

Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

A plan for the improving the resiliency of the Region's 38 cities and towns



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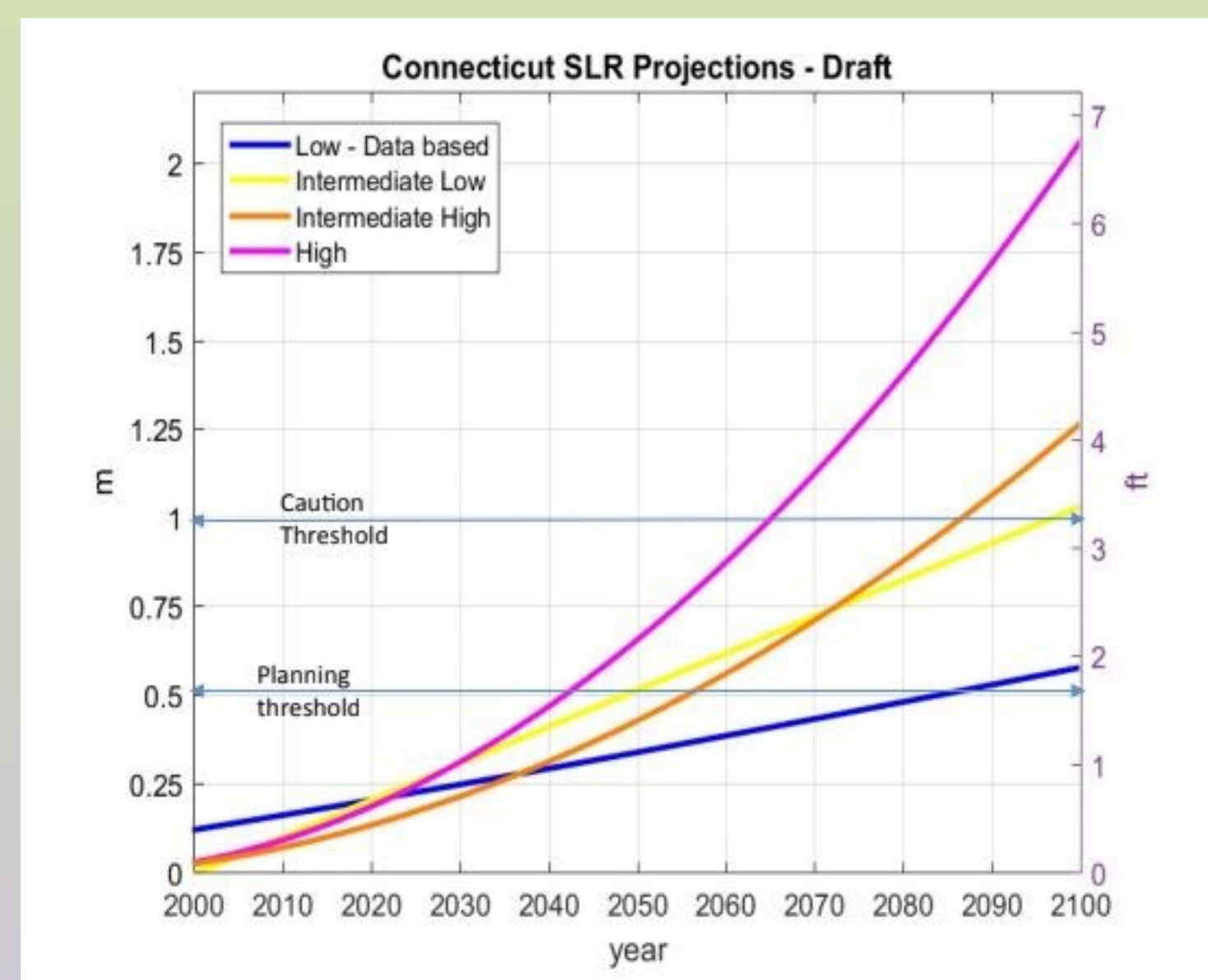
The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is a voluntary Council of Governments formed to initiate and implement regional programs of benefit to the towns and the region. It is guided by the chief elected officials of our 38 Metro Hartford municipalities. The mayors, first selectmen, and town council chairmen who make up our governing Policy Board recognize that the future of our individual members is tied to the future of our region. Our members have collaborated for more than 50 years on a wide range of projects to benefit our towns individually and the region as a whole. CRCOG's membership includes municipalities as diverse in size and character as the City of Hartford (population 124,320) and the Town of Andover (population 3,211).

Every five years, CRCOG prepares a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for its member municipalities. The plan acts as a strategy for addressing community and regional resilience to natural hazard events and includes prioritized recommendations for each town. The most recent hazard mitigation plans were developed in 2014 for Hartford and twenty-nine of the surrounding towns and in 2016 for eight additional municipalities. A new Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently in development which will address all thirty-eight communities in the Capitol Region.

