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# Using GIS for assessing risks from earthquakes



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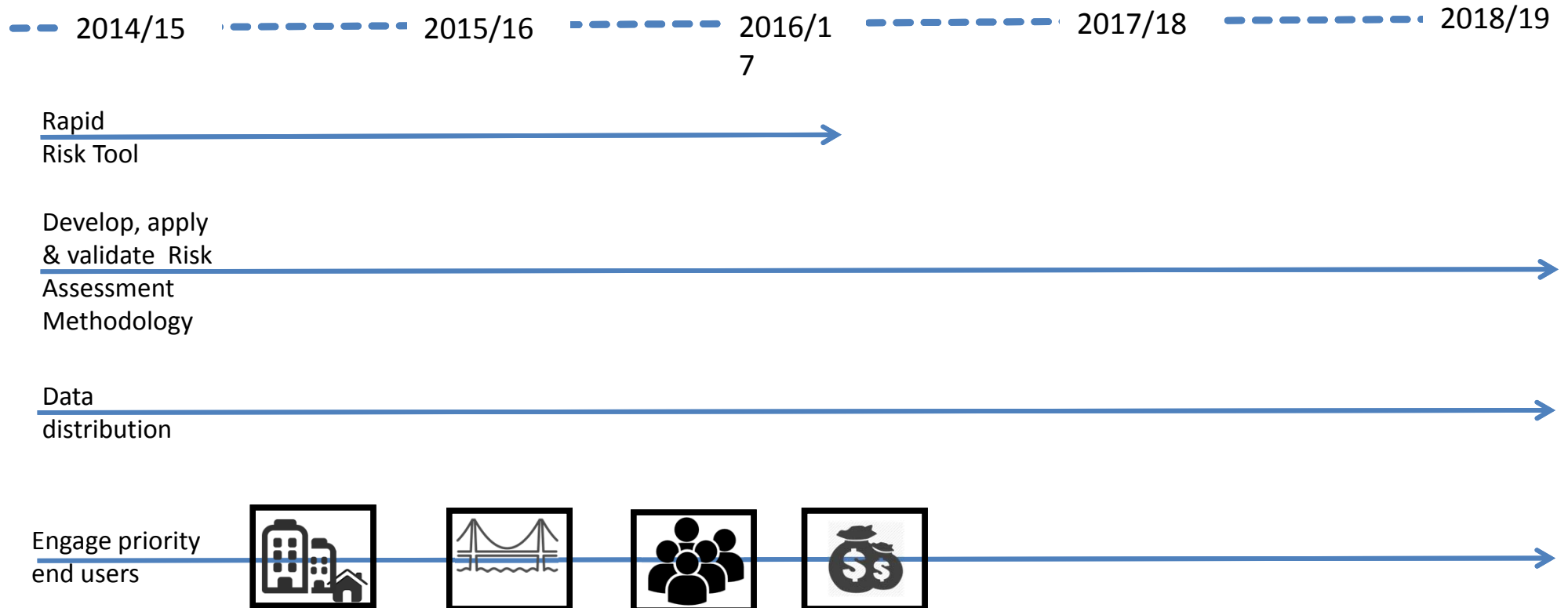


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# National Scale Geohazard Risk Project Public Safety Geoscience Program



**Long term outcome:** *Economic, social and environmental losses resulting from geohazards in Canada are reduced*

**Intermediate outcome:** *The resilience of the built environment to geohazards is increased*

**Immediate outcome:** *geohazard knowledge outputs are used by govt regulators and decision makers & informs EM orgs.*

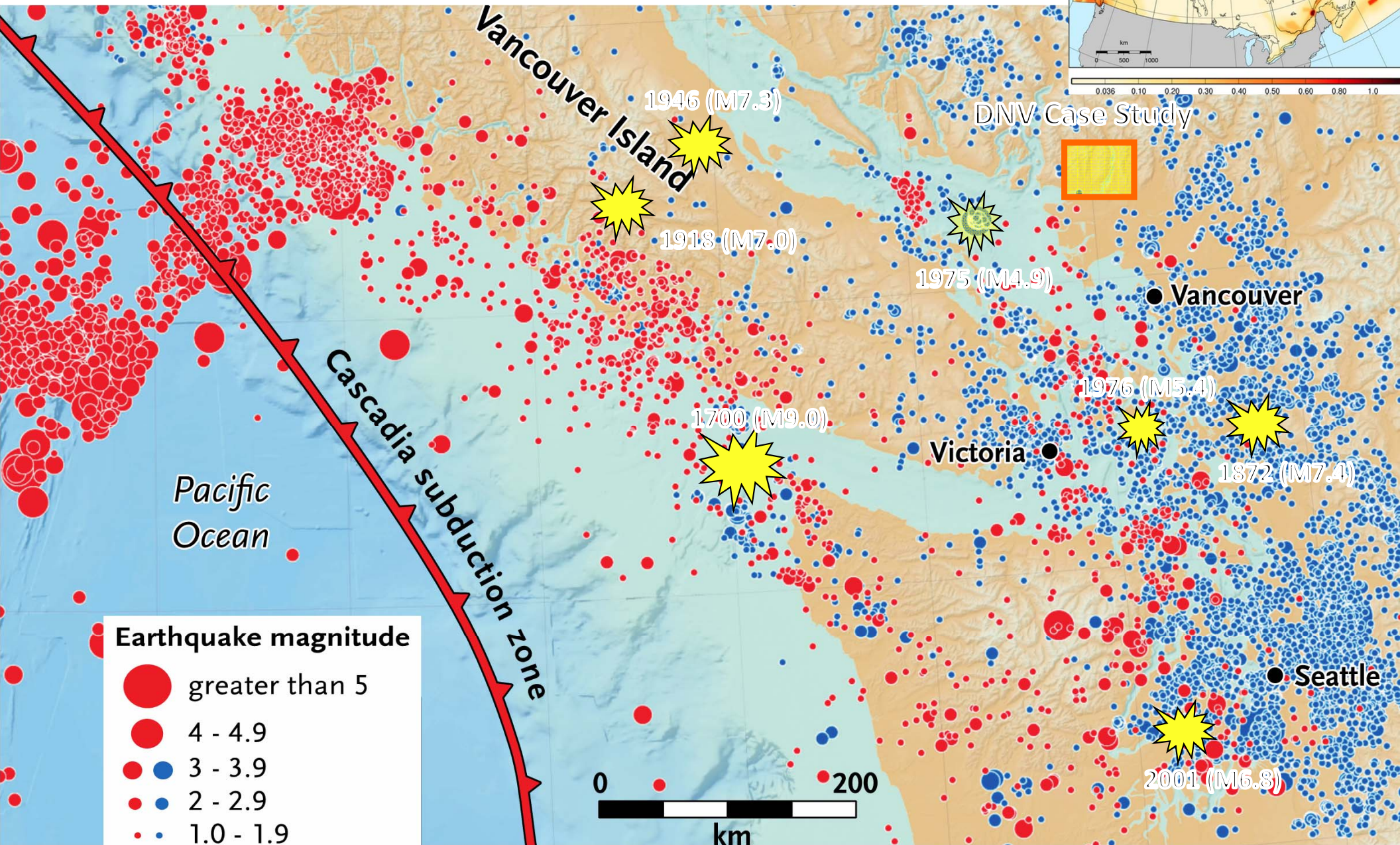
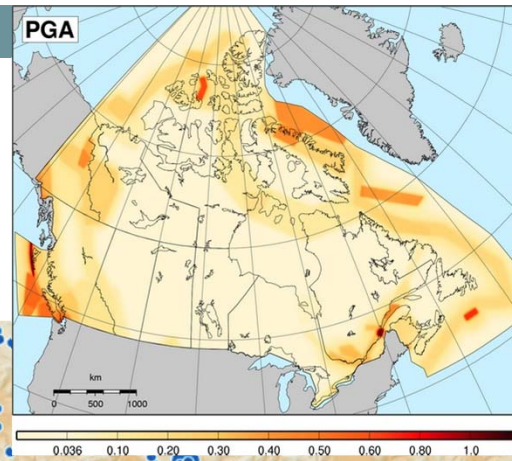


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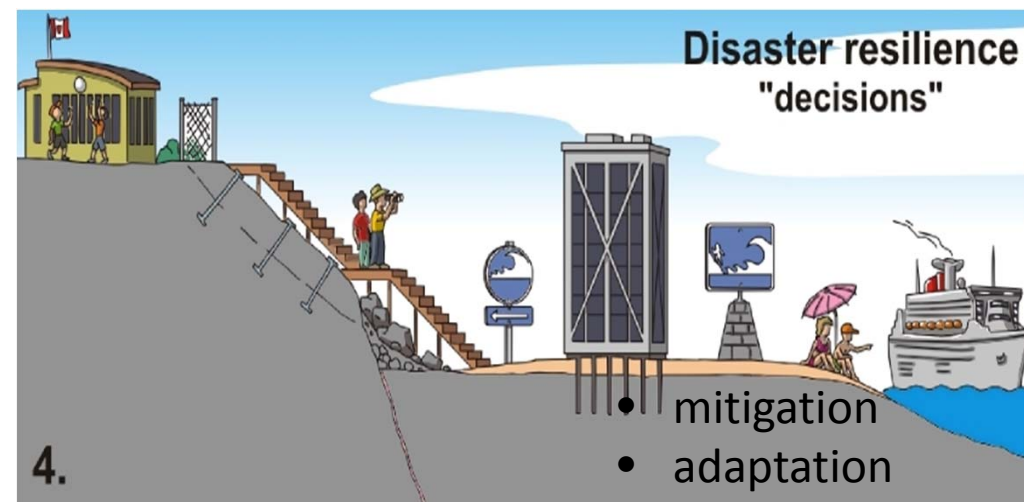
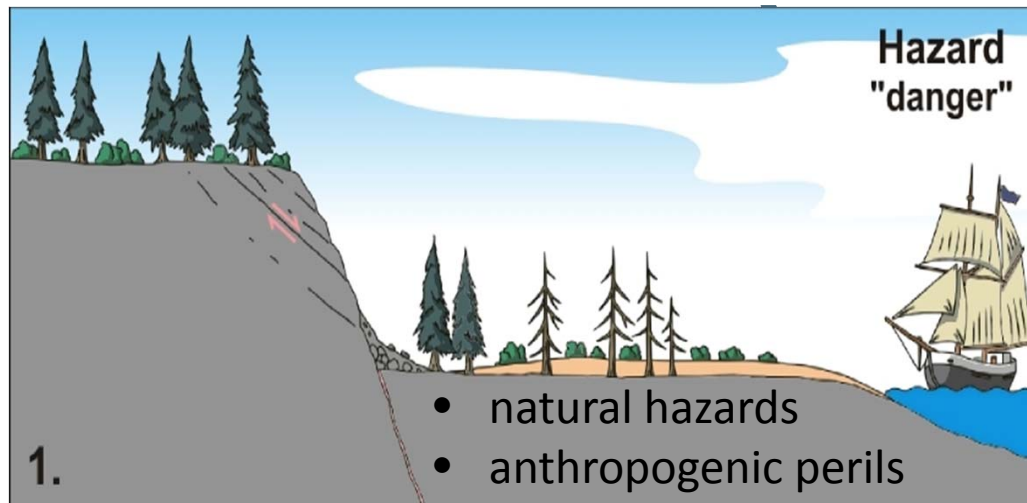
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# We live in earthquake country

