

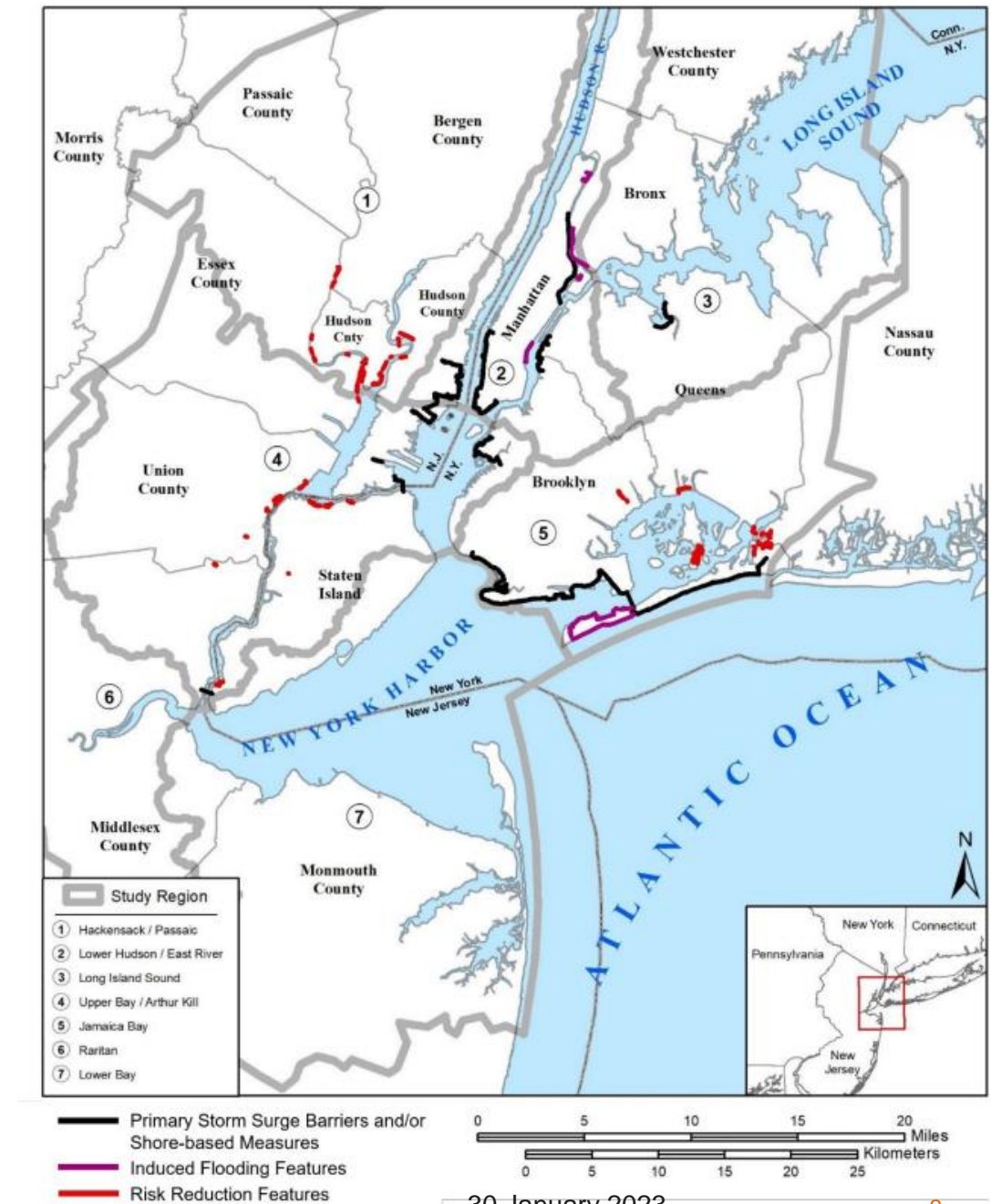
## RBD Teach In, SESSION 3: Functionality of the proposed flood measures, multi-hazard and multi-benefit design, and examples from other cities

