

Richmond Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Resilience Plan

North Richmond
Neighborhood Council

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Project Overview, Goals, & Timeline

Project Purpose

- **The City of Richmond's 32 miles of shoreline faces increasing risks from sea level rise**, which threatens community well-being and environmental health.
- The City is launching **a community-driven effort to develop a shared vision and clear pathways for implementation** that build resilience for Richmond residents against coastal flooding
- This plan will address **SB272**, California legislation from 2023, that “requires local governments within the coastal zone to develop a sea level rise plan by 2034.
- The plan will need to be approved by **San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)** and follow their **Regional Shoreline Resilience Plan (RSAP)**
- **Funding** for the planning process from the California Ocean Protection Council



Project Partners



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Other Sea-Level Rise Resilience Adjacent Projects

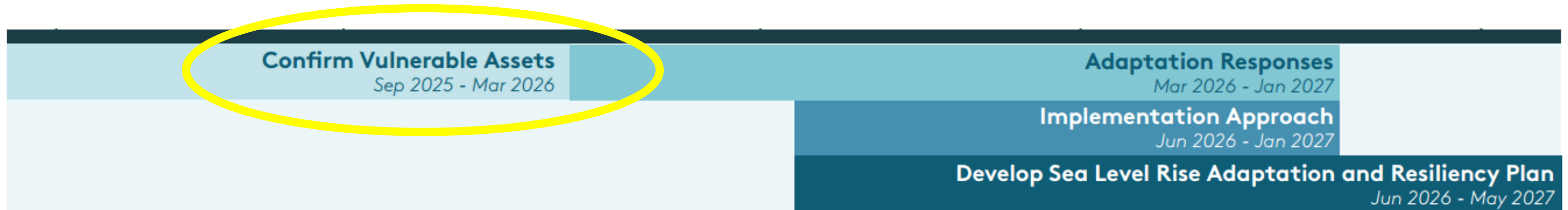
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Project Timeline

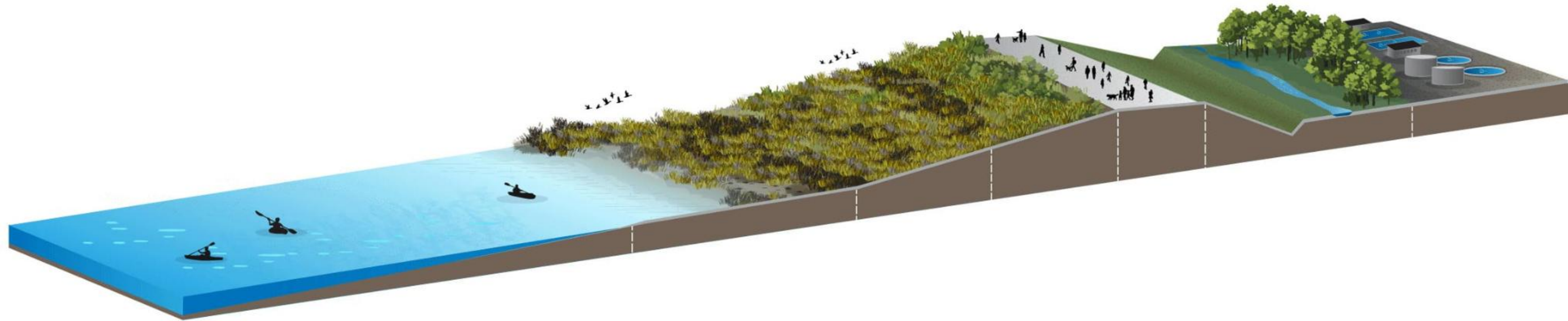
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Plan → Funding for Design → Detailed Design → Permitting
→ Funding for Implementation → Building → Maintenance

An average to 10 years to achieve

An Opportunity for Development



The 'Plan' can include:

- Multi-benefits protection structures
- Changes in land use policy
- Transportation and utility system adaptation
- Site and building adaptation strategies
- Emergency response, flood management

Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, and Their Impact on Our Communities

Global Warming

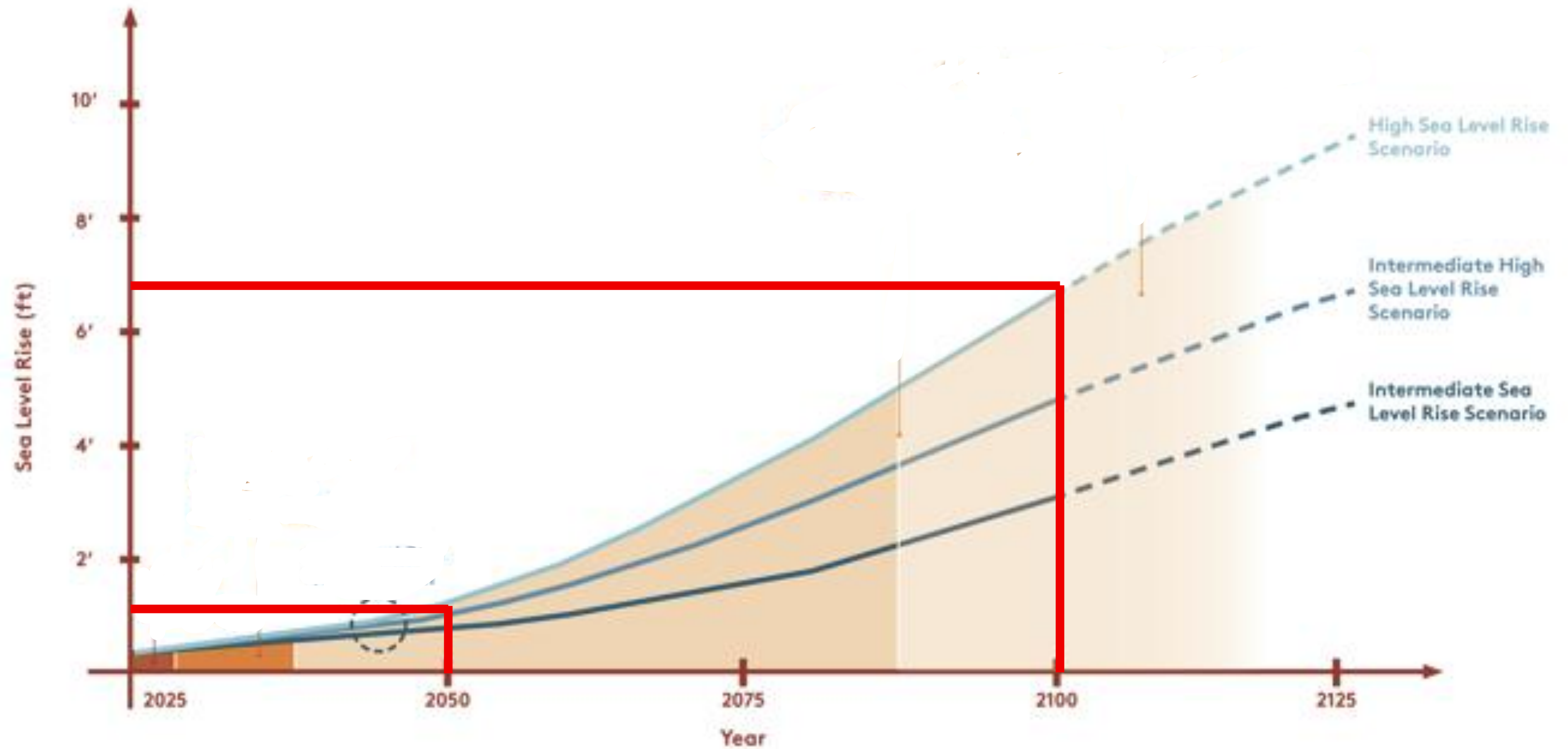


Since the Industrial Revolution (1850) **Earth has warmed in 2 degrees Fahrenheit** (1.2 degrees Celsius).

Most of the warming happened over the last 40 years.

