Local Climate Change Visioning Project





Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning



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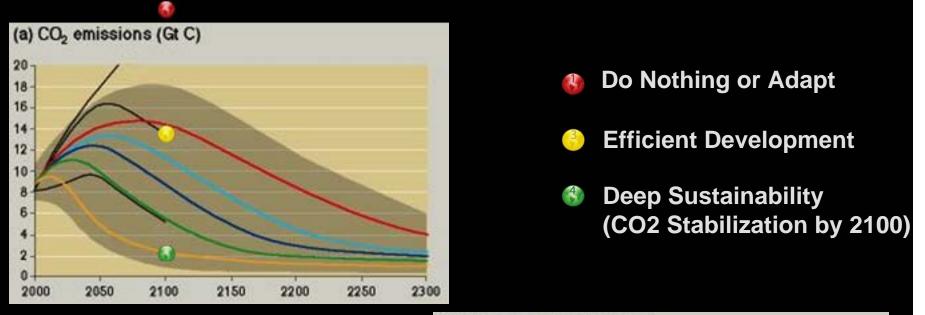
GEOIDE Study Objectives

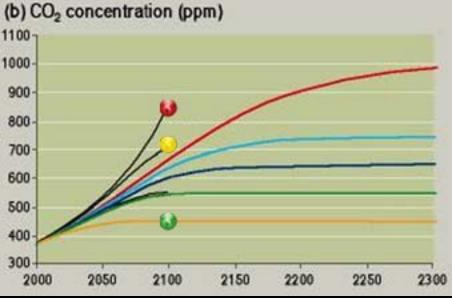


Developing & testing a process:

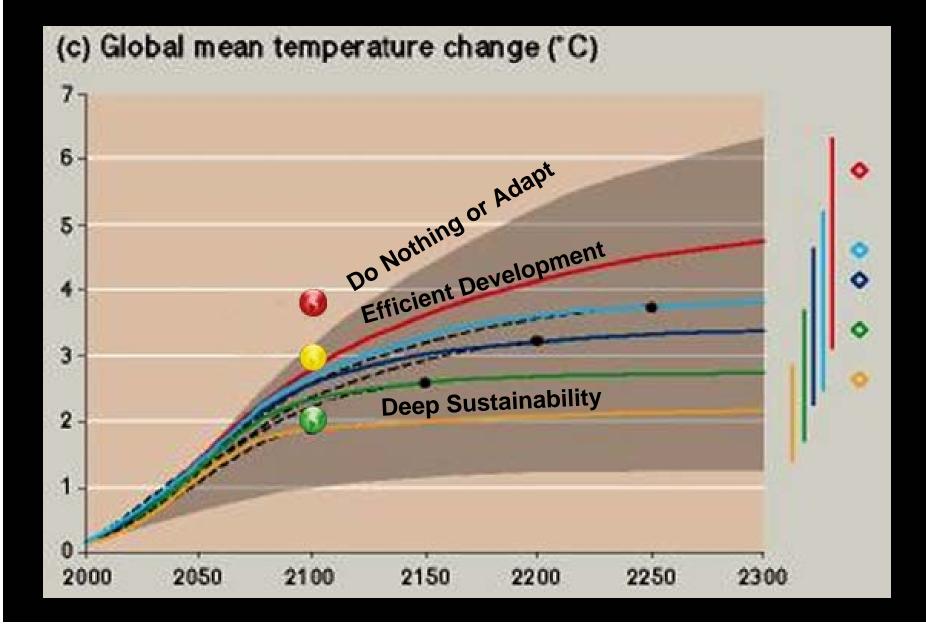
- To show how climate change might affect local communities in alternative futures for Delta and the Lower Mainland
- To build awareness of community choices and response options

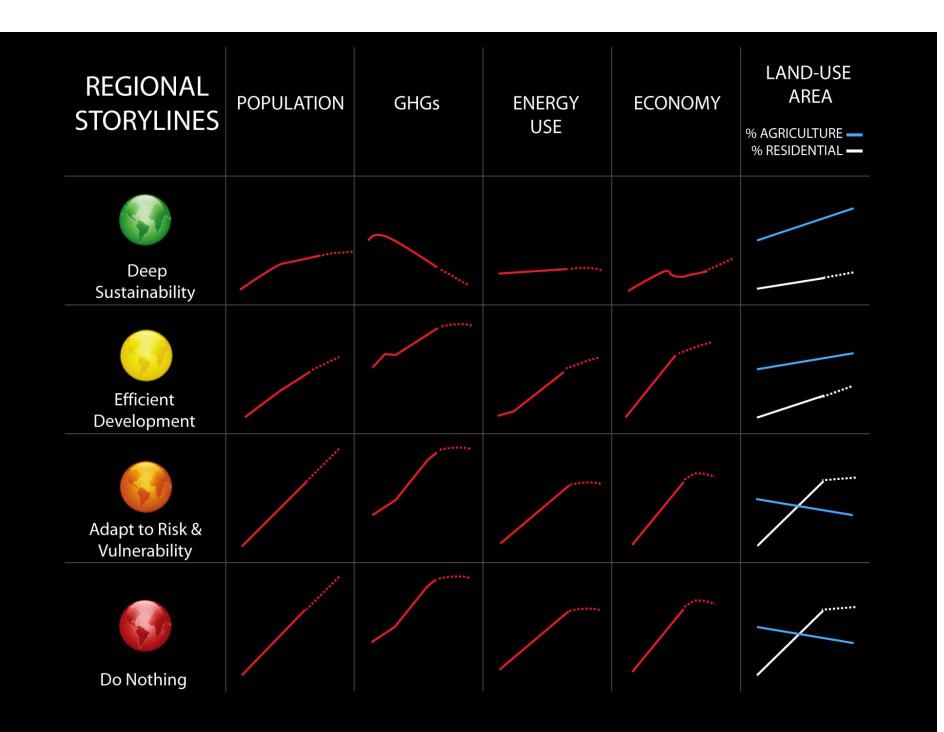
Alternative Emissions Worlds





Temperature Change





E = Emissions (1990) $CO_2 = Concentration$ Temp = Avg.Temp.ChangeSLR = Sea Level Rise

2020 2050 2100 E = -9.6%E = -61%E = - 85 - 100 % $CO_2 = 410 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 445 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 450 \text{ ppmv}$ Temp = 0.33 CTemp = 0.43 CTemp = 0.72 CSLR = 0.13 m $SLR = 0.27 \, m$ SLR = 0.40 mE = + 63 %E = +25%E = +70% $CO_2 = 410 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 470 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 620 \text{ ppmv}$ Temp = 0.5 CTemp = 1.5 C Temp = 2.63 C $SLR = 0.13 \, m$ $SLR = 0.49 \, m$ $SLR = 0.27 \, m$ E = +57%E = +144 %E = +175 % $CO_2 = 410 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 550 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 850 \text{ ppmv}$ Temp = 0.45 CTemp = 1.6 C Temp = 3.75 C SLR = 0.13 m $SLR = 0.27 \, m$ $SLR = 0.58 \, m$ E = +57%E = +144 %E = +175% $CO_2 = 410 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 550 \text{ ppmv}$ $CO_2 = 850 \text{ ppmv}$ Temp = 0.45 C Temp = 1.6 C Temp = 3.75 C SLR = 0.13 m SLR = 0.58 m $SLR = 0.27 \, m$

