

WEB-BASED COASTAL RESILIENCY PLANNING TOOLS

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Resilient Task Force

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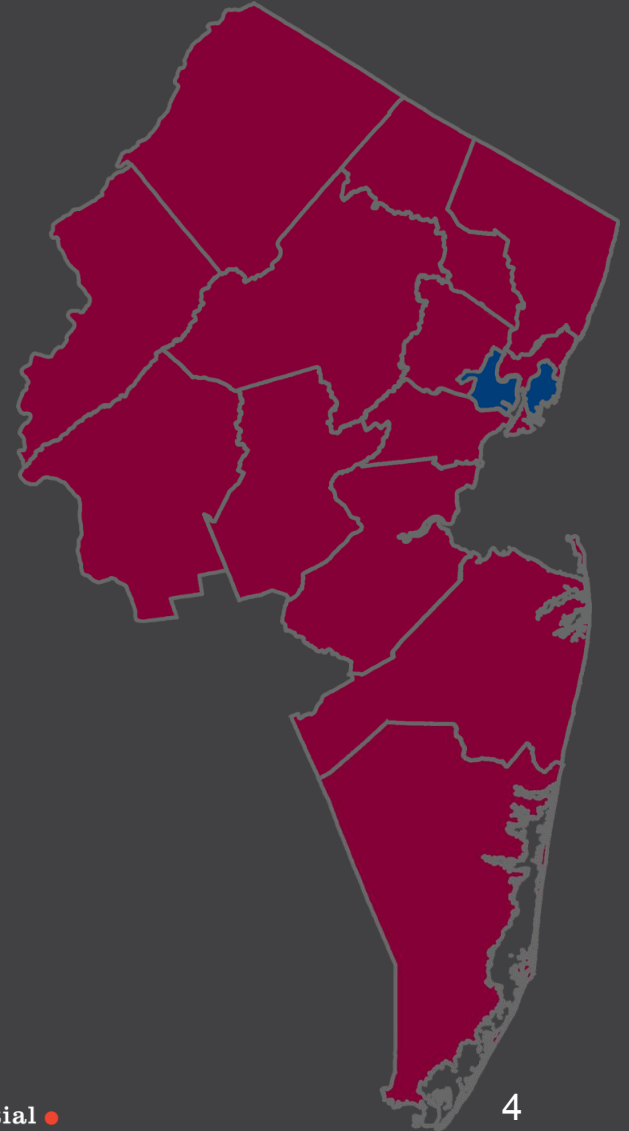
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Union
Warren



TOGETHER NORTH JERSEY RESILIENT VISION.

A resilient North Jersey is ready for adverse events—extreme weather, climate change, economic downturns or other major setbacks—and can quickly bounce back from them. It protects wetlands and other crucial ecosystems, and has strong, well-maintained infrastructure (transportation, utilities, water, sewer, etc.). A resilient North Jersey takes steps to be prepared and reduce negative impacts on our communities.

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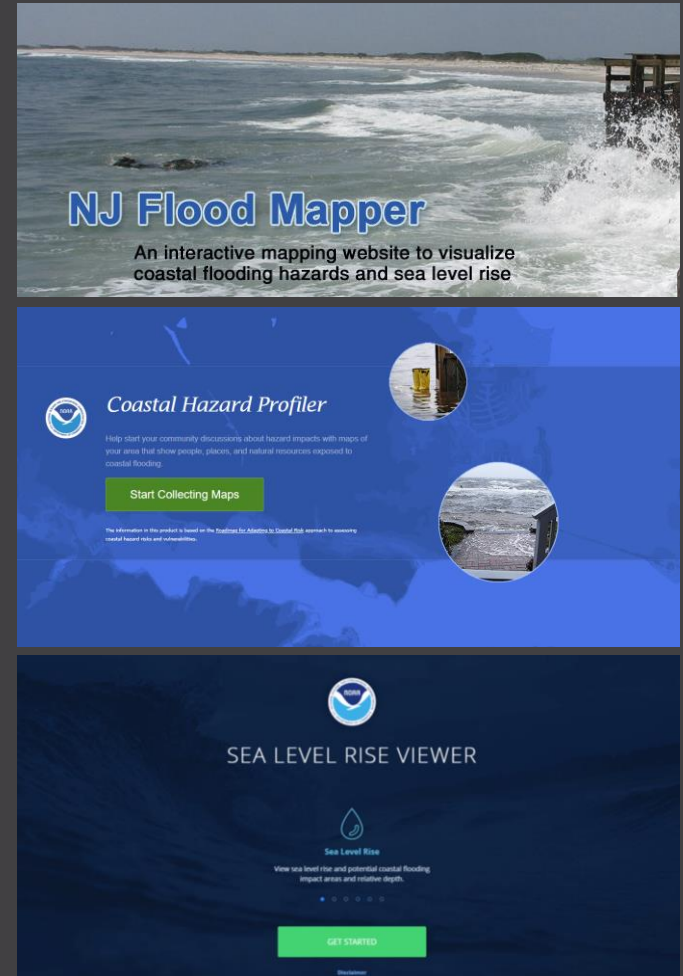
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AGENDA

- Why and when to use resiliency tools
- Resiliency tools available:
 - General information
 - Data available
 - Use at the local level
 - Contacts/further resources



Images, top to bottom: NJ Flood Mapper, Coastal Hazard Profiler, Sea Level Rise Viewer

WHY USE WEB-BASED RESILIENCY TOOLS?



- 1 Explore Hazards
- 2 Assess Vulnerability & Risks
- 3 Investigate Options
- 4 Prioritize & Plan
- 5 Take Action

WHY USE WEB-BASED RESILIENCY TOOLS? (cont'd)

- Better understanding of complex data
- Local decision making
- Public communication support

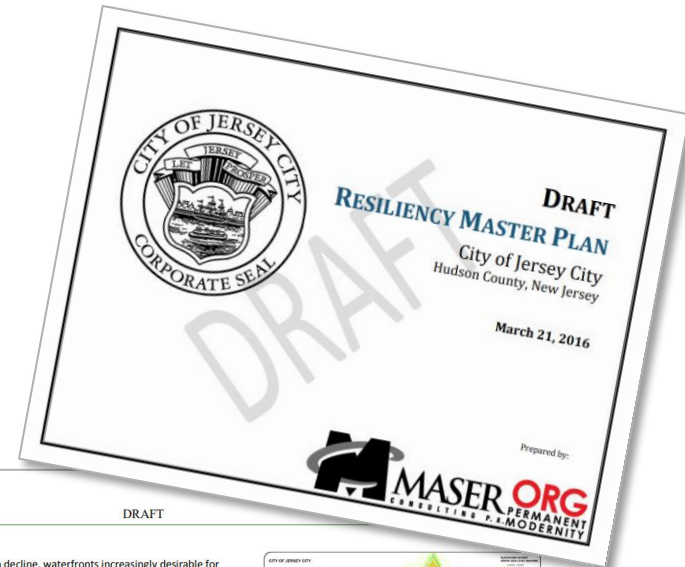


Image: Together North Jersey

WHEN TO USE WEB-BASED RESILIENCY TOOLS

- Vulnerability assessment
- Climate Action/
Adaptation Plan
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Data compilation and
incorporation
 - Capital planning
 - Land use planning
 - Zoning
 - Open space acquisition
 - Wetlands/shoreline
restoration projects

Sample page from the Jersey City Draft Resiliency Master Plan containing a city topographic map.



Resiliency Master Plan DRAFT
City of Jersey City

Beginning in the 1980s, with freight rail in decline, waterfronts increasingly desirable for residential and recreational uses, and increased appreciation for historic preservation, Jersey City began to transform from a gritty industrial city into the modern, prosperous city that it is today. Waterfront Redevelopment plans were adopted, Historic Districts were established, brownstones were reclaimed, rail yards turned into parks and residential neighborhoods, light rail transit spurred development, and high rise development along the waterfront and in Exchange Place earned the nickname "Wall Street West". Today, Jersey City is the second most populated city in the state of New Jersey with 264,290 residents as of 2015¹⁰ (Newark, the largest, estimates 281,944 residents¹¹).

History of Storm Events in Jersey City

Over thirty seven percent of Jersey City lies within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area¹², including 13.3 million square feet of Class A office space¹³ along the Hudson River. The lowest points of Jersey City are along the coast. Inland, areas such as Journal Square and the Heights lie along the ridge of the Palisades, ranging between 100 feet and 180 feet above sea level.

A geographic phenomenon called the "New York Bight" - where Long Island and New Jersey form an upside-down L around shallow waters of the Atlantic Ocean - magnifies a hurricane's effects on the land. The New York Bight will guide storm surge directly into New York City (and Jersey City), trapping the water and ultimately dumping it onto the land, amplifying flooding and related damage.¹⁴ Waves from this excess water, combined with the relative shallowness of the rivers and harbor, form storm surges of dangerous height.¹⁵

Figure 2: topographic map. Red elevations are the highest, green the lowest.

¹⁰ Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015, United States Census Bureau. Accessed July 21, 2016.
¹¹ Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015, United States Census Bureau. Accessed July 21, 2016.
¹² FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Database, 04-10-2015. Accessed July 22, 2016.
¹³ City of Jersey City Planning Department. *Sandy Recovery Strategic Planning Report - A Strategic Plan for Resilience*. August 2014.
¹⁴ NYC Emergency Management <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/coastal-storms-hurricanes.page>, Accessed July 26, 2016.
¹⁵ National Geographic, *Why New York City is the Worst Place for a Hurricane*, November 3, 2012.

