




# **Flood risk is increasing in many areas**

- Increased development
  - More frequent and severe storms
  - Sea level rise
  - Federal flood maps may understate flood risk
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# **We must think of long-term solutions**

- Coastal retreat policies
  - Increased open space
  - Consider the entire floodplain or watershed (planning)
  - Educate the public
  - Post-disaster planning
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# Mitigate & protect now

- Restore floodplains
  - Protect infrastructure
  - Elevate/relocate structures
  - Build smarter
  - Obtain insurance
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# **We will help you!**

- DCR's Flood Hazard Management Program
  - Office of Coastal Zone Management
  - Dept. of Environmental Protection
  - Division of Ecological Restoration
  - Mass. Emergency Management Agency
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