Attachment D – Consultation Summary

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Citizen Participation and Consultation Summary Chart

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Deerfield Creating Resilient Communities Group	Deerfield Watershed Ad hoc group of residents, local municipal officials, state and federal agencies, non profits, university representatives	Electronic mails, Meetings, Public Hearing	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp sent to members of the group; presentation on the rfp and the Commonwealth's prior adaptation work and future vision; facilitated discussion of local Deerfield impacts and un met needs
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Regional Planning Agency	Emails, phone conversations, meeting	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; discussion of Deerfield assessment work & exchange of information
Massachusetts Department of Transportation	State Agency	Phone calls, electronic mails, Conf. call with Steve Woelfel and staff	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; inter-agency communication on project specifics
Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration	State Agency	Phone calls, electronic mails, meetings	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; inter-agency communication on watershed impacts, project specifics, local entities
Martha's Vineyard Commission	Regional Planning Agency responsible for impacted area	Phone/Email exchange with Exec. Dir. Mark London	
City of Springfield	Local Government impacted by several listed disasters	Conf. call with Tina Quagliato and 4 others	

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Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)	Environmental Justice Organization	Phone call with Kalila Barnett, Executive Director to plan for Phase 2	
Stantec	Consulting Firm	App. discussion with Larissa Brown, member of Rockefeller team	
Deborah Shriver Consulting	Independent Consultant in water resource planning and protection	Phone calls, electronic mails, meetings	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp; provided support letter
Carolyn Shores Ness	Board of Selectman, Board of Health, Town of Deerfield	Phone calls, electronic mails, meetings, Public hearing	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp; provided support letter
Massachusetts State Geologist, Steve Mabee	Massachusetts Geologic Survey	Phone calls, electronic mails, meeting	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp
Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Coordinator	Municipal Government	Phone calls, Public hearing	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp
Christopher Myers, Emergency Management Director, Town of Shelburne	Municipal Government	Phone calls, Public hearing, electronic mail	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp
Field Geology Services	Private Consulting	Phone calls, electronic mail	

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David Fredette, City Engineer, New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure	Municipal Government – low income community	Phone calls, electronic mail	
University of Massachusetts Amherst	Academia	Phone calls, electronic mail, meeting	Public Hearing announcement
University of Massachusetts Boston	Academia	Phone calls, electronic mail	
John R. Morrell, Monson Highway Department/Tree Warden	Municipal Government, Hamden County	Phone call	Electronic mail with summary of rfp
Susan Hilker, Chair Board of Selectman, Town of Brimfield	Municipal Government, Hamden County	Phone call	Electronic mail with summary of rfp
Massachusetts Bay Estuaries Program	Federal program	Phone call	Meeting and Public Hearing announcement; electronic mail with summary of rfp
Buzzards Bay Estuaries Program	Federal program	Phone call	electronic mail with summary of rfp; request for unmet needs information
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency	State Agency	Phone calls, electronic mails	
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission	Regional Planning Agency	Meetings, phone calls, electronic mails	

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United States Geologic Survey	Federal Agency	Phone calls, electronic mails	
Mr. Garr Longe, Greenfield Community College	Academia	Phone call	
Massachusetts Bays Transportation Authority (MBTA)	State Agency	Electronic mail	Electronic mail with summary of rfp
Mr. Ouellette and Ms. Campbell, Town of Greenfield	Municipal Government – low income community	Phone calls, electronic mails, Public meeting	
Town of Eastham, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call and email 2/4/15 to Neil Anders	Provided information about unmet need of $40,000 to stairs that were damaged during Blizzard Nemo
Town of Kingston, Board of Selectmen	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/4/15	
Town of Sandwich, Town Hall	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call and email 2/4/15 to George Dunham	
Town of Brewster, Financial Director's Office	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/4/15 to Lisa Souve	
Town of Barnstable, Town Manager's Office	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call and email2/4/15 to Lynne Poyant	Provided information about damage caused by erosion during storms on the North Shore

