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Historic Preservation in a Changing Climate

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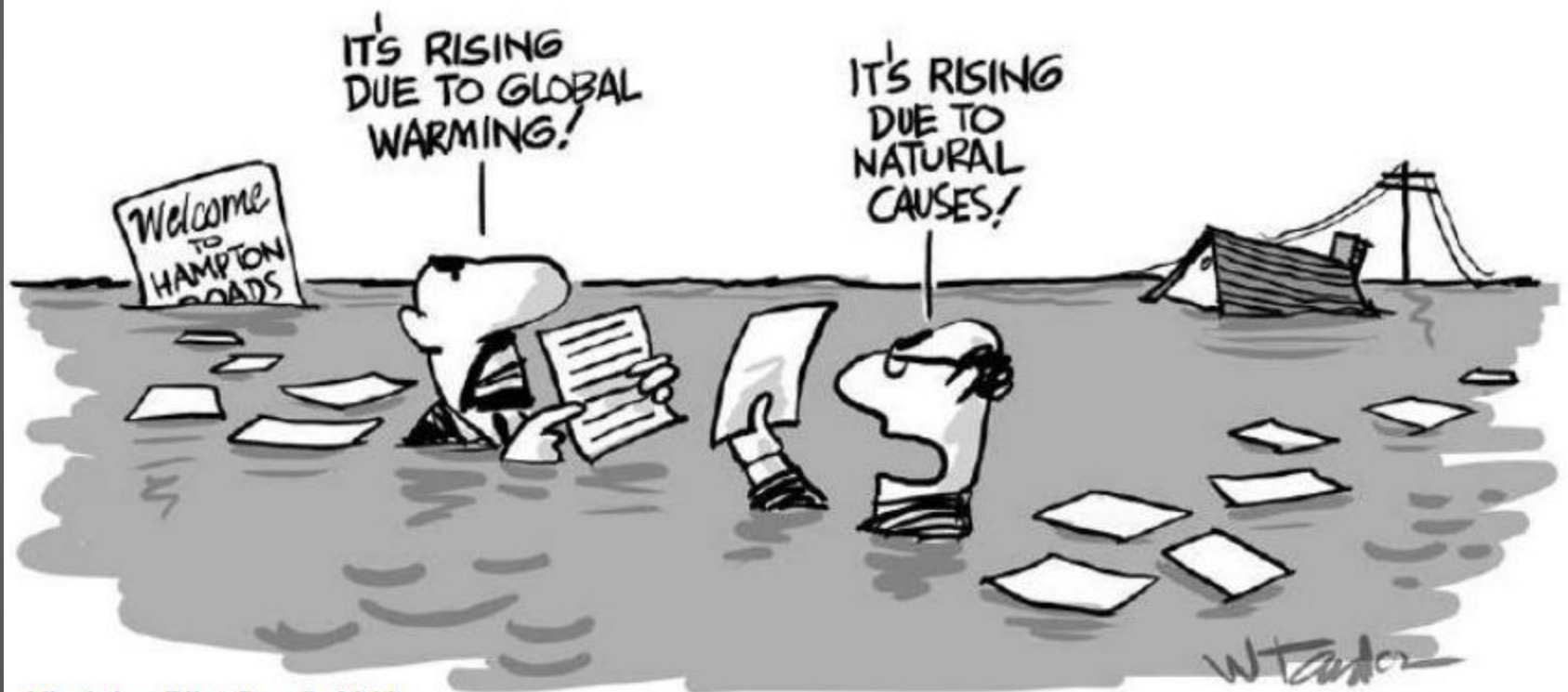
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WEATHER PANIC

THIS IS THE NEW NORMAL
(AND WE'RE HOPELESSLY UNPREPARED)
BY SHARON BEGLEY



CLOSING ARGUMENTS



Virginian Pilot Dec 5, 2010

P R E S E R V A T I O N:

Reusing America's Energy

Preservation Week May 11-17, 1980



It takes energy to construct a new building.
It saves energy to preserve an old one.

It takes the energy equivalent of one gallon of gasoline to make, deliver and install eight bricks. Preserving eight old bricks instead of throwing them away and making new ones means that the energy of a gallon of gasoline can be used to meet other needs. Reusing old buildings saves the energy required to demolish and replace them with new buildings. And properly rehabilitated old buildings use no

more energy, on the average, than brand new buildings for operation. Save energy—save a building! Join the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the U.S. Department of Energy in observing Preservation Week 1980. For details, write to Preservation Week, National Trust, 1715 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Or contact your local preservation organization.

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Climate Change Mitigation:

Any action taken to permanently eliminate or reduce the long-term risk and hazards of climate change.

Climate Change Adaptation:

Any action taken to address potential or experienced impacts of climate change that reduce harm.

Mitigation:

Avoiding the Unmanageable

Adaptation:

Managing the Unavoidable.

-California Climate Change Center

Heritage & Climate Change

- Why is climate change of particular concern to preservationists?
- What can we do to protect our cultural heritage from the worst effects of climate change?



