

Coastal Green Infrastructure Techniques for the Protection of SR 1 Vulnerability Assessment and Demonstration

Field Seminar No. 1

**The Delaware Floodplain: Impacts of Severe Storms on Infrastructure
in a Low Lying State**

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Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) for the Coastal Green Infrastructure Techniques for the Protection of SR 1.

Today's talk focuses on two elements of the project:

- Phase II - Vulnerability Assessment and Opportunity Identification
- Phase VI - Demonstration Project





Project Sponsor:

- DelDOT Project: DelDOT Agreement 1707, Task 23, December 20, 2016
 - P.O.C. - LaTonya Gilliam, P.E., Group Engineer, Environmental Stewardship
 - P.O.C. - Erika A. Furlong, Environmental Planner, Environmental Studies

Project Funding:

- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Strategic Opportunity Fund for Adaptation (SOFA); and
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Green Infrastructure Techniques for Coastal Highway Resilience research project grant.



Early Project Coordination – Coastal Corridor Technical Committee

- **DeIDOT**

- LaTonya Gilliam P.E. - Environmental Stewardship
- Erika Furlong - Environmental Studies

- **DNREC**

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**Strong Winter Storms
(Nor'Easters)**

Bayside flooding of SR 1



(photograph source: DelDOT)



Seaside Dune Access Breach at SR 1 during offshore Hurricane Jose, 2017



Indian River Inlet after Hurricane Sandy



(photograph source: DNREC & DeIDOT)



Phase II - Vulnerability Assessment Purpose & Goals

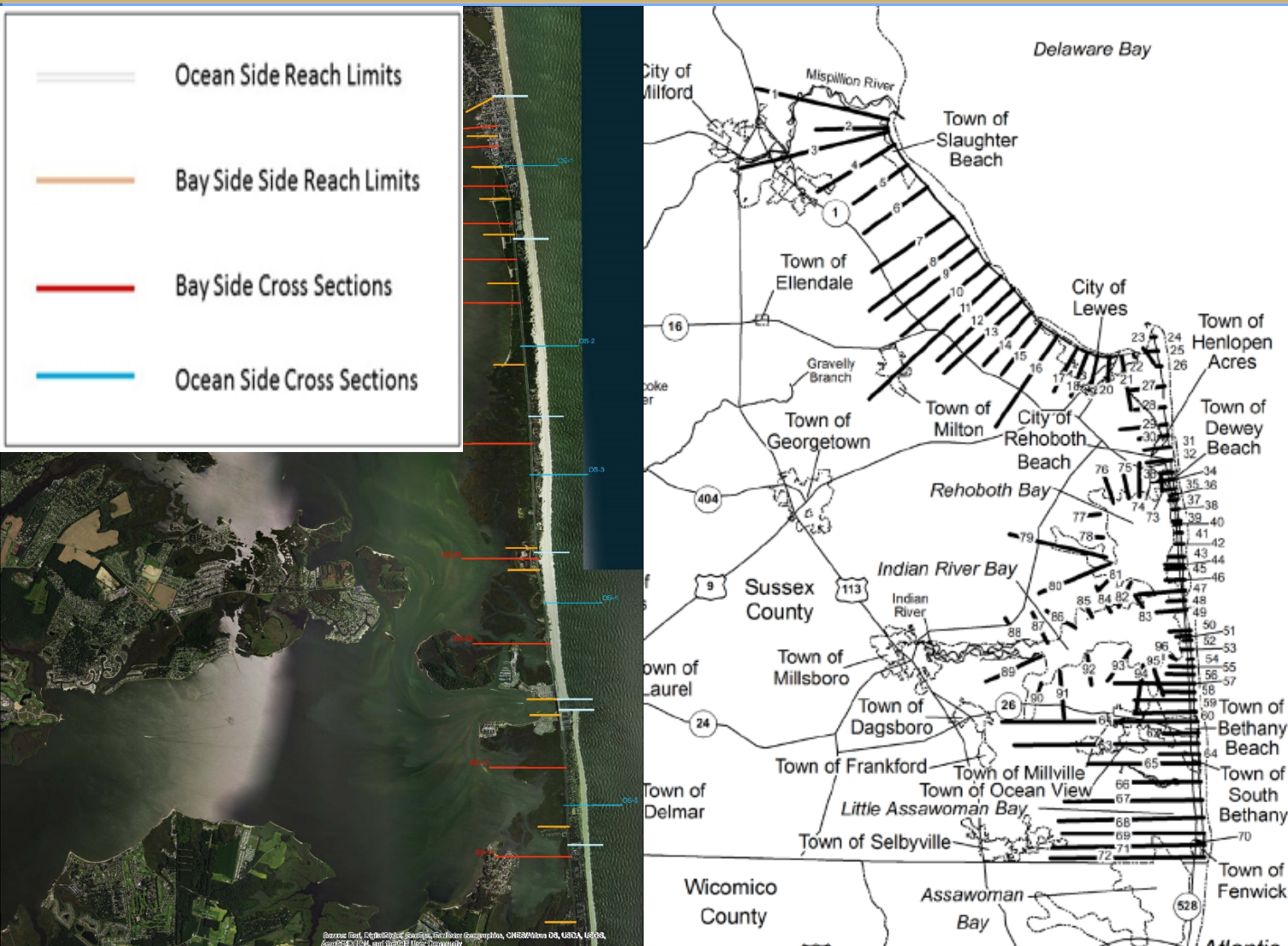
- Identifying vulnerability or resilience to significant and severe flooding conditions;
- Prioritize roadways stretches relative to greatest vulnerability; and
- Provide assessment methods that can be applied to other coastal roadways.



Gather and Review Available Information:

- For General Local Information:
 - Local Historic Aerial Photography;
 - LiDAR Data;
 - Interviews/discussions with DeIDOT, DNREC, and municipality representatives;
 - As-built drawings of roadway; and
 - Readily available stormwater infrastructure plans;
- For Sea Level Rise Information:
 - [NOAA Sea Level Rise Viewer](#); and
 - [State of Delaware SLR Tool](#);
- For Flooding Information:
 - Delaware [Flood Risk Adaptation Map \(FRAM\) online mapper](#) (1%-annual-chance flood event with the addition of 3 feet of SLR);
 - [NOAA Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper](#) (includes mapping information on a coastal flood hazard composite, shallow coastal flooding, FEMA flood zones, storm surge, and SLR; and
 - Flood Insurance Study, Sussex County, Delaware (coastal flooding information, cross section data, and modeling data).





Within each reach limit, starting still water elevations from the closest transect from the SC FEMA-FIS was used in the modeling.

