



# Town of Tecumseh Coastal Flood Risk Assessment

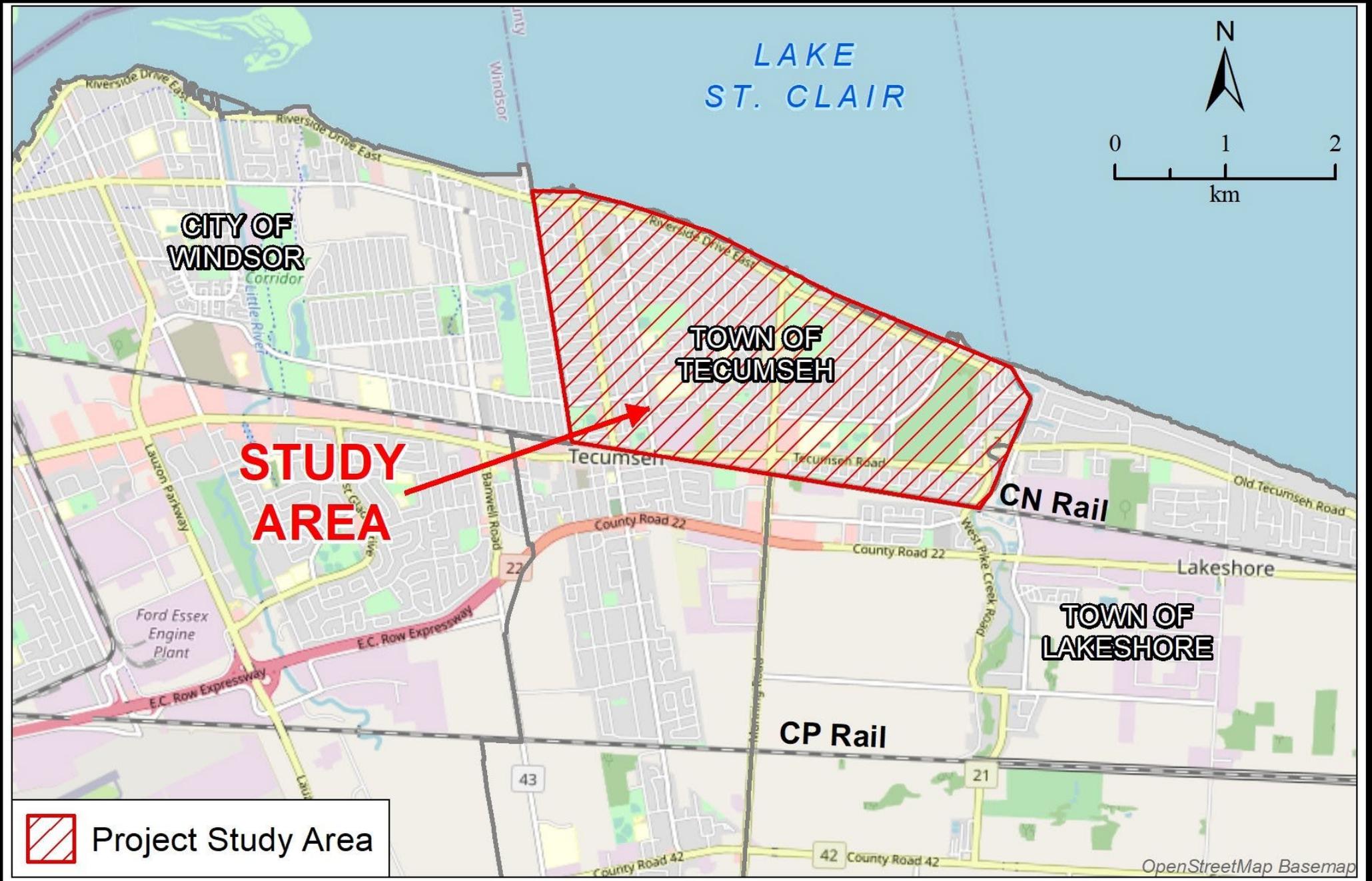
## Council Presentation

February 2023





# Study Area





# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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- Field Data Collection
- Coastal Hazard Analysis
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Adaptation Options
- Next Steps
- Questions

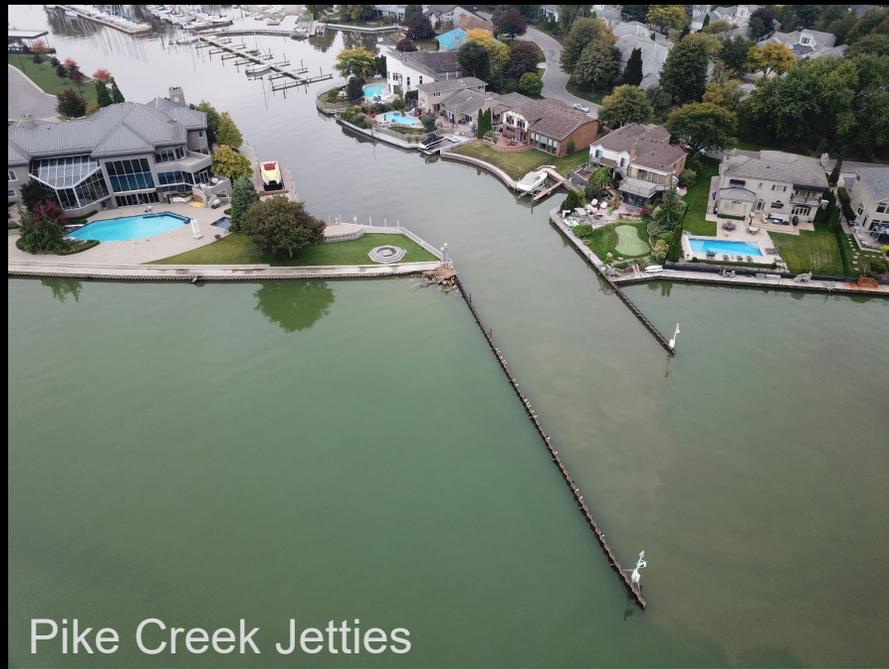


# FIELD DATA COLLECTION





# Sample of Oblique Photos



Pike Creek Jetties



West Project Boundary



Lakewood Park



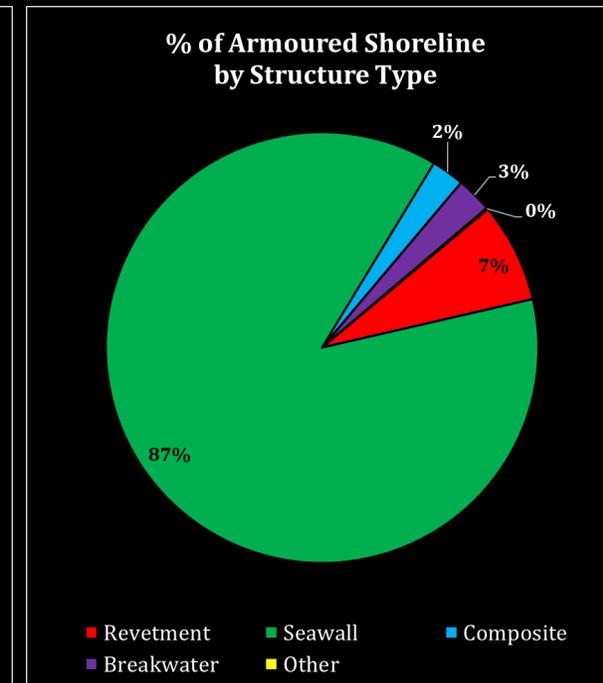
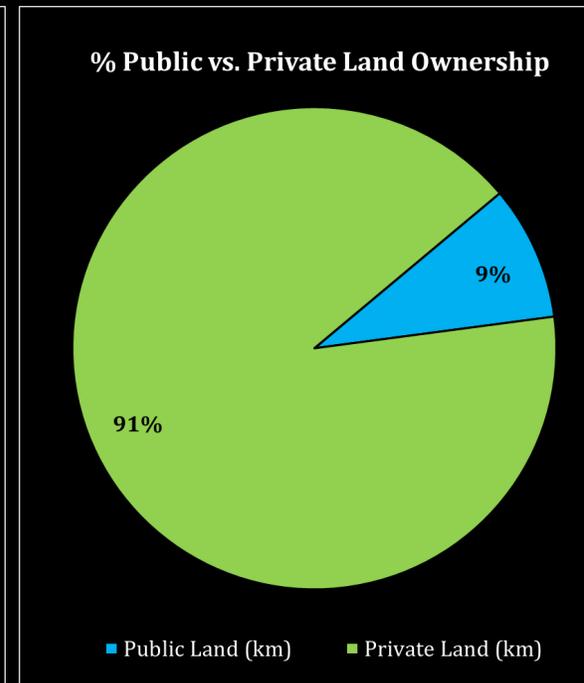
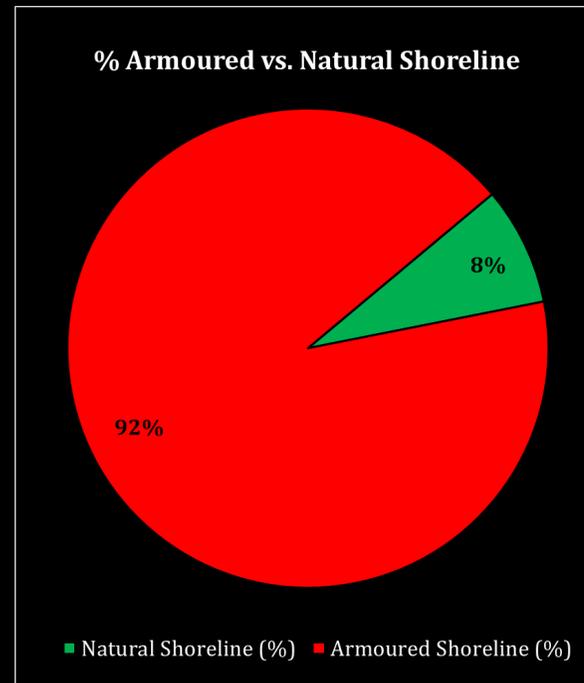
Chippewa Park



# Shore Protection Database

- Shoreline protection database was assembled for the entire study shoreline from oblique photos
- Summary statistics:
  - Armoured vs. natural shoreline
  - Public versus private
  - Structure type
  - Structure condition

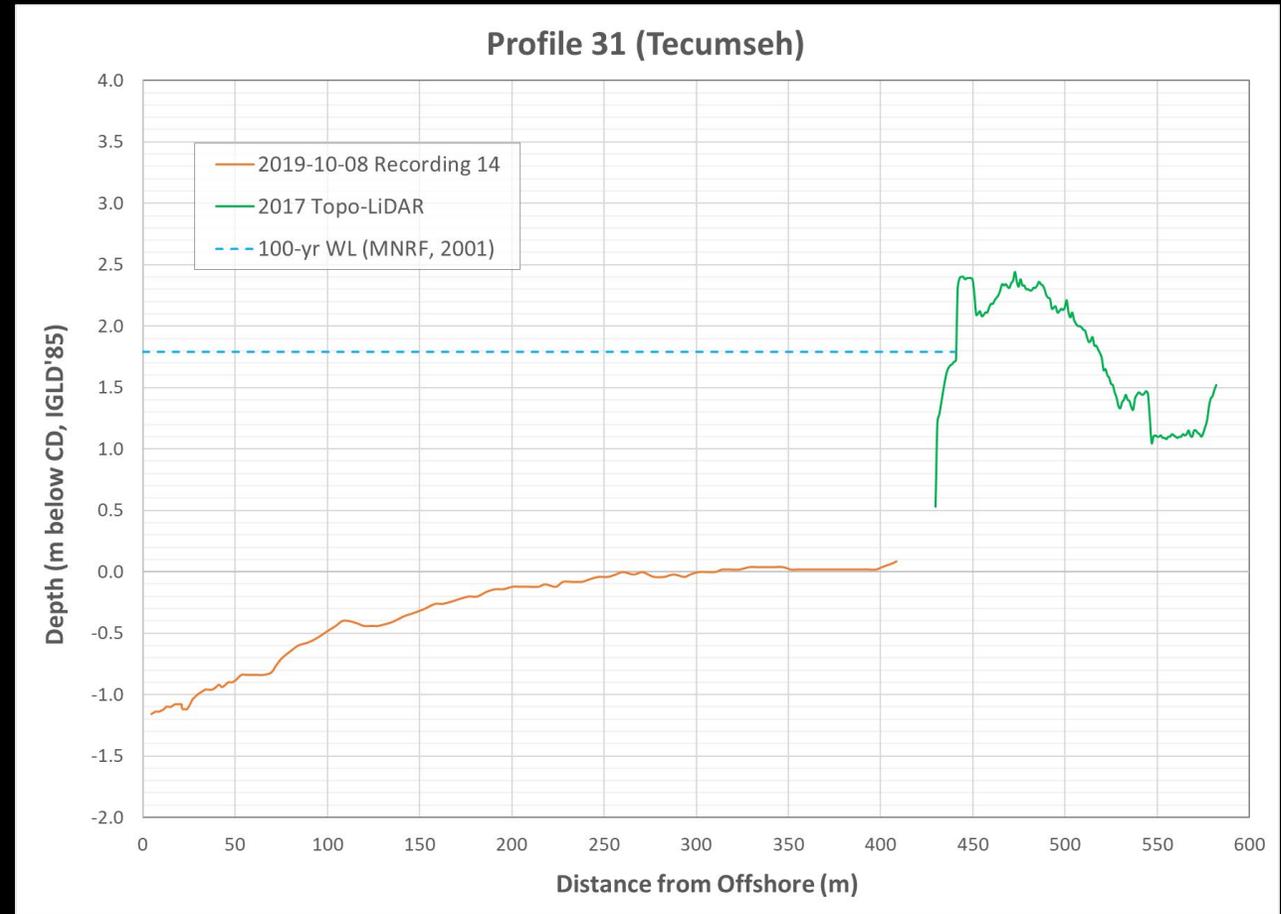
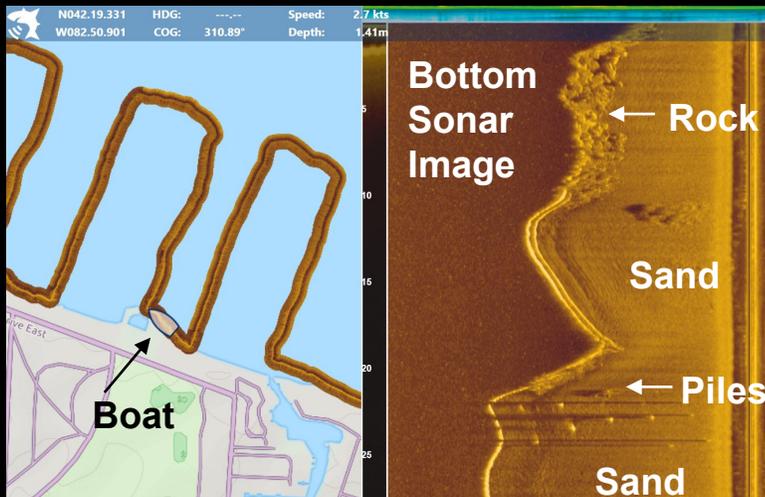
## Sample Statistics:





# Bathymetric Survey

- Lakebed depths and substrate logged using SOLIX™ 2D Sonar instrument



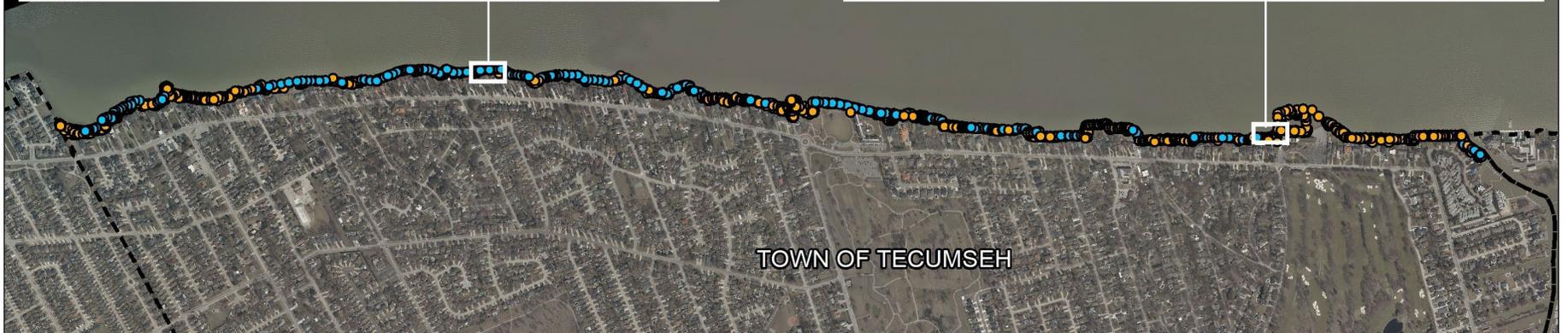


# Detailed Topographic Shoreline Survey by JD Barnes

**Legend**

- Lake Bed Points
- Crest and Land Points
- Water's Edge
- Crest - Wall

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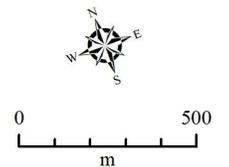


  
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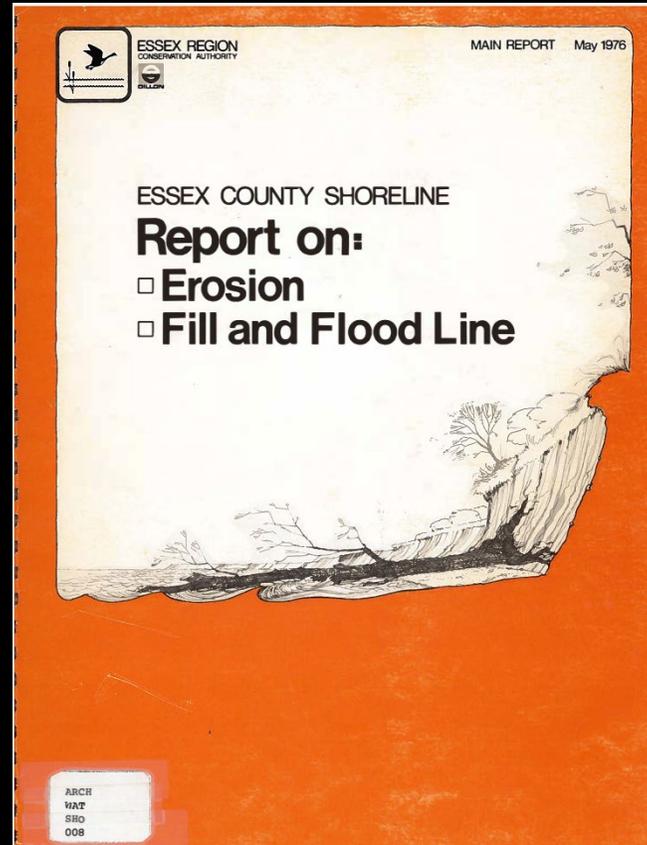
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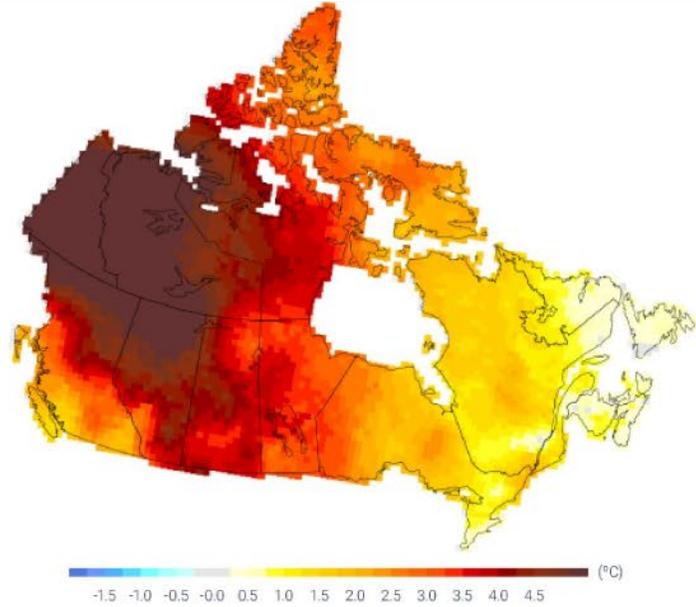




# COASTAL HAZARD ANALYSIS

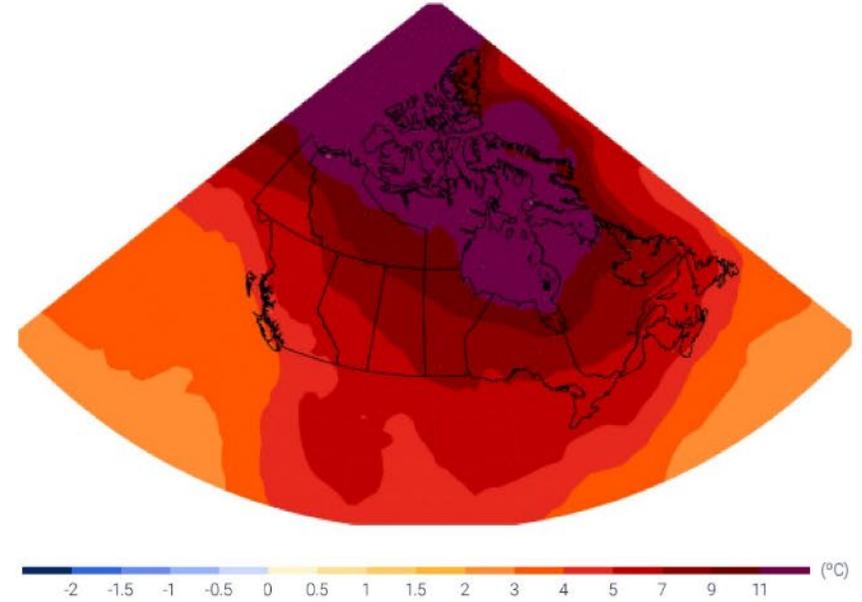


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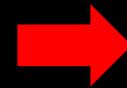
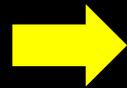


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### 2081-2100 Winter Warming Projection for RCP8.5



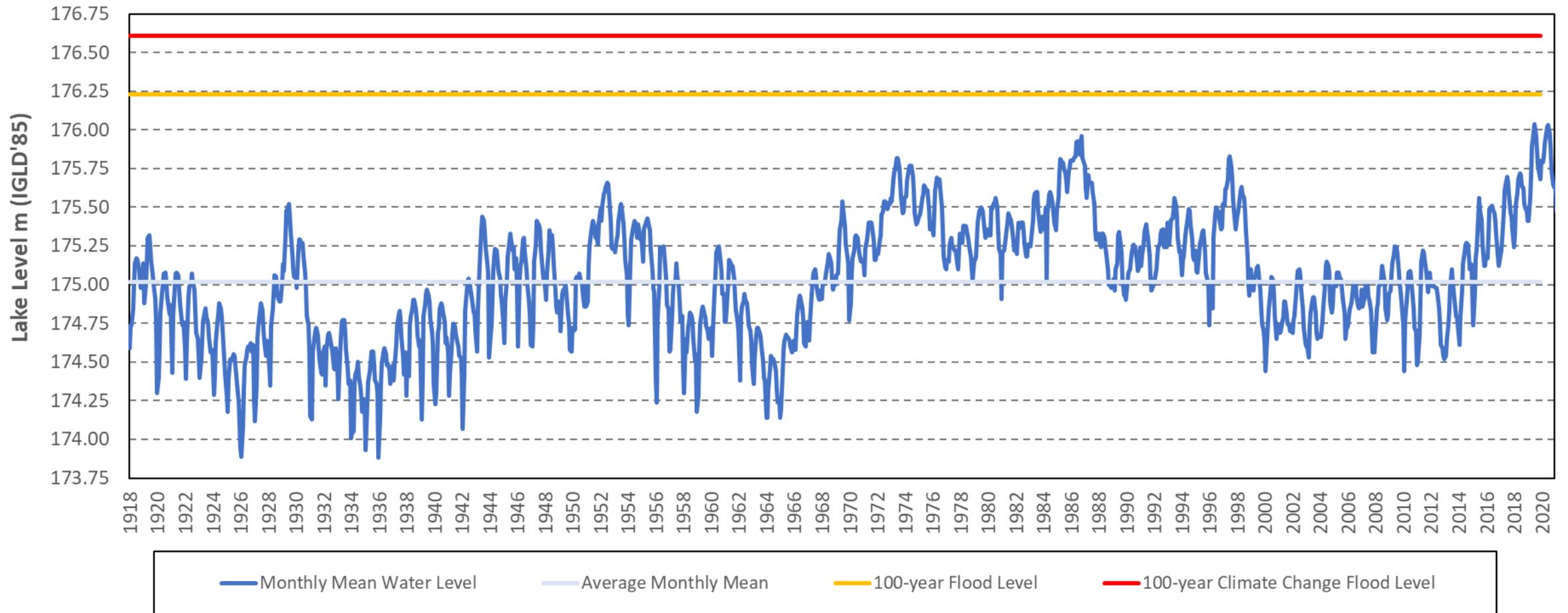
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# Historical Water Levels, 100-year Flood Level, and 100-year Climate Change Flood Level

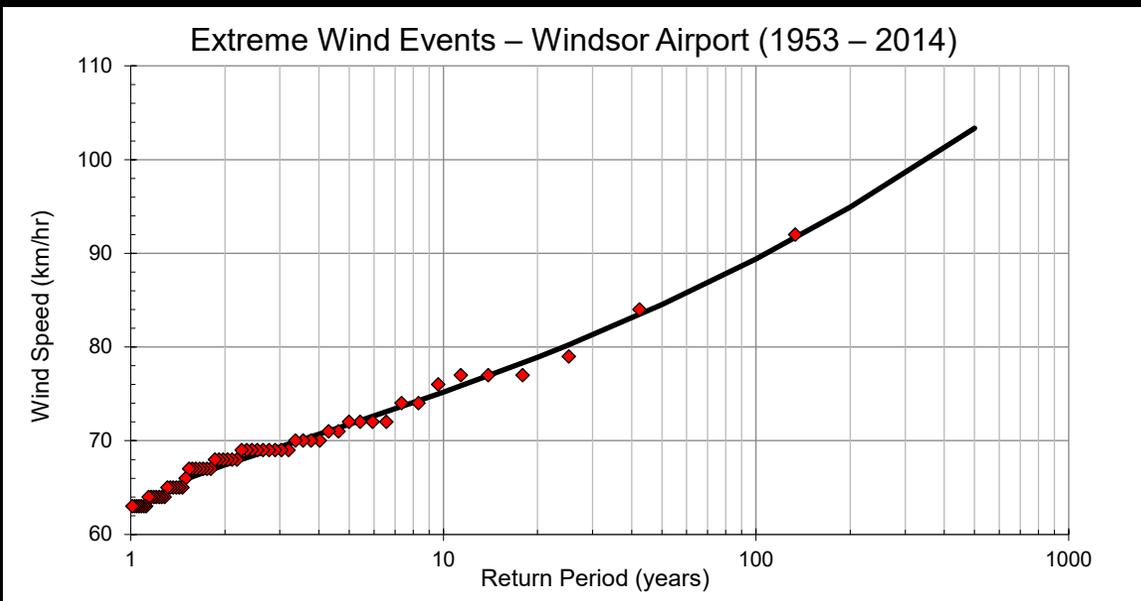
## Lake St. Clair Monthly Mean Lake Levels - 1918 to 2019





