



RESILIENCE, EQUITY AND NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS IN NYC

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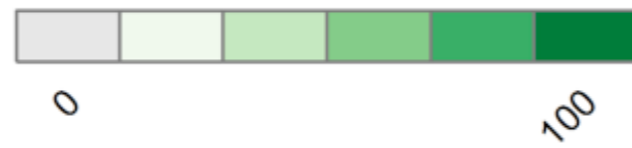
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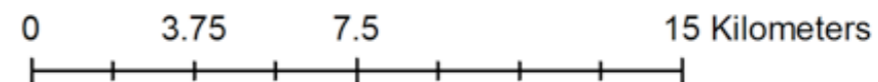
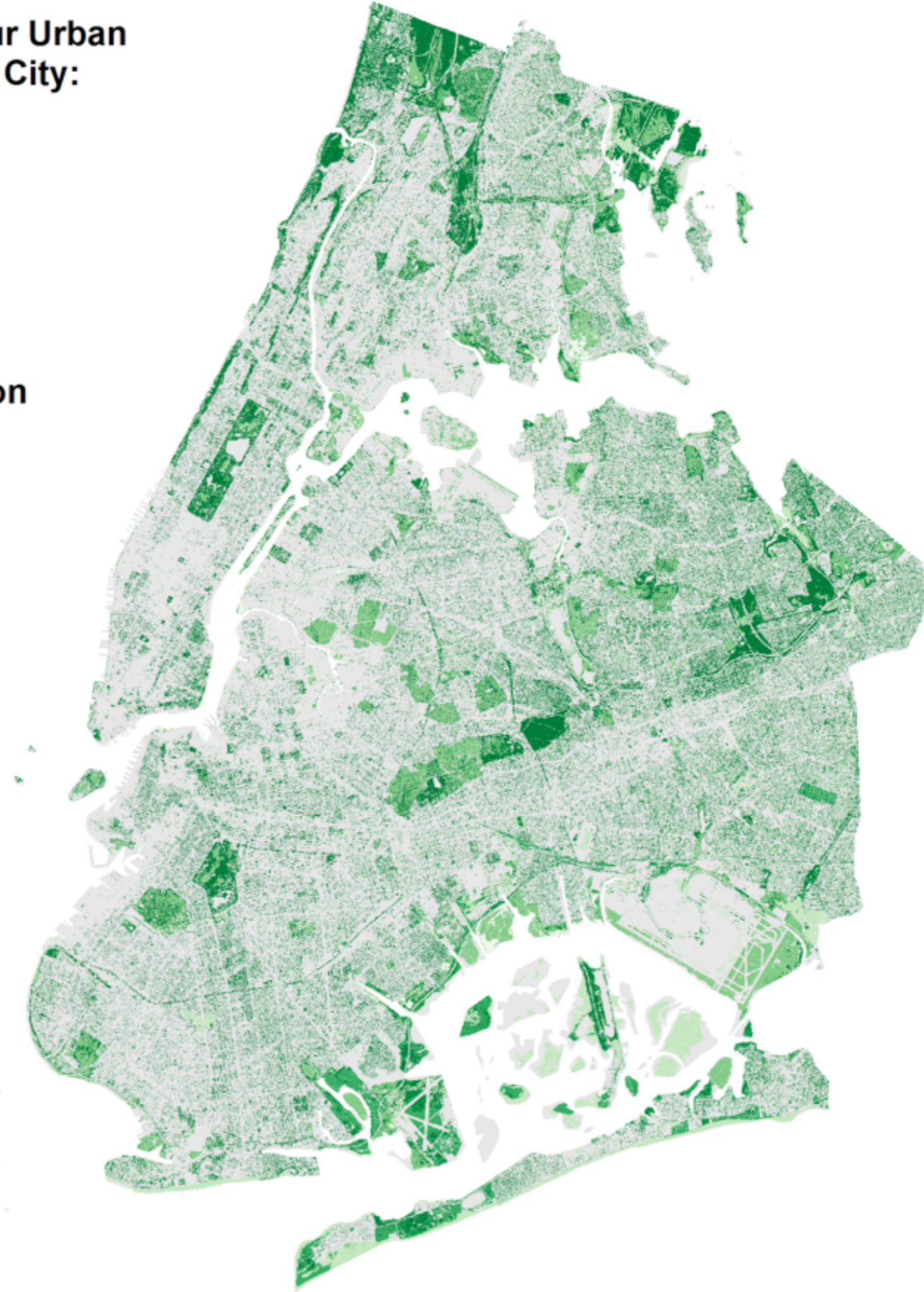
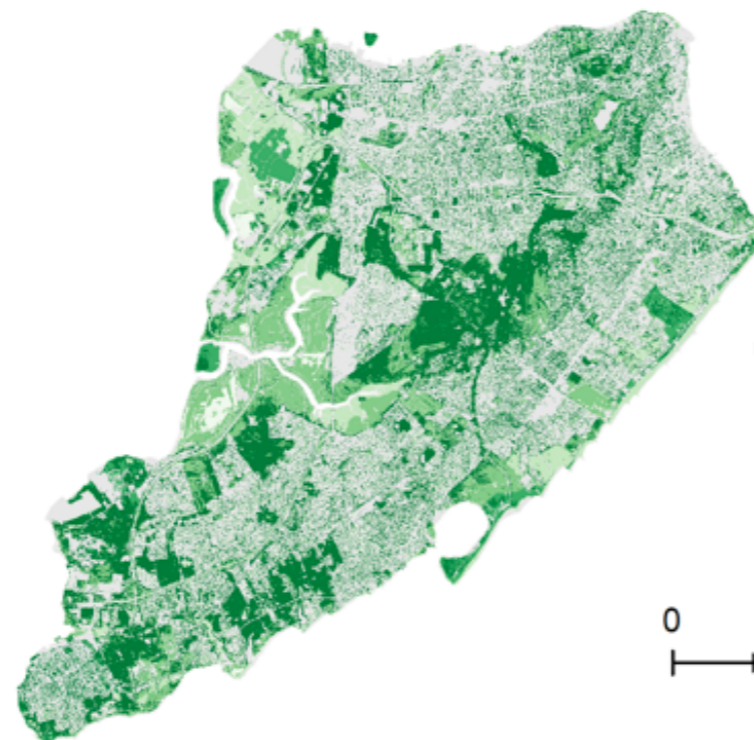
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Weighted Aggregate Value of Four Urban Ecosystem Services in New York City:

1. Carbon Storage
2. Carbon Sequestration
3. Air Pollution Removal
4. Stormwater Run-off Mitigation



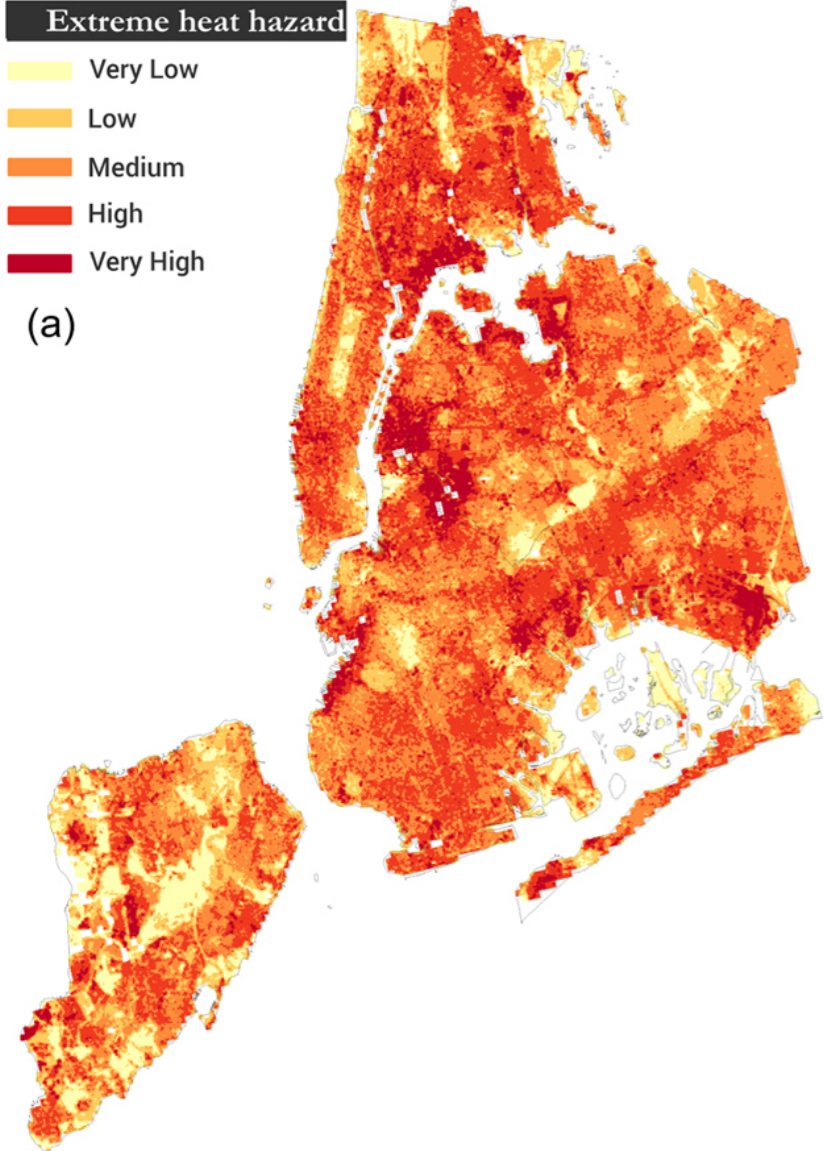
THE VALUE OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS IN NEW YORK CITY