Regional Assumptions

Current Projects and Policies (Approximate Locations)

- The CIRS Project
- Livable Region Strategic Plan
- Southeast False Creek Initiative
- SmartGrowth BC
- FCM Partners for Climate Protection
- The Green Plan
- Delta Official Community Plan
- Climate Change & GVRD
- Adaptation Strategies for Long-Term Utility Planning
- DeltaPort Third Berth Project

• The Gateway Program

World 1: Do Nothing



Delta Assumptions: 2100

- High population growth
- High economic growth until late century
- 3x carbon emissions
- +3.75°C
- Sea-level rise of 0.58 meters
- Mean snowline (April 1st): 1074m (Current: 759 m)

Regional Storyline	Population	GHGs	Energy Use	Economy	Land-use Area % Agriculture — % Residential —
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Do Nothing					

South Delta Context: Main Sources of GHG Emissions

- 85% of residents commute outside Delta
- South Fraser perimeter road
- Delta Port 3rd berth project

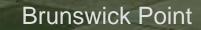




Transportation to Work

Car, truck, van as driver	16, 795	81.2%		
Car, truck, van as passenger	970	4.2%		
Public transit	1,545	7.5%		
Walk to work	880	4.3%		
Bicycle	230	1.1%		
Other method	150	0.7%		
Source: Corporation of Delta Greenhouse Gas Inventory				





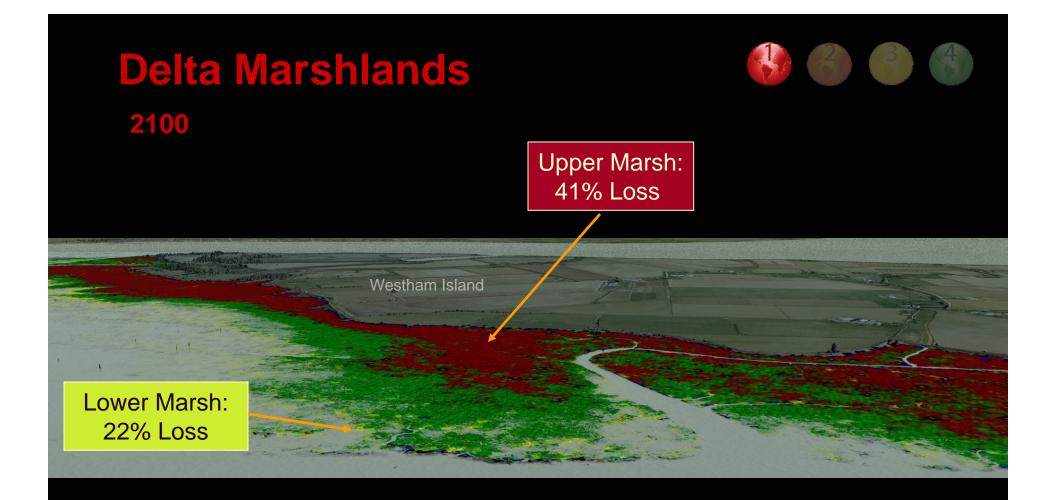
Westham Island

West Delta Agriculture

Current NHT + storm surge/flooding

Roberts Bank: 2100 Existing dike + normal high tide + sustained storm surge + breach

