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**Center for Climate Preparedness  
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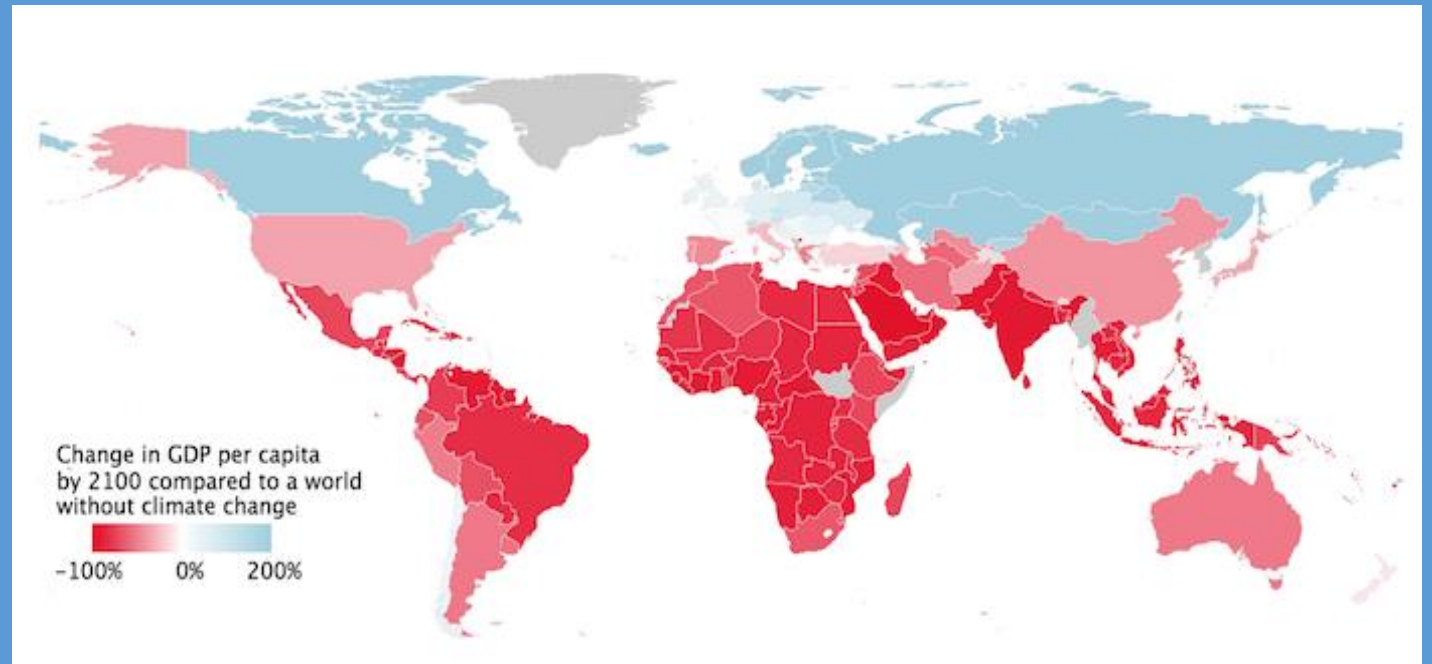
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# **Climate Response: Cost and Financing**

**Online ( 1-credit) Course May 3, 2020 through May 30, 2020**

Already communities are being impacted by a changing climate. This module focuses on the associated costs analyses that should accompany any on-the-ground response to projected climate impacts. Funding sources and financing strategies will be introduced.



Source: Burke et al, Global Non-linear Effect of Temperature on Economic Production

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Meet the challenges of a changing climate by finding information and tools to help you understand and address your climate risks.

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Engagement Manager

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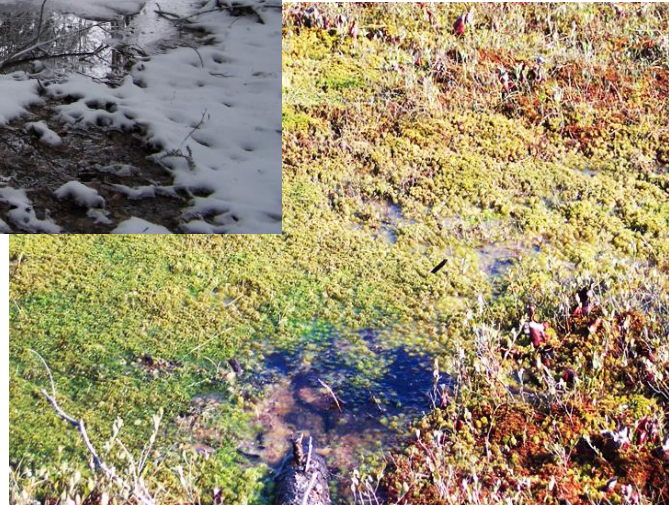


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# *Vulnerability of Wetlands In the Glaciated Northeast*

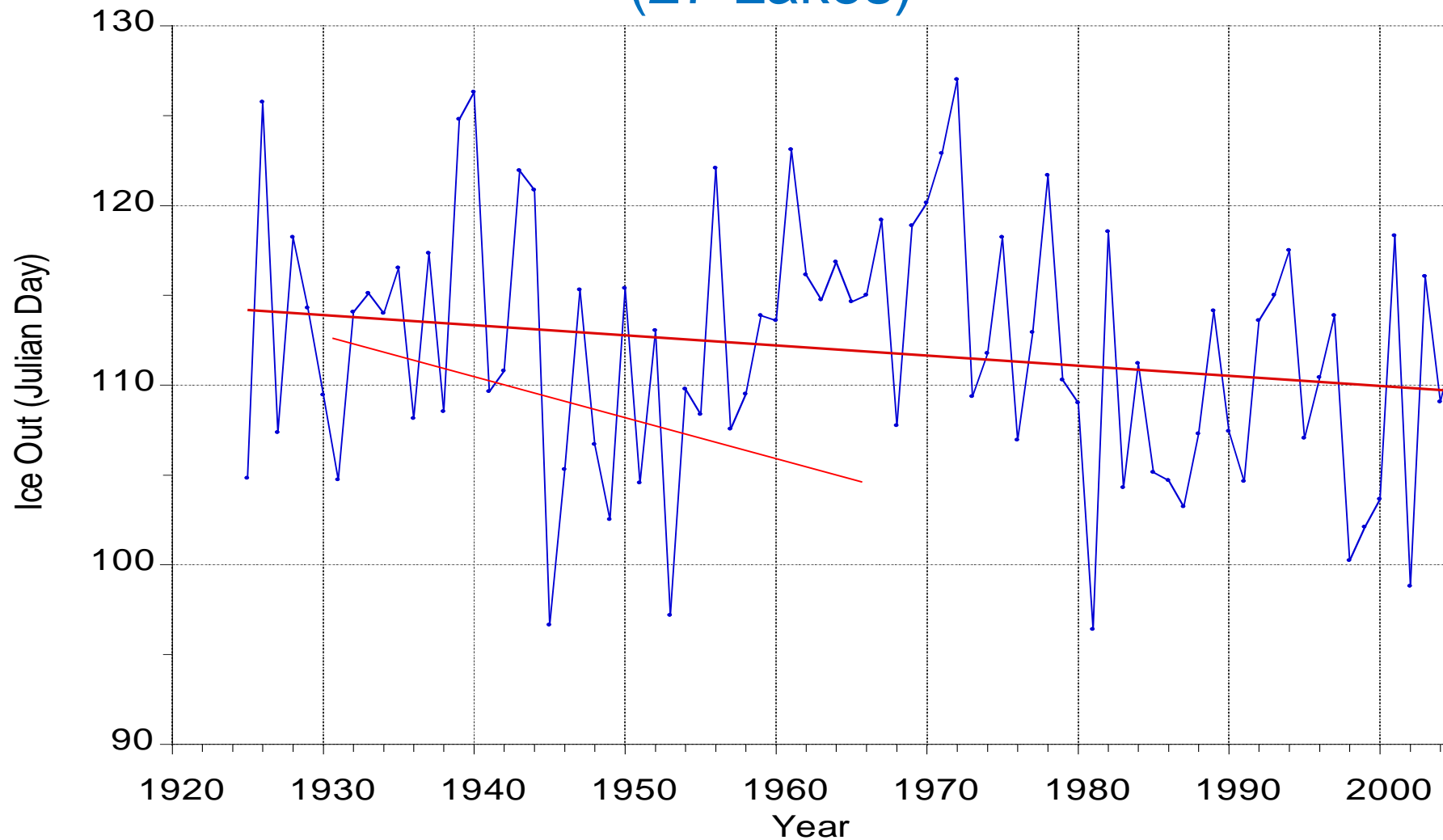


**Michael Simpson,**

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# Average Ice Out Day Trend 1925-2005

(27 Lakes)



4.5 days earlier over 81 years  
8.0 days earlier over 36 years

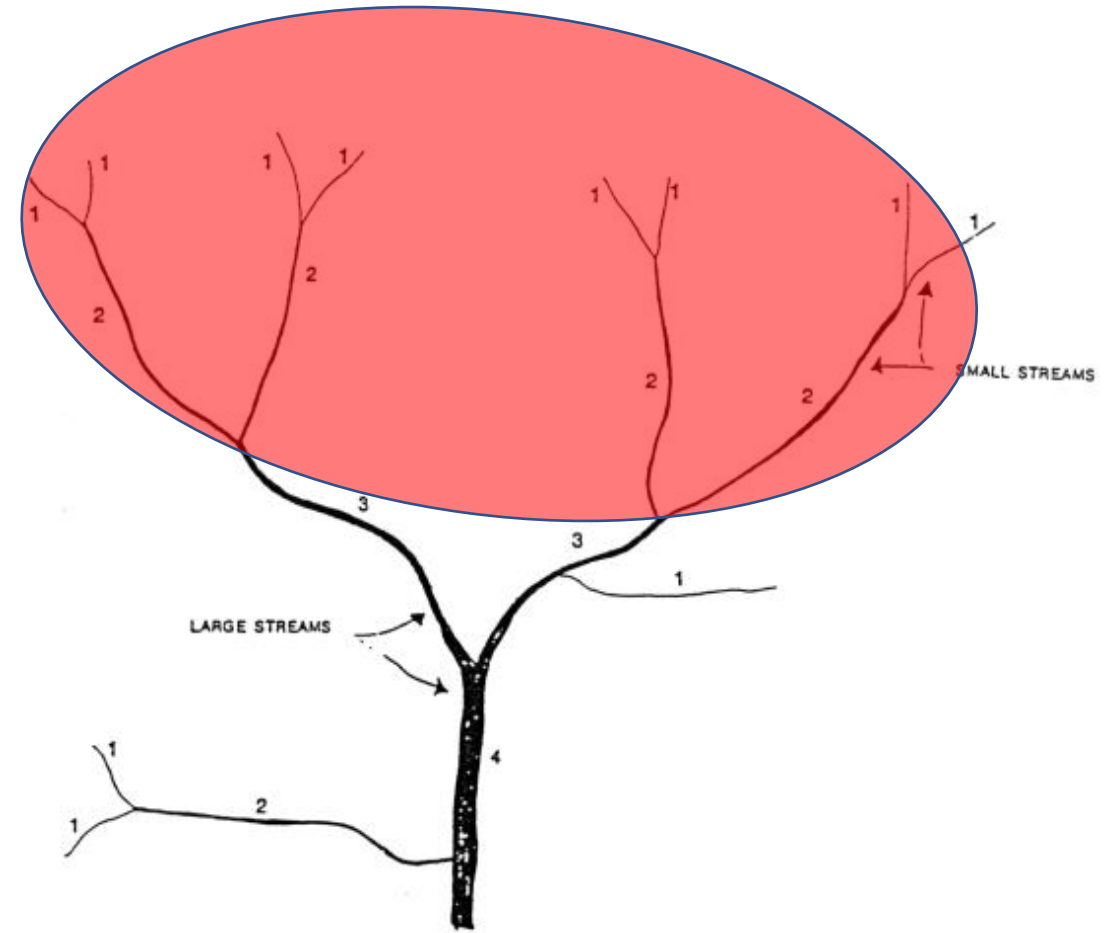
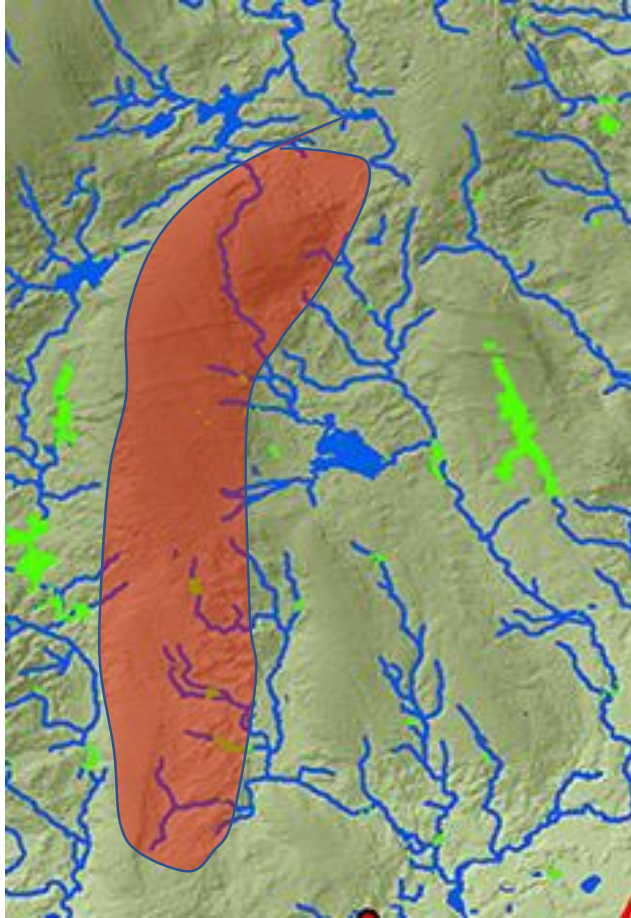


## Headwater Zone - Vernal Pools

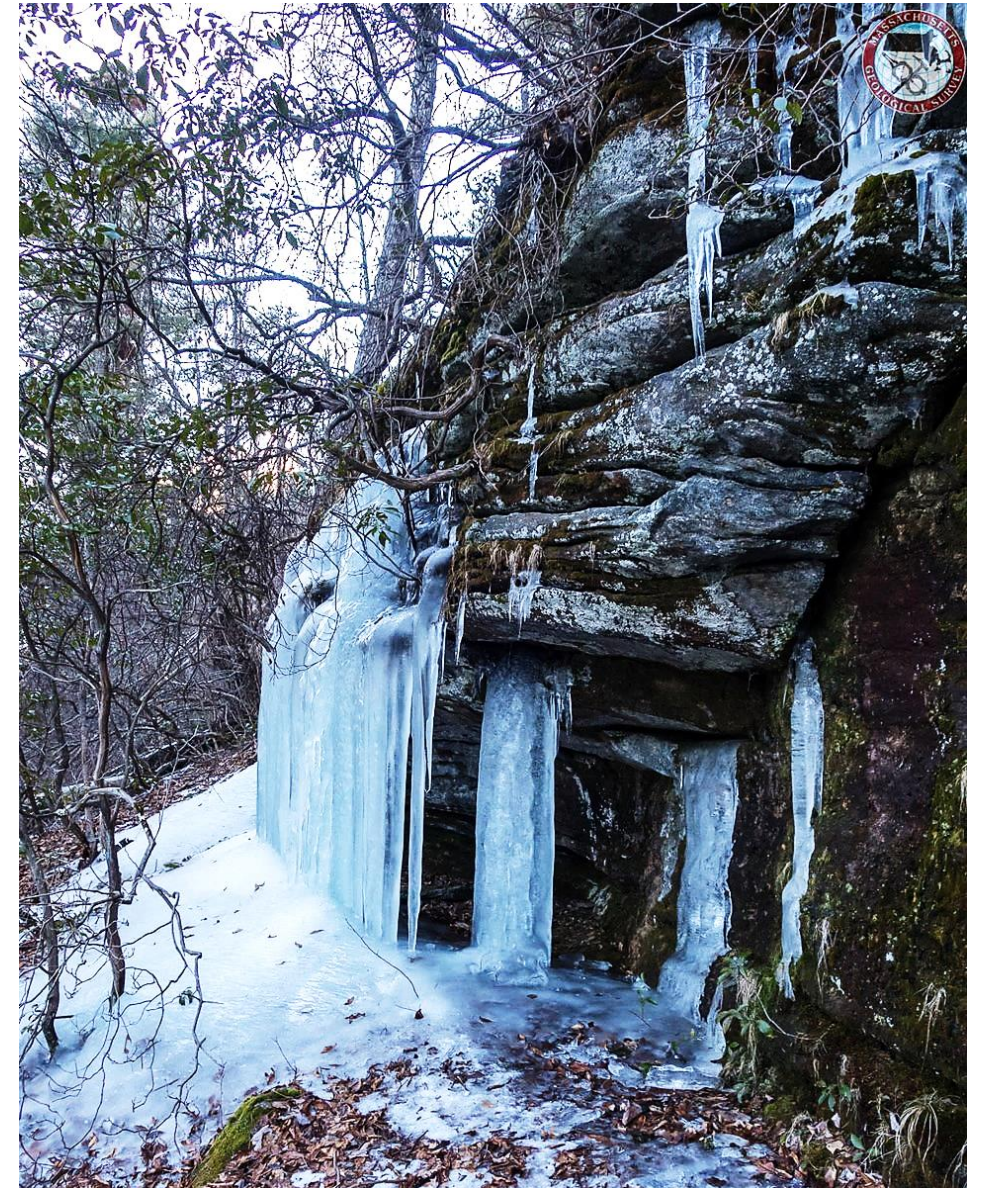




# Headwater Zone







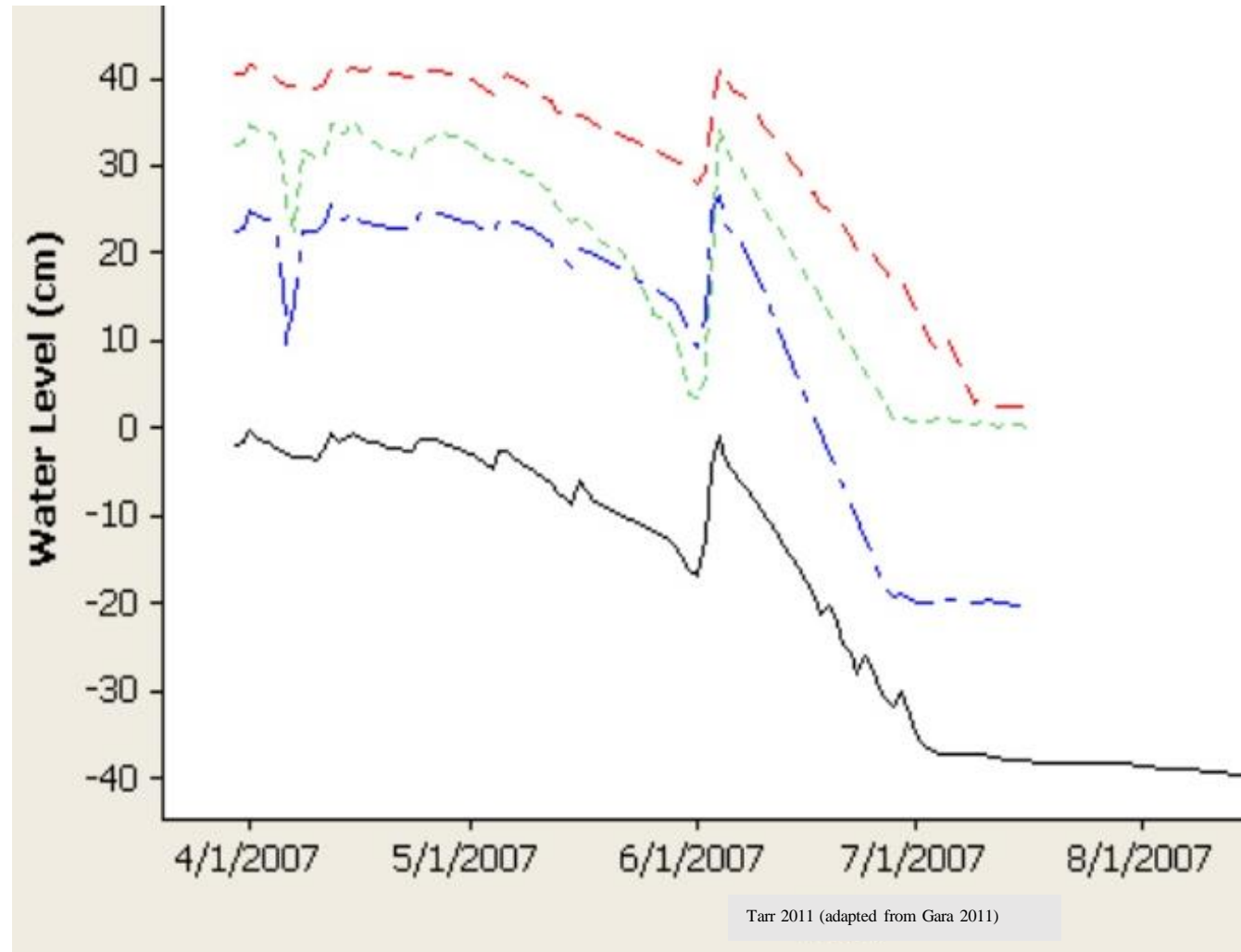


# Ephemeral Hydrology

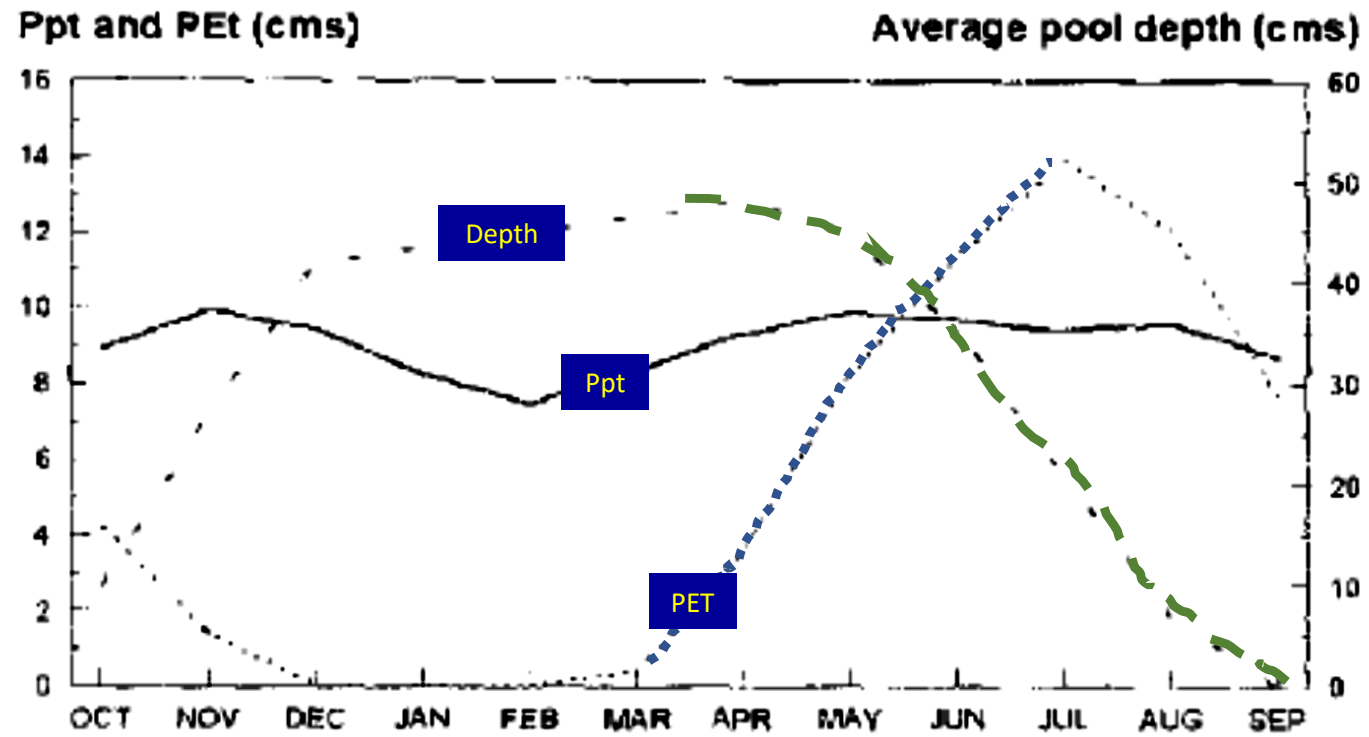


# *Vernal Pool Hydrograph*

Hydroperiod affects:

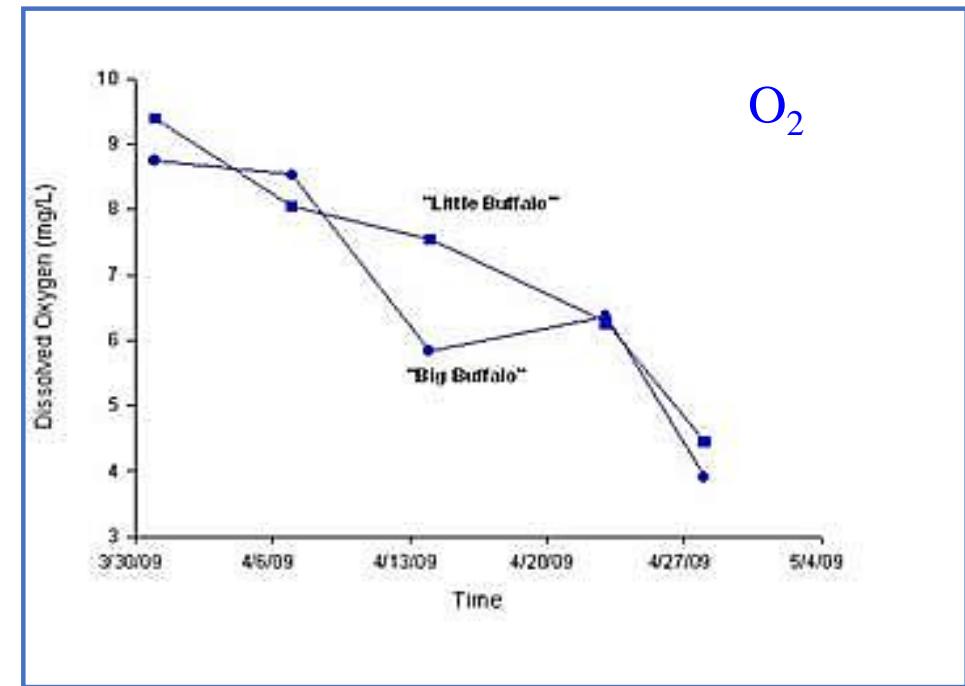
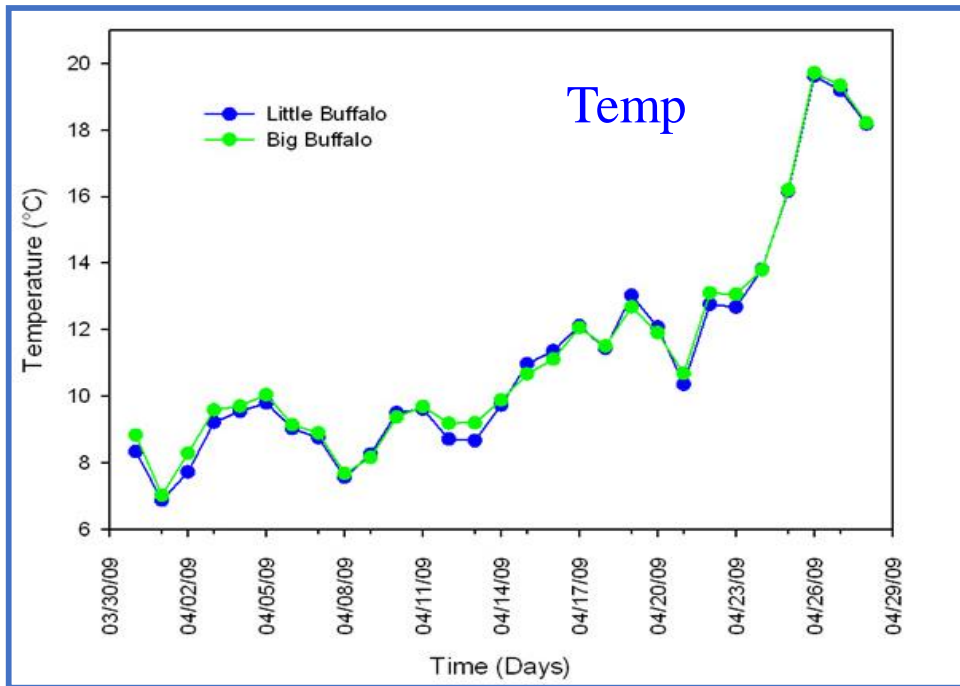


## Impact of Leaf-out On Forested Vernal Pool Hydrology



# Vernal Pool

## Dissolved Oxygen & Temperature





# NH List of Vernal Pool Wildlife

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**Species**

Species
Wood frog
Spotted s
Marbled salamand
Blue spot Jefferson salamand
Mole sala (unknown
Fairy shrin



Larvae eniles
transforming iles (#)
NA



Range of Pool Sizes  
N=34

water present  
>80% of site visits  
(1998- 2000)

Max depth	.36 -3.1	ft		> 1.64 ft
Max area	734 - 31762	ft <sup>2</sup>		> 10800 ft <sup>2</sup>
Max vol	212 - 17862	ft <sup>3</sup>		> 3530 ft <sup>3</sup>
Max Per	98 - 1272	ft		

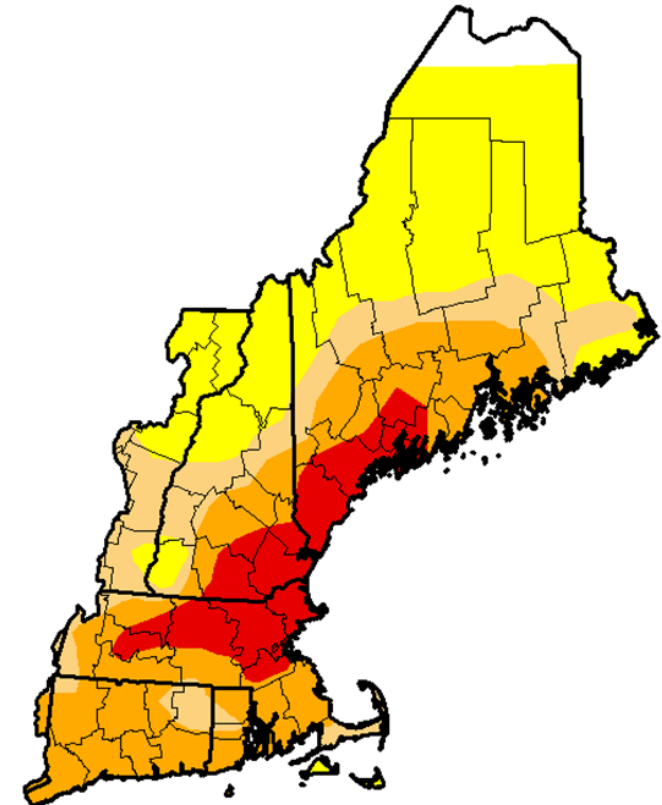


# What has been happening?

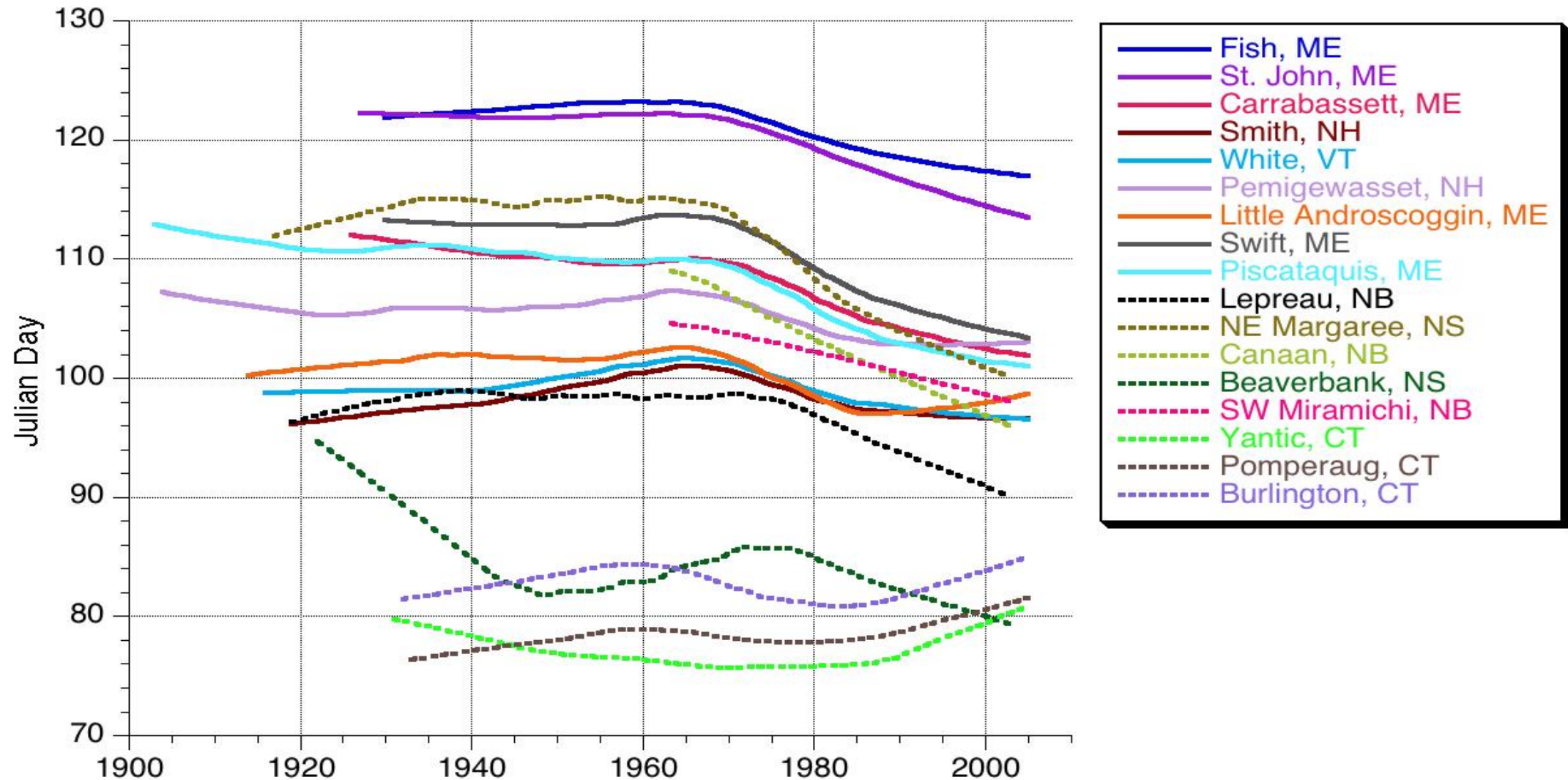
**Plymouth, NH  
2011**



*U.S. Drought Monitor*  
**New England Watershed  
2016**



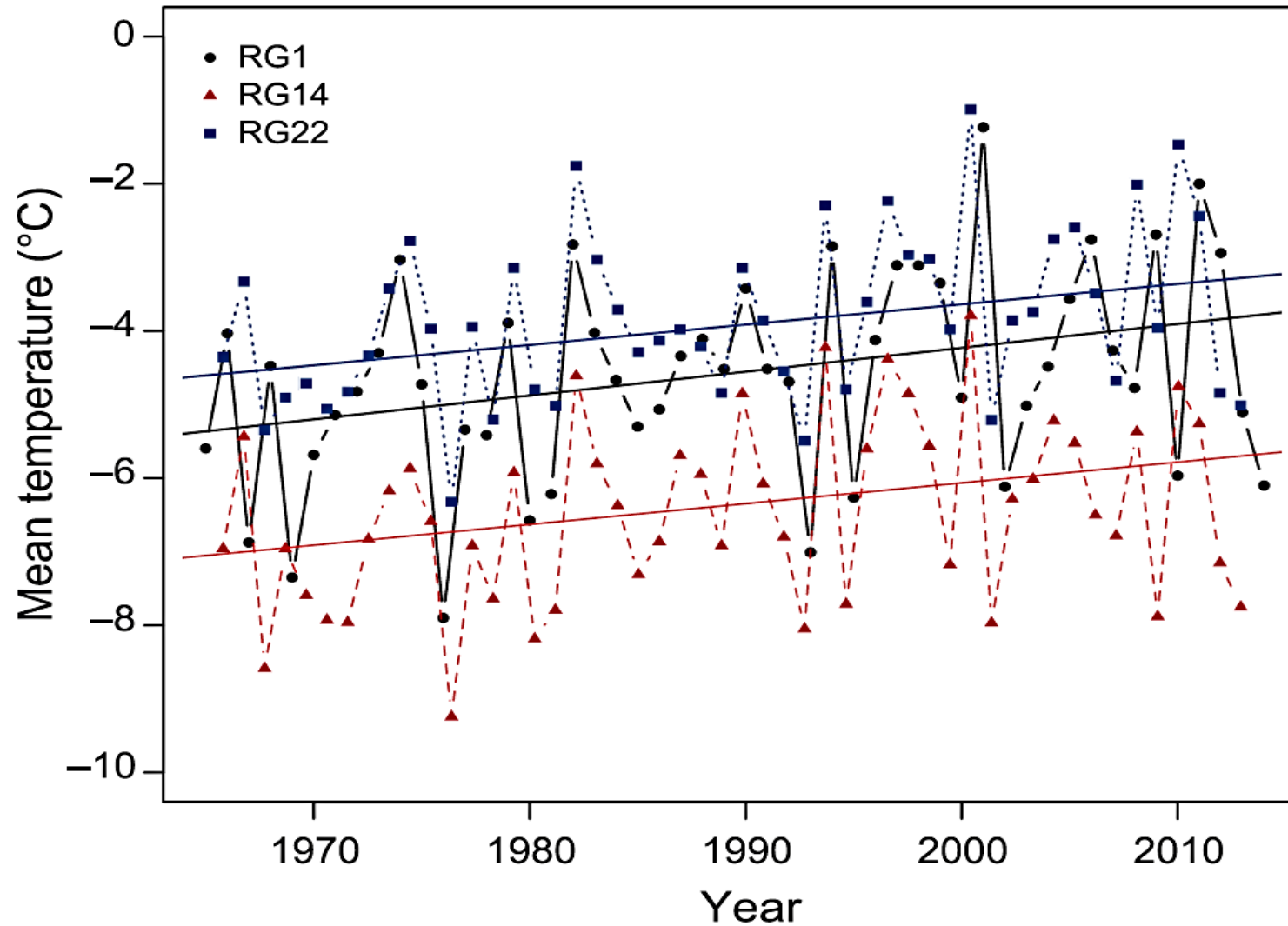
# Center of Runoff Volume Dates





# Mean Temperatures During Snow Making Season

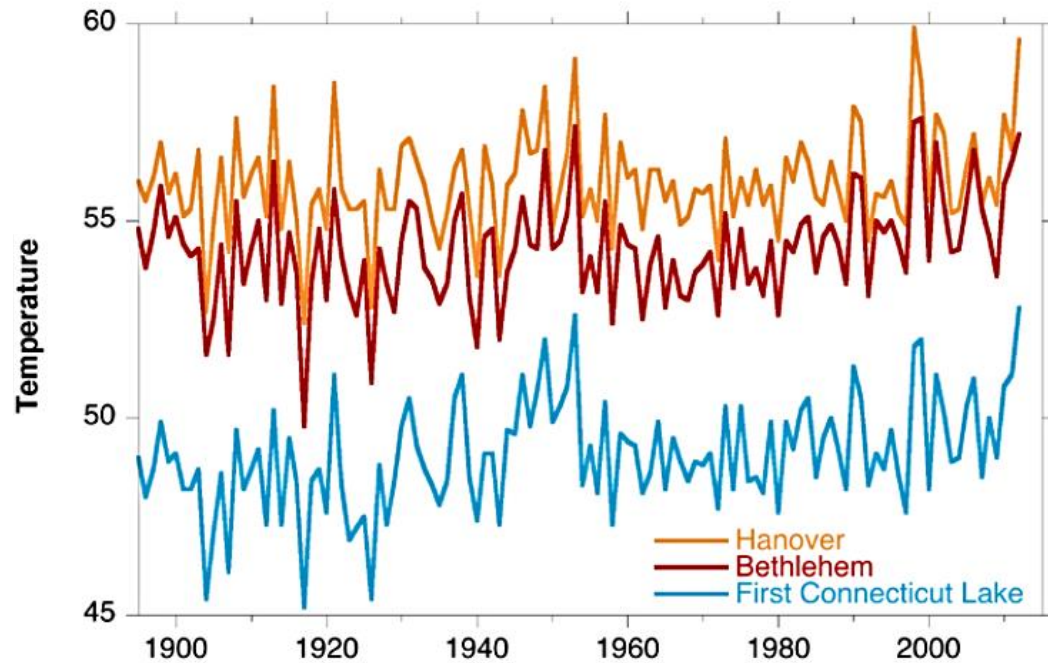
Hubbard Brook NH  
(1965 - 2015)



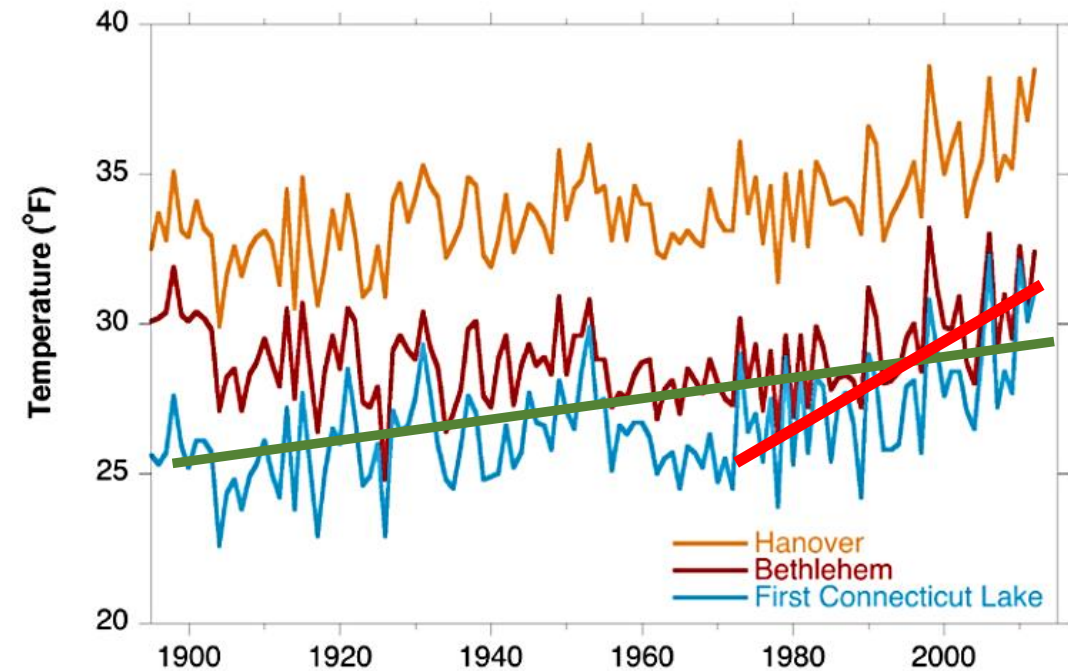
# Northern NH

## Average Maximum and Minimum Temperatures (1895-2012)

### Annual Maximum Temperature

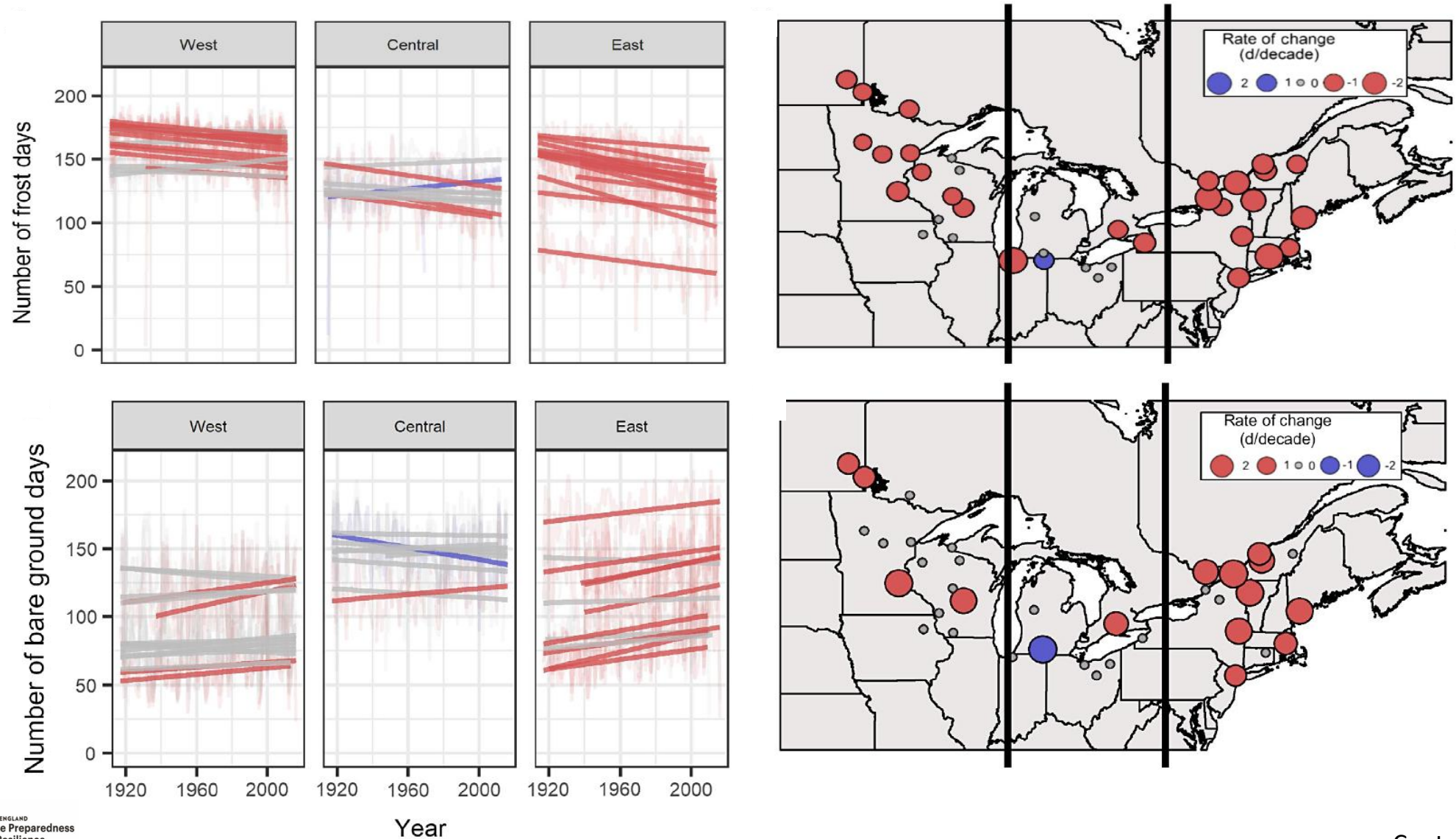


### Annual Minimum Temperature



# Change in Frost & Bare Ground Days

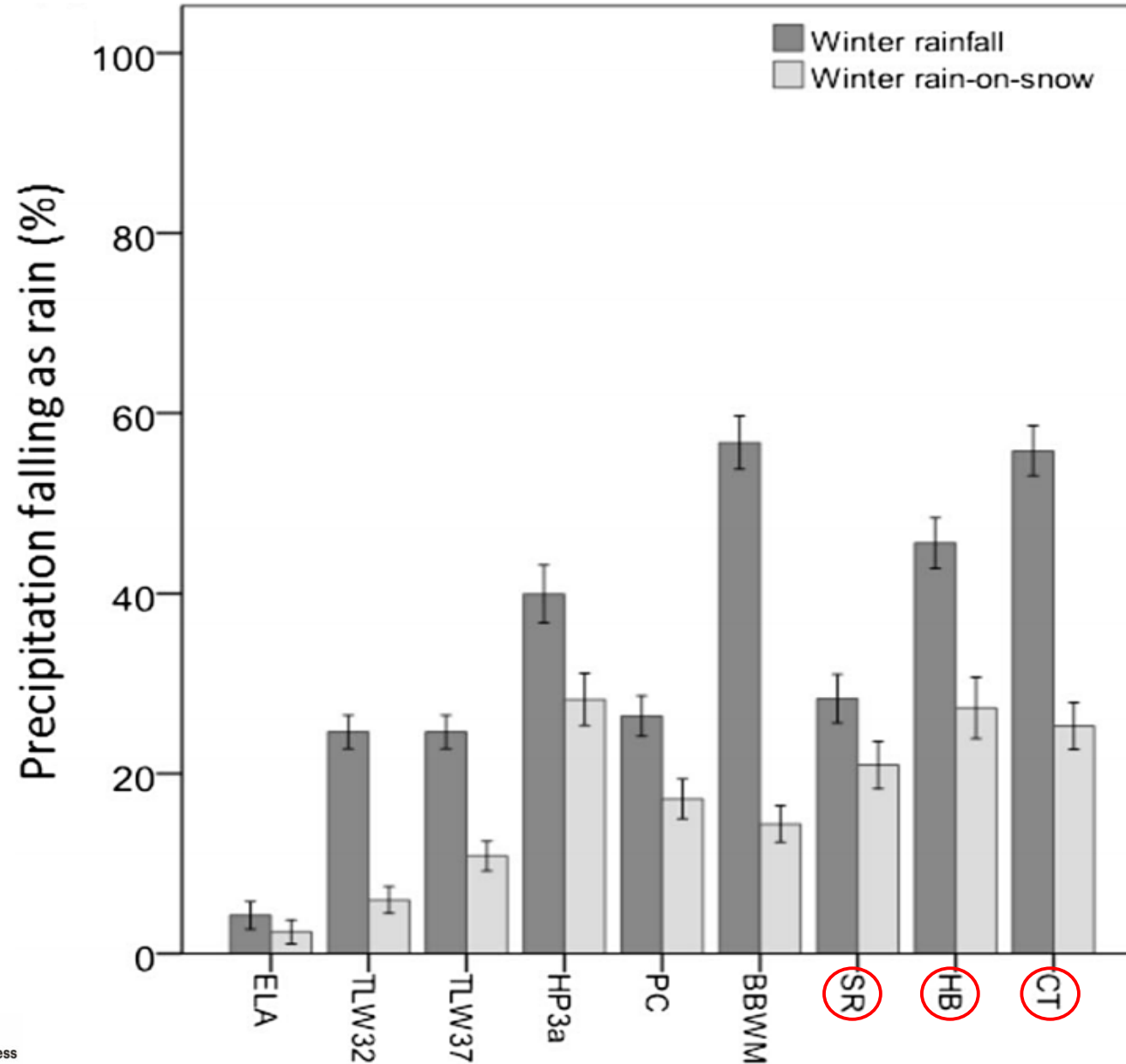
(1917-2016)





