



City of Beverly, Massachusetts

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RE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CITY TO HOLD TWO PUBLIC FORUMS FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS – OBEAR PARK AND THE BEVERLY PUMP STATION ON WATER STREET

BEVERLY, MA – The City of Beverly is currently undertaking two coastal resilience projects – the first is for a feasibility assessment and conceptual designs for green infrastructure at Obear Park; the second is to complete a vulnerability assessment and feasibility study for the Beverly Pump Station at 135 Water Street.

These feasibility studies are the first step in establishing long-term protections for Obear Park and the pump station. Community engagement is a critical part of each project. To provide information on the process and to receive feedback, the City is holding two public forums – one for each project – in April. The meetings are open to the general public, and community members are encouraged to attend both.

Obear Park: The public forum for the Obear Park coastal resilience project is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The forum will be virtual, and will take place through Zoom. Meeting access information can be found on the [City calendar](#). During this forum, community members will learn about the ongoing impacts that climate change has had on the park, how the City is evaluating these impacts and possible solutions, and potential actions to protect the park such as living shoreline techniques, culvert alterations, and retrofits to existing park facilities. The meeting will include a question and answer period when participants can discuss the project with City staff.

The Pump Station at 135 Water Street: The public forum for the SESD (South Essex Sewerage District) pump station coastal resilience project is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The forum will be virtual, and will take place through Zoom. Meeting access information can be found on the [City calendar](#). During this forum, community members will learn about how the sewer pump station serves Beverly and the surrounding community, the increasing risk of coastal flooding, and what options the City and SESD have to ensure the pump station is protected from long-term climate impacts. The meeting will include a question and answer period when participants can discuss the project with City staff and SESD staff.