

Resiliency Innovations: Science, Tools, and Projects

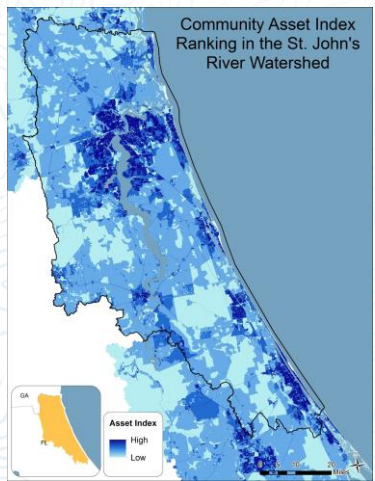
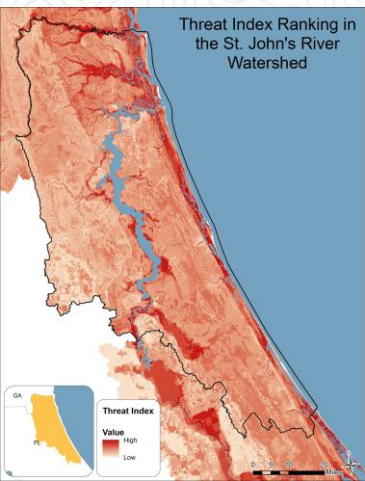
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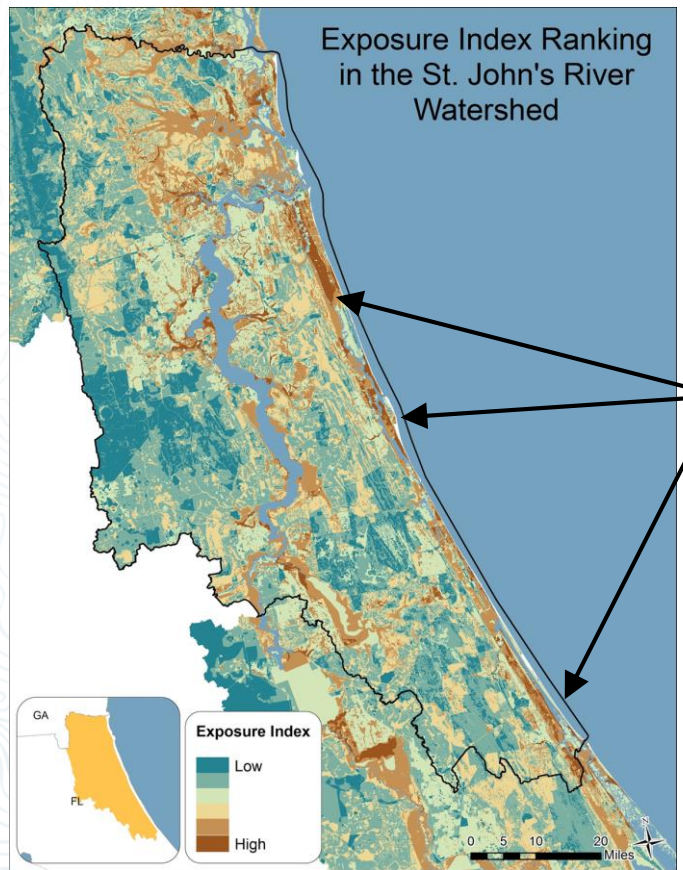


Coastal Resiliency Assessment



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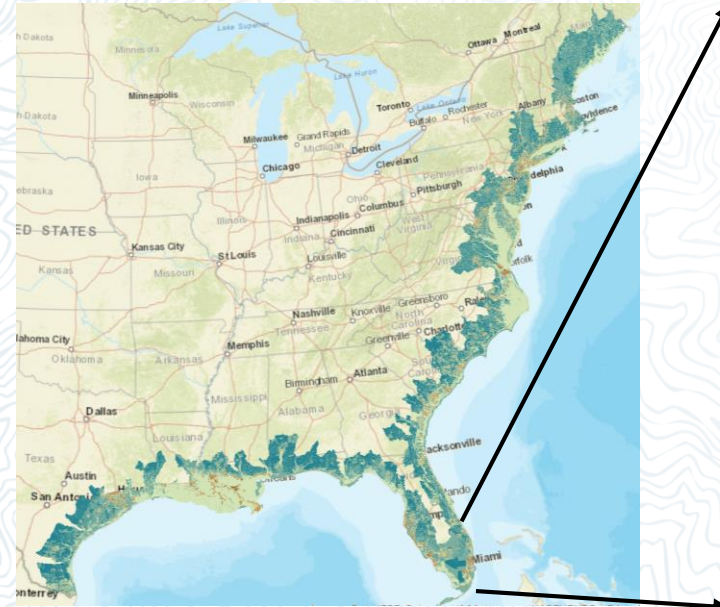
Threat Index Ranking

	1 - Low	2 - Med	3 - High
3 - High	3	6	9
2 - Med	2	4	6
1 - Low	1	2	3

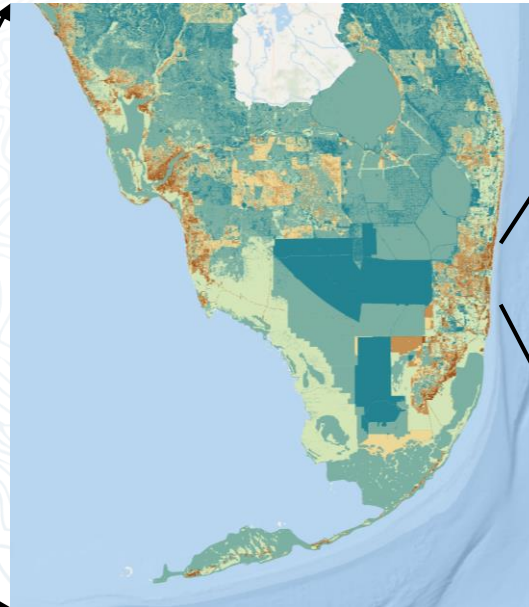
Helps communities understand where the most people and assets are exposed

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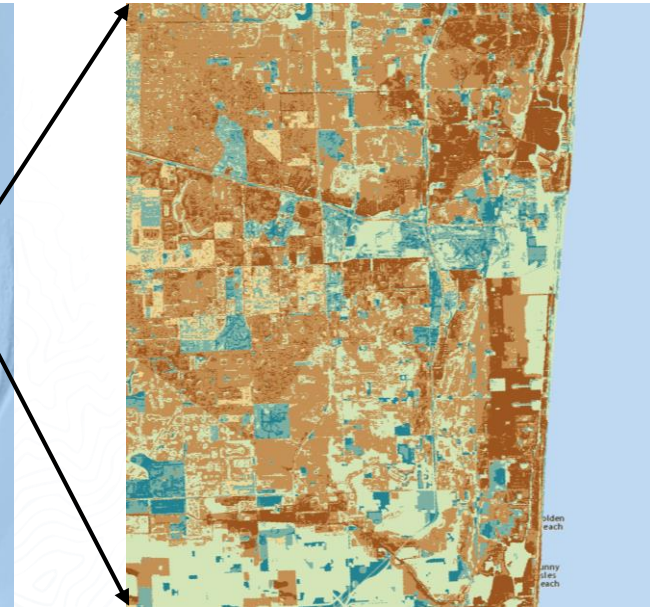
Scalable



East and Gulf Coasts



South Florida



Greater Ft. Lauderdale

U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit

Information and tools to help you understand and address your climate risks



<https://toolkit.climate.gov/>

Steps to Resilience:



Step 1: Explore Climate Threats



Did you know?



Step 2: Assess Vulnerability & Risks



Why should I care?

Step 3: Investigate Options

Step 4: Prioritize Actions

Step 5: Take Action



What can we do about it?

