



## Planning for a Resilient Watch Hill

A Discussion With  
Jonathan Reiner  
Director of Planning and Development Services  
Town of Groton, CT

**WHEN:** 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 11

**WHERE:** Watch Hill Fire Station, 222 Watch Hill Road

**WHAT:** Jonathan Reiner is the Director of Planning for the City of Groton. Prior to that he was the Director of Planning in North Kingstown, RI. Flooding in low-elevation coastal communities from nuisance tides and storm surge is a problem Jon has been contending with for many years. Like Watch Hill, Wickford, RI (in North Kingstown) has serious flooding issues. Many of Groton's coastal communities are vulnerable to storm surge and sea level rise. Jon will share with us his experiences in planning for resilience in coastal settings. He will:

- *Describe the geography of Groton and Wickford; what are the characteristics of the coastal communities most at risk.*
- *Review approaches the communities and the City of Groton have taken to understand the extent of their vulnerability and explore adaptation solutions.*
- *Discuss the planning target in Groton for storm surge intensity and amount of sea level rise.*
- *Go over community characteristics that are most in need of urgent attention; for example transportation systems, utilities, residential development, commercial development, wastewater treatment facilities, public safety systems (police, fire, medical).*
- *Discuss the roles the communities at risk have taken in the planning process.*
- *Present the solutions that have been, or will be, adopted to minimize vulnerability.*
- *Describe how the mitigation projects will be financed. Sources of funding at local, regional, state, and federal levels.*
- *Identify important lessons learned from Wickford and Groton.*