



# Are You The Weakest Link?

Resilient Design 101

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# Wilson Architects

- 50-Person Design Firm
- Committed to advancing energy efficiency and reducing the impact of climate change
- Established in 1995
- Design Focus on Higher Education Teaching & Research Environments



# Course Description

Codes focus on safe evacuation in an emergency, not on keeping buildings occupiable through a disaster. Buildings are often expendable.

With climate change, displacement due to damage from extreme weather events like Superstorm Sandy is more common. Is building to code minimums really enough?

This workshop will take you through the process of planning for Resilient Design, using the LEED pilot credits on Resilient Design IPc98, 99, and 100.

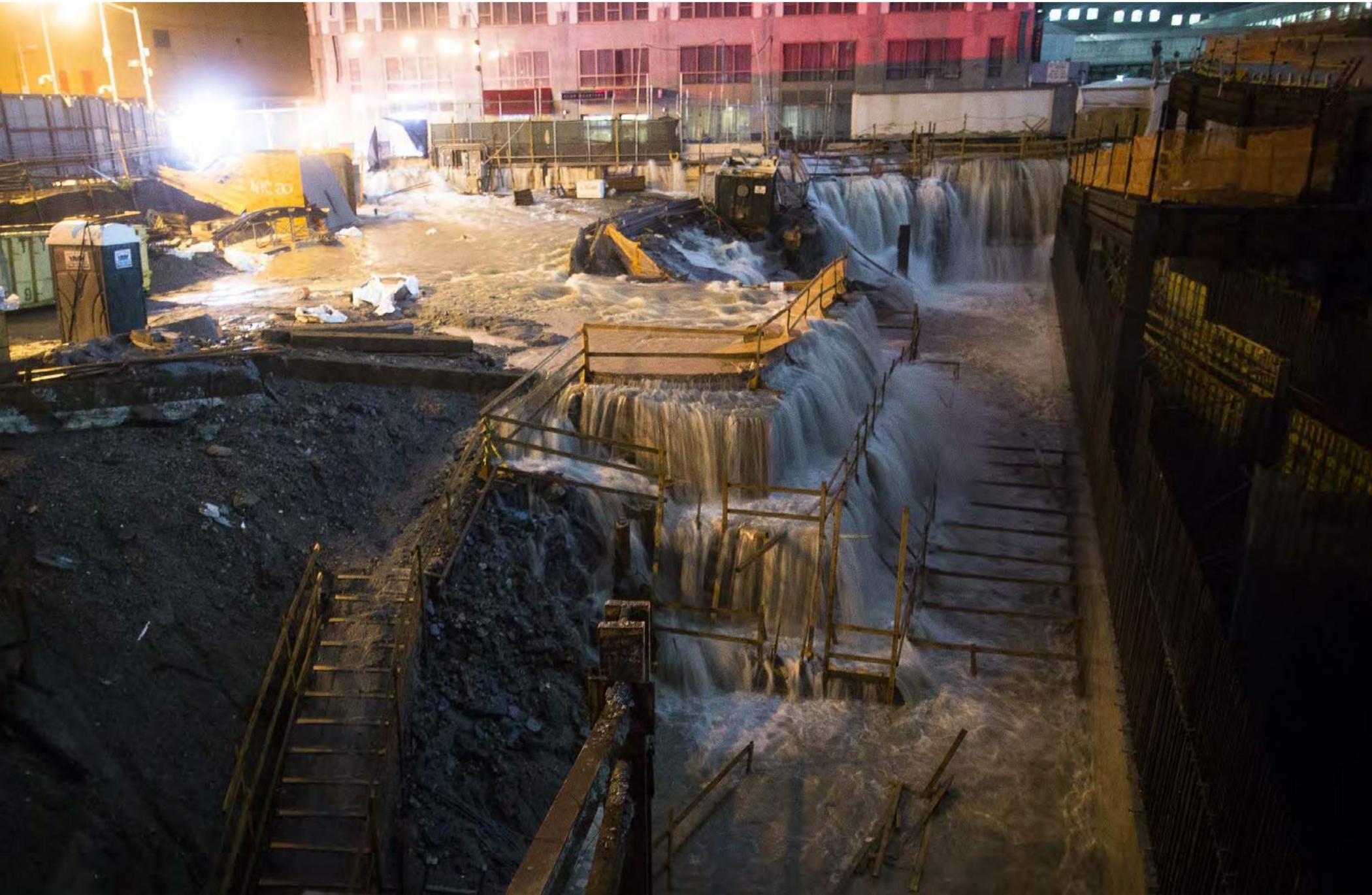
# Learning Objectives



At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the need for resilient design based on the expected service life and function of a building.
- Evaluate project vulnerability to hazards by region for LEED IPpc98: Assessment and Planning for Resilience.
- Select methods for mitigating hazards for LEED IPpc99: Design for Enhanced Resilience.
- Describe design approaches for LEED IPpc100 Passive Survivability and Functionality during Emergencies.

