

# CLIMATE READY DC

The District's Climate Adaptation & Preparedness Plan

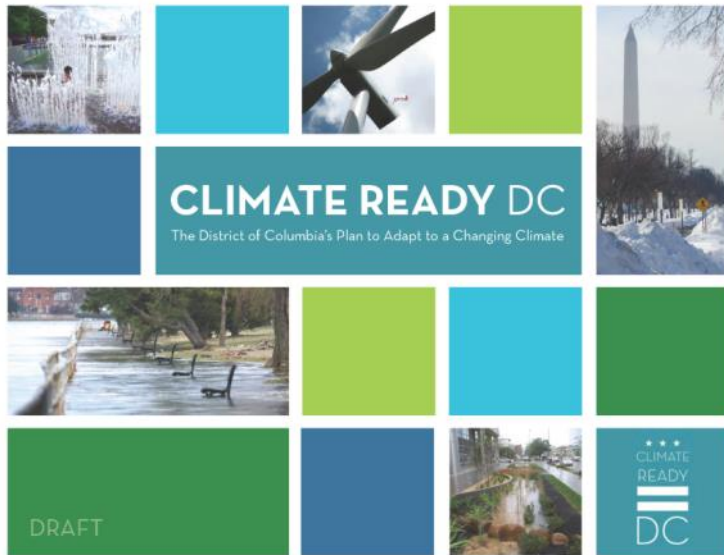
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# CLIMATE READY DC DEVELOPMENT

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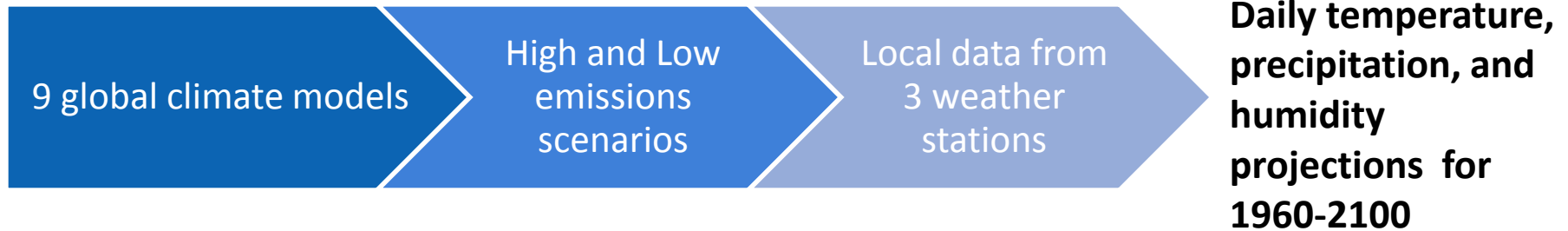


- 1** Analyze Climate Impacts
- 2** Assess Risks & Vulnerabilities
- 3** Identify & Prioritize Solutions

# PROJECTING LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE - DOWNSCALING

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**Downscaling** is the process of incorporating local data into global climate models in order to translate the results to the local level.



Climate projections are averaged over 20-year periods:



# CLIMATE INDICATORS

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## Precipitation

### Extreme Events

- # of days/year with rainfall at or above 1 in
- # of days/year with rainfall at or above 2 in
- 1-yr 24 hr storm (in)
- 2-yr 24 hr storm (in)
- 15-yr 24 hr storm (in)
- 25-yr 24 hr storm (in)
- 100-yr 24 hr storm (in)
- 200-yr 24 hr storm (in)
- 2-yr 6 hr storm (in)
- 15-yr 6 hr storm (in)
- 100-yr 6 hr storm (in)
- 200-yr 6 hr storm (in)
- 80<sup>th</sup> Percentile storm (in)
- 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile storm (in)
- 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile storm (in)

