

Cohasset Harbor Climate Resilience Initiative
A View from Beacon Hill: Climate-related Funding Opportunities
Public Forum: Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 7:00pm

Q&A

Corey Evans 06:57 PM

Thank you Joan - from 143tv

This question has been answered live

Steve Wenner - Cohasset 07:33 PM

Joan, so glad to hear you discuss mitigation. The legislature is doing a good job, but the administrative and regulatory agencies (in particular, the DPU) is dragging its feet and slow-walking implementation of the Commonwealth's climate goals. How do we get our agencies to embrace climate mitigation?

This question has been answered live

Steve Wenner - Cohasset 07:37 PM

How does our Town actually find out the grant details and apply?

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Steve Wenner - Cohasset 07:47 PM

Carolyn, does EEA have a time horizon for the effectiveness of adaptation projects? For instance, how many years of protection are necessary to make sea wall enhancement worthwhile? 20 years, 50 years?

Carolyn Meklenburg 07:54 PM

Thank you for your question, Steve-- it really depends on the project. We recently developed a tool that helps project managers think through which adaptation time horizon makes the most sense for the particular site of concern:

https://resilientma.mass.gov/rmat_home/designstandards/

David Farrag 07:53 PM

What are some of the types of projects you are seeing in coastal communities for infrastructure regarding resiliency?

Carolyn Meklenburg 08:01 PM

Hi David--I can speak about this "live", but I do want to use this opportunity to share this resource: [https://mass-](https://mass-eoeea.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ec4964fe203d41219b2e74170c0dc96c)

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Jack Buckley 07:56 PM

Could you please speak about stormwater utilities and if / where they fit into this discussion? One can see stormwater utilities as an unnecessary and burdensome tax, and others can see stormwater utilities as an incentive to value low impact development, less development, better stormwater management, greater individual and community incentive to value ecosystem services. That said, do towns that adopt stormwater utilities tend to fare any better in the hunt for grant funding to support community resilience, or is there no correlation?

This question has been answered live

David Farrag 08:07 PM

Thank you.

This question has been answered live