



CAMBRIDGE SYSTEMATICS

# RESILIENCE – EDUCATIONAL SERIES - WORKSHOP

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Resilience and Sustainability

A nighttime cityscape featuring several illuminated buildings. A prominent feature is a large, ornate dome structure, likely a state capitol building, which is brightly lit. Other modern skyscrapers with glowing windows are visible in the background. The sky is a deep blue, and the overall scene is lit with a mix of warm yellow and cool blue tones.

# WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

# Session Overview

- Recap from Public Meeting
- Risk and Resilience – Basics
- Making the Business Case and Communicating It
- Exercise
  - » Overview and Rules
  - » Table Presentations
  - » Voting
- Recap and Closing

# Workshop Objectives



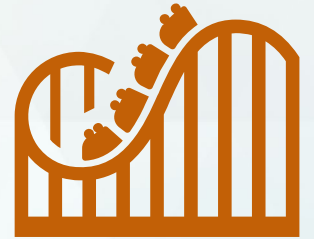
Applying Risk and Resilience Basics



Making the Business Case for Resilience



Communicating the Case



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# **PUBLIC MEETING TAKEAWAYS AND RECAP**

# 1. What is a word or phrase that defines what resilience means to you?

10 responses

impenetrable  
minimizing disruption  
being prepared tough  
ability to bounce back  
strong  
adaptability  
weather  
bounce back  
adaptability



## 2. Why is "planning for resilience" important to the residents of treasure valley?

14 responses

Good planning

We are growing

Equity

Financial responsibility

Predictability

To ensure that we have safe and accessible options in case of emergencies.

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It keeps goods and services flowing.

We have floods and fires

The growth in the area is faster than how the community can respond.

Life continues. Work arounds needed.

Saves money on long run

Continued commerce

I'm an emergency you have to use the roads to respond





### 3. Which stressors come to your mind when you think about the need for transportation resilience in the treasure valley?

22 responses



#### 4. List some known areas/facilities that are impacted by these stressors from your lived/recent experiences.

16 responses

Sidewalks

Foothills = fires

I-84

Greenbelt flooding

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Greenbelt east of VMP

Bridges crossing the river.  
Gary Lane

Snow on neighborhood streets, lack of storm drains equals flooding

Homes on the edge of town

Water mains bursting

Road to mccall

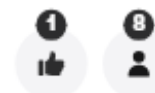
Flooding in neighborhoods

Potholes caused by ice

Can't drive to work  
(neighborhood snow)

Greenbelt

Couldn't get out of the driveway to go anywhere



# 1. What core/basic needs would be impacted due to the disruptions we discussed? (Examples: access to groceries, medical appointments)

11 responses

Emergency responders

Military functions

Evacuations

Access to schools, access to tourist spots

Getting to work

Access to whatever is on the other side of the disruption.

Fire agency

Medical care

Can't drive to work (neighborhood snow)

Senior homes (those who need medical care or simply socialization)

Amazon deliveries



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# RISK AND RESILIENCE BASICS

# Impacts Across the US



Interstate 45 inundated during Hurricane Harvey, August 2017.

Interstate 80 in Vacaville, Calif., Aug. 19, 2020. Source: AP Photo, Courthouse News.



Rain, warm temperatures and snowmelt-induced flooding across the Midwest, 2019 (Nebraska)



# Regional Transportation Impacts and Disruptions



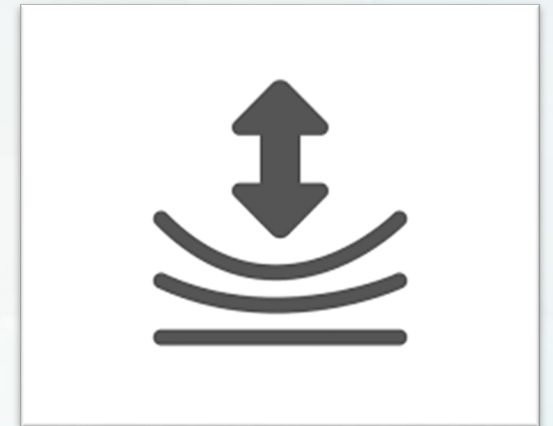
Downtown Boise Flooding – Flash Thunderstorm – June 2023 – Source: Idaho Statesman



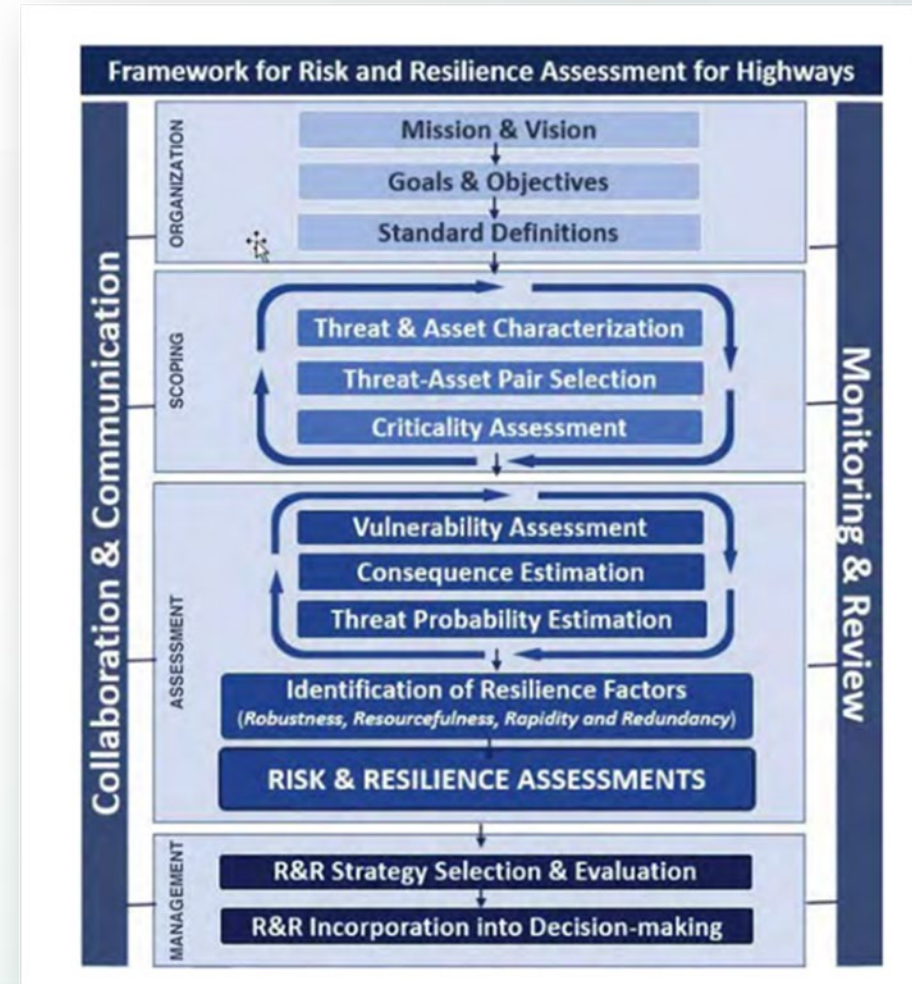
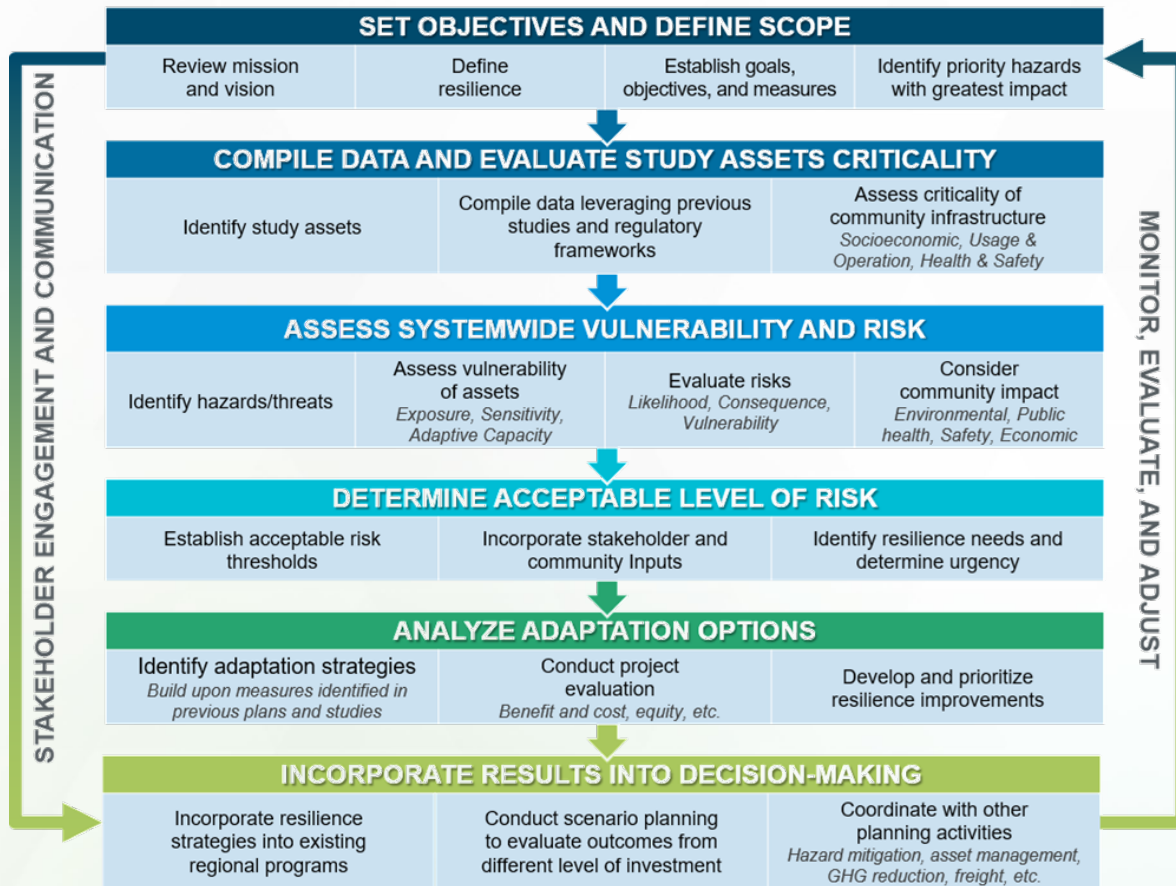
Interstate 84 Disruptions in March 2024 between Boise and Mountain Home

