# Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Workshop

TOWN OF HARWICH JANUARY 31, 2020



# Today's Agenda

Morning

- 8:30 Introductions, Workshop Overview, and MVP Program Background – Chloe Schaefer
- 9:00 Science, Climate Projections, Resources Greg Berman

10:00 Break

#### **10:15 Small Team Exercise**

- Team Orientation
- Discuss and Identify Priority Hazards
- Identify Vulnerable Features and Strengths
- Prepare for Report-out
- 11:45 Teams Report on Hazards, Vulnerabilities, Strengths12:30 Lunch!

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Project Team

#### MVP PROVIDER | CAPE COD COMMISSION

- Martha Hevenor Planner II
- Heather McElroy Natural Resources Manager
- Erin Perry Deputy Director
- Anne Reynolds GIS Director
- Chloe Schaefer Chief Planner

#### **MVP PROVIDER | COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

- Greg Berman Coastal Processes Specialist, Woods Hole Sea Grant/ Cape Cod Cooperative Extension
- Shannon Hulst Deputy Director, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension and Floodplain Specialist & CRS Coordinator, Woods Hole Sea Grant/Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

#### TOWN PROJECT MANAGER

Charleen Greenhalgh - Town Planner

# MVP Program Background



### EXECUTIVE ORDER 569, 9.16.16 An Integrated Climate Change Strategy for the Commonwealth



- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change
- Preparing for the impacts of climate change
  - State Adaptation Plan
  - Agency Vulnerability Assessments
  - Municipal Support
  - Climate Coordinators

# ENVIRONMENTAL BOND BILL, 8.21.18

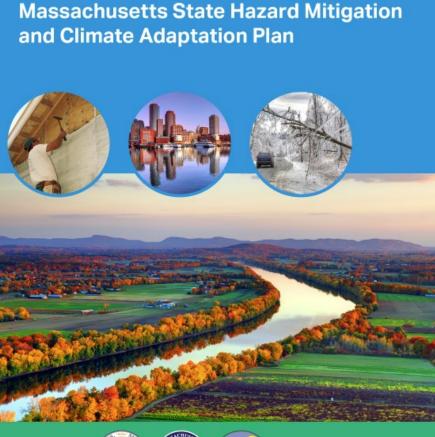


- \$2.4 billion bond bill
- \$500 million for responding to and preparing for climate impacts
- \$75 million for MVP planning and action grants

### MASSACHUSETTS STATE HAZARD MITIGATION AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN

### www.resilientma.com

- INTEGRATED PLAN: First in the nation Climate Adaptation and Hazard Mitigation Plan
- MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE: Incorporating climate change into current planning, budgeting, and policy frameworks





September 2018

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program  A STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIP to build resilience to climate change by building capacity to respond to climate effects at the local level and pilot innovative adaptation practice

Across the Commonwealth, CITIES AND TOWNS NEED
 FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES to prepare their residents, businesses, and aging infrastructure

1. Engage community 2. Identify CC impacts and hazards 3. Complete assessment of vulnerabilities & strengths

4. Develop and prioritize actions

5. Take Action

### **MVP PRINCIPLES** A COMMUNITY-LED, ACCESSIBLE PROCESS

- Employs local knowledge and buy-in
- Utilizes partnerships and leverages existing efforts
- Is based in best available climate projections and data
- Incorporates principles of nature-based solutions
- Demonstrates pilot potential and is proactive
- Reaches and responds to risks faced by environmental justice communities and vulnerable populations









Cost-effective

Protects water quality and quantity

Provides food and recreation opportunities

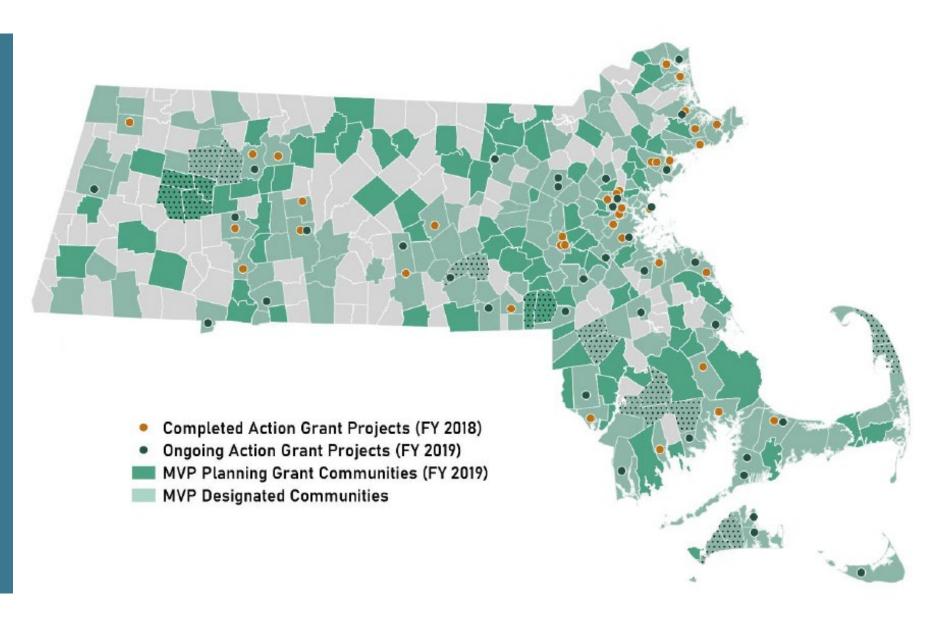
**Reduces erosion** 

Minimizes temperature increases associated with developed areas and climate change

### MVP 2017-2019

71% of the commonwealth/ 249 communities

**\$17+** MILLION IN PLANNING AND ACTION GRANTS

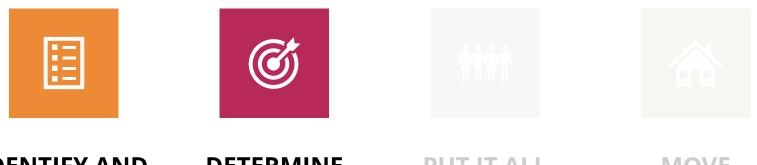


## Overview of the Process





PREPARE FOR THE WORKSHOP CHARACTERIZE HAZARDS IDENTIFY COMMUNITY VULNERABILITIES AND STRENGTHS

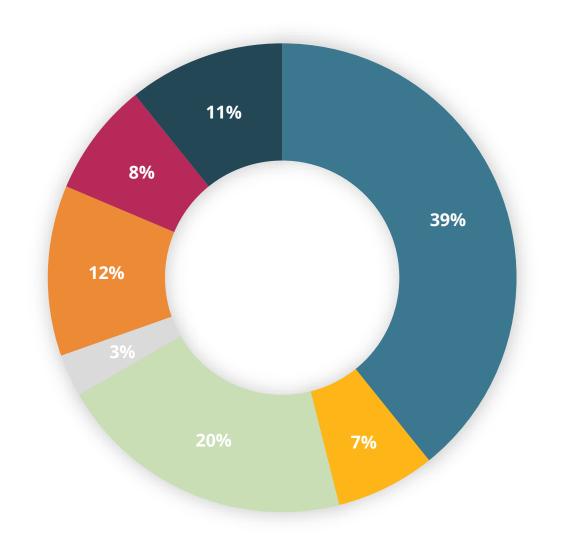


IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY ACTIONS DETERMINE OVERALL PRIORITY ACTIONS

PUT IT ALL TOGETHER – FINAL REPORT MOVE FORWARD

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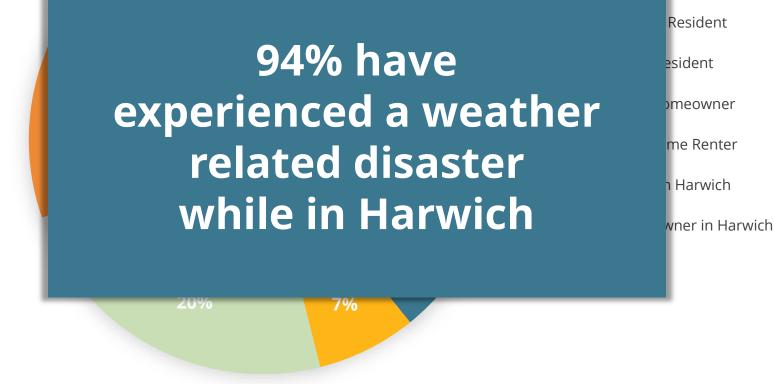
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### Respondents are...

**ONLINE SURVEY** 



110%

Other: Retail Store Manager | CCHC | Former Town of Yarmouth Water Superintendent, retired | Town Employee (3) | Victim of July tornado | School committee member | Municipal manager | ED of The Family Pantry of Cape Cod | Facilities manager with CC5

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97% are extremely or somewhat concerned about the possibility of natural hazards or a changing climate impacting Harwich

