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A climate change vulnerability assessment is a process to identify how climate impacts such as increased temperatures, changes in rainfall and storm patterns, and sea-level rise will affect your community. As of February 2021, the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law requires a climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment as any part of any future master plan update. Conducting a vulnerability assessment prior to updating a Master Plan is an essential first step that a community can take to build resilience and ensure that additional growth will be designed to withstand future conditions.

A vulnerability assessment also provides the foundation for identifying innovative and comprehensive solutions to addressing existing and future climate impacts. Creating a climate change vulnerability assessment can be done using the self-assessment tool available in this toolkit, but additional spatial analysis will likely be necessary before identifying specific solutions to reduce risk from flooding, heat, or other hazards.

To learn more on how to create a climate change vulnerability assessment, click on the down arrow on the *Understand your Vulnerability* tab above.

