

# Achieving Buy-In for Adaptation

## *EPA Webcast Series*

*Helping Communities and Stakeholders  
Decide on Economically Viable  
Sea Level and Storm Surge Adaptation Strategies  
with the COAST software tool*



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# What is “COAST?”

**CO**astal

**A**daptation to

**S**ea level rise

**T**ool

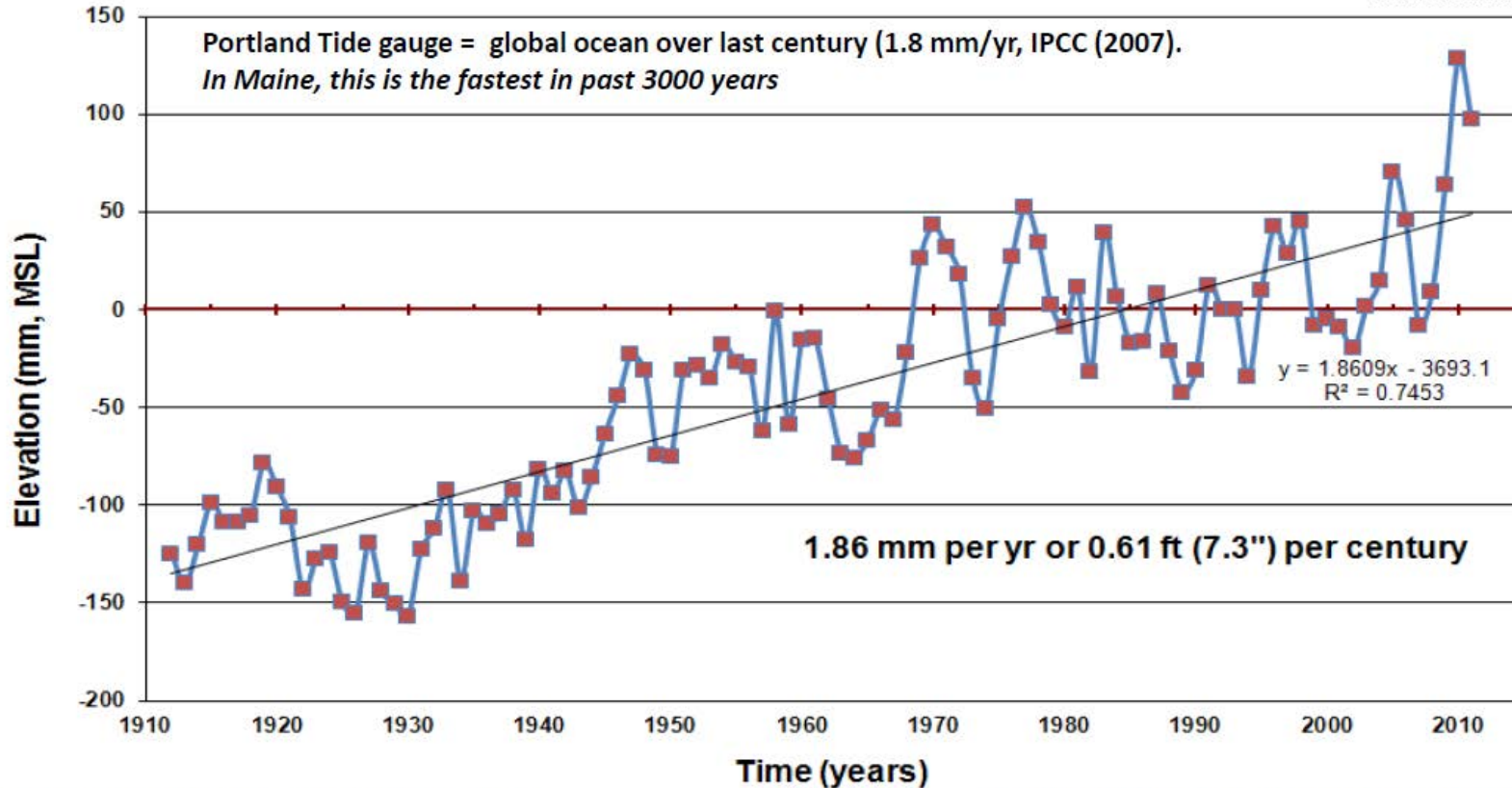
# Steps in the COAST Process

1. Engage Stakeholders to Select Different Scenarios for Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge.

## Sea Level, Portland, Maine 1912-2011 (through November 30, 2011)



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MAINE  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



