

## LIVING LONG WHARF:

Coastal Resiliency, Community Engagement, and Responsible Economic Planning



# Existing conditions



## New Long Wharf Plan

A number of city departments are working collaboratively with the community to develop a plan for responsible growth in the Long Wharf District to include coastal resiliency, job growth, urban design and transportation improvements.

- Funding partners: CT OPM, City.
- Current projects:
  - Long Wharf Flood Protection and Resiliency Study
  - Long Wharf Responsible Growth Plan



## Flood Hazard Zones







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AE (High risk)

**VE** (High risk w/storm surge)

X (Protected)

## Flood Intrusion Points



## 4- Part Strategy

#### Increase Capacity:

Install storage and provide more conveyance.

Green Infrastructure:

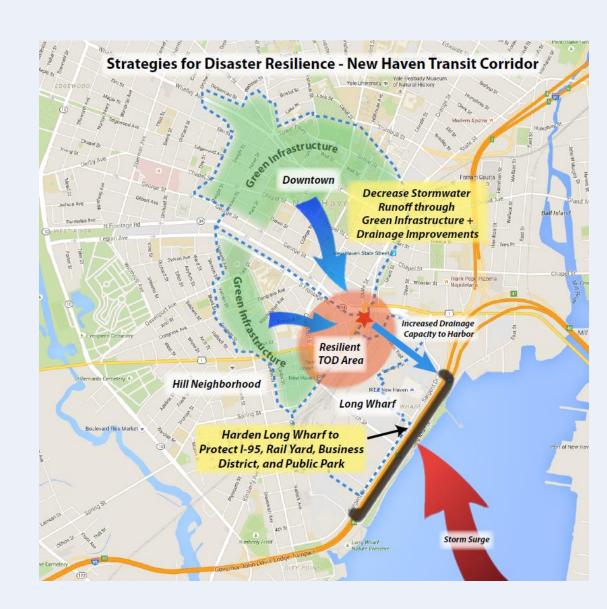
Reduce flow to problem areas by capturing and infiltrating rain where it falls.

Flood Protection System:

Prevent storm surge from entering low-lying areas of concern.

• <u>Living Shoreline</u>:

Protect eroding shorelines while maintaining and improving natural habitat.





## LONG WHARF LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT

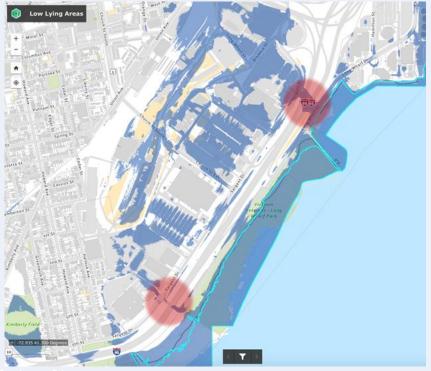




CONCEPT PLAN WITH AMENITIES

LONG WHARF PARK, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

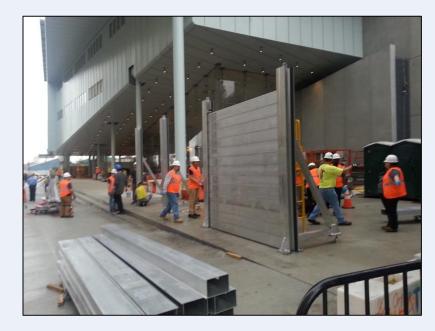
## Temporary Flood Barriers



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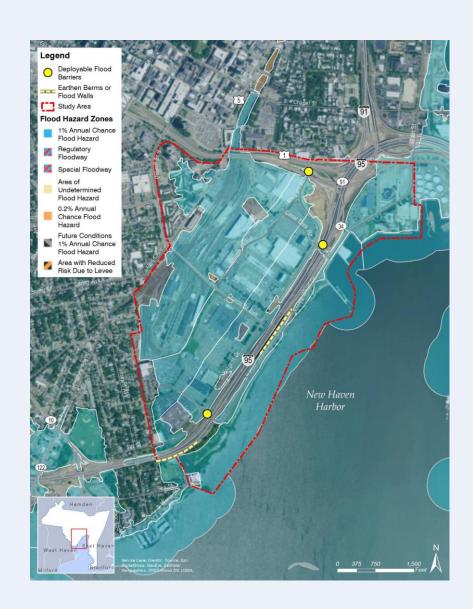
New Orleans, LA





## **USACE Flood Wall**

- Alternative 3 Municipal-Scale Permanent, Deployable Flood Protection
- Approach: This alternative is similar to Alternative 2 but utilizes permanent deployable flood protection measures at the highway underpasses.
- Alternative 3 relies upon the use of I-95 and I-91 as a flood protection levee and utilizes temporary deployable measures to prevent flooding through the highway underpasses.
- This alternative also requires construction of permanent earthen berms or flood walls along low-lying areas of I-95.
- This alternative also includes installation (where not already present) of backflow preventers for stormwater outfalls located along New Haven Harbor, to prevent flood infiltration via the stormwater infrastructure.
- This alternative requires the designation of responsibility (e.g., the City of New Haven) for purchasing, maintaining and implementing the temporary flood protection measures.

