

# Envision Our Waterfront



An aerial photograph of the Tacoma waterfront, showing the city, water, and a large wooden structure in the foreground. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

**Develop a community vision  
for the Tacoma waterfront and  
and action plan for  
Ruston Way.**

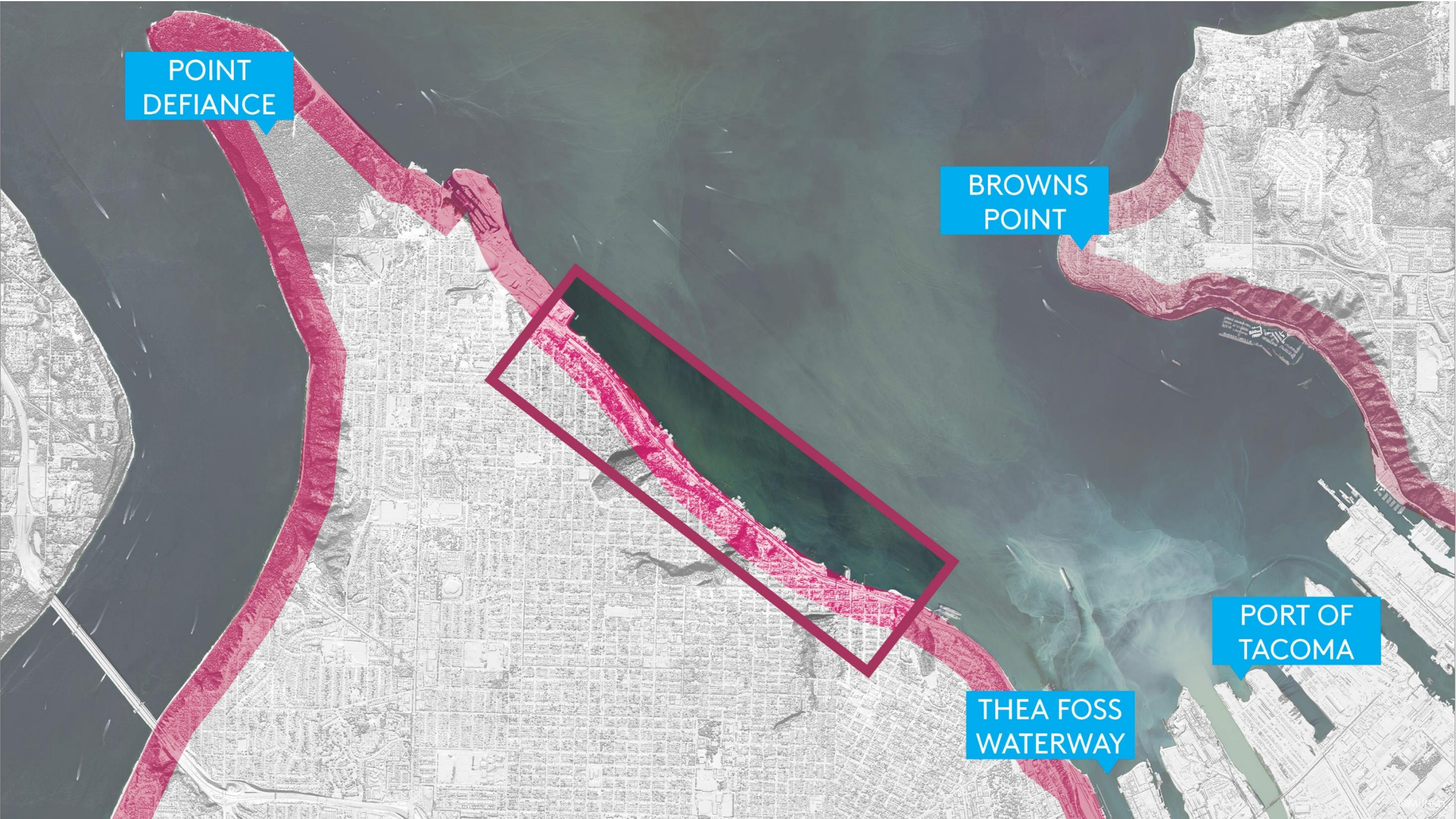


POINT  
DEFIANCE

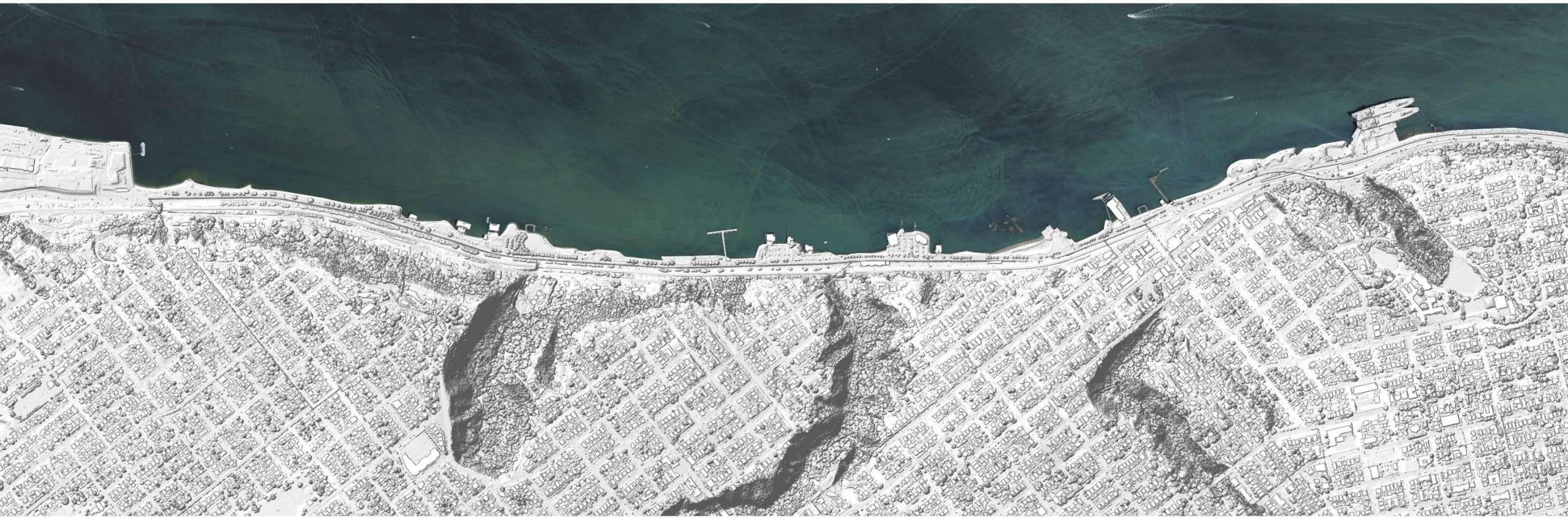
BROWNS  
