

GOAL 8

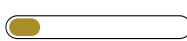
Complete: Action has been completed.



In Progress: Action implementation is underway.




Awaiting Resources: Action may be implemented when staff time, funding, or other resources are available.



Quick Win: Short-term actions that have the potential to maintain implementation momentum.

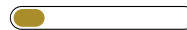
High Impact: Actions that have the potential to get us the furthest toward the Town's goals

 Action aligns with the Yarmouth Comprehensive Plan (2024)

Goal 8: Protect public safety by integrating climate projections into emergency preparedness protocols.

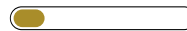
Strategy 8.1: Enhance the community's preparedness for heat waves and intensifying storms.

Action 8.1.1: Develop a local Hazard Mitigation and Heat Wave Management Plan and implement protocols that address disasters such as intense storms, heat waves, and extended power outages.



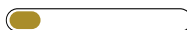
Town staff continue to strategize on protocols for providing warming centers. Library's lending programs will have a focus on resilience resources.

Action 8.1.2: Enhance early warning systems and community evacuation plans.



Awaiting Resources

Action 8.1.3: Map town services to identify potential gaps in access for all, especially underrepresented populations.



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Action 8.1.4: Assess town-owned open spaces and waterways for capacity for increased use during more high heat days, and plan for safe and equitable access







Awaiting Resources

Strategy 8.2: Plan for the impact of sea level rise and flooding.

Action 8.2.1: Complete the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist and develop an implementation plan to reduce impacts from sea level rise, riverine flooding, and runoff from impervious surfaces.



The Planning and Sustainability Departments are working with GPCOG to audit Town ordinances and identify opportunities to incorporate flood resilience best practices. Implementation of the project recommendations will align with the purposes of the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist.

<p>Action 8.2.2: Revise the floodplain management ordinance to incorporate the anticipated FEMA maps and ensure additional adjustments account for climate change.</p>		<p>Amendments to Chapter 315, Floodplain Management Ordinance, and adjustments to the extent of the Resource Protection District, were adopted by the Town Council in April 2025. The Resilience Audit will also yield recommendations related to integrating climate change impacts into land use policy and standards. Policies required by MDEP related to reducing flood risk and managing stormwater development practices are upcoming in 2025-26.</p>
<p>Action 8.2.3: Develop a Working Waterfront Strategic Plan to assess needs for supporting coastal commercial establishments in town, including practices that address climate change mitigation or adaptation.</p>		<p>Economic and Community Development Department will begin the development of a Working Waterfront Master Plan, incorporating climate change data for best adaptation strategies for waterfront infrastructure and businesses at risk.</p>
<p>Action 8.2.4: Inform residents and businesses of the potential damage from floods and sea level rise.</p>		<p>Sustainability Department developing a Coastal Bluff Toolkit to educate residents about potential damage from coastal erosion.</p>
<p>Strategy 8.3: Prepare for long-term viability of town drinking water supply.</p>		
<p>Action 8.3.1: Collaborate with Yarmouth Water District to assess resilience of town water supply quality and quantity based on climate modeling.</p>		<p>Awaiting Resources</p>