



Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program Factsheet

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The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to plan for resiliency and implement key climate change adaptation actions. The state awards communities with funding to complete vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented resiliency plans. Communities who complete the MVP program become certified as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP Action grant funding and other opportunities.

The MVP program helps communities to:

- Define extreme weather and natural and climate related hazards
- Understand how their community may be impacted by climate change, through a Massachusetts-specific climate change clearinghouse that contains the latest science and data: <http://www.resilientma.org/>
- Identify existing and future vulnerabilities and strengths
- Develop and prioritize actions for the community
- Identify opportunities to take action to reduce risk and build resilience
- Implement key actions identified through the planning process

Stakeholder participation in MVP workshops is crucial, in order to help identify the specific strengths and vulnerabilities of our communities, and brainstorm strategies/projects across the 3 sectors which are most affected: residents, local infrastructure, and our natural resources.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is an MVP certified provider, whose staff has been trained in state-led workshops, in order to provide technical assistance to communities in completing the assessment and resiliency plan using the [Community Resilience Building Framework](#).

Many of the criteria for completing the MVP program also satisfy the FEMA [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) (HMGP) requirements, thus paving the way to completing this additional planning requisite for FEMA disaster funding.

