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Coastal Catastrophe

Rising Sea Levels and Effects on Coastal Regions

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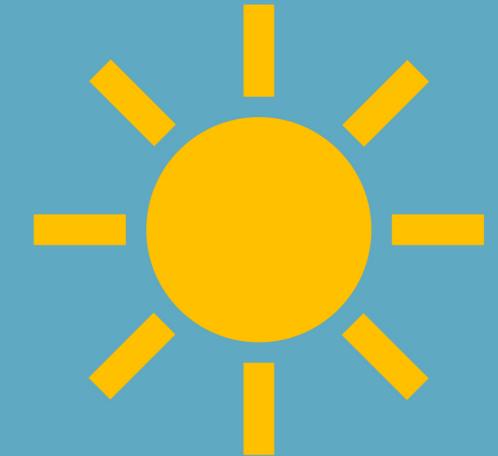


Problem:

Sea levels are rising rapidly, destroying coastlines and their communities.



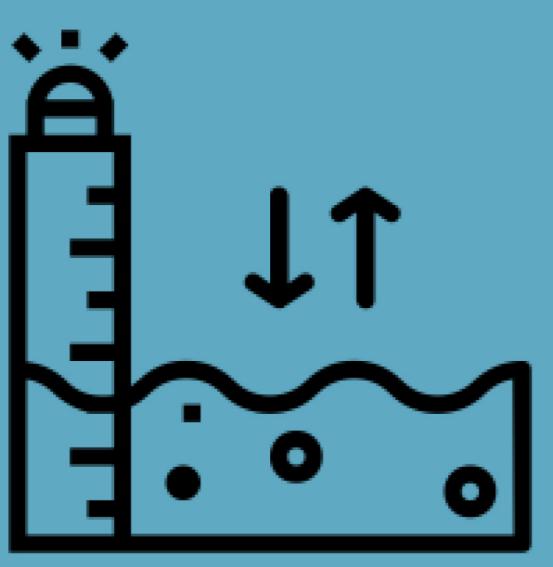
Increase in CO2 emissions



Rise in global temperatures



Glaciers and ice sheets melt



Seawater expands



Flooding, coastal erosion, loss of life/property

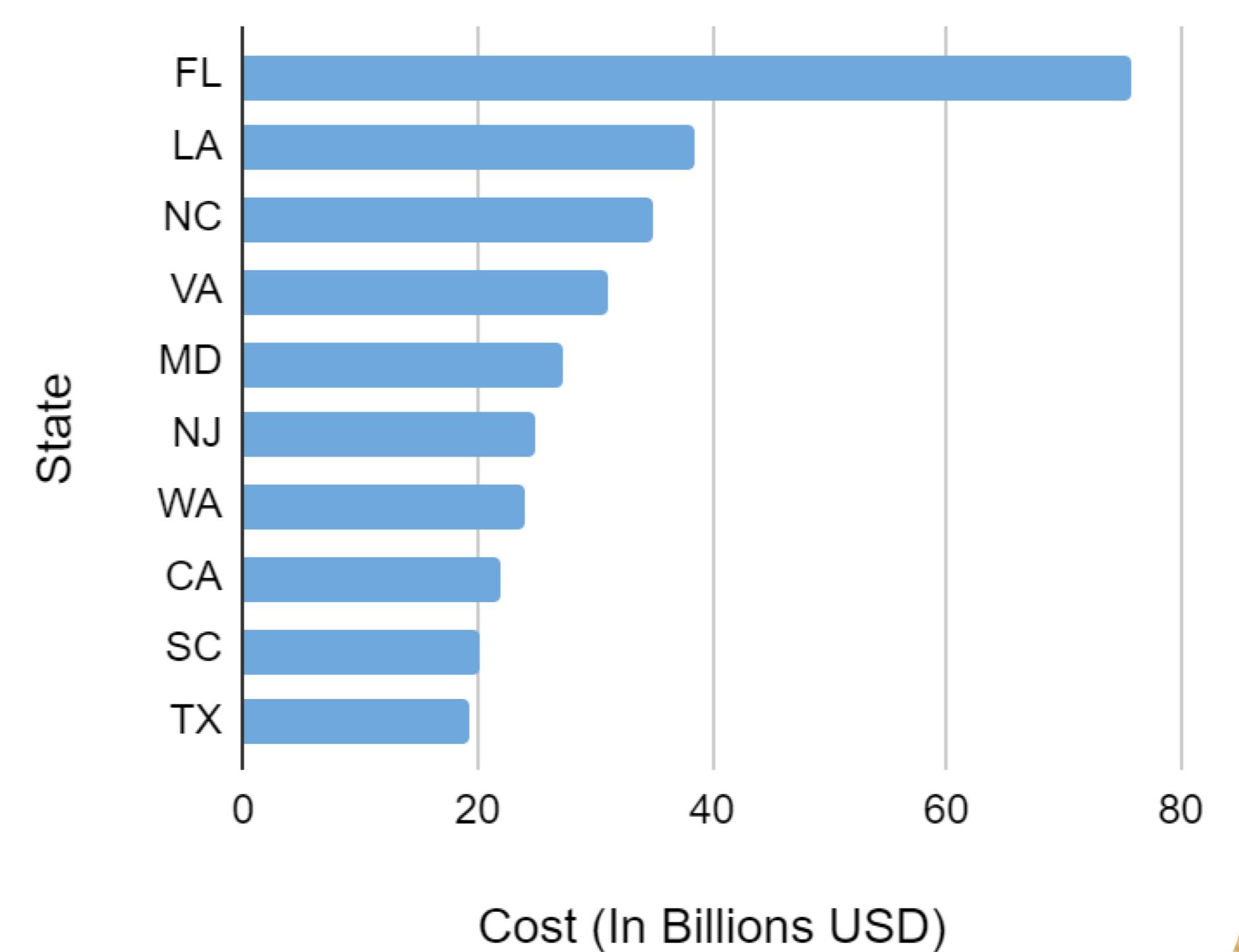


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Goals:

