

# Building Resilient Futures From Brownfield Pasts

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# EPA Region 2 and NJ Department of Environmental Protection Roundtable Discussion





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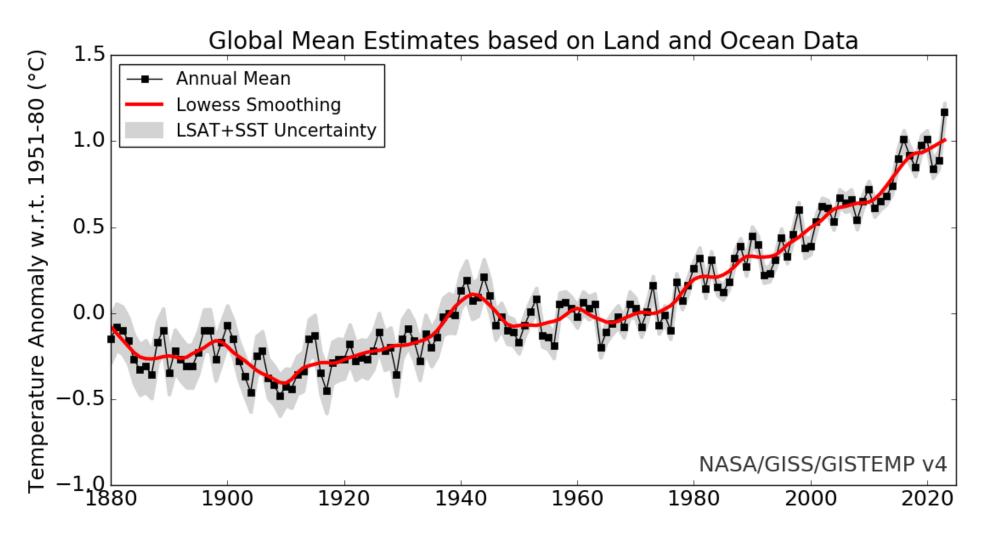
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## Climate Change 101: The Basics

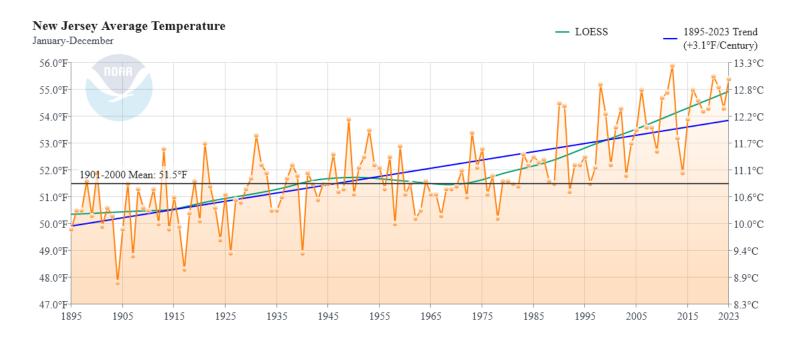
- Combustion of fossil fuels (coal, petroleum, natural gas) emits carbon dioxide into the atmosphere (currently about 10 billion tons of carbon per year)
- Roughly half of the carbon dioxide remains in the atmosphere; the remainder is taken up by vegetation on land or goes into the ocean (causing ocean acidification)
- Increasing carbon dioxide heats the earth; global temperatures have risen by ~2°F during the past century.
- Increasing temperatures also cause other changes in climate and sea level.

#### Trends in global average temperature



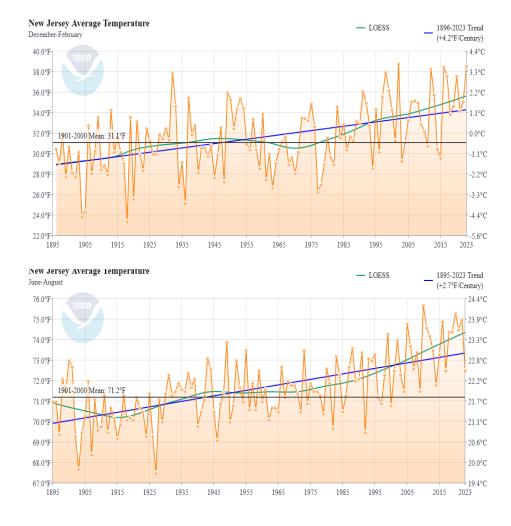
Source: NASA/Goddard Institute for Space Studies

#### Trends in annual mean New Jersey temperature



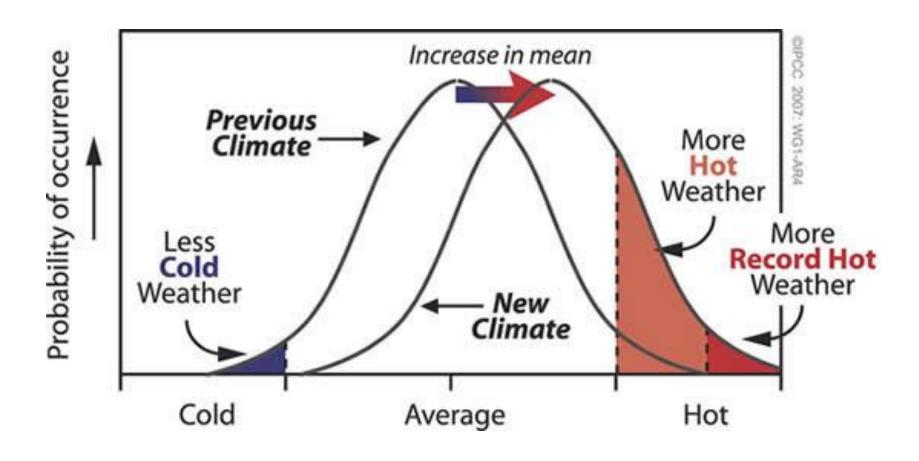
- Long-term upward trend of 3.1°F per 100 years
- More rapid warming since 1970
- The 10 warmest years have occurred since 1998
- 21 of the 22 warmest years have occurred since 1990.
- 2012 was the warmest year on record and 2020 was the second warmest.

#### Trends in winter and summer temperature in N.J.



- Larger warming trend in winter (4.2°F/100 yrs) than in summer (2.7°F/100 yrs).
- Year-to-year temperature variability is much larger in winter, which can make it harder to perceive long-term trends.
- 8 of the 9 warmest winters have occurred since 1998.
- The 12 warmest summers have occurred since 1999.

Changes in average temperature lead to changes in extremes



Source: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



#### Unusually warm and cold months in New Jersey

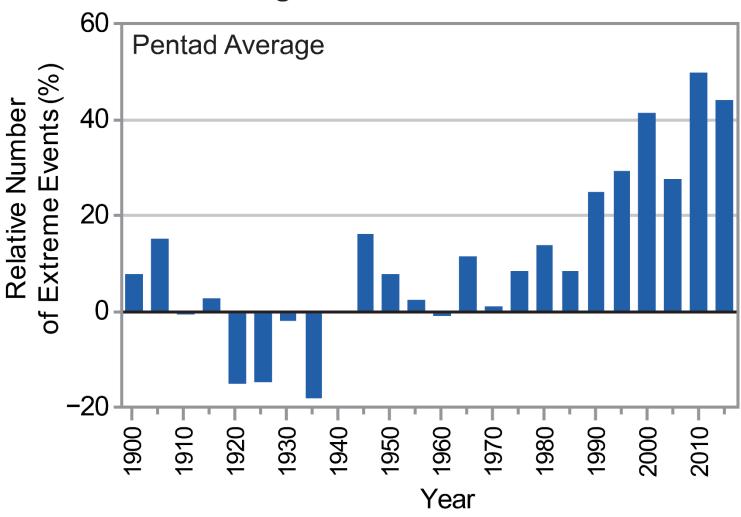
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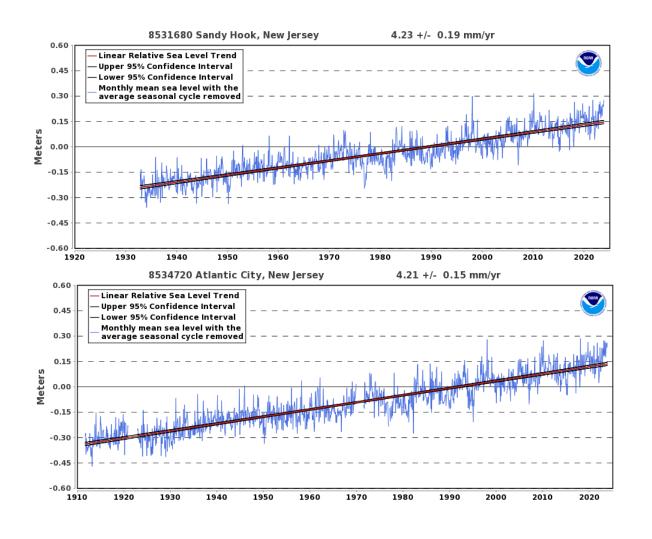
- Unusually warm and cold months are defined as the five warmest and coldest for each calendar month (total of 60 warm and 60 cold plus ties)
- Since 2000, there have been 43 unusually warm months and 0 unusually cold months

2-Day Precipitation Events
Exceeding 5-Year Recurrence Interval



Source: National Climate Assessment (2017)

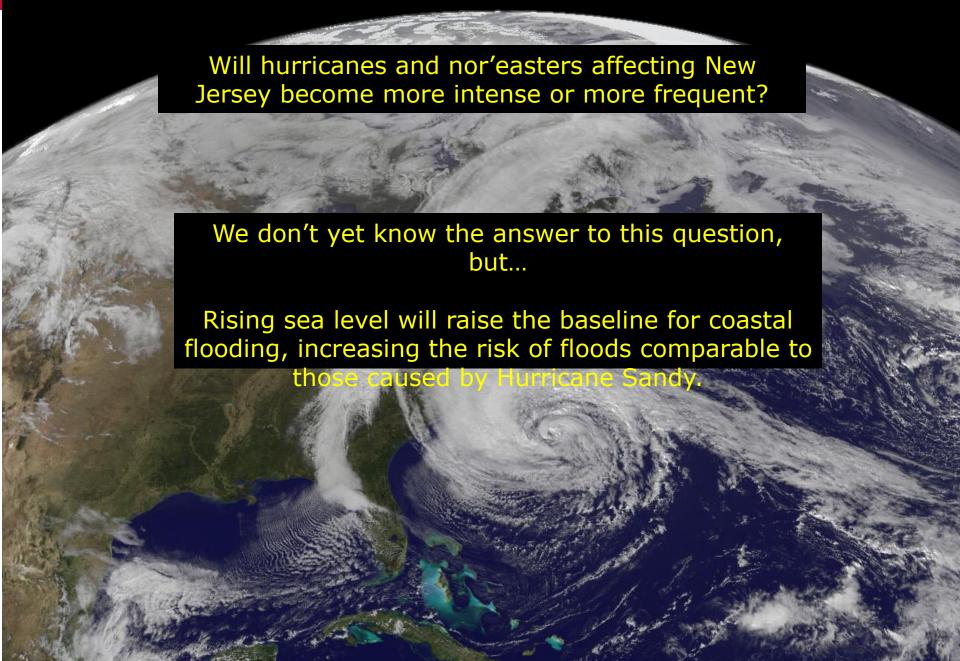
#### New Jersey sea level trends



- The rate of global sea level rise has nearly doubled in the past two decades.
- Sea level in New
   Jersey is rising more
   rapidly than the global
   average because land
   is also subsiding.









# **New Jersey's climate future**

- More warm extremes and fewer cold extremes
- Heavy rains become more intense
- More frequent dry spells
- Rising sea level with increased frequency and intensity of coastal flooding



# Redeveloping Brownfields to Create Resilient Communities







# What Does Climate Change Have To Do with Brownfields?

"Any former or current commercial or industrial site that is currently vacant or underutilized and on which there has been, or there is suspected to have been, a discharge of a contaminant."

- N.J.S.A. 58:10B-23.d

Vacant Land





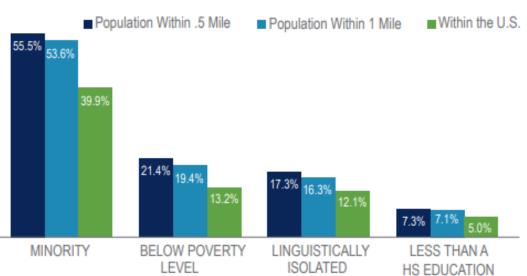
Dry Cleaner Factory

# COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS NEAR BROWNFIELD SITES

Brownfield sites from Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) as of FY20 Population Data from 2016-2019 American Community Survey

The population living within .5- and 1-mile of a Brownfield site is:

- more minority,
- more low income,
- more linguistically isolated, and
- less likely to have a high school education than the U.S. population as a whole.





#### Climate Impacts on Brownfields



Underground Storage Tank



Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX

Unaddressed brownfield sites are susceptible to increased and repeated damage from extreme events that can mobilize contaminants and compromise structures on brownfield sites.



#### Climate Resilience

"A capability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from significant multi-hazard threats with minimum damage to social well-being, the economy, and the environment" - EPA



Structures damaged by flooding



Elevated structure



## **Climate Adaptation**

"Adjustment in natural or human systems to a new or changing environment that exploits beneficial opportunities or moderates negative effects." - EPA



Green roof on top of the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City







# Flooding Solutions: Permeable Surfaces & Stormwater Management

- Permeable pavement has openings in it to allow water to soak into the soil
- **Bioswales** are channels that are either vegetated, mulched, or xeriscaped, and used for stormwater retention and treatment.
- Combine for green streets & parking lots



Green Parking Lots (Image Credit: Naturally Resilient Communities)





# Urban Heat Solutions: Reflective Materials, Green Space, Water Features

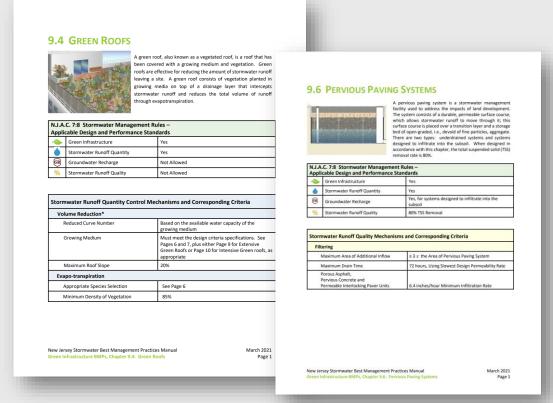
- Lighter color and reflective materials absorb less heat than blacktop.
- Green roofs are created by building layers of drainage, engineered soil, and vegetation on a building's roof. They capture and store stormwater to reduce flood impacts, and cool buildings during extreme heat events.
- Trees provide aesthetic benefits and shade, improve air quality, and capture and store greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

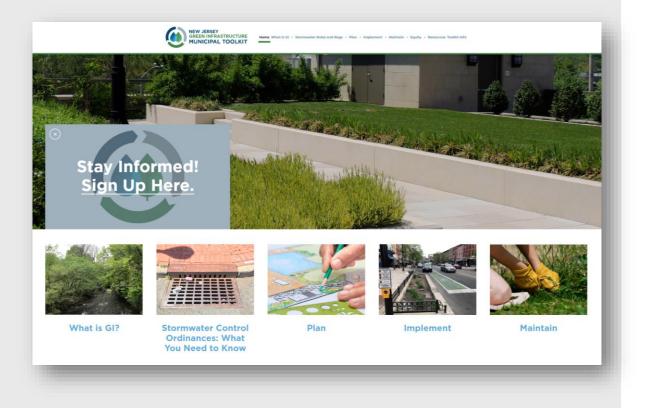


## **Considerations for Green Infrastructure**

Note that your LSRP will help you determine what's appropriate for your site.

