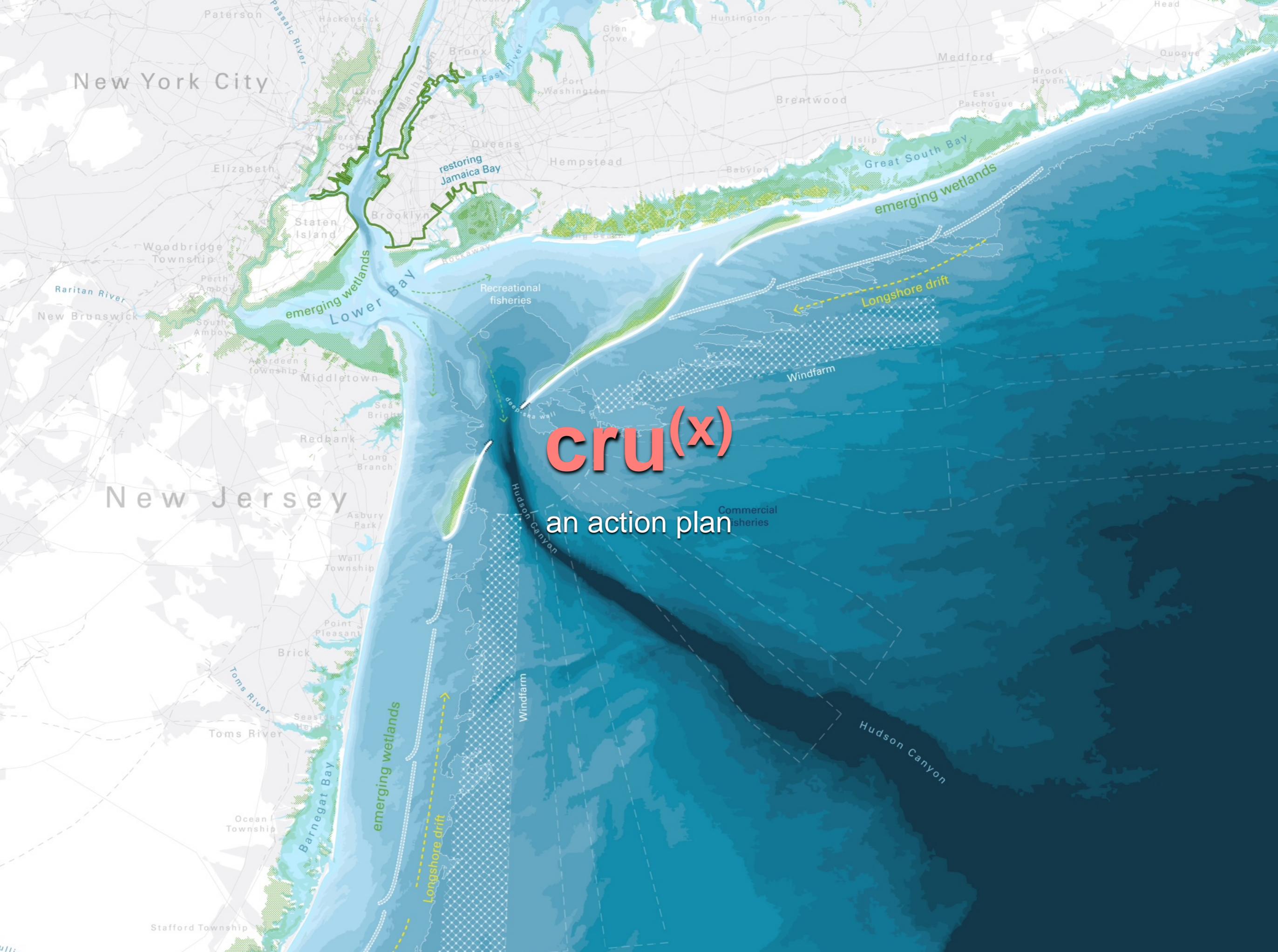


New York City

New Jersey

**cru(x)**

an action plan



**cru<sup>(x)</sup>** is a research and education center dedicated to the proposition that coastal cities can increase their resilience to climate change while simultaneously improving their quality of life.

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# CRUX DISCIPLINES

**CRUX** believes that resilience and quality of life can best be achieved in coastal cities by combining three disciplines:

**Hydrodynamics:** Understanding the force of the water

**Urban Design:** Understanding the force of the city

**Complex Systems:** Understanding population response



a New York  
perspective  
on resilience

# The Nature Urban Design

ALEXANDROS  
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WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

# RISK EQUATION

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Lower Manhattan blackout  
after Hurricane Sandy.

