

State Policies

RI Sea Level Rise Policy

- RI CRMC Red Book Section145
- 3-5' by 2100

Comprehensive Plans

- Rhode Island 2012
 Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act update
- Requirement for plans to address Natural Hazards

Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Progra

Climate Change and Sea Level 1

A. Definitions

- Cinnate is the long-term weature sverage concrete with an a peoprague region, and cinna change refers to fluctuation in the Earth's climate system as a result of both instard as anthropogenic causes. Currently the long term climate change trend is evidenced by rising glob temperatures; cincreasing extrement within the hydrologic cycle resulting in more flequent floor and droughts; and rising sea level.
- Sea level rise refers to the change in mean sea level over time in response to global climate and local tectonic changes. Sea level is the height of the sea with respect to a horizontal control point, or benchmark (e.g., The National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 or NGVD 29; The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 or NAVD 88).
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B. Finding

- 1. On very long (geologic) time scales, see level naturally fluctuates in response to variations in attronomical configurations that cause changes in the Earth's climate system. Since the 18st Glacial Maximum disproximation 20,000 years app, global see level has risen by over 50 fec (120 meters), as water that was previously trapped in continental ice sheets has made its way into the elohal occur.
- 2. See level rise is a direct consequence of global climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions to dismosphere increase surface surrange, which in turn increase the volume of coean waters due thermal expansion, and scelerates the melting of glacial ice. Atmospheric greenhouse geoconcentrations are already higher than levels at the last integlical period, when see levels 13 to 19 feet (4 to 6 meters) higher than at present (Overpeck et al., 2006). Greenhouse g concentrations are seructed to continue to increase formula 200.

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Section 145

PLANNING FOR NATURAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

EMBODYING STATE GOALS AND POLICIES

To be consistent with the State's many goals for planning for natural hazards and to receive State approval, comprehensive plans must include **goals**, **policies and implementation actions** that address:

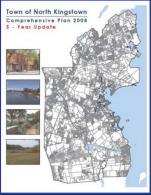
• Avoiding or minimizing the effects that natural hazards pose to lives, infrastructure and property.

Case Study: North Kingstown Adaptation to Natural Hazards and Climate Change in North Kingstown, RI Map Atlas SLAMM maps Data analysis Adaptation strategies Prioritization Comprehensive Plan, Goals & Objectives

What is North Kingstown doing?

- FEMA Community Rating System NK's Rating = 9
 - Currently **5% reduction** on flood insurance premiums town-wide
 - NK taking steps to get down to an "8" rating = 10% reduction!
- Hazard Mitigation Plan updated in 2013, estimated adoption by end of year
- NK will incorporate natural hazards planning into 2014 rewrite of NK's Comprehensive Community Plan





What can residents & businesses do?



• Be informed.

- Know your risk
- Know who to call & how to access resources

• Make a plan.

- Comp Plans & Hazard Mitigation Plans locally
- Elevate, relocate, or floodproof

Take action.

- Evacuate areas at risk
- Get involved in Comprehensive Community Plan & Beach SAMP

Spread the word!

Case Study: North Kingstown

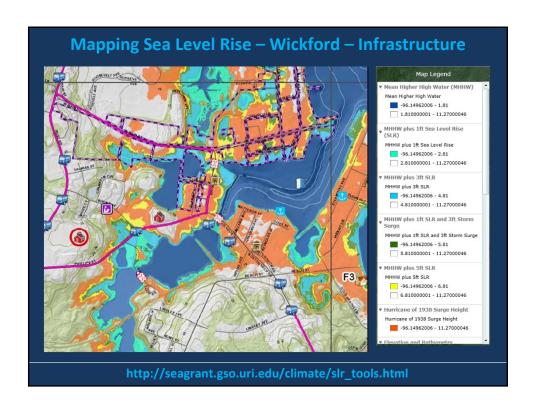
1) STORMS:

