

SSC Month Meeting
11/21/2024

Agenda

- Member Updates/Community Share
- Overview of Resilient Coasts Initiative by Deanna Morgan, Chief Coastal Resilience Officer at MA Office of Coastal Zone Management
- North Shore Water Resilience Task Force - Success and Lessons Discussion by Martin Pilsbury and Leah Robbins
- Thinking about Wastewater Regionally - Discussion led by Allyson Quinn, Planning Director, Rockland
- Grant and Engagement Opportunities

Member Updates



ResilientCoasts

DEANNA MORGAN

Chief coastal resilience officer for the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Management. She leads the state's new ResilientCoasts initiative, which takes a holistic and proactive strategy to guide coastal resiliency projects.



North Shore Water Resilience Task Force

MARTIN PILSBURY AND LEAH ROBBINS

MAPC TAP is open

First round will close on Dec 13th

TAP Coordinator:

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- The [MAPC Technical Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#) is supported by the [District Local Technical Assistance \(DLTA\)](#) program which is funded through appropriations by the State Legislature and Governor in the annual state budget, the annual assessment paid by member cities and towns, and private foundation funds.
- TAP grants allow municipalities to work with MAPC on a diverse range of projects to advance shared local, regional, and state goals ([eligible project examples](#)).

Greater Boston Climate Action Plan (GBCAP) Stakeholder Workshops

Reducing Emissions from Agriculture and Natural Lands Workshop

- **When:** Wednesday, October 23rd
- **Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm
- **Where:** Zoom [RSVP here](#).

Reducing Emissions from Waste and Materials Management Workshop

- **When:** Thursday, October 24th
- **Time:** 10am-12pm, with optional networking lunch until 1pm
- **Where:** Lexington, MA Community Center
- **Register:** [Register here](#) by Thursday, October 17th. Space is limited.

To learn more about the Greater Boston Climate Action Plan see our [website](#).

- This fall we're kicking off the next phase of the Greater Boston Climate Action Plan (GBCAP). As you may know, last year the MAPC received an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to create a climate plan for the entire metro region- including 167 cities and towns across eastern MA and parts of southern NH.
- The next phase of the GBCAP includes developing a more comprehensive plan with additional strategies to reduce GHG emissions across the region. As part of this next phase of work, **we're hosting two stakeholder workshops to hear from you.**
- We hope that you, or someone from your municipality (staff or board/committee member) can attend relevant workshops. Please feel free to forward this invite to others to spread the word. Also, stay tuned for additional GBCAP engagement opportunities this winter.

Please Take The Flooding Survey!

- In collaboration with regional planning agencies, the **Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)** and the **Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)** are conducting a **Massachusetts Flood Vulnerability Assessment** to identify where and how flooding is occurring in EJ communities. As part of this effort, the project team is administering a survey and hoping to hear from municipal and community leaders from across the state, especially representatives from EJ communities. **Your participation is crucial to ensuring that the voices of those most impacted by flooding are heard, and that effective, equitable solutions are developed.**
- To gather valuable information from your community, we kindly ask that you complete this brief survey: <https://bit.ly/MAfloods>. The survey is designed to collect data on existing flood vulnerabilities, local experiences, and potential mitigation strategies in your area. Information gathered from this survey will help inform next stages of the Massachusetts Flood Vulnerability Assessment.

Grant Opportunities

January 9, 2025

[2024 Clean School Bus Rebates Program \(EPA\)](#)

January 30, 2025

[FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) Grant Program \(USDOT\)](#)

February 24, 2025

[Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Program \(FHA\)](#)

New and Upcoming

The Drought Resiliency and Water Efficiency Grant Program

- In December, the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs will post a new funding opportunity that eligible entities can apply for - The Drought Resilience and Water Efficiency Grant Program.
- At this current time, they have release a [Notice of Intent to Announce](#) this grant opportunity. You can learn more on this [webpage](#).

Application support for MBTA Catalyst Funds

Thank you

Next Meeting on December 19th

Please reach out with any topics of interest

Tentative discussion on ADUs with MAPC Housing Team.