

WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF AQUINNAH: TRIBAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN

COMMUNITY: Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) [WTGHA]

FUNDER: Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Network

TIMELINE: Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022

DELIVERABLES:

- Tribal Climate Adaption Plan
- Climate Leadership Exchange, Season 2 of *"The Leadership Exchange Podcast"*
- Sustainable investment memo

Project Overview

Throwe Environmental worked with Tribal staff to finalize the [WTGHA's](#) Tribal Climate Adaption Plan. The plan identifies top climate hazards, prioritizes next steps for action, and paves the way for future funding and implementation. Throwe also coordinated an intertribal Climate Leadership Exchange, capturing the perspectives of several WTGHA community members in Season 2 of ["The Leadership Exchange Podcast."](#) The podcast covers important topics from sustenance to housing and economic development, all with a climate resilience lens.

Summary of Findings & Key Recommendations

Tribes and Nations face unique and disproportionate climate risks. Indigenous ways of life are inextricably tied to Native lands through sustenance, medicine, tradition, and culture. Broad community engagement and generations of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) position the WTGHA to act on their most acute climate focal areas (identified as natural resources, Tribal lands, housing, water resources, emergency management, social concerns, and community amenities). Unprecedented levels of federal funding, in combination with sustainable investment, offer short- and long-term opportunities for the WTGHA to address its top climate priorities, build partnerships around Tribal climate action, and continue enhancing the resilience of the Wampanoag community.

