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Northampton Awarded Climate Change Preparedness Grant

Today Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded the City of Northampton \$20,000 to help the city address municipal vulnerability to climate change, as part of 63 such grants around the state.

“This grant supports the city’s own investment in preparing for climate change and the climate change adaptation effort that we are making in this year’s capital budget,” said Northampton Mayor David J. Narkewicz. He continued, “regardless of what happens in Washington, Northampton will remain a leader in sustainability, including preparing for climate change.”

The city has been making great progress towards climate mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions), and climate adaptation (preparing for climate change), with a wide range of efforts including energy conservation, expanding renewables, green stormwater infrastructure, and a wide variety of other efforts. This climate vulnerability assessment and the related climate adaptation plan will fill in the gaps in the city’s Sustainable Northampton master plan and its ongoing climate change planning.

The Municipal Vulnerability and Climate Adaptation Planning effort is being coordinated by the Office of Planning and Sustainability, with assistance from Central Services, Department of Public Works, Emergency Management, and Health Department.

More information on the state grant program available [here](#).