#### Resources to Guide Implementation





NJ Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual

NJ Future's New Jersey Green Infrastructure Municipal Toolkit

## **Climate Mitigation**

"Measures to reduce the amount and speed of future climate change by reducing emissions of heat-trapping gases or removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere" - EPA

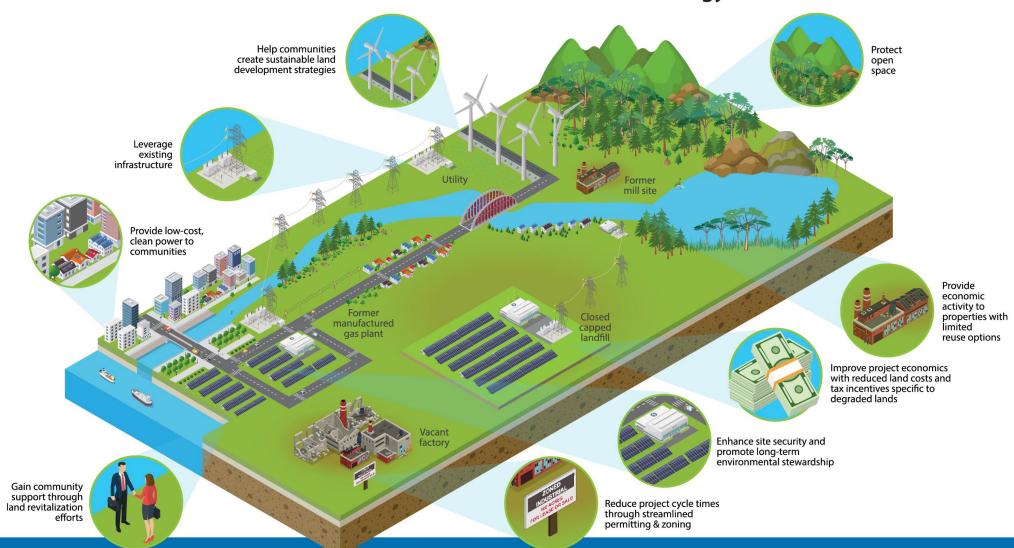






#### **RE-Powering America's Land**

# Potential Advantages of Reusing Potentially Contaminated Land for Renewable Energy





## **Energy Efficiency**

- Energy efficient technology can be integrated into new, renovated, and retrofitted buildings on site.
- Benefits of integrating energy efficient technology:
  - Lower energy costs for owners and tenants
  - Reduced energy consumption
  - Reduced operating expenses

### **Solutions**

- Replace and upgrade lighting and HVAC systems
- Install new energy-efficient appliances and windows
- Incorporate building systems that automatically control heating, ventilation, air conditioning and lighting

## QUESTIONS?



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# Understanding the Climate Vulnerability of Your Brownfield Community





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## BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE:

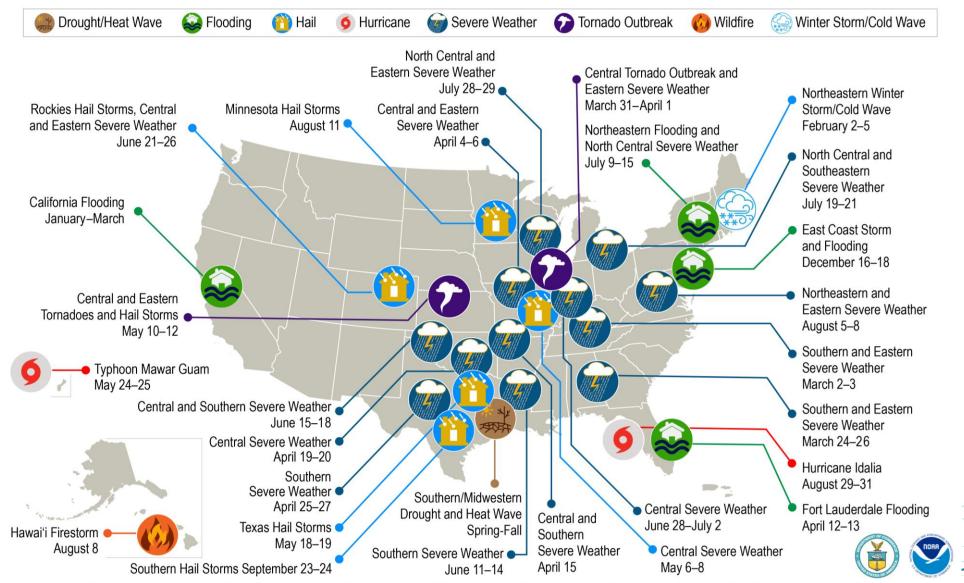
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## CLIMATE CHANGE IS:

REAL & ALREADY HERE



### U.S. 2023 BILLION-DOLLAR WEATHER AND CLIMATE DISASTERS



This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 28 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States in 2023.

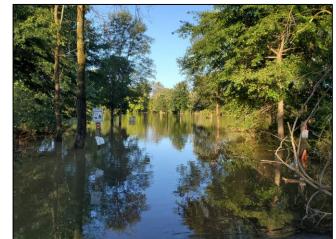
UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OF THE SITE AND

SURROUNDING AREA

- / Read the local hazard mitigation / plan /
- Look for imagery
- Use Google & social media
- Search for high water marks
- Talk to neighbors & community officials







## CLIMATE CHANGE IS:

REAL & ALREADY HERE

UNCERTAIN



### Uncertain

### Understand the Science

- New DEP rules, FFRMS
- For flood use 1%,
   .02%,
- Sea Level Rise / understand/multiple projections
- Custom modeling



## CLIMATE CHANGE IS:

- REAL & ALREADY HERE
- UNCERTAIN
- DYNAMIC



## Dynamic

## Climate change having unprecedented effect in Maine

Kathryn Carley 4th June 2024, 21:14 GMT+10

### Identify risk tolerance

- Don't assume you know all the climate impacts
- Embrace reality of residual risk
- Understand adaptative capacity potential
- Explore multiple uses & alternatives

A year of record global heat has pushed Earth closer to dangerous threshold

Story by Scott Dance • 2d • 🛈 5 min read

Maps show how "Tornado Alley" has shifted in the U.S.

Story by Kerry Breen • 23h • 🛈 2 min read

Study: Climate change could make groundwater unsafe for millions

8h • ① 2 min read

The New York Times · 23d

### The Possible Collapse of the U.S. Home Insurance System

And what it shows is maybe the threat of climate change isn't quite what we thought. Maybe instead of climate change wrecking communities in the form of a big storm or a wildfire or a flood ...

Climate change added a month's worth of extra-hot days in past year

The past 12 months have been the planet's hottest ever measured, and the burning of fossil

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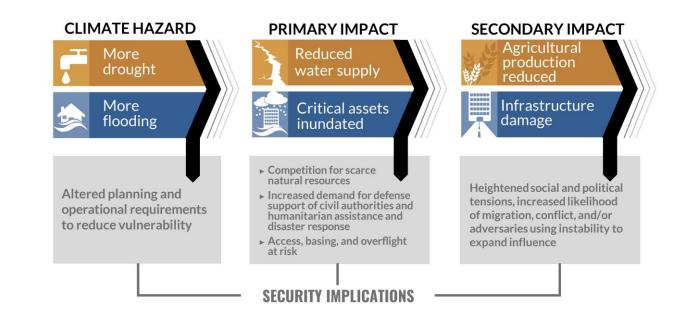
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### A Threat Multiplier

### Consider existing vulnerabilities

- Aging infrastructure
- Water table changes
- Climate gentrification
- Social vulnerability
- Aging population
- Income instability
- Disinvestment
- Traffic
- Parking



## Sewer overflows in North Carolina reflective of aging infrastructure, growing population & extreme weather events

In 2024, there have already been 30 reported sewer overflows in Wake County, totaling more than 336,000 gallons of raw sewage spilling into the environment.

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- A THREAT MULTIPLIER
- COMPOUNDING



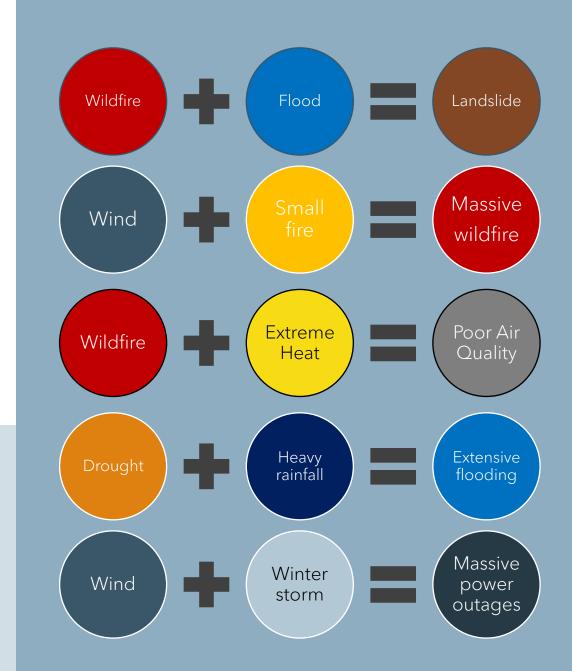
### Compounding

### Explore the Complexities

- Leverage tools and guidance
- Use scenario planning
- Form problem statements

Climate change is increasing the chances of multiple climate hazards occurring simultaneously or consecutively across the US and its territories.

- Fifth National Climate Assessment



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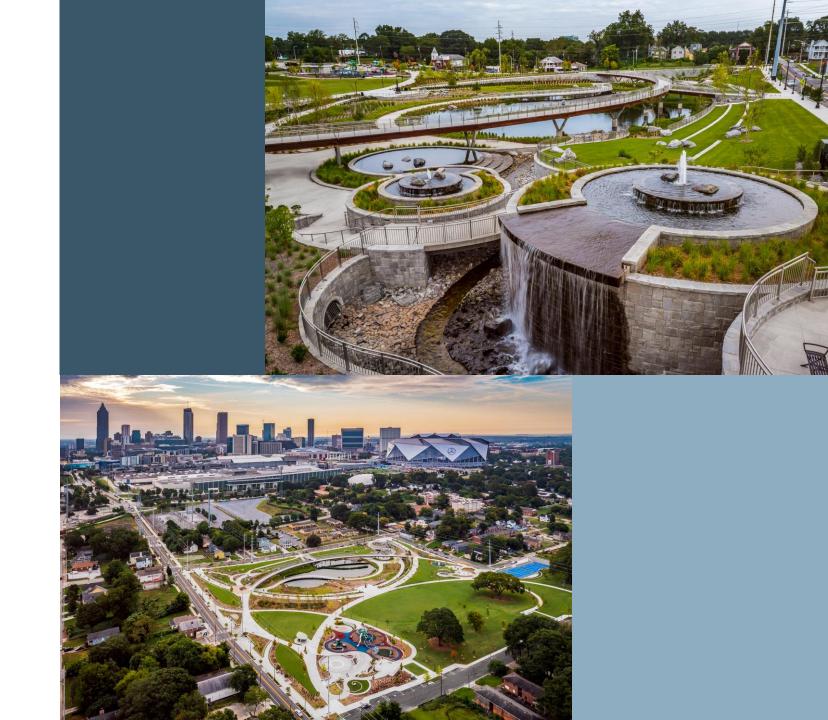
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- AN OPPORTUNITY



### An Opportunity

### Build co-benefits:

- Meet sustainability goals
- Opens funding opportunities
- Builds community support
- Fosters partnerships
- Benefit-Cost Analysis favors co-benefits
- Put it in your plan



### THANK YOU

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## Understanding the Climate Vulnerability for Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

### Using NJ Adapt Suite of Tools

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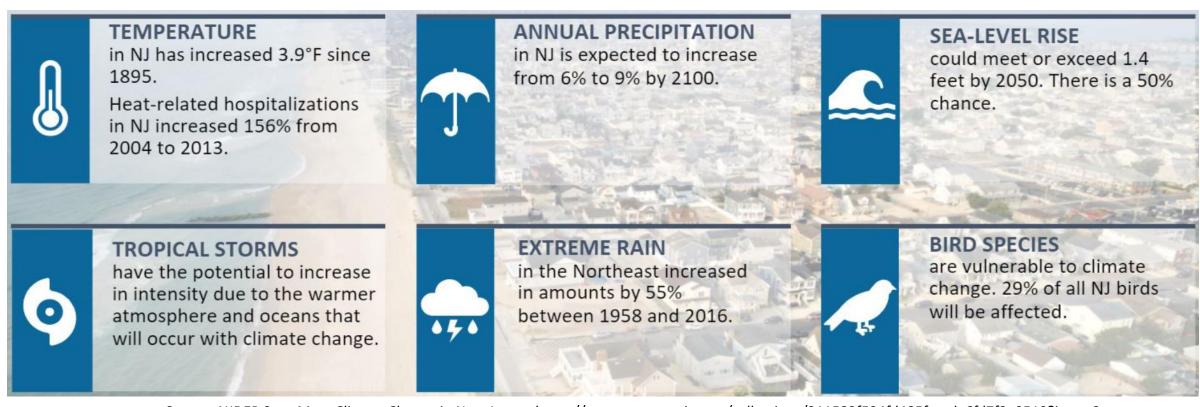
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### Climate Change Related Data

**Resilience** - The ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions; and withstand and recover timely from disruptions.



Source: NJDEP StoryMap- Climate Change in New Jersey, <a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/311582f534fd485faccda6fd7f3a0519?item=3">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/311582f534fd485faccda6fd7f3a0519?item=3</a>



### Climate Change Related Data

Rutgers University has developed a suite of data visualization and mapping decision support tools from various data sources that offer critical support to end users in

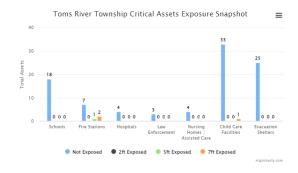
planning for future climate conditions

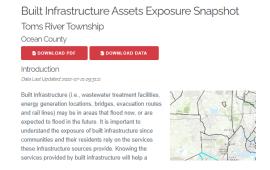
assessing climate change related hazards

#### communicating risks and hazards









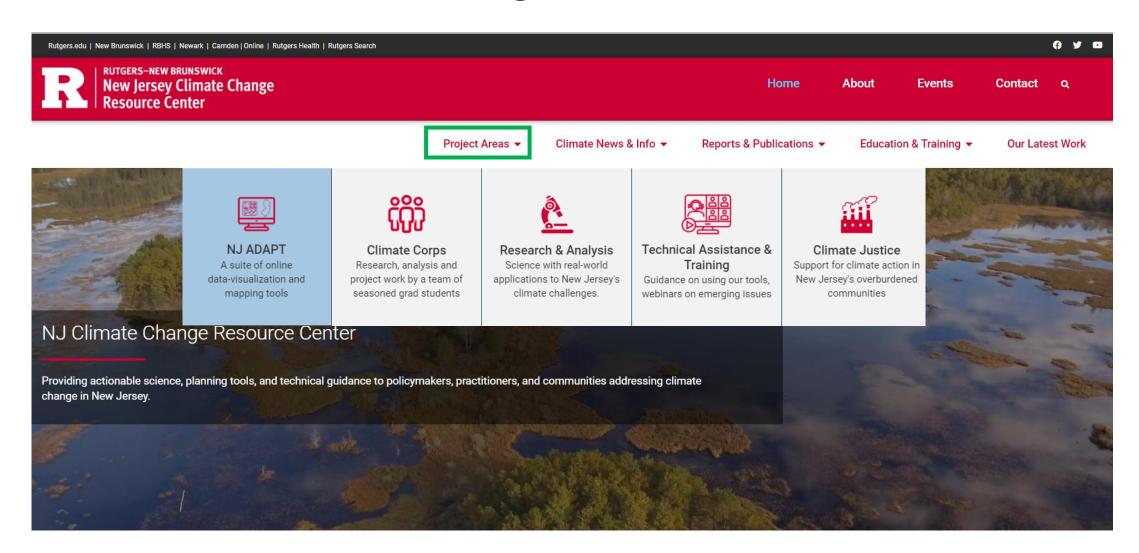


is section provides information on how to use NIADAPT data tools to assess impacts of mate change-related hazards on populations, critical facilities, and community assets. The 23 separations to the Municipal Leaf Leaf law that require the application of Citizense.