# Analysis of Storm Waves

- Wave hindcast performed to predict wave generation over Lake St. Clair during extreme wind events (i.e., 100-year, etc.) from Windsor Airport
  - Validated against available wave buoy data (2000 – 2019, intermittent)

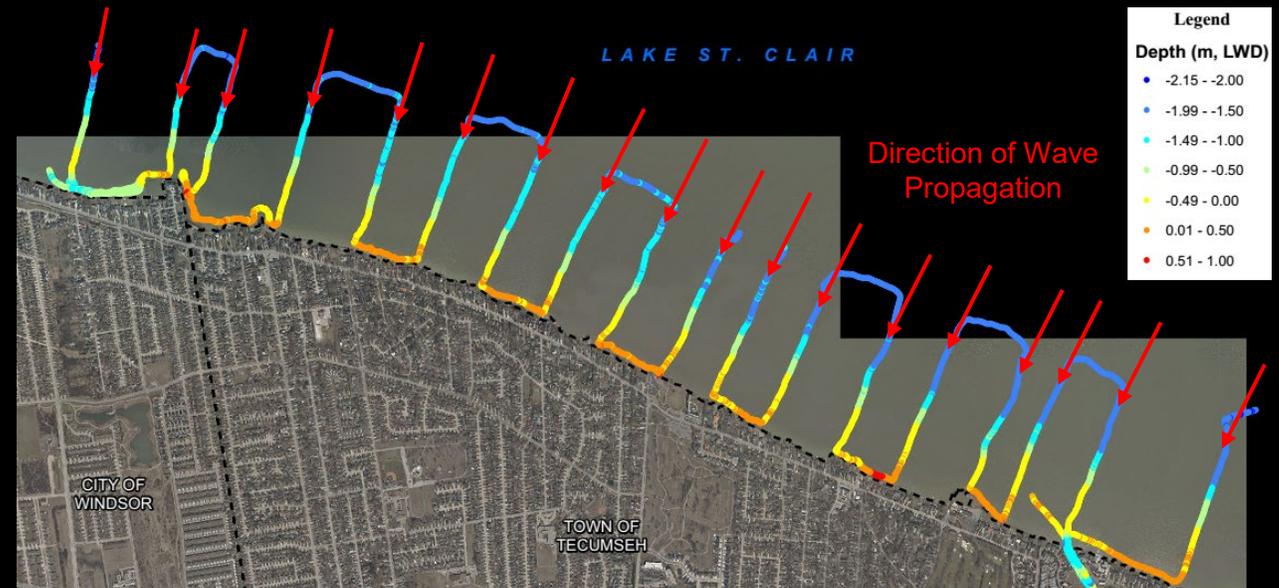


RP (years)	Wind Speed (km/hr)	1977 SPM – Shallow Water	
		Wave Height (m)	Wave Period (s)
1.5	66.07	1.30	4.7
2	67.53	1.32	4.7
5	71.82	1.37	4.8
10	75.33	1.42	4.9
20	79.31	1.46	5.0
25	80.72	1.48	5.0
50	85.54	1.53	5.2
100	91.18	1.59	5.3
200	97.78	1.65	5.4
500	108.30	1.75	5.7



# Analysis of Storm Waves

- Offshore waves transformed to Tecumseh shoreline at each bathymetric profile
  - Includes effects of shoaling, refraction and wave breaking
- 100-year wave conditions output at toe of shoreline protection & beaches
  - Used in wave runup and overtopping calculations to inform flood mapping
  - Used in development of risk mitigation concepts, including recommendations for shoreline protection structures

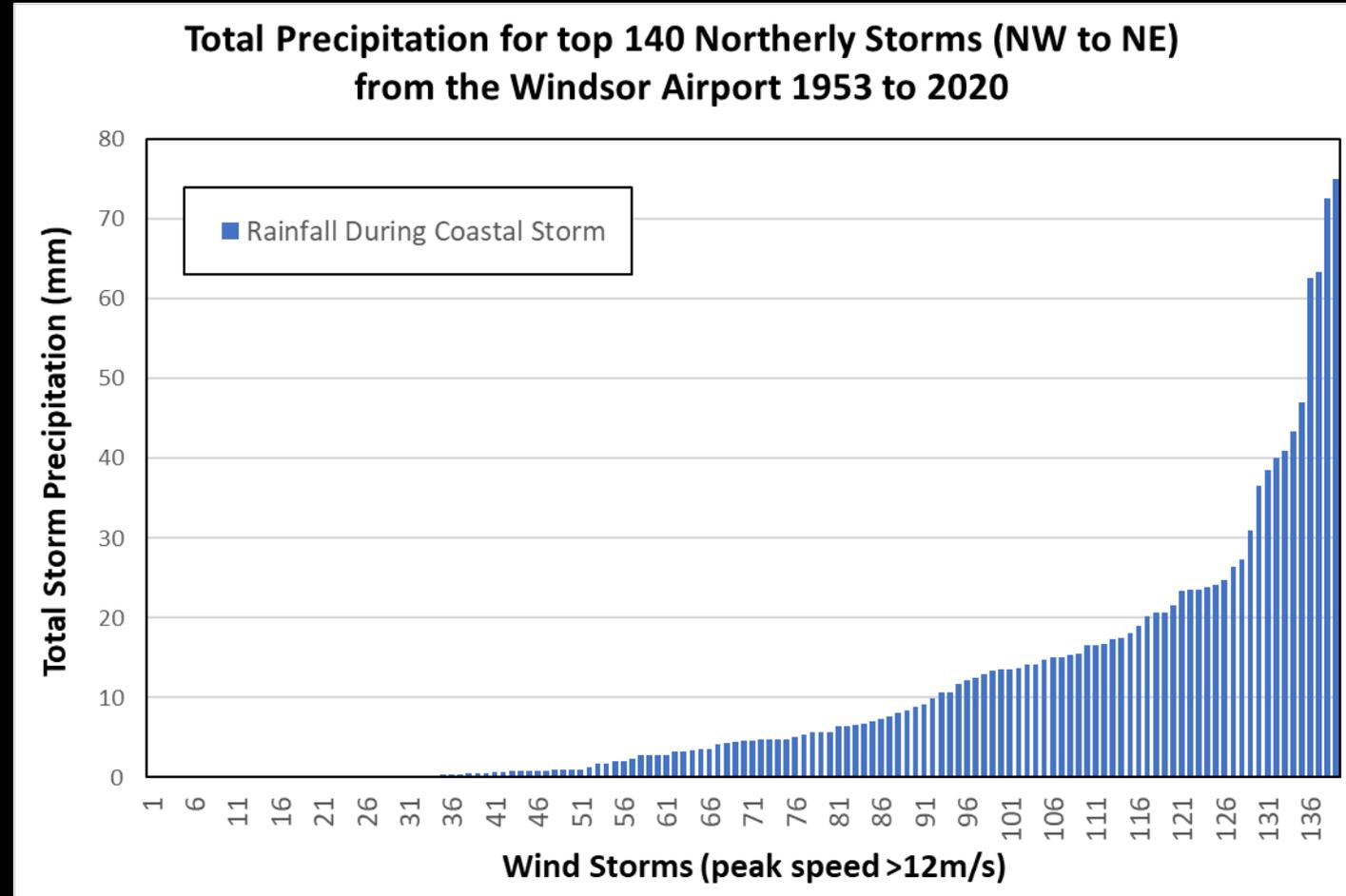




# Combined Rainfall and Coastal Flooding Events (wave overtopping)



- Leverage results from Dillon (2019) for rainfall flood risk
- Roughly 70% of the historical coastal storm events featured some rainfall
- Storms with coastal flooding and rainfall will be evaluated





# FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT



*“4 feet of water on  
Riverside Drive”*

*Windsor Star*





# Historical Context: Saint Patrick's Day Storm of 1973

- Major coastal storm on March 17, 1973
- Peak water level at Belle River reached +176.19 m IGLD85'
  - 4 cm below predicted 100-year flood level
  - Mean Lake Level = +175.83 (50-year for March)
  - Storm Surge = 0.36 m (25-year)
  - Significant wave height event



St. Clair Beach Police Station



Riverside Drive



Tecumseh Road



Arlington Blvd.



# PROPERTY PARCEL DATABASE



**Legend**

**Parcel Database**

- Residential
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Industrial
- Recreational
- Elevation Contour
- Project Study Area
- Municipal Boundary



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**Parcel Database**  
**Collection of Estimated First Floor Elevations**

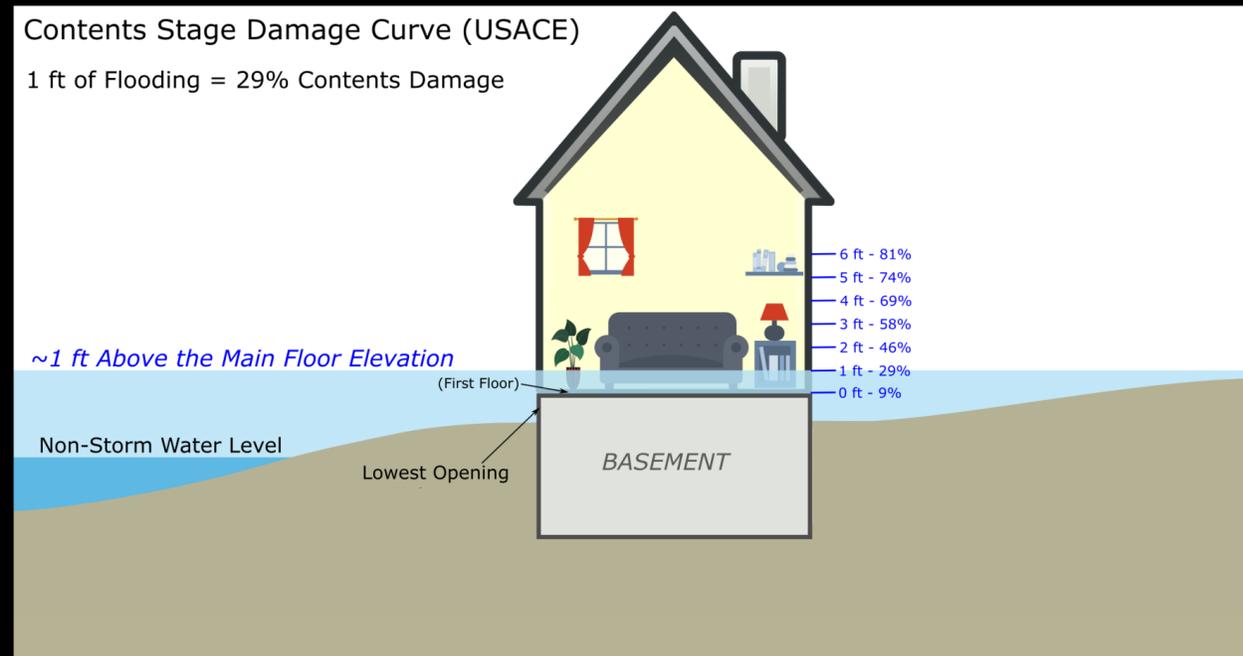
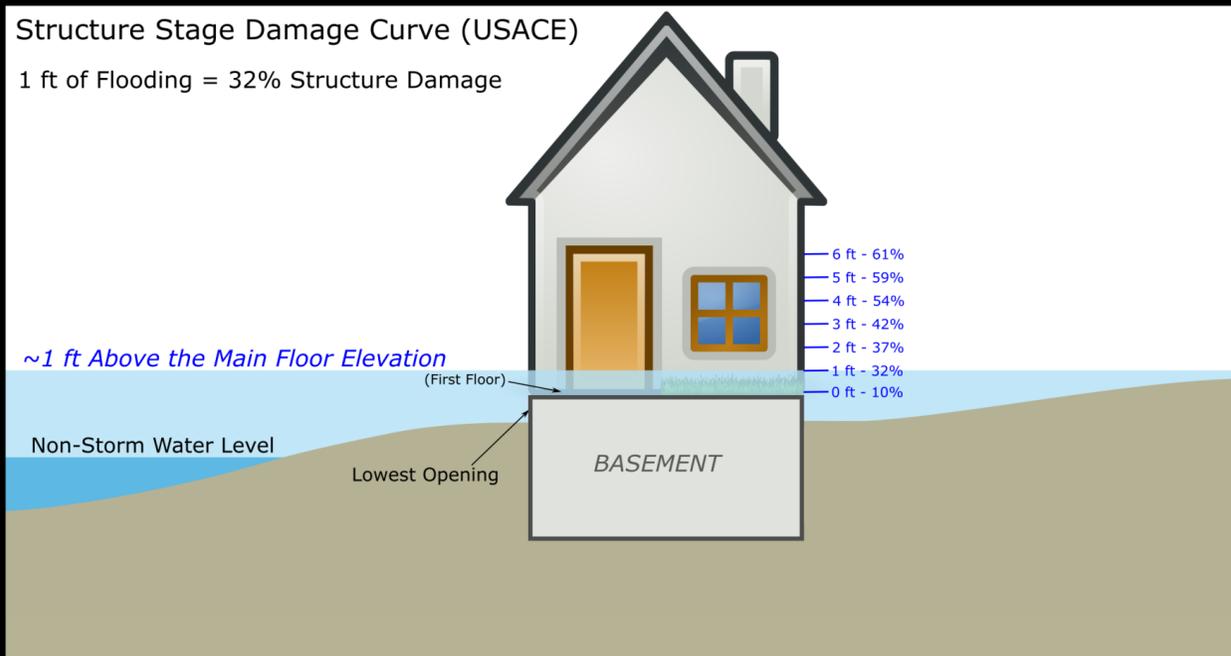
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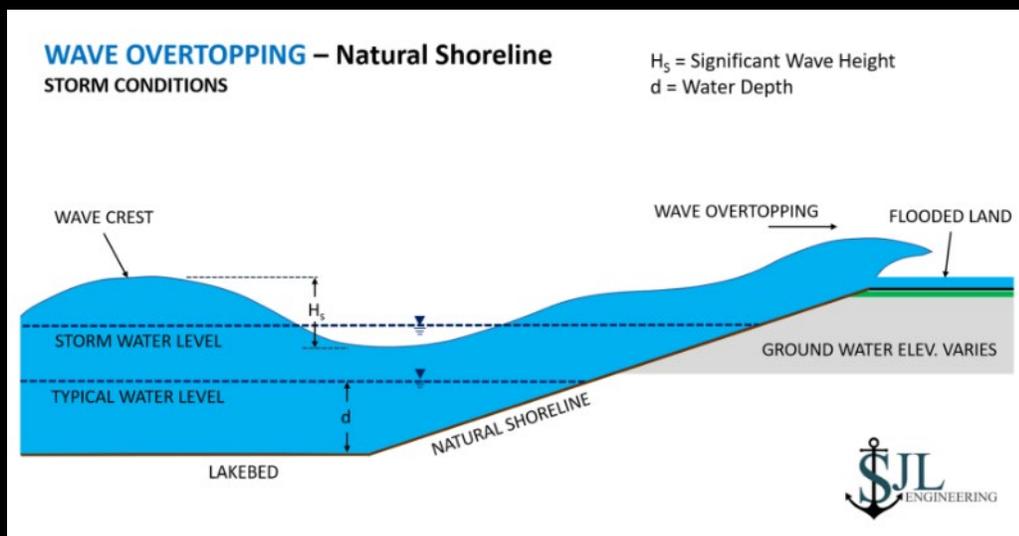
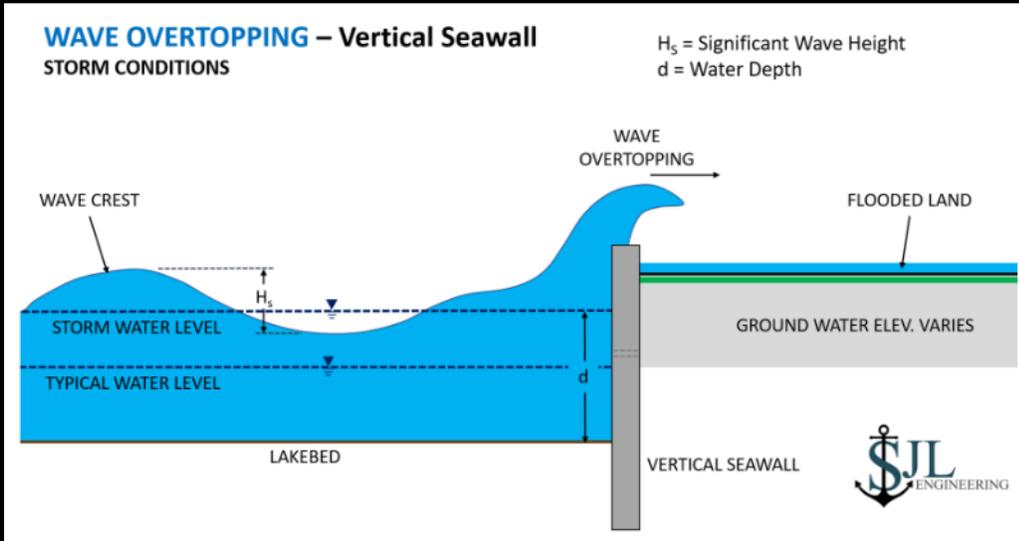
# Flood Damage Methodology