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Town of Falmouth, Department of Public Works-Highway Division	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Email 2/4/15 to John Lyons	
Town of Monson, Highway Department	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/11/15 to John Morrell	
Town of Wilbraham, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call and email 2/11/15 to Tonya Basch	
City of Springfield, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call and email 2/11/15 to Chris Cignoli	
Town of Agawam, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/11/15 to Chris Golba	
Town of Chicopee, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/11/15 to Jeffery Neece	
Town of Brimfield, Highway Department	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/11/15 to Zachary Lemieux	
Town of Hampden, Highway Department	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/11/15 to Dana Pixley	
Town of West Springfield, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call and email 2/11/15 to Cynthia Zarichak	

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Town of New Bedford, Department of Public Infrastructure	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phone call 2/11/15 to David Fredette	
The Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership 20-town region of the Deerfield and Hoosic watersheds	Region of low-income communities that have suffered economic difficulties and disaster damage	30 Public community meetings focused on helping the regional economy by supporting natural resource-based	
Town of Scituate, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Patricia Vinchesi - Town Adminstrator Kevin Cafferty - Director of Public Works, Phone and	
Town of Marshfield, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Rod Proccacino - Director of Public Works, Phone and email	
Town of Hull, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Joe Stigliani - Director of Public Works, Phone and email	
Town of Oak Bluffs, Office of Town Administrator	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Robert Whritenour - Town Administrator, phone and email.	Projects with damage and unmet need from Hurricane Sandy and NEMO storm; FEMA filings acquired
Town of Manchester-Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Carol Murray- Interim Public Works Director, phone and email	

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Town of Nantucket-Emergency Management	Local Government Agency if disaster affected area	David Fronzuto - Emergency Management Director, phone and email	
The Engineering Center of Massachusetts	Industry Trade organization for firms who completed engineering studies for Local Government Agencies	Abbie Goodman, Executive Director; phone and email	
Weston and Sampson	Completed engineering studies for Local Government Agencies	Mark Mitsch, phone and email	Engineering reports for 3 projects in Buckland (Deerfield watershed, near Shelburne Falls) citing damage and recommendations for resiliency in the aftermath of Irene
AECOM	Completed engineering studies for the Local Government Agencies	Tom Tilas, phone and email	
City of Leominster, Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Robert Brooks- Director of Public Works, phone and email	
City of Attleboro, Department of City Planning	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Gary Ayrassian- Director of Planning, phone and email	
City of Worcester, Department of Public Works-Water Department	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Phil Guerin- Director of Environmental Systems, phone and email	

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City of Fall River-Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Mike Labossiere-Reservation Superintendent, phone and email	
City of Gloucester-Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Michael Hale- Director of Public Works, phone and email	
Town of Plymouth – Department of Marine and Environmental	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	David Gould-Environmental Manager, phone and email	
Town of Braintree	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Barbara Mello- Grants Officer, phone and email	
City of Boston – Fire Department	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Kathleen Judge, Boston Fire Department Training Academy; phone and email	Photographs of damage to Moon Island seawall attributed to Hurricane Sandy
Town of Vineyard Haven Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of disaster affected area	Glenn Mauk- Director of Public Works, phone and email	
City of Chelsea Department of Public Works	Local Government Agency of potential disaster affected area	Joseph Foti- Director of Public Works, meeting and email	
MA Water Resources Authority	Regional Water and Wastewater Utility	Thomas Durkin – CFO, meeting and email	

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Regional Planning Agency responsible for impacted area	2 Conf. calls with Exec. Dir. Peggy Sloan & staff	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Regional Planning Agency responsible for impacted area	Phone calls/email with Exec. Dir. Tim Brennan & staff	
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	Regional Planning Agency responsible for impacted area	Phone calls/email with Tom Matuszko, Dept. Dir.	
Meeting w/representatives of 7 state agencies	State Government	Meeting at EEA in Boston with Agency Leaders	Direct invitation to agency leaders to discuss qualifying disasters and state effort to apply
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Regional Planning Agency	Several meetings with Dep. Dir. Rebecca Davis & staff	
MA Historical Commission	State Government	Phone Call with Brona Simon, Director	
Dept. of Env. Protection	State Government	Phone call with Counsel about potential project in Newburyport	
Dept. of Housing & Community Development	State Agency	Numerous phone calls/emails, many with Mark Southard, CDBG lead for MA	

