

## **Princeton Wins Preparedness Grant**

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has announced a \$20,000 grant to the town of Princeton. Part of the State's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program, it will help Princeton meet the challenges of climate change and develop a Municipal Preparedness Plan. The grant is the result of efforts of Princeton's Environmental Action Committee, and represents a first step toward preparing for the impacts of climate change on Princeton.

The grant will fund a Community Resilience Building Workshop aimed at the rigorous identification of climate change impacts and best practices to enable Princeton to meet these challenges. This workshop will, in turn, position Princeton to gain further grants to create infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Mitigation grants could enhance, for example, Princeton's installation of larger, more robust culverts, provide additional funding for tree trimming and forest management, improved fire fighting water sources, natural fire barriers and water retention areas, etc.

Why are these actions necessary? It is expected that total precipitation in Princeton will increase by about 10% in 2050 compared to the early 2000s, and the average temperature will increase by about 6 degrees F, with Princeton experiencing 5 to 8 days over 95F compared to less than one day over that temperature today. Impacts can be expected to range from increased number and frequency of culvert washouts to a greater probability of forest fires, among other effects.

For more information, please visit the Commonwealth's MVP informational site:  
<https://www.mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program>