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# Resilient Newburyport NEWS

### What is Resilient Newburyport?

Our changing climate is presenting new challenges for Newburyport and we want to ensure that our city remains resilient and strong for generations to come.

Resilient Newburyport is about more than just the environment and climate; it's about every one of us who calls Newburyport and our neighboring towns home. Through our Community Action Project (CAP), we are setting out on a mission to speak to as many of you as possible. We want to hear your stories, concerns. and ideas about our shared future. We believe in the power of a community that's informed, engaged, and connected.

Newburyport's <u>Resiliency</u> <u>Committee</u> is leading this project, but at its heart is each and every one of you.



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# Community Partner Projects Kick Off

In late September we kicked off our Community Partner collaboration. Our nonprofit partners will be leading twentysix climate-related projects throughout the city in the coming 18 months.

Resilient Newburyport's Community Action Project (CAP) is supporting twentysix climate-related events and projects organized and led by nonprofits throughout our city and region. These diverse projects, ranging from concerts, to building bike racks, to student visits to our waste water treatment plant, will work to raise the visibility of local climate issues.

The tremendous interest in participating in CAP by these groups is a testament to how vibrant our nonprofit community is - and that we all can have a role to play in addressing the climate crisis.

Stay tuned for more information on when and where to enjoy these projects!

#### **CAP's Community Partners**

PEG Center for the Arts and Activism Theater in the Open **Chamber Music Festival** Newburyport Choral Society Earth Port Film Festival Newburyport Documentary Film Festival Newburyport Housing Authority Newburyport Youth Services Climate Café Forever Green 2024 Mass Audubon Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center Newburyport 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ipswich River Watershed Council **Bresnahan Elementary School** Tinkerhaus Newburyport Recycling, Energy & Sustainability Department Nourishing North Shore Plum Island Foundation Friends of Newburyport Trees Port Parks Alliance Museum of Old Newbury **Pollinator Powerworks Coastal Trails Coalition** 

## Talk about climate change: it matters!

It often doesn't feel easy, but talking about climate change can make a difference.

From finding common ground, to emphasizing cost savings, there are a number of effective ways to talk to your friends, family, and neighbors about our changing climate.

Over the next few months our newsletter will share more about ways to engage in these critical conversations.

### Keep in Touch:

To subscribe to this newsletter, select "Resiliency" under the City's <u>News and</u> <u>Announcements</u>.

For questions or to get involved: email <u>resilientnewburyport@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>.

We're just getting started on social media! Help us by spreading the word:

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# Concrete Bouquet: A Day of Dance in Nature

**Theater in the Open** delivers the first Community Partner event with a flourish

On a beautiful afternoon on October 1st, the Theater in the Open presented *Concrete Bouquet: A Day of Dance in Nature.* The words of Robin Wall Kimmerer, music, and dance echoed with the trees.

The theme of the show, centered around the resilience of nature, looked to nature for inspiration for how we can all move forward together in face of climate change. The performance included choreography by Contemporary Dance majors at The Boston Conservatory and Exit Dance Theatre choreographer, Julie Pike Edmond. "How can we look to Nature for inspiration for how we move forward together as a human society in a warming world?"



# Stay Tuned!

We are immensely grateful to our **Community Partners** who are the pillars of Resilient Newburyport's Community Action Project. They are helping us envision a future where our city thrives amidst challenges. But we're not stopping there! Stay tuned for our upcoming **Community Action Forums** and **Leadership Climate Dialogues** where we'll dive deep into solutions and ideas. And looking forward to 2025, we will be hosting a regional **Green Expo** as a capstone project.

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