



Winthrop, MA

Background Information



April 6, 2018

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- Population: 17,497 (as of 2010 Census)
- Located on a peninsula
- 1.6 square miles | 7 mile shoreline
- Connected to Revere by a narrow piece of land and to East Boston by a bridge over the Belle Isle Marsh
- Densely populated
- One of the oldest communities in the United States (settled in 1630)



Winthrop Age Distribution

- Median Age in 2010: 43.7

Table 3				
Age Distribution: 2000 and 2010				
Age Group	2000 Number	2000 Percentage	2010 Number	2010 Percentage
Under 5 years	906	4.95	886	5.06
5 to 9 years	947	5.17	850	4.85
10 to 14 years	1,020	5.57	871	4.97
15 to 19 years	900	4.92	893	5.10
20 to 24 years	970	5.30	894	5.10
25 to 34 years	2,820	15.41	2,150	12.27
35 to 44 years	3,248	17.75	2,551	14.56
45 to 54 years	2,697	14.74	2,974	16.98
55 to 59 years	1,029	5.62	1,300	7.42
60 to 64 years	742	4.05	1,234	7.04
65 to 74 years	1,443	7.88	1,518	8.67
75 to 84 years	1,140	6.23	987	5.63
85 years and over	441	2.41	409	2.33
Total	18,303	100.00	17,517	100.00
Source: U.S. Census				

Population Projections

- Population projected to get older
- Slight increase in age 25 – 34

Table 9
Population Projections by Age Group: 2010-2030

Age Range	2010	2020	2030	Change 2010- 2020
00-04	884	896	909	+12
05-09	880	838	889	-42
10-14	978	892	905	-86
15-19	949	835	763	-114
20-24	1,109	1,043	921	-66
25-29	1,194	1,344	1,187	+150
30-34	1,120	1,280	1,222	+160
35-39	1,355	1,285	1,477	-70
40-44	1,534	1,231	1,412	-303
45-49	1,487	1,158	1,082	-329
50-54	1,479	1,383	1,115	-96
55-59	1,154	1,289	986	+135
60-64	926	1,069	952	+143
65-69	752	994	1,094	+242
70-74	607	919	1,063	+312
75-79	570	687	911	+117
80-85	505	449	687	-56
85+	642	638	731	-4

Environmental Justice Population – English Isolation



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- Minority
- Income
- English Isolation
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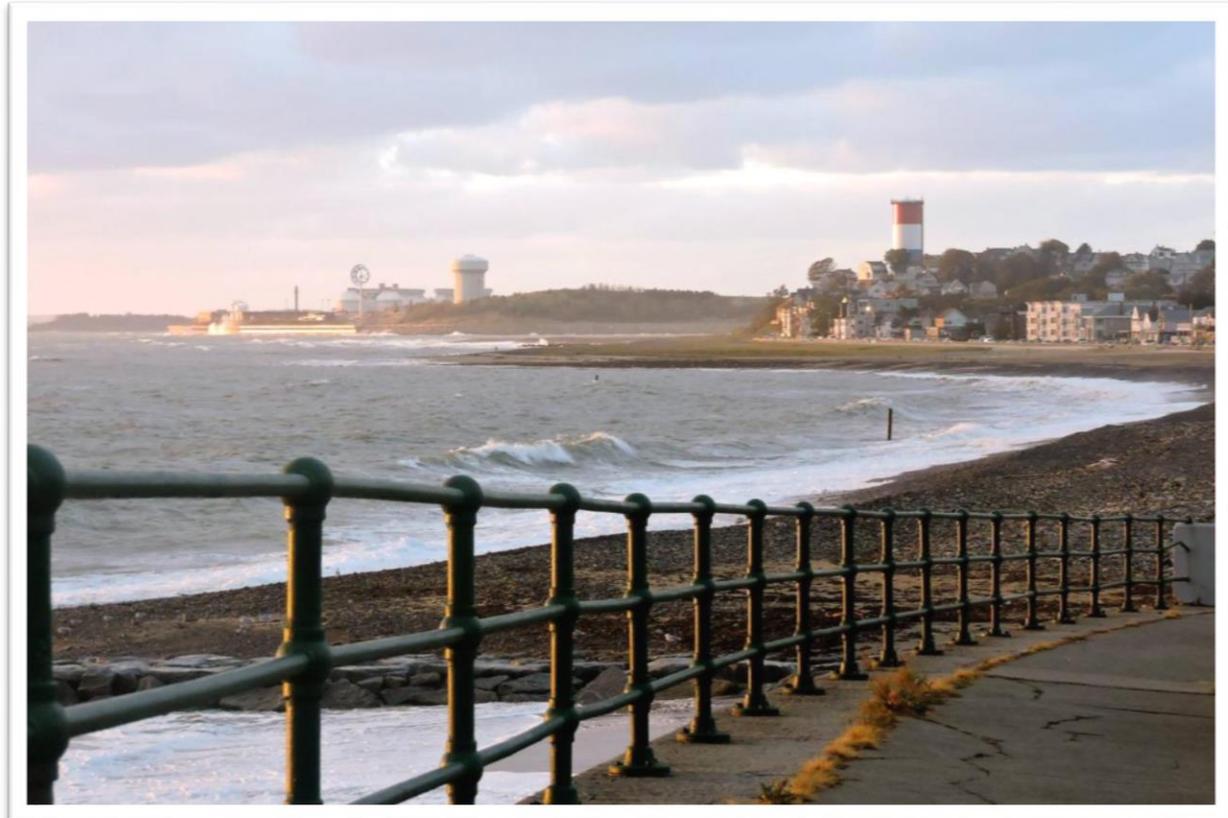
Background Information

- Winthrop is the only landside connection to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant
- The plant removes human, household, business and industrial pollutants from wastewater that originates in homes and businesses in 43 greater Boston communities.



Transportation, Water, Sewer & Solid Waste

- Winthrop is served by State Route 145 which connects community to Revere.
- Served by bus service.
- Water is supplied by the MWRA.
 - The Town maintains an extensive distribution system.
- Sewer is Town owned and maintained – connects to MWRA interceptor and is treated at Deer Island.
- Curbside solid waste recycling contract managed by DPW.



Environmental Features

- Located in Mystic River Watershed.
- Only body of surface water in town is Lewis Lake.
- Home to a portion of Belle Isle Marsh – the last remaining salt marsh in the metro Boston area.
- Major wetland areas in Town are all coastal/tidal.



Environmental/Natural Features & Parks

- Winthrop Beach
- Yirrell Beach
- Donovan's Beach
- Pico Playground & Beach
- Fisherman's Bend
- Belle Isle Marsh
- Lewis Lake/Winthrop Golf Club
- Coughlin Park
- Ingleside Park



Severe Weather

- 16 coastal flood events between 2006 – 2014 resulting in over \$3M in property damage
 - **3 coastal flood events during the first quarter of 2018!**
- 40 heavy snowfall events between 1996 – 2014
- 10 severe winter storms recorded between 1978 – 2013 – seven of which occurred after the year 2000

