



April 1, 2023

Dear resident, business owner, community leader, or interested stakeholder:

We now find ourselves in a new era of more severe and unpredictable weather and natural hazard events that can potentially cause increased impacts to the Town of Phillipston's infrastructure, public services, environment, people, and economy. Given previous and re-occurring events like the 2008 ice storm, early and late season winter storms, early spring thaws and associated flooding, extreme heat and prolonged periods of drought, it is imperative that we plan for a community that is both resilient and prepared.

To be as proactive as we can in preparing and protecting our community, its residents, environment, infrastructure, and assets, I would like to personally invite you to join me, and other local and regional community leaders, for two free, **Community Resilience Building Workshops** on Tuesday, April 11th, and Thursday, April 27th. The first CRB Workshop will take place from **5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday April 11th at Red Apple Farm, 455 Highland Ave., Phillipston, MA**. The second CRB Workshop will take place from **5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday April 27th at Phillipston Memorial Building, 20 The Common, Phillipston, MA**. Refreshments will be provided.

The Town of Phillipston is partnering with The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to offer this timely two-part workshop which will bring together community members like you to comprehensively identify and prioritize steps to reduce risk and improve resilience throughout Phillipston. The workshops will help guide comprehensive community resilience planning and hazard mitigation efforts.

The primary purpose is to better understand the connections between climate-influenced natural hazards, local vulnerabilities and potential impacts, and to develop a strategic plan for climate resilience through adaptive measures and mitigation actions.

The Workshops Objectives are as follows:

- Evaluate strengths and vulnerabilities of residents, infrastructure, and natural resources.
- Develop and prioritize resilient actions for the Town, local organizations, institutions, businesses, private citizens, neighborhoods, and community groups.
- Identify immediate opportunities to advance actions that reduce the impact of hazards and increase community resiliency.

Please RSVP for the Tuesday, April 11th and Thursday, April 27th Workshops as soon as possible to the Town of Phillipston's at: selectman@phillipston-ma.gov.

I hope you, or a designated representative, can join us at these important workshops. Thank you for your commitment to the Town of Phillipston's long-term resilience and overall community well-being!

Sincerely,

Bernie Malouin, Chair, Phillipston Select Board