POINT

PORT OF  
TACOMA

THEA FOSS  
WATERWAY









# PARKS



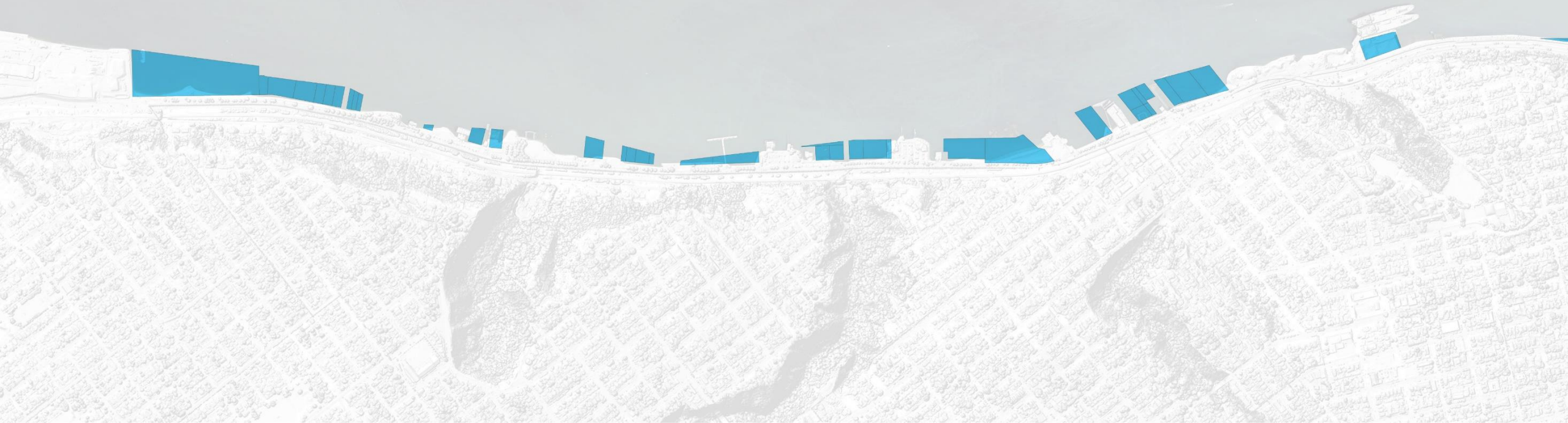


# BUSINESSES



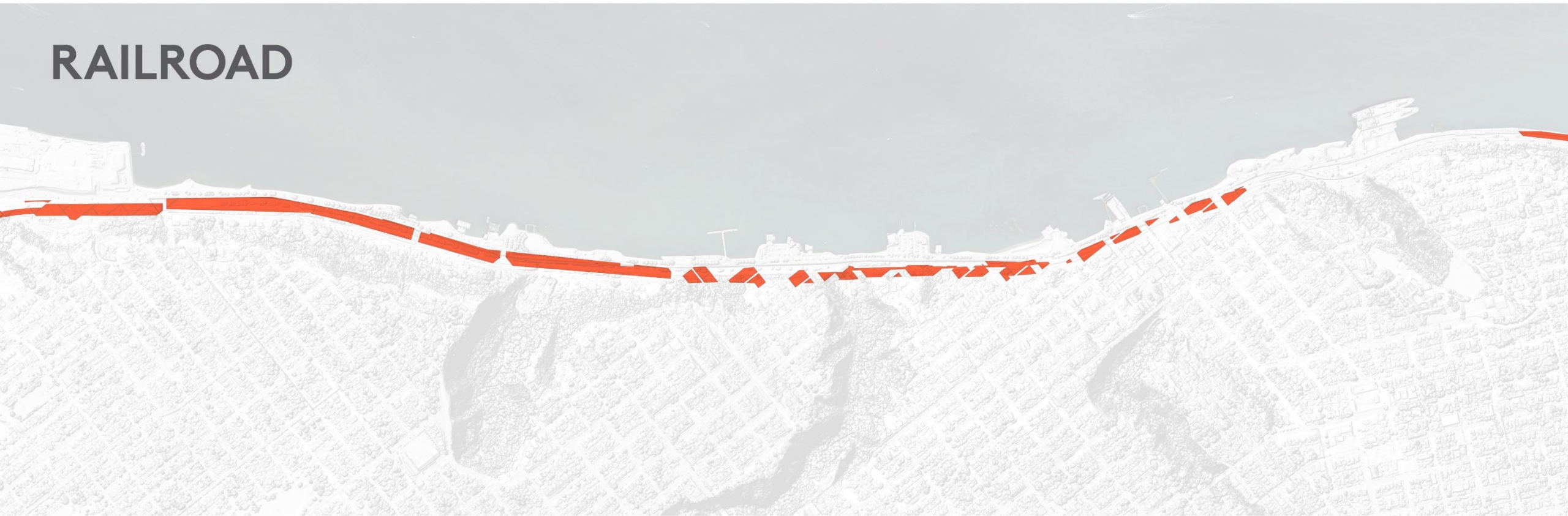


# SALTWATER TIDELANDS





# RAILROAD





# LAND USE





# Principles—





# Stories





Equity —



# Climate Resilience



# Focus Areas— Nature Mobility Uses



Nature—















**Mobility—**











Uses—











