

## Coastal Resilience Community of Practice Meeting

Monday, April 22 – 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Purpose of the COP:** Bring together diverse coastal stakeholders to focus on how ecosystem resilience can build local community resilience. We don't necessarily have to have a "thing" to work on but will take on projects as appropriate and mutually agreed on. Website: <https://deq.nc.gov/coastal-resilience-cop>

### In attendance:

- Alisa Davis, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- Arvin Maniktala, Moffatt & Nichol
- Brian Byfield, NC Office of Recovery & Resilience
- Charles Grisafi, NOAA Office for Coastal Management
- Claire Rapp, NC Coastal Federation
- Dawn York, Moffatt & Nichol
- Eryn Futral, N.C. Emergency Management
- Helene Wetherington, NC Office of Recovery & Resilience
- Holly White, NC Office of Recovery & Resilience
- Kelly Garvy, Lighthouse Environment Partners
- Kiera O'Donnell, Duke University
- Laura Moore, UNC Chapel Hill
- Lee Duncan, Pender County
- Mackenzie Todd, NC Division of Coastal Management
- Marae West, Sandbar Oyster Company
- Mariko Polk, NC Sea Grant
- Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants
- Mike Christenbury, NC Division of Coastal Management
- Michelle Raquet, NC Division of Water Resources
- Nicole Goddard, NC Office of Recovery & Resilience
- Patrick Barnard, USGS
- Phillip Todd, Freese & Nichols, Inc
- Rachel Love-Adrick, NC Division of Coastal Management
- Riley Lewis, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
- Robert (Robbie) Fearn, NC Audubon
- Robin Hoffman, NC Division of Water Resources
- Sara Marschhauser, NC Audubon
- Sarah Spiegler, NC Sea Grant
- Savannah Newbern, Wetlands Watch
- Stacey Feken, Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
- Stephen Bevington, NC Land and Water Fund
- Stu Brown, NC Division of Mitigation Services
- Tancred Miller, NC Division of Coastal Management
- Tashya Allen, NOAA Office for Coastal Management
- Whitney Jenkins, NC Coastal Reserve, NC Division of Coastal Management

**Presentation: Flood Resiliency Blueprint** – Stu Brown, Blueprint Program Supervisor, NC Division of Mitigation Services – [See Slides](#)

- Blueprint team Shrikar Nunna, DEQ legislation liaison; Marc Recktenwald, Division of Mitigation Services Director; Stu, Blueprint Program Supervisor
- Blueprint work plan partners, 150+ advisors, AECOM contractor does work with other subcontractors
- Blueprint – Core Outcomes:
  1. Reduce likelihood and extent of flooding
  2. Reduce vulnerability and impact of flooding
  3. Increase ability of community to recover
- Investment in resilience leads to better outcomes before, during, and after natural disasters, increase capacity of a community to recover from natural disasters, acute hazards
- Blueprint components
  1. Standardized statewide methodology for visualizing flooding / blueprint document
  2. Tool: online decision support tool which guides state, county, municipal, and others to identify and select flood mitigation strategies responsibly, systematically, equity and transparency
  3. Strategies: community and basin specific risk management strategies to identify and address flooding for NC communities / River Basin Action Strategies
  4. Implementation: implement blueprint and flood resiliency project and policies, legislation set up funding for implementation /
- Blueprint program is a multiphase process, now in Phase II, blueprint tool going to beta testing very soon.
  - Testing functionality while developing underlying methodology.
  - Future conditions modeling includes sea level rise, climate related changes, precipitation patterns, future development, etc.
  - Impacts on environment, see where co-benefits, population, infrastructure, economy
- One-dimensional modeling operational now, soon two-dimensional modeling in Neuse, then expand to other watersheds by end of year
- Potential examples of tool: identify types of interventions be successful, integrate resilience.
- Funding matching: identify sort of interventions want to pursue, identify where there may be funding, find ways to better access resources.
- Website: flood resilience blueprint website re <https://ncfloodblueprint.com>
- Q&A:
  - Laura Moore: mitigation strategies, to what extent does methodology quantify flood reduction from different strategies, how to determine effectiveness? What extent compound flooding being addressed?
    - Yes, different strategies, different time to develop
    - Working on a detention calculator, 1000 recommended actions, model future with and without unlikely for each of those, try build tools that help narrow the world, some need one off runs to test effectiveness
    - Compound flood, right now use statistical mode, different flood elevations, an area where can build out functionality, need to get two-dimensional HEK models going plus other models, do pilot study in certain area.
  - Tasha: who are you asking to review tool?
    - Beta test happening soon, then update with July release date. Testers are members of advisory groups, local municipalities, NGOs...
  - Dawn: We have developed a panel on Flood Resiliency Blueprint for the upcoming NC Beach and Inlet Waterway meeting May 9th in Emerald Isle. It will be an interesting conversation with coastal communities. <https://www.ncbiwa.org/events/upcoming-events/>

**Presentation: Flooding, erosion, and groundwater hazards for the North Carolina coast** – Patrick Barnard, U.S. Geological Survey – [See Slides](#)

- National effort to look at flooding, erosion, and groundwater hazards for coastal communities. Lots of groups involved including Deltares, USACE, VT, UNC/Laura Moore, NC Sea Grant/Sara Spiegler...
- High tide: Beaufort sunny day flooding
- Ocracoke and Hurricane Dorian, transportation issues, residents still recovering, symbolic what's going on across the coast, chronic and episodic events; ferry terminals, what Dorian other storms look like in 50 years, deal with what coming
- Rodanthe complex set of problems, suite of hazard projections, understand problems, good investments, promote coastal resilience
- Integrated topo bathymetric digital elevation model, objective: develop of high resolution integrated 1 meter topo bathymetric model
- Vertical land motion: VA Tech Manoochehr Shirzaei: key science partner / Cape Lookout / high rates vertical land motion as high as 4 mm/year, same as background sea level rise rate, land subsidence
- Overland flood hazards, quantify nearshore oceanographic, pluvial, fluvial drivers of coastal hazards and consequent overland flooding for the full suite of sea level rise and storm scenarios; Wilmington NC image, web tool
- Beaufort annual storm flooding over next century, scenarios show inundation, 2 m tipping point challenge for communities to sustain infrastructure and critical resources, potentially significantly impacts
- Statewide hazards, overland flood hazards/ NC population exposure to overland flooding / NC daily and annual exposure numbers increase dramatically by a factor 4-5 from today conditions to end of century.
- Groundwater table shallow, as sea level rises, groundwater table rise as well, shallower water table, emerging water table in some communities, how manage resilience community?
  - Modeling approach look at quantify water table elevation response to sea level rise
- Coastal change, how beaches respond to sea level rise? Model, shoreline, transect every 50 m along coastal, projections, autotunes model based on past behavior
- HERA / hazards reporting analytics tool, [www.usgs.gov/apps/hera/floodtool.php](http://www.usgs.gov/apps/hera/floodtool.php)
  - NC available now. Carteret county example / add demographics if want to look at from an Environmental Justice perspective
- Key Findings:
  - ~70% of the coastal residents could be exposed to shallow and emerging groundwater, ~480,000 coastal residents and \$62 billion in property
  - Storms increase overland flooding exposure by more than 4 times over daily tidal flooding, directly impacting ~370,000 coastal residents and \$68 billion in property
  - Up to 80% of beaches could be lost as shorelines migrate landward
  - High subsidence rates impact the majority of coastal residents across the region
- Future work and resources: summary publications, work with partners and stakeholders to support regional and local policy and coastal management decisions making, incorporate modeling in interdisciplinary studies that include social and economic factors
- Q&A:
  - Laura: Shows 80% of beaches lost, know there is a lot under the hood...
    - Based on low tide to back of beach, current active beach and 1m of sea level rise – 80% will no longer be there, some beaches translate landward, amplified by management practices, some beaches will drown beach, and our development is in the way as well
  - Holly: Do sea level rise maps incorporate groundwater? Is it also incorporated into sea level rise viewer? Or are these a static response, stand-alone models, not coupled with overland flooding? Is

the groundwater model a simple, not dynamic response to high tide or storms? Any thought to combined visualizations?

- Yes, piloting in some places, significant effort to do at statewide/regional level, but needed for decision making. Sea level rise models can be misleading when groundwater piece is missing. There are implications for local decision making on septic systems, etc.

**Presentation: [NOAA Digital Coast resources and upcoming funding opportunities](#) – Charles Grisafi & Tashya Allen, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management – [See Slides](#)**

- Tashya: Diving into Digital Coast: community resilience resources. As the SE and Caribbean learning services coordinator, I listen to challenges and needs, bring back to team that builds tools and resources. Matt Pendleton is our geospatial coordinator for the region.
- Charles: SE Coastal Management Specialist, connection to different coastal programs in the SE.
- Digital coast / diverse partners / including TNC and others
- Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP) high resolution land cover/ 1 m land cover data
  - Whitney mentioned NC getting C-CAP for all of NC, worked with Nate Herold at NOAA, APNEP and EPA funded
- Digital coast: over 50 decision support tools, many very visual in nature, such as the Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper, Sea Level Rise Viewer
  - Local sea level rise scenarios/ update with 2022 projects, from tech report, still have 2017 projects in there
  - Marsh migration: land cover data / accretion rates, sea level rise, look at by scenario, water level, what land cover might change to based on different rates
- We offer training, in-person, online, and on-demand. For in-person trainings, we work with a local host, such as Whitney
  - Risk communication training: how to have better conversations, meet people where are, what they value, develop resources / just understand not lead to action
  - Nature based solutions: self-guided modules and in-person training where you hear from local experts
  - Webinar series: funding and financing coastal resilience
- Green infrastructure effectiveness database
- Case studies: Mackenzie/ RCPP/DCM example, <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/shovel-ready.html>
- Explore curated list of resources in the topics section/ search for economic, nature-based solutions, risk communication
- NOAA OCM funding opportunities can be found at this link: <https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/>
- Q&A:
  - Laura / great overview/ curious about sea level rise viewer/ USGS vs NOAA how are resources different and similar / are we coordinating?
    - Yes! Compare tools: <https://sealevel.climatecentral.org/matrix/NC.html?v=1>

**Round robin** – members share what they are working on related to resilience

- Stacey: CCAP mapping, Scuppernong Engagement Project funded by Digital Coast Partners and a Digital Coast Case Study coming soon. Tribal project: <https://apnep.nc.gov/documents/files/projects/phase-i-tribal-coastal-resilience-report>. VA beach Symposium/Wetlands Watch panel: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-north-landing-river-albemarle-sound-estuarine-symposium-registration-861107594997>
- Kiera: I am hosting an Environmental Injustice of saltwater session in the first SALT conference: <https://www.agroecologylab.com/salt-conference-2024>. Please join if you can



- Holly: There is a lot of positive progress and movement with the new technical assistance available through the FEMA [Community Disaster Resilience Zones \(CDRZ\)](#) program through NCORR.
- Brian: NCORR hired Nicole Goddard, new outreach comms person, share sign up for the NCORR newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/2c7f1fcbb222/resiliency-updates>. Launching soon NC Resilience Exchange, one stop shot tools resources. Heat exchange toolkit / released today/ aimed at local govt / template for them to convene stakeholders around extreme heat: <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/heat-action-plan-toolkit>
- Laura: Our model for assessing interactions between management strategies and natural processes (and results) has just been published: A short highlight can be found here with links to the papers: <https://eos.org/editor-highlights/barrier-islands-are-at-the-forefront-of-climate-change-adaptation>. This model forms the basis for ongoing work with the National Park Service, Ocracoke, and the Department of Transportation; and future work planned with other communities.
- Robbie: Four pilot project, shorelines stabilization, coastal pond, just hit 90% design, off to permitting, five more projects moving forward in the next year
- Alisa: Green Growth Toolbox, Pender County workshop/ add information about resilience, teach planners how to integrate more conservation into land use planning, tools, resources, May 21, email if interested: [alisa.davis@ncwildlife.org](mailto:alisa.davis@ncwildlife.org)
- Mackenzie: RFP out for Phases 3 & 4 of Resilient Coastal Communities Program. Fifteen communities from 2021 a wrapping up plans. Phases 1 & 2, \$6 million to spend, \$2-3 million for Phases 3 & 4, due May 31. No cash in kind match. <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-adaptation-and-resiliency/nc-resilient-coastal-communities-program>
- Claire: North Carolina Coastal Federation, Salt Marsh Action Plan for NC under final review, will launch formally soon. Also, a launch of OneMap, geospatial data. South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative (SASMI), first in-person partnership meeting in Savannah, GA last week, updates on state efforts. NC Salt Marsh Plan, overseen by Salt Marsh Steering Committee, a leadership team comprised of over 20 stakeholders across the coast. Working with Mackenzie, Sara, RCCP, NFWF, SECU funding to identify five underserved communities, build coastal resilience capacity, part of a larger regional effort.

Next meeting in July, Whitney will send a meeting poll

- Next meeting topics –
  - Salt marsh impacts/migration, marsh migration corridor mapping
  - SASMI – final conservation plan – Amanda (new coordinator), connection to NC stakeholders – state teams/action plans, get more info. Coastal Fed lead partner in NC
  - Coastal Carolina Riverwatch: community organizing in North River and the Lower New River Watershed Restoration Plan – Riley Lewis, White Oak Waterkeeper with the Coastal Carolina Riverwatch – later than April
    - Study on public policy students, protecting wetlands in Carteret County with public policy changes – Riley
  - Rachel Carson Reserve Living Shoreline – Dawn York & Paula Gillikin, maybe ready for April, or next quarter
  - Coastal resiliency project (wrapping in mid-May) – Joe Heard, Town of Duck – July meeting
  - UNC, ECU drone mapping of SAV. Susan Cohen/ UNC talk more about if interested – Robbie
    - Also, NERR drone mapping/monitoring of oyster reefs and salt marshes
  - Sandbar Oyster Co. project updates – Marae West
  - Fortified Roof Program through Joint Underwriters Association – Eryn Futral

# North Carolina Flood Resiliency Blueprint

N.C. Coastal Resilience Community of Practice Meeting

April 22, 2024

Stuart Brown, NC Dept of Environmental Quality





# Agenda NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint

- Background
- Legislative Intent
- Blueprint Team
- *What is Blueprint?*
- Multiphase Blueprint Process and Status Update
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement
- Decision Support Tool Design
- Questions



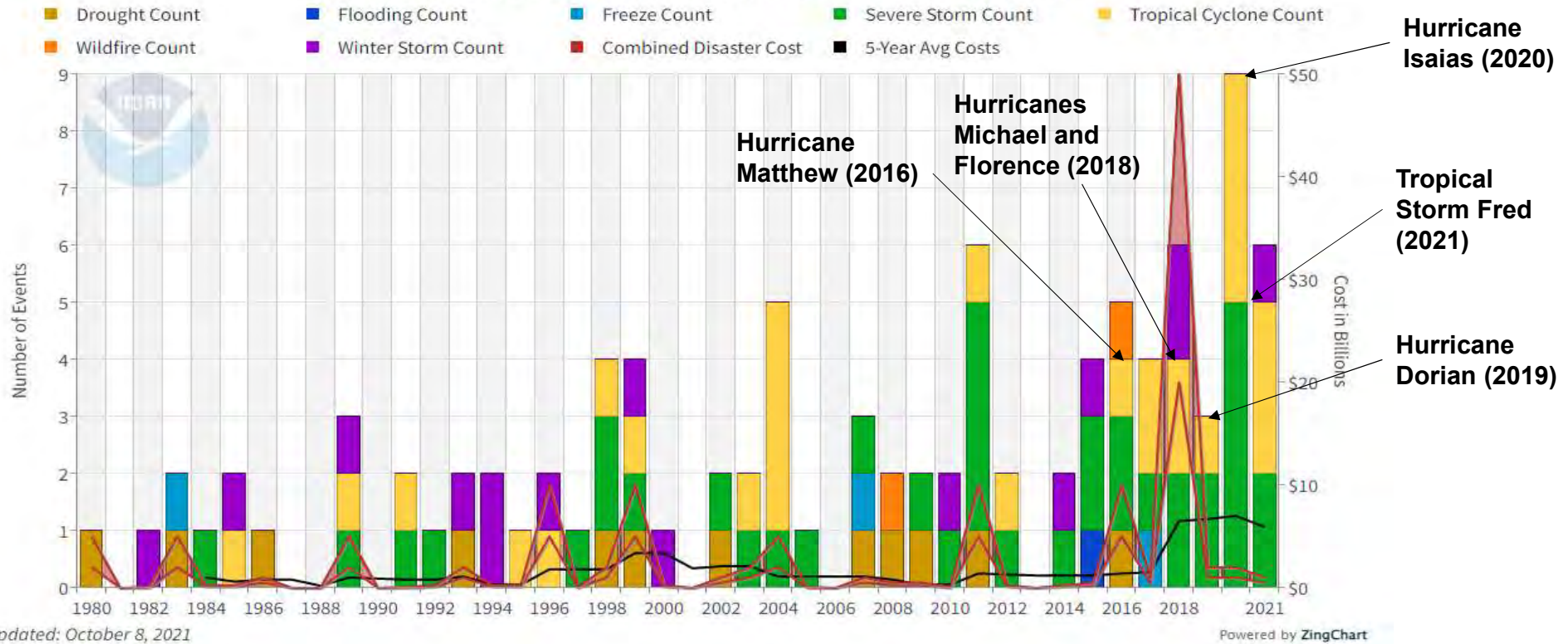
# Background



# Billion-Dollar Disaster Events



North Carolina Billion-Dollar Disaster Events 1980-2021 (CPI-Adjusted)



