



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

Public Health & Safety



VISION

NEW BEDFORD'S residents have equitable access to a clean environment and essential goods and services; feel safe in their neighborhood; and are prepared for the impacts of climate change.

GOALS

- Ensure vulnerable communities are engaged in decision-making and prepared for climate impacts.
- Prepare and support New Bedford residents to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after an extreme event.
- Improve accessibility to goods and services, such as fresh and healthy food and low-cost medical care.
- Build an effective emergency communication strategy across city departments and enhance public participation, availability of information, and quality of public services.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY ARE AT RISK FROM OUR LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE PREDICTIONS

We're projected to see a rise in heat related illnesses, severe weather damage, food-borne illnesses, infectious diseases-like Lyme disease

We could see impacts to the



AIR WE BREATHE



WATER WE DRINK



FOOD WE EAT



FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY

chronic stressors

noun • are the day-to-day challenges that take a toll on our community, like poverty, the need for a living wage and access to transportation.



Chronic stressors can be amplified by shocks in our community

shock

noun • is a significant event that disrupts the day to day, like extreme weather events. It often amplifies chronic stressors.

AREAS WHERE WE CAN BUILD OUR RESILIENCE & ADDRESS NEW BEDFORD'S CHRONIC STRESSORS

A person's vulnerability is increased when they experience: Preexisting health conditions, isolation, lower socioeconomic status, unhealthy housing conditions, substance abuse, and exposure to high levels of environmental contaminants.

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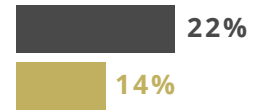
ASTHMA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

per 10,000 people



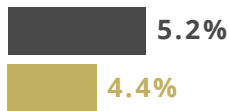
LOW ACCESS TO A GROCERY STORE

& are low income



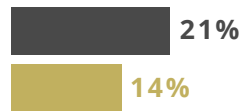
PEOPLE OVER 65

living alone



POOR/FAIR HEALTH

reported by adults in 2013



BLOOD LEAD LEVELS

per 1,000 children



UNABLE TO SEE DOCTOR

because of cost



A STEP WE ARE ALREADY TAKING TO IMPROVE OUR RESILIENCE



82,000+

meals served to low-income youth

Play in the Park and Summer Food Program, 2014

Rx RESILIENCE: JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Steps we can take to make New Bedford a healthy, safe place to live for generations:

- Ability to shelter in place during a storm event
- Access to nutritious food and healthcare
- Emergency communication and coordinated response
- Focus on vulnerable populations



POTENTIAL ACTIONS

- Update emergency plan with information on the location and needs of isolated or medically vulnerable persons.
- Educate residents on how to build an emergency supply kit.
- Identify community liaisons for each neighborhood accounting for cultural and linguistic diversity.
- Start a mobile market that travels around each neighborhood distributing fresh produce.
- Improve bus routes to ensure access to primary and preventative health care.
- Buy generators for critical health support systems, including medical records.
- Evaluate existing facilities and determine the best location(s) for modern police facilities.
- Continue to evaluate the opioid task force and deployment of mental health professionals in diversion programs.



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.

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