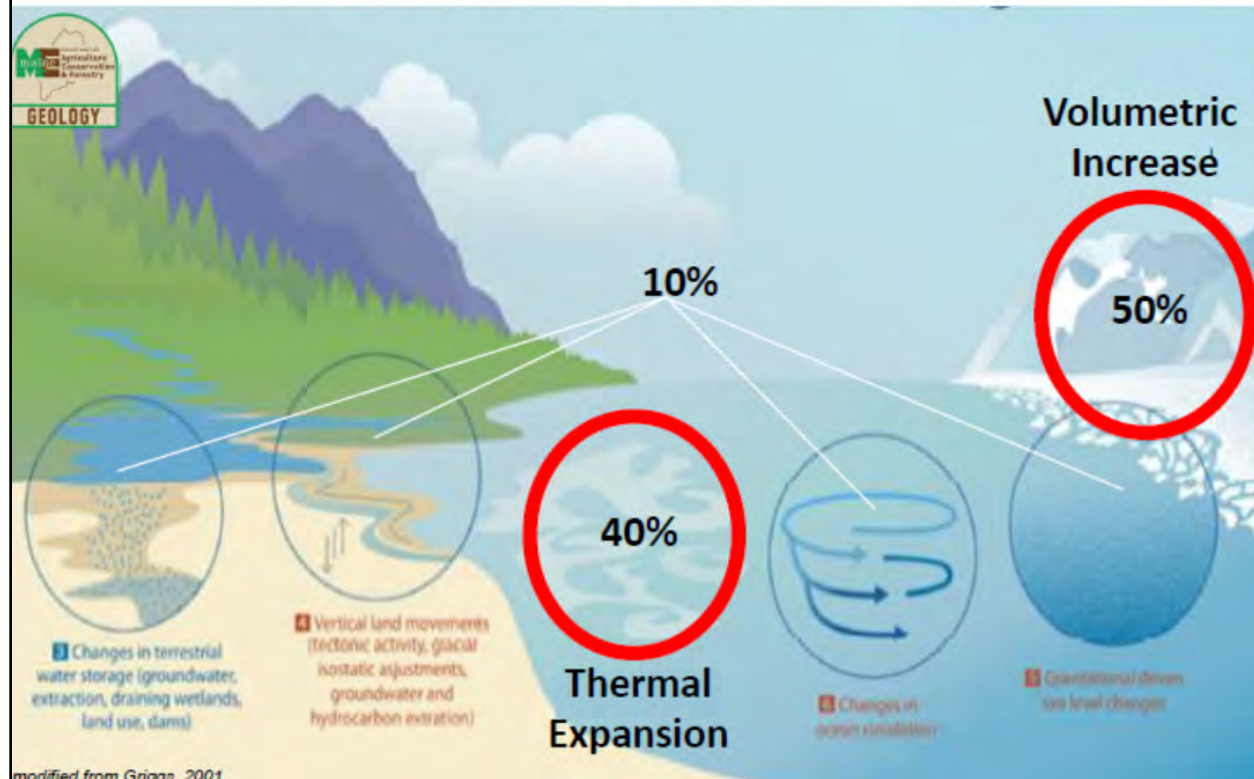


# SEA LEVEL RISE: IMPACTS AND PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE IN COASTAL LINCOLN COUNTY



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# What causes the **global** sea level changes that we are seeing today?

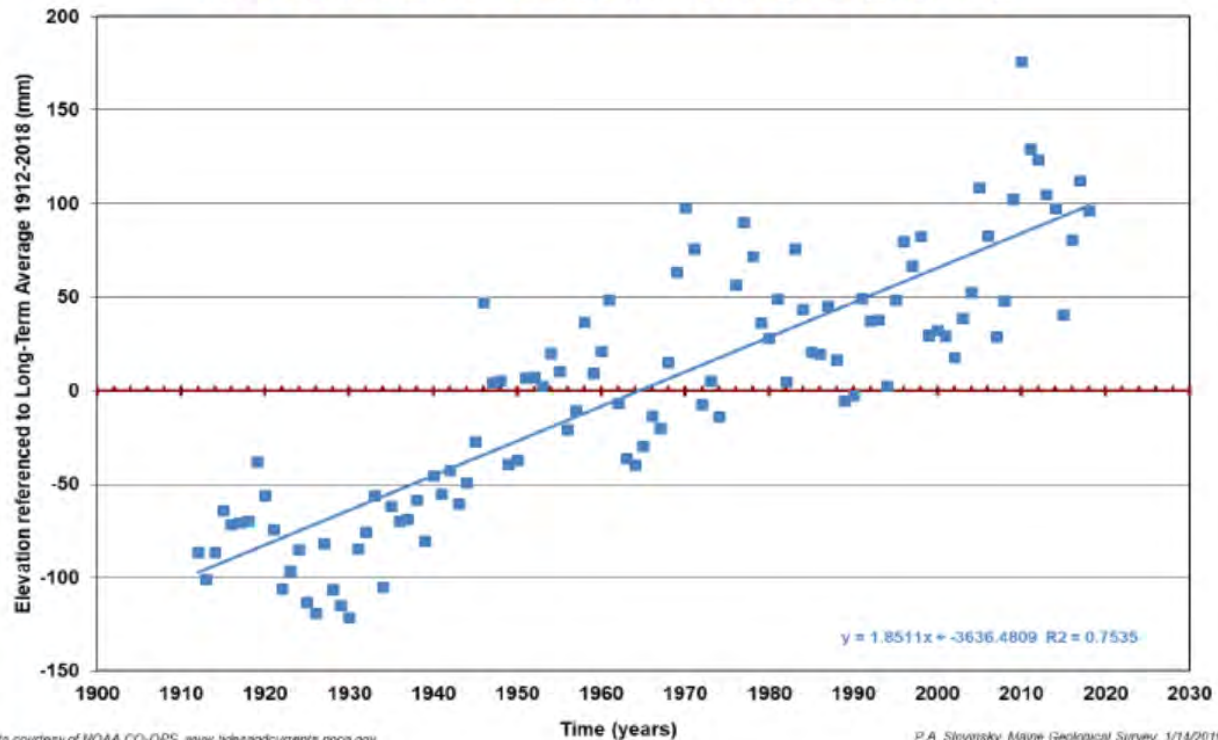


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## Locally, sea level is rising in the long term...