## North Carolina population growth 1990-2035



Source: US Census Bureau, NCOSBM

## EFFECTS OF IMPERVIOUSNESS ON RUNOFF AND INFILTRATION



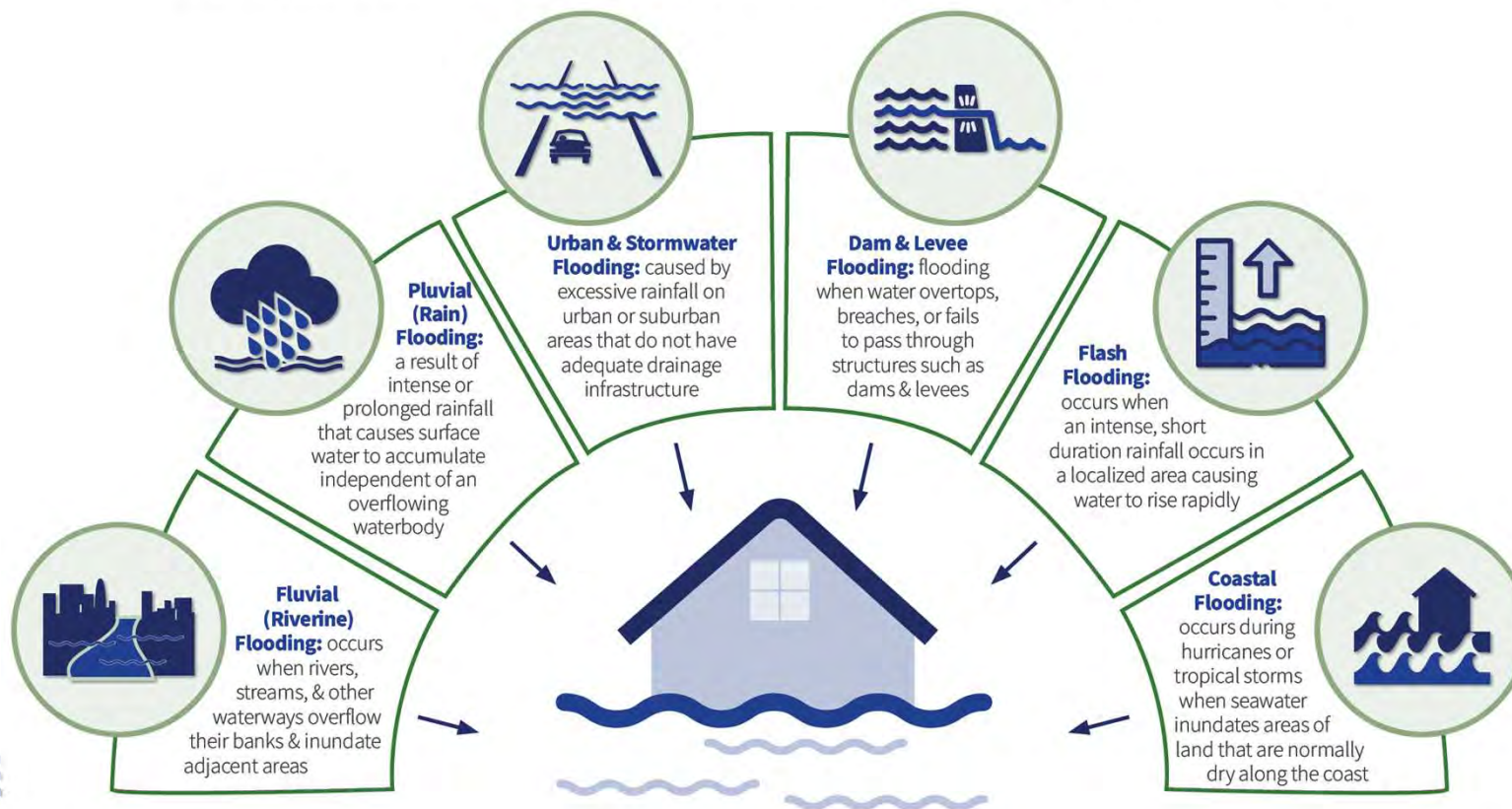
Source: The Watershed Institute



# FLOOD HAZARD TYPES



There are many types and sources of flooding that create negative impacts to human safety, structures, infrastructure, and the environment. These sources of flooding may occur independently, but often occur concurrently with each other (compound flooding). Often, brick and mortar structures are a primary focus; however, impacts can include infrastructure, agricultural areas, natural resources, indirect economic impacts or anything else that could be negatively impacted by flooding. Different types of categorized flood hazards include:







# Legislative Intent



## *S.L. 2021-180 Sec 5.9(c) Requirements (1 of 3)*



- Contract with an organization to **develop a statewide Flood Resiliency Blueprint** for major watersheds impacted by flooding, including, among others, the Cape Fear River and the Neuse River Basins
- Shall form the **backbone of a State flood planning process** that **increases community resiliency to flooding**
- Should **reduce the cost and complexity for local government** in developing decision support tools and implementation of flood risk reduction projects
- Shall be a resource for **riverine and stream management** to reduce flooding
- Should support the establishment and furtherance of local government **stormwater** maintenance programs

## S.L. 2021-180 Sec 5.9(c) Requirements (2 of 3)



- Shall **identify the major watersheds affected by flooding and direct these funds** toward the activities which are central to the creation of an actionable blueprint, namely
  - Flood risk assessment
  - Identification of data gaps
  - Recommendations to reduce flood risk for each target watershed
- Shall ensure the blueprint **incorporates**
  - Local knowledge
  - Community goals
  - Projections of future flood risk
  - Best available science and **hydrologic modeling to create a decision tool for flood mitigation investments and strategies from local watersheds up to whole river basins.**
- Lead to a prioritized set of projects and funding strategies that can be **implemented by state agencies, local governments, and regional resource managers.**

## *S.L. 2021-180 Sec 5.9(c) Requirements (3 of 3)*



- DMS and the organization selected are encouraged to **examine examples from other states** such as the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan or the flood resiliency planning processes in South Carolina and Virginia.
- The organization shall send all necessary information to DMS on the implementation of the blueprint upon request by DMS.
- The organization shall submit an initial **draft of the blueprint** to DMS **no later than December 31, 2023**.
- **DMS shall report by July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter** to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on the implementation of this subsection.

## *S.L. 2021-180 Sec 5.9(c) Requirements*



**“...A successful blueprint should ultimately lead to a prioritized set of projects and funding strategies that the State can implement.”**



# Blueprint Team



# DEQ Core Blueprint Team



## Shrikar Nunna

Director of Legislative Affairs  
Department of Environmental Quality, Secretary's Office



## Marc Recktenwald

Director  
Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Mitigation Services

**NOW  
HIRING**

## Stuart (Stu) Brown

Flood Resiliency Blueprint Program Supervisor  
Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Mitigation Services

**Six Time-limited Blueprint Project Managers**



# Blueprint Development Team Structure



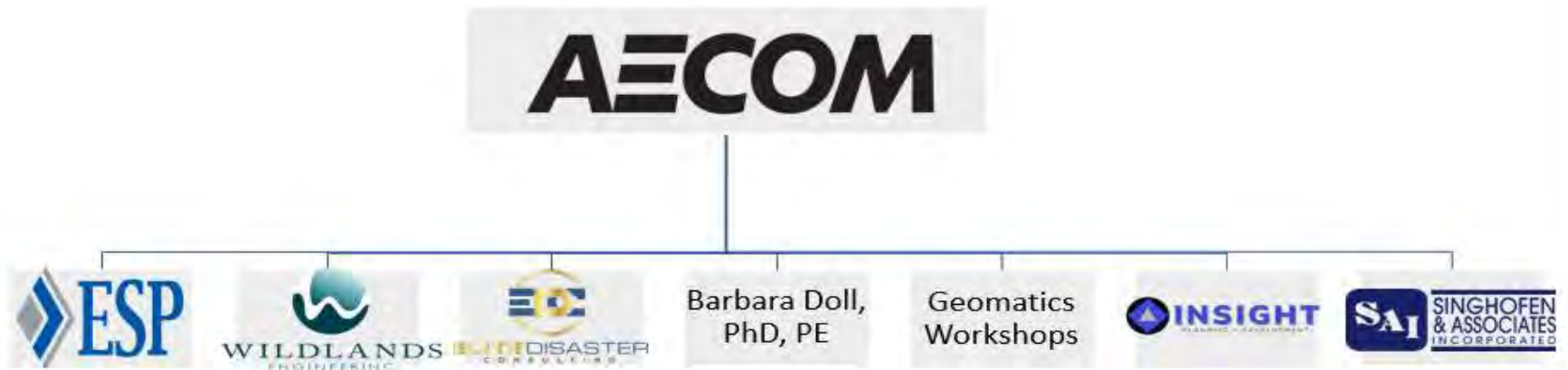
Leadership						
DEQ Executive Leadership		DEQ Core Advisory Group		Principal Advisory Group		
<i>Work with the Core Advisory Group to decide on recommendations</i>		<i>Determine whether to implement recommendations provided by the TAGs, including technical requirements, policies, economics, environmental and human health, and project funding</i>		<i>Provide advisory input and feedback on the policy, process, engagement, modeling, tools, and support utilized</i>		
Seven Technical Advisory Groups						
Government		Environmental		Social		Regional
Governance	Partnership/ Funding	Hazard Identification	Vulnerability/ Risk/ Impact	Resilience/ Mitigation/ Reduction	Tool Development/ Acceptance	Neuse Regional Advisory Council

**Critical to providing advisory input and feedback**

# Blueprint Work Plan Partners



# Phase I & II Vendor Team





# What is Blueprint?

Purpose and Goals





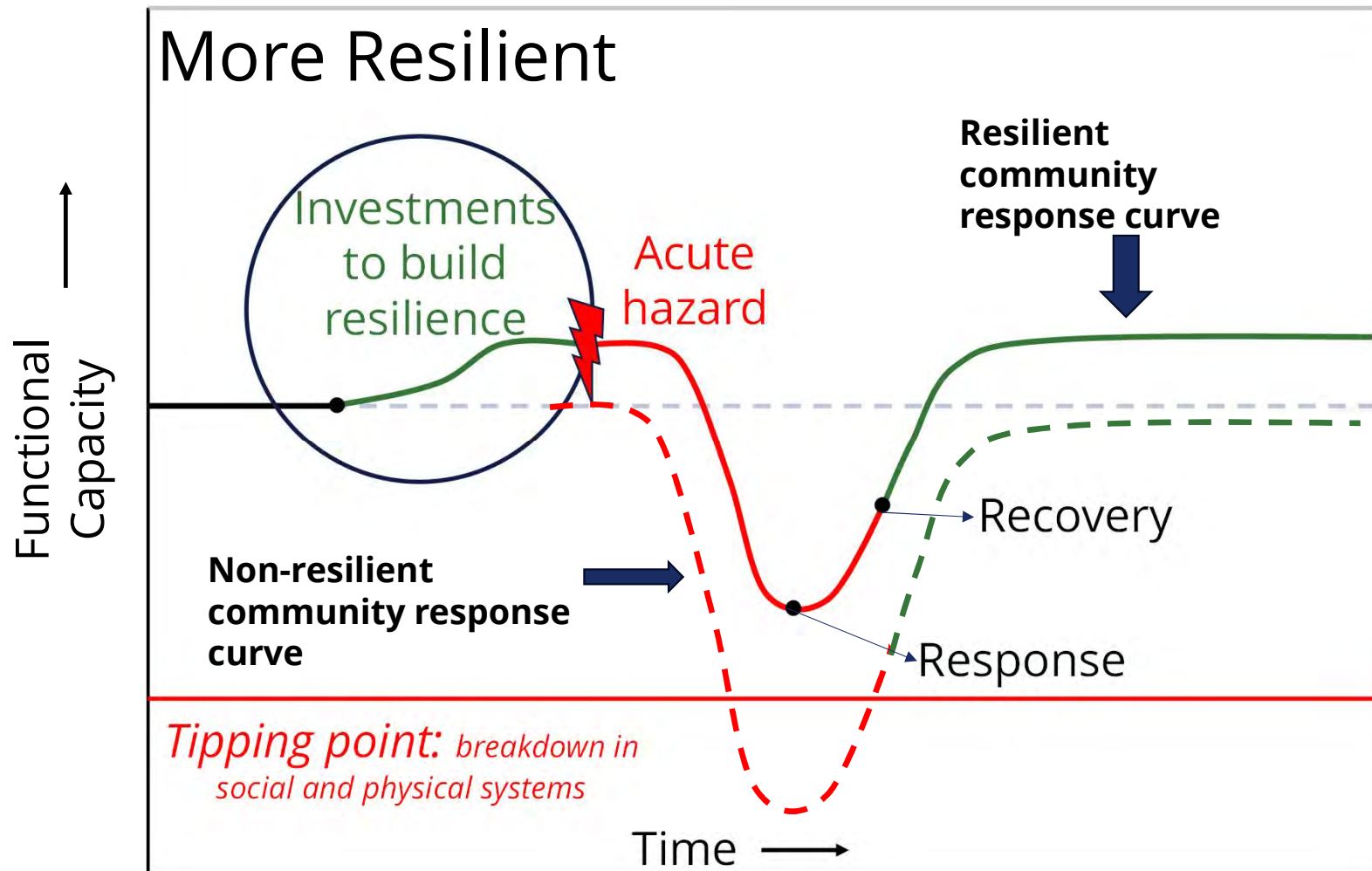
# Blueprint – Core Outcomes



The three core high level goals that all actions are evaluated against:

1. Reduce likelihood and extent of flooding
2. Reduce vulnerability and impact
3. Increase community ability to recover





- Investment in resilience, leads to better outcomes before, during and after natural disasters.
- What is a community's "Capacity" to recover from flood hazards?

# Blueprint Components





# Blueprint Program - Multiphase Process



- **Phase I (2022 - 2023)**
  - Research and evaluation
  - Gap analysis
  - Recommendations and decisions (Programmatic, Policy, Tools, Approaches, Needs)
  - Implementation roadmap and manual
  - Blueprint Workflow
  - Neuse River Basin Actin Strategy (Pilot)
  - Draft Blueprint **by December 31, 2023**
  - **Version I of Blueprint document is complete**
  - **20 of 29 documents are currently available on the website**
- **Phase II (2023 - 2024)**
  - Develop online decision support tool (Blueprint Tool)
  - Refine Blueprint and Neuse Action Strategy (including additional modeling)
  - Begin implementation
- **Phase III (2024 - 2025)**
  - Develop Action Strategies for five prioritized areas
  - Refine of Decision Support Tool
  - Continue Blueprint implementation
  - Implement \$96 million worth of resiliency projects in prioritized areas
- **Phase IV (2025 +)**
  - Statewide Expansion of Strategies/Decision Support Tool (pending additional funding)
  - Ongoing implementation and refinement of the Blueprint Program

# Phase I

## Phase I:

Develop Draft  
Blueprint and  
Draft Neuse  
Basin Flood  
Resiliency  
Action Strategy

### Task 1:

#### Stakeholder Outreach/ Facilitation.

Literature review,  
Data collection  
inventory, Review  
of existing  
statewide  
planning efforts,  
Review of  
governance  
schemes from  
select peer states

### Task 2:

#### Gap Analysis.

Statewide data  
inventory  
Gap analysis  
of data,  
Modeling,  
Resources  
necessary to  
develop the  
Blueprint and  
Action  
Strategies

### Task 3:

#### Recommendations /Decision Framework.

Develop  
recommendations to  
support the Draft  
Blueprint and Action  
Strategies.

### Task 4:

#### Develop a Draft Blueprint and Pilot Action Strategy.

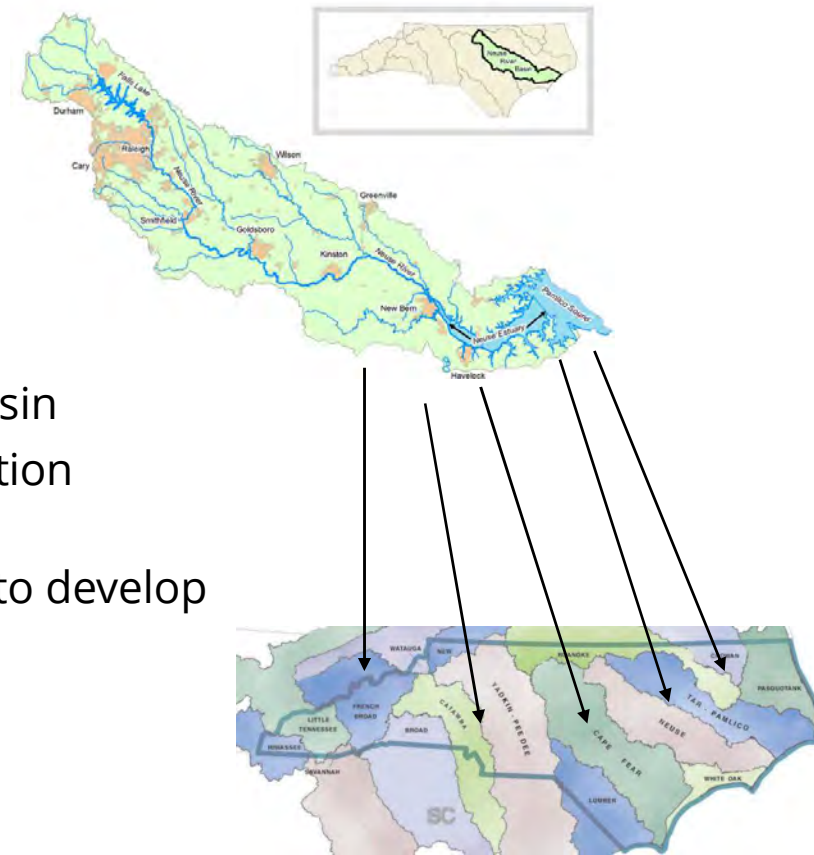
Includes  
developing the  
requirements  
needed for an  
online decision  
support tool.

