

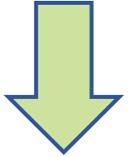


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Project Overview: SNEP Network & Wareham, MA

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Project Summary



Technical services SNEP provided to Wareham:

1. **A Climate Leadership Exchange** with other communities on subjects (i.e., green infrastructure, stormwater management, resilience) relevant to the redevelopment of Wareham Village
2. **Exploration of innovative and sustainable financing options** (i.e., P3s, pay-for-performance, etc.) and case studies to use as a reference for redevelopment

- **Community Assessment:** Background research into town reports, ULI study, and potential Exchange case study communities
- **Leadership Exchange Webinars:** Monthly webinar series engaging regional and national leaders on key topics related to Wareham Village redevelopment
- **“The Leadership Exchange Podcast”:** Innovative way to connect with listeners, deep dive into “lessons learned,” and tie together case studies with a single narrative

- Leadership Exchange and Sustainable Redevelopment Financing Assessment:**
1. **Leadership Exchange and Sustainable Redevelopment Report** (summary of findings from Leadership Exchange and key recommendations)
 2. **Financing Memo** (outline of resilience financing options)
 3. **Case Studies** (compilation of case studies from Leadership Exchange)

Key Findings

- Resilience challenges require embedding sustainability into the community
 - True resilience is holistic and considers the social, environmental, and economic impacts to a community
- **A strong and proactive commitment to resilience and sustainability is a smart and effective investment strategy**
- Effective redevelopment efforts must engage diverse interests and be community-driven
- Authentic zoning stipulates form (rather than use) and aligns with broader community goals and priorities
- **Wareham has a unique opportunity to pursue truly sustainable and resilient redevelopment of Wareham Village**

Recommendations

Environmental, Social, and Economic Resilience

- Establish a Resilience Officer within town leadership and expand financing institutional capacity
- Establish a task force to investigate expanding WRA to include resilience infrastructure investment and financing
- Transform MVP efforts into a comprehensive, town-wide resilience plan

Green Infrastructure

- Develop a town-wide green infrastructure component to the comprehensive resilience plan
- Implement a collaborative approach to stormwater/green infrastructure operations and maintenance (O&M)
 - Consider a regional approach to MS4 permitting and MCM compliance

Recommendations

Waterfront Redevelopment

- Add/strengthen a resilience overlay to all economic, planning, and redevelopment plans
 - Driven by resilience plan findings
 - Ensure redevelopment is happening in conjunction with resilience efforts, rather than at odds with them

Strategic Zoning and Smart Growth

- Conduct a regulatory and zoning review focused on relationship between economic development and restoration/resilience
- Pursue form-based coding for Merchant's Way
 - Guide the "look" of redevelopment while allowing for flexibility of uses

Conclusion & Discussion

- **Recommended next step: *Establish resilience as a foundational element of Wareham's decision-making processes***
 - Our recommendations work towards a single end goal: ***To seize the unique opportunity to develop Wareham Village as an economically vibrant and climate resilient downtown***
 - With a dedicated commitment and sustainable institutional structures, Wareham has the potential for proactive, strategic, and resilient redevelopment
- Questions and feedback?