Maps Graphs Reports Guides



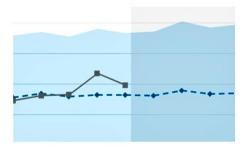
### Locating NJ ADAPT



### njclimateresourcecenter.rutgers.edu



### Overview of NJ Floodmapper



Climate Dashboard

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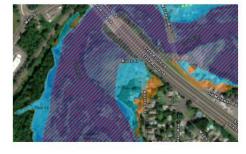
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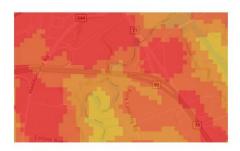
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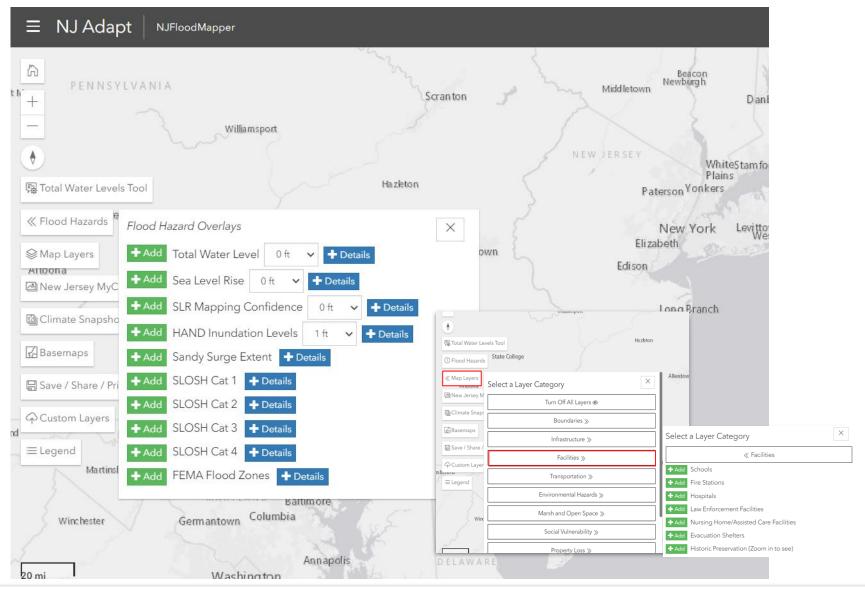
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Climate planning for improved health outcomes

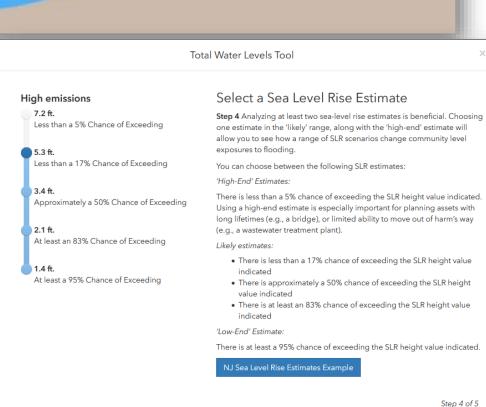


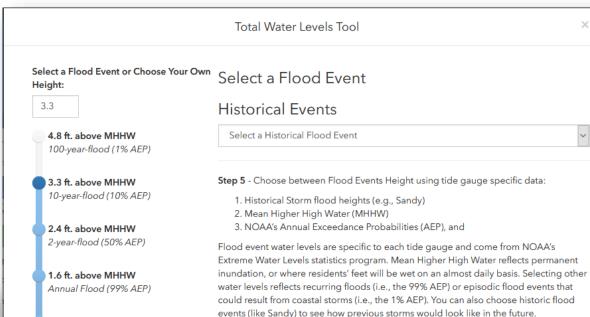


### **Social Vulnerability Data**

- NJDEP EJ Overburdened Communities
- CDC Social Vulnerability Index
- Municipal Revitalization Index
- Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed
- Homeless NJ Counts Pointin-Time
- Veterans Population
- Housing Stock Age
- Landscan







Total Water Levels Tool

Total Water Level Summary

storms.

Step 5 of 5

Next

Previous

Summary

+ Add To Map

Results - The resultant Total Water Level is rounded to the nearest

whole foot. The TWL inundation map represents 'still water', which

The Total Water Level does not portray wave runup, the movement

closely corresponds to FEMA's Still Water Flood Elevations (SWEL), not the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Therefore, this analysis could

under-represent the amount of inundation, as the calculations do

of water up a slope. Therefore, the inundation mapping more

not consider wave velocity and other dynamic effects from

reflects the astronomical tide, the storm surge, and limited wave

setup caused by breaking waves.

Previous

0 ft. above MHHW

Permanent Inundation

Total Water Level Summary

Emission Scenario: High emissions

Timeframe: 2090 Planning Horizon

Total Water Level Estimate: 8.6 ft.

Previous

Total Water Level Estimate Mapper: 9 ft.

SLR Estimate: Less than a 17% Chance of Exceeding - 5.3 ft.

Flood Event: 10-year-flood (10% AEP) - 3.3 ft. above MHHW

Tide Gauge: Atlantic City, NJ



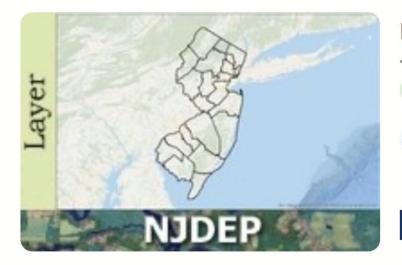
### **Adding Custom Layer**











### Brownfield Development Areas (Outline) of New Jersey





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#### Summary

The data enables the NJDEP to share BDA parcel data and other GIS spatial components with all the shareholders, in an easily accesible format via NJ GeoWeb. The shareholders can then use common data to research questions and make informed accurate decisions.

This is a graphical representation of the outline boundary for Brownfield Development Areas (BDA) in New Jersey. The data included in the layer enables GIS to map, as polygons, all current BDA's in New Jersey. A brownfield is any former or current commercial or industrial site that is currently vacant or underutilized and on which there has been, or there is suspected to have been, a discharge of contamination. Under the BDA approach, NJDEP works with selected communities affected by multiple

#### Details

Dataset

Feature Layer

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As Needed

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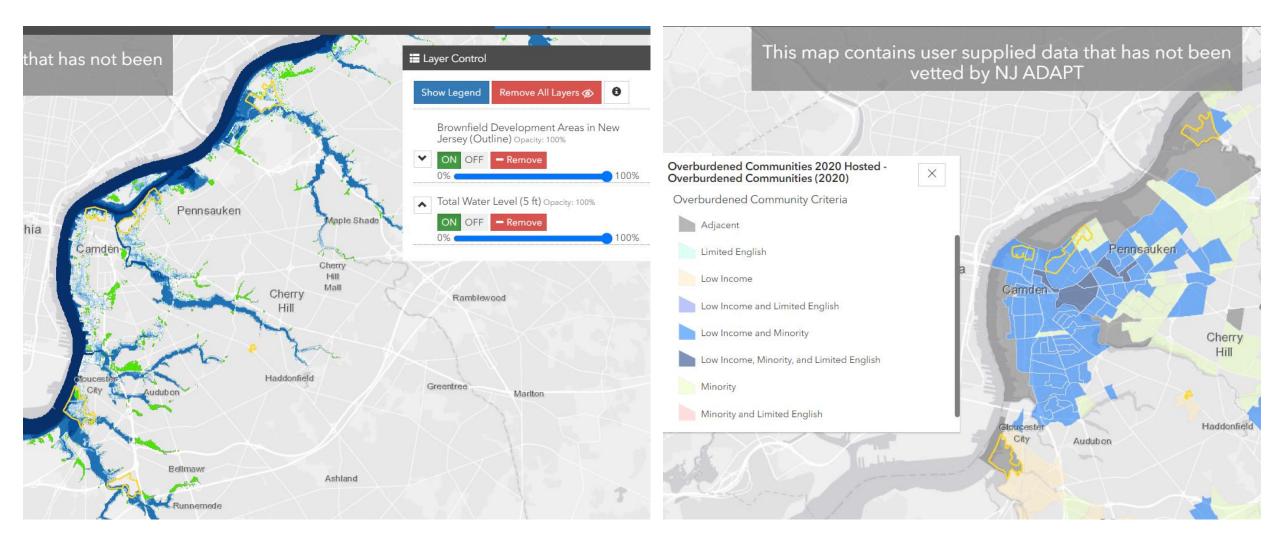
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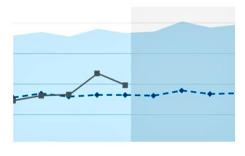


### Brownfield Sites in Flood Zones and OBC





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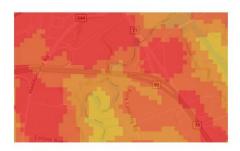
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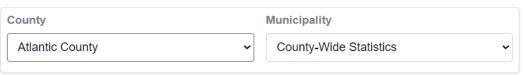


access points

Climate Snapshots (<a href="https://climatesnapshots.rutgers.edu/">https://climatesnapshots.rutgers.edu/</a>) provide easy access to information about the people, places, and assets that are at risk from climate impacts in each of New Jersey's municipalities.

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age, race and type of disability.







#### Built Infrastructure Assets Exposure Snapshot Gloucester City

#### Camden County

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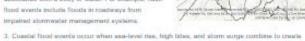
#### Introduction

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flood events that range from numerica high-lide floods to destructive storm biles from seawater.

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#### Built Infrastructure Assets in Exposed Areas

Assets	Total Assets	# Exposed at 2ft TWL	# Exposed at 6ft TWL	# Exposed at 7ft TWL
Wastowate/	0	0	0	0
Energy Generation	i	0	NA	1
Power Plants	0	0	0	.0
NJ Bridges*	16	3	5	11
Gas Stations	2	0	0	0

The National Bridge Inventory is a collection of information (database) describing the more than 600,000 of the Nation's bridges localise on public roads as of Cecamber 31, 2018, including infentate Highrenys, U.S. highways, State and county made, serveit as publicly-accessible bridges on Federal lands, it presents a State by State summary analysis of the number, location, and general condition of highway bridges within each State.

# LINK TO INTRASTRUCTURE LIVE WAP

#### Built Infrastructure Assets in FEMA Flood Zone Areas

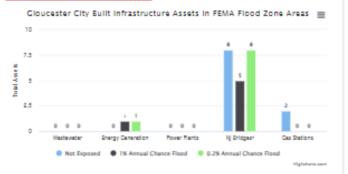
	Total	# Exposed In		
Assets	Assets	1% Annual Chance Flood	0.2% Annual Chance Flood	
Wastewater	0	0	0	
Energy Generation	1	1	1	
Power Plants	0	0	0	
NJ Bridges*	16	5	8	
Gas Stations	2	0	0	

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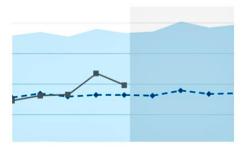
- Floodway: The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood height.
- 1% Annual Chance Flood: The 1% annual flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, ASO, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is that water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood: The 0.2% annual flood (500-year flood) is the flood that has a 0.2% chance of being equated or exceeded in any given year.
- · Areas of Undetermined Flood Hazard are areas with possible but undetermined flood hazards.
- FEMA Flood Zone exposure analyses are inclusive of leaser FEMA flood designations. The
  number exposed to 1% Annual Chance Flood includes those exposed in the Regulatory Floodway
  area in its analysis and the 0.2% Annual Chance Flood includes those exposed in the 1% Annual
  Chance Flood and in the Regulatory Floodway.

#### **Ø LINK TO INTRASTRUCTURE LIVE MAP**





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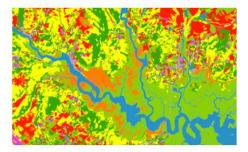
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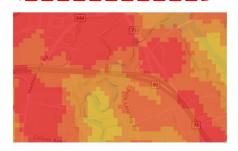
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### Climate Change Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

### **CCHRVA** Requirements

amendments to the New
Jersey Municipal Land
Use Law require a Climate
Change Related Hazard
Vulnerability Assessment
(CCRHVA) as part of the
land use element of a
municipal Master Plan

-	Current and Future Threats Analysis	Analyze threats and vulnerabilities associated with climate change-related natural hazards.
lata	Build-Out Analysis	Conduct a build-out analysis for future residential, commercial, industrial development and assess associated threats and vulnerabilities.
	Critical Infrastructure Identification	Identify critical facilities, utilities, roadways, and infrastructure crucial for evacuation and maintaining quality of life during natural disasters.
~	Master Plan Impact Analysis	Analyze potential impacts of natural hazards on relevant components and elements of the master plan.
A	Risk Reduction Strategies	Provide strategies and design standards to reduce or avoid risks associated with natural hazards.
₹.	Policy Statement	Include a policy statement on the consistency, coordination, and integration of the climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment with other relevant plans.
ANTA.	Scientific Basis	Rely on the most recent natural hazard projections and best available science provided by the New Jersey DEP.

Source: Office of Planning Advocacy Department of State, Business Action Center: Municipal Climate Resilience Planning Guide



### Overlap across Plans/Funding Mechanisms

**Municipal Master Plans** 

require Climate Change Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessments

Resilient Communities
Program

Required for DCA funds

Climate
Related
Vulnerability/
Risk
Assessment

Community
Development Block
Grant for Mitigation
(CBDG-MIT)

**HUD** disaster funding

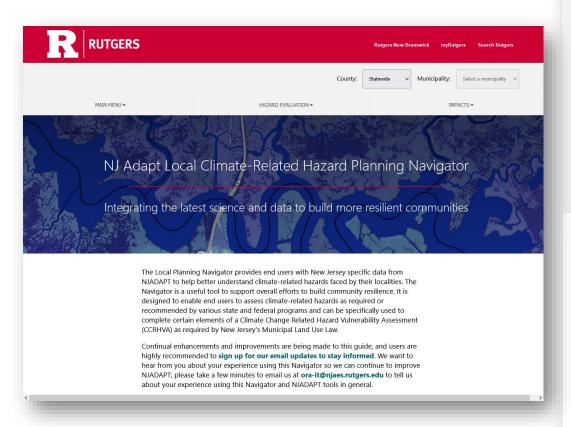
Hazard Mitigation Plans

required for certain FEMA funds

**Plan Endorsement** 

state voluntary review of local government plans





#### **Get Started with Hazard Evaluation**

This section provides information about how to use NJADAPT data tools to assess current and future vulnerabilities to climate change-related natural hazards. Within each hazard is a description of how to navigate NJADAPT data and tools to create documents in the form of maps, downloadable reports, and non-spatial/statistical visualizations.



Coastal Flooding



Inland Flooding

Storm Type	Current	Moderate Emissions, Mini- Cantury	Moderate Emissions, Later Century	Entranson, Mid-century	Eroseova, Late-Century
PT start 190% phartness	129	1.02	241	141	284
EYaar (Str., (Sense)	k30	ia	437.	137	487
10 T x 5 * (10% (Nemoti)	4,06	3.91	536	536	576
25 Y e. 61 (97s. charges	8.01	8.54	8.54	100	7.00
NTEN On Other	2.00	780	710	760	849
TOD Y e.e.t (TN: chenom	110	8.76	811	9.00	9.25

**Extreme Precipitation** 



Extreme Heat

### **Continue with Assessment of Impacts**

This section provides information on how to use NJADAPT data tools to assess impacts of climate change-related hazards on populations, critical facilities, and community assets. The 2021 amendments to the Municipal Land Use Law that require the adoption of a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (CCRHVA) specifies that a CCRHVA must include an identification of "critical facilities, utilities, roadways, and other infrastructure that is necessary for evacuation purposes and sustaining quality of life during a natural disaster."







Critical Facilities and Infrastructure



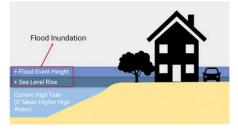
**Community Assets** 



#### Coastal Flooding

Coastal flood inundation is affected by contributions from three factors:

 Tidal flooding - Flooding caused by twice-daily high-tides (also known as "sunny day" flooding or "nuisance" flooding). The term Mean Higher High Water (MHHW) is used to describe the average



height of the highest tide over a recorded period;

- Sea-level rise Sea-level rise increases the overall height of tidally-influenced waterbodies
  and, in doing so, increases the frequency and expanse of tidal flooding and worsens the
  impact of event-related flooding;
- Events Flooding caused by events such as storms.

