

# **Building Community Resilience in Olneyville: A Flood-Prone Environmental Justice Area Providence, RI**



Central Providence  
**Health Equity Zone**

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WATERSHED COUNCIL**



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# **The Central Providence Health Equity Zone (HEZ)**

**Funded by RI Department of Health (RIDOH) to address causes of health disparities at a local level.**

**Collaboration with nonprofits, residents and clinical partners:**

- **Improve economic opportunity**
  - access to healthy affordable foods
  - redevelopment of distressed and vacant properties into affordable housing
  - workforce development opportunities
- **Reduce unnecessary healthcare** spending while improving health outcomes for residents
- **Engage the community** through events and initiatives in efforts to build a more collective and cohesive community.

## **RIDOH Funded 3 HEZ's To:**

### **Address community resilience to the effects of climate change.**

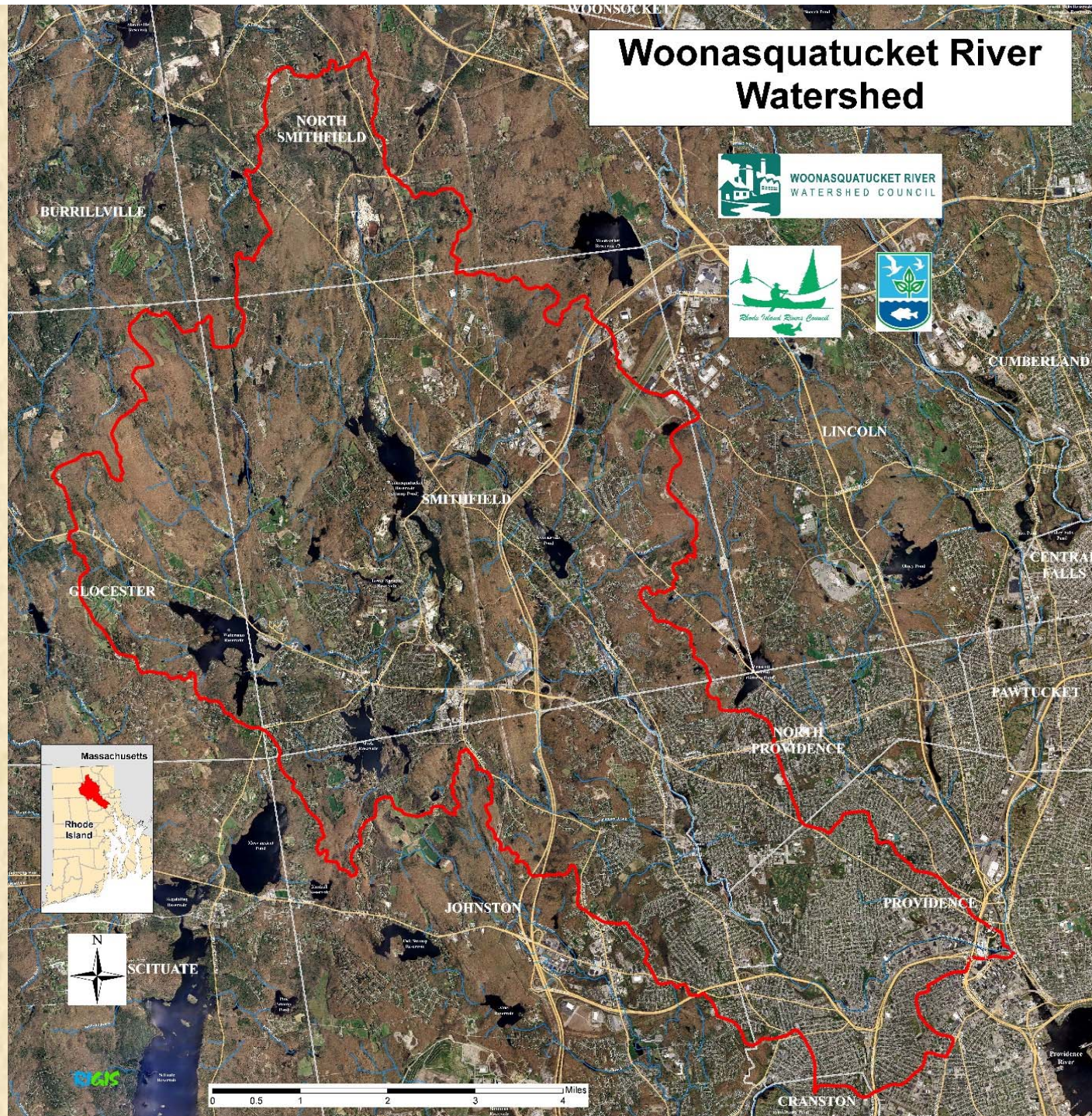
The goals:

1. Support HEZ's to plan for the effects of climate change
  - reduce health disparities
  - cultivate community leadership
  - build social cohesion
  - increase community resilience
2. Build knowledge
3. Learn best ways to build community resilience

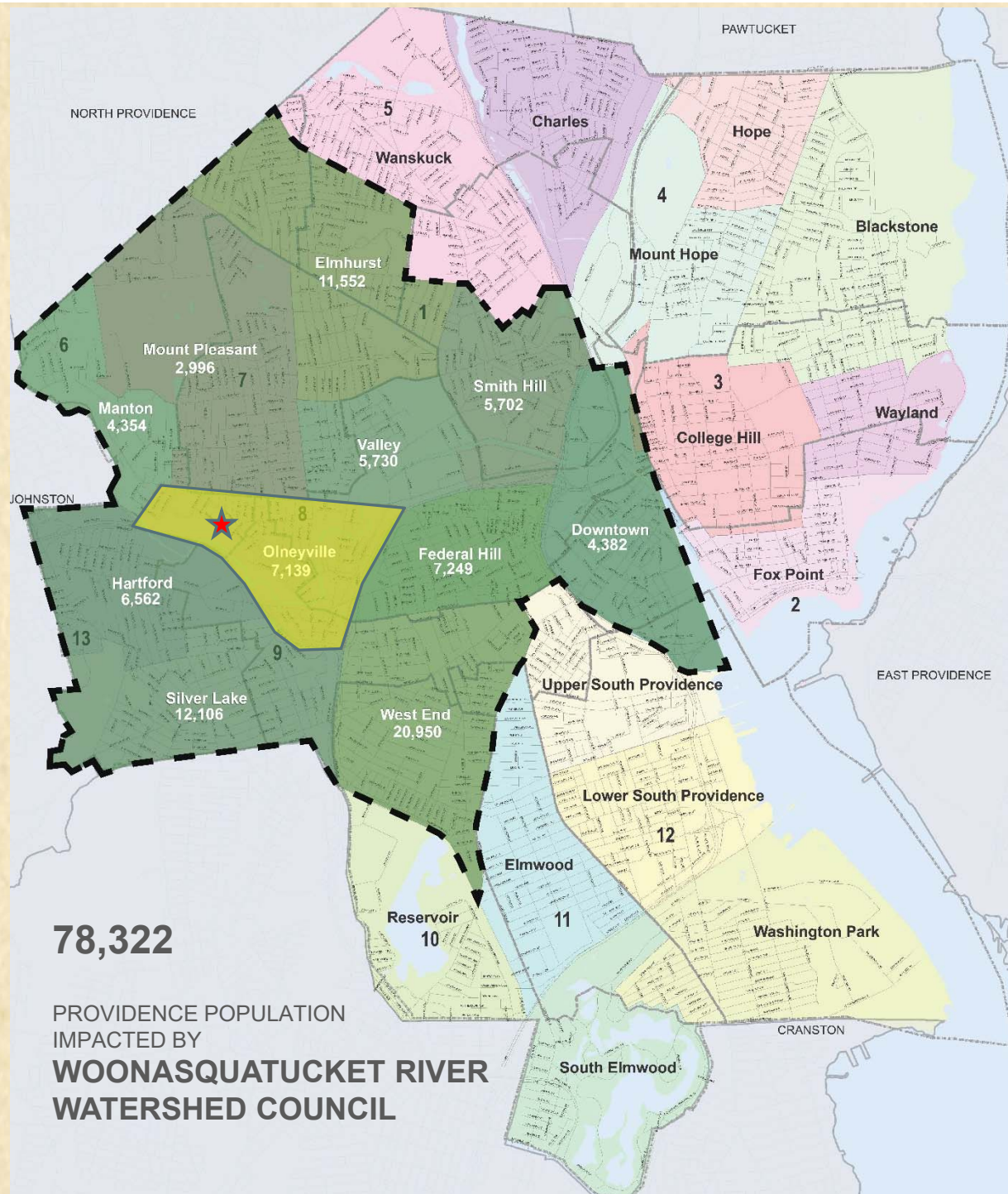


**283,757 total  
population  
1/4 of state pop**

**COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY  
WOONASQUATUCKET  
RIVER WATERSHED  
COUNCIL**







**78,322**

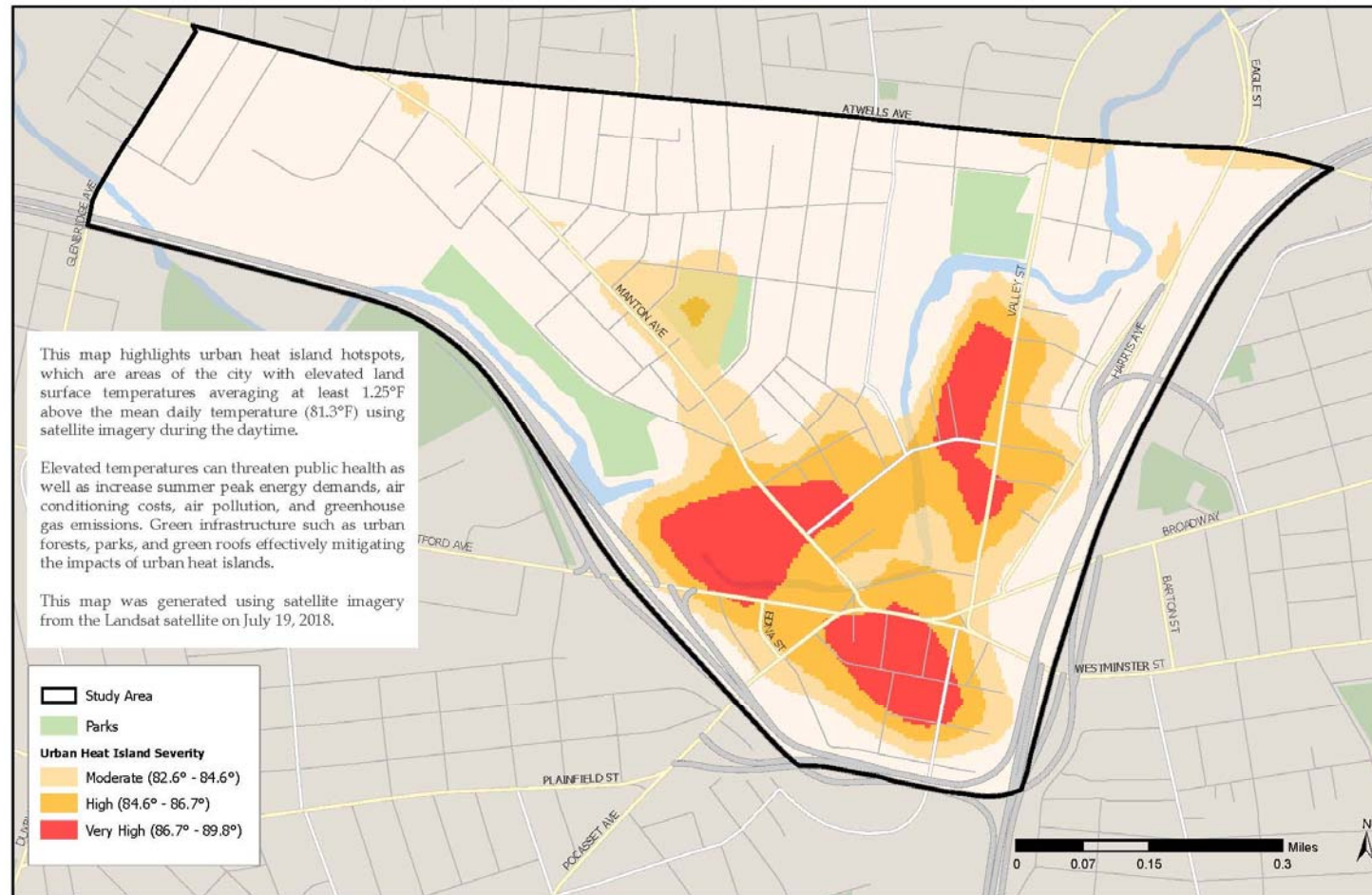
PROVIDENCE POPULATION  
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# Climate Issues in Olneyville - HEAT