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WEB-BASED TOOLS FOR RESILIENCY PLANNING IN COASTAL NEW JERSEY

1. Surging Seas (Climate Central)
2. Sea Level Rise Viewer (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
3. Coastal Resilience Mapping Portal (The Nature Conservancy)
4. NJADAPT
 - Coastal Hazard Profiler (Rutgers University Climate Institute)
 - NJ FloodMapper (Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve/Rutgers University)

WEB-BASED COASTAL RESILIENCY PLANNING TOOLS SURGING SEAS

SURGING SEAS

Agency: Climate Central

Location: <https://riskfinder.climatecentral.org/>

- Interactive online tool of maps and information platforms that can be used for both mapping and analysis at the municipal, county, and state level
- Target audience: Decision makers, planners, coastal managers, emergency managers, federal and state agencies, journalists and the general public
- Skill level needed: medium
- Outputs available via printable town, county, and state level reports and maps

Surging Seas


Sea level rise analysis by **CLIMATE**  **CENTRAL**


SURGING SEAS

Interactive maps and information platforms:

1. Risk Finder
2. Risk Zone Map
3. Mapping Choices
4. Seeing Choices
5. U.S. Cities We Could Lose to the Sea
6. Energy Infrastructure Threat from Sea Level Rise

Maps & Tools






Risk Finder

Climate Central's Surging Seas Risk Finder is designed to provide citizens, communities and policy makers in the U.S. with the tailored local information they need to understand and respond to the risks of sea level rise and coastal flooding in their own neighborhoods.

[About this web tool](#) • [View now »](#)



Risk Zone Map

This global interactive map — searchable by city or postal code — shows areas vulnerable to permanent submergence from sea level rise, or to flooding from sea level rise, storm surge, tides, and tsunamis, in different combinations.

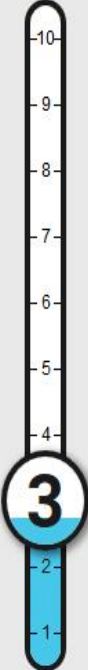
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SURGING SEAS RISK FINDER

- Enter a coastal location
- Get a summary
- Can adjust water level on slider bar
- Future flood risks
- Explanation of historical trends
- Latest numbers of flood days into 2018
- What is at risk
- Resources for reducing your risk

Hoboken, New Jersey, USA

Water level (ft) ?



Summary

Scroll or change settings for more info | [Video intro](#)

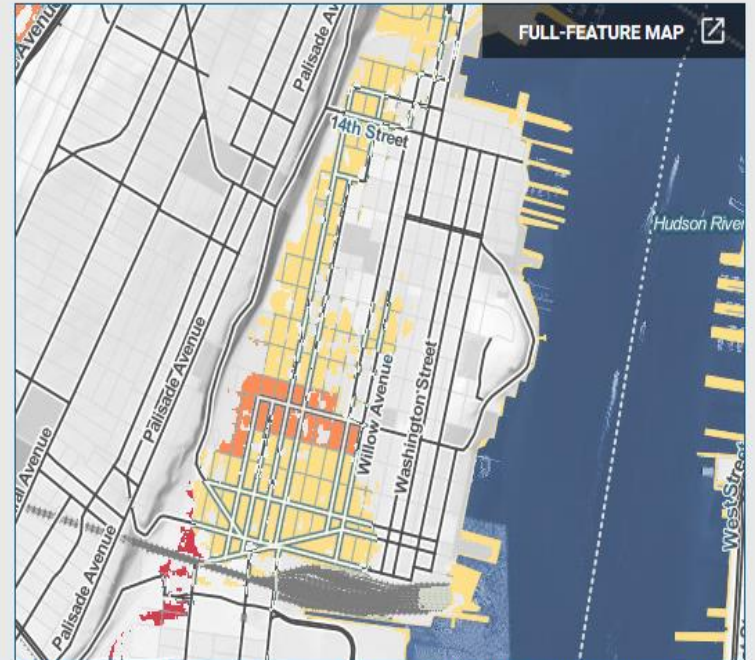
- Warming oceans and melting glaciers and ice sheets are raising global sea levels.
- About 220 people in Hoboken live on exposed land below 3 feet (the selected level) ⓘ. [More threats](#) ↓
- The selected sea level scenario ⓘ points to a 100% risk of at least one flood over 3 feet taking place between today and 2050 in the Hoboken area. [More scenarios](#) ↓
- Learn about [related places](#) ↓ and [how to reduce risks](#) ↓

DOWNLOADS

- [Local fact sheet](#)
- [Local report](#)
- [State report](#)

These PDF downloads summarize key information from this tool, for Hoboken ("local" items) or for New Jersey. Find customizable slide, map and data downloads below.

Have more specific needs? [Learn about our custom work](#)

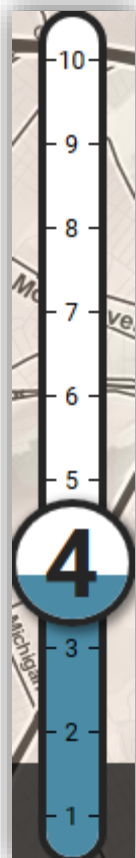


Hoboken area land below 3 feet is colored yellow through red to denote populations with low through high social vulnerability. Social vulnerability (e.g. from low income) can compound coastal risk. Maroon lines are levees. See full-feature map for legends and details. [Switch to property value map layer](#)

SURGING SEAS RISK ZONE MAP

- Water level via slider bar
- Multiple scenario projections based on varying levels of carbon emissions and pollution
- Social vulnerability
- Ethnicity
- Income
- Property value
- Landmarks

SURGING SEAS RISK ZONE MAP: NEWARK AREA



Price per acre:



Below \$100K



\$100K-\$999K



\$1M-\$10M



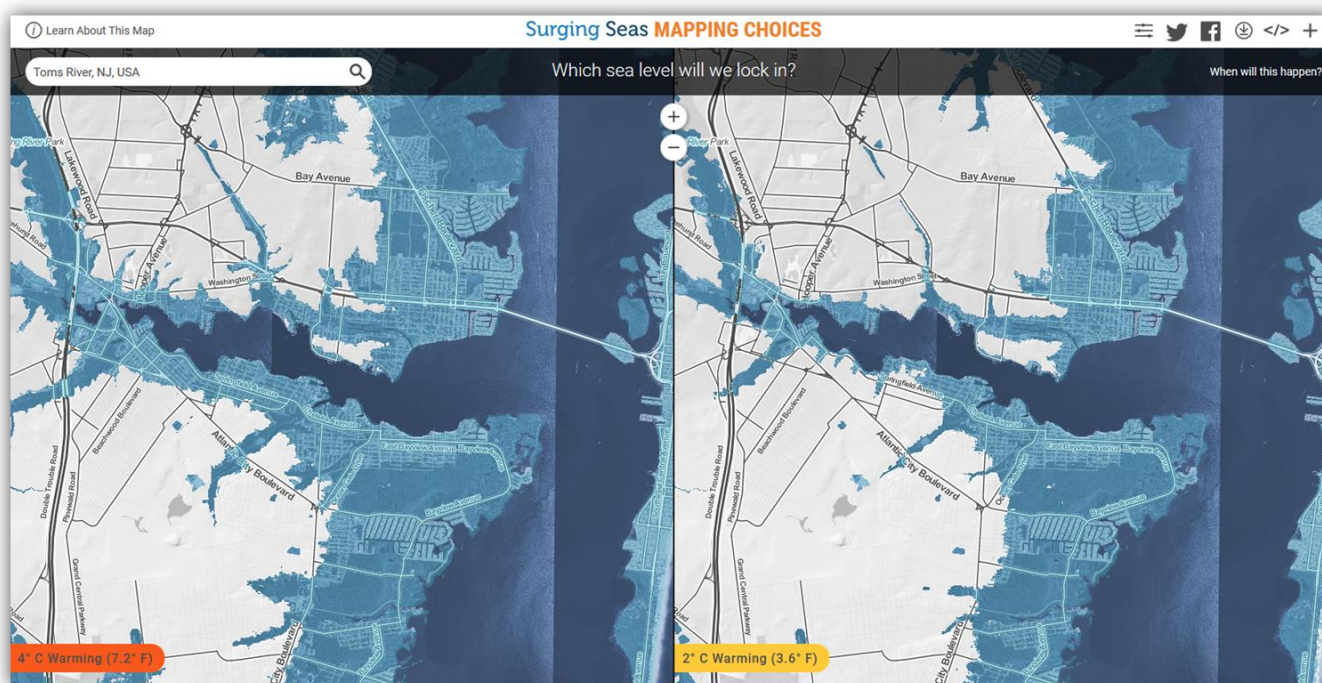
\$10M-\$100M



Over \$100M

SURGING SEAS: ADDITIONAL MAPS AND DATA

- Mapping Choices
- Seeing Choices
- U.S. Cities We Could Lose to the Sea
- Energy Infrastructure Threat from Sea Level Rise



SURGING SEAS: USE AT LOCAL LEVEL



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Surging Seas

Select a place

Click here to enter your zip code into Climate Central's "Surging Seas" map.



▼ CLIMATE RESILIENCY

SEAWALL MAINTENANCE

WHY RESILIENCY NOW?