Annual Sea Levels, NOAA Station 8418150, PORTLAND 1912-2018

1912-2018 average:  $1.85 \pm 0.1$  mm per year or 0.61 ft (7.29 in) per century



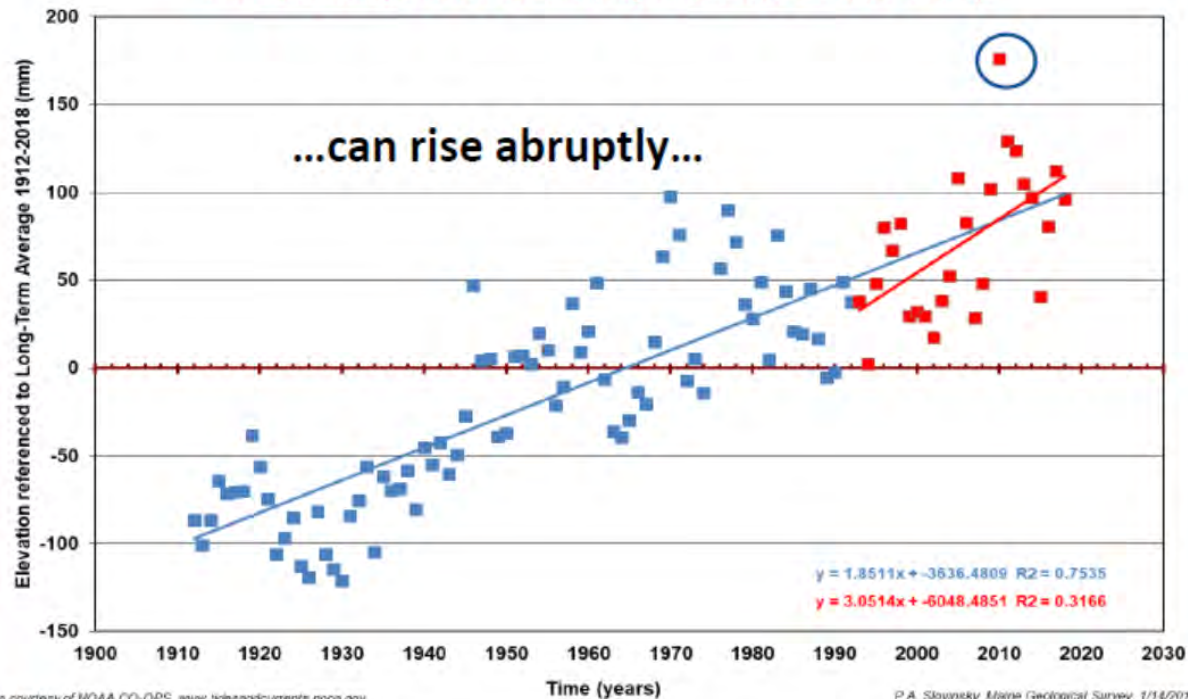
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...is rising faster in the short term...

Annual Sea Levels, NOAA Station 8418150, PORTLAND 1912-2018

1912-2018 average:  $1.85 \pm 0.1$  mm per year or 0.61 ft (7.29 in) per century

1993-2018 average:  $3.05 \pm 0.92$  mm per year or 1 ft (12.01 in) per century



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***Four*** of the highest monthly sea levels since  
**1912** occurred in winter **2010**.

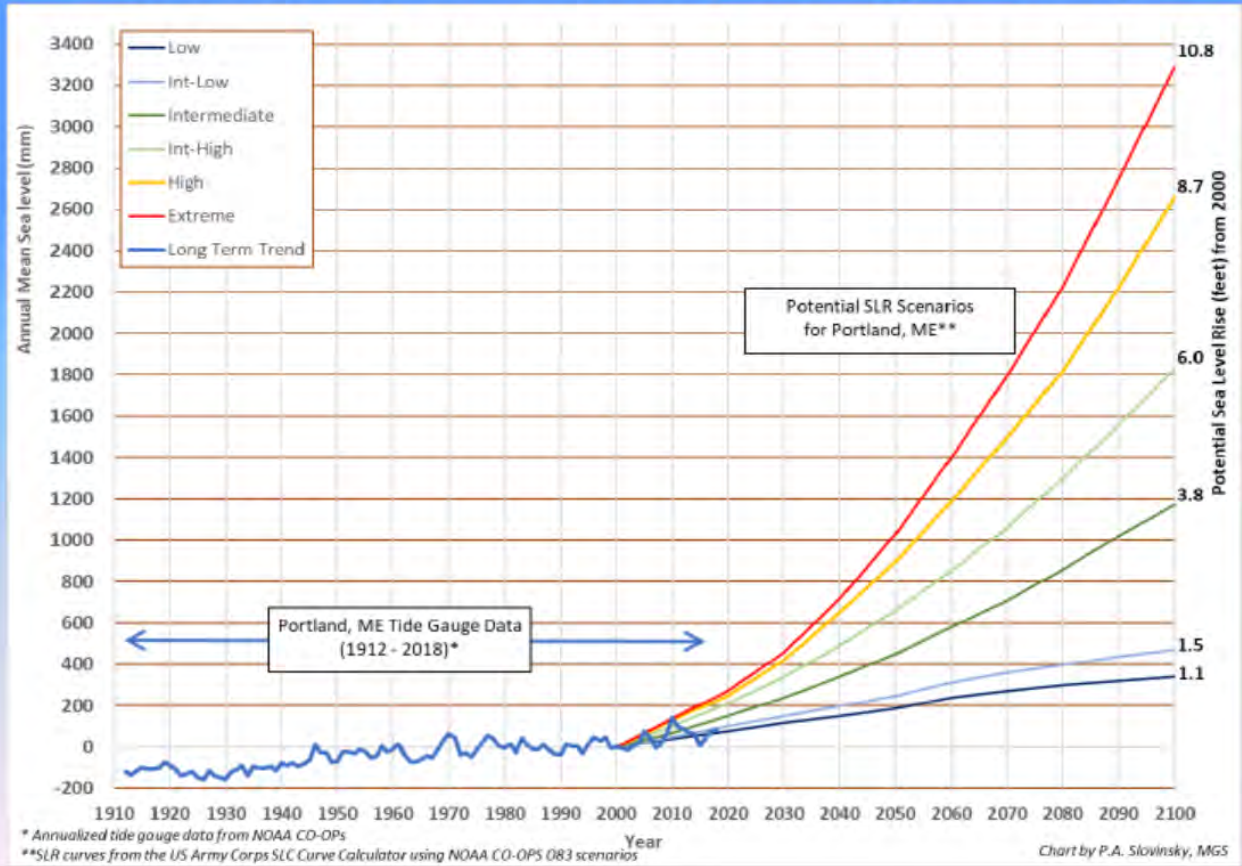
***We suspect similar conditions likely occurred  
in winter 2018. March 2018 had the highest  
sea level of any month.***