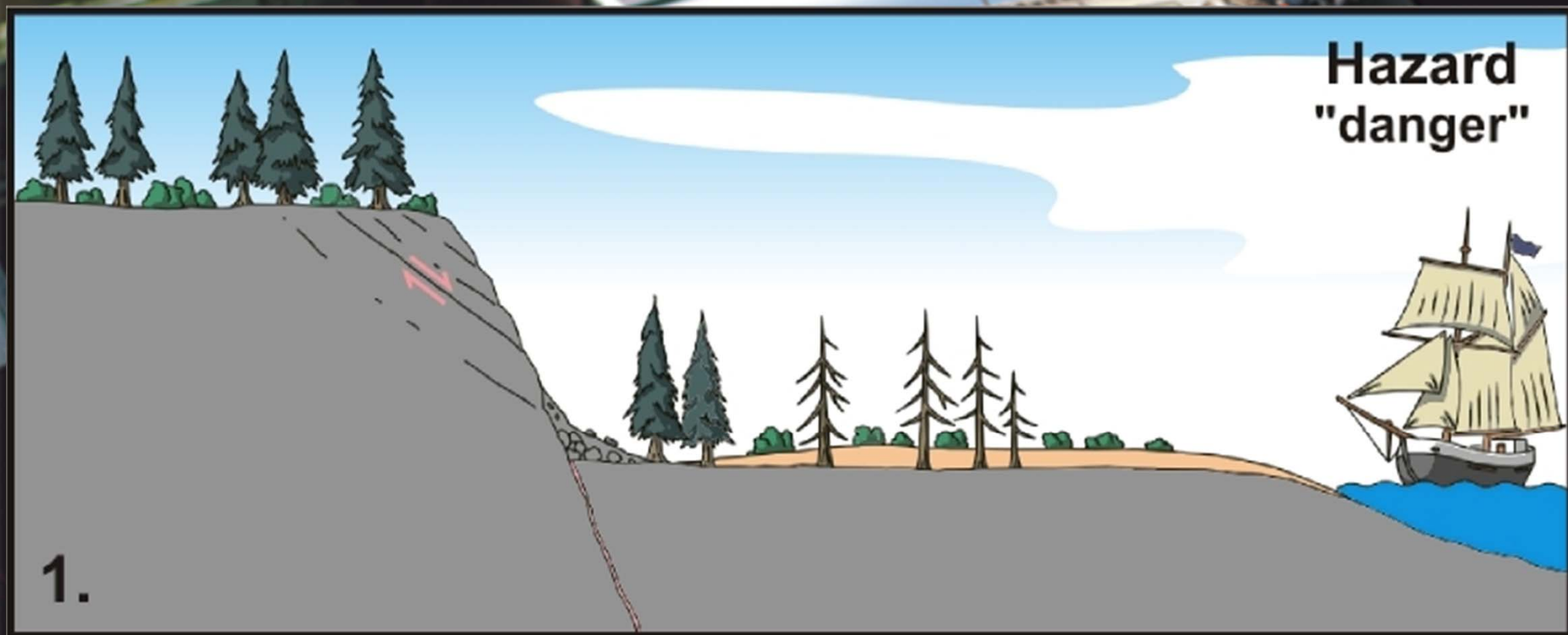


# Coming to terms with earthquake risk









# Part I

1) What are the earthquake hazards in the area?



# Seismic hazard potential - shaking

Probabilistic ————— Deterministic

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*Who and what are vulnerable to known earthquake hazards in the region?*



*What are the likely consequences of a major earthquake in the region?*



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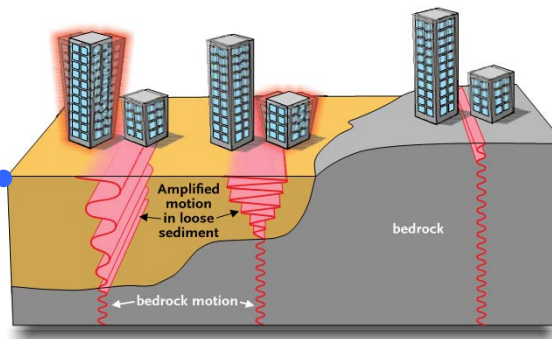
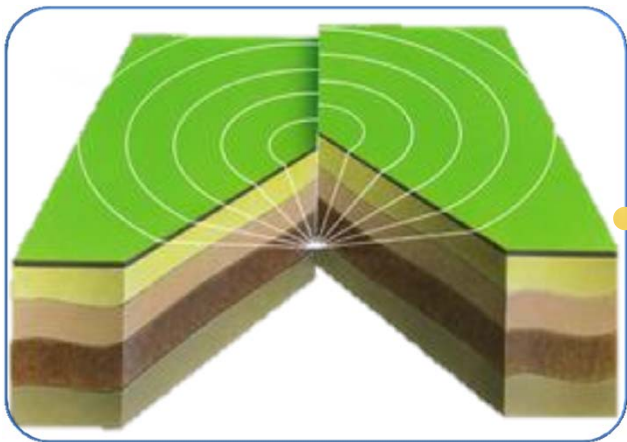
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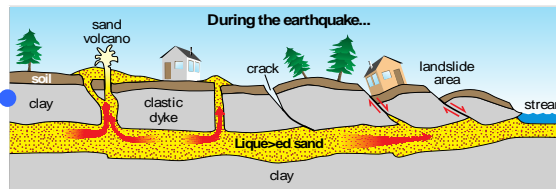
# Earthquake Hazards



