



The Climate Risk in the Seacoast: Assessing Vulnerability of Municipal Assets and Resources to Climate Change (C-RiSe) project provides maps and assessments of flood impacts to infrastructure and natural resources in the coastal Great Bay region associated with projected increases in storm surge, sea level, and precipitation.

TOWN OF DURHAM

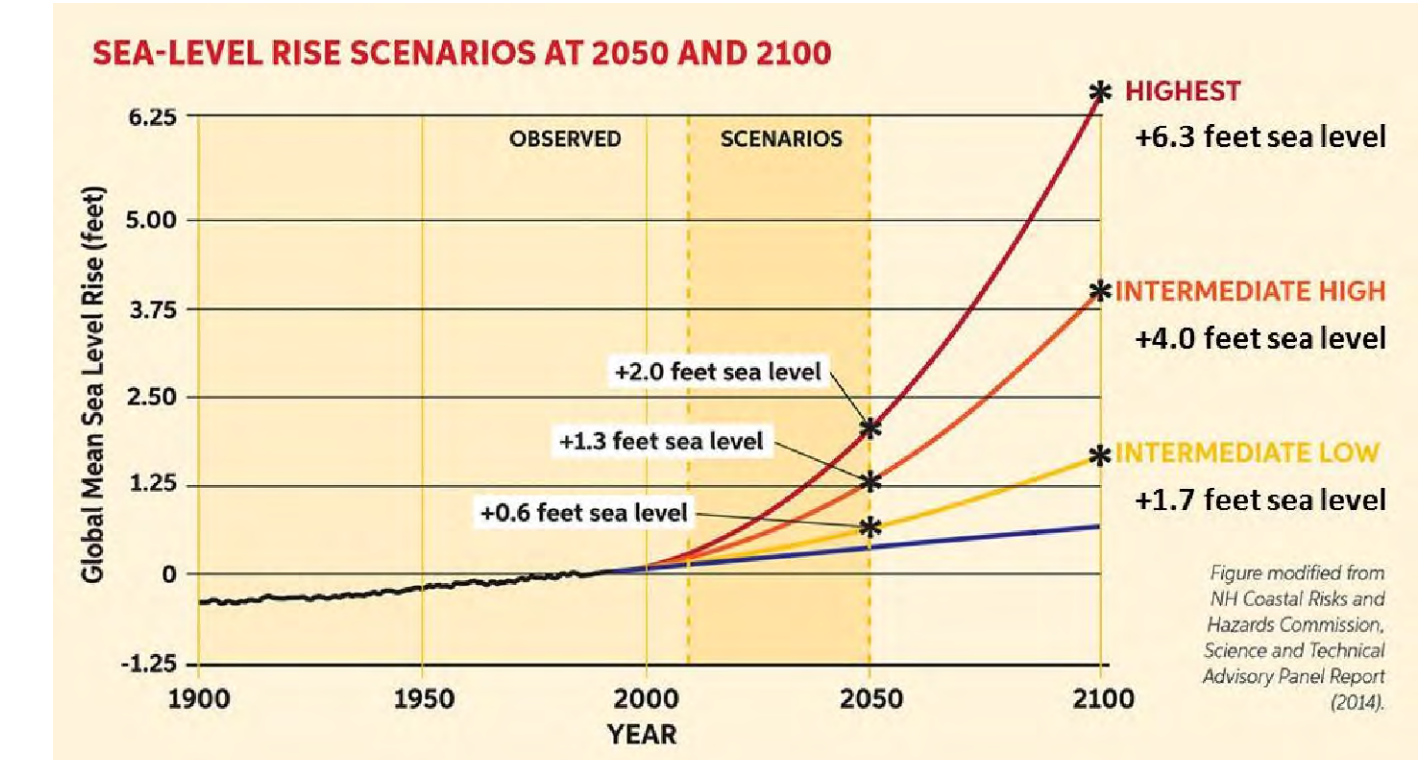
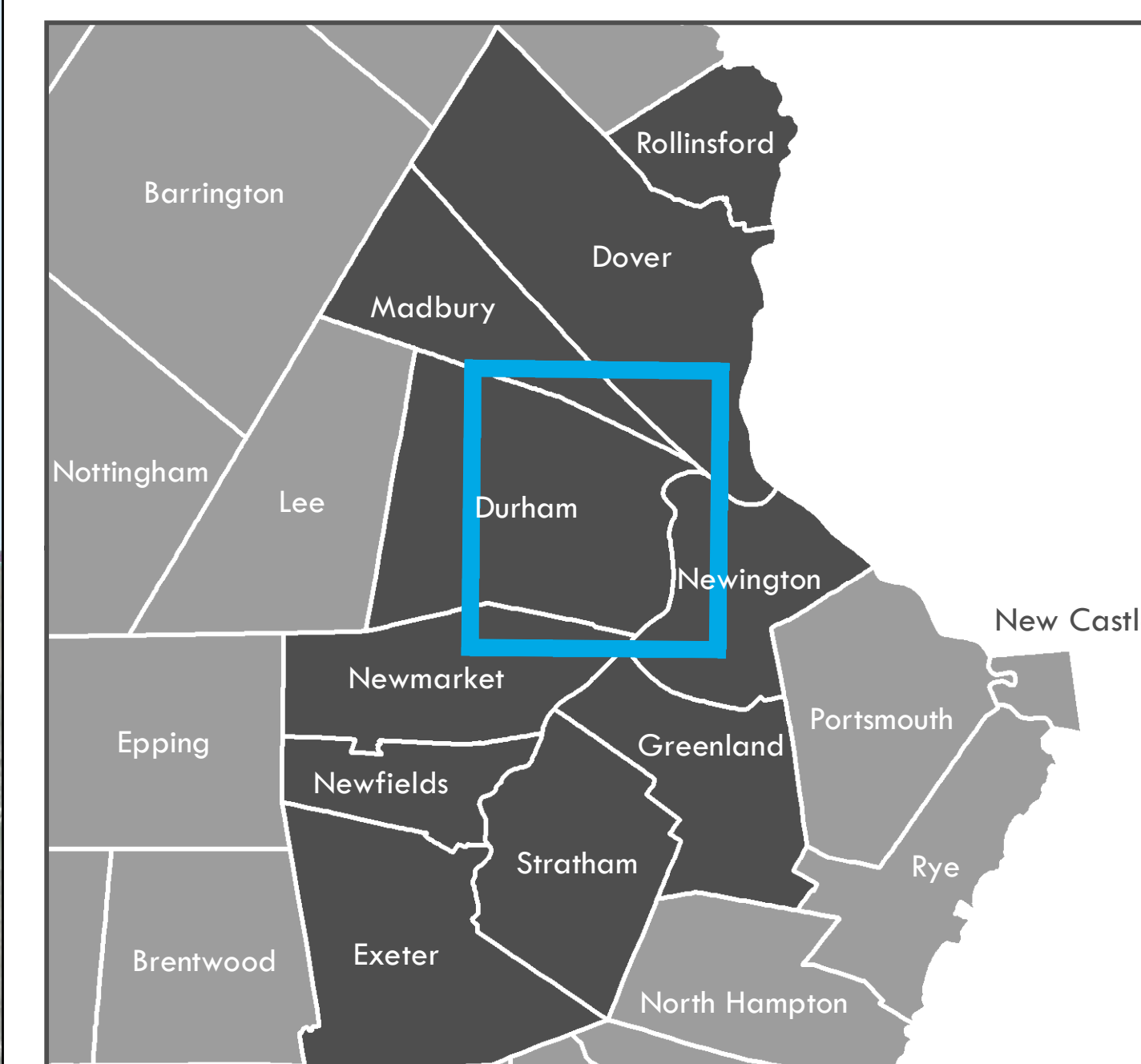
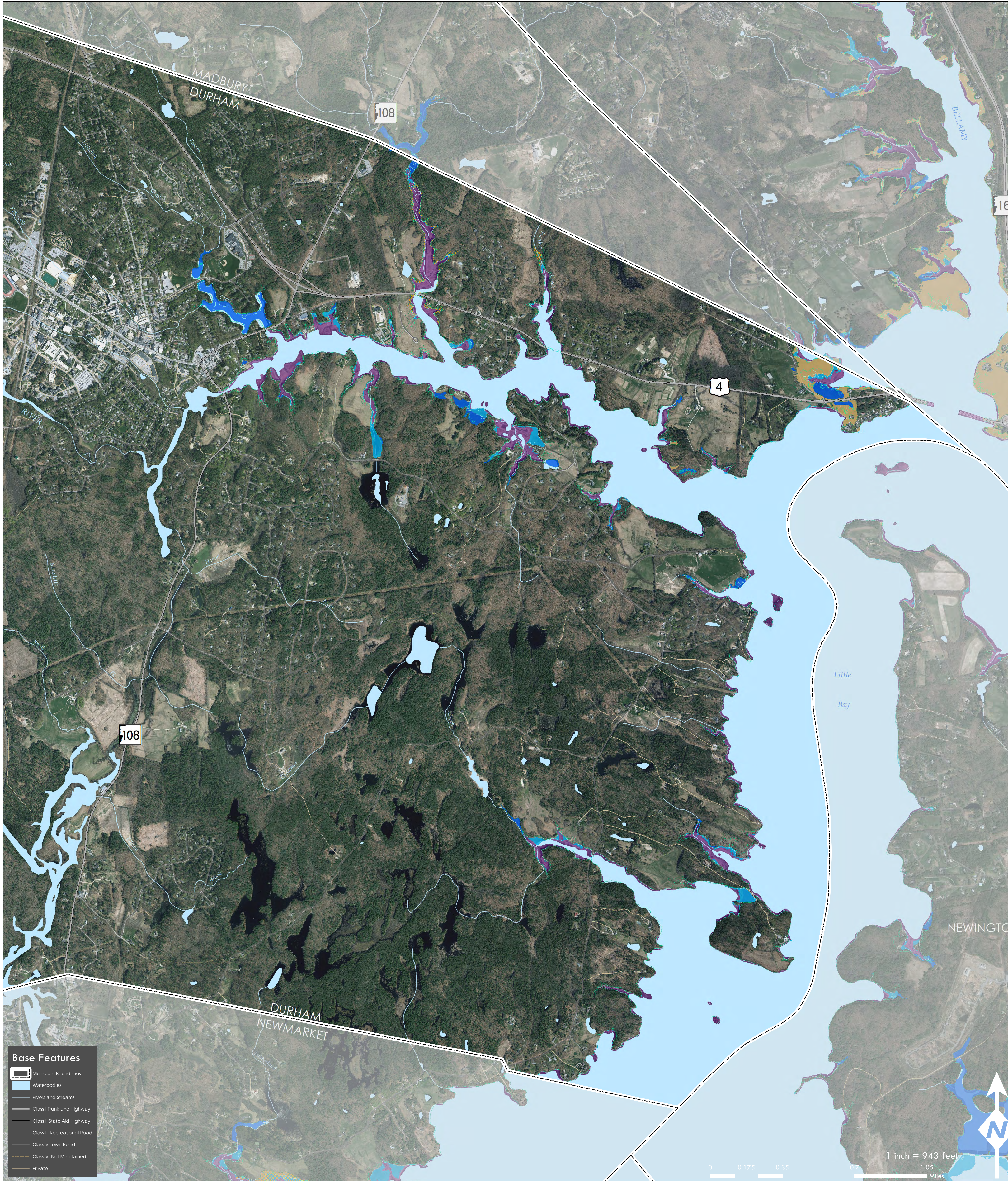
Map 9: Water Resources
Sea-Level Rise 1.7', 4.0', 6.3'

