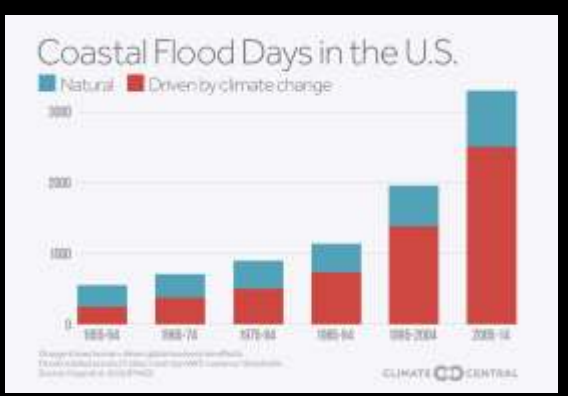
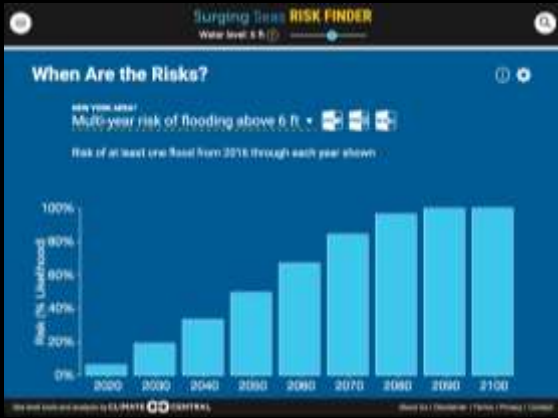


Climate Central's Coastal Flood Risk and Sea Level Rise Tools & Visuals: Exploring Potential Hurricane Risk Communications & Emergency Response Applications



FEMA's Resilient Nation Partnership Network Third Annual Forum, November 2017
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Sea Level Rise & Coastal Flood Risk Tools, Visuals: SurgingSeas.org





Surging Seas

Climate Central

Overview

This web-based tool allows users to see areas potentially affected by sea level rise and storm surge, down to the neighborhood scale, and with risk timelines. The tool also provides population statistics, summaries of homes and land affected by sea level rise and storm surge, fact sheets, data downloads, action plans, embeddable widgets, and more.

Features

- Visualize threats from sea level rise and storm surge for over 3,000 coastal towns, cities, counties, and states in the contiguous U.S.
- Analyze potentially affected populations and infrastructure
- Get data downloads and embeddable widgets

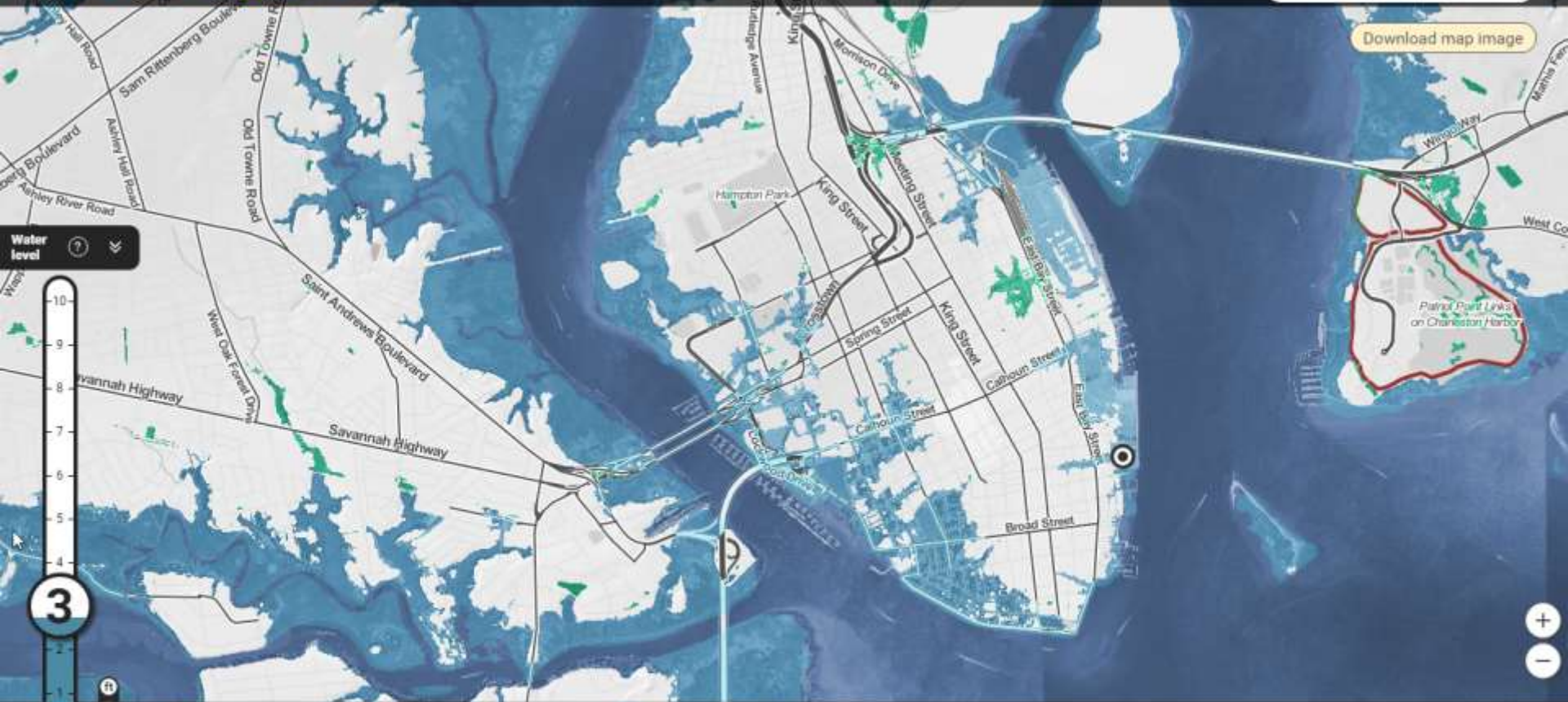
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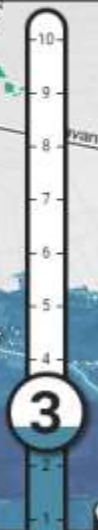
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Water level



Legend

- Show current coast
- Below water level
- Below but isolated
- Levee
- Tide gauges

See projections | Legend | Social vulnerability | Population | Ethnicity | Income | Property | Landmarks

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Elevation data courtesy of NOAA

Surging Seas RISK ZONE MAP

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Water level



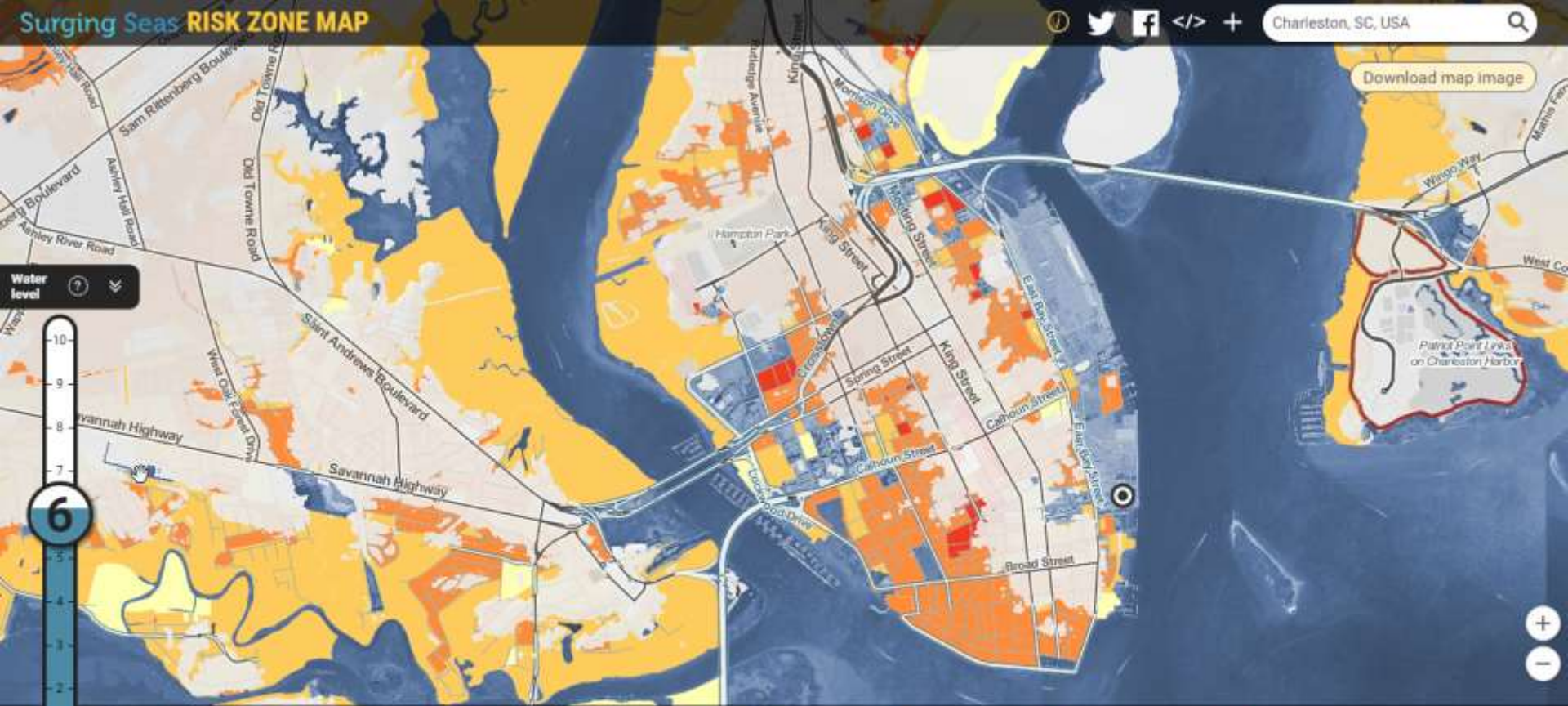
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Water level



People per square mile: ● Below 100 ● 100-999 ● 1000-9,999 ● 10,000-99,999 ● Over 100,000

Show current coast

Vulnerable population exposure: Compare [Counties in South Carolina](#) | [ZIPs in Charleston County](#)

