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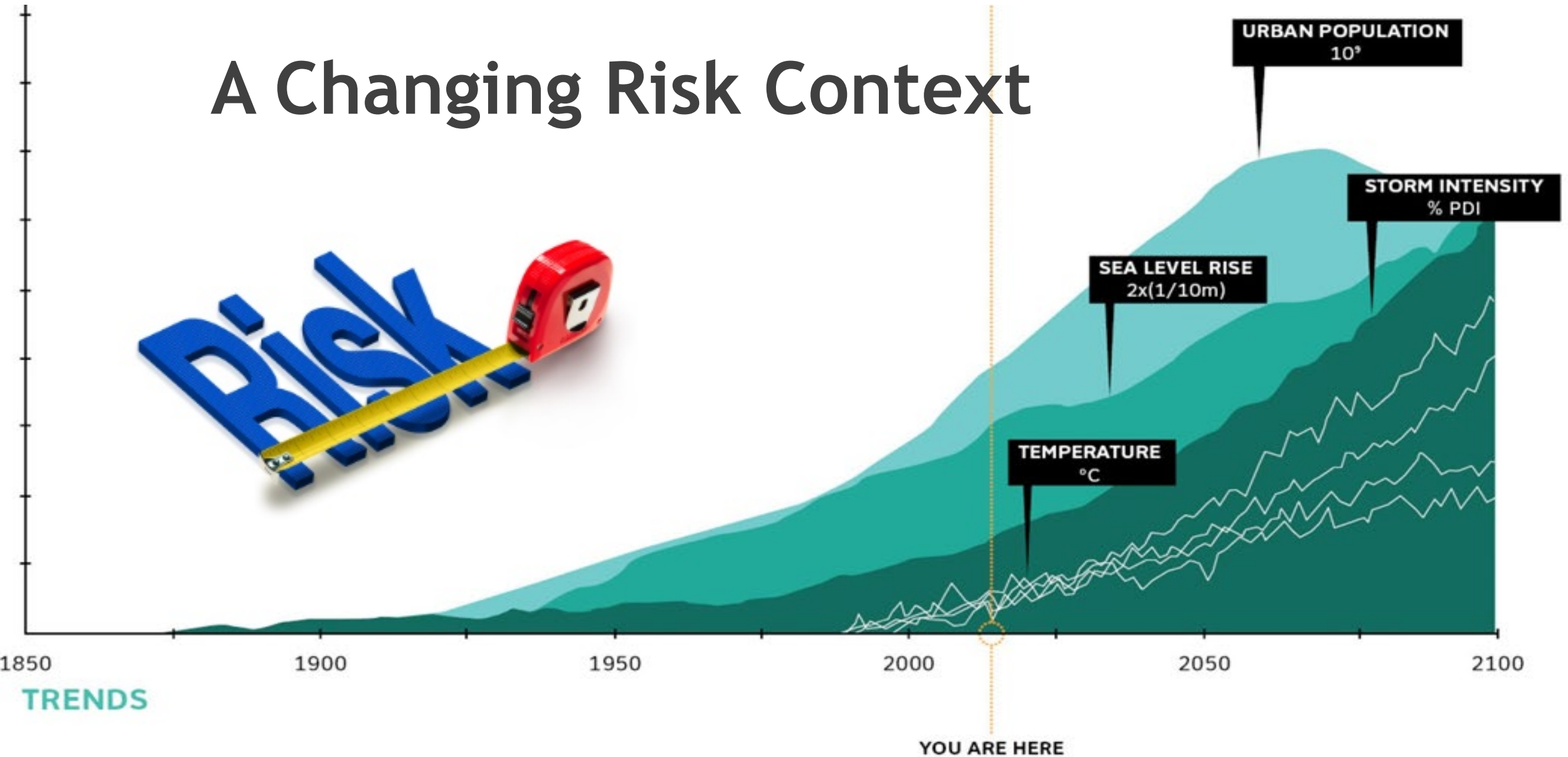
# Sea Level Rise: Shifting from Reactive Solutions to Cost Effective & Equitable Prevention

