

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN



THE PLAN

The Town of Plymouth Massachusetts has contracted SWCA Environmental Consultants to work in collaboration with regional land management agencies and non-profit organizations to develop the 2026 Town of Plymouth MA. Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update (CWPP).

A CWPP is designed to assist local land managers and property owners in mitigating wildfire risk by assessing areas at risk and recommending measures to decrease those risks. You (the public) can play a part in crafting fire mitigation recommendations to reduce risk in your community. Read below to find out more about the collaborative Community Wildfire Protection Plan process and public involvement.



WHAT DOES A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN DO?

- Identify areas at risk for wildland fire.
- Make recommendations for hazardous fuels treatments (vegetation thinning).
- Prioritize areas for wildfire mitigation funding.
- Make recommendations for homeowners to reduce fire risk
- Ask the public to share ideas about wildfire prevention and identify community values at risk.

COMMUNITY FACT

The 2026 Plymouth, MA CWPP marks a planning milestone as the first of its kind for the project area. This endeavor signifies a pivotal step towards safeguarding the regions communities and fostering resilience against the growing threat of wildfires

WHY YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED

This CWPP is designed to assist municipalities and landowners in promoting wildfire management strategies tailored to the northeast's unique communities and landscapes. It is important that this process is collaborative. Please scan the QR code to the right, or visit: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Bs1RA11E4c> to take a brief survey and give us your feedback on wildfire risk reduction in your community





ORIGIN OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

CWPPs came out of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003. This Act provided communities with the opportunity to influence how and where federal agencies implement fuel reduction projects on federal lands and how additional funds may be distributed for projects on non-federal lands. A CWPP is the means through which the public can provide their voices in fuels management plan and fire protection for their communities. This 2026 CWPP will identify fire hazards and community values at risk in the Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts and provide recommendations to reduce the risk of wildfire to life and property.

The main goals of a CWPP as described in HFRA (2003) are:

- Collaboration- must be developed by local & state government, consulting with federal agencies.
- Prioritized fuel reduction- must identify the most at risk areas for treatment of hazardous fuel and recommend actions to protect communities and infrastructure.
- Treatment of structural ignitability- must recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.
- Definition of a WUI- gives each Core Team of agency stakeholders the ability to define their wildland urban interface (WUI) area, where homes and structures come into contact with wildland fuels.
- Community risk analysis- using field based or geographic information system methodology, the Core Team assesses all hazards and risks associated with wildfire spread throughout the planning area.
- Discussion of fire fighting preparedness- to identify ways to enhance fire response.
- Community involvement- to ensure that the planning effort incorporates public input and grassroots level planning.

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