*[Credit: David Shankbone]*

as Wall Street. As long as you are coastal, in zone A, you are supposed to leave. That's more than 350,000 people. My neighborhood is Red Hook, in Brooklyn, about a mile from downtown Manhattan where the East River meets upper New York Harbor. They used to make ships in Red Hook, and you could say ships used to make Red Hook, too. Much of the neighborhood is built on cobblestone fill brought over as ballast in the nineteenth century. The neighborhood was covered in factories and warehouses, all brick, now occupied by artisans and grocers. When not flooded, it is a beautiful neighborhood, with views of

lights are flickering, the wind is really picking up, and as I write this, I know I should probably move away from the windows in case they shatter. The guy on the first floor evacuated a long time ago. I comfort myself with the thought that I'm on the second floor. Even if the storm surge is the full eleven feet, I'm at twelve feet. Right? It's the cocktail hour, and I am having my customary martini. No sense in curtailing my routine. High tide will be at 8 p.m., which unfortunately coincides with landfall for the hurricane, which unfortunately coincides with the full moon. So the storm surge is amplified by an ex-

I can check the Internet. A crane is in danger of collapsing in Manhattan, one thousand feet above Midtown. The first fatality is reported in Queens. And there's a blog post about Red Hook, about how the water is seeping up Van Brunt Street.

I look outside and see a trickle of water in the gutter. Nothing unusual, except that the water is flowing *out* of the gutter, and the trickle is turning rapidly into a stream. I put on my rubber boots and go downstairs. I open the door and water rushes in, dark water covered in the golden leaves of autumn. I step out into the street but realize that I'd better

Now it's all darkness, not black, brown, and whatever light there is from the water, which keeps on rising. My neighborhood is pretty badly now, but because I definitely in that order, I can put buckets under the windows. I can stop a rain shower easily, but when it comes by high winds, it goes horizontal, and it gets in.

I love New York, I love Red Hook, I love my neighborhood more than anxious now. The waters outside are getting thicker and moving faster. I go upstairs to check the roof. The wind is too strong to go

cesses if nothing happens. Both have different units of measure. In the processes of measure, the former hypothetical, the latter real. The way they are related is through the notion of risk.

$$\text{Risk} = \text{probability} \times \text{consequence}$$

New York City has a higher hurricane risk than New Orleans. Even though the probability of a hurricane strike is lower, the consequences, because we are a larger city, are higher. Econometrics would use the data to set up a decision-making relationship between mitigation and risk. Mitigation can be understood to affect probability: a reduction in the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and thereby reduce the energy in the weather system and decrease the likelihood of future extreme weather events. Adaptation can be understood to affect consequences: a seawall might protect a city from a given storm. My neighborhood had had a fourteen-foot-high seawall, and there had been very few consequences from Sandy's storm surge. Over time, as increasing greenhouse gases, the likelihood of the next storm being higher than fourteen feet is greater. Therefore, adaptation and mitigation are linked. The shorthand equation might read:

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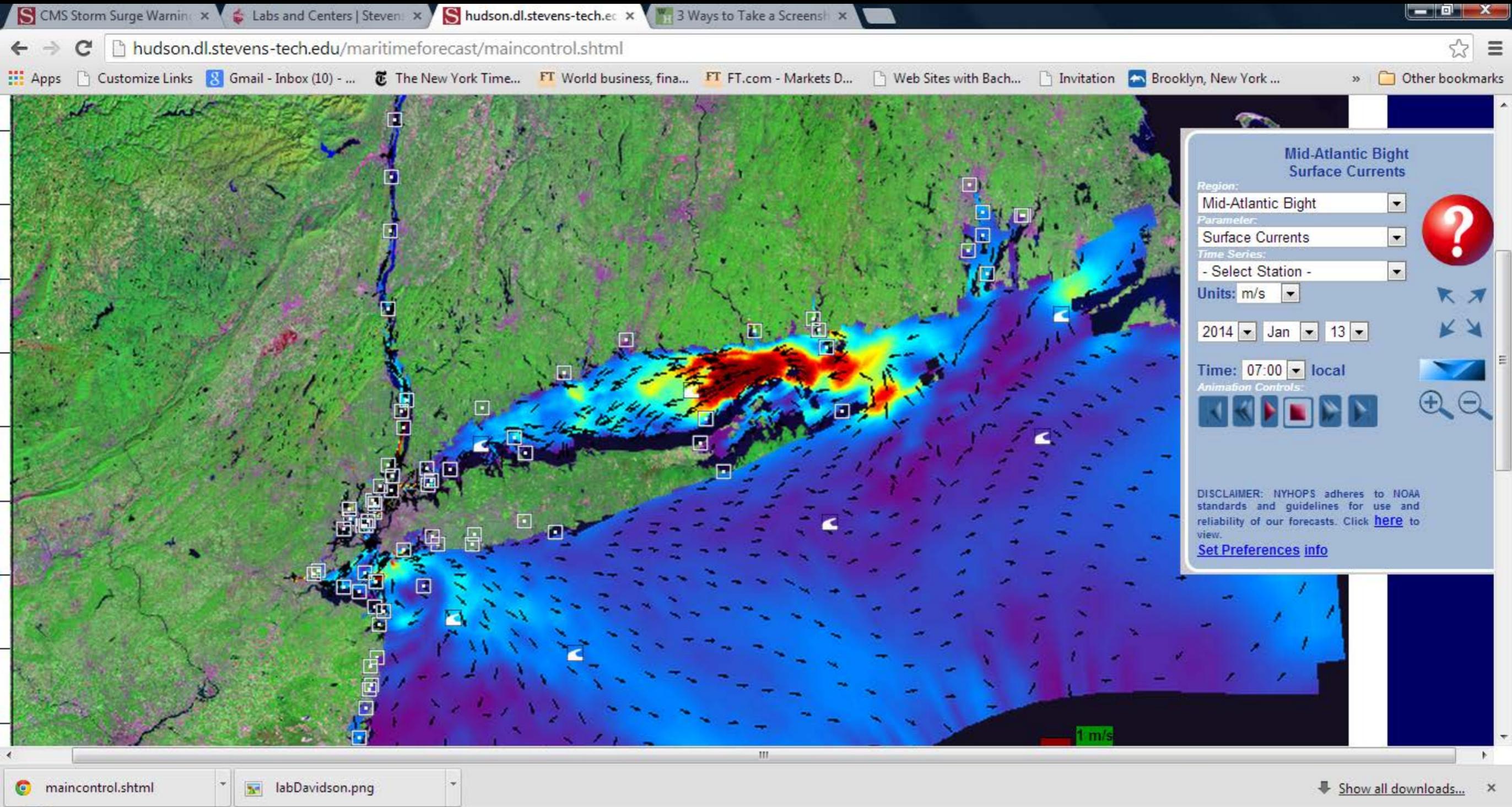
# Resilience