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG)	Regional Planning Agency	12 public meetings – one regional and 11 in local communities	Email and mail notices; meetings to discuss economic development and conservation
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)	Regional Planning Agency	10 public meetings – one regional and 9 in local communities	Email and mail notices; meetings to discuss economic development and conservation
FRCOG and BRPG	Regional Planning Agencies	4 Advisory Committee meetings with representatives from 20 towns	Email and mail notices; work on a Regional Plan for economic dev and conservation

Summary of Comment Letters and Applicant Responses

Commenter	Affiliation	Comment	Applicant Response
Support for Commonwealth's HUD application and interest in assisting affected communities; damage from disasters was devastating; much need remains			
Christopher A. Myers	Emergency Management Director, Town of Shelburne	Strong support for MA's Phase 1 application to HUD; appreciates MA's interest in making the communities in and downstream of the Deerfield River watershed more resilient.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Colrain Board of Selectmen	Town of Colrain	Strong support of application, Colrain was impacted during Hurricane Irene	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Northfield Board of Selectmen	Town of Northfield	Support application and MA's interest in making communities in and downstream of Deerfield River watershed more resilient.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed; including Springfield, which is downstream
Heath Board of Selectmen	Town of Heath	Support application; town suffered more than $1M in damages due to Hurricane Irene and $170,000 is not eligible for reimbursement.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Conway Board of Selectmen	Town of Conway	Support MA's application; extreme rainfall events can cause erosion in Conway, which is a hilltown; addressing issues in the Deerfield would have regional benefits.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Franklin Conservation District	Franklin Conservation District	A grant from HUD would help to restore rivers, farms and infrastructure	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed

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Deerfield Board of Selectmen	Town of Deerfield	Support application; during Hurricane Irene, high flows in the Deerfield River threatened the Old Deerfield Wastewater Treatment Plant, caused 10-12 ft of erosion along the river banks, contaminated agricultural land, and brought the river's sediment all the way to Long Island Sound.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Carolyn Shores Ness	Franklin Conservation District	Full support for MA's application to HUD for the competition; grateful for MA's interest in making the communities in and downstream of the Deerfield River watershed more resilient	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Stephen B. Mabee, Ph.D, PG	State Geologist	Strong support; personally witnessed many natural disasters, including Greenfield mudslide in winter 2011, landslides/stream bank erosion from Hurricane Irene that damaged a major transportation corridor in Savoy and Charlemont, and extensive stream erosion and bank destabilization that threatened water supply wells of Shelburne Falls.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed; included green infrastructure and "Fix it First" infrastructure repair projects
John Riggan	Buckland Board of Selectmen	Supports application; appreciates Commonwealth's interest in working in Deerfield River watershed, which was hit badly during Hurricane Irene.	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Jane Winn	Berkshire Environmental Action Team	Concerned about many undersized stream crossings (bridges and culverts)	Included culvert at Route 2and Trout Brook in defining unmet need of a target area

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William Stratford	Leverett Highway Superintendent	Supports application; community suffered great losses during Hurricance Irene; large culvert located on a primary commuter route on Shutesbury Rd that crosses Roaring Brook was damaged and would be very expensive to repair	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed; unmet need in one area is Route 2 culvert
Dawn Magi	Chairman, Selectboard	Hurricane Irene greatly impacted neighboring communities	Application includes 2 target areas in Deerfield River watershed
Water Suppliers' Issues			
Buckland Board of Selectman	Village of Shelburne Falls	Strong support for application; water supply for Shelburne Falls was adversely affected	Included Shelburne Falls Fire District's water supply wells in defining unmet need of a target area
John Payne	Board of Selectmen, Shelburne	Shelburne Falls suffered crippling effect due to flooding of water supply wells; permanent solution will be expensive.	Included Shelburne Falls Fire District's water supply wells in defining unmet need of a target area
Board of Water Commissioners	Shelburne Falls Fire District	Support MA's HUD application, water district suffered great losses and must move sensitive electrical controls that run the water supply to an upland location.	Included Shelburne Falls Fire District's water supply wells in defining unmet need of a target area
Marian Stafford	Abutter to Shelburne Falls Fire District wells on North River in Colrain	Hurricane Irene caused extensive damage; supports effort to repair the river bank.	Included Shelburne Falls Fire District's water supply wells in defining unmet need of a target area
Jennifer Pederson	MA Water Works Association	Consider impacts that have occurred to drinking water systems; work with water suppliers to make their water infrastructure more resilient.	Included Shelburne Falls Fire District's water supply wells in defining unmet need of a target area

