Improving Resiliency to Coastal Flooding

City of Delray Beach

Town Hall Meeting – Marina Historic District
February 13, 2020

Presentation Overview

- Resilience Planning Efforts
- Capital Improvement Projects
- State & Federal Coordination
- Comparison of Seawall Ordinances In Nearby Communities
- Community Input

Resilience Planning Efforts

- Stormwater Master Plan Updates
- Seawall Vulnerability Study
- Dune Management

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Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP) Update

- Update of the City's previous Master Plan from 2001
- Completed by ADA Engineering
- Identified and ranked Problem Areas
  - Including drainage problems, street flooding, tidal flooding, inadequate infrastructure, stormwater quality and recharge
- Create a plan to address issues over the next 30 Years
- Entire Plan Estimated Cost ~ $380M
  - Marina District ~$13.4M

SWMP Implementation Approach

- Current Capital Projects Under Way
  - Thomas Street Pump Station
  - Tropic Isle Improvement
  - Marine Way Drainage & Pump Station

- Future Capital Improvements Projects
  - Using recommendations in the SWMP
  - Available Funding
  - Coordination with other projects
  - Input from residents

- Repair and Rehabilitation – Continuous Effort
  - Pipe Lining
  - Backflow prevention

Seawall Vulnerability Analysis

Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) Water Level and Infrastructure Vulnerability Study

- 1 Mile of Public Seawalls
- 20 Miles of Private Seawalls
- Assessed vulnerability to flooding along ICW
  - Water level predictions for 30 years
  - Assessed current conditions of seawalls
- Identified options to protect infrastructure
  - Compared current conditions against water level predictions

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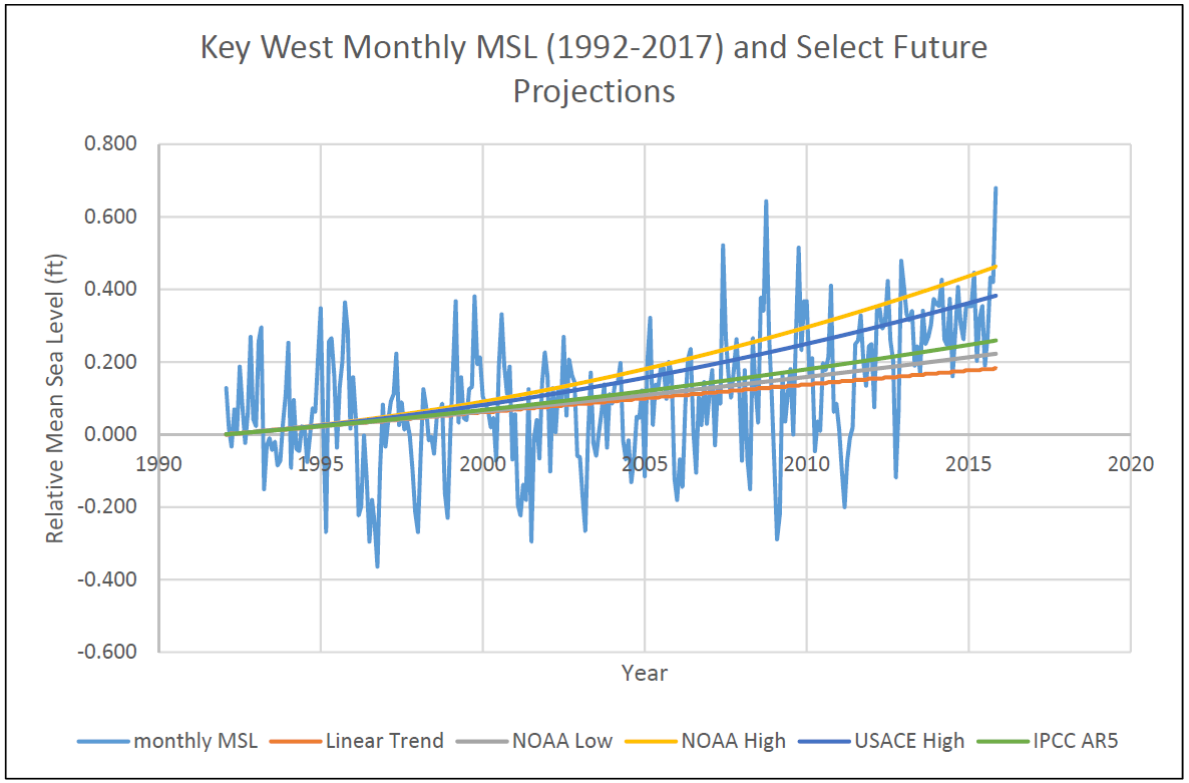