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Black Brant Geese

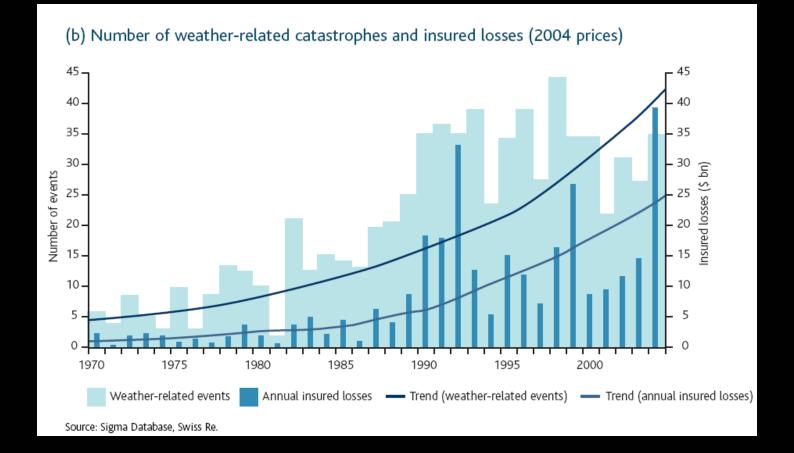


Snow Geese



Western Sandpiper

Global Frequency of Weather Events

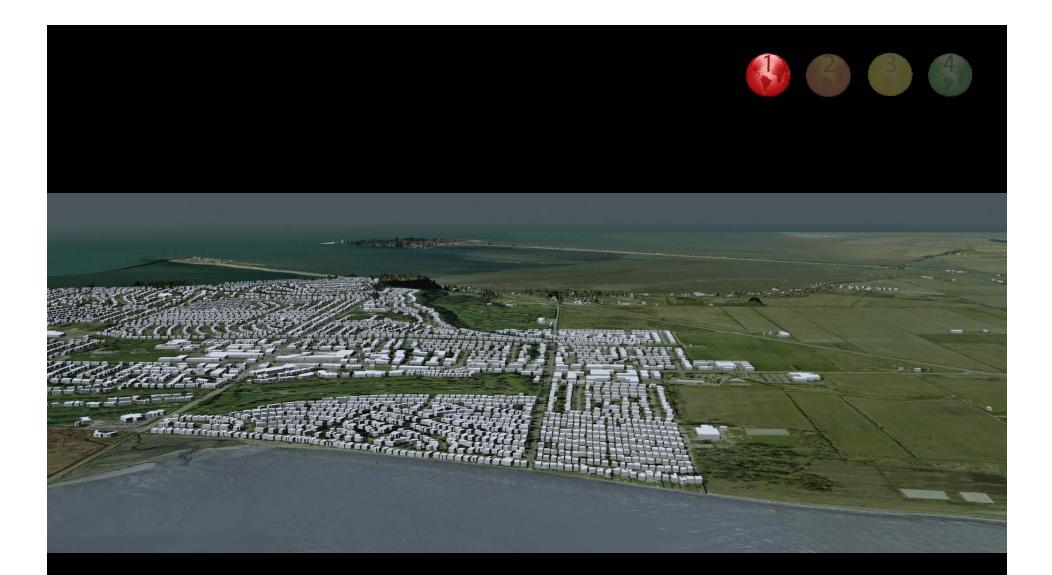


Unplanned Development

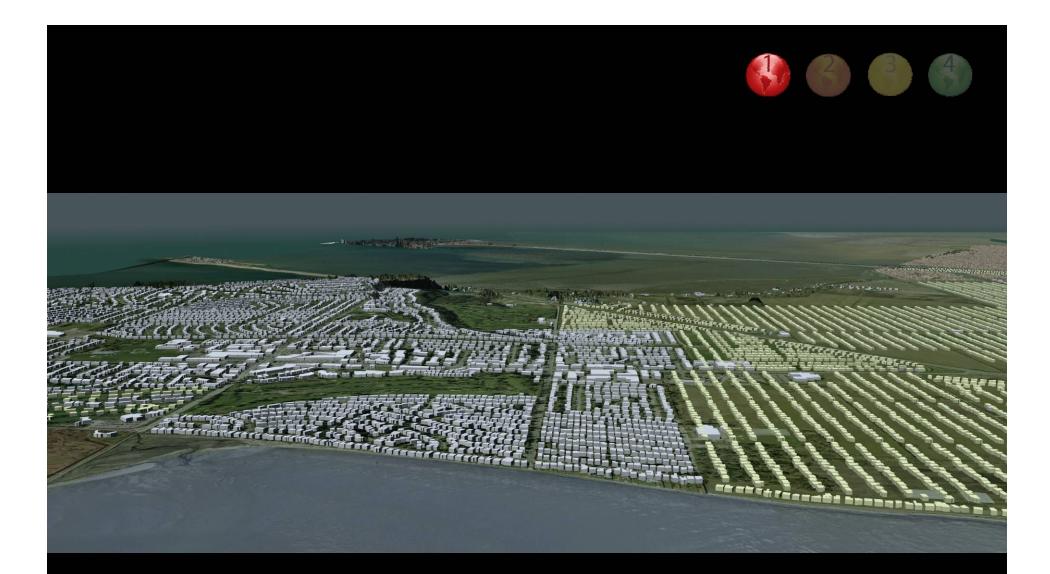


"Some [1995] estimates suggest that 150 - 200 million people may become permanently displaced by the middle of the century due to rising sea levels, more frequent floods, and more intense droughts" (Stern Report 2006).