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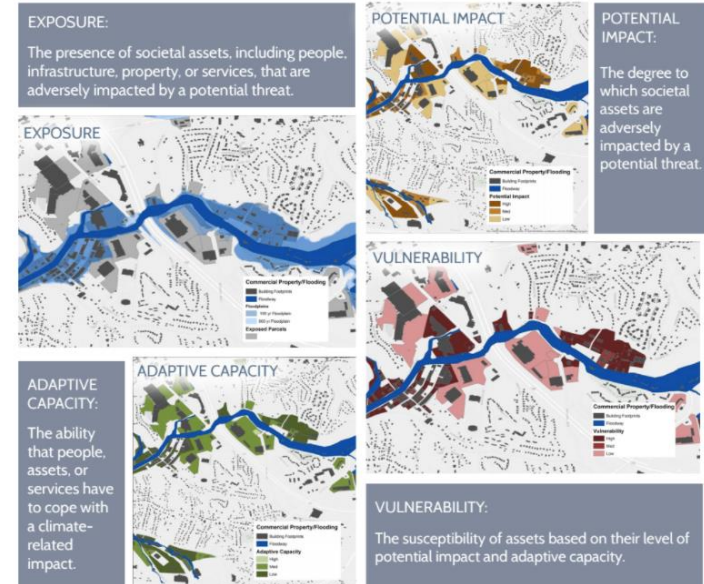


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Benjamin Lowy for The New York Times

Making sense of a complex system using a risk-based process to build resilience



Develop plans with options that are actionable and prioritized

Continually Assess

AccelAdapt | City of Asheville

Commercial Property/Flooding

Commercial properties exposed to flooding can be affected by inundation of flood waters, leading to structural loss or damage and also resulting in loss of property and economic revenue. One of the greatest impacts in the floods of 2024 was from business interruption. Properties that are business-related with older structures in the floodplain (without baseflood elevation) and that have not implemented flood proofing measures are most vulnerable. Properties with structures in the floodway and 100-year floodplain have a higher risk than those in the 500-year floodplain. A relatively large proportion of commercial properties exposed to flooding (73%) have high vulnerability and risk. Commercial properties that are most vulnerable and at-risk are found along the major Swannanoa and French Broad river corridors (Biltmore Village and the River Arts District), but are also found in North Asheville just north of Beaver Lake.



View

Residential Property/Flooding

Residential properties have a relatively small proportion exposed citywide (3.7%), but have among the highest total number of properties that are exposed and that have high vulnerability and risk. Areas with high vulnerability and risk for flooding are found around the city, mostly due to the potential for flooding along smaller streams and tributaries that eventually feed into the Swannanoa and French Broad Rivers. Some of these areas are in East Asheville (New Creek), North Asheville (Beaverdam Creek), West Asheville (Hornity Creek), and South Asheville (Swasten Creek). A few of these areas with high vulnerability and risk are also areas with relatively low household income.



View

Residential Property/Landslides

Residential properties were assessed based on the type of residence (e.g., multiple residence, manufactured, or single-residence). Multiple-residence, apartment, manufactured, and mobile home park properties in debris flow pathways that were built without meeting current steep slope development requirements are most vulnerable. Properties with structures in debris flow pathways with a higher probability of instability have higher risk.



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Critical Infrastructure/Landslides

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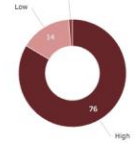


City of Asheville, State of North Carolina DOT, Esri, HERE, DeLorme, INCREMENT P, LISGS, NPS, EPA, US Census Bureau, USDA

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Analytics Commentary Interpretation

Proportion of Vulnerability Levels



Key stats

Total parcels	134
Exposed parcels	91 (67.91%)
Total property value exposed	\$67,149,900
Total property value at high risk	\$24,516,800

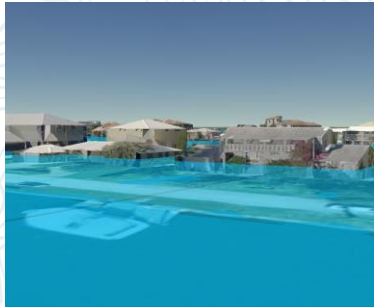
Areas most affected

Neighborhood	High risk parcels
Biltmore Village	77
Sayles Village	42
Woodfin	30
Beverly Hills	30
Victoria	26

3D GIS Visualization



1ft Sea-level Rise



5ft Sea-level Rise



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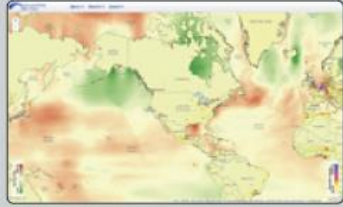
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REAL-TIME FLOOD MAP

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Sea-level-rise & vertical land movement for cities

Visualisation of location specific variations in sea level rise



Urban Heat Risk Explorer

Heat islands, surface perviousness, tree canopies as heat maps for 6 US city-regions



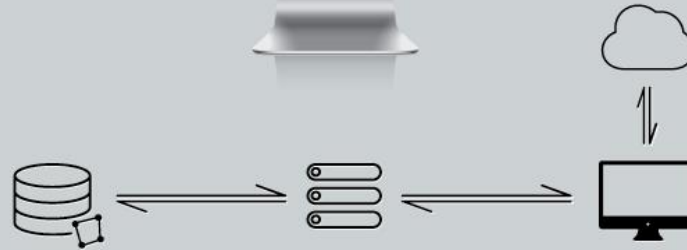
Modelling community erosion from climate change

Effects of land-use, mitigation strategies on soil erosion alongwith future climate uncertainty



Coastal resilience

Exploration, simulation & projective modelling toolkit



PostGIS, pgSQL RDB; suitable for storing geometric datasets & conducting geospatial operations

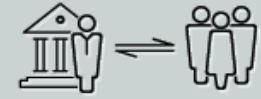
Node server for concurrent requests; asynchronous data handling & back-end analysis

Cross-platform, cloud mapping service; allowing visualization of vector map layers & front-end analysis

Existing online tools

Usage modules

1



Awareness, communication & education tools

- Trigger a dialogue about the dynamic hydrological conditions & increased vulnerability due to climate change, sea-level rise

2



Planning & inter-agency coordination tools

- Preparedness, mitigation and resilient urbanisation efforts
- Analysis & scenario modelling

3



Actionable insights for developers & individuals

- Flexible codes & standards
- Repository for projects & interventions

Map

2D 3D

Base map style: Streets light

Layers

- Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Hydrometeorological risks
- City Data
- Physical Infrastructure
- Realtime water monitoring

Neighborhood query

Parcel query

Landuse code equals 001

Soil type equals Any

Storm surge in category is NOT NULL

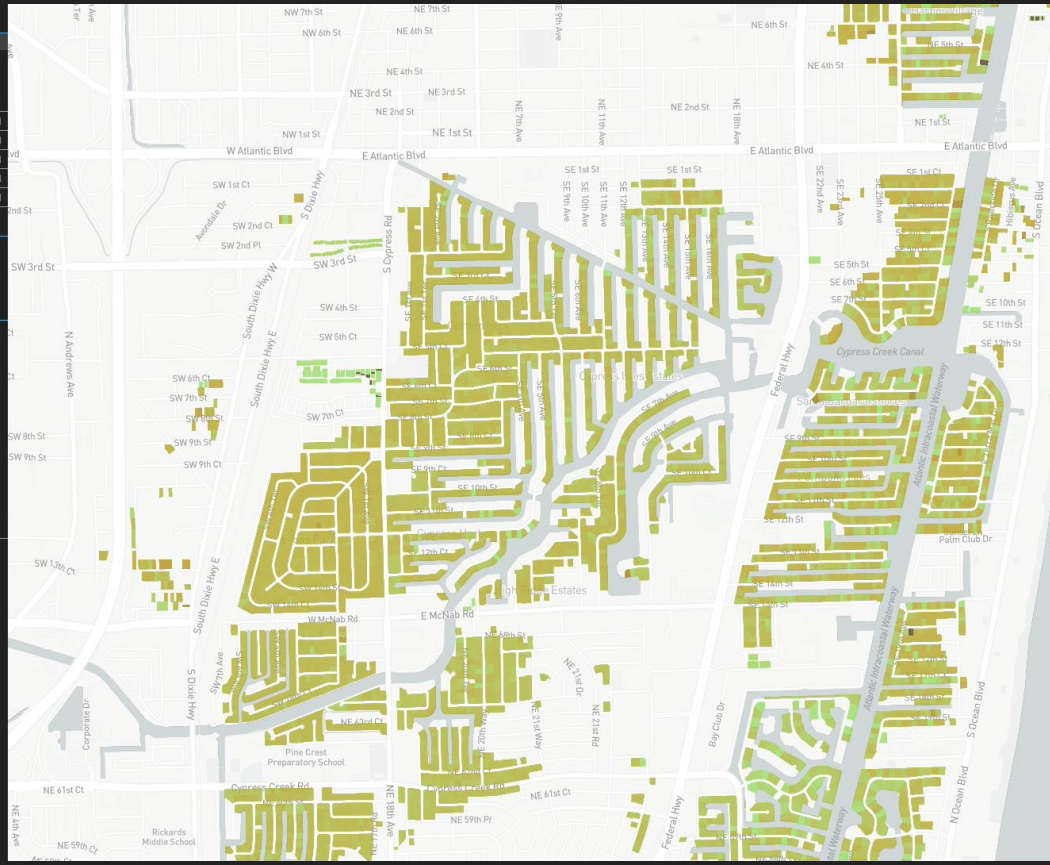
Water storage potential (projected, 2060) equals Any