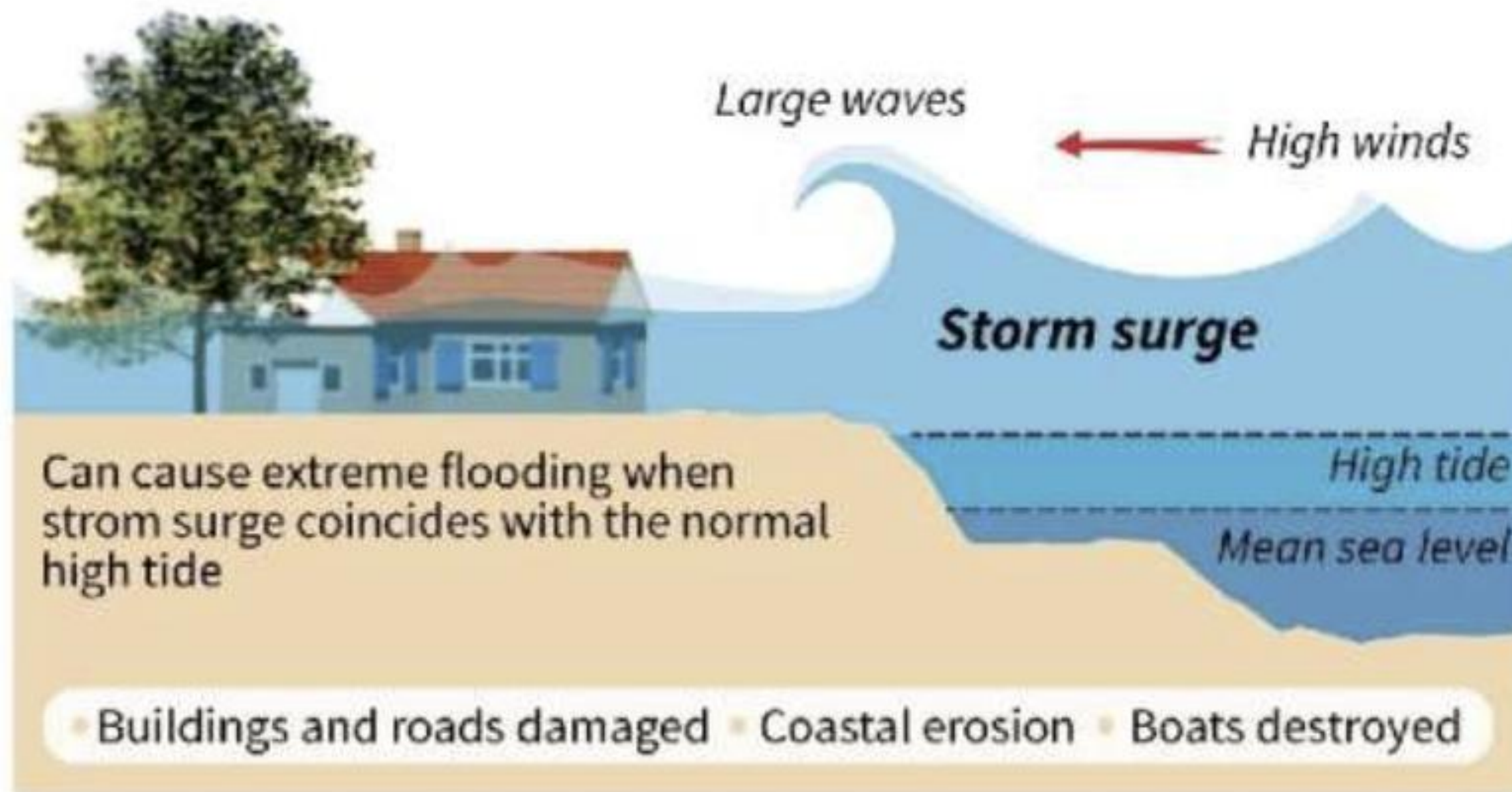
The most recent decade was the hottest on record.

By how much is sea level rising here in the Bay Area?



Types of coastal flooding

Total Water Levels / Compound Flooding



→ Sea level rise will increase coastal flooding

How will sea level rise look like – for us?

King Tide, January 3, 2026 (+7 feet)