New Orleans , LA



Ft Jefferson, FL



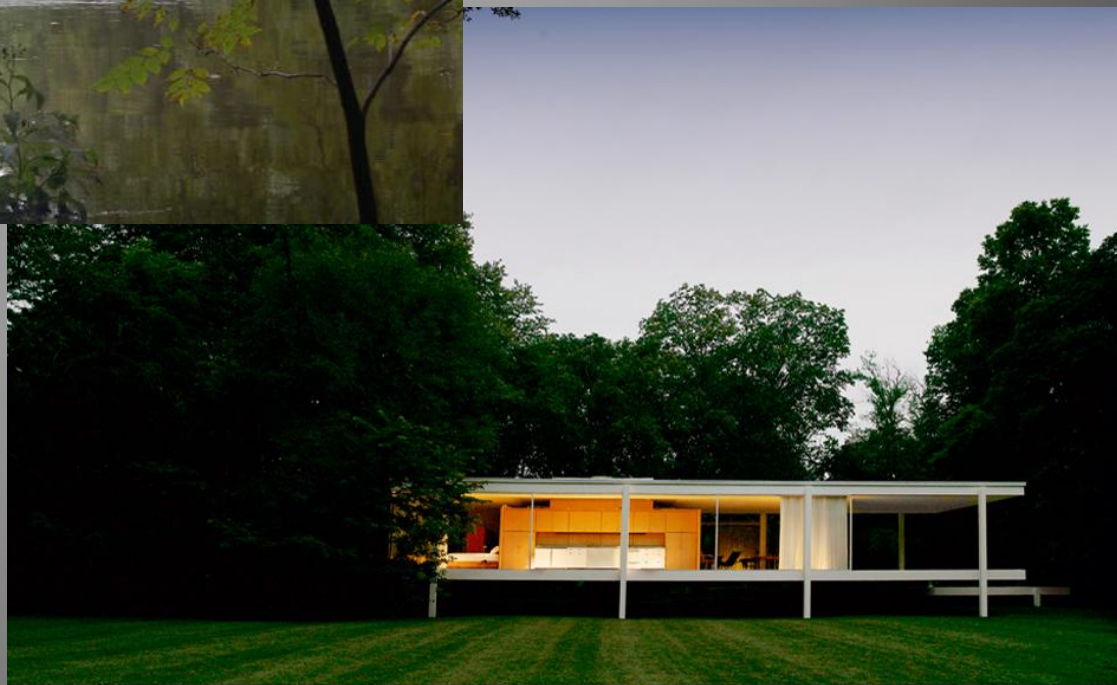
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Santa Barbara, CA



