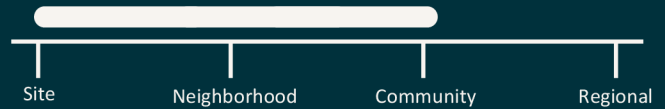


Location

Freeport Town Landing, South Freeport

SCALE



Aerial image of Freeport Town Landing taken by Marinas.com

DESCRIPTION:

Freeport Town Landing is a working dock located on the Harraseeket River. It is conveniently positioned across from Wolfes Neck, downriver to Winslow Park, and nearby downtown Freeport. The harbor is locally known as one of the most sheltered and welcoming harbors along Maine’s coast. The landing is also home to many native species.

ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Rip-rap, buildings, marina infrastructure and parking at the landing may be vulnerable to flooding from sea level rise and storm surge. These marinas are already under pressure from crowding and over use. There are limited all tide access points in Freeport for marinas.

HABITAT

Seasonally, the area is home to Barrow’s goldeneyes, long-tailed ducks, red-breasted mergansers, and Common Eiders. Additionally, existing marsh along the nearby coast will need to expand and migrate as sea levels rise.

ECONOMY:

The landing provides critical shore access for traditional uses by local fisherman, recreation, boating facilities, and tourism. Disruption of this access could strain these industries. Many livelihoods and the local economy depend on a clean, sustainable aquaculture industry. Aquaculture sits and leases at the landing could be negatively impacted by climate change.

COASTAL HAZARDS



Storm Surge



Sea Level Rise

VULNERABILITIES



Residential Housing



Habitat



Travel Corridors



Working Waterfront

STRATEGY TYPE



Policy/Program



Nature-based



Hardscape

WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY SITE?

Freeport Town Landing has vulnerable infrastructure, ecological significance, and economic importance. Rising sea levels threaten the marina, surrounding neighborhoods, and aquaculture. The area provides crucial habitat for various waterfowl and supports marsh migration as sea levels rise.

STRATEGIES:

- Raise grade with seawall & fill
- Relocate facilities to higher ground
- Modular-docking and elevated decking systems for continued access to fishing, recreation, & transportation.
- Continued conservation of open space.
- Implementation of shoreland zoning ordinance that increases buffer setbacks for future development.

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