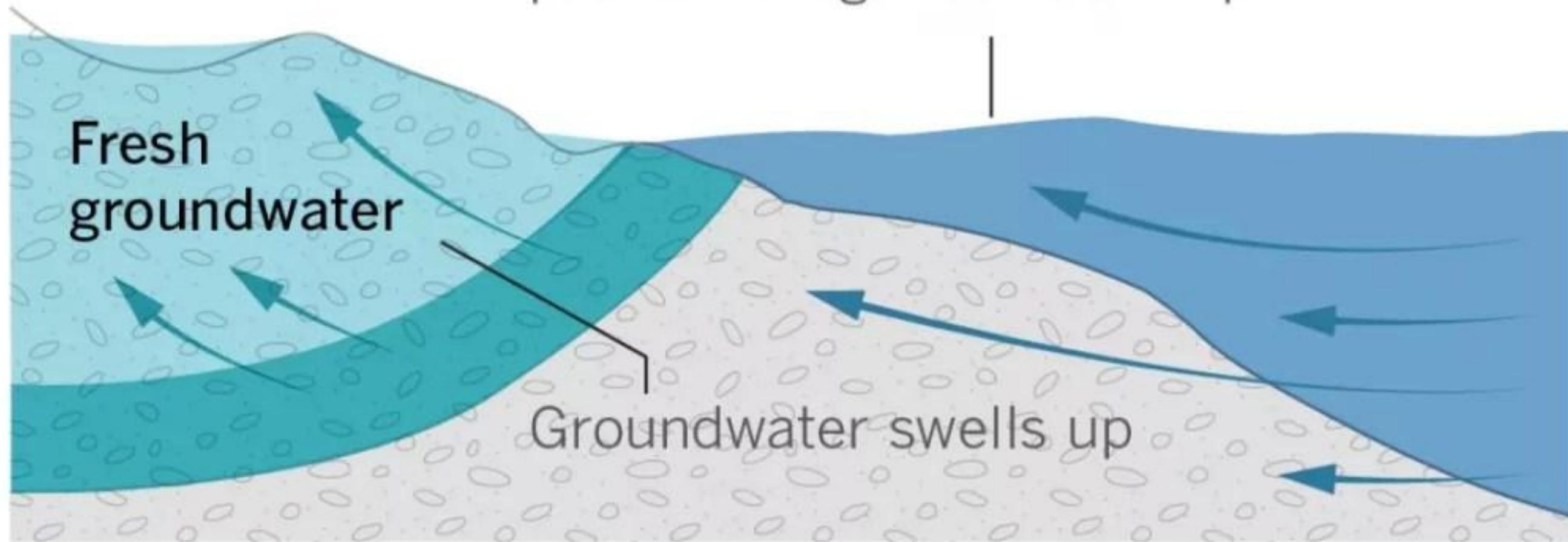


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Richmond Marina



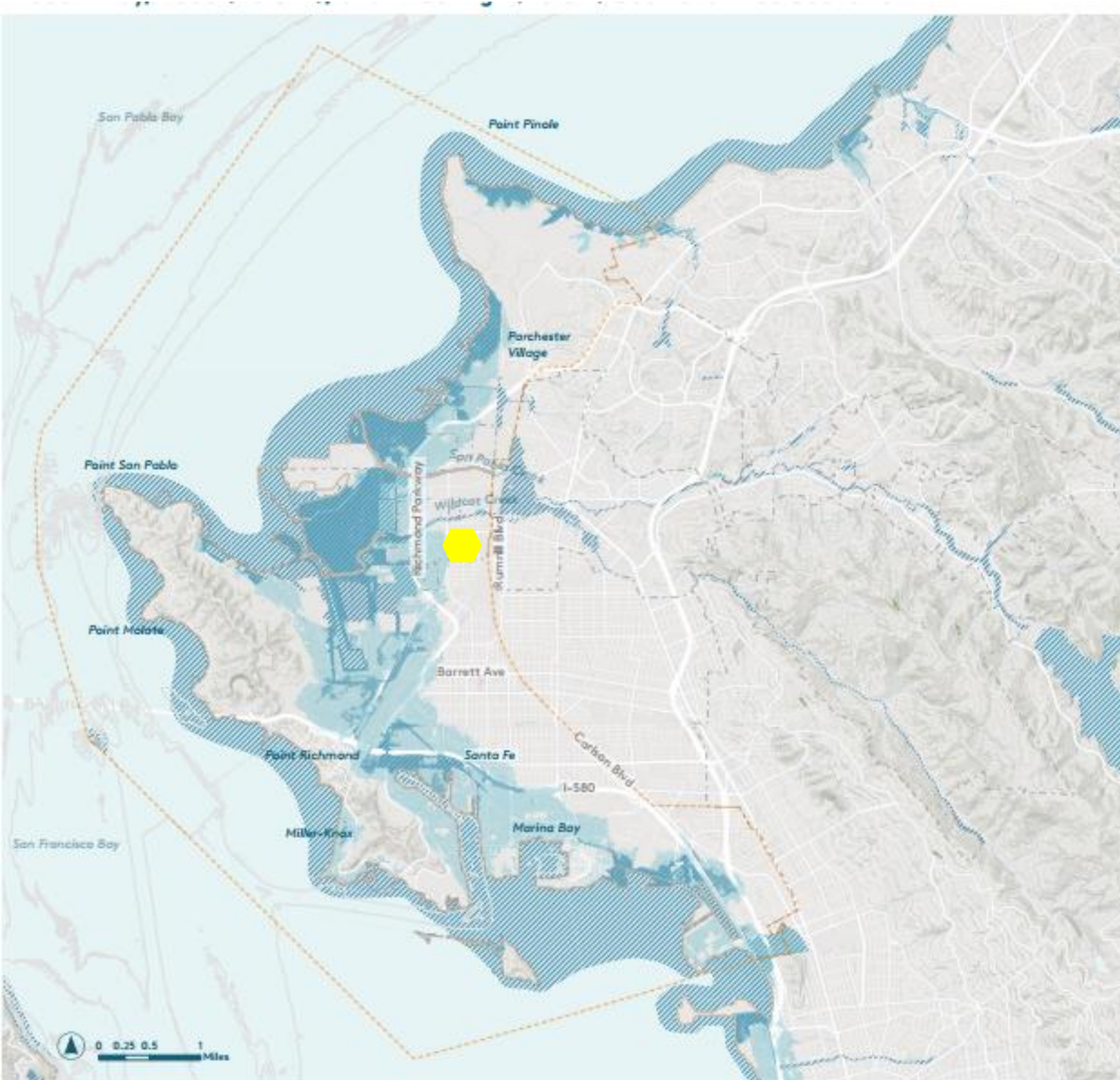
When the sea rises, it moves further inland and pushes the groundwater up






Impacts from rising groundwater

Basements and drainage systems could flood

Roads and other structures weaken



Worst Case Scenario
Coastal Flooding (100-year storm):

-  **2025 (no sea level rise)**
-  **2050 (0.8 feet sea level rise)**
-  **2100 (6.6 feet sea level rise)**

Have you experienced
flooding?

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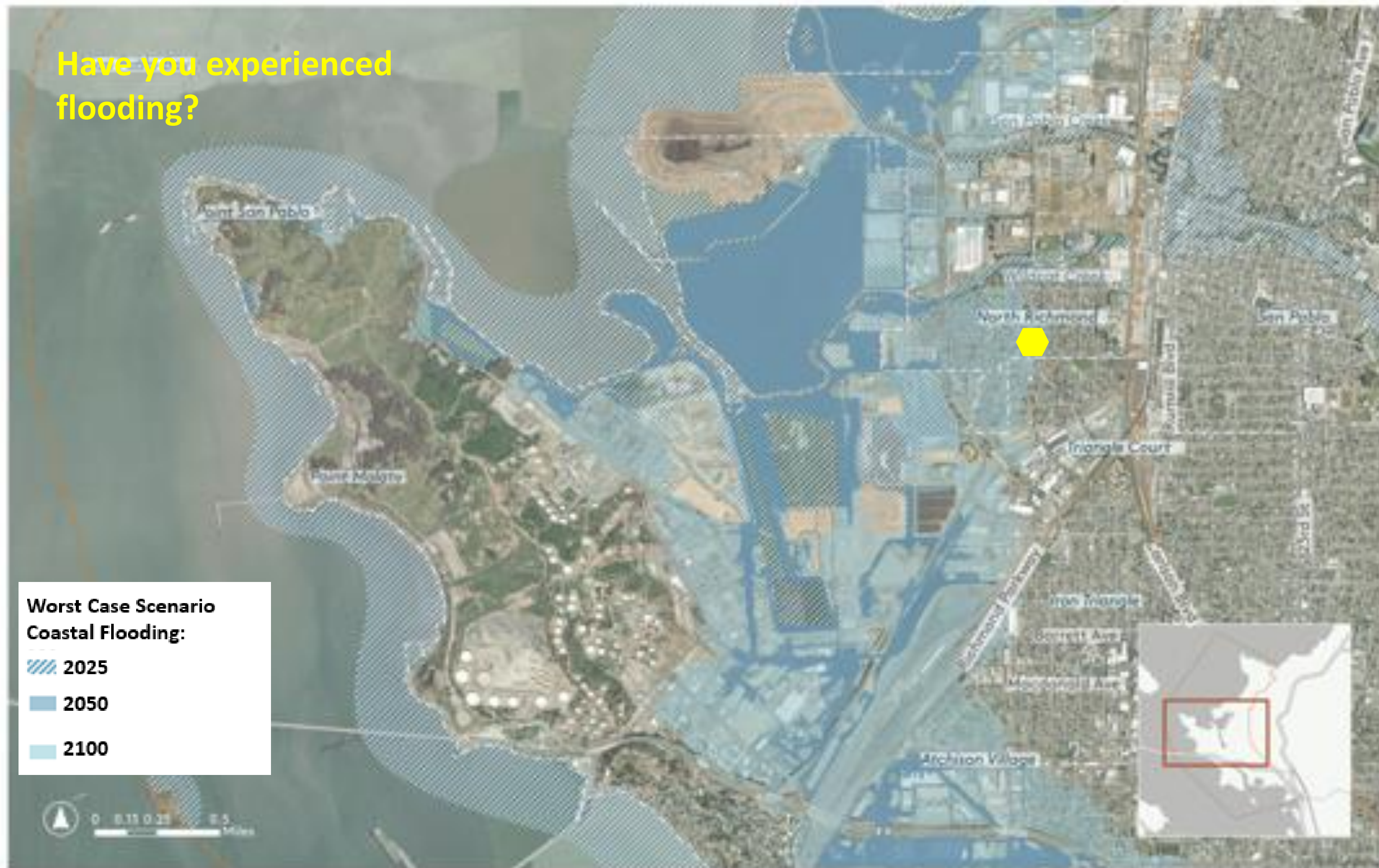
 2025