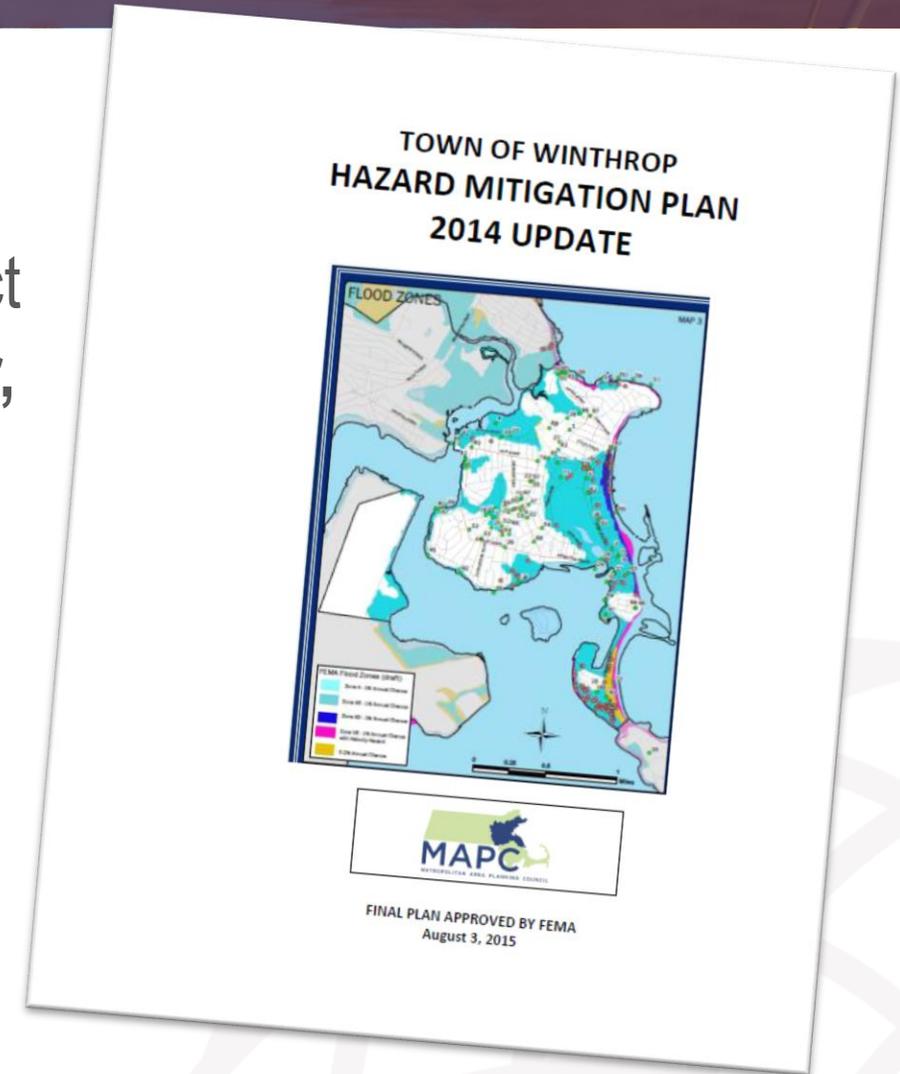


Winthrop Hazard Mitigation Plan

- FEMA Approved
- Identifies the following natural hazards that impact Winthrop: **flooding, wind, hurricane, nor'easter, wildfire, tornado, landslide, earthquake**

Hazard Mitigation Goals

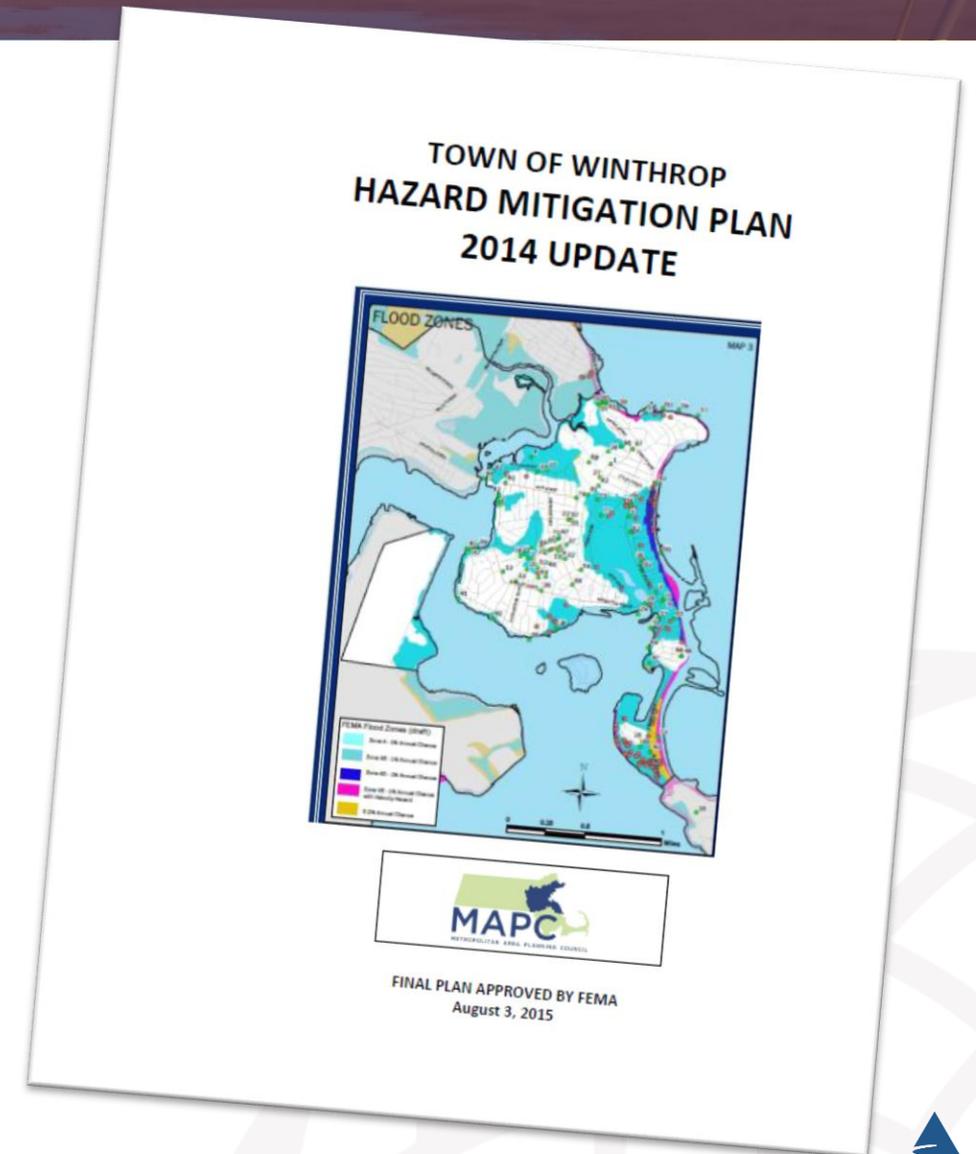
1. Ensure that critical infrastructure sites are protected from natural hazards.
2. Protect existing residential and business areas from flooding.
3. Maintain existing mitigation infrastructure in good condition.
4. Continue to enforce existing zoning and building regulations.
5. Educate the public about zoning, flooding and building regulations, particularly with regard to changes in regulations that may affect tear-downs and new construction.
6. Encourage future development in areas that are not prone to natural hazards.
7. Educate the public about natural hazards and mitigation measures.
8. Make efficient use of public funds for hazard mitigation.
9. Protect the Town's ability to respond to various natural hazard events.



Winthrop Hazard Mitigation Plan

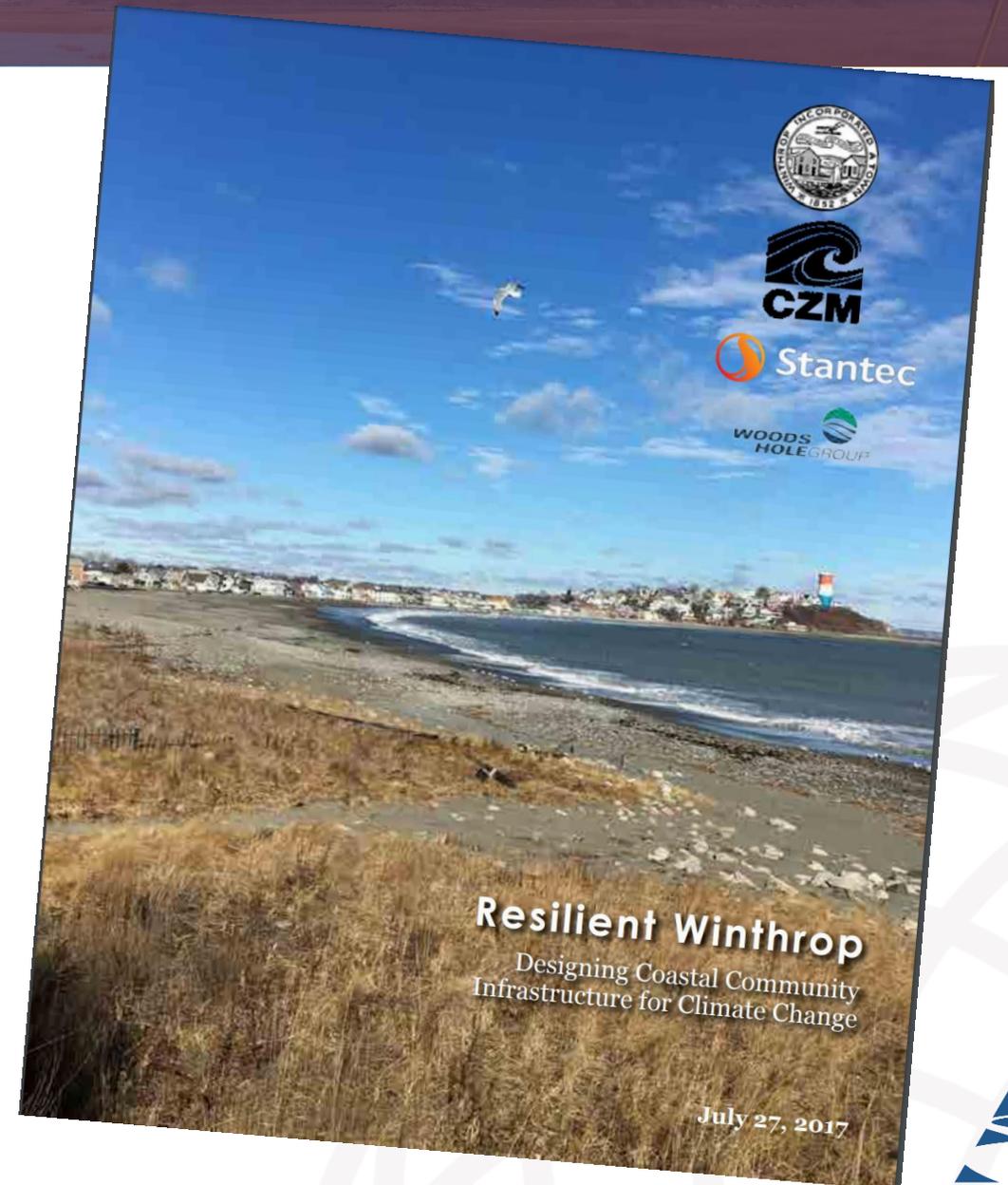
Highlighted Potential Hazard Mitigation Actions

- Complete the Yirrell Beach seawall extension.
- Upgrade the storm drain system in the area between Winthrop Shore Drive and Lewis Lake.
- Add coastal storm surge and flooding protection for the Shirley Street neighborhood adjacent to Winthrop Shore Drive.
- Complete the drainage assessment at Ingleside Park and upgrade existing drainage infrastructure.
- Provide for more frequent maintenance of Town-owned drainage infrastructure.
- Finish mapping all stormwater outfalls and catch basins on GIS.
- Incorporate hazard education awareness, mitigation planning and natural hazard incentives into Town planning and community development operations.



