

# Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup

## PUBLIC FORUMS AND PROJECTS

Materials and resources from these presentations are available on the UVAW website:

<http://uvaw.uvlsrpc.org/>

**November 2017 *Protecting Land and Wildlife in a Changing Climate: Strategies for the Upper Valley*** – highlighting the intersection and co-benefits of open space for flood protection and wildlife habitat/corridors in a changing climate.

**April 2017 *Mobilizing Local Communities: A Resilient Community is a Strong Community*** - strategies for engaging communities to move from education to action, with examples of successful community campaigns.

**October 2016 *What Does Resilience Look Like: Building Climate Resilient Communities in the Upper Valley*** - featuring approaches that VT and NH communities are using to build resilience and galvanize communities to action.

**March 2016 *Climate Change Impacts to Health*** - connecting climate science data on warming trends, extreme heat and water quality. Featuring efforts from NH and VT's public health organizations.

**January 2016 *Public forum and joint meeting of the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and Vital Communities*** - discussion of current climate science, on-going resilience efforts and potential future collaborations around resilience.

**December 2015 *Joint planning session with the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup and Antioch University's Center for Climate Change and Community Resilience*** - representatives from CAW and Antioch shared their experiences with community engagement strategies and best-practice methodologies.

**May 2015 *Nonprofit Partnering for Natural Disasters and Climate Resilience*** - a forum for local nonprofits to hear lessons learned from Tropical Storm Irene and Hurricane Sandy, strategies for business continuity planning, and discussion of collaboration opportunities.

**Spring 2015 *Upper Valley Business Resiliency Project*** – University of Vermont students studying “Adaptation to Climate Change” partnered with seven Upper Valley businesses to help them understand how climate change may affect their business operations; how to identify vulnerabilities; and recommended adaptation strategies that promote fast recovery for their operations, employees, and the local economy. Participating businesses were Hypertherm, King Arthur Flour, Dan & Whit's, the Upper Valley Haven, Coop Food Stores, Jake's, and Simbex.

**February 2015 *Economic Resiliency Workshop*** - an overview of climate impacts with a focus on business continuity risks and strategies by Bonnie Canal, Managing Partner at The Resiliency Institute in New Orleans and presentations of local stories and resources.

**April 2014 *Is Your Town Ready for the Next Flood?*** - featuring examples of vulnerability assessment, community flooding, working with FEMA, and the co-benefits of resiliency in community.

**September 2013 *Building Climate Resilient Communities in the Upper Valley*** - highlighting the regional climate impact assessment for southern NH, and a panel discussion around implications for built infrastructure, public health, and disaster response and recovery.