Flood hazard zone equals Any

Landuse description

- Soil type
- Storm surge vulnerability
- Projected water storage potential
- Flood hazard zones
- Effective year built

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Map

2D

3D

flux map Broward

Planning for uncertainty
Preparedness, mitigation & resilience

TOOLS

MAP CONFIG

ABOUT

LAYERS

- > Special Flood Hazard Areas
- > Hydrometeorological risks
- > Infrastructure
- > Other
- > Storm Surge
- > City data
- > Realtime

Layer Info

Style layer

Layer : 3D buildings with Landuse

Style : Landuse description

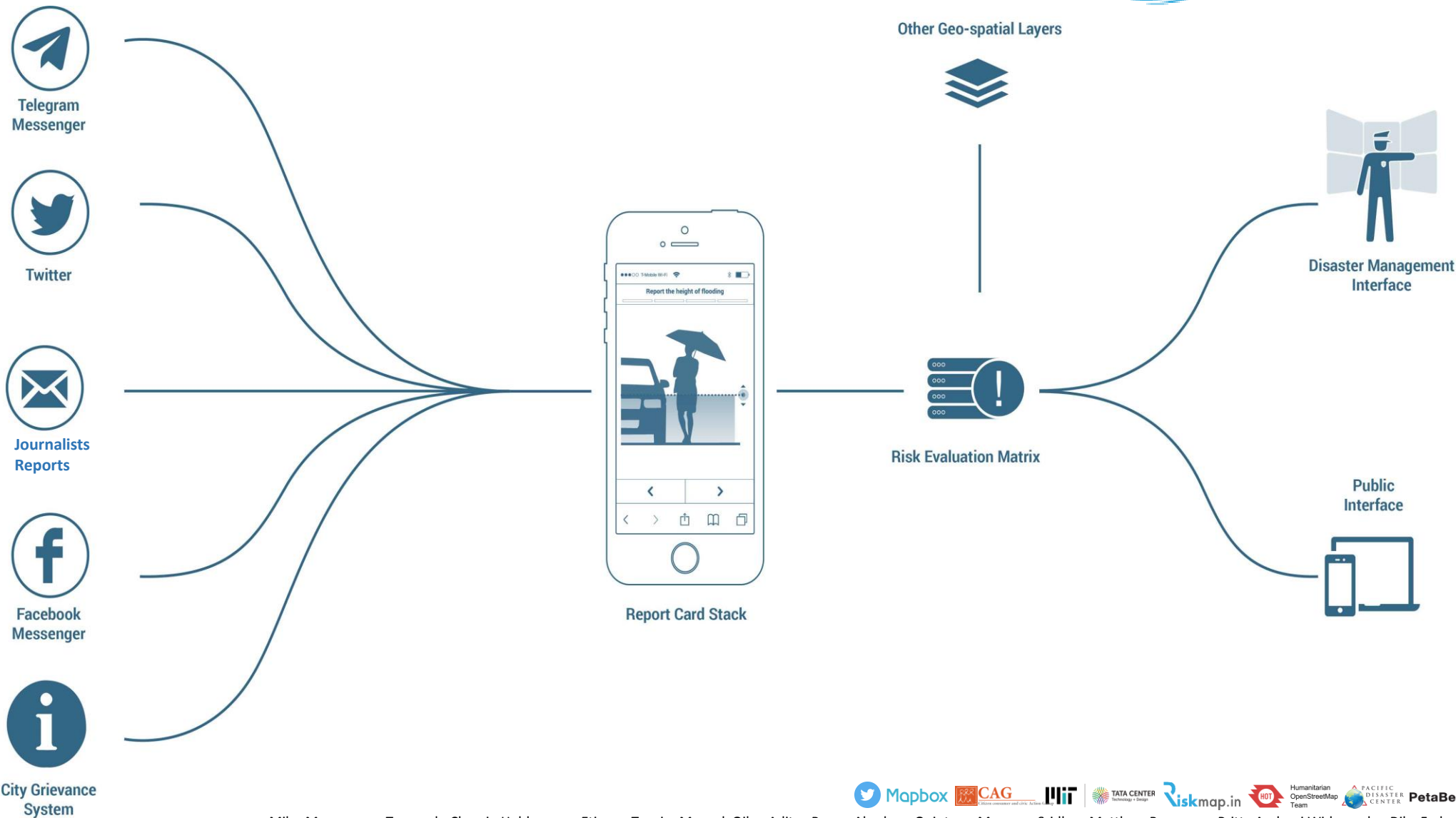
Change style



Cataloging of architecture, landscape and infrastructure project proposals for mitigation & resilience.
Controls and standards emerging from dynamic process-driven ecological paradigms permit diversity and incentivize flexibility.

WAREHOUSES, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS
Landuse Code : 048
Effective year built : 1978
Status : Existing

Real-time Flood Reporting and Mapping Platform



REAL-TIME WATER LEVELS

my.sfwmd.gov

Report generation started at 07/26/2017 06:30:13
 Data for this report was last updated on 07/26/2017 06:24:25
 NOTE: The values shown below are displayed in Eastern Standard Time (EST)

REALTIME HOME PAGE -> FORT LAUDERDALE

Click on a record below to view detailed Data.

db link is to DBHYDRO information
 JN/SITE locations can be a Junction (JN) or Site
 Hydraulic Element Set (HES) name suffix designate the control types of -C (Culvert), -P (Pump), -L (Lock), -S (Spillway), or -F (Flashboard).
 Upstream, Downstream, and Flow data are in black color if the value is recorded in last one hour. Purple if between 1 and 24 hours. Brown if more than 24 hours old.

Flow - (cfs) Stage - (Feet, NGVD)

db	WCS	JN/SITE	Plot	HES	UPSTREAM	DOWNSTREAM	Flow	STATE	1	2	3
↕	G204	G204_S_6		G204-C	11.12	10.58	0	No Weir Flow	11.65	11.64	11.92
					12.21	10.92	5	6 Weirs Bays @12.09ft	12.06	12.07	12.12
					12.42	10.57	7	Unavailable	12.20	12.20	12.20
↕	G371		G371-S	9.89	10.18	0	All Gates Closed	.01	.02		
				3.69	1.48	317	1 Gate Open @2.63ft	.01	2.63	.01	
↕	G54		G54-S	7.81	-.44	146	1 Gate Open @0.5ft	-.01	.50	.00	
↕	G56		G56-S	4.46	-.46	0	1 Gate Open @0.24ft	.24	.02		
↕	G57		G57-S	12.90	12.00	Unavailable	All Gates Closed	.00			
↕	G64		G64-C	6.13	4.49	12	1 Gate open @0.49ft	.49			
↕	G65		G65-C	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	NA				
↕	G87		G87-C	5.53	3.47	Unavailable	All Pumps Off	0	0	0	
↕	LHPS		LHPS-P	13.00	11.85	959	4 Gates Open @1.5ft	1.50	1.50	1.50	
↕	S11A	S11A-S		13.03	11.88	640	4 Gates Open @1ft	1.00	1.00	1.00	
				13.08	11.82	0	All Gates Closed	.00	.00	.00	
				3.94	4.30	0	Unavailable	.00	.00	.02	
↕	S124_S125	S124-C		3.75	3.98	0	All Gates Closed	-.01			
				1.40	.81	197	All Pumps Off	0	0	0	
				1.40	.81	0	1 Gate Open @5.49ft	5.49			



https://riskmap.us/map/broward

Will you allow riskmap.us to access your location?
 Learn more...
 Remember this decision

Don't Allow **Allow Location Access**

Info

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RiskMap.us harnesses the power of social media to gather, sort, and display information about flooding in real time.

RiskMap.us is a project initiated by the Urban Risk Lab at MIT as a free, transparent platform for public reporting and disaster management in cities around the world.

The platform asks the public to report through their preferred social media interface. It then gathers, sorts, and visualizes the data using CogniCity Open Source Software - an enterprise-level platform for emergency response and disaster management.

