



**Request for Expression of Interest**  
**2023 Municipal Assistance Program**  
**Regional Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment**

**Question and Response**

**Question:** How would one proceed if a coastal vulnerability assessment has already been completed for a municipality in the region?

**Response:** The municipality is still eligible to be part of the region, as the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) update requires a climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment, which assesses the impacts of climate change beyond flooding (e.g., extreme heat, drought, and wildfire). Furthermore, the assessment calls for the inclusion of a build out analysis and impact to other master plan elements. These additional requirements can be expanded upon to comply with the MLUL beyond the coastal vulnerability assessment already completed.

**Question:** What is the best approach when submitting the letter: having each town provide maps, narratives and lead entity information or would it be easier to have a designated individual submit most of the information and have the towns just submit a letter of interest?

**Response:** A lead entity must be identified and agree to represent and coordinate with all other municipal partners, NJDEP, and the contractors to fulfill the goals and the intended use of the funding. To ensure this is achieved, it is expected that the lead entity will coordinate and submit the Request for Expression of Interest on behalf of the region and all participating local governments.

For a list of all required elements, please see the Request for Expression of Interest located on the [Resilient NJ website](#).