## Rain on Snow

(1990 - 2010)



### New England

BB – Northeast ME

HB – Northwest NH

SR – Northeast VT

CT – Southeast NY

### Ontario

PC – Southeast

HP – Southeast

TLW – South Central

ELA – Southwest

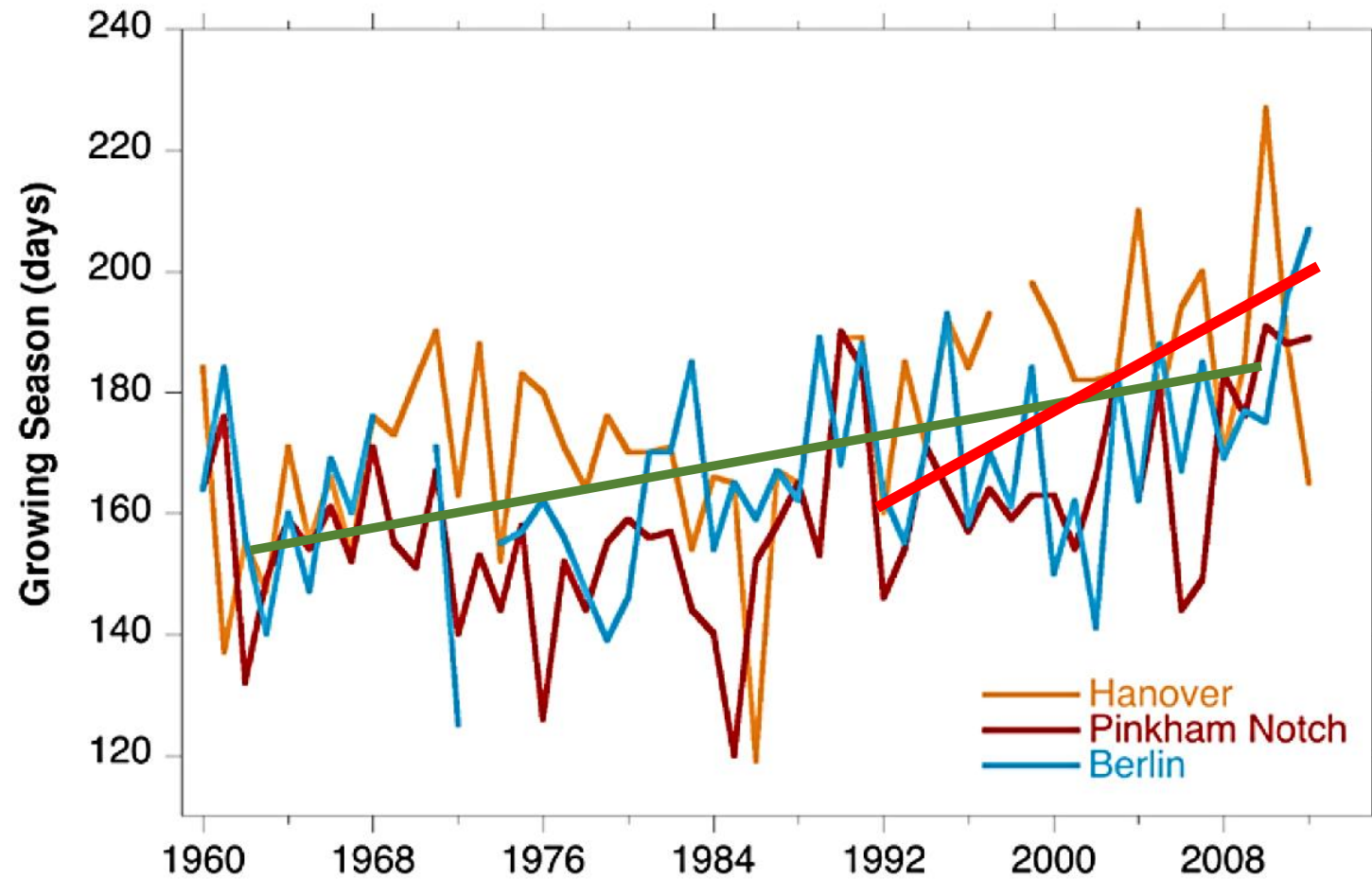
# Northern NH

## Days Less Than 32° F

(1960-2012)

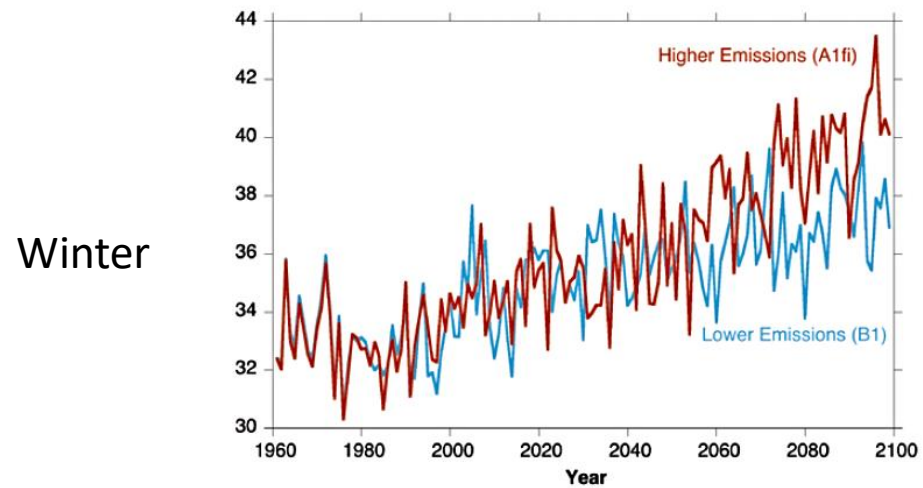
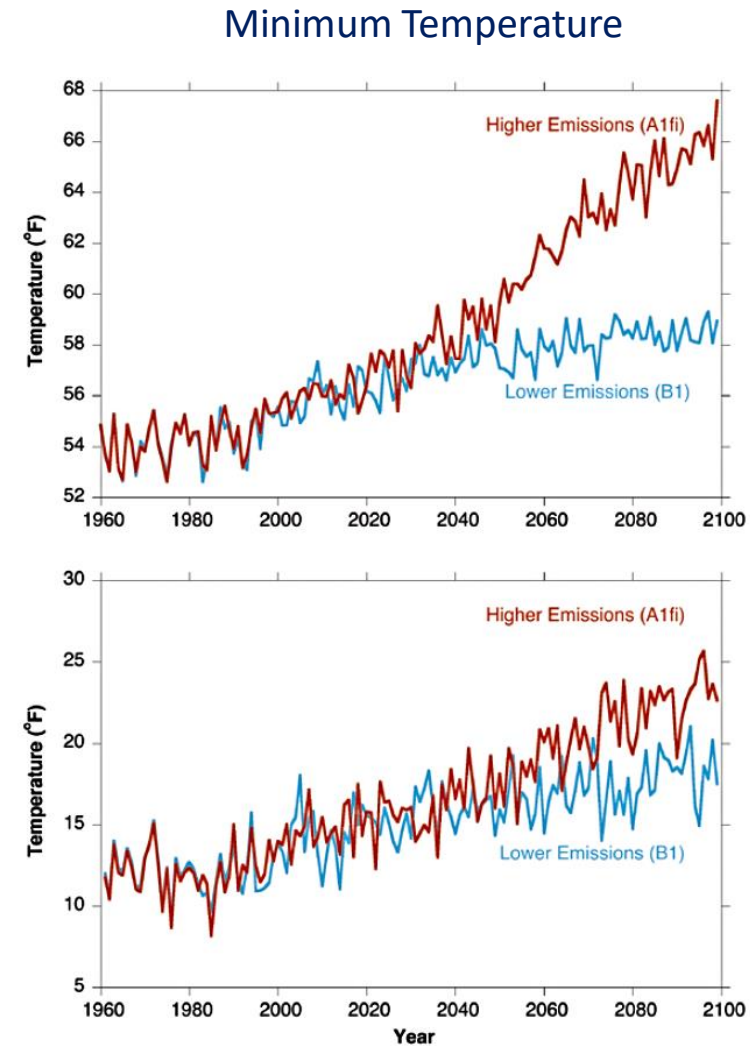
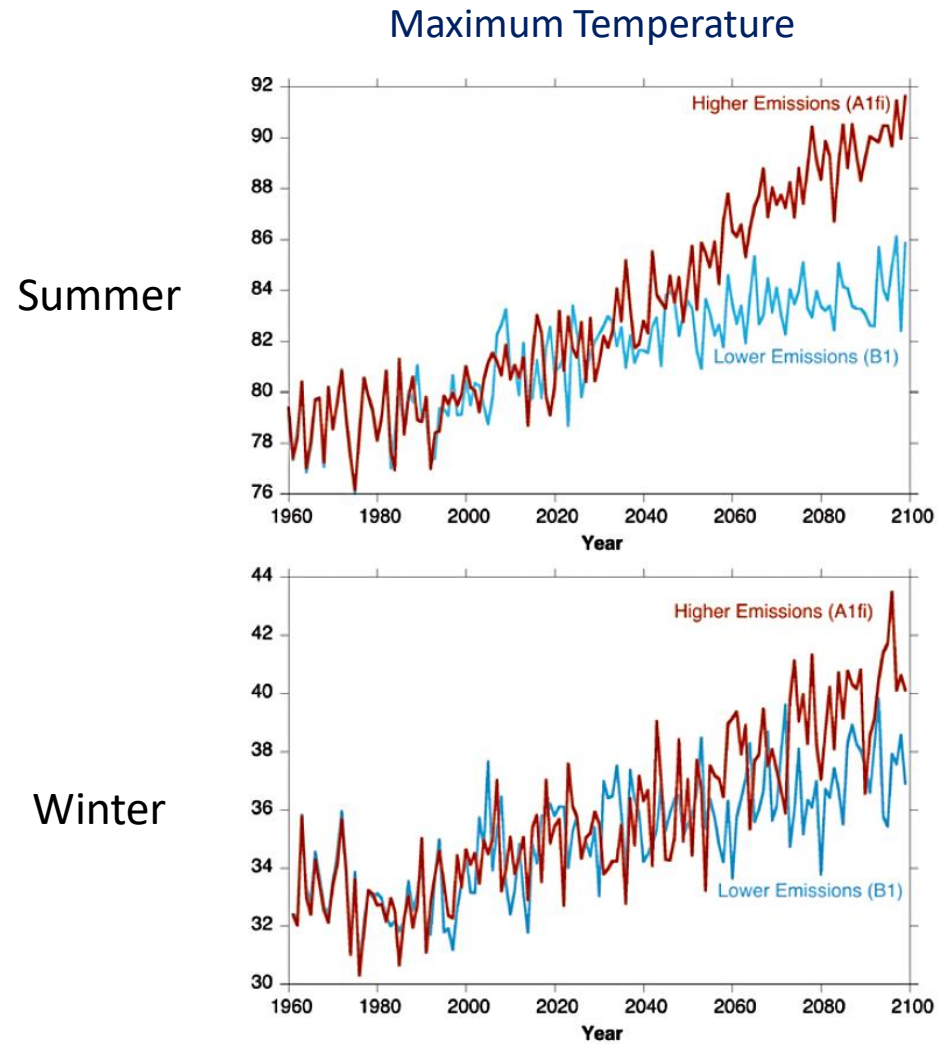
Location	Days < 32°F	
	1960-2012 average	Trend (days/decade)
Berlin	168	<u>-3.2</u>
Pinkham Notch	180	<u>-3.5</u>
Hanover	151	<u>-3.8</u>

# Northern NH Length of Growing Season (1960-2012)

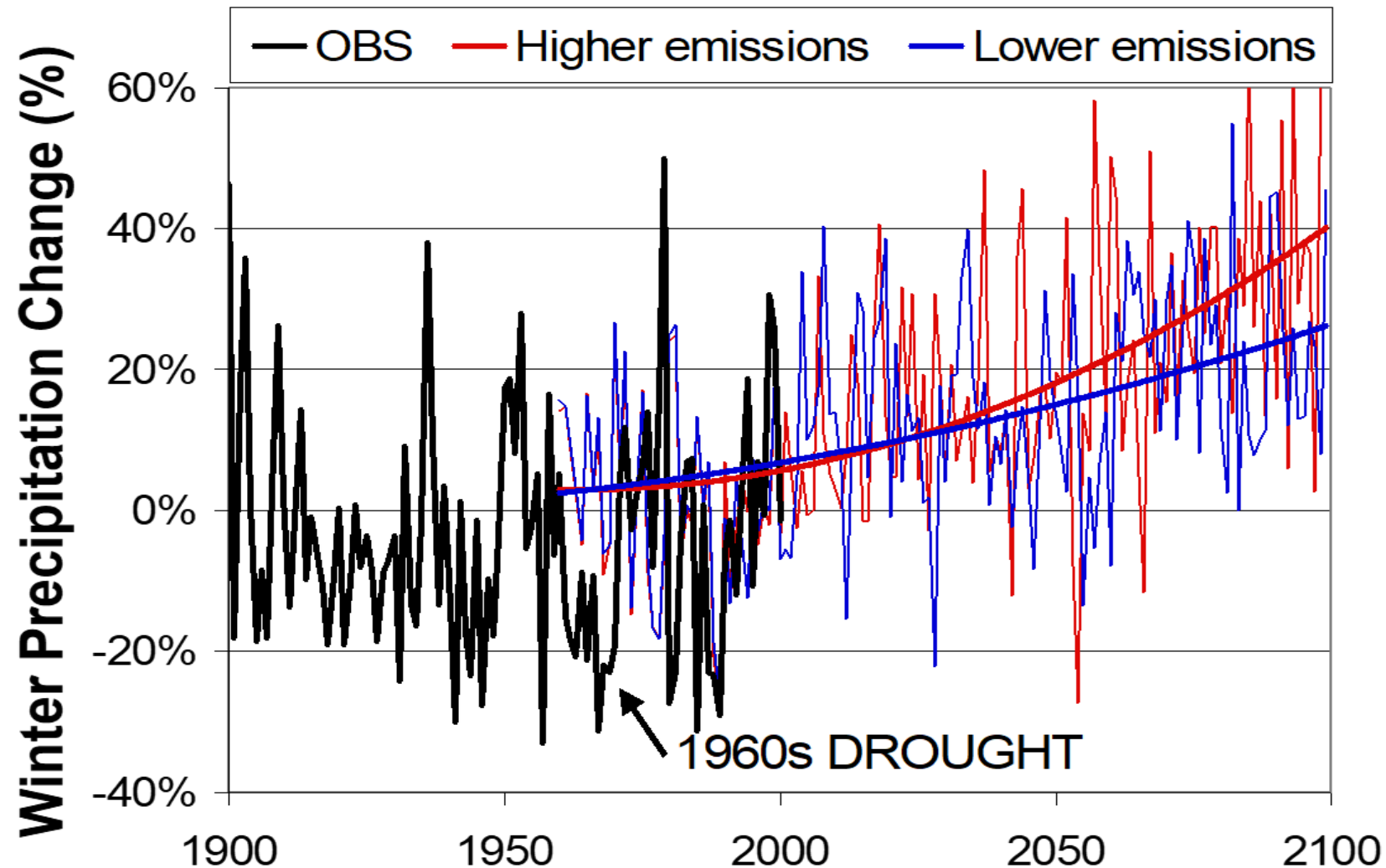




# Projected Change in Temperatures (Southern NH)



## Projected Change in Winter Precipitation



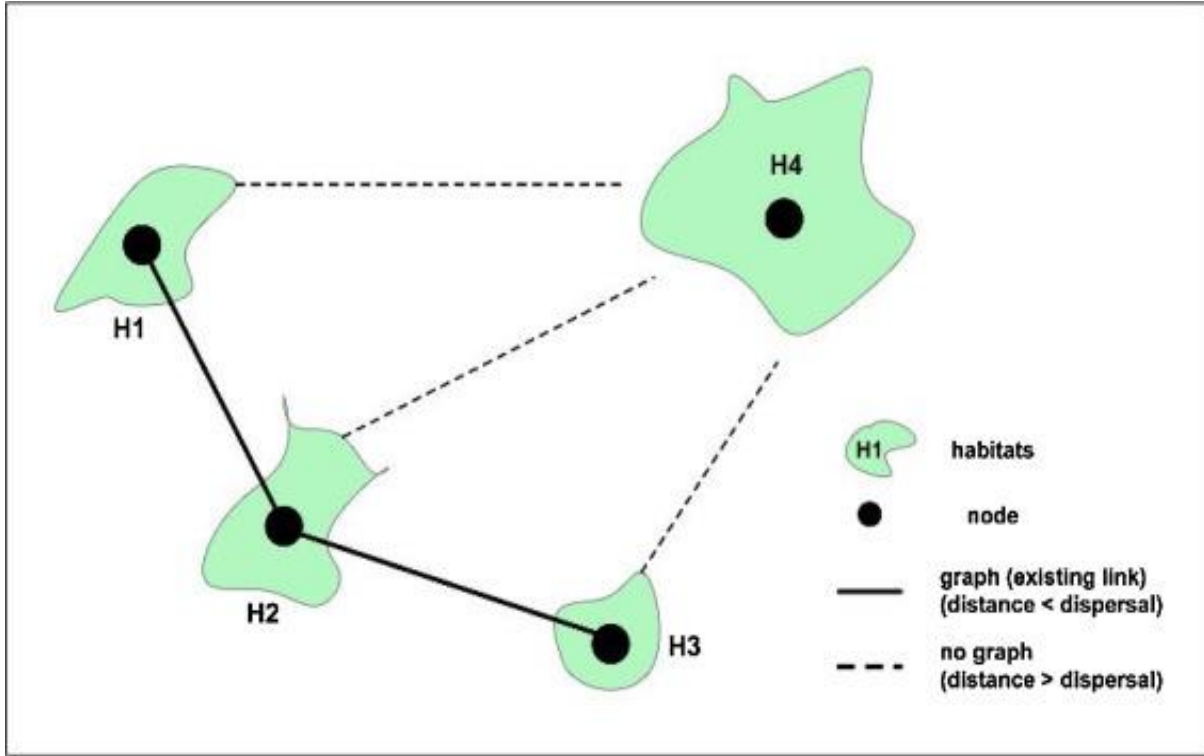
As temperatures rise, more falling as rain, less as snow



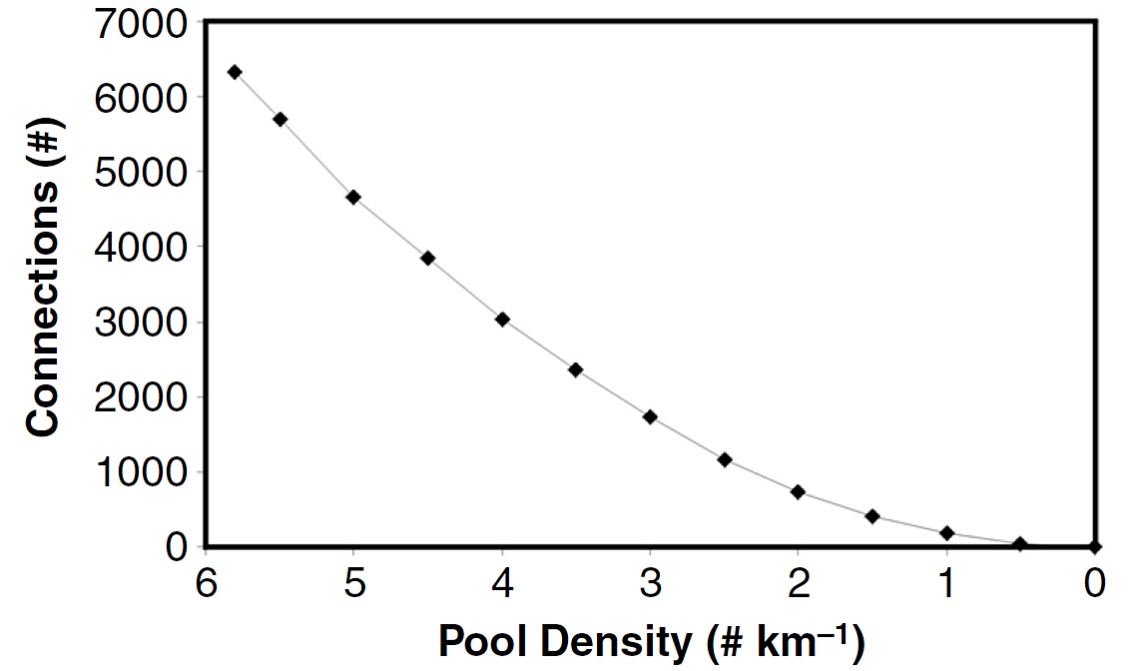
## High Elevation Vernal Pools: The Meta-Population Challenge





