



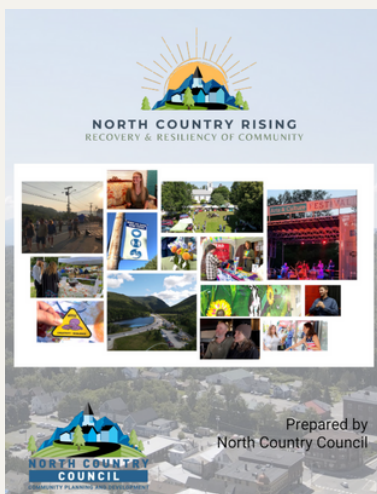
# Official Press Release

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## North Country Climate Resiliency Hub Released

In collaboration with regional and state environmental, energy and climate partners, North Country Council releases the [North Country Climate Resiliency Hub](#). The Climate Resiliency Hub is a collection of data, success stories, and resources compiled by the North Country Climate Collaborative to support and provide guidance on climate resiliency measures for individuals, businesses, and communities in the region. The formation of the North Country Climate Collaborative and the creation of the North Country Climate Resiliency Hub are the results of a four-year economic and community resiliency planning effort led by North Country Council.



In 2020, North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District received support through the Economic Development Administration and the CARES Act to work with businesses and organizations in the region on COVID-19 recovery and resiliency efforts. The Vision was to develop strategies and solutions for a more resilient, inclusive and caring economy that can withstand, adapt, innovate, and transform in the face of natural and human disasters. The Council hosted several series of focus group sessions

within industries, conducted key informant interviews with regional leadership and those most impacted by the pandemic, and convened community conversations at events happening around the region. The result of this planning process was the compilation of success stories, challenges and ideas for economic and community recovery and resiliency called [North Country Rising](#).

Seven common themes emerged from the North Country Rising Plan and the region was prepared to begin work in two of these theme areas: Collaboration & Collective Impact and Culture, Climate and Quality of Life. In 2022, North Country Council

received a second grant through the Economic Development Administration to:

- Create, facilitate and provide support for Collective Impact Collaboration in our region.
- Broaden the scope of economic and community resiliency through climate mitigation, adaption efforts, and new environmentally-sustainable business development as a foundation to build a regenerative economy for the North Collaborative.

Through this work, North Country Council helped facilitate the creation of three Collective Impact Collaboratives: The North Country Food and Agriculture Council, The North Country Arts Collaborative, and the North Country Climate Collaborative.

The North Country Climate Collaborative is a grassroots partnership between North Country Council and partners working within the natural environment, energy and climate. Those partners include The Appalachian Mountain Club, The Mountain Washington Observatory, The US Forest Service, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, SkiNH, White Mountain Attractions, NH Fish & Fame, Clean Energy NH, WMSI, and the Northern Forest Center just to name a few. The collaborative began meeting in 2023 to discuss what they could do collectively to build awareness of climate changing impacts to the region and economy, and promote climate resiliency action at the individual/residential, commercial and community level. The project that emerged was the development of the North Country Climate Resiliency Hub, a place that links people to:

- The best success stories on climate resilience that have emerged from the region and state.
- Data points and reports generated from partner organizations and other statewide and national organizations.
- Resources for engaging in climate action at the individual/residential, commercial, and community level.
- Suggestions for taking action.

The creation of the North Country Climate Resiliency Hub was a collaborative effort with each organization providing stories, reports and resources from their work or the work of their partners and colleagues. Please share this tool with your network, family, and friends and let's work together to build climate resiliency in the North Country.