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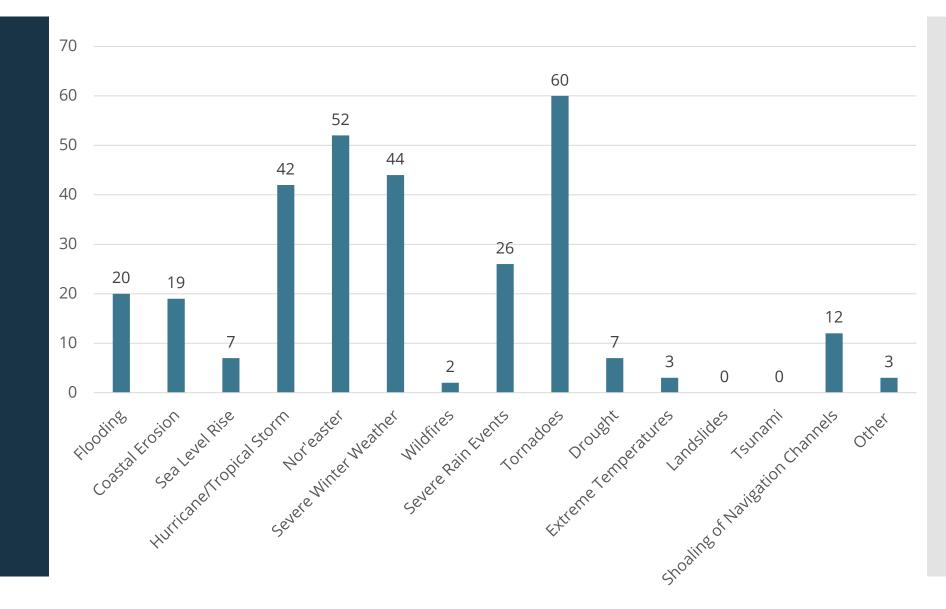
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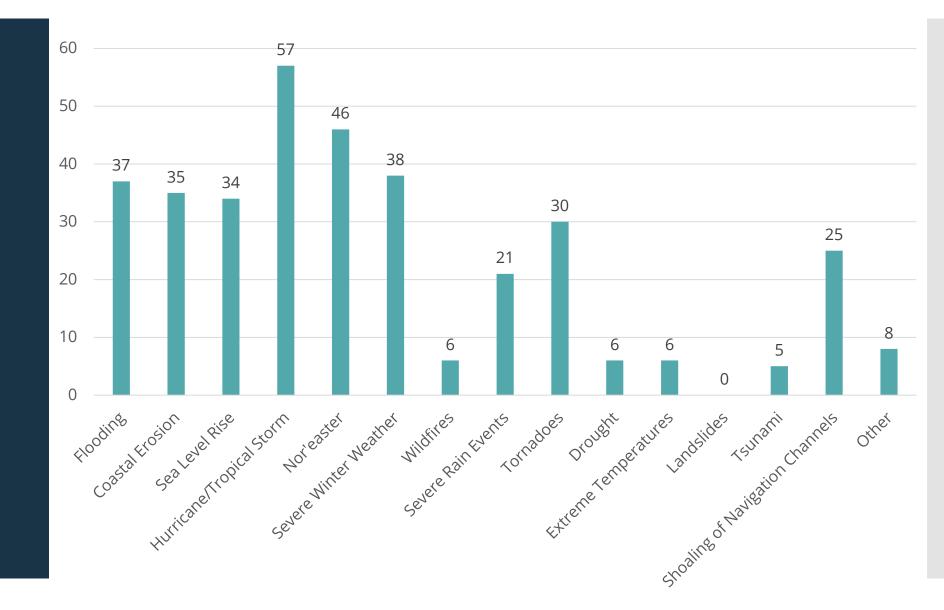
# Hazards Experienced

#### **ONLINE SURVEY**



# Hazards of Most Concern

**ONLINE SURVEY** 







# Science, Climate Projections, and Resources

Greg Berman, Coastal Processes Specialist

Woods Hole Sea Grant & Cape Cod Cooperative Extension



# Examples of Vulnerability/ Hazards

### FROM STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



#### CHANGES IN PRECIPITATION

- Inland Flooding
- Drought
- Landslide

#### SEA LEVEL RISE

- Coastal Flooding
- Coastal Erosion
- Tsunami



#### **RISING TEMPERATURES**

- Average/Extreme Temperature
- Wildfires
- Invasive Species

#### **EXTREME WEATHER**

- Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
- Severe Winter Storm / Nor'easter
- Tornadoes

EARTHQUAKE



### HAZARD Sea Level Rise

#### Nor'Easter (January 2018)

Hurricane Sandy (10/29-30/2012) Predicted High WL = 10.3 MLLW Actual High WL = 12.8 MLLW

Max Surge: 4.5' High Tide Surge: 2.5'

Nor'easter Nemo (2/8-2/9/2013) Predicted High WL = 10.0 MLLW Actual High WL = 13.0 MLLW Max Surge: 3.9' High Tide Surge: 3.0' SL has risen ~4.5" in the 40 years since 1978....so SLR is the reason the record was broken!!!

Nor'easter Grayson (1/4-5/2018) Predicted High WL = 12.1 MLLW Actual WL = 15.2 MLLW

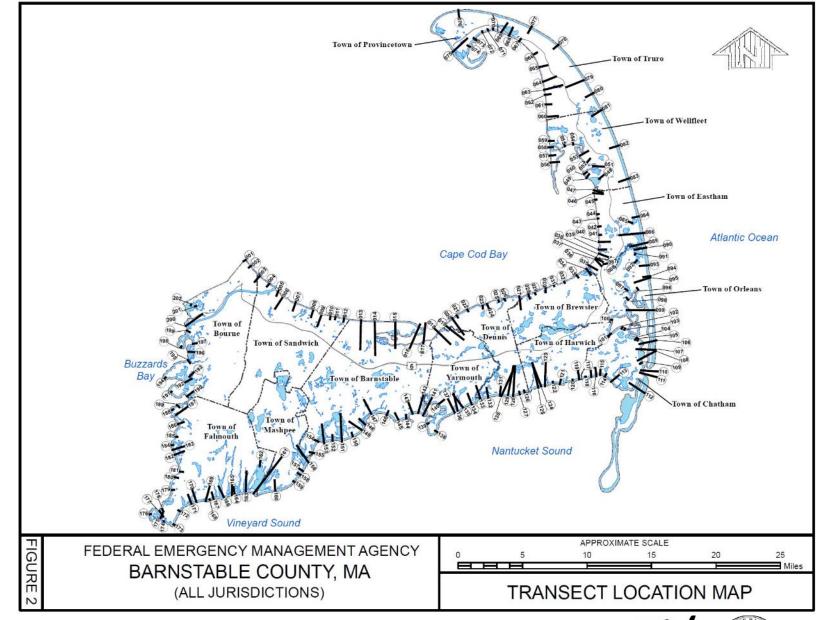
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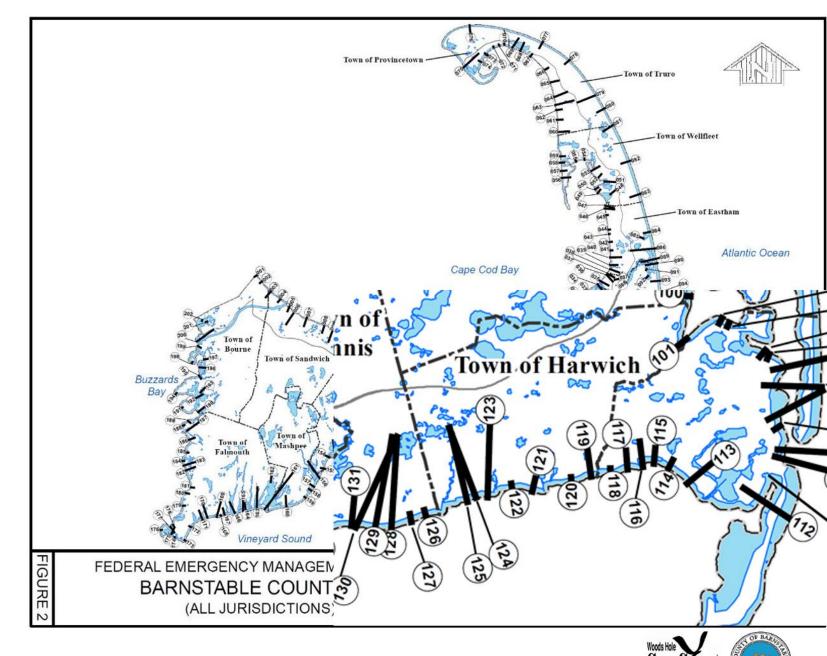
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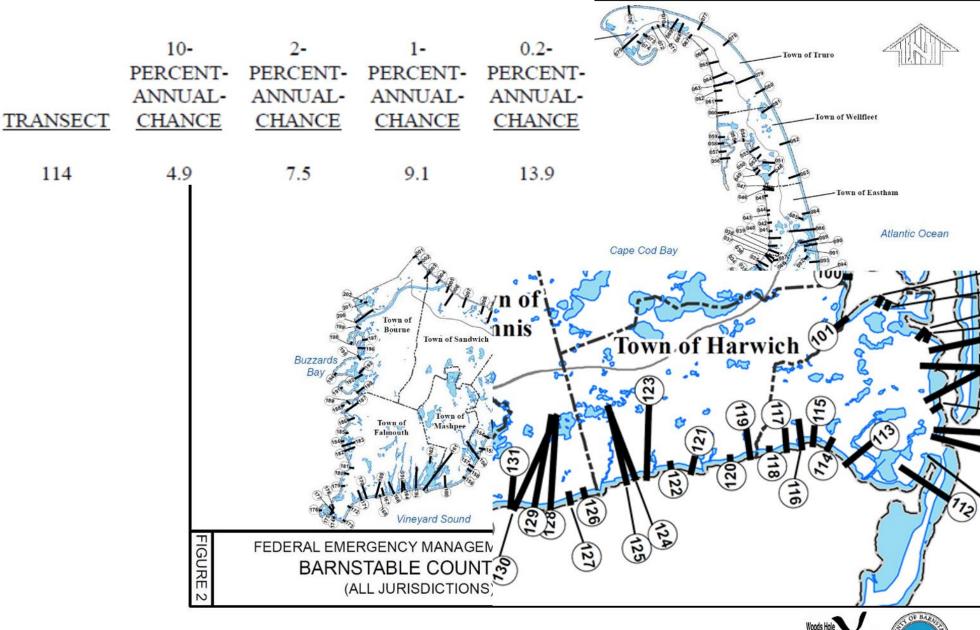