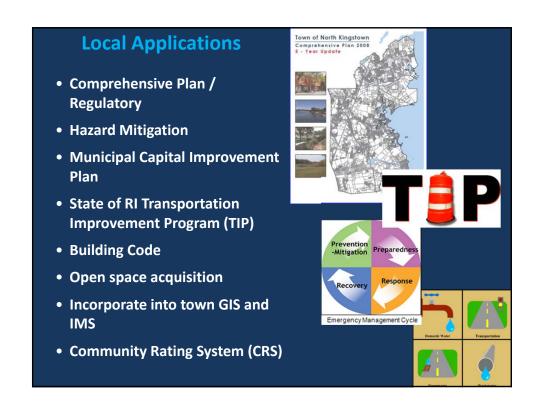
When the next storm hits Rhode Island this year and in years ahead, how far will the storm surge reach inland roads and properties, and how will the coastline erode and change as the waters surge and recede?

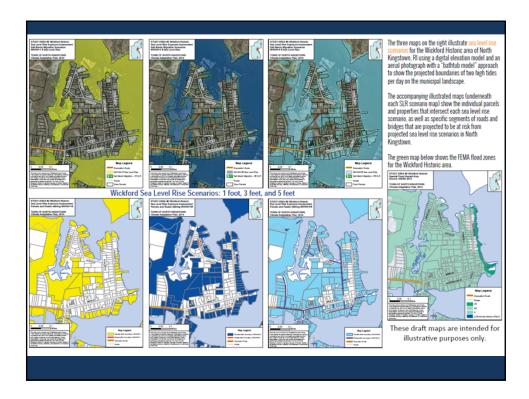
2) SEA LEVEL RISE:

Over the next 20, 50, and 100 years, how will incremental sea level rise change the coastline of town, and what roads and properties will be inundated by two high tides per day at levels higher than we are seeing today?







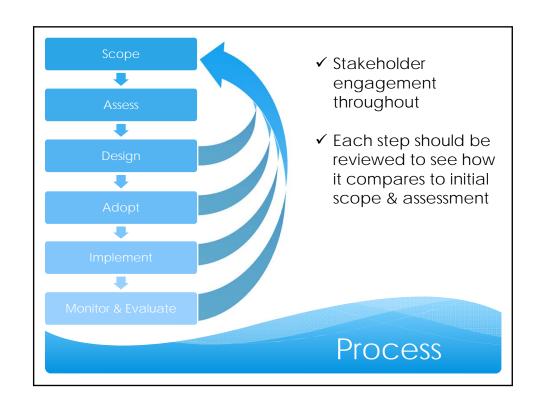


MUNICIPAL ADAPTATION STRATEGIES BY SECTOR

- 1. Land Use
- 2. Transportation & Circulation
- 3. Building Stock
- 4. Municipal Properties & Facilities
- 5. Emergency Management Facilities
- 6. Wastewater
- 7. Stormwater Management
- 8. Drinking Water
- 9. Groundwater

- 10. Wetlands
- 11. Historic & Cultural Resources
- 12. Contaminated Sites
- 13. Open Space, Recreation, & Public Access
- 14. Vulnerable Populations
- 15. Greenhouse Gas Reduction (CO2 Mitigation)
- 16. Utilities and Other Infrastructure
- 17. Communications
- 18. Municipal Operations

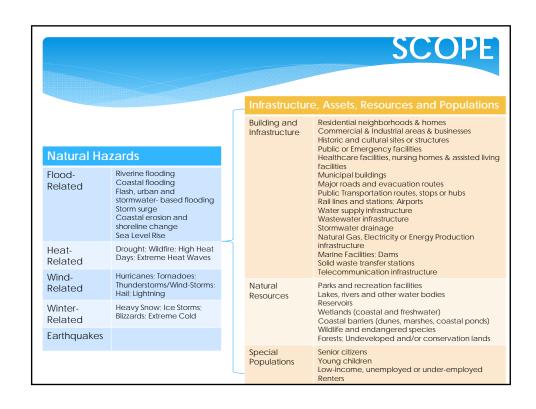




SCOPE

- Identify Goals
- Clarify Assessment Outcome
- Define Scale
- Data Needs and Sources
- Select a Planning Team
- Outline Public Process
- Capacity Building
- Prioritize Moving Forward