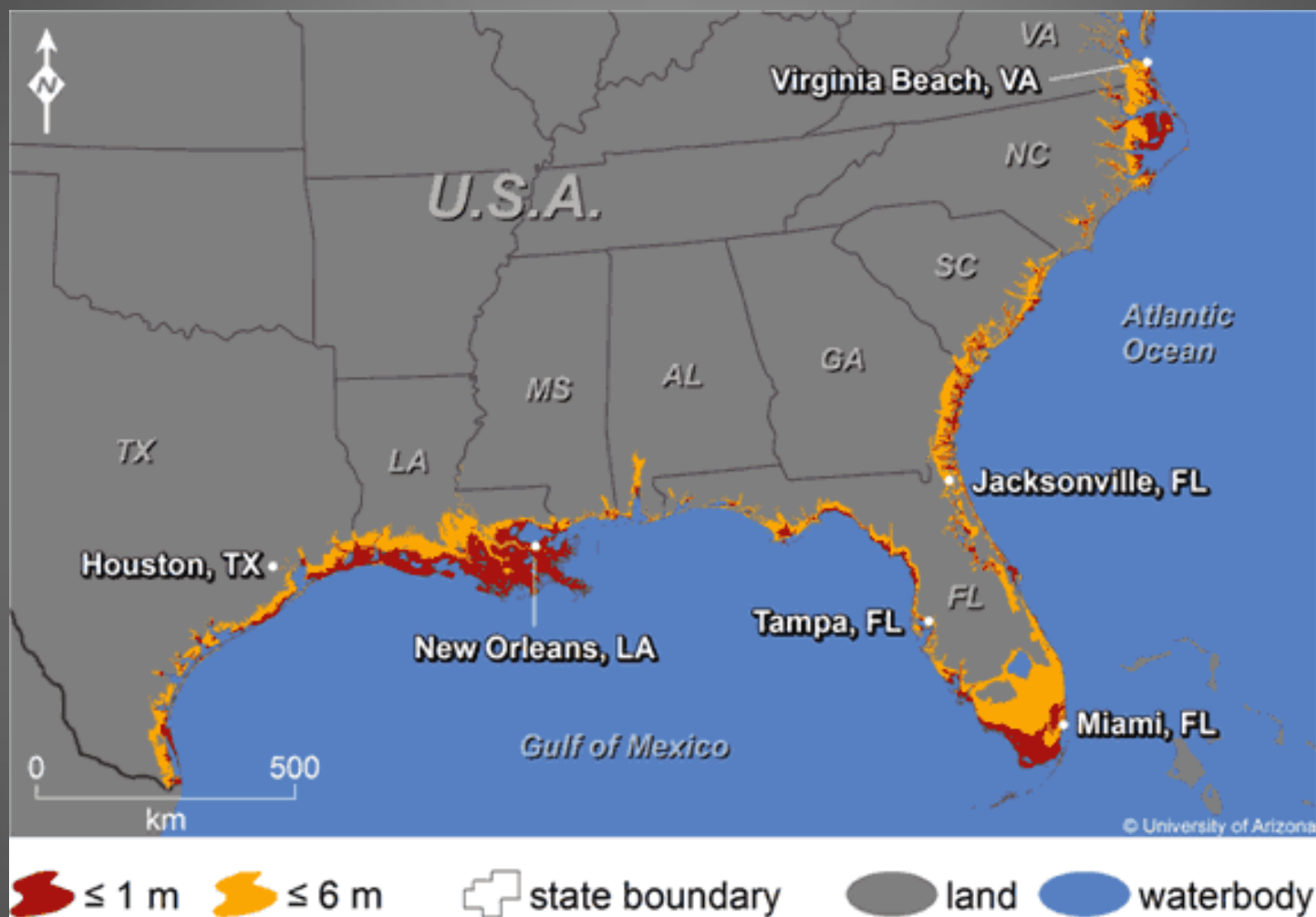
Farnsworth House, IL

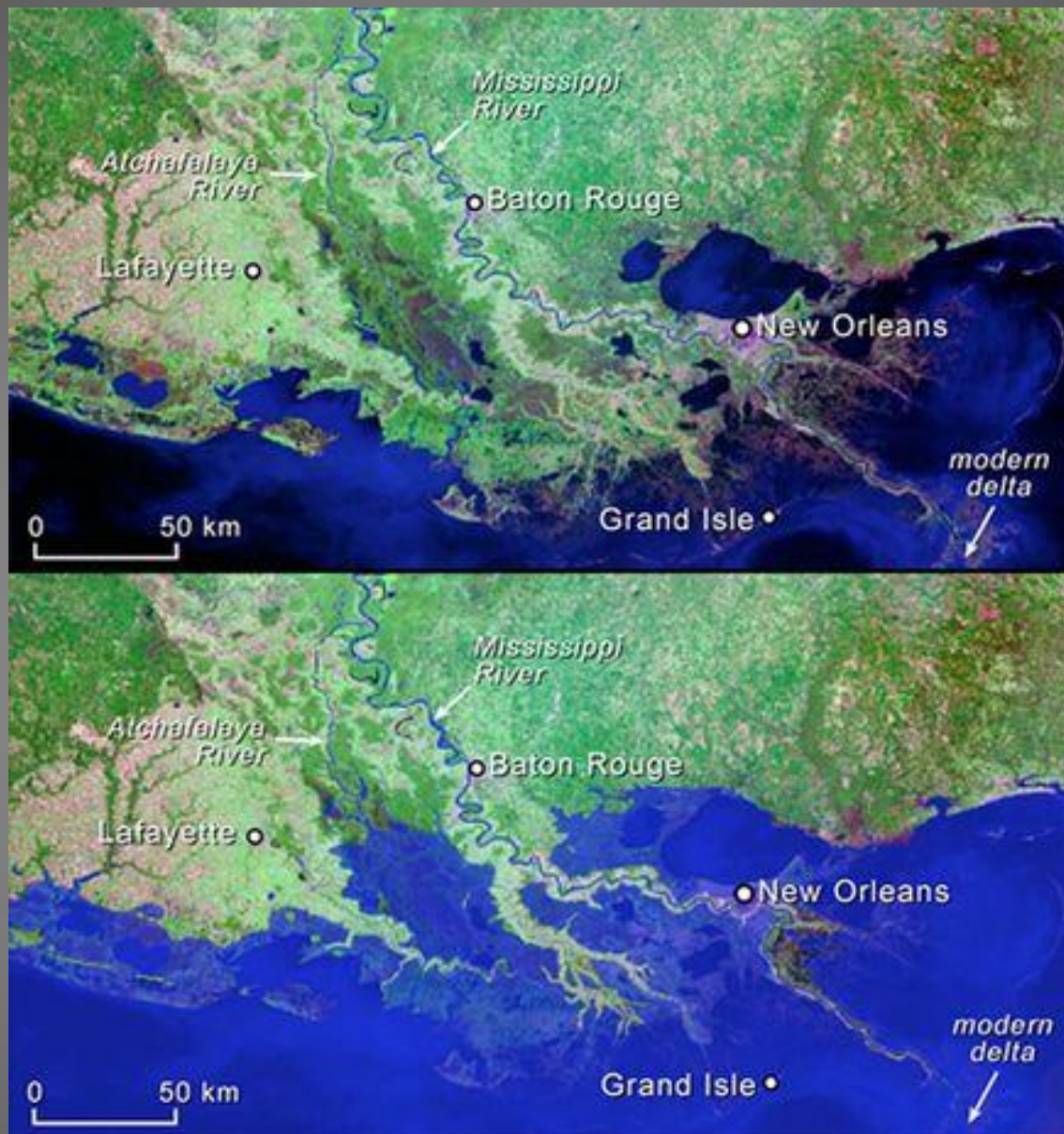


Dawson City, Yukon Territory



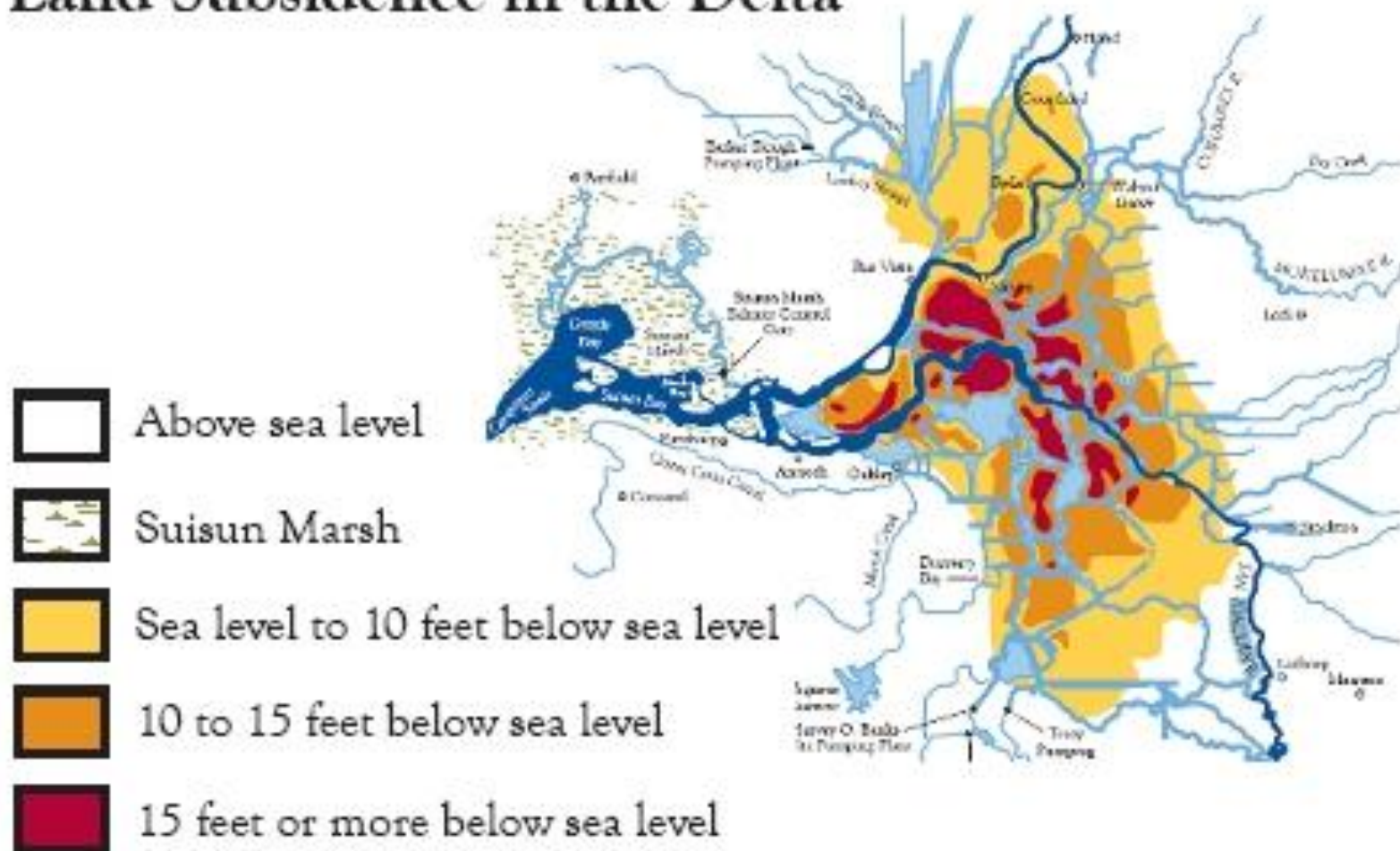