See projections | Legend | Social vulnerability | **Population** | Ethnicity | Income | Property | Landmarks

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Water level



- Hospital
- Fire/EMS/police
- School/college
- House of worship
- Culture/museums/arts
- Government/community
- Powerplant
- Military area

See projections | Legend | Social vulnerability | Population | Ethnicity | Income | Property | **Landmarks** | Elevation data courtesy of NOAA

Explore sea level and coastal flood risks

Enter a U.S. coastal place



[Video tutorial](#)

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

New York, NY, 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 220,000 people in New York live on exposed land below 6 feet (the selected level) ⓘ. [More threats](#) ↓
- The selected sea level scenario ⓘ points to a 50% risk of at least one flood over 6 feet taking place between today and 2050 in the New York area. [More scenarios](#) ↓
- Learn about [related places](#) ↓ and [how to reduce risks](#) ↓

DOWNLOADS

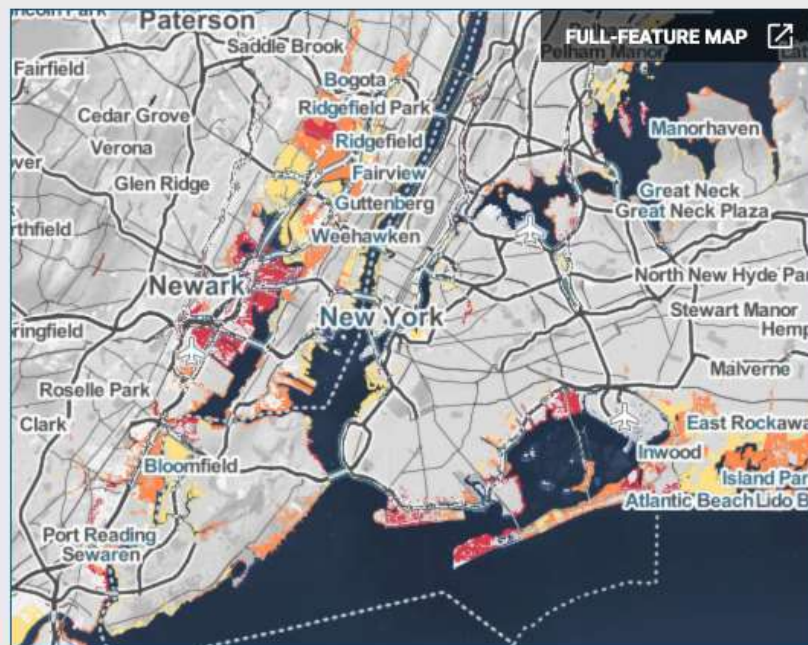
Local fact sheet

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

Local report

State report

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New York area land below 6 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](#)

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Water level (ft) ?

When Are the Risks?

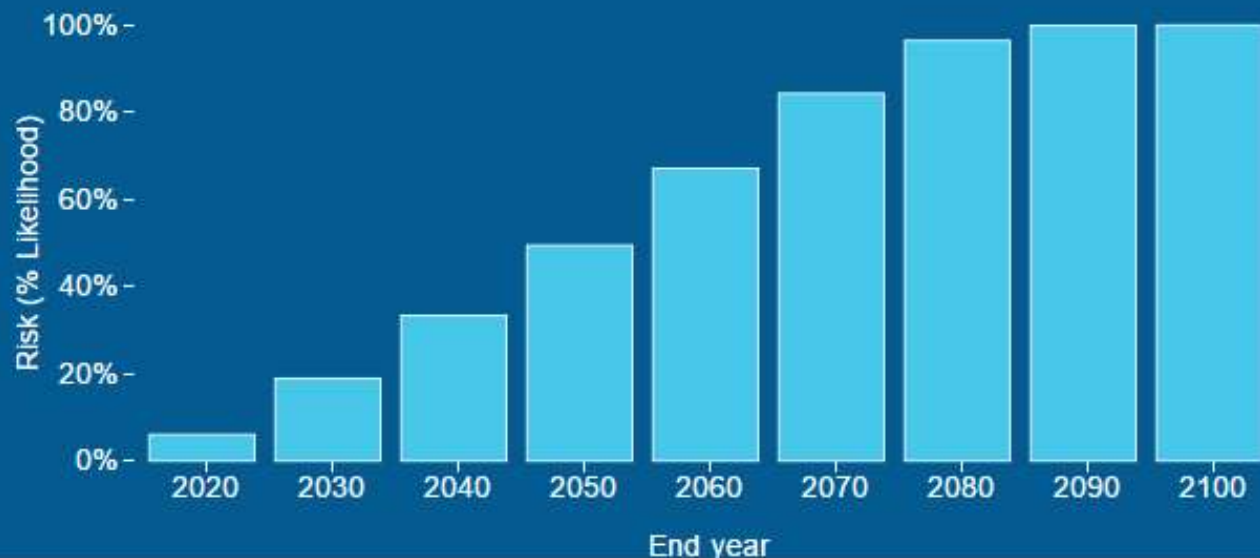


NEW YORK AREA*

Multi-year risk of flooding above 6 ft ▾



Risk of at least one flood from 2016 through each year shown



Sea level scenario

Fast rise

Medium

Slow rise

[Advanced](#)

When Are the Risks?



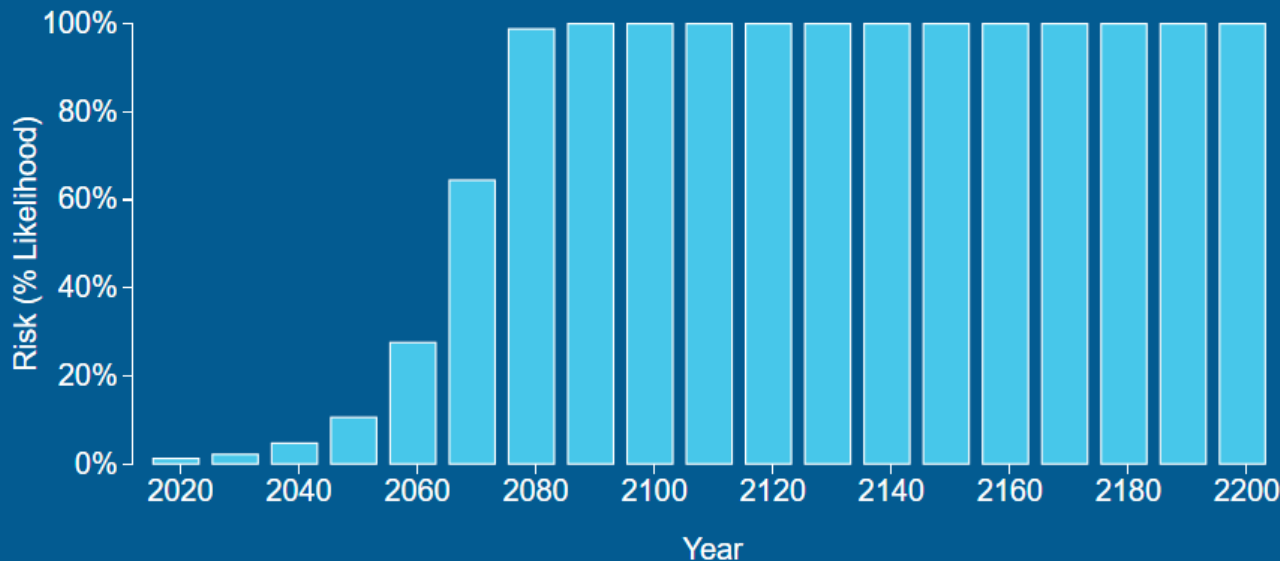
Water level (ft) [?](#)

ATLANTIC CITY AREA*

Single-year risk of flooding above 5 ft ▾



Risk of at least one flood within each year shown



Sea level scenario

Extreme

Fast rise

Medium

Slow rise

[Advanced](#)

*At Atlantic City water level station, 2 miles from Atlantic City [?](#) [⚙](#)

Analysis uses median local sea level projections based on the intermediate scenario from NOAA Technical Report NOS CO-OPS 083 (2017), intended for the 2018 U.S. National Climate Assessment. [?](#) [⚙](#) [Key notes](#)



When Are the Risks?

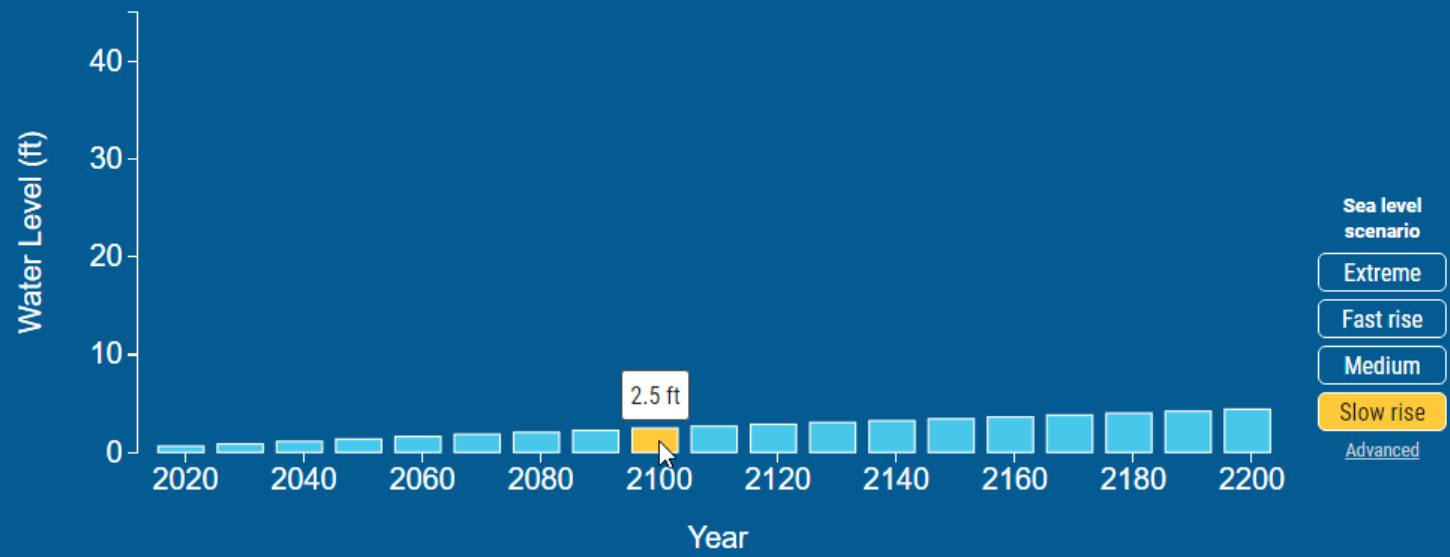


08401 AREA*

Projected sea level rise ▾



A localized projection



*At Atlantic City water level station, 2 miles from 08401 [?](#) [⚙️](#)



Water level (ft) ?