## Mitigating Urban Heat Islands

Olneyville Health Equity Zone



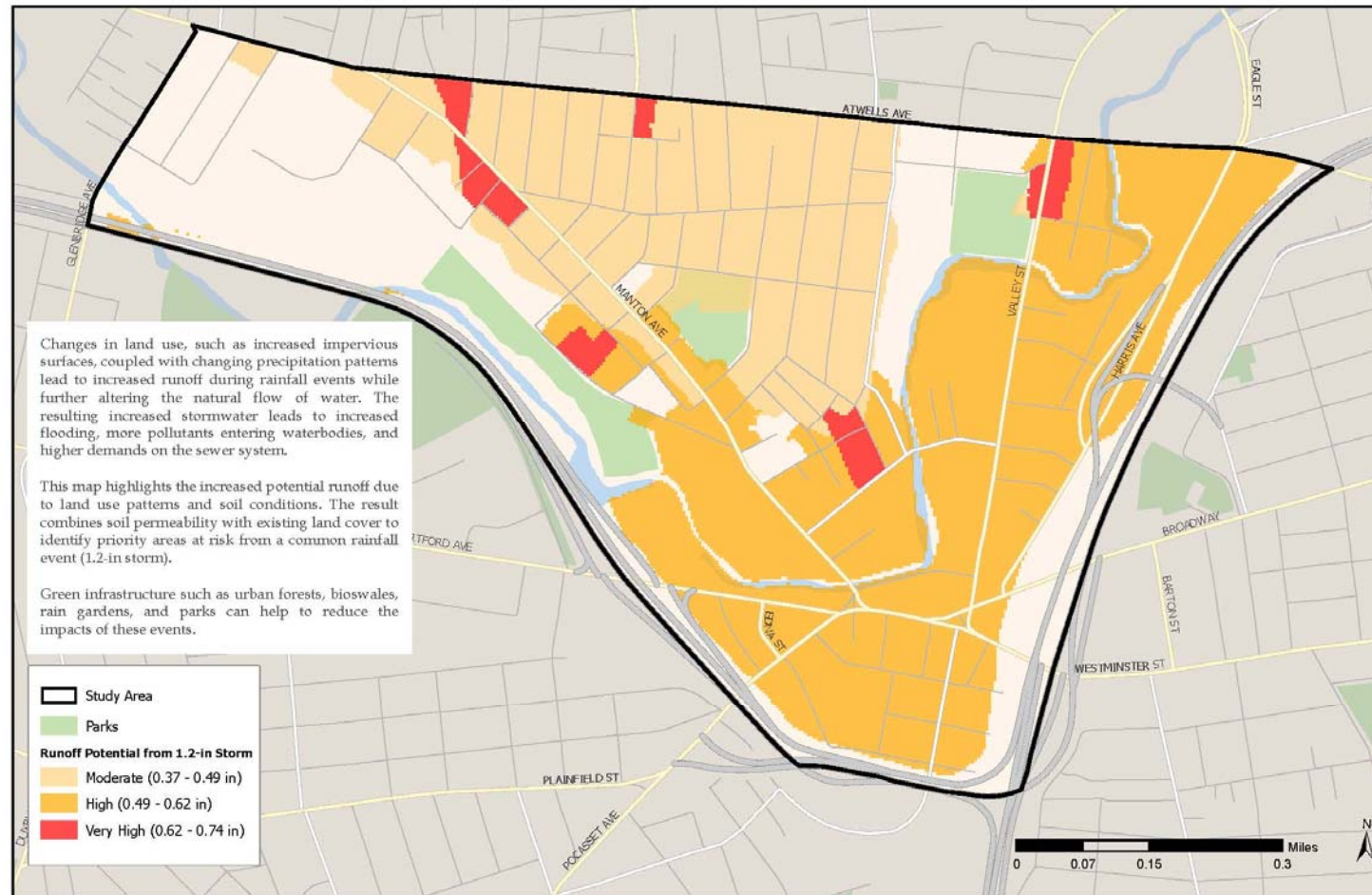
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# Climate Issues in Olneyville - FLOODS

## Addressing Stormwater Challenges

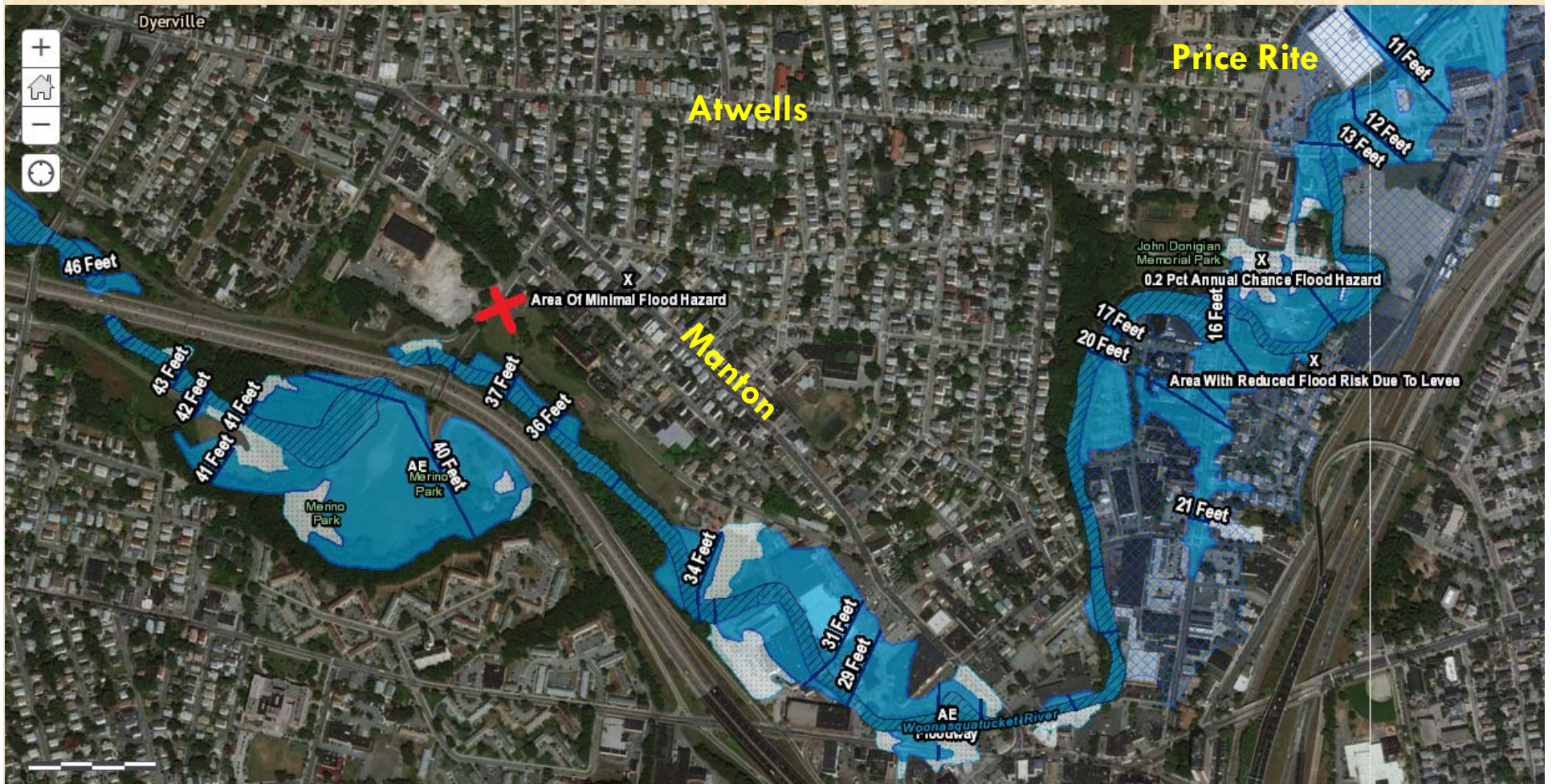
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**“What used to be, say, a 1,000 year event (like [Superstorm] Sandy or perhaps Harvey) is now, say, a 30 year event, and will eventually become an event we see every few years if we continue on the course that we’re on,”**  
**Huffington Post Article – August 2017**





# Floods on the Ground – March 2010





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# How Do We Educate & Engage?

## Step 1: Gather Data

### Design

- Survey 100 people – 2 bilingual (Spanish/English) surveyors
  - Surveyors complete 1 hour training
  - Respondents receive \$15 Price Rite gift card
  - Specifically target Hispanic/Latino residents to represent OV population
- Online Survey
  - Survey Monkey
  - First 10 18+ living in OV receive \$15 Price Rite gift card

### Actual

- Surveyed 18 in flood zone + 25 to represent Hispanic Community
- 47 Online
- 90 Total



## **RESULTS - Demographics**

- **Housing Status – 97% rent**
- **Time Lived in OV – 74% less than 5 Years**
- **Age – 52% 18-34, 43% 35-54**
- **Race/Ethnicity – 52% Hispanic/Latino**



# **RESULTS – Knowledge/Perceptions on Climate Change**

- **How much do you know about CC? – 50% little or nothing**
- **Is climate changing in OV? – 63% Yes, 28% Not Sure, 9% No**
- **If yes, what risks are there in OV?**
  - **Theme Identified:**
    - **Flooding – 13**
    - **More Extreme Weather – 7**
    - **Illness/Flu/Fever – 13**
- **How likely is a disaster here? – 71% somewhat to very likely**
- **How severe would the impact be to you? – 75% somewhat to very severe**



# **RESULTS – Stories**

- **83% did not experience flooding**
- **Biggest problems for next flood**
  - **Loss of Power - 23**
  - **Safety – 21**
  - **Food & Water – 15**
  - **Property Damage – 15**
  - **Getting Out – 14**
- **How do you stay cool?**
  - **Air Conditioning – 45**
  - **Go outside (parks/beaches) – 7**



# RESULTS – Hazard Preparedness

Would you like more information on how to be prepared for a natural disaster? If yes, how can we contact you?		
Yes	48	54%
No	41	46%
Do you have supplies set aside in your home in case of a disaster?		
Yes	22	24%
No	68	76%
Do you have supplies set aside in your car to be used only in case of a disaster?		
Yes	18	20%
No	72	80%
Do you have supplies set aside in your workplace to be used only in case of a disaster?		
Yes	16	18%
No	73	82%
Could you tell me the disaster supplies you have in your home? (open-ended)		
Themes Identified		
Water	18	
Flashlights	13	
Canned/Preserved Food	12	
Food unspecified	8	
Batteries	8	
Candles	5	
Have you purchased Flood Insurance?		
Yes	6	7%



## RESULTS – Hazard Preparedness

I am not planning to do anything about preparing	30	33%
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## RESULTS – Hazard Preparedness

### Select Responses Stratified by Ethnicity & Age

	Count	Percentage
<b>Do you worry about having to permanently move out of your home or business due to flooding?</b>		
<i>Yes</i>		
Hispanic/Latino	33	80%
Non-Hispanic/Latino	8	20%

<b>In thinking about preparing yourself for a major disaster, which best represents your preparedness</b>		
<i>I do not plan on doing anything to prepare</i>		
Hispanic/Latino	21	70%
No- Hispanic/Latino	8	27%



## **RESULTS - Overall**

- **Surveying was not easy – lots of abandoned homes in target zones**
- **90% of those surveyed were not in Olneyville in 2010 and didn't experience flooding**
- **70% of those surveyed who are not planning on doing anything are Latino**
  - **Lack of Experience**
  - **Too Expensive**



# **How Do We Educate & Engage?**

## **Step 2: Educate**

### **Film: Stories from the Flood**

1. Increase personal connection to disasters to increase motivation to prepare
2. Demonstrate how disaster preparedness can be affordable
3. Increase knowledge of landlord and tenant responsibilities around preparation

# **Stories from the Flood – Show Where We Go**

1. Laundromats
2. Workplaces
3. Schools
4. Churches
5. Public Housing Complexes
6. Tenant Meetings



# Step 2: Educate

## Tours of Neighborhood Retrofits – Riverside Park GI Showcase



### Nature is at work here!

We're creating a healthy community! This site uses nature to clean dirty stormwater and reduce flooding.

[www.greeninfrastructureri.org](http://www.greeninfrastructureri.org)

**Clean**  
Less plants and soil to filter out pollution.

**Protect**  
Stops runoff from the parking lot and prevents flooding.

**Economy**  
A local landscape architect designed this bioswale.

**Cool**  
Water and plants cool the air.

**Wellness**  
Cleans our air and creates welcoming spaces.

**Habitat**  
A lot of plants thrive in these conditions.

### Riverside Park Bioswale

The Providence Parks Department designed and installed this bioswale. The Woonasquettuck River Rangers and neighbors maintain it to keep it working well. It captures and filters water. As part of a system with the bioswale area and rain garden next to the Red Shed, it holds and conveys stormwater that would otherwise flood the park and prevents pollution to the Woonasquettuck River.

**HOW CAN I DO THIS?**  
A bioswale can hold a bioswale for about \$10. Do you have a lot of rainwater? Check out: <http://www.providenceparks.org>

PROVIDENCE PARKS DEPARTMENT  
RIVERSIDE PARK  
1000 RIVERSIDE PARK  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02902



# Step 2: Educate Tours of Neighborhood Retrofits – Riverside Park GI Showcase



## La Naturaleza trabaja Aquí!

Estamos creando una comunidad saludable! Este sitio usa la naturaleza para limpiar agua sucia lluvial y reducir inundación  
[www.greeninfrastructure.org](http://www.greeninfrastructure.org)

**3**

**1** Techo 1 El componente más cerca del suelo es el que construido cuando los módulos de Techo 1.

**2** Techo 2 El componente más cerca del suelo es el que construido cuando los módulos de Techo 2.

**3** Techo 3 El componente más cerca del suelo es el que construido cuando los módulos de Techo 3.

**Limpia**  
 Tercer sistema filtra  
 contaminantes pesados y  
 otros contaminantes del  
 agua y la lluvia.

**Protege**  
 Seta hidro posturas  
 de 4' construye y fira  
 más de 1500 galones  
 de agua lluvia.

**Economía**  
 Seta techo verde  
 reduce costos del  
 trabajo contra lluvia.

**Refrescar**  
 Proporciona una  
 natural (verde)  
 absorbiendo la luz del  
 sol que evita el efecto  
 invernadero, fresco  
 cómodo.