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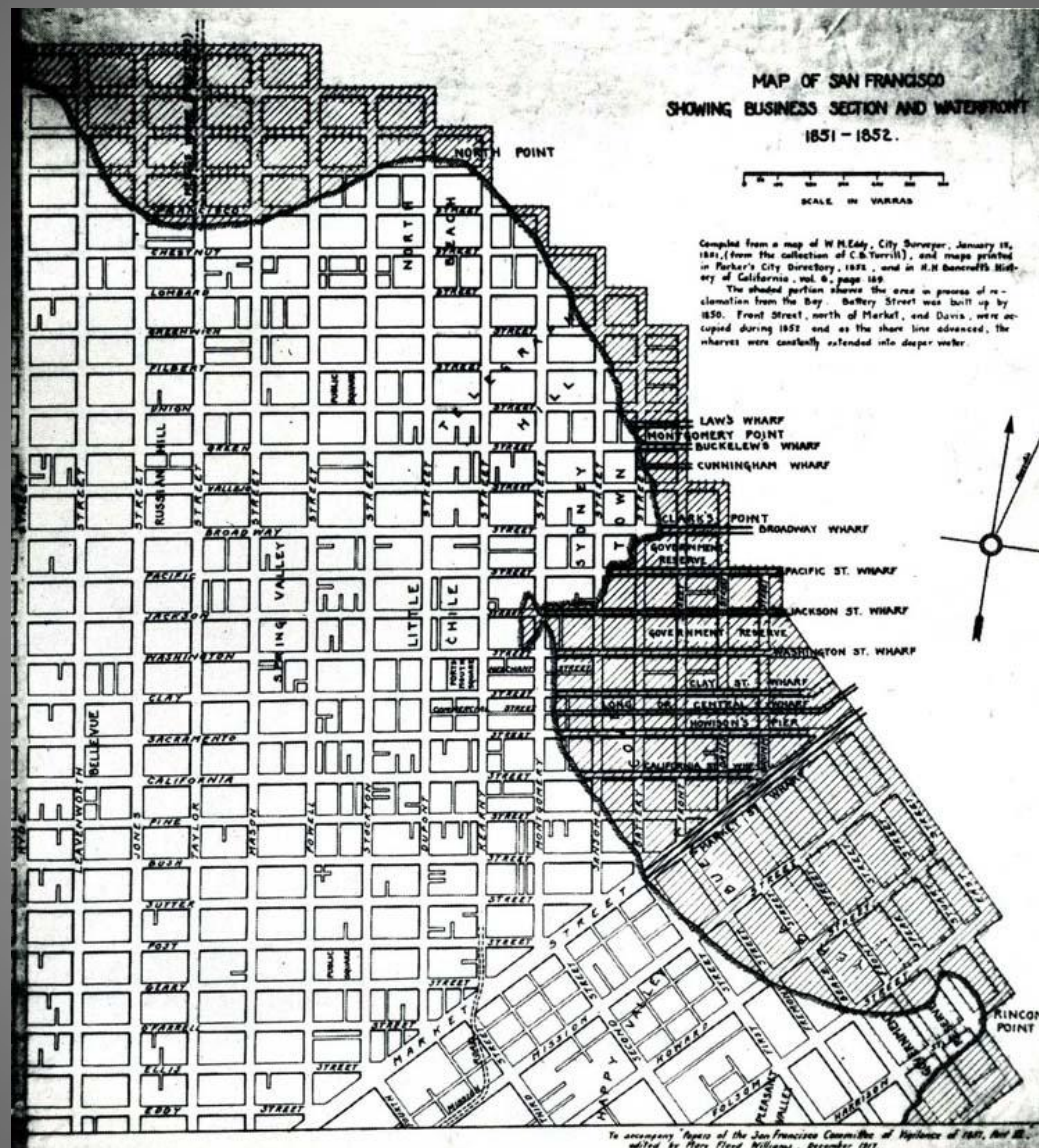
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Land Subsidence in the Delta