# Decisions Now & Strategic Future



## River Basin Action Strategies (RBAS)

- Considering NC basins have different
  - flood exposure,
  - data and modeling needs,
  - capacity and/or values;
  - unique stakeholders and governments for each basin
- Develop preliminary RBAS to identify best flood mitigation strategies based on initial data and engagement
- Identify and prioritize basin data and modeling needs to develop final river basin action strategy
- Fill in gaps and analyze results
- Complete Action Strategy



# Blueprint Workflow



## Draft Blueprint Program

- “Connective tissue” for resilience efforts
- Recognize, support, leverage, and advance resilience efforts at the basin scale
- Identify and fill data gaps
- Close capacity gaps
- Implement resiliency actions

## Proposed, Interim Approach to Approving Critical Decisions

- Need for decisions in a timely manner for continued progress, implementation
- NCDEQ is decision authority, in the interim
- Blueprint Principal Advisory Group

## Draft Blueprint Workflow is Dynamic

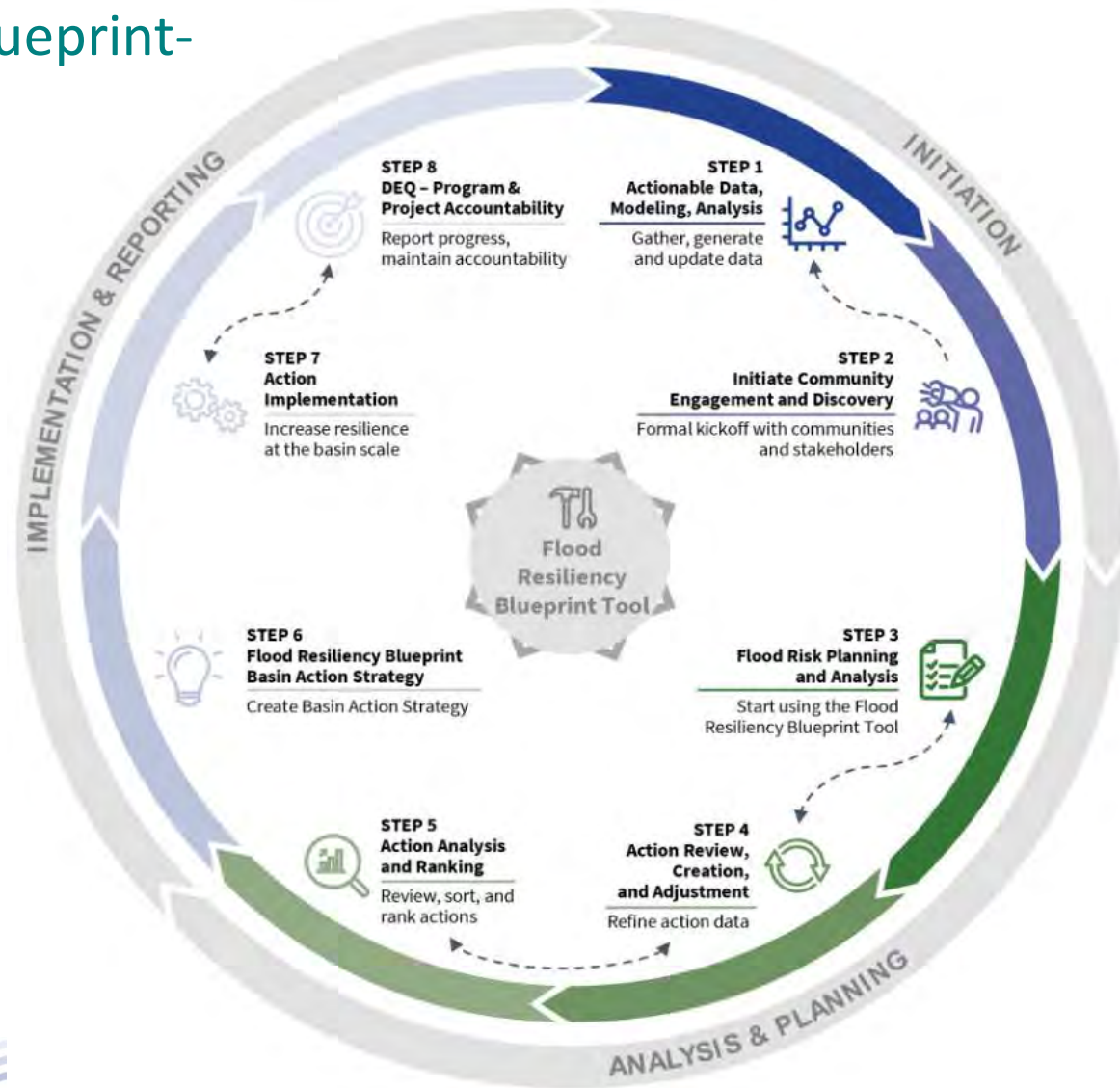
- General guide, not stringent
- Engagement of communities, stakeholders, etc. is critical
- Collaborate with key partners
- “Manual” on the specific steps is under development
- Basin Advisory Groups

# Blueprint Action Strategy Workflow



# North Carolina Flood Resiliency Blueprint- Differentiators

- **Future Conditions Modeling**
- Detail Profiles (*hazard, community, actions, funding*)
- Quantifiable Metrics
- Impacts (*population, environment, structures, infrastructure, economy*)
- Mitigation / Resilience Action Exploration
- ROI / Added Value
- Prioritization of Actions – Ranking
- **Matching Sources of Funding**







# NC Online Flood Resiliency Blueprint Decision Support Tool (Blueprint Tool)





# Blueprint Tool

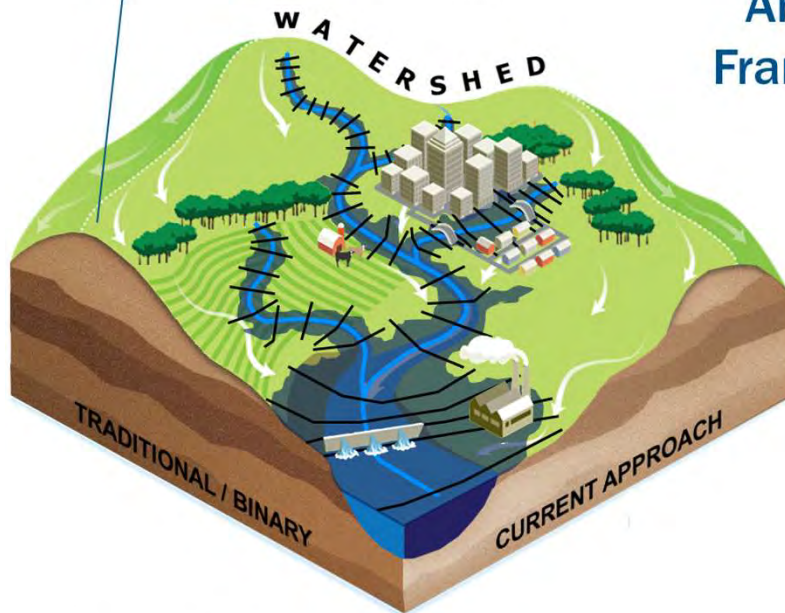
- Expands on existing tools with new data and methodologies
- Integrates forecasted changes
- Allows for integration of future data and logic generated through multiple sources
- Is scalable (catchment to statewide)
- **Is dynamic** and improves as data and methodologies improve



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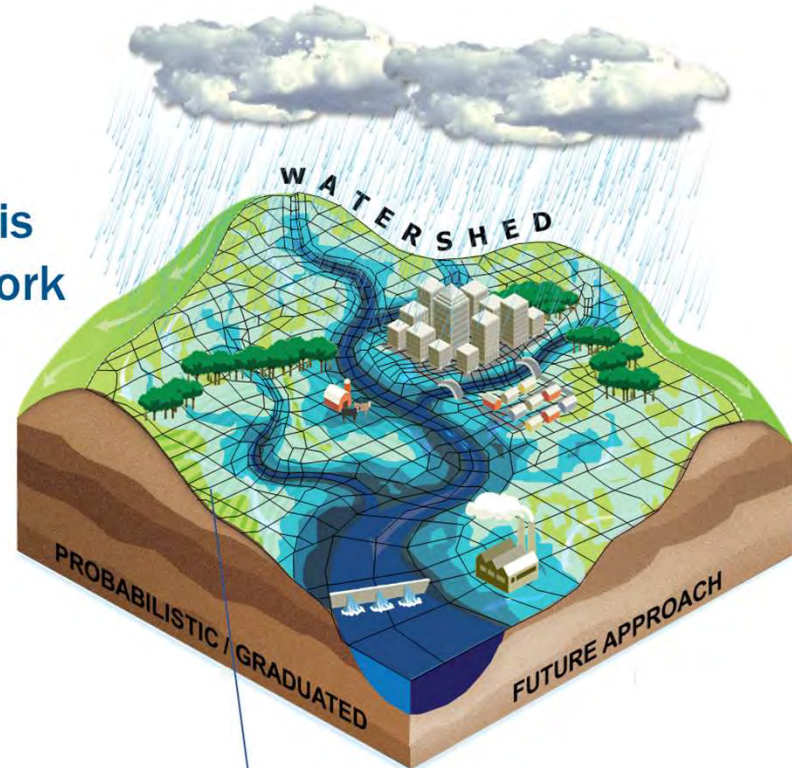
# H&H Modeling Considerations

- 1D Modeling
- Fluvial flooding only
- Event-based analyses



Inland/Riverine Flooding Examples

## Analysis Framework



- 2D Modeling
- Fluvial and pluvial flooding
- Probabilistic analyses

# Initial Blueprint Tool

## The Decision Support Tool will assist with:

- Multi-level, multi-variant mitigation planning
- Prioritization, including factors such as:
  - Social vulnerability
  - Local desire/tolerance
  - Nature-based solutions
  - Traditional mitigation solutions
  - Benefit-Cost Ratio
- Mitigation project management

## Progress on the Decision Support Tool has begun with:

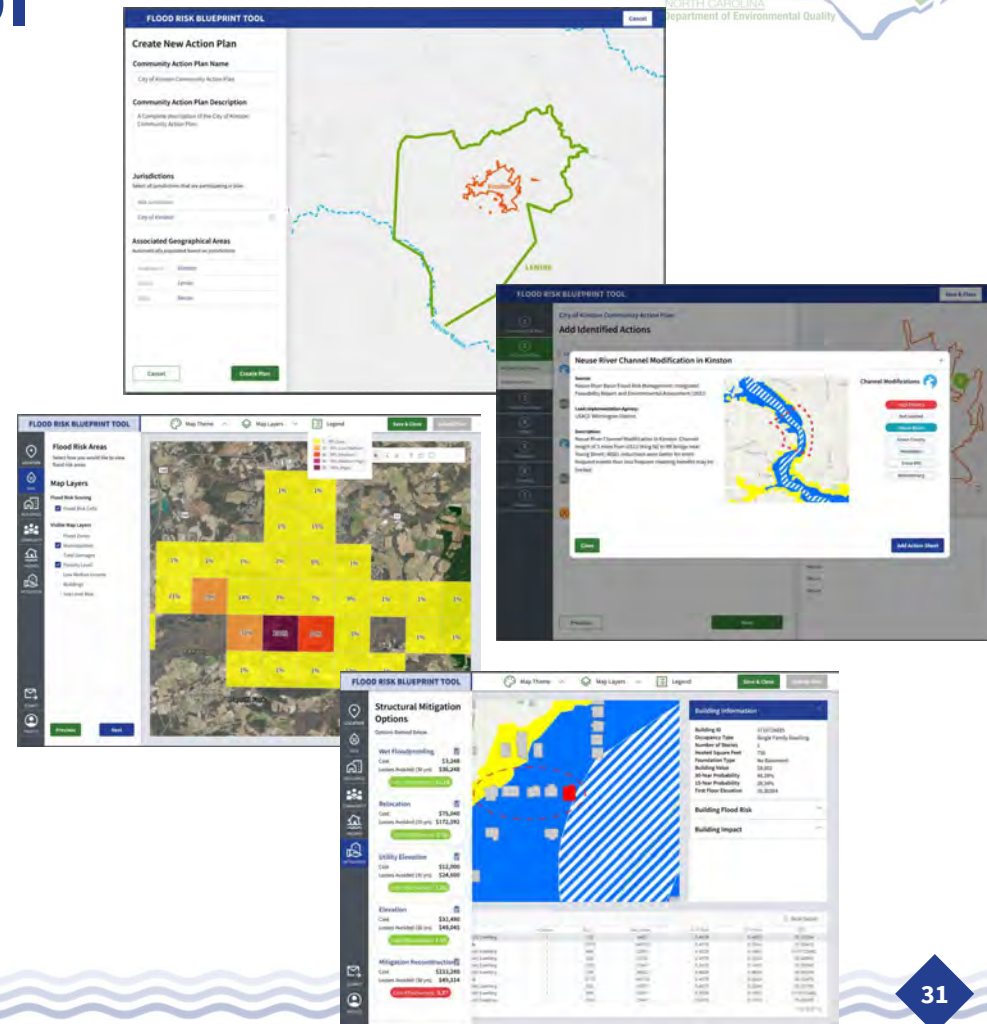
- User roles and workflows, Storyboards, and Wireframes are in review





# Potential examples of Tool

- These are Mockups of potential interface types that could be used for the tool.
- Visualization of risk
- Showing how plans would be created
- An understanding of projects, including data available
- Mitigation actions and their ranking
- Funding sources link to project type
- Track program accountability



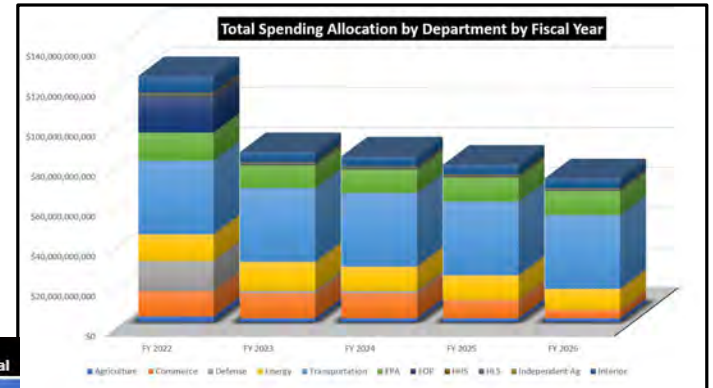
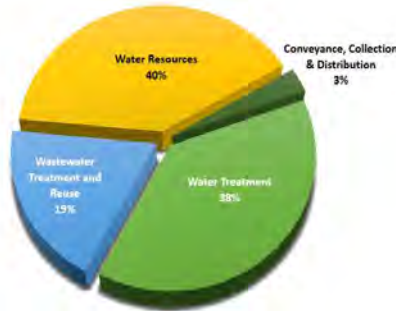
# Blueprint – Strategic Funding ID and Matching



Departments	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Agriculture	\$2,681,124,790	\$1,815,102,415	\$1,815,102,415	\$1,815,102,415	\$1,815,102,415
Commerce	\$12,726,927,667	\$12,554,984,000	\$12,554,983,000	\$9,174,427,667	\$4,201,677,667
Defense	\$15,009,000,000	\$1,050,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	50	50
Energy	\$13,222,130,000	\$14,493,580,000	\$12,158,292,500	\$12,182,870,625	\$10,410,267,656
Transportation	\$36,815,600,000	\$36,815,600,000	\$36,815,600,000	\$36,815,600,000	\$36,815,600,000
EPA	\$13,995,800,000	\$11,220,800,000	\$11,622,800,000	\$12,022,800,000	\$12,022,800,000
EOP	\$17,639,658,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$400,000
HHS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
HLS	\$1,882,100,000	\$1,618,100,000	\$1,518,100,000	\$1,318,100,000	\$1,218,100,000
Independent Ag	\$350,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000
Interior	\$8,346,123,000	\$4,969,458,340	\$4,969,458,340	\$4,969,458,340	\$4,969,458,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122,669,263,457</b>	<b>\$84,739,074,755</b>	<b>\$82,655,786,255</b>	<b>\$78,499,809,047</b>	<b>\$71,654,206,078</b>

Annual Federal Appropriations and Authorization Acts
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act / BIL
Inflation Reduction Act
Water Resources Development Act (Biennial Authorization)
Energy and Water Development
Interior-Environment
Homeland Security
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
Commerce-Justice-Science
Farm System Reform Act of 2023

Water BL Markets	Opportunities	Total Allocation
Water Treatment	7	\$35,086,349,500
Wastewater Treatment and Reuse	12	\$17,349,810,000
Water Resources	97	\$36,756,881,660
Conveyance, Collection & Distribution	9	\$2,732,530,000

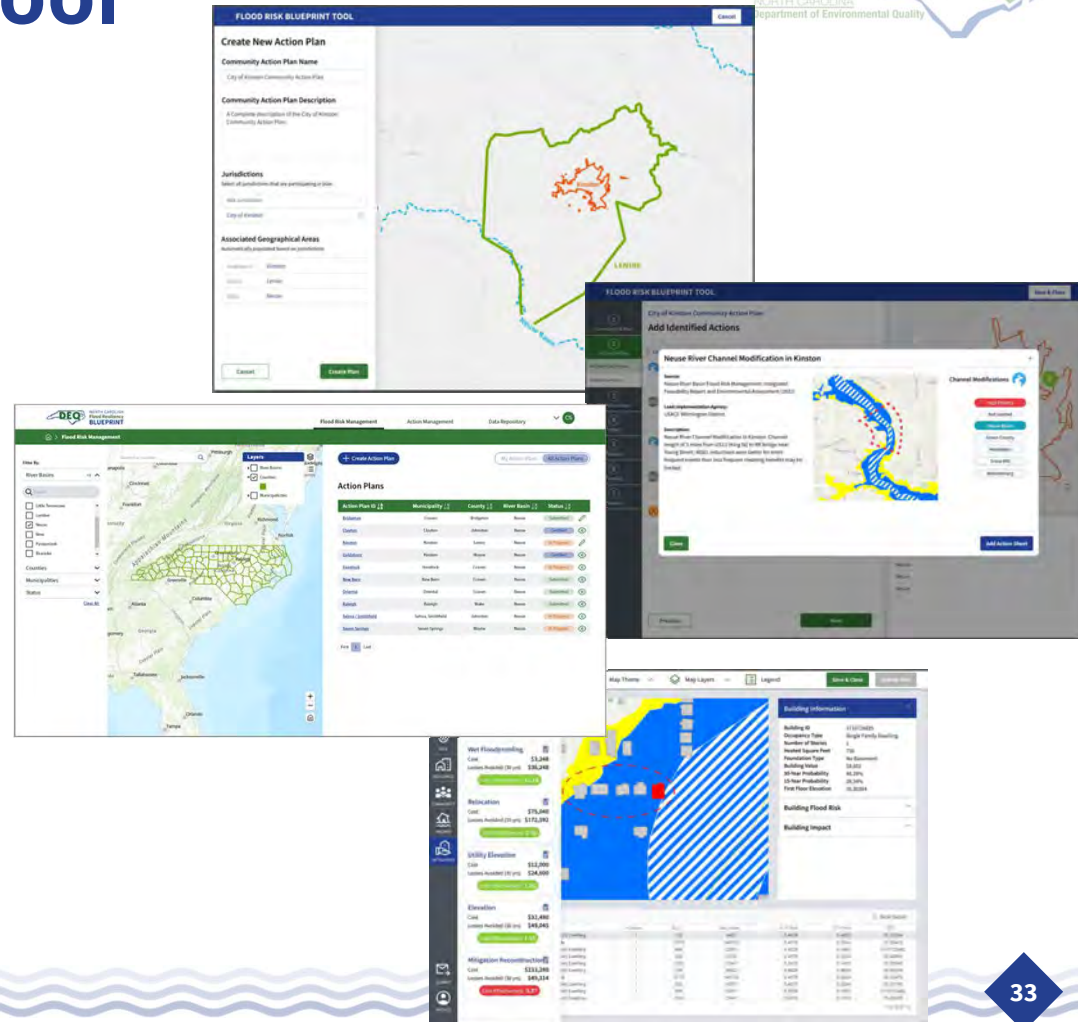


WR Sub-Markets	No. of Opportunities	Total Allocation	Federal	Non-Federal
Ecosystem Restoration	8	\$1.6 B	\$1.3 B	\$242 M
Ports and Harbors	3	\$2.7 B	\$500 M	\$2.2 B
Dams & Levees	28	\$12.6 B	\$9.8 B	\$2.8 B
Flood Risk Management	21	\$12.4 B	\$7.45 B	\$4.9 B
Rivers and Waterways	2	\$3.5 B	\$3.5 B	\$0
Watershed Management	35	\$3.9 B	\$3.6 B	\$272 M



