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Risk and Return on Investment Tool (RROIT)

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Outline

- Current Challenges in Stormwater Management
- Federal and Provincial Recommendation and Requirements
- Risk and Return on Investment Tool
 - Objective and Tool Components
 - Technical Approach Overview
 - Tool Outputs



Current Challenges in Stormwater Management in Existing Urban Areas



Varying Level of Service within Existing Urban Areas— How do we set targets, what's feasible, what's reasonable?



City of Mississauga

25% receives quantity control
17% receives quality and quantity
control



Town of Caledon

54% of Bolton settlement area receives
quantity control
64% of ponds provide water quality
and quantity control

Types of Flooding



**Riverine Flooding
(surface)**



**Urban Flooding
(overland)**



**Sanitary/Storm
Sewer Backup**

Source: Boston Water and Sewer
Commission

Flooding isn't just stormwater pipes– there are municipal and community risks that need to be considered



Evacuation Plans do not consider flooding



Critical Infrastructure failure poses potential threat to public

News / GTA

Mississauga resident living in tent since flood

Ken Hills, 60, is one of hundreds living near Cooksville Creek displaced since last week's storm.

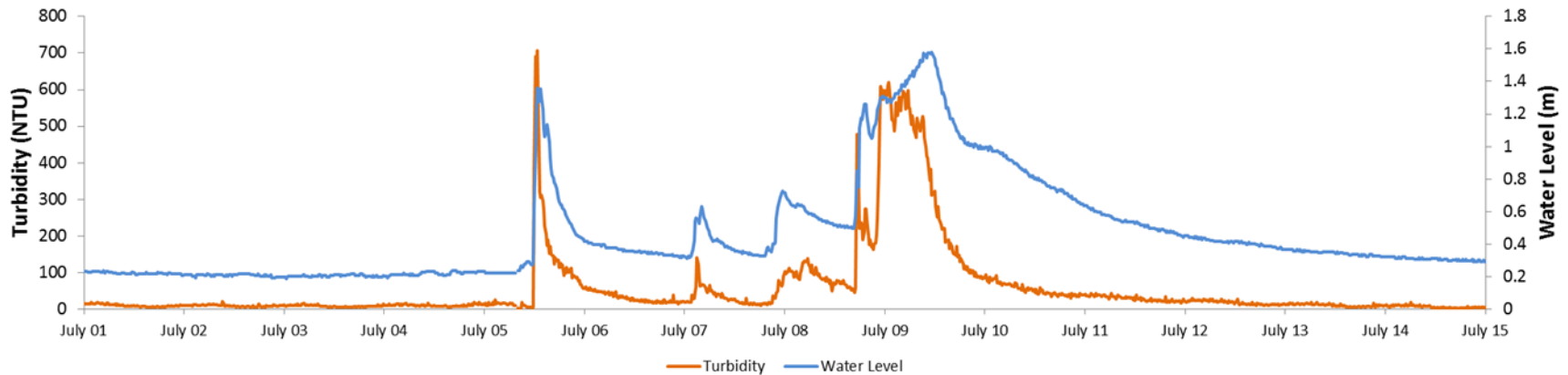


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Community and municipal service needs

Water Quality Impacts of Flooding

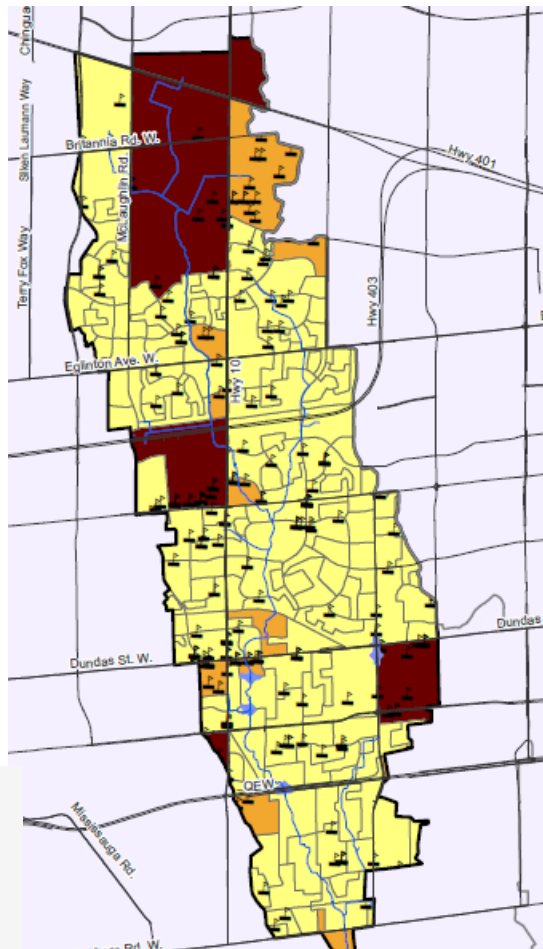
July 8th Event - Mississauga Golf and Country Club



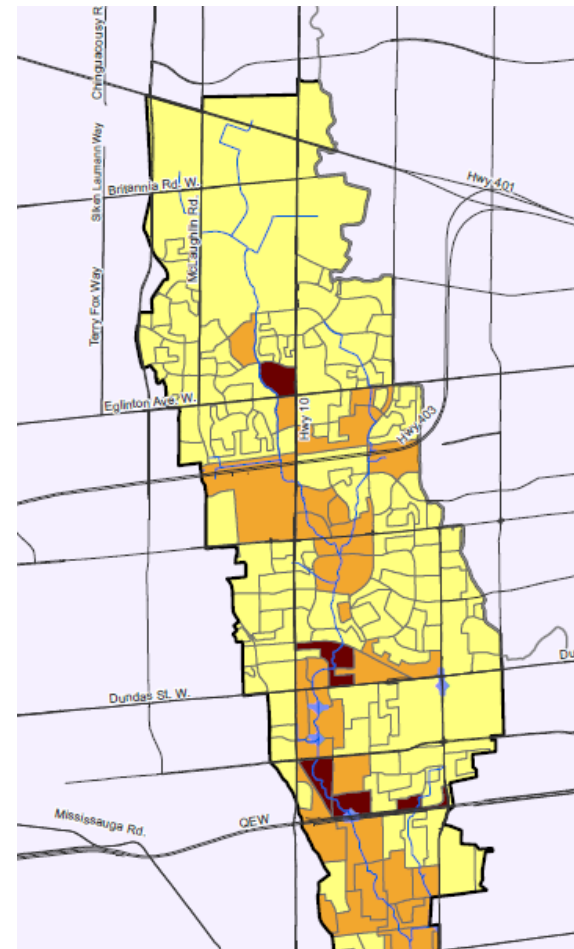
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Integrating Social Vulnerability into Risk Assessment and Decision Making