## Temperature

### Average Temperature

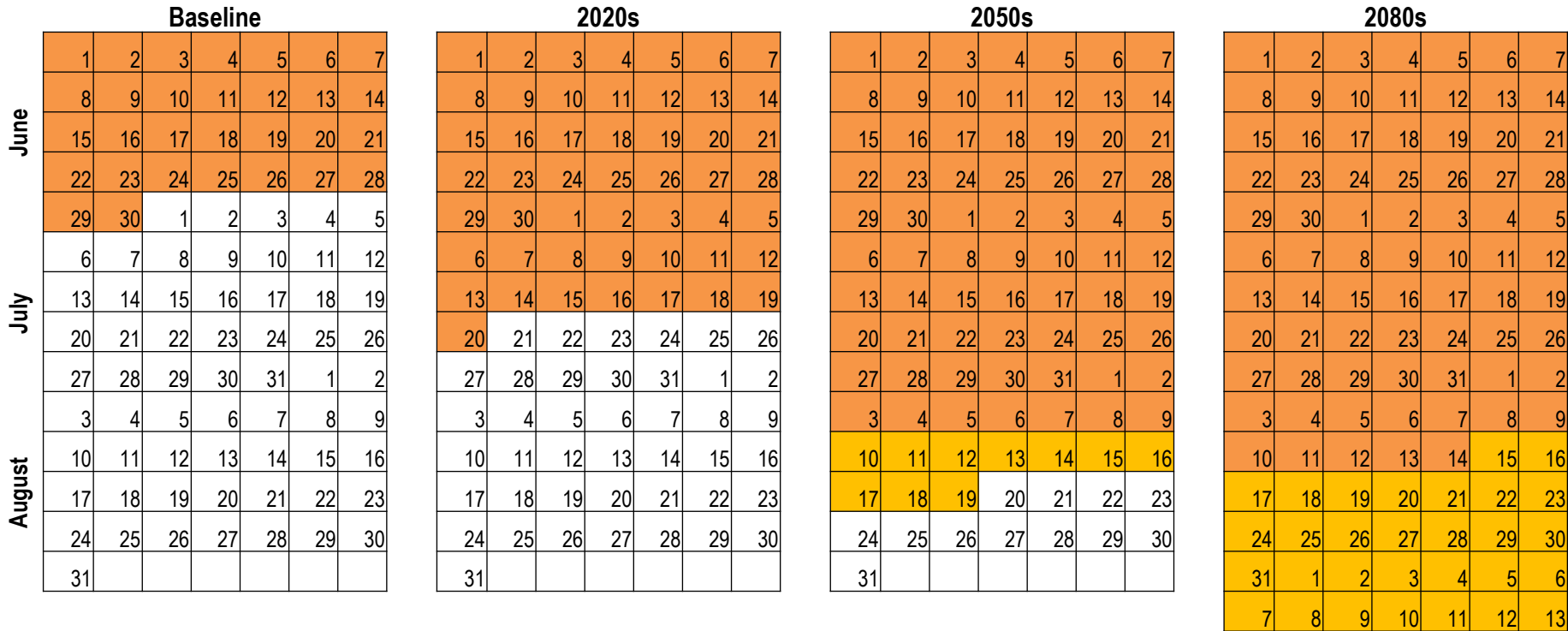
- Summer Maximum Temperature (daytime)
- Summer Minimum Temperature (nighttime)

### Extreme Events

- # of heat waves per year
- Avg heat wave duration (in days)
- # of days/yr with heat index at or above 95 °F
- # of days/yr with ambient temp at or above 95 °F
- Increase in frequency of the 2012 heat wave

