



# **Future Extreme Rainfall Projections Workshop**

**April 27, 2022**

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# 1. Opening Remarks



**Drew Bartlett**

Executive Director  
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# 1. Opening Remarks



**Wesley Brooks, Ph.D.**  
Chief Resilience Officer for the State of Florida

## 2. Resilient Florida Program and the Florida Flood Hub of Applied Research



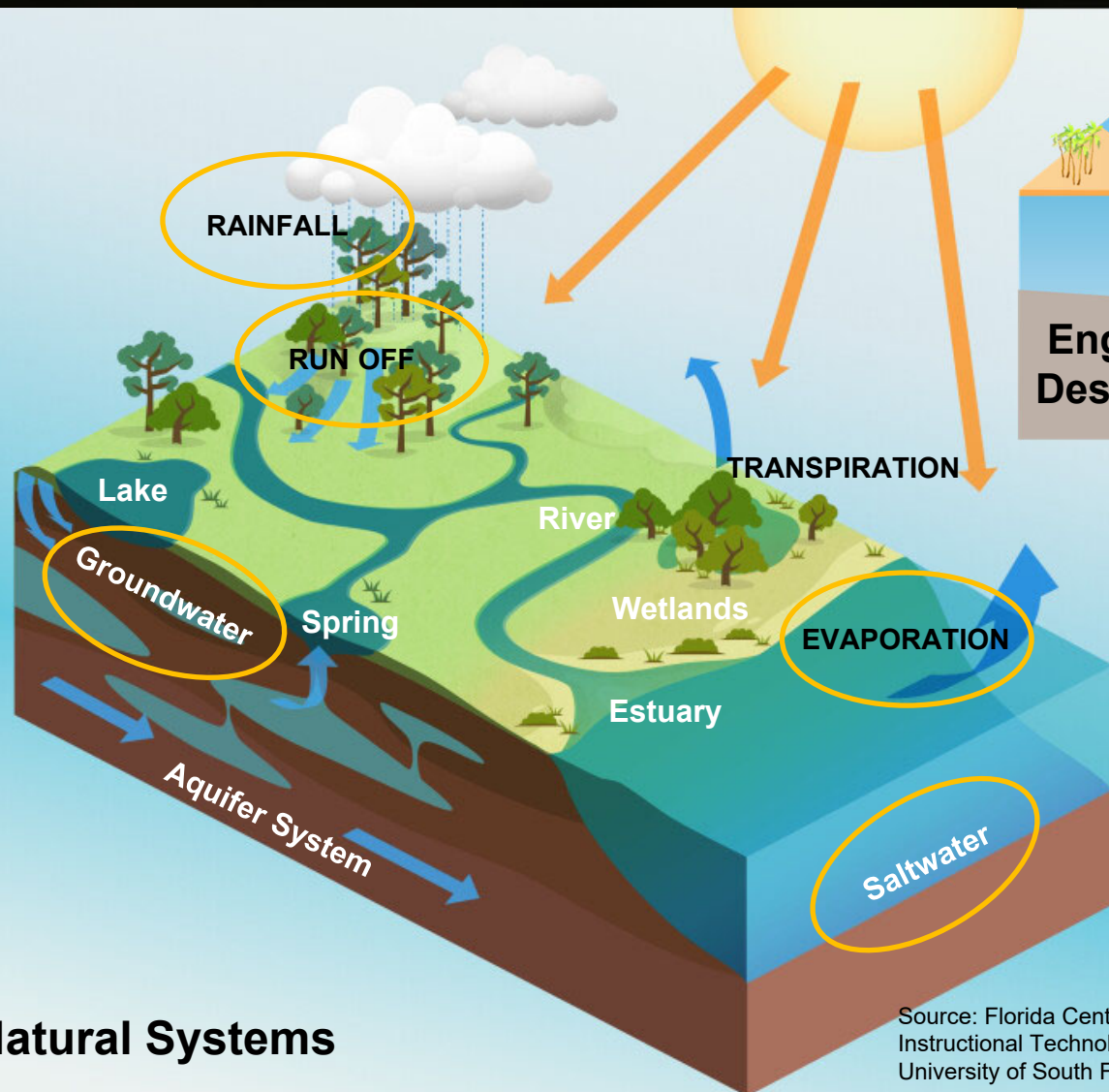
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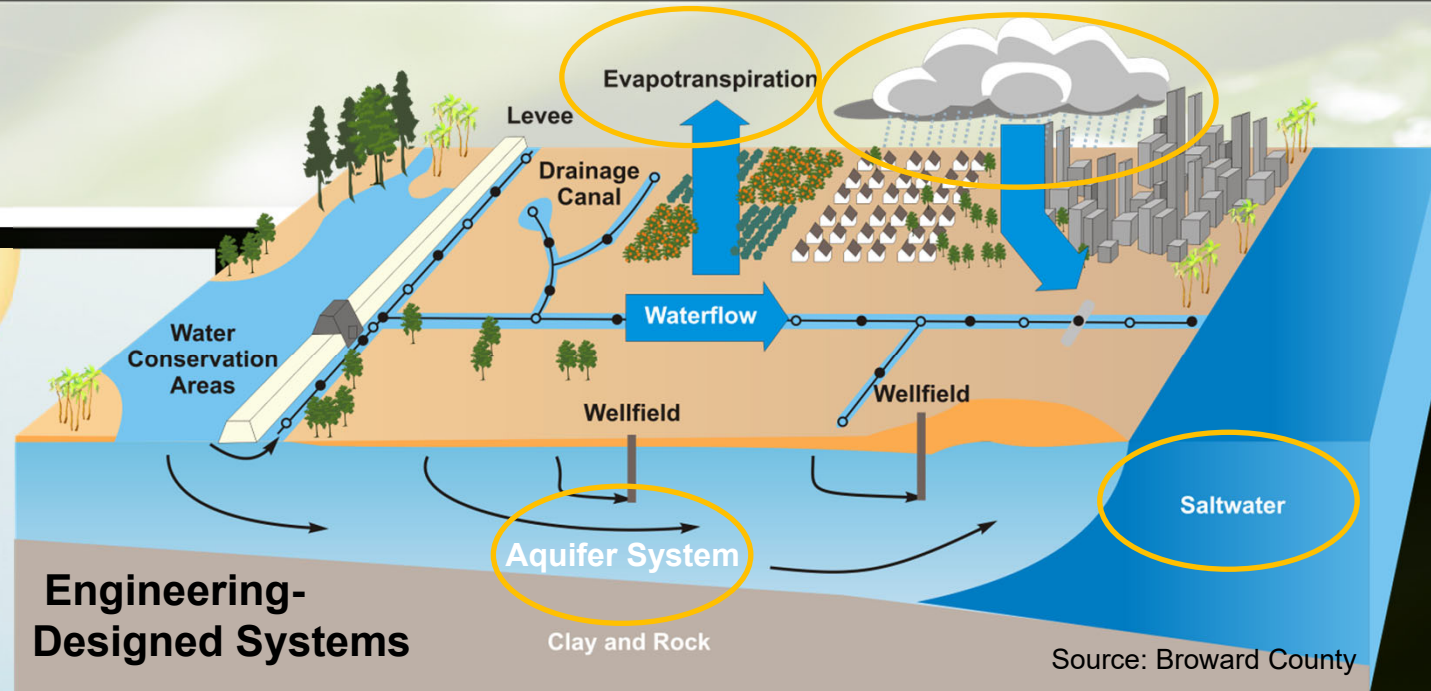
### **3. Extreme Rainfall Events as part of Flood Vulnerability Assessments**



**Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E.**  
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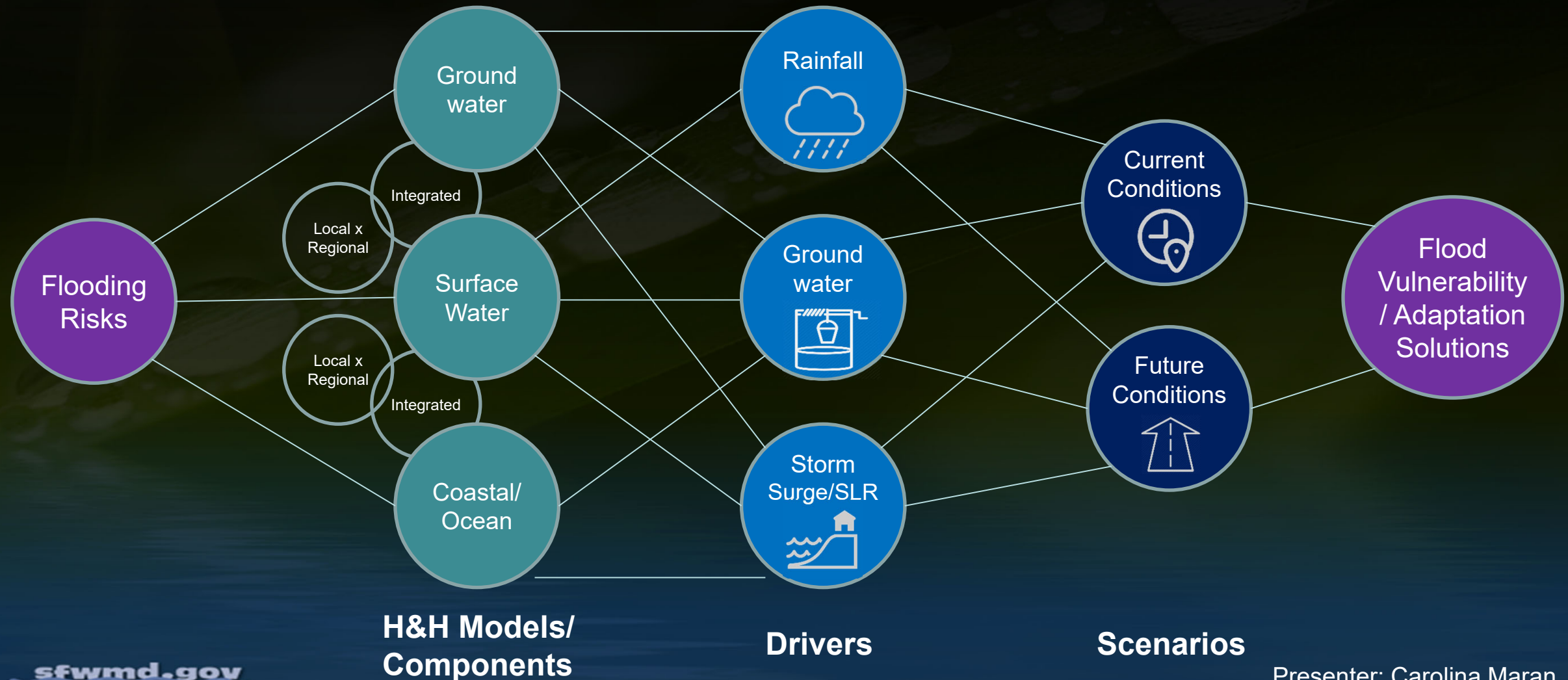
**Natural Systems**



**Engineering-Designed Systems**

## OUR WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & CHANGING CONDITIONS

# Assessing Flood Vulnerability and Adaptation Solutions

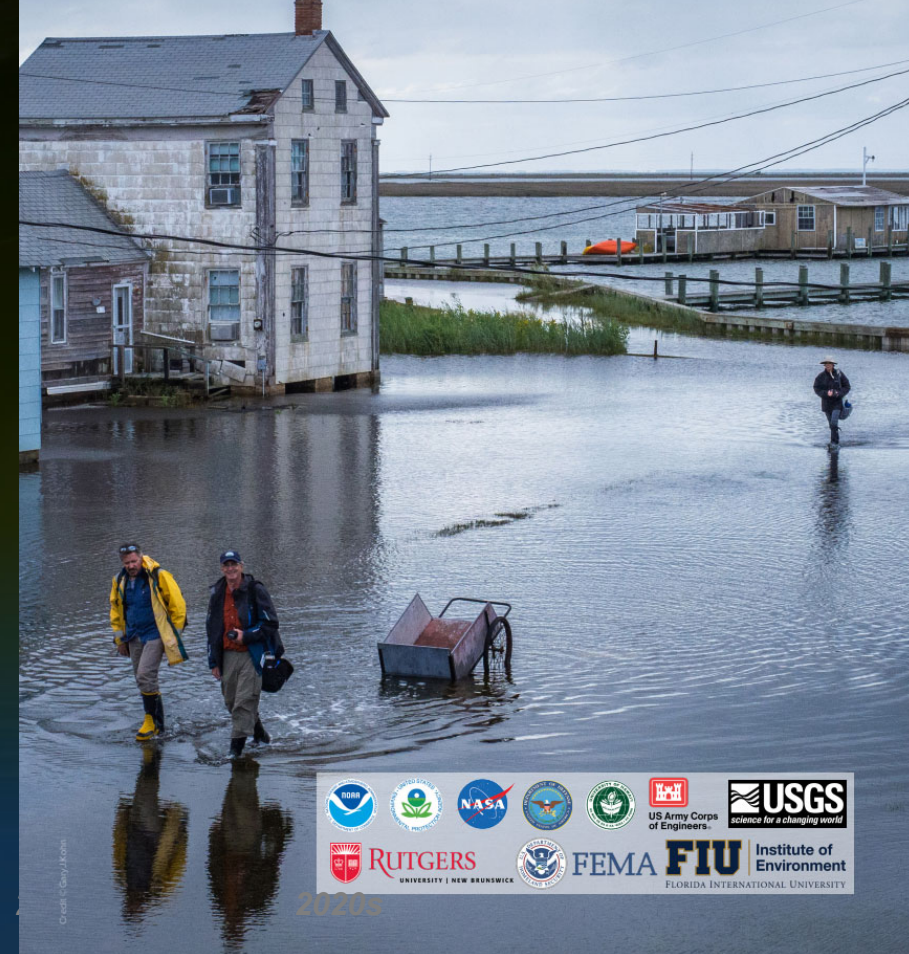


# SLR Projections – Reducing Uncertainty

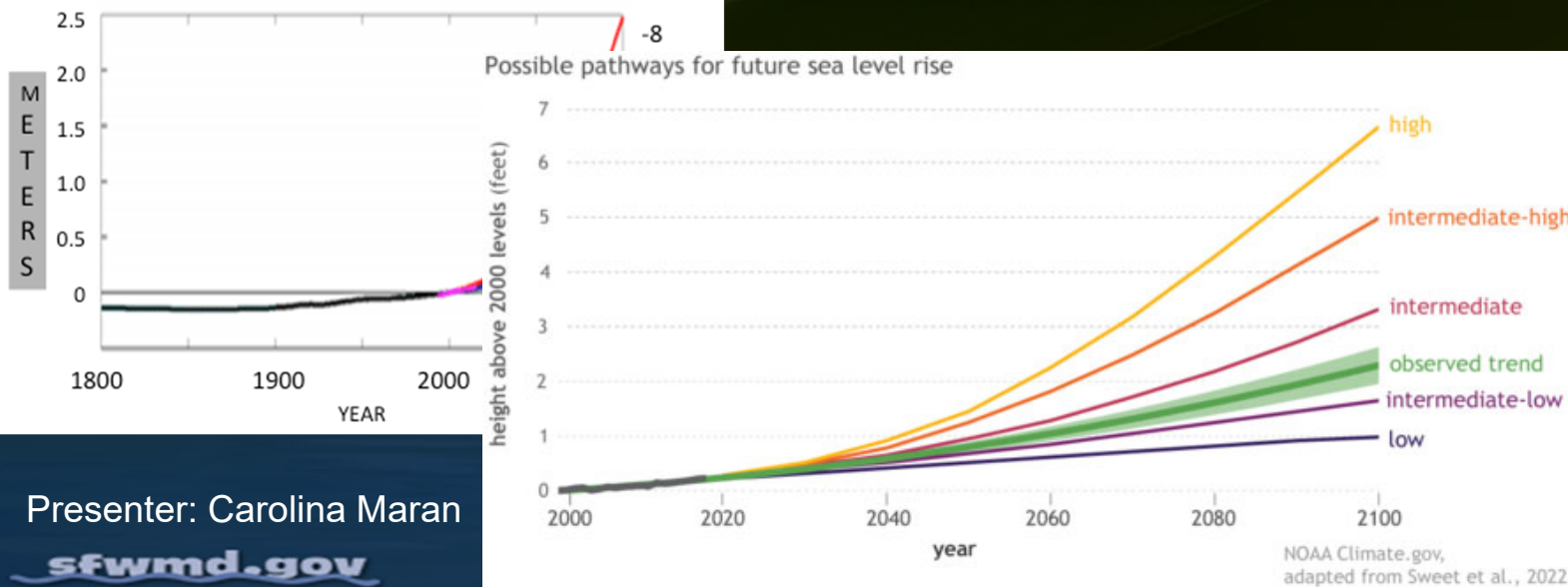
NOAA Curve/SLR (ft)	2017 (2040)	2022 (2040)	2017 (2060)	2022 (2060)	2017 (2080)	2022 (2080)
Intermediate Low	0.69	0.36	1.08	1.21	1.44	1.67
Intermediate	1.05	0.82	1.80	1.44	2.72	2.36
Intermediate High	1.41	0.92	2.56	1.87	4.10	3.38
High	1.77	1.02	3.38	2.30	5.61	4.46

Virginia Key Tidal Station

## Global and Regional Sea Level Rise Scenarios for the United States

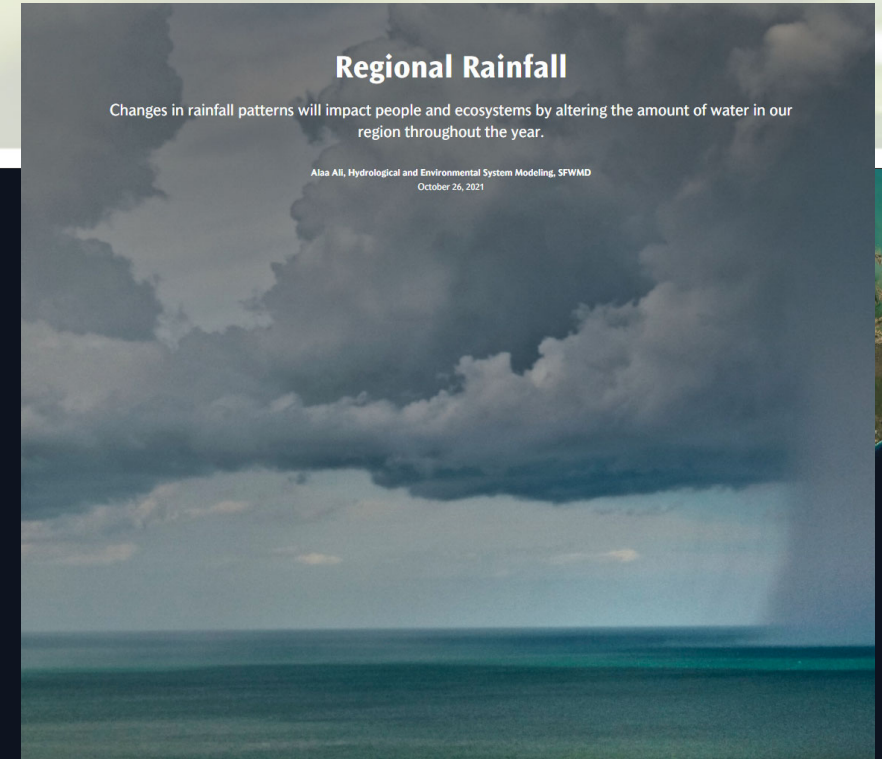
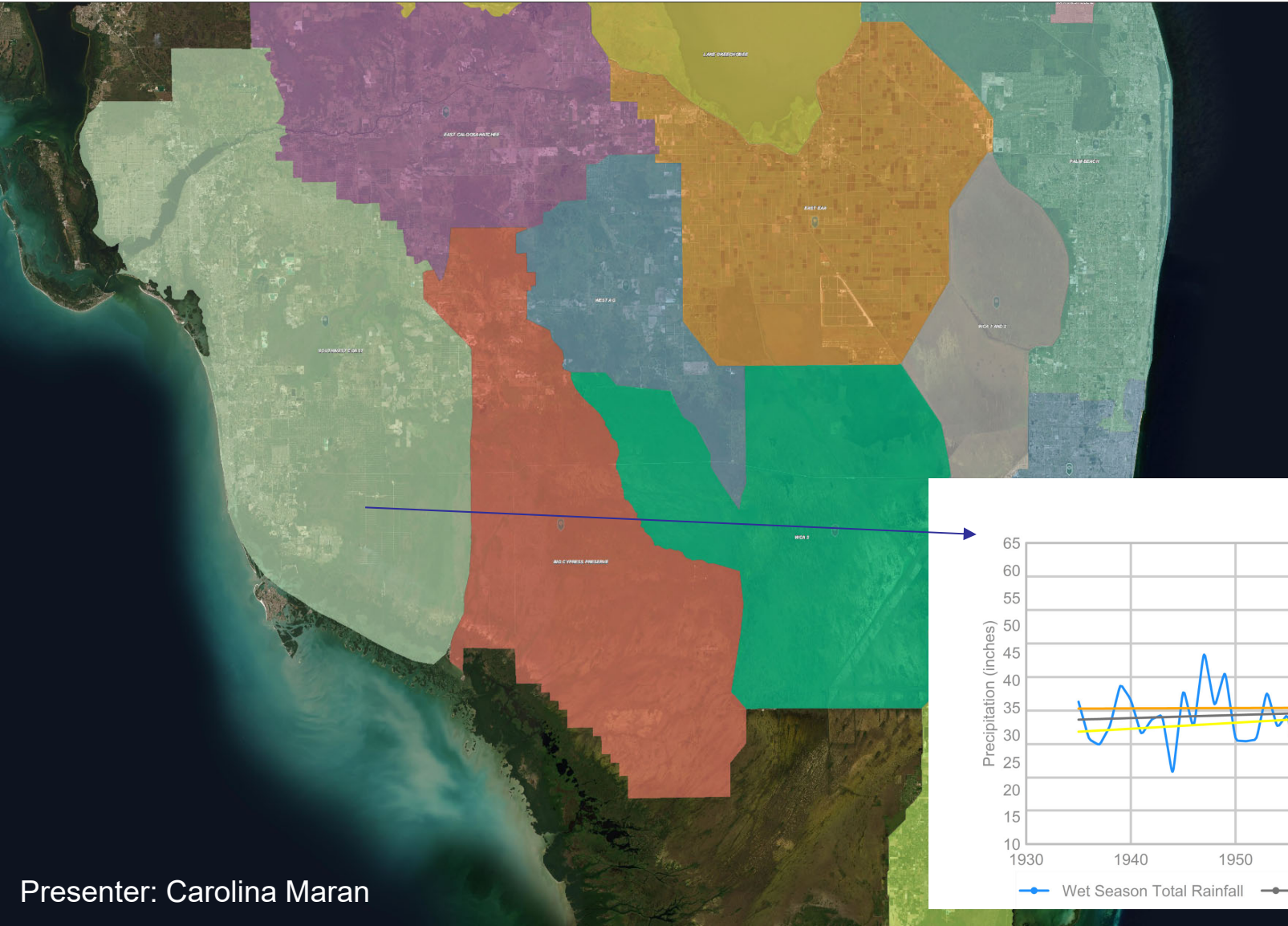


Six Projections for Rising Sea Level  
2017 NOAA Technical Paper 083

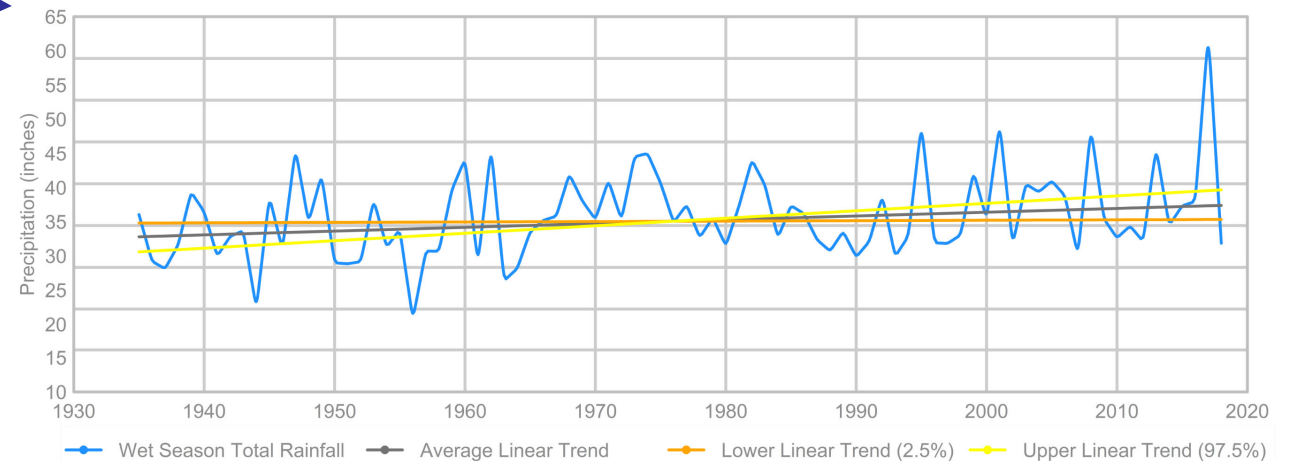


Presenter: Carolina Maran

# Rainfall Observations



**Wet Season Rainfall Trend:  
Southwest Coast**



# Rainfall Projections

## May 2019 Workshop FIU/SFWMD

Shorter-term strategy: rainfall estimates based on available global climate model downscaled datasets

Longer-term strategy: development of a Florida Regional Climate Model to capture particular conditions /mechanisms of rainfall occurrences in our State, including Tropical Storms and sea breeze contributions, among other important climatic processes.



### Workshop Report and Strategy Document: Development of Unified Rainfall Scenarios for Florida

*Sea Level Solutions Center, Institute of Water and Environment at Florida International University under contract from the South Florida Water Management District*

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# Review of Past and Recent Attempts (shorter-term strategy)

## ➤ Statistical Downscaling

- Bias-Corrected, Spatially Downscaled (USBR-BCSD)
- Bias-Corrected, Constructed Analogs (USBR-BCCA)
- Locally Constructed Analogs (LOCA)
- Multivariate Adaptive Constructed Analogs (MACA)
- Self Organizing Maps (SOM) (FIU, Penn State)
- Bias-Correction and Stochastic Analogs (UF)

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## ➤ Dynamical Downscaling

- NARCCAP (from NCAR)
- Regional Spectral Model (RSM) (FSU)
- NA-CORDEX

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## ➤ Hybrid (Analog) Downscaling - Jupiter Int. WRF

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## ➤ Raw GCMs

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# SFWMD's Future Rainfall Needs and Applications – Resiliency Planning

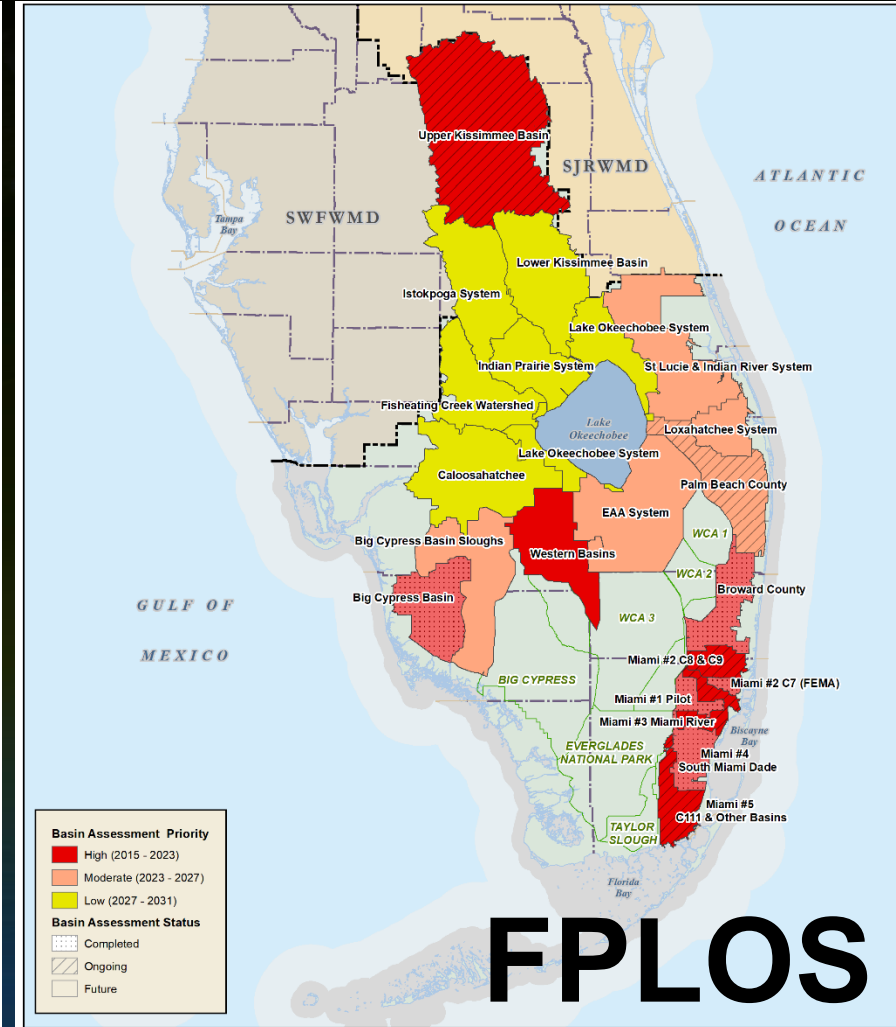
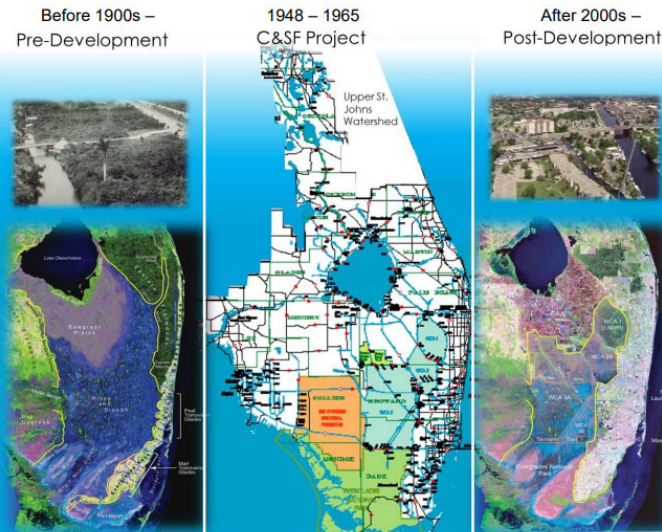
## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SEA LEVEL RISE AND FLOOD RESILIENCY PLAN



### INITIAL APPRAISAL REPORT FOR THE

## CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA PROJECT

Conducted under Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, as amended



# FPLOS

# What information do we have today?

- Understanding future extreme rainfall conditions to aid planning practices and enhance flood vulnerability assessments
- This is about event simulation scenarios (design storms) and not for long term simulation / regional planning efforts
- This is not about average rainfall estimates or seasonality shifts into the future
- This is not about estimating drought conditions into the future
- This is not providing the necessary level of resolution that would be applicable to advance modernization of design criteria or to inform regulatory programs



## 4. Development of Projected Depth-Duration-Frequency Curves (2050–2089)



Michelle M. Irizarry-Ortiz, P.E., CC-P  
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## 5. Q&A Session

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## 6. Adopting Future Rainfall Change Factors as part of SFWMD Resiliency Planning Efforts



### TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM ON THE ADOPTION OF FUTURE EXTREME RAINFALL CHANGE FACTORS FOR FLOOD RESILIENCY PLANNING

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# How to best adopt these results?

