



## Press Release

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### **Business and Environmental Advocates Partner for "Coastal Resilience," Co-host National Training**

On April 12, the Concerned Citizens of Montauk and the Montauk Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a Coastal Community Resilience Training Course. This nationally renowned program will be conducted by the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Space for the conference has been generously donated by Gurney's Inn.

This course will help Suffolk communities plan for and take action to mitigate the risks from coastal hazards, increase the pace of recovery from destructive events and adapt to changing environments. The goal is to increase awareness of meaningful actions that can be taken to enhance community resilience to natural hazards and incorporate them into professional practices. More than 20 federal, state and local agencies and organizations are slated to attend.

"When the Montauk Chamber of Commerce was approached by CCOM to partner with them along with Gurney's Inn in sponsoring this training, it was a no brainer for us," said Laraine Creegan, Executive Director of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. "This specific training can only enhance the ability of our local officials and ultimately benefit the entire community."

"Planning and training minimize impacts to both built and natural resources," said Jeremy Samuelson, Executive Director of the environmental non-profit Concerned Citizens of Montauk. "CCOM is happy to partner with the Montauk Chamber of Commerce and Gurney's Inn, bringing this training to the agencies and officials who can make a difference."

"Gurney's Inn is proud to support this vital and timely FEMA training seminar for Montauk. I am a firm believer in the 5P principle: proper planning prevents poor performance," said Paul Monte, General Manager and CEO of Gurney's Inn. "In times of emergency and natural disaster, Montauk cannot afford to perform poorly. Our residents deserve the best training and planning available and that is why this seminar is so important to our entire community."

In addition to the invited professionals and agencies, there is limited seating available for interested members of the public. To learn more about this course visit <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training> and click on the link "April 12<sup>th</sup> Coastal Community Resilience." For more information about registering or to coordinate press attendance please contact:

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