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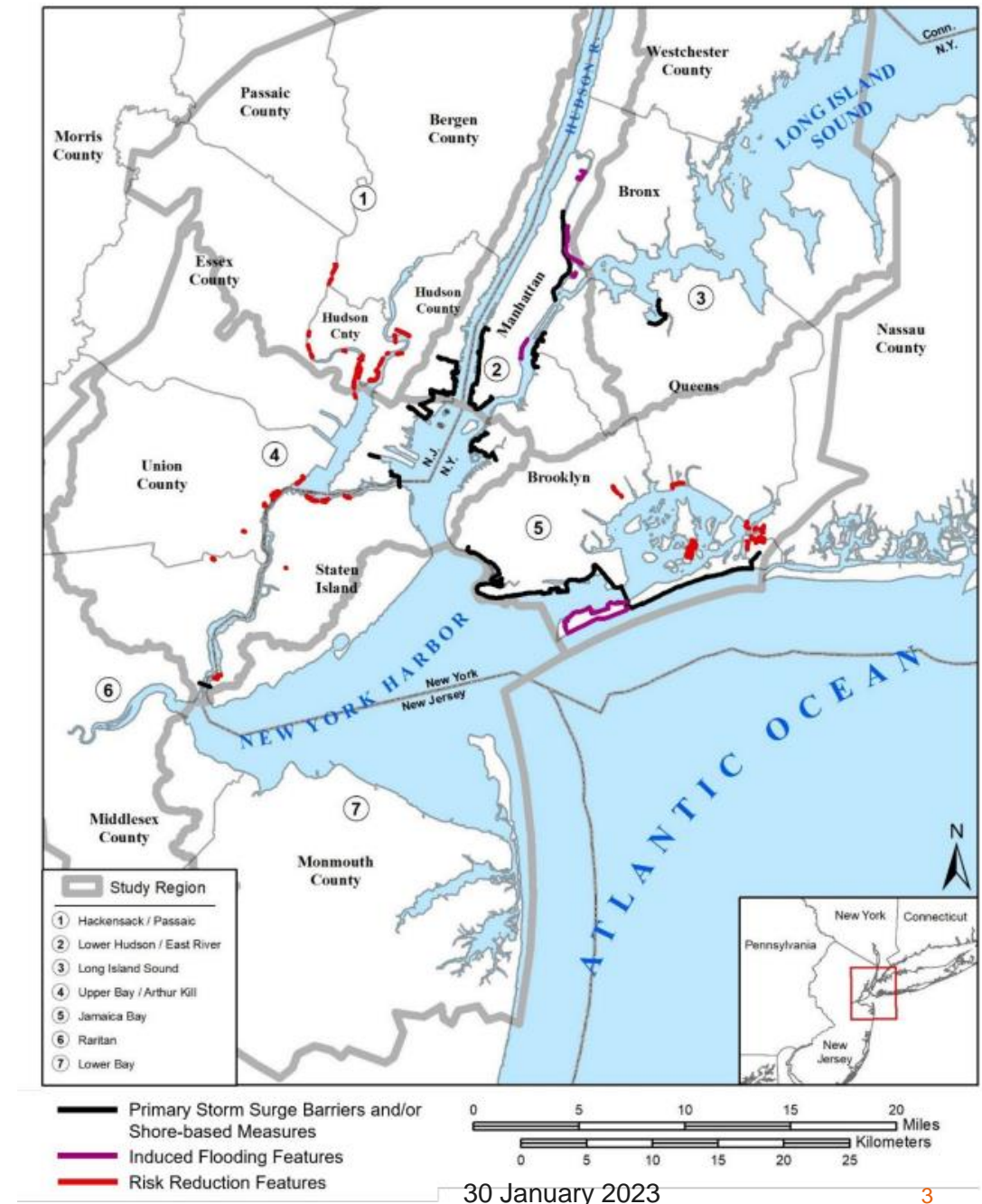
# Agenda

- 1) General HATS Observations
- 2) New York Cities Climate Resilience Preparedness, near term risk and longer term planning
- 3) Dutch Water Management 101, systems interplay between engineered structural and natural solutions
- 4) Q&A



# General HATS Observations

- Plan components show high level of integration with existing / planned strategies, a systems approach that gives the study regional potential.
- Coastal protection through shore based and off shore barrier solutions aiming to protect long waterfront stretches of exposed communities.
- The evaluation of applying storm surge barriers has matured.
- The work does not stop if 3B were to be implemented, what plan components from other strategies may apply over time?
- Drainage outfall and backflow issues, causing severe high tide inundation of low lying communities?
- What is the plan for waterfront communities who currently don't and may not get have a plan, what would the process of retreat look like?



