

LIVING BREAKWATERS

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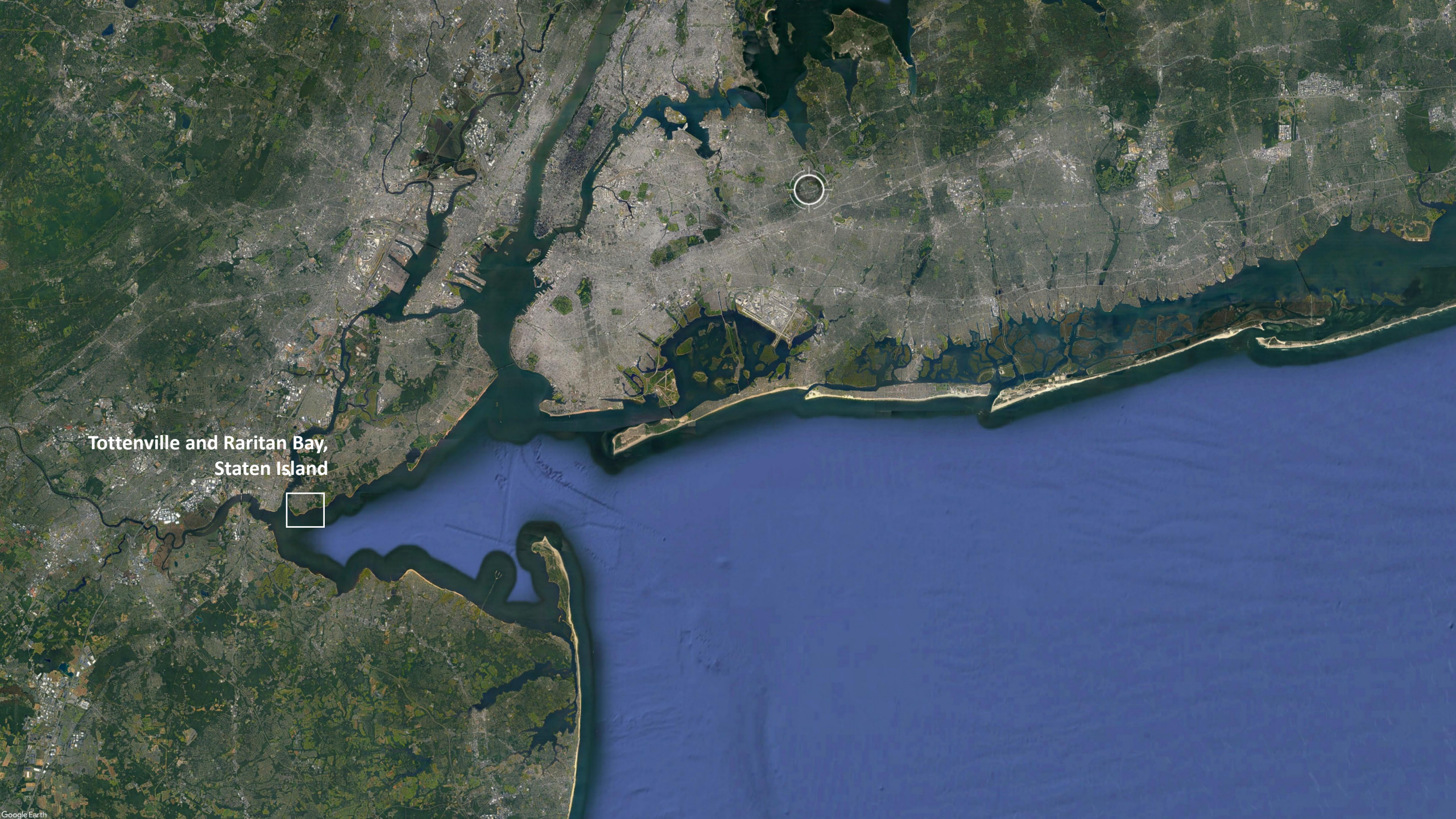
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

ARCHITECTS

URBAN DESIGNERS

PLANNERS



Tottenville and Raritan Bay,
Staten Island

Designing the Process

The Task Force, with a core group of advisors and staff, created a unique structure for the competition. A successive and connected set of stages was established to orient the design process around in-depth research, cross-sector, cross-professional collaboration, and iterative design development. The design process incorporated a variety of inputs to ensure that each stage's deliverables were based on the best knowledge and talent, and that the final proposals would be replicable, regional, and implementable.

Making room for a collaborative and innovative approach was a side step away from the institutional world. A detour around negotiations, the process aimed to build understanding and trust.

1 TALENT

Objective Gather the talent of the world to work with the talent of the Sandy-affected region.

Process Task Force issues a Request for Qualifications and Approaches calling for teams to assemble themselves in interdisciplinary partnerships to tackle the region's physical and social vulnerabilities.

To incentivize participation, the Federal Government pledges funding to implement the winning designs while private philanthropy pledges prize money for competitors.

Result Ten finalist design teams are selected comprising a diverse set of complementary skills and approaches.

2 RESEARCH

Objective Establish the broadest possible understanding of the region's vulnerabilities to future risks and uncertainties, to enhance resilience.

Process Rebuild by Design's local partner organizations create an intensive, three-month program of field research to introduce teams to a variety of local stakeholders, providing a comprehensive view of the storm's effects—the damage it created as well as the long-standing problems it uncovered or exacerbated.

A Research Advisory Board leads the teams through the region to learn from a variety of perspectives, and teams conduct additional research to supplement this on-the-ground work. Research is collaborative across teams and focuses on typologies as well as locations.

Result Public presentation from each team that includes three to five "design opportunities" describing conceptual approaches for interventions and an overall compilation of research submitted by all teams.

3 DESIGN

Objective Develop implementable solutions that have support from local communities and governments.

Process HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan selects, on average, one design opportunity for each team to develop. Teams then gather diverse local stakeholders into community coalitions, with whom they begin a four-month process of co-designing the final interventions. Using meetings, colloquia, charrettes, and

non-traditional events to gain the broadest perspectives, they create solutions that not only address disaster scenarios, but also enrich the daily life of community members.

Result Ten fully developed, implementable resilience proposals champion communities' visions for future development and have support from the local governments.