 2050

 2100

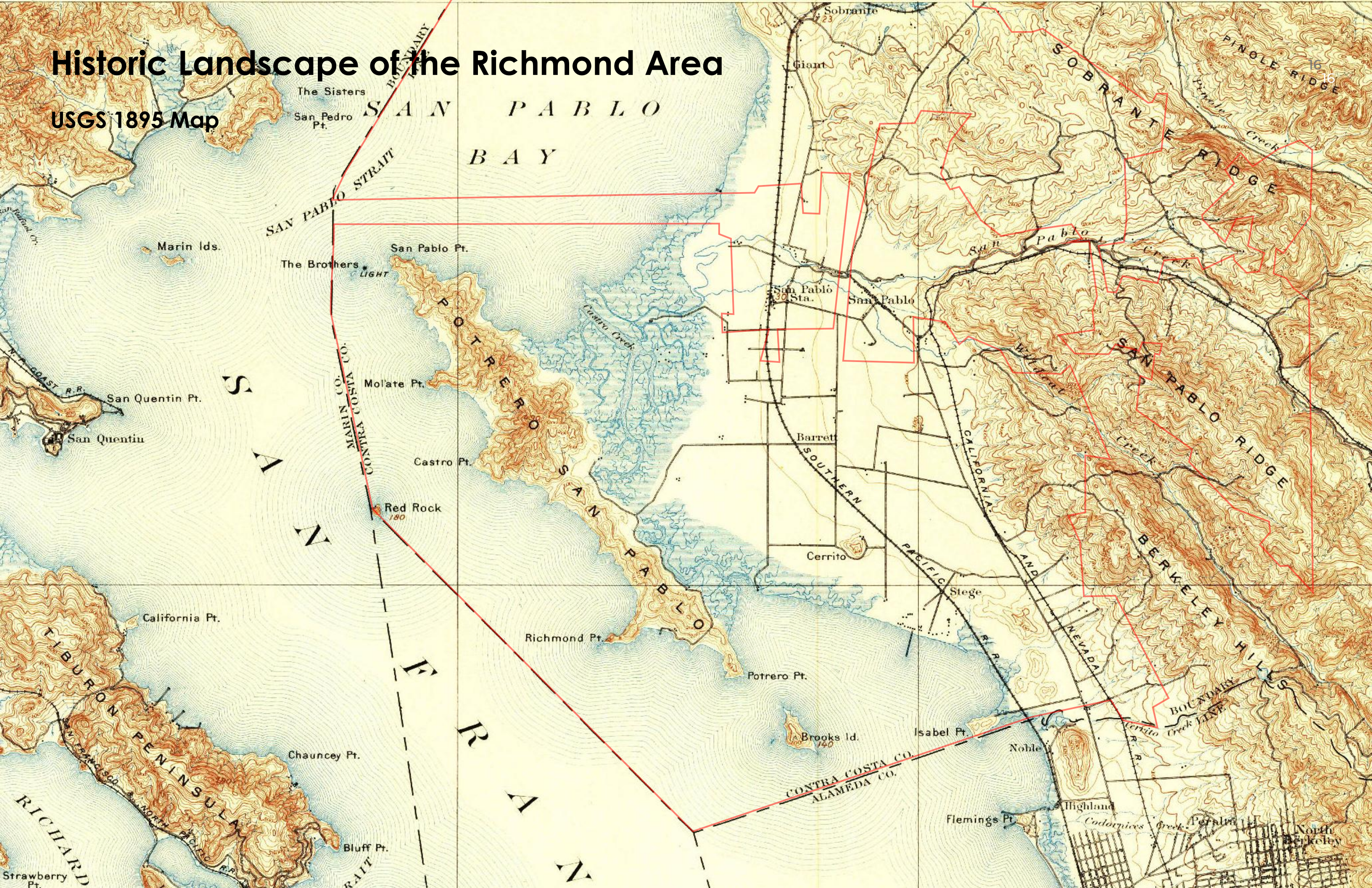


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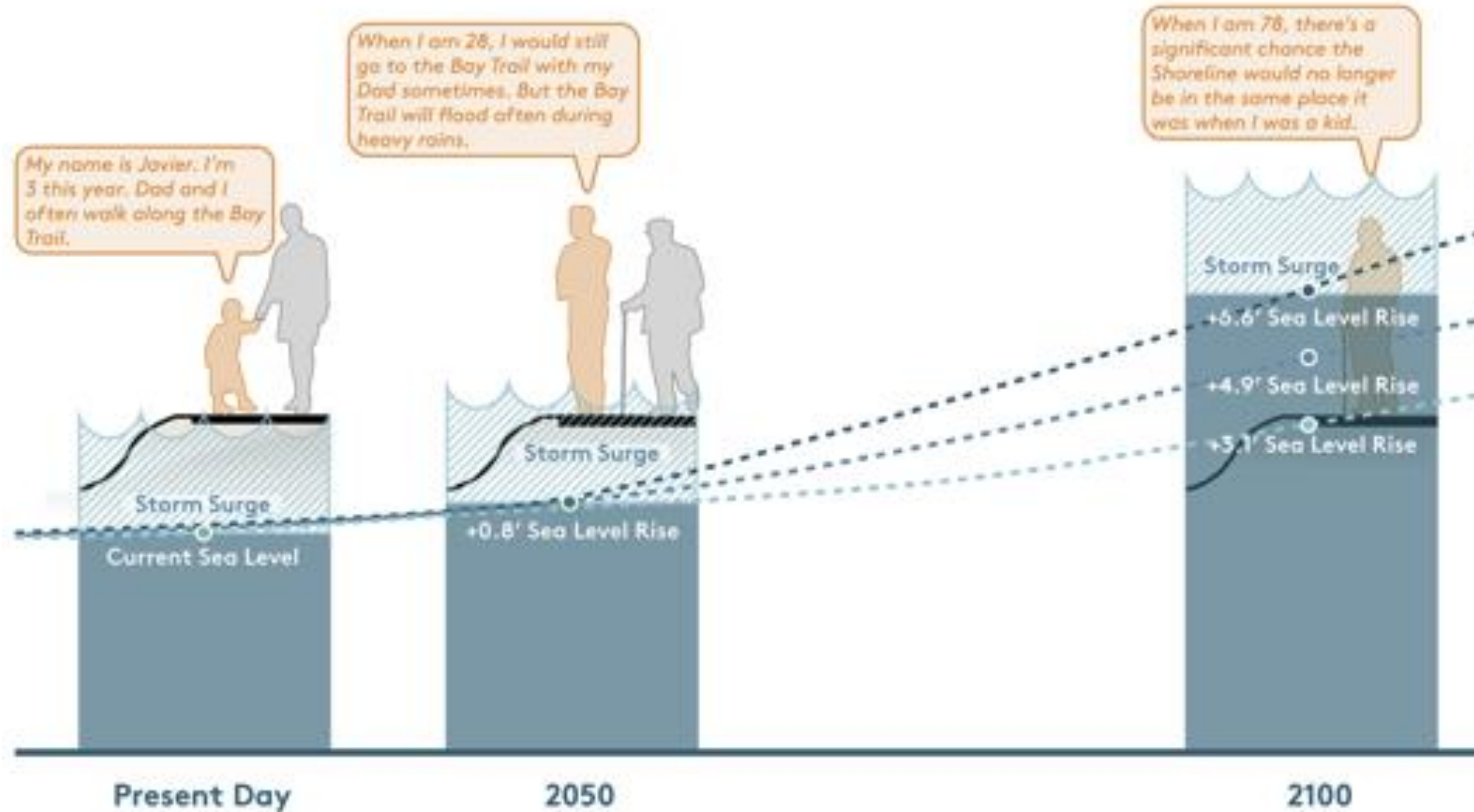


Historic Landscape of the Richmond Area

USGS 1895 Map



How will sea level rise look like – for us?



