

PORTSMOUTH'S HISTORIC DISTRICT AND SEA LEVEL RISE

Local Advisory Committee Meeting 4 | October 12, 2017



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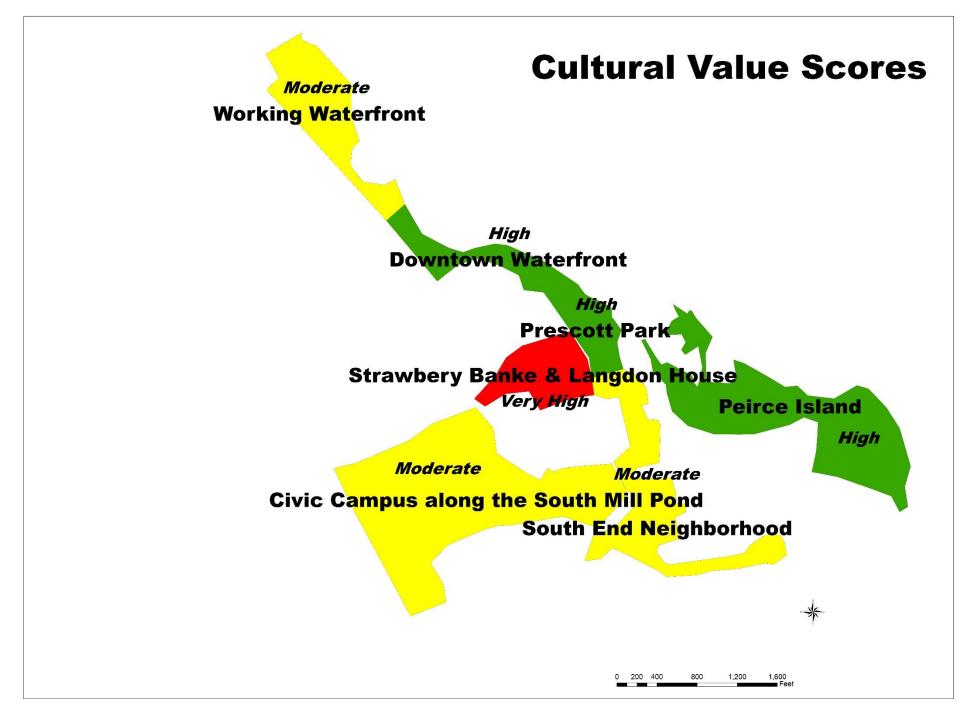