Higgins Beach, Scarborough, April 7, 2010  
P.A. Slovinsky



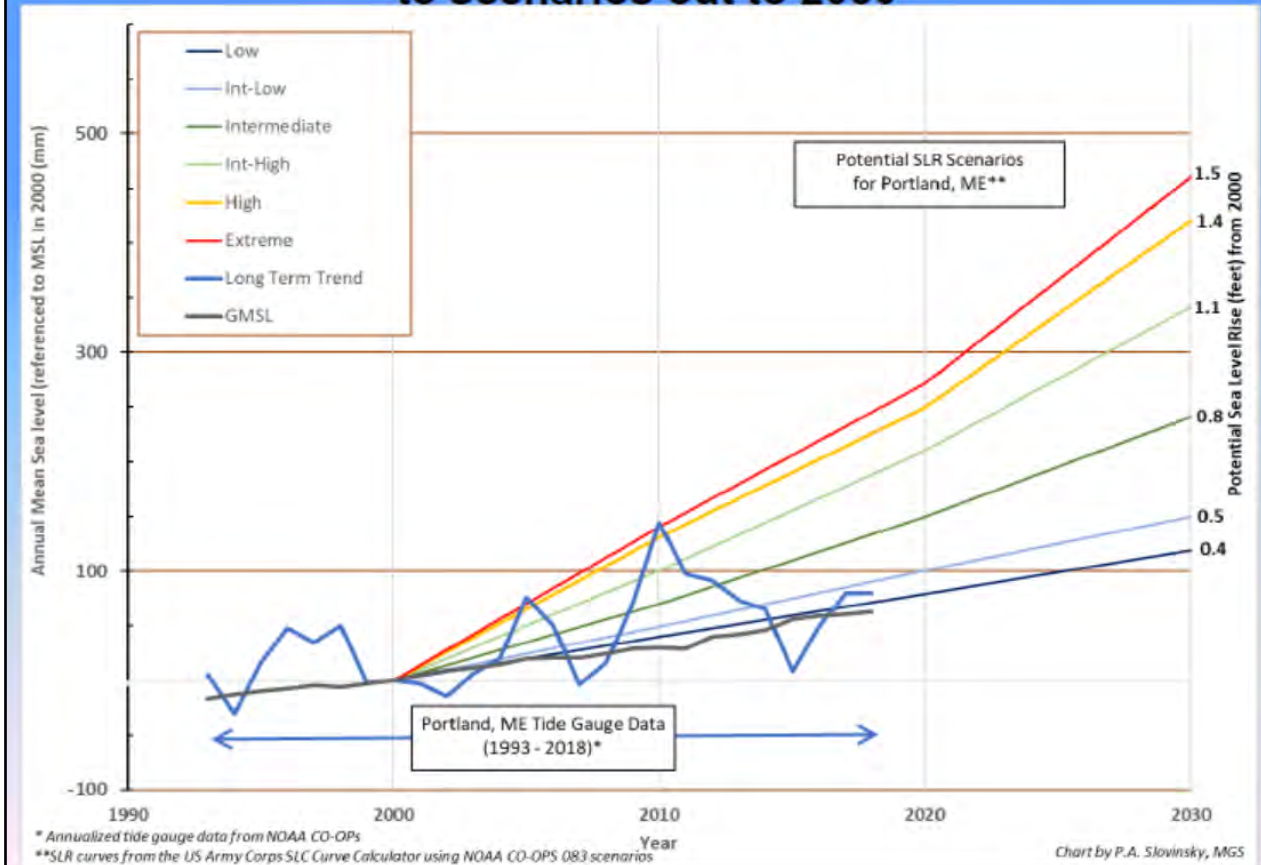
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...In Maine, could potentially rise *higher than* global averages.



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## Short-Term SLR (1993-2018) in reference to scenarios out to 2030



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## **EXISTING CONDITIONS in LINCOLN COUNTY**



