



North Hempstead Residents Share Their Climate Stories





On January 26, 2022, The Town Board and North Hempstead Climate Smart Communities Task Force hosted a Climate Stories Workshop to examine what we care about most in our community, how it is threatened by Climate Change, and how we can contribute to a positive way forward.

Following that workshop, many residents continue to share their stories, which will be part of the North Hempstead Climate Action Plan.





Orie and Goodie Frutkin

We worry that our trees are threatened by Climate Change. People are afraid the stronger winds will take them down, so they are chopping them.

Climate Change makes us feel awful. We are really concerned and fearful of what we are seeing and are worried our children will be severely effected.

We are motivated to confront climate Change and work hard to drive less. We put a backpack on our backs and carry our vegetables home from the store.



Brady Bailly, 7th grade

I care about the Long Island Science museum, and I am concerned that Climate Change will harm it.

I get upset because when I look around, it seems in general the Earth is deteriorating.

I want to confront Climate Change. I am a member of my High School Environmental Club and we are talking to the school about implementing recycling.



Violet Straesser

I love Stannards Brook Park and I am concerned that pollutants and emissions will impact its plants and nature.

I am disappointed. There are so many easy things we can do and almost nobody seems to be doing them.

I want to confront Climate Change. I am going to stop using plastics and disposable things.



Raju Rajan

I am President of ReWild Long Island helping to build climate resilience by growing biodiversity.

I was angry when 100-year-old oaks were being removed.

To be part of the climate solution, we help people to put native plants and trees to welcome pollinators and build consciousness of sustainable landscaping.

See full climate story here: <https://youtu.be/ItEsNR5dx7c>



Brian Pavane

My home and street have been threatened by extreme flooding.

I am angry because people aren't taking climate change seriously enough

I want to confront Climate Change. I like the idea of my Town embarking on a Climate Action Plan.



Patricia Carbo & Rachel Fox

It upsets us when the trail next to Bar Beach is closed from downed trees after a big storm.

I am scared because the Earth seems to not be happy with what we are doing right now, and many people don't want to make a change.

I want to confront Climate Change. We do what we can. We only drive one car and walk as much as we can. We use reusable bags, compost, recycle and watch our carbon footprint.



NYS Assembly Member Gina Sillitti

I feel blessed to live in the beautiful seaside village of Manorhaven, but it is constantly under the threat of flooding. I still have PTSD from Hurricane Ida.

I feel angry because people are still not taking it seriously.

I want to confront Climate Change. In my personal life I do my part with things like composting. In Albany I am always advocating for policies and funding that will help us mitigate and adapt to climate change.



Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte

I care deeply about this community. Wild weather events are causing properties on or near the water to flood, roadways to become impassable, and our residents to deal with costs of repairing or rebuilding. This takes a toll on our Town, and not just financially but also in terms of public health and overall well-being.

I feel sad, anxious, and frustrated. Growing up here, I grabbed my skates after school in the winter months and rushed to Mill Pond to go ice skating. That was a joy my own kids never got a chance to experience because Mill Pond no longer freezes.

I am motivated to confront climate change to protect my community. In my personal life I prioritize shopping local and reducing waste. As Councilwoman I am active on the Climate Smart Communities task force and am bringing bike share to our streets and oysters to our Bay. I hope these actions will foster a culture of environmental stewardship.



Dan Davidson, Roslyn Fire Department

We get more calls because there is an increase of storms with wind speeds greater than 35 MPH. This leads to more power outages, transformer fires, and wires down.

I feel worried for our kids.

I want to confront Climate Change and do what I can.



Jill Waser, NY State Department of Public Service

I care about air, water, trees, plants, and power going out from intense storms.

I am concerned for the well-being of our world.

I am motivated to confront climate change. I recycle, reduce waste, use green products and organic fertilizer. I am hoping my next car will be electric!



Rebecca Tabak, Roslyn

I am worried about the birds. With high temperatures they will have to migrate away from us.

Climate change makes me feel sad. I don't want our birds to change their home.

I am motivated to confront climate change. I turn off the lights, limit air conditioner use, and try to walk a lot with my family. I would love more walkways so I can walk to school.



Resident of East Hills

I am worried about everything. If it rains too much people overwater. It is often too hot to be outside. I see people chopping down trees. I am also concerned about big agriculture, overdevelopment, major storms and fires.

Climate change makes me feel terrible for our children and for minorities.

I am motivated to confront climate change. I would like to see more trees, solar panels on all the schools and libraries, charging stations, and roof gardens providing organic food.



AnneMarie Ansel, Port Washington

I am concerned that storms are getting worse. As a result of the most recent storm, Ida, my house was flooded, and I lost my car!

Climate change makes me worry. We need to take more action and fast.

I am motivated to confront climate change. I practice sustainable gardening with ReWild Long Island and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Shelter Rock. We plant pollinator-friendly natives, compost, practice water conservation techniques such as drip irrigation and harvesting rainwater and reduce waste.

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Charlie DeSiervo, Port Washington resident for 30 yrs.

I am worried about Manhasset Bay, groundwater, pollution and radical changing weather patterns.

Climate change is a disaster. I worry for my children and grandchildren- what kind of world will they live in?

I am motivated to confront climate change. I want to see a better world, a cleaner world, and a better Port Washington. I try and do my part. 90% of my plants are native, we grow our own vegetables and use a drip irrigation system.



Maria Socolof, Port Washington

I am concerned about Manhasset Bay and extreme storms.

Climate change makes me sad. As an environmental scientist it disturbs me.

Because I see climate change as a major problem I dedicated my career to it, and support initiatives that help us mitigate and adapt to climate change.



Michelle, Port Washington
resident for 30 yrs.

I see Sunset Park, a place I love, threatened by flooding.

Climate change makes me fearful. We are not being responsible. I don't think we are aware of the damage we are doing.

I am motivated to confront climate change. I strive to reduce waste and conserve water.



*To add your story, fill out the
North Hempstead Climate Story Form at
*NorthHempsteadNY.gov/Climate Action**

