

Southern Connecticut Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience Regional Risk and Project Opportunity Workshop

November 19, 2015 (9:00am – 12:00pm)

Workshop Objectives:

- Share perspectives on regional risk and resilience opportunities.
- Surface and share additional information about municipal-based projects of importance.
- Surface and share additional information about specific projects of regional importance.
- Identify list of top tier projects within regional framework for resilience.

Agenda and Facilitation Details

9:00 Welcome, Review of Agenda/Flow and Introductions

- Welcome to the workshop (Core Team Representative)
- Introductory remarks (VIP)
- Introduce agenda and flow (Core Team Rep)
- Round-the-room introductions. (Core Team Rep)

9:15 Exercise #1: Greatest Risk Regionally

Strategy: Initiate discussion/consideration at regional scale.

Guiding Questions:

- **Where** are the areas within the “Regional Framework for Resilience” (10-town project area) with the greatest amount of risk? (*Circle or mark in SeaSketch*)
 - Today?
 - In the Future (2030)?
- **Why** did you select these areas within the “Regional Framework”? (*Add notes in SeaSketch*)
 - What is at risk? (bridges, houses, beaches, wetlands, marinas, etc).
 - What categories of risk (economic, social, environmental)?
 - Degree of risk (1 to 10) for given scenario (Cat-3, SLR, both)?

Intended Outcomes:

- A number of polygons or points for areas of risk for each participant across the “Regional Framework” populated with details as to risk categories (economic, social, environmental) and degree of risk (1 to 10) today and in the future (2030 timeframe). (via SeaSketch)
- Aggregated map of areas of regional risk for all participants that show areas of highest and lowest unison (i.e., heat map of co-occurrence) or “consensus”. (via SeaSketch)

10:00 Exercise #2: Regional Opportunity and Gaps

Strategy: Initiate consideration of projects at individual municipal scale and then multi-municipal scale to get to list of potential top tier projects.

Guiding Questions: (Independent/Individual Municipal Review)

- Where are the projects located? Do these project help to reduce risk? If so, how?
 - *Add detailed notes to specific projects identified*
- Which projects will have the biggest impact – reduce the most amount of risk? Why?
 - *Add detailed notes to specific projects identified*

Guiding Questions: (Paired Multi-Municipal Reviews)

(TBD) Madison–Fairfield; Guilford–Milford; Bridgeport–New Haven; Branford–WH; EH–Stratford

- Describe projects with biggest impact – share detailed notes for top 2-3 projects for each municipality. Commonalities across projects in two municipalities? Differences? Degree of risk reduction?
- Come to agreement of top 2-3 projects across both towns? Why?
- Prepared report out for larger group

Report out by all five, paired-municipal groups in succession

- Define report out format and points to hit to encourage comparative and collective dialogue after report outs. Need, urgency, risk, benefits, etc...
- As report outs are ongoing highlight projects on map in front of participants.

Group discussion and review of 15-20 projects identified

- Commonalities, differences, risk reduction?
- Consensus building facilitation

11:15 Exercise #3: Reinforce Regional Framework

Strategy: Review regional areas of risk in context of potential list of top tier projects to reinforce selections and confirm working agreement on list of projects to advance to site visits.

Reinforce Regional Framework:

- Display all project with “regional areas of risk” generated in Exercise #1.
- Display just top 15-20 projects with “regional areas of risk”.
- Dialogue on 15-20 projects
 - Which ones are most important for reducing risk a regional scale?
 - Capture discussion and pair down list of top tier projects as determined by participants
- “Are these the projects that will provide the highest opportunities for risk reduction at the regional scale?”

11:50 Next Steps and Follow-Up

- Review and discuss immediate next steps
 - Additional detail input for individual projects
 - Independent state and expert input on regional areas of risk and specific projects
- Site visit to top tier projects
- Closeout and Thanks

12:00 Adjourn