

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA & MATERIALS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

LBT10 TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC. - PROPRIETARY

### **AGENDA**

- ► WELCOME & FLAG SALUTE: BILL MALONE
- ► NJPACT REAL REGULATIONS: RAY CANTOR, NJ BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOC.
- ► COMMITTEES SUPPORT CRITICAL TO SUCCESS: BILL MALONE
- ► TREASURER'S REPORT: STEVE SALVATI

## LAND USE REGULATION AND IMPACTS TO PROPERTY VALUES

► DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S PROPOSED PACT REAL RULES

- ► Planning and Zoning
- ► DEP Regulations

THE BASICS

CAFRA (NJ Coastal Area Facilities Review Act)

**Waterfront Development** 

**Coastal Wetlands** 

Freshwater Wetlands

**Flood Hazard** 

Inland

**Tidal** 

Stormwater

DEP REGULATES EVERYTHING (ALMOST)

- ▶150 from mean high water or beach/dune
  - All above ground developments, no intervening structures
  - Residential of 3 or more if intervening development
  - ► Commercial w/5 or more parking spaces, with intervening development
  - ► All public or industrial developments

CAFRA

- ▶Beyond 150 feet (except as further described)
  - ▶25 or more residential units
  - ► Commercial with 150 or more parking
  - ▶ Public or industrial development

- ► Between 150 and 500 and in qualifying municipality or city of the fourth class with over 30,000 population
  - ▶ Residential with 25 or more units
  - ► Commercial with 50 or more parking
  - ▶ Public or Industrial development

- ► Beyond 500 feet and in qualifying municipality or city of the fourth class with over 30,000 population
  - Residential with 75 or more dwelling units
  - ▶ Commercial with 150 or more parking
  - ▶ Public or Industrial development

► What it regulates

► All development up to 500 feet from mean high water line or to first paved road or rail line.

**WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT** 

► What it regulates

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CONT'D

- Must be mapped
- ► Does not change unless map is amended
- ► What it Regulates

COASTAL WETLANDS

- ►Three step process: site by site delineation
- ▶Can change over time
- ►Includes transition areas/buffers up to 150 feet
  - **►**Soils
  - ► Hydrology
  - **▶ Plants**

FRESHWATER WETLANDS

► What it Regulates

FRESHWATER WETLANDS CONT'D

- ► Designated flood areas (FEMA/DEP)
- ► Fluvial Influence
- ▶ Riparian zone on either side, up to 300 feet

FLOOD HAZARD - INLAND

- Same as inland but based on tidal influence
- Currently no buffer on barrier island side of bays or ocean

FLOOD HAZARD - TIDAL

► What it Regulates

FLOOD HAZARD CONT'D

- Protections against flooding and provides water quality
- ► Currently different standards on water quality for redevelopment
- ► What it Regulates

**STORMWATER** 

- ▶Purpose: To Address Sea Level Rise and Climate Change
  - ▶1057 Pages
  - ▶Questionable Science
  - ► Goes Well Beyond Climate Change Concerns

NJ PACT REAL

- 1. Adjust Coastal Flood Hazard Areas to account for rising sea levels and attendant storm surge, extending jurisdictional area further inland, requiring higher first-floor elevations or floodproofing.
- 2. Remedy FEMA concerns about State's consistency with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through clarifying amendments to the FHA rules.
- 3. Support renewable energy through amendments that balance habitat conservation with novel infrastructure demands (e.g., location of offshore wind support infrastructure).

- 4. Encourage nature-based solutions; sound stormwater management practices; improved water quality in degraded (urban) and source (headwaters) areas.
- 5. Improve DEP permitting processes, including pathways for expediting projects

### RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPES (REAL) PRIMARY ELEMENTS



#### **ECONOMICS OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

#### One Example: Impacts from Hurricane Sandy

Climate Central study quantifying financial costs of Sandy damages that are attributable to anthropogenic sea-level rise.

- 13% of Sandy damages (\$8.1B) due to human-cased sea level rise across NJ/NY/CT.
- \$3.7B in NJ alone (50th percentile), estimated range: \$2.2B \$7.0B.
- Approximately 24,500 people and 16,700 houses in NJ were exposed due to ASLR.

#### **Accounting for Climate-Related Risk**

"Uncertainty should not stand in the way of making prudent investments in risk-management practices in the near term to strengthen the financial sector against climate-related risks."

- Federal Reserve Governor Brainard
- Moodys, S&P, and Fitch have all begun integrating climate vulnerability into municipal bond issuance.
- Realtor.com and Redfin.com are now disclosing flood risk because buyers should know the "true cost of purchasing and maintaining the building, including the cost
  of
  insurance and repairing damage."
- March 2022: the Securities and Exchange Commission proposed new rule amendments on climate risk reporting and evaluation, expected to be adopted early 2023.
- November 2022: FEMA launched the Climate Risk and Resilience Portal to provide consumers with direct access to information on flood, heat, and fire risk.
- April 2022: The Federal Office of Management and Budget release the first Federal Budget Exposure to Climate Risks report and a new section in the Long-Term
   Budget Outlook focused on climate change.