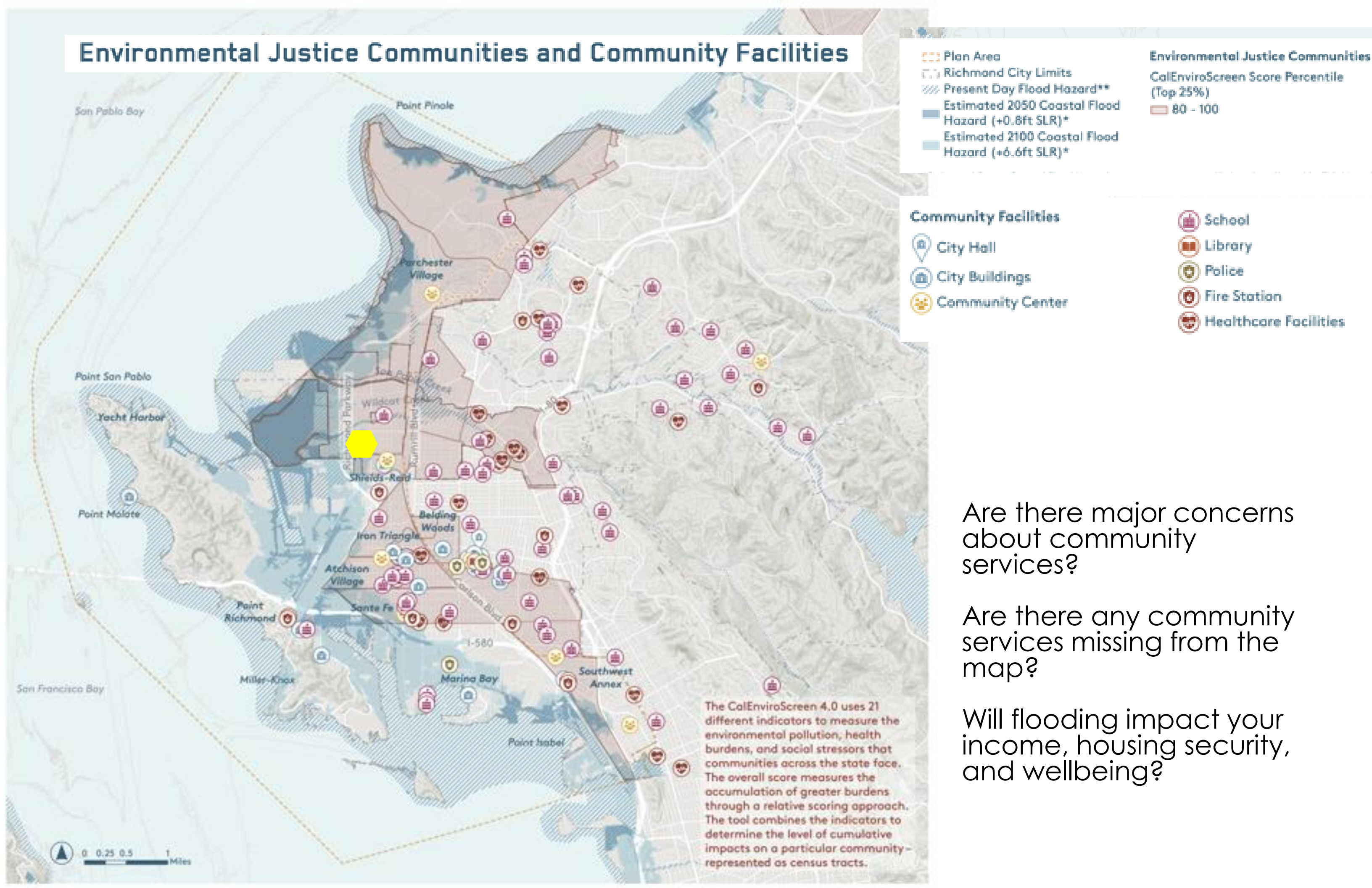
Vulnerable Assets and Priorities

As we look at the next slides, try to think:

What is most vulnerable to sea level rise in your community?

How will sea level rise impact your day-to-day life?

Environmental Justice Communities and Community Facilities

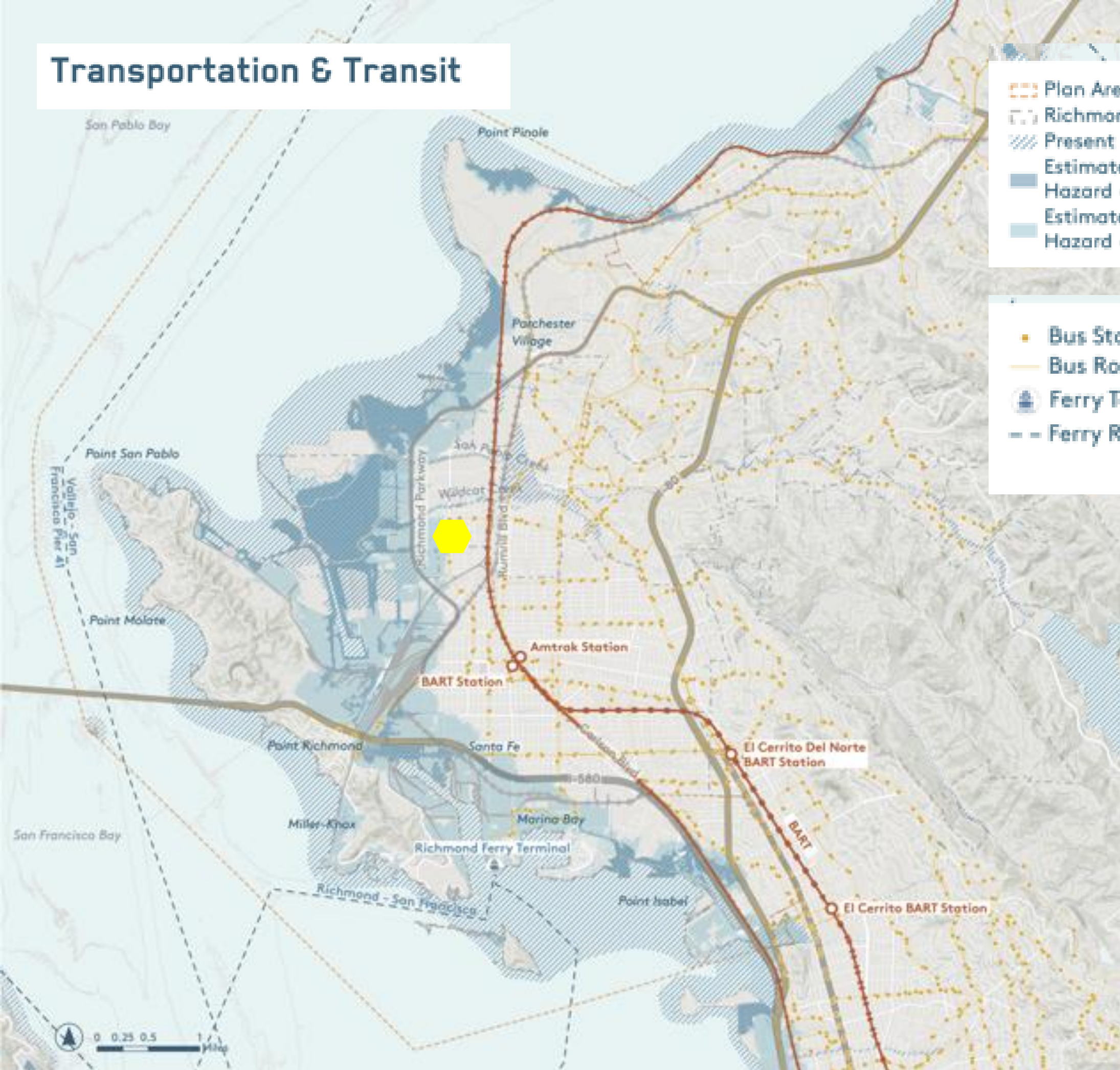


Are there major concerns about community services?

Are there any community services missing from the map?

Will flooding impact your income, housing security, and wellbeing?

