# Key West

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### Site Overview:



- Land Area: 5.59 sq.miles
- 4.7' avg above sea level
- Residents: ~25,000
- Daily Tourists: ~33,000
- Economic drivers: Tourism & US Navy
- Per Capita income in past 12 months: \$31,700
- Median value of owner occupied housing: \$427K





### **Key Community Features**



### Problems/Challenges





### Process...

Two-Fer Approach: Only consider solutions that meet multiple goals

### **Concepts Considered:**

#### <u>Maintain / Expand Affordable Housing</u>

- Expand Housing Inventory & Density
- o Incentivize Raising Homes
- Reduce Storm Damage and FEMA Claims

#### • <u>Resilience thru Self-Reliance</u>

(Energy / Waste / Transportation)

- Day to Day Usage
- o Hazard Preparedness

#### • Balanced Water Use/Re-use

- Rainwater catchment
- Stormwater Management thru Low Impact Design
- o Tidal displacement / diversion
- Enhance Economic Development: Tourism & US Navy



### Issue #1: Natural Assets

#### **Problems:**

- Limited protection of AIA
- Constant cost of beach renourishment and seaweed removal
- No natural outflows or access to Saltponds from oceanside
- Storm surge results in erosion blowouts

#### **Concepts:**

- Move AIA inland
- Increase mangroves and dune systems
- Increase flow and recreational access to salt ponds.
- Increase tourist beach





### Concept #1 - Natural Assets



#### <u>Pros</u>:

- Increased extent and effectiveness of natural buffers
- Increased protection of inland built environment

#### Cons:

- Capital Costs
- Timing / Phasing
- Increased inner island traffic

### Concept #1 - Natural Assets



#### **Pros:**

- Reduce operational / Renourishment efforts
- Reduce habitat impacts
- Work with the forces of nature
- Eliminate seaweed entrapment

#### Cons:

- Capital Costs
- Coordination with outside agencies

### Concept #1 - Natural Assets



#### **Pros:**

- Increased plant and animal diversity
- Protection of emergency response access

### Cons:

- Coordination with outside agencies
- Timing / Phasing
- Increased inner island traffic

### Issue #2: Infrastructure



#### **Problems:**

- High water events on taxiways
- 2' affects 94% of airport
- Cost of raising everything
- Only one "short" runway

#### Solutions:

- Raise Everything (Runways, Shoulders, Catchbasins)
- Increase mechanized drainage
- Or... Relocate?



### Concept #2: Infrastructure

Pros:

- Shared operational costs
- Examples of joint use nationwide
- Grants for planning / implementing
- Reduced noise impacts in residential areas
- Improved aircraft / airline operations
- Remediation of Natural Assets
- Ecotourism Opportunities

#### Cons:

- "No Thanks" / Loooong Process
- Impact training mission of NAS-KW
- Significant Endangered Species Issues
- Increased traffic and parking pressures

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• Increased frequency of airline noise



# Issue #3: Housing

#### **Problems:**

- Highest concentration of repetitive loss
- Lots of roads underwater
- Old CBS housing on grade below BFE
- Multiple Barriers to Redevelop
- Suburban Character / Lack of Connectivity
- Dependency on mainland resources

#### Concepts

- Incentivize Raising Homes / Increase density
- Right of Way Repurposing:
- Encourage Mixed Use
- Connect School Infrastructure with Neighborhood and Salt Ponds
- Two-Fer thinking: Multipurpose Structures









### Concept: Housing / Connectivity



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# Concept: Housing / Connectivity



#### **Pros**

- Extended viability of neighborhoods
- Increased property values
- Ability to raise housing in place
- Decreased roadway maintenance / Increased stormwater management
- Improved neighborhood aesthetics

### <u>Cons</u>

- Lots of Policy changes
- Still the lowest lying neighborhood
- Increasing density in AE zones
- Precedent of raising roads
- No guaranteed ROI

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### Big Picture: 2060

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# Implementation Plan:

- Salt Ponds Adaptation Action Area
  - Engage DEO (Area of Critical State Concern)
  - Stakeholder Working Groups
  - Airport Master Plan
  - Comprehensive Plan
  - Capital Improvement Plan
  - Land Development Regulations
  - FEMA / FDOT / etc....

# Summary

- Resilience thru Self-Reliance
- Increase Affordable Housing & Density
- Balanced Water Use/Re-Use
- Enhance Economic Development