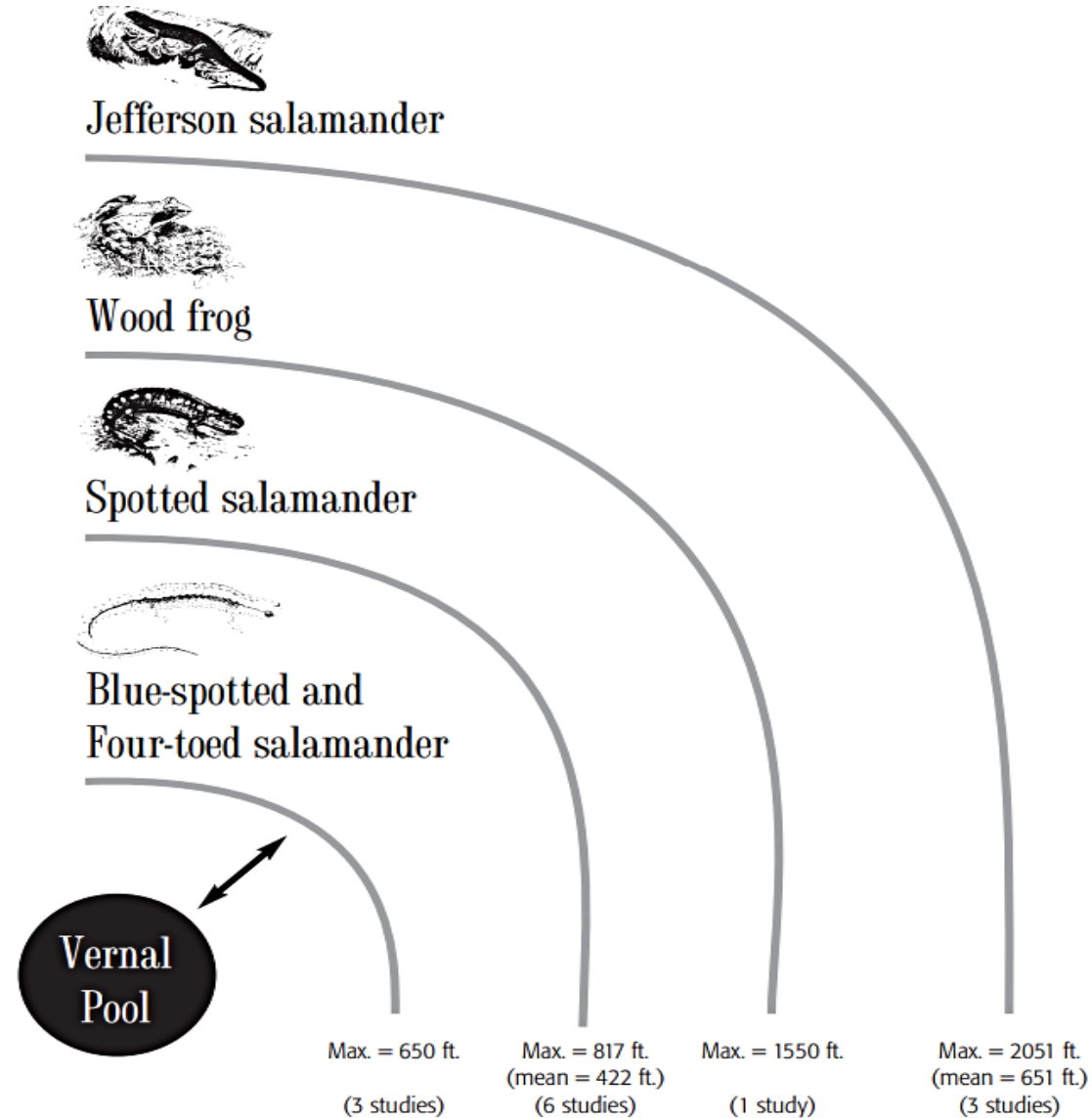


Pietsch 2018



Leobowitz & Brooks 2008

# Migration Distances Adult Vernal Pool Species







Kissner 2014



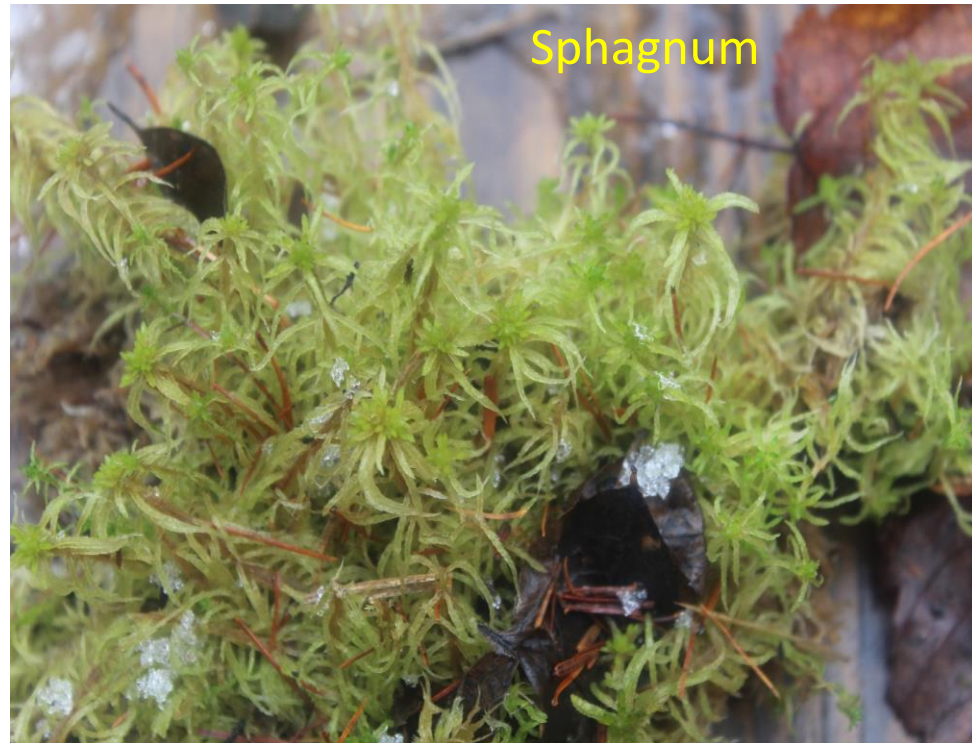


# Ecosystem Engineers

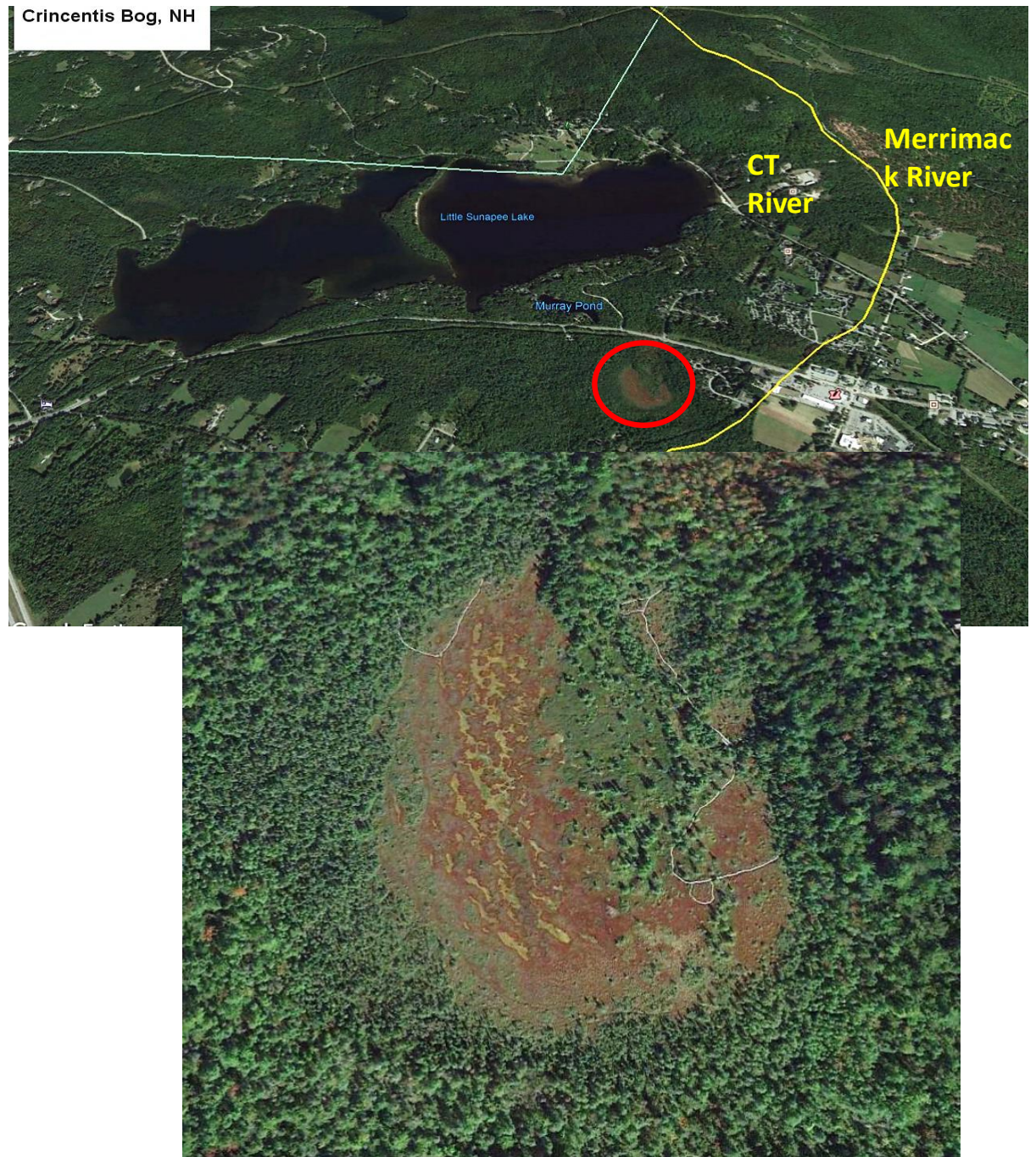
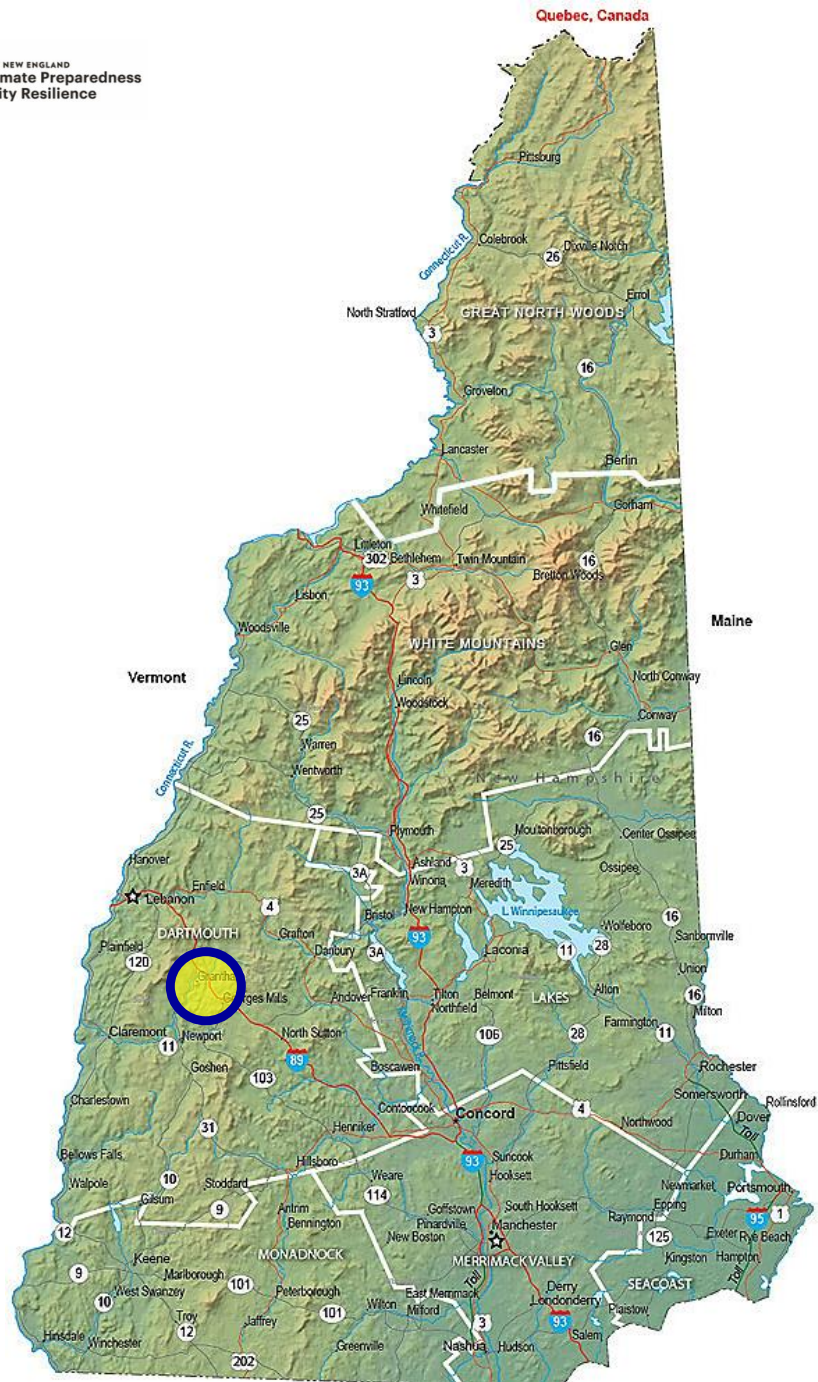




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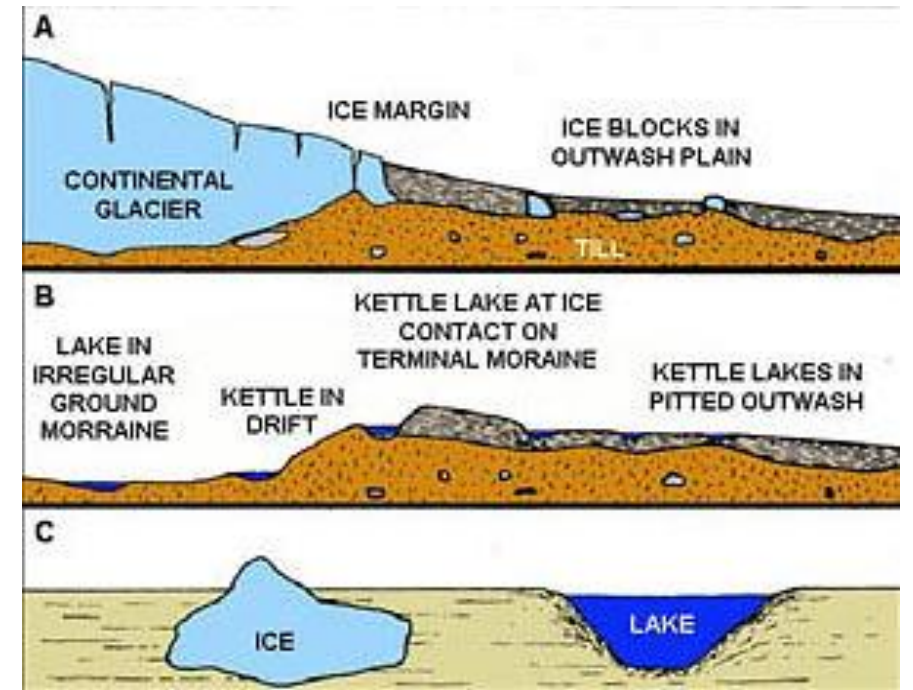








Power 2015

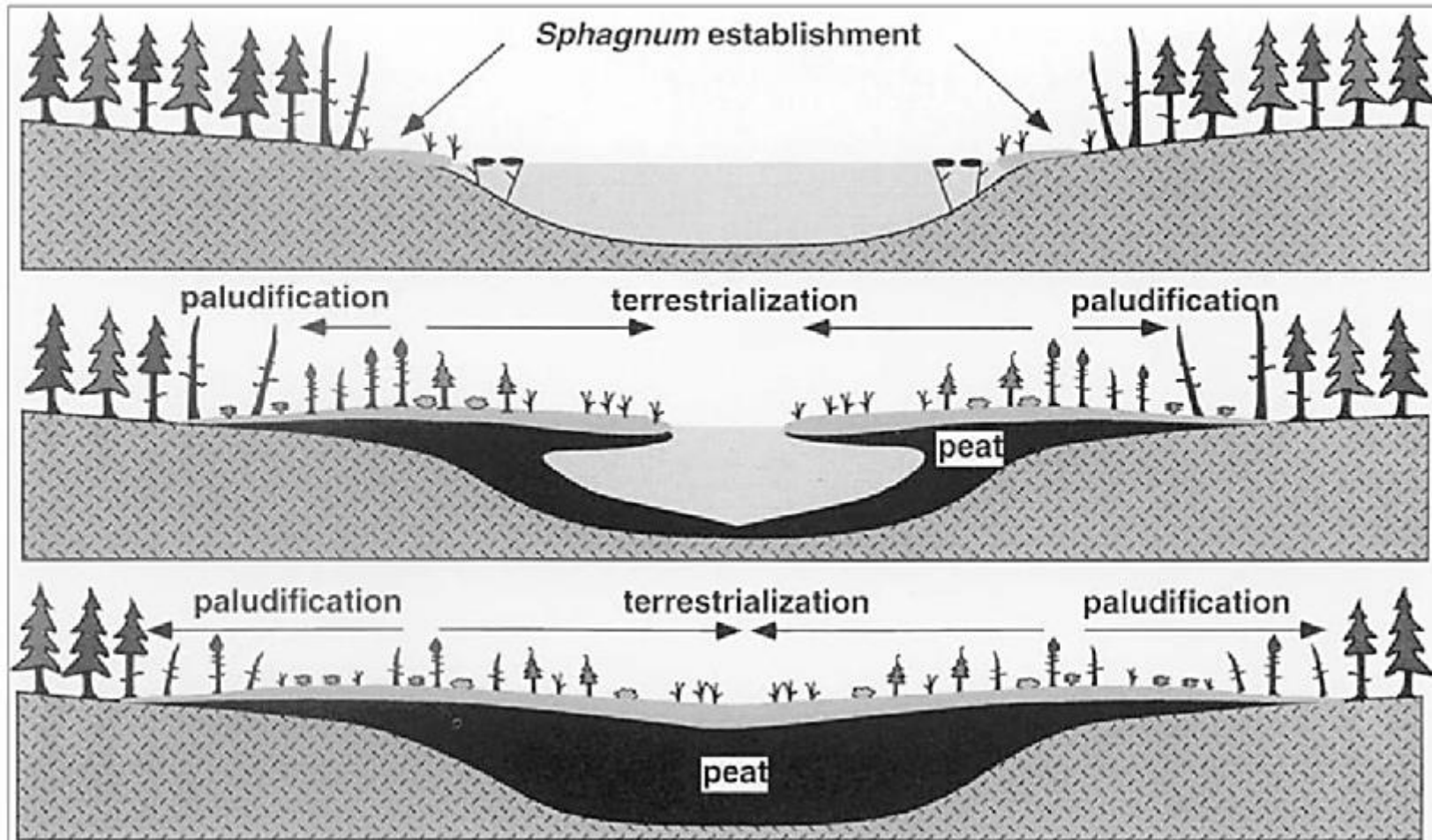


US EPA

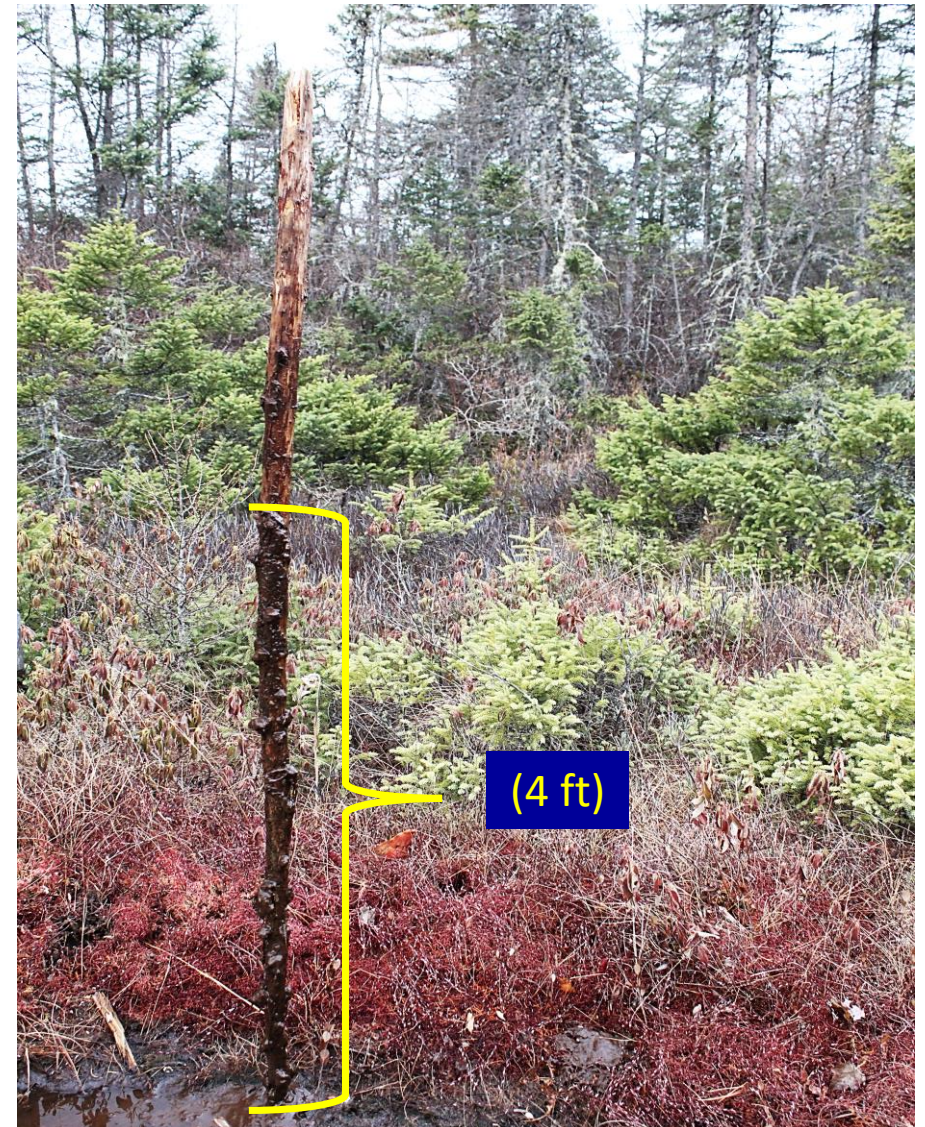




# Peatland Development (Paludification)











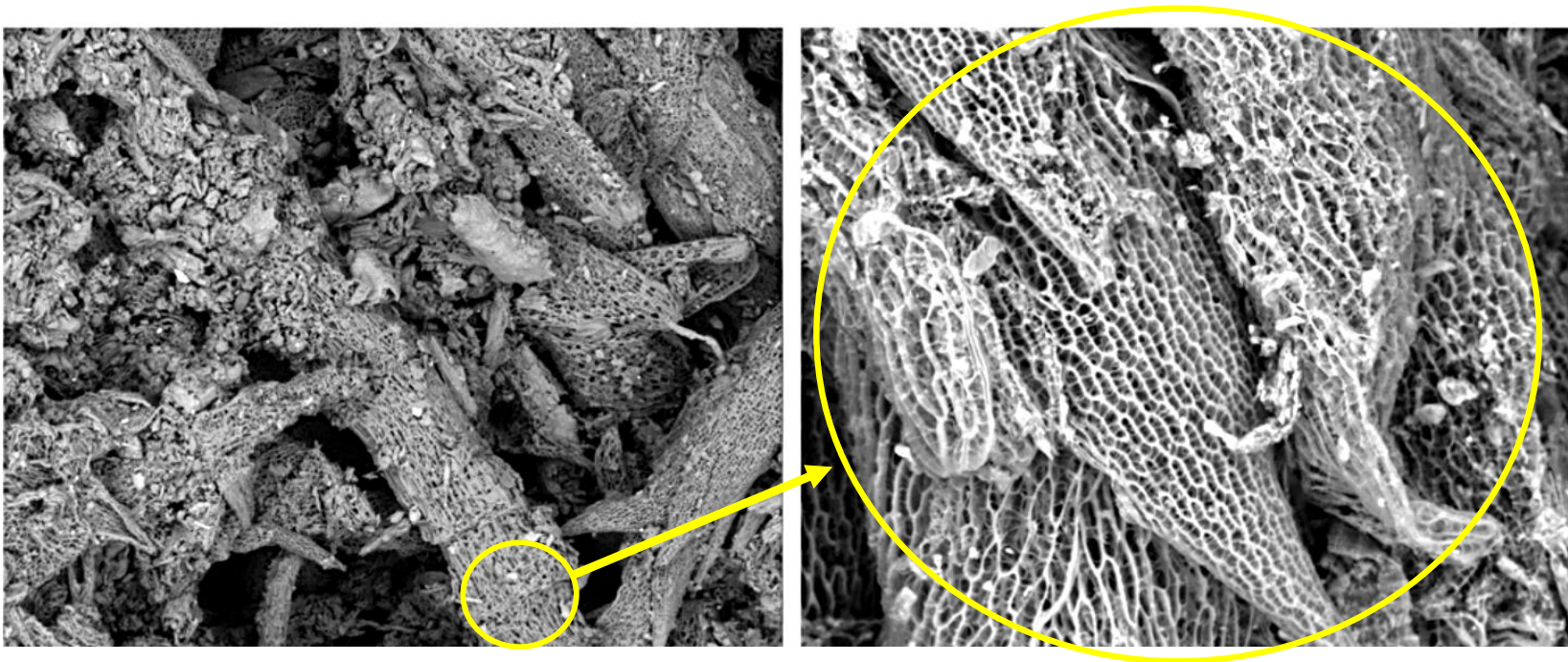
Sphagnum moss is capable of absorbing 16X its air-dry weight.