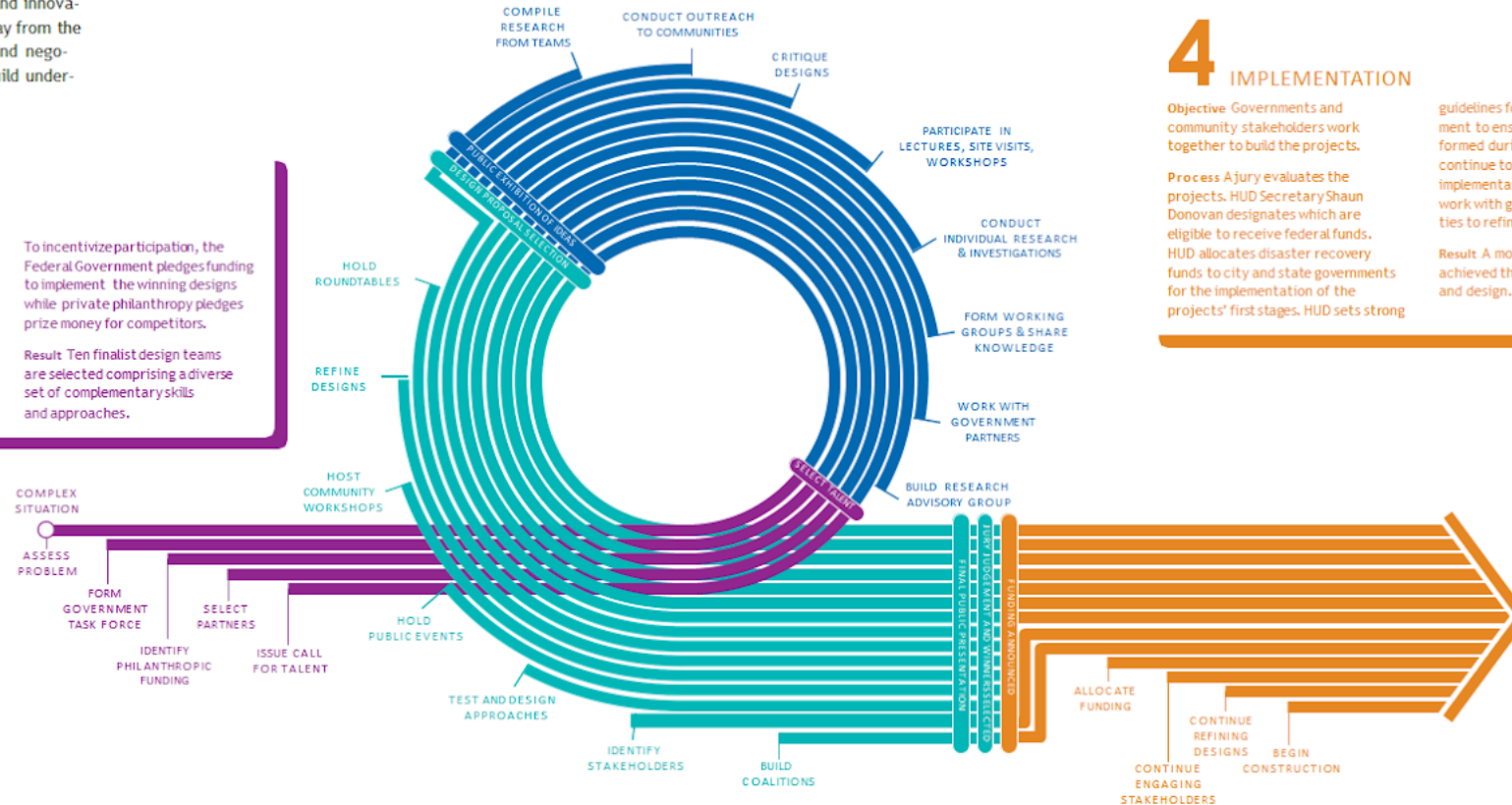
4 IMPLEMENTATION

Objective Governments and community stakeholders work together to build the projects.

Process A jury evaluates the projects. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan designates which are eligible to receive federal funds. HUD allocates disaster recovery funds to city and state governments for the implementation of the projects' first stages. HUD sets strong

guidelines for community involvement to ensure that the coalitions formed during the competition continue to be involved through implementation. Teams are poised to work with government and communities to refine the interventions.

Result A more resilient region achieved through collaboration and design.



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Governor Cuomo Announces \$60 Million Living Breakwaters Barrier to Protect Staten Island Shoreline and Habitat

STORM RECOVERY



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LIVING BREAKWATERS + WATER HUB DESIGN

OYSTER RESTORATION

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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COWI, COASTAL ENGINEERS

ARCADIS, COASTAL MODELING

SEARC, MARINE ECOLOGISTS

**WSP / PARSONS BRINKERHOFF,
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**

**MRS ENGINEERS, SURVEYS AND
COST ESTIMATING**

**PRUDENT ENGINEERING, IN-WATER
SURVEYING**

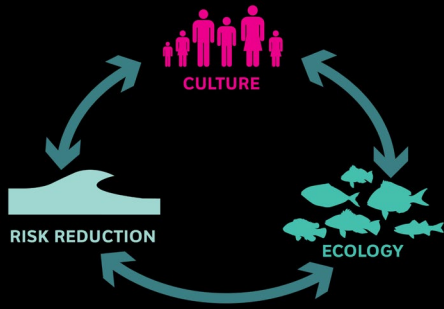
LO-TEK, ARCHITECTS

**NY / NJ BAYKEEPER, DATA
COLLECTION**

**SILMAN, STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERING**



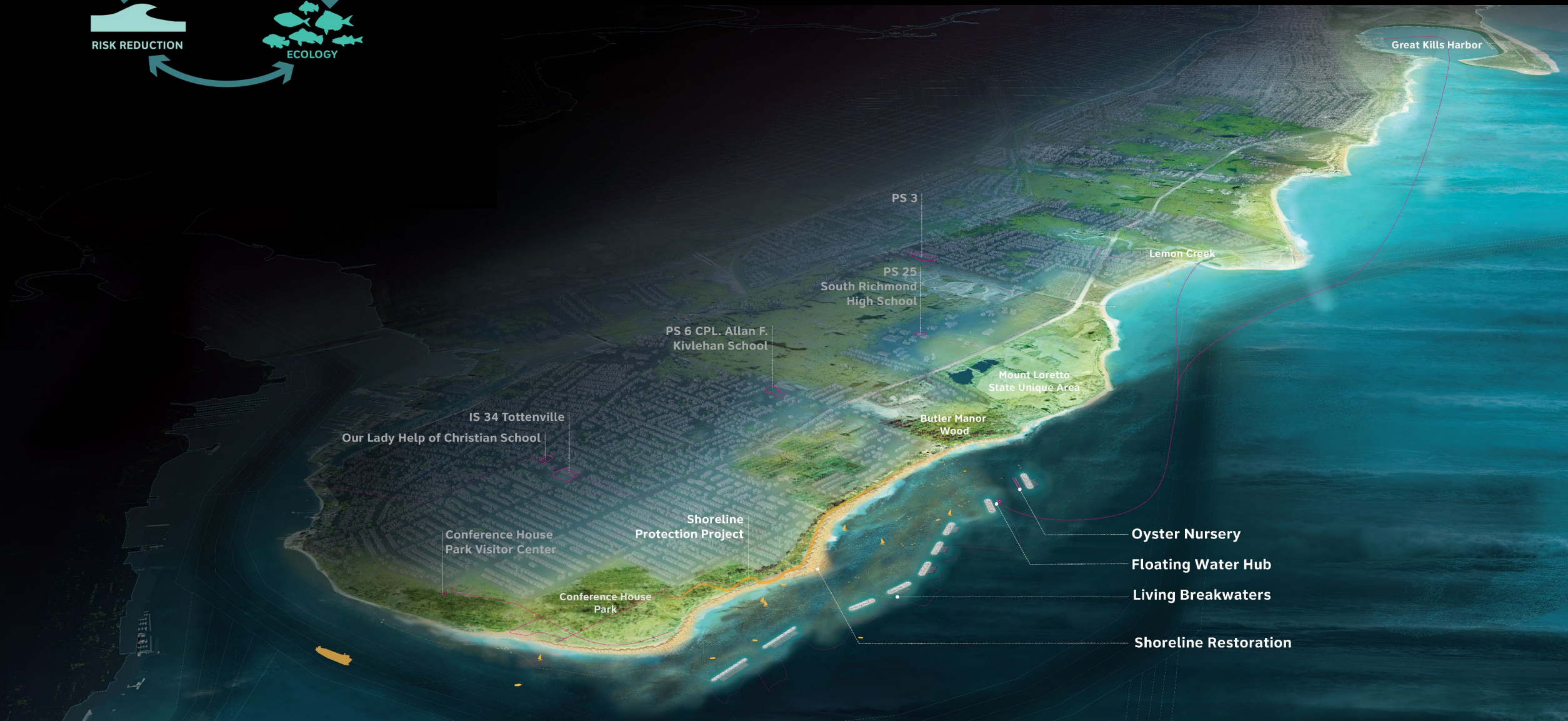
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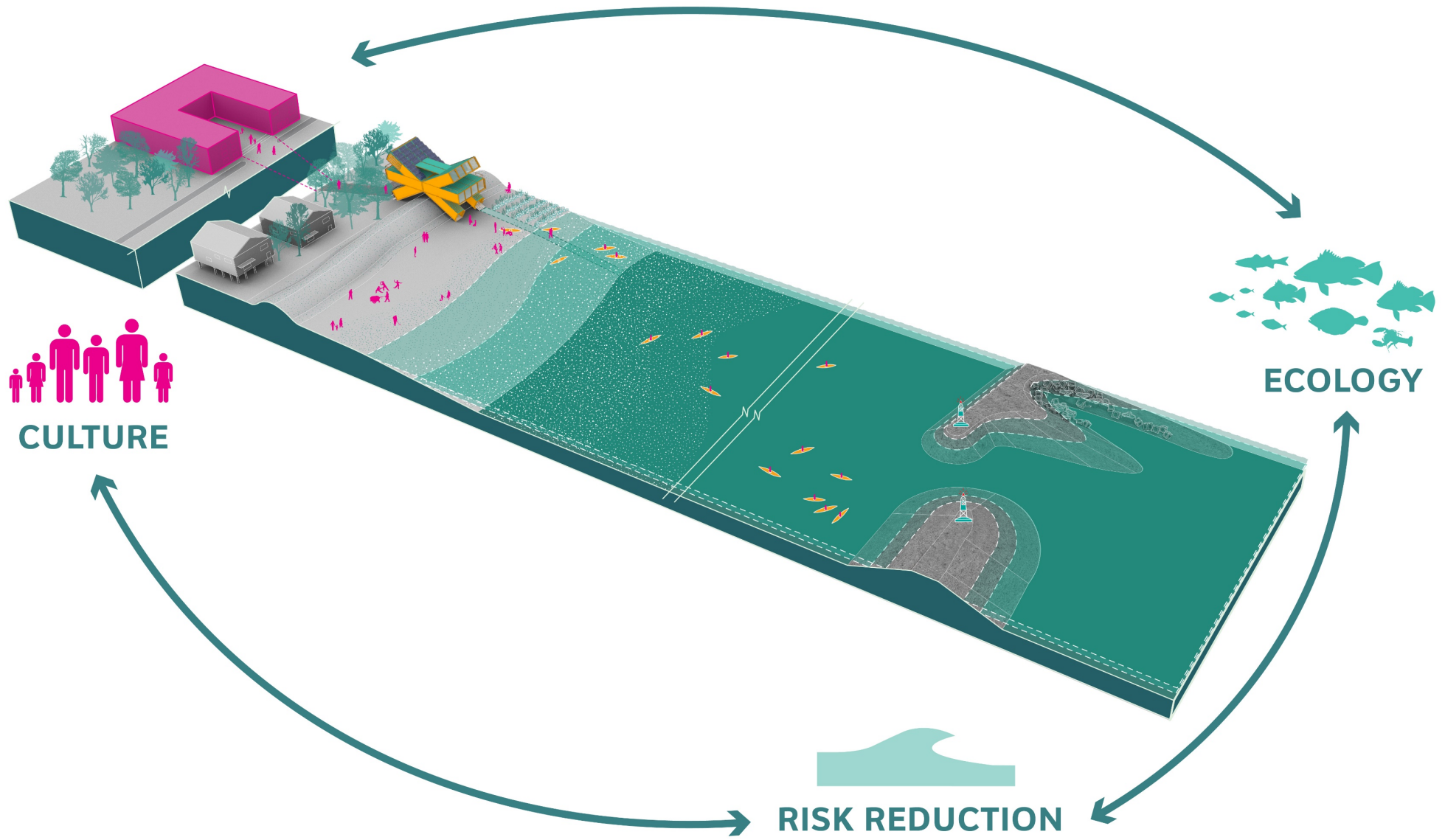