SCOPE

Flood Risk:



1% and 0.2% storm (also known as the 100 and 500 year storm event)



Special Flood
Hazard Areas using
the most recent
Federal Emergency
Management
Agency's Flood
Insurance Rate
Maps



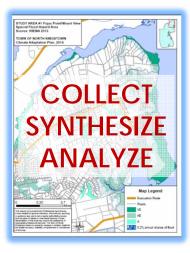
Projected areas inundated due to sea-level rise:

1 foot

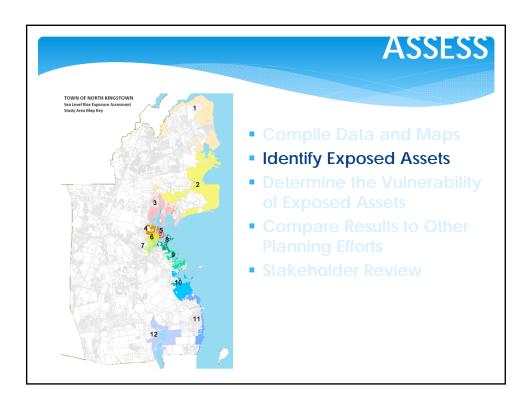
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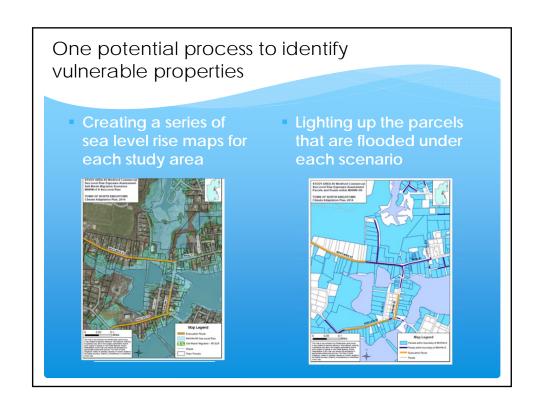
5 feet

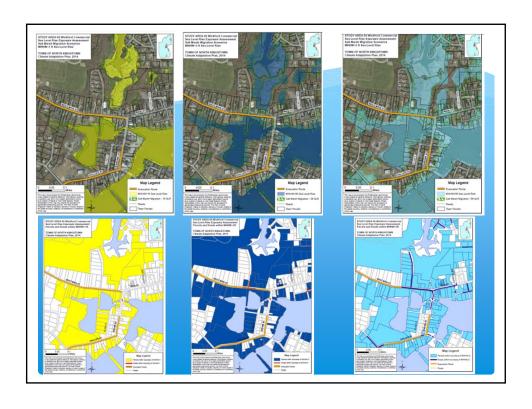
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- Compile Data and Maps
- Identify Exposed Assets
- Determine the Vulnerability of Exposed Assets
- Identify Priority Impacts
- Compare Results to Other Planning Efforts
- Stakeholder Review









SAMPLE GOALS, POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS FOR NATURAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Our community will act in an integrated manner to implement a standard of resilience from natural hazards.
- Systems will be in place to minimize impacts from natural hazards in our vulnerable areas.

- Plan to accommodate a base rate of 3 to 5 foot rise in sea level by 2100 in the siting, design, and implementation of public and private coastal activities.
- private coastal activities.

 Require municipal departments to incorporate climate change in all long-range planning and critical public infrastructure projects.

 Ensure that the local Hazard Mitigation Plan is up-to-date and utilizes the most recent available technical data for natural hazards and climate change.

