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## The Coastal Assessment Resilience Plan (CARP) Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does CARP stand for?

Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Plan. Resiliency is a term that refers to the town's ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

2. Where can I read the CARP Plan?

The Plan and all supporting documents are available on the Town's CARP webpage at: <http://www.ehamptonny.gov/574/Coastal-Assessment-Resiliency-Plan>

3. Why did the Town do this project?

As a coastal community, the Town of East Hampton is vulnerable to damage from tidal inundation and loss of coast-line with sea level rising and the frequency of severe storms increasing. The Town is developing CARP to make recommendations for plans, policies, and procedures to increase our resilience and ensure successful adaptation to our changing environment. The full project vision statement is available here: <http://www.ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12138/TOEH-CARP-Vision-Statement-2019>

4. Who wrote this plan?

The CARP Plan was developed by a team of experts and consultants including GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc, Dodson & Flinker, and Coastal Ocean Analytics and the Town Board-appointed CARP Committee.

5. Who funded this plan?

This document was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

6. How long will it take to implement this plan?

This plan recommends actions that would be implemented over the course of 30 years, with different strategies having different anticipated timelines. A rough timeline is on pages ii and iii.



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Although these recommendations will take time to reach implementation, our work on feasibility studies, further developing the recommendations, and community outreach will start soon.

7. Does adopting the plan mean that all actions will be implemented?

Not necessarily. Most actions recommended in the plan would require additional regulatory approvals (e.g. shoreline modifications), feasibility studies, Town Board action (e.g. new building or zoning codes), and funding sources.

8. What is being done to communicate with East Hampton residents and businesses about this plan?

Public meetings were held for each hamlet during the plan's development. Information on the public workshops is outlined in Attachment 11 of the CARP. Recordings of virtual workshops and copies of presentations are available on the Town's CARP webpage:

<http://ehamptonny.gov/574/Coastal-Assessment-Resiliency-Plan>. Additional public education and input sessions will be held after the plan is finalized and adopted by the Town Board. The plan was presented to the Town Board on May 17, 2022 with a recommendation to adopt the resilience plan. The Town Board is planning to vote on adopting the plan in June 2022. In some cases, such as Downtown Montauk, a separate local advisory committee will be created so that impacted home and business owners can engage in the development of next phase plans.

9. Will there be other opportunities for me to participate in this process and give my input?

Yes. Additional public informational sessions will be scheduled this summer and fall. We plan to use surveys to gather community input. Comments, questions, and suggestions can be sent to the Natural Resources Department project manager, Samantha Klein at [sklein@ehamptonny.gov](mailto:sklein@ehamptonny.gov), at any time.

10. The US Army Corps of Engineers, through the FIMP Project, was supposed to place sand on the Montauk Shoreline, is that still going forward? When?

Yes, that project is still moving forward, but the timeline is still uncertain. The most recent project timeline suggests sand placement in Montauk in the fall of 2022.



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11. If we have the US Army Corps of Engineers FIMP project, why do we need the CARP Plan?

The FIMP project will provide some short-term protection for downtown Montauk businesses, but sand placement, with or without geotube bag placement, is only a temporary solution with very high annual maintenance costs. The CARP plan will develop a long-term solution for the Montauk business district.

Additionally, FIMP will only help slow erosion on a small stretch of East Hampton shoreline. As this plan details, there are many other areas vulnerable to flooding and erosion that need to be addressed separately from FIMP.

12. When will the “Managed Retreat Committee” be formed? How can I get involved?

After the plan is finalized and adopted by the town board, a more detailed study of managed retreat, including the identification of financial incentives and legal mechanisms and the delineation of appropriate sending and receiving areas will be developed. The Town Planning Department and Natural Resources Department will work together to secure funding and hire contractors to assist with this work. Before any work begins a committee will be created. Any residents or businesses wishing to get involved will have an opportunity to express interest when the time is closer.

13. Where will the money come from to implement this plan?

Some actions in this plan can be carried out with existing resources while others may require the town to apply for state and federal grants.

14. Will this plan raise my taxes?

The recommendations in CARP will improve public safety and reduce tax-payer expenses over time. By relocating critical infrastructure from harm’s way and avoiding repetitive losses, residents, business owners and tax-payers are expected to spend less on building and maintaining infrastructure over the next three decades. In highly vulnerable areas, voters may decide to create a special taxing district whose funds would be spent exclusively on projects within that district. These districts could focus on projects such as sand replenishment or other measures that residents decide they are willing to pay for to enhance their safety and the sustainability of the local economy. No special taxing districts are proposed at this time.



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15. What is the next step after the plan is adopted by the Town Board?

Once the plan is adopted by the Board, the CARP Committee will work with Town staff on determining which recommended projects will be prioritized. Grant applications will be pursued to fund additional planning steps and projects. The Planning Department and Natural Resources Department will begin to determine which recommendations can and should be carried out by existing staff.