

Hotter! Wetter! Wilder!

Coastal & Watershed Resilience for Urban Centers

the impact on infrastructure and critical assets



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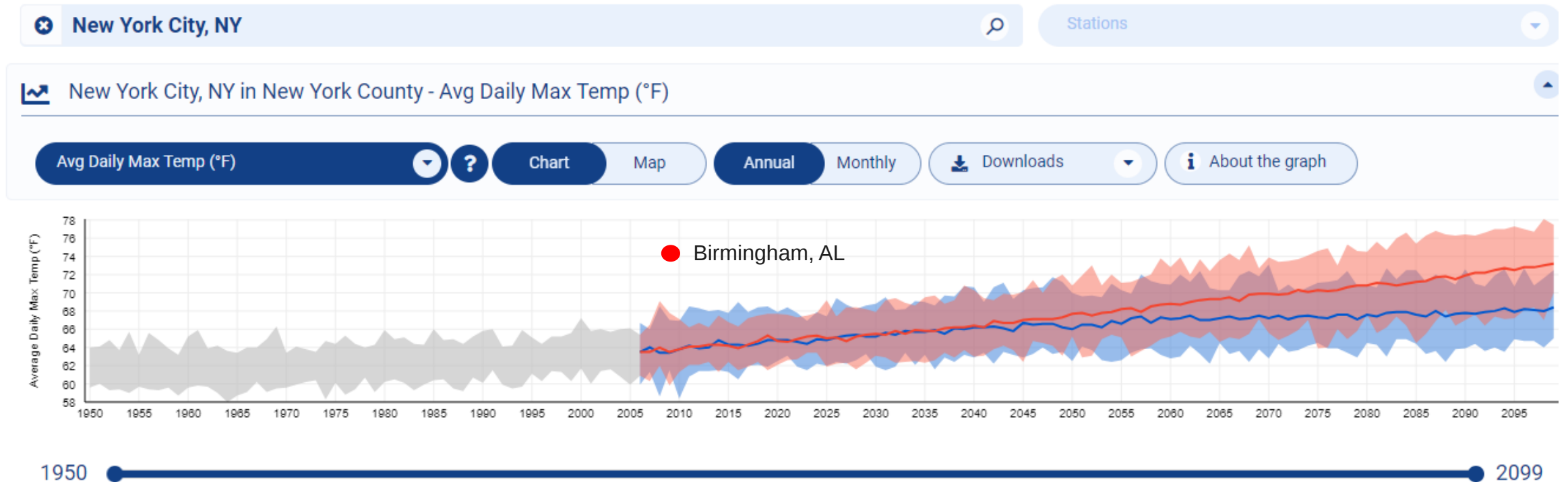
Winter Storm Grayson



Winter Storm Riley



Average temperatures are forecasted to steadily increase



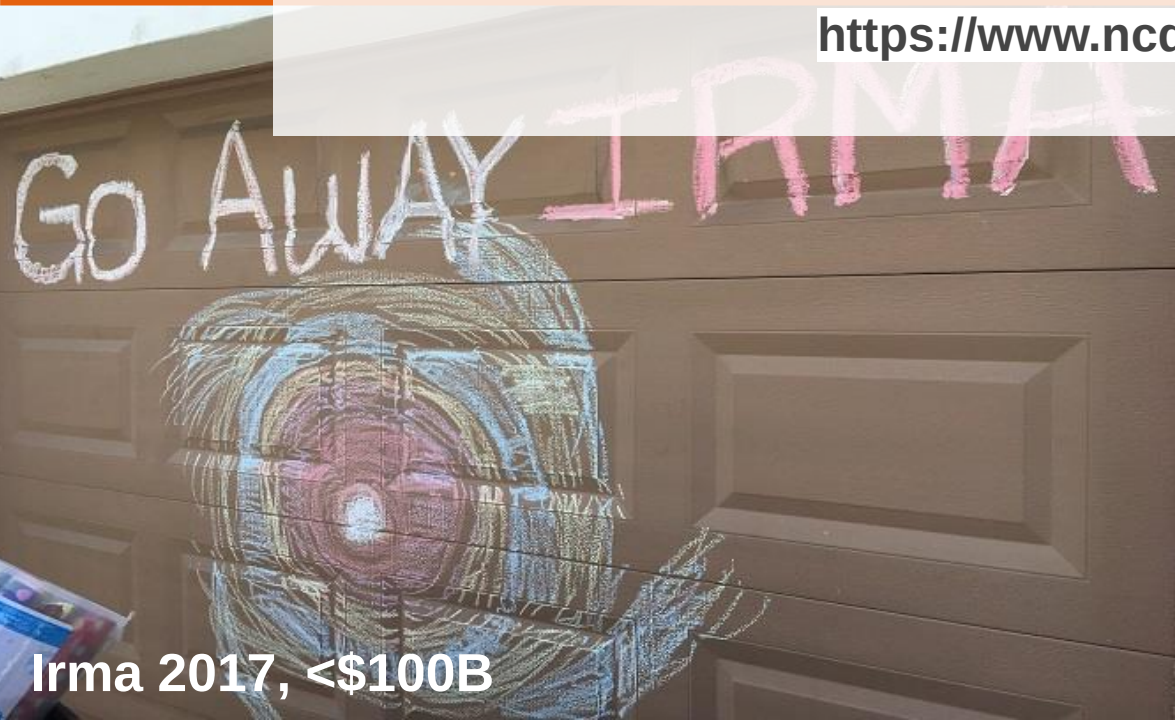
Source: The Climate Explorer

Katrina 2005, <\$250B

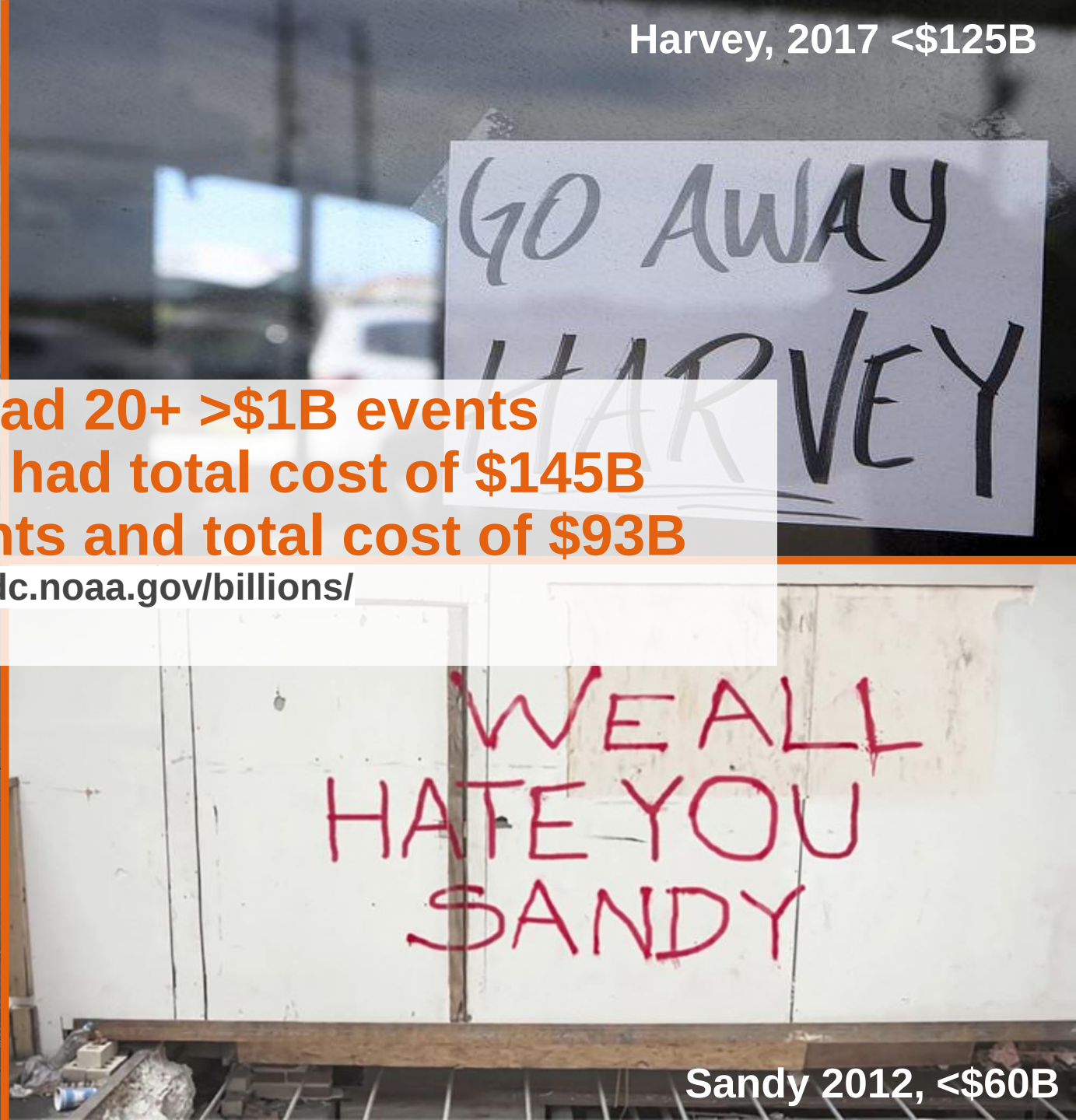
Harvey, 2017 <\$125B

The US in 2020 had 20+ >\$1B events
2021 weather events had total cost of \$145B
2023 had 28 >\$1b events and total cost of \$93B

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/>



Irma 2017, <\$100B



Sandy 2012, <\$60B



Agenda

1. Setting the Stage
2. Global Best Practices, Lessons Learned & Innovations in Flood Protection
2. US Case Studies: New York City, Houston, San Francisco

A Systems Approach to Water Management in the Netherlands



Urban & Coastal Climate Adaptation

Coastal Protection

Multifunctional urban resilience solutions combining shoreline extension and community resources