South Delta: 2000



South Delta: 2100







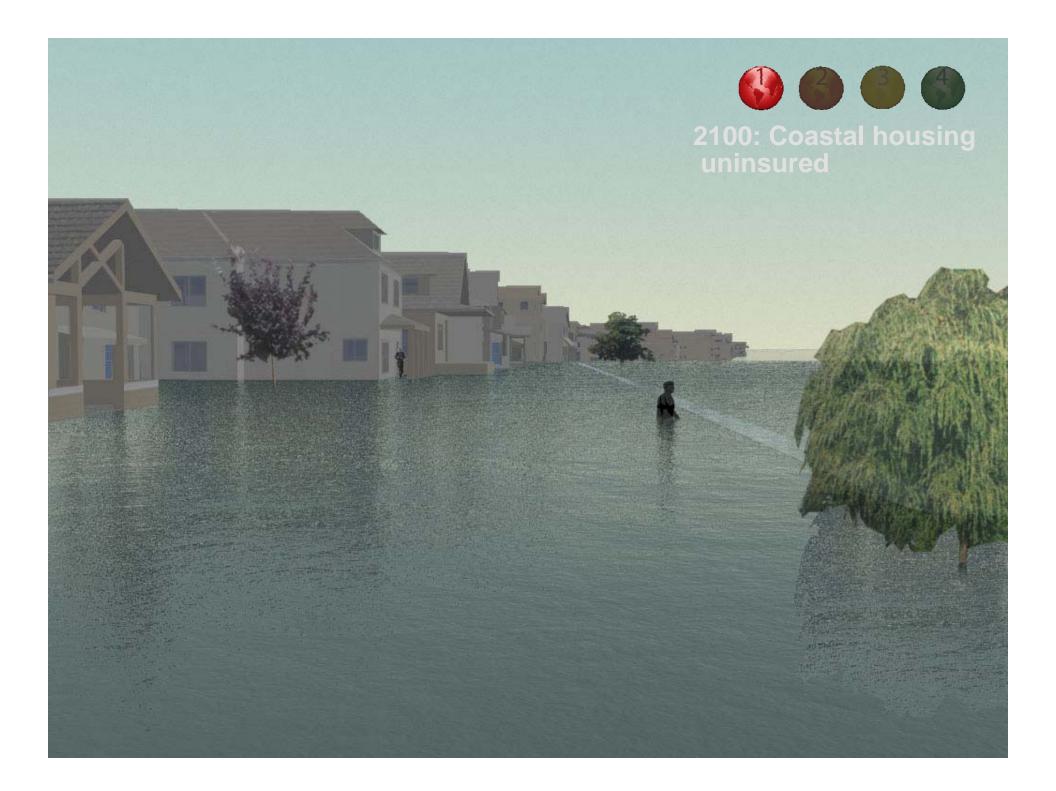


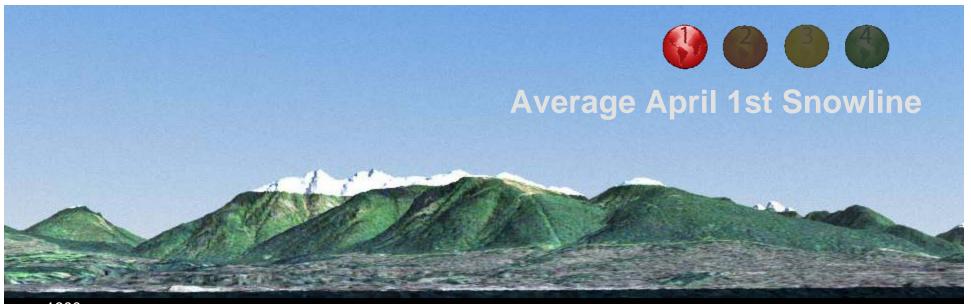


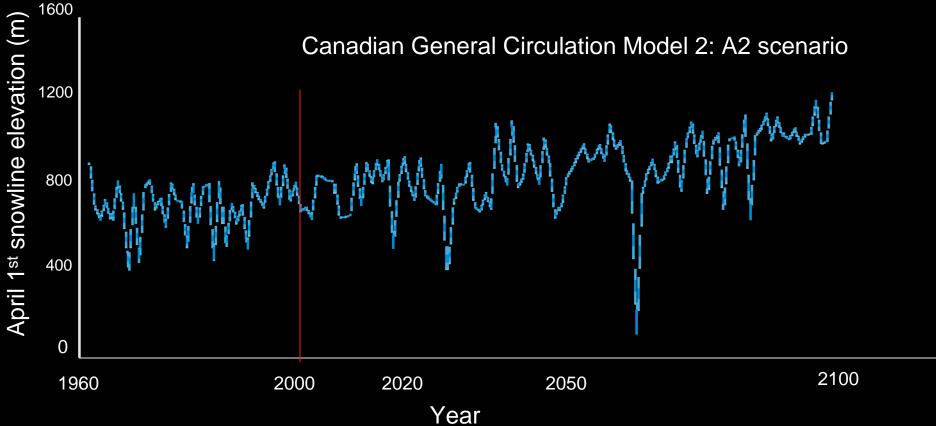






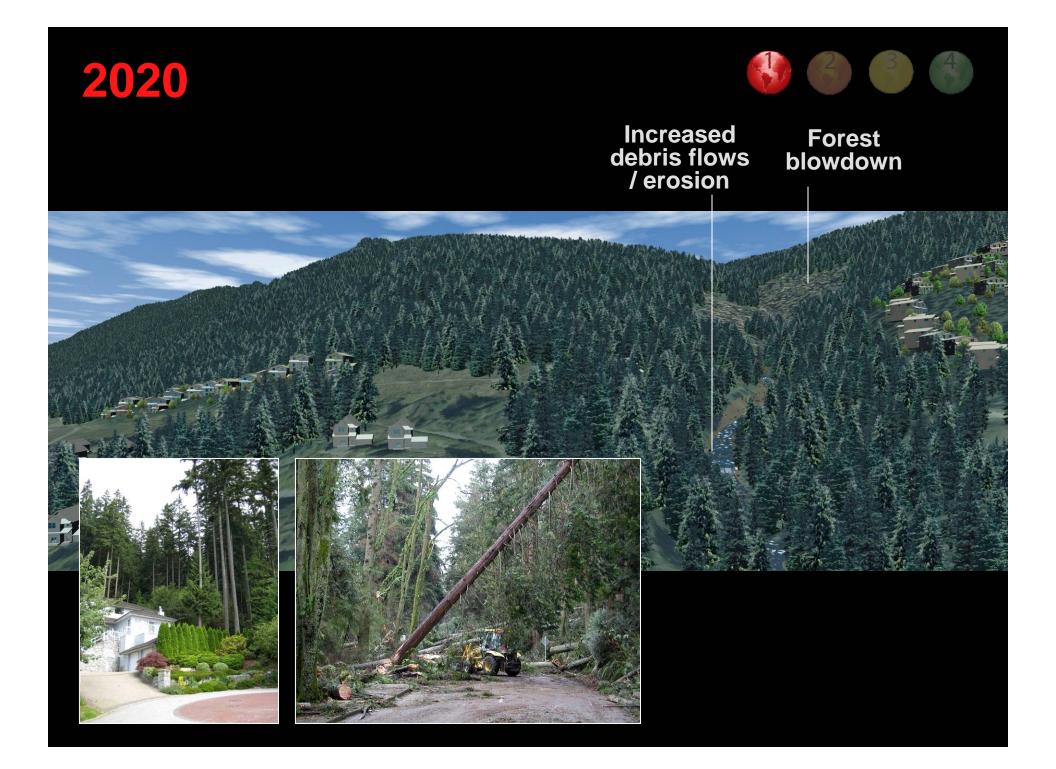








Northshore storyline Existing Grouse Mosquito Housing Mountain Creek

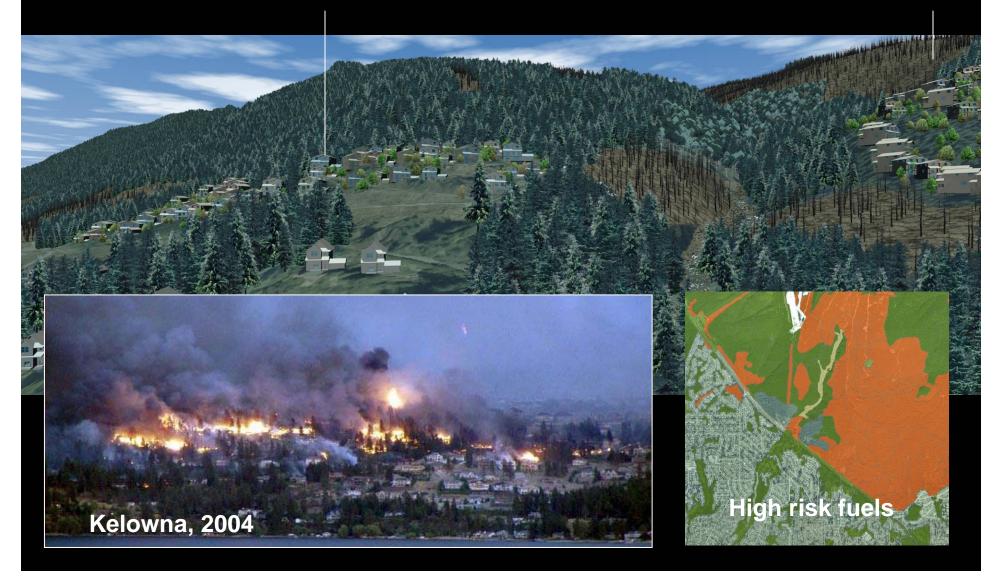






Expansion of homes at higher elevations

Burnt areas

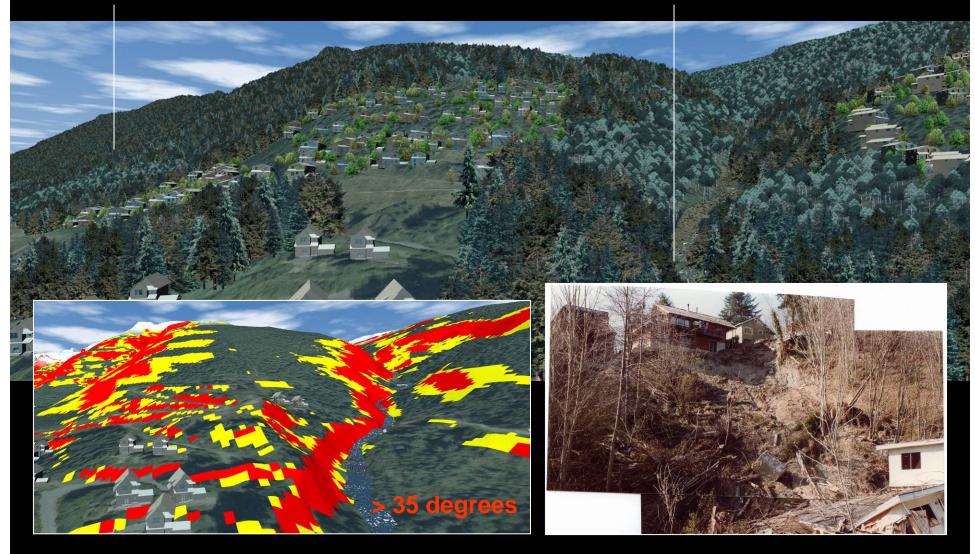


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Reduced forest health from pests / drought



Loss of creek habitat, increased slope instability



Capilano Reservoir Water Storage

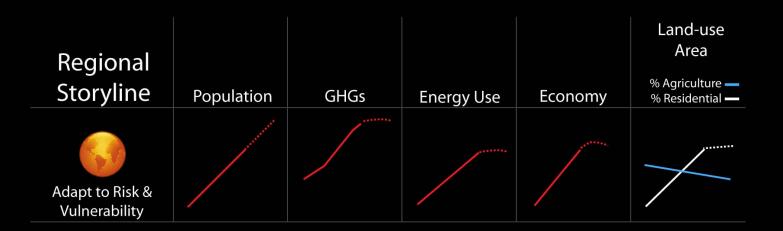
Peak summer drawdown: Lower lake level (439 ft.), more frequent

World 2: Adapt to Risk



Delta Assumptions in 2100:

- High population growth
- High economic growth until late century
- 3x carbon emissions Pro-active adaptation strategies
- +3.75°C increase
- 0.58 m sea level rise
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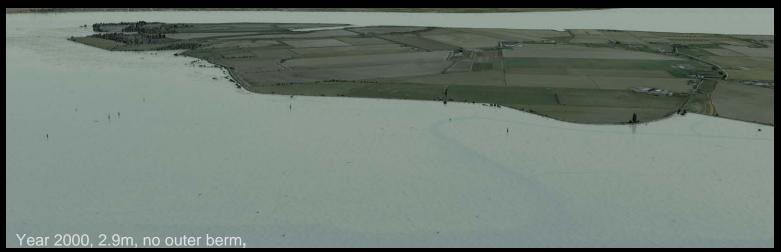