This framework creates a real-time map which is immediately made available for residents, communities, and government agencies, reducing risk together

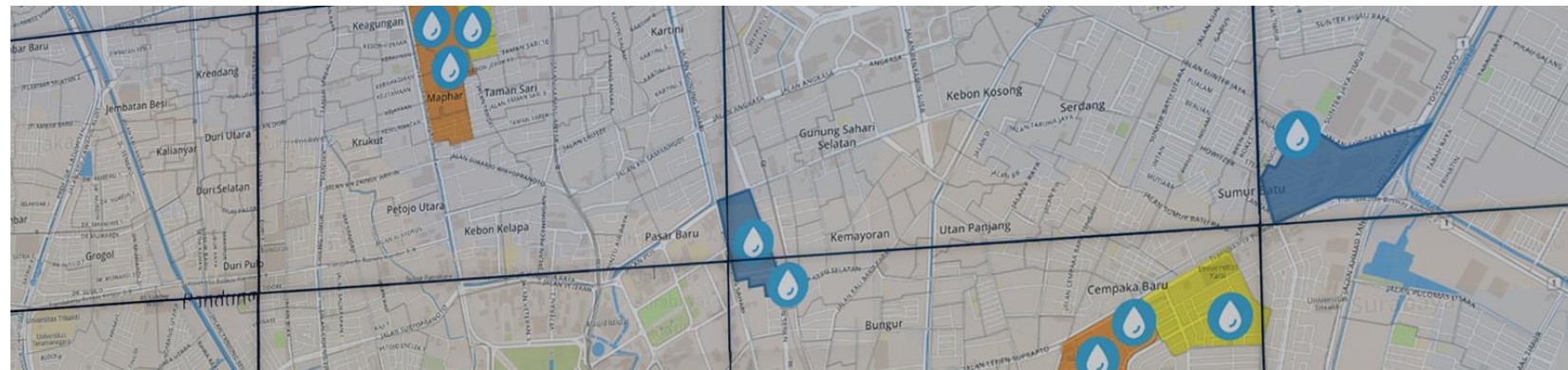
NOTE: For any emergency situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance, please call 911

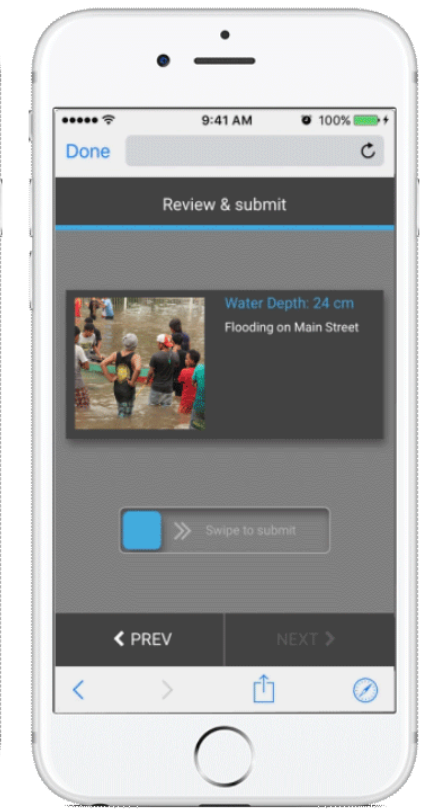
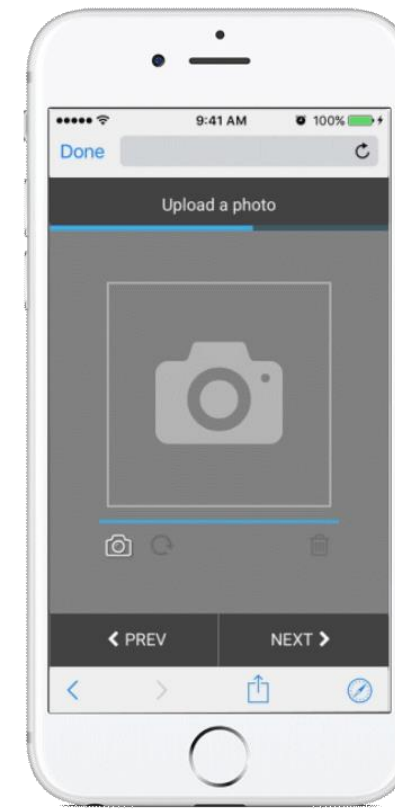
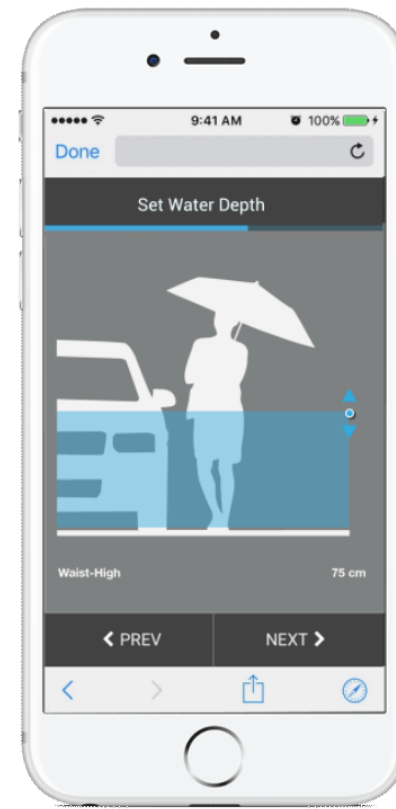
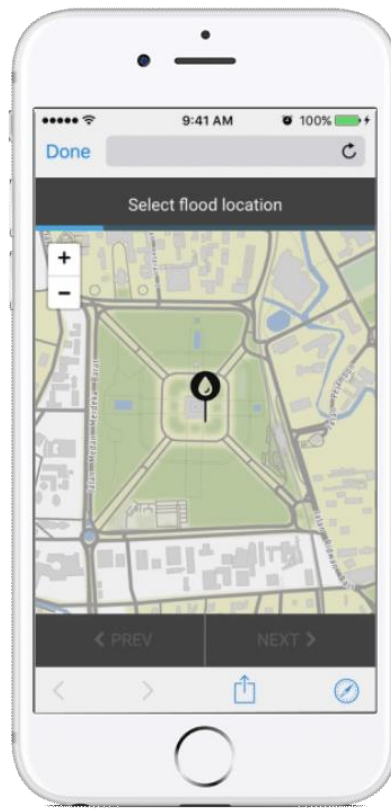
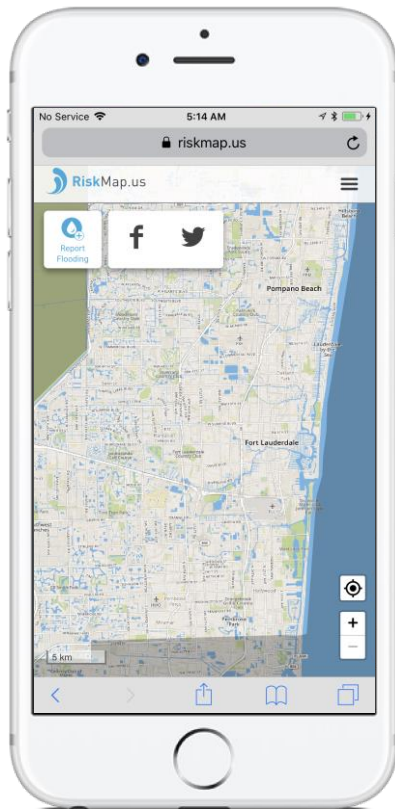
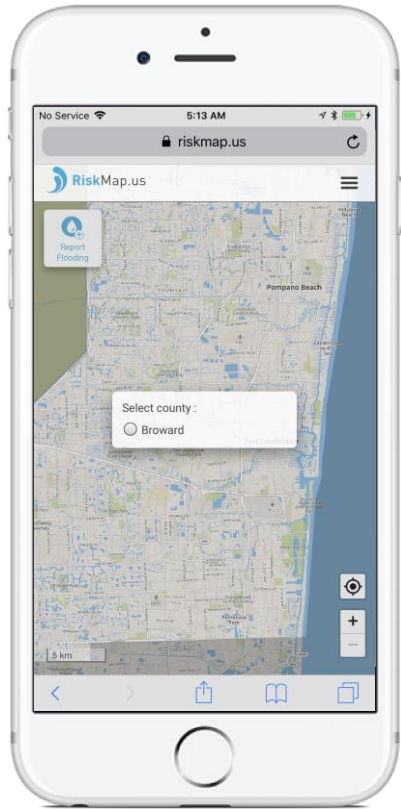
Implementing partner

