



NB RESILIENT IS NEW BEDFORD'S PLAN FOR CLIMATE ACTION + RESILIENCE

WE ARE FOCUSING ON SIX AREAS



Climate & Energy



Economy & Jobs



Infrastructure, Utilities, & Waste



Natural Resources



Public Health & Safety



Transportation & Land Use

Economy & Jobs



VISION

NEW BEDFORD boasts a diverse economy that maximizes wages and sustainable employment for all, attracts and retains professionals, rewards a strong work ethic and is prepared for the challenges and opportunities brought by a changing climate.

GOALS

- Ensure all businesses in New Bedford are aware of and prepared for the impacts of climate change.
- Bolster current port industries and capitalize on opportunities for secondary industries.
- Increase the diversity of local industries and support the growth of the creative economy, cultural tourism, technology, green manufacturing, renewable energy and entrepreneurship.
- Promote pathways out of poverty and build financial stability through training and professional development programs.

A STRONGER ECONOMY WILL BE MORE PREPARED FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS SUCH AS EXTREME WEATHER, RISING SEAS, AND WARMING OCEANS COULD TAKE A TOLL ON NEW BEDFORD'S ECONOMY BY:



- Limiting the ability of employees or patrons to get to local businesses
- Damaging our local businesses, parks, museums, or other revenue generating sites
- Reducing the amount and type of sea life available for our fishing industry
- Creating or intensifying financial stress in our community



THE 2018 NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT AND OTHER STUDIES WARN THAT CLIMATE CHANGE COULD:

- Devastate US agriculture and fisheries
- Cut global fishing revenues by \$10 billion dollars by 2050
- Cost billions in storm recovery and business disruptions
- Put more than \$1.4 trillion of coastal homes and businesses at risk

**WE CAN BUILD UPON OUR STRENGTHS
TO ADAPT TO OUR CHANGING CLIMATE**



OUR LOCAL ECONOMY IS GROWING

46,157

JOBS IN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

5,005

OF THESE JOBS ARE NEW SINCE 2014

+1,399

INCREASE OF JOBS IN 2017 ALONE

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Some of our community members face additional challenges that make it more difficult for them to actively engage in our growing economy or to worry about climate change. **Our actions for a resilient future need to address these stressors.**

POVERTY RATE

% of people living in poverty

NEW BEDFORD



MASSACHUSETTS



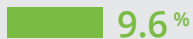
EDUCATION

% of population over 25 without a high school diploma

NEW BEDFORD



MASSACHUSETTS



UNITED STATES



All data sources can be found at nbresilient.com



POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Ask the business community to create and practice emergency management plans and share their plans with the City.
- Expand business assistance tools and lending programs for new enterprises in targeted sectors.
- Support buy-local campaigns.
- Develop and deliver financial literacy tools to support our most vulnerable residents.
- Develop a young professional retention and a senior work or volunteer program.
- Target professional development opportunities for veterans, immigrants, recovery and reentry populations.
- Strengthen the partnership between professional development programs and public schools system with Bristol Community College and UMASS Dartmouth.



A resilient New Bedford is a thriving, self-sustaining community that is culturally and historically secure and ready to implement innovative approaches to prepare for tomorrow's possibilities.

GET UPDATES ON EACH FOCUS AREA AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT:

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