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# Martin County Four Mile Beach Resilience

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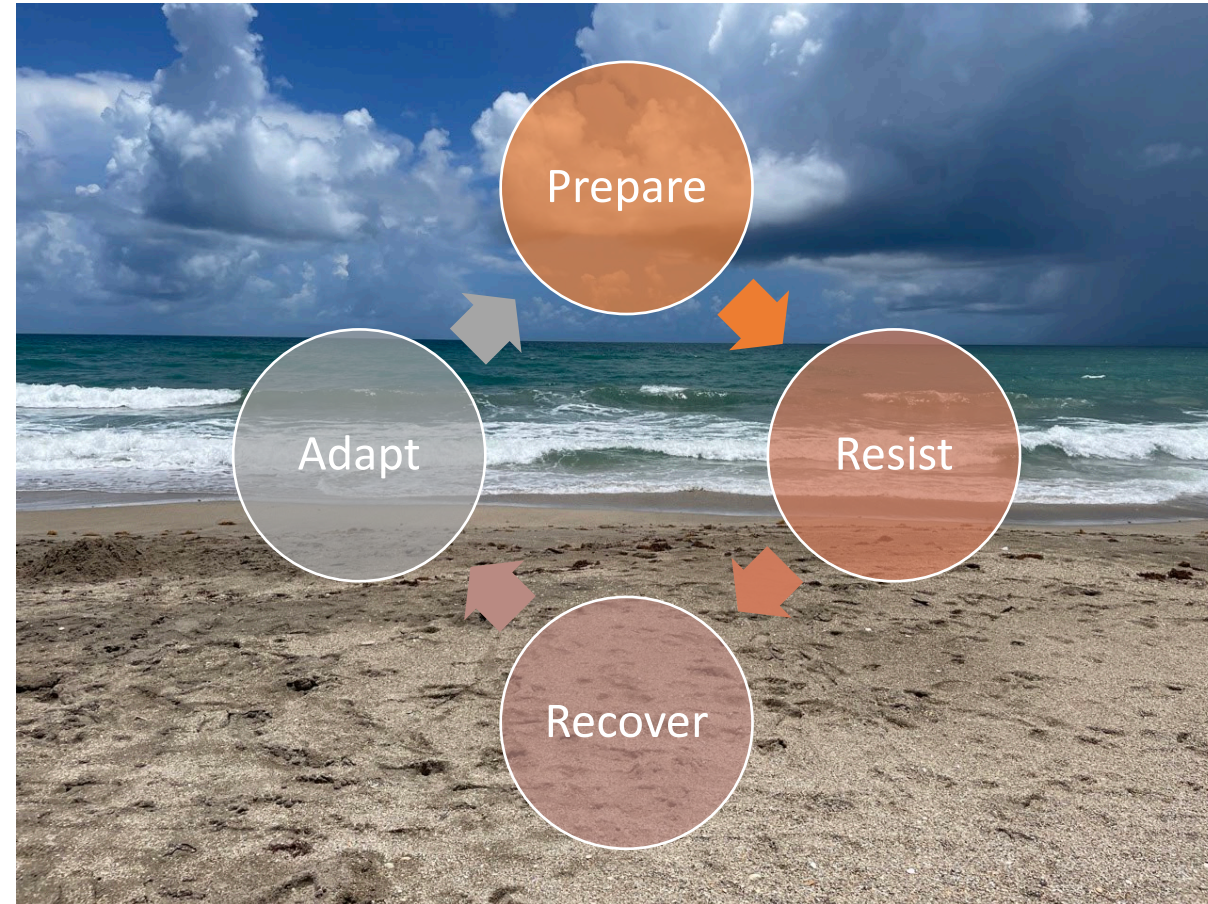
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# Presentation Outline

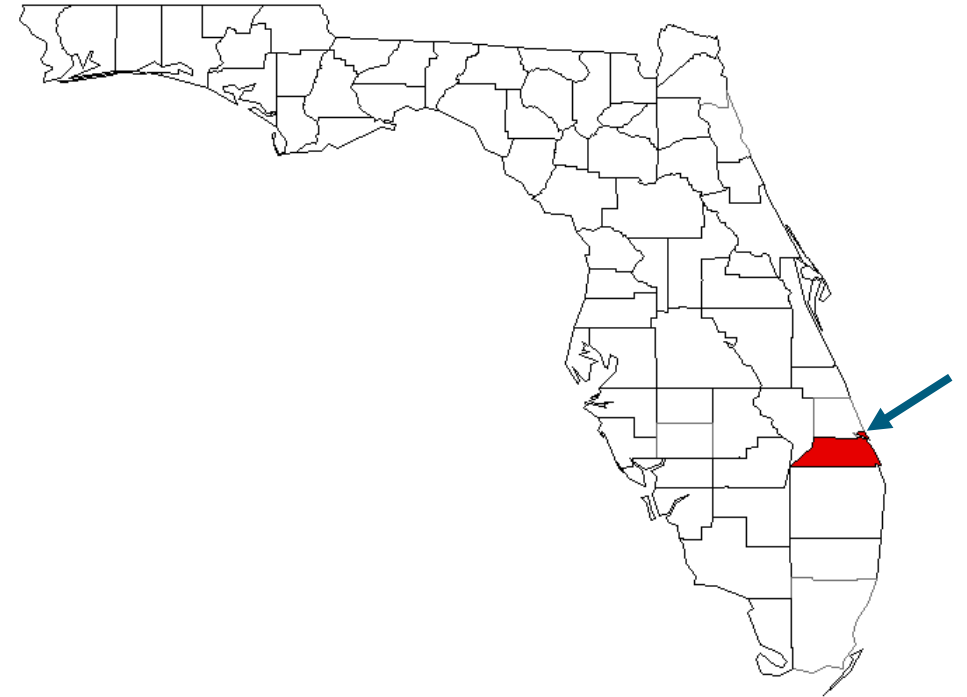
- Project Information
- Resilience Metrics
- Beach Resilience Metrics
- Hurricanes Ian and Nicole
- Comparison of Beach Resilience Metrics
- Summary
- Looking Forward
  - prepare, resist, recover, and adapt



# Martin County SPP

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- Northern-most 4 miles of Martin County (R-1 to R-25)
- Provides storm damage reduction in addition to recreation and environmental benefits



# Martin County SPP Resilience

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- The County is investigating options to modify the project design in the future to increase the performance of the beach fill and enhance resilience
- Our Path:
  - Summarize project history & available data
  - Analyze historic beach trends
  - Begin discussions with permitting agencies
  - Modeling (XBEACH)
  - ... recommendations and next steps

