

HAMPTON COASTAL HAZARDS ADAPTATION TEAM (CHAT)

NOVEMBER 2022 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's Master Plan Steering Committee will meet to discuss the revised list of action items for the Master Plan. The draft plan is on target to be ready by early December. There will be an online tool for public comment on each of the action items. This will be launched shortly and will be active for 30 days.
- Rayann Dionne and Jay Diener of the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance (SHEA), Town Planning Jason Bachand, and Conservation Coordinator Brianna O'Brien met with a Winnacunnet High School science class for an informal roundtable to talk about concerns regarding sea-level rise.
- Department of Public Works (DPW) has received a planning grant from NH DES to move forward with design plans for improvements to reduce infiltration in sewer manholes that go through the marsh. The project will kick off in the spring.
- The Hampton Beach Area Commission (HBAC)'s website is expected to be completed around April 2023.
- CHAT members shared a video on salt marsh ditch remediation: <https://www.wcvb.com/article/efforts-underway-to-revive-the-largest-salt-marsh-in-new-england/40668330>

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.