## Two types of climate risks - daily tidal flooding and coastal storms, Financial District, Manhattan.

By 2100, a **coastal storm** could cause flooding past William Street

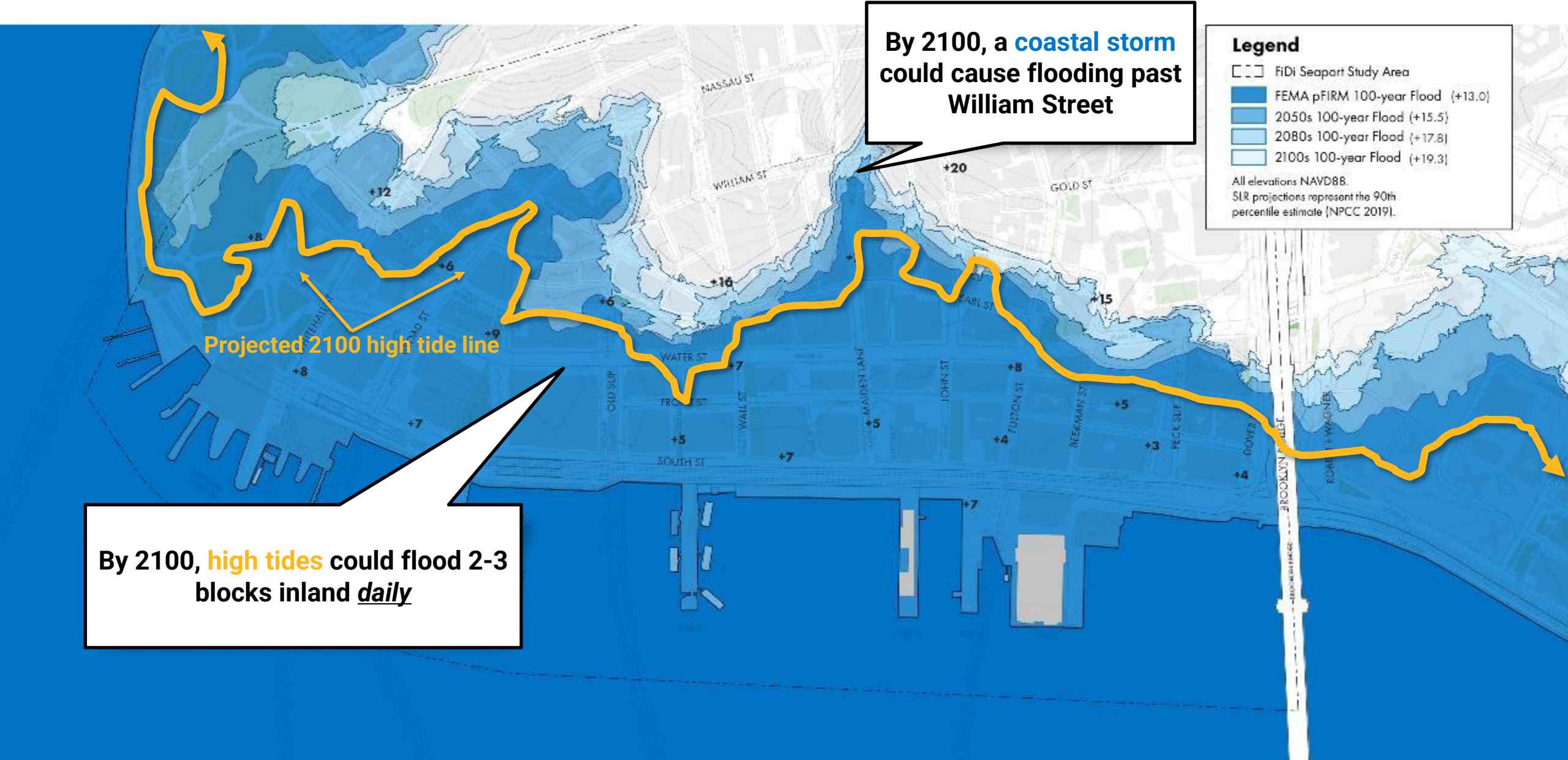
### Legend

- FiDi Seaport Study Area
- FEMA pFIRM 100-year Flood (+13.0)
- 2050s 100-year Flood (+15.5)
- 2080s 100-year Flood (+17.8)
- 2100s 100-year Flood (+19.3)

All elevations NAVD88.  
SLR projections represent the 90th percentile estimate [NPCC 2019].