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- Historic Inventory/Historic Values Map
- Cultural Value Areas/Cultural Values Map
- Monetary Values Map
- Composite Map
- Composite and Risk Map
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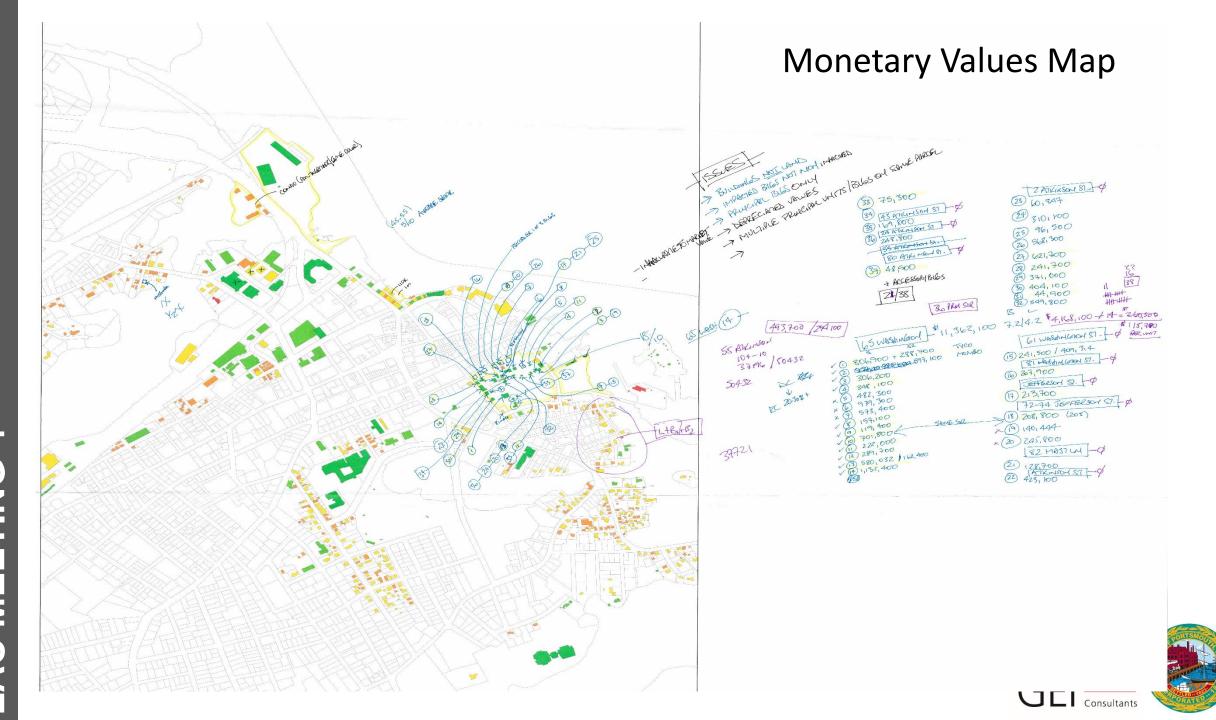
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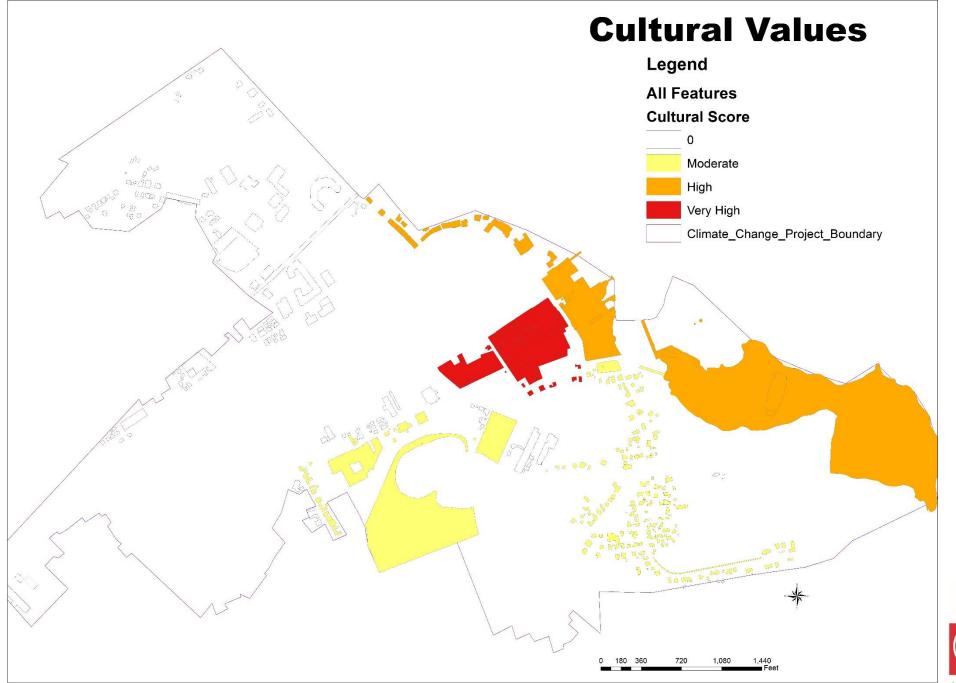
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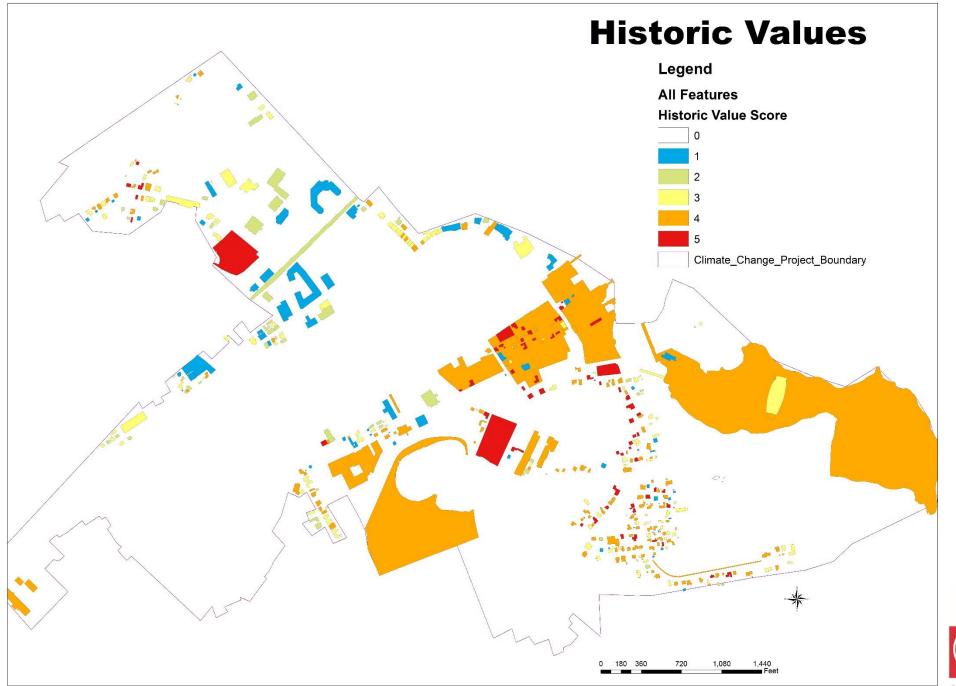