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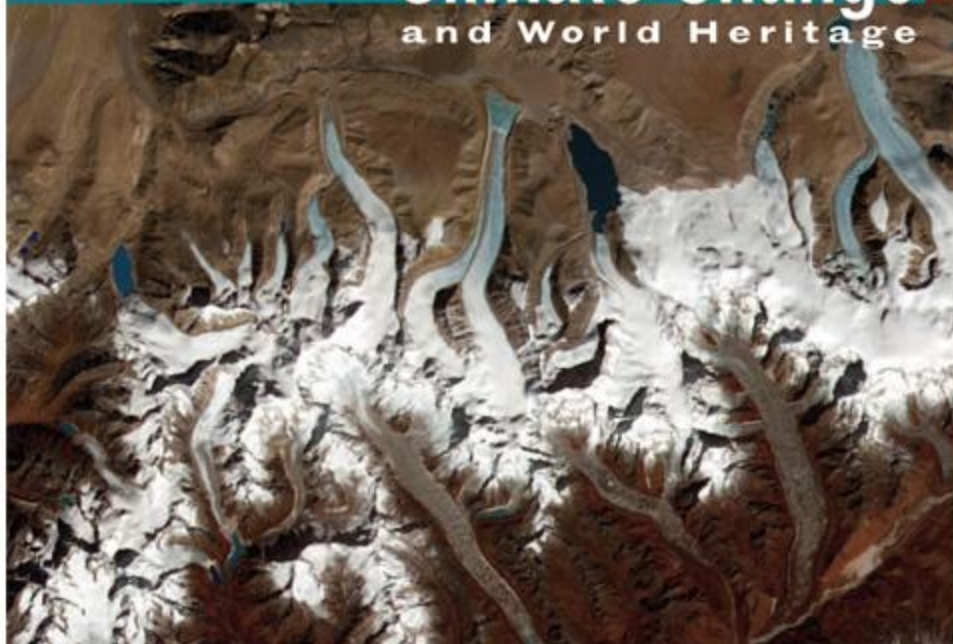
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Case Studies on **Climate Change** and World Heritage



World Heritage Convention

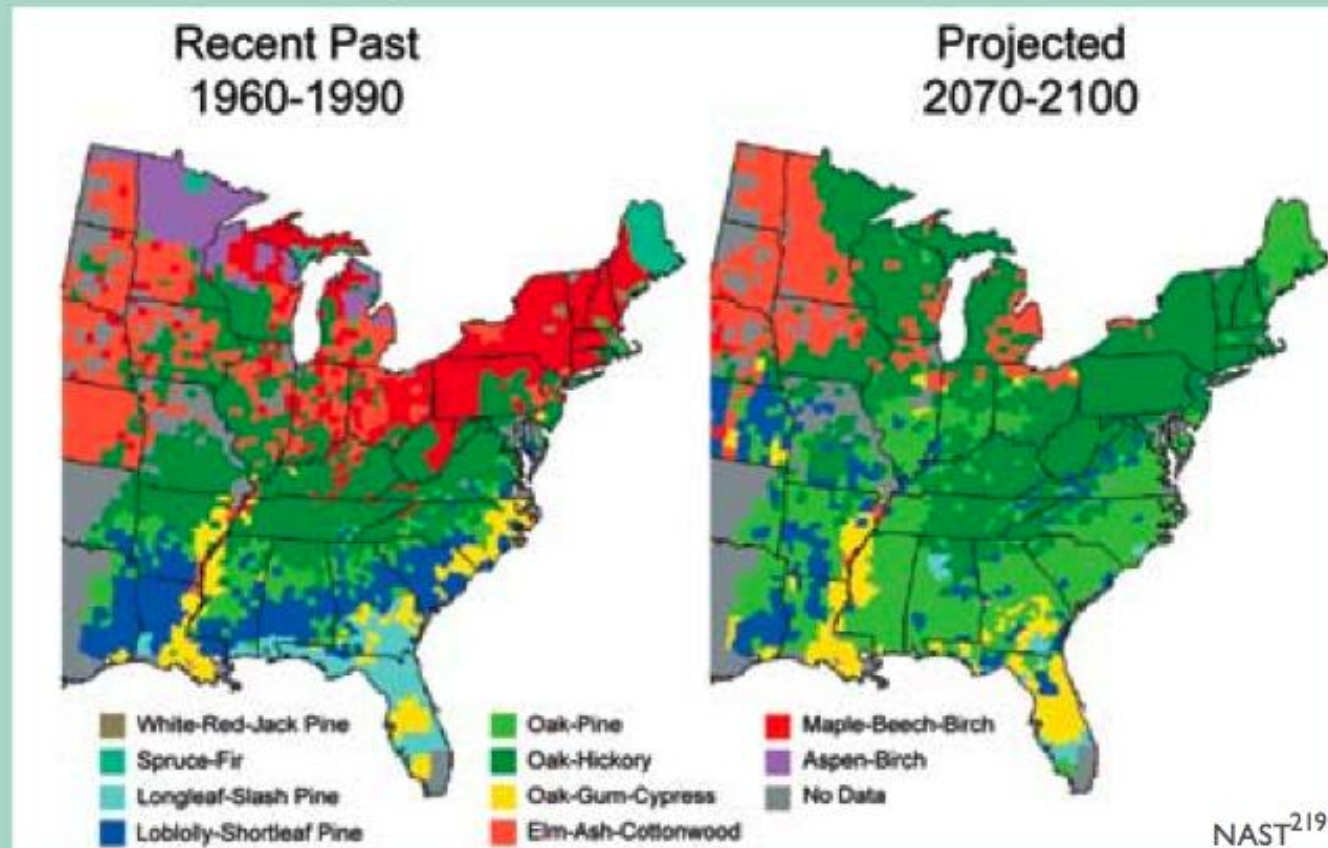
Climate Change

Impacts on Cultural Heritage:

- **direct** physical effects on buildings, structures, landscapes, archeology
- **indirect** effects resulting from cultural and economic impacts that could undermine efforts to maintain and preserve cultural heritage



Projected Shifts in Forest Types



The maps show current and projected forest types. Major changes are projected for many regions. For example, in the Northeast, under a mid-range warming scenario, the currently dominant maple-beech-birch forest type is projected to be completely displaced by other forest types in a warmer future.²⁴³







The Dublin Declaration on Climate Change

“The National Trust recognizes that the threats posed to cultural heritage resources are real and already occurring...The loss of some historic and cultural resources is as tragic as it is inevitable, but there are numerous adaptation measures that could lessen the adverse effects on these resources.”