**Buena Salud**  
 Puntos del techo  
 reducen los gases  
 contaminantes del aire  
 para reducir el impacto  
 del cambio climático.

**Habitar**  
 Atrajo polinizadores  
 y otros polinizadores  
 que son en buena  
 cultura donde la  
 tierra se recrea.

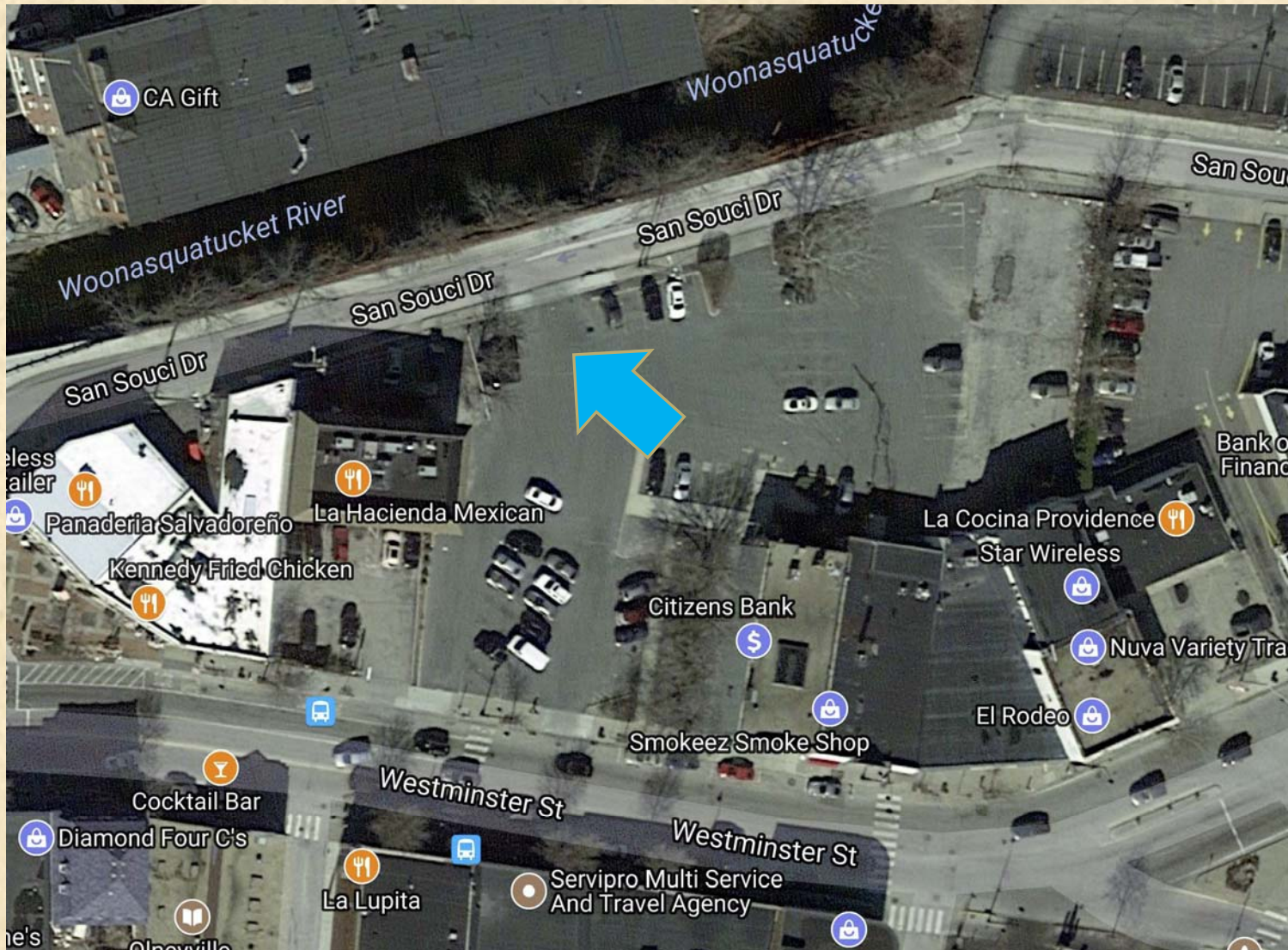
**LO PUEDO HACER?**  
 En los tres módulos en general se debe  
 instalar. Para más información  
 contactar:  
[Trenconline.com](http://Trenconline.com)

**CUANTO CUESTA?**  
 El precio del sistema modular  
 varía entre \$20 y \$30 por  
 pie cuadrado. El Red Shed es un \$2000  
 por 320 pies cuadrados.  
 La sistema modular cubre una  
 área de 320 pies cuadrados  
 entre \$5,000 y \$30,000 por 320 pies  
 cuadrados.

El Red Shed es el WRWC's tienda de bicicletas del barrio. Los dos contenedores de envío  
 proporcionan espacio para reparar bicicletas a bajo costo, y ventas de bicicletas reformadas y  
 alquileres. También es nuestro área de campamento de bicicletas que enseña a más de 100  
 niños cada año, como arreglar bicicletas y educación del ambiente.



## Step 2: Educate Tours of Neighborhood Retrofits – Parking Lot Olneyville Square



Stormwater Flows Directly to Woonasquatucket River  
NO SLOWING NO TREATMENT



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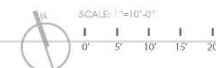


## SITE LAYOUT & LANDSCAPE PLAN



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1917 WESTMINSTER ST.

PROVIDENCE, RI  
FEBRUARY 2018





## **Step 3: Build Leadership New Voices at the Water Table**



# QUESTIONS?



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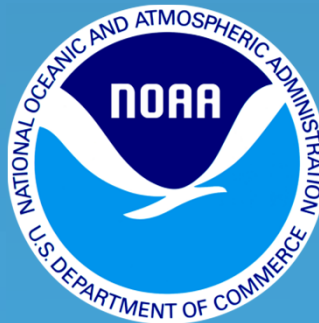




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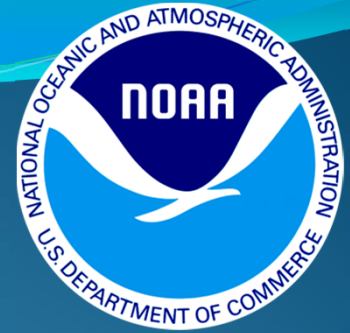
Preparing the Next Generation for a Changing Planet

Jennifer Sloan  
Director of Sustainability Education  
Groundwork Hudson Valley



# Global, Local, Coastal

## Program Overview



- **Funded in 2015 by NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant**
- **Partnered with Yonkers Board of Education to identify 12 classes among 4 High Schools for programs**
- **Experiential Resilience Education**
  - 2 School Years: 2016/2017 – 2017/2018
  - 600-700 students altogether enrolled in the program
  - 3 Field Trips to our outdoor education centers



# Global - Local - Coastal





# SITE #1: The Science Barge - \*Global\*

- Climate Science
- Climate Change Human Factors
- Climate Change Impact
- Global Resilience Strategies: Agriculture, Energy, Public Health

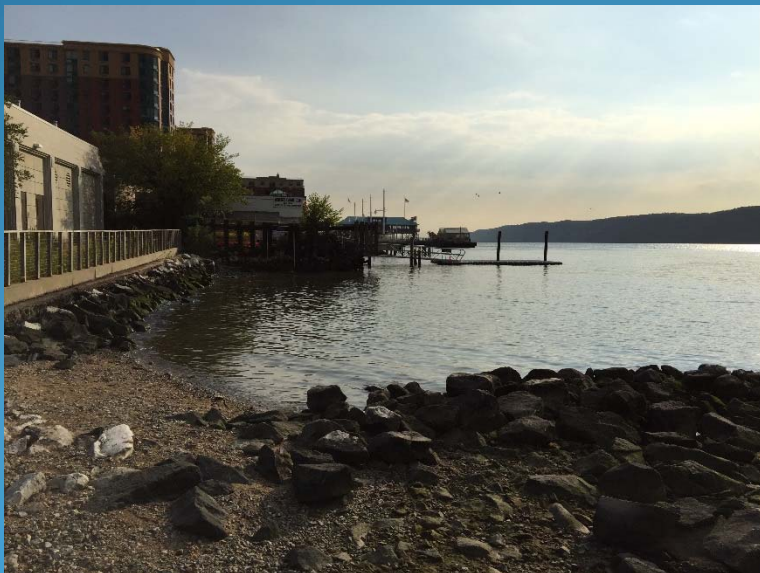




# SITE #2: Center for the Urban River at Beczak - \*Coastal\*



- Coastal impacts – storm surge and sea level rise
- Marine impact – ocean acidification
- Green infrastructure – wetlands as buffers





# SITE #3: The EcoHouse - \*Local\*

- Energy/Water Audit in the Home
- Carbon Footprint Game
- Emergency Prep Scavenger Hunt
- Fortifying homes and communities
- Storm-water Management
- Landscaping for new climate

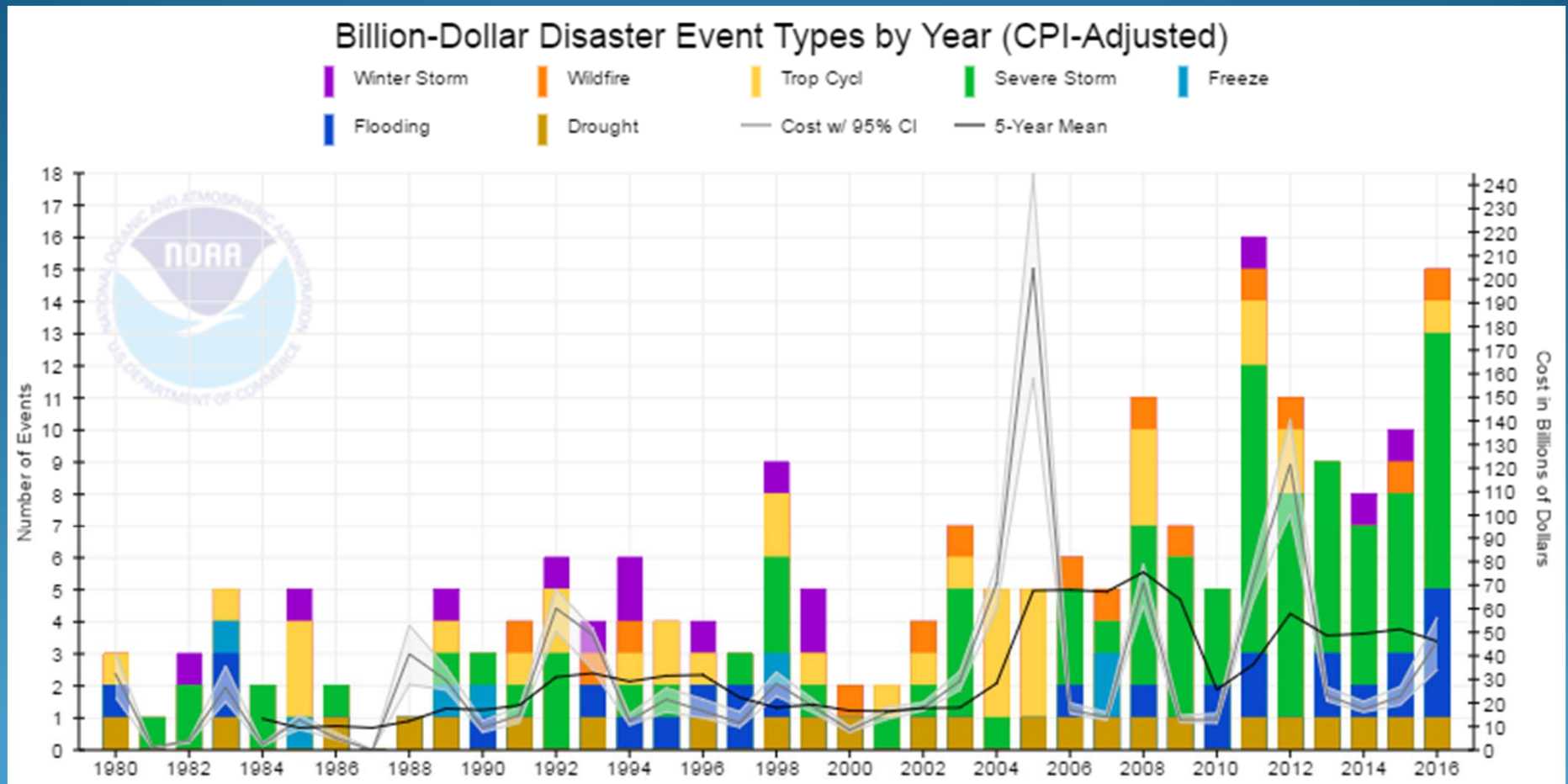




# Lessons Learned

- Climate systems are complex, so understanding and predicting broad outcomes is tricky
  - 1) The planet is warming due to GHG emissions
  - 2) A warmer planet is a riskier planet
  - 3) Sea level rise, freshwater availability, heat waves, and ecosystem breakdown are paramount impact issues.
  - 4) NOAA Climate Resilience Toolkit – help with local strategies
- **Climate change affects EVERYONE** – if no where else than at the wallet.