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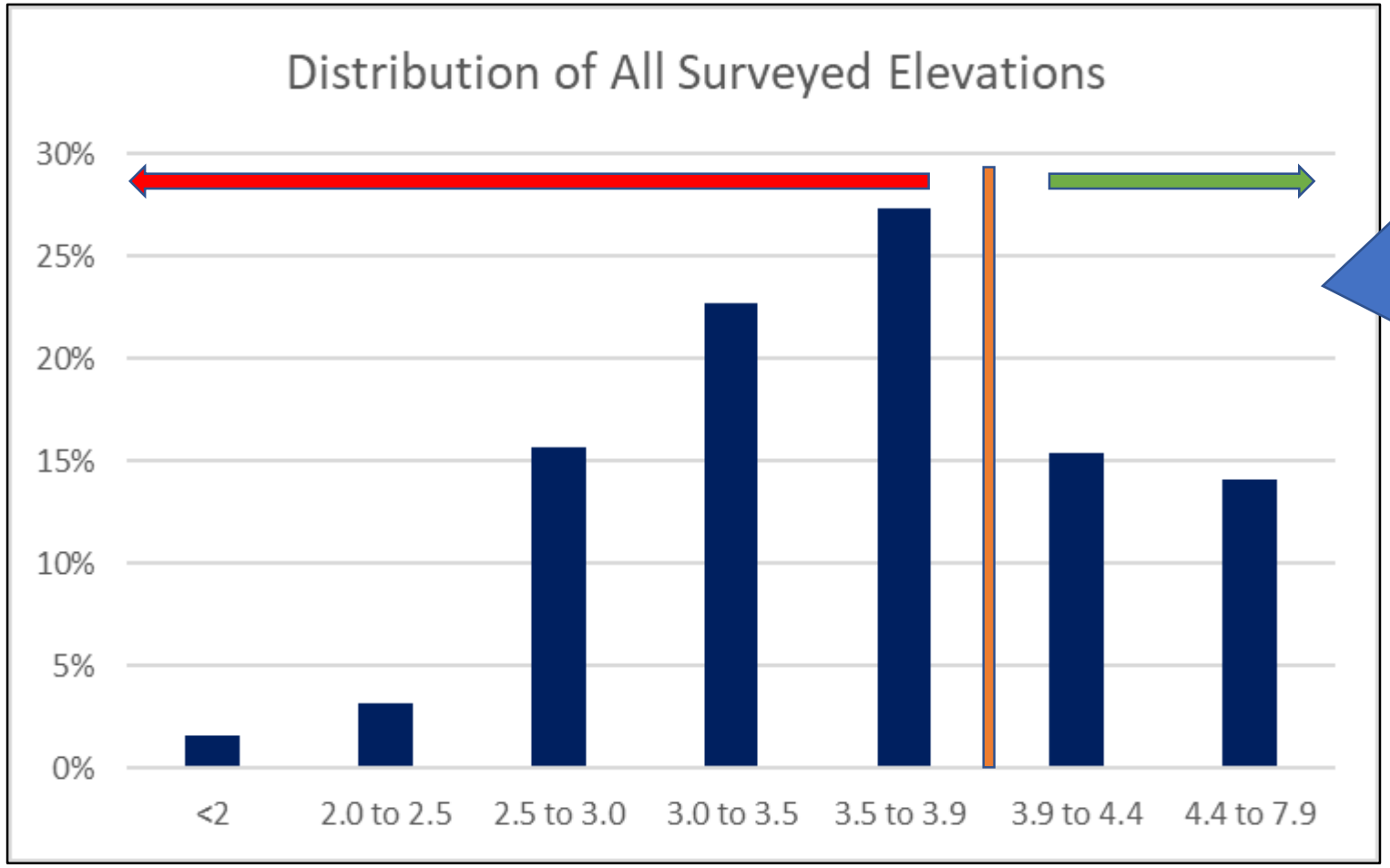
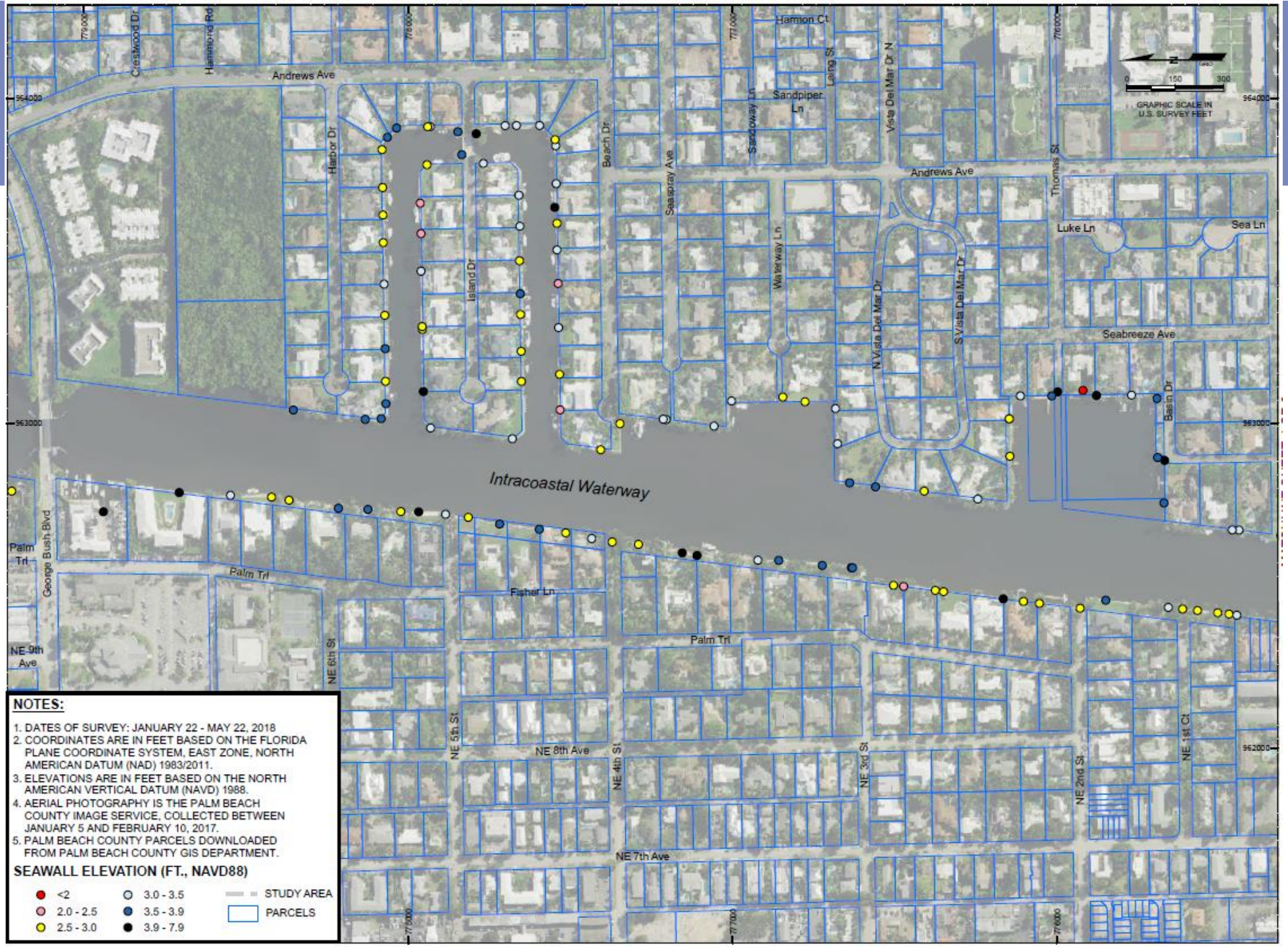


30-Yr Planning Elevation Range = 3.9 - 4.4 Ft NAVD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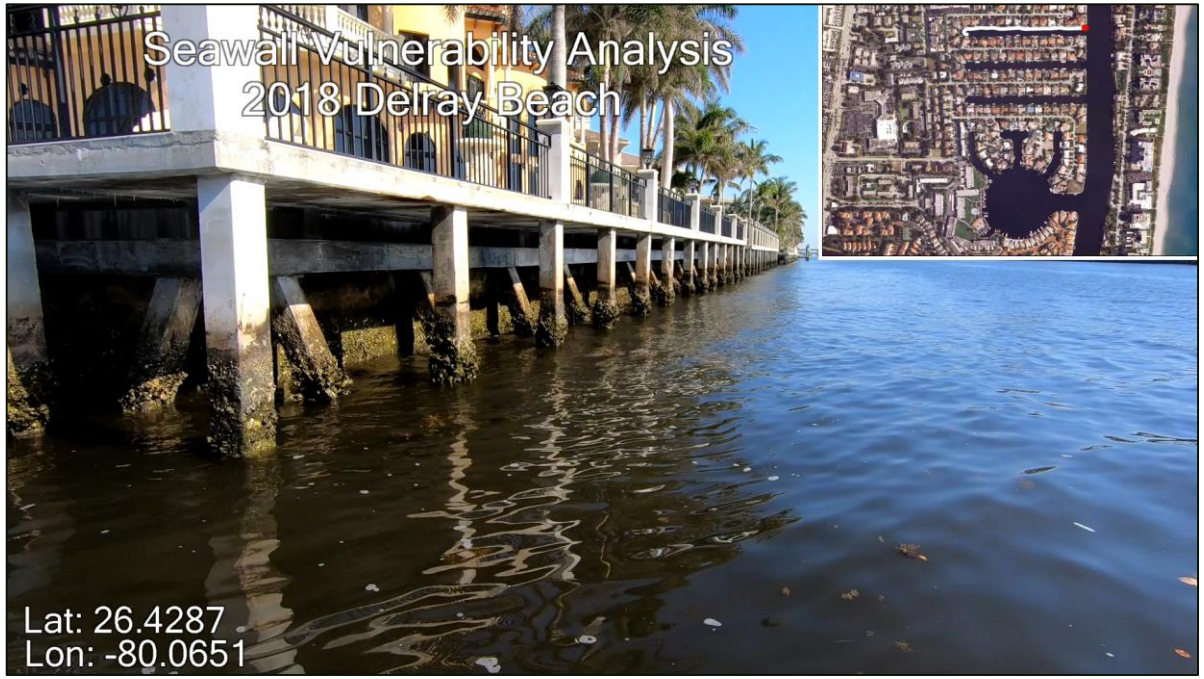
3.5 - 3.9
3.9 - 7.9
STUDY AREA
PARCELS

Seawall Condition Analysis

	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Serious	Critical
Public	1	16	9	3	0	0
Private	48	170	450	152	41	7
Total %	4%	19%	53%	18%	5%	1%