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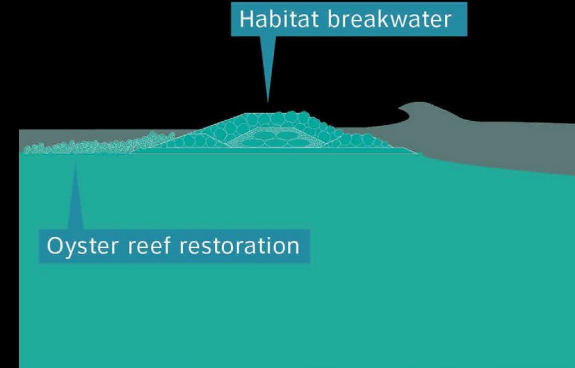


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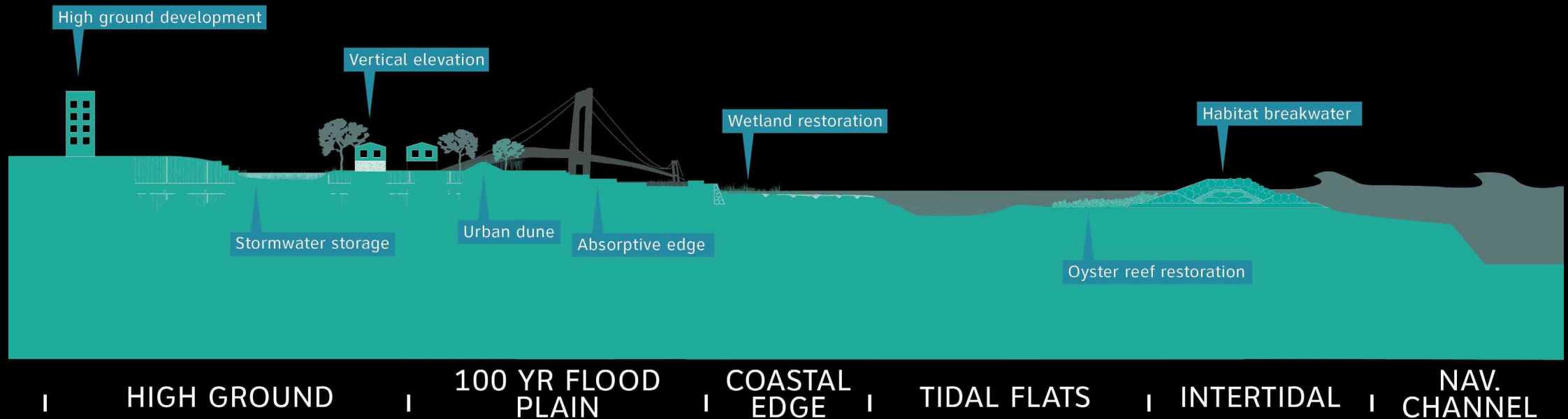




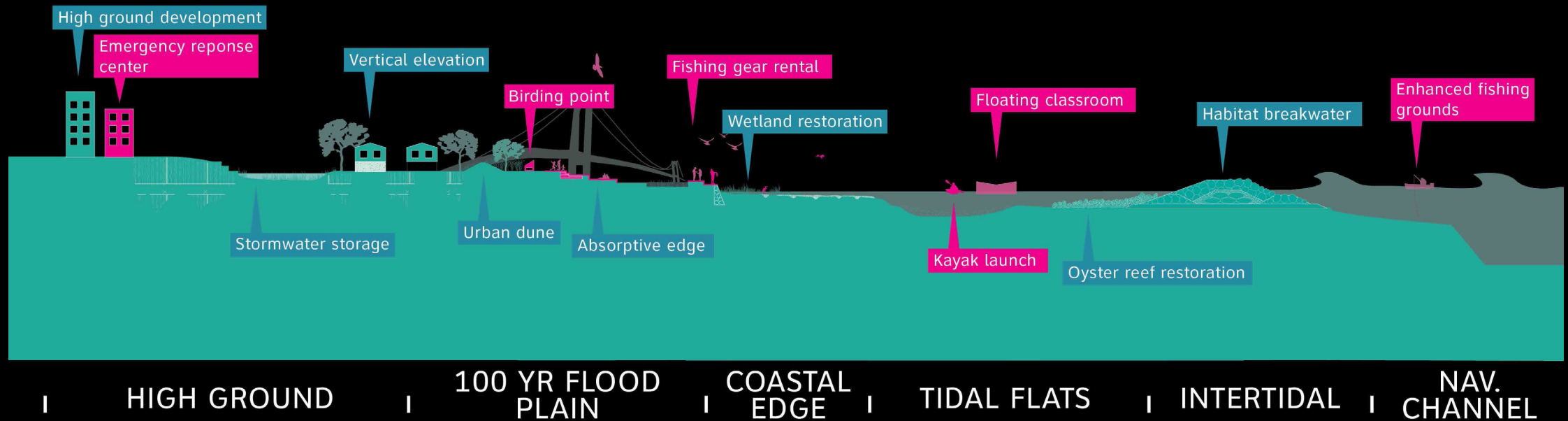
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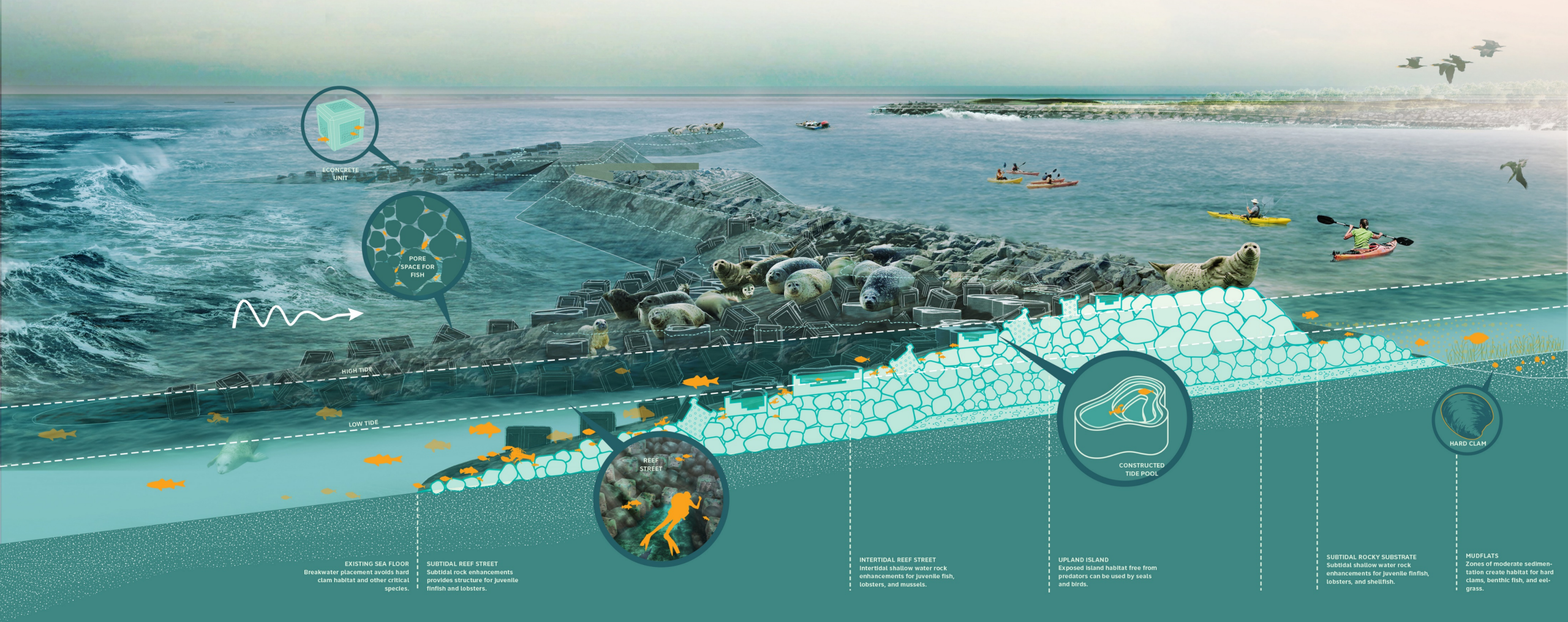
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IT'S NOT ONLY A LIVING BREAKWATER IT IS A LAYERED APPROACH THAT CREATES A CULTURE OF RESILIENCE



BEHIND THE RENDERING...