# Planning for Sea Level Rise





**The impacts are visible today**

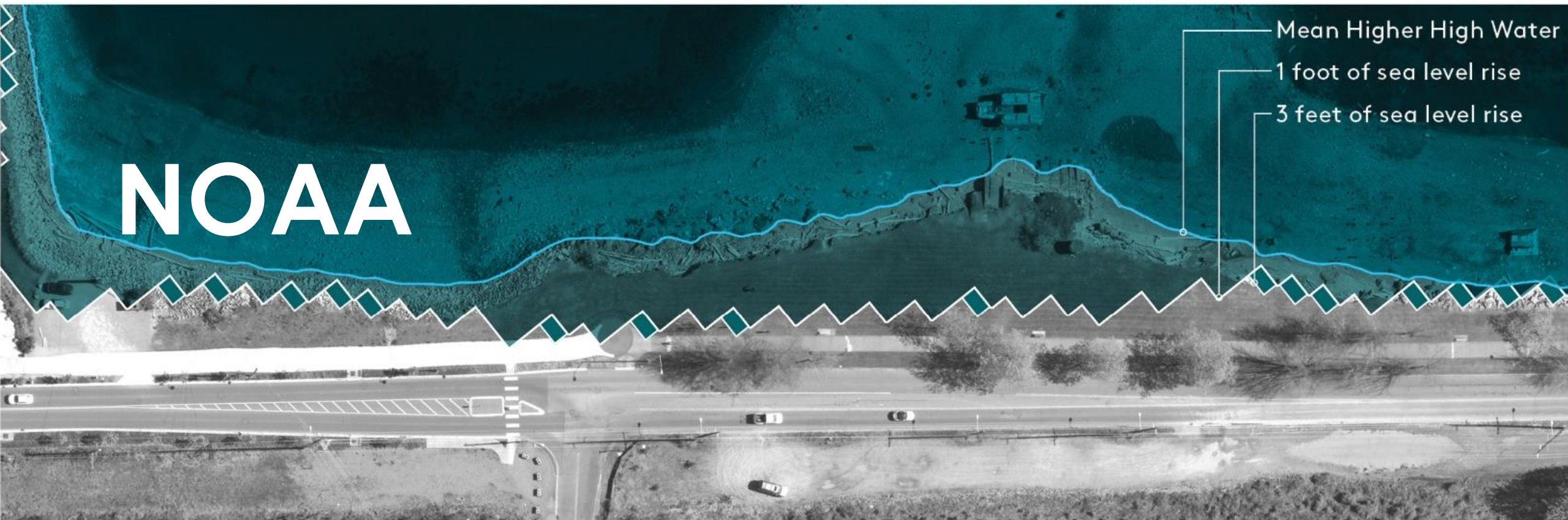


# NOAA

Mean Higher High Water

1 foot of sea level rise

3 feet of sea level rise





# WCRP/USGS

Mean Higher High Water

1.3 feet of sea level rise + surge & wave of a 10-year storm event

2.8 feet of sea level rise + surge & wave of a 10-year storm event



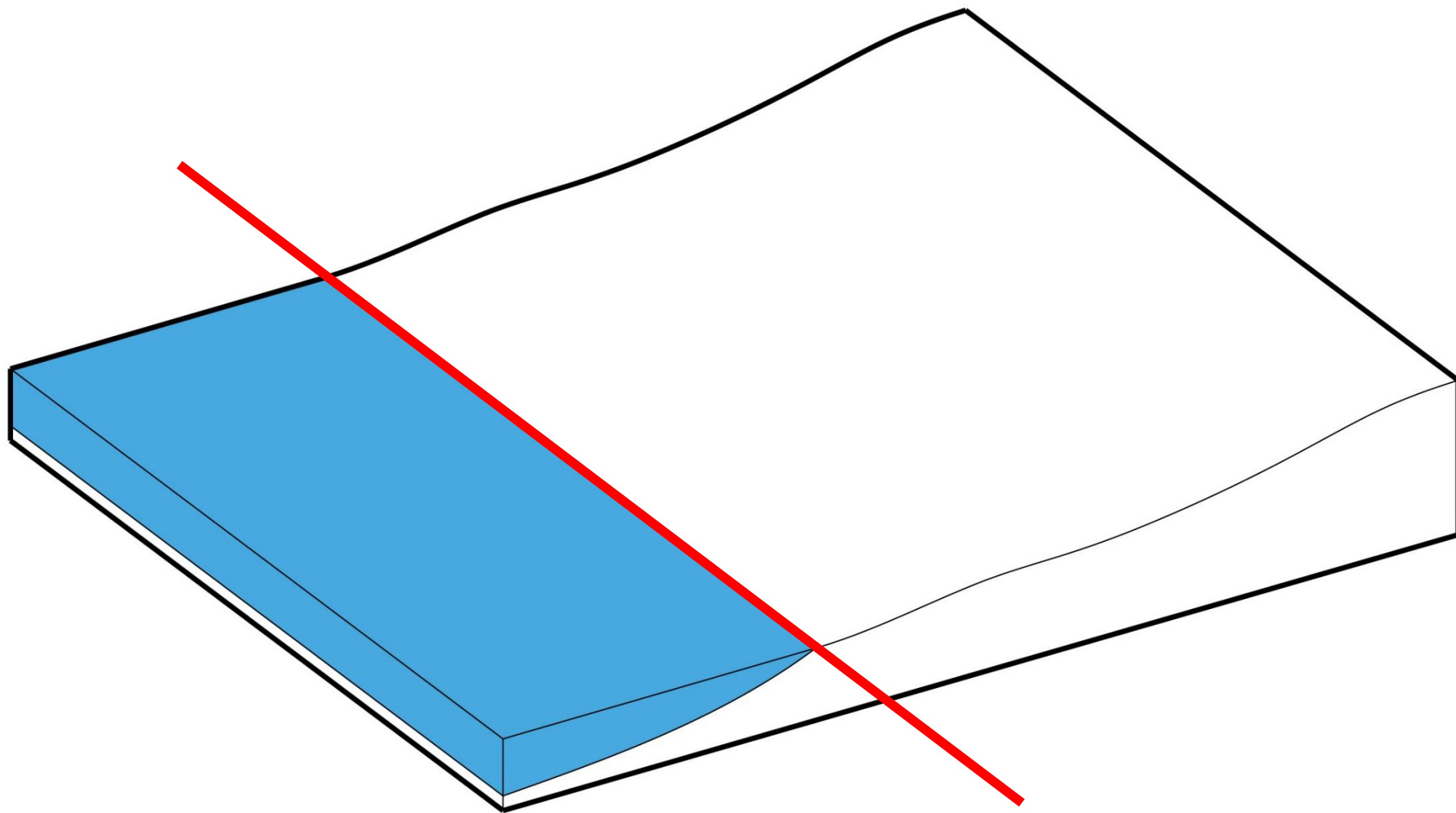


