

Hurricanes and Hyde County, NC: A Catalyst for Vulnerability Planning

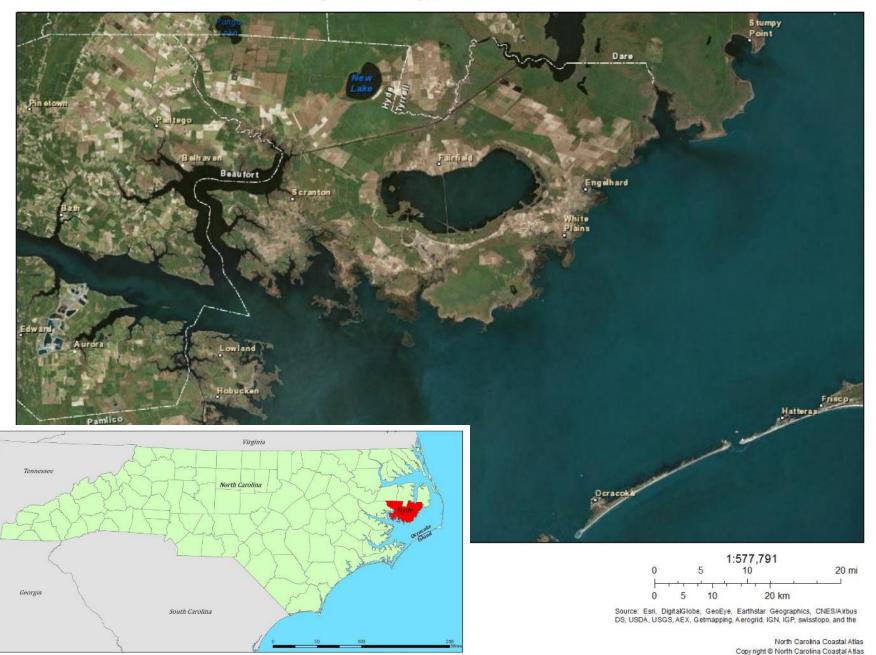
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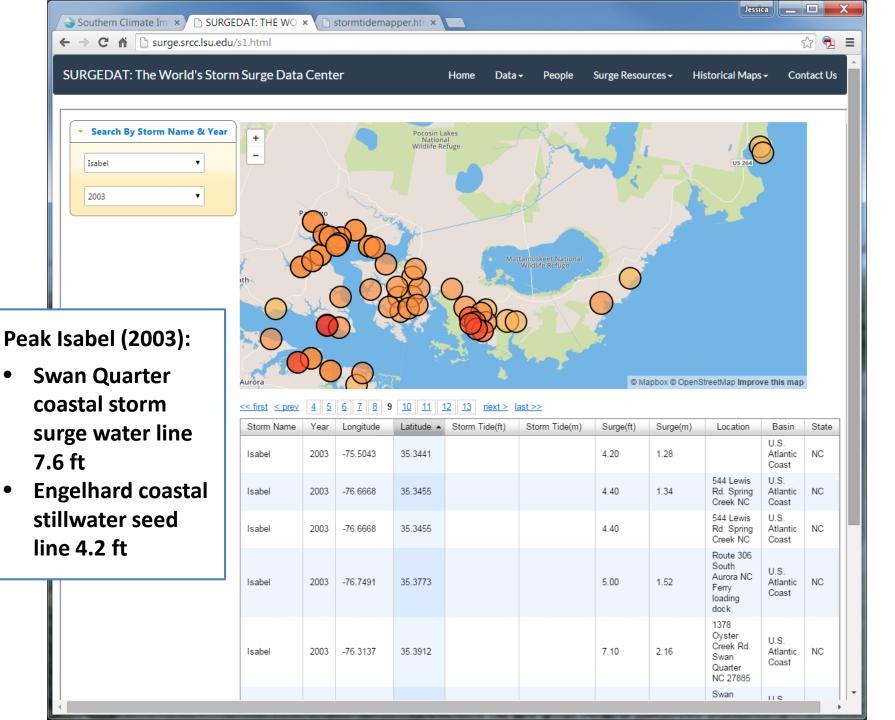
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Hyde County, North Carolina











