



To: Boards of Selectmen and Emergency Managers
From: Jo-Ann Taylor, Coastal Planner *Jo-Ann Taylor*
Date: March 21, 2012
Re: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning award

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Martha's Vineyard Commission's request for federal funds for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning was successful. The Commission has been awarded \$78,750.00 in planning funds. This award is due, in great measure, to the support of the Selectmen and Emergency Managers.

The award will be used to update the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans for the Martha's Vineyard towns and Gosnold. Communities with up-to-date Hazard Mitigation Plans are eligible to apply for implementation grants for mitigation structures and other measures. The Commission has committed \$26,250 in staff support to provide the 25% local match for the grant. No separate town funds will be solicited.

The Commission is committed to working with the communities on hazard planning as well as the larger puzzle of adaptation to climate change. Commission staff will soon enlist the participation of emergency managers, town boards and other partners in development and prioritization of mitigation measures.

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cc: Chris Murphy, Chairman, Martha's Vineyard Commission