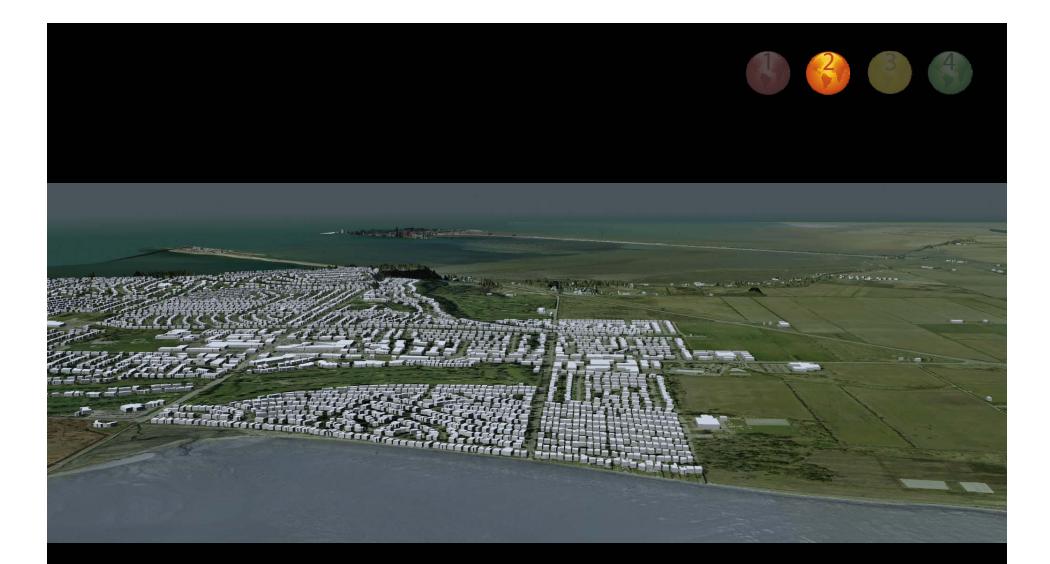
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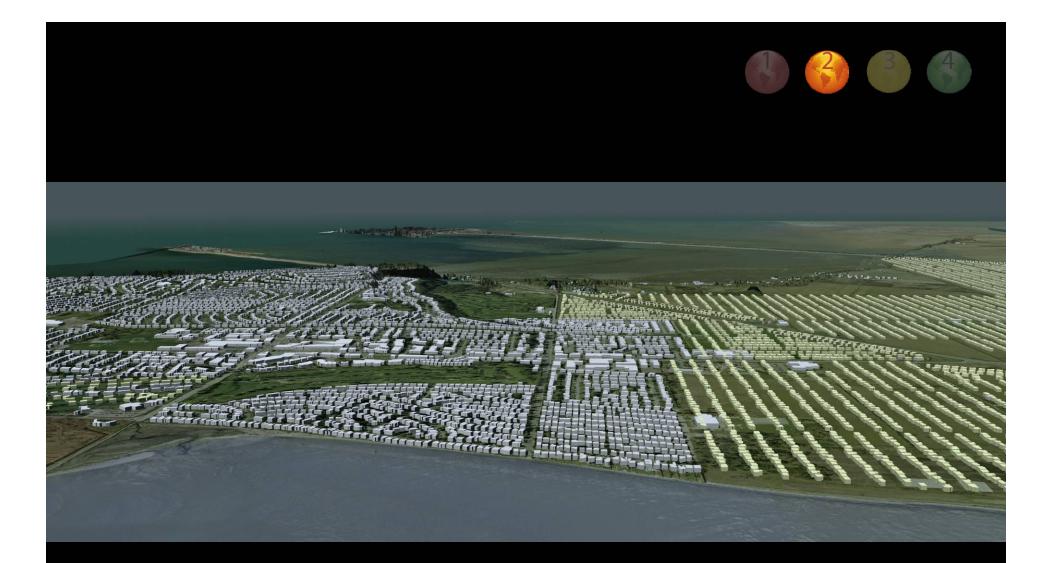


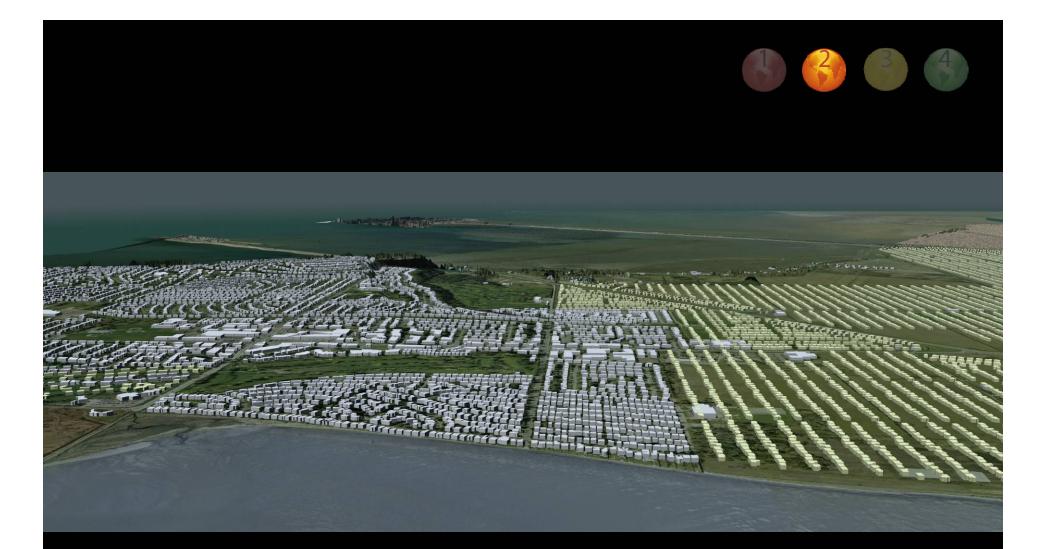
Year 2000, Mean Sea Level (0m) with outer berm

















Dike Design Options







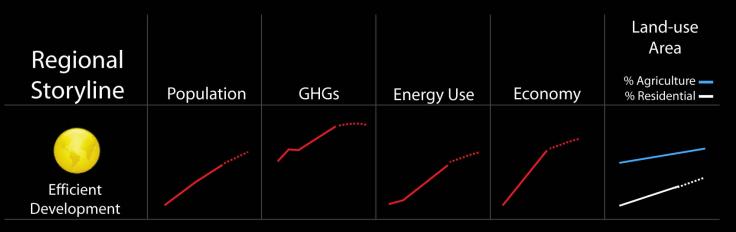




World 3: Efficient Development

Delta Assumptions: 2100

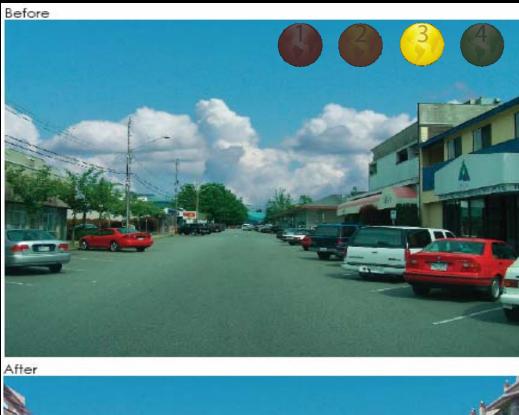
- Moderately high population growth
- High economic growth / more efficient development
- 2x carbon emissions
- +2.63°C
- 0.49 m sea-level rise
- Mean snowline (April 1st): 1005 m (Current: 759 m)
- Similar adaptations to World 2
- More sustainable development