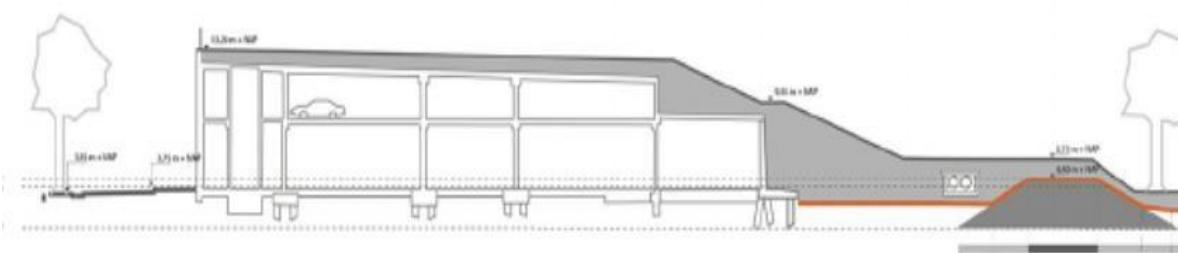


Image Credit City of Katwijk



Image Credit: City of Rotterdam

Dutch Storm Surge Barriers



Room for the River – Managed Overflow of River Floodplain

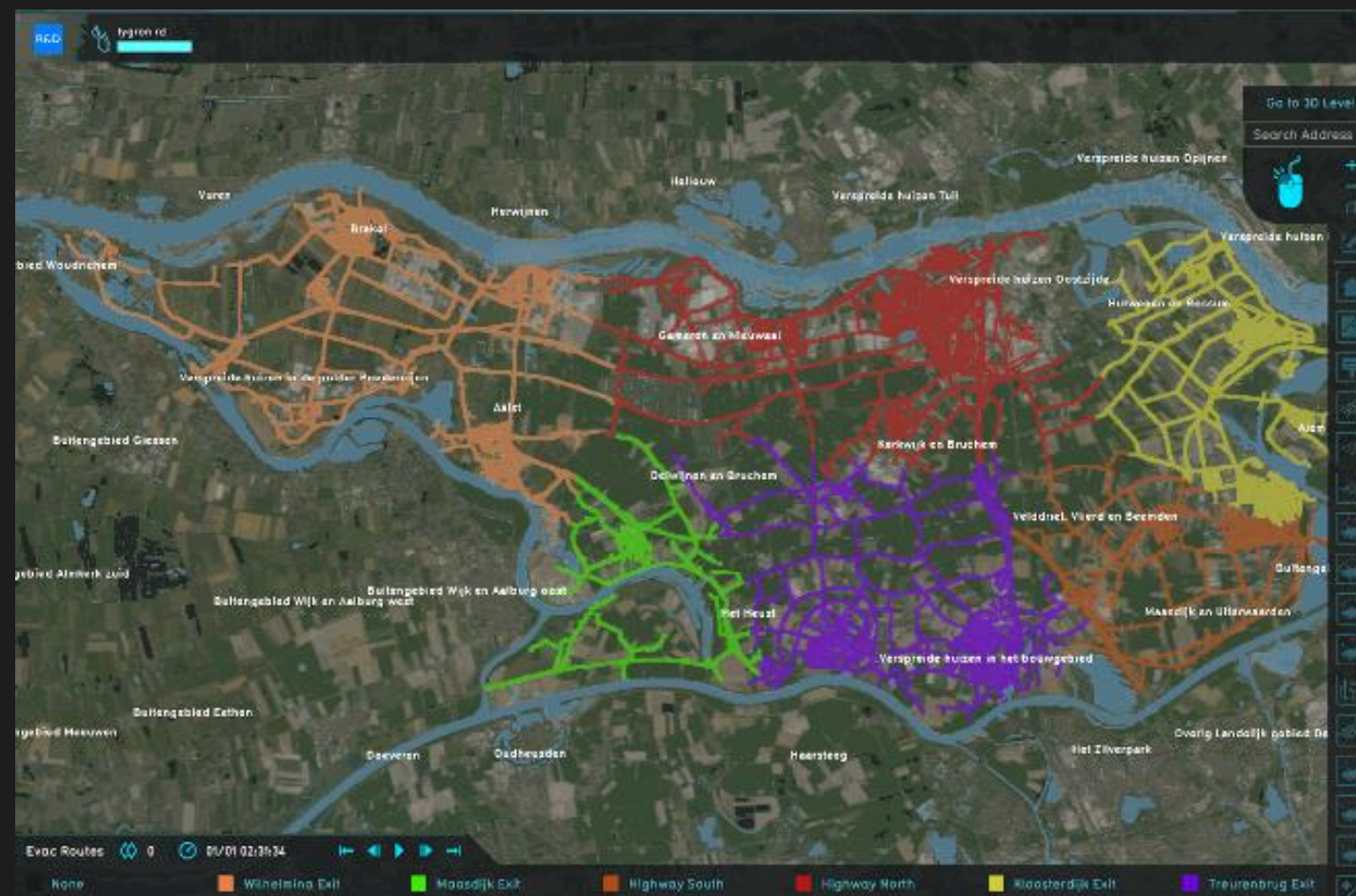


- National authority invested 350 million Euro's in a blue green bypass of the River Waal.
- Based upon reducing flood risk and to avoid future socio-economic losses.
- Nijmegen city used took this momentum to fullfill city's ambition; the river being in the center of its city.
- Investment: national taxes, based upon macroeconomics.

Advanced Analytics

The Tygron digital twin hydro-software can handle additional layers, such as those listed below. The video shows a demonstration of the road access functionality in the Netherlands.

- Damage and casualties
- Evacuation
 - Accessibility
 - Evacuation time
- Cascade effects during flood events
 - Road access
 - Electricity and communications



NEW YORK CITY

COASTAL AND URBAN CLIMATE ADAPTATION PERSPECTIVES







Depth of Inundation for
100 Year Event with 2050
90th Percentile SLR (feet)

0 - 2

2.1 - 4

4.1 - 6

6.1 - 8

8.1 - 10

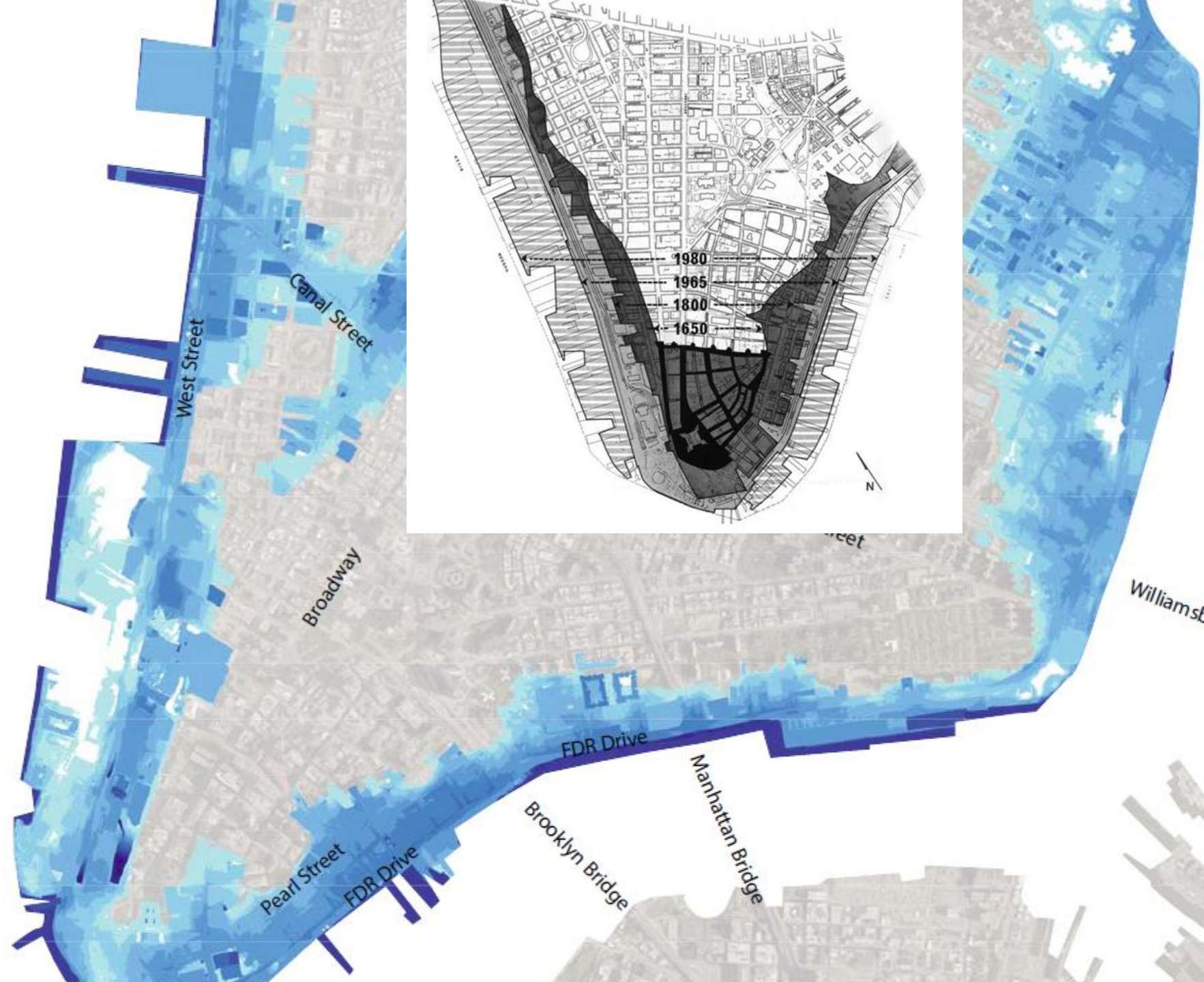
10.1 - 12

12.1 - 14

14.1 - 16

16.1 - 18

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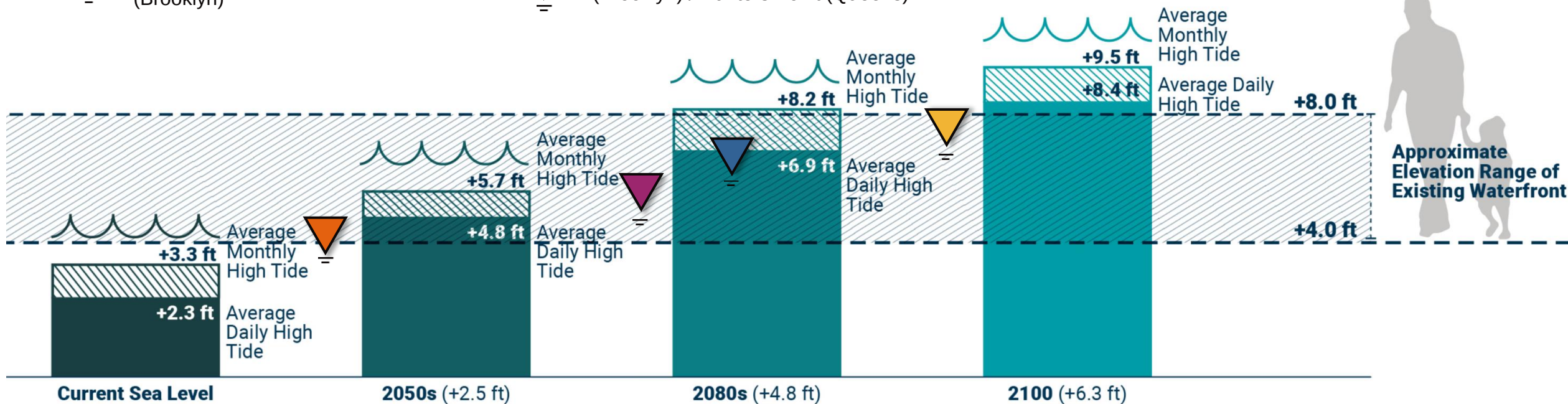


CAPACITY BUILDING GROUNDED IN SCIENCE

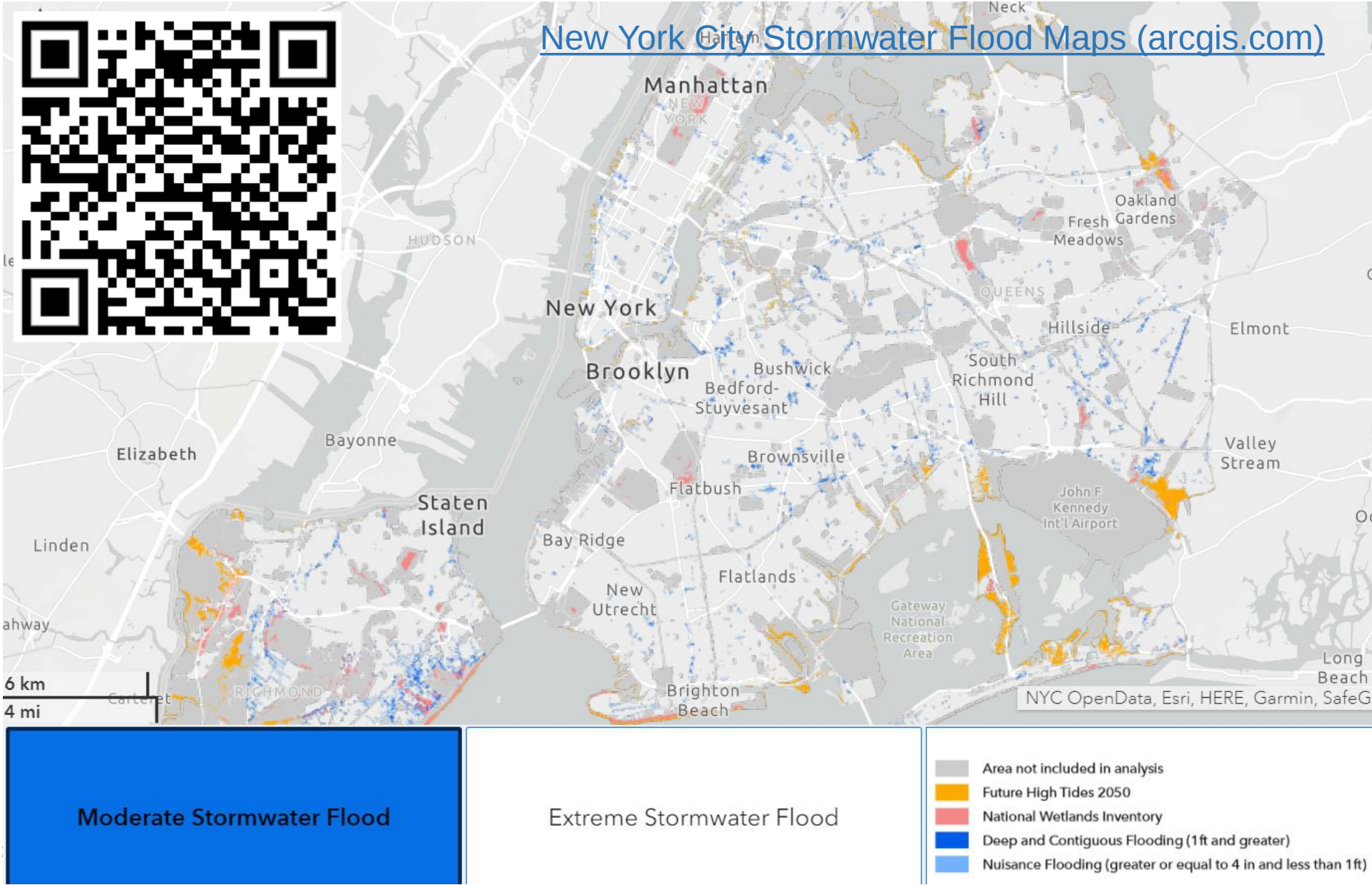
Understanding Current and Future Risk - Sea Level Rise & High Tides

High tide flooding is anticipated to cause up to four feet of flooding by 2100s, the same height as storm surge from Hurricane Sandy in this area.

