RARITAN BAY AND SANDY HOOK BAY CSRM FEASIBILITY STUDY

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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On the call: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; US Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk & New York Districts

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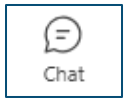

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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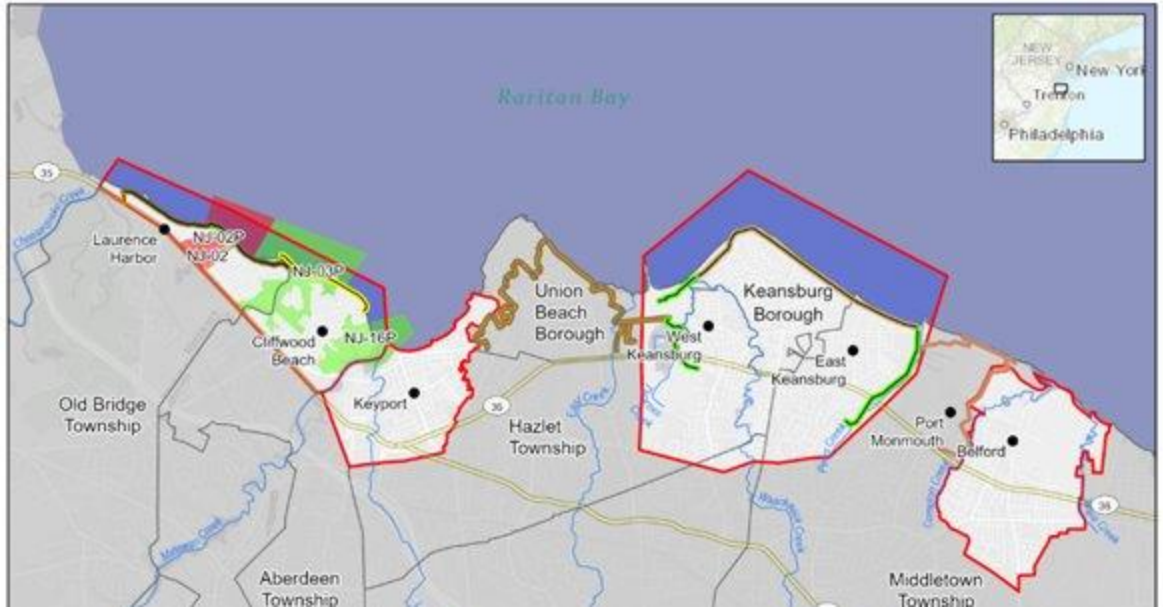
Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study

Public Scoping Webinar

June 10, 2025
US Army Corps of Engineers
NJ Department of Environmental Protection



Purpose

WELCOME!

Opportunity for the public to offer comments on what is being proposed and to identify issues, measures, and potential impacts to be considered in the Study analysis.

Logistics

1. This meeting is being **recorded** and will be posted and shared in the coming weeks

2. Presentation on project updates and potential measures to be considered

3. Remain on mute, put questions/comments in chat

Agenda

1. **Opening Remarks**
2. **Presentation and Project Overview**
3. **Contact Information**
4. **Community Feedback and Question & Answer**

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Opening Remarks

1. **Dennis Reinknecht**, Director of Resilience, Engineering, and Construction, NJDEP

2. **Rose Araneo,** Mayor

3. **Richard Harr,** Project Manager, USACE Norfolk District

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

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What is NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 1969 as amended:

- Requires federal agencies to consider and disclose the environmental effects of their proposed actions and **consider public input during the NEPA process.**
- The **NEPA** process includes both decision making and public involvement.
- **<u>NEPA Documents:</u>**
  - ***Environmental Assessment (EA)*** is prepared if there are no significant impacts anticipated.
  - ***Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)*** is prepared if significant impacts are anticipated.

What Environmental Topics will be Considered?