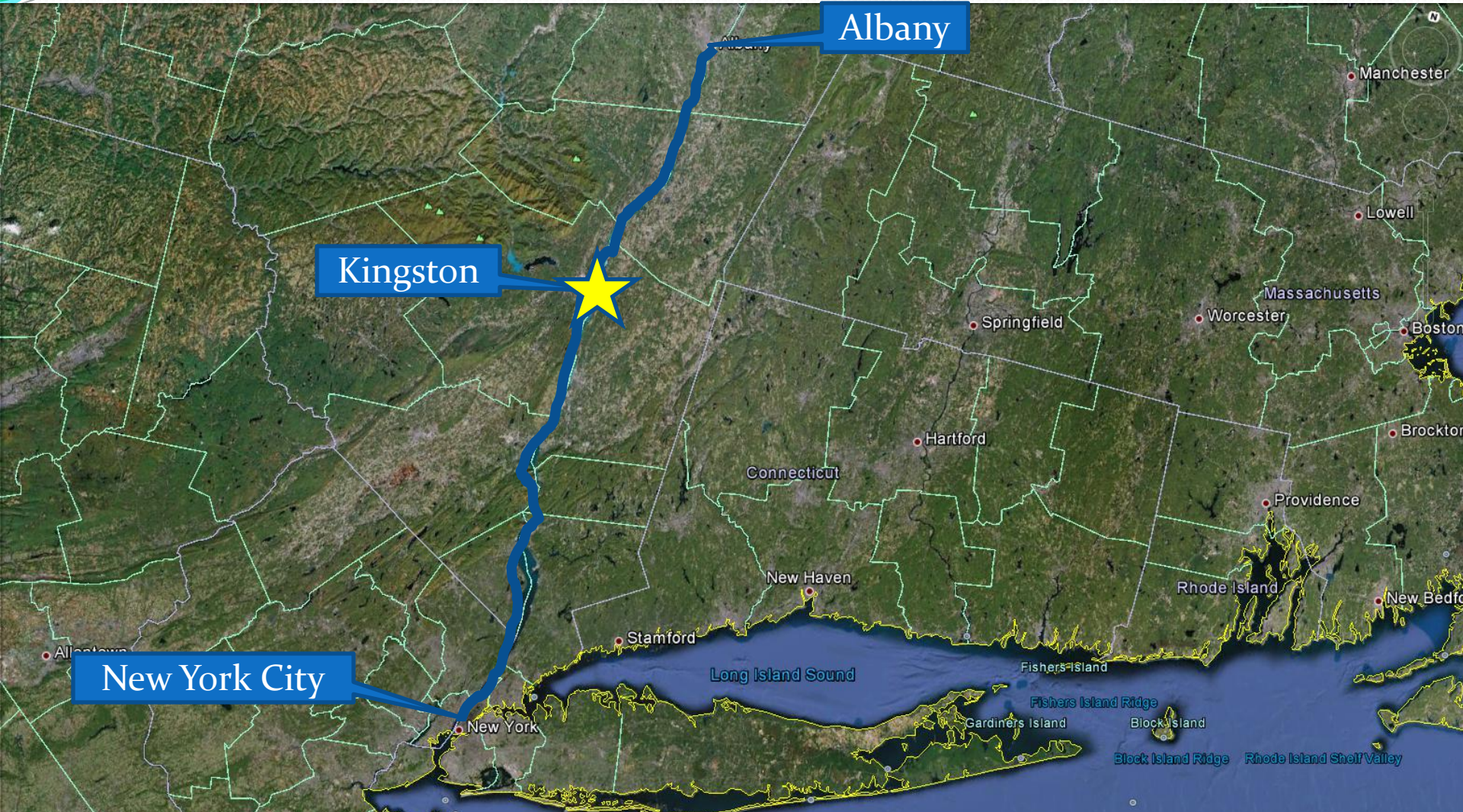
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P.A. Slovinsky, Maine Geological Survey, January 3, 2012

***Use Local Data – Connect  
with Peoples' Experiences***

# Steps in the COAST Process

2. Provide a Vulnerability Assessment with Cumulative Expected Damage Estimates Over Time for a “No Action” Scenario of Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge

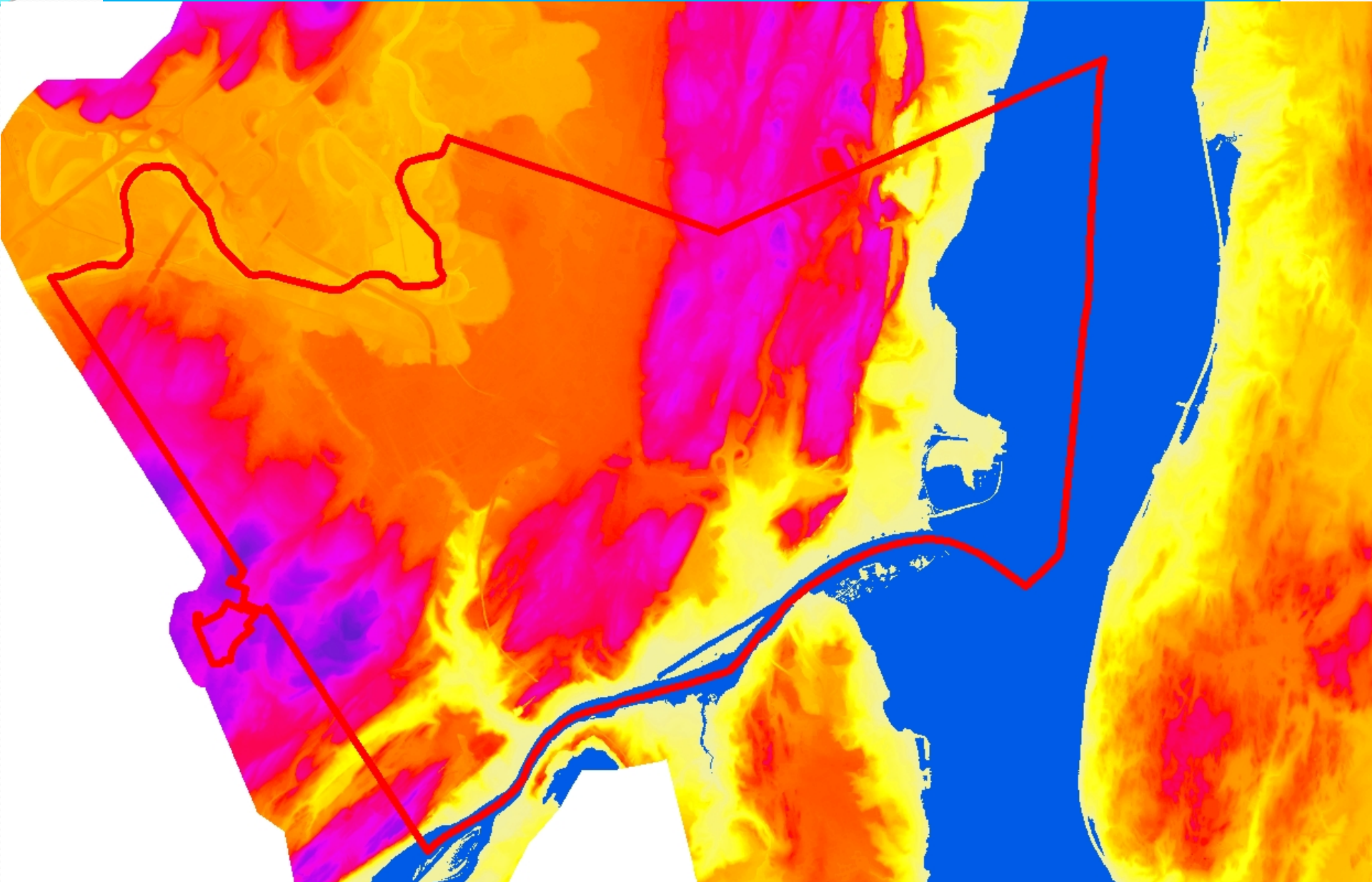


# Example: Hudson River, Kingston, NY

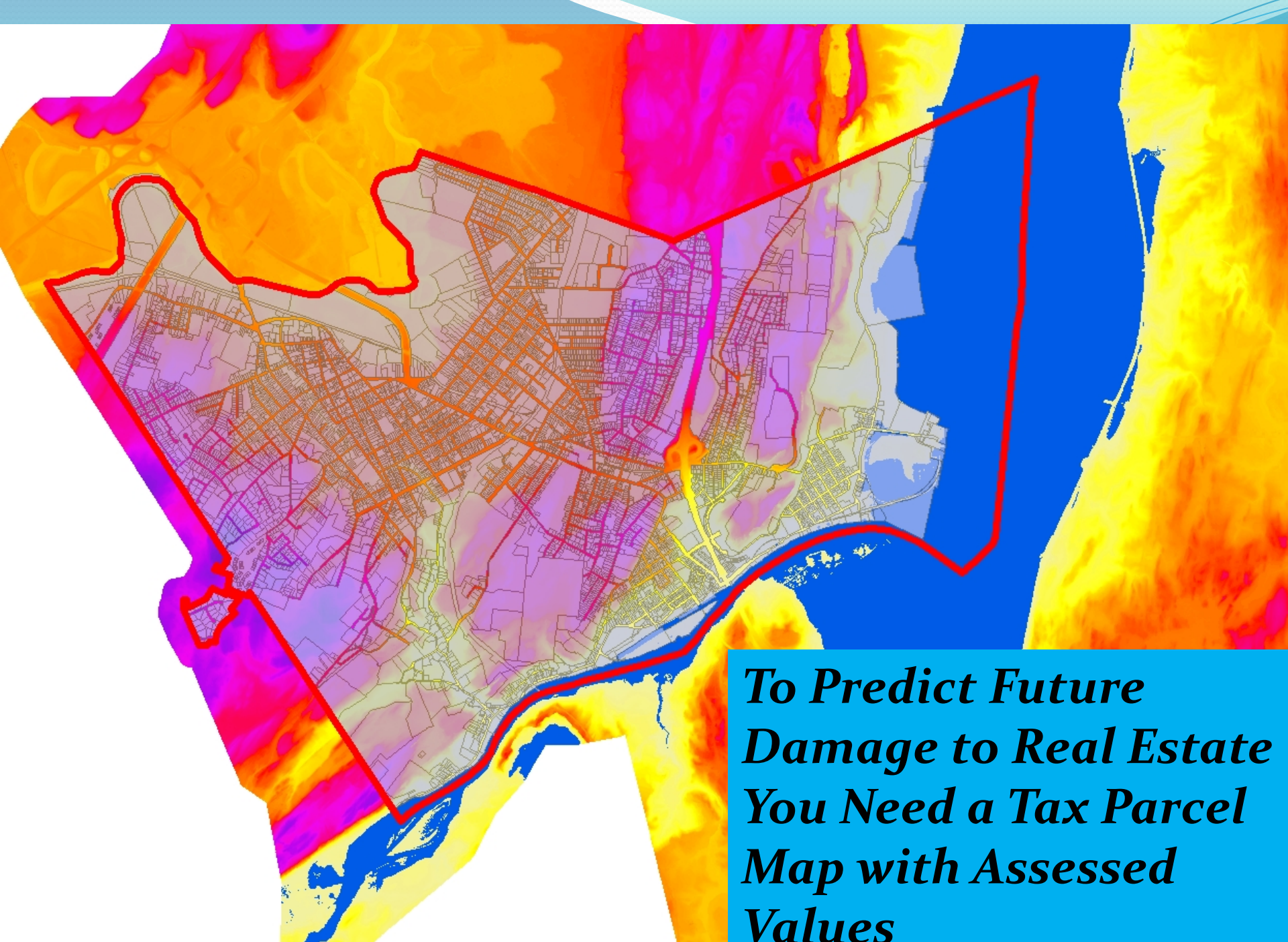
# *Select an Asset to Model: Damage to Real Estate*



# *You Need Accurate Elevation Data: LiDAR*







*To Predict Future  
Damage to Real Estate  
You Need a Tax Parcel  
Map with Assessed  
Values*

# *Then you need a “Depth-Damage Function”..*

## **Depth-Damage Function for Single Family Residential Structures with Basement**

Depth	Mean of Damage	Standard Deviation of Damage
-8	0%	0
-7	0.7%	1.34
-6	0.8%	1.06
-5	2.4%	0.94
-4	5.2%	0.91
-3	9.0%	0.88
-2	13.8%	0.85
-1	19.4%	0.83
0	25.5%	0.85
1	32.0%	0.96
2	38.7%	1.14
3	45.5%	1.37
4	52.2%	1.63
5	58.6%	1.89
6	64.5%	2.14

*Then you need to input predicted flood heights from the 10 year, 25 year, 50 year, 100 year, and 500 year storms, from your FEMA flood insurance study or whatever you've got...*