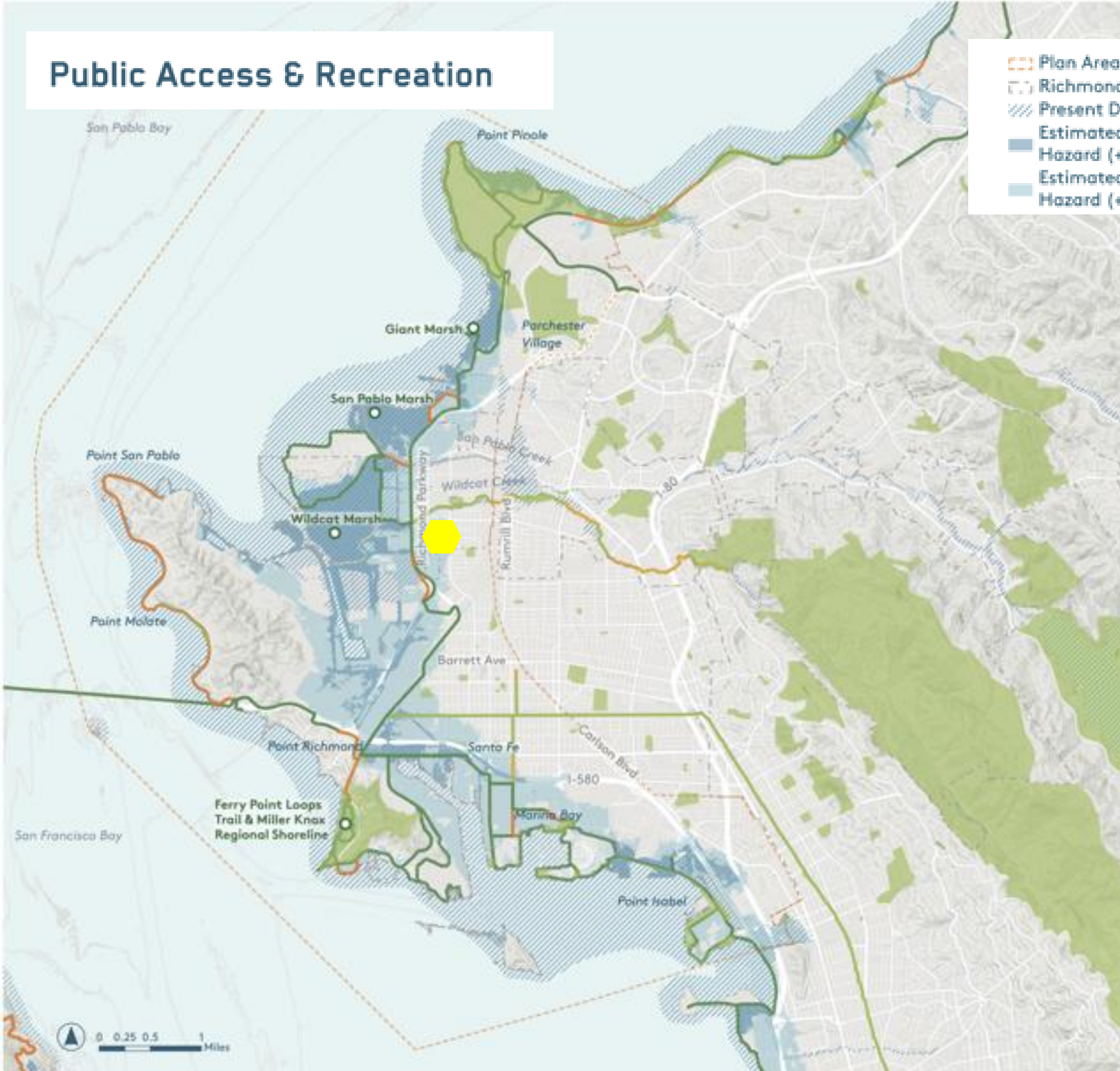
Transportation & Transit



How do you travel to work, school, shopping, health care, or any other service?

What transportation route should be protected first?

Public Access & Recreation



How do you use the shoreline?

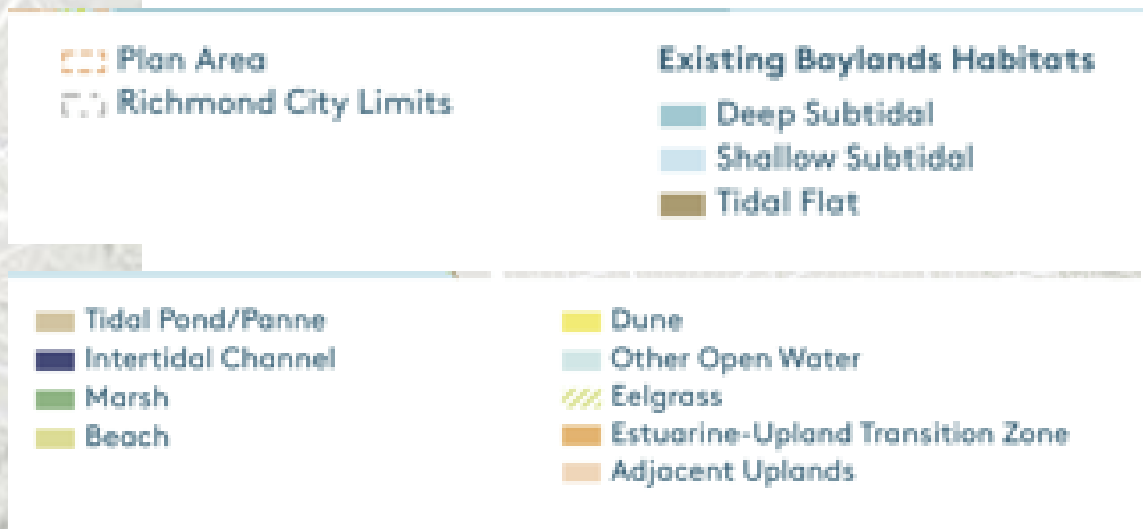
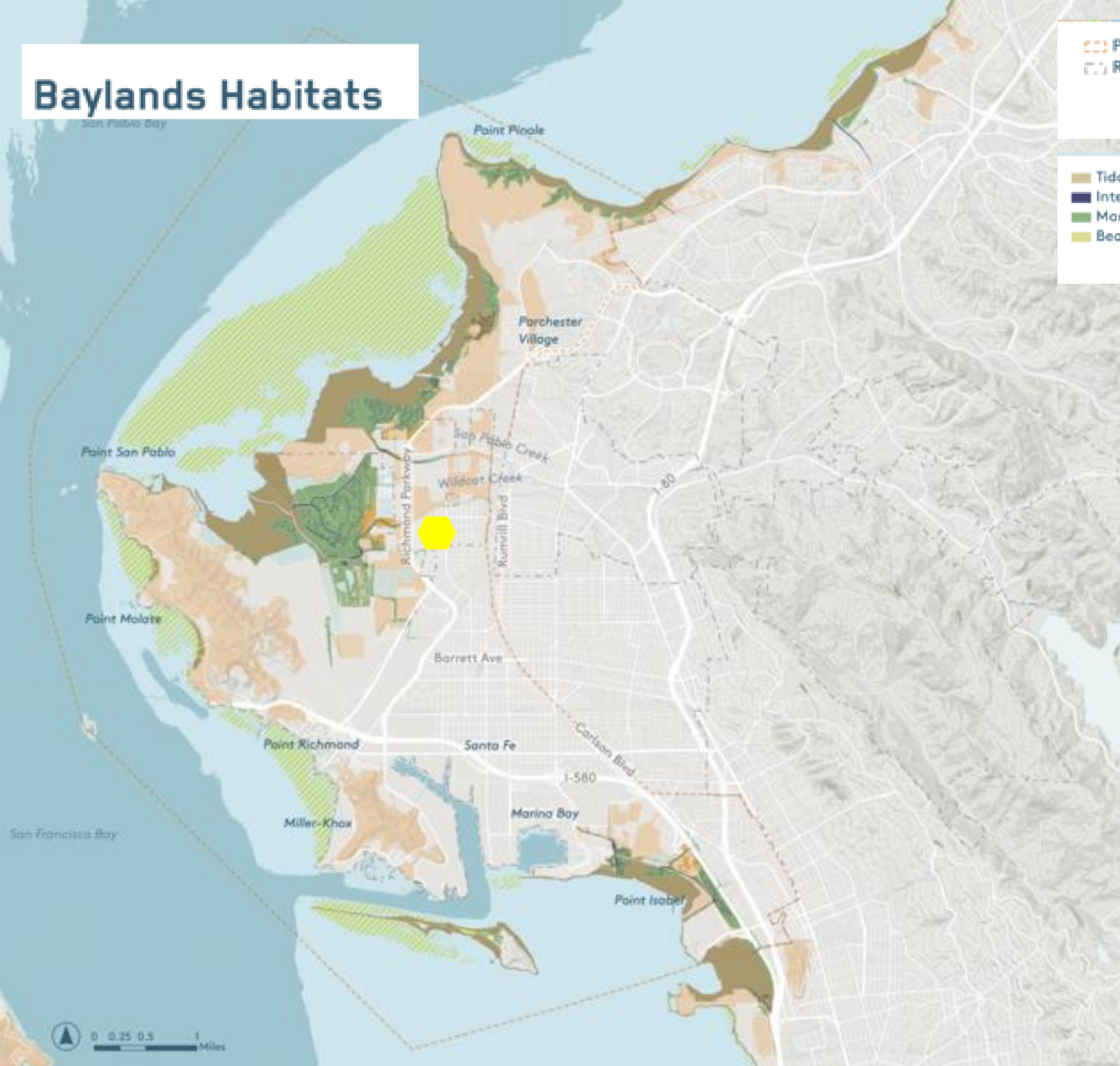
What do you like about it the most?

How do you get to the shoreline?

Will sea level rise limit your access to the shoreline?

Have you observed erosion of the shoreline?