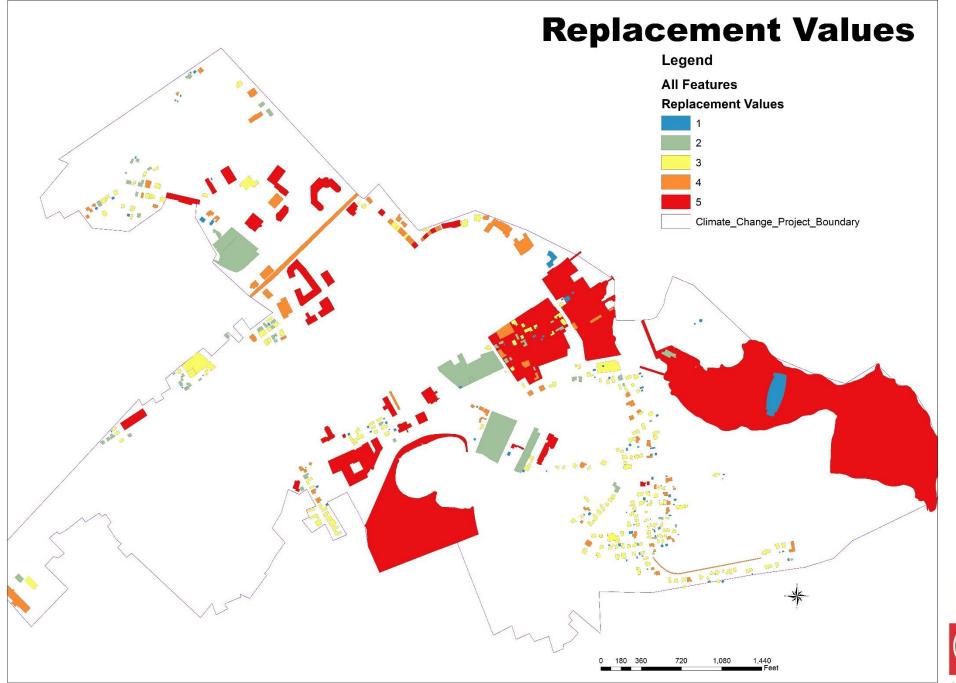






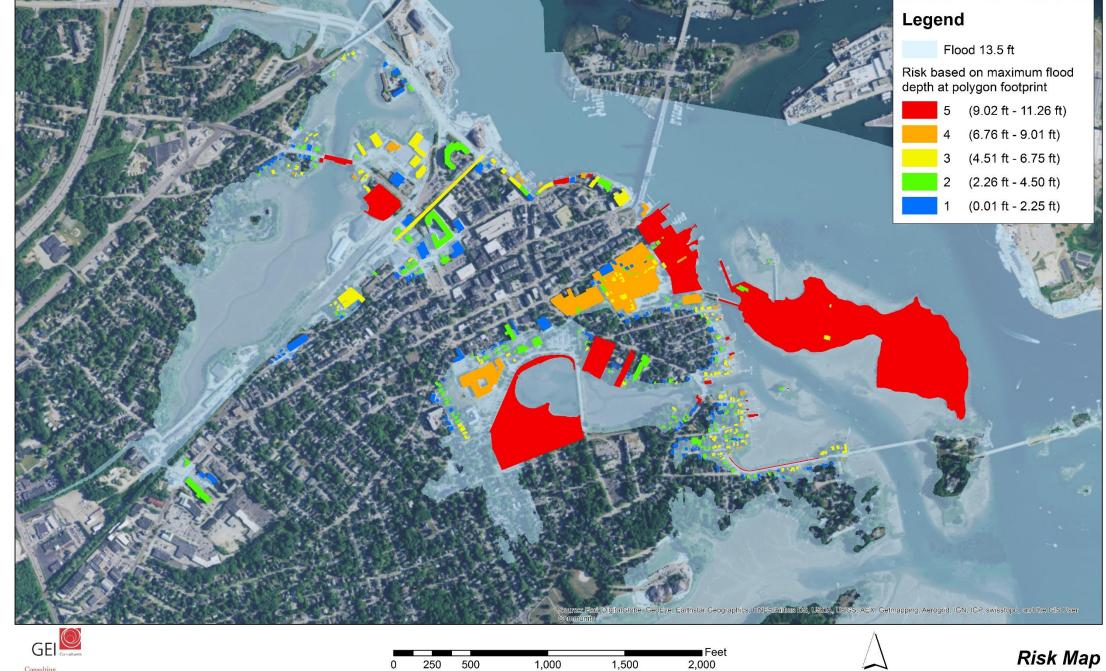








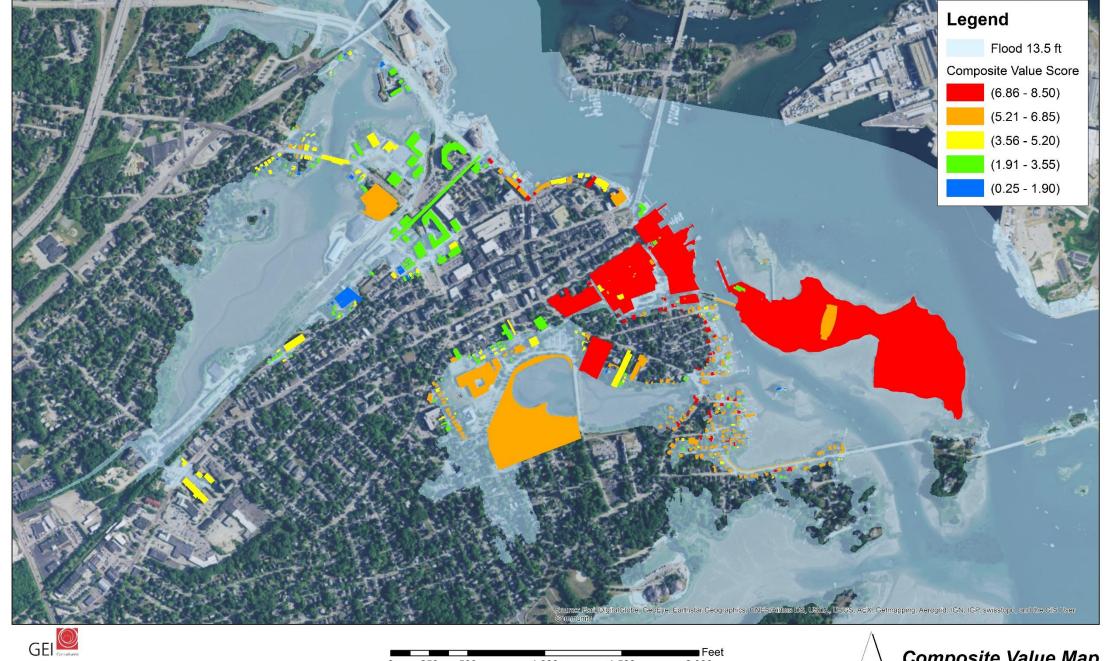
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