

# PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE IN RYE

## ***GAINING INSIGHTS AND CHARTING A COURSE***

### Purpose and Goals

The purpose of this project is to provide the Town of Rye with information and tools to better understand how climate change (e.g. sea level rise, storm surge, more intense and more frequent storms, hotter summers and warmer winters) might affect the Rye community. The goals of the project are to:

- Conduct workshops to facilitate discussion and raise awareness about climate change.
- Identify priority issues and/or actions the town may want to consider to address changes in climate
- Recommend how to modify existing municipal functions, plans, policies and regulations to address anticipated impacts from climate change

### Project timeline

#### Workshop #1

"Project Kick-off"  
April 1, 2014

- Goals: Learn about what to expect in our region's climate, and identify impacts or areas of concern to address in future planning effort.
- Who should attend: All of Rye community

#### Workshop #2

"What Tools are Available?"  
May 5, 2014

- Goals: Become familiar with the tools for responding to the impacts and areas of concern, learn about each tool's pros and cons, and who has authority to use those tools.
- This workshop is intended for: Town boards and commissions and others interested

#### Workshop #3

"What Can Residents and Businesses Do?"  
June 2014

- Goals: Residents and businesses learn of steps to increase their resilience to storms.
- Who should attend: Residents, businesses, town boards and commissions, and others interested

#### Workshop #4

TBD

- Goals: Use input from workshops 1-3 to transition into *Tides to Storms* project.
- Who should attend: Town boards and commissions, residents, and others interested

**At the conclusion of the project**, the project team and the Steering Committee will prepare a final summary report that details findings and discussions, results of workshop series, and recommendations about priority actions the town may want to consider, some of which may be addressed by the *Tides to Storms* project.

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