15 Bayside (BS)
8 Ocean Side (OS)





WAVE CREST ELEVATION ESTIMATION

PROJECT:	Vulnerability Analysis and Potential Coastal Green Infrastructure Solutions for Delaware Route 1 Coastal Highway							
LOCATION (Reach Segment):	BS-03							
COORDINATES (cross section end points):	Start Lat	754411.9	Start Long	-248954.5	End Lat	750347.7	End Long	-248955.3
FLOOD SOURCE:	Rehoboth Bay							
Vertical Datum=	NAVD83							
n-year=	10.00							
Still-water Storm Tide Elevation, 5*(ft.)=	3.90							
Fetch (miles)=	4.47							
INITIAL WAVE HEIGHT								
Fetch Factor, F=	0.78							
Eq. (3) Initial Wave Height (ft.), H1=	2.37							
Initial Wave Height n-year (ft.), H1=	0.00							
Initial Wave Height (ft.), H1=	2.37							
BREAKWATER OBSTRUCTION								
Average elevation of elongated barrier (ft.), zb=	0.00							
Average Still-Water Depth (ft.), db=	3.90							
Eq. (2) Breaker Height Upper Limit (ft), Hbb=	3.04							
Eqs. (8,9,10) Transmission Coefficient, Bb=	1.00							
Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hb=	2.37							
Lesser of Eqs (2 and 4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.)=	2.37							
MARSH OBSTRUCTION (Fringe)								
Marsh Ground Elevation (ft.), zm=	0.98							
Marsh Grass Height (ft.) =	3.20							
Marsh Grass Mean Effective Dia. (in.), D=	0.25							
Marsh Grass Mean Horiz. Spacing (in.), b=	2.00							
Marsh Average Width (ft.), w=	62.00							
Mean Depth of Water (ft.), d=	2.92							
Eq. (2) Breaker Height Upper Limit (ft), Hmb=	2.28							
Mean Wetted Height of Marsh Grass (ft.), h=	1.60							
Eq. (11) Transmission Coefficient, Bm=	0.31							
Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hm=	0.74							
Lesser of Eqs (2 and 4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.)=	0.74							
MARSH OBSTRUCTION (Interior)								
Marsh Ground Elevation (ft.), zm=	1.31							
Marsh Grass Height (ft.) =	2.00							
Marsh Grass Mean Effective Dia. (in.), D=	0.20							
Marsh Grass Mean Horiz. Spacing (in.), b=	2.50							
Marsh Average Width (ft.), w=	669.00							
Mean Depth of Water (ft.), d=	2.59							
Eq. (2) Breaker Height Upper Limit (ft), Hmb=	2.02							
Mean Wetted Height of Marsh Grass (ft.), h=	1.00							
Eq. (11) Transmission Coefficient, Bm=	0.2486							
Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hm=	0.1845							
Lesser of Eqs (2 and 4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.)=	0.1845							
DUNE/SLOPED OBSTRUCTION								
Dune Top Elevation (ft.), zd=	4.45							
Average Still-water Depth (ft.), db=	0.00							
Eq. (2) Breaker Height Upper Limit (ft), Hdb=	0.00							
Eqs. (5,6,7) Transmission Coefficient, Bd=	0.00							
Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hd=	0.00							
Lesser of Eqs (2 and 4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.)=	0.00							
Eq. (1) n-year Flood Elevation (ft.)=	3.90							

Input
Default
Calculated

Inputs:

- Project Name
- Reach Segment Name
- Transect Coordinates (Start/Finish)
- Flood Source Name
- n-Year Event
- Initial Stillwater Elevation for n-year event (from FEMA-FIS)
- Longest Fetch Length
- Fetch Factor
- Average Elevation of Elongated Barrier
- Fringe Marsh Platform Elevation
- Fringe Marsh Width
- Interior Marsh Platform Elevation
- Interior Marsh Width
- Dune Top Elevation



Table II-1 - Modeling Summary Page : N Event = 10 Percent Event

Location	Start Lat	Start Long	End Lat	End Long	FEMA Transect Number	Still-water Storm Tide Elevation, S*(ft.) NAVD88	Fetch (miles)	Fetch Direction	Fetch Factor, F	Initial Wave Height (ft) NAVD88 (H1)	S + H1 (ft) NAVD88	Breakwater Top Elevation (ft.), zb NAVD88	Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hb	Marsh Fringe Elevation (ft), zm NAVD88	Marsh Fringe Average Width, w (ft)	Marsh Fringe Plant Height (ft)	Marsh Fringe Plant Width (in)	Marsh Fringe Plant Spacing (in)	Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hm	Marsh Platform Elevation (ft), zm NAVD88	Marsh Platform Average Width, w (ft)	Marsh Platform Plant Height (ft)	Marsh Platform Plant Width (in)	Marsh Platform Plant Spacing (in)	Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hm	Modeled Minimum Marsh Width To Reduce (n) H2 Wave to 0.2ft	Dune Top Elevation (ft), zd NAVD88	Eq. (4) Transmitted Wave Height (ft.), Hd	Eq. (1) n-year Flood Elevation (ft.)
BS-01	753849.31	252138.97	749799.19	251805.38	36.00	3.90	4.83	NNW	0.79	2.41	6.31	2.19	1.33	0.00	0.00	3.20	0.40	2.00	1.33	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	1.33	N/A	3.43	0.37	4.16
BS-02	753935.17	251066.59	749873.35	250938.89	36.00	3.90	4.68	NNW	0.79	2.40	6.30	0.00	2.40	3.20	154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	2.95	301.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.03	106.70	4.45	0.00	3.90
BS-03	754411.86	248954.48	750347.74	248955.27	36.00	3.90	4.47	NW	0.78	2.37	6.27	0.00	2.37	0.98	62.00	3.20	0.40	2.00	0.74	1.31	669.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.18	753.00	4.45	0.00	3.90
BS-04	754665.66	247010.96	750601.23	247011.72	40.00	4.00	4.25	NW	0.77	2.41	6.41	0.00	2.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.41	2.79	677.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.05	165.50	3.20	0.05	4.04
BS-05	754878.38	245109.01	750813.61	245109.75	40.00	4.00	4.15	SW	0.77	2.40	6.40	0.00	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.40	2.46	482.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.11	267.00	1.80	0.11	4.08
BS-06	755081.79	242825.39	751016.68	242826.08	40.00	4.00	4.40	SW	0.78	2.43	6.43	0.00	2.43	1.96	50.00	3.20	0.40	2.00	0.51	2.79	321.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.09	165.50	1.30	0.09	4.06
BS-07	755708.10	235423.25	751641.87	235421.76	44.00	3.90	4.95	SW	0.80	2.42	6.32	0.00	2.42	2.29	160.00	3.20	0.40	2.00	0.12	0.98	3300.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.04	960.00	1.40	0.04	3.93
BS-08	756021.39	229387.91	751954.22	229382.59	44.00	3.90	3.28	SW	0.73	2.23	6.13	0.00	2.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.23	2.95	1120.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.02	106.00	2.75	0.02	3.91
BS-09	756619.77	224916.46	752551.89	224928.42	44.00	3.90	0.45	W	0.42	1.29	5.19	0.00	1.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.29	3.28	175.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.08	64.75	2.25	0.08	3.96
BS-10	757476.14	218400.24	753407.27	218412.36	51.00	4.70	7.30	W	0.86	3.14	7.84	0.00	3.14	1.14	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	1.15	2500.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.11	1450.00	4.45	0.11	4.78
BS-11	757741.57	213723.83	753672.16	213729.36	51.00	4.70	0.90	NW	0.53	1.95	6.65	0.00	1.95	1.14	81.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	1.31	304.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.42	1265.00	4.45	0.20	4.84
BS-12	758594.60	199396.21	754526.71	199393.98	70.00	2.70	0.35	W	0.38	0.81	3.51	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.81	2.62	1991.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.00	6.97	4.45	0.00	2.70
BS-13	759853.16	183537.56	755785.27	183546.25	70.00	2.70	1.38	W	0.60	1.26	3.96	0.00	1.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.26	2.62	613.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.00	7.80	4.45	0.00	2.70
BS-14	760481.17	176662.35	756405.72	176652.02	70.00	2.70	1.95	NW	0.65	1.37	4.07	0.00	1.37	0.98	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.33	550.00	2.00	0.35	2.50	0.15	590.00	4.33	0.00	2.70
BS-15	760648.49	166498.43	756571.96	166535.39	70.00	2.70	0.51	NW	0.44	0.93	3.63	2.46	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	N/A	4.34	0.00	2.70
OS-01	753916.13	250043.59	756993.69	250055.27	37.00	5.90	20.00	E	1.01	4.66	10.56	0.00	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.60	N/A	14.66	0.00	5.90
OS-02	755035.85	240552.35	758114.53	240564.16	42.00	6.00	20.00	E	1.01	4.74	10.74	0.00	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.68	N/A	27.17	0.00	6.00
OS-03	755528.13	233787.02	758607.61	233798.88	45.00	6.20	20.00	E	1.01	4.90	11.10	0.00	4.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.84	N/A	22.87	0.00	6.20
OS-04	757303.24	216414.08	760384.76	216426.14	48.00	6.20	20.00	E	1.01	4.90	11.10	0.00	4.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.84	N/A	12.89	0.00	6.20
OS-05	756241.27	227061.33	759321.54	227073.27	52.00	6.00	20.00	E	1.01	4.74	10.74	0.00	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.68	N/A	15.88	0.00	6.00
OS-06	758018.74	202404.42	761101.91	202416.54	59.00	6.30	20.00	E	1.01	4.98	11.28	0.00	4.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.91	N/A	17.68	0.00	6.30
OS-07	758251.36	196746.83	761335.19	196758.97	61.00	6.50	20.00	E	1.01	5.14	11.64	0.00	5.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.07	N/A	17.13	0.00	6.50
OS-08	759454.52	181201.32	762540.17	181213.60	66.00	6.30	20.00	E	1.01	4.98	11.28	0.00	4.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.91	N/A	21.62	0.00	6.30