- Social cohesion
- Emergency planning
- Economic diversity
- Fortification
- Resistance
- Retreat

# DATA AND INDEXING

# MEASURE



While early research efforts have been devoted to the protection (or hardening) of systems against disruptive events, be they malevolent attacks, man-made accidents, or natural disasters, recent attention has been placed on preparedness, response, and recovery (PR<sup>2</sup>) from these events. This is particularly true for the nation's critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR), as DHS (2009) recently stated that "CIKR resilience may be more important than CIKR hardening."

Resilience research has been an emerging research area for the last decade, though no standard definition or quantitative technique for the paradigm of system resilience has emerged. One approach, illustrated in Fig. 1 as described in Henry and Ramirez-Marquez (2012), describes resilience as the ability to restore a system from disrupted state,  $S_d$ , to a stable recovered state,  $S_f$ . Resilience is thus defined as the time dependent ratio of recovery over maximum loss in Eq. (1).

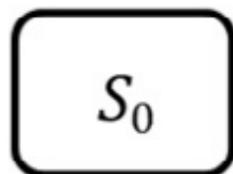
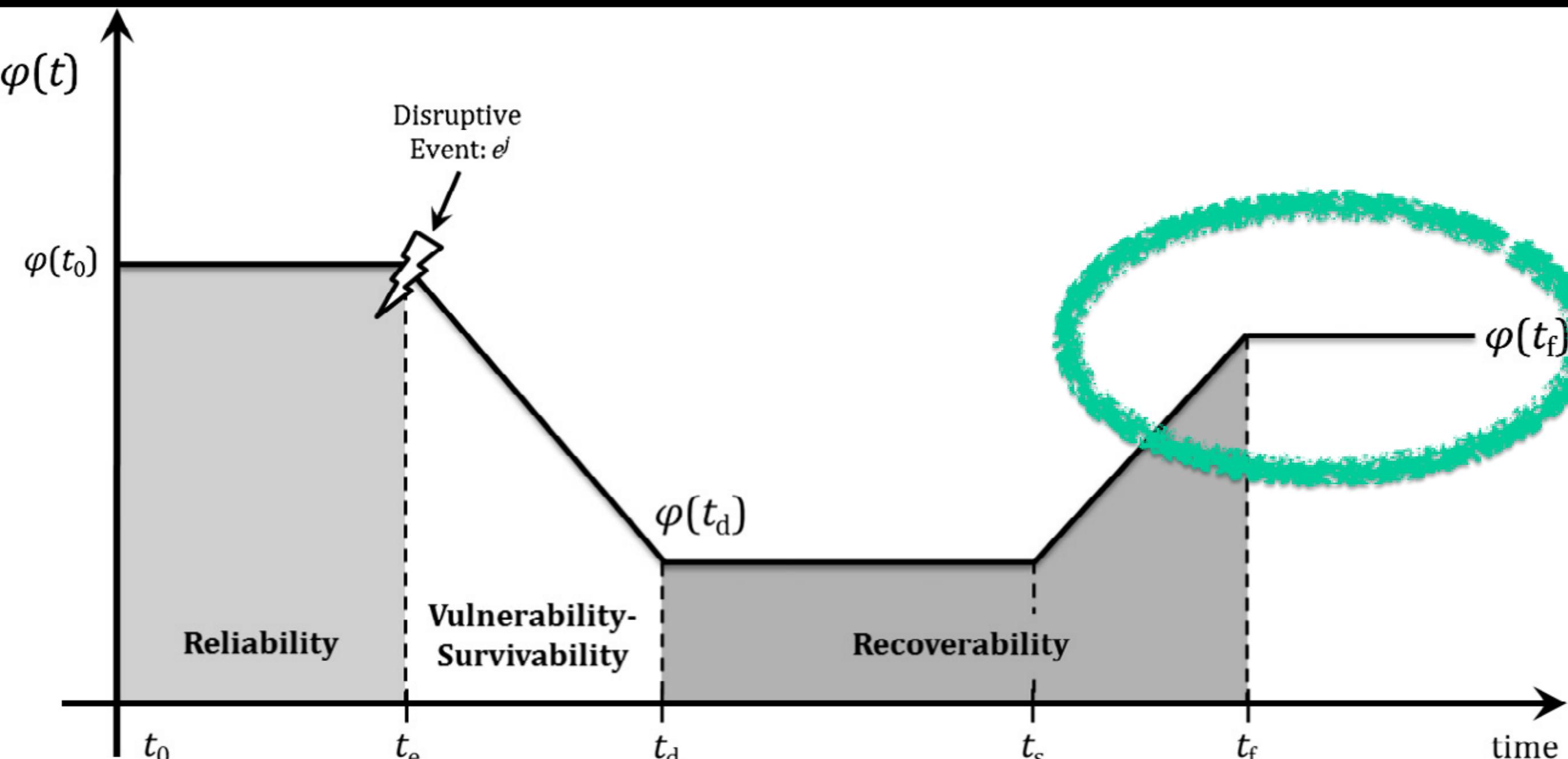
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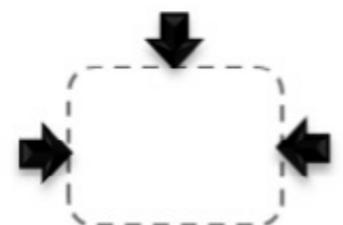
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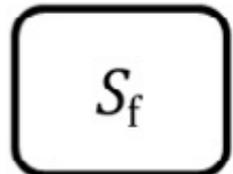
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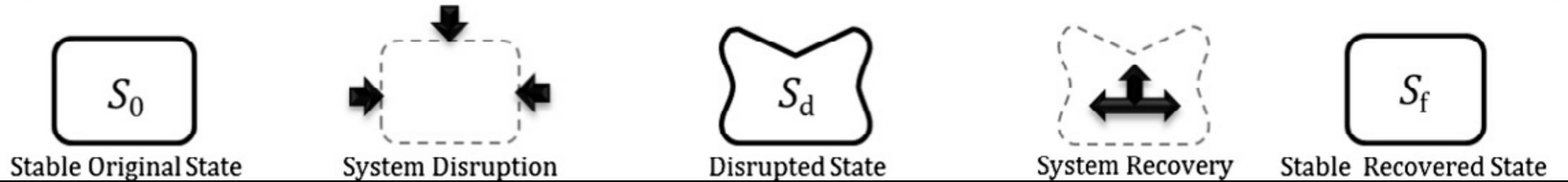
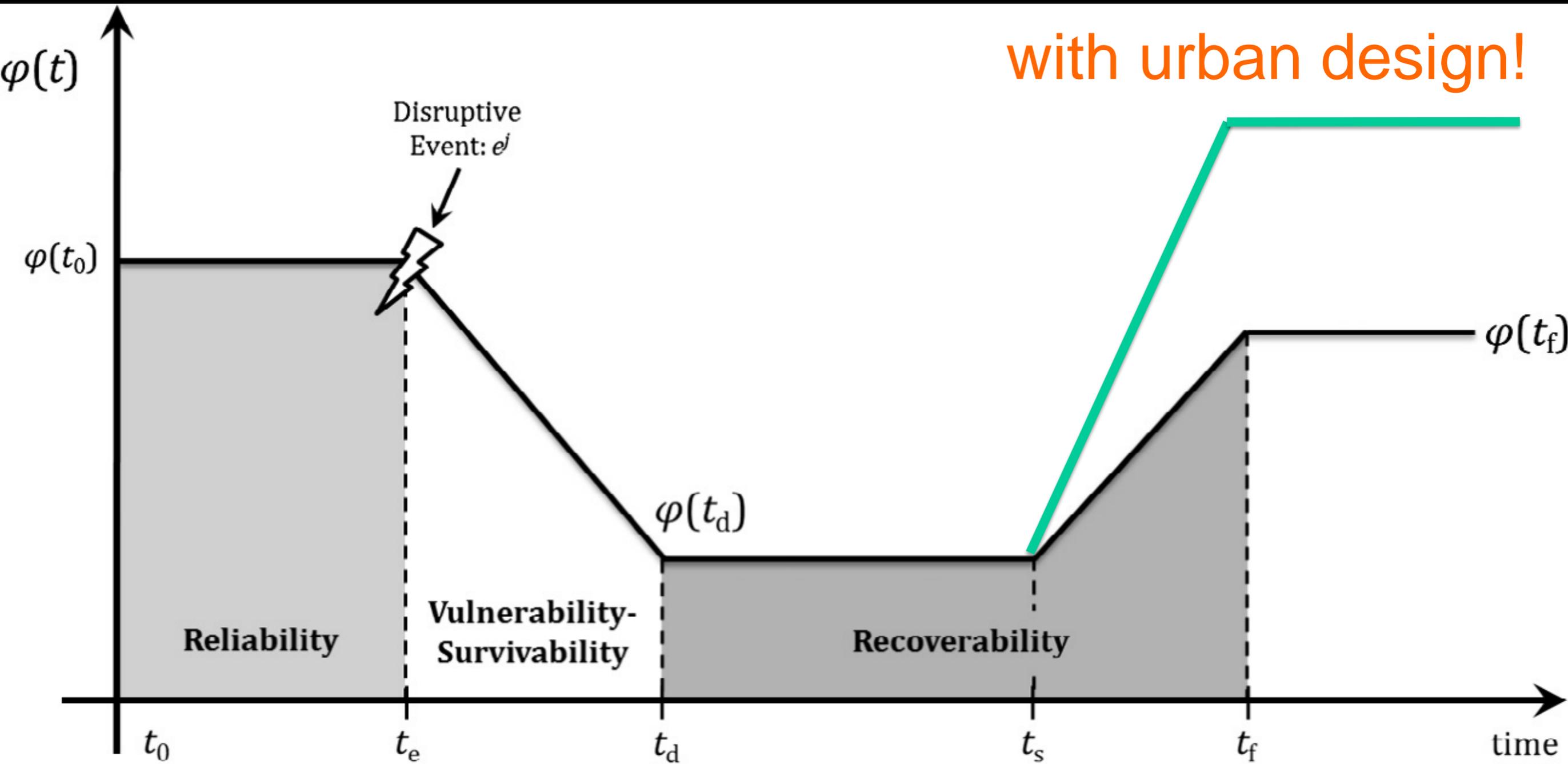