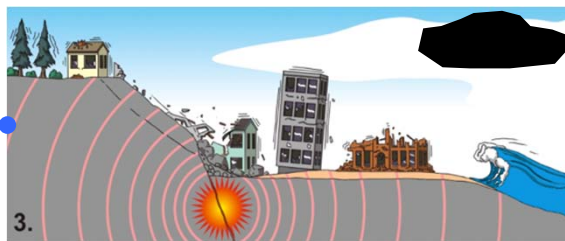
✓ Ground Shaking



✓ Site amplification



✓ Liquefaction



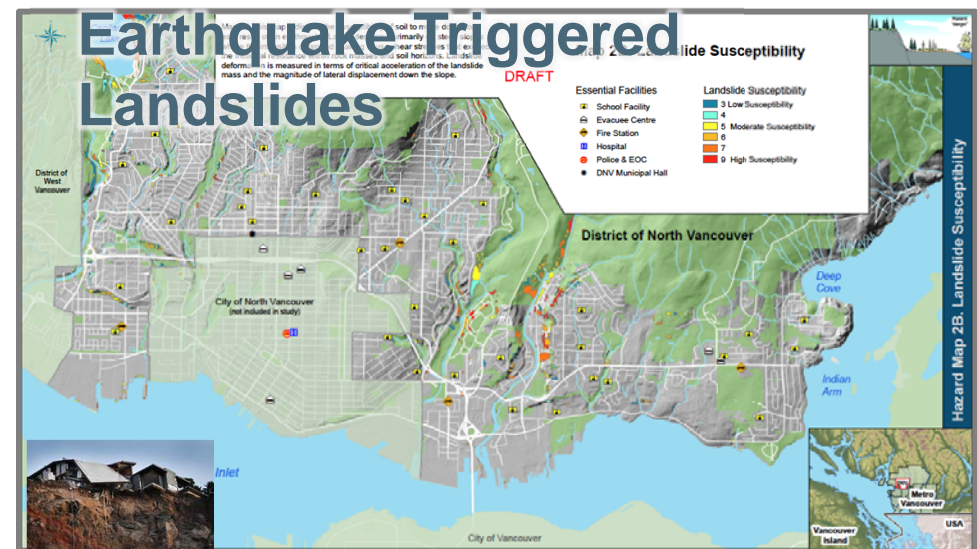
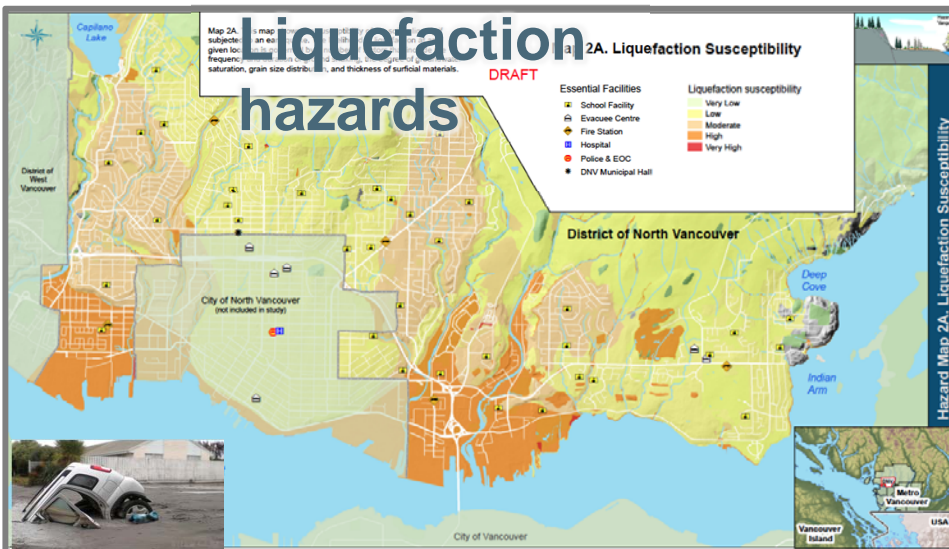
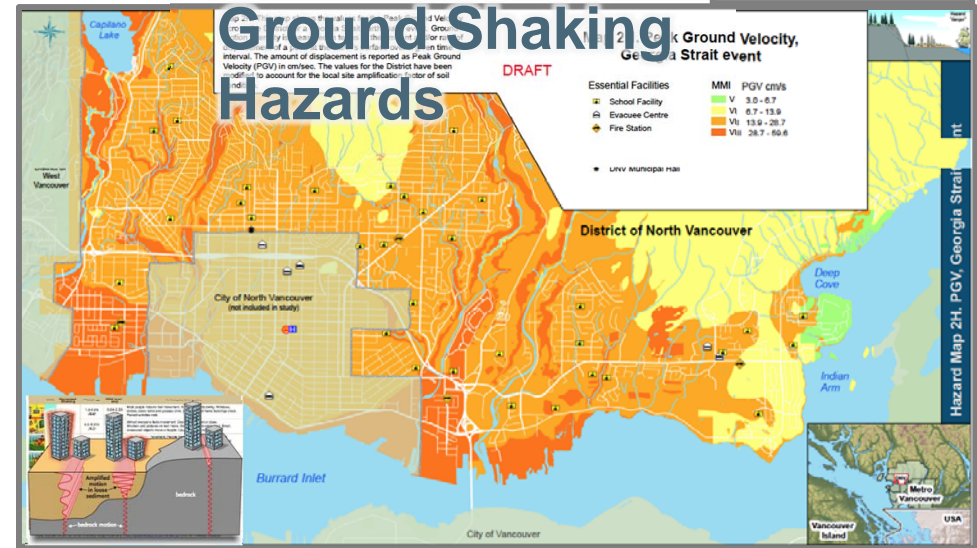
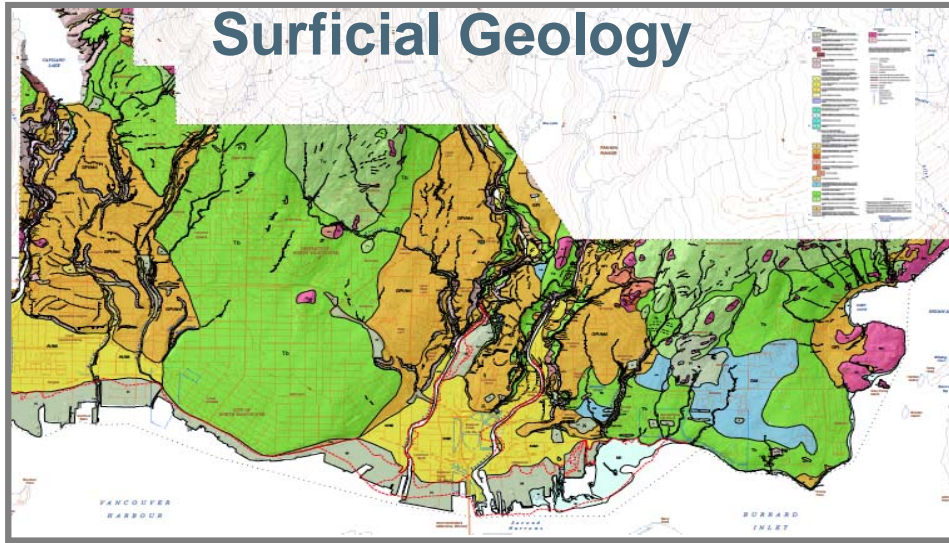
✓ Landslides

✓ Fire Following



# Hazard Maps

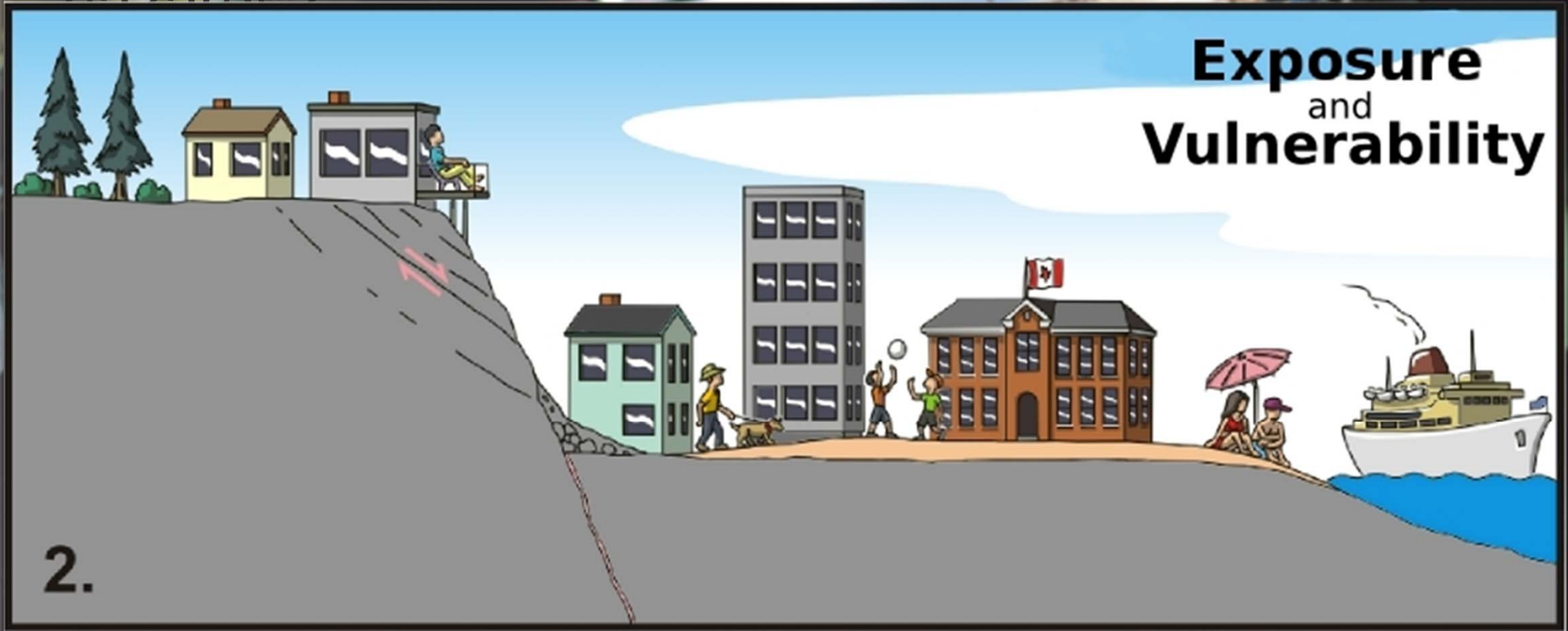
based on a Georgia Strait M7.3 scenario earthquake





# Part II

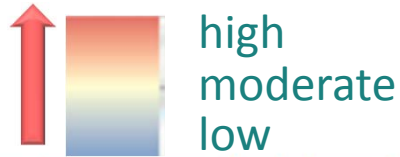
2) Who and what are vulnerable to earthquake hazards?