Risk map based on infrastructure only



Risk map based on population vulnerability

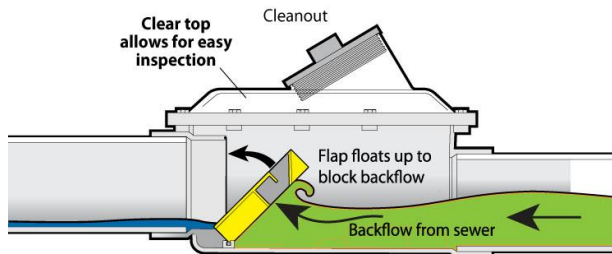
Striking the Right Balance of Management Options



Land Acquisition along the floodplain



Top: Enhanced emergency outreach to address public health burden
 Bottom: Sanitary backup prevention



Source: Canadian Plumbing Design and Installation, American Technical Publishers



Green Infrastructure to reduce urban flooding

Recommendations and Requirements



Key recommendations from the Natural Resources Canada State of Play Report (2017)

- Development of ... **Financial tools**, in partnership with Provinces and Territories that include processes to enable the integration of **climate change adaptation considerations into infrastructure decision making**, design and maintenance.
- Enhancement of risk-based prioritization tools to evaluate and **prioritize infrastructure needs**, to include consideration of **social vulnerabilities**.
- Development of standards to perform forensic accounting of extreme events in an effort to **build a database that includes financial and service risks and costs**.

Growth Plan for Greater Golden Horseshoe (2016)

- Reference to using vulnerability assessments to mitigate the risk associated with climate change
- Watershed studies to inform water, wastewater and stormwater master plans

Disaster Mitigation Action Funding (DMAF) Guidelines

- Require climate change risk assessment and return on investment for best management practices
- DMAF guidelines require:
 - Mitigation of economic, environmental, social impacts of Climate Change
 - Assessment of loss of lives; displaced/injured/ill population; local economic loss; population without essential services such as water supply, energy supply
 - Demonstration of mitigation measures that will reduce impact on Critical Infrastructure (CI); reduce amount of CI at high risk; reduce Health and Safety impacts; reduce cost of recovery and replacement; reduce impacts on Vulnerable regions

National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)

Stream 3

- Flood Mitigation Plans should consider climate change and should identify high risk areas (with consideration for municipal services and social vulnerability)

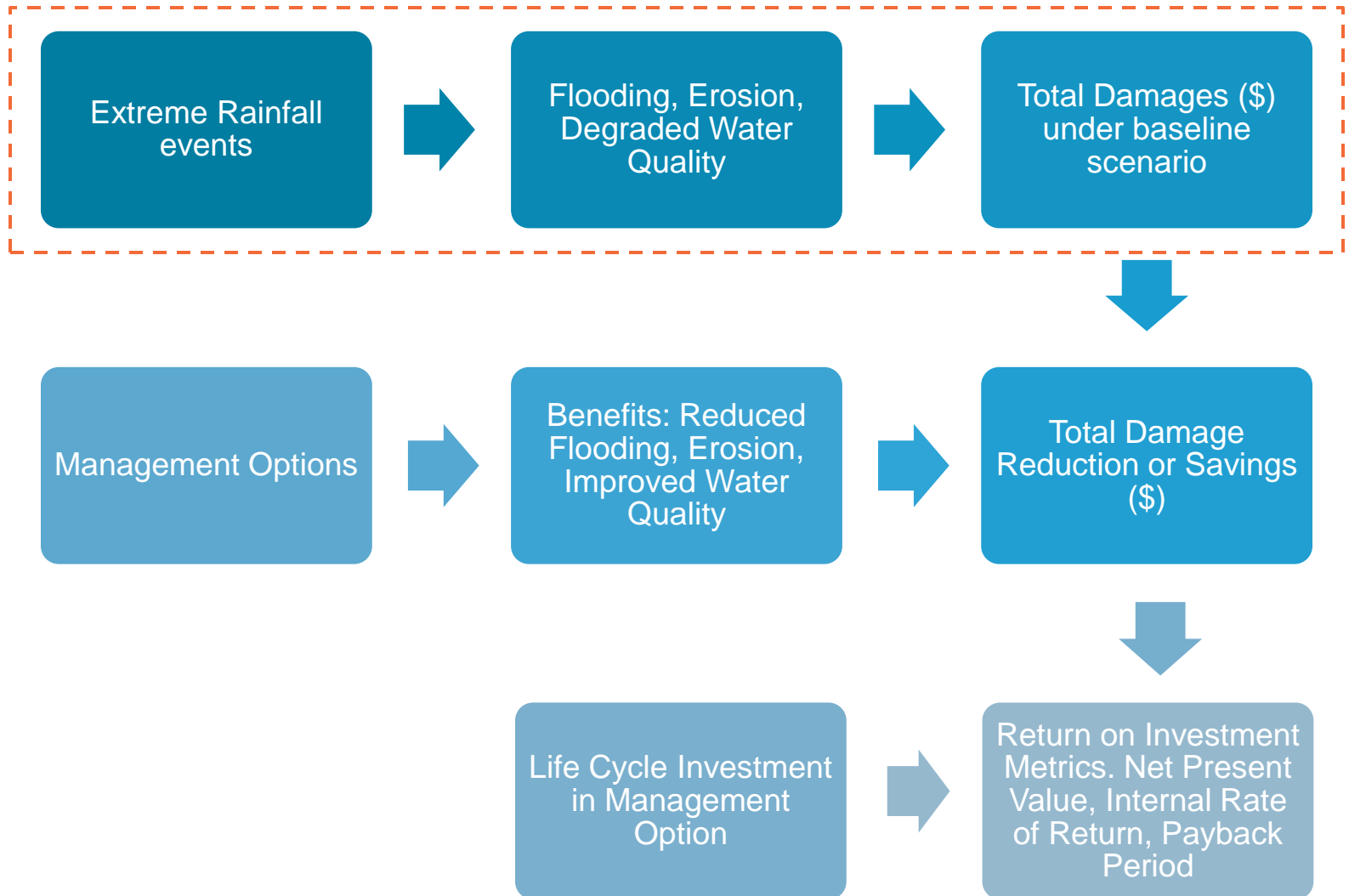
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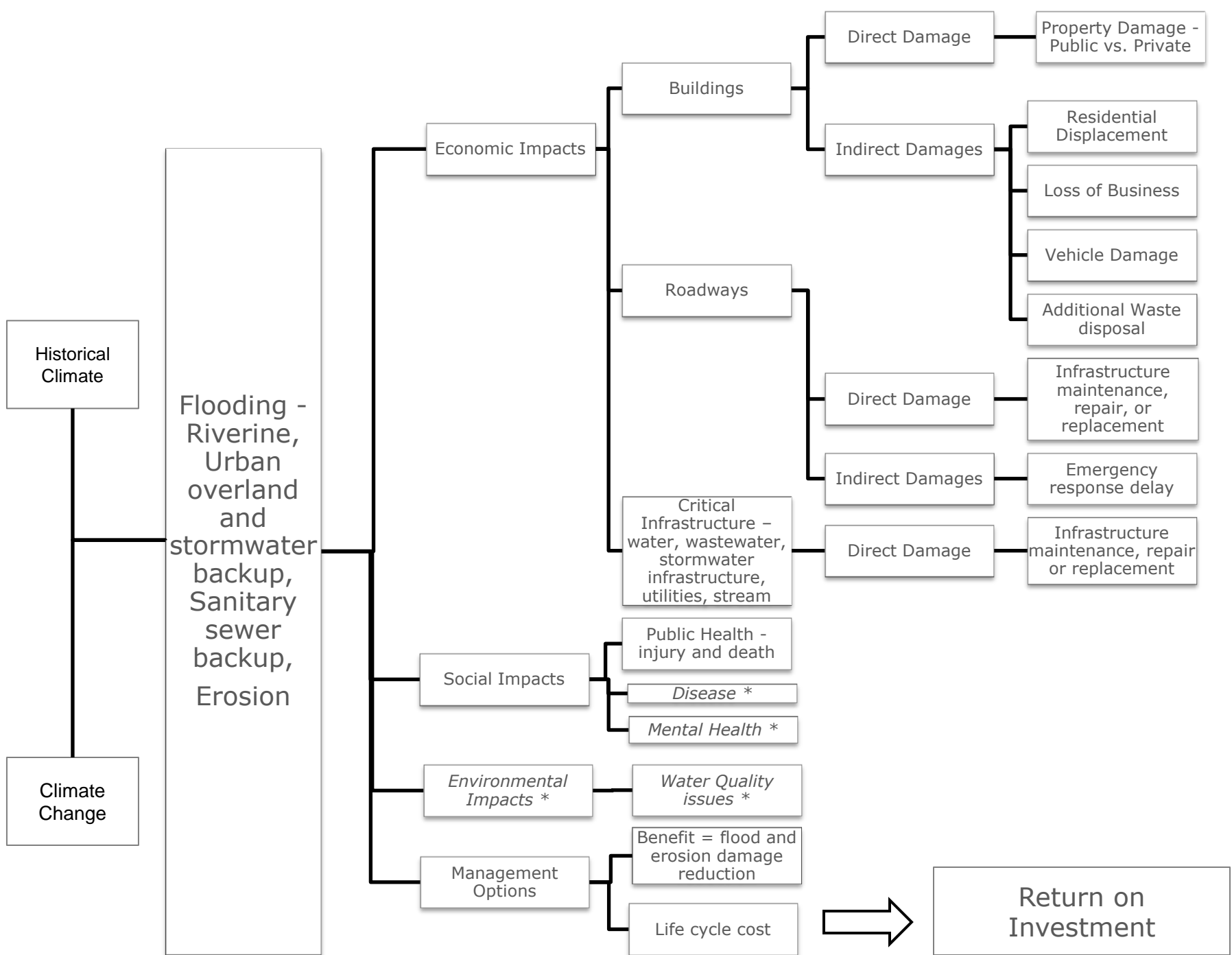