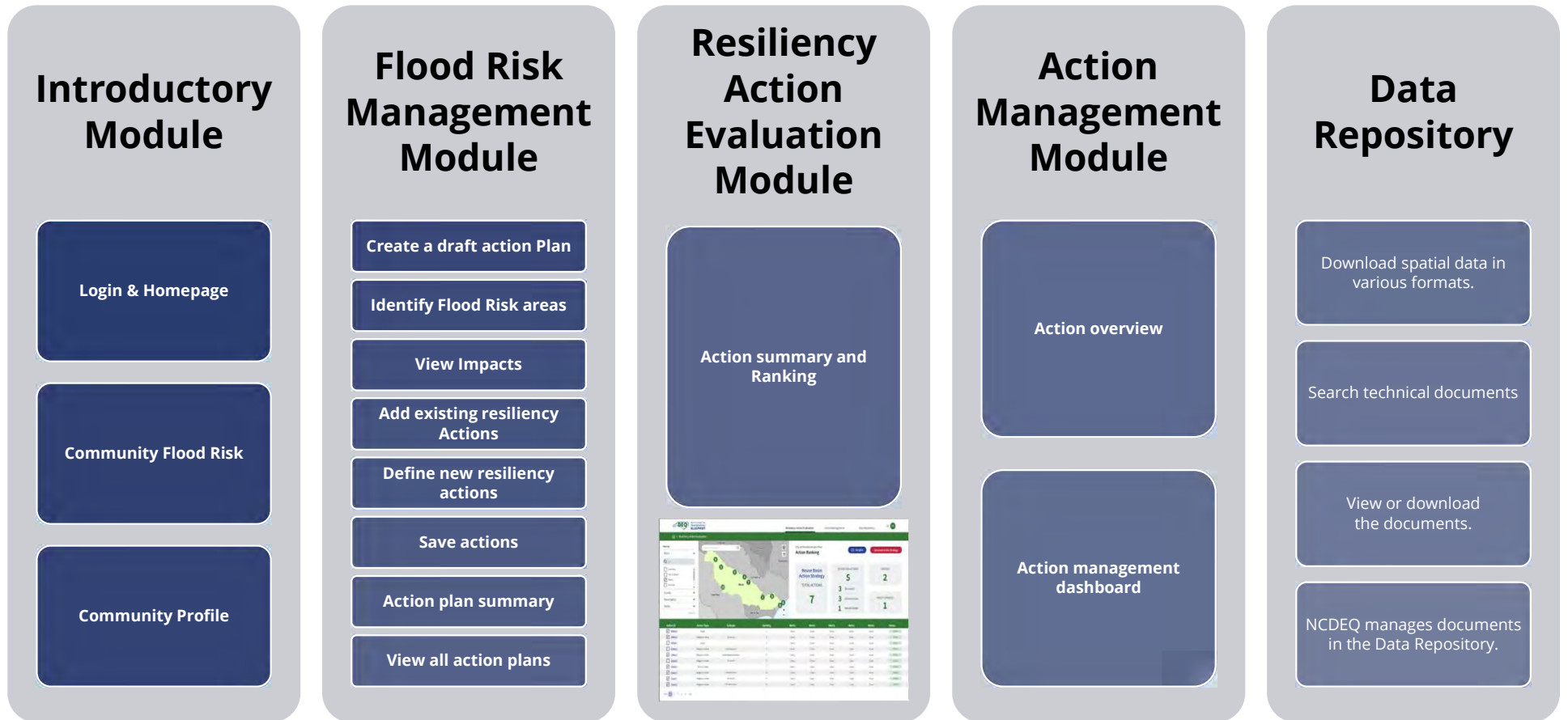
# Potential examples of Tool

- Mockups of potential interface types that could be used for the tool.
- Showing how plans would be created
- An understanding of projects including data available
- Visualization of risk
- Mitigation actions and their ranking.





## Application Modules



*\*All content and functionality are subject to further refinement as part of Phase II*



# NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint Status of process





# Website

- The Flood Resiliency Blueprint Website is available.
- <https://ncfloodblueprint.com/>
- Version 1 of Blueprint Tool July 5th

**DEQ** NORTH CAROLINA  
Flood Resiliency  
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Trees Overhanging the Neuse River in Raleigh in Autumn

## North Carolina Flood Resiliency Blueprint

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality is developing the first North Carolina Flood Resiliency Blueprint. The Blueprint is a statewide watershed planning effort to establish a framework and tools to assist local communities in decision-making related to reducing flood risk and increasing resilience.

Working with interagency partners and stakeholders, DEQ's Division of Mitigation Services plans a comprehensive approach to identify problems, address barriers, and prioritize solutions.

### UPDATES

- Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
**Second Meeting of the Technical Advisory Groups**
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
**NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint Principal Advisory Group Kickoff**
- Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
**NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint Technical Advisory Group Kickoff**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 30 Fri	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM <b>Neuse Basin Advisory Group Meeting 3</b> Raleigh	>
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# Flooding, Erosion, and Groundwater Hazards for the North Carolina Coast

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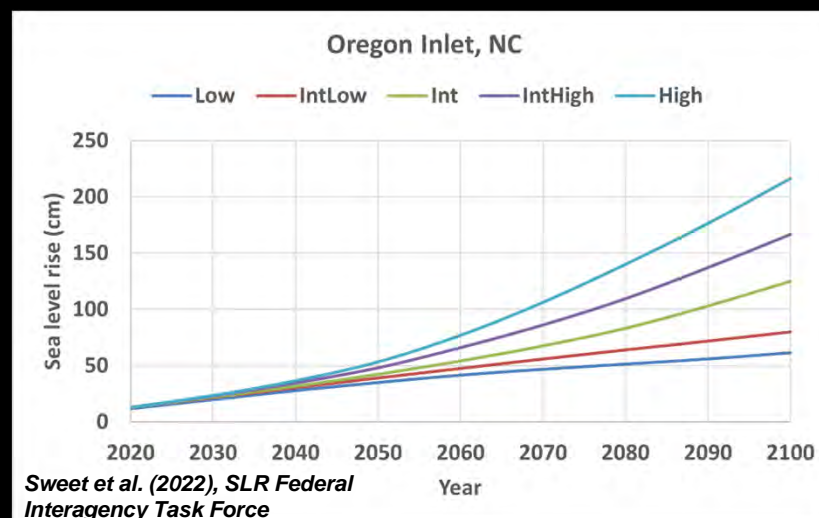
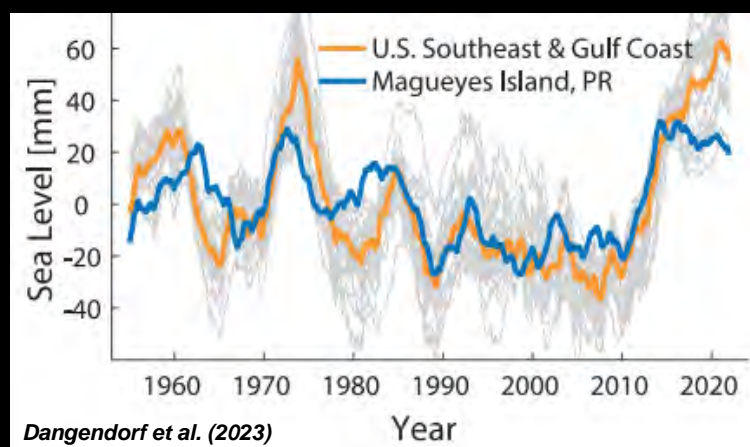
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## Sea Level Rise in North Carolina

- North of Cape Hatteras has been a hotspot for decades, with SLR increasing ~4 times faster than the global average from 1970-2009
- South of Cape Hatteras, rates of > 10 mm/yr have been observed at the majority of tide gauges from 2010-2021
- Intermediate SLR projection of 0.43 m (1.4 ft) by 2050 and 1.25 m (4.1 ft) by 2100 per Sweet et al. (2022)
- Under the higher scenarios, 2 m (6.6 feet) of SLR would be reached in the first half of the 22<sup>nd</sup> century



# Future Coastal Hazards - Overview

**Objective:** Assess coastal hazards associated with SLR and storms for the 21<sup>st</sup> century from Virginia Beach to Miami

## Scenarios

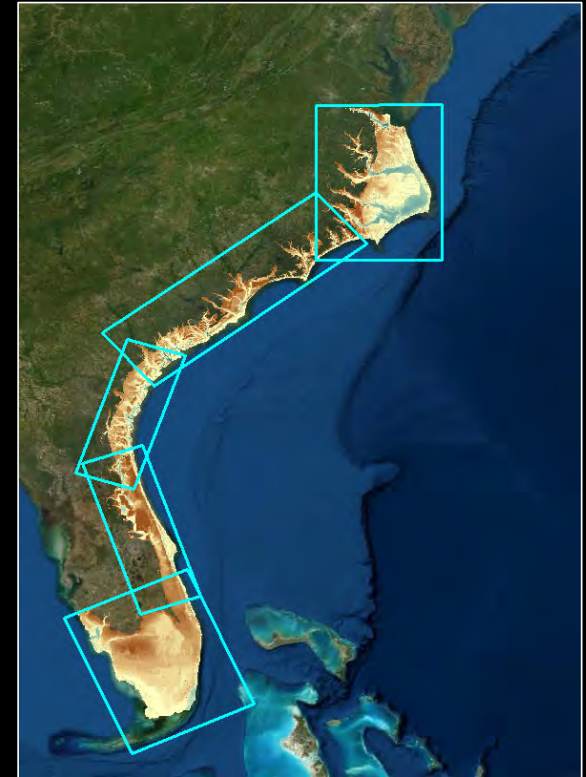
- Sea-level rise (n=7): 0, +0.25, +0.5, +1.0, +1.5, +2.0, and +3.0 m
- Storms (n=4): daily, annual, 20- and 100-yr

## Key Products

- 1 m topo-bathy DEM
- Vertical land motion
- Flooding extent, depth and uncertainty
- Long-term and storm-related beach erosion
- Groundwater hazards
- Socioeconomic exposure
- Web tools: CCH web portal, HERA

## Funding

- Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 [H.R. 2157]
- National Park Service





*Wilmington, Hurricane Florence, 2018*  
Jim Lo Scalzo, EPA



Beaufort, NC, November 2022





Ocracoke, NC, Hurricane Dorian, September 2019 (Julia Wall, The News and Observer)





Ocracoke, NC, November 2022













*Rodanthe, NC, Hurricane Irene, August 30, 2011*





# Integrated Topobathymetric Digital Elevation Model

**Objective:** Development of a high-resolution integrated 1-meter topobathymetric digital elevation model (TBDEM) to support projections of coastal flooding, erosion, and groundwater hazards.

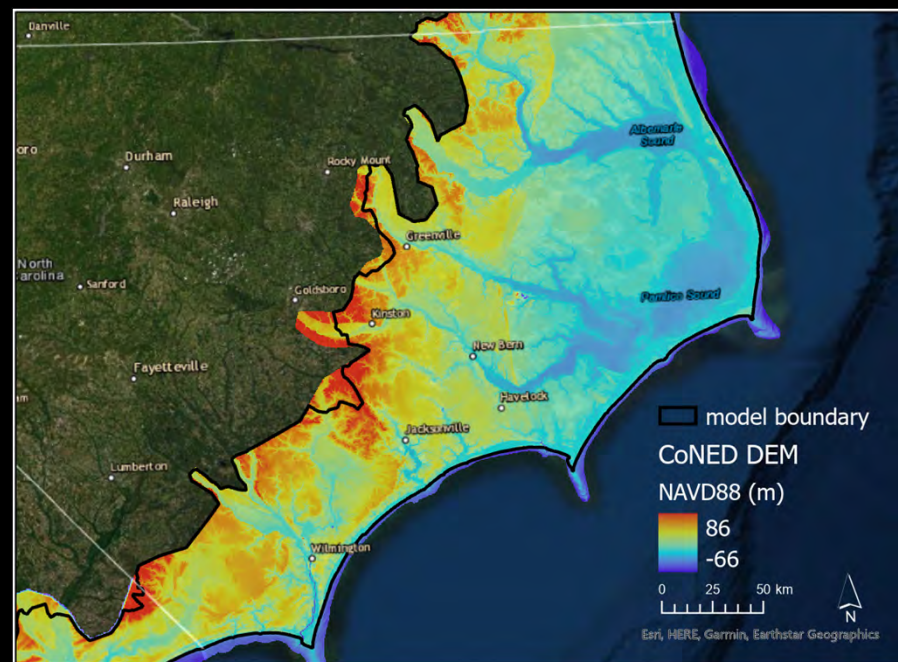
## Approach Highlights

- Integrated TBDEM compilation based on best available pre- and post-Hurricane Florence/Dorian topography and bathymetry geospatial data

## Products

- Integrated TBDEM for the coastal zone

Tyler, D., Cushing, W.M., Danielson, J.J., Poppenga, S., Beverly, S.D., and Shogib, R., 2022. Topobathymetric Model of the Coastal Carolinas, 1851 to 2020: U.S. Geological Survey data release, <https://doi.org/10.5066/P9MPA8K0>



# Vertical Land Motion

## Objective:

- Determine the rate of Vertical Land Motion (VLM) along the coastline at management relevant resolution.

## Approach Highlight:

- Across a ~100 km wide swath of land along the coast, perform an advanced multitemporal InSAR analysis of large datasets obtained by ALOS and Sentinel1 satellites

## Products:

- VLM rates for entire coast at ~100 m resolution

**Key Science Partner:** Manoochehr Shirzai (Virginia Tech)





# Overland Flood Hazards

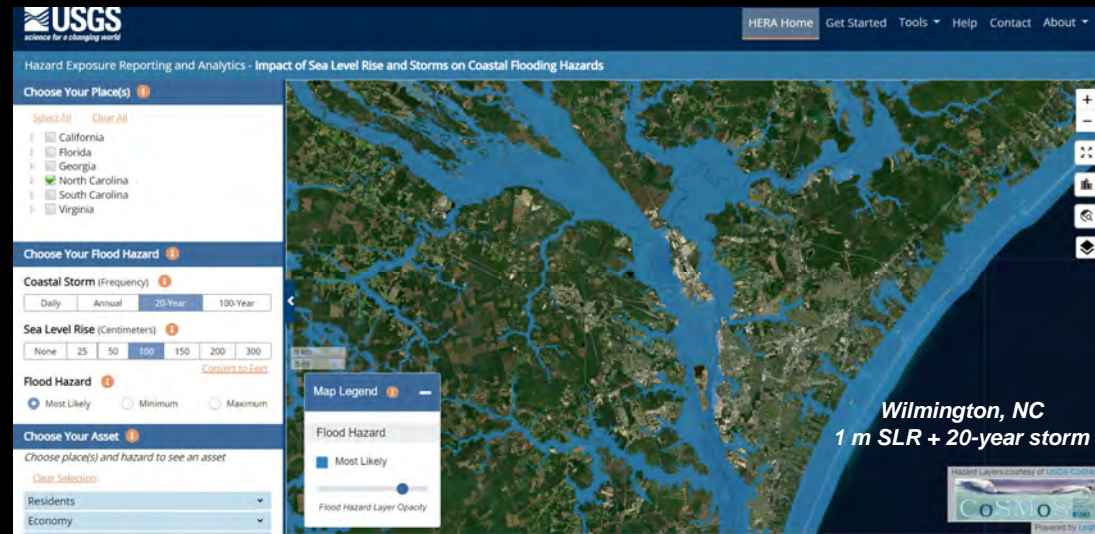
**Objective:** Quantify nearshore oceanographic, pluvial, and fluvial drivers of coastal hazards and consequent overland flooding for the full suite of sea level rise and storm scenarios.

