

Pownal Community Resilience Workshop

Activity 1: Building Resilience

Resilience is the ability of a community to address the needs of its people, ecosystems, and infrastructure in order to anticipate, cope with, and rebound stronger from present and future challenges, including climate change.

The Maine Community Resilience Partnership has 3 different categories of resilience:

- ***Minimizing risk and exposure to hazards*** (i.e., storms, flood, wind, fire, extreme temperatures, and drought)
- ***Understanding vulnerability in the community*** (i.e., older or low-income populations, aging infrastructure, limited housing, sensitive environments)
- ***Improving Long-term Adaptive Capacity*** (i.e., stormwater management to handle increased flooding, storm recovery plans)

1. What is Pownal doing well to anticipate, cope with, and rebound from events or trends related to climate change?

2. What could Pownal improve in the short-term (3-5 years)?

3. What could Pownal improve in the long-term (5+ years)?

Activity 2: Strategies for Action

The Community Resilience Partnership provides 8 areas where towns can take action to build resilience, with funding for projects in these categories.

<p>Reduce Transportation Emissions</p> <p>Encourage EVs, make walking and biking safer, support work-from-home</p>	<p>Municipal Building Upgrades</p> <p>Weatherization, energy efficiency, procurement policies</p>	<p>Clean Energy Transition</p> <p>Invest in renewable energy like solar, streamline permitting for renewables</p>	<p>Environmental Protection</p> <p>Plan and set targets for land conservation, tree planting, water quality, and habitat protection.</p>
<p>Healthy and Resilient People</p> <p>Reduce risk through storm warning systems, cooling centers, peer-to-peer programs</p>	<p>Climate-Ready Infrastructure</p> <p>Assess and improve infrastructure like roads, drinking water, and sewer</p>	<p>Green & Natural Resource Economy</p> <p>Support local food, eco-friendly building materials, and clean energy jobs</p>	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>Grow awareness of climate change, engage local businesses and youth in building resilience</p>

1. What 3 action areas should Pownal prioritize and why?
2. In each of your priority action areas, what is one specific action Pownal could take?
3. Are there any actions where Pownal should collaborate with neighboring towns?