



## MAINE'S REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - LAND USE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES

### Municipal Climate Adaptation Guidance Series for Maine Communities

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Maine Department of Marine Resources: [Maine Coastal Program](#)  
Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry:  
[Municipal Planning Assistance Program](#), [Maine Geological Survey](#),  
[Maine Floodplain Management Program](#), [Maine Natural Areas Program](#)  
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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION (completed September 2017)

Many local governments in Maine are looking for practical steps to help make their communities more resilient in the face of rising sea-levels and more frequent intense storm events. To help address this need, the Municipal Planning Assistance Program and nine of [Maine's Regional Planning Organizations](#), with funding from the Maine Coastal Program, have collaborated on a series of guidance documents.

The guidance documents explain how to identify threats to community resources, and how to respond to those threats by integrating climate adaptation measures into existing local policies, practices and ordinances. Each of the ten documents in the series addresses a different area of municipal responsibility.

The Maine Coastal Program has provided funds for the coastal regional planning organizations to introduce the Climate Adaptation Guidance Series to the communities they serve in FY18.



*Inundation of Chebeague Island's Stone Pier*



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**MUNICIPAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION GUIDANCE SERIES (2017)**

- 1- Overview
- 2- Transportation
- 3- StreamSmart Crossings
- 4- Wastewater Infrastructure
- 5- Drinking Water
- 6- Storm Water
- 7- Comprehensive Planning
- 8- Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
- 9- Site Plan Review Ordinance
- 10-Subdivision Ordinance

These documents are available at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/technical/climate.shtml>

**MAINE FLOOD RESILIENCE CHECKLIST (2017)**

This self-assessment tool was developed by the Maine Coastal Program to assist communities evaluate how well-prepared they are to respond to, and recover from flooding events and sea-level rise. Valuable feedback was provided through the pilot evaluation process conducted by the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission and the City of Saco.

The Checklist is available at:

<https://www1.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/coastal/index.shtml>

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