Resilient Winthrop

- Goal of project to identify and prioritize critical public infrastructure and explore adaptation measures to improve infrastructure and natural resource resilience in a number of future conditions.
- Within mapped coastal flooding areas are critical public infrastructure assets/facilities that support daily life in Winthrop
 - Sewer Pump Stations, Evacuation Routes, Substation, Pressure Reducing Valve Stations, Winthrop High School, Fire Station, Town Landing, others...



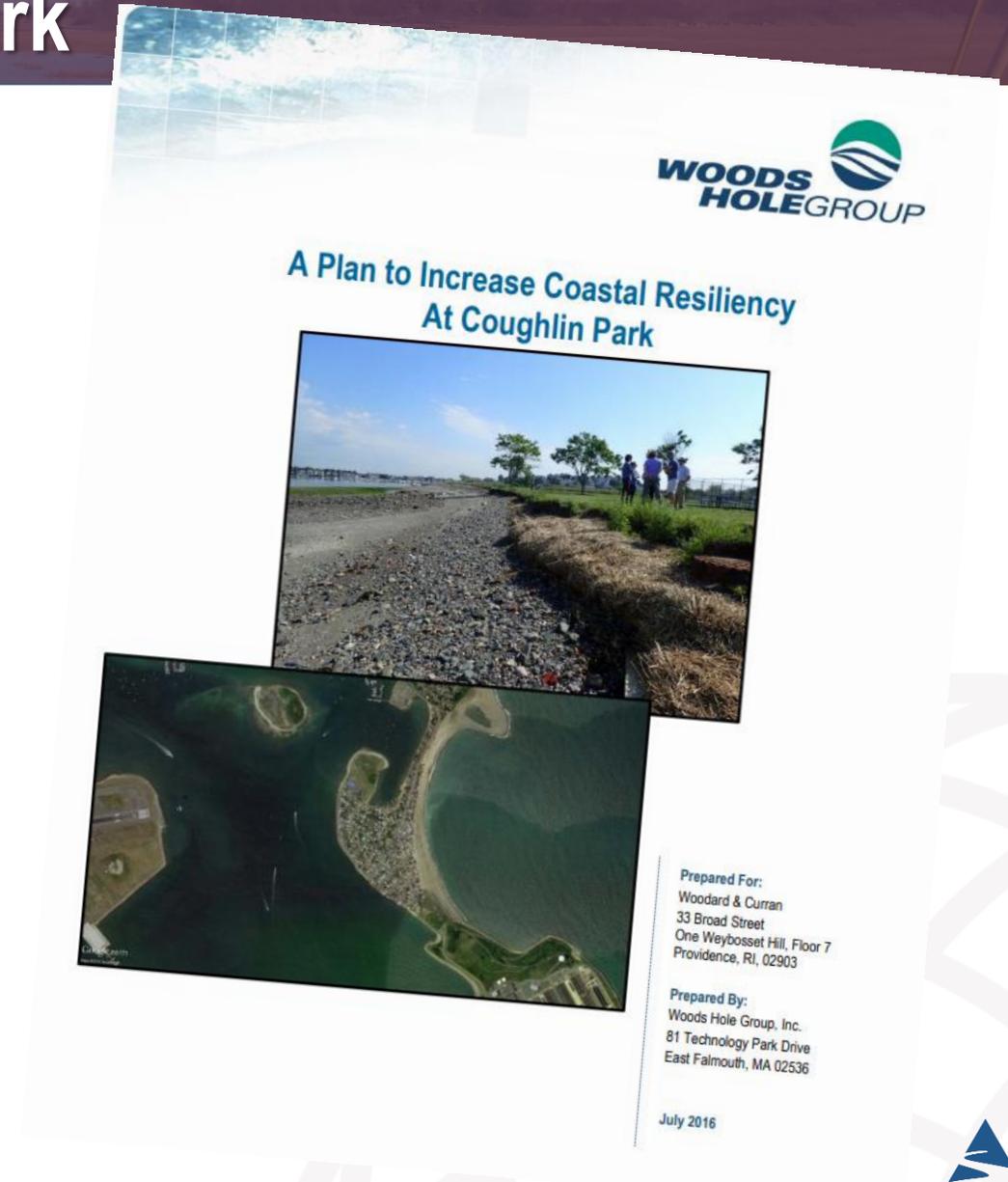
Critical Public Infrastructure

- A** Beach Fire Station
- B** Belle Isle Bridge
- C** Loring Rd. Boat Ramp
- D** Main Street (evacuation route)
- E** Pico Sewer Pump Station
- F** Pleasant Court Sewer Pump Station
- G** Pleasant Street (evacuation route)
- H** Power Substation (Argyle Street)
- I** Pressure Reducing Valve Station (Bayview Ave)
- J** Pressure Reducing Valve Station (Revere St)
- K** Pressure Reducing Valve Station (Underhill St)
- L** Public Landing
- M** Revere St. Sewer Pump Station
- N** Shirley Street (evacuation route)
- O** Washington Street (evacuation route)
- P** Winthrop High School



Coastal Resiliency at Coughlin Park

- Specific plan to increase resiliency at Coughlin Park.
- Report evaluated installations that could help slow erosion and identified green infrastructure along the western shoreline as the best alternative to increase coastal resilience of the park.



Other Work in Winthrop

- Winthrop Harbor Plan
- Improvements along Winthrop Shore Drive, Winthrop Beach, Tafts Avenue, Lewis Lake
- Community Development Plan

Winthrop Harbor Assessment and Plan



Prepared for:

The Town of Winthrop, Massachusetts

Prepared by:

The Cecil Group

with

**FXM Associates
Vine Associates**

April 2005

Winthrop Harbor Assessment and Plan
The Cecil Group

Report

Other Work in Winthrop

- Sewer improvements on Putnam Street, Putnam Place and Walden Street. Project included water main replacement on Jefferson Street and Fremont Street and upgrades to a section of the drainage system at the intersection of Jefferson Street and Putnam Street.
- Sewer, water, drain and sidewalk improvements on Walden Street, Lincoln Street, Read Street, Walden Place and Jerald Street. Drainage improvements included upgrading existing drainage to increase capacity in portions of Walden St., Lincoln St. and approximately 550 LF along Brookfield Rd. to the outfall structure at Donovan's Beach.
- Water main, drain and sewer improvements on Bellevue Avenue, Prescott Street, Somerset Avenue, Nahant Avenue and Sewall Avenue.
- Water main improvements with some sewer repairs on Plummer Ave., Woodside Ave, Woodside Park, Frances St., Sunnyside Ave, Pico Ave, Corinha Beach Rd. and throughout the neighborhoods surrounding the water tower.
- Sewer and water main improvements on Franklin Street and Harvard Street.

Other Work in Winthrop

- Water main on Central Street, South Main Street, Hutchinson Street, Taylor Street and Underhill Street. Drainage improvements on Taylor Street and Hadassah Way. Pavement and sidewalk improvements on Winthrop Street.
- Lewis Lake Tide Gate – Replace existing failed automated tide gate with new automated tide gate. Provided a manually operated tide gate on seaward side to provide needed redundancy.
- Miller Field/Lewis Lake Drainage and Site Improvements: Complete renovation of Miller Field including site drainage improvements and improvements to swales along the Veterans Road and Cross Street at the Winthrop Golf Club.
- Various water and sewer emergency repairs.
- Current projects include infrastructure improvements in the Centre Business District and shoreline stabilization at Coughlin Park.