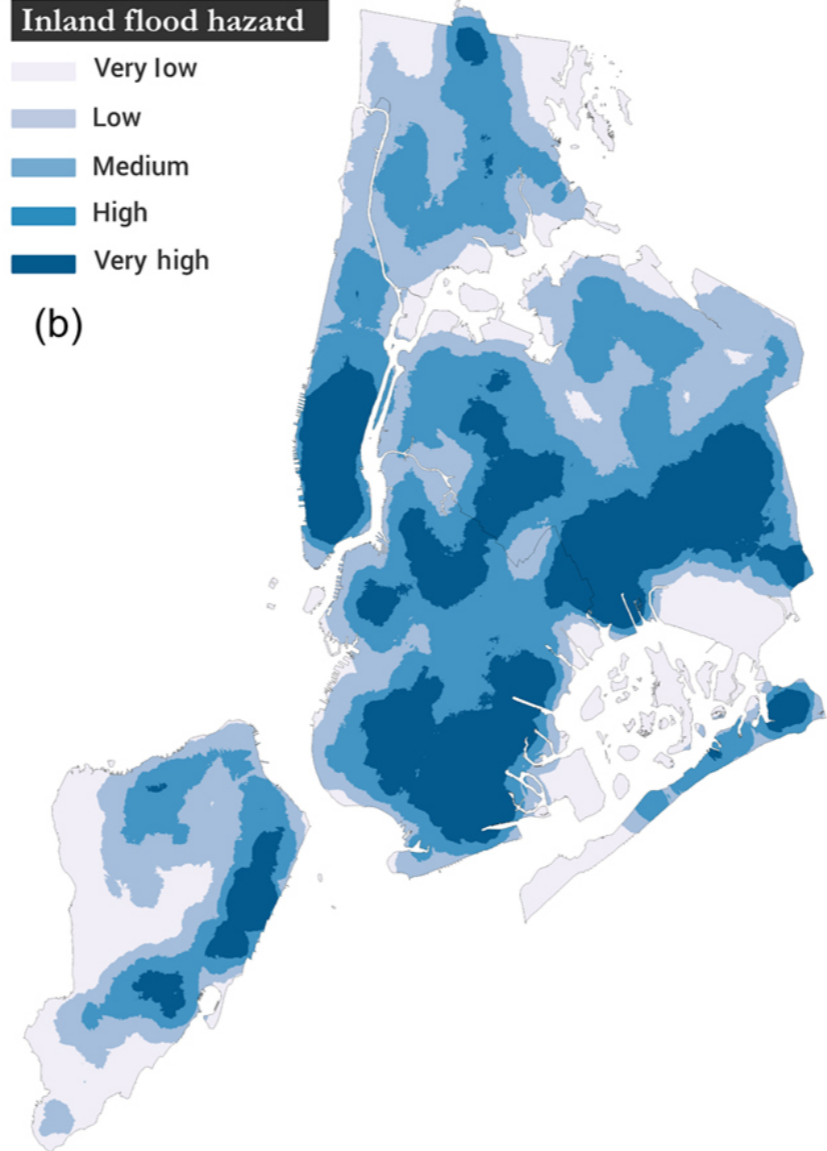
(Kremer, Hamstead & McPhearson, *Environmental Science & Policy*, 2016)