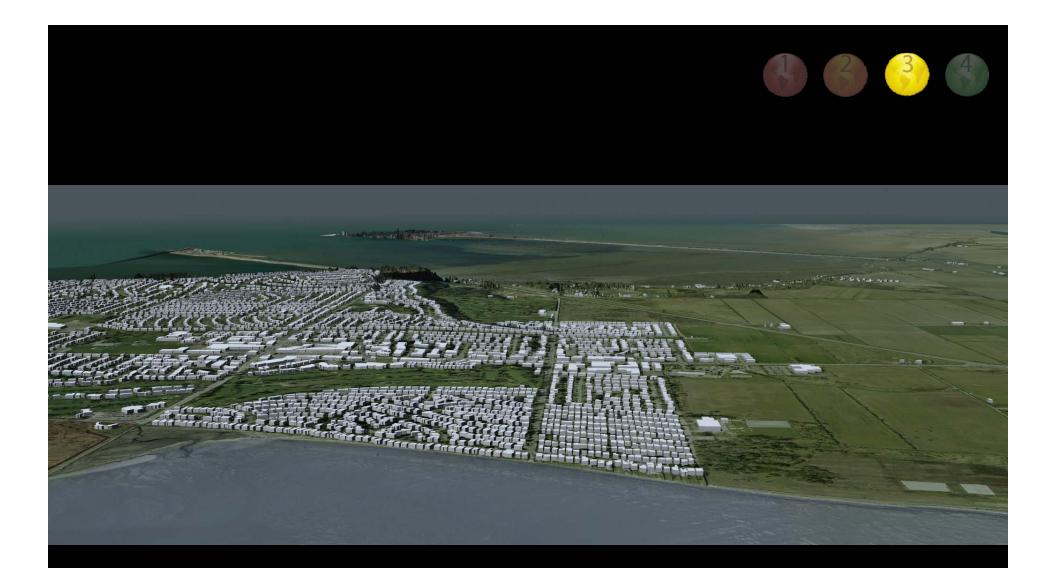
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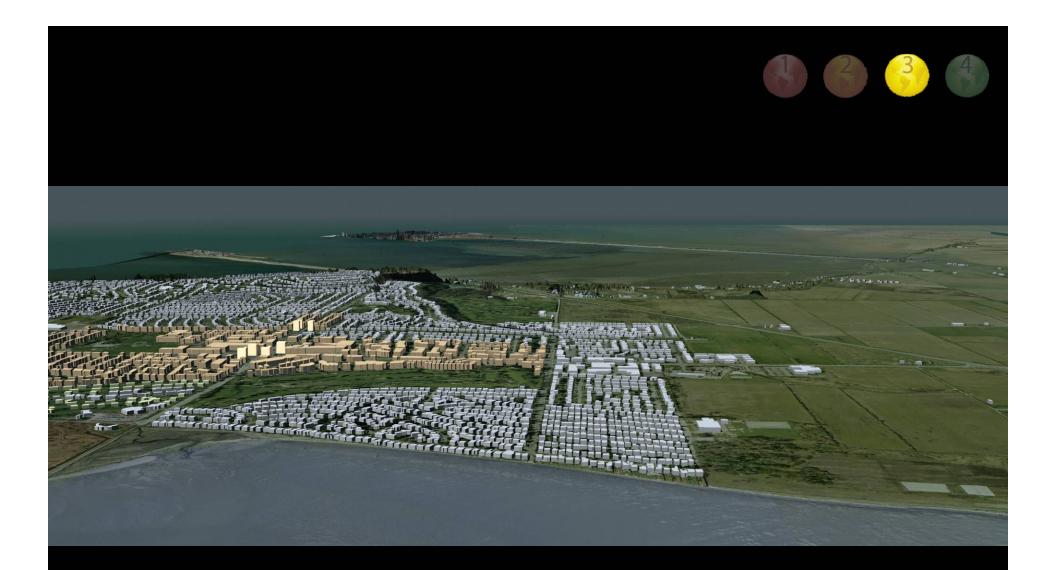
Sustainability by Design Charrette

UBC Design Centre for Sustainability, 2006

















Reservoirs / Water Storage

 Reduced snowmelt for summer water supply

• Proactively adapt to increase water storage

 Increased winter precipitation events

•Utilize winter reservoir spill for energy



MetroVancouver hydro-electric energy recovery options

- Existing turbine in pipe from Filtration Plant to Capilano Reservoir (1.7MW)
- Potential turbine in pipe from Seymour
 Dam to Filtration Plant (2MW)

Capilano Hydroelectric Turbine

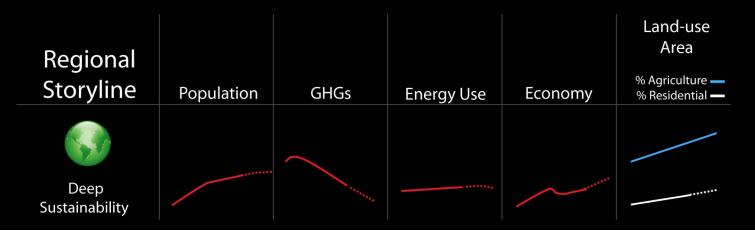


Generate energy from winter spill: 16MW (12,000–16,000 homes)

World 4: Deep Sustainability (Low Carbon World)

Assumptions:

- Lower population and economic growth
- Low and zero-carbon development
- Major retrofitting occurs early in the century
- ~ 90% reduction in carbon emissions (from 1990)
- + 0.72°C
- Sea-level rise of 0.4 meters
- Mean snowline (April 1st): 777m (Current: 759 m)
- Global climate change stabilizes at 450 ppmv





Preliminary visualisations of hypothetical windpower development

Low-Carbon Building Types



BEDZED: Carbon Neutral Community in UK



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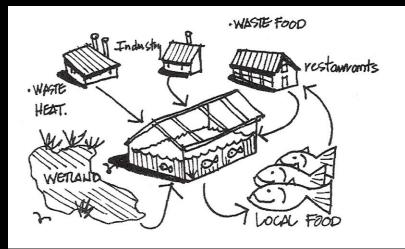
Centre for Interactive Research, Vancouver, B.C.