Top of Dune Elevation (i.e., low point of SR 1 SB lane within in reach section)

n-Year Flood Elevation

Final Transmitted Wave Height





HT: Storm High Tide

SS: Storm Surge

H1: Initial Wave Height Prior to Contacting a Feature or Limiting Substrate

S: Stillwater Level

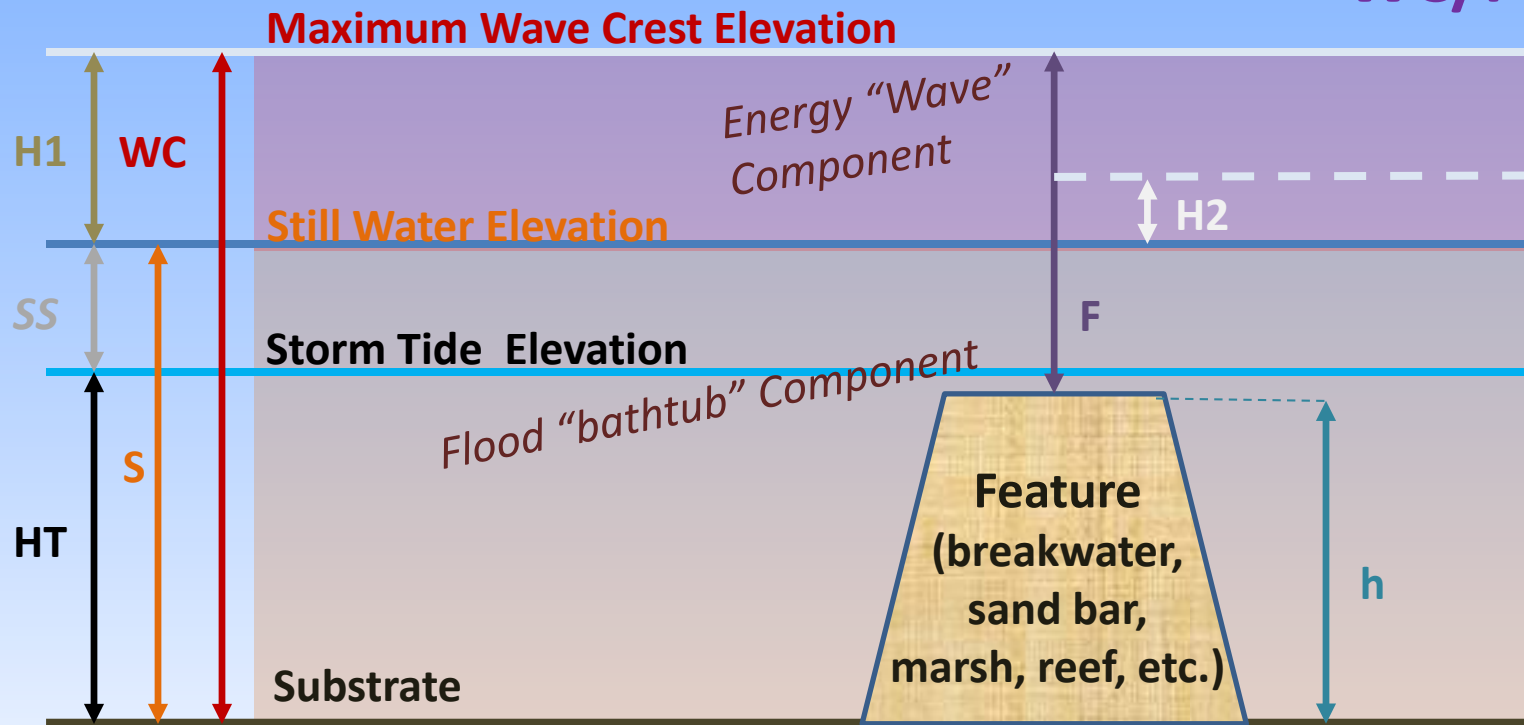
WC: Wave Crest Elevation

F: Freeboard (**WC-h**)