Coastal Floods Are Increasing



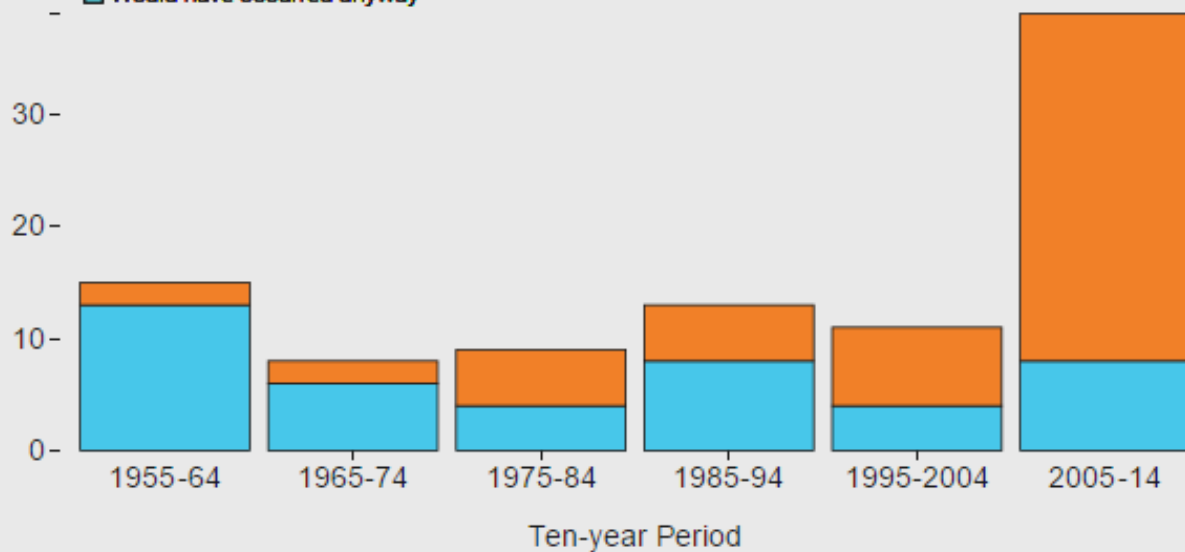
NEW YORK AREA*

Coastal flood days



- Driven by climate-linked sea level rise
- Would have occurred anyway

Days of Coastal Flooding



10

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1



Water level (ft) ?

What Is at Risk?



Population

Buildings

Infrastructure

Contamination Risks

Land

Total population below 6ft in New York

Population: All	Total
Population	219,679
Caucasian population	121,375
Population of color	102,387
High social vulnerability population	90,913
Medium social vulnerability population	77,983
African-American population	65,382
Low social vulnerability population	50,543

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Choose a threat to map using the scrollable list above

Total population below 6ft in New York by city neighborhood ▾



Water level (ft) ?

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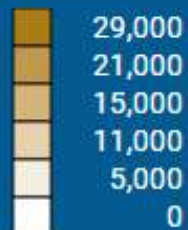
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Population



Legend values are bin upper limits



How Can I Prepare for Flooding?

SMALLER STEPS **1** **2** **3** LARGER STEPS

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Choose a **LEVEL 2** step to learn about below, or change your desired Level by choosing 1 or 3 above.

- Raise Wiring**
- Anchor
- Sewer
- Barriers
- Boat
- Alt Power
- Landline
- Safe Box



Raise Wiring

Raise electrical wiring above the highest expected flood line to reduce damage to your home. Raising electrical system components in a 1,000 square foot single-floor structure will cost about \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Text source: FEMA | Photo source: Ben Brennan, FEMA

EXPLORE YOUR RISK	
Alabama	California
Connecticut	Delaware
Florida	Georgia
Louisiana	Maine
Maryland	Massachusetts
Mississippi	New Hampshire
New Jersey	New York
North Carolina	Oregon
Rhode Island	South Carolina
Texas	Virginia
Washington	Washington, D.C.

COASTAL RISKS FOR CHARLESTON, SC

Selected water level: 4 feet. May occur from sea level rise, coastal flooding, or both.

What's at risk on land below 4 feet?*

- Population: 18,000
- High social vulnerability population: 940
- Homes: 9,600
- Property value: \$4.5 Billion
- Hazardous waste sites: 16

4 feet in historical context **

- Highest observed area flood: 8.8 feet in 1989
- Statistical 1-in-100 year flood height: 3.9 feet
- Most recent flood over 4 feet observed is not in record

Unnatural Coastal Floods†

About two-thirds of U.S. coastal flood days since 1950 would not have met the National Weather Service's local definition of flooding without the few inches so far of human-caused, climate-driven sea level rise.

Rising seas = more floods*

- Charleston, SC has already experienced about 11 inches of sea level rise over the last 52 years of records. Climate change is projected to drive much more rise this century.
- This raises the starting point for storm surges and high tides, making coastal floods more severe and more frequent.

When could a 4-foot flood happen?***

- Likelihood by 2030: 19% – 27%
- Likelihood by 2050: 49% – 84%
- Likelihood by 2100: 100% – 100%

The ranges shown derive from the intermediate low vs. highest global sea level scenarios to the 2014 U.S. National Climate Assessment, which point to projected local rises of 2 vs. 6.5 feet by 2100. The lower scenario corresponds to low future levels of heat-trapping pollution, whereas the higher one aims to reflect unreal pollution and maximum ice sheet loss rates.

Find more places, water levels and downloads at riskfinder.org

Land and population below 4 feet in Charleston, SC



Social vulnerability (e.g. from low income) compounds coastal risk. Land below 4 feet is colored according to the legend. Surge seas uses high-resolution lidar elevation data supplied by NOAA. Map reflects a uniform sea level and/or flood height. Individual storm surge, tidal or rainfall events cause more complex and uneven water surfaces.

Email sealevel@climatecentral.org to ask about tailored analysis

† Floods and sea level rise are relative to local high tide levels since 1992 (mean highest high water since 1982-2000).
* Values exclude sub-9-ft areas potentially protected by levees, natural ridges, and other features.
† Climate Central estimates risk by combining local sea level rise projections with floodheight risk statistics based on historic data.
† Flood risk projections and history are from records from the NOAA water level station at Charleston - Cooper River Entrance, 4 miles from Charleston, from 1871 to 2013.
† Stevens, B. H., Figg, R. C., Swart, W. J., and McIlwain, K., 2013. Unnatural Coastal Flooding. Climate Central Research Report.
† Sea level projections are local and flood risk projections are based on methods from Stedje et al., 2012 (Climate Central Research Report).

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See Level Rise 100% Analysis by CLIMATE CENTRAL

SEA LEVEL RISE AND COASTAL FLOODING FAQs

What causes sea level to rise?

- **A warming ocean:** Thermometer and satellite measurements show that the ocean has been warming for more than a century. Water expands as it warms, and the only way the ocean can get its up and out.
- **Shrinking ice:** Warmer air and water temperatures are causing global glaciers and ice sheets on Greenland and Antarctica to melt or to break off into the ocean. Adding water or ice from land to the ocean raises sea level, and by far the biggest future threat.
- **Sinking land:** In some places, coastal land is sinking, due to a variety of slow, long-term processes not linked to current climate change, or due to pump extraction of water or fossil fuels from underground formations.

What causes climate change?

- The main activity causing climate change is the burning of fossil fuels, which emits heat-trapping pollution.
- Leading scientific bodies agree: Observations throughout the world make it clear that climate change is occurring, and rigorous scientific research concludes that the greenhouse gases emitted by human activities are the primary driver.

Can sea level rise be slowed?

- Major cuts in heat-trapping pollution through measures such as a swift global transition to a clean energy economy, climate-friendly agriculture, and protecting forests would reduce future sea level rise.

Does sea level rise affect flooding?

- Sea level rise raises the starting point for waves, tides, and storm surge, making coastal floods more severe and more frequent.
- A February 2016 Climate Central analysis found that about two-thirds of U.S. coastal flood days since 1950 would not have met the National Weather Service's local definition of flooding without the few inches so far of human-caused, climate-driven global sea level rise.

What does the future hold?

- Some future sea level rise is inevitable due to pollution already in the atmosphere, forcing some adaptation.
- Rapid cuts in emissions of heat-trapping pollution would increase the chances of limiting global sea level rise to near 2 feet this century, but continuing unchecked pollution could lead to a rise of more than 6 feet!
- A 2-foot rise would mean widespread, dramatic increases in flooding, and submergence of the very lowest coastal places. A 6-foot rise would pose severe and in cases existential threats to major coastal cities worldwide.
- Many places will be able to reduce sea level rise impacts by establishing defenses, accommodating floods, or relocating some development, at uncertain cost.
- Pollution this century will lock in sea level rise for hundreds of years to come. It's up to us to change the course of the current path. The first amount will depend on how rapidly the world community can reduce and then stop heat-trapping pollution.

REDUCING YOUR RISK

Preparing yourself and your community

- Actions to curb heat-trapping pollution will reduce sea level rise, but some rise is unavoidable.
- Learn more about the actions you can take yourself at sealevel.climatecentral.org/flood-preparation
- Make sure leaders in your community know your area's risks by sharing this fact sheet and riskfinder.org
- Surging Seas can help your community participate in FEMA's Community Rating System. Contact us to learn more.
- Climate Central offers tailored mapping, projections and analysis to meet the specific needs of cities, counties, states and businesses, using scenarios and data you can choose: contact sealevel@climatecentral.org to learn more.

