

Currently the global average sea level rise is 3 mm/yr.



Tide Station = The Battery| NY Sea level change = 2.84+/-0.09 mm/year Sea level change = 0.93 ft/century Measurement period = 1856-2014 More info

> The gauge at the tip of the NYC Battery shows ~3mm/yr. rise in sea level.

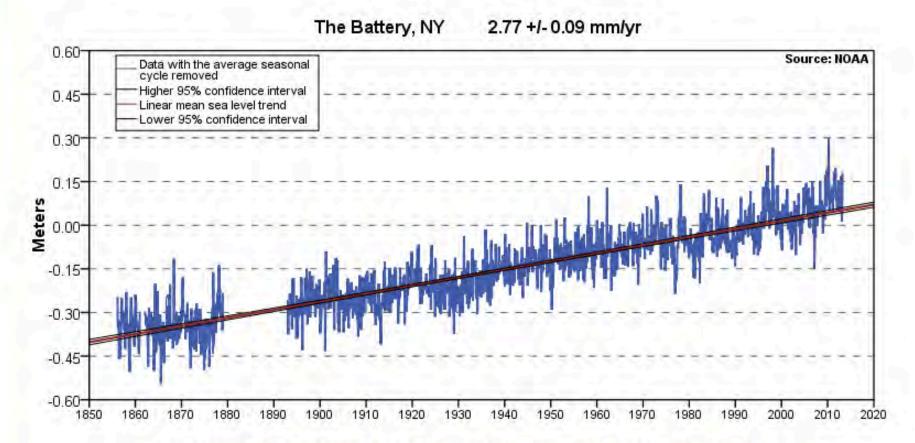
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Polar Explorer: Sea Level App

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Our Sea Level has been on the rise.

Mean Sea Level Trend 8518750 The Battery, New York



The mean sea level trend is 2.77 millimeters/year with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 0.09 mm/yr based on monthly mean sea level data from 1856 to 2006 which is equivalent to a change of 0.91 feet in 100 years.

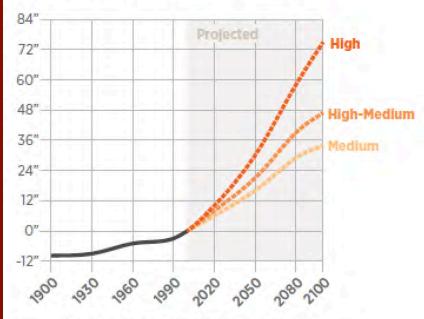
But how will that really affect us?

RPA Regional Plan Association

Under Water How Sea Level Rise Threatens the Tri-State Region



Historic sea level rise observations and future projections for New York City / Lower-Hudson Region.



Source: Adapted from NPCC and New York State projections. Note: The Low scenario developed by the NPCC is not included in this chart. That scenario is dependent on a radical and immediate reduction in carbon emissions reduction that is considered by many experts to be unrealistic, and most consider the Medium scenario to be the lower range of what may occur.

Sea Level Rise is accelerating

Hudson Valley / Long Island Sound

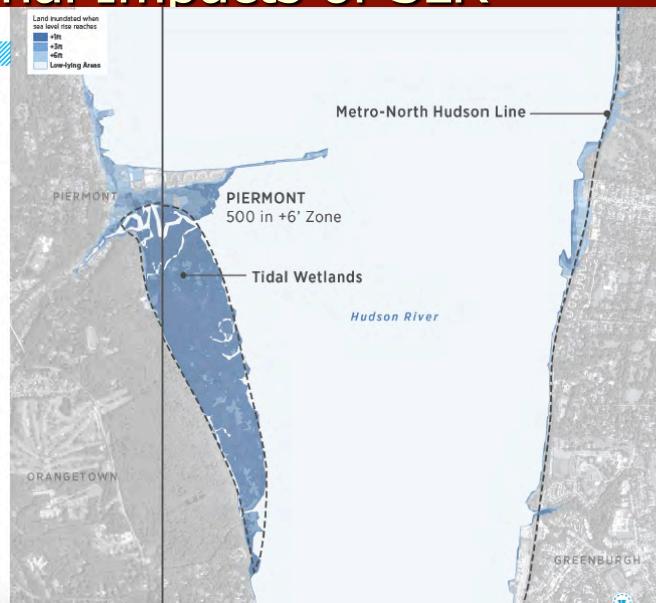
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Airports



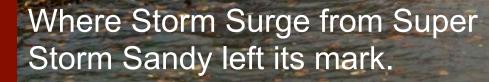


JFK would not permanently flood but would be affected by storm surge. La Guardia would begin to flood at 1 ft. of rise. At 2 ft. 13 of 31 runways would be lost and portions of its terminals.

The ports of NY and NJ and Newark airport would be permanently inundated with 6 ft. of water, as would more than 6000 Newark residents. RPA, Under Water, 12/16

Storm Surge in addition to Sea Level Rise is a concern





Piermont images from "Resilience Roadmap: Planning for Piermont's Future" Task Force Report 2014.



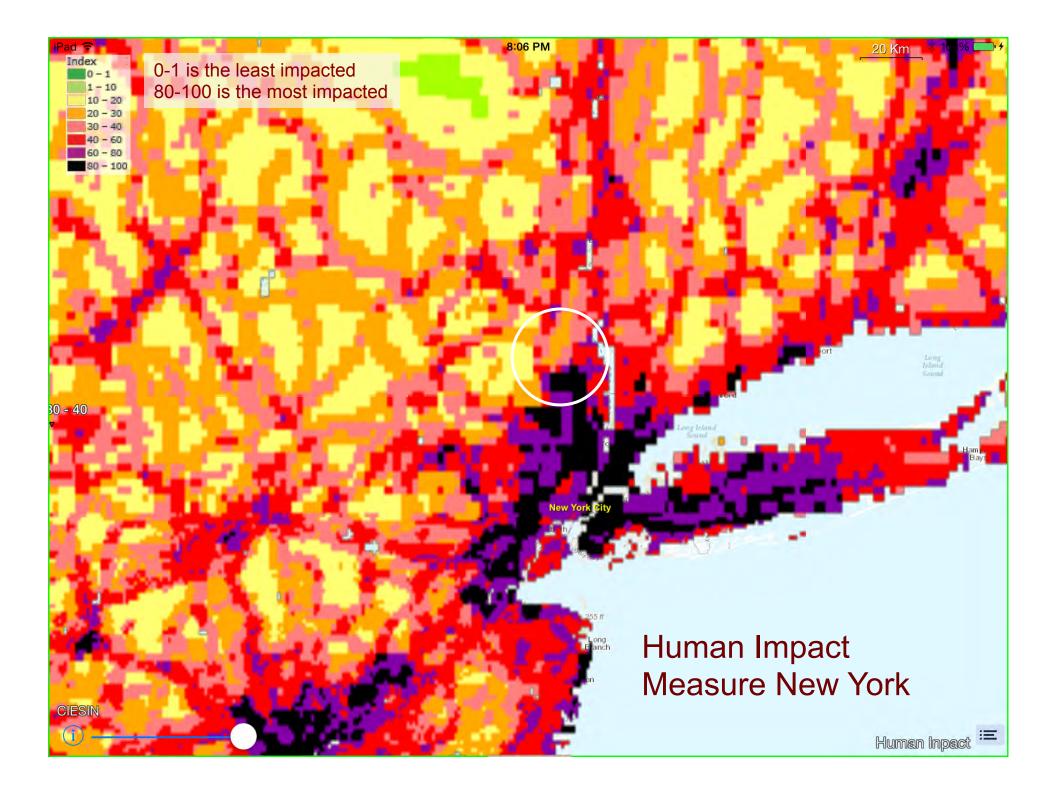


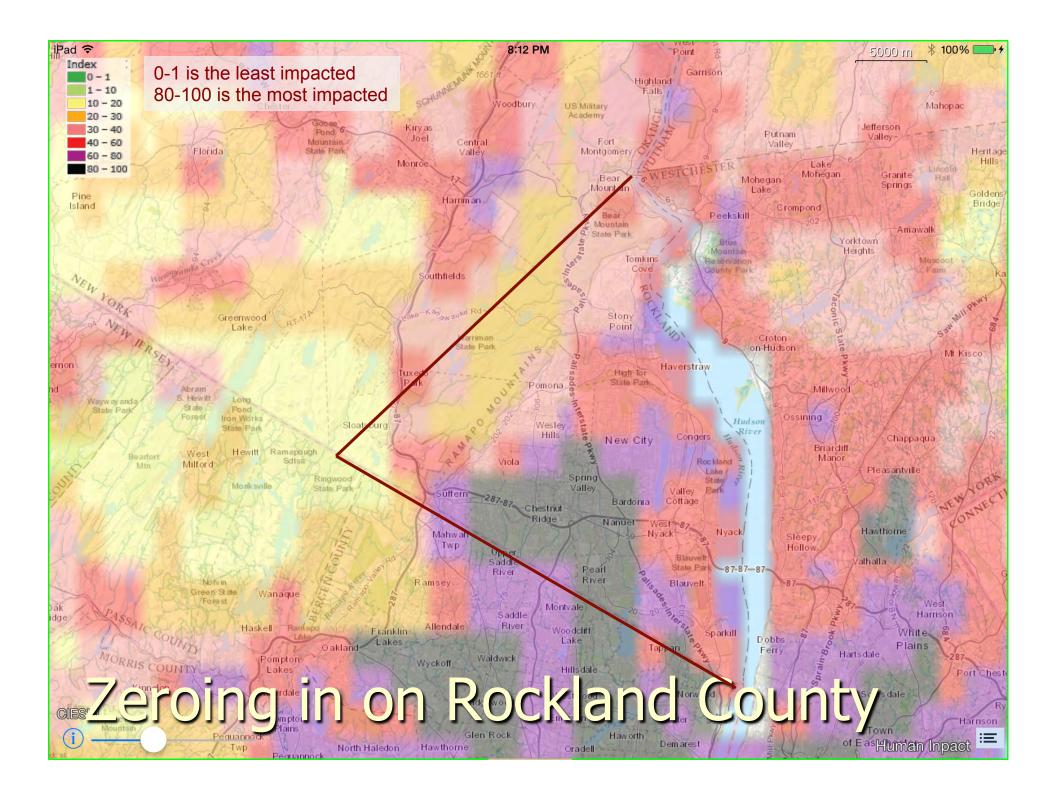
What does this have to do with planning?

We have made ourselves less resilient with the way that we have changed our landscape and hardened our surfaces.

The following maps are a measure of Human Impact. We can improve this with changes in our planning practices and land use decisions.

> Maps from Polar Explorer: Sea Level app. www.polarexplorer.org





We can create change through planning



Permeable Pavement





Vegetation Islands for 'run on'

Plant buffers between sidewalks & streets

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Rain Barrels





Green Roofs



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Encourage reduced energy use!

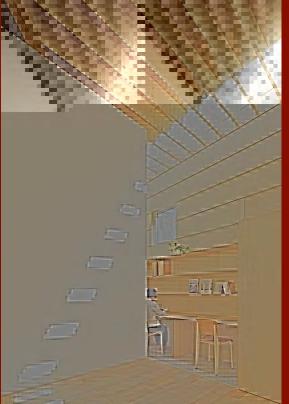




Spaces that are walkable, bikeable, and encourage fuel conservation!

Solar to fuel our homes & businesses!





Natural sunlight!

http://trends.archiexpo.com/project-22253.html