HAZARD SLR & Storms

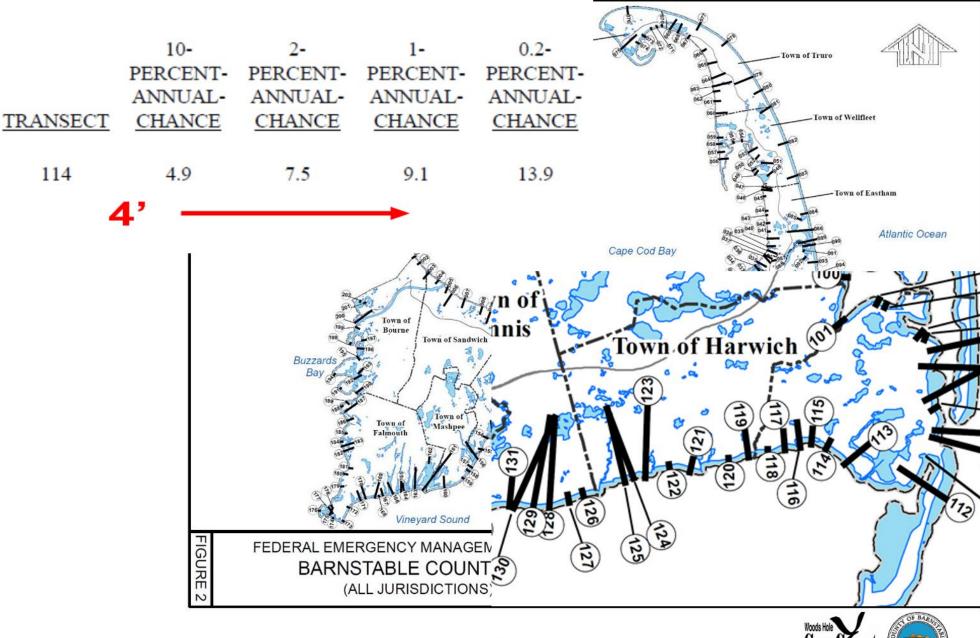


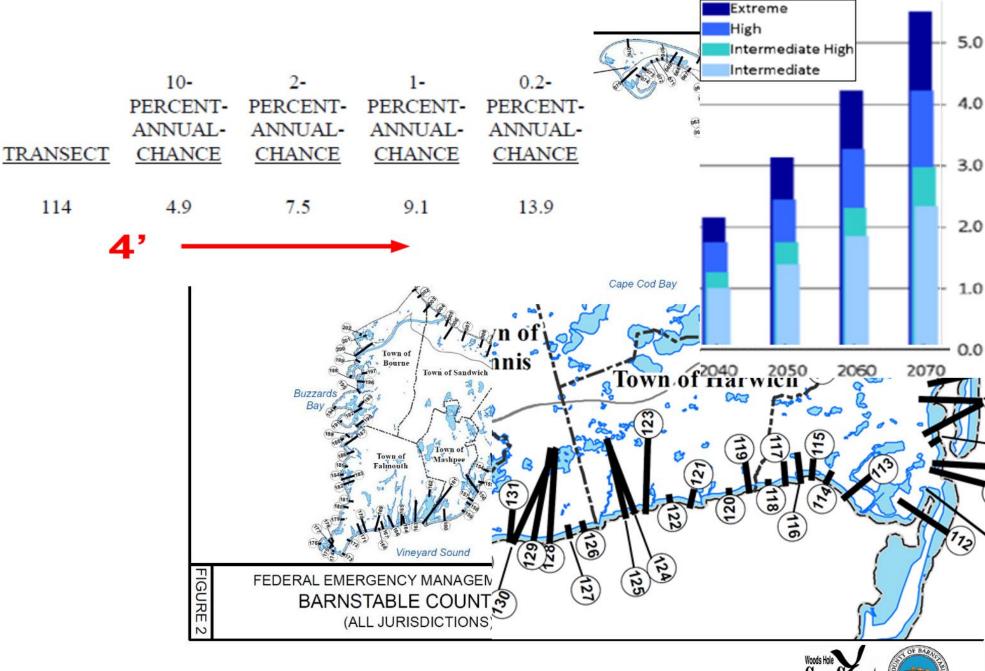




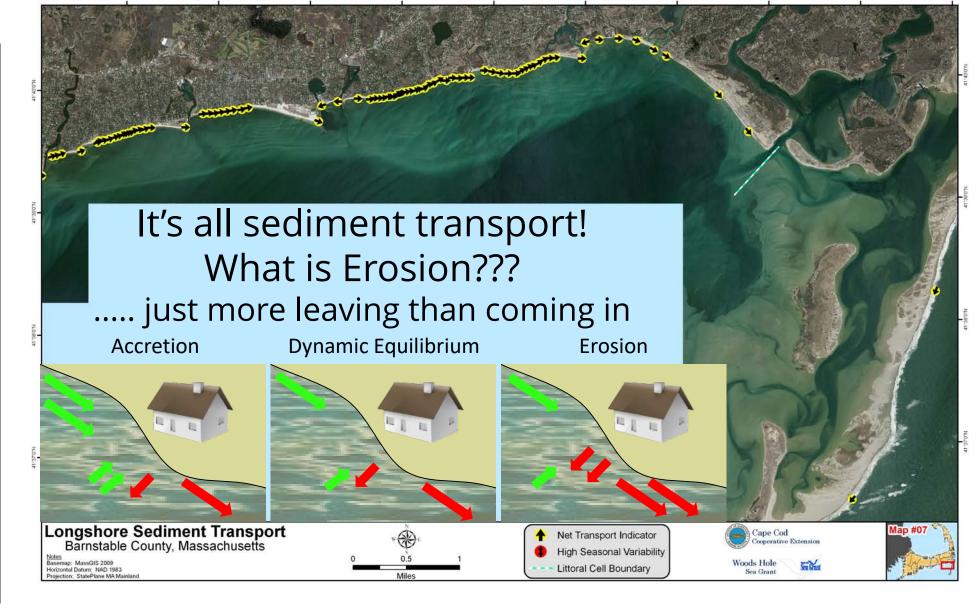








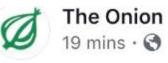
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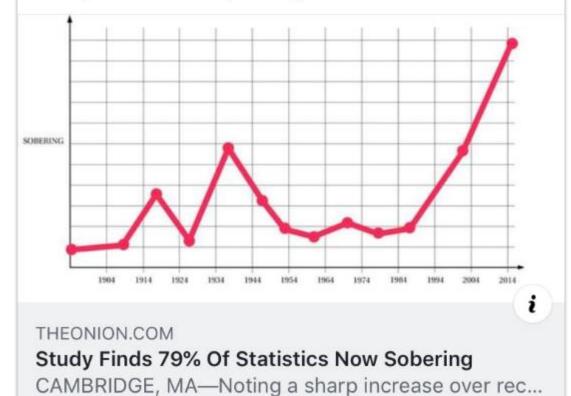


# Overview of Data and Maps





"As recently as 15 years ago, there were relatively few statistics that were concerning, let alone troubling, but our research found that the vast majority of current statistical figures are unsettling, alarming, or even, in some cases, chilling."





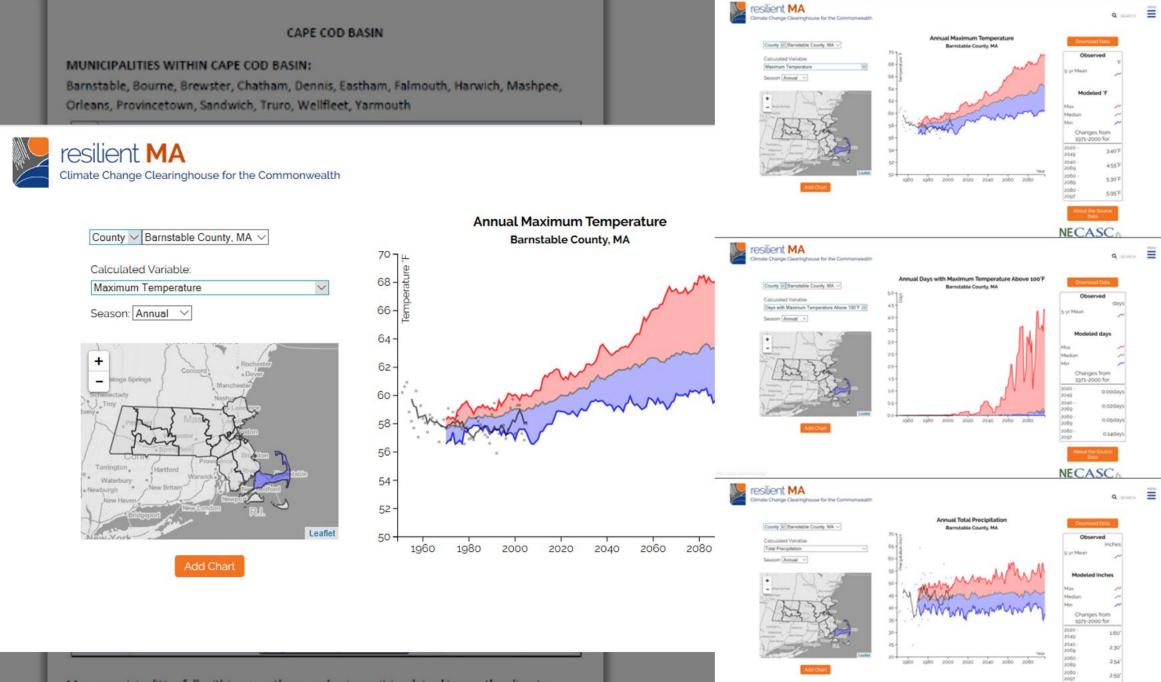
#### CAPE COD BASIN

#### MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN CAPE COD BASIN:

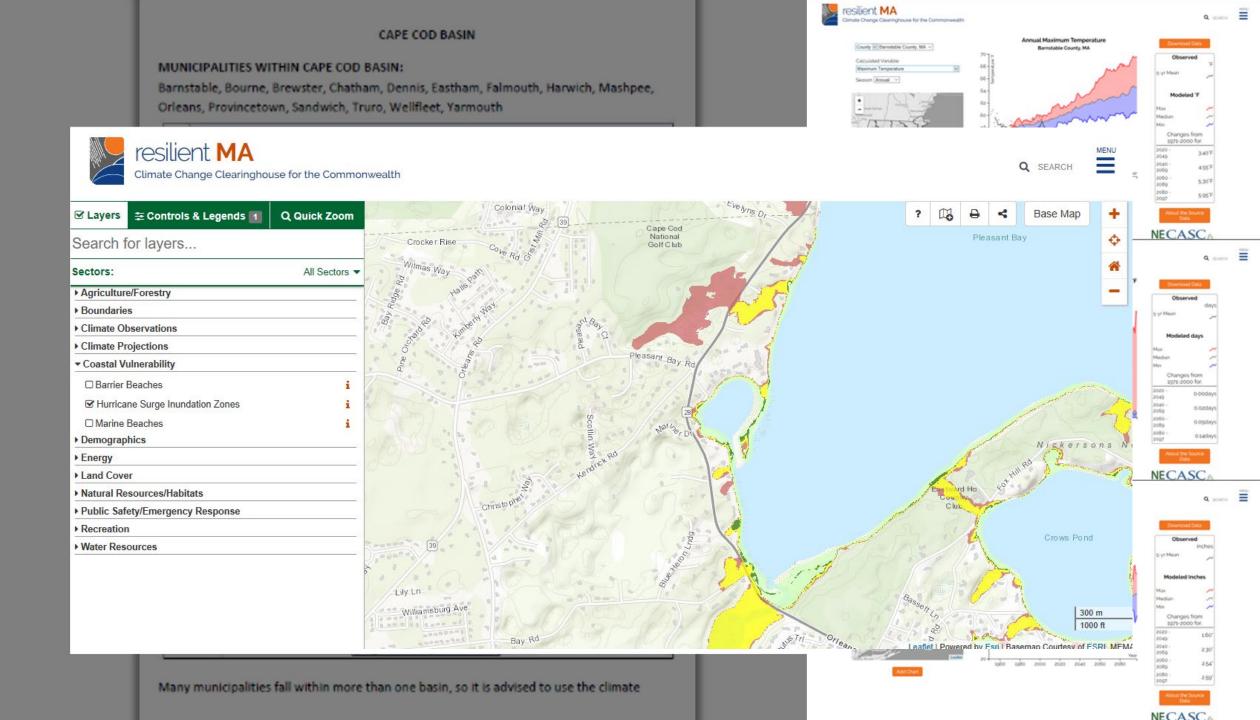
Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wellfleet, Yarmouth

