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Dear Stakeholder:

Increasingly, we find ourselves working to respond to more unpredictable and severe weather events that damage the Town of Heath's infrastructure, natural resources, and local economy, and threaten the health and welfare of our residents. The costs and impacts to our town remind us that we need to continue working to reduce our risk and increase our resilience to these extreme storm events. In order to be as proactive as we can in preparing and protecting our residents, the Town of Heath is working with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) to update the town's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and become a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)-designated community. We invite you to participate in this project and believe that you can contribute valuable input over the coming months as we work to:

- Understand the natural hazards that impact Heath's infrastructure, residents and natural resources and how climate change exacerbates these impacts;
- Evaluate the vulnerabilities of residents, infrastructure, and natural resources to these hazards;
- Identify actions that can reduce the impact of hazards and increase climate resilience; and
- Identify opportunities for collaborating with our local organizations and businesses to increase climate resiliency.

Please join us for the project kick-off meeting on **Tuesday, August 31 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.** at the Heath Municipal Building, 18 Jacobs Road, Heath, MA.

We plan to convene several additional meetings over the next 6 months to solicit input from stakeholders. We look forward to your participation in this important project.

Sincerely,

Hilma Sumner
Heath Town Coordinator

