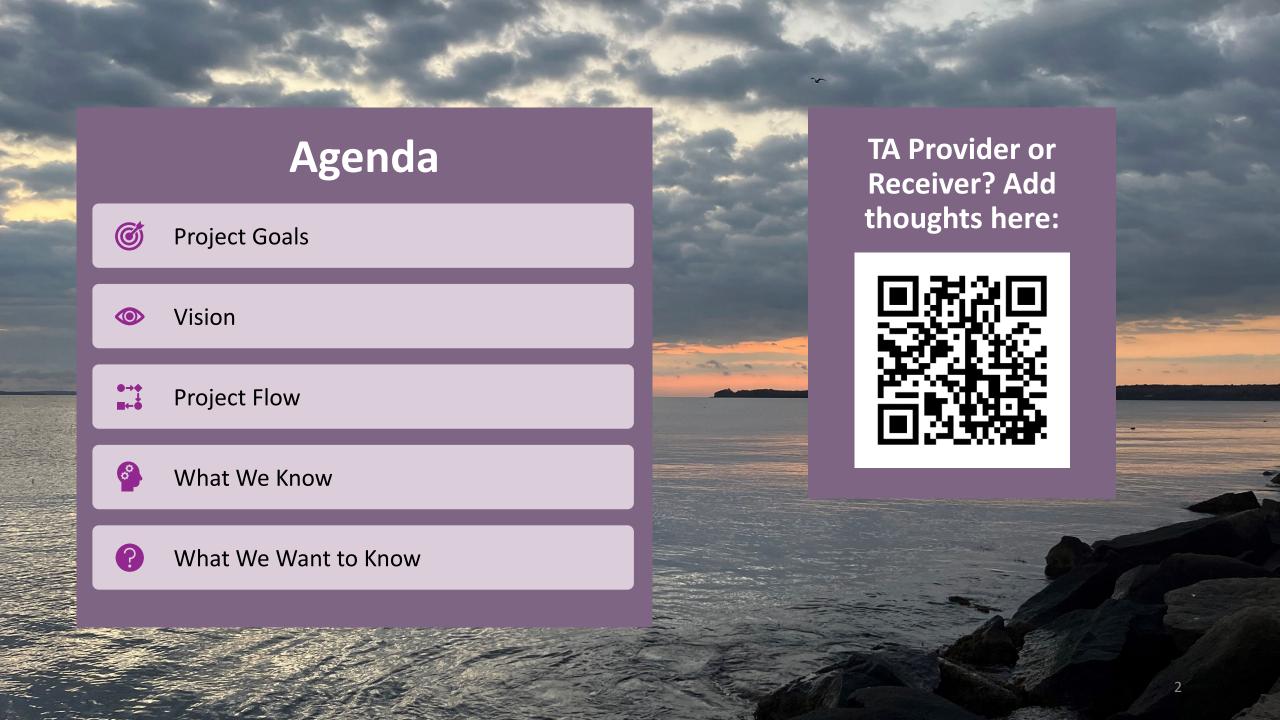


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Fellowship Project Goal(s)



Increase climate resilience to flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge in coastal communities



State and regional service providers participate in train-the-trainer workshops



Enhance interorganizational collaboration and networking on projects



Develop TA materials for continued use

Vision: Incorporating Best Practices into a State TA Program

Proactive	Be involved early, before communities invest time, resources, and \$
Project Advising	Develop holistic project team and advisors at municipal, regional, and state level
Visioning	Increase education and awareness of potential project pathways for implementation of best management practices
Co-benefits	Explore solutions and outcomes comprehensively to develop project co-benefits
Collaboration	Identify shared geography and values between organizations and communities to increase networking and collaboration across the region
Communication	Communicate early and often between stakeholders and project partners
Respect	Go through, rather than around, service providers' relationships

Project Flow

Background

- Positionality
- Resource maps
- Capacity characterization
- Listening

Deep Learning

- TA providers focus groups
- Community focus groups
- Networking

Program Design

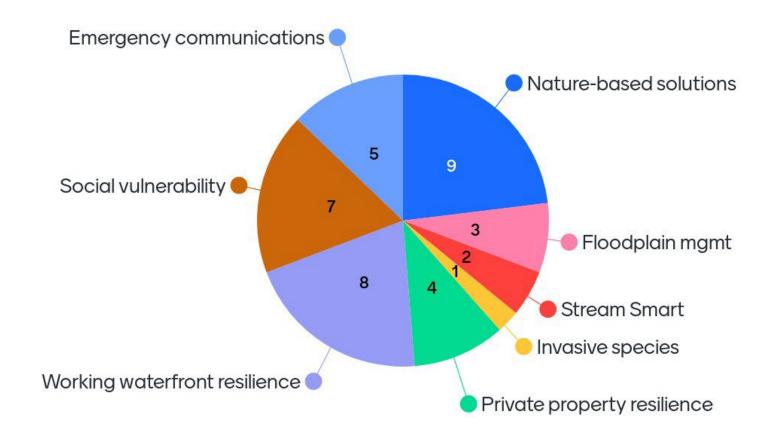
- TA format
- Subject matter
- Relationship building

Program Pilot

- 10 small capacity communities in Midcoast Maine
- Volunteer committees, town managers, harbormasters

What We know

- High touch relationships with TA/service providers
- Reliance on volunteer committees to move resilience projects
- Some barriers to moving resilience projects
- Some gaps in TA topics and resources:



What We Want to Know

- Who do communities perceive as their TA/service providers?
- Do communities know the network of agencies and resources available to them for TA?
- How are communities using resources after participation in training or webinars? If at all?











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