Open Space Institute

NORTH QUABBIN
Regional Landscape Partnership

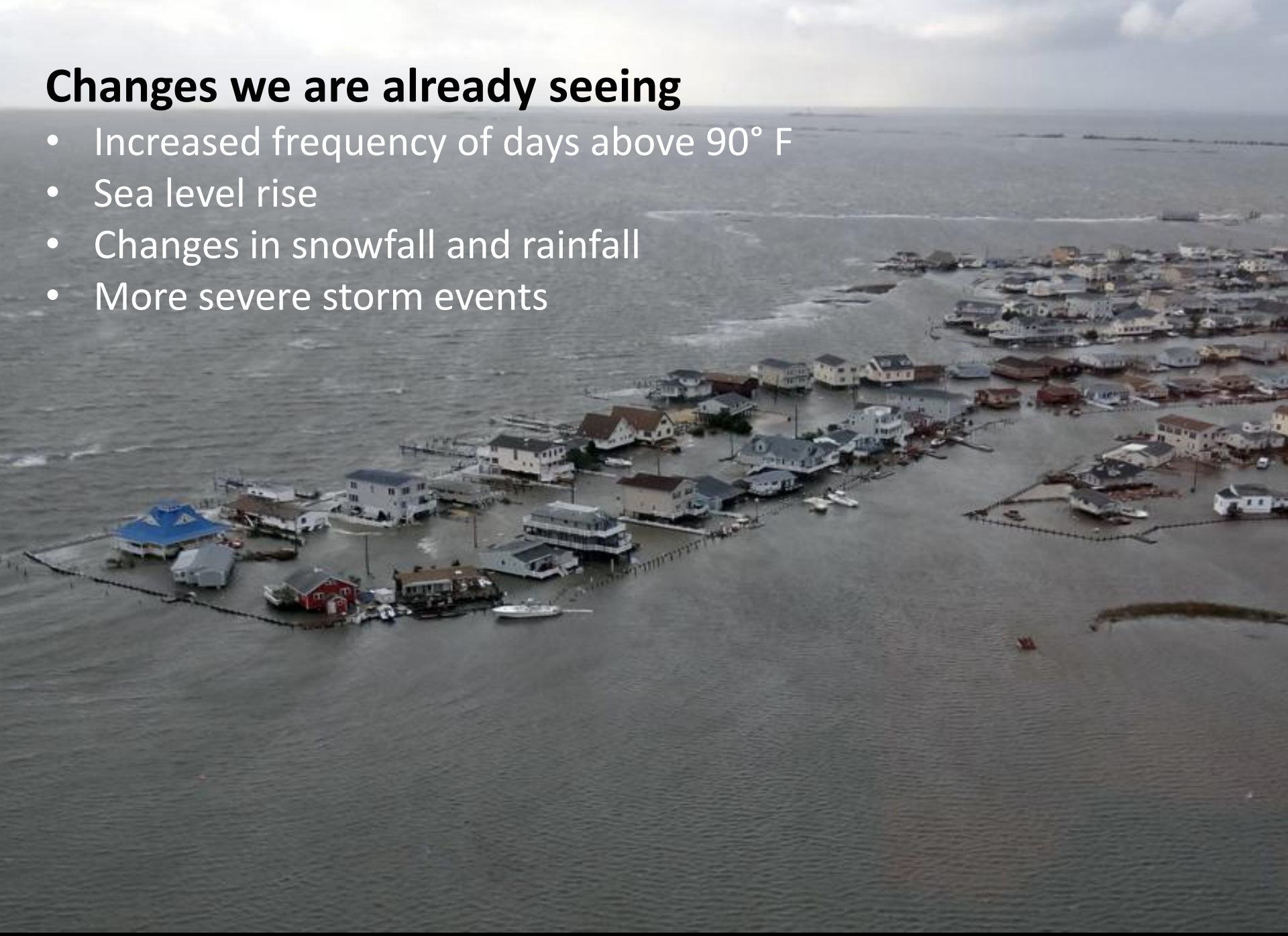
AGENDA

- Why climate change matters to land trusts
- Overview of climate change resiliency concepts & data
- Open Space Institute - Application at different scales
- North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership – Using data & lesson/challenges to date
- Discussion and in-depth questions