ECONCRETE UNIT

PORE SPACE FOR FISH

REEF STREET

CONSTRUCTED TIDE POOL

HARD CLAM

EXISTING SEA FLOOR
Breakwater placement avoids hard clam habitat and other critical species.

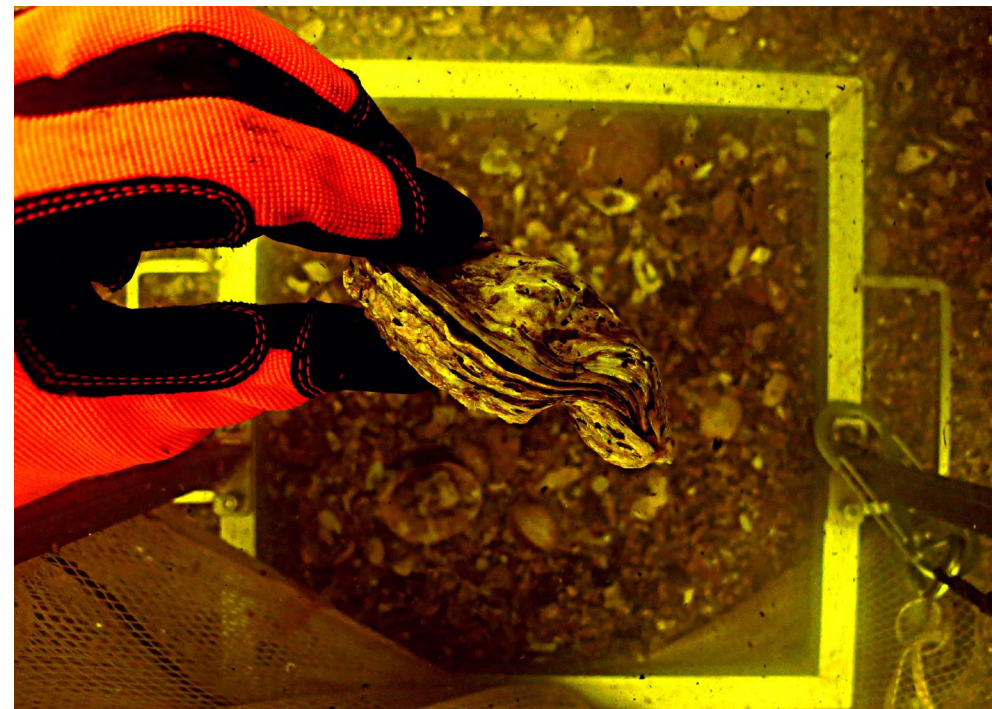
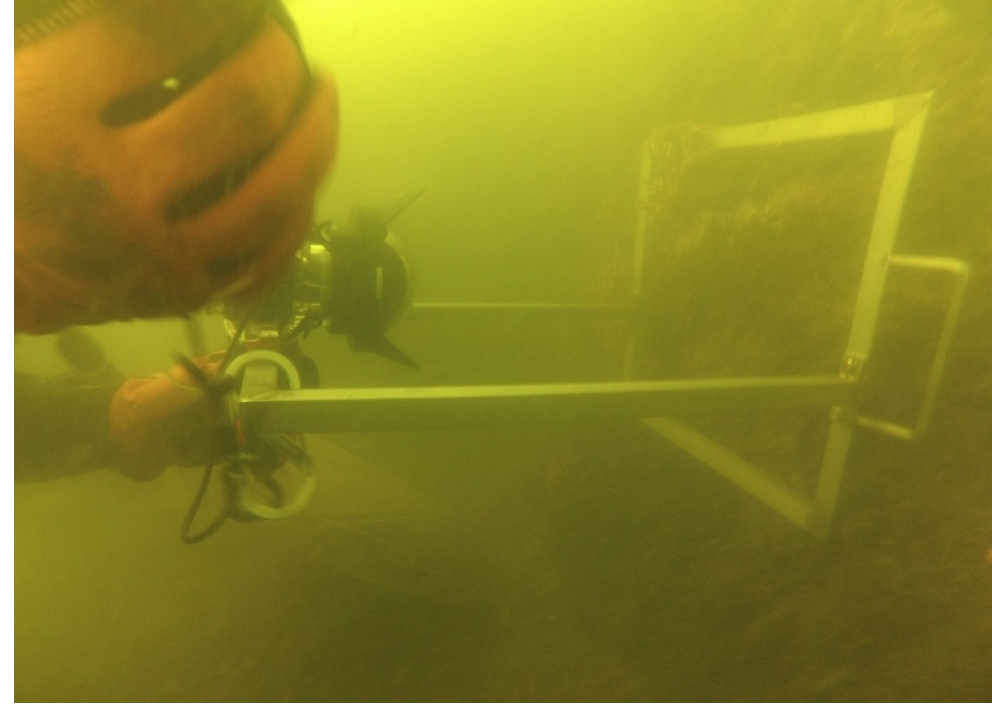
SUBTIDAL REEF STREET
Subtidal rock enhancements provides structure for juvenile finfish and lobsters.

INTERTIDAL REEF STREET
Intertidal shallow water rock enhancements for juvenile fish, lobsters, and mussels.

UPLAND ISLAND
Exposed island habitat free from predators can be used by seals and birds.

SUBTIDAL ROCKY SUBSTRATE
Subtidal shallow water rock enhancements for juvenile finfish, lobsters, and shellfish.

MUDFLATS
Zones of moderate sedimentation create habitat for hard clams, benthic fish, and eelgrass.





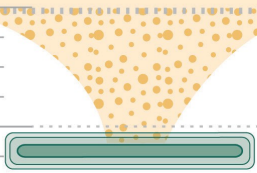


ITERATE AND MODEL

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TOMBOLO

Very little wave energy reaches the shore, sediment builds up behind the breakwater, connecting it to the shoreline, and the beach is stable with little transport along the shore.



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PERIODIC TOMBOLO

One or more of the breakwater segments is periodically backed by tombolos with a periodic trapping of littoral material followed by a release of a "slug" of sediment to the downdrift shoreline.



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STRONG SALIENT

Somewhat higher wave energy reaches the lee of the structures; characterized by a balanced sediment budget. Longshore moving material enters and leaves at approximately the same rate.



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SUBDUED SALIENT

Yet higher wave energy reaches the shoreline; the shoreline response is not as pronounced and the amplitude of the salient is of lower relief.



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NO SINUOSITY / MINIMAL IMPACT

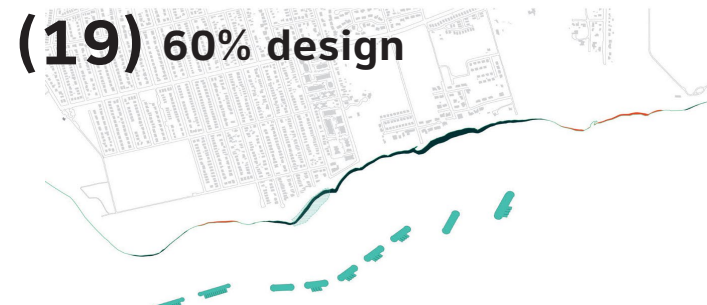
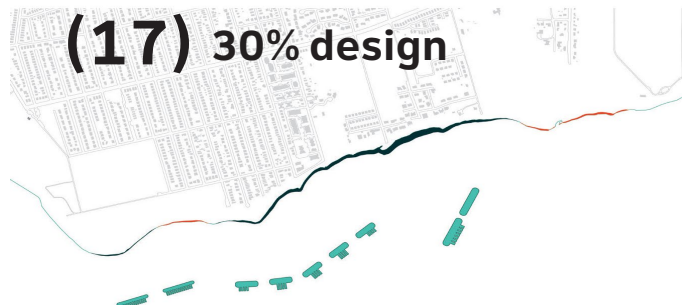
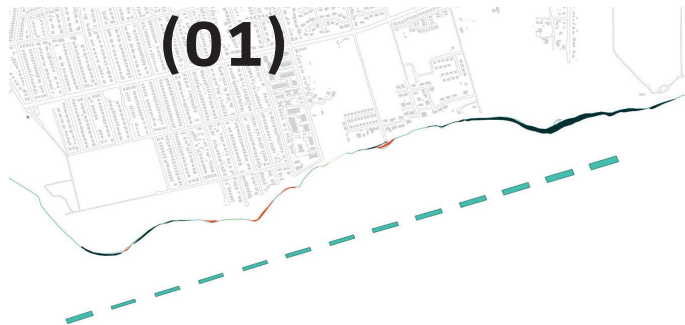
High wave energy reaches the beach, resulting in little, if any shoreline response.

