



A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM
GRANT FUNDING AND A MULTI-LAYERED PLAN TO BRING A
COASTAL COMMUNITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE BACK TO LIFE

SESWA REGIONAL SEMINAR
APRIL 19, 2024

- Background
- Historical Project Approach
- Extreme Events
- Goals
- Project Funding Sources
- Implementation
- Closing Remarks & Lessons Learned



Environmental Information

Airport-Faison Field

Hamlin Sound

Gray Bay

Isle of Palms

Sullivan's Island

0 5,000 10,000 Feet

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- **Barrier Island**
- **Incorporated in 1817**
- **SCDOT 1950s Infrastructure**
- **Historical Significance**
 - Fort Moultrie
 - Fortifications and Batteries
 - Residential Structures
- **\$10M Annual Budget**



- **No Long-Term Capital Plan**
- **“As-Needed” Basis**
- **Funding**
 - SCDOT – State Transportation Funds
 - Charleston County – Transportation Funds
 - FEMA – HMGP Funds
 - Local Funding – When Available
- **Lengthy Timelines**





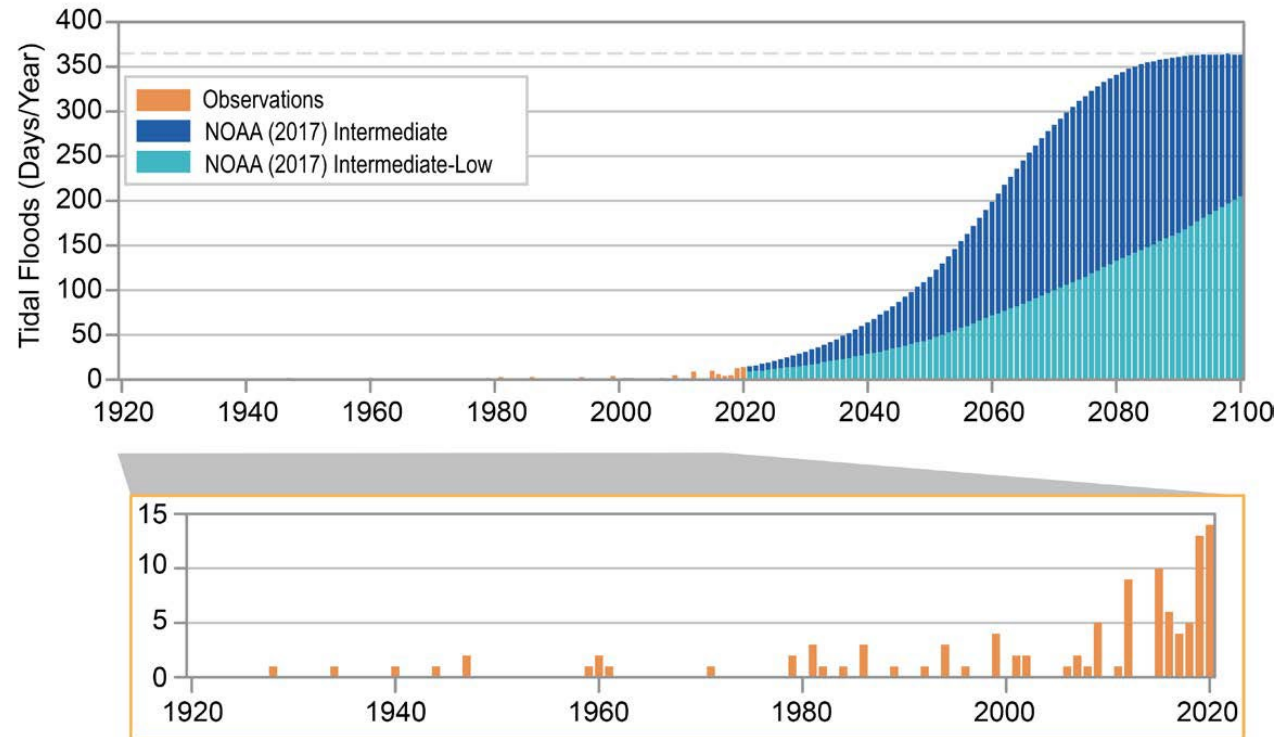
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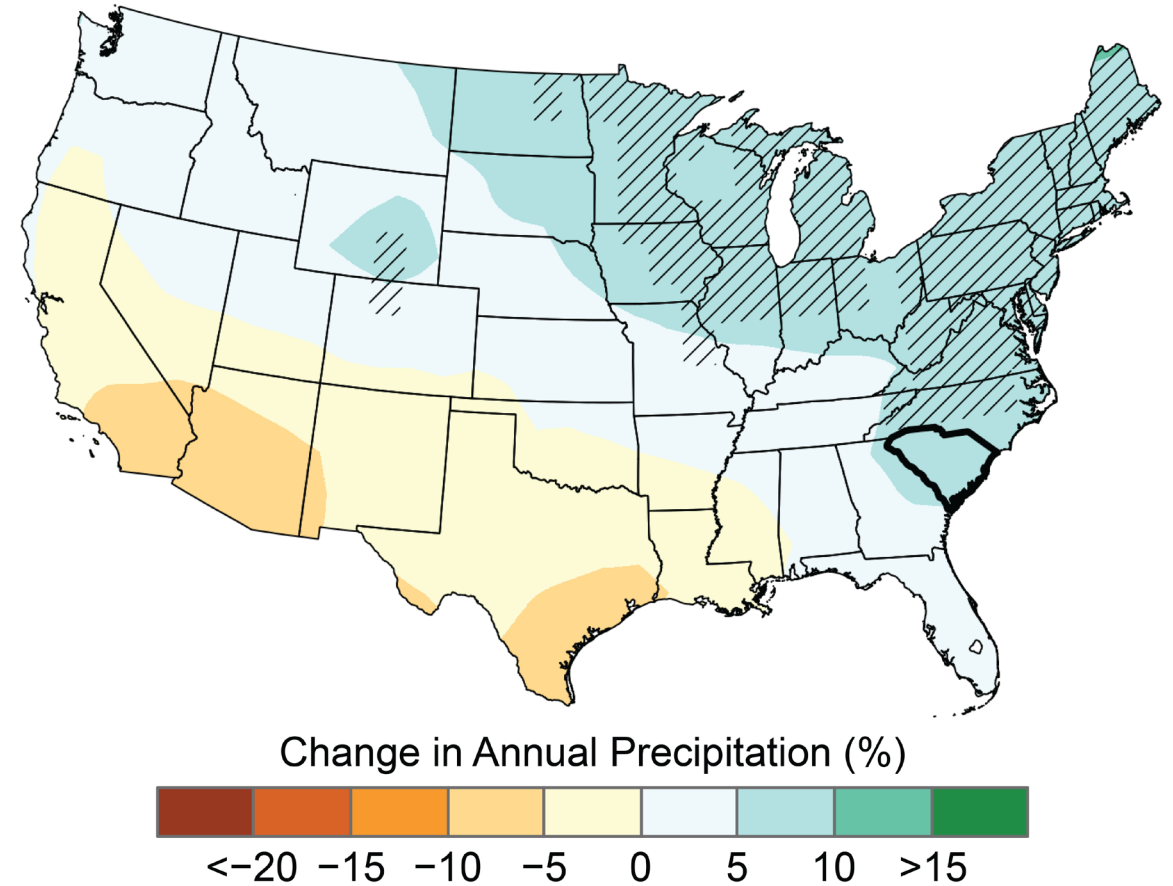
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- **Joaquin (2015)**
- **Matthew (2016)**
- **Irma (2017)**
- **Florence (2018)**
- **Dorian (2019)**
- **King Tides**
- **“Rain Bombs”**

Observed and Projected Annual Number of Tidal Floods for Charleston, SC



Projected Change in Annual Precipitation



1. Stormwater Master Plan

- Understand Current/Future Drainage System Performance
- Develop Solutions to Address Drainage Deficiencies