- Property value based on current assessment value (not market value)
- Building and content damages increase with the depth of flooding above the first floor (USACE methodology in graphics below)



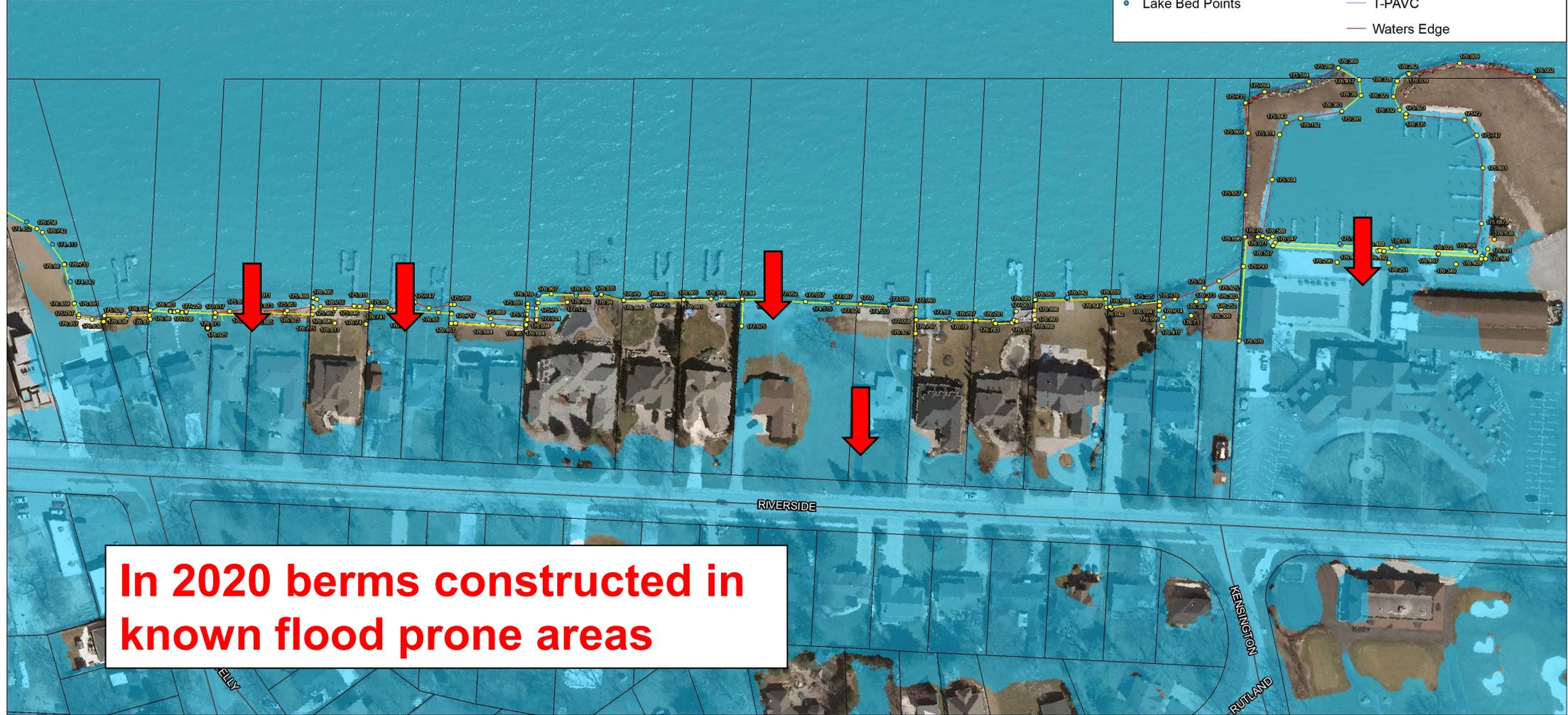


# Wave Overtopping Pushes Water over the Shore Protection and onto Riverside Drive





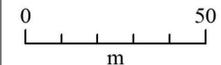
# FLOOD PATHWAYS



**In 2020 berms constructed in known flood prone areas**

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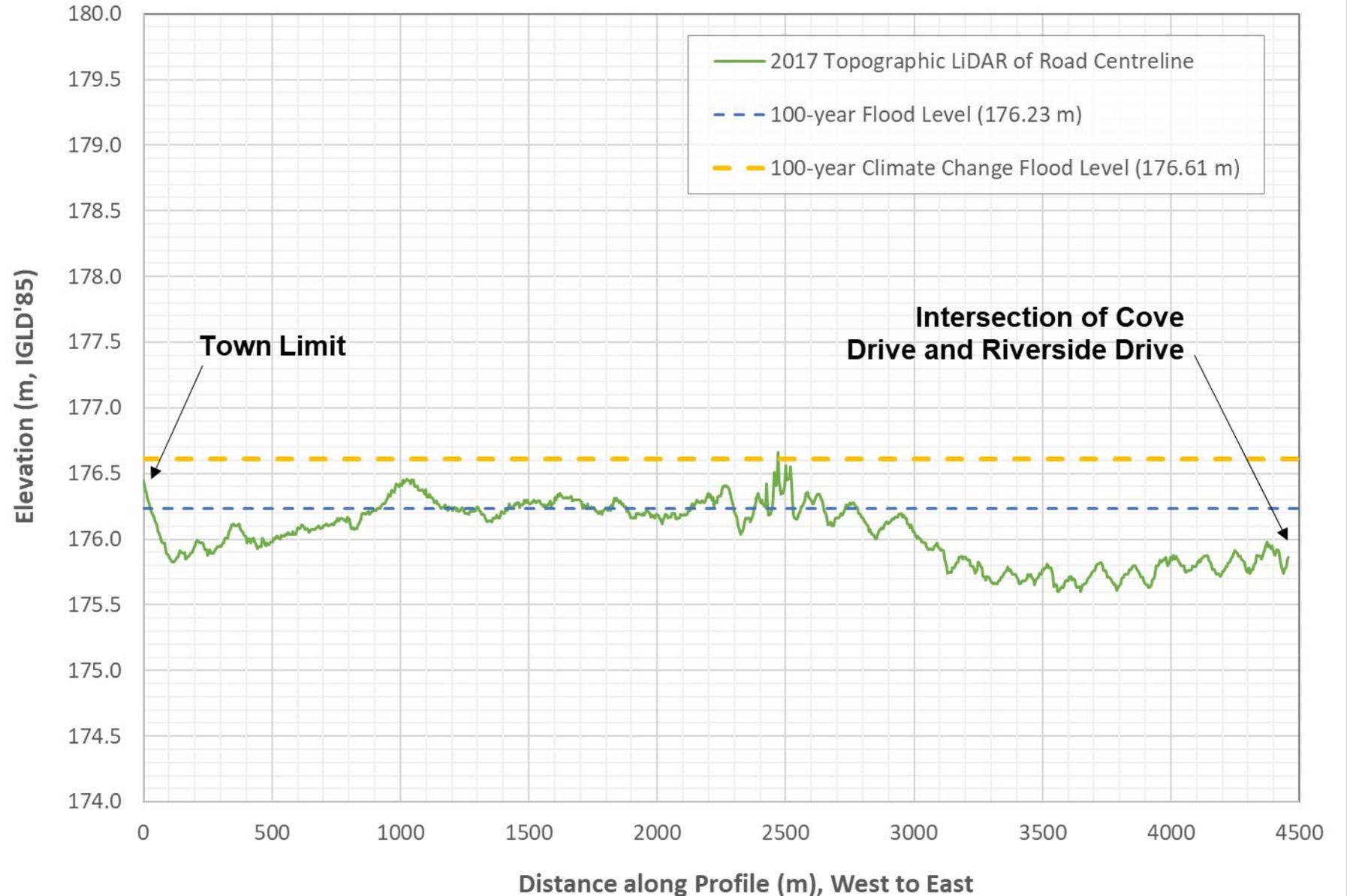
- Parcels
- 100-year Combined Flood Level
- JD Barnes Survey - CAD Lines
  - Other
  - BLOCKS
  - Crest - Wall
  - G-DIMARR
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  - Waters Edge
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  - Other
  - Survey Nodes
  - Lake Bed Points





