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Launch of multi-site longitudinal project of the Coastal Communities Challenges - CURA: 10 communities participating in a research project on resilience to climate change.



Red Head Harbour, St Peter's Bay, Morell area community working with the CCC-CURA to improve its capacity in order to strengthen its resiliency to climate changes. (Photo: I.Novaczek)

The Community-University Research Alliance: Coastal communities' challenges in the Estuary and Gulf of St. Lawrence facing climatic change (CCC-CURA) launched its multi-site longitudinal project in partnership with ten communities spread over the territory.

This project innovates by trying to see if the way to adapt to change and coastal hazards (climatic, environmental, and political anthropogenic) varies between provinces and if it is based on distinct elements or similar. It is centered on communities that were affected after the storms of December 2010 and non-affected compared communities

Five communities in New Brunswick (Cocagne, Grande-Digue, Dundas, Shippagan, St Mary St Raphael), two communities of Prince Edward Island (Morell and Stratford) and three communities in Quebec (Sainte-Flavie, Maria and Bonaventure) will work over a period of four years with the CCC-CURA to strengthen their resilience to climate change and following the December 2010 storms. Other communities, including the North Shore, will also join the project.

"This project will document experiences of several communities on the resilience to climate change. It will also compare these results on a larger scale from the dimensions developed in consultation with stakeholders." said Steve Plante, Co-Director of the CCC-CURA.

Mrs Gagnon, Codirector of the CCC-CURA added that this type of approach can "weld the interests of stakeholders (community-population-university) in a process of co-construction and co-production of knowledge and support tools. It also allows a better understanding of some aspects of resilience in seeking to identify psychosocial indicators, social, economic, political, environmental, human and governance.

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