h: Feature Height

H2: Dampened (by Feature) Wave Height

$$WC/F = ER$$

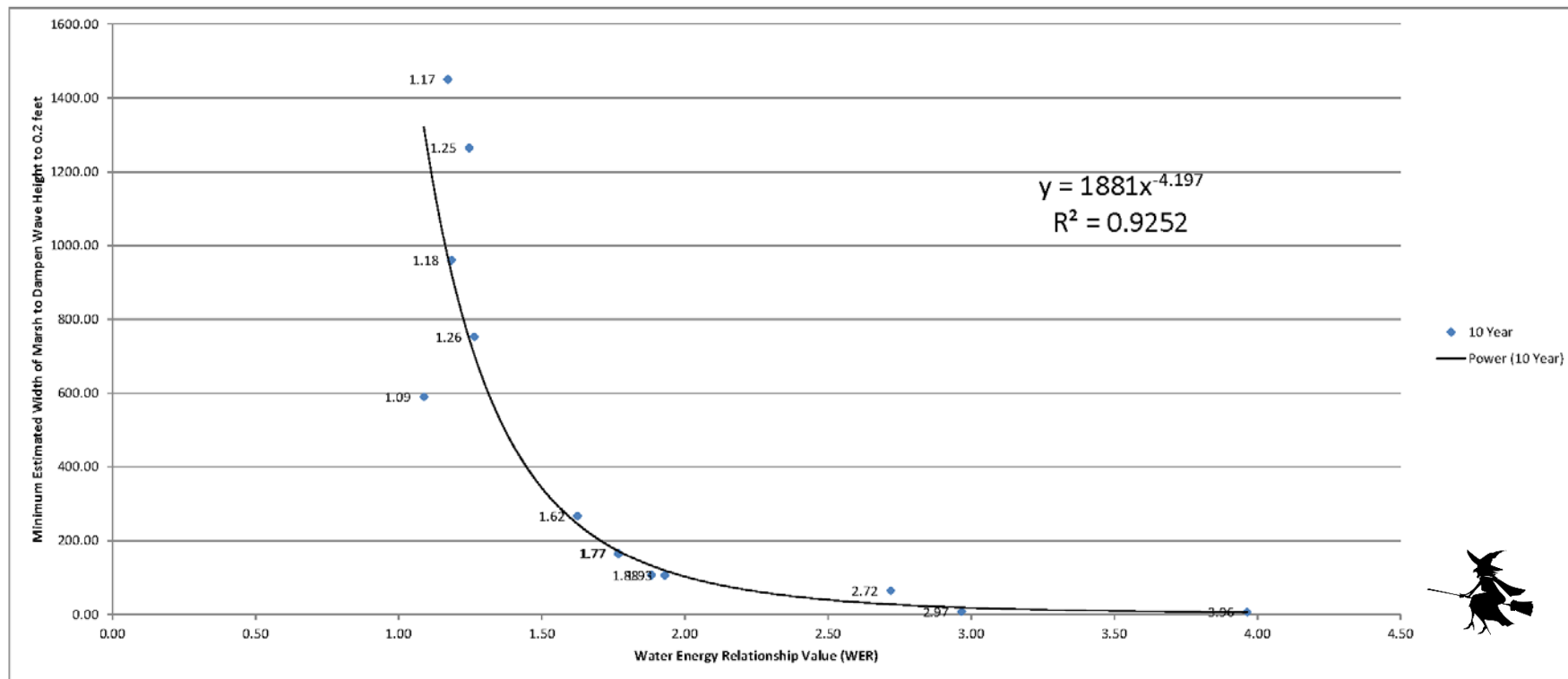


With the exception to certain types of dikes and berms, features can affect only the energy component of the water column of a wave, not the bathtub condition.



N-Event = 10-percent Annual Event

Cross Section	BS-02	BS-03	BS-04	BS-05	BS-06	BS-07	BS-08	BS-09	BS-10	BS-11	BS-12	BS-13	BS-14
Still-water Storm Tide Elevation ft. NAVD88 From FEMA FIS Study (S)	3.90	3.90	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.70	4.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
Initial Wave Height ft. NAVD88 NAS Method (H1)	2.40	2.37	2.41	2.40	2.43	2.42	2.23	1.29	3.14	1.95	0.81	1.26	1.37
Initial Wave Crest Elevation (S+H1 = WC)	6.30	6.27	6.41	6.40	6.43	6.32	6.13	5.19	7.84	6.65	3.51	3.96	4.07
Low Marsh Platform Average Height ft. NAVD88 from LIDAR 2016 (d)	2.95	1.31	2.79	2.46	2.79	0.98	2.95	3.28	1.15	1.31	2.62	2.62	0.33
Freedbord (WC/d = Fb)	3.34	4.96	3.62	3.94	3.64	5.34	3.18	1.91	6.69	5.34	0.89	1.33	3.74
Water Energy Relationship Value (WC/Fb = WER)	1.88	1.26	1.77	1.62	1.77	1.18	1.93	2.72	1.17	1.25	3.96	2.97	1.09
Minimum Estimated Width of Marsh to Dampen Wave Height to 0.2 feet	106.75	753.00	165.50	267.00	165.50	960.00	106.00	64.75	1450.00	1265.00	6.97	7.80	590.00





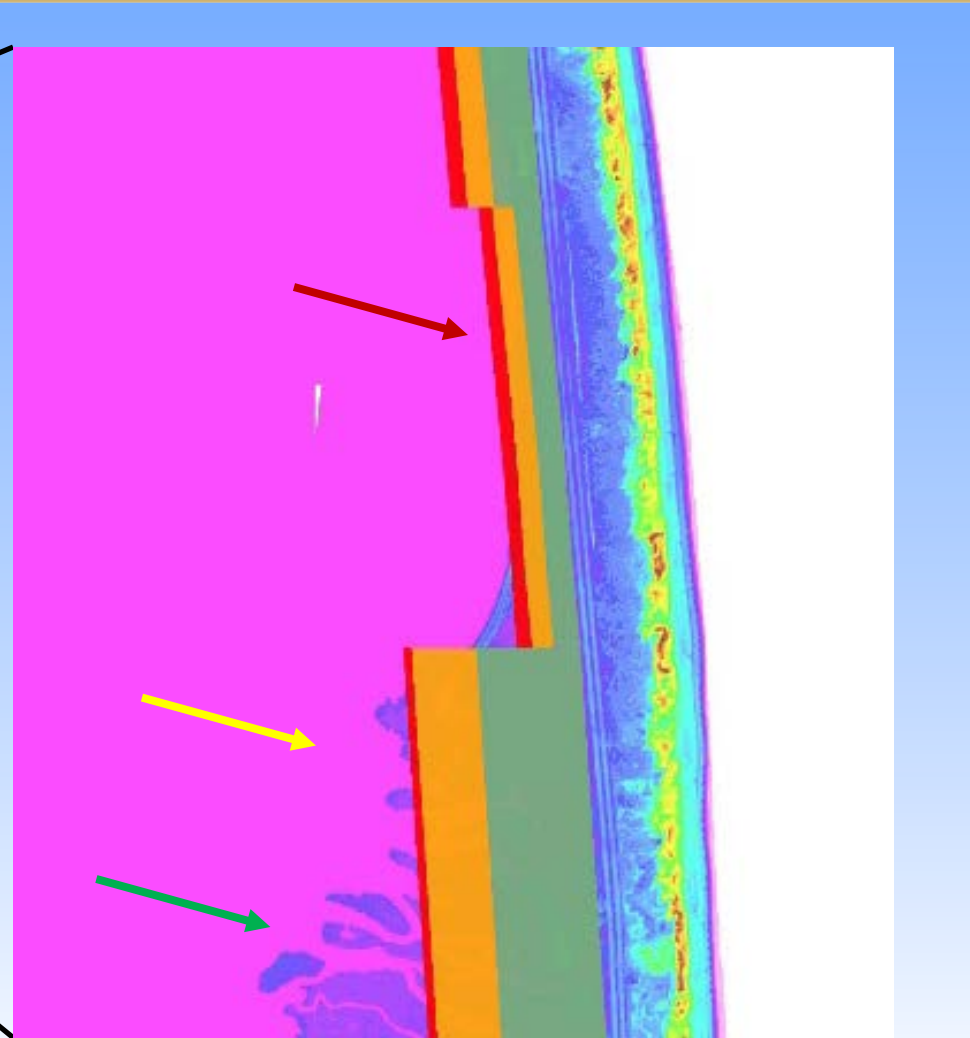
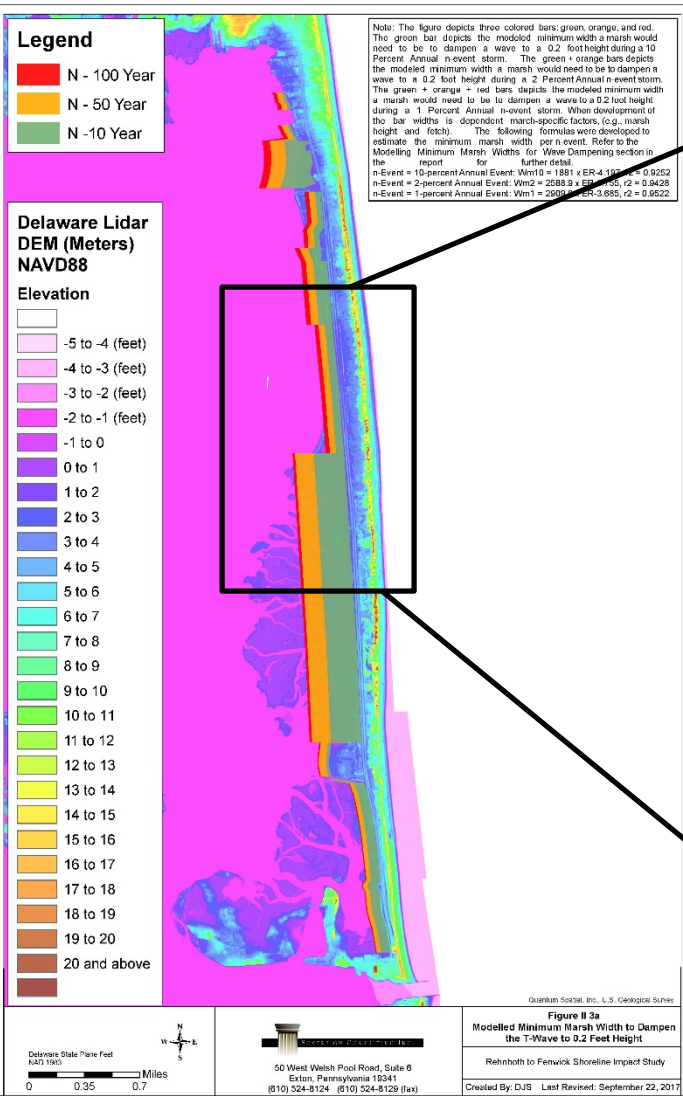
W_m n-Percent Event: Minimum Est. Width to Damp Wave Height to 0.2 ft.