-  Arverne & Edgemere (Rockaways) / Hamilton Beach (South Queens)
-  Brooklyn Navy Yard / Red Hook / Gowanus (Brooklyn) / Chelsea Waterfront (Manhattan) / New Dorp Beach (Staten Island) / Breezy Point (Queens)
-  Coney Island & Manhattan Beach (Brooklyn)
-  Hunts Point & Mott Haven (Bronx) / Sunset Park (Brooklyn) / Hunters Point (Queens)

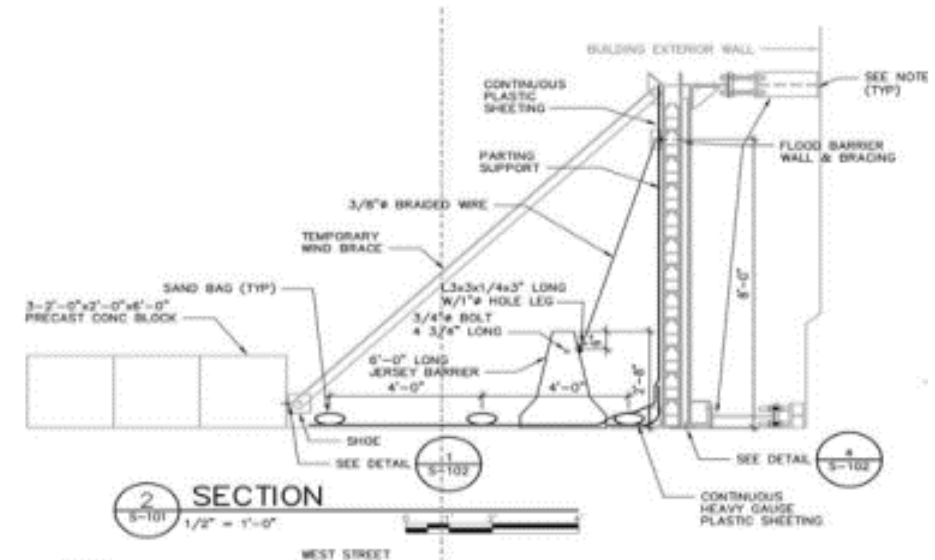


Extreme Precipitation



Protection of Critical Assets

Telecommunication Centers



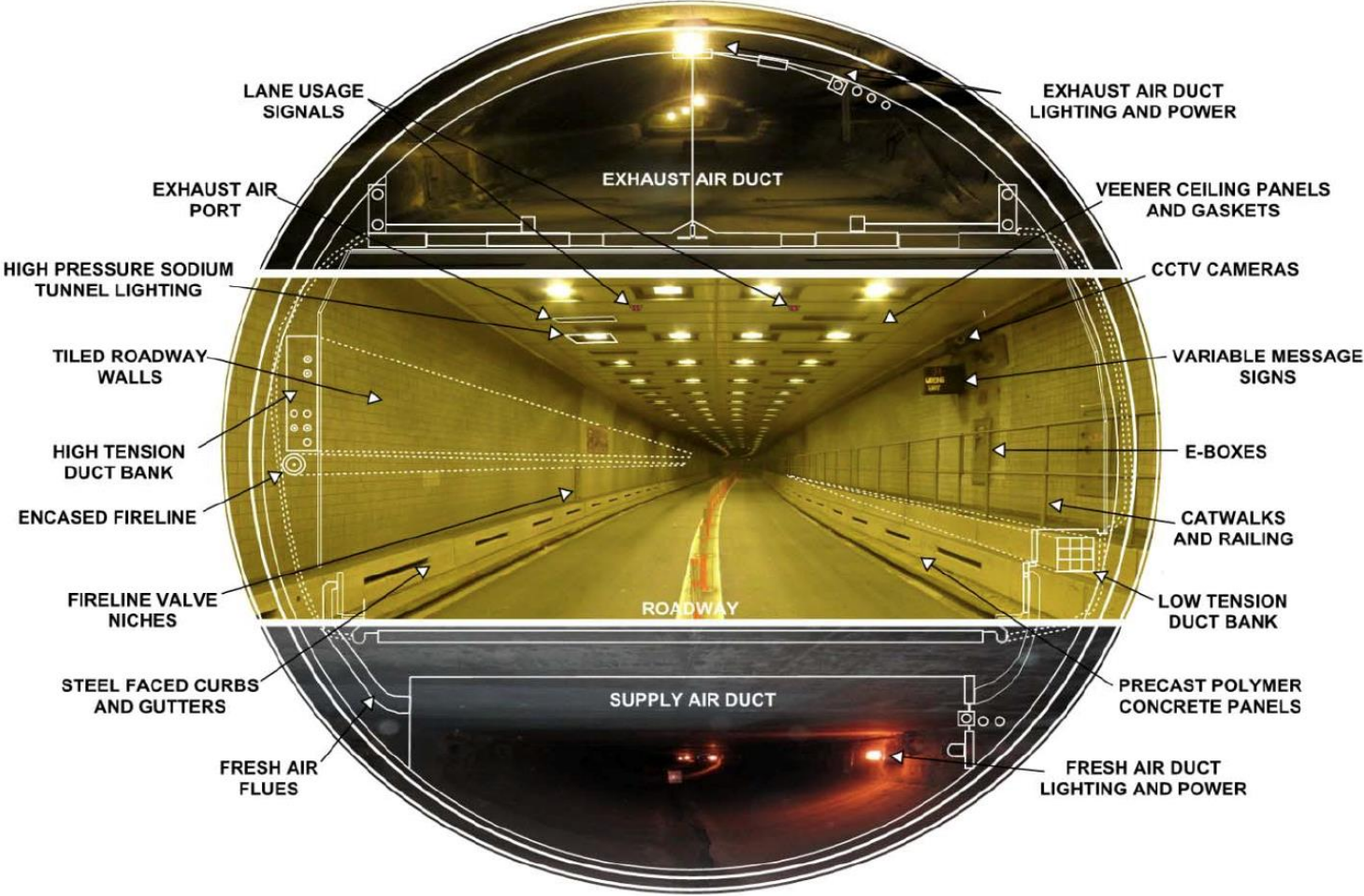
Full Perimeter Protection Of Landmark Buildings | Design, Permitting, Construction & Testing

Protecting Critical Connections

Brooklyn Battery Tunnel

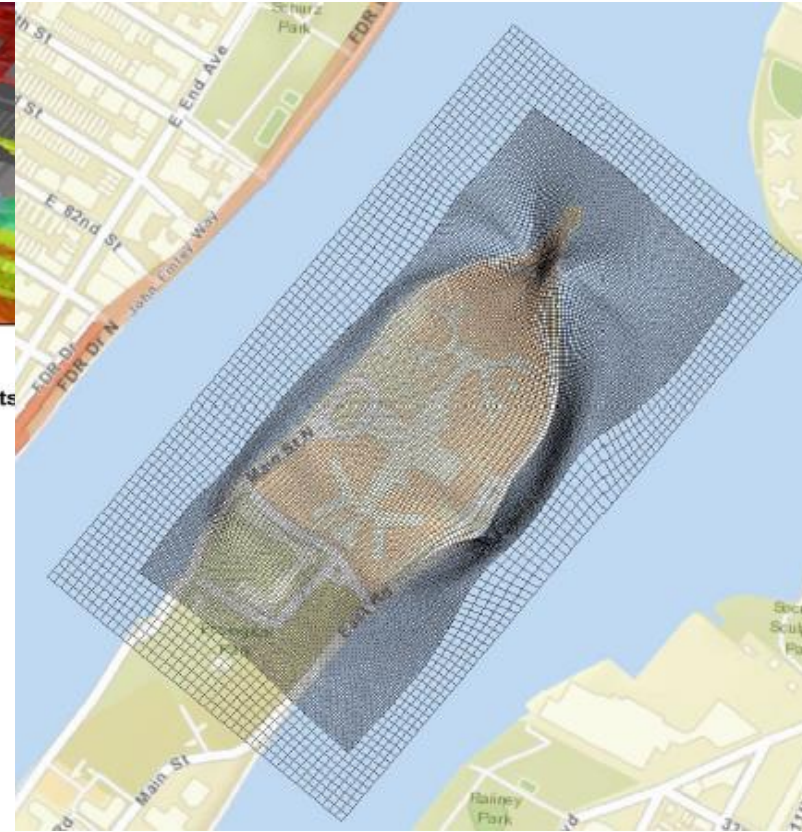
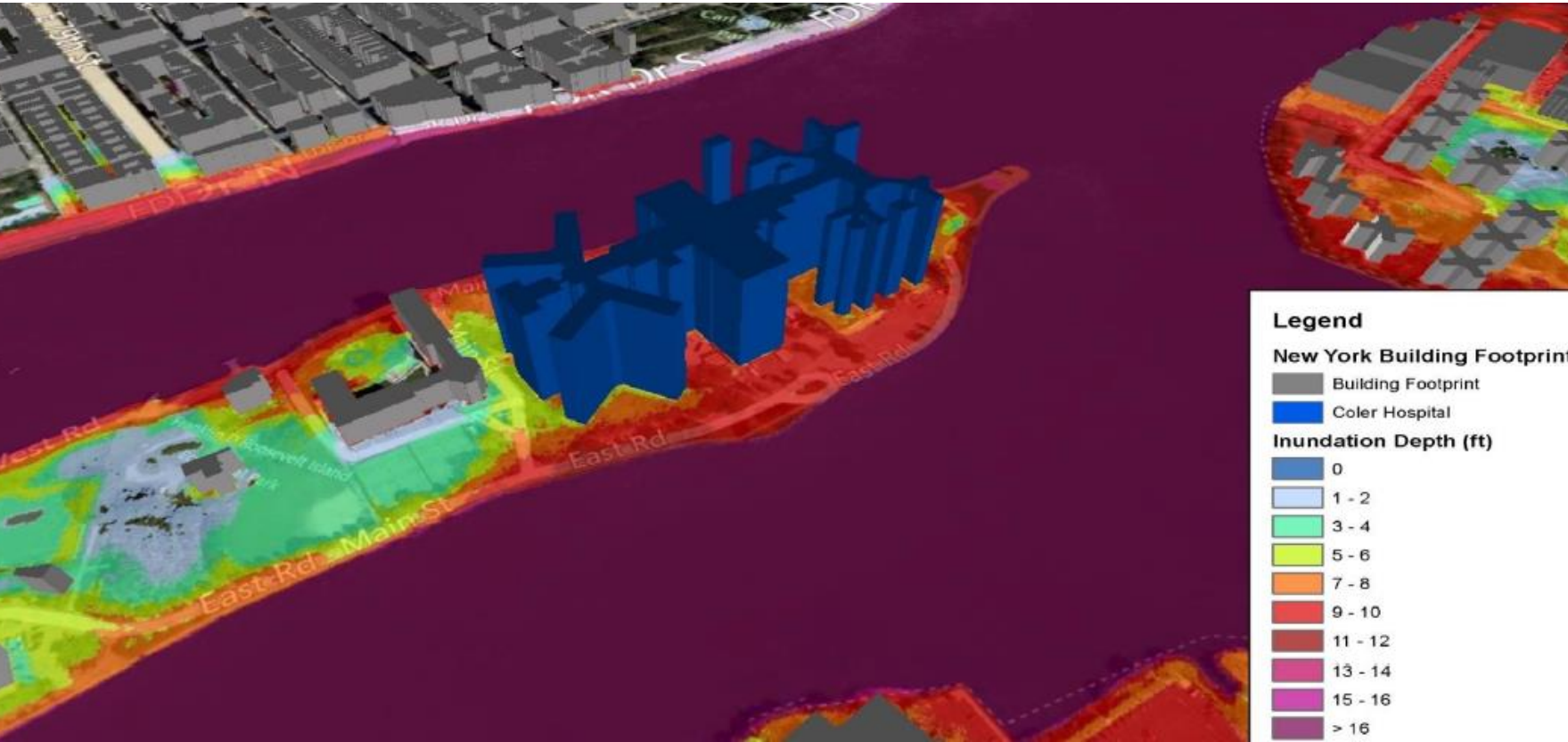