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Comments from Partners			
Robert Whritenour	Town Administrator, Oak Bluffs	Enthusiastic about the potential opportunity to make needed repairs of damage caused by Hurricane Sandy.	Included sea wall damage to demonstrate unmet recovery needs due to Hurricane Sandy
Tina-Marie Quagliato	Springfield Director of Disaster Recovery & Compliance	Supports MA's application and partnerships of MA and Springfield on each other's HUD applications	Springfield is a target area; Springfield is a partner on MA Team's application and vice versa
Pamela DiBona	Executive Director, MA Bays National Estuary Program	Provided edits on draft application	Edits addressed, mostly typographical errors
Eric Hove	Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Provided edits on draft application	Edits addressed, incorporated language about distressed communities
Suzanne Condon	Department of Public Health	Reviewed draft application and it is fine.	No changes
Offers of Assistance			
Trish Garrigan	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Interested in providing assistance; federal agencies cannot be listed as partners on application.	Noted support in Exhibit C
Christine Hatch	Assistant Professor, UMass Extension	MA's HUD application may fill a much needed gap in support for economically challenged communities in the Deerfield watershed; hardest hit by Hurricane Irene. Specifically, funds promote construction of appropriately sized river management infrastructure.	Included UMass-Amherst as a partner
Robert Clark	USDA Forest Service	Strongly supports application; would complement ongoing efforts supported by the Forest Service in the Deerfield River watershed.	Noted support in Exhibit C

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Christine Clarke	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Strong support for application; should this grant be funded, NRCS would work with the partnership to identify natural resource concerns and strategize ways to resolve using our technical experts.	Noted support in Exhibit C
Julie Brigham-Grette Eve Vogel	UMass Department of Geosciences	Excited about MA's interest in helping the Deerfield; this could be an opportunity to address unmet needs in the mountainous and hilltown regions of western MA, and to advance innovative solutions for flood hazard management.	Included UMass-Amherst as a partner
Martha Naley	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Communities suffered during aftermath of disasters; with HUD funds, we could properly design culverts and river-friendly erosion control.	Noted support in Exhibit C
Peter Weiskel	U.S. Geological Survey	USGS is interested in and supports MA's application to HUD and will provide scientific assistance.	Noted support in Exhibit C
Paula Sturdevant Rees	UMass-Amherst/MA Water Resources Research Center	Appreciate the Commonwealth's interest in making communities in and downstream of the Deerfield River watershed more resilient.	Included UMass-Amherst as a partner

Request for Public Input on HUD Grant Application

What: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development's (HED) Department of Housing and Community Development are partnering to prepare an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) National Resiliency Disaster Competition. In the application, the Commonwealth identifies unmet recovery needs resulting from severe storms and tornados in 2011, 2012 and 2013, as well as risks of future disasters, including those associated with climate change. It also presents a conceptual vision for a resiliency plan for Massachusetts.

An opportunity for the public to submit comments on the draft application is available. Send written comments by 5:00 PM on March 25, 2015 to Kathleen Baskin, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. For more information, contact Kathleen at kathleen.baskin@state.ma.us or 617-626-1012.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Request Public Input on HUD Grant Application
Thursday, February 26, 2015 in Deerfield MA
Friday, March 6, 2015 in Boston MA

BOSTON – The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development have partnered together to prepare an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development National Resiliency Disaster Competition. A successful application could potentially bring between $1 million and $500 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The public is invited to attend two public hearing to provide input on how the Commonwealth's housing, infrastructure, economy, and environment can be made more resilient to disasters; this public input will help to guide the development of a resiliency plan to be submitted to HUD as part of the competition. An opportunity for the public to submit written comments is also provided.