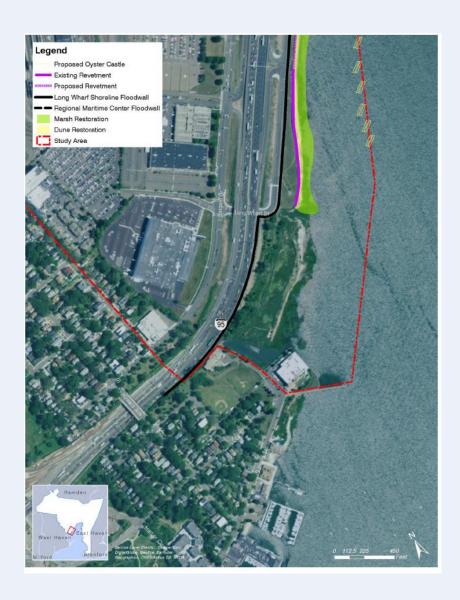


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- Alternative 4 Municipal-Scale Permanent Flood and Shoreline Protection Measures
- Approach: This alternative provides a completely different approach than the previous three alternatives.
- Alternative 4 includes a combination of:
- 1) a Living Shoreline to enhance both the recreational and environmental values of the Long Wharf shoreline and to support the survivability of the shoreline in response to sea level rise;
- 2) shoreline protection to prevent erosion and provide protection of existing structures and utilities;
- 3) a floodwall, located approximately parallel to Long Wharf Drive, to provide flood protection; and
- 4) ancillary features such as a timber boardwalk. This alternative provides flood protection, shoreline protection and added recreational, environmental and economic benefits.







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# Green Stormwater Infrastructure





City of New Haven Toni N. Harp, Mayor

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## Process and Funding

#### CT OPM Responsible Growth Grant

- Construction (Aesthetic and Mobility Improvements) = \$500,000
- Planning & Design = \$435,000

#### Planning and Design Efforts

- Economic Development Strategy
- Park Design
- Streetscape & Gateways
- Transportation

#### Community Engagement

- Hill Community Management Teams
- Hill South Stakeholder Group
- Long Wharf Business Community
- Community Meetings
- Board of Alders

#### Current

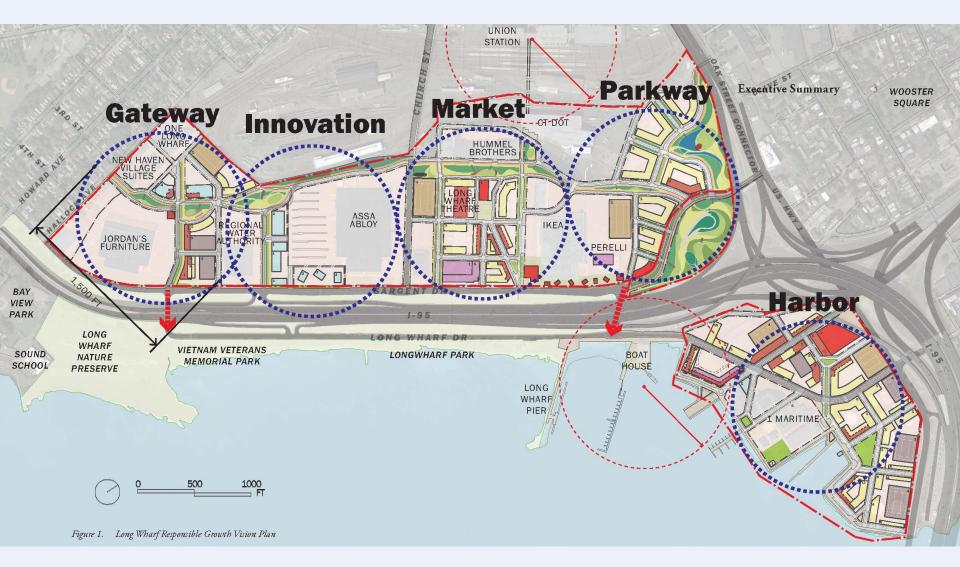
- FFMA Grant
  - \$400,000 (Long Wharf Park Restoration)
- State Bond
- \$8 M for Living Shorelines (split with East Shore Park)
- USACE Flood Protection Feasibility Study