Tunnel Elements and Systems Affected by Sandy



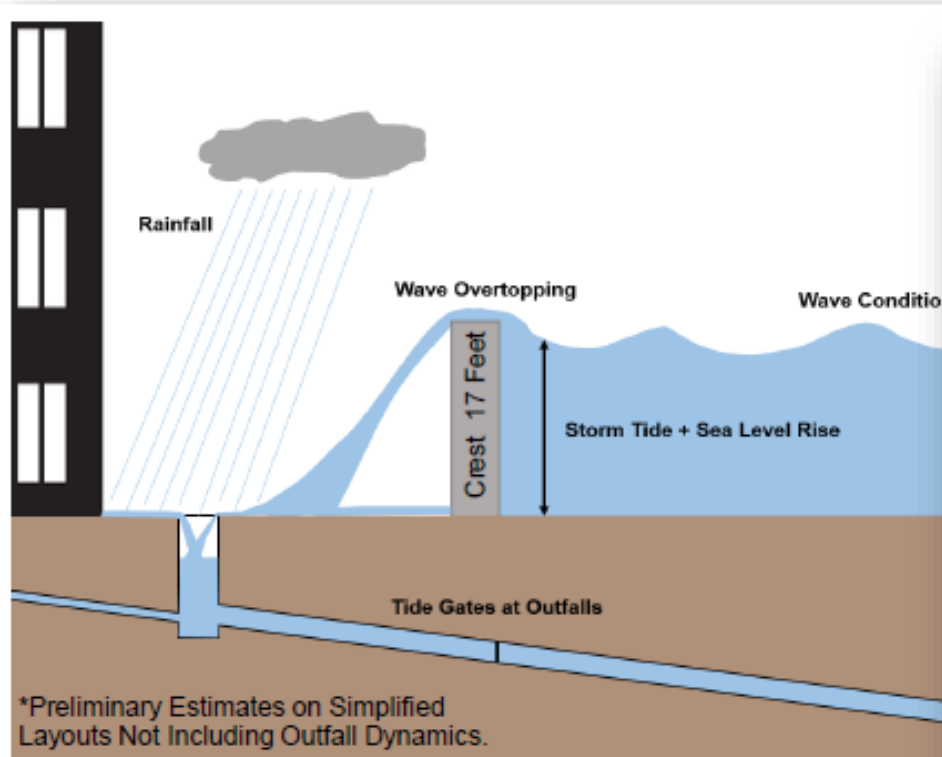
Protecting Critical Assets

Coler Hospital, Roosevelt Island



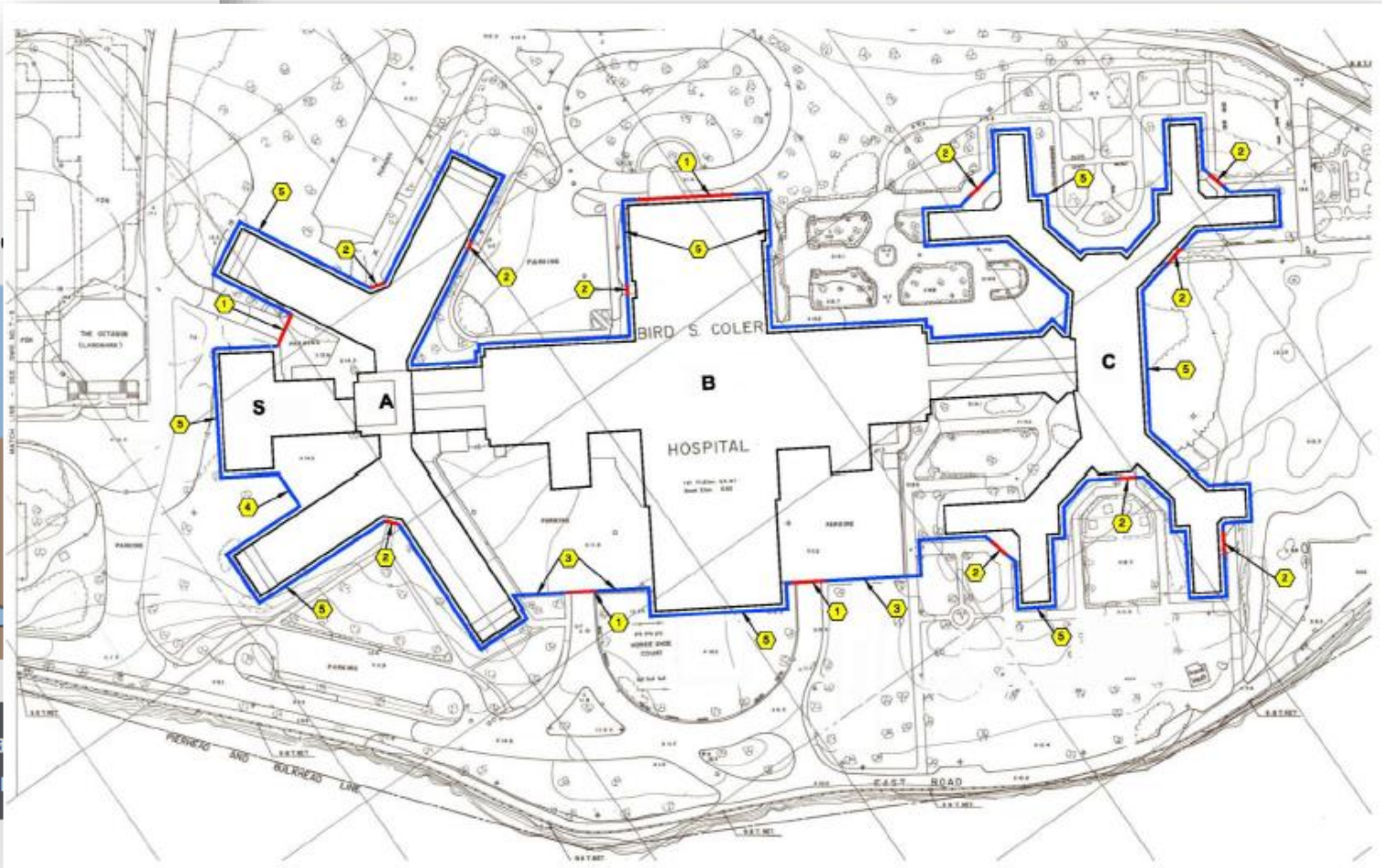
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*Preliminary Estimates on Simplified Layouts Not Including Outfall Dynamics.

Sea Level	Interior Ponding * (Feet NAVD88)	Volume Managed * (Million Feet)
Current-Day	10.5	
2080s 10th	12.0	12
2080s 50th	16.0	32



Coler Hospital: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan

Protecting Critical Assets

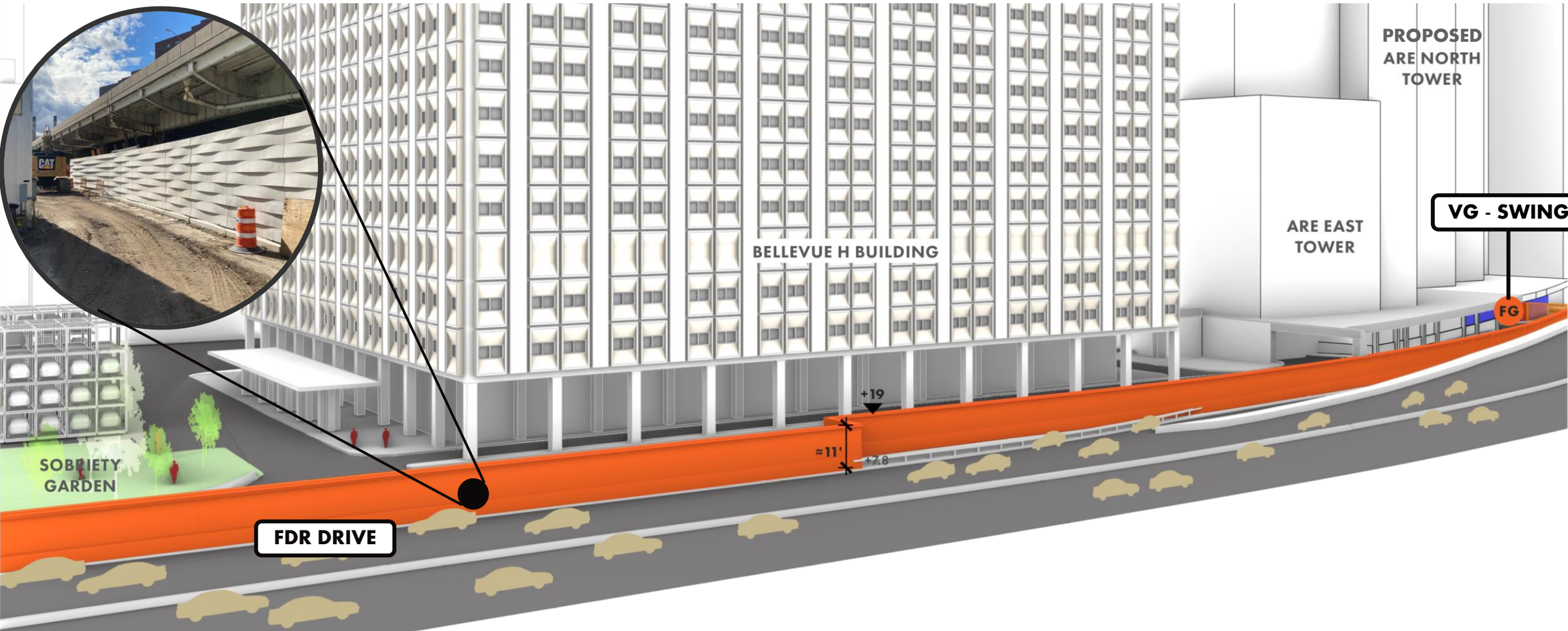
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Bellevue Hospital