 Ensure consistency between the Hazard
- Ensure consistency between the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, SAMP plans, the city's land use regulations and the local Harbor Management Plan.
- Ensure that existing critical facilities are protected or otherwise improved to function in hazard and disaster situations.
- Ensure that new facilities are sited in areas that are not prone to flooding or other hazards.
- Improve the municipality's stormwater management system to enhance infiltration and expand stormwater retention areas.
- retention areas.

 Ensure that there is adequate funding and administrative support to implement the recommendations in the local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Educate the public to better understand

- the concept of community resilience and the meaning of probabilities and risk, especially for stream and coastal flooding.
- When making improvements to parks, playgrounds and other open spaces, include improvements so that these areas can function as stormwater retention areas.
- Encourage stormwater drainage improvements that reduce runoff and increase the permeability of the built
- Expand the tree canopy in urbanized areas of the community to reduce heat
- Continue to improve community resilience in order to maintain the municipality's Community Rating System score.
- score.

 Encourage reduction of carbon emissis in the municipality through improved transportation efficiency, reduction of traffic congestion, encouragement of afternative transportation options (rall, blue, pedestrian infrastructure), and implementation of an anti-idling ordinance for trucks, buses, and other whicks.
- · Ensure that public facility improvements

SAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

Define areas of the municipality that fall within these categories Protection Zones that may be hardened to prevent or minimize floodwater intrusion: Accommodation Zones that are designed to be temporarily flooded with a high tide or storm event; Retreat Zones that have a master plan for managed retreat of

- structures and residents permanently out of the area; and **Preservation Zones** that have an established management plan for have an established management plan for natural or cultural resource preservation.
- Provide incentives for achieving a higher level of flood protection when designing and constructing municipal infrastructure.
- Update the local Hazard Mitigation Plan on a minimum of every 3 years and as needed after natural hazard events.
- necede after natural hazard events.

 Complete vulnerability assessments of all municipal infrastructure to determine priorities for adaptation.

 Complete an assessment to identify the vulnerability of all critical public facilities such as police and fire stations, hospitals and schools, and other services.
- Develop a priority list of facilities that need to be hardened or otherwise improved and seek funding for improvements.
- Determine an appropriate funding source for acquisition of properties in the municipality's most vulnerable areas.
- Revise local subdivision and land development regulations to require the incorporation of natural drainage systems, such as rain gardens and other small water management infrastructure,

- in private development.

 Design all now public buildings to include stormwater management beat practices including the use of pervious materials, green roofs, and natural drainage systems. Undertake a study, working with the local land trust, to identify high priority water-adjacent land that could be designated as permanently protected open space.

 Review land uses in exposed areas to determine whether restrictions are necessary to prevent or lessen potential losses during large storm events.

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- Develop design guidelines with examples of attractive design solutions for elevating existing buildings and for development of new elevated buildings.

- Develop and implement a street tree program in the municipality's most urbanized areas.

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 Identify tree species that will be most resilient to climate change and use these species in public landscaping projects.

 Develop and disseminate an educational campaign for the public on reducting risks to private property.

 Create an Emergency and Disaster Preparedness section on the municipal website with information on minimizing risk to private property and on general preparedness.

 Work with the state and FEMA to make brochures and other information available on the City website, in the library, and at other city destinations, such as commanify centers.
- such as community centers.
- Hire a Community Rating System (CRS) coordinator to assist in implementing measures to increase the community's rating for the CRS program.
- Implement use restrictions within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as well as in coastal areas projected to be inundated by future sea level rise
- scenarios.

 Create a Sea Level Rise Overlay Zone
 in a defined area along the coast that
 restricts or prohibits development of
 new structures and outlines plans for
 managing parcés and properties after
 storm events (i.e. debris management,
 removal requirements of damaged/
 abandoned structures, etc.).
- Establish a process to reexamine the science and sea level rise projections and estimated timeframes for rise to maximize protection of assets and public safety within impacted areas.
- safety within impacted areas.

