



Resilient Nantucket: Forum No. 1

PREPARING YOUR HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR A FUTURE OF RISING SEAS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11:30 AM AND 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR



All are Invited to Participate

Protecting your family, home or business from damage caused by flooding is essential. Resources available from the Town of Nantucket and its state and federal partners can help you with that task as a property or business owner. Understanding the unique needs of adapting properties in a National Historic Landmark community takes people with specialized knowledge. The Town of Nantucket is pleased to have such expertise available for our community members through an Action Grant obtained from the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. On September 18th at 11:30 am and again at 6:00 pm, you can meet these adaptation professionals and learn how to better prepare your historic property for a future of rising seas. The Town of Nantucket will host two online community forums for property owners, business owners, residents, real estate, insurance, Town staff and design professionals interested in learning more about programs available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of Massachusetts and the private sector in support of disaster preparedness, adaptation planning and community resilience.

Representing the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Sarah White serves as the State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Sarah coordinates with FEMA in ensuring that local communities develop and implement mitigation plans that protect people and property. She will speak to the importance of incorporating historic properties into disaster preparedness planning as well as resources available to local government and historic property owners who undertake flooding adaptation strategies for their historic buildings.

Shannon Hulst is the Floodplain Manager for Barnstable County and Woods Hole Sea Grant, where she has worked with historic structures in floodplains for several years. She will present on the adaptation already happening in neighboring historic communities, including the role of the National Flood Insurance Program and the incentive-based Community Rating System, use of state grants and programs, and how these resources benefit business owners, homeowners, and renters.

Joe Rossi, is a Flood Specialist with RogersGray Insurance and Executive Director of the Massachusetts Coastal Coalition and will present information on Flood Insurance as a bank account for Community Resilience. He will discuss Flood Insurance recovery and resilience provisions, affordability and the community's role, and how collectively flood insurance purchase builds community resilience.

If you are interested in attending this free public event, please join us at either 11:30 am or 6:00 pm for a presentation and discussion on flood risk. You can pre-register for either Zoom Webinar session: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fq-fr8GYQk-VvO1IWWGbCw (morning) and https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Px5UcKctS96EPcy5AlMgXA (afternoon.)

Each session will provide time to answer questions and provide you information on what you can do to better prepare your property for flooding. For more information, please contact Holly E. Backus, Preservation Planner, at hbackus@nantucket-ma.gov.