# Understanding and Defining Resilience

- *Resilience or resiliency is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions (FHWA Order 5520)*
- *Risk: The positive or negative effects of uncertainty or variability upon agency objectives. (23 CFR 515.5)*

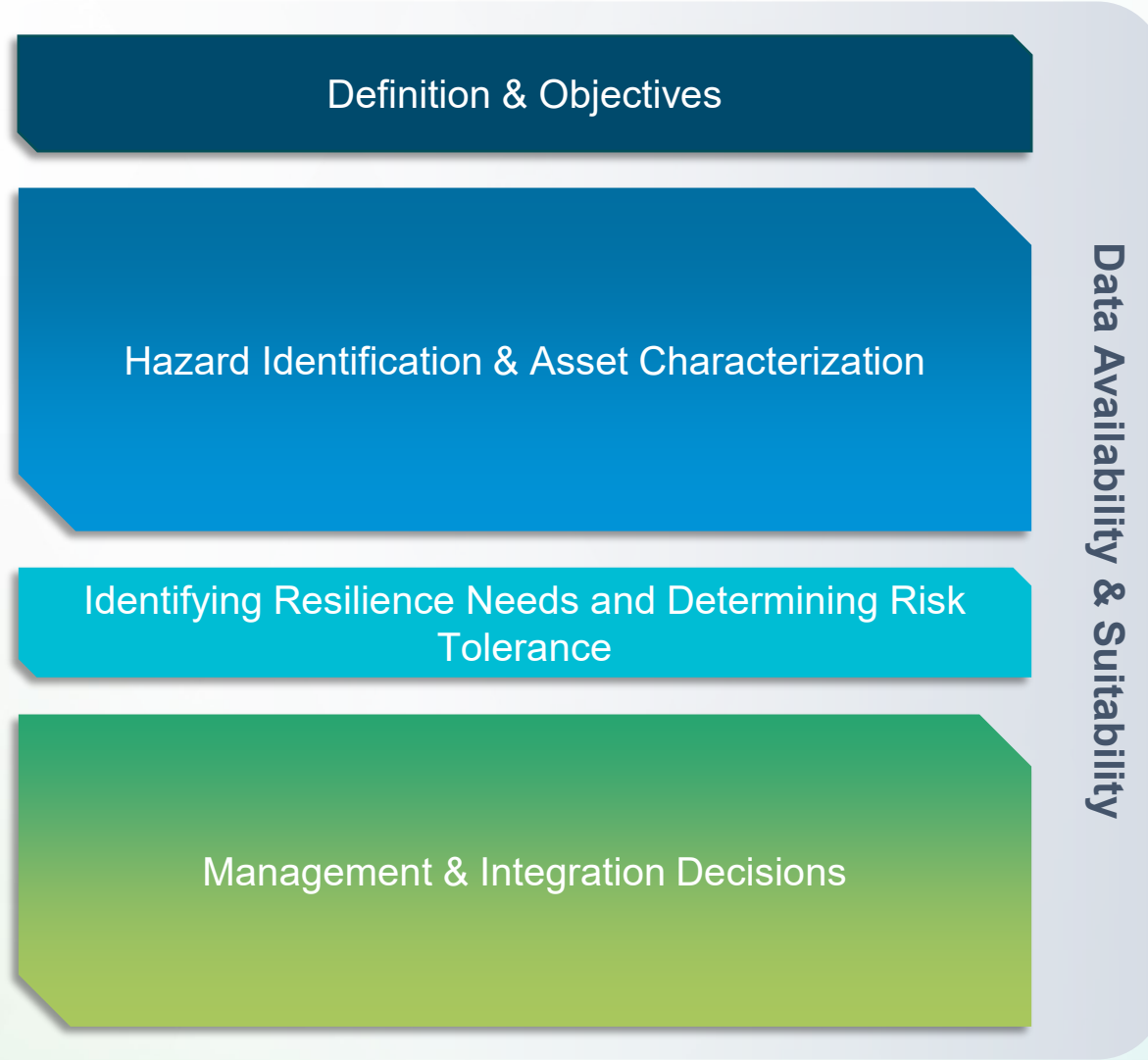


# Frameworks for Assessment





# Assessing Vulnerabilities, Risk, and Resilience



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# ASSET CHARACTERIZATION - CRITICALITY

# Asset Characterization – Criticality - Example

## Usage and Operational Importance

Evacuation Routes / Lifelines (2)

Functional Class (2)

AADT (2)

Freight Network (2)

Northeast Corridor (1)

Broadband Network (1)

## Socioeconomic Importance

Equity Areas (4)

Population Density (3)

Employment Density (3)

## Health and Safety Importance

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Access to Fire or Police Stations (1)

Access to Hospitals (1)

Access to Schools (1)

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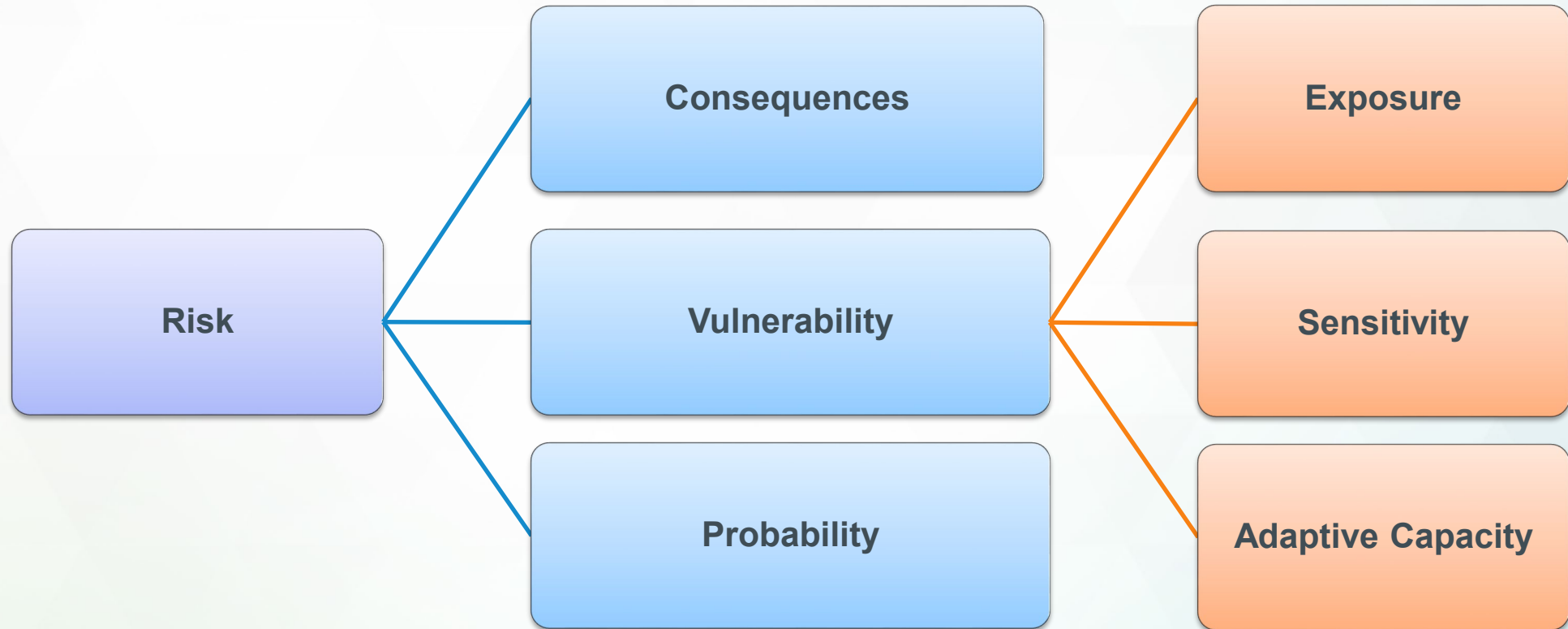
# Criticality Scoring Approach – Example

Factor	Max Score	Scoring Method	Score	Description
Functional Class	4	Local	1	Roadway functional classification (UCTC) combining urban and rural roadway classes.
		Major Collector	2	
		Minor Arterial	3	
		Principal Arterial	4	
Access to Essential Facilities	3	0 facilities in a ½-mile distance	0	Number of Essential Facilities within a ½-mile distance from the road ( <i>distance calculated is not network-distance, but crow-fly distance</i> )
		1 to 2 facilities in a ½-mile distance	1	
		3 to 5 facilities in a ½-mile distance	2	
		>5 facilities in a ½-mile distance	3	
Evacuation/Detour Route	1	1 if Yes, 0 otherwise	0-1	Whether the roadway is an evacuation route
Transit Corridor	1	1 if Yes, 0 otherwise	0-1	Whether the roadway is a transit corridor
Population Density	3	<=100;	1	Population density normalized by network density to avoid any disproportionate impact to rural areas/assets
		101 – 200;	2	
		> 201;	3	
Equity Areas	3	0 - 10%	1	Based on the proportion of population with 3+ risk factors ( <a href="#">Census Community Resilience Estimates (CRE) Data</a> )
		11% - 20%	2	
		21 % - 35%	3	
<b>Maximum Total Score</b>	<b>15</b>			

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# ASSESSING RISK AND RESILIENCE

