

# HAMPTON COASTAL HAZARDS ADAPTATION TEAM (CHAT)

## August 2023 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.

- Mr. Bachand – Hampton Town Planner
  - The Master Plan Implementation Committee is prioritizing action items from the Master Plan and will review the *Resilient* action items at the upcoming August 23rd meeting.
  - The Planning Board has a public hearing to consider accepting the HBAC Master Plan Update on Aug 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Bassett - Resident Representative
  - Two full moons in August caused road flooding (refer to attached pdf with photos)
  - There is ongoing NHDES Water quality testing (intersection of Gentian/Greene St)
  - On August 3rd the Flood Ready Neighborhood Program (FRN) held an informational event focused on water quality testing process, contamination concerns, and safety precautions in the Gentian Rd/Greene Street neighborhood. DPW Director Jennifer Hale gave an overview of the King's Highway Drainage project timeline and contracting process and responded to concerns about road ponding and access limitations during flooding. There was a literature table with resources such as a 4-page summary of flood study analysis for this neighborhood. Approximately 25 residents attended. Primary takeaway: becoming an organized neighborhood has enabled them to speak with a louder voice, resulting in increased attention and action.
  - On September 13th (time TBD) – there will be a FRN walk around with property owners to discuss flood experiences.
- Ms. Dionne – Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance update
  - SHEA is partnering with the Seacoast Science Center to host a kayaking tour of the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary on September 23rd during National Estuaries Week. Registration details coming soon.
- Ms. Howard – NHDES Coastal Program
  - The Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) has been working on soliciting project ideas to support a Letter of Intent for the [NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#). Multiple partners from Hampton and SHEA put forward project ideas. The letter of intent includes several projects along the coast totaling over \$24M. The grant is competitive nationally. If selected, the next will be to develop a full proposal.
- Ms. O'Brien – Conservation Coordinator
  - The Conservation Commission, utilizing PREPA Grant funds, recently hired FB Environmental to complete a Natural Resource Inventory.