

Focus Activity

- Hands-on Activity

Sea Level Change

- Examples & Causes
- Classification

Recent History

Spatial Variability (i.e. geographically)

- Satellite Evidence

Impacts of Sea Level Change on Humans

CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF STABLE SEA LEVELS

STILL ONLY COMES
HALF-WAY UP A DUCK



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The line drawn around the cup represents a reference sea level or “datum”

Fill cup with water to level of the line.

- 1) List how many ways can you get the water level to change.
- 2) Note direction of water level change
(i.e., up, down, or depends)
- 3) Note how the new water level departs from the original.
(i.e., same everywhere or variable)
- 4) Note how long the water level change persists.
(i.e., temporary, maintained, depends)

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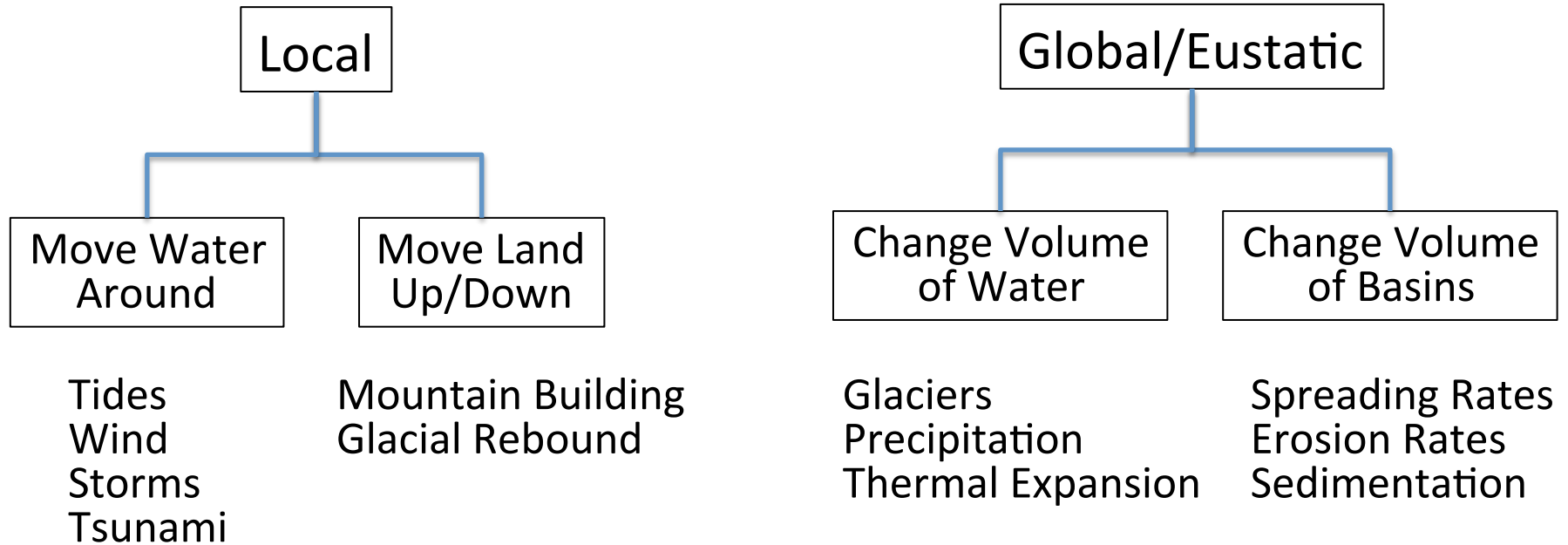
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Event or Action (What did you do?)	Water Level Change (Above, Below, Other)	Region Affected (all-sides, 1-side, middle)	Duration, Timing (maintained, temporary)
Add/Remove water	Up/Down	Whole Cup	Persists until ...
Tilt Cup	Variable, depends on tilt	Varies across cup	Persists until ...
Squeeze Cup	Up	Whole Cup	Persists until ...
Swirl Cup	Variable	Varies round cup	Temporary
Blow Across Cup	Variable, depends on blow direction	Varies round cup	Temporary
Add Rock	Up	Whole Cup	Persists until ...
Heat/Cool water	Up/Down	Whole Cup	Persists until ...



Think-Pair-Share

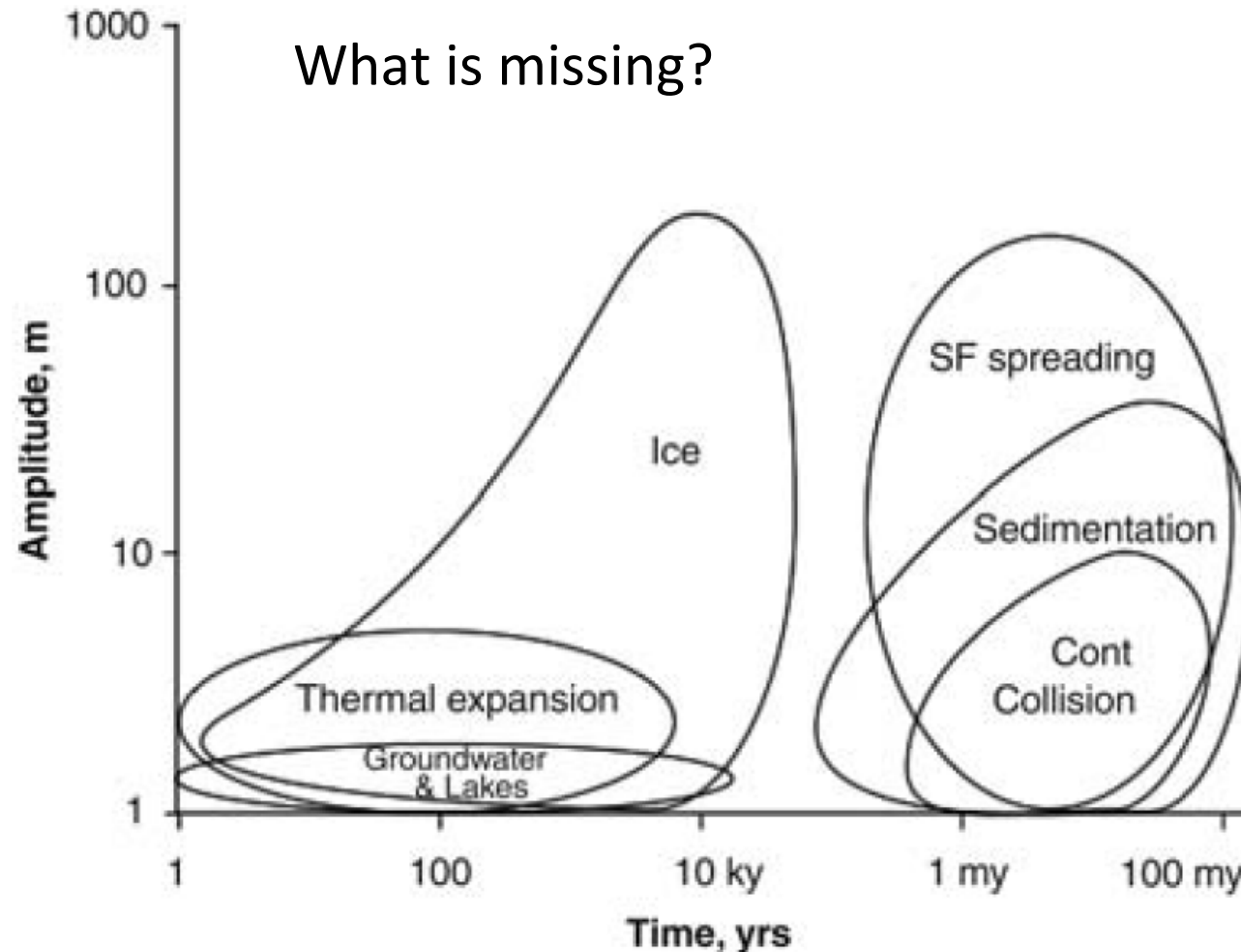
Which sea level change examples should we be worried about ??

- Think Rate of Change
- Think Magnitude

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What is missing?