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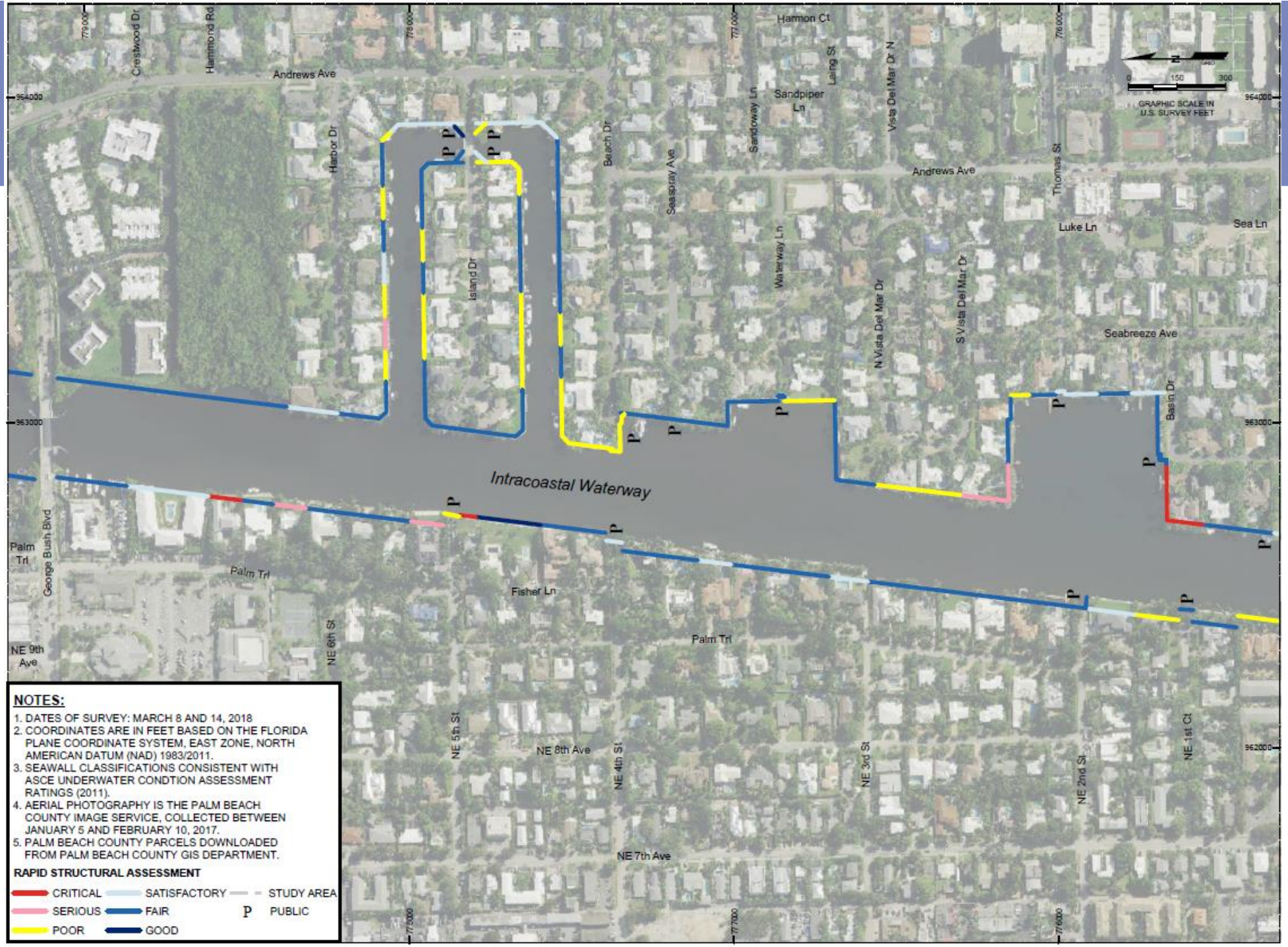
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Seawalls - Implementation Approach

- Public
  - Approximately half of seawalls either already raised or under way
- Private
  - City to adopt Ordinance to Protect City and Residents from Projected Sea Level Rise

2018 Veteran's Park Seawall Improvement

Dunes are our first line of defense

- Natural barrier to destructive forces of wind and waves
- Absorb impact of storm surge and high waves, moderating inland flooding
- Supply sand to the eroding beach during storms
- Buffer windblown sand and salt spray

Dune Maintenance

- City Efforts
  - Dune Trimming
  - Removing Exotics
  - Keeping public off the dunes
- What you can do:
  - Use dedicated walkways to get to the beach
  - Keep recreational activities away from the dune, including boats, surfboards, and beach chairs
  - Educate friends and family about the impacts

Future Capital Improvement Storm Water Projects

Neighborhood Improvement Projects: Basis of Design

30-Year Sea Level Rise (ADA Engineering)

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Capital Improvement Projects Marina District

- Neighborhood Improvement Project Areas
  - Area #11 – South East 8th Court / 10th Street Basin $6.4 Million
  - Area #12 – Marine Way Basin $7.0 Million
  - Total Cost of Projects (approx.) $13.4 Million

South East 8th Court / 10th Street Basin

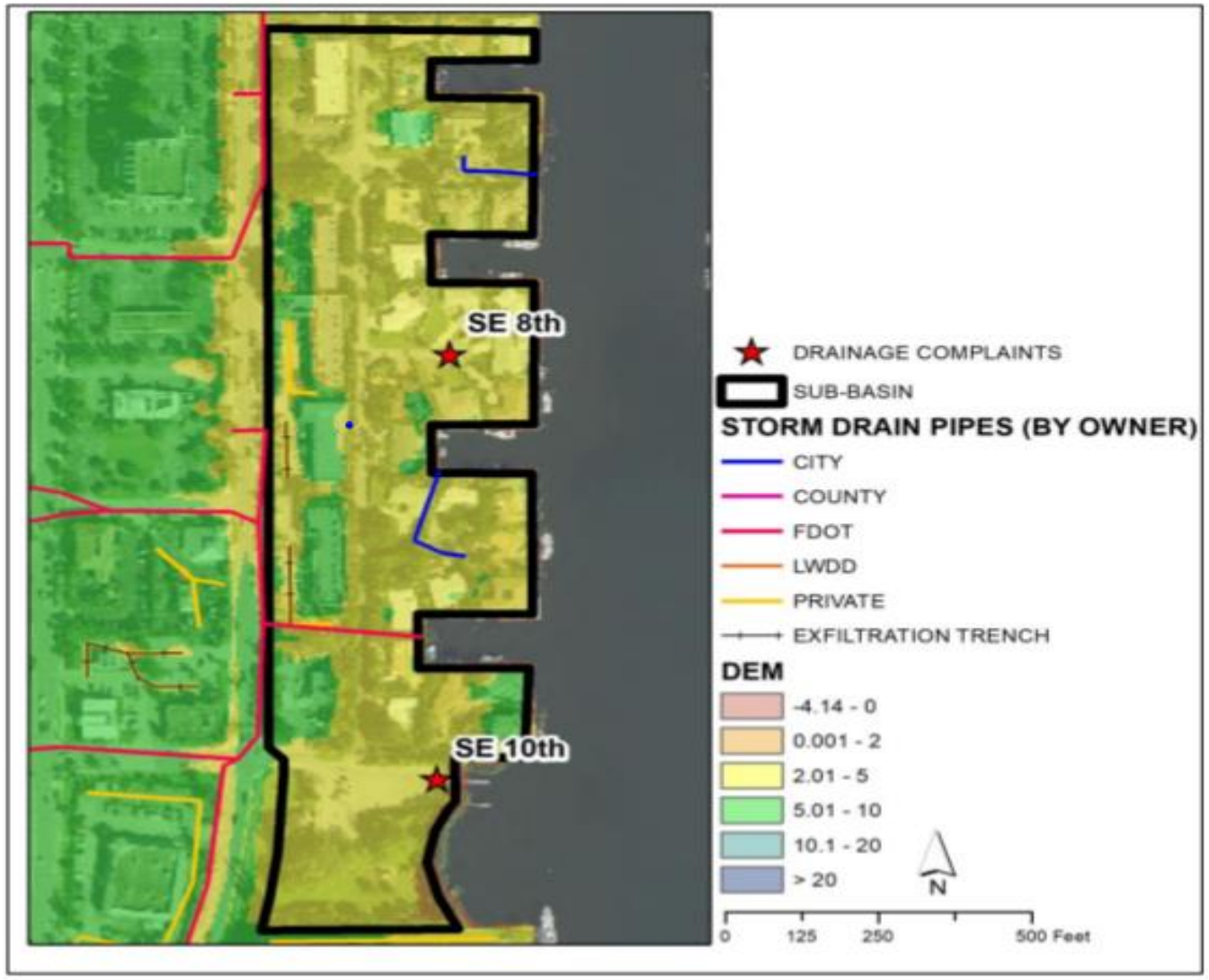
Concerns:

- Resident Complaints
  - SE 8th Court & SE 10th Street
- No Pump Station
- Roadway and Tidal Flooding
- Drainage System Undersized

Remedies:

- Install Check Valves
- Construct Pump Station
- Raise Seawalls
- Upgrade Drainage System Piping
- Raise Roadway Elevations

Cost: $6.4 million



Marine Way Basin

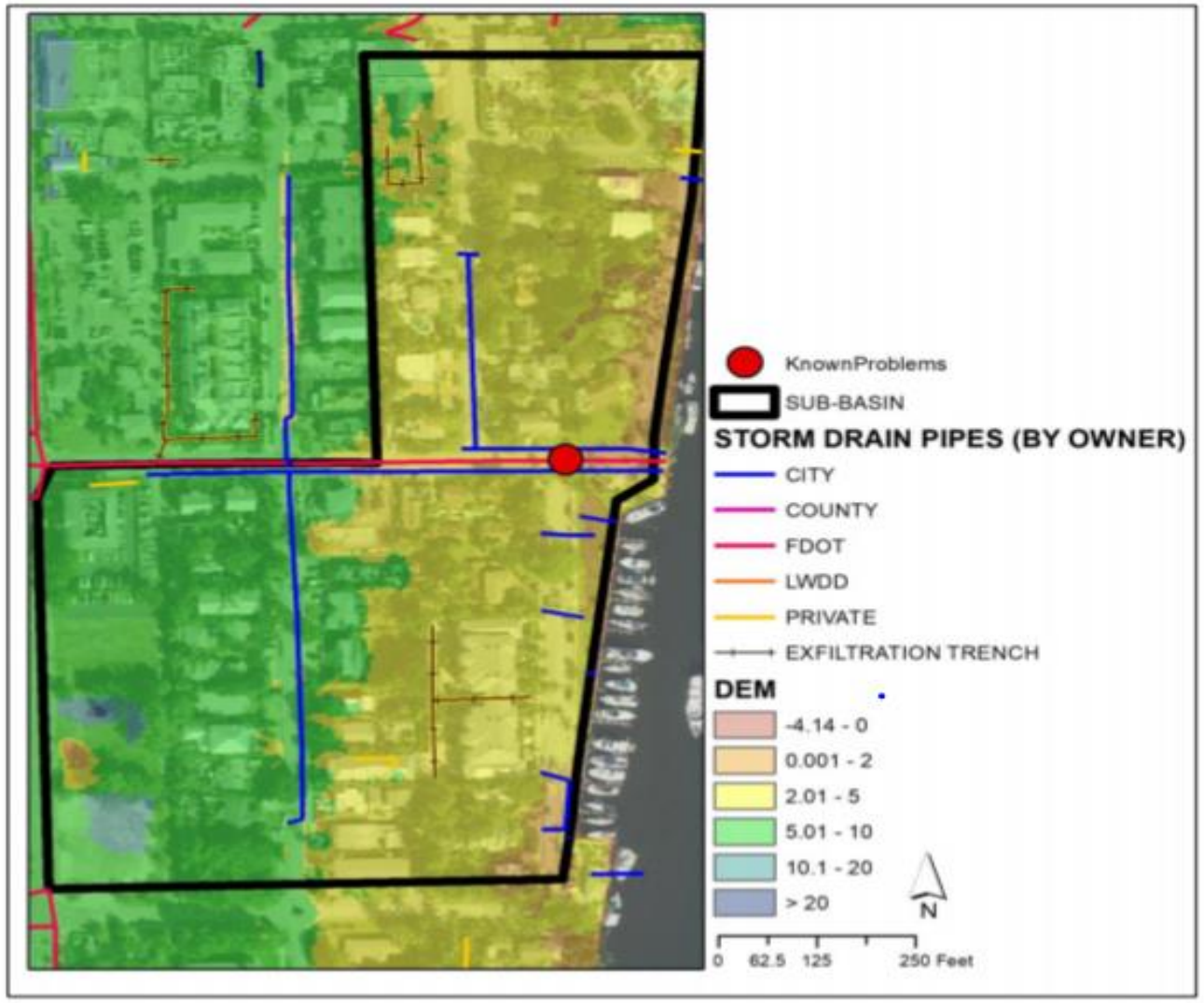
Concerns:

- Resident Complaint (Marine Way)
- Roadway and Tidal Flooding
- No Pump Station
- Drainage System Undersized

Remedies:

- Install Check Valves
- Upgrade Drainage System Piping
- Construct & Raise Seawalls
- Construct Pump Station
- Investigate Roadway Elevations
- Currently Under Design

Cost: $7.0 million



State and Federal Coordination

- Community Rating System
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- Local Mitigation Strategy

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Community Rating System

National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS)

- The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is an organization that ranks participating communities in accordance with their level of participation and documentation of flood prevention activities.
- Cities earn credits which helps residents receive discounts on their flood insurance premiums.
- The City of Delray Beach is an active participant on the NFIP CRS program and has recently received an additional credits which equates to a 15% discount on flood insurance premiums for residents of Delray Beach.

Community Rating System

Message	Outcome
1. Know your flood hazard	More map information inquiries
2. Insure your property for flood hazard	Increase in the number of flood insurance policies
3. Protect people from the hazard	Fewer water rescues and police citations for ignoring barricades
4. Protect your property from the hazard	Reduced property loss due to flooding
5. Build responsibly	Reduced number of building department citations
6. Protect natural floodplain functions	Improved water quality as reported in NPDES
7. Be prepared for hurricanes and storm surges	Reduced property loss from hurricanes and storm surges
8. Maintain your stormdrains	Reduced street flooding events from clogged stormdrains
9. Drive responsibly in flood events	Reduced reports of stalled cars and home flooding from traffic wake
10. Plan for sea level rise	Increased openness to freeboard restrictions and other mitigation

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

- Created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit enables the state to enforce water pollution regulations.
- NPDES permits make sure that a state's mandatory standards for clean water and the federal minimums are being met
- City participates in countywide MS4 permit with the State of Florida

  - 2018-2019 study reported decreased pollution results!
  - Improved drainage abilities with maintenance of roadways and stormwater conveyance systems
  - Reduced phosphorus levels in shared water bodies through joint efforts with neighboring communities (such as the Lake Ida drainage basin)

Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS2020)

- The City of Delray Beach participates in the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) steering committee consisting of all 38 municipalities within Palm Beach County making our City more resilient using local, state and federal funding sources to mitigate against storm surge, sea level rise and climate change hazards by:
  - Increasing the number of planning stakeholders we are working with for assessments
  - Analyzing local flooding conditions as it relates to Palm Beach County communities
  - The City includes mitigation projects in its Master Plans and Capital Improvement plans such as:
    - Tidal Check valves
    - Seawall Improvements
    - Stormwater Pump Stations