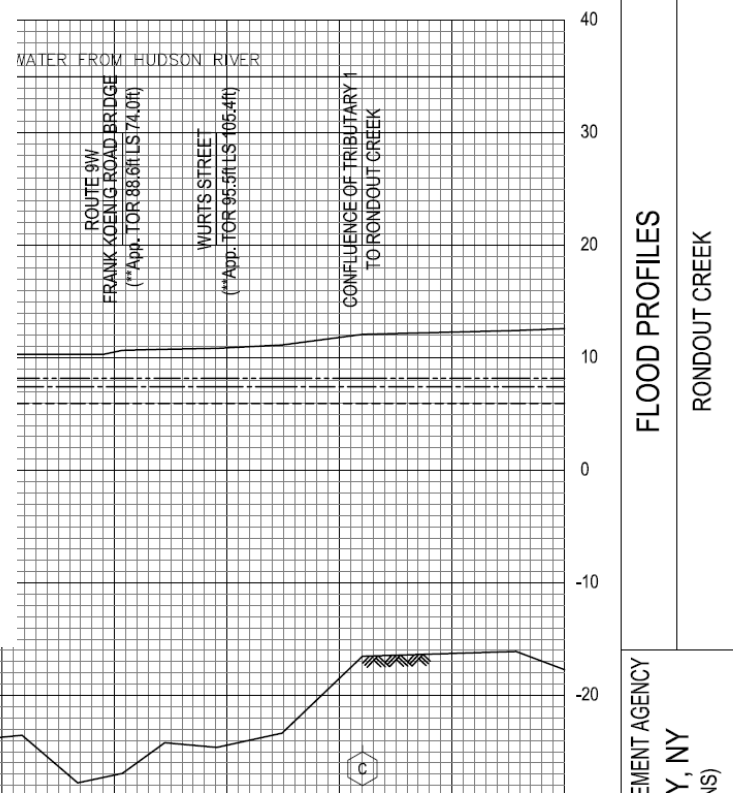
# FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY



ULSTER COUNTY,  
NEW YORK  
(ALL JURISDICTIONS)

PHASE 1 - AREAS OUTSIDE THE NEW YORK CITY WATERSHED

VOLUME 1 OF 2



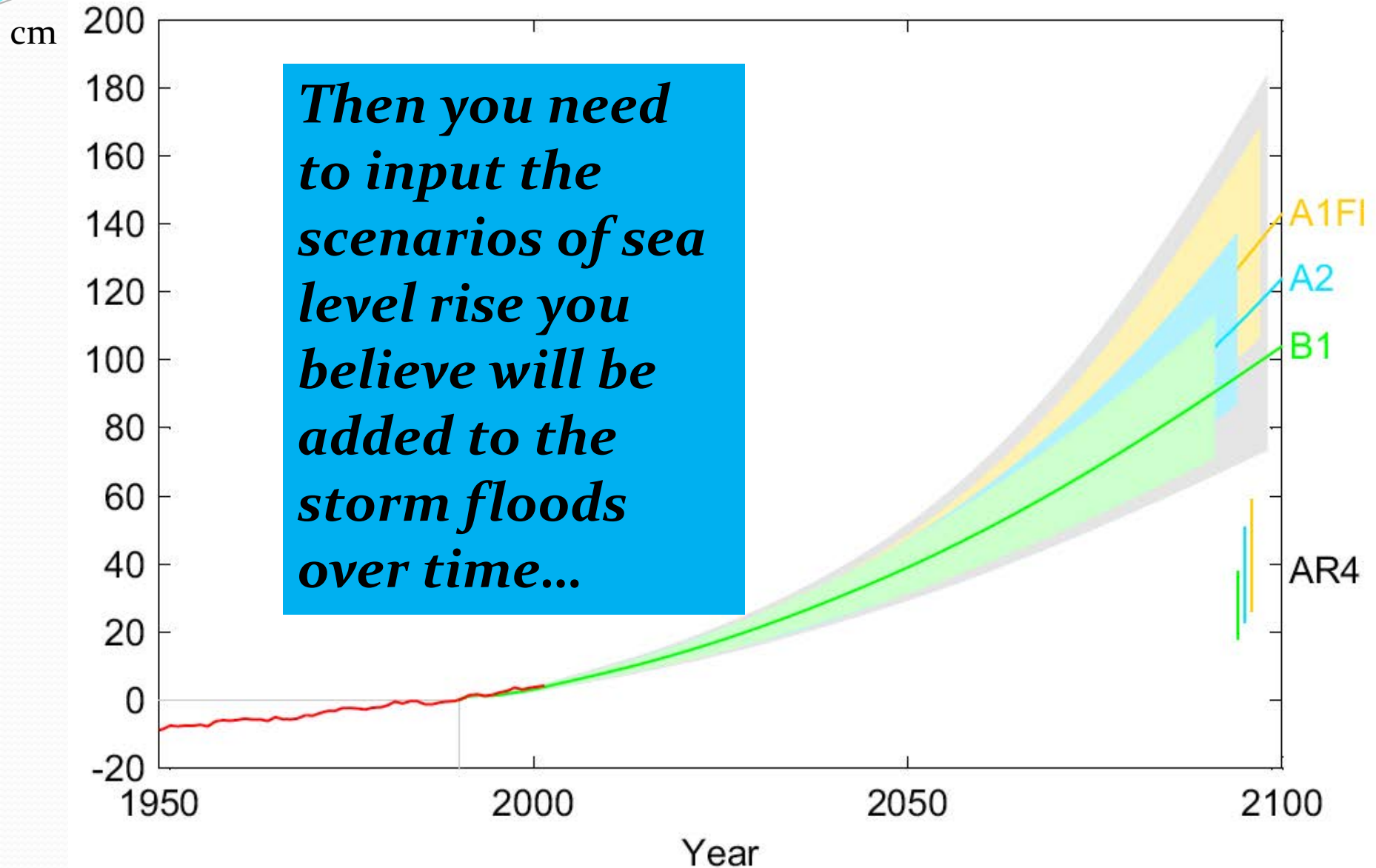
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FLOOD PROFILES

