

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Workshop - Fact Sheet

What is the MVP Program?

The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program is an element of Executive Order 569 "Establishing an Integrated Climate Change Strategy for the Commonwealth," signed September 2016. As part of strategy, the Commonwealth is providing resources and grant assistance to help Massachusetts cities and towns advance resiliency planning and climate preparedness efforts at the local and regional level. Communities that complete the MVP program will achieve MVP designation status and be eligible for additional grant funding and other opportunities.

How will the MVP Program assist the Town of Yarmouth?

The Town applied for a MVP grant to continue our efforts to proactively plan for potential impacts from natural and climate-related hazards. The grant will allow us to host a community-driven workshop to:

- Define top local natural and climate-related hazards of concern
- Identify existing and future strengths and vulnerabilities
- Develop prioritized actions for the community
- Identify immediate opportunities to collaboratively advance actions to increase resilience

How will the MVP Program build upon the recently completed Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The MVP workshop will build upon the local hazard data collected during the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan development process and draw from recent climate change data compiled by the Commonwealth. Collectively this data and the community input received to date will help workshop participants identify vulnerable areas and critical facilities in Town. While the Plan development included public input, the MVP process will engage a wider cross-section of the community in developing a list of recommended mitigation and adaptation actions.

What is my role in the MVP Program?

You were specifically invited to participate in the MVP workshop given your knowledge and interest in Yarmouth's future. You will have an opportunity to share your ideas and perspectives and hear from others in Town with differing roles, responsibilities, and expertise. Participants will include town departments/committees/boards, state agencies, community organizations, businesses, and other interest groups. The goal is to have a wide cross section of participants with knowledge of societal, environmental and infrastructural features in the Town. Through a series of small group and large group discussions, you will help identify actions to increase community resilience.

What is the expected outcome of this effort?

The outcome of the workshop will be an increased awareness of community vulnerabilities and strengths and a prioritized list of actions that the Town and its partners can advance to increase community resilience. A Summary of Findings Report will be prepared as a final deliverable to enable the Town to achieve MVP designation status by June 2019.