▼ CLIMATE AND WEATHER IN FORT LAUDERDALE

▼ THE STORY OF SEA LEVEL RISE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

▶ HOW MUCH AND HOW FAST WILL THE SEA RISE?

WHY DOES SEA LEVEL MATTER?

HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR RISING SEAS?

▶ TEMPERATURES OVER TIME IN FORT LAUDERDALE

LEARN MORE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR REGION

VISION 2035: WE ARE READY

▶ INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECTS

▶ FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

▶ HIGH TEMPERATURE LIVING: HEAT, FIRE & DROUGHT

USING SURGING SEAS WITH THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

CRS Activity 512a, Floodplain Management

CRS Activity 512a, Floodplain Management Planning (FMP)

CRS Manual pg. 510-4

CRS MANUAL: The maximum credit for this element is 382 points.

FMP credit is provided for a community-wide floodplain management plan that was prepared by following a standard planning process. To receive any credit under this activity, the planning process must receive some credit under each of the 10 steps listed below. If the plan was approved by FEMA as a multi-hazard mitigation plan and one step is missing, the mitigation plan may receive credit, but FMP credit will be limited to 50 points. If two steps are missing, there is no credit for a multi-hazard mitigation plan.

What you get in the web tool

- Users can obtain risk information within Surging Seas related to flood hazards in foot or meter increments above the high tide line, or for other hazard disclosure.
- Surging Seas provides analysis related to flood and sea level rise risk, projections, and maps.

Reminders from CRS experts

- FEMA representatives tell us Surging Seas could be utilized within steps 4(b) and (c).
- In particular, the mapping layers found in Section 2 of this document could be utilized within step 5(e) and (f) and step 7.
- We would be interested in hearing from additional CRS implementers, coordinators and experts regarding this section in order to expand this part of the guide.

Table 510-5. Planning steps for mitigation and for the CRS.

Multi-hazard Mitigation Planning	CRS	Maximum
Phase I - Planning process		
\$201-00011	1. Organize	10
\$201-00012	2. Involve the public	100
\$201-00013 & 14	3. Coordinate	30
Phase II - Risk assessment		
\$201-00015	4. Assess the hazard	35
\$201-00016 & 16	5. Assess the problem	52
Phase III - Mitigation strategy		
\$201-00017	6. Set goals	2
\$201-00018	7. Review possible activities	35
\$201-00019	8. Draft an action plan	85
Phase IV - Plan maintenance		
\$201-00020	9. Adopt the plan	2
\$201-00021	10. Implement, evaluate, revise	20
Total		382

Get started: To access Surging Seas customizable maps, analysis, and downloads follow the step-by-step guide starting on page 22.

Please note: Your ISO/CRS Specialist determines whether you may receive points.

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Surging Seas Risk Zone Map step-by-step guide

Surging Seas Risk Zone Map allows you to see, customize, download, and share maps that show areas vulnerable to coastal flooding from storm surge, tides, and permanent submergence from sea level rise.

1. GO TO [SS2.CLIMATECENTRAL.ORG](https://www.climatecentral.org) AND SEARCH FOR YOUR LOCATION IN THE SEARCH BOX LOCATED IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER

- Zoom into neighborhoods, or out to broader regions using the round + and - buttons located in the bottom right corner.



2. ADJUST THE WATER LEVEL ON THE LEFT SIDE TO EXPLORE RISK FROM COASTAL FLOODING, SEA LEVEL RISE, OR BOTH

- Land shaded in blue is below the selected water level.
- Land shaded in green indicates areas potentially protected by natural ridges or levees.
- Elevation data supplied by NOAA.



3. SELECT THE "POPULATION" LAYER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN

- View the tally of population living on land lower than the selected water level.
- Different colors indicate different population densities.
- For density calculations, population is assumed to be evenly distributed across the land within each Census block.



4. SELECT THE "PROPERTY" LAYER

- View the tally of property value (in 2012 dollars) on land lower than the selected water level.
- An EPA data source, based on property value totals by Census block group (assumed to be evenly distributed across each block group).
- Depending on user selection, analysis may exclude areas that levees or other features appear to protect.



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SURGING SEAS: CONTACT AND TUTORIAL


- Contact
 - Dan Rizza,
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- Tutorial
 - <http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/ssrf/help-page>
 - Includes PDF guides/tutorials and videos


Surging Seas RISK ZONE MAP Basics


Coastal flood and sea level rise risk analysis at ss2.climatecentral.org


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WEB-BASED COASTAL
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SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER

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Agency: NOAA Office for Coastal Management

Location: <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr>

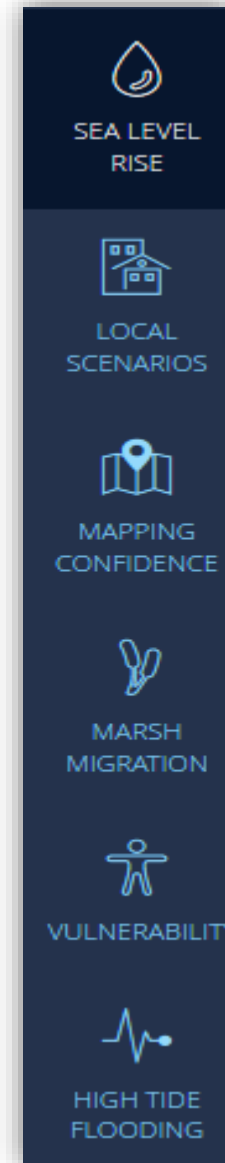
- Mapping tool to visualize community-level impacts from coastal flooding or sea level rise
- Target audience: coastal management
- Skill level needed: low to medium
- Outputs available via high tide flood tables, links to real-time tidal data and sea level rise trends and downloadable data at county level



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER

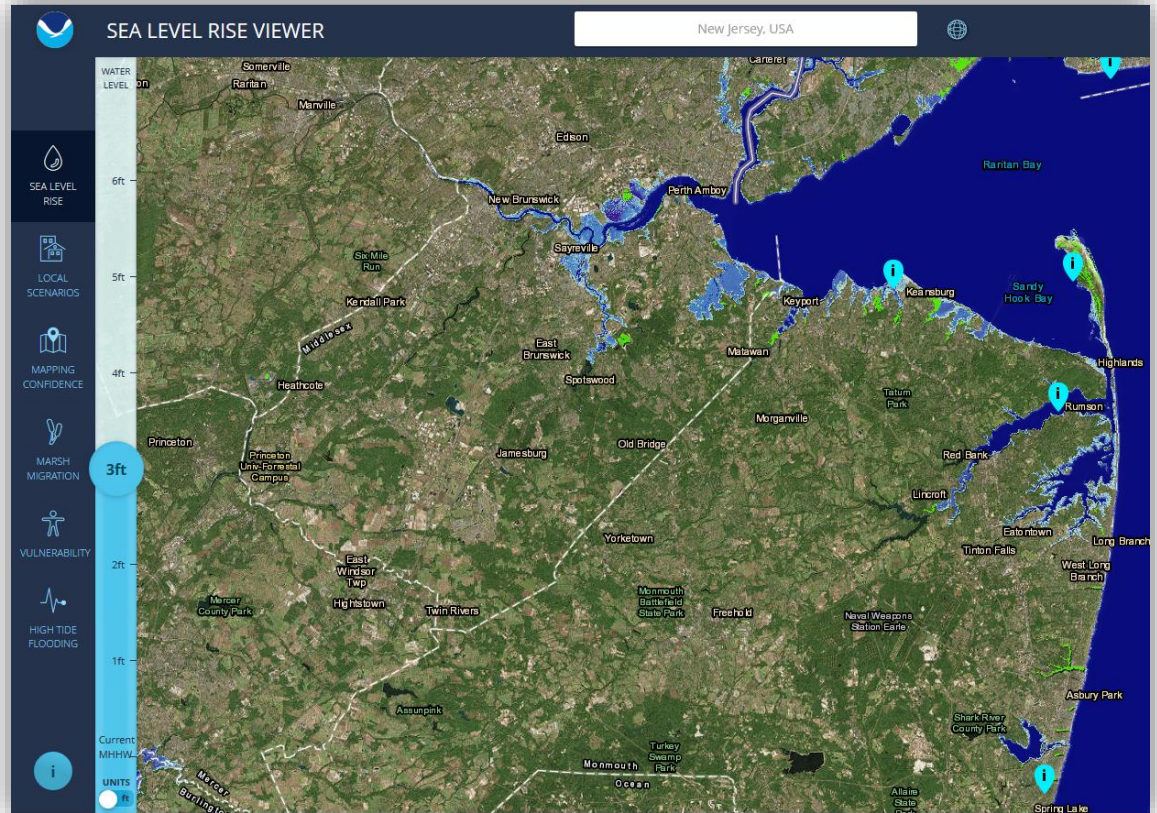
Tabs:

1. Sea Level Rise
2. Local Scenarios
3. Mapping Confidence
4. Marsh Migration
5. Vulnerability
6. High Tide Flooding



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: SEA LEVEL RISE

Slider bar of depths from current day mean higher high water (MHHW) up to 6 feet



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: LOCAL SCENARIOS

- Zoom to your area of interest and click on the closest Scenario Location icon in the map
- View water level by scenario or year
- Scenarios: depths of current MHHW – 6 feet
- Years: 2020-2100 (10 year intervals)

SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER LOCAL SCENARIO: PHILADELPHIA