- Air Quality
- Changing Conditions
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Wetlands
- Fish and Wildlife Resources
- Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Materials
- Hydrology
- Land Use
- Navigation
- Noise and Vibration
- Recreation
- Protected Species
- Traffic
- Water Quality

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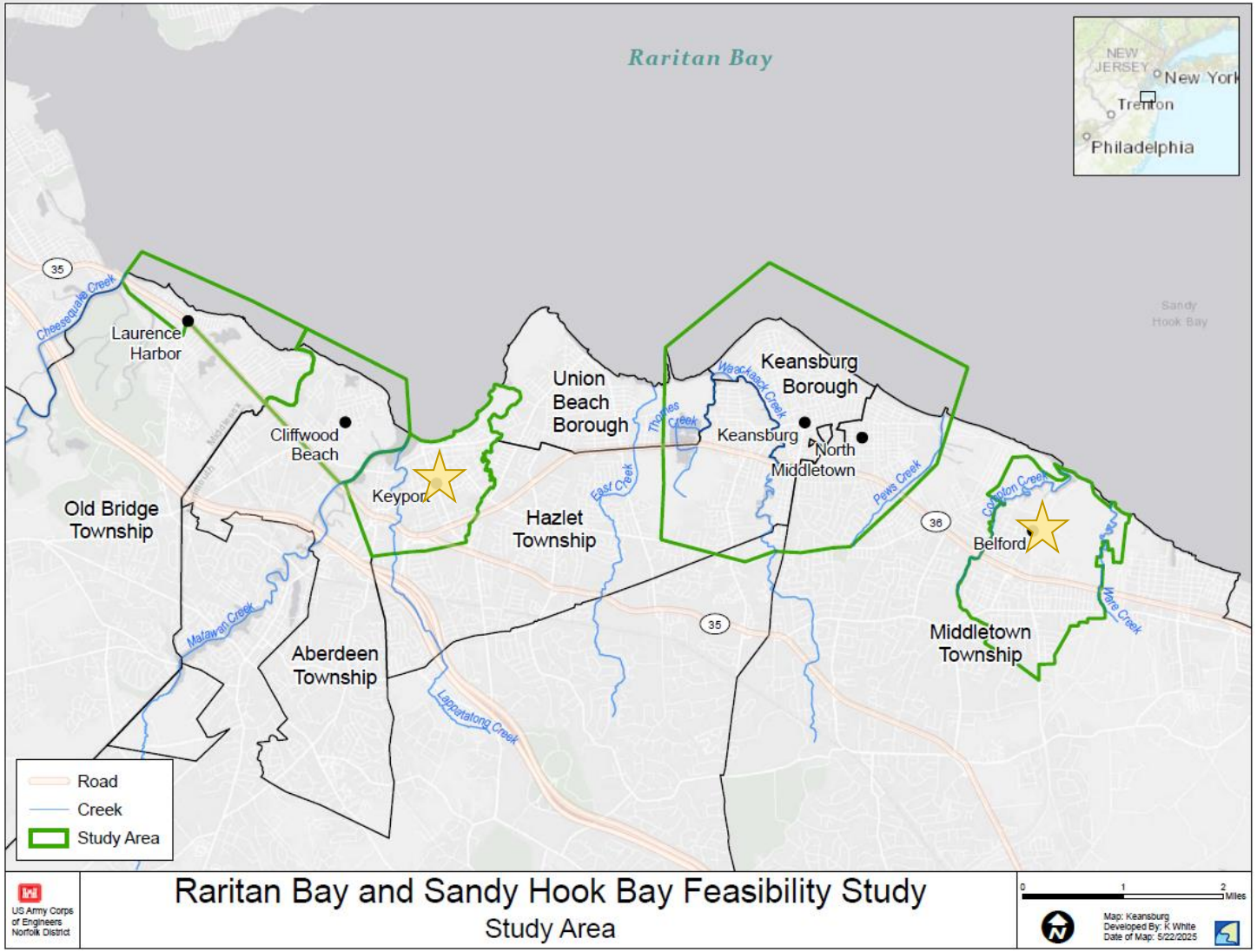

★ = new additions to study area

STUDY AUTHORITY

Resolution of the Committee of Public Works and Transportation of the US House of Representatives, adopted 1 August 1990.

Section 216 of the River and Harbor and Flood Control Act of 1970.

PURPOSE AND NEED

Identify a plan to reduce the risk of coastal storm damage within the study area.

The study area is at risk from coastal storm impacts due to its location along the coast.

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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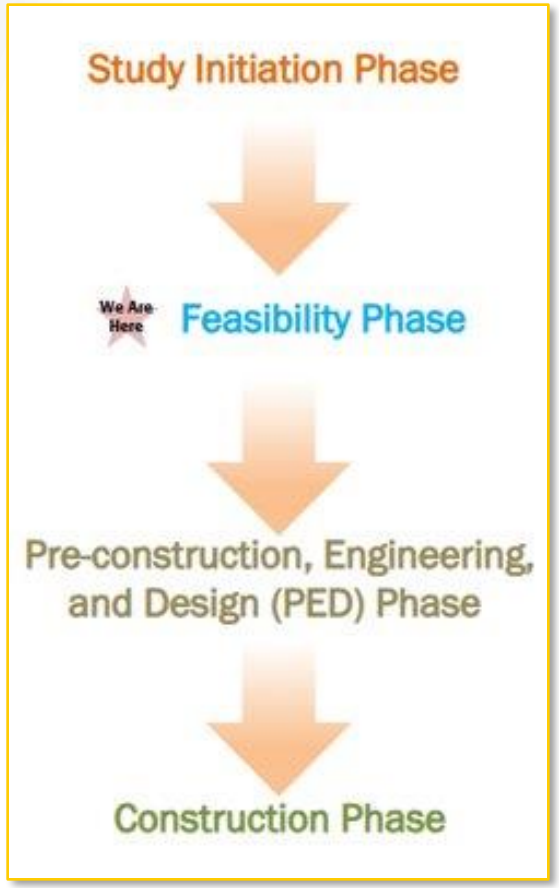

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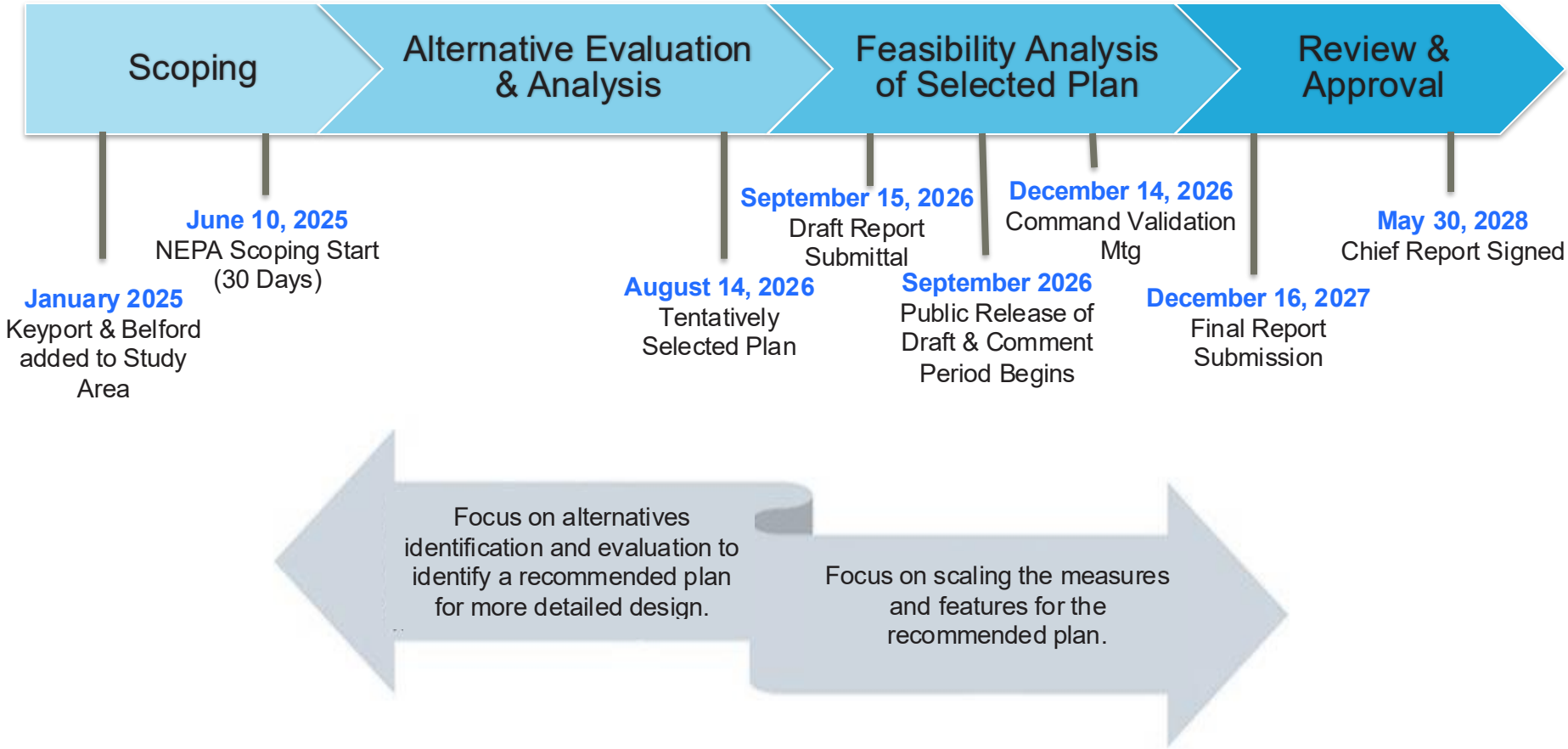

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PROBLEMS

- Aging storm protection structures
- Economic damage
- Health and life safety concerns
- Loss of natural resources and resiliency

OPPORTUNITIES

- Reduce economic loss and hardships due to coastal storms/ floods
- Improve coastal resiliency
- Protect and preserve water quality and fishery resources
- Utilize nature-based solutions (NBS)
- Reduce costs for existing federal project features
- Increase community awareness on storm risk reduction measures

OBJECTIVES

- Manage risks associated with coastal storm surge to existing development, communities, and recreation
- Manage risks associated with coastal storm surge to human life, health, and safety

...over a 50-year period of analysis

CONSTRAINTS

- Do not create or exacerbate coastal storm impacts or risk to human life, health, or safety
- Avoid/ minimize effects to environmental resources
- Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)
- Avoid/ minimize effects on cultural and archaeological resources

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PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- CZM Rules
- Cost Implications
- Construction Methodology
- Storm Vulnerability
- Non-Federal Sponsor Acceptability
- Community Buy-In
- Private Property
- Easements
- Critical Habitat
- Historic Properties & Archaeological Sites

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Hazard
- Storm Surge
- Tidal Creek Flooding
- Wave Attack

Effects
- Inundation of Residential & Commercial Areas
- Shoreline/Beach Erosion

Vulnerability / Exposure
- Damage, Debris & Disorder
- Loss of Residence
- Loss of Critical Infrastructure
- Loss of Transportation
- Loss of Structures & Contents
- Loss of Environmental Resources

Potential Measures

Structural	Nature-Based	Nonstructural
Surge Barriers, Breakwaters, Groins, Beach/Dune Nourishment, Tidal Gates, Floodwalls, Revetments, Ring-walls, Levees, Pump Stations, Reinforced Dunes	Nearshore Reefs, Living Rocky Shorelines, Living Rocky Groins, Dunes, Surge Wetlands, Shrub/Prairie Hills	Acquisitions, Relocation/Rebuild, Elevations, Floodproofing, Warning Systems, Planning Assistance

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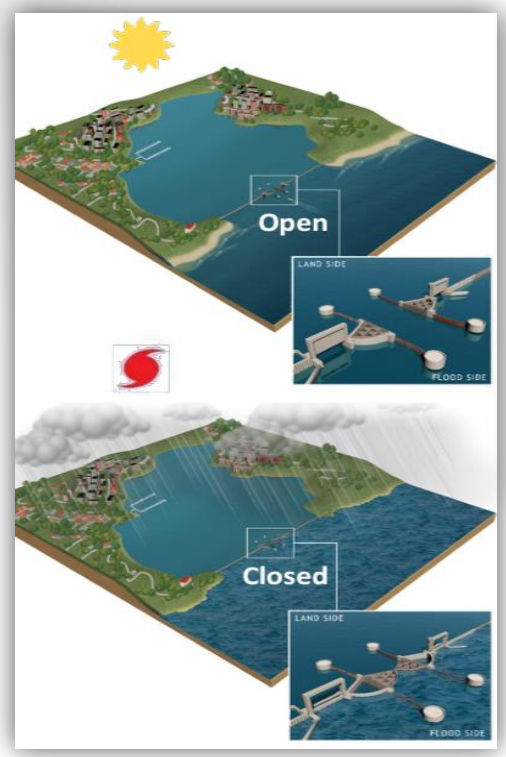
Potential Structural Measures



Storm Surge Barriers

- Surge and wave attenuation
- Moveable gates for temporary closure to limit water levels

Levees

- Surge and wave attenuation
- Reduced flooding
- Accessory components likely needed (floodgates, pump station)

Floodwall

- Reduced flooding
- Reduced wave overtopping
- Shoreline stabilization
- Accessory components likely needed (floodgates, pump station)

Tide Gate

- Prevents surge and high tides
- Tied into naturally elevated features

Which measures do ***you*** support?

