An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Portland, Maine, showing residential houses, streets, and a large body of water in the background. The sky is overcast and the water is a muted greyish-blue. The town is built on a slight rise, with houses of various colors and styles. A road curves through the lower right portion of the image.

C-RISE

Community Resilience Informed by Science and Experience

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A Quick Intro to C-RISE

- NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant
- Goal:
 - Engage the citizens of greater Portland in an interactive learning experience to understand the impacts of
 - Sea Level Rise
 - Storm Events - Surge & Increased Precipitation
- By end of project in 2018, we will engage
 - 1000 Adults – on-site and remote
 - 4000 Students through LabVenture (5th & 6th grade)
- And then...
 - Extend to interested communities throughout Maine and beyond

Developing the program

- Develop Learning Experience
 - Working with our Leadership Team (Portland/South Portland planners, NOAA OCM, local resiliency leaders, Maine scientists)
 - Engaging / Interactive / 90 minutes
 - Primary objectives
 - What impact will SLR have on *me* and the things I value
 - Planning in the face of uncertainty – level of risk
 - How to communicate urgency on a slow moving catastrophe (...in a hundred years...)
 - “Things are good until they suddenly aren’t.” (Bill Fraser, yesterday)
 - Storms – look at past storms on new tide baselines
 - King Tide – as a proxy to observe impacts today
 - Sourcing the data – time series and spatial
 - NOAA Digital Coast (<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/>)
 - US Climate Resilience Toolkit (<https://toolkit.climate.gov/>)
 - SLR scenarios (NOAA, localized ME GIS)
 - Surge (NHS, SLOSH)
 - Local GIS layers (transportation, infrastructure, habitat)
- Rapid prototyping – ESRI Story Maps

ESRI Story Maps



Celebrating Great Trees



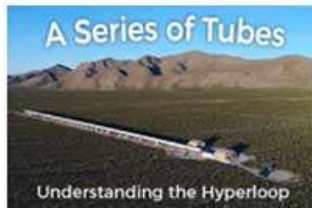
The Lands We Share:
America's Protected Areas



Why Science Matters:
Crowdsourcing



Lights On Lights Out



A Series of Tubes:
Understanding the Hyperloop



Green on Gray: Urban
Agriculture in the U.S.



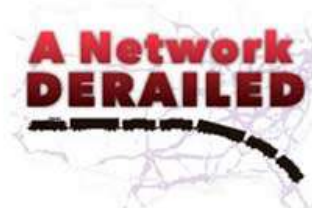
Charging Up: Lifecycle of a
Battery



City of Greenville Downtown
Reborn



The Cost of Beef



A Network Derailed



World Happiness



Peaks and Valleys

C-RISE Prototype Feedback

- Less is more – don't start at the beginning
- Rapid prototyping works
- Make a local connection or there is no connection
- Human stories and knowledge matter
- Human nature is powerful
 - We crave black and white answers
 - “Tribe over Truth”
- Our job is to
 - Long timescales – won't mean a thing in 100 yrs
 - Help make connections (e.g. roads to hospitals)
- Climate change can be scary (and distracting)
- Information is power... but not enough

C-RISE Learning Experience

- Part I: Facilitated Introduction
- Part II: Coastal Storms
- Part III: Value Based Experiences
 - What will the impacts be on the places I depend on, areas I care about
 - Groups select: transportation, infrastructure, habitats
- Part IV: Where do we go from here?
 - Resilience around the world
 - How to get involved
 - Learn more @ home