Keren Bolter, PhD

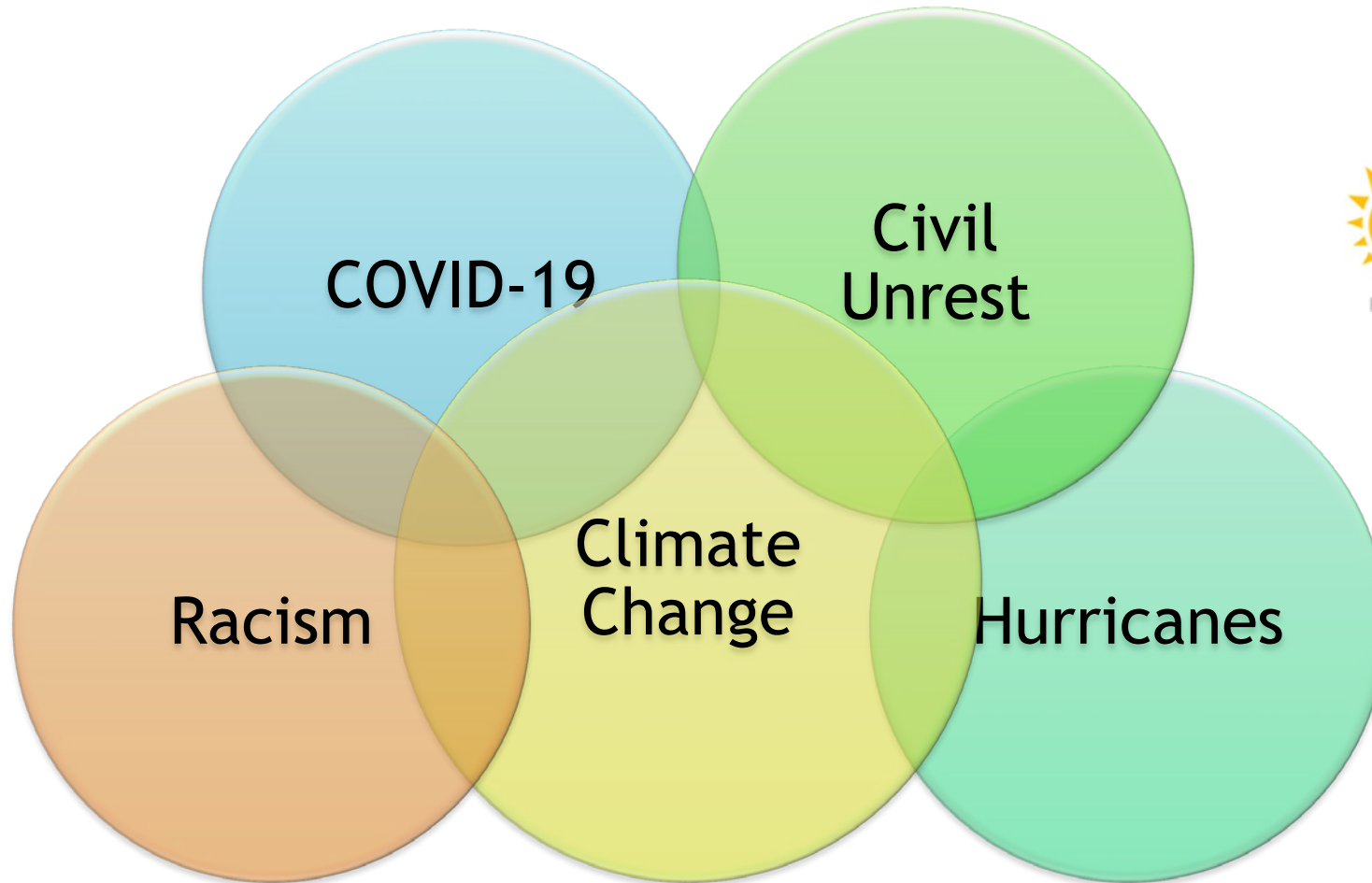




# A Changing Risk Context



# Equity at the Core



FLORIDA  
**HURRICANE  
RESPONSE  
HUB**

*Building disaster-related  
workforce capacity*



Florida Institute for  
Health Innovation

RESULTS-ORIENTED. RESPONSIVE. DATA-DRIVEN

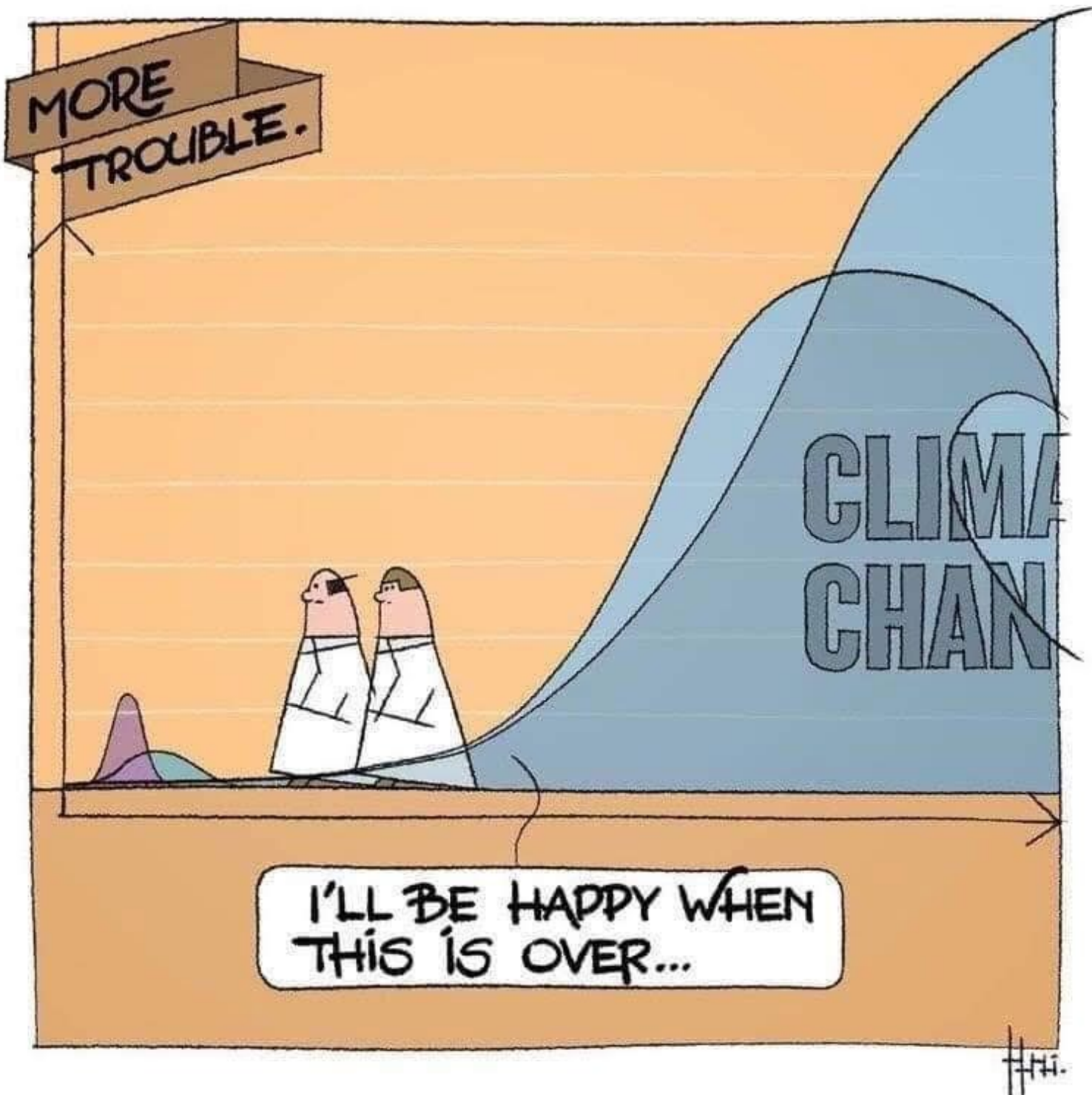


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CONTROL AND PREVENTION



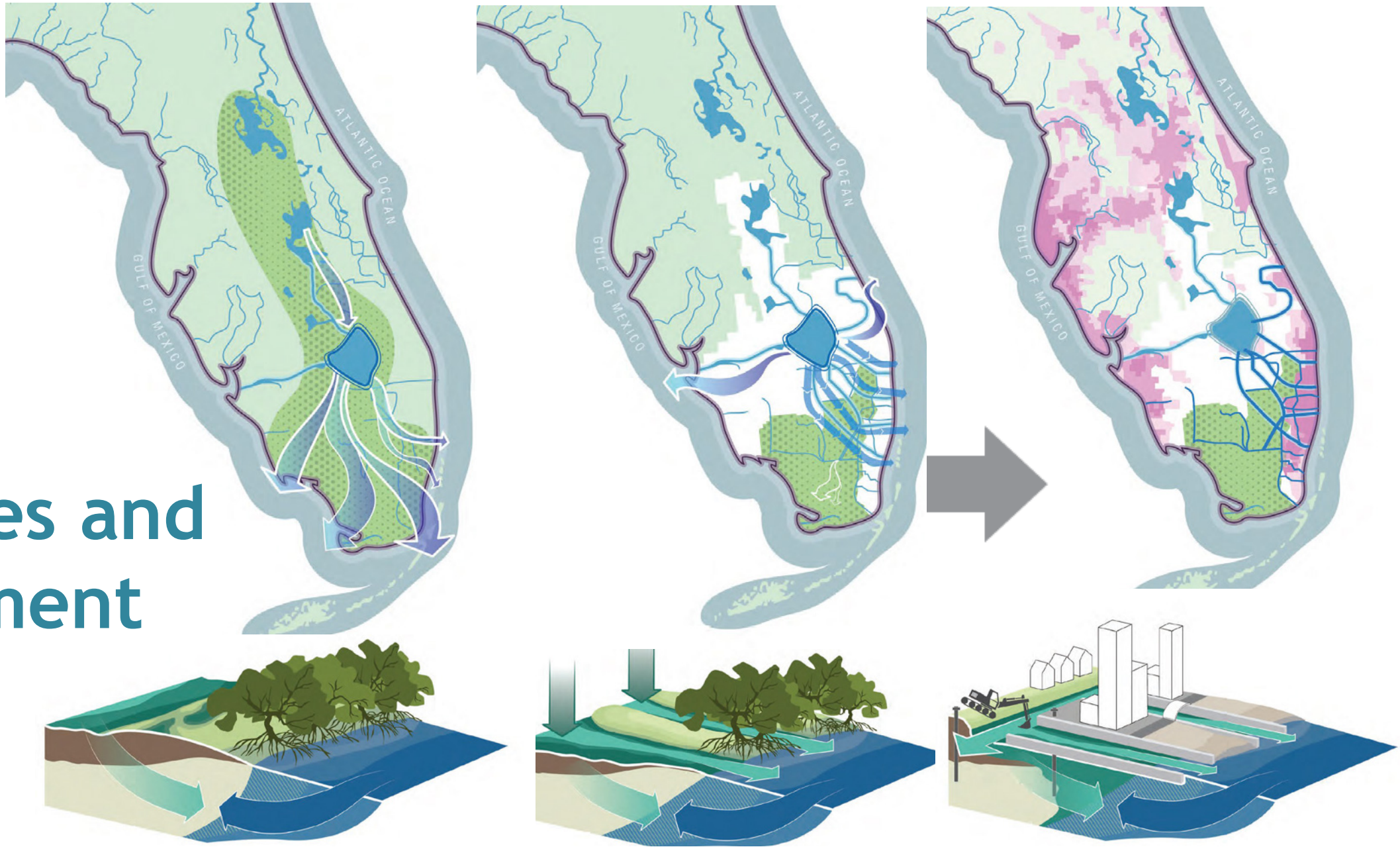
[flhealthinnovation.org/hrh](https://flhealthinnovation.org/hrh)







# Everglades and Development



# Water from Every Direction

RAINFALL



GROUNDWATER RISE

COASTAL FLOODING:  
TIDES AND STORM SURGES



SEA  
LEVEL  
RISE







# Effective Adaptation Strategies

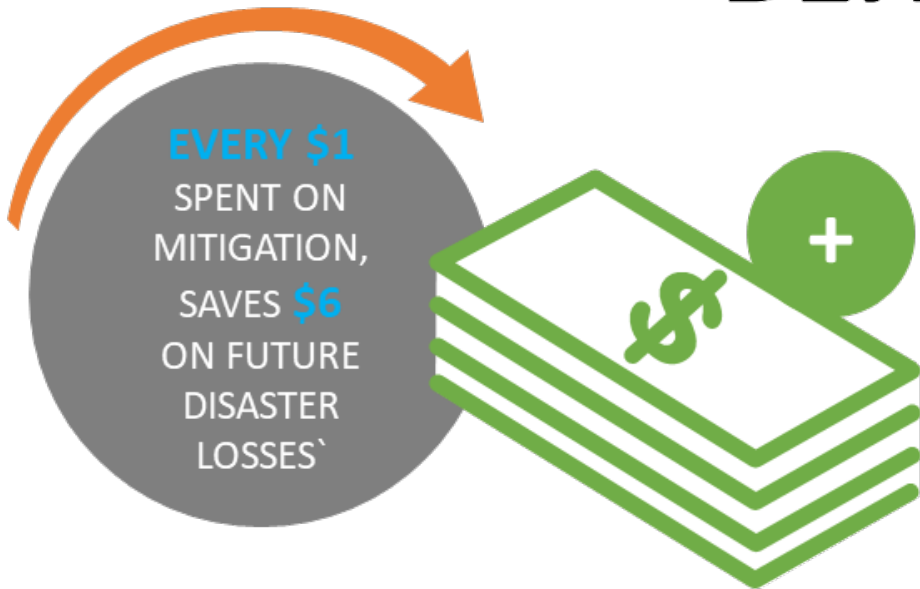
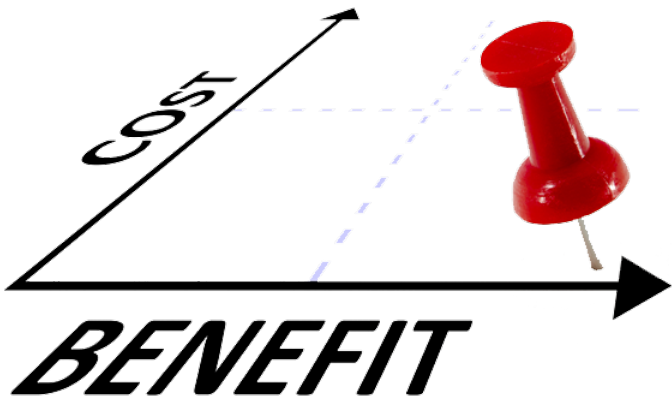
- 1) land-use regulations & building codes
- 2) limits on insurance subsidies
- 3) redesign and retrofitting of structures
- 4) updates for drainage, flood control, and water supply infrastructure
- 5) increased coastal protection

CO-BENEFITS!

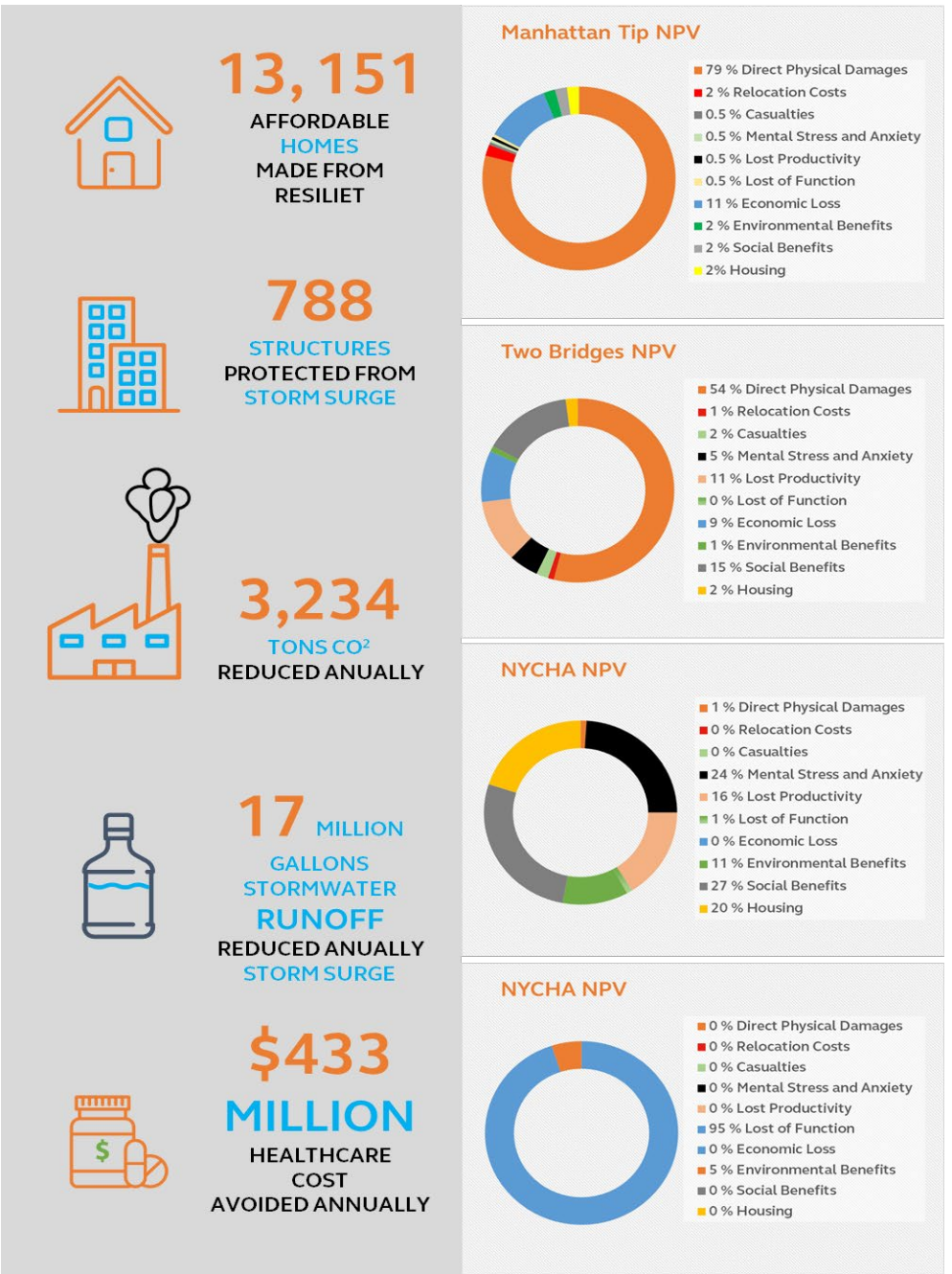




# Value of Resilience



Natural Hazard *Mitigation* Saves: 2017 Interim Report  
[www.nibs.org/page/mitigationsaves](http://www.nibs.org/page/mitigationsaves)



