

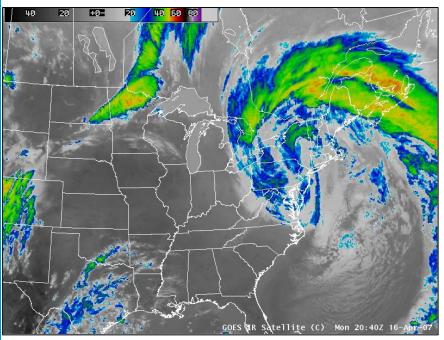


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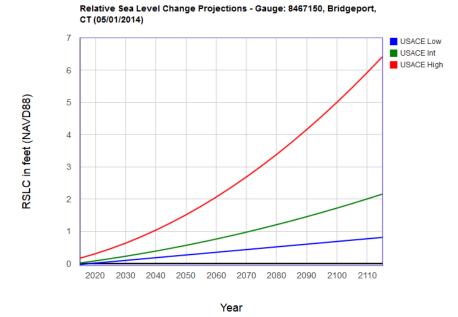
### **Setting Priorities for Nature – Based Solutions**

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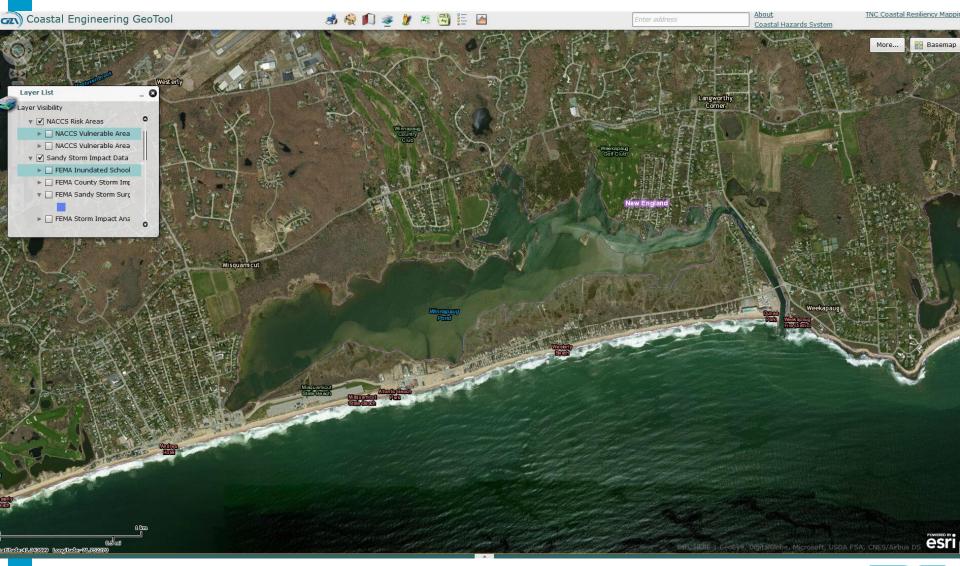