# Assessing Risk



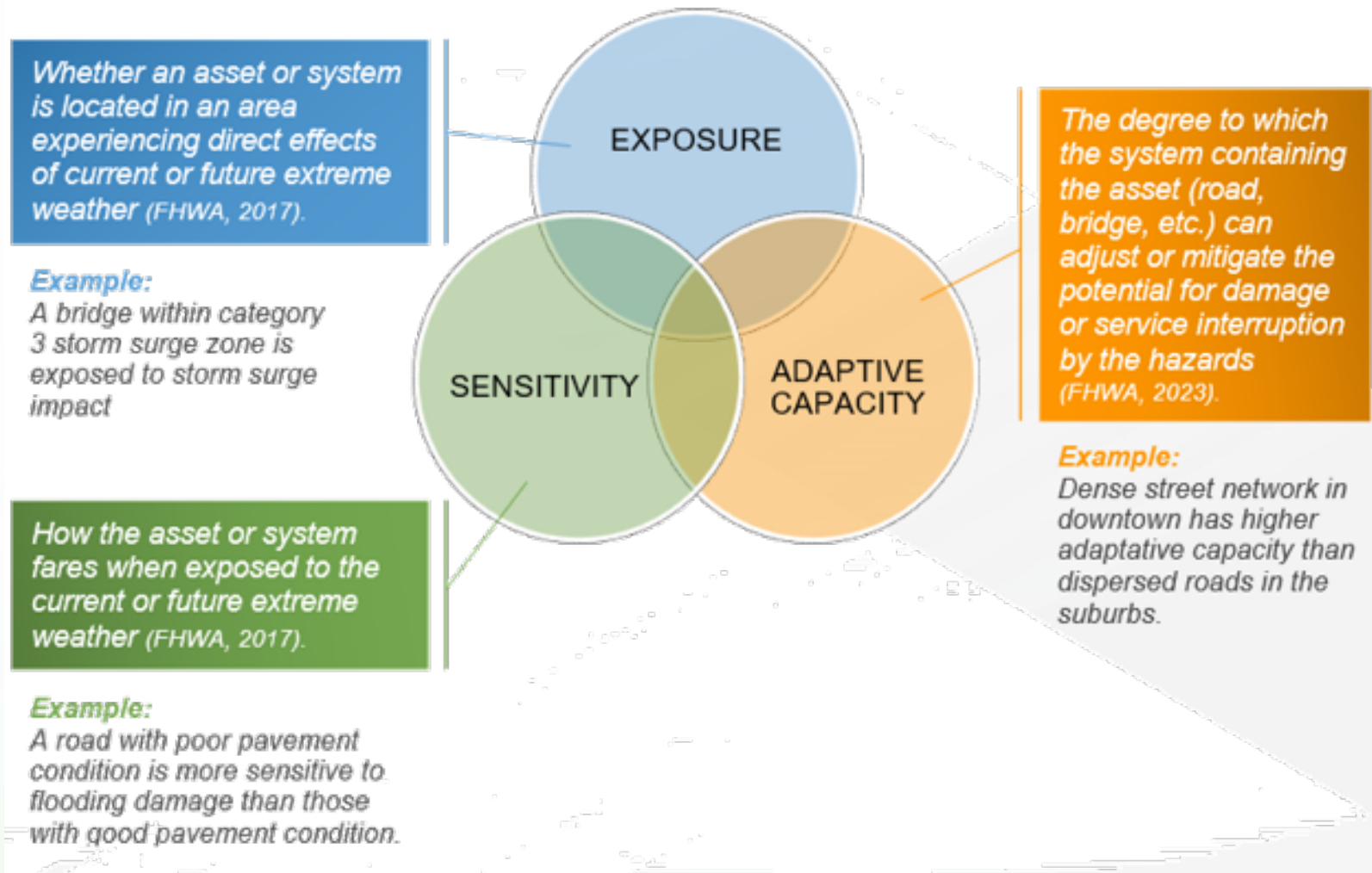
- A risk -based assessment should consider both the **probability or likelihood** that transportation assets will experience potential impacts due to disruptions, and the **consequences** of those impacts.

# Vulnerability

## VULNERABILITY IS A FUNCTION OF EXPOSURE, SENSITIVITY, AND ADAPTIVE CAPACITY

### What is vulnerability

- The degree to which a system is **susceptible to, or unable to cope with,** adverse effects of climate change and extreme weather.



# Elements of Vulnerability – Sample Indicators

## Exposure

Roads: Inundation Depth

Bridges: Inundation Depth

Stormwater Pipes: Inundation of pipes and outfalls

Stormwater Treatment Units: Inundation of STU

Sidewalks and Shared use Paths: Inundation Depth

## Sensitivity

Roads: Pavement Condition

Bridges: BB Rating

Stormwater Pipes: Last Cleaning Dates

STU: Inspection Scores

Sidewalks and Shared use Paths: Condition

## Adaptive Capacity

Roads: Network Density

Bridges: Network Density

Stormwater Pipes: Pipe Diameter + Position (up/downstream)

STU: Ratio of Catchment Size to STU Volume

Sidewalks and Shared use Paths: Network Density



# Assessing Risk

## Vulnerability

Exposure

Sensitivity

Adaptive Capacity

## Likelihood

Probability of Events

## Consequence

Owner Cost to Repair &  
or Replace Assets

User Cost of Time &  
Vehicle Operation &  
Reliability due to  
delay/detour

# Prioritization

<b>Risk</b>	High	High Risk Low Criticality	High Risk Moderate Criticality	High Risk High Criticality
	Moderate	Moderate Risk Low Criticality	Moderate Risk Moderate Criticality	Moderate Risk High Criticality
	Low	Low Risk Low Criticality	Low Risk Moderate Criticality	Low Risk High Criticality
		Low	Moderate	High
		<b>Criticality</b>		

# The 4Rs of Resilience

## Robustness

the ability to withstand disaster forces without significant degradation or loss of performance.

## Redundancy

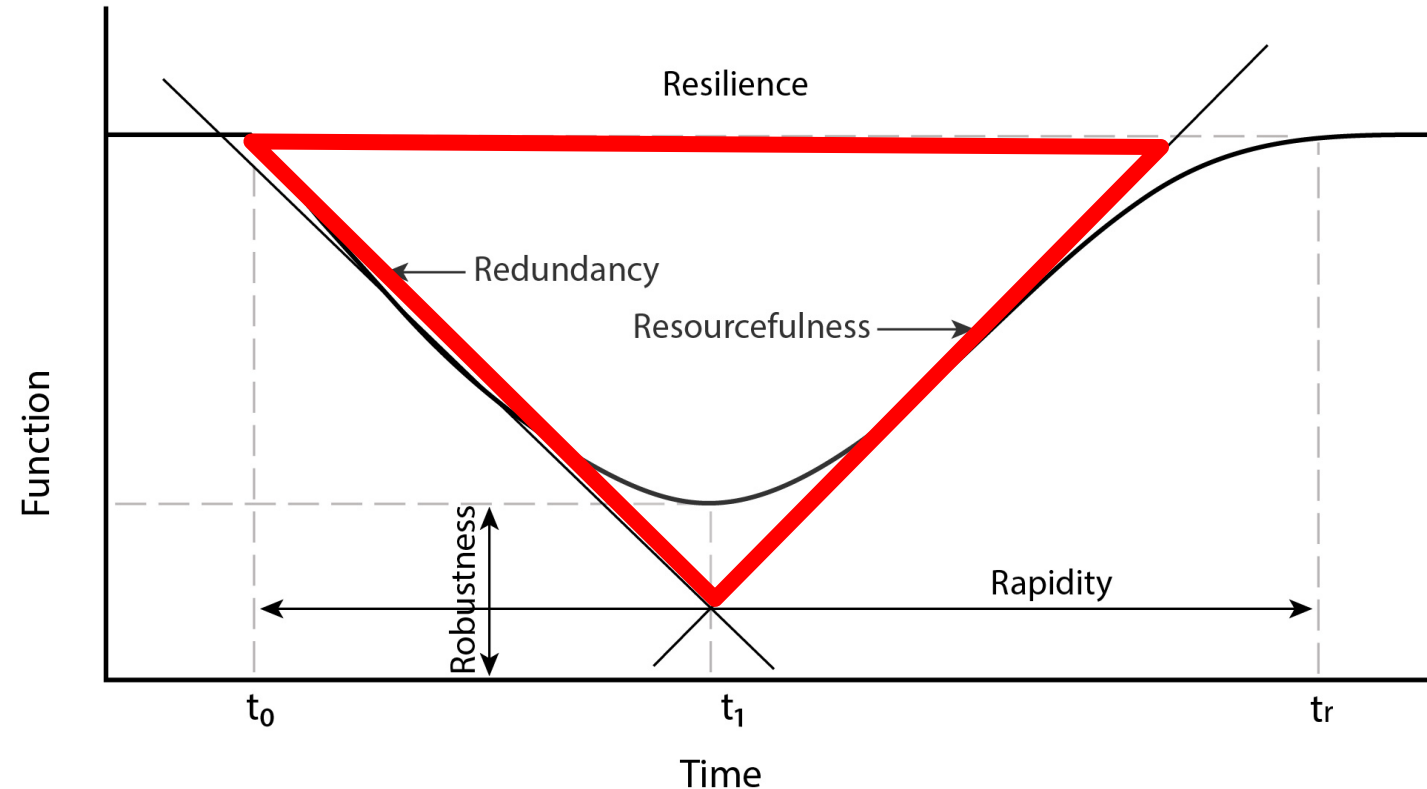
the extent to which the systems can satisfy functional requirements if significant degradation or loss of functionality occurs.

