

Town of Pembroke, MA

Community Resilience Building Pre-Workshop Questionnaire

Please respond to the following questions and return the questionnaire by email to the address below at your earliest convenience. The information will be summarized and used to guide the Workshop discussion for Session 1.

1. What do you feel are the most important characteristics of your Town? (size, population mix, growth potential, natural resources, community cohesiveness, etc.)
2. Which natural or climate hazards, if any, have impacted you in the past or are you most concerned about? Please rank the four most significant from 1 to 4, with 1 indicating greatest impact. Add other if needed.

Flood / Extreme Rainfall		Earthquakes	
Extreme Temperature		Landslides	
Wind-related (Hurricane, Tornado, High Winds)		Wildfire	
Nor'easter		Drought	
Winter Storms		Pandemic	

3. What hazards, if any, have you experienced recently (within the last 5 years) or are you concerned about experiencing soon?
4. Have you observed changes in the weather or how often extreme events are occurring? Y N
If yes, which ones?
5. What do you feel are the greatest strengths of your community?
6. What do you feel are the greatest vulnerabilities of your community?
7. The Town is preparing an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan that will also consider climate change impacts. Do you have any general recommendations regarding preparation of this update?
8. In order of vulnerability, in your opinion, which of the following categories is most susceptible to natural and/or climate hazards in the Town of Pembroke (1 = most vulnerable, 6 = least vulnerable)?

		1	2	3	4	5	6
People:	Loss of life and/or injuries						
Economic:	Business interruptions/closures, job loss etc.						
Infrastructure:	Damage to structures, roads, bridges, utilities etc.						
Cultural/Historic:	Damage to libraries, historic properties etc.						
Environmental:	Damage, contamination, or loss of wetlands, waterways, lakes, ponds, forests etc.						
Governance:	Ability to maintain order and/or provide public services/amenities						

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9. Natural hazards can have a significant impact on a community but planning for these events can reduce or prevent impacts. The following statements will help to determine planning priorities for natural and climate hazards in the Town of Pembroke. Please indicate the level of importance you would assign to each of the statements below by checking the appropriate box.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not Important
Protecting private property					
Protecting critical facilities (e.g., water supply, hospitals, fire stations, road networks)					
Preventing development in hazard areas					
Enhancing function of natural assets (streams, wetlands etc.)					
Protecting historic/cultural landmarks					
Strengthening emergency services					
Promoting cooperation among public agencies, citizens, organizations, businesses					

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Please email your completed form to:

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