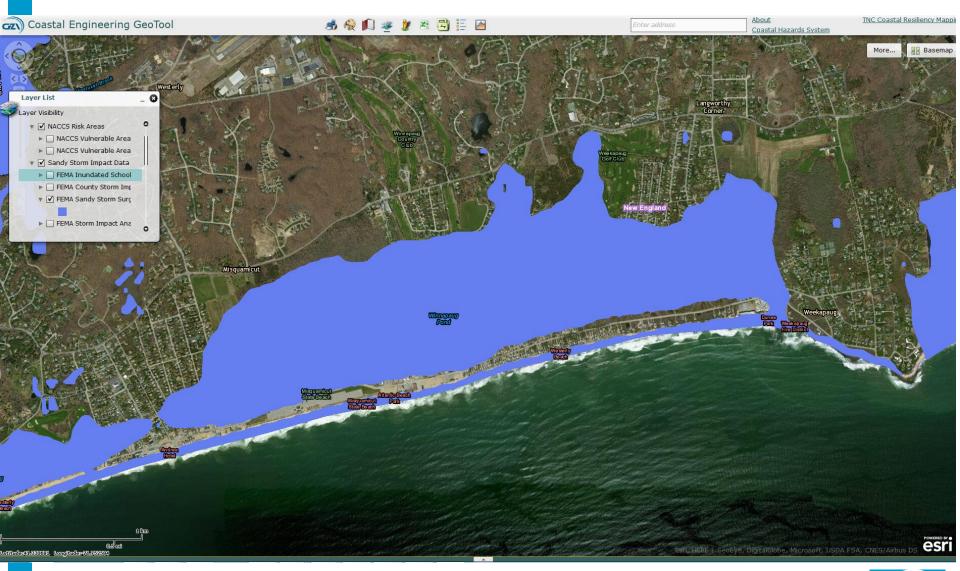




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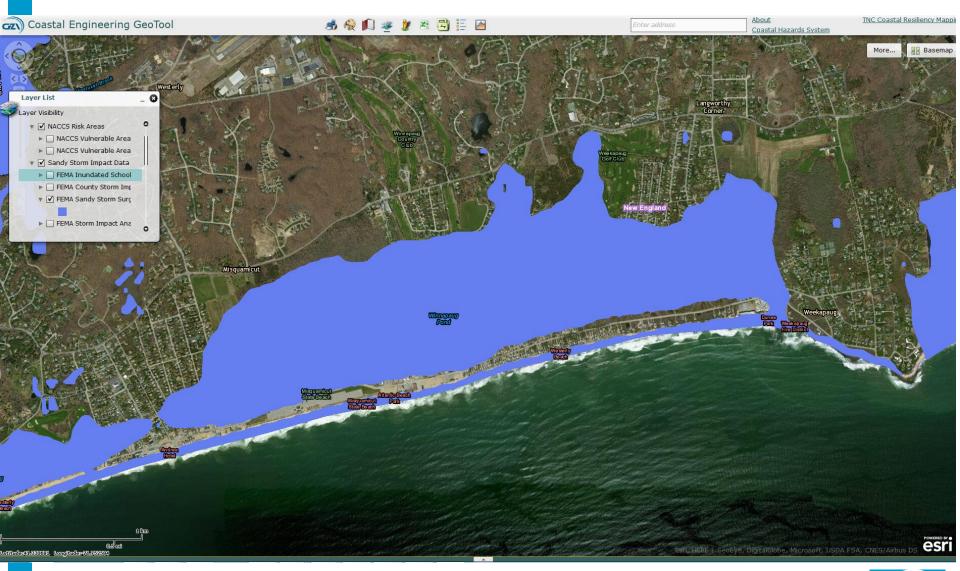
### SUPERSTORM SANDY - STORM IMPACTED AREAS OF WINNAPAUG POND FROM EVENT SEDIMENTATION - NRCS DSR APPLICATION

PREPARED BY THE TOWN OF WESTERLY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
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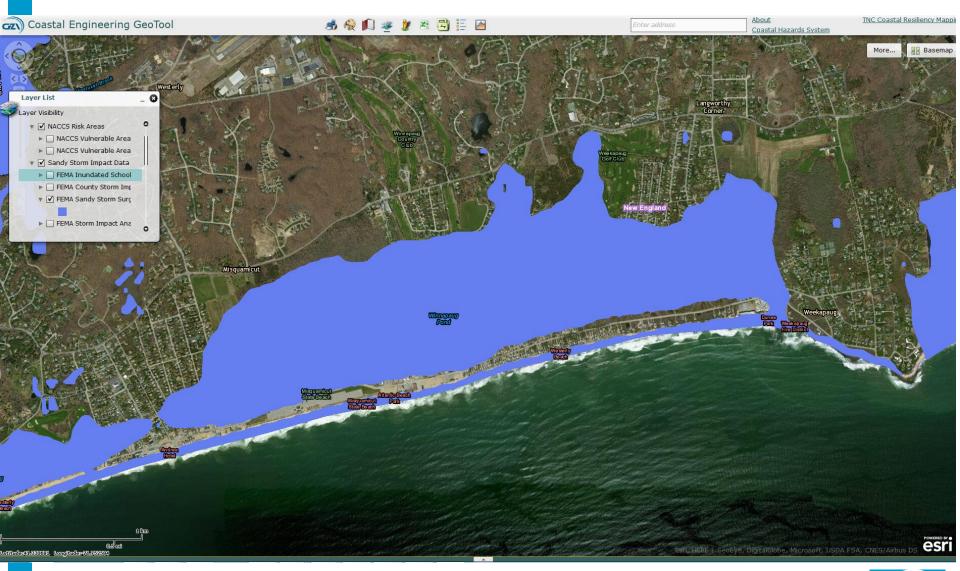


# **Project Goals**

- Dredge the channel to allow navigation
- Restore Winnapaug Pond to Pre-Sandy conditions
- Nourish Town Beach



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### **COASTAL RESILIENCY**

Natural and Nature Based Solutions can:

- ✓ attenuate wave heights
- √ attenuate storm surge
- ✓ stabilize sediment

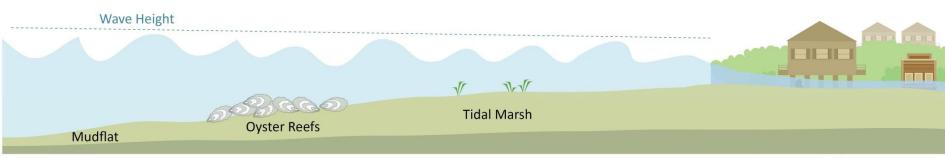


**Reduce Coastal Flood Risk** 



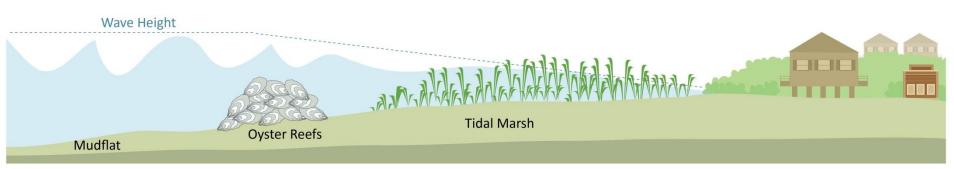
# Establishing Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Resilience

Waves with degraded coastal habitats.



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#### Waves decreased with healthy coastal habitats.



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Table 1. Examples of NNBF relevant to coastal systems (USACE 2013).

#### NATURAL AND NATURE-BASED FEATURES AT A GLANCE











**Dunes and Beaches** 

Vegetated Features (e.g., Marshes)

Oyster and Coral Reefs

Barrier

Maritime Forests/Shrub Communities

Benefits/Processes Breaking of offshore waves

Attenuation of wave energy Slow inland water transfer Benefits/Processes

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Benefits/Processes

Wave attenuation and/or dissipation Sediment stabilization Benefits/Processes

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Shoreline erosion stabilization
Soil retention

#### Performance Factors

Berm height
and width
Beach slope
Sediment grain size
and supply
Dune height,
crest, and width
Presence of
vegetation

#### **Performance Factors**

Marsh, wetland, or SAV elevation and continuity Vegetation type and density Spatial extent

#### **Performance Factors**

Reef width, elevation, and roughness

#### Performance Factors

Island elevation, length, and width Land cover Breach susceptibility Proximity to mainland shore

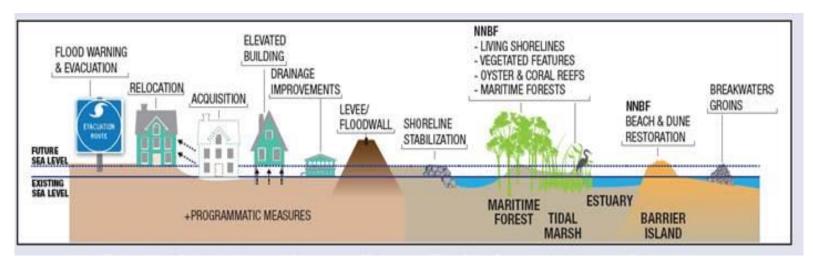
#### Performance Factors

Vegetation height and density Forest dimension Sediment composition Platform elevation