# Resilience Defined

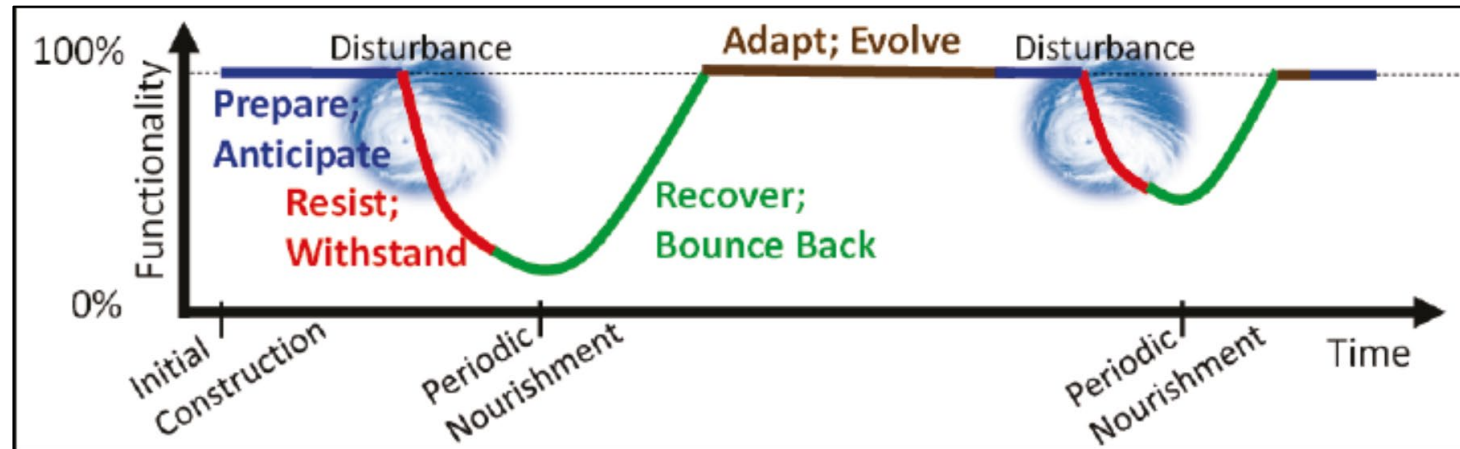
- Resilience is defined by *Executive Order 13653* as the ability to:

- Anticipate,
- Prepare for,
- And adapt

to changing conditions and:

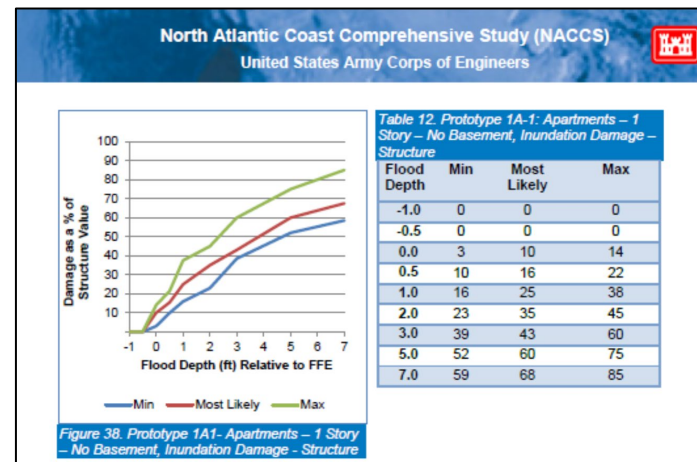
- Withstand,
- Respond to,
- And recover rapidly from disruptions

- Resilience is a trait
- How can we measure resilience? What are the metrics?



# Resilience Metrics

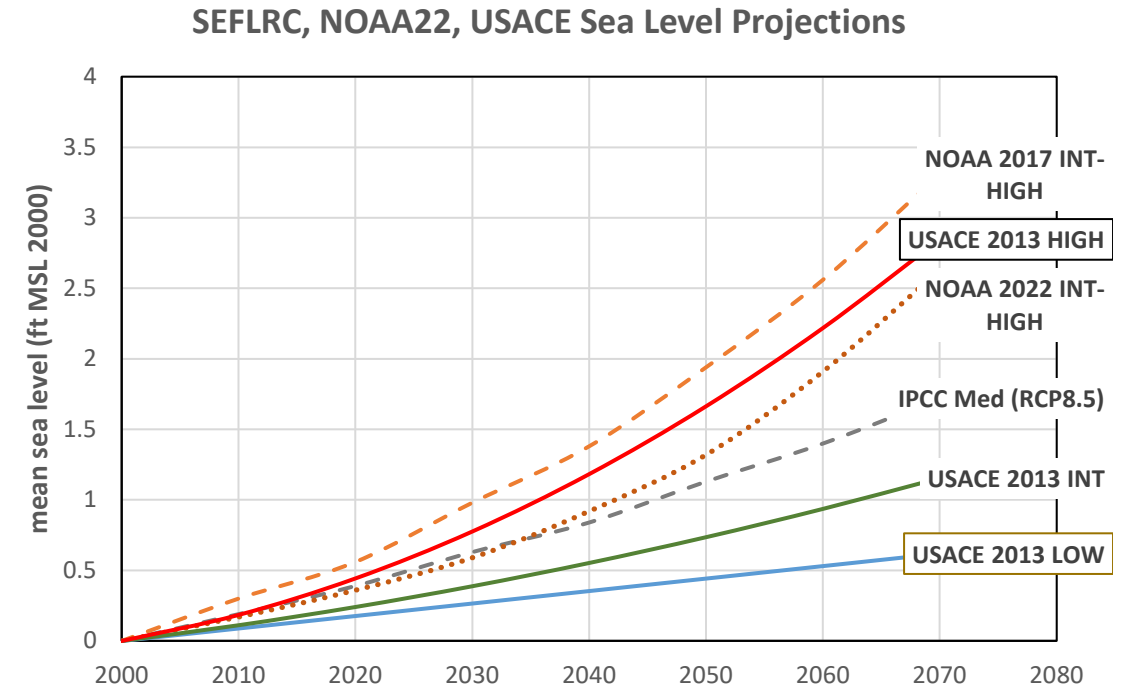
- Depends on what system you want to evaluate as resilient:
  - Economic
  - Social/Human
  - Environmental
  - Transportation
  - Power/Energy
- Specific to coastal structures, measure damage caused by:
  - Inundation
  - Wave Damage
  - Erosion