### \$1 IN RESILIENCE SAVES \$6 IN RECOVERY



### Two fundamental updates to DEP Flood Hazard Area Rules and Coastal Zone Management Rules:

- Standard: Fixes sea-level rise (SLR) data gap, requiring higher first-floor elevations (residential/critical) or flood proofing (commercial) in a larger area that is slightly more inland than the existing 100-year flood zone.
- Process: Updated risk disclosure in all flood hazard areas. Add climate impact assessment for residential and critical buildings in inundation risk zone.

### These changes do not:

- Create a no-build zone
- Affect existing structures (unless substantially damaged or improved)
- Impede projects already in the pipeline (i.e., submitted to DEP prior to adoption).

# RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPES (REAL)



### Coastal Inundation & Flood Damage

Rutgers University's Science and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) Report indicates a 50% probability that sea level rise will exceed 3.3 feet and a 17% probability that sea level rise will exceed 5.1 feet by 2100 assuming moderate emissions.

#### Sea-level rise:

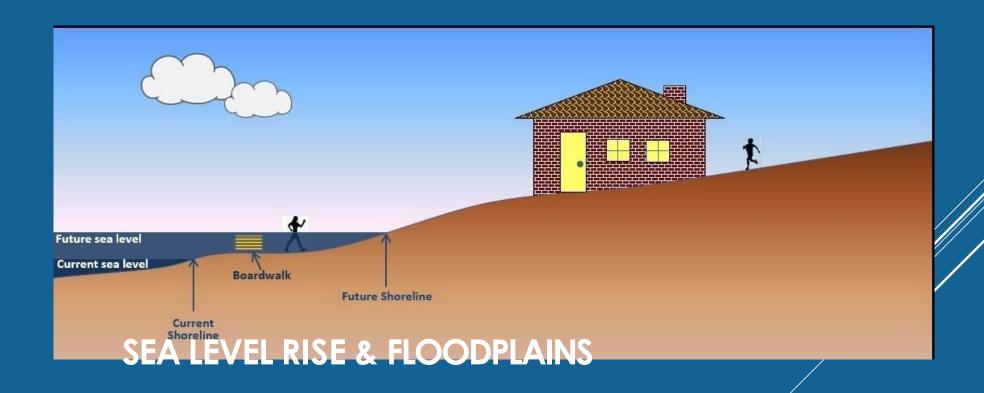
Table ES-1: New Jersey Sea-Level Rise above the year 2000 (1991-2009 average) baseline (ft)\*

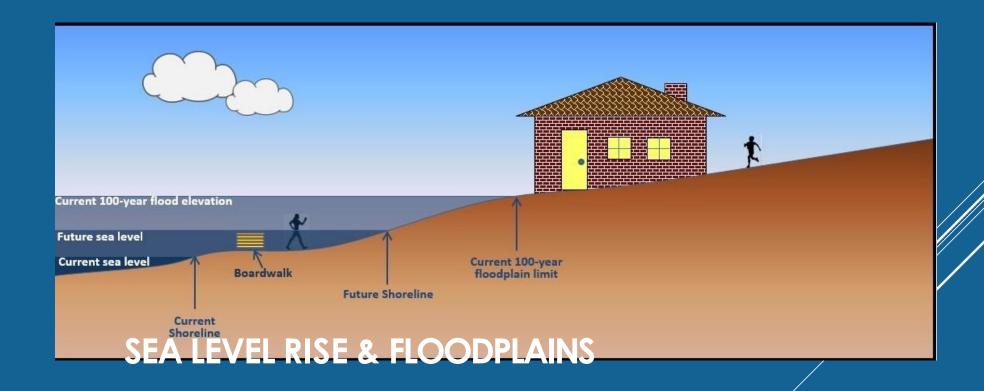
		2030	2050	2070		2100		2150				
				Emissions								
	Chance SLR Exceeds			Low	Mod.	High	Low	Mod.	High	Low	Mod.	High
Low End	> 95% chance	0.3	0.7	0.9	1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.3	2.1	2.9
Likely Range	> 83% chance	0.5	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.8
	~50 % chance	0.8	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.3	3.9	4.2	5.2	6.2
	<17% chance	1.1	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.5	3.9	5.1	6.3	6.3	8.3	10.3
High End	< 5% chance	1.3	2.6	3.2	3.8	4.4	5.0	6.9	8.8	8.0	13.8	19.6

