

BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER FUNDING

Empowering participants with a practical skillset to more productively engage with residents about stormwater funding options, clean water, and fostering resilient, equitable communities.



Communities throughout New Hampshire struggle to provide sustainable funding for stormwater management and other climate resilience programs. Municipal budgets are tight and it's challenging to convince decision-makers to allocate funds for environmental programs.

EPA and the Consensus Building Institute have developed a successful, interactive training series to help communities build the necessary support for funding stormwater management and other resilience efforts. Previously tested in communities throughout New England, PREP and Great Bay NERR are bringing the series for free to New Hampshire municipalities. The program is designed to engage pairs (or small groups) of coworkers/municipal colleagues.

Who? Municipal staff, elected officials, community leaders

Participants will:

- Learn strategies, challenges, and successes from other communities including who to talk with in your community, what questions to ask, how to frame tricky conversations, and more
- Initial talks with stakeholders
- Conduct an assessment to inform appropriate steps for your community

When? Over eight 2.5-hour sessions:

1 - 3:30 Tues, **October 18** (virtual)
1 - 3:30 Thurs, **October 20** (in-person)
1 - 3:30 Tues, **November 8** (virtual)
1 - 3:30 Thurs, **November 10** (virtual)

1 - 3:30 Tues, **January 10** (virtual)
1 - 3:30 Thur, **January 12** (virtual)
1 - 3:30 Tues, **February 7** (virtual)
1 - 3:30 Thur, **February 9** (in-person)

Interested in
learning more?

<https://prepestuaries.org/building-community-support-for-sustainable-stormwater-funding-workshop-series/>

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