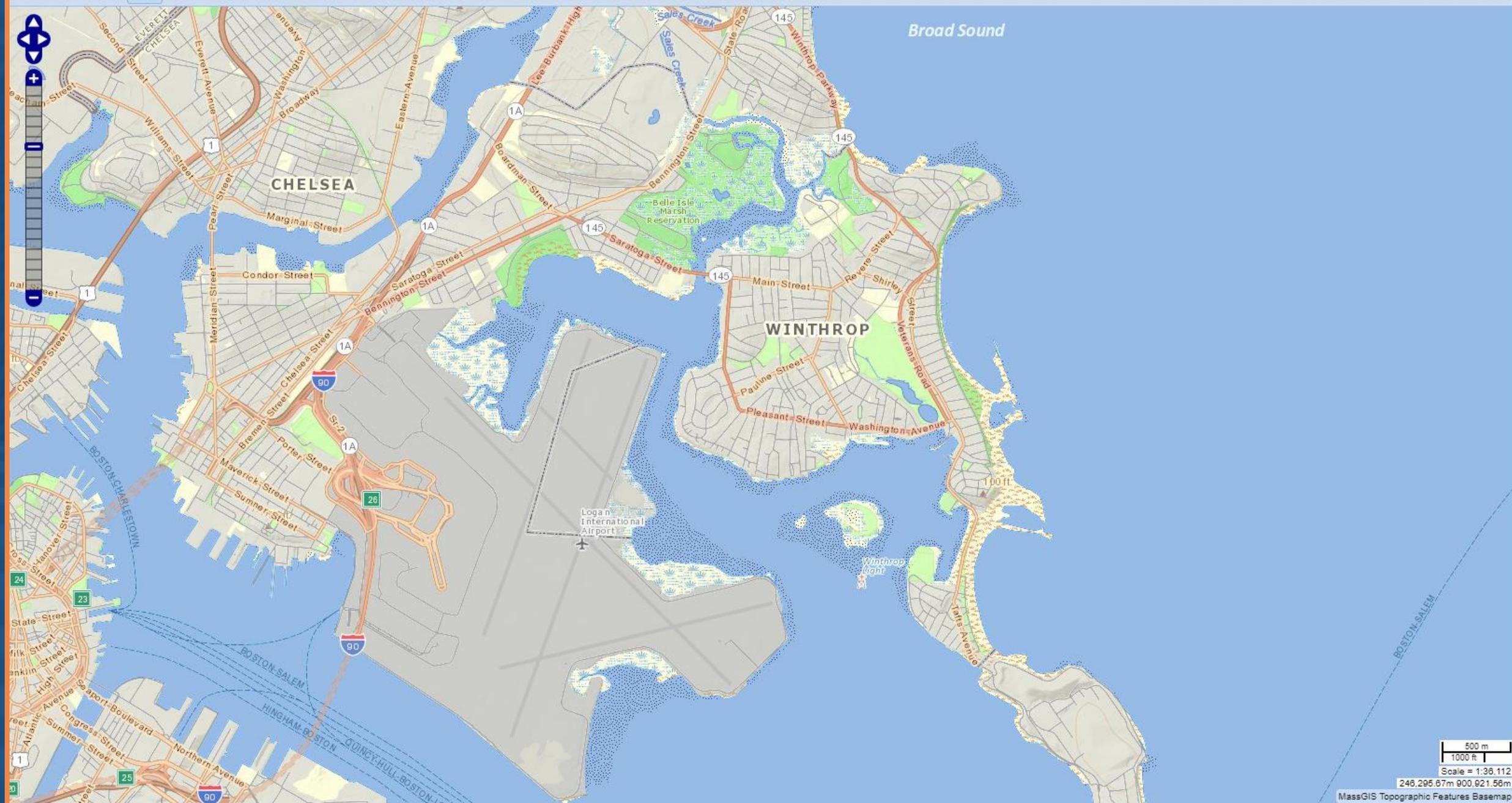
Severe Weather

- Areas of local flooding include:
 - Yirrell Beach
 - Nahant Avenue
 - Belle Isle Marsh
 - Winthrop Beach
 - Point Shirley
 - Lewis Lake
 - Ingleside Park
 - Lower Nahant Avenue
 - Coughlin Park
 - Fisherman's Bend Marsh
 - Pico Avenue
 - Morton Street



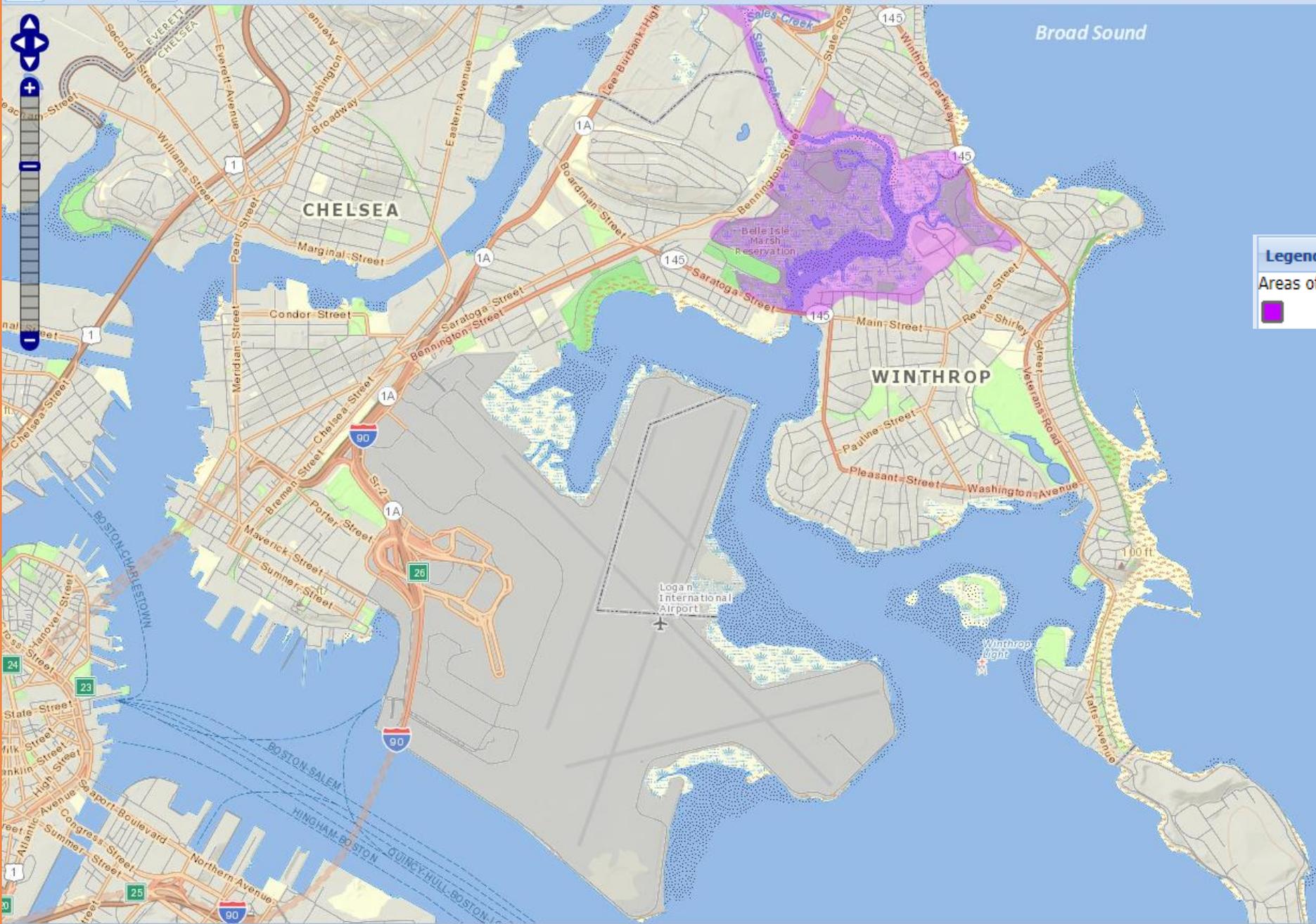
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- Flooding at Jefferson Street/Putnam Street intersection: Previous improvements helped reduce the frequency of flooding in this area. Additional infrastructure improvements planned under the Centre Business District project are designed to provide additional capacity for larger storm events.
- Ingleside Park/Walden Street: Area floods when intense storm events coincide with rising tides. Previous improvements have reportedly helped alleviate the frequency and duration of flooding in this area. Additional improvements to the outfall and outfall structure at Donovan's Beach and the drainage system in Ingleside Park have been recommended to further alleviate flooding issues.
- Flooding continues at the Winthrop Golf Course. Grading proposed to improve these conditions under the Miller Field/Lewis Lake Drainage and Site Improvements project were not constructed due to funding concerns.
- Morton Street, Pico Avenue, Washington Avenue and Shirley Street: Significant flooding has occurred in these areas during recent storms. The Town will be evaluating options to improve these conditions.
- Coughlin Park shoreline: Significant erosion continues to occur along this shoreline. The Town is in the process of permitting improvements for a shoreline stabilization project. Construction of these improvements is anticipated to begin in late 2018 or early 2019.