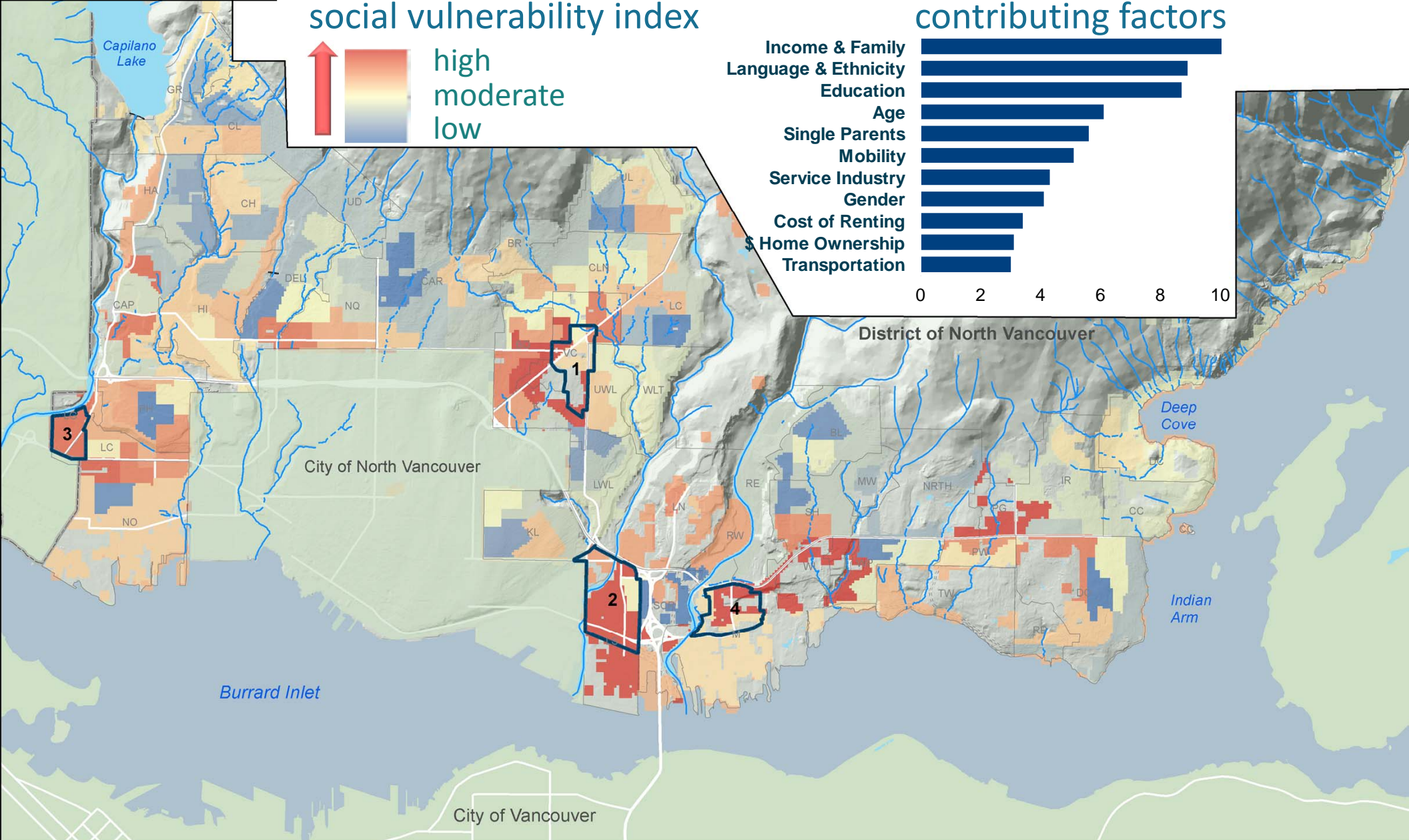
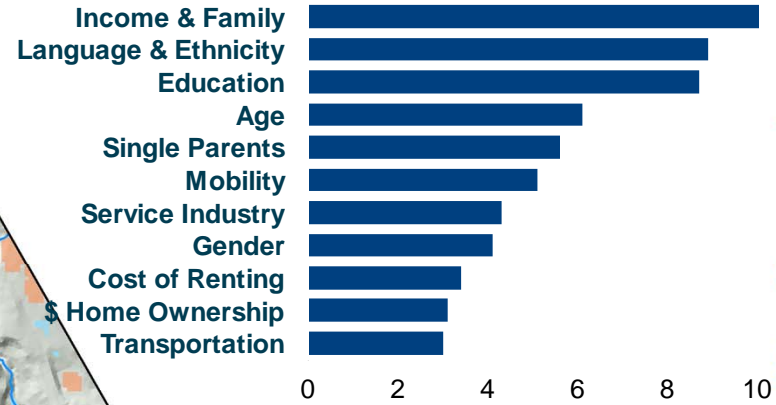


# Who is vulnerable? – people

social vulnerability index

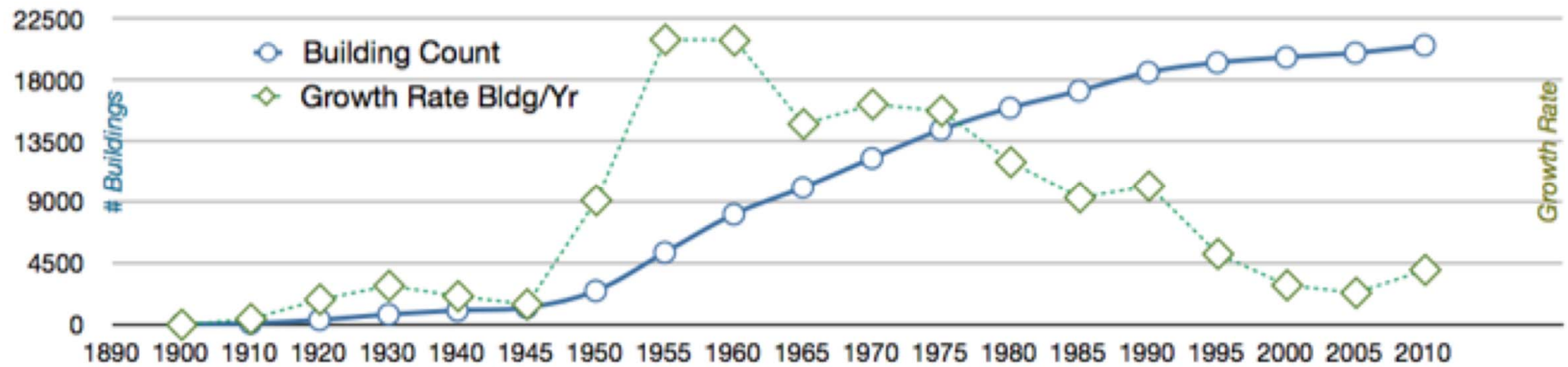
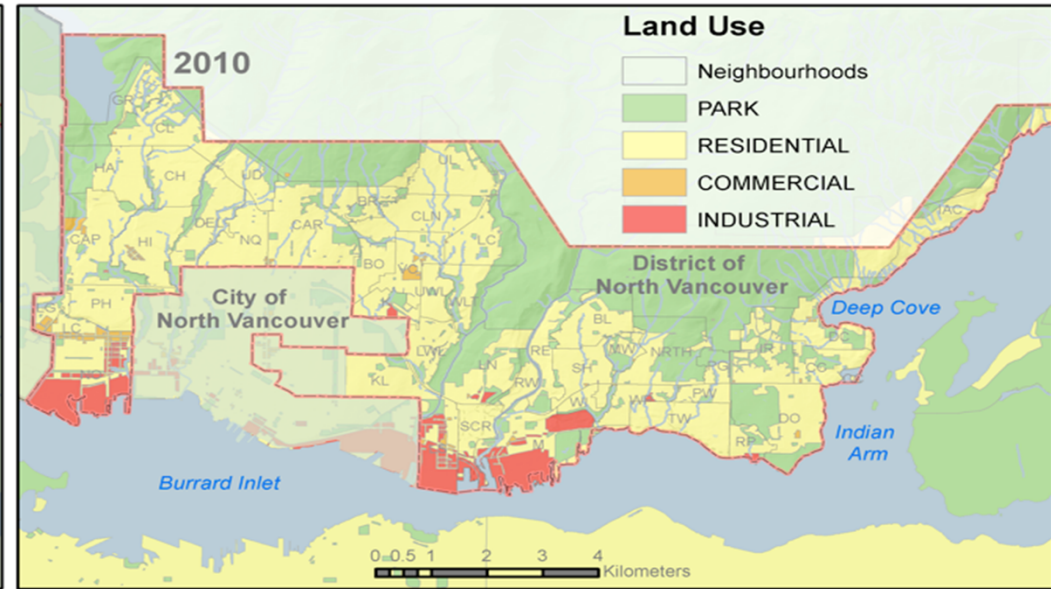
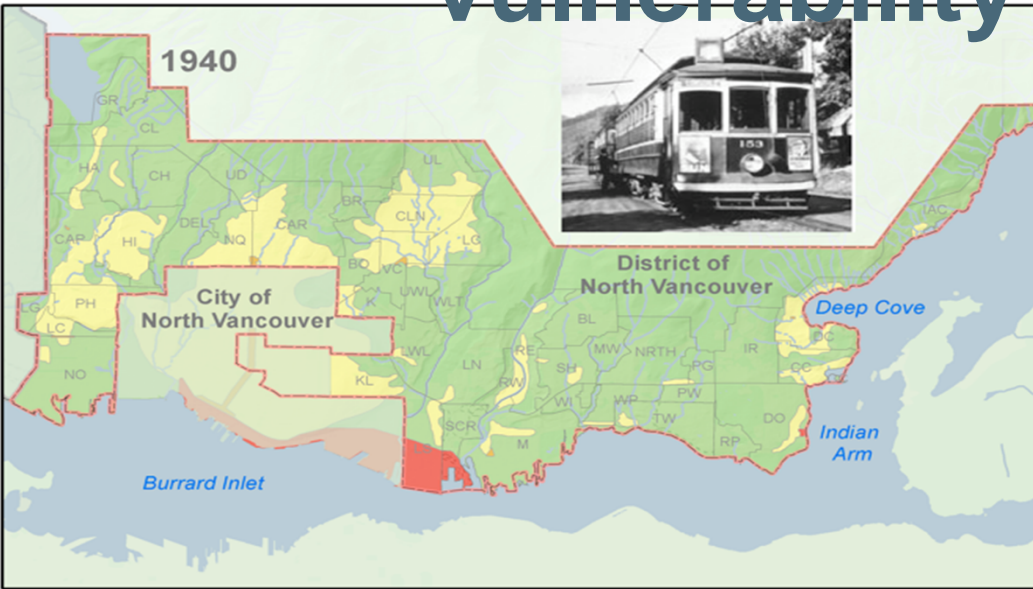