Resources available for South Carolina

- South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium: <http://www.seagrants.org/>
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control: Coastal Hazards: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Environmental/Coastal/CoastalManagement/CoastalHazards/>
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources: Flood Mitigation Program: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/flood/>
- For a longer list see: sealevel.climatecentral.org/responses/plans



In the News

Our sea level research has been covered in USA Today, Time, the major networks, CNN, PBS, NPR, AP, Bloomberg, the Washington Post, the New York Times, and hundreds more outlets.

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Climate Central is an independent nonprofit, nonadvocacy organization that researches climate impacts. Our web tools are based on peer-reviewed science and are included as resources on national portals such as NOAA's Digital Coast and the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit.

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† Methodology on climate change from 21 scientific associations (2016): <http://www.sealevel.climatecentral.org/2016/02/2016.pdf>
* Updated July 7, 2015. © 2015 Climate Central. All rights reserved. Climate Central is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
† Based on local sea level projections from Figg et al., 2014 (Earth's Future) and more recent Atlantic research in DeConto and Stedje (2015) (Nature). For full citations and methods visit riskfinder.org

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See Level Rise Tools & Analysis by CLIMATE CENTRAL

Sea level rise and coastal flood risk: Summary for Charleston County, SC

This document is meant as a one-stop summary and brief guide that integrates key findings, methods, interpretation and links from Climate Central's [Surging Seas Risk Finder](#) into one narrative. It stands alone or as a jumping-off point.

Sea level rise and flood forecast

Even small amounts of sea level rise make rare floods more common by adding to tides and storm surge. Climate Central has estimated risk by combining local sea level rise projections with historic flood statistics from the NOAA water level station at Charleston, SC, 3 miles from the center of Charleston County. For reference, our extreme values analysis indicates that the "100-year" flood height, is 3.9 feet above local Mean Higher High Water (high tide line)¹. The highest observed flood at this location, in records from 1921 to 2015, reached 6.76 feet MHHW in 1989. Taken all together, these values suggest that floods above 5 feet likely pose significant concerns.

Based on the National Climate Assessment intermediate high sea level rise scenario, [we project 4.1 feet of rise locally](#) by 2100, from a 1992 baseline. Our analysis translates this to 7 percent [multi-year risk](#) of at least one flood exceeding 5 feet from 2016 to 2030, a 22 percent risk by from 2016 to midcentury, and a 100 percent risk by 2100. Under the Assessment's highest scenario, these chances [increase](#) to 8, 35, and 100 percent, respectively, and we compute a 100 percent risk of at least one flood [exceeding 8 feet](#) by the end of the century.

Risk Finder's [forecast tool](#) allows exploration of a wide range of other flood heights (1-10ft), risk statistics (e.g., annual flood risk), and localized sea level projections (with choice of scientific models and climate pollution scenarios). See Methods section below for more discussion of the research approach used and important guidance on how to interpret results.

Map and exposure analysis

Understanding exposure to sea level rise and floods requires a good map. Climate Central combined tidal elevation models and lidar-based (laser-based) elevation data supplied by NOAA, plus levee location data from FEMA, to identify both fully exposed and potentially protected land less than 1-10 feet above the local high tide line.

Climate Central's [interactive, embeddable online Risk Zone Map](#) shows exposed areas and how they intersect with [population density](#), [social vulnerability](#), [property value](#), and more.

Risk Finder also shows [exposure](#) at each water level for dozens of variables, based on data from over ten federal agencies. Here are a few values for Charleston County on land below 5 feet MHHW, in total and excluding land that may be protected by levees or isolation:

Variable	Total Exposure	Excluding isolated areas
Acres of land	121,765	114,725
Population	69,963	64,974
High social vulnerability pop.	3,745	3,174
Housing units	38,355	35,872
Property (\$ billions)	19.5	18.6
Road miles	905	880
EPA listed sites	59	55
Schools	15	13

At 8 feet, 138,704 people (39.6 percent of the total population in Charleston County) and \$31.069 million are exposed in total.

Risk Finder offers comprehensive downloads of exposure tables as well as lists of facilities that may be affected, and data sources and methods descriptions for each variable. See Methods section below for more discussion of the general research approach used and important guidance on how to interpret results.

Comparison

Threats vary from place to place. With heat maps and rankings, Risk Finder's [comparison module](#) supplies wider regional context for exposure of each variable analyzed, and at any water level.

For example, Charleston County is first out of all Counties in South Carolina for total exposure of homes on land below 5 feet. Charleston County is second if ranked by its *percentage* of homes exposed, and it is first if all Counties are ranked by exposure after excluding areas that appear isolated or protected.

The comparison tool simply offers a different presentation of exposure analysis. Therefore the same methods and interpretative notes apply.

Methods and interpretation

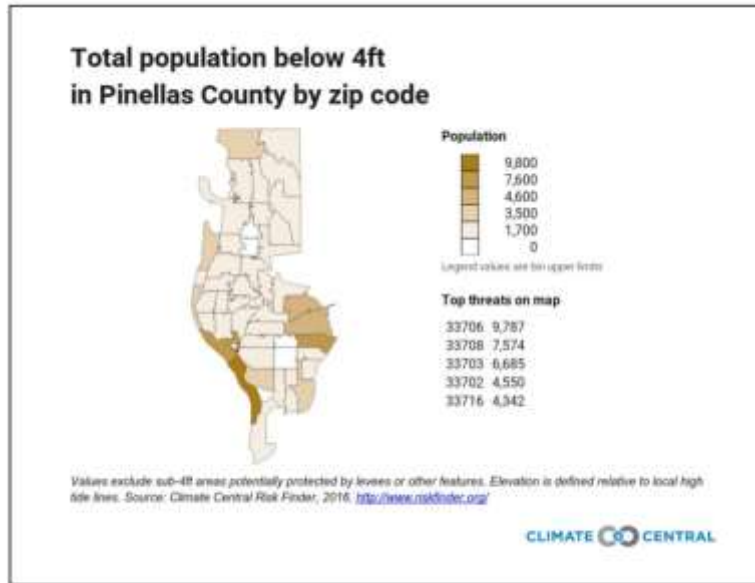
Sea level rise and flood forecast

The projections described here and in [Surging Seas Risk Finder](#) are based on analysis specific to a selected water level station site. They may or may not indicate nearby area risks, such as a specific location in Charleston County. Local sea level rise projections are generally similar across neighboring areas. Flood risks can more easily vary across short distances, due to details of local topography and bathymetry and typical storm paths. Tool settings (under "When are the Risks?") allow comparison of results across multiple regional water level stations, to check for general consistency or differences.

The basic methods for this analysis follow Tebaldi et al (2012), plus simple extensions for [computing cumulative flood risk](#). Furthermore, the current analysis improves local accuracy by employing all verified historic hourly water level data available at each [NOAA water level station](#) through 2015, instead of limiting inputs to a standard 30-year period as in Tebaldi et al.

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1. Visit riskfinder.org
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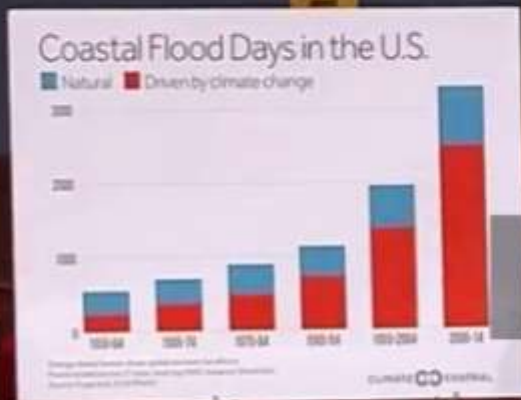
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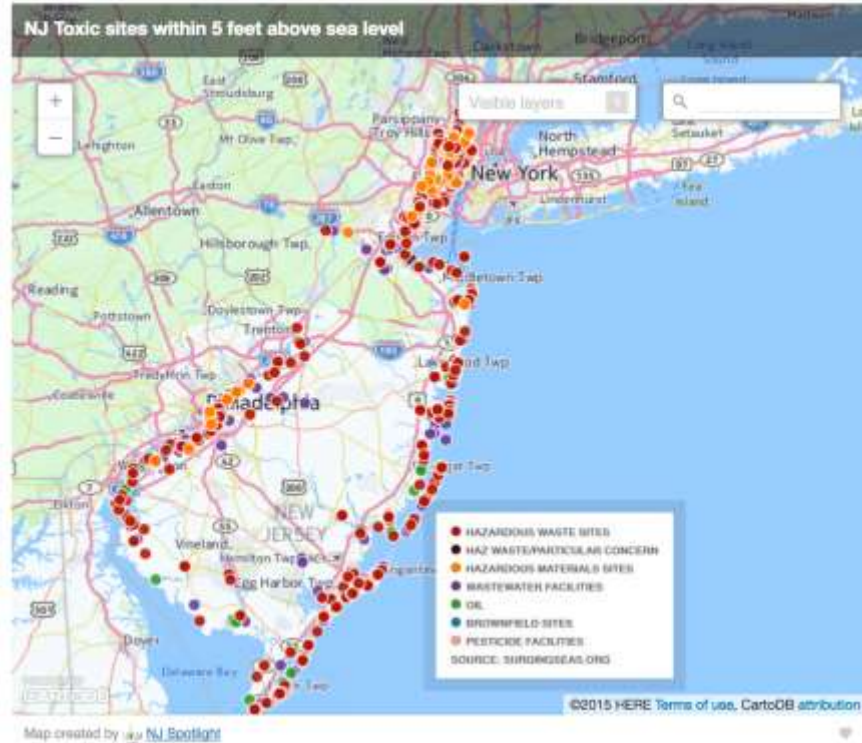


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DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS



of spreading contamination. Using data from Surging Seas, a project of Climate Central, we've mapped nearly 1,700 New Jersey sites listed in the EPA's Facility Registry Service that are within five feet of sea level and thus potentially vulnerable over the coming decades.



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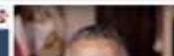
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Using the Surging Seas free web tool within FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS)



The *Surging Seas* CRS guide

We have identified many ways the *Surging Seas* web tool could be used to support activities that receive points within the CRS program through conversations with local CRS coordinators and implementers, and with FEMA CRS representatives. This guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to access and obtain information and downloads from the *Surging Seas* web tool that could be utilized within specific CRS activities in FEMA's *Coordinator's Manual* (FIA-15/2013).