1. Coastal Community Resiliency Plan

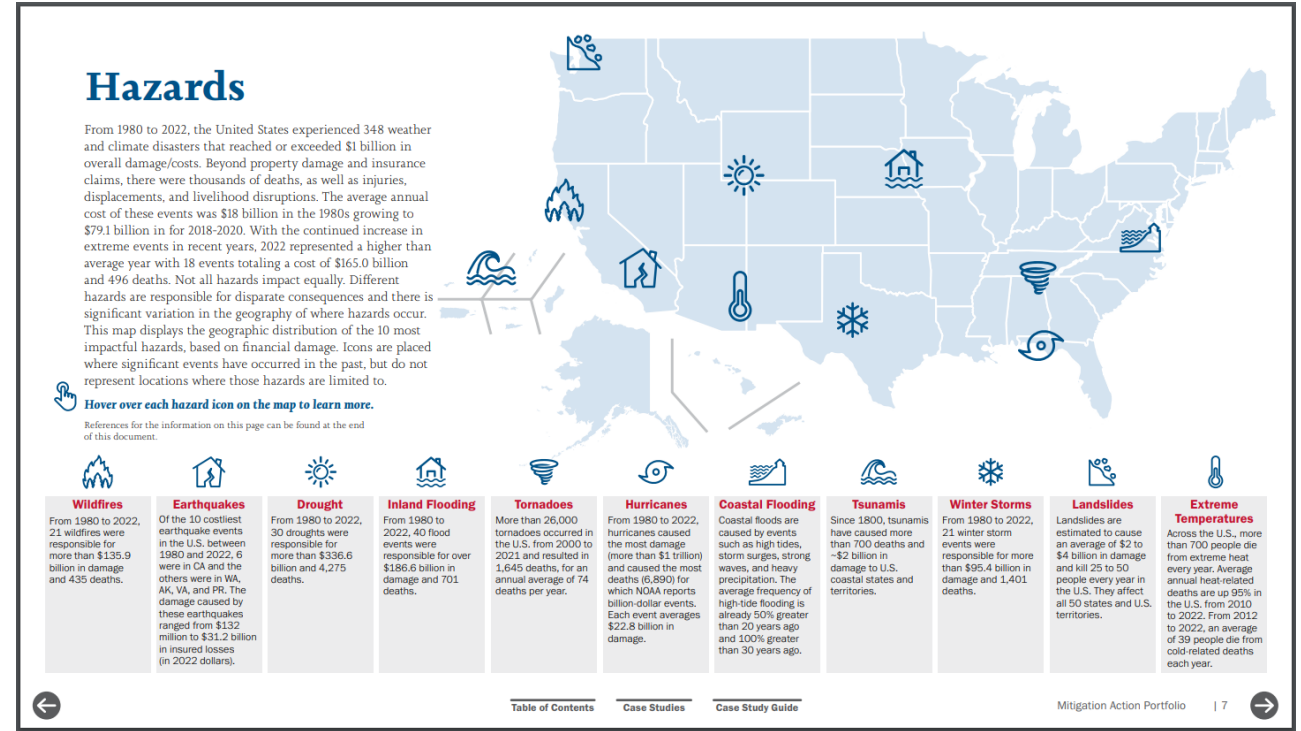
- Evaluate Long-Term Vulnerability of Island to All Threats
- Develop Solutions to Protect and Preserve
- Tie Together Beach Management and Stormwater Plans

3. Implement Capital Stormwater Projects

4. Leverage State and Federal Funding to Implement Everything!



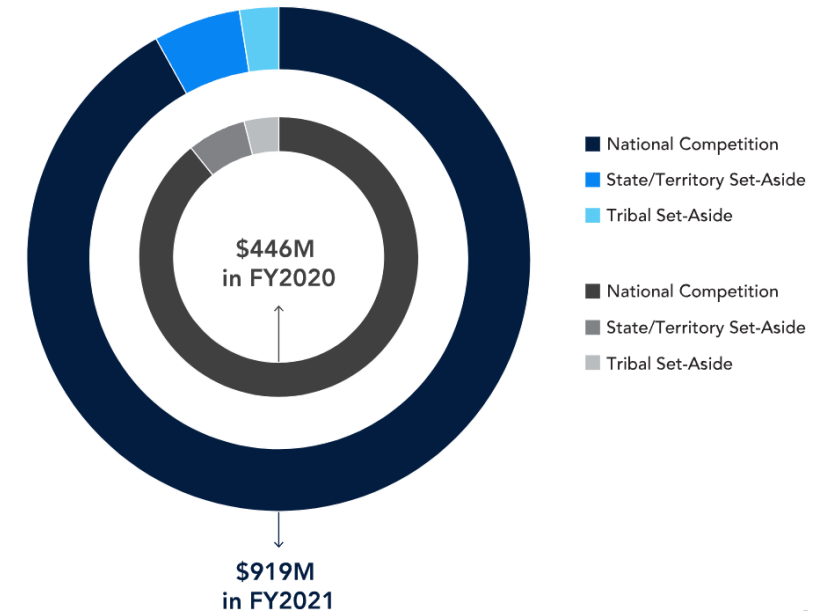
- 2020
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
 - Capability and Capacity Building Activities (\$36.72 M)
 - Mitigation Projects (\$766.1 M)
 - Management Costs (\$78.3 M)
- Stormwater Master Plan Application
 - State Allocation Funding (C&CB)
 - \$150K
 - 25% Match Requirement (Local Funds)