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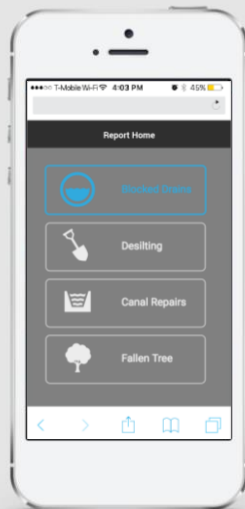
Data partners

Mapbox

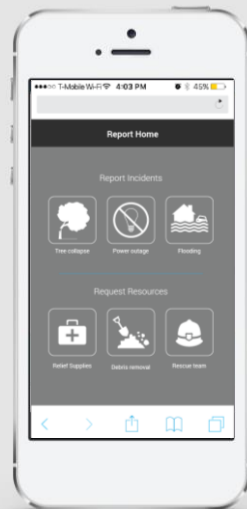




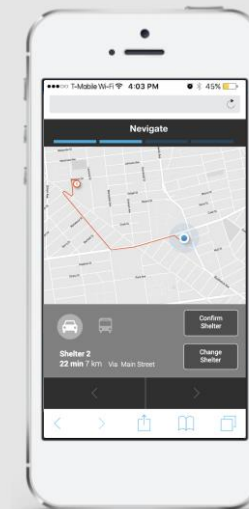
PRE Hurricane Preparedness Cards



Real-Time Reporting Cards



Shelter navigation and way finding, types of evacuation centers, capacity of evacuation centers



Post Disaster Assessment Cards



BROWARD'S \$15BN QUESTION

USING RESILIENCE ANALYTICS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE FLOODING

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...BUT SOME ARE USEFUL.

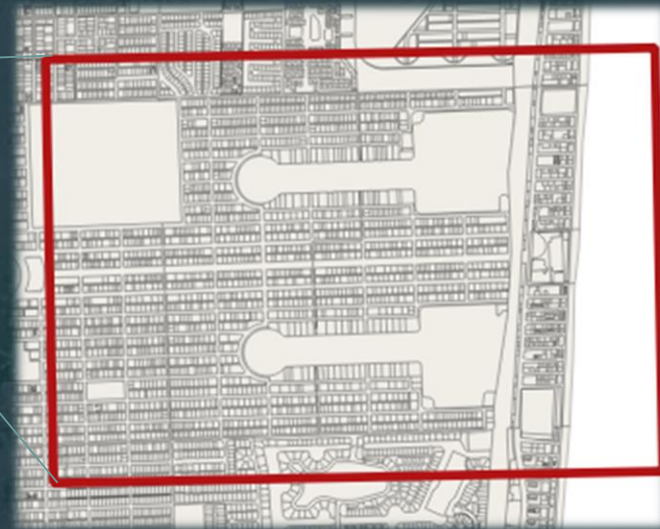
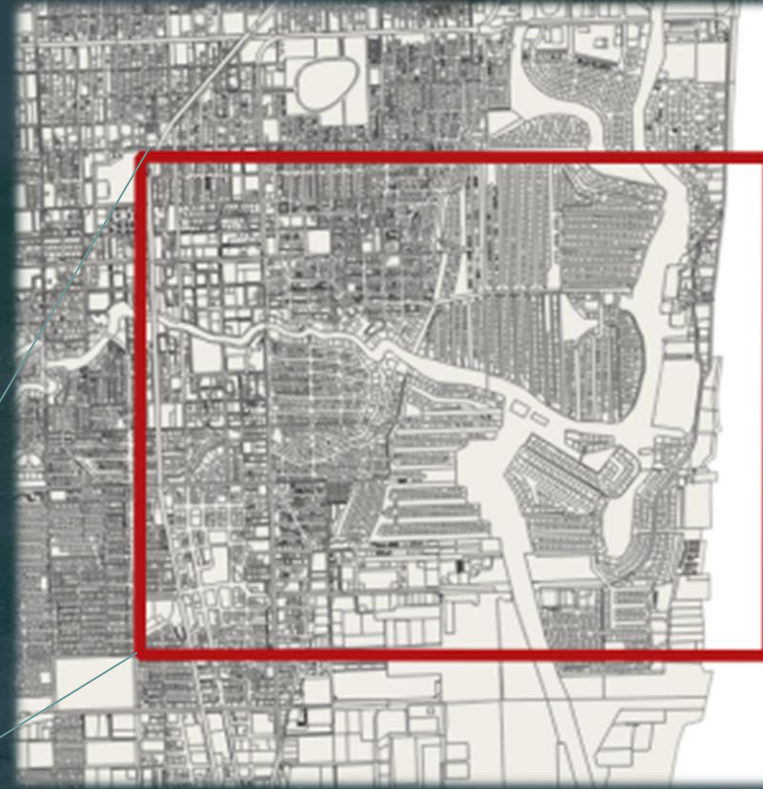
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Every event teaches us
something new

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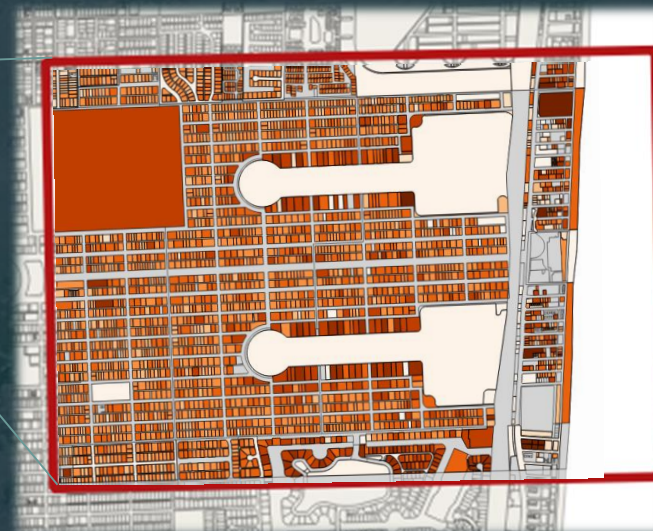
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What's the VaR?
How might it change?
How do I best reduce it?