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(vs)

# Projection of Sea Level Rise from 1990 to 2100



# COAST Model Results

*The model will then tell you the amount of dollar damage predicted for a particular-sized storm in a particular year...*

*And it will calculate the cumulative expected damage, summed up from all of the predicted storms from today until that particular year.*



## COAST Model for City of Kingston - Modeled Water Levels and Vulnerability Assessment Results

Year	Sea Level Rise Scenario	Storm Intensity (return period in years)	Predicted Elevation of Flood Height from FEMA Flood Insurance Study, 2007 NAVD88 (ft.) <sup>1</sup>	COAST Model of Sea Level Rise Above MHHW in 2013 Selected by Kingston (in./ft) <sup>2</sup>		COAST Model Total Flood Elevation for Each Scenario NAVD 88 (ft.)	COAST Model Expected Damage to the Value of All Buildings & Improvements From This Single Storm Incident in the Scenario Year (\$ Million)	COAST Model Expected Damage to the Value of Waste Water Treatment Plant Only From This Single Storm Incident in the Scenario Year (\$ Million)	COAST Model Cumulative Expected Damage to the Value of All Buildings & Improvements From All Storms, 2013 to Scenario Year (\$ Million) <sup>3</sup>	COAST Model Percent of Cumulative Expected Damage to the Value of All Buildings & Improvements From 2013 to Scenario Year Attributable to Sea Level Rise Only (Percent) <sup>3</sup>
2013	1 No SLR	10 yr	6.0	0	0	6.0	12.0	8.7	n/a	n/a
2013	2 No SLR	100 yr	8.2	0	0	8.2	21.7	16.8	n/a	n/a
2060	3 Lo SLR	10 yr	6.0	20	1.67	7.7	18.8	14.4	69.0	26.8%
2060	4 Lo SLR	100 yr	8.2	20	1.67	9.9	24.7	18.8	69.0	26.8%
2060	5 Hi SLR	10 yr	6.0	36	3	9.0	22.0	16.8	73.5	31.7%
2060	6 Hi SLR	100 yr	8.2	36	3	11.2	29.5	22.2	73.5	31.7%
2100	7 Lo SLR	10 yr	6.0	33	2.75	8.8	21.9	16.8	82.7	28.6%
2100	8 Lo SLR	100 yr	8.2	33	2.75	11.0	27.5	20.6	82.7	28.6%
2100	9 Hi SLR	10 yr	6.0	68	5.67	11.7	29.7	22.2	88.3	34.8%
2100	10 Hi SLR	100 yr	8.2	68	5.67	13.9	34.5	24.8	88.3	34.8%

<sup>1</sup>Tidal state is included in FEMA FIS predicted flood elevations for the 10 year and 100 year storms.

