

# Community Responses to Planned Retreat: Climate Adaptation Roadmap: Risk Analysis for the Hampton Circle Area (HCA)



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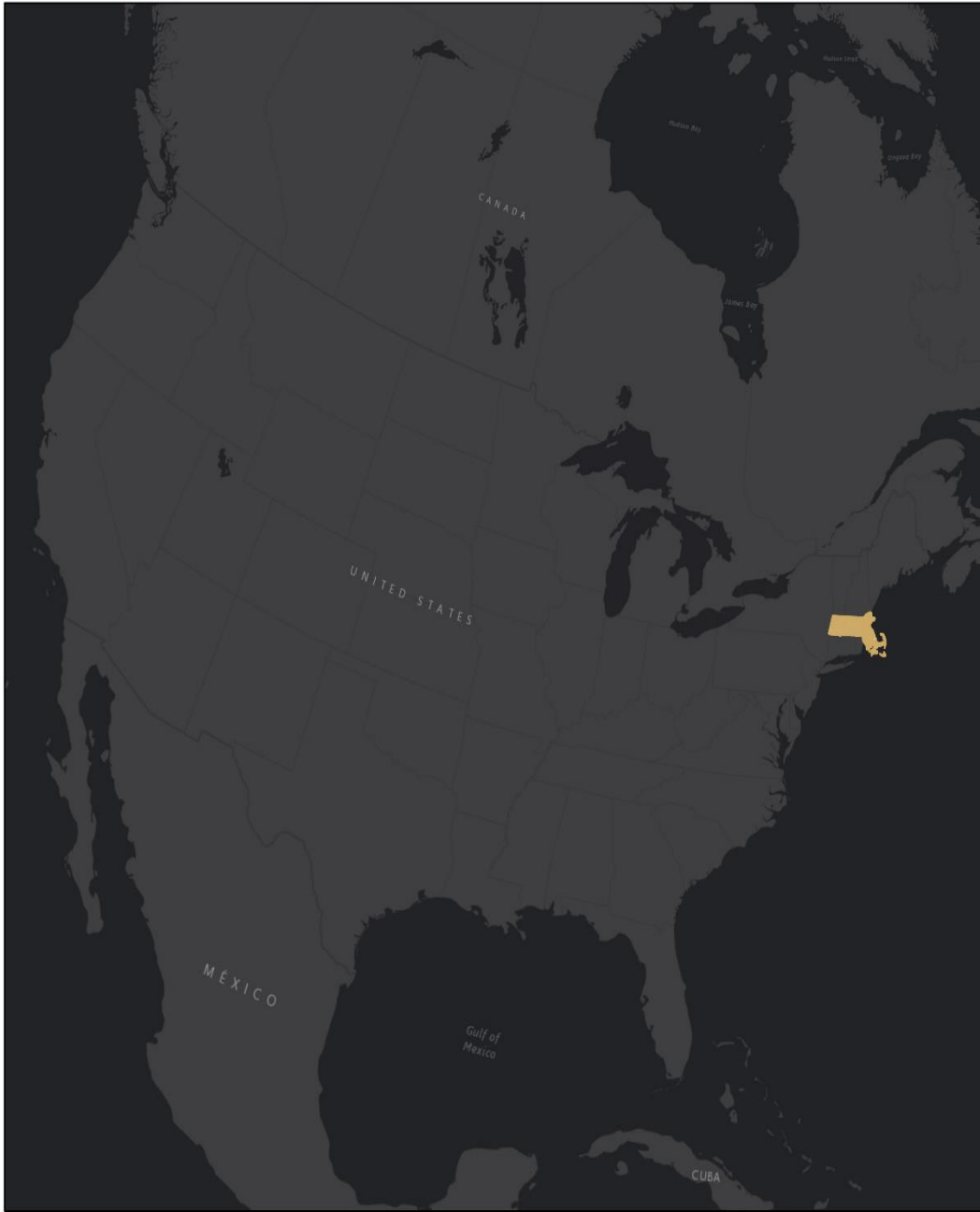
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# Hull and Sea Level Rise



## Future flood projections

Toggle between the three options on the right to see how annual chance and depth of flooding change with the three different sea level rise scenarios.