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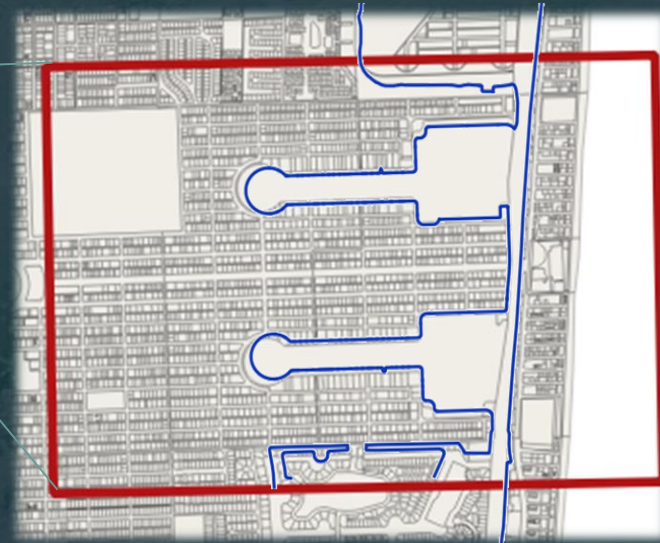
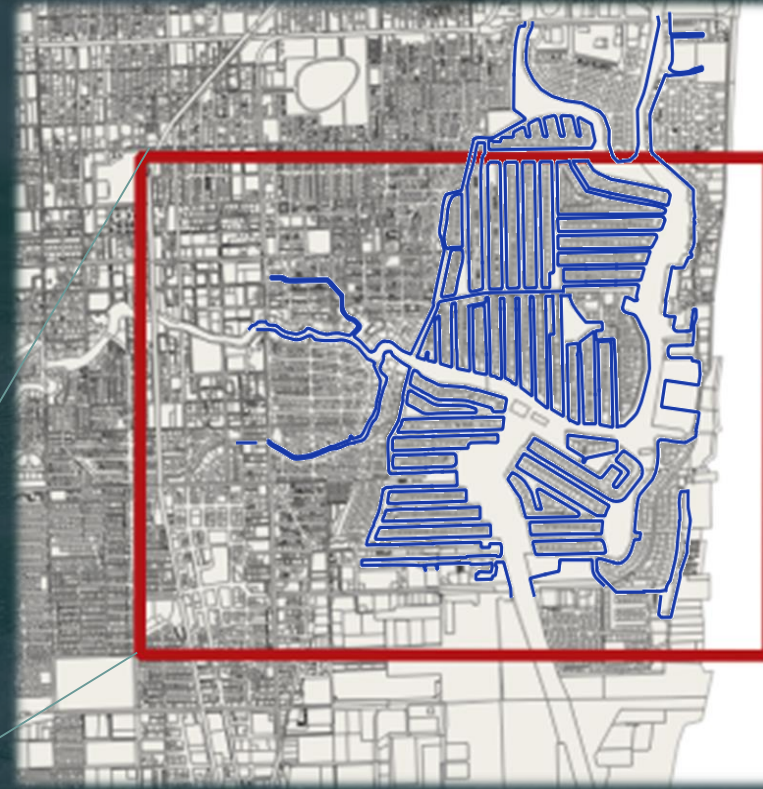
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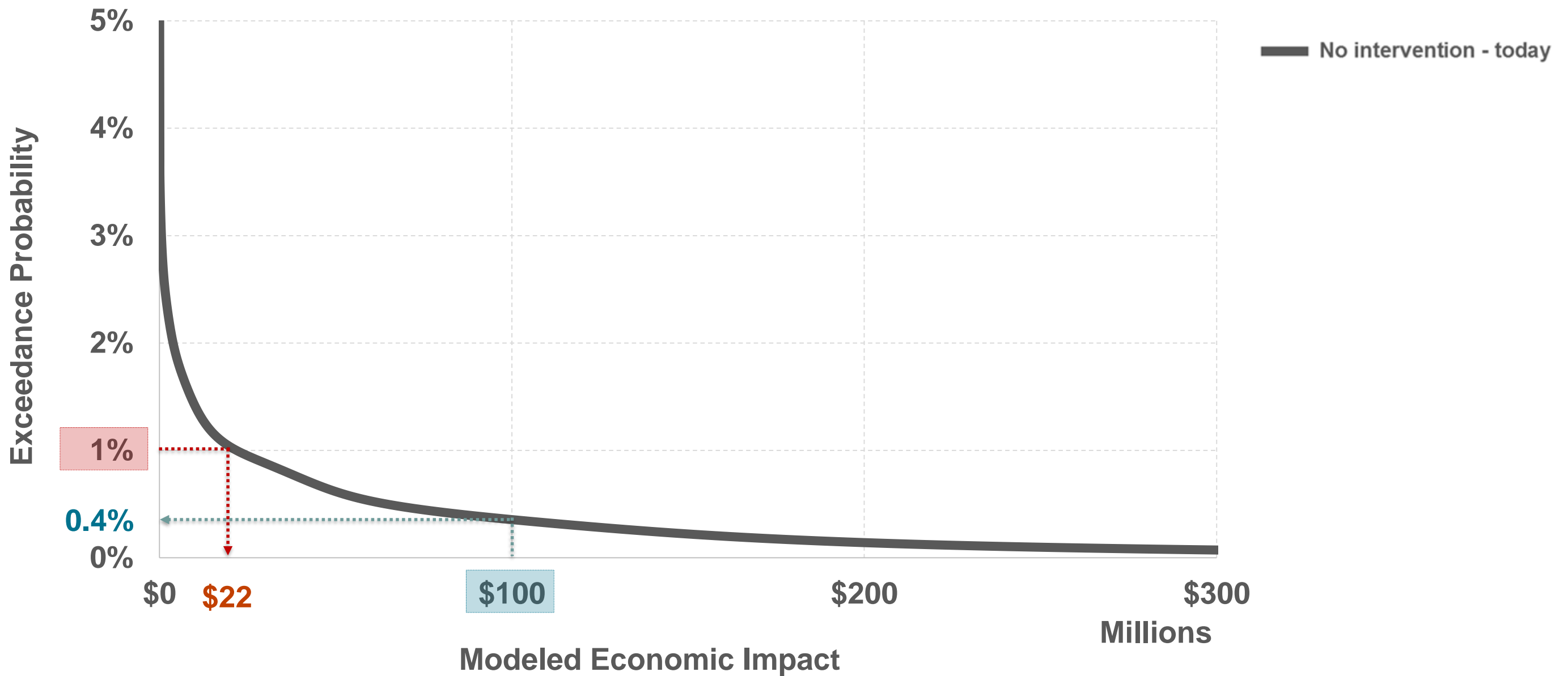


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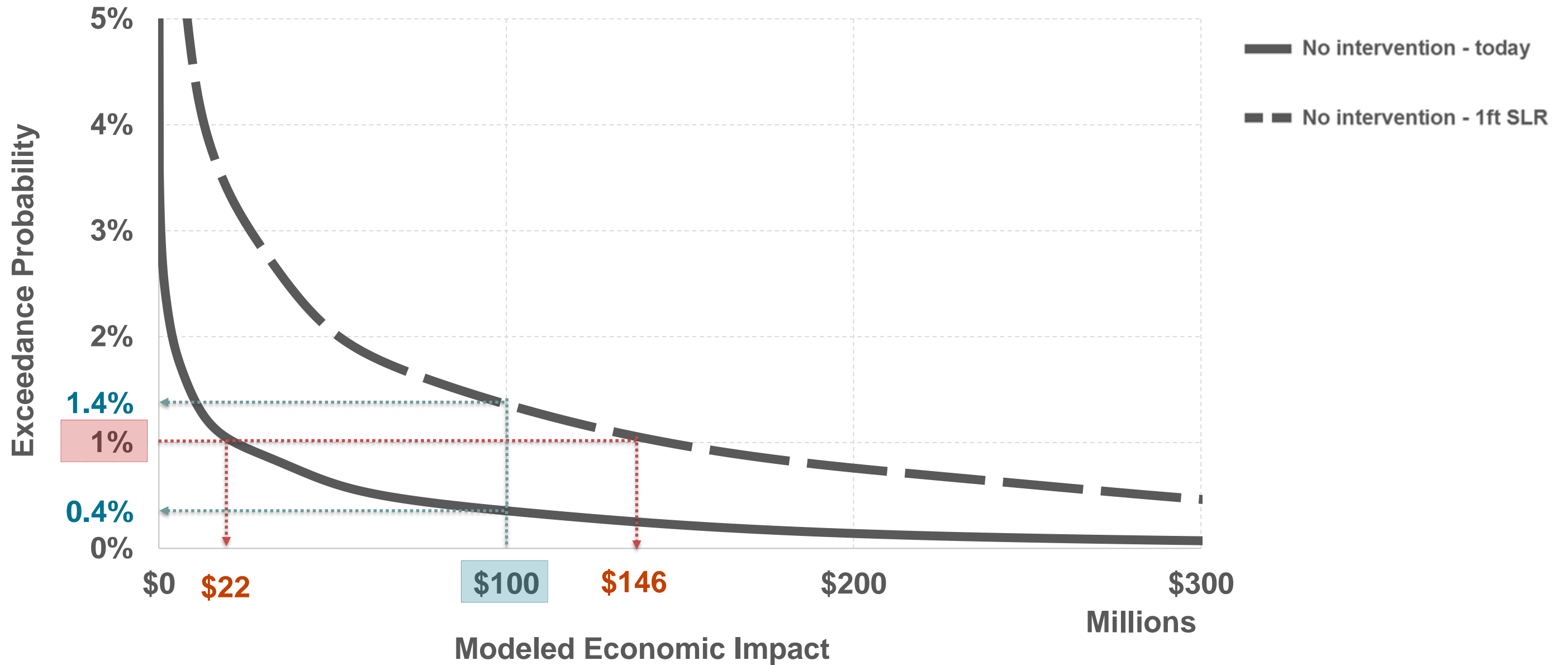
WHAT MIGHT STORM-DRIVEN FLOODING COST TODAY?

