



COSTEP MA

Coordinated Statewide
Emergency Preparedness

AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PARTNER FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES

Preserving Our Cultural Heritage

COSTEP MA is offering Free Disaster Risk Assessment & Mitigation Training Opportunities

Emergency preparedness for cultural resources is one of the most important aspects of improving resilience for communities in the face of natural or man-made disasters.

COSTEP-MA (Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness in Massachusetts) is pleased to hold a series of **free** training workshops for caretakers of cultural resources, first responders, and others within the emergency management community. These workshops are designed to educate caretakers of cultural resources in how to identify risks, inform emergency responders of the special needs of historic properties, documents, and other at-risk materials and plan mitigation strategies.

Led by emergency response consultant Arthur Dutil, these training sessions will cover how to evaluate historic sites and collections for risk in a disaster, and how to improve preparedness, mitigation and resilience. Participants will learn how institutions can conduct risk assessments using Heritage Preservation's *Risk Evaluation and Planning Program (REPP)* tools to mitigate potential damage from various threats, actions to reduce the potential loss of cultural property, and how to improve communication and response for when (not if) the next disaster strikes.

These sessions will be held across Massachusetts over the next few months, to allow participants the opportunity to attend the session closest to them, but participants may choose any session they like. All four sessions will cover the same material – there is no need to register for more than one session. Again, these sessions are offered free of charge, and lunch will be provided. **Please see the list below to decide which session is best for you.** All sessions will run from 9AM to approximately 3PM. Please visit the website of the host institution for directions.

Please note, seating is limited to 35 participants per session: **pre-registration IS required.**

To RSVP for all sessions listed below, please follow this link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/rss/user_list_events/92507292701

Questions and comments may be sent to COSTEP-MA project coordinator Andrew Grilz at Agrilz.costep@gmail.com, or you may call 978-210-9045. We look forward to seeing you!

Session dates and locations:

Salem, MA: Wednesday April 16

The House of Seven Gables, 115 Derby Street, Salem MA

<http://www.7gables.org>

Harwich, MA: Thursday May 15

Harwich Community Center, 100 Oak Street, Harwich MA

<http://www.harwichcommunitycenter.org>

Northampton, MA: Wednesday June 12

Historic Northampton Museum & Education Center, 46 Bridge Street, Northampton, MA

<http://www.historic-northampton.org>

Worcester, MA: Wednesday June 25

Gordon Library, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA

<http://www.wpi.edu/academics/library/about.html>