NEW YORK CITY FACES MULTIPLE CLIMATE RISKS

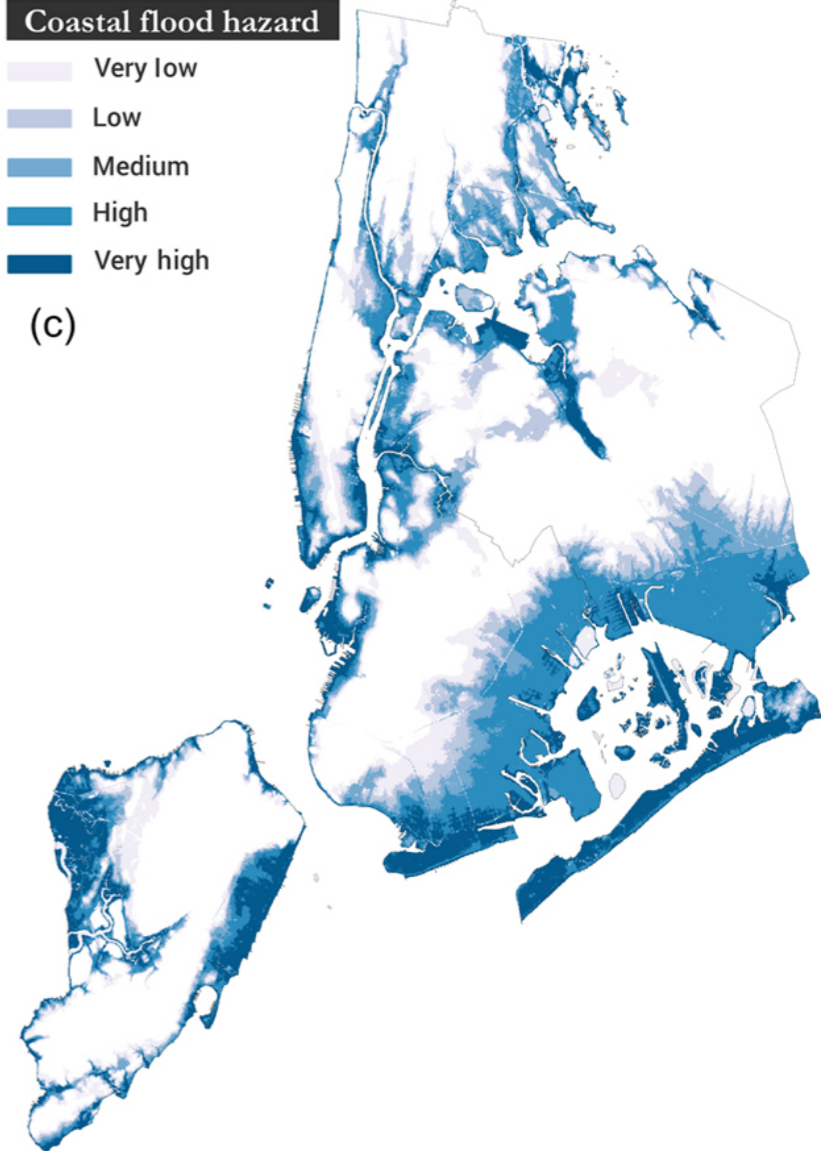
Heat



Inland Flooding

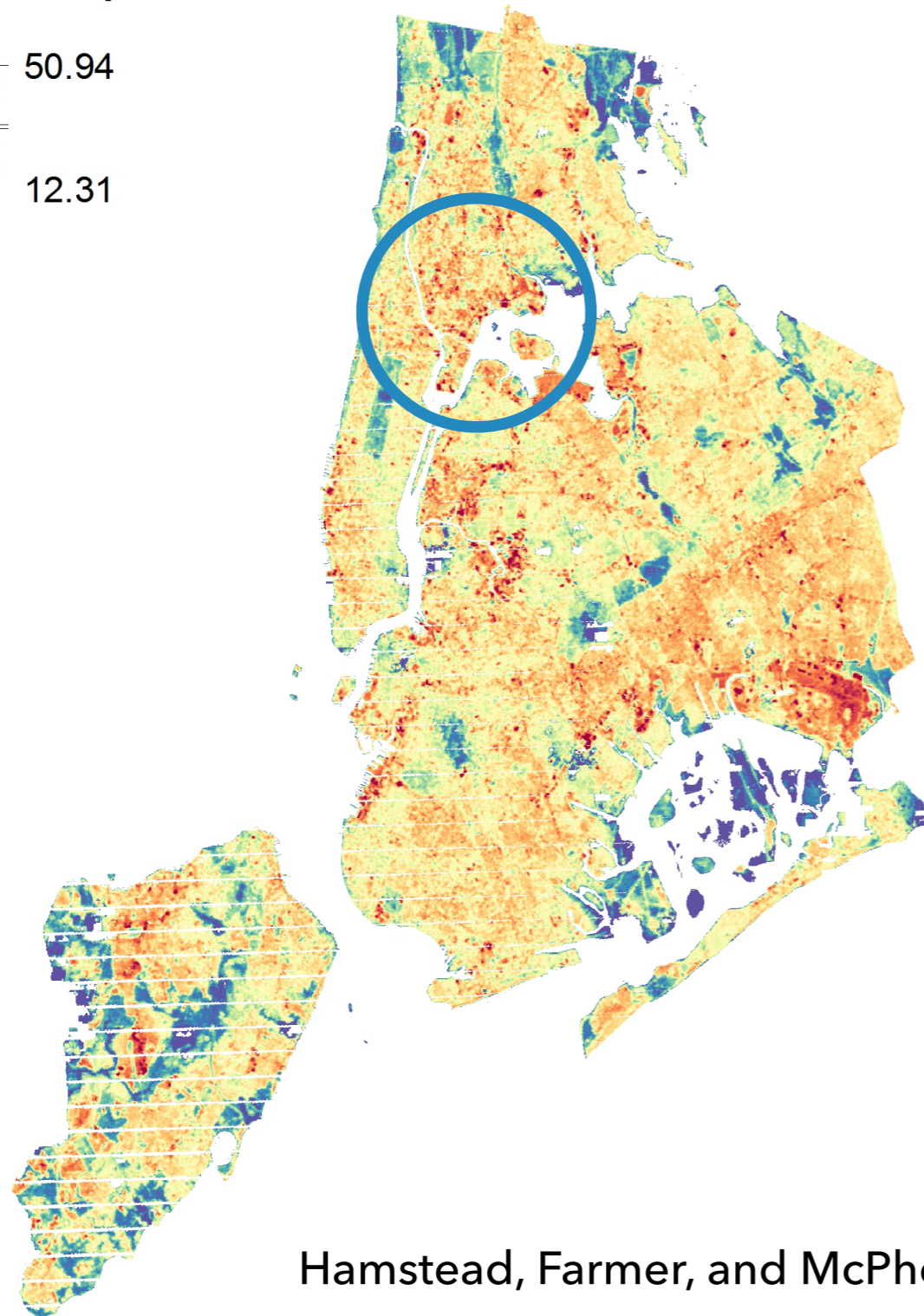
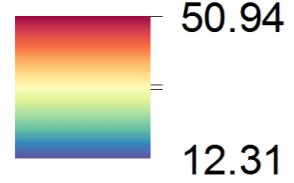


Coastal Flooding

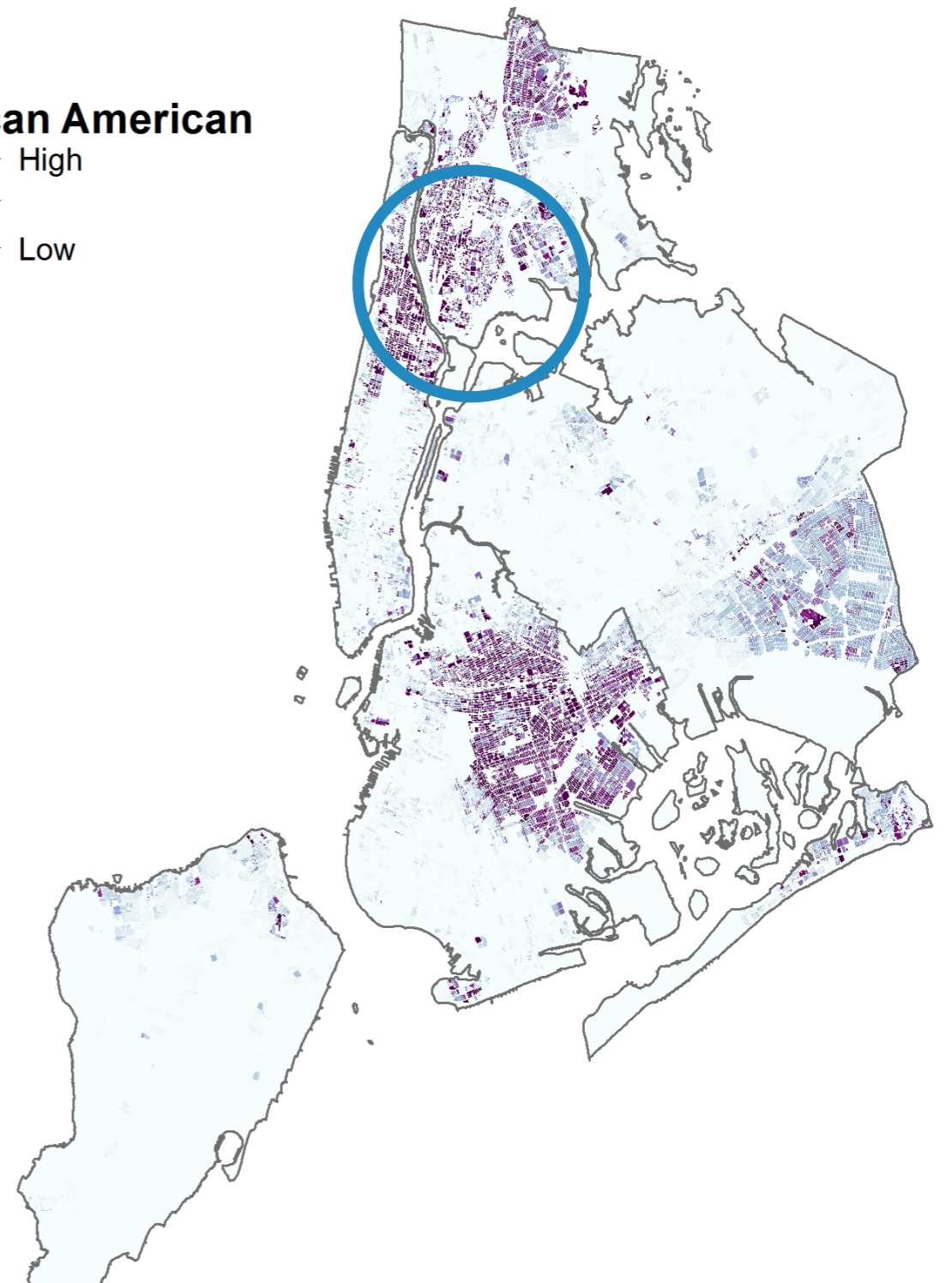
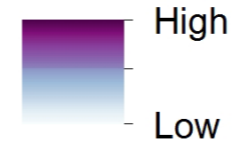


HEAT VULNERABILITY IN NEW YORK CITY

Surface temperature
(°C)



