



# CREW

## Communities Responding to Extreme Weather

CREW builds grassroots climate resilience by connecting and collaborating with New England neighborhoods.

### OUR MODEL

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We equip neighborhoods to address climate change equitably, sustainably, & collaboratively. Each CREW will develop a local resilience strategy combining education, service, and planning. This may include:

- ◆ **Education:** Conducting outreach | Hosting workshops | Attending conferences on climate impacts, emergency preparedness, and resilience
- ◆ **Service:** Preparing for climate impacts, such as by helping expand green infrastructure by depaving and gardening | Responding to extreme weather events by aiding relief efforts | Supporting local refugees
- ◆ **Planning:** Facilitating local participatory resilience planning workshops | Empowering citizens to engage in community planning processes | Advocating for inclusive, sustainable, & equitable municipal resilience plans

### WHAT WE OFFER

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- ◆ **Materials & Resources:** Access to curricula & tools to support efforts to: Engage in community outreach | Host resilience workshops | Conduct emergency preparedness trainings | Assess climate risk | Create resilience plans | Develop green infrastructure & other climate service projects
- ◆ **Strategic Support:** 10+ years of experience to support CREWs with: Community organizing | Strategic planning | Stakeholder facilitation
- ◆ **Network:** Opportunity to collaborate during 2018 Climate Preparedness Week | A growing network of CREW teams across New England | Experts in emergency response, community organizing, and climate resilience

### GET INVOLVED!

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Visit our website ([www.climatecrew.org](http://www.climatecrew.org)), scroll through our Facebook page, or contact Aaron Troncoso ([aaron@climatecrew.org](mailto:aaron@climatecrew.org)) to learn more, sign up for events, or join a CREW.

CREW is currently being incubated by the Better Future Project, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) ([www.betterfutureproject.org](http://www.betterfutureproject.org)).



## RESOURCES CREW IS DEVELOPING TO SUPPORT PILOT CREWS:

### ◆ **Materials and staff facilitator to host a two-part resilience house party**

- *Part I* - learn about resilience and discuss regional climate impacts
- *Part II* - learn about community-based vulnerability assessments and discuss strategies for building local climate resilience

### ◆ **Additional resources to support resilience workshops, including:**

- Stakeholder role play activities
- Relevant movies with discussion questions
- Emergency preparedness activities and workshops
- Workshop to train residents in telling 'climate stories' by interviewing local community members about climate impacts (in conjunction with a collaborating organization)

### ◆ **Support with resilience assessments and local project planning:**

- Resilience assessment toolkit (in conjunction with a partner organization)
- Guidance on additional resources to gather data and make a plan
- Lists and how-to guides of possible service projects to build resilience (including depaving events, building raised beds, weatherizing homes, and installing rain barrels) (in the future, we will also aim to offer materials assistance to support these types of activities)
- Membership in VOAD Network, which offers training and facilitation to aid with post-disaster relief and recovery efforts

### ◆ **Trainings with resilience experts and professionals:**

- Possible trainings on Green Infrastructure and/or Adaptation Planning through NOAA
- CREW 2018 Climate Preparedness Week, which will encompass a week of workshops and events geared toward equipping community members with resilience tools from September 24-30