# Climate Change Affects Everyone (If nowhere else but our wallets)



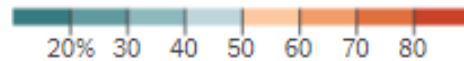


## Lessons Learned continued...

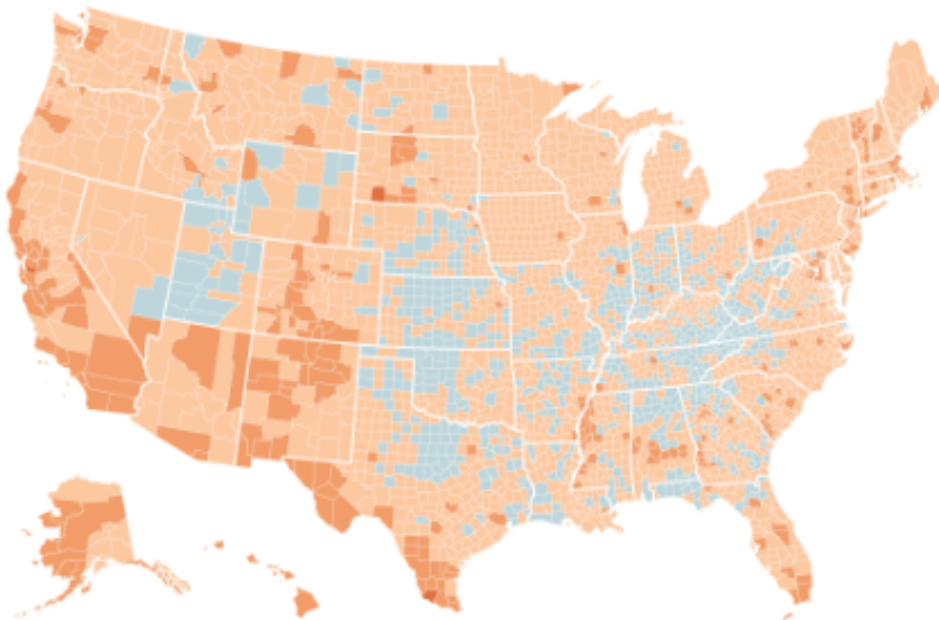
- ‘Climate Grief’ is real.
- Think Locally, Act Globally...  
(yes, you read that right)

# Make it Personal and Relevant

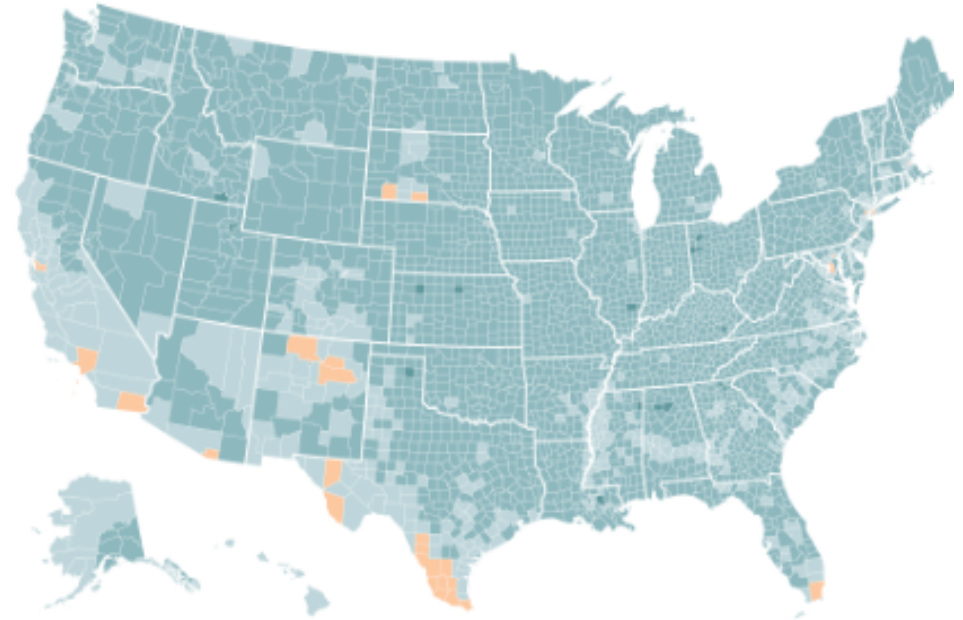
Percentage of adults per county who think ...



Global warming will harm people in the United States

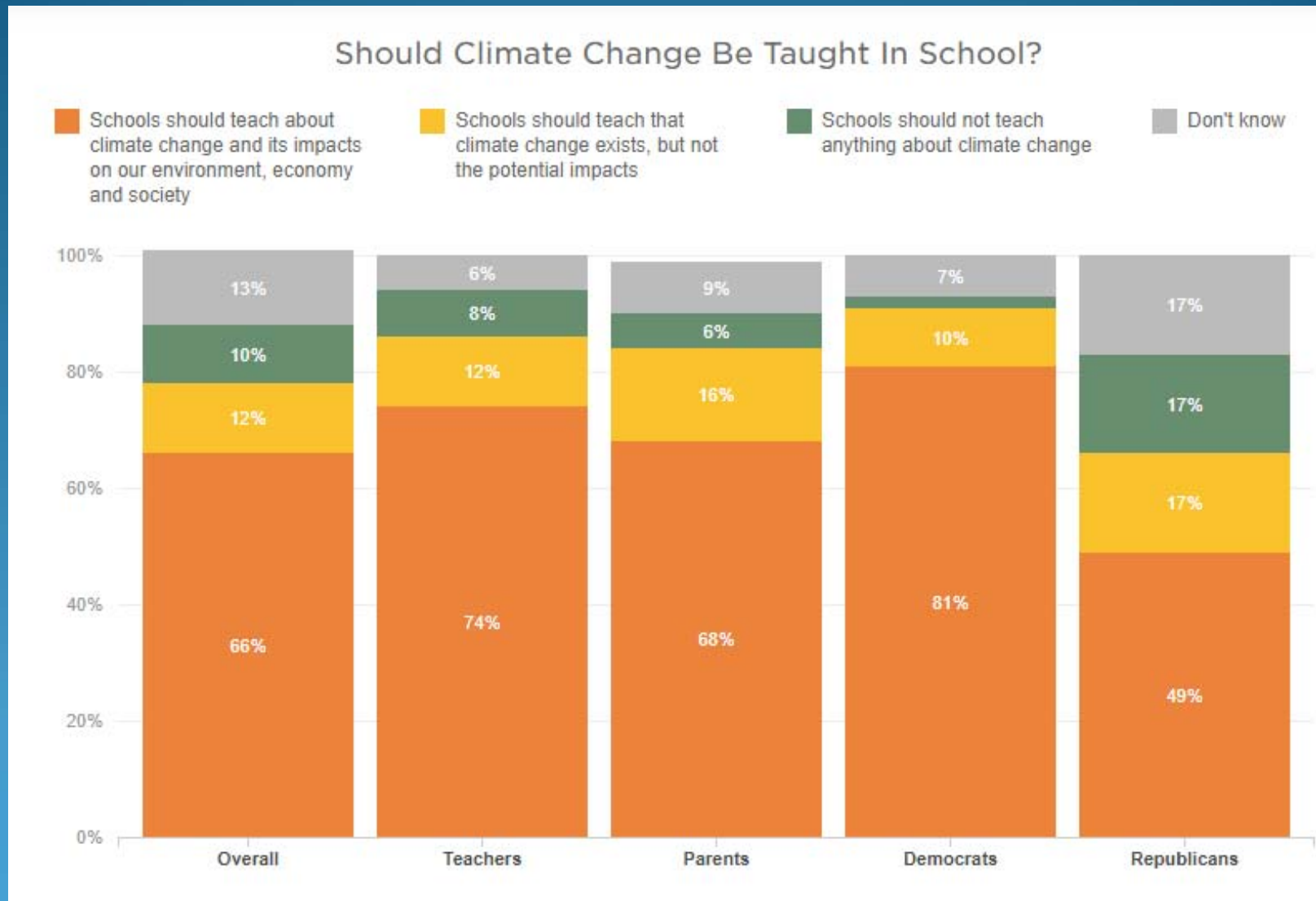


Global warming will harm me, personally





# NPR Poll: Most want climate education



# Few teach about it.

% of **parents** who talk  
to their kids about  
climate change

45%

% of **teachers** who  
teach about climate  
change

42%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



A horizontal bar chart with two bars. The top bar is orange and represents 45% of parents who talk to their kids about climate change. The bottom bar is orange and represents 42% of teachers who teach about climate change. The x-axis is labeled from 0% to 100% in 20% increments. The bars are set against a white background with a blue border.

Group	Percentage
% of parents who talk to their kids about climate change	45%
% of teachers who teach about climate change	42%

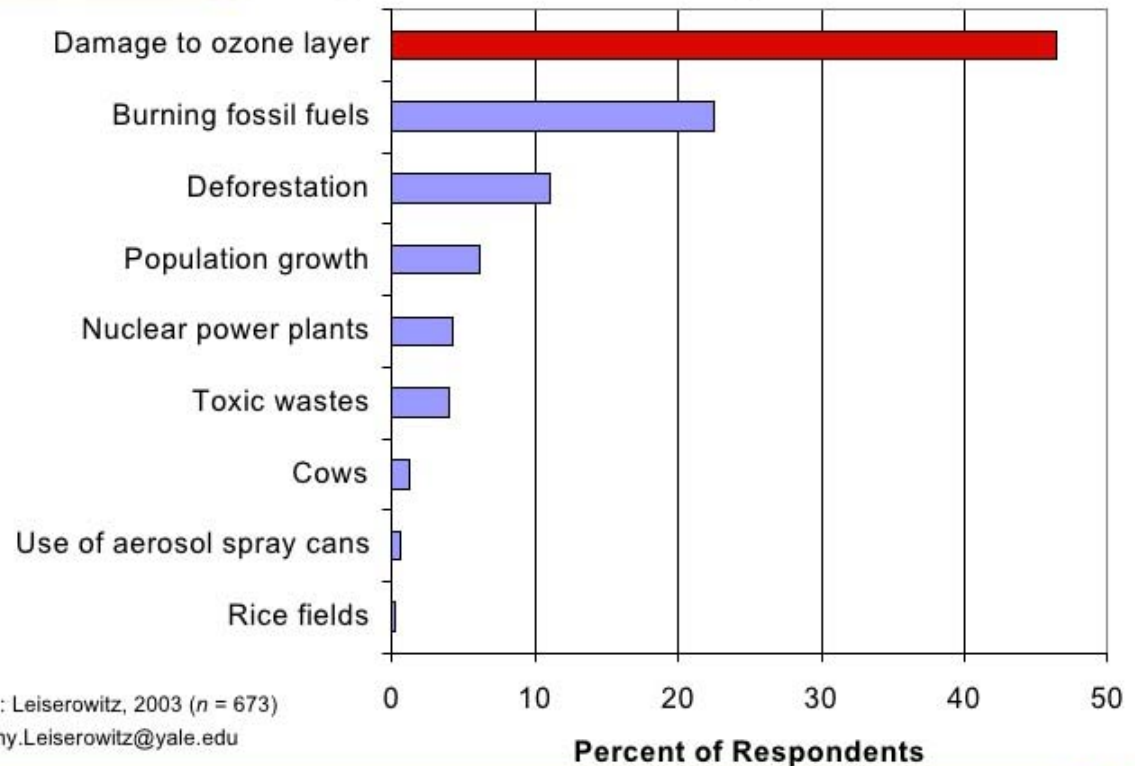


# Many Obstacles for Education

- Even teachers have tenuous grasp of the subject!
- Inundation of misinformation
- Political Landscape
- Too negative



Which contributes most to global warming?







# Distance Learning Module

- Three years of research turned up countless teacher resources from various sites (CLEAN, PBS Learning Media Library, Etc.)
  - Too much to comb through for a teacher first introducing climate science into the curriculum
- **We wanted to make these resources easily available so educators can jump right in to the material**
- Connect experiential learning to classroom standards
- **This DLM can be used 3 ways:**
  - As a full curriculum with web-app
  - A la carte classroom activities
  - As an in-classroom supplement to visiting our sites!

# Comprehensive Curriculum

## Available online on Groundwork HV Website



### TEACHER'S GUIDE

DISTANCE LEARNING MODULE

## Global, Local, Coastal: Preparing the Next Generation for a Changing Planet

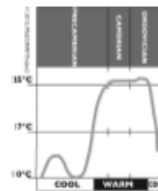
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Following with the online application:  
[www.ghudsonvalley.org/groundwork](http://www.ghudsonvalley.org/groundwork)



### Unit II: What are the natural

Though Earth's climate system is budget is fundamentally altered. In the hydrosphere, biosphere) interact with in to our climate have major consequences with stability and predictability in our climate, an event must drastically alter either the "spheres." Though scientists have known about Earth's climate history when paleoclimatology. Paleoclimatology uses corals, and ocean and lake sediment core



The evidence from paleoclimatology Icehouse and Hothouse. The Hothouse ( tropical conditions on nearly all the land atmosphere, and sea temperatures ranging during the Cambrian Period (540 million years) place in a Hothouse Earth state. By contrast the poles, mostly temperate to tundra co atmosphere, and fluctuations between gl Cryogenic Ice Age, over 633 million years the opposite side is right now. Currently, demonstrated by the presence of both ice

Fossil records and ocean sediment point to greenhouse gas concentrations : cooling—tectonic activity causing either atmospheric carbon through sequestration



### CLIMATE

### UNIT III: 1

Climate change has been temperature averages have increased climate system. Polar ice melt a propelled more powerful storms and increased air temperatures forecast that the planet will continue bring dire circumstances for vulnerable impacts have been and what the and urban planners in formulation



In Unit III: Climate Change sectors: ice cover, the water cycle human health. In 2014, a team ocean and climate research institution This report documents twelve key associated web-based application scientific data comes from the National Geographic.