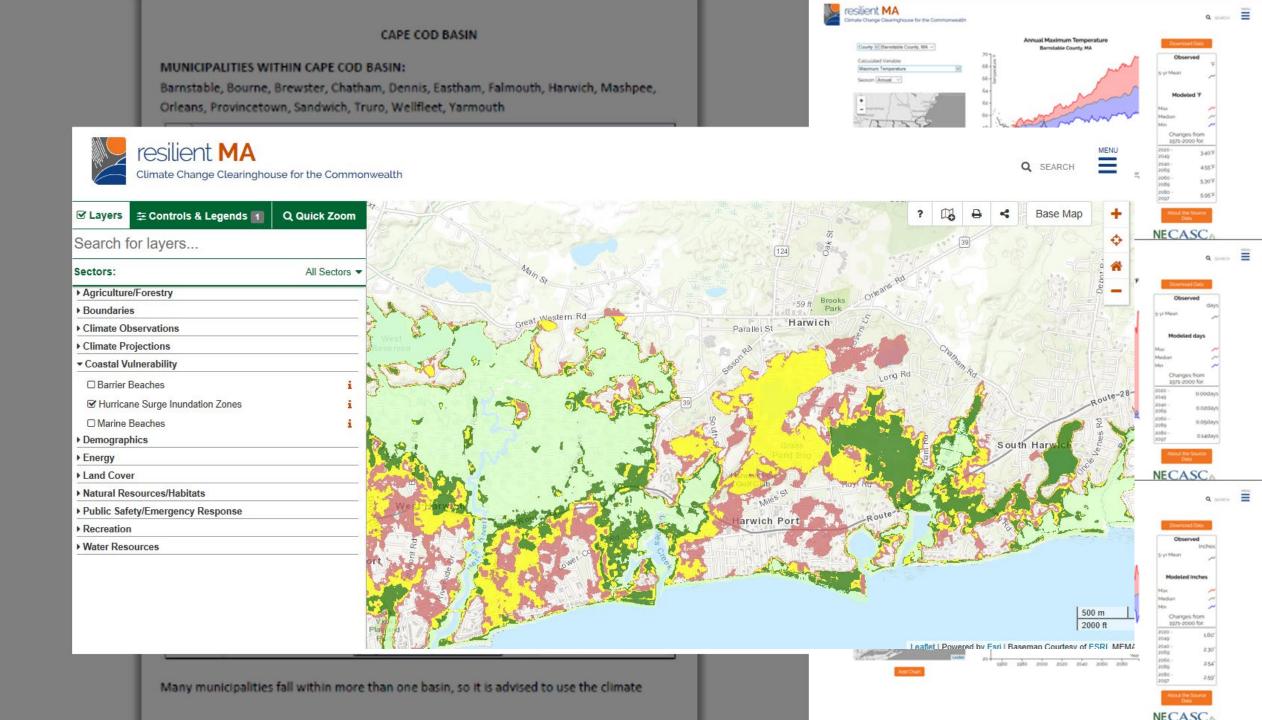


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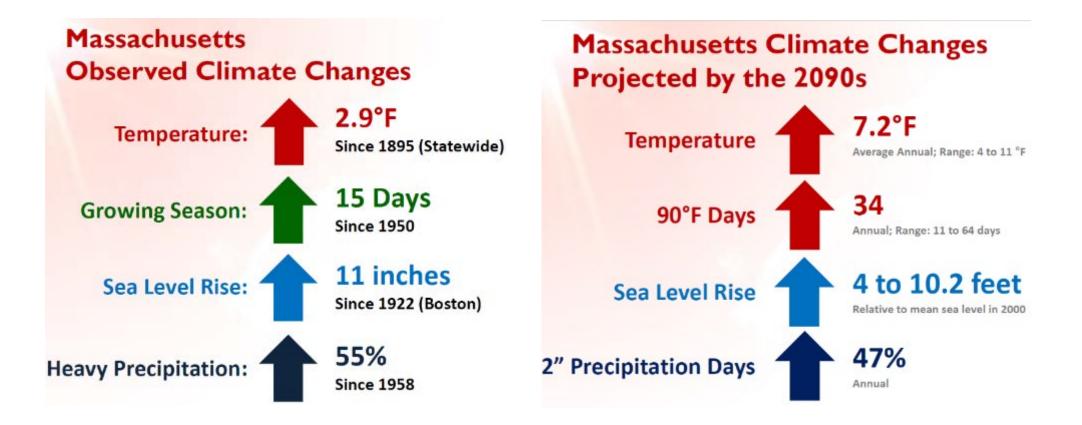


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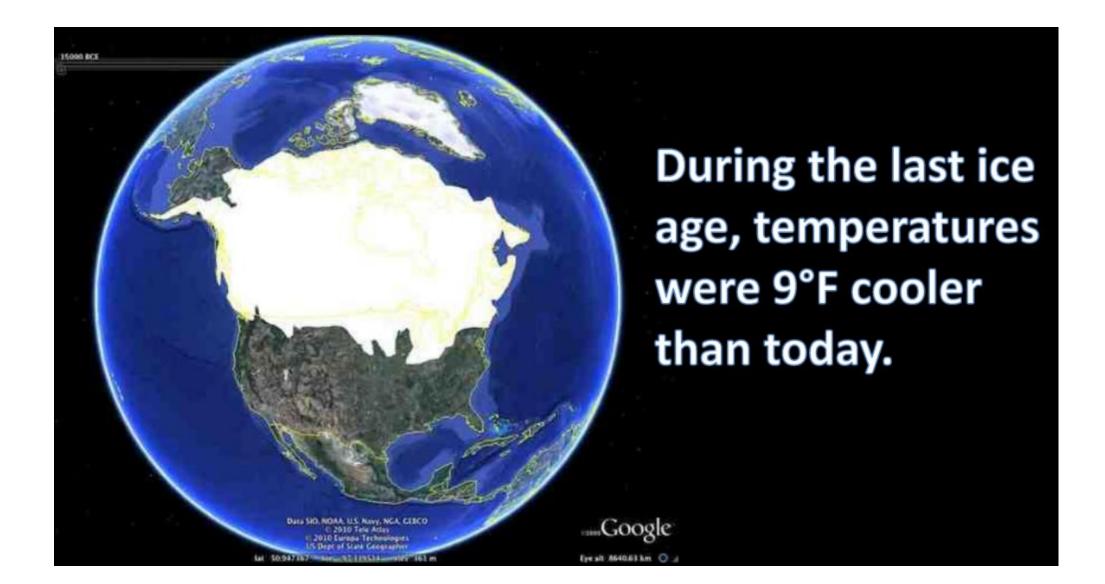


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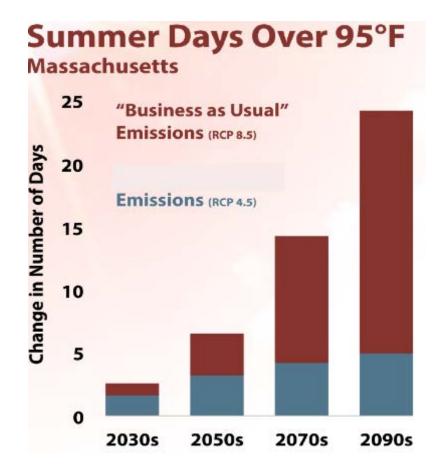


Source: Climate Science Special Report, 2017; NOAA NCEI nClimDiv; NOAA Ocean Service Source: Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center

Massachusetts Climate Changes Projected by the 2090s | **Temperature** 7.2° F



Massachusetts Climate Changes Projected by the 2090s | Temperature



Data courtesy A. Karmalkar, Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center. Figure by D. Brown More Warm Winter Days, Less Heating Demand