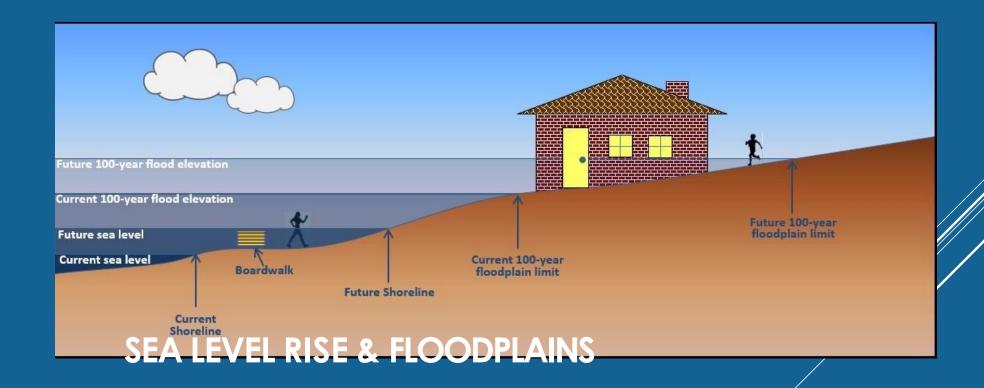
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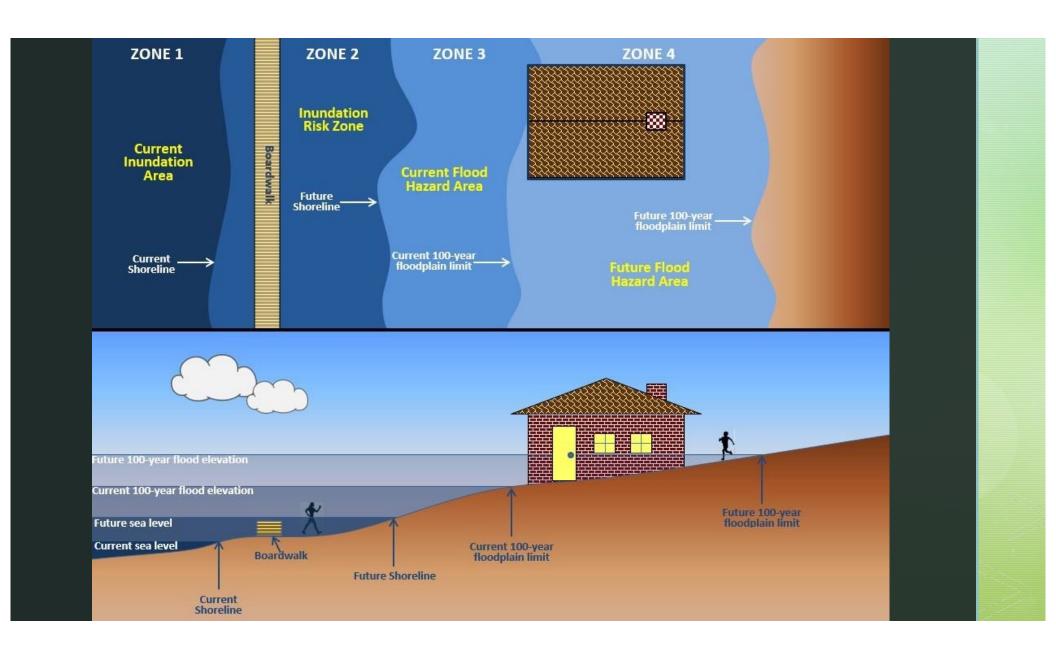
https://njclimateresourcecenter.rutgers.edu/resources/nj-sea-level-rise-reports/

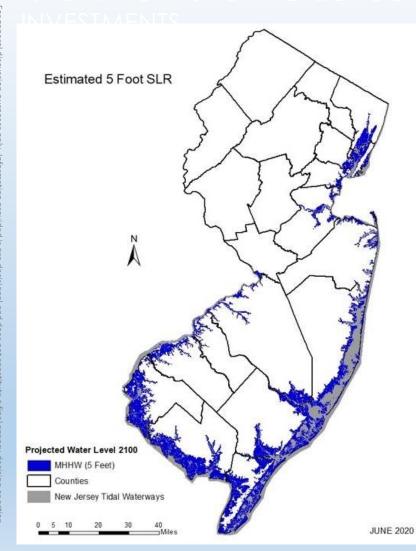












Sea Level Rise = More land regularly or permanently inundated More Inundation = Higher flood elevations