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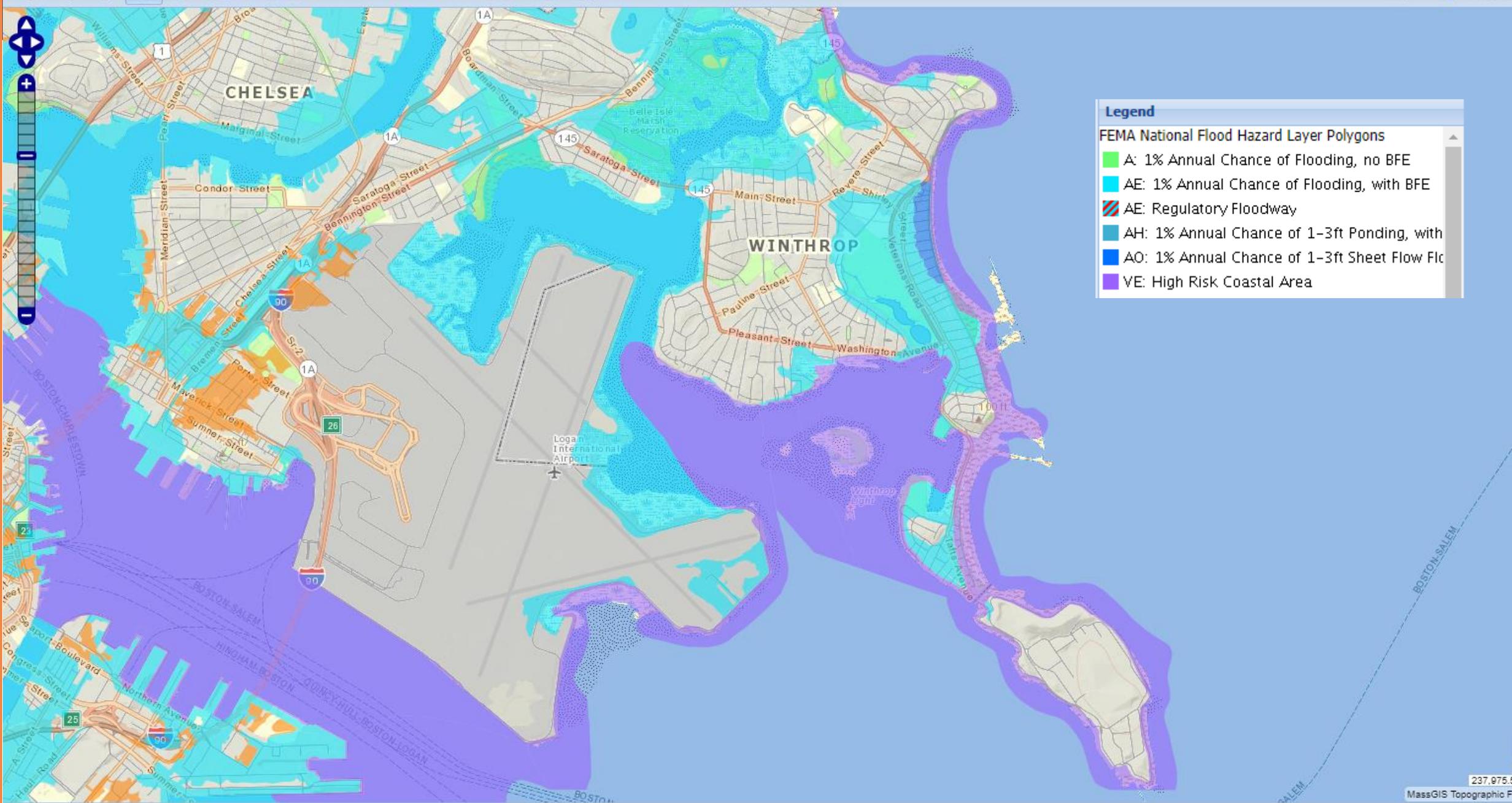
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Areas of Critical Environmental Concern ACECs



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- NHEP Natural Communities
- NHEP Priority Habitats of Rare Species
- NHEP Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife





Legend

Hurricane Surge Inundation Zones

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 3
- Category 4

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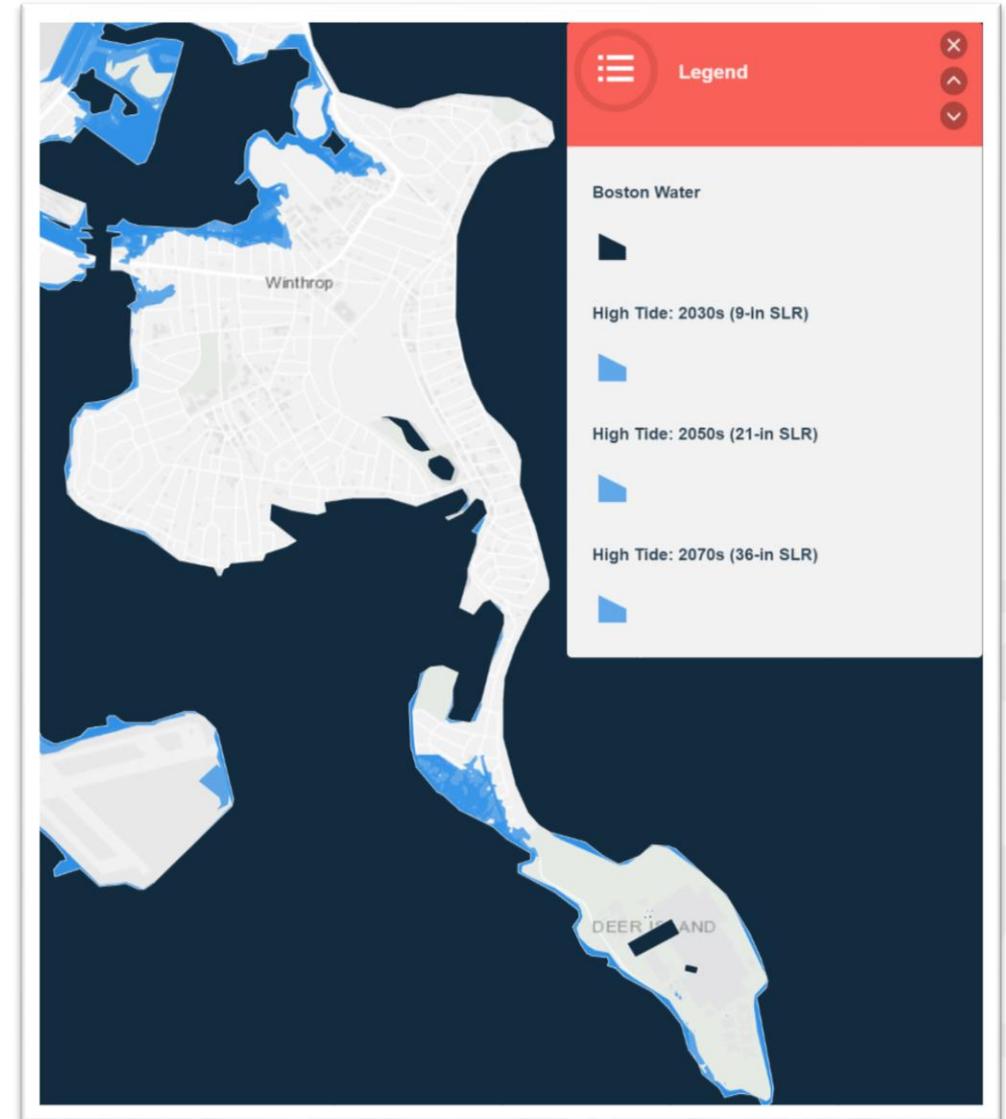
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An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely New York City, showing a dense urban skyline in the background, a large body of water in the middle ground, and a residential area in the foreground. A semi-transparent grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?".

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

Flood Risk

- According to Boston Harbor Flood Risk Model – 480 acres (45%) of Winthrop’s 1.6 miles is within a coastal flooding area.
- By 2070, 800 acres (60%) will be within a coastal flooding area.
- The flood area does not expand dramatically, but the depth of flooding during a storm event DOES.



