



Town of Barrington, RI

Ready and Resilient Barrington Climate Action Plan

Project Summary

KLA partnered with the Town of Barrington to develop the **Ready and Resilient Barrington** Climate Action Plan, which incorporates a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, assessment of vulnerability to climate hazards, community engagement, and strategic capacity building. As a coastal community, this project involved developing high-impact adaptation strategies to address flooding and sea level rise while engaging coastal homeowners to understand local climate risks. The **Ready and Resilient Barrington** Plan was the recipient of the 2025 American Planning Association Rhode Island Planning for Resilience and Sustainability Award.

Timeline: February 2024 - October 2024

Project Highlight

As part of the comprehensive community engagement effort, KLA planned, attended, and facilitated conversations with community members at a local event, Comp-Plan-Palooza. With over 100 people in attendance, Comp-Plan-Palooza was the first-ever public event that offered residents a closer look at all the information that goes into planning processes. The goal was to receive community feedback on the Climate Action Plan as well as other plans the Town was working on all at one event. KLA designed a booth with innovative engagement activities for residents, presented on climate action in Barrington, and facilitated a focus group on climate hazards.

Comp-Plan Palooza



Activities & Outcomes

- Creation of a brand, website, and communication materials including [project overview factsheet](#)
- Development of a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for municipal operations and for the broader community
- Delivery of a GHG reduction pathways analysis to illustrate strategies with the highest potential for reducing emissions
- Design and execution of a robust, equitable engagement process, including GHG data analysis trainings, community surveys, focus groups, interviews, and community events
- Facilitation of three Advisory Group meetings of Town staff and community organizations to guide the planning process and incorporate local knowledge
- Identification of goals, strategies, actions, and metrics for the final [Ready and Resilient Barrington Climate Action Plan](#)
- Completion of interviews with Town staff and provided recommendations on staff and resource capacity needed to implement actions in the final plan

Project Overview Factsheet

