FEMA FIRM Special Hazard Flood Areas (SFHAs)

- 2009: Zone VE (Flooding with Waves), BFE 19 ft
- 2016: Zone X Area of Minimal Flood Hazard



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University Hall, UMass Boston

• FEMA BFE 19 ft + 7.5 ft Sea Level Rise



#### FEMA BFE 19 ft

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#### **Resilient Design Strategies Implemented:**

- Under-Slab Dry Floodproofing (gas & waterproofing membrane)
- Emergency generator and mechanicals in Penthouse
- Hurricane wind resistant structure and building envelope



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#### Dorchester Bay, FEMA FIRM Flood Map

- SFHA Zone AE Surrounds the UMass Boston Campus
- Will UMass Boston become an "Island of Resilience"?



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### FEMA FIRM Flood Map SFHAs

- Zone X Area of Minimal Flood Hazard
- Charles River Maintained at El. 12-13 ft.
- MIT Main Group (1916) Basement El. 17 ft. ("BFE +4 ft")



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# Precipitation Flooding – 2070 INLAND FLOODING



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Flood Mitigation Strategies Implemented:

- Dry floodproofing (slurry walls & waterproofing)
- Electrical substations moved up from Basement to L5 and L6
- Emergency generator fuel oil pump elevated 6 feet in Basement
- Emergency generator and mechanicals in L6 Penthouse and on Roof





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# IYRS School of Technology & Trades New Structure for Marine Systems and Composites Programs Spring Wharf, Newport, RI



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FEMA FIRM Flood Map

- 2013: SFHA Zone VE (BFE 13 ft)
- Foundation Scour Depth 4.5 ft



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IYRS New Structure, Spring Wharf, Newport, RI

- FEMA FIRM Zone VE (flooding with wave action)
- Base Flood Elevation (BFE) 13 ft
- First floor El. 16.75' (BFE +3.75')
- Mechanical equipment on roof
- Backflow preventer on sewer connection



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Resilient Design Features:

- First floor FEMA BFE +3.75'
- Flood and wind resistant structure and exterior envelope









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