

# **Making the Transition: Assessment to Action in Broward County, FL**

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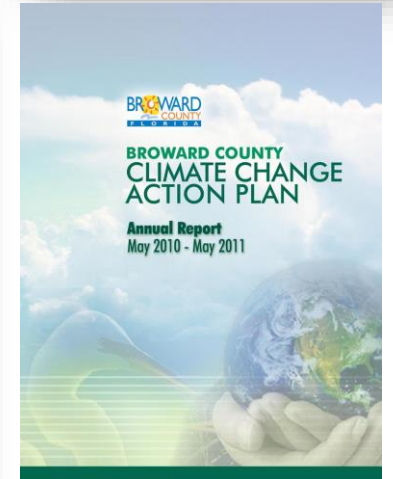
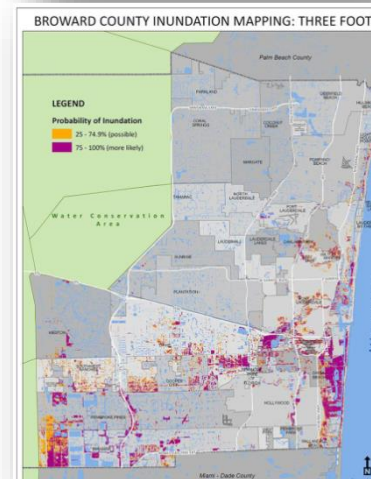
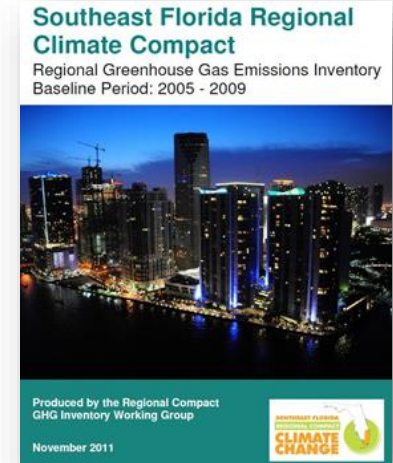
# Broward County Characteristics



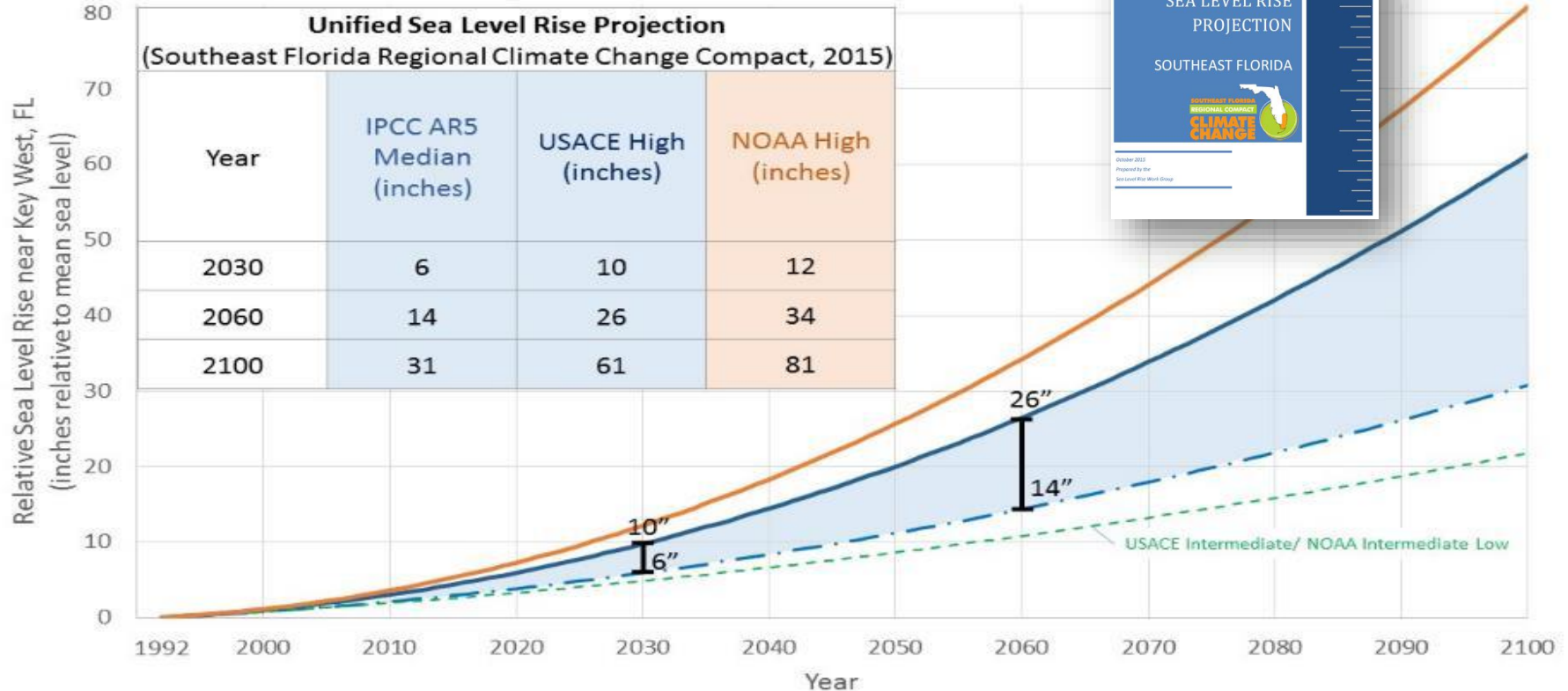
- ❑ Nearly 2 million residents
- ❑ Dense coastal development
- ❑ 24 miles of beaches
- ❑ 300 +miles seawalls
- ❑ 1800 miles canals
- ❑ Porous geology
- ❑ Active flood management
- ❑ Unique natural resources

