

Climate Change: From Theory to Stormwater Practice

Thursday April 23, 2020 1:00 – 3:00 PM ET

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Today's Presenters

- David Vallee
 - Examining Our Changing Climate in New England and Its Impacts on River and Coastal Flooding
- Julia Rockwell
 - Creating Actionable Climate Science to Inform Infrastructure
 Planning & Design
- Keren Bolter
 - Sea Level Rise and Stormwater Flooding: Miami is Shifting from Reactive Solutions to Cost Effective and Equitable Prevention via Future-Proofing

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The Changing Climate

- Common themes across New England:
 - Increasing annual precipitation
 - Increasing frequency of heavy rains
 - Warming annual temperatures
 - Wildly varying seasonal snowfall
- Shift in precipitation frequency (50, 100 yr – 24 hr rain)
- For smaller (<800 sq mi) basins:
 - Trend toward increased flood magnitude and/or frequency
 - Most pronounced where significant land use change and/or urbanization has occurred

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| | | Existing Requirements | Proposed Requirements |
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| 1. | Base Flood Elevation (BFE) | 5.44 Feet NAVD (7 Feet NGVD) | 6.44 Feet NAVD (8 Feet NGVD) |
| 2. | Freeboard | 0 feet above BFE | +1 to +3 feet above BFE |
| 3. 4. | Seawall Elevation (Private) | 3.2 FT NAVD 4.76 FT NGVD | 4 to 5.7 FT NAVD 5.56 to 7.26 FT NGVD |
| | Seawall Elevation (Public) | 3.2 FT NAVD 4.76 FT NGVD | 5.7 FT NAVD 7.26 FT NGVD |
| | Minimum required yard elevation | No minimum required | 5.0 Feet NAVD (6.56 Feet NGVD) |



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Application Components

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- Scope of Work and Maps
- Cost estimates/Budget
- Benefit Cost Analysis
- Env Review & Historic
- Preservation Compliance
- Supporting documents
- Alternatives
- Tips for wording