contributing factors



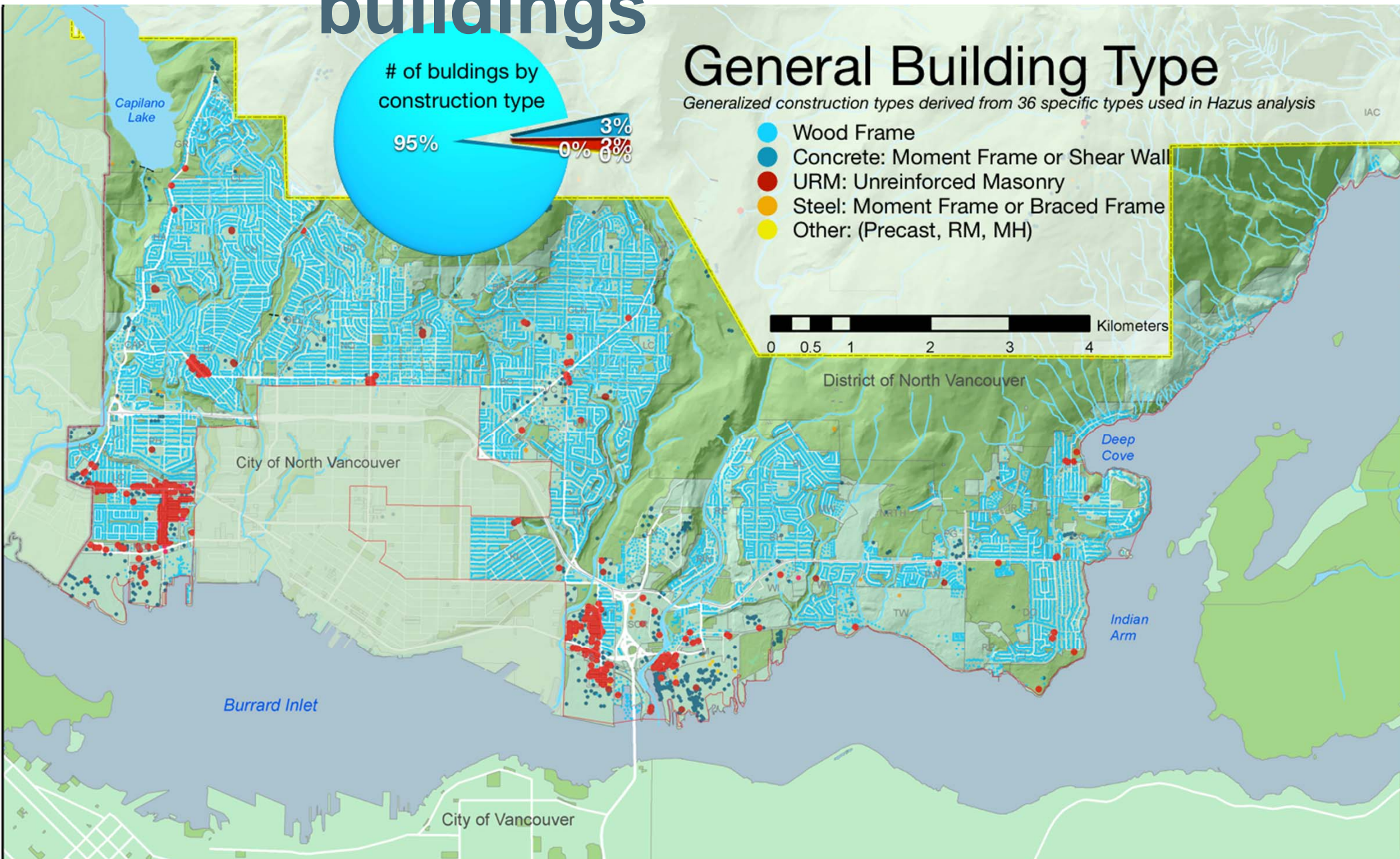


# An evolving pattern of vulnerability





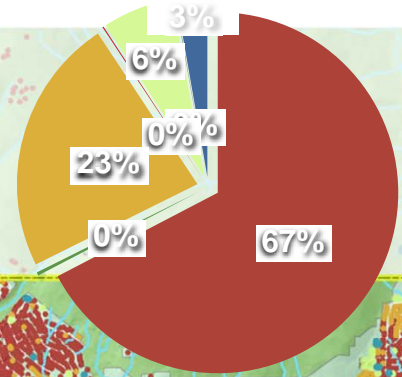
# What is vulnerable? - buildings





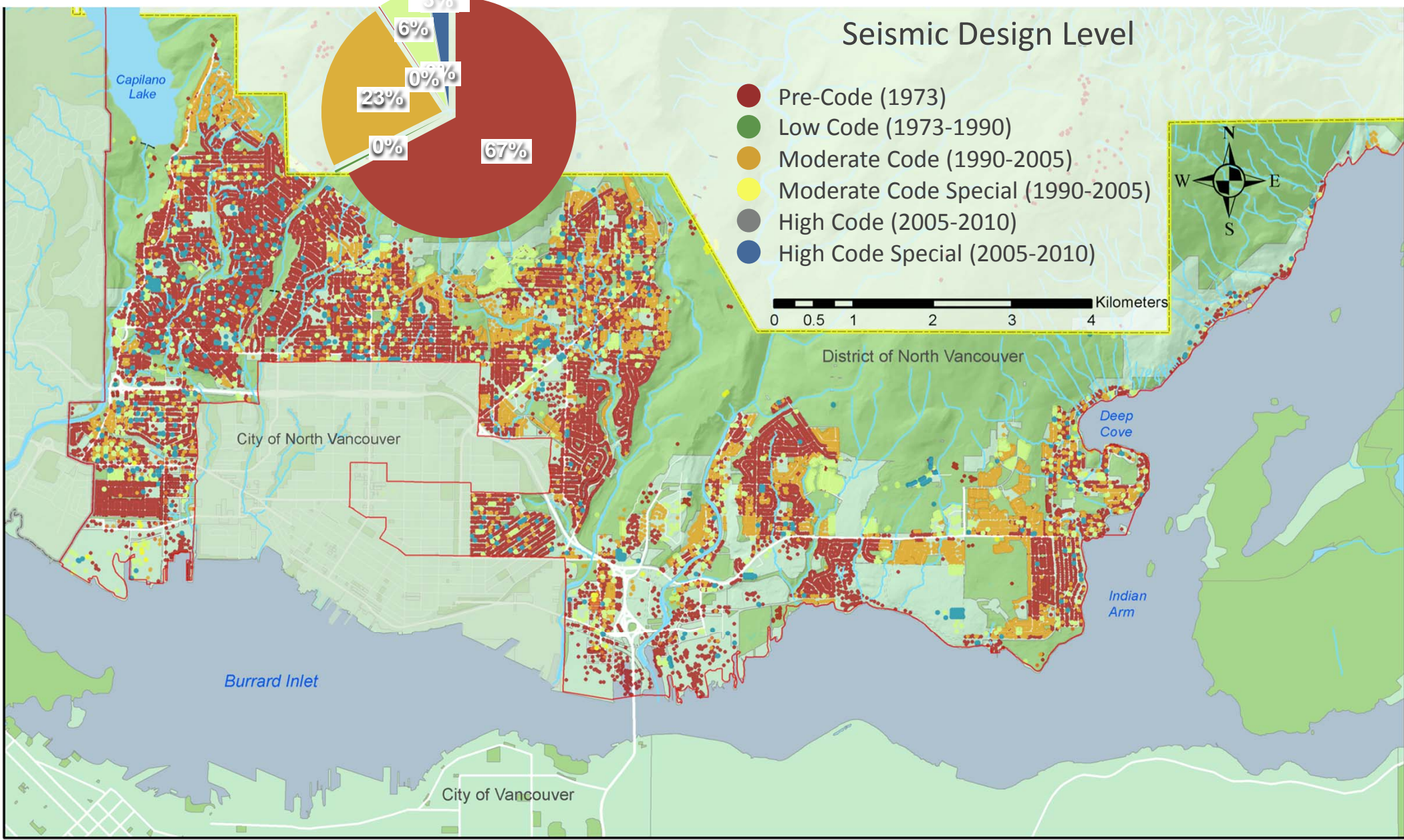
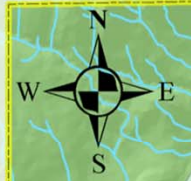
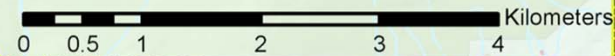
# Development history & vulnerability