When planning for future coastal flooding, it is essential for end users to apply a future scenario(s) for sea-level rise to their hazard projections. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) issued guidance for sea-level rise planning in 2021; further explanation of NJDEP guidance is in the box below.

#### ☆ Review NJDEP Guidance on Planning for Sea-Level Rise

In its June 2021 sea-level rise guidance for New Jersey, NJDEP outlines the following recommendations:

Planning Horizon - NJDEP encourages end users to consider both the design and reasonable life of activities for which hazards are being assessed when determining what planning horizon to apply. For example, NJDEP's guidance points out that planning for a 30-year typical mortgage may be useful when assessing impacts to residential structures. NJDEP recommends, in general, use of a 2100 planning horizon when planning for significant investments in infrastructure, such as coastal energy facilities.

Emissions scenarios - Projections for sea-level rise after 2050 are affected by the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the global atmosphere. As outlined in the 2020 New Jersey Scientific Report on Climate Change, a high GHG emissions scenario corresponds to a future in which there is continued growth of fossil fuel consumption; a moderate GHG emissions scenario corresponds to a future consistent with current global policies, and a low GHG emissions scenario corresponds to a future consistent with global accords such as the 2015 Paris Agreement. NJDEP recommends, in general, use of a moderate emissions scenario.

Risk Tolerance - NJDEP recommends that end users consider the extent to which certain activities have the capacity to adapt to and/or tolerate hazards and risks. For those activities that have less risk tolerance, NJDEP recommends planning for high end projections of sea-level rise; for those activities that have high risk tolerance, NJDEP recommends that end users consider the extent to which those activities may have limited impacts and plan accordingly.

Geographic area of flooding - NJDEP recommends that end users add 5.1 feet to the geographic extent of the onepercent (100 year) storm base flood elevation to accommodate sea-level rise in coastal areas.

**Building height** - To allow for a margin of safety, NJDEP recommends that end users add a minimum of one foot of freeboard to the projected SLR for buildings and structures.



# **Get Started**

#### **Using NJADAPT Tools to Assess Coastal Flooding Hazards**

Please select your desired geography in the menu at the top of this page to get customized analysis and outputs from this and the other tools in this navigator.

Please note some areas in New Jersey are not threatened by coastal flooding.

#### Maps

- Explore an interactive map of current high-tide flooding (2 feet of coastal flooding). This is the amount of nuisance flooding some parts of New Jersey are currently experiencing at highest high-tide. This data is sourced from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- Explore an interactive map of sea-level rise by the year 2100 (5 feet of coastal flooding). This map shows where the NJDEP advises the shoreline will potentially be in 2100. This data is sourced from NOAA.
- Explore an interactive map of high-tide flooding by the year 2100 (7 feet of coastal flooding). This map shows the amount of nuisance flooding some parts of New Jersey are expected to experience at highest high-tide in the year 2100. This data is sourced from NOAA.

#### Reports - Climate Snapshots

NJADAPT provides a numerous reports that detail flood impacts from 2ft (current) and 7ft (future) high-tide events, and 5ft of sea-level rise expected for 2100 (NJDEP recommendation), including effects to power plants, evacuation shelters, farmland, evacuation routes, as well as to people, including populations disproportionately affected by climate change. Explore flood impact reports here and explore flood impacts on public health sites and vulnerable populations here.

#### Statistical Data - NJHazAdapt

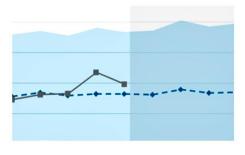
- Download MOD IV property tax parcel data showing percentage of flooding by following the link to NJHazAdapt, selecting your location at the top of the page, and then scrolling down to the MOD-IV Parcel Flood Analysis section at the bottom of the page. This data can be joined in GIS software to the NJ Geographic Information Network's Parcels Composite of NJ for mapping purposes.
- Review step-by-step guidance on creating a MOD IV property tax parcel data analysis for flooding using these GIS Assessment Steps.

#### Important information about NJADAPT data

The NJADAPT data tools incorporate provisions that ensure that the NJADAPT data are consistent with NJDEP's sea-level rise 2021 guidance. MOD IV data are property tax parcel data for the State of New Jersey that NJADAPT has included to allow exploration of how individual parcels of property are affected by flooding.



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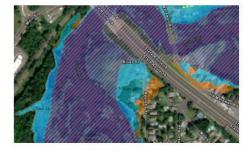
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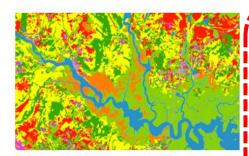
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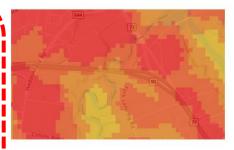
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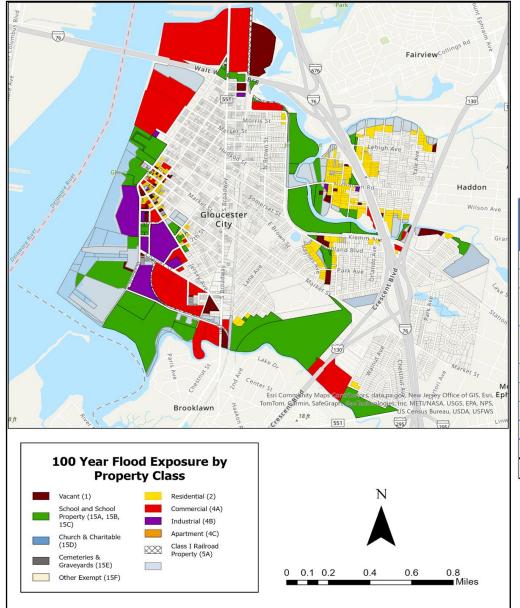
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# MOD IV Parcel Flood Analysis – Gloucester City

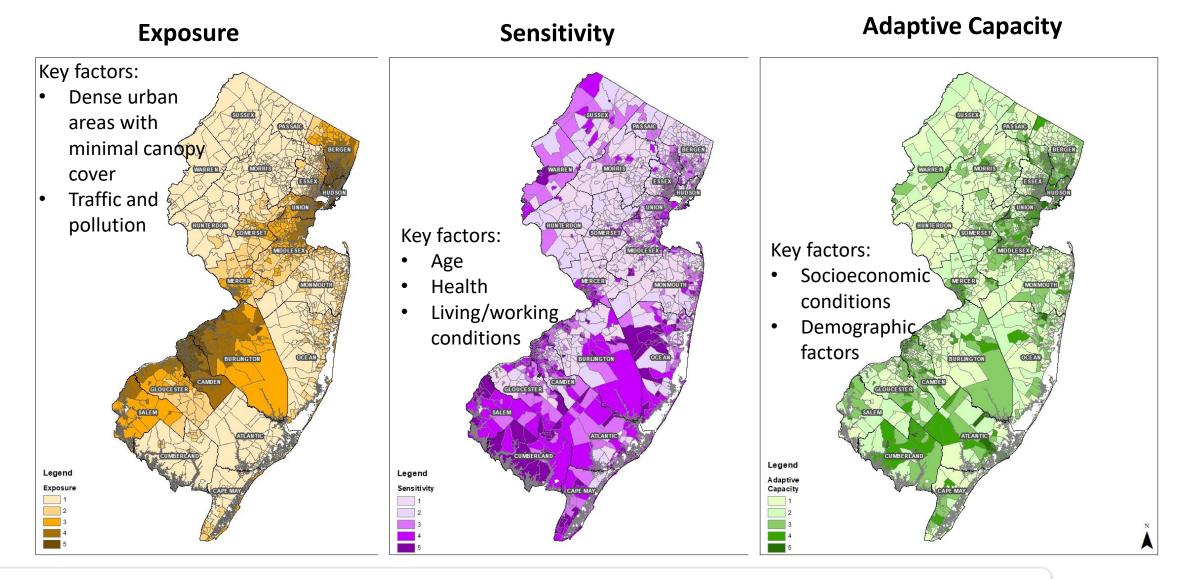


# 100-Year Flood Event (1% Chance Annual Flood)

Property Class	Value of Flooded Land Parcels	Value of Flooded Improvement	# Parcels Flooded	Total Area flooded (in Acres)
Vacant (1)	\$ 2,921,500	\$ -	46	4.4082
Residential (2)	\$ 8,508,300	\$ 25,295,950	307	36.3338
<b>Public and School</b>				
Property (15A)	\$ 4,110,300	\$ 20,030,800	2	0
<b>Public and School</b>				
Property (15C)	\$ 11,604,500	\$ 24,912,700	66	6.5392
Other Exempt (15F)	\$ 165,000	\$ 274,200	4	0.2289
Commercial (4A)	\$ 12,844,500	\$ 38,992,400	46	7.5464
Industrial (4B)	\$ 3,146,600	\$ 10,256,500	11	2.7694
Apartment (4C)	\$ 14,000	\$ 89,600	1	0.0344
Railroad Class I (5A)	\$ 487,500	\$ -	3	0
Total	\$ 43,802,200	\$ 119,852,150	486	58



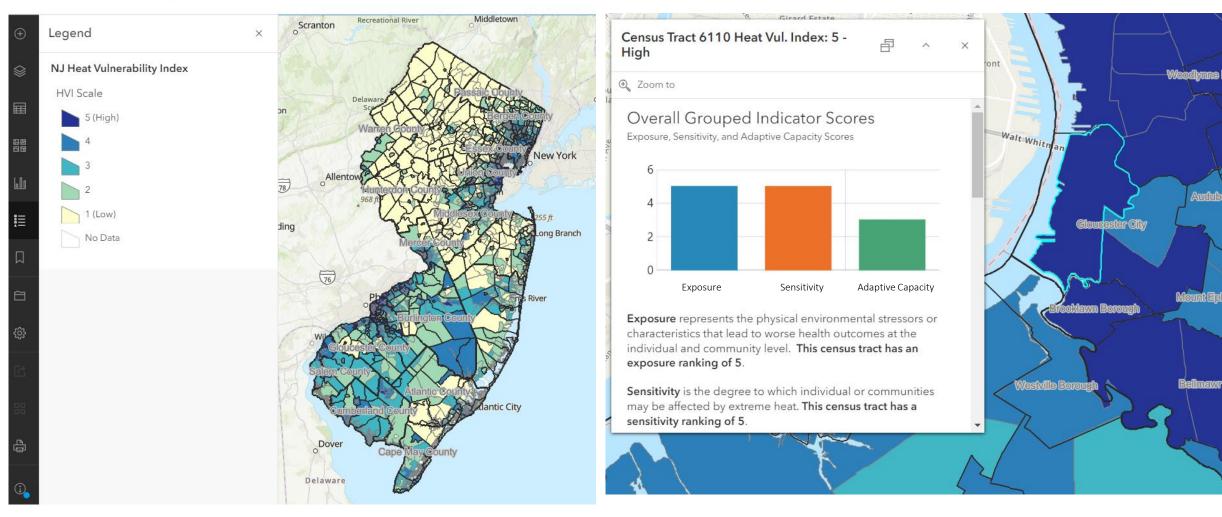
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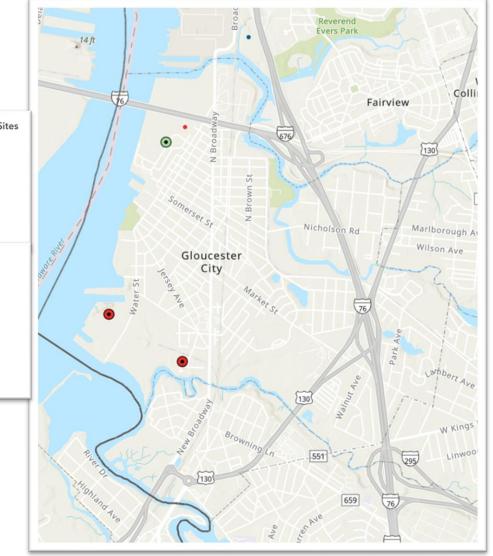
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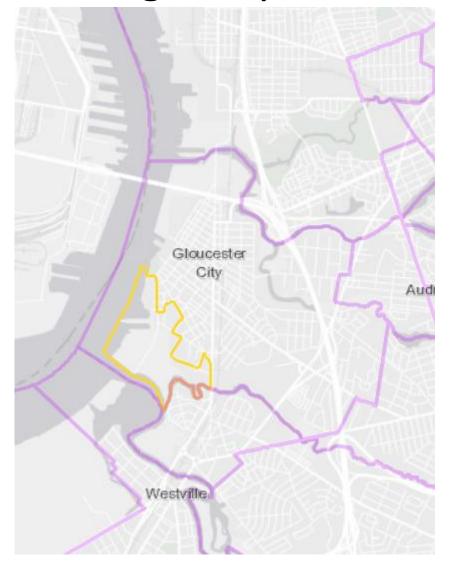


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# Hazardous Facilities and Flooding Analysis





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#### Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act Sites

TCPA Sites

- Current Flood Risk In OBC
- Current Flood Risk
- Future Flood Risk
- · Sites with Limited Flood Risk

#### **Known Contaminated Sites List**

KCSL Sites

- Current Flood Risk In OBC
- Current Flood Risk
- Future Flood Risk In OBC
- · Sites with Limited Flood Risk



# **Key Takeaways**

Climate change is posing continued risk to human health, infrastructure, natural resources, social and economic systems

Climate change-related data and tools are essential drivers for decisions about zoning, redevelopment, housing, open space, and other investments by local and regional governments

Rutgers' NJ Adapt is a powerful public resource available for high-level planning and learning about the impacts of climate change on people, assets, and communities in New Jersey

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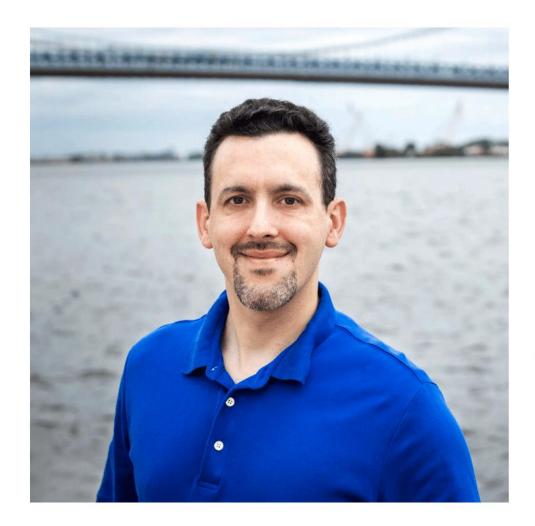
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# **Case Study Highlights**

Impacts of Flooding on Hoboken

Resiliency Planning - Parks as Defense

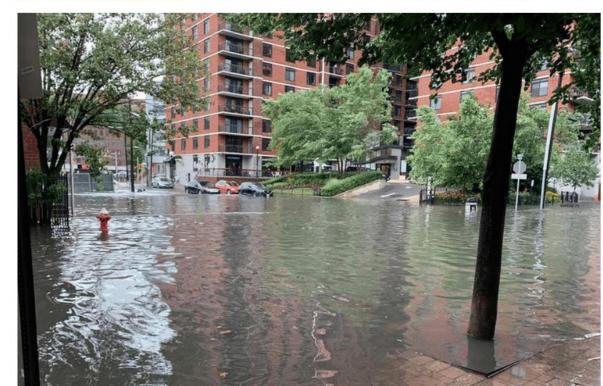
Community Benefits from resilient strategic planning

