

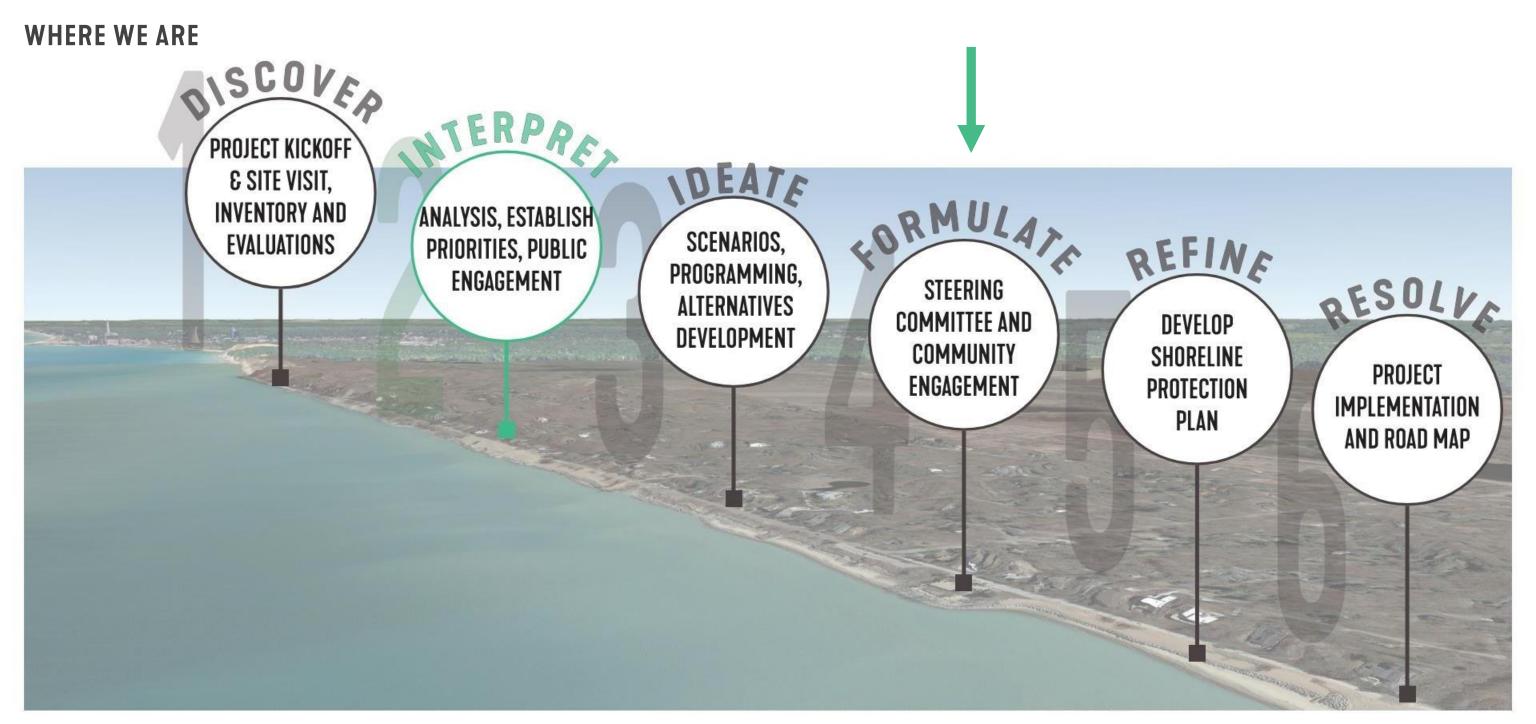
# OVERVIEW OF TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION

OVERVIEW OF THE PROBLEM

EXPLORING A SOLUTIONS TOOL KIT

REVIEWING A RANGE OF ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

## **PROCESS OVERVIEW**



## **EXPECTATIONS**

**HOW WILL WE MEASURE SUCCESS?** 

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#### **EXPECTATIONS**

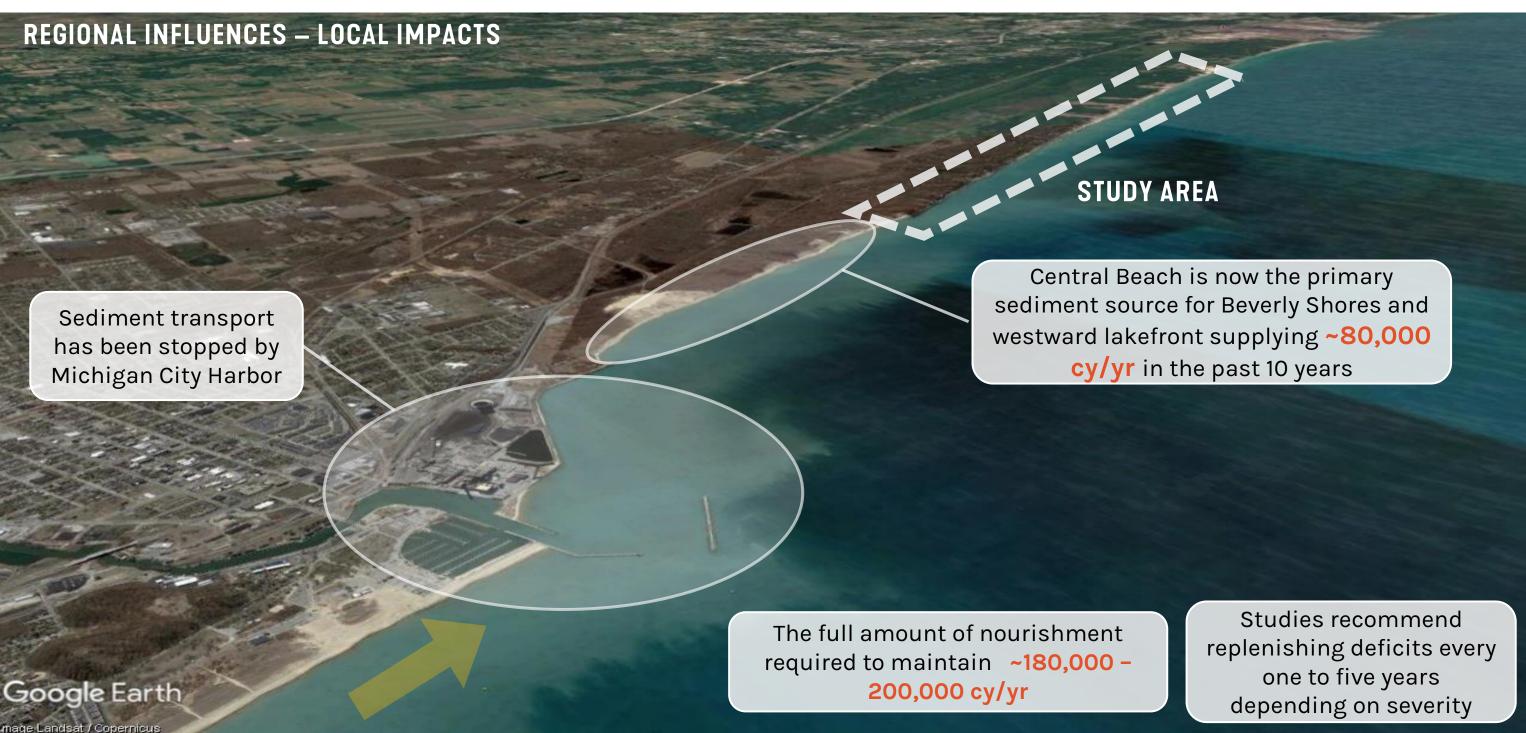
#### WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE?