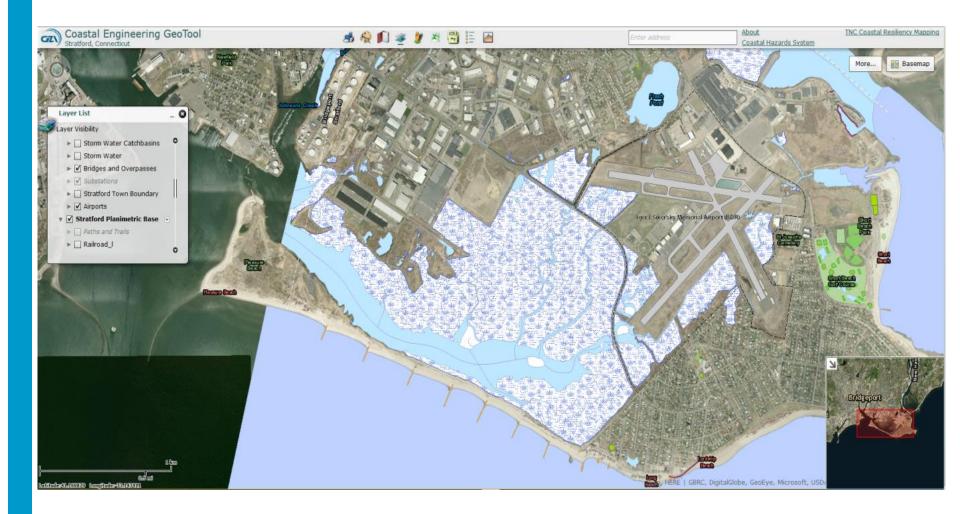
General coastal risk reduction performance factors include: Storm surge and wave height/period, and water levels



### They also work as hybrid systems:



from, NACCS 2015





8467150, Bridgeport, CT NOAA's Published Rate: 0.00840 feet/yr All values are expressed in feet relative to NAVD88

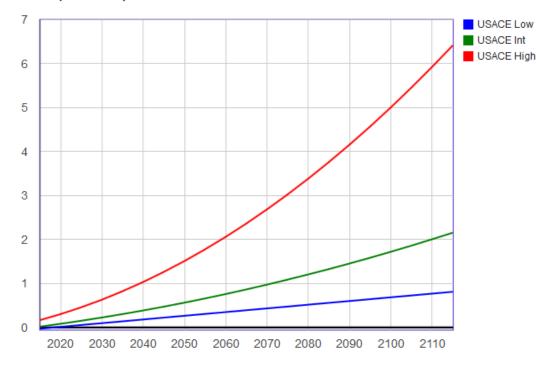
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2020	0.02	0.09	0.31
2025	0.06	0.15	0.46
2030	0.10	0.23	0.63
2035	0.14	0.31	0.83
2040	0.18	0.39	1.04
2045	0.23	0.48	1.27
2050	0.27	0.57	1.51
2055	0.31	0.66	1.78
2060	0.35	0.76	2.07
2065	0.39	0.87	2.37
2070	0.44	0.98	2.69
2075	0.48	1.09	3.03
2080	0.52	1.21	3.39
2085	0.56	1.33	3.77
2090	0.60	1.46	4.16
2095	0.65	1.59	4.58
2100	0.69	1.72	5.01
2105	0.73	1.86	5.46
2110	0.77	2.01	5.93
2115	0.81	2.16	6.42
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RSLC in feet (NAVD88)

#### **USACE Sea Level Rise Scenarios**

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#### Relative Sea Level Change Projections - Gauge: 8467150, Bridgeport, CT (05/01/2014)