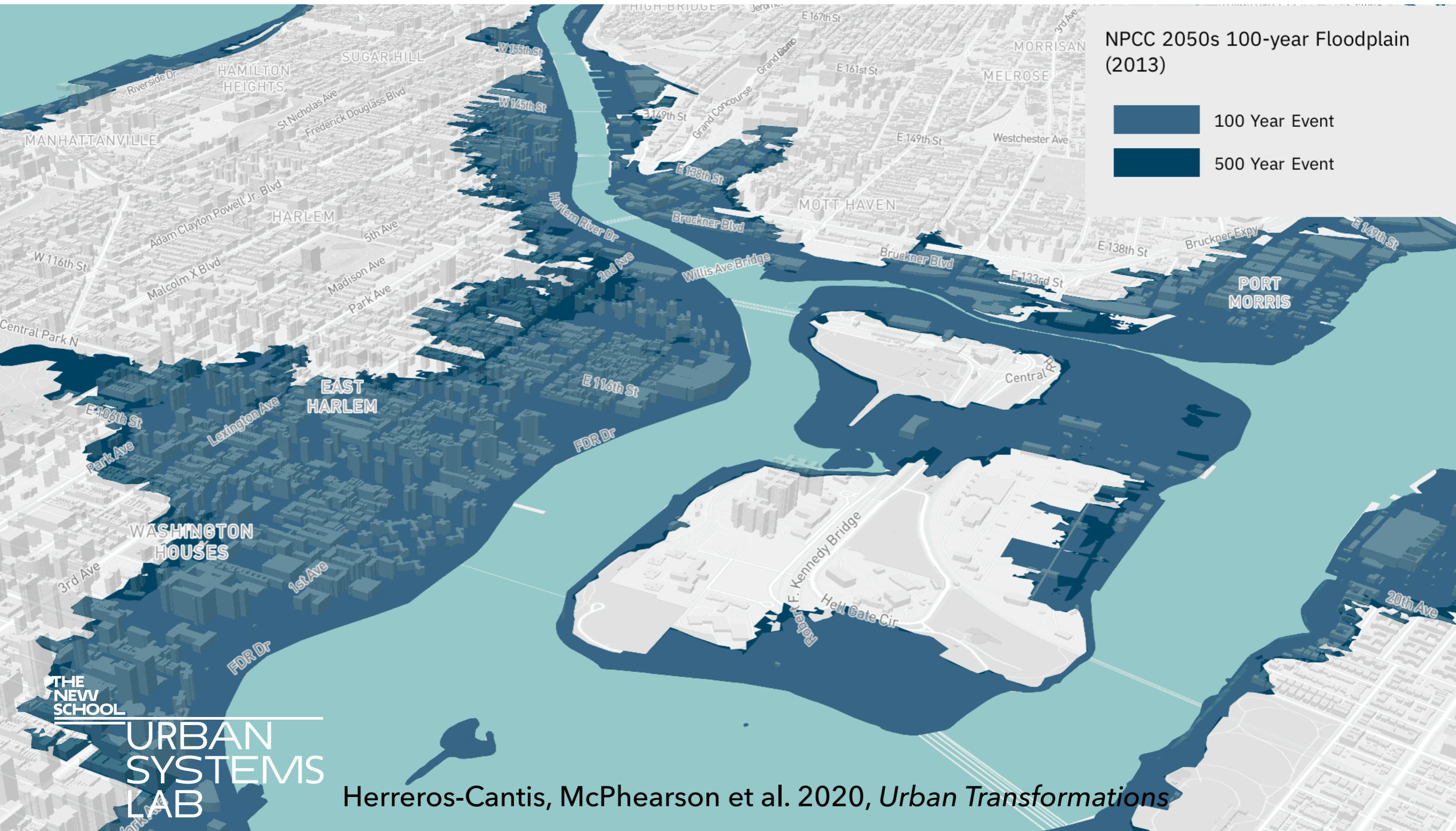
African American



Hamstead, Farmer, and McPhearson, 2018, *J. Extreme Events*

800,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN EJ AREAS ARE BELOW THE 100YR FLOOD PLAIN

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND COASTAL FLOOD RISK





NEW YORK CITY STORMWATER RESILIENCY

*STORMWATER AND INLAND FLOODING IN NEW YORK CITY:
MODELING RAINFALL AND COMBINED SLR FLOODING SCENARIOS*

<http://stormwater.nyc>

NEW YORK CITY STORMWATER RESILIENCY PLAN

Helping New Yorkers understand
and manage vulnerabilities from
extreme rain

MAY 2021




NYC Mayor's Office of
Resiliency



Extreme Flooding Scenario
([NYC Stormwater Resiliency Plan](#))



3.5in/1hr storm with 4.8ft of sea level rise

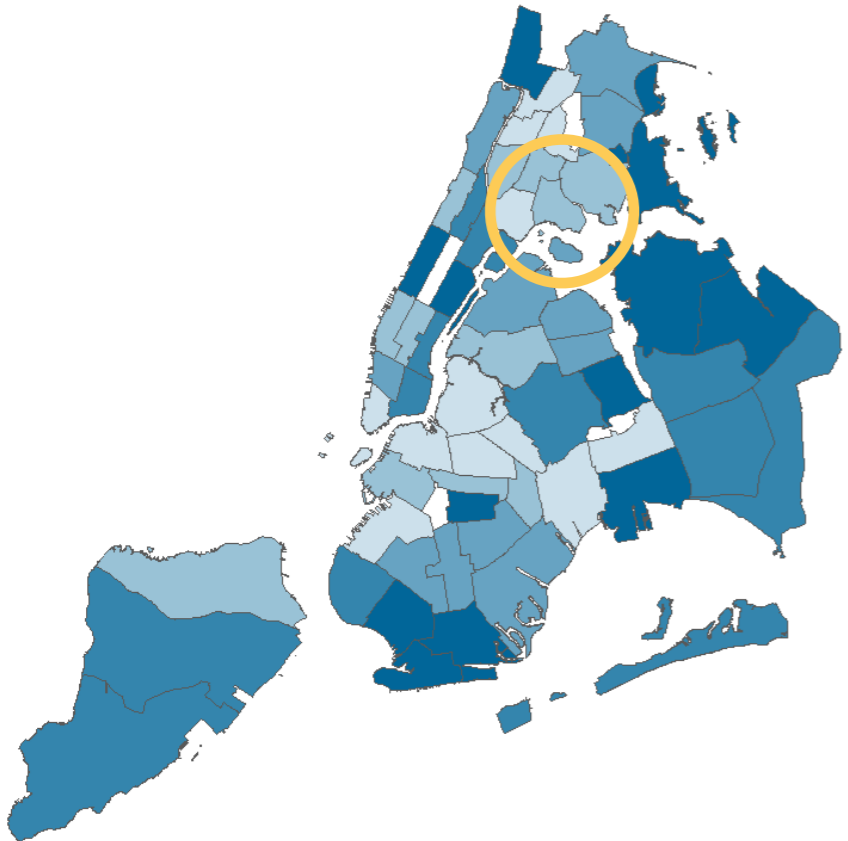
-  Nuisance Flooding (4–12in)
-  Deep/Contiguous Flooding (>12 in)
-  Future High Tides 2080

NYC FLOOD SCENARIOS (PHASE 2)

