

Climate Resilient Carlisle

Zoning Board of Appeals

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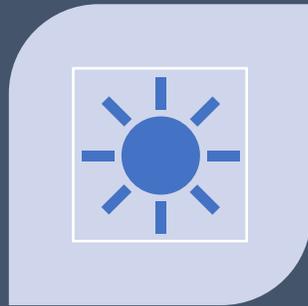
Agenda

- Recap: What we have learned
 - Existing conditions and trends
 - Resilience goals
 - Tools and methods
- Final Report Structure
- Discussion: Recommended Actions
 - Feedback
 - Successful implementation

Existing Conditions and Trends: Climate Change



Greater annual
rainfall with more
intense rainfall
events



More frequent and
intense drought



More frequent and
intense storms
with high winds



Warmer winters
and warmer
summers

Existing Conditions and Trends: Land Use and Demographics

- Heavily forested
- Significant floodplains and wetlands
- Private well water and septic
- Large houses on large lots
- Aging residents

Resilience Goals

Ecosystem
protection

Social
resilience

Housing
resilience

Flood
mitigation

Forest fire
protection
/mitigation

Water
resource
protection

GHG emissions
reduction
/efficiency

Resilient
energy
systems

Multi-modal
transportation

Emergency
response

Local
food/farming

Tools and Methods



Change in
Local Code

Change in
Town Policy



Education

Town Initiative,
Program, or
Action



Resilience actions

...are
interdisciplinary

- Most actions advance multiple goals

...can be advanced
in many ways

- Each action will be advanced through one or more of the tools/methods

...need champions

- We want to develop a roadmap that you can (and will!) implement

RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS		Ecosystem Protection	Social Resilience	Housing Resilience	Flood Mitigation	Forest Fire Protection / Mitigation	Water Resource Protection	Carbon Emissions Reduction / Efficiency	Resilient Energy Systems	Multi-Model	Transportation	Emergency Response	Local Food / Farming	Change in Local Code	Change in Town Policy	Education	Town Action	ZBA	PB	Select Board	Historic	Housing	BOH	MVPCore	ESC	LEPC	Con Com	Town S
		Resilience Goals											Tools / Methods				RACI											
1	Use 0.2% annual chance flood boundary as the floodplain boundary in all local regulatory codes			X	X									X				X	X	X				X			X	
2	Remove wetlands from the Wetlands and Floodplain Zoning District	X			X									X				X	X	X				X				
3	Increase the use of green infrastructure on public and private property	X			X	X								X		X				X	X		X	X		X	X	
4	Preserve and reuse existing structures and building materials						X							X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X				
5	Ensure that open spaces required by various development approvals are valuable and connected	X			X	X								X		X				X	X	X	X	X				
6	Encourage resilient lawns and landscaping for residential and other properties	X			X	X	X							X		X	X							X	X			X
7	Provide enhanced protections of wetlands	X			X	X								X						X				X	X		X	X
8	Promote ADUs to strengthen climate resilience		X	X			X							X		X			X	X		X	X					
9	Facilitate updates to historic structures geared toward energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate resilience		X	X	X		X	X		X					X	X	X			X				X				
10	Clarify ownership and implement maintenance program for roadside ditches/swales	X			X							X			X		X							X		X	X	
11	Move power lines underground, starting in a strategic locations							X						X		X								X	X			
12	Promote safe installation and use of onsite energy storage batteries as well as electric vehicles and electric scooters.			X	X			X						X	X									X	X	X	X	
13	Promote residential preservation, reuse and development of smaller homes			X			X									X			X	X		X	X	X	X			
14	Better understand the protections offered by and constraints created by local septic system standards	X		X		X										X							X	X				
15	Educate homeowners on forest fire risk and mitigation options			X	X											X							X	X				
16	Work with large landowners and conservation organizations to develop forest management plans for forest fire mitigation				X			X								X	X							X	X	X	X	
17	Cultivate community and social connections to strengthen social resilience		X		X			X								X	X							X	X			
18	Increase the number of fire fighting water tanks throughout town				X	X										X								X	X			
19	Create more roadway interconnections to offer alternative routes		X				X	X								X								X	X			
20	Study potential first/last mile transportation options to the MBTA station(s)						X	X								X	X							X				X
21	Explore the development of a septic system utility to maintain and report on all on-site wastewater systems	X				X										X							X	X				X

Final Report Structure

Roadmap for a Climate Resilient Carlisle

- Intro: Existing Conditions and Trends
- Resilience Goals
- Tools and Methods
- Actions

Actions are most likely to be implemented when they:

- ✓ Are clearly defined, especially the immediate next steps
- ✓ Are important, urgent, or high priority
- ✓ Have champions with the capacity and the authority to advance them

Today's Discussion

- Review the actions associated with Zoning Board of Appeals
- Feedback
- Implementation
 - What's the next step?
 - What is highest priority?
 - What is low hanging fruit?
 - What can you own and champion?

Remove wetlands from the Wetlands and Floodplain Zoning District - Simplify

Goals Advanced

- Ecosystem Protection
- Flood Mitigation

Groups Involved

- Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Select Board, Conservation Commission

Tools and Methods

- Change in local code



Use 0.2% annual chance flood boundary as in all codes and regulations

Goals Advanced

- Housing Resilience
- Flood Mitigation

Groups Involved

- Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Select Board, Conservation Commission

Tools and Methods

- Change in local code



Ensure that open spaces required by various development approvals are valuable and connected

Goals Advanced

- Ecosystem protection
- Flood mitigation
- Water resource protection

Groups Involved

- Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Select Board, Environmental Sustainability Committee, Conservation Commission

Tools and Methods

- Change in local code
- Change in local policy
- Education



Promote ADUs to strengthen climate resilience

Goals Advanced

- Social resilience
- Housing resilience
- Carbon emissions reductions/efficiency

Groups Involved

- ZBA
- Planning Board
- Affordable Housing Trust

Tools and Methods

- Education



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Questions?

Reach out if anything comes to mind!

Thank you!!

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