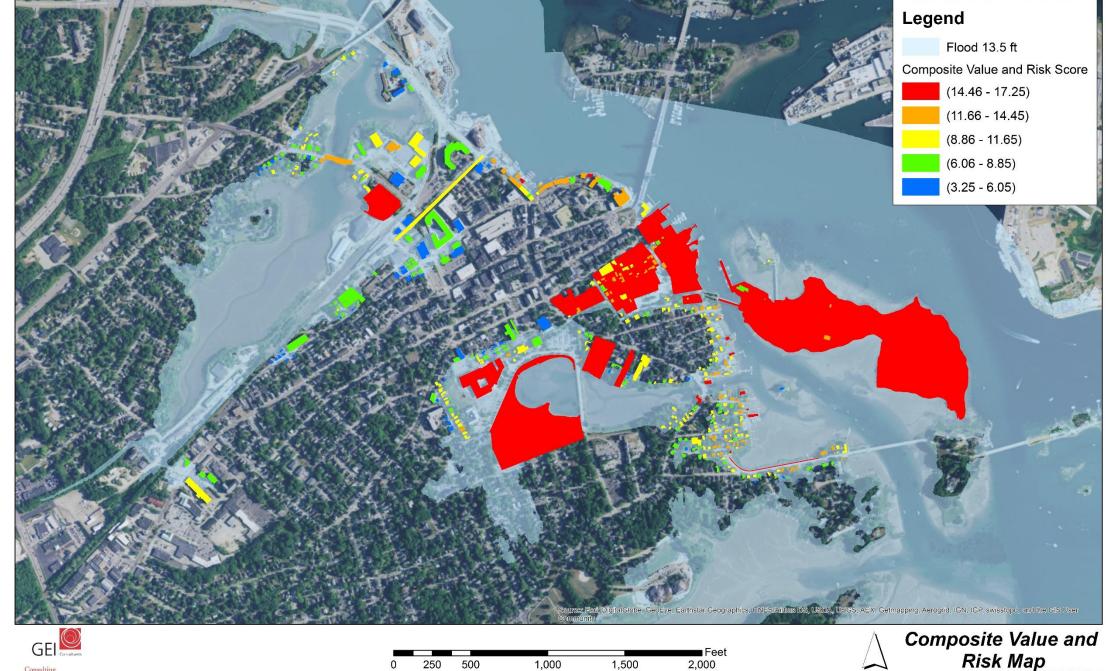


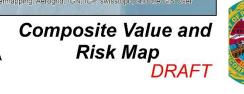




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DRAFT Handout for Local Adaptation Committee Meeting #4, October 12 2017