Bellevue Hospital Floodwall Visualization



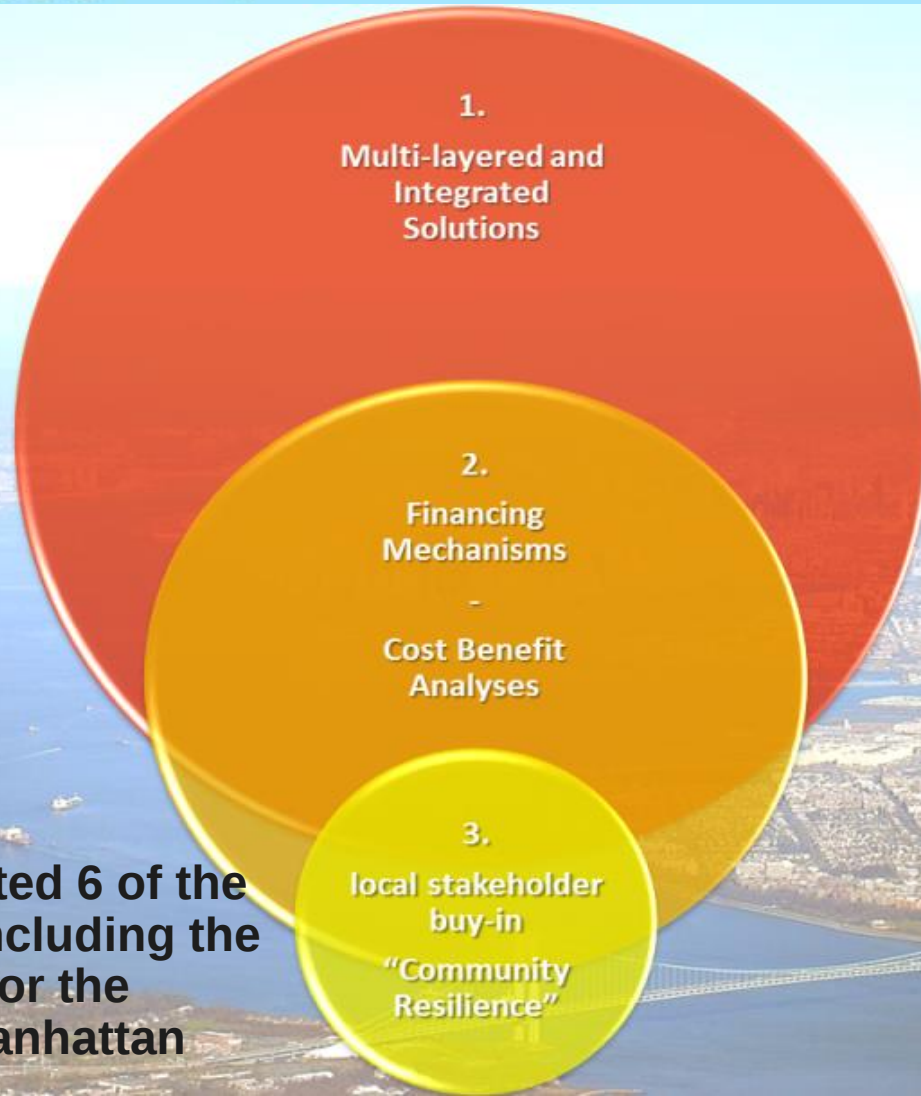
Manhattan's BIG U Flood Protection Plan



REBUILD BY DESIGN

Promoting Resilience
Post-Sandy
Through Innovative
Planning and Design

An Initiative Of
The President's
Hurricane Sandy
Rebuilding Task Force

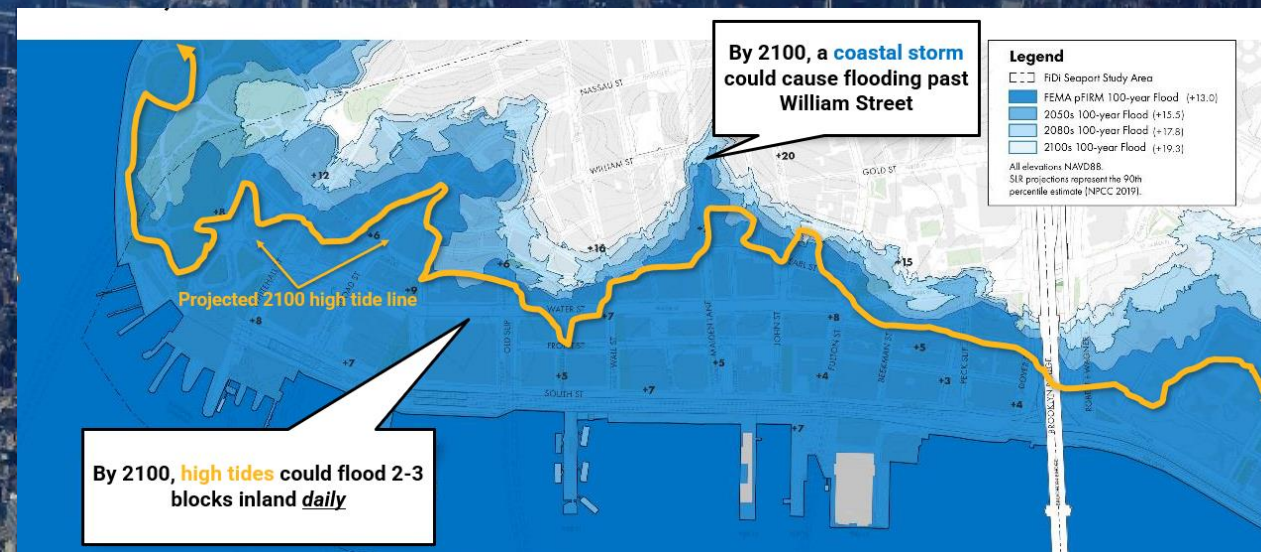


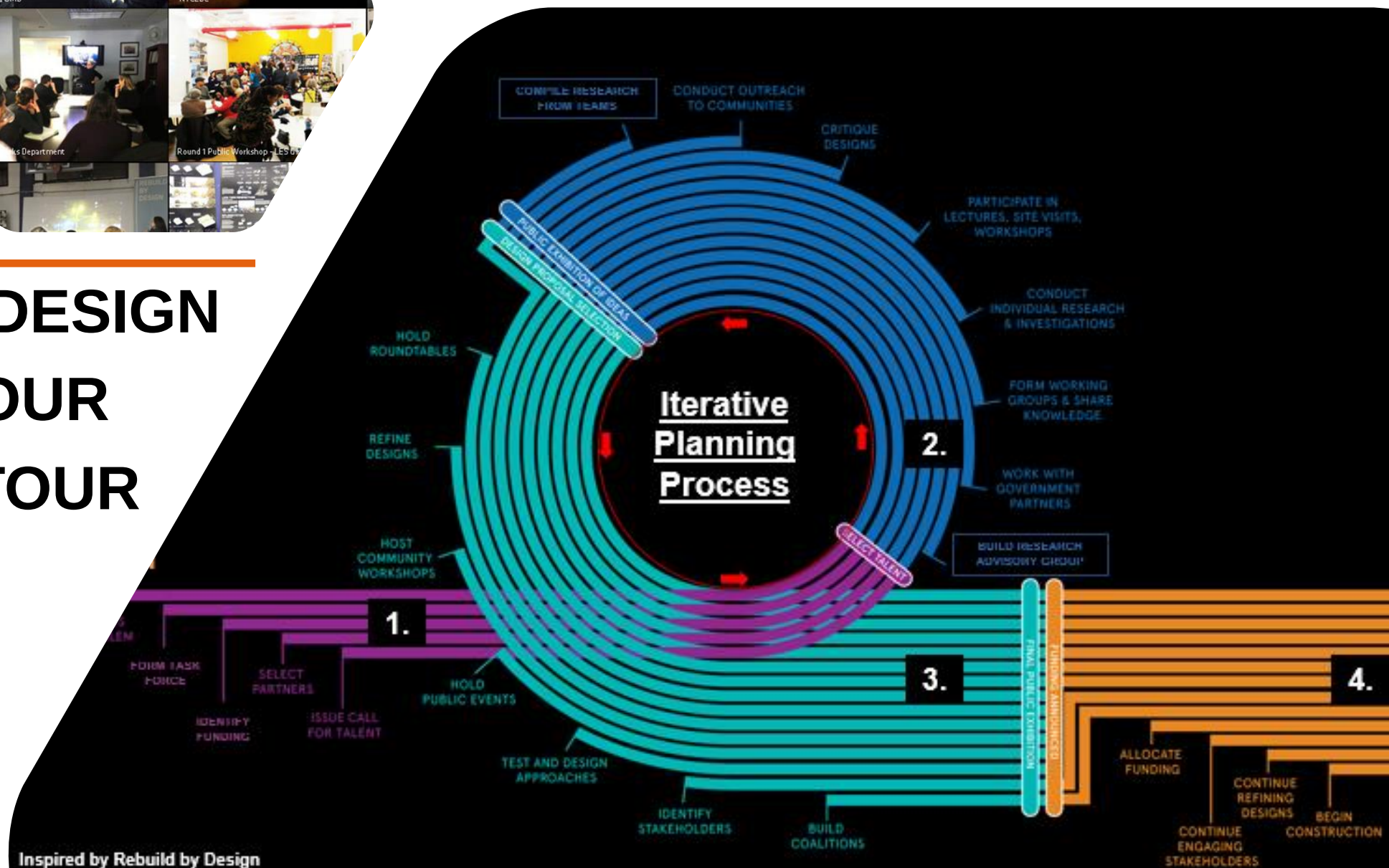
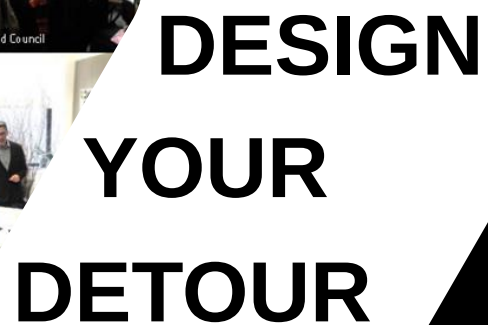
Arcadis supported 6 of the 10 proposals, including the winning BIG U for the protection of Manhattan



*Special Water Envoy, Henk Ovink, Source, NYT:
How to Think Like The Dutch in a Post Sandy World*

Two types of climate risks - daily tidal flooding and coastal storms, Financial District, Manhattan.

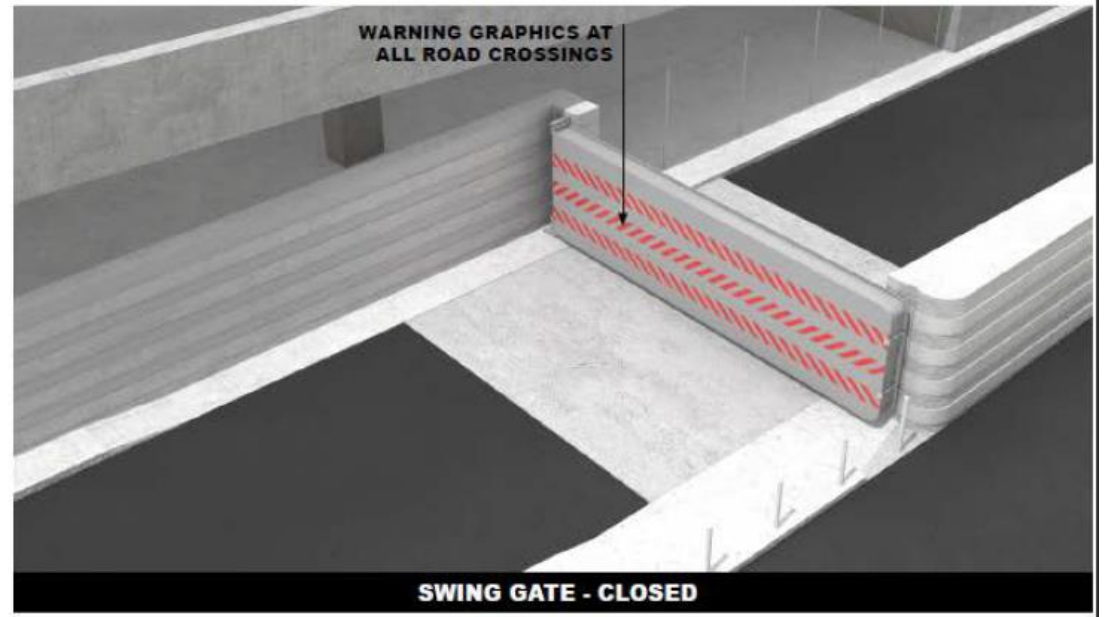
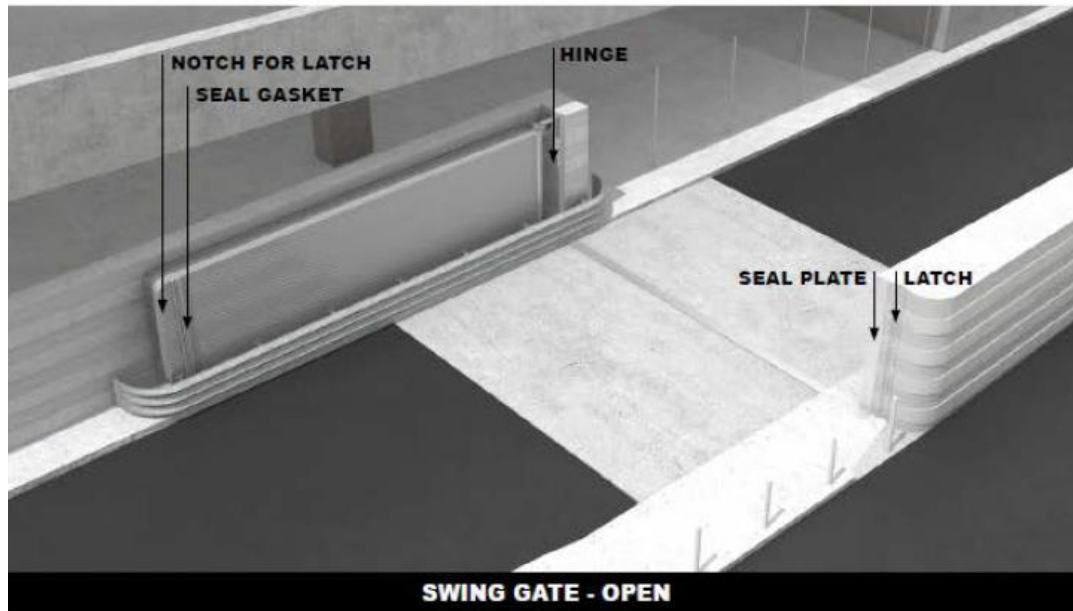