Areas of Probable Flooding

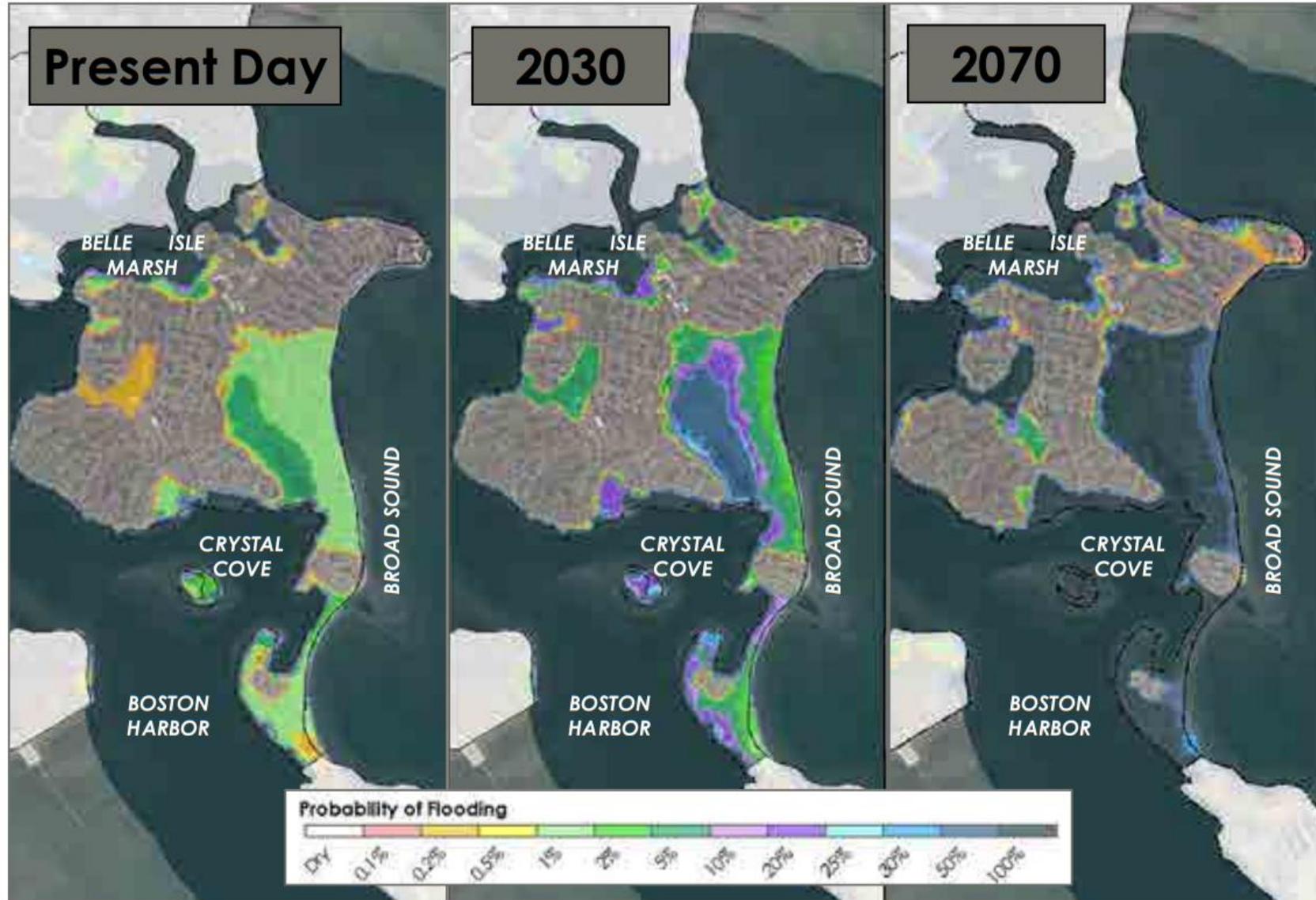


Figure 3-3 Winthrop Areas of Probable Flooding

Depth of Flooding (1% Change Water Level)

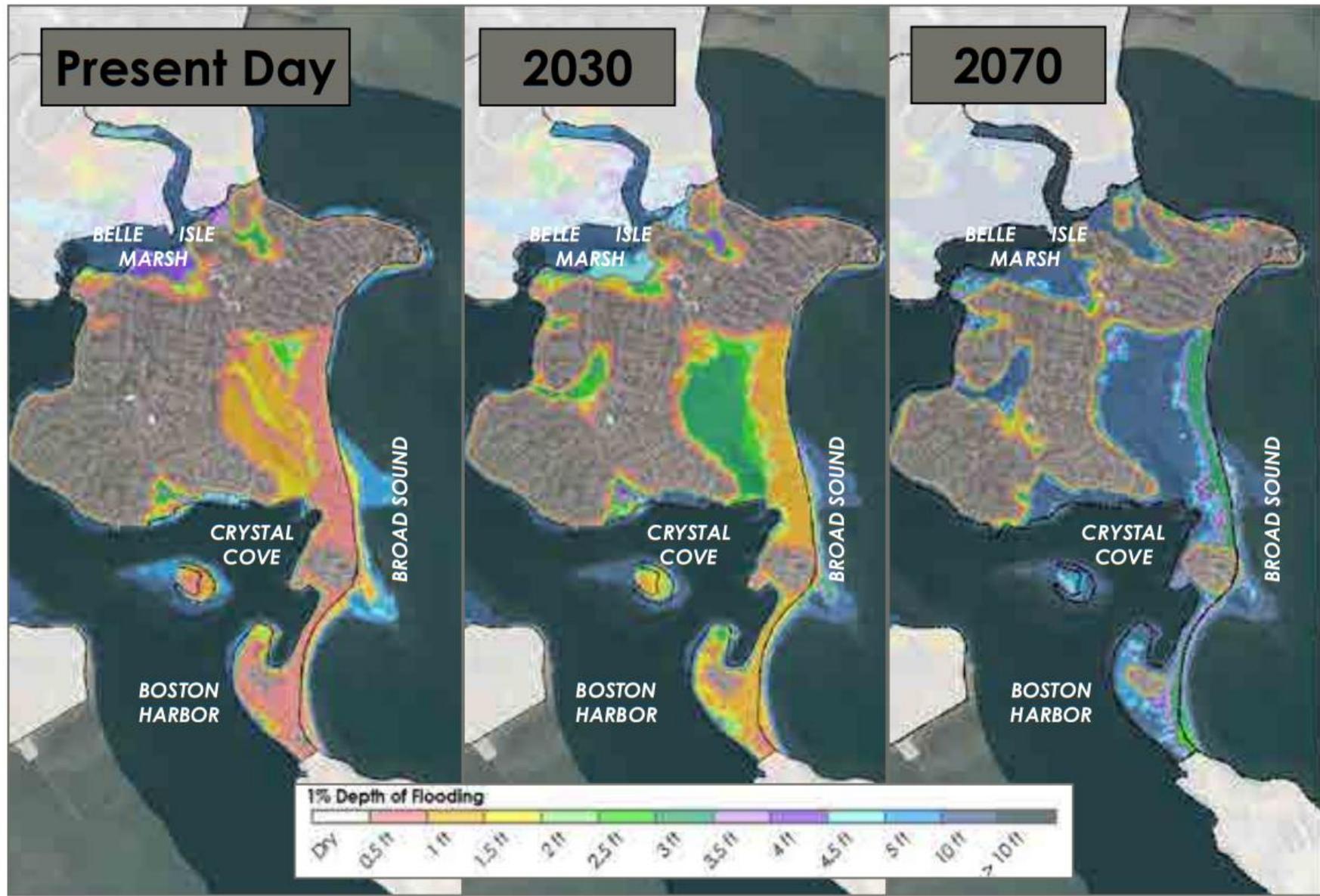
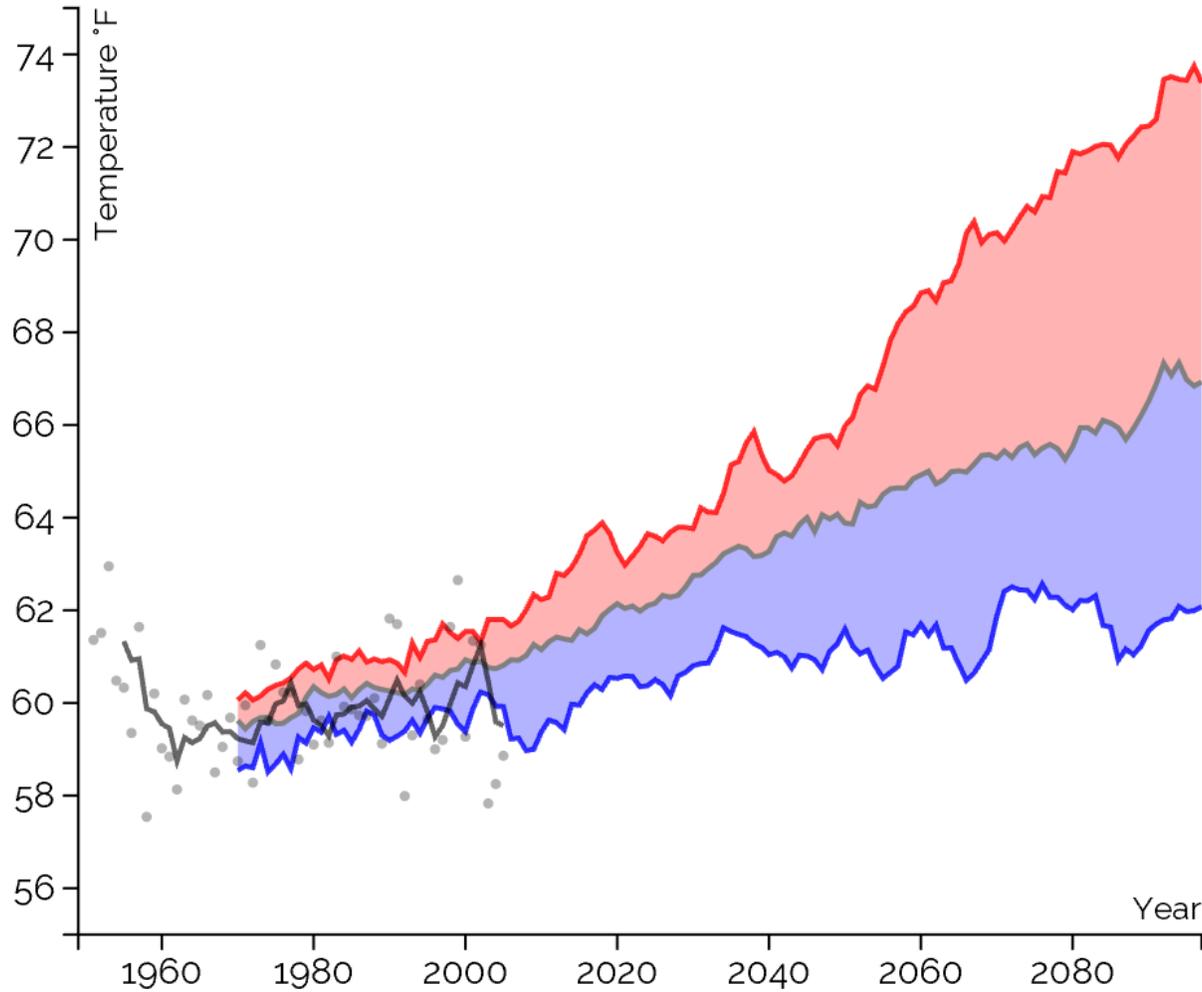


