Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission: Developing A Model Coastal Resilience Ordinance to Protect Maine’s Coastal Cities, Towns and Residents

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Anticipated completion December 2021)
This project will engage one city and four towns that are representative of communities along the Maine coast, and their varied social demographics, geography, and exposure to coastal risks.

This work is an outgrowth of preliminary recommendations of the Maine Climate Council’s Community Resilience Working Group. The model ordinance will provide a menu of options that municipalities can implement and tailor to their individual risks and needs in order to protect their built infrastructure, citizens, and natural environments. Collaboration among communities from such varied locations along the coast will enable integration of a diversity of coastal issues that communities need to prepare for and adapt to the onset of climate change. The mixed composition of coastal municipalities will ensure that the model ordinance reflects the unique and complex vulnerabilities faced by these communities.

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