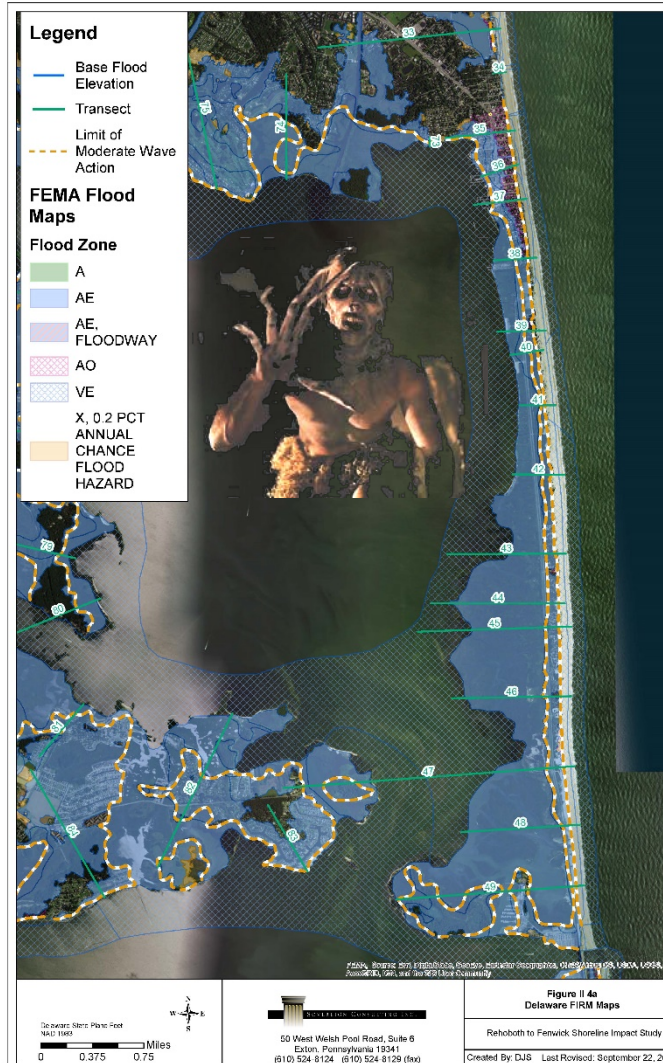
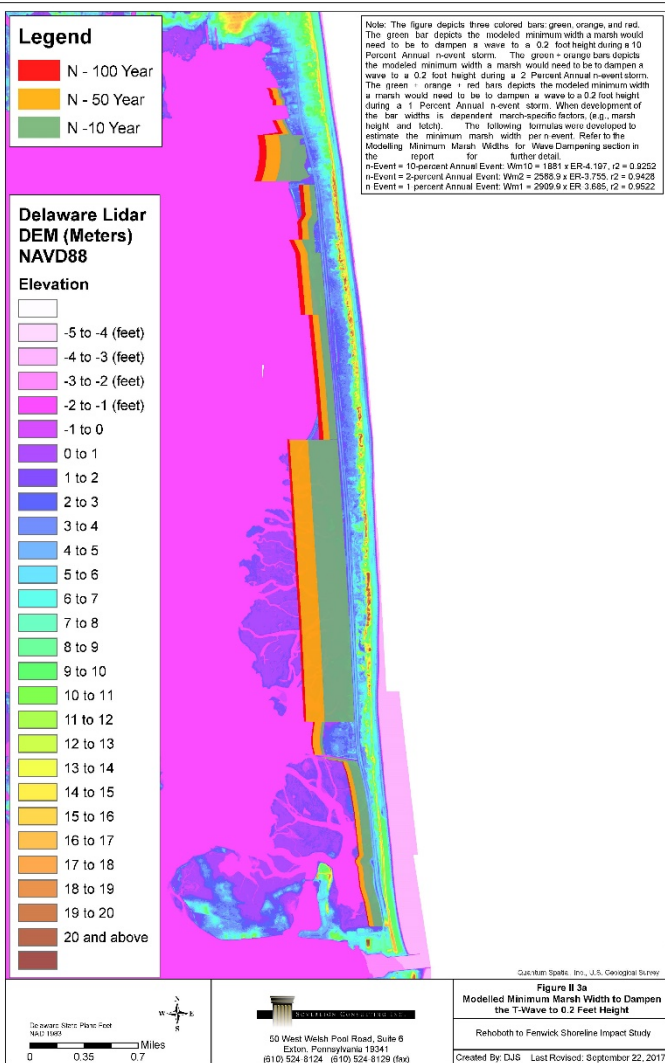
10-percent Annual Event: $W_m^{10} = 1881 \times ER^{-4.197}$, $r^2 = 0.9252$

