



COSTEP MA

Coordinated Statewide
Emergency Preparedness

AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PARTNER FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES

Resilience Symposium for Cultural Institutions

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Headquarters
Framingham, Massachusetts

Program

10:00 am – 10:30 am: What's next for COSTEP MA?

Presenters:

Alejandra Dean | Assistant Digital Archivist, Massachusetts Archives
Evan Knight | Preservation Specialist, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

Welcome and discussion on next steps for COSTEP MA led by the co-chairs of the COSTEP MA Executive Committee, Alejandra Dean and Evan Knight.

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Climate Change and Resilience for Cultural Institutions

Presenters:

Ben Haavik | Team Leader of Property Care for Historic New England
Rodney Rowland | Director of Special Projects and Facilities, Strawbery Banke Museum
Matthew Siegal | Chair, Conservation and Collections Management, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

The physical impacts from climate change are rapidly causing museums, library/archive repositories, and historic properties to change how they care for their collections and facilities. Hear about some current projects and efforts in this area through a panel discussion led by Ben Haavik, Rodney Rowland, and Matthew Siegal.

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm: Lunch and Networking

Lunch sponsored by [Polygon Document Recovery Services](#)

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm: What to Expect in Community-Wide/Large Disasters

Presenters:

Benjamin Hiltunen | All Hazards Planner, MEMA
Virginia Hewitt | Director, Brooks Free Library
Lori Foley | Administrator, Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF), FEMA
Angela Campbell | Paper Conservator at the Historic Architecture, Conservation and Engineering Center (HACE), National Parks Service

Panel discussion led by Ben Hiltunen, with Virginia Hewitt, Lori Foley, and Angela Campbell. Responses to localized collections emergencies like water leaks are vastly different from those for community-wide disasters. Consider if your institution ever dealt with a major disaster – and what you might do if forced to evacuate the area for days or weeks? Learn tips from peers and emergency management professionals about what your institution can do before, during, and after a large disaster to be better prepared.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Closing remarks and discussion