## Approach Highlights

- Dynamically downscaled future conditions using the latest generation of climate change models (CMIP6)

## Products

- Projected (future) time-series of nearshore waves and storm-tides; joint occurrences of hurricanes and non-hurricane events with precipitation and fluvial discharges; flood hazard maps (extent, depth, duration)



**Key Science Partners:** Deltares, USACE/ERDC



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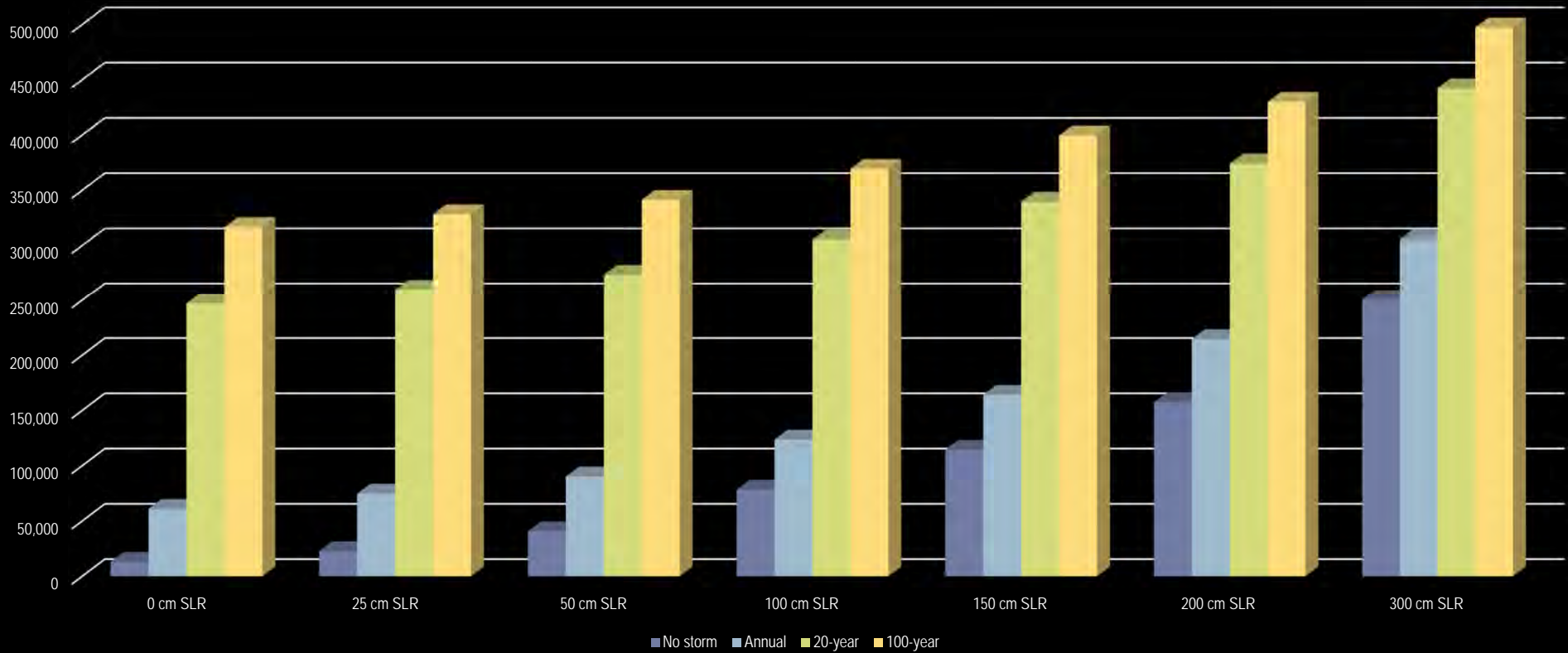


# Beaufort – Annual Storm Flooding



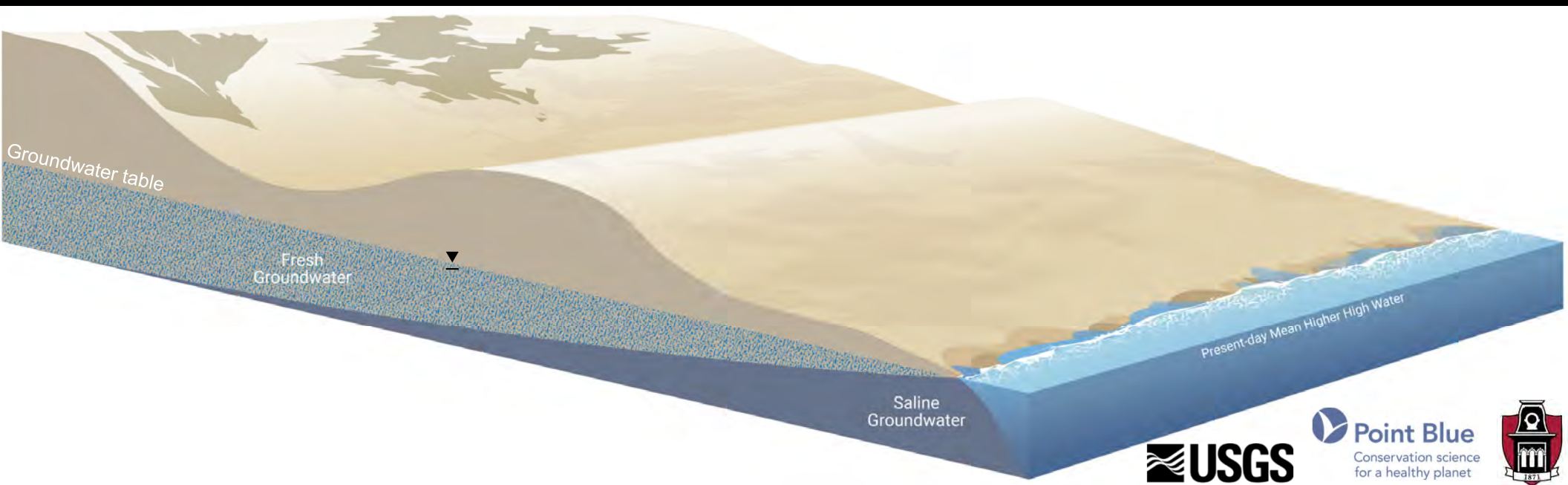
# Overland Flood Hazards

North Carolina - Population Exposure to Overland Flooding

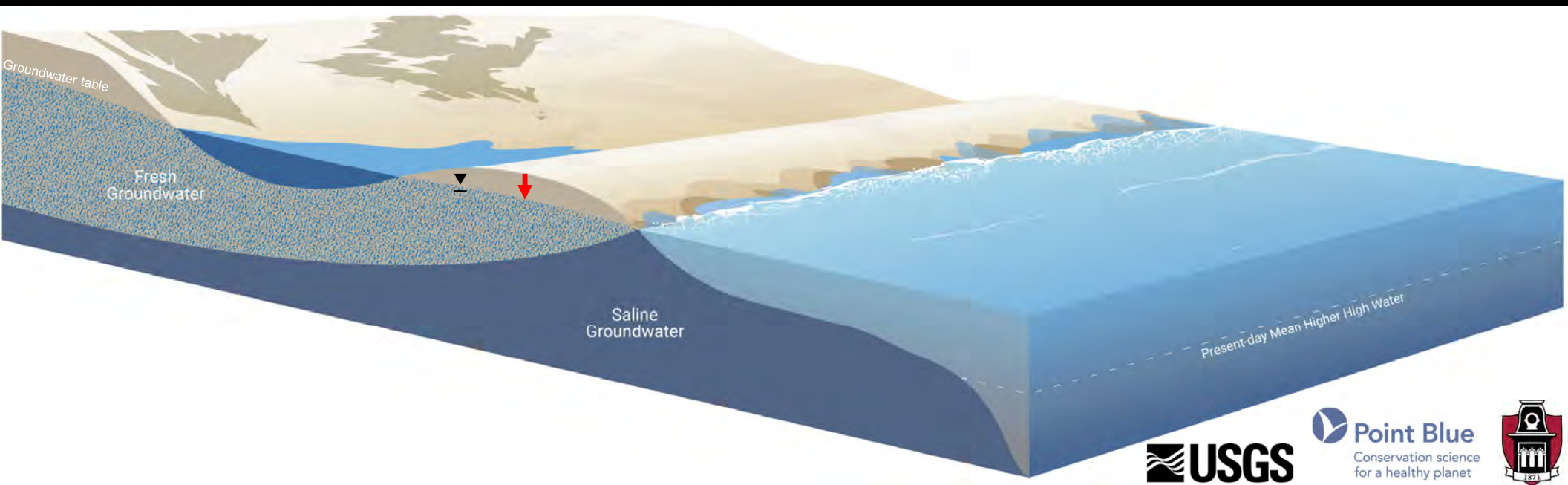




# How sea level rise affects the groundwater table



# How sea level rise affects the groundwater table



# Groundwater Hazards

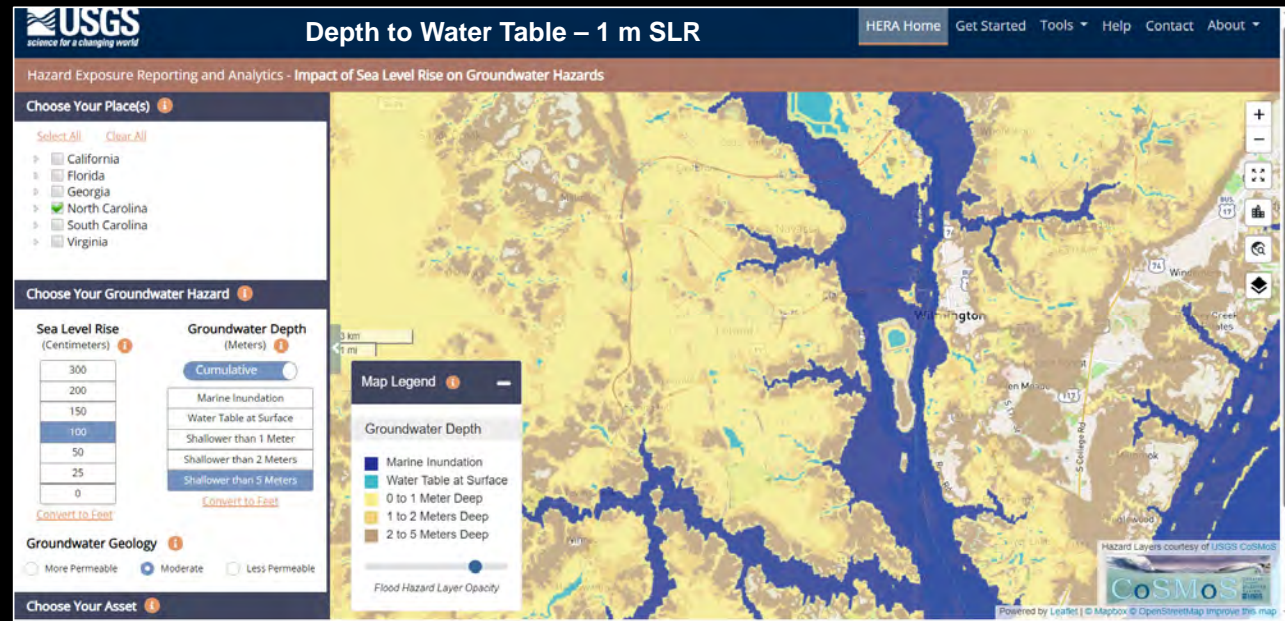
**Objective:** Quantify water table elevation response to sea-level rise.

## Approach Highlights

- Overlapping numerical models of steady-state groundwater flow for each sea level rise scenario
- Leverages transmissivity/K-values from Befus et al. (2017) and Zell and Sanford (2020)

## Products

- Continuous output datasets and maps of groundwater emergence and shoaling



**Key Staff:** Kevin Befus (University of Arkansas), Cliff Voss (WMA, Emeritus)



[www.usgs.gov/cosmos](http://www.usgs.gov/cosmos)





# Coastal Change

**Objective:** Predict future position of the shoreline based on SLR scenarios and total water level projections (CoSMoS-COAST).

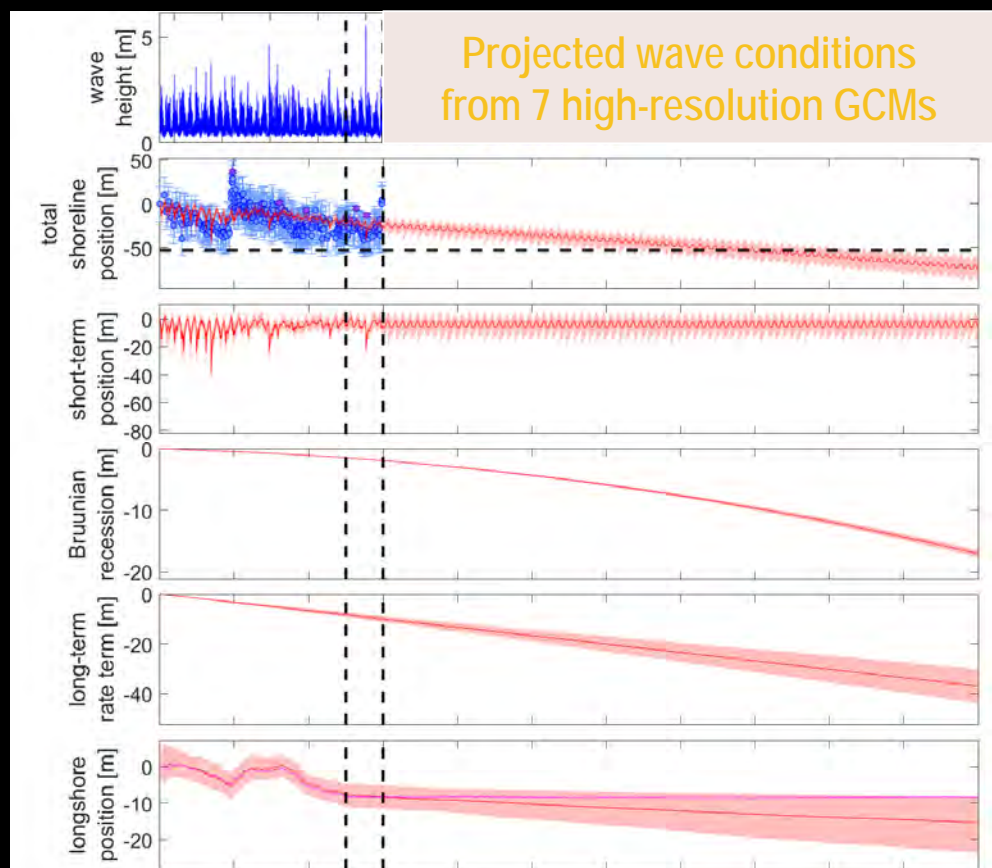
## Approach Highlights

- Auto-tunes model parameters along 50-m spaced transects to best fit historical, satellite-derived shoreline data
- Projects coastal erosion hazards incorporating SLR, cross-shore and longshore transport, and sediment supply

## Products

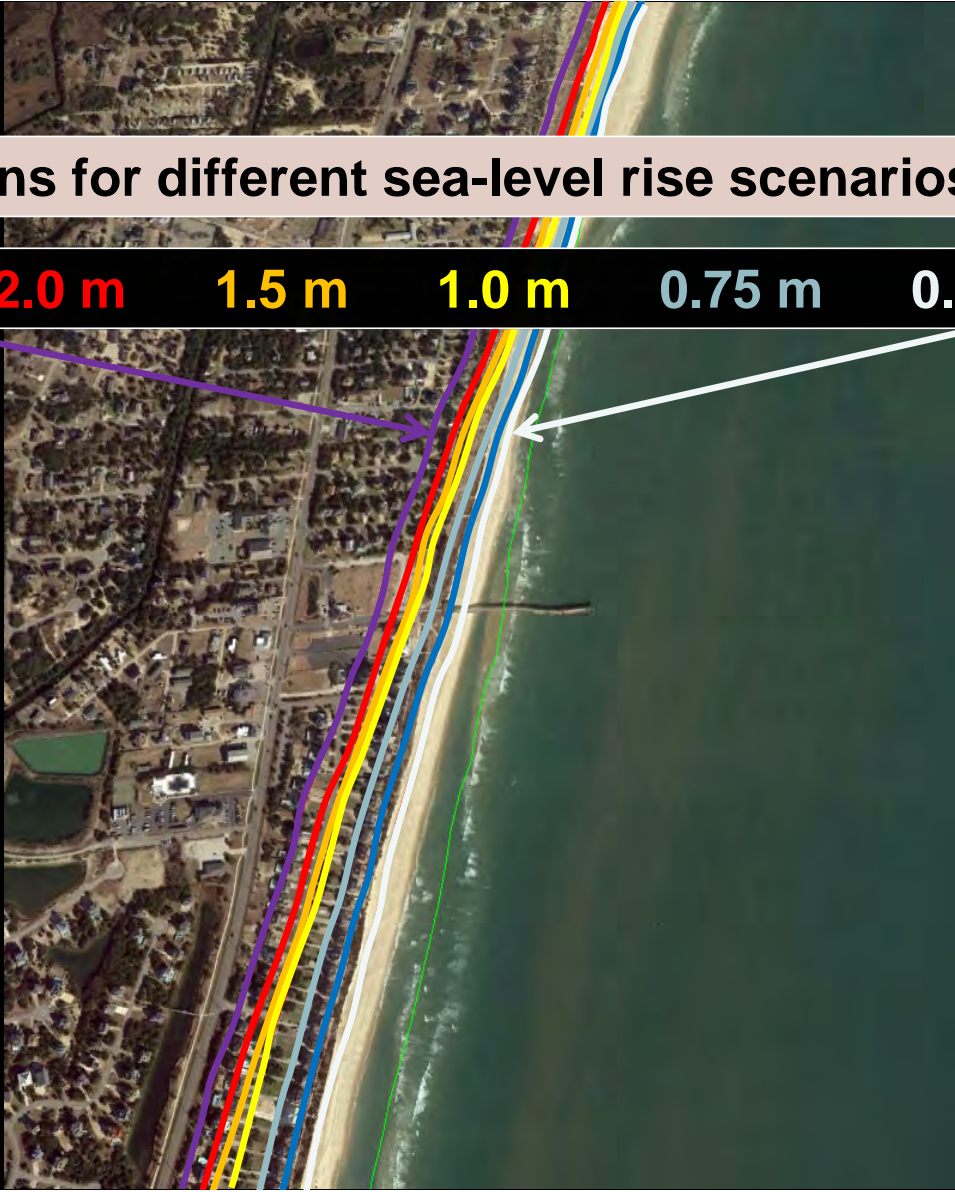
- Erosion hazard maps for daily and storm conditions

**Key Staff:** Sean Vitousek



**Projections for different sea-level rise scenarios:**

**3.0 m    2.0 m    1.5 m    1.0 m    0.75 m    0.5 m    0.25 m**



# Socioeconomic Exposure

**Objective:** Determine the assets exposed to coastal flooding, erosion, and rising groundwater for the full suite of sea level rise and storm scenarios.

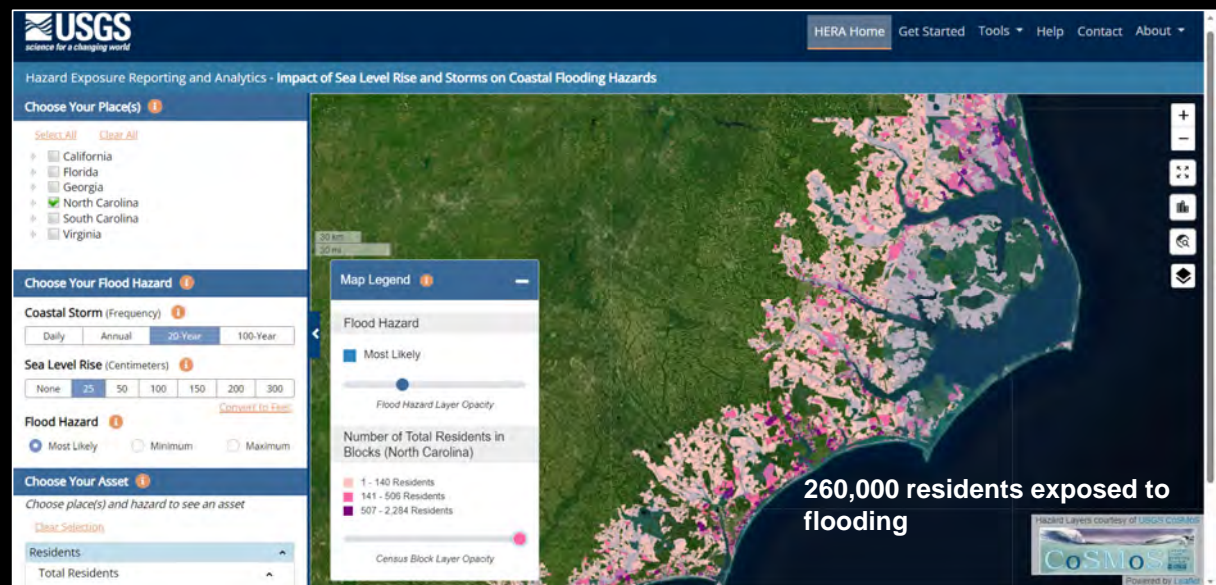
## Approach Highlights

- Exposure mapping based on community boundaries and data from the U.S. Census, Department of Homeland Security, County Assessors Offices, etc.