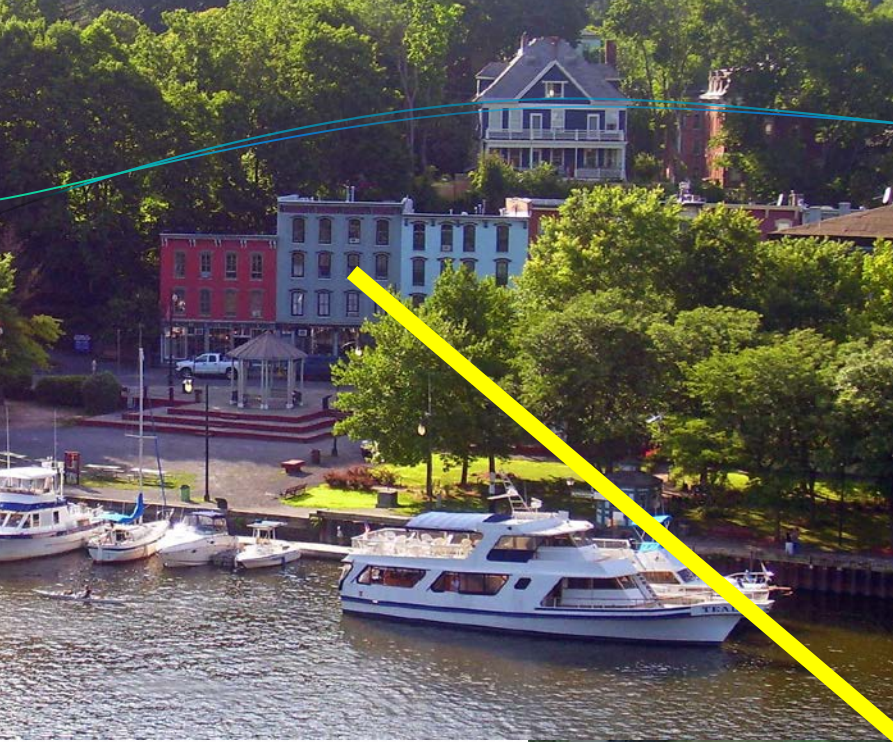
<sup>2</sup>Elevation of Mean Higher High Water (MHHW) in year 2013 is 3.0 feet (NAVD 88).

<sup>3</sup>Discount Rate of 3.3 percent applied.

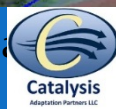
# A Close-up Look at the COAST Model Output...

Scenario 6:

Year 2060, 100-yr Storm, Hi SLR,  
Height = 11.2 ft (NAVD 88)



## West Strand Street/Rondout Landing Area COAST Output



- Relative Height of Blue Boxes Indicates Predicted Dollar Damages to Buildings and Improvements from Total Flood Height
- Relative Height of Red Boxes Indicates Predicted Dollar Damages from Sea Level Rise Only



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@1 Broadway



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41°55'06.30" N 73°58'58.21" W elev 14 ft

Google earth

Eye alt 372 ft

Scenario 6: Year 2060, 100-yr Storm, Hi SLR, Height = 11.2 ft NAVD 88

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PrintKey	56.43-5-40
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ADDRESS_NA	BROADWAY
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NEW_PC	482
OWNER_1	JAF Partners Inc
STREET	30 Broadway
CITY_STATE	Kingston NY
ZIP_CODE	12401
BOOK	01512
PAGE	00355
PR_TOTAL_A	1012000
PR_LAND_AV	169000
ZONING	RT
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NO_BATHS	0
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RawDepth	2.151024288
<b>Depth</b>	<b>2.2 ft.</b>
<b>Damage</b>	<b>\$158 K</b>
Extrusion	16.78971341



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# Damage to Assets Other than Real Estate Can be Modeled:

- Economic output
- Public health impacts
- Displaced persons, vulnerable demographics
- Natural resources values
- Cultural resources values
- Community impacts
- Infrastructure (transportation, energy, facilities, telecommunications)