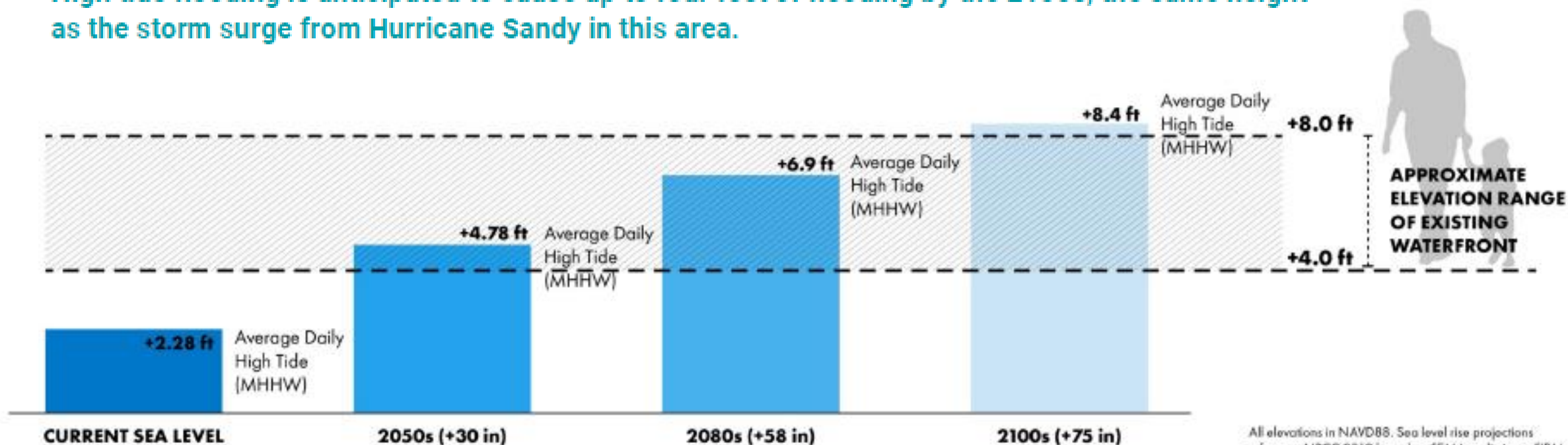
Projected 2100 high tide line

By 2100, **high tides** could flood 2-3 blocks inland daily



# Sea Level Rise & High Tide

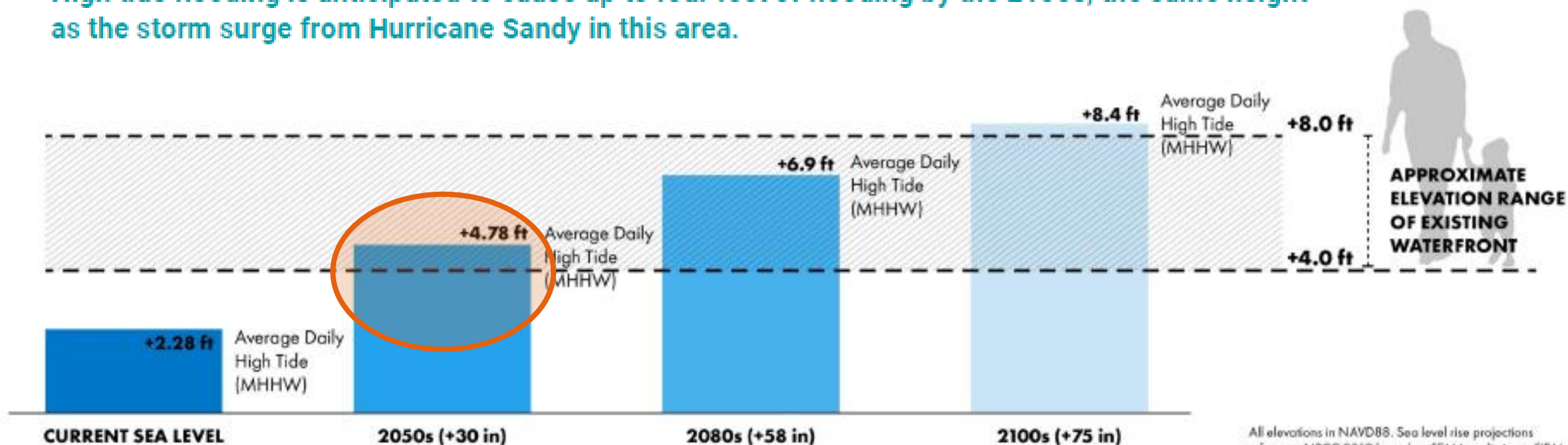
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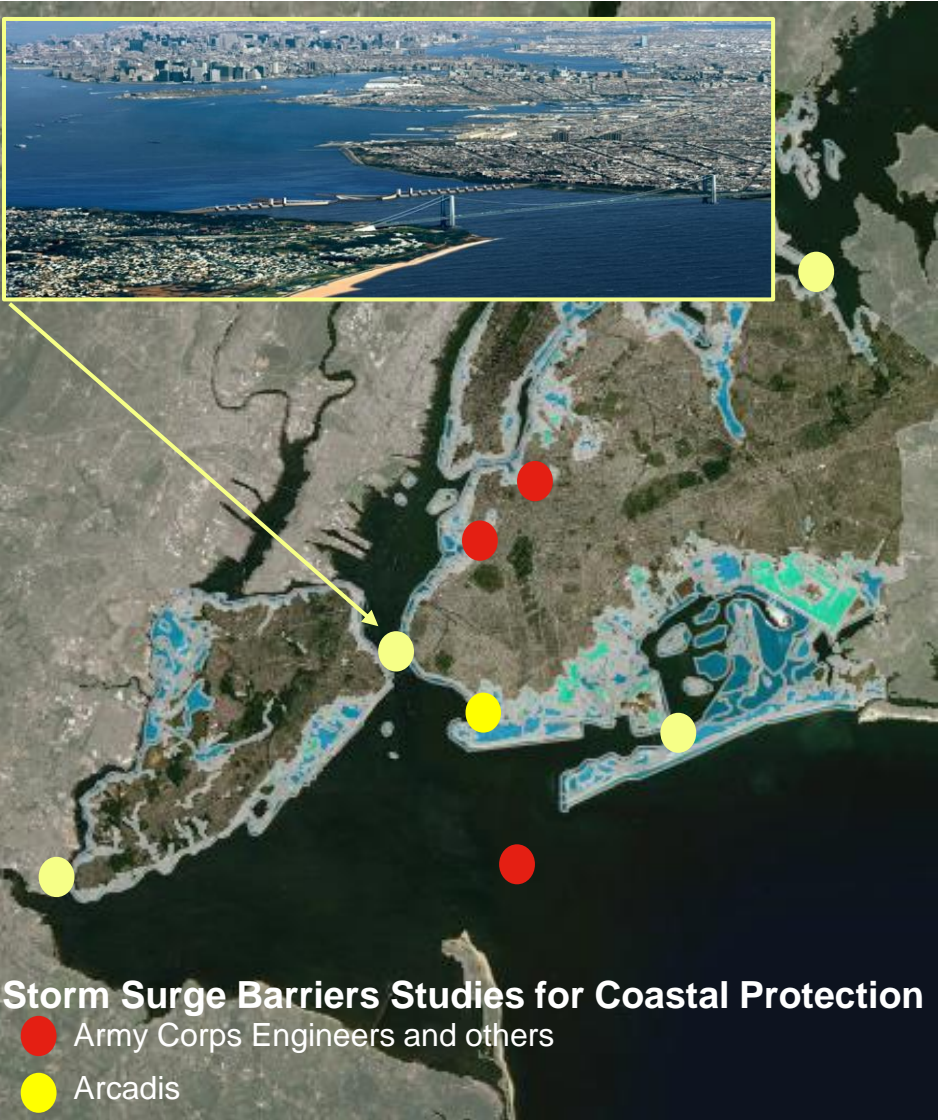
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Rockaways  
Bronx  
Coney Island  
Newton Creek  
Jamaica Bay etc.

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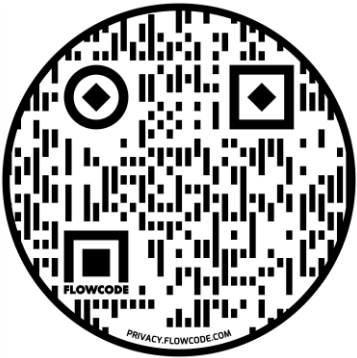
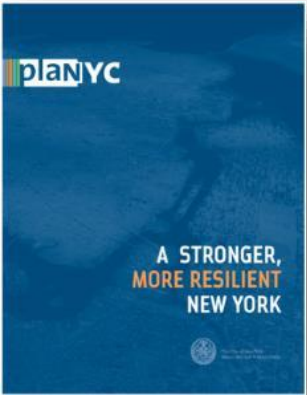
# Regional Protection – Storm Surge Barriers versus Community and Nature Based Strategies