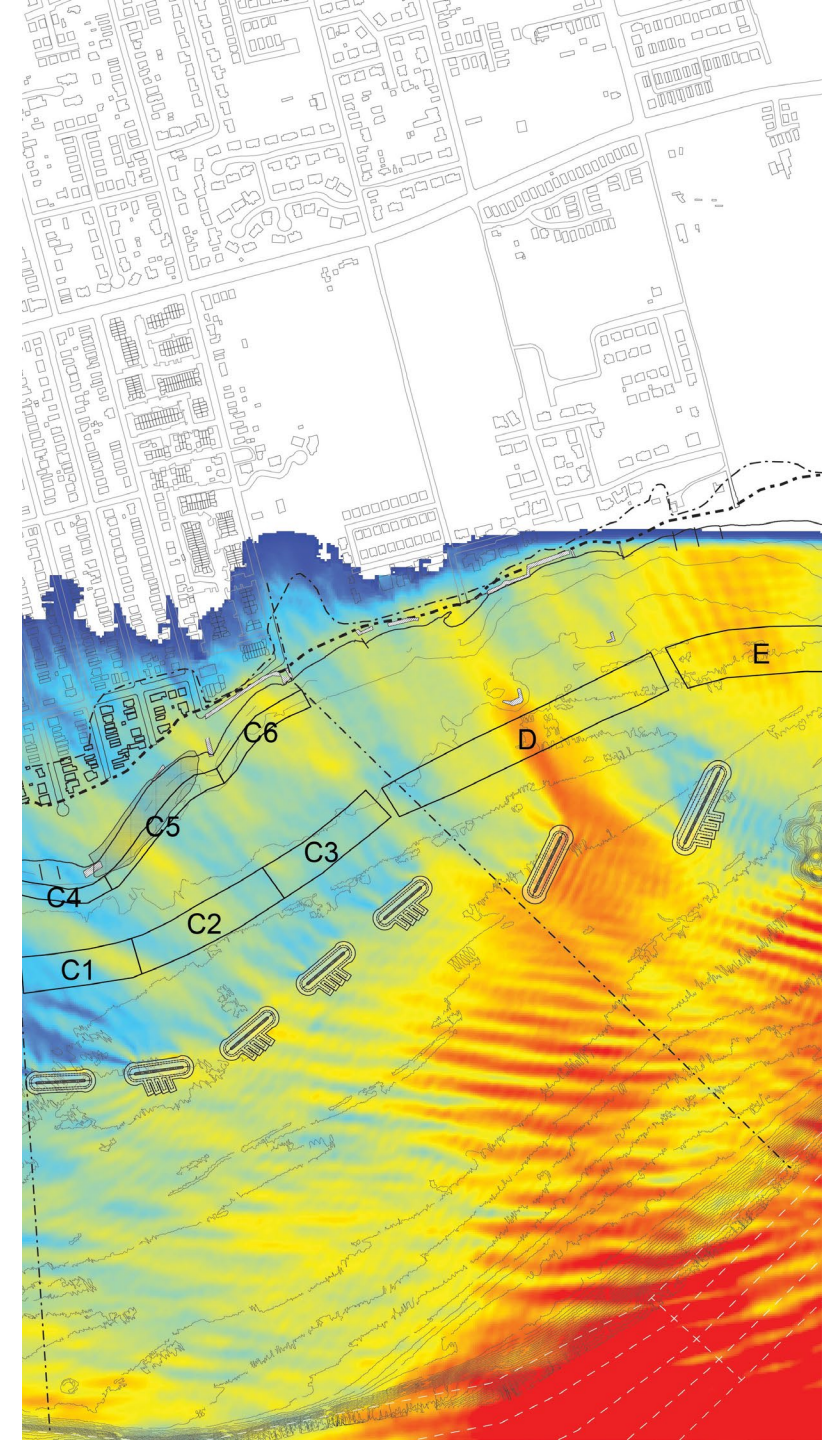
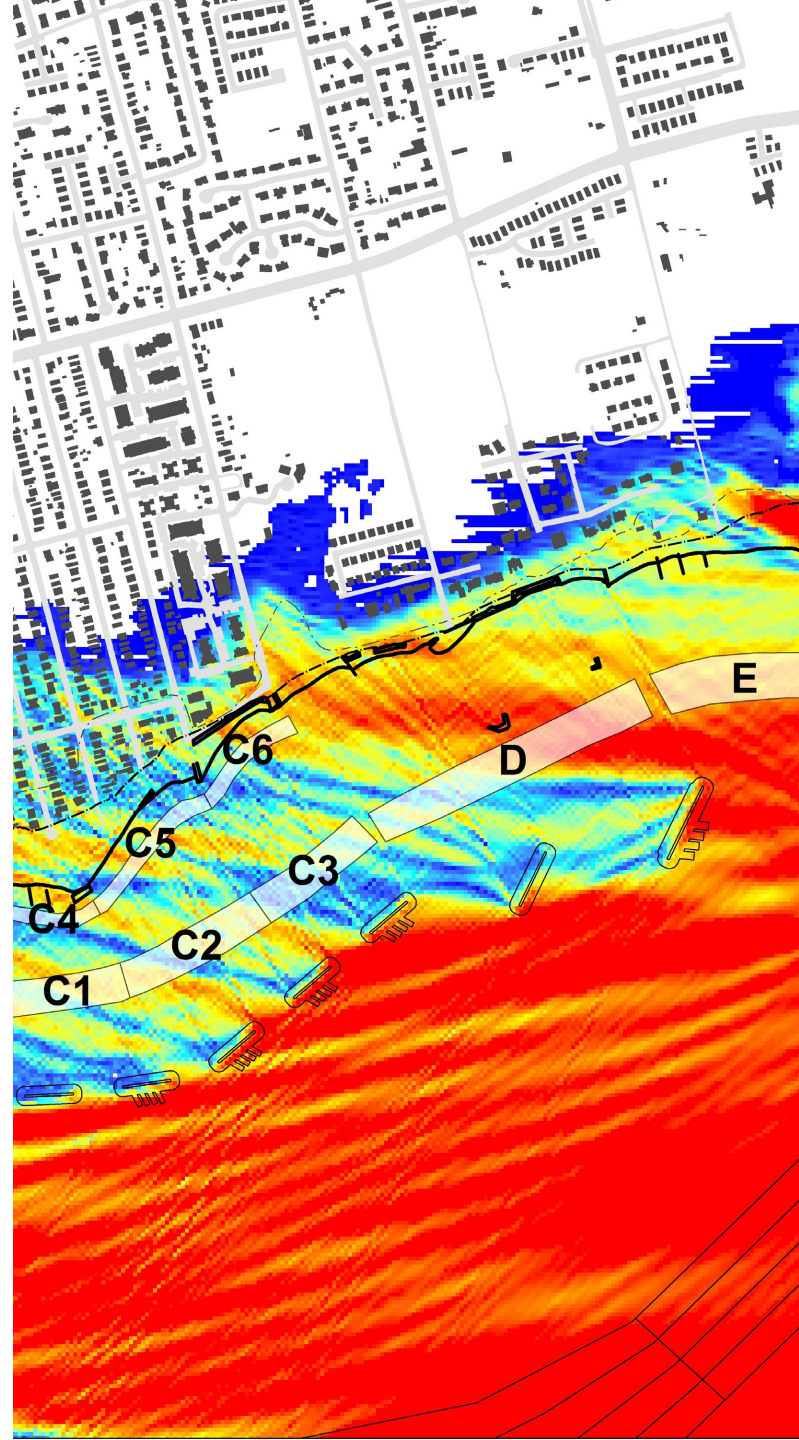