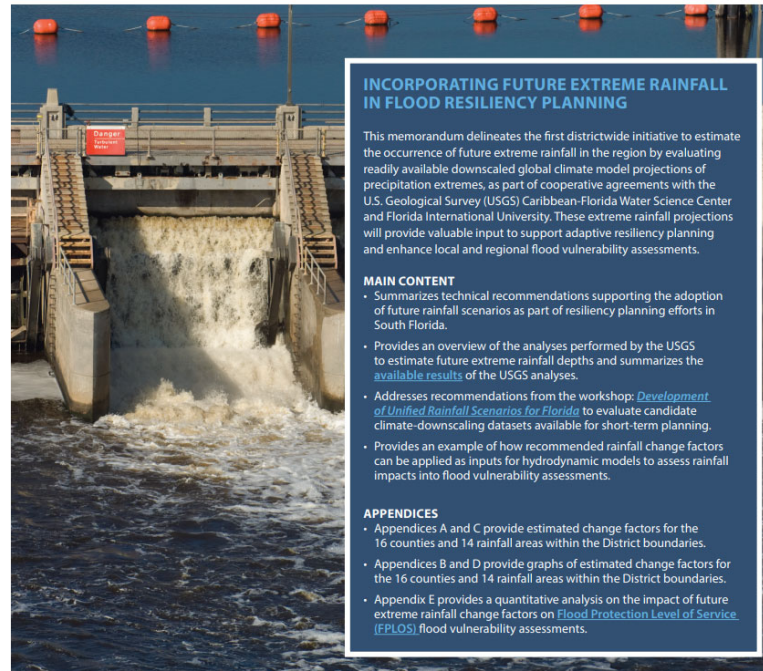





**Technical Memorandum:**  
ADOPTION OF FUTURE EXTREME RAINFALL CHANGE FACTORS  
FOR FLOOD RESILIENCY PLANNING IN SOUTH FLORIDA

April 27, 2022

## Technical Memorandum: Future Extreme Rainfall Change Factors For Flood Resiliency Planning In South Florida



**INCORPORATING FUTURE EXTREME RAINFALL IN FLOOD RESILIENCY PLANNING**

This memorandum delineates the first districtwide initiative to estimate the occurrence of future extreme rainfall in the region by evaluating readily available downscaled global climate model projections of precipitation extremes, as part of cooperative agreements with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center and Florida International University. These extreme rainfall projections will provide valuable input to support adaptive resiliency planning and enhance local and regional flood vulnerability assessments.

**MAIN CONTENT**

- Summarizes technical recommendations supporting the adoption of future rainfall scenarios as part of resiliency planning efforts in South Florida.
- Provides an overview of the analyses performed by the USGS to estimate future extreme rainfall depths and summarizes the [available results](#) of the USGS analyses.
- Addresses recommendations from the workshop: [Development of Unified Rainfall Scenarios for Florida](#) to evaluate candidate climate-downscaling datasets available for short-term planning.
- Provides an example of how recommended rainfall change factors can be applied as inputs for hydrodynamic models to assess rainfall impacts into flood vulnerability assessments.

**APPENDICES**

- Appendices A and C provide estimated change factors for the 16 counties and 14 rainfall areas within the District boundaries.
- Appendices B and D provide graphs of estimated change factors for the 16 counties and 14 rainfall areas within the District boundaries.
- Appendix E provides a quantitative analysis on the impact of future extreme rainfall change factors on [Flood Protection Level of Service \(FPLoS\)](#) flood vulnerability assessments.

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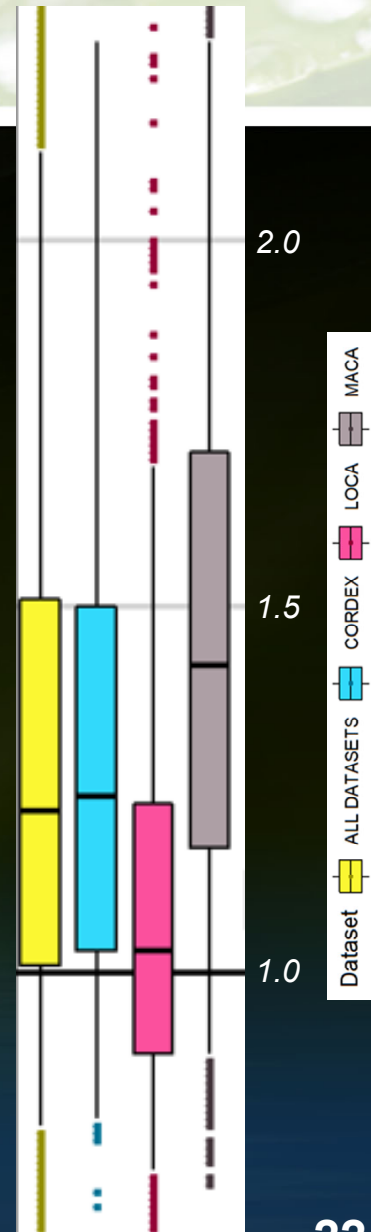
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# Overall Observations & Findings

1. INCREASE IN FUTURE EXTREME RAINFALL: global climate models (GCMs) show **consistent increases** in the **magnitude** of future **extreme rainfall occurrences** for the 50-year future planning horizon represented by **change factors larger than 1.0**
2. RCP 4.5 AND RCP 8.5 EMISSIONS SCENARIOS: resulting change factors are **slightly higher in RCP 8.5 than in RCP 4.5** for all downscaled datasets, and in both climate regions, and **not statistically significant**
3. INDIVIDUAL DOWNSCALED DATASETS: modeled and observed records for the historical period showed different degrees of agreement among the selected datasets and models, without any stand-out condition representing one **single dataset that performs significantly better than others**

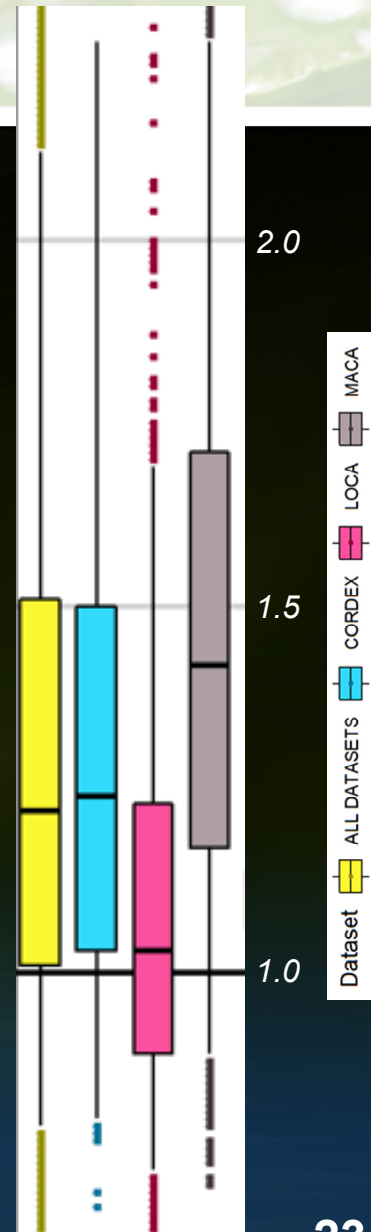
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# Overall Observations & Findings

4. ALL MODELS OR BEST MODELS: the comparison between a subset of **best models versus all models** showed different degrees of agreement. Best-models **subset is biased** towards the **MACA** results
5. RESULT RANGES: noticeable **wide spread** of derived change factors, potentially a result of the relatively coarse resolution, difference between statistical and dynamic downscaling approaches, biases in historically fitted DDF curves, and **scenario and models spread**
6. INDIVIDUAL RAINFALL STATIONS OR REGIONAL ANALYSES: There is noticeable **variation between individual** rainfall stations within rainfall areas.

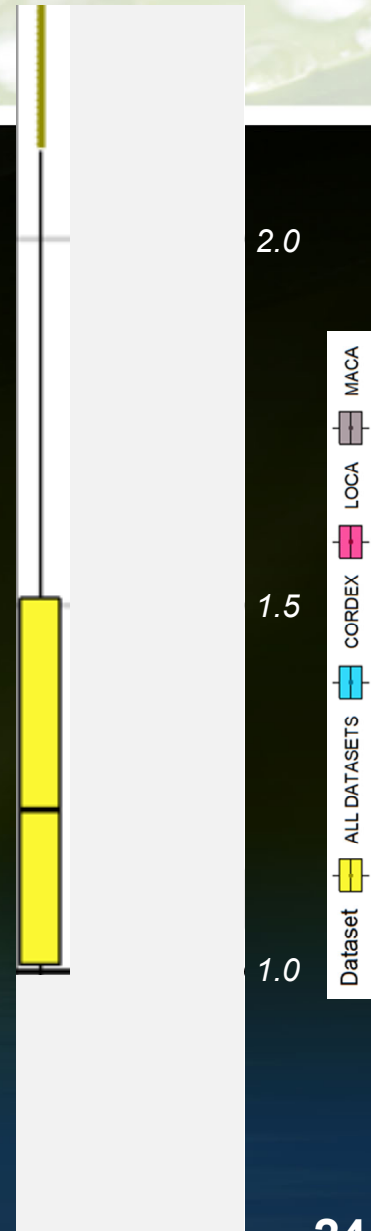
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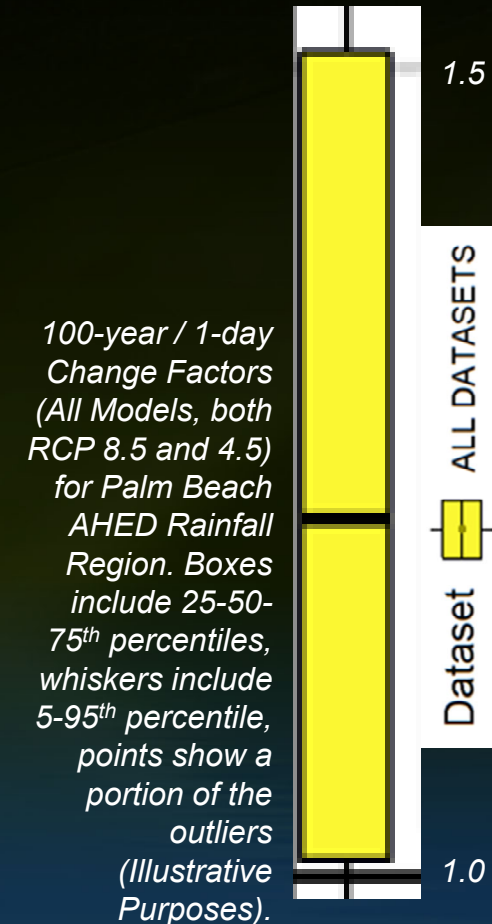
1. INCREASING FUTURE EXTREME RAINFALL: **change factors larger than 1.0** are to be adopted as part of scenario formulation
2. RCP 4.5 AND RCP 8.5 SCENARIOS: observed overlap in the results for RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5, **combined change factors** are to be adopted as part of scenario formulation
3. ENSEMBLE ESTIMATES: **model spread of all available results** is to be adopted as part of scenario formulation, capturing upper and lower bounds of climate scenarios

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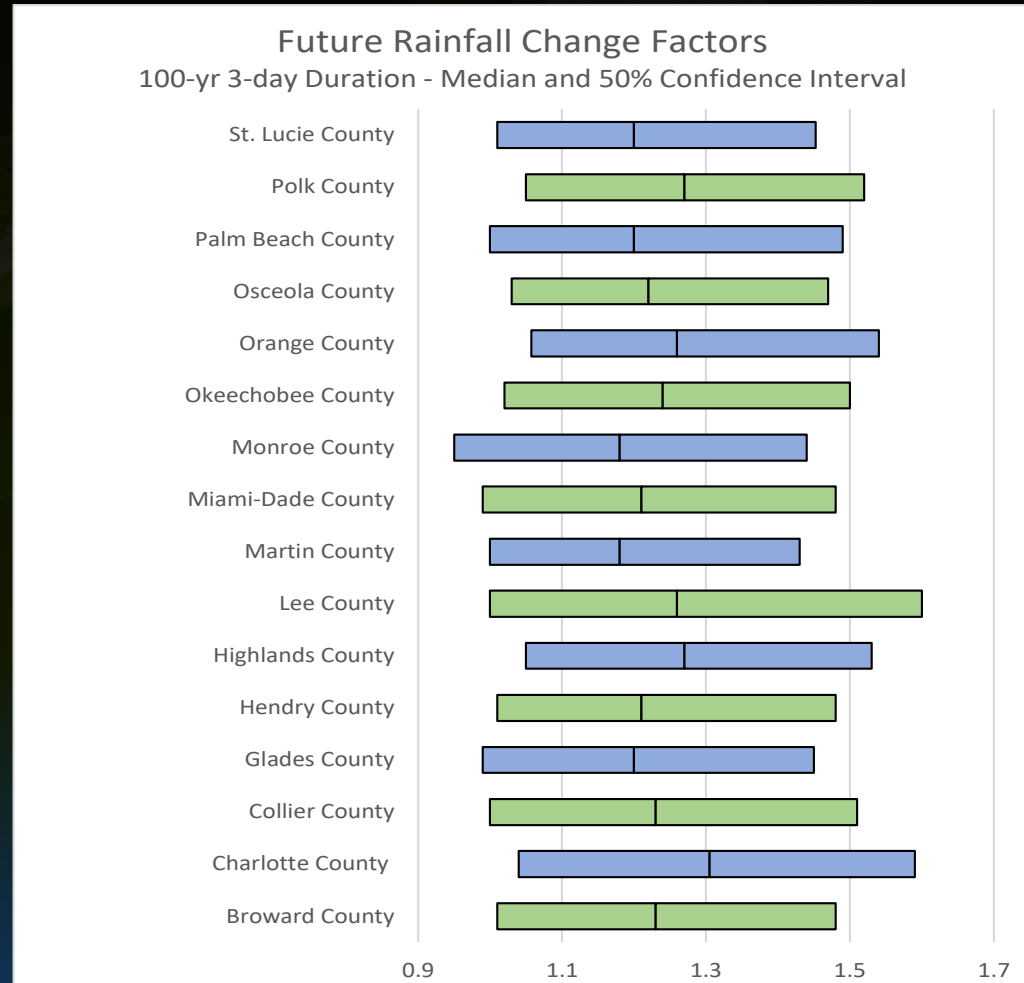
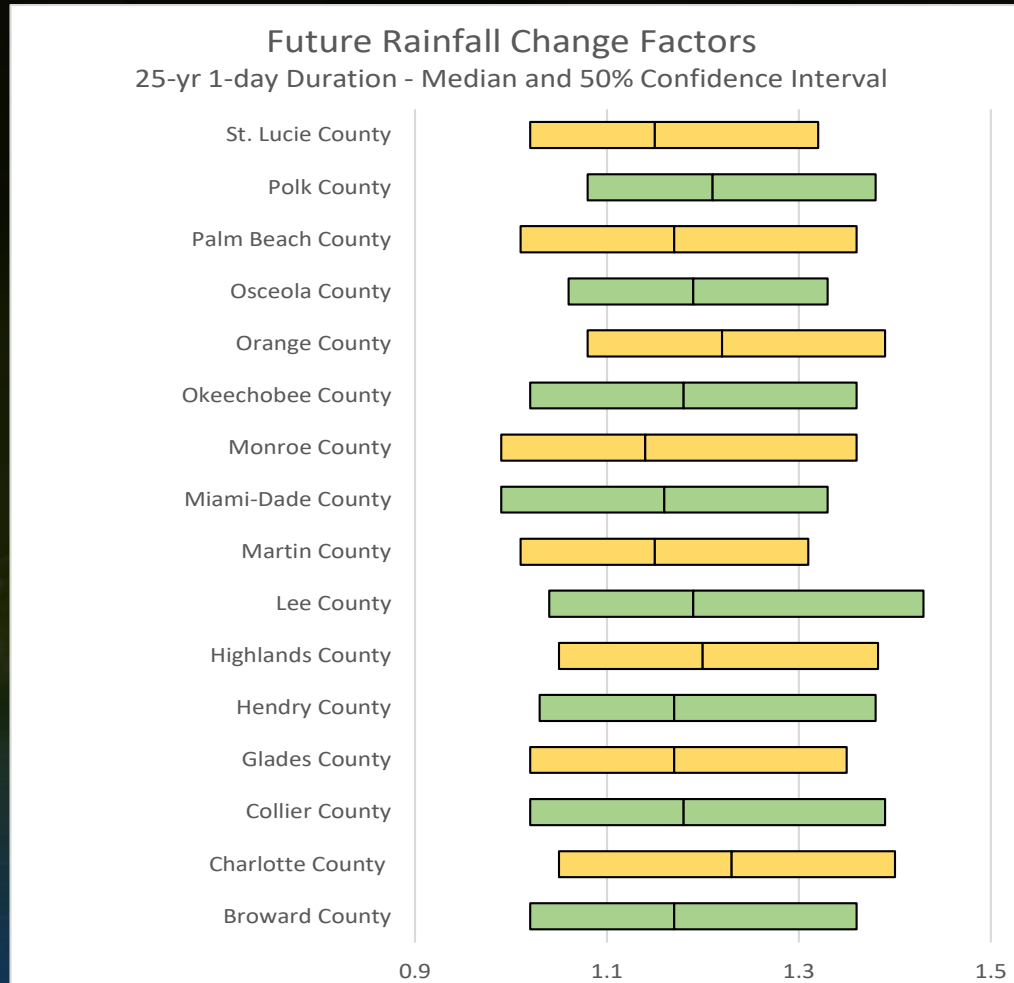
# Overall Recommendations

4. ALL MODELS: ensemble estimates based on **all the model results**, instead of the subset of best models, are to be adopted as part of scenario formulation
5. 50% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR MODEL SPREAD: 50% **confidence interval** is being adopted to **represent model spread**, by delineating a **25th to 75th** percentile range, and to limit the scenario formulation process to the 50% confident / **central tendency region** around the median
6. RESULTS BY REGION: median change factors across **selected regions** with respective spread are to be adopted as part of scenario formulation.

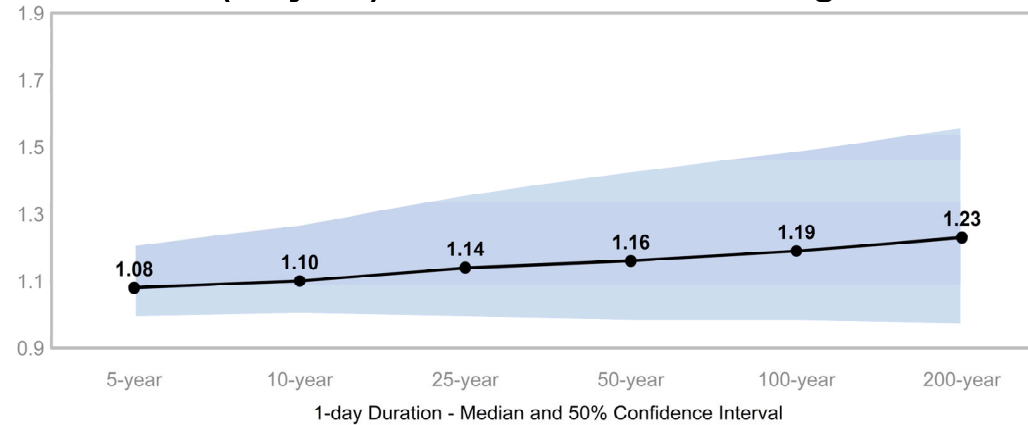


# Counties Future Rainfall Change Factors

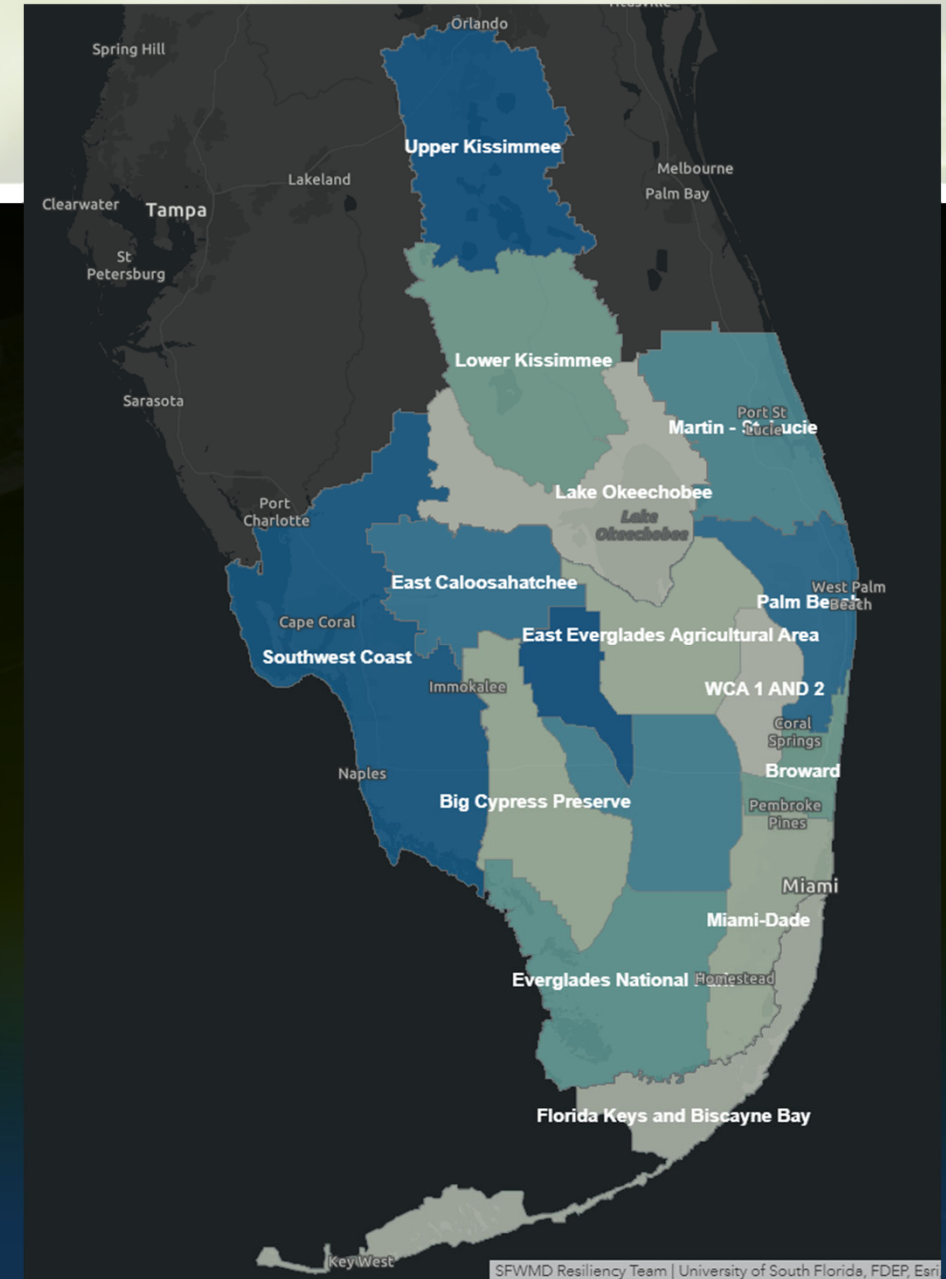
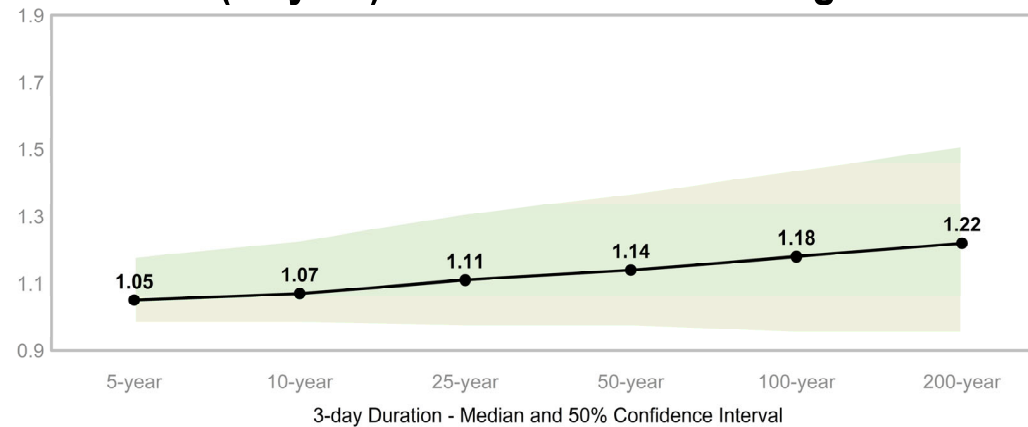
(median and 50% confidence interval, 100-year/3-day and 25-year/1-day)



## Monroe County Future (50-year) Extreme Rainfall Change Factors



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## 6a. Adopting Future Rainfall Change Factors as part of SFWMD Resiliency Planning Efforts



**FLOOD PROTECTION LEVEL  
OF SERVICE PROGRAM  
“adding rainfall to the mix”**

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## ... The Manager's Question ...