## Products

- Hazard Exposure Reporting and Analytics (HERA) tool

**Key Staff:** Nate Wood (Western Geographic Science Center)





# HERA Main Page Overview <https://www.usgs.gov/apps/hera/>

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Hazard Exposure Reporting and Analytics

## Welcome to HERA

The Hazard Exposure and Reporting Analytics (HERA) website helps communities understand how coastal hazards could impact their land, people, infrastructure, and livelihoods.

HERA provides tools and data to help communities as they plan and prepare for climate-related, natural hazards.

[Learn more about our tools that address various hazards >](#)

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- Coastal Groundwater**  
Use this tool to see maps and exposure data for groundwater depths based on sea level rise scenarios  
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- Shoreline Change**  
Use this tool to see maps and exposure data for shoreline change hazards (e.g., erosion) based on sea level rise, storm, and coastal management scenarios  
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**Quick Access to Tools**

# Overview of Coastal Flooding Tool

<https://www.usgs.gov/apps/hera/floodTool.php>



## Availability:

- California coast and San Francisco Bay except for Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties
- Eastern FL, GA, SC, NA, VA

## Storm Scenarios:

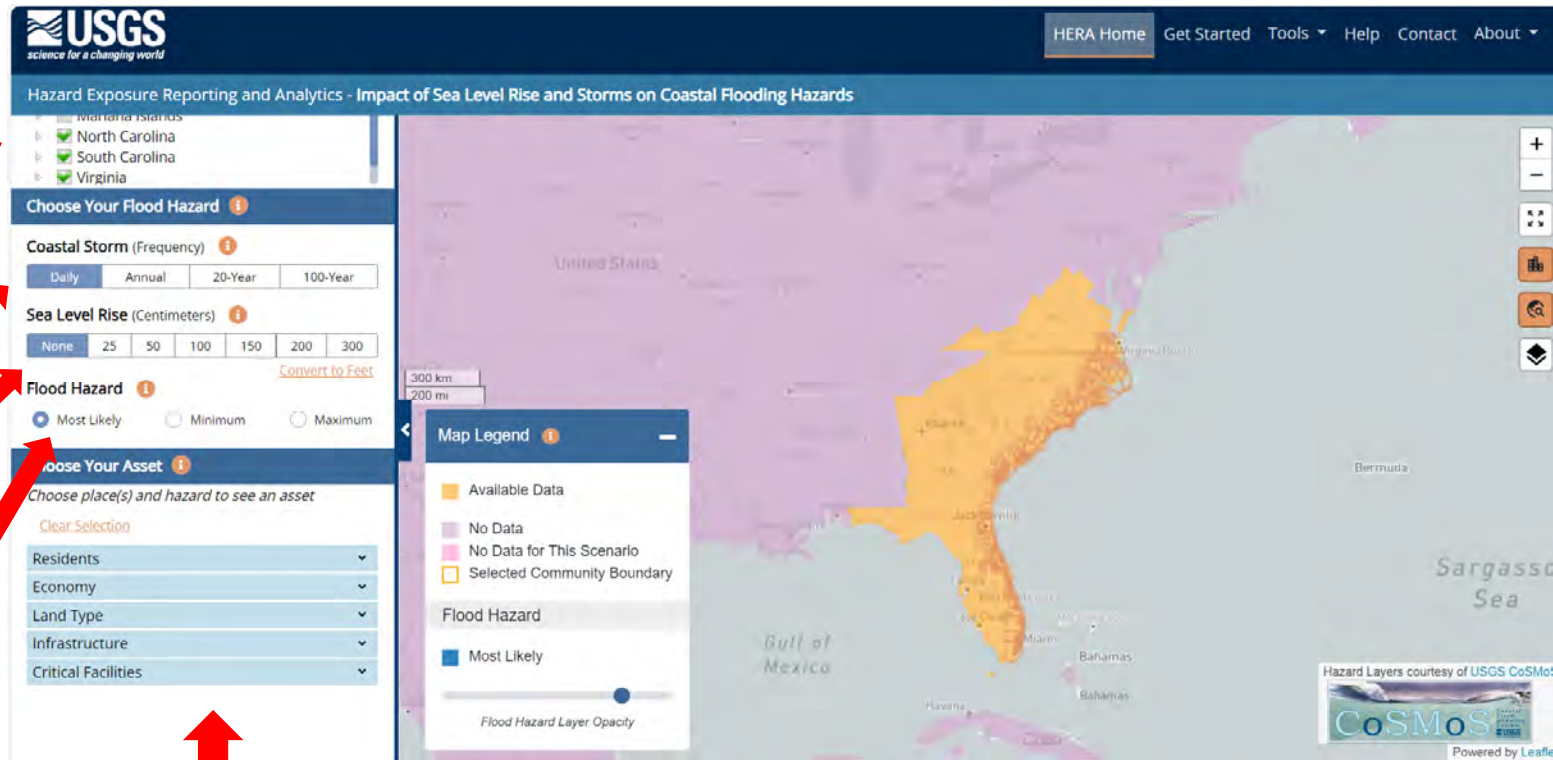
daily, annual, 20-yr, 100-yr

## Sea level rise scenarios:

None, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300 (cm)

## Hazard zones:

most likely, minimum, maximum



Assets of interest



# Exposure Dashboard – Flood Viewer



## Hazard Exposure Reporting and Analytics - Impact of Sea Level Rise and Storms on Coastal Flooding Hazards

### Choose Your Place(s)

[Select All](#) [Clear All](#)

- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Mariana Islands
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Virginia
- Washington

### Choose Your Flood Hazard

#### Coastal Storm (Frequency)

Daily  Annual  20-Year  100-Year

#### Sea Level Rise (Centimeters)

None  25  50  100  150  200  300

[Convert to Feet](#)

#### Flood Hazard

Most Likely  Minimum  Maximum

### Choose Your Asset

Choose place(s) and hazard to see an asset

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Residents

Economy



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- Residents
- Economy





# Exposure Dashboard – View Place or County Summary



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Hazard Exposure Reporting and Analytics - Impact of Sea Level Rise and Storms on Coastal Flooding Hazards

CHOOSE YOUR PLACE(s)

[Select All](#) [Clear All](#)

- North Carolina
  - Beaufort
  - Bertie
  - Bladen
  - Brunswick
  - Camden
  - Carteret
  - Chowan

## Choose Your Flood Hazard

## Coastal Storm (Frequency)

Daily
  Annual
  20-Year
  100-Year

## Sea Level Rise (Centimeters)

None
  25
  50
  100
  150
  200
  300

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## Flood Hazard

Most Likely
  Minimum
  Maximum

## Choose Your Asset

Choose place(s) and hazard to see an asset

[Clear Selection](#)

- Residents
- Total Residents

## Dashboard

Scale:  County

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Asset Category/Asset	Total	Beaufort		Bertie		Bladen		Brunswick		Camden		Carteret	
<b>Total Residents</b>													
Total Residents	273,458	24,557	55.00%	1,900	11.62%	352	1.38%	15,014	10.98%	8,171	78.91%	23,063	34.07%
<b>Ethnicity</b>													
Hispanic or Latino	16,816	1,837	53.52%	26	9.49%	44	1.87%	639	8.61%	255	75.11%	931	29.85%
<b>Race</b>													
American Indian or Alaska Native	6,022	366	51.47%	32	13.90%	37	2.97%	317	9.28%	271	79.85%	472	29.11%
Asian	4,461	164	55.69%	14	12.79%	2	1.58%	121	8.13%	165	77.26%	307	27.44%
Black or African American	50,880	6,954	63.57%	1,086	10.81%	94	1.03%	1,221	9.27%	1,019	82.48%	1,509	37.07%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	596	28	58.27%	4	19.40%	0.540	1.42%	20	12.13%	25	79.07%	46	28.90%
Other Race	14,860	1,653	53.02%	23	8.18%	41	2.01%	606	8.89%	250	77.50%	871	30.28%
White	212,897	16,429	52.17%	815	13.19%	192	1.35%	13,441	11.26%	7,045	78.51%	21,009	33.97%
<b>Total Household Units</b>													
Total Housing Units	168,761	13,964	57.97%	1,041	12.85%	196	1.58%	15,060	17.05%	3,305	80.25%	17,354	34.13%
Occupied Housing Units	114,606	10,876	55.97%	815	12.35%	147	1.38%	6,969	11.33%	3,123	80.58%	10,057	33.40%
Vacant Housing Units	54,155	3,089	66.28%	225	15.03%	49	2.76%	8,091	30.15%	183	74.96%	7,297	35.19%



## Key Findings for North Carolina (3 ft of SLR)

- ~70% of the coastal residents could be exposed to shallow and emerging groundwater, ~480,000 coastal residents and \$62 billion in property
- Storms increase overland flooding exposure by more than 4 times over daily tidal flooding, directly impacting ~370,000 coastal residents and \$68 billion in property
- Up to 80% of beaches could be lost as shorelines migrate landward
- High subsidence rates impact the majority of coastal residents across the region



# Future Work and Resources

- Summary publications
- Work with partners and stakeholders to support regional and local policy and coastal management decision-making (training, technical assistance)
- Incorporate modeling in interdisciplinary studies that include social and economic factors

- **USGS data release**

Barnard et al., 2023. Future coastal hazards along the U.S. North and South Carolina coasts: U.S. Geological Survey data release: [doi.org/10.5066/P9W91314](https://doi.org/10.5066/P9W91314)

- **Journal publications**

Nederhoff et al., Large-scale dynamic modeling of coastal compound flooding due to extratropical storms, hurricanes, and sea level rise: a study for Atlantic Southeastern US coast. *Coastal Engineering*, available on Earth ArXiv: [doi.org/10.31223/X56H26](https://doi.org/10.31223/X56H26)

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- **Hazard Exposure Reporting and Analytics (HERA) tool:**  
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Natural Hazards (2023) 117:2219–2248  
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ORIGINAL PAPER

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Relative contributions of water-level components to extreme water levels along the US Southeast Atlantic Coast from a regional-scale water-level hindcast

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# Diving into the Digital Coast - Community Resilience Resources

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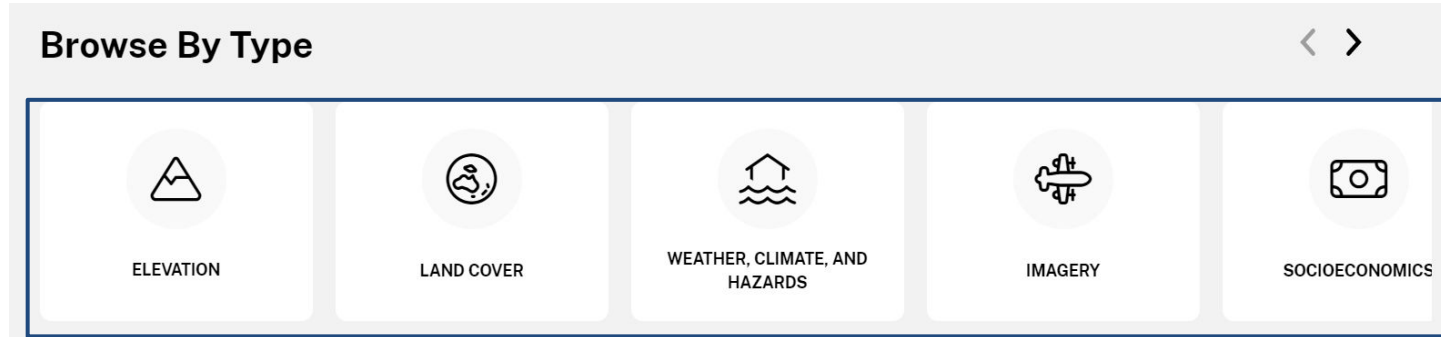
# DIGITAL COAST

Dive in to Get the Data, Tools, and Training That  
Communities Need to Address Coastal Issues

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# Digital Coast: Data

- Over 80 terabytes of high-resolution elevation data, land cover data, and orthoimagery
- 350+ web mapping services
- Linkages to over 40 national-level coastal data sets



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# C-CAP High-Resolution Land Cover

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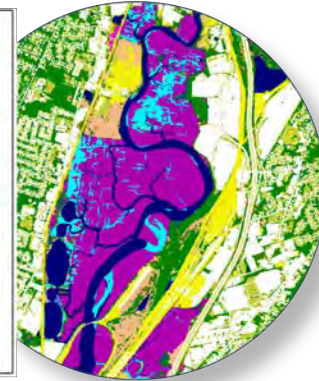
- Impervious surface
- Water
- Canopy

## Comparison of Resolutions

REGIONAL (30-METER)



LOCAL (1-METER)



[coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/ccaphighres.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/ccaphighres.html)



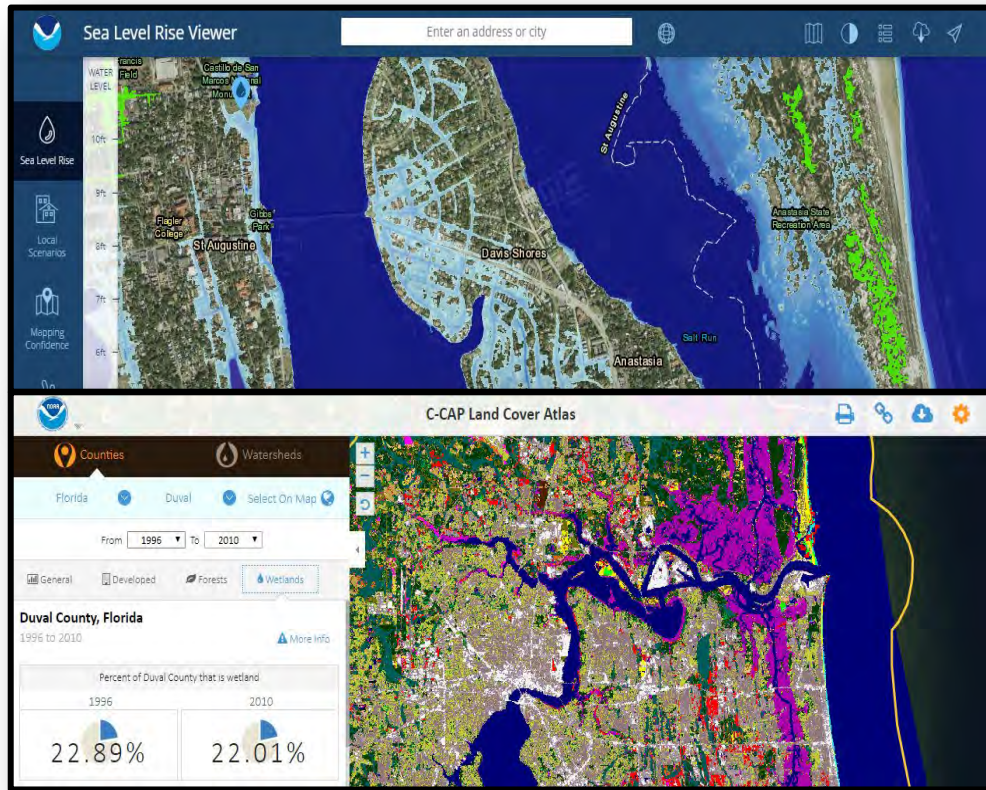
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# Digital Coast: Tools

- An inventory of over 50 decision-support and information visualization tools
- Many provide visualization and analysis capabilities without need for GIS software

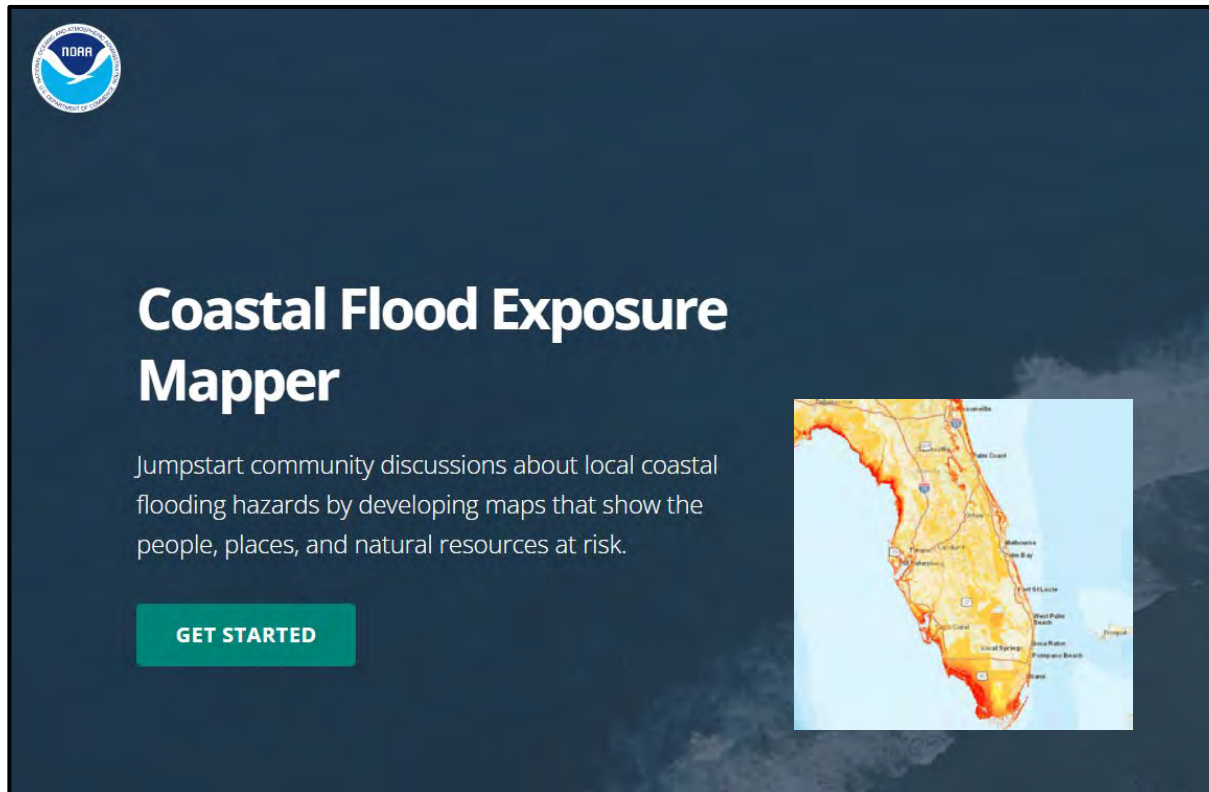
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# Tools: Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper

- Screening-level
- National data, locally relevant
- Hazards overlay
- Conversation or process starter










The screenshot shows the NOAA Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper interface. In the top left corner is the NOAA logo. The main heading is "Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper" in large white text. Below the heading is a descriptive paragraph: "Jumpstart community discussions about local coastal flooding hazards by developing maps that show the people, places, and natural resources at risk." At the bottom left of the interface is a green button with the text "GET STARTED". On the right side of the interface is a map of Florida showing coastal flood exposure with a color gradient from yellow to red, indicating increasing risk levels. Various Florida locations are labeled on the map, including Tallahassee, Gainesville, Orlando, Jacksonville, Miami, and Fort Lauderdale.



# Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper

Decision Support for the Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper RETURN TO DIGITAL COAST GO TO MAPPER

The Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper can help you  
(Select each of the actions you're interested in. Select the ? to learn more.)

	Start a community conversation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>
	Show community areas at risk to flooding hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>
	Conduct a local flood hazard exposure analysis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>
	Inform the hazard exposure information in a grant proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>
	Prioritize areas for resilience efforts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>
	Prepare to engage a contractor for the technical work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>
	Incorporate GIS map layers into local tools and models.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">?</a>

Your choices will be reflected in your PDF Companion Guide.



# Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper





# Tools: Sea Level Rise Viewer

The screenshot shows the NOAA Digital Coast website for the Sea Level Rise Viewer tool. At the top left is the NOAA logo and the text 'OFFICE FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIGITAL COAST'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Tools / Catalog / Sea Level Rise Viewer'. The main heading is 'Sea Level Rise Viewer' with the subtitle 'NOAA Office for Coastal Management'. Three buttons are visible: 'Launch', 'Download Data', and 'Access Map Services'. Below the buttons are three columns of metadata: 'GEOGRAPHY' (Coastal contiguous U.S. (excludes Great Lakes), HI, and territories), 'PLATFORM' (Web-based), and 'LEVEL OF EFFORT' (Low). The 'Overview' section contains a paragraph describing the tool's purpose: 'Use this web mapping tool to visualize community-level impacts from coastal flooding or sea level rise (up to 10 feet above average high tides). Photo simulations of how future flooding might impact local landmarks are also provided, as well as data related to water depth, connectivity, flood frequency, socio-economic vulnerability, wetland loss and migration, and mapping confidence.' The 'Features' section is partially visible at the bottom.

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## Sea Level Rise Viewer

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Launch Download Data Access Map Services

<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> Coastal contiguous U.S. (excludes Great Lakes), HI, and territories	<b>PLATFORM</b> Web-based	<b>LEVEL OF EFFORT</b> Low
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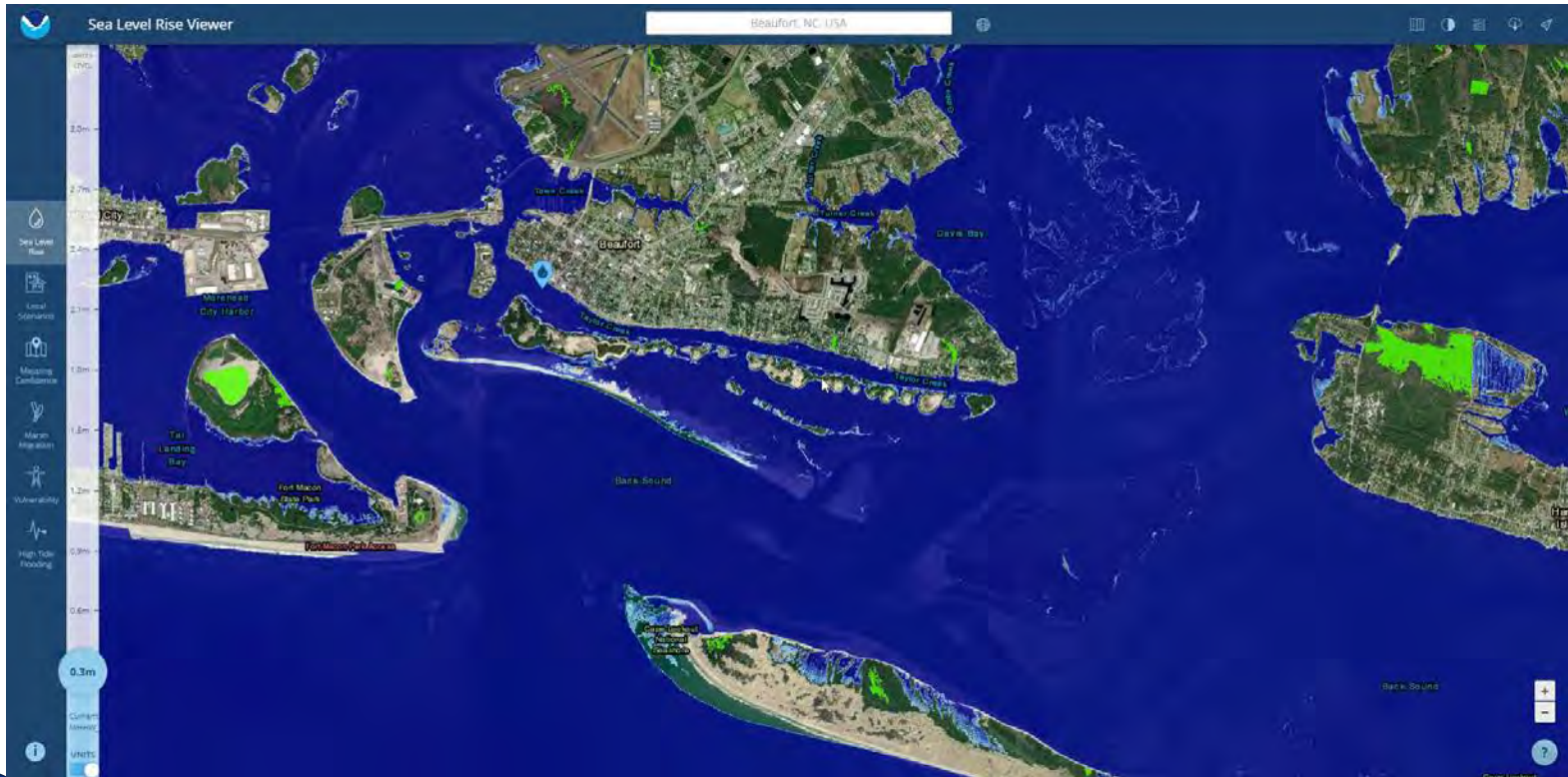
### Overview

Use this web mapping tool to visualize community-level impacts from coastal flooding or sea level rise (up to 10 feet above average high tides). Photo simulations of how future flooding might impact local landmarks are also provided, as well as data related to water depth, connectivity, flood frequency, socio-economic vulnerability, wetland loss and migration, and mapping confidence.

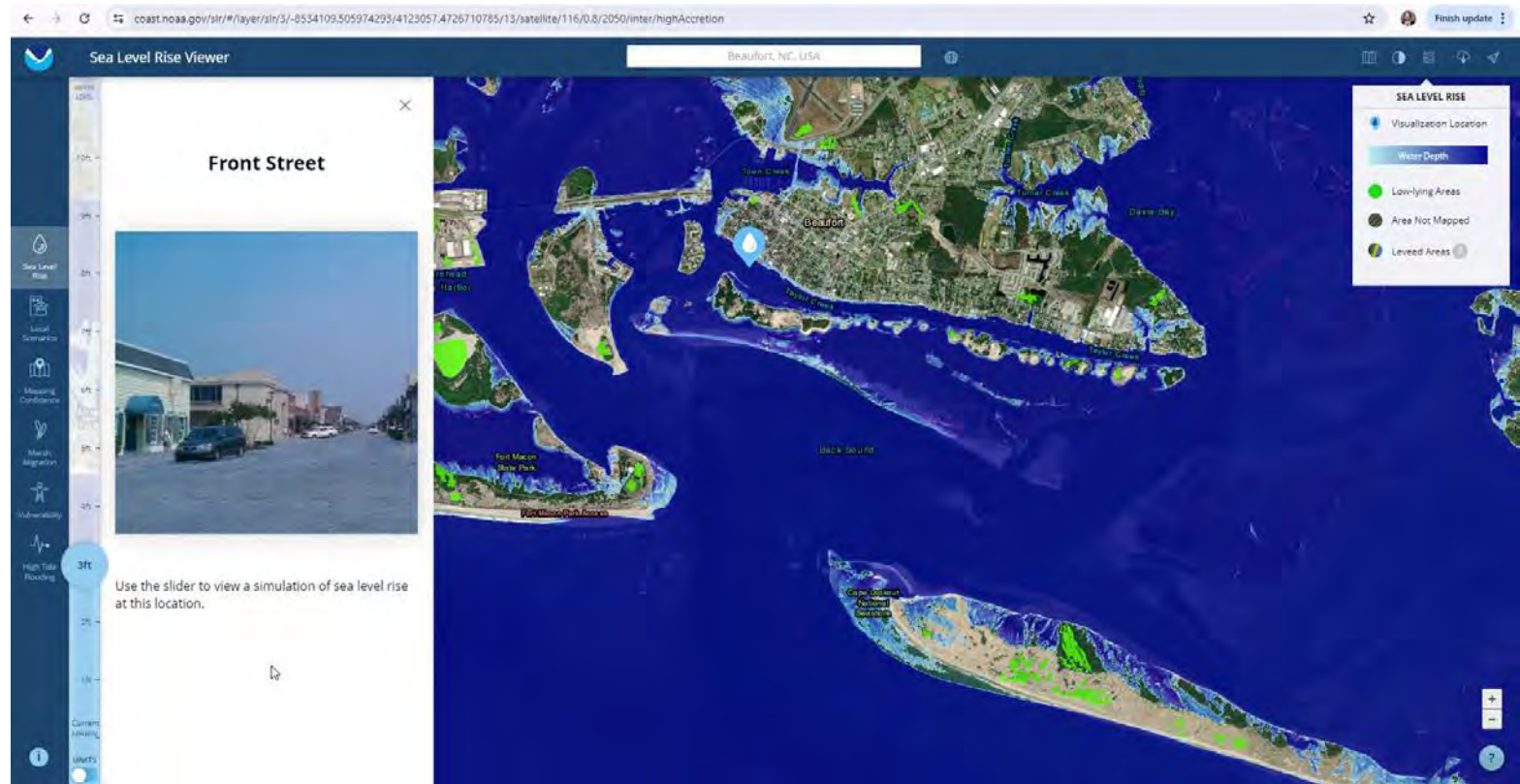
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# Sea Level Rise Viewer

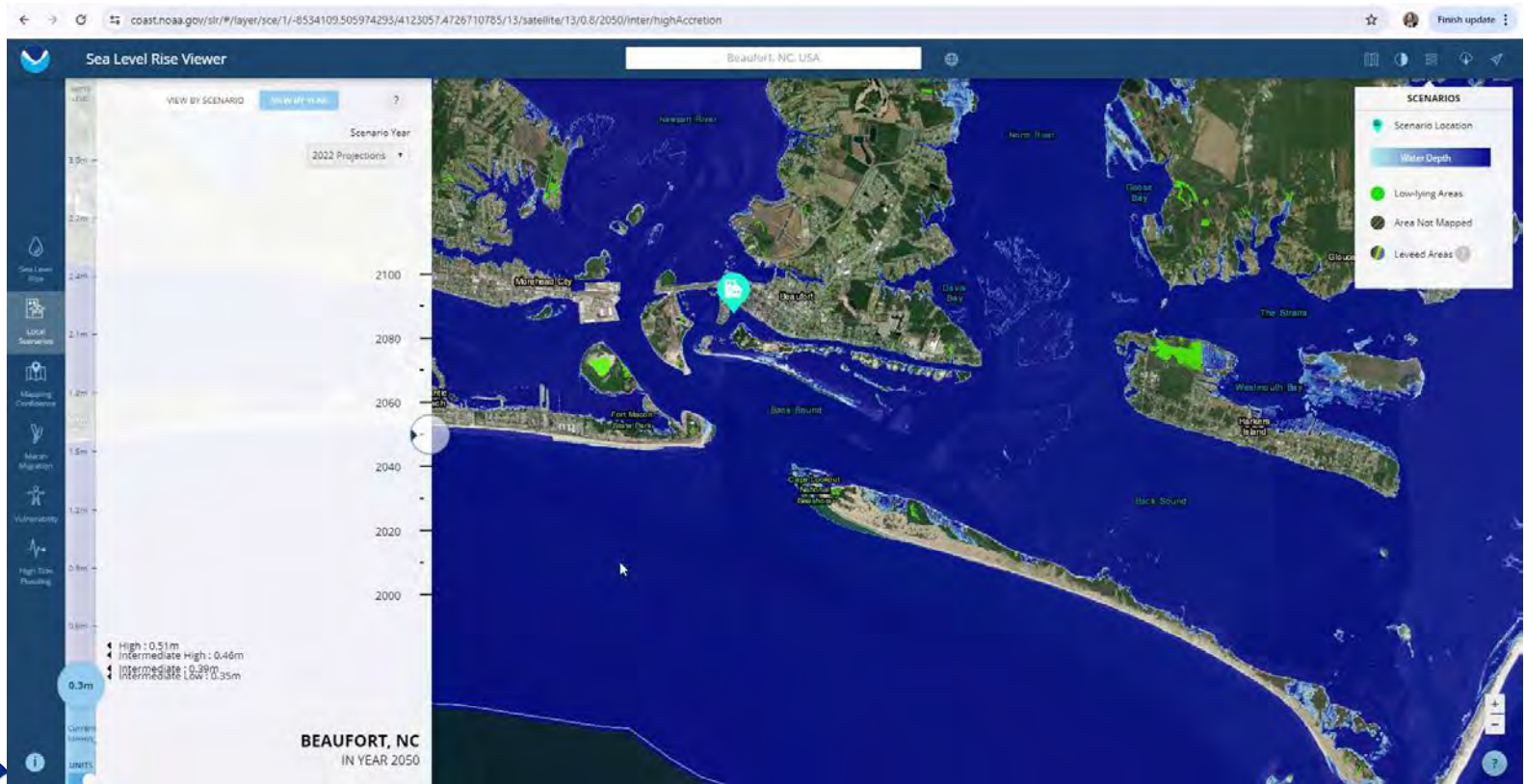


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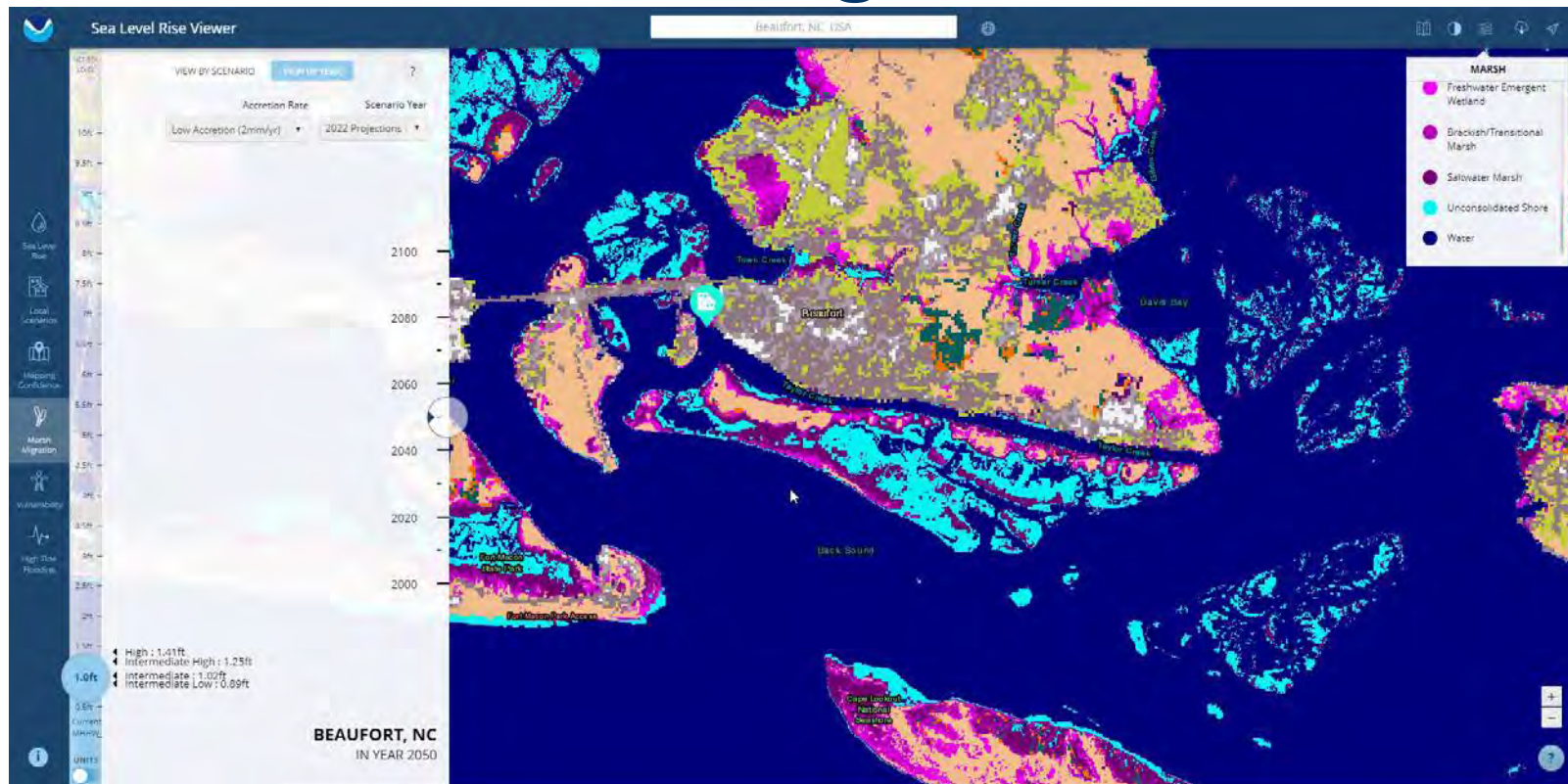