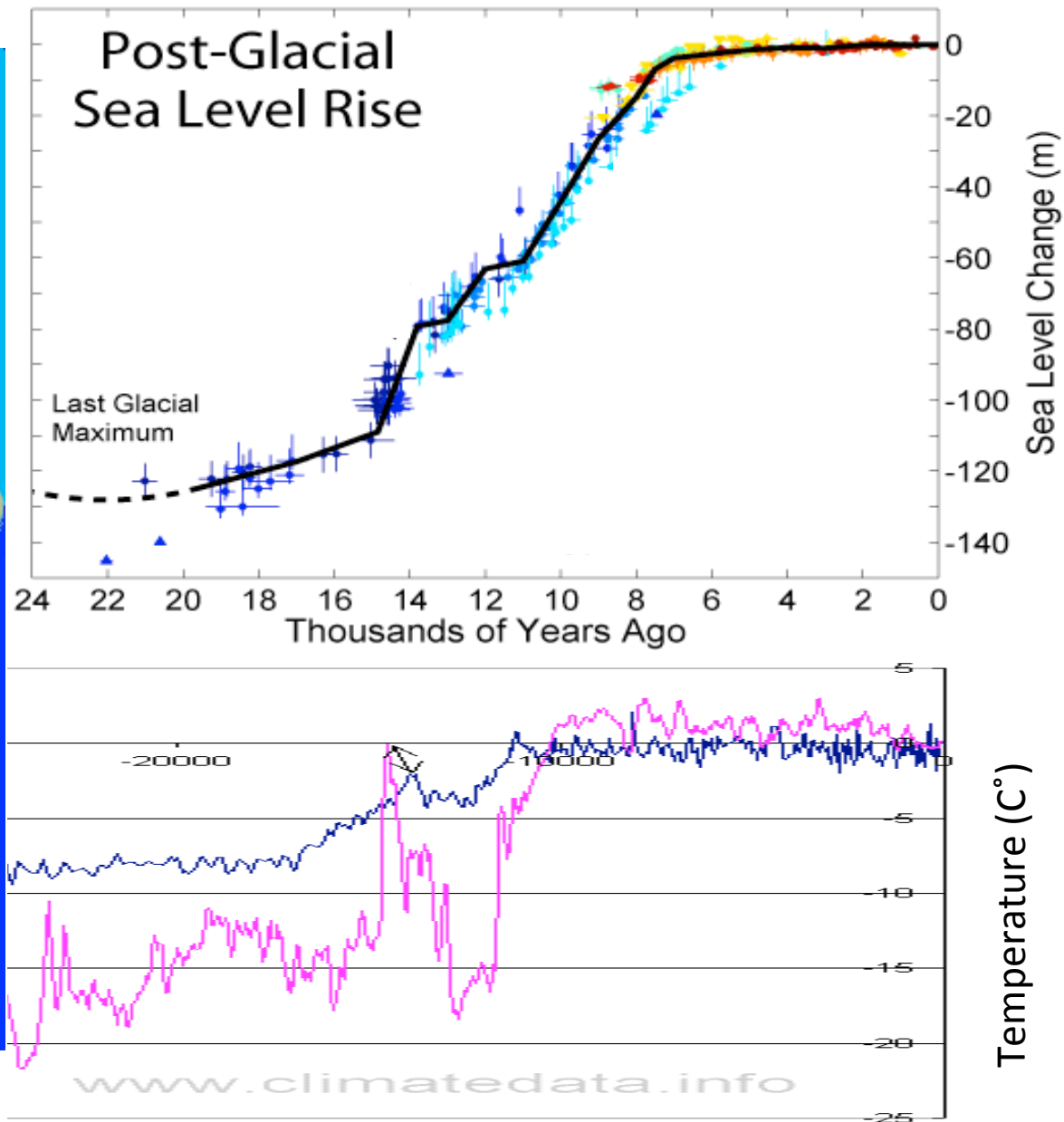
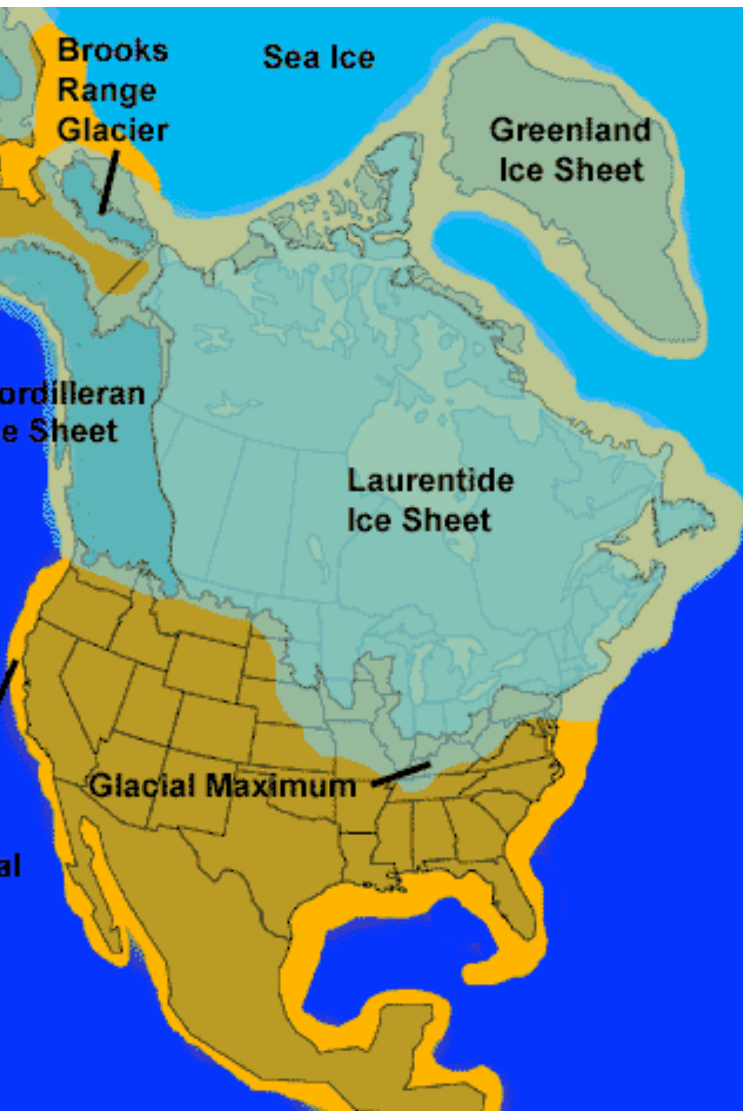
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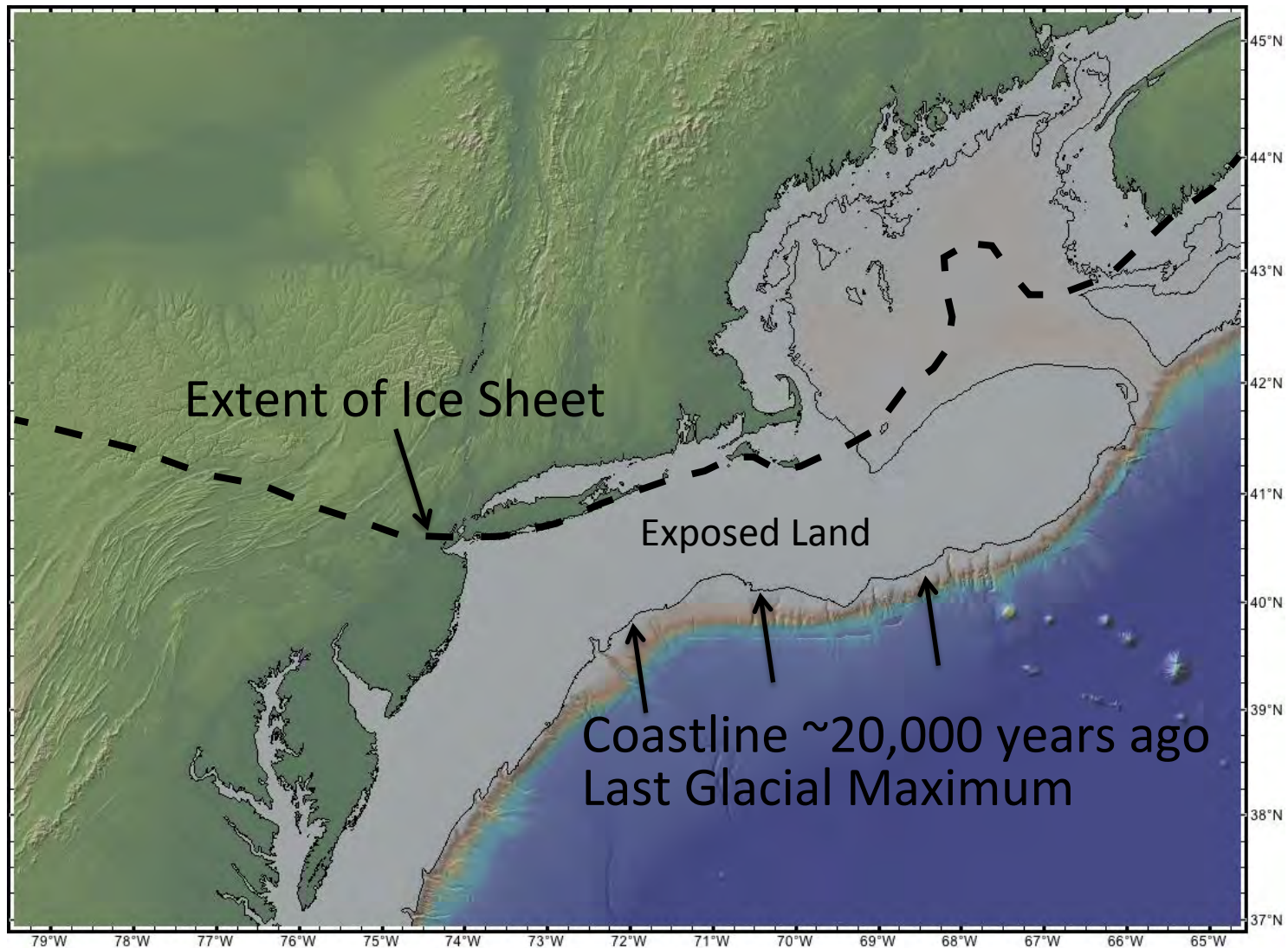