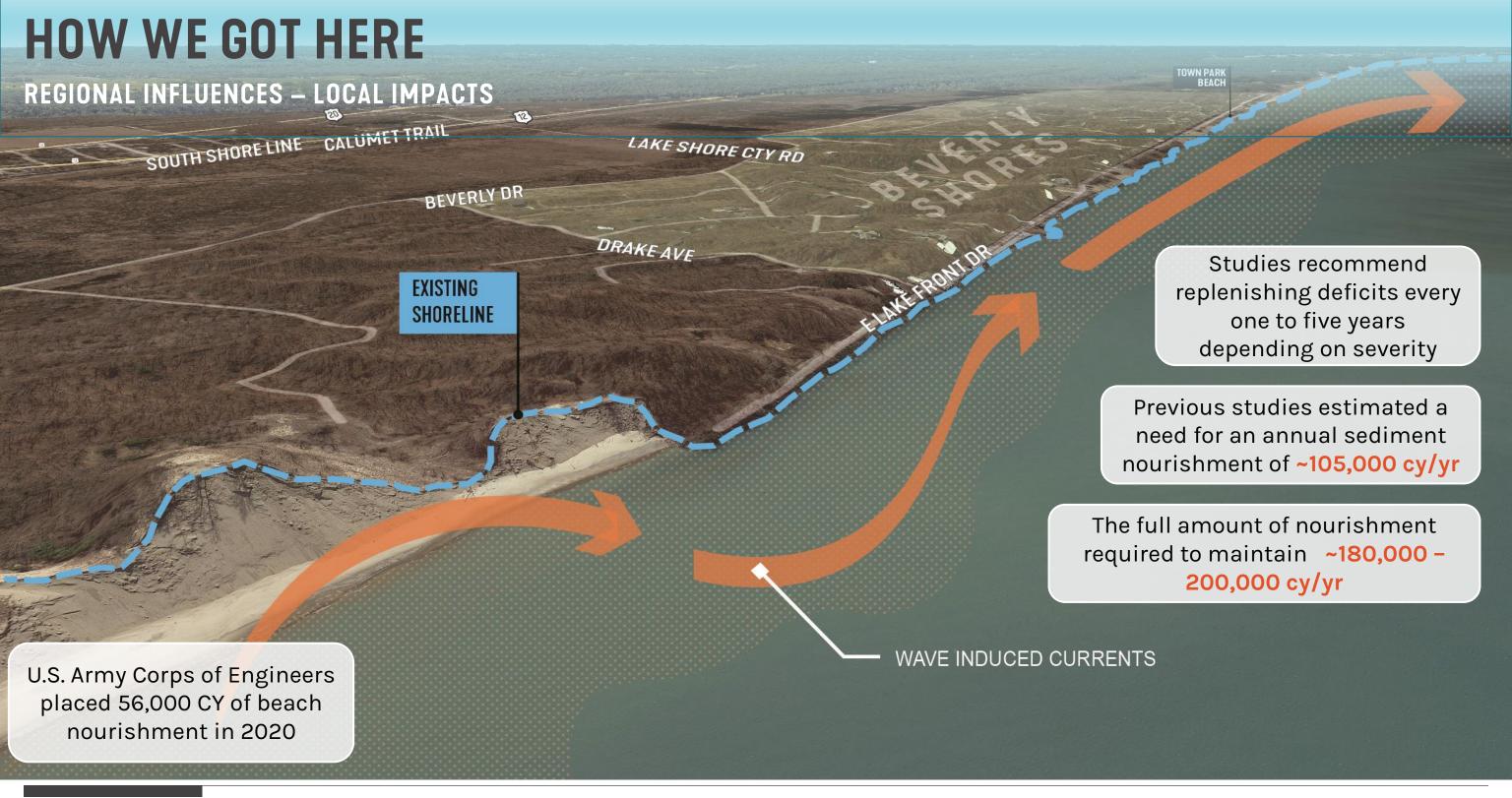
- Holistic coastal resilience strategy in low and high water levels
- Variety of public water access and community spaces
- Comprehensive stormwater and green infrastructure strategy
- Connected native habitat network
- Organized pedestrian, traffic and parking strategy
- Coordinated materials and aesthetics (i.e. furnishings, signage/wayfinding, structures, hardscape and softscape)
- Clarify ownership and operations management
- Manage and steer resident desires and pressures