# WINTER STORM GRAYSON – JANUARY 4, 2018



# FEBRUARY 21, 2018 STORM





# MARCH 2, 2018 HIGH TIDE - DAMARISCOTTA

Photos Courtesy Lincoln County News





# JANUARY 22, 2019 HIGH TIDE- BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Photos courtesy Stephen Dickson

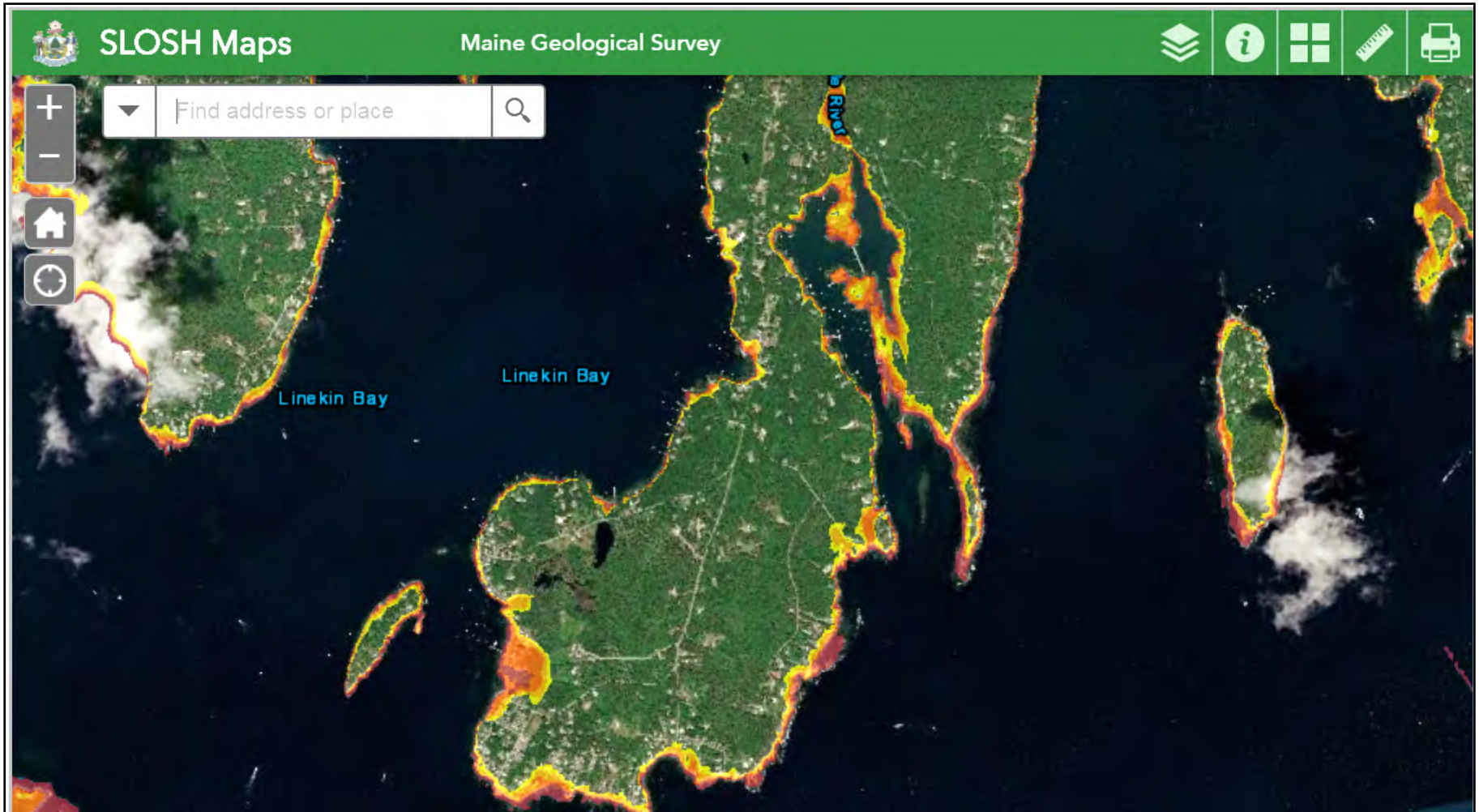


**CAPITOL ISLAND, SOUTHPORT  
MARCH 2, 2018 STORM**





# EXISTING CONDITIONS WITH CATEGORY 1 – 4 HURRICANE FLOODING OCEAN POINT, BOOTHBAY



# **1% STORM FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE**

# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN DAMARISCOTTA





# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN BOOTHBAY HARBOR



# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SLR IN WISCASSET

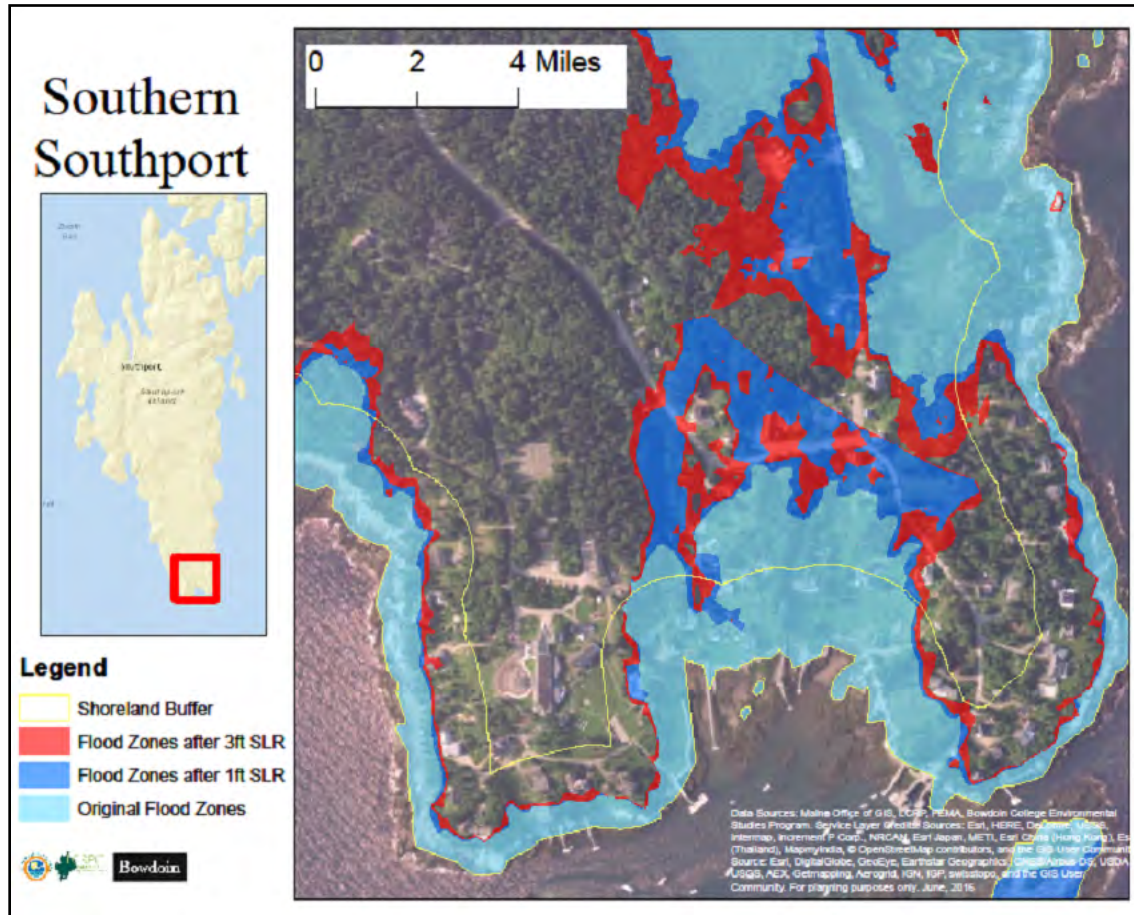




# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SLR ON MONHEGAN ISLAND



# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE IN SOUTHPORT ISLAND





# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE CAPITOL ISLAND, SOUTHPORT



# **PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE**

# LINCOLN COUNTY COASTAL PLANNING PROJECTS

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## COASTAL PROJECTS & PLANNING

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# Areas of Potential Inundation from a Category 1 Hurricane Lincoln County, Maine