Designing a Resiliency Park















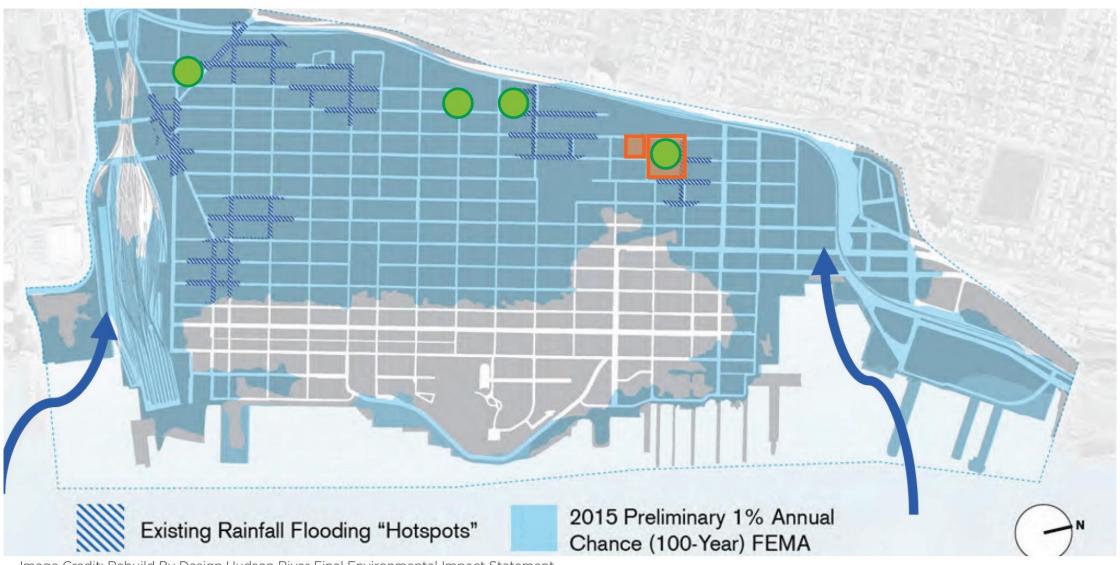
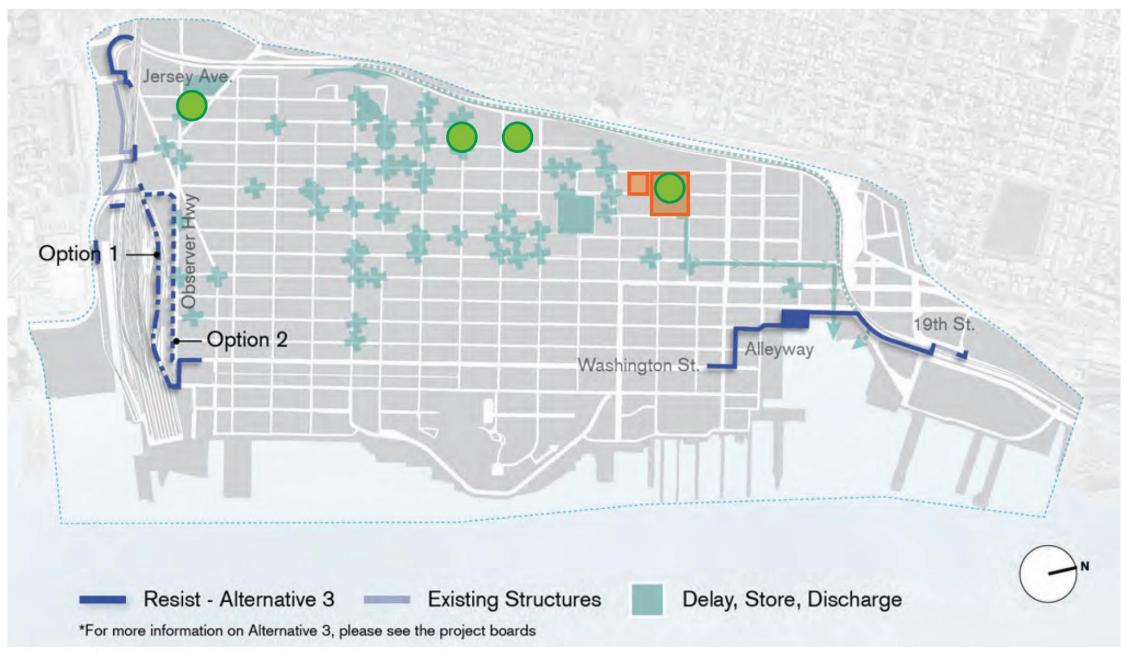


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Hoboken Northwest Resiliency Park



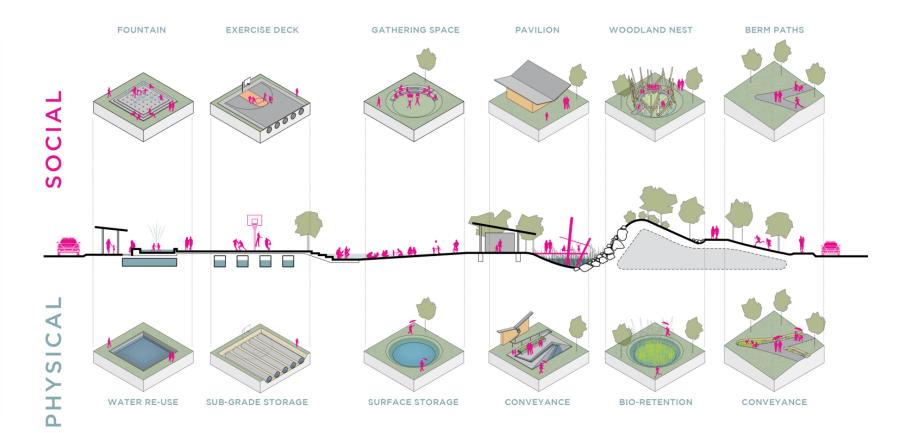
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Define design and performance criteria for both physical infrastructure systems as well as community based social interdependencies





Physical Infrastructure Planning

Hoboken Master Plan identifies former BASF site as future parkland

2004

Green Infrastructure Strategic Plan identifies former BASF site as future resiliency park

2014

Rebuild by Design advances former BASF site as part of Delay, Store, Discharge strategy

2016

City of Hoboken acquires former BASF property and opens Northwest Pop-Up Park

2017

NHSA incorporates Northwest Resiliency Park in CSO Reduction Long Term Control Plan

2019



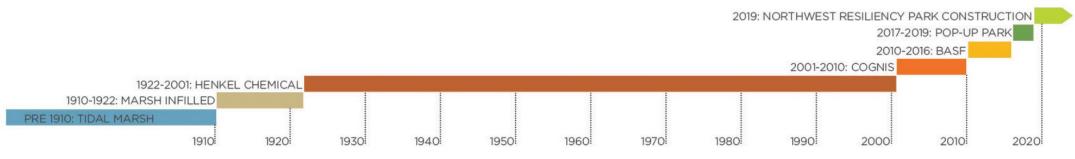


Figure 1.2.1 (Timeline of Development and Ownership)

Source: The New York Public Library Digital Collections

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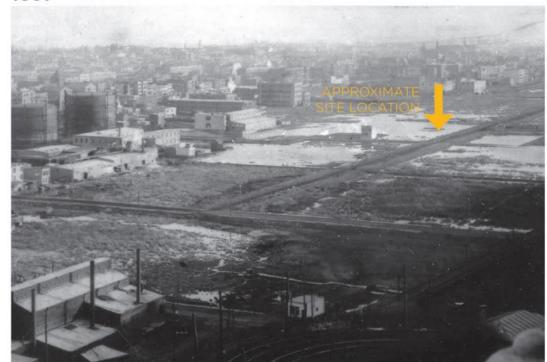


Figure 1.2.2 (1897 photograph of Hoboken meadows) Source: Rutgers University Community Repository

# 1890



Figure 1.2.3 (1890 topographic map showing marsh extent) Source: New York Public Library Digital Collections

# APPROXIMATE SITE LOCATION

Figure 1.2.4 (1967 photograph of northwest Hoboken) Source: Rutgers University Community Repository

2017

Figure 1.2.6 (2017 photograph of Pop-Up Park)

#### 1930



Figure 1.2.5 (1930 aerial image) Source: New Jersey Geographical Information Network

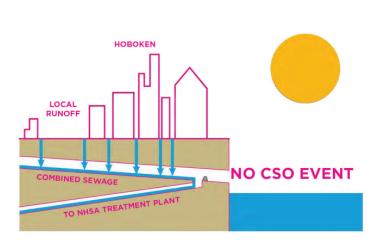
# 2015



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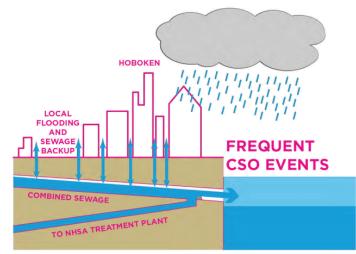
### **DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS**



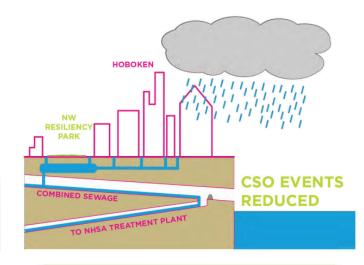
IN DRY WEATHER COMBINED SEWAGE IS CONVEYED TO THE NHSA TREATMENT PLANT BEFORE DISCHARGE.

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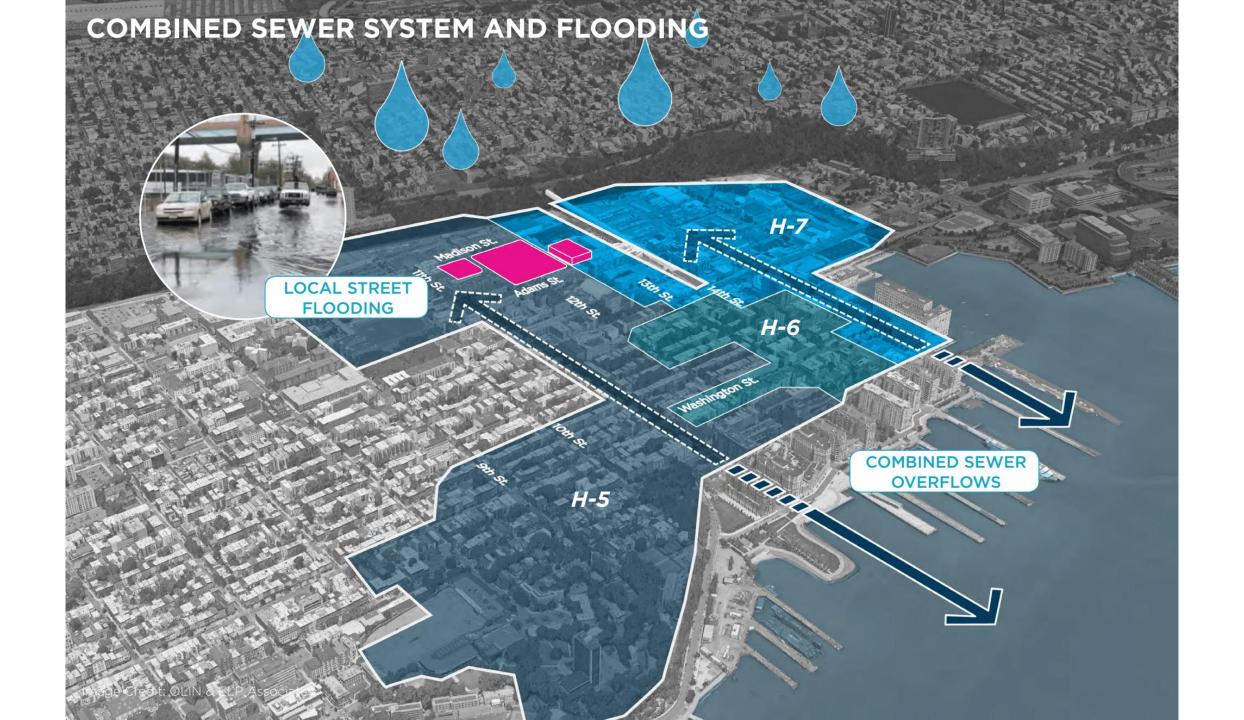
#### WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

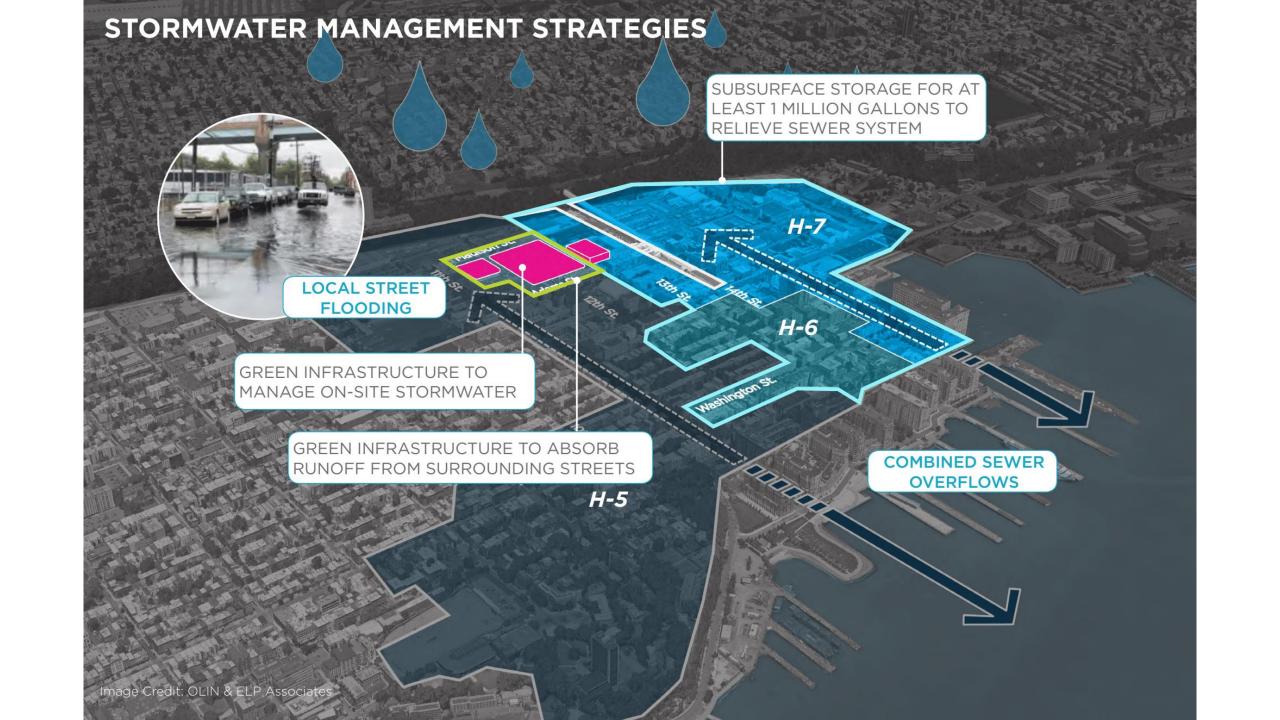


IN WET WEATHER COMBINED SEWAGE OVERFLOWS DIRECTLY TO THE HUDSON RIVER AND FLOODS LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS.



ONE MILLION GALLONS OF STORAGE AT NORTHWEST RESILIENCY PARK WILL HELP REDUCE COMBINED SEWAGE OVERFLOWS AND LOCAL FLOODING.