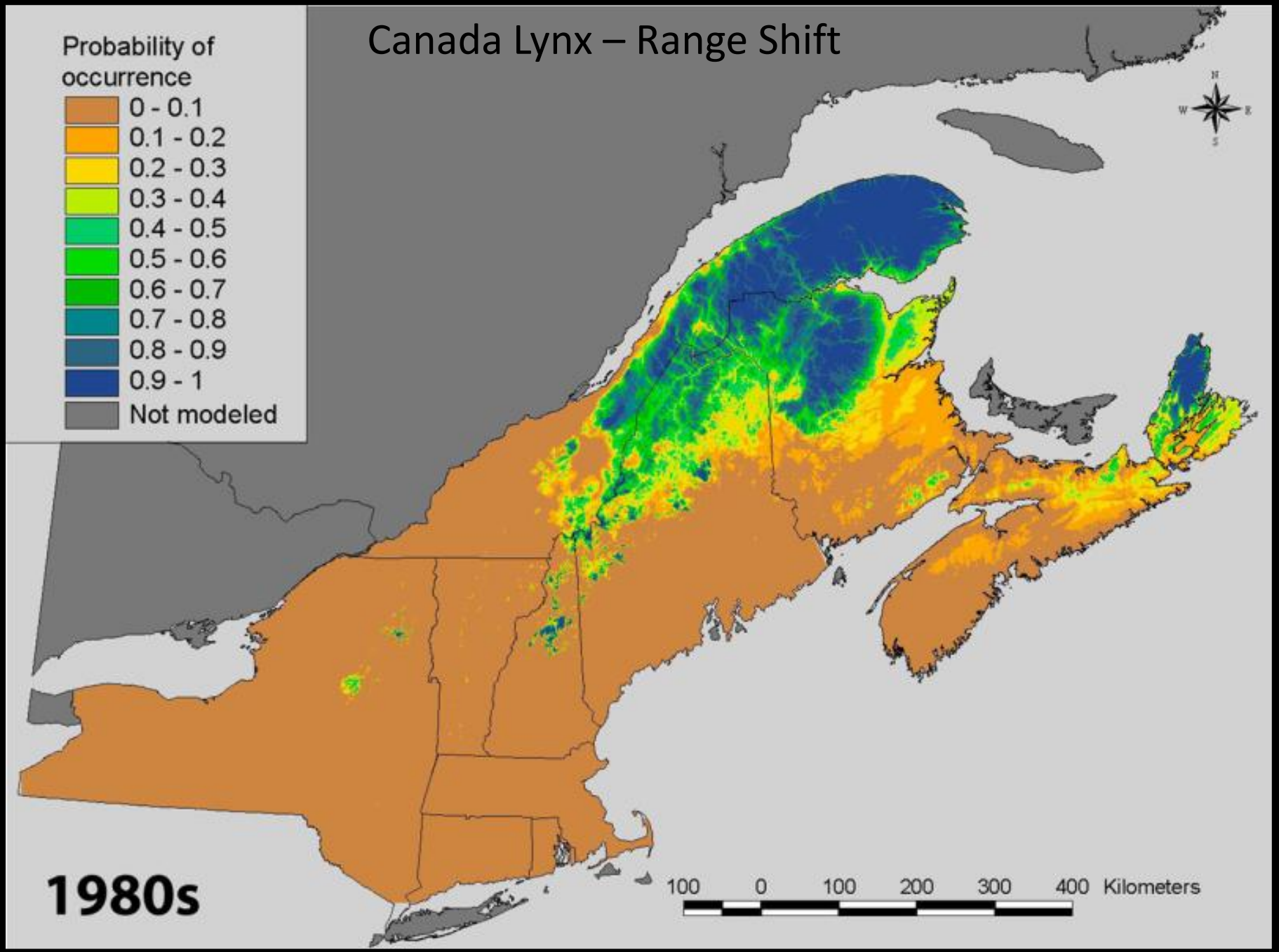

Climate Change is impacting places
Land Trusts care about

Changes we are already seeing

- Increased frequency of days above 90° F
- Sea level rise
- Changes in snowfall and rainfall
- More severe storm events



What will plants and animals do as the climate changes?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