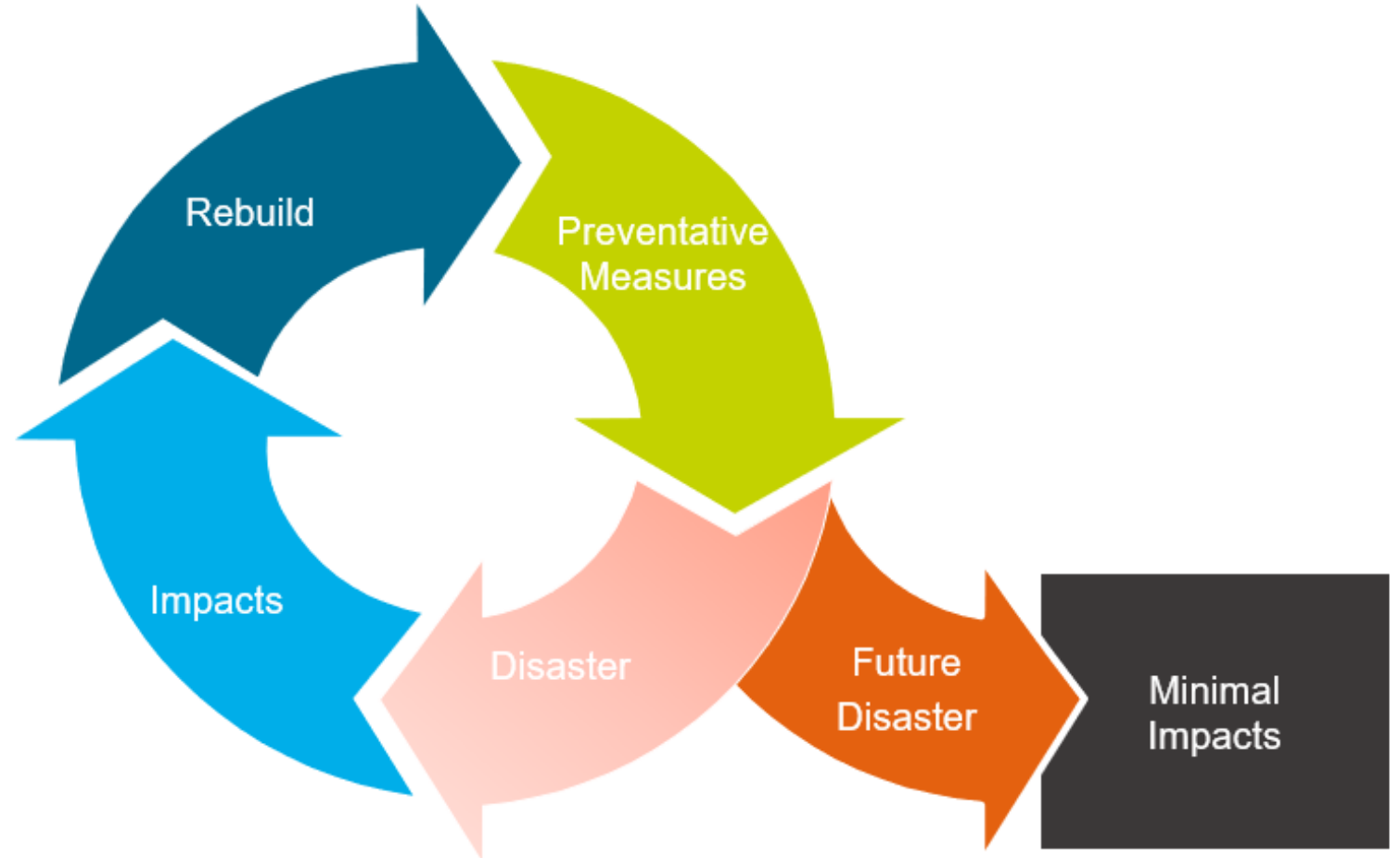
# Stop the Cycle

Solution-Oriented Approach



vs.

Prevention-Oriented Approach



Stop the Cycle.

# FEMA funding opportunities

## Potential Projects

Green Infrastructure Projects

Stormwater Management Projects

Aquifer Storage and Recovery

Power Resiliency (Generators)

Erosion Control

Floodplain Restoration

Stream Restoration

Infrastructure Retrofits

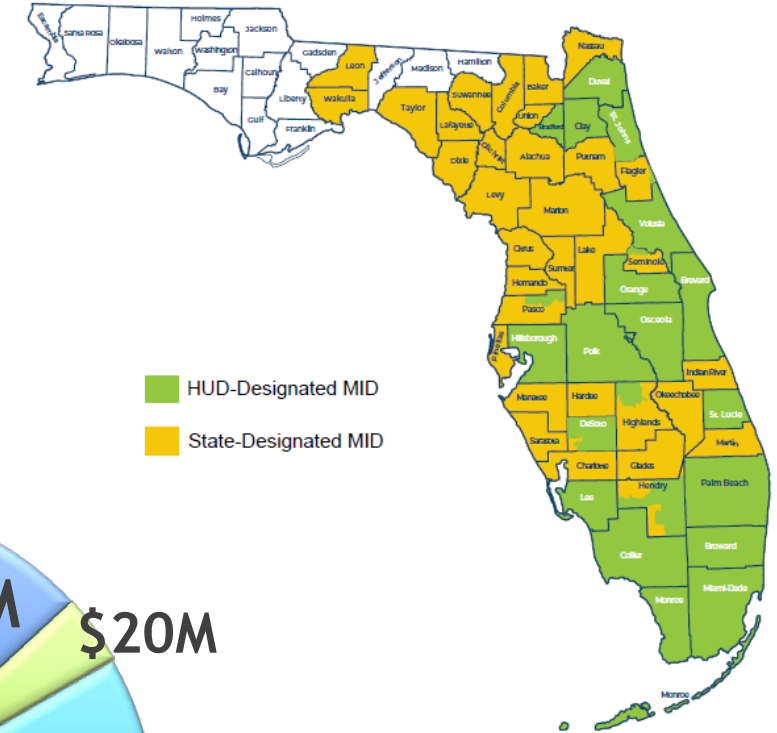
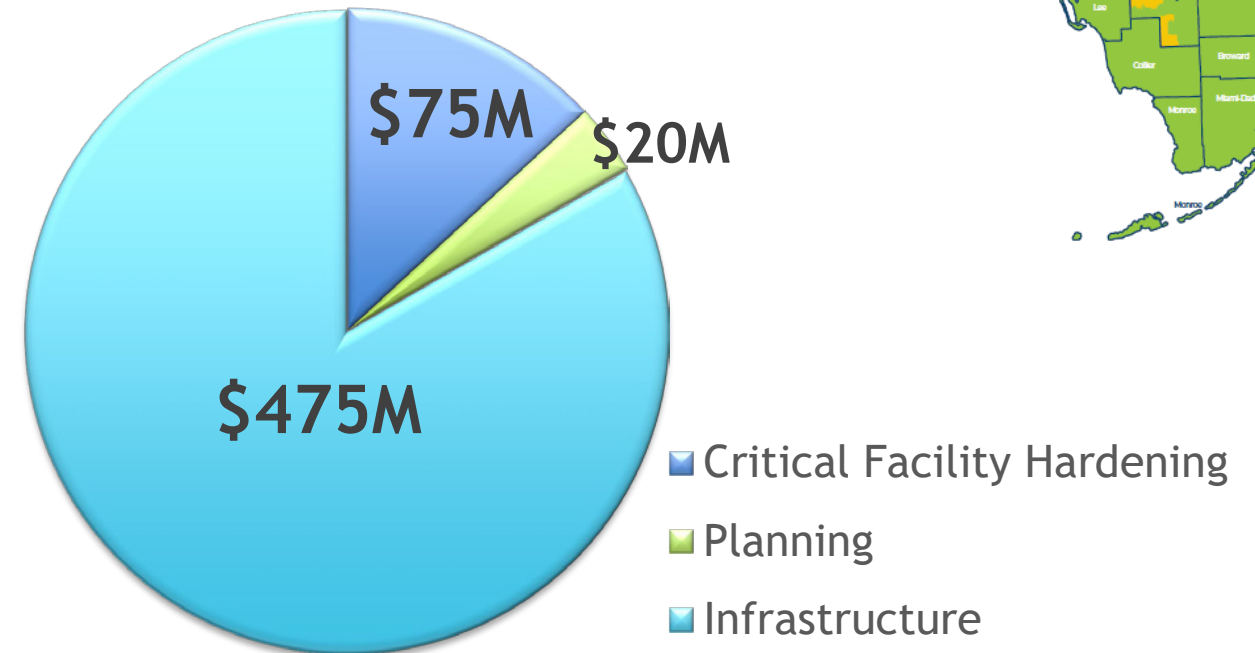


# Rebuild Florida

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

**\$633 million** to support Florida communities in hazard mitigation

<https://floridajobs.org/rebuildflorida/mitigation>





# Tools to Learn more

Flood IQ

<https://floodiq.com/>

Surging Seas

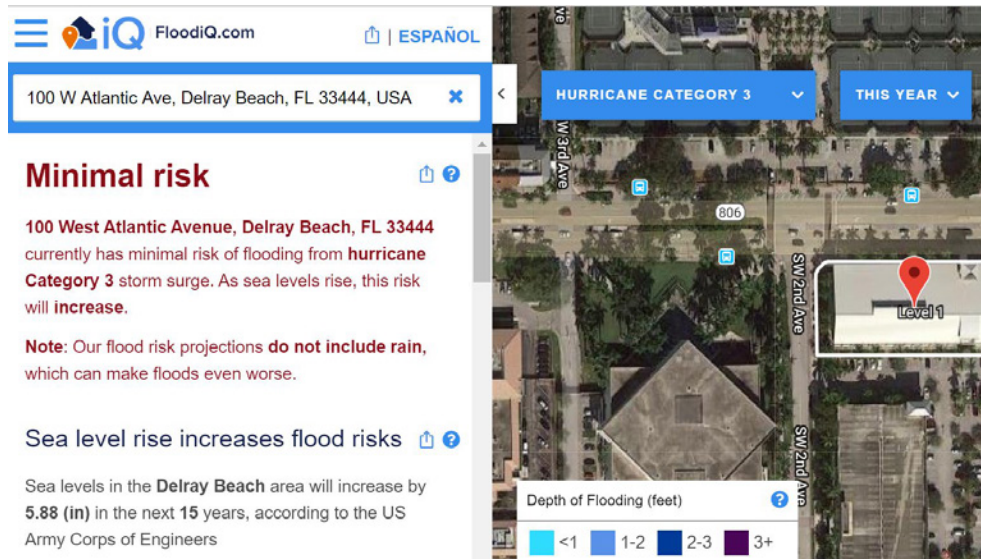
[sealevel.climatecentral.org/](https://sealevel.climatecentral.org/)