# Why Resilient Design?



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# THE STORM IS COMING



# Embrace the Changes that are taking place?



Nick Anastasia rode his tall bike during the King Tide, Nov. 15, 2016.

Lane Turner / Boston Globe Staff

# Build a WALL to Protect us?



Inner Harbor



Outer Harbor

Area with significant landfill vulnerable to flooding

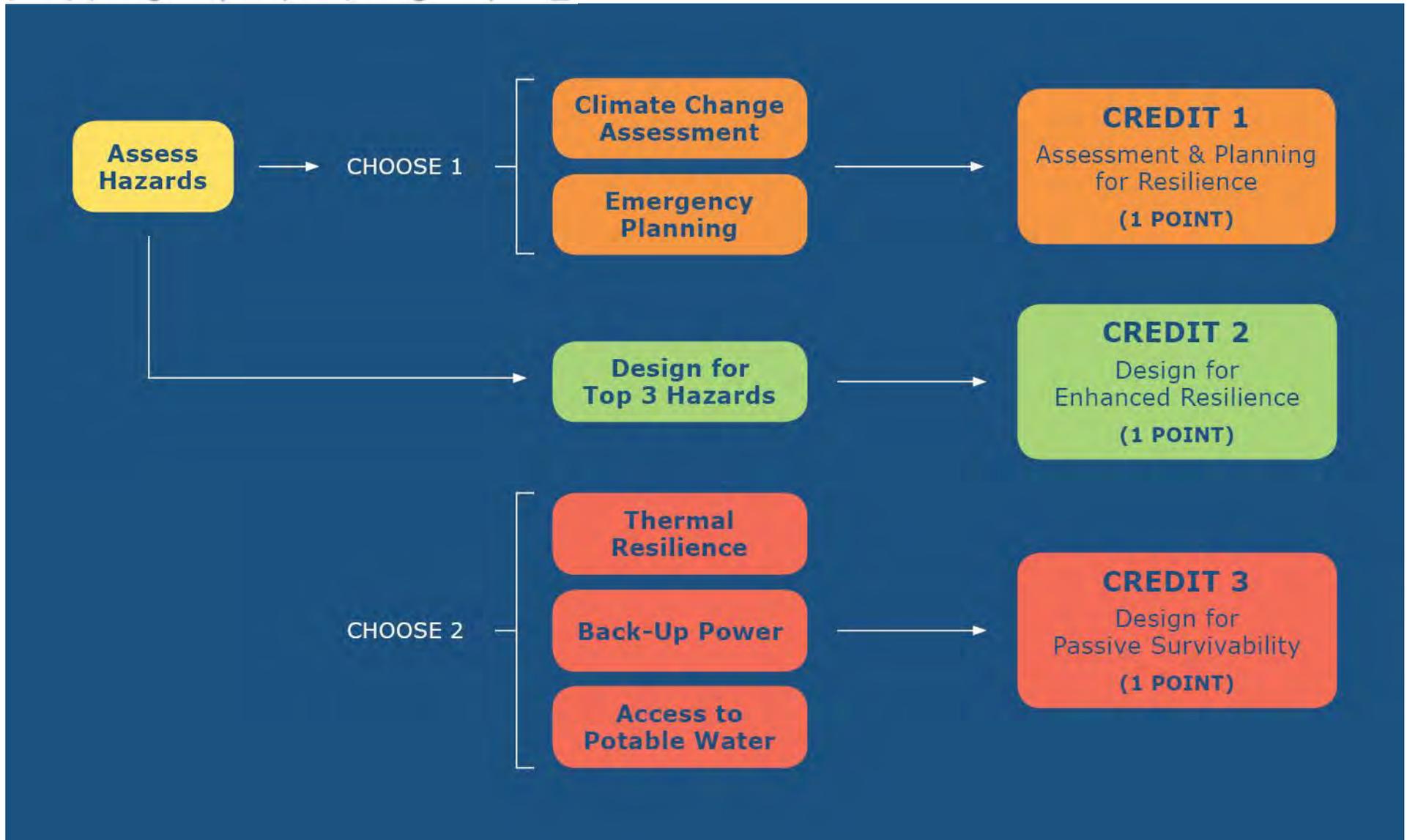


Restricted Tidal Flow

The Sapphire Necklace

# LEED Pilot Credits on Resilient Design

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# Sample Projects



University Hall, Boston, MA



MIT.nano, Cambridge, MA



IRYS School of Technology & Trades New Structure, Newport, RI

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## University Hall, University of Massachusetts Boston *Columbia Point, Boston, MA*