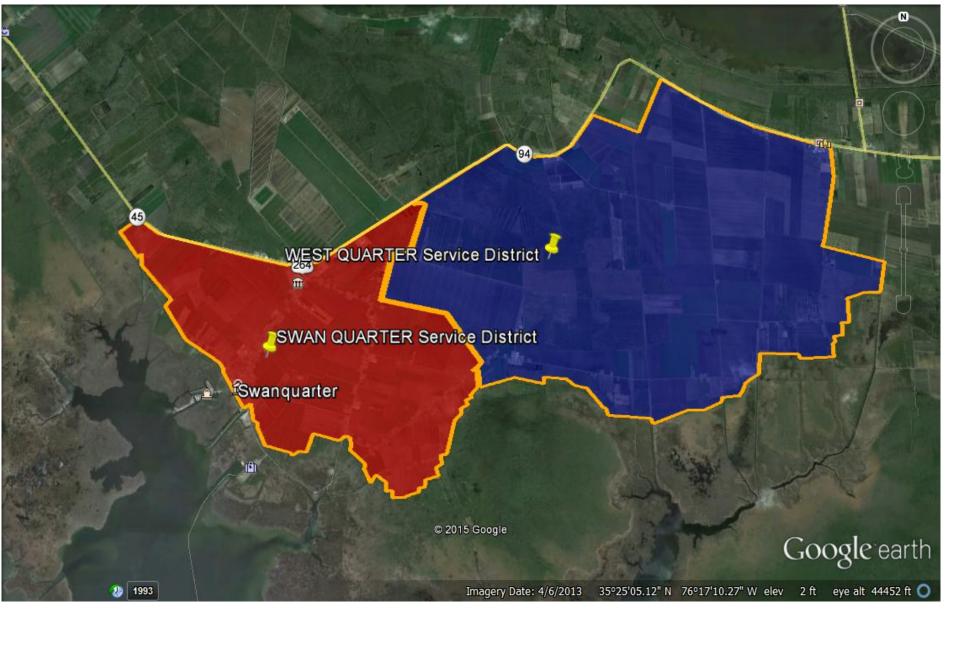
History of the West Quarter & Swan Quarter SSD's

The idea of protecting the greater Swan Quarter Area with a dike was conceived in the 1940s and the original work plan was developed in 1965.

The West Quarter special service district was completed in 1995 after 8 years and 7 phases. It consists of 6 major tide gate structures and 6 miles of earthen dike

The Swan Quarter Special Service District began in 2003 and was completed in 2011. It has a total of 75 tide gates, 4500ft of vinyl sheet piling and 11 miles of earthen dike.

Combined these Service Districts protect 11069 Acres of land and approximately \$62,000,000 in property value.























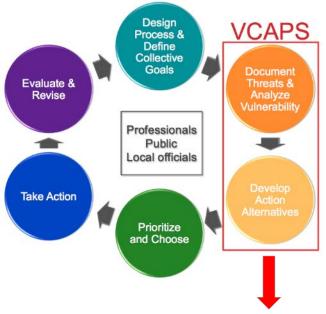




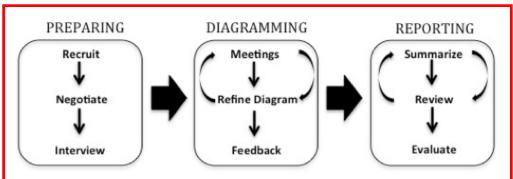


Hyde County Flood Resilience Planning Process 2015

- National Sea Grant Office Coastal Climate Adaptation Initiative funding
- Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning Scenario (VCAPS) Process by Sea Grant
 - Interviews
 - Group diagramming
- GIS-based cost-benefit analysis by Stetson (not completed)
 - Investigations of options as needed (ex. elevation data collection)

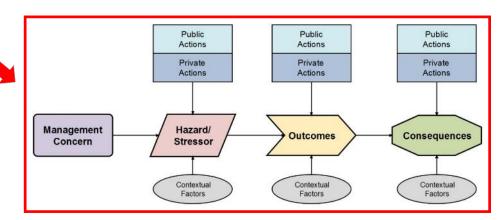


VCAPS supports initial phases of hazard and climate change planning and implementation...



...through group discussion and learning...

...supported by real-time diagramming.





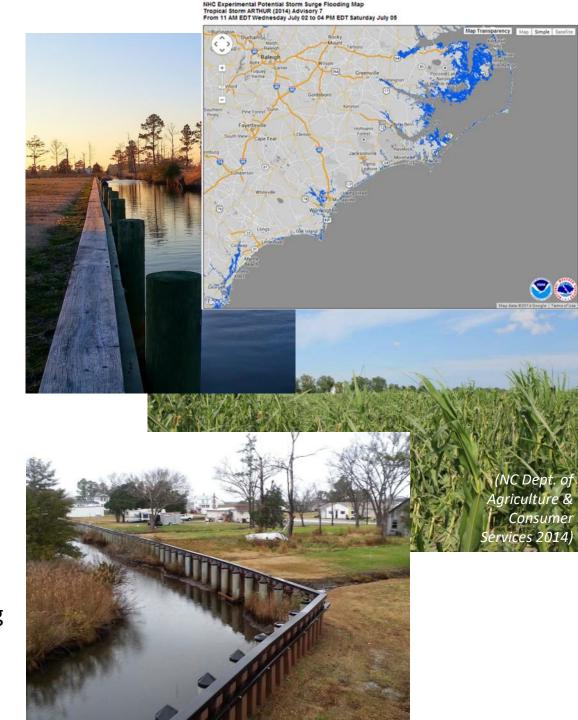
Why a facilitated conversation?