\* This report is updated periodically 2018, can be found here: <https://www.ghudsonvalley.org/groundwork>



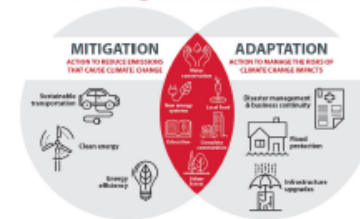
### ADAPTATION & RESILIENCY

### Unit V: How can humans adapt to climate change in an equitable way?

Our planet is already experiencing the impacts of accelerated climate change, and will continue to for some time even after we begin our best mitigation efforts. Though we may each experience climate change differently, every person, community, state, and country must assess local risks and vulnerabilities and adapt to projected impacts. We live in an interdependent world, however, so it serves our own best interests to help protect the infrastructure and resources of other populations around the globe as well. There is also a moral imperative to do so. Often the populations that are least responsible for our current level of heat-trapping greenhouse gases are the ones most affected. Small, island nations are being swallowed up by rising seas, impoverished populations are seeing their homes and farms devastated by more powerful storms, indigenous peoples are losing access to traditional foods and homelands due to habitat loss and species range changes, and the very young, elderly, and sick are most vulnerable to resulting air pollution and heatwaves.

In this unit, we will examine myriad adaptation responses to the types of climate change impacts described in Unit III. Sometimes, adaptation planning can coincide with carbon mitigation efforts, as it does when we plant more trees. Where mitigation and adaptation meet can be called resilience. Resilience is defined as the ability to withstand or bounce back from challenging conditions or disturbances to our natural and built environment. The ultimate goal is to build a more resilient and sustainable world. Urban spaces may have to respond to challenges that are dissimilar to rural environments and will have to react accordingly, just as the marine organisms will adapt differently to climate change than land-dwellers.

### Building Climate Resilience



While some strategies can be developed and adopted across the globe, others will need tailoring to hyper-local circumstances. For instance, Yonkers has a built waterfront along the tidal estuary portion of the Hudson River. Rising sea-levels combined with storm surge events, like Hurricane Sandy, make the developing waterfront vulnerable to coastal flooding, while heavy rain events cause frequent flooding on the highways and erosion along the smaller Saw Mill and Bronx Rivers. To address these and projected issues, Groundwork Hudson Valley has worked with partners such as the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the City of Yonkers to (1) plant native willows





# Web application – Home Menu



Groundwork  
Hudson Valley



Climate Science

Climate Change Impact

Adaptation and Resiliency

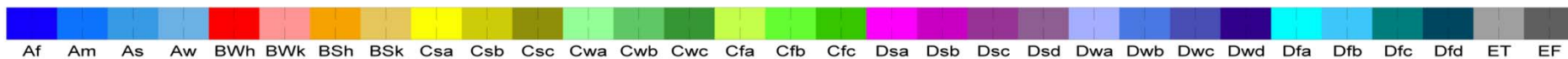
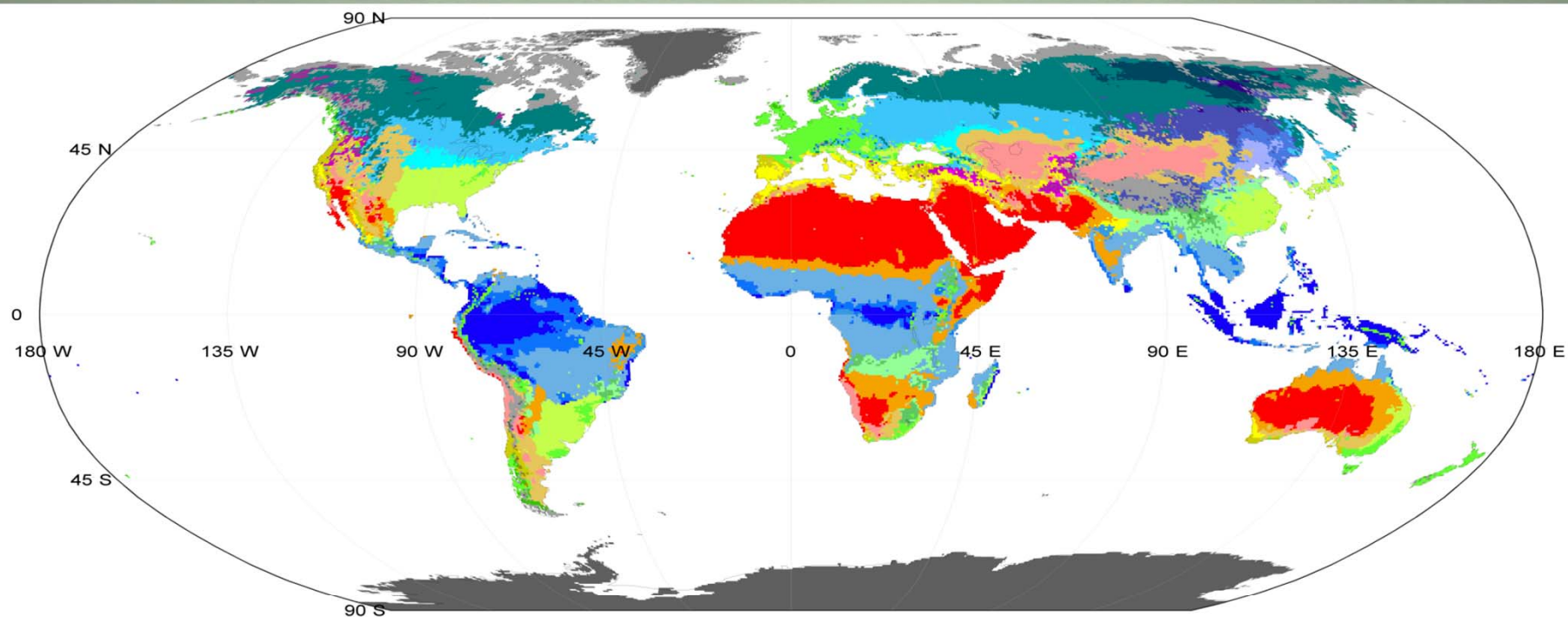
# Curriculum format

- **Five Units** – key topics elaborated in chapters
  - Teacher resources on web-app and classroom activities
  - All lessons aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), listed in the curriculum
- **Inquiry-based science education model, “5-E lesson plan”**
  - **Engagement** – pique audience interest
  - **Exploration** – hands-on activities, interactive labs
  - **Explanation** – instruction phase where concepts are explained
  - **Elaboration** – new knowledge is applied to previous investigations
  - **Evaluation** – through writing, worksheets, presentations, peer to peer



# Unit 1 – Climate Science

- Difference between Climate and Weather
  - Tie into **weather studies** (weather station) or **river studies** at your center (ie: HRECOS – sonde equipment)
- Climate is a 30 year or more average of weather for a region.
  - Tie into **phenology** (ie: apple blossoms and honeybees) & **biodiversity studies** (ie: biomes)
- What does it mean when the climate changes?
  - Disrupted water cycle, human health and ecosystems
  - Fast change doesn't allow time for life to adapt



#### First letter

A: Tropical  
B: Dry  
C: Mild temperate  
D: Snow  
E: Polar

#### Second letter

f: Fully humid  
m: Monsoon  
s: Dry summer  
w: Dry winter  
W: Desert  
S: Steppe

T: Tundra  
F: Frost

#### Third letter

h: Hot arid  
k: Cold arid  
a: Hot summer  
b: Warm summer  
c: Cool summer  
d: Cold summer

**Data source:** Terrestrial Air Temperature/Precipitation:  
1900-2010 Gridded Monthly Time Series (V 3.01)

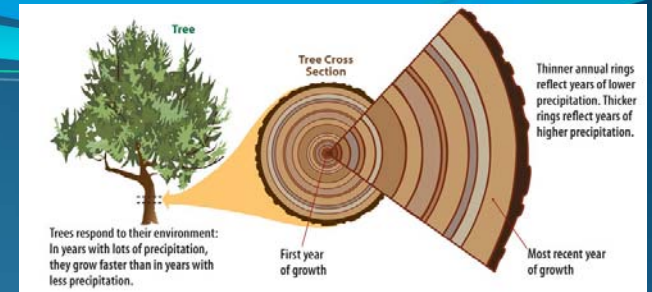
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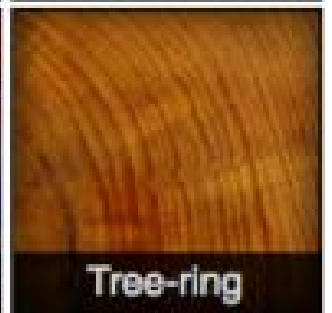
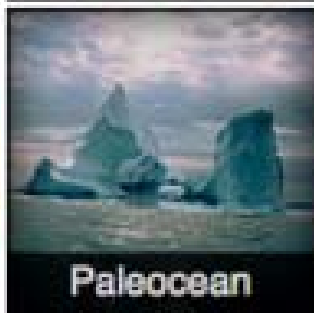
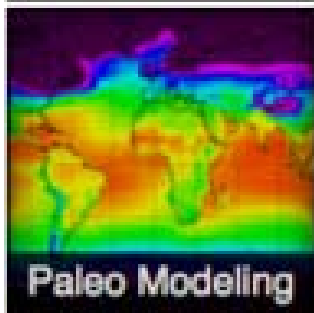
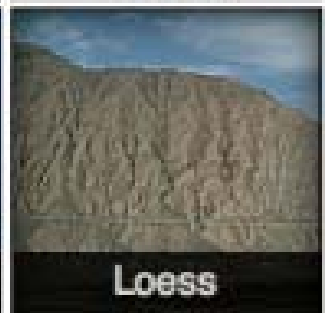
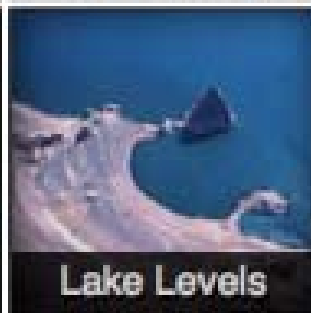
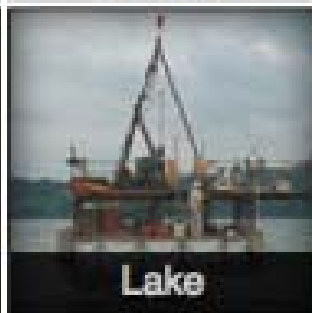
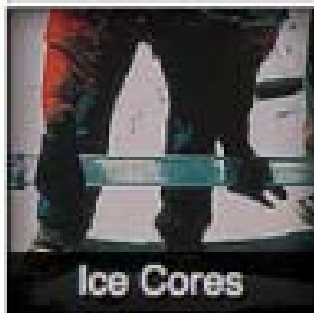
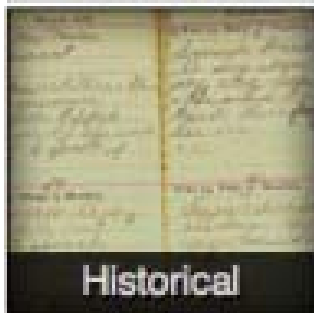
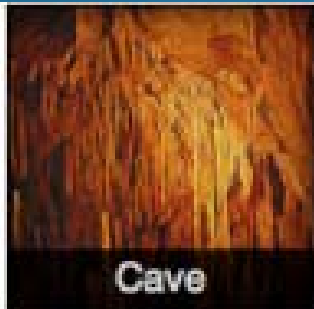
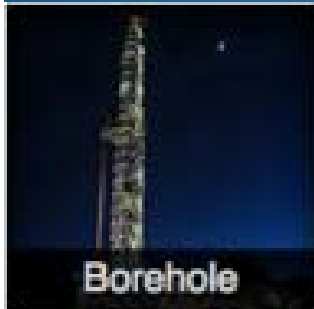


# Unit 2 – Climate Proxies



- Direct data predating 1850 doesn't exist, so *paleoclimatologists* study climate *proxies*, such as ice cores, to better understand our climate history.
- Use your center's assets to talk about climate science!
  - If you have a forest, can you do a **dendrochronology** tree cookie/tree core lab and then explore the property?
  - If you are on the shore, study **sediment cores**
  - Do you have a lot of **glacial remnants** or other geologic samples?

