

Town of Hatfield

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness
Climate Smart Comprehensive Plan

Community Engagement Approach

For Spring 2023

Why Engage Community Members?

- To inform people about this project & what they can expect
- To share what we're learning about flooding and climate change
- To learn from community members about:
 - Feedback on our approach and ideas to enhance our process
 - Their desired vision for the future and what they care most about
 - Their thoughts on the chapter topics and what's important to include

Community Engagement Plan

1: In person listening sessions

2: Student engagement

3. Public meeting #1

4. Public meeting #2

5. Town-wide online survey

1: In person listening sessions and targeted surveys

Project team hosting listening sessions with:

- Farmers - March 2
- Age-friendly focus group - April 18

2: Student engagement

Project team working with students at the high school

3. Public meeting #1 (Virtual, recorded for anyone who misses it)

- Agenda:
 - Project overview (what we're doing, why, topics we're exploring)
 - What we've learned so far (climate findings, findings from listening sessions and student engagement)
 - Get input from participants on what their vision is for the future, building from local priorities and the future climate impacts

4. Public meeting #2 (In person)

- Agenda:
 - Share about the chapter topics and adaptation
 - Use breakouts to get input from the public on specific parts of the planning work they're interested in
 - Share link to town-wide survey

5. Town-wide online survey

- To hear from the public:
 - What matters to you? What future do you want?
 - What input do you have on the chapter topics?
- Open to the entire community for ~3 weeks
- Project team will compile findings report that is available to the public