**We have aging infrastructure approaching or past design end of life, in addition to changing conditions (land use, sea level rise, rainfall, groundwater levels)**

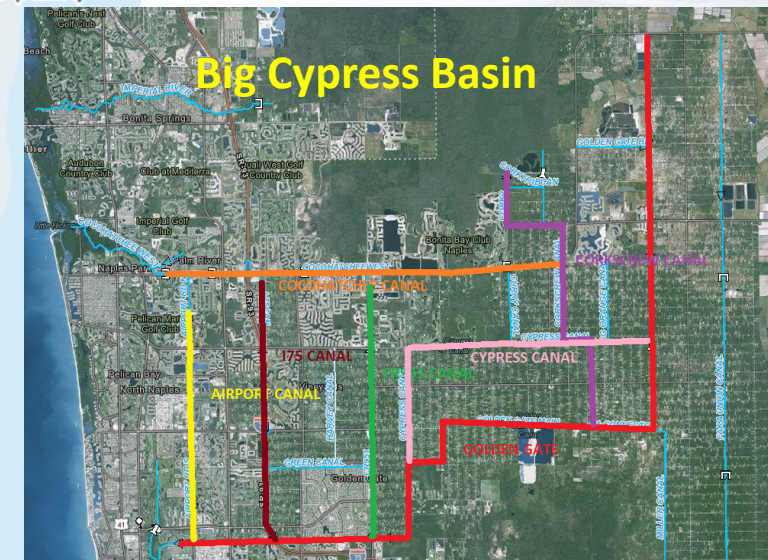
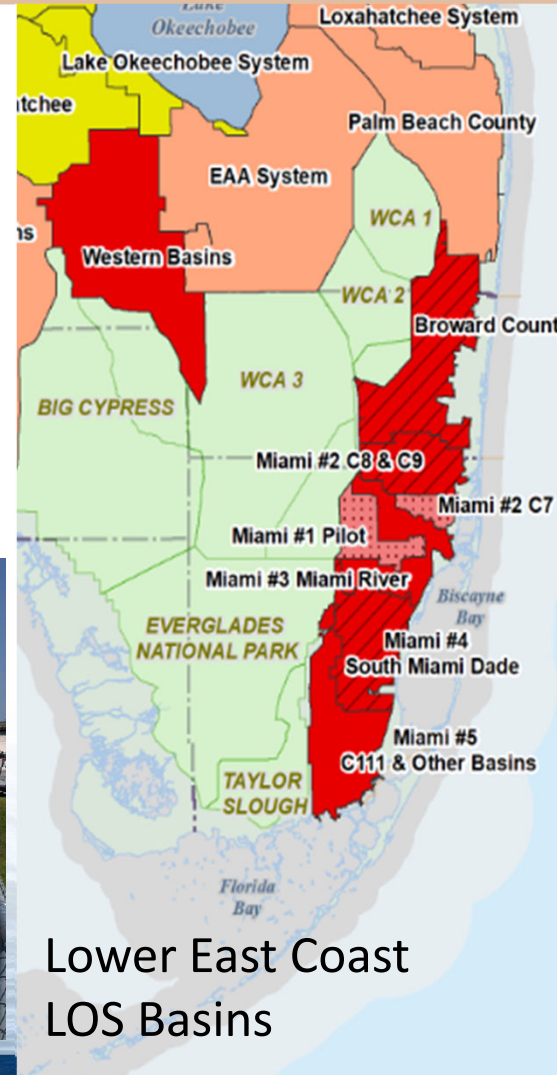
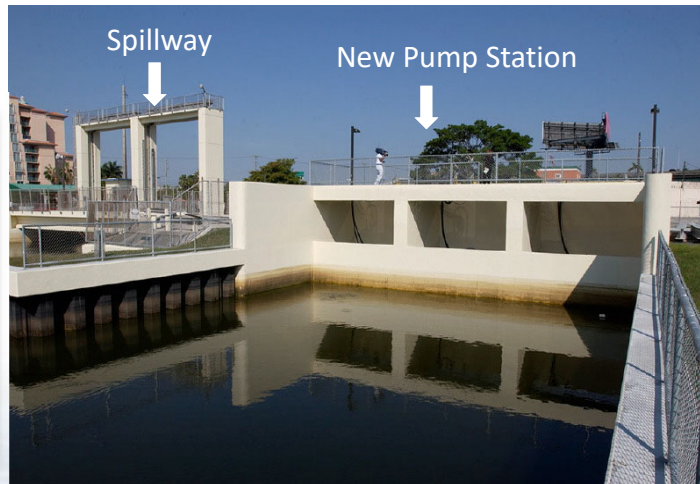
- Do I replace them?
- When do I replace them?
- What do I replace them with
- Where and how?
- What liability or risk am I exposed to – due to action or inaction
- Who pays for the fix
- What assurances do I have, considering associated uncertainties?



# Flood Protection Response

## ➤ Flood Protection Level of Service program:

- Assess flood protection performance of flood control infrastructure
- Support decision making on prioritizing improvements and adaptation



# Three Phases of the FPLOS Program

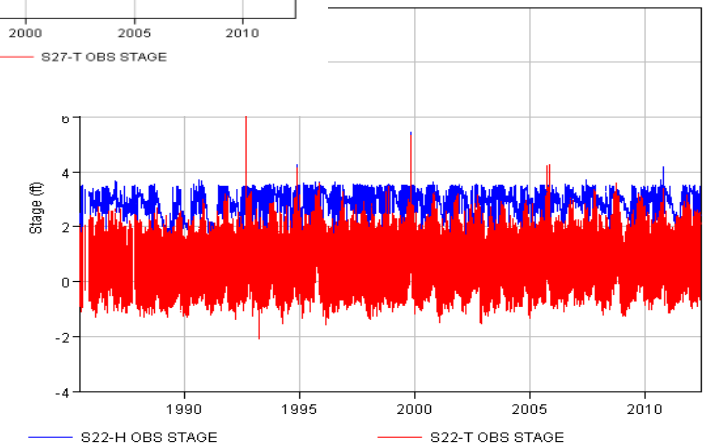
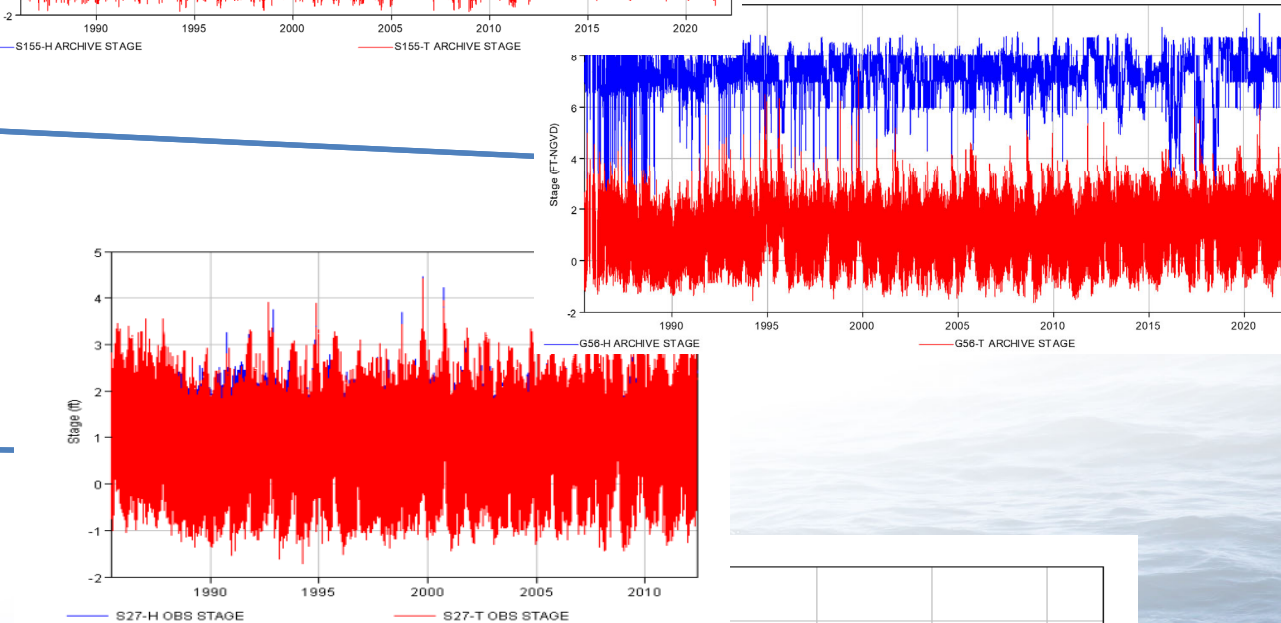
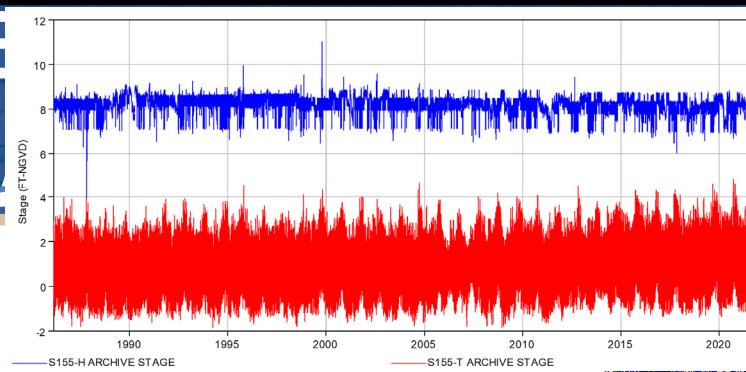
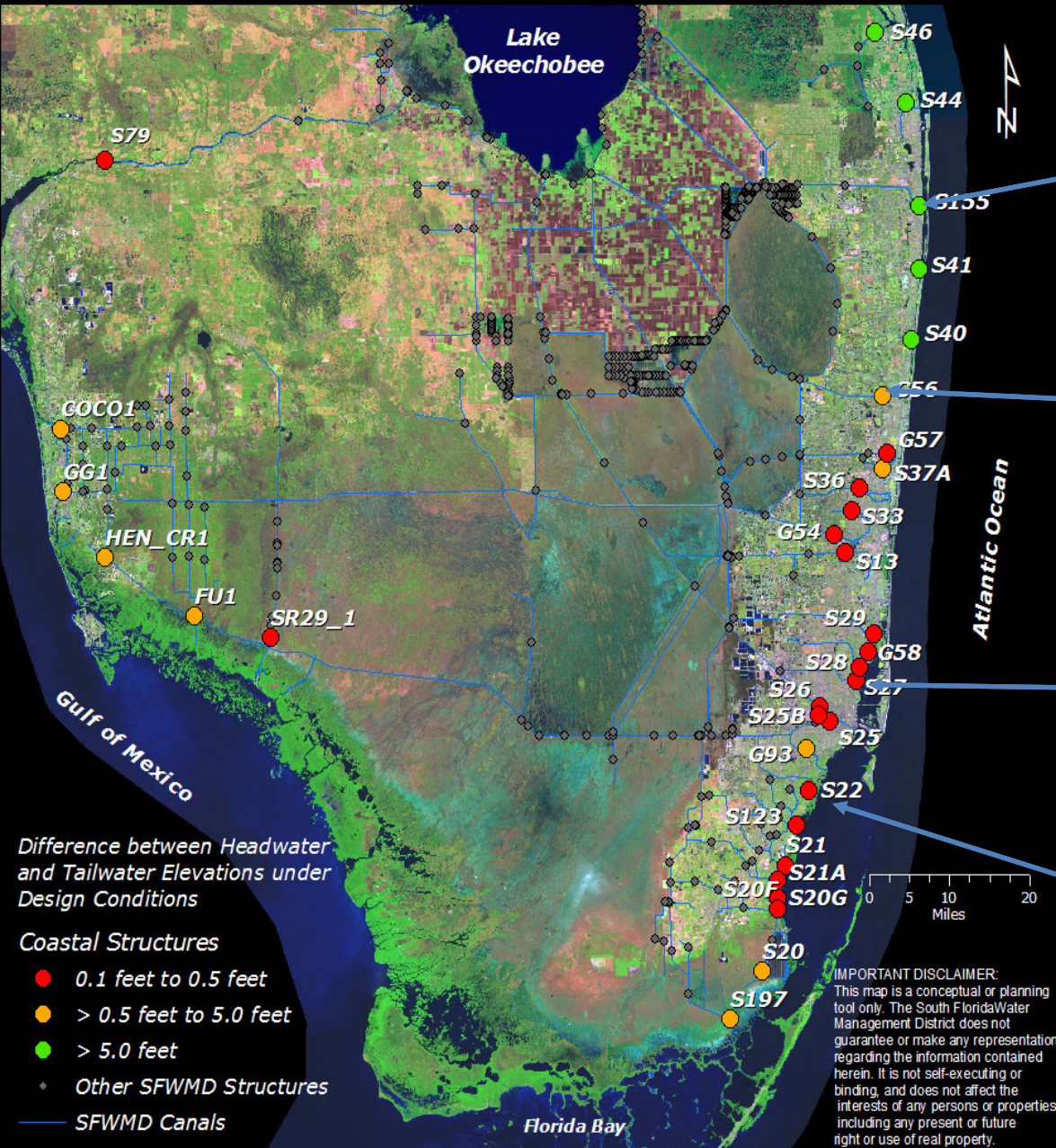


- Focus on Flood Control Assets in Primary system
- Identify flood vulnerable assets and regions

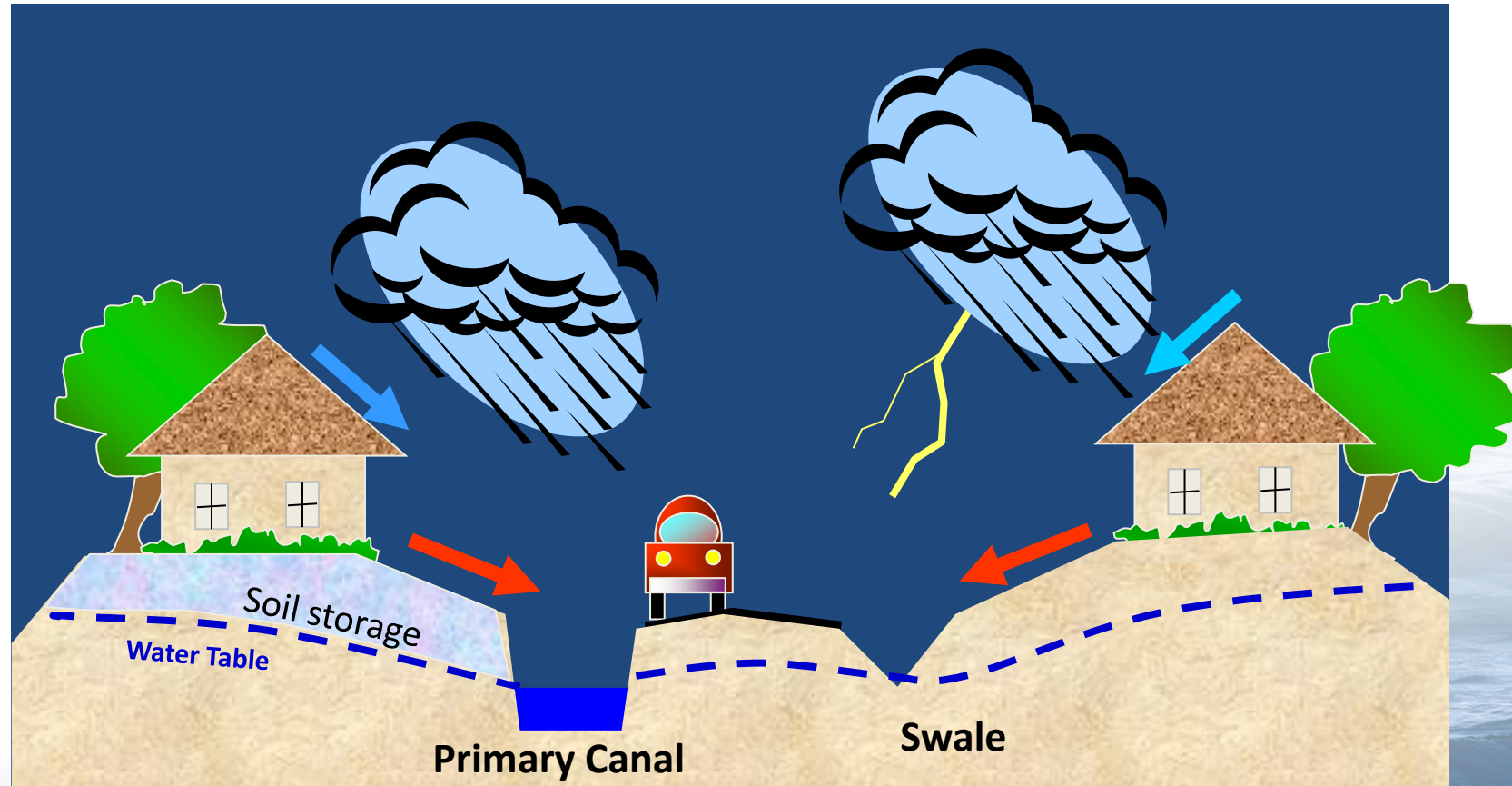
- Focus on Primary, Secondary and Tertiary systems
- Collaboratively identify projects, operations or regulations to meet flood control needs

- Design, permit and build identified projects to achieve resilient flood protection goals, integrated into the Sea Level and Flood Resiliency Plan

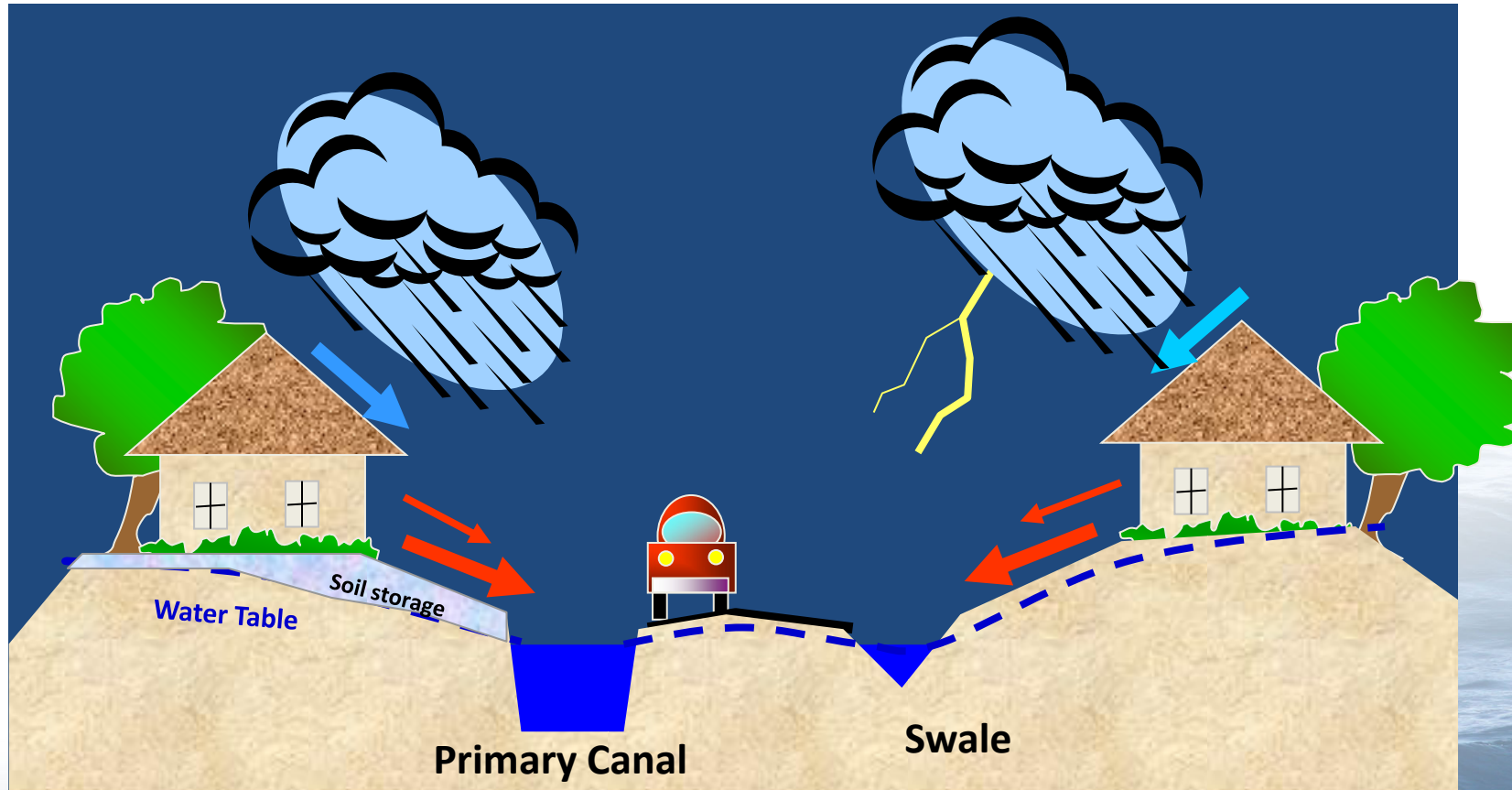
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# Flooding depends on the location of water table

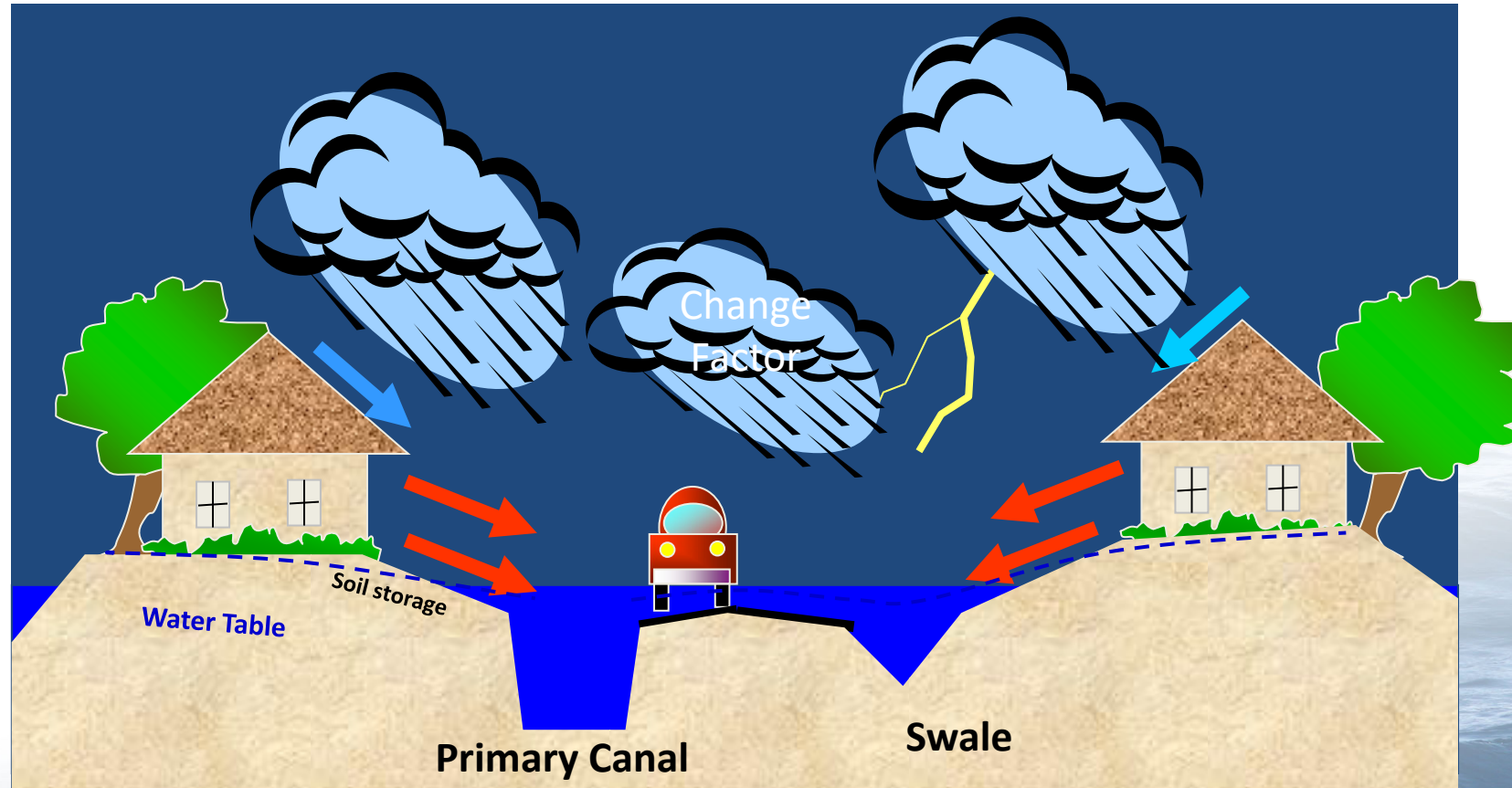


# With Higher Water Table Due to Sea Level Rise



\*A rise in water table will reduce soil storage and rapid runoff during storms

# .. Then With Increase in Extreme Rainfall



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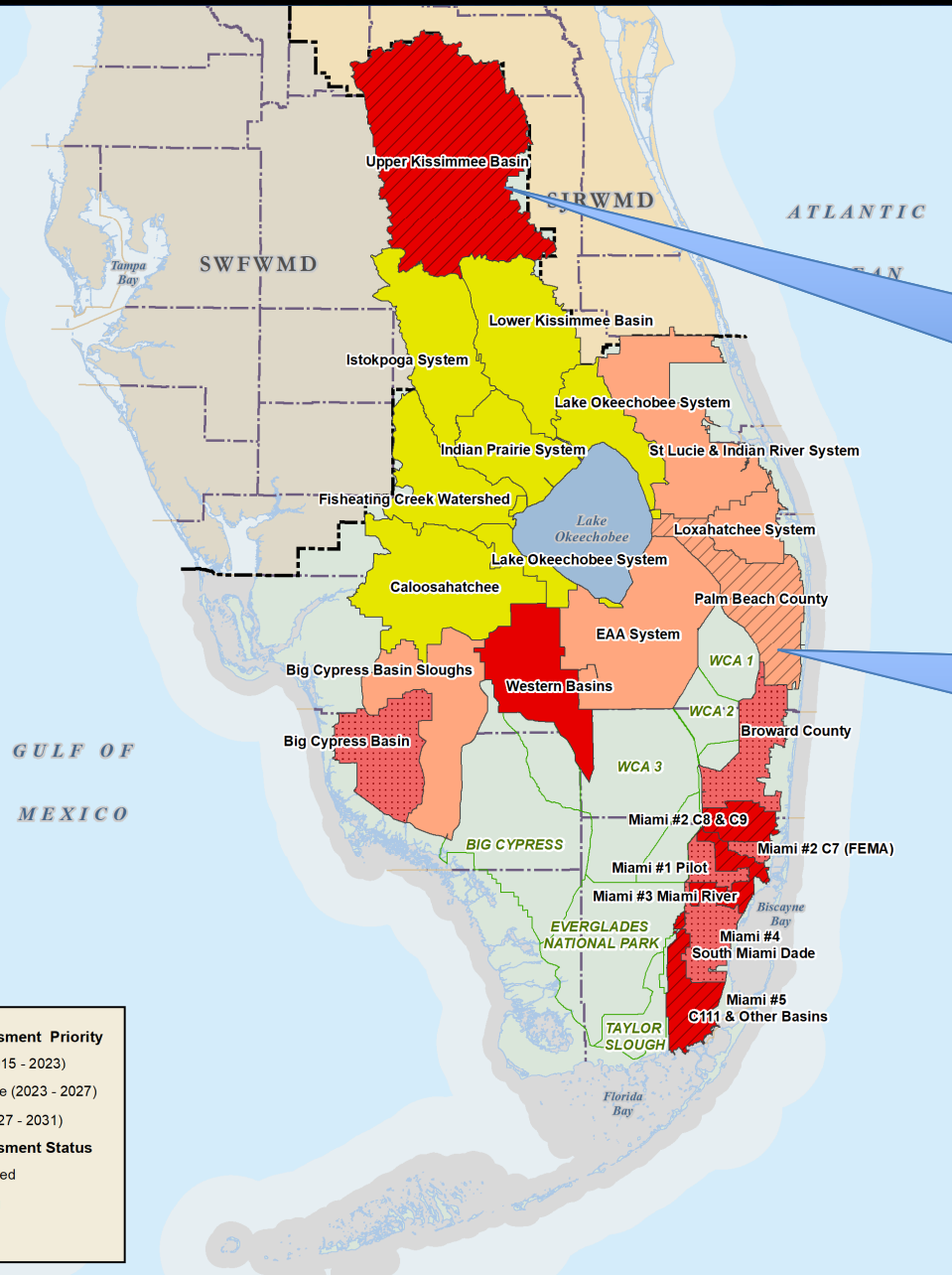
# Two New Starts for FY2022

## Upper Kissimmee Basin

- Land locked
- Significant development pressure
- Lake systems

## Palm Beach County

- Coastal with large headwater tailwater difference
- Heavily managed
- Land use changes



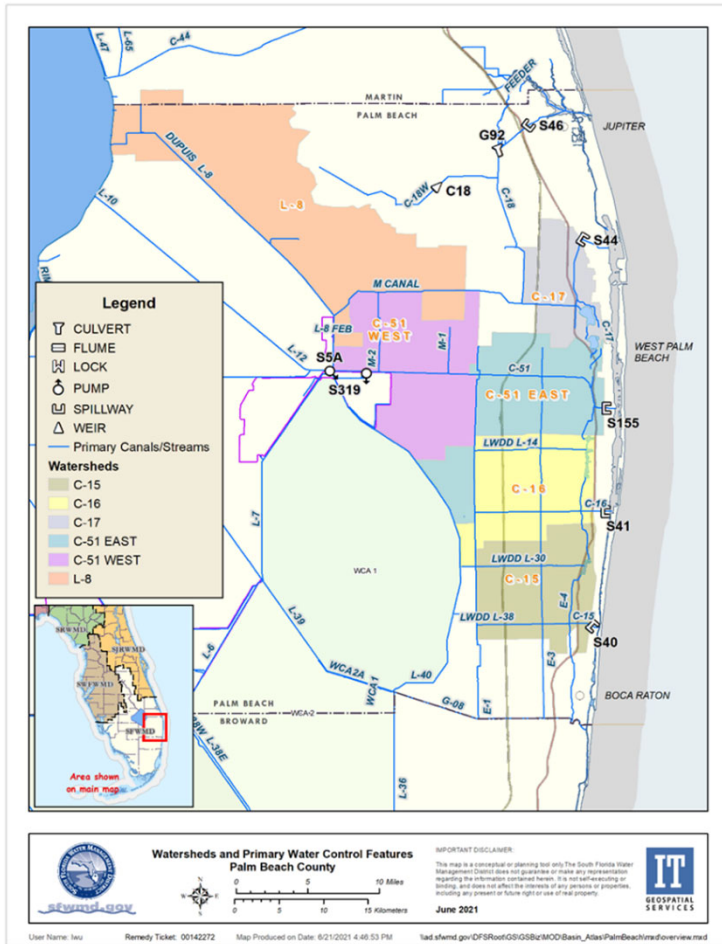
### Basin Assessment Priority

- High (2015 - 2023)
- Moderate (2023 - 2027)
- Low (2027 - 2031)

### Basin Assessment Status

- Completed
- Ongoing
- Future

# Flood Protection Level Of Service for Eastern Palm Beach County Watersheds



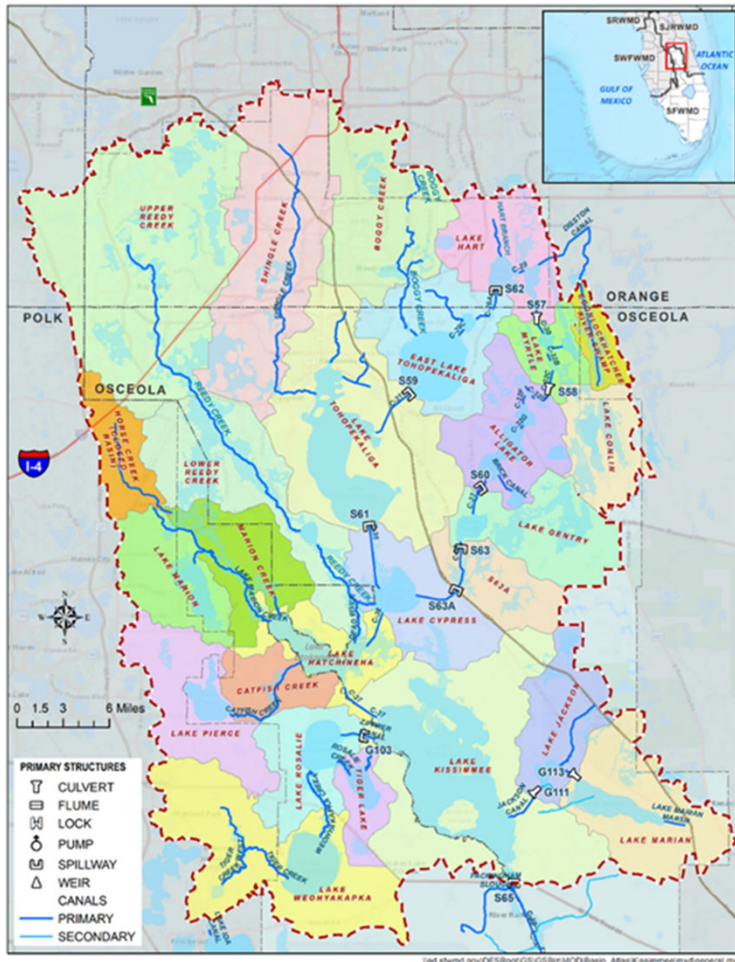
Started in April 2022

Objectives: to conduct a Flood Protection Level of Service analysis for seven watersheds in Palm Beach County: L-8, C-51 East, C-51 West, C-17, C-16, C-15 and W.P.B.