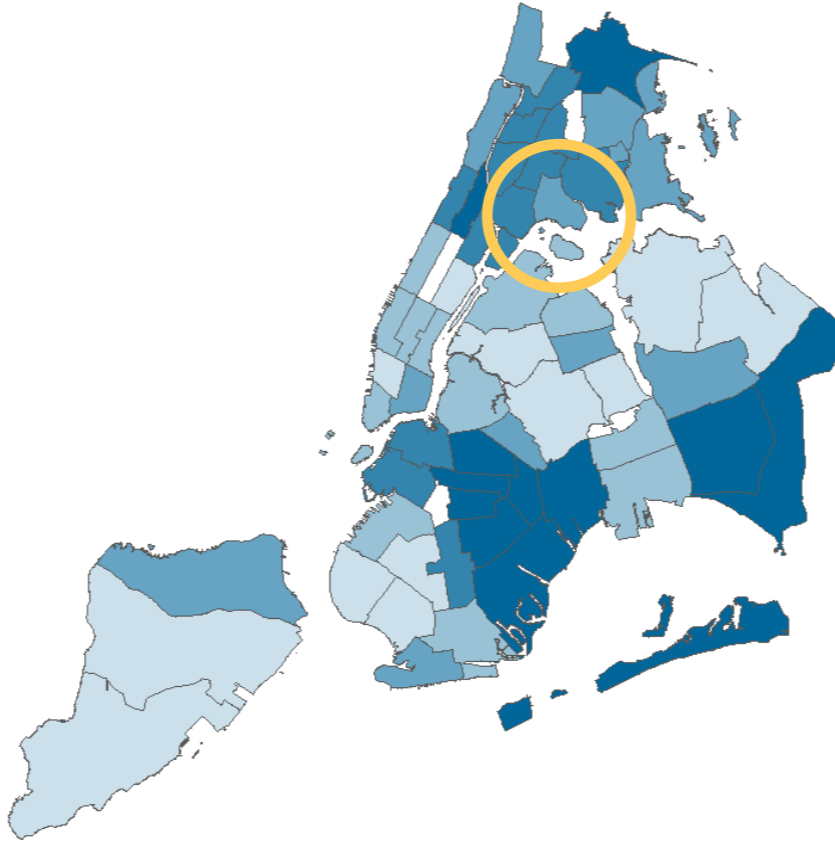


FLOOD VULNERABILITY IN NEW YORK CITY

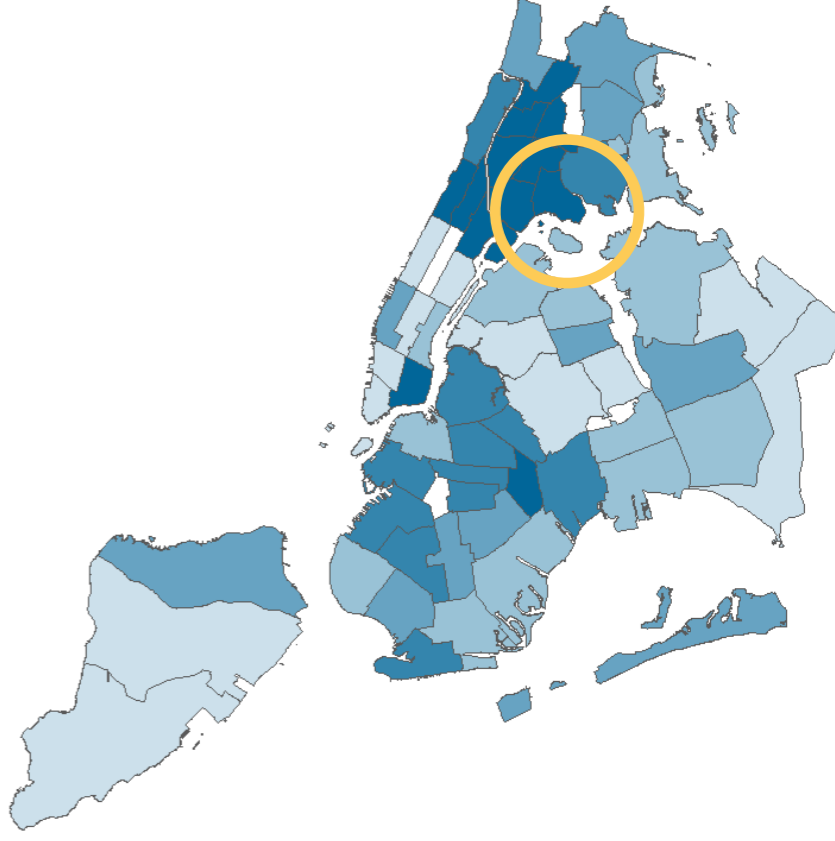
% Above 65yrs



% Below Poverty

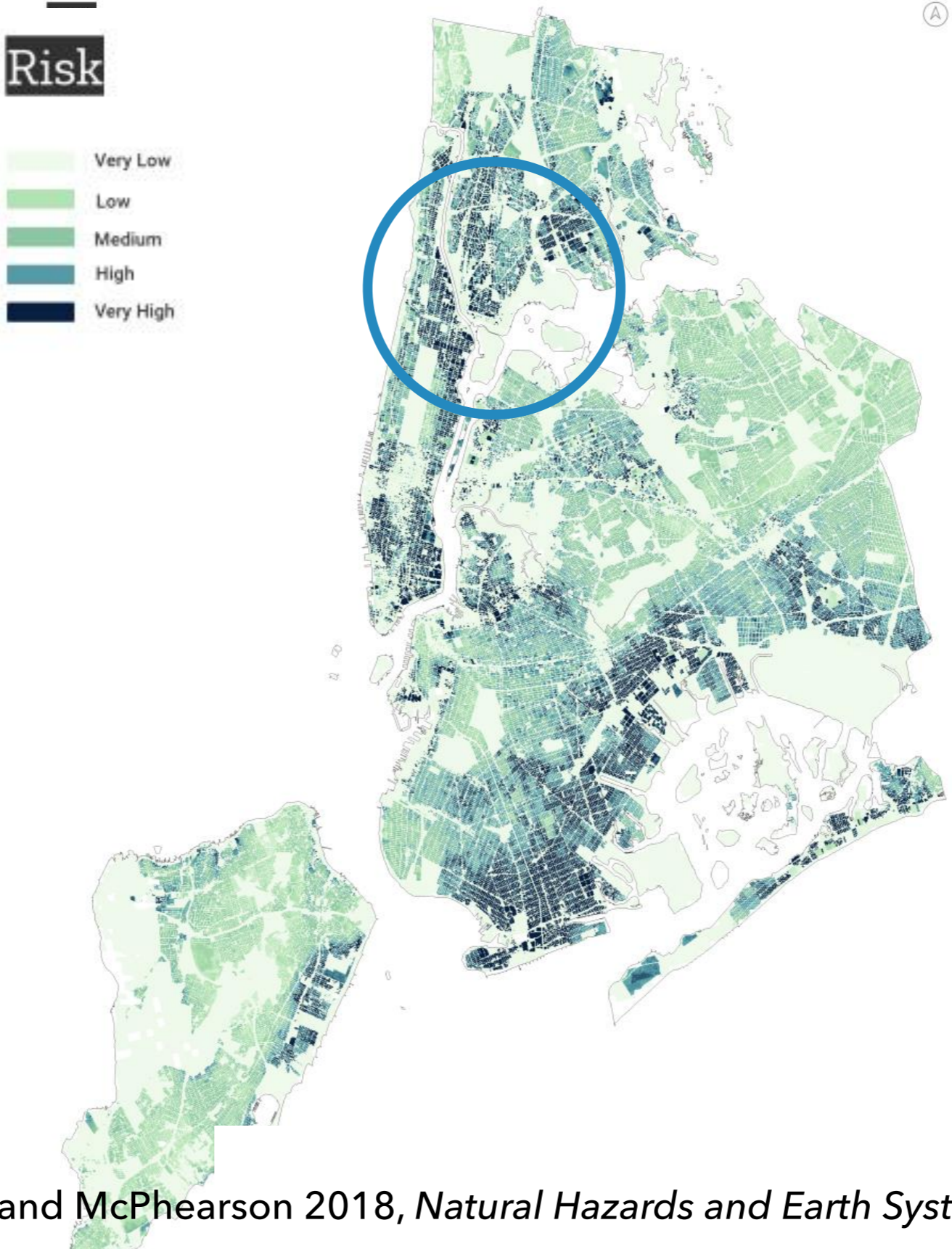


% Black/African American



Quintile 1 2 3 4 5

MULTI-HAZARD RISK IN NEW YORK CITY



Benefits of Urban Trees

Research has linked the presence of urban trees to...



PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY
including habitat for migrating
birds and pollinators



REDUCING OBESITY LEVELS
by increasing physical activity
including walking and cycling



REDUCING RATES
of cardiac disease, strokes, and
asthma due to improved air quality



MANAGING STORMWATER,
keeping pollutants out of waterways,
and reducing urban flooding