1.2ft sea level rise

2.4ft sea level rise

4.2ft sea level rise

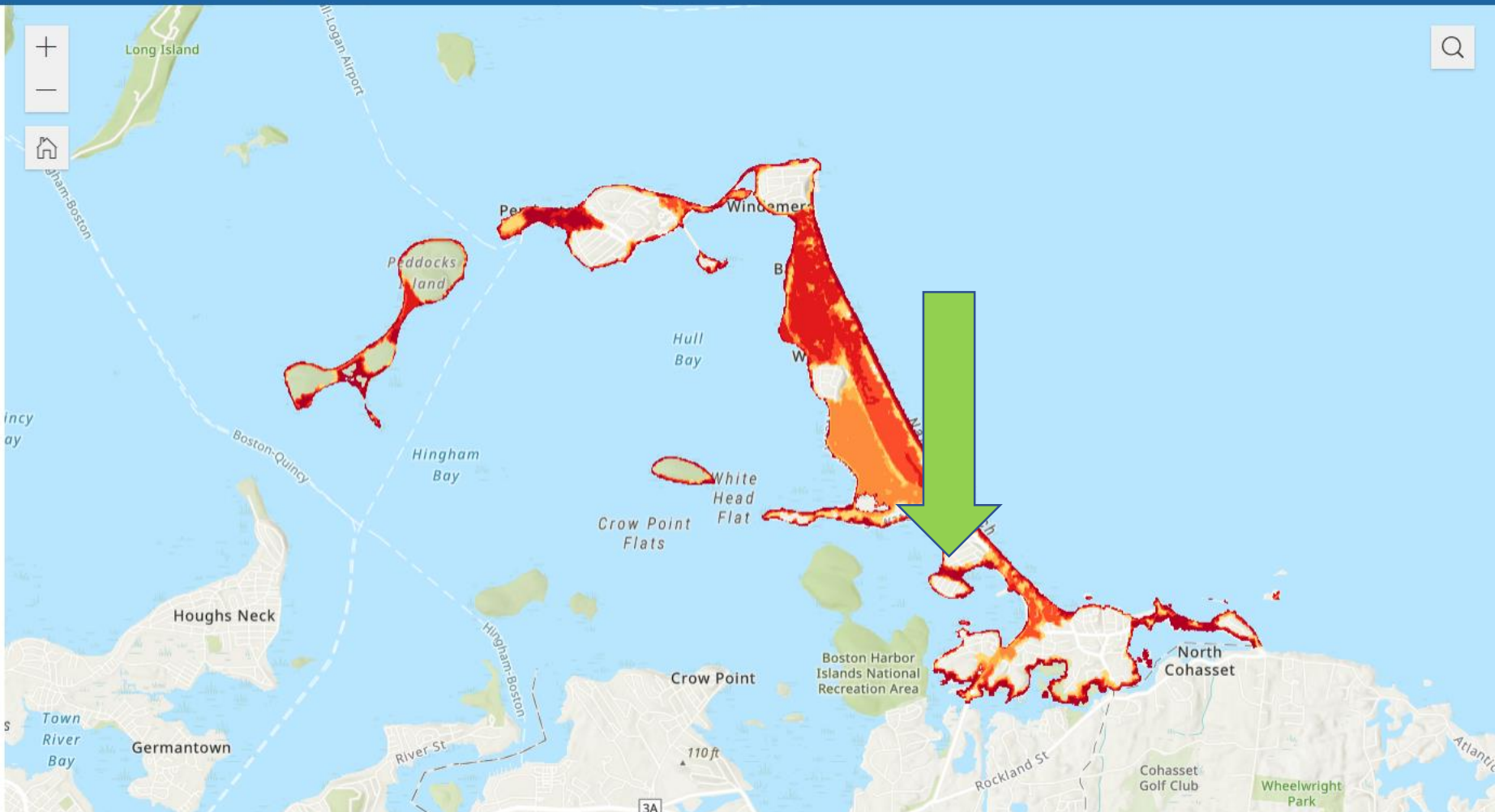
### 1.2 feet sea level rise

Turn on / off layers below to switch between viewing annual chance of flooding and depth of flooding.

- Annual chance of flooding, 1.2 feet sea level rise scenario ...
- Depth of flooding for 1% chance storm, 1.2 feet sea level rise scenario ...