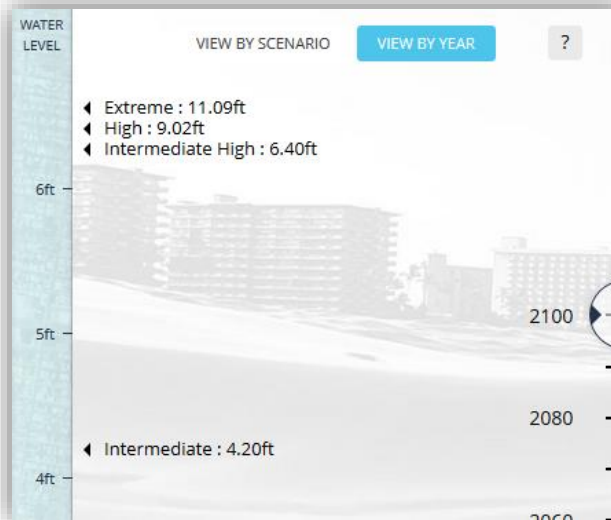
View by Scenario (Intermediate)

- 3 feet seen at 2080



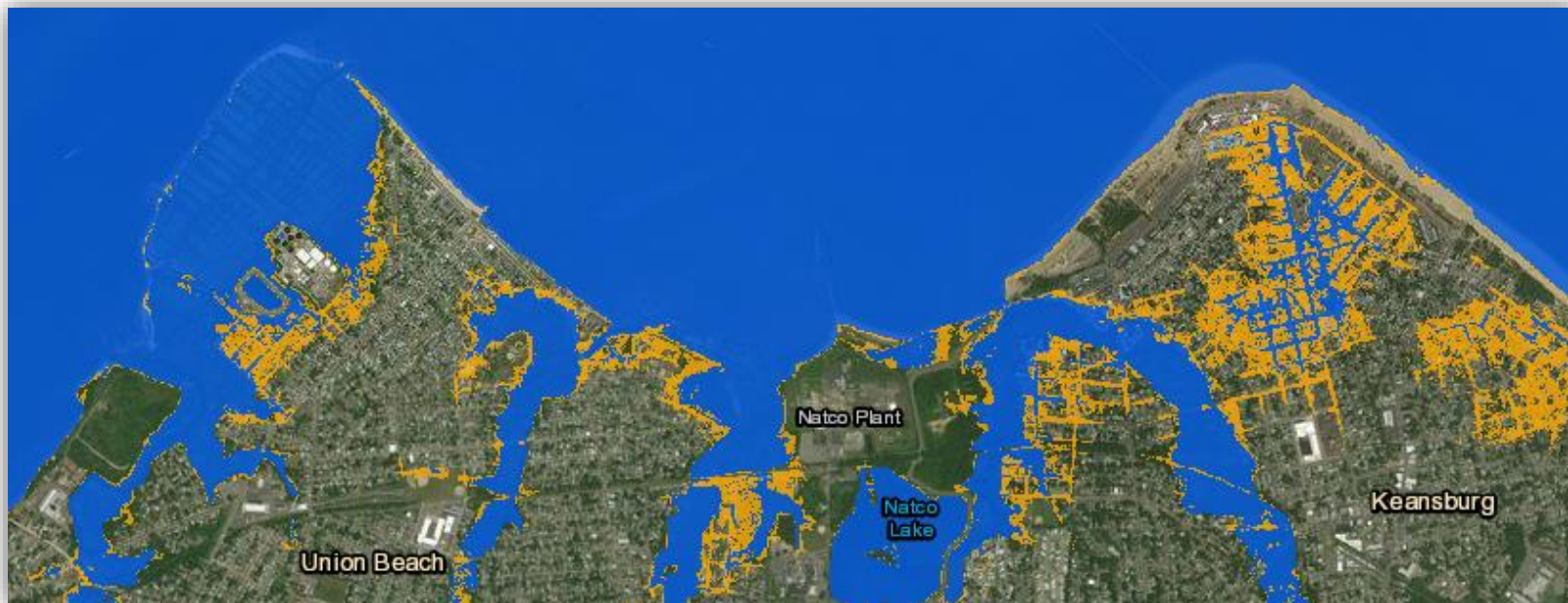
View by Year: (2100)

- 4.2 feet is the intermediate scenario



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: MAPPING CONFIDENCE

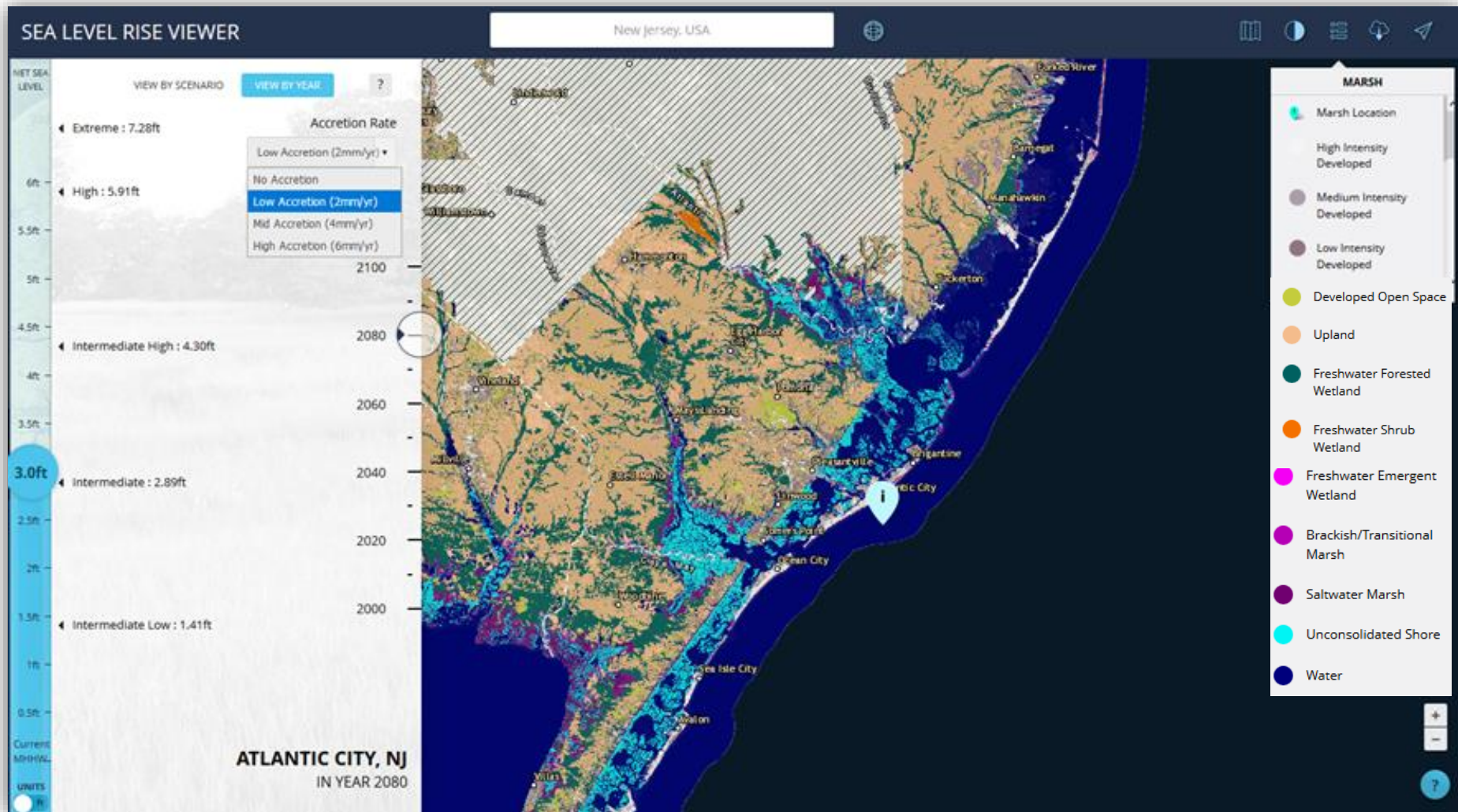
- Inundation is not precise due to unknowns and data limitations
 - Blue shading denotes a high confidence of inundation
 - Orange denotes high degree of uncertainty
 - Unshaded areas denote a high confidence that these areas will be dry given the chosen water level



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: MARSH MIGRATION

- Can be viewed by a water depth scenario or by year
- Zoom to your area of interest and click on the closest Scenario Location icon in the map
- Select "Accretion Rate" to reflect sediment accumulation conditions that best reflect your area
- Predictions represent the potential distribution of each wetland type based on elevation and frequency of inundation under each scenario