Sample pages from the *Surging Seas* CRS Guide

CRS Activity 512a, Floodplain Management Planning (FMP)

CRS Activity 512a, Floodplain Management Planning (FMP)
 This activity is designed to demonstrate local floodplain management plan that is approved by the local government. The plan should include the following information: the plan should be approved by the local government, the plan should be approved by the local government, the plan should be approved by the local government, the plan should be approved by the local government.

- What you get in the web tool
 - Users can obtain information within Surging Seas related to floodplains in their area. The web tool provides information on the following:
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Area 2	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 3	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 4	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 5	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 6	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 7	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 8	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 9	Floodplain	Active	100
Area 10	Floodplain	Active	100

For details on how to use the web tool, users and download the step-by-step guide starting on page 11.

Surging Seas Step-by-Step Guide

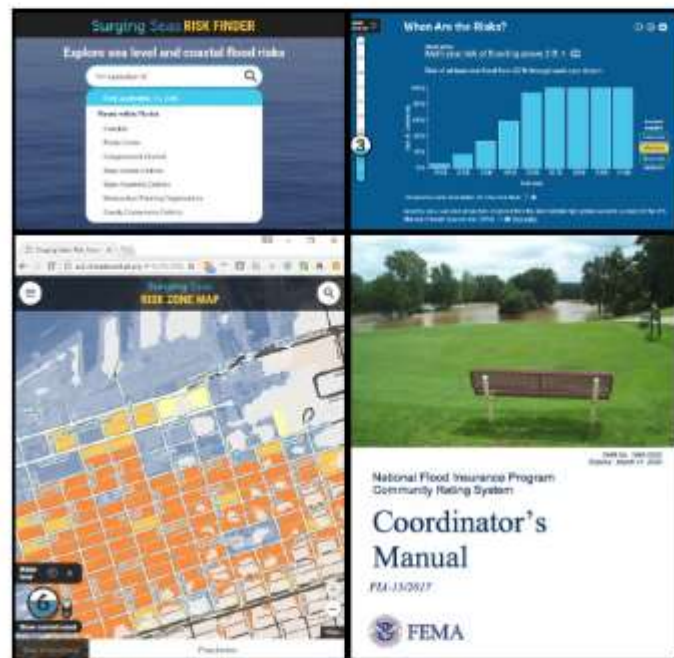
The Surging Seas Step-by-Step Guide provides users with information on how to use the web tool to access and obtain information and downloads from the *Surging Seas* web tool.

- 1. GO TO THE SURGING SEAS WEBSITE**
 - Open the web browser and go to the *Surging Seas* website.
 - Click on the "Home" link in the top navigation bar.
- 2. SELECT THE REGIONAL LEVEL ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE WEBSITE**
 - Click on the "Regional" link in the left sidebar.
 - Click on the "Floodplains" link in the left sidebar.
- 3. SELECT THE FLOODPLAIN LEVEL ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE WEBSITE**
 - Click on the "Floodplains" link in the right sidebar.
 - Click on the "Floodplains" link in the right sidebar.
- 4. SELECT THE "INDUSTRY" LINK**
 - Click on the "Industry" link in the top navigation bar.
 - Click on the "Industry" link in the top navigation bar.

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USING SURGING SEAS WITHIN FEMA'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)



Surging Seas

Sea Level/Rise Tools & Analysis by
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Do you implement CRS for your coastal community? Learn how the Surging Seas public web tool can support many CRS activities and help you earn points.

The 2017 edition of the CRS Coordinator's Manual includes more opportunities for users to gain credit for considering the impacts of climate change and sea level rise on flood-related issues. Section 404 of the CRS Manual lists several activities that credit consideration of future sea level rise, including elements of Activities 410, 430 and 450. This guide demonstrates how Surging Seas can be used to gain points for these activities and several others.

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Free Tools, Guides, and Resources Applicable to FEMA/NFIP Community Rating System (CRS)

Climate Central's Surging Seas CRS Guide: Find out how you can use Climate Central's free *Surging Seas* web tools to support a wide range of activities that receive points within the FEMA/NFIP CRS program. Provides step-by-step instructions on how to access information and downloads from the tool. Learn more:

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ASFPM AND CSO CRS Green Guide: Features best practices and case studies derived from interviews with CRS communities earning top-scores for CRS elements that preserve or enhance the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains. Learn more: <https://www.floodsciencecenter.org/products/crs-community-resilience/green-guide/>

NOAA's new interactive, online *How to Map Open Space for Community Rating System Credit* and companion *GIS Workflow* detail the process for mapping and calculating credits for preserved open space in seven easy to follow steps, with links to helpful data and information sources and job aids. These products will be available this fall on [NOAA's Digital Coast under "Training" \(Self-Guided\)](#) webpage.

TNC: As part of TNC's [Coastal Resilience approach](#) and decision support tool, the [Community Rating System Explorer](#) app allows planners to more effectively visualize OSP opportunities, explore unprotected parcels to protect for the future, and engage decision makers to influence land management. TNC is partnering with NOAA, Esri, and Microsoft to leverage and scale the app around the U.S., while also coordinating CRS product development and outreach with Digital Coast Partners and Esri to better communicate the importance of protecting open space while guiding users to the tool or workflow that addresses their needs.

Learn more about ASFPM, CSO, NOAA, and TNC efforts:

https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/Marine/crr/library/Documents/CRS_factsheet_4_18_17.pdf

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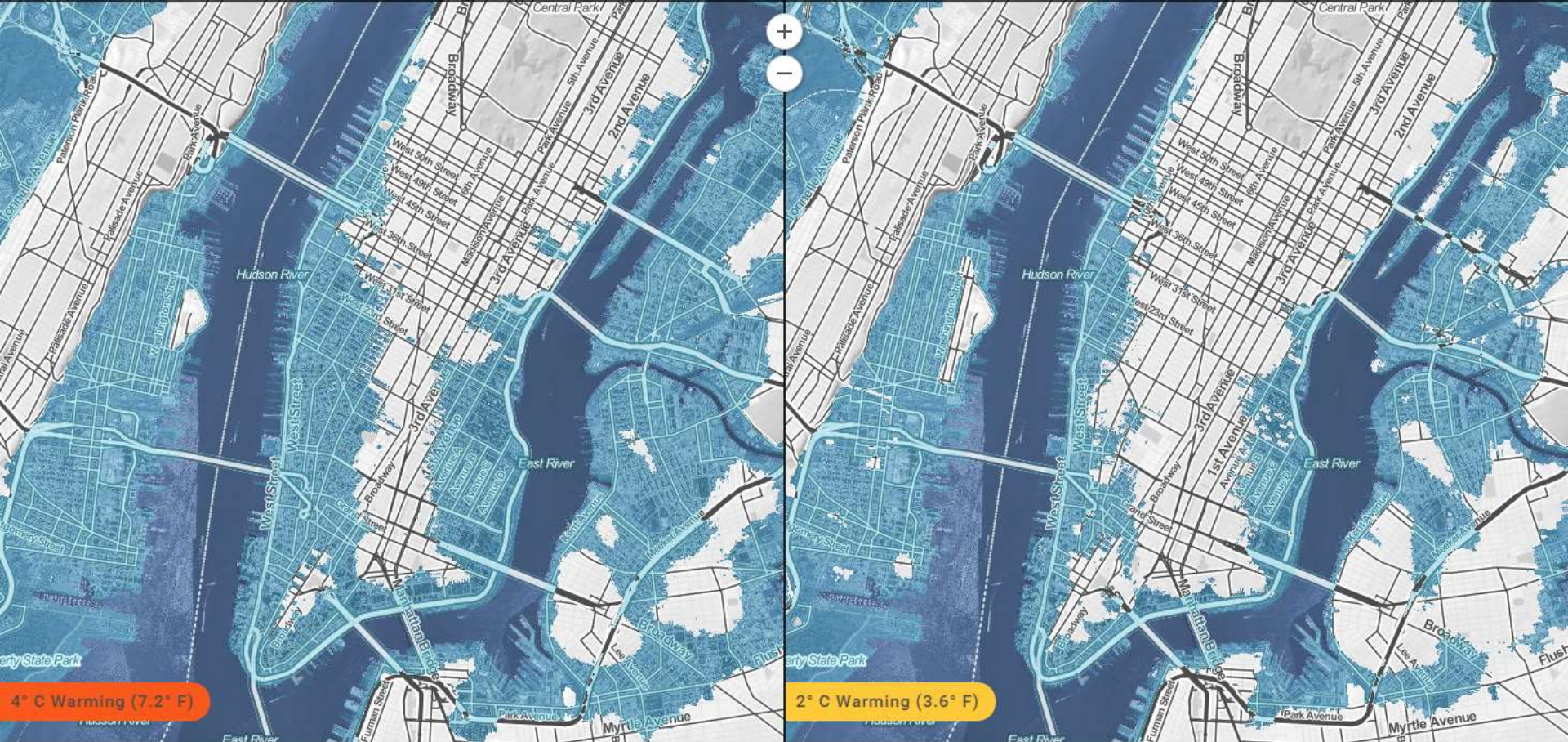
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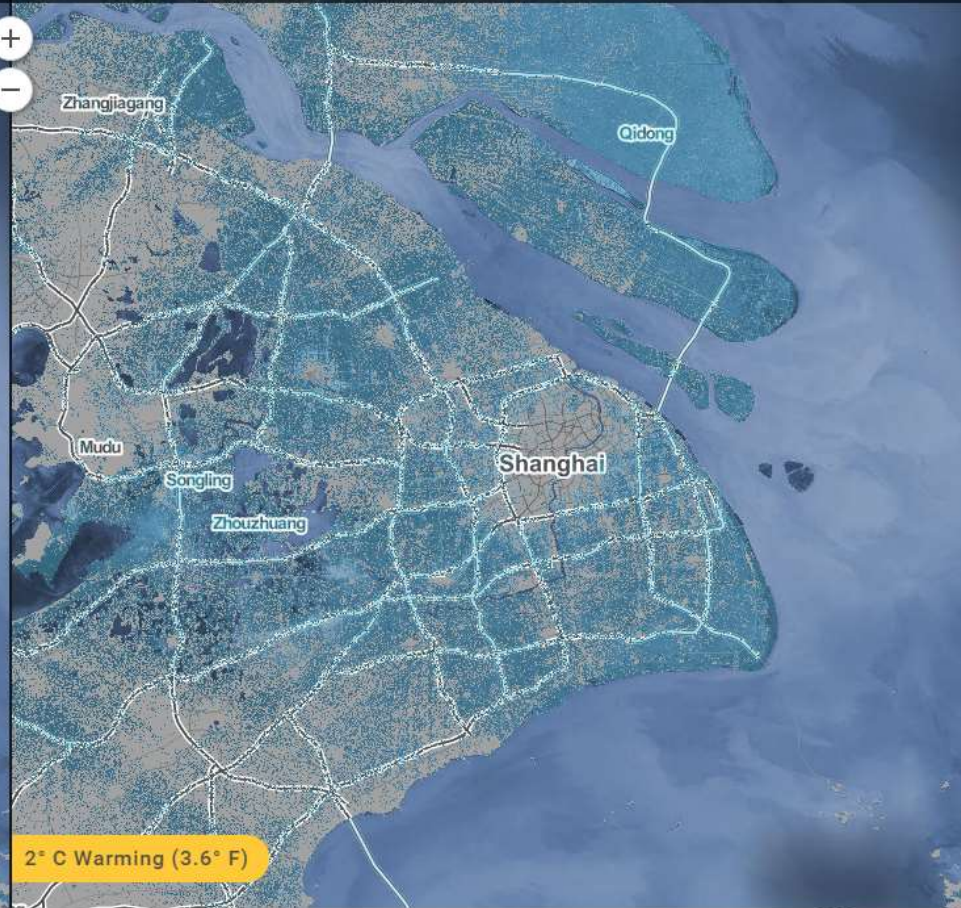
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Pictures often speak a thousand words, but if images recently released by Princeton-based research organisation Climate Central are to be considered, they can also launch a thousand ships (literally at that). As seen above, a 20C rise in global temperatures will make improbable the obligatory Gateway of India selfie. If temperatures were to rise by 40C, the monument would become an impossible tourist destination. There is always a certain ambivalence that predictions of the future inspire,