Dockside Green: LEED platinum: Victoria, B.C

Eco-Industrial Networks and energy farm clusters

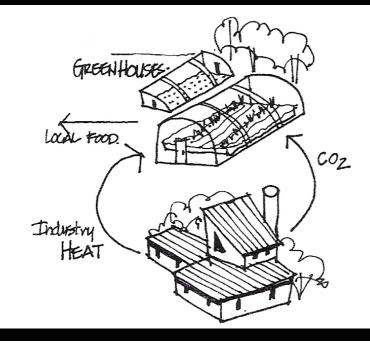










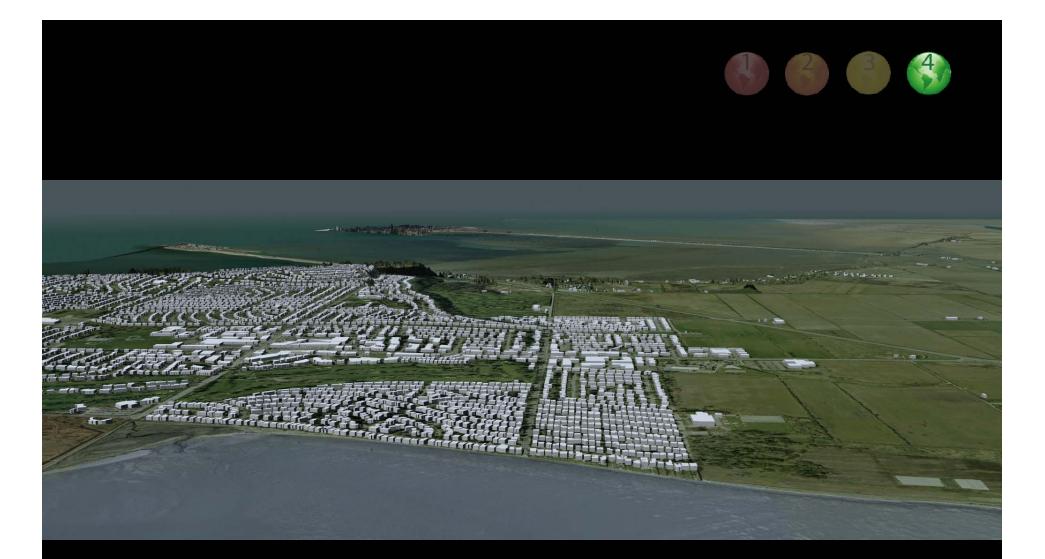


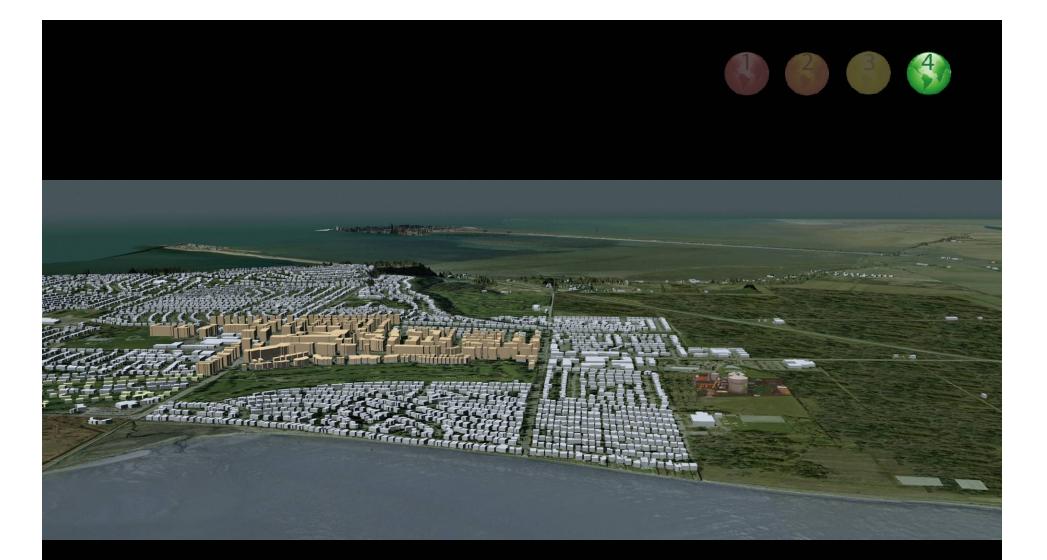
2050 Amphibious Housing/ Combined Energy Stratas: Shared, low carbon residential energy clusters



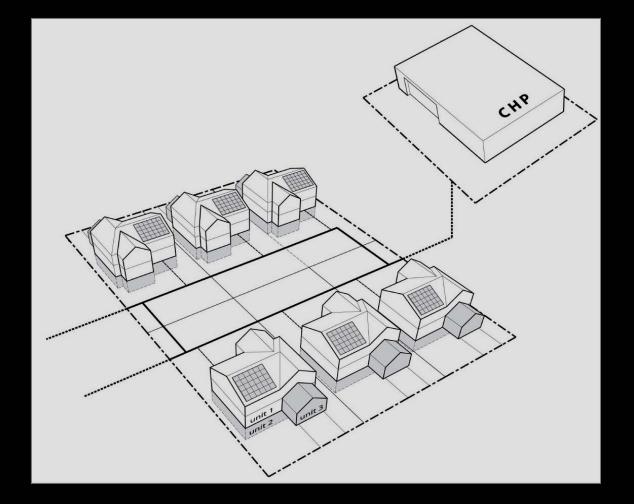
2050 Amphibious and Stilt Housing: Reduce vulnerability to flooding

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2020: Neighbourhood Heat (S) (S) (S) and Power Energy Systems









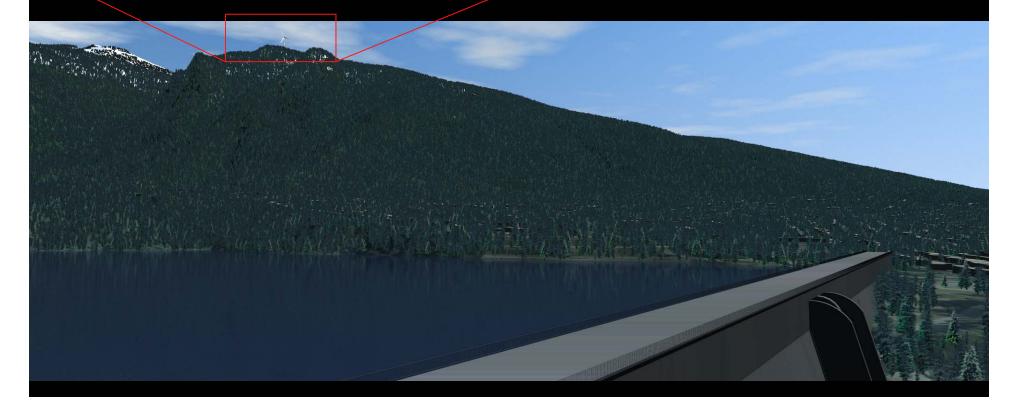
Potential Grouse Mountain

Learning Laboratory

- Demonstration projects?
- Wind energy generation?

Carbon-neutral development

Expansion plans?



