



MVC Climate Action Task Force

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To: Town Administrators, Select Board members and Climate/Energy Committees

Re: Climate Risk Assessment Program

On December 21, 2022 we reached out to all the Towns describing the program offered by the Woodwell Climate Research Center. Over the last month the Martha's Vineyard Commission has had conversations with the Oak Bluffs Select Board, the Chilmark Select Board and the Edgartown Energy and Climate Committee around what risk assessment categories would be of most use to our Island needs.

What has come to the surface from those conversations are a need to better understand the following:

- Increased precipitation events and drought
- Extreme weather events (hurricanes, nor'easters, and storms)
- Wildfire risks

Sea level rise was generally mentioned but was thought to be fairly well studied, given our coastal issues. Also discussed was a increasing heat index.

We would like to convene a final listening session to agree on a final scope for Woodwell to proceed with, and would like to invite a representative from each Town to participate.

Please let us know who from each Town will be available to meet to discuss with the Woodwell team, and we can organize a day and time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Robinson".

Ben Robinson
Chair MVC Climate Action Task Force