COOLING city streets by 2-4° F,
reducing deaths from heat and
cutting energy use



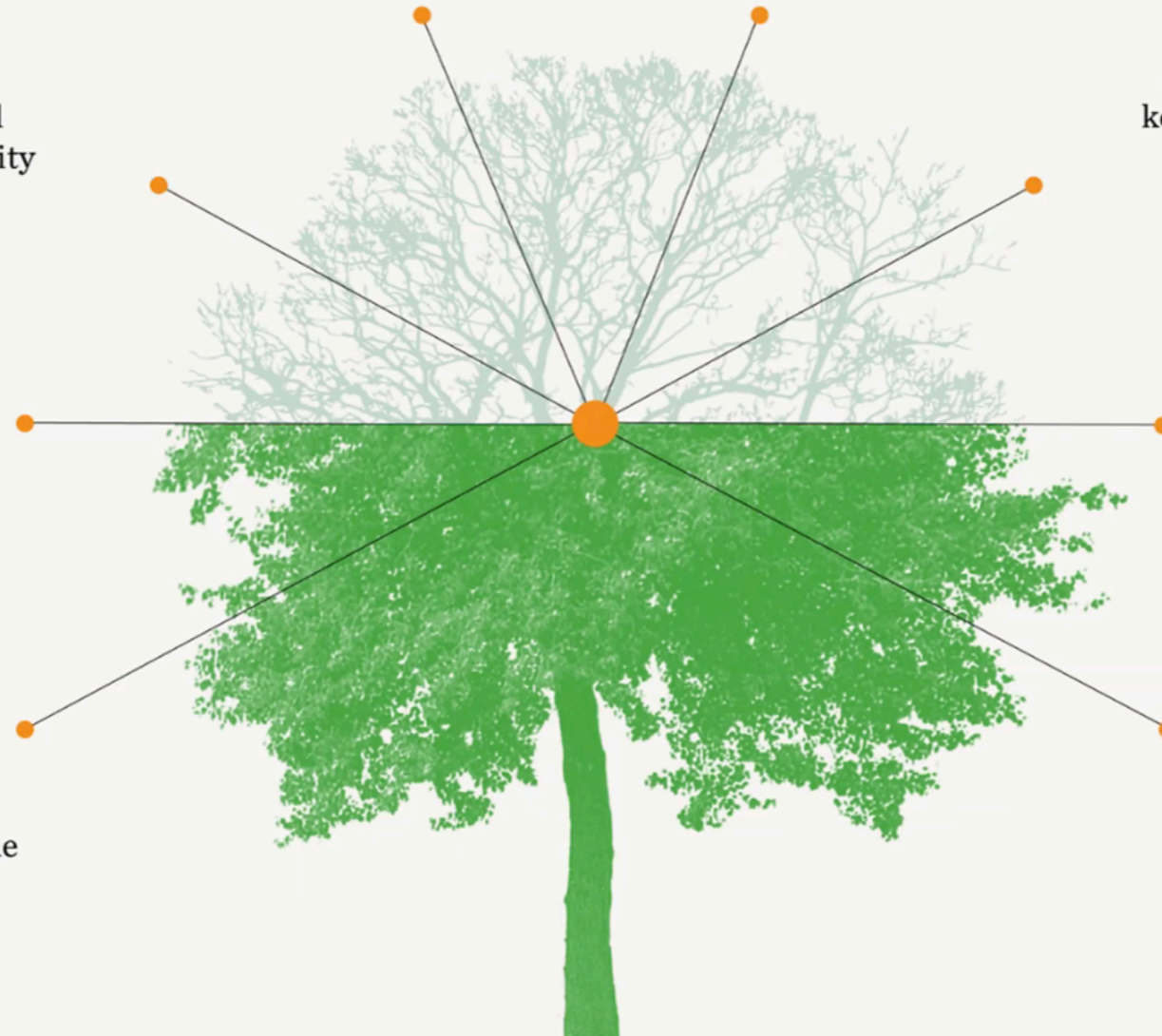
INCREASING
neighborhood property values



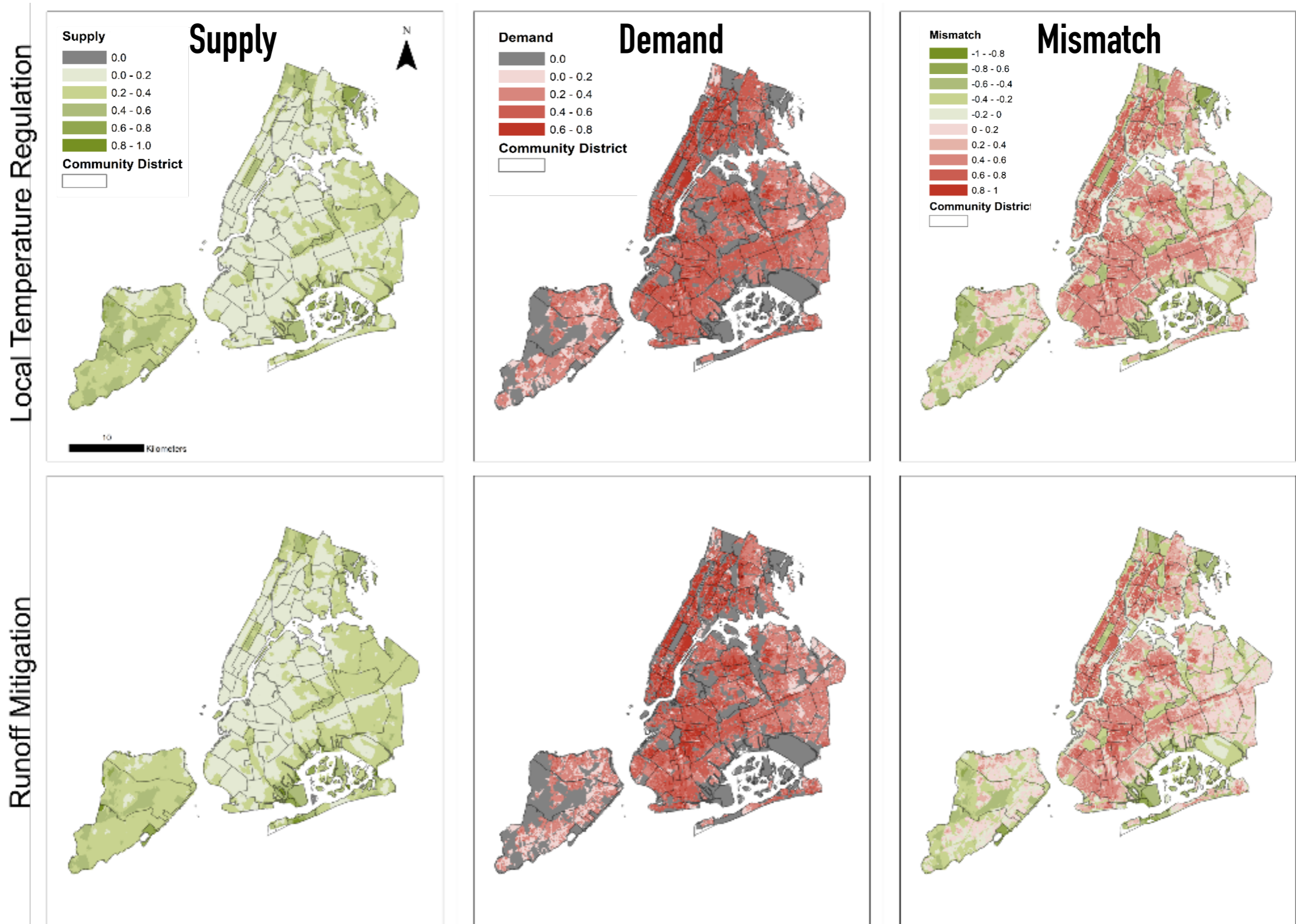
FILTERING up to a third of fine
particle pollutants within
300 yards of a tree



REDUCING STRESS by helping
interrupt thought patterns that
lead to anxiety and depression

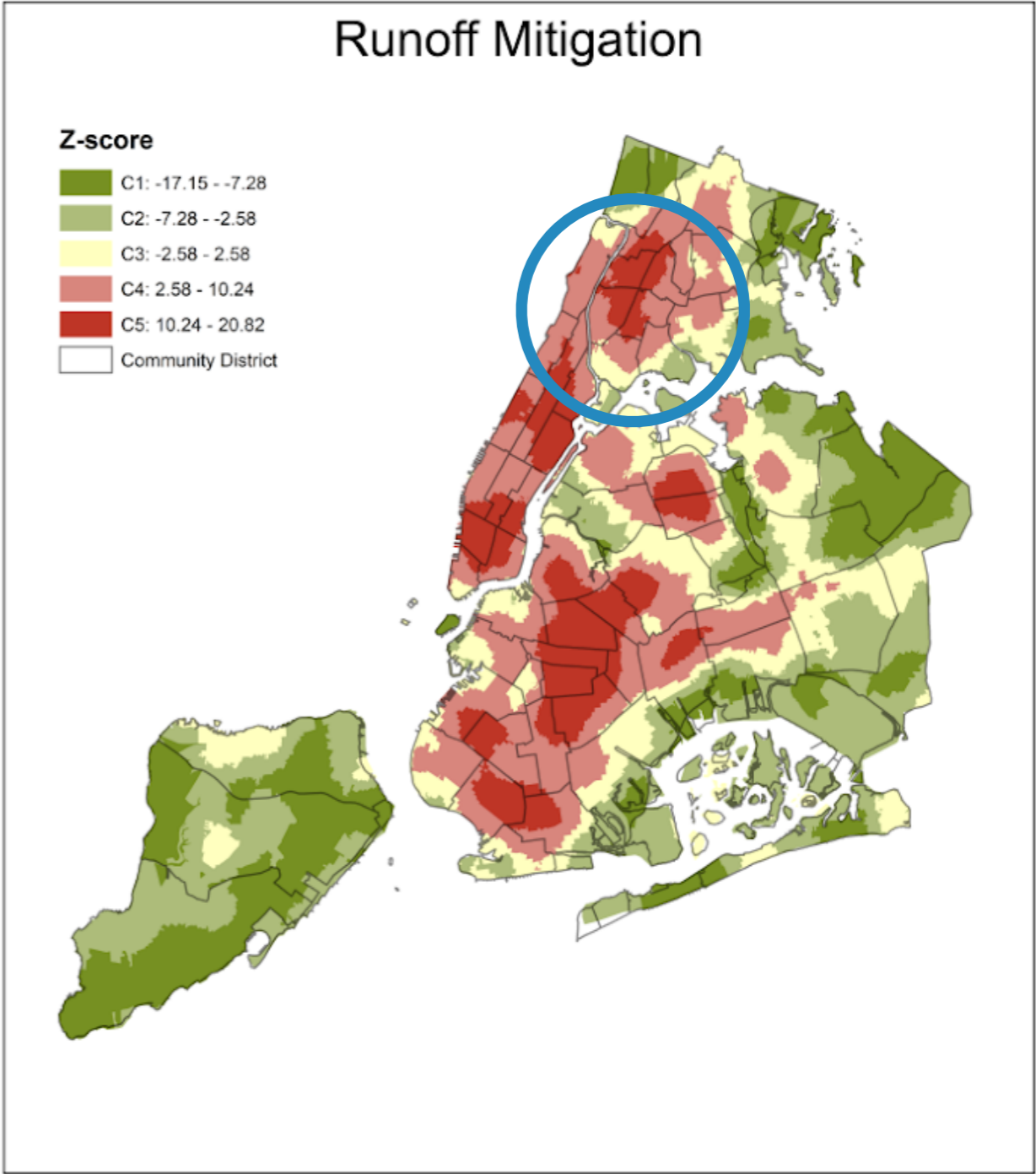
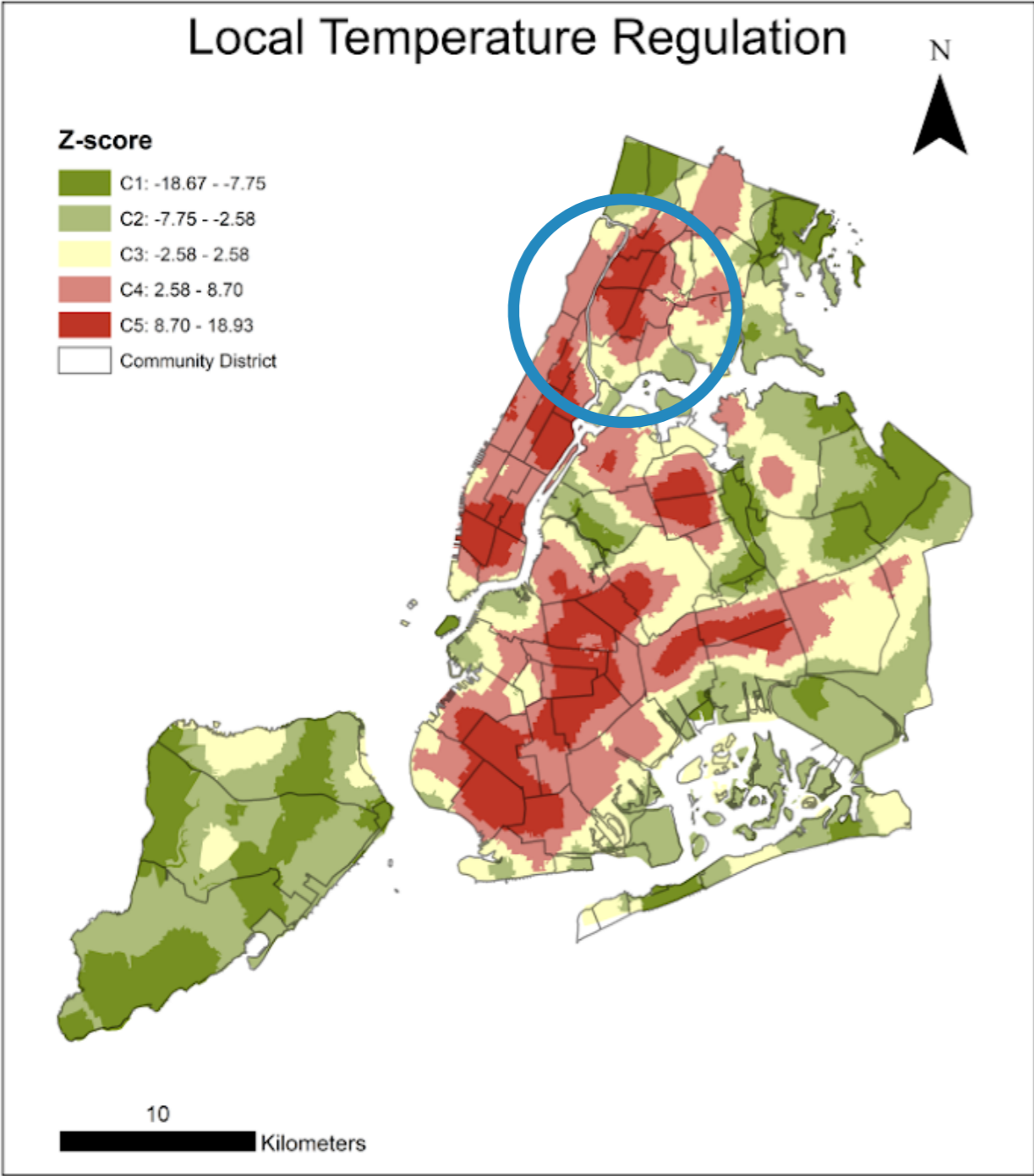