2-percent Annual Event: $W_m^2 = 2588.9 \times ER^{-3.755}$, $r^2 = 0.9428$

1-percent Annual Event: $W_m^1 = 2909.9 \times ER^{-3.685}$, $r^2 = 0.9522$

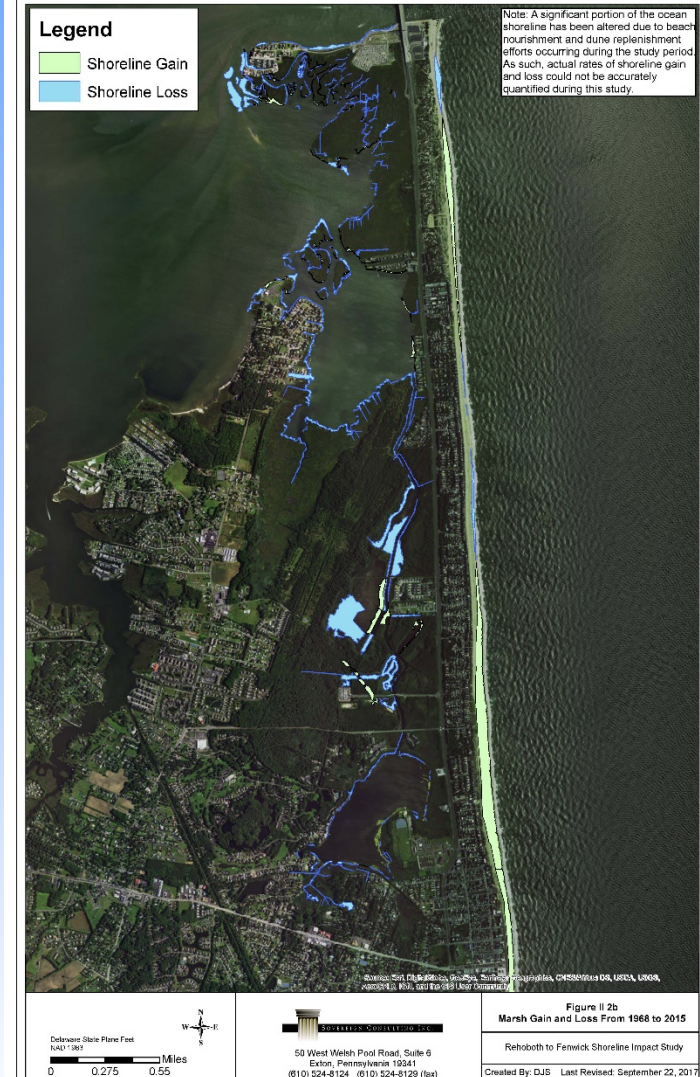
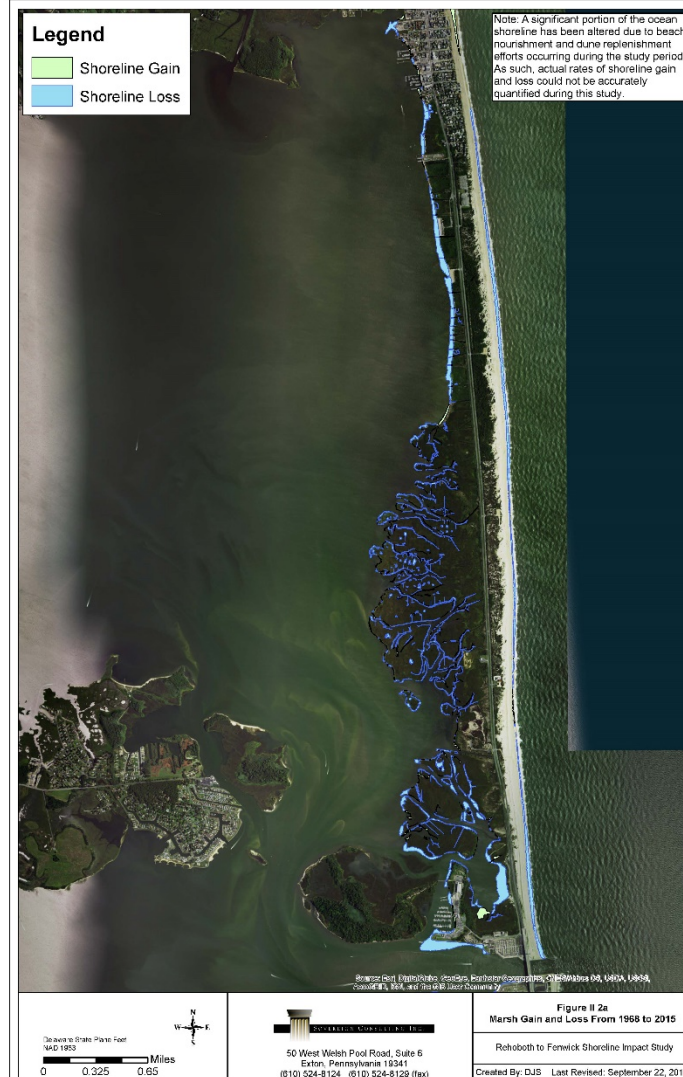
Also developed a method to estimate ideal marsh widths 50 years from now based on marsh loss/gain trends.





FEMA's Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA).

LiMWA: The landward limit where a wave no less than 1.5 feet high can reach during a 1-percent Annual Event.





Vulnerability Summary - Bayside

Table II-10

n-Event	Reaches														
	BS-01	BS-02	BS-03	BS-04	BS-05	BS-06	BS-07	BS-08	BS-09	BS-10	BS-11	BS-12	BS-13	BS-14	BS-15
10-Percent Annual Event															
Flooding	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2
Wave Energy	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Buffer Resilience	4	1	4	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	4	4
Total	10	5	8	6	8	6	6	6	9	6	10	4	4	7	7
2-Percent Annual Event															
Flooding	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
Wave Energy	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2
Buffer Resilience	4	1	4	1	4	4	1	1	4	2	4	1	1	4	4
Total	11	6	10	6	10	10	6	6	10	7	11	5	5	9	9
1-Percent Annual Event															
Flooding	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Wave Energy	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2
Buffer Resilience	4	3	4	2	4	4	1	1	4	2	4	1	3	4	4
Total	11	8	10	7	10	10	6	6	10	7	11	6	8	10	10
Grand Total	32	19	28	19	28	26	18	18	29	20	32	15	17	26	26



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Read Avenue Hybrid Retrofit: Enhancement of Stormwater Drain Outfall and Living Shoreline

Town of Dewey Beach



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Monigle Park was constructed in 2008 to protect shoreline from erosion.





Project Background

- Site located at west end of Read Avenue in Monigle Park
- Awarded Delaware Water Infrastructure Advisory Council (DWIC) Community Water Quality Improvement Grant
- Goals of project include:
 - stabilize shoreline
 - reducing flooding
 - improving water quality