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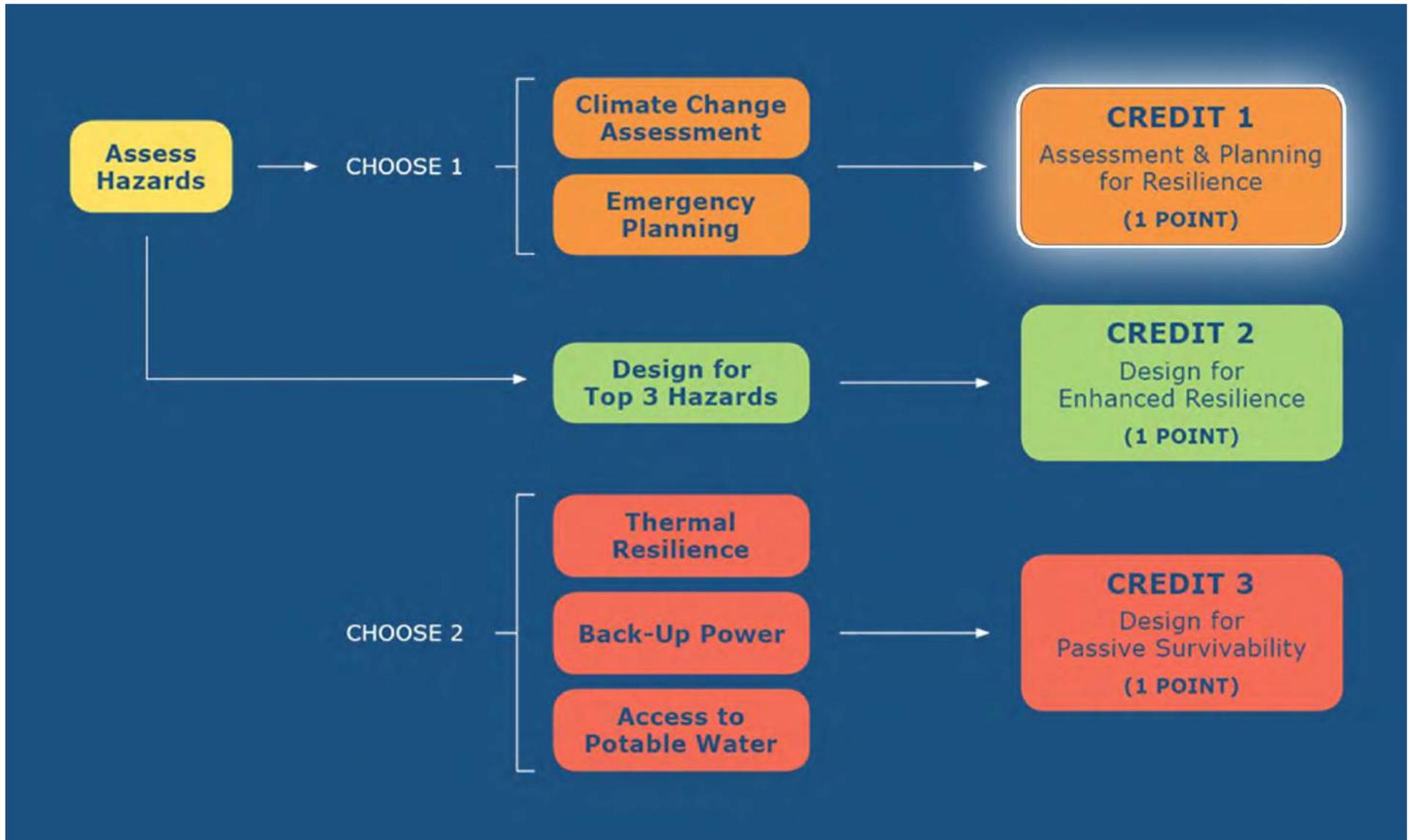
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## New Structure for Marine Systems & Composites Programs, IYRS *Spring Wharf, Newport, RI*



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## **Prerequisite Hazard Assessment**

- Flooding
- Hurricane
- Tornado/high wind
- Earthquake
- Tsunami
- Wildfire
- Drought
- Landslide/unstable soils

## **Option 1: Climate Change**

- Seas Level Rise and Storm Surge
- River Flooding Projects
- Winter Storms
- Temperature, Precipitation Changes and Storm Intensity

## **Option 2: Emergency Planning**

- Evaluate readiness
- Continual Assessment