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Dear Stakeholder,

Given previous and ongoing events like the recent Nor-easter on October 27th, 2021, with hurricane force winds and Winter Storm Riley in March 2018, which had record-setting high winds, heavy rain, and snowfall, we now find ourselves in a new era of more unpredictable and severe weather that can potentially cause more damage to the Town of Webster's residences, infrastructure, economy, and natural resources.

In order to be as proactive as we can in preparing and protecting our community, I would like to personally invite you to join me at a free, half-day, **Community Resilience Building Workshop**. To accommodate schedules and meeting preferences, the workshop will be offered on 2 different dates, either in-person or remote. You can sign up to participate in either, or both.

- **On April 13th the workshop will be held in person only, at the Webster Senior Center from 8:00AM-12:00PM.**
- **On Thursday April 14th the workshop will be held from 1PM-5PM virtual meeting only. Access to the internet and video are the only requirements to participate in this live virtual event.**

The Workshop will help Webster identify and prioritize steps to reduce risk and improve resilience across our community as the Town seeks Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness designation from the Commonwealth. The Workshop, supported by a recent grant award from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, will advance community resilience planning and hazard mitigation efforts.

The objectives of the Workshop are as follows:

- Hear from stakeholders like you who can help evaluate the strengths and vulnerabilities of our community's residents, infrastructure, and natural resources.
- Understand connections between natural hazards and local planning/mitigation efforts.
- Develop and prioritize resilient actions for the municipality, local organizations, institutions businesses, private citizens, neighborhoods, and community groups.
- Identify immediate opportunities to advance actions that reduce the impact of hazards and increase resilience in our community.

Please RSVP for either the April 13th in person workshop or the April 14th remote workshop to [Alex Ziter](mailto:Alex.Ziter@tighebond.com) aziter@tighebond.com.

I hope you or a designee can join me at this important Workshop. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Richard LaFond
Town Administrator