**Tacoma Resilience Plan  
Probability 1-5%**

**Ruston Way Vision Plan  
Probability 17-83%**

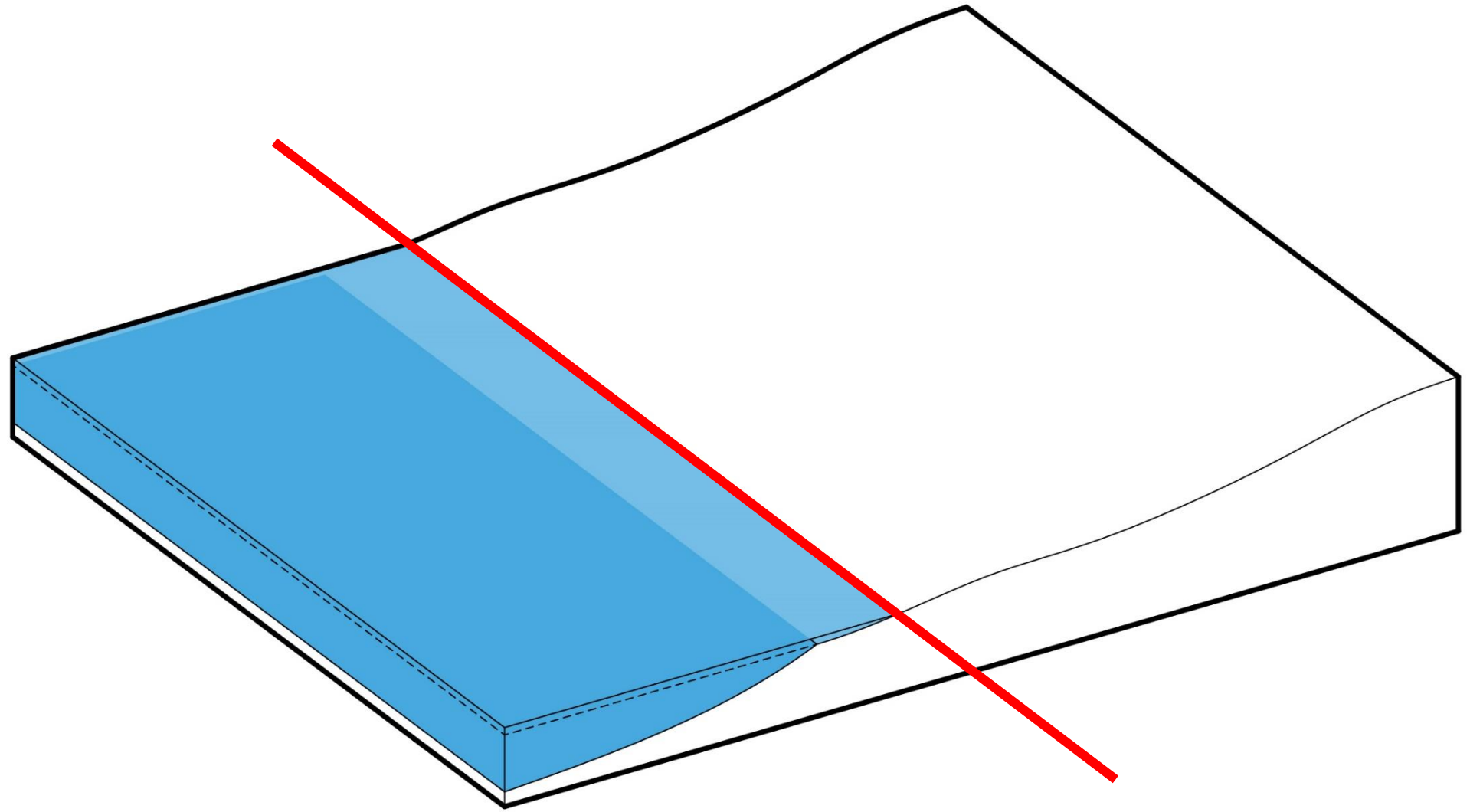


**Today**



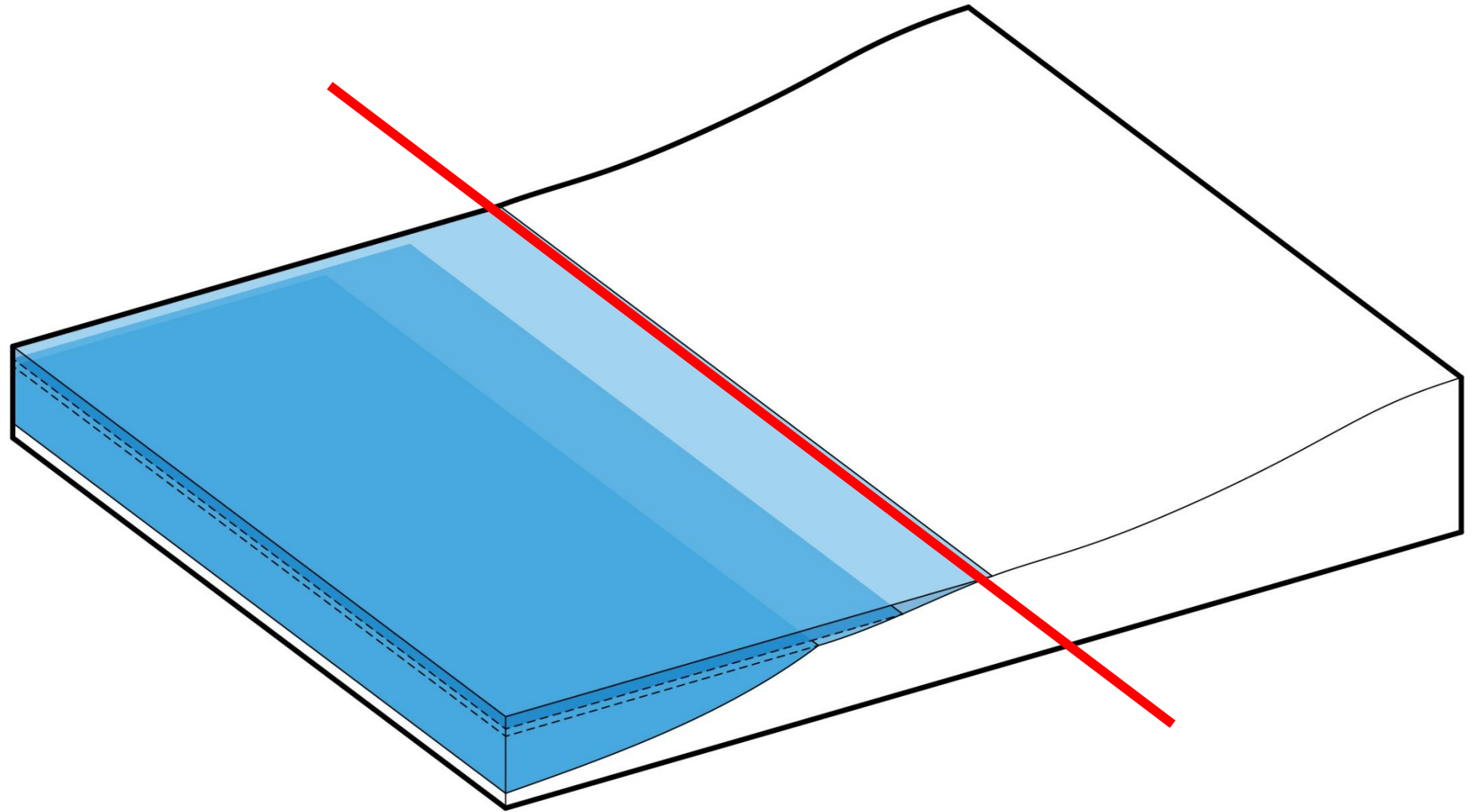


**12"**  
**2050**



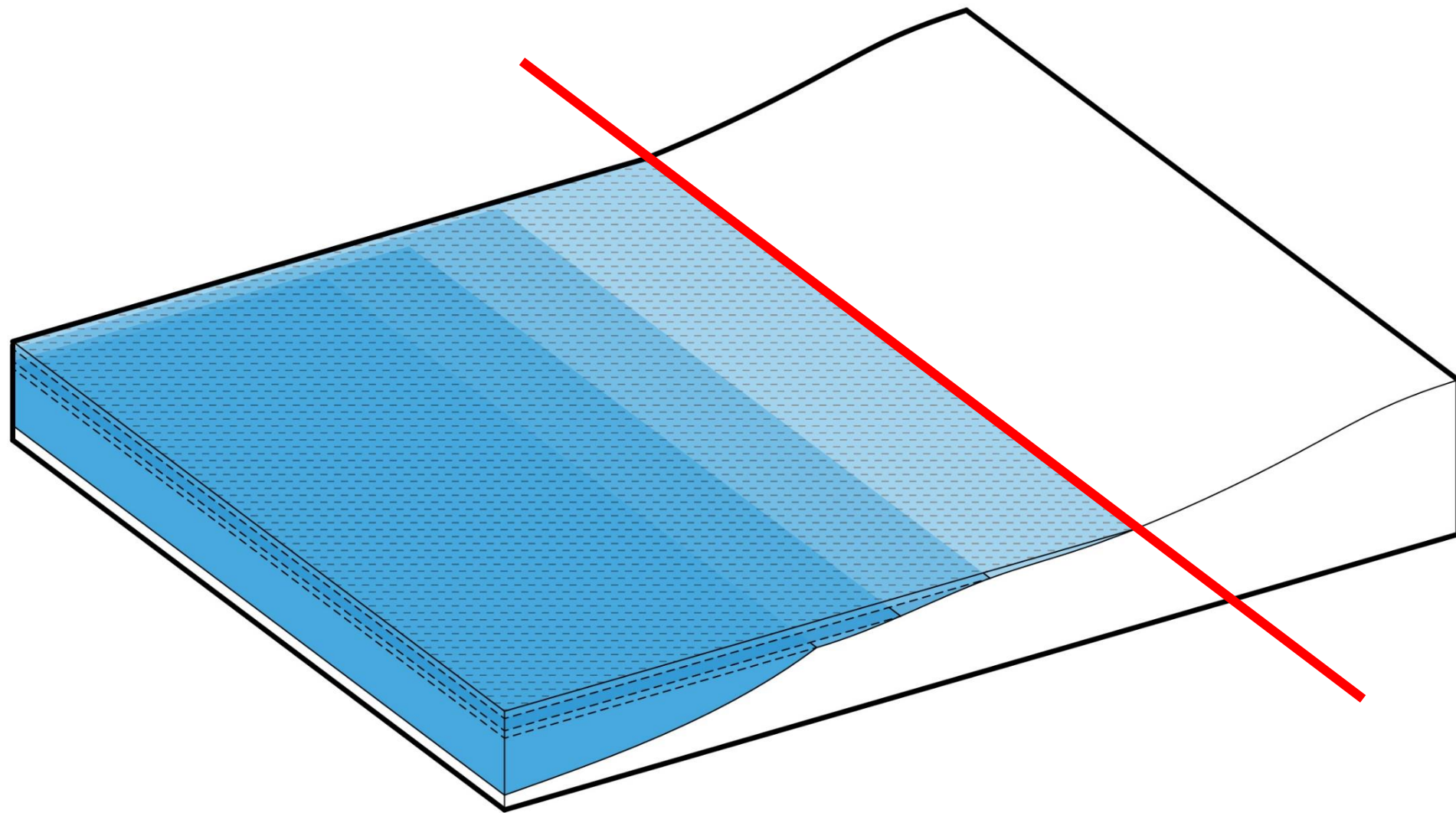


**36"**  
**2100**



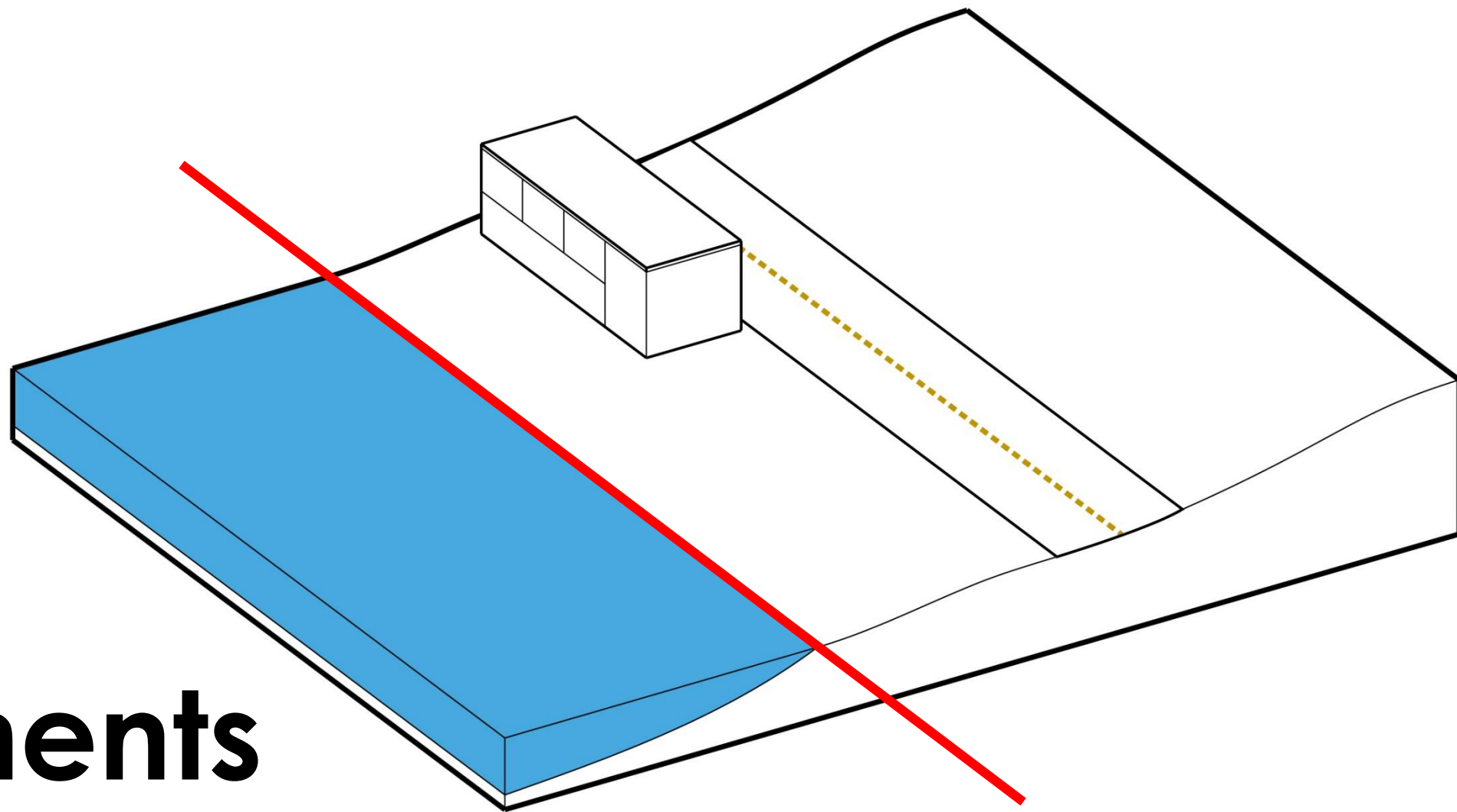


**Storm  
Impact  
+18"**



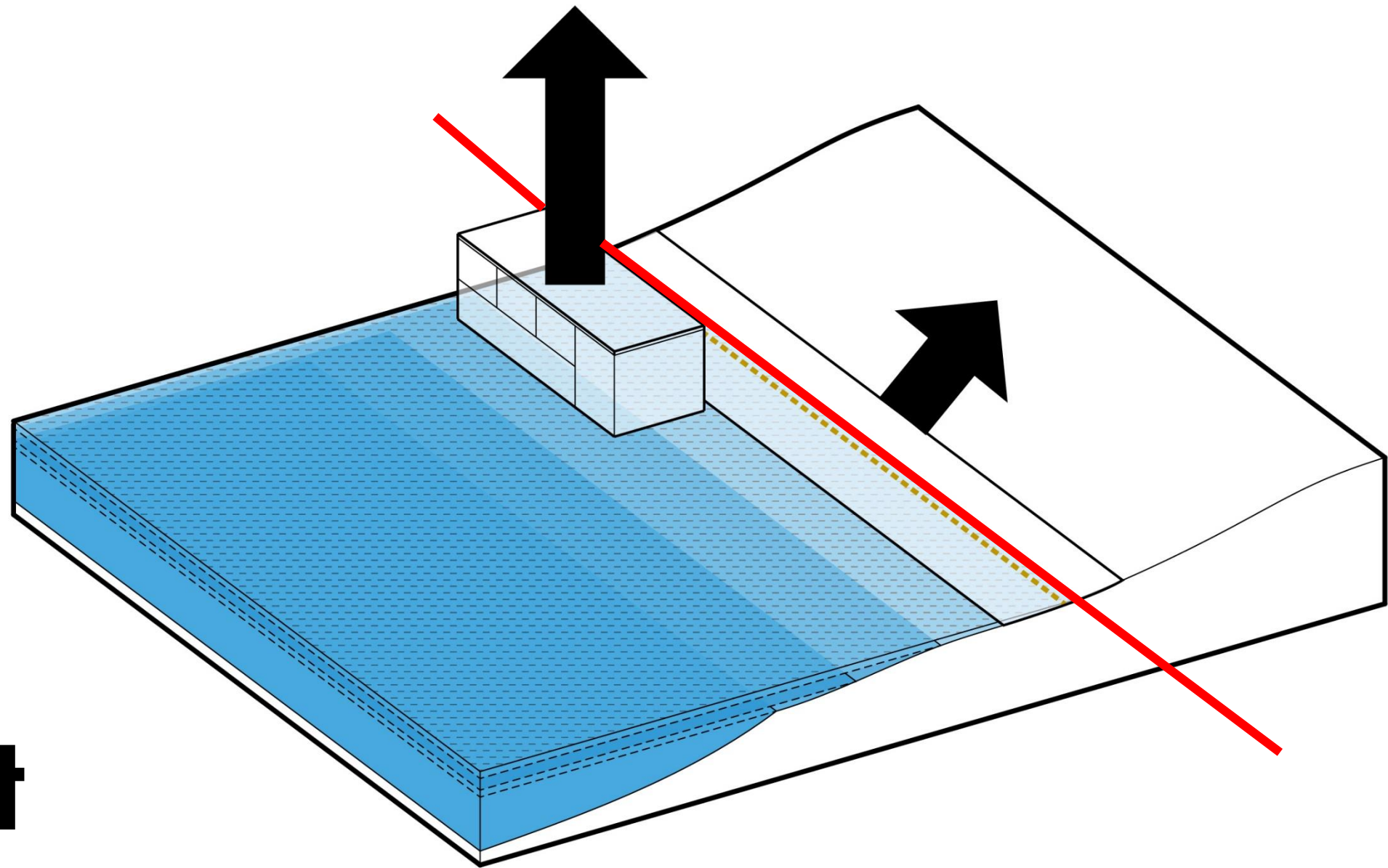


**Protect  
100 YR  
Investments**