NOAA SLR Viewer

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr>

and another great NOAA tool

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/flood-exposure.html>



# Communicating about Sea Level Rise

Health Impacts

Financial  
Impacts

Habitat Loss

Environmental  
Justice

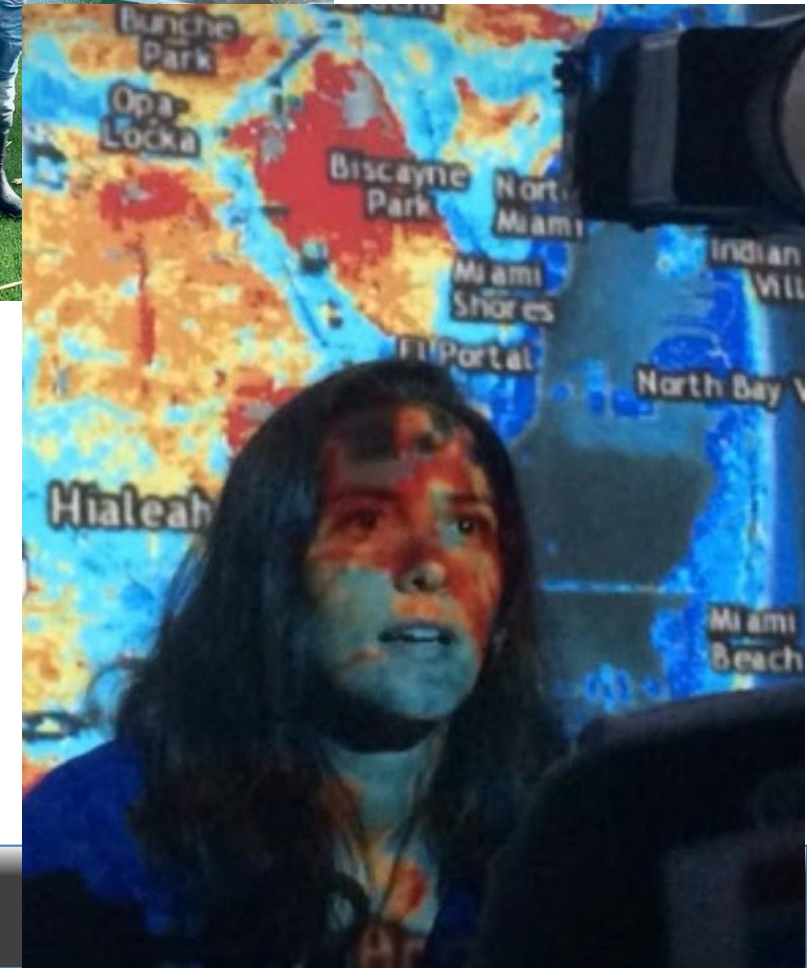
Sustainability  
for future  
generations

Tipping Points

Who Pays?







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Thank  
you!

We have caveman  
emotions;  
medieval institutions;  
and god-like technology  
-E. O. Wilson



# FUTURE CONDITIONS: COMMUNITY DESIGN AND INFRASTRUCTURE

AIA WEBINAR - WICKED WATER PANEL

JUNE 17, 2020



# WICKED WATER CONSIDERATIONS

## ☐ Climate Trends

- Rising Seas
- Rainfall Intensification
- Increased Storm Surge

## ☐ Exposures

- Population
- Assets



Inland Flooding

Tidal Flooding



King Tide Coastal Erosion



# CHANGES TO PLANNING AND INVESTMENTS

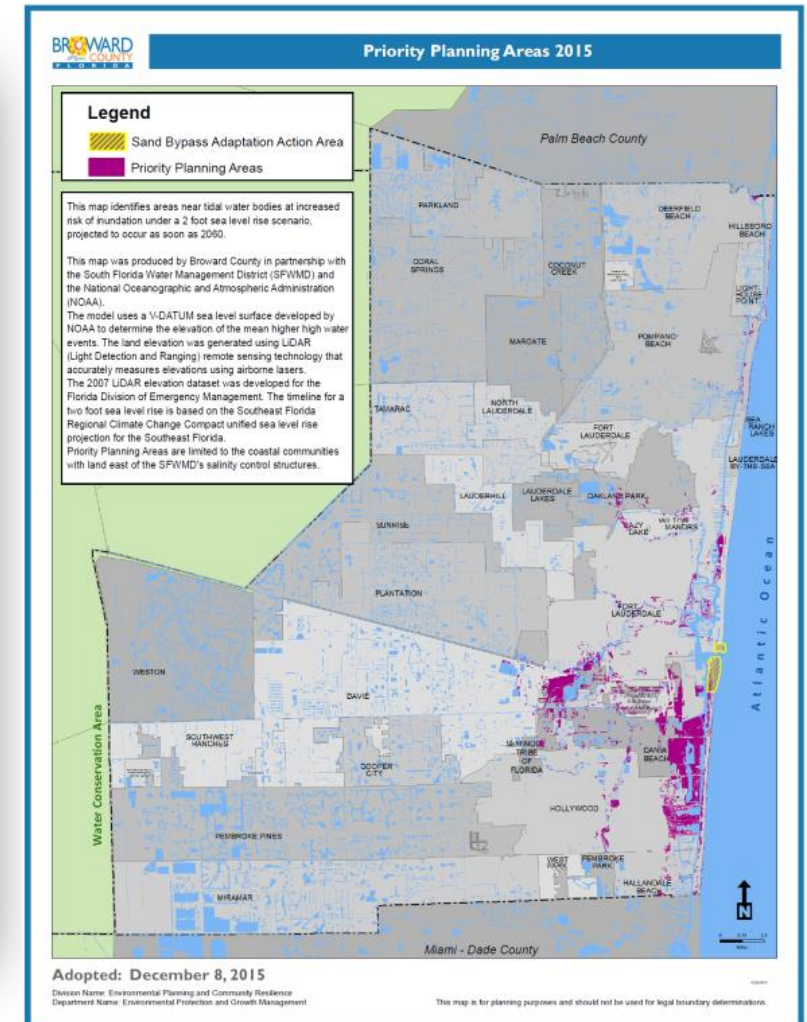
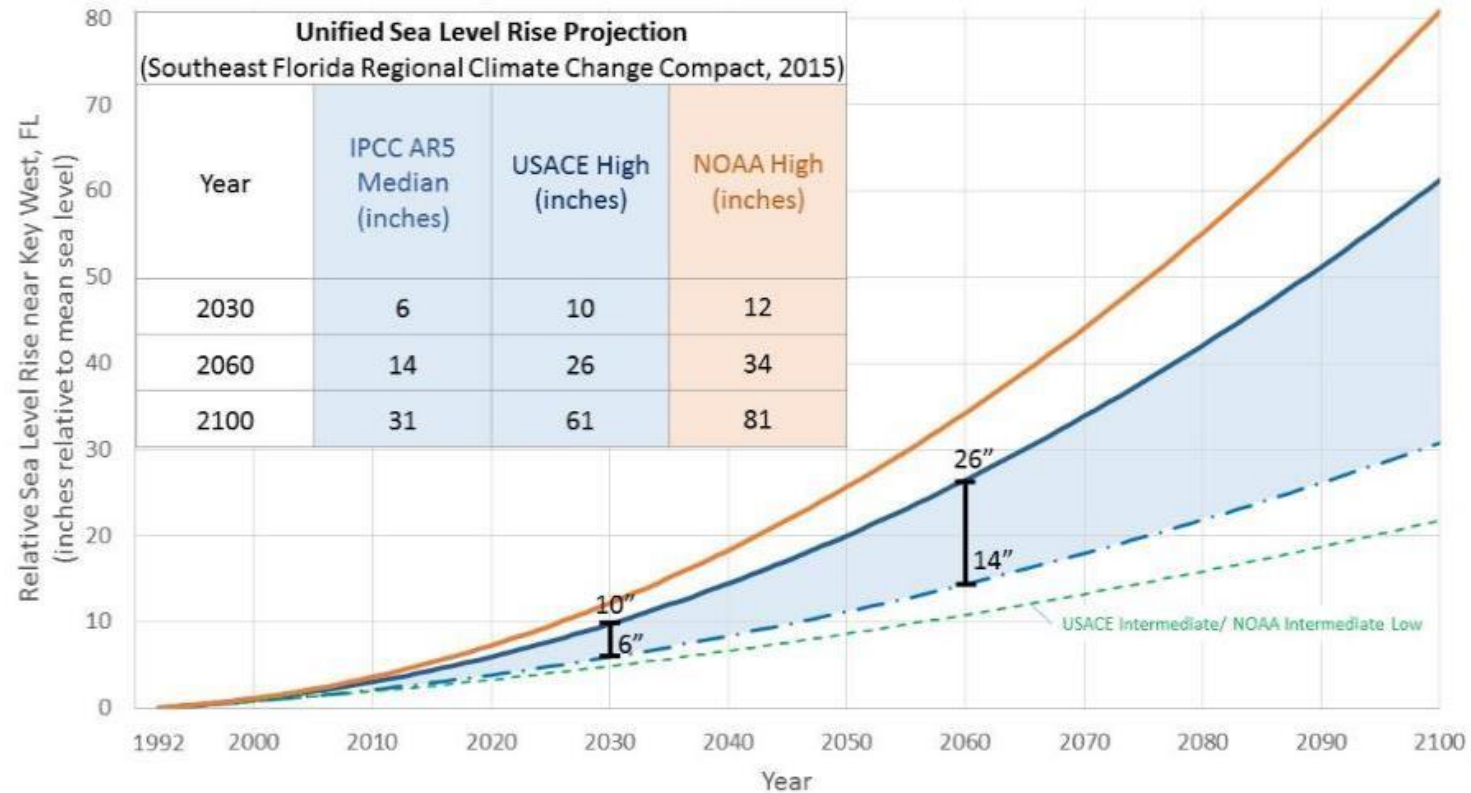
## ❑ Considerations

- Land Use
- Infrastructure Citing
- Resilience Standards
- Expanded Drainage
- Additional Free Board



