Sea Level Rise Study Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, MA

Scituate Harbor Community Building May 16, 2013













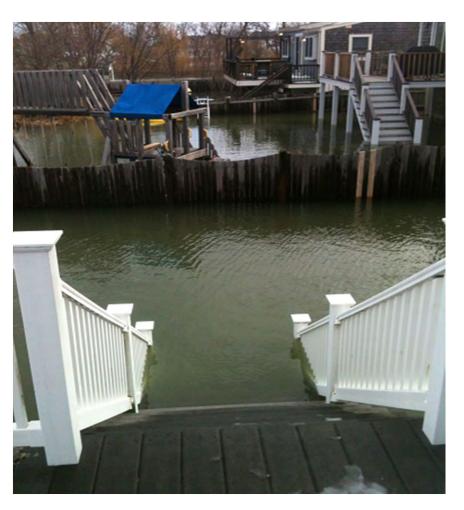




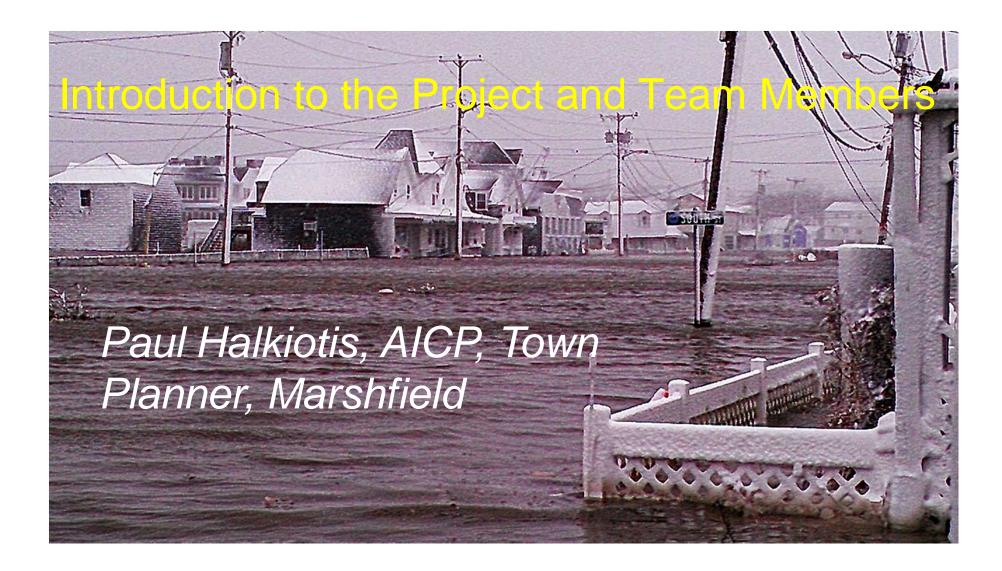
Welcome/Opening Remarks

Richard W. Murray, PhD; Selectman, Town of Scituate











Agenda

Introduction to the Project and Team Members

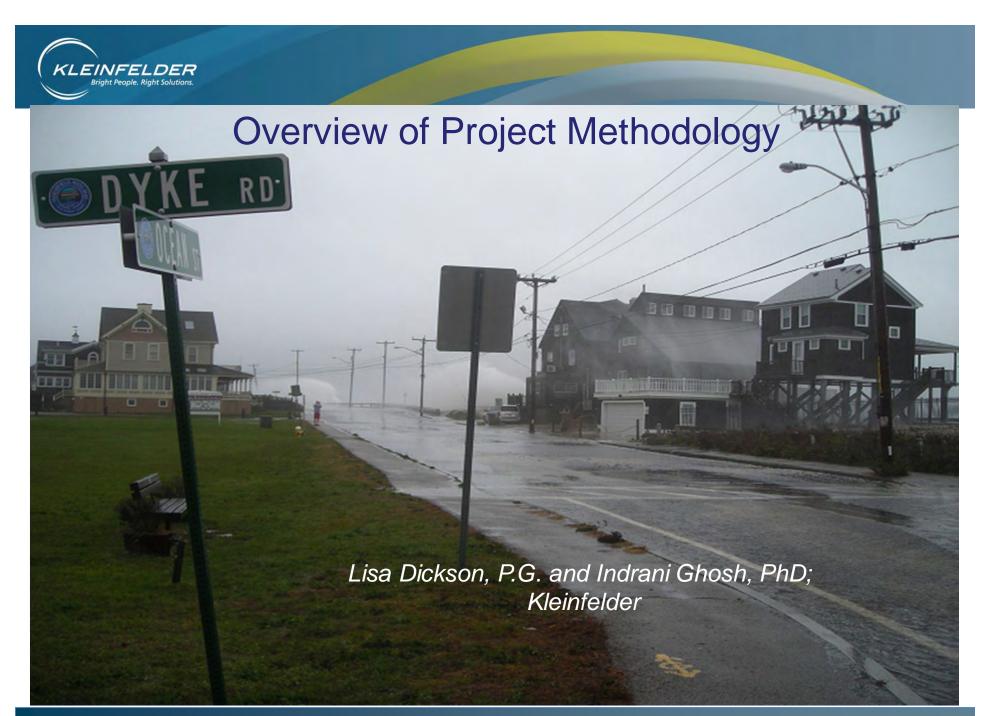
Overview of Project Methodology

Results of Inundation Modeling

How the Results Will be Used

Next Steps

Discussion/Q&A

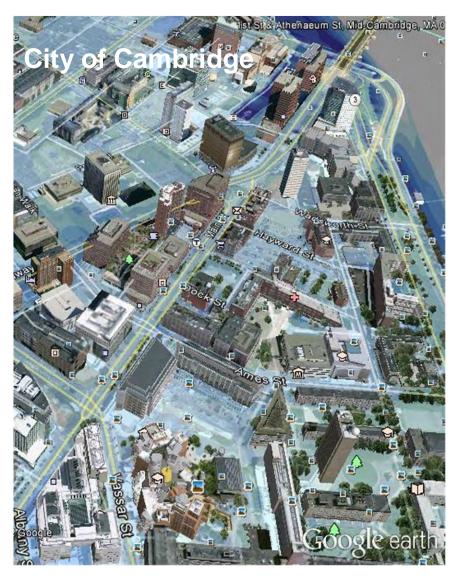




Climate Change Project Experience









Local Knowledge