1% CHANCE IT MIGHT COST \geq \$22M; 0.4% IT COSTS \geq \$100M



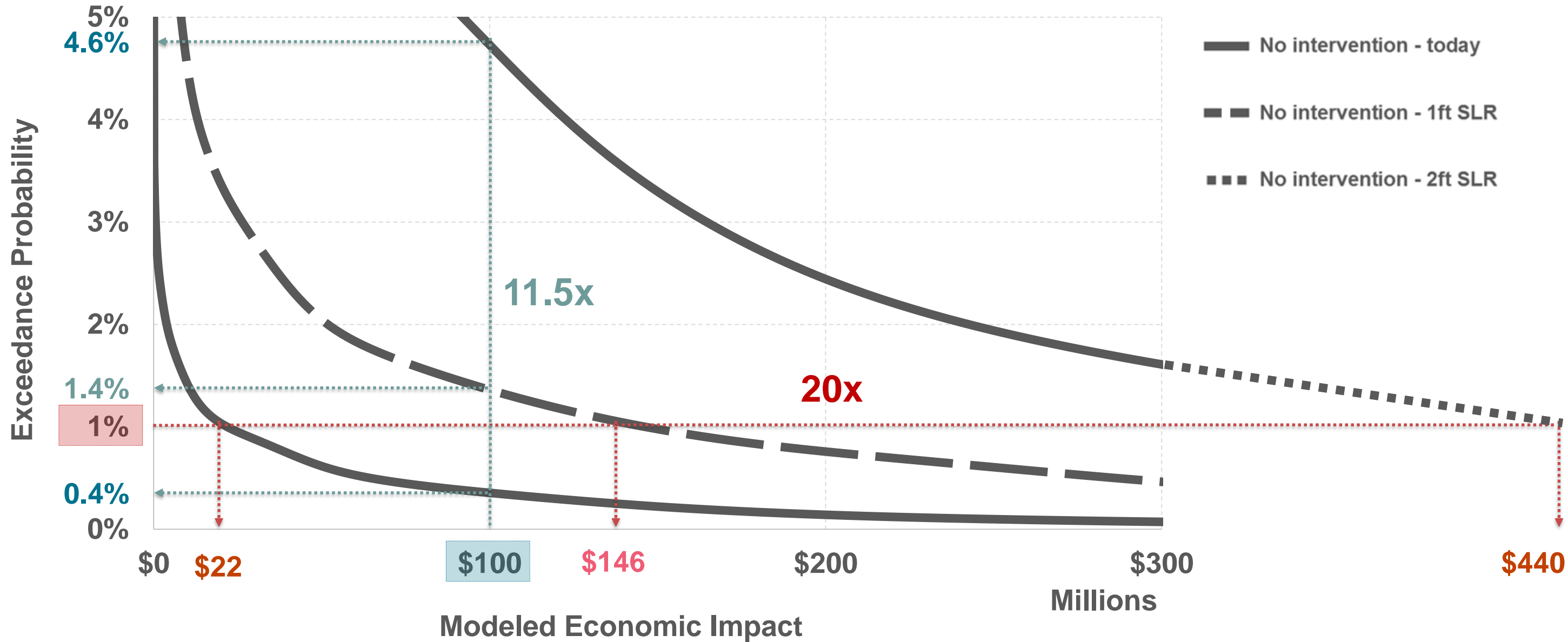
AND ASSUMING 1FT SLR?

1% COST OF INACTION \geq \$146M; 1.4% IT COSTS \geq \$100M

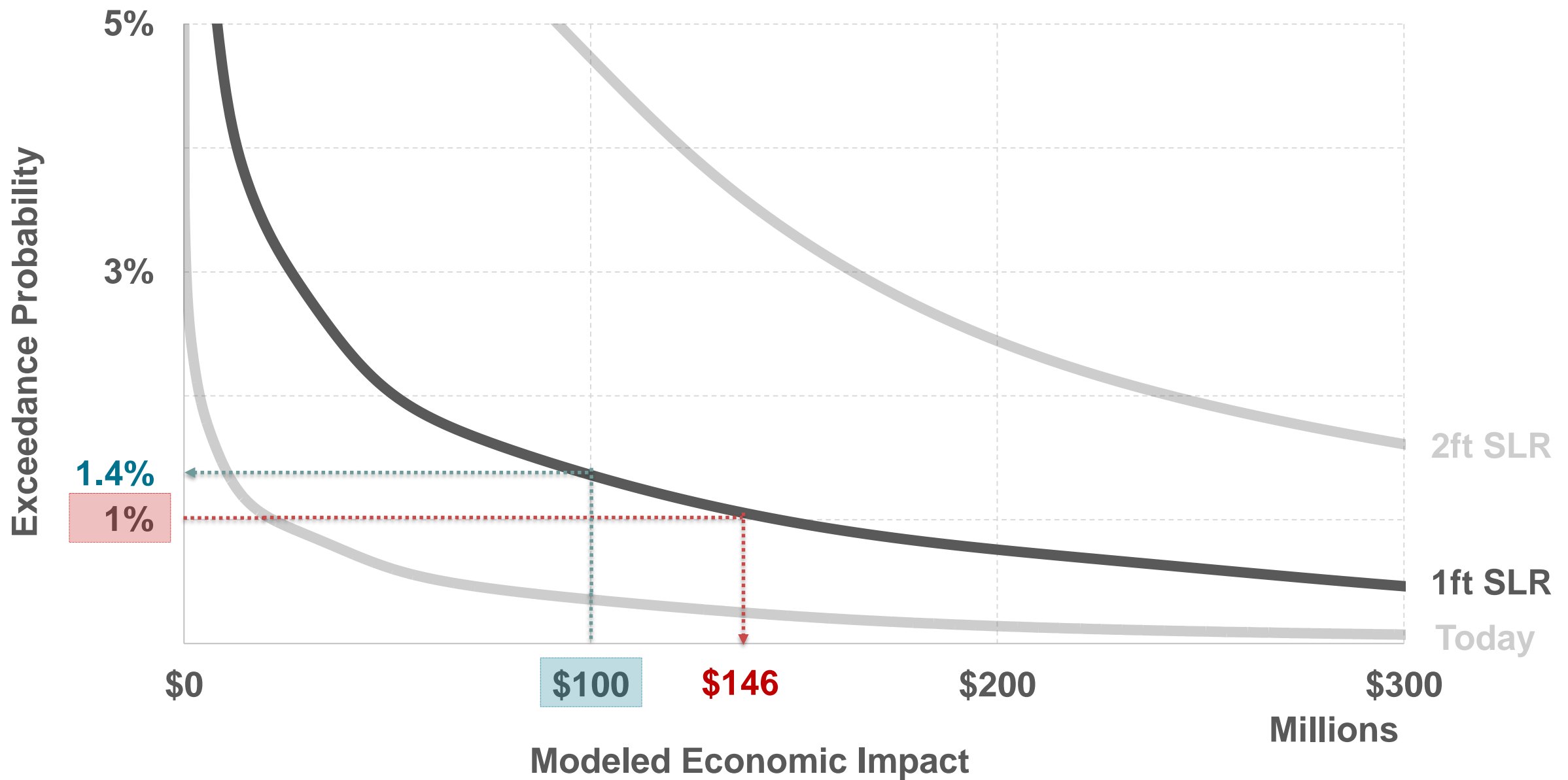


AND ASSUMING 2FT SLR?