Design Code



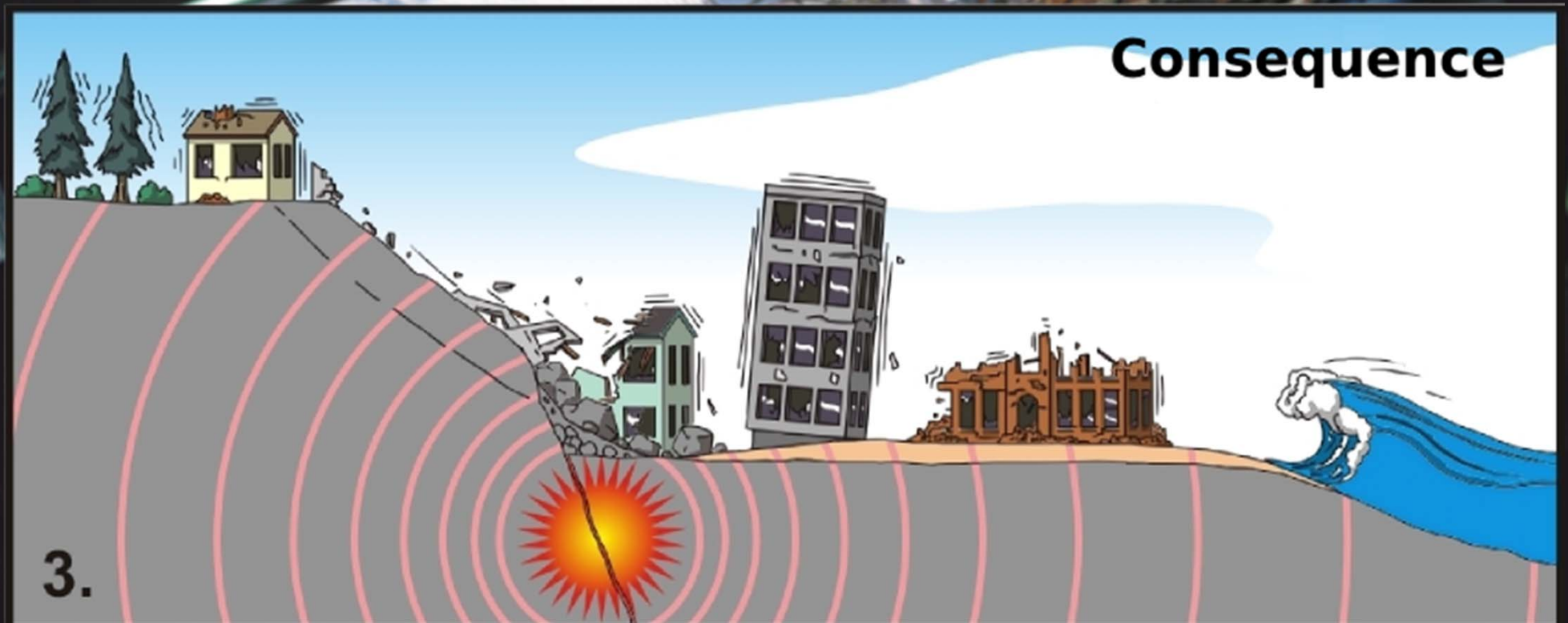
Seismic Design Level

- Pre-Code (1973)
- Low Code (1973-1990)
- Moderate Code (1990-2005)
- Moderate Code Special (1990-2005)
- High Code (2005-2010)
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# Part III

3) What are the likely impacts & consequences of a major earthquake?



# Disaster Risk Reduction - Performance Measures

*Georgia Strait M7.3 scenario earthquake*

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Building Damage



Casualties



Lifelines



Economic Loss

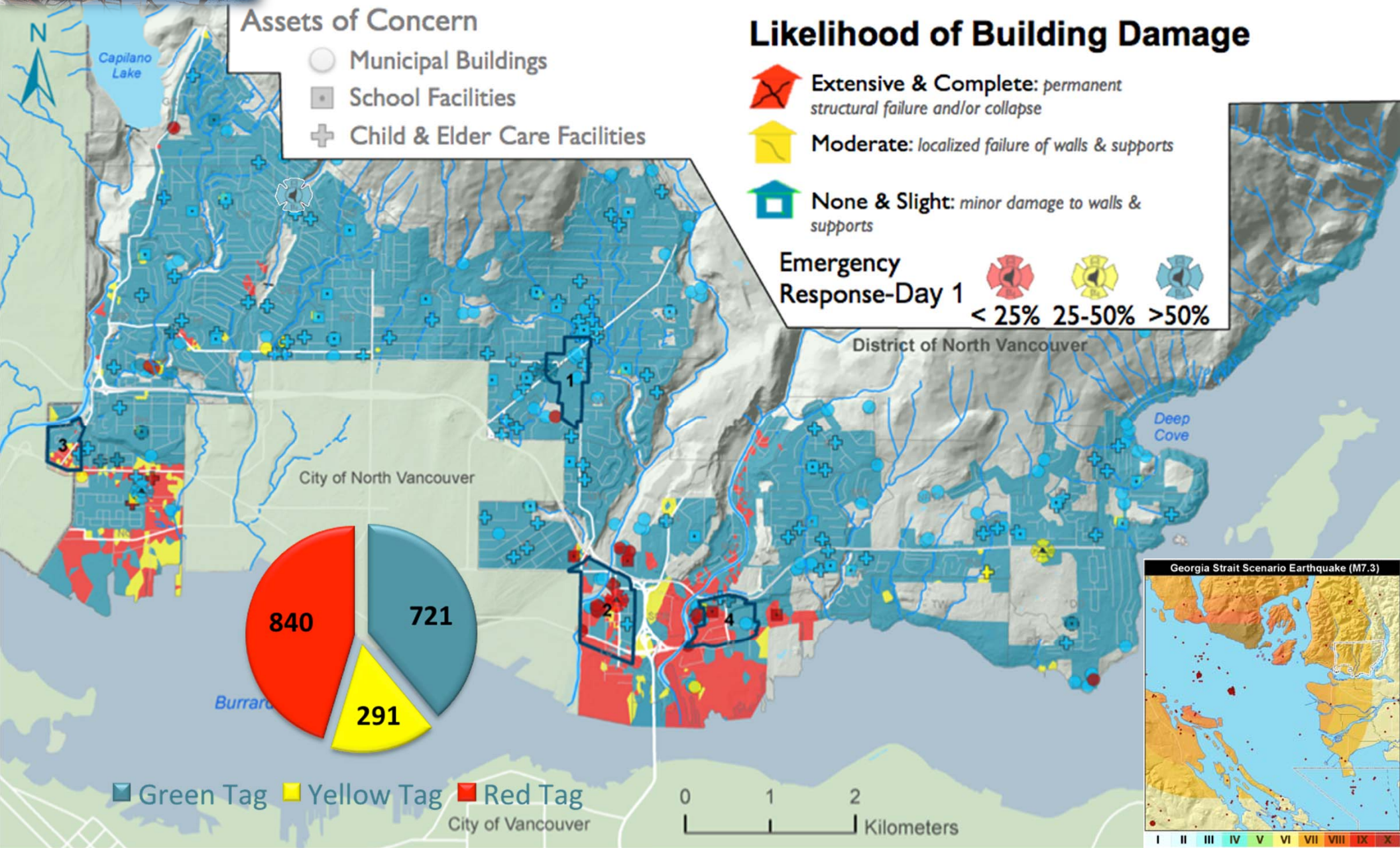
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# Buildings – *likelihood of damage*