Seawall Ordinance Comparisons

- Comparison of Seawall Ordinances In Nearby Communities
- Community Input

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City of Delray Beach

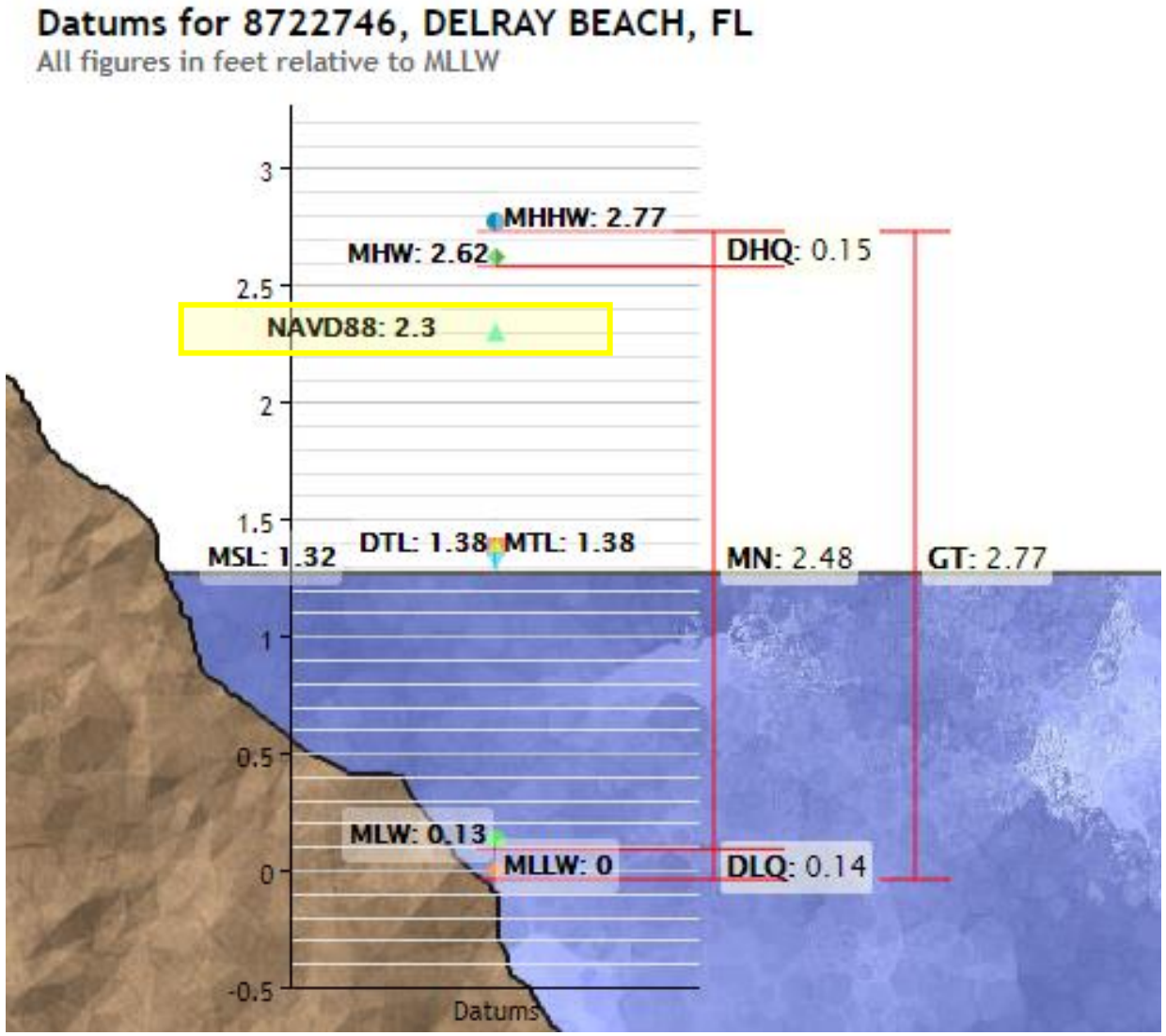
Definitions

N. American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88):

Uses a tidal benchmark and mean sea level from 1985 to establish a vertical datum

Elevation (Elev.):

Height above a reference point



Seawall Ordinance

What seawall ordinances typically include:

Applicability

- E.g.: Applies to all new seawalls and to those undergoing repairs/renovations of more than 50% of length of the seawall

Maintenance

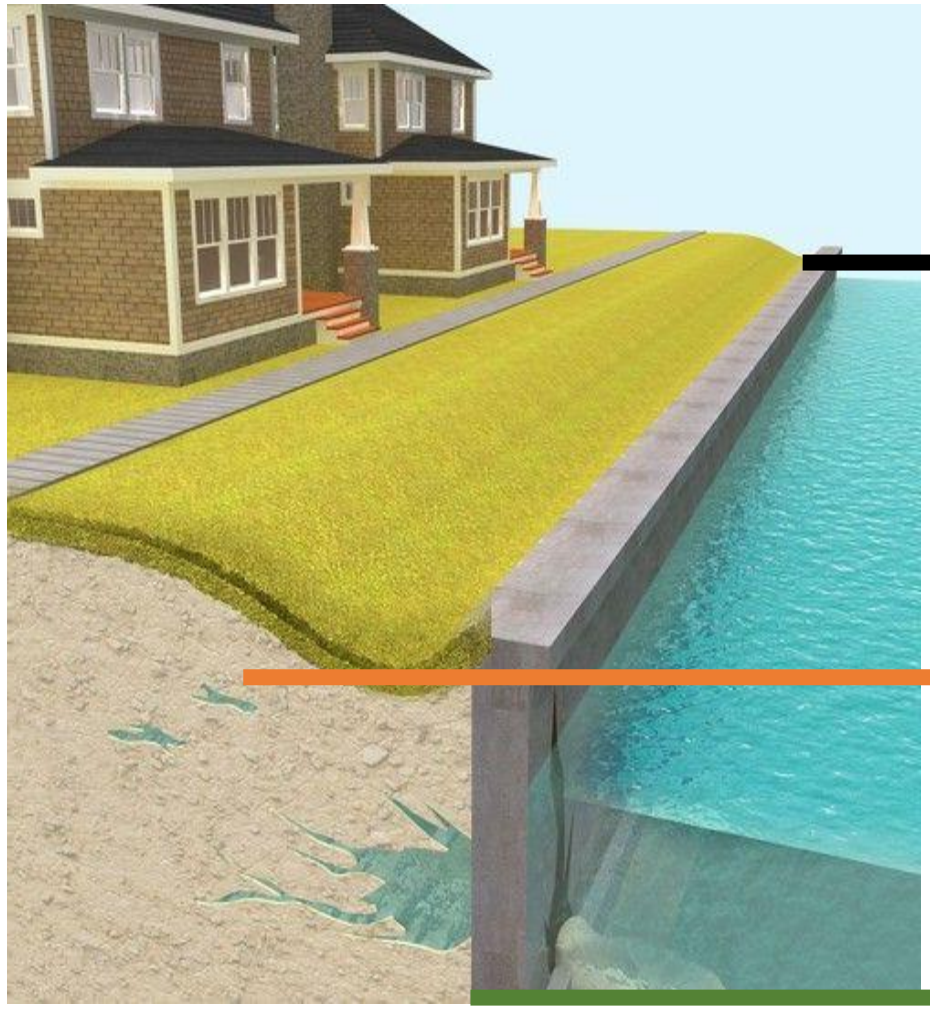
- E.g.: Must maintain the seawall in “good” condition

Seawall Elevation

- E.g.: Requiring a minimum and/or maximum seawall elevation

Penalties for Seawall Failure

- E.g.: If a seawall fails to prevent flooding and damages are caused



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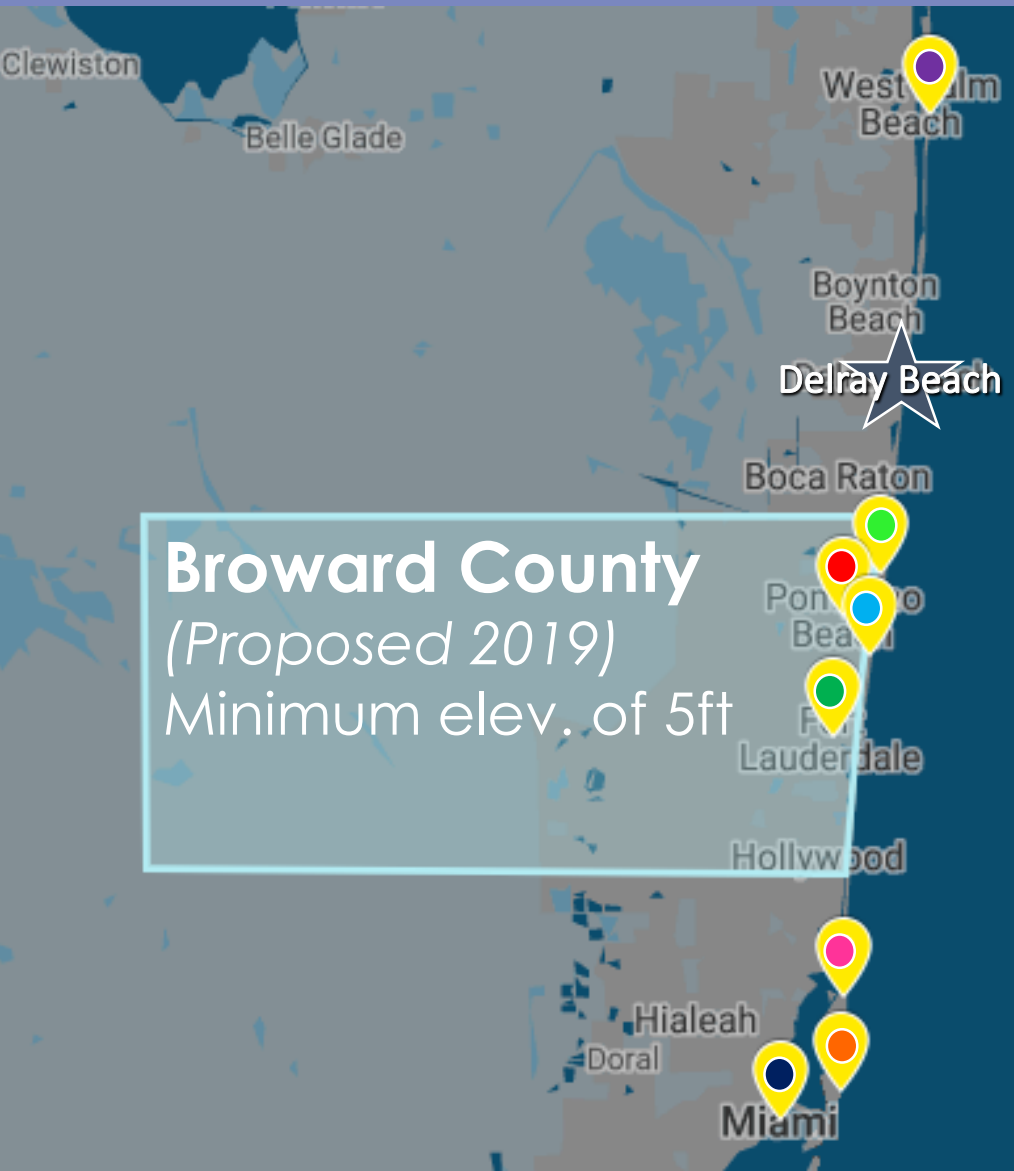