Objective

- Assess baseline flood & erosion risks associated with extreme rainfall events, and quantify the potential damages to private and public infrastructure, and vulnerable populations under current and future climate
- Evaluate and compare risk-reduction achievable by management options (e.g. grey and green stormwater infrastructure, land acquisition, flood proofing etc.)
- Perform a financial assessment of the return on investment associated with each or combination of management options by comparing life cycle costs to the benefits (i.e.: cost savings) achieved by reducing flood risk under various climate change scenarios
- Identification of high risk areas that considers social, health, infrastructure and environmental vulnerabilities.

RROIT Scope





Direct Damages

- Direct Damages are those that occur immediately and can be directly attributed to the flood inundation. They include damage to both public infrastructure and private property (Natural Resources Canada, Public Safety Canada, 2017)
- Physical damage to infrastructure that results in repair or replacement
- RROIT has default unit costs for damage to roadways, railway track, buried utilities, buried pipes, and stream restoration

Indirect Damages

- Indirect damages occur as a result of direct flood impacts but they are also more difficult to quantify. They include reduced economic activity and individual financial hardship, and encompass disruptive impacts, including lost trading time and loss of market demand for products (Natural Resources Canada, Public Safety Canada, 2017)
- RROIT contains relationships built using CatIQ database for Residential Displacement, Loss of Business, Vehicle Damage
- Additional waste management cost is considered as a percentage of Direct Damage Cost

