

Building Coastal Resilience by Building Equity in Dover

The City of Dover is working with Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and other partners to better understand the needs and opportunities of historically underserved communities (HUCs) to support climate resiliency and empower residents. This is an effort to help the City equitably prepare for future climate adaptations and to address the needs of ALL residents.

PROJECT GOALS

- Engage Dover's historically underserved communities in conversations about the local impacts of climate change
How has climate change already affected these stakeholders, and how will it continue to affect them?
- Diversify community input on climate adaptation options
How would these stakeholders like to be engaged in future climate adaptation planning?
- Strengthen the City's resilience to climate change
Planning with historically underserved communities at the core of consideration improves inclusive outcomes for ALL community members.

PROJECT PROCESS

Timeframe: January 2021-June 2022

- Engage stakeholders in a Steering Committee/Community Outreach Network
- Assess whether previous climate adaptation-related efforts in Dover considered equity and social vulnerability
- Develop recommendations for future climate adaptation plans, projects, and decisions to better incorporate equity and engage those most impacted by climate change
- Provide engagement opportunities around climate resilience focused on reaching underserved communities

INTENDED OUTCOMES

- Increased public participation in Dover Climate Adaptation Planning
- Promotion of equitable practices in implementing climate adaptation plans
- Development of a resilience-based vision that supports all Dover residents for the future



A flooded Cochecho River & Henry Law Park. (2007)

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Historically Underserved Communities (HUC):

Communities who are disproportionately affected by natural disasters, more susceptible to climate risks due to social factors (such as age, socioeconomic status, race, health, language proficiency, and access to transportation), and historically underrepresented in political decision-making and public investment.

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