

Local Climate Change Policy Workshop: Dewey Beach Climate Change Committee

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Today's Goal

- Identify policy options for this committee to consider and debate that would enhance climate resiliency in Dewey Beach
- Identify criteria to be used to assess those policy options
- Develop an evaluation framework for this committee to implement that will result in policy recommendation(s) for public comment and Town Council approval

We are not here to discuss....

- Beach replenishment
- Parking
- Specific public works projects

How this will work....

- We put a policy option on the table for discussion
- This committee determines whether the policy applies to Dewey. If not, move on!
- If the policy applies, this committee briefly debates its merits.
- IPA team takes notes on this debate, teasing out the criteria being used to judge the policy
- Repeat until all policy options are exhausted and briefly debated
- IPA team will follow up with the evaluation framework: a summary of the policies that made the cut plus the criteria used to judge them. This is what you will do/implement in future committee meetings.

Let's start with policies identified for Lewes

- Raise freeboard in 100-year floodplain (currently 12 inches in Dewey)
- Create developments standards for the 500-year floodplain (N/A?)
- Apply VE zone regulations to coastal A zone
- Filling a site does not eliminate the freeboard requirement (already doing this!)
- Require SLR to be shown on all subdivision and land development applications

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- Encourage/require permeable paving (already doing this?)
- Improve landscape standards
- Increase open space requirements in new subdivisions
- Reduce maximum lot coverage
- Create/increase wetland buffer (N/A?)

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- Create a stormwater utility
- Create a resiliency reserve fund
- Develop a disaster recovery ordinance
- Create and require a real estate disclosure of sea level rise risk

Other policy ideas?

Next steps....

- IPA will summarize this meeting, highlight the criteria used during the discussion, and provide the evaluation framework
- This climate committee should engage with council, town administration, and the public as much as possible as you work through and implement the evaluation framework
- Ultimately you want to offer policy recommendation(s) for public comment and council approval.