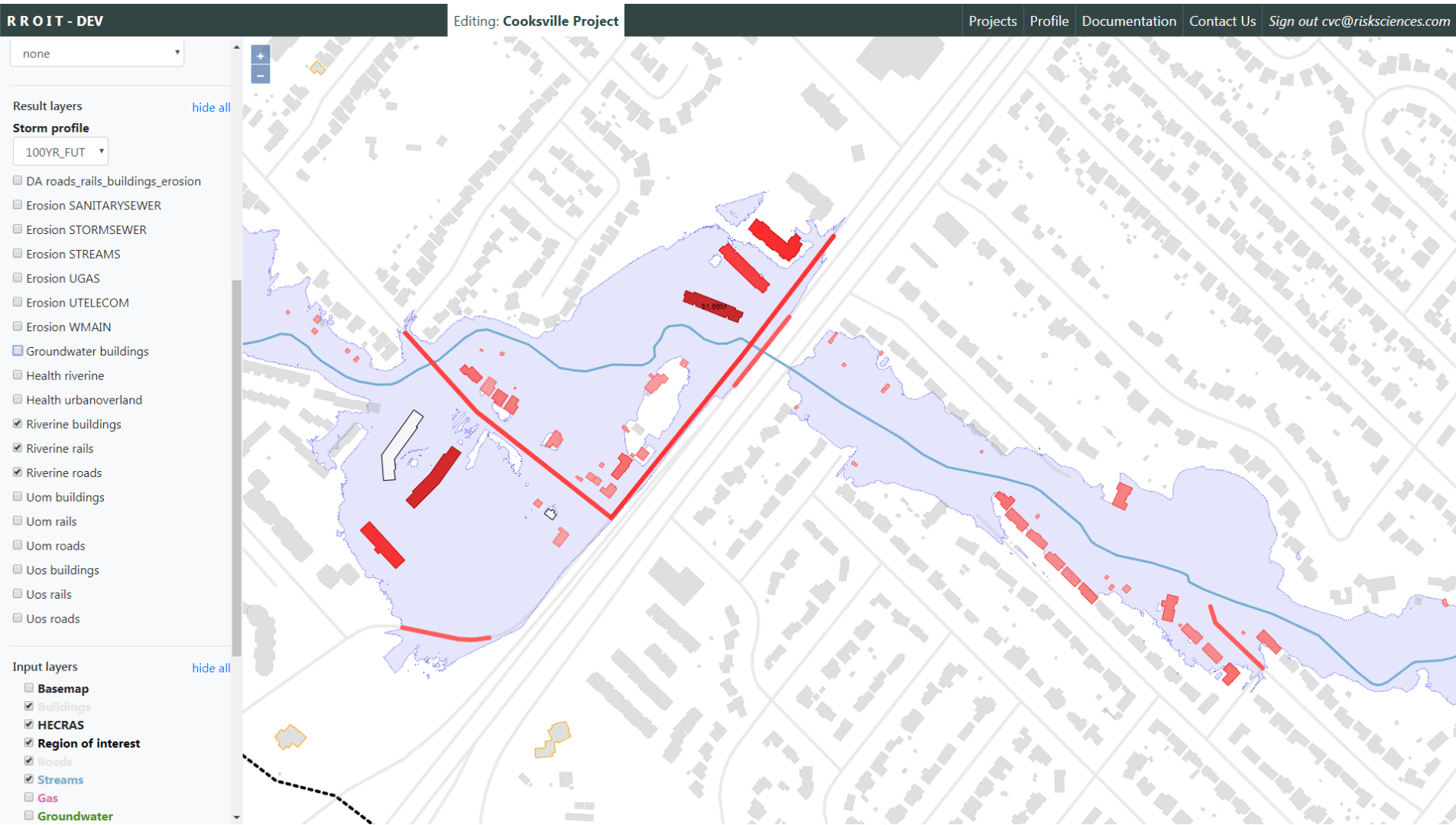
RROIT Inputs

Inputs & Damages	Required	Optional
Digital Elevation Model (DEM)		x
Buildings (categorized into public and vulnerable buildings)	x	
Elevations of buildings where surveyed		x
Stream Network	x	
Road network and classification		x
Floodlines	x	
HEC-RAS files	x	
Stormwater model junctions and subcatchment		x
Overland flood areas		x
Sanitary backup areas	x	
Flood complaints/incidences		x
Surficial geology	x	
Population Demographics	x	
Social Vulnerability mapping	x	
Railway tracks		x
Telecommunication lines		x
Drinking watermain network		x
Drinking water pumping stations		x
Drinking Water Treatment Plant		x
Wastewater pumping station		x
Wastewater collectors (sewer network)		x
Waste Water Treatment Plant		x
Stormwater Sewers		x
Power infrastructure (buried hydro lines)		x
Buried gas lines		x

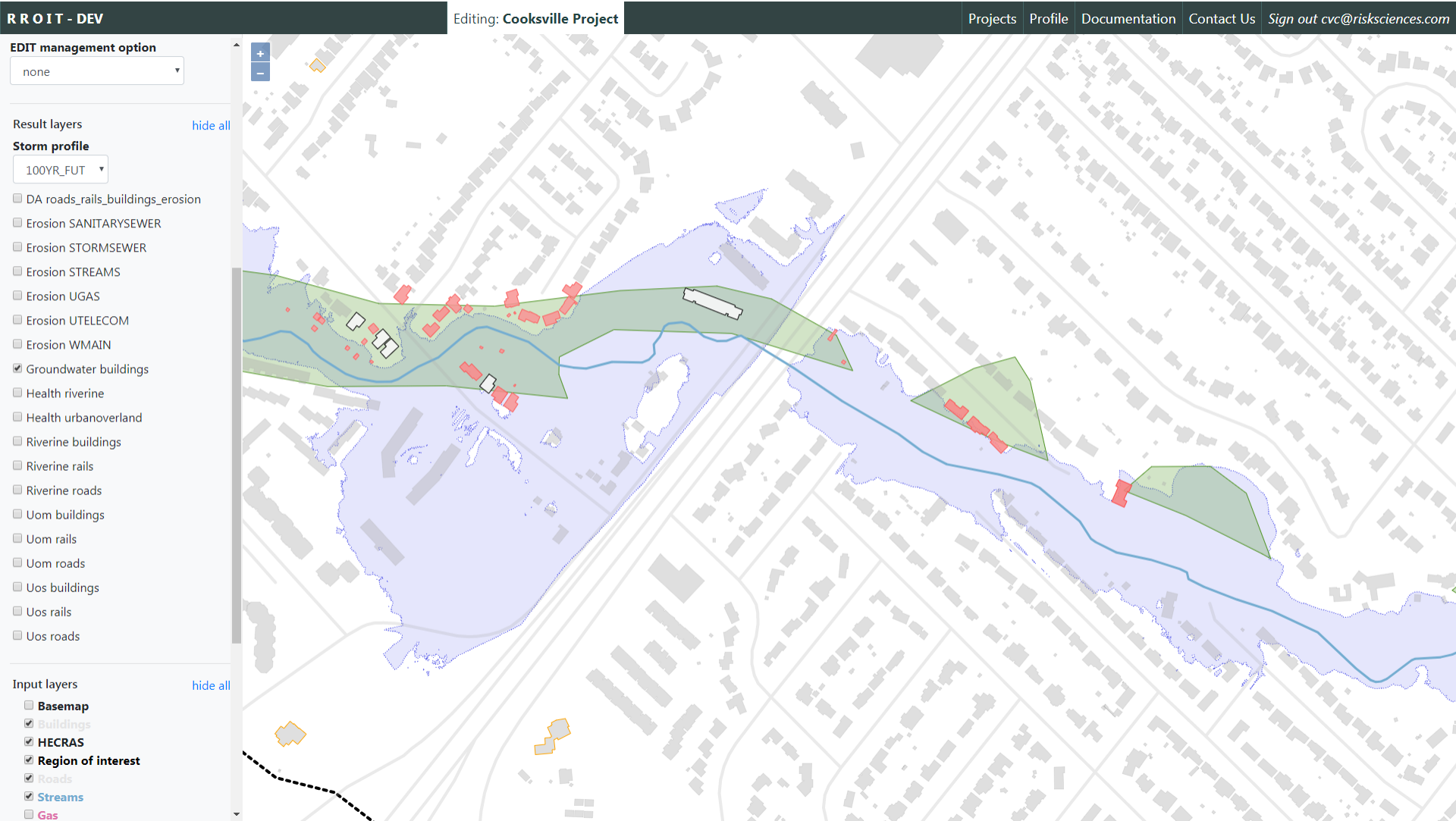
Tool Outputs



Highlighting all Infrastructure at risk of damage due to Riverine Flooding



Buildings at risk of Groundwater Flooding due to high water levels in River-connected Alluvial Aquifer