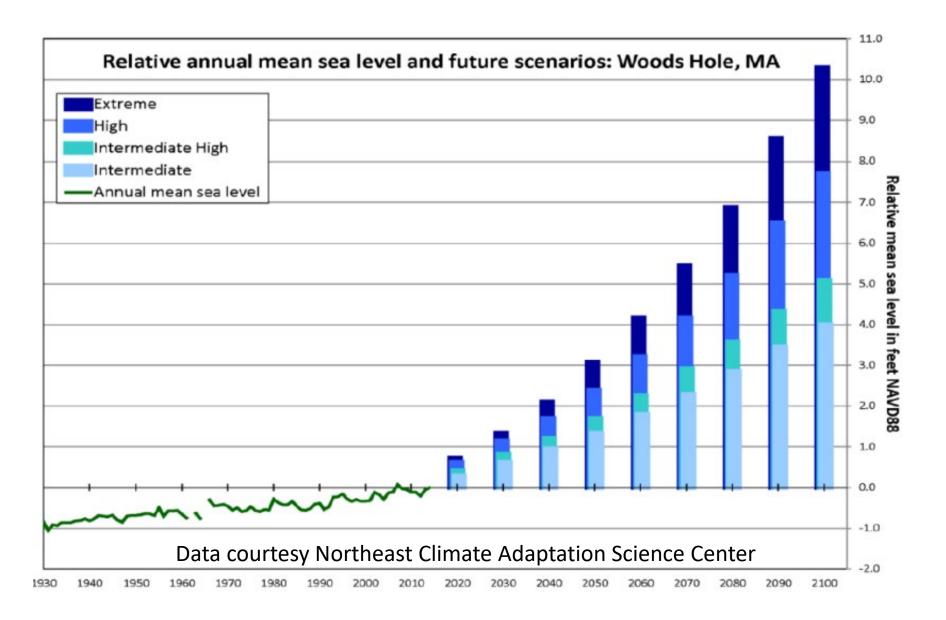


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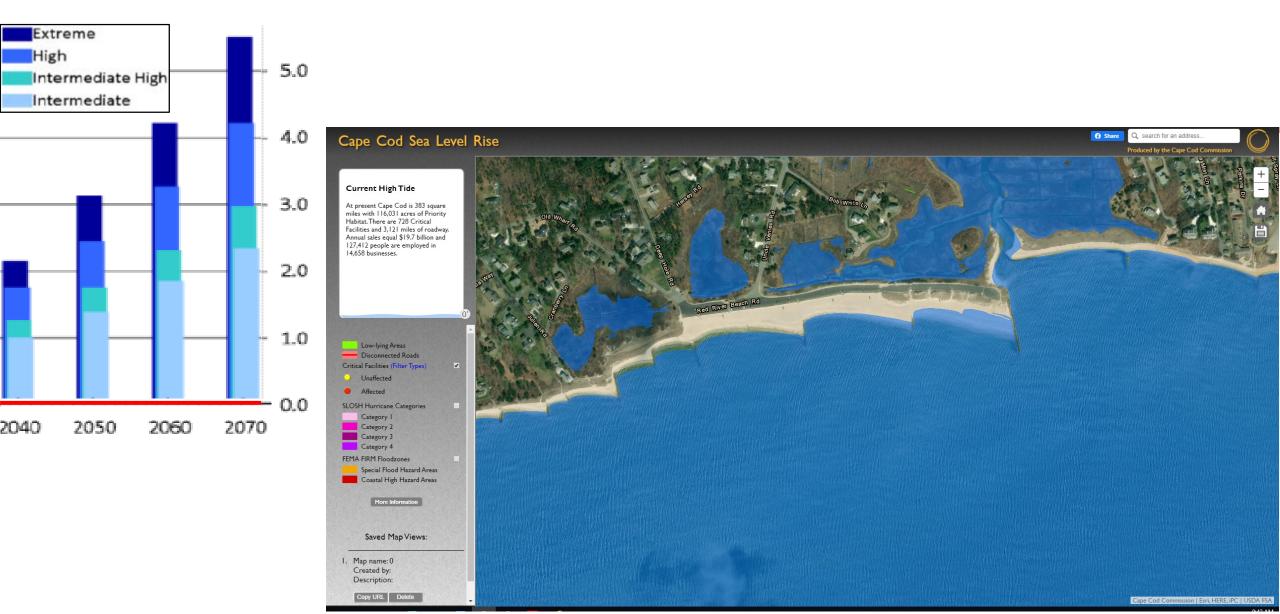
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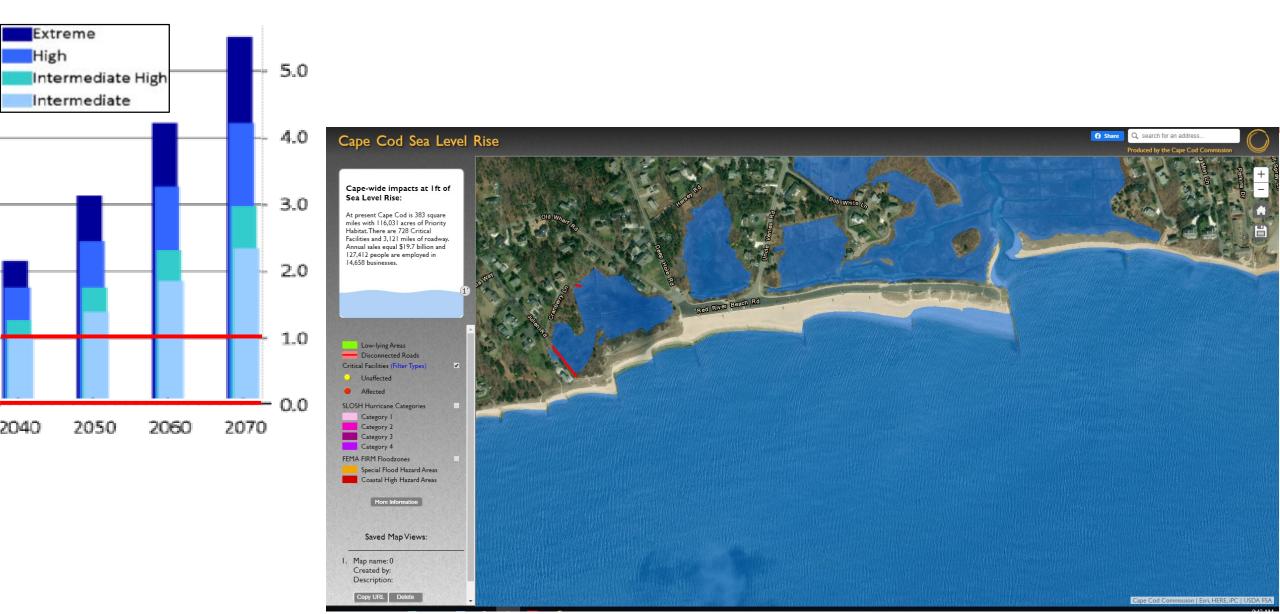
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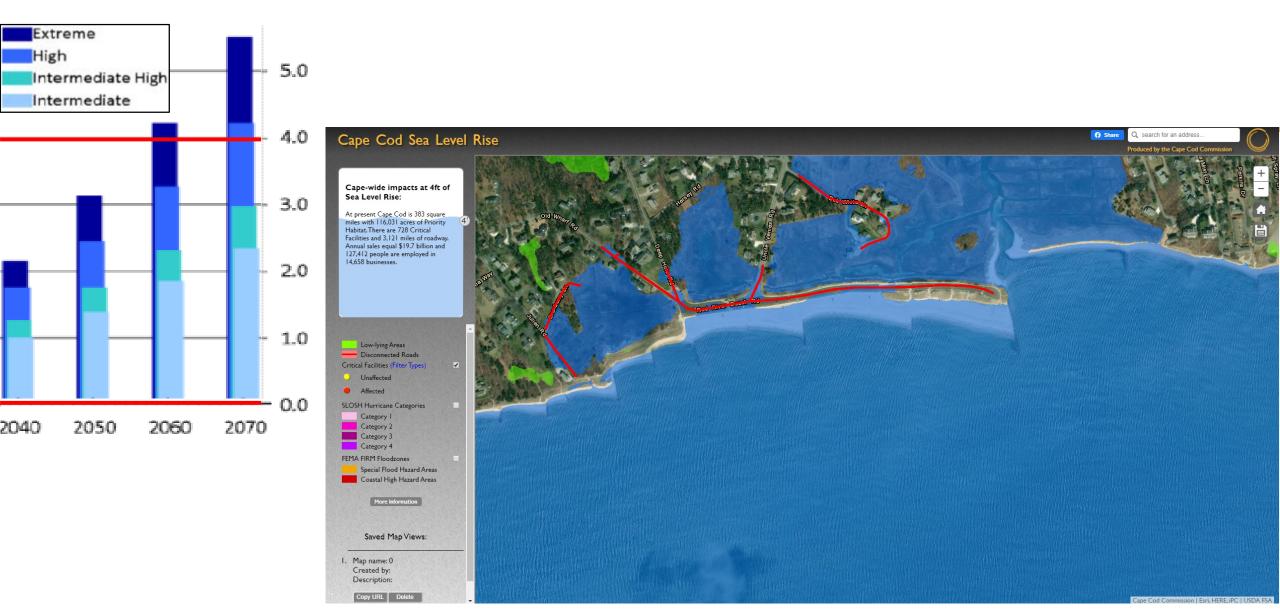
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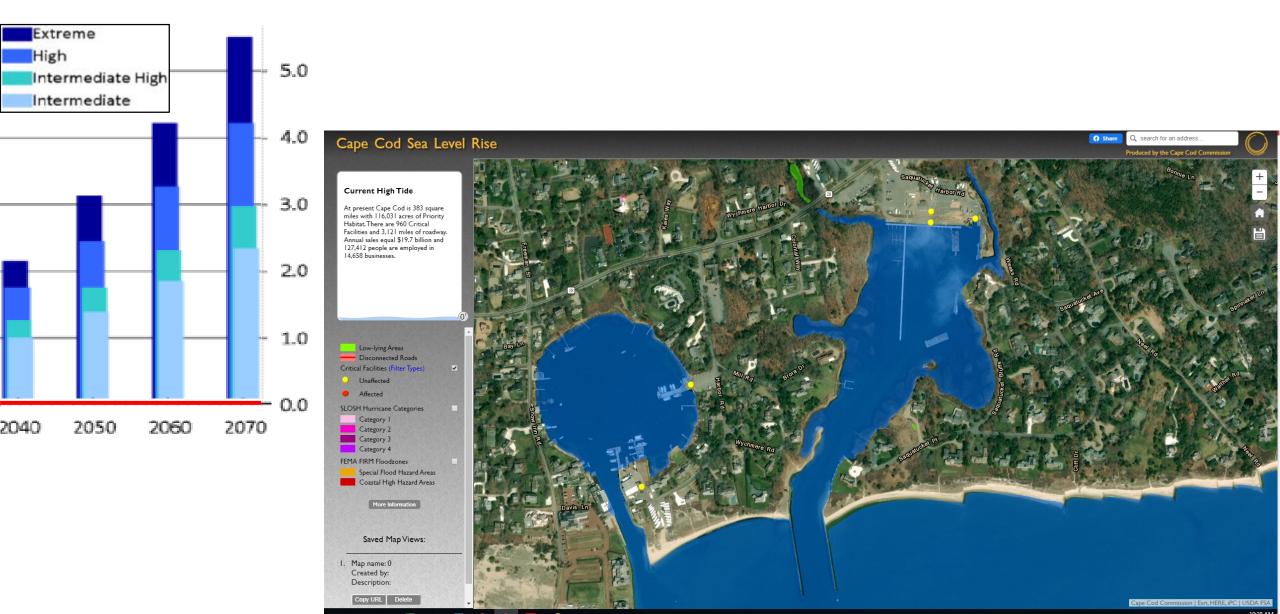