System Recovery

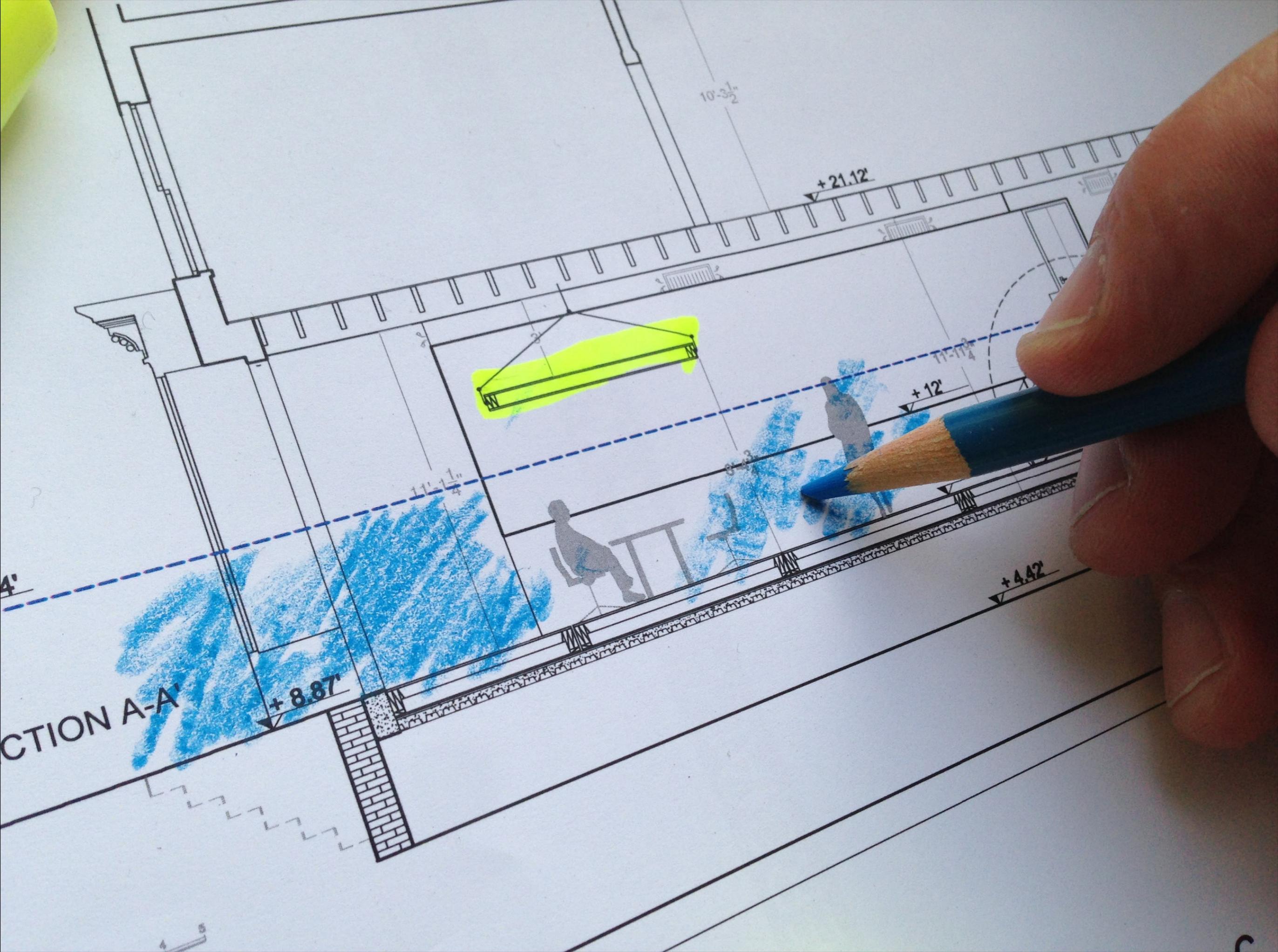


Stable Recovered State

with urban design!