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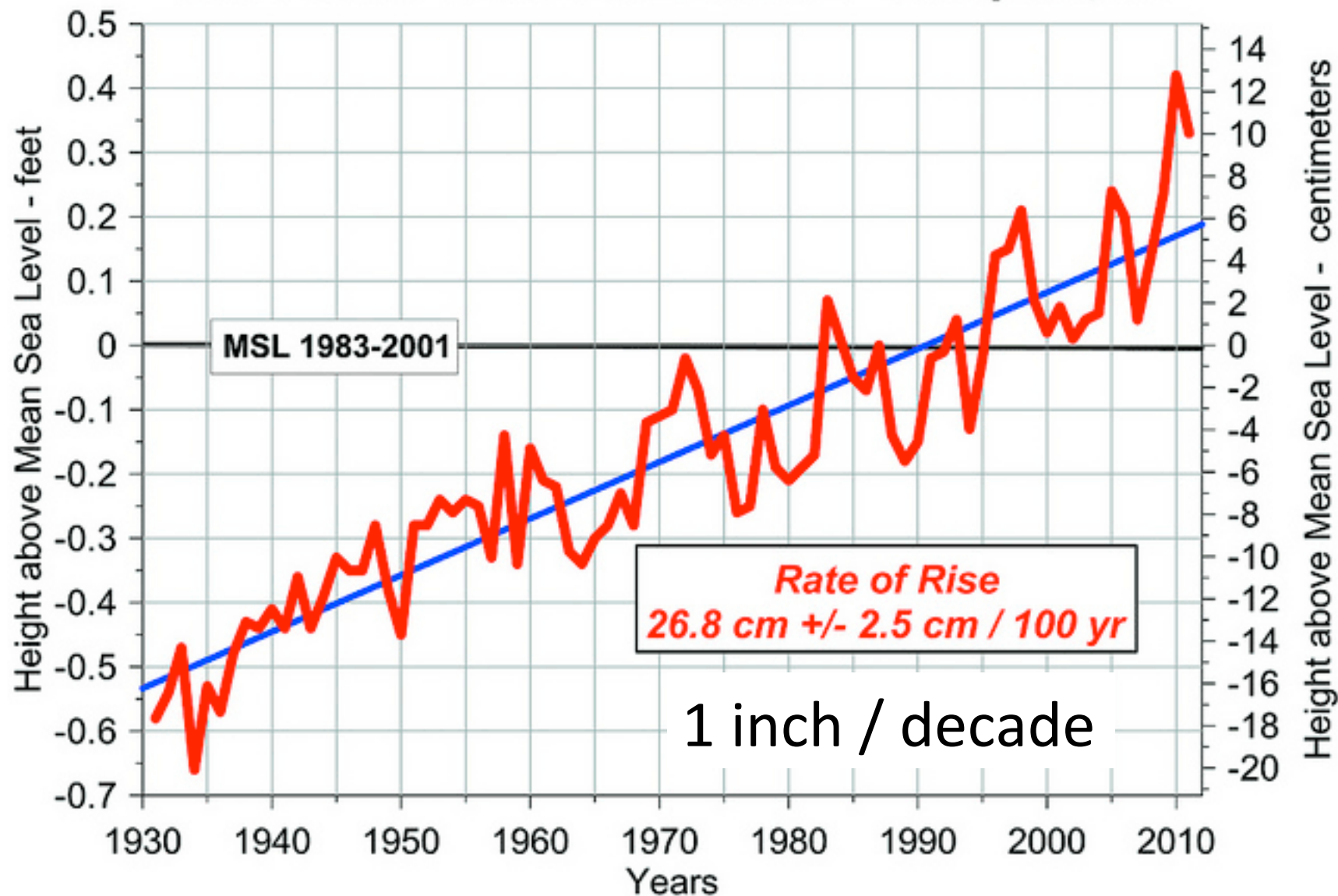
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HISTORIC SEA-LEVEL RISE - Newport, RI

