Community Resilience Training

Building Community Capacity for Climate Planning

Designed to support coastal communities in planning for sea level rise, Community Resilience Training—a project of GMRI's Climate Center—is a three-part curriculum that facilitates experiences for communities to develop the knowledge, skills, and relationships that support community-based climate planning.

PART I - COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING EVENT: Introduction to Sea Level Rise

PART II - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TRAINING:

1. Planning Forward

is an active learning, small-group activity that brings forward community values and identity to guide and empower participants to confront the difficult reality of our changing climate and consider possible futures through new perspectives.

Small group, hands-on learning experience

2. Resource Workshop brings together neighboring communities for a workshop that connects participants with relevant tools, resources, processes, and professionals through interactive presentations.

Regional workshop with interactive presentations

3. Resilience Planning

works with communities to implement a planning framework where communities determine and prioritize next steps that best reflect and respond to their climate planning needs.

Community-driven planning

PART III - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT: Community Climate Planning Next Steps

Community engagement events prior to and following the training build community awareness about climate impacts, particularly sea level rise, and support community-determined next steps. A community of practice provides ongoing support for participants; sharing resources, case studies, events and funding opportunities.

These trainings are co-led by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and the Island Institute. For more information, contact Gayle Bowness, Municipal Climate Action Program Manager, at gayle@gmri.org.



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