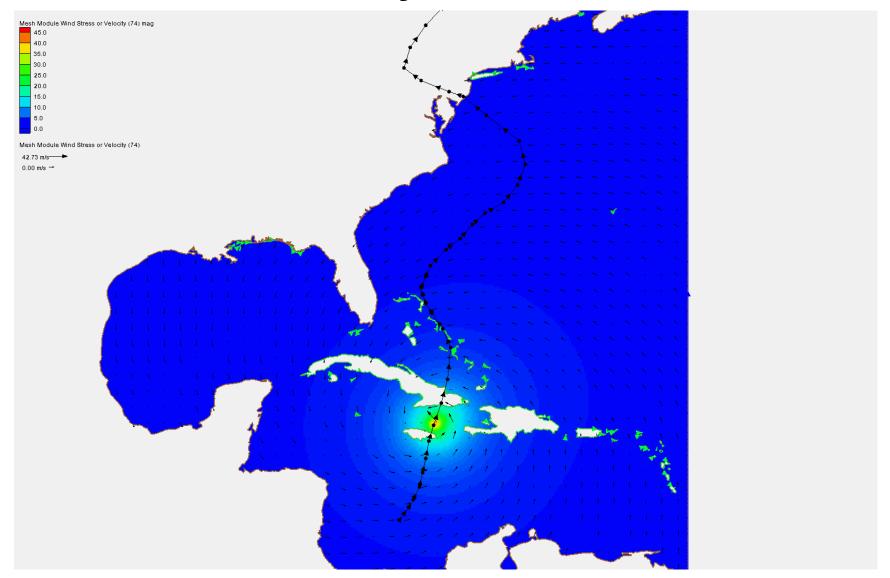
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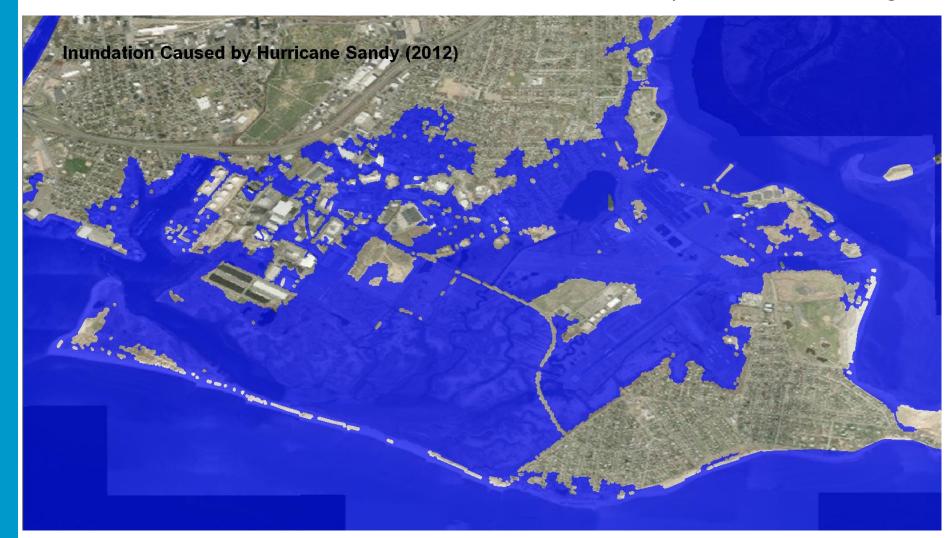


### **ADCIRC Model "Sandy" Simulation**





#### Sandy Maximum Storm Surge









#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 1)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 2)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 3)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 4)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 5)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 6)



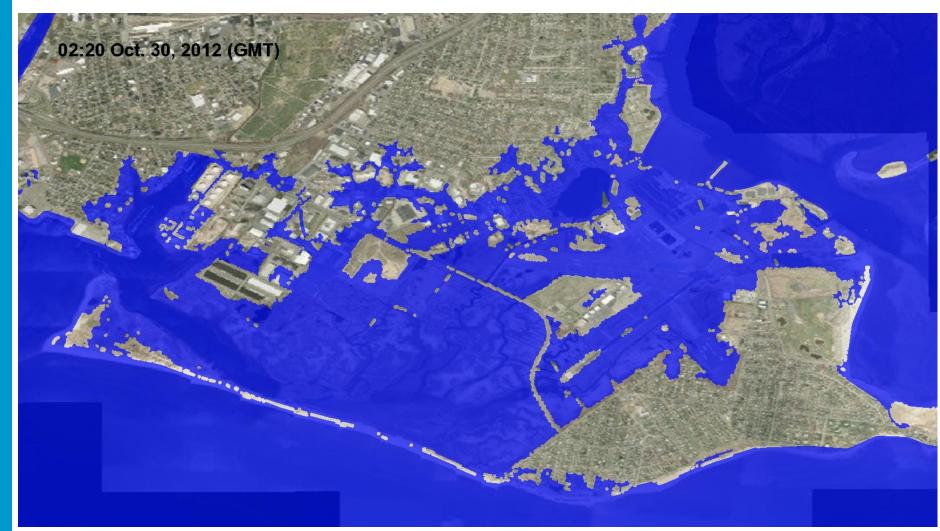


#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 7)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 8)





#### Sandy Storm surge simulations (Snapshot 9)





While designing Nature-Based Solutions for coastal resilience, it is important to:

- Identify vulnerable areas,
- Determine level of risk,
- Select features that are suitable to the site geomorphology.



### **QUESTIONS?**