# EXTREME HEAT EVENTS

## Days over 95°F Heat Index



30 days

50 days

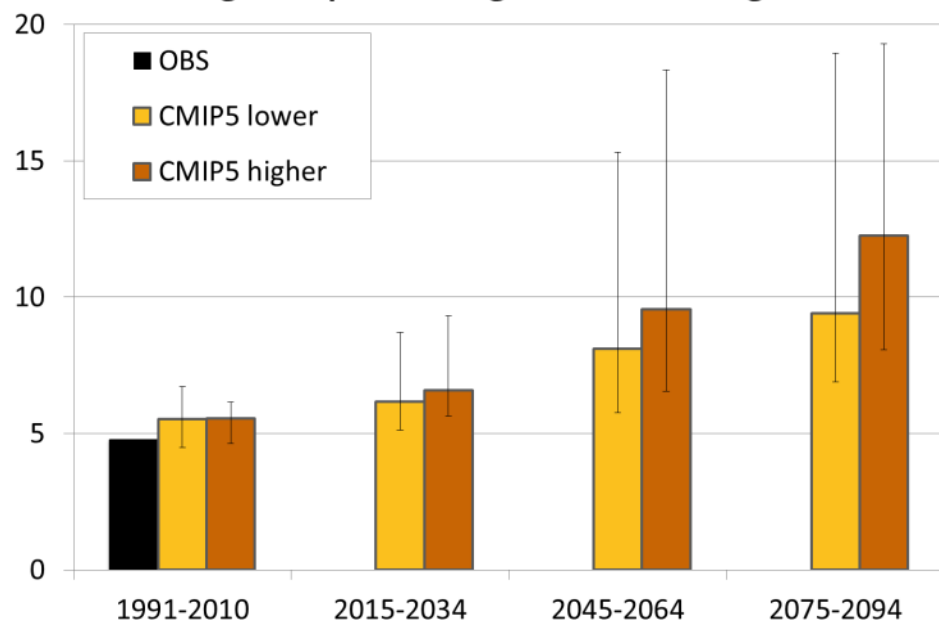
70-80 days

75-105 days

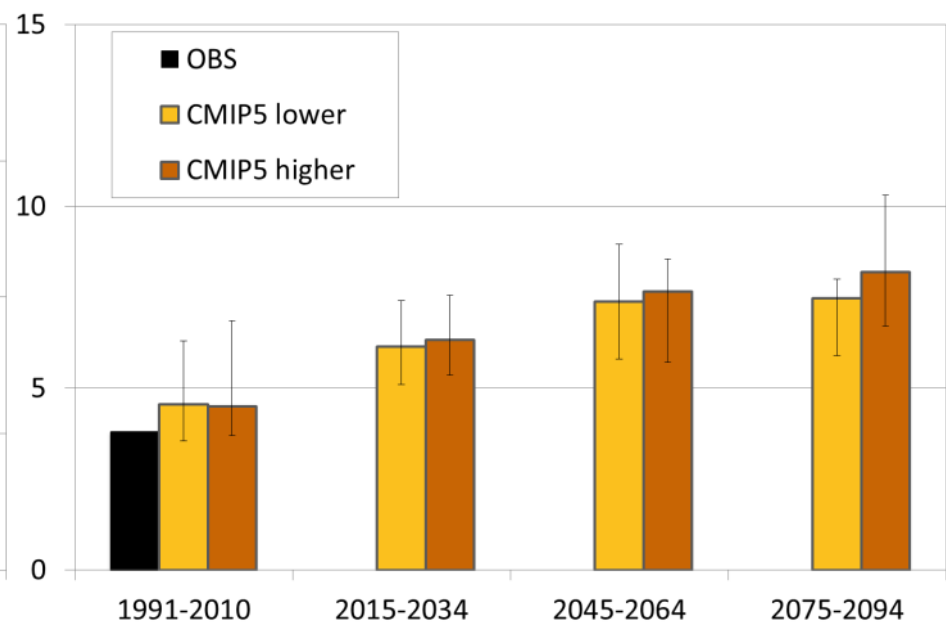
Days above 95°F Heat Index (low emission scenario)
 
 Days above 95°F Heat Index (high emission scenario)

# EXTREME HEAT EVENTS

Reagan Airport Average Heatwave Length



Reagan Airport Number of 3+ day Heatwaves



Heat waves, defined as 3 consecutive days when the heat index is above 95°F, are projected to be more **frequent** and last **longer**.

