

# The Site, Desktop Exercise, Prep for Tomorrow





# Common Knowledge of Living Shoreline Implementation Best Practices & Resources

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# Day 2 Overview

- Introductions, Plan for the Day
- Homework Review & Prep for Field Assessments
- 15 minute break and move outside
- Field Assessment Stations in small groups
- Advisory Panel Discussion
- 30 minute lunch break
- Design Options
- Contractor Panel - Implementation Best Practices
- Construction Feasibility
- Breakout Groups - Living Shoreline Solution Feasibility
- Plan for tomorrow & Social

## Today's Instructors/Speakers

- Karen Duhring, VIMS
- Aaron Wendt, DCR SEAS
- Rachael Peabody, VMRC
- Mary Mantey, ERP
- Ellen Grimes, CRM
- Jim Cahoon, Bay Environmental
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[VMRC Wetlands Guidance & Wetlands Regulations](#)

### Worksheets & Handouts

[Desktop Analysis Form](#)

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### Videos

[Intro to CBLP](#)

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[Living Shorelines 101](#)

- Review & be familiar with VMRC Group 1 and Group 2 General Permits
- Using the Desktop Analysis Guide, complete the Desktop Analysis Form for the area outlined in red on the Base Map. Bring a printed copy of the form to class.

# Pre-Class Work for Day 2

DESKTOP ANALYSIS	Shore orientation:	N NE NW E W S SE SW							Shore Length:	ft	Shore Width:	ft
	Average Fetch:	Very High (> 15 miles)		High (5-15 miles)		Medium (1-5 miles)		Low (0.5 - 1 mile)		Very Low (< 0.5 miles)		
	Longest Fetch:	mi	Direction:		Shore Morphology:	Pocket	Straight	Headland	Irregular			
	Depth Offshore:	ft	Nearshore Morphology:		Bars	Tidal Flats	Other:					
	Tide Data	MLW:	MHW:	MTL:	Mean Tide Range:	1.5x Mean Tide Range: <i>(calculate using MTR)</i>						
	Storm Surge:	10 yr		50 yr		100 yr		Average Salinity:	PSU			
	Expected SLR:	10 yr		20 yr		50 yr		Saltwater	Freshwater			
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	Design Wave:	Height		Period		Proximity to Navigation Channel:						
	Note easements or utilities located in the project area:											
	Notes:											

**LS Site Assessment Base Map**

**Orientation  
S & SW  
Perpendicular to  
Shoreline  
Shore Length 300 ft est.  
Shore Width 15 ft est.**



- Shoreline Management Project Area
- - - Assumed Property Boundary

Longest Fetch: 0.37 Miles SW to 0.43 Miles ENE Under Bridge  
Avg Fetch:  $(0.12+0.12+0.13+0.14+0.21)/5 = 0.14$  Miles - Very Low



Little Creek

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East Ocean View LS 3  
9520 20th Bay St

# Choose your datum, be consistent

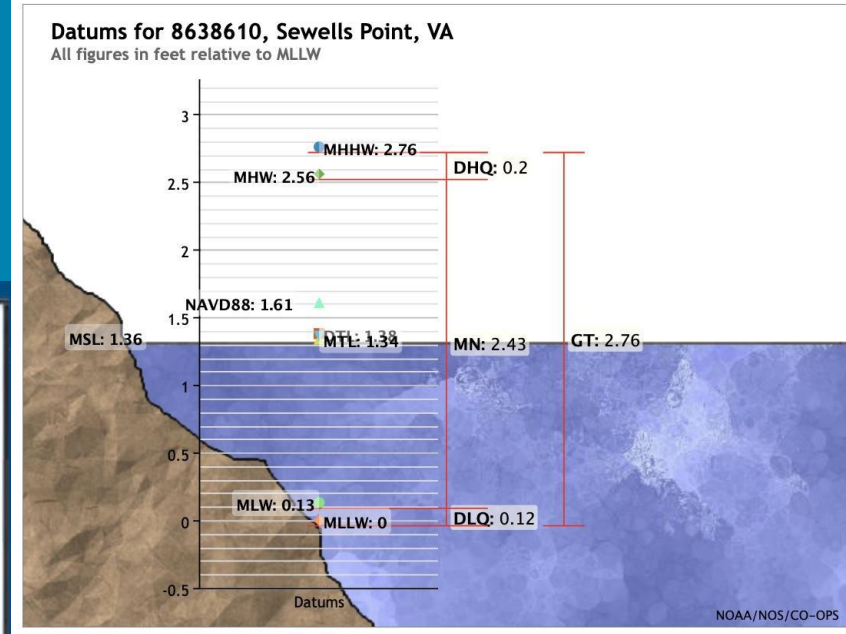
- 1) VIMS - Mean Low Water (MLW)
- 2) CORPs - Mean Low Low Water (MLLW)
- 3) Land Topography - NAVD88



If you collect your survey data in NAVD88, at this site at the mouth of the York River, the conversion between NAVD88 and MLW from our Google Earth app is in the 1.4-1.6 ft range. Because our location is nearer to the 1.2-1.4 range, we used 1.4 ft as our conversion. That means that NAVD88 is 1.4 ft above MLW at this site. To convert survey data to MLW, add 1.4 ft to all of your survey elevations.

Example: a point that is 2 ft above NAVD88 (+2 ft NAVD88) will be at +3.4 ft MLW.  
 a point that is 2 ft below NAVD88 (-2 ft NAVD88) will be at -0.6 ft MLW

Conversion elevations differ by location so it is important to check the conversion app for each site.



Showing datums for  
 8638610 Sewells Point, VA

Datum  
 MLLW

Data Units  Feet  
 Meters

Epoch  Present (1983-2001)



# Desktop Analysis - Datum NAVD88

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	Longest Fetch:	0.42 mi	Direction:	ENE	Shore Morphology:	Pocket	Straight	<b>Headland</b>	Irregular	Under Bridge
	Depth Offshore:	2 ft	Nearshore Morphology:		Bars	<b>Tidal Flats</b>	Other:			
	Tide Data	MLW: -1.678	MHW: 0.752	MTL: -0.468	Mean Tide Range:	2.5 ft	1.5x Mean Tide Range: <i>(calcul)</i>		1.942 ft	NAVD88
	Storm Surge:	10 yr: 5.1 ft		50 yr: 6.5 ft		100 yr: 7.1 ft		Average Salinity:	21 PSU	NAVD88
	Expected SLR:	10 yr: 1.19 ft (2033)		20 yr: 1.77 ft (2043)		50 yr: 4 ft (2073)		<b>Saltwater</b>	Freshwater	NAVD88
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	Design Wave:	Height	N/A	Period	N/A	Proximity to Navigation Channel:		~ 5000 ft		
	Note easements or utilities located in the project area:									
Notes:										
elevations in NAV88 based on NOAA online vertical datum transformation from MLLW (0.0) to NAVD88 (-1.808 ft)										

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Measurement		MLLW Datum (0.0 ft)	NAVD88 Datum (0.0 ft)
Depth Offshore	2 ft		
Mean Low Water (MLW)		0.13	-1.68
Mean High Water (MHW)		2.56	0.75
Mean Tide Level (MTL)		1.34	-0.47
Mean Tide Range (MTR)		2.50	2.50
1.5x MTR		3.75	1.94
Storm Surge 10 yr		3.62	5.10
Storm Surge 50 yr		5.02	6.50
Storm Surge 100 yr		5.62	7.10
Sea Level Rise 10 yr		-0.29	1.19
Sea Level Rise 20 yr		0.29	1.77
Sea Level Rise 50 yr		2.52	4.00
Proximity to Navigation Channel	5000 ft		

# Virginia Jurisdictional Boundaries Tidal Waters

## VMRC – Below MLW

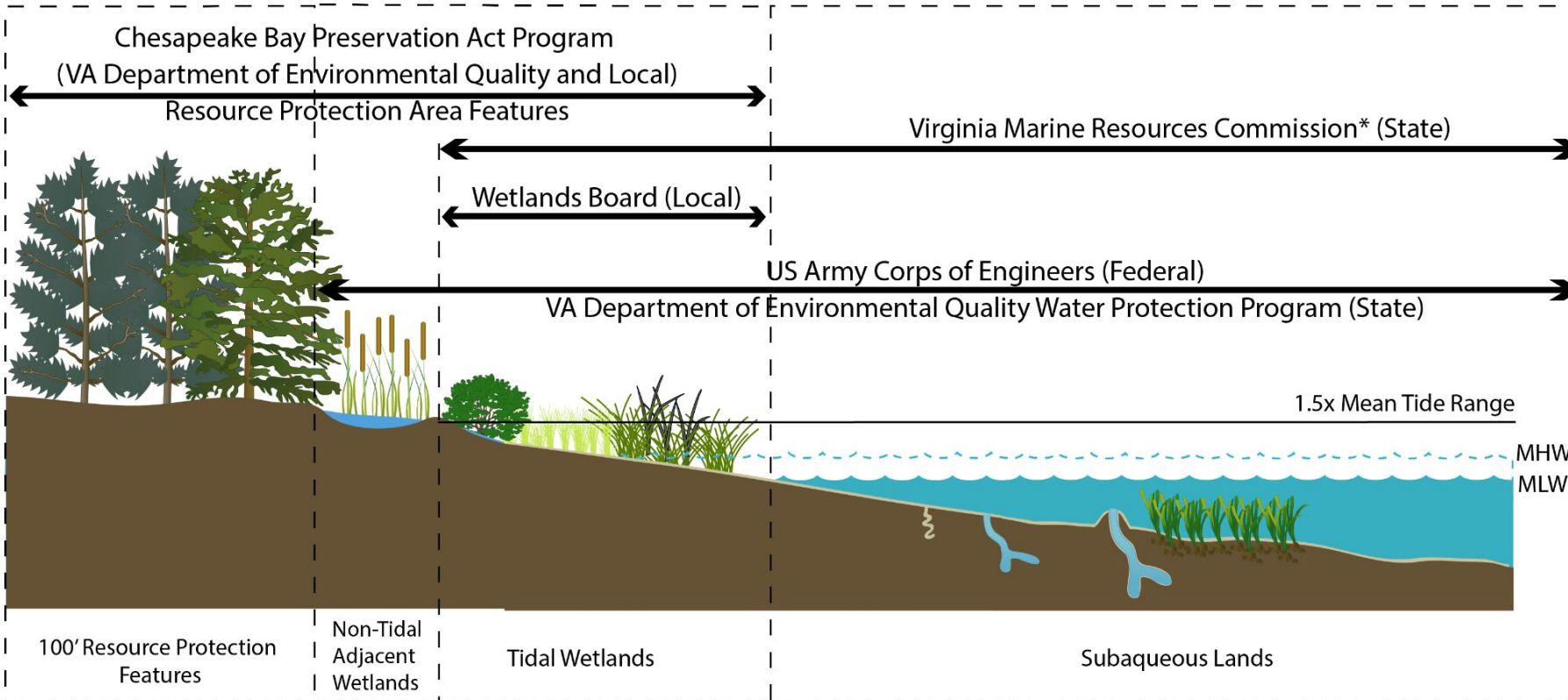
- Subaqueous
- (Group 2) 30' or less channelward encroachment from MLW

Wetland Board above MLW to 1.5x Mean Tide Range

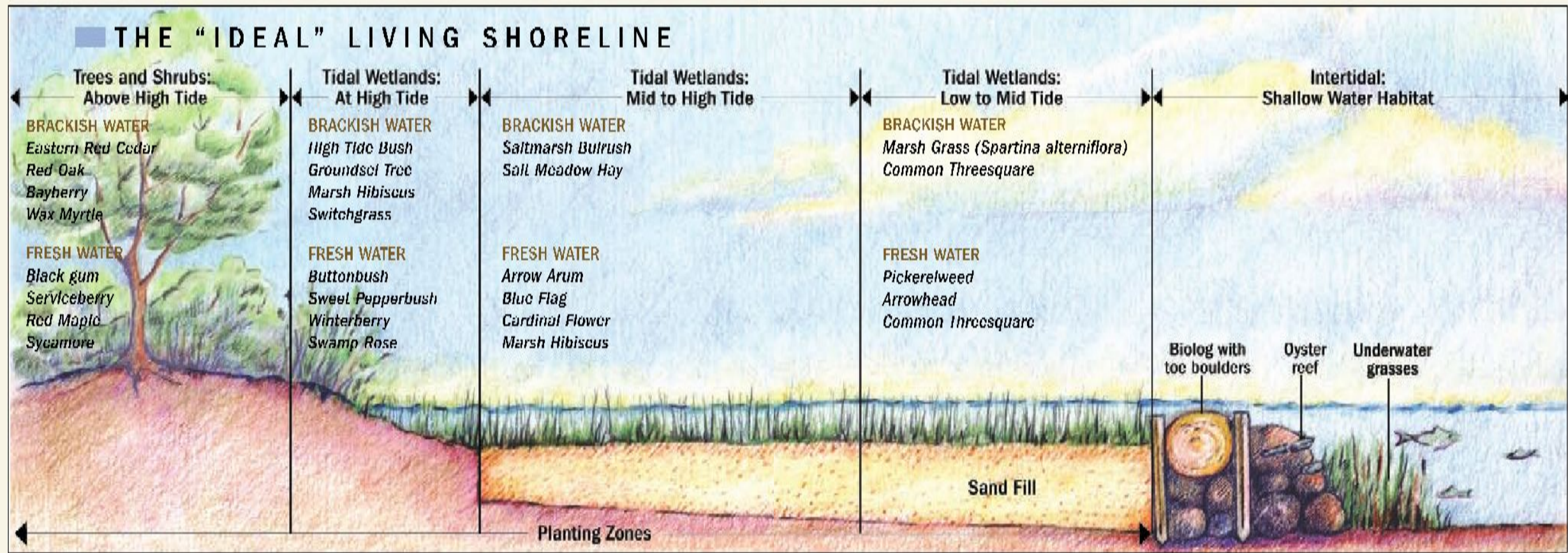
USACE – All

## CBPA

- MLW + 100 ft Buffer
- 100 ft buffer from wetlands edge inland



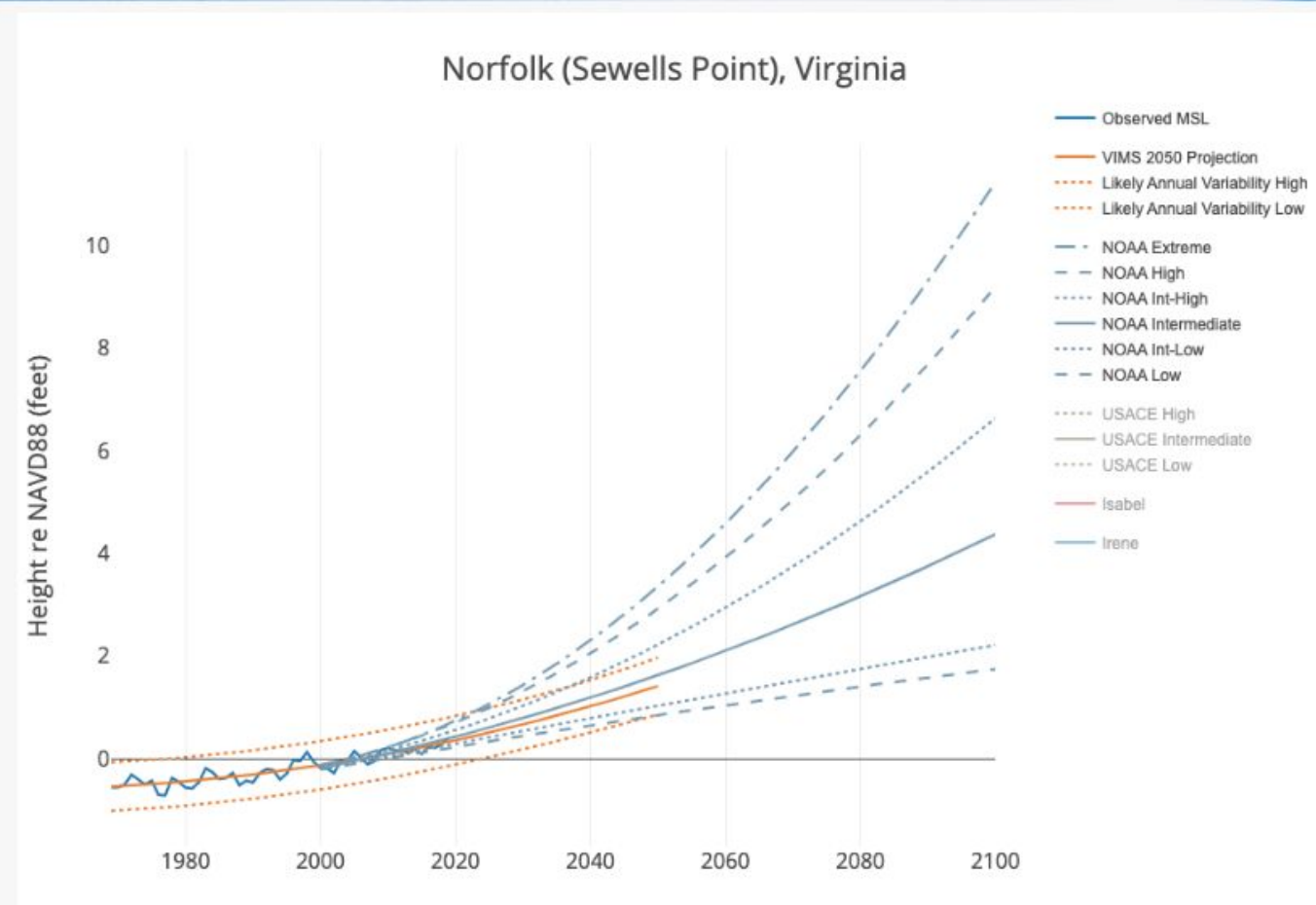
# Living Shoreline Natural Communities - Elevations & Biological Benchmarks



# Predicted Sea Level Rise

## Virginia Sea Level

Evidence-based planning for changing climate



Swipe layer

Shorelines

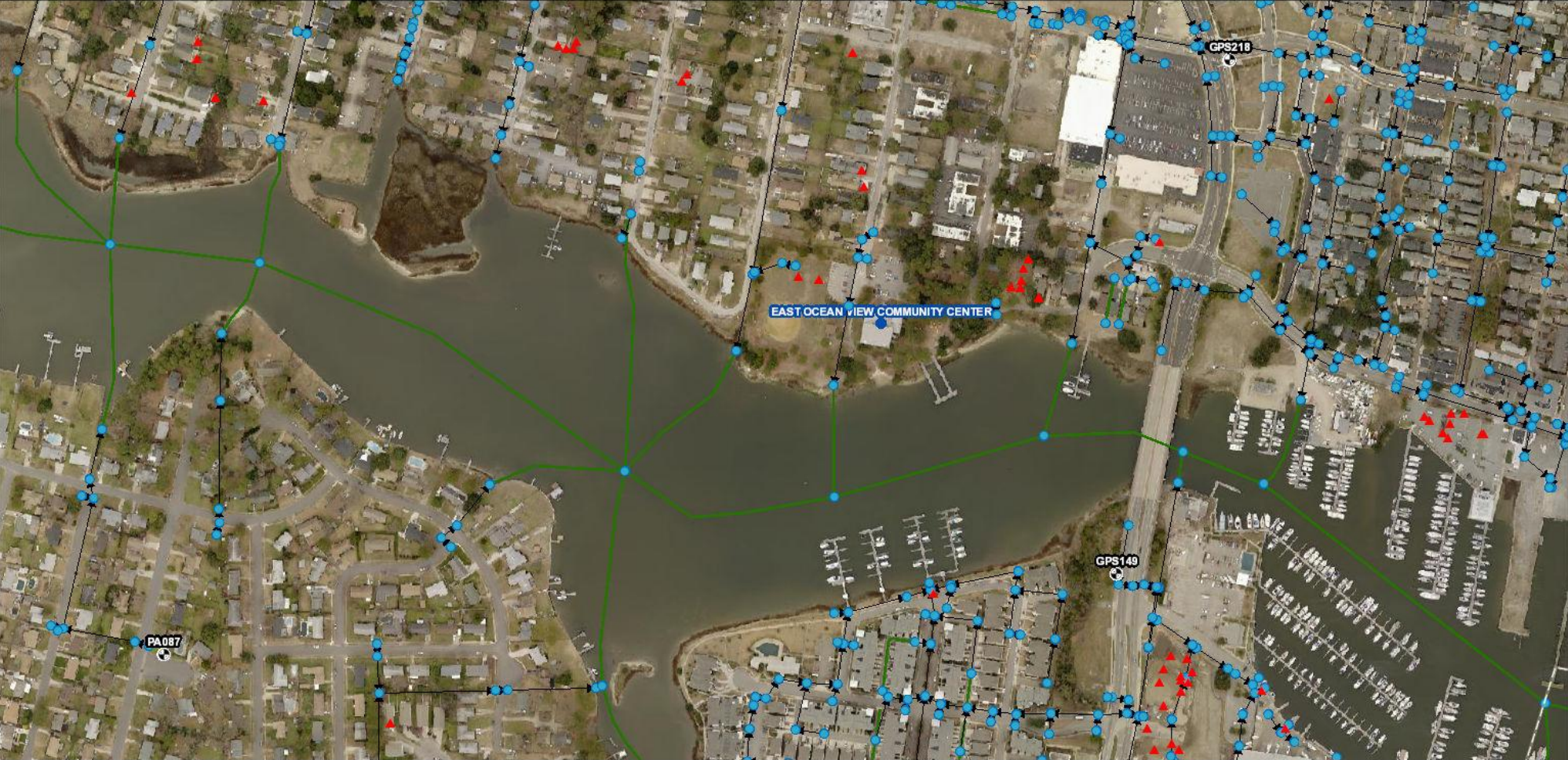


### Layer List


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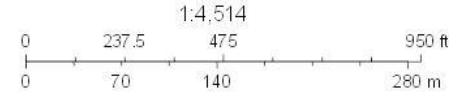
- Shorelines
- 1937/38 Bay Shoreline
- 1949 Ocean Side Shoreline
- 2009 Bay Shoreline
- 2017 Bay and Ocean Side Shorelines
- End Point Shoreline Change Rates
- EPR\_Pts\_1937\_2009
- EPR Points 1937/38 and 2017
  - Very High Accretion: > +10 (ft/yr)
  - High Accretion: +10 to +5 (ft/yr)
  - Medium Accretion: +5 to +2 (ft/yr)
  - Low Accretion: +2 to +1 (ft/yr)
  - Very Low Accretion: +1 to 0 (ft/yr)
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  - Low Erosion: -1 to -2 (ft/yr)
  - Medium Erosion: -2 to -5 (ft/yr)
  - High Erosion: -5 to -10 (ft/yr)
  - Very High Erosion: > -10 (ft/yr)
- EPR Points 1949 and 2017
- Eastern Shore Oceanside Habitat Polygon
- Eastern\_Shore\_Marsh\_1949
- Eastern\_Shore\_Marsh\_2017
- 1937\_Aerial\_Imagery
- Northampton County 1949 Imagery
- Accomack County 1949 Imagery
- VBMP2002\_WGS

# City of Norfolk



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-  Survey Control Monuments
-  Storm Pipes
-  Storm Ditches
-  City Facilities
-  Stormwater BMP
-  Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)
-  Storm Structures



Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community, Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community, City of Norfolk GIS Bureau



9520 20th Bay St, Nc



Shoreline (upland)

Shoreline Imagery Reference: based on VBMP 2009 imagery  
County: Norfolk  
Year Published: 2014

This shoreline represents the boundary between the upland and the water, or the upland and the marsh.

Zoom to

- Private
- State
- VOF

Shoreline Management

Shoreline Management Model

Preferred Shoreline BMPs

SMMv5Class

- Non-Structural Living Shoreline
- Plant Marsh with Sill
- Maintain Beach or Offshore
- Breakwater with Beach Nourishment
- Groin Field with Beach Nourishment
- Revetment
- Revetment/Bulkhead Toe Revetment
- Highly Modified Area. Seek expert advice.
- Land Use Management. Seek expert advice.
- Ecological Conflicts. Seek regulatory advice.
- Special Geomorphic Feature. Seek expert advice.
- No Action Needed

XY -76.197026°, 36.927091°

Scale 1:1,128

30 m  
100 ft

# Identify Shoreline Problems

## Blend property owner concerns with expert observations & opinions



Is flooding or erosion the main problem?

Is erosion happening? If so, where? Can it be tolerated and left alone to let nature take its course?

If there is active erosion, what forces might be causing it?

Can simple behavior adjustments solve erosion problem?

Changing water access points

Less frequent mowing

Horticulture practices

## Establish goal(s) for intervention project

# Collect Site Specific Information to Inform Design, Permit Application, Cost Estimates, Monitoring

See Section 4 on the JPA for the full list of permitting requirements

- Linear feet of project
- Width of project
- Total Wetland Conversion
- Height of scarp
- Material for toe or sill
- Material quantities
- Relative fetch
- Coordinates and Address
- Tidal info (MLW, MHW, and direction of EBB and Flood)
- Name of body of water
- Property Boundaries
- Length of sill (if needed)
- Area of sand fill
- Distance to a landmark (benchmark)
- North arrow

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# Develop Shoreline Profile *Natural Features*

	<b>Riparian Buffer &amp; Bank</b>	<b>High Marsh Dry Beach</b>	<b>Low Marsh Wet Beach</b>	<b>Nearshore</b>
<b>Natural Features &amp; Plants</b>	Forested - undisturbed	Backshore Trees	Low Marsh perennials	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
	Forested – disturbed	High Marsh Perennials		Shellfish Reefs
	Perennials & Grasses Only	Dune Perennials		Sand Bars
<b>Fewer Plants</b>	Turf Grass		Sand & Mud Flats	Tidal Flats
	Bare Soil	Dry Sand	Wet Sand	Deep Water
	Developed or Armored			

Source: VIMS Living Shoreline Design Guidelines 2017

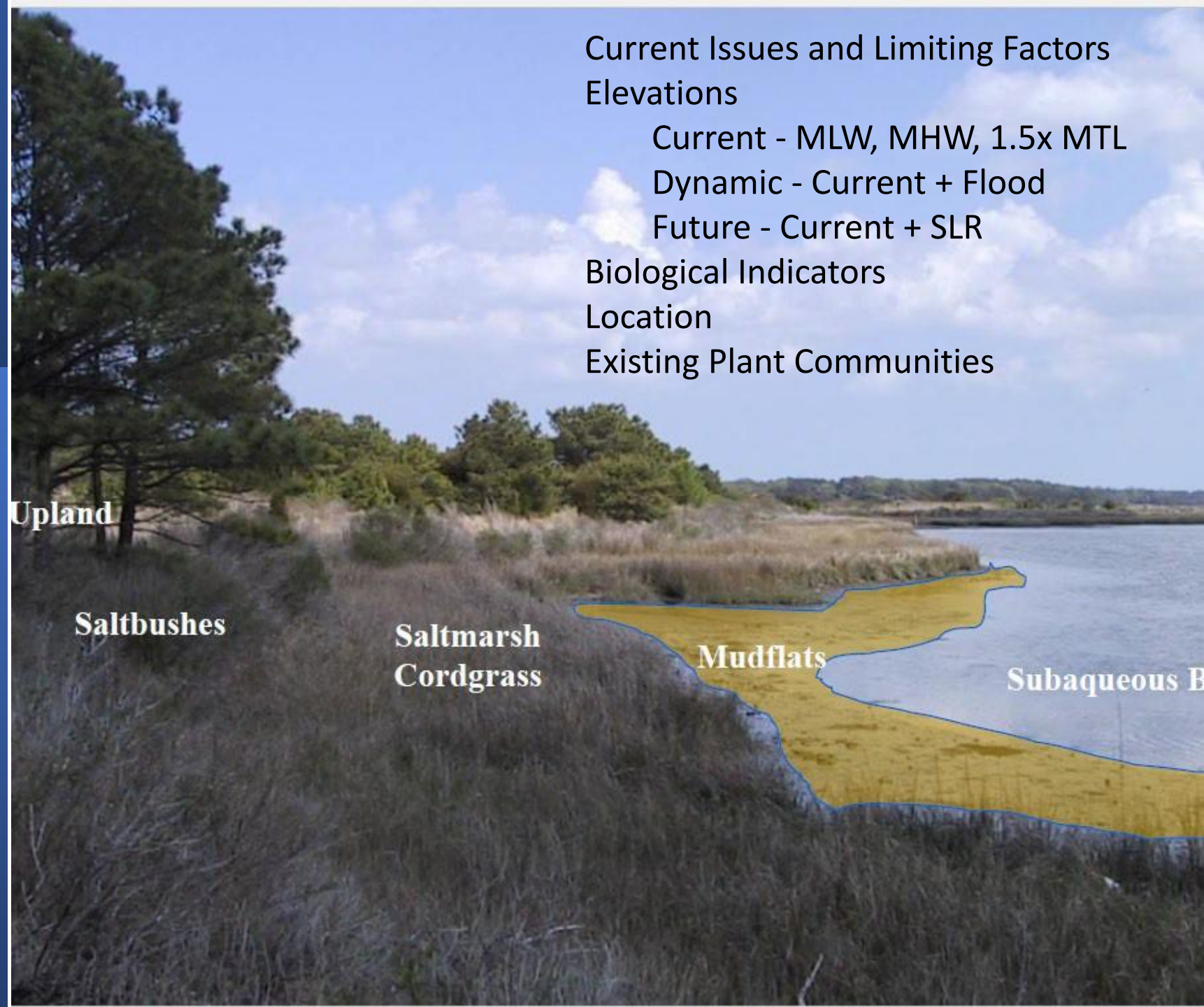
VMRC – Below MLW  
Subaqueous

Wetland Board above  
MLW - high marsh

USACE – All

CBPA - High Marsh +  
100 ft Buffer

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Current Issues and Limiting Factors  
Elevations

Current - MLW, MHW, 1.5x MTL

Dynamic - Current + Flood

Future - Current + SLR

Biological Indicators

Location

Existing Plant Communities

# Shore Zone Width and Elevation

## *Existing tidal wetland*

- *Non-vegetated*
- *Salt or freshwater marsh*
- *Cypress trees*

*-Measure width of each feature in profile on previous page*

*-Identify plant species, jurisdictional limits*

## *Existing sand beach*

- *Intertidal beach*

*-Do existing beach and marsh contribute to erosion protection?*

## *Combination*

- *Patchy marsh headlands with pocket beaches*

*-Can they be temporarily disturbed or enhanced?*

*Key Reference Source: Determining Site Specific Parameters for Living Shoreline Design 2022 VIMS Presentation*

# Backshore Width and Elevation

## *Existing high marsh*

- *Saltmeadow hay*
- *Phragmites*
- *Salt bushes*

## *Existing supratidal beach > MHW*

- *Overwash sand*
- *Primary & secondary dune features*

## *Backshore terrace*

- *Bank slumping*
- *Upland grasses and trees*

*Measure width of each feature in profile*

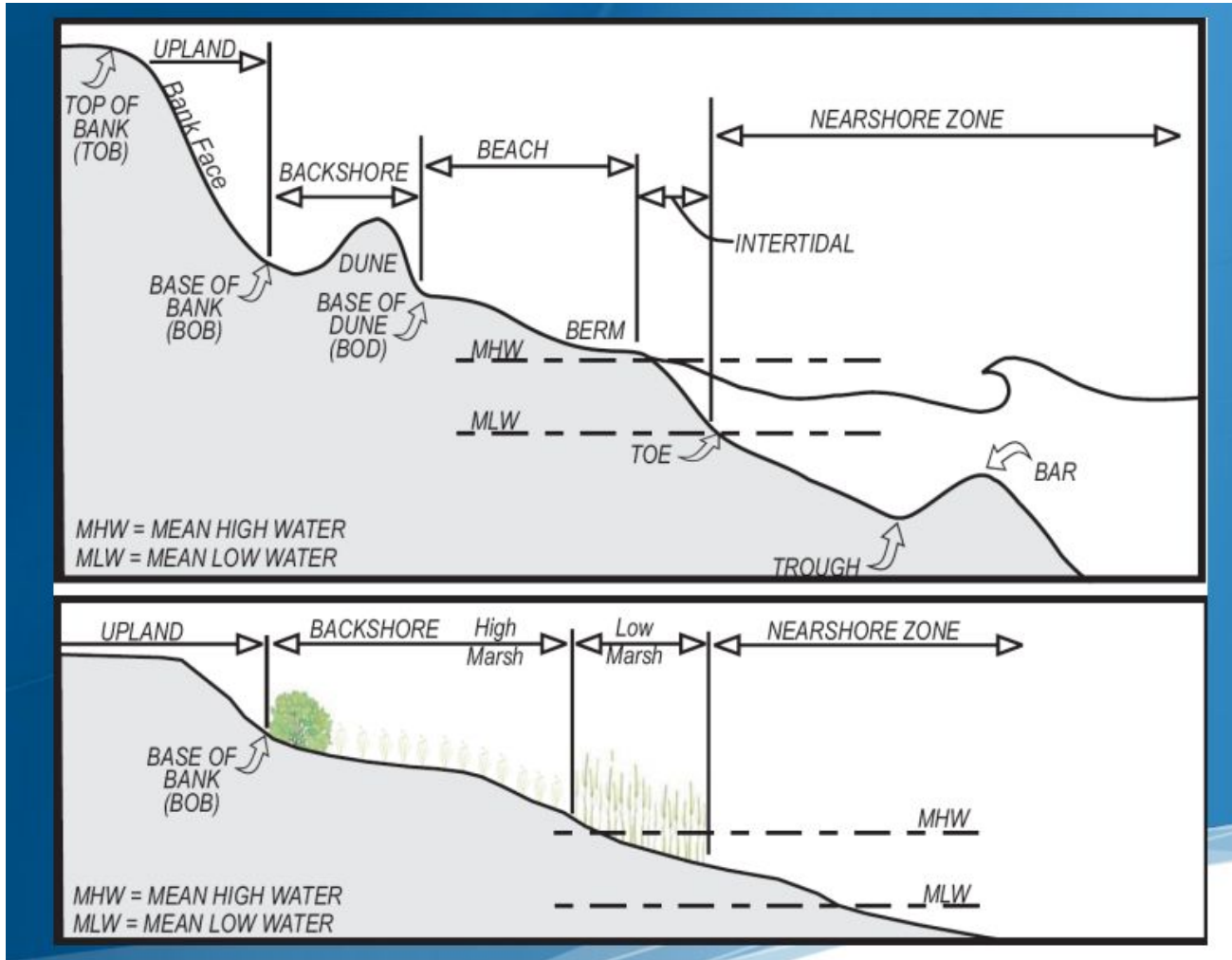
*Identify plant species, jurisdictional limits*

*Do existing features contribute to erosion protection?*

*Can they be temporarily disturbed or enhanced?*

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# Combined Shore and Backshore Zone Width and Elevation



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Parameters for Living  
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VIMS Presentation

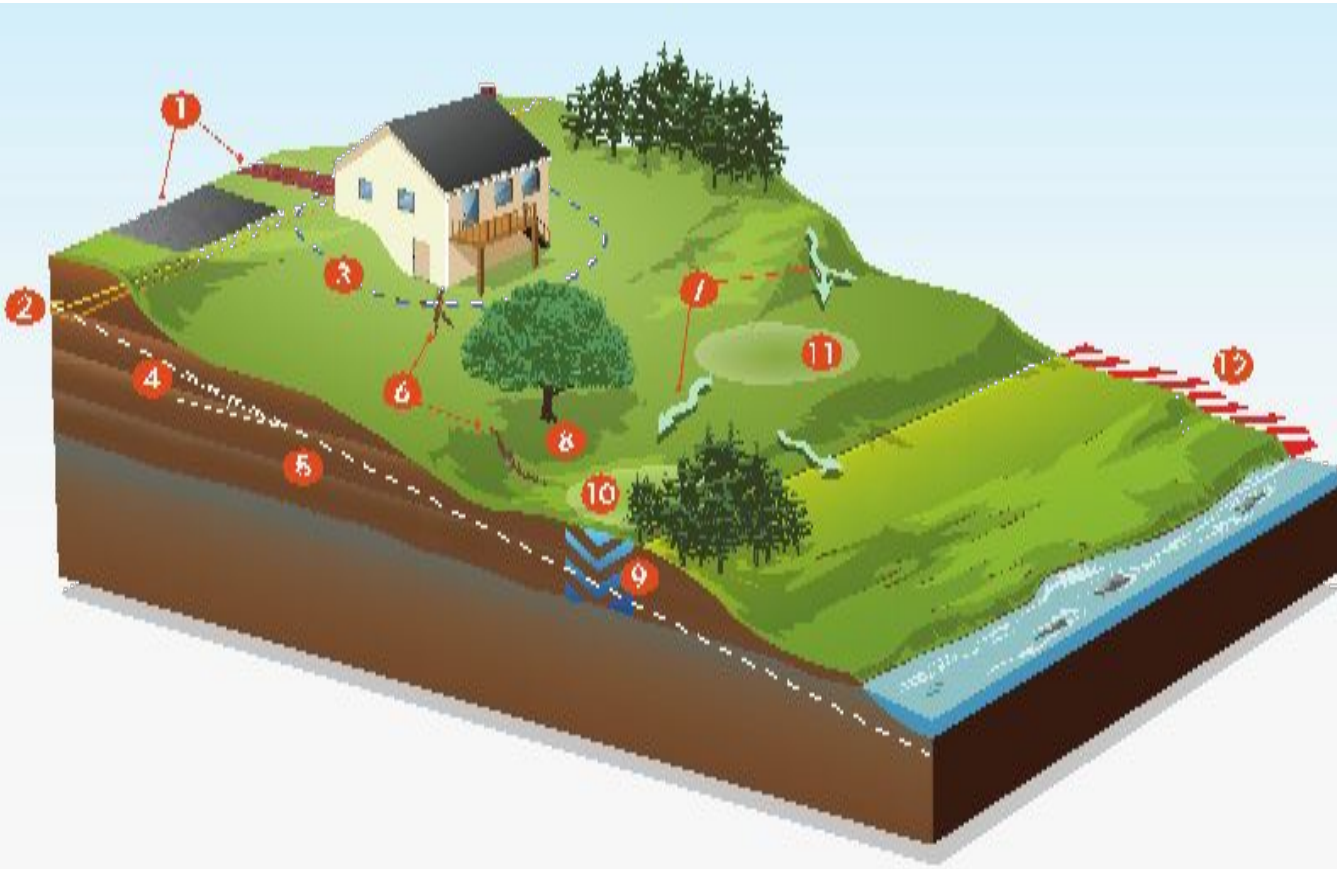


# Develop Shoreline Profile *Human Uses*

	<b>Riparian Buffer &amp; Bank</b>	<b>High Marsh Dry Beach</b>	<b>Low Marsh Wet Beach</b>	<b>Nearshore</b>
<b>Human Uses</b>	Visible & underground infrastructure	Existing defense structures		Docks – Piers – Boathouses
	Riparian access structures	Recreation uses		
	Stormwater management	Water access improvements & uses		Navigation channels
	Formal landscape			Boat wakes
	Natural landscape			

Source: VIMS Living Shoreline Design Guidelines 2017

# Whole Site Evaluation



Source: Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy Rainscapes Manual Appendix A

- 1) Location and Orientation of Impervious Surfaces
- 2) Utilities and Easements
- 3) Proximity to Structures
- 4) Slope
- 5) Soil Type
- 6) Erosion Problem Areas
- 7) Flow Paths
- 8) Location and Health of Existing Trees/Canopy & Vegetation
- 9) Depth to Groundwater (and seeps)
- 10) Sun and Shade Conditions
- 11) Available Space
- 12) Proximity to sensitive environmental areas

# Monitoring Plan Considerations

## **Document Baseline Conditions** *to compare with future monitoring data*

Delineate erosion problem areas

Delineate existing natural features to remain *as part of a living shoreline system*

Establish normal tide & storm water levels *based on observed site conditions*

Establish biological benchmarks *Elevation ranges occupied by natural features*

# Site Assessment Stations

Participants will work in small groups on guided Site Assessments

- Fill in the Site Assessment Forms
- Make Notes on Maps

Shore Zone (Jim Cahoon/Mary Mantey) - Group 1

Buffer/Backshore & Biological Benchmarks (Karen Duhring/Aaron Wendt) - Group 2

Whole Property/Upland (Shereen/Stacie) - Group 3

Site Access/Utilities/Fixed Benchmarks (Tracy Skrabal/Ellen Grimes) - Group 4

# Any Questions?



# Small Group Discussions

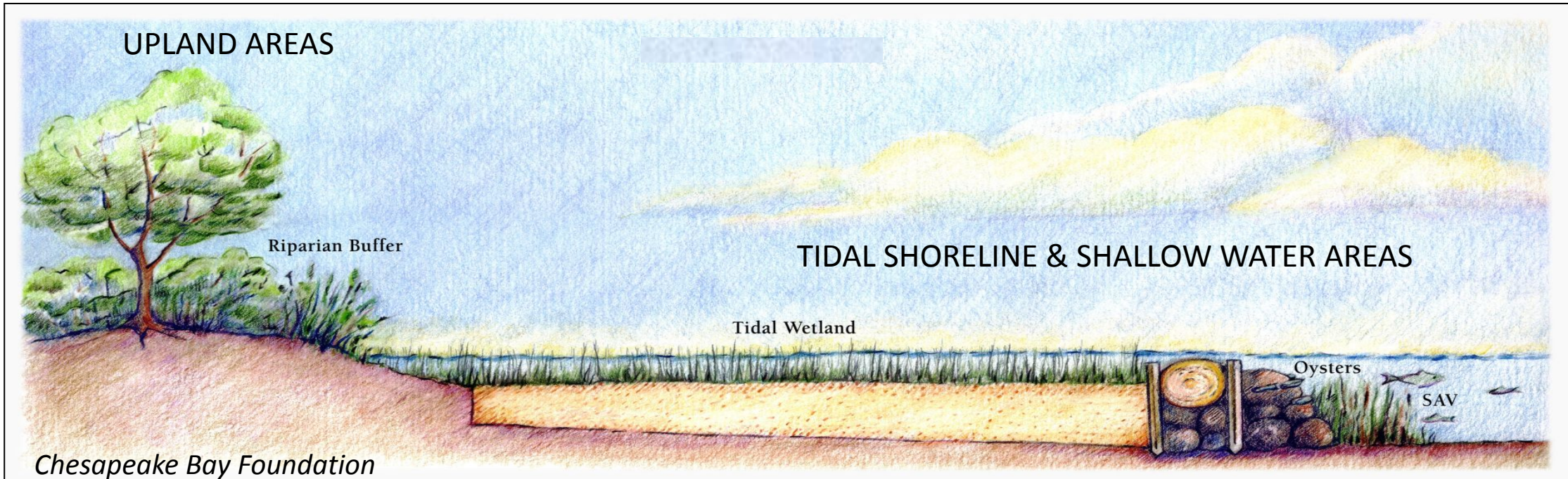
- How does site assessment data inform design?
- What level of protection is needed to meet goals?
- Which type of living shoreline is feasible for this site?  
What conditions might impact that feasibility?

# Decide on the type of sill for Project Structural or Non-Structural Inform Design, Construction Feasibility, Permit Application



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# Living Shoreline Potential Practices



Stormwater management  
Riparian buffer enhancement  
Bank grading & re-planting  
Conservation landscaping

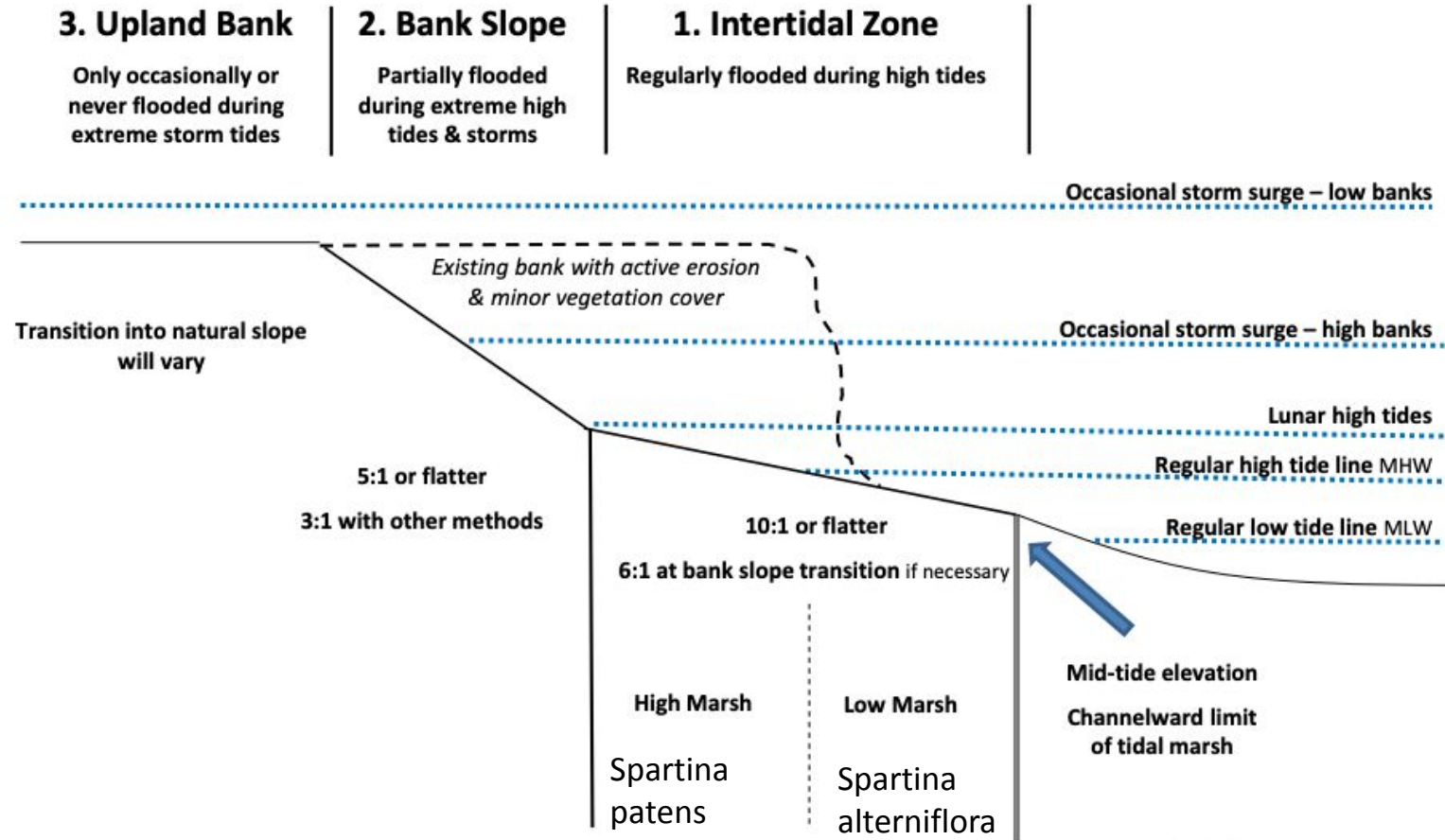
Sand fill & beach nourishment  
Tidal marsh & beach planting

Coir logs  
Stone sills  
Oyster reef structures

Offshore breakwaters



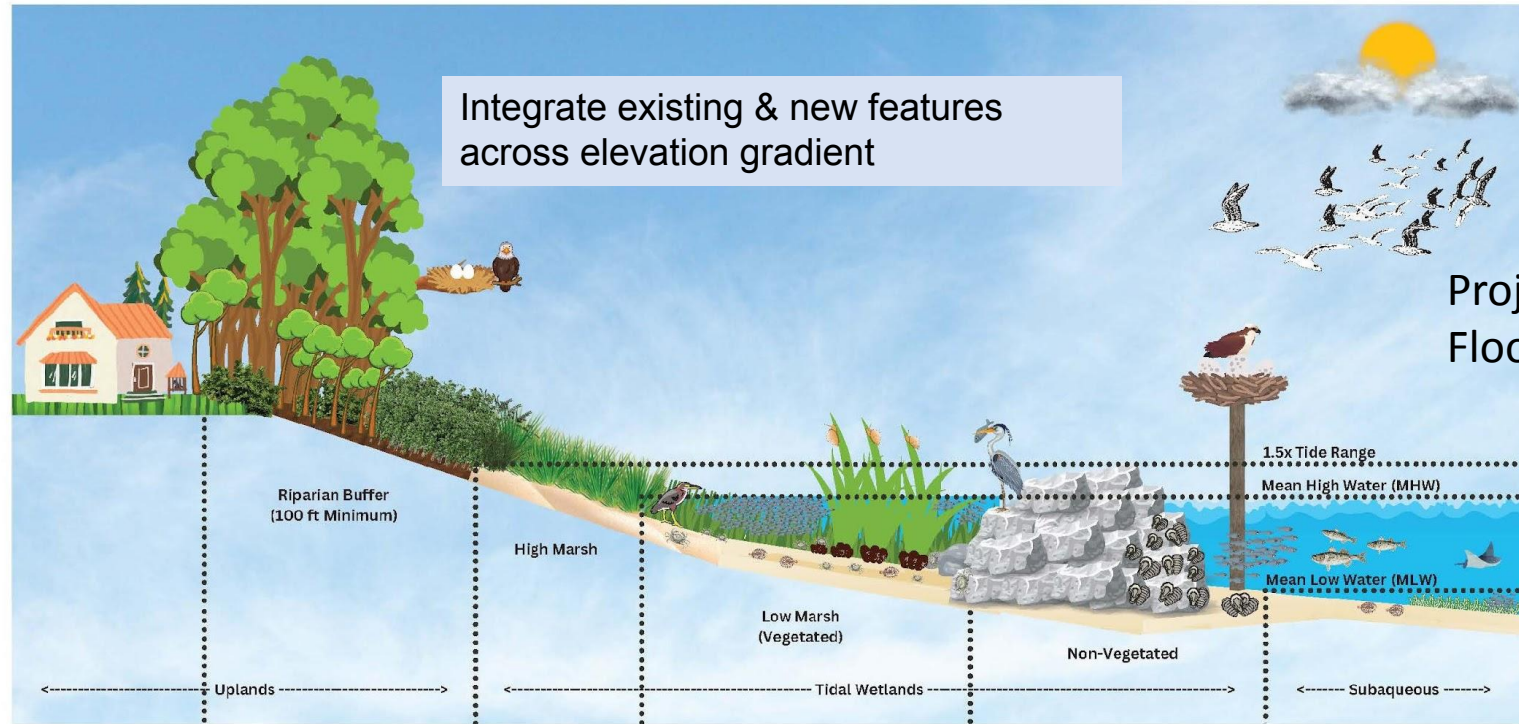
# Bank Grading and Planting Zones



Not to scale – for graphic illustration only



# Living Shoreline Potential Practices + Future Conditions



## UPLAND

- Stormwater management
- Conservation landscaping
- Bank grading & re-planting

## TIDAL WETLAND

- Protect existing marsh
- Sand fill & beach nourishment
- Planted tidal marsh & beach

*M. Whalen VIMS*

## SHALLOW WATER

- Stone & oyster sills
- Offshore breakwaters

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### ***Prior to Day 3***

- Watch the following videos:
  - Designing for Sea Level Rise
  - Planting Considerations for Living Shorelines
- Review Common Maintenance Tasks

### ***Day 2***

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