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While the National Hurricane Center public advisory statements provide tropical cyclone related impacts on a regional scale, the local WFOs coordinate closely with the NHC to provide refined forecast products and warnings on a local level. Two of these products are the [Hurricane Local Statement \(HLS\)](#) and the associated [Graphical HLS](#).

The HLS is a valuable product that can be used as a tool to monitor several different threats (not just surge) and potential impacts to your area. It includes:

- Counties, parishes, or cities affected
- Watches and/or warnings in effect
- Recommended precautionary actions
- Storm surge and storm tide information
- Present winds and the expected time of onset of tropical storm or hurricane-force winds
- Tornado, flood, flash flood, rip current, beach erosion, and inland high wind potential

Below is an example of the storm surge portion of an Hurricane Local Statement:

...STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE...

TIDE LEVELS REPORTED BETWEEN 330 AND 400 PM SATURDAY
HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL/MANCHESTER - 10.4 FEET
EAGLE POINT - 7.7 FEET
PIER 21 - 5.8 FEET
PLEASURE PIER - 5.2 FEET
FREEPORT - 2.7 FEET

STORM SURGE FLOODING PERSISTS ALONG THE SHORE OF GALVESTON BAY AND ON THE BOLIVAR PENINSULA. THIS INCLUDES NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR THE SHORE OF CLEAR LAKE...AND THE COMMUNITIES OF SMITH POINT...LA PORTE...SEABROOK...KEMAH...BACLIFF...SAN LEON...AND SURROUNDING AREAS. TIDE LEVELS RANGE FROM 7 TO 11 FEET IN THESE AREAS. BOLIVAR PENINSULA IS COVERED WITH WATER. RAINFALL-INDUCED FLOODING OVER THE LAND AND IN CREEKS AND BAYOUS MUST DRAIN OUT INTO GALVESTON BAY WHICH WILL KEEP WATER LEVELS ON THE BAY ABOVE NORMAL FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. TIDE LEVELS WILL ONLY SLOWLY SUBSIDE IN THESE AREAS THROUGH TONIGHT...AND WILL NOT RECOVER TO NEAR NORMAL LEVELS UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING.

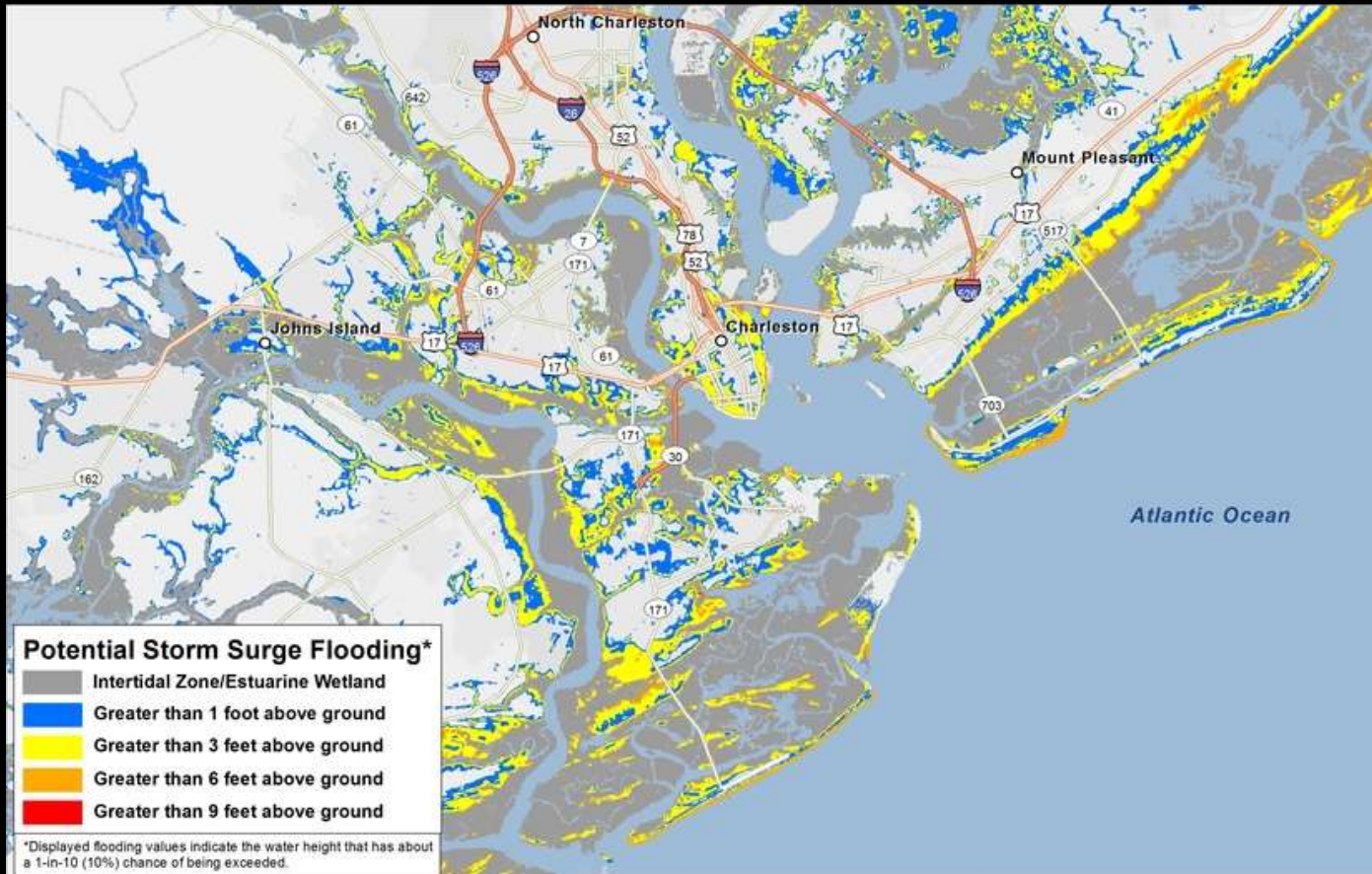
Visit your local National Weather Service office website for more information about local surge impacts under the Hurricane Local Statements (HLS).

Visit your local NWS Office

The State emergency management offices work closely with the NHC in assessing evacuations with respect to coastal storm surge vulnerability. The NHC updates SLOSH basins creating the [MOMs](#) and [MEOWs](#) which are ultimately used by EMs to drive the nation's evacuation zones.

Visit your State EM office website for more information about local surge evacuation zones.

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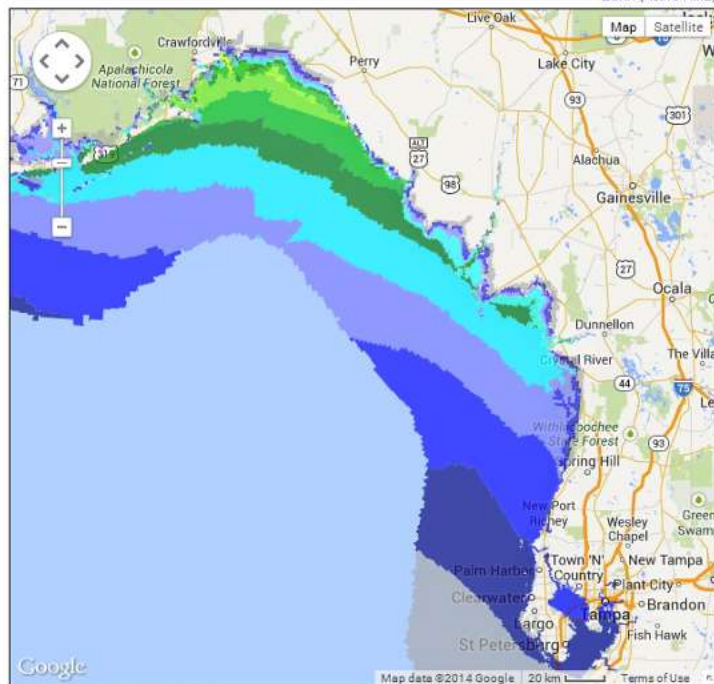


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**Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge (with tide) Heights
That Have a 1 in 10 Chance of Being Exceeded
Hurricane Al84psurge1test (2014) Advisory 1
For the 77 hours from 11 AM EDT Wed May 07 to 04 PM EDT Sat May 10**