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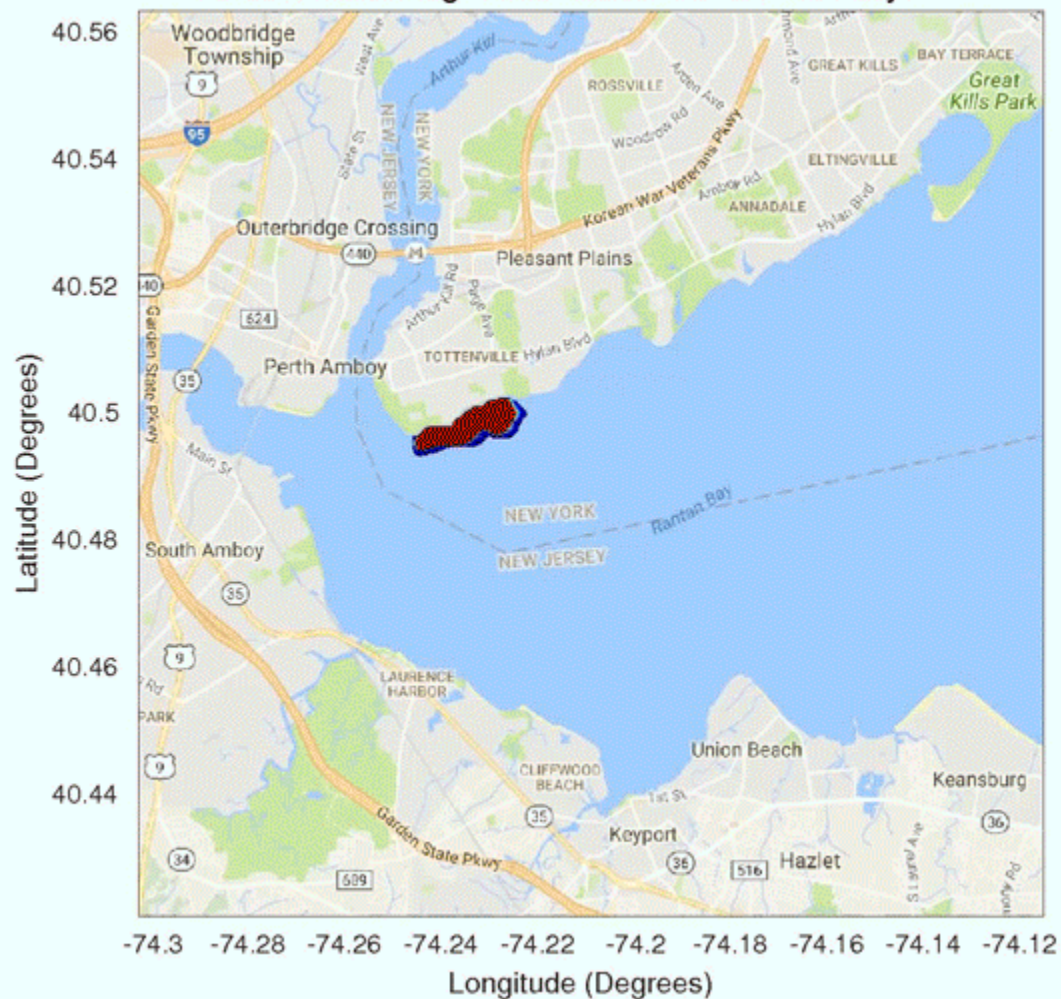
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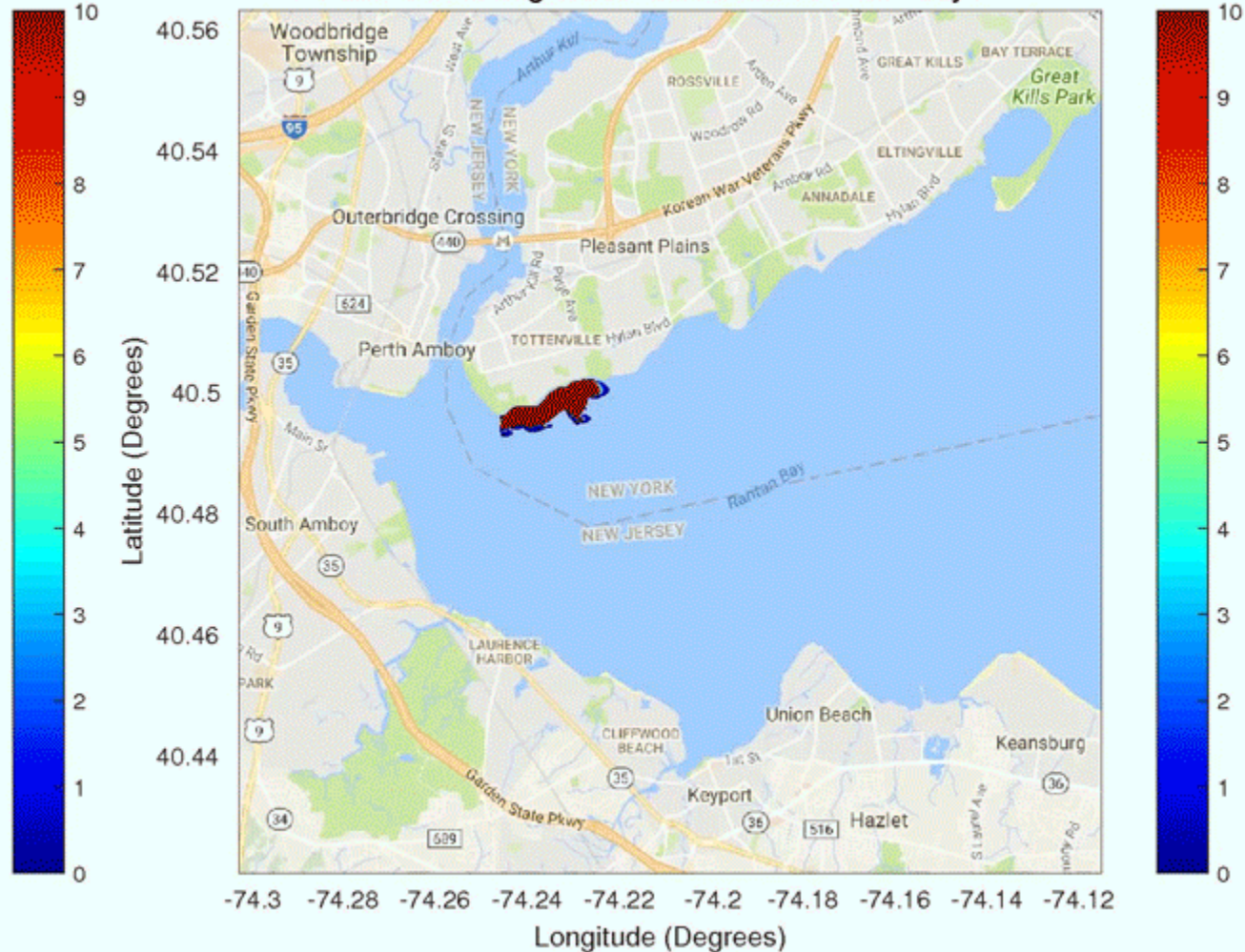