# Road Elevation versus Flood Elevation

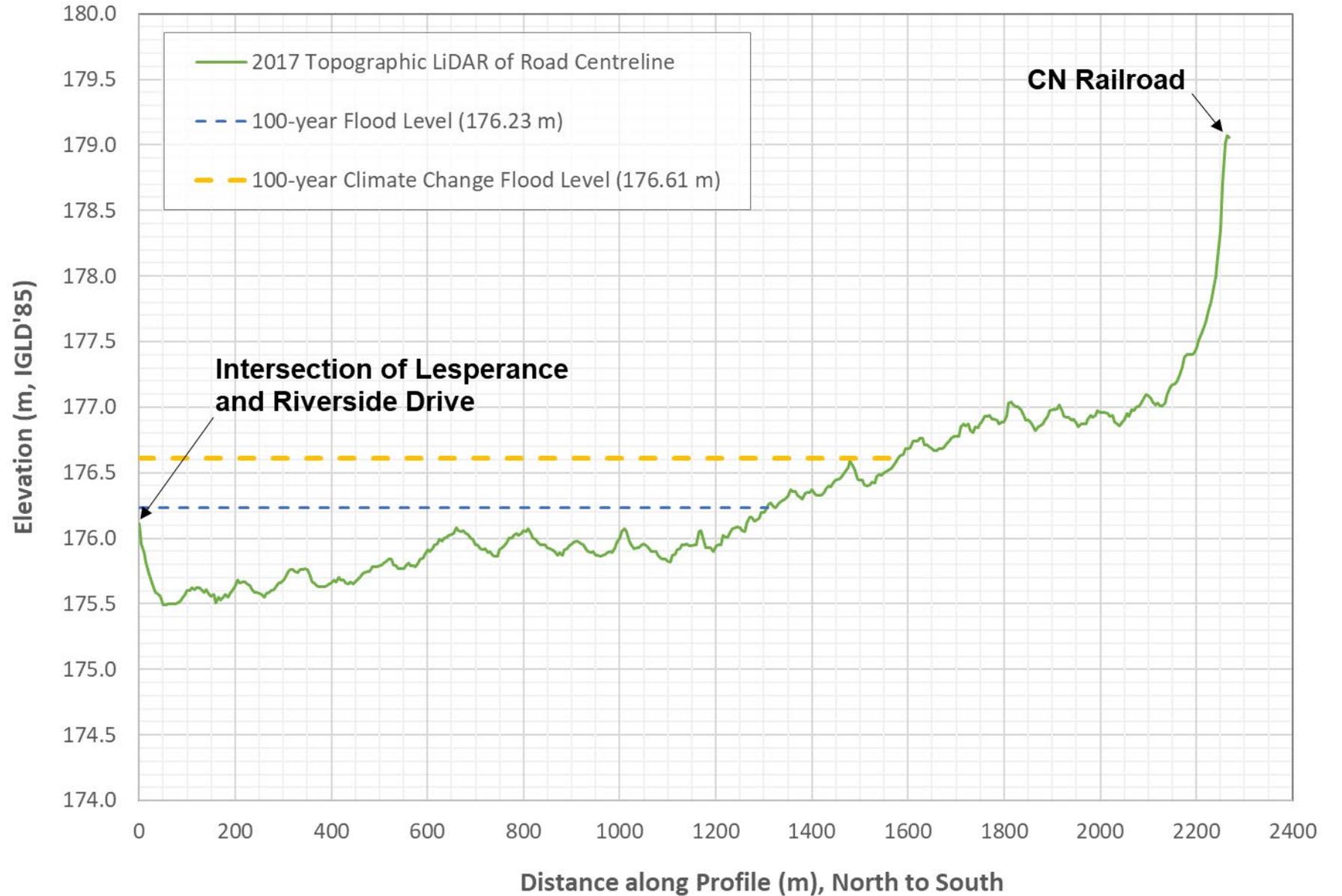
## Riverside Drive Elevation vs Flood Level (west to east)





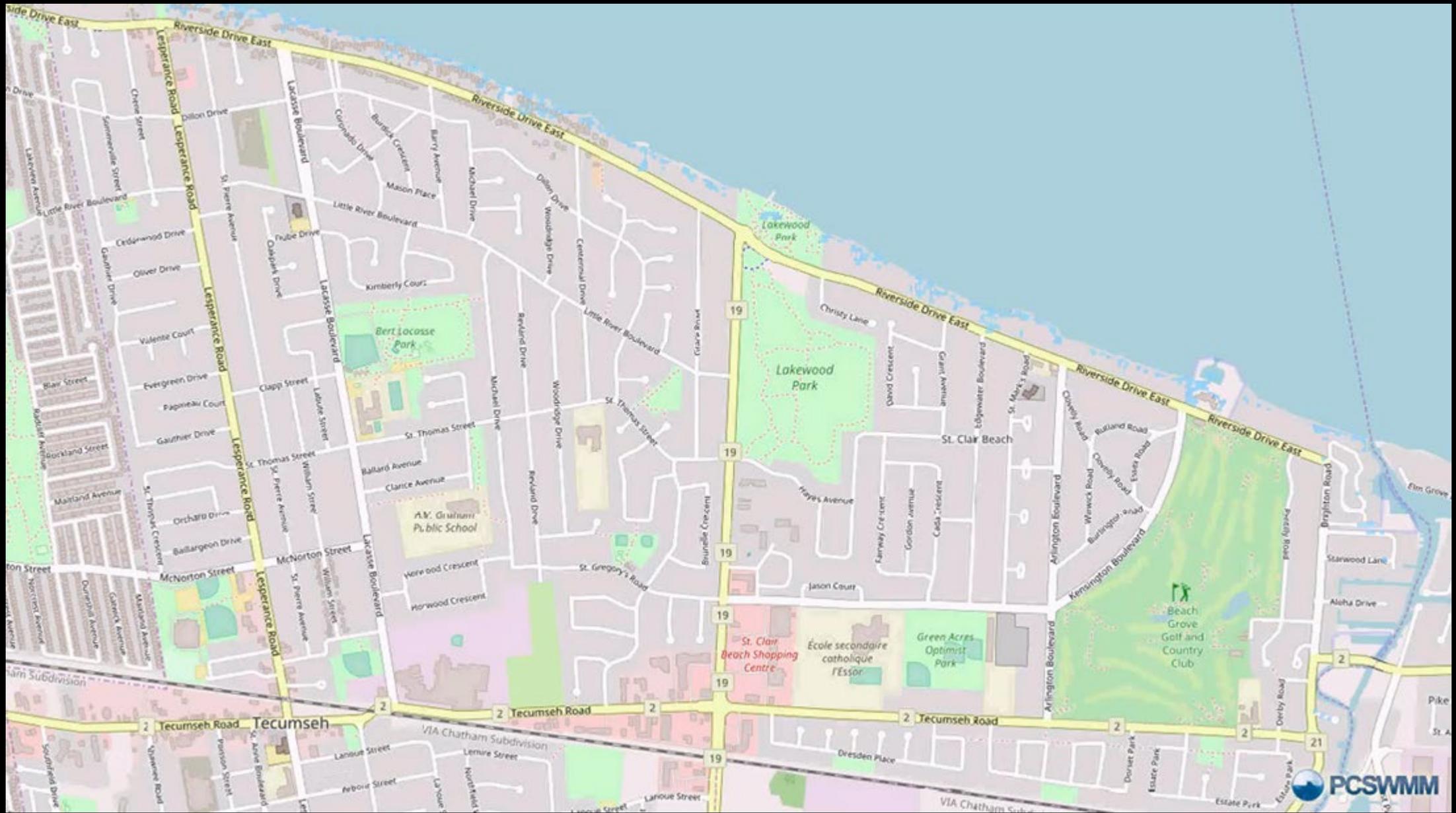
# Road Elevation versus Flood Elevation

## Lesperance Road Elevation vs Flood Level (north to south)





# SCENARIO A FLOOD ANIMATION (30 hours)



**110 Buildings with first floor flooding, \$24-\$37 million**



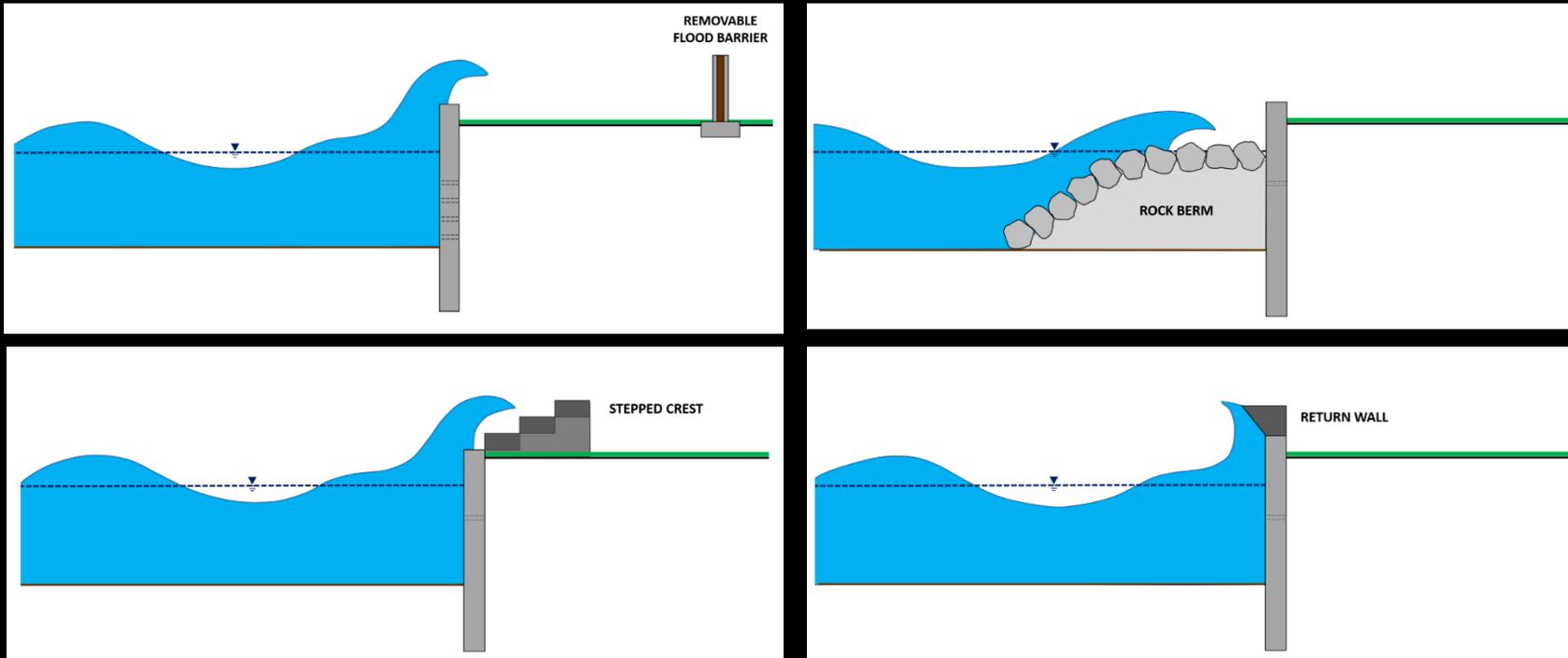
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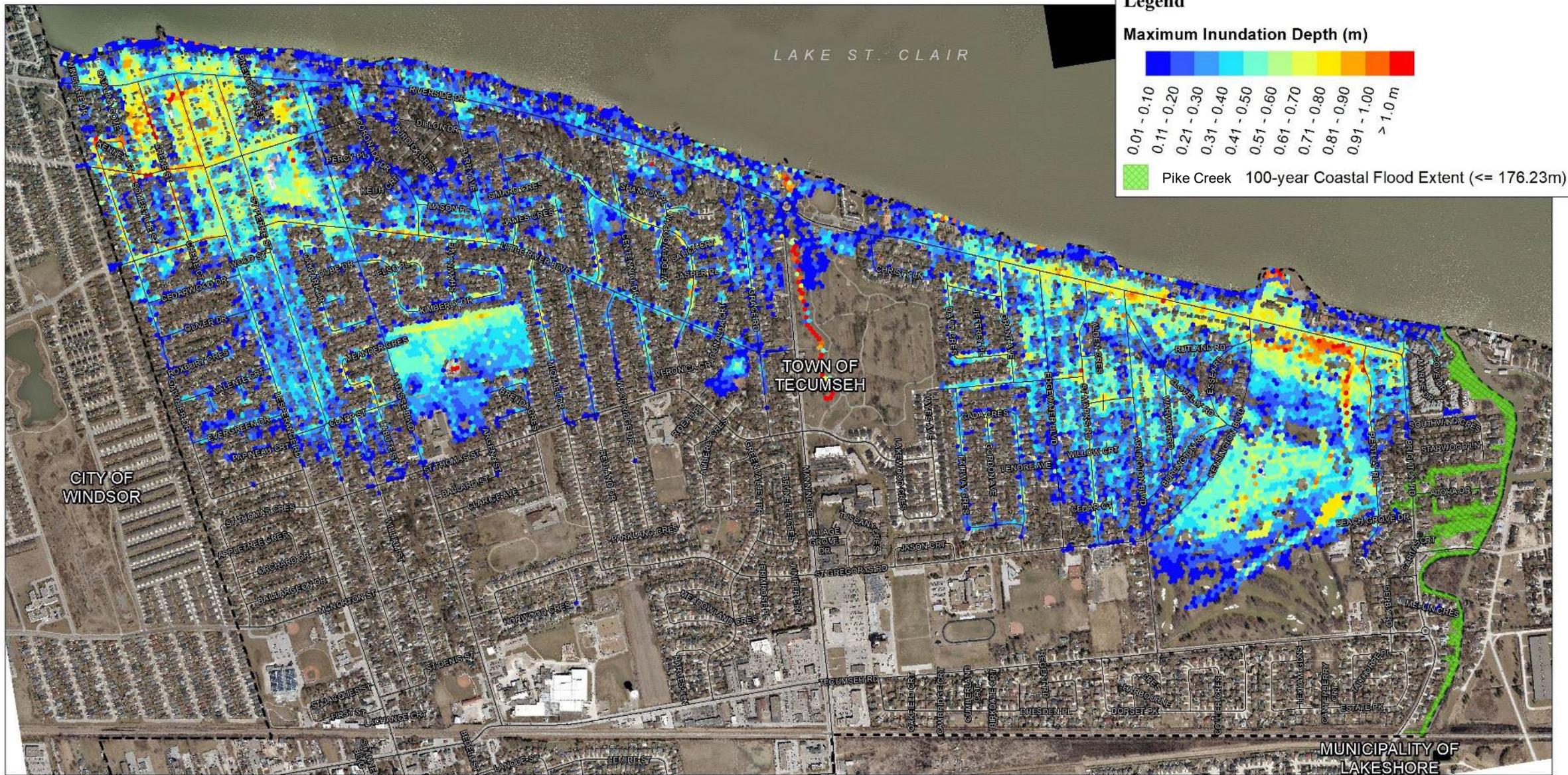


**730 Buildings with first floor flooding, \$124-\$188 million**



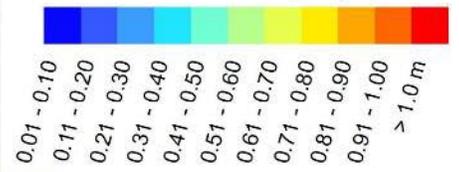
# ADAPTATION OPTIONS TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK AND FUTURE DAMAGES