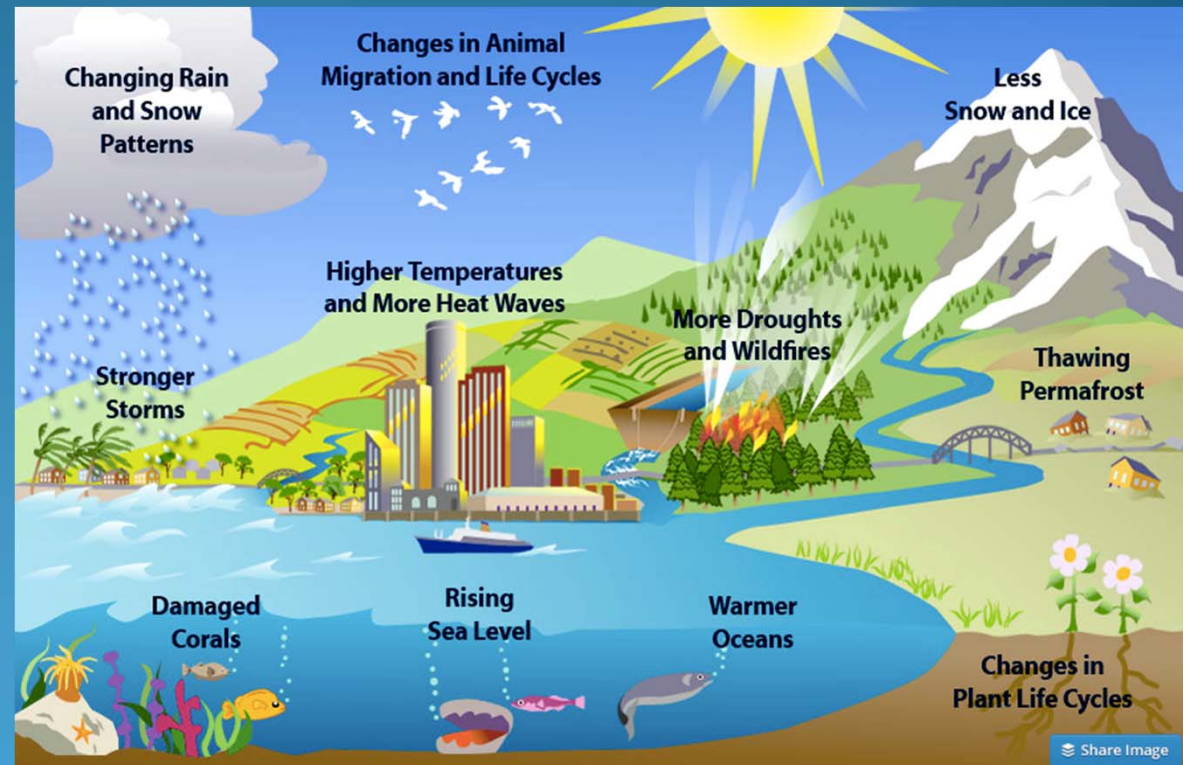
# Paleoclimatology - Tools of the Trade





# Unit 3 - Impact

- **Forest Cover** – Invasives, Fire Safety, Pests
- **Wildlife** - Biodiversity & Species Ranges
- **Water Cycle** – Storms, Drought
- **Health** – Vector Species, pathogens, air pollution
- **Coastal changes** – Sea Level Rise
- **Agriculture** – crop losses, stress on livestock



# Web application - Impact



Groundwork  
Hudson Valley



IMAGES of **CHANGE**



Muir Glacier melt, Alaska

August 13, 1941 - August 31, 2004



CURTAIN TOGGLE 2 - UP



# Unit 4 - Mitigation

- Highlight ways to reduce your carbon, water footprint
  - Waste management – 3 R's, composting
  - Outdoor & Active Lifestyle – hiking, biking, gardening
  - Carbon sequestration – low till, protect old forests, plant more trees, geological
  - Renewable energy – solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, hydro
  - Local agriculture – CSA, garden classes



# Web application - Mitigation



Groundwork  
Hudson Valley



## CoolClimate Network



START WITH A QUICK CARBON FOOTPRINT ESTIMATE

Your footprint   [Leaderboard](#)   [Settings](#)   [Login](#)

1. Where do you live?

Scarsdale, NY 10583, USA

2. How many people live in your household?



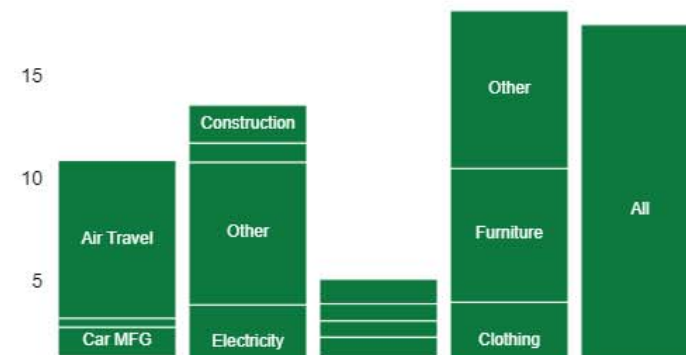
3. What is your gross annual household income?



**65**  
tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year

**24 %**  
Better than Average

Household tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year





# Unit 5 – Adaptation & Resiliency

- Trees/Forest cover
- Wetlands
- Rain garden, greenroof, xeriscaping, permeable pavers
- Local Ag, Local Energy
- Invasive removal
- Raising bees
- Green infrastructure/green design



# Web application - Resilience



Menu

Home

Location

Yonkers, NY

Tour This Page  
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## Temperature

Avg Daily Max Temp (°F)

Annual

Monthly

Avg Daily Min Temp (°F)

Days w/ max > 90°F

Days w/ max > 95°F

Days w/ max > 100°F

Days w/ max > 105°F

Days w/ max < 32°F

Days w/ min < 32°F



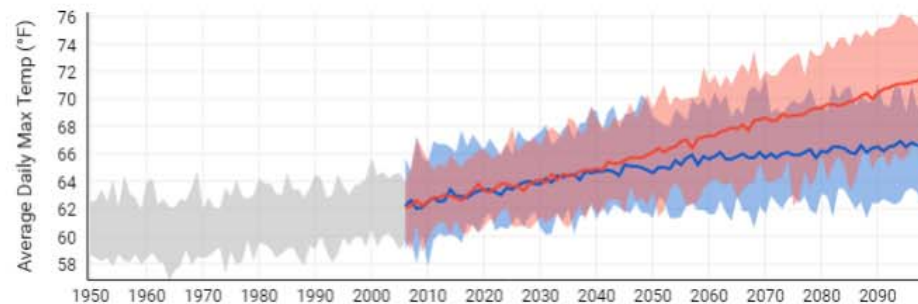
### Chart: Westchester County

Annual Avg Daily Max Temp (°F)

How to read this

Image

Data



Observations

Historical (Modeled)

Lower Emissions

Higher Emissions

Averages

1950

2100



Map:



# Recapping Best Practices

- **Use your own natural assets at your center or school**
  - Especially with measurements, mitigation and adaptation
- **Help students find their voice – their personal connection to material**
- **Keep students moving – Make it Hands-on!**
  - Focus on STEM methods
- **Tie into standards/school curriculum (NGSS, Regents, or otherwise)**
- **Avoid “doom and gloom”**
- **REBRAND WHAT YOU’RE ALREADY DOING!**

# Identify the Right Resiliency Measures for Your Community

- Flood Walls OR Marshes/Riparian Restoration
- Storm Surge Barriers OR Levees/Flood Pumps
- Improved Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure OR More Trees & Greenroof/Bioswales
- Improved Freshwater Conservation OR Reverse Osmosis Systems
- Evacuation Systems OR Emergency Shelters





# Leverage Collective Power

- Creating pathways to share information
- Connecting city planners, politicians and community members
- Helping individuals determine personal risks
- Providing resources to individuals to increase personal readiness



# Resources

- Our web-app!
- NOAA – Climate.Gov
- NOAA Climate Literacy packet
- CLEAN Network (Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network)
- ACE – Alliance for Climate Education (activism based)
- PBS Learning Media Library
- 2014 National Climate Assessment webpage/pdf







The Watershed Project's mission is to inspire Bay Area communities to understand, appreciate, and protect our local watersheds.





# How we work

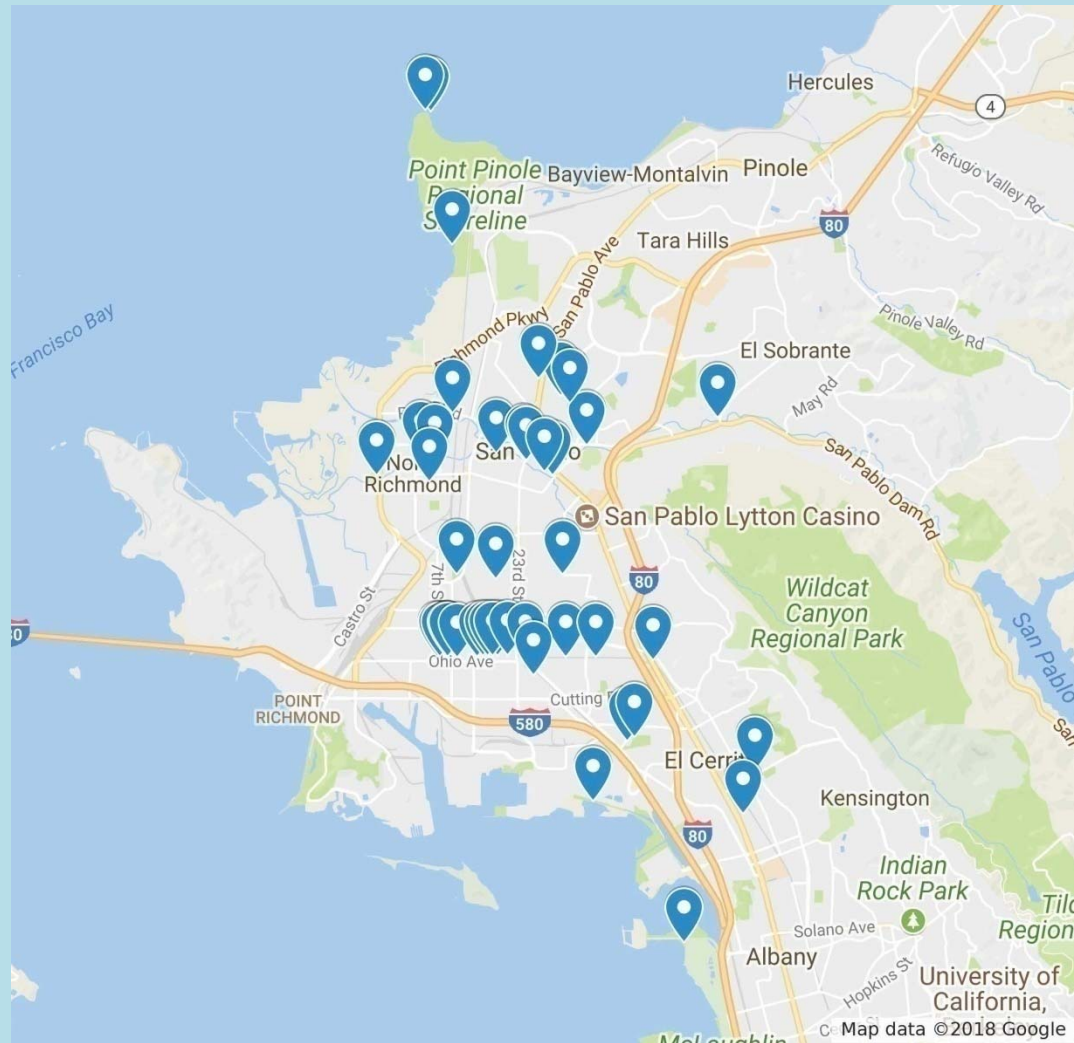
**We develop community based solutions to the urban watersheds.**

- Protect waterways through green infrastructure, urban canopy and sustainable gardening;
- Prevent pollution from entering the watershed through marine debris education, trash cleanups and inspiring behavioral change;
- Engage students and youth in stewardship and hands-on science education;
- **Facilitate equitable and inclusive infrastructure planning and environmental justice projects;**
- **Promote access to shorelines and natural areas**





# Map of TWP restoration sites 2007-2019



Nearly all **36**  
projects are in  
Richmond and  
West Contra  
Costa County

Off the map:  
addition sites  
Oakland rain  
Water & San  
Francisco Unified

# North Richmond CA







# Visioning for the Future

- **North Richmond Shoreline Vision: A community-based approach (2017)**
- **Resilient by Design Competition –The Home Team (2018)**
- Quality of Life Master Plan (2019)
- Water Needs Assessment and Project Identification and Prioritization (2019)





## North Richmond Shoreline Residential Concerns

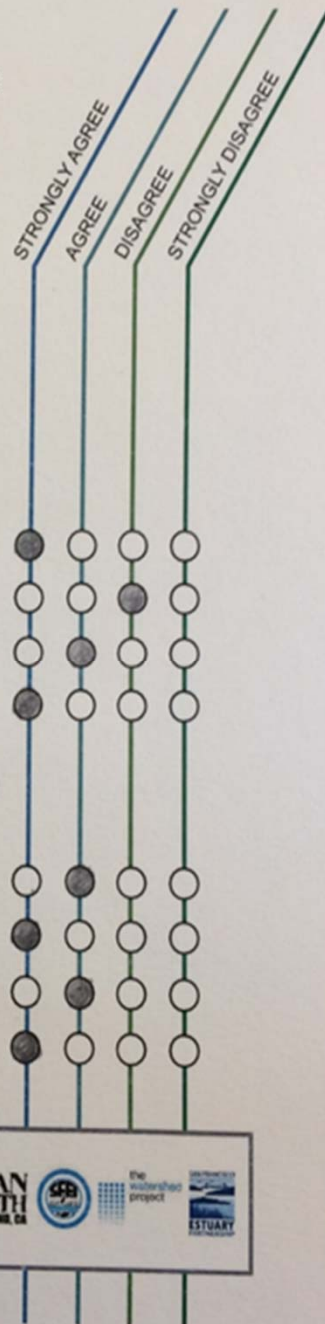
Please help us to better understand concerns around the North Richmond Shoreline by filling in one circle per statement to express whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

I would visit the North Richmond Shoreline more if...

- I knew of more things to do there
- there was more public transit to there
- there was more walking access to there
- there was more car parking near there

In the future near the North Richmond Shoreline I am concerned about...