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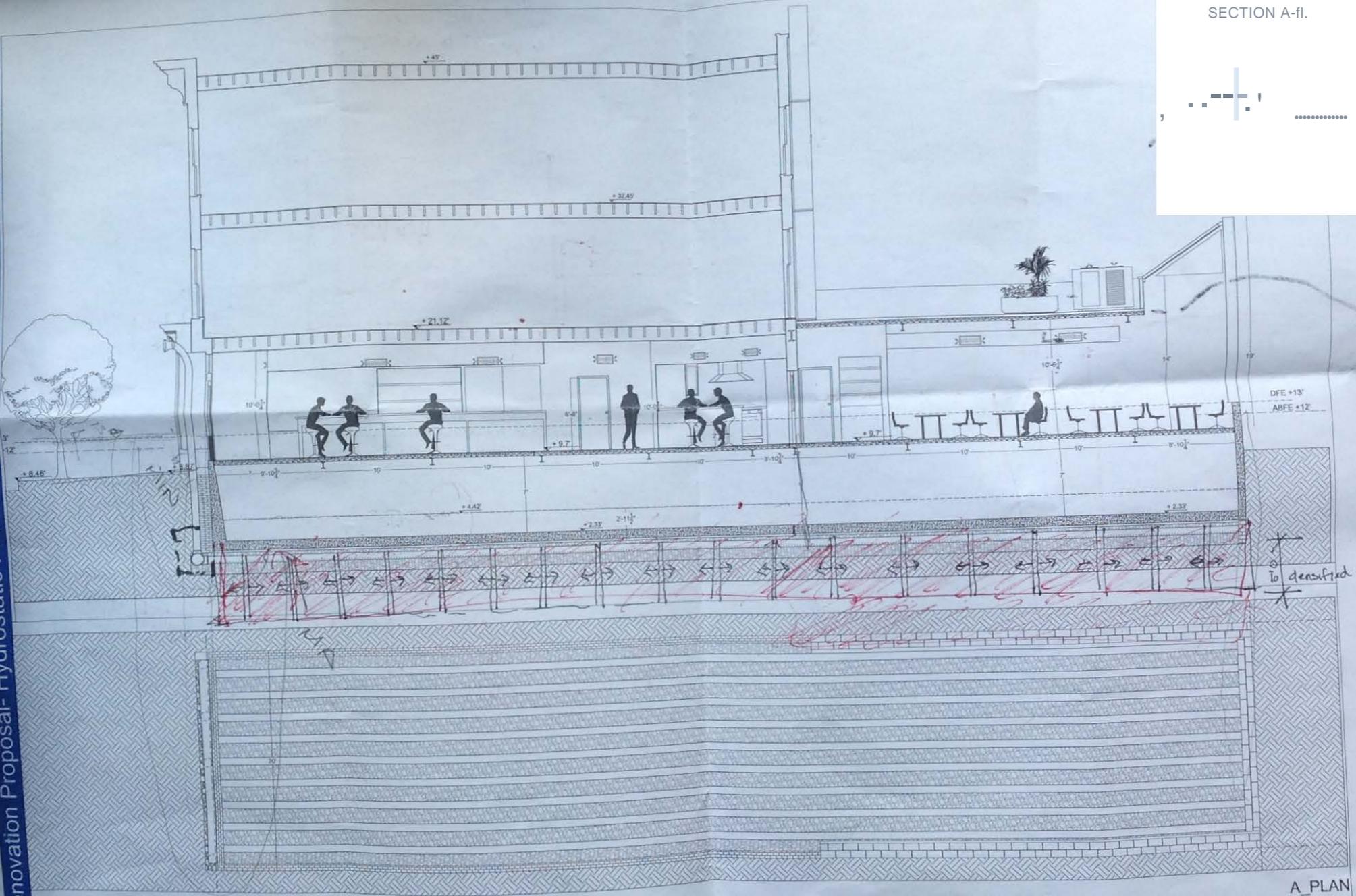
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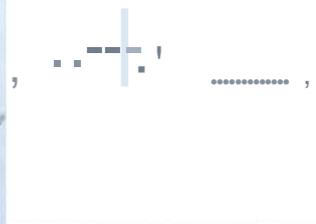