Zero-carbon resort development

- Wind energy generation
- Education Centre on green energy
 - Demonstration projects





Forest Conditions 2100





Stream Rehabilitation

- Reinforced banks
- Washout controls
- Fish ladders
- Protection of riparian zone



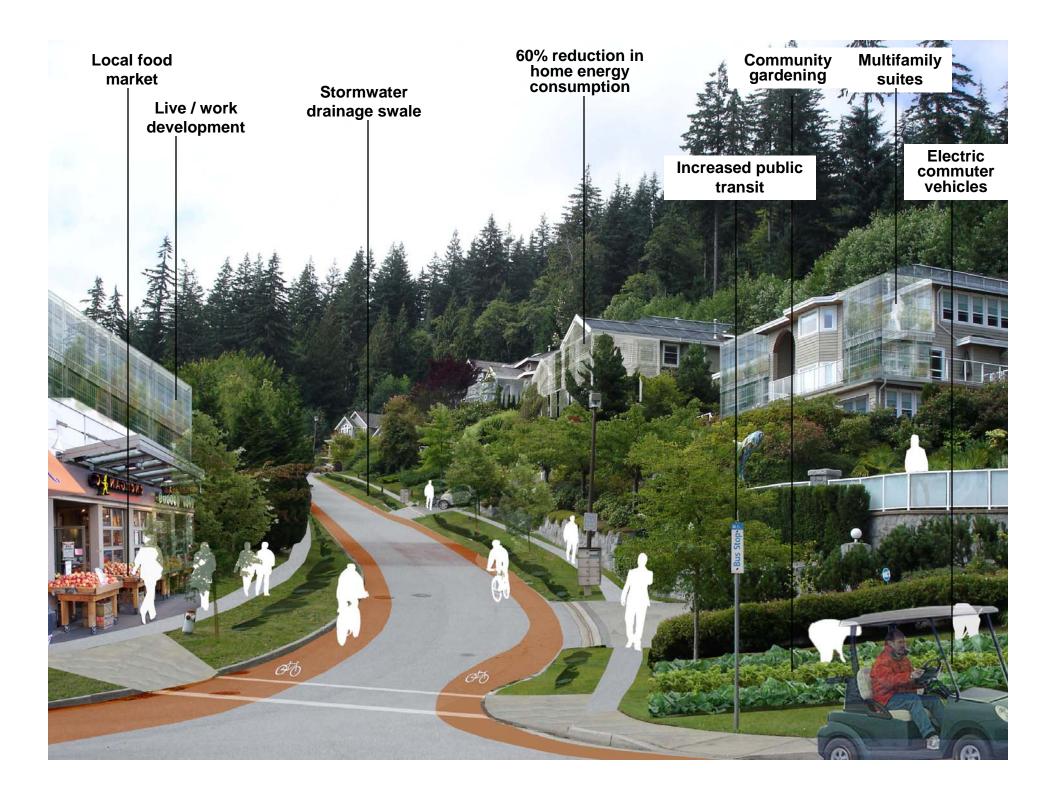




Micro Hydroelectric Generation







Preliminary results of Delta community visioning sessions

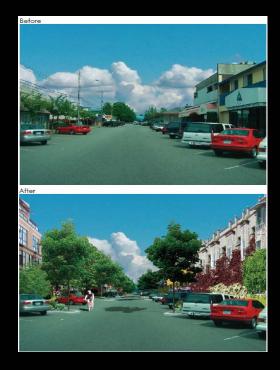
- High credibility of visualisations (79% "quite or very plausible/credible")
- Future scenarios/framework well understood and adopted
- Increase in awareness about local effects of climate change (23% 'knowledgeable' before, 67% after)
- "I learned how climate change could affect my community in a very graphic way. Numbers may not stay with me but visuals will"



Motivation/action indicators:

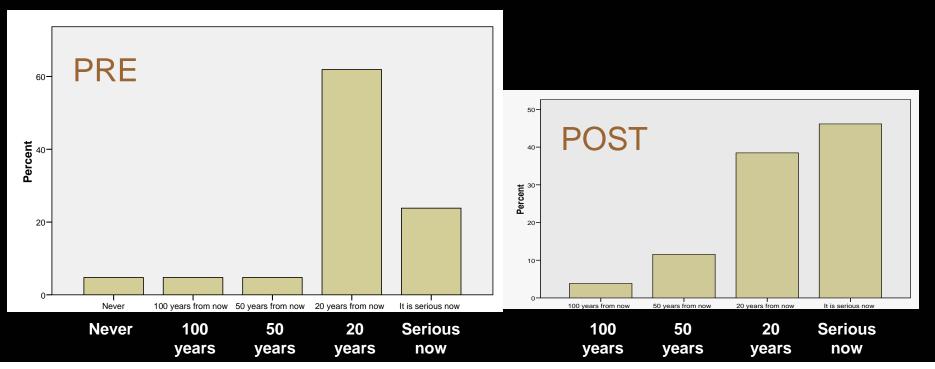
 70% of respondents strongly agreed that community policies that reduce GHGs must be in place within the next 10 years

"Shows how much you have to do if you want things to stay the same"



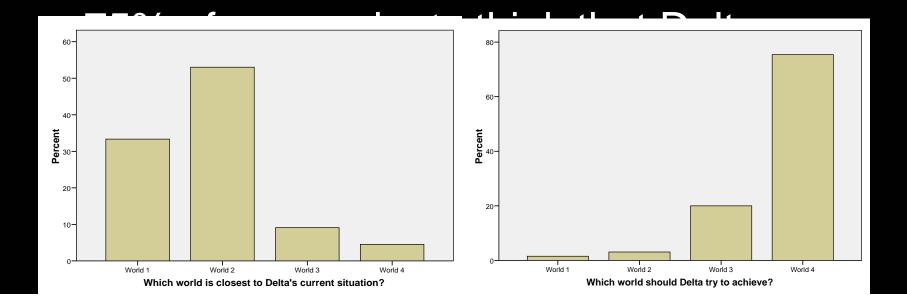
Feedback from practitioner visioning sessions

- Reasonable credibility of visualisations:
 - 85% rated them as quite or very plausible
- When impacts of climate change will occur in the community:



Responses to Worlds 1-4:

 86% of respondents think that Delta is in either World 1 or 2 (33% World 1, 53% World 2)



CONCLUSIONS

- A holistic, pragmatic, engaging public process on climate change can be carried out at the local level
- Attitudes can be changed
- Visualisations can reveal implementation barriers and solutions
- More research needed (better modelling and wider testing)

....but we can't wait for the research results

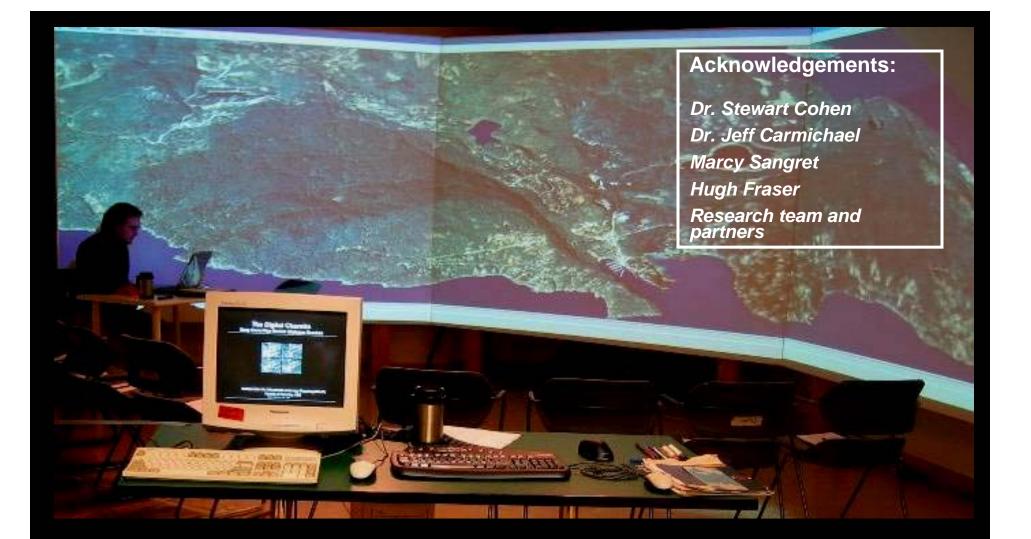


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Phase IV....





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