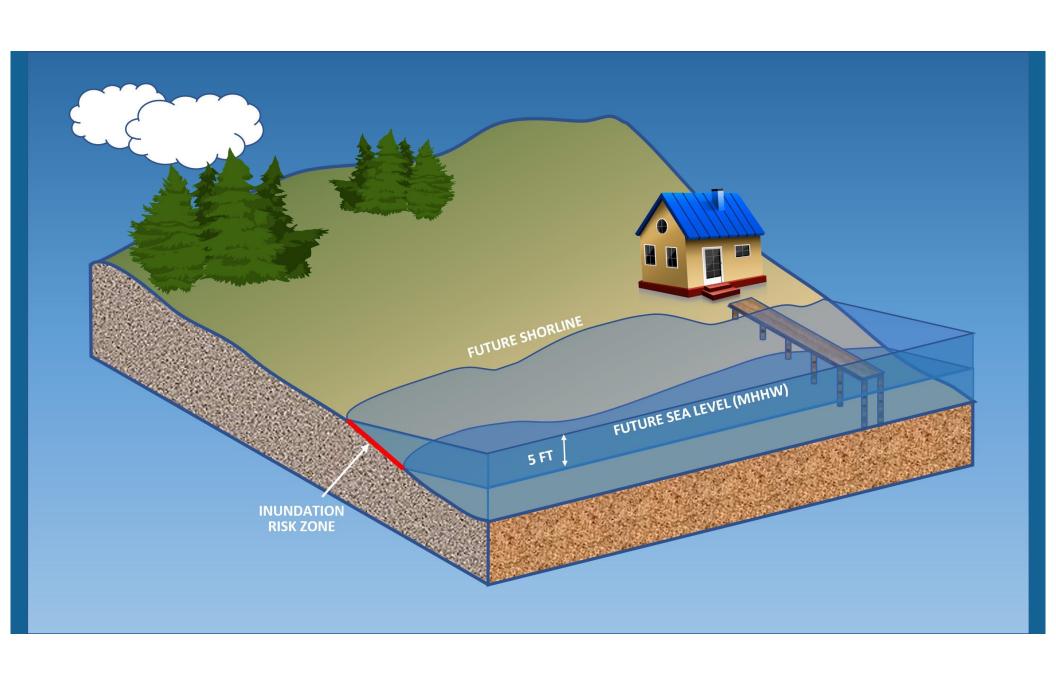
**Higher Elevations =** More recurring flood damage

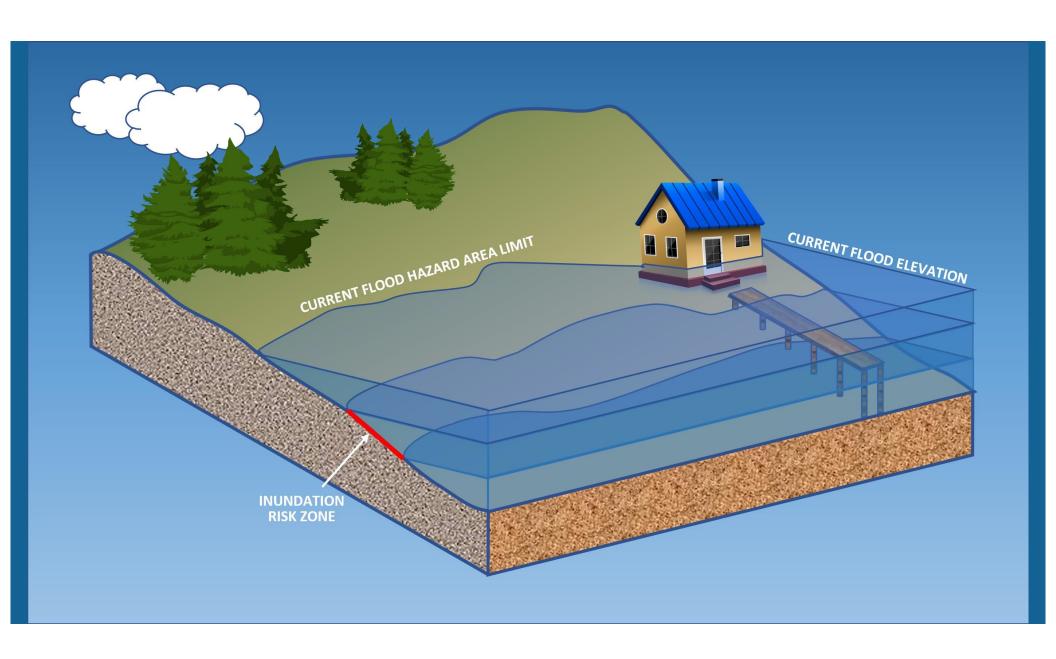
Existing standards are based on outdated historical trends that do not account for sea-level rise and attendant storm surge