# THE PROBLEM

AN EVOLVING COASTLINE
REGIONAL INFLUENCES/LOCAL IMPACTS
SAND DEFICIT
ENHANCED VULNERABILITY

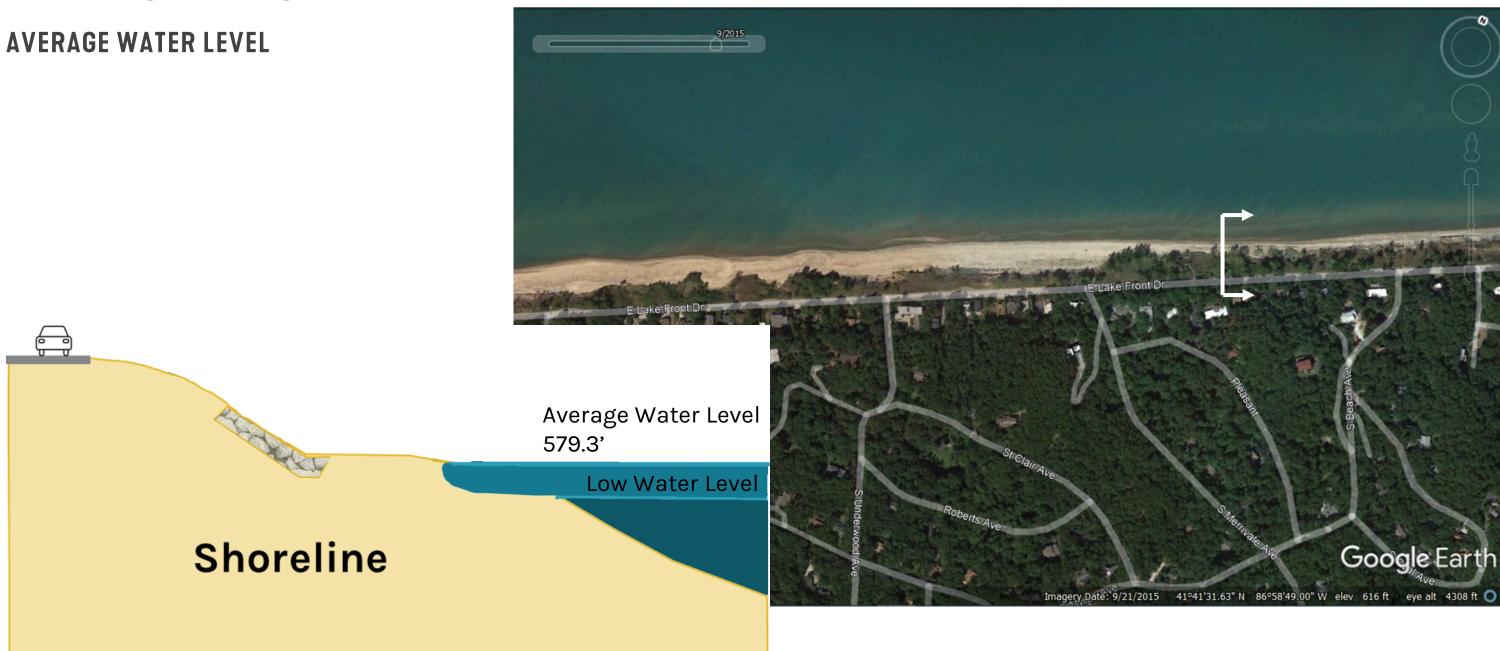
## **HOW WE GOT HERE**







• "a lake-wide surface so low that the water level will seldom fall below it" (National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration)



Average water level defined as 50% Exceedance Probability (based on historic water level measurements)

99% chance of occurring over 50 years

HIGH WATER LEVEL



**Shoreline** 

• High Water Level Scenario = Highest observed mean lake water level (2020)

• 39% chance of occurring over 50 years

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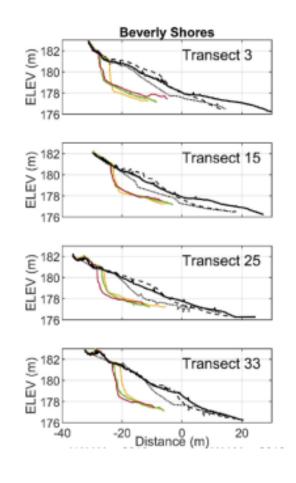
#### A DYNAMICALLY STABLE SHORELINE

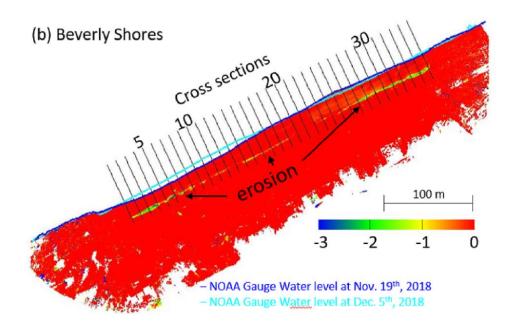
\*\*All beach locations, top of banks, and dimensions are based off of historical aerials. They are approximate and for reference only.