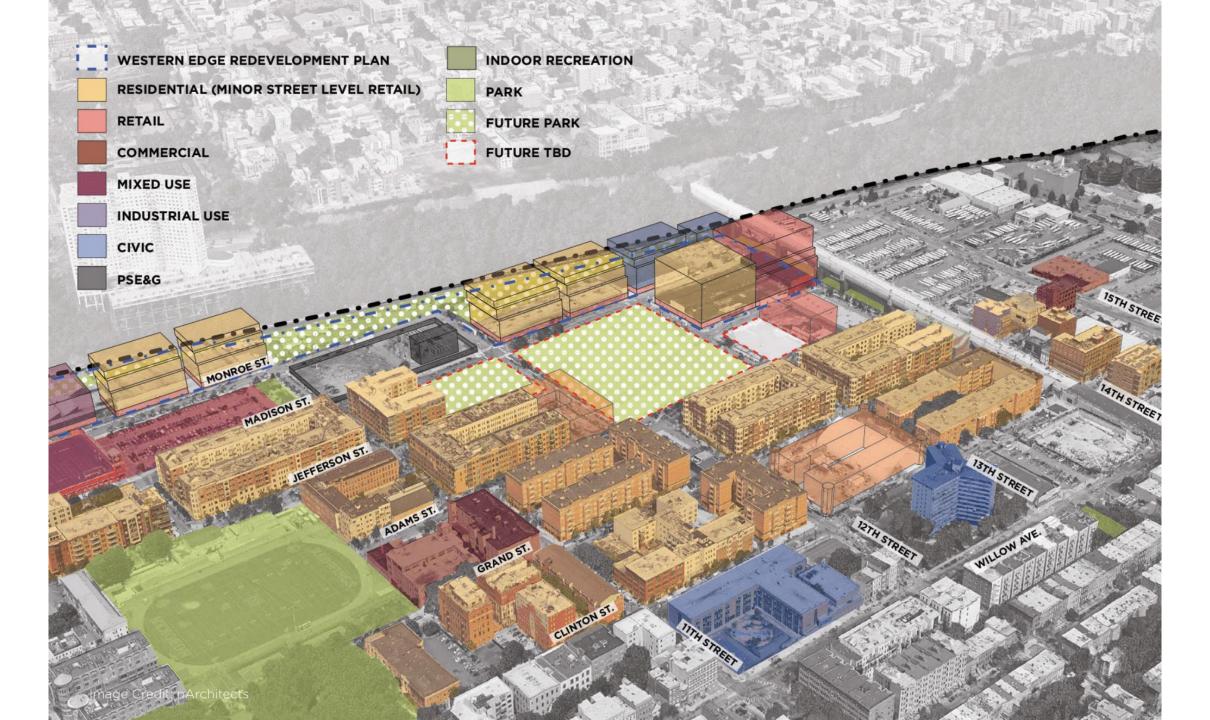


Social Infrastructure Planning















#### **ONLINE SURVEY**

#### WHAT FEATURES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR PARK?





GAMES 237



ROCK/NET CLIMBING 224



WADING WATER **FEATURE** 207



BIKE RENTAL 194







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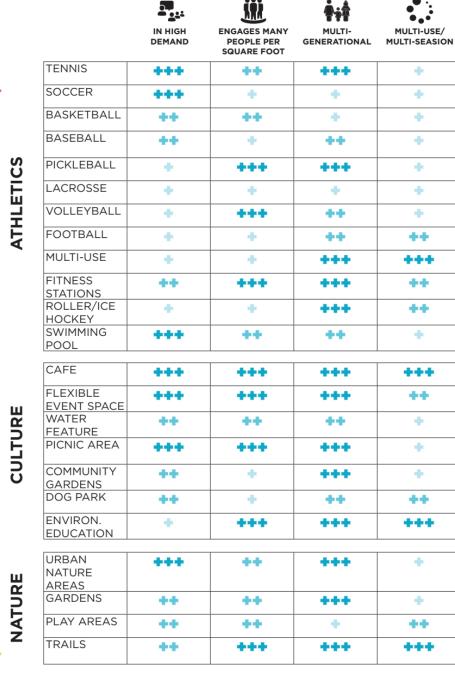












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IN HOBOKEN

**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

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Final Design & Flood Mitigation Strategies





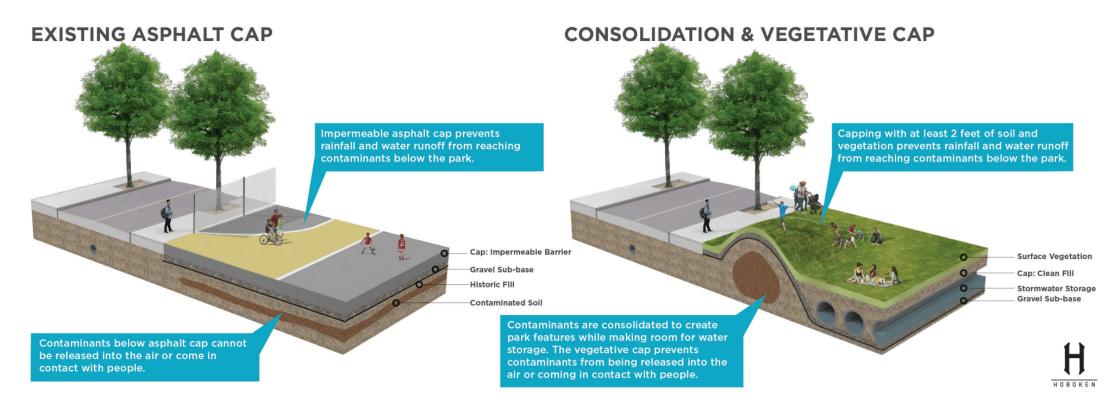
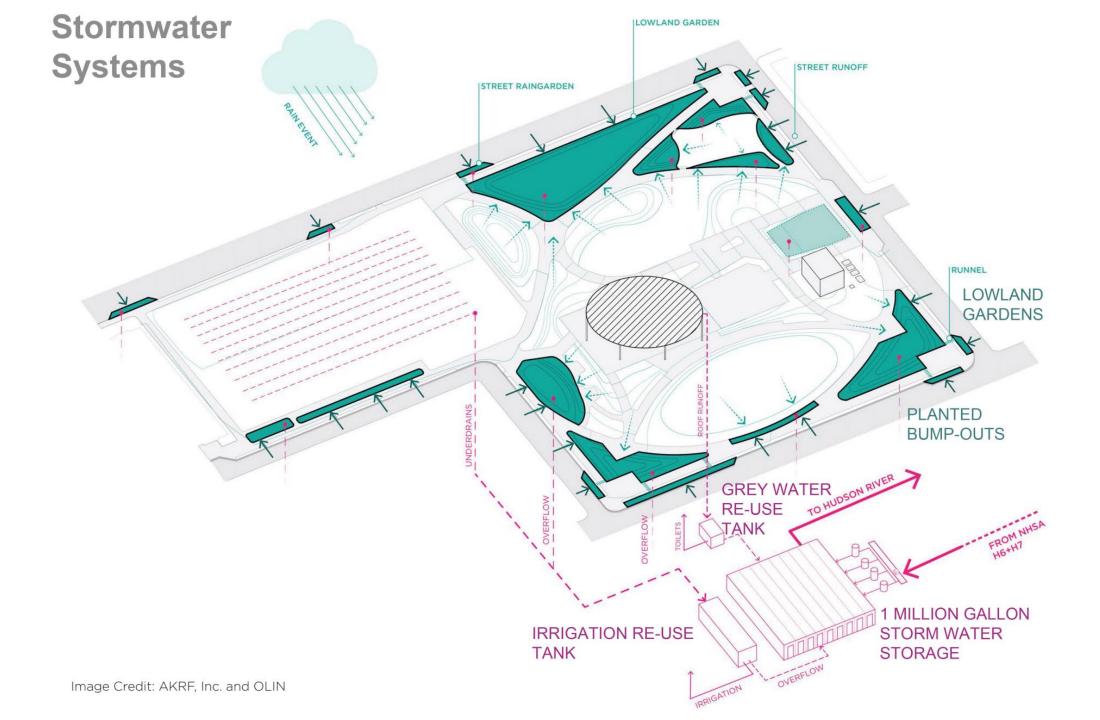


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Denotes stormwater basins



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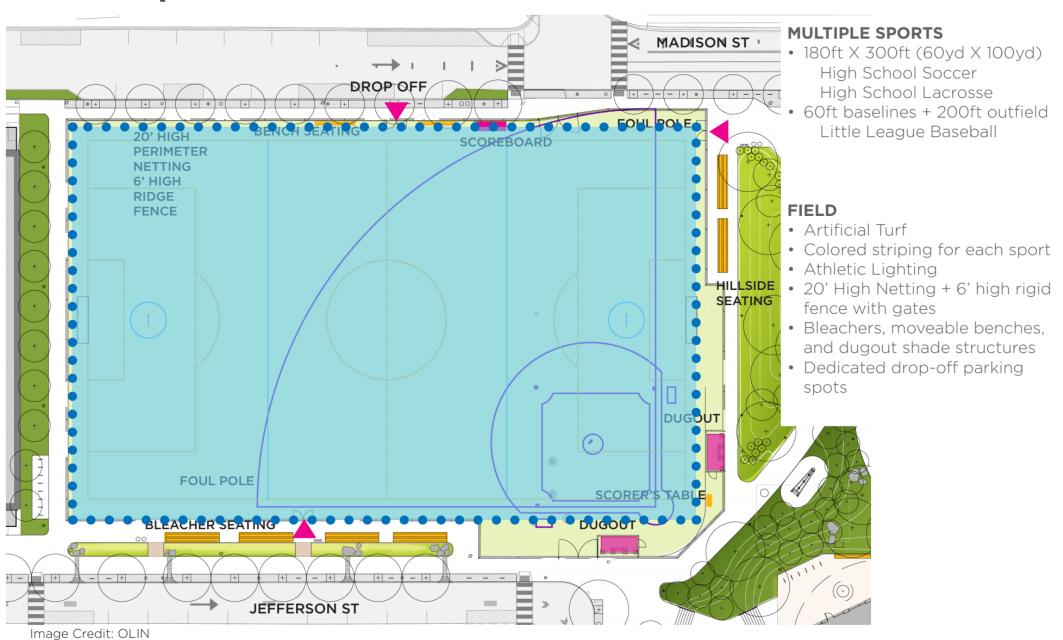


# **Planting**

# Bumpouts



#### **Multi-Purpose Field**



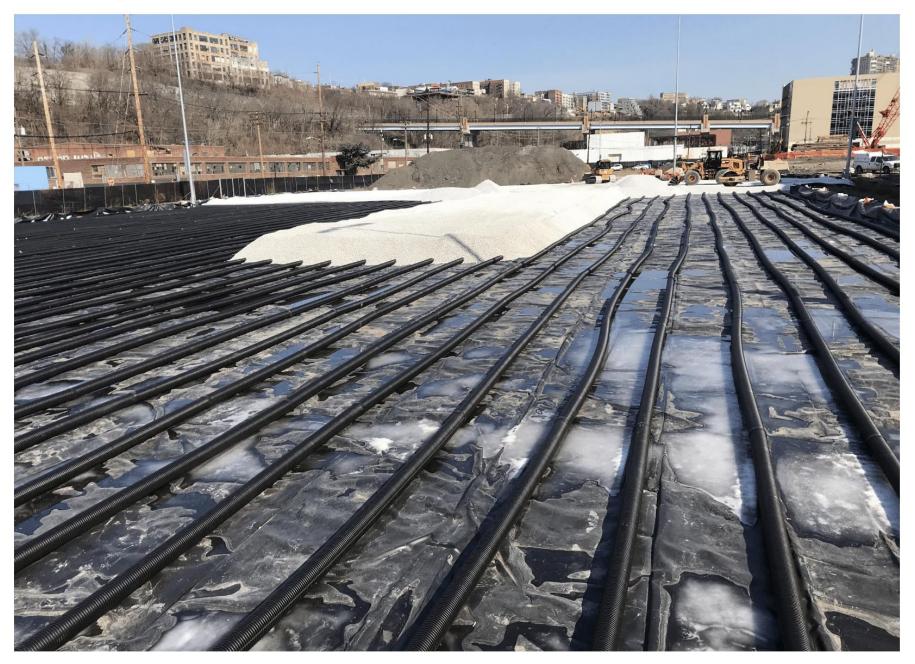


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# **Multi-Purpose Field**





#### **Madison Gardens + Play Valley**



## **Play Valley**



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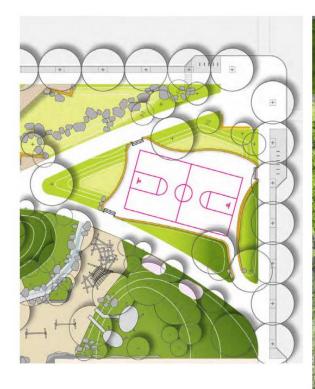


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# **Madison Gardens + Play Valley**



#### **Basketball Basin**



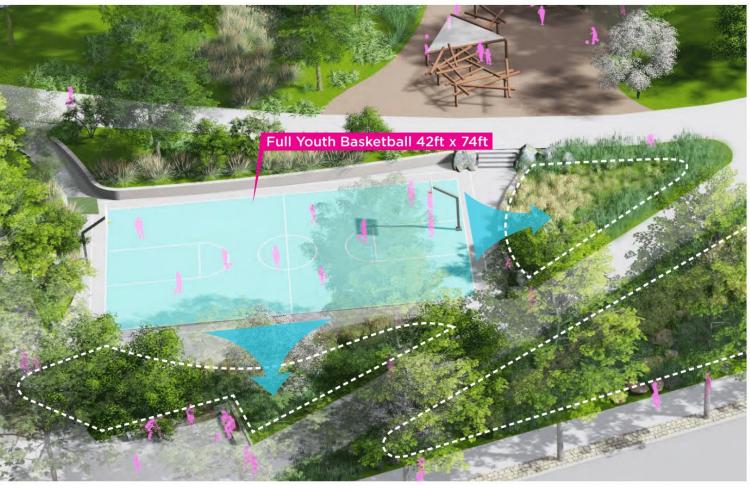




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# **Madison Gardens + Play Valley**



#### **Madison Lowland Garden**

#### Concept Design



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#### Madison Garden + Learning Walk



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#### **Terrace + Pavilion**



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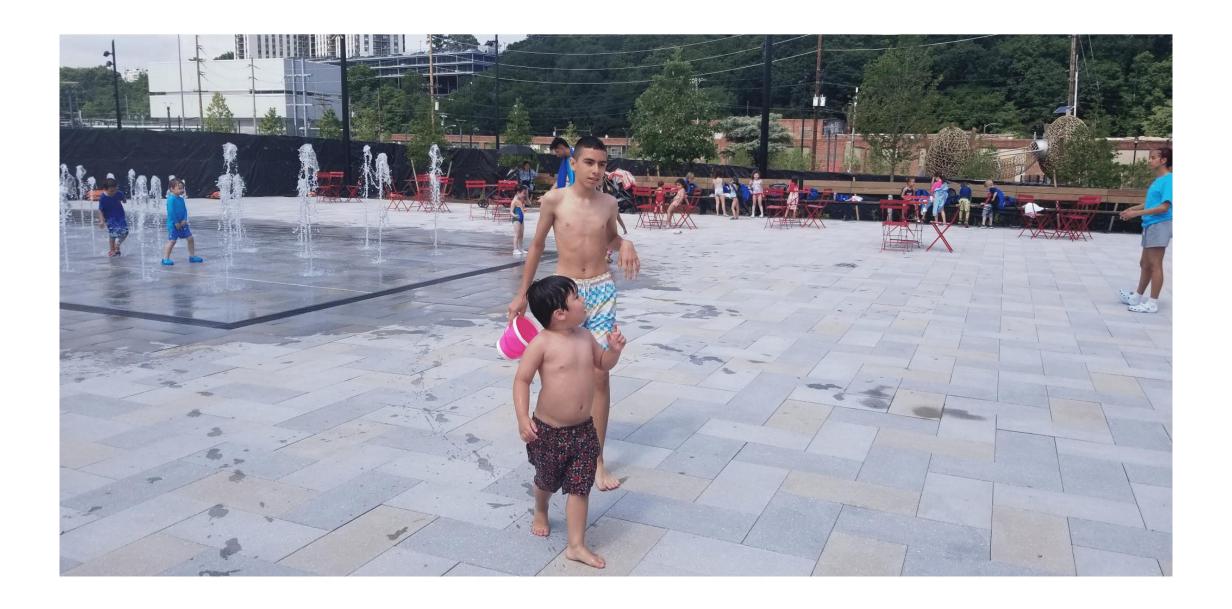




