

**Appropriations Statement of Support for the Community Resilience Partnership Program**  
**7 June, 2023**

I wish to write in support of the increase in the state's investment to \$3 million a year for the state's Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRP). The CRP has provided grants and technical support to all 9 towns of the Blue Hill Peninsula covering town identified needs for climate resilience planning and emissions reductions planning.

In Blue Hill, where I sit on the town's Climate Resilience Committee, we have benefited dramatically from the technical assistance of a state supported service provider who helped us with:

- a) signing up to join the Community Resilience Partnership
- b) a successful \$1M grant from the state Infrastructure Adaptation Fund that was eligible for a lower local match
- c) a \$175,000 Community Action Grant for a three town climate Vulnerability Assessment study with Surry and Brooksville

This support has been crucial in helping us plan for and start raising financing for our wastewater treatment plant which serves a whole set of community lifelines required by not only the town of Blue Hill but all 9 towns on the peninsula including the regional hospital, two grocery stores, 4 schools, 2 hardware stores, a community laundry and a significant number of businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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