### Annual chance of flooding, 1.2 feet sea level rise scenario

- <1% annual chance of flooding
- 1 - 5% annual chance of flooding
- 5 - 10% annual chance of flooding
- 10 - 20% annual chance of flooding
- 20 - 50% annual chance of flooding
- > 50% annual chance of flooding







# Project Area

Design Area

Study Area



**Hampton Circle Area is not a blank slate**

Park has drainage issues, lack of vegetation

70+ residences in Immediate low-lying area

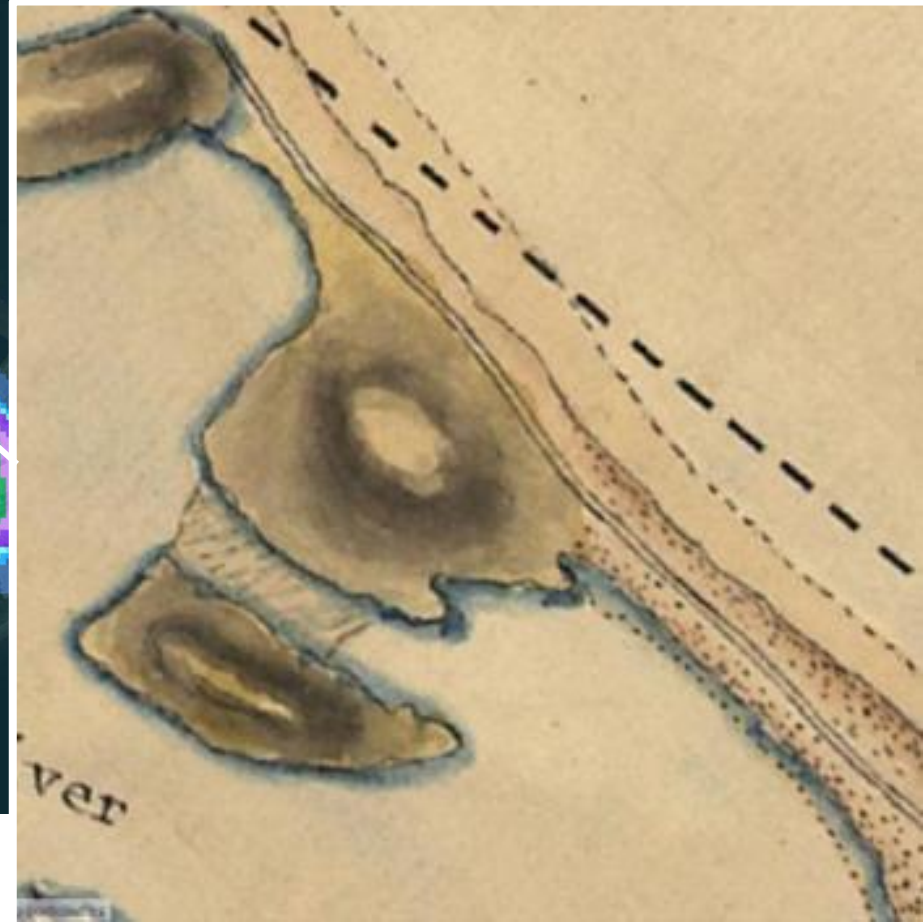
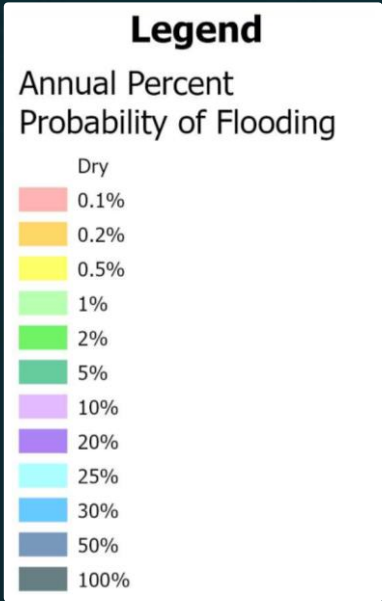
Maintain Critical Access Marginal and Moreland

Existing barrier wall is in disrepair





# Hampton Circle Flood Probability Year 2030





January 28, 2022



# Big Questions



**What's the Town's responsibility versus the responsibility of private property owners, given the constrained land mass and projected sea level rise in Hull?**

**How can the Town help residents maintain livability in the near-term while beginning conversations about eventual retreat a few years down the road?**



# Why a Climate Adaptation Roadmap



- Past flood events have impacted the neighborhood
- Future flood projections indicate high vulnerability for this area
- “Everyday flooding” due to tides is likely