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City of Hoboken

#### **Stakeholders:**

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Hudson County
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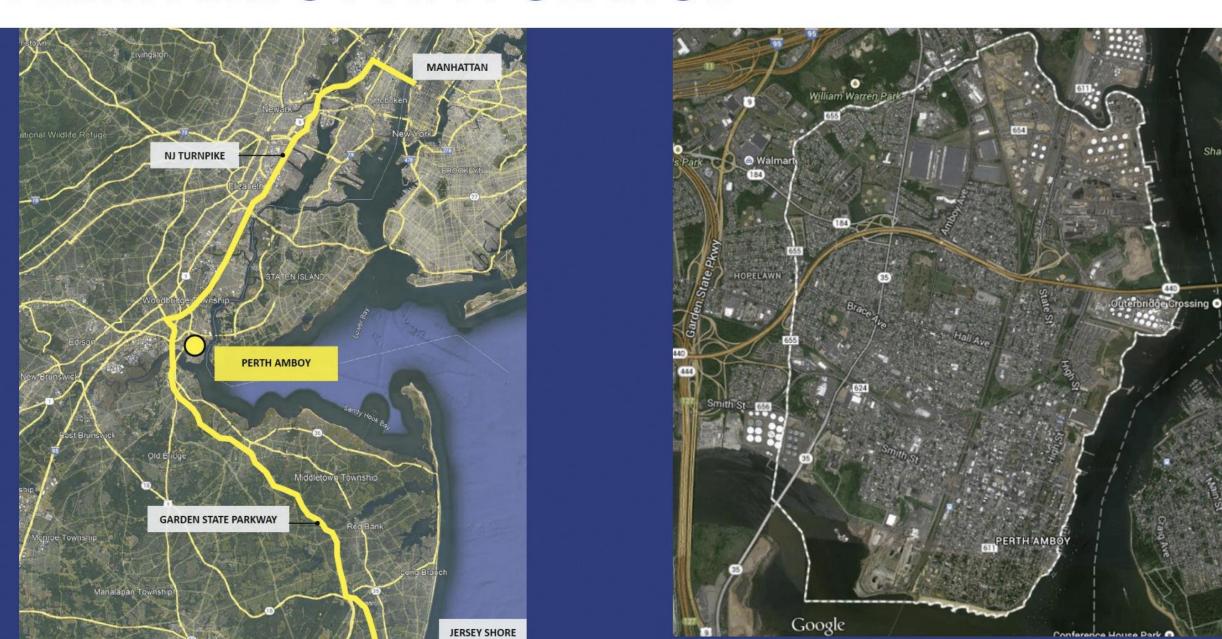


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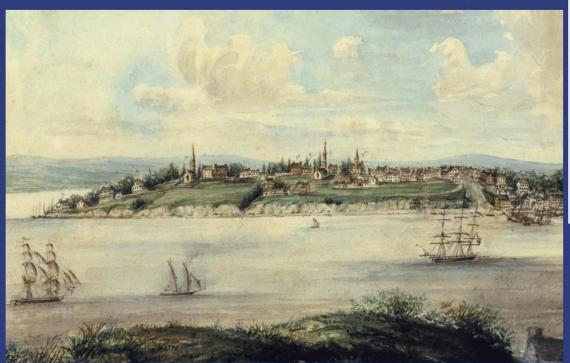


# PERTH AMBOY AT A GLANCE



# **BROWNFIELDS + RESILIENCY CONTEXT**

- Industrial Legacy
- Aging Infrastructure and Combined Sewer System





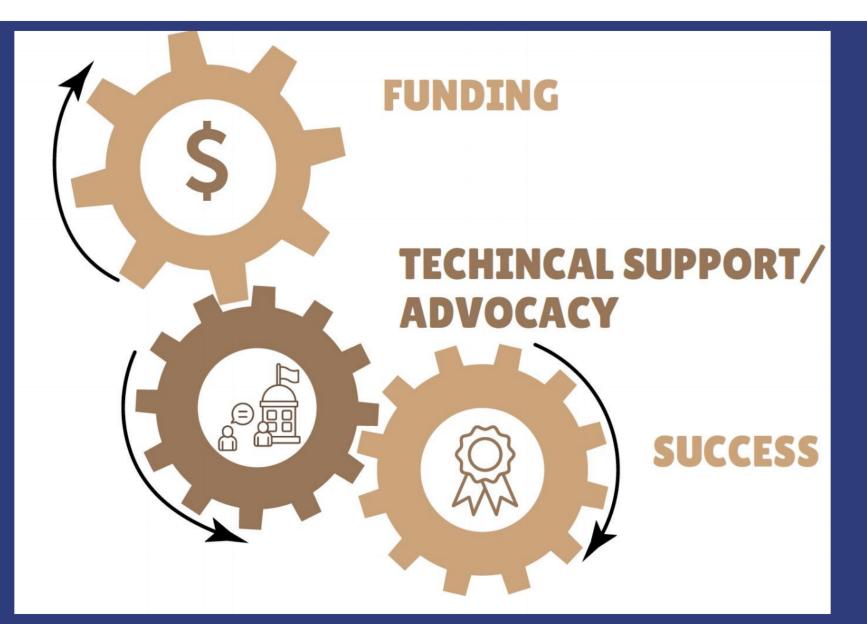
RARITAN COPPER WORKS.

# REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

- 21 projects inclusive of over 300 acres of brownfields remediated or under remediation
- Over \$800 million of private investment and 2,000 jobs created
- Community benefits inclusive of recreational improvements, employment opportunities, affordable housing, improved connectivity, and robust stormwater management



### **BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT AREA INITIATIVE**

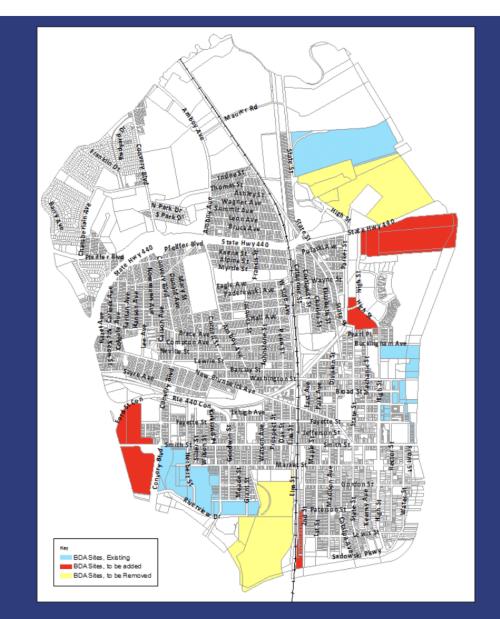


- Prioritized HDSRF funding allocations
- Sharing of regulatory lessons learned among developers
- Permitting coordination
- Coordination as needed with USEPA, NRD Trustees, Etc.

# **ROLE + VALUE OF THE BDA**

Perth Amboy's participation in the program has yielded several benefits:

- Expert guidance on remediation process
- Additional funding to leverage for projects
- Advocacy with State and Federal Agencies
- Expedited permitting reviews and approvals
- Brought invaluable project partners to the table



# ELM STREET LOGISTICS CENTER

- 90 acres remediated
- 1 million SF distribution facility





# **ELM STREET**



RAIN GARDENS

AREA = 0.25 AC. (0.3% OF TRACT AREA)

STEEL RUN LOGISTICS CENTER

# Eport I + II



- 150 acres remediated
- Over 2,256,000 SF distribution facilities



# **BORINQUNEER PARK**

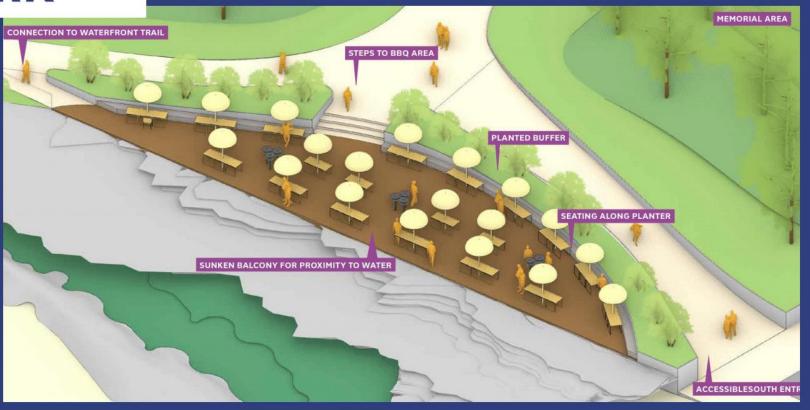


- Former metal scrap yard
   acquired for park development
   2003
- Park design outreach 2015
- Park development funding awarded – 2017
- Park cleanup begins 2018
- UXOs and pyrophoric soil uncovered – 2021
- USEPA assumed cleanup operations 2022
- Redesign + remediation ongoing

# **BORINQUNEER PARK**

# OVER 6 ACRES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE TO FEATURE:

- SPLASH PARK
- SKATE PARK
- BBQ STATIONS
- BASKETBALL COURTS
- BORINQUENEER
   MONUMENT
- FLEXIBLE PLAZA AND FIELD SPACE





## LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

- Sustainable Jersey Community Solar Guide
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources
   Program Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources
   Program Impervious Coverage Assessment

# **THANK YOU!**

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# **Success Stories:**

# How Redeveloped Brownfields Can Make Your Community More Resilient







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# **Success Stories: City of Elizabeth 'Micro Forests for Macro Solutions'**

A Groundwork Elizabeth Initiative

Presented on June 12, 2024 by John Evangelista, Deputy Director Groundwork Elizabeth GroundworkElizabeth.org



#### What is a Micro Forest?

An innovative and effective method of tree planting, micro forests increase carbon mitigation in urban areas, delivering exceptional air quality and biodiversity benefits. Micro forests are proven to be successful in restoring degraded lands worldwide.





Micro Forests become an oasis for biodiversity, heal the environment in many direct ways and help connect the local community back to nature.

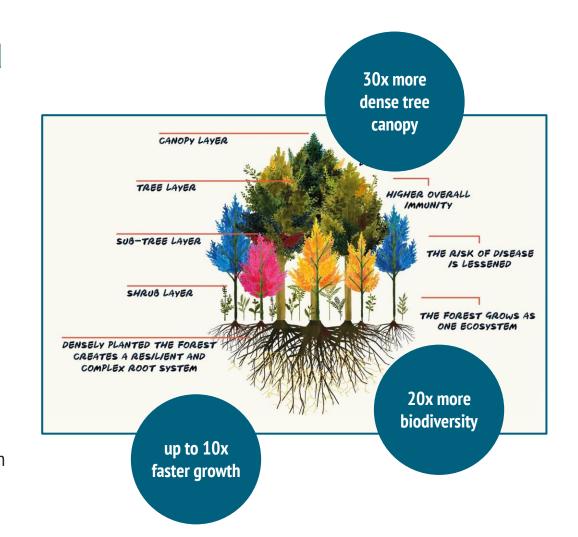


Micro Forests are grown using the basic principles of the Miyawaki Method of afforestation that prioritizes the natural development of forests using native species.

#### The Miyawaki Method

The abiding principle of the Miyawaki method is using species of trees that would occur naturally in that area and that can work together to create a dense and diverse multi-layered forest community.

This method of afforestation allows trees to be densely planted with native species, and, with the correct ground preparation, grow up to 8 times faster per annum than a conventionally grown tree, with a 90% success rate.



#### **Carbon Capture**

# At four years of growth, 1 square meter of a Miyawaki forest can sequester 3 kilos of Co2 annually.

This is due to the dense canopy of native tree heights that is around 30 times more dense than conventional tree planting schemes.

#### Each species of tree added to a forest will increase its potential carbon capture by 6%.

This is due to the greater canopy cover and increased pollination aspects.

The fertile forest soil that we create as part of the process can maximise this carbon sequestration potential.

Carbon capture is calculated with help from our local university.

#### Oxygen/Air Quality

At four years of growth, 1 square meter of a Miyawaki forest is able to emit 4.85lbs of pure oxygen annually.

A Miyawaki forest will reduce particulate concentrations by up to 10% locally as well as absorb NOx.

We can calculate pollution capture by using software programs such as I-Trees.

#### **Biodiversity**

At four years of growth, 2150 sq ft of a Miyawaki forest will provide an initial home for over 500 insect and animal species.

- Each species of native tree can eventually provide a haven for around 80 species of insect unique to that tree.
- As our micro forests contain a mix of up to 20 tree species, an eventual long-term home for over 1,600 species of insect is created by a 10 year old 200m2 forest (this figure does not include the general insect species common to most trees and other organisms).
- Soil biodiversity is enriched as part of the forest creation process.

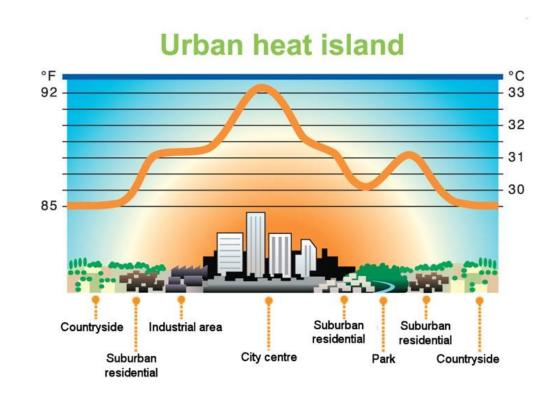
Micro Forests and the Restoration of Healthy Neighborhoods in Redlined Areas



#### **Reducing Heat Island Effect**

Localized reduced temperature differences up 6 degrees are possible.

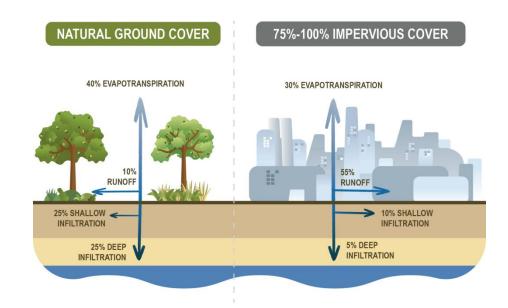
This is partly due to the micro forest's transpiration and shading effects.



#### **Stormwater Runoff Control**

During storm conditions, just 10.76 sq ft of micro forest is able to process up to 150 litres (1.5m3) of water run-off.

This is partly due to the fertile forest floor that acts as a sponge.



#### **Noise Reduction**

Due to the dense nature of micro forest plantings, localized noise reduction can be reduced by up to 30 times.

Noise and traffic 'breaks' can be created with forest growth.











# Micro Forests for Macro Solutions Initiative





In 2021, New Jersey's first micro forest was planted by Groundwork Elizabeth working in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (HACE)

The planting used the Miyawaki method and was one of four that launched Groundwork Elizabeth's 'Micro Forests for Macro Solutions' initiative.

The project was made possible with support from The City of Elizabeth, Kean University, and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation with funding provided as part of a \$367,000 Climate Preparedness Land Restoration Grant from Groundwork USA.