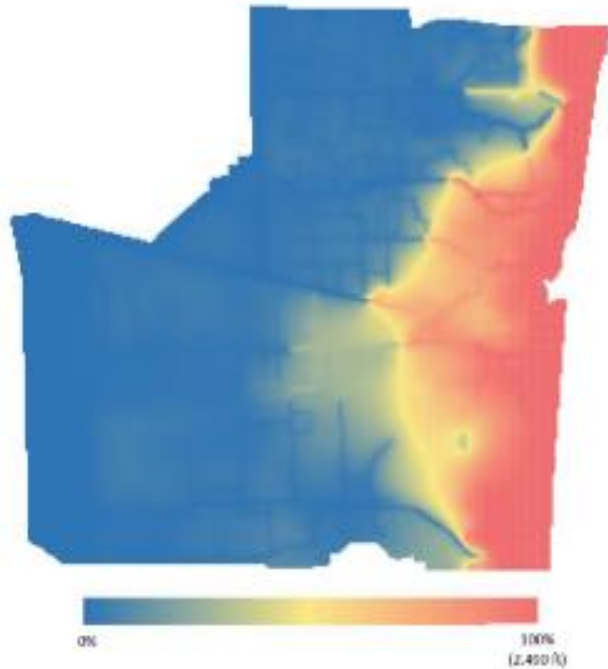


# FUTURE CONDITIONS PLANNING: SEA LEVEL RISE AND LAND USE

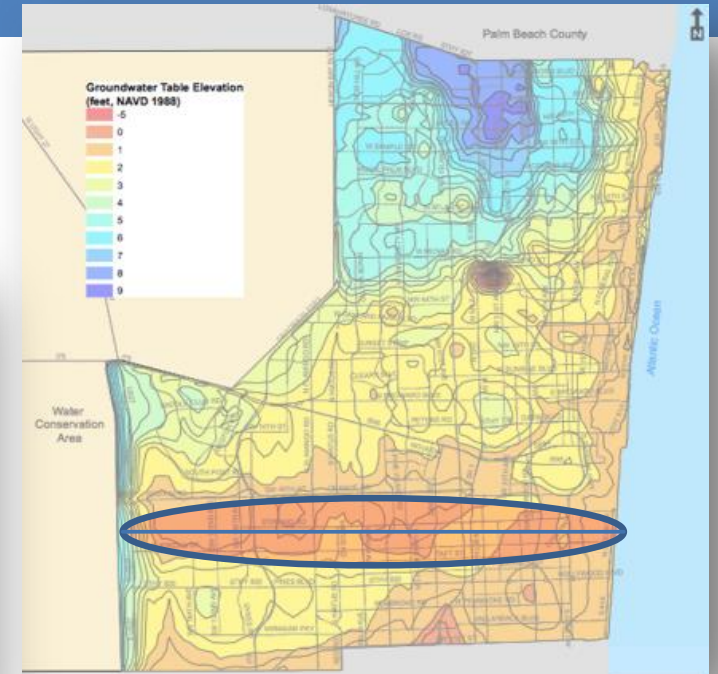
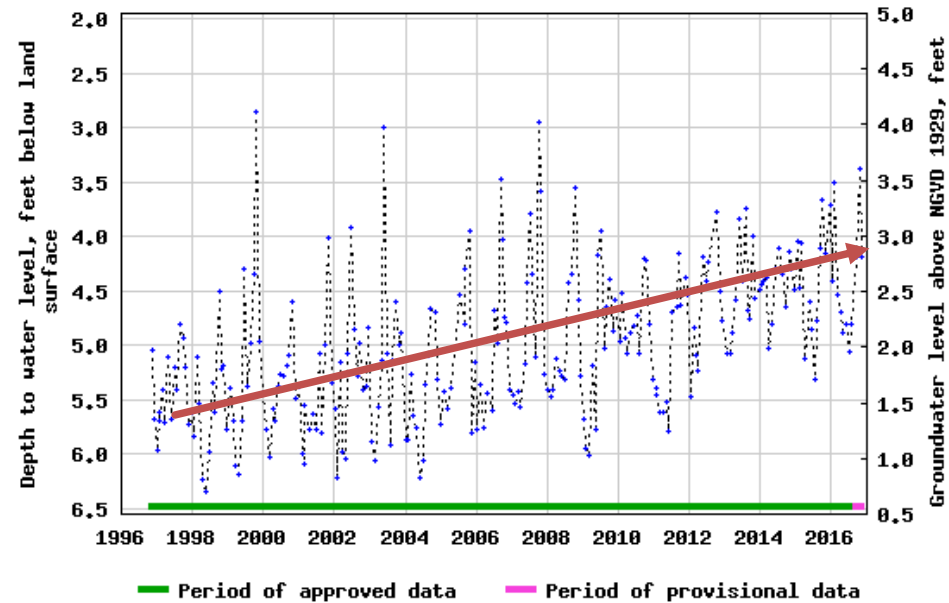


# FUTURE CONDITIONS: GROUNDWATER WET SEASON ELEVATIONS

Wet-Season average for future conditions using CCSM model w/NRCS rate of SLR  
Percent of SLR increase reflected in groundwater level increase



USGS 260155080092002 G -2612



Groundwater Elevation Change





# FUTURE CONDITIONS: 100-YEAR FLOOD MAP

## Future Conditions Flood Map Elevation Difference

### Evolving Flood Elevations and Building Requirements



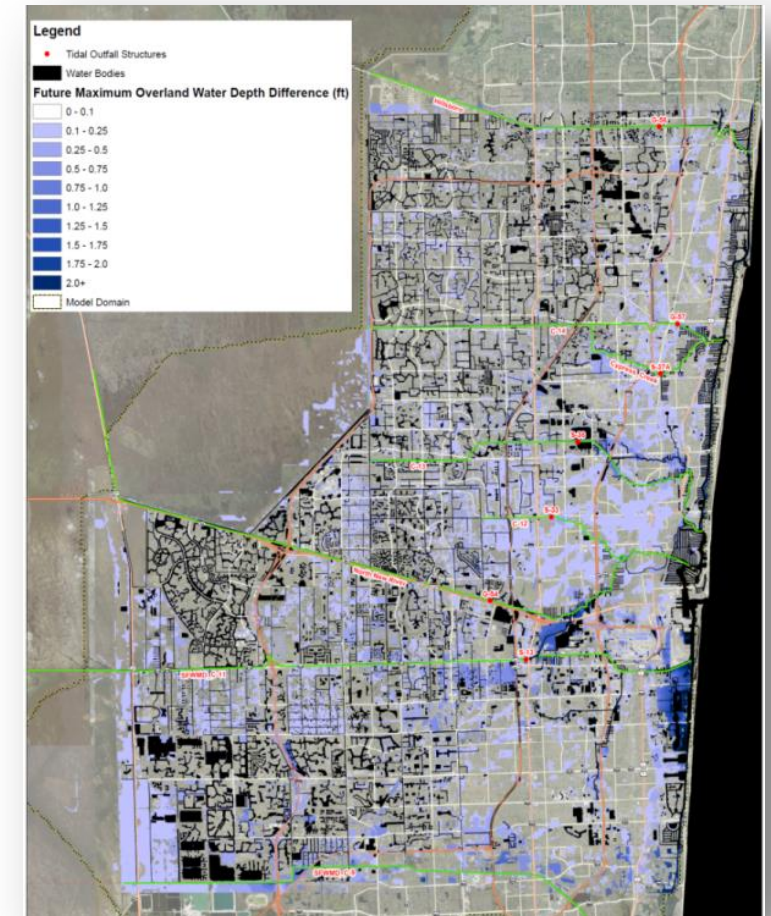
**1992 FEMA Base Flood  
Elevation: 8.5' NAVD**

**2014 FEMA Base Flood Elevation: 9'  
NAVD ≈ Broward County 100-YR  
Elevation: 9' NAVD**

#### Flood Insurance

Current (FFE at +1 above 2014 BFE)	\$650
FFE = 2014 BFE	\$1,817

**Finished Floor  
Elevation: 10.25'  
NAVD**



# COUNTYWIDE RESILIENCE STANDARDS: TIDAL FLOOD BARRIERS

- ❑ Modeled water levels:
  - 2 feet sea level rise
  - High tides
  - 25-yr storm surge
- ❑ Requires **5 feet NAVD by 2050**,  
allows **4 feet NAVD until 2035**
- ❑ Requires adoption in 2 years

Municipalities with Tidally Influenced Waterways

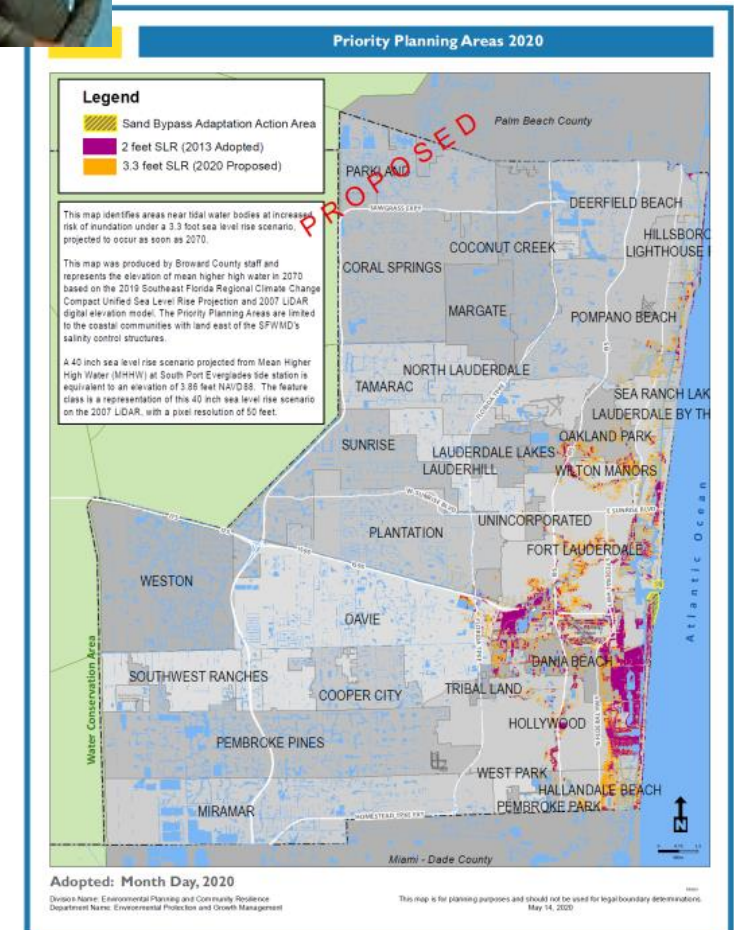
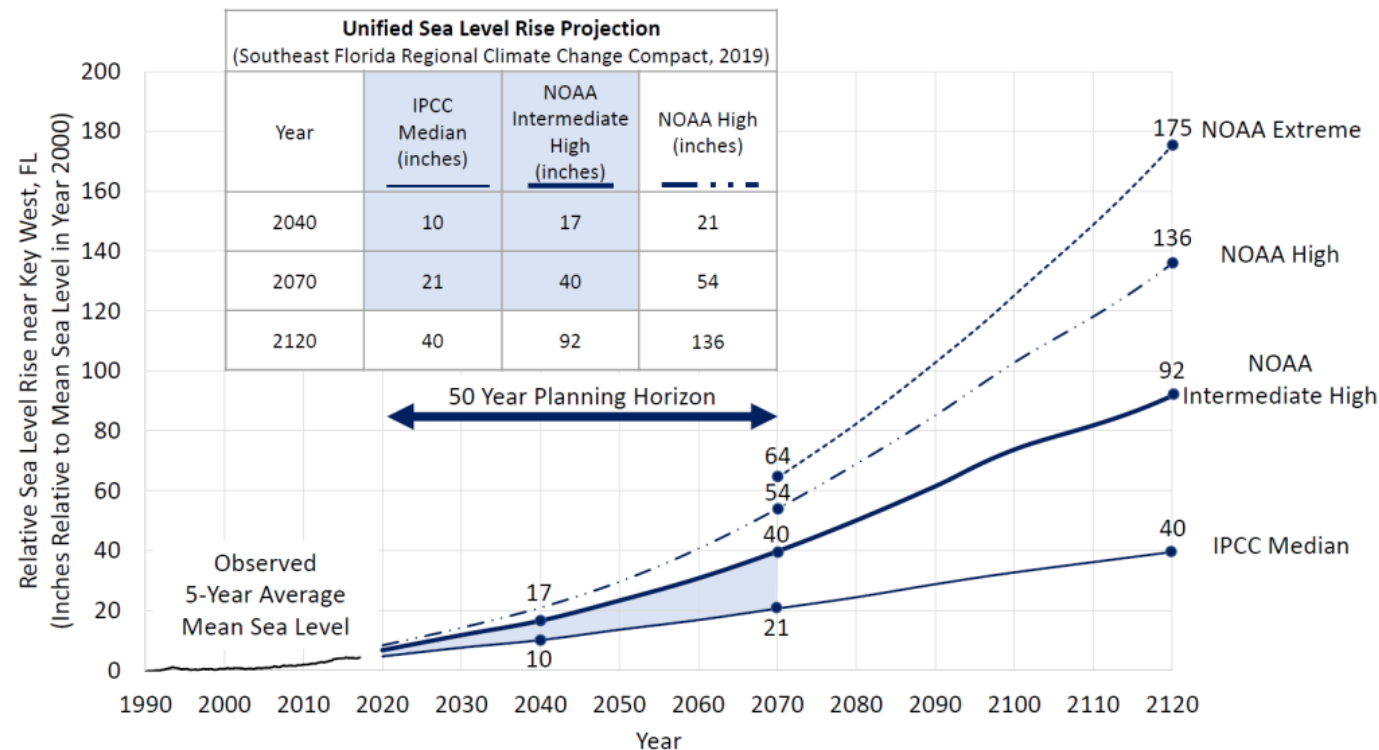


