



MVC Climate Action Task Force

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To: Town Administrators, Select Board members and Climate/Energy Committees

Re: Climate Risk Assessment Program

The Martha's Vineyard Commission, through its Climate Action Task Force, has partnered with the Woodwell Climate Research Center in Woods Hole to develop Island climate change risk assessments. We are seeking your input on the risks that are of the most concern in your town. This program is offered to municipalities as a free service provided by a generous contribution from the Quadrature Climate Foundation.

The report will outline predicted changes through the rest of the century to 2100 on a decadal scale. This information will be invaluable to both short, mid, and long-term planning needs for the Island and Towns.

Woodwell will start with looking at three discreet risks areas and we have developed a short list to help you identify your priorities:

- Sea level rise
- Wildfire
- Increased and heavier precipitation (increased coastal and inland flooding)
- Increasing heat and drought impacts (heat islands, impacts to outdoor work and recreation, water, and food security)
- Increased wind events
- Extreme weather events (frequency and severity)

We will be scheduling a meeting in early January to narrow down the list and hope that you will be able to participate. Please send any recommendations and interest to the MVC. Once we identify the areas of interest for the Towns, we will keep your Climate Committees informed on ways to participate. We look forward to collaborating with you on climate change action in the coming year.

Happy New year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Robinson".

Ben Robinson
Chair MVC Climate Action Task Force