# The Delaware Resilience Awareness Project (DelRAP)

LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON BIG STORMS AND RISING WATER

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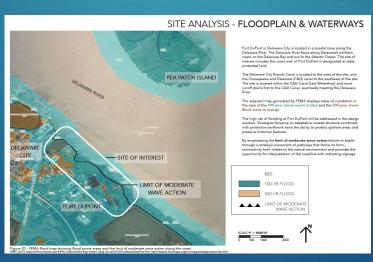
## Outline

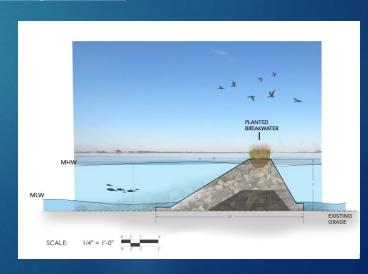
- Building the Delaware Resilience Awareness Project (DelRAP)
- DelRAP:
  - Ideas and Goals
  - People
    - raise awareness through digital storytelling
    - Create a platform for documenting citizen science approach
- Coastal Observer Demonstration

# Building DelRAP

- Coastal Resilience Design Studio (CRDS)
  - Dr. Jules Bruck (Professor & Director Landscape Architecture, University of Delaware)
  - Sustainable Coastal Communities Initiative (SCCI)
  - ► Goal: To engage planners, community members, experts, and students in bridging science and design to solve coastal resiliency issues.







# Building DelRAP



- Resilient And Sustainable Communities League (RASCL)
  - a collaborative network made up of 19 partners (in various sectors) working to promote resilience and sustainability in communities across the state
  - Provides information, technical assistance, and networking opportunities to state, local, and county governments, citizen groups, the private sector, and non-profit organizations in order to advance the goals of resilience and sustainability in the State of Delaware.



### DelRAP ideas

- Delaware has a rich coastal history
  - Coastal State (tidal and non-tidal histories)
  - ▶ Heritage (Native American, Dutch, Swedes...and more!)
  - Economics (Agriculture, Tourism, etc.)
  - Impacted by coastal storms and rising water!!!





# Digital Stories

- Citizens tell their stories!
- How have big storms & rising water impacted you and your community?

We know the stories are out there, and we are proposing the development of an framework to collect, document, and disseminate this information to raise awareness of sealevel impacts throughout the state."



Digital Story Train

## DelRAP Who





Center for Food Systems and Sustainability (CENFOODS)

#### **Lead Pls**

- Jules Bruck, Professor & Director, Landscape Architecture
- Anna Wik, Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture

#### Co-Pls

- Jon Cox, National Geographic Explorer, Assistant Professor of Art and Design
- **Ed Lewandowski**, Coordinator Sustainable Coastal Communities Initiative, Delaware Sea Grant
- Jenn Volk, Associate Director of Cooperative Extension
- Gregory Shelnutt, Chair and Professor of Art
- Catherine Morrissy, Director, Center for Historic Architecture and Design
- Tina Callahan, Associate Director, Delaware Environmental Monitoring and Analysis Center (DEMAC)

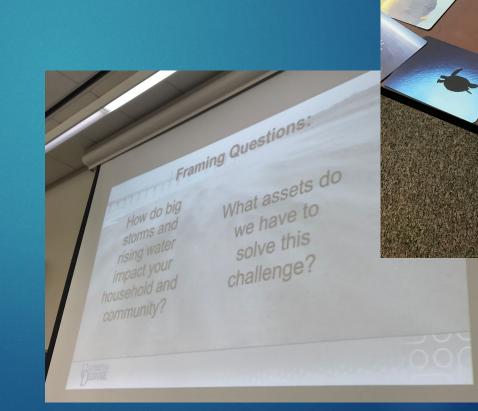
#### DelRAP Goals

- <u>raise awareness</u> of statewide problems with sea-level rise and intensifying storms through the art of digital storytelling.
- <u>create a platform</u> and process <u>for</u>
  <u>concerned citizens</u> to provide geo-tagged photographic evidence of sea-level rise and intensifying storm impacts within their communities a citizen science approach.



