



# Adapting to Rising Tides Adaptation Guidance

Developing tools to link vulnerability to reduced risk

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# ART Bay Area Systems and Scales



### **SYSTEMS**

### **TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS**



- Highways and Bridges
- Commuter Rail
- Freight Rail
- Airports
- Seaports
- Ferries
- Buses
- San Francisco Bay Trail

### **VULNERABLE** COMMUNITIES



- Social Vulnerability Characteristics
- Contamination Burdens

### **FUTURE GROWTH AREAS**



"Eligible" PDAs

### NATURAL LANDS 🕉

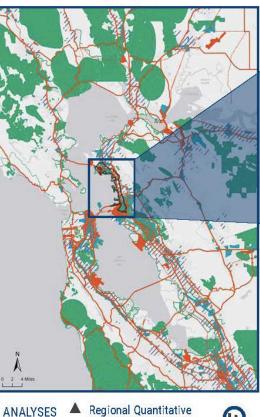


**METHODS** 

- Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)
- Bay Area Protected Areas Database
- Other Natural Lands

### **SCALES**





Regionally available data layers intersected with flooding maps

LOCAL (OLU)



Local Organization

Operational Landscape Units (OLUs) were used as geographic boundaries for identifying case studies of individual assets for assessment

### Individual Qualitative

Assessment questionnaires, online research and interviews were used to gather data to understand asset-scale vulnerabilities to flooding

identified to communicate shared vulnerabilities and consequences to flooding

Local Shared Stories

Areas within OLUs were

LOCAL (Focus Area)



I-80 San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Touchdown



Mixed-Use Core (Emeryville) PDA



West Oakland Community

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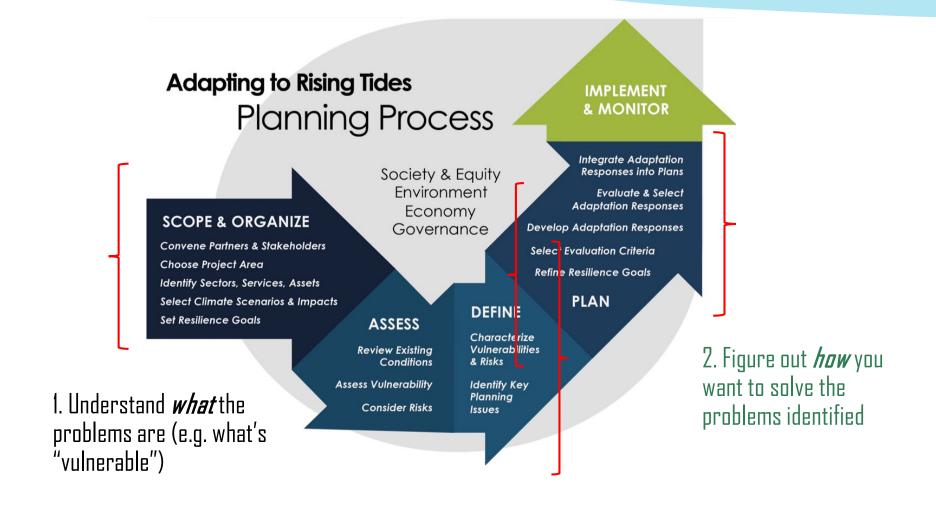


Potential Oakland Gateway Area PCA



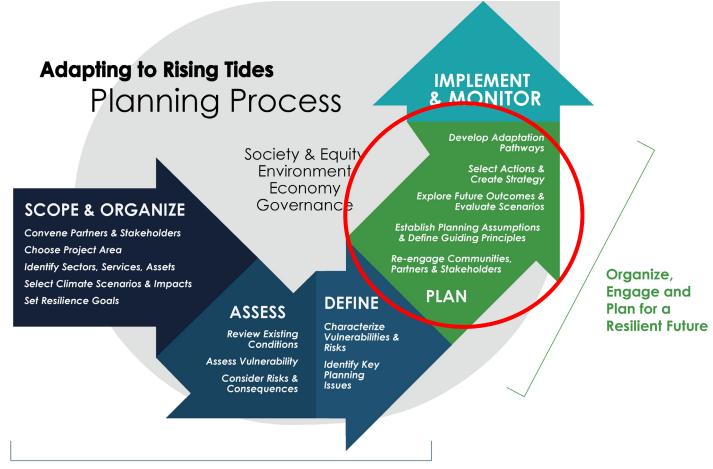
# The ART Process





# Expanded ART Process





**Understand And Define Vulnerability Assessments** 

# Goals of Adaptation Guidance



- Provides a series of steps to translate vulnerability assessments into interconnected adaptation actions based on a collaborative vision of risk reduction
- ✓ Help users understand how to decide how actions work together to reduce risk on multiple fronts to create a comprehensive "suite" of actions
- ✓ Get users thinking about how actions sequence over time, taking uncertainty into account what actions they can or should take today to begin preparing for adaptation even if "impacts" may occur later (adaptation pathways)?
- Encourage best practices regarding community engagement and the need for planning to be more inclusive for local solutions
- Provide a toolkit that emphasizes land use, capacity building, program creation, and funding/financing, not just built projects



5. EXPLORE FUTURE OUTCOMES - WHAT COULD THE SHORELINE LOOK LIKE?







- PROTECT
- AVOID OR RETREAT
- ADAPT
- PREPARE

Conceptual example of scenario planning with different colors representing different future scenarios

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# PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER TO CREATE ADAPTATION PATHWAYS STRATEGY OPTIONS Action 1 for Strategy A Action 2 for Strategy A Action 3 for Strategy B Action 4 for Strategy C Action 5 for Strategy C

## How does this coordinate with other guidance?



In effort to improve coordination among other groups doing similar work, we scheduled meetings and participated in ongoing efforts:

- ✓ SFEI/Point Blue Adaptation Framework
- ✓ CalOES APG 2.0 Public Webinars (3)
- OPC Sea Level Rise Potential Adaptation Guidance
- BCDC's Climate Change Policies Implementation Team
- BayCAN South Bay Meeting
- ✓ SBI Adaptation Planning/East Palo Alto Parent Academy
- San Mateo Climate Collaborative Sea Level Rise Task Force

# Adaptation Catalogue



- Comprehensive catalog of actions you can take to reduce risk and advance adaptation
- ✓ Includes a wide range of tools not just built flood control projects
- Covers all types of approaches: adapt, protect, avoid or retreat, and prepare
- Designed to work in "packages," not standalone
- $\checkmark$  Pulls from many existing sources, including CSCC, Adaptation Atlas, and past ART projects

# Next Steps

- ✓ Will publish in Spring/Summer 2020:
  - Guidance Document
  - Worksheets/templates
  - Adaptation Catalogue