Primary goals

Produce high-quality maps/graphics

Vulnerability assessment

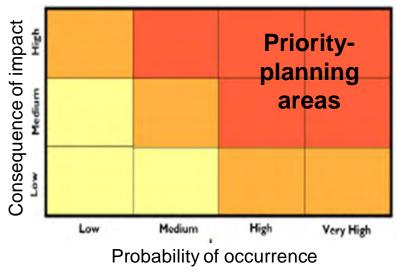
Identify potential adaptation strategies

Public outreach and education



Climate Change Projects







Step 1

Climate Projections

Scenario Development

Step 2

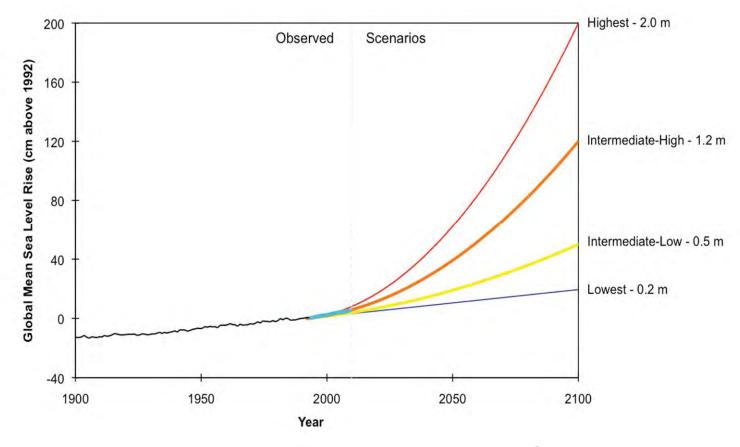
Vulnerability Assessment

Risk Assessment

Step 3

Adaptation Planning





Global mean sea level rise scenarios provided by NOAA as part of the National Climate Assessment report published in December 2012. The "Highest" scenario with local subsidence was used for inundation modeling in South Shore.