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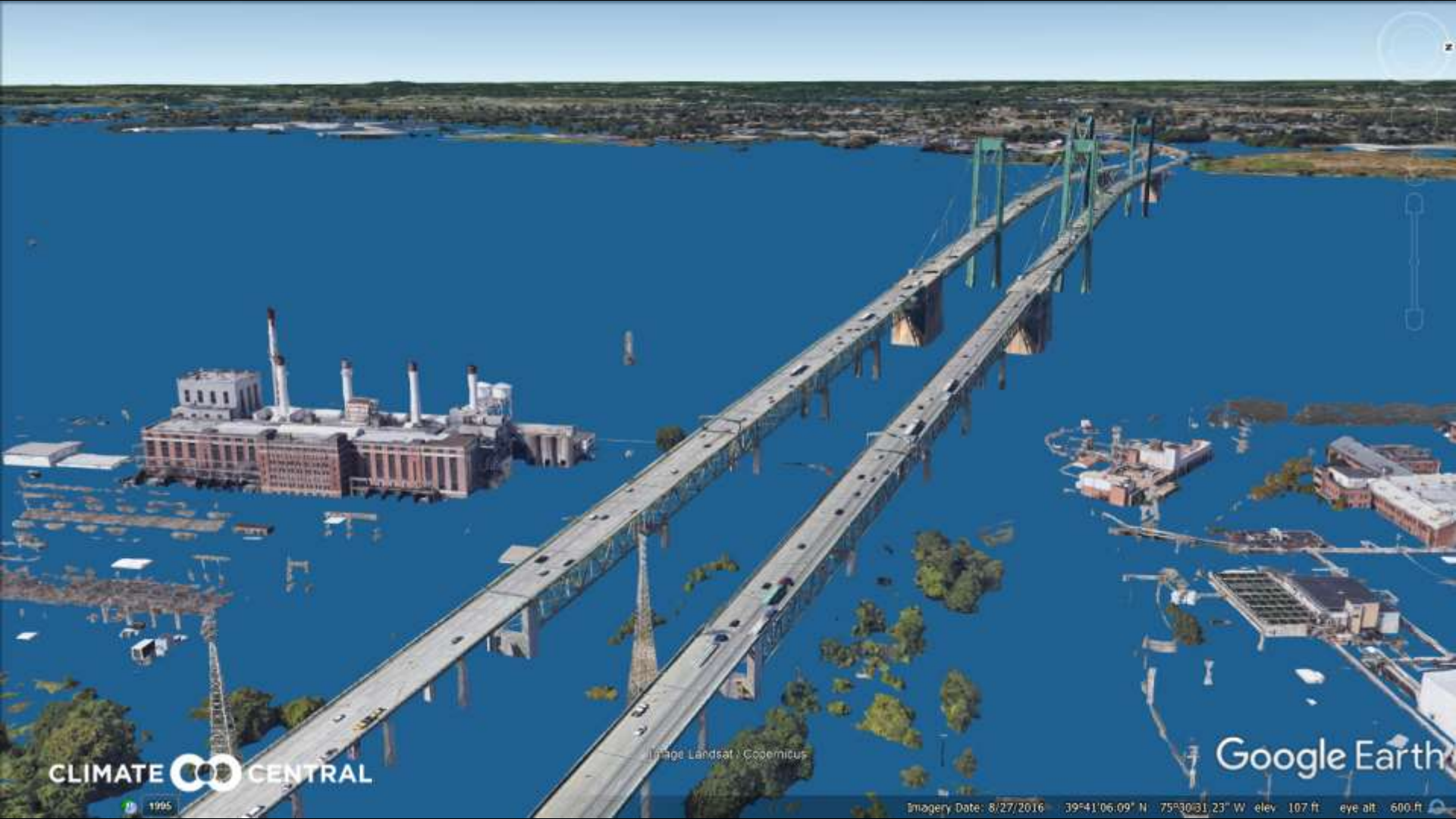
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Historical Data:
NHC this storm
NHC all storms
MDL

Example 1. Static example of the Probabilistic Storm Surge Heights output. Note that the actual product is interactive with pan and zoom capability.



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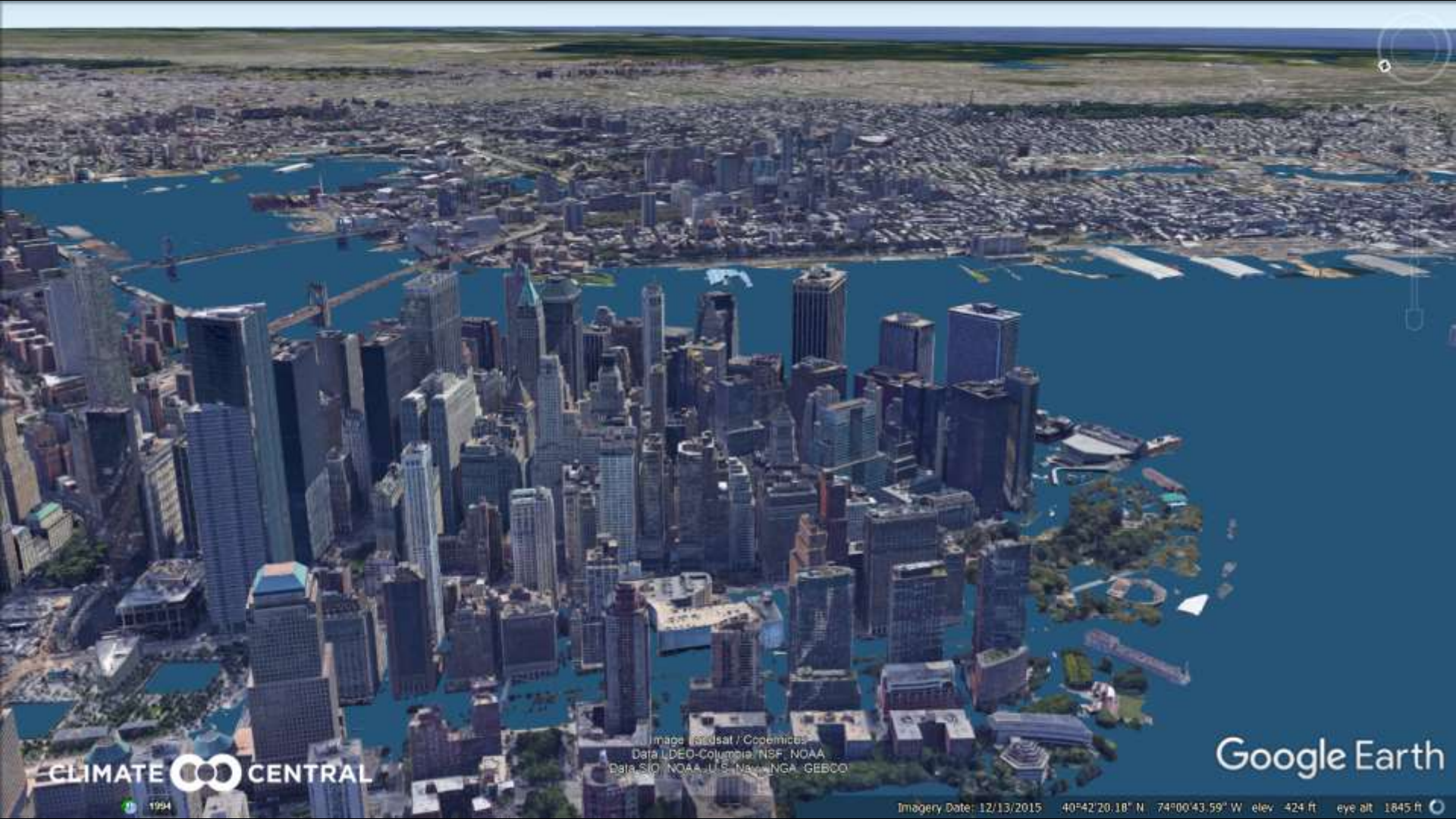
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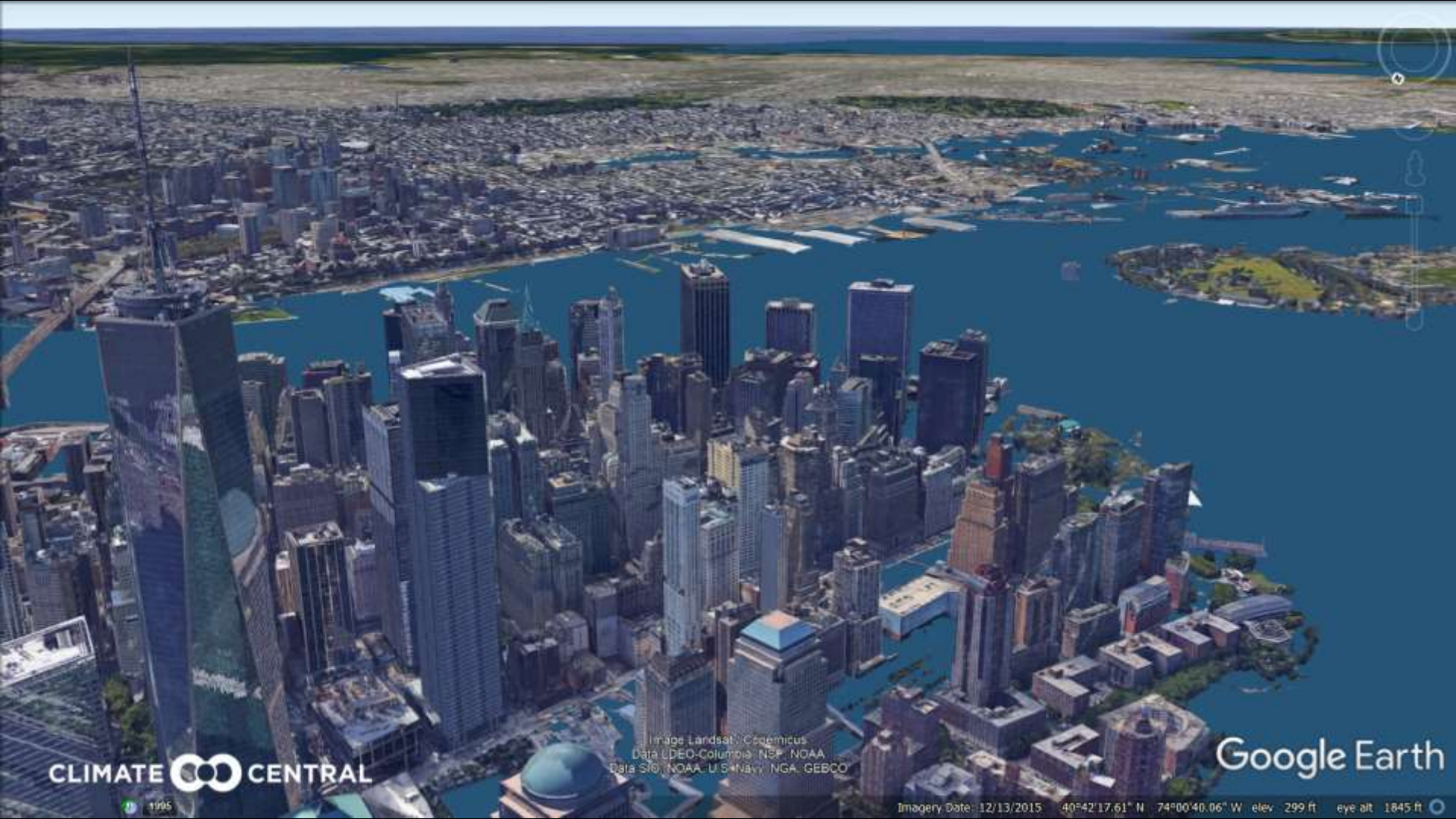
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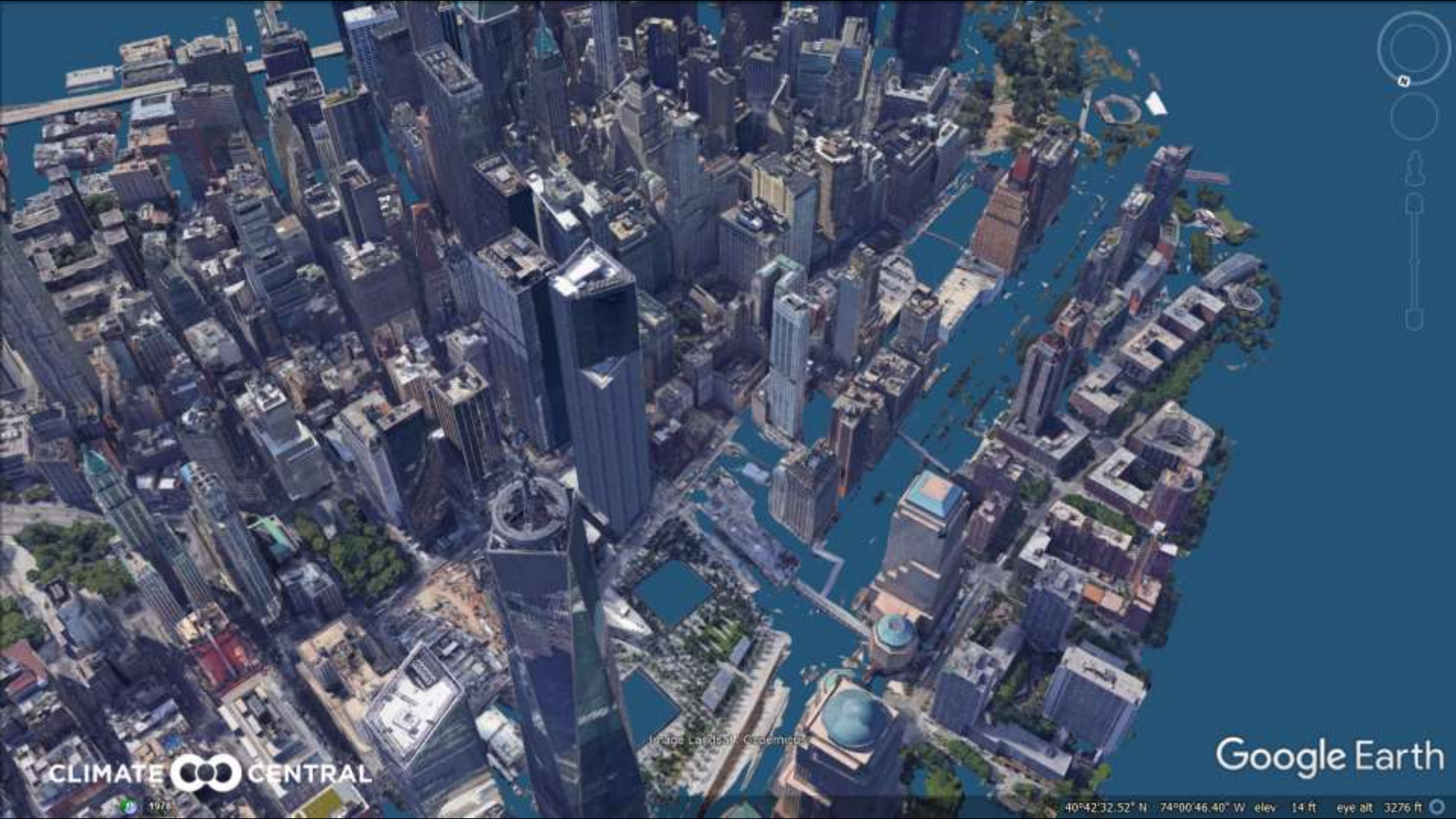