Percent Remaining Tracer Concentration - 0.01 days

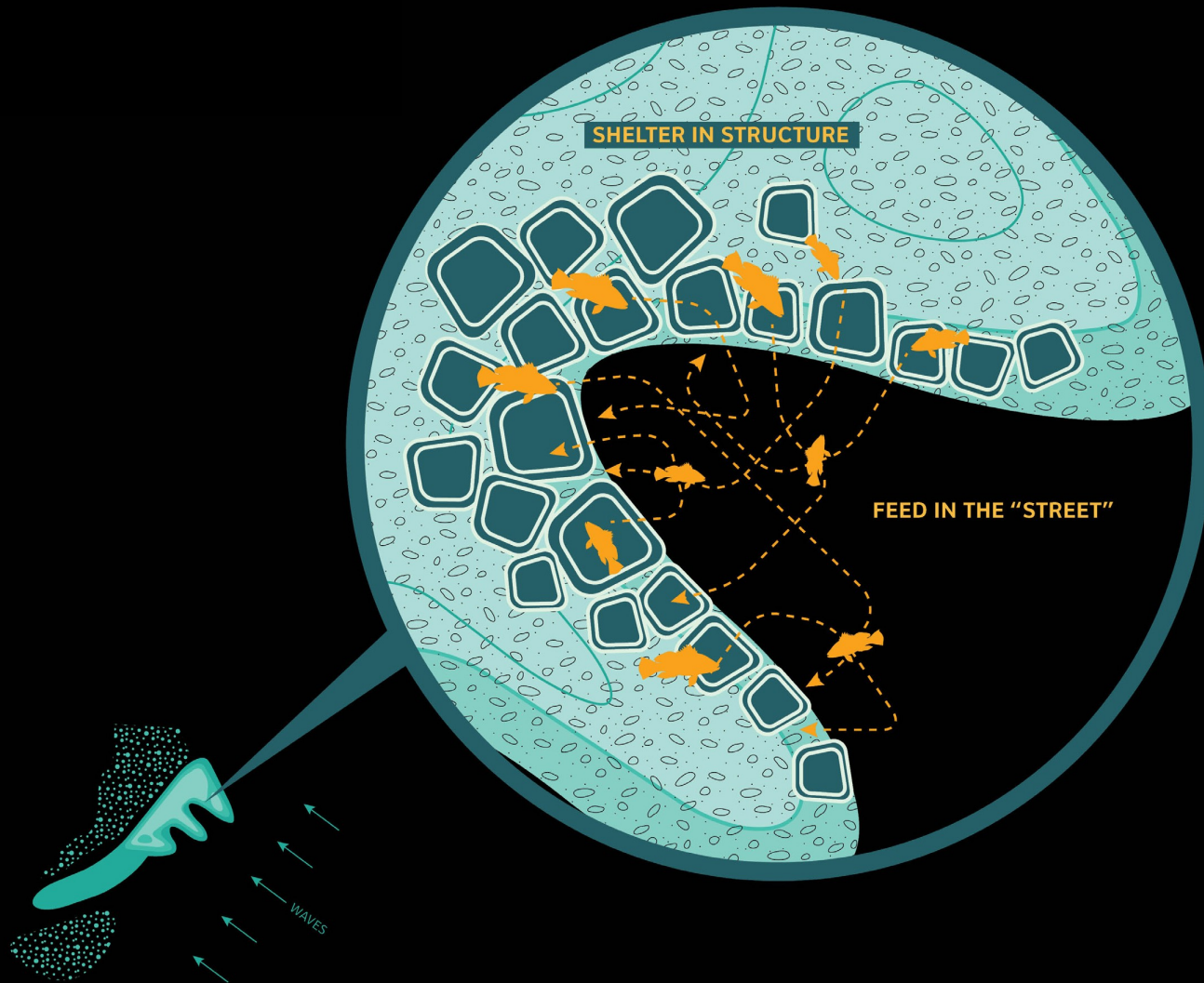


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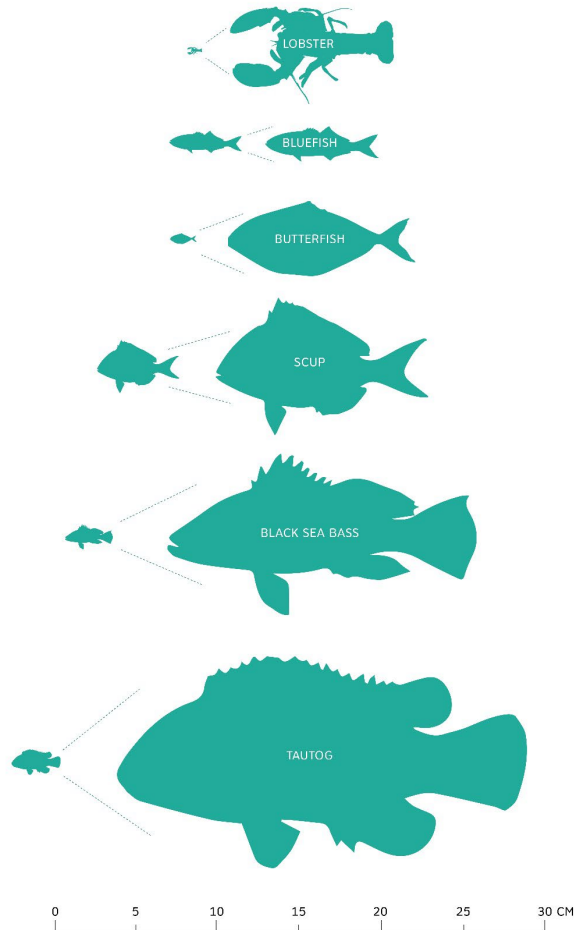
DESIGN HABITAT

“REEF STREETS”



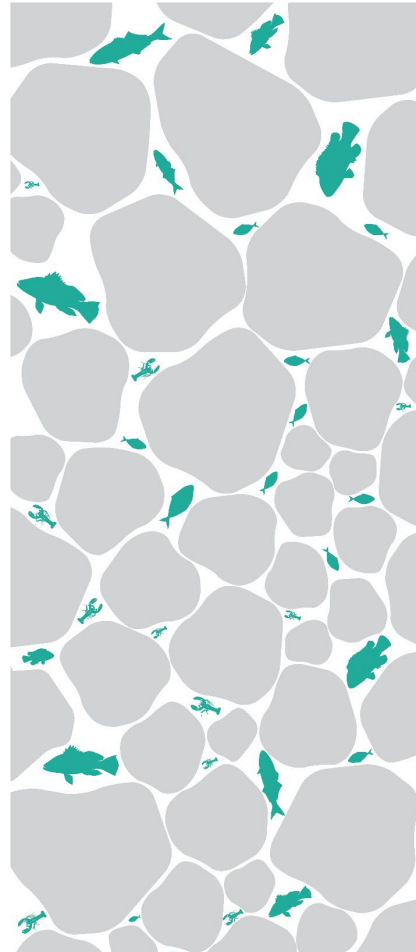
JUVENILE SIZE

FISH AND SHELLFISH SPECIES OF RARITAN BAY WITH PREFERENCE FOR STRUCTURED HABITAT



3 CM - 10 CM ROCK

SMALLER ROCK PROVIDES HABITAT FOR YOUNGER AND SMALLER JUVENILE SPECIES MOST PRONE TO PREDATION.



20 CM - 40 CM ROCK

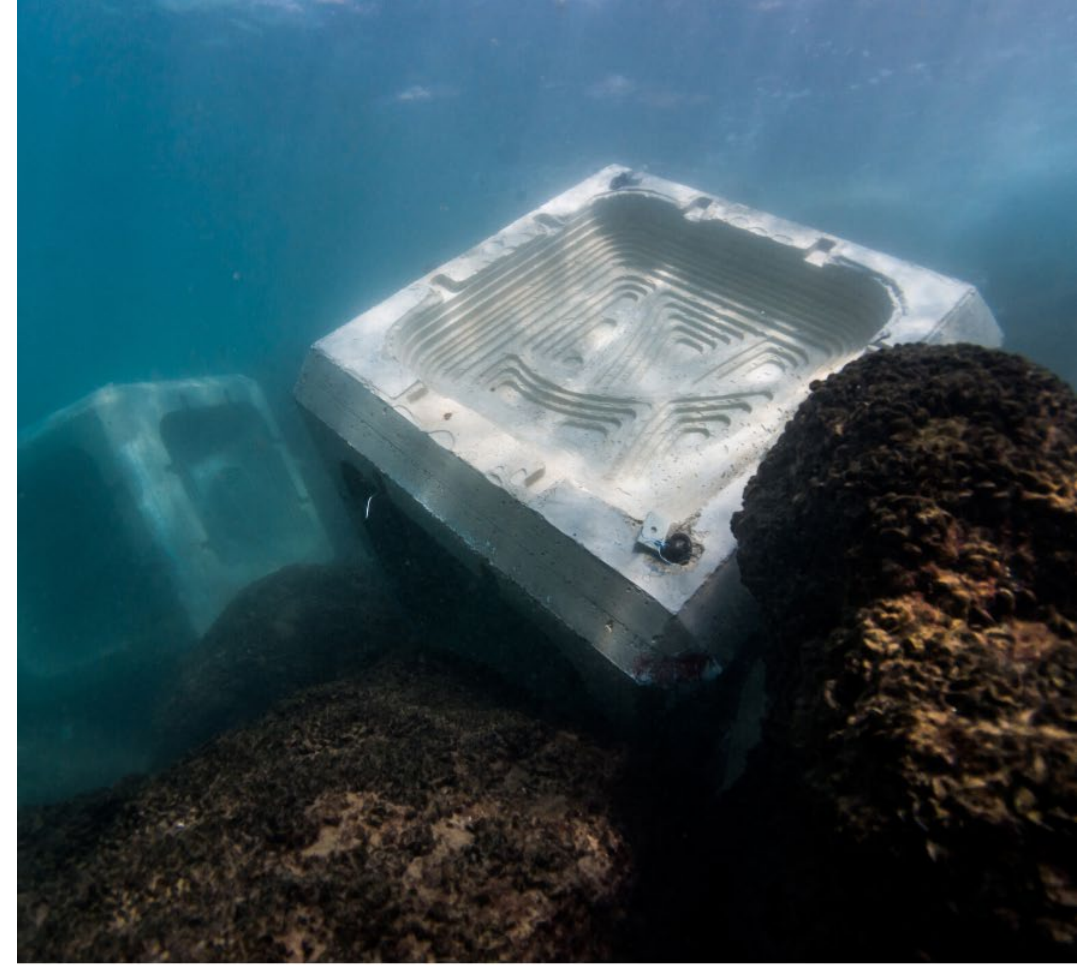
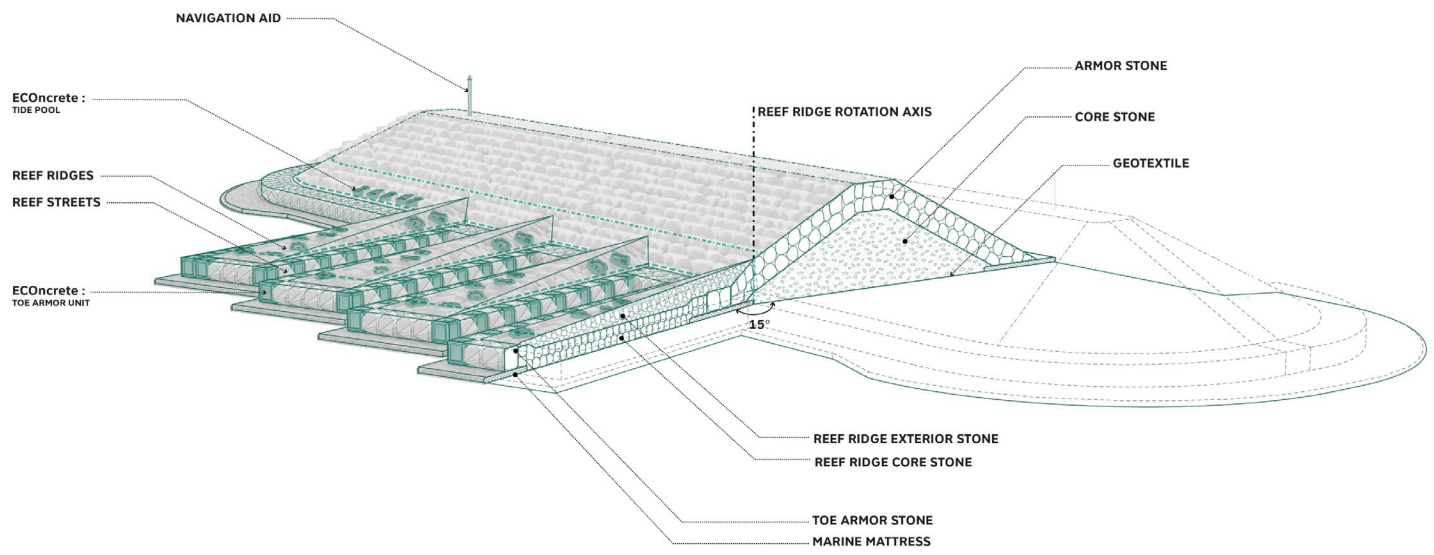
LARGER HOLE SPACES PROVIDE HABITAT FOR JUVENILES AS THEY GROW AND EXPAND THEIR FORAGING RANGE.