Figure 3-4 Winthrop Depth of Flooding (1% Chance water level)

Annual Maximum Temperature

Annual Maximum Temperature
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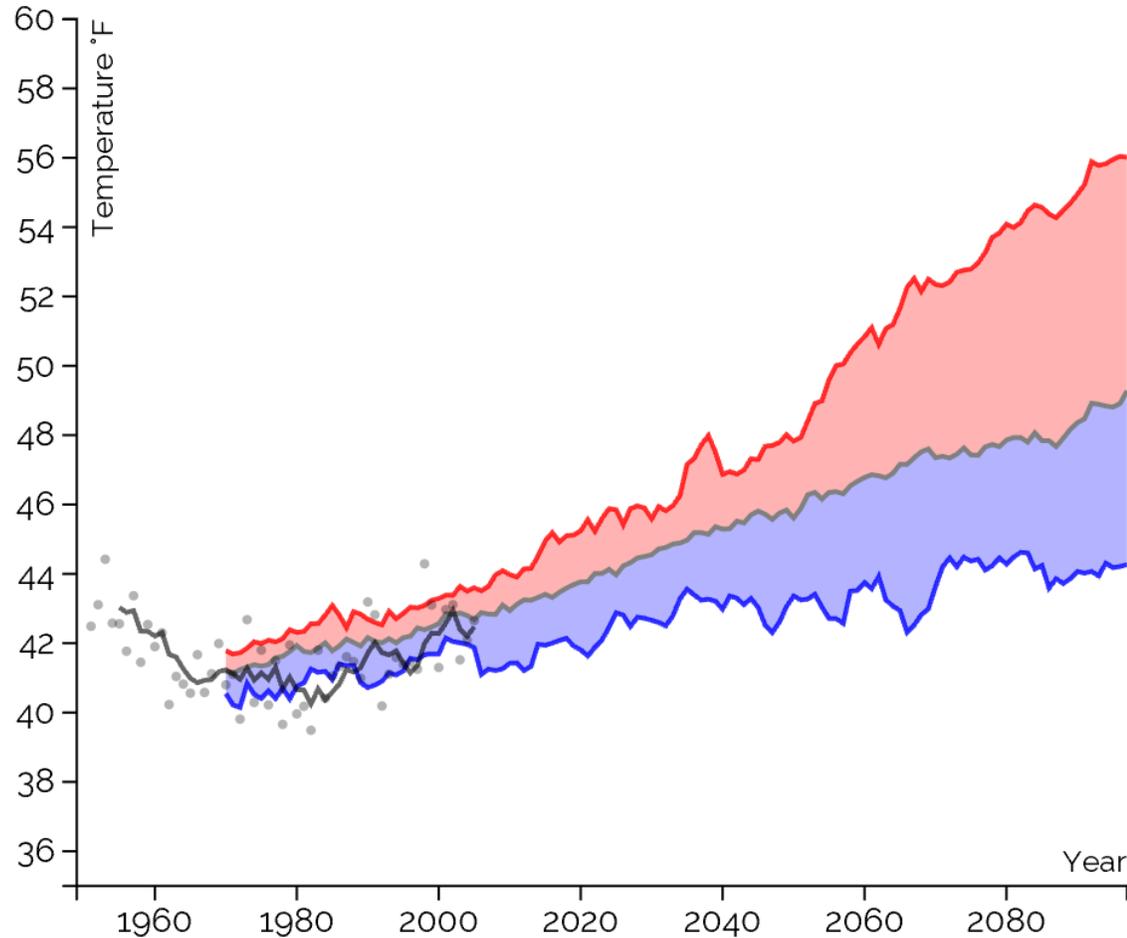


Observed		°F
5-yr Mean		
Modeled °F 2056-2060		
Max	68.44	
Median	64.64	
Min	61.53	
Changes from 1971-2000 for:		
2020 -	3.40°	
2049	F	
2040 -	4.64°	
2069	F	
2060 -	5.69°	
2089	F	
2080 -	6.38°	
2097	F	



Annual Minimum Temperature

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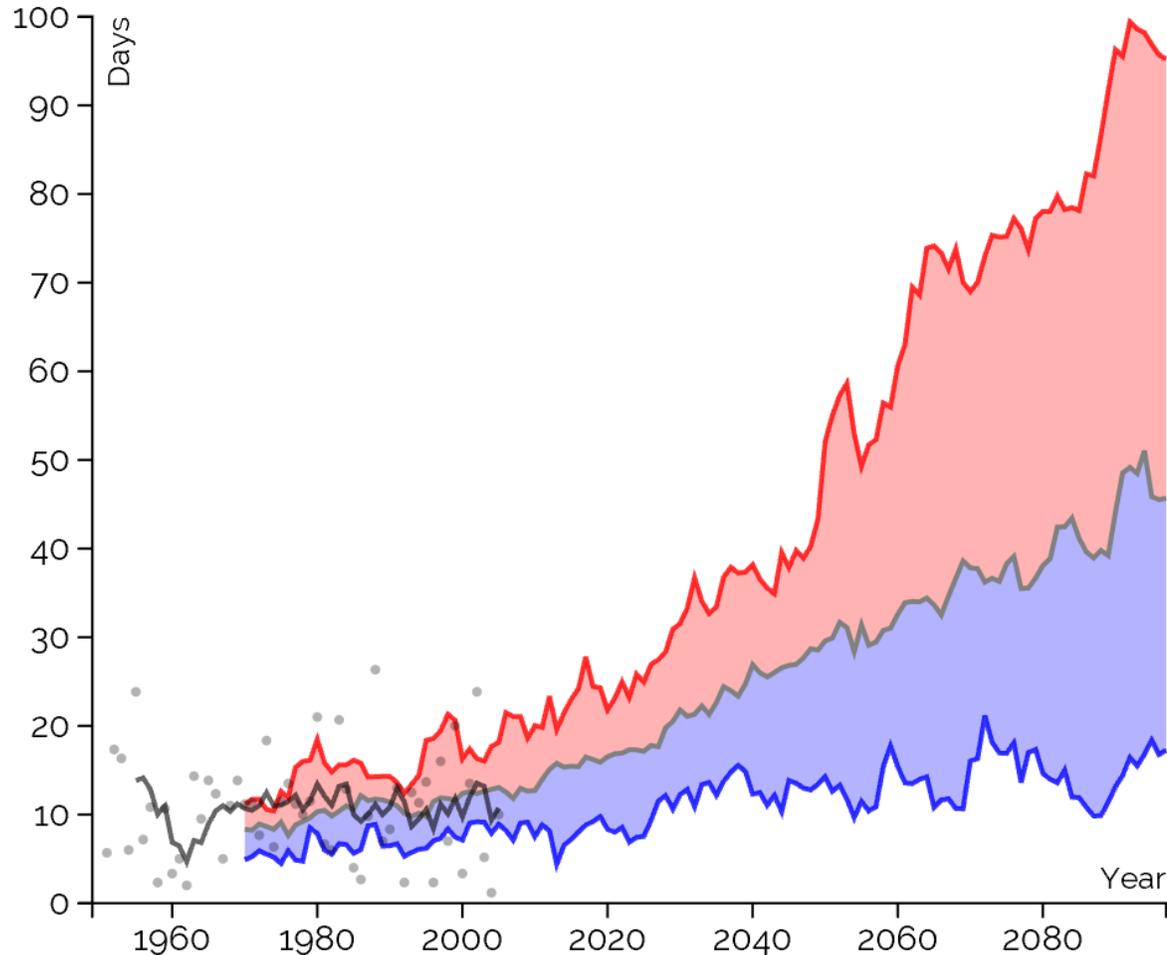