-National Trust for Historic Preservation
Statement on The Impacts of Climate Change
on the Chesapeake Bay, July 2, 2009



THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Progress Report of the Interagency
Climate Change Adaptation Task
Force: Recommended Actions in
Support of a National Climate
Change Adaptation Strategy*

October 5, 2010

“The Government must exercise leadership in addressing climate impacts on Federal infrastructure interests and on the natural, cultural, and historic resources that it has statutory responsibilities to protect.”

Climate Change Response Program

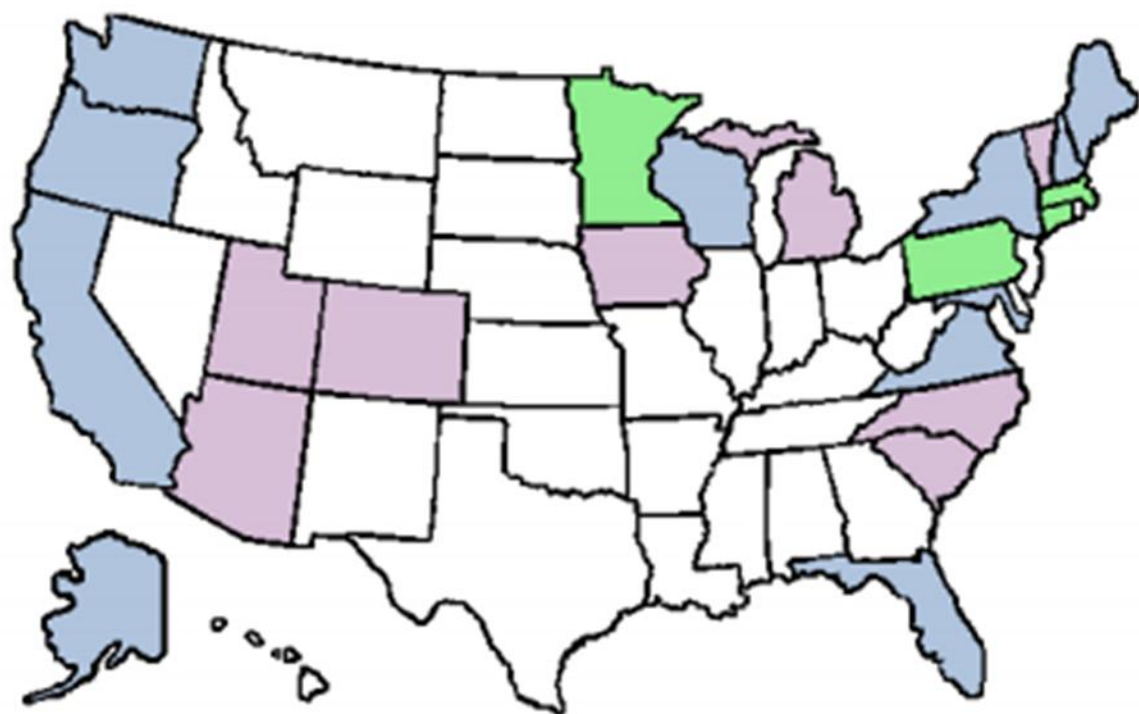
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Adaptation