What: Public Hearings, HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition	
When: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	**When:** Friday, March 6, 2015 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Where: South Deerfield Fire Station 84 Greenfield Road South Deerfield, MA 01373	**Where:** 100 Cambridge Street - 2nd Floor Conference Room B Boston, MA 02114

Event Background: In its HUD competition application, EEA will identify unmet recovery needs resulting from severe storms/tornados in 2011, 2012, and 2013 in most impacted and distressed areas. EEA will identify risks of future disasters, including those associated with climate change; develop a plan for resilience; and identify project partners who will help to implement that plan. If successful, EEA may be invited to compete for future funding to improve resiliency. A summary of the grant opportunity may be found at: https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/resilient-recovery.
Program Contact: Kathleen Baskin, Director of Water Policy. 617.626.1012
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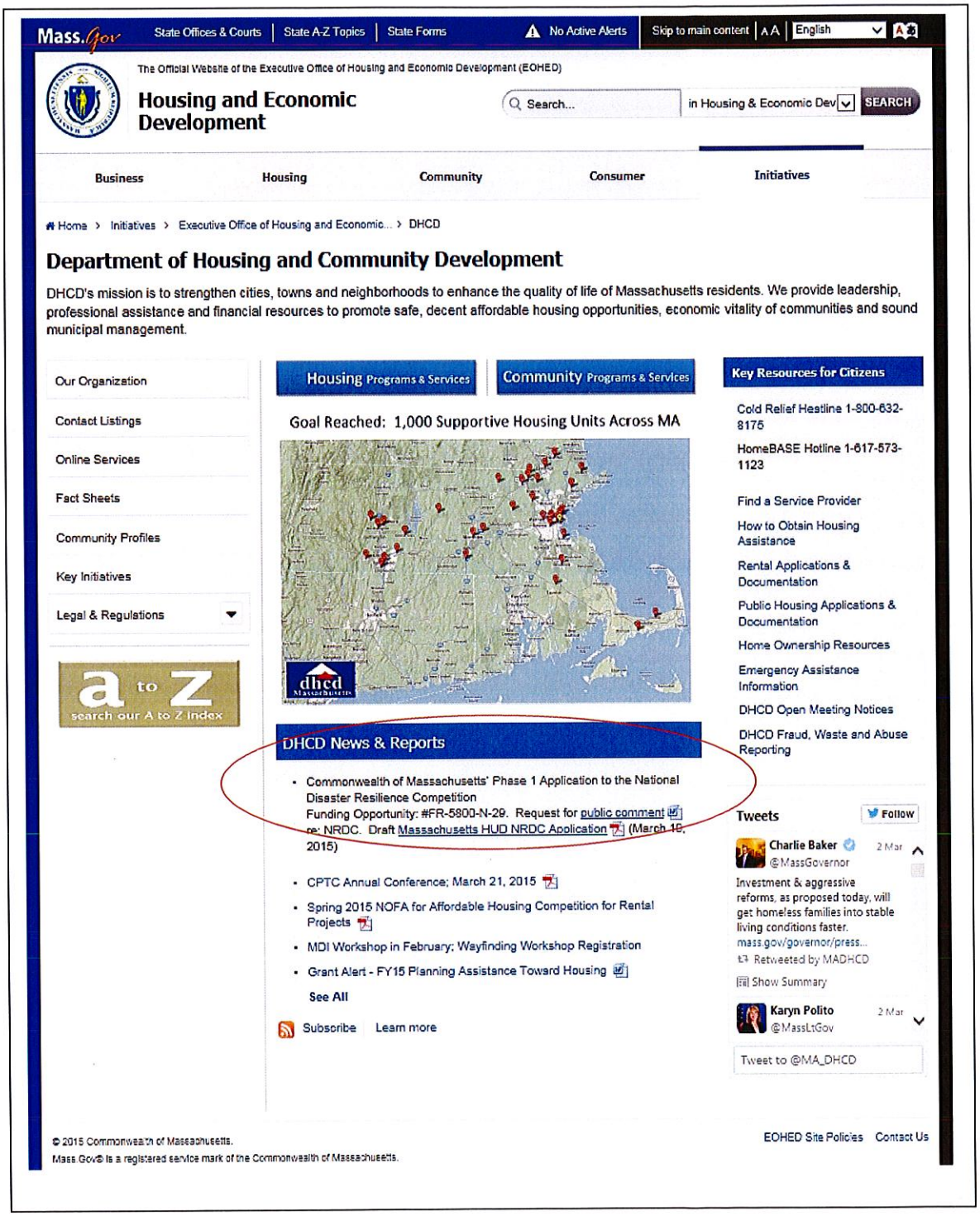