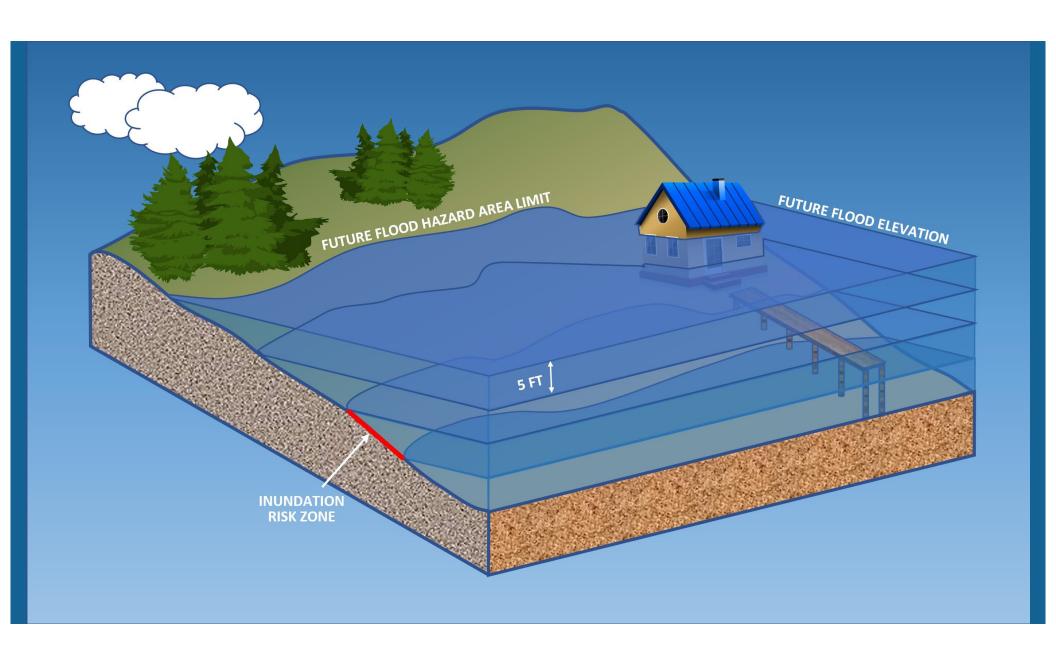
- NJ-specific science: 5.1 ft of sea-level rise by 2100
  - Predicated on *moderate* SLR scenarios
  - Worst case SLR scenario is 8.8 ft by 2100

Reliance on incomplete and inaccurate data leads to inadequate risk assessment and substandard design criteria for buildings and infrastructure.









### **Inundation Risk Zone** IRZ Elevation = 7.66 NAVD88 5 feet MHHW = 2.66 NAVD88 Future Shoreline Inundation Risk Zone Current Shoreline

Changes will help build resilience to sea-level rise and storm surge in *new* development, and improve risk disclosures

- 1. Climate Adjust Flood Elevation (CAFE) extends slightly more inland than existing 100-yr zone
  - First-floor elevations (+5 feet) or floodproofing required in more areas than existing 100-yr zone
- Risk assessment and evaluation of alternatives in the Inundation Risk Zone (IRZ), the areas where regular or permanent standing water is expected due to SLR (Sea Level Rise)
- Updates FHA notice requirements to include to include narrative risk acknowledgement