- VCAPS provides a discussion framework rooted in the science of hazards
- Real-time diagrams help participants see and build on each others' ideas
- Local knowledge means more grounded results
- Process leads to ideas and local momentum on implementable next steps



July 1, 2014 VCAPS Session – as Hurricane Arthur approached

- Mainly focused on structures
- Strong desire for Community Rating System (CRS) points
- Integrates natural and built solutions
 - Agriculture and salinity intrusion
 - Seafood industry
- Adaptations require new ways of working
 - Tailwater recovery
 - Improve grant applications for wastewater engineering assistance
 - Regulatory flexibility and coordination

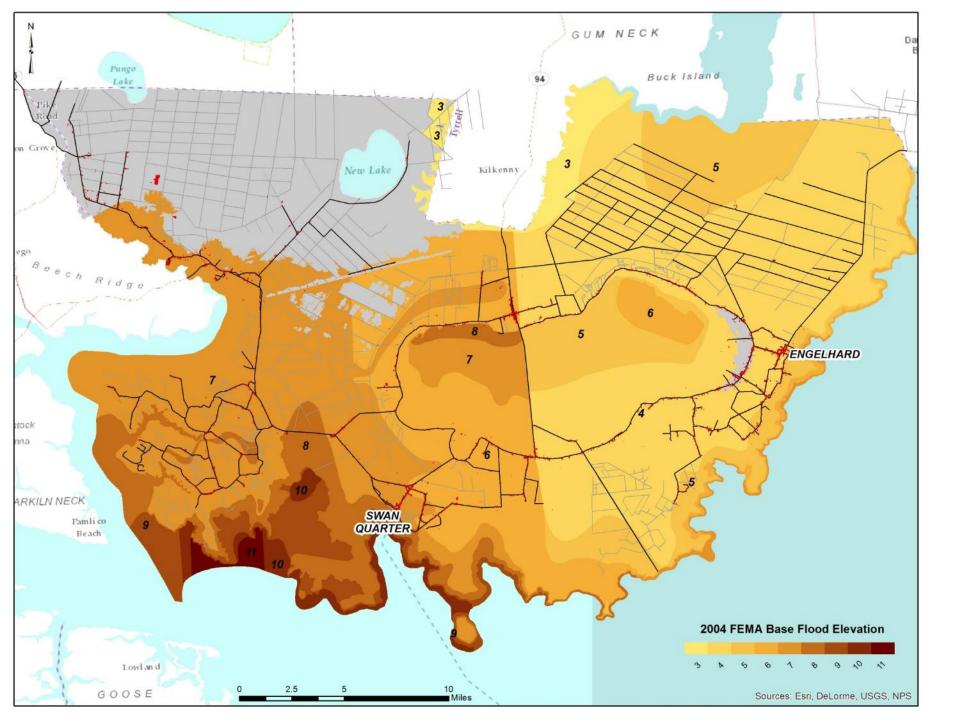


VCAPS: 48 Actions Identified

- Reduce CRS score
- Elevate structures
- Develop locally tailored residents' guide to flood response and recovery
- Investigate farmers' options for salt water intrusion
- Improve grant applications for wastewater engineering assistance







Structures with Positive



\$11.3 M

\$13.3 M

\$8.1 M

\$9.7 M

Structur	es with Posit	100			
Benefit/C	ost for Eleva	tion			
(County-Wide – 5884 Buildings)					

122

133

10-Year

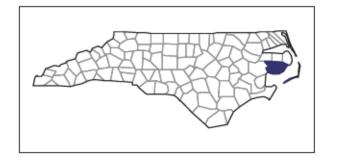
50-Year

(Co	ounty-Wide	– 5884 Bui	ldings)	25d FDM Bins Fland Eventure General Str. Platers (2006)
Floodplain	Structures	Total Value	Elevation Cost	Avoided Damage

\$12.8 M

\$16.5 M





Hyde County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	158	176	- 10
Land in Farms	107,559 acres	82,680 acres	+ 30
Average Size of Farm	681 acres	470 acres	+ 45
Market Value of Products Sold	\$133,411,000	\$68,173,000	+ 96
Crop Sales (D) Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	\$844,375	\$387,347	+ 118

2012 USDA Data indicate \$1,240 of annual market value for every acre of Hyde County farmland





Helping Hyde County act to increase resilience

- Stetson challenged to refine cost-benefit analysis ID'd as needed by farmers
- Sea Grant developed locally tailored flood resiliency guide
- Documented steps for Community Rating System (CRS) points following sister project experience in St. Mary's, GA
- Hyde County worked with NC Coastal Federation and NC DCM to develop watershed management plan









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