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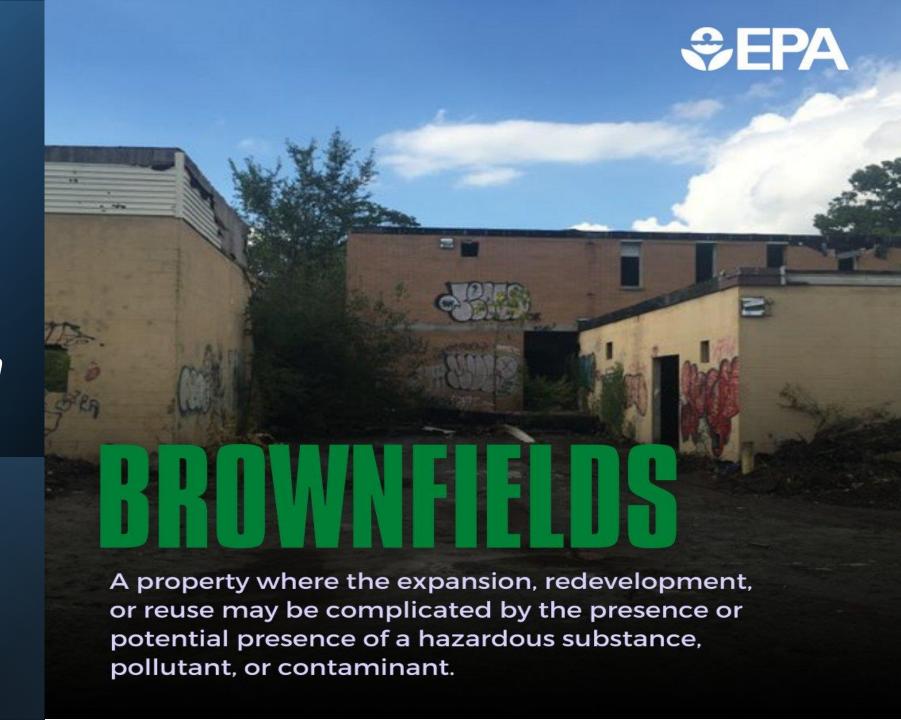
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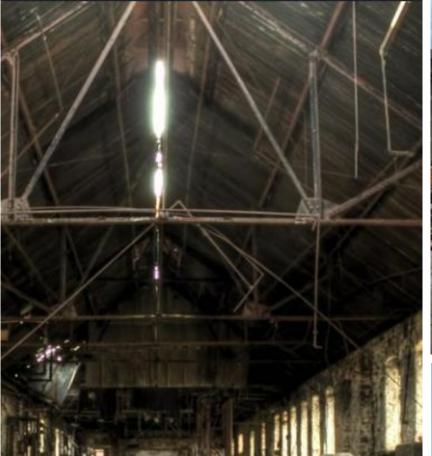
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It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the United States.

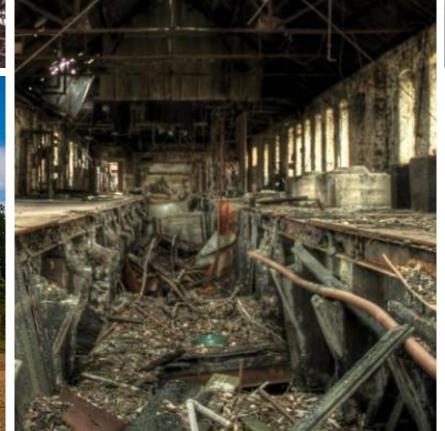














# EPA Brownfields Program & The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

### Historic \$1.5 B Investment in EPA's Brownfields Program

- President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) on November 15, 2021
- \$1.5 Billion over 5 years in addition to annual appropriations to EPA's Brownfields Program (FY22 26)
  - \$1.2 B for projects authorized by CERCLA Section 104(k)
    - Section 104(k), provides federal financial assistance authorities for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, multipurpose, job training and revolving loan funds.
    - Section 104(k) also provides statutory authority for Technical Assistance, Training and Research Projects
      including the Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB) Program.
    - CERCLA Section 104(k) funding is <u>competitive.</u>
  - \$300 M to carry out CERCLA Section 128(a)
    - Referred to as "Section 128(a)" funding after the section of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), can be used to create new or to enhance existing State and Tribal environmental response programs.
    - CERCLA Section 128(a) funding is <u>non-competitive.</u>

## The EPA Brownfields Process: A Roadmap to Redevelopment

### THE BROWNFIELD PROCESS SEPA



IDENTIFY SITE WITH REUSE POTENTIAL

PHASE I ASSESSMENT ALL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY

ENTER STATE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT











**CLEANUP PLAN** (ABCA)







SITE VISION AND REUSE





PHASEII ASSESSMENT





LEVERAGE RESOURCES



CLEANUP ACTIVITY





REDEVELOPMENT



**EPA BROWNFIELD GRANTS AND RESOURCES** 

TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT = 1

ASSESSMENT=

CLEANUP = @

REVOLVING LOAN FUND-®

MULT-PURPOSE=



# EPA Brownfields Grant Opportunities

### **Brownfield Assessment Grants**

	ASSESSMENT	
Applicant Eligibility	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, States, Tribes, and Non-profit	
Amount of Funding Available	Community-wide  Up to \$500,000 for a combination of hazardous substances AND petroleum (not to exceed \$200,000 for any one site)	
	Assessment Coalition Up to \$1,000,000	
	Community-Wide Assessment for States and Tribes-NEW Up to \$2,000,000	
Cost share Requirement	N/A	
Period of Performance	4 years, 5 Years for States and Tribes	
Common Eligible Grant Activities	inventory, characterize, assess, reuse planning, cleanup planning, and conduct community involvement	

### **Brownfield Cleanup Grants**

	CLEANUP
Applicant Eligibility	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, Tribe, Non-profit
Amount of Funding Available	One Site or Multiple sites  •Up to \$500,000 / \$2,000,000 / \$5,000,000
Cost share Requirement*	20% cost share
Period of Performance	4 years
Common Eligible Grant Activities	cleanup activities, reuse planning, and community involvement

<sup>\*</sup> Cost share requirement waived when grant program is funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

### **Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grants**

	REVOLVING LOAN FUND
Applicant Eligibility	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, Tribe, Non-profit
Amount of Funding Available	One Applicant  • Up to \$1,000,000  RLF Coalition  • Up to \$1,000,000
Cost share Requirement*	20% cost share
Period of Performance	5 years
Common Eligible Grant Activities	capitalize a RLF program; provide loans and sub-grants to carry out cleanup activities

<sup>\*</sup> Cost share requirement waived when grant program is funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

### **Brownfield Multipurpose Grants**

	MULTIPURPOSE
Applicant Eligibility	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, Tribe, Non-profit
Amount of Funding Available	<ul> <li>An applicant can apply for up to \$1,000,000 per grant</li> <li>Demonstrate how Funds will result in at least:</li> <li>one Phase II environmental site assessment;</li> <li>one brownfield site cleanup; and</li> <li>an overall plan for revitalization of one or more brownfield sites, if there is not already a plan in place.</li> </ul>
Cost share Requirement*	\$40,000 cost share
Period of Performance	5 years
Common Eligible Grant Activities	inventory, characterize, assess, reuse planning, cleanup planning, and conduct community involvement cleanup activities, reuse planning, and community involvement

<sup>\*</sup> Cost share requirement waived when grant program is funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

### **Brownfield Job Training Grants**

	JOB TRAINING	
Applicant Eligibility	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, Tribe, Non-profit, Universities	
Amount of Funding Available	Community-wide  • Up to \$500,000	
Cost share Requirement	N/A	
Period of Performance	5 years	
Common Eligible Grant Activities	Eligible activities include training, recruitment, and screening of residents impacted by brownfields. Training may include:  Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Superfund and brownfields site-specific assessment and cleanup Environmental health and chemical safety Mold remediation, Lead and asbestos abatement OSHA disaster site worker and emergency response Leaking underground storage tank removal	

# CERCLA Section 128(a) State and Tribal Response Programs

- \$50 million grant program to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs.
- Funded with categorical State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) appropriations.
- Cooperative agreements are awarded and administered by the EPA regional offices.







# EPA Brownfields Program Technical Assistance Resources

# Targeted Brownfields Assessments Program

- Helps states, tribes, and municipalities minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with Brownfields.
- Technical assistance is conducted by an EPA contractor on behalf of an eligible entity.
- Services include site assessments, cleanup options and cost estimates, and community outreach.
- Services rendered average \$100,000.
- Sites are selected on a rolling basis.

# Technical Assistance Programs: Land Revitalization Technical Assistance Requests for Regional Projects

EPA convenes annually (Q1) to review and discuss projects for the year.

- If a community is interested in technical assistance, we recommend that they begin to have discussions with EPA as soon as possible for EPA to prepare for the annual requests in January.
- Proposed projects need to clearly:
  - connect to one or more contaminated or potentially contaminated sites or area
  - advance the community's land revitalization goals in a meaningful way
  - include a scope of work and deliverables needed, realistic for the given timeframe & budget
- Up to \$30,000 per project.
- Project must be complete within 1 year.

# Technical Assistance Programs: Land Revitalization Technical Assistance

- EPA brownfield Coordinators work with staff to identify and prioritize brownfield grantee, 128a and TBA recipients that need technical assistance to advance brownfield assessment, cleanup, and safe reuse.
- Contractor support will complement, not duplicate, the activities the grantee has committed to conduct using grant funding.
- Staff can propose several small projects or one large project, keeping to these totals:
  - √ \$300K/region for brownfields site design/market analysis / engagement TA
  - √ \$250K/region for brownfields funding/financing TA
- Projects must be completed within 1 year.

# **EPA Brownfields Grant Programs**

# **Upcoming Solicitations**

- **FY 2025 Job Training Grants** 
  - ❖To be released in May 2024
  - **❖** Applications due August 2, 2024
- ❖ FY 2025 ARC Grants combined annual appropriation and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds
  - ❖RFA anticipated September 2024
- ❖FY 2025 CERCLA Section 128(a) State and Tribal Response Programs - combined annual appropriation and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds
  - RFF anticipated October 2024

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### What is a Brownfield?

"...former or current commercial or industrial site that is currently vacant or underutilized and on which there has been, or there is suspected to have been, a discharge of a contaminant" (NJSA 58:10B-1)

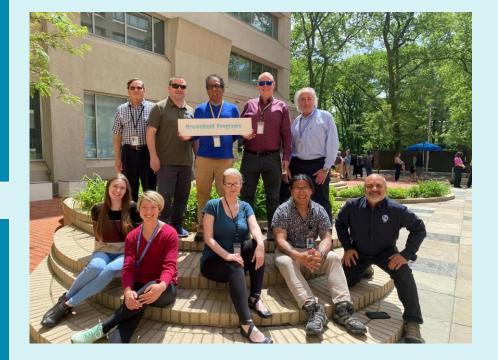


## What does OBCR do?



Landfill Redevelopment Program Brownfield Development Area Program

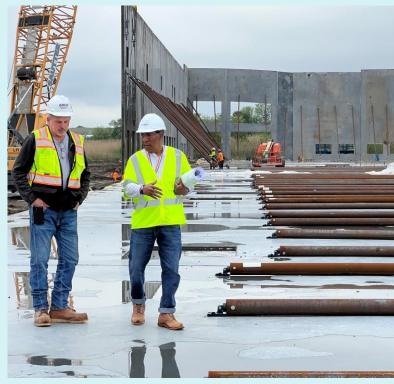
Brownfield Redevelopment Incentive Program Hazardous
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Remediation Fund



# The Brownfield Development Area Program

- Dedicated Brownfield Development Area Manager
- Increased funding opportunities
- Streamlined Remediation Process

Our office is currently accepting applications through July 31<sup>st</sup>!







# What is The Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund?



- The Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) is a grant & loan program that supports brownfield redevelopment by funding assessment, investigation, and remediation of brownfield sites in NJ.
- Administered through a partnership between NJDEP's Office of Brownfield & Community Revitalization (OBCR) and the NJEDA
- Funded through an annual constitutionally-dedicated portion of the NJ Corporate Business Tax

# The History of HDSRF in New Jersey



#### 1983

#### Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act

• A regulatory process that facilitated the remediation of contaminated sites

#### 1986

#### Financial Assistance for Remediation

• NJ sought to reduce the financial burden that was imposed on entities that were obligated to remediate contaminated sites that they had acquired.

#### 1993

#### **HDSRF** Established

• The Financial Assistance became known as the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in the Industrial Site Recovery Act

#### 1998

#### **Brownfield Act**

 The Brownfield Site Recovery Act expanded the funds available for remediation in its inception and further through amendments

## HDSRF - Eligibility



- Public Entities (Towns, Counties, Redevelopment Agencies) that are authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to the Local Redevelopment & Housing Law (C.40A:12A-4)
  - Largest variety of grants
- Private Entities (persons, etc.)
- Non-Profit Entities (501c3)

## HDSRF – How to Apply



The **HDSRF** Application can be found in the <u>CSRR Forms Library</u>

The **HDSRF** application can be mailed to the Bureau of Case Assignment & Initial Notice (BCAIN) or can be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:srp\_submissions@dep.nj.gov">srp\_submissions@dep.nj.gov</a>.

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☐ LSRP ☐ Subsurface Evaluator (	for UHOT cases only)	
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Public Entity		
Brownfield Development Area Grant	\$	
PA/SI/RI Grant		
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75% Renewable Energy Grant	\$	
50% Affordable Housing Grant		
25% Matching Grant Remedial Action Unrest		
Loan	\$	
Private Entity		
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Loan	\$	
Non-Profit		
PA/SI/RI Grant	\$	
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### HDSRF – DEP Application Review



#### **Review Focuses:**

- Administrative completeness
- Scope of work & corresponding cost estimate (proposed)
  - OBCR approves the scope of work as it relates to the costs
  - Priority is that public funds are spent responsibly
- Municipal Resolution that authorizes application
- Site Control

After The DEPs review, the application is sent to the EDA for a financial review

**Public Entities** 



#### PA/SI/RI Grant

- A grant for 100% of all eligible PA, SI and RI costs
- Capped at \$3 Million per applicant per year

#### Recreation/ Conservation Grant

- A grant for 75% of all eligible Remedial Action costs
- Property must be preserved for recreation and conservation purposes

#### Renewable Energy Grant

- A grant for 75% of all eligible Remedial Action costs
- Property must include renewable energy generation in its end use

# Affordable Housing Grant

- A grant for up to 50% of all eligible Remedial Action costs
- Affordable housing must be in accordance with the NJ Fair Housing Act

**Public Entities Continued** 



# Brownfield Development Area Grant

- A grant for 100% of eligible PA/SI/RI and 75% of eligible RA costs
- Capped at \$5,000,000 per year

# Remedial Action Unrestricted Use

- A grant for 25% of costs of the remediation for an unrestricted use remedial action
- Capped at \$250,000 per public entity

#### PA/SI/RI/RA Loan

- A loan for up to 100% of eligible PA/SI/RI/RA costs
- Capped at \$2 million per year

#### **Private Entities**



#### Remedial Action Unrestricted Use (soils)

Grant

- A grant for 25% of eligible Remedial Action costs
- Up to \$250,000 per project
- Net worth less than \$2 million

PA/SI/RI/RA Loan

- A loan for 100% of all eligible PA/SI/RI/RA costs
- Up to \$500,000 per year

**Non-Profit Entities** 



#### PA/SI/RI Grant

- A grant for 100% of eligible PA/SI/RI costs
- Applicant must be a non-profit organization as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code

#### Pilot Program since 2005

The Non-Profit Grant will be depleted during CY24. It can only be re-allocated and made permanent through a <u>legislative</u> change to the HDSRF statute. The most recent legislative changes were in 2021 and 2018

# HDSRF – General Update



## Status of the HDSRF: March 31st, 2024

Recommendations to Date: \$432,362,424

FY24 Uncommitted Balance:\$64,928,957

Recommendations CY24:\$6,257,598

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# Green, Sustainable and Resilient Remediation



# What is Green, Sustainable and Resilient Remediation?



"...site-specific employment of products, processes, technologies, and procedures that mitigate contaminant risk to receptors while making decisions that are cognizant of balancing community goals, economic impacts, and environmental effects" (ITRC, 2011)



# Sustainability Considerations

**Air Emissions** 

Material Use

**Energy Emissions** 

Eco-System Impacts

Water Management

### **Harrison Avenue Landfill**

#### A Case Study in Sustainable Remediation

Green and Sustainable Practices Employed:

- Utilization of recycled material
- Reuse of dredge materials (221,000 yd)
- Excavated materials were transported to a close location.
- Prioritizing local Eco-system
- Prioritizing residents by focusing on onsite stormwater management
- Sustainable practices saved \$5 million dollars
- Widespread Community Support







# Thank you!



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# Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (CSRR) - HDSRF

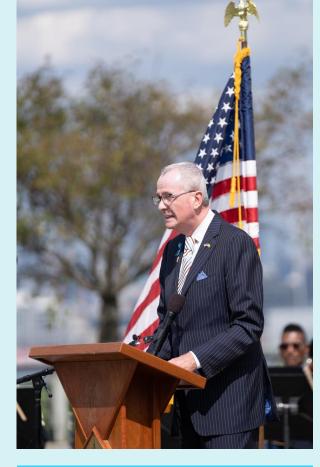


# Questions?









# Thank you!









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