#### RECENT CROSS SHORE CHANGE – PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDY

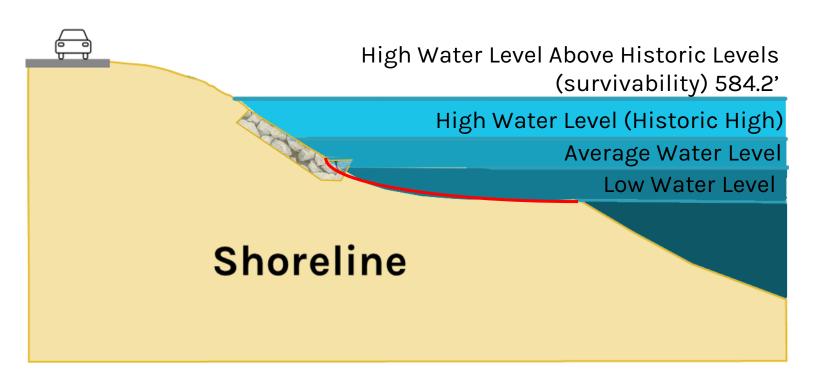
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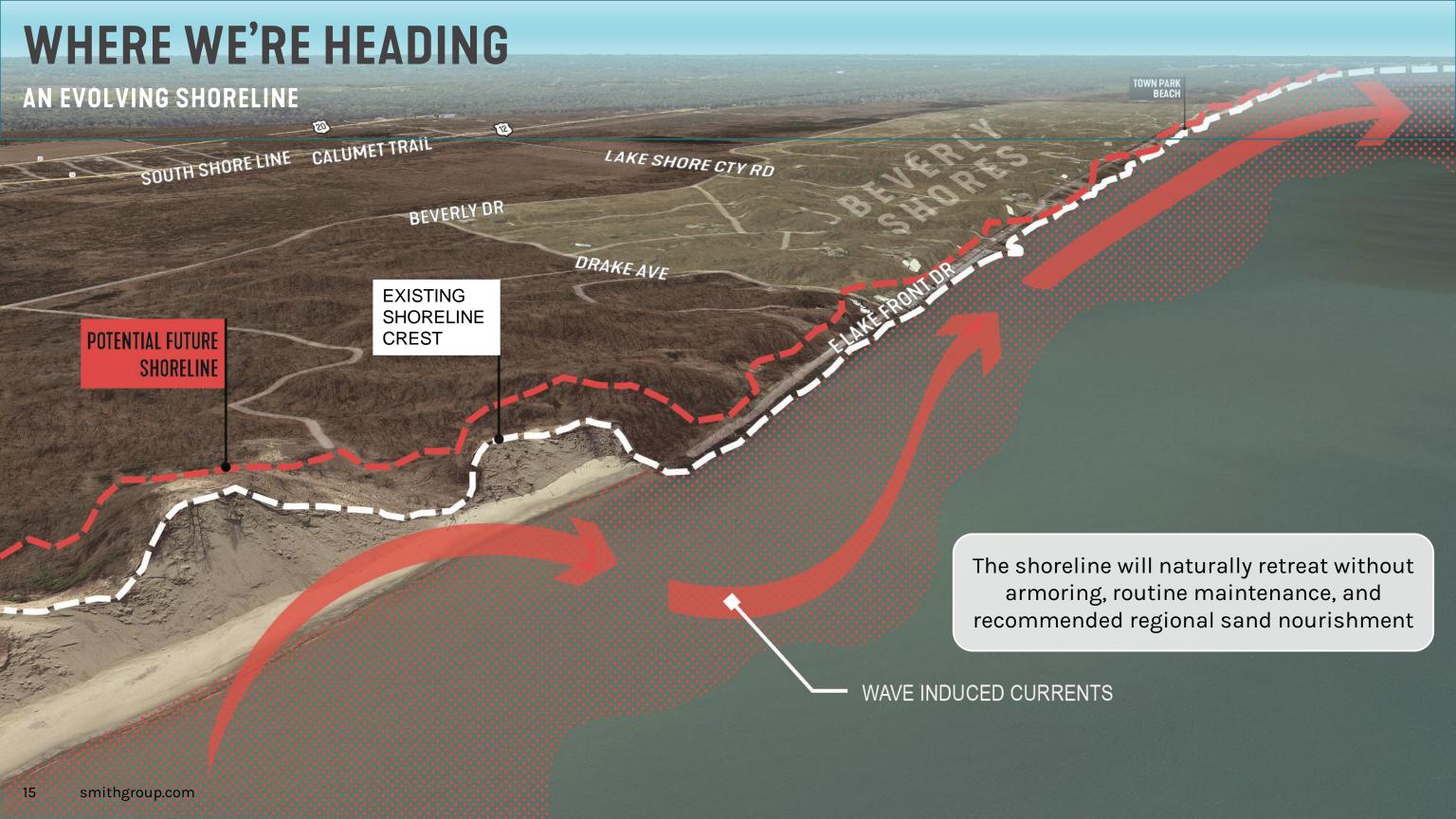


- Foreshore slope has steepened
- Recent survey's indicate that erosion is likely to continue in response to the 2018-19 high water levels and storms

#### **ABOVE HISTORIC LEVEL**

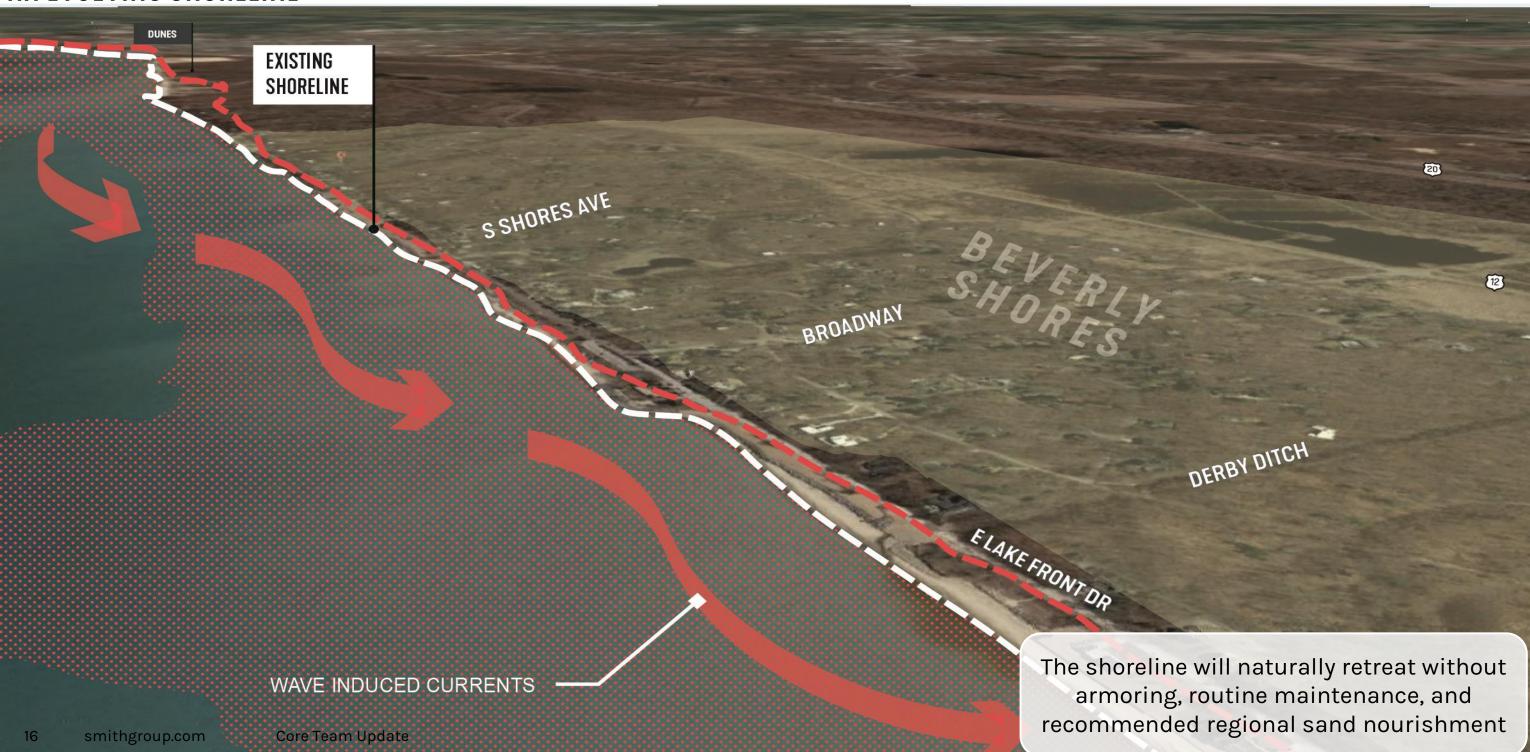


- 500-year Return Period Lake Level Consistent with flood protection planning
- 2 feet above Observed Historic High
- 10% chance of Occurring over 50 years
- Based on climate change modeling (Michigan Technological University) predicts an increases in lake levels above 2019 highs by 2050



## WHERE WE'RE HEADING

**AN EVOLVING SHORELINE** 



## **OVERVIEW RISK/VULNERABILITY**



## **ACCESS AND SAFETY RISK**



PROPERTY AT RISK:

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## SO WHAT'S AT RISK?

#### WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION













# SOLUTIONS TOOL KIT

PROTECT
ADAPT
EVOLVE

## STRATEGIES TO RESPOND - PROTECT

- Inspect emergency stabilization annually, repair damage as needed
- Inspect the toe of bluff and implement toe protection to reinforce the emergency repair work.
- Focus: protecting the road

#### Advantages:

- Leverages Emergency repairs
- Limited capital cost
- Provides ability to plan for future operations and maintenance (O&M) costs

#### Challenges:

- Permitting and funding of further revetment work will be limited in the future
- Does little to address aesthetics,
- Does little to increase shoreline resilience
- Limit's ability to re-establish public access to the water







#### STRATEGIES TO RESPOND -ADAPT

- protect the roadway and access to and from homes by leveraging the existing landform to create a new more resilient shoreline with ecological and recreation benefits
- incorporate green infrastructure elements to address stormwater risks to the shoreline.

#### Advantage:

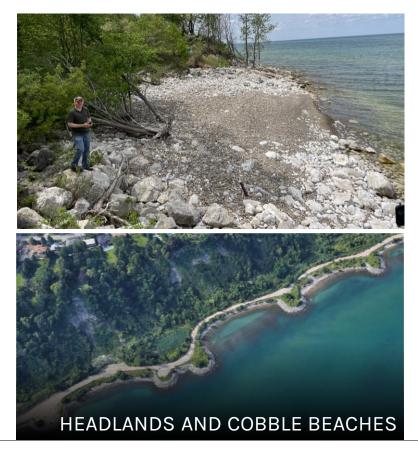
- Fosters partnership with NPS and
- Increased grant funding opportunities
- Increases shoreline resilience
- Restores lost uses

# MULTI-BENEFIT SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS



#### Challenges:

- Increased capital cost
- Longer timeline to implement (5-10 years).



## STRATEGIES TO RESPOND- EVOLVE

Create a new vision for the use and function of E Lake Front Drive and the Shoreline

#### Advantage:

- leverages multiple funding sources to offset significant capital cost,
- focus on restoring use of the shoreline in a way that reduces future O&M costs.

Increase resilience





#### Challenge:

- significant capital cost
- Timeline to implement (10-15 years)
- Requires significant stakeholder and partner coordination



#### **ELEMENTS OF EACH APPROACH**

#### **Evolve**

#### Protect



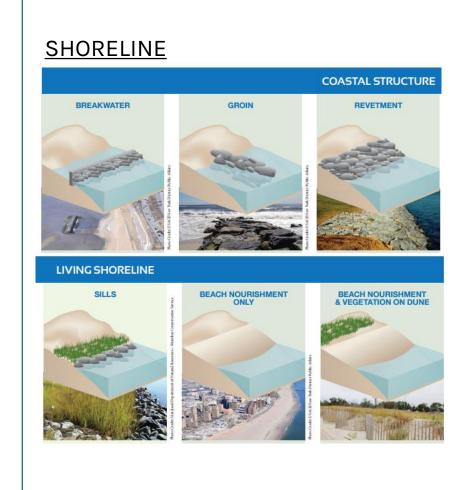


**FORTIFY COASTAL** 

**INFRASTRUCTURE** 



#### Adapt



#### LANDSIDE

ROAD DIETING, MOBILITY, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, COMPLETE/GREEN **STREETS** 

#### **SHORELINE**





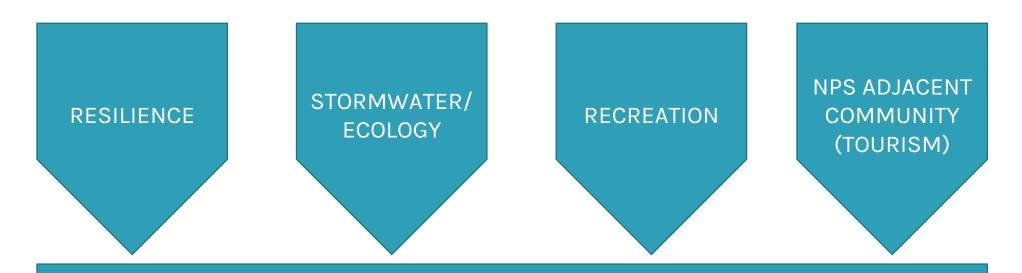




#### **LANDSIDE**

ROAD REMOVALS, GREENWAYS, TRANSIT LINKS, GREEN **INFRASTRUCTURE** 

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**



NOAA TRANSFORMATIONAL HABITAT RESTORATION AND COASTAL RESILIENCE GRANTS: FEMA (BRIC AND HMGP); DNR LAND WATER AND CONSERVATION FUND; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION; DNR LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL PROGRAM; RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM; INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) ALSO KNOW AS THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO NEW AND EXISTING PROGRAMS

# ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

EAST
MIDDLE
WEST

## DRIVERS - SEEKING BALANCE

#### **VULNERABILITY/RISK**

**PROPERTY LOSS ECONOMIC IMPACT** SAFETY

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

**AESTHETIC VALUES PUBLIC ACCESS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE** 





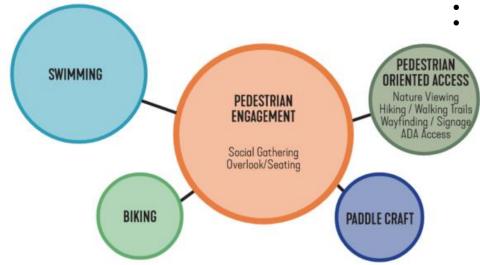
#### WHAT WE HEARD



# **TOP 10 COMMUNITY**

- SWIMMING BEACHES AND SAND
- SOCIAL SPACES AND OVERLOOKS
- PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE
- WATERCRAFT ACCESS AND STORAGE
- NATIVE LANDSCAPE, HABITAT AND NATURE
- RESIDENT AND VISITOR PARKING MANAGEMENT (INCL. GOLF CARTS)
- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
- NPS COLLABORATION





## **EVALUATION AND PRIORITIZATION**

	Operation and Maintenance Cost	Community Benefit	Habitat restoration or creation
Protect			
Adapt			
Evolve			

#### **Strategy Ranking Matrix**

• The Strategy ranking matrix is an overall review of each of the three strategies.