Hollywood Marina





# FUTURE CONDITIONS: THE NEXT GENERATION



# NEXT STEPS: A COUNTYWIDE RESILIENCE PLAN

- ❑ Risk Assessment and Resilient Infrastructure Plan
  - Basin-level analysis
  - Critical infrastructure and services
  - Mitigation strategies
  - Planning level cost estimates
  - Redevelopment strategies
  - Priority capital improvements
  - Quantified risk reduction



Courtesy of MIT and U Toronto



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# **Flooding and Sea Level Rise in Florida: Policy and Funding Perspectives**

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FL AIA Wicked Water Panel

June 17, 2020



# We are the American Flood Coalition

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and nonpartisan coalition advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise



**Federal  
Champions**



**Cities, Towns  
and Counties**



**Elected  
Officials**



**Businesses**



**Military  
Groups**



**Civic and  
Academic Groups**



# What we do



## Best-in-class educational guides

Scalable educational resources to meet our members' needs



## Tools for effective communication

Opportunities and tools for communicating about flooding with stakeholders at all levels



## Networks of leaders on flooding

Forum to connect virtually and in-person with other leaders and share learnings



## Competitive local resilience pilots

Competitive local pilots that promote deeper engagement on flooding and sea level rise



## Platform for advocacy and education

Strong platform that makes local voices and needs heard at the federal level







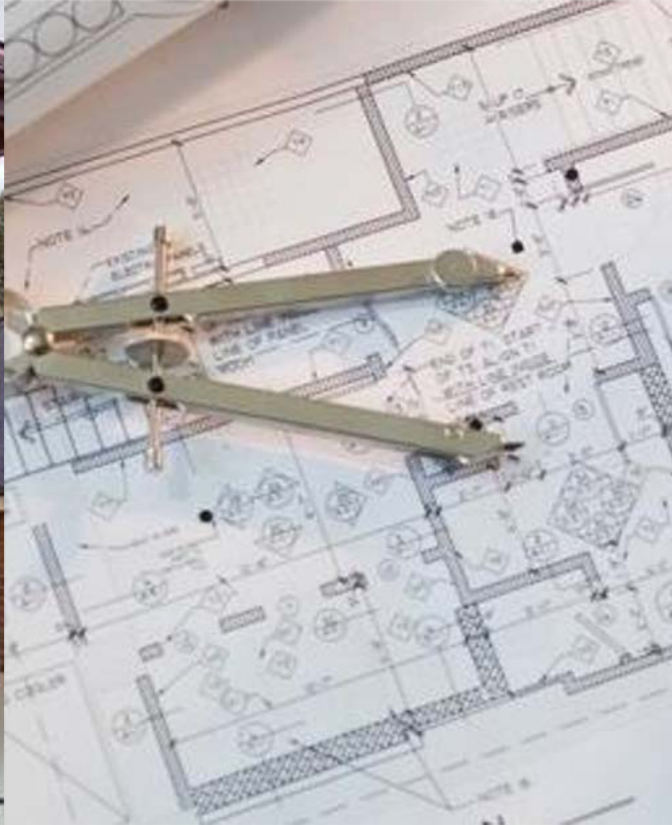
# Florida Membership

## Our Florida coalition members



“Floridians know the sea is rising – our beaches are smaller and eroding, flooding is more frequent and threats to our fresh water are increasing. **It’s a threat to our economy, our national security, and our environment.**”

**Congressman Michael Waltz**  
**American Flood Coalition Federal Champion**



## Our 4 pillars for coastal and inland solutions

### Economy

Invest in infrastructure that boosts the economy and protects property values

### Communities

Use proactive planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars

### Rebuilding

Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding

### Military

Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year





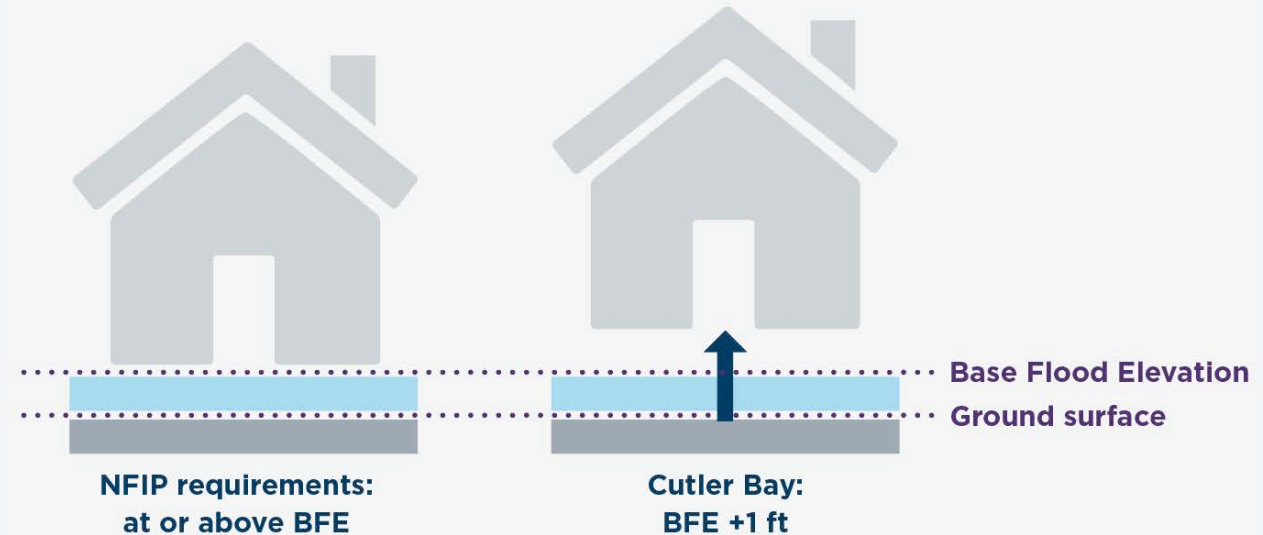
# FEMA Community Rating System

## ‘Get Started’ steps for local communities

- Take an inventory of open space
- Build partnerships with diverse stakeholders
- Exceed minimum NFIP requirements for buildings

## Considerations for sea level rise

- In areas prone to sea level rise, achieving high CRS credits may be challenging
- Planning for long term sea level rise (through year 2100) is a creditable activity



*The Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is the elevation that has a 1% chance of flooding each year – or a **26% chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage***

*Average cost of flood damage per home in the Houston area following Hurricane Harvey: **\$56,297***



# FEMA CRS: Cutler Bay

- Cutler Bay is **1 of 3 communities in FL** with a CRS rating of 4
- Result is **30% flood insurance discount** for many homeowners and local businesses
- Cutler Bay's Floodplain Mitigation Plan (FMP) identifies risk and vulnerability to flood hazards and recommends mitigation actions. Examples of actions taken thus far for CRS credit:

- **Open Space Preservation** (401 credits)
- **Higher Regulatory Standards** (338 credits)
- **Drainage System Maintenance** (240 credits)
- **Outreach Projects** (218 credits)
- **Flood Warning Projects** (85 credits)







# FEMA BRIC Program

## Risks

- Will local communities have bandwidth to apply during COVID-19?
- The selection criteria and funding levels are still being defined, so it is hard for communities to prepare for applying

## Opportunity

- Can architects frame design opportunities for local communities so that they have a better jumpstart on the process?

## FEMA to open up more money for resilience projects

**\$400 million+\***

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, expected annual funding

**\$56 million**

Predisaster Mitigation Program, on average from 2009-2016

\* \$400M figure depends on disaster expenditures and is at the discretion of FEMA.



# Flooding and sea level rise matter to Florida's economy

## Sales tax revenue at risk

A record 126 million tourists visited Florida in 2019. Sea level rise poses a **threat to the tourism industry, which employs 1 million residents.**

## Agriculture

The state's second largest industry is at risk due to rising groundwater levels, in certain parts of the state, and changes in rainfall patterns.

## Main Street Impacts

Nearly 40% of small businesses never reopen after a flood disaster.

## Property value at risk

Since 2005, Florida homes have lost a collective \$5.42 billion due to flooding, which will affect the revenue of local governments.

## Bond ratings

Moody's Investors Service includes flood risk in municipal credit assessments and stated in 2017 that the lack of sufficient adaptation strategies will be a growing negative credit factor.







# Brainstorming actions with a local community

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Staff

Identify gaps in staff **capacity**

Designate a **resilience lead**

Build **regional** collaboration

Community  
engagement

Publicly **commit** to addressing SLR

**Resident** engagement: town halls,  
workshops

Engage **business** community

Create a **strong resilience brand**

Funding &  
financing

Enroll in **NFIP CRS**

Review **state & federal funding**

Develop a FEMA **Hazard  
Mitigation Plan**

Review **municipal funding**

Determine **cost** of adaptation

Planning &  
projects

Implement **consistent sea level  
rise projection**

Catalogue existing **open space**

Review and update **zoning,  
ordinances, building codes**

Conduct **mapping & planning** to  
identify vulnerable areas

Identify **critical projects**

Review options for **stormwater  
retention**



# Informational resources

## Federal Funding Guide for Small Cities



- Includes federal grant and technical assistance programs
- 24 programs most relevant to communities with <50,000 population

## Other Guides

- Dual Disaster Handbook ([floodcoalition.org/covid19/](https://floodcoalition.org/covid19/))
- Vulnerability assessments
- Seawall ordinances
- Seawall financing
- Jump-starting adaptation
- In-depth guides on key federal programs





