

# Rising Seas



**KEEPING OUR HISTORY ABOVE WATER**



1966

2000-2019



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**The Future?**

Or not.....

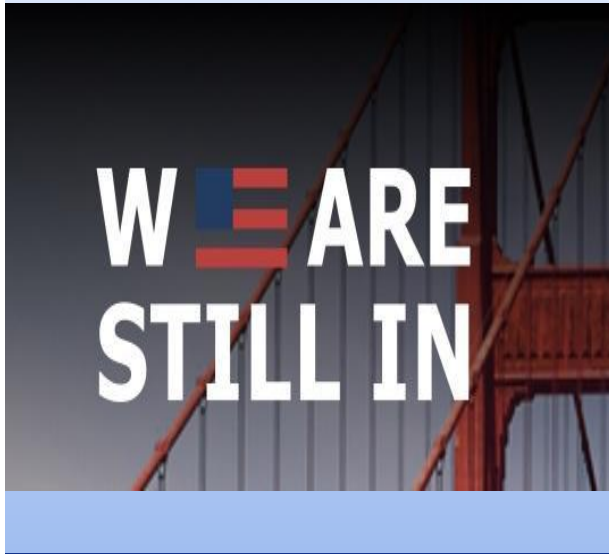
Evolve...or become extinct.

- Anonymous



Partnerships  
Community  
Adaptations  
Mitigation  
Cooperation  
Re-Usable  
Conserve  
Reduce  
Sustainable  
Eco Friendly





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KEEPING HISTORY  
ABOVE WATER



# THE **SEA LEVEL RISE INITIATIVE** IS FIGHTING TO KEEP HISTORY ABOVE WATER.

**Before Portsmouth was settled, Puddle Dock was a tidal estuary.** By 1900, the inlet had been filled in to create additional land for the city's growing population. Now the sea is returning.

Four of our historic structures—the Shapley-Drisco, Sherburne, Lowd, and Jones Houses—are extremely vulnerable to sea level rise and are experiencing deterioration due to salt water infiltration during storm surge and astronomically high tides.

**Sea Level Rise Initiative**

**\$500,000**

for capital projects and programming

As a member of an advisory committee for the *Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment on Historic Portsmouth*, Strawberry Banke has joined with the City to seek a solution to this increasing threat. The Museum is also the focus of a University of New Hampshire study examining the vulnerability of coastal resources.

Philanthropic support will play a key role in saving these buildings and in launching a related public awareness initiative to showcase how science and history work together in the service of preservation.