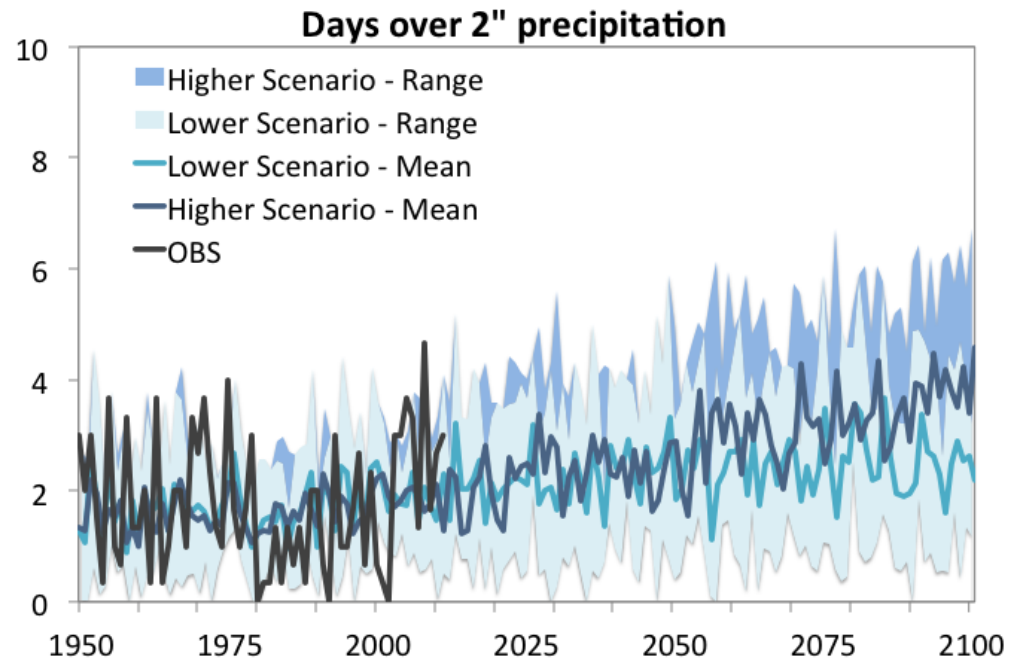
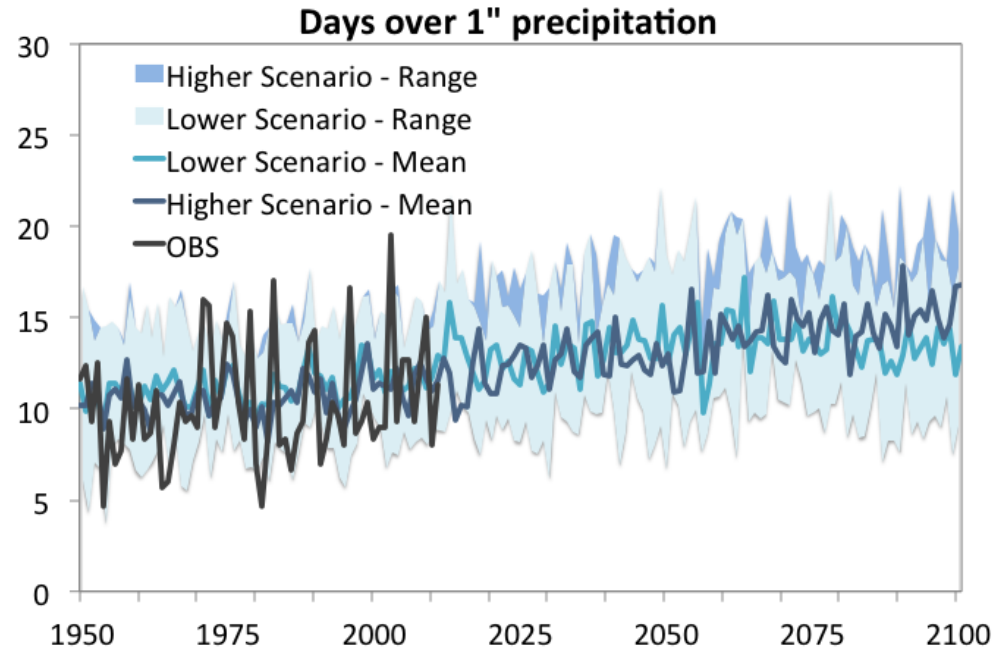
# PRECIPITATION PROJECTIONS