## Major Products:

- Calibrated and validated hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) model
- Assessment of current level of flood protection for existing infrastructure and for current sea level conditions.
- Assessment of future level of flood protection assuming current drainage infrastructure,
  - Future rainfall for different return Periods (Using change factor)
  - Three sea level rise scenario
  - Future land use and future groundwater
- Identify FPLOS deficiencies for different watersheds

# Flood Protection Level Of Service for Upper Kissimmee Basin



Started in April 2022

Objectives: to conduct a Flood Protection Level of Service analysis for 26 watersheds in Upper Kissimmee Basin

Major Products:

- Calibrated and validated hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) model
- Assessment of current level of flood protection for existing infrastructure
- Assessment of future level of flood protection assuming current drainage infrastructure,
  - Future rainfall for different return Periods (Using change factor)
  - Future land use and future groundwater level
- Identify FPLOS deficiencies for different watersheds

## 6b. Adopting Future Rainfall Change Factors as part of SFWMD Resiliency Planning Efforts



**DATA APPLICATION: Sensitivity Tests at the C-8 And C-9 Basins, Using the Flood Protection Level of Service Integrated Hydrology and Hydraulics Modeling**

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Courtesy Post-Doc, Florida International University

# Sensitivity Analysis

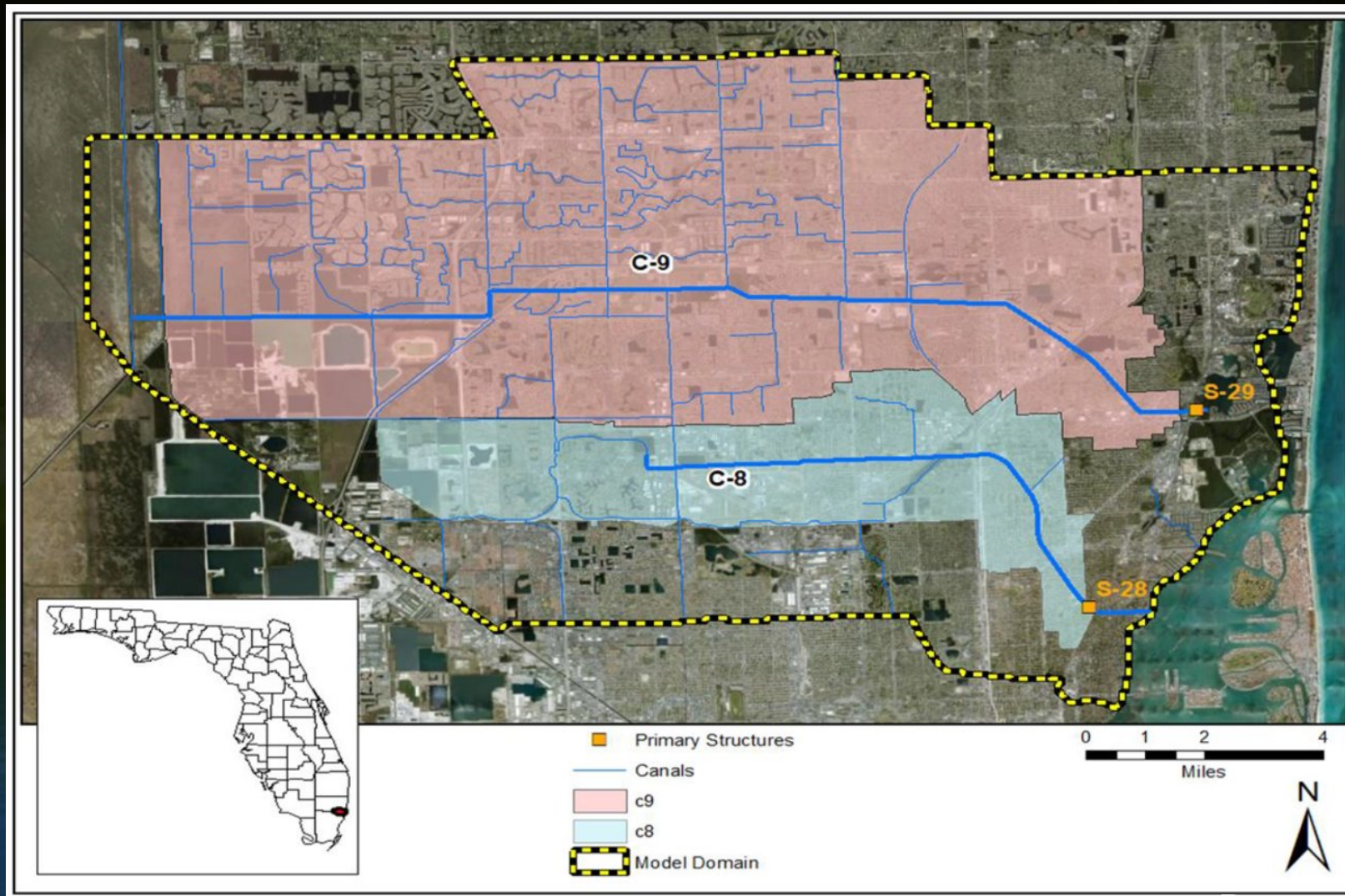
## ➤ Overview:

- Rainfall Change Factor Thresholds: 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, and 75%
- Assess the potential future rainfall impacts in northern Miami-Dade County (C-9 Basin) and southern Broward County (C-8 Basin), for a 3-day design events of 100-year recurrence frequency to evaluate current conditions (CC) and SLR with 1, 2, and 3-ft impacts

Rainfall Change Factor Threshold	Increases in Water Elevation (feet)		
	C-8 Profile (PM1)	C-9 Profile (PM1)	C-8 and C-9 Basins (PM5)
20%	≈ 0.1 - 0.25	≈ 0.1 – 0.2	≈ 0.2 – 0.3
30%	≈ 0.25 – 0.4	≈ 0.2 – 0.3	≈ 0.3 – 0.4
40%	≈ 0.4 – 0.55	≈ 0.3 – 0.4	≈ 0.4 – 0.5
50%	≈ 0.55 – 0.7	≈ 0.4 – 0.55	≈ 0.5 – 0.6
75%	≈ 0.7 – 1.0	≈ 0.55 – 0.8	≈ 0.6 – 1.0

Table 1: Relationship between rainfall change factors and increased flood depths for the C-8 profile, C-9 profile, and across both basins combined.

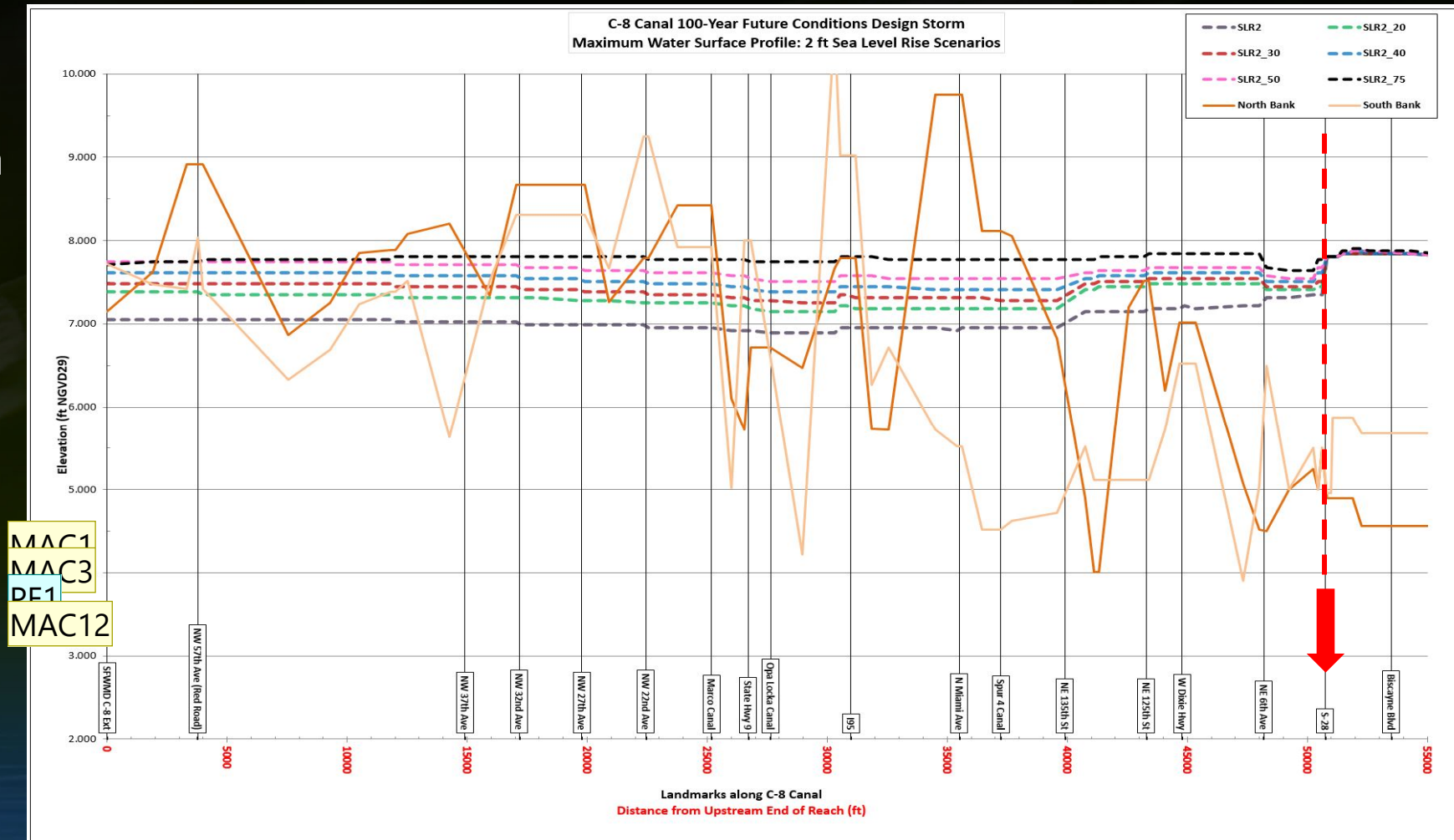
# C-8 and C-9 Basin



# PM1 – Maximum Stage in Primary Canals (C8 Canal)

## ➤ Results:

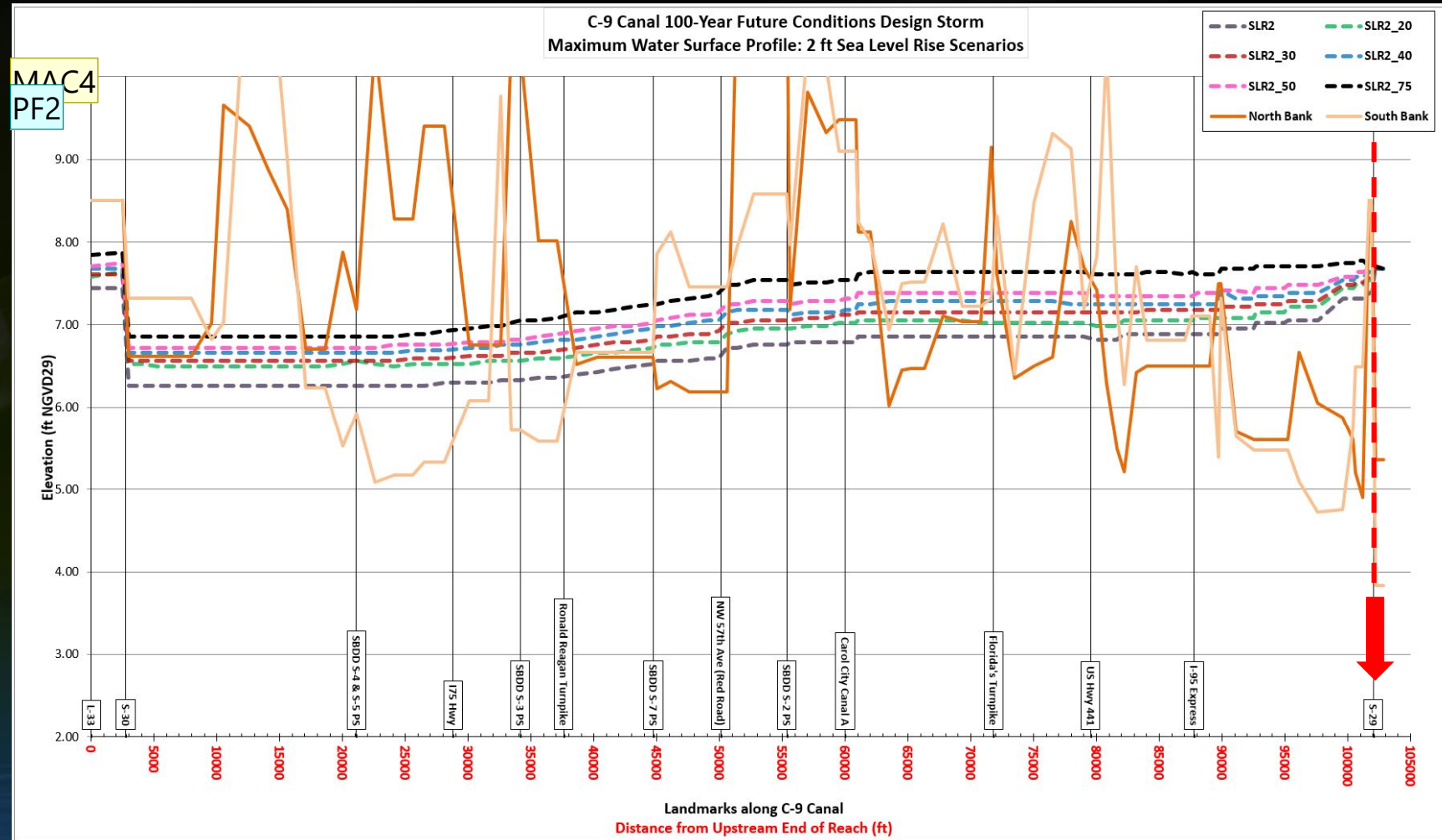
- Consistent increase pattern in peak stage profiles as result of rainfall increase
- Downstream reach is limited to enforced simulated tidal boundary conditions at S-28 Structure (red arrow)
- Coastal Structure operational limitations play a key role in allowing the tidal conditions to influence the canal levels upstream



# PM1 – Maximum Stage in Primary Canals (C9 Canal)

## ➤ Results:

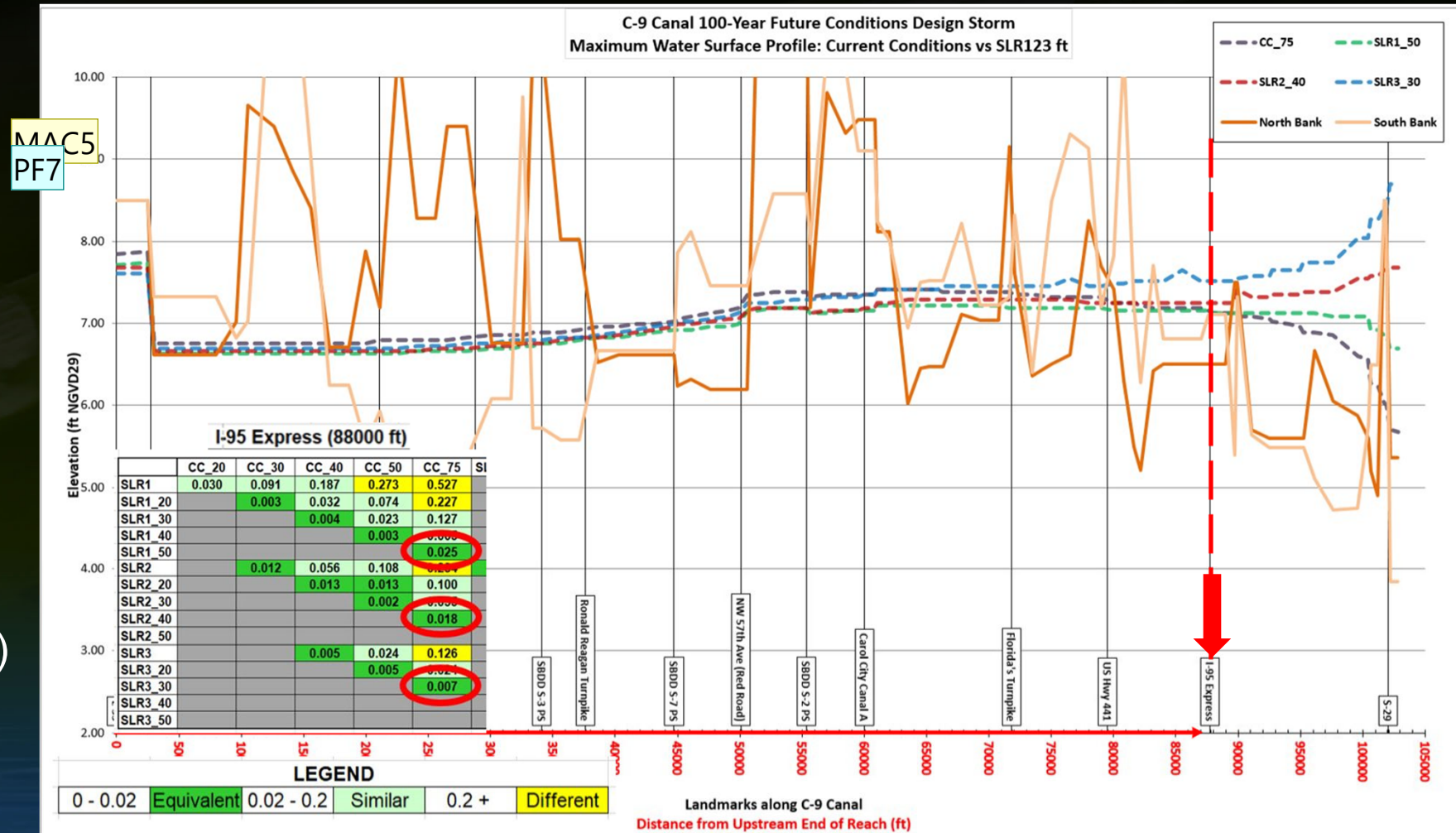
- Consistent increase pattern with C8 Canal:
  - 20%- 0.2 ft
  - 30%- 0.3 ft
  - 40%- 0.4 ft
  - 50%- 0.5 ft
  - 75%- 0.75 ft
- Downstream reach is limited to enforced simulated tidal boundary conditions at S-29 Structure (red arrow)



# PM1 – Maximum Stage in Primary Canals (C9 Canal)

## ➤ Results:

- Root Mean Square Difference (RMSD) was selected to measure differences across the profile.
- Different combinations of rainfall change factors and SLR can produce "similar" water surface elevation on "inland" portion of canal (red arrow)



# PM5- Overland Flooding

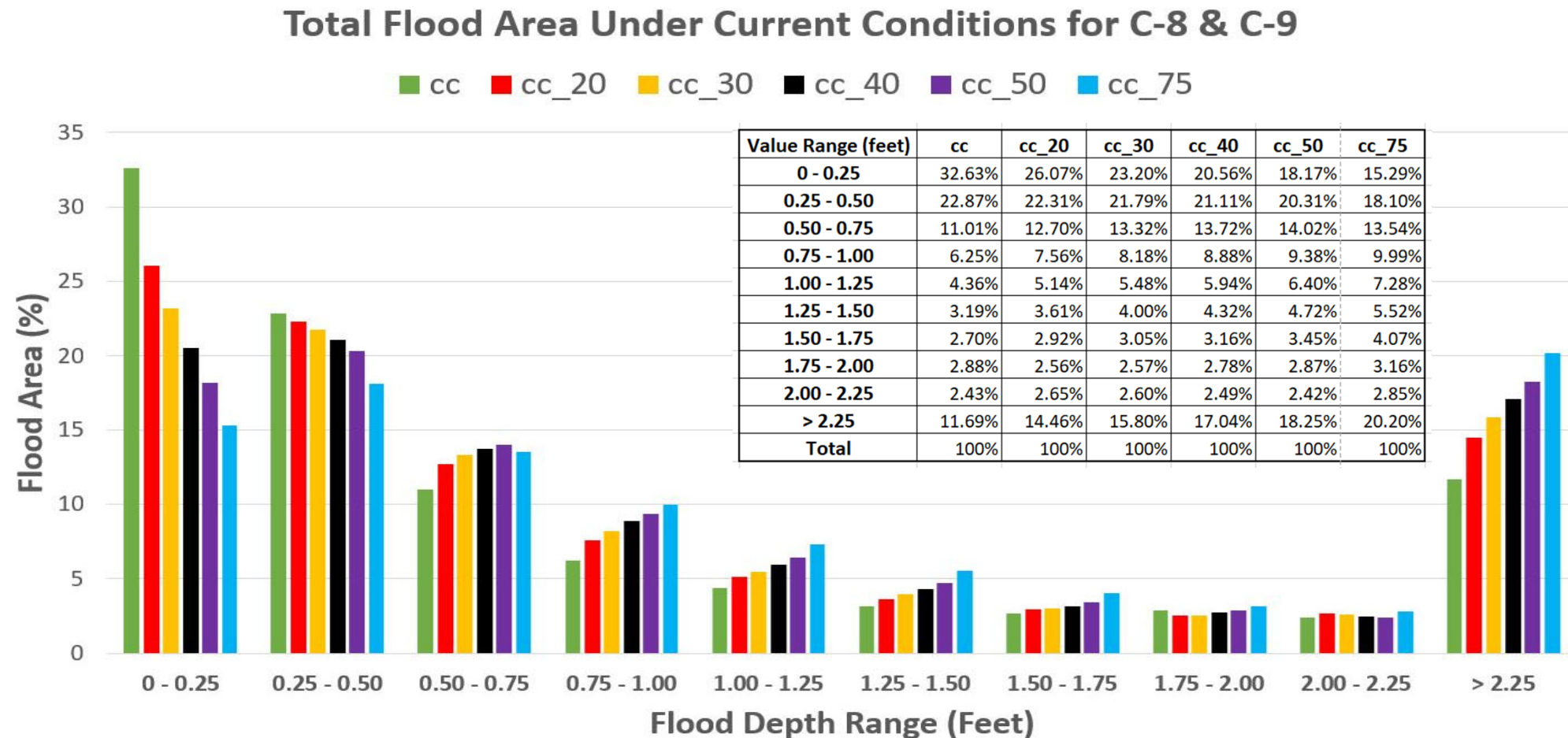


Figure 2: Overland inundation map for 100-year 72-hour design storm event for current conditions with a range of rainfall change factor through 72 hours