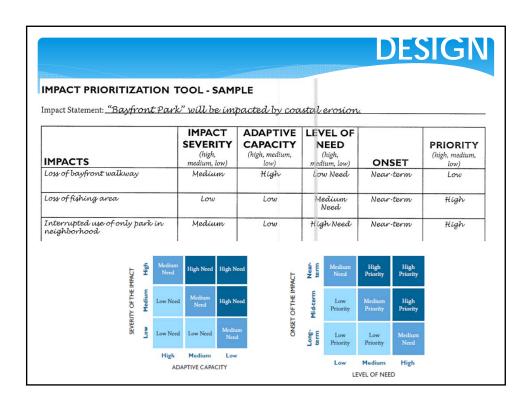
 Coordinate with RI CRMC and RI

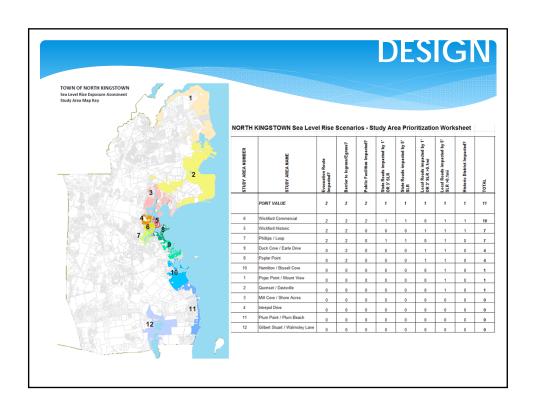
 DEM to establish clear and consistent
 setback requirements from boundaries of
 projected sea level rise scenarios or salt
 marsh migration areas for any structure
 proposed within the Special Flood
 Hazard Areas.

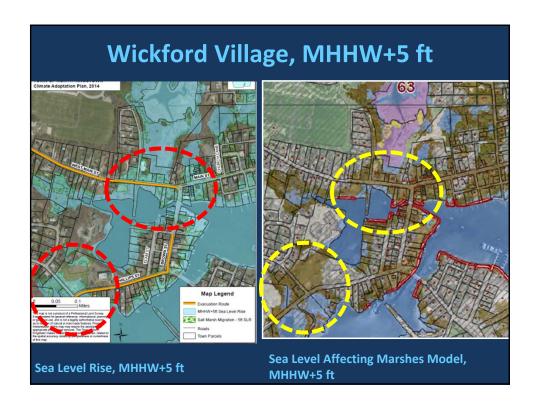
DESIGN



- Craft Adaptation Strategies
- Prioritize Actions
- Integrate Adaptation into
- Stakeholder Review









ADOPT

Local Adoption of Vulnerability Assessments & Adaptation Measures:

- Formal Adoption Options
- Guidance
- Incorporation into Standard Operating Procedures



Operations,

Processes

Departmental Duties &



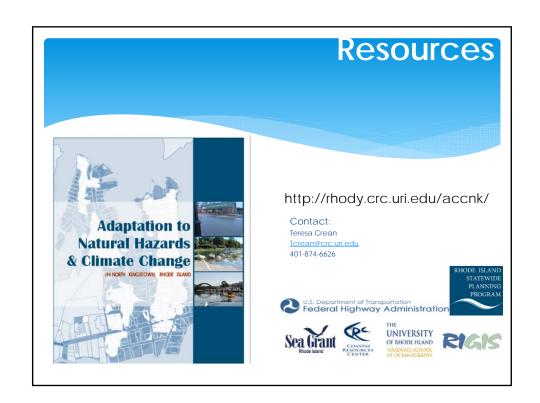




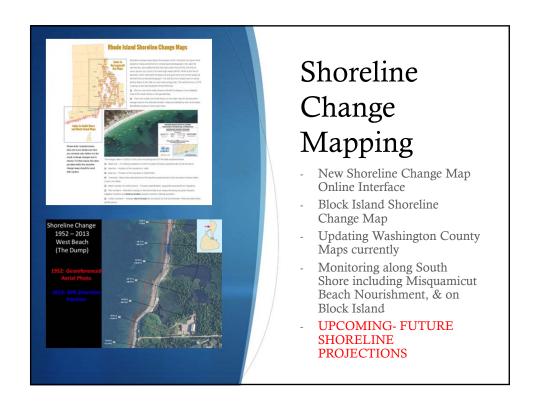
Implementing Adaptation Measures: - Adaptation Funding - Governance - Leadership - Local Capacity Building - Modify Municipal

