

Town Of Florida

Dear Friend,

The Town of **Florida** has received a grant to address its Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness based upon your/our understanding of the impact of Climate Change and its threats to our community. We have selected Conservation Works as our consultant. See <https://www.mass.gov/doc/mvp-core-principles> to read about this program.

The **Selectboard and Town Administrator** are asking you to join us as we move forward through the planning process. The process involves identifying those hazards to which our town is vulnerable and suggesting priority areas where we should focus our attention. Based upon our findings we will begin to apply for funding to reduce our vulnerabilities. We will try to match our local needs with available grant resources in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in other places.

To qualify for funding in the future we must demonstrate that we have looked at the root causes of social vulnerability and are striving for equitable outcomes. We must show an attempt to build community capacity for climate resilience and involve community engagement and partnership with environmental justice and priority populations. The program also asks us to look for “nature based” solutions to many of our problems. MVP’s definition of data includes not only facts and figures but Traditional Ecological Knowledge or other qualitative forms of data like storytelling, interviews or audio-visual documentation.

The process specifies two 4-hour workshops. The first will be on 15th of March 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The second will be on the 10th of May 2025 from 12:00pm (Noon) to 4:00pm. These are both Saturdays and the location is at the Florida Senior Community Center.

We hope that you will participate in one or both of those workshops.

Thank you so much!

The Florida Selectboard and Town Administrator

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