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Use climate forecast results and related data to improve analyses of vulnerabilities.

- Official SLR projections from CIRCA
- Riverine flood modeling products (underway at UConn)
- New drought forecasting being done by some water utilities



Use proven and novel efforts to bolster communities' mitigation strategies to address vulnerabilities and advance resiliency.

- Hazardous spills from businesses such as dry cleaners
- Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4)
- MDC Coordination regarding drainage and sewers
- Historic and cultural resources
- Repetitive flood loss properties
- Microgrids and fuel cells
- Bolster critical facilities
- Dam failure drills



Hartford Boat House



Drainage Project



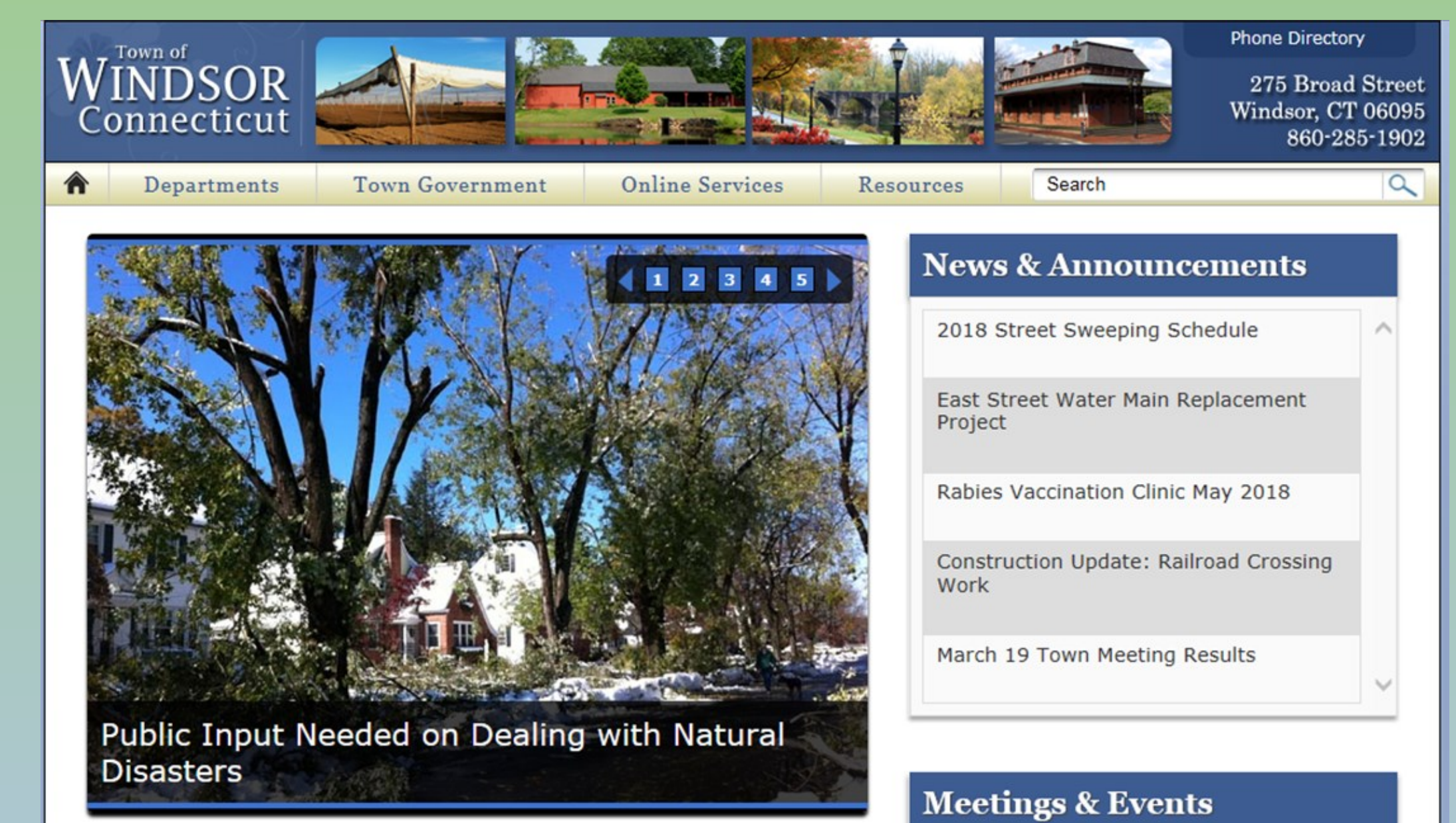
Parkville Microgrid



South Windsor EOC

Perform robust public outreach and engagement efforts to improve understanding of climate change impacts in the Capitol Region.

- SurveyMonkey survey (135 responses to date) with climate change questions
- Multiple public meetings throughout the Region
- Several regional workshops with the planning teams; two meetings included climate change segments
- Social media announcements
- Regional and municipal web postings
- Press release to media outlets



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