

Climate Resilience Design Standards Tool

Versioning History

December 2024

Beta Tool – April 2021

Tool Version 1.0 – February 2022

Tool Version 1.1 – April 2022

Tool Version 1.2 – July 2022

Tool Version 1.3 – March 2023

Tool Version 1.4 – December 2024



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2.5-Year History of Stakeholder Engagement

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Over 30 climate change coordinators and
State Agency representatives

CAPITAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP

20+ State Agency and A&F representatives focused on
integrating resilience into capital planning

ASSETS WORKING GROUPS & PILOT TESTING BETA TOOL

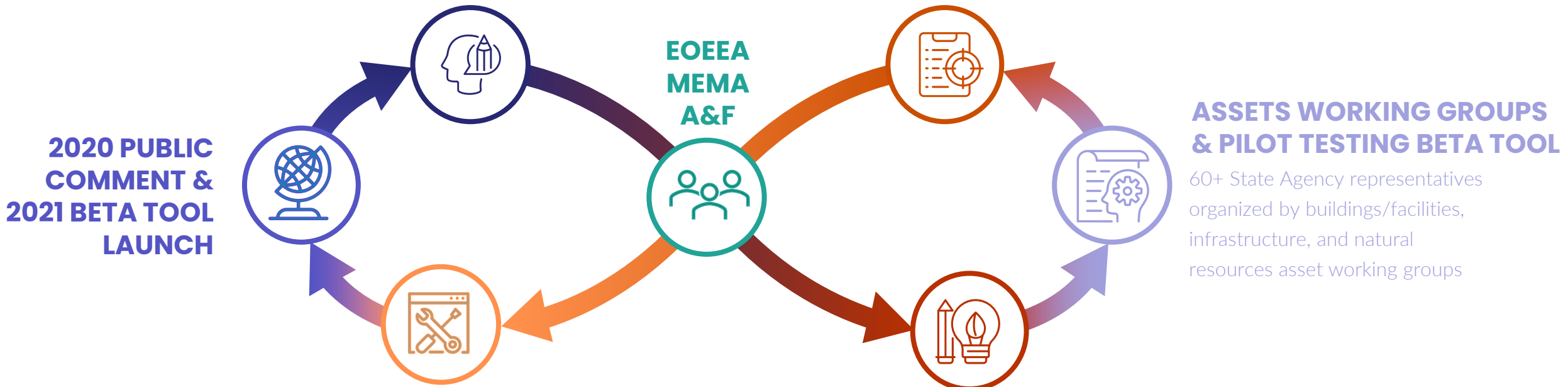
60+ State Agency representatives
organized by buildings/facilities,
infrastructure, and natural
resources asset working groups

SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

20+ leading climate academics, researchers, and others
working on local, regional, and country-wide climate science
studies

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

50+ consultants, academics, municipalities,
regional planning organizations, non-profit
agencies, and federal agencies



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Snapshot of feedback from Beta Tool

- Over **900** projects initiated!
 - Piloted in FY22 MVP and Massworks grant applications
- **256** people contributed feedback!
 - Public Feedback Survey (mass.gov)
 - 13 Focus Groups
 - FY22 MVP RFR Appendix E
 - Agency feedback

Stakeholder feedback was prioritized into several categories: critical, must have, nice to have, and future work. **The FY22/FY23 enhancements represent critical and must have improvements.**

How we integrated feedback – User Experience

- Greater guidance on a project's **“useful life,” ecosystem benefits,** and **criticality questions** – February 2022
- A more **user-friendly report,** more guidance on **how to interpret tool results,** and clarifying what happens when a user **submits a project** – February & April 2022
- Increased support for drawing the **project location polygon** – April 2022
- More **guidance** with standards, and **integration of MC-FRM and Cornell data** into standards recommendations in the tool (**values instead of methodologies**) – April 2022
- Included **maps** visualizing **Projected Water Surface Elevations** for **2030, 2050, and 2070** planning horizons – July 2022



Enhancements from Stakeholder Feedback Organized into Several Updates

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February 2022 Updates

“Version 1.0”

- Climate exposure updates
- Ecosystem service benefits updates
- Additional stakeholder feedback updates, such as integrating more guidance

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April 2022 Updates

“Version 1.1”

- SLR/storm surge standards (Massachusetts Coast Flood Risk Model, MC-FRM)
- Extreme precipitation standards (EEA’s Massachusetts Climate and Hydrologic Risk Project)
- Enhancements to extreme heat standards

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July 2022 Updates

“Version 1.2”

- Minor User Interface Updates
- Addition of Projected Water Surface Elevation Maps to accompany SLR/storm surge standards (Massachusetts Coast Flood Risk Model, MC-FRM)

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March 2023 Updates

“Version 1.3”

- Update of Environmental Justice layer (now using EEA 2020 EJ Populations data layer)
- *Note: no supporting document update for this tool version*

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December 2024 Updates

“Version 1.4”

- Addition of Projected Wave Action Water Elevation Maps to accompany SLR/storm surge standards (Massachusetts Coast Flood Risk Model, MC-FRM)
- Updates to temperature design standards
- Bug fixes



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