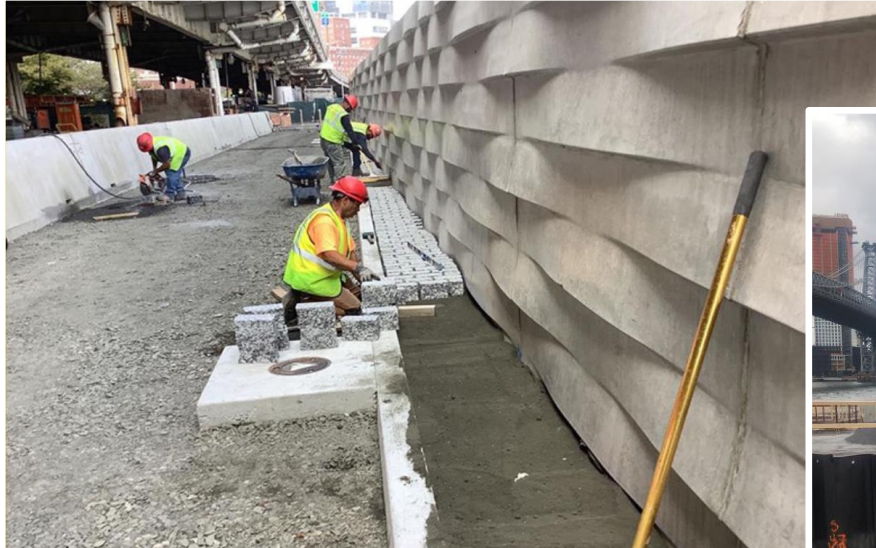
CONTINUE
ENGAGING
STAKEHOLDERS

East Side Coastal Resilience – Concept to Realization





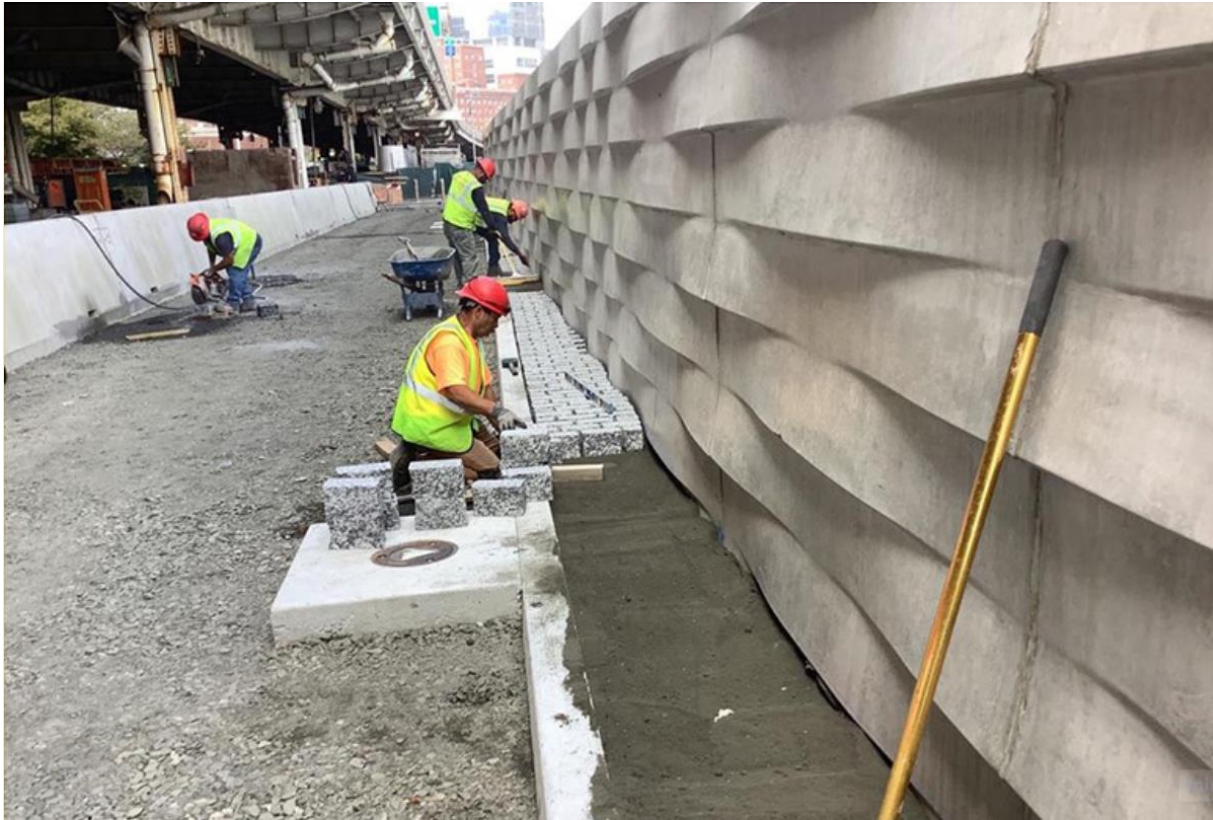
MOVING FROM CONCEPT TO REALIZATION



INSTALLATION OF NORTHERN CLOSURE GATE



WALL ALIGNMENT AND NEW PARK AT EAST 23RD STREET



UN WATER CONFERENCE - DUTCH ROYAL HIGHNESS VISITS NEW YORK



South Street Seaport, Existing Conditions



South Street Seaport, Proposed New Waterfront



Internal Draft Not For Distribution



Financial District and Seaport Climate Resilience Master Plan

NYC/EDC

NYC

Mayor's Office of Climate &
Environmental Justice

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Proposed Waterfront - Storm Event

BOATS

Ferries, boats, and ships are safely moved outside the area.

FLOODGATES

Ahead of a coastal storm, floodgates that are stored out of view along the shoreline are closed, completing a continuous line of flood defense.

PUBLIC-SERVING USES

Behind the flood defense infrastructure, open space, playgrounds, and community-serving buildings are protected.

ESPLANADE

To provide protection from future tides while remaining at the water's edge, the esplanade is designed using materials and plantings that can withstand flooding.

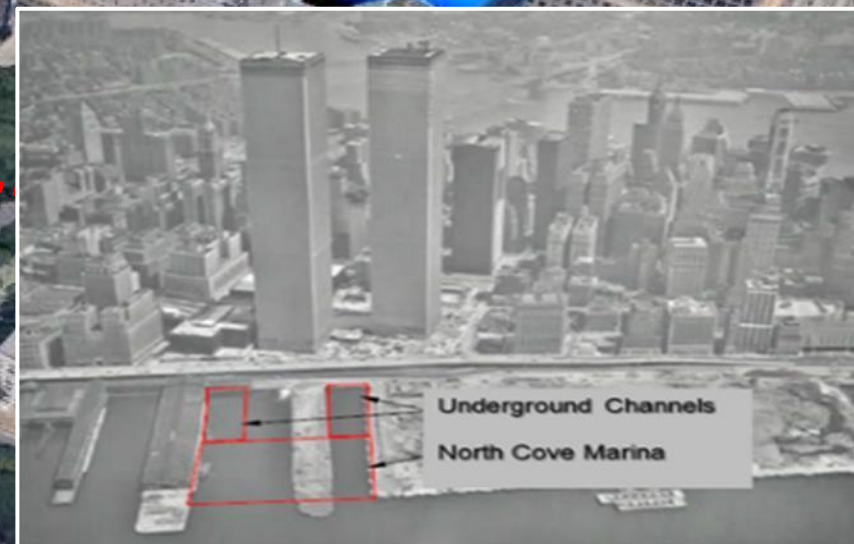
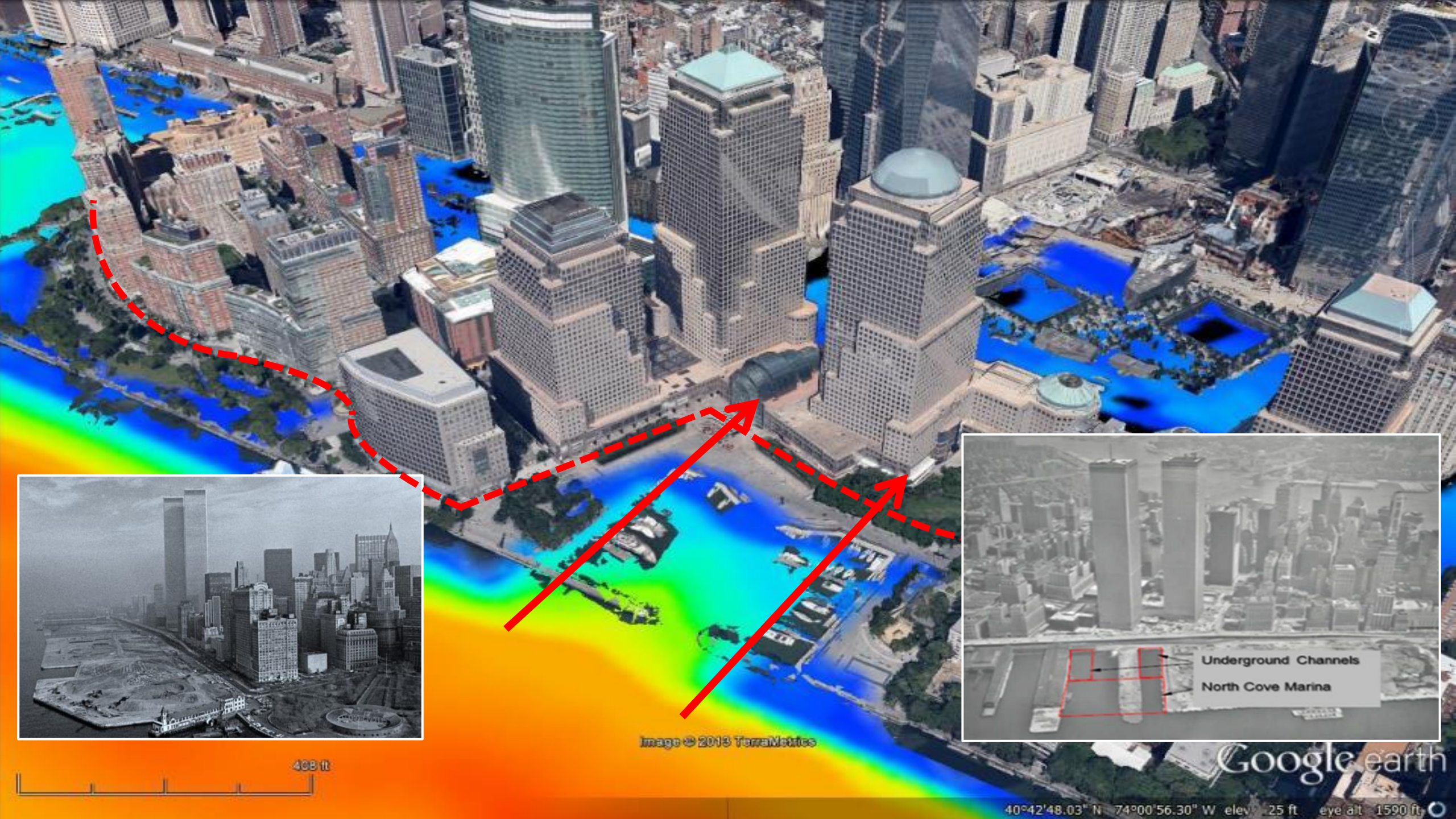