Observed		°F
5-yr Mean		
Modeled °F 2066-2070		
Max	52.15	
Median	47.52	
Min	42.82	
Changes from 1971-2000 for:		
2020 -	3.62°	
2049	F	
2040 -	5.02°	
2069	F	
2060 -	6.25°	
2089	F	
2080 -	6.81°	
2097	F	



Annual Days With Maximum Temperature Above 90

Annual Days with Maximum Temperature Above 90°F
Suffolk County, MA

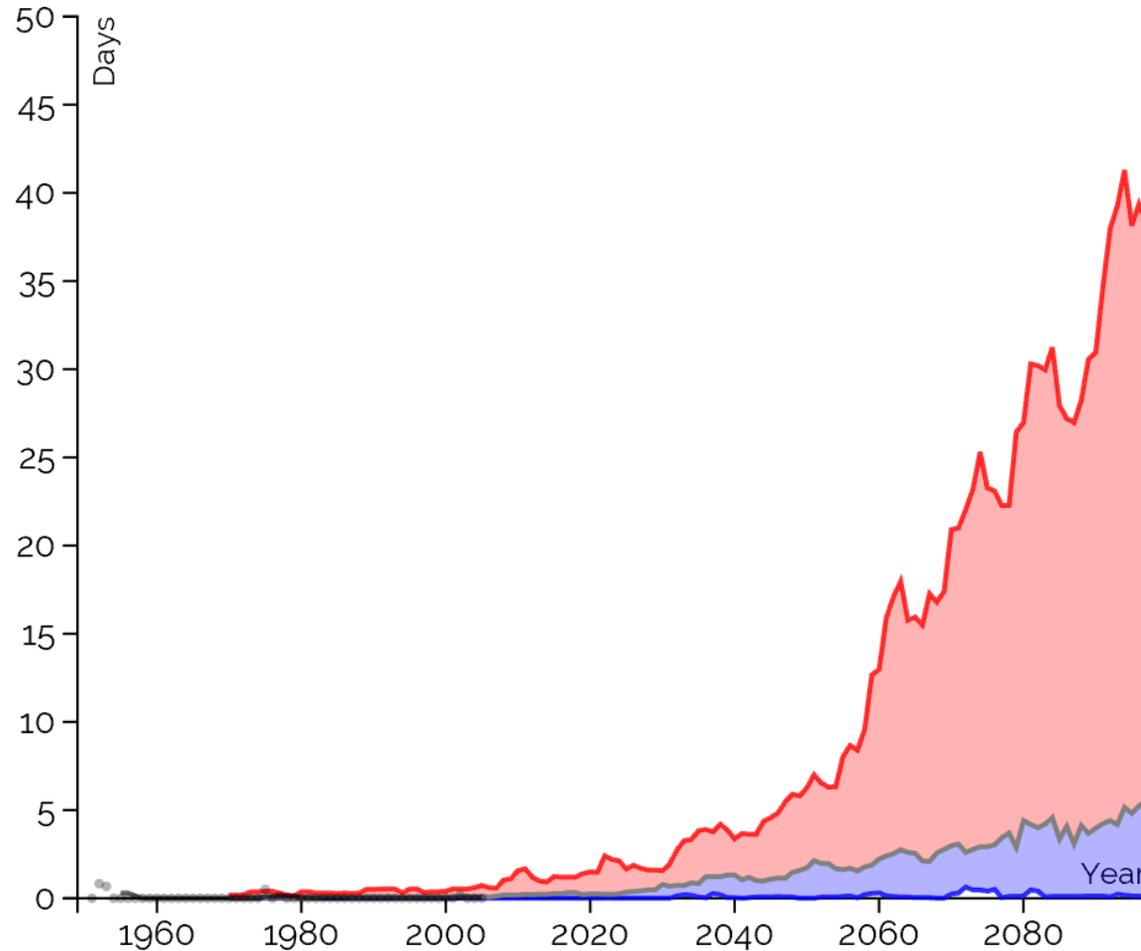


Observed		days
5-yr Mean		
Modeled days 2094-2098		
Max	95.7	
Median	45.52	
Min	16.77	
Changes from 1971-2000 for:		
2020 -	11.19	
2049	days	
2040 -	19.09	
2069	days	
2060 -	25.96	
2089	days	
2080 -	31.69	
2097	days	



Annual Days With Maximum Temperature Above 100

Annual Days with Maximum Temperature Above 100°F
Suffolk County, MA

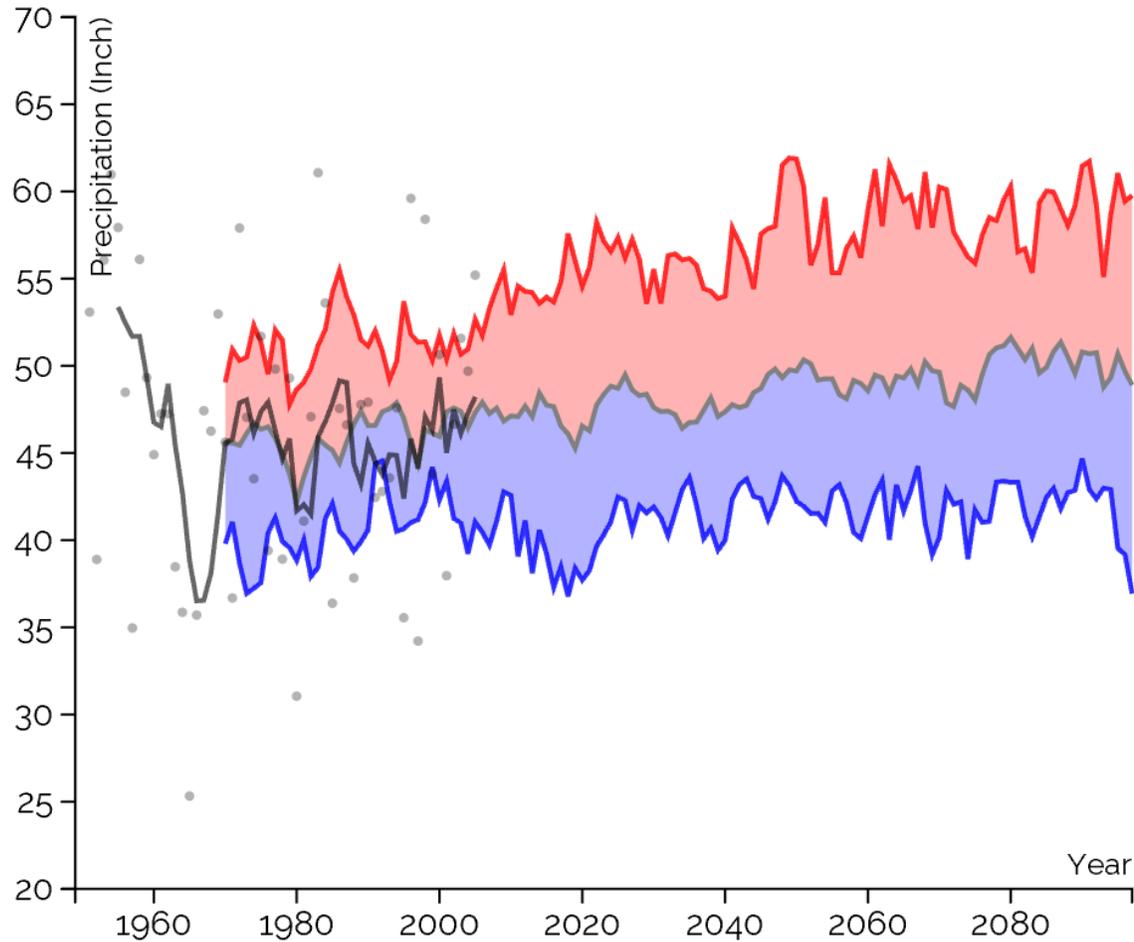


Observed		days
5-yr Mean		
Modeled days 2077-2081		
Max	26.44	
Median	2.88	
Min	0.1	
Changes from 1971-2000 for:		
2020 -	0.85days	
2049 -	1.75days	
2060 -	2.95days	
2080 -	4.19days	
2097 -		



Annual Total Precipitation

Annual Total Precipitation
Suffolk County, MA



Observed	
Inches	
5-yr Mean	
Modeled Inches	
Max	
Median	
Min	
Changes from 1971-2000 for:	
2020 - 2049	0.94"
2040 - 2069	2.42"
2060 - 2089	2.78"
2080 - 2097	3.77"



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