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Observed trends in measures of extreme precipitation are expected to continue to increase.

Charts show the number of days per year with more than 1" (top) and 2" (bottom) of precipitation in 24h.

By the 2080s the number of days per year with more than 2" of rain are expected to more than double from 2 days to 4.5 days under the higher scenario.



## DESIGN STORM EVENTS

Changes in rainfall volumes have a significant impact on infrastructure.

Design storms are the selected events that engineers use to design drainage infrastructure, bridges, culverts, etc.

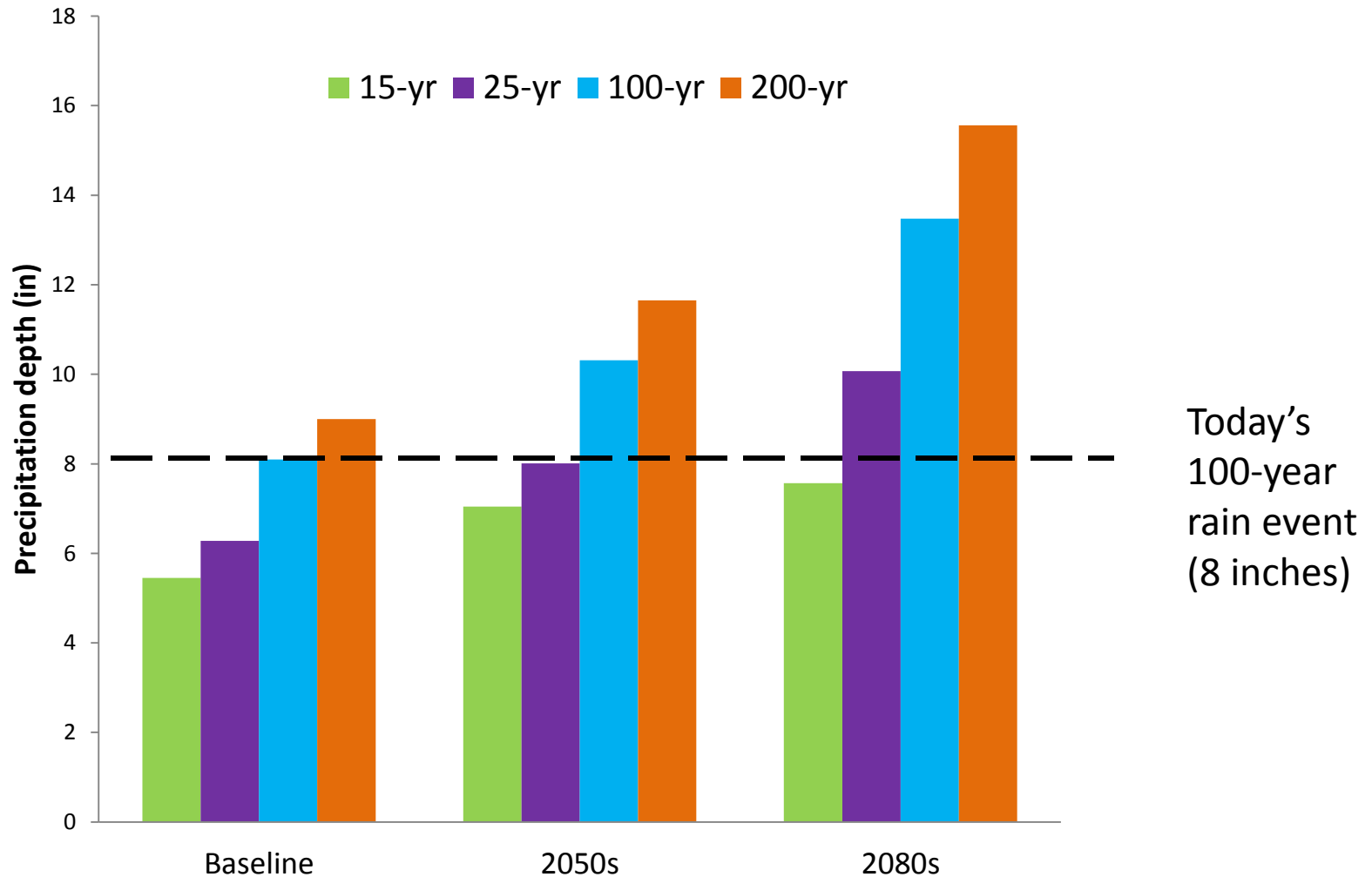
Input from DC Water, DDOT and DDOE's Stormwater Management Division informed the selection of events that are used as standards for stormwater, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure.