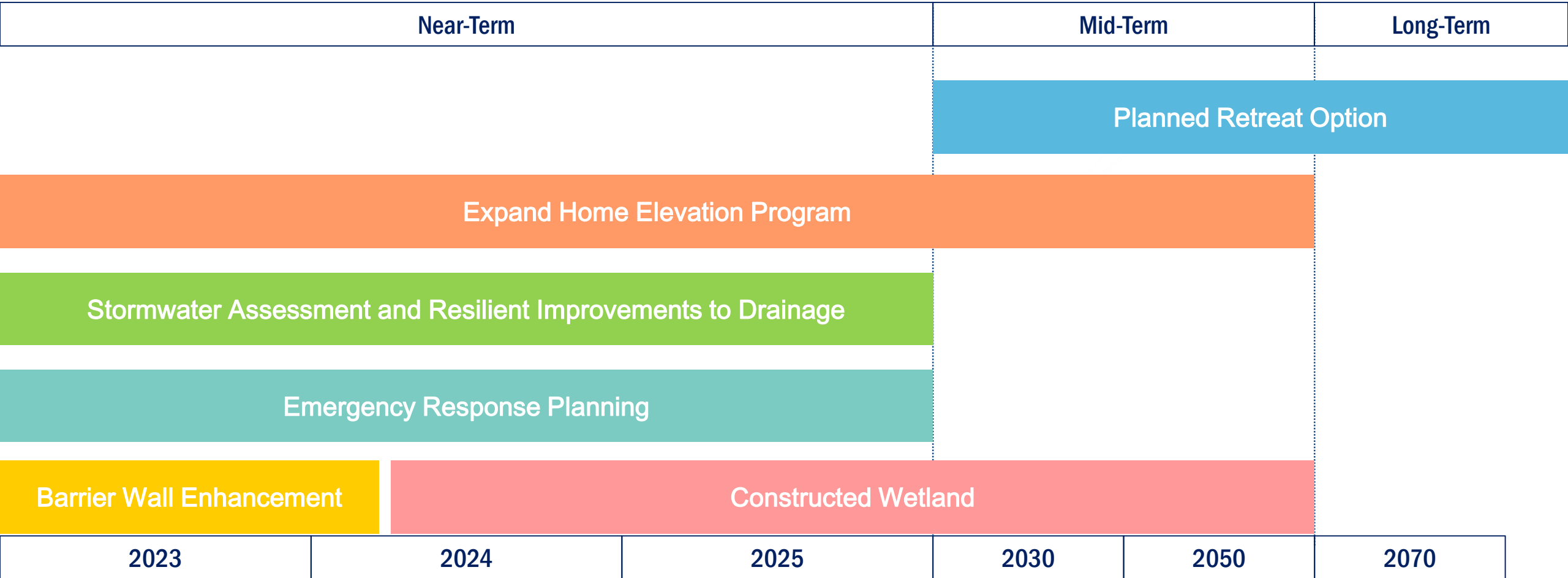
## What

A roadmap that is not a single option but a set of adaptation alternatives for the community to explore together



January 28, 2022 Event

# Adaptation Roadmap









**LEGEND**

- EXIST SURFACE
- PROPOSED SURFACE
- EXISTING BARRIER WALL
- LIMIT OF WORK

# 2070 Site Design

*Wide-spread impacts to private property via buyouts or home elevations to accommodate 'back-to-nature' approach.*



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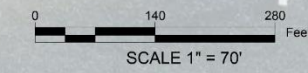
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# Snapshot of FY23 Events



Fall Workshop



Winter Focus Groups



Spring Site Walk & Open House



## What we heard



I'm worried my house won't assess for what I paid. How do the buyout programs assess value considering competitive market?

*Hampton Circle Resident, Focus Group*

We need to take action now. We need immediate actions that are really specific, implementable, and impactful... with flexibility for the future.

*Hampton Circle Resident, Focus Group*

I evaluate every 5 years whether or not to sell or stay going forward. In the meantime, I make sure that the house is functional – appliances, roof, generator, are all secure from flooding and storms.

*Hampton Circle Resident, Focus Group*



# Lessons Learned



## A new effort

opportunity to right past wrongs and build trust

Current conditions because the Town's promises not kept (seawall, decisions made without input from those impacted).

## Polling residents (either on-line or during live public engagements)

helped to better understand local perspective(s).

Often "high" energy, folks have lots to say\*

"active engagement" methods (note making material, large interactive maps of the area showing flood risks, others)

Story sharing is very important\*, but also needed heavy facilitation to stay constructive!

