Application for the 2019 Climate-adaptive Design studio

Do you want help envision a thriving, resilient future for your waterfront?

Apply to the Climate-adaptive Design studio!

Fall studio: August - December 2019
Pre-application webinar: Wed. June 12, 2019 @ 10:30am
Register: tinyurl.com/y4dxjfvv
Letter of interest deadline: 5pm, Friday, June 28, 2019
Questions? Call Libby Zemaitis at 845-256-3153

Background
The Climate-adaptive Design (CaD) studio is a collaboration between Cornell University Landscape Architecture Professor Josh Cerra and the NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program. The semester-long studio links students in landscape architecture with Hudson Riverfront communities to explore design alternatives for thriving, climate-resilient waterfront areas. Community stakeholders take part throughout the studio semester to help inform the design process and support practical results. For more info, visit tinyurl.com/CornellCaD and tinyurl.com/CSCvideoCaD

Intended community outcomes
- New conversations about opportunity and change on the waterfront
- Knowledgeable and inspired community members
- Shared ideas for how to access funding and resources to adapt the waterfront
- Increased awareness and capacity to apply resilient concepts and principles in projects, planning and decision making
- Alternative design concepts in-hand to enhance public awareness and support for adaptation and resiliency
A successful community applicant might have one or more of the following:

- Concern about the risks, challenges and opportunities on its waterfront
- New or changing development pressure on the waterfront
- Interest in walkable waterfront public spaces promoting boating, fishing, festivals, farmers markets or other activities, access and connectivity to a thriving downtown
- Interest in a resilient waterfront vision that could be incorporated into comprehensive plan, zoning and code updates and/or a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Social, economic and/or infrastructure vulnerabilities on its waterfront

How to apply

Please answer the questions below in a letter of interest (sample letter available at tinyurl.com/CAD2019LOI) from the municipal governing board, sent by 5pm on June 28, 2019 to libby.zemaitis@dec.ny.gov. All communities will be contacted by August. Finalists will be notified in July of next steps in the process. Municipalities must be located on the tidal Hudson River. Support from any major waterfront landowners (other than the municipality) can be documented in attached letters of support and are strongly encouraged. Letters of support from additional landowners should clearly express understanding that the CaD studio will address NYS projections of sea-level rise and flooding. These instructions are online at tinyurl.com/CornellCAD2019

1. Name of municipality

2. Has your municipality completed, or is it planning to complete, a vulnerability assessment, Community Resilience Building Workshop, Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP), or similar plans/studies for its waterfront area? If so, when were they created and last updated? If intended, what is its timeline for initiation and completion?

3. Why does your municipality want to participate in the CaD studio? Will the work contribute to local plans or policy under development or on the horizon (e.g., comprehensive plan, zoning updates, LWRP update, grant funded project, development interest)?

4. Please list names and board or committee affiliations of three or more people who can commit to working on and bringing other stakeholders into the project throughout the semester (August-December 2019).

5. Name of point person to contact about this application:

6. Email: 

7. Phone: