



# Town of Tecumseh Shoreline Management Plan Update Coastal Flood Risk Assessment

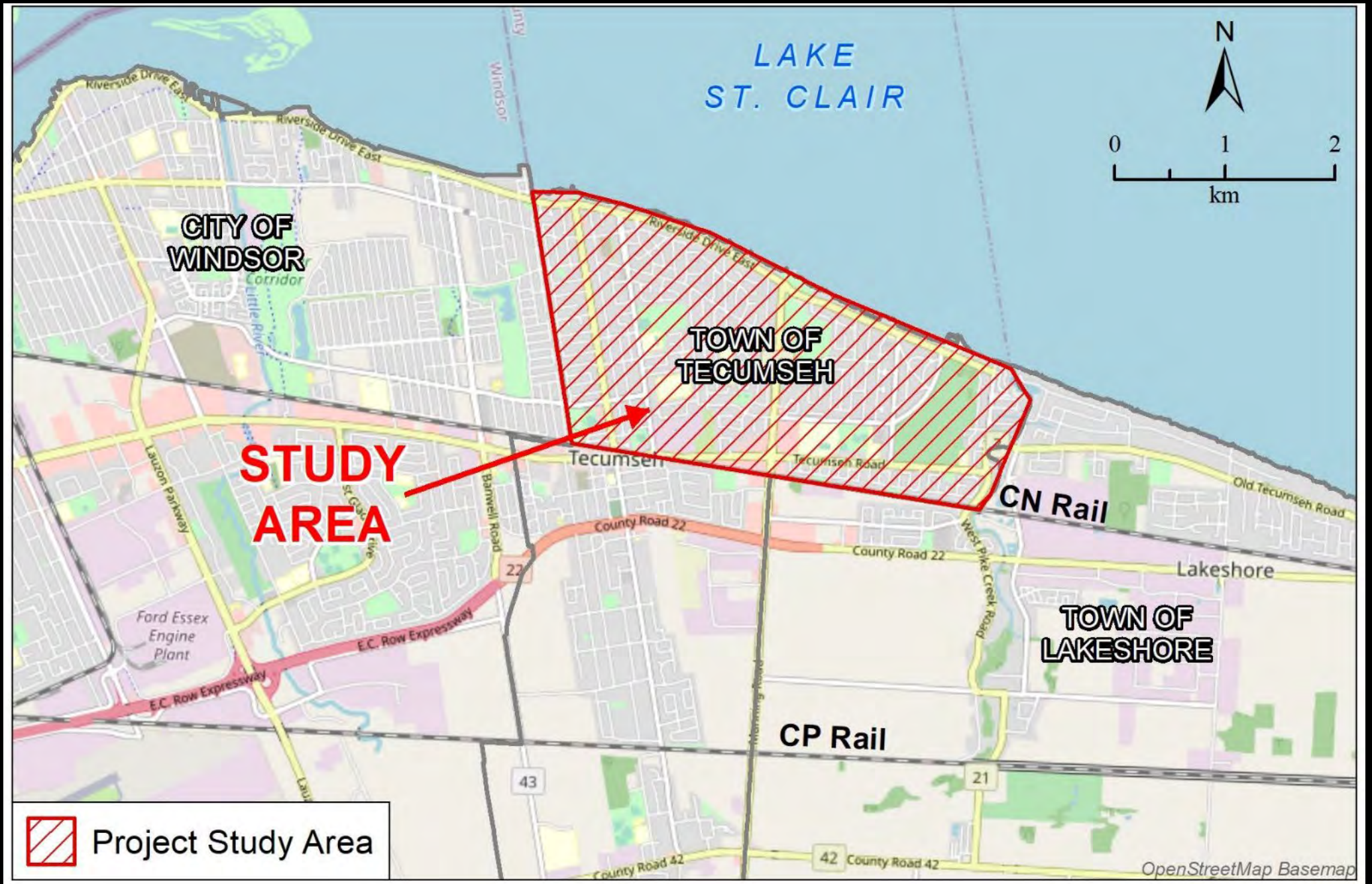
## Public Information Centre #1

October 29, 2020





# Study Area





# Public Information Centre Guidelines

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- All participants are muted and off video
- The panelists will present the webinar and have their video on
- During the feedback portion you can use the **'Question and Answer'** button found at the bottom of your screen
  - Open the Question and Answer Window
  - Type your question or comment in the window. Click send
  - Your question will be read to all participants by the facilitator and one of the panelists will respond to the comment or question
- Note: Check **Send Anonymously** if you don't want your name attached



# Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 GOALS

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- Provide an overview of the project and workplan
- Share the preliminary findings from the field work and technical analysis
- Discuss emergency response and present flood hazard mitigation and climate change adaptation approaches
- Gather feedback from the attendees about local conditions and evaluation criteria



# AGENDA FOR PIC#1

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- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of the project and timelines
- Review of technical work completed to date
- Projected climate change impacts on hazards and flood risk
- Emergency access and flood hazard mitigation
- Question and answer on the presentation
- Interactive discussion with the participants
- Next Steps



# LOOKING AHEAD FOR PIC#2 AND PIC#3

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- PIC#2: January 2021 (tbd)
- Afternoon and evening sessions
- Scope of meeting (partially based on feedback today):
  - Update on technical work
  - Review of draft floodplain mapping that considers climate change
  - Potential economic damage calculations for different flood scenarios
  - Review questions with the attendees
- PIC#3: 2021 (tbd)





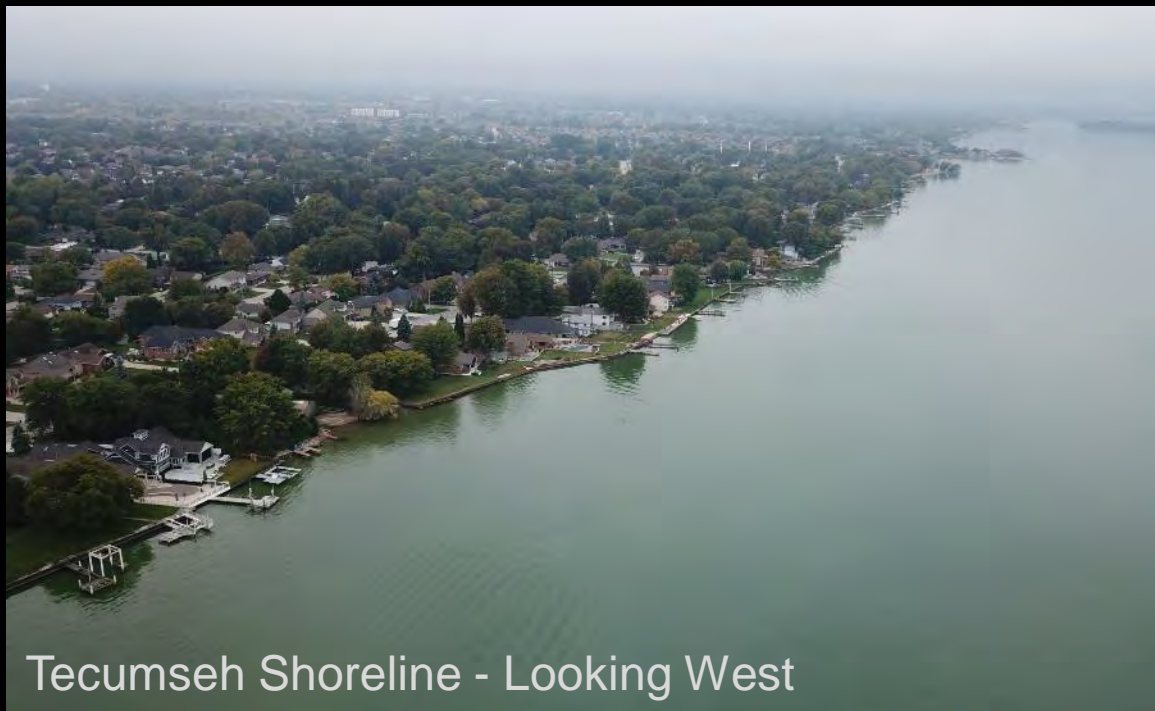
# FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS



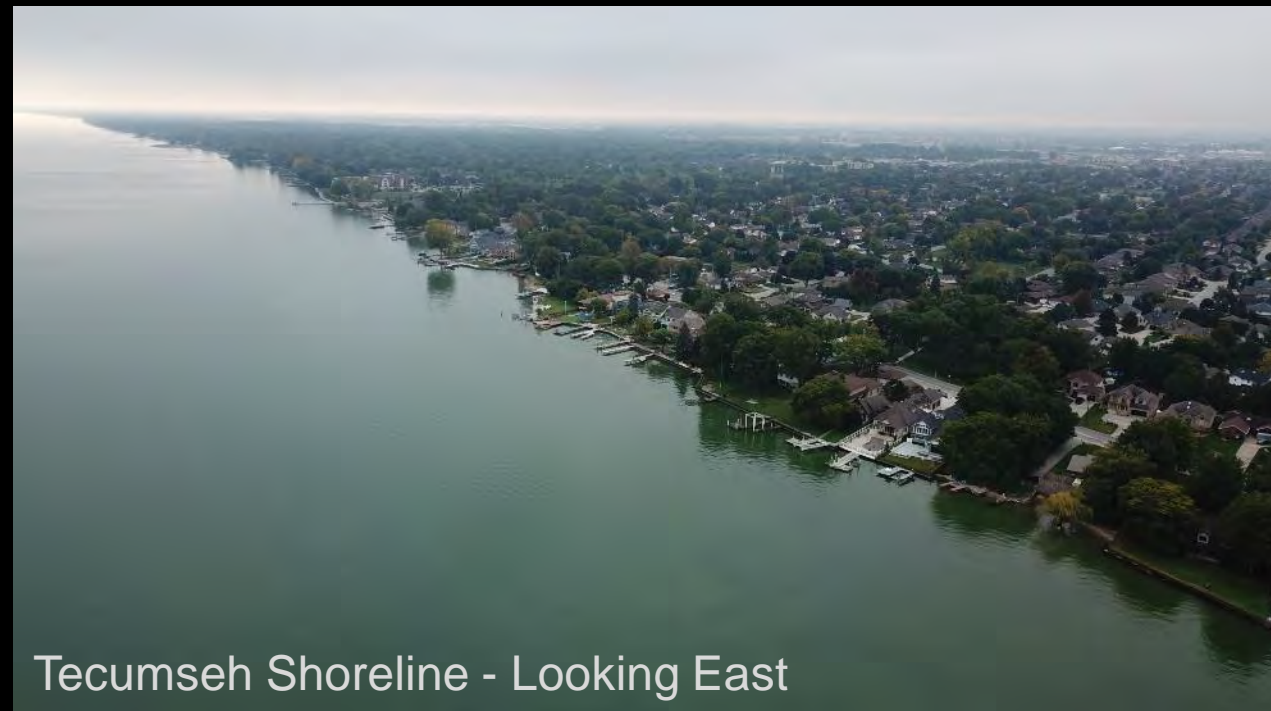


# Oblique Aerial Photographs

- Photos collected documenting the state of the Tecumseh shoreline as of September, 2020.



Tecumseh Shoreline - Looking West



Tecumseh Shoreline - Looking East





**Sample of  
Oblique  
Photos  
(West Tecumseh)**



West Project Boundary



Chippewa Park







**Sample of  
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Photos  
(Central Tecumseh)**



Lakewood Park







**Sample of  
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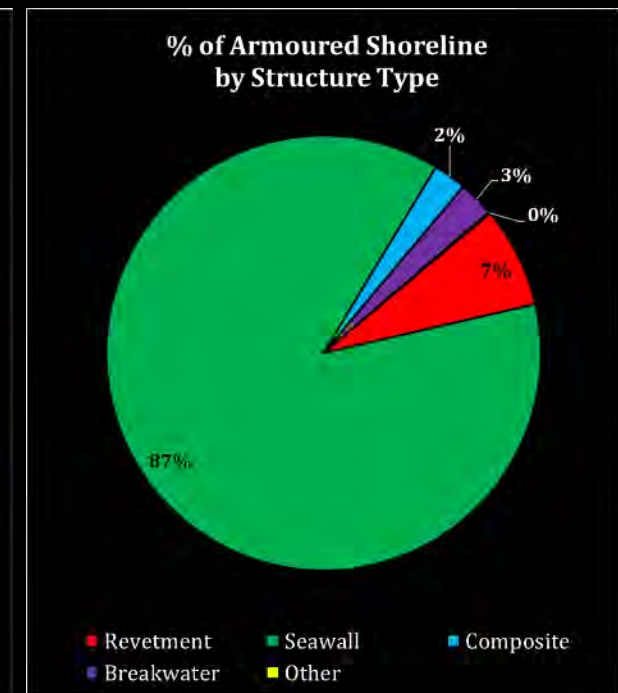
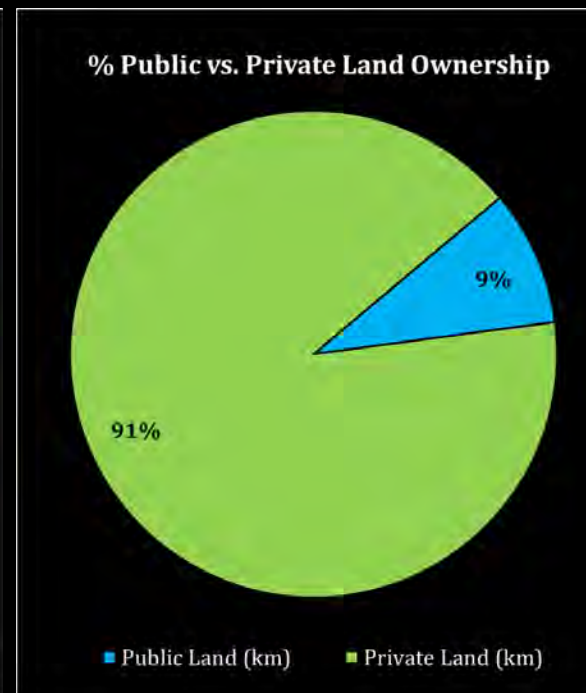
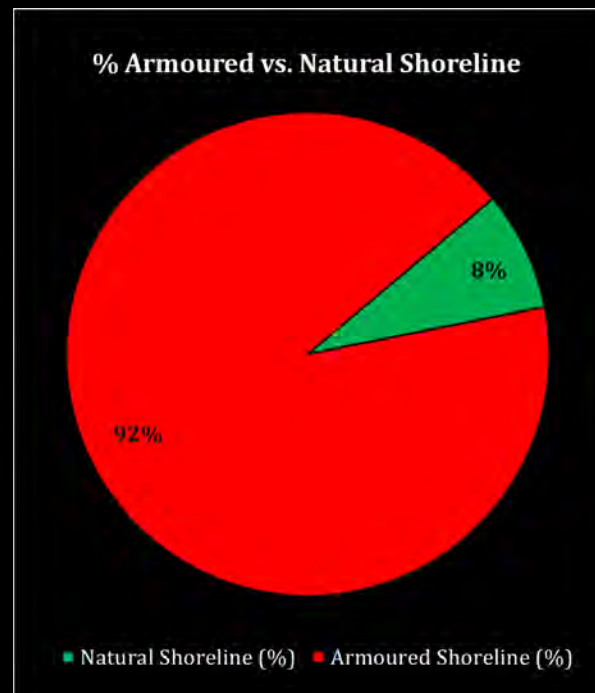




# Shore Protection Database

- Shoreline protection database was assembled for the entire study shoreline
- Summary statistics:
  - Armoured vs. natural shoreline
  - Structure type
  - Structure condition
  - Level of design
  - Importance

## Sample Statistics:

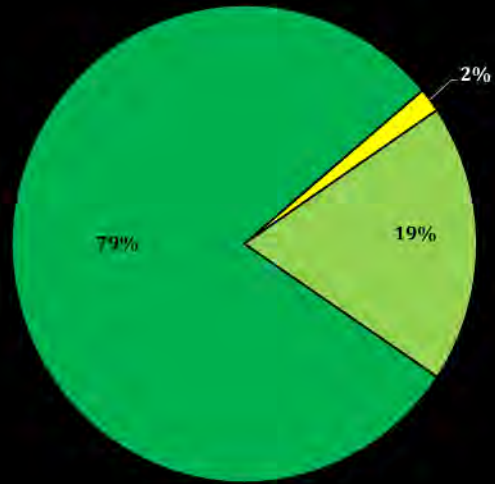






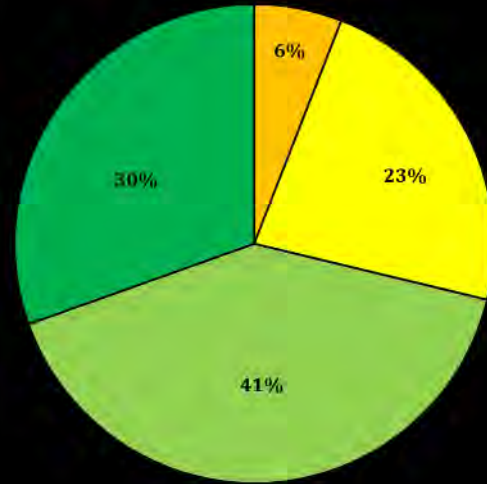
# Shore Protection Database

Sheet Pile Seawall  
(Structure Condition)



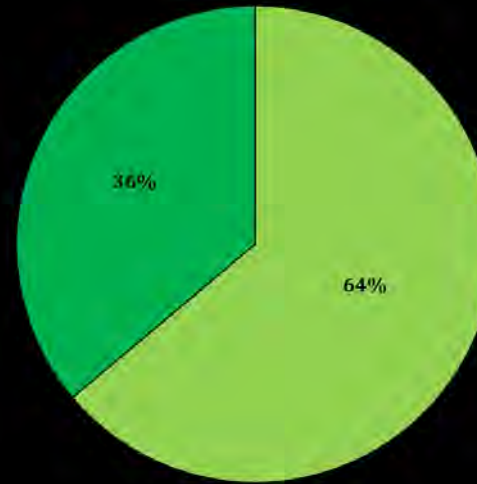
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Cast-in-Place Concrete Seawall  
(Structure Condition)



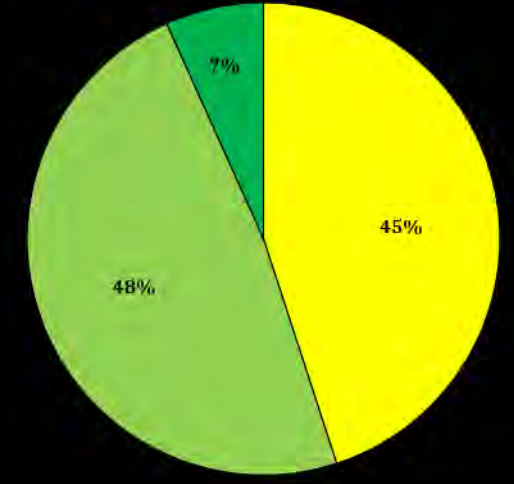
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Pre-cast Concrete Block Seawall  
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Rubblemound Revetment  
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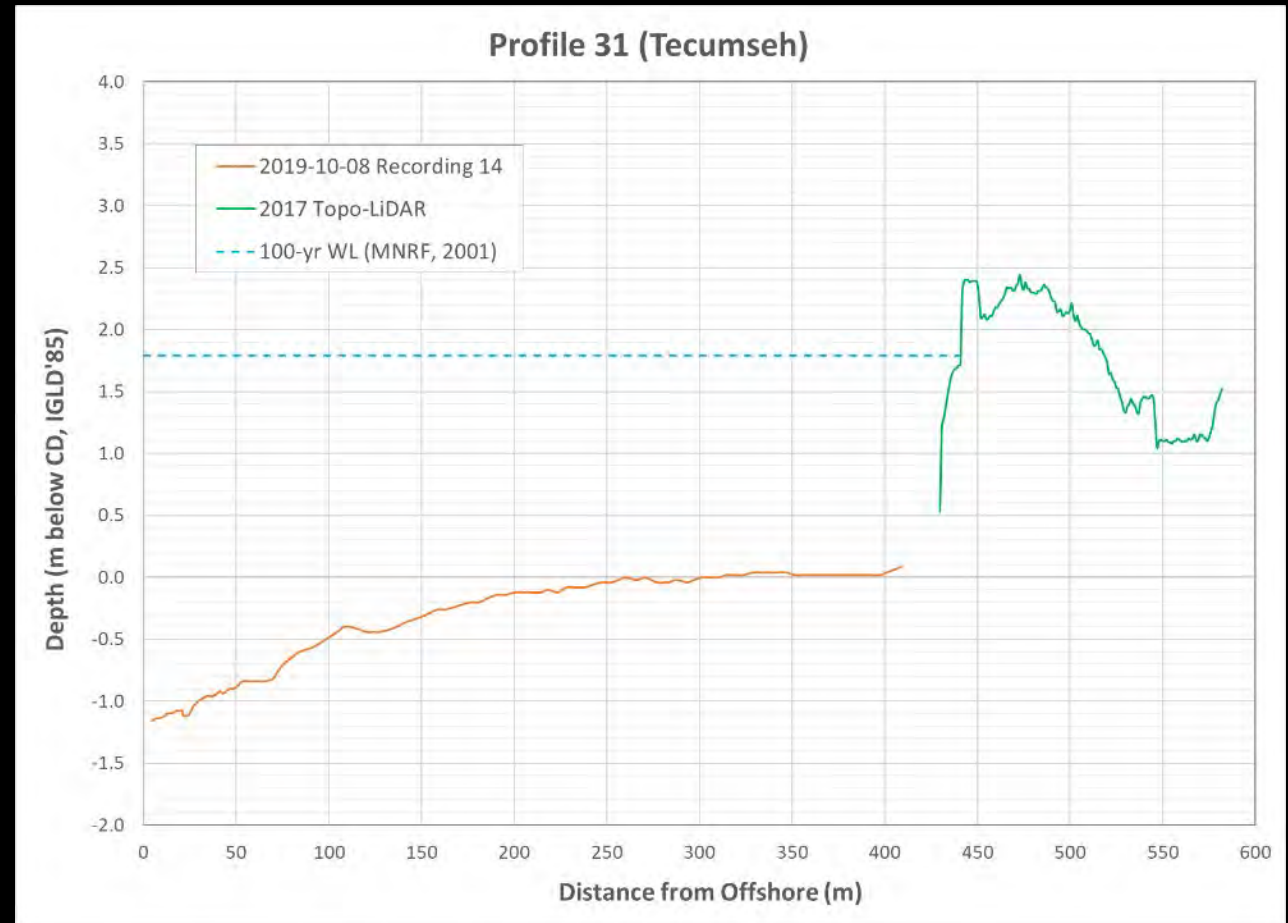
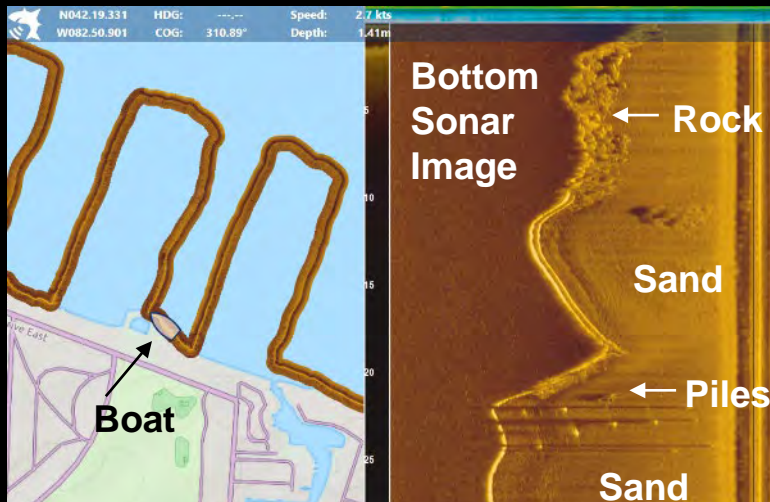






# Bathymetric Survey

- Lakebed elevations and substrate logged using SOLIX™ 2D Sonar instrument







# Bathymetric Survey August 2020







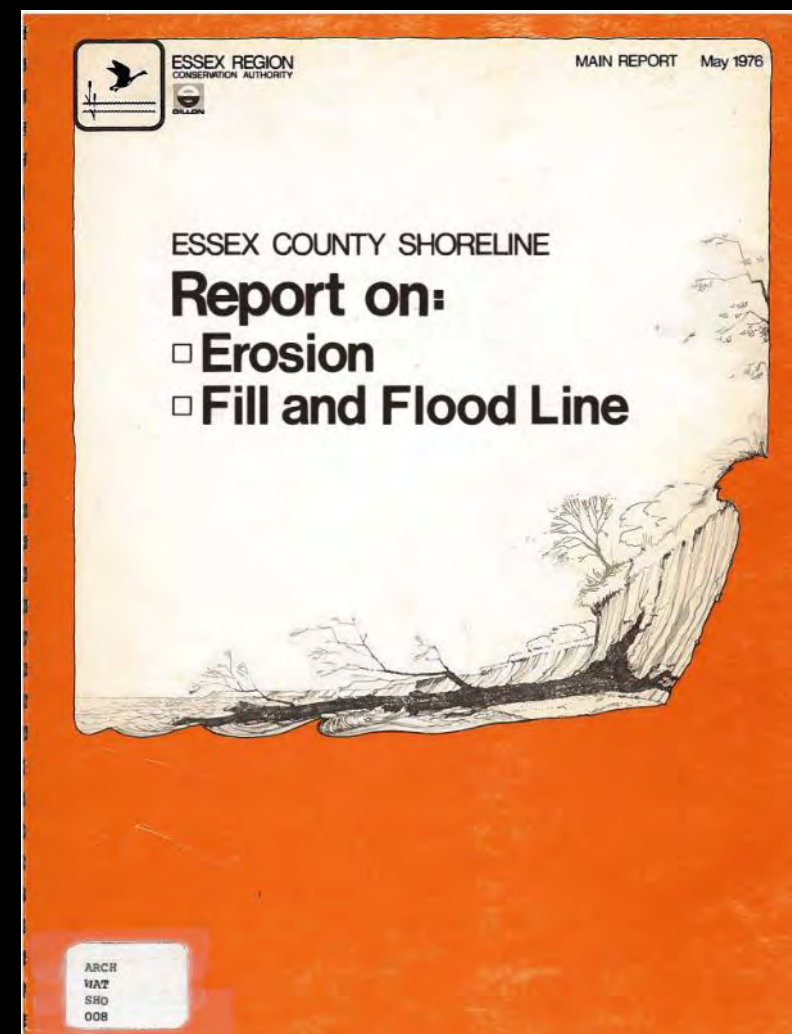
# Detailed Topographic Shoreline Survey by JD Barnes





# Extreme Water Level Analysis

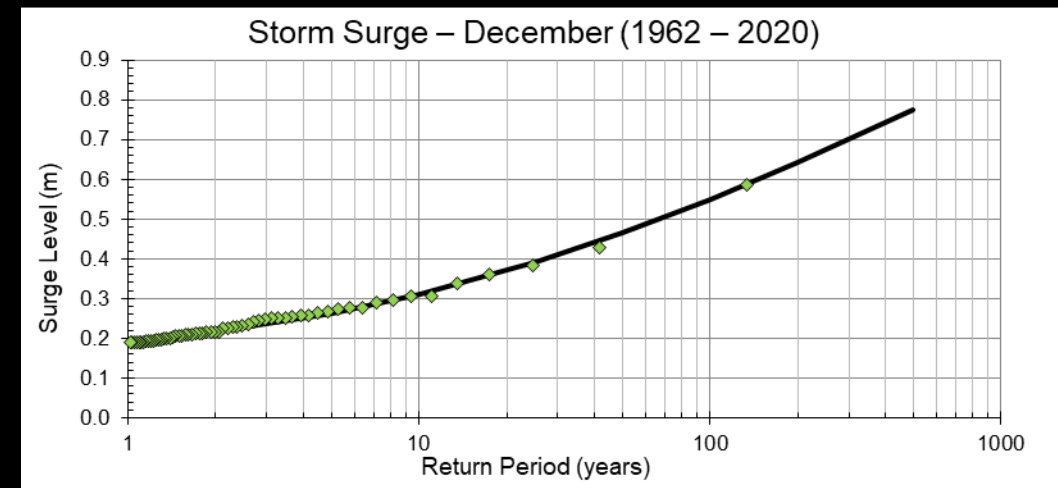
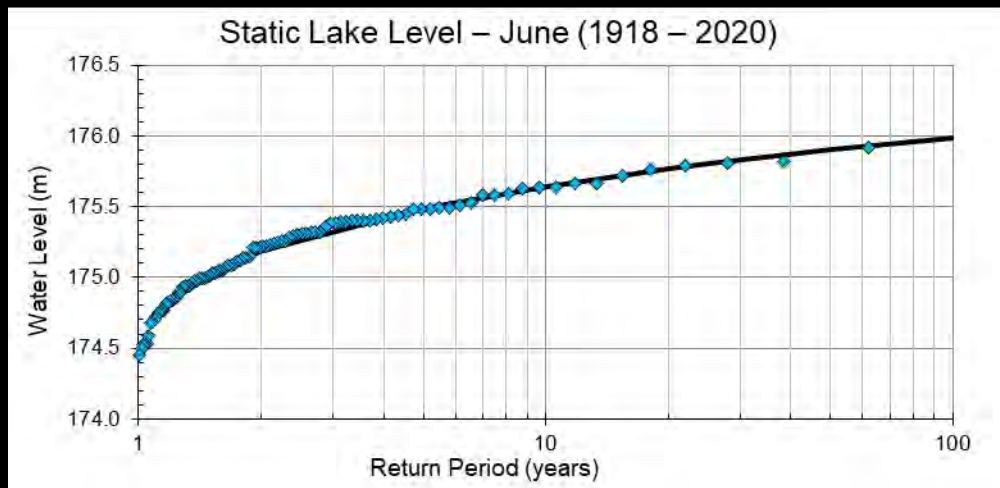
- **100-year flood level:**
  - 1% probability of occurrence in any given year
  - Combination of **static lake level** and **storm surge**
- Existing regulatory **100-year flood level is 176.4 m IGLD'85** (from Dillon, 1976)
- MNR (1989) also published water level extremes
- This study will update the analysis to 2020 with measured water levels
- Integrate the projected impacts of climate change (not complete yet)





# Water Level Analysis

- 100-year **static lake level** re-analyzed based on data from 1918 – 2020:
  - 100-year static lake level = +176.03 m IGLD'85 (June/July)
    - Up ~12 cm from MNR (1989)
- 100-year **storm surge** re-analyzed using data from 1962 – 2020:
  - 100-year storm surge = 0.55 m (occurs in Winter)
    - Up ~10 cm from MNR (1989) estimate for Tecumseh shoreline

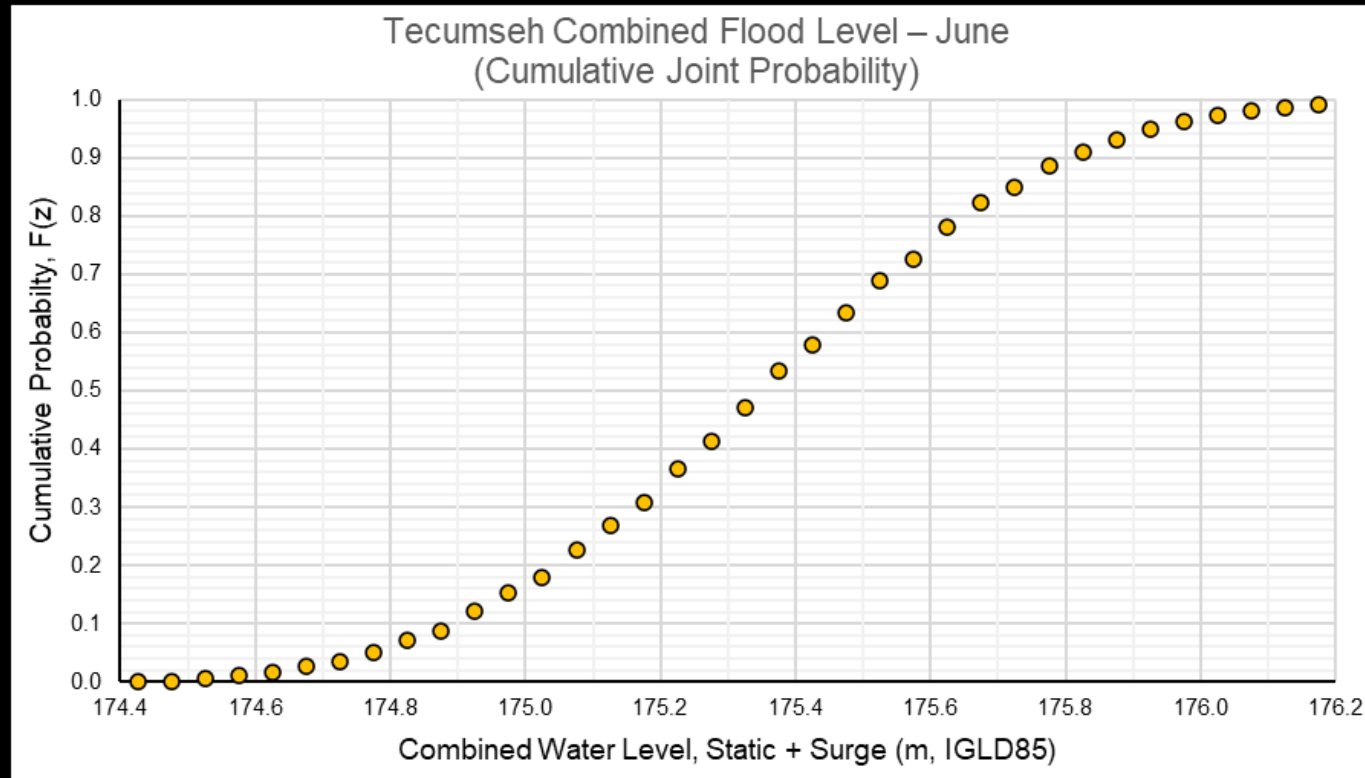






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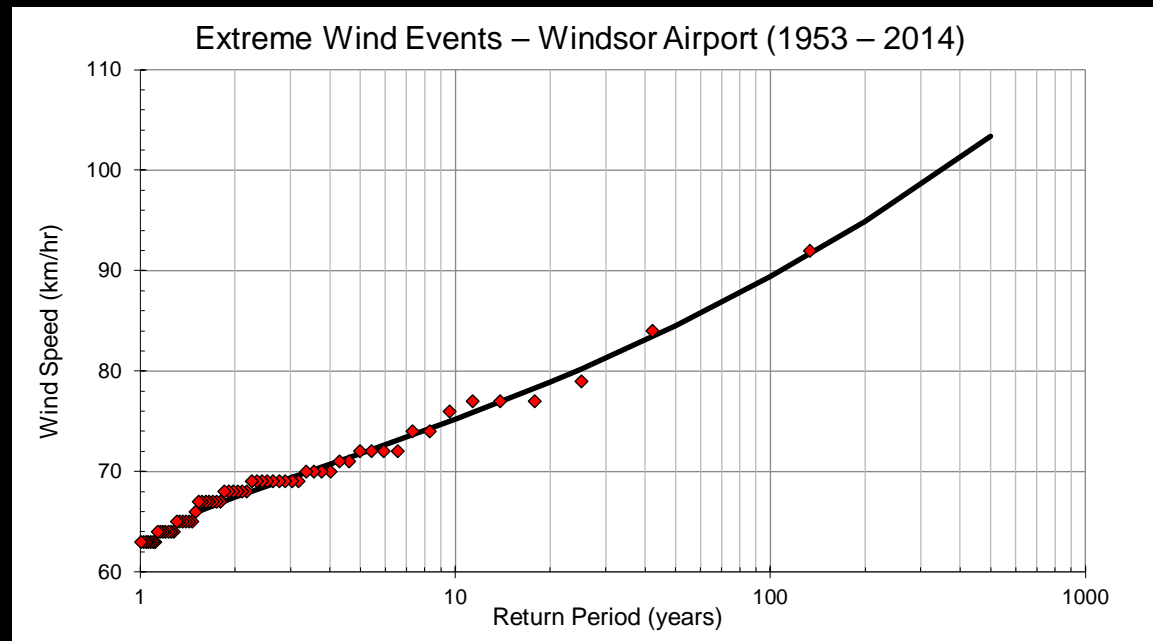
- 100-year combined flood level re-analyzed using a seasonal (monthly) joint probability analysis (no climate change considerations included yet)
  - **100-year flood level** for Tecumseh = +176.23 m IGLD'85 (based on historical data)





# Analysis of Storm Waves

- No long-term (30+ years) wave data available for Lake St. Clair
- Historical wind events assessed from Windsor Airport (1953 – 2014) and Belle River Marina (1994 – 2005)
  - Extreme value analysis performed on winds arriving from NW and NE quadrants:





# Analysis of Storm Waves

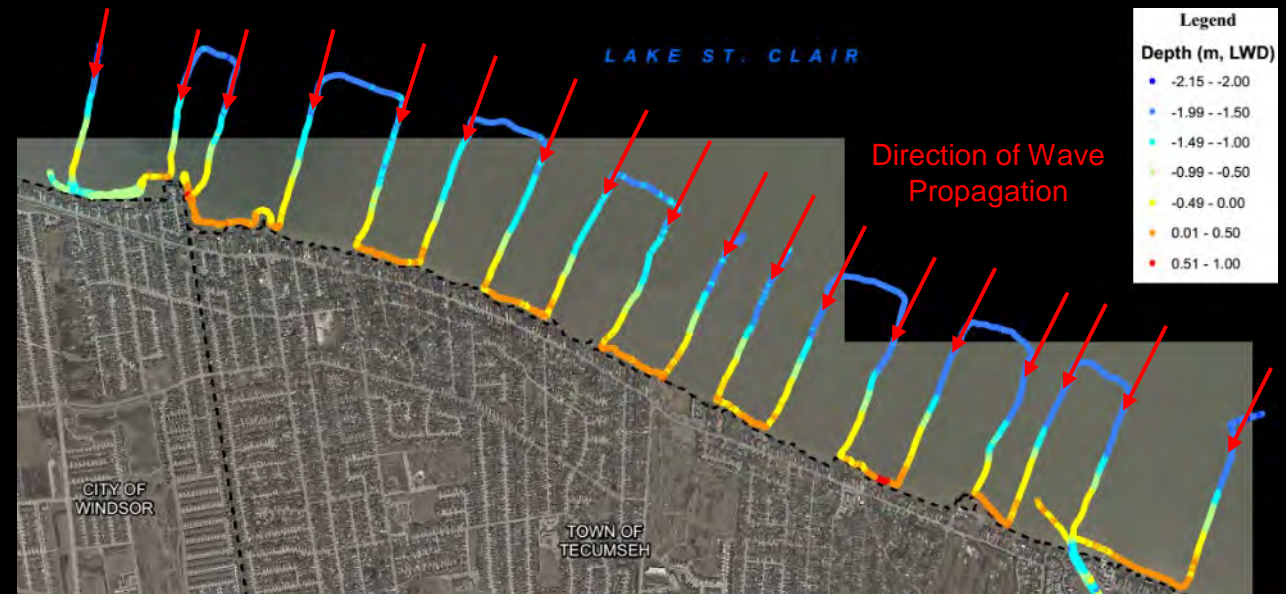
- Wave hindcast performed to predict wave generation over Lake St. Clair during extreme wind events (i.e. 100-year, etc.)
  - Validated against available wave buoy data (2000 – 2019, intermittent)

RP (years)	Wind Speed (km/hr)	1977 SPM – Shallow Water	
		Wave Height (m)	Wave Period (s)
1.5	66.07	1.30	4.7
2	67.53	1.32	4.7
5	71.82	1.37	4.8
10	75.33	1.42	4.9
20	79.31	1.46	5.0
25	80.72	1.48	5.0
50	85.54	1.53	5.2
100	91.18	1.59	5.3
200	97.78	1.65	5.4
500	108.30	1.75	5.7



# Analysis of Storm Waves

- Offshore waves transformed to Tecumseh shoreline at each bathymetric profile
  - Includes effects of shoaling, refraction and wave breaking
- 100-year wave conditions output at toe of shoreline protection & beaches
  - To be used in wave runup and overtopping calculations to inform flood mapping
  - To be used in development of risk mitigation concepts, including recommendations for shoreline protection structures



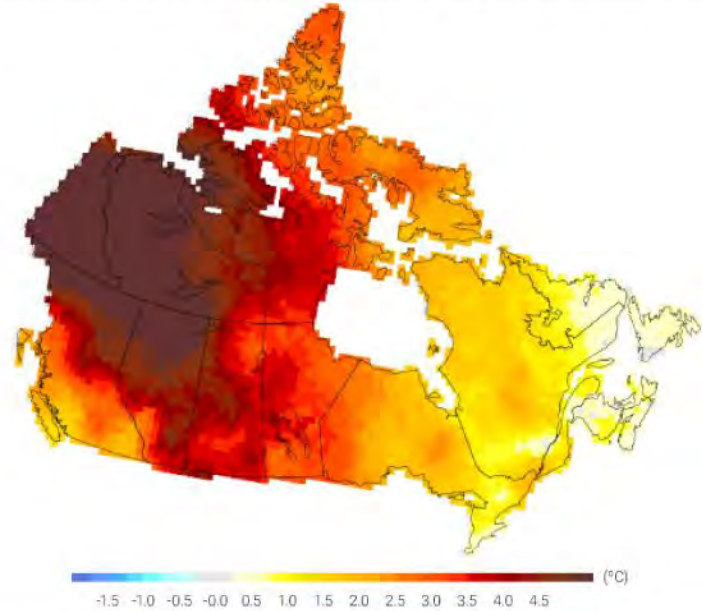


# PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS



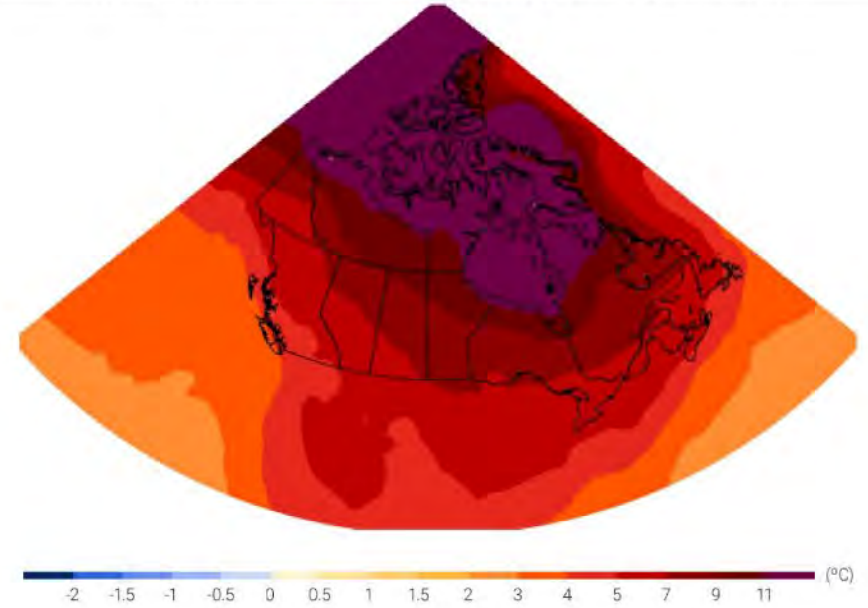


**1948 to 2016 Winter Air Temperature Increase**



Source: Vincent et al. 2015. In Zhang, X., Flato, G., Kirchmeier-Young, M., Vincent, L., Wan, H., Wang, X., Rong, R., Fyfe, J., Li, G., Khairin, V.V. (2019): Changes in Temperature and Precipitation Across Canada; Chapter 4 in Bush, E. and Lemmen, D.S. (Eds.) Canada's Changing Climate Report, Government of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, pp 112-193.

**2081-2100 Winter Warming Projection for RCP8.5**



Source: Climate Research Division, Environment and Climate Change Canada. In Zhang, X., Flato, G., Kirchmeier-Young, M., Vincent, L., Wan, H., Wang, X., Rong, R., Fyfe, J., Li, G., Khairin, V.V. (2019): Changes in Temperature and Precipitation Across Canada; Chapter 4 in Bush, E. and Lemmen, D.S. (Eds.) Canada's Changing Climate Report, Government of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, pp 112-193.

**Warming has already decreased the extent and duration of Lake Erie ice cover. In the future, the lake could be ice-free in the winter.**



Lake Ice Cover Near 100%



Partial Ice Cover on the Lake

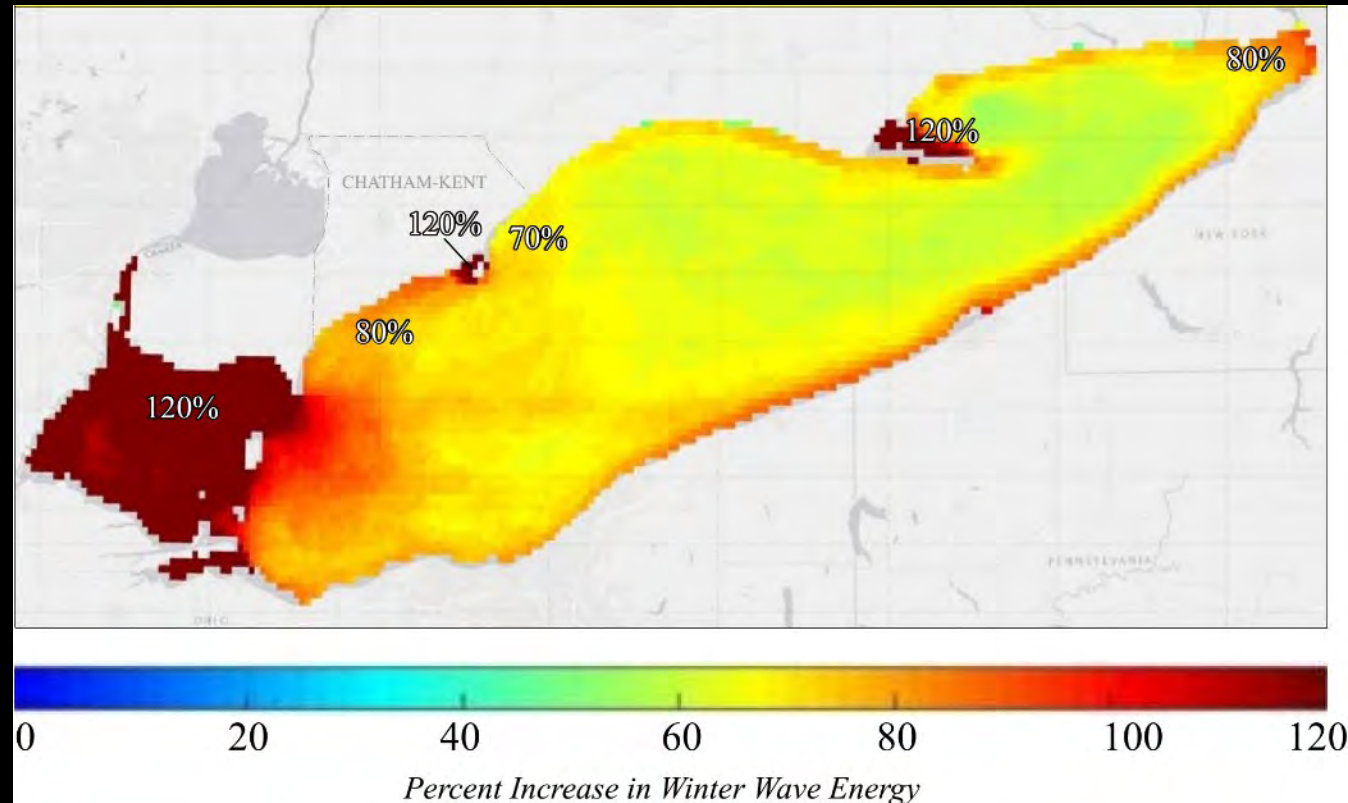


Ice Cover Limited to the Eastern Basin



# Projected Increase in Wave Energy due to Reduced Ice Cover (Lake Erie Research)

- Due to projections for future decreases in ice cover, winter wave energy may increase 80% to 120% for the study area shoreline (by late century/2080)
- Shoreline erosion rates may also increase 80% to 120%

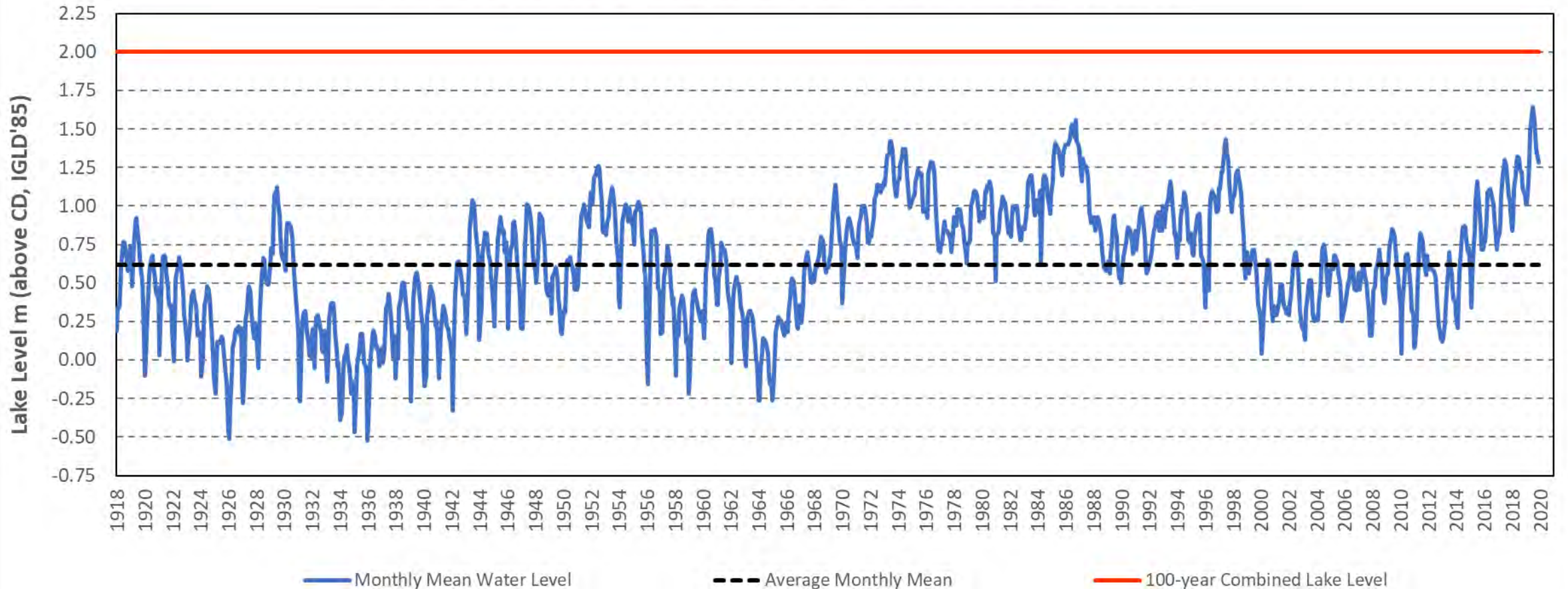






# Historical Water Levels and Existing Regulatory 100-year Flood Level (176.4 m IGLD'85)

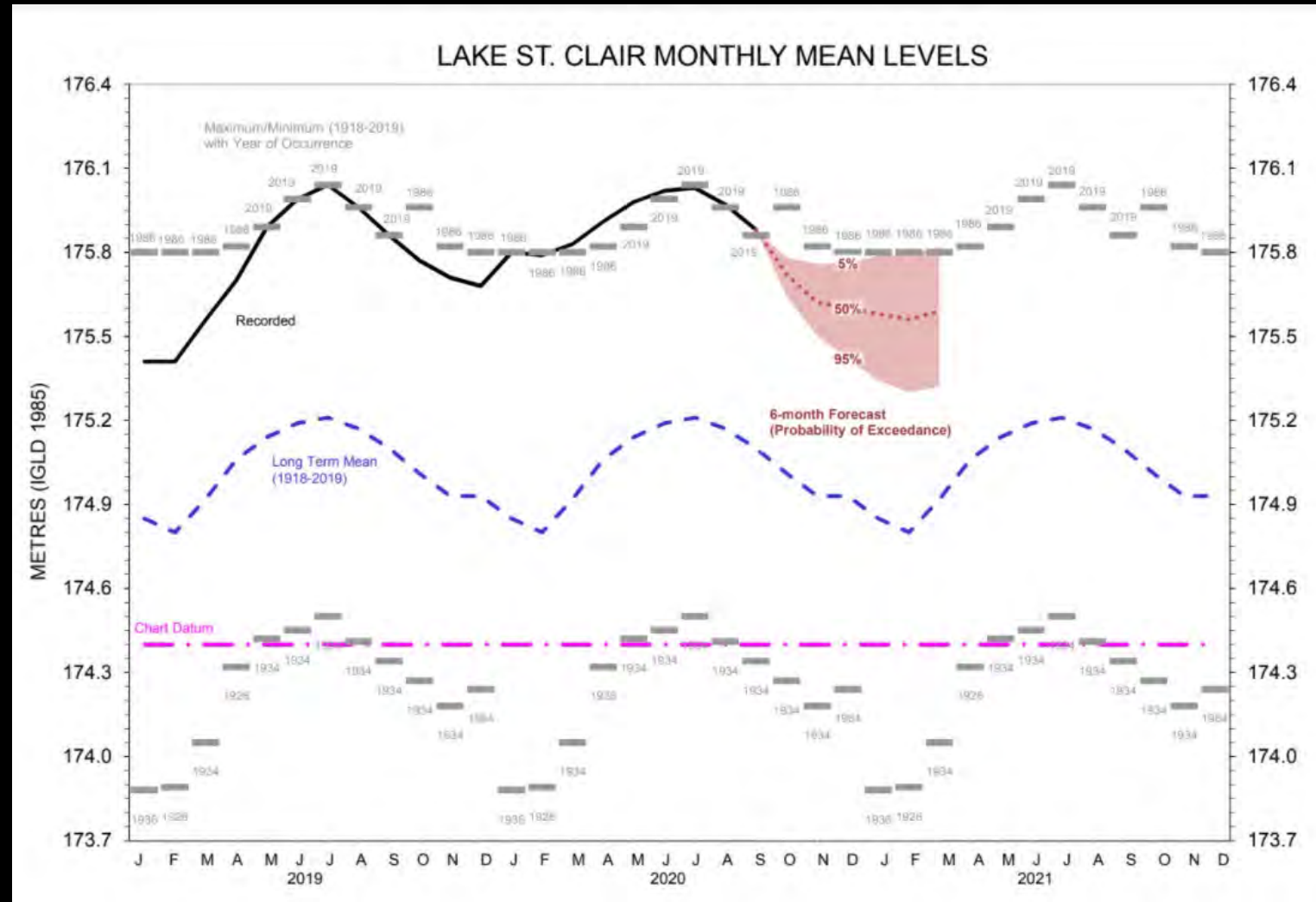
Lake St. Clair Monthly Mean Lake Levels - 1918 to 2019





# Short-term Lake Level Forecast and Climate Change Projections

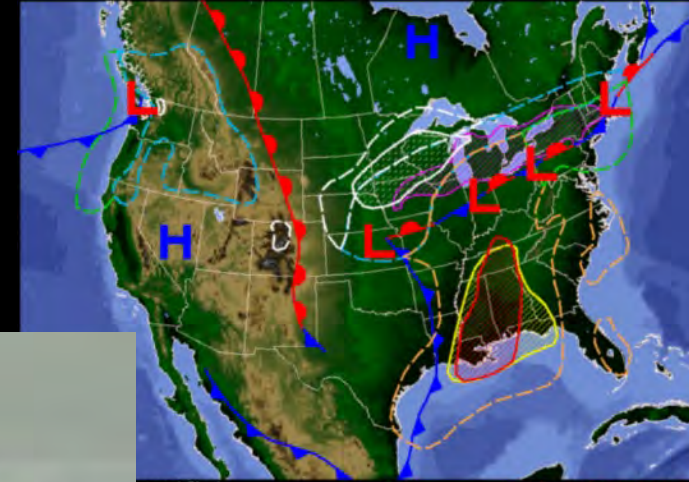
- **Short-term:** water levels should continue to fall into the winter. Next summer the peak will depend on local precipitation and inputs from Lake Huron
- **Future:** Latest Environment and Climate Change Canada projection is higher lake levels in the future (more details in PIC#2)





# Linkages Between Rainfall Flooding and Coastal Storm Flooding Under Investigation

- Dillon (2019) completed interior flood risk assessment (rainfall)
- This study will focus on coastal flooding & combined coastal and interior flooding
- The impacts of both happening at the same time (never studied)
- Impacts of climate change on the magnitude of the potential flood



Forecast Chart  
Issued 5:00 AM EDT  
Weather Prediction Center  
in collaboration with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow

Fresh Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (dashed)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)





# RISK ASSESSMENT AND FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION



*Sample Hazard Map*





# PROPERTY PARCEL DATABASE







# Attributing the Property Parcel Database

- Three dimensional buildings and terrain in GIS software
- Type of building (single, double storey, etc.) from Google Streetview
- Presence or absence of basement
- Number of stairs above front yard
- Land elevation in front of stairs (yellow dot on slide 30)

Generate information on:

- First floor elevation for economic damage calculations





# Flood Damage Methodology

- Property value based on current MPAC assessments (not market values)
- Building and content damages based on the depth of flooding above the first floor (USACE methodology shown below)
- Damages associated with wave forces will be calculated on front-row parcels

Structure Stage Damage Curve (USACE)

1 ft of Flooding = 32% Structure Damage



Contents Stage Damage Curve (USACE)

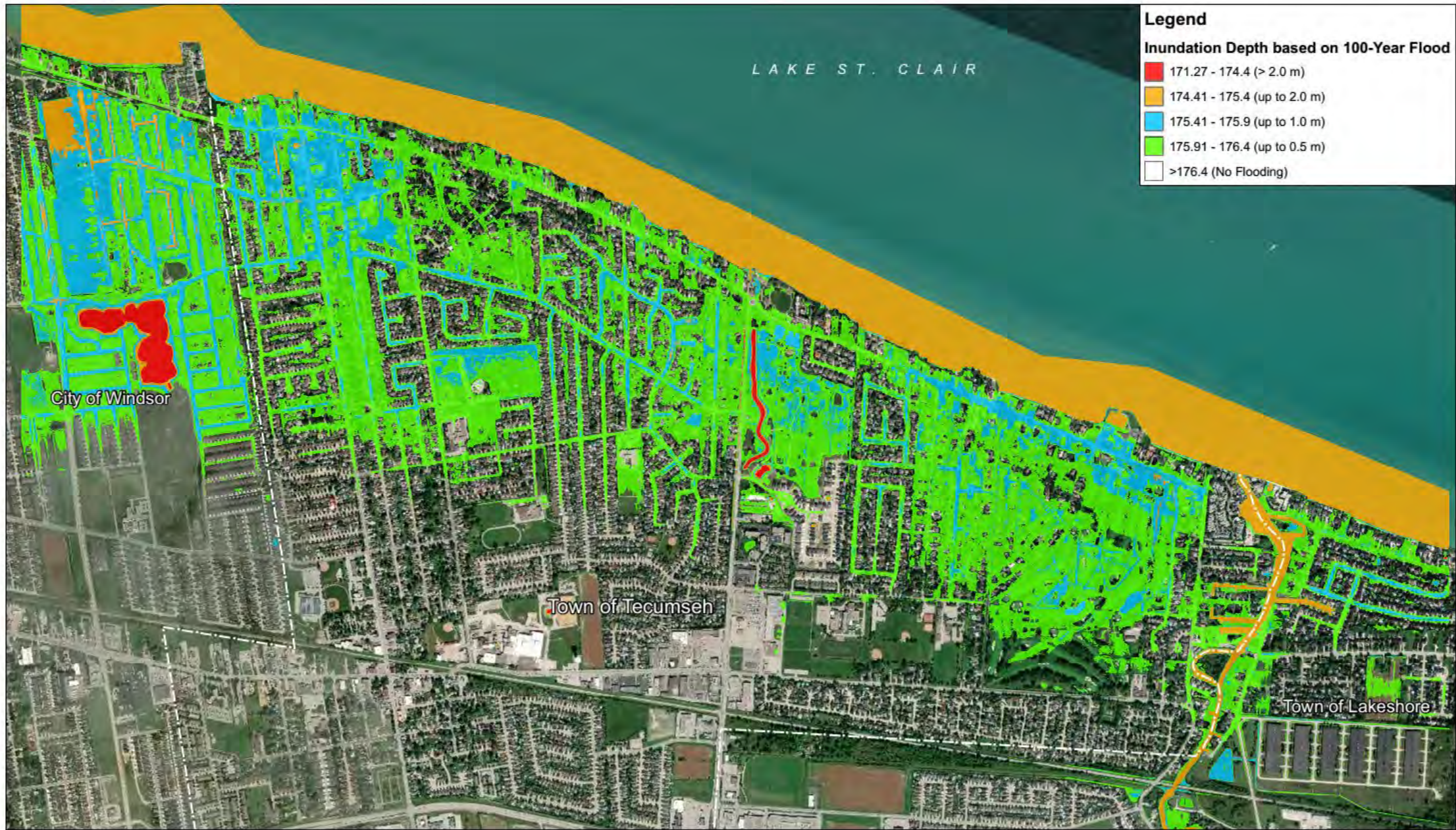
1 ft of Flooding = 29% Contents Damage







PRELIMINARY



**Legend**

**Inundation Depth based on 100-Year Flood**

Red	171.27 - 174.4 (> 2.0 m)
Orange	174.41 - 175.4 (up to 2.0 m)
Blue	175.41 - 175.9 (up to 1.0 m)
Green	175.91 - 176.4 (up to 0.5 m)
White	>176.4 (No Flooding)





# ADAPTATION CONCEPTS







# Types of Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

- **Avoid:** reduce exposure by ensuring new development doesn't occur on hazardous land
- **Retreat / Re-Align:** a strategic decision to relocate public and private assets exposed to significant coastal hazards or change existing land uses
- **Accommodate:** an adaptive strategy that allows for continued occupation while changes to human activities or infrastructure are made to reduce risk
- **Protect:** a reactive strategy to protect people, property, and infrastructure. Traditional approach and often the first considered

Avoid

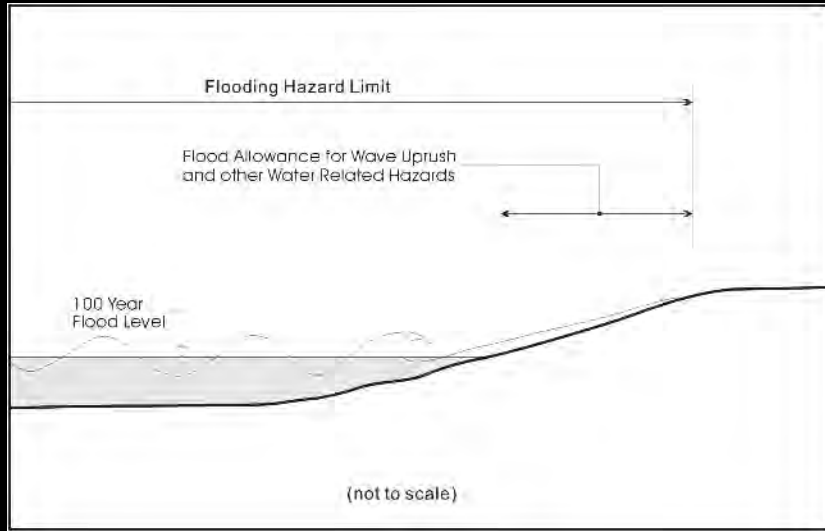
Retreat

Accommodate

Protect



# AVOID: Hazard Setbacks, Naturalized Shorelines, and Public Open Space







- Individual buildings re-located away from the flooding and erosion hazards

## RETREAT

## Building Relocation

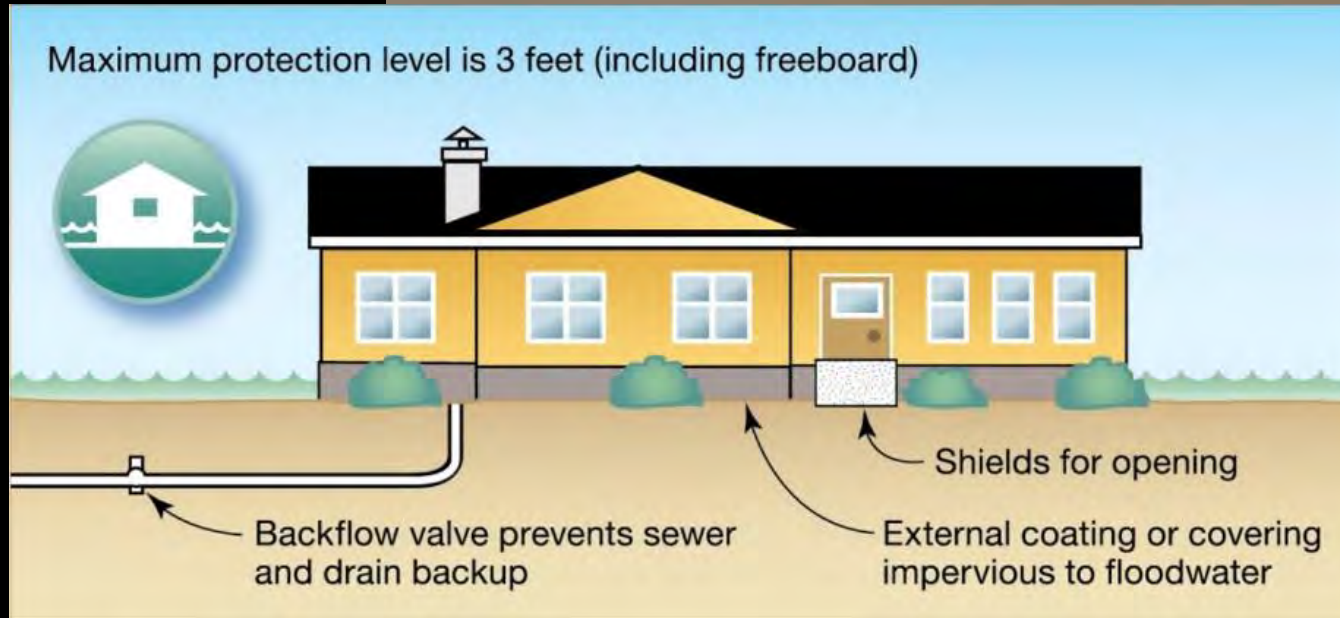
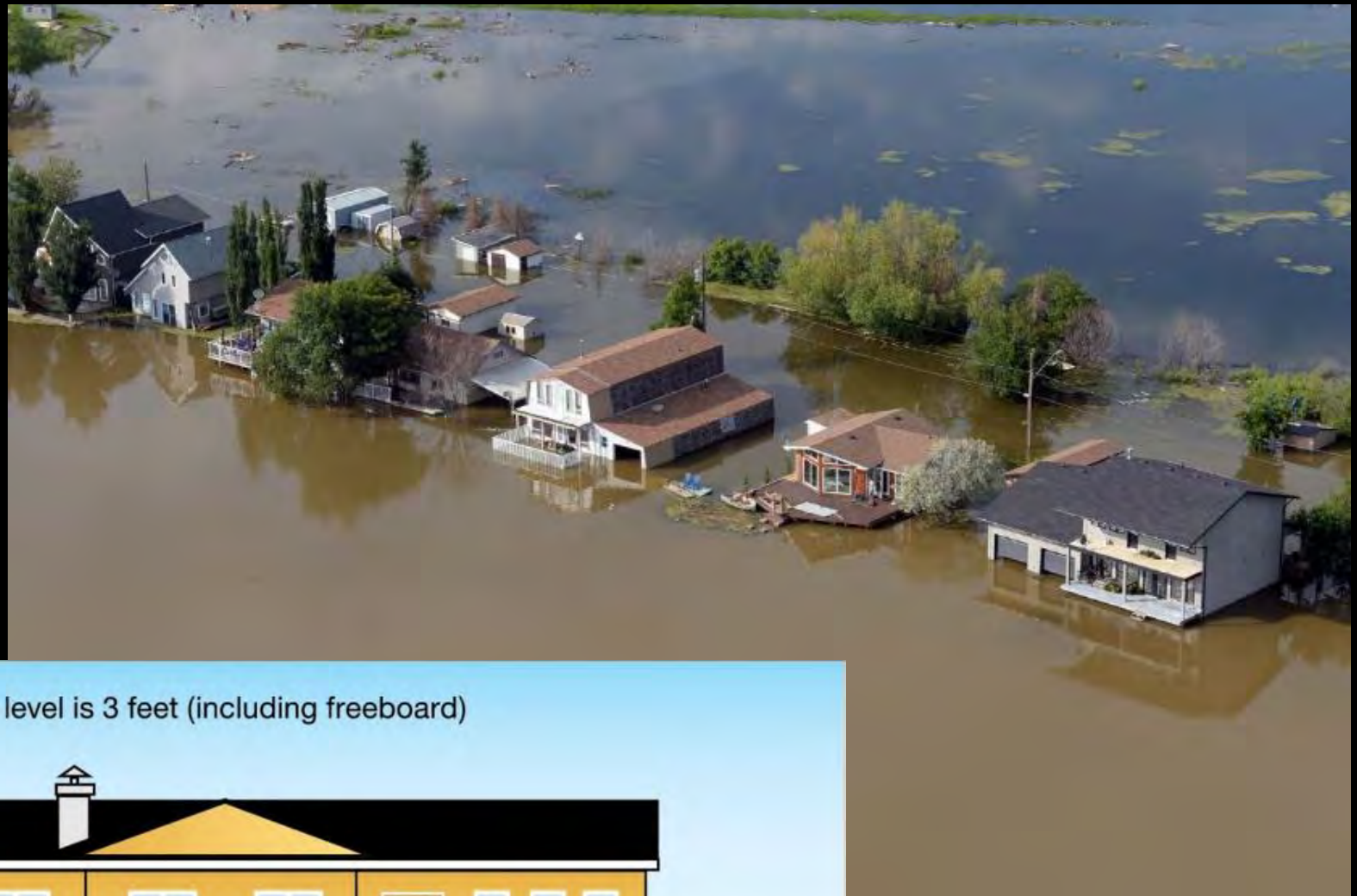






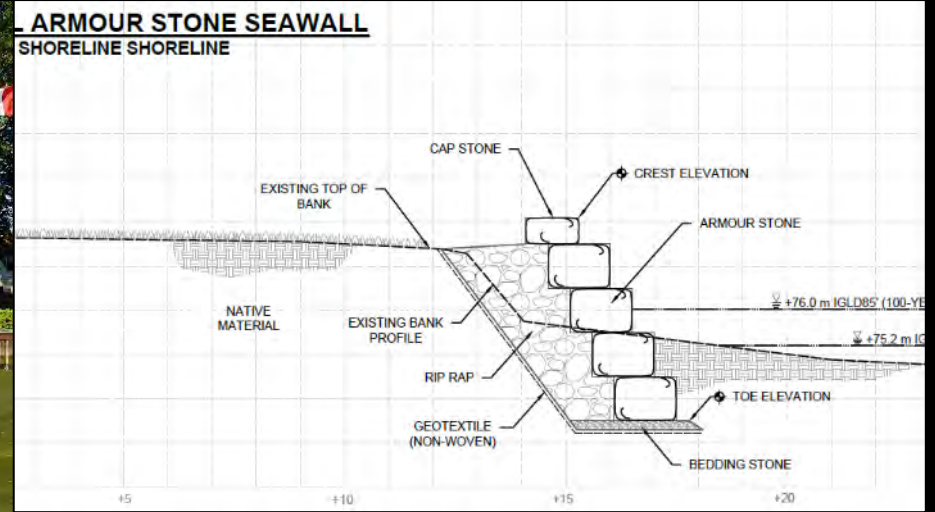
# ACCOMMO -DATE

## Retrofitting Homes





# PROTECT: Traditional Private Property Approach



- Should be “well-engineered”
- Structures should dissipate wave energy and have gradual failure mechanisms
- Monitoring and maintenance required



# QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON THE PRESENTATION







# INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE PARTICIPANTS





## QUESTION #1

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1. What are the most important aspects of the flood risk assessment?



## QUESTION #2

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2. With respect to flooding and erosion hazards, where are the most vulnerable areas in Tecumseh?





## QUESTION #3

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3. What are your priorities when evaluating long-term solutions to flood risks in Tecumseh?