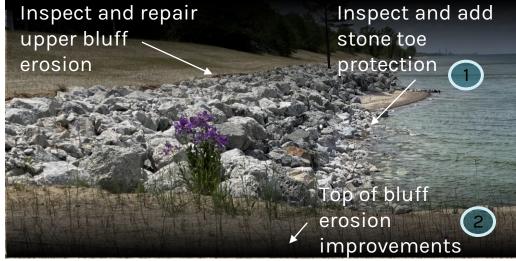
High opportunity or costs

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FRAMEWORK**



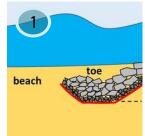
## **PROTECT**











Stone toe protection



Restore public access

Top of bluff erosion improvements



## **ADAPT**

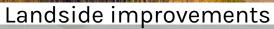




Multi-benefit shoreline improvements











Headland and Cobble Beach



## **ADAPT**



REDUCE THE ROAD WIDTH TO PROVIDE STRONGER MOBILITY
AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG THE LAND ADJACENT TO
THE WATER'S EDGE





Green/Complete Street

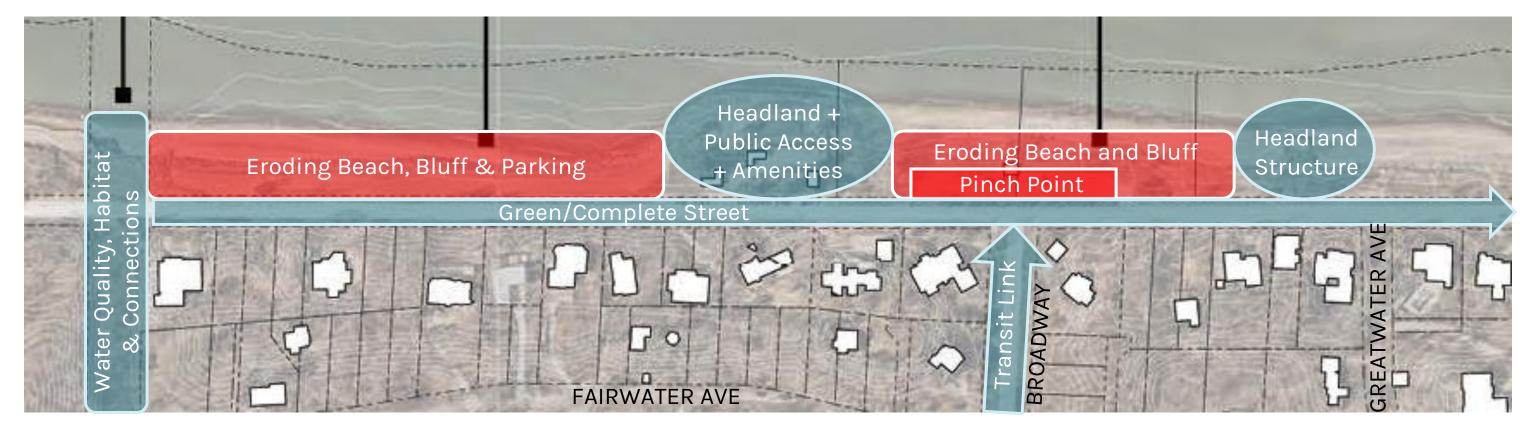
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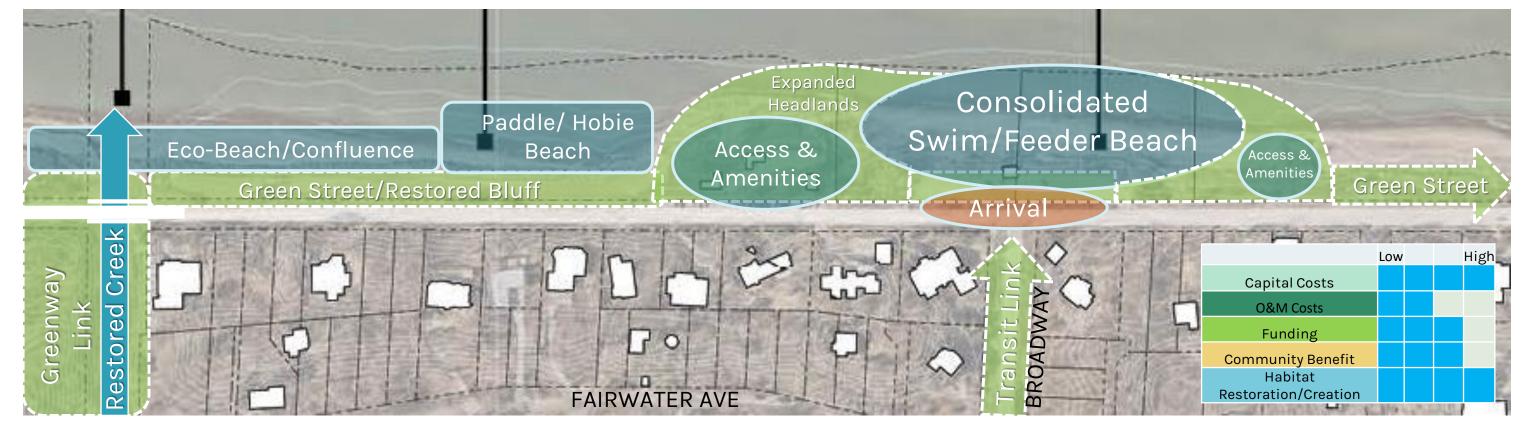