Nobody wants to feel like their (place) is being sacrificed - without serious considerations.

You need multiple channels and touchpoints to reach people.

Explore a wide range of solutions that can be readily shared.

Listen to the feedback. (Their truth may be correct and may need to be understood by **architects** *(us)*)



the LAST RESORT



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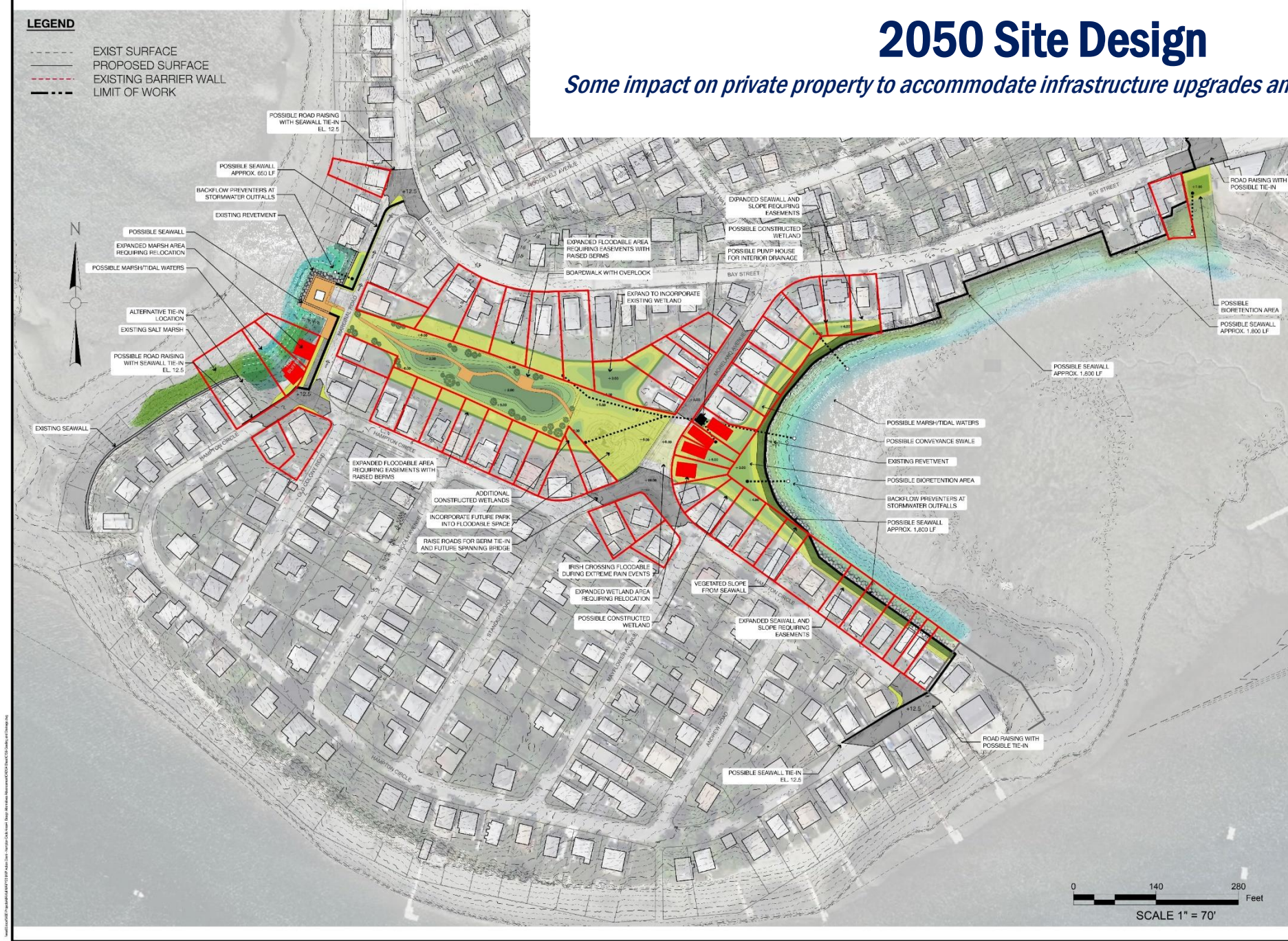


# 2050 Site Design

*Some impact on private property to accommodate infrastructure upgrades and nature-based solutions*

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