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## Regulatory Constraints

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#### AE Zone (El. 12)

- First Floor Elevation must be at least El.12, 3-4.5 feet above existing ground surface

\*2014 FIRMs Map, Data Provided by Horsley Witten Group











# Waterfront West Site Constraints

#### **Current site constraints:**

- Flood Plain:
  - Current flood plain regulations limit what uses can be located on ground floor
  - Current zoning limits height to 35'
  - Some limited commercial use is allowed starting at 5', however the majority of the first habitable floor needs to be located on average 13' above existing site elevation
  - All mechanical systems to be elevated on site
- Chapter 91:
  - Regulatory constraints encourage open space to be located along the waterfront
  - Current zoning does not allow for C 91 open space to be included in open space calculations for zoning
  - Within 100' of shoreline, all ground floor uses must be facilities of public accommodation
  - Interim walkway, allowed in license #14238, will be relocated and incorporated as a boardwalk located in the public open space

# Resiliency & Sustainability

#### **Resiliency Measures**

#### **Current Resiliency Measures:**

- All active uses located above flood plain elevations
- No private tenancy or residential areas located along ground floor uses
- Elevated mechanical systems located on rooftops of buildings
- Maintaining existing site elevation to avoid impacting existing abutters & allowing water to flow naturally
- Buildings designed with current best practices for waterfront development (energy-efficient building enclosure, low energy mechanical systems, impact resistant glass windows, etc.)
- Preservation of natural salt marsh to act as natural buffer
- New sanitary and stormwater improvements on site



#### **Sustainability Measures**

#### **Current Sustainability Measures:**

- Mixing of uses to contribute to downtown vitality
- Preservation of site with significant amount of open space
- Consistent development pattern, in keeping with the compact, walkable nature of the downtown district
- Close proximity to Rail Trail, future intermodal transit facility
- Working with updated traffic standards to reduce outdated parking requirements
- Bike facilities located on site
- Green Building standards and current best practices being utilized for all building designs

- Energy efficient building design with updated building systems
  - Energy conservation, recycling, water conservation, low energy HVAC systems, high efficiency building envelope
- Holistic site design by one master developer
- On site collection for recycling facilities
- Updated storm water management system on site
- Pedestrian & bicycle focused site circulation
- Redevelopment of an existing undeveloped site



## Open Space & Ways to the Water



### Site Constraints

