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RIVER DRIVE FLOOD RESPONSE

REDUCING RISK – CONNECTING COMMUNITY – ENHANCING HABITAT

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WELCOME

- This presentation aims to:
 - **Introduce** the PL-566 program
 - **Inform** property owners of the potential current and future flood impacts
 - **Identify** property owners interested in voluntary program participation
 - **Outline** program process



THE POCASSET RIVER PLAN

- The Pocasset River Watershed Plan:
 - Funded under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 83-566)
- Starting Phase 1 of this multi-phase project, focusing on:
 - River Dr neighborhood – Town of Johnston
 - Riverview neighborhood – City of Cranston
- Limited to acquisitions of residential properties in the Pocasset River floodplain, including:
 - River Drive, La Fazia Drive, South Bennett Drive, and Melody Lane



Pocasset River Watershed Plan

- **Purpose** – Reduce flood damages from the Pocasset River
- **Goals** – Improve Resilience of properties in floodplain using:
 - Dry-floodproofing
 - Voluntary property acquisition
 - Restore historic floodplain
- **Who's involved?**
 - The Town of Johnston and the City of Cranston
 - NRCS and the Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts (RIACD) with engineering support from Fuss & O'Neill

Uniform Relocation Act

- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs
- Fair, Consistent, and Equitable Treatment
- Relocation Assistance:
 - Available to displaced individuals
 - Not available to owner-occupants



ACQUISITION PROCESS

- Statement of Voluntary Participation
- Appraisal
- Appraisal Technical Review
- Offer of Just Compensation
- Closing

FLOOD MODEL RESULTS

- Flooding expected for a current 100-year flood event
 - aka the 1% annual chance flood
- A flood event that has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year
 - Multiple can occur in one year