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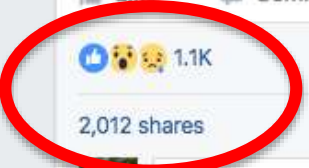
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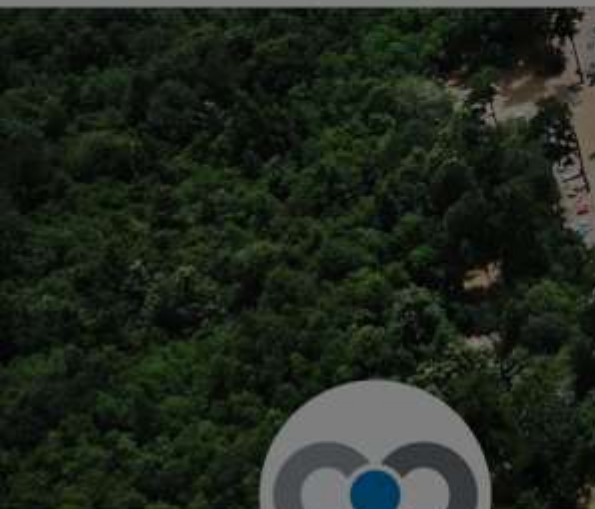
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Crow John RD - thanks for the post. As you know I'm at Jax Beach - there's likely a mandatory evacuation tomorrow (Thurs), with Cat 4 Matthew arriving on Friday. Didn't want my Jeep to be totaled/damaged by the surge - so today I scrambled to secure a hotel room. See More



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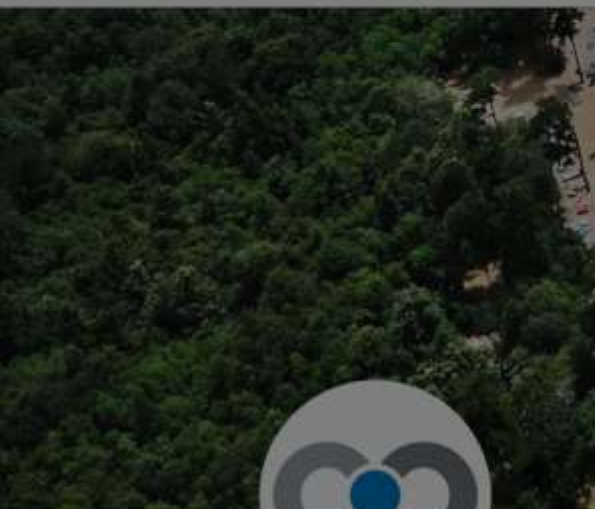
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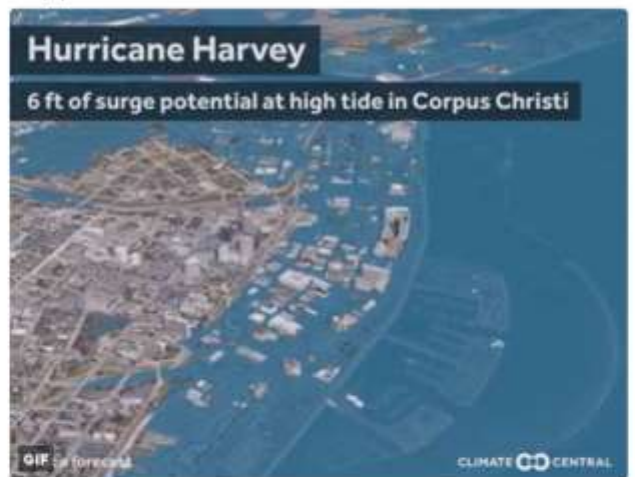
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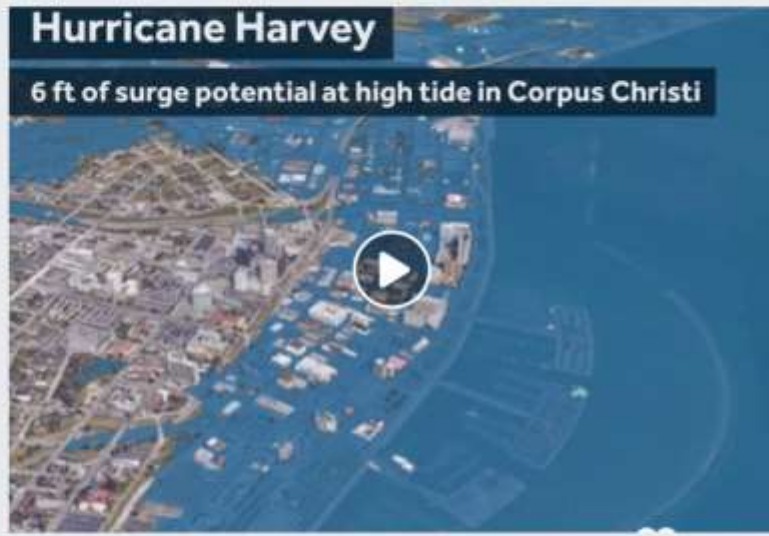
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