
Interactive Summit Builds Coast-Smart Communities in Maryland

In April 2009, more than 170 Maryland leaders—including mayors, county commissions, environmentalists, business leaders, and state officials—met in Annapolis for an interactive summit about community-level responses to climate risks that threaten the state’s coast. Led by CBI, the MIT-USGS Science Impact Collaborative, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the summit centered around an innovative negotiation simulation that demonstrated the challenges and policy options coastal communities face.



How will your coastal community adapt to rising seas, increased storm surge and diminishing fresh-water resources? This half-day role play helps begin that discussion at a local level. It’s fun, engaging and quickly introduces people to the challenges coastal communities face and main options for addressing them. Local government authorities, planning departments, chambers of commerce, civic groups and residents associations all could host this game in their communities.

To download the game, watch video footage of the event, and learn more about **bringing a Coast-Smart workshop to your community**, visit <http://maryland.coastsmart.org> or contact CBI Senior Associate [David Plumb](#).