Kummel 1925

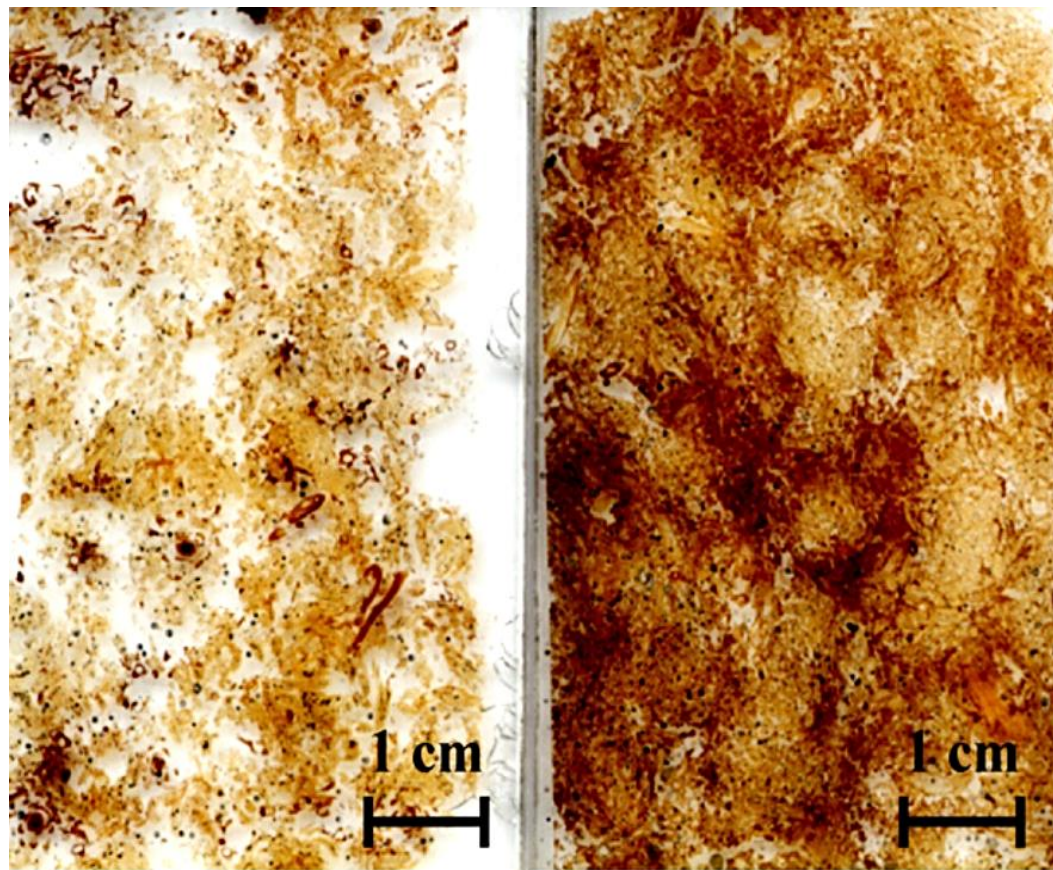


Undecomposed moss peats in the surface horizons contained the most water at saturation (95 to nearly 100% by volume).

Boelter 1964



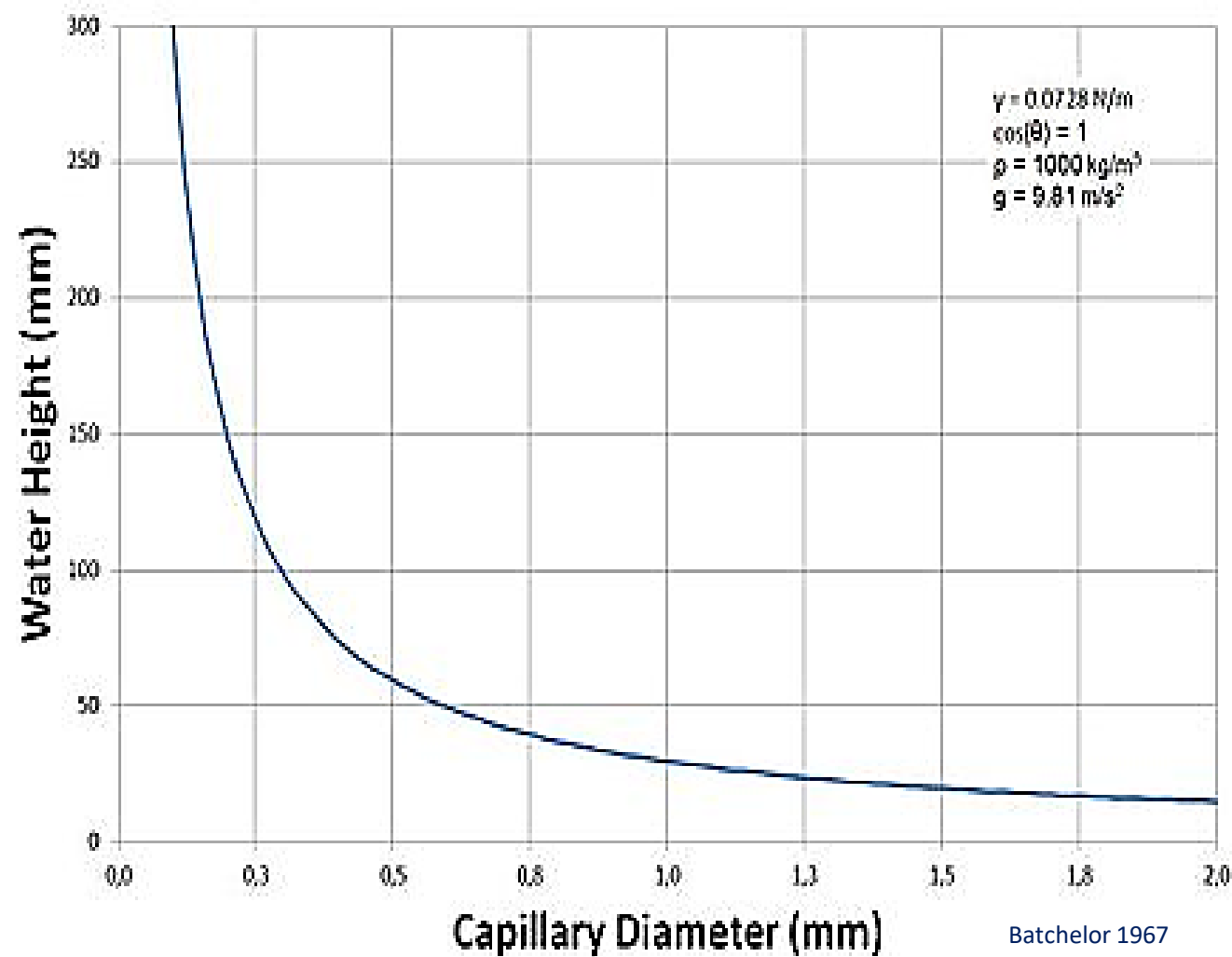




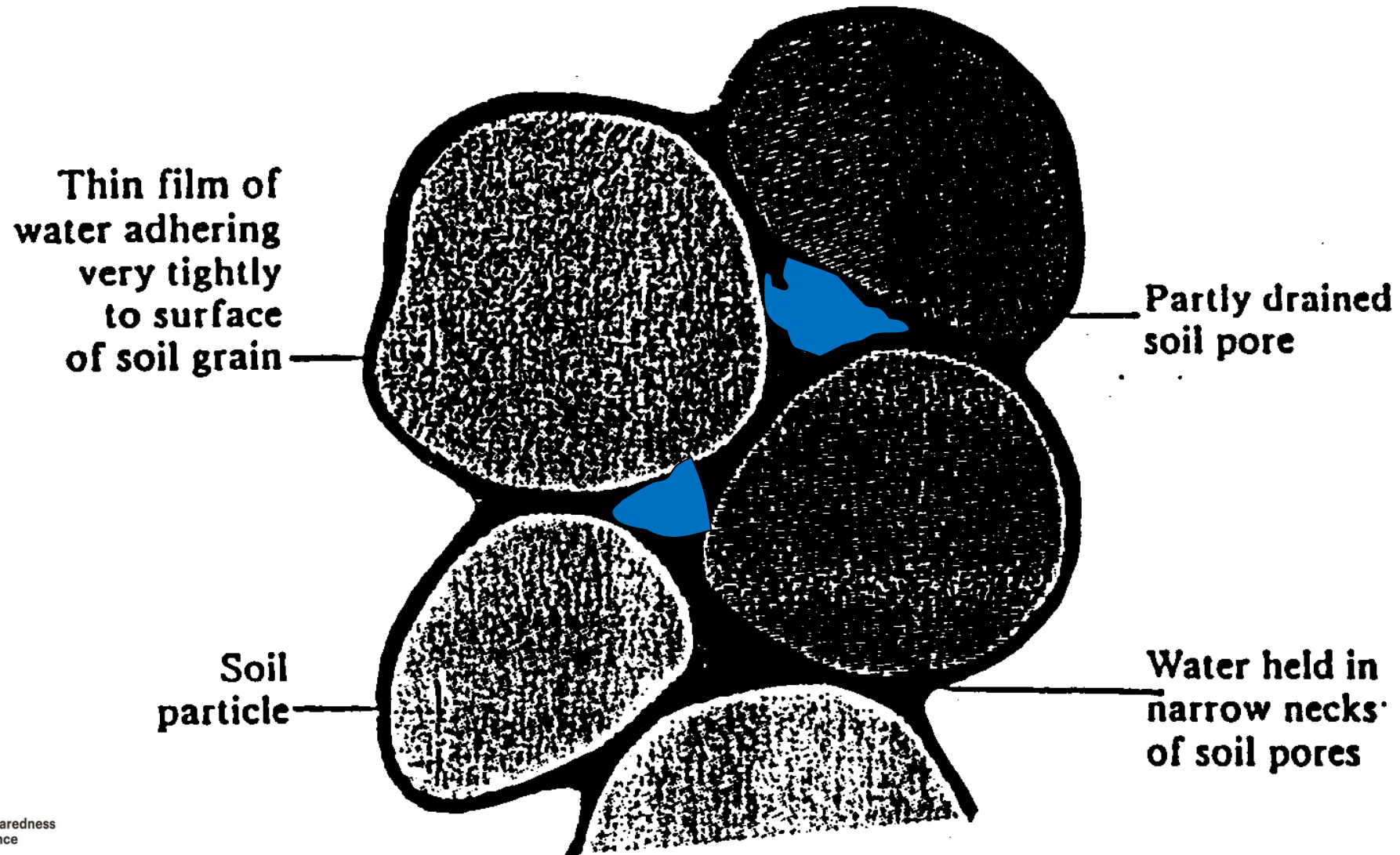
**Depth: 5 cm**

**Depth: 55 cm**

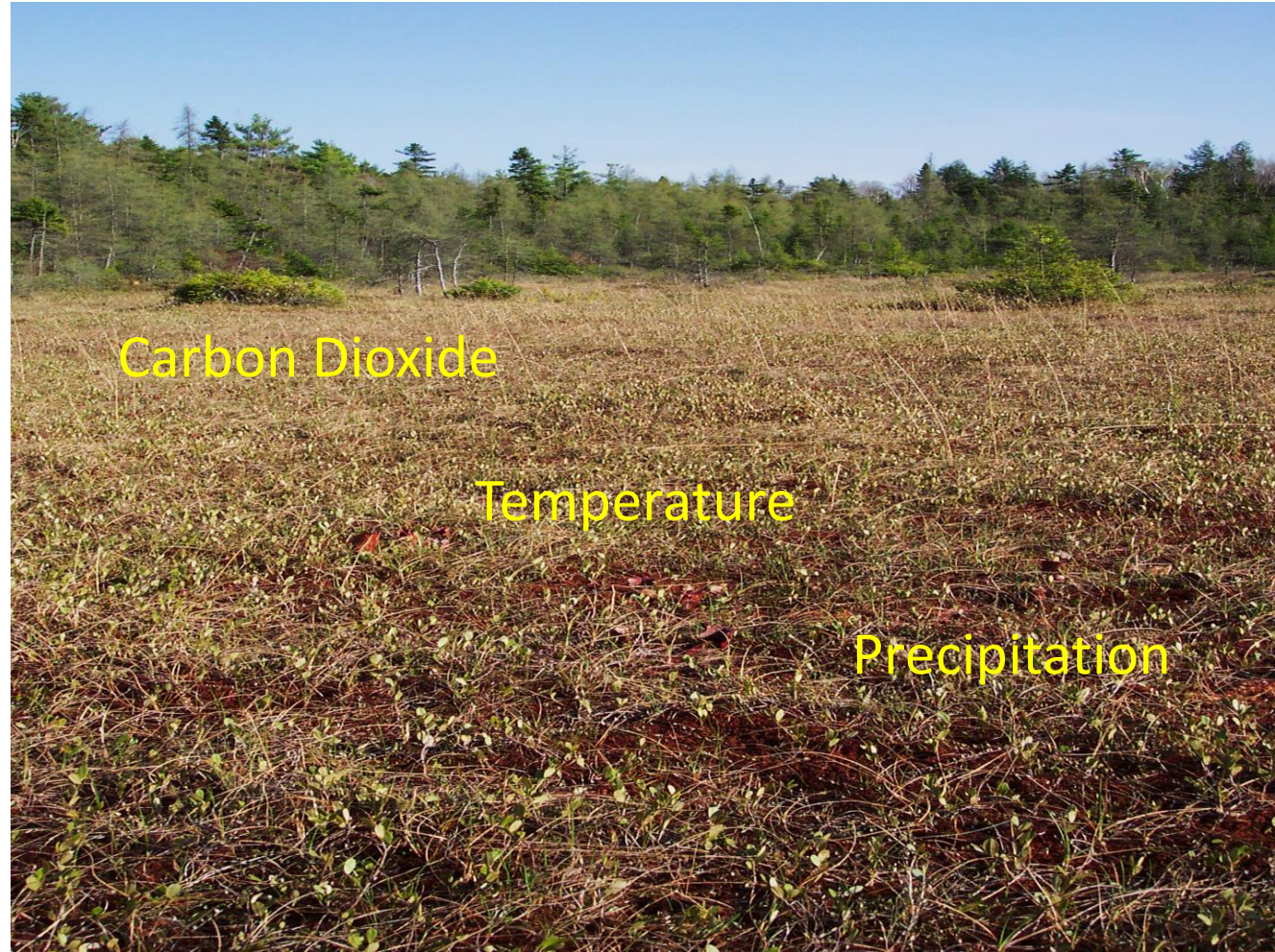
Rezanezhad et al. 2016



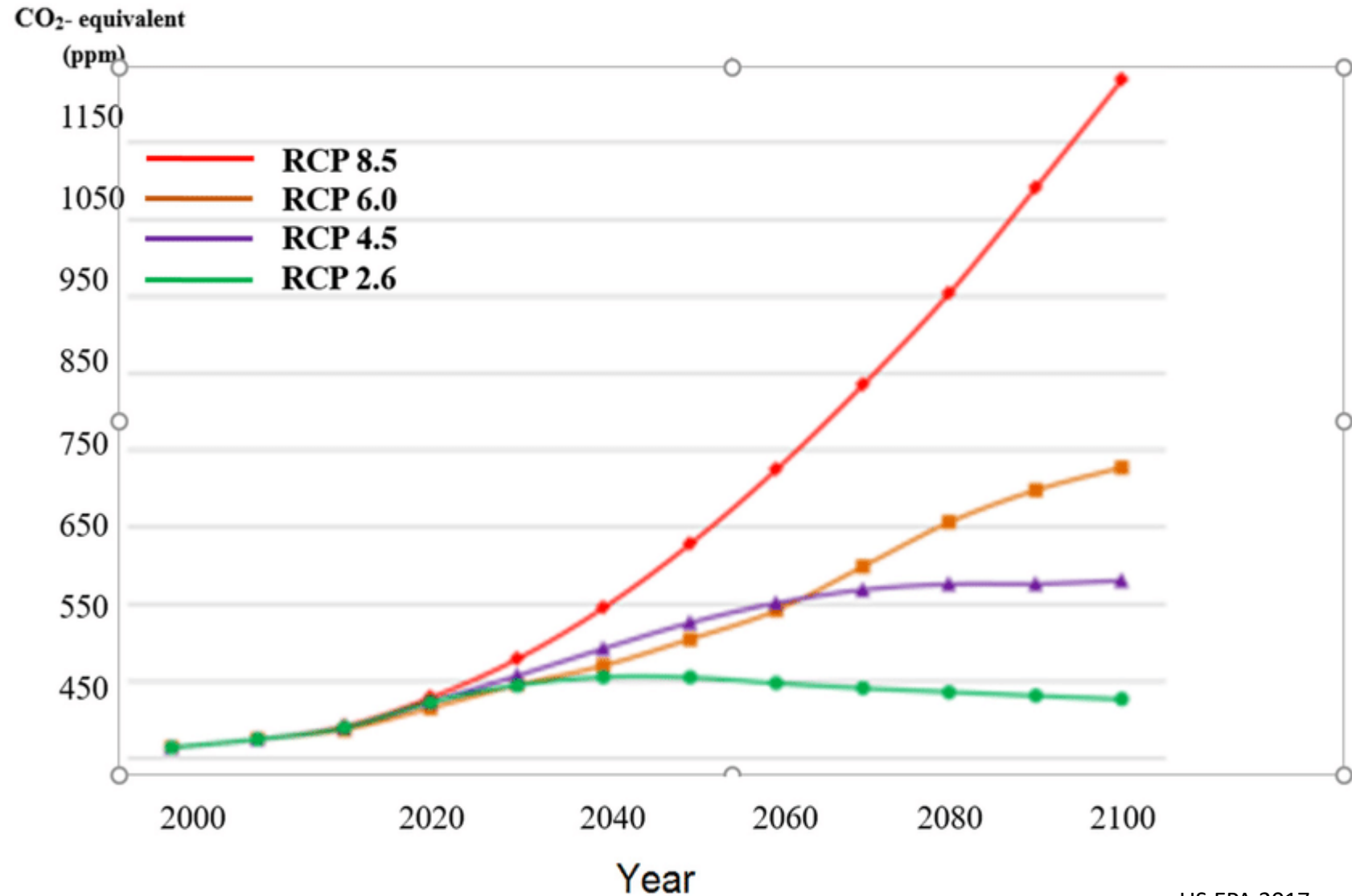
# SOIL PORE SPACE WITH WATER FILM







## Projected Increase in CO<sub>2</sub> Equivalents



US EPA 2017



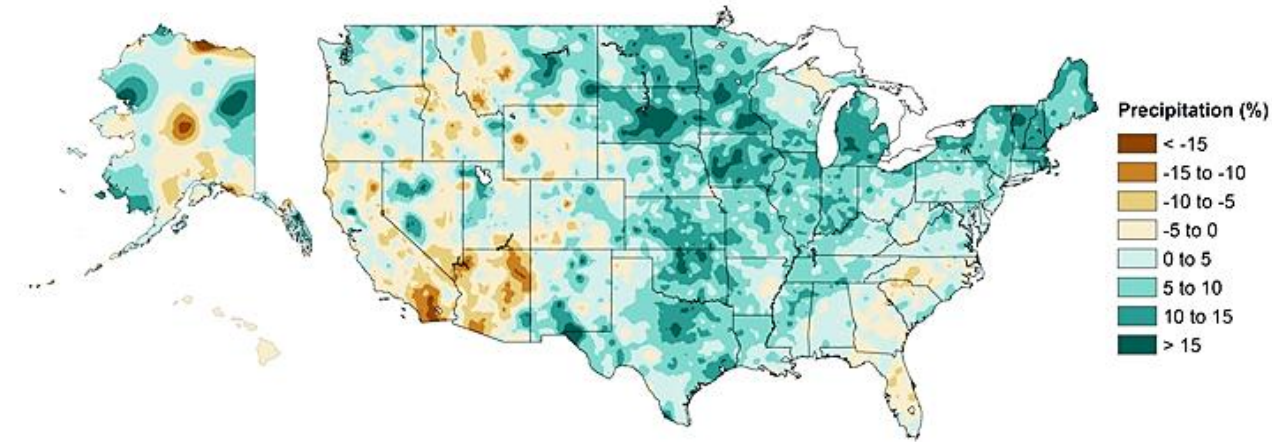
## Observed Changes in Annual Average Temperature

NCA Region	Change in Annual Average Temperature	Change in Annual Average Maximum Temperature	Change in Annual Average Minimum Temperature
Contiguous U.S.	1.23°F	1.06°F	1.41°F
Northeast	1.43°F	1.16°F	1.70°F

## Projected Changes in Annual Average Temperature

NCA Region	Low Emissions Mid-Century (2036–2065)	High Emissions Mid-Century (2036–2065)	Low Emissions Late-Century (2071–2100)	High Emissions Late-Century (2071–2100)
Northeast	3.98°F	5.09°F	5.27°F	9.11°F

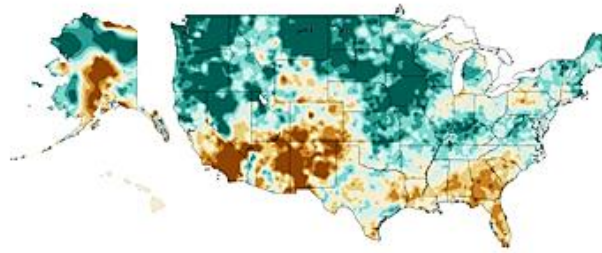
## Annual Precipitation



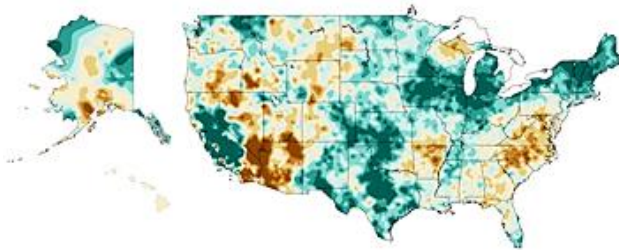
## Winter Precipitation



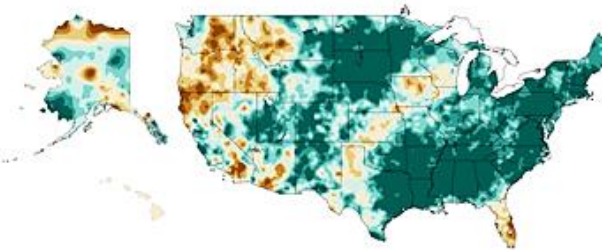
## Spring Precipitation



## Summer Precipitation

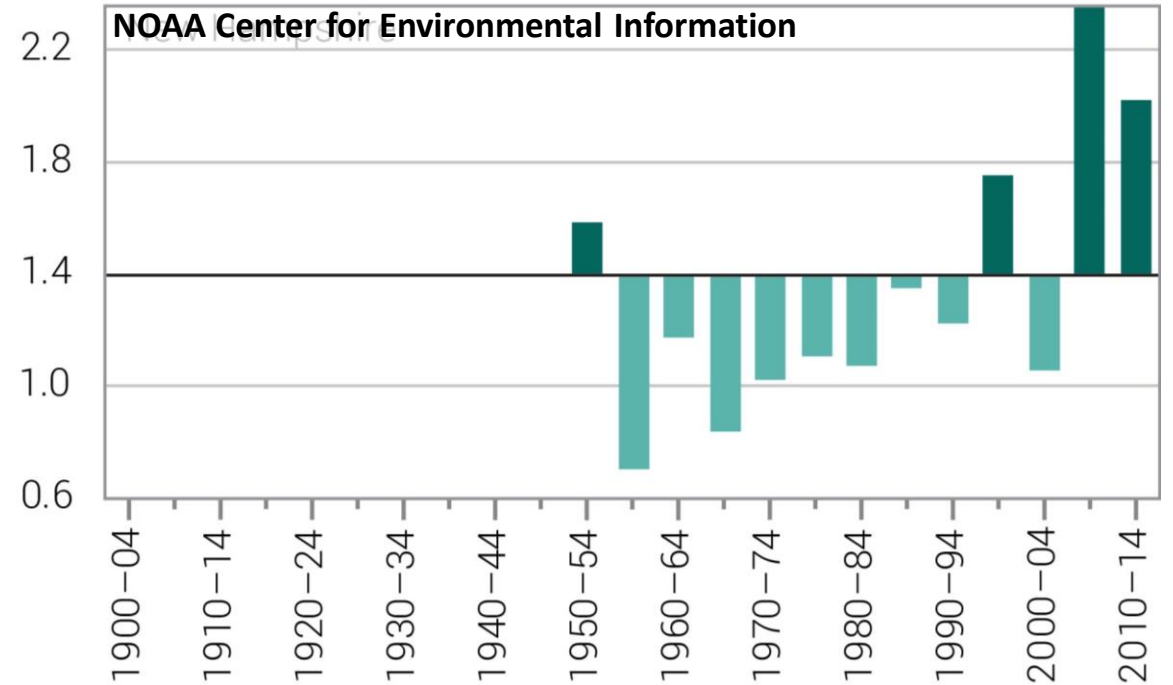


## Fall Precipitation



NCA4 2018

## Extreme Precipitation (Annual Events: > 2")





## Northern New Hampshire

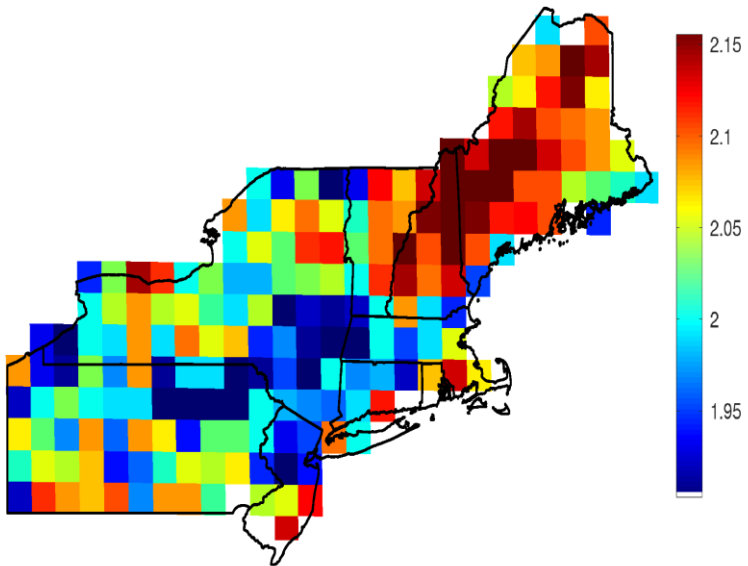
Indicators	Historical* 1980-2009	Change from historical (+ or -)					
		Short Term 2010-2039		Medium Term 2040-2069		Long Term 2070-2099	
		Low Emissions	High Emissions	Low Emissions	High Emissions	Low Emissions	High Emissions