Buried Infrastructure at risk of exposure and damage due to Stream Erosion

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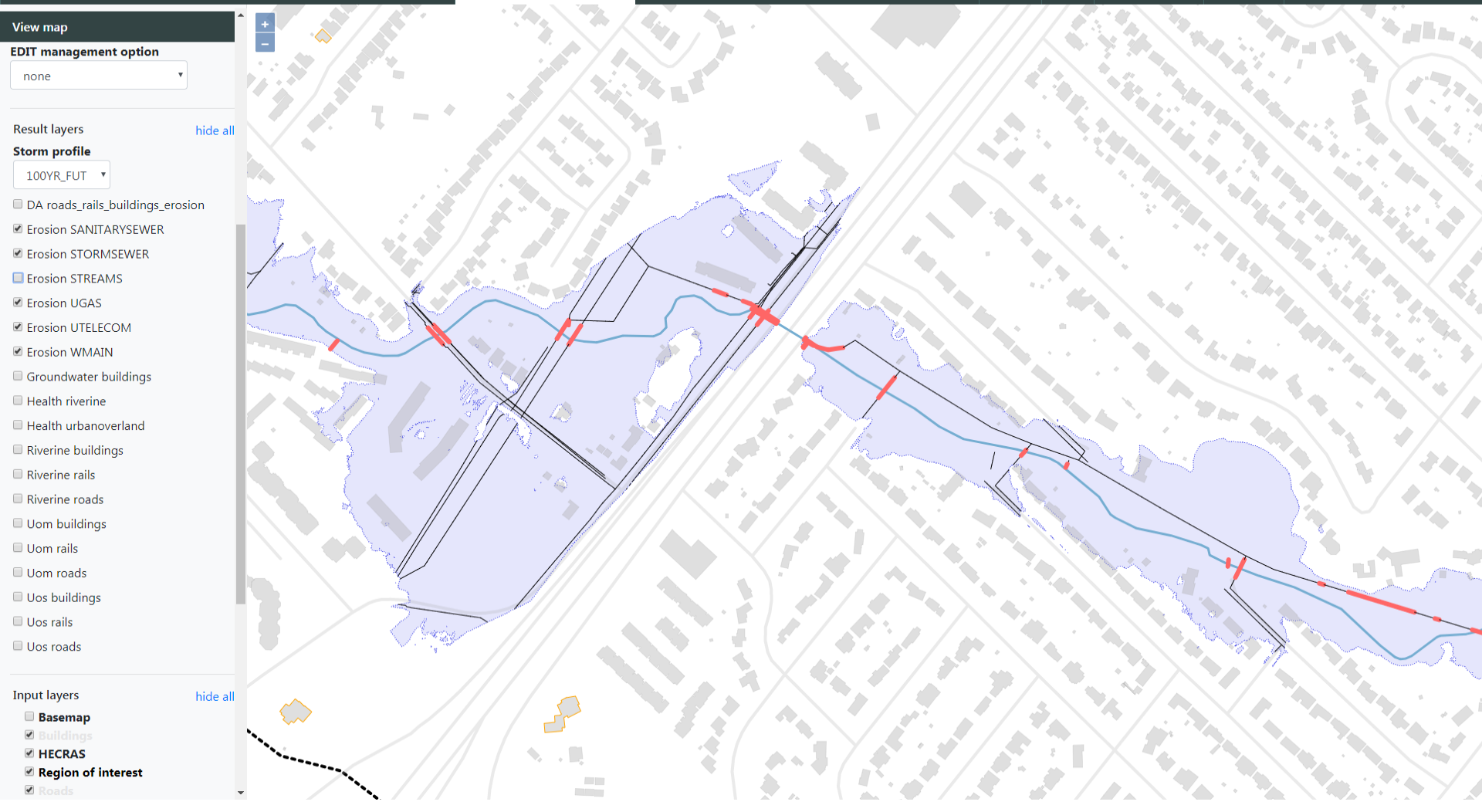
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Infrastructure at risk of damage from Urban Overland Flooding and Storm Sewer Backup