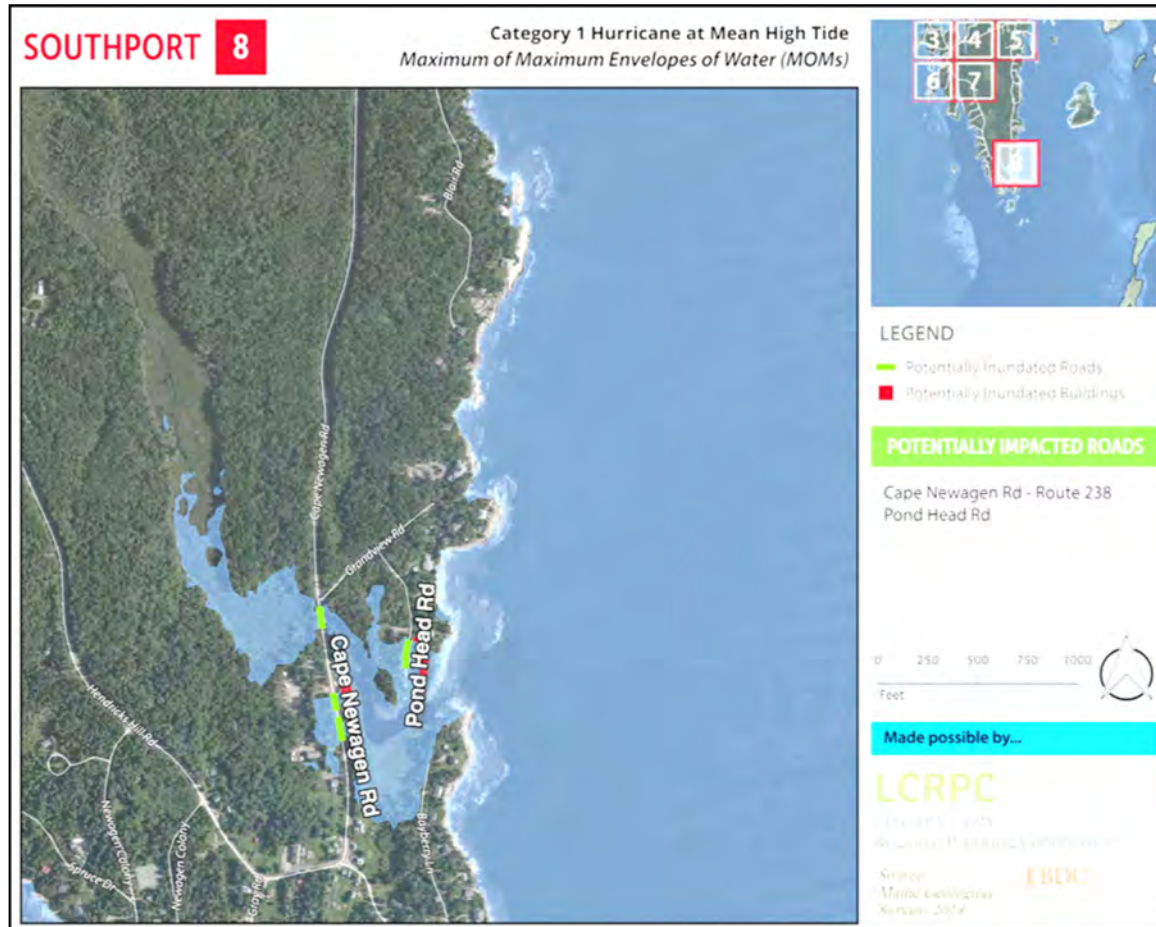
**Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission  
August 2015**

The purpose of this project is to visualize coastal areas in Lincoln County that may potentially be inundated by a Category 1 Hurricane under worst-case conditions of forward speed, trajectory and tide level. This data was developed in order to help support emergency planning and preparedness efforts in Lincoln County.

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# SOUTHPORT POTENTIALLY FLOODED EVACUATION ROUTES DURING CATEGORY 1 HURRICANE





# 2013 SEA LEVEL RISE – COASTAL HAZARD STUDY (UPDATED 2016 WITH NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS)





# FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN DAMARISCOTTA



# FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN DAMARISCOTTA

ADAPTATION PLANNING STUDY  
DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT AREA  
DAMARISCOTTA, MAINE



DECEMBER 22, 2014  
(REVISED FEBRUARY 2, 2015)

PREPARED FOR:  
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# FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN DAMARISCOTTA

## TWO APPROACHES TO FLOOD PROTECTION – INDIVIDUAL BUILDING

**TABLE 5**  
Flood Vulnerabilities and Recommendations

Building Address	Vulnerabilities	Elevation	Recommended Solutions	Cost Range	Average Cost
Ocean Point Furniture - 133 Main St.	East side door	9.01	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	Propane on south side		Install quick disconnect fittings and strap down propane tanks (c)	\$500/tank	\$2,500
	Electric on south side		Elevate utility / install temporary flood barrier (d)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
Se Vende Imports	West side windowsill	10.75	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	East side door threshold	8.13		\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
Barber Shop	Northeast door threshold	8.29	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	Main door threshold	8.54		\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	West side door threshold	8.56		\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
Artsake/Shapers/Damariscotta River Grill - 151/155 Main St.	Shapers door threshold	7.67	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	South side door threshold	7.86		\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	South side easterly door	7.71		\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	Propane tanks on south side		Install quick disconnect fittings and strap down propane tanks (c)	\$500/tank	\$2,000
	Electric/gas on south side		Elevate utility / install temporary flood barrier (d)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	A/C Units on south side			\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
Damariscotta Center - 157 Main St.	South side door threshold	8.23	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	South side easterly door	9.61		\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
Reny's Underground	South side main door	9.28	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
				\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
Seawicks - 112 Main St.	North door threshold	11.81	Install gasketed doors (a)	\$1,500-\$2,000	\$1,750
	A/C & Electric north side			Elevate utility	\$1,500-\$2,000