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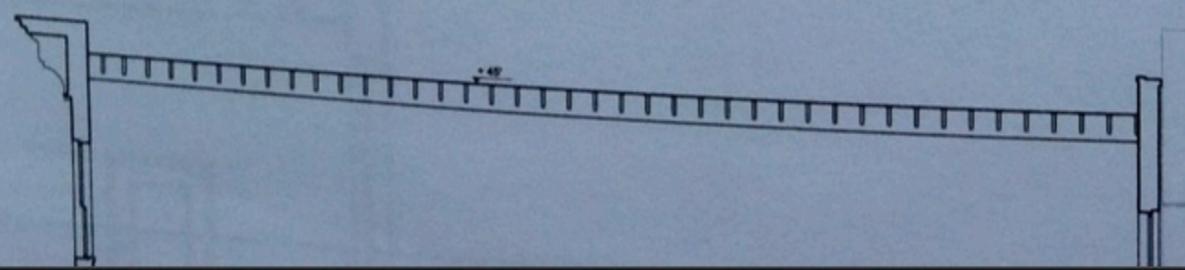
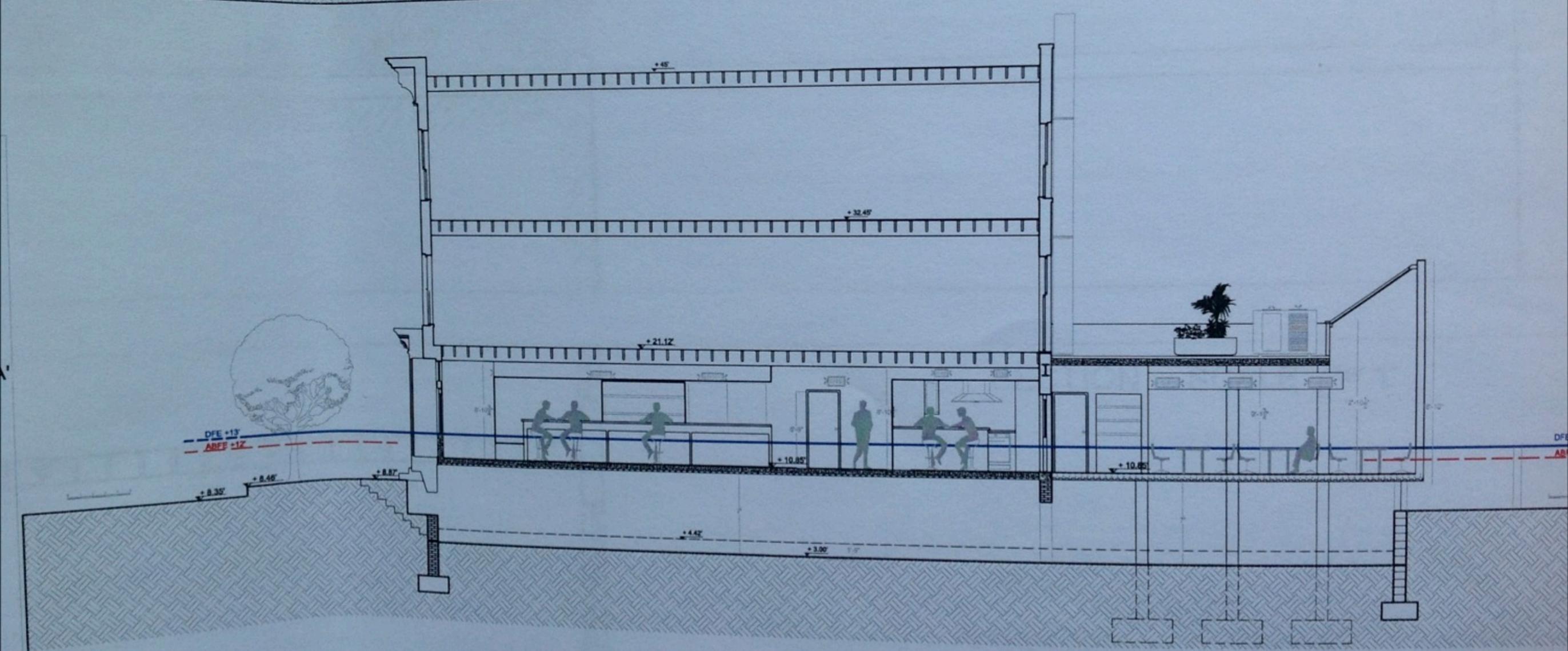
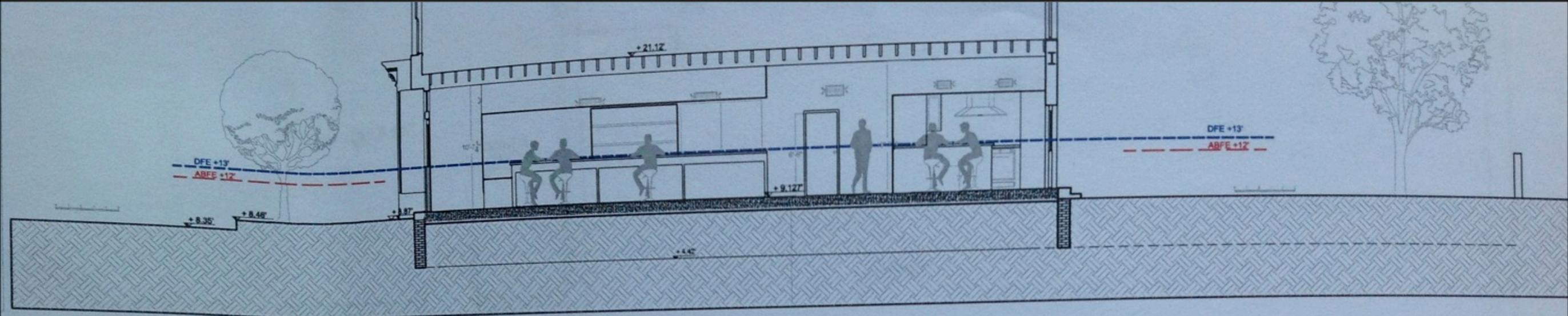