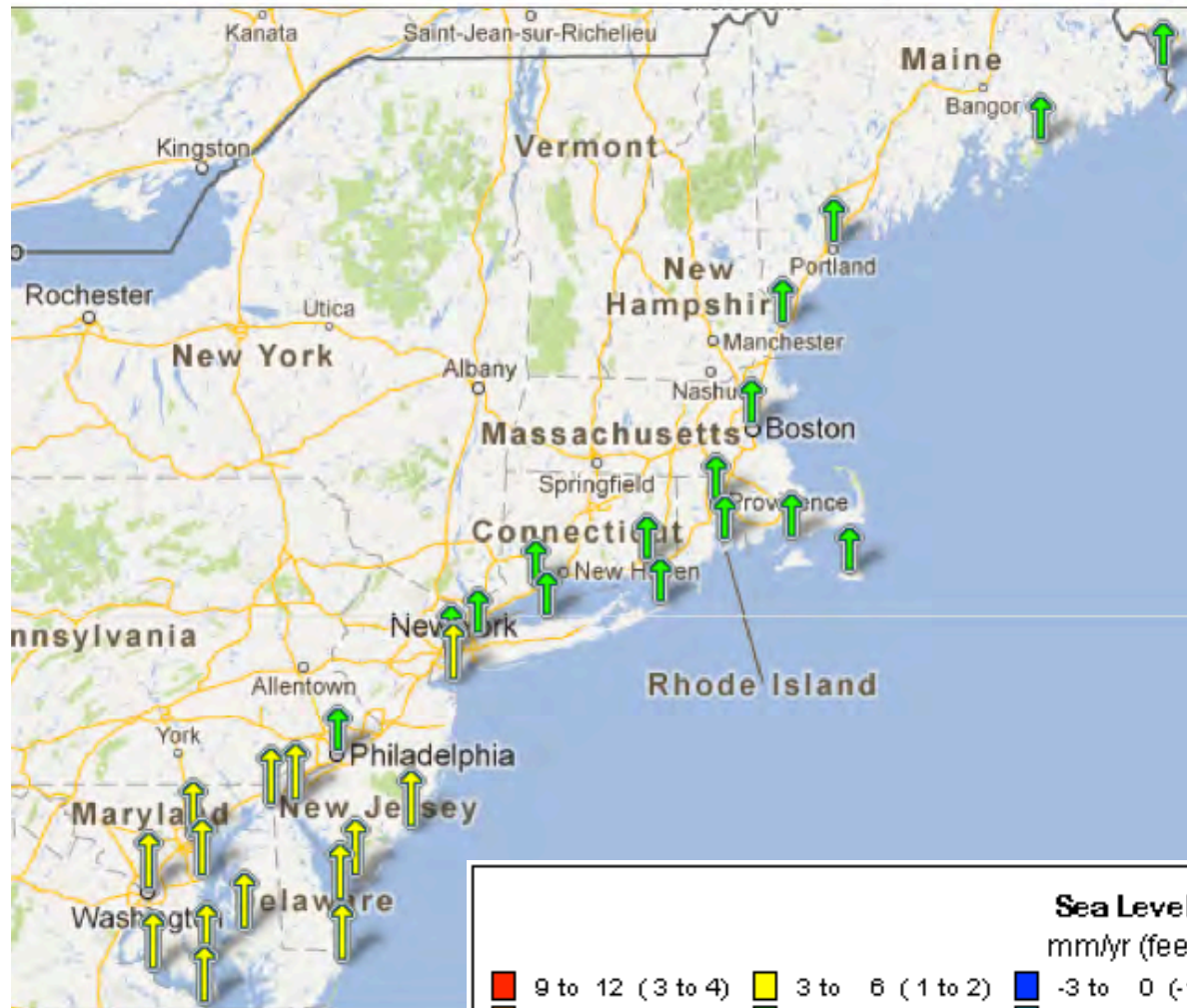


Sea Level Change – Regional View

Sea Levels Online

<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/sltrends.shtml>

East Coast West Coast Gulf Coast Alaska Hawaii Global



Portland, ME => 1.82 mm/yr

Boston, MA => 2.63 mm/yr

Providence, RI => 1.95 mm/yr

Newport, RI => 2.58 mm/yr

New York => 2.35 mm/yr

Atlantic City, NJ => 3.99 mm/yr

Sea Level Change – Regional View



Sea Level Trends mm/yr (feet/century)

9 to 12 (3 to 4)	3 to 6 (1 to 2)	-3 to 0 (-1 to 0)	-9 to -6 (-3 to -2)	-15 to -12 (-5 to -4)
6 to 9 (2 to 3)	0 to 3 (0 to 1)	-6 to -3 (-2 to -1)	-12 to -9 (-4 to -3)	-18 to -15 (-6 to -5)

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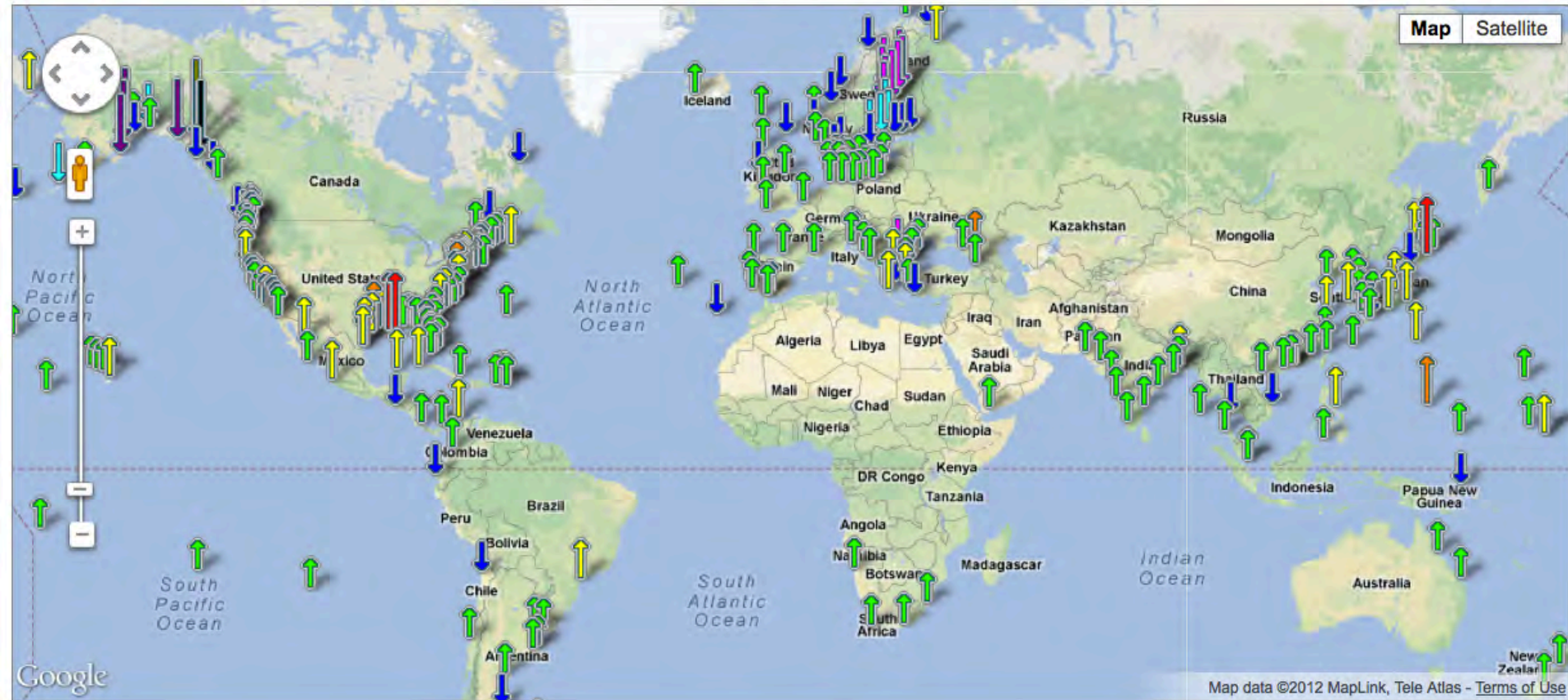
Why does it appear that sea level rising in some regions and falling in others?