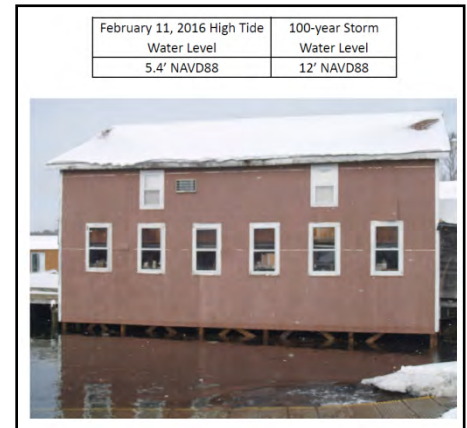
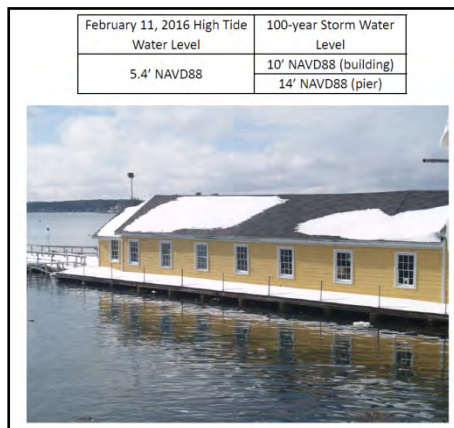
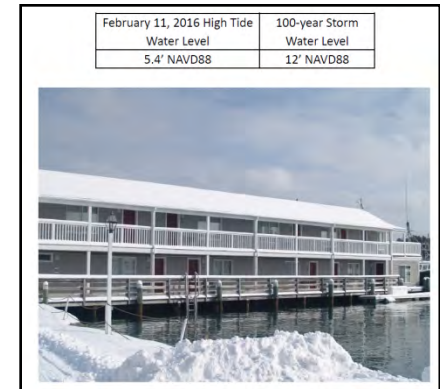
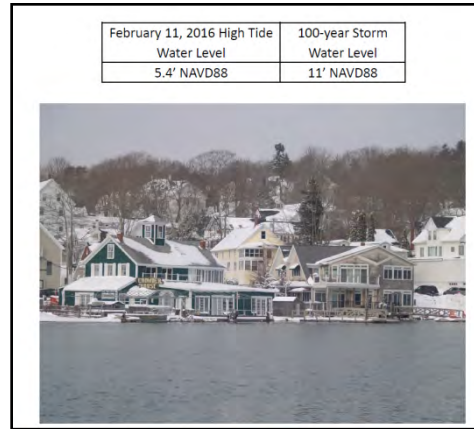
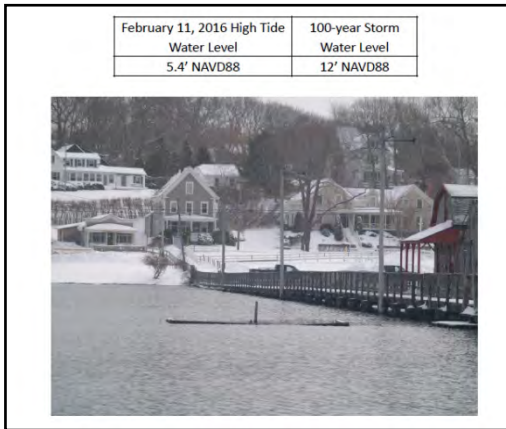
# 1% STORM FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN BOOTHBAY HARBOR





# FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Pictures of all of the waterfront businesses were taken during the February 16, 2016 high tide and were compared to the projected 100-year flood level to demonstrate the potential impact of a major flood event.









# FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN BOOTHBAY HARBOR

When this information was presented to the Select Board they expressed concern about the impact of a major flood event, with or without SLR, on jobs and the tax base, and they applied for a Coastal Community Grant to conduct a flooding and SLR impact study.

Town of Boothbay Harbor  
Flood Impact Preliminary Engineering Study  
*Project Overview, Findings, and Preliminary Recommendations*  
September 2017




*Prepared for*


<b>TOWN OF BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME</b>	<b>LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	<b>MAINE COASTAL PROGRAM</b>
		
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Town of Boothbay Harbor  
Flood Impact Preliminary Engineering Study  
Individual Property Report  
36 Commercial Street  
*Whale Park & Pumping Station*



# FLOODING AND SLR IN DOWNTOWN BOOTHBAY HARBOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY REPORTS

## Property Overview

36 Commercial Street is a public park with a one-story wood-frame structure built on a slab-on-grade foundation. The structure currently houses a public restroom and a municipal sewer pumping station.

Fuel to power the pumping station is located on the east side of the structure. Pumping station equipment is located on the west side of the structure, as well as underground below the sidewalk to the west of the structure. The restroom is in the center portion of the structure



Table 1: Property Summary

Foundation	Slab
Structure	Wood Frame
Stories	One
Use	Pumping Station / Restroom
Site	Over Land

## Risk Framework

Table 2 lists the elevations, determined by the Lincoln County Sea Level Rise - Coastal Hazard Study conducted by the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC) and Maine Geological Survey (MGS) in 2013. These elevations represent "stillwater" flood elevations from the effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study. Stillwater elevations are the basis for special flood hazard area (SFHA) elevation mapping, and do not include the effects of wave action or local variations. In order to be consistent with the LCRPC study, these elevations are used for the 1% annual chance storm flood planning in this report.

Table 2: LCRPC Sea Level Rise Scenarios

Scenario:	Highest Astronomical Tide	1% Annual Chance Storm
Current/Historical	6.5 feet NAVD88	9.5 feet NAVD88
+ 0.3 meter	7.5 feet NAVD88	10.5 feet NAVD88
+ 0.6 meter	8.5 feet NAVD88	11.5 feet NAVD88
+ 1.0 meter	9.8 feet NAVD88	12.8 feet NAVD88
+ 1.8 meter	12.5 feet NAVD88	15.5 feet NAVD88

This property is located completely within a FEMA AE Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) with a base flood (1% annual chance storm) elevation (BFE) of 11 feet NAVD88.

Please note that the FEMA BFE addresses local variations and includes the effects of waves, wave setup, and wave runup; therefore this figure may be different than the "Current/Historical" scenario 1% chance storm elevation in Table 2, which is a stillwater elevation only. The FEMA BFE is derived from the 2015 Flood Insurance Rate Map update and is the regulatory elevation for purposes of new construction and flood insurance.