1% COST OF INACTION \geq \$440M; 4.6% SURGE COSTS \geq \$100M / ANNUM

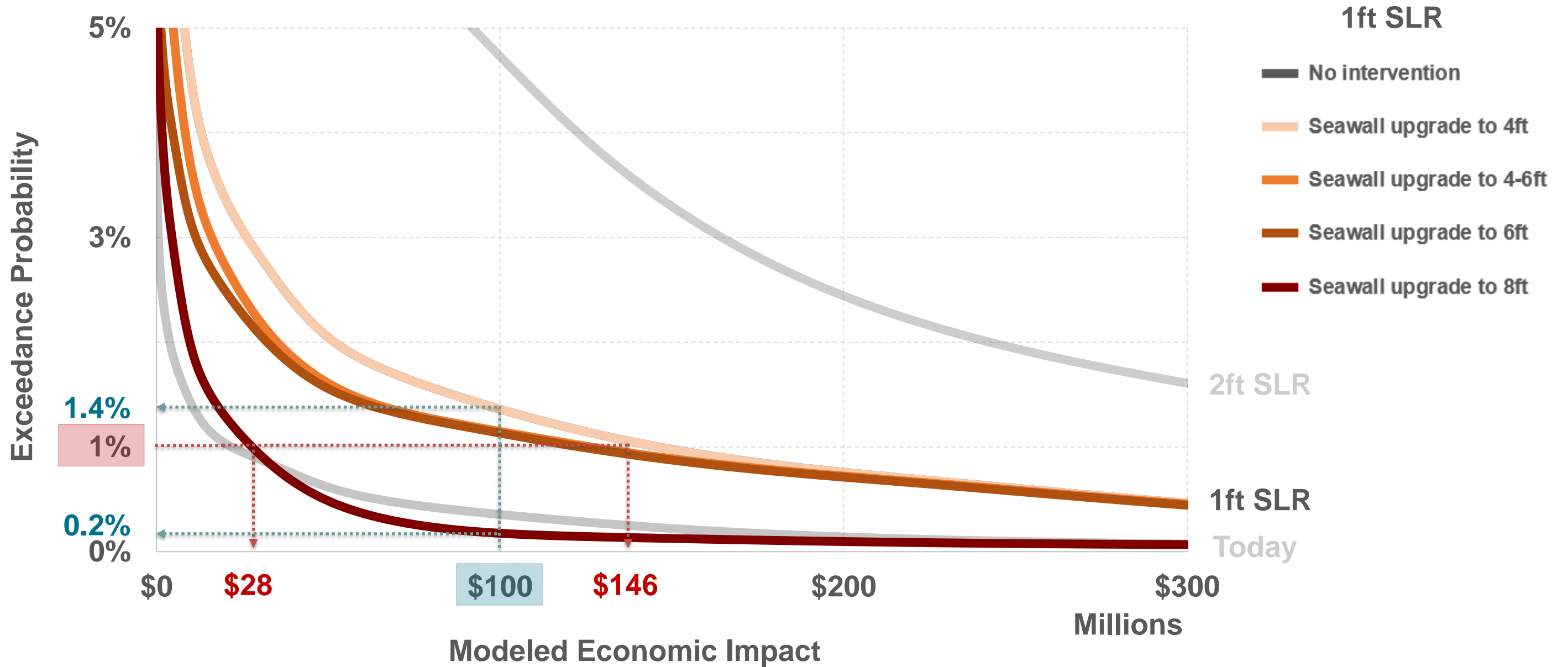


LET'S ASSUME WE'RE DEFENDING FOR 1FT OF SLR...

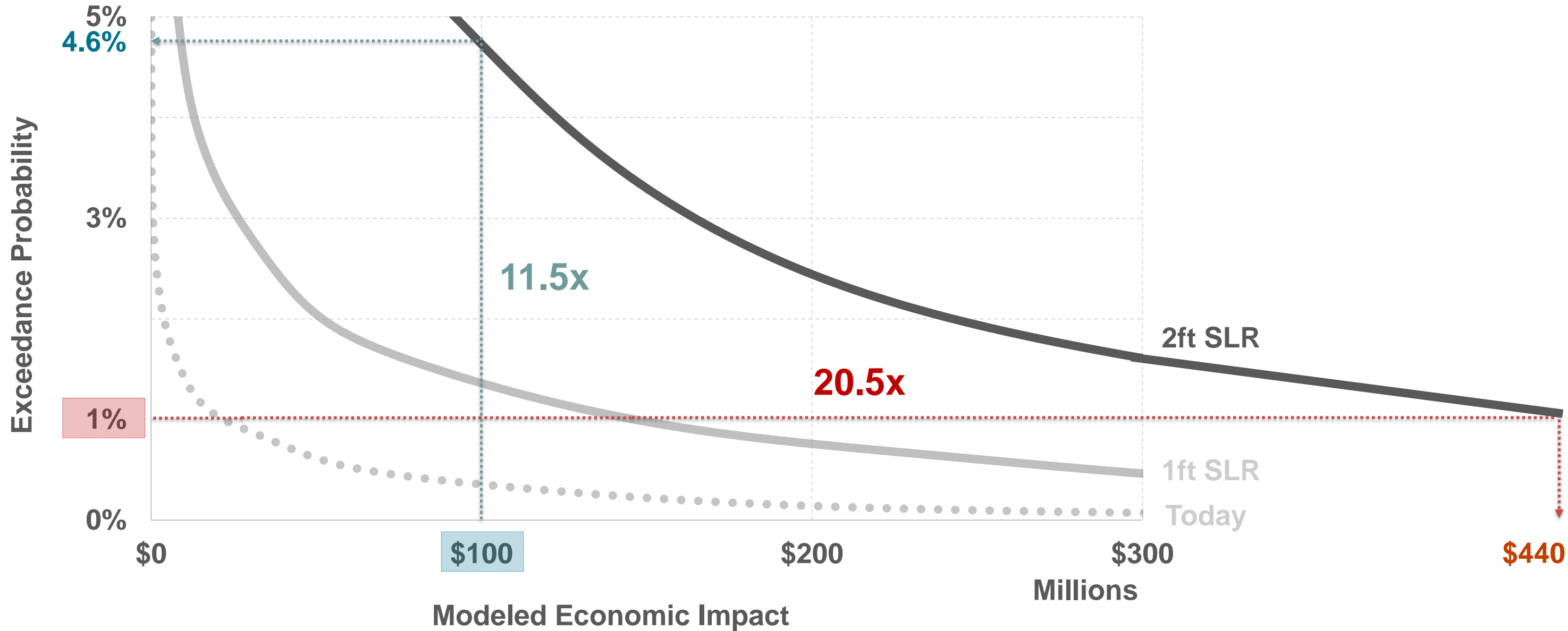


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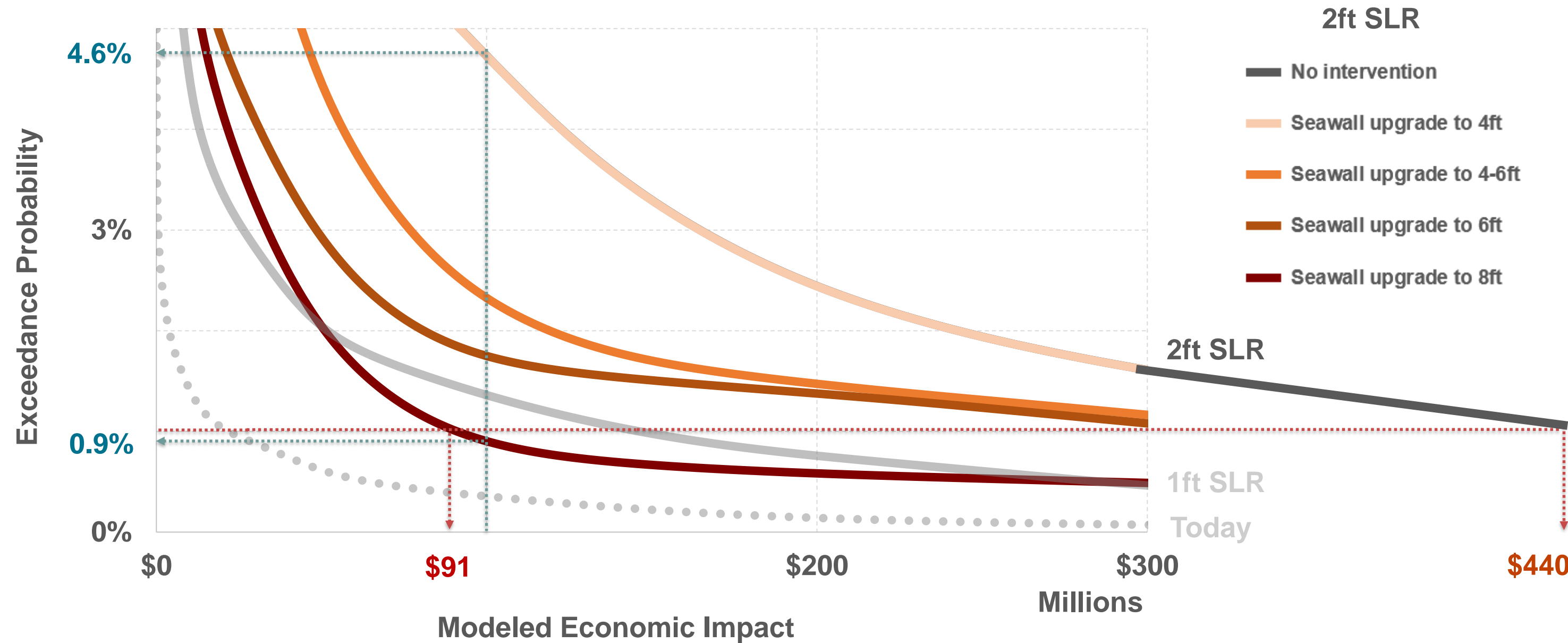
8FT → STATUS QUO AT 1%; **DOUBLES RESILIENCE TO EXTREMES**



NOW ASSUME WE'RE DEFENDING FOR 2FT OF SLR...



NOW ASSUME WE'RE DEFENDING FOR 2FT OF SLR... 8FT → WORTH \$350M AT THE 1%; BUT DOES NOT HOLD THE LINE



DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS HAVE VERY DIFFERENT ROI... ...AND OPTIMAL SOLUTION IS VERY SENSITIVE TO GOALS