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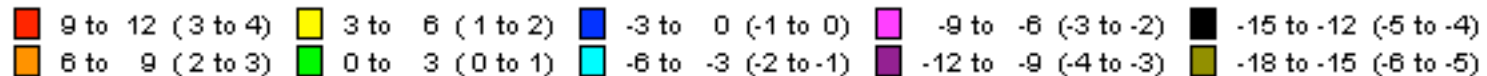
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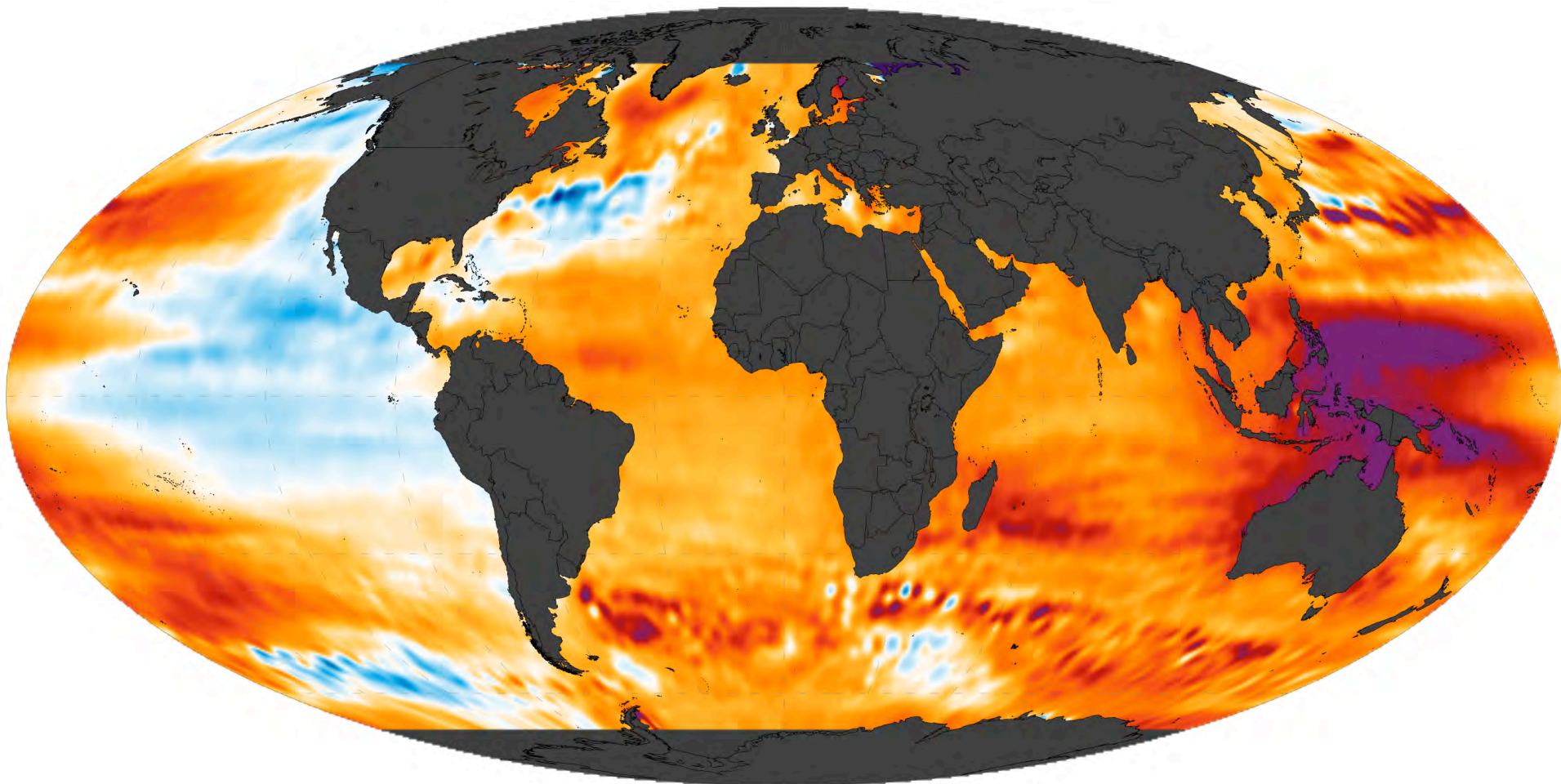
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Map Satellite

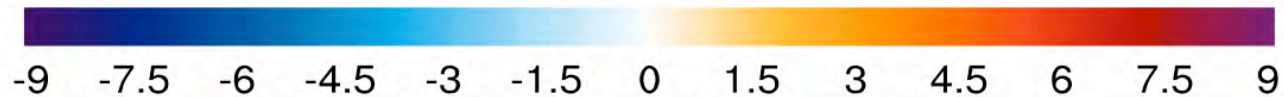


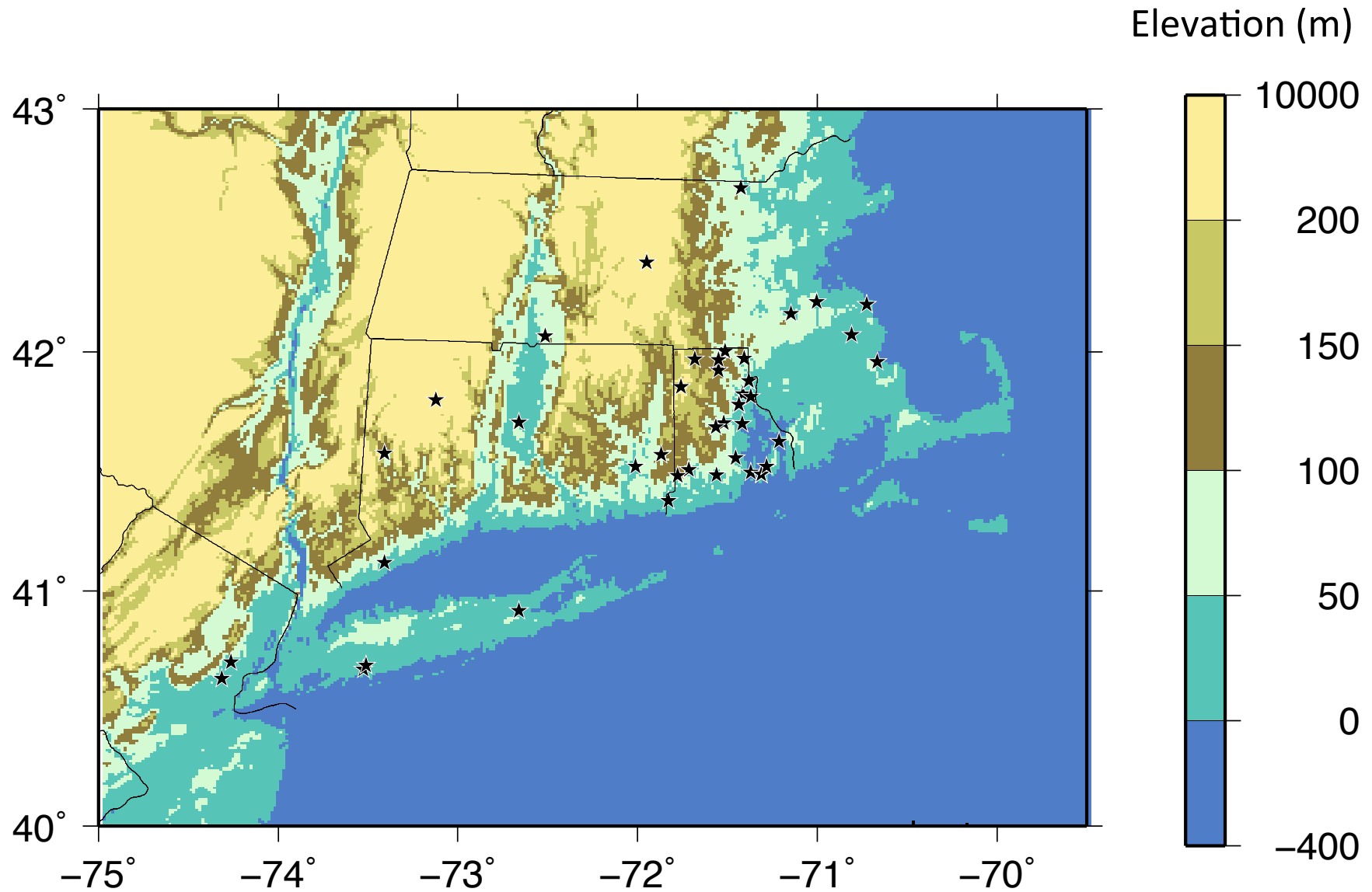
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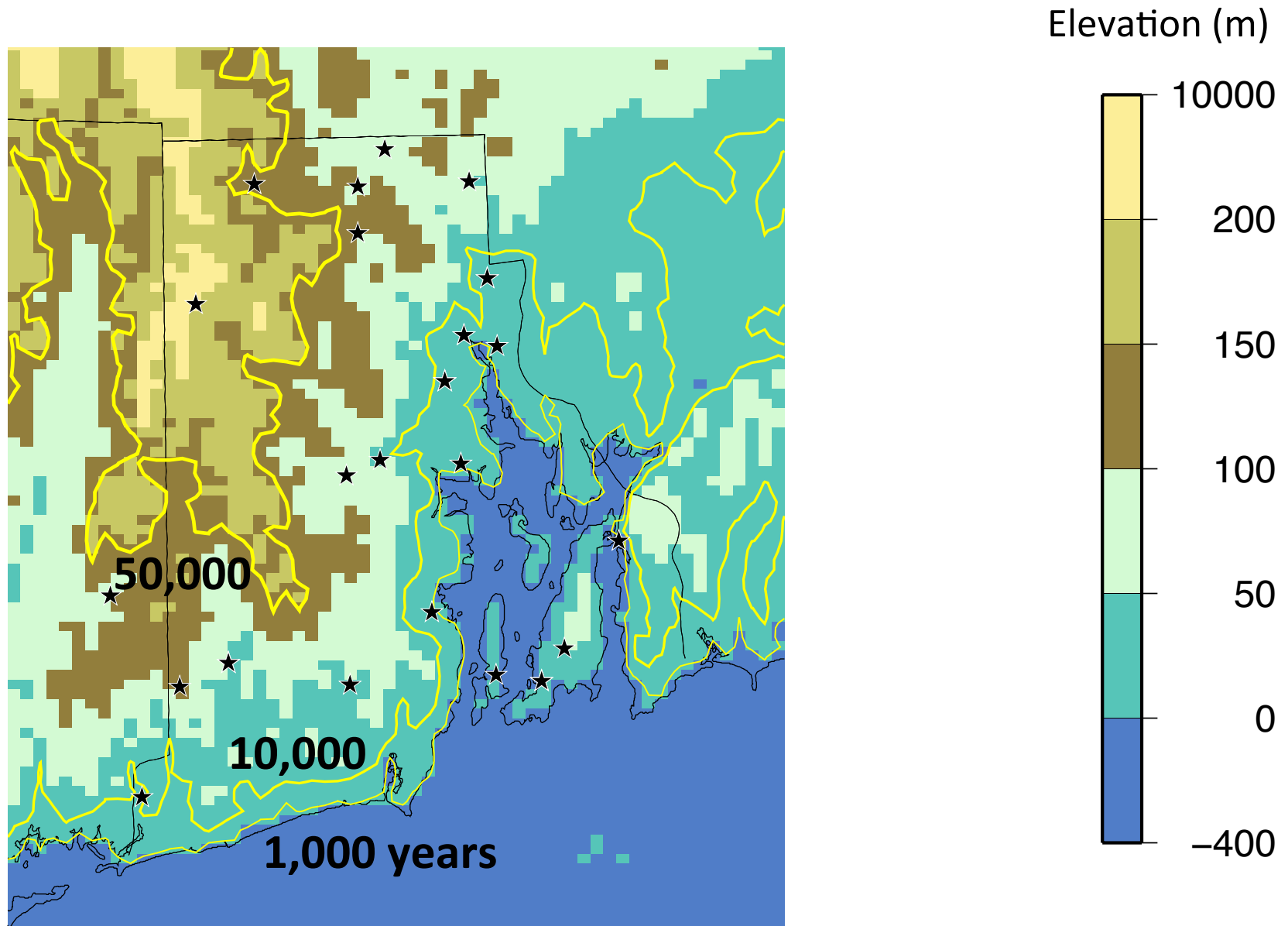