Sea Level Rise: Introduction



SEA LEVEL RISE

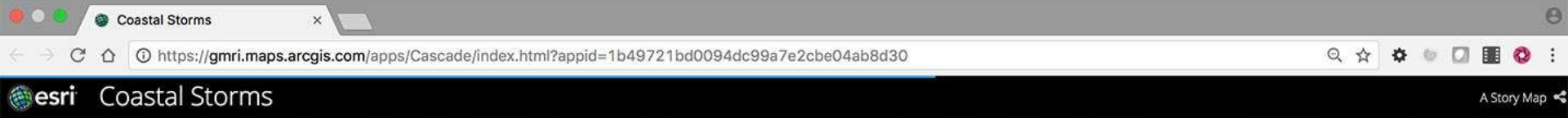
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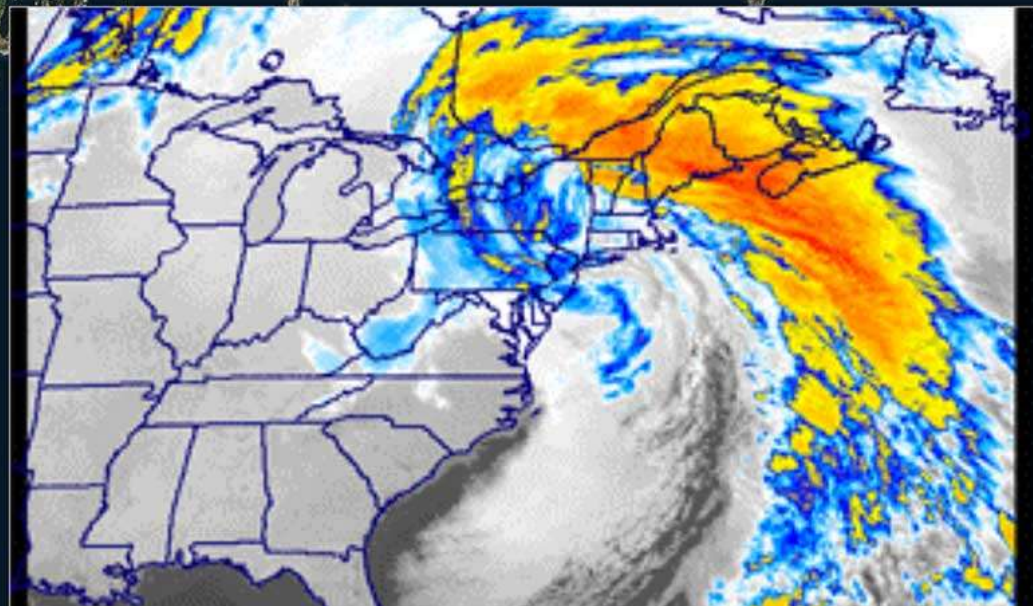
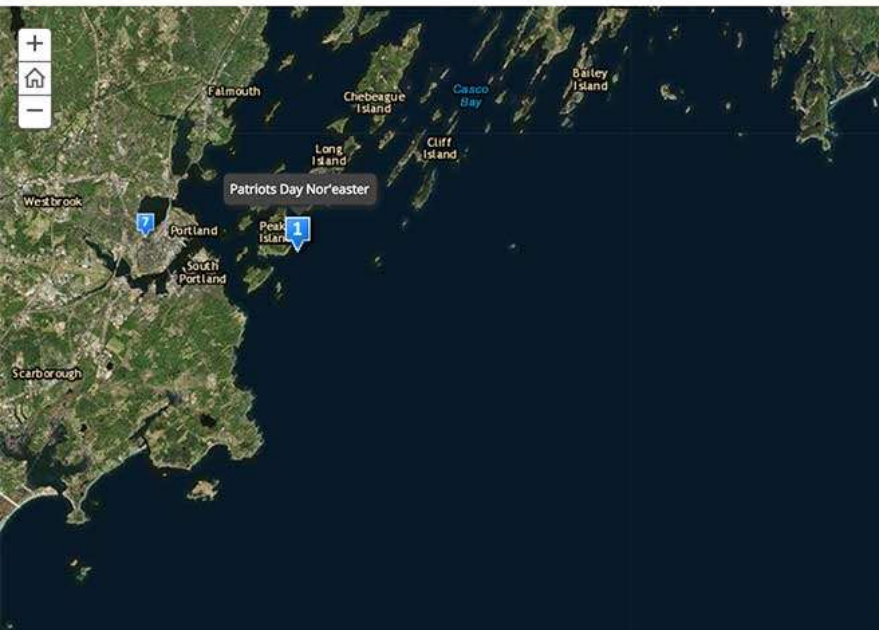
C RISE <http://arcg.is/2erc4r2>

C-RISE: Coastal Storms



Patriot's Day Storm

From April 15-18, 2007 a Nor'easter known as the Patriots Day Storm battered the coast of the Gulf of Maine. This storm lasted through 6 high-tide cycles, bringing hurricane-force winds and extreme rainfall, causing a 2.7 foot storm surge and flooding in coastal areas and extensive flooding of streams and rivers inland.