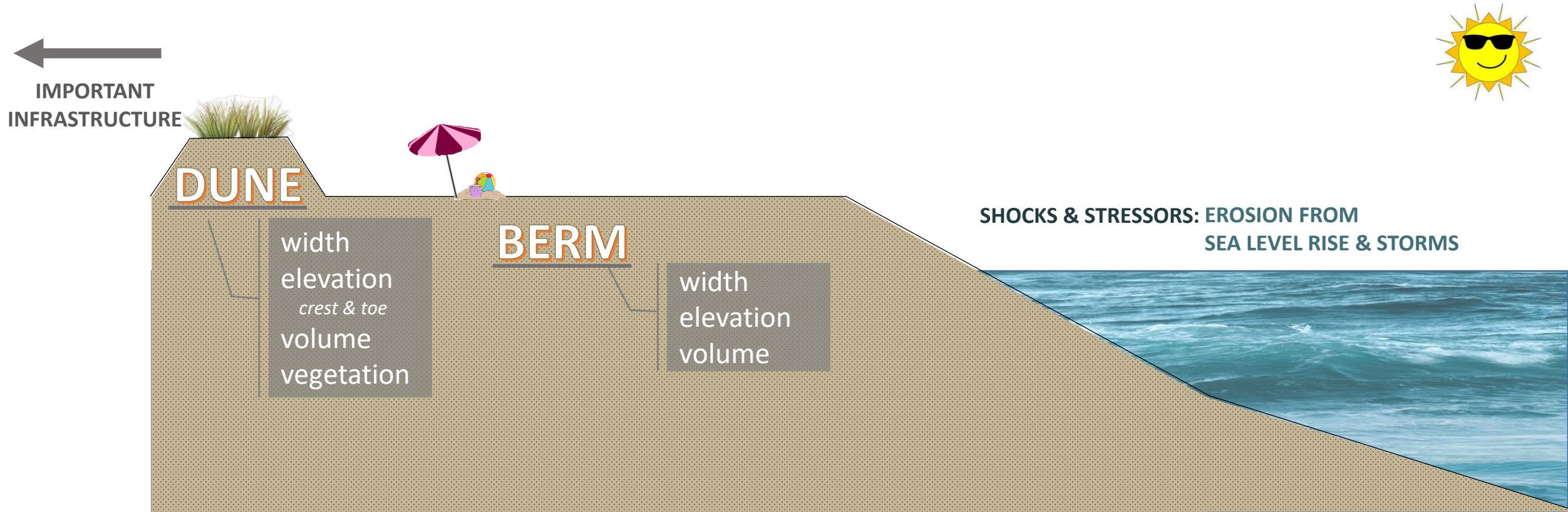
# Resilience to Sea Level Rise

- Resilience is defined as the ability to:
  - Anticipate,
  - Prepare for,
  - And adapt
- Adaptation is an action
- Requires planning
- What planning/SLR scenario to use?
- From Martin County SPP's 1993 General Design Memorandum:

**67. A contributing factor to the susceptibility to storm damage is relative sea level rise. If the upper limit of relative sea level rise actually occurs, it will increase the shoreline recession and storm damages estimated within this report.**



# How to Measure Beach Resilience





# How to Measure Beach Resilience

- Elevations
  - Contour tracking (MHW, berm, dune)
  - Maximum elevation (dune)
- Width/shoreline position
- Volume analysis
- Vegetation coverage
  
- Beach Change Envelope (USGS)
- Buffer Width (USACE)
- Coastal Vulnerability Index (USGS)
- Coastal Resilience Index (USACE- ASBPA, APTIM)
- (Dune) Engineering Design Parameter (Stevens)

## SHOCKS & STRESSORS

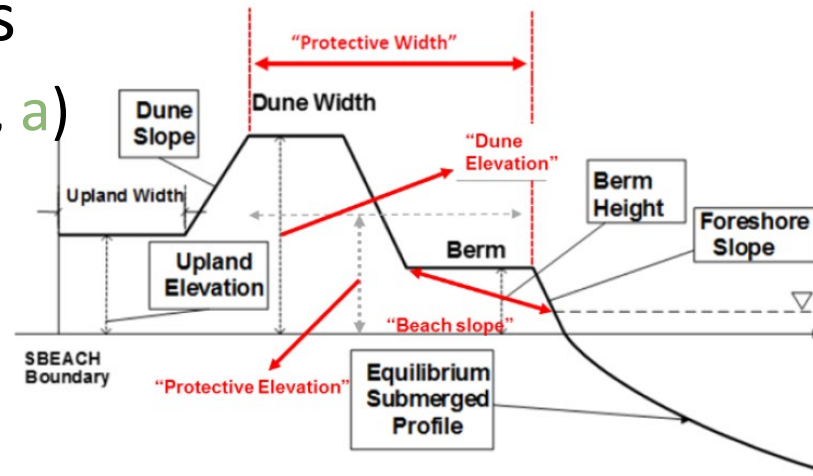
- Sea level rise
- Storm intensity, frequency, and duration
- Recovery rate

short-term  
response/storm  
damage reduction  
benefits

# Coastal Resilience Index

- 5 non dimensional factors

- Protective Elevation (PE, *a*)
- Volume Density (VD, *b*)
- Protective Width (PW, *c*)
- Crest Freeboard (CF, *d*)
- Wave Runup (WR, *e*)



Dong et al., 2018 adapted from Rogers et al., 2009

$$CRI = a + b + c + d + e$$

- GIS tool to extract features

- Dune landward limit, crest, & toe; shoreline;  
mean beach slope

# Coastal Resilience Index

$$CRI = a + b + c + d + e$$

- Protective Elevation Factor

$$a = \frac{PE}{PE_0}$$

←  $PE_0$  - "characteristic constant" for AOI

- Volume Density Factor

$$b = \frac{PE * PW * (1-s)}{PE_0 * PW_0}$$

$s$  = % of fine sediment

- Protective Width Factor

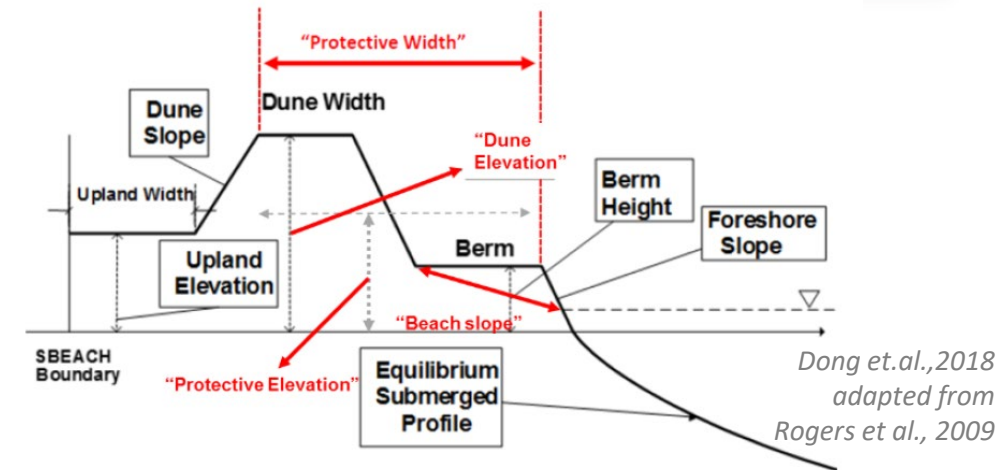
$$c = \frac{PW - MR}{PW_0}$$

- Crest Freeboard Factor

$$d = \frac{DE - (MS + MHW)}{CF_0}$$

- Wave Runup Factor

$$e = \frac{WR_0}{WR}$$

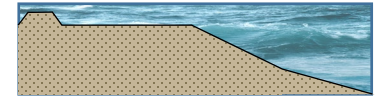


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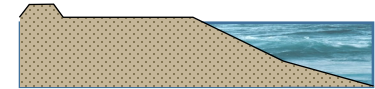
- Storm Impact Analysis