Sea Level Trend 1993-01/2012-01 (mm/Year)







Surging Seas: Risk Finder

Surging Seas **RISK ZONE MAP**

English (US)

Enter a global coastal place

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Washington County stats

Water level



Show current coast Below water level Below but isolated Levee Tide gauges

See projections Legend Social vulnerability Population Ethnicity Income Property Landmarks

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<http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/>

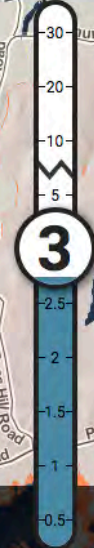
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● Low ● Medium ● High

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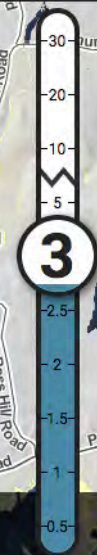
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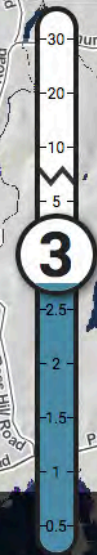
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One dot per person: White Asian Hispanic Black Native American

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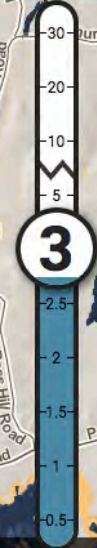
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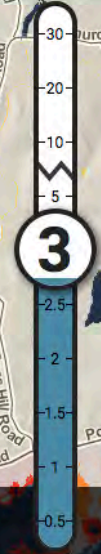
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Plymouth County stats

Water

3

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13

1

10

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Legend

Social vulnerability

Population

Ethnicity

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Property

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3 ft

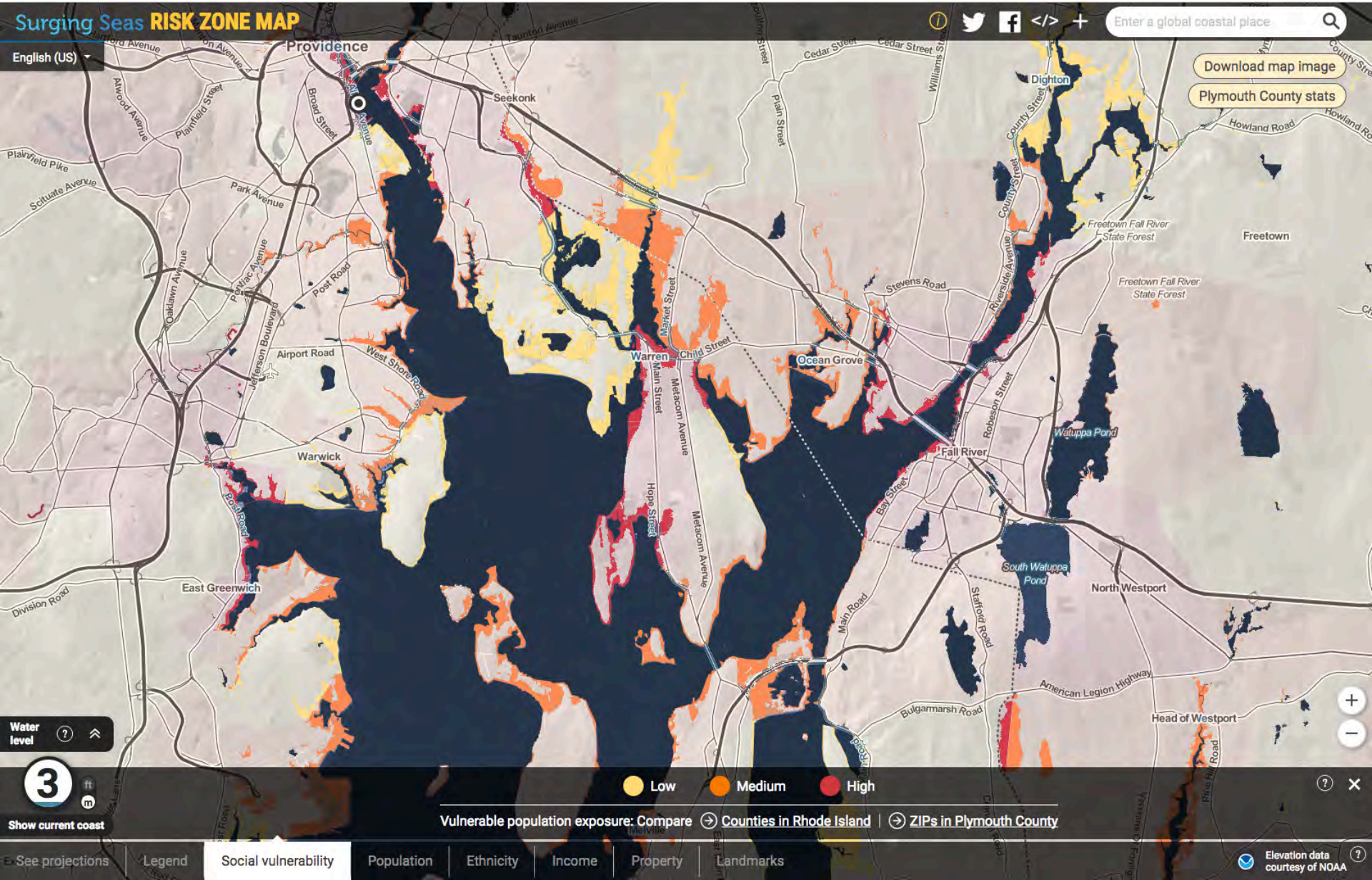
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Low Medium High

