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Town of Newfane Focus Group Details:

Date & Time: March 4 | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: TBD

Format: Informal discussion with UB students gathering local knowledge and perspectives

Interest Form: [Town of Newfane: Climate Vulnerability Assessment Focus Group – Interest Form](#)

About Climate Vulnerability Assessments

A climate vulnerability assessment is a process that helps a community understand how current and future climate hazards, such as flooding, extreme heat, drought, or severe storms, could affect its people, infrastructure, economy, and natural resources. It looks not only at what hazards are likely to occur, but also at which local assets and populations are most exposed, how sensitive they are to those impacts, and how well they can adapt.

Because climate change does not affect all neighborhoods, systems, or residents equally, community input is a critical part of the process. Local stakeholders bring firsthand knowledge of past events, existing challenges, and community priorities that data alone cannot capture. Their perspectives help identify overlooked vulnerabilities, highlight impacts on specific populations, and ensure that future planning reflects real-world conditions.

We're inviting community members to participate in a small focus group on **March 4 from 10:30 AM to 12 PM** in the Town of Newfane. The discussion will help inform a local climate vulnerability assessment being developed with University at Buffalo students.

This conversation is an opportunity to share local observations, concerns, and ideas about weather impacts, infrastructure, environmental changes, and community priorities. Your input will help

guide future planning and support opportunities for sustainability funding and resilience projects in the community.

If you're interested in participating and sharing your thoughts, even if you cannot attend in person on March 4, please complete the interest form here: [Town of Newfane: Climate Vulnerability Assessment Focus Group – Interest Form](#)

Feel free to share this invitation with others who may have helpful perspectives. We appreciate your time and input.

Thank you,

John Syracuse

John Syracuse, Town of Newfane Supervisor