# Early Initiatives

- ❑ Tools and Assessment
- ❑ Local and Regional
- ❑ Policy and Planning
  - Climate Change Element
  - Priority Planning Areas
  - Land use/water/LMS
  - Capital budget planning



# 2015 Regional SLR Projection



# From Planning to Action:

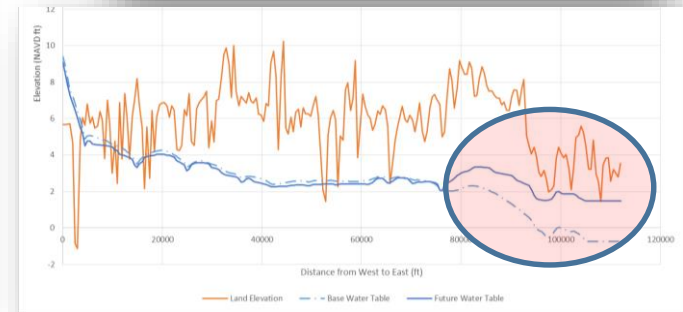
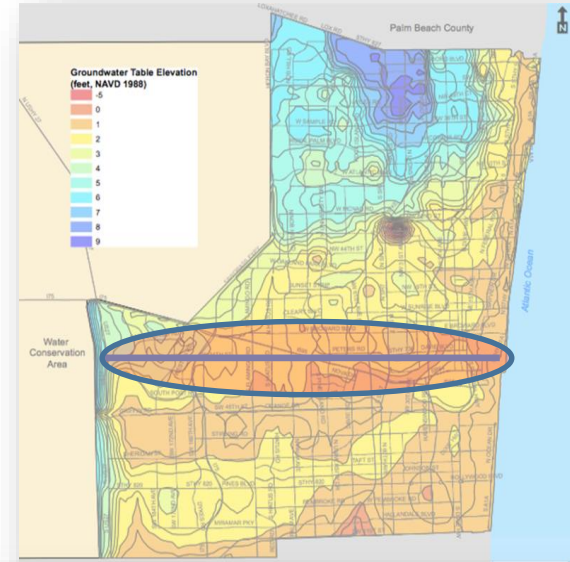
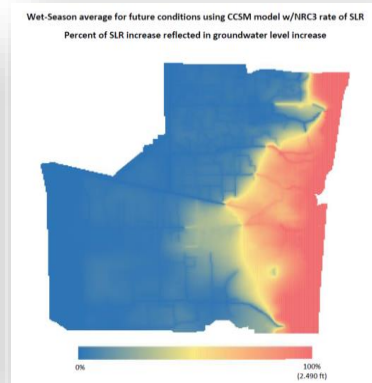
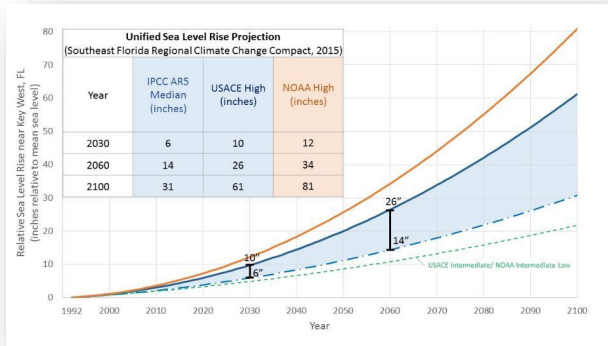


