Adapting to Rising Tides Program

The ART Exposure Analysis:

A stepwise approach that saves time and resources, helping to pinpoint the most pressing issues or areas of vulnerability

The Assess Step

The **ART assessment** is designed to clearly and efficiently identify the underlying causes and components of vulnerability and risk

The assessment has three parts:

 Assessment questions that help efficiently gather information needed for action identification



- A step-wise exposure analysis that saves time and resources by pinpointing the most pressing issues and vulnerable areas
- Review and validation of assessment outcomes by stakeholders, asset managers, local and topical experts

A Step-wise Exposure Analysis

Determine if data, maps or studies are available for the selected climate impact scenarios

YES

NO

- Use a scenario planning approach
- Re-purpose or reanalyze existing data
- Conduct new studies or analyses

Gather available data and analyze exposure using:

- Print/paper maps
- On-line mapping tools
- Geospatial data

Ground truth exposure maps and findings with local experts

Flag areas where further investigation may be needed

Investigate trouble spots, cross-reference with assessment outcomes, and conduct refined analysis and mapping where necessary

Benefits of a Stepwise Approach

Results in a robust and transparent vulnerability assessment that makes the case for adaptation

Helps establishes a clear roadmap for taking action by identifying localized problems that can be addressed early and system-wide issues that will require long term collaborative problem solving

Use regional maps to conduct high-level shoreline assessments

Ground truth findings with local experts and flag trouble spots

Conduct refined shoreline analyses to pinpoint problems

Identify resilience building actions and implementation options

Investigate feasibility

Example: ART Alameda

Initiated in 2010, the ART Alameda **County Project** was the first cross jurisdictional, multisector adaptation planning effort to evaluate sea level rise and storm event flooding in the Bay Area

Project Area



Working Group

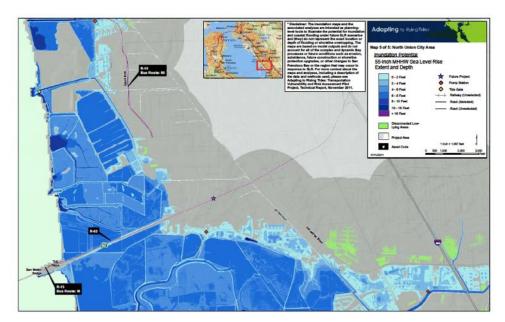
ART emphasizes close collaboration among stakeholders to ensure a shared understanding of the issues, build trust, and achieve buyin for shared solutions and joint action

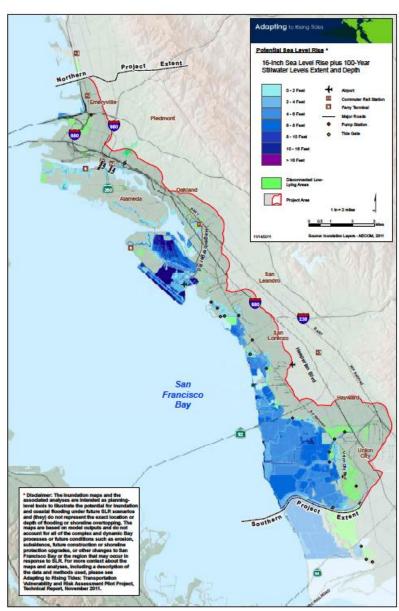
Asset Categories

- Airport
- Community characteristics
- Community services
- Contaminated lands
- Energy, pipelines and telecom
- Flood control
- Hazardous material sites
- Ground transportation
- Parks and recreation
- Natural shorelines
- Residential land uses
- Seaport
- Storm water
- Structural shorelines
- Wastewater



Available inundation maps were too coarse and out of date, so ART developed project-specific maps using available topographic and water level data

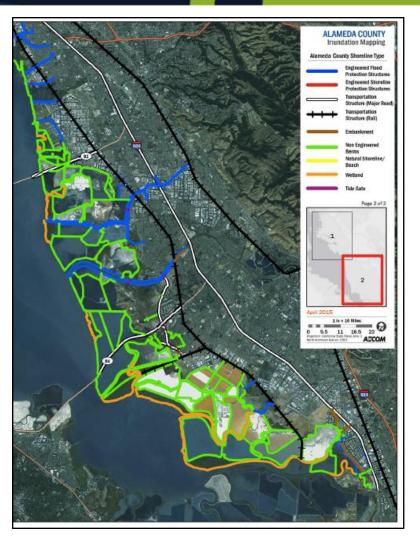




In addition, detailed studies were conducted to understand where and when the shoreline in the project area was vulnerable

Seven types shoreline identified:

- Engineered Flood Protection
- Engineered Shoreline Protection
- Embankments
- Transportation Structures
- Non Engineered Berms
- Wetlands
- Natural Shoreline/Beach











Overtopping potential was determined to inform where the existing shoreline would be lower than the water surface elevation of different sea level rise and storm scenarios

Different measures were used to understand overtopping potential, including length and percent of shoreline overtopped, and average and maximum overtopping depth

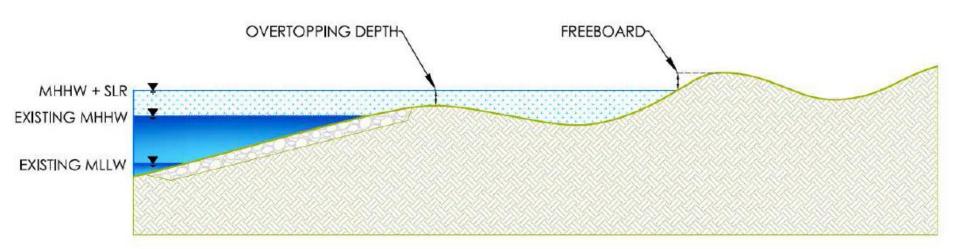
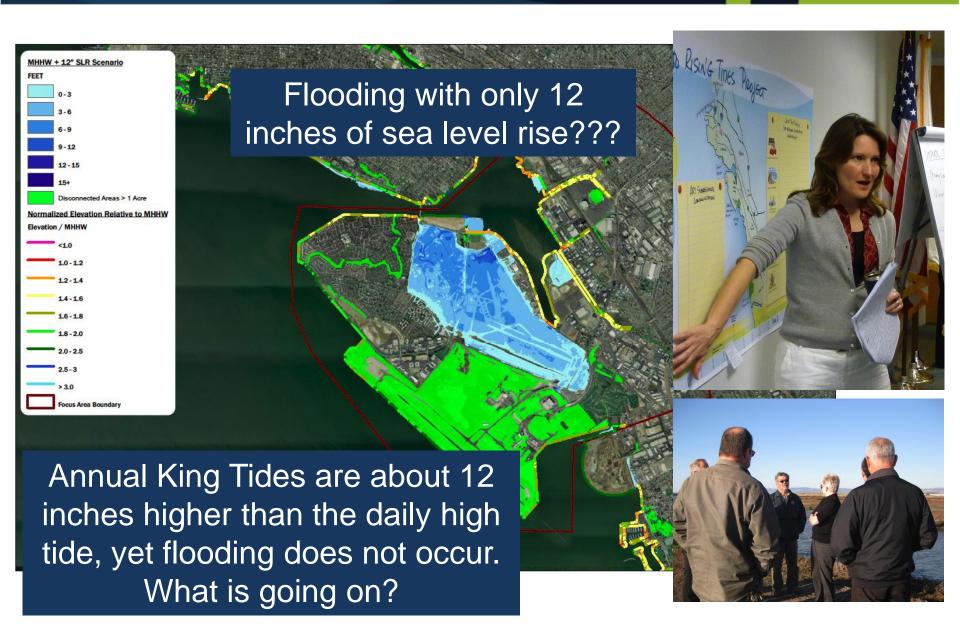


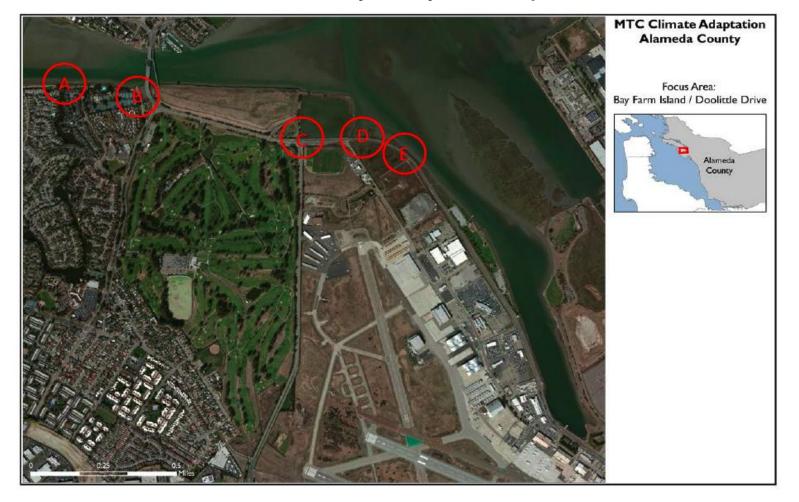
Figure 5-1. Representative Shoreline Cross Section Illustrating Overtopping Depth and Freeboard

Maps were reviewed locally





Locations identified by the shoreline delineation and the overtopping potential analysis as low spots were field-verified to make sure they truly were problem areas

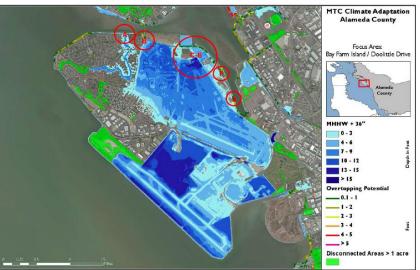


Maps were refined based on ground-truthing

Example: ART Alameda

Flooding could occur with 36 inches of sea level rise





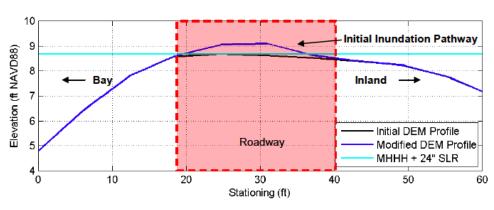


Figure 8. Roadway Cross Section of Intersection at Doolittle Drive and Harbor Bay Parkway

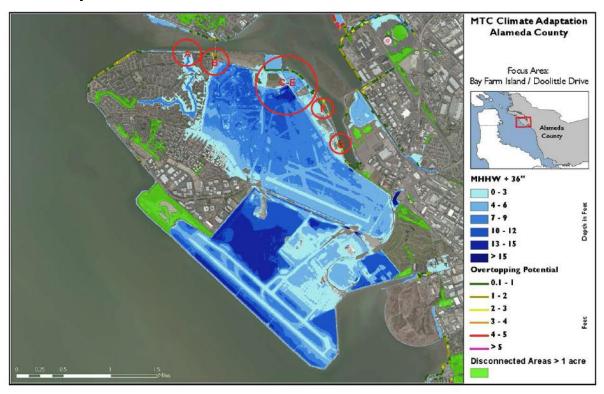


Figure 10. LiDAR Elevations at Site D

Refined maps were used to ID early actions

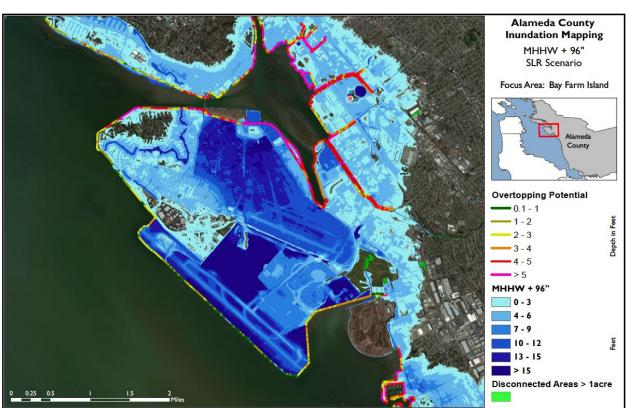


- Raise tide gate structure
- Raise and strengthen seawall or construct a living levee
- Elevate low sections of roadway and improve shoreline habitat elements



Refined maps supported future collaboration

Localized solutions will buy time, however eventually there will need to be broader, system-wide solutions to prevent flooding of the airport and Bay Farm Island community



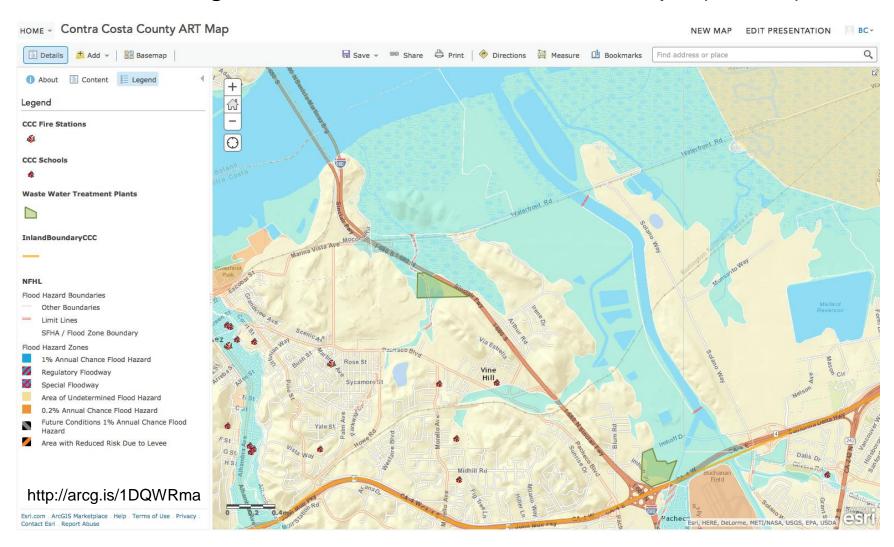




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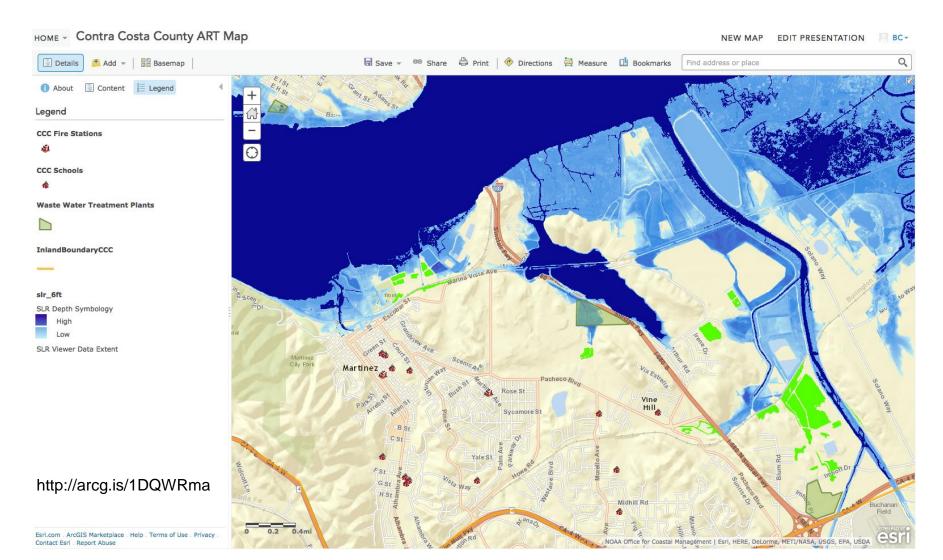
Regionally available flood maps

Current flooding: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)



Regionally available flood maps

Future flooding: NOAA SLR viewer



One Map = Many Futures

The "total water level" approach unlocks the NOAA SLR maps because one map = many futures

		Total water level above today's daily high tide, MHHW (inches NAVD88), by tide recurrence interval						
Sea Level Rise	MHHW (≈ daily high tide)	1-yr (≈ King Tide)	2-yr	5-yr	10-yr	25-yr	50-yr	100-yr (1% annual chance)
+0	0	12	19	23	27	32	36	41
+6	6	18	25	29	33	38	42	47
+12	12	24	31	35	39	44	48	53
+18	18	30	37	41	45	50	54	59
+24	24	36	43	47	51	56	60	65
+30	30	42	49	53	57	62	66	71
+36	36	48	55	59	63	68	72	77
12	42	24	61	65	69	74	78	83
+48	48	60	67	71	75	80	84	89
+54	54	66	73	77	81	86	90	95
+60	60	72	79	83	87	92	96	101

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NOAA SLR Viewer 4 feet

Permanent Inundation

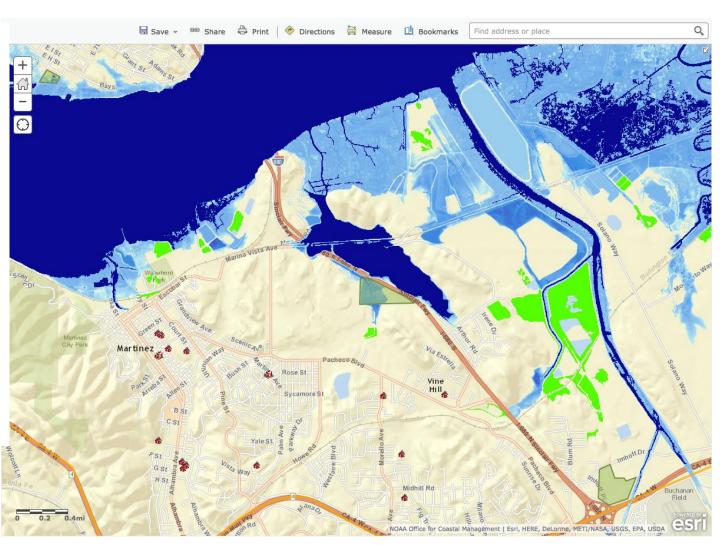
High tide with 48" SLR

Temporary Flooding

1-year tide with 36" SLR

25-year tide with 12" SLR

100-year tide with 6" SLR



Example Exposure Results

Three Land Hees Types	Number of Parcels Exposed				
Three Land Uses Types	Commercial	Industrial	Residential		
Current and future (50-year flood with 3 ft SLR) flooding	61	178	791		
Current 100-year flood only (FEMA FIRM)	194	127	726		
Total	255	305	1517		

Three Networks	Miles Exposed				
Three Networks	Bay Trail	Rail	Pipelines		
Current and future (50-year flood with 3 ft SLR) flooding	15	37	50		
Current 100-year flood only (FEMA FIRM)	18	16	63		
Total	33	53	113		