*estimates based on M7.3 Georgia Strait earthquake scenario*

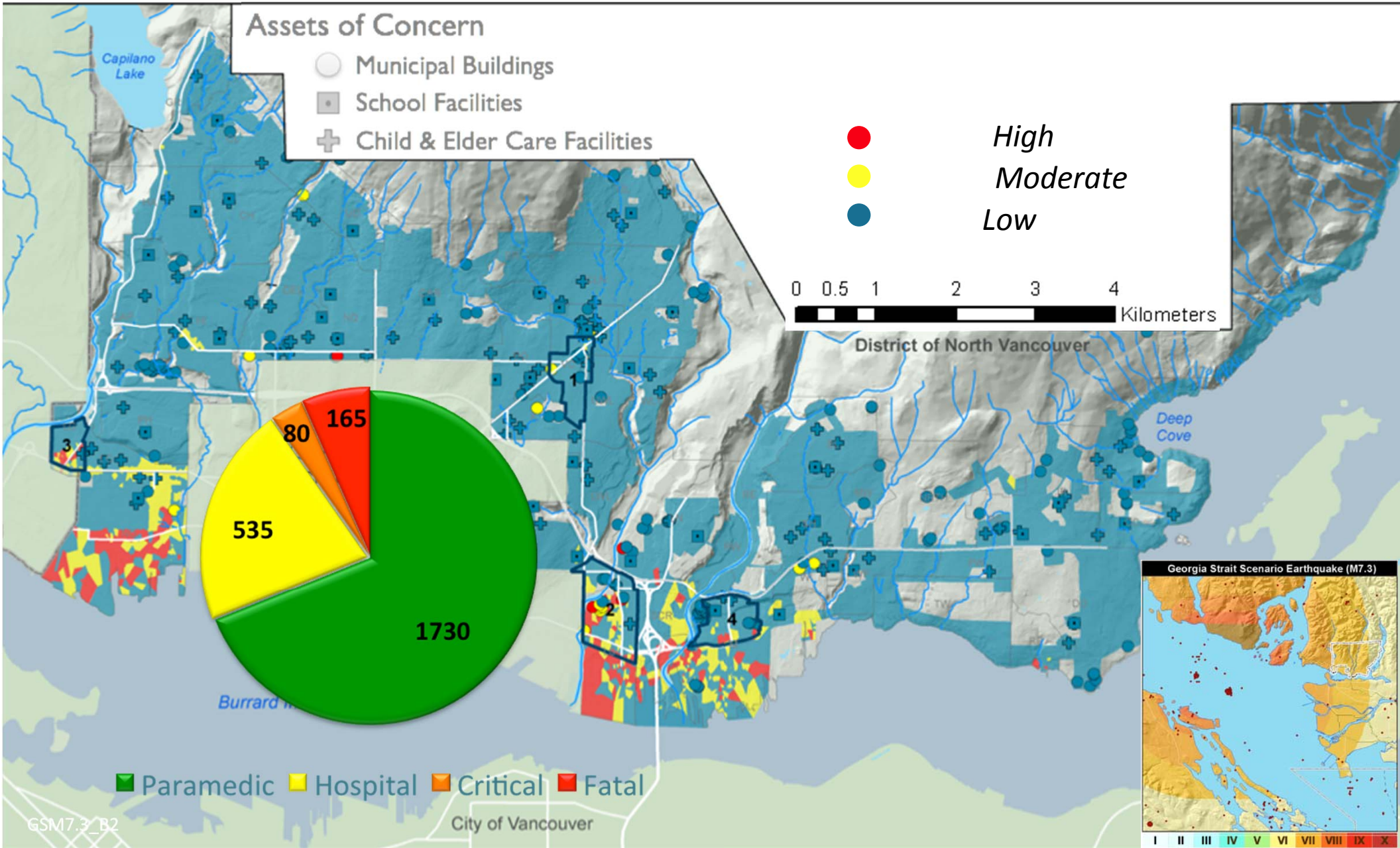






# Injuries – daytime scenario

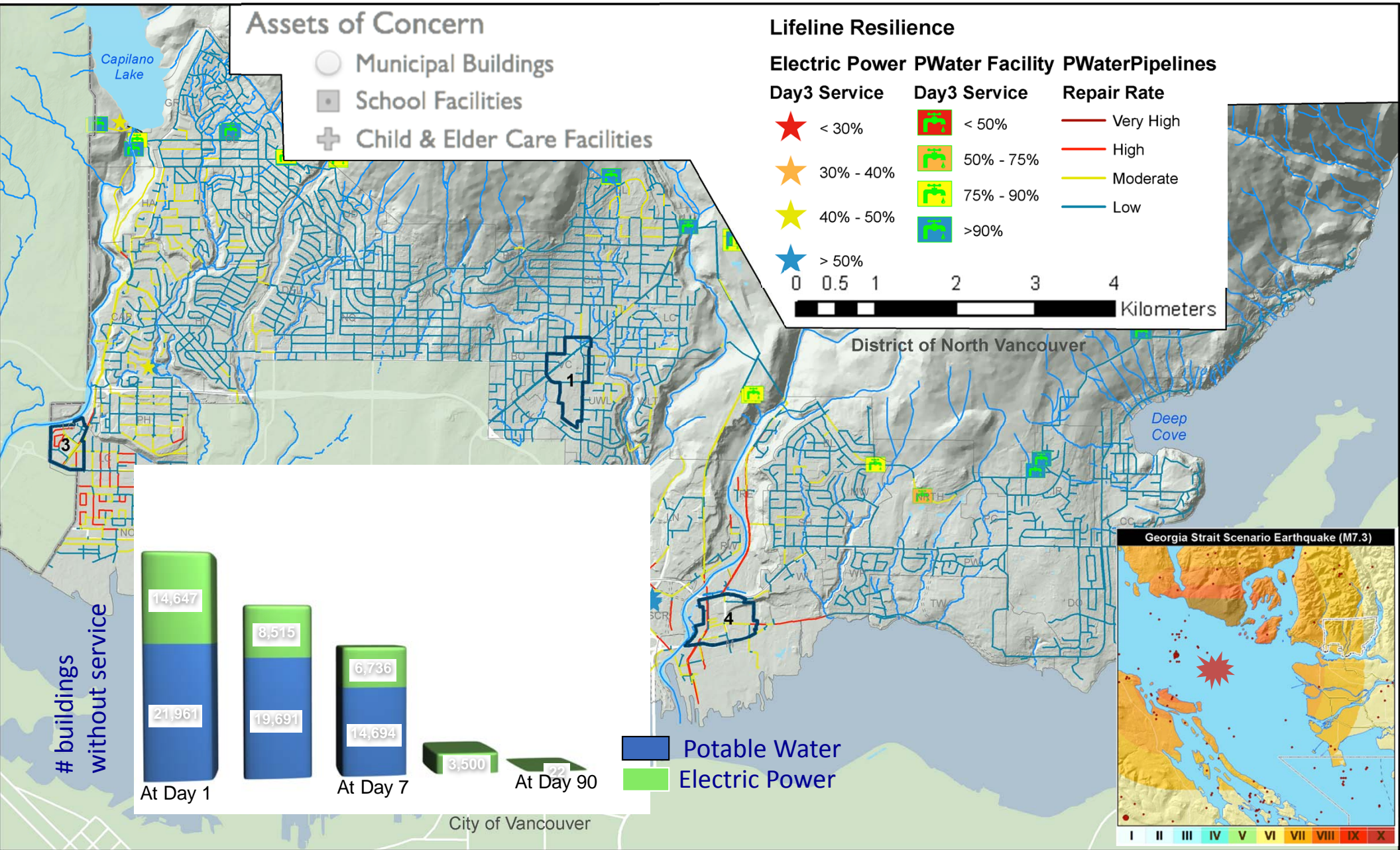
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# Lifeline Functionality - Utilities

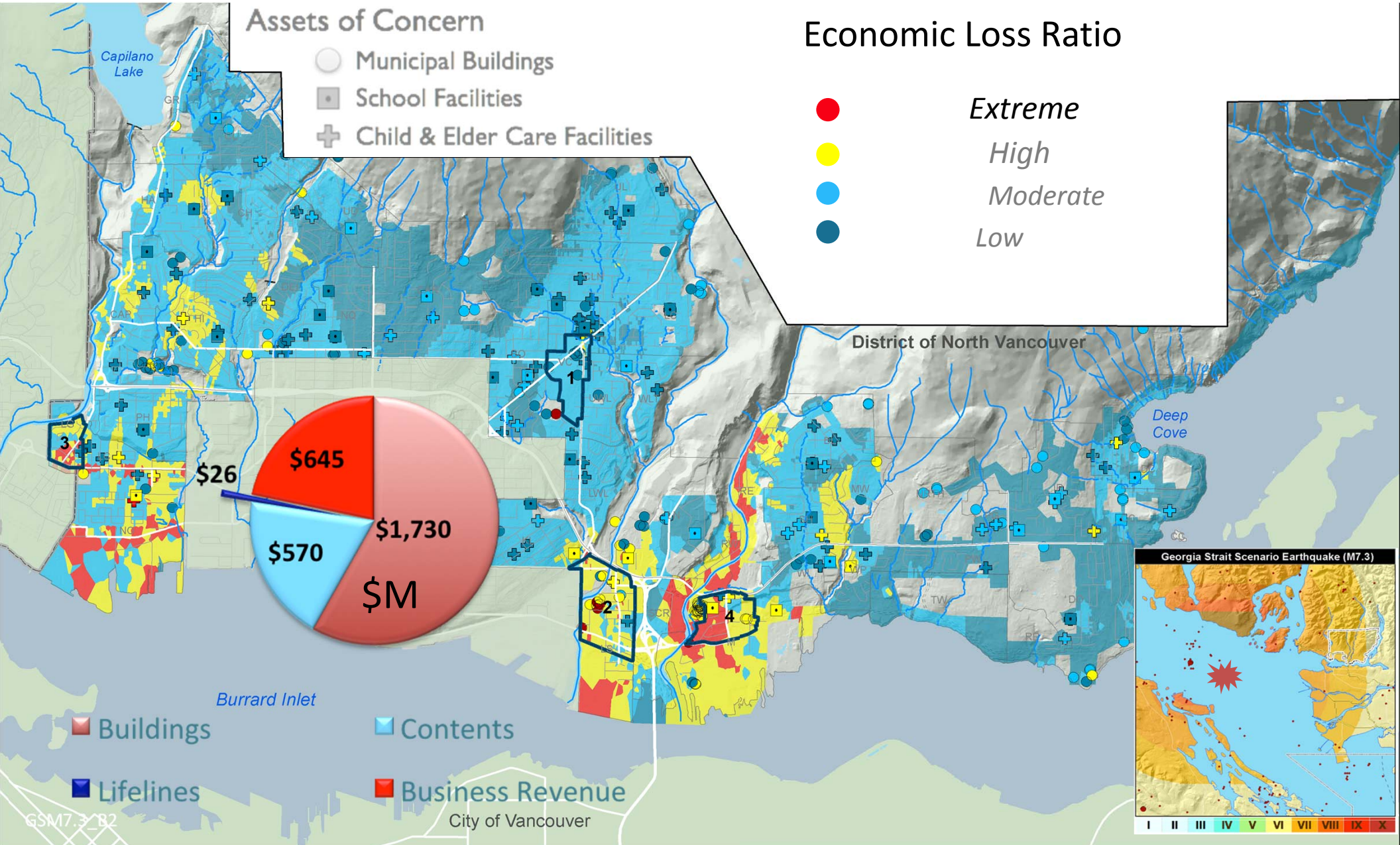
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# Economic Losses

*estimates based on Georgia Strait M7.3 scenario earthquake*



# What can we expect from a major quake?



Mean Economic Loss Ratio ~14%

## hazards:

- ~ 20 seconds of severe ground shaking
- liquefaction along river valleys and waterfront
- landslides along steep/unstable slopes

## building damage:

- ~ 300 with significant damage, but repairable
- ~ 850 damaged beyond repair

## casualties:

- ~ 2,350 people injured ; ~80 are life-threatening
- ~165 fatalities

## lifelines:

- ~14,000 homes without potable water @ 7 days
- ~6,700 homes without power @ 7 days
- ~11,000 truckloads of disaster debris

## economic losses:

- ~ \$2.9 Billion capital stock losses
- ~ \$4.4M per day of business-related losses