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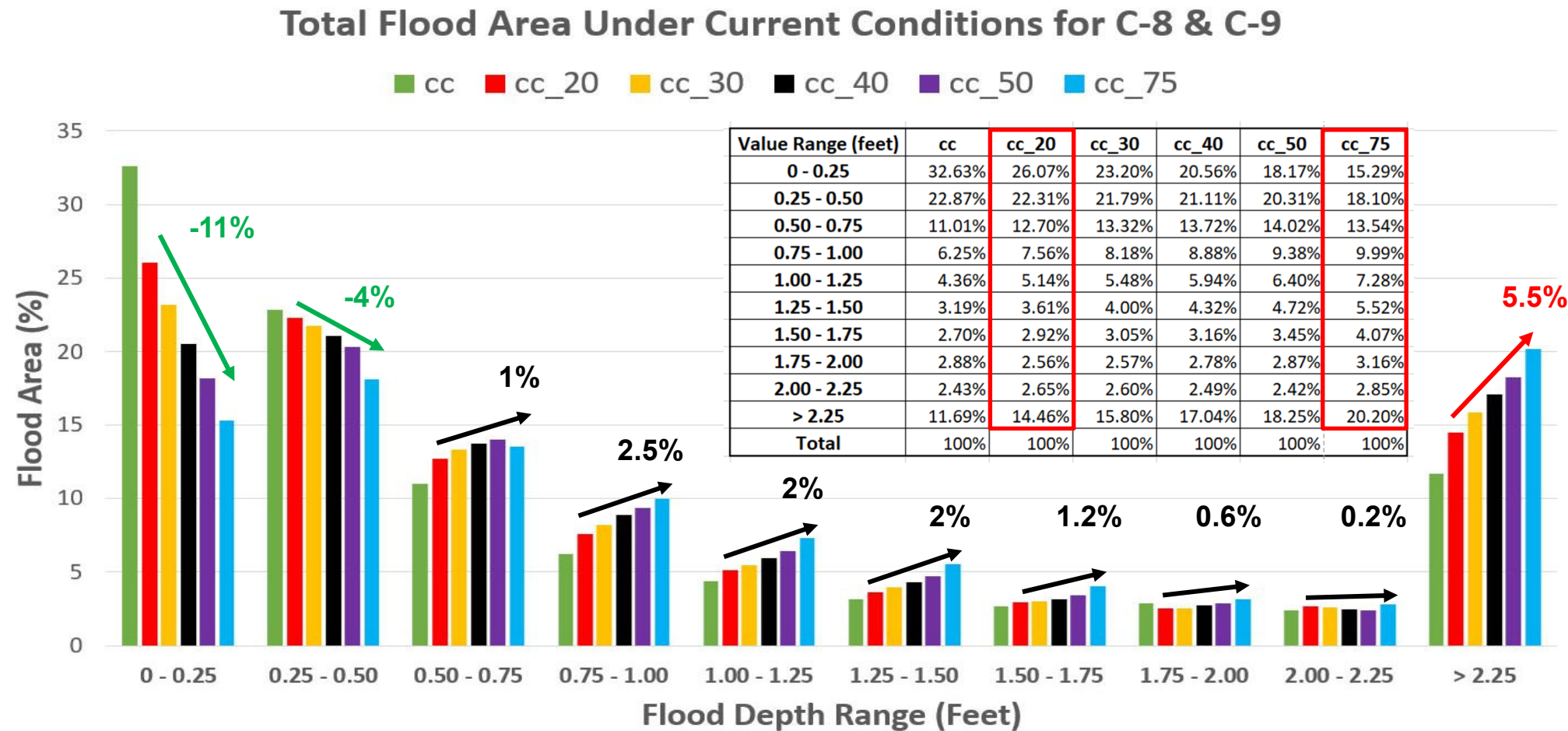
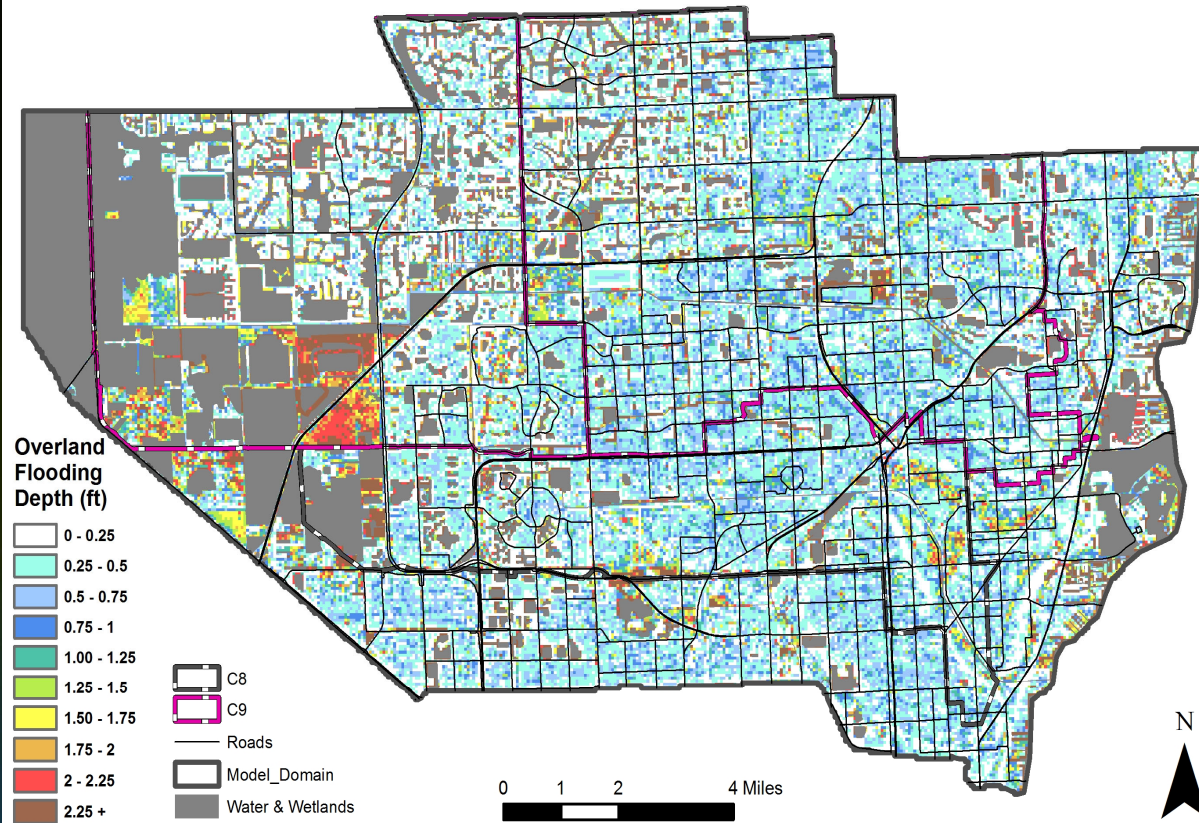


Figure 2: Overland inundation map for 100-year 72-hour design storm event for current conditions with a 20% and 75% rainfall change thresholds

# PM5- Overland Flooding

Current Conditions + 20% Rainfall Increase



Current Conditions + 75% Rainfall Increase

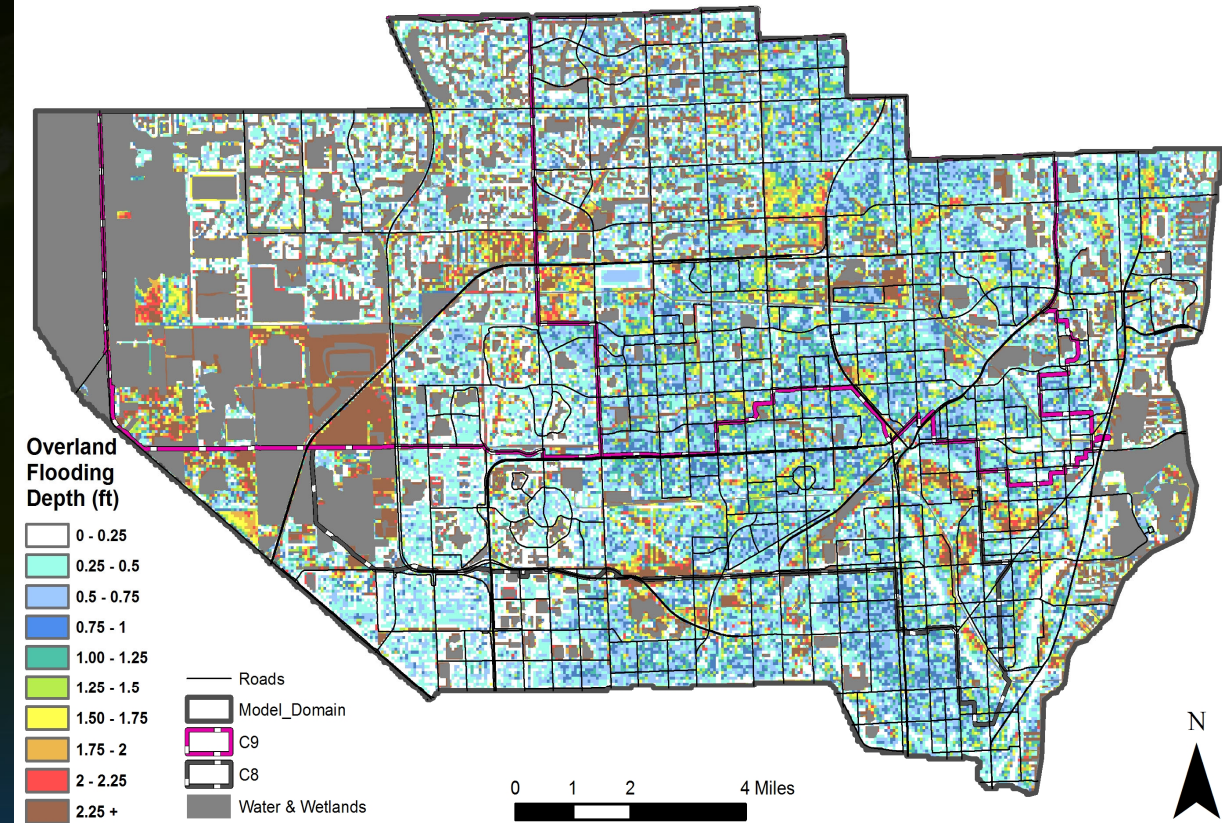
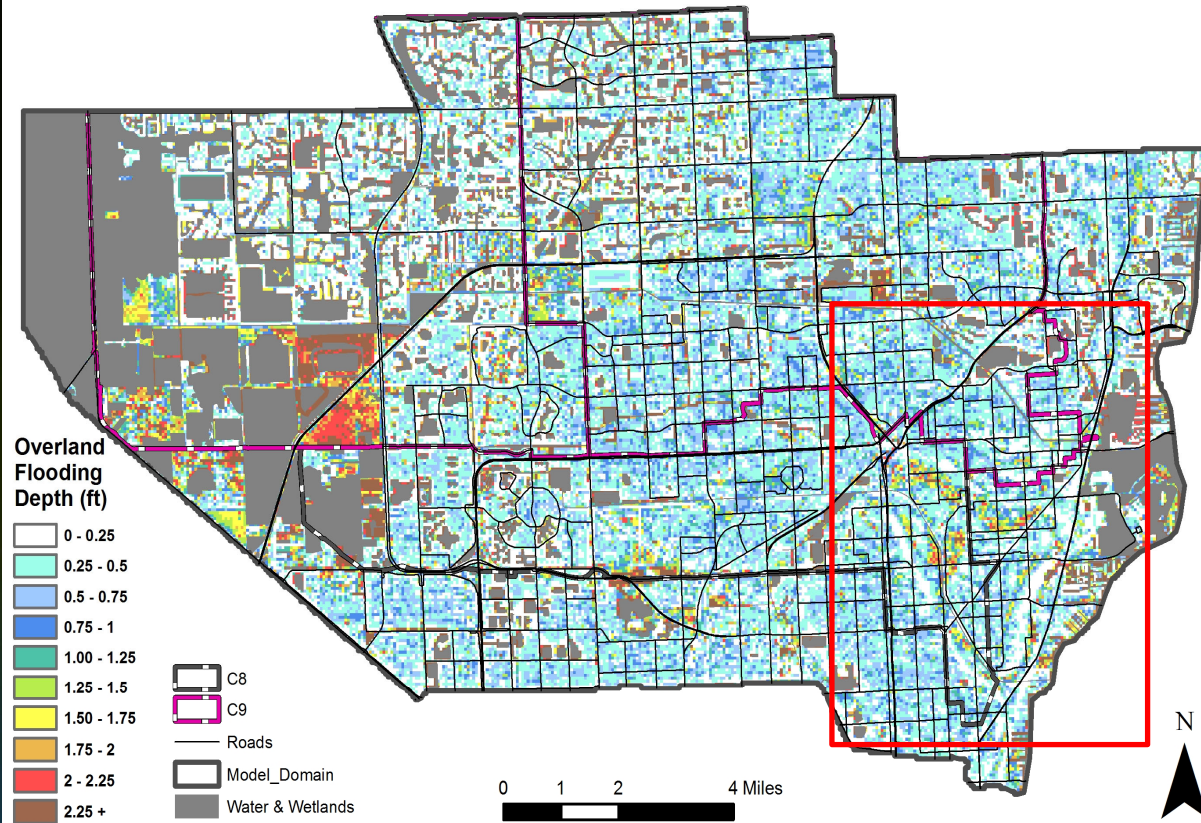


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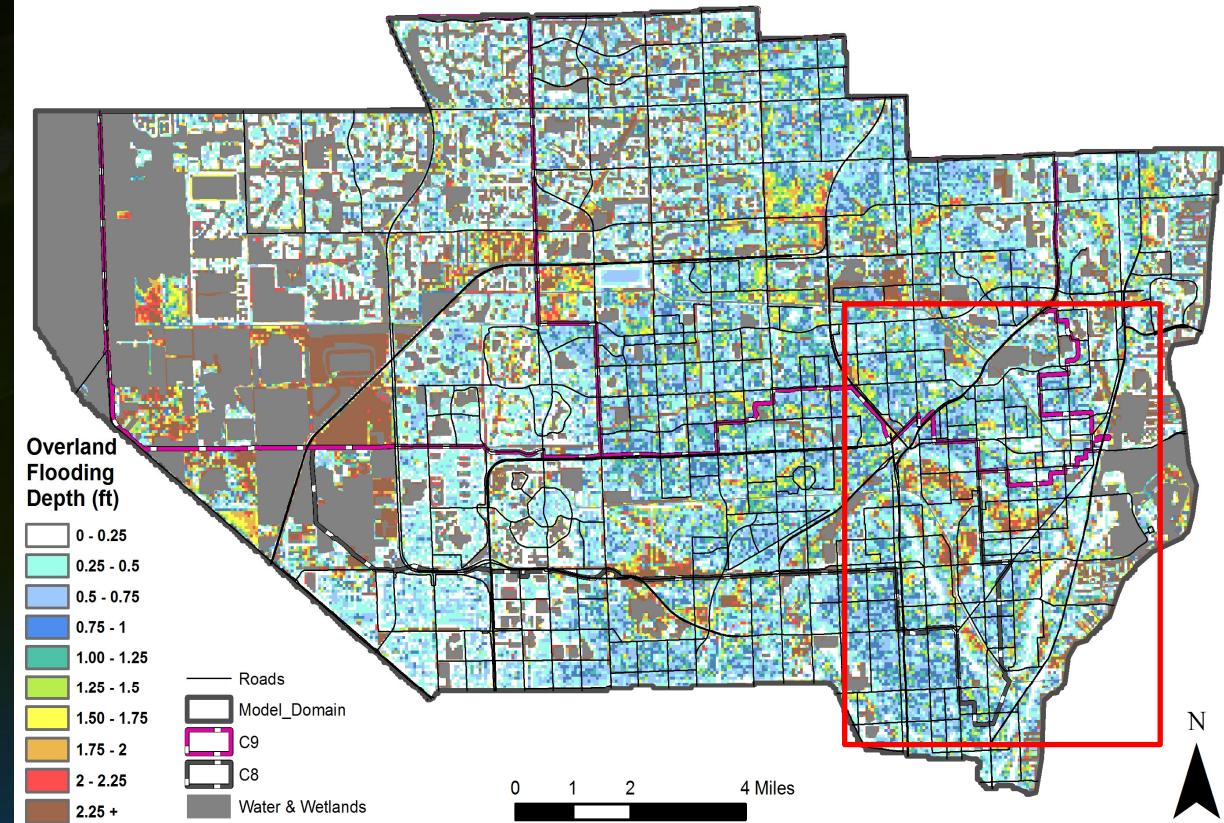


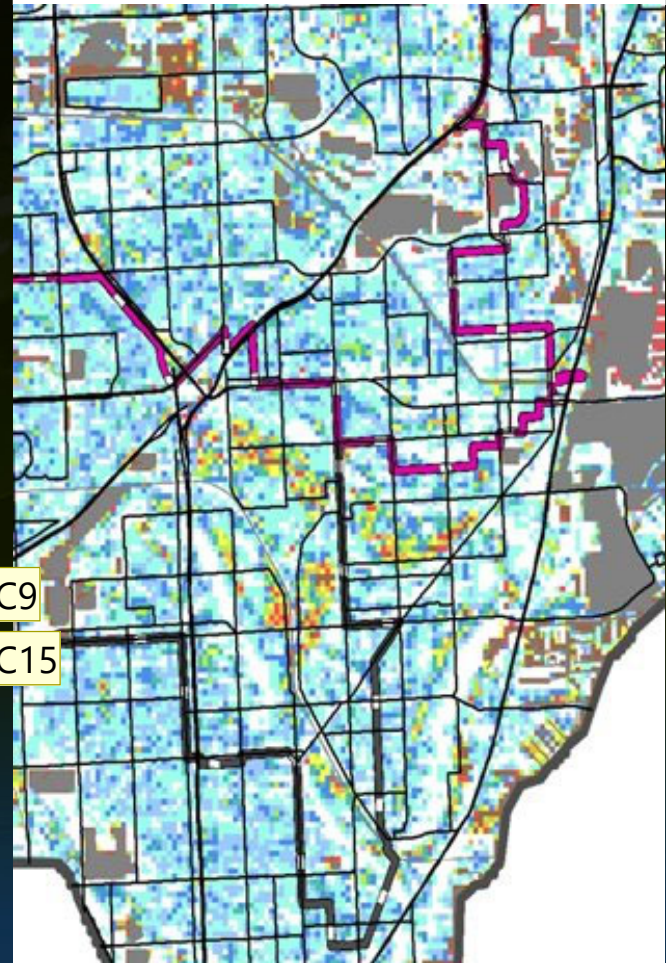
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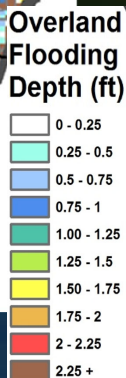
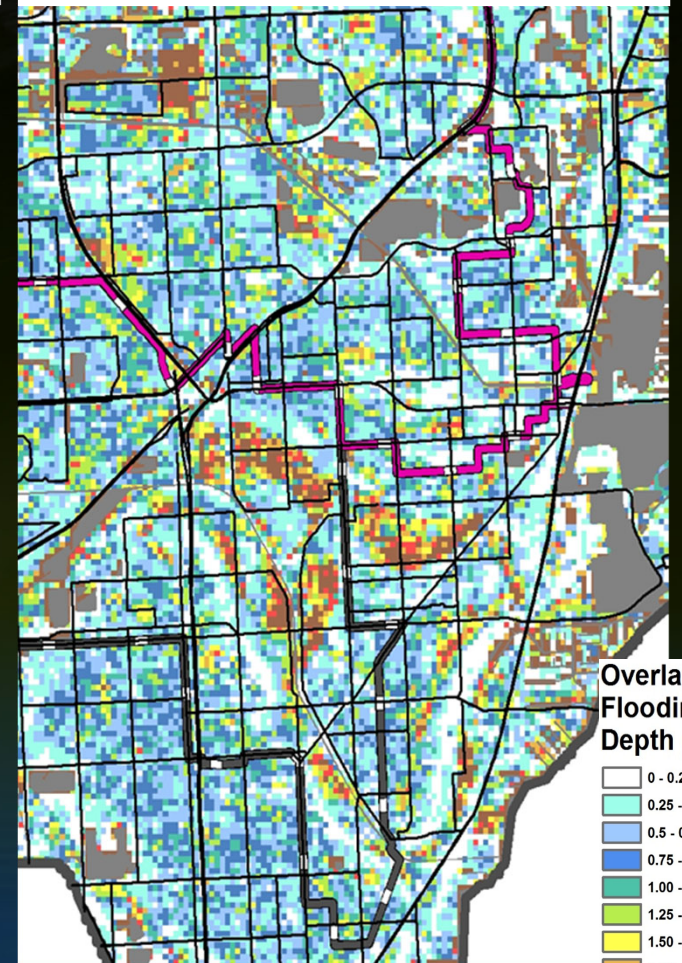
## ➤ Results:

- Rainfall change factors increase overland flooding depths across both basins (0.25 ft to 1.0 ft)
- Most vulnerable areas:
  - Locations subject to riverine flooding due to overbank flow
  - Low elevation, coastal and transition zones
- Flood Depths:
  - Urban areas within 8 miles (1.0 ft to 1.50 ft)
  - Coastal zones (up to 2.25 ft)

Current Conditions + 20% Rainfall Increase



Current Conditions + 75% Rainfall Increase



MAC10  
DE5  
MAC16  
DE8  
MAC14

# Lessons Learned

- A- The basins mostly experience low to moderate flooding conditions, producing spread out inundation across both Basins
- B- Transitions Zones across low elevation inland and coastal zones are highly vulnerable to compound flood hazards (rainfall + tides + water table)
- C- It is possible to produce equivalent/similar outcomes of rainfall increase with SLR scenarios to assess inland flooding conditions\*
- D- Next Steps: Incorporate additional Performance Metrics and replicate effort in other basins

Rainfall Change Factor Threshold	Increases in Water Elevation (feet)		
	C-8 Profile (PM1)	C-9 Profile (PM1)	C-8 and C-9 Basins (PM5)
20%	≈ 0.1 - 0.25	≈ 0.1 - 0.2	≈ 0.2 - 0.3
30%	≈ 0.25 - 0.4	≈ 0.2 - 0.3	≈ 0.3 - 0.4
40%	≈ 0.4 - 0.55	≈ 0.3 - 0.4	≈ 0.4 - 0.5
50%	≈ 0.55 - 0.7	≈ 0.4 - 0.55	≈ 0.5 - 0.6
75%	≈ 0.7 - 1.0	≈ 0.55 - 0.8	≈ 0.6 - 1.0

MAC11  
DEQ  
MAC17

## 6c. Adopting Future Rainfall Change Factors as part of SFWMD Resiliency Planning Efforts



### DATA ACCESSIBILITY: Resilience Metrics Hub

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PYTHON ELIMINATION PROGRAM

ADDRESSING BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

RESILIENCY

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## Current Water Conditions

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LEVELS  
Lake Okeechobee  
**13.08ft**

NGVD29

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RAINFALL  
Month to date  
**1.72in**

Normal monthly average  
1.02

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STORAGE  
View map of major  
storage areas and  
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# District Resiliency

## Ensuring the Region's Water Resources and Ecosystems Resiliency Now and in the Future

The South Florida Water Management District is strongly committed to addressing the impacts of climate change, including rising sea levels, changing rainfall and flood patterns, and as such, has named its first [District Resiliency Officer, Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E.](#) The current resiliency efforts focus on assessing how sea level rise and extreme events, including flood and drought events, happen under current and future climate conditions, and how they affect water resources management. The District is also making significant infrastructure adaptation investments that are needed to successfully implement its mission of safeguarding and restoring South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protecting communities from flooding, and ensuring an adequate water supply for all of South Florida's needs. Working to ensure the region's water resources and ecosystems resiliency, now and in the future, is part of everything the District does.



### Actions

- [Resiliency and Flood Protection](#)
- [Resiliency and Water Supply](#)
- [Resiliency and Ecosystem Restoration](#)

### Metrics

The South Florida Water Management District is implementing [Water and Climate Resilience Metrics](#) to track and document trends in its relevant water and climate observed data. These efforts support the assessment of current and future climate condition scenarios, operational decisions, and District resiliency priorities.

### Upcoming Workshop

The SFWMD Future Extreme Rainfall Projections Public Workshop will present the proposed adoption of future extreme rainfall projections by the SFWMD, developed in collaboration with the USGS Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center (CFWSC) and Florida International University. This effort builds on long-term observed rainfall data and available Global Climate Models downscaling datasets and constitutes a first step in developing future rainfall projections for South Florida. The adoption of future extreme rainfall scenarios supports the District's mission and resiliency priority efforts and will provide unified resources for partner agencies and local government in South Florida. This meeting is for technical experts and researchers, planners, water managers, and is open to the public.

[Meeting Agenda](#)  
[Zoom Registration Link](#)



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Local Projects and Programs	➤
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Resiliency	➤

## Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

As part of our ongoing resilience initiatives, the District developed a set of Water and Climate Resilience Metrics to track and document shifts and trends in District managed water and climate observed data. These efforts support the assessment of current and future climate condition scenarios, operational decisions, and District resiliency priorities. The District published the [Water and Climate Resilience Metrics Final Report](#) in December 2021.

The District's commitment to resilience includes informing stakeholders, the public, and partner agencies to support local resiliency strategies. Visit the [Resilience Metrics Hub](#) to learn more about the data driving the District's resiliency efforts.



The first Water and Climate Resilience Metrics Public Workshop was hosted on January 22, 2021.

- [Presentation](#)
- [Video](#)

The second Water and Climate Resilience Metrics Public Workshop was hosted on December 17, 2021.

- [Presentation](#)
- [Video](#)
- [Report](#)

# Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

The South Florida Water Management District is strongly committed to addressing the impacts of sea level rise and a changing climate. The District's resilience efforts support its mission of safeguarding and restoring South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protecting communities from flooding, and ensuring we are able to meet South Florida's water needs while connecting with the public and stakeholders.

## Objectives

As part of a series of District Resiliency Initiatives to address changing conditions, the District is implementing a set of water and climate resilience metrics districtwide. These science-based metrics are being developed with the goal of tracking and documenting shifts and trends in District-managed water and climate observed data, supporting the assessment of current and future climate condition scenarios and related operational decisions, and informing District resiliency investment priorities. As part of the District's communication and public engagement priorities, this effort informs stakeholders, the general public, and partner agencies about the District's resilience efforts, while supporting local resiliency strategies. This Hub hosts the latest Water and Climate Resilience Metrics information and data analysis results, as well as related information that is relevant to the context of each metric discussion.

This page was designed as a living data hub and will be modified and updated as necessary. Check back frequently for updated data and resilience information.

## Emerging Trends in Regional Resiliency



### Regional Rainfall

Changes in rainfall patterns will impact people and ecosystems by altering the amount of water in our region throughout t...



### Elevations at Coastal Structures and Sea Level Rise

Tailwater and headwater elevations at coastal structures represent how sea level rise affects stormwater discharge capacity in South...



### Saltwater Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers

The inland migration of saltwater poses a threat to water supply and critical freshwater habitats.



### Salinity in the Everglades

The salinization of previously freshwater systems poses threats to several factors.



### Estuarine and Mangrove Inland Migration

Trends in Estuarine Inland Migration provide insights to the impacts of sea level rise in coastal areas and the Everglades.



### Soil Subsidence in South Florida

Maintaining soil elevations within coastal and intertidal habitats, as sea level changes, is an indicator of long-term stability of coastal.

## Future Outlook in Regional Resiliency





**WEB APP**

**Future Extreme Rainfall Change Factors for Flood Resiliency Planning in South Florida**

This tool provides access to future extreme rainfall change factors for resiliency planning for the 16 counties and 14 rainfall areas within SFWMD boundaries, as well as the Everglades National Park rainfall area, and an additional combined rainfall area for the Florida Keys and Biscayne Bay.




## SFWMD Data and Support

**SFWMD GIS Open Data Hub**


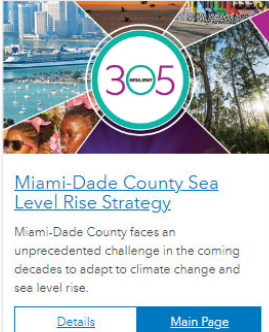

**SFWMD GIS Hub**

Our Open Data site is where our publicly available spatial datasets can be viewed and downloaded. Additional Web Apps and Story Maps are featured to explore and learn more about the data.



## Local Agencies' Information

Local Agencies are using their resources to help us understand the potential risks that come with Coastal Resiliency efforts.

# Future Extreme Rainfall Change Factors for Flood Resiliency Planning in South Florida

SWFMD Geospatial Services  
South Florida Water Management District

## Summary

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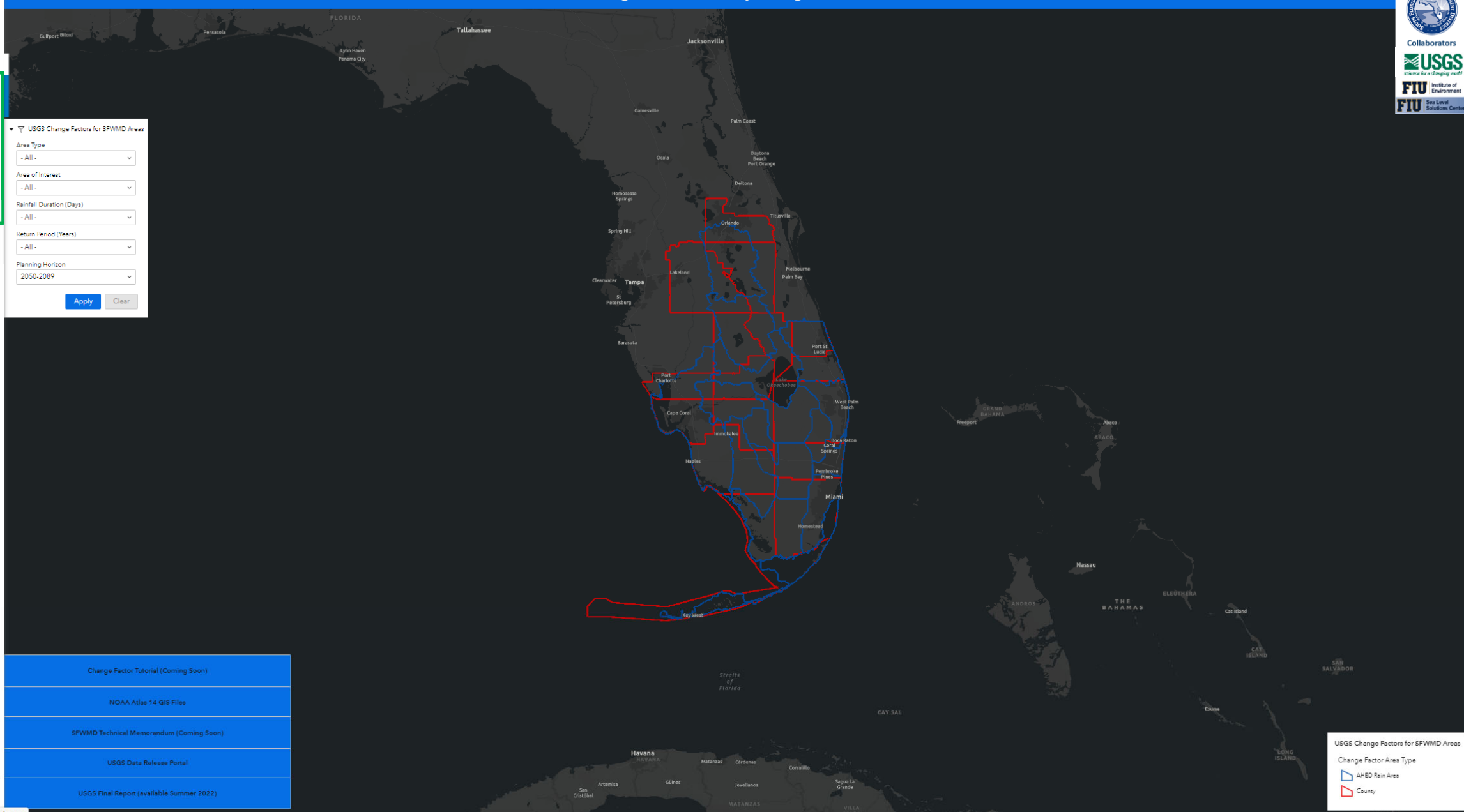
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## Extreme Rainfall Change Factors for Resiliency Planning in South Florida



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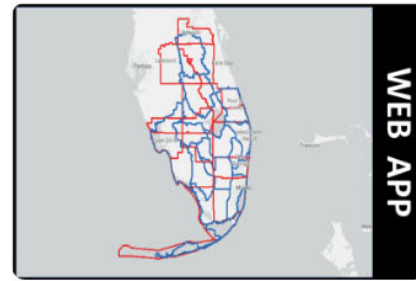
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SFWMD Geospatial Services  
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### Tool Description

#### Summary

This tool provides access to future extreme rainfall change factors for resiliency planning for the 16 counties and 14 rainfall areas within SFWMD boundaries, as well as the Everglades National Park rainfall area, and an additional combined rainfall area for the Florida Keys and Biscayne Bay.