Broward County
(Proposed 2019)
Minimum elev. of 5ft

Surfside
Min. elev. of 3.5 ft

Lighthouse Point
Max elev. of 4.0 ft

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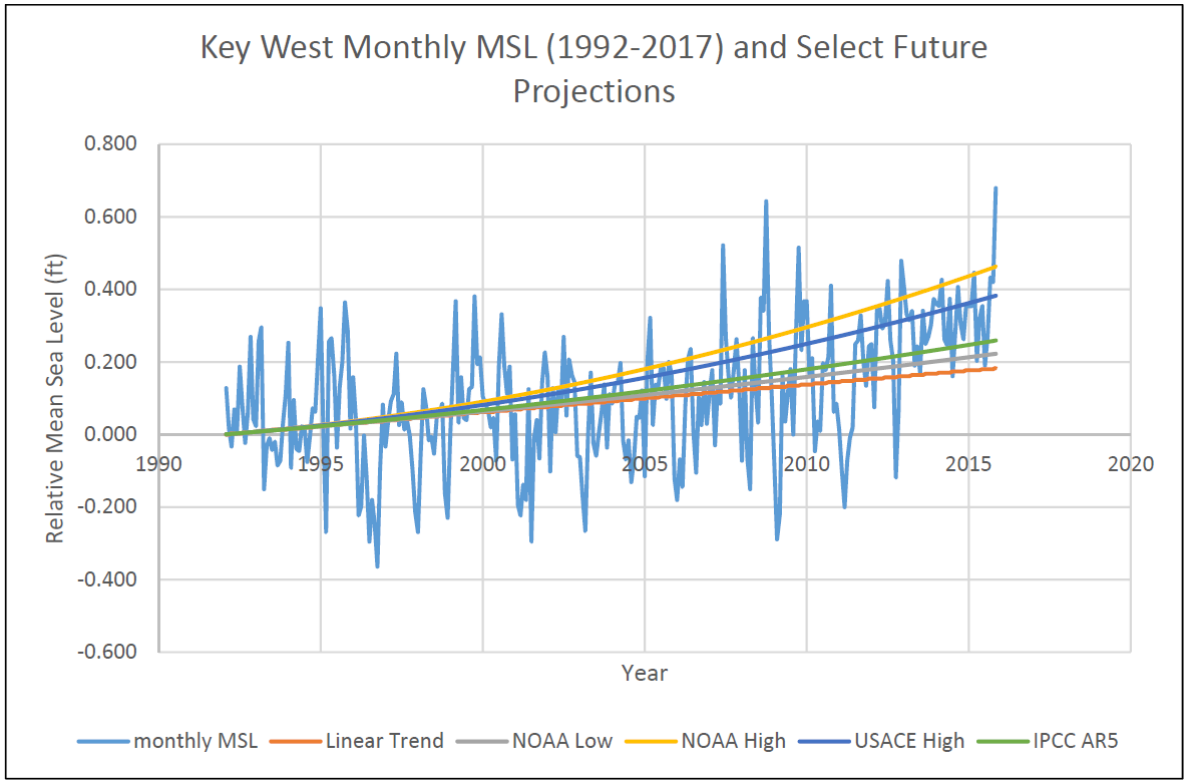

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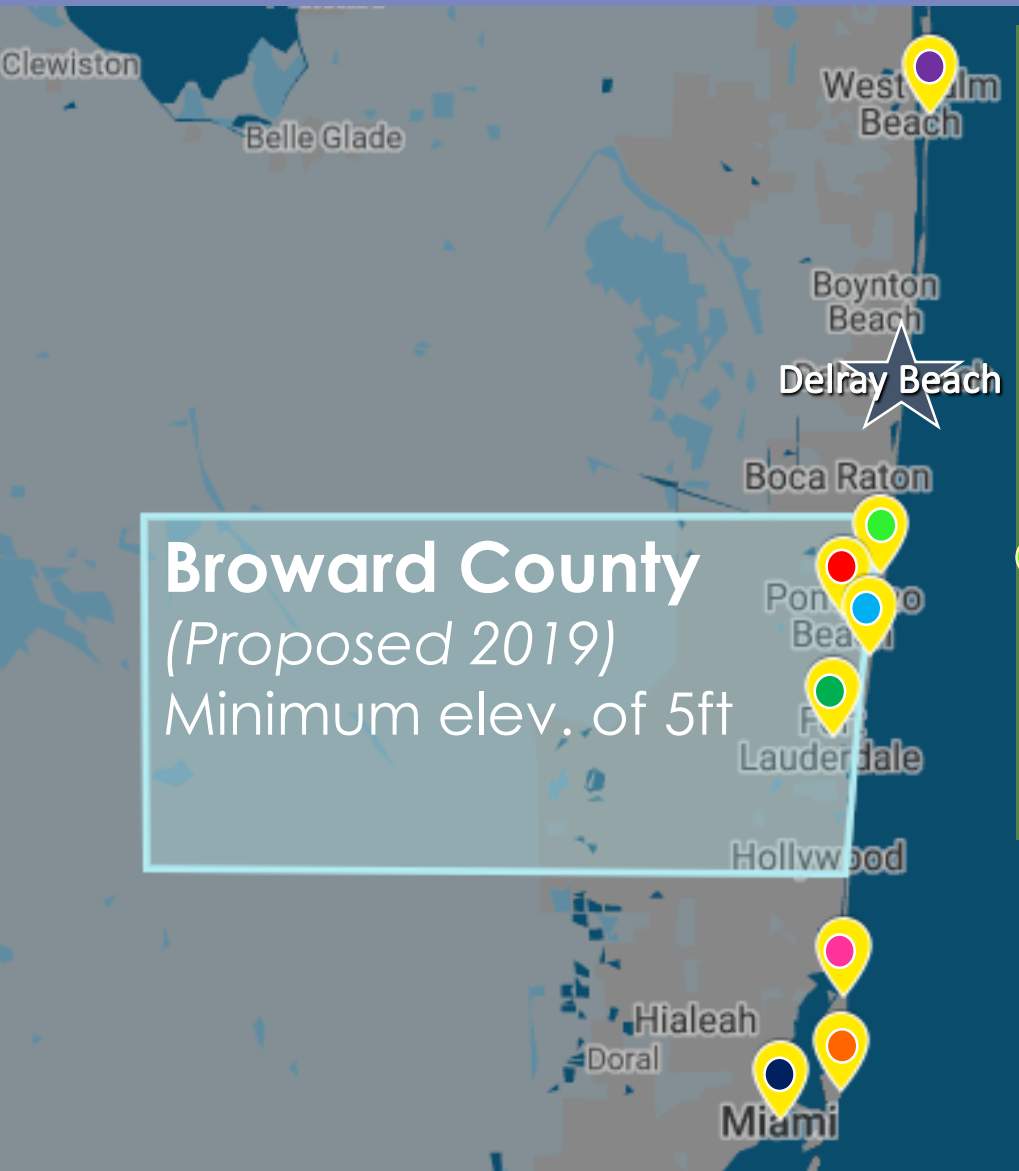