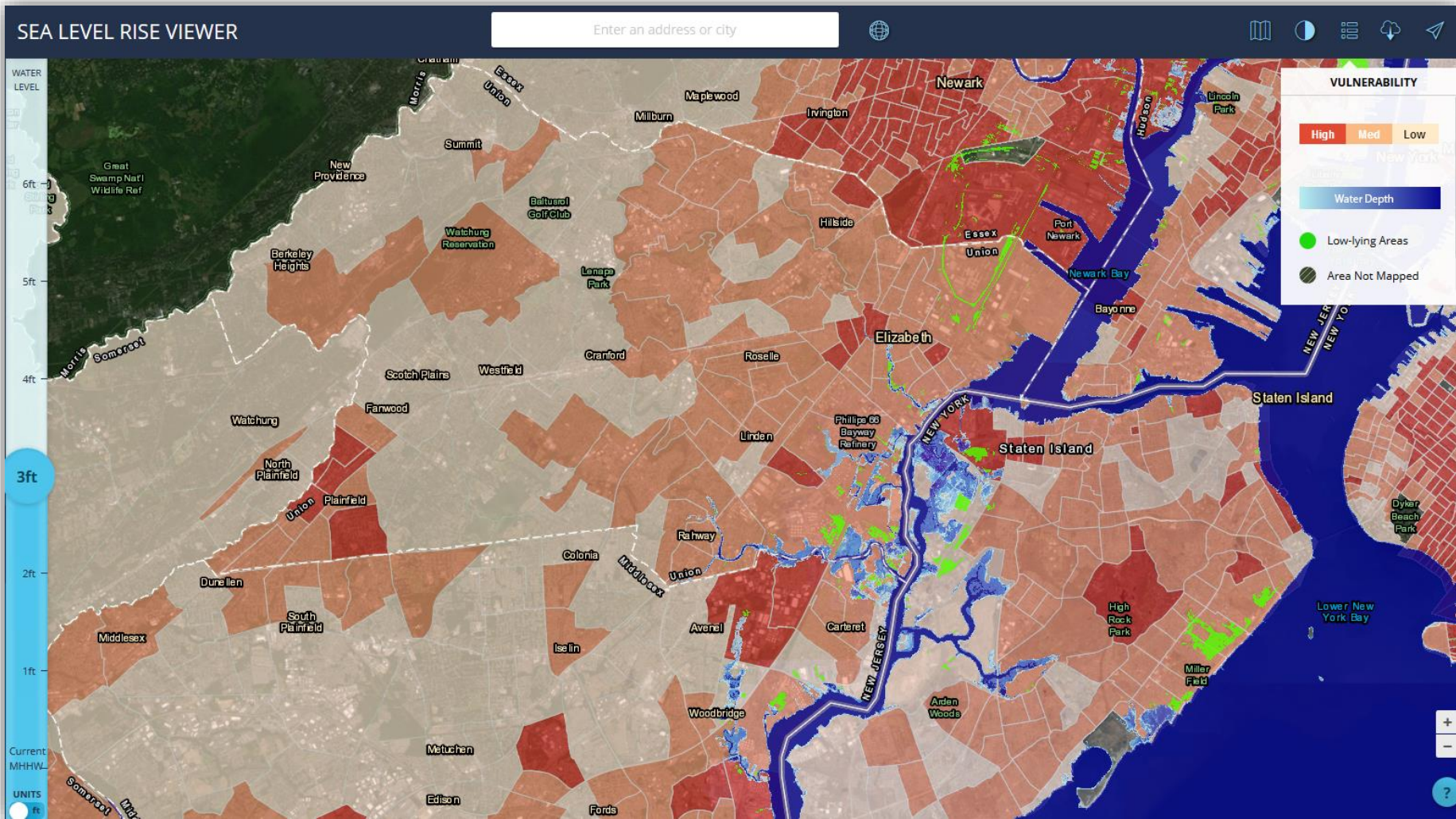
SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER MARSH MIGRATION: ATLANTIC CITY



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: VULNERABILITY

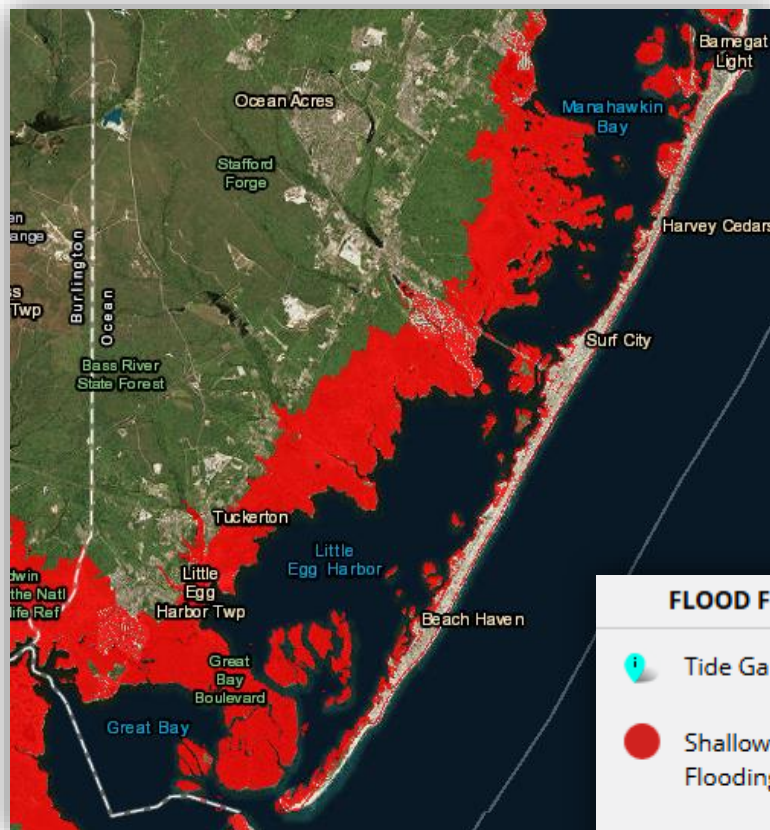
- Uses social vulnerability data developed by University of South Carolina with 2010 US Census
- Synthesizes 29 socioeconomic variables
- 8 main variable components:
 - Wealth
 - Race with socio status
 - Age
 - Ethnicity
 - Special needs population
 - Service sector employment
 - Race
 - Gender
- For detailed information on analysis, see link on resources slide

SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: VULNERABILITY







SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: HIGH TIDE FLOODING

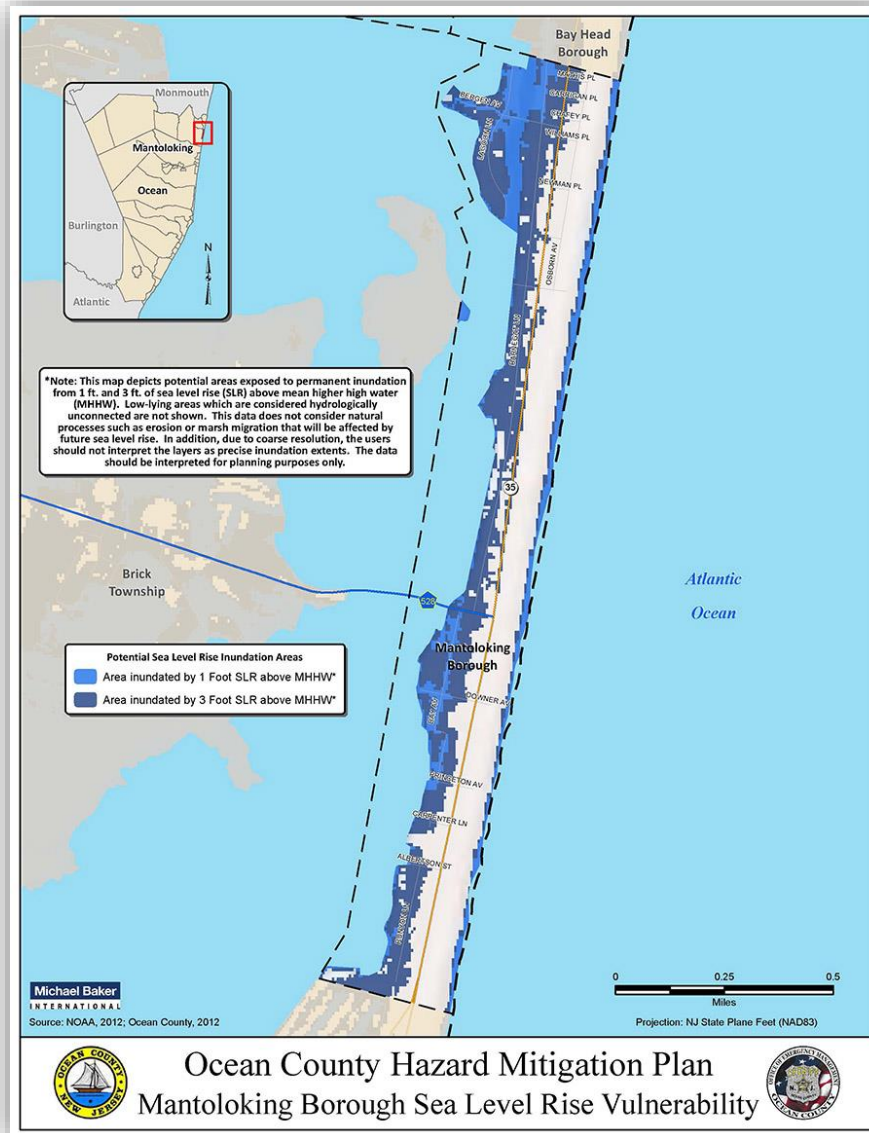
- The red layer in the map represents areas currently subject to tidal flooding (“recurrent or nuisance flooding”)
- The coastal flood event frequencies and durations for tide gauges were calculated using observed tidal data over a five year period (2010-2015)



FLOOD FREQUENCY

-  Tide Gauges
-  Shallow Coastal Flooding Areas
-  Area Not Mapped
-  Leveed Areas ?

SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: LOCAL LEVEL



SEA LEVEL RISE VIEWER: CONTACT AND TUTORIAL

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- Tutorials:
 - Trainings:
<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/home.html>
 - Video (101):
<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr.html>
 - Tutorial: <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/slr-tutorial.html>



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COASTAL RESILIENCE MAPPING PORTAL

COASTAL RESILIENCE

Agency: The Nature Conservancy

Location: <http://maps.coastalresilience.org/newjersey/#>

- Decision support tool that incorporates best available science and local data to identify nature-based solutions for enhancing resiliency and reducing risk where possible
- Outputs available: Printable municipal summaries for the living shoreline and future habitat apps
- Target audience: coastal management, local leaders, conservation practitioners
- Skill level needed: low to high (depending on which app being used)
- Note: layers remain on and visible while moving from app to app



COASTAL RESILIENCE

Apps:

1. Marsh Explorer
2. Living Shoreline
3. Risk Explorer
4. Future Habitat
5. Regional Planning
6. Flood and Sea Level Rise



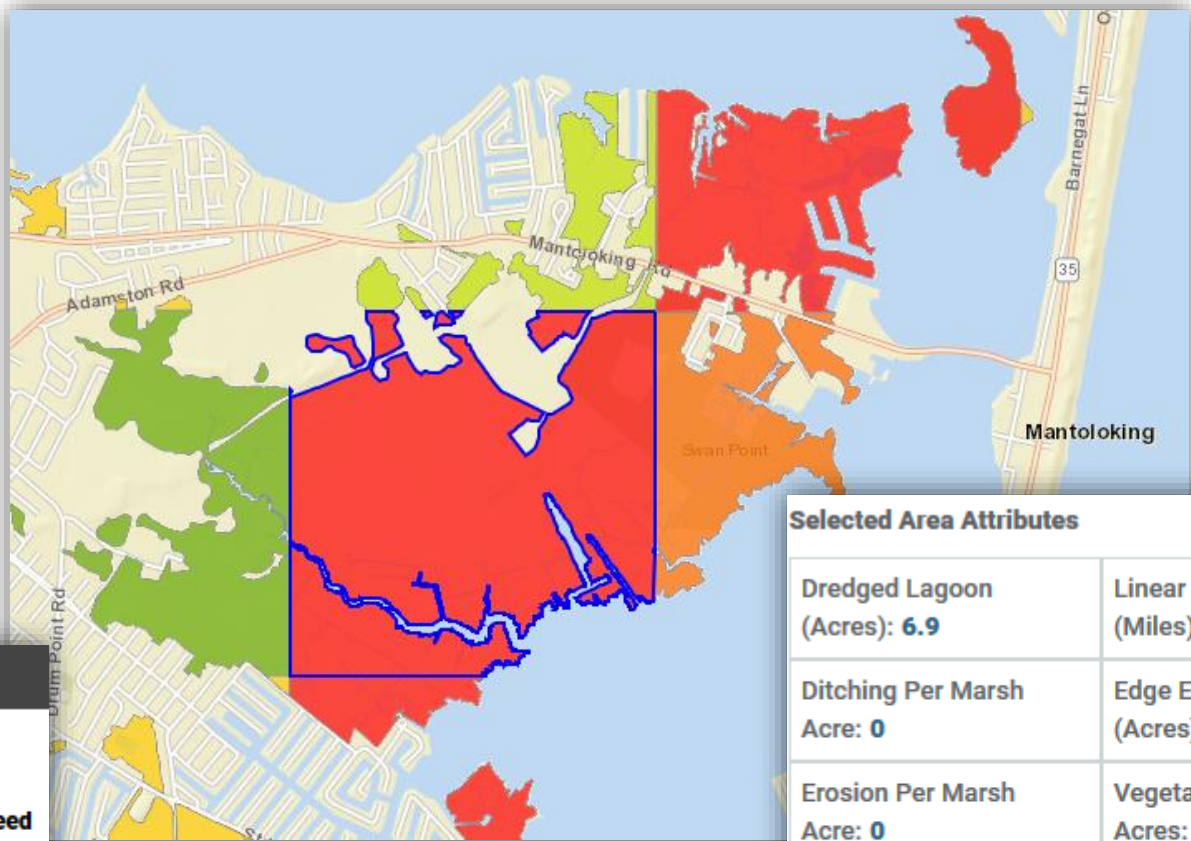
COASTAL RESILIENCE MARSH EXPLORER

- Focused on salt marshes across New Jersey's Atlantic coast
- Highlights need for tidal marsh restoration across New Jersey's ocean coast based on amount and size of linear ditches, marsh edge erosion, unvegetated marsh, and unused dredged lagoons



Marine Park Salt
Marsh Nature
Center in
Brooklyn, NY

COASTAL RESILIENCE MARSH EXPLORER: BRICK TOWNSHIP



Map Legend

Marsh Cell Borders

Ranking of Restoration Need

- N/A
- Lowest
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Highest

Selected Area Attributes

Dredged Lagoon (Acres): 6.9	Linear Ditching (Miles): 2.5
Ditching Per Marsh Acre: 0	Edge Erosion (Acres): 6.2
Erosion Per Marsh Acre: 0	Vegetated Marsh Acres: 473.3
Unvegetated Marsh Acres: 18.9	% of Unvegetated Marsh Acres: 0
Unvegetated-Vegetated Ratio: 0	Tidal Marsh Acres: 492.2

COASTAL RESILIENCE LIVING SHORELINE

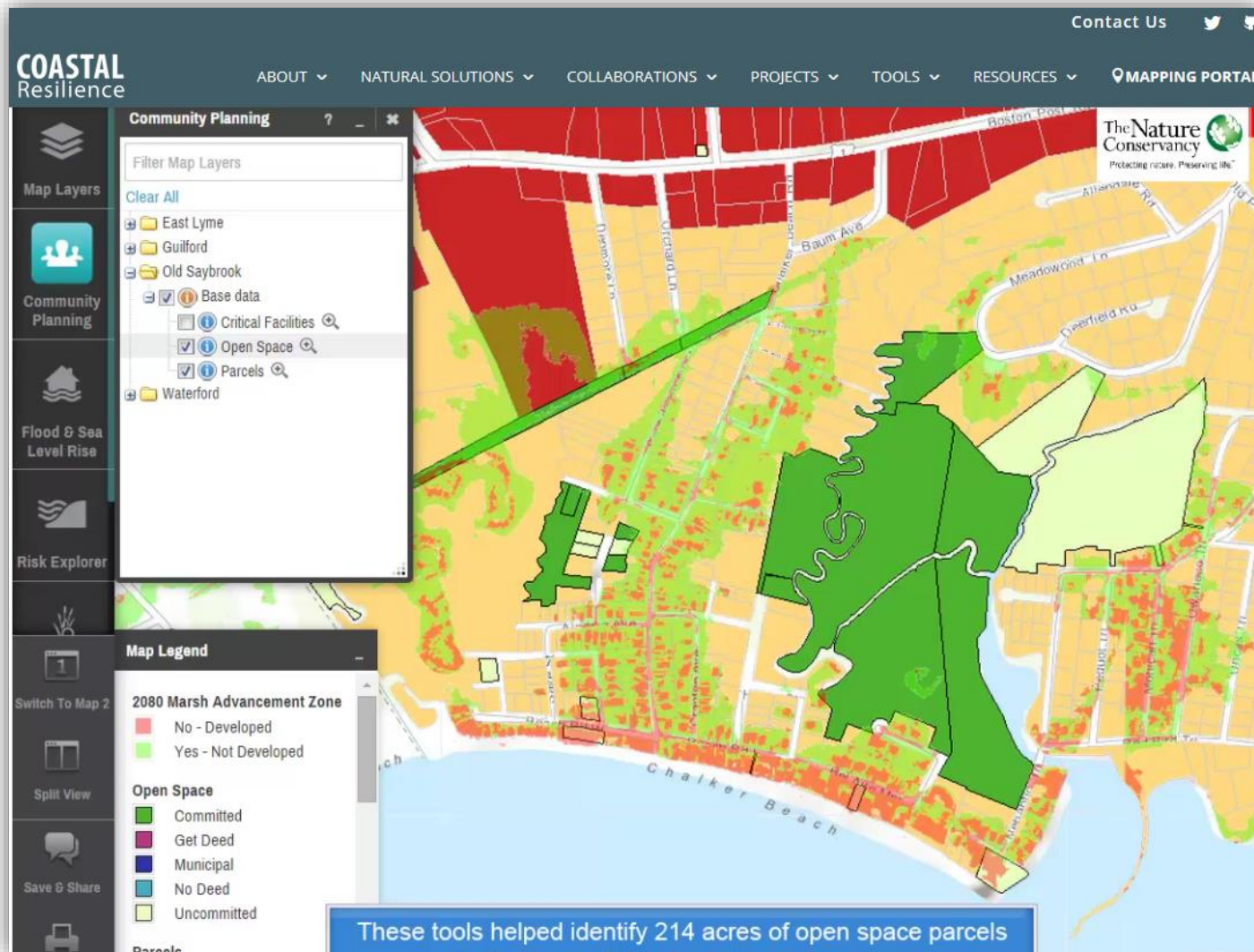
- Analysis done at municipal level
- Shoreline types: tidal marsh, forested, beach, or bulkhead
- 5 shoreline enhancement techniques called out

- Nature-based Living Shoreline
- Living Reef Breakwater
- Marsh Sill
- Breakwater
- Ecologically Enhanced Revetment