- ❑ Maximize use of county authority
- ❑ Land use and water regulations
- ❑ Future conditions map series – code of ordinances (established May 2017)
- ❑ 3-year timeline
  - Drainage infrastructure (2017)
  - Coastal flood barriers (2018)
  - Flood elevations (2019)
- ❑ Tools
  - Groundwater Models
  - Coastal Study
  - Updated FEMA Flood Model



# Future Condition Average Wet Season Groundwater Table Map

- ❑ 2060-2069 average groundwater conditions
- ❑ USACE high = 2 feet SLR
- ❑ CCSM model = 9% increase in rainfall
- ❑ Extensive stakeholder engagement
- ❑ Effective July 1, 2017



# SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

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### Permitted Conditions

WSWT: **1.5' NAVD**

WATER QUALITY VOLUME

Required: 0.08 acre-feet

Provided

0.08 acre-feet

By 70 LF exfiltration trench

\$15,225\*

100-YR, 3-DAY PRE-POST MAX

Required: 9.38' NAVD

Provided

9.38' NAVD

By 1 gravity drainage well

\$72,500\*\*

### SLR Scenario

WSWT: **3.5' NAVD**

WATER QUALITY VOLUME

Required: 0.08 acre-feet

Provided

0.05 acre-feet

By 70 LF exfiltration  
trench

100-YR, 3-DAY PRE-POST MAX

Required: 9.38' NAVD

Provided

9.65' NAVD

By 1 gravity drainage  
well

### SLR Adjusted Design

**1.6%**

Increase in Total  
Construction  
Costs

\$23,925\*

40 LF additional  
exfiltration trench

\$290,000\*\*

Added pump to  
drainage well

\* Costs estimate assuming 18" French Drain. \*\* Cost estimate assuming dep well, casing 24", up to 100' drilling. Cost estimate varies based on project location, complexity, bid quantity and contractors availability





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# USACE-Broward Resiliency Study



- ❑ Resilient Sea Wall Top Elevations
- ❑ Calibrated hydrodynamic model
  - 2 feet sea level rise
  - High tides
  - 25-yr storm surge
- ❑ Economic study
  - Damage loss reduction
  - Analysis by sector



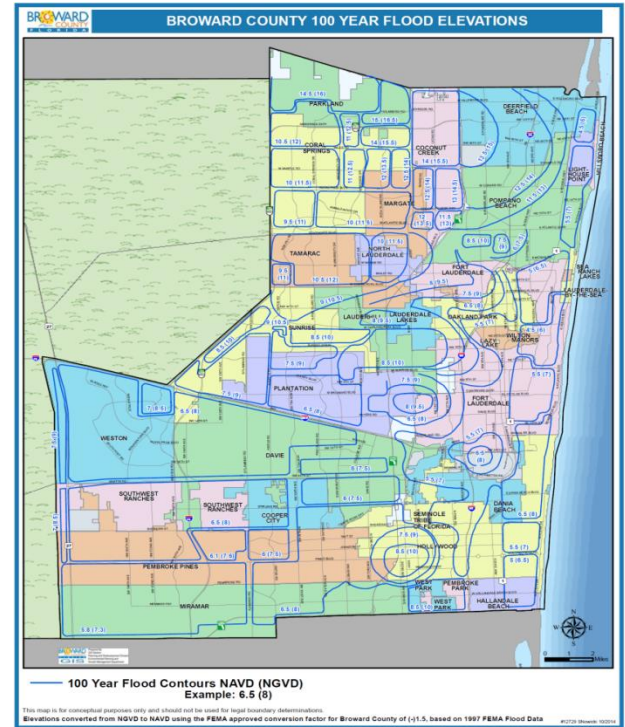
# Broward 100-Year Community Flood Map

❑ One of 3 tools used to set finished floor elevations

❑ Amended map will:

- Integrate sea level rise
- Capture changes in groundwater
- Provide flood elevation with rainfall (non-stationarity analysis)
- Address CRS creditable criteria
- NOT be used for the FEMA FIRM

❑ Developed with partner cost share



# Summary



- ❑ Resiliency planning in Broward has relied heavily on informed use of science to guide policy recommendations and planning decisions
- ❑ Scenario-based assessments offer options and foster community-based decision-making
- ❑ Multiagency collaborations and robust partnerships have been vital to building support
- ❑ Economic analyses were a necessary condition but did not alter outcome
- ❑ Priority next steps include sustained engagement and development of a resilient infrastructure improvement plan

# Questions?

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