## Resourcefulness

the ability to diagnose and prioritize problems and to initiate solutions by identifying and mobilizing resources;

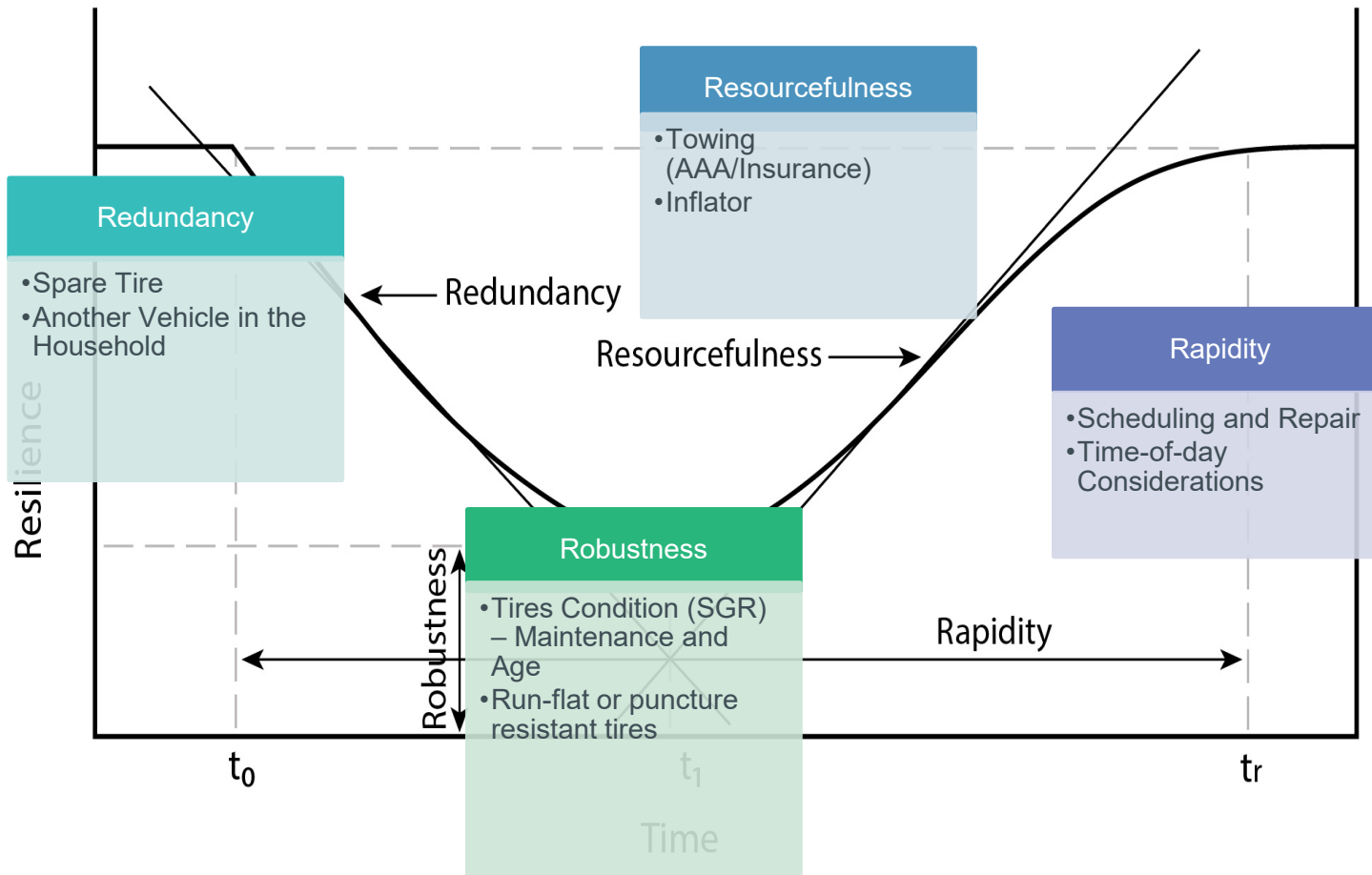
## Rapidity

the capacity to restore functionality, contain losses, and avoiding disruptions.



Source: Original graphic; based on Simonovic, S. P., and Arunkumar, R. (2016), Comparison of static and dynamic resilience for a multipurpose reservoir operation, *Water Resour. Res.*, 52, 8630–8649, doi:10.1002/2016WR019551.

# Flat Tire Analogy



# Hazards – Treasure Valley – Current and Future

**Table 2-3. Hazards of Concern Assessed by Local Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Avalanche	Drought	Earthquake / Seismic	Flood (includes dam failure)	Landslide	Severe Storms (includes wind, tornado)	Volcano	Wildfire
Ada County	–	√	√	√	√	H	√	√
Adams County	–	–	√	√	√	H	–	H
Bannock County	√	–	√	√	√	H	–	H
Bear Lake County	√	–	√	√	√	H	–	√
Benewah County	–	–	√	H	√	H	–	H
Bingham County	√	H	√	H	√	H	–	H
Blaine County	√	H	√	H	√	√	–	H
Boise County	√	–	√	H	H	√	–	√
Bonner County	√	–	√	√	√	H	–	H
Bonneville County	√	√	√	H	√	H	–	H
Boundary County	√	√	H	H	√	H	–	H
Butte County	–	–	H	–	–	–	–	–
Camas County	√	H	H	H	√	H	–	H
Canyon County	–	√	H	√	√	H	–	√

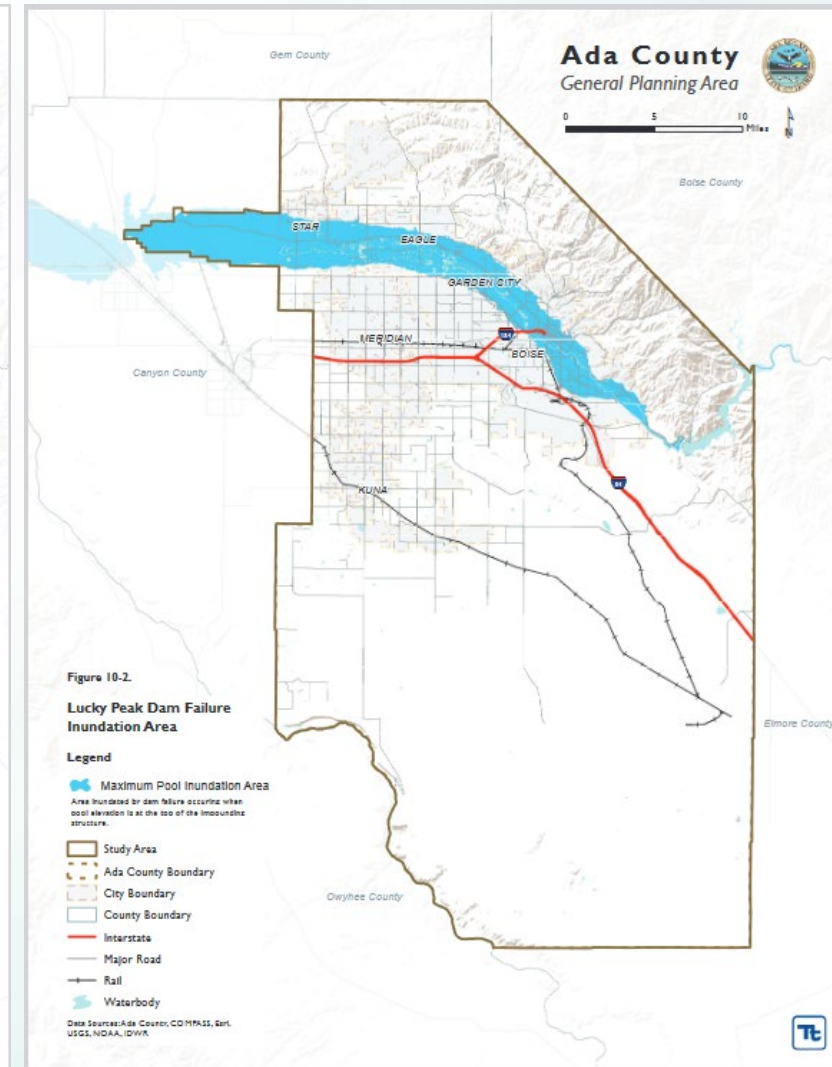
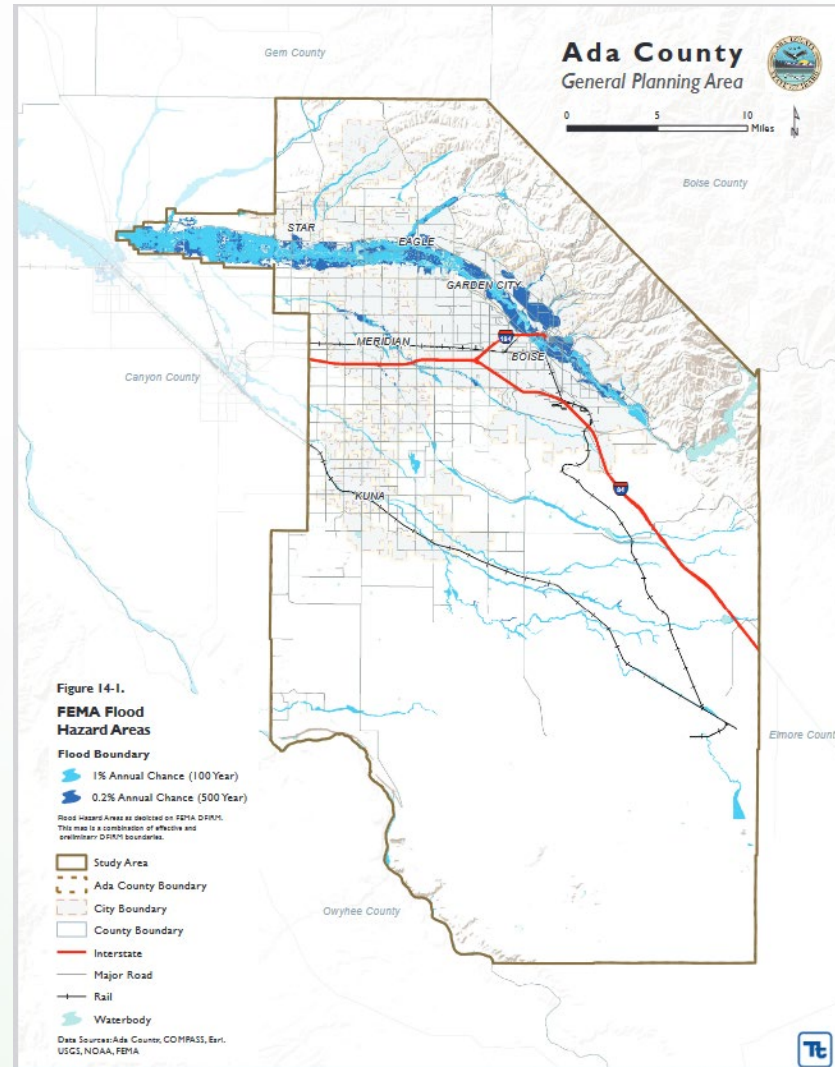
√ = hazard assessed  
 H = assessed as high hazard  
 – = no assessed hazard  
 Source: IOEM 2023

Source: Idaho Statewide Hazard Mitigation Plan

# Hazards – Local (Ada County)

## Hazards

- » Dam/canal failure
- » Drought
- » Extreme weather
- » Flood
- » Landslide
- » Volcano (ash fall)
- » Wildfire.