The Future Extreme Rainfall Change Factors for Resiliency Planning in South information tool provides access to future extreme rainfall change factors by rainfall area and by county-level, estimated as part of cooperative agreements between South Florida Water Management District, U.S. Geological Survey Caribbean Florida Water Science Center and Florida International University.


The recommended change factors might be applied as inputs for hydrodynamic models to assess future conditions rainfall as part of local and regional flood vulnerability assessments. Project background and technical recommendations supporting the adoption of future rainfall scenarios as part of resiliency initiatives in the region are provided in the SFWMD's Technical Memorandum for the Adoption of Future Extreme Rainfall Change Factors for Flood Resiliency Planning in South Florida.


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### How to Use the Data

The estimated change factors available in this tool apply only to NOAA Atlas 14 precipitation frequency estimates to represent future extreme rainfall conditions in the period centered around 2070, based on historical period around 1966-2005. The 50th percent confidence interval represents the spread of change factors and median for each area, the range of uncertainty is outlined by the 25th and 75th percentile limits.

The data should not be applied to Atlas 14 values that have a different period than the available results (1966-2005) and to IDF curves not available from Atlas 14. These change factors do not represent changes in future rainfall average conditions, neither seasonality shifts, nor for estimating drought conditions into the future. Different change factors were estimated for each return frequency and duration to be applied as part of event simulations and are not representative of regional long-term simulations.

### Original Data Source

The comprehensive data products from the U.S. Geological Survey Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center are available on the USGS ScienceBase site via the citation: Irizarry-Ortiz, M.M., and Stamm, J.F., 2022, Change factors to derive projected future precipitation depth-duration-frequency (DDF) curves at 174 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 stations in central and south Florida: U.S. Geological Survey data release, <https://doi.org/10.5066/P935WRTG>.

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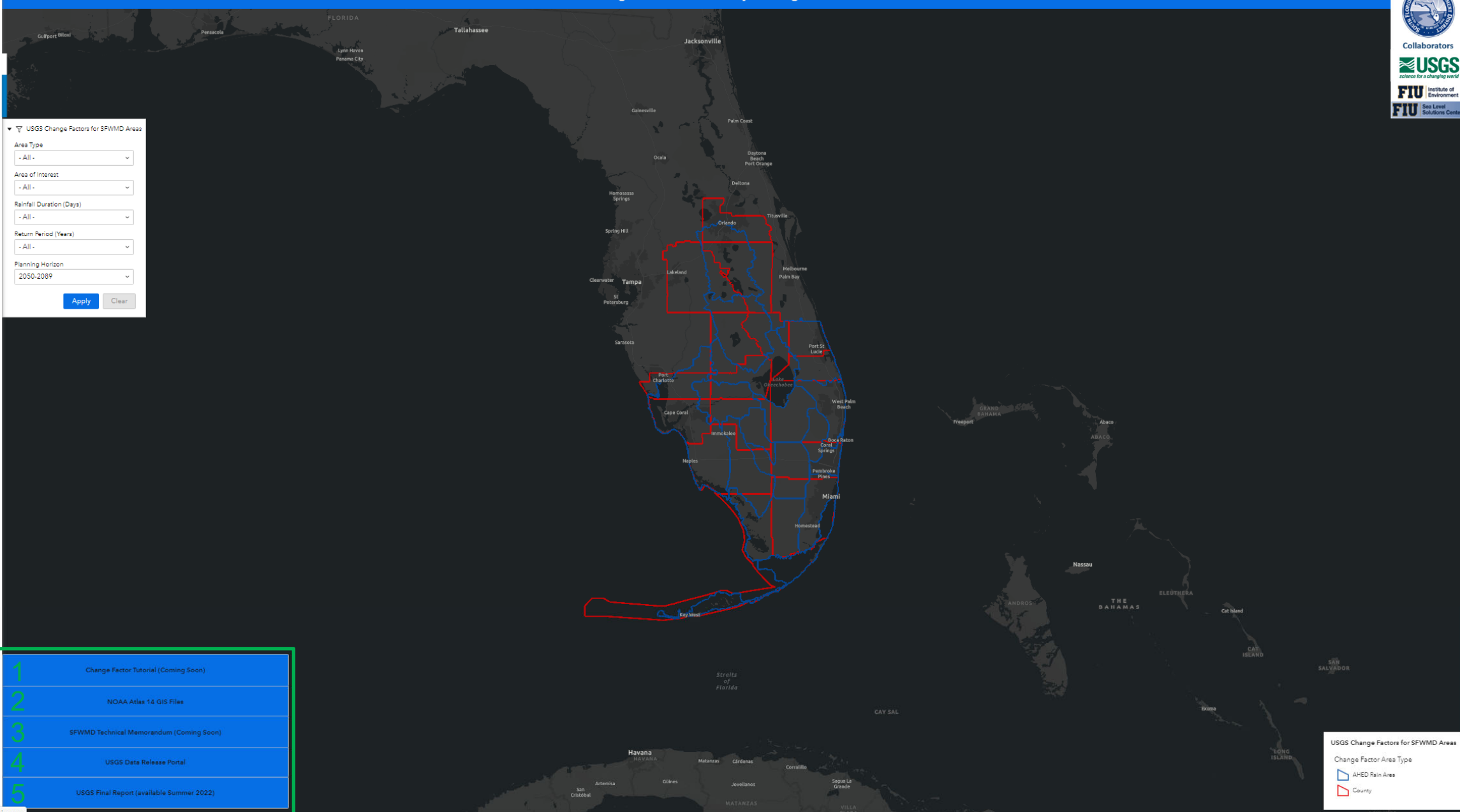
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Change Factor Area Type

AHED Rain Areas

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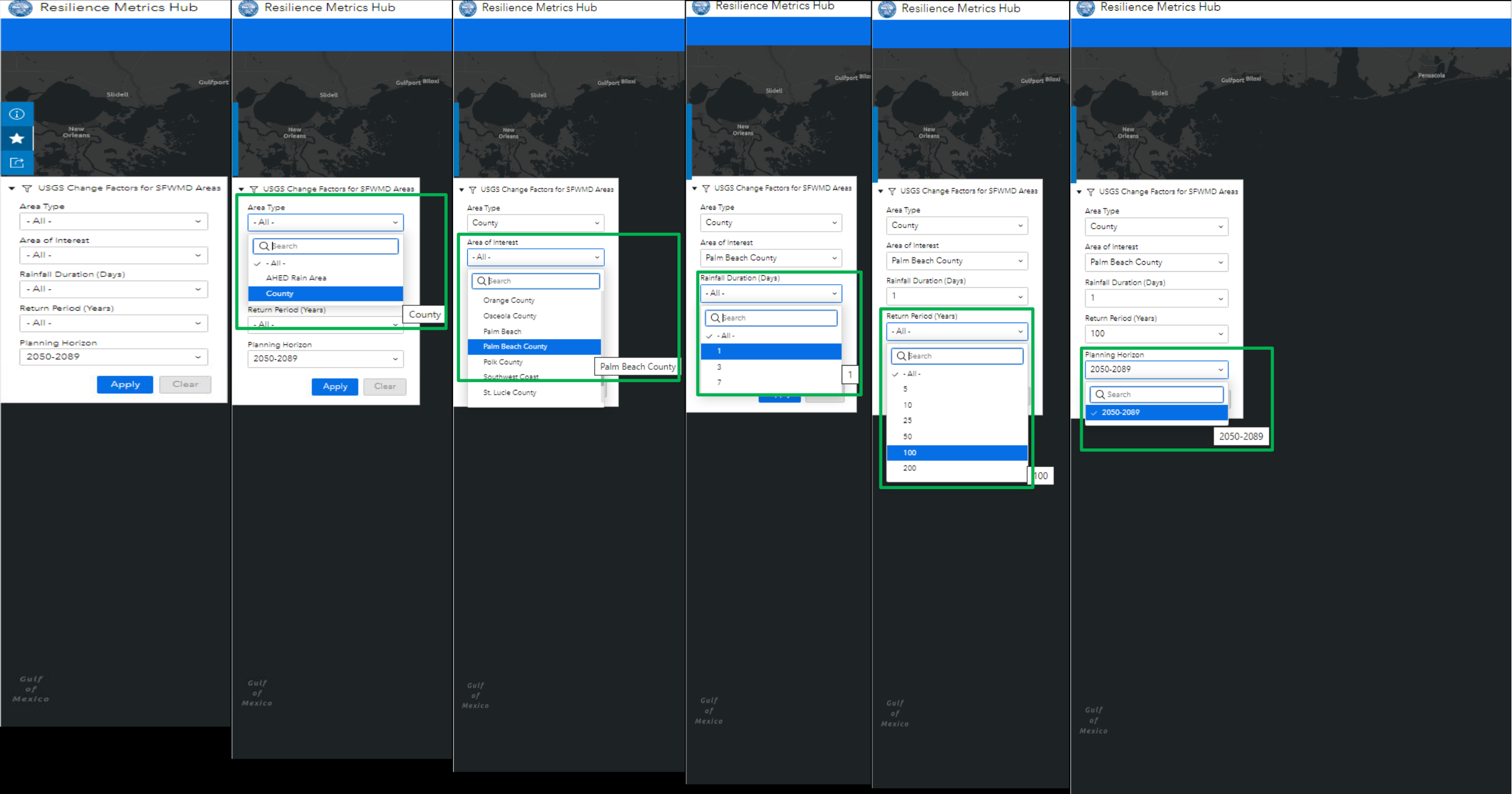
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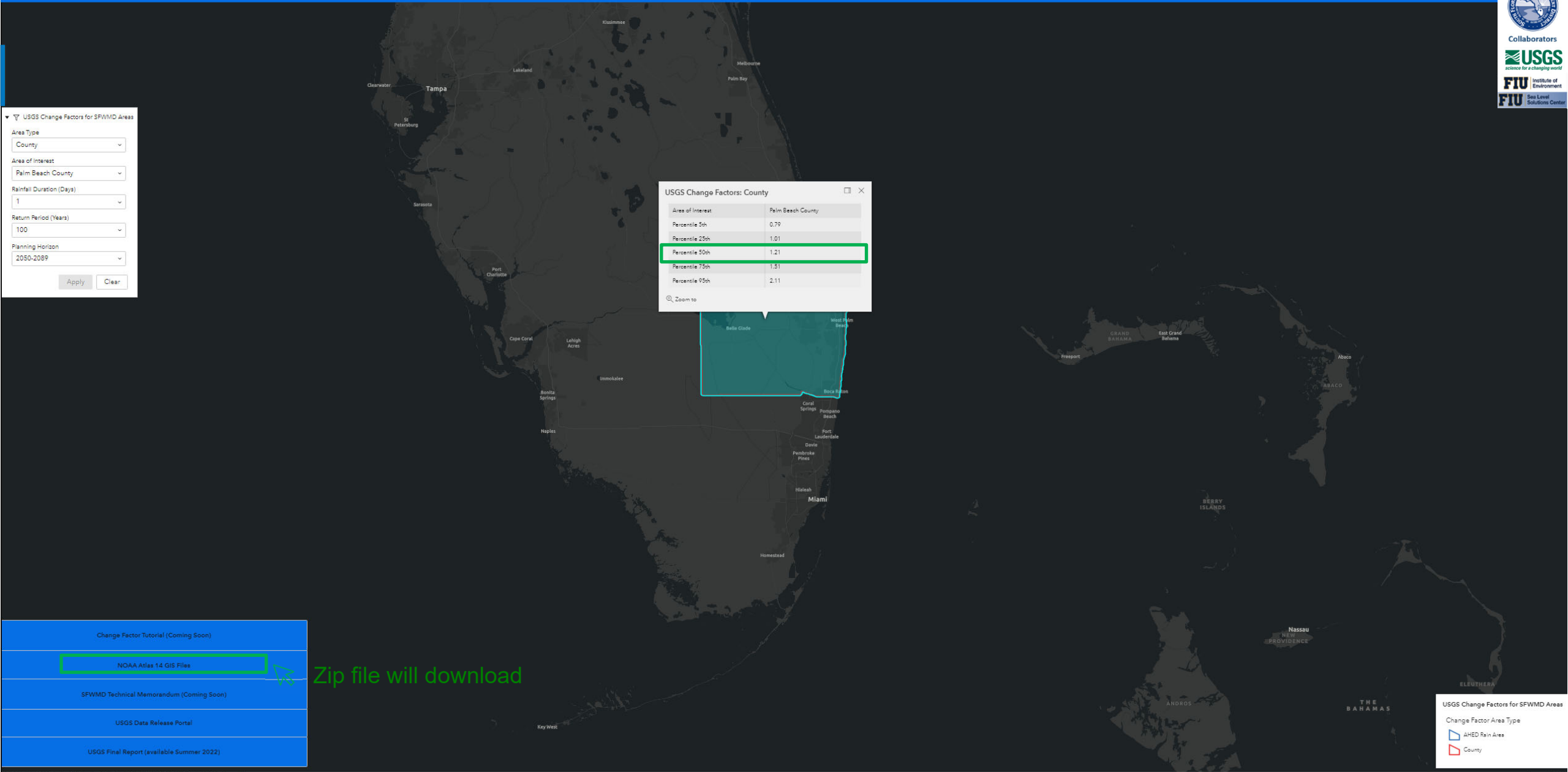
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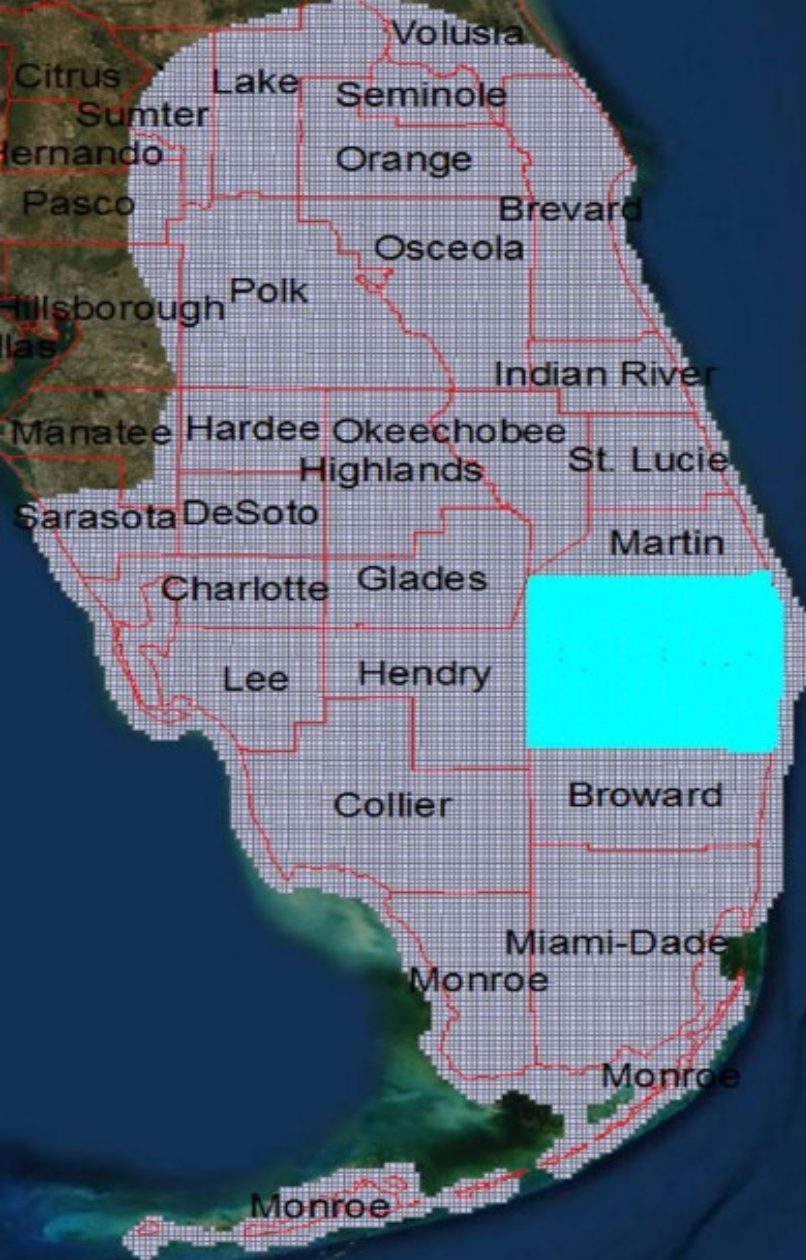
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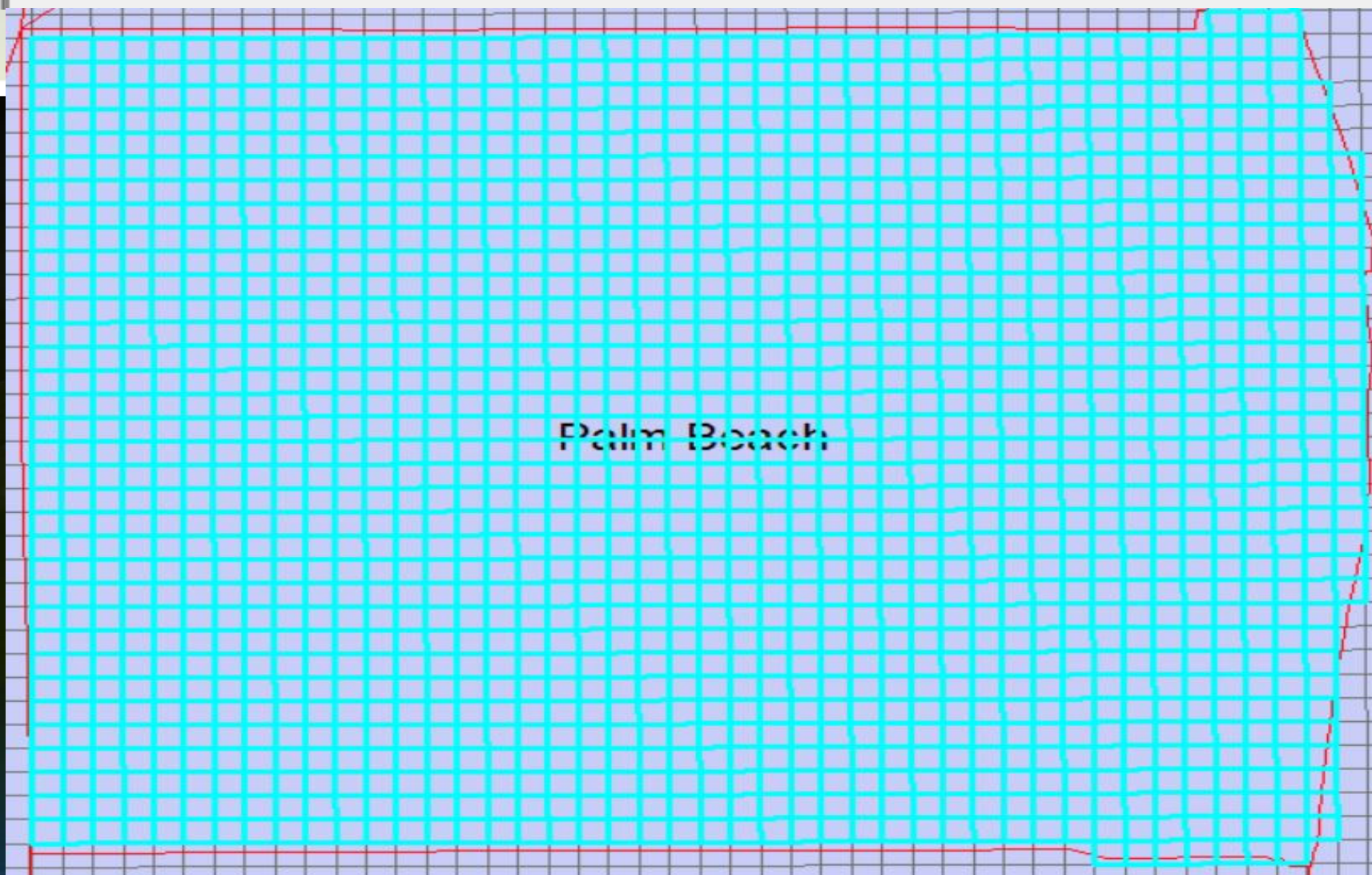
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If you're participating via Zoom – use the Q&A function to submit a written question



Moderator: Nicole Cortez

## 8. Break



*Great Blue Herons*  
by Michelle Irizarry-Ortiz

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FUTURE PROJECTED INTENSITY-  
DURATION-FREQUENCY (IDF)  
CURVES FOR THE CHESAPEAKE  
BAY WATERSHED AND VIRGINIA

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DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING  
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECT WITH CONSIDERATION OF  
FUTURE RAINFALL PROJECTIONS  
ADOPTED IN NEW YORK CITY

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EVALUATING THE BENEFITS AND  
COSTS OF GREEN STORMWATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
PENNSYLVANIA'S NEGLEY RUN  
WATERSHED

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# Recording Breaking Rains in 2021

## Tropical Storm Elsa: July 8-9

- Max 1-hr rainfall rate: 2.75 to 3 in/hr

## Tropical Storm Henri: August 21-23

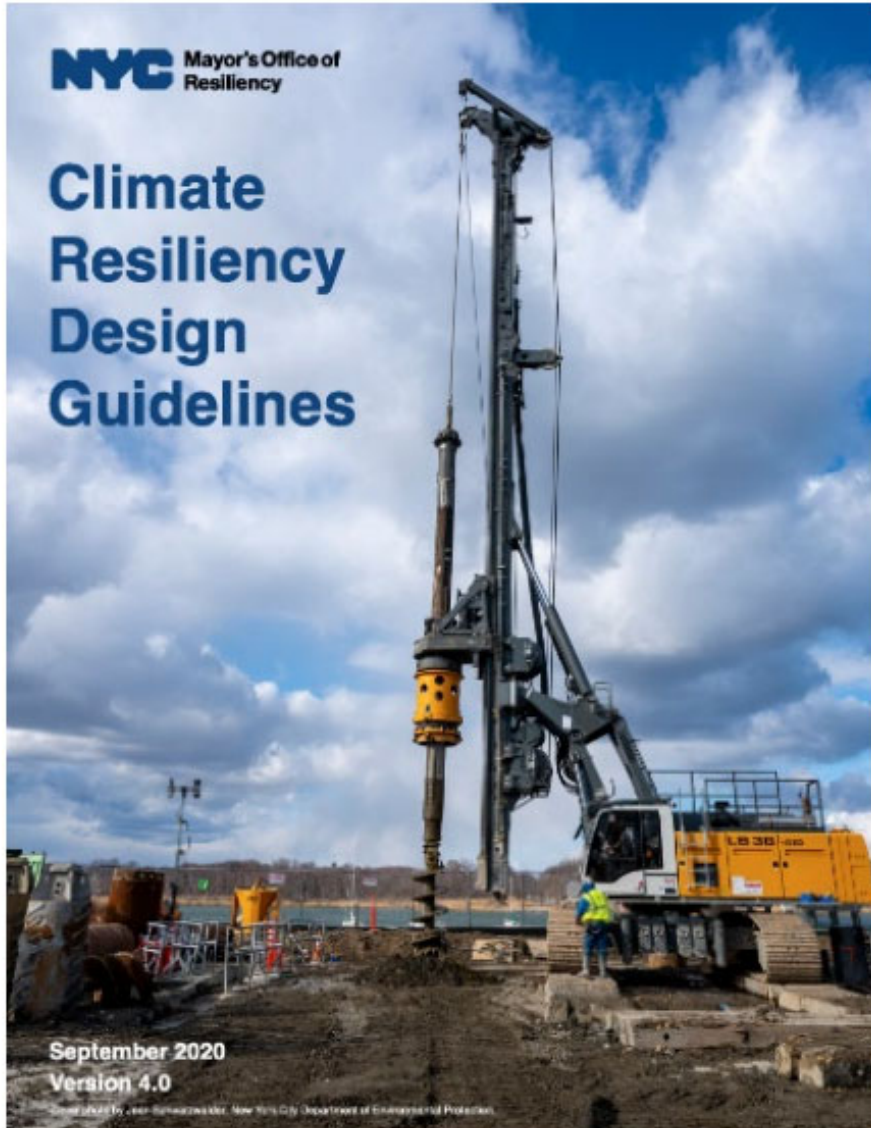
- Central Park reported 4.45 inches of rain on Aug. 21 alone, with 1.94 inches falling between 10 to 11pm.