## **Next Steps in the COAST Process**

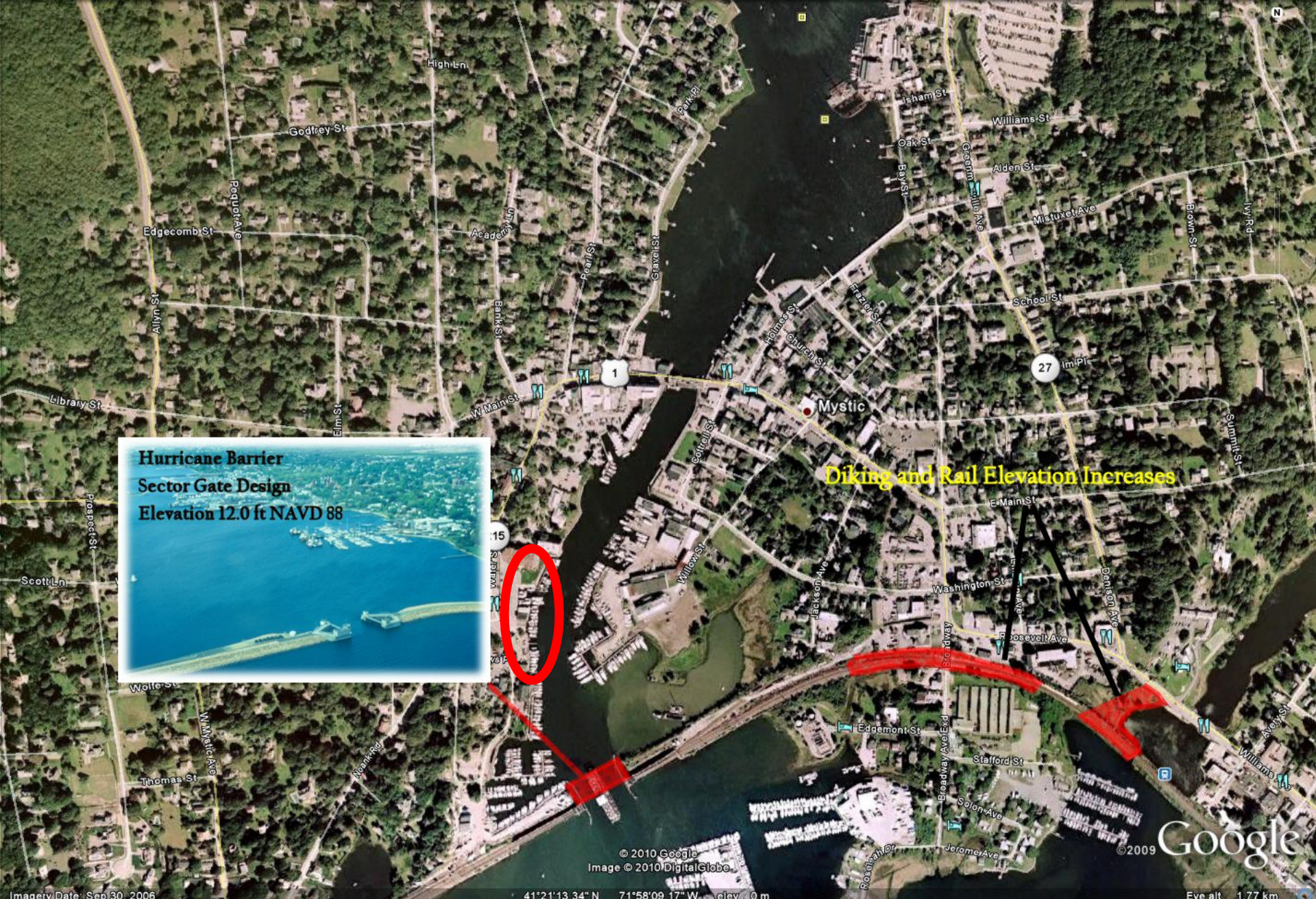
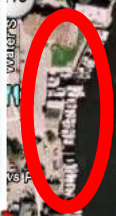
3. Select Candidate Adaptation Actions to Protect from Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge, Staged Over Time, and Estimate the Costs of Each Action
4. Perform a Cost Benefit Analysis of Adaptation Strategies

# Example: Groton/Mystic, Connecticut



Hurricane Barrier  
Sector Gate Design  
Elevation 12.0 ft NAVD 88

Diking and Rail Elevation Increases



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41°21'13.34" N 71°58'09.17" W elev 0 m

Eye alt 1.77 km

Scenarios		Max. Water Elev. (ft., NAVD88)	Engineering Options	Construction Costs	Annual Maintenance Costs
Sea level rise, normal tides	A	3.2 – 4.0	No action up to minimal flood proofing and infrastructure elevation along river.	Insignificant	Insignificant
	B	5.5 – 6.5	Hurricane Barrier at Mystic River entrance.	\$18 Million	\$75,000
100-year storm event in 2010	C	5.4			
	D	7.4			
10-year storm in 2070, Hi SLR	E	7.0	Hurricane Barrier at Mystic River entrance. <i>ADDITIONAL FORTIFICATION and elevating the railroad, as well as increased diking to east.</i>	\$27-30 Million	\$100,000
	F	8.9			
100-year storm in 2070, Hi SLR	G	8.6	Hurricane Barrier at Mystic River entrance. <i>FURTHER FORTIFICATION and elevating the railroad, as well as increased diking to east.</i>	\$35 Million	\$120,000
	H	10.5			

# Last Step in the COAST Process

5. Start Doing Something!  
Implement the Strategies, and  
Move the Needle off of Zero.







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