Rising Tides, Safe Roads, Working Waterfronts

Planning now saves time and money later

Roads That Connect Us

St. George is a great place to live, work, raise a family, retire, and visit. We are a strong community that values our way of life. Safe, passable roads are vitally important here. Whether to get our kids to school, go to work, visit friends, or take a scenic drive, our roads tie us together and connect us to the wider world.

Right now, some of our roads flood during storms and high tides. Because of sea level rise, other roads are predicted to flood in the future. To address this important issue, the Town of St. George is undertaking a unique project with Sebago Technics, Inc., funded by a grant from the state, that uses new technology to show expected flooding, and explore options for adapting to rising water levels. Planning what to do now will save valuable time and money later.



Flooding at Factory Road, Port Clyde

A Heritage that Sustains Us

Since fishing is a key part of this community, St. George is also partnering with Midcoast Council of Governments to provide information about the economic and social value of our working waterfronts. Funded through Maine's Coastal Communities Program, the project will look at how rising tides impact our working waterfronts, and help develop strategies for investing in the future.



Working waterfront in Tenants Harbor

Study Sites

- Site 1 Harrington Cove Road
- Site 2 Scraggle Point Road
- Site 3 Rackliff Island Causeway
- Site 4 Turkey Cove Road
- Site 5 Drift Inn Road
- Site 6 Co-op Road
- Site 7 Marshall Point Lighthouse Access
- Site 8 Factory Road
- Site 9 Horse Point Road
- Site 10 Allen Island
- Working Waterfront sites based on community input

Project Timeline

Setting Up Begin community engagement Gather economic and demographic data on working waterfronts

Focusing on vulnerable roads

- > Survey vulnerable roads & historic sites
- Create 3-D digital models and begin analysis
- Design options to eliminate flooding

Winter

Spring

Summer

Focusing on working waterfronts

- Show economic benefits of working waterfronts
- Map impacts of sea level rise
- > Discuss challenges, strategies and solutions

Sharing results

- Prepare reports for community review
- Host events to share "lessons learned" with others

Your Help is Needed!

Do you live near one of the study sites? Are you involved in local fishing, aquaculture or an affiliated business? Are you simply concerned? Then be part of the project's interest group. We need your knowledge, ideas and feedback!

Please come to a round-table discussion on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 at the Town **Office.** Refreshments will be served.

Or contact t.elwell@stgeorgemaine.com by 3pm on 2/28 to participate via Zoom.

Questions?

Contact Van Thompson, Select Board Member at v.thompson@stgeorgemaine.org or (207) 372-8000









Marshall Point Lighthouse