

HAMPTON COASTAL HAZARDS & ADAPTATION TEAM (CHAT)

MARCH 2022 MEMBER UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A summary of updates and announcements relevant to flooding, coastal hazards, and coastal planning intended to be shared with Hampton boards, commissions, committees, departments, and the public. Visit <http://shea4nh.org/coastal-hazards-adaptation-team-chat/> for information about CHAT.

- The Town continues the [Master Plan update](#). The Master Plan Steering Committee will meet March 16, 2022, to recap the community conversation series. The next step is to draft the Master Plan update and integrate the coastal resiliency content from Phase I of the Master Plan update process into the full plan.
- The Planning Board will appoint a representative from the board to CHAT on March 16, 2022.
- The Department of Public Works (DPW) will begin meeting with engineers focused on the drainage along High Street starting March 16, 2022.
- DPW intends to submit an application to the [Critical Flood Risk Infrastructure Grant Program](#) for construction funding for King's Highway/Meadow Pond area drainage system improvements.
- DPW is applying for funding for are sewer manhole rehabilitation.
- DPW is also applying for grants to look at erosion as water leaves Meadow Pond.
- A meeting was held with the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Collaborative in early March to talk about significant funding that will become available for projects related to sea-level rise.
- The Hampton Conservation Commission has a full-time Conservation Coordinator as of April 1, 2022.
- CHAT participants Jay Diener and Tom Bassett were interviewed by New Hampshire Public Radio in late February about the [2022 Sea Level Rise Technical Report](#), which was recently published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The report includes the most up-to-date sea level rise projections for all US states and territories. See the interview and article [here](#).
- The New Hampshire (NH) Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Coastal Program (NHCP), in partnership with the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE), and New Hampshire Sea Grant (NHSG), is accepting applications for non-financial technical assistance offered through the NH Flood Smart Seacoast Project in order to help NH coastal communities: incorporate best available coastal flood risk science and guidance in decision-making, adopt higher floodplain management standards, and access FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding. **IMPORTANT UPDATES: The application deadline has been extended to 4:00pm ET on Friday, May 6, 2022. Technical assistance will now be provided for an 18-month period, beginning in June 2022. All selected projects must be completed by December 29, 2023.** For more information, visit: <https://www.nhcaw.org/flood-smart-seacoast-technical-assistance-applications/>.

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CHAT's mission is to evaluate, assist, support, educate, and advise on current and future coastal flooding adaptation strategies for the Town.

CHAT is comprised of representatives from boards and commissions in Hampton, Town of Hampton staff, Hampton Beach Area Commission, Hampton Beach Village District, the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance (SHEA), and resident representatives. CHAT is supported by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program and a meeting coordinator and administered by SHEA.