# Local SLR Scenarios



# Marsh Migration

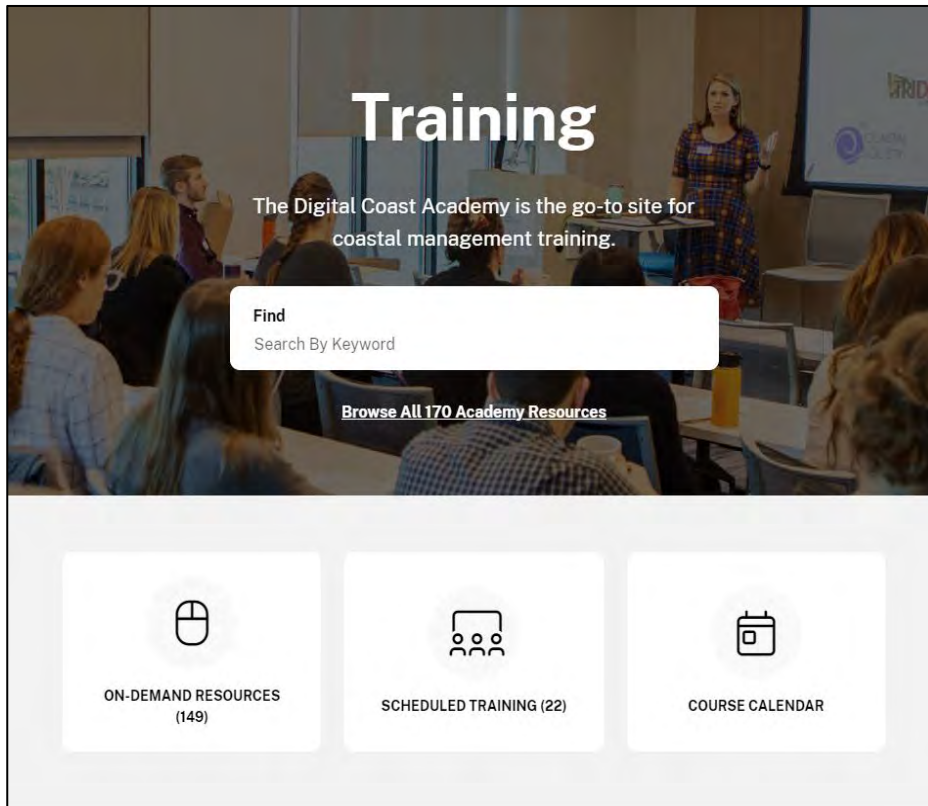


# Digital Coast: Training

Classroom and online  
instructor-led

On-demand products

- Self-guided
- Case studies
- Publications
- Quick references
- Videos
- Webinars



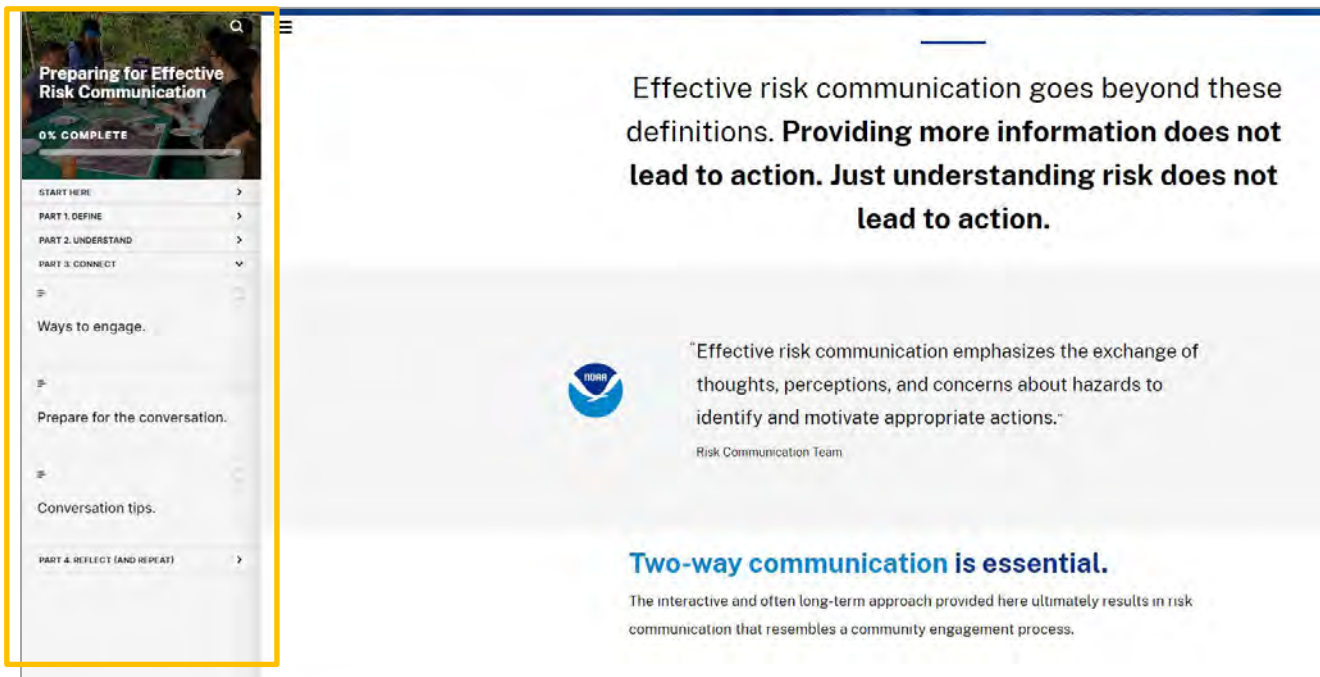
The screenshot displays the Digital Coast Academy Training website. At the top, the word "Training" is prominently displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, a subtitle reads: "The Digital Coast Academy is the go-to site for coastal management training." A search bar with the placeholder text "Find Search By Keyword" is positioned in the center. Below the search bar, a link reads "Browse All 170 Academy Resources". The background of the top section shows a classroom setting with a woman presenting to a group of people. Below the main content area, there are three white rectangular buttons with rounded corners, each featuring an icon and text: 1. A mouse icon with the text "ON-DEMAND RESOURCES (149)". 2. An icon of three people with the text "SCHEDULED TRAINING (22)". 3. A calendar icon with the text "COURSE CALENDAR".





# Training

## Preparing for Effective Risk Communication



The screenshot shows a training module interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with a yellow border, containing a progress indicator '0% COMPLETE', a search icon, and a list of sections: 'START HERE', 'PART 1. DEFINE', 'PART 2. UNDERSTAND', 'PART 3. CONNECT', 'Ways to engage.', 'Prepare for the conversation.', 'Conversation tips.', and 'PART 4. REFLECT (AND REPEAT)'. The main content area features a large heading 'Effective risk communication goes beyond these definitions. Providing more information does not lead to action. Just understanding risk does not lead to action.' Below this is a quote from the NOAA Risk Communication Team: 'Effective risk communication emphasizes the exchange of thoughts, perceptions, and concerns about hazards to identify and motivate appropriate actions.' A final section states 'Two-way communication is essential.' and describes the interactive approach.

Preparing for Effective Risk Communication

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PART 1. DEFINE >

PART 2. UNDERSTAND >

PART 3. CONNECT ▾

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Ways to engage.

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Prepare for the conversation.

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Conversation tips.

PART 4. REFLECT (AND REPEAT) >

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Risk Communication Team

**Two-way communication is essential.**

The interactive and often long-term approach provided here ultimately results in risk communication that resembles a community engagement process.

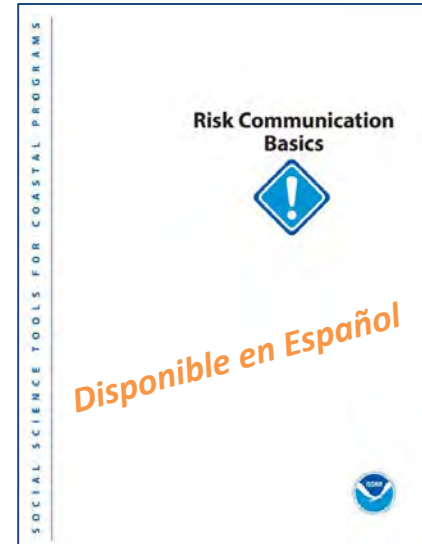


# Trainings

## Risk Communication

**Seven Best Practices for Risk Communication** - 90 minute webinar

**Building Risk Communication Skills** - 1 day in person



[coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/topics/risk-communication.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/topics/risk-communication.html)



# Self Guided Resource

## Nature-Based Solutions: The Basics

### Step 1. Identify a Coastal Hazard Impacting Your Community

**Instruction**   **Hazards**   **Case Study**

In this step, **select a coastal hazard** affecting your community, and record it on your **Green Infrastructure Plan** worksheet.

Consider the one that has the greatest impact to your community or the one you are most interested in.

Explore the tabs above for more information.

Coastal hazard: <i>Stormwater runoff</i>	Location:	
	Ecosystem service:	Ecosystem service:
Green infrastructure practices for <i>landscape and watershed</i> scales		
Green infrastructure practices for <i>community and site</i> scales		

Introduction	<b>Step 1.</b> Identify a Coastal Hazard Impacting Your Community	Step 2. Identify an At-Risk Location	Step 3. Identify Ecosystem Services that Mitigate the Impacts	Step 4. Identify Practices that Provide Ecosystem Services	Step 5. Brainstorm Barriers and Opportunities	Conclusion
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# Training

## Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Hazards



- Develop a nature-based solutions strategy
- Hear from local experts using nature-based solutions

[coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/green.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/green.html)



# Webinar Series

## Funding and Financing Coastal Resilience

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [coast.noaa.gov/elearning/webinars/funding/capacity/](https://coast.noaa.gov/elearning/webinars/funding/capacity/). The page features the NOAA Office for Coastal Management Digital Coast logo in the top left. The main heading is "Spotlight on Building Capacity in Communities to Access Funding". Below this, there are three columns: "Guest Speakers", "Moderator", and a "RETURN TO DIGITAL COAST ACADEMY" link. The "Guest Speakers" column lists Dr. Angela Chalk and Rachel Jacobson, each with a profile picture, name, title, and options to "Watch" a video or "Read" a transcript. The "Moderator" column lists Lauren Long with similar information. A sidebar on the left contains a "WELCOME MENU" with a link to "Funding and Financing Coastal Resilience: Building Capacity in Communities to Access Funding". Below this link is a paragraph of text. At the bottom of the page, there is a "There is no audio on this slide." message and a full-screen icon.

**NOAA OFFICE FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIGITAL COAST**

WELCOME MENU

**Funding and Financing Coastal Resilience: Building Capacity in Communities to Access Funding**

In many coastal communities, particularly those that are small or under-resourced, it can be difficult to identify, access, and administer the funding necessary to invest in coastal resilience. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from two organizations working with communities to overcome these barriers to funding and financing resilience projects. Dr. Angela

**Spotlight on Building Capacity in Communities to Access Funding**

**RETURN TO DIGITAL COAST ACADEMY**

**Guest Speakers**

**Dr. Angela Chalk**  
Executive Director, Healthy Community Services

Watch: Community-Driven Actions in New Orleans, LA

Read Transcript

Dr. Angela Chalk is the community advocate, founder, and executive director of Healthy Community Services. She is a fourth generation 7th-Ward resident of New Orleans, Louisiana. Not only does she work in her immediate community, she travels to raise awareness about creating green communities through sustainability initiatives, providing residents and business owners with an understanding of urban storm water management techniques, local drainage systems and water quality, and how green infrastructure can reduce subsidence by increasing water table levels.

**Rachel Jacobson**  
Deputy Director, American Society of Adaptation Professionals

Watch: Ready-to-Fund Resilience

Read Transcript

Rachel Jacobson is a cross-sector collaborator with over a decade of experience in the climate adaptation, resilience, and environmental fields. As deputy director of the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP), Rachel leads the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of ASAP's programs to promote peer learning, advance effective adaptation practice, and build cohesion across the field of climate change adaptation.

**Moderator**

**Lauren Long**  
Pacific Learning Services Coordinator, OCMAS, Office for Coastal Management

Watch Panel Discussion

Read Panel Transcript

Lauren is an Environmental Scientist and Pacific Learning Services Coordinator for NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (OCM). She sits in Honolulu, Hawaii supporting OCM's national nature-based solutions portfolio of learning products and services. Lauren also works with Pacific partners on their learning interests, connecting them with OCM resources, and bringing needs back to the national office to inform product development and delivery.

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[coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/funding-webinars.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/funding-webinars.html)



# Green Infrastructure Effectiveness Database

## Green Infrastructure Effectiveness Database

This database is a compilation of literature resources documenting the effectiveness and economics of green infrastructure for coastal resilience.

Title:

Author(s):

Year published:

Source:

Source Type:

Keywords:

Green Infrastructure Type:

Hazards:

Methodological Approaches:

Study Scale:

Region:

State:

1 resources found.

Sort by:

Evaluating the Benefits of Green Infrastructure for Coastal Areas: Location, Location, Location

2016 Peer reviewed Gulf Coast, Caribbean, International

Ruckelshaus, Mary; Guannel, Gregory; Arkema, Katherine; Verutes, Gregory; Griffin, Robert; Guerry, Anne; Silver, Jess; Farley, Joe; Brenner, Jorge; Rosenthal, Amy

This study used the INVEST Coastal Protection model (Arkema et al. 2013) to explore how coastal ecosystems can benefit community protection and how to put a value on that ecosystem service. The authors raise and explore the issue of site or spatial context in valuing ecosystem services which carries

### Summary provides:

- Key findings
- Measures of hazard mitigation effectiveness
- Measures of co-benefits (if applicable)

[coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/gi-database.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/gi-database.html)





# Case Studies

Learn how the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management is helping communities build their resilience to coastal flood hazards through an incentive-based program that provides planning and funding for nature-based projects.

“Having a resilience strategy helps to provide clarity of purpose, attract funding, and provide a more direct path to implementation.”



**Mackenzie Todd**

Coastal Resilience Specialist

North Carolina Division of Coastal Management

[coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/shovel-ready.html](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/shovel-ready.html)



# Learn how others are using the Digital Coast

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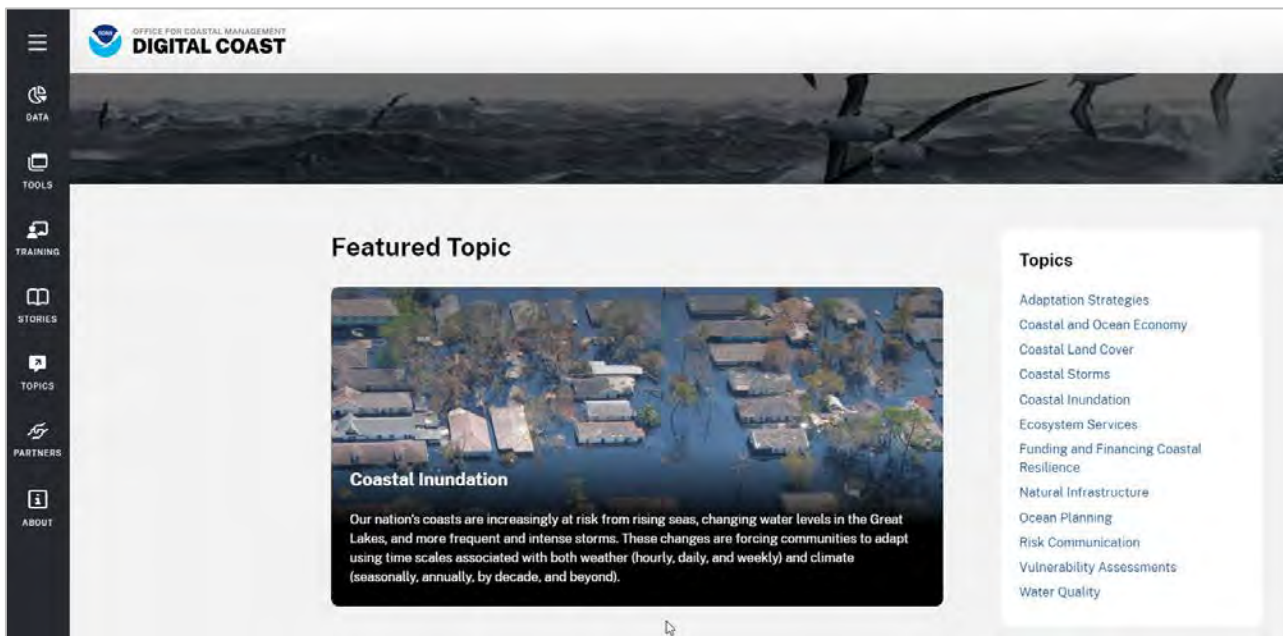
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# Explore curated list of resources in the Topics section



The screenshot displays the NOAA Digital Coast website interface. On the left is a dark vertical navigation sidebar with icons and labels for: DATA, TOOLS, TRAINING, STORIES, TOPICS (highlighted), PARTNERS, and ABOUT. The main content area features a header with the NOAA logo and 'DIGITAL COAST' text. Below this is a large image of a coastal scene with birds. The 'Featured Topic' section is titled 'Coastal Inundation' and includes an aerial photograph of flooded houses. Below the photo is a text block: 'Our nation's coasts are increasingly at risk from rising seas, changing water levels in the Great Lakes, and more frequent and intense storms. These changes are forcing communities to adapt using time scales associated with both weather (hourly, daily, and weekly) and climate (seasonally, annually, by decade, and beyond).' To the right of the featured topic is a 'Topics' list containing: Adaptation Strategies, Coastal and Ocean Economy, Coastal Land Cover, Coastal Storms, Coastal Inundation, Ecosystem Services, Funding and Financing Coastal Resilience, Natural Infrastructure, Ocean Planning, Risk Communication, Vulnerability Assessments, and Water Quality.

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# Thank You!

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