- Rising home prices and rents
- Flooding damage to homes/businesses
- Not enough local jobs
- Air or water pollution



For more info about this survey,  
please contact Jesse Brown,  
[jesse@thewatershedproject.org](mailto:jesse@thewatershedproject.org)



## On the shoreline in the future I am concerned about...

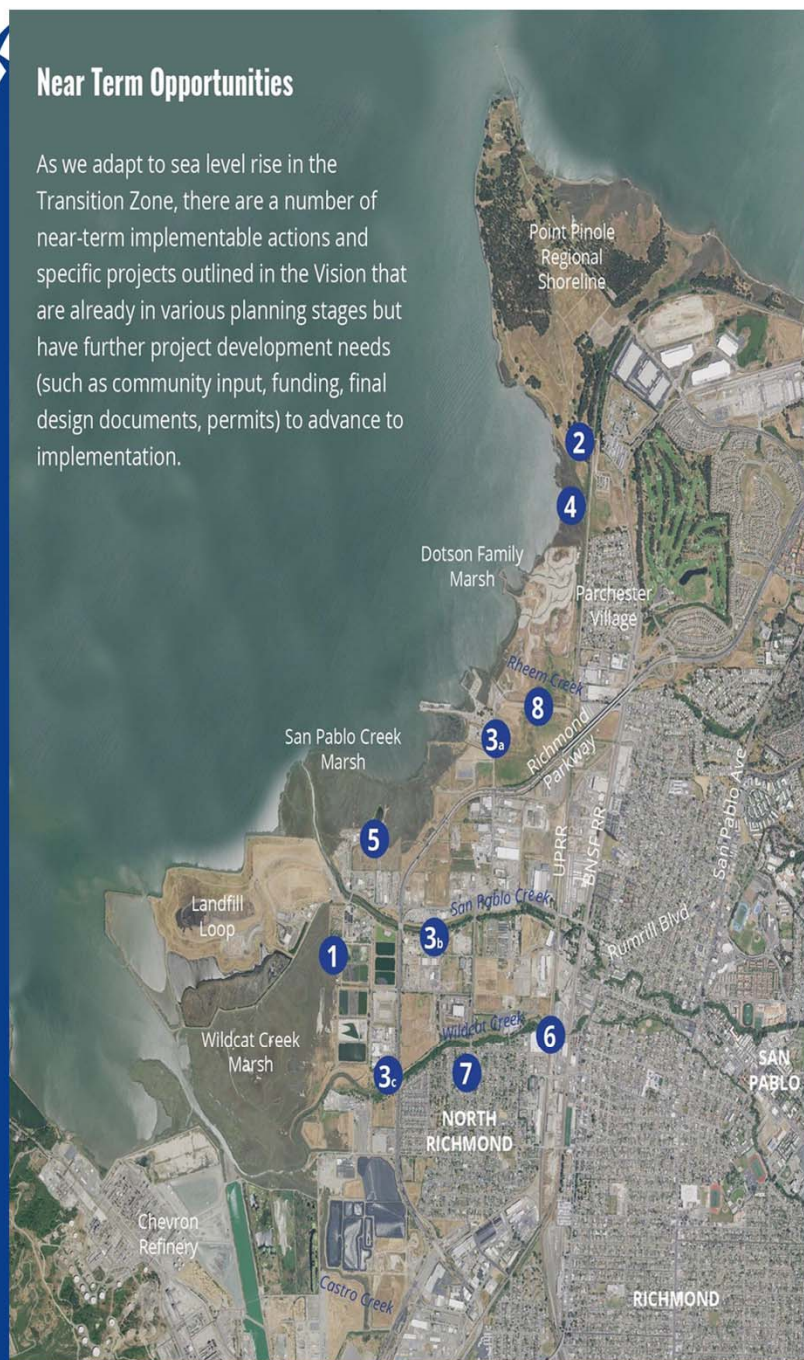
- 90%** Air or water pollution
- 85%** Not enough local jobs
- 73%** Flooding damage to homes/business
- 73%** Rising home prices and rents

## I would visit the shoreline more if...

- 94%** If I knew more things to do
- 90%** Better walking access
- 66%** Better public transportation access
- 66%** More parking

## Near Term Opportunities

As we adapt to sea level rise in the Transition Zone, there are a number of near-term implementable actions and specific projects outlined in the Vision that are already in various planning stages but have further project development needs (such as community input, funding, final design documents, permits) to advance to implementation.



### 1 Horizontal levee and Interpretive Center at West County Wastewater District

Explore planning, design, and construction of nature-based shoreline infrastructure, and an associated Environmental Center supporting environmental education and public outreach programs. The effort is looking at placing a horizontal levee at Wildcat Marsh, adjacent to the Bay Trail, in partnership with the District and SFEP.

### 2 Interpretive Center at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

Engage the public through a new 9,000 sf visitor center that will serve as the primary point of contact for park visitors, with interpretive and educational functions, community facilities, and a regional recreational resource center for the Park District. Site developments include multiple interpretative gathering areas, an amphitheater, trail links, bus drop off, and parking.

### 3 Bay Trail Gap closures and Richmond Parkway Overpass on Wildcat Creek Trail

Improve access through closing 2.1 miles of Bay Trail gaps on the northern shoreline including: Parkway/Wildcat Marsh Trail on south side of San Pablo Creek; Parkway/Goodrick Avenue; Goodrick Avenue; and Atlas Road/Richmond border.

### 4 Giant Marsh Living Shorelines

Enhance living resources, including the multi-habitat San Francisco Bay Living Shorelines Project (LSP). The project integrates subtidal habitat restoration of native oyster and native eelgrass beds with designs that test the use of natural structures to buffer and protect adjacent tidal wetland sites, as well as areas of the San Francisco Bay shoreline that are vulnerable to sea level rise and shoreline erosion.

### 5 Develop and construct renewable energy pilot projects

Generate renewable energy, through a special district that is exploring producing renewable energy in the area. Goals of the project are for the special district to become more carbon neutral and test out a new method of green energy production. The pilot project would use green waste from the area to produce renewable energy at the Green Waste Recycle Yard.

### 6 Wildcat Creek Fish Ladder Improvements

Realign portions of the environmental low-flow channel of Wildcat Creek (downstream of Verde Elementary School), improve function of the sediment basin, and replace dysfunctional fish ladder immediately upstream of sediment basin.

### 7 Fred Jackson First Mile, Last Mile Green Street / Watershed Connections Project

Provide urban greening through the North Richmond Watershed Connection, which will serve to create a healthy, walkable, green connection between the San Pablo and Wildcat Creeks in North Richmond. The project will implement coordinated urban greening elements on streets, parks, creek trails, and an urban farm to enhance the health of the creeks and watershed while improving the community's access to their environment.

### 8 Rheem Creek Realignment through Dotson Family Marsh

Realign and restore about 1/2 mile of Rheem Creek, and connect it with restored Dotson Family marsh to create improved aquatic habitat through the marsh.



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▲ The Home Team

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# North Richmond Priority Resilience Area

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# Stakeholder/Community engagement Process overview



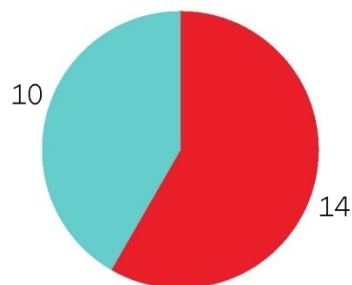
- Conformed a Community Advisory Board
  - Engage community liaison through NGO active in the area.
  - Overcoming recruitment barriers
  - Defining composition goals
  - Regular meetings
    - Meeting times
    - Translation
    - Facilitation



# North Richmond Community Advisory Board

## CAB STATS

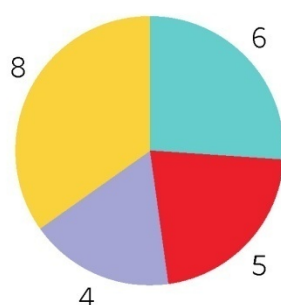
Gender



What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

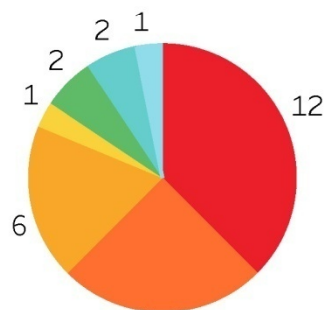
Race



What is your primary racial identity?

- Black
- Hispanic
- Mixed Race
- White (not Hispanic)

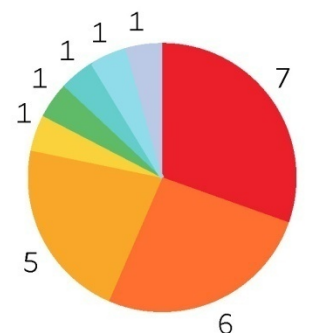
Sector



What sector do you currently work / volunteer in?

- Local non-profit
- Government employee
- Community representative
- Elected government official
- High school student
- Local small business
- Other business

City of Residence



Where do you live?

- North Richmond
- Richmond
- Contra Costa County, but not North Richmond
- Hercules
- Sebastopol, but am a homeowner in Richmond
- Berkeley
- Alameda County
- San Francisco, CA



# North Richmond RbD-Home Team CAB







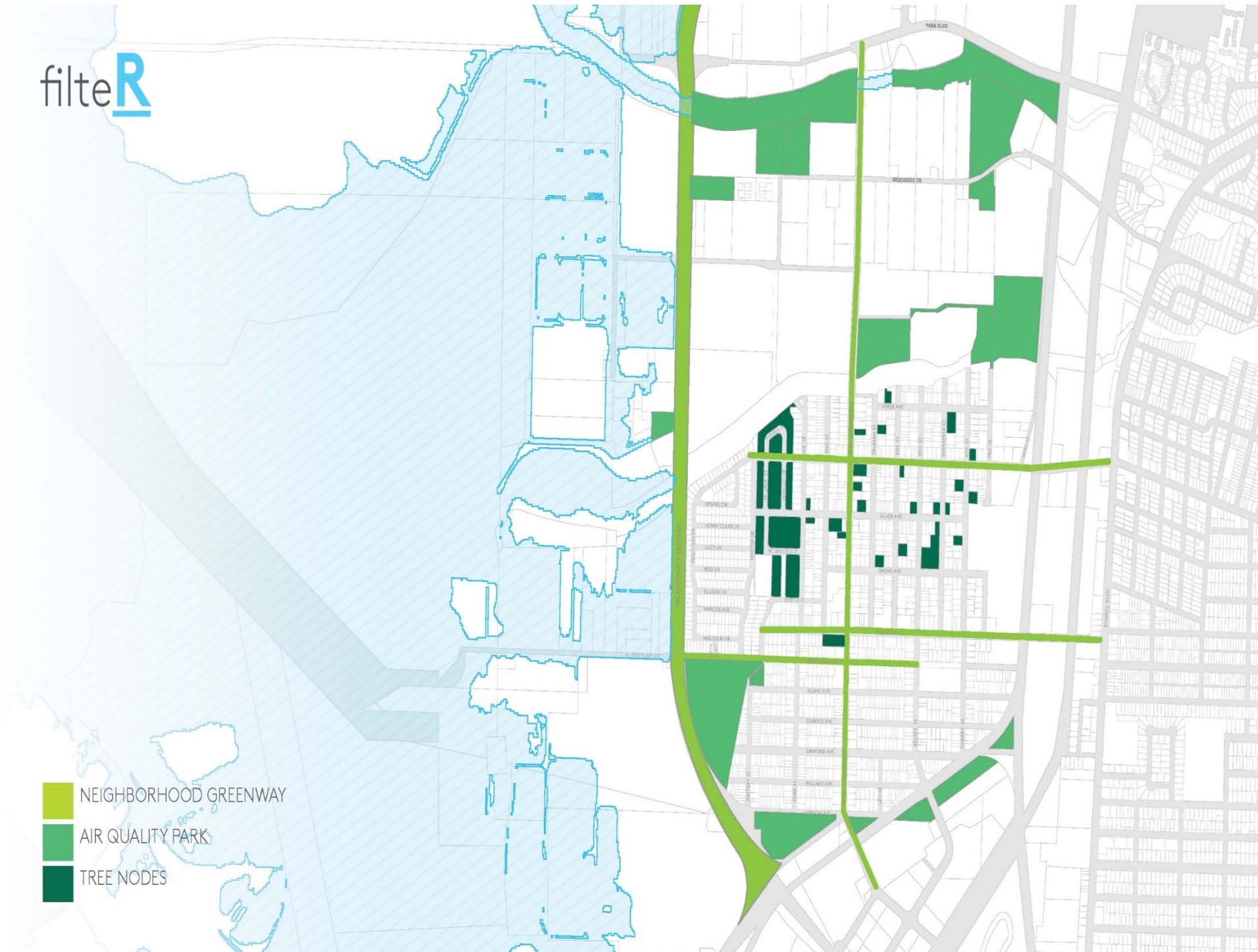
# Meaningful community Input and listening sessions