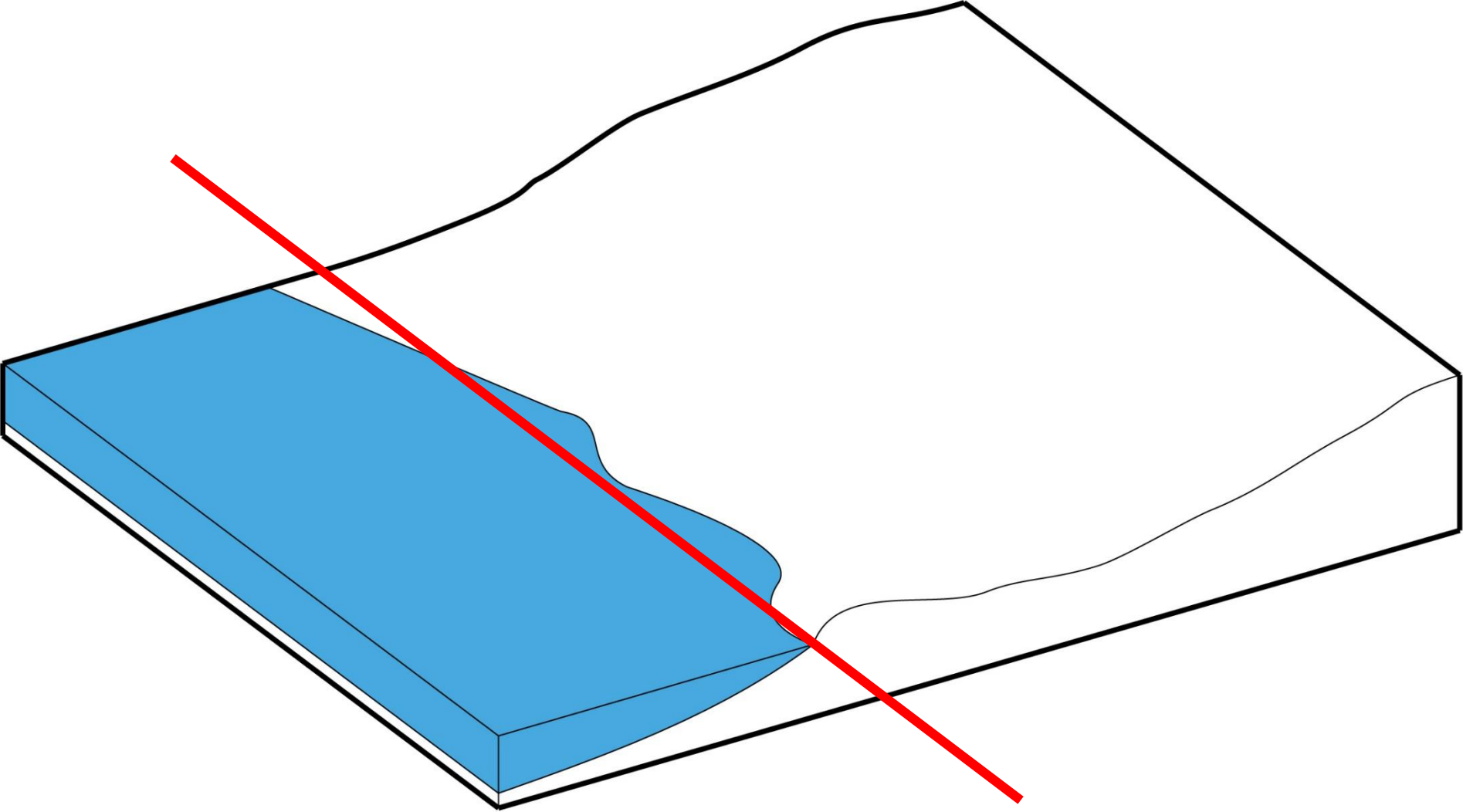




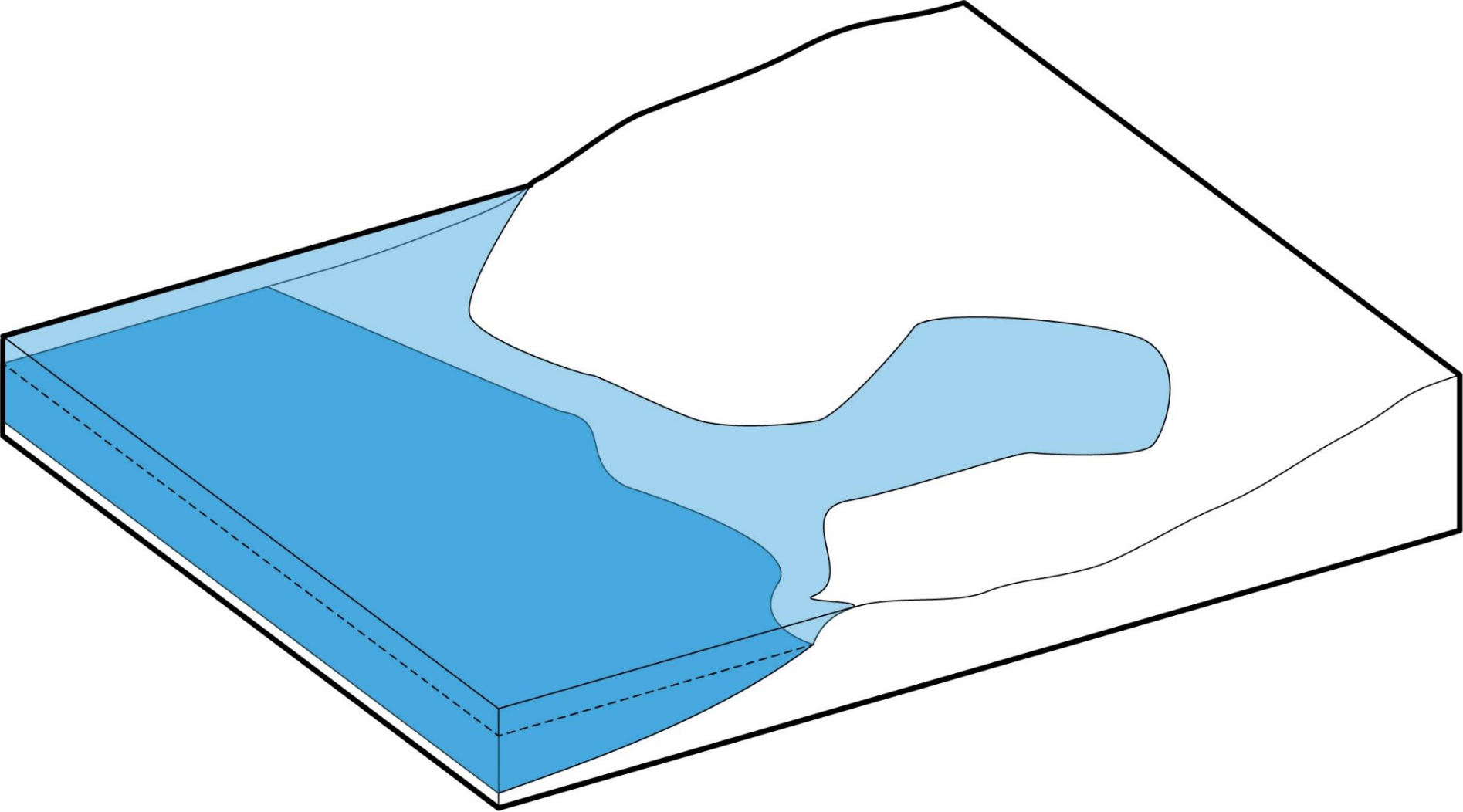
# Up Away Float Protect















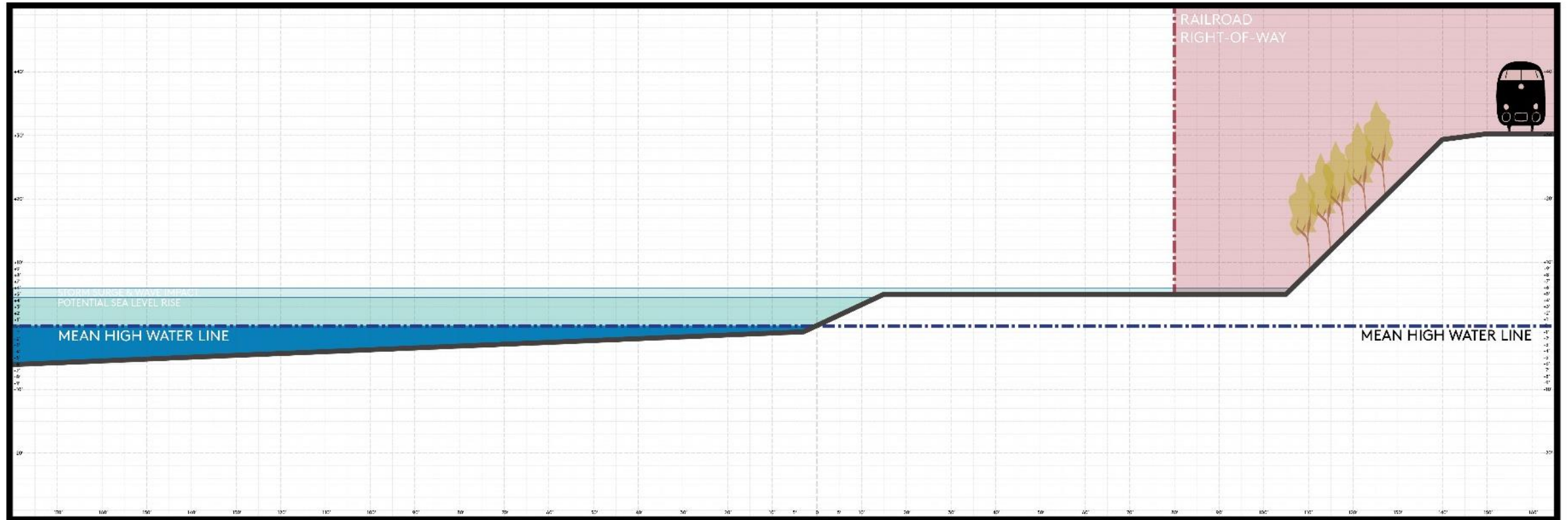
**There are no “one size fits all”  
solutions for Ruston Way**



**Building your waterfront—**



# Our Ruston Way Waterfront



10'  
+7'  
+6'  
+5'  
+4'  
+3'  
+2'  
+1'  
0'  
-1'  
-2'  
-3'  
-4'  
-5'  
-6'  
-7'  
-8'  
-9'  
-10'  
  
-20'