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# WICKED WATER DIALOGUE



QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

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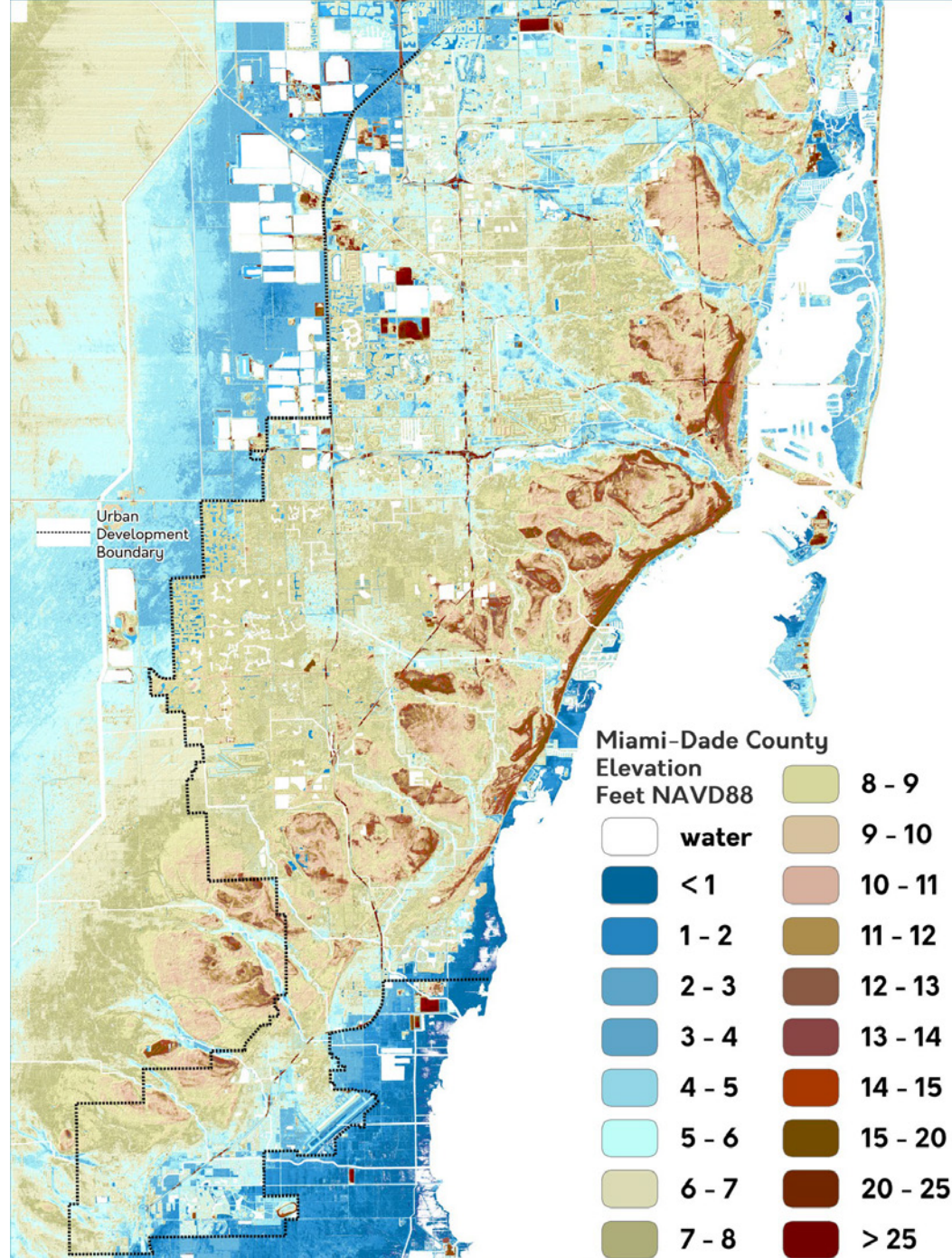


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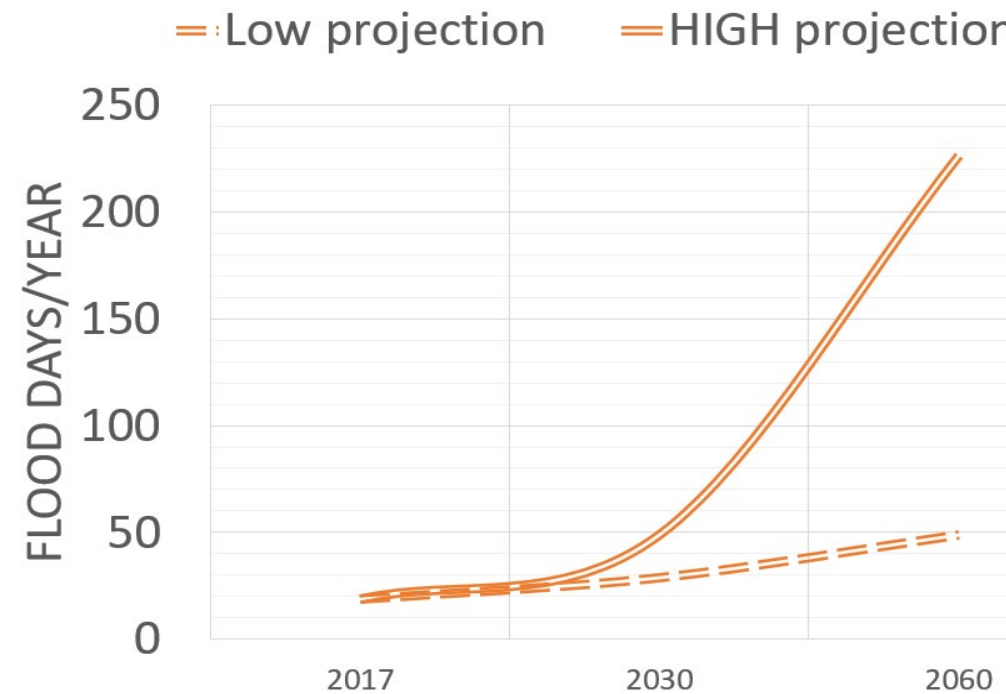
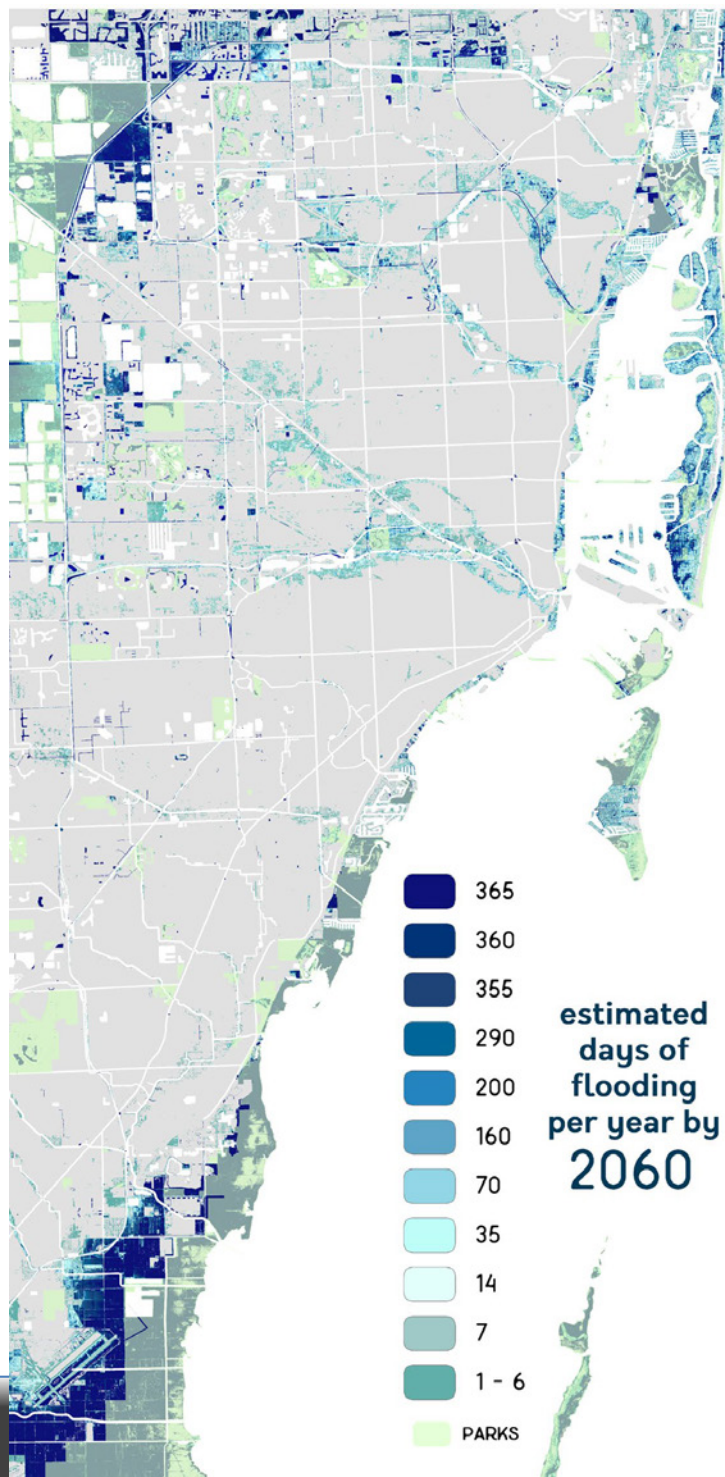


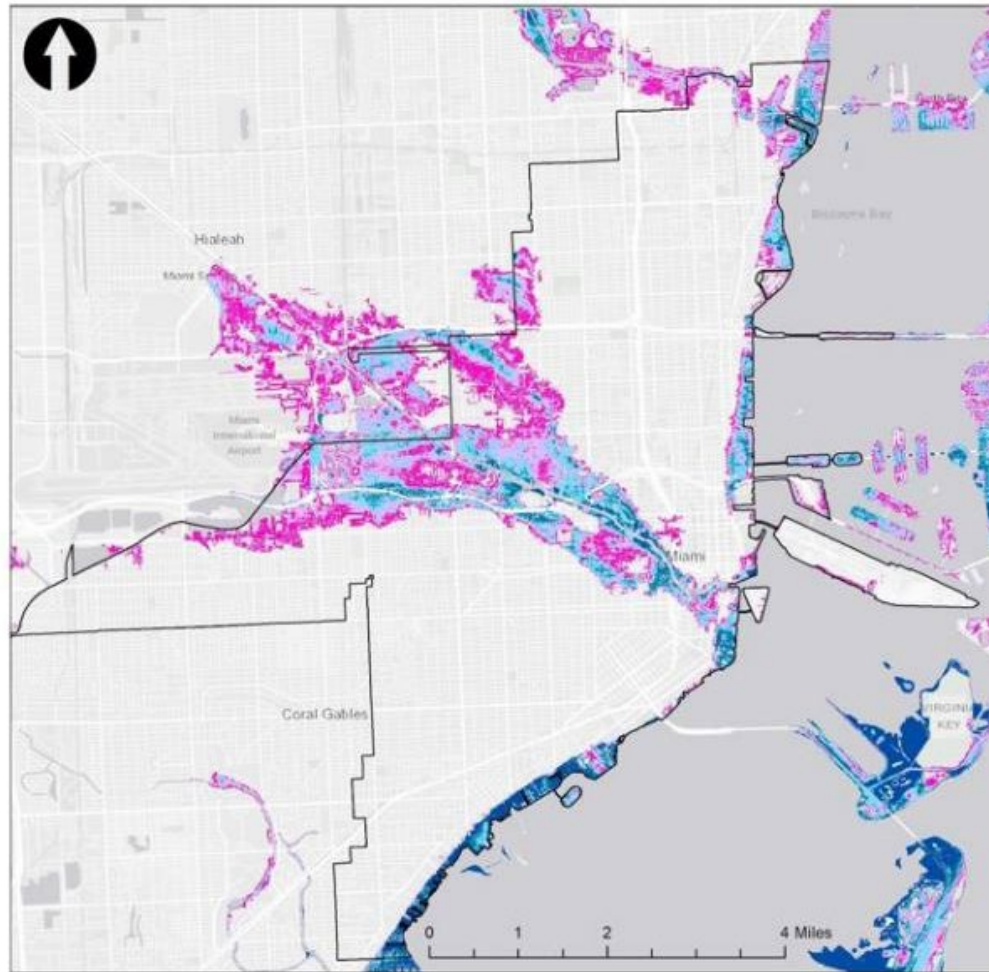
# Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Strategy