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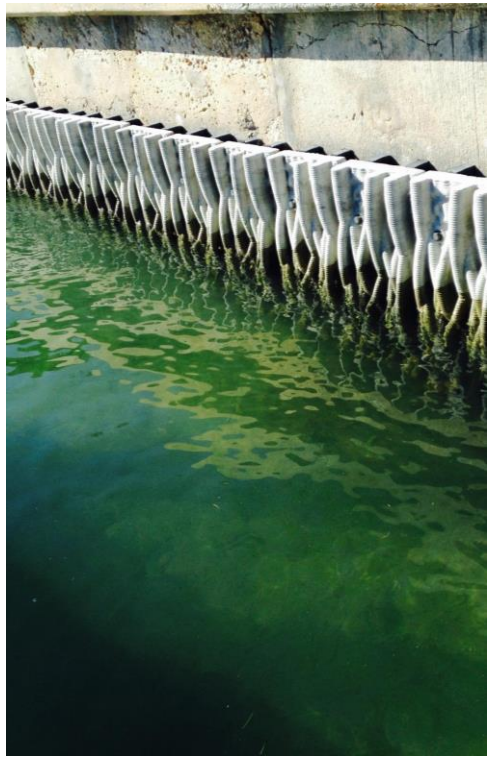
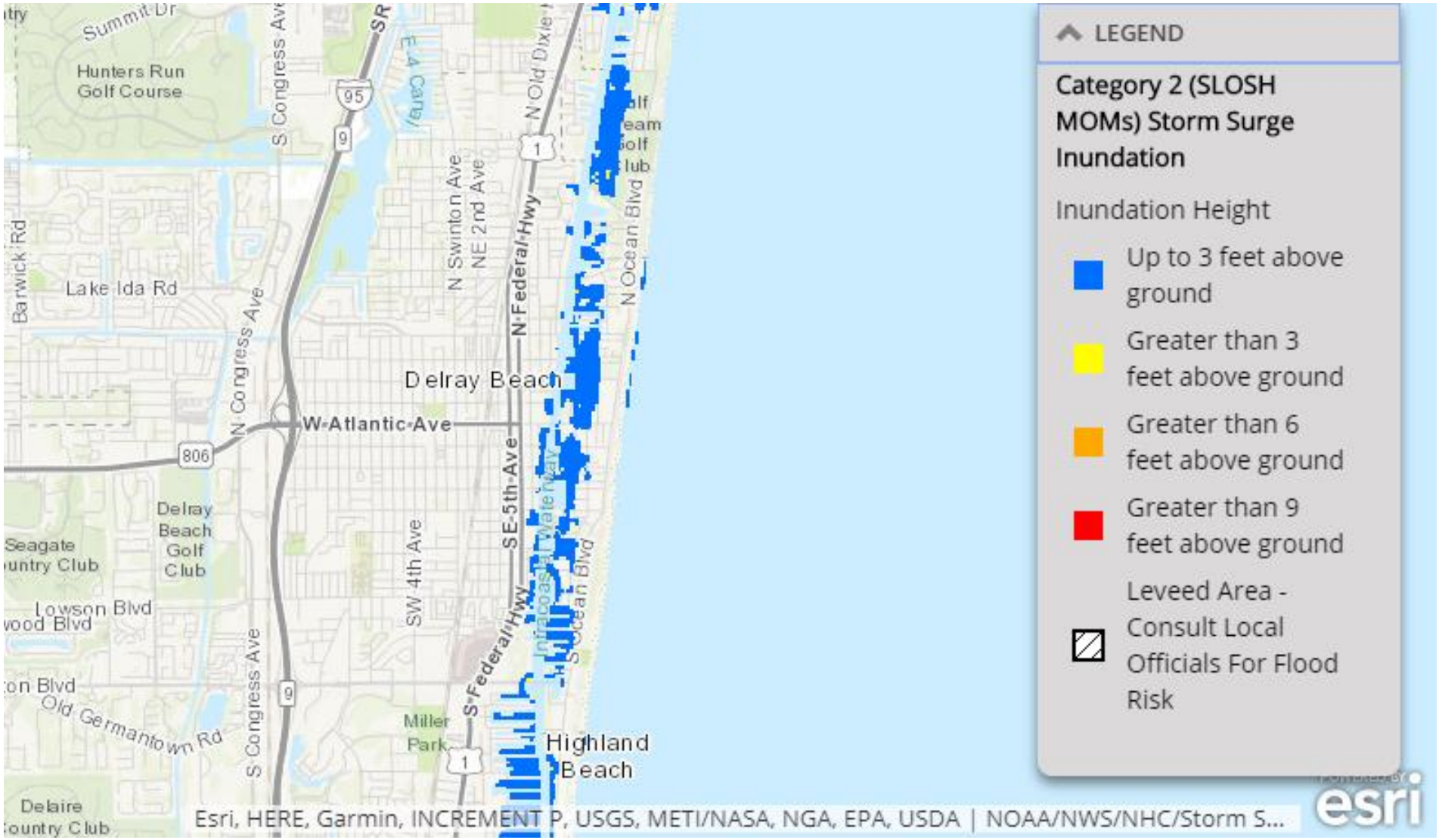


Potential Financial Assistance if HB 365 passes in 2020

Additional Resources

NOAA Storm Surge Hazard Maps (Interactive)

https://noaa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=d9ed7904dbec441a9c4dd7b277935fad



Additional Resources

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U.S. Department of the Interior
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Guidelines on Flood Adaptation
for
Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