FEMA

- **2021**
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**
 - Capability and Capacity Building Activities (\$40.37 M)
 - Mitigation Projects (\$814.96 M)
 - Management Costs (\$138.14 M)
- **Coastal Community Resiliency Plan Application**
 - State Allocation Funding (C&CB)
 - \$150K
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BRIC Funding Allocations, FY20 and FY21



Source: ICF



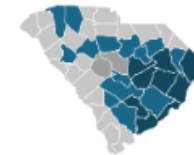
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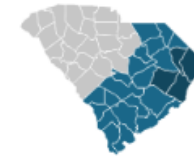
- **SC Office of Resilience**
- **CDBG-MIT Program**
 - \$162 Million from HUD
 - Response to 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 Events
 - Infrastructure, Buyouts, Plans/Studies, and Funds Match
- **Provided Local Match for**
 - Stormwater Master Plan
 - Coastal Community Resilience Plan

Disaster Recovery (HUD CDBG-DR)

3,399 total homes complete
(across all 3 HUD CDBG-DR programs)



2015 Flood
Total award: \$126 million
100% complete
1,829 homes complete



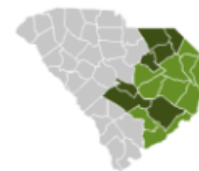
2016 Hurricane Matthew
Total award: \$95 million
100% complete
1,138 homes complete



2018 Hurricane Florence
Total award: \$72 million
~88% complete
432 homes complete



Mitigation (HUD CDBG-MIT)



The Mitigation program currently has **54 active HUD CDBG-MIT projects** across 17 counties that suffered previous hurricane disaster impacts. Detailed information on active projects can be found on the [Mitigation projects page](#).