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## Special Initiative Rebuild & Resilience

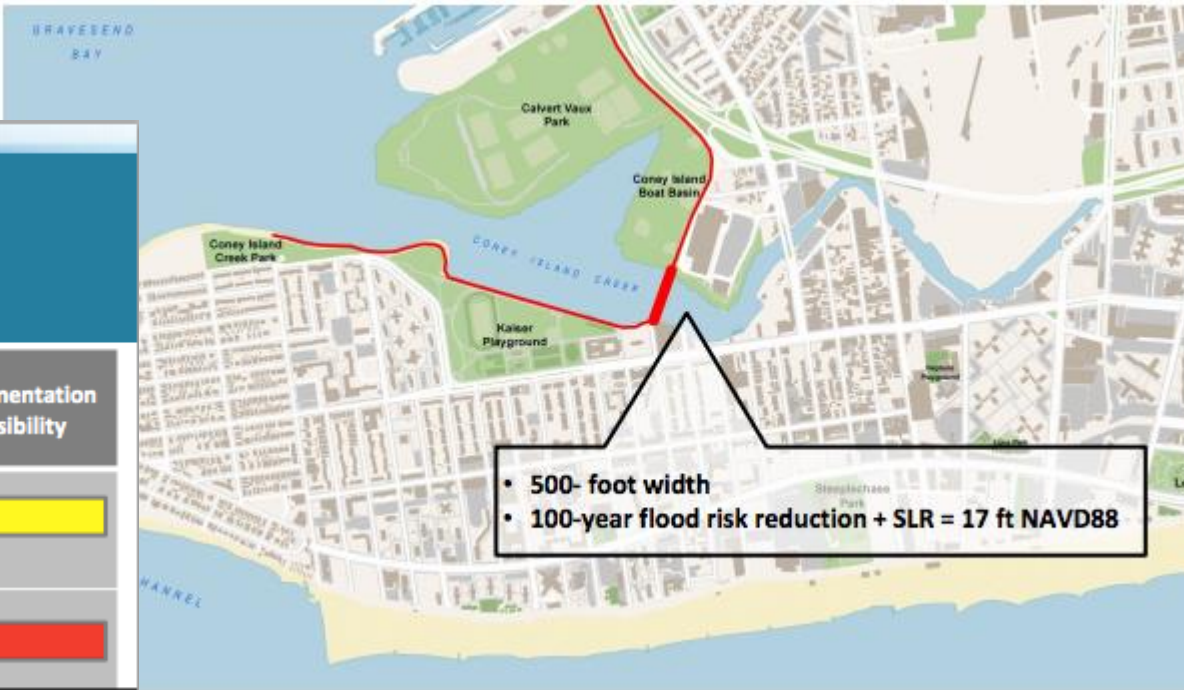


# Coney Island Creek

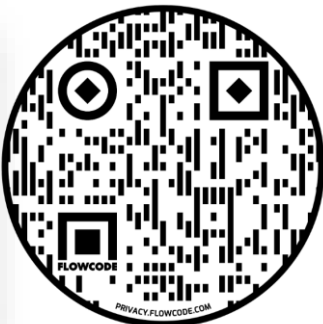
## Barrier and Wetland Feasibility Study

Flood Protection Strategies Comparison						
Strategy	Flood Risk Reduction	Ecological Impact	Drainage	Recreation & Connectivity	Economic Opportunities	Implementation Feasibility
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West Barrage + Wetlands	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
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Providing Integrated Solutions for a Resilient Coney Island Creek



### Coney Island Creek - Report



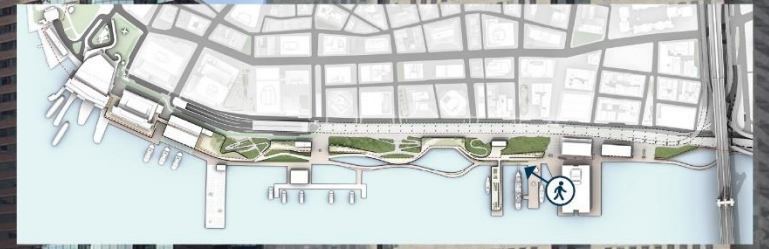
## South Street Seaport, Existing Conditions