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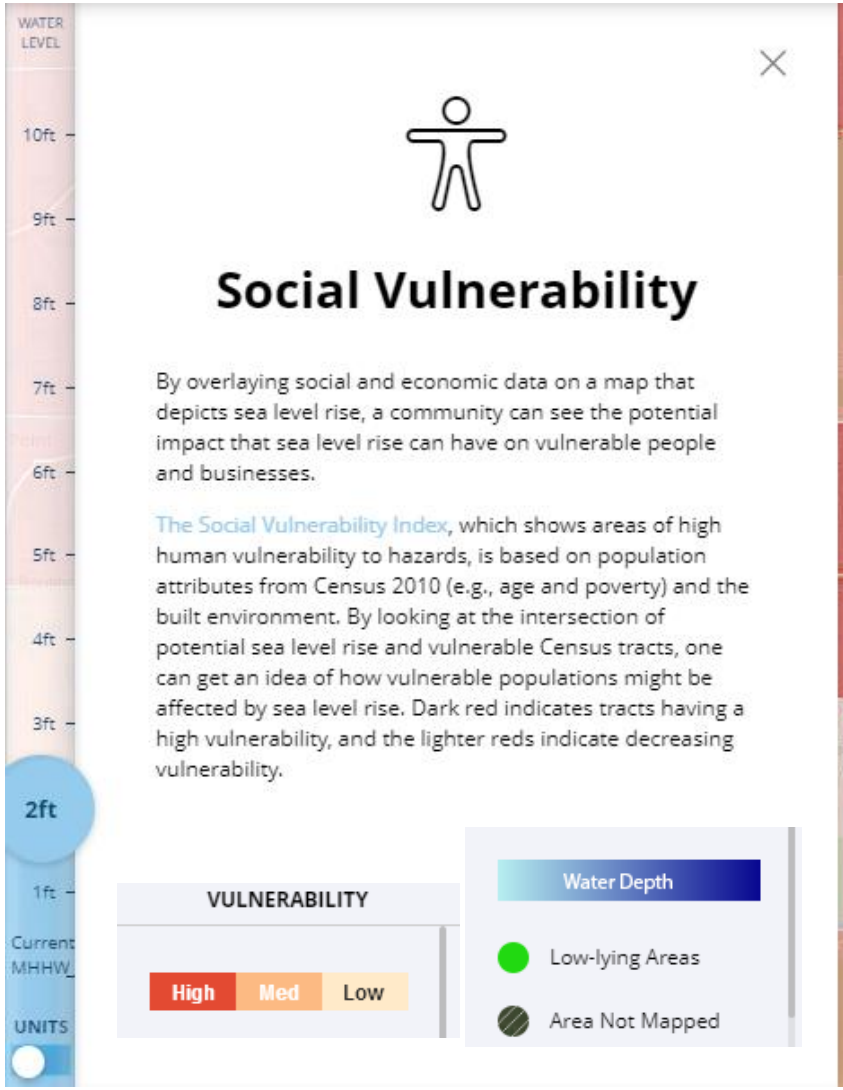
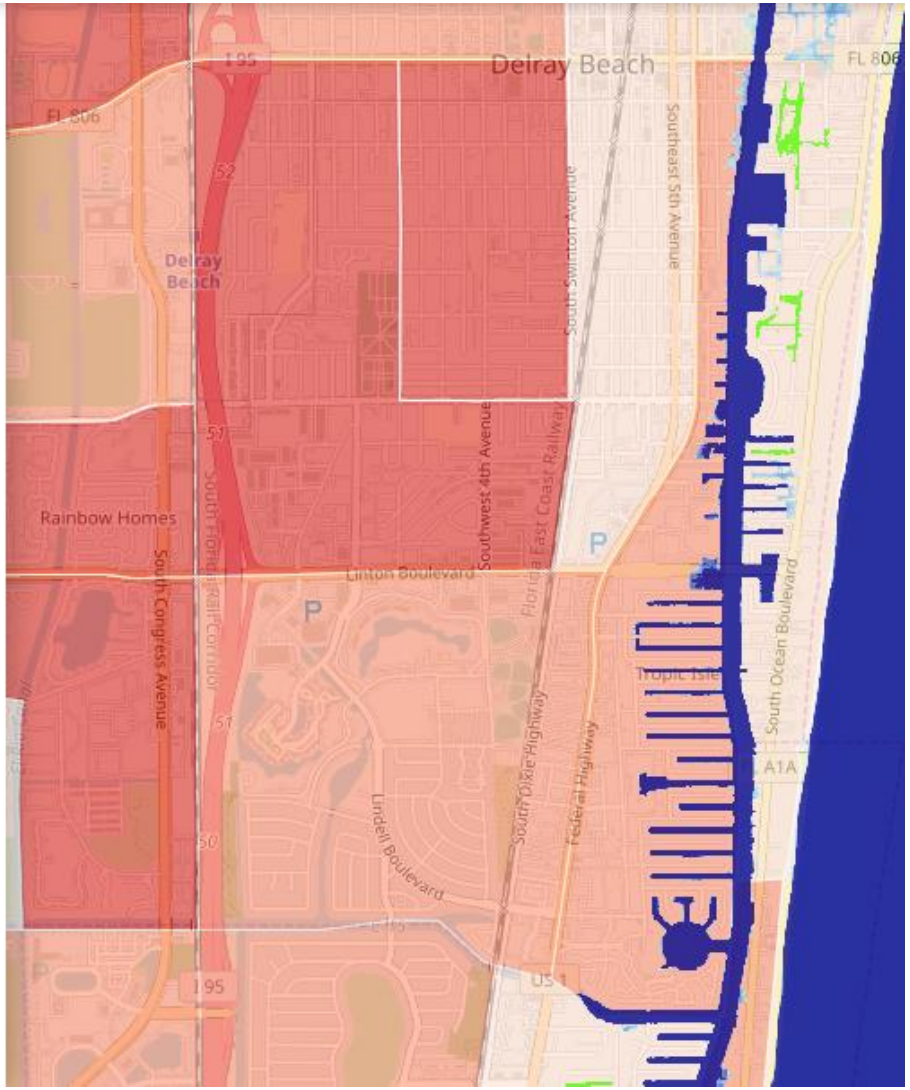
Upcoming:

Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis for SE Palm Beach County

The Palm Beach Post

[“Palm Beach County, cities band together to study climate change vulnerabilities”]





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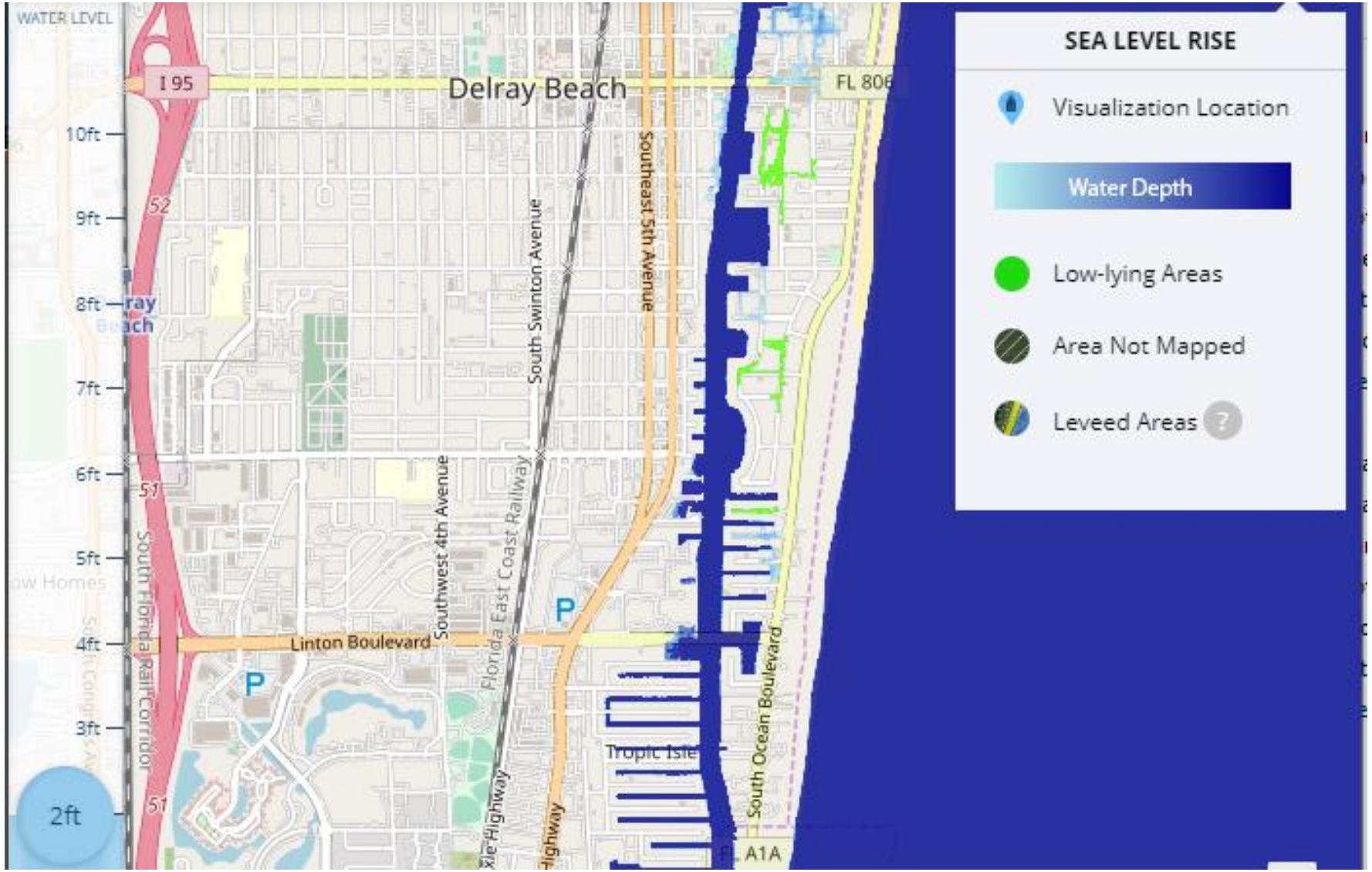

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