NBS FOR WHOM? SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

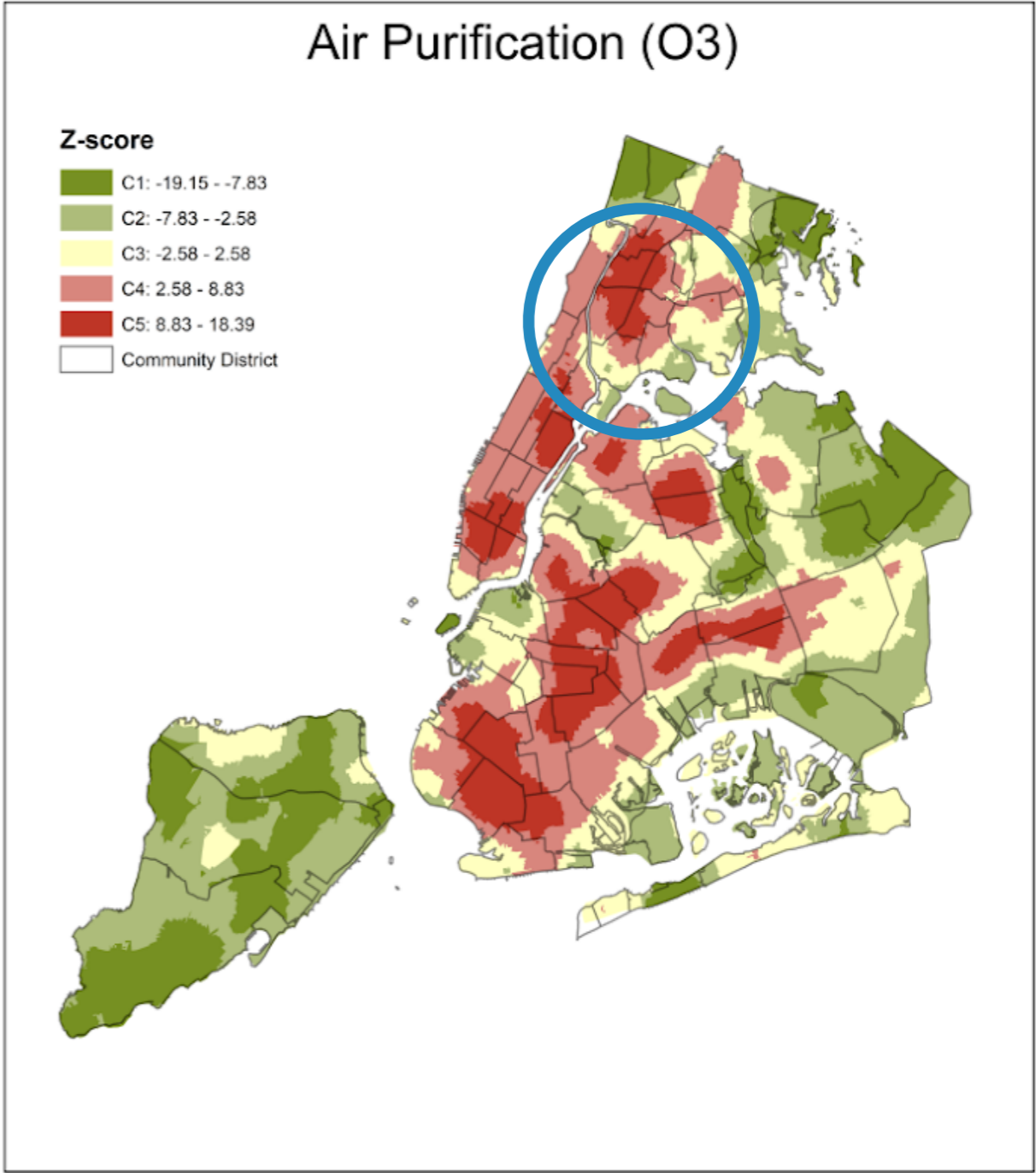
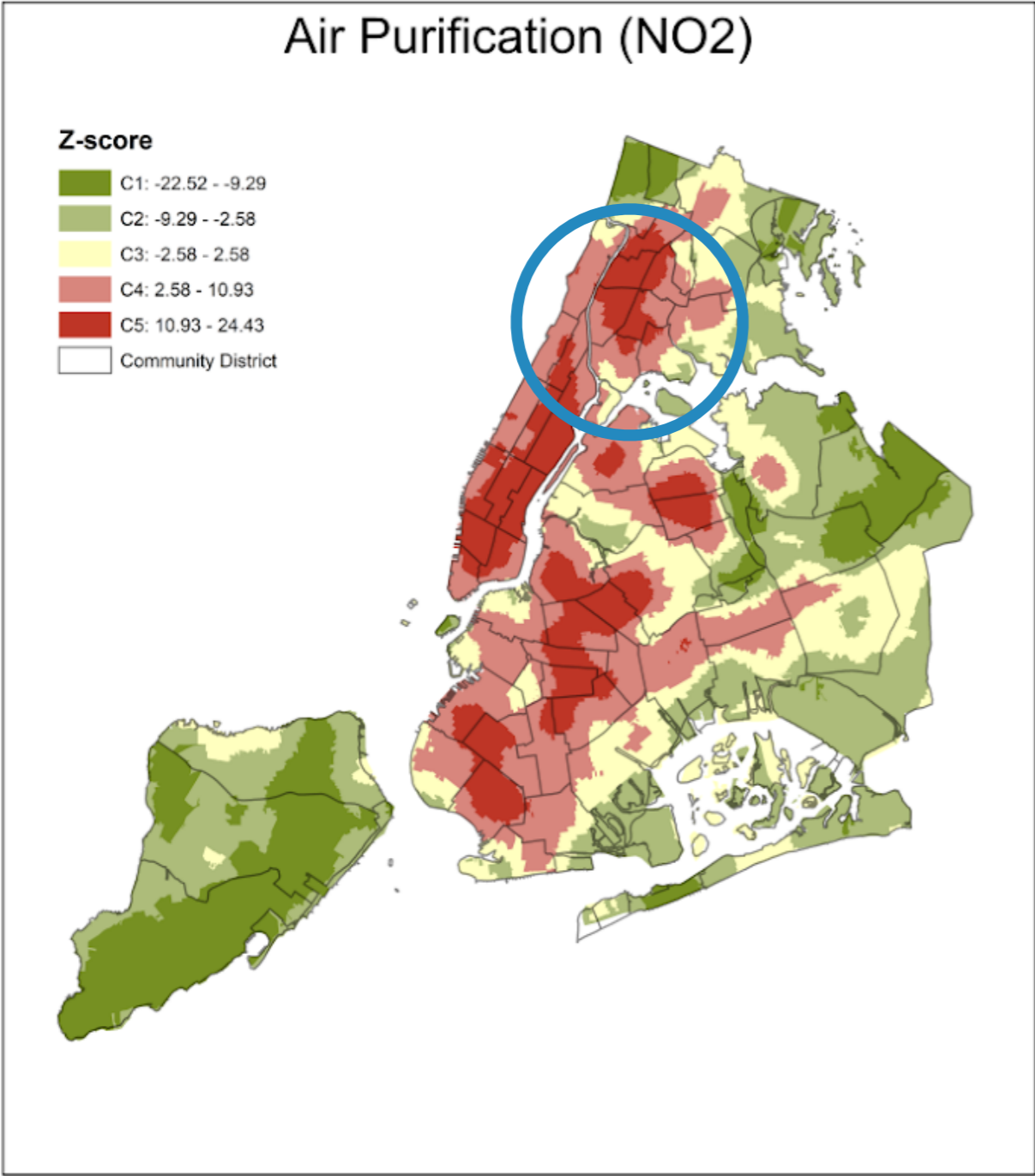