- Maximum storm-induced shoreline recession (MR)
- Maximum storm surge (MS)
- Tide Level (TL)

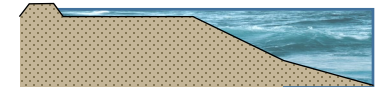
- Inundation Regime  
 $(MS+TL) > DE$  or  $PW < MR$



- Swash Regime  
 $(MS+TL) \ll DE$  or  $PW \gg MR$



- Collision or Overwash Regime  
 $(MS+TL) < DE$



- Wave Runup

- Stockdon, 2006

$$WR = 1.1 \left\{ 0.35 \beta_f (H_0 L_0)^{1/2} + \frac{[H_0 L_0 (0.563 \beta_f^2 + 0.004)]^{1/2}}{2} \right\}$$

# Engineering Design Parameter (EDP)

- Create fragility curves to allow for probabilistic prediction of dune impacts

$$EDP = \frac{\text{mobilizing terms}}{\text{stabilizing terms}} = \frac{\text{intensity}}{\text{resilience}}$$

- Intensity terms (*Miller and Livermont, 2008; Lemke and Miller, 2020*)
  - SEI- Storm Erosion Index
    - Time varying form of the modified Bruun Rule
    - Wave height, total water level, storm duration
  - IEI- Instantaneous Erosion Intensity
  - PEI- Peak Erosion Intensity

*“While the methods do not, and should not, replace numerical modeling, they have uses in forecasting, rapid or regional scale assessments, and as a design tool in conceptual design”*

$$SEI = \sum_{t_d} IEI(t_i) = \sum_{t_d} W_*(t_i) \left[ \frac{0.068H_b(t_i) + S(t_i)}{B + 1.28H_b(t_i)} \right]$$

# Engineering Design Parameter (EDP)

- EDP can be modified to add additional parameters
  - Must be non-dimensional and EDP must be  $\frac{\textit{intensity}}{\textit{resilience}}$

Table 5. Considered EDPs, underlying parameters (IM and  $R_f$ ) and physical meaning.

Case	Parameters	EDP	Physical Proxy
1	PEI, Berm Width	$\frac{PEI}{(Bwidth)}$	Setback
2	PEI, Berm Width, Dune Crest Width	$\frac{PEI}{(Bwidth+Fwidth)}$	Setback
3	PEI, Dune Volume	$\frac{PEI^2}{(Dvol)}$	Volume
4	PEI, Foredune Volume	$\frac{PEI^2}{(Fvol)}$	Volume   '540-rule'
5	PEI, Berm Width and Dune Volume	$\frac{PEI^2}{(Bwidth^2+Dvol)}$	Shear
6	PEI, Berm Width and Dune Volume	$\frac{PEI^3}{(Bwidth \times Dvol)}$	Moment
7	PEI, Berm Width and Dune Volume	$\frac{PEI^4}{(Bwidth^2 \times Dvol)}$	Simplified Mass-moment of Inertia
8	PEI, Berm Width and Dune Volume	$\frac{PEI^4}{\left[ \left( \sqrt{(Bwidth+Fwidth)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{3}(CrestZ-ToeZ) \right)^2} \right)^2 \times Dvol \right]}$	Mass-moment of Inertia

- SEI- Storm Erosion Index
  - Wave height, total water level, storm duration
- PEI- Peak Erosion Intensity