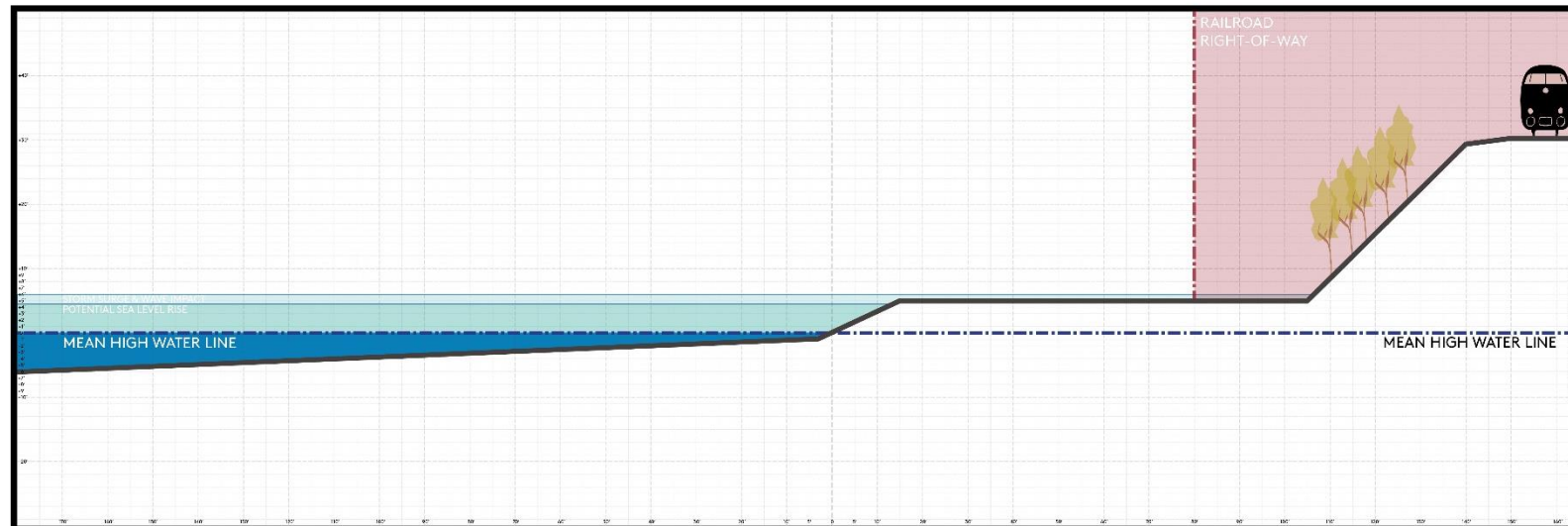
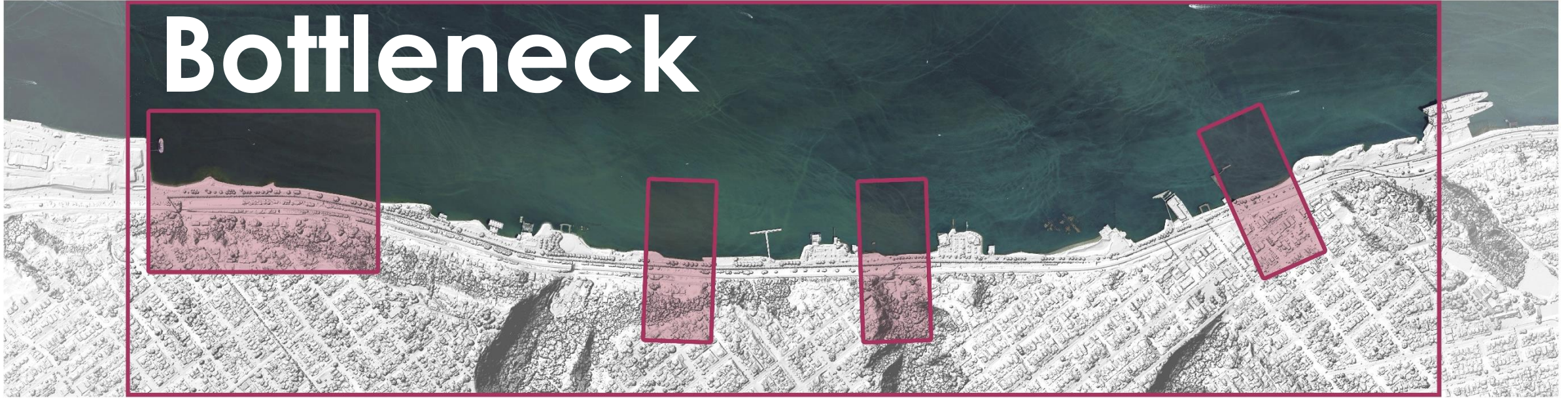
STORM SURGE & WAVE IMPACT  
POTENTIAL SEA LEVEL RISE

MEAN HIGH WATER LINE

170' 160' 150' 140' 130' 120' 110' 100' 90'