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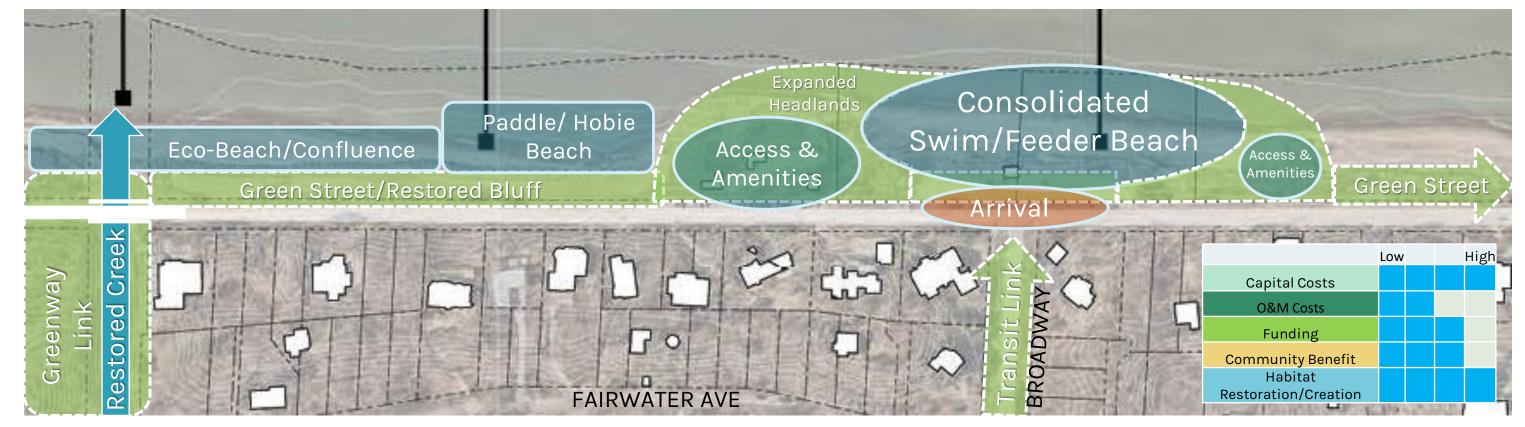


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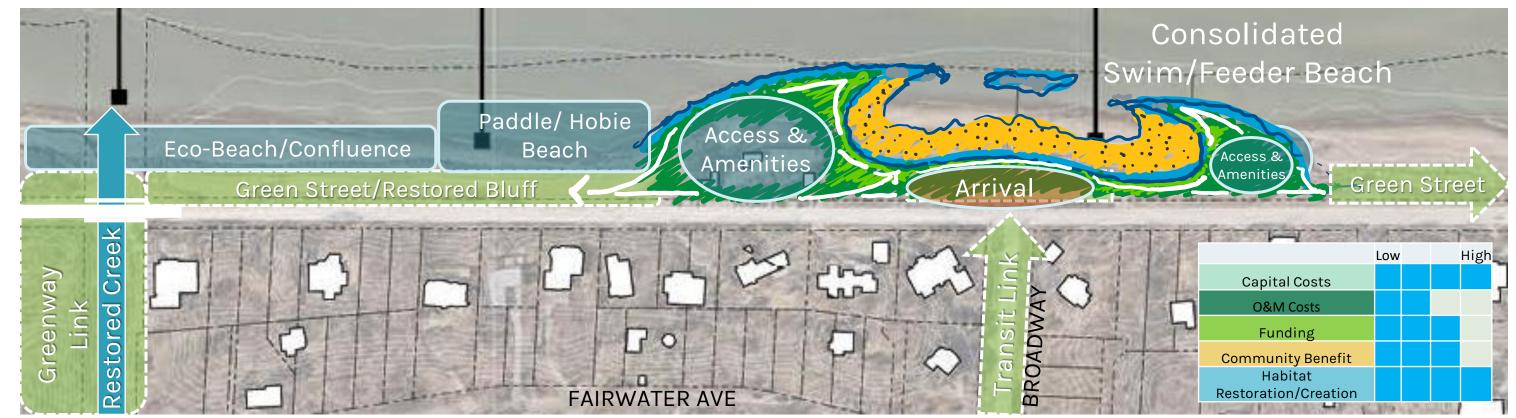


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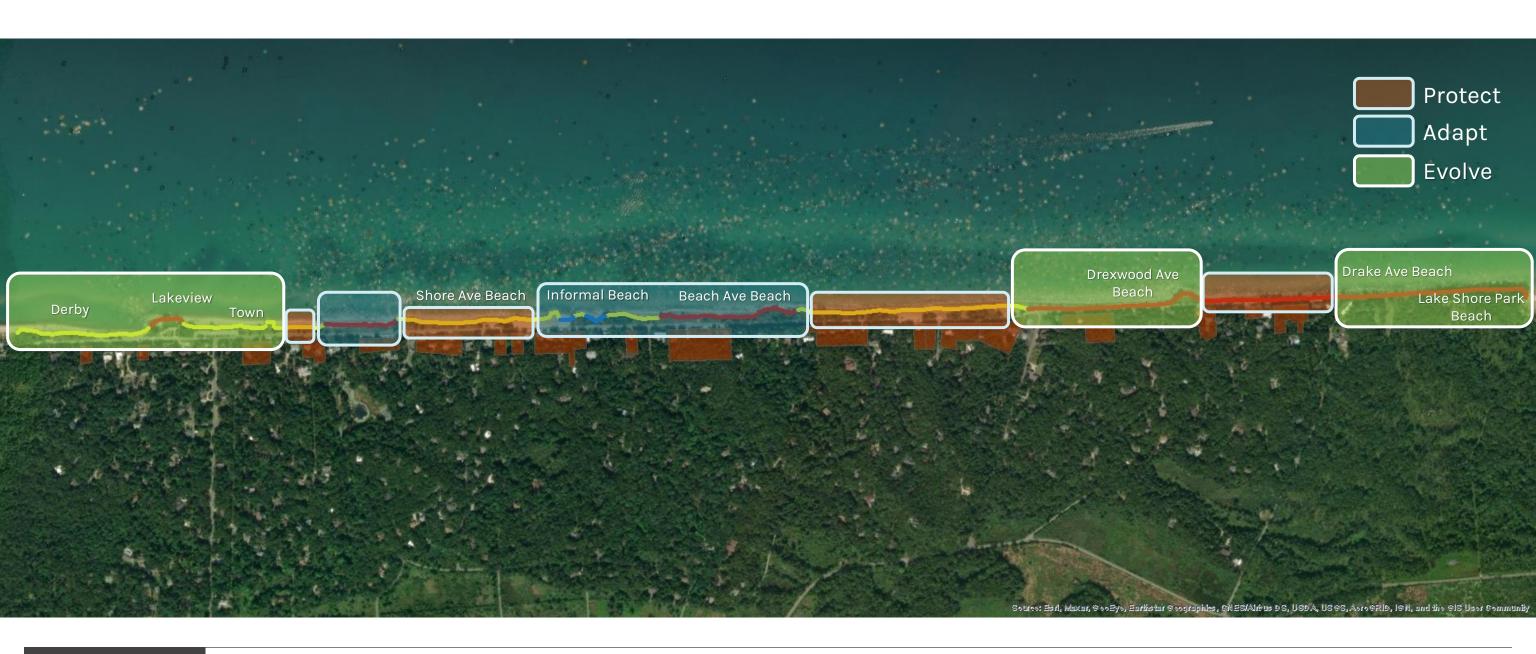