- Inform and educate
- Find potential solutions

Costs to Protect Against Rising Sea Levels (2040)



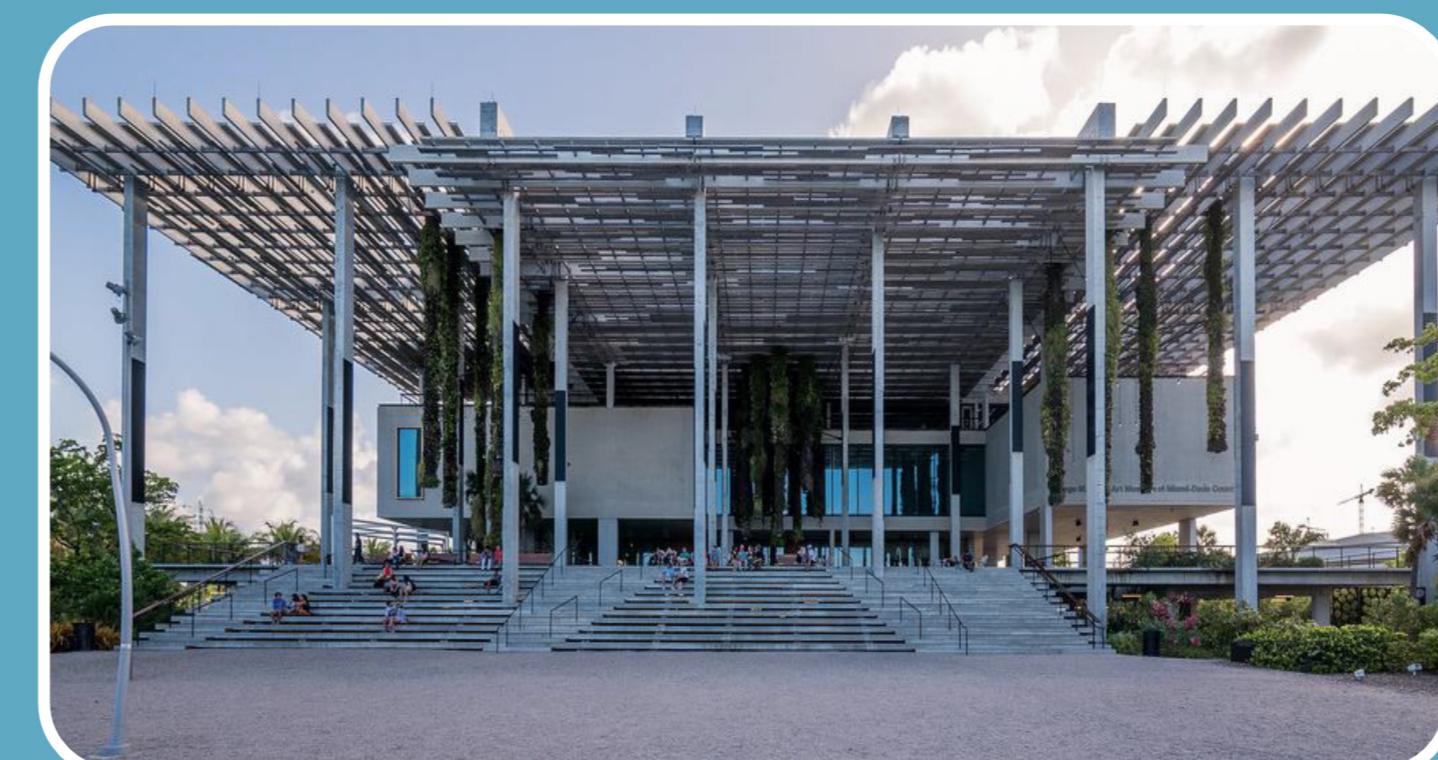
Methods:

- Researched a variety of communities
- Obtained data on costs and sea level rise
- Interviewed scientists

Solutions:

Sea Walls

The construction of large coastal barriers to protect communities from increased sea levels.



Updating Infrastructure
Updating buildings and roads to meet future sea level standards can limit damage.



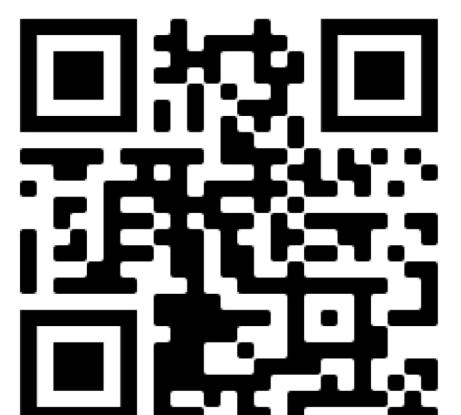
Ecosystem Restoration

Restoring natural ecosystems to protect the coastline and surrounding communities



Relocation

Migrating a community or certain homes to a new and safer environment.



Are you at risk?

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