## Tropical Storm Ida: September 2

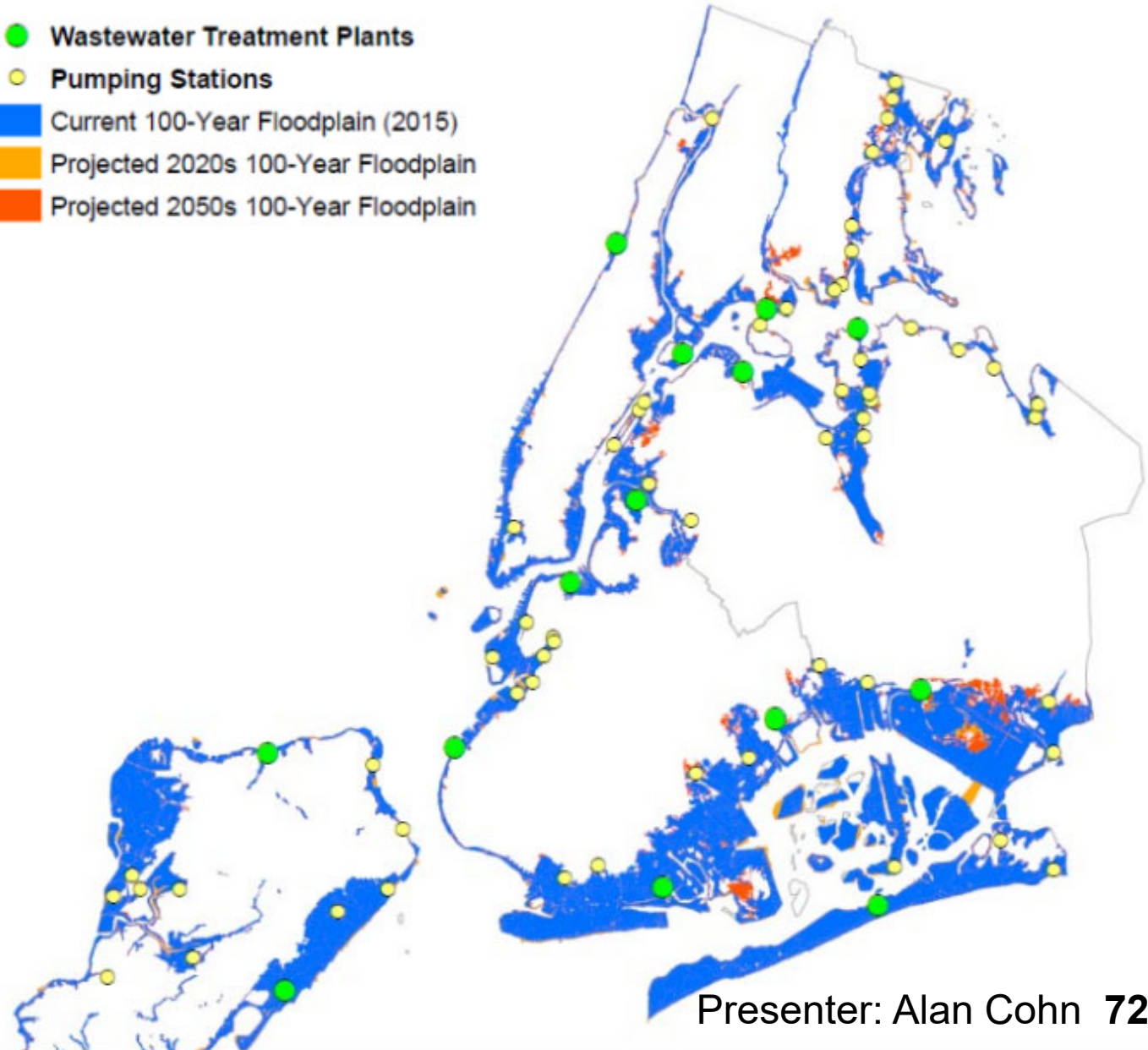
- The Central Park rain gauge set a new record for 1-hour rainfall with 3.15 inches (previously 1.94 in. from Tropical Storm Henri)



# Critical equipment is being designed for climate change



- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Pumping Stations
- Current 100-Year Floodplain (2015)
- Projected 2020s 100-Year Floodplain
- Projected 2050s 100-Year Floodplain



# Extreme rainfall risk is the latest to be made public

## Sea level rise + coastal storms

**Projections:** Downscaled sea level rise projections available

**Mapping:** Future flood mapping under development; FEMA flood mapping well understood

## Extreme Heat

**Projections:** Downscaled heat wave projections available

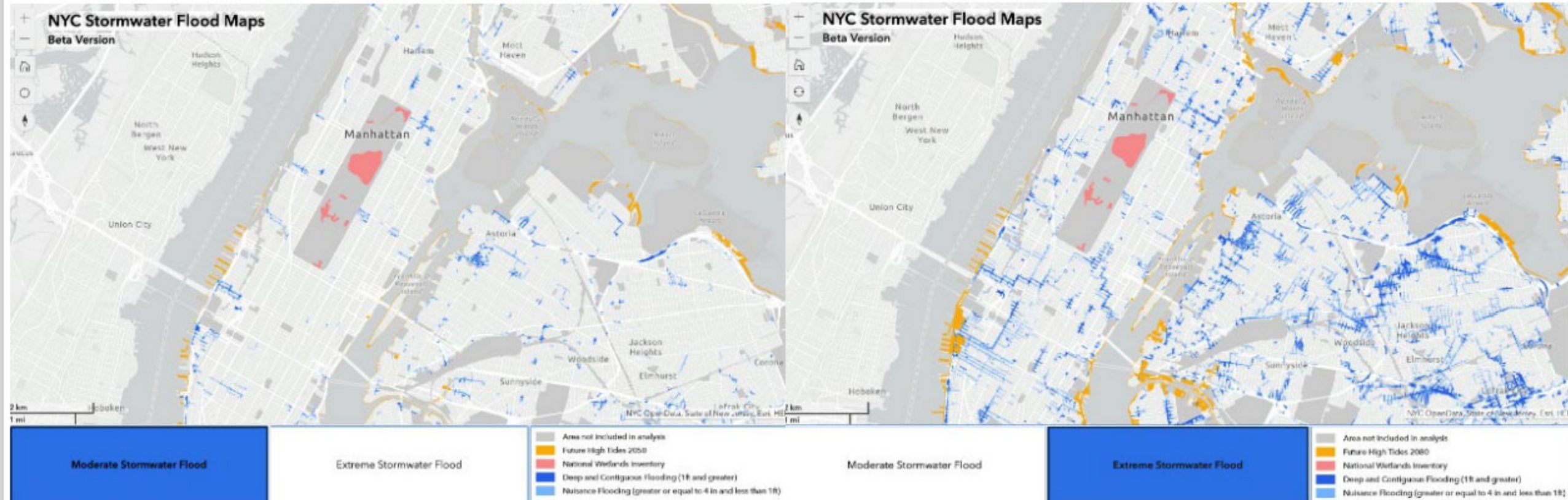
**Mapping:** Heat vulnerability index encourages prioritized mitigation

## Extreme Rain

**Projections:** average increases available, rainfall intensity projections to be studied further

**Mapping:** maps of areas most vulnerable to flooding from extreme rain

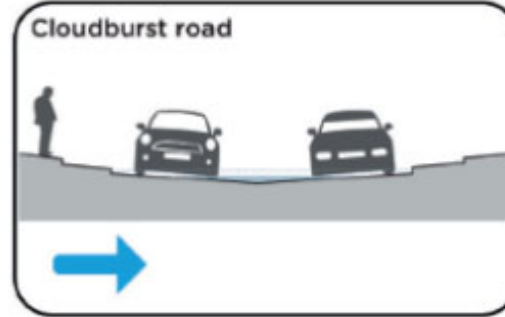
# NYC Stormwater Flood maps



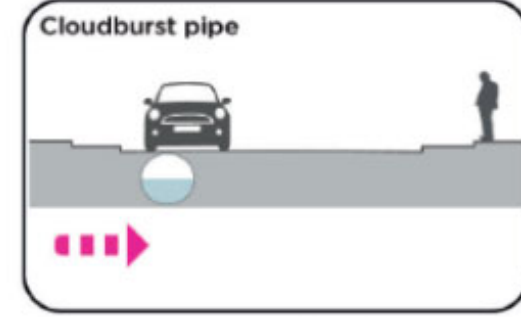
~2 inch/hr rain + 2.5 ft sea level rise (2050s high estimate)

~3.5 inch/hr rain + 4.8 ft sea level rise (2080s high estimate)

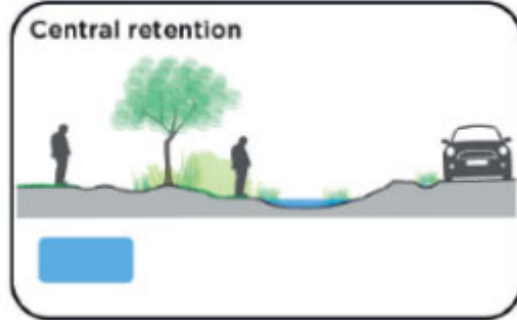
# Applying the “cloudburst management” approach



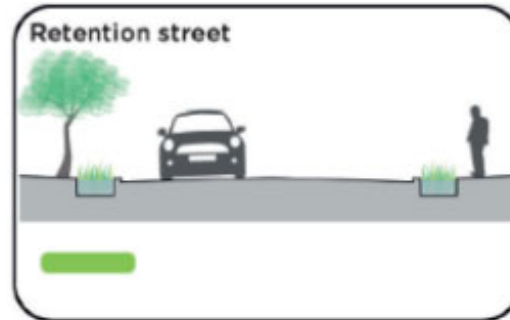
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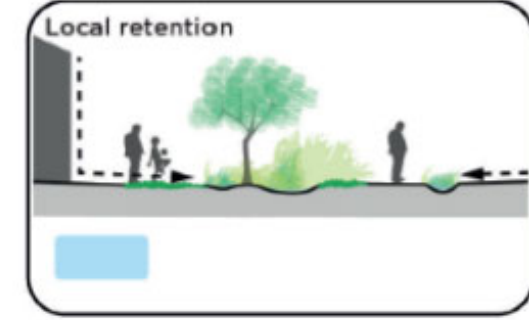
*Used to convey water where the terrain does not permit BGI projects*



*Used to retain water in a larger area connected to other BGI projects*



*Used to retain water where the terrain is favourable*



*Used to retain water in larger areas from roofs and local surroundings*

# Using rainfall projections for cloudburst design

<u>1-hour duration rainfall depths</u>			
End of useful life	5-year design storm (in)	50-year design storm (in)	100-year design storm (in)
Baseline	1.61	2.57	2.87
Through to 2039	1.83	3.02	3.41
2040-2069	1.97	3.33	3.93
2070-2099	2.12	3.74	4.34
<u>24-hour duration rainfall depths</u>			
End of useful life	5-year design storm (in)	50-year design storm (in)	100-year design storm (in)
Baseline	4.70	7.83	8.79
Through to 2039	5.41	9.21	10.55
2040-2069	5.88	10.13	12.31
2070-2099	6.35	11.28	13.40

10-year  
2.30

# Pilot Project: South Jamaica Houses



## Features:

- Grassy areas and basketball court that infiltrate stormwater and fill up in heavier rain events
- Enhancement of walking paths, lighting, and benches near basketball courts

## Design Criteria:

- 2.30" in an hour (10-Year Design Storm over a duration of 1 hour)
- Based on 2040-2069 projected 10-Year event

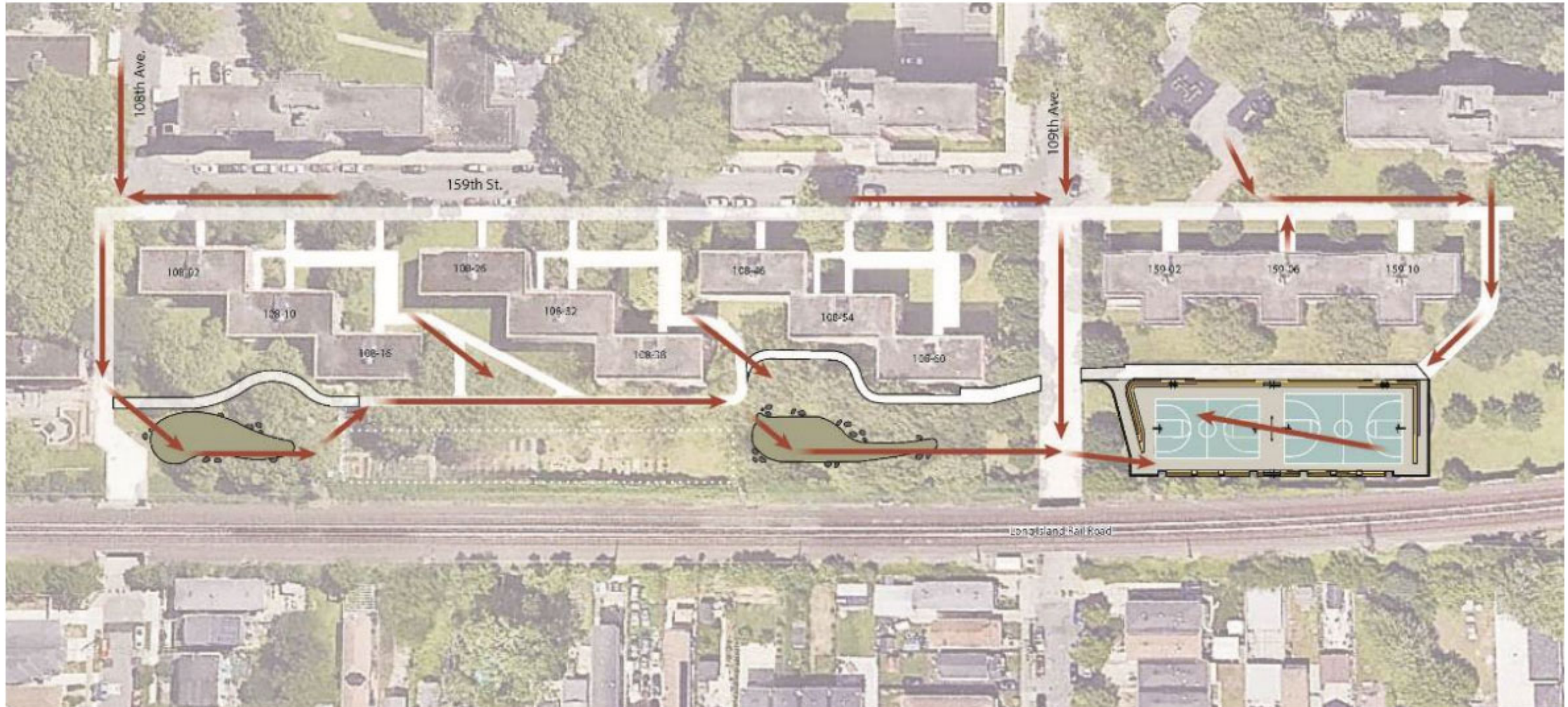
## Capacity:

- Approximately 300,000 gallons (40,000 cf)

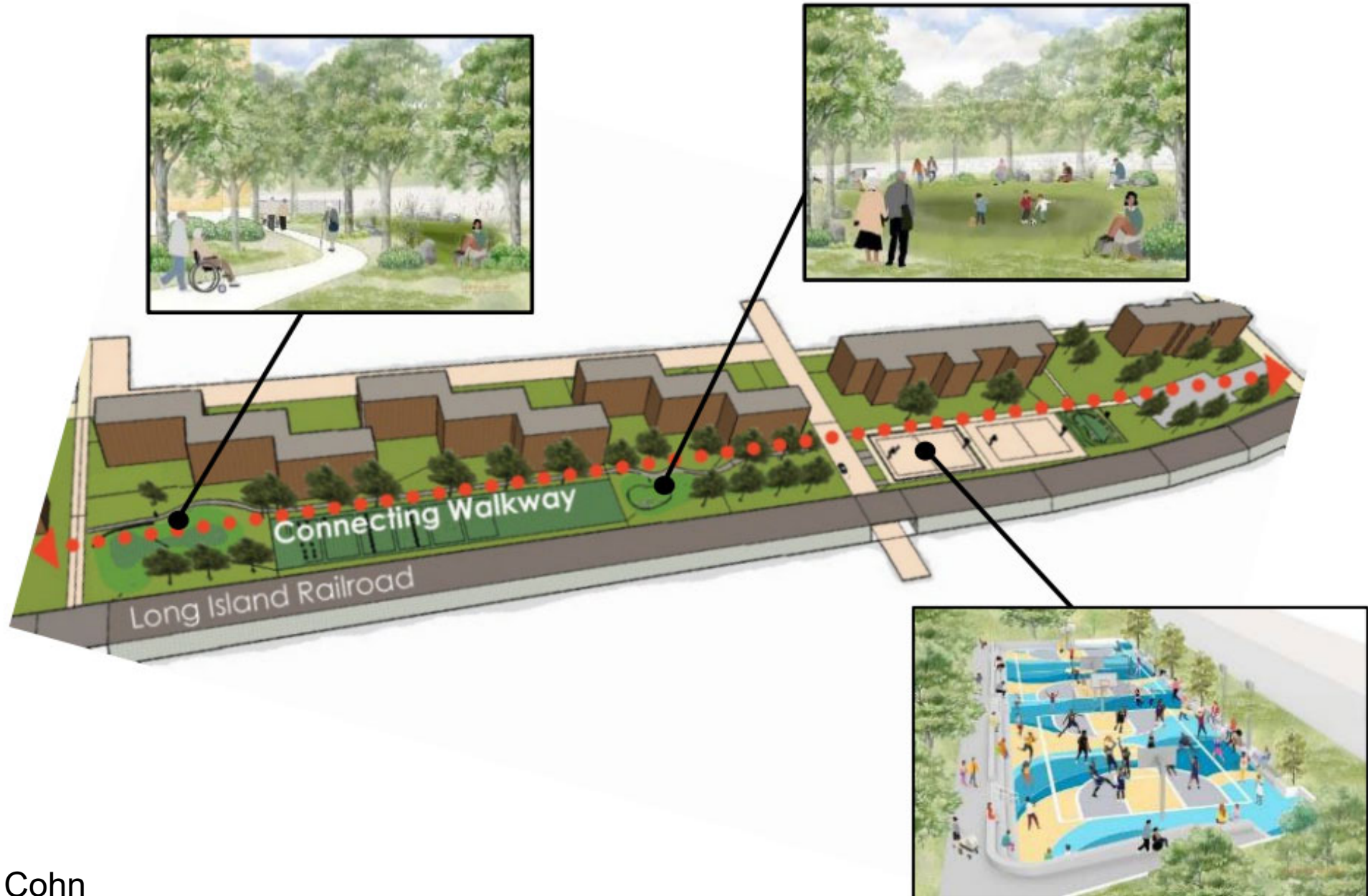
## Status:

- 100% Design completed
- Construction anticipated in late 2023

# Drainage pipes will be diverted from the sewer



# South Jamaica Houses “Cloudburst” Pilot Project



# Cloudburst Pilot Projects

Clinton Houses



Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street



South Jamaica Houses





Sayres Ave. & St. Albans Park



St. Albans/  
Addisleigh Park



**Legend**

-  In Design
-  Conceptual



## 9. Using Extreme Rainfall Projections to Plan for the Future – Featured Case Studies



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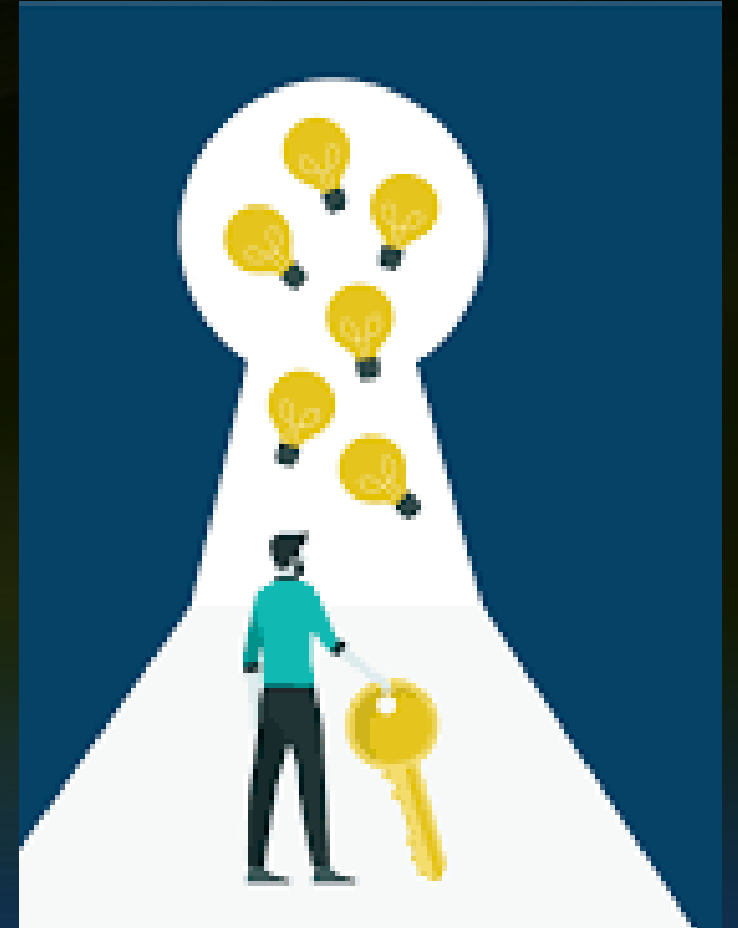
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Integrated Water Management,  
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# Panel Discussion Takeaways

- Relevance of Determining Future Rainfall Estimates
- Comparable approaches adopted throughout the U.S.
- Incorporation of rainfall projections into design and regulation
- Uncertainty ranges and risk levels – decision making and communicating effectively
- Different ways of looking at the data and assuming uncertainty
- Other efforts going on in Florida, e.g. Planning Councils and Florida Building Commission



## **10. Development of Future Climate Scenarios for Regional Hydrologic Simulations in South Florida and Statewide Florida Building Commission Extreme Rainfall Results**



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# **Development of Future Climate Scenarios for Regional Hydrologic Simulations in South Florida**

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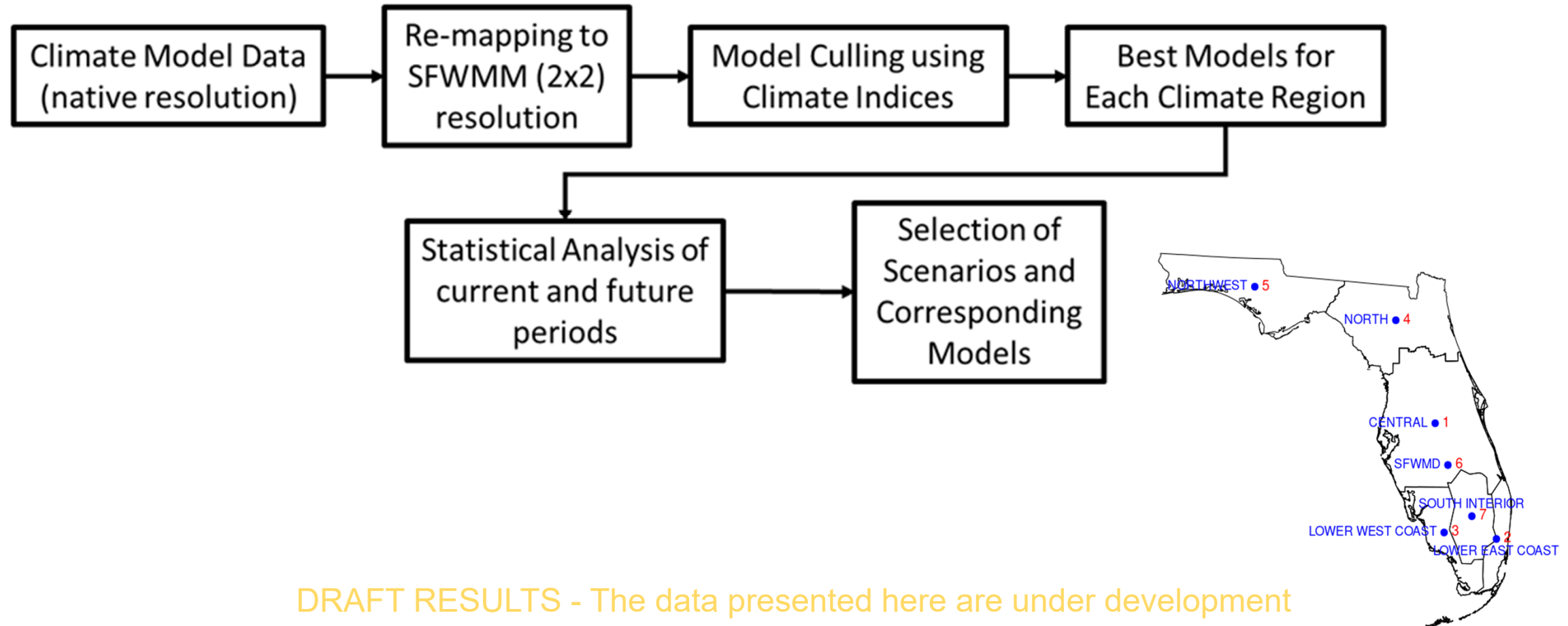
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# Scenario Development Approach



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# Model Culling: Metrics

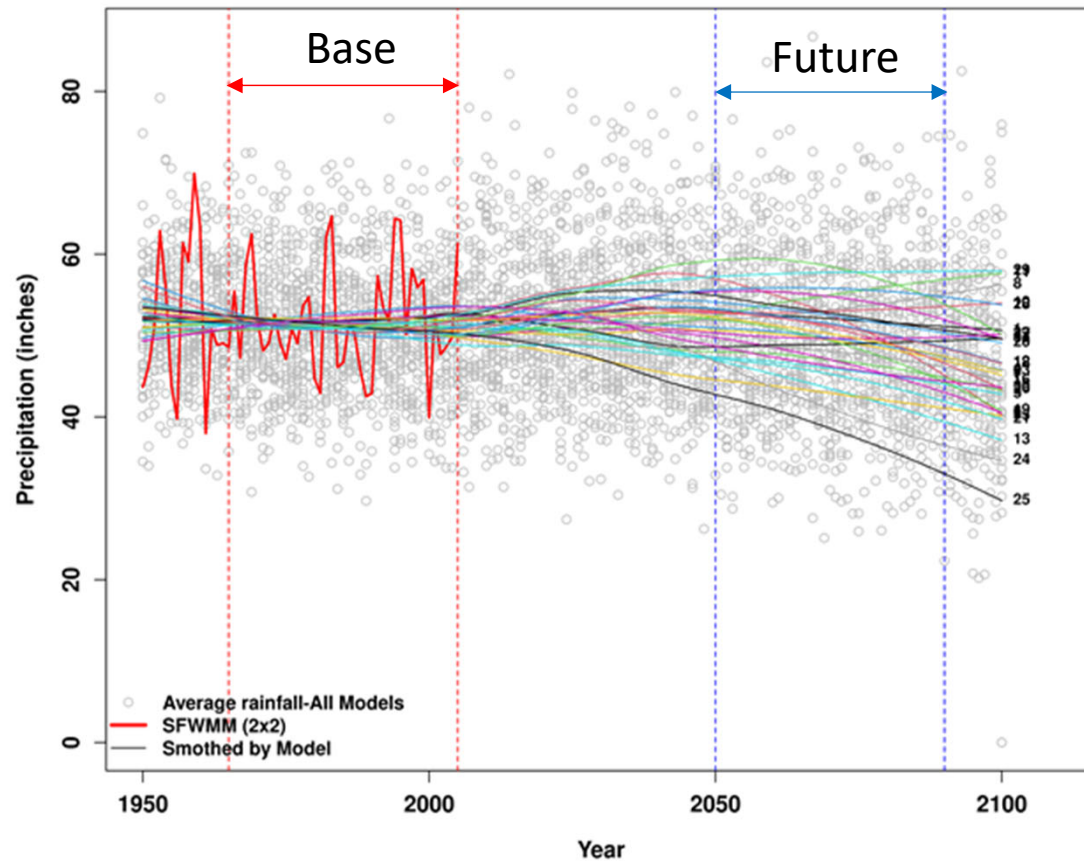
ID	Indicator Name	Definition	Units
PRCPTOT	Annual total precipitation	Annual total, days > 1mm	inches
PMMEAN	Seasonal Pattern	Mean monthly rainfall	inches
WSTART	Wet Season Start Date	Start of the Wet Season	days
R10mm	Heavy precipitation days	# of days with > 10mm	days
R20mm	Heavy precipitation days	# of days with > 20mm	days
SDII	Daily intensity index	Ratio Annual precipitation / #wet days	inches /day
CDD	Consecutive dry days	#max. consecutive days < 1 mm	days
CWD	Consecutive wet days	#max. consecutive days > 1 mm	days

ID	Indicator Name	Definition	Units
RX1day	Max 1-day precipitation amount	Annual maxima of 1-day precipitation	inches
R95p	Very wet days	Annual <u>precip</u> from days > 95%	inches
R99p	Extreme wet days	Annual <u>precip</u> from days > 99%	inches
RX3day	Max 3-day precipitation amount	Annual maxima of 3-day precipitation	inches
RX5day	Max 5-day precipitation amount	Annual maxima of 5-day precipitation	inches
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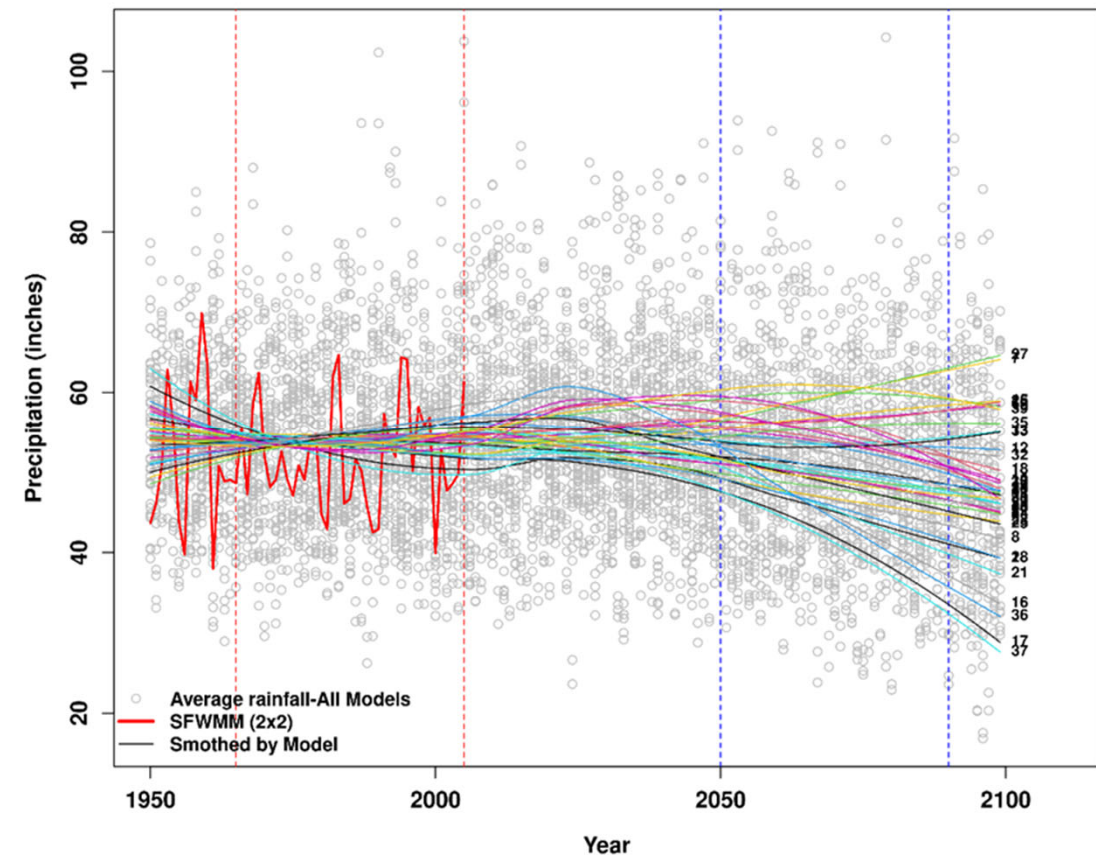
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# Total Precipitation (Entire SFWMD Region)

