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Coastal Resiliency Training Workshop to Focus on Northwest Michigan Region

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – Changes to lake levels and the climate are forcing coastal communities in Michigan to reevaluate how they manage land use, new development, and infrastructure. A training coming to Traverse City aims to equip local leaders to respond.

The half-day “Coastal Resiliency” workshop will be held Tuesday, October 16 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Conference Center at the Traverse City Michigan Works building, 1209 S. Garfield Ave. The first half of the workshop will provide a broad overview of coastal dynamics, resilience planning, and how changes in climate are impacting local communities. The second half of the workshop will be more technical, providing an overview of scenario-based planning tools and how planners and local officials can use data to inform local planning.

This no-cost workshop will teach local planners, planning commissioners, elected officials, municipal staff, and interested citizens in the 10 counties of northwest Lower Michigan how to address these dynamic challenges and build greater resiliency in their communities. The workshop will include featured presentations from:

- Harry Burkholder, Executive Director, LIAA
- Dr. Guy Meadows, Director, Great Lakes Research Center, Michigan Technological University
- Dr. Richard Norton, Professor, University of Michigan

Additional topics will include:

- Resilience planning at work
- How to use scenario planning and climate futures
- Understanding and gathering coastal data
- Mapping high-risk areas and management options
- How to conduct vulnerability assessments

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There is no cost to attend the workshop, but pre-registration is encouraged by visiting www.resilientmichigan.org/workshops. The workshop is funded in part by the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program, Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Great Lakes, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, with support by Networks Northwest. Food and light refreshments will be provided.

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