$$EDP = \frac{PEI^4}{B_{width}^2 * D_{vol}}$$

## Engineering Design Parameter (EDP)

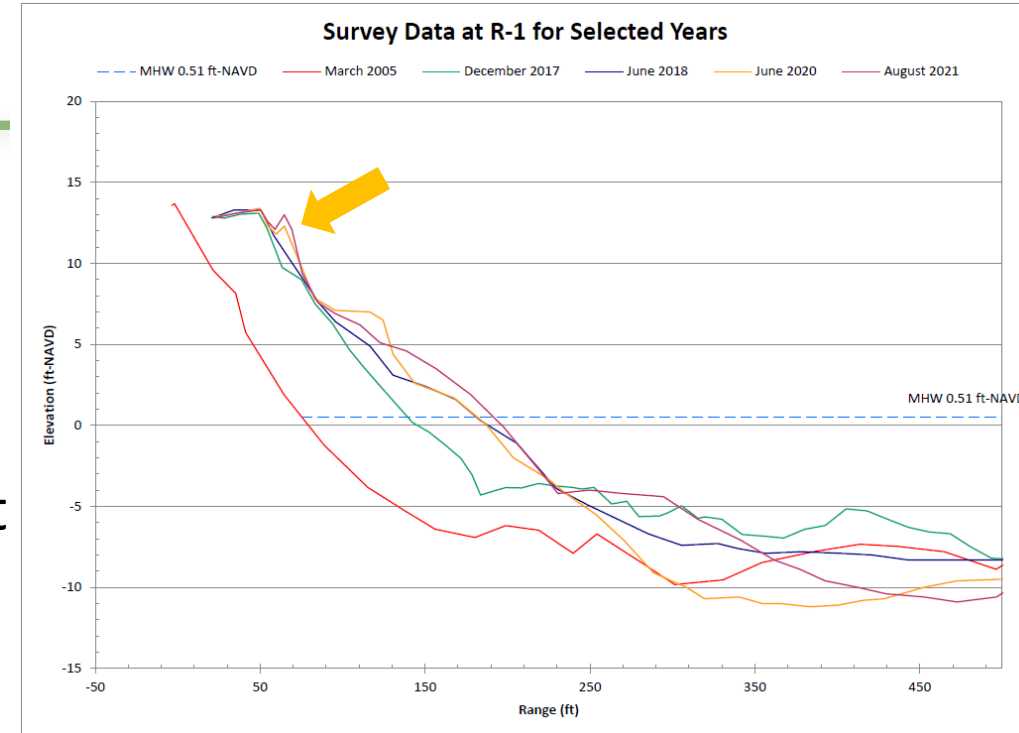
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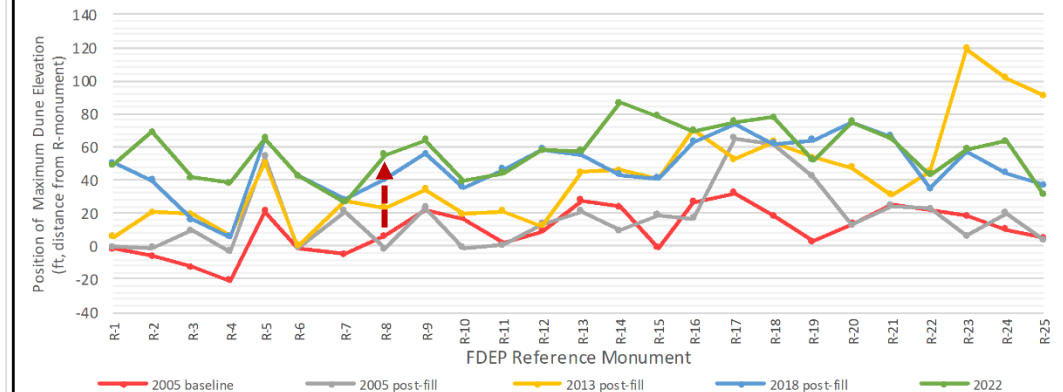
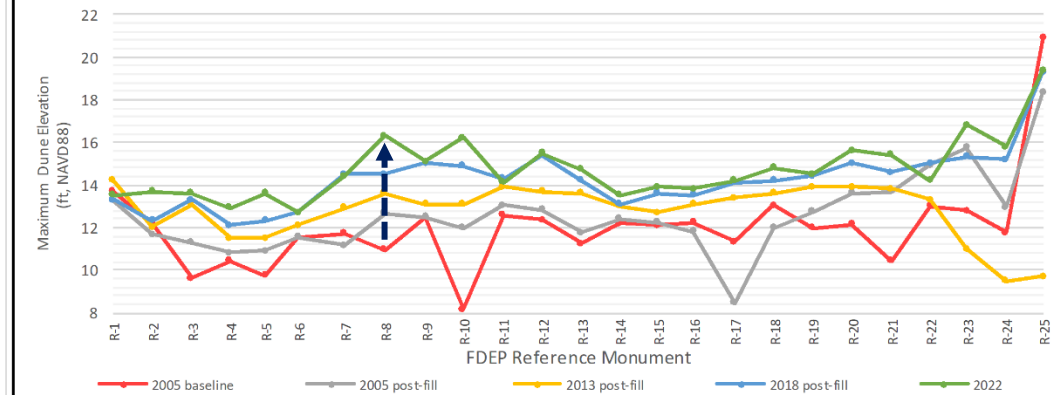
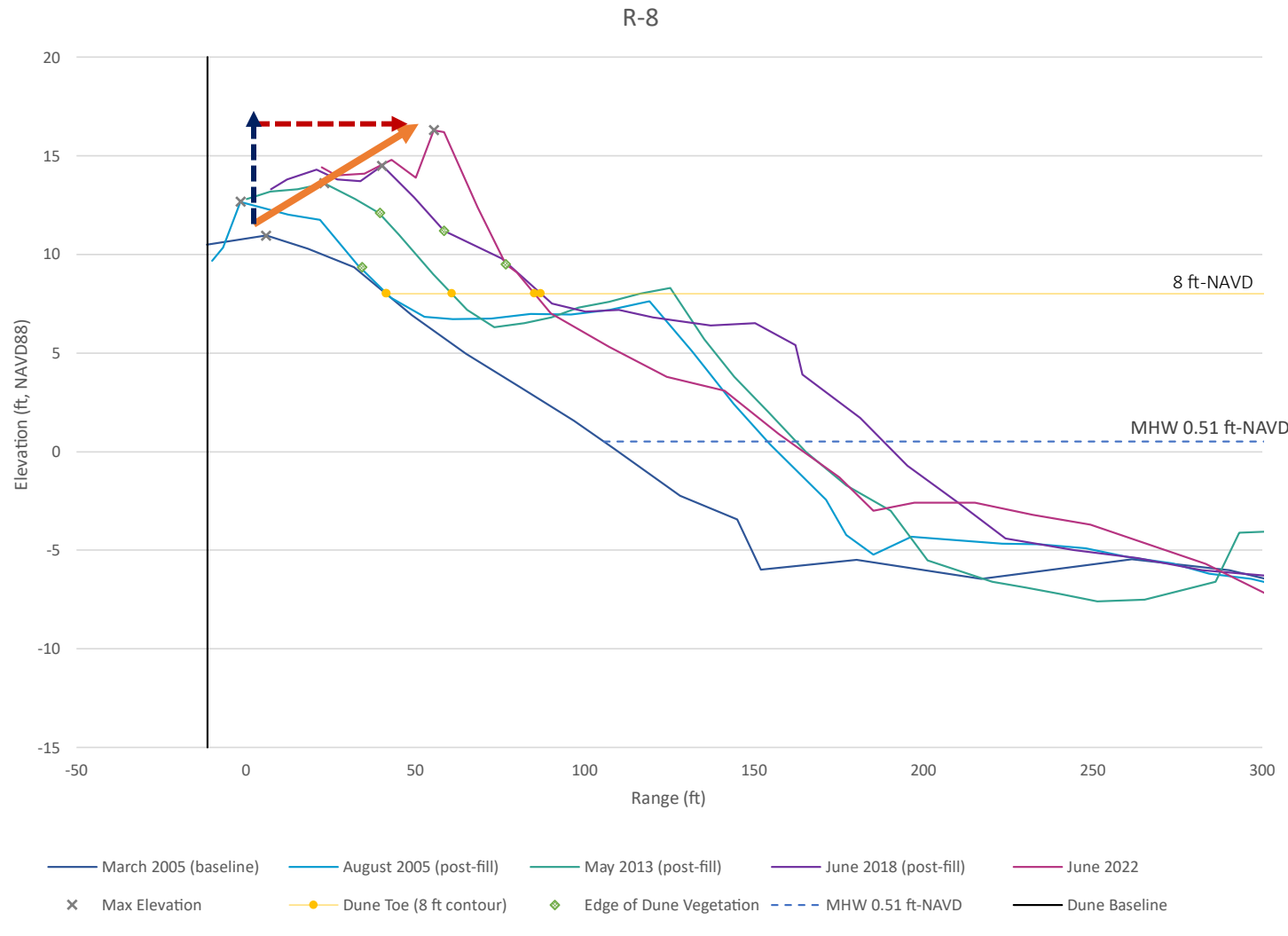
# Historic Project Performance

- Performance highly dependent on storm activity
  - Consistent erosion from the sub-aerial and nearshore
  - Slow natural recovery and onshore movement of a sand bar (if conditions allow)
  - Rarely a full recovery and sand moves beyond the monitoring area
- Increased shoreline retreat and/or erosion in the northern portion of the project and increased stability to the south
- Dune growth!