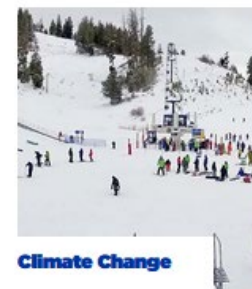
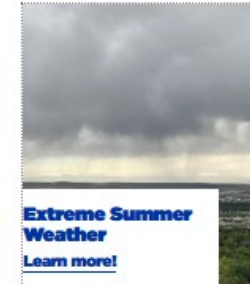
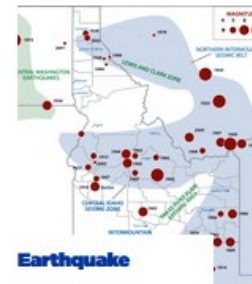
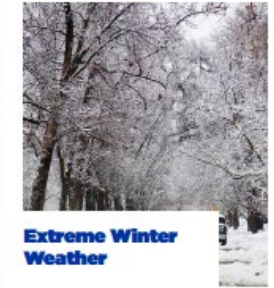


Source: Ada County Hazard Mitigation Plan

# Hazards – Regional and Local Resources

- Hazard and Climate Resilience Institute (HCRI) – Boise State University
  - » Overview
  - » How to prepare
  - » Local Resources
  - » How is this hazard impacted by a changing climate?

## Regional Hazard Information



Source: Boise State University

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# **INTEGRATION INTO PLANNING OR AGENCY BUSINESS PROCESSES**



# Incorporation into Regional Planning

Project  
Screening  
and  
Prioritization



Scenario  
Planning and  
Performance-  
based  
Investing



Project  
Design and  
Development







# MAKING THE CASE

# Business Case



Makes a persuasive argument for an investment that serves a business function and requires resources and buy-in

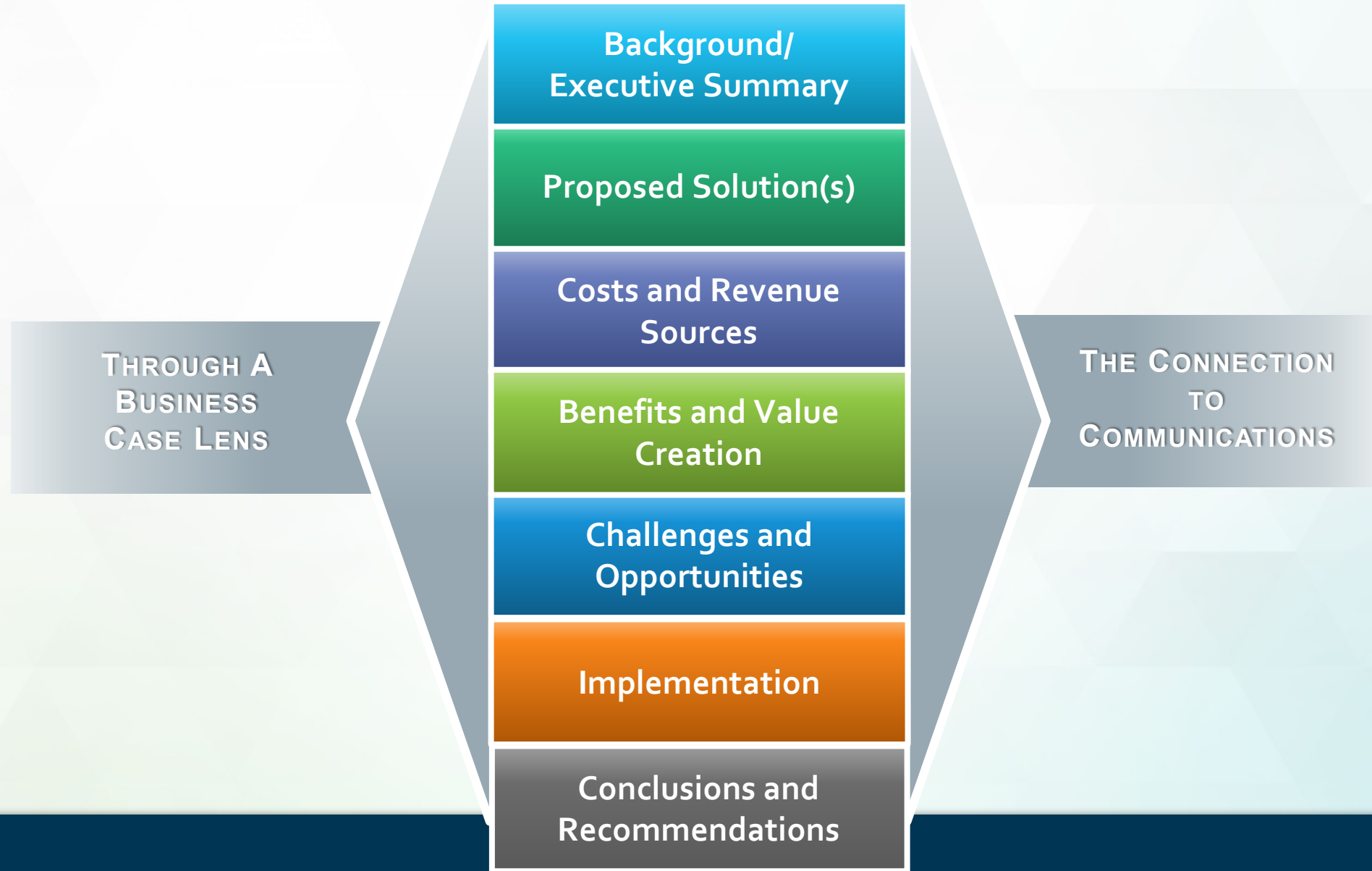


Emphasizes importance of proposed action by explaining the costs, benefits, and value creation



Communicates risks of inaction, implementation challenges, and uncertainties

# Conceptual Framework



# Styles and Delivery



Elevator Pitch



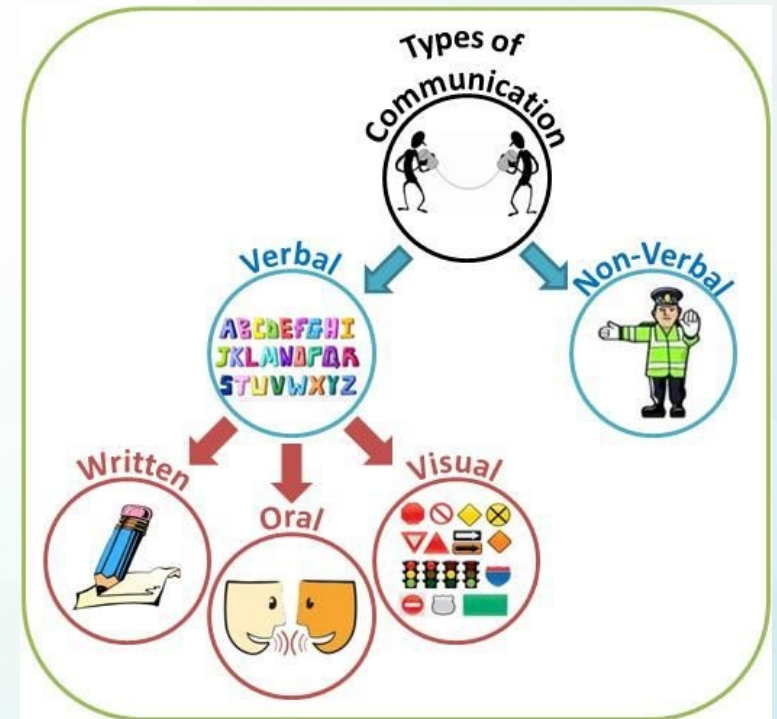
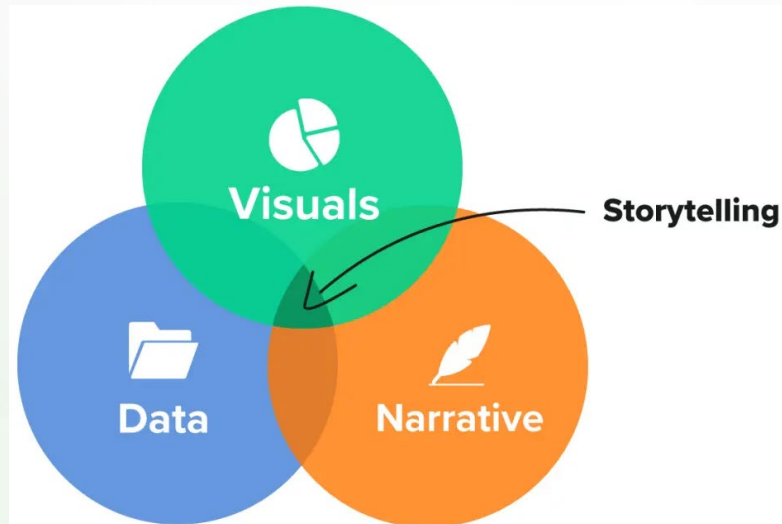
Detailed Business Case

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# COMMUNICATION – VISUALIZATION SUPPORT

