

New Hampshire Coastal Resiliency Survey



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What prompted you to create this piece? Multiple times this spring I walked the coastline photo-documenting flooding. I was inspired by the "Picturing Rising Tides" photo contest, and I loved the brilliance of the idea that this contest was motivating other people to see the flooding firsthand. However, when I saw the exhibit of the chosen images, I found it depressing. That got me thinking about how to use my images in a different way to inspire conversations about solutions. My posters are modeled after a Dover housing survey, where visual prompts were used to ask citizens to vote on best solutions to a complicated issue.

Biography: Elise is a photographer and scientist who lives in the seacoast. Her love of nature combined with her training as a Ph.D. in marine biology strongly influences her subject matter. For Elise, looking through a camera lens is a creative extension of her love of peering into a microscope. She focuses on macrophotography and documenting human interactions with nature, whether that be capturing scientists doing field research or fishermen and farmers, who know the forces of nature intimately through their work. Elise also believes in the power of visual communication as a tool to engage the public in science.

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