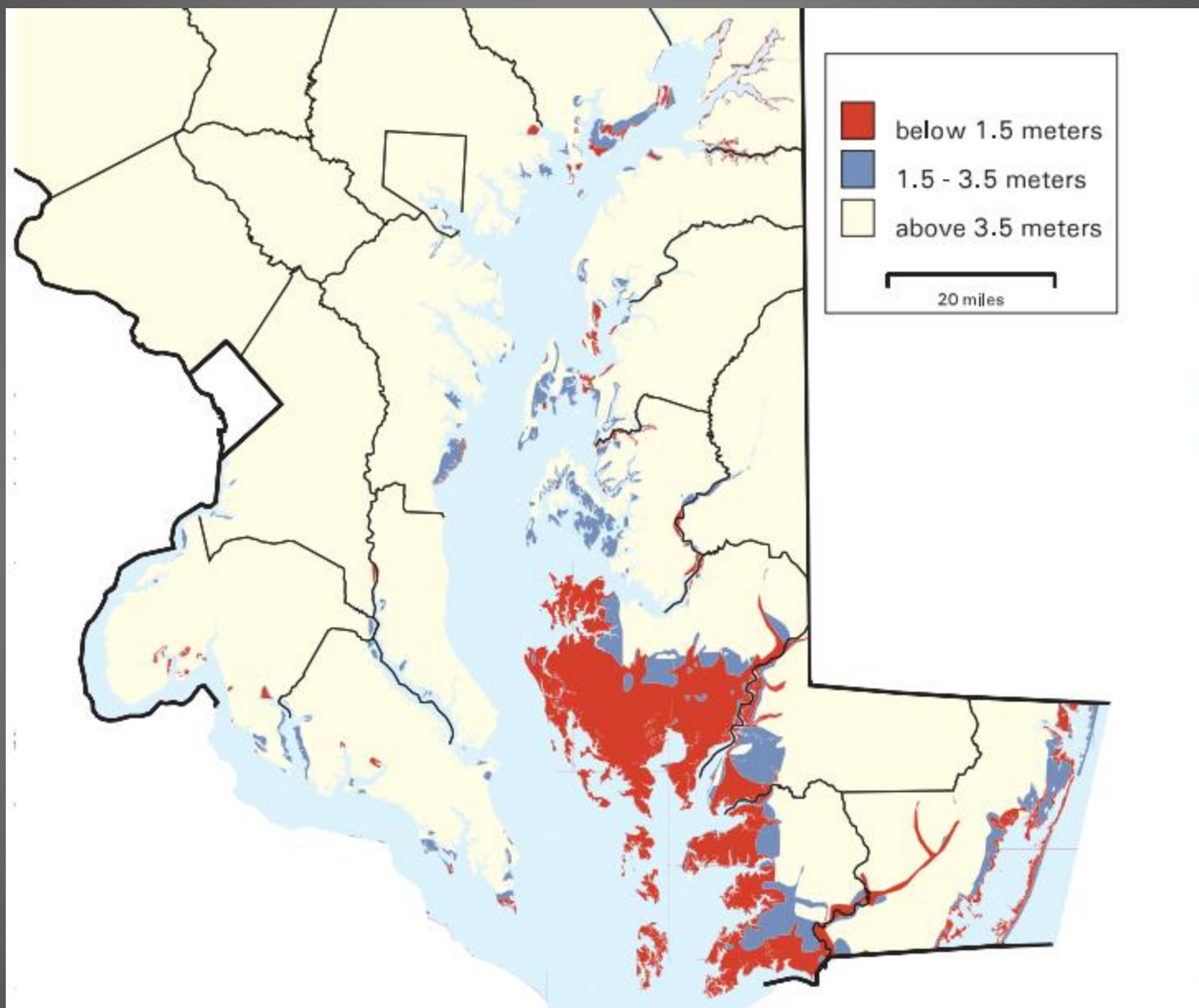
Preparing parks for an
uncertain future

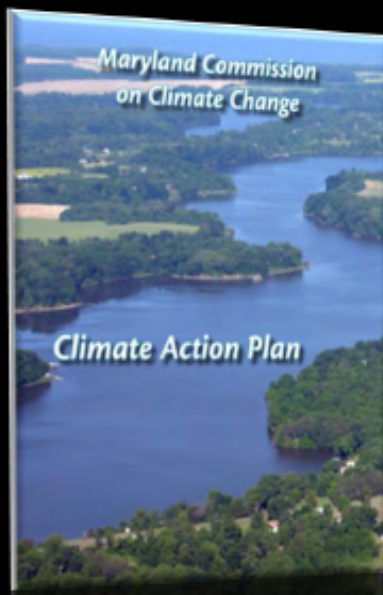


State Adaptation Plans



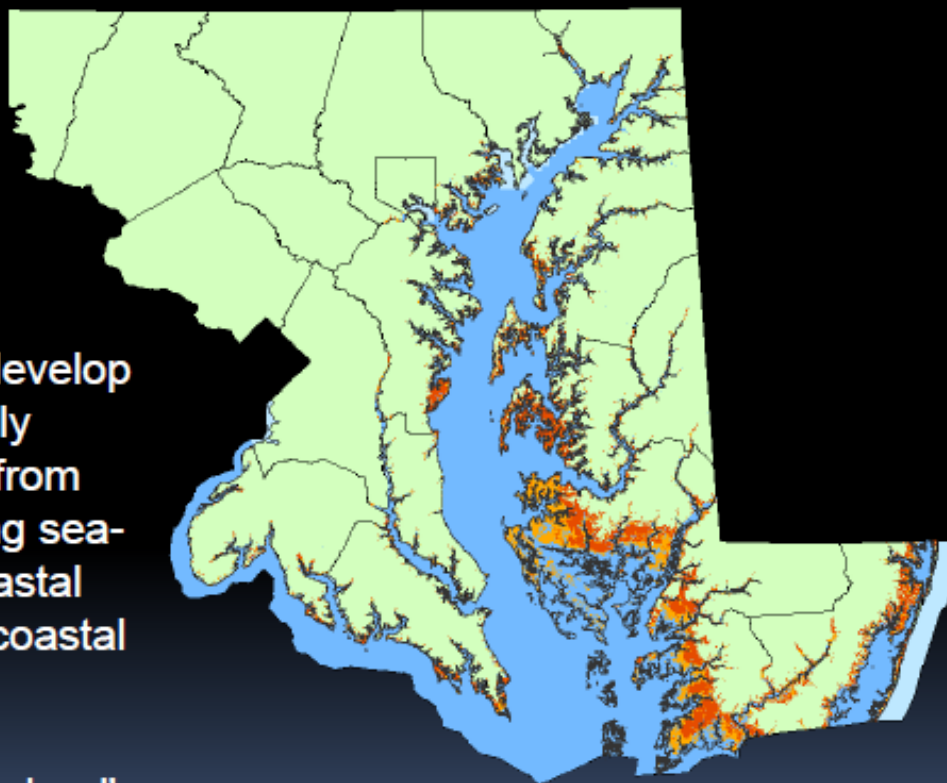
- Adaptation Plan Completed
- Adaptation Plan In Progress
- Adaptation Plan Recommended in the C.A.P





Identify resources and develop an inventory of potentially impacted infrastructure from climate change, including sea-level rise, worsening coastal storms, and worsening coastal erosion