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## The Team

| AGENCY/COMPANY                                     | ROLE   |
|--|--|
| City of New Haven: City Plan, Economic Development | Outreach, Project Management   |
| City of New Haven Parks, Engineering, TTP          | Technical Support, Project<br>Management                                     |
| Perkins Eastman (Long Wharf Plan)                  | Plan/Design/Strategic<br>Implementation                                      |
| Langan (Long Wharf Plan)                           | Transportation/Storm water   |
| RES/Appleseed (Long Wharf Plan)                    | Strategic Economic Plan and Analysis   |
| GZA  | Long Wharf Flood Protection Study  |
| FEMA   | Long Wharf Park Restoration  |
| Army Corps of Engineers                            | New Haven Harbor Navigation<br>Improvement Study<br>Long Wharf Flood Wall FS |





#### Key recommendations:

- Retain and improve existing assets
- Infill development

**5 WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS** 

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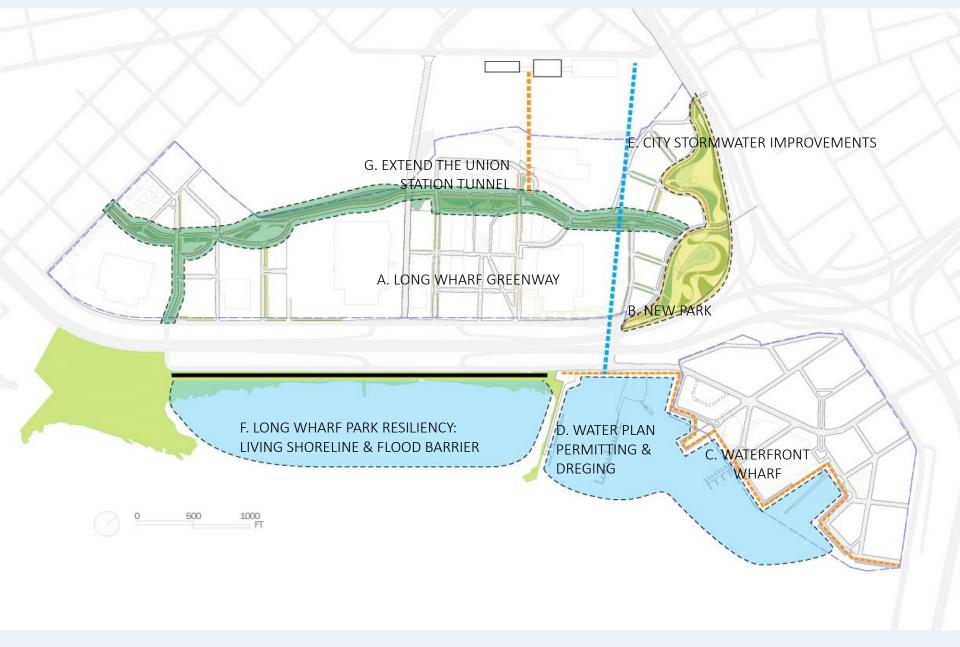


#### Key recommendations:

- Make distinctive public spaces for each neighborhood
- Link together with multimodal loop