# South Street Seaport, Proposed New Waterfront



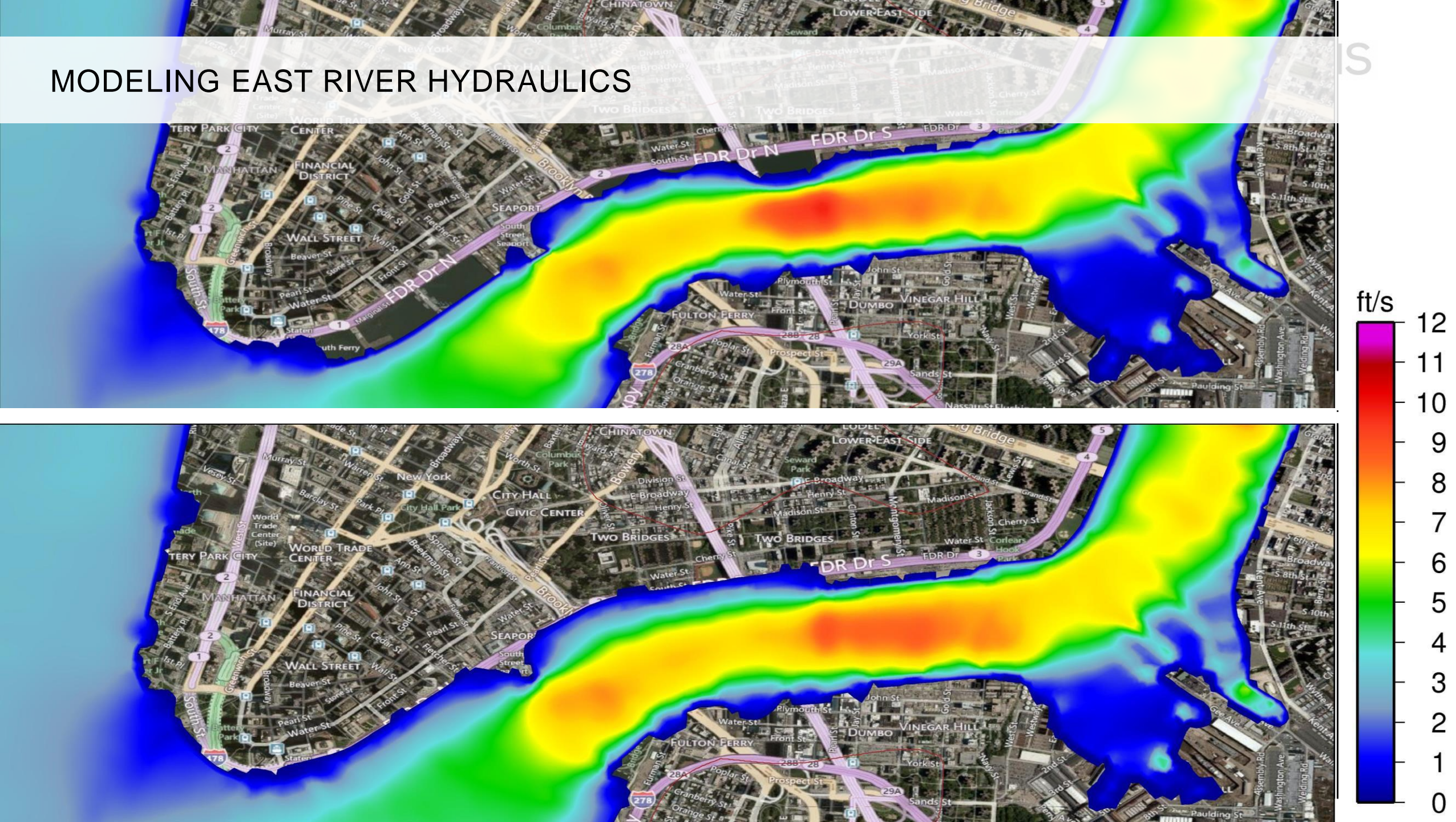
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How could protection be integrated into a parks experience vs just being a giant wall