Herreros-Cantis and McPhearson, *Ecological Applications* (2021)

NBS FOR WHOM? HOTSPOTS OF HIGH DEMAND AND LOW SUPPLY



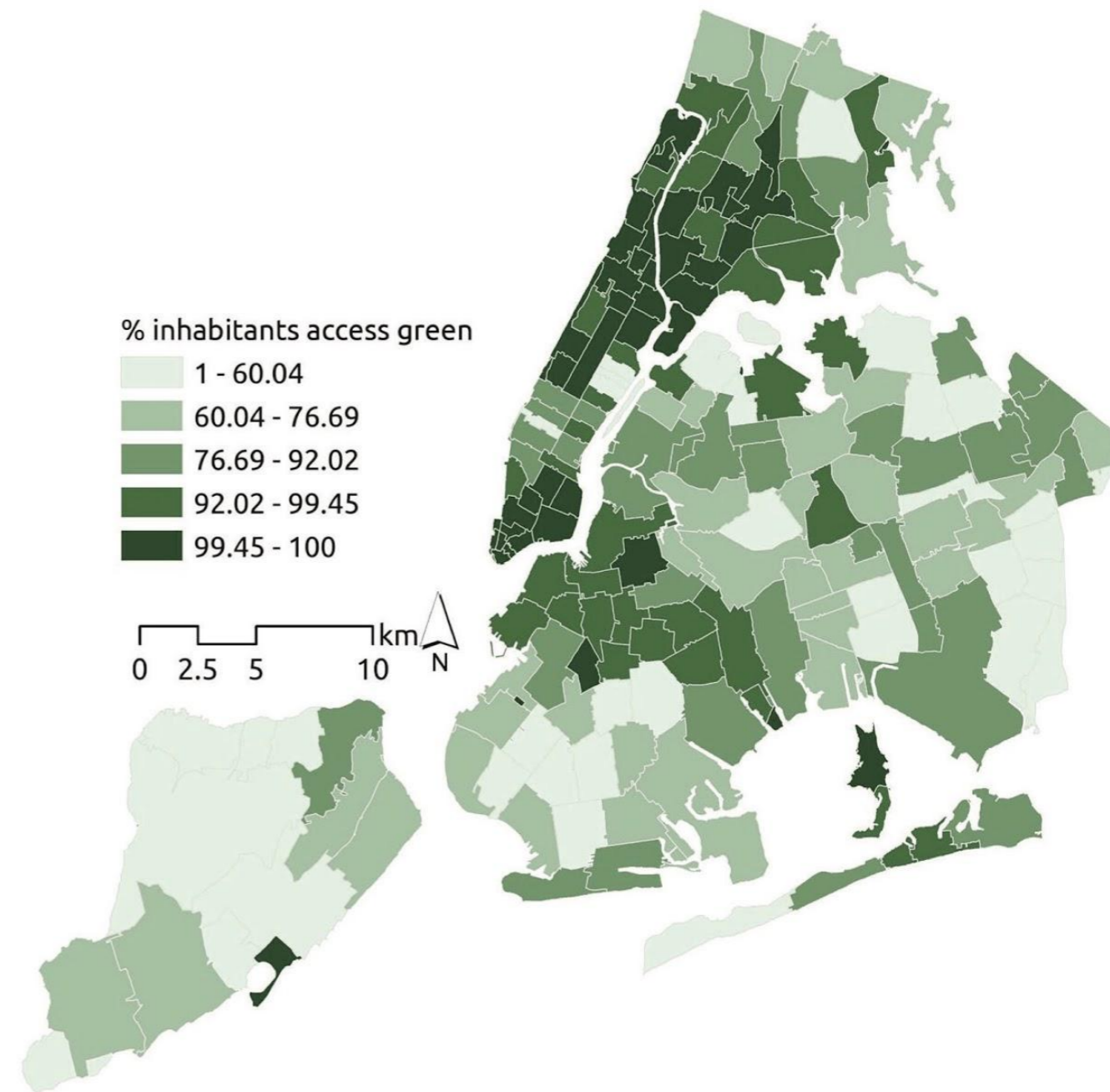
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DISPROPORTIONATE ACCESS TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Perceived and spatial access is uneven

- Access to a public parks and open spaces was highest among respondents from Staten Island (93%) and Manhattan (83%) and significantly lower among respondents from Brooklyn (76%) and Queens (63%).

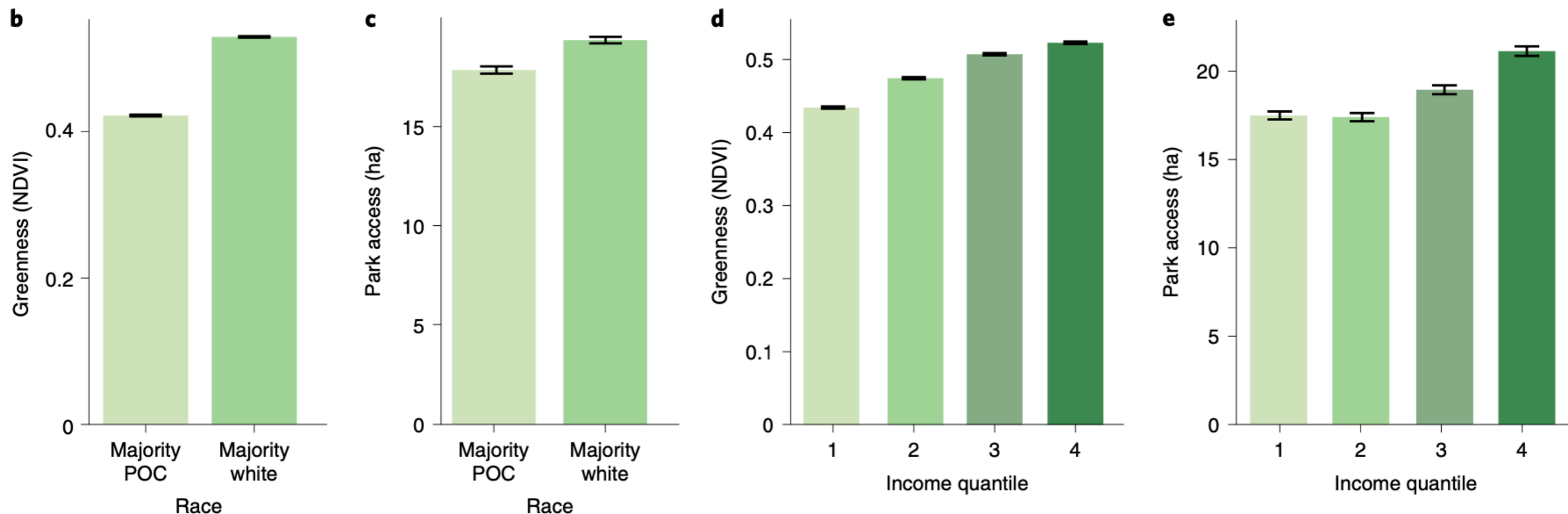




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Nature inequity and higher COVID-19 case rates in less-green neighbourhoods in the United States

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FACT SHEET:
President Biden Signs
Executive Order to
Strengthen America's Forests,
Boost Wildfire Resilience, and
Combat Global Deforestation



[BRIEFING ROOM](#)



[STATEMENTS AND RELEASES](#)



- ▶ Launched a **National Capital Accounting** initiative to track the economic benefits that investments in nature-based solutions provide
- ▶ Developed the US Roadmap on **Nature-based Solutions** for climate change adaptation and mitigation
- ▶ Initiated the first **National Nature Assessment**

3-30-300 Rule for Urban Forests?



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