Example Adaptation Actions to Consider in Portsmouth's Historic District

In the adaptation planning document being developed by the City of Portsmouth, each of 16 candidate actions will be briefly evaluated for their feasibility and potential effectiveness in making Portsmouth's Historic District more resilient to the threats of storm surge and sea level rise. The actions below are a first draft of this list. They are grouped in four geographic focus areas – North Mill Pond, South Mill Pond, South End/Working Waterfront, and Downtown Working Waterfront. Each focus area has four examples of candidate actions: the first two are structure-specific and the second two are not. <u>During LAC4 we will consider whether to move the location of any of these examples to sites that may be more representative of historic features LAC members are familiar with and concerned about.</u>

- Any of the actions by themselves and even the entire set of actions if they were taken together would not make the individual structures or the whole District or completely resilient to the range of types of flooding to which the District is vulnerable.
- Similarly, all potential actions should be integrated into a coordinated stormwater management plan and set of stormwater infrastructure upgrades, one that encompasses the multi-directional threats from sea level rise, storm surge, and upland runoff.
- In developing these candidate actions, no consideration was given to local hydrology other than overlaps with the 13.5' flooding polygon. The table simply provides examples of some categories of action that, if carefully coordinated with a broad range of other activities that address local hydrological nuances in an integrated fashion, may contribute to an overall effort to prevent losses of historic, cultural, and economic value in the District.
- It is also recognized that each of the 16 examples represent cursory and introductory considerations of possible actions to consider in greater detail. Site specific field and office work should be pursued in each case to further evaluate whether the mentioned actions may be effective or desirable.

Many options and resources exist to help with such an effort. For example, besides detailed hydrologic modeling, which may be necessary to evaluate some of the actions, these two 8-minute videos have good background for considering wet and dry floodproofing activities: (wet: www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLl3N3fsmco; dry: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz6Ps78Skgk). The videos reference construction in Louisiana but most of the points are relevant to any such activity in Portsmouth.



Site	Candidate Action	Photo
230 Maplewood Avenue	Structural elevation, integrated with likely bridge redesign.	
3S Artspace Building, 333 Vaughan St.	Dry floodproof doors and openings, seal foundation and first several feet of brick, raise equipment in basement if any	PAGE
North Mill Pond Cemetery(ies)	Construct fortification – revetment, sea wall or other after evaluation	
500 Market Street buildings	Construct fortification – revetment, sea wall or other after evaluation, integrated with likely road redesign	Noble's layed of Chamber of Chamb



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19 South Street	Wet floodproof structure in rear	
Portsmouth Middle School	Construct automatic flood gates	
South End of South Mill Pond	Construct fortification / Raise existing	
Hoefle Phoenix & Gormley, attorneys	Offer small business floodproofing rebate program	



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Mombo, Gundalow and surrounding businesses	Wet floodproof, raise equipment in basement if any	
Sanders Lobster	Wet floodproof	
Revetment South of Sanders Lobster	Extend and strengthen existing fortifications around the length of the corner between Sanders Lobster and the existing seawall abutting the road.	
Meetinghouse Hill Area	Designate a floodproofing retrofit district, offer rebate program for residential retrofits; consider voluntary buyout program.	eray/st Salter/st



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10 State Street	Dry floodproof doors and openings, seal foundation and first several feet of brick, raise equipment in basement if any	
34 Ceres Street	Wet floodproof doors and openings, equipment in basement if any	
Marcy Street Corridor	Construct flood wall down center of Marcy and Mechanic Streets, making emergency closure options available (c.f. Cologne, Germany) to seal off downtown structures	Part Stignow For College For
Bow and Market Streets	Designate a floodproofing retrofit district, offer rebate program for commercial retrofits.	Portamonth Habbo Cruses Old Habbor S Blue Transet Pools Bow Street Carties Division Street Division Street Carties Division Street Di



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