Funding Summary

CWQI Grants = \$75,000

Dewey Beach Match = \$35,000

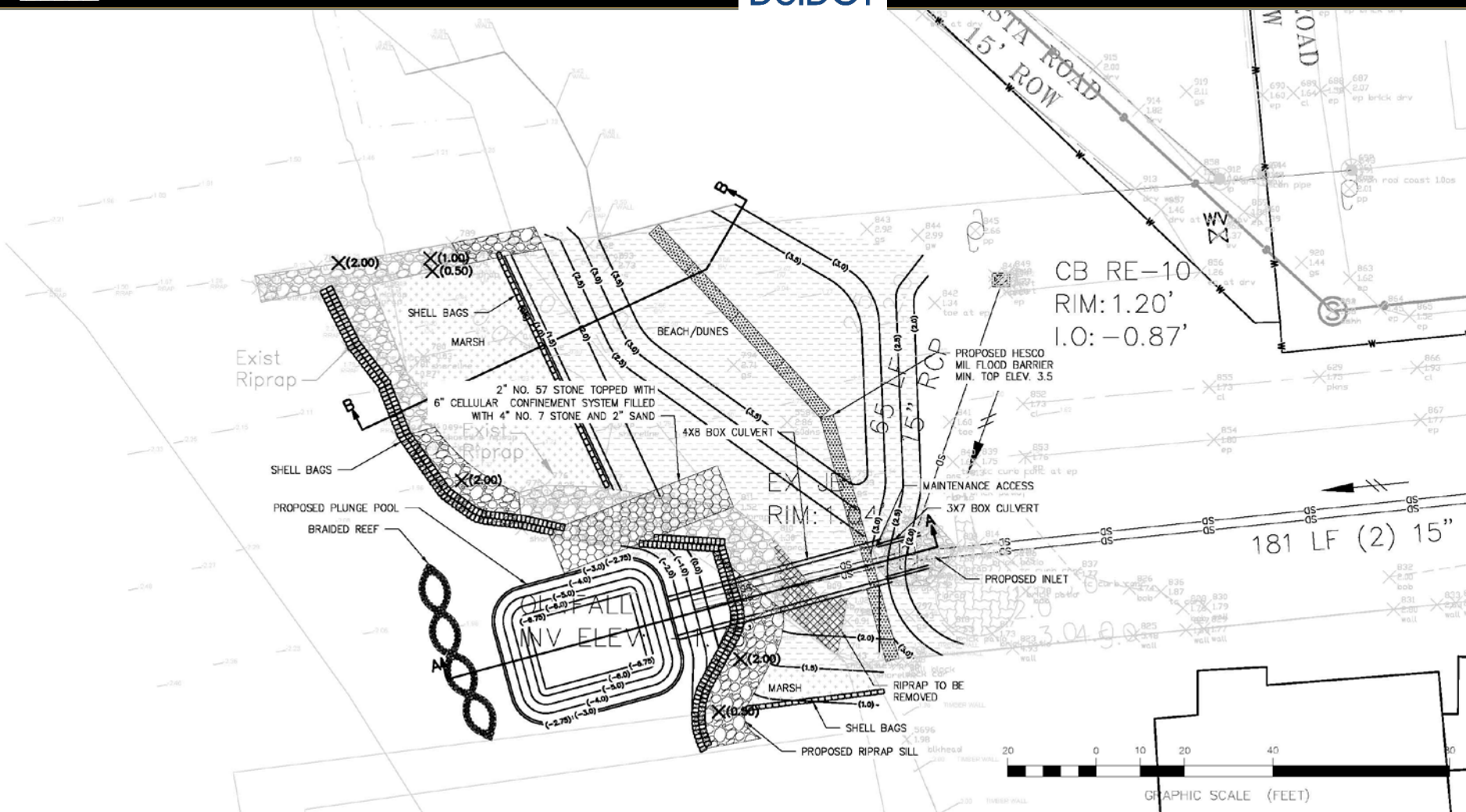
DeIDOT Match = \$60,000

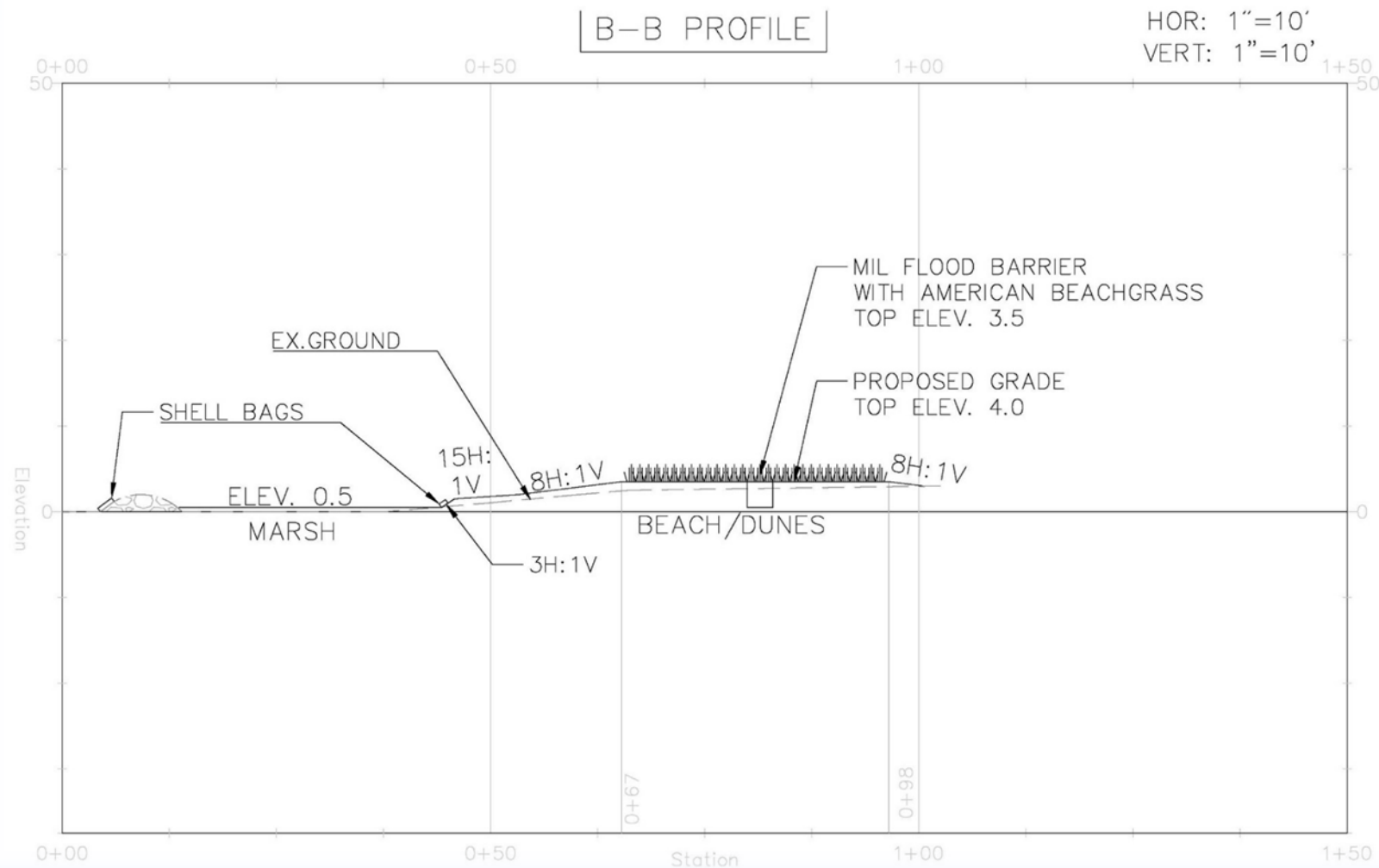
Center for Inland Bays In-kind = \$3,209

