

# Building Climate Resilient Communities in the Upper Valley

*You are Invited!*

## A Free Public Forum for Information Sharing, Collaboration and Solutions

Monday, September 30, 2013

5:00 pm - Registration and light dinner

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Forum

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH Auditorium E; Enter through main entrance and follow signs

Directions: [http://patients.dartmouthhitchcock.org/our\\_locations/lebanon/driving\\_directions\\_dhmc.html](http://patients.dartmouthhitchcock.org/our_locations/lebanon/driving_directions_dhmc.html)

Please join us in this first in a series of community conversations about climate change and building climate resilient communities in the Upper Valley. **This workshop is designed for all Upper Valley residents including community volunteer boards, municipal staff and committee members, health care professionals, community organizations, business owners and interested citizens.**

The workshop is **FREE**, but space is limited. A light dinner will be provided. **Please RSVP by September 24.** To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/UVAW-FirstForum>.

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### What to Expect

- Hear how recent weather events have affected our local communities and the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Hear results from a climate impact assessment recently developed for our region.
- Meet other community leaders facing severe weather and climate related challenges.
- Discuss what informational, technical, motivational, or financial resources would help our communities better prepare for floods, droughts, health impacts and other climate effects.

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This workshop series is coordinated by the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup. UVAW is a bi-state, multi-stakeholder working group that convened in 2012 to help Upper Valley communities prepare for climate impacts and become climate resilient.

Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup Organizational Members include:



*Flooding and evacuation on Slayton Hill Road, Lebanon, NH, July 2, 2013. Source Valley News – Jennifer Hauck*

### Agenda

- 5:00 Registration, Socializing, and Light Dinner
- 5:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 5:45 **Climate Change in Northern New England: Past, Present and Future**  
Cameron Wake PhD, University of New Hampshire
- 6:30 **Panel and group discussion on climate impacts related to our community, including:**
  - **Public Health** – Robert McLellan MD, MPH, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
  - **Built Environments** – Michael Simpson, Antioch University New England
  - **Community Recovery from Severe Weather Events** - Anne Duncan Cooley Esq., Upper Valley Strong and Upper Valley Housing Coalition
- 7:15 Break
- 7:30 **Community conversations – opportunities and solutions to build climate resiliency**
- 8:15 Wrap Up