**Legend**

**Maximum Inundation Depth (m)**

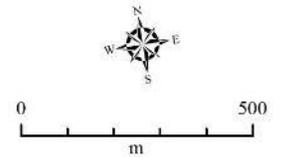


Pike Creek 100-year Coastal Flood Extent (<= 176.23m)

**Scenario A**  
**100-year Coastal Flood with No Rain**

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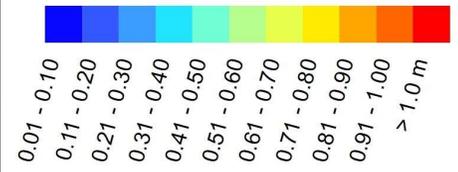
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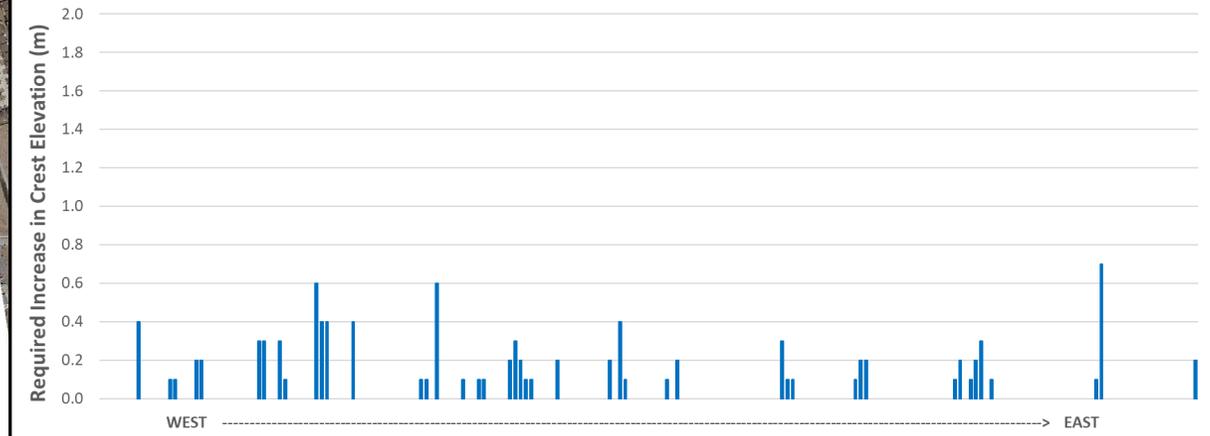
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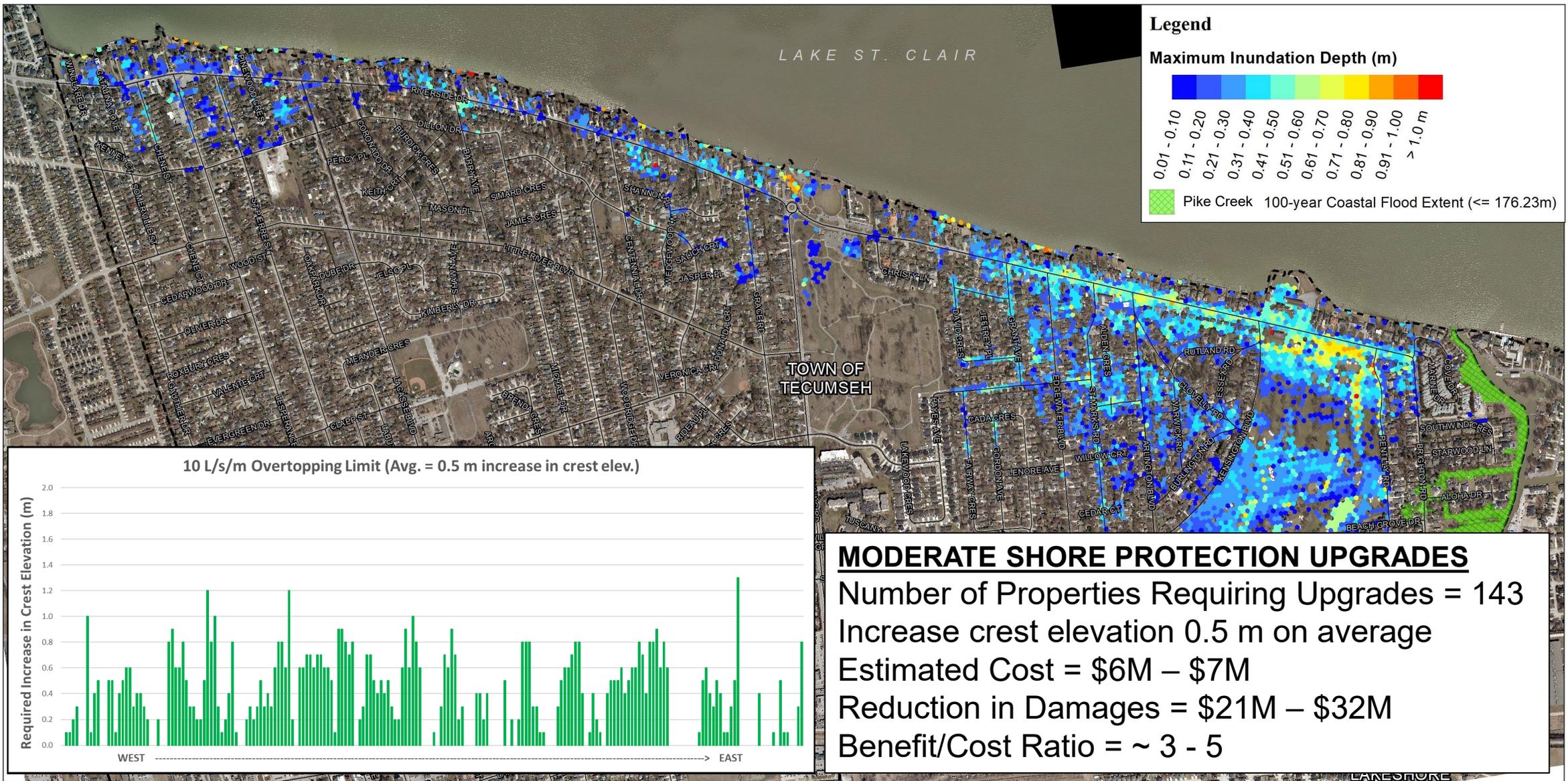
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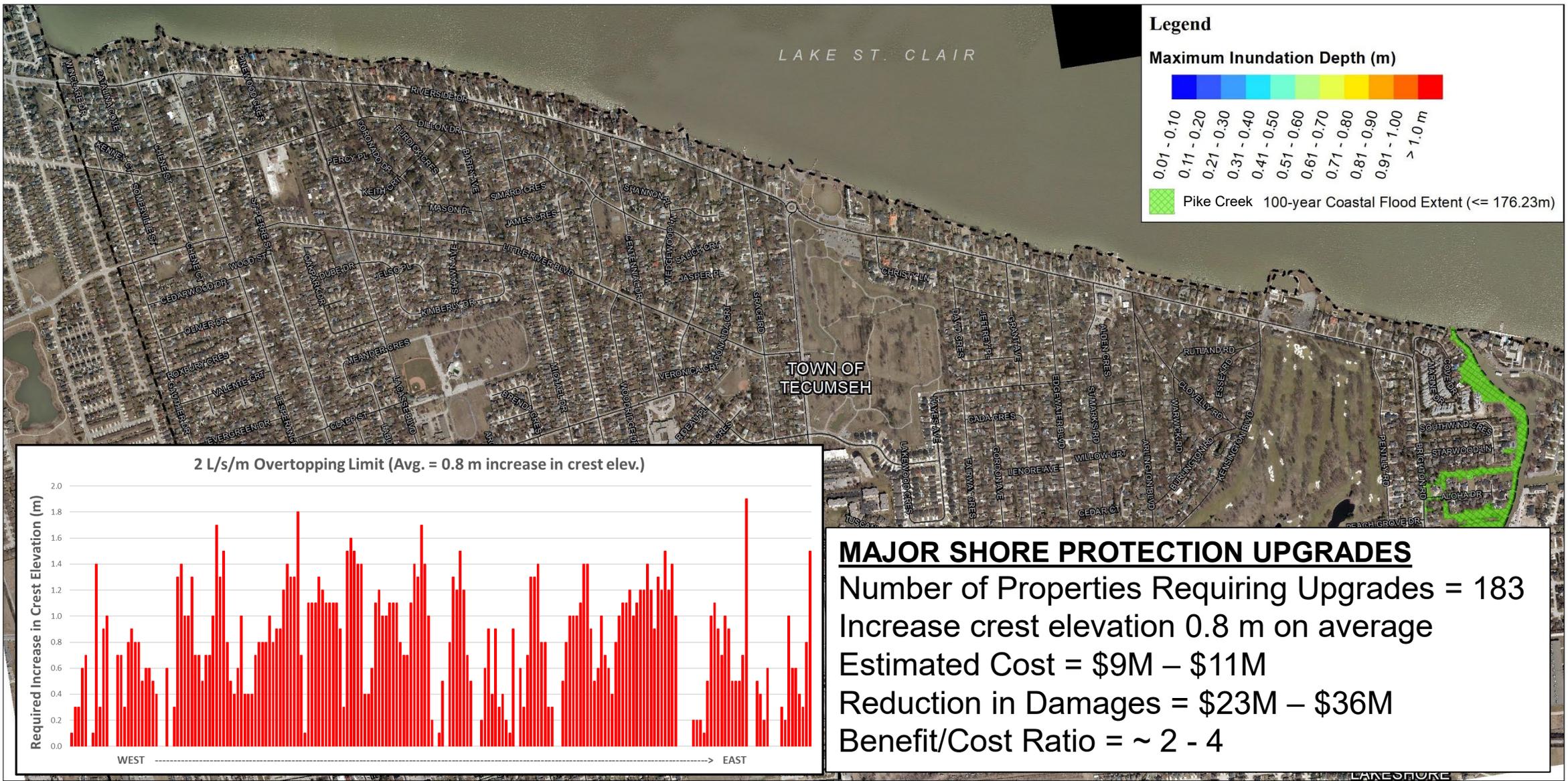


50 L/s/m Overtopping Limit (Avg. = 0.2 m increase in crest elev.)



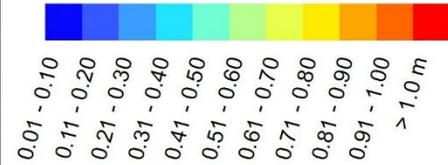
**MINOR SHORE PROTECTION UPGRADES**  
 Number of Properties Requiring Upgrades = 27  
 Increase crest elevation 0.2 m on average  
 Estimated Cost = ~\$1M  
 Reduction in Damages = \$5M – \$7M  
 Benefit/Cost Ratio = 5 - 7





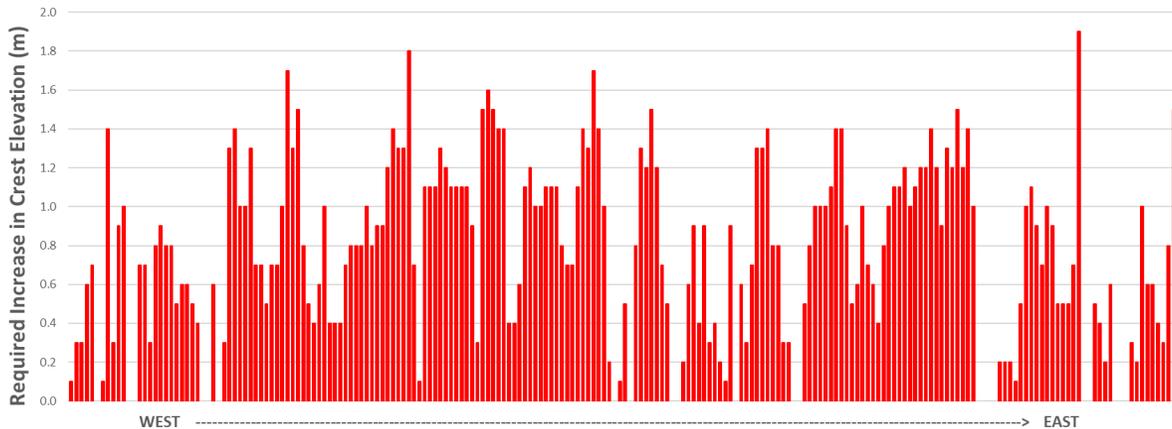
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**Maximum Inundation Depth (m)**



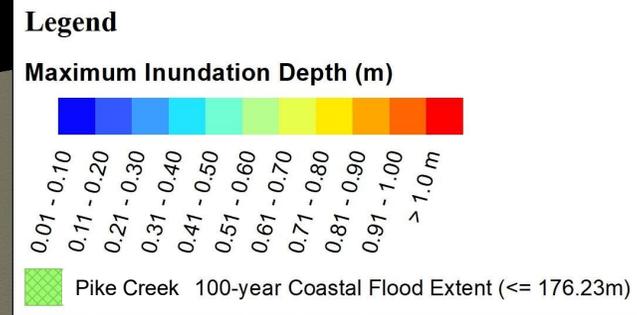
Pike Creek 100-year Coastal Flood Extent (<= 176.23m)

**2 L/s/m Overtopping Limit (Avg. = 0.8 m increase in crest elev.)**



**MAJOR SHORE PROTECTION UPGRADES**

Number of Properties Requiring Upgrades = 183  
 Increase crest elevation 0.8 m on average  
 Estimated Cost = \$9M – \$11M  
 Reduction in Damages = \$23M – \$36M  
 Benefit/Cost Ratio = ~ 2 - 4