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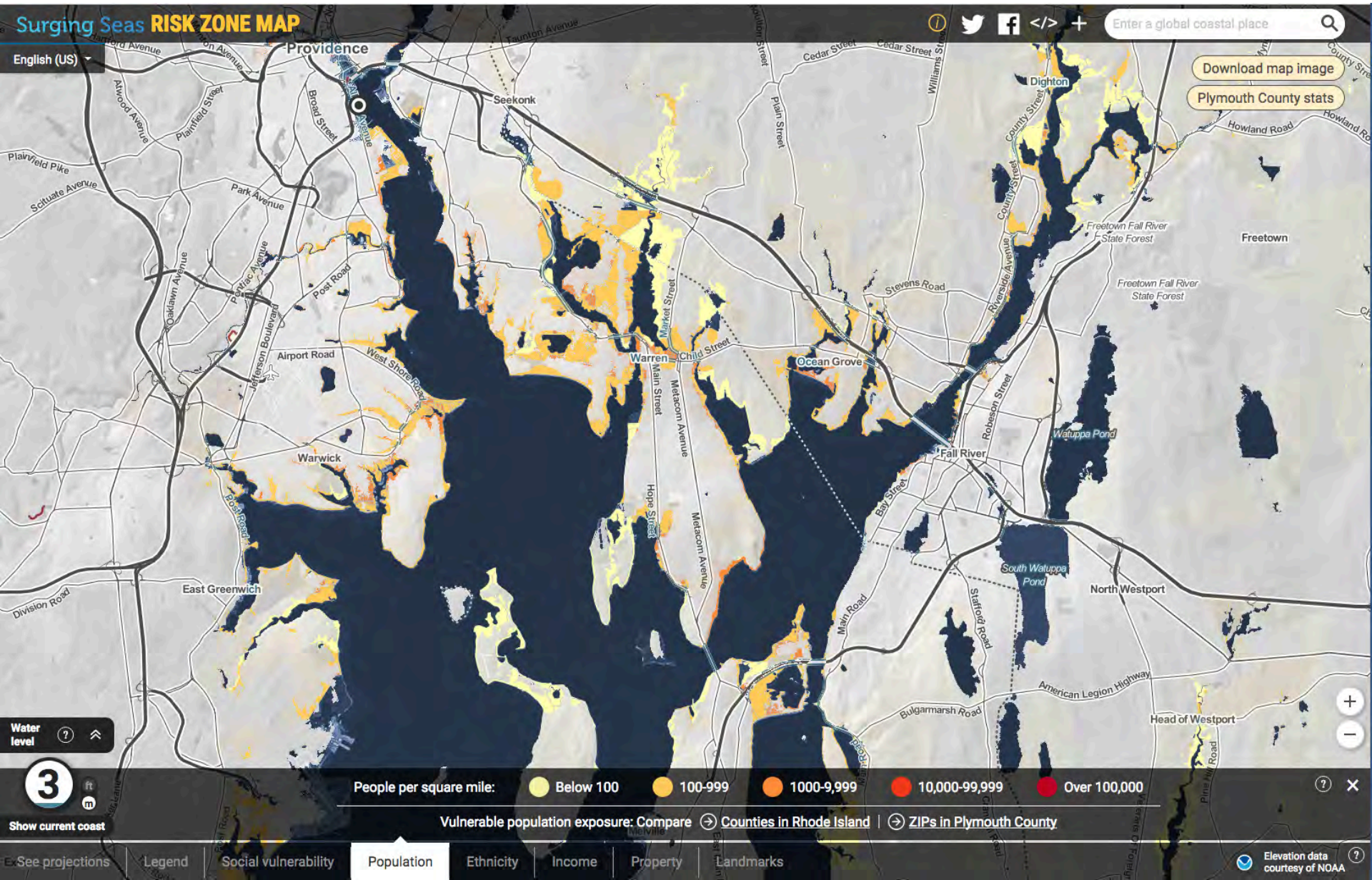
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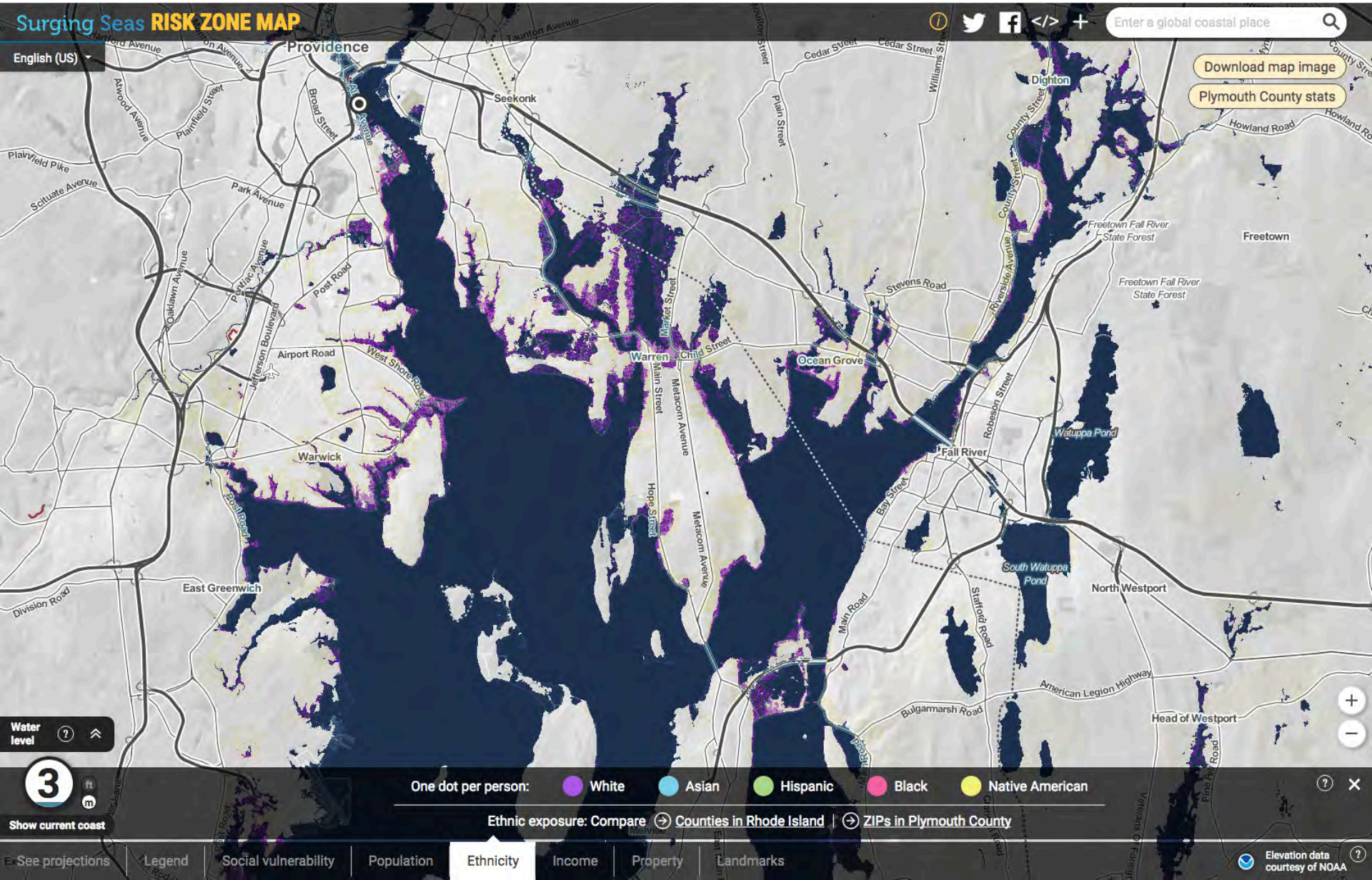
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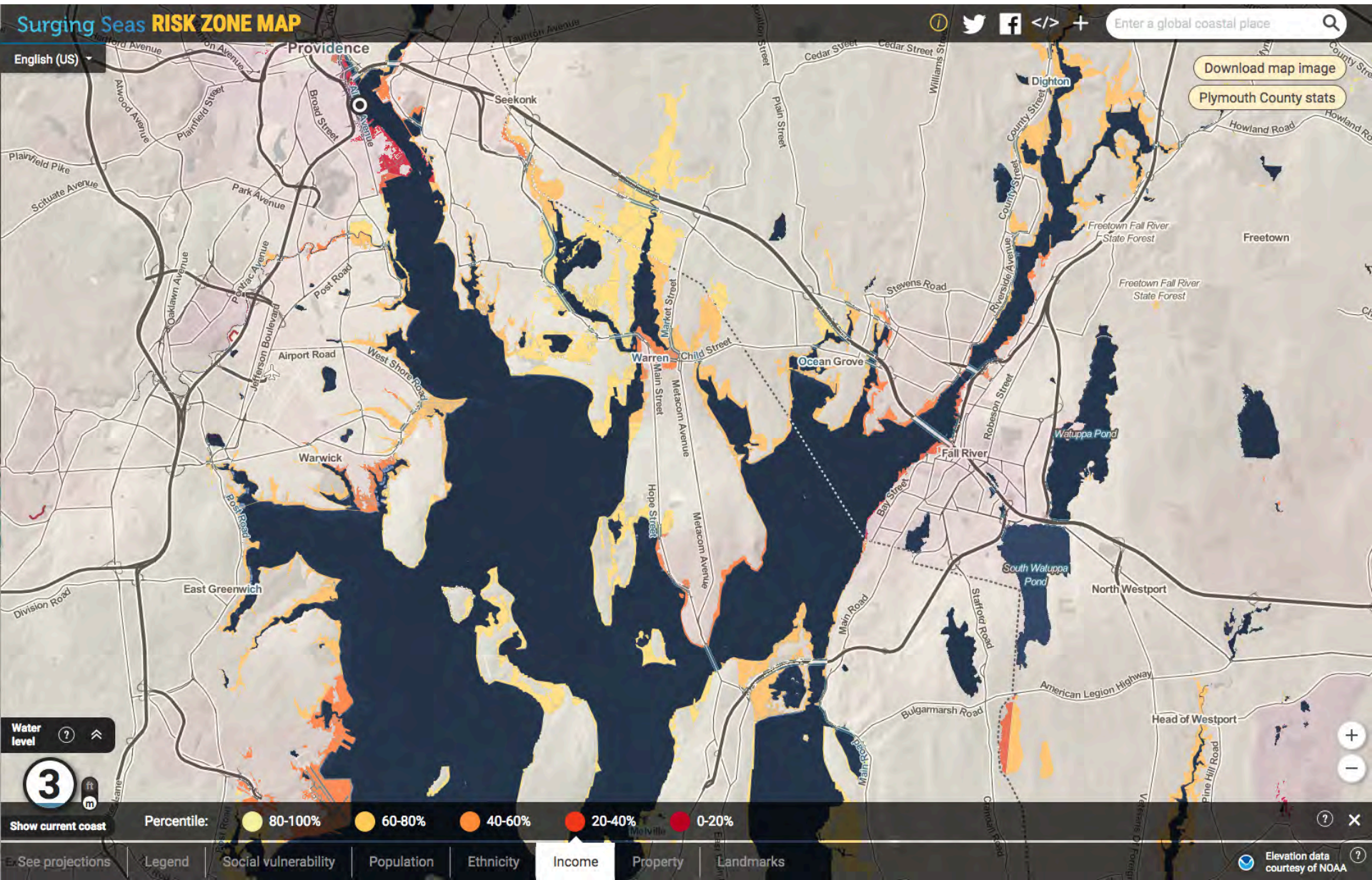
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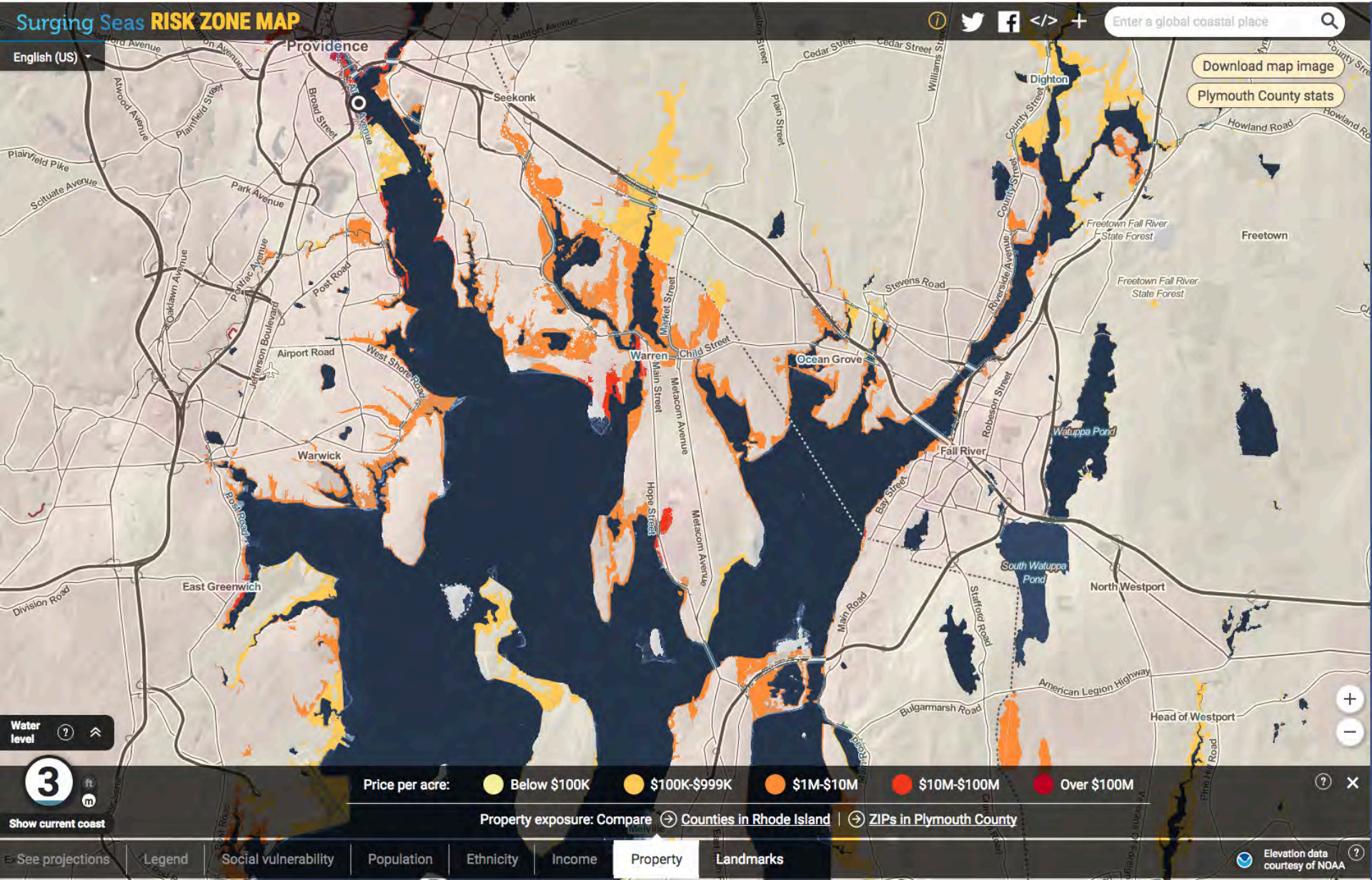
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- Conceptual examples of sea level change

Sea Level Change

- Examples & Causes
- Classification
 - (local vs global)

Sea Level Change Temporal Variability (i.e., history)

- Geologic – varies by about 300 meters
- Glacial – sea level 120 m lower ~ 20,000 years ago.
- Recent – mostly rising, but variable

Sea Level Change Spatial Variability

- local examples (rising 2-3 mm/yr)
- satellite evidence (overall rising, but quite variable)