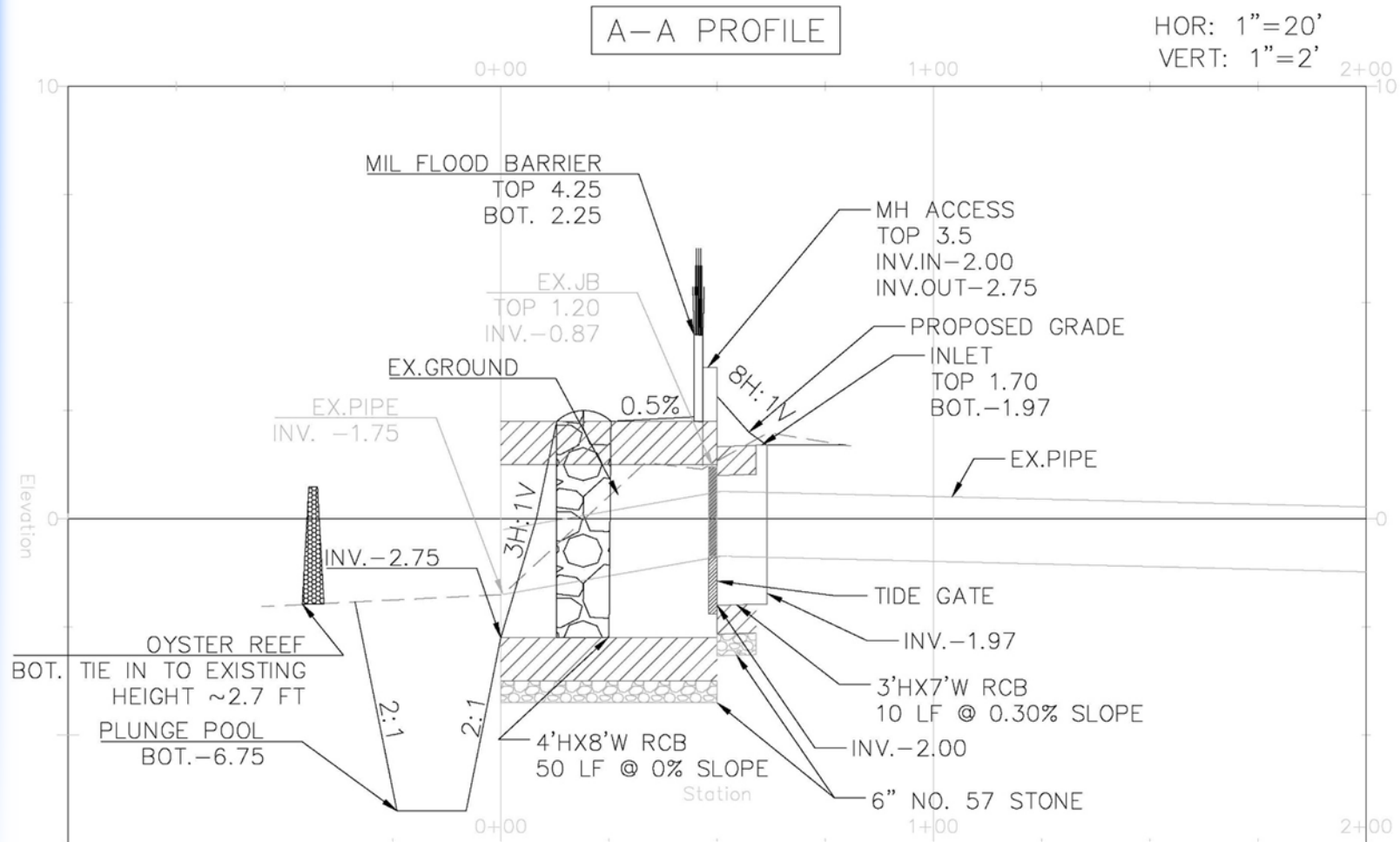
Total = \$173,209

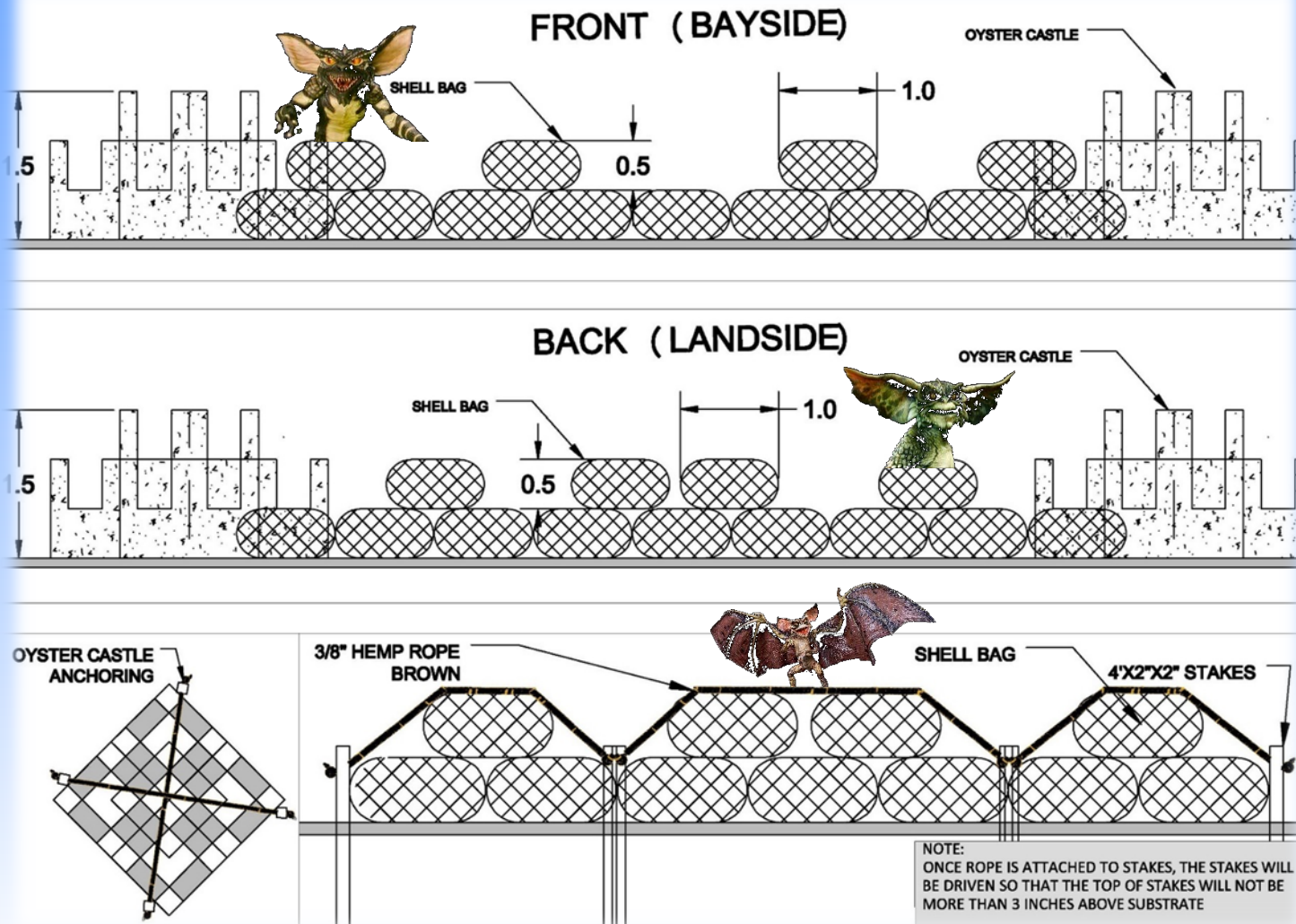


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