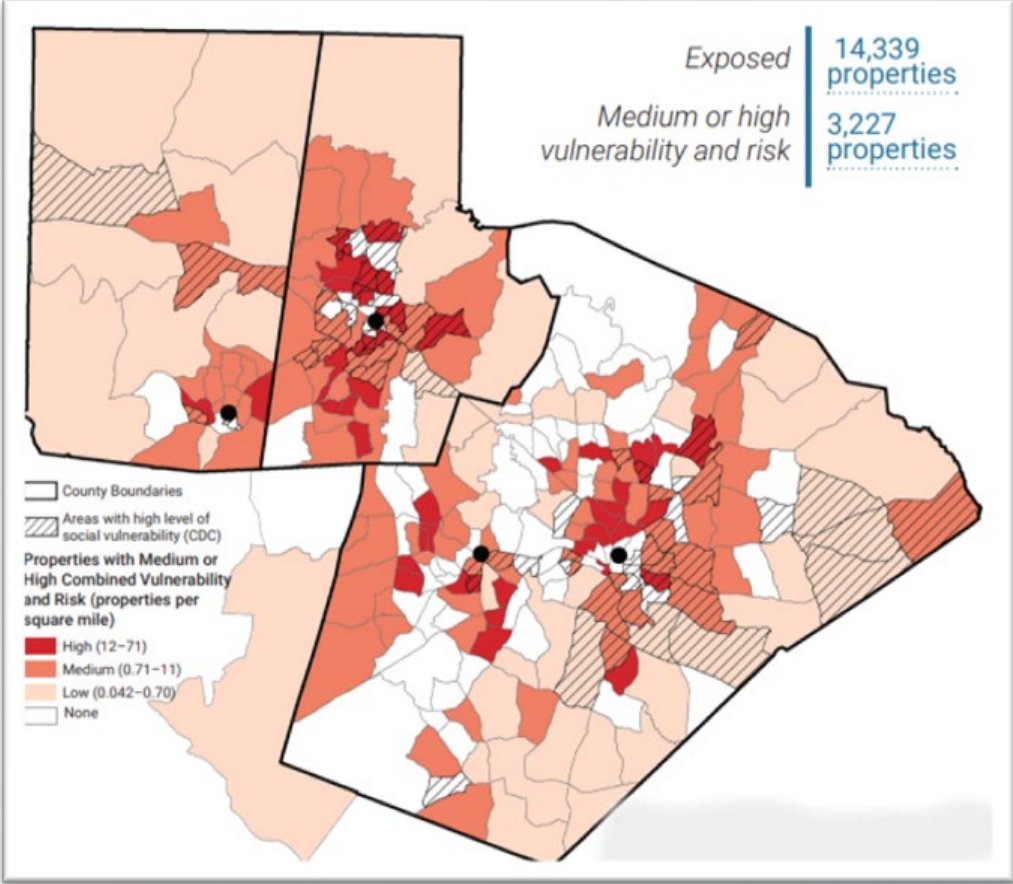
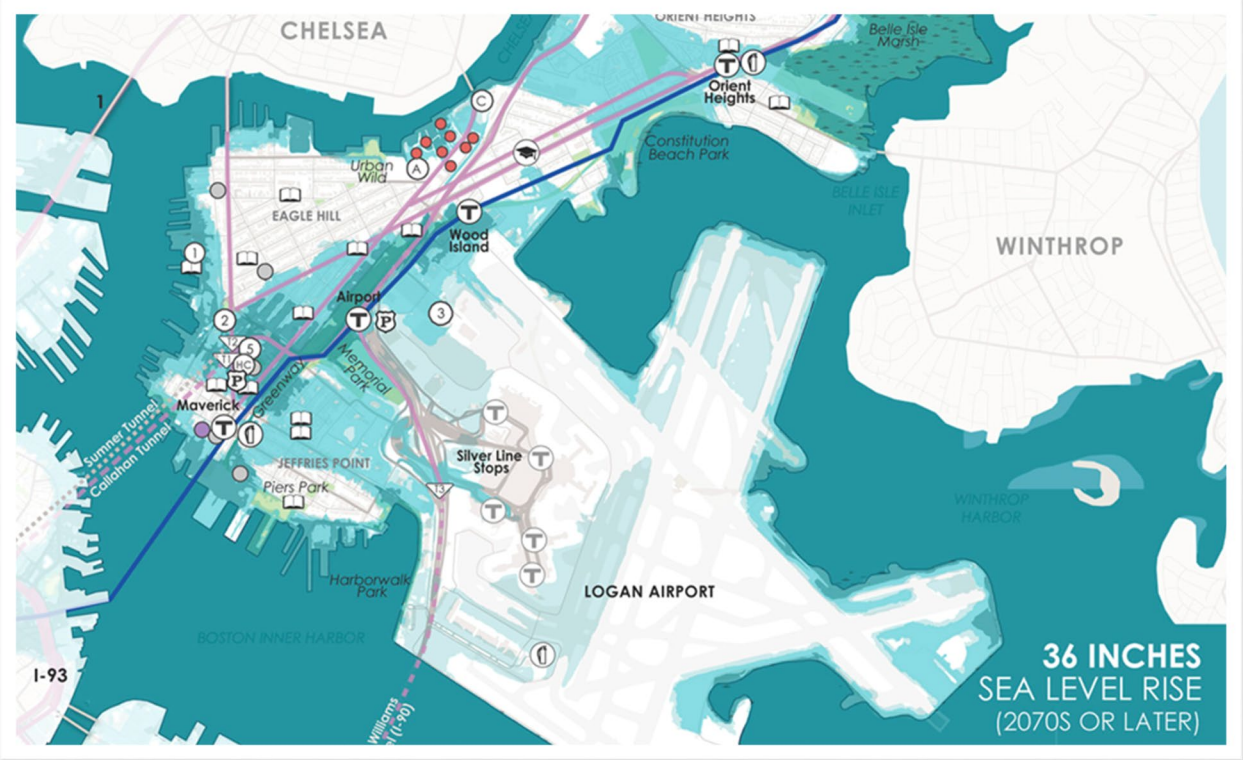
# Visualizations - Some Inspiration for the Workshop

- Visualization is communication of data and information using charts, graphs, diagrams, and other infographics
  - » *Examples from Case Studies*
  - » *Examples from Common Evidence Base*





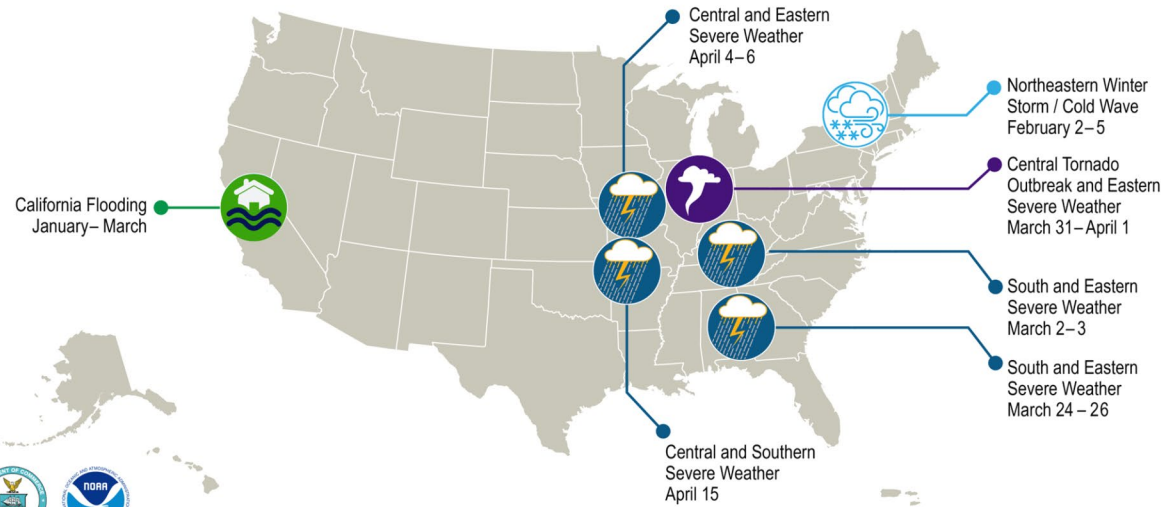
# Example Visualizations – Maps and Photos



Sources: Boston Green Ribbon Commission, Triangle J Council of Government (TJCOG)