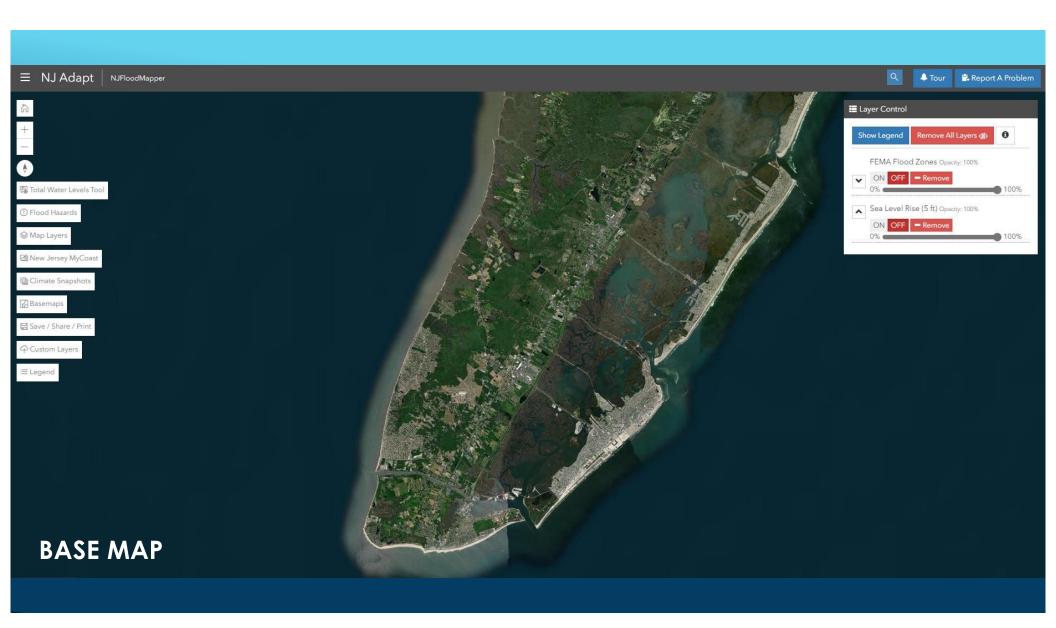
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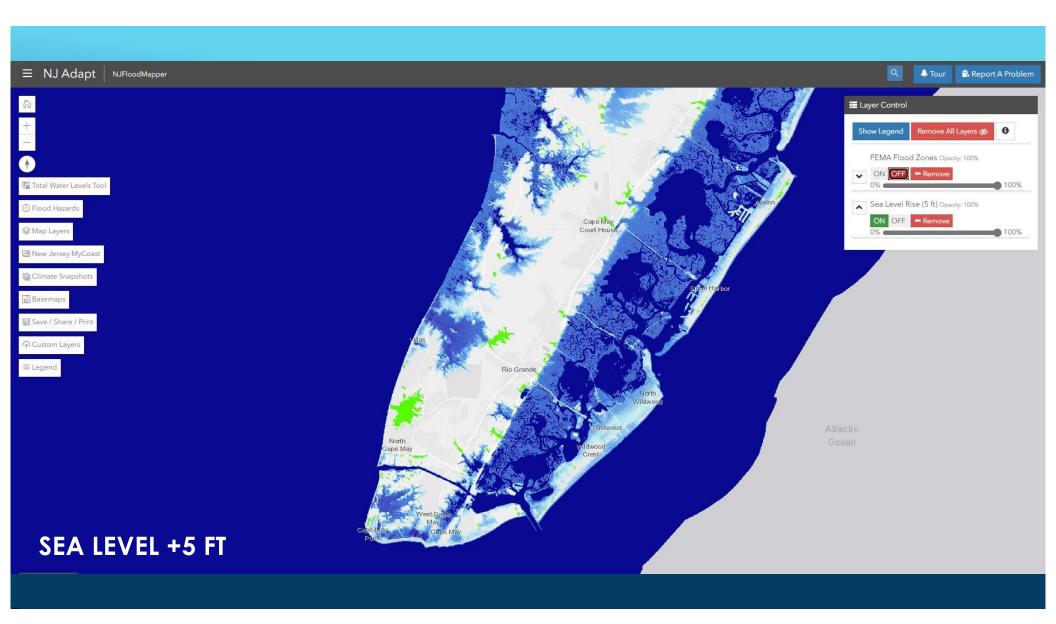