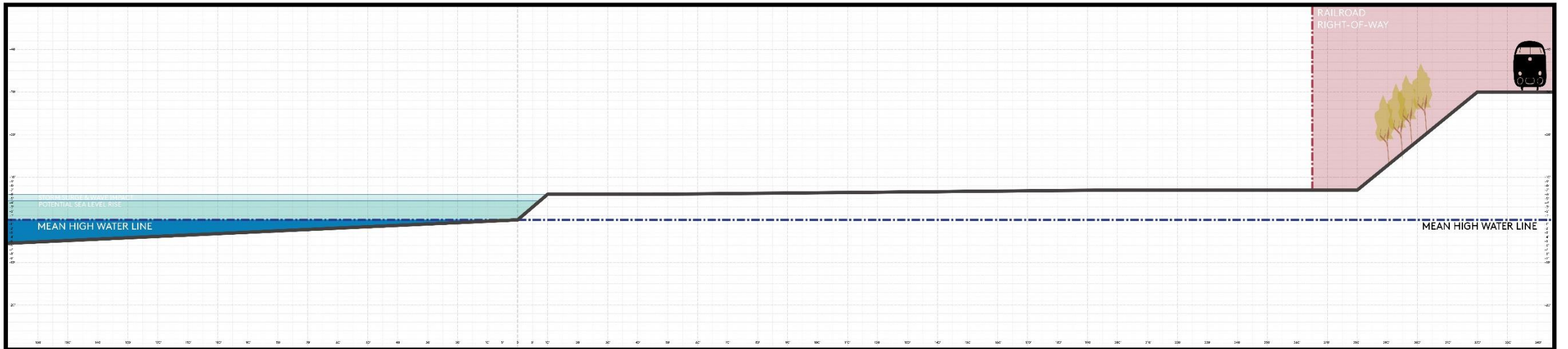


# Bottleneck



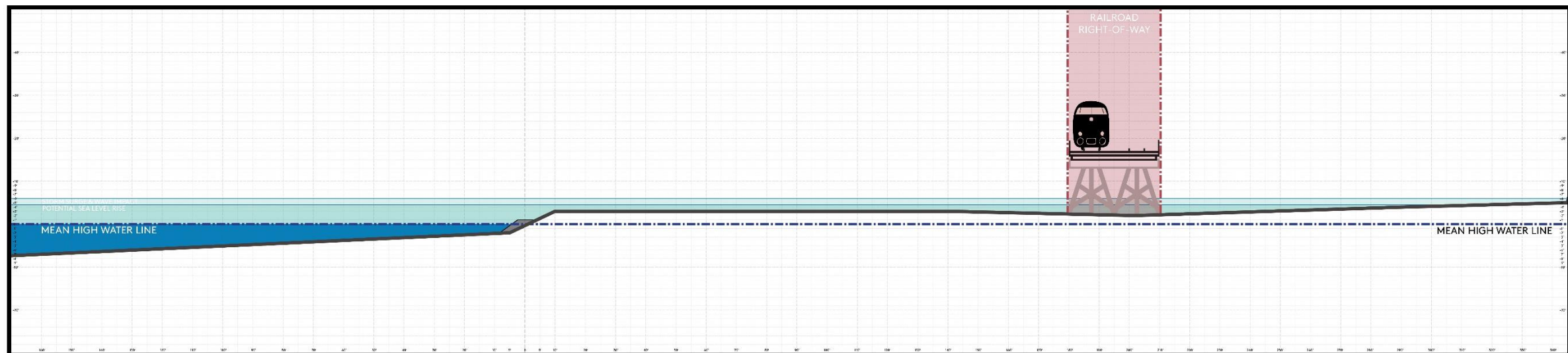


# Big Greens



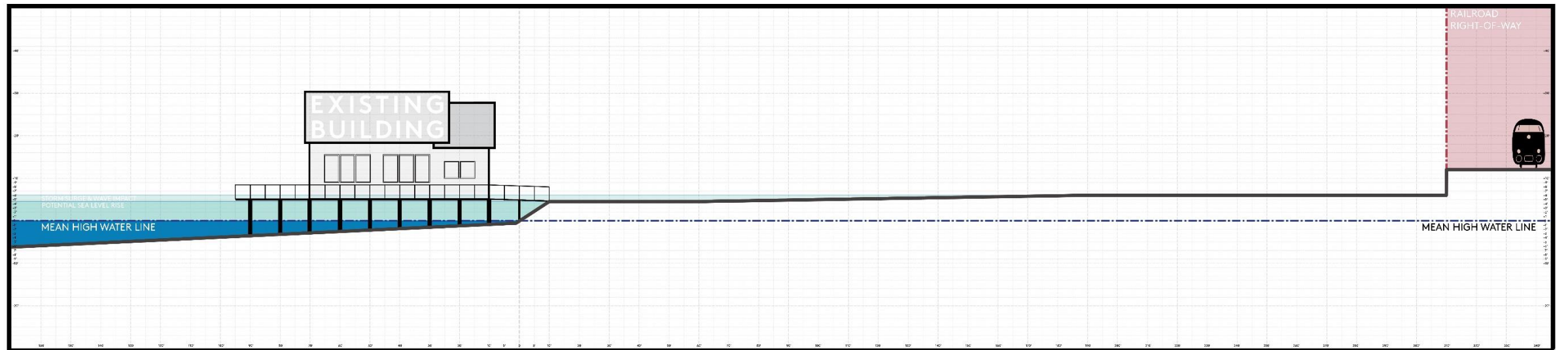


# Gulches



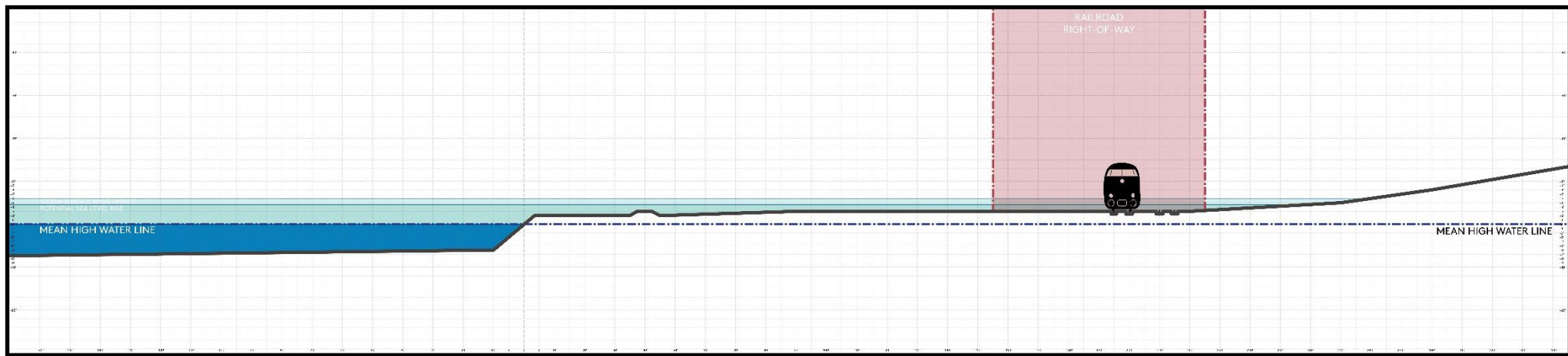


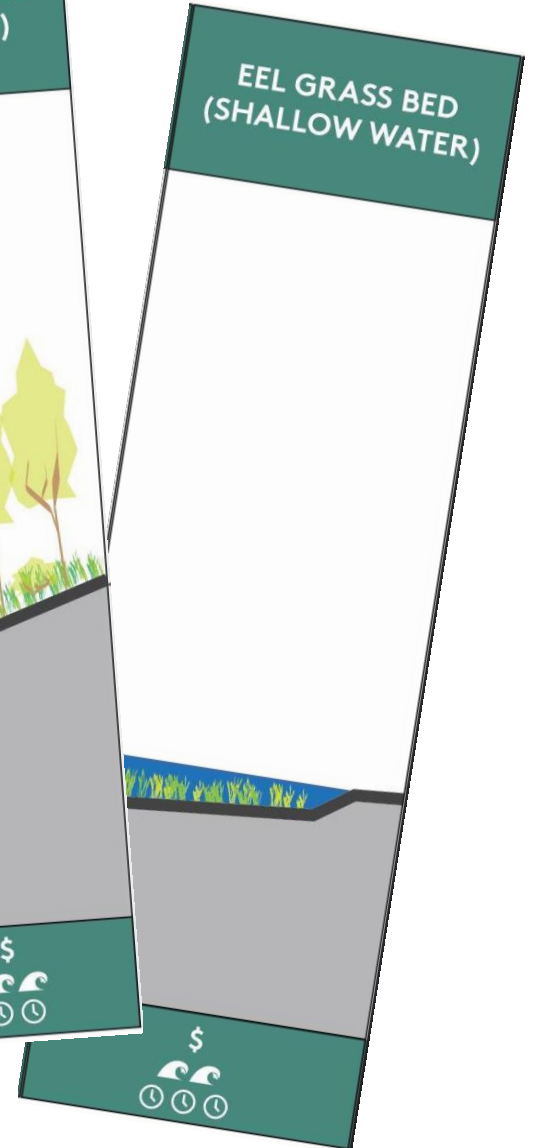
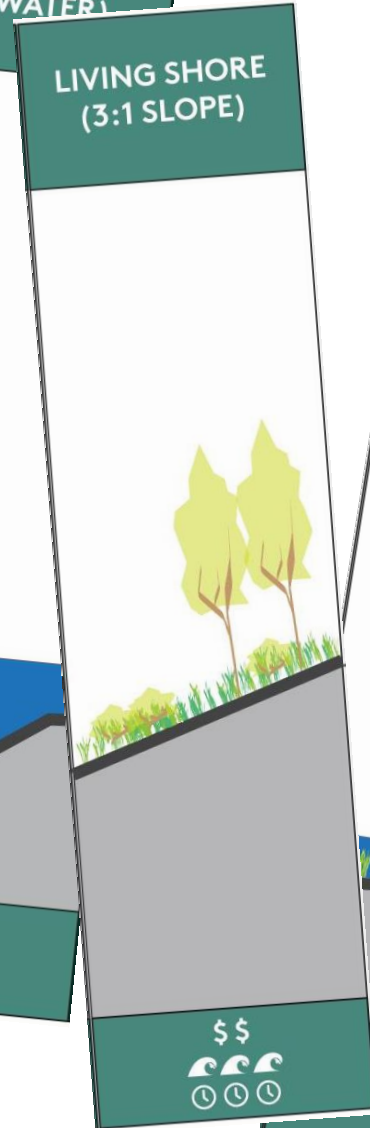
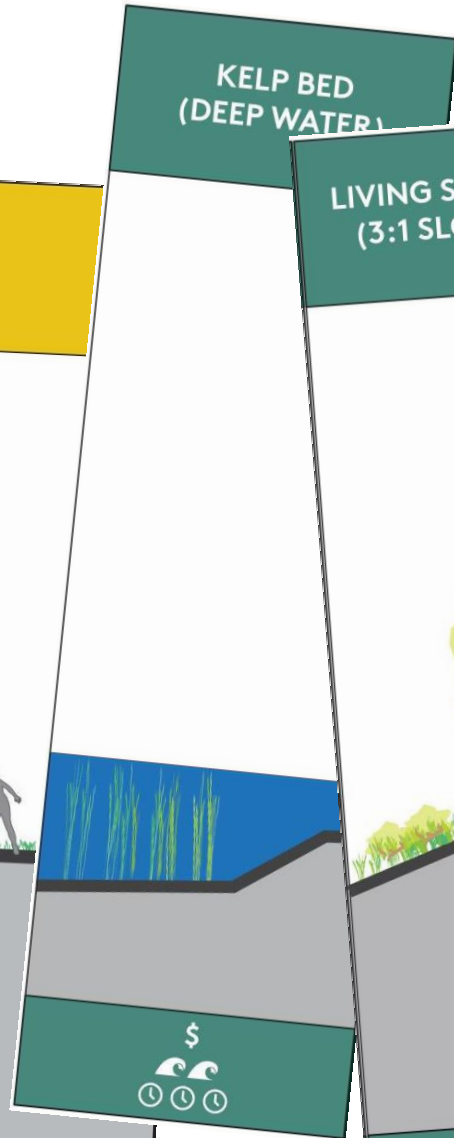
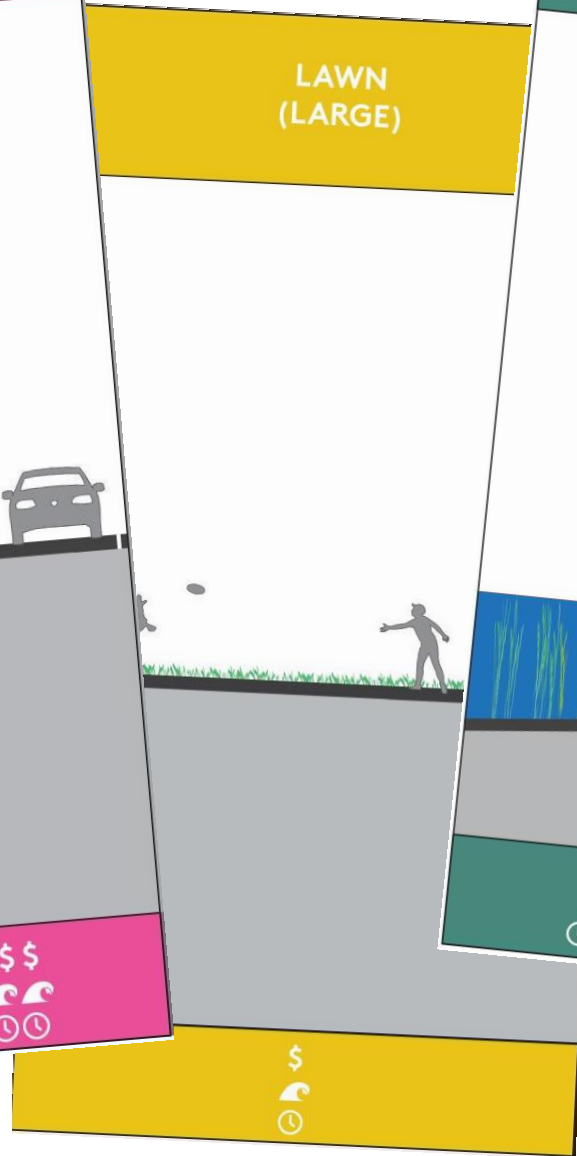
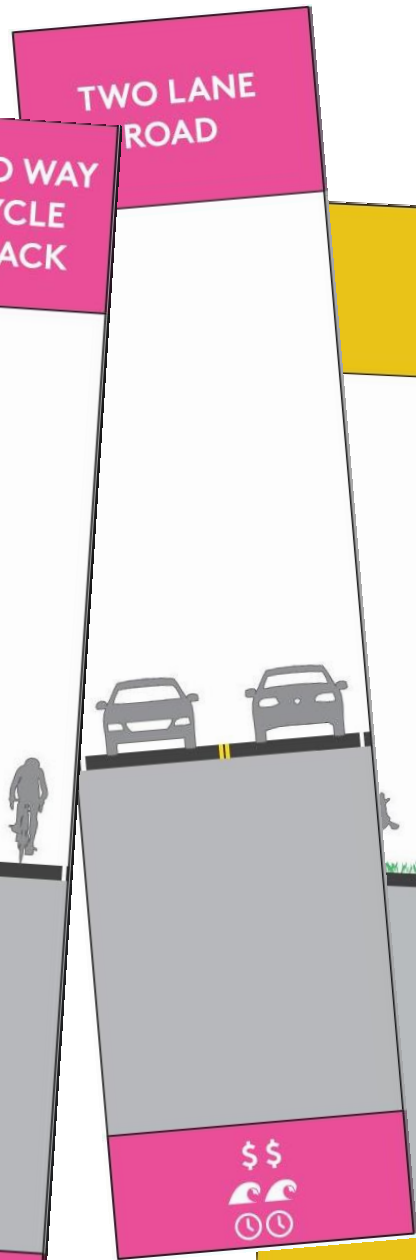
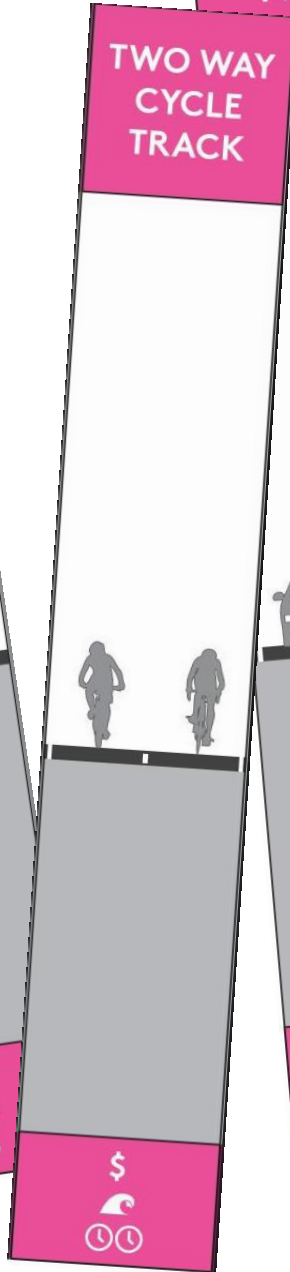
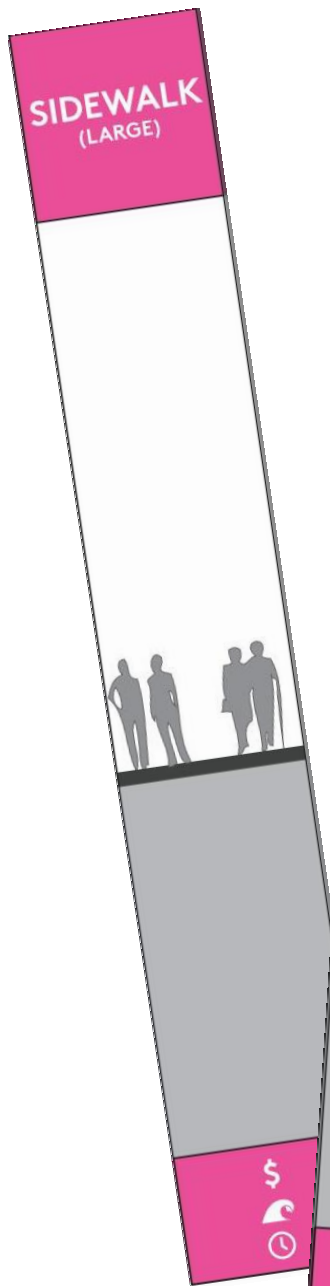
# Docks