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Google earth

40°42'48.03" N 74°00'56.30" W elev 25 ft eye alt 1590 ft

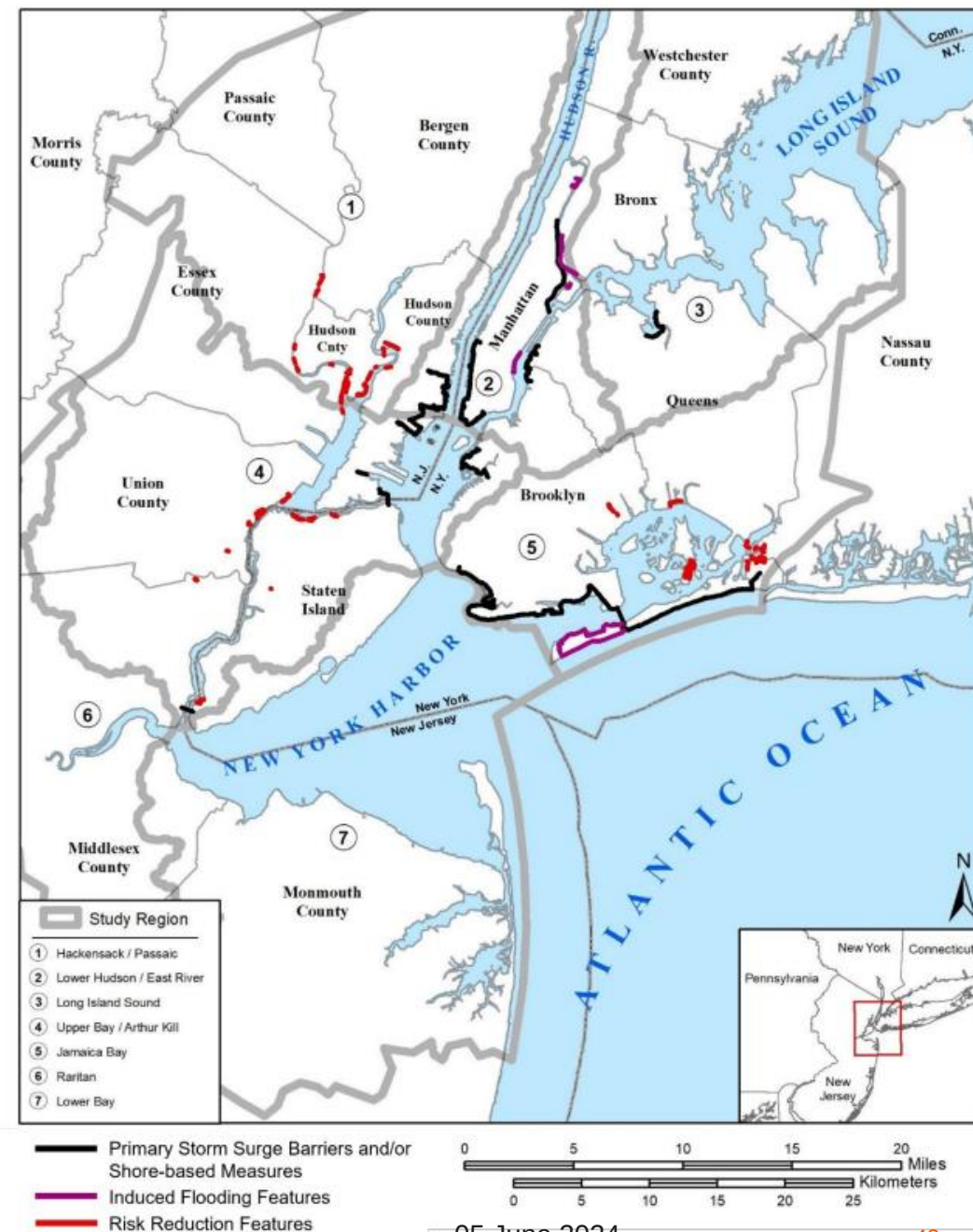
408 ft



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NY District HATS Observations

- Plan components show high level of integration with existing / planned strategies, a systems approach that gives the study regional potential.
- Coastal protection through shore based and off shore barrier solutions aiming to protect long waterfront stretches of exposed communities.
- The evaluation of applying storm surge barriers has matured.
- The work does not stop if “3B” were to be implemented, what plan components from other strategies may apply over time?
- Drainage outfall and backflow issues, causing severe high tide inundation of low lying communities?
- What is the plan for waterfront communities who currently don’t and may not get have a plan, what will the process of retreat look like?





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STORM SURGE
BARRIER LOCATION

Risk Reduction
Features BEHIND the
Storm Surge Barriers

Induced Flooding-
Mitigation Features (as
applicable) OUTSIDE the
Storm Surge Barriers

Legend

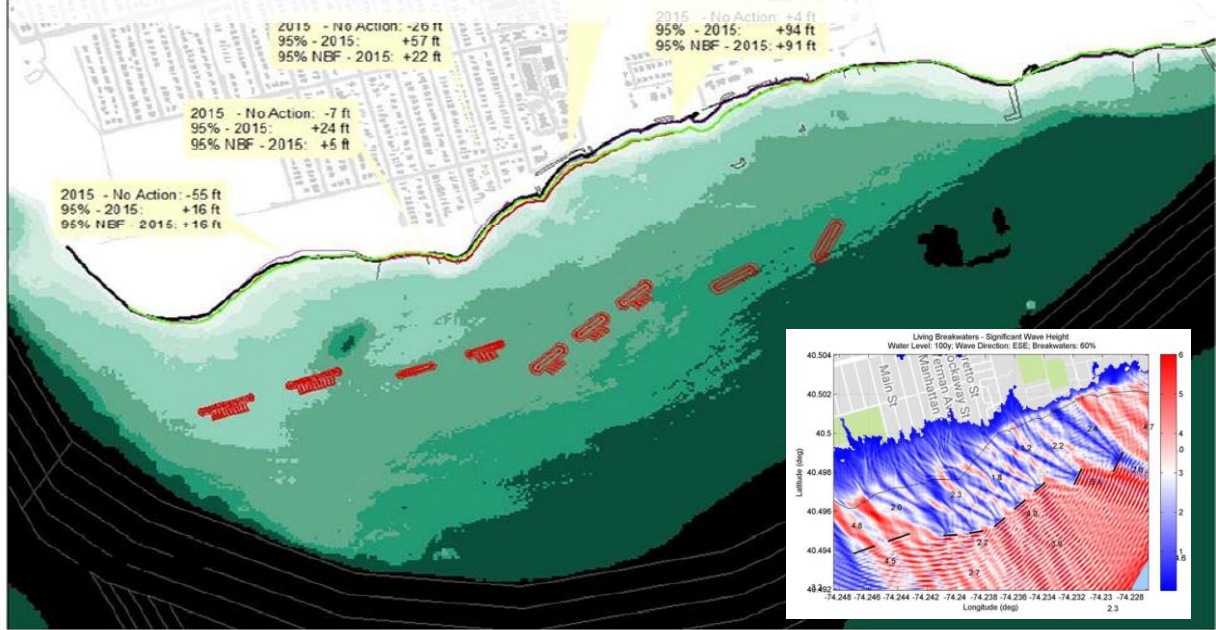
-  Navigable Passage
-  Auxiliary Flow Gates
-  Dam Section and Tie-in
-  Flood Risk Reduction System (Land Based Measures)

Concept for the Jamaica Bay Storm Surge Barrier - Artist Photo Visualization

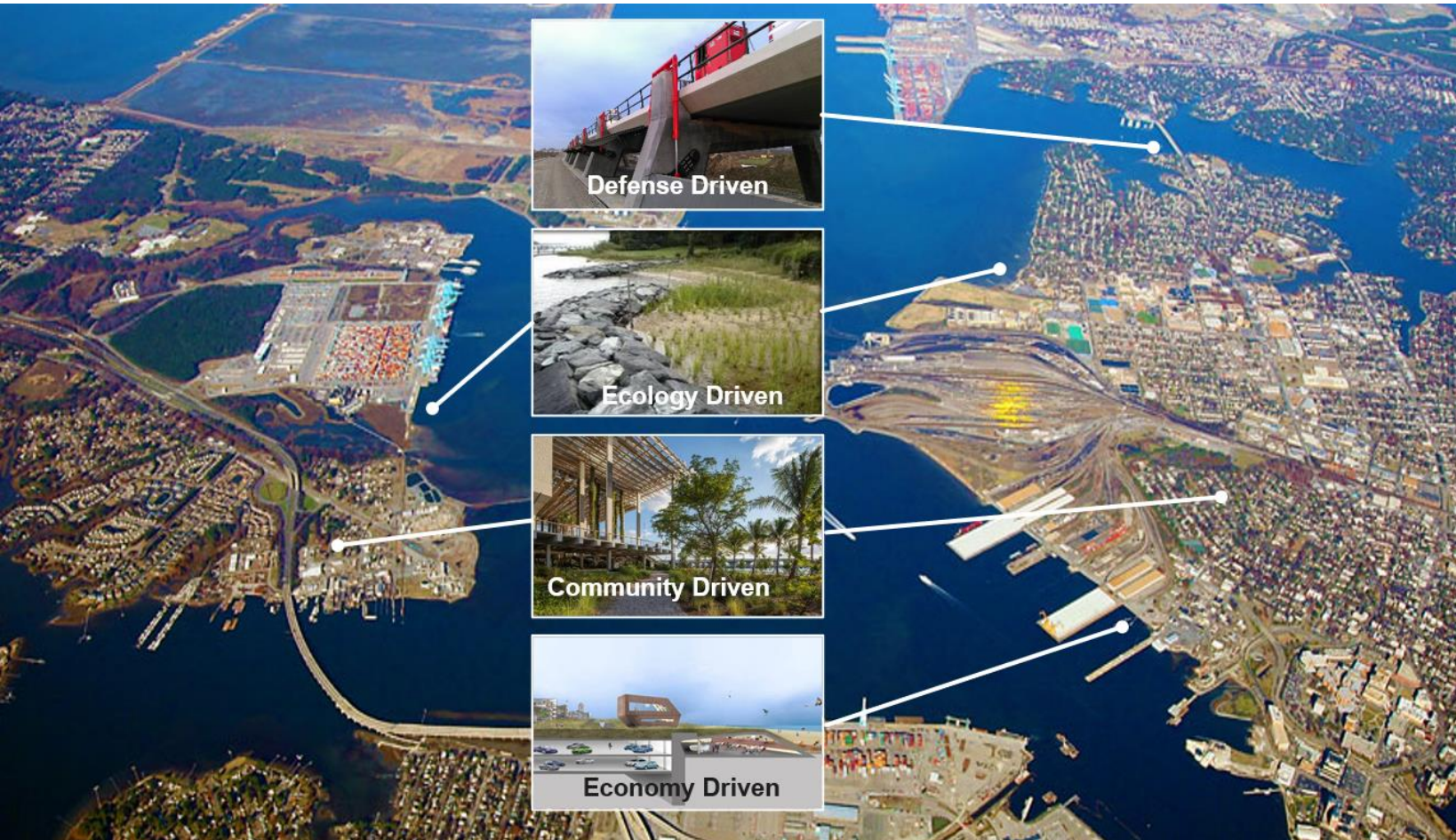
This is an artist's interpretation of the conceptual design for the Jamaica Bay Storm Surge Barrier. The storm surge barrier configuration shall not be considered as a final recommendation or as a requirement for actual design for implementation.