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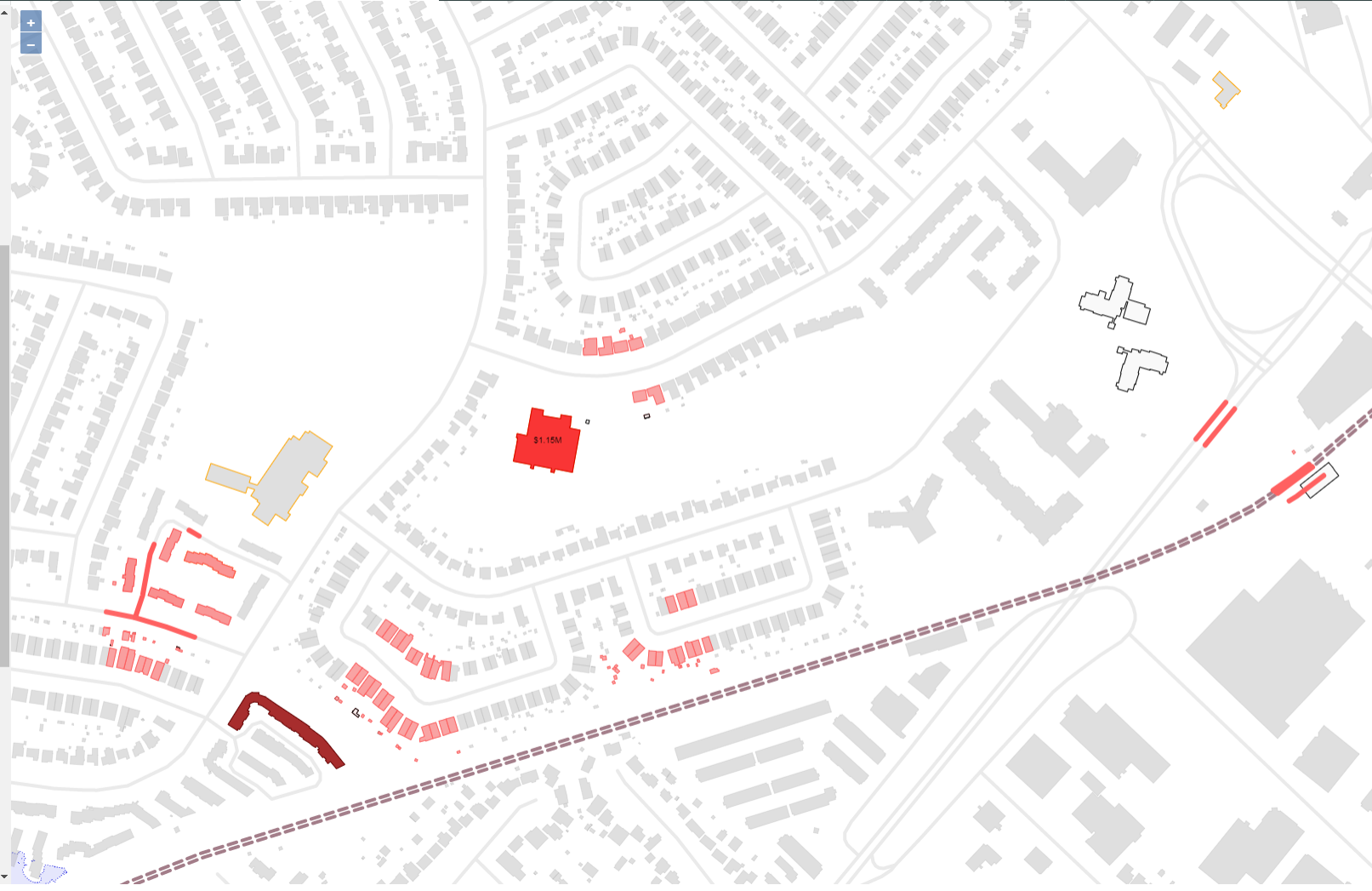
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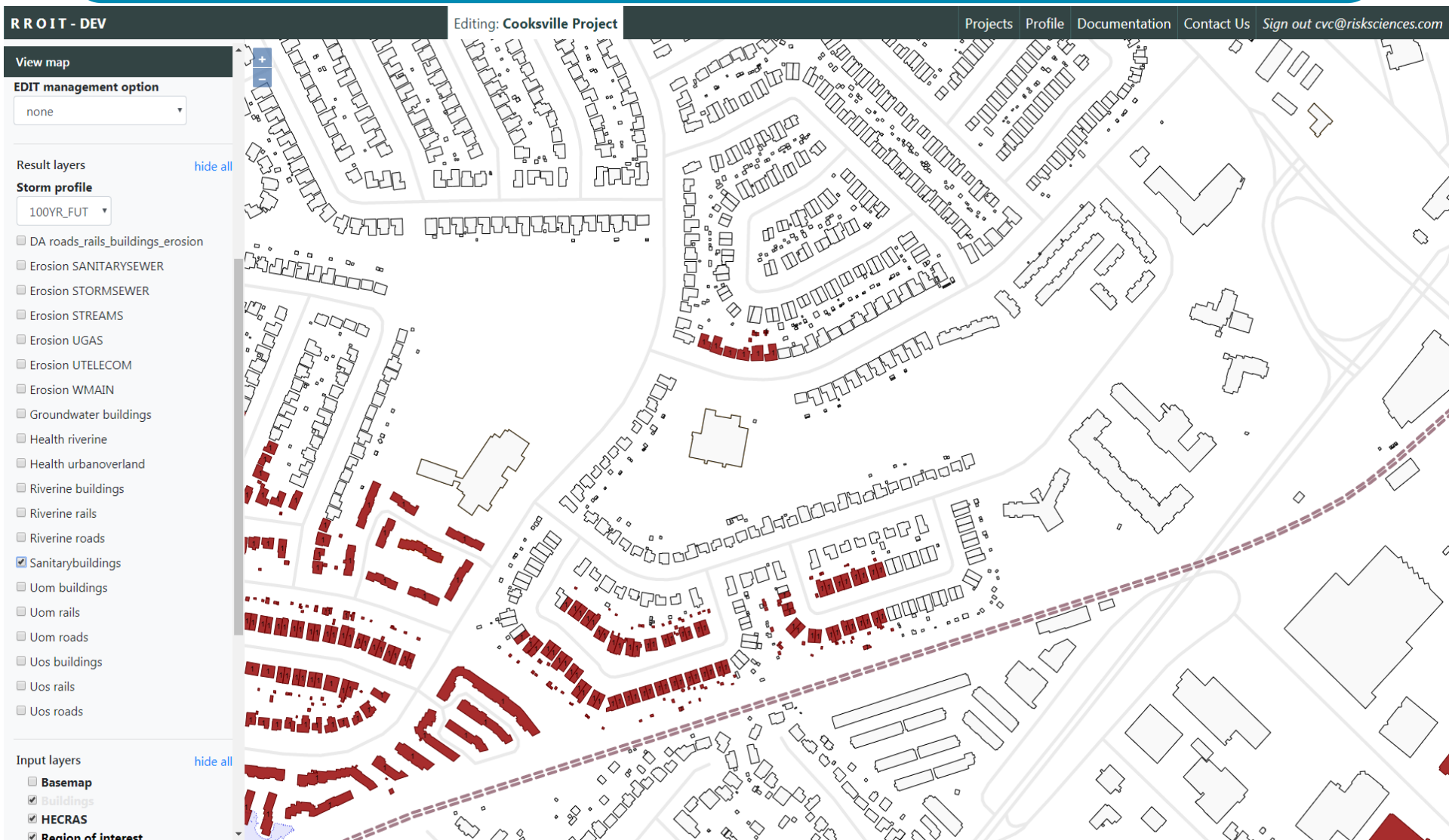
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- Basemap
- Buildings
- HECRAS
- Region of interest
- Roads