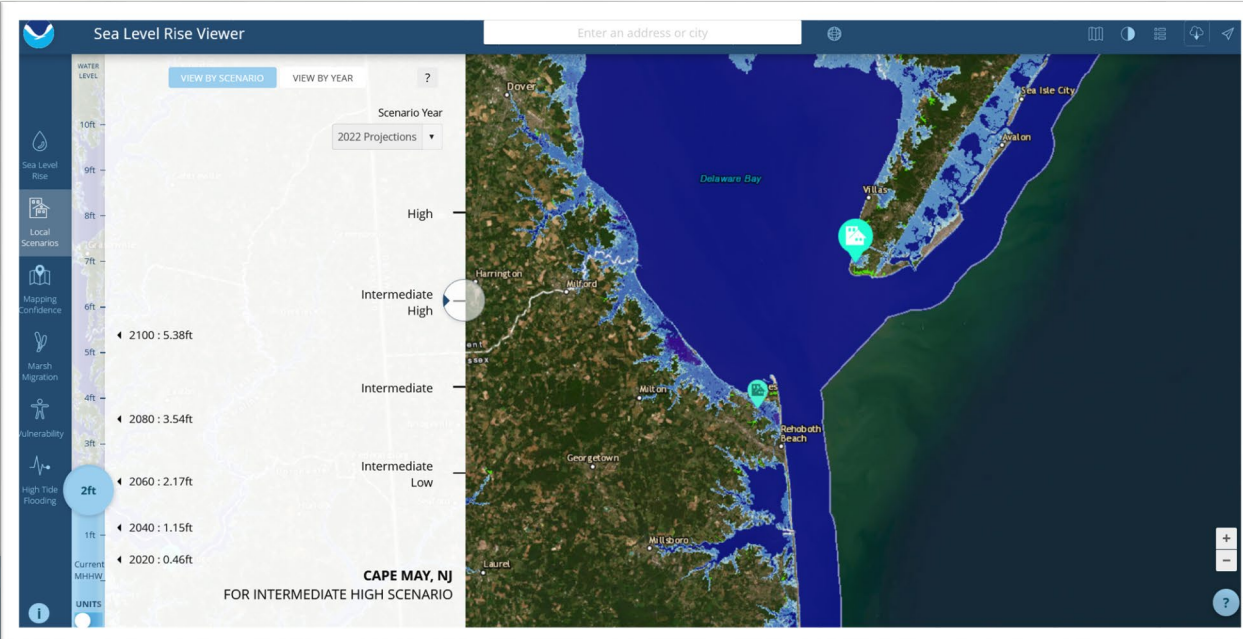
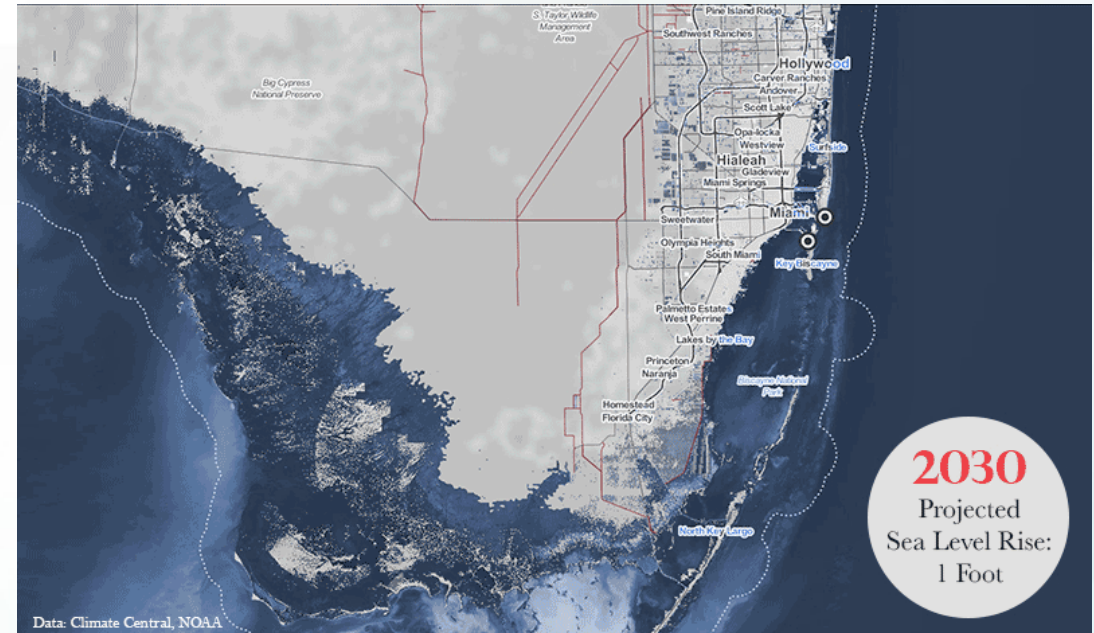
# U.S. 2023 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters

- Drought/Heat Wave
- Flooding
- Hail
- Hurricane
- Severe Weather
- Tornado Outbreak
- Wildfire
- Winter Storm/Cold Wave



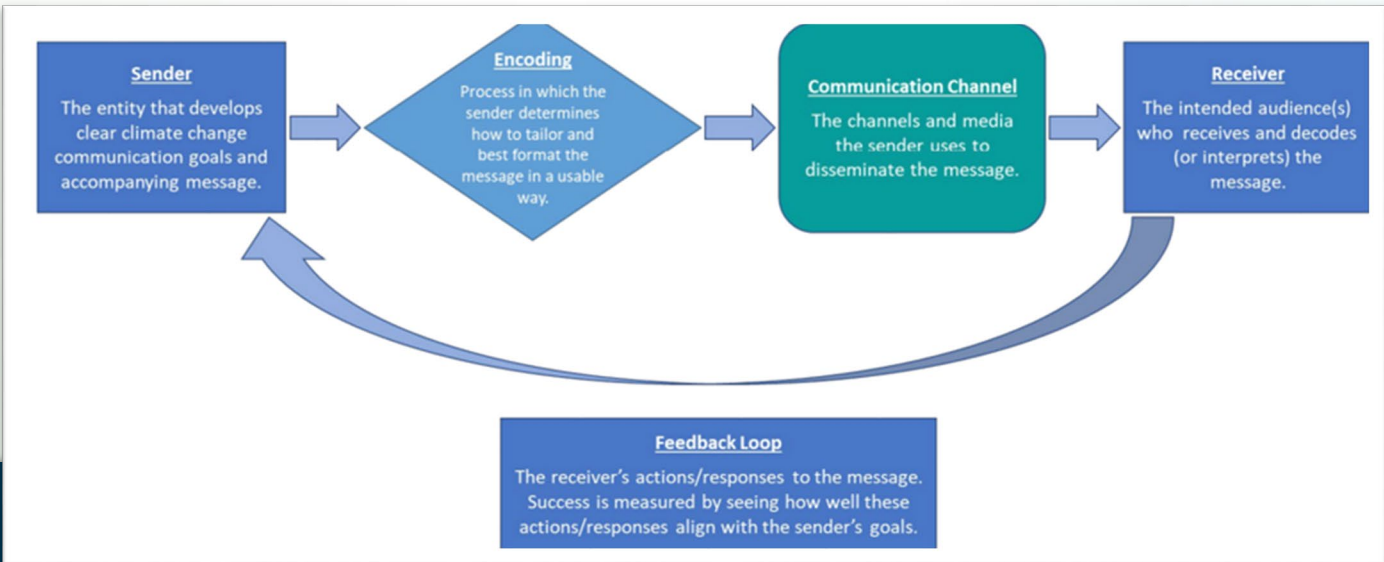
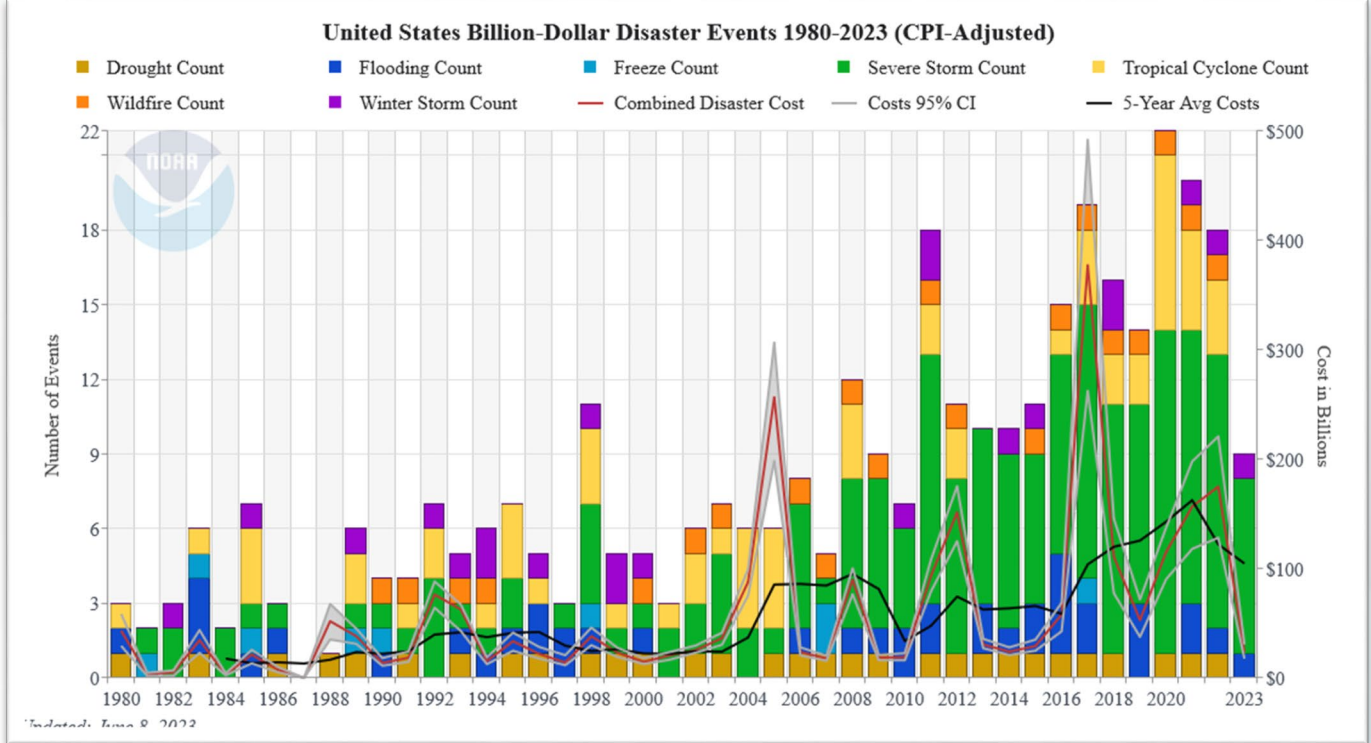
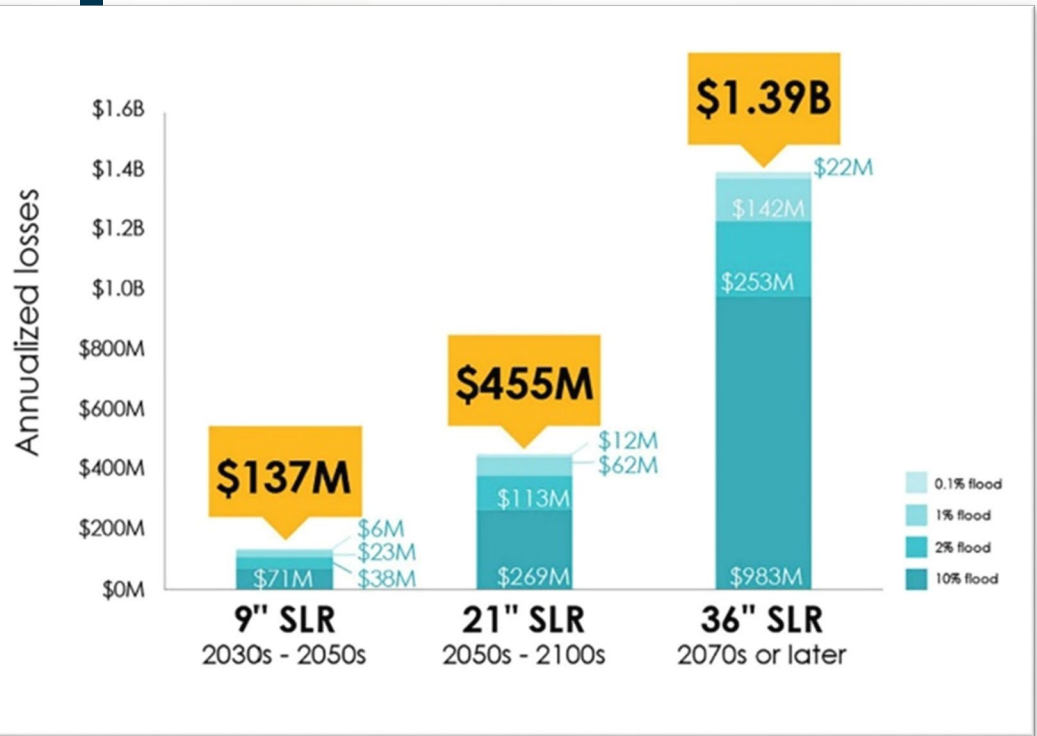
This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 7 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States through April 2023.