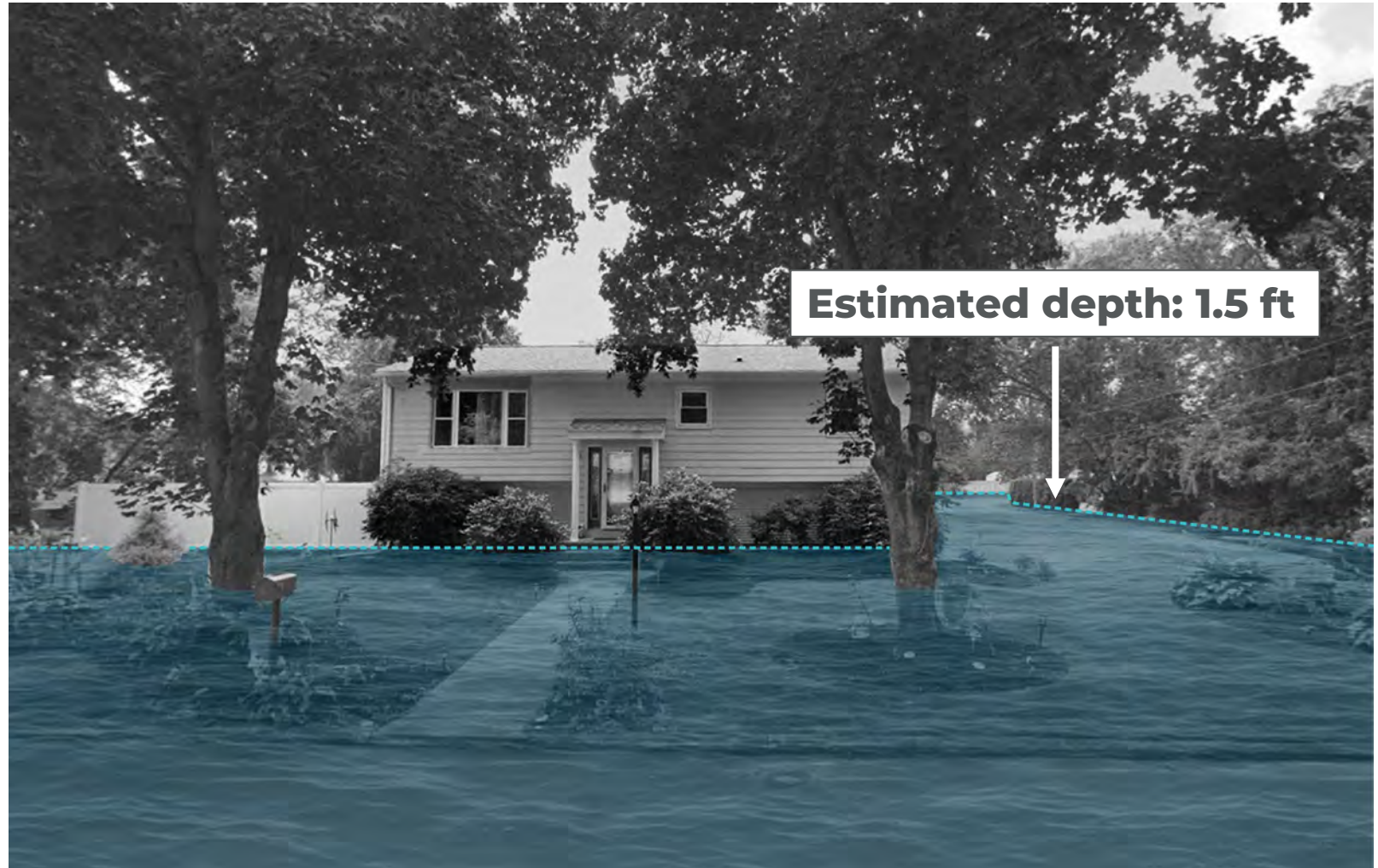
FLOOD MODEL RESULTS

- Current flooding predicted for a 100-year storm
- Intersection of La Fazia Drive and South Bennett Drive



FLOOD MODEL RESULTS

- Example flooding levels for current 100-year storm
 - Based on computer modeling
- Future flooding expected to increase

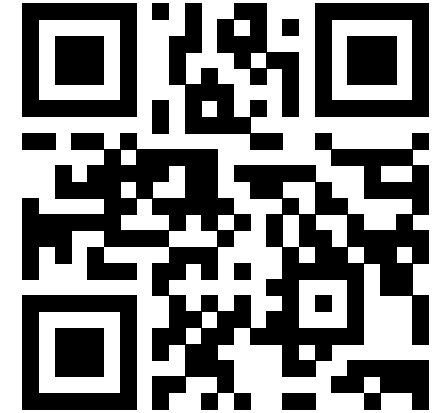


RESTORE HISTORIC FLOODPLAINS

- Restore land to pre-development state = floodplain area
- Achieved through acquisition and demolition of affected properties and structures
- Use new open space to:
 - Eliminate infrastructure damage from flooding
 - Expand and beautify open green spaces
 - Restore or create wetlands, where possible

NEXT STEPS

- Open discussion – Visit our stations to learn more
 - **Station 1:** Welcome Table and Sign-Up Sheet
 - Sign up here if you want to be contacted for a property appraisal
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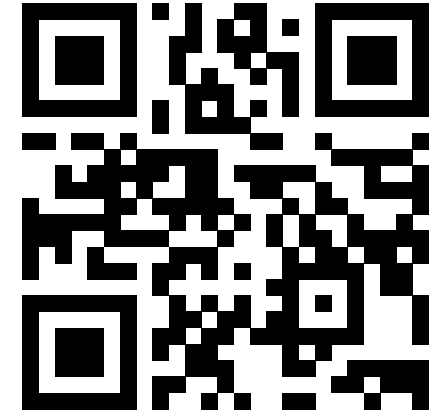


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MORE INFORMATION

- Today's presentation will be available on:
 - NRCS Pocasset River Watershed Plan website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/rhode-island/pocasset-river-watershed-flood-damage>
 - Pocasset River Plan website: tiny.cc/PocassetRiverPlan
- Submit questions to:
 - Gina DeMarco at Gdemarco.nricd@gmail.com; or
 - Via the project website at PocassetRiverPlan@fando.com

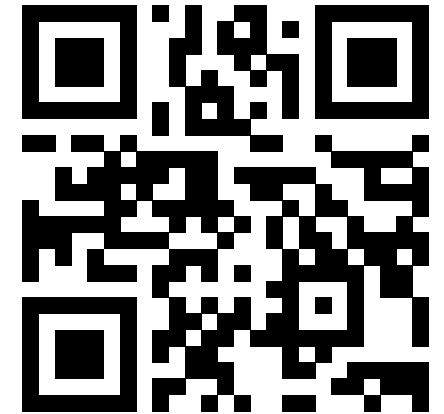


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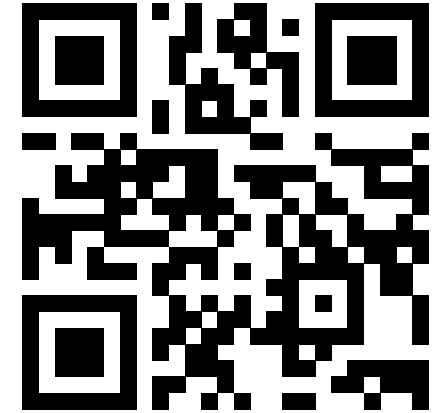
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