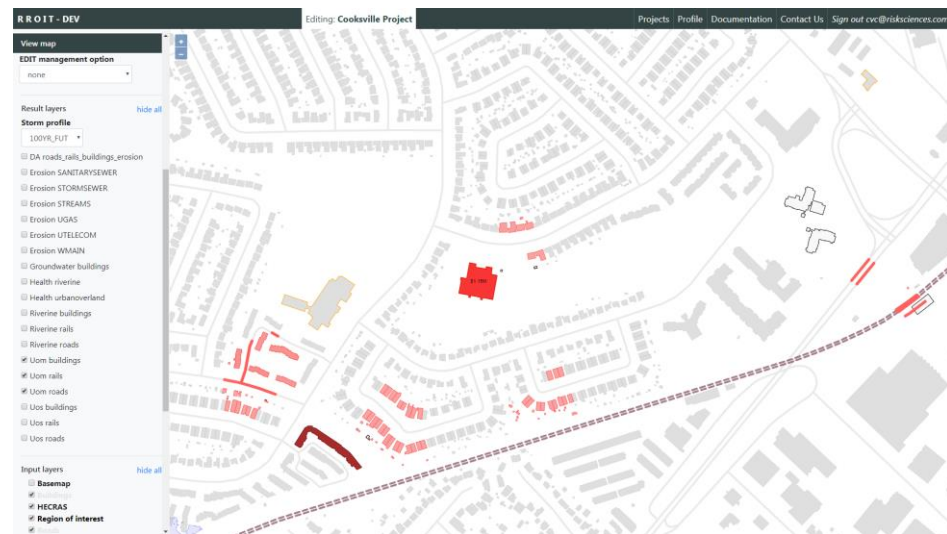
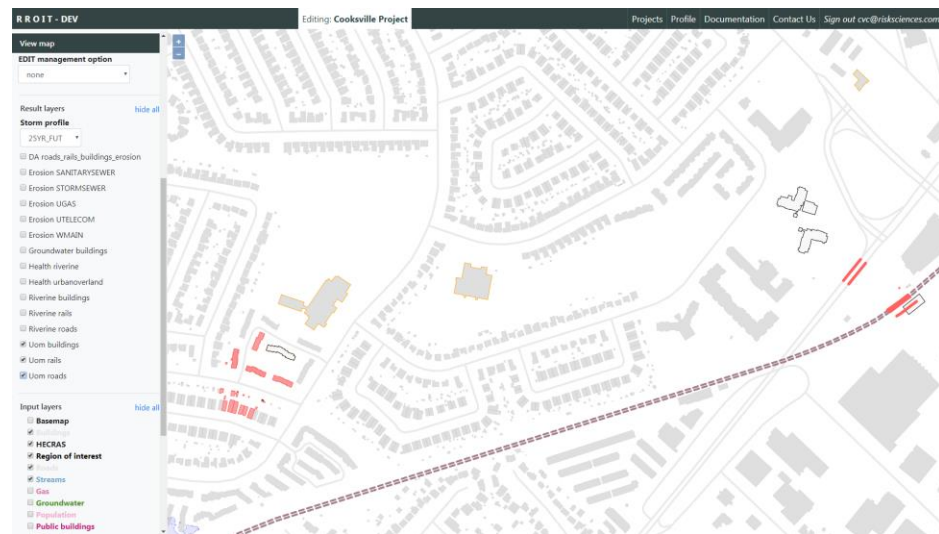