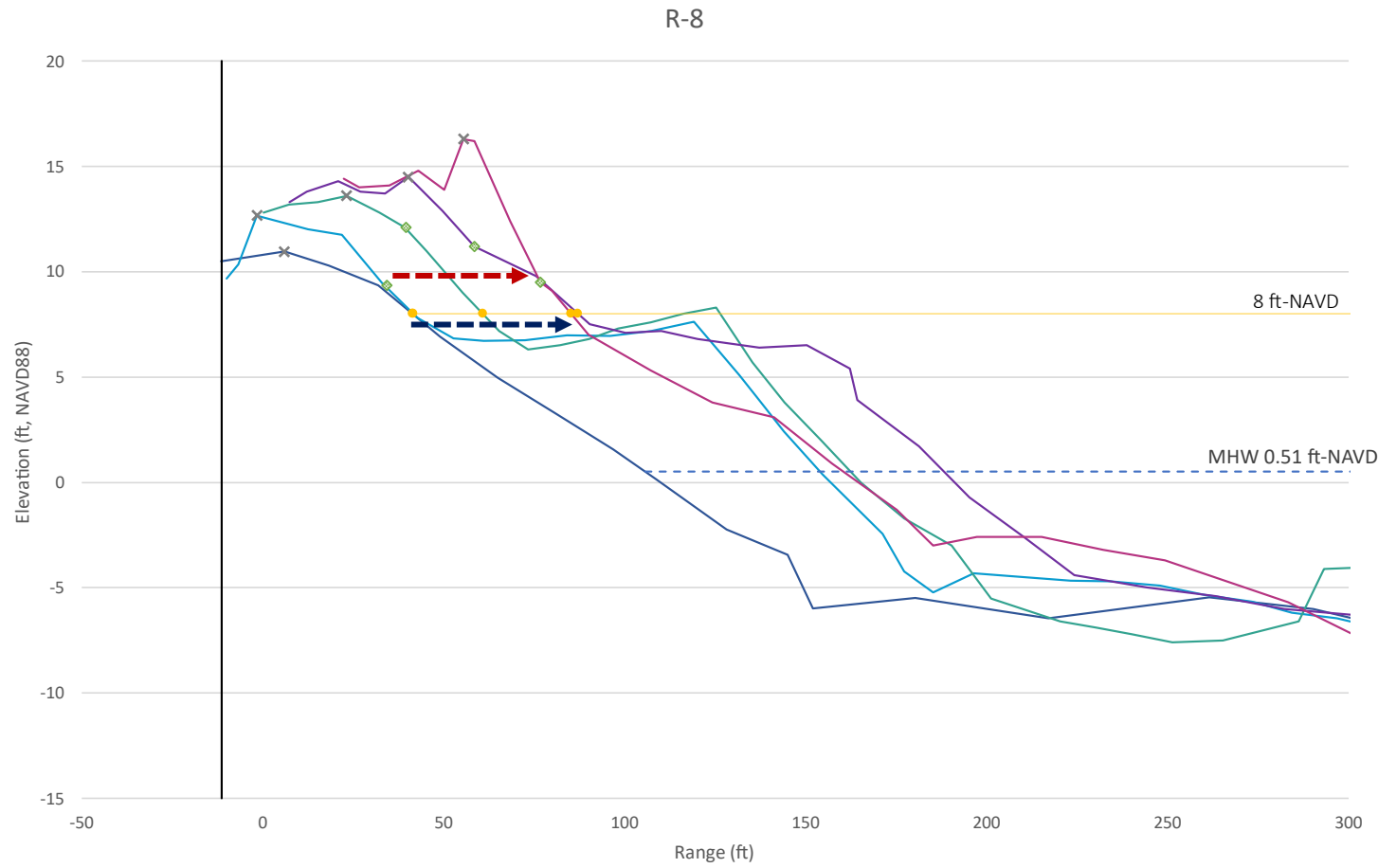




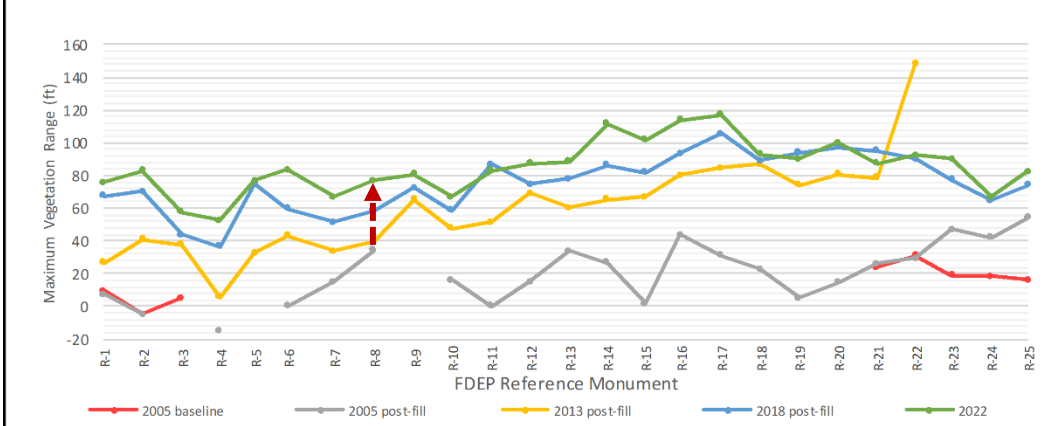
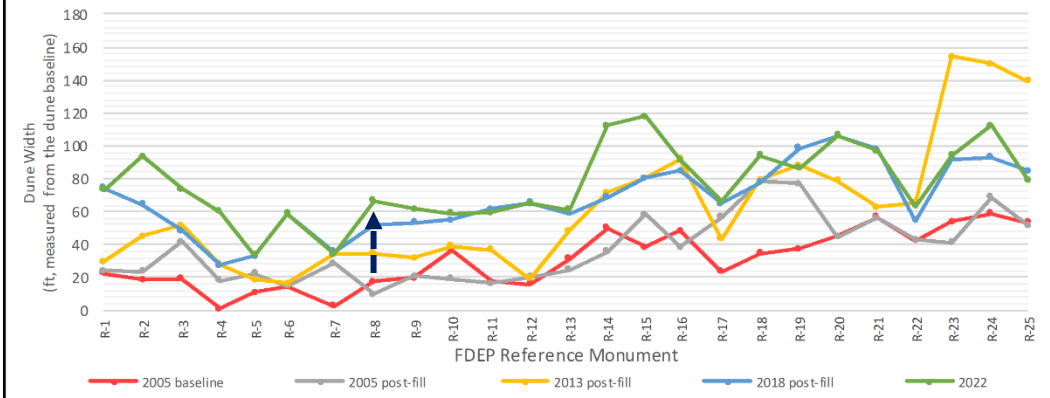
# Dune Growth— maximum elevation



# Dune Growth— dune width and edge of veg



- March 2005 (baseline)
- August 2005 (post-fill)
- May 2013 (post-fill)
- June 2018 (post-fill)
- June 2022
- x Max Elevation
- Dune Toe (8 ft contour)
- Edge of Dune Vegetation
- MHW 0.51 ft-NAVD
- Dune Baseline



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**FIGURE X.X MARTIN COUNTY SPP  
 MAXIMUM DUNE WIDTH AND  
 MAXIMUM VEGETATION RANGE**

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PROJECT	C2022-035
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SHEET	1 OF 1
DATE	SEP 2022

