



MVP+ BILL

An Act to incentivize the adoption of local climate resilience policies

Sponsored by Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem ([S.599](#))

Climate change isn't coming—it's here. Across our state, cities and towns must protect residents from hazards of increased precipitation, drought, extreme heat, and severe storms. The popular Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program provides support for cities and towns to do just that—with grants to identify climate hazards, assess vulnerabilities, and implement action plans for climate resilience.

However, demand dramatically outweighs supply and further actions are needed. With over 93% of cities + towns enrolled as MVP communities currently, competing for limited funds for discrete projects, climate adaptation is impossible at the speed and scale necessary to prepare our communities for what is coming.

OVER 93% OF MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPALITIES rely on the current MVP program to support climate resilience planning + projects.

TO BECOME AN MVP+ COMMUNITY...



Complete community-led resilience-building processes and vulnerability assessments



Adopt a specialized stretch resilience code for building and residential, developed by Massachusetts Office of Energy + Environmental Affairs (EEA)

CHOOSE 4 ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

Implement stormwater utility, create climate resilience hubs, adopt a green infrastructure policy, create floodplain overlay, adopt tree-ordinance or bylaw, or pass an ordinance to use updated precipitation data in planning

This bill creates an additional category of MVP+ communities— which commit to the same measures as MVP communities, while also taking additional bold actions; completing community-led resilience-planning, incorporating climate resilience into building and residential codes, and more. The bill also **establishes an MVP Trust Fund** to increase program capacity—supported by bond monies + other sources, like the MVP Coalition's advocacy goal of \$100 million/year.

The MVP+ program incentivizes cities and towns to adopt local policies that can boost resilience while also recognizing communities have different needs—allowing each to choose from a suite of proactive measures that fit the particular concerns of their citizens.

FROM COMMON-SENSE FLOOD MITIGATION STRATEGIES TO GREENER BUILDING CODES, the MVP+ bill ensures our state is prepared for whatever climate change throws at us.