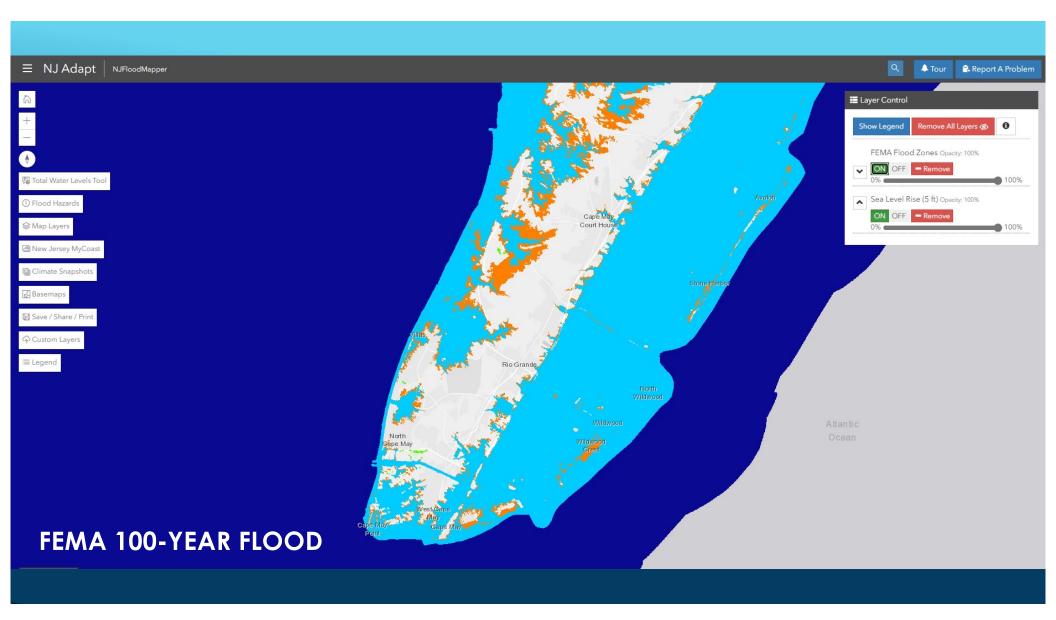
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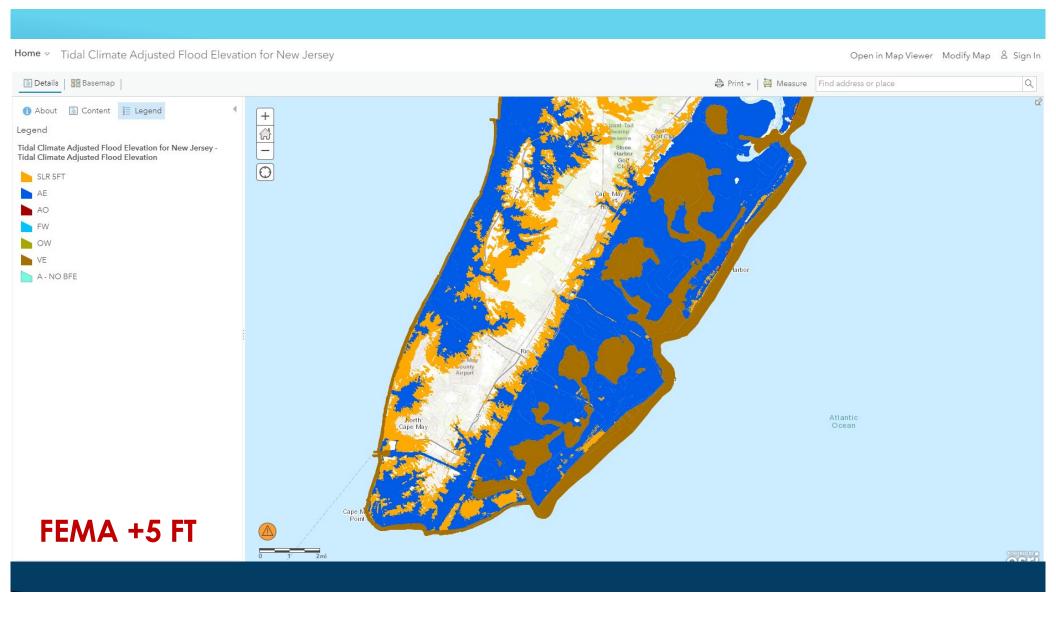
# CLIMATE ADJUSTED FLOOD ELEVATION (CAFE) IN THE COASTAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

- ► The current FHA Rules set the Coastal design flood elevation (DFE) as equal to FEMA's base flood elevation
- ▶ Plus a one-foot factor of safety
- ► Therefore, first-floors and roads must account for FEMA+1 through elevation or floodproofing
- Anticipated 5 feet of Sea-Level Rise would increase flood elevations by 5 feet
- ► New Coastal DFE will be equal to FEMA+5, plus one-foot factor of safety
- ► Therefore, first-floors and roads would be FEMA+6 through elevation or floodproofing









# ►STAP (SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL) REPORT

- ▶5.1 foot sea level rise by 2100
  - ▶17% confidence level
  - ► Low confidence assumptions
  - ► Later Reports Refute Findings
  - **►**CFAN

WHY DEP IS WRONG

### **RISK-BASED PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES**

#### **INUNDATION RISK ZONE**

Regular/permanent standing water due to sea-level rise

- Climate Impact Assessment, narrative response to risk of loss/damage questions
  - added to existing compliance statement
- ▶ ▶ <u>not</u> decisional; for notice purposes
- Climate Risk Alternatives Analysis, examines on-site design alternatives to avoid or minimize risks for residential and critical buildings.
  - Not required for:
  - ▶ Commercial development
- Recreation and entertainment
- ► Hospitality and gaming
- Risk Acknowledgement, adds narrative disclosure based on Climate Impact Assessment, recorded with FHA notice (existing requirement) in title

#### COASTAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

Annual risk of storm-induced flooding acerbated by sealevel rise. This flooding retreats. Inundation does not.

