



# Maine Flood Resilience Checklist

*A self-assessment tool for Maine's coastal communities to evaluate vulnerability to flood hazards and increase resilience*



Coastal flooding is one of the most significant natural hazards impacting Maine's coastal communities and is expected to become more severe with increasing precipitation and rising seas.

- *How prepared is your community?*
- *What actions can your community take to reduce vulnerability and improve flood resilience?*

## What is the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist?

The *Maine Flood Resilience Checklist* is a simple and practical self-assessment tool designed to assist communities evaluate how well prepared they are for existing and future flood hazards. It provides an integrated framework for examining local flood risk, assessing vulnerability of the natural, built, and social environments, and identifying specific opportunities to enhance your community's flood resilience. The Checklist includes information about land use planning, hazard mitigation, and emergency management, and is organized into five main categories

- Risk and Vulnerability
- Critical Infrastructure and Facilities
- Community Planning
- Social and Economic Vulnerability
- Natural Environment

## Who Should Use the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist?

The Checklist is designed to be completed through a community-based, facilitated discussion process in which key municipal officials and staff participate in a dialogue about local flood vulnerability, how well existing planning addresses flood hazards, and ways to improve resilience. Suggested participants to involve in the process include

- Community planners
- Municipal administrator
- Code enforcement officers
- Emergency managers
- Public safety officials
- Economic development staff
- Public works and engineering officials
- Elected officials
- Local leaders

Maine's Regional Planning Organizations have been trained to help communities complete the Checklist and facilitate the discussion process.

## What are the Benefits?

- Improve understanding of local vulnerabilities to existing and future flood hazards
- Engage a diverse group of decision-makers in discussions about flood preparedness
- Enhance information sharing across municipal departments
- Identify practical actions to improve your community's flood resilience
- Integrate flood resilience into existing planning and policies
- Identify ways to reduce flood insurance costs by earning points through the Community Rating System (CRS)



### For More Information

If you are interested in applying the *Flood Resilience Checklist* to your community or would like to learn more, please contact your **Regional Planning Organization**

or

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