Table 4: Risk Summary

Risk	Vulnerability	Scenario of Concern		Notes
		HAT	1% Storm	
Foundation Degradation	Minimal	None	None	None
Structural Damage	Minimal	None	+ 1.8 m	None
Erosion	Minimal	None	None	None
Hydrostatic Forcing	Minimal	None	+ 1.8 m	None
Interior Inundation	Moderate	+1.8 m	+ 0.3 m	Vulnerable municipal utility
Utility Damage	Moderate	+1.8 m	+ 0.3 m	Vulnerable municipal utility
Business Operation	Moderate	+1.8 m	+ 0.3 m	Vulnerable municipal utility

Table 6: Cost Estimate for Recommended Alternatives

Alternative	Details	Cost	Frequency
Monitor Sea Level Rise	Professional survey every 5 years	\$1000	Every Five Years
Dry Floodproof	~ 100 feet of wall pumping station & utilities	\$10 per foot of wall Total \$10,000	Once
Elevate Interior Floor Or Dry Floodproof	~400 square feet restroom area	\$10 per ft <sup>2</sup> \$5,000 for facility realignment Total \$9,000	Once
Total Cost		\$25,000	Over 30 years

# WISCASSET WWTP





# WISCASSET WWTP VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



Wiscasset, Maine  
**Wastewater Treatment &  
Collection Facilities  
Coastal Hazard Resilience  
Study**

Date: January, 2017  
Prepared Wright-Pierce



*(Left to Right) Headworks Bldg, Blower Bldg, Shed, Sludge Storage, Control Bldg – BFE +3*



*Clarifiers Looking East – BFE +3*



*PS #6 Looking North – BFE +3*

# **WISCASSET WWTP VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT**

**(Cost about \$1 million)**



# BOOTHBAY HARBOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



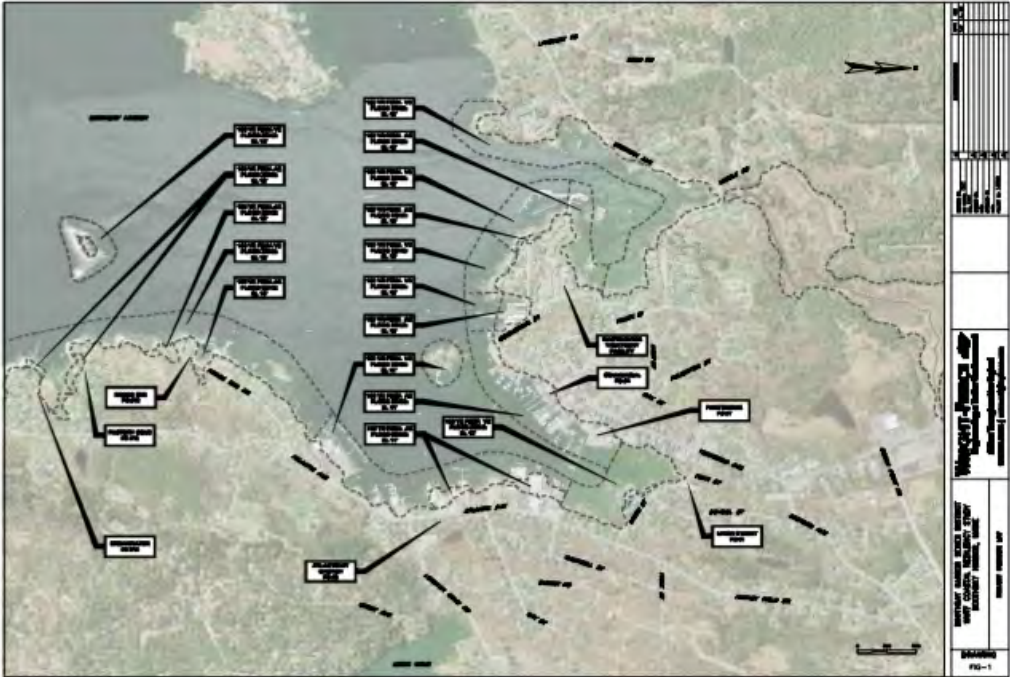


# BOOTHBAY HARBOR WWTP VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



Boothbay Harbor, Maine  
**Wastewater Facilities  
Sea Level Rise & Storm  
Surge Impact Assessment**

Date: January 2017  
Prepared by Wright-Pierce



# BOOTHBAY HARBOR WWTP VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (Pump Stations Protection and Flood Wall about \$2.5 million)



*WWTP Looking North Between the Process Building and SBRs - BFE -4*



*PS #12 Werwell Looking North - BFE -4*



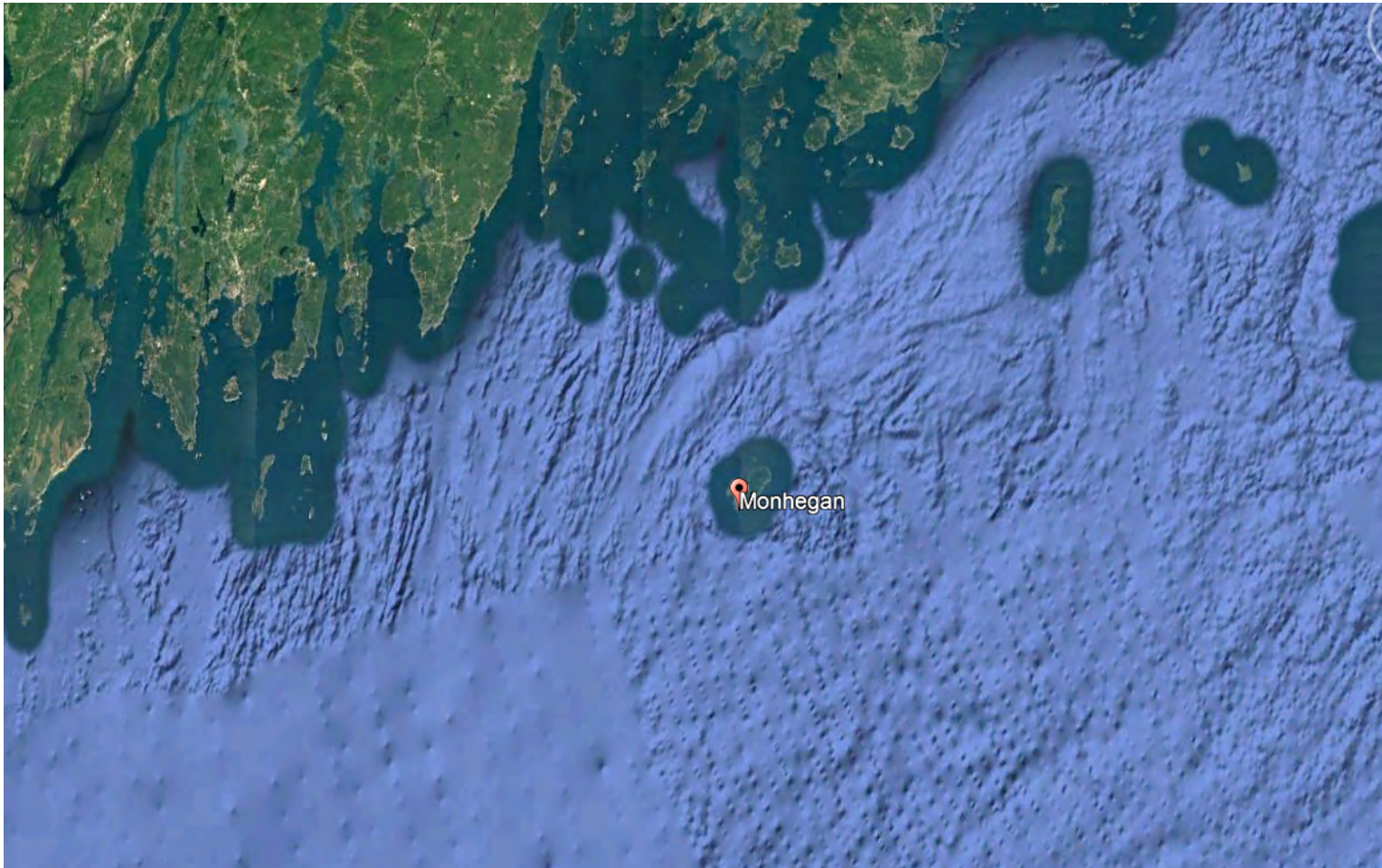
*WWTP Looking West Past the Process Building - BFE -4*