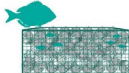

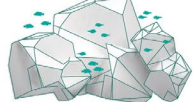

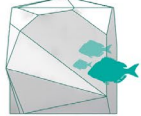




OYSTER REEF

BIOLOGICAL STRUCTURES PROVIDE COMPLEX GEOMETRIES ACCOMMODATING A RANGE OF SPECIES AND AGES.





							
INTERNAL CORE STONE D ₅₀ = 16"	MARINE MATTRESS HT= 12"	REEF RIDGE CORE STONE D _{min} = 24" D ₅₀ = 30" D _{max} =36"	REEF RIDGE EXTERIOR STONE D ₁₅ = 15" D ₅₀ = 24" D ₁₀₀ =36"	STONE ARMOR UNIT D ₅₀ = 40"	STONE TOE ARMOR UNIT D ₅₀ : 48"	EONcrete® TOE ARMOR UNIT Dimension: 48"x 48"x 48"	EONcrete® TIDE POOLS Dimension: 44"x 48"x27"



Oyster gabions



Layers of loose spat-on-shell spread on the ocean bottom



-2.62' NAVD88
NEW EL. +2.42' NAVD88

LANDWARD SIDE

EXISTING BREAKWATER

IN-SITU
SETTING ZONE,
SEE DETAIL

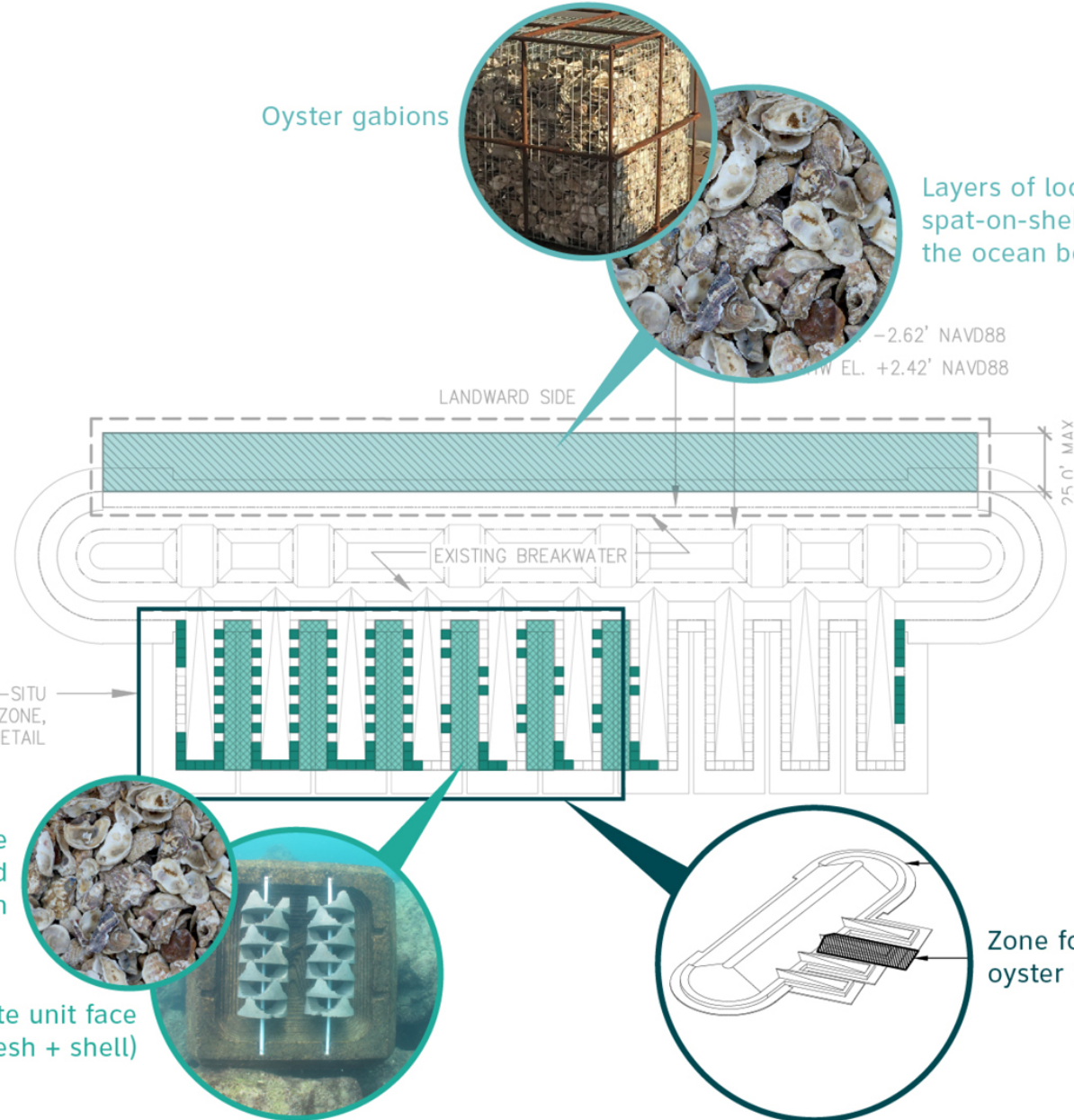
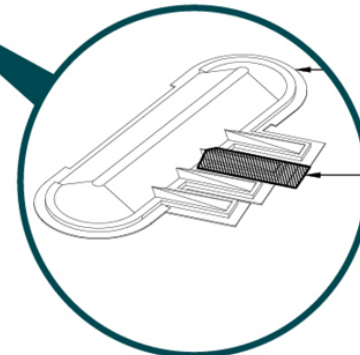
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Ecological concrete unit face treatments (disk, mesh + shell)



Zone for in-situ oyster larvae setting



PILOT, TEST, EXPERIMENT, MONITOR





THANK YOU!

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