# Beach Condition 06/22

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R-16



R-20



# Beach Condition 9/26/22 (Pre-Ian)

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R-16



# Beach Condition 9/28/22 (During Ian)

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R-16



# Beach Condition 9/28/22 (During Ian)

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R-16



# Beach Condition 9/29/22 (Post-Ian)

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R-16



# Beach Condition 11/7/22 (Pre-Nicole)

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# Beach Condition 11/9/22 (During-Nicole)

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# Beach Condition 11/10/22 (Post-Nicole)

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# Beach Condition 11/15/22 (Post-Nicole)

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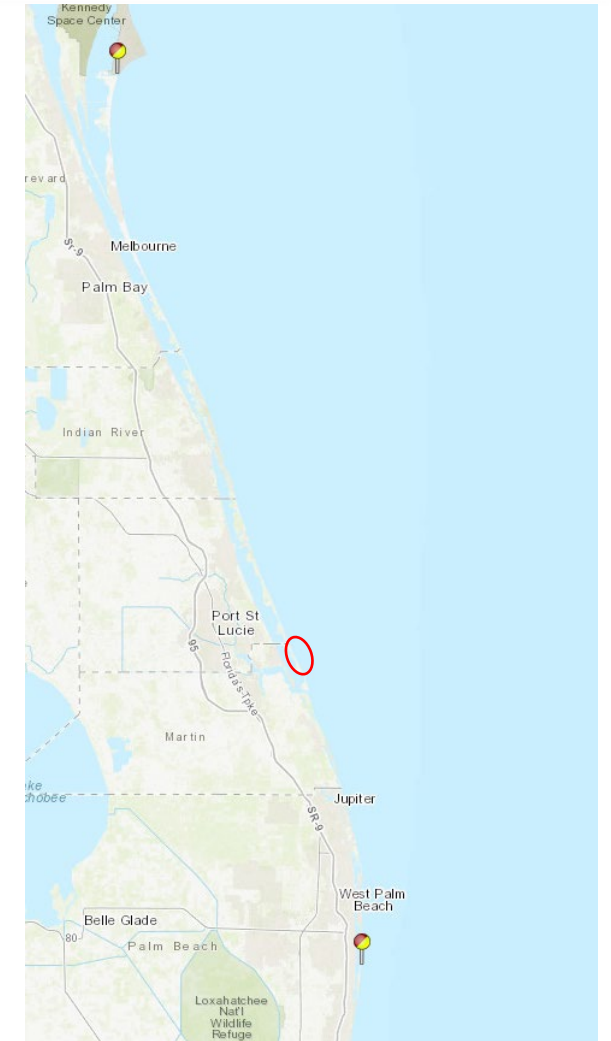


# Input Parameters- Wave & Water Level Data



NOAA, National Data Buoy Center

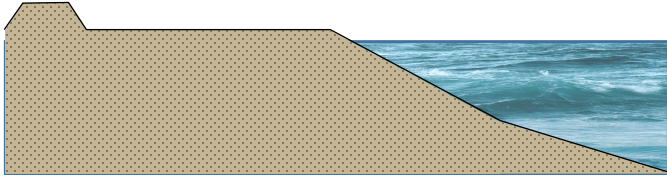
- Jensen Beach Wave Buoy
  - 0.42 miles offshore; depth ~33ft
- NOAA National Data Buoy Center (NDBC)
- USGS Flood Event Viewer
- NOAA Tides and Currents



NOAA, Tides & Currents

# Application of Resilience Indices on the SPP

## Contour Tracking & Volume Analysis



- Berm width
- Berm elevation
- Berm volume
- Dune width
- Dune elevation
- Dune volume
- ~~Water level~~
- ~~Wave information~~
- ~~Other:~~

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- Berm width
- Berm elevation
- ~~Berm volume~~
- Dune width
- Dune elevation
- ~~Dune volume~~
- Water level
- Wave information- Runup
- Other: fines

## Engineering Design Parameter

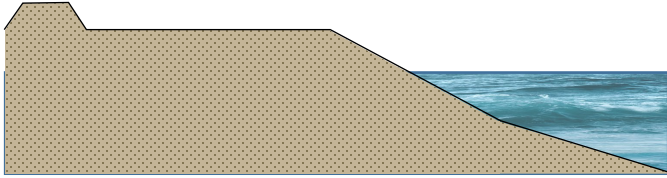
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- Berm width
- Berm elevation
- ~~Berm volume~~
- ~~Dune width~~
- ~~Dune elevation~~
- Dune volume
- Water level
- Wave information-  $H_b$
- Other: width of active surf zone

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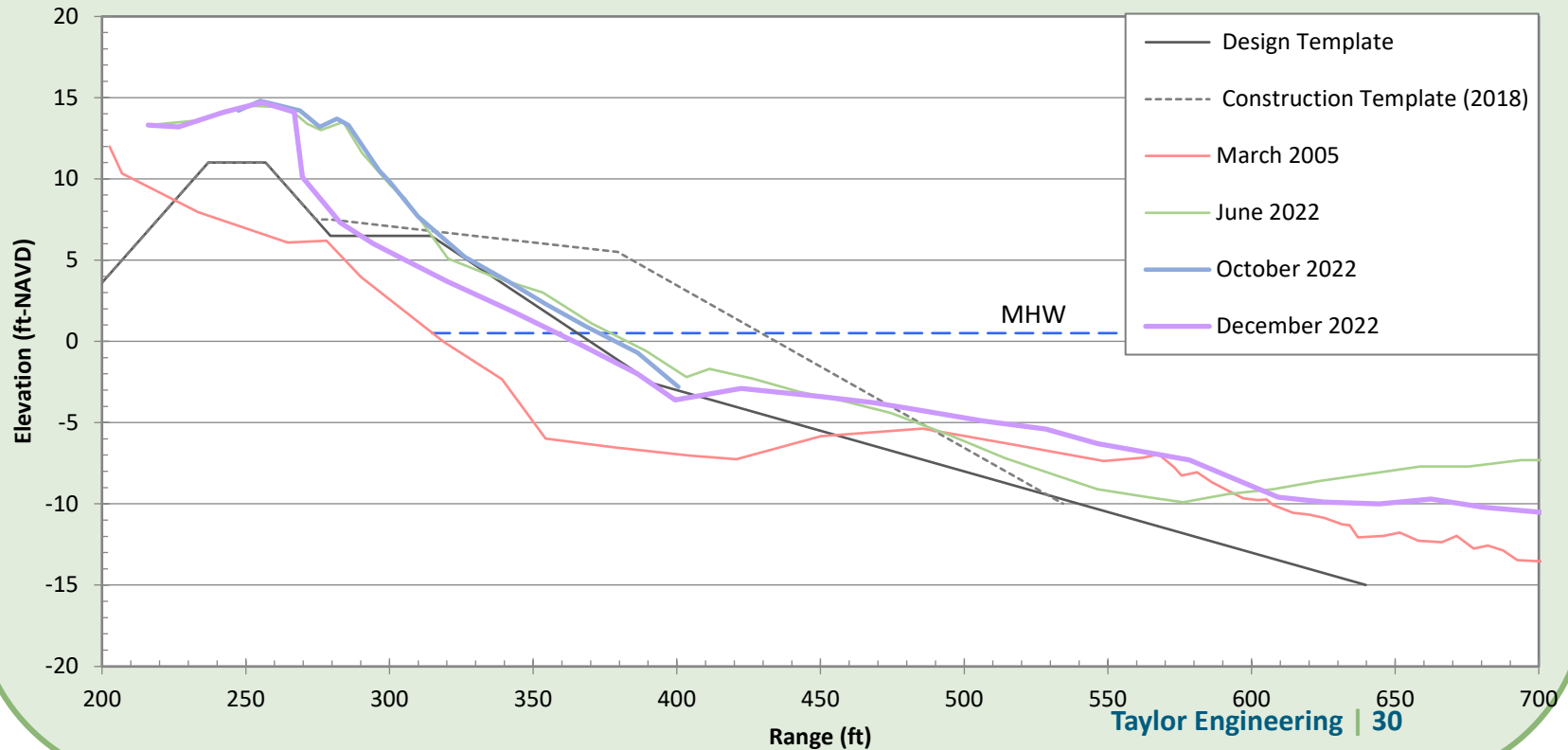