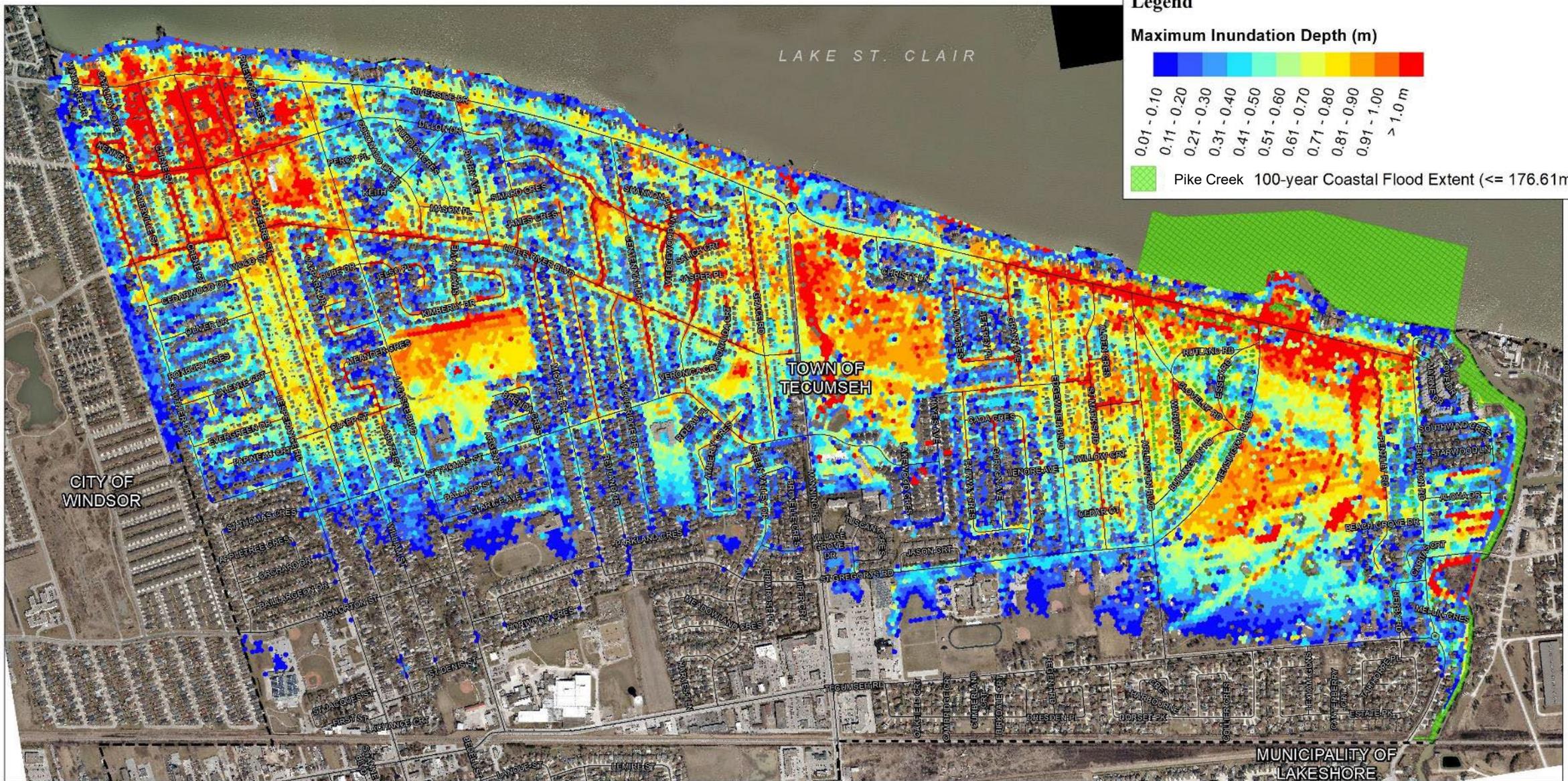


Hypothetical Flood Barrier along Riverside Dr. (4.5 km)

Hypothetical Flood Barrier along Brighton Rd (1 km)

**FLOOD BARRIER FOR RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND A SMALL PORTION OF BRIGHTON ROAD**

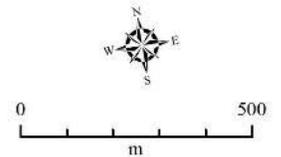
Continuous barrier along Riverside Drive and a portion of Brighton Road  
 Estimated Cost = not calculated  
 Reduction in Damages = \$15M – \$24M  
 Benefit/Cost Ratio = no calculated



**Scenario C**  
**100-year Climate Change Coastal Flood with No Rain**

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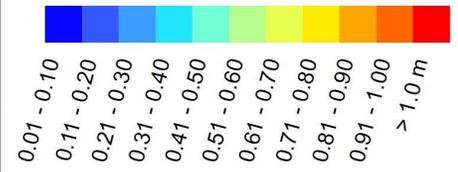
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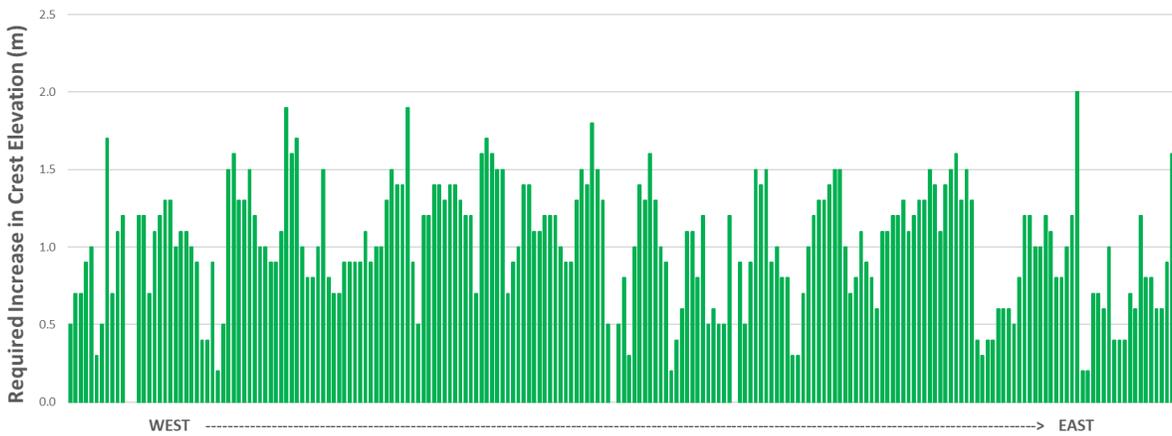
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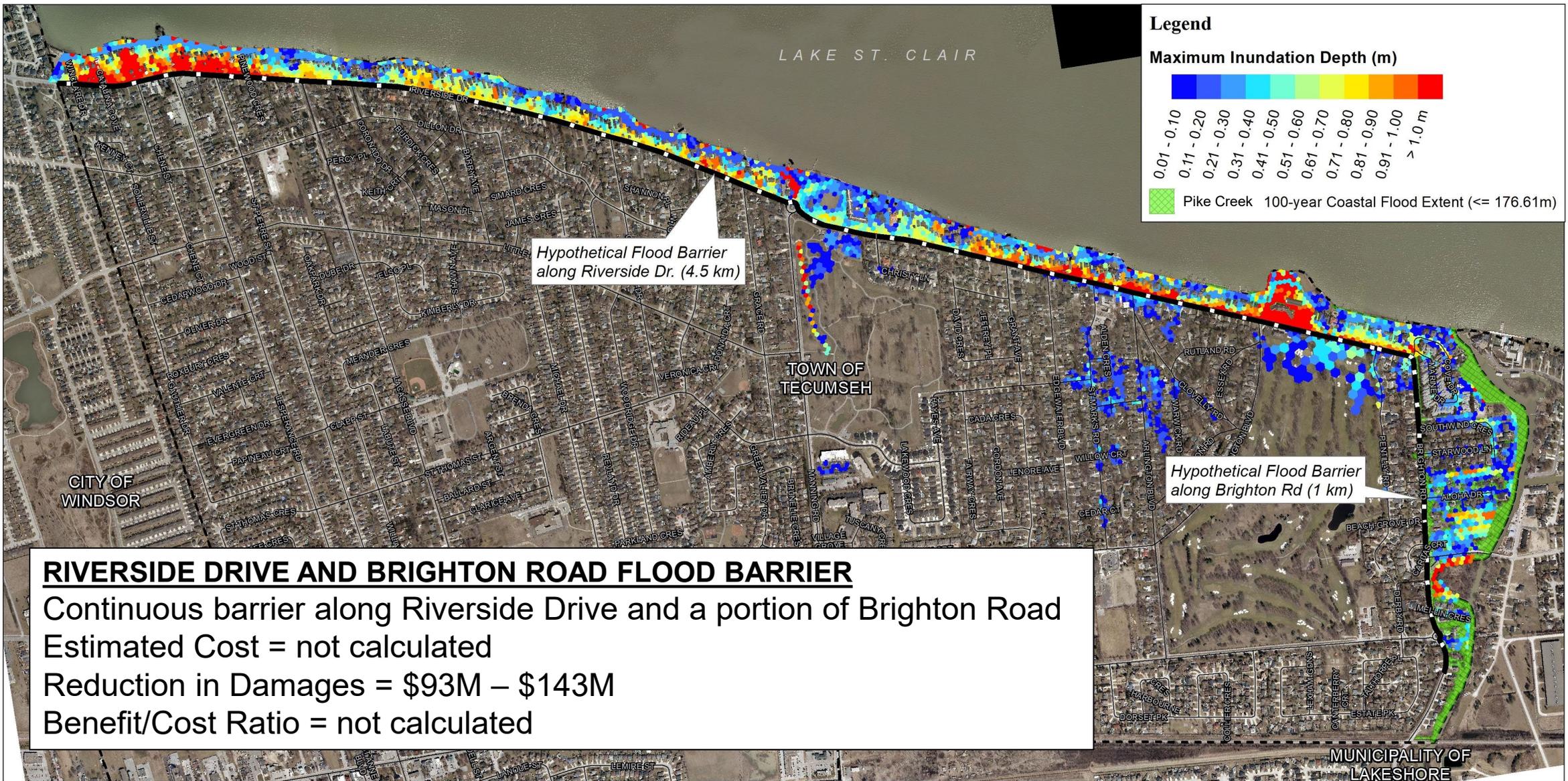
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10 L/s/m Overtopping Limit (Avg. = 1.0 m increase in crest elev.)



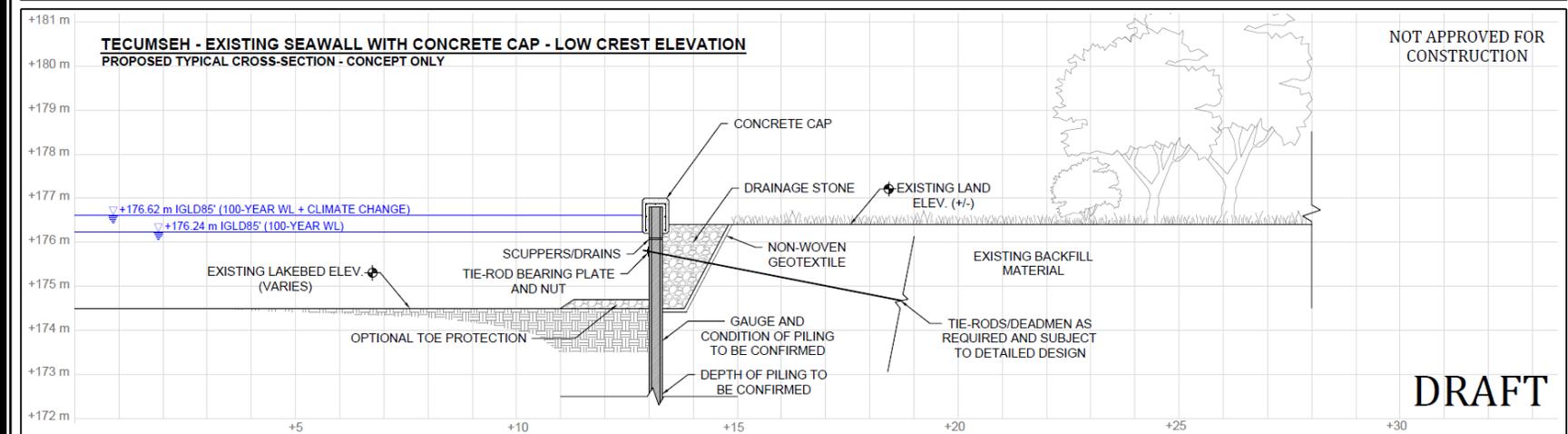
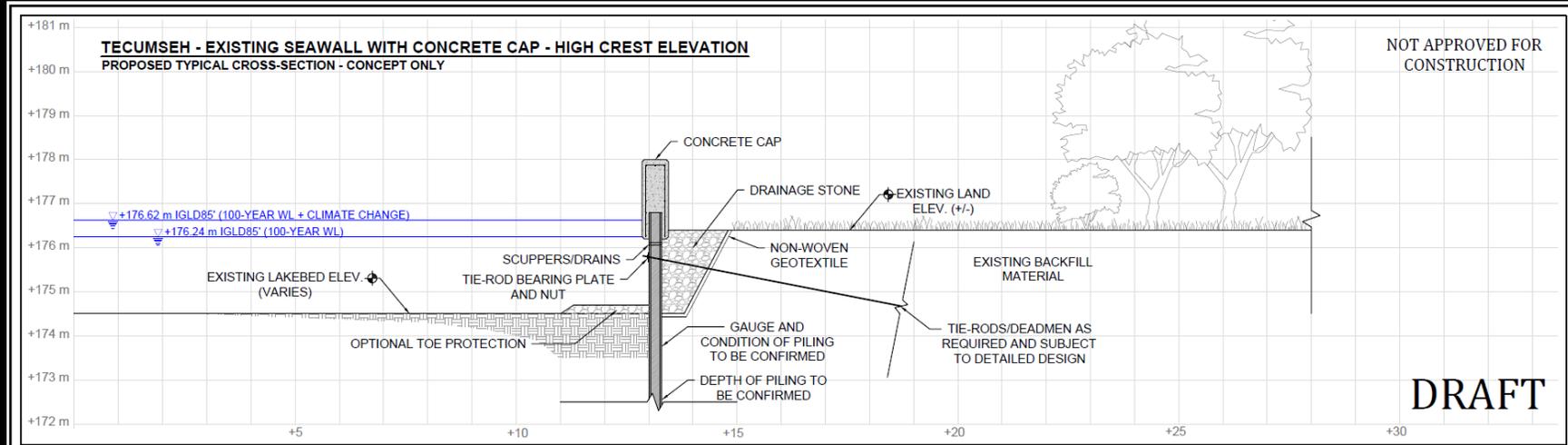
**MAJOR SHORE PROTECTION UPGRADES**  
 Number of Properties Requiring Upgrades = 207  
 Increase crest elevation 1.0 m on average  
 Estimated Cost = \$12M – \$13M  
 Reduction in Damages = \$101M – \$153M  
 Benefit/Cost Ratio = ~ 8 - 12