*PS #12 Electrical / Controls Panel Looking South - BFE -4*



# FLOODING AND SLR ON MONHEGAN ISLAND





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## FY 2019 Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Program Maine Coastal Program Maine Department of Marine Resources

<b>Project Title:</b>	Monhegan Island Harbor and Water Supply Protection Project
<b>Region Covered:</b>	Monhegan Island
<b>Grant Category:</b>	Category 2. Planning and Design Projects for Harbor Improvements
<b>Grant Request Amount:</b>	\$30,000
<b>Match Proposed and Source:</b>	\$10,000 cash from the Town of Monhegan Island \$ 6,000 from the Island Institute (anticipated)
<b>Project Manager:</b>	Andrew Dalrymple
<b>Project Partners:</b>	Town of Monhegan Island Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission Island Institute

# SOUTHPORT AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES TO INCREASE MINIMUM FREEBOARD ABOVE BASE FLOOD FROM 1' TO 3'

## Southport

### Floodplain Management Ordinance

F. **Residential** - New construction or substantial improvement of any residential structure located within:

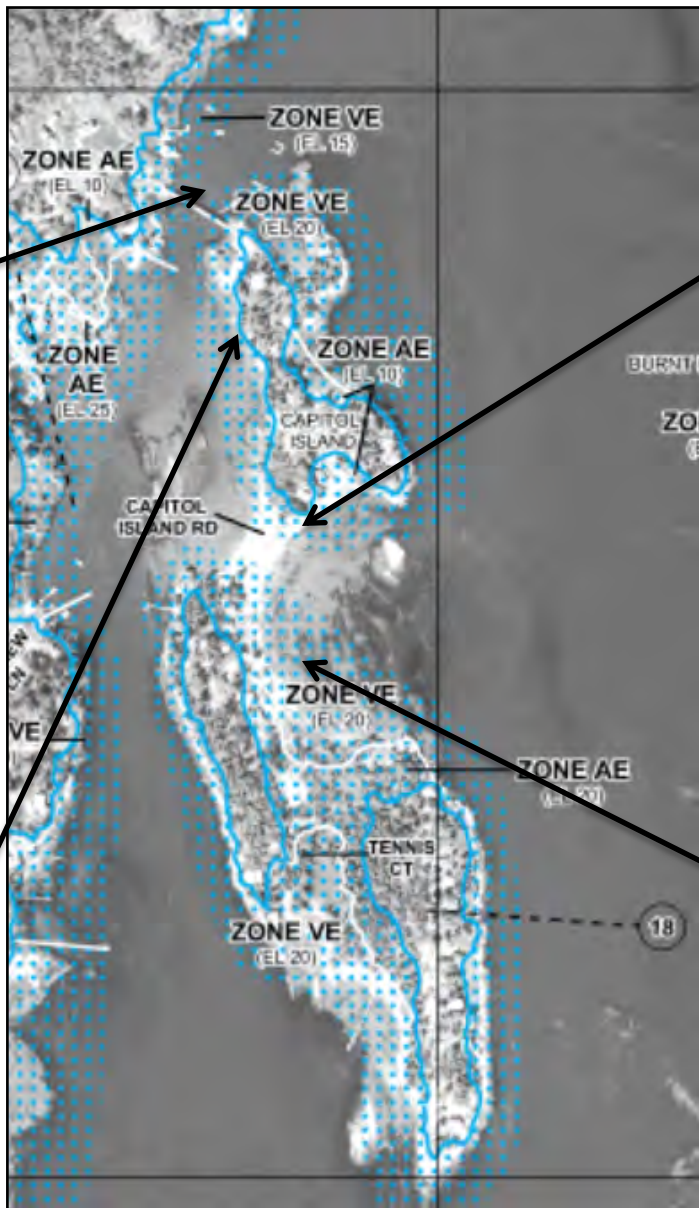
1. Zone AE shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to at least **three feet one foot** above the base flood elevation.
3. Zone AO shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the highest adjacent grade:
  - a. at least **three feet one foot** higher than the depth specified in feet on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map; or,
  - b. at least three feet if no depth number is specified.
4. Zone A shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to at least **three feet one foot** above the base flood elevation utilizing information obtained pursuant to Article III.H.1.b.(1); Article V.B.; or Article IX.D.

G. **Non Residential** - New construction or substantial improvement of any non-residential structure located within:

1. Zones AE and AH shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to at least **three feet one foot** above the base flood elevation, or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities shall:
  - a. be floodproofed to at least **three feet one foot** above the base flood elevation so that below that elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
3. Zone AO shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the highest adjacent grade:



**CAPITOL ISLAND, SOUTHPORT - NOVEMBER 15, 2016 KING TIDE  
WATER ELEVATION IN EACH LOCATION – 6.5' NAVD88  
PREDICTED 1% STORM WATER ELEVATION WITH NO SLR - 20' NAVD88**



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