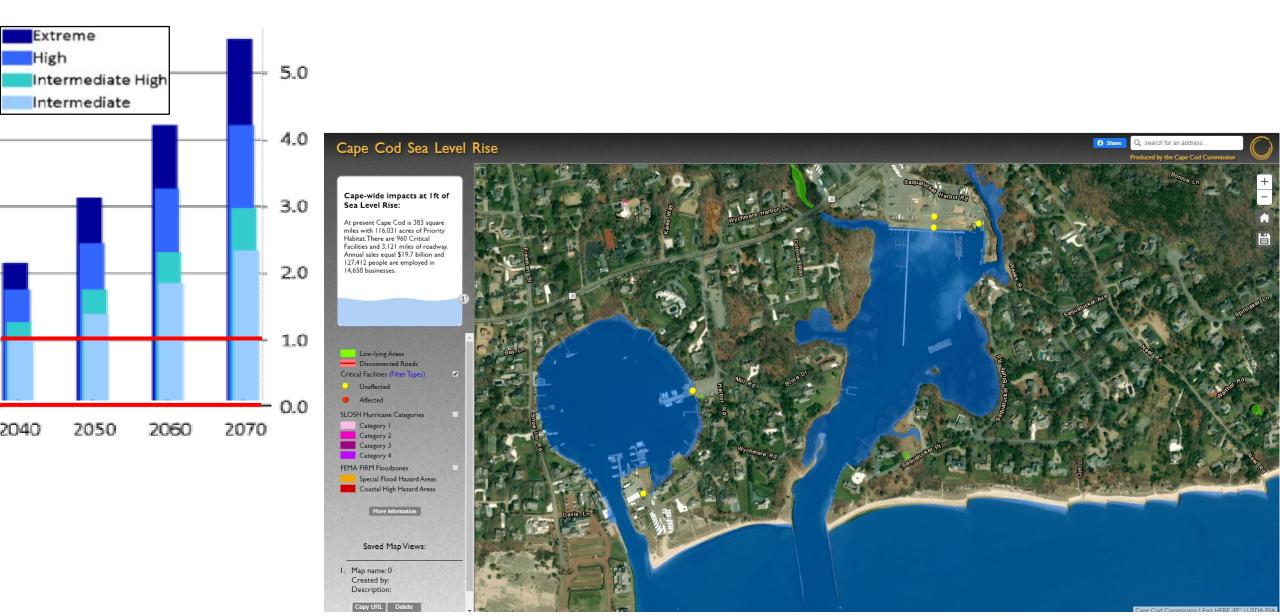
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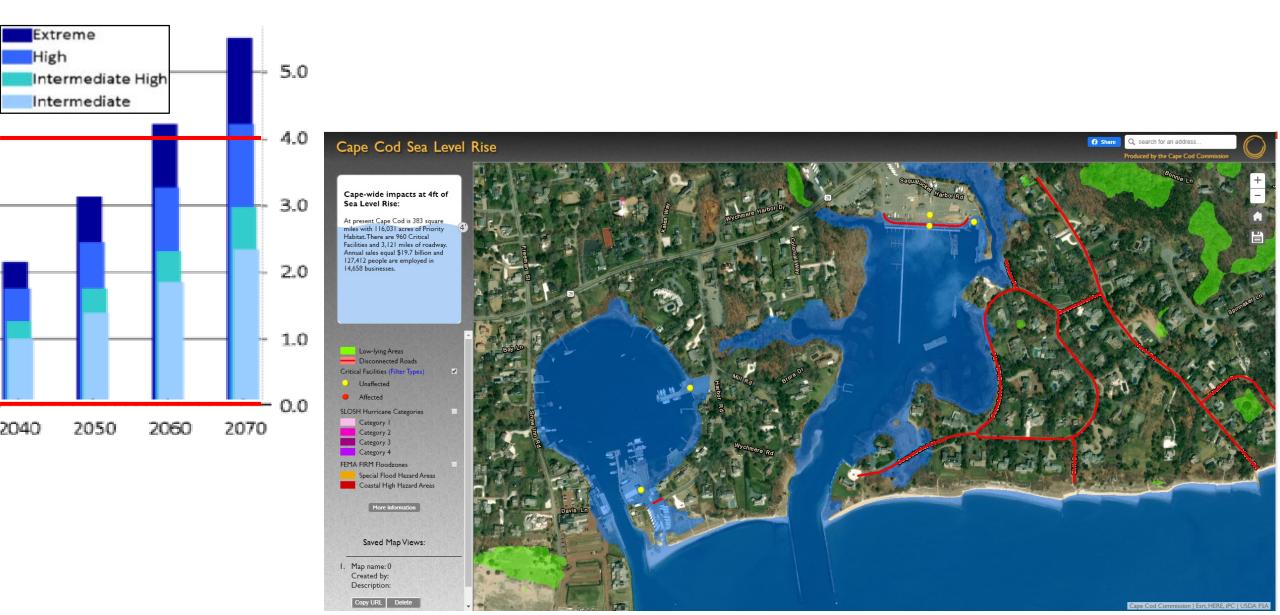
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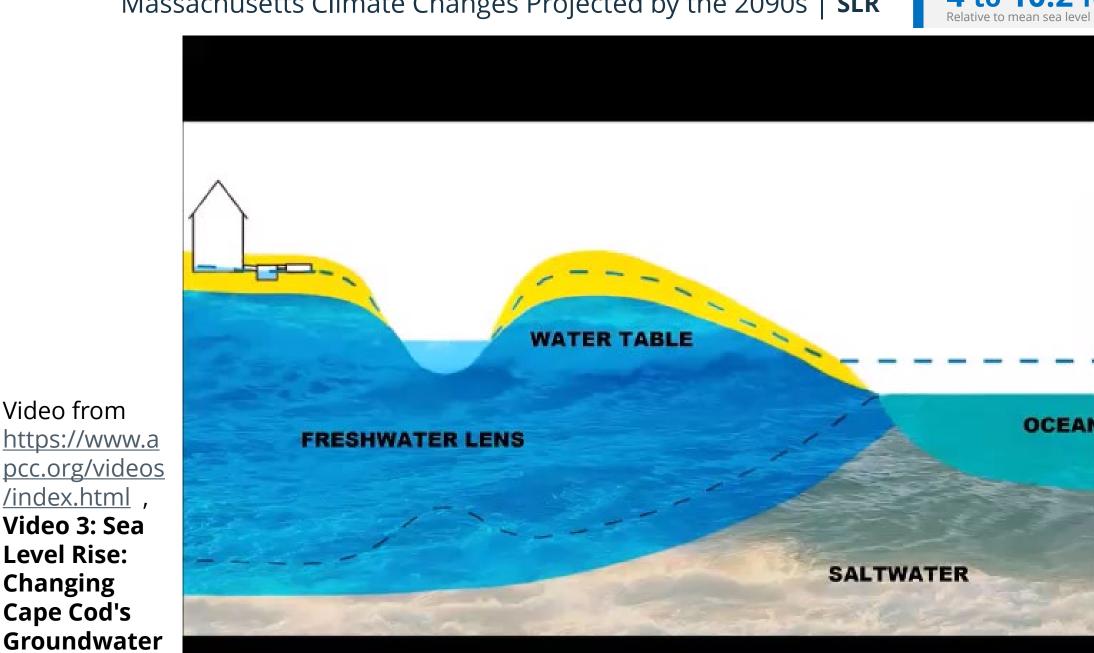


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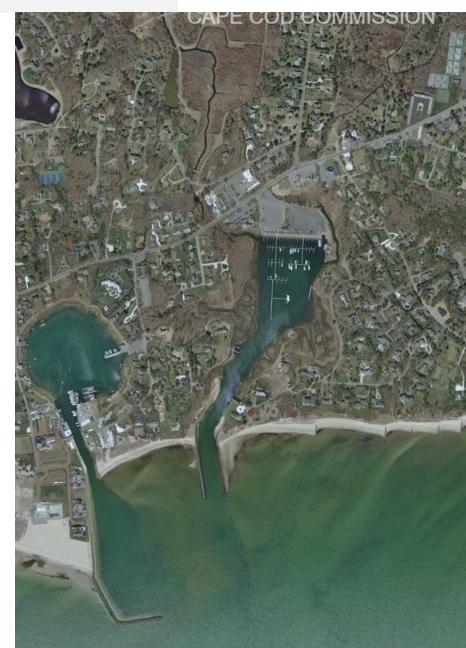


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### Land-use Change | **Population**