The chart shows how rainfall volumes are projected to increase across the relevant design storm events, especially for the more extreme (100 and 200 year) events.

Design Storm	Baseline 1981-2000	2020s	2050s	2080s
1-yr 24 hr. storm (in)	1.6	1.7 (1.5 - 1.8)	1.7 (1.5 - 1.8)	2 (±<1)
2-yr 24 hr. storm (in)	3.2	3.4 (3.2 - 3.7)	3.7 (3.5 - 3.9)	4 (4 - 5)
15-yr 24 hr. storm (in)	5.5	6.8 (6.0 - 7.3)	7.1 (6.7 - 7.6)	8 (4 - 9)
25-yr 24 hr. storm (in)	6.3	7.9 (6.8 - 8.6)	8 (7.5 - 8.8)	10 (8 - 12)
100-yr 24 hr. storm (in)	8.1	10.5 (8.9 - 12.4)	10.3 (9.0 - 11.9)	14 (10 - 16)
200-yr 24 hr. storm (in)	9	12 (10.1 - 14.7)	11.7 (9.8 - 13.6)	16 (11 - 19)
2-yr 6 hr. storm (in)	2.3	2.4 (±<0.1)	2.6 (2.6 - 2.7)	3 (±<1)
15-yr 6 hr. storm (in)	3.6	4.6 (4.3 - 4.8)	4.7 (4.6 - 4.8)	5 (4 - 6)
100-yr 6 hr. storm (in)	5.1	6.7 (6.5 - 6.8)	6.5 (6.4 - 6.7)	9 (7 - 10)
200-yr 6 hr. storm (in)	5.6	7.5 (7.2 - 7.7)	7.2 (±<0.1)	10 (8 - 11)
80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile storm (in)	0.8	0.9 (0.1)	0.9 (0.1)	0.95 (0.1-0.15)
90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile storm (in)	1.14	1.24 (0.1)	1.24 – 1.34 (0.1-0.2)	1.24 – 1.39 (0.1-0.25)
95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile storm (in)	1.5	1.6 – 1.65 (0.1-0.15)	1.6 – 1.75 (0.1-0.25)	1.75 – 1.85 (0.15-0.35)



# EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENTS



# SEA LEVEL RISE & STORM SURGE

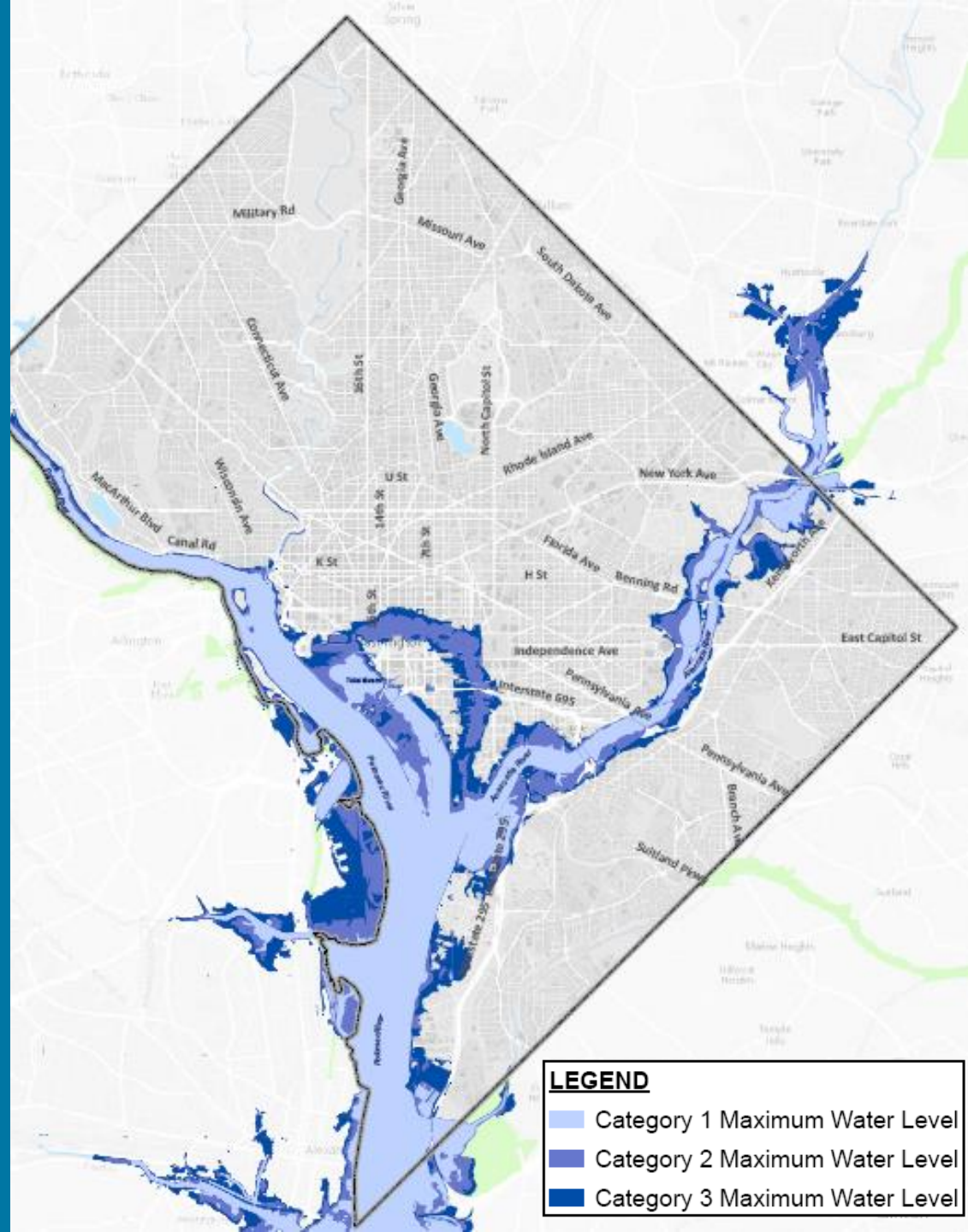
## PROJECTED SEA LEVEL RISE

2020s: 2.4 inches

2050s: 1.4 feet

2080s: 3.4 feet

Source: USACE North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study map overlaid on GIS map base created by Kleinfelder, 2015.



# QUESTIONS?

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