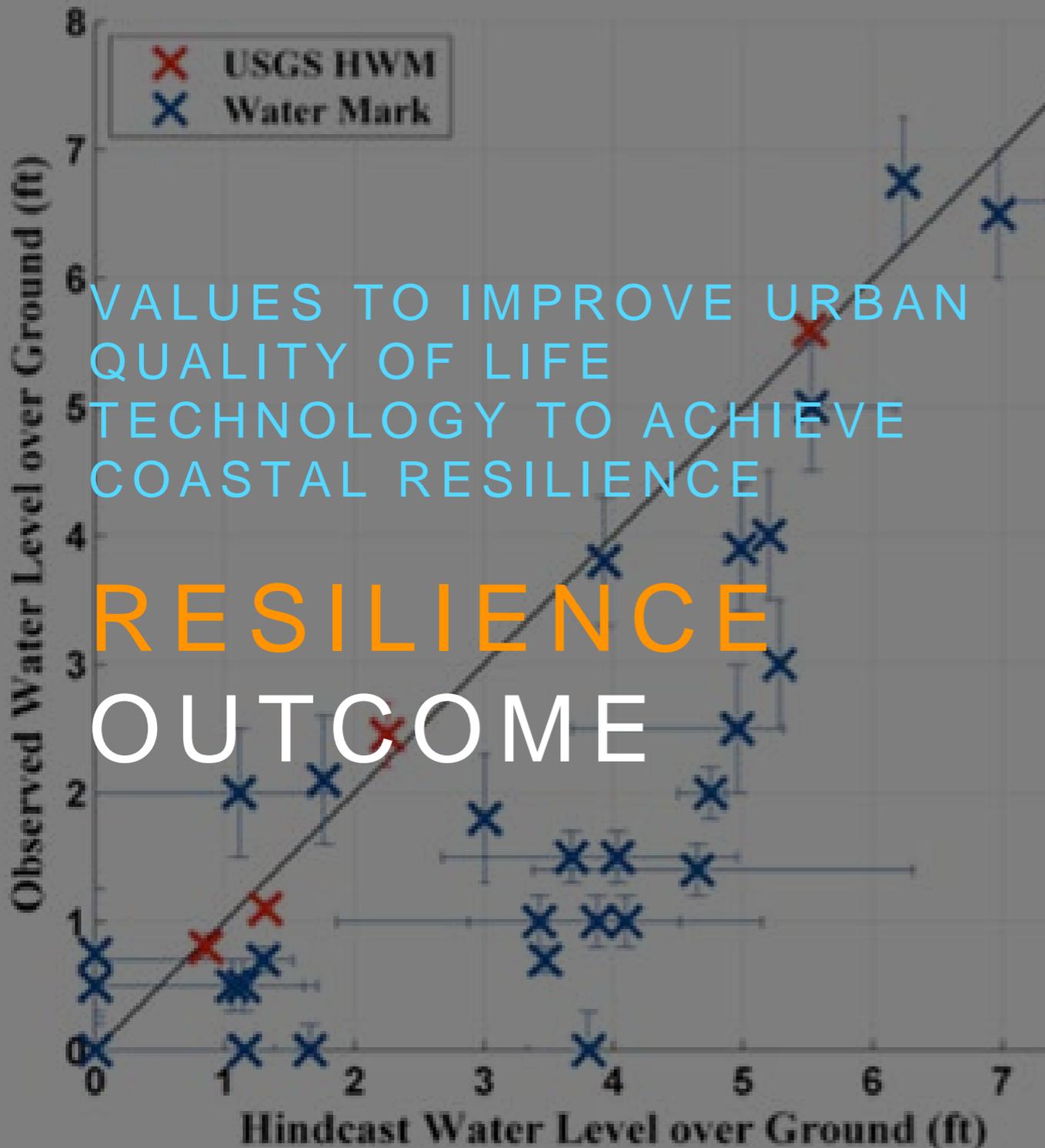
SECTION A-fl.



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To densified soil zone





VALUES TO IMPROVE URBAN  
 QUALITY OF LIFE  
 TECHNOLOGY TO ACHIEVE  
 COASTAL RESILIENCE

**RESILIENCE**  
**OUTCOME**