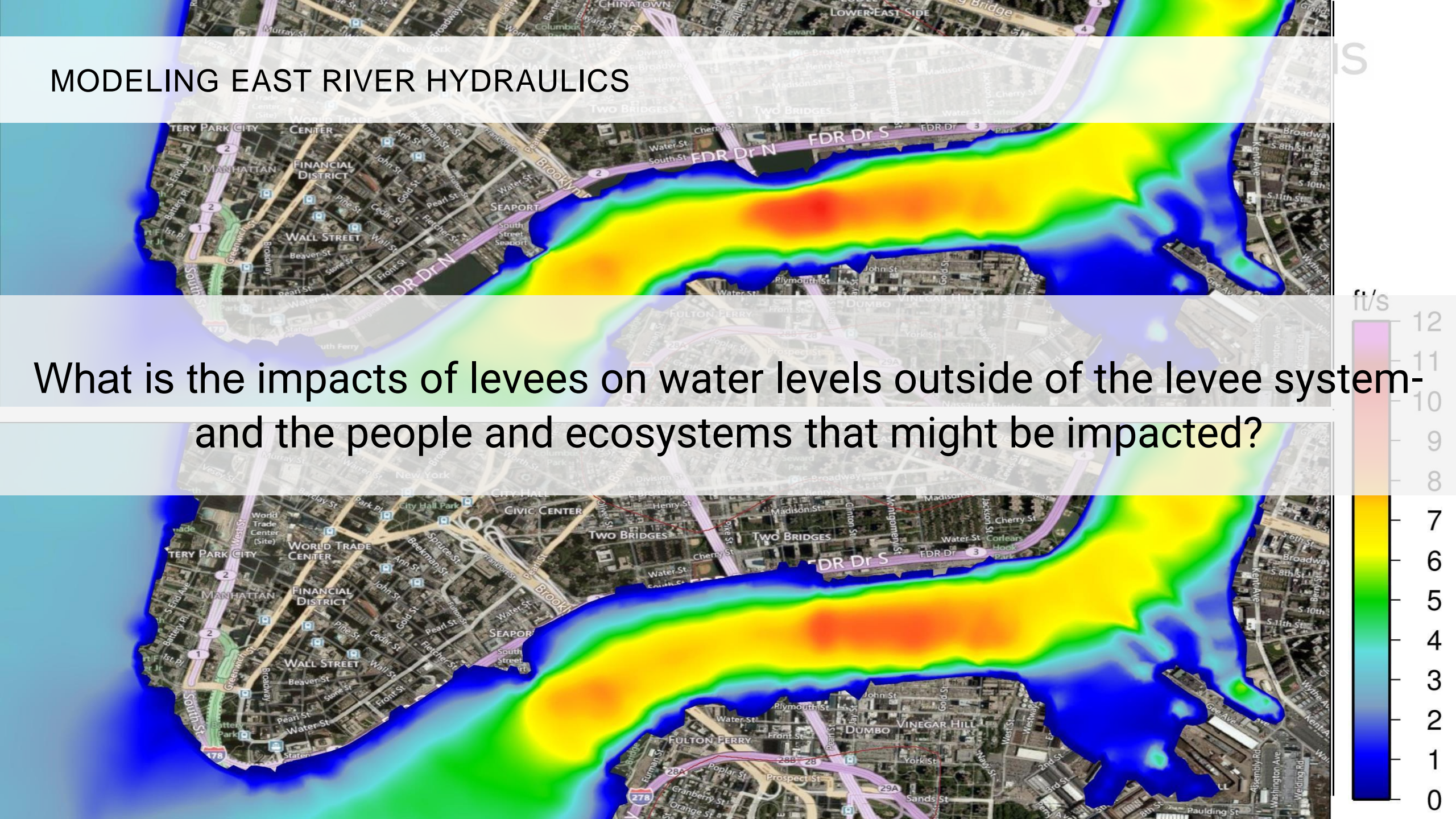


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# MODELING EAST RIVER HYDRAULICS

What is the impacts of levees on water levels outside of the levee system- and the people and ecosystems that might be impacted?









Risk Reduction  
Features BEHIND the  
Storm Surge Barriers

Induced Flooding-  
Mitigation Features (as  
applicable) OUTSIDE the  
Storm Surge Barriers

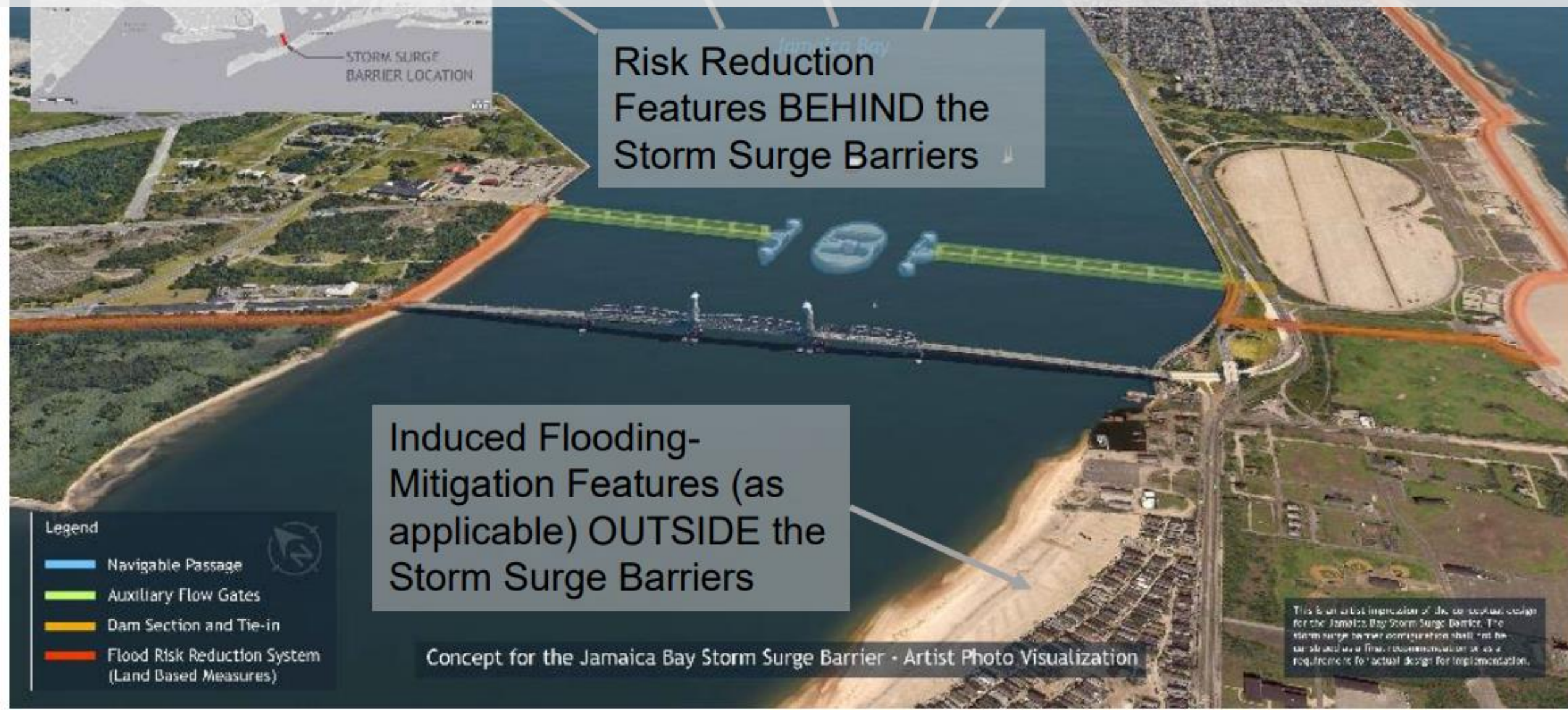
Legend

-  Navigable Passage
-  Auxiliary Flow Gates
-  Dam Section and Tie-in
-  Flood Risk Reduction System (Land Based Measures)

Concept for the Jamaica Bay Storm Surge Barrier - Artist Photo Visualization

This is an artist's interpretation of the conceptual design for the Jamaica Bay Storm Surge Barrier. The storm surge barrier configuration shall not be considered as a final recommendation or as a requirement for actual design for implementation.