Infrastructure Impacts



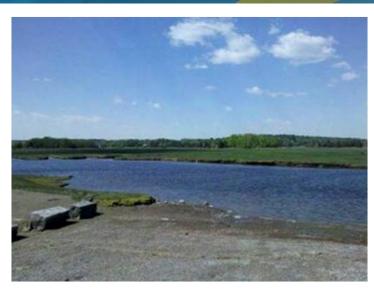








Natural Resources Impacts



Salt Marsh/Wetland Migration



Wildlife



Impacts on Aquaculture

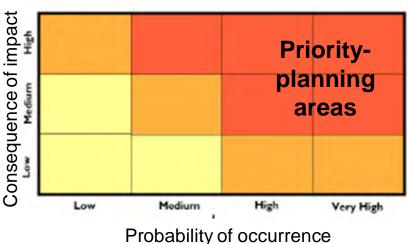


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Vulnerability & Risk Assessment

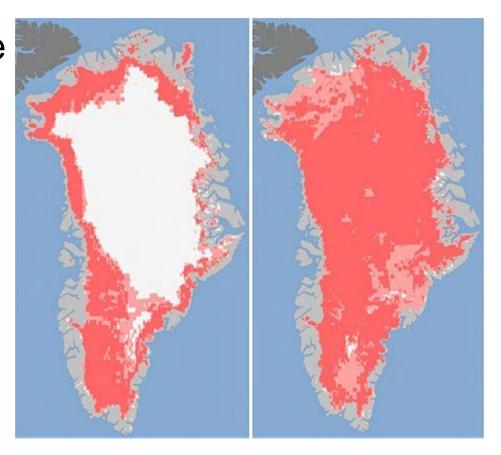
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Adaptation Planning



What Causes SLR

- Global Sea Level Change
 - Thermal expansion
 - Freshwater addition from melting of glaciers
- Local Sea Level Change
 - C Land subsidence
 - Changes in wind



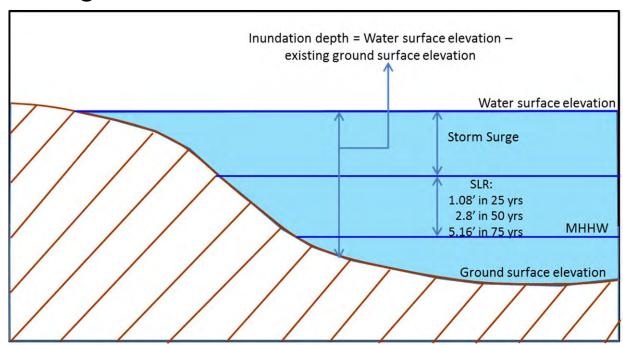
Source: NASA Earth Observatory, July 2012



Methodology for Mapping SLR

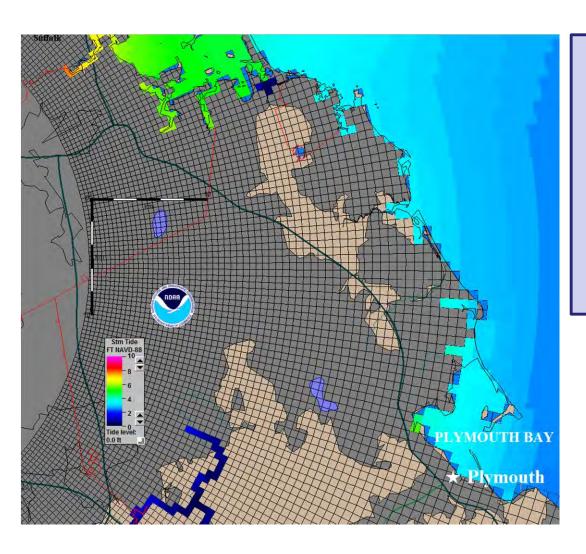
Input

- Ground elevation data
- Tidal surface elevation data
- SLR values
- Storm surge values





