### Moving Shorelines: Opportunities for Coastal Adaptation and Habitat Migration

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### **Adaptation Strategies**

- Remove eroding or flood prone roads and incorporate stormwater treatment
- Regrade banks to create less erosive slopes
- Install non-structural shoreline protection such as coconut fiber "burritos" or coir logs
- Remove physical barriers such as walls, roads or dams
- Protect low lying uplands to create migration corridors
- Restore or create dunes
- Modify activities (i.e. mowing) that prevent migration of coastal habitats







#### Salt marsh degradation

Shallow impounded water

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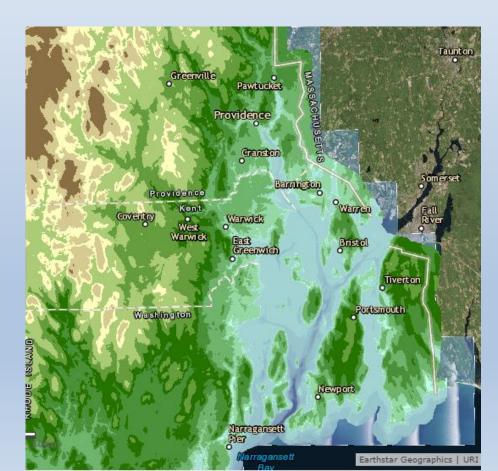
Barren peat

Bank erosion

Mosquito breeding habitat

# Impediments to coastal habitat migration

Areas for suitable for salt marsh migration are limited due to topography, shoreline hardening and coastal development

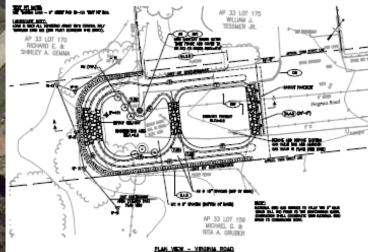




#### End of Road Retrofits



Proposed end of road retrofit to remove pavement and infiltrate stormwater before entering marsh along 100 Acre Cove



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#### Save The Bay Coastal Adaptation Project Warren End of Road Assessment

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- Bridge St.
  Beach St.
  Maple St.
  Riverview St.
  Libby Ln.
  Parker Ave.
  Patterson Ave.
  Lincoln St.
  Harding Ave.
  Laurel Ln.
  Clark Rd.
  Harris Ave.
  Maple Rd.
- 14. Palmer Ave.
- 15. John Street

#### Clark Road, Warren: end of road retrofit and filter strip installation





Before: Road removal area, eroding and coastal flooding



After: filter strip to slow and filter runoff



#### Bridge Street end of road retrofit potential



Evidence of stormwater runoff/erosion of pavement and fringe marsh; hardened to north and south; 60 feet to first driveway; high tide line during moon and storm tides

## Allins Cove, Barrington: bank stabilization using non-structural materials





#### Jamiel Park: sunny day flooding - flood tide 10.17.12: 5.2' tide observed

Storm drain on Market St. flooded with salt water

Market St

#### Jamiel Park adaptation potential

Potential site for adaptation and marsh restoration if vehicular access closed; change access to Wood Street



Market St

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Salt marsh grasses in swale

Warren Town Beach: opportunity to extend beach area inland and regrade bank

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1. Erosion and Flood tide in lawn area

2. Erosion and flooding of playground

3. Stormwater infiltration

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### Barrington Beach: parking lot removal and stormwater infiltration

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Lot removed 1 At 1 J

Asphalt being removed

Dune grass planting in former parking

Before: Erosion of western parking area

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Parking lot edge moved inland along entire length of parking lot

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After: Parking lot carve back area after 2 growing seasons

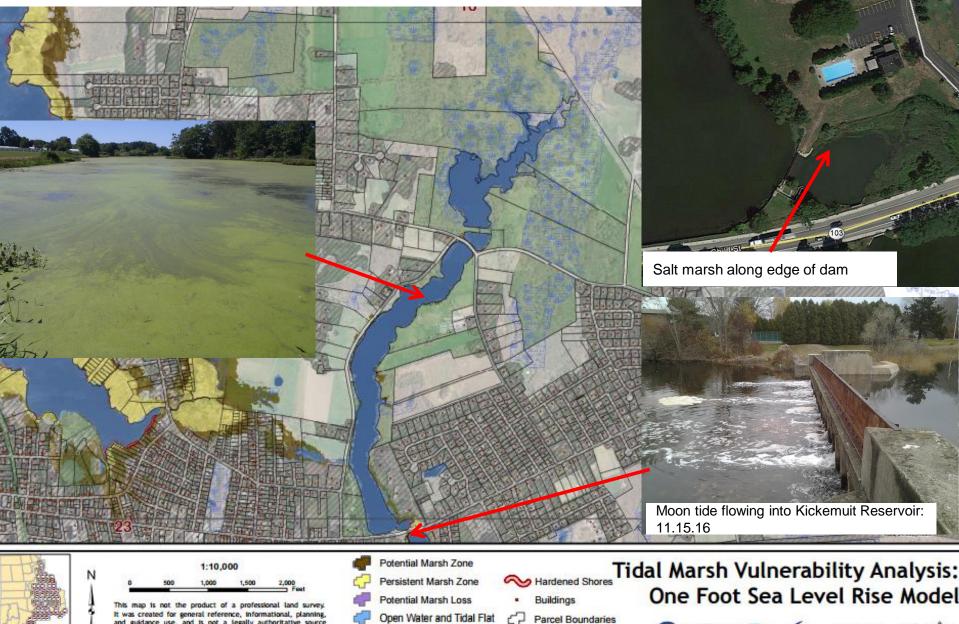
1-3: stormwater infiltration areas

#### Bristol County Water Supply vulnerability Palmer/Kickemuit River 1 foot of sea level rise

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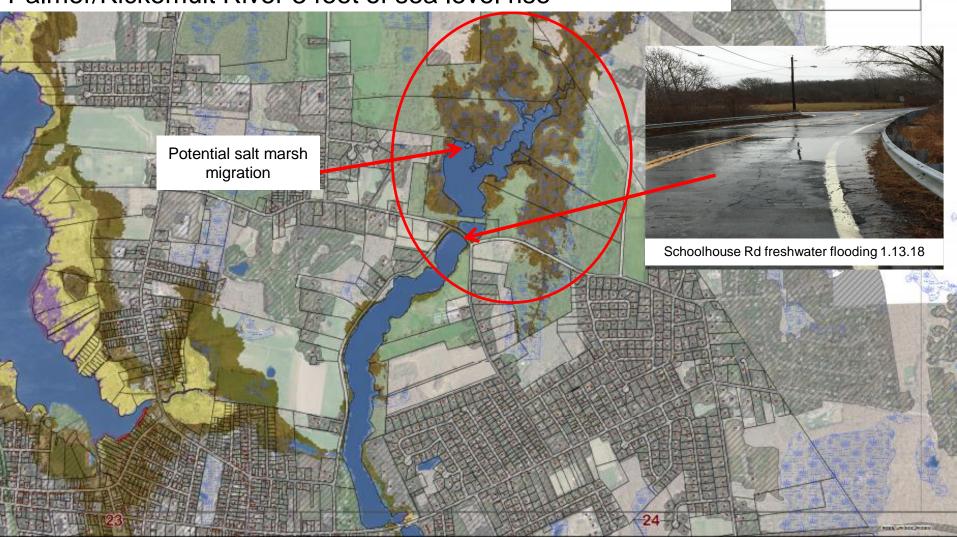
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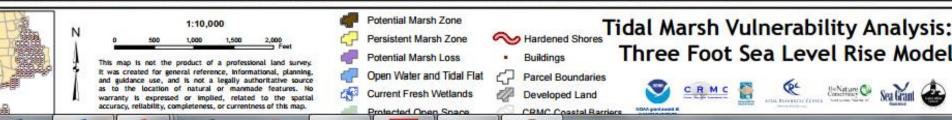
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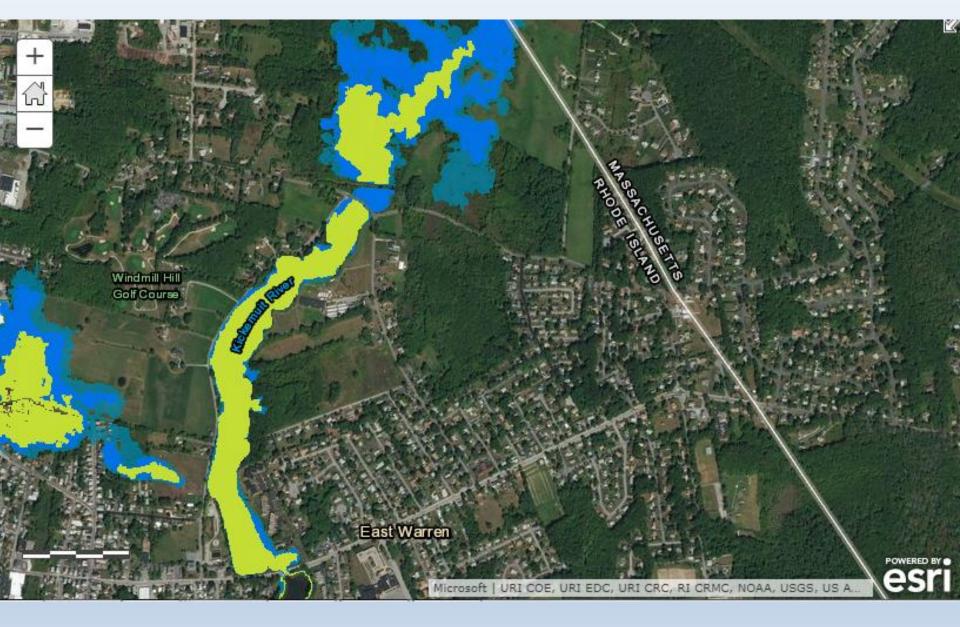
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#### Kickemuit River: 1, 2 & 3 feet sea level rise scenarios: Stormtools site



#### Land Protection of migration corridors: -Palmer River Watershed Conservation Lands

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Rhode Island Watersheds (Modified HUC10)

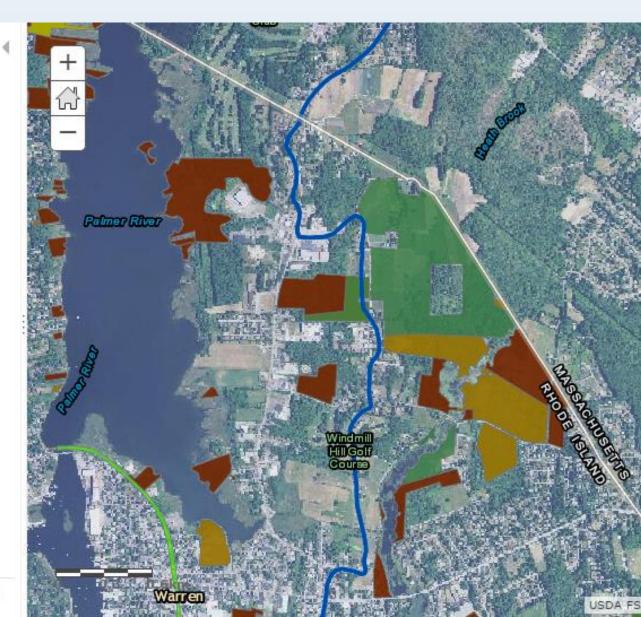
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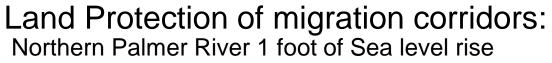
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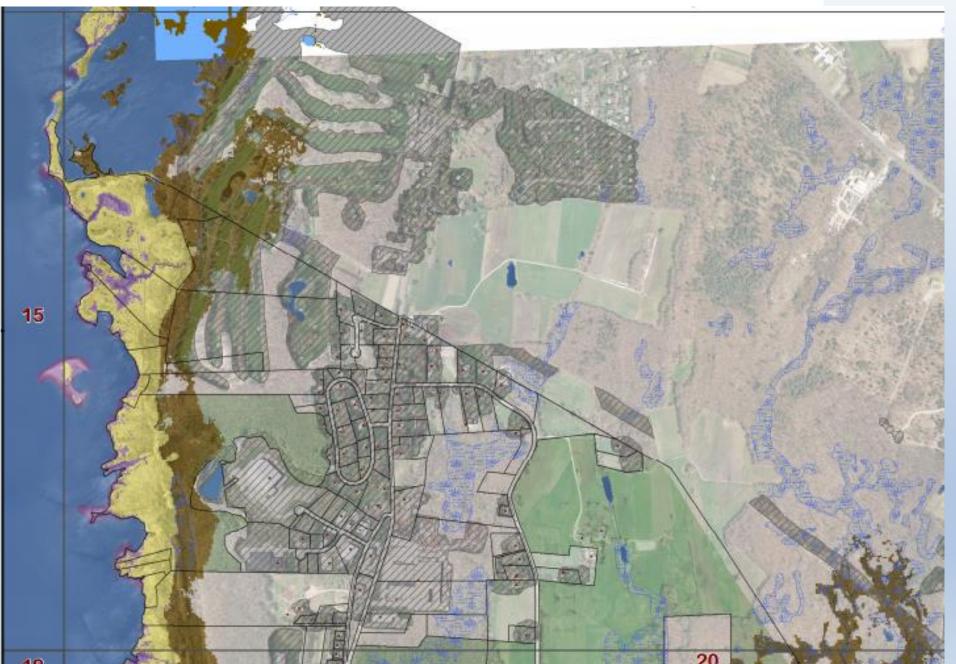
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#### Northern Palmer River 3 feet of Sea level rise



#### Sapowet Point, Tiverton: marsh migration corridor restoration

Before: Low lying field flooded

After: Former potato field planted with warm season grasses

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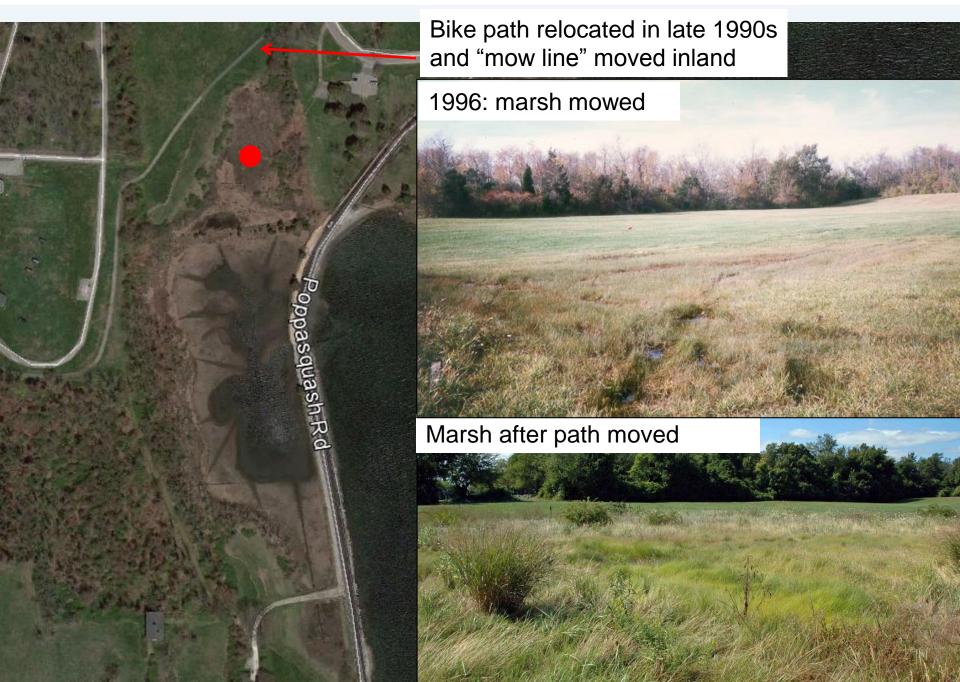
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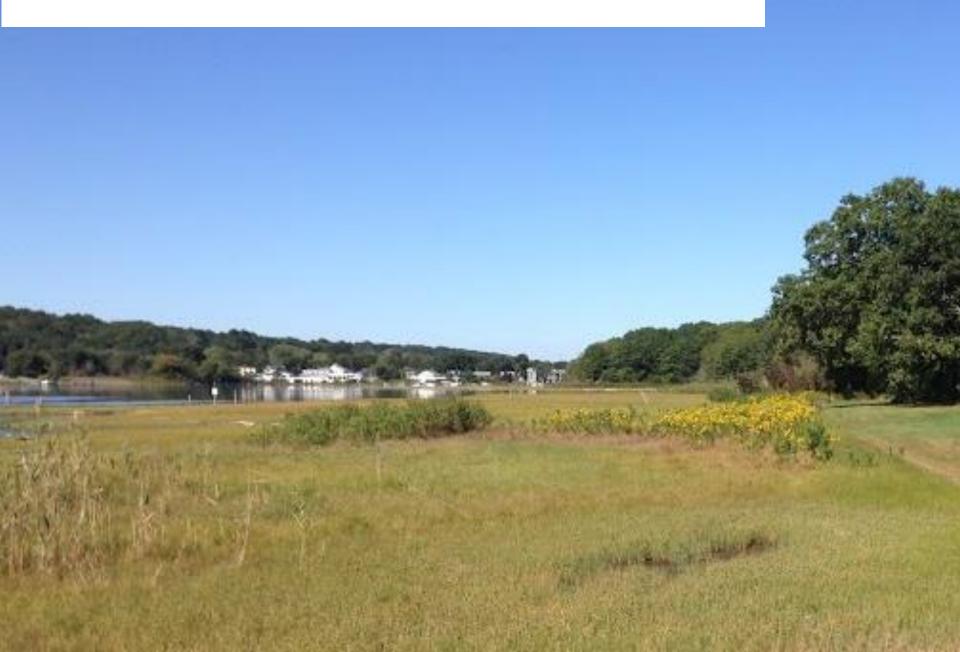
#### Southern Palmer River 1 foot of Sea level rise



#### Colt State Park, Bristol: infrastructure removal for marsh migration



#### Narrow River, Narragansett: moving mow line inland

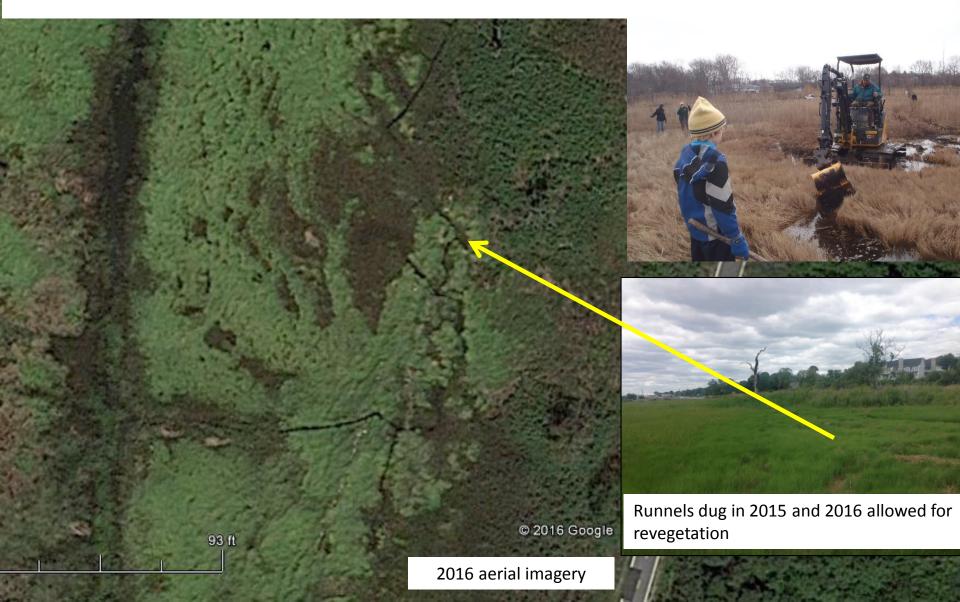


- Jacobs Point adaptation project
- Conducted 2015 and 2016
- Shallow ponded water, recent vegetation die-off

#### Jacobs Point adaptation post runnel excavation

- Revegetation of bare and impounded water areas
- Degradation not extensive prior to runnel excavation



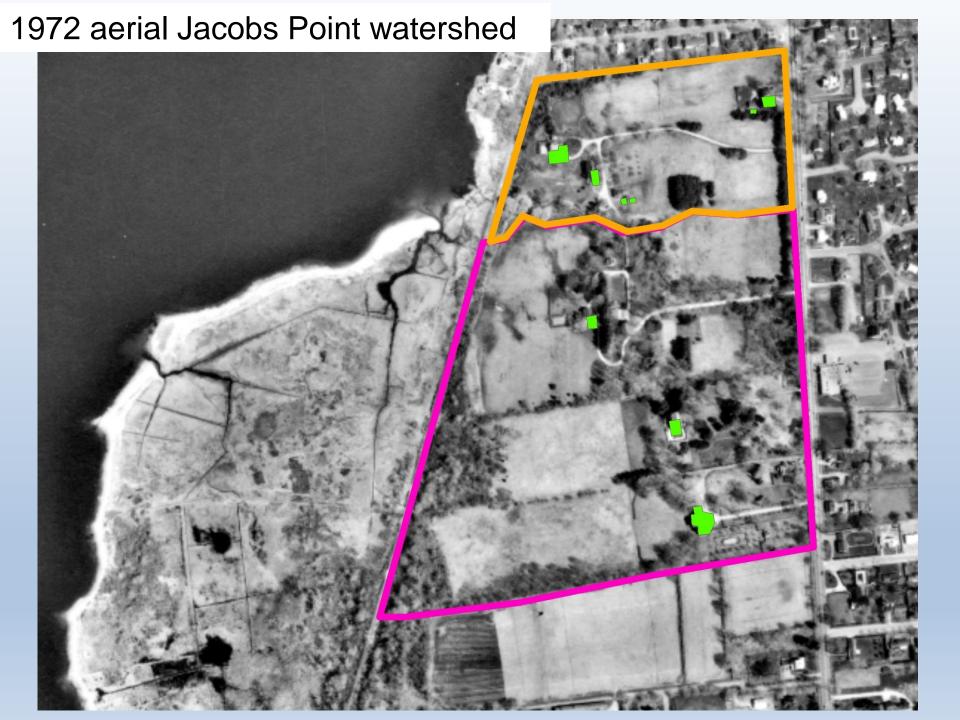


#### Jacobs Point Salt marsh restoration

- Conducted 2010
- Pre restoration conditions impounded water on marsh surface

# Post 2010 restoration: revegetation of formerly flooded areas





#### Impervious surface coverage in 2011

#### 1972 – 0.6% 2011 – 22.7%

1972 – 1.3% 2011 – 34.2%

1972 aerial photo

# *Phragmites* expansion post watershed development

2008 aerial photo

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#### Palmer River 3 feet of Sea level rise