Baylands Habitats

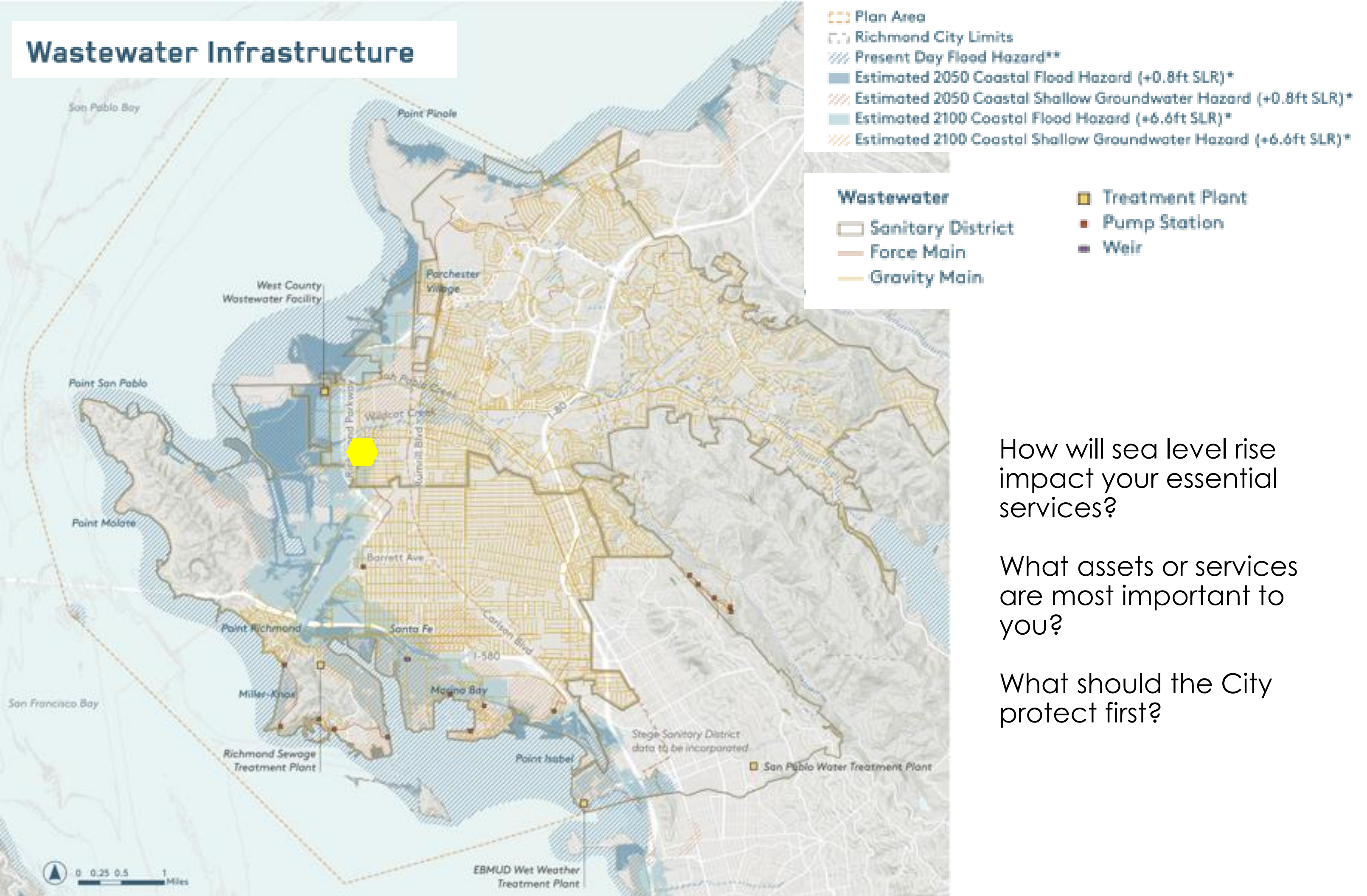


Are there any natural environments that are important to you?

What are some services these environments create for us?

Should these ecosystem be restored?

Wastewater Infrastructure

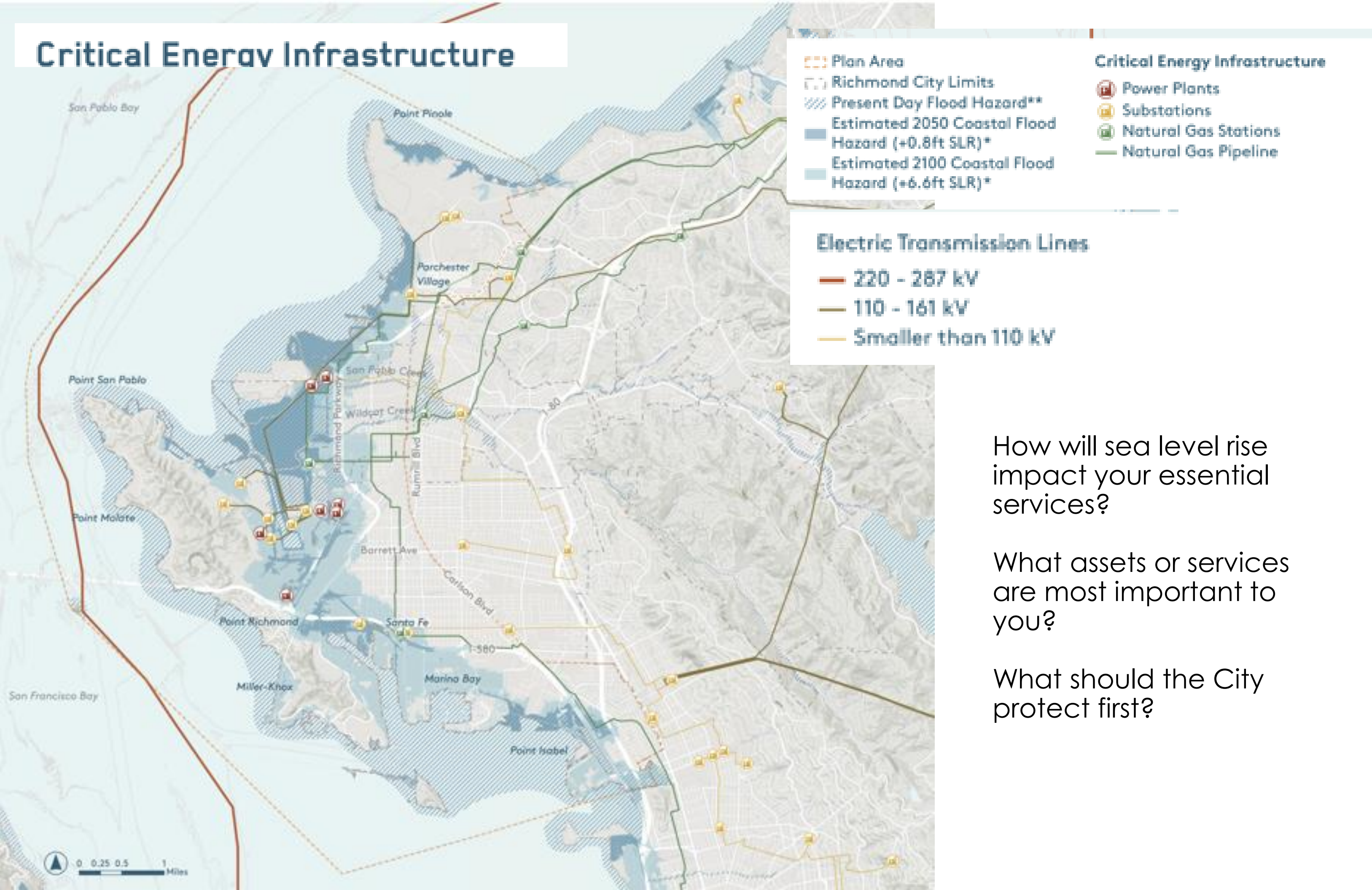


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What assets or services are most important to you?

What should the City protect first?