Storm Surge - SLOSH



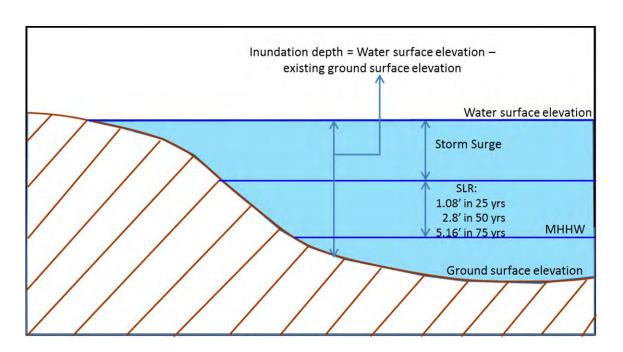
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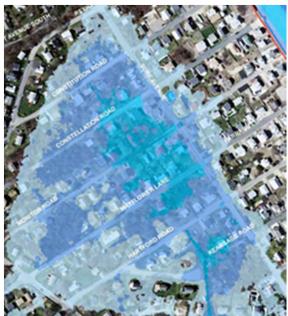
- 2010 updated SLOSH basin
- Category 1 MOM
- Wind forward speed: 10-60 mph
- Angle of approach to coast:
 N, NE, NNE



Results of Inundation Modeling

Andre Martecchini, P.E., Kleinfelder







Examples Areas

Scituate:

Scituate Harbor

Humarock

Wastewater treatment plant

Avenues

Marshfield:

WWTP/Dyke Rd Area

Brant Rock

Intersection of Ocean St and Winslow Rd

Rexhame Rd Area

Duxbury:

Blue Fish River and proposed school

Duxbury Beach

Snug Harbor





Scituate Harbor





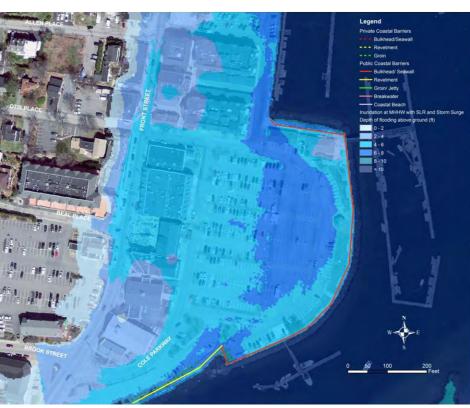
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Scituate Harbor