# King tide flooding in days per year





Future Expansion of the Coastal High Hazard Area in the City of Miami



## Other Impacts of Chronic Flooding and Sea Level Rise

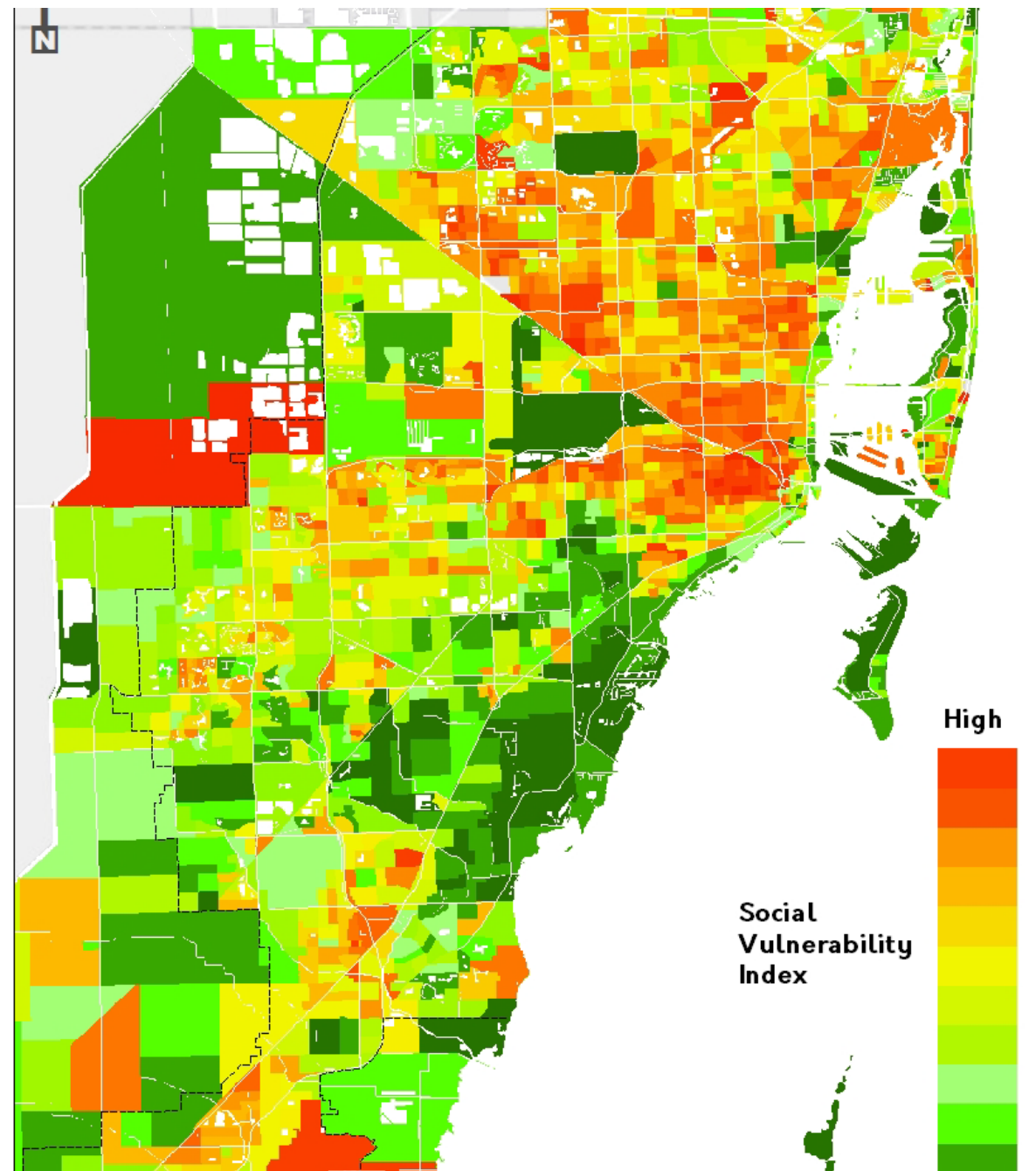
- Health problems associated with standing water
- Reductions in water quality
- Saltwater intrusion
- Property value impacts
- Socioeconomics
- Vulnerable populations have greater impacts



# Social Vulnerability Index

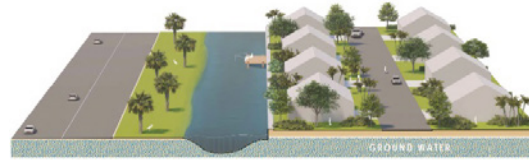


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	2-3 ft	L	ML	M	MH	H
	3-4 ft	L	L	ML	M	MH
	4-5 ft	L	L	L	ML	M
		0-.20	.20-.40	.40-.60	.60-.80	.80-1
CONSEQUENCE						

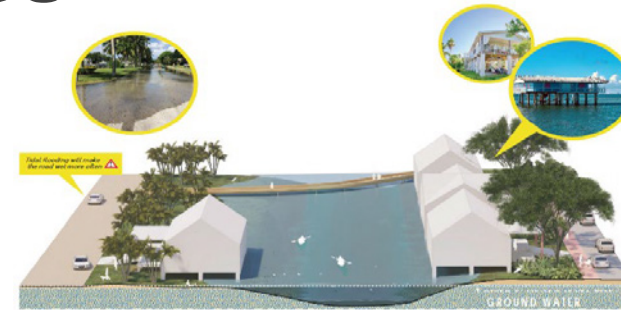


# Adaptation Approaches

Where are these applicable?



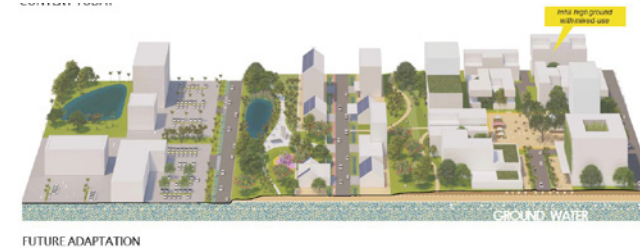
Build on fill



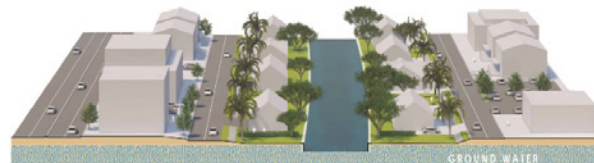
Build like the keys



Build around transit



Build on high ground



Blue & greenways

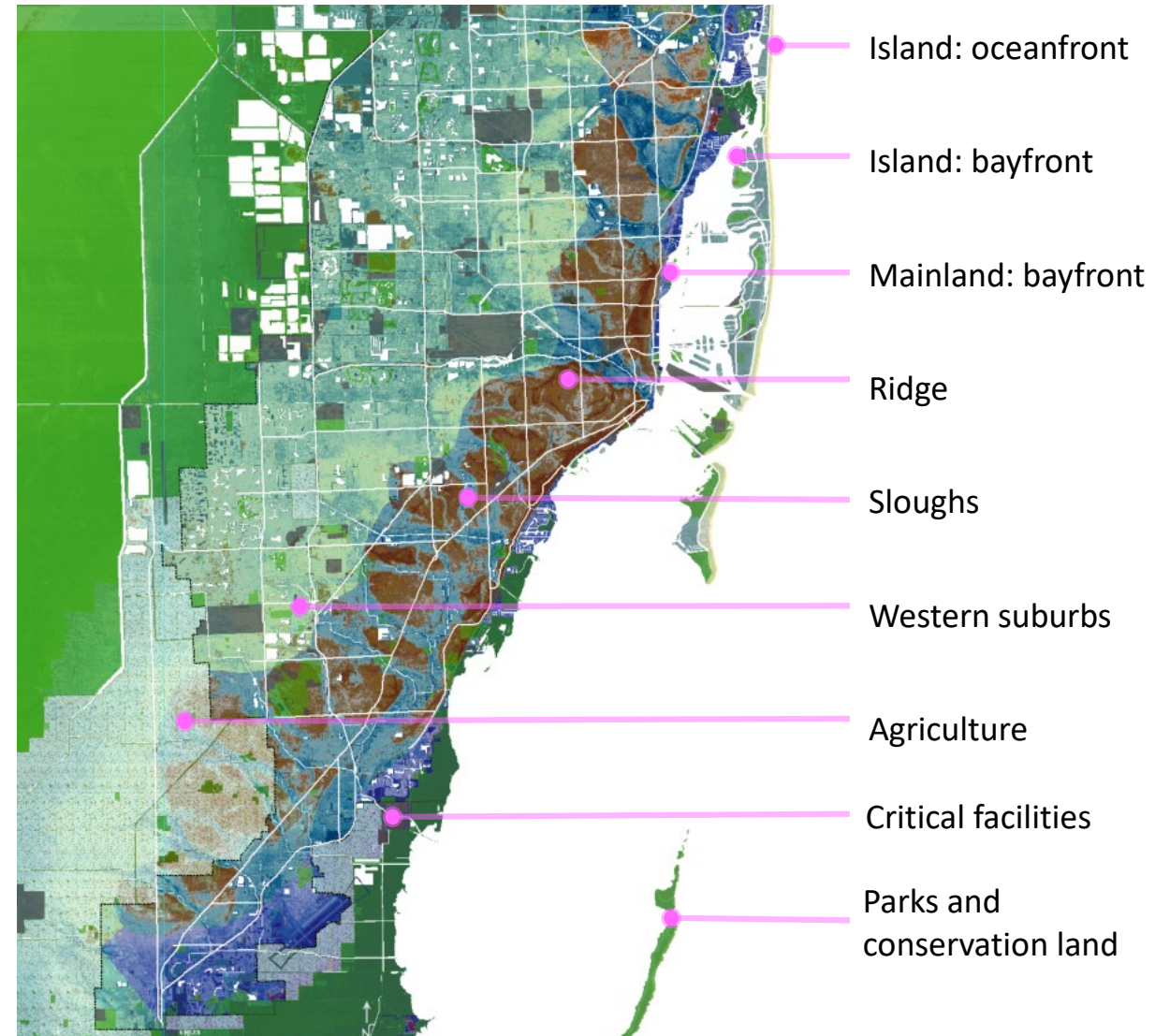


Green & blue neighborhoods



Adaptation  
approaches and  
strategies paired with

## Land Typologies

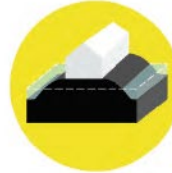


# Adaptation Tools

## MEASURES TO RAISE THE LAND



Raise Roads



Filling Land (Cut/Fill)



Improve Regional  
Drainage Network



Improve Local  
Stormwater System

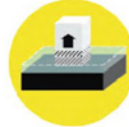


Increase Pervious  
Surfaces

## MEASURES TO REDUCE DAMAGE FROM FLOODING



Elevating Critical  
Equipment



Elevating Buildings



Floating Buildings



Voluntary Buy-Out



Strengthen Local/  
State Codes



Green Roofs & Cisterns



Pumps



Parks & Conservation Lands



Agriculture



Western Suburbs



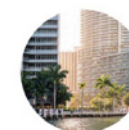
Critical Facilities



Sloughs



Ridge



Mainland - Bayfront



Island - Bayfront



Island - Oceanfront





# Stakeholder engagement