Identify areas along Maryland's shoreline that are vulnerable to sea-level rise



Annapolis Harbor
High Tide



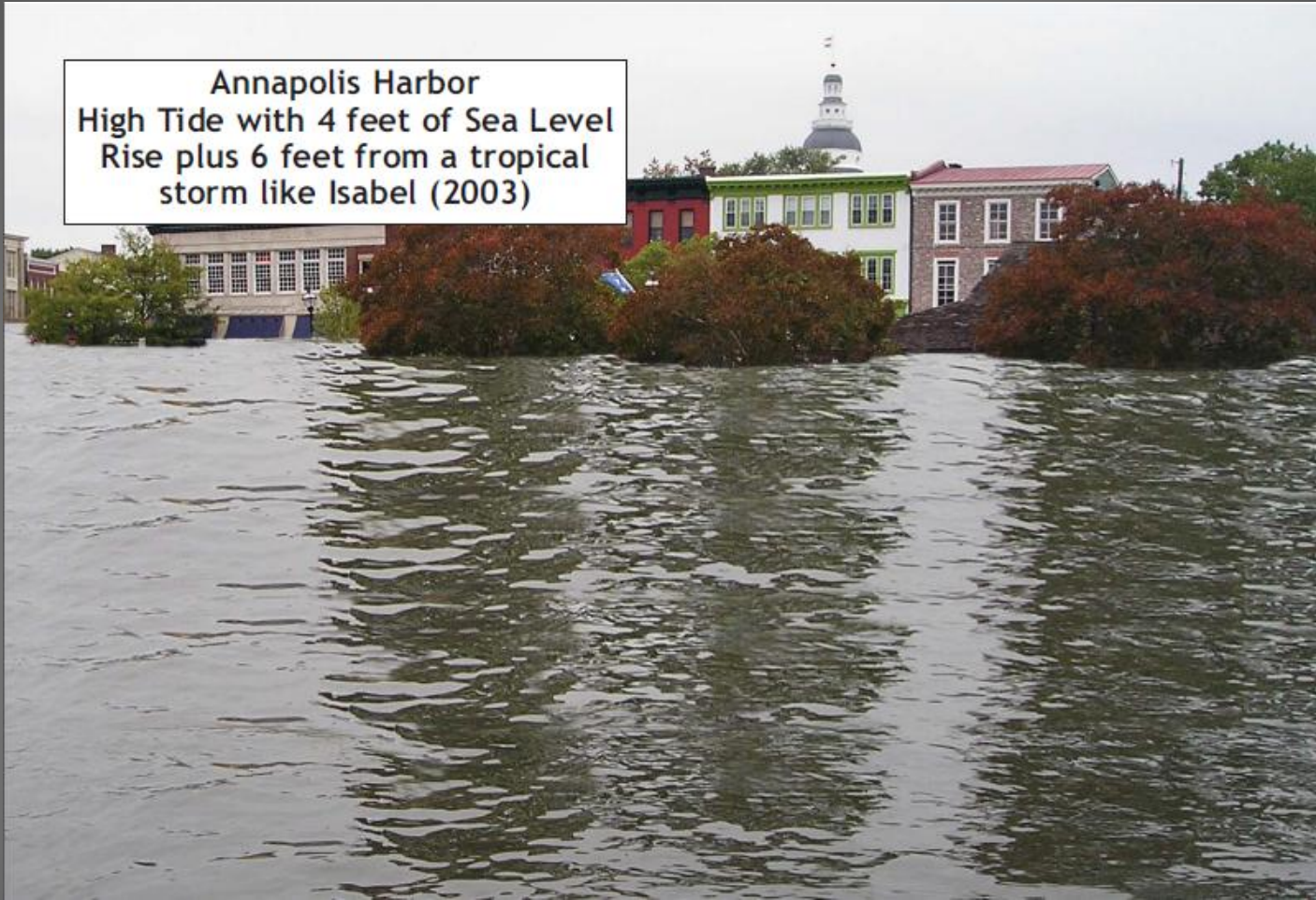
Visualizing Sea Level Rise in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay
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Annapolis Harbor
High Tide with 4 feet
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Annapolis Harbor
High Tide with 4 feet of Sea Level
Rise plus 6 feet from a tropical
storm like Isabel (2003)



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NHL - major impact

J. C. Lore Oyster House,
Calvert County



NR - major impact

Crisfield Historic District, Somerset County



Most particularly at risk would be contact period sites; there are only 72 recorded statewide, and 29, or 40%, could be adversely impacted by sea level rise.

Native American contact period sites—17th century

	NHL		NRHP		Easements		MIHP		Eligible MIHP		Archeo		Eligible Archeo	
County	0-2 ft	2-5 ft	0-2 ft	2-5 ft	0-2 ft	2-5 ft	0-2 ft	2-5 ft	0-2 ft	2-5 ft	0-2 ft	2-5 ft	0-2 ft	2-5 ft
Anne Arundel	5	1	18	5	10	3	64	67	10		293	57	4	1
Baltimore County			5				22	8	5	3	26	16		
Calvert	2		9		3		66	37	5		102	20	2	
Caroline			7		2		24	12	9	2	35	6		1
Cecil	1		11	2	3	1	35	14	4	4	47	17	2	
Charles			6	1			35	9	9	1	140	28	4	1
Dorchester			8	3	1		98	154	3	4	283	50	4	
Kent	2		13	2	5	2	33	29	4	2	104	18		
Queen Annes			8	4	3	1	46	30	9	3	268	92	1	3
Saint Marys	3		15	4	7		63	55	6	8	302	66	8	3
Somerset			45	10	5	6	75	181	5	4	198	34		
Talbot	5		47	4	5	2	90	98	5	3	192	30	1	
Wicomico			7		2	2	37	52	10	4	48	6	1	
Worcester			8	4			15	41	6	9	47	14	1	
	18	1	207	39	46	17	703	787	90	47	2085	454	28	9
Statewide Totals	19		246		63		1490		137		2539		37	

Inventory

- Identify areas at high risk to climate change effects
- Identify gaps in cultural resource inventories in these high risk areas
- Prioritize available inventory funding to address these gaps

Treatment Options

- Documentation
- Monitoring
- Stabilization
- Preservation
- Removal from threat
- Restoration or rehabilitation guided by treatment plans

Potential Triage Criteria

- Significance of threatened resource
- Uniqueness of threatened resource
- Severity & urgency of the threat
- The feasibility of intervention to manage threat or to treat resource
- Cost of various treatment options

Intervention Matrix

High priority resource Low feasibility adaptation	High priority resource High feasibility for adaptation
Low priority resource Low feasibility adaptation	Low priority resource High feasibility adaptation



The Commission staff revised Policy 6(i) to address the threats that climate change poses to historic and cultural resources. It now states, in part:

“The entities that formulate the regional strategy are encouraged to consider the following strategies and goals:...advance regional sustainability, encourage infill development and job creation, ~~and~~ provide diverse housing served by transit and protect historical and cultural resources.”

Merci, gracias, thank you.

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