Living with Water

A 3 CEU course for realtors in NH and ME

November 10, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth NH

Course Objectives

Part 1: To spark interest and care for the ecosystems that surround seacoast homes and provide practical resources on wetlands, shorelands and water quality that could be shared with clients.

Part 2: To provide information on tides, flood zones and insurance that can help clients assess risks, prepare for risks preemptively and mitigate damage after impacts

Agenda

9:00	Welcome & Introduction
9:20	The Coastal Landscape - *Lynn Vaccaro*
9:35	Shoreland and Wetland Rules - *Lynn Vaccaro & Lisa Wise*
10:00	Break
10:15	Site Visit: Flood Mitigation at Strawbery Banke - *Rodney Rowland*
10:45	Tides, Water Levels and Flooding - *Lisa Wise*
11:05	Determining Flood Risks and Flood Resiliency - *Jennifer Gilbert*
11:50	Wrap-up Discussion
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Resources: All course references, links and slides are available at: www.nhcaw.org/living-with-water-resources-for-realtors/

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Course Sponsors: Portsmouth Atlantic Insurance, Samonas Realty, Simple Title Closing and Escrow, Great Bay Stewards, and the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup

Course Development Team and Areas of Expertise

Jennifer Gilbert DES Coastal Program jennifer.r.gilbert@des.nh.gov	• Floodplain management (floodplain mapping and regulations, flood insurance and flood hazard mitigation) • Coastal flood risks and community flood resilience
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Abigail Lyon * Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership abigail.lyon@unh.edu	• Assessing and communicating about the overall health of our estuaries and rivers • Local environmental regulations, water quality and stormwater management • Supporting sustainable planning and climate resilience in our communities
Talia Sperduto Samonas Realty taliasperduto@gmail.com	• Coastal and historic home sales • Historic home renovation • Sustainability and climate resilience
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** Abigail will not be present for the 2026 course.*