Buildings at risk of Sanitary Sewer Backup Flooding



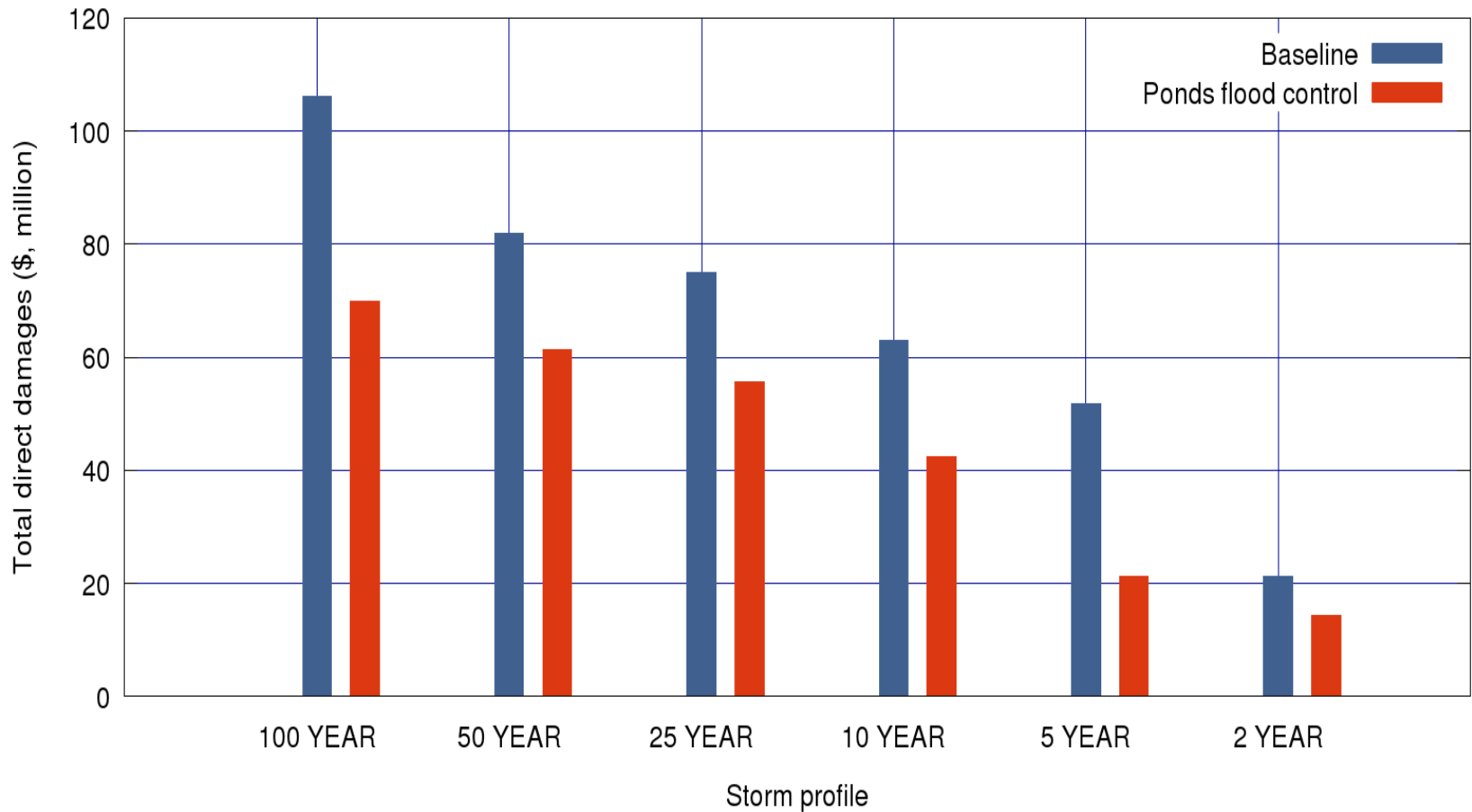
Future Climate Change - Projections

- Existing 25 yr Urban Flooding
- Future 25 yr Urban Flooding



RROIT Output – Impact of Flooding under different management scenarios

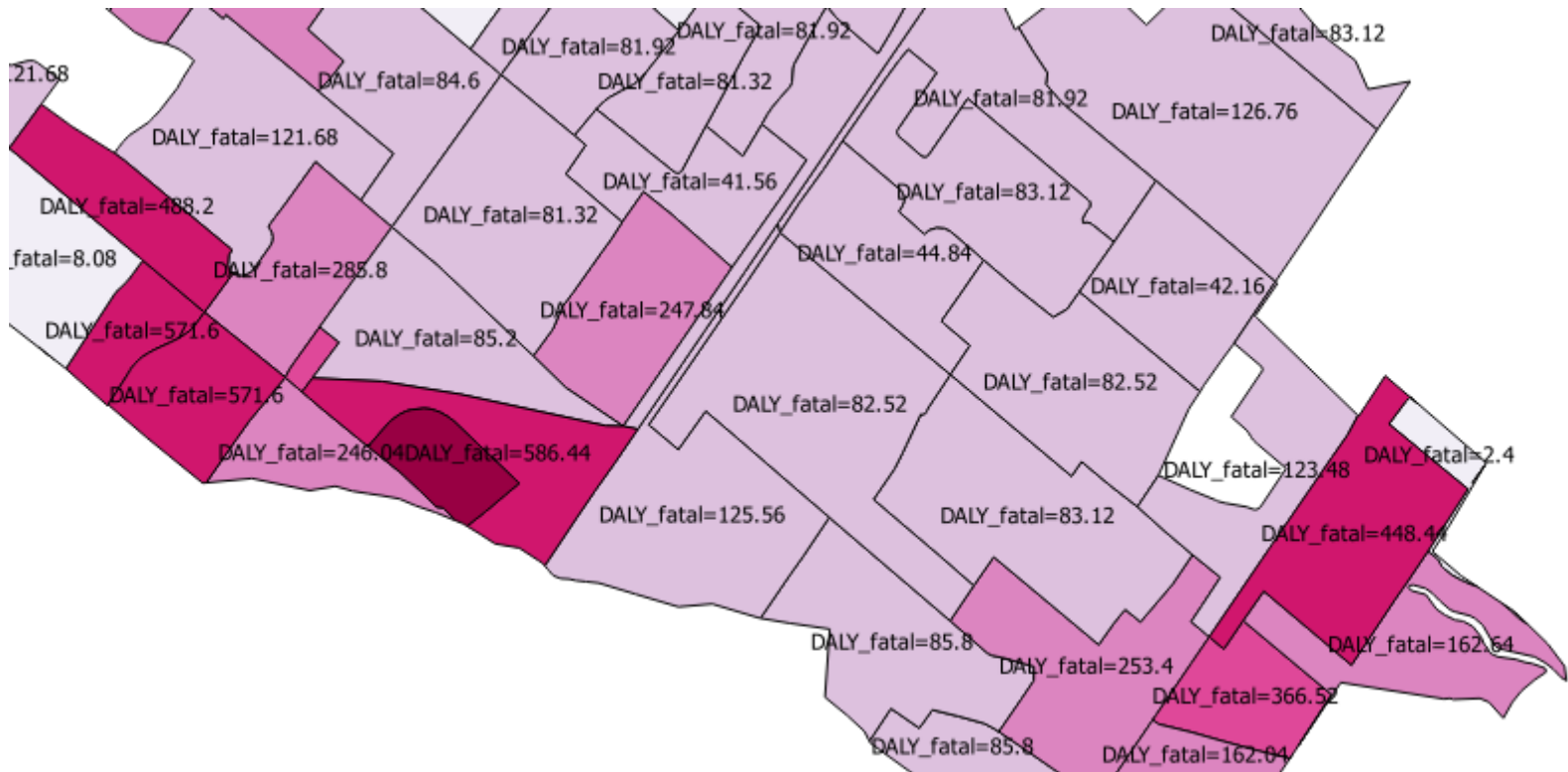
Management options damage comparison



RROIT Output - Priority Flood Risk Mapping



RROIT Output – Integrating Social impacts in Risk Assessment and Decision Making



The map above shows the health burden as a result of flooding and prioritizes socially vulnerable areas. The health impacts are determined for census dissemination areas as a function of depth and velocity of the flood event that can potentially result in death and injury.

DALY=Disability Adjusted Life Years is a metric of public health burden designed to capture both fatal and non-fatal outcomes, by expressing non-fatal outcomes in terms of partial years of life “lost” to disability.

RROIT Output – Financial Metrics

Metric	Baseline Climate	Future Climate
Potential Annual Damages (baseline)	\$20.8 million	\$49.8 million
Potential Annual Damages (SWM ponds)	\$13.5 million	\$33.2 million
Total Management Expenditure	\$ 85.8 million	
Net Present Value *Damaged Averted	\$69.4 million	\$261 million
Internal Rate of Return	10.6%	30.0%
Payback Period	13.3 years	7.6 years

Integrating Damages from different return period storms



Total Annual Damages for baseline

Reduced Total Annual Damages with SWM ponds

Total Lifecycle Costs for SWMPs including Capital costs and O&M

NPV = Cash Inflow – Cash Outflow
* *Should be a positive value*

IRR = Interest rate to result in NPV
* *Should be > 3%*

PP = # of years until investment cost is covered through cash flows generated

RROIT Output: Return on Investment for different management scenarios

Management Option	Historical Climate	Future Climate (2040)
SWM Ponds + Land Acquisition	6.2%	18.8%
SWM Ponds + Land Acquisition + 20% uniform uptake of LID	5.4%	18.1%
SWM Ponds + Land Acquisition + 10% uptake by Industrial and Commercial*	5.8%	18.4%
SWM Ponds + Land Acquisition + Targeted Flood-prone residential areas	7.7%	21.1%

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