### Precipitation (inches)

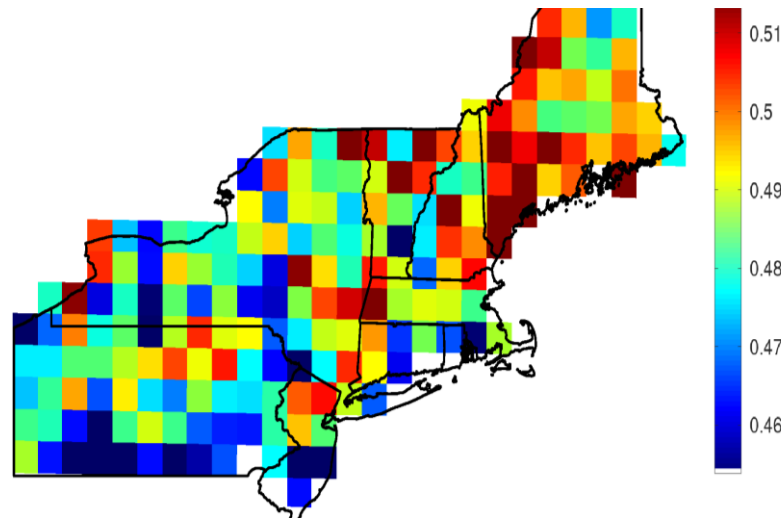
Annual mean	43.2	3.5	2.2	10.1 %	5.2	6.2	7.3
Winter mean	8.9	1.1	0.9	14.1 %	1.5	1.8	2.4
Spring mean	10.1	1.0	0.8	16.8 %	1.6	1.9	2.5
Summer mean	12.6	1.4	0.4	4.8 %	1.4	1.9	0.7
Fall mean	11.5	0.1	0.2	7.8 %	0.9	0.8	1.7

## Trends in Drought over the Northeast United States 1901-2015

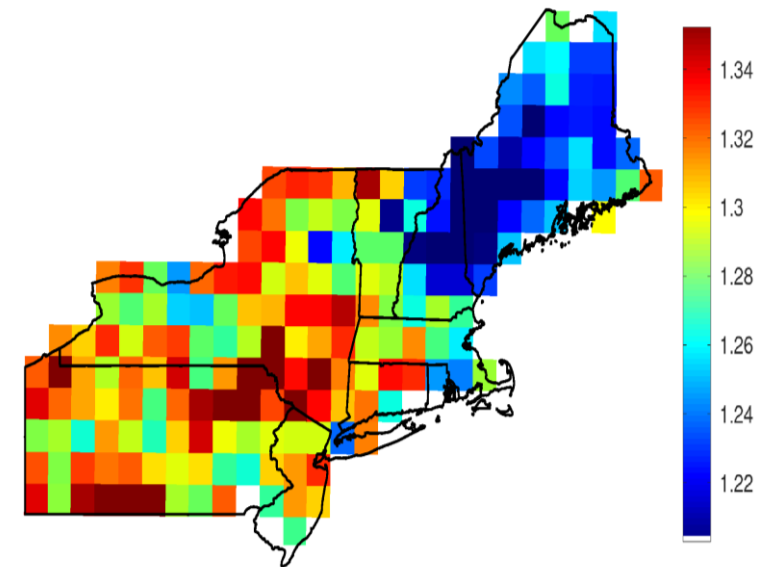
Frequency



Intensity



Duration

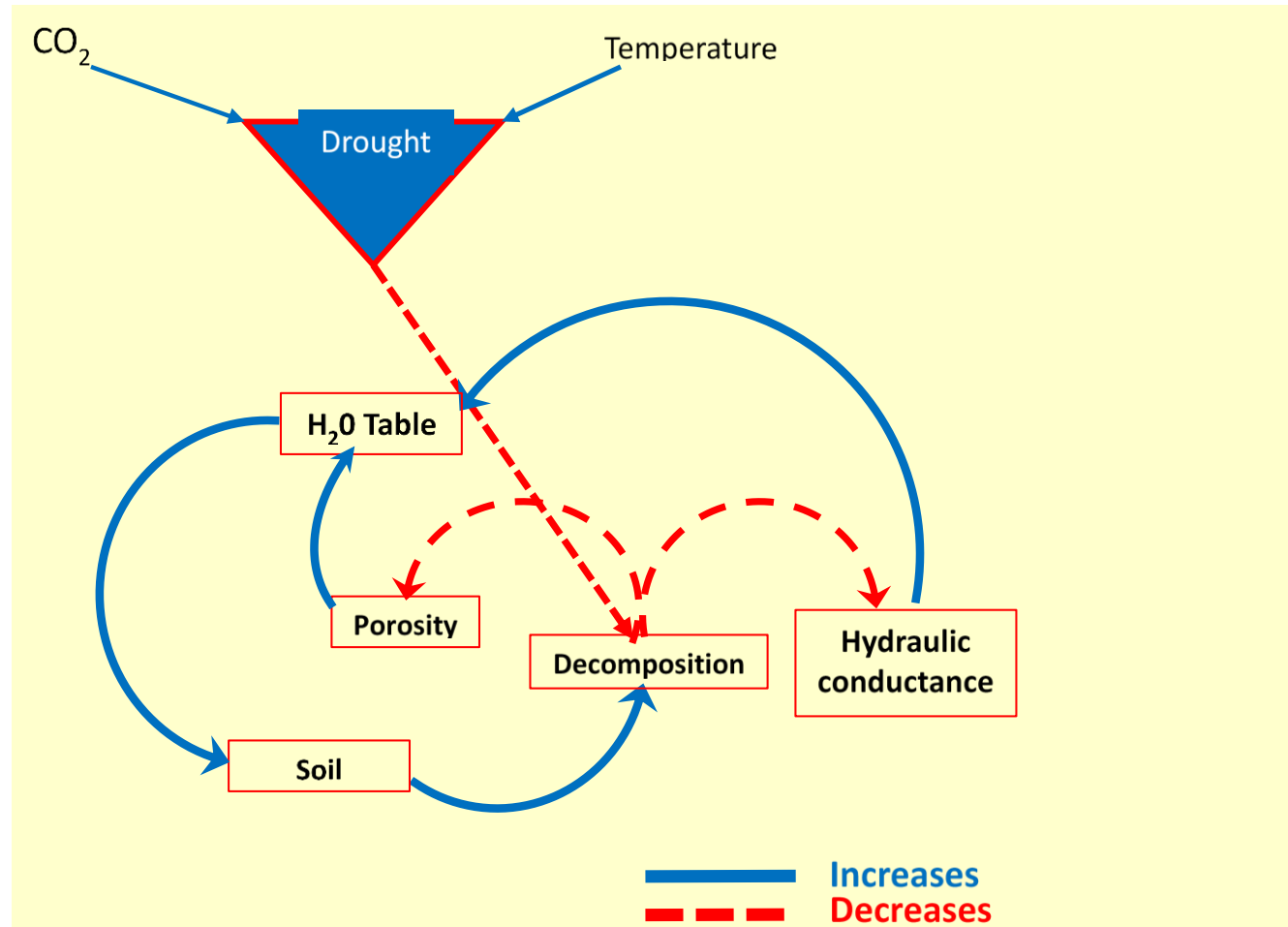




## Peatland Water Table: Pre/Post Leaf-out



## Sphagnum Resilience

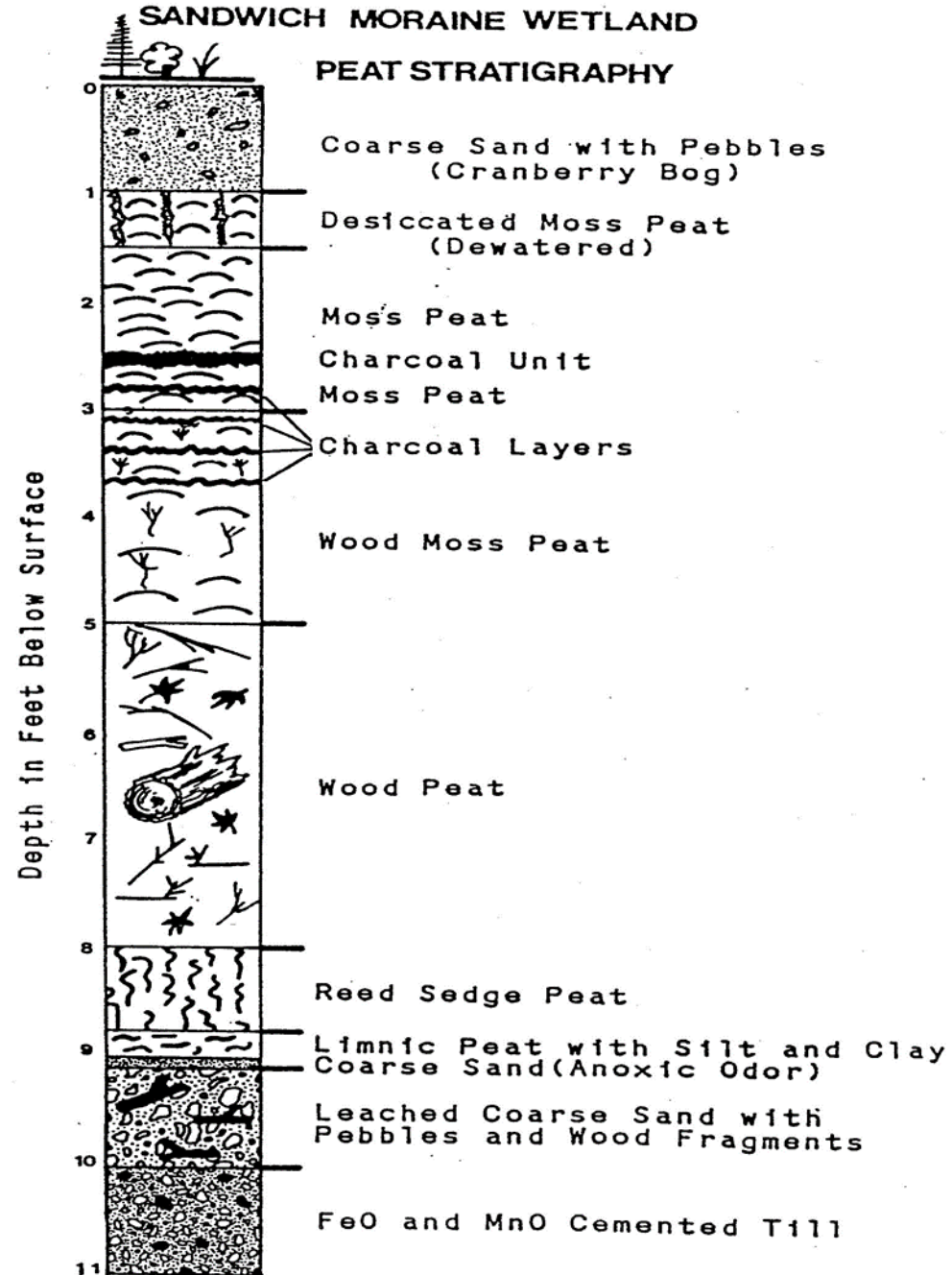






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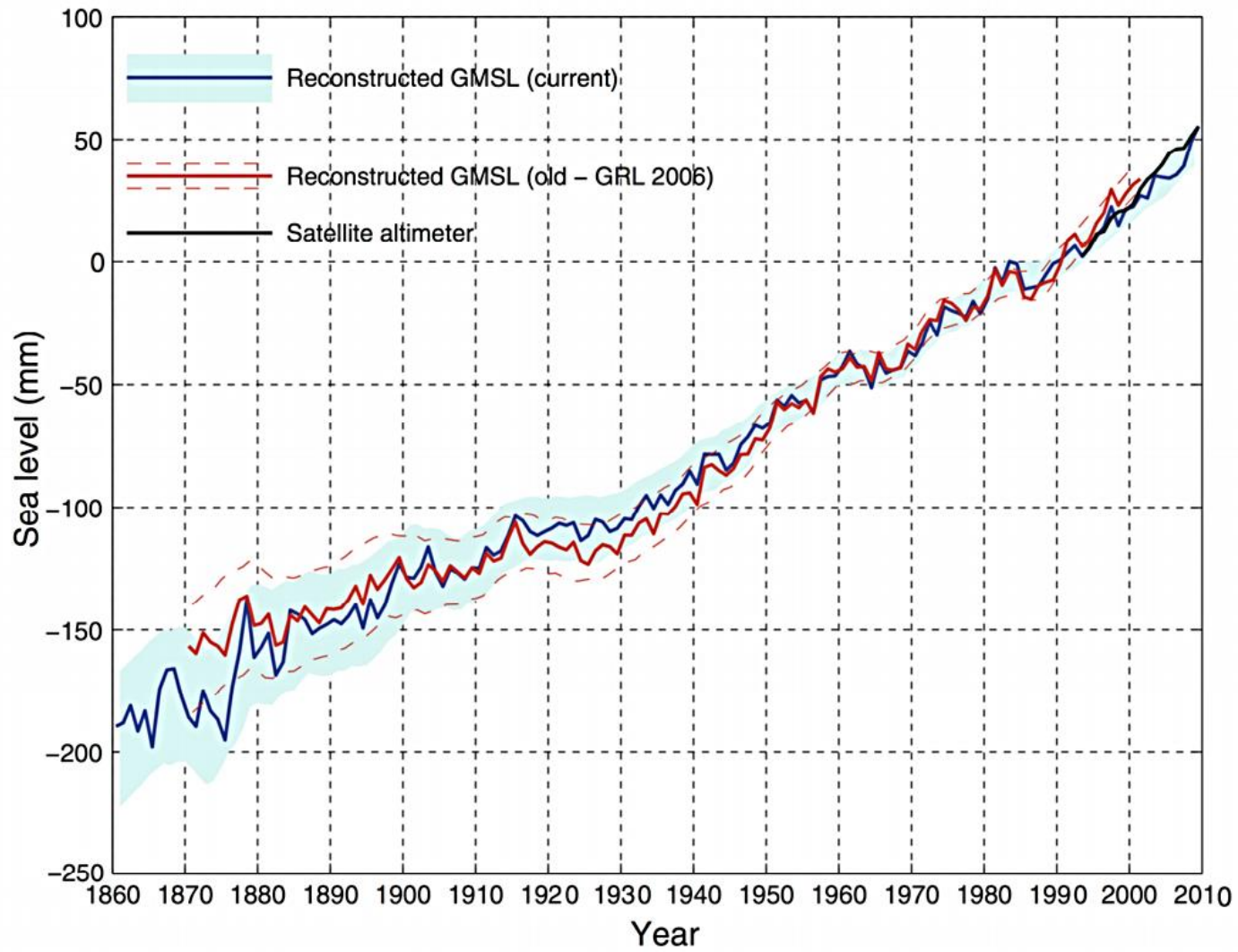
## PEAT STRATIGRAPHY







# Historic Average Sea-level Rise



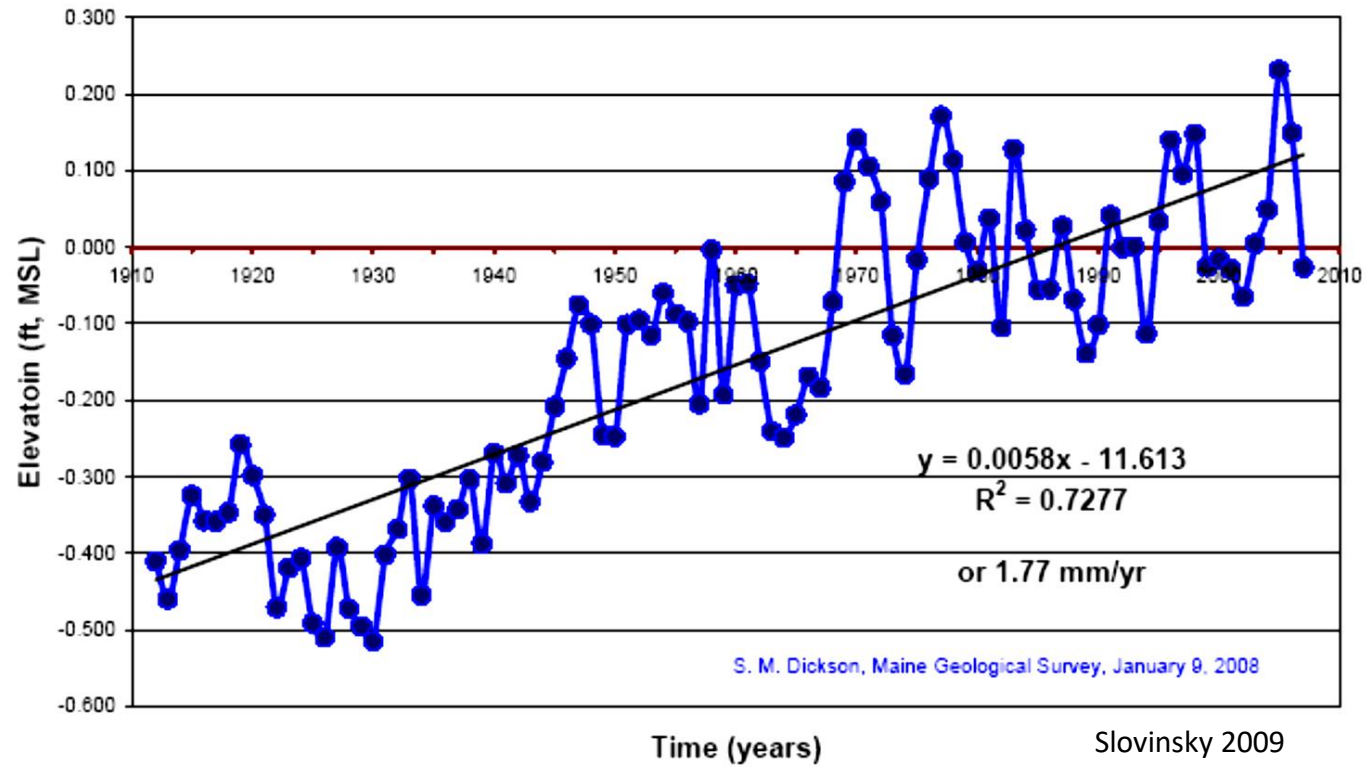


## Large-scale Drivers for Sea-Level Rise

<b>GMSL Rise Component</b>	<b>1971-2010</b>		<b>1993-2010</b>	
	<b>median</b>	<b>range (5-95%)</b>	<b>median</b>	<b>range (5-95%)</b>
Thermal expansion	0.8	0.5 to 1.1	1.1	0.8 to 1.4
Glaciers (not including Greenland and Antarctic ice Sheets)	0.68	0.22 to 1.08	0.86	0.32 to 1.26
Greenland Ice Sheet	na	na	0.33	0.25 to 0.41
Antarctic Ice Sheet	na	na	0.27	0.16 to 0.38
Land water storage	0.12	0.03-0.22	0.38	0.26 to 0.49
Total contributions			2.8	2.3 to 3.4
Observed GMSL rise			3.2	2.8 to 3.6

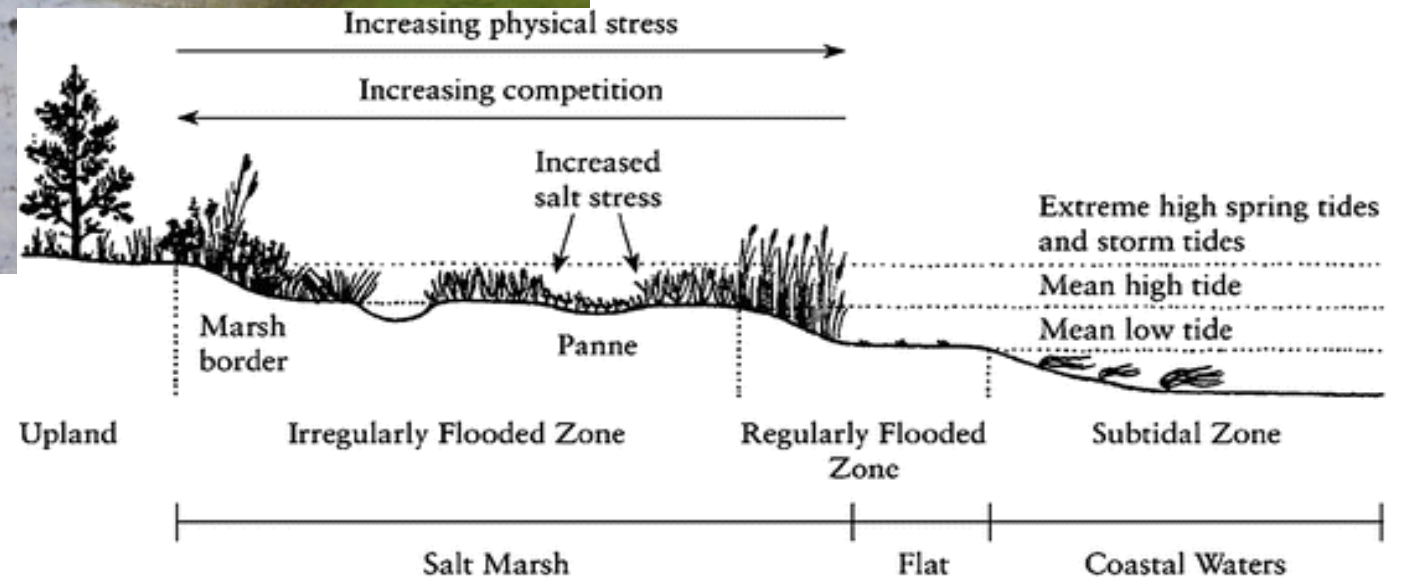
**Table 2.3.** Estimated contributions to global mean sea-level (GMSL) rise (mm per year). Data from Church et al. (2013, Table 13.1).