How do the reliability and effectiveness of offshore storm-surge barriers compare with the reliability and effectiveness of onshore barriers? How often would gates need to be closed?



# *Water Management Best Practices from the Netherlands*



Image Credit: City of Rotterdam

# Multifunctional Urban Coastal Protection

Multifunctional urban resilience solutions combining shoreline extension and community resources

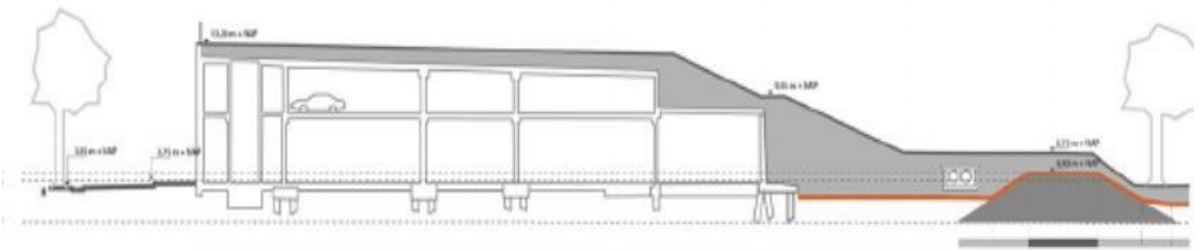


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# Multifunctional urban flood protection Rotterdam Roofpark Dike



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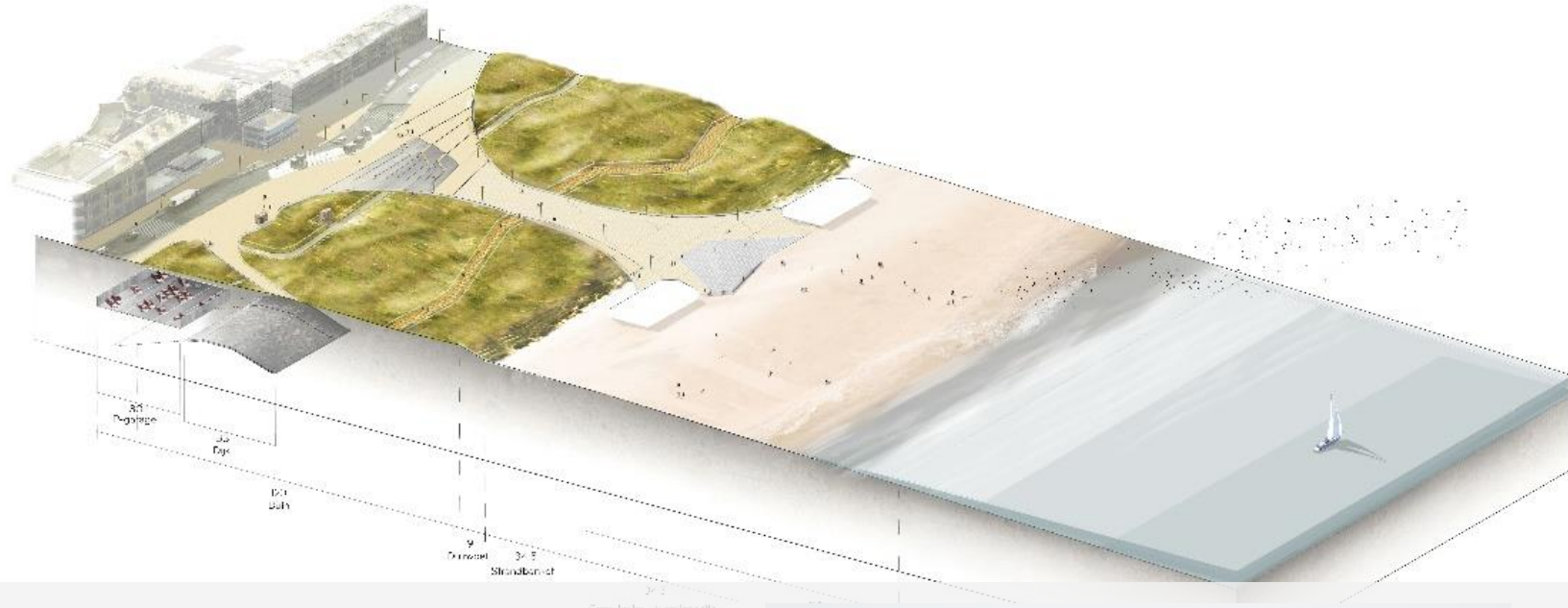
# Multifunctional flood protection Katwijk

dike with adjacent parking garage constructed under a dune



# Multifunctional flood protection Katwijk

## dike with adjacent parking garage constructed under a dune



How can we preserve the reasons that we moved to the coast - beach access, views of shore?



# *Dutch Stormsurge Barriers*



# Rotterdam Maeslant Barrier

- Floating Sector Gates
- Little impact on coastal/river system
- Large navigational opening (1200') , little hindrance to shipping
- Operational since 1997, closed for storms in November 2007 (picture) and January 2018; yearly test closures
- Complex barrier to operate, dynamic ballast distribution (stable lowering and rising)
- Dynamic gate behavior and negative head difference critical attention points
- Barrier interacts with, and needs to perform within, the overall water system



Image Credit: Rijkswaterstaat / Deltares

# Markerwadden, Building with Nature



Image Credit: Ecoshape

- New islands created
- Foreshore flood protection
- Unique ecosystem
- Multipurpose, economic benefits
- Visitors, leisure, education
- Pioneer vegetation developing



# *Risk based decisions require strategies and economic understanding of scale*