MONITOR & EVALUATE

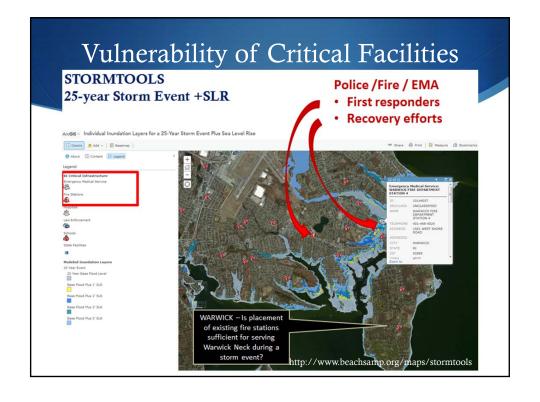
- Mainstream Into Annual/Regular Updates
 - Annual CIP or Biannual TIP, Hazard mitigation priorities
 - 5 year Comprehensive Plan Implementation Report
 - Hazard Mitigation Review
 - NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) Audit
- Capture Lessons Learned
- Compare to State Policy
- Create database of impacts & losses



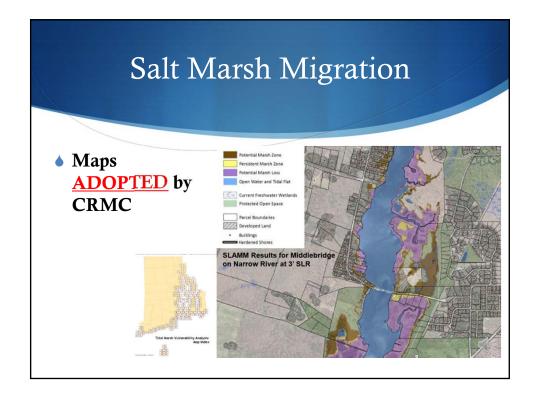




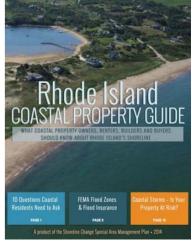








Coastal Property Guide Informs Landowners and Buyers



http://www.beachsamp.org/coastalpropertyguide/

- Coastal features
- CRMC water type classifications
- FEMA flood zones
- Flood insurance, program/premiums
- Coastal hazards: sea-level rise and erosion
- Shoreline protection structures
- Coastal hazards: storms & floods
- Existing buildings
- Septic system requirements
- Structural resilience

10 Questions Property Owners Should Ask Question Page What kinds of coastal features are on or near the property, and what kinds 3 of setbacks or regulations apply? Are there restrictions on the property due to the adjacent CRMC water 6 classification? 3 Is the property in a flood zone according to FEMA maps? 8 If I am in a flood zone, do I have to obtain flood insurance? How can I find out what my flood insurance premiums will be? 10 5 How will erosion and sea-level rise impact the property and surrounding 12 Can I install structures along the shore to protect the property and 14 buildings from erosion or flooding? How will coastal storms and flooding affect the property and structures? 16 Will I be allowed to rebuild in the event of a flood or storm that partially or completely destroys the building? How do I determine if the buildings on the property meet the current 20 design and construction standards for the flood zone? What kinds of septic systems are permitted in the coastal zone? 22 Can I repair or replace a damaged septic system? Can I make the existing building more resilient? How do I build a new

