



BUILDING RESILIENCE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES SPEAKER SERIES

Major disasters are occurring at an alarming rate and Vermonters are calling for action. In response to the extreme weather events Vermont faced in 2023, Rebuild by Design released the *Atlas of Disaster: Vermont*, highlighting 17 federally declared disasters and advocating for long-term infrastructure funding. Join us for an educational series to equip legislators and communities with knowledge for equitable climate adaptation.

Session #1: Navigating VT Climate Risks & Building Resilience in Rural Communities

Thurs. 12/5
12 - 1:30pm
Zoom

- **VT Climate Risks**
 - Johanna Lawton, Rebuild by Design
- **Centering Environmental Justice Communities**
 - Lena Greenberg and Jess Laporte, CROs
- **Designing Collaborative Outreach Processes**
 - Amanda Gustin, Barre City Councilor
- **Key Strategies for Rural Resilience**
 - Megan Lawson, Headwaters Economics

Topics Include:

- Flood Insurance 101
- Housing Affordability & Home Protections
- Best Practices for Housing Buyouts/Moving

Session #2: Flood Insurance & Housing

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Session #3: Funding Emergency Preparedness, Local Recovery & Climate Infrastructure

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Topics Include:

- Recent Investments in State Infrastructure
- Closing the Funding Gap
- Funding Climate Infrastructure
- Funding Local Response & Recovery

Session #4: Regional Planning & Leveraging Nature as Climate Infrastructure

Topics Include:

- Managing Upstream Flooding
- Highlighting Regional Planning Efforts
- Leveraging Nature as Climate Infrastructure

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