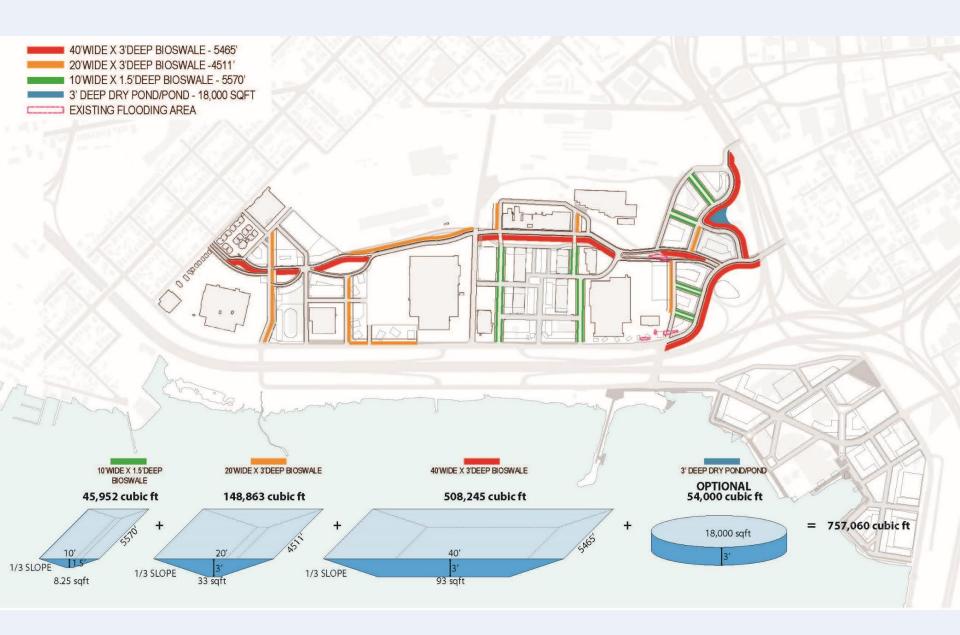
**PUBLIC SPACE** 

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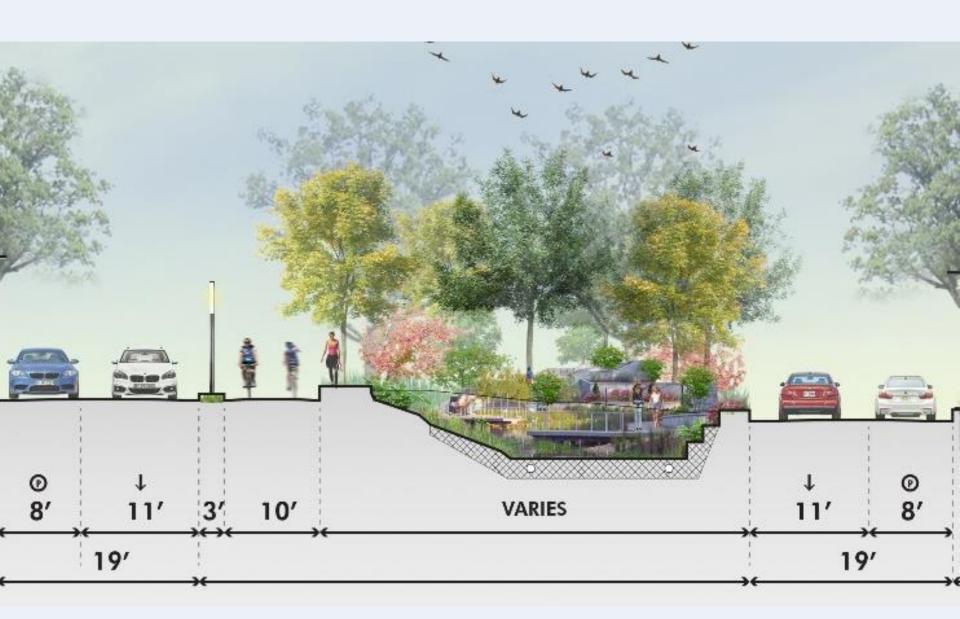
#### **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

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#### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

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#### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SPACE**

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## **HARBOR DISTRICT**



### LONG WHARF GREENWAY AT MARKET DISTRICT

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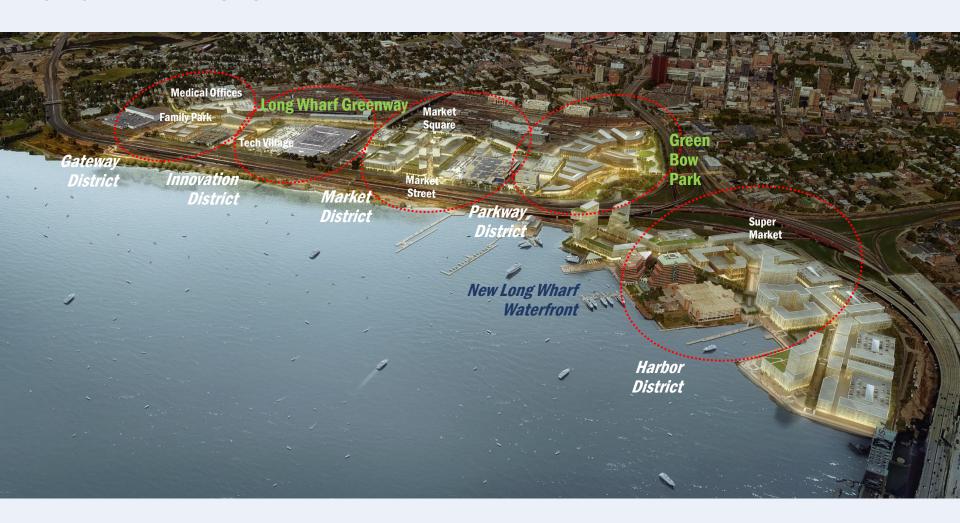
#### MARKET SQUARE



#### **GATEWAY DISTRICT**

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## **LONG WHARF FUTURE**



## Thank You

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