Critical Energy Infrastructure

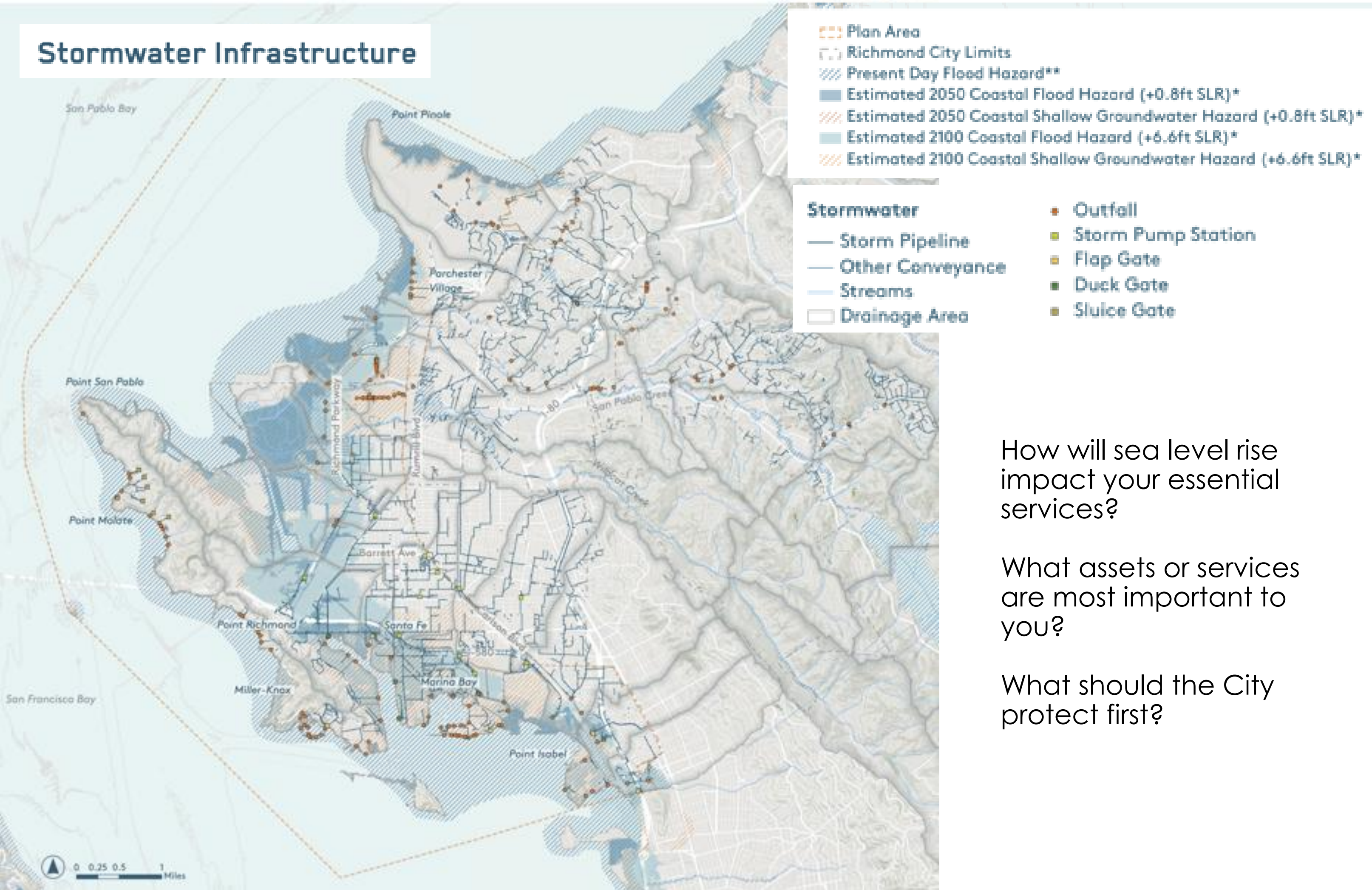


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Stormwater Infrastructure

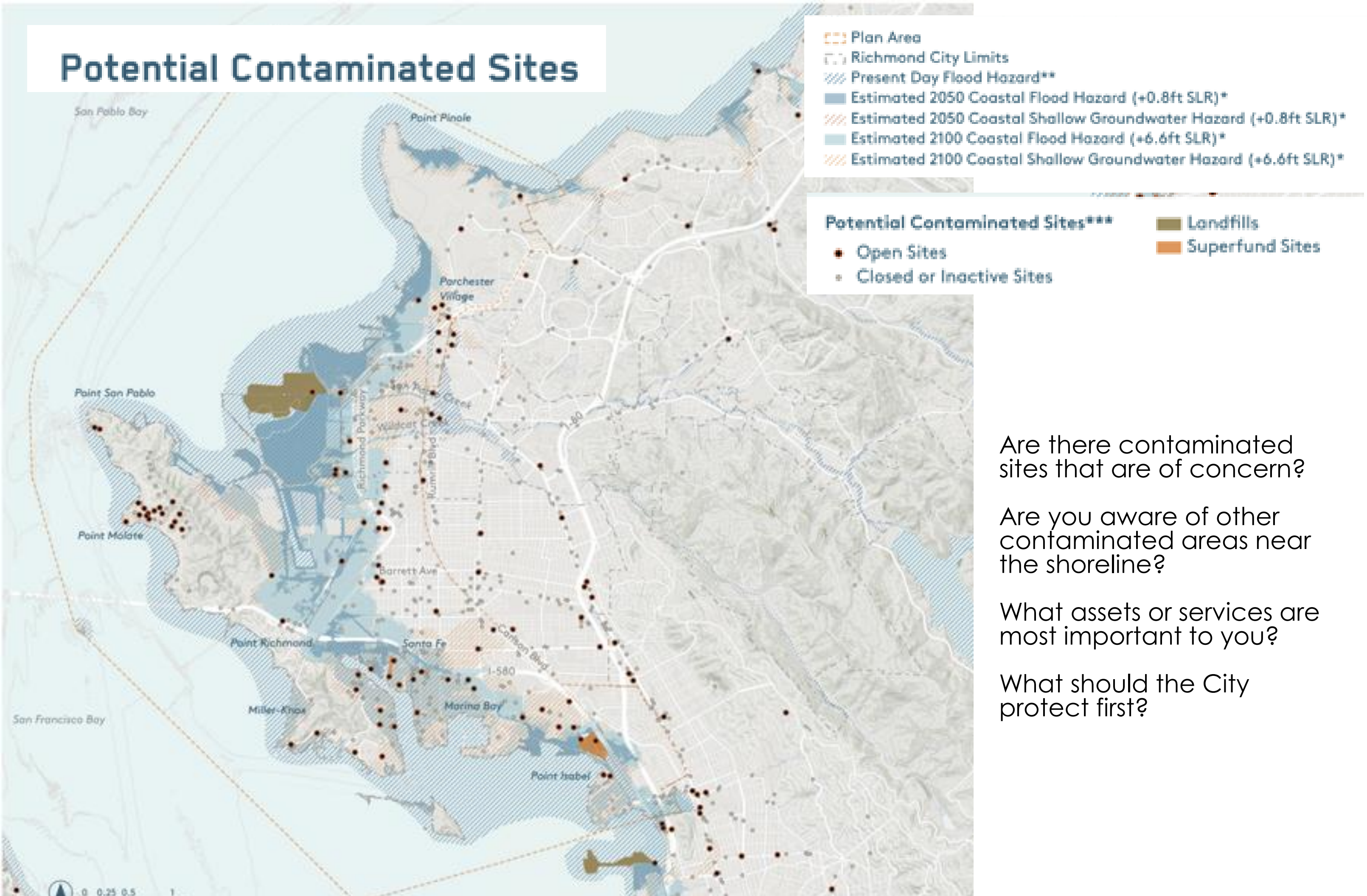


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Potential Contaminated Sites



Are there contaminated sites that are of concern?

Are you aware of other contaminated areas near the shoreline?

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Moving Forward – Solutions to Sea Level Rise

Topic Areas the Plan will be Working on:

- Community health and wellbeing
- Ecosystem health and resilience
- Development, housing, and land use
- Critical infrastructure and services
- Flood management
- Public Access and recreation
- Transportation and transit
- Shoreline contamination
- Collaborative governance and funding



Thank you for being part of the plan



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