COASTAL RESILIENCE LIVING SHORELINE: NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

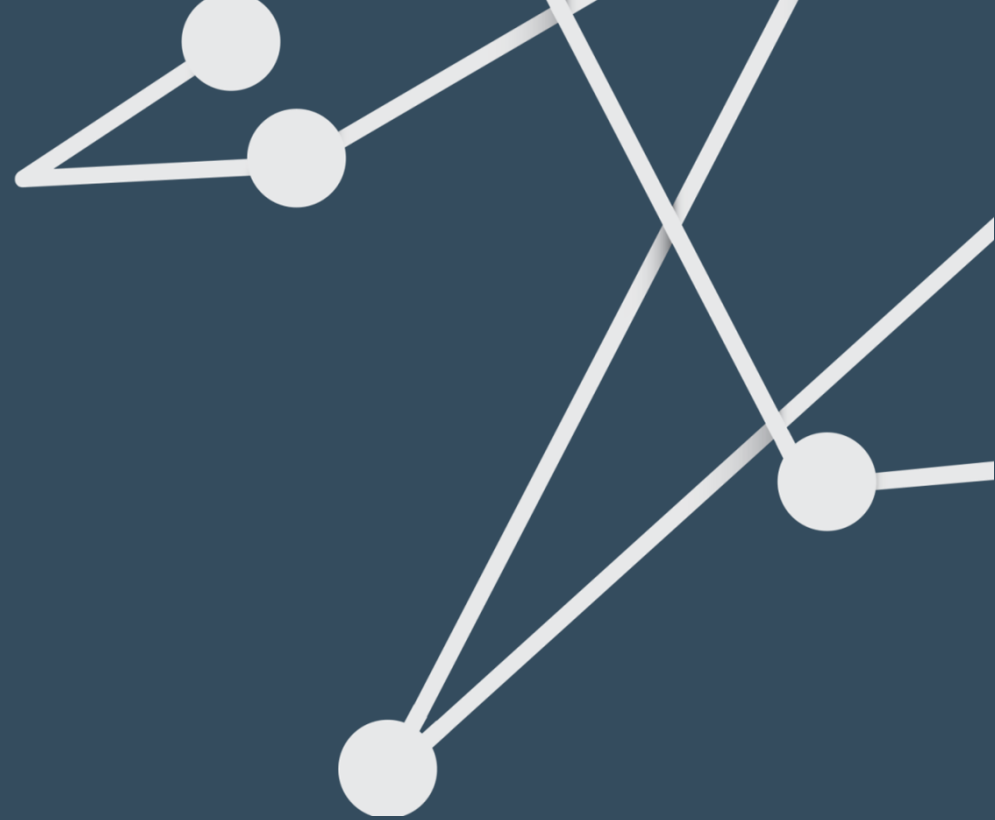


COASTAL RESILIENCE USE AT LOCAL LEVEL



COASTAL RESILIENCE: CONTACT AND TUTORIAL

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- Tutorials:
 - Video and Interactive Tutorials:
<http://coastalresilience.org/tools/training/>



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NJADAPT

Coastal Hazard Profiler & NJ Flood Mapper

NJADAPT

Four core functions:

1. Two web-based tools allow users to create maps:
 - Coastal Hazard Profiler (uses NOAA's coastal flood exposure platform)
 - NJ Flood Mapper
2. Understanding Climate Change Tab
3. NJ Climate Stories
4. The New Jersey Climate Adaptation Directory

NJADAPT COASTAL HAZARD PROFILER

Agency: Grant F. Walton Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis (CRSSA), Rutgers University.

Location: <http://www.njfloodmapper.org/profiler/>

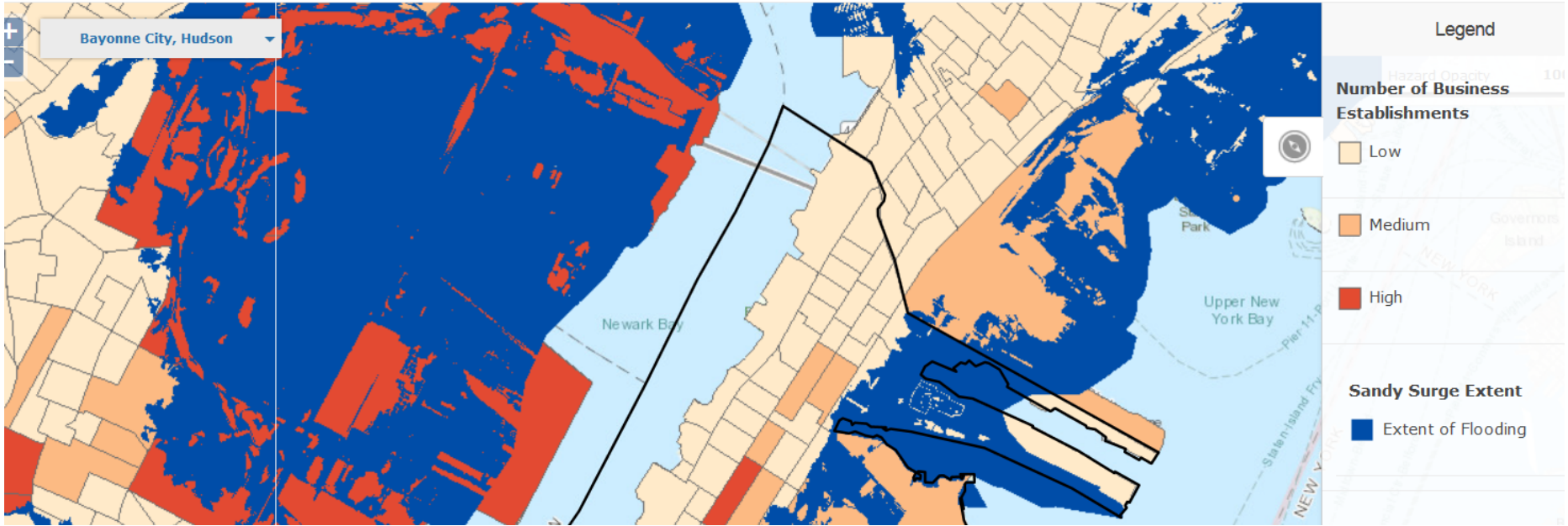
- Platform to create maps that show people, places, and assets exposed to coastal flooding
- Target audience: the general public, government officials, businesses, and non-governmental professionals
- Skill level needed: medium

The logo for NJADAPT, featuring the text "NJADAPT" in a white, serif font centered within a dark blue rectangular background. The background has a subtle gradient and a slight drop shadow effect.

NJADAPT COASTAL HAZARD PROFILER

- 3 map categories:
 - Societal
 - Environmental
 - Infrastructure
- All available to be overlaid with hazard data
 - Storm surge
 - FEMA zones
 - SLR
 - Coastal Flood Exposure (CFE)
 - Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI)
 - Shallow Coastal Flooding
 - Sandy Surge Extent

NJADAPT COASTAL HAZARD PROFILER: BAYONNE, NJ



NJADAPT COASTAL HAZARD PROFILER: BAYONNE, NJ MUNICIPAL SNAPSHOT



Flood Exposure

The Flood Snapshot provides local officials with a quick look at a municipality's demographics, infrastructure, and environment within the flood zone.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



Wetland Benefits

The Wetland Benefits Snapshot provides a quick look at how wetlands contribute to safer, cleaner, and more economically productive coastal communities.

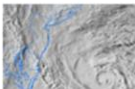
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FEMA Flood Zones

The FEMA Flood Zone Snapshot provides a quick look at a municipality's demographics and infrastructure within the FEMA delineated flood zone.

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Superstorm Sandy

The Superstorm Sandy Snapshot provides a quick look at the effect Superstorm Sandy had on a municipality's demographics and infrastructure.

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The Nature Conservancy Restoration Explorer Living Shoreline

The Nature Conservancy Living Shoreline Snapshot helps community leaders identify nature-based coastal resilience techniques to stabilize New Jersey's shorelines.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Bayonne City, Hudson County

Introduction

Floodplains are areas that are supposed to flood. The more buildings in the floodplain, the higher the potential is for flood damage. This means that floodplain management is a critical planning focus. Superstorm Sandy occurred in October, 2012 and caused record coastal flooding in New Jersey. In **Bayonne City**, the flooding caused by Sandy's storm surge covered **50 percent** of the FEMA floodplain. Community officials can use Sandy's flooding as an example of how severe storms can affect their town.

Who is most vulnerable to floods?

Sandy's didn't affect residents equally. Some people needed help evacuating. Others could not afford to repair the flood damage to their homes. Low wage workers also suffered more financially because they couldn't get to work or lost their jobs due to storm damage. Even though residents may be familiar with flood risks, they may not have been able to afford to take steps to reduce damage before the storm. Knowing who in the floodplain was most vulnerable to Sandy's floods can help community leaders prepare for flooding and allocate resources for future planning.

2,006

number of residents living
in the Sandy surge area

11%

percentage of Sandy
surge area residents
older than age 65

23%

percentage of Sandy
surge area residents 18
years old or younger

58

number of households in
Sandy surge area with
annual income below
poverty line

* These are estimates based on US Census demographics, please see the FAQ for more information about how these numbers were calculated.