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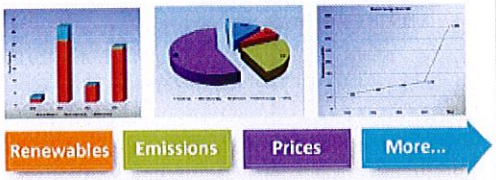

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Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Report

This report, prepared by EEA and the Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee, is the first broad overview of climate change as it affects Massachusetts, the impacts of this change, vulnerabilities of multiple sectors ranging from natural resources, infrastructure, public health, and the economy. It also provides analysis of potential strategies that could better prepare us for this changing world.

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Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Requests Public Input on Housing and Urban Development Grant Application Public Hearings to be Held in Deerfield and Boston

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Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Request Public Input on HUD Grant Application

Thursday, February 26, 2015 in Deerfield, MA
Friday, March 6, 2015 in Boston, MA

What: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (HED) are partnering to prepare an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) National Resiliency Disaster Competition that could potentially earn between $1 million and $500 million to the Commonwealth. The public is invited to attend two public hearings to provide input on how the Commonwealth's housing, infrastructure, economy, and environment can be made more resilient to disaster. This input will help guide the development of a resiliency plan to be submitted to HUD for the competition. In the application, EEA will identify unmet recovery needs resulting from severe storms and tornados in 2011, 2012 and 2013, as well as risks of future disasters, including those associated with climate change. EEA will also develop a plan for resilience and identify project partners to implement that plan. The program contact Kathleen Baskin, Director of Water Policy can be reached at (617) 626-1012 and summary of the grant opportunity may be found at: https://www.hudexchange.info/odbg-dr/resilient-recovery.

What: Public Hearings, HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition	
When: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	**Where:** South Deerfield Fire District Station 84 Greenfield Road South Deerfield, MA 01373
When: Friday, March 6, 2015 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	**Where:** 100 Cambridge Street - 2nd Floor Conference Room B Boston, MA 02114

An opportunity for the public to submit written comments is also available. Send written comments by 5:00 PM on March 10, 2015 to Kathleen Baskin, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. For more information, contact Kathleen at kathleen.baskin@state.ma.us or 617-626-1012.

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- Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Announces Federal Grant for Commonwealth's Largest Freshwater Wetlands Restoration Project
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Learn about the State's Climate Change programs including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act

Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Report

This report, prepared by EEA and the Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee, is the first broad overview of climate change as it affects Massachusetts, the impacts of this change, vulnerabilities of multiple sectors ranging from natural resources, infrastructure, public health, and the economy. It also provides analysis of potential strategies that could better prepare us for this changing world.

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Bridgewater Conservation Commission	Notice of Intent to Initiate an Aquatic Management Program	Bridgewater
CZM	Notice of Federal Consistency Review	Salisbury
CZM	Notice of Availability of Draft Report and Hearings for the Massachusetts Coastal Erosion Commission	Statewide
DAR	Notice of Submisson of a Yearly Operational Plan	Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Lee, Otis, Blanford and Russell
DAR	Notice of Public Hearings, re: Vegetation Management Plan	CSX Transportation, Inc.
DAR	Notice of Issuance of Open Marsh Water Management Standards	Statewide
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DEP	Notice of Application for a 401 Water Quality Certification	Millbury, Grafton, Shrewsbury, Northborough and Southborough
DEP	Notice of Application for a 401 Water Quality Certification	Eastham
DEP	Notice of Request for Site Exam	Blackstone
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DEP	Notice of Application for a Groundwater Discharge Permit	Falmouth
DEP	Notice of Issuance of a Section 61 Finding	Boston (East Boston)
DEP	Notice of Application for a Chapter 91 Waterways License	Boston (Charlestown)
EEA	Notice of Public Hearings re: State Application for National Distaster Resilience Competition	Statewide
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