$\Delta$  shoreline position (ft)      subaerial  $\Delta$  vol (cy/ft)

DESIGN TEMPLATE	$\Delta$ shoreline position (ft)	subaerial $\Delta$ vol (cy/ft)
DESIGN TEMPLATE	--	--
JUNE 2022	12	-0.3
OCTOBER 2022	8	+0.5
DECEMBER 2022	-7	-11.4

## PROJECT AREA

	DESIGN - JUNE	JUNE - OCT	OCT - DEC
$\Delta$ shoreline position (ft)	46.6	-1.8	0.2
subaerial $\Delta$ vol (cy/ft)	-0.01	-2.6	-2.7



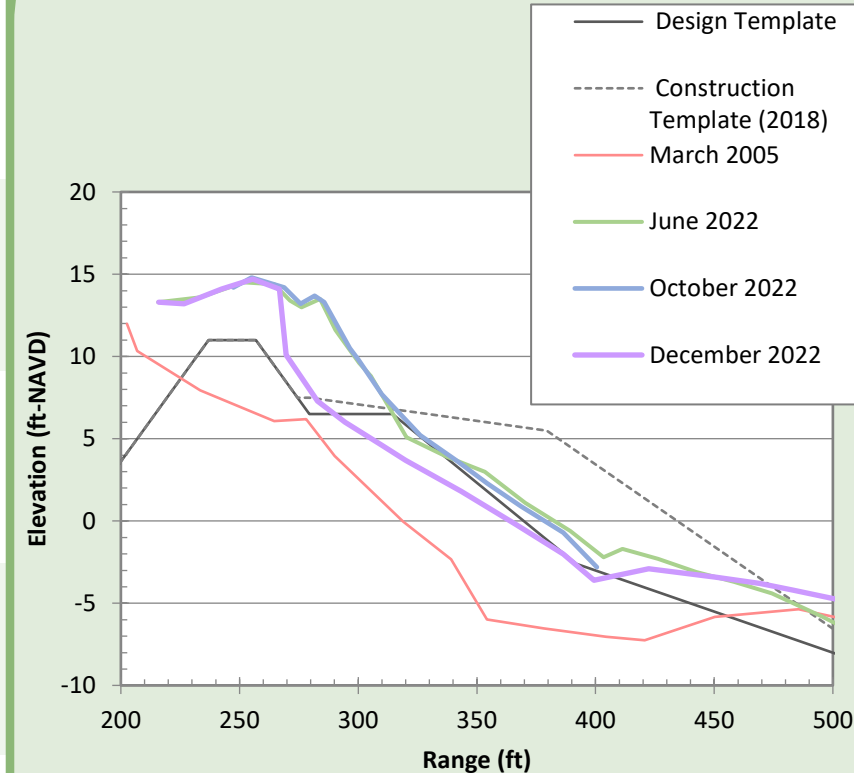
# Application of Resilience Indices on the SPP

RESILIENCE INDEX		JUNE-OCT	OCT-DEC
a	PE	-	-0.1
b	VD	-	-0.2
c	PW	-0.3	+0.1
d	CF	-0.2	-0.2
e	WR	-0.9	-0.2
<b>CRI</b>		<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

## Coastal Resilience Index

$$CRI = a + b + c + d + e$$

<b>DESIGN TEMPLATE</b>	--	
<b>JUNE 2022</b>	6.2	<i>change in resilience factors</i>
<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>	4.8	c PW -0.3 d CF -0.2 e WR -0.9
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	4.2	a PE -0.1 b VD -0.2 c PW +0.1 d CF -0.2 e WR -0.2



# Application of Resilience Indices on the SPP

	DESIGN TEMP	JUNE 2022	OCT 2022	DEC 2022
INTENSITY	2	3	26	46
RESILIENCE	33,600	70,600	64,500	63,400
<b>EDP</b>	<b>0.00038</b>	<b>0.00076</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>70.9</b>

	DESIGN TEMP	JUNE 2022	OCT 2022	DEC 2022
INTENSITY	↓↓	↓	↑↑	↑↑↑
RESILIENCE	↓↓↓	↑↑	↓↓	↓
<b>EDP</b>	low INT- avg annual conditions low RES- dune volume	low INT- avg conditions high RES- dune volume	high INT- lan low RES- decrease in berm width	very high INT- Nicole low RES- decrease in dune vol, increase in berm width

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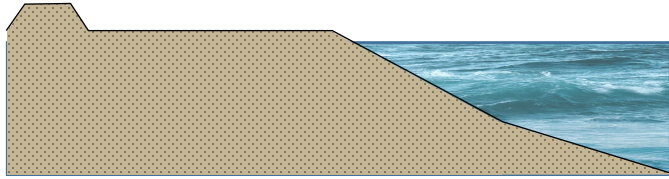
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<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	70.9	↑↑↑ Intensity ↓ Resilience



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DECEMBER 2022	-7	-11.4	4.2	a PE -0.1 b VD -0.2 c PW -0.1 d CF -0.2 e WR -0.2	70.9	↑↑↑ Intensity ↓ Resilience

# Conclusions

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- Beach resilience directly related to “buffer” volume and recovery time/conditions
- Many ways to measure beach resilience... which way is the best?
  - Martin SPP is a good candidate for testing resilience measures due to its extensive survey data and buoy
  - Resilience indices highly dependent on distribution of terms... should these be beach specific?
  - Selection of parameters is subjective; assumptions often needed
- *How do we make changes to a project over the project lifetime due to SLR or increased erosion rates? prepare, resist, recover, and ADAPT*



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