

# PURPOSE + NEED

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Proposed Project, within this Project Area, is to:



**Reduce** flood risk.

**Increase** the resiliency of the communities and ecosystems.

**Protect** critical infrastructure, residences, businesses, and ecological resources from the more frequent and intense flood events anticipated in the future.

## NEED

The Proposed Project, within this Project Area, is needed to:



**Address** systemic **inland flooding** from high-intensity rainfall/runoff events and **coastal flooding** from storm surges and nor'easters.

Directly **protect** life, public health, and property.

**Increase community resiliency**, including protecting accessibility to, and on-going operations of, critical health care services, emergency services, and transportation and utility infrastructure.

Potentially **reduce flood insurance rates** and claims from future events, and potentially restore property values.

Potentially **protect ecological resources** and **enhance water quality**, which in turn could benefit regional biodiversity and ecosystem resiliency.

Potentially integrate the flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, cultural, and recreational values to **incorporate active and passive recreational** uses.