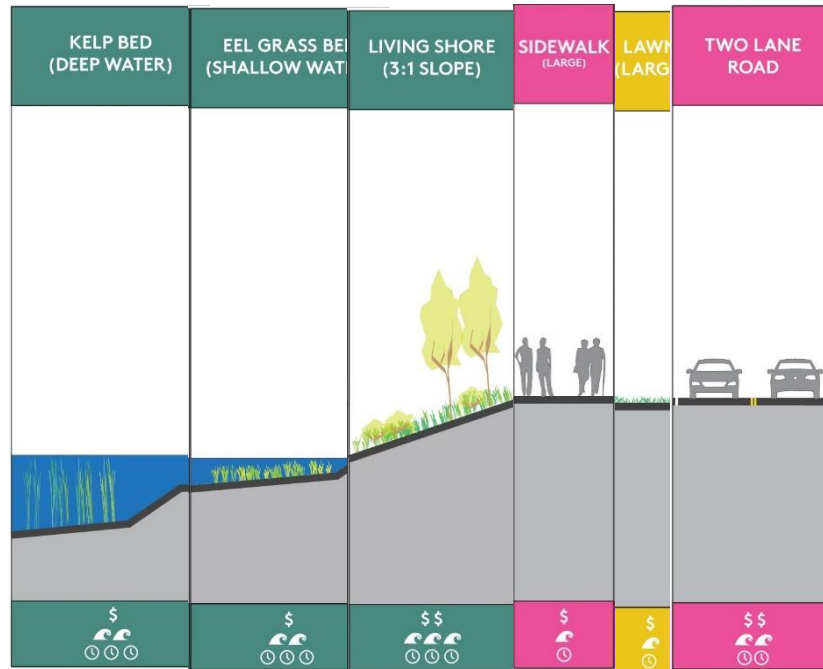
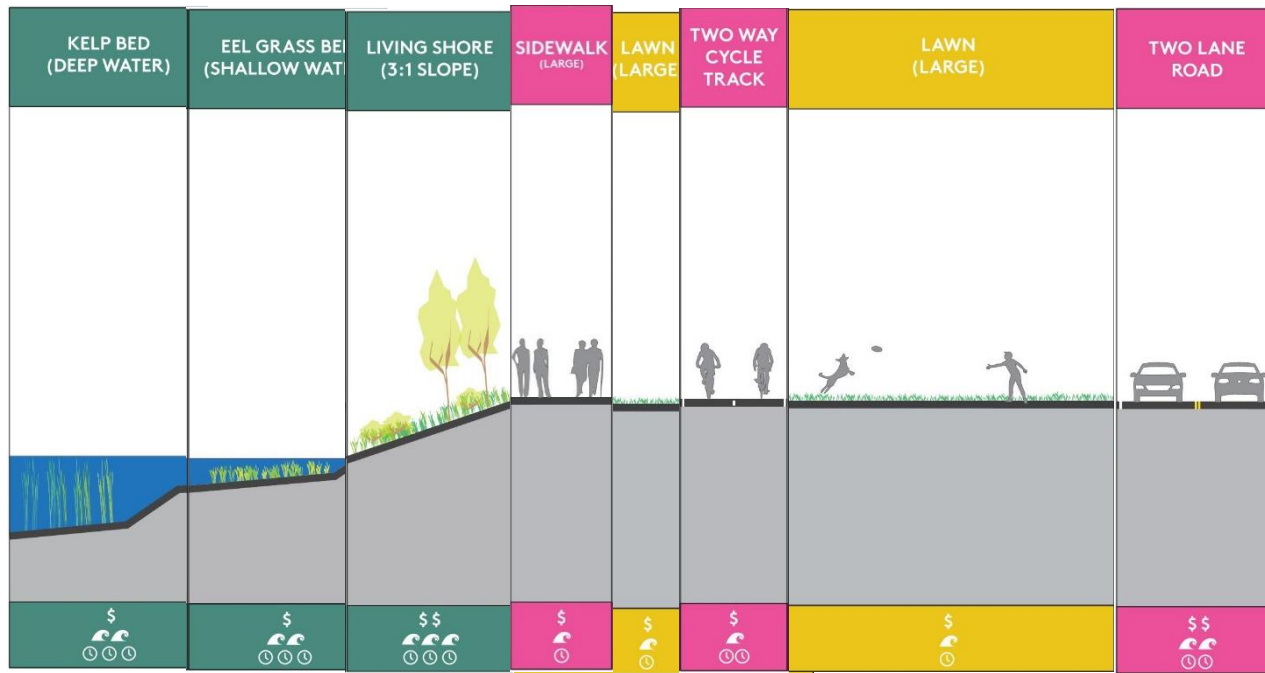


# Convergence



















# Next Steps:

## DATA

SHORELINE CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT  
TRANSPORTATION & PARKING ASSESSMENT  
EQUITY CENTERED CORRIDOR VALUATION

## GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD  
POLICY REVIEW & UPDATES  
FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

## IMPLEMENTATION

PILOT PROJECTS  
ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN & MASTER PLAN  
MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT



## FROM VISION TO ACTION

A detailed corridor assessment is required to better understand how to implement community priorities and carry the Ruston Way vision forward. After the completion of these studies, a master plan will be developed to further define the ideas and concepts set forth in this visioning process, applying strategies to specific sites and along the corridor. A parallel planning effort for pilot projects will inform and be informed by the master plan development but will be done in a more immediate time-frame. This is due to the existing degradation along the shoreline and the eminent nature of climate-change-driven storm impacts.

The result of the corridor assessments and master plan is a balance of incremental, phased and transformative projects that create a resilient and equitable waterfront and a precedent to be shared with the world.



# Thanks!