Infrastructure

20

projects

Buyouts

6

projects

Plans & Studies

20

projects

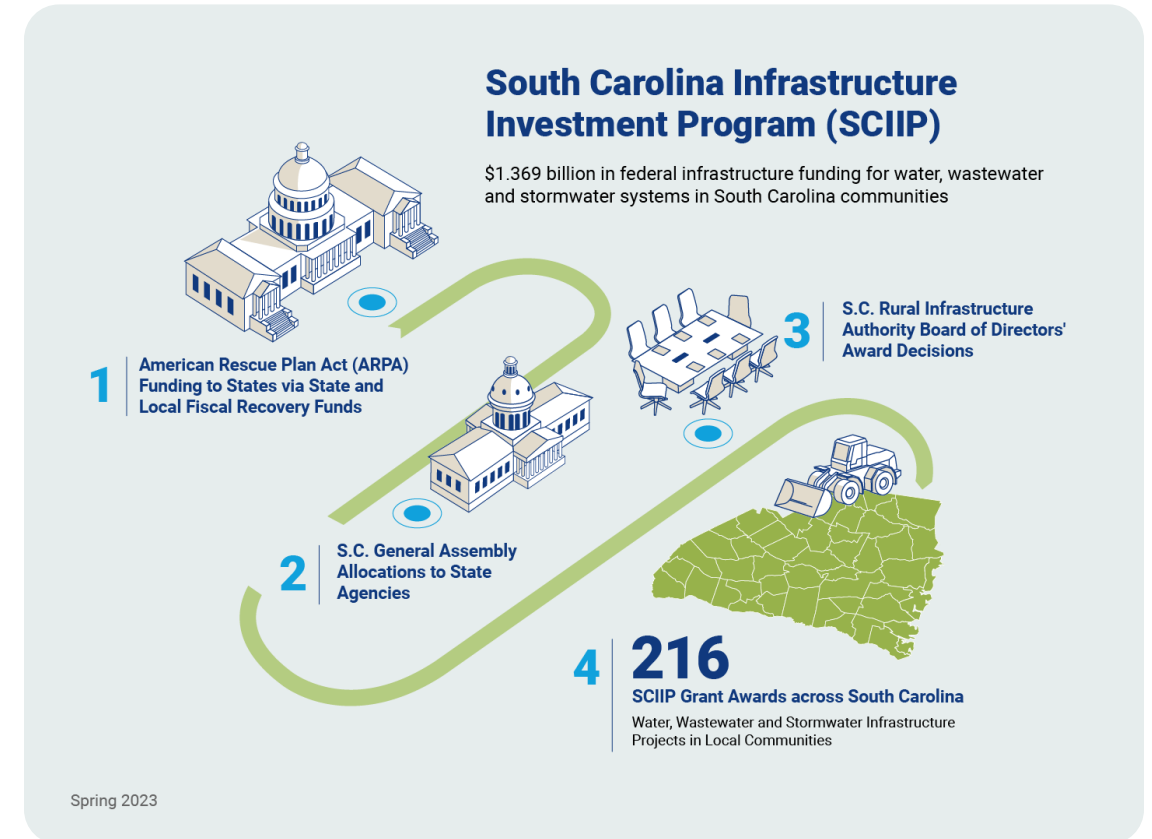
Matching Grants

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projects



- 2022
- SC Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP)
 - \$1.369 Billion Allocated by General Assembly
 - \$10 Million Application Cap
 - Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Projects
- GREAT OPPORTUNITY but NO STORMWATER MASTER PLAN!



PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES - CAPITAL STORMWATER PROJECT FUNDING

- **Justification**

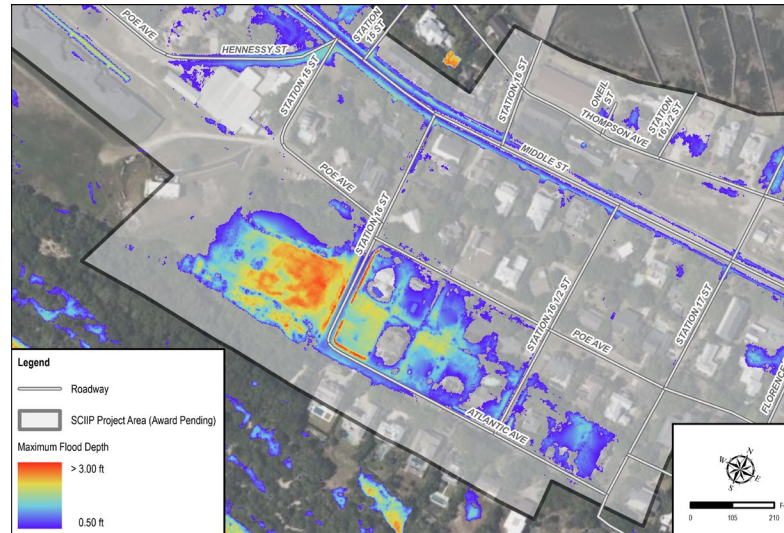
- Photos/Story Telling
- 2D Rain-on-Grid Modeling

- **Drainage Solutions**

- New/Improved Collection System
- Water Quality Treatment
- Tidal Check Valves
- Potential Green Infrastructure

- **Grant Application**

- \$8,758,775 in Federal Funding
- \$500,000 in State Funding
- \$1,185,123 in Local Funds
- **Total = \$10,443,898**



- **FEMA BRIC – 2020**

- Stormwater Master Plan
- \$112,500 - Federal Share



FEMA

- **FEMA BRIC – 2021**

- Coastal Community Resilience Plan
- \$112,500 - Federal Share



**South Carolina
Rural Infrastructure Authority**

- **SC Office of Resilience**

- \$75,000 for FEMA BRIC Local Share



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- \$500,000 - State Share



- **Local Funds**

- FEMA BRIC 2020 - \$40,000 (CCTV/Pipeline Cleaning)
- SCIIP - \$1,185,123





- **Stormwater Master Plan**
 - Released Fall 2023
 - Existing Conditions Completed
 - Alternative Analysis Started
- **Coastal Resiliency Plan**
 - Final Selection Awaiting
- **Capital Improvements (SCIIP)**
 - Released Spring 2023
 - Preliminary Design Completed
 - June 2026 Deadline



- Strategic Planning
- Leverage Multiple Funding Sources
- Staging Grant Applications
- Timing/Schedule is Key
- Tell Your Story



QUESTIONS?

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