# The 2011 Christchurch earthquake

## M6.3 Earthquake Event and Related Aftershocks



**Mean Economic Loss Ratio ~9.5%**

**24 seconds** of violent ground shaking which triggered liquefaction and landslides

**837** buildings have so far been demolished

**7000** buildings classified as being in suburban red zone, -not economically viable to repair

**1200+** police officers from Christchurch and nationwide on duty 7 days following quake

**185** died as a result of the earthquake

**11310** people uprooted two weeks after February quake

**300km** of sewer pipes and about **124km** of water pipes are being fixed

**4 million tonnes** (~160,000 trucks) of rubble carted away from commercial and residential areas

**\$2 billion-** Christchurch City Council's predicted cost to rebuild city infrastructure

**\$30 billion-** Reserve Bank's estimated total cost of earthquake claims



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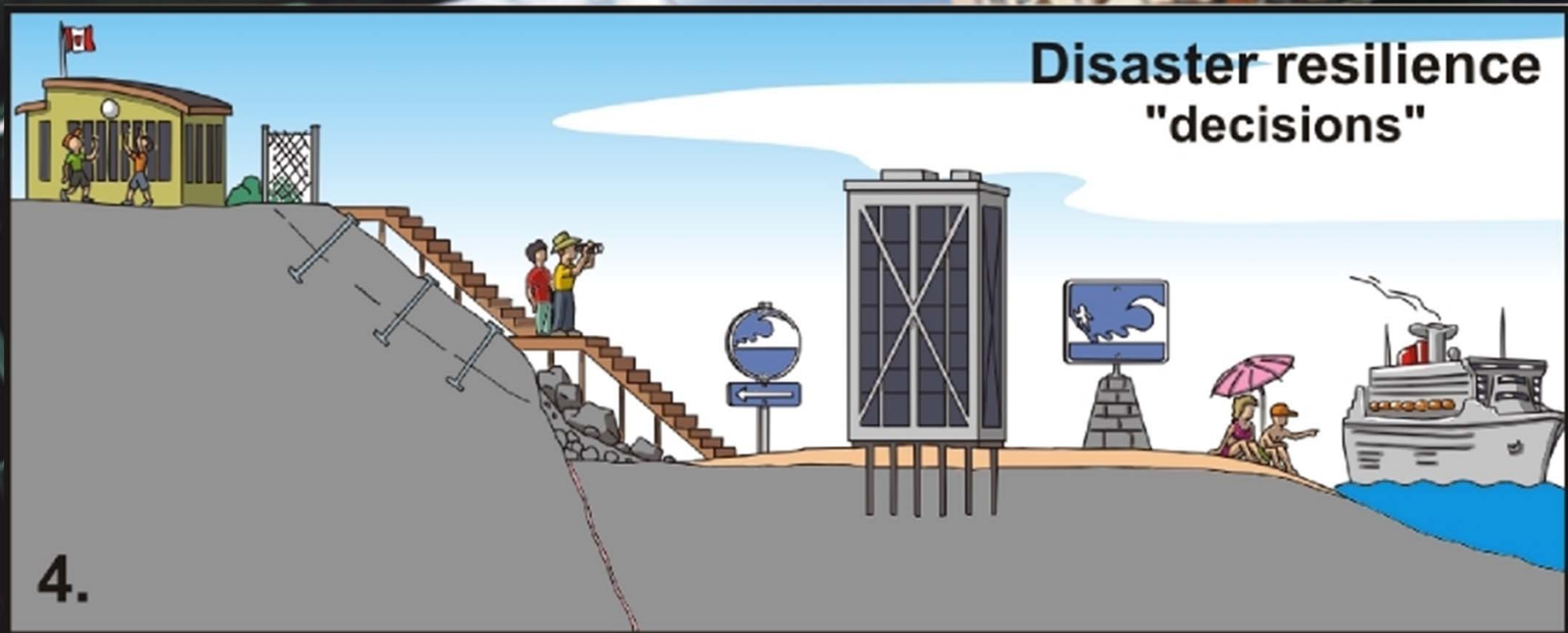
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# from knowledge to action

- 4) How might knowledge about earthquake risk be used to reduce future losses and increase disaster resilience in your community?



# Land Use Planning



- Performance measures - disaster resilience:
  - ✓ *societal risk*
  - building safety*
  - economic security*
  - lifeline functionality*
  
- Incorporate disaster resilience measures into development process
  
- Seismic retrofits of most vulnerable buildings



# Potential Benefits of Seismic Retrofits

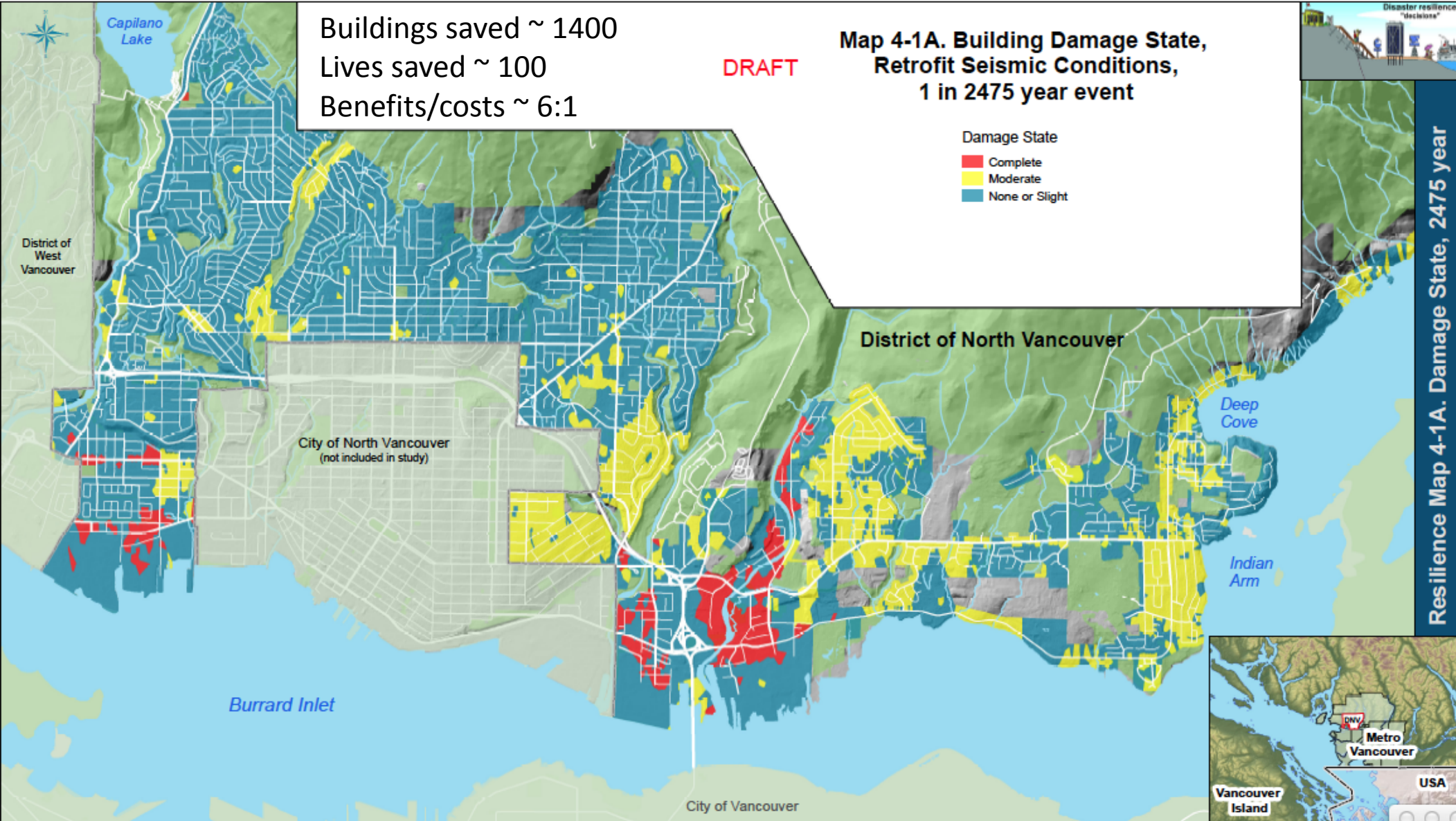
Buildings saved ~ 1400  
Lives saved ~ 100  
Benefits/costs ~ 6:1

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Map 4-1A. Building Damage State, Retrofit Seismic Conditions, 1 in 2475 year event

Damage State

- Complete
- Moderate
- None or Slight

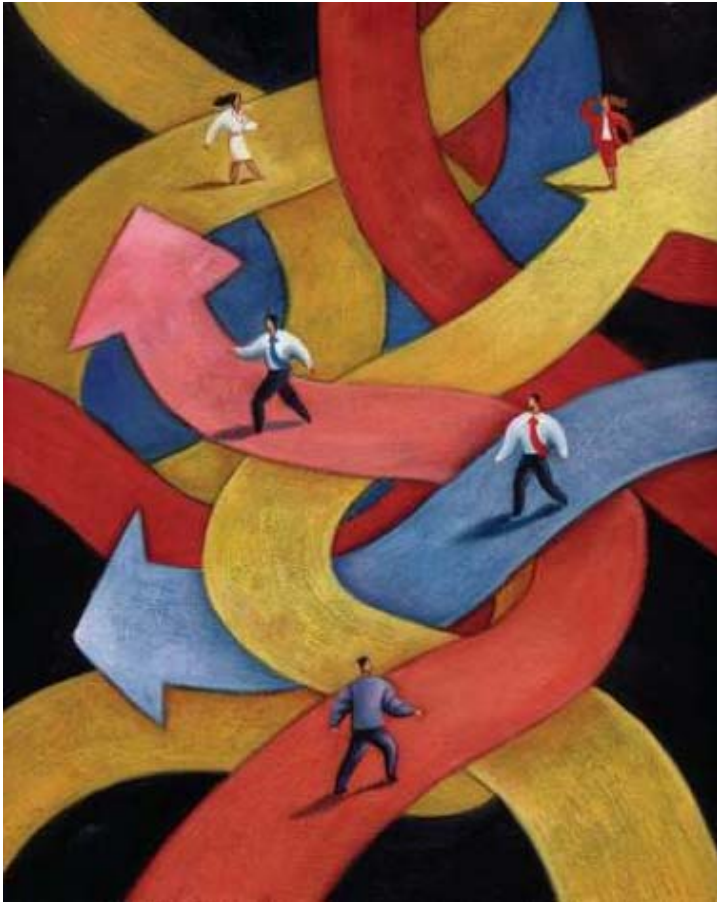


Resilience Map 4-1A. Damage State, 2475 year





# Emergency Management



- Emergency Plans
  - earthquake response plan*
  - business continuity plan*
  - recovery plan*
  
- Strengthen capabilities for response and recovery
  
- Community outreach and engagement to promote a culture of disaster resilience



# Reaching out to you STAKEHOLDERS...

- How can you make Canada more disaster resilient to earthquakes?

## Continuing the conversation:

- Email: [Nicky.Hastings@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:Nicky.Hastings@nrcan.gc.ca)
- Input to [www.hazuscanada.ca](http://www.hazuscanada.ca) forum
- CanHUG workshops