NJADAPT COASTAL HAZARD PROFILER: USE AT LOCAL LEVEL

Monetary Damages



Monetary Damages for Coastal Flooding: Toms River Case Study

Toms River was severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. This map story examines how Sandy's storm surge affected property values, as well as how those values may be affected by future flooding due to sea level rise. **For full report click [HERE](#).**

Newark's East Ferry Section



Newark - East Ferry

The East Ferry part of Newark is particularly vulnerable to flooding and other environmental impacts. This map story provides an overview of the impacts to the area from Hurricane Sandy as well as how future flood hazards could affect the neighborhood as a result of sea level rise.

The Borough of Tuckerton



The Borough of Tuckerton

The Borough of Tuckerton sits on the western shore of Barnegat Bay. This map story, developed through a partnership of several programs at Rutgers University, examines how flooding from Hurricane Sandy affected Tuckerton as well as how flooding could change in the future due to sea level rise.

NJ FLOOD MAPPER

Agency: JCNERR and CRSSA, Rutgers University.

Location: <http://njfloodmapper.org/>

- A user-friendly mapping visualization tool that provides information to local communities who need to make decisions concerning flooding hazards and sea level rise.
- The purpose is to promote enhanced preparedness and land use planning decisions with considerations for possible future conditions
- Target audience: coastal management, local decision makers
- Skill level needed: low



NJ FLOOD MAPPER

Data Tabs:

1. Sea Level Rise
2. Confidence
3. Flooding
4. Marsh
5. Economic Vulnerability
6. Social Vulnerability
7. Facilities
8. STAP – currently under development

NJ FLOOD MAPPER SEA LEVEL RISE

Slider bar shows current MHHW to up to 6 feet, in 1 foot increments



Sea Level Rise	Confidence
Flooding	Marsh
Economic Vulnerability	Social Vulnerability
Facilities	STAP

Sea Level Rise ?


6 ft SLR

Legend

- Water Depth
- Low-lying Areas
- Area Not Mapped
- Visualization Location

NJ FLOOD MAPPER SLR VISUALIZATIONS

Keansburg Pier ✕

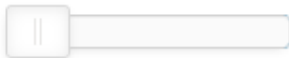


i Use the slider to view a simulation of sea level rise at this location.

Keansburg Pier ✕



Sea Level Rise ?



Current MHHW

Legend

Sea Level Rise ?



4 ft SLR

NJ FLOOD MAPPER ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY

Economic Vulnerability ?

6 ft SLR

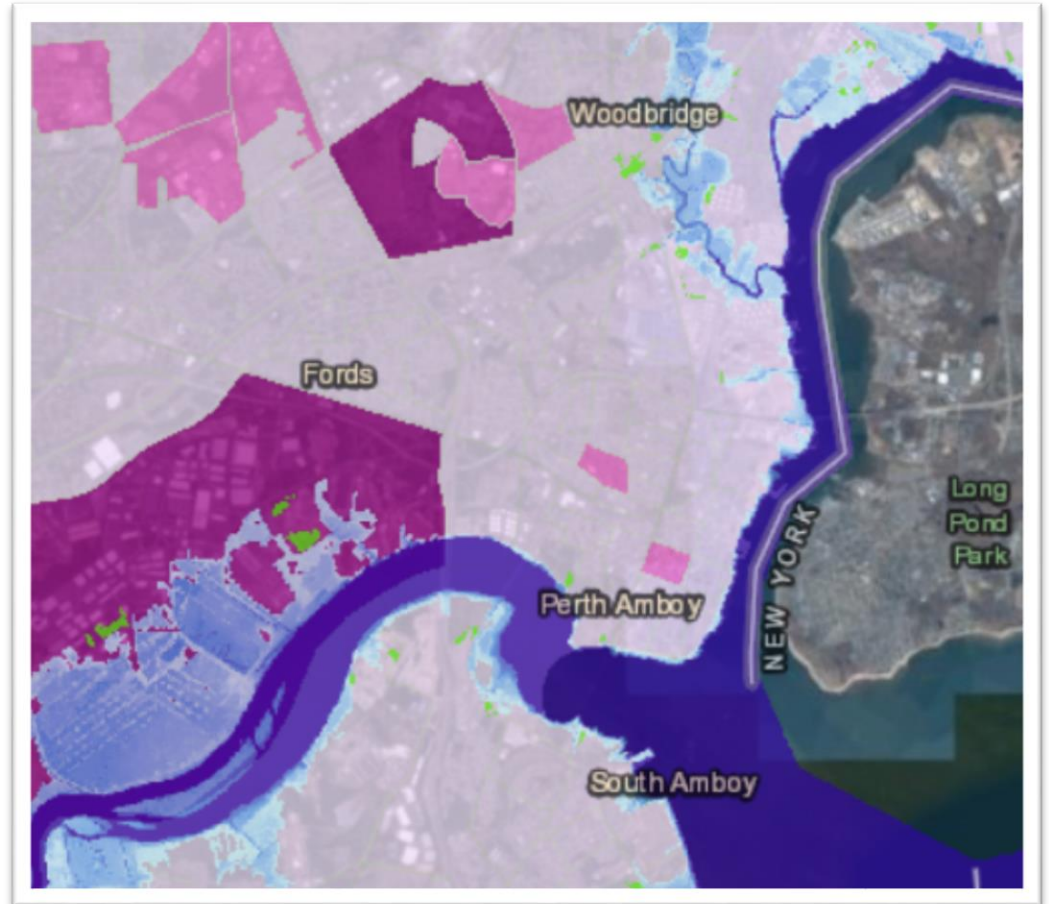
Legend

- Water Depth
- Low-lying Areas
- Area Not Mapped

Employees

High Med Low N/A

Businesses Employees



NJ FLOOD MAPPER: USE AT LOCAL LEVEL



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NJADAPT: CONTACTS AND TUTORIAL

- Contact:
 - Richard Lathrop, athrop@crssa.rutgers.edu
- Tutorials:
 - NJADAPT: Video and Printed Tutorial, <http://www.njfloodmapper.org/profiler/#/help>
 - NJ Flood Mapper: Tool FAQ linked within the tool itself

WEB-BASED COASTAL RESILIENCY PLANNING TOOLS RESOURCES

RESOURCES

- US Climate Resilience Toolkit
 - Location: <https://toolkit.climate.gov/>
- Surging Seas
 - Location: riskfinder.climatecentral.org
 - Using Surging Seas with the Community Rating System: <http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/crs>
 - Tutorial: <http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/ssrf/help-page>
 - Local use, Fort Lauderdale, FL City Resiliency Program: <https://gyr.fortlauderdale.gov/greener-government/climate-resiliency/climate-and-weather-in-fort-lauderdale/the-story-of-sea-level-rise-in-fort-lauderdale/how-much-and-how-fast-will>
- Sea Level Rise Viewer
 - Location: <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr>
 - Trainings: <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/home.html>
 - Video (101): <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr.html>
 - Tutorial: <https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/slr-tutorial.html>
 - University of South Carolina social vulnerability data: <http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/geog/hvri/sovi%C2%AE-0>

RESOURCES

- Coastal Resilience Mapping Portal
 - Location: <http://maps.coastalresilience.org/newjersey/#>
 - Video and interactive tutorials: <http://coastalresilience.org/tools/training/>
- NJADAPT Coastal Hazard Profiler
 - Location: <http://www.njfloodmapper.org/profiler/>
 - Video and print tutorial: <http://www.njfloodmapper.org/profiler/#/help>
- NJ Flood Mapper
 - Location: <http://njfloodmapper.org/>
 - Local use, Manasquan, NJ “Know Your Flood Risks” website: <http://www.manasquan-nj.gov/office-emergency-management/pages/know-your-flood-hazard>
- NOAA Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper
 - Location: <https://coast.noaa.gov/floodexposure/#/splash>

10 MINUTE Q&A

Questions taken from chat log at bottom right section of the screen

If we run out of time, please email either:

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- Eliot Benman, ebenman@ejb.rutgers.edu

Thank you!

WEBINAR Q&A, Question #1

Q: What data does the Surging Seas tool pull from?

A: Water level data is from NOAA and population data is from the US Census. Depending on which tool is being used and which map is being viewed, there are generally sources listed on the screen.

WEBINAR Q&A, Question #2

Q: As more weather and rising sea info is developed, how often will any of these tools be updated?

A: Since the tools pull from NOAA data, they are generally updated as new projections become available. The NJADAPT tool created and maintained by Rutgers University is updated as funding for specific data and platform needs becomes available.

WEBINAR Q&A, Question #3

Q: How can I find which blocks within a municipality have a 2 percent (for example) chance of flooding?

A: The tools will not clearly illustrate this detailed information. A locally created floodplain map may be a better resource.

WEBINAR Q&A, Question #4

Q: Generally would you agree that the non-NJ data tools are good for "local" use?

A: While the tools generally offer the same flood data, using a tool that limits the geographic scope to NJ may be a bit easier to use solely due to the fact that you cannot zoom out beyond state borders, the case studies presented will be more applicable, and it may be easier to speak with a contact should you have a question or need assistance.

WEBINAR Q&A, Question #5

Q: Example of local NJ use?

A: The flood mapping in the Ocean County, NJ Hazard Mitigation Plan uses flood data from the NOAA platform. Also, the work done by the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve (or JCNERR) in Tuckerton, NJ and JCNEERS's municipal outreach efforts utilize the NJ Flood Mapper. As climate change data is incorporated more and more into local planning efforts and documents, there may be updated master plans and other planning documents utilizing these web-based tools.

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