WHAT IS AT RISK?
The Alewife Neighborhood houses some of the most vulnerable populations in the City that are at risk of flooding and extreme heat.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Alewife businesses are most at risk of being impacted by projected flooding with economic consequences for Cambridge and the region.

BUSINESSES

Key neighborhood critical services are most at risk to extreme heat and flooding.

CRITICAL SERVICES

WHAT ACTIONS ARE ALREADY BEING TAKEN?

- City’s combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC)
- Meet Your Neighbor Day co-sponsored by the Cambridge Peace Commission for a Cambridge-specific approach to building connections and community
- Community engagement teams
- Cambridge Heat Emergency Response Guidance
- Extended pool hours during heat waves
- Metro Regional Preparedness Coalition (MRPC), a regional Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition (HMCC) operated by Cambridge Health Alliance
- Cambridge Community Response Network (CCRN)
- Cambridge Health Alliance Volunteer Health Advisors
- The Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program
- Citywide Senior Center serves as a cooling center
- Post-flood inspectional services and public health guidance after a flood: how to sanitize, food and goods to discard/keep
- Cambridge Climate Protection Action Committee (CPAC)
- MAPC/City small business continuity toolkit by the Community Development Department with measures and resources for preparedness to extreme events
- Continuity of operations after a flood for laboratories
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Food Protection Program (FPP) Emergency Action Plan for Retail Food Establishments Continuity

WHAT ARE OTHER CITIES DOING?

Evacuteer Program - New Orleans, Louisiana
The City of New Orleans contracted with a local non-profit: Evacuteer, which recruits, trains, and manages evacuation volunteers who assist New Orleans’ emergency response services.

Education Program PREP - City of Portland, Oregon
The City of Portland, Oregon, has organized an ambitious and popular disaster preparedness and climate resiliency education program called Planning for Resilience and Emergency Preparedness (PREP).

Community Resiliency Centers - Berkeley, California
Network of Community Resiliency Centers where city staff work with local institutional leaders to identify vulnerable populations. These teams carry out resiliency research, education, and programming and pre-position emergency equipment and supplies in anticipation of likely disaster events.
Strategies for Prepared Community range from public health approaches focusing on outreach and education to protection of critical facilities. They are to ensure accessibility and continuity of key services in the event of flooding, storm surges, and heat waves.

**Which strategy is most important for your household (or work) in terms of resiliency?**

**Which strategy is most important for the Alewife Neighborhood in terms of resiliency?**

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### TIMELINE

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