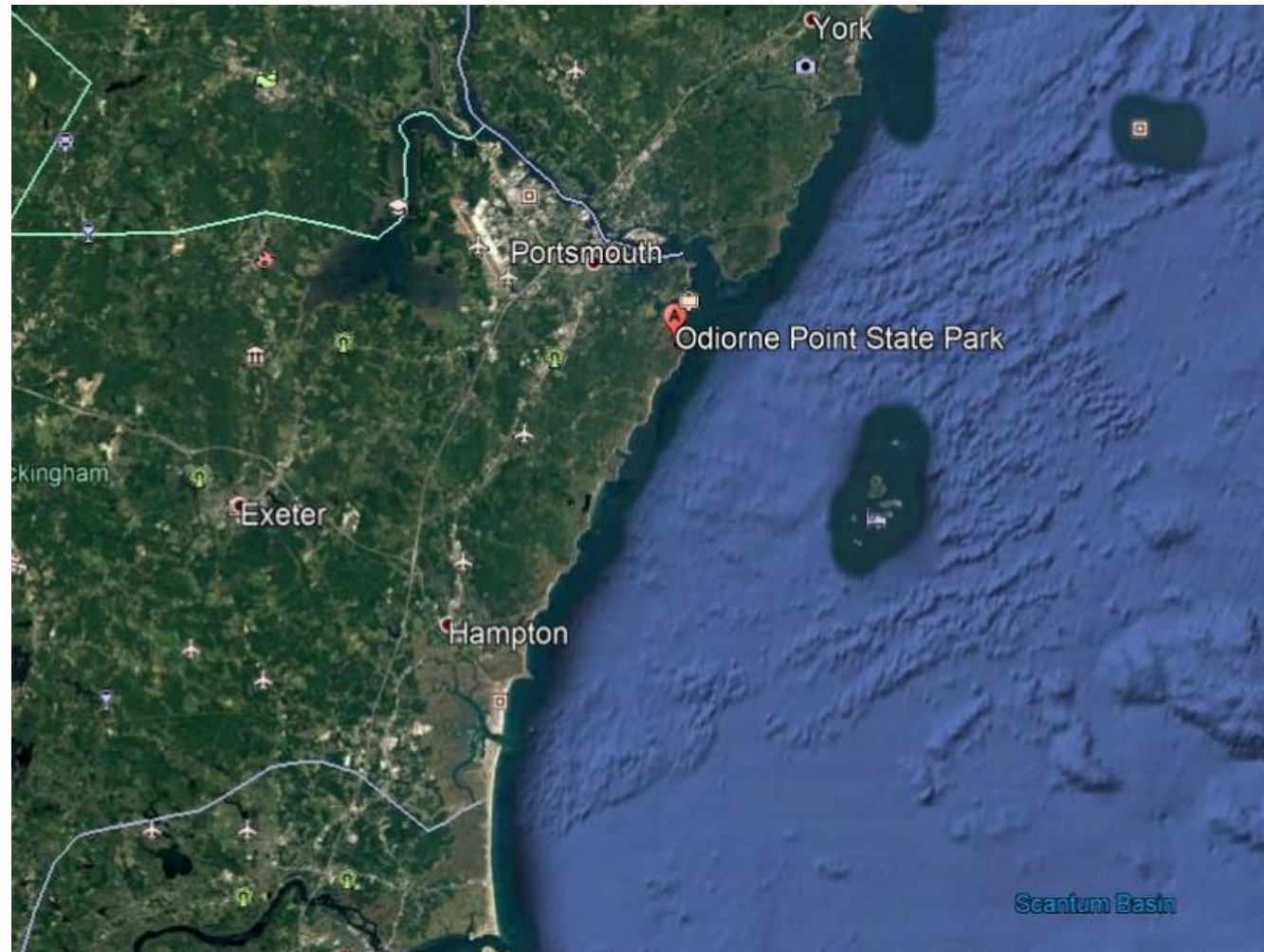
# Portland Maine Sea-level





# Salt Marsh Vegetation Zonation

















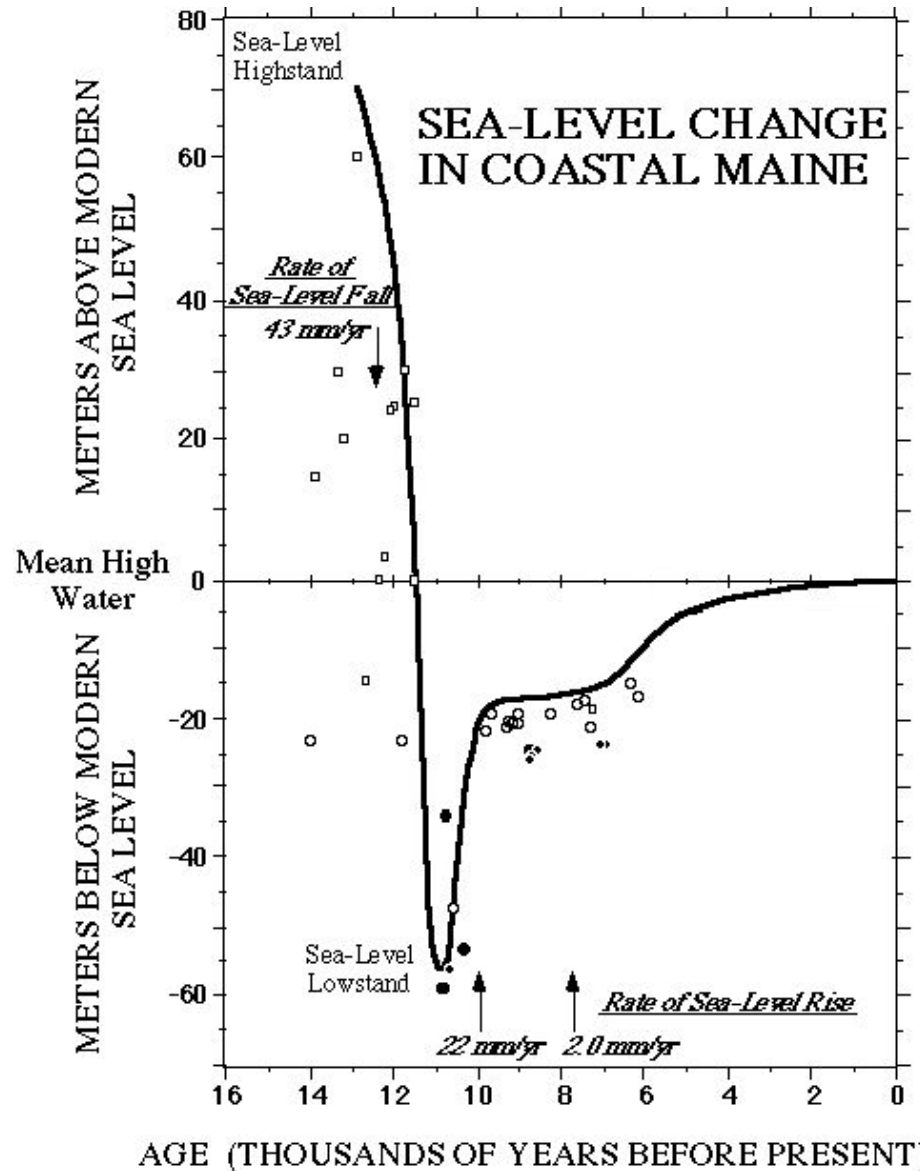






# Gulf of Maine Sea Level History

13,000 Years Before Present (ybp) to Modern



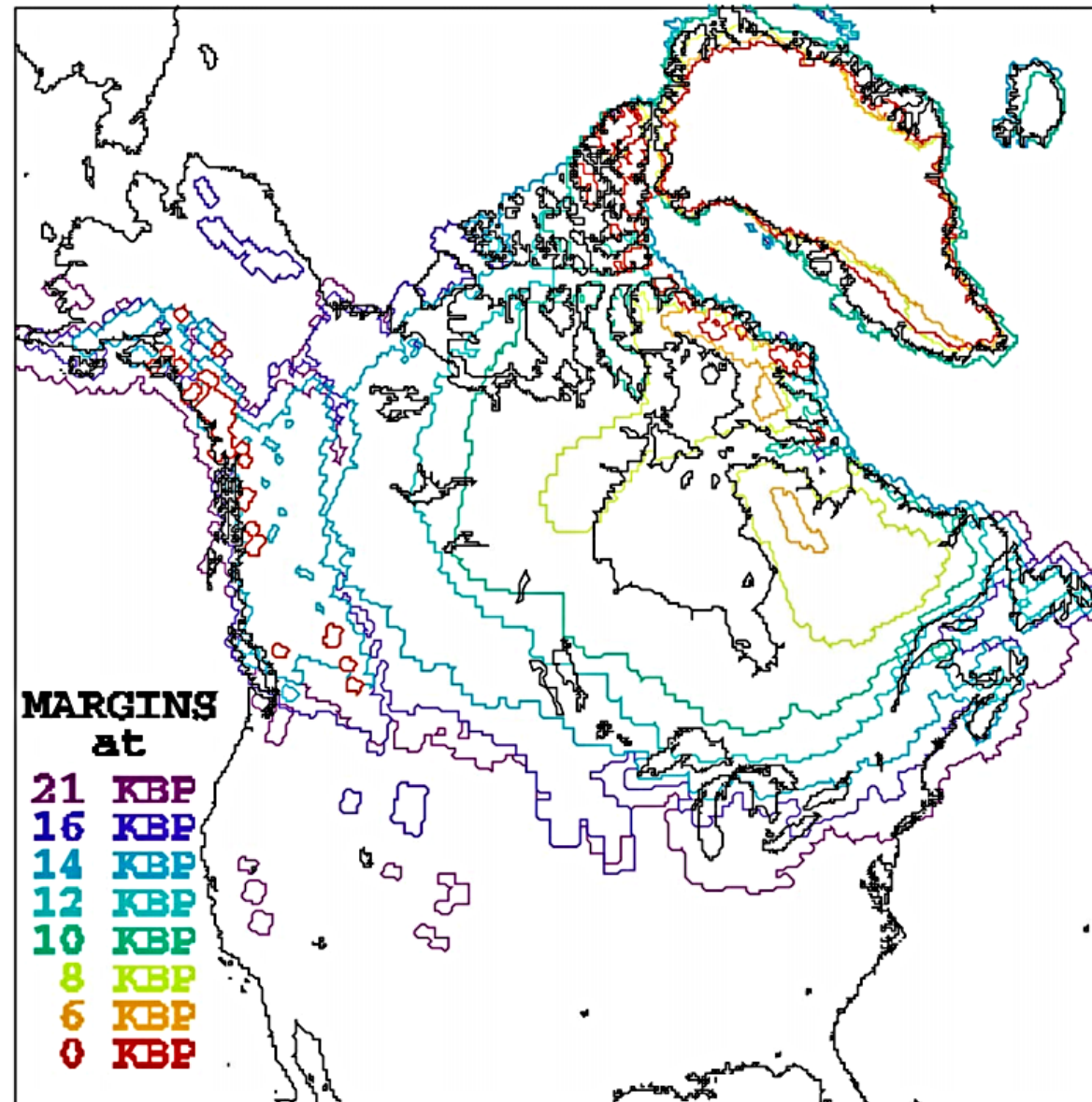
@ ~13,000 ybp sea level ~70 m higher

@ ~11,000 ybp sea level ~55 m lower

@ ~3,000 ybp sea level very close to present. Present shoreline development begins.

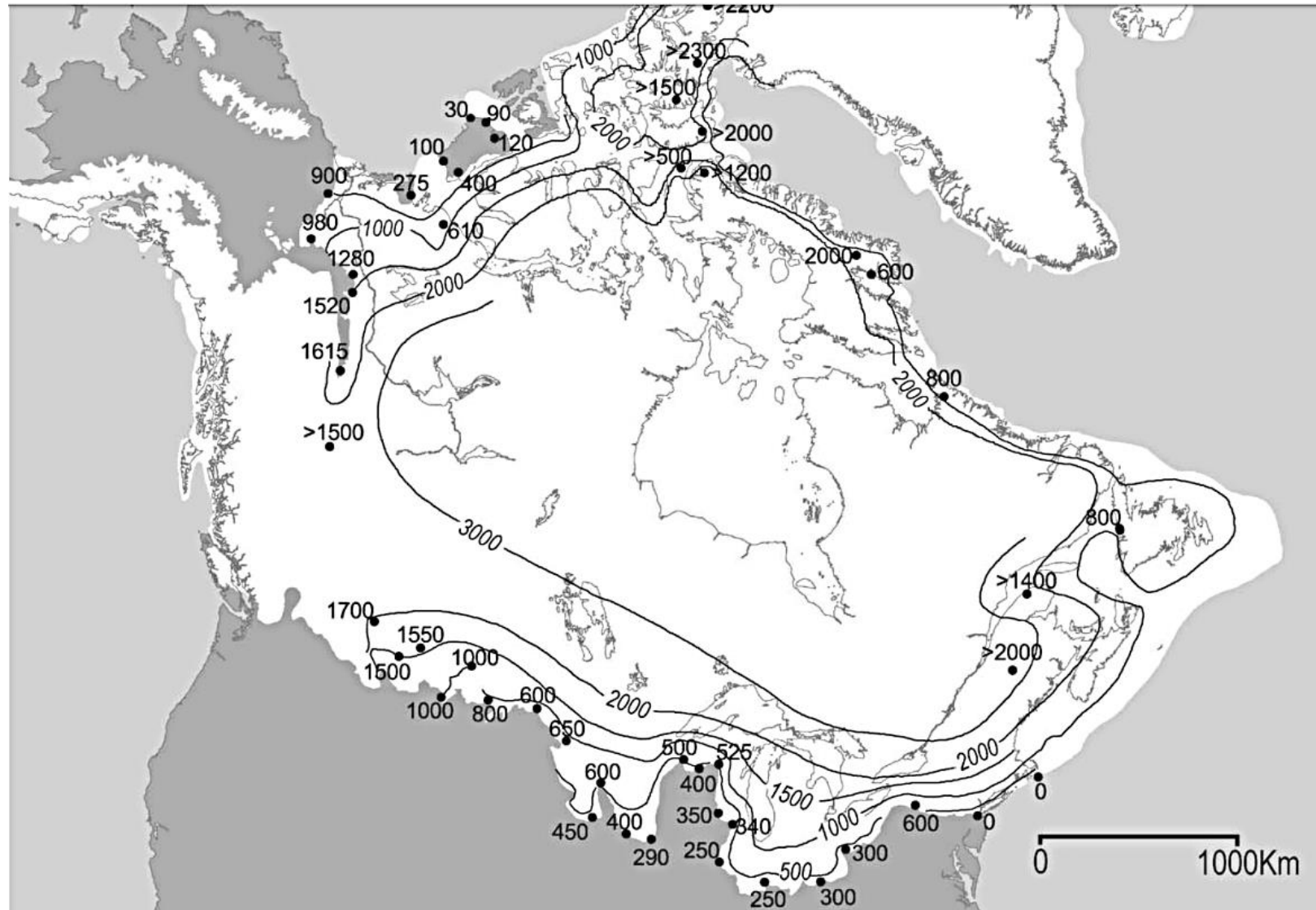
Based on Dickson (1999), Barnhardt (1994) and Belknap et al., (1987).

## Timing of Last Glacial Retreat

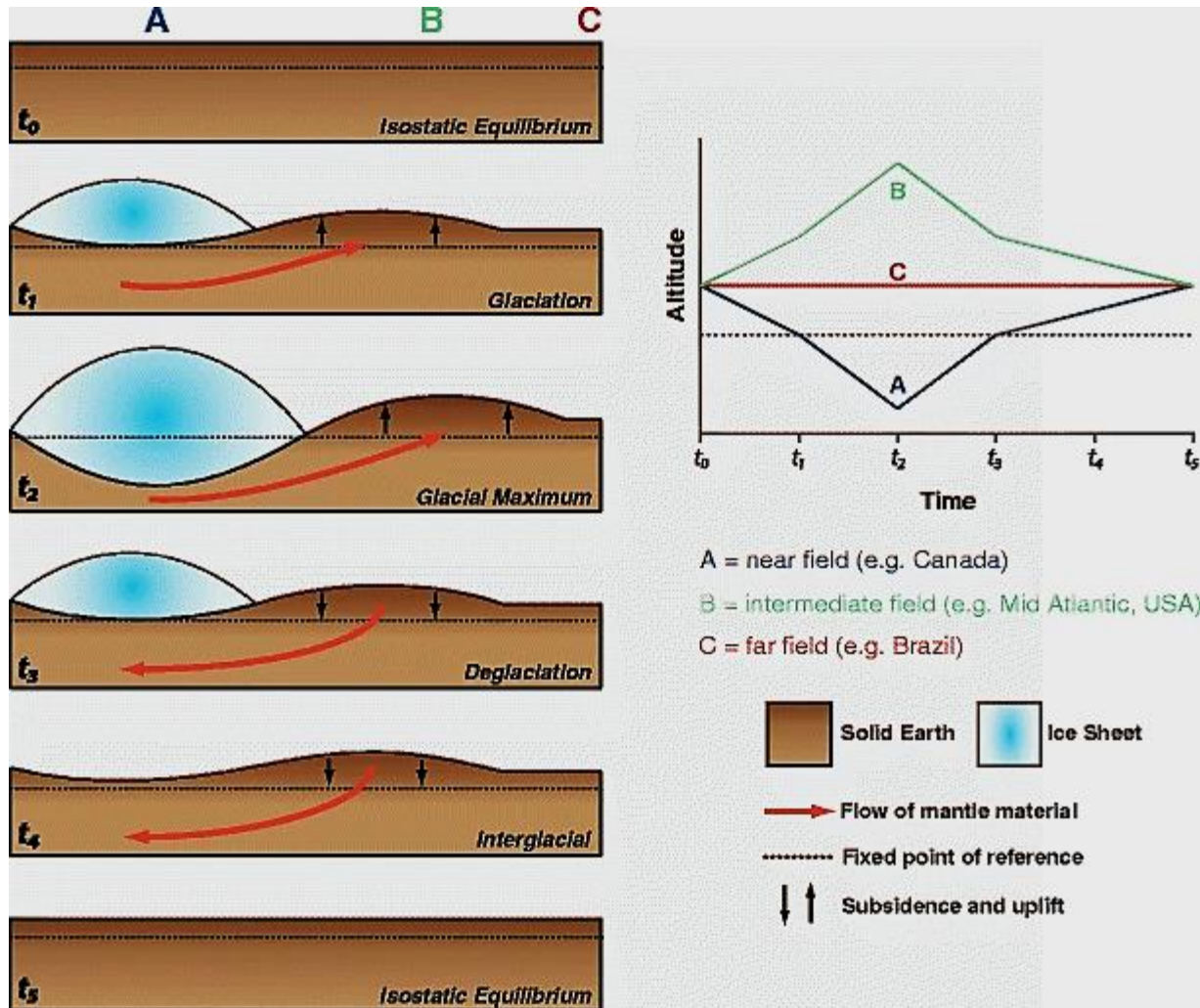




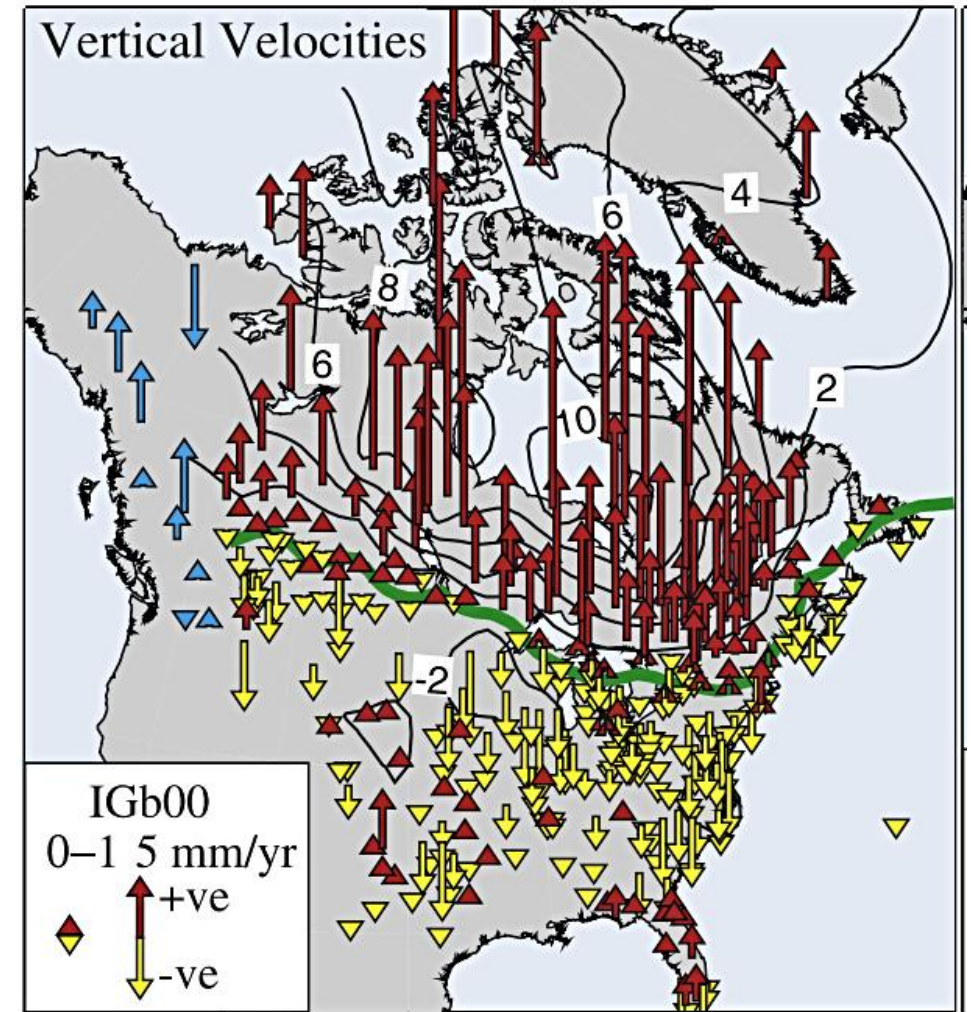
## Last Glacial Maximum Ice Thickness (meters)