SLR Legend

- Extent of Sea-Level Rise 1.7'
- Extent of Sea-Level Rise 4.0'
- Extent of Sea-Level Rise 6.3'
- Approximate Mean High High Water Level

Impact Legend

- Freshwater Wetlands
- Estuarine and Marine Wetlands
- Stratified Drift Aquifers
- Wellhead Protection Areas



Sea-Level Rise Scenarios
Please note that the sea-level rise scenarios used in this assessment were derived from the Wake, 2011 report (refer to table of values below from this report). These scenarios were selected prior to the release of the Science and Technical Advisory Panel Report to the N.H. Coastal Risks & Hazards Commission, in August, 2014 [1]. While slightly different than the scenarios cited in that report, they yield coverage estimates that are within the mapping margin of error.

[1] Wake, C.P., Kinchen, P., Huber, M., Knott, K., and Stimpson, M. (2014) Sea-level Rise, Storm Surges, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire: Analysis of Past and Projected Future Trends, prepared by the Science and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) for the New Hampshire Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission.

Base Features

- Municipal Boundaries
- Waterbodies
- Rivers and Streams
- Class I Trunk Line Highway
- Class II State Aid Highway
- Class III Recreational Road
- Class V Town Road
- Class VI Not Maintained
- Private

1 inch = 943 feet
0 0.175 0.35 0.7 1.05 Miles

Water Resource Impacts: Town of Durham (acres)				
Resource Type	Name/Type	Sea Level Scenarios		
		1.7 feet	4.0 feet	6.3 feet
Wellhead Protection Areas	Johnson Creek	2.87	8.89	17.29
	Estuarine and Marine Deepwater	0.01	1.58	1.86
Estuarine and Marine Wetlands	Estuarine and Marine Wetland	18.97	26.86	30.04
	Freshwater Emergent Wetland	0.56	4.55	6.11
	Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	1.41	8.25	17.57
	Freshwater Pond	9.74	11.68	13.13
Freshwater Wetlands	Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Riverine	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Stratified Drift	2.10	8.96	28.72
Aquifers				

Water Resource Totals (acres)			
Resource Type	Sea Level Scenarios		
	1.7 feet	4.0 feet	6.3 feet
Wellhead Protection Areas	2.87	8.89	17.29
Estuarine and Marine Wetlands	18.98	28.44	31.90
Freshwater Wetlands	11.71	24.48	36.81
Stratified Drift Aquifers	2.10	8.96	28.72
Total(s) Combined	35.66	70.77	114.72

	2050		2100	
	Lower	Higher	Lower	Higher
Current Elevation of MHHW ^{a,b}	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
100-Year Flood Height	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Subsidence	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Elastic SLR	1.0	1.7	2.5	6.3
Total Stillwater Elevation ^{c,c}	12.2	12.9	13.7	17.5

a - NAVD: North American Vertical Datum of 1988
b - MHHW: Mean Higher High Water at Fort Point, NH
c - Total Stillwater Elevation may not equal total of components due to rounding

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Data Sources:
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