# Example Visualizations – Maps and Photos



Sources: NOAA, Climate Central

# Example Visualizations – Charts and Graphics



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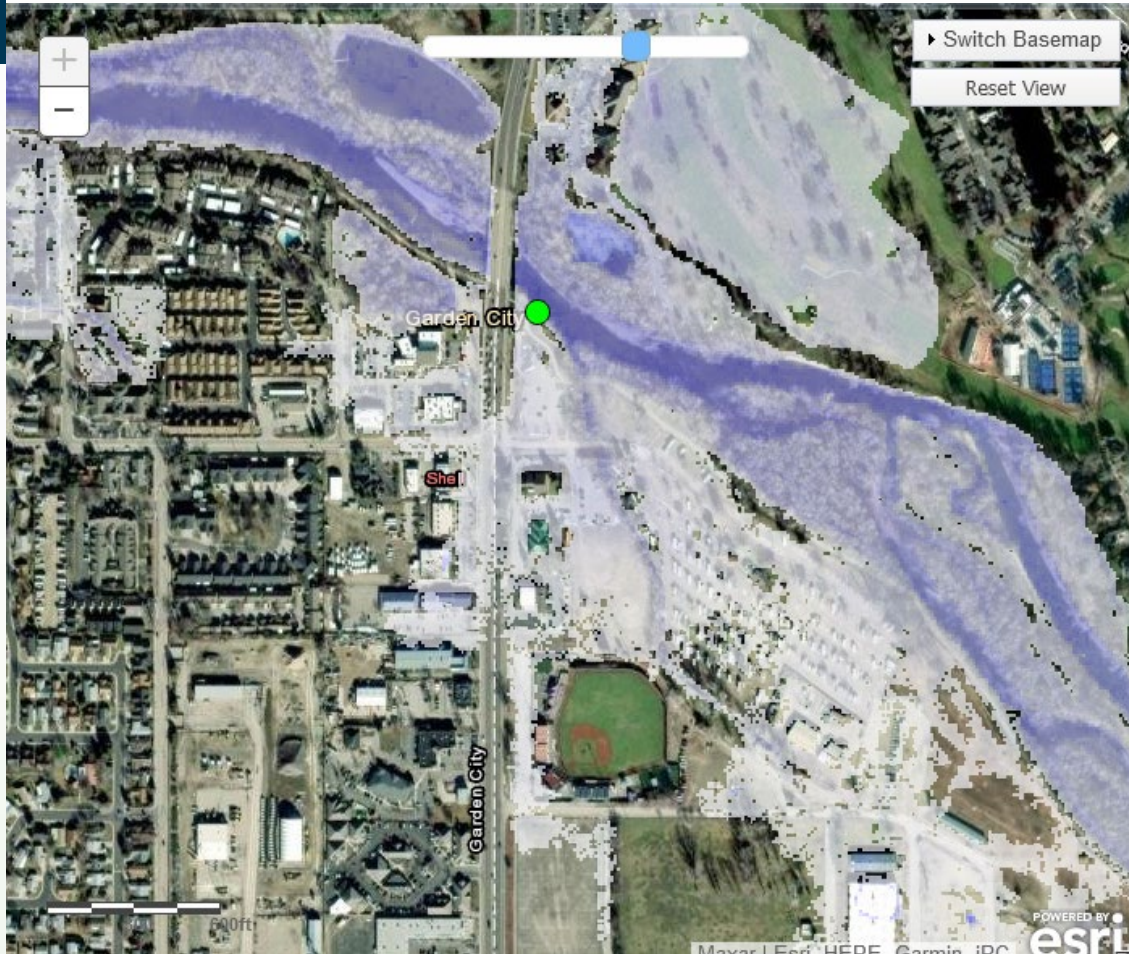
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Glenwood  
Project (Use  
Resources)

Select  
Improvement(s)

Choose  
Supporting  
Rationale and  
Visuals

Present Your  
Case  
(Slides/Flip  
Charts)

# Glenwood Improvement Options



1. Flood Management and Channel Repair/Maintenance - **\$1 Million**
2. Bridge Substructure Repair and Scour Countermeasures - **\$1.5 Million**
3. Elevate and Rebuild Southern Approach Only - **\$2 Million**
4. Elevate and Rebuild both Approaches - **\$4 Million**
5. Elevate Bridge and Approaches - **\$10 Million**

# Visualization & Business Case Competition!

## Business Case Development

- 3 top impactful points that make for a compelling business case for investing on this project
- What data that might support this business case?
- Identify gaps in information or knowledge
- Identify any available data sources to augment the Glenwood data

## Core Message / Visualizations

- Communicate core messages
- What other elements are important?
- What visualizations will ensure the biggest impact?
- What else would enhance the business case?

## Mentimeter Scoring Rubrik

1. Effectiveness of the Business Case
  2. Use of Metrics and Data
  3. Message Presentation (Visualization)
- 5 Excellent to 1 Poor
- 15 Total Points Available**

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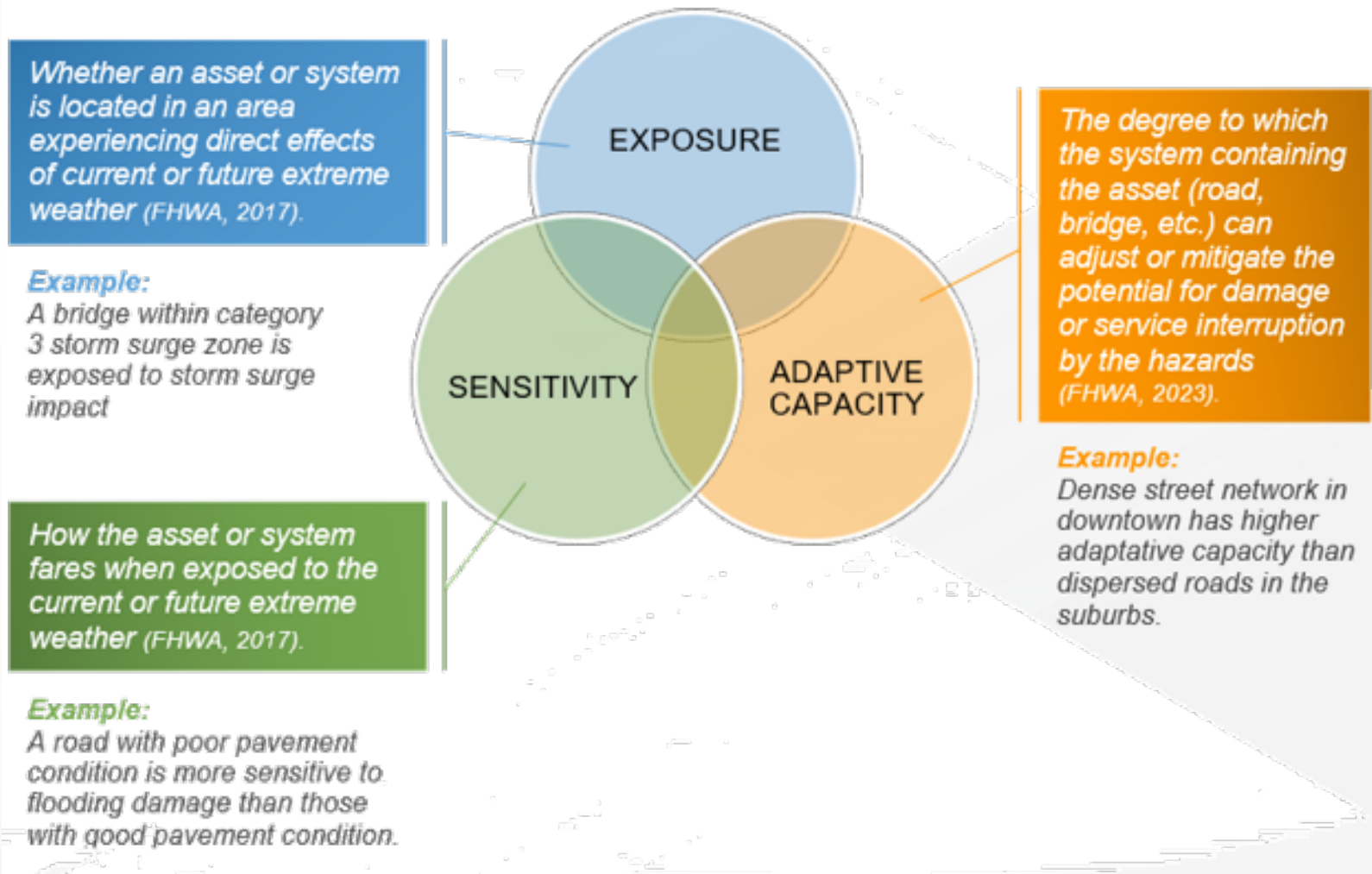


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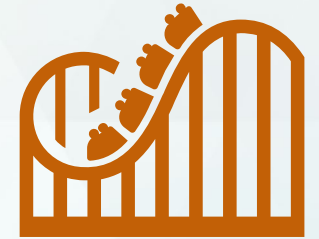
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