# Isostatic Response Post-glacial Advance



Kempet al. 2013



Sella et al. 2007

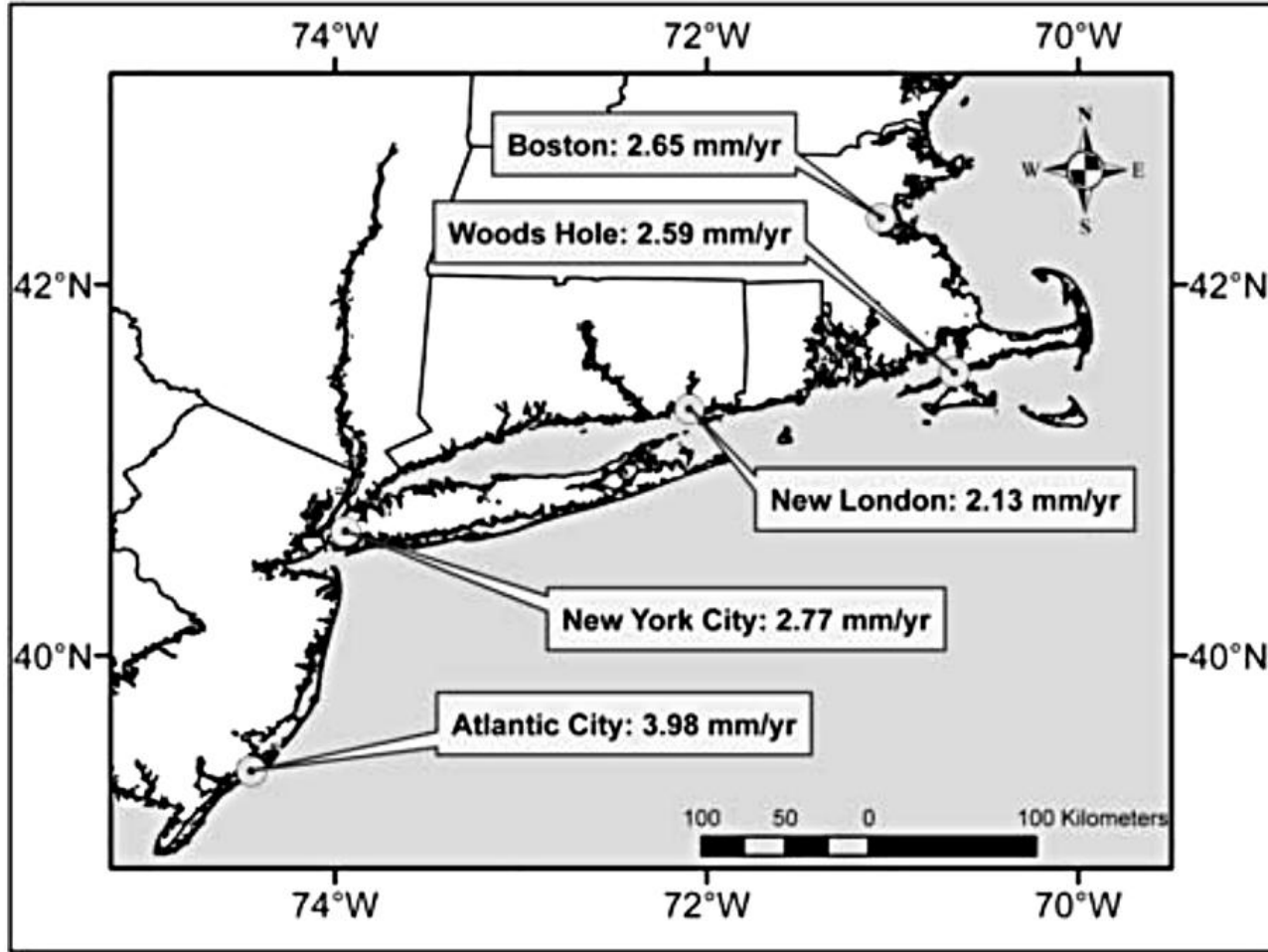


## Hampton NH: Sunny-day Flooding:

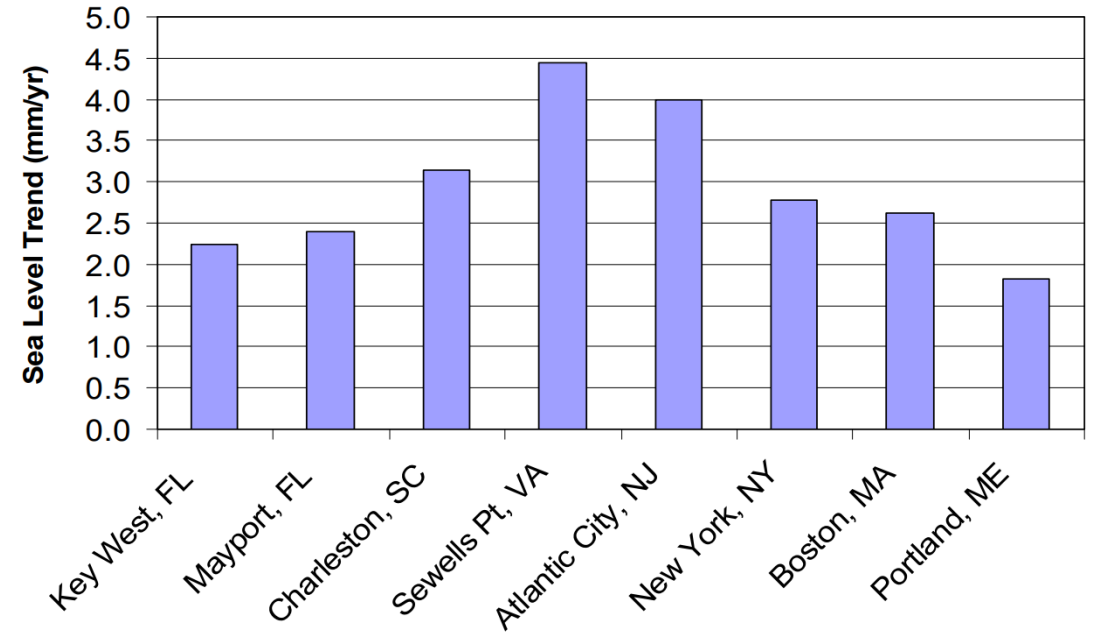




## Variance in Sea-level Rise Along Atlantic Coast



Kirshen et al. 2008



Boon et al. 2010





Robin Lubbock

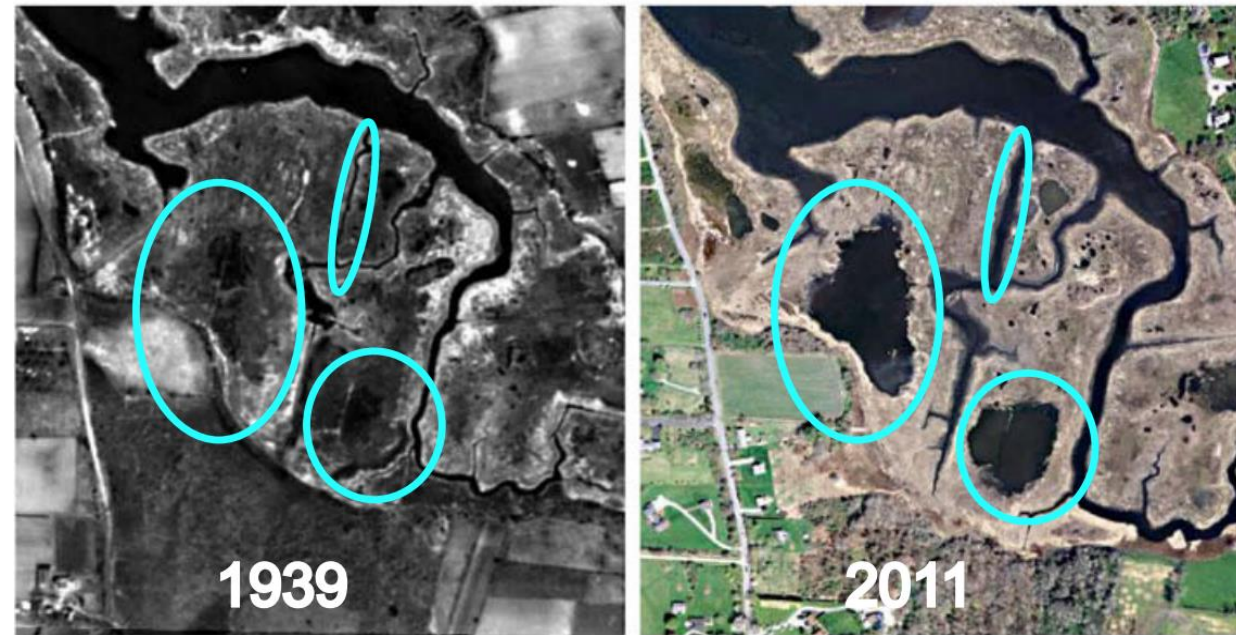


# Historic Change to Salt marsh Along Atlantic Coast

Mary Donovan Marsh

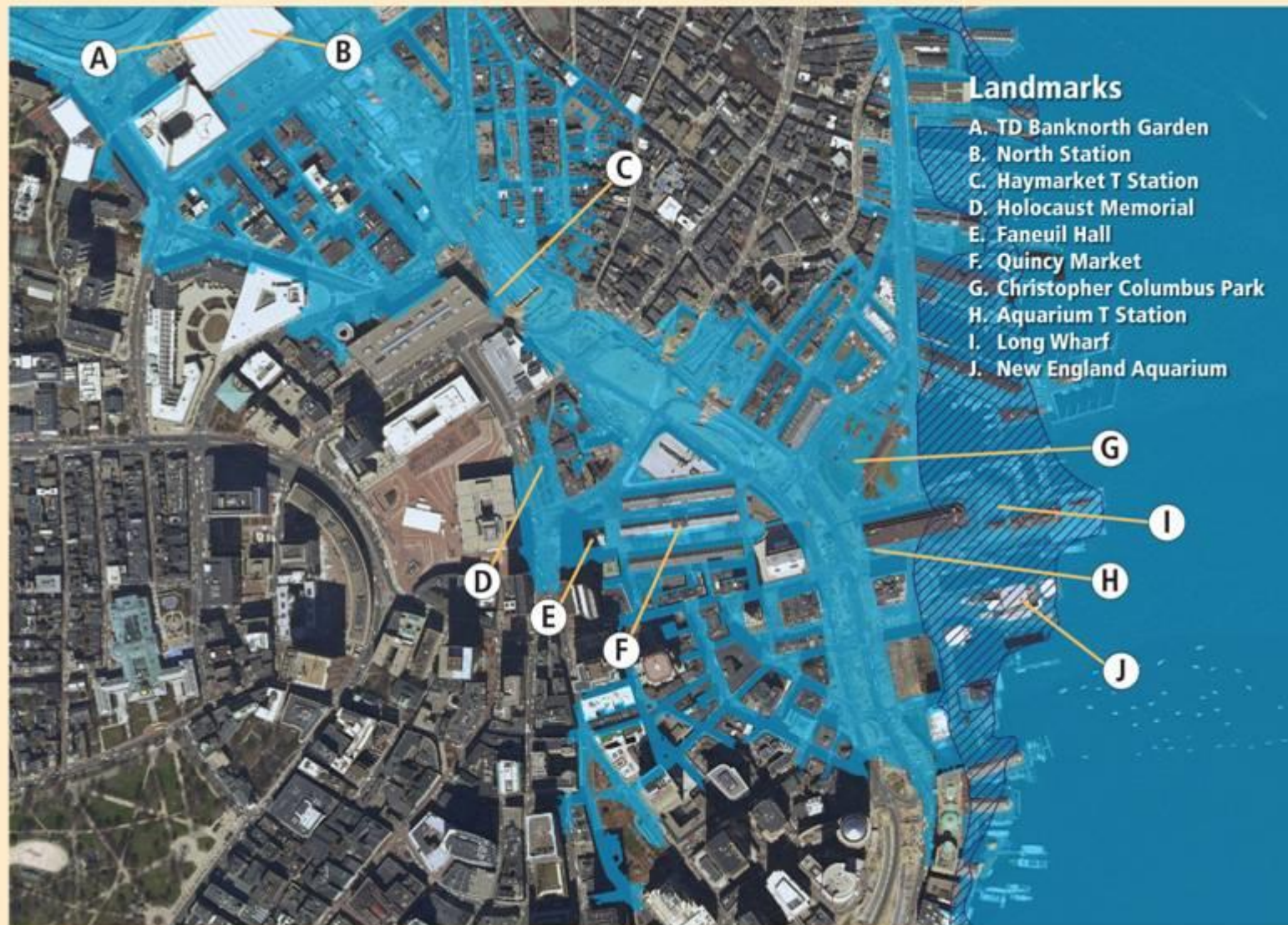


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# Boston: The Future 100-Year Flood under the Higher-Emissions Scenario



■ Current 100-year flood zone  
■ Projected 100-year flooded area (higher-emissions scenario)



Chris Neill



## Historic Rate of Sediment Accumulation (cm/100 years)

MA Coast	<u>Accretion</u>	<u>Subsidence</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Accumulation</u>	<u>Age</u> (years)
<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	61	30	31	490
<i>Spartina patens</i>	38	30	8	600

Chapman, 1990

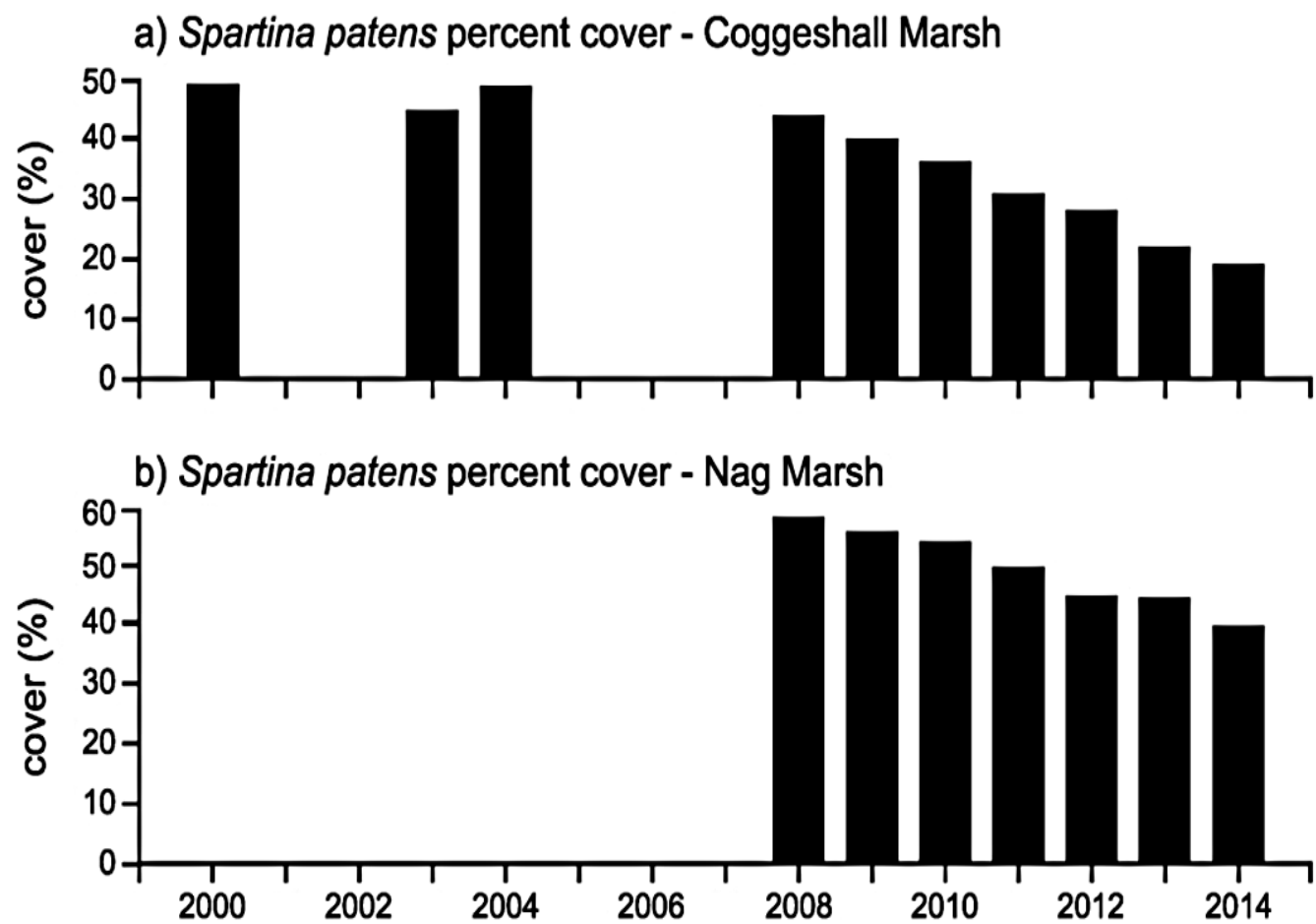
Low Marsh Peat



High Marsh Peat



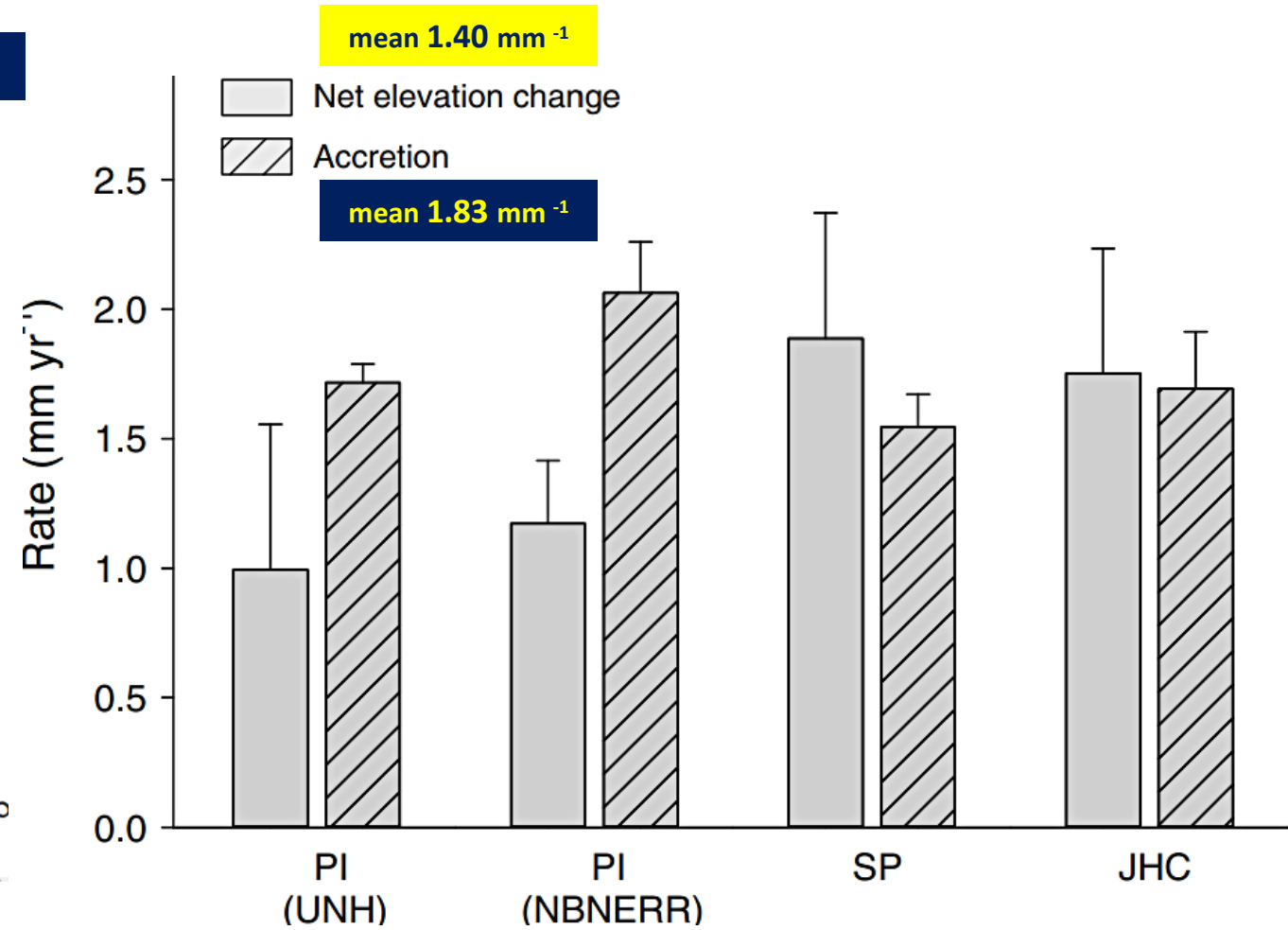
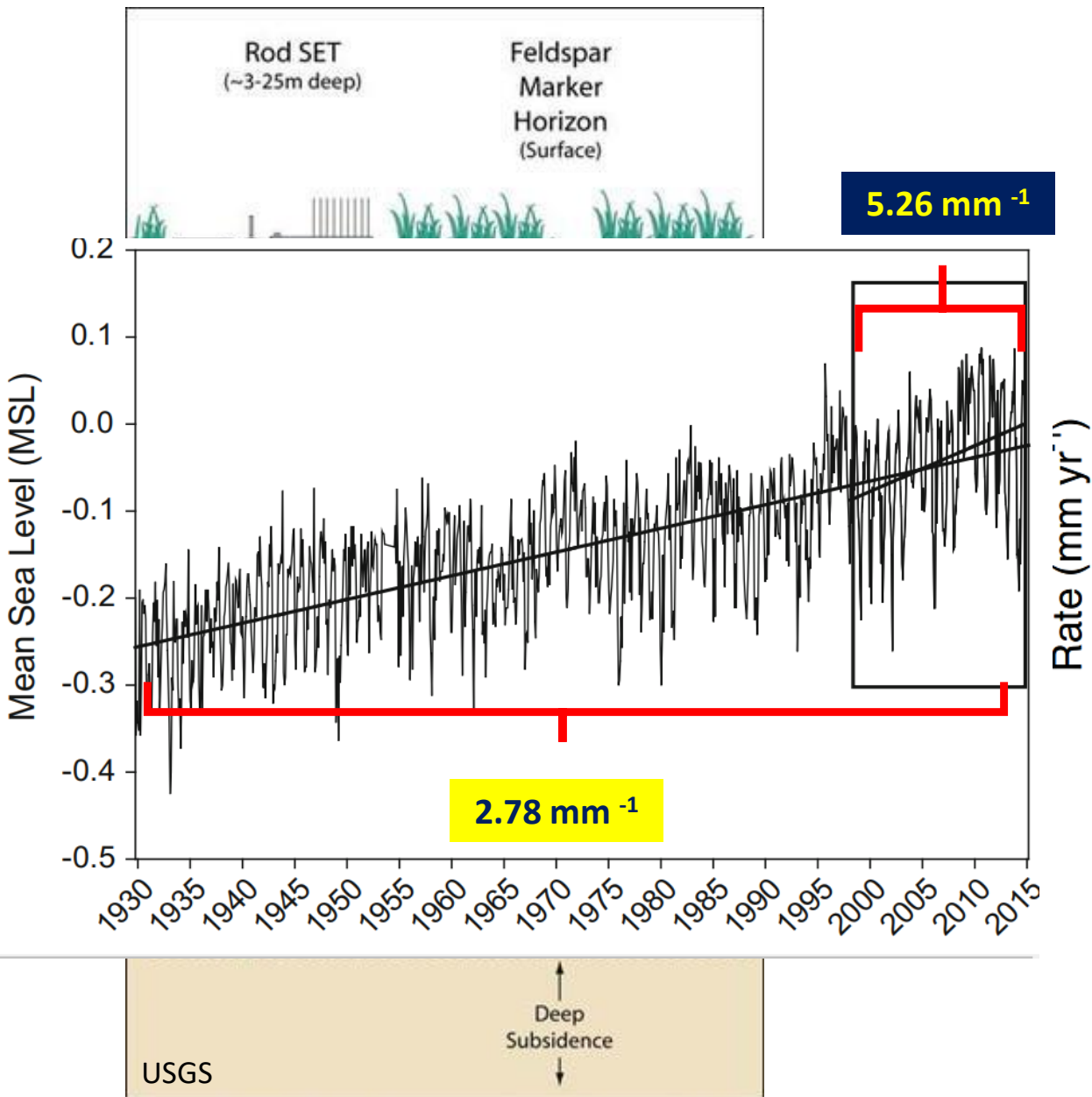
# Loss of High Marsh Vegetation Cover



Watson et al. 2017



# Salt Marsh Accretion/Subsidence

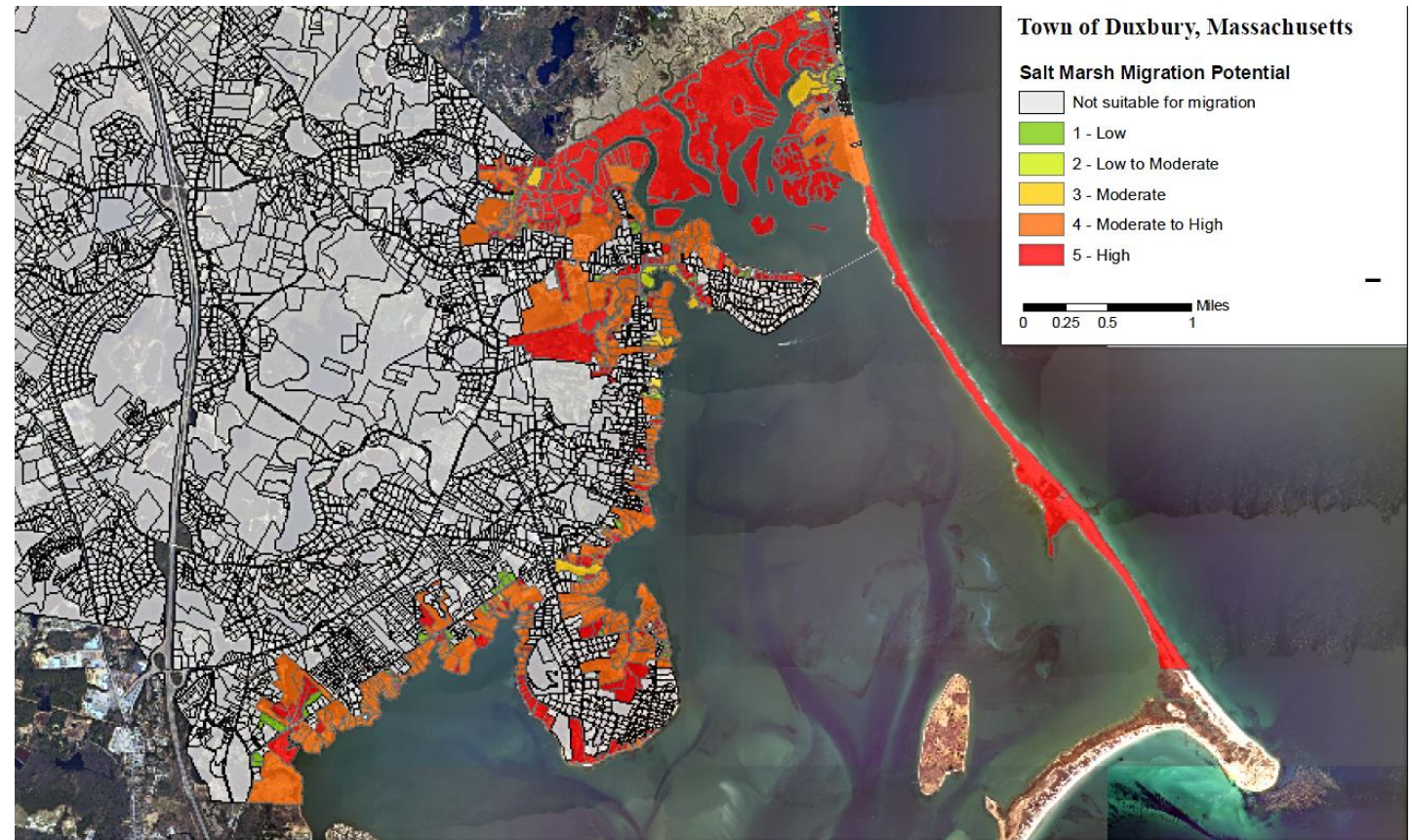








# Duxbury MA: Projected Tidal Marsh Migration



















## **Diversity and the Environment Webinar Series**

### **Diversity in Higher Education: Creating Equity in Evaluation of Faculty**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – 12:00-1:00 PM EDT**

Despite efforts to improve hiring practices to diversify the faculties of colleges and universities in the US, a lack of strong attention to retention practices may negate progress. In this webinar, the presenter will discuss an overview of areas of bias in faculty evaluations that impact retention and promotion. During the webinar, she will discuss strategies to cope with and overcome barriers, with a goal of envisioning how to change structures in higher education to become more equitable.

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