Digital Storytelling & Perspectives

- Videos/Interviews
- Series of workshops held throughout the state
  - Design Charettes (with community members)
    - ▶ Greg Shelnutt
    - ▶ Jon Cox
    - a discussion and discovery through visual exploration around topics related to big storms and rising water.



## Citizen Science



#### https://www.spotteron.com/coastalobserver/

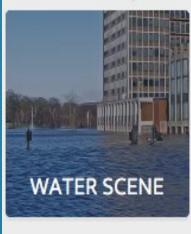


### Coastal Observer

- Water Scene
- Water Level
- Water Quality
- Weather

#### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SPOT?

Please select your main category for your observation:









### Coastal Observer

- Possible Collaborations
  - Project WiCCED
  - King Tides Project
  - SECCHI Disk Project
  - ▶ And more!!





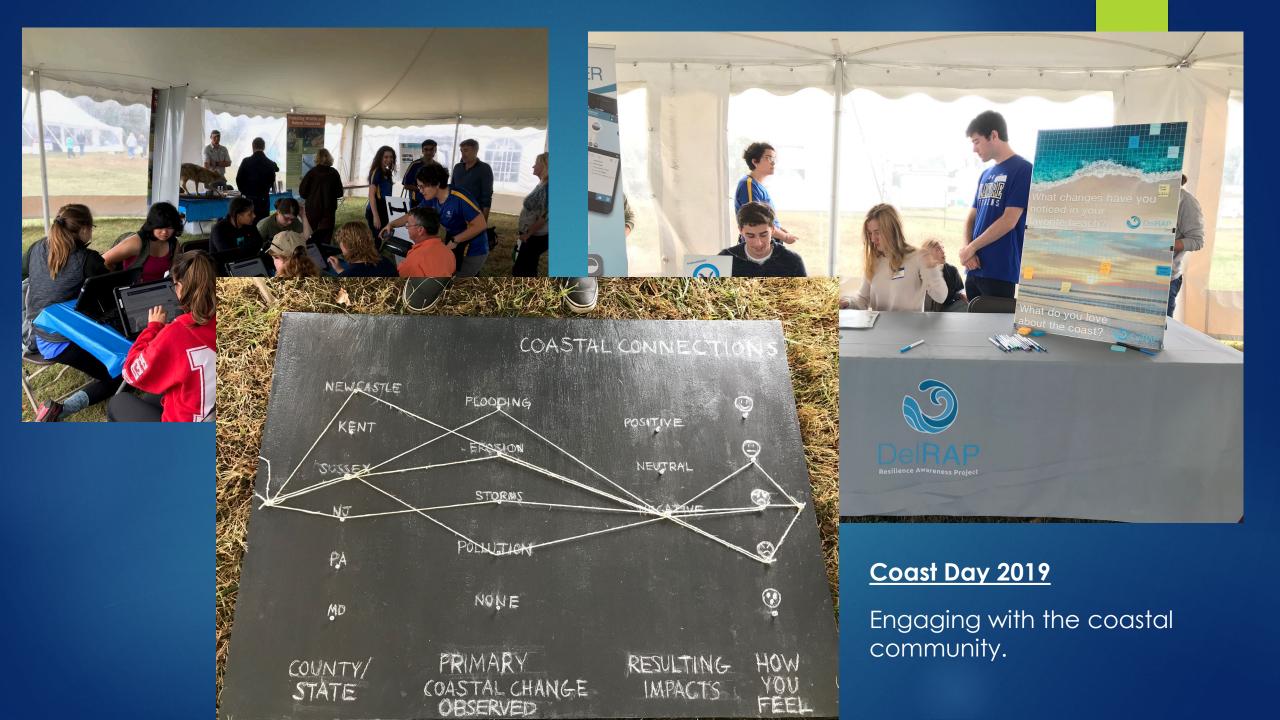
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## Questions and Comments?

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