# PROTECTION STRATEGIES ASSUMED IN COSTING

Increase crest elevation  
of vertical wall:

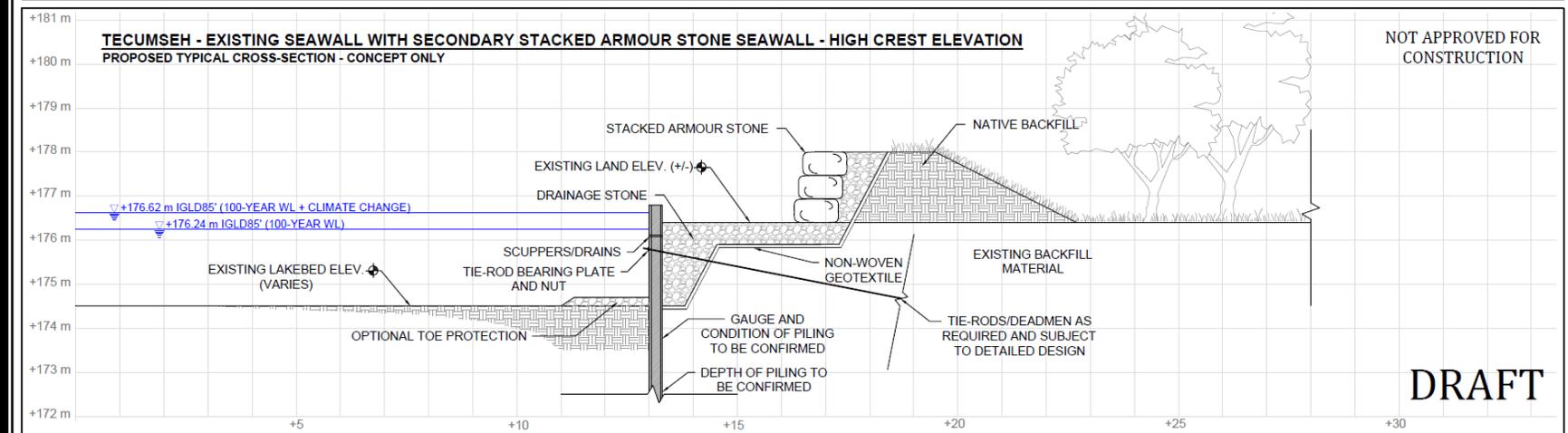
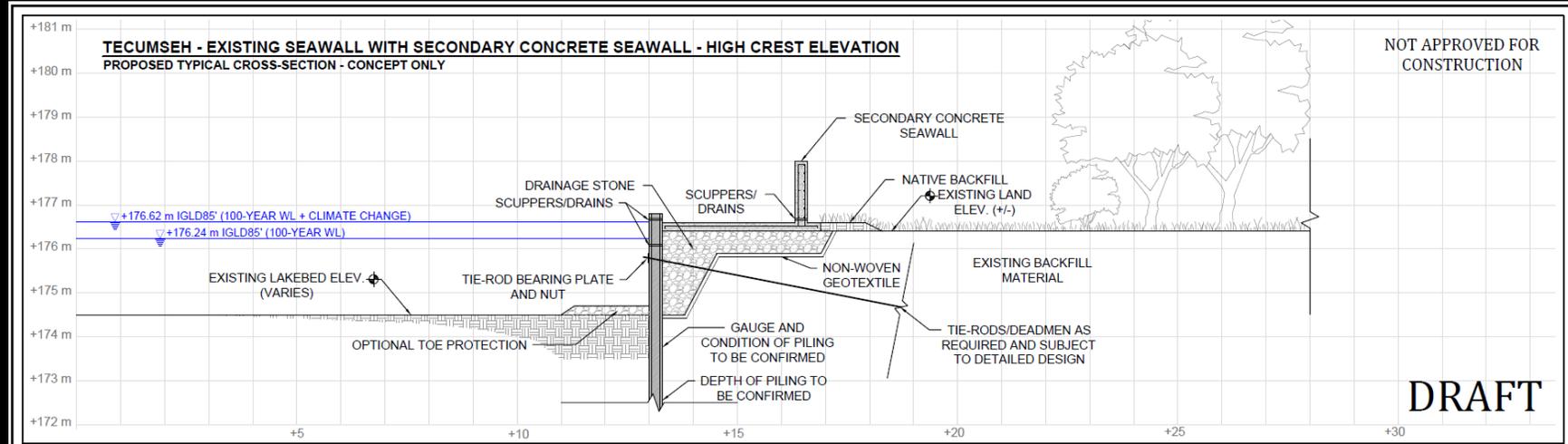


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Add a secondary wall:

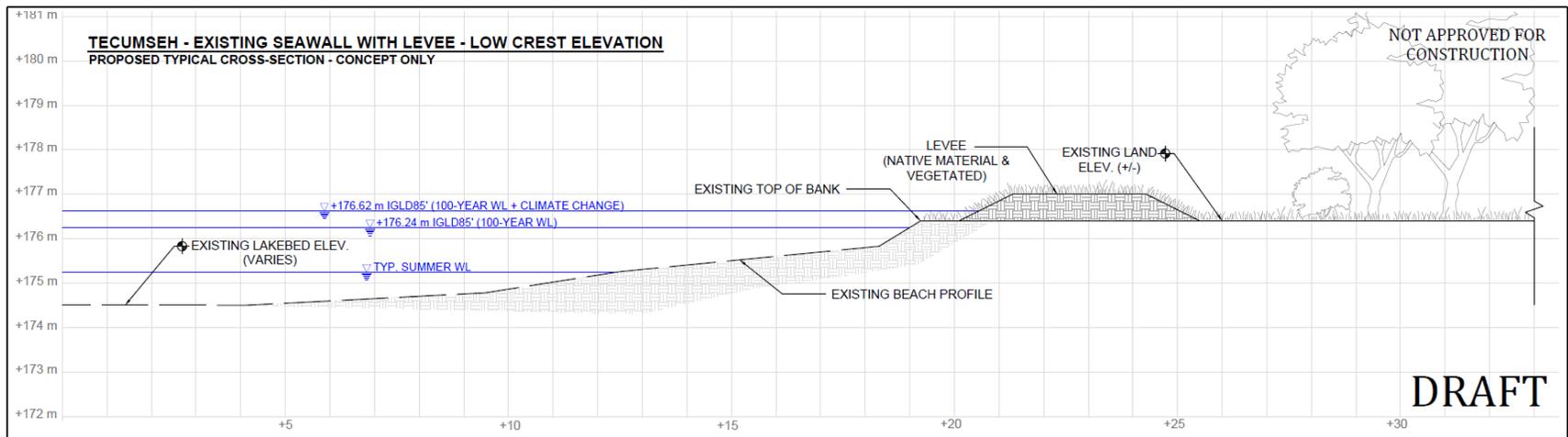
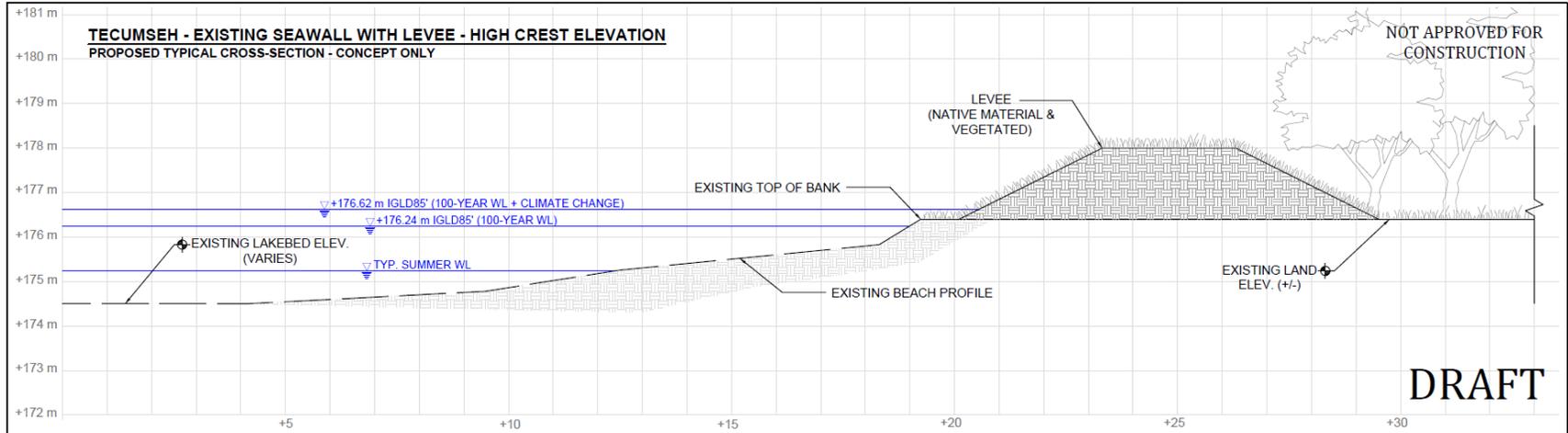
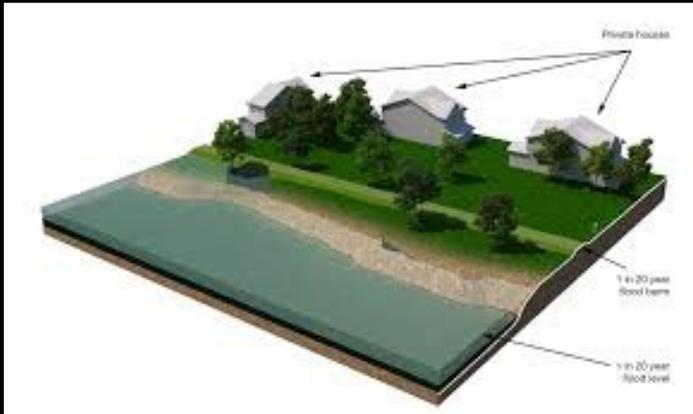


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Increase crest elevation  
of natural shoreline:

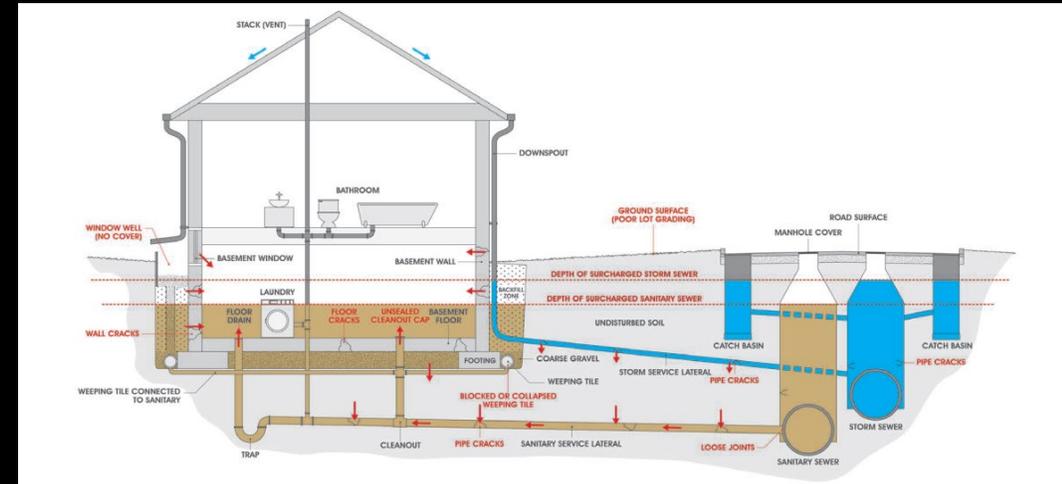


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# Basement Flooding During a Coastal Flood from Sanitary Sewer Surcharging and Lowest Opening

- During a coastal flood, the Hydraulic Grade Line (HGL) elevations (water levels) in some sanitary sewers may be above the basement floor level, which could lead to backflow and basement flooding north of County Road 22
- Basement windows and doors are potential pathways for building flooding
- Water shields and solid block windows





# NEXT STEPS





# Existing Activities and New Initiatives

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- Continue with design work and construction plans to upgrade storm sewers infrastructure and pumping stations
- Continue with multi-faceted approach to reduce basement flooding from sanitary sewer backups
- New activities:
  - Work with emergency responders to evaluate depth of flooding and update the Flood Response Plan as required
  - Develop guidance for landowners to reduce basement flooding threats from a coastal flooding event
  - Complete further engagement with the landowners on a community scale shoreline protection upgrade program



# QUESTIONS

