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Heath MVP Community Resilience Building and Hazard Mitigation Regional Community Meeting Notice

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Monday, 10/25 1:00 – 2:30 (Infrastructure Sector Meeting)

Monday, 10/25 3:00 – 4:30 (Society Sector Meeting)

Wednesday, 10/27 2:00 – 3:30 (Environment Sector Meeting)

*All meetings will be held at the Heath Municipal Building
(18 Jacobs Road, Heath)*

The Town of Heath is currently developing a combined ***MVP Community Resilience Building and Hazard Mitigation Regional Plan***, in partnership with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Planning Department. Once the new Plan is approved by FEMA and the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) and adopted by the town, Heath will become a certified Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) community and will be eligible for State and Federal grant monies to fund projects that address climate resiliency and pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation.

The purpose of this ***MVP Community Resilience Building and Hazard Mitigation Regional Plan*** is to identify natural hazards impacting the communities, to inventory the societal, infrastructural, and environmental assets and vulnerabilities in each town, to identify the greatest risks of damage by hazards, to discuss relevant policies, programs, and regulations that are in place in each town, to identify and prioritize action steps to prevent loss of life and damage to property, and to identify shared needs and resources for making both towns more resilient in the face of climate change.

Town officials and interested community members are invited to a series of meetings at the Heath Municipal Building to discuss how natural hazards are affecting Heath and how the town can become more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Participants will discuss Heath's infrastructural, societal, and environmental strengths & weaknesses in the face of climate change. Each topic will be discussed in detail; please see the schedule above and join us for the topic-based meeting you are most interested in, or for all of them. The meetings will be held in a large room indoors; please bring a mask.

To find out more about this project and how you can become involved, please contact Heath Town Coordinator, Hilma Sumner at BOS@townofheath.com or by visiting the project website at: <https://townofheath.org/p/95/Municipal-Vulnerability-Prep-MVP>.