LOCA



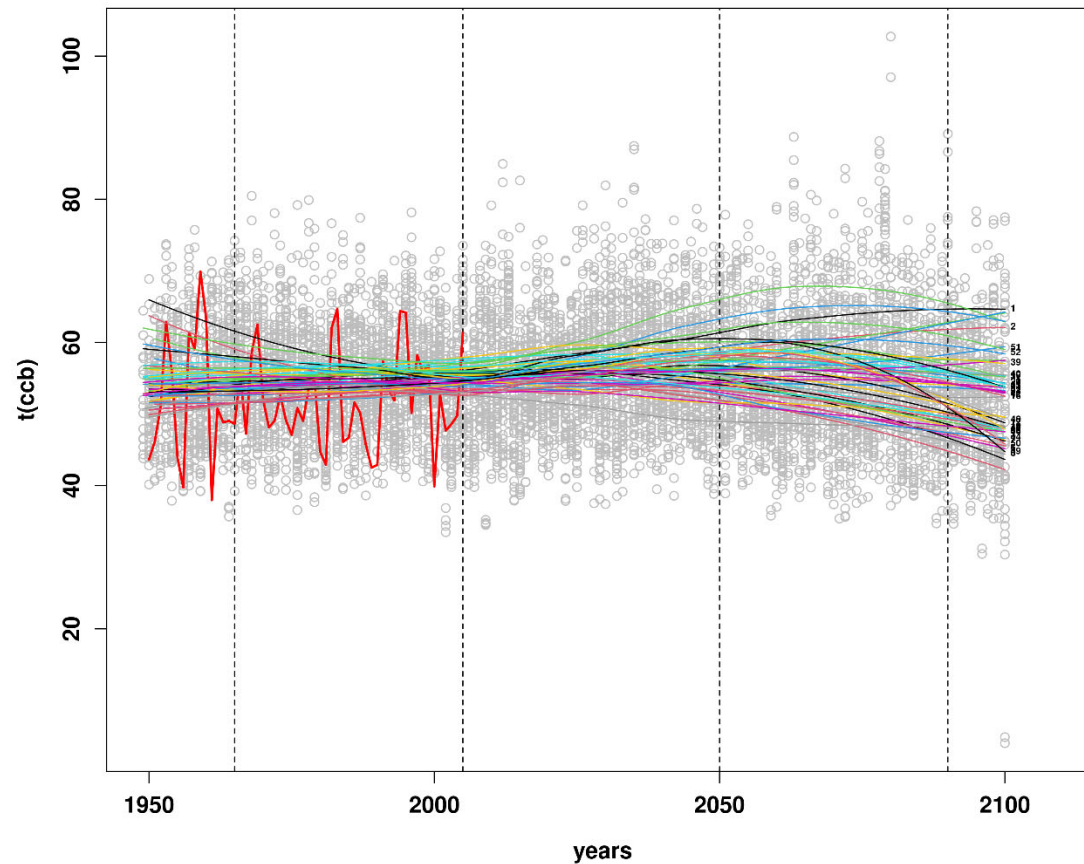
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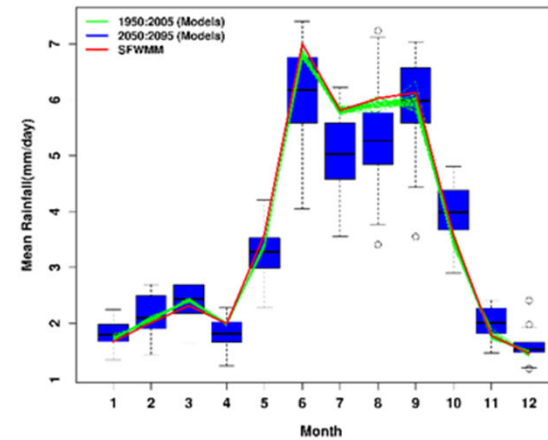
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# CORDEX and Seasonality

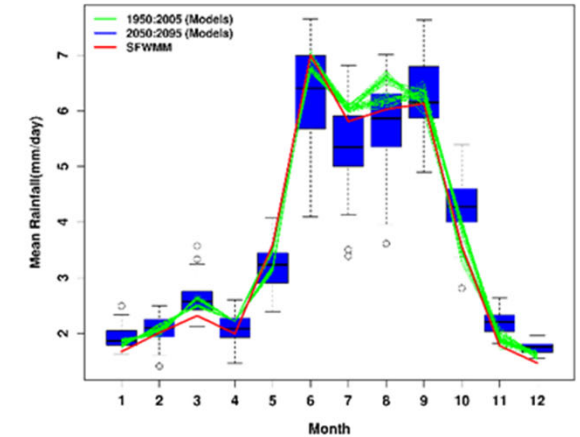
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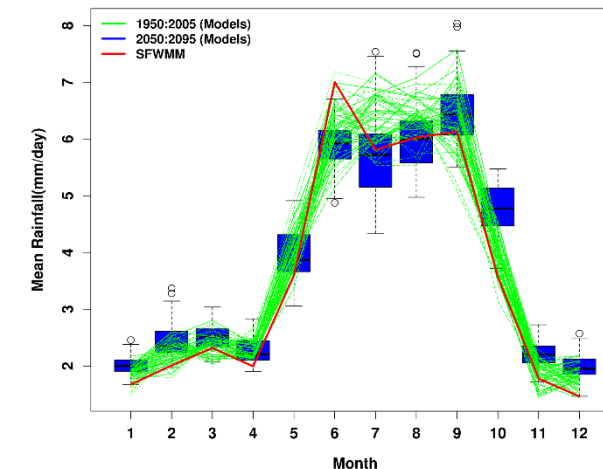
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CORDEX



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# Scenarios by Dataset

## LOCA

Scenario	Model #	Percentile	Average Rainfall (inches)	Model Name
1	24	5%	41.36	pr_MIROC-ESM_r1i1p1_rcp85_2006-2100
2	5	25%	46.44	pr_CCSM4_r6i1p1_rcp85_2006-2100
3	4	50%	50.18	pr_CanESM2_r1i1p1_rcp85_2006-2100
4	20	75%	52.14	pr_HadGEM2-CC_r1i1p1_rcp85_2006-2100
5	29	95%	56.97	pr_MRI-CGCM3_r1i1p1_rcp85_2006-2100

## MACA

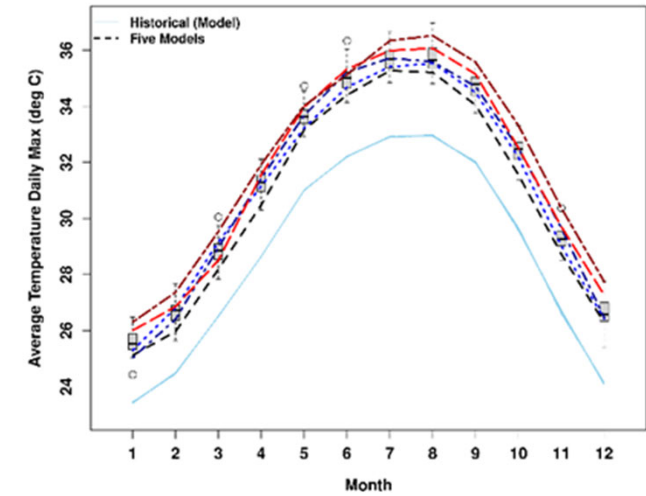
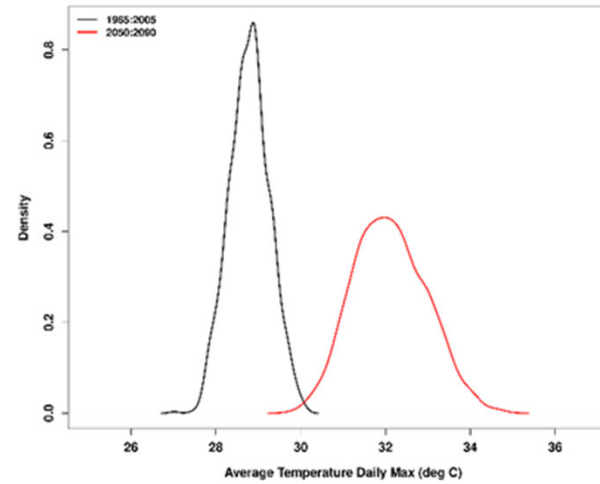
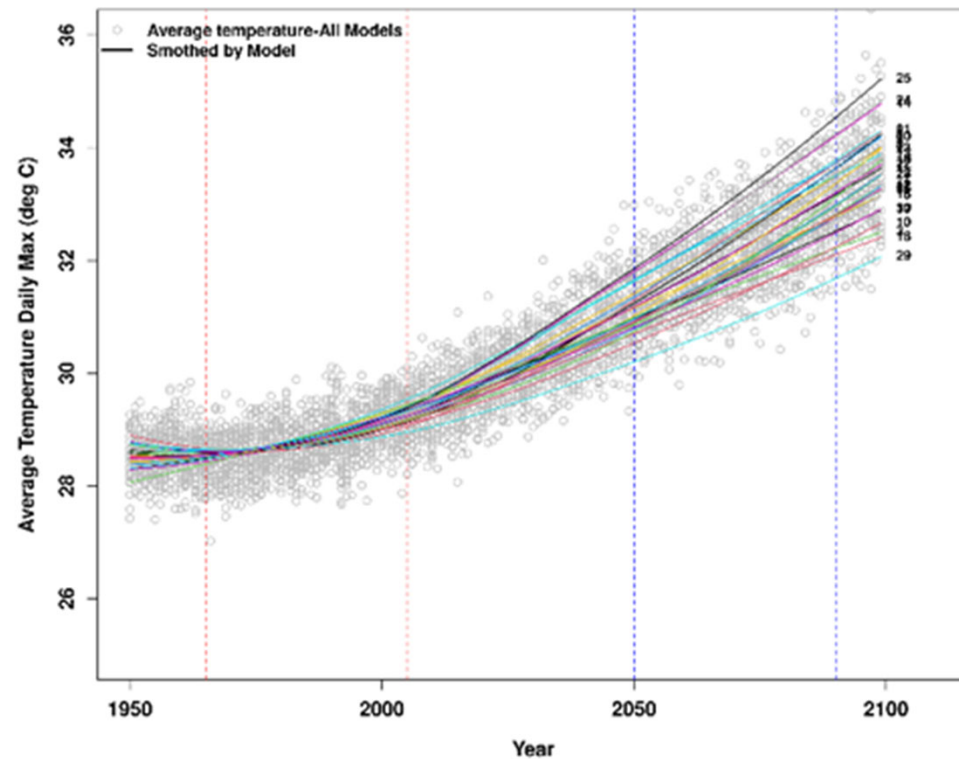
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1	21	5%	42.97	macav2metdata_pr_bcc-csm1-1_r1i1p1_rcp85
2	25	25%	48.45	macav2metdata_pr_CCSM4_r6i1p1_rcp85
3	24	50%	52.58	macav2metdata_pr_CanESM2_r1i1p1_rcp85
4	18	75%	54.17	macav2livneh_pr_MIROC5_r1i1p1_rcp85
5	39	95%	60.28	macav2metdata_pr_MRI-CGCM3_r1i1p1_rcp85

## CORDEX

Scenario	Model #	Percentile	Average Rainfall (inches)	Model Name
1	32	5%	49.10	HadGEM2-ES.RegCM4.day.NAM-22i.mbcn-gridMET
2	18	25%	51.91	GEMatm-Can.CRCM5-UQAM.day.NAM-44i.mbcn-gridMET
3	14	50%	55.82	EC-EARTH.RCA4.day.NAM-44i.mbcn-gridMET
4	21	75%	57.86	GEMatm-MPI.CRCM5-UQAM.day.NAM-44i.mbcn-Daymet
5	51	95%	62.80	MPI-ESM-MR.CRCM5-UQAM.day.NAM-22i.mbcn-Daymet

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# Evapotranspiration



Scenario	Model #	Percentile	Average Temperature (deg C)	Model Name
1	10	5%	31.4	tasmax_CNRM-CM5_r1i1p1_rcp85
2	6	25%	31.8	tasmax_CESM1-BGC_r1i1p1_rcp85
3	15	50%	32.0	tasmax_GFDL-ESM2G_r1i1p1_rcp85
4	20	75%	32.5	tasmax_HadGEM2-CC_r1i1p1_rcp85
5	14	95%	33.0	tasmax_GFDL-CM3_r1i1p1_rcp85

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# Statewide Florida Building Commission Extreme Rainfall Results

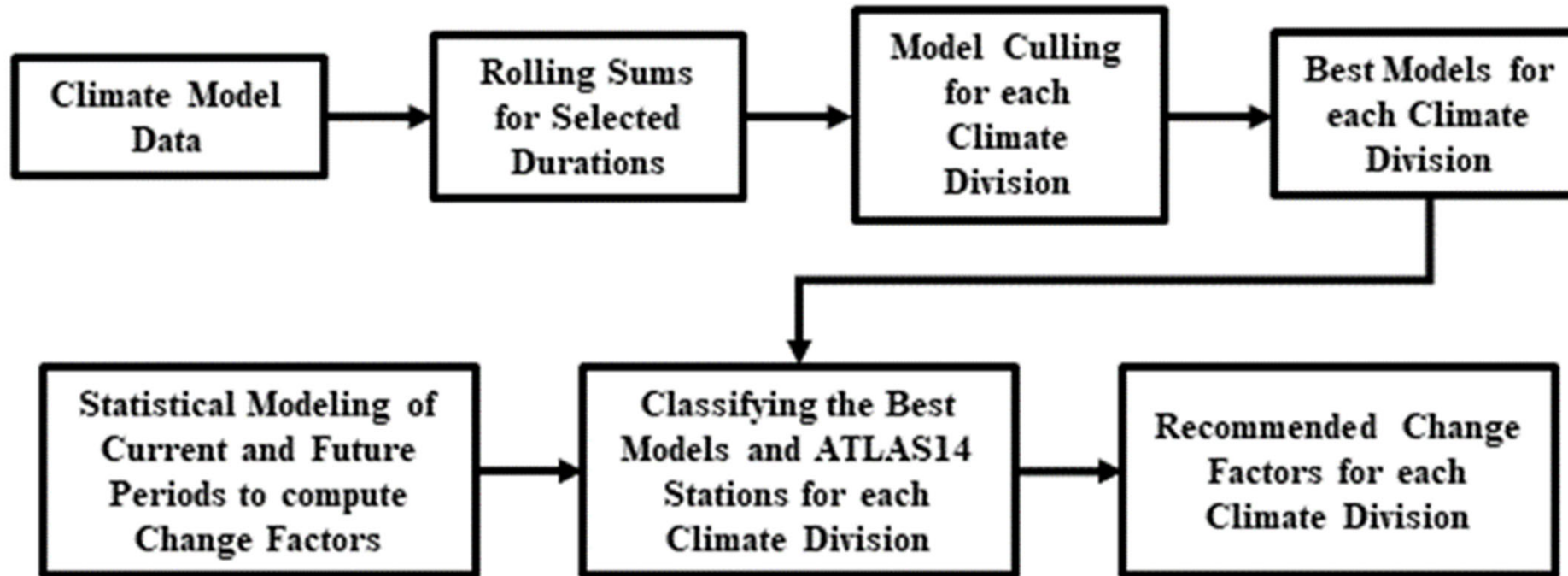
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# Methodology

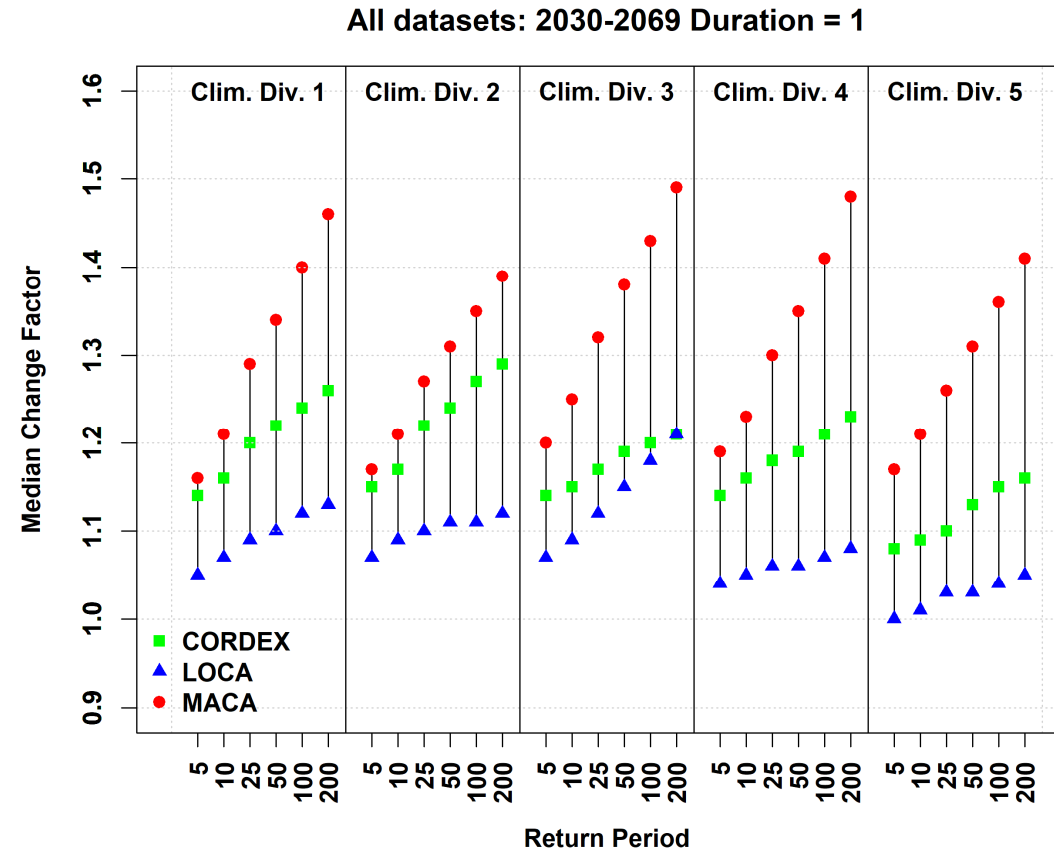


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- Alternative presentation of results for aggregated climate divisions for the entire state

# Metrics of Evaluation

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# Median Change Factor (NEAR Term)

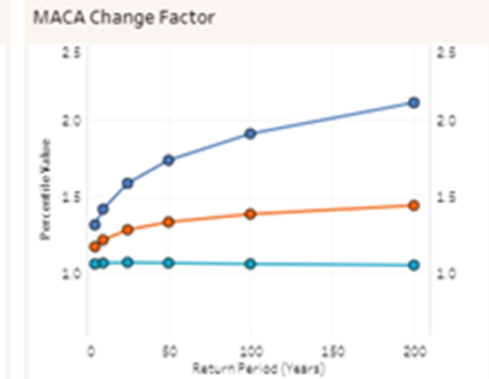
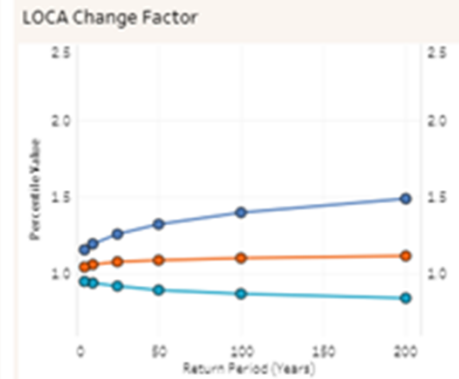
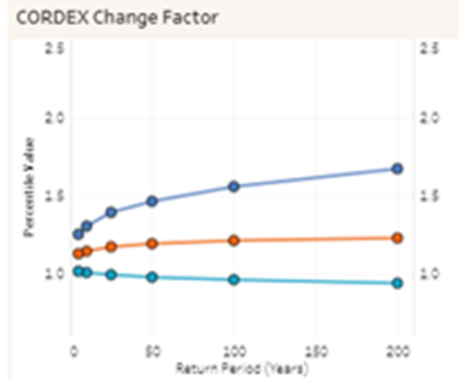


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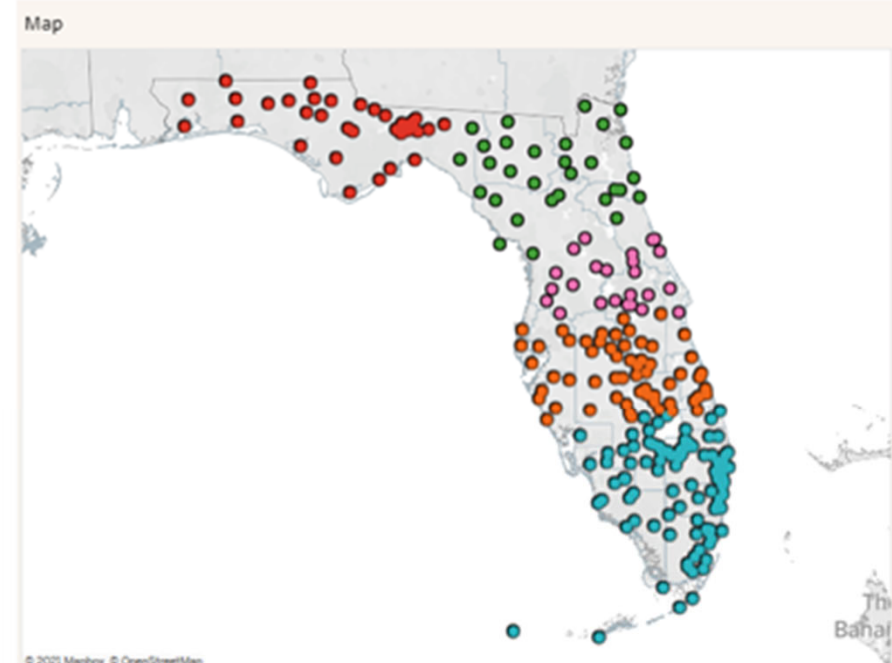
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Total Stations: 242

Region Name	Number of Stations
North Central	24
North Florida	30
Panhandle	36
South Central	88
South Florida	94

Station Name	Station ID Number
34-36 R	90-0001
BANW R	90-0003
BAS R	90-0004
BASIV R	90-0007
ALICO R	90-0020
APALACHICOLA AP	08-0211
ARCADIA	08-0228
ARCHBOLD BIG STN	08-0236
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AVONPK R	90-0023
BASSON PARK 1 ENE	08-0390
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BASINGER	08-0488
BELLE GLADE	08-0611
BIG CORKSCREW	08-0735
BITHLO	08-1865
BLACK MIDDLEBURG	92-0038
BLACKMAN	08-0765
BLOUNTSTOWN 2 SE	08-0804
BLUEG R	90-0040
BOCA RATON	08-0845
BRADENTON S ESE	08-0945
BRANFORD	08-0975
BRISTOL	08-1020



Region Name	Dataset	Return Period	17th	50th	83rd
North Central	CORDEX	5	1.01	1.14	1.26
		10	1.01	1.15	1.33
		25	0.99	1.17	1.41
		50	0.96	1.19	1.45
		100	0.95	1.2	1.56
		200	0.92	1.21	1.66
	LOCA	5	0.98	1.07	1.18
		10	0.98	1.09	1.23
		25	0.97	1.12	1.3
		50	0.95	1.15	1.37
		100	0.94	1.18	1.46
		200	0.91	1.21	1.56
	MACA	5	1.1	1.2	1.32
		10	1.1	1.25	1.43
		25	1.1	1.32	1.6
		50	1.09	1.38	1.75
		100	1.09	1.43	1.91
		200	1.08	1.49	2.1
North Florida	CORDEX	5	1.05	1.15	1.28
		10	1.04	1.17	1.33
		25	1.03	1.22	1.42
		50	1.02	1.24	1.51
		100	1	1.27	1.61
		200	0.98	1.29	1.72
	LOCA	5	0.98	1.07	1.19
		10	0.96	1.09	1.22
		25	0.94	1.1	1.3
		50	0.91	1.11	1.36
		100	0.88	1.11	1.43
		200	0.85	1.12	1.52
	MACA	5	1.06	1.17	1.29
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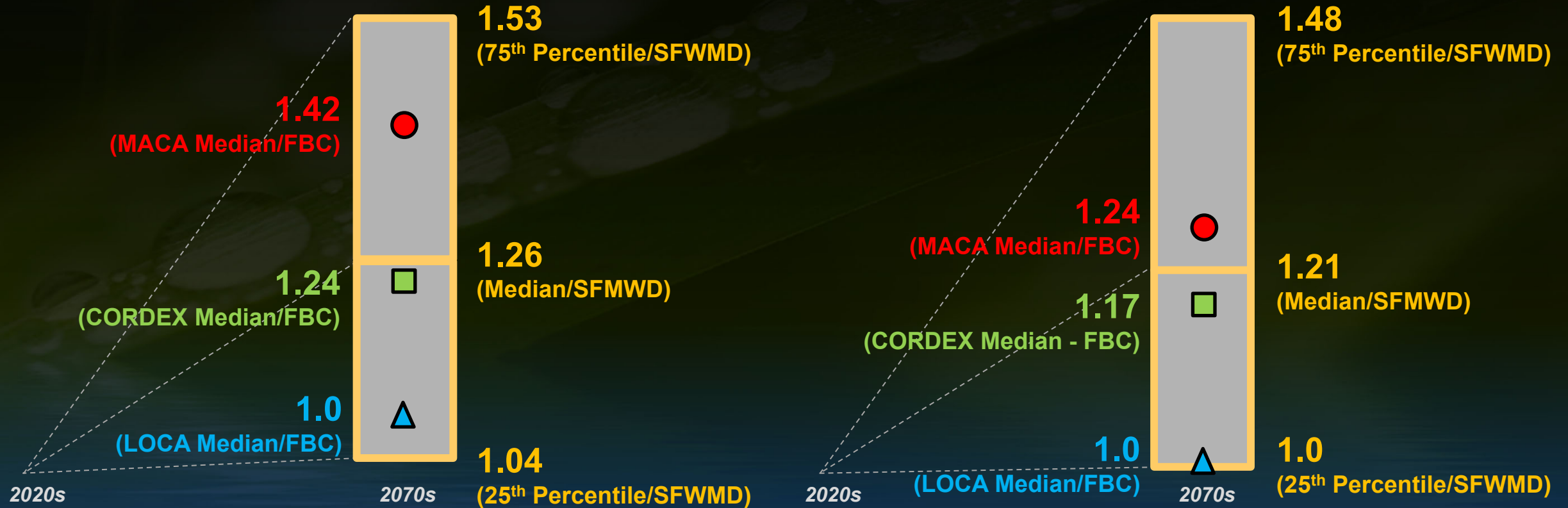
# FBC's Statewide Study

## High Level Results Comparison to SFWMD TM Results

### Change Factors (100-year/3-day Duration)

#### Climate Region 4

#### Climate Region 5



Notes: FBC's estimates are based on best models within each downscaled dataset, for the far period (2060-2099). SFWMD TM estimates are based on the ensemble for all models for all downscaled datasets, for the period centered within 2050-2089. The FBC's CORDEX estimates do not reflect the latest revised CORDEX results.

# 11. Next Steps – Statewide Regional Climate Projections



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# 11. Next Steps – Statewide Regional Climate Projections

Regional climate model data for historical and projected climate using 10-km regional coupled ocean-atmosphere model and 2-km Weather Research and Forecasting Model, derived from state-of-the-art climate models centered over Florida and its watersheds/aquifers, that can reproduce rainfall drivers in Florida and more accurately represent future rainfall totals, seasonal, average, extreme dry and extreme wet.

- Support for Section 380.093 F.S. Resilient Florida's Statewide Flood Vulnerability Assessment
- Accessible statewide regional climate projections web portal and local governments engagement
- Scientist-Stakeholder Workgroup Recommendations Report
- Future rainfall depth duration frequency curves and other estimated data summaries

# Statewide Regional Climate Projections

## Project Highlights:

- develop a high-resolution coupled ocean-atmosphere model
- produce comprehensive analysis of extremes and estimates of climate projection with reduced uncertainty
- involve stakeholders, so outcomes are actionable and fully utilized
- support effective, adaptive, and resilient operational, infrastructural decisions
- allow for informed planning for adaptation/mitigation measures at local and regional levels, integrated to coastal risk strategies (sea level rise driven)



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## 12. Q&A Session

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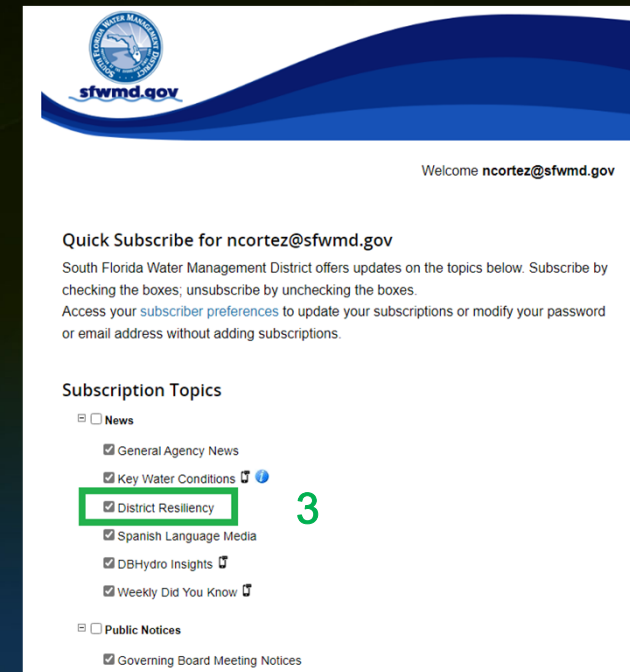
## 14. Closing Remarks



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