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**TOMORROW: Waterfront Advocates, Scientists to Testify on Beacon Hill in Support of Nature-Based Approaches to Climate Adaptation Bill**

*Nature-based anti-flooding measures will be critical to protecting Boston Harbor*

**WHAT:** A panel of waterfront advocates, climate scientists, and policy leaders will testify at the Massachusetts State House tomorrow in support of [H.3581](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H3581) - *An Act promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation throughout the Commonwealth*, sponsored by Representative Dan Hunt.

The bill would allow for the streamlining of regulations to support nature-based research projects – enabling Massachusetts to test and scale up these efforts with the urgency climate change demands.

Nature-based approaches – such as engineered coastal marshes, living seawalls and offshore reefs – protect coastal communities by mimicking natural environments and contributing to ecosystems. An alternative to “gray” infrastructure like concrete walls or barriers, nature-based approaches will be critical to protecting Boston Harbor from extreme weather, flooding, and sea level rise in the coming years.

**WHO:** Alice Brown, Chief of Planning and Policy, Boston Harbor Now

Paul Kirshen, PhD, Professor of Climate Adaptation, School for the Environment at UMass Boston

Mike Travis, Vice President of Philanthropy, Boston Children’s Museum

**WHERE:** [JointCommittee on Environment and Natural Resources Hearing](https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4536)

Massachusetts State House, Room A-2 and online at the [link for the hearing](https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4536)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 17, 1 p.m.

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