#### Less process; shorter permit application

- ► No Climate Impact Assessment
- ► No Climate Risk Alternatives Analysis
- ► Short form Risk Acknowledgement, recorded with FHA notice in title (existing requirement)

## RESOLVE FEMA CONCERNS WITH STATE CONSISTENCY

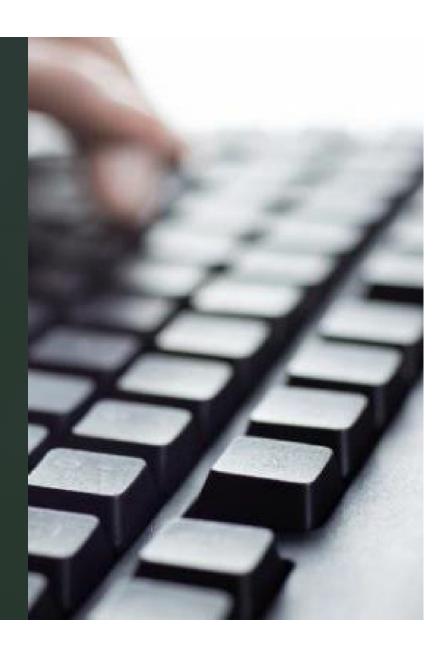
AMENDMENTS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN STATE ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

- ► FEMA establishes minimum flood reduction standards under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Communities who agree to meet or exceed minimum NFIP standards are eligible to receive disaster relief money after storms as well as federally-backed flood insurance for residents and businesses.
- In May 2020, FEMA released a detailed assessment of NJ's rules, challenging those where NFIP standards are not uniformly achieved.
- In general, NJ's rules match or exceed all federal minimums, but there are limited cases where rules must be tightened to ensure uniform compliance and consistent application.
- REAL resolves areas of potential non-compliance with Federal minimums as identified by FEMA.



# PERMITS-BY-REGISTRATION

- New type of authorization that replaces permits-by-rule.
- Applicants would log on to NJDEP's online permitting portal, enter basic information.
- Registration would enable WLM to track cumulative impacts on a watershed-wide basis and adjust standards to address 303(d) impaired waters and TMDLs and/or to reflect the State's planning goals.
- Allows more accurate tracking of regulated activities and better aligns with FEMA's requirement to record and track approvals under the NFIP.





## PERMITS-BY-CERTIFICATION

- Many are rarely used; some will be folded into general permits so that range of activities can be broadened.
- Proposal would require a NJ licensed professional engineer or architect to apply for and certify each item in an FHA permit-bycertification since most include a requirement that certain information be provided or that engineering certifications are necessary.



# FOR ALL PERMITS

#### Establish improved noticing requirements such as:

- Online notice of start of construction.
- Online notice of deed restriction filing (permittee can upload a copy of deed notice).
- Online notice of completion (permittee can upload photos and as-built drawings as available).
- Automatic response from online system if the above aren't received in a timely manner.

- ▶ Forcing a retreat
- ►Use of outdated and low confidence science
- ▶ Targeting barrier islands
  - **►IRZ**
  - ▶ Coastal Centers eliminated
  - ▶3% impervious cover (not single family) NO BUILD
  - ► Riparian buffer on bay

**KEY CONCERNS** 

- ▶Impacts to Homeowners
  - ▶ Elevations and structural
  - ▶ Repeal of permits by rule and GPs
  - ▶ Elimination of in-fill rule
  - ▶ Single family homes and access roads
  - ► Substantial improvement

KEY CONCERNS CONT'D

- ▶IRZ and "no build" zones
  - ► State Development and Redevelopment Plan
  - ► Environmentally sensitive areas (IRZ)
  - ▶3% impervious cover or previous IC
    - ► BEING TAKEN OUT IN SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

**KEY CONCERNS CONT'D** 

- ►Impacts on Property Values and Tax Revenue
  - ▶ Development restrictions
  - **▶ Deed notices in CAFE**
  - ▶3% impervious cover (Barrier Islands)

**KEY CONCERNS CONT'D** 

- **▶**Other concerns
  - ► Minor wetland permits will need alternative analysis
  - Riparian buffer even if road or impairment
  - ► Further limits on development near streams
  - Expansion of stormwater to smaller projects
- ► Dry access requirements KEY CONCERNS CONT'D

## COMMITTEE SUPPORT – KEY TO SUCCESS

OCEAN COUNTY COMM'RS MEETING ATTENDANCE

**MEMBERSHIP** 

GOV'T AFFAIRS (COMM'RS & LAND USE BOARD MTGS, ETC.)

**BEACH BEAUTIFICATION & ACCESS** 

**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & RELATED** 

**AUDIT** 

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:		<u>% of Budget</u>
NET ASSET/CASH POSITION - 1/1/25	\$ 6,087	
MEMBER DUES AND OTHER INCOME	<u>8,151</u>	<u>58.6</u>
EXPENSES:		
► BANKING FEES	\$ 447	74.4
► INSURANCE	778	97.3
► WEBSITE/IT COSTS	1,606	66.9
► MEMBERSHIP COSTS	3,260	72.4
► ORGANIZATION COSTS	1,500	75.0
► OTHER COSTS	<u>1,700</u>	<u>50.0</u>
TOTALS	<u>9,290</u>	67.3
NET ASSET/CASH POSITION - 9/27/25	\$ <u>4,949</u>	<u></u>

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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING & YOUR SUPPORT!!

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