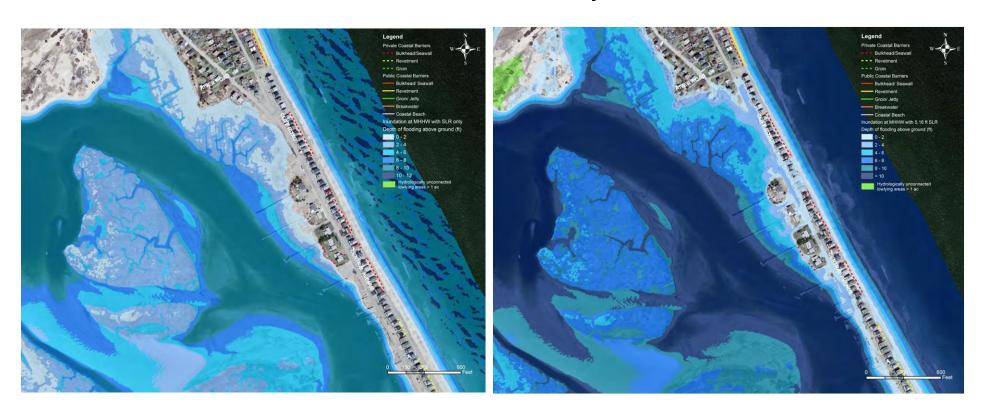


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Humarock, Scituate



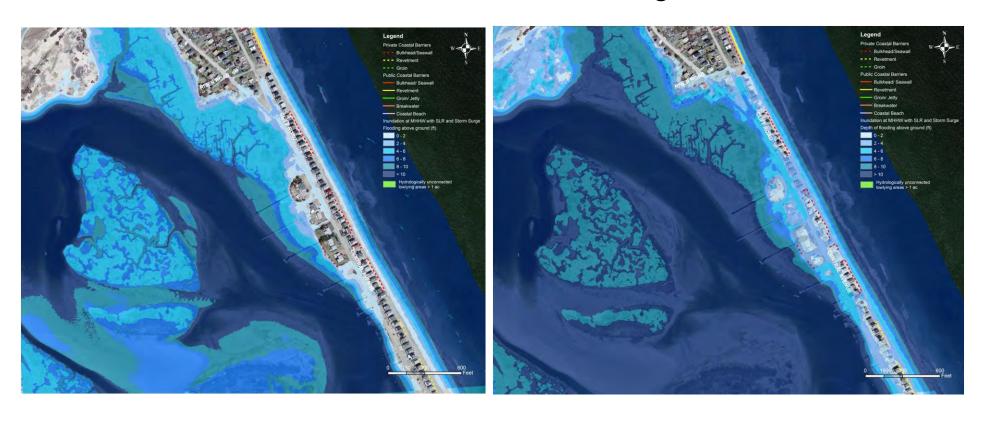
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Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge



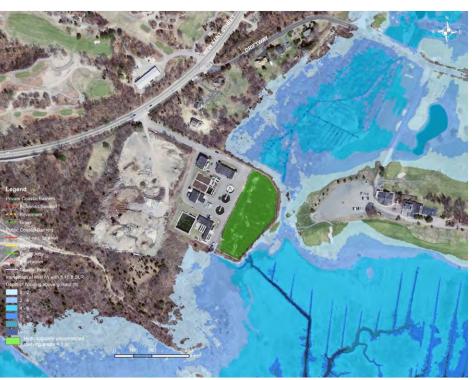
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Scituate WWTP





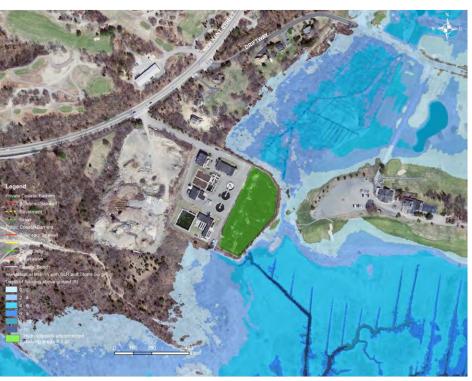
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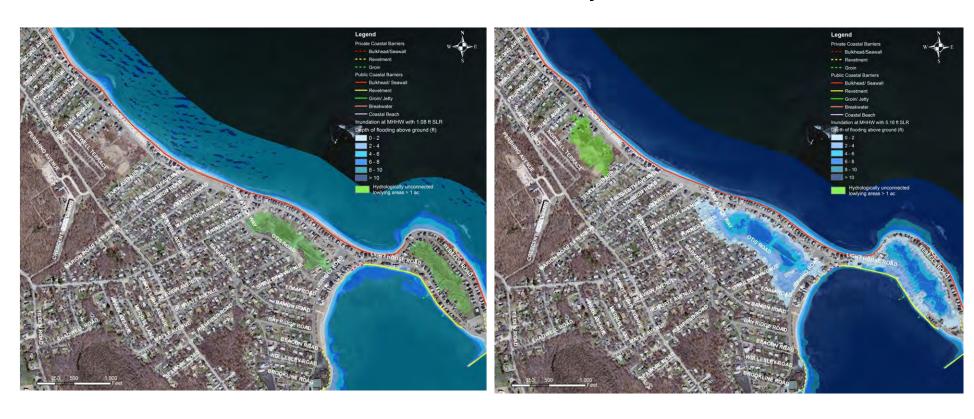


