Jumpstart Adaptation Actions with Lessons from your NH Peers
1. Base actions on best available information

- Use outside expertise as needed to provide scientific and economic information.
  - Presentations from local experts

- Move forward with the best available information.
  - There is a lot of great information available for NH communities already

- Don’t get caught up in the climate debate.
2. Focus on immediate risks & impacts

• Focus on immediate and recognizable impacts to your community.
  – Flooding, warmer temperatures, failed infrastructure

• Understand local values.
  – Emergency preparedness, water quality, historic landmarks
3. Engage the right people

- Seek out people who manage community resources and make community decisions.
  - Planning boards, emergency managers

- Identify your local champions.

- Involve elected officials early.

- Look for leadership in unexpected places.
4. Start with an existing process

- **Tap into existing processes**
  - comprehensive plans, hazard mitigation plans, state and local policies.

- **Leverage limited capacity and resources.**
5. Use CAW as a resource

- Contact local NH experts.
- Access federal, state, and regional resources available to help your community.
- Learn more about science, data, and information available for NH.
- Follow the Crow’s Nest blog for news and announcements.
- [http://nh.stormsmart.org](http://nh.stormsmart.org)
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