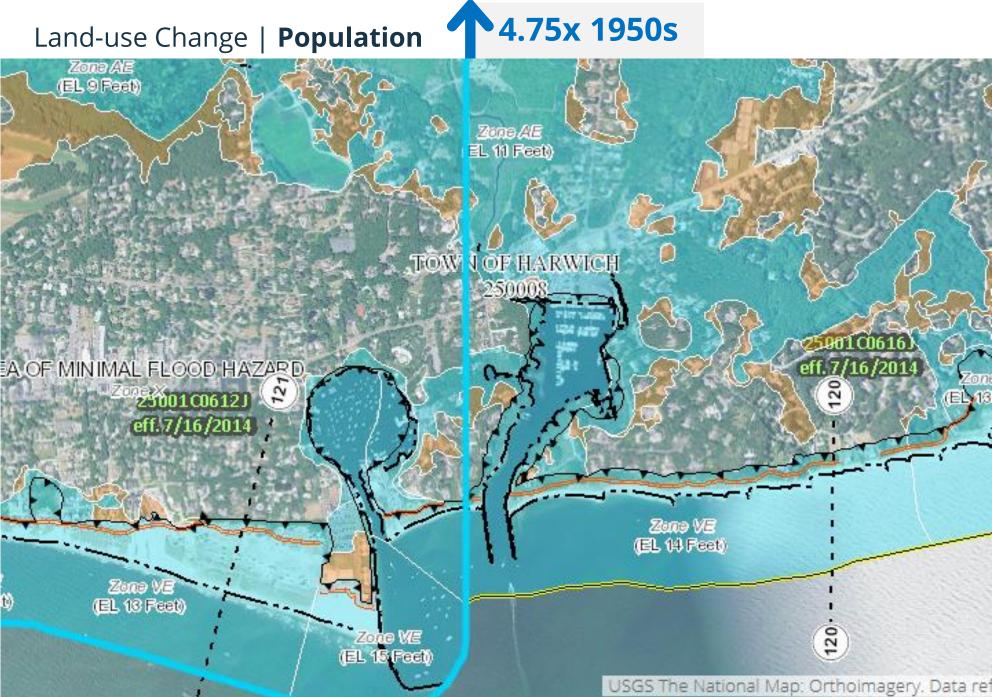


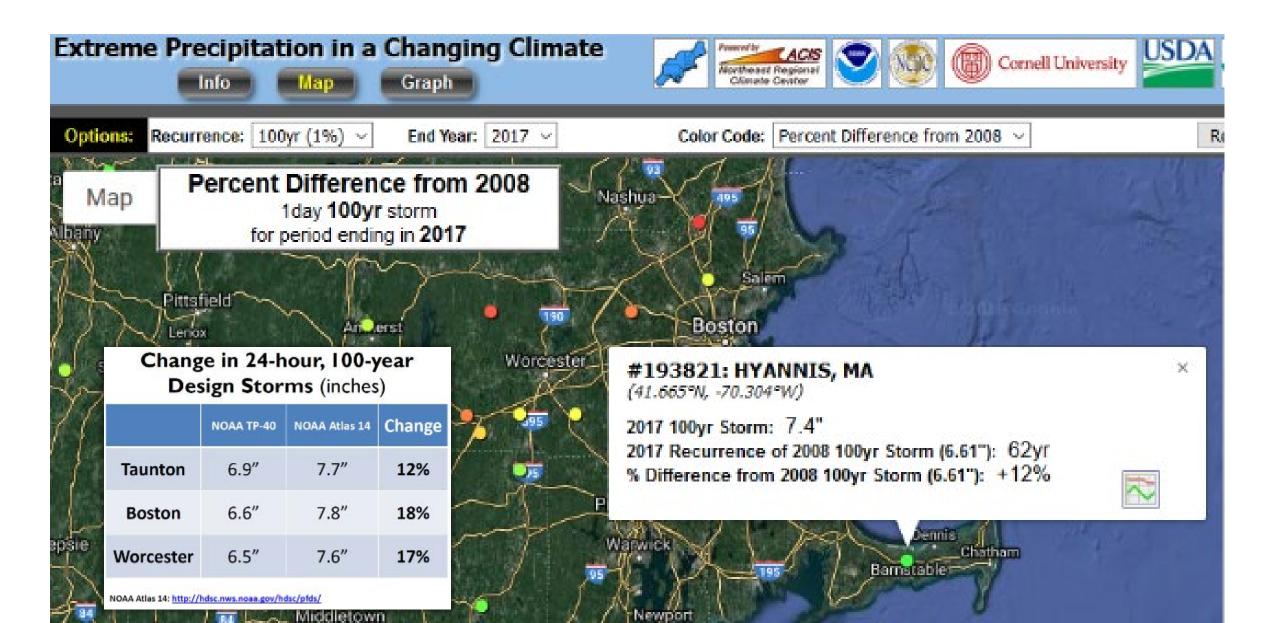
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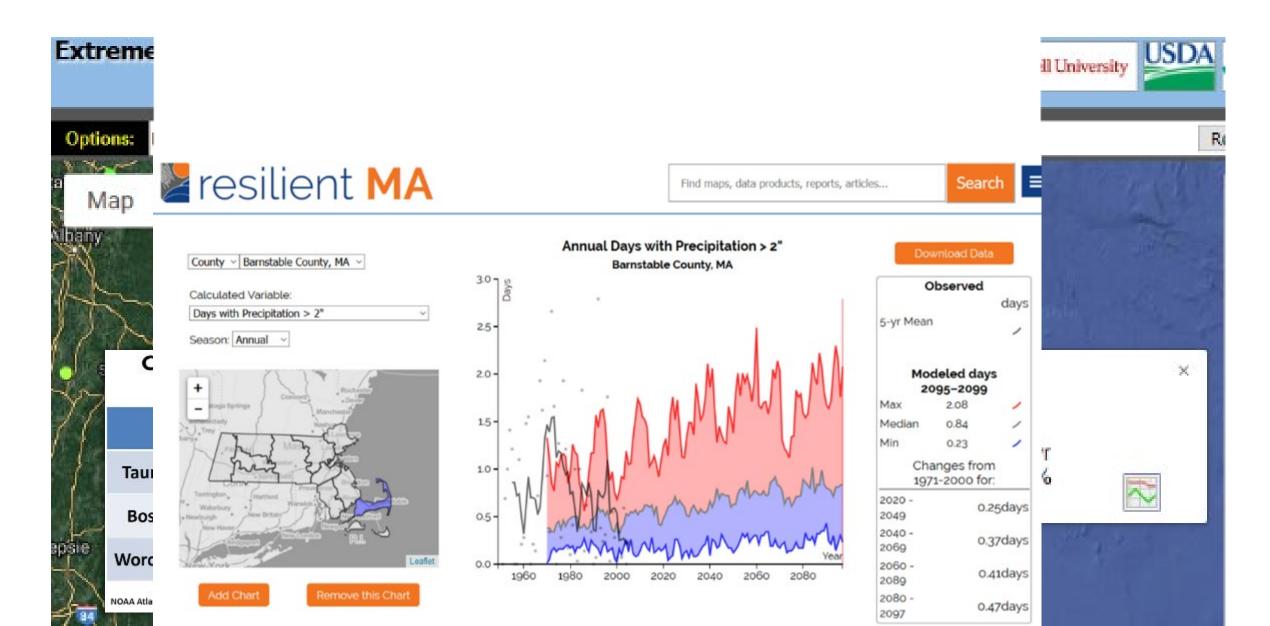


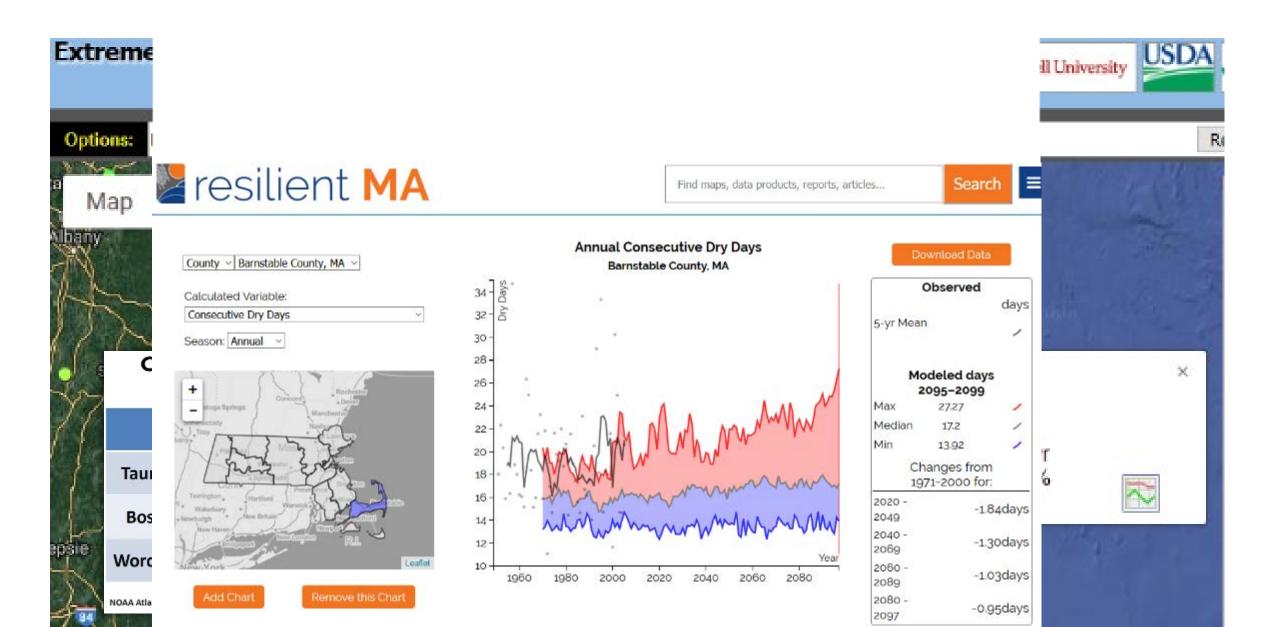


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#### WHAT IS PHRAGMITES ?

Phragmites austrilis is a perennial grass that grows in dense stands up to 12 feet in height. Also known as Common Reed, this plant can be found worldwide. It is an aggressive invader of wetland areas particularly where the soil has been disturbed or exposed. Dense stands of phragmites crowd out native wetland plants and provide little or no value to wildlife.

#### WHY IS PHRAGMITES A THREAT?

Thick stands of phragmites also pose a significant wildfire threat to surrounding communities. Because the stands contain a lot of standing dead material, they will carry fire readily even in summer when the current year's growth is still green. Fire danger is increased in the fall after the current growth is killed by frost and remains high until spring greenup.





For more information, please contact the Virginia Department of Forestry or your local fire department.

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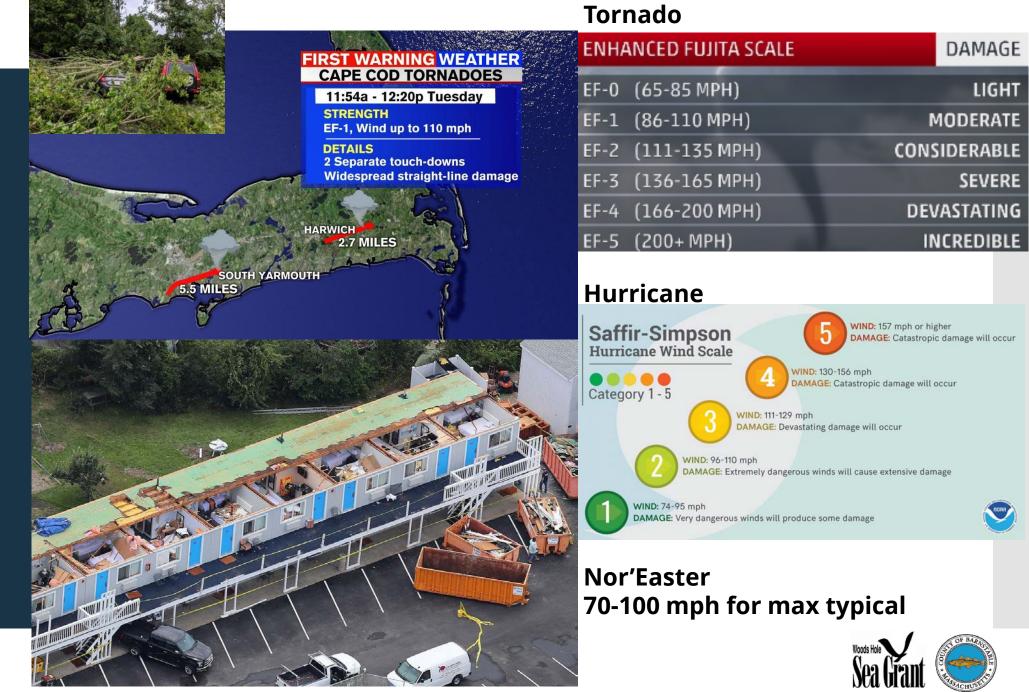
REDUCE THE RISK TO YOUR HOME !

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### HAZARD High Winds



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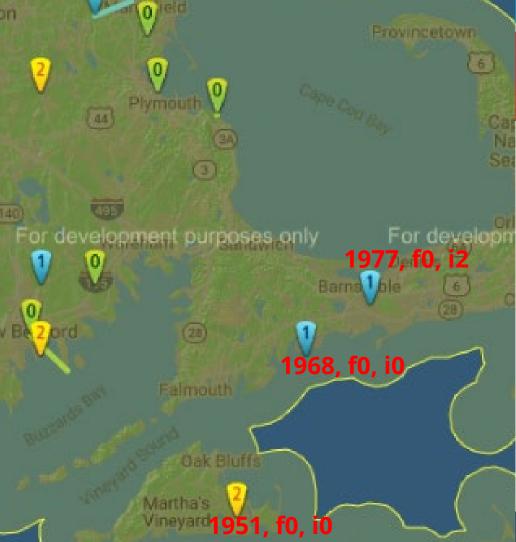
LIGHT

SEVERE

Image from BostonGlobe

#### http://www.tornadohistoryproject.com/tornado/Massachusetts/map

### H A Z A R D High Winds



#### 🔊 🍥 National Weather Service



#### BEFORE

BE WEATHER-READY: Check the forecast offen to see if a tomado is coming. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about tomado watches and warnings.

 SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS: Know how to get warnings. Media broadcasts and smart phones can alert residents of severe storms capable of producing tornadoes.

CREATE A PLAN: Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and shelter spaces. Pick a safe room in your home, such as a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.

 PRACTICE YOUR PLAN: Conduct a drill regularly so everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching. Make sure all family members know where to go when a tornado warning is issued. Don't forget pets if time allows.

 PREPARE YOUR HOME: Consider having your safe room reinforced. You can find plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection at fema.gov/safe-room-resources

✓ HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR: Encourage your loved ones to prepare for the possibility of tornadoes. Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt.

#### **DURING** ✓ STAY WEATHER-READY: Continue to listen

to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to

stay updated about tornado watches and

AT YOUR HOUSE: If you are in a tornado

AT YOUR WORKPLACE OR SCHOOL:

forget pets if time allows.

warning area, go to your basement, safe room

or an interior room away from windows. Don't

Follow your tornado drill and proceed to your

tornado shelter quickly and calmly. Stay away

approaching. Sheds and storage facilities are

from windows and do not go to large open

rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums or

OUTSIDE: Seek shelter inside a sturdy

IN A VEHICLE: Being in a vehicle during

a tornado is NOT safe. The best course of

action is to drive to the closest shelter. If you

are unable to make it to a safe shelter, either

get down in your car and cover your head,

or abandon your car and seek shelter in a

low lying area such as a ditch or ravine.

For more information, visit weather.gov/safety/tornado

building immediately if a tornado is

warnings.

auditoriums

NOT safe.

 STAY INFORMED: Keep listening to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for updates about more tornado watches and warnings that may be coming. The next round of thunderstorms may bring more tornadoes.

AFTER

#### CONTACT YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES:

Let your family and close friends know you are okay so they can help spread the word. Send text messages or posts updates on social media. These posts are more reliable forms of communication than phone calls.

ASSESS THE DAMAGE: After the tornado threat has ended, check for property damage. When walking through storm damage, wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes. Contact utilities if you see power lines down and stay away from them. Stay out of damaged buildings. Be aware of insurance scammers.

 HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR: If you see someone injured, call 911. Then, if you are trained, provide first aid until emergency responders arrive.



gliss or downed power lines. Photo: NDAA



# Small Team Exercise



### Small Team Exercise



EXERCISE

#### Identify Community Features and Categorize as Vulnerability or Strength

- Infrastructure
- Societal

**GETTING STARTED** 

**Clarifying Questions** 

Identify Small Team Spokesperson

Identify Top Community Hazards

Introductions

Environmental



Identify Location and Ownership on Map/Matrix



## 1. Top Community Hazards

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I-M-L priority for action over the Short or Long term (and Ongoing)				Top Priority Hazards (tornado, floods, wildfire, hurricanes, earthquake, drought, sea level rise heat wave, e					
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# Community Features

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Community Resilience Building Risk Matrix

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#### www.CommunityResilienceBuilding.org

# 3.

Identify Location and Ownership of Community Features on Map/Matrix

# Municipal Vulnerability Program



# Small Teams Report Out



# Lunch!



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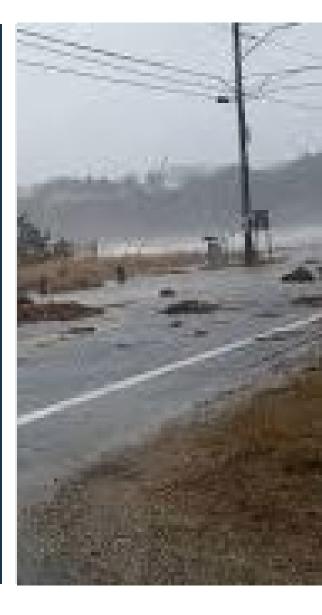
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# What's Next for MVP?

**Shannon Hulst, Floodplain Specialist & CRS Coordinator,** Woods Hole Sea Grant/Cape Cod Cooperative Extension **Deputy Director,** Cape Cod Cooperative Extension



Sources of Available Grants

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program
- Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program's Coastal Resilience Grant Program
- FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Others





- Detailed Vulnerability and Risks Assessment Further Planning
- Community outreach and education
- Local Bylaws, Ordinances, Plans, and Other Management Measures
- Redesigns and Retrofits

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Ineligible projects under the MVP Action Grant include acquisition of diesel generators, and projects that seek to repair to previous conditions without consideration of climate change projections or more resilient alternatives. Other project types not meeting the goals of this BID may be deemed ineligible at the discretion of the Secretary.

#### impacts

- Acquisition of land to achieve a resiliency objective
- Ecological Restoration and Habitat Management to Increase Resiliency
- Subsidized Low Income Housing Resilience Strategies
- Mosquito Control Districts



### MVP Action Grants

#### Consider the timeframe of the grant !!!

#### **PROPOSALS SHOULD ADDRESS STAGES**

- Planning, feasibility assessment, and siting
- Design
- Permitting
- Construction, installation, and monitoring



## MVP Action Grant Details



- One-year timeframe
- \$25,000 \$2,000,000 for single towns
- Up to \$5,000,000 for regional projects
- Must be used to advance priority adaptation actions identified in MVP reports
- 25% match



MVP Action Grant Examples

- Adams Assessment and Conceptual Design for Adaptation and Resiliency
- Arlington Mill Brook Corridor Flood Management Demonstration Project
- **Belchertown** Town-Wide Road Stream Crossing Assessment and Climate Change Adaptation
- **Boston** Climate Ready Zoning and Design Guidelines
- Charlton & Spencer Integrated Water Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency
- Deerfield Culvert Redesign and Retrofit and Bylaw
  Update
- **Essex** Living Shoreline Feasibility Study for Essex Bay
- Gloucester Watershed and Water Supply
   Vulnerability, Risk Assessment and Management
- Holden Water-Sewer Infrastructure Green Emergency Power Study
- Medford Drainage Model and Conceptual Strategies to Reduce Future Flooding
- Medford Open Space Plan Update
- Mendon Integration of Low Impact Development Standards into Local Bylaws Regulations

- Montague City Road Flooding Protection Project-Design and Permitting
- Natick Tree Planting Plan to Mitigate Heat Islands
   and Reduce Runoff
- **Newbury** Assessing Storm Energy Reduction by the Vegetated Salt Marsh Platform
- Newburyport Wastewater Treatment Plant Climate Resilience
- Northampton Nature-Based Flood Protection to Reduce Vulnerabilities
- **Salem** Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Relocation Assessment
- **Sandwich** Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment-Adaptation Planning
- Weymouth Fort Point Road Coastal Infrastructure Resilience Project
- Winthrop Ingleside Park Feasibility Study and Permitting



CZM's Coastal Resilience Grant Program



- Vulnerability and Risk Assessment
- Public Education and Communication
- Local Bylaws, Adaptation Plans, and Other Management Measures
- Redesigns and Retrofits
- Natural Storm-Damage Protection Techniques



## MVP vs CZM

### MVP

- All climate-related issues
- Multiple opportunities throughout the year
- \$25K \$2 million
- 25% match
- If it fits CZM, apply to both programs

### CZM

- Coastal only
- Opens once a year (Spring)
- Up to \$750,000
- 25% match
- If it fits MVP, apply to both programs



FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)\* Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM) Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA)

\*Available only After Federally Declared Disaster "...not intended to fund repair, replacement, or deferred maintenance activities."

- Storm-water upgrades
- Drainage and culvert improvements
- Property acquisition
- Slope stabilization
- Infrastructure protection
- Structure elevations
- Hazard Planning



Small Team Exercise



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### **GETTING STARTED**

- Identify Small Team Spokesperson
- Clarifying questions

## EXERCISE

- 1. Identify Actions to Reduce Vulnerability or Reinforce Strengths
  - Assign Priority and Urgency of Each Action
    - Infrastructure
    - Societal
    - Environmental



Identify Top 5 Priority Actions

# 1. Identify Actions

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## Small Team Exercise



### **GETTING STARTED**

- Identify Small Team Spokesperson
- Clarifying questions

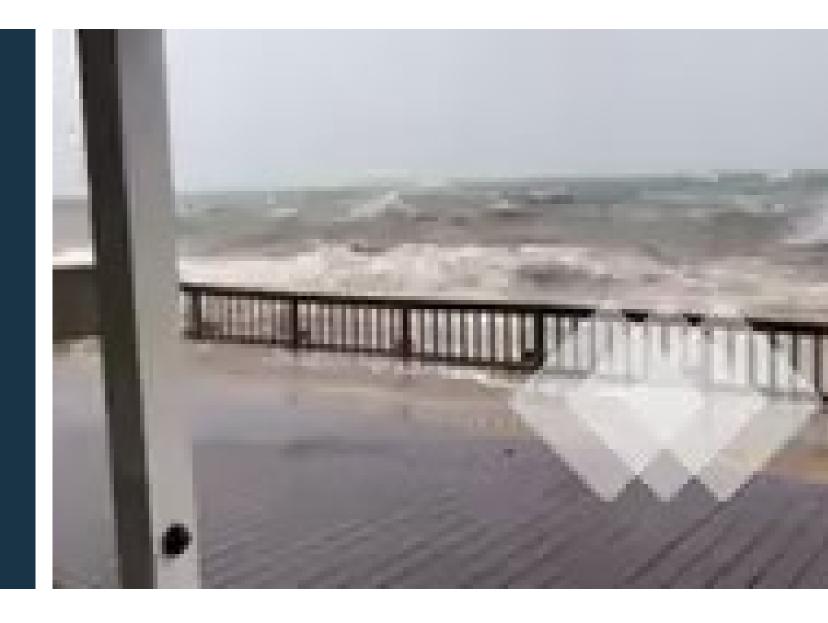
## EXERCISE

- 1. Identify Actions to Reduce Vulnerability or Reinforce Strengths
  - Assign Priority and Urgency of Each Action
    - Infrastructure
    - Societal
    - Environmental



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# Break



# Small Teams Report Out

**Top Priority Actions** 



# Selecting Priorities: Dot Exercise



# Compile Top Actions & Wrap Up



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