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Potential Structural Measures

Beach Nourishment

- Reinforcement of sand barrier of the beach
- Manage risks from waves and inundation

Groins

- Perpendicular to beach
- Trapping or attenuating sand
- Wall-like structure

Breakwaters (detached)

- Reduces wave energy
- Reduce shoreline erosion
- Creates a low energy protected area behind structure
- Emergent or submergent

Reinforced Dune

- Reduce erosion and inundation by storm surge
- Feature consists of floodwall or revetment hidden beneath sand
- Top layer of sand maintained for beach aesthetics

Which measures do ***you*** support?

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Potential Nature Based Measures

Artificial Reefs

- Reduces typical wave and storm wave conditions before reaching shoreline
- Marine/Estuarine nearshore reefs
- Estuarine oyster reefs
- Constructed from rock, concrete/stone, boulders, reef balls, shell, and/or oyster spat.

Surge Wetlands

- Assists with lowering risk associated with surge during storms/hurricanes
- Supports natural coastal protection
- Needs relatively large area for CSRM benefits

Which measures do ***you*** support?

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Potential Nature Based Measures

Living Rocky Shoreline

- Alternative to revetments
- Reduces surf zone waves
- Acts as retaining barrier for beach sands
- Constructed of rock material (blocks, slabs, boulders, and cobbles); and can be enhanced with woody debris

Living Rocky Groin

- Alternative to structural groins
- Provides shoreline stabilization and drift sand attenuation
- Provides rocky habitat for flora and fauna
- Constructed of rock material (blocks, slabs, boulders, and cobbles); can be enhanced with woody debris

Dune with Native Vegetation

- Reduces inundation or flooding from coastal storm surge or waves
- One-time building of a dune with native vegetation plantings

Which measures do ***you*** support?

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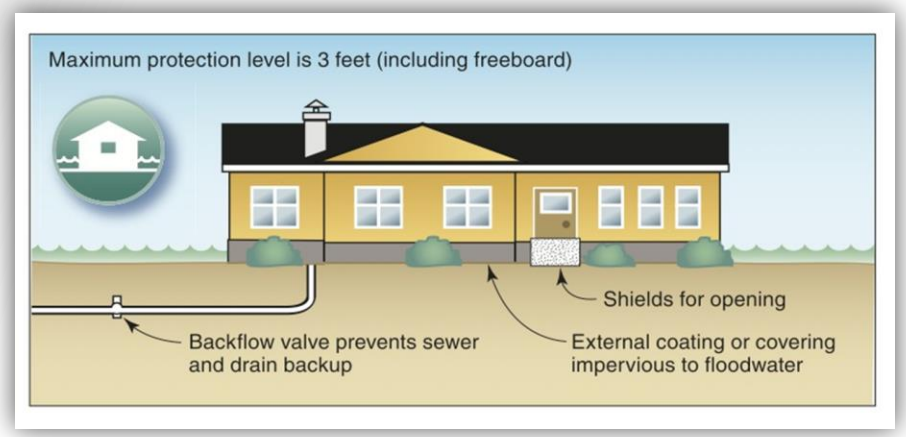
Potential Non-Structural Measures

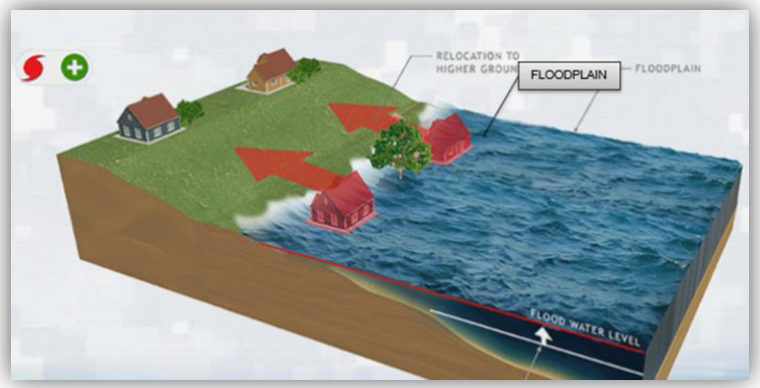


Floodproofing

- Stand-alone or combined
- Wet or dry
- Has limitations

Elevations

- Lifts an existing structure above flood elevation
- Most appropriate for single family homes



Acquisitions & Relocations

- Purchasing a structure(s) and land
- Relocated outside of the flood zone

Which measures do ***you*** support?

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How Can I Provide Comments?

Comments can be sent via email or mail to the addresses listed below.
This information is also available on project website.

Deadline to provide comments: **July 10, 2025**

Study Website:

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