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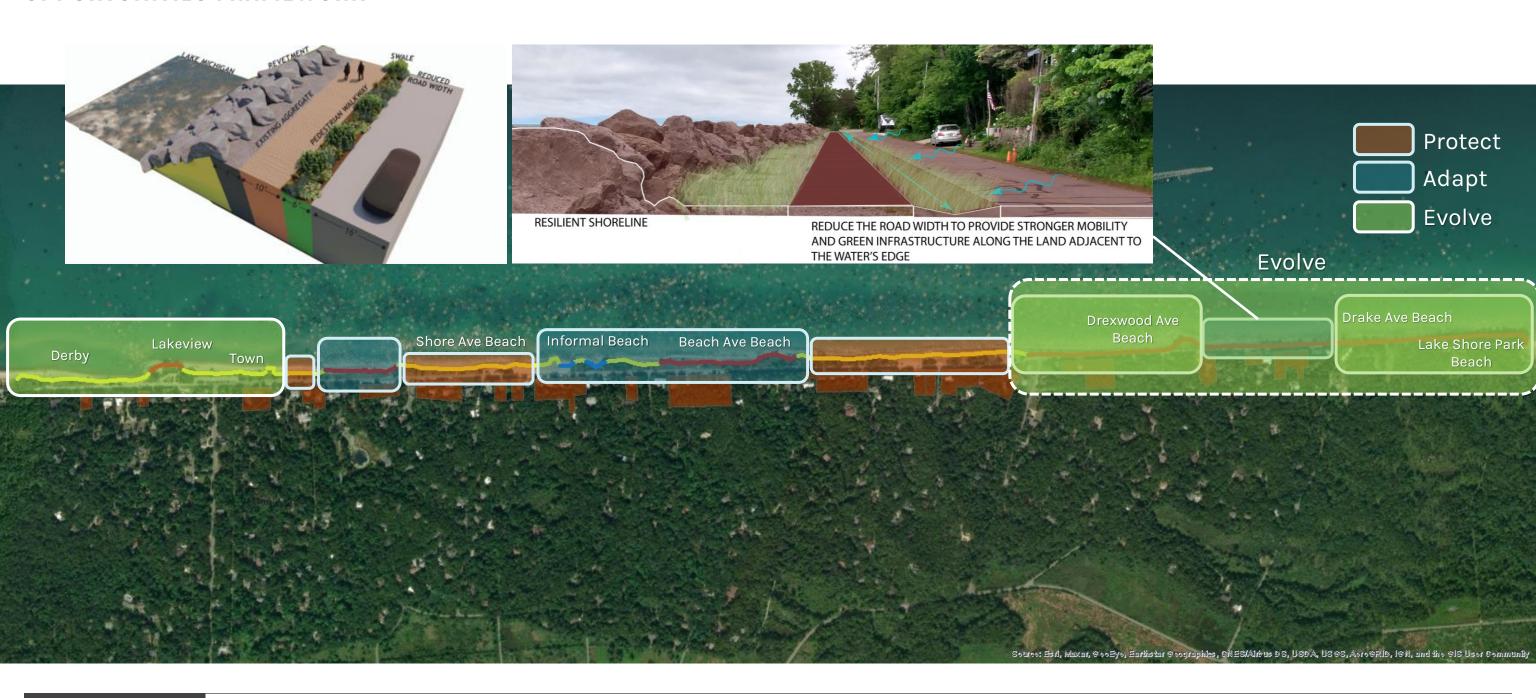




#### COASTAL RESILIENCE FRAMEWORK



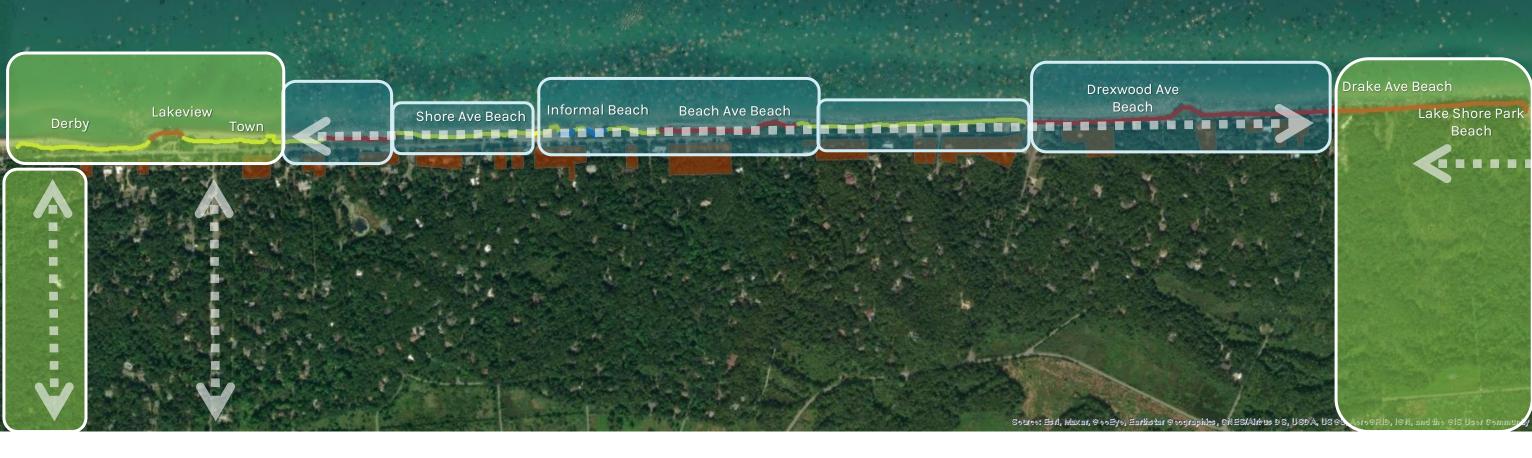
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#### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

