

Coastal Resiliency and the Real Estate Industry

A Pilot Workshop for Cape Cod Realtors



Please join us!

Where: Century 21 North East Falmouth Office at 352 Main St, Falmouth, MA 02540

Realtors from all companies are welcome!

When: Wednesday, Jan. 23rd

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm (light refreshments provided)

Presenters:

Greg Berman, Coastal Processes Specialist, Woods Hole Sea Grant & Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Shannon Hulst Jarbeau, CRS & Floodplain Coordinator, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension & Woods Hole Sea Grant

Heather McElroy, Natural Resources Specialist, Cape Cod Commission

Stories of devastating storms causing widespread damage in coastal communities have dominated the news in recent times. These costly events have affected people, property, livelihoods, as well as the psychology of those who live and work in coastal communities. Outside of big storms, coastal communities are also at risk from other hazards such as erosion, sea level rise, and a changing climate. Today, impacts from these hazards are being felt all over Cape Cod. As a result, the region is now placing greater attention on understanding how communities can remain resilient in the face of these threats. This has implications for how local leaders, business owners, homeowners, and the real estate industry, plan for the future.

This workshop aims to:

- highlight important natural coastal processes at work on Cape Cod (e.g. erosion) and impacts on the Cape Cod shoreline
- discuss how and why Cape Cod communities are vulnerable to a variety of coastal risks
- summarize what is being done from a regional level to provide communities with tools and resources to better prepare
- engage realtors in a dialogue on what coastal resiliency means for their industry, and implications for dealing with flood and erosion risks and the buying and selling of property in the coastal zone.

Space is limited. RSVP here https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/coastal_resilience_realtor_workshop by Tuesday, Jan 22 to assist us in planning .

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Meet the Speakers

GREG BERMAN, PG, GISP, is a coastal processes specialist for Woods Hole Sea Grant (WHSG) and the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension (CCCE), where he provides technical assistance on coastal geology topics: shoreline change, erosion control alternatives, potential effects of various human activities on coastal landforms, coastal flood plains, coastal hazards, hazard mitigation analyses, and dune restoration techniques. He joined WHSG and CCCE after five years with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) where he worked on a variety of government projects focusing on environmental assessments and shoreline stabilization. Prior to that he spent six years with United States Geological Survey (USGS) offices in Florida and Hawaii, where he performed analysis of coastal geology, habitat, and hydrology. He has more than 15 years of diverse experience with surveying, interpreting, and reporting on coastal geology. He has also regularly provided assistance in local coastal restoration projects organized by environmental non-profit organizations and worked with a wide spectrum of volunteers.

SHANNON HULST JARBEAU CFM is the Floodplain Specialist and Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator for Barnstable County through the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension and Woods Hole Sea Grant. She is a Certified Floodplain Manager® with a Master's degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. Shannon assists communities with flood-related technical assistance and participation in the CRS. Barnstable County's regional CRS program has been recognized nationally, earning the Association of State Floodplain Managers' 2017 James Lee Witt Local Award for Excellence in Floodplain Management and serving as the inspiration for a bill from Congressman Keating in the pending 2017 National Flood Insurance Program reauthorization.

HEATHER MCELROY has served as the Cape Cod Commission's Natural Resources Specialist for the last 15 years, developing natural resource and land use policy for Cape Cod, and applying those policies to the Commission's planning and regulatory work. Her work includes natural resources management policy, green infrastructure planning, and coastal resiliency and ocean planning. Heather has supported the development of the Section 208 Water Quality Plan for Cape Cod, including facilitating the science advisory panel convened to examine alternative nitrogen management technologies, and overseeing the maintenance of the Technologies Matrix. She is part of the team of hydrogeologists, planners, and GIS analysts assisting towns with incorporating green infrastructure approaches into the plans for managing water quality in nutrient-impacted watersheds for the 208 plan. Heather participated in the Massachusetts Ocean Management planning process since that project started in 2008, and serves as the Cape Cod Commission's representative to the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. She managed Barnstable County's regional ocean planning project, the Cape Cod Ocean Management Planning District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC), coordinating staff, and technical and policy advisory committees.