**Number of meetings**

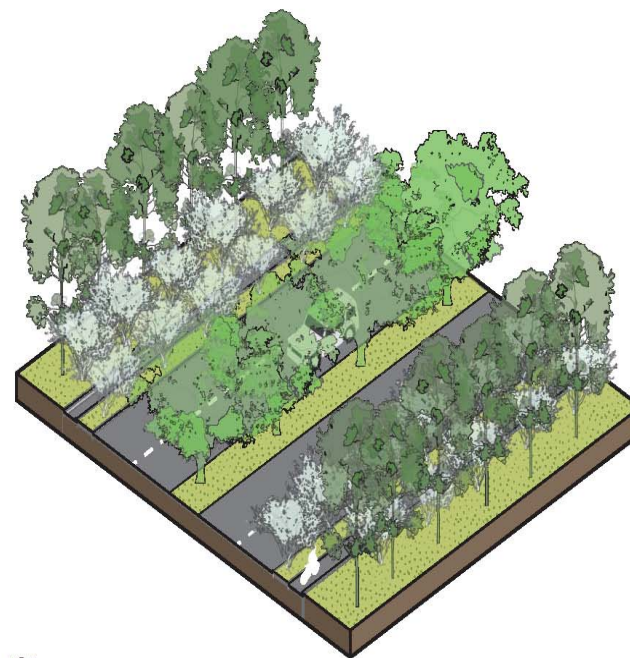
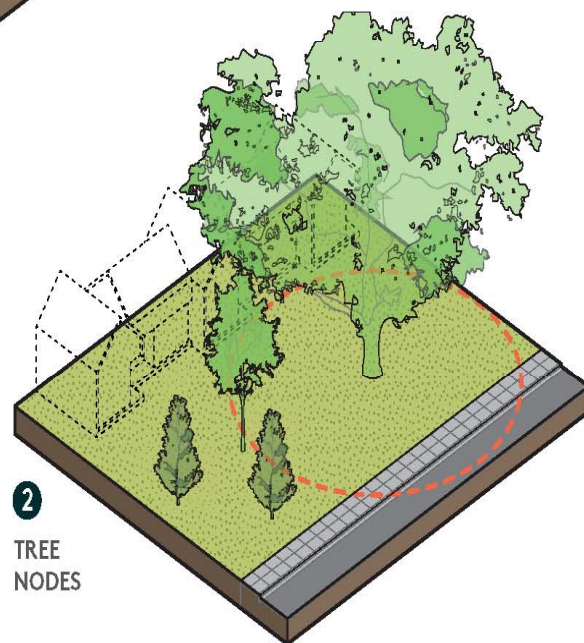
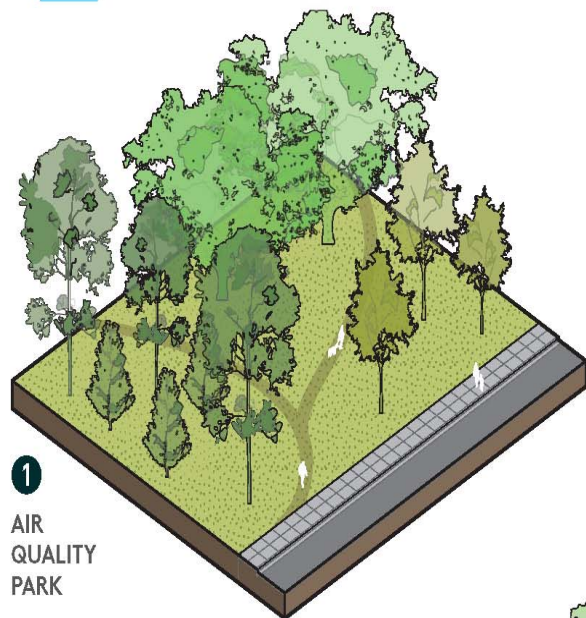
**Type of interactions**



- NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY
- AIR QUALITY PARK
- TREE NODES







KEY SPECIES:



MONTERREY CYPRESS



ARROYO WILLOW



COAST LIVE OAK



VALLEY OAK



gRow













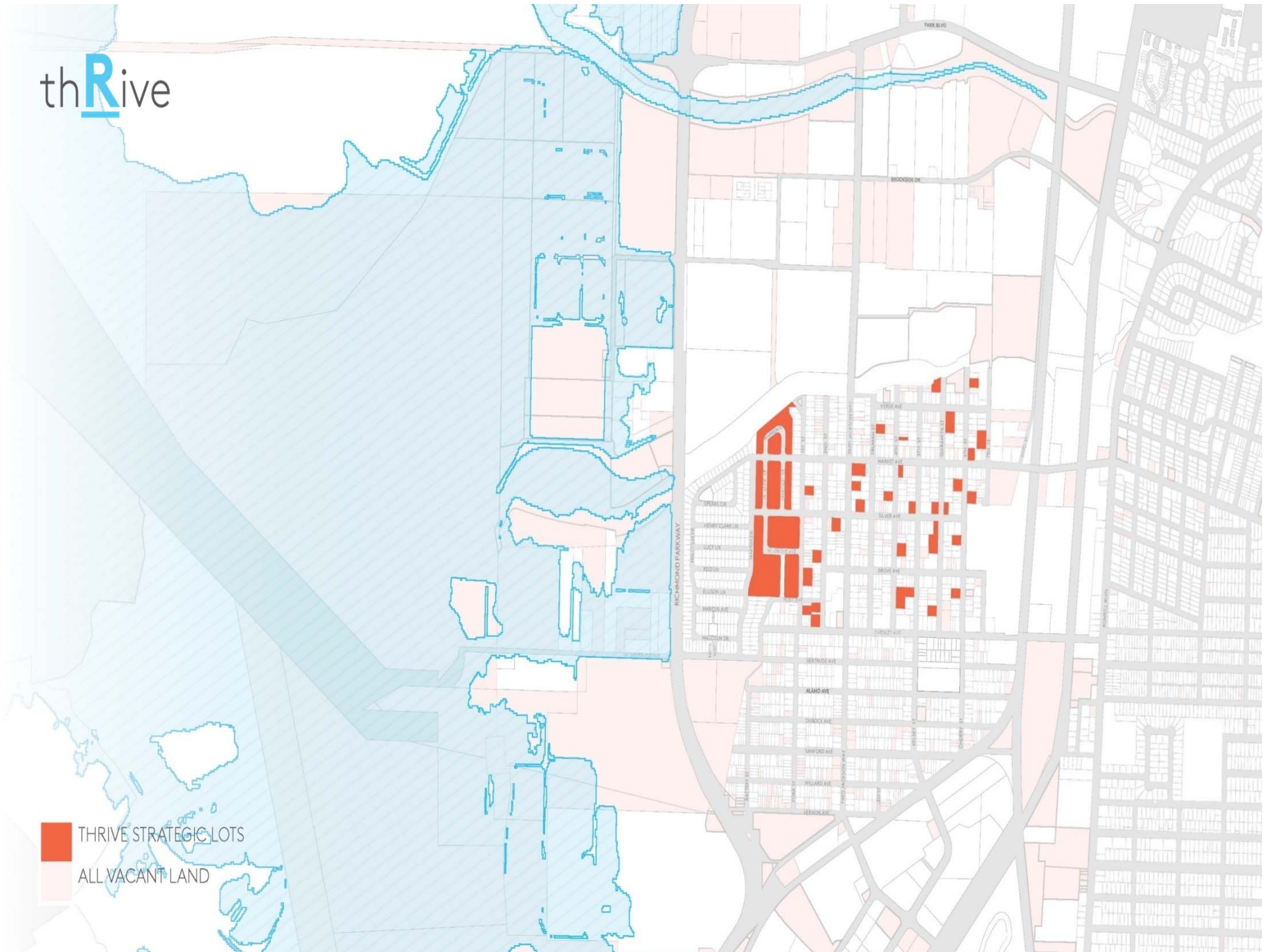
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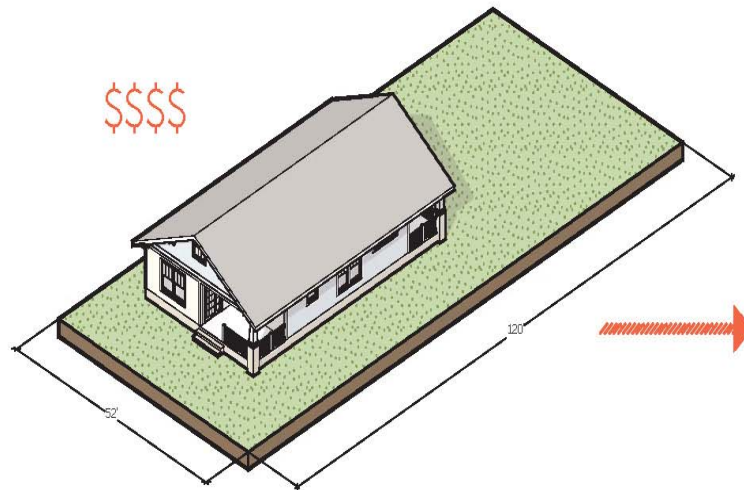




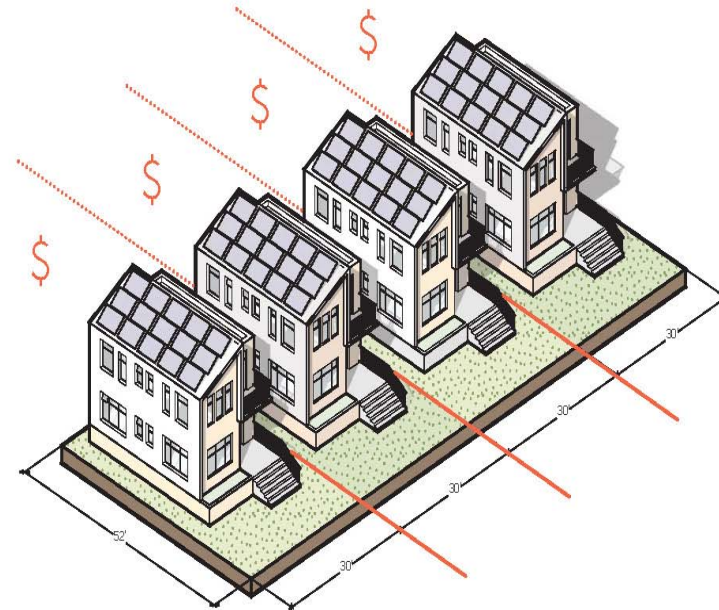








EXISTING:  
 Typical Lot: 52'x120' = 6240 sq ft  
 Typical Single Family Home:  
 1500 sq ft (single story)



SPLIT:  
 $52' \times 120' = / 4 =$   
 Four Small Lots at 1560 sq ft each  
 Small Lot Infill Homes:  
 1250 sq ft (two story).



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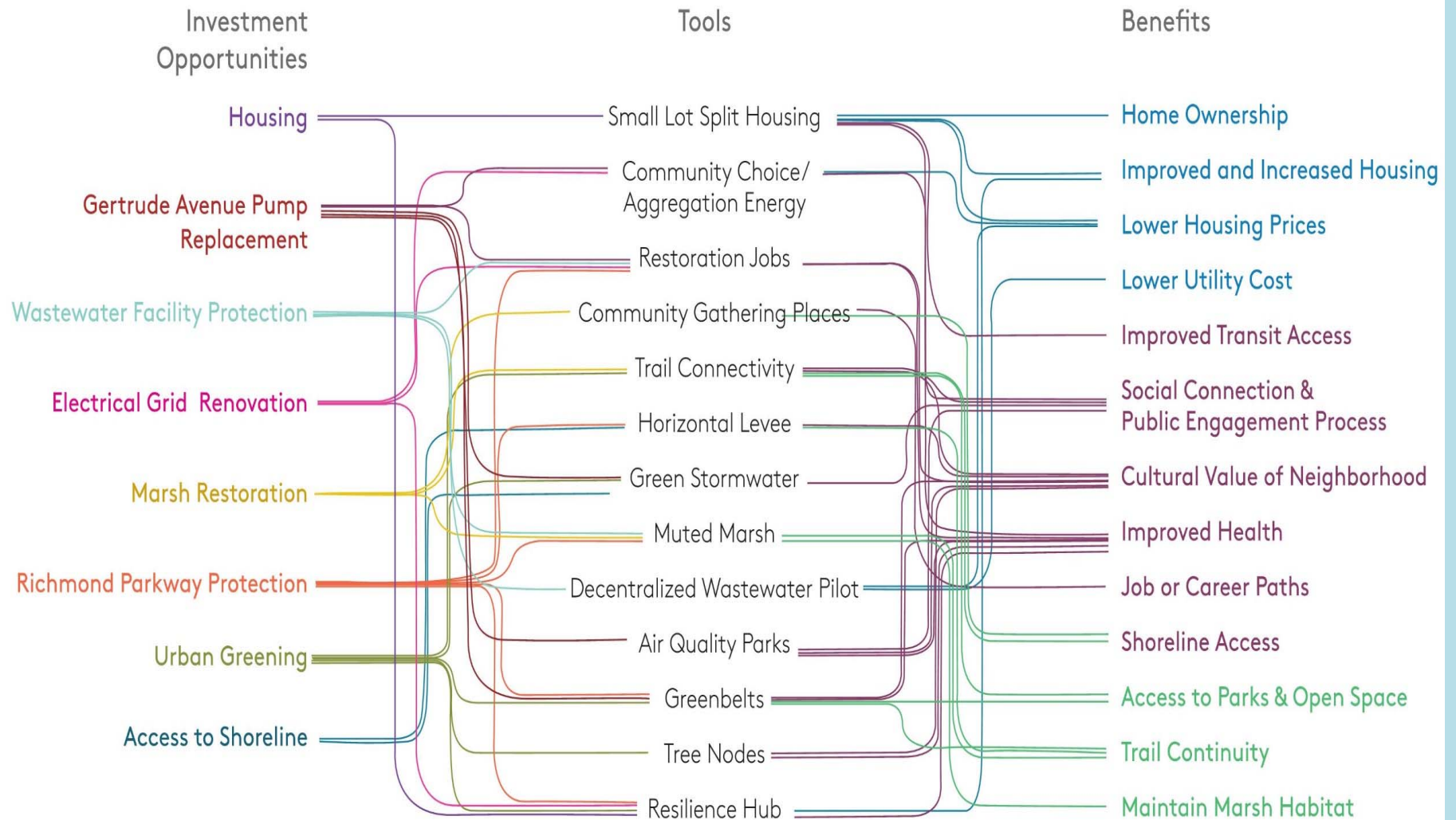


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# Multi-Benefit Opportunities









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