Living Breakwaters - From Concept to Construction

Attenuate Wave Energy & Prevent Shoreline Erosion



A Systems Approach to Sustainable Water Management



- Acknowledge regional context and implications and potential of local interventions
- Plan collaboratively with neighboring communities and invested participants
- Update local ordinances to support resilience
- Identify current and future land-use + waterfront typologies

A Governance Approach to Sustainable Water Management

Connect all scales and build the business case



Built Asset Management



Digital/Cyber



Operations



Organization Culture



Regulatory Framework



Policies and Standards



Roles, Responsibilities
and Authorities



Financial Resources



Human Resources



Emergency and Risk
Management



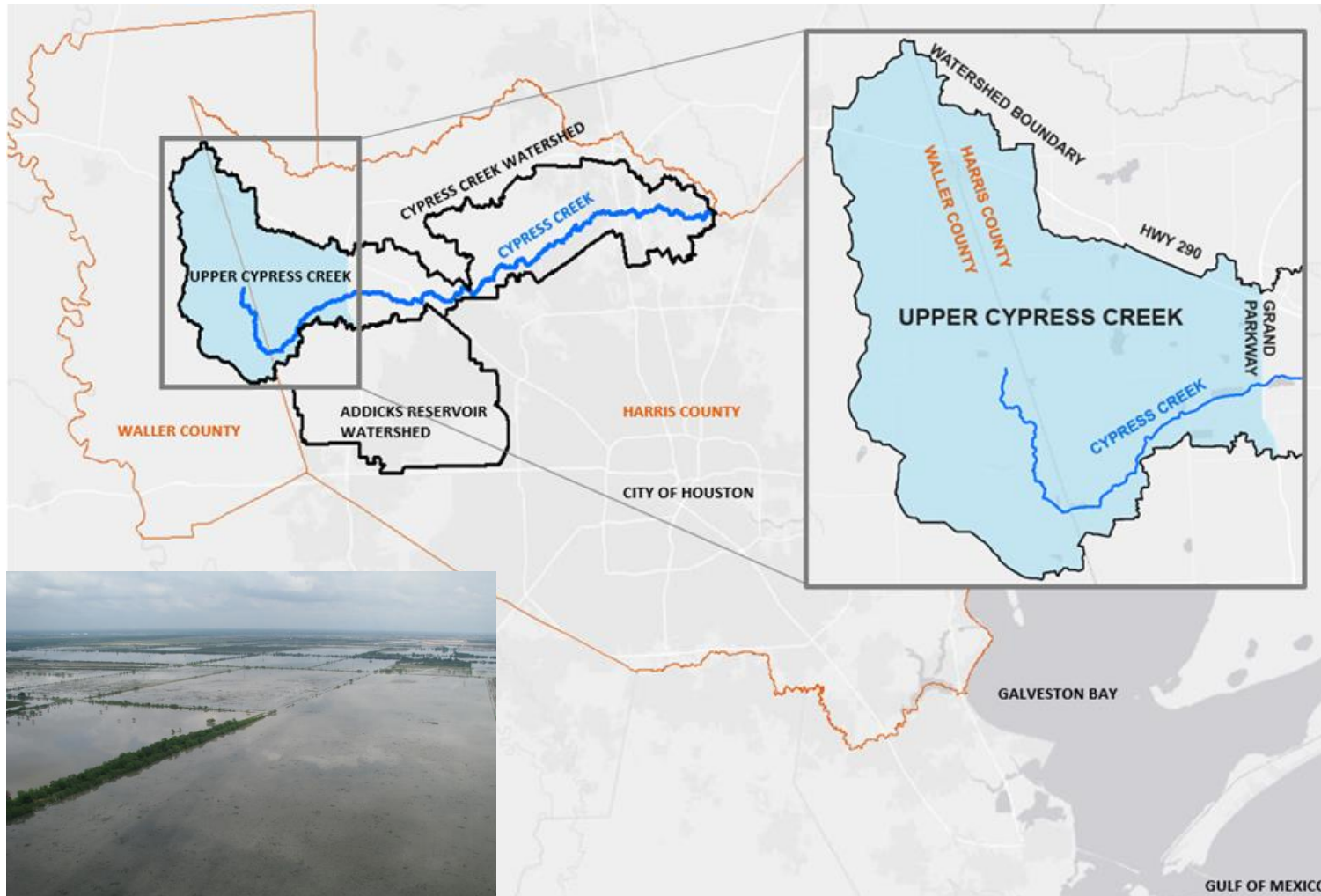
Long-Term Strategic
Planning



Stakeholder
Coordination

Houston Post-Harvey Upper Cypress Creek / Addicks Reservoir Shallow Storage Areas

Project Goals



Evaluate feasibility of shallow storage areas

Reduce overflow to Addicks reservoir

Reduce peak flow rates to Middle Cypress Creek

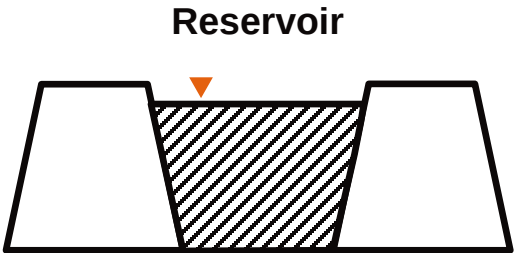
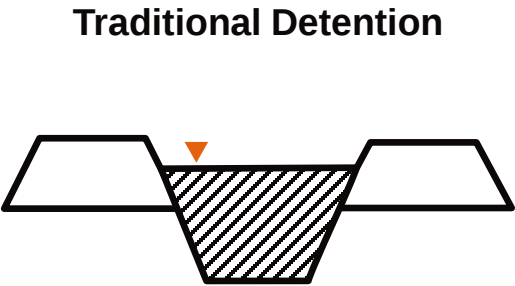
Compare to Plan 3 / Plan 5 reservoirs (\$650M)

Feasibility only, not implementation

Hybrid approach with regional retention

Flood Risk Management Techniques

Through Permanent Retention and Temporary Detention



Maintain Site Function
Avoid Dam Jurisdiction

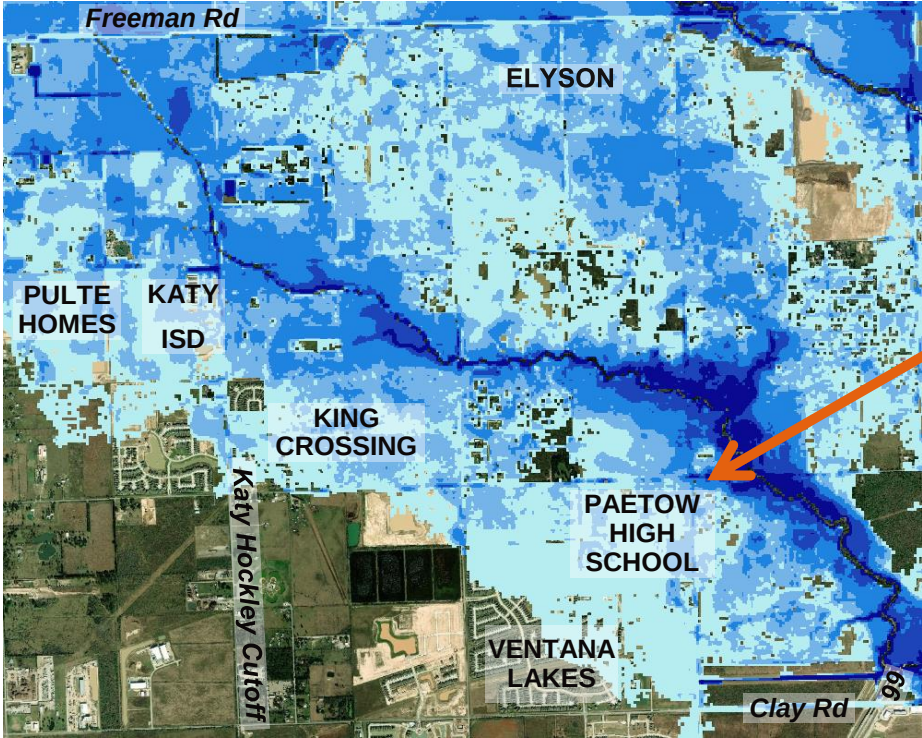
Assets Outside of Berm



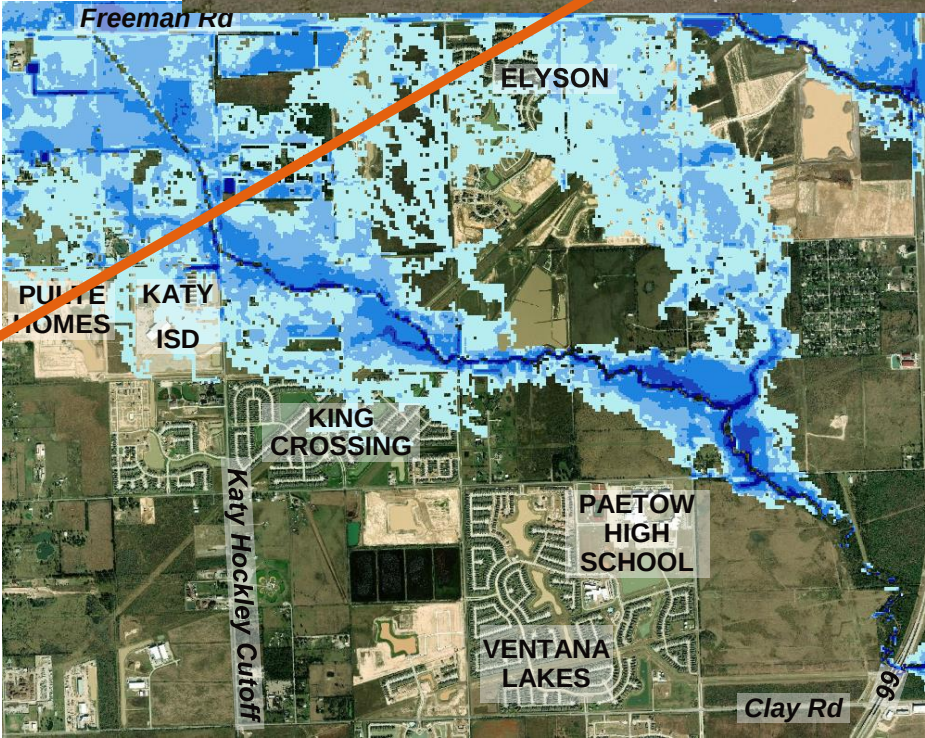
100-Year Property Benefits



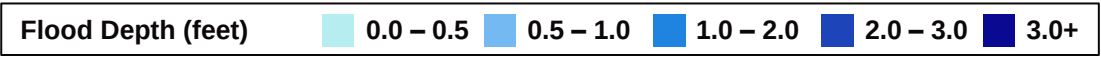
100-Year Overflow



Existing performance



Performance with shallow storage



5 - Day Simulation Volume

SAN FRANCISCO – PORT OF SF

SEAWALL EARTHQUAKE SAFETY & DISASTER PREVENTION PROGRAM

Project Goals:

- Improve Disaster Preparedness
- Reduce Earthquake Damage
- Improve Flood Resilience
- Enhance the City & the Bay
- Preserve Historic Resources
- Engage the Community



Historic shoreline

Seawall

PORT OF
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Photo: M. Del Marcor



“Adaptation Pathways”

Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Strategy





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