C-RISE: SLR Resilience

Sea Level Rise Resilience

Examples of efforts to adapt and mitigate risk: globally, regionally and locally

A CRISE story map



- All
- International
- United States
- Maine

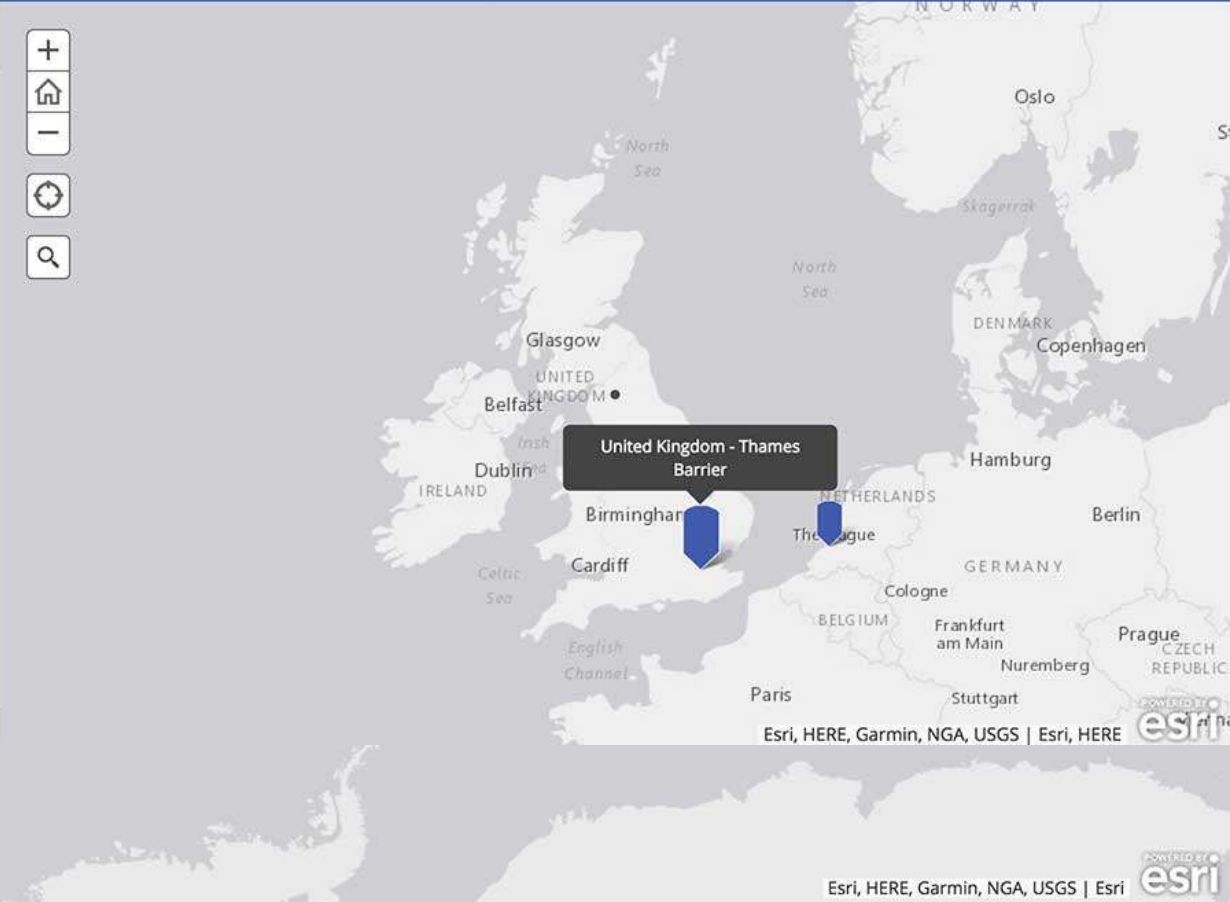
United Kingdom - Thames Barrier



The Thames Barrier is one of the largest movable flood barriers in the world. It is part of a system of flood barriers operated by the U.K. Environment Agency to protect the Thames Estuary from flooding. The Environment Agency released the Thames Estuary 2100 Plan in 2011 to outline how flood risk management, based on current climate guidance, will impact the estuary. The worst case scenario outlines an 8.6 foot increase in water levels (a combination of rising waters and



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Next Steps

- Developing the Value Based Experiences
- Dress Rehearsal next month
- Adult Program
- Building out content library for the @ home experience
 - Deeper dives: learn more info on SLR, tides – the global picture (more NOAA global layers!)
 - Historic Portland**
 - Adapt to other locations (interest from partners throughout state)

Portland: Then and Now



A large school of fish, likely Atlantic croaker, swimming in clear blue water. The fish are of various sizes and are scattered throughout the frame, creating a sense of movement and depth. The water is a vibrant blue, and the lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The fish are mostly oriented in the same direction, swimming towards the right side of the frame.

Thank you!

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