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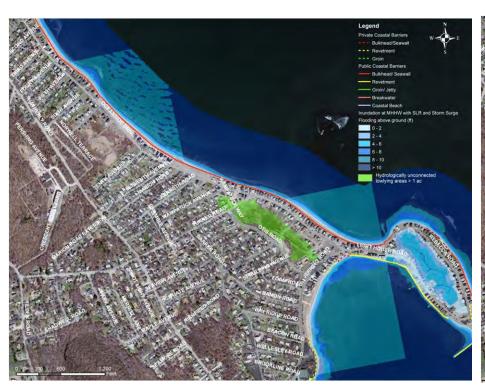


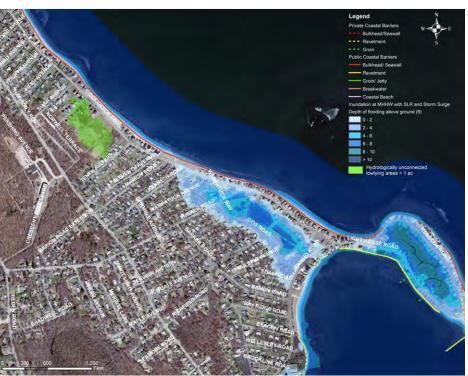
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Dyke Road and WWTP, Marshfield





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Dyke Road and WWTP, Marshfield





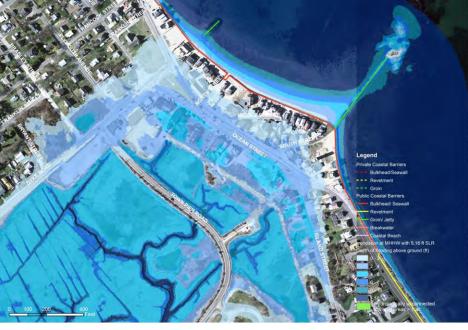
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Brant Rock, Marshfield





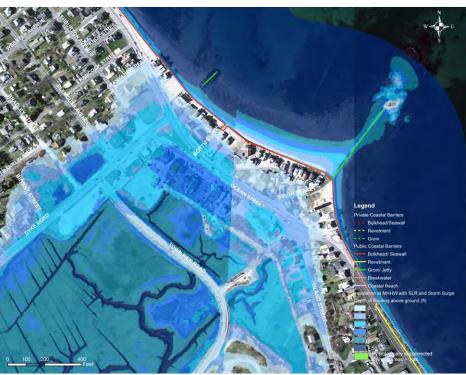
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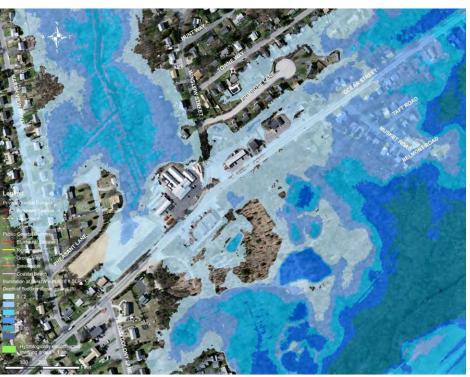
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Ocean St / Winslow St, Marshfield





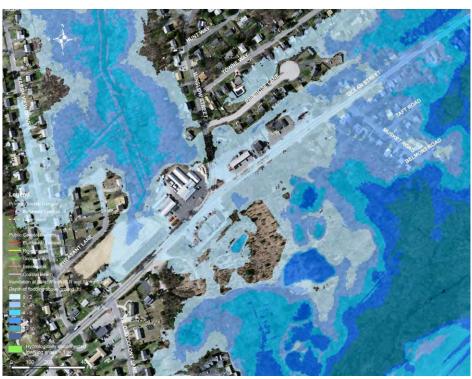
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Rexhame Road, Marshfield

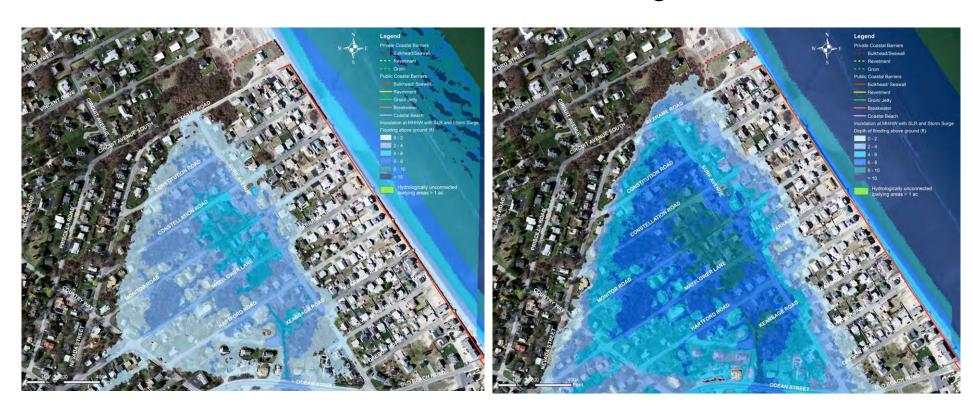


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Blue Fish River, Duxbury





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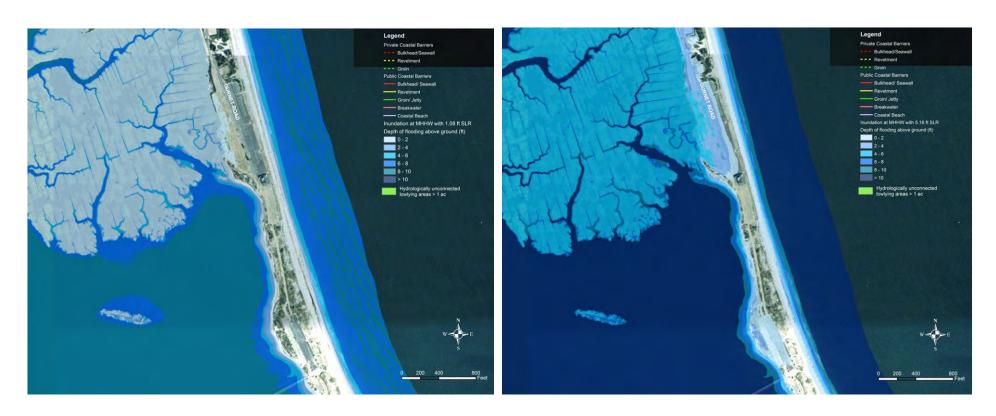
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Duxbury Beach

Sea Level Rise Only



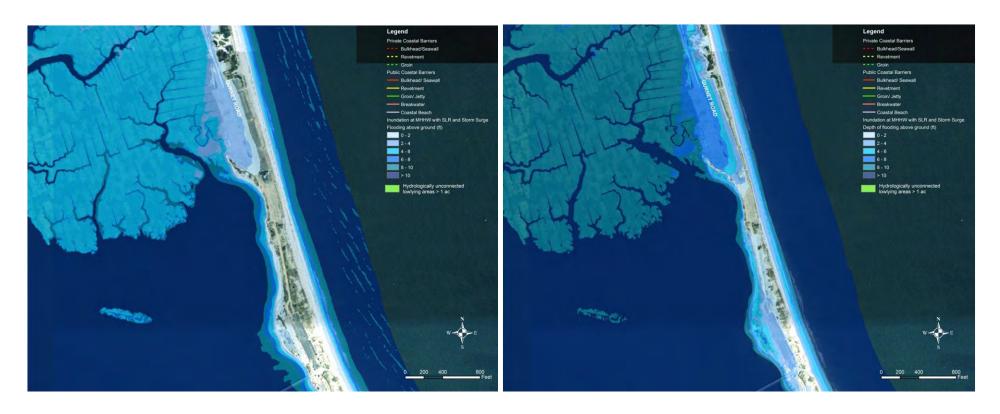
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Duxbury Beach

Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge



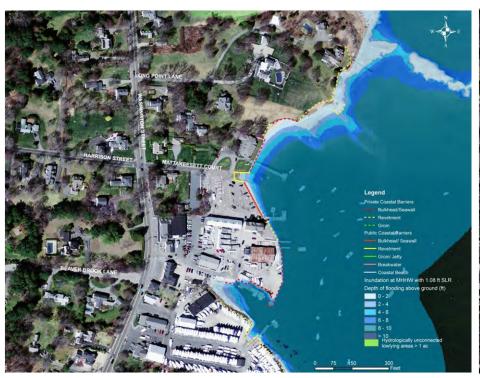
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Snug Harbor, Duxbury

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Snug Harbor, Duxbury

Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge





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Next Steps

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3-D Modeling





Visual Simulations



Present

2020 with SLR and Storm Surge



Shifting to Actions

It is Difficult to Shift into Action Mode:

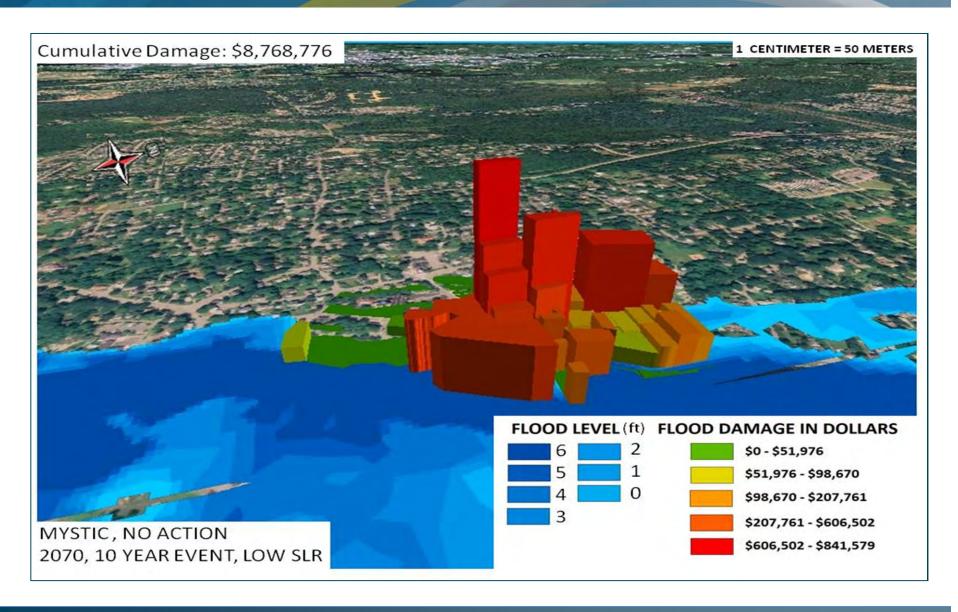
- 1) Consequences appear far off in time.
- 2) Cost-benefit relationships are ambiguous.
- 3) Possible actions are complex.
- 4) Doing nothing is far, far easier.







Economic Impacts





Adaptation Strategies

				Implications for:		
Potential Adaptation Strategy	Relative Cost	Synergy with other efforts	Regulatory Constraints	Tax Base	Aquaculture	Habitat
Beach Nourishment						
Coastal Structures						
Upsizing Culverts						
Zoning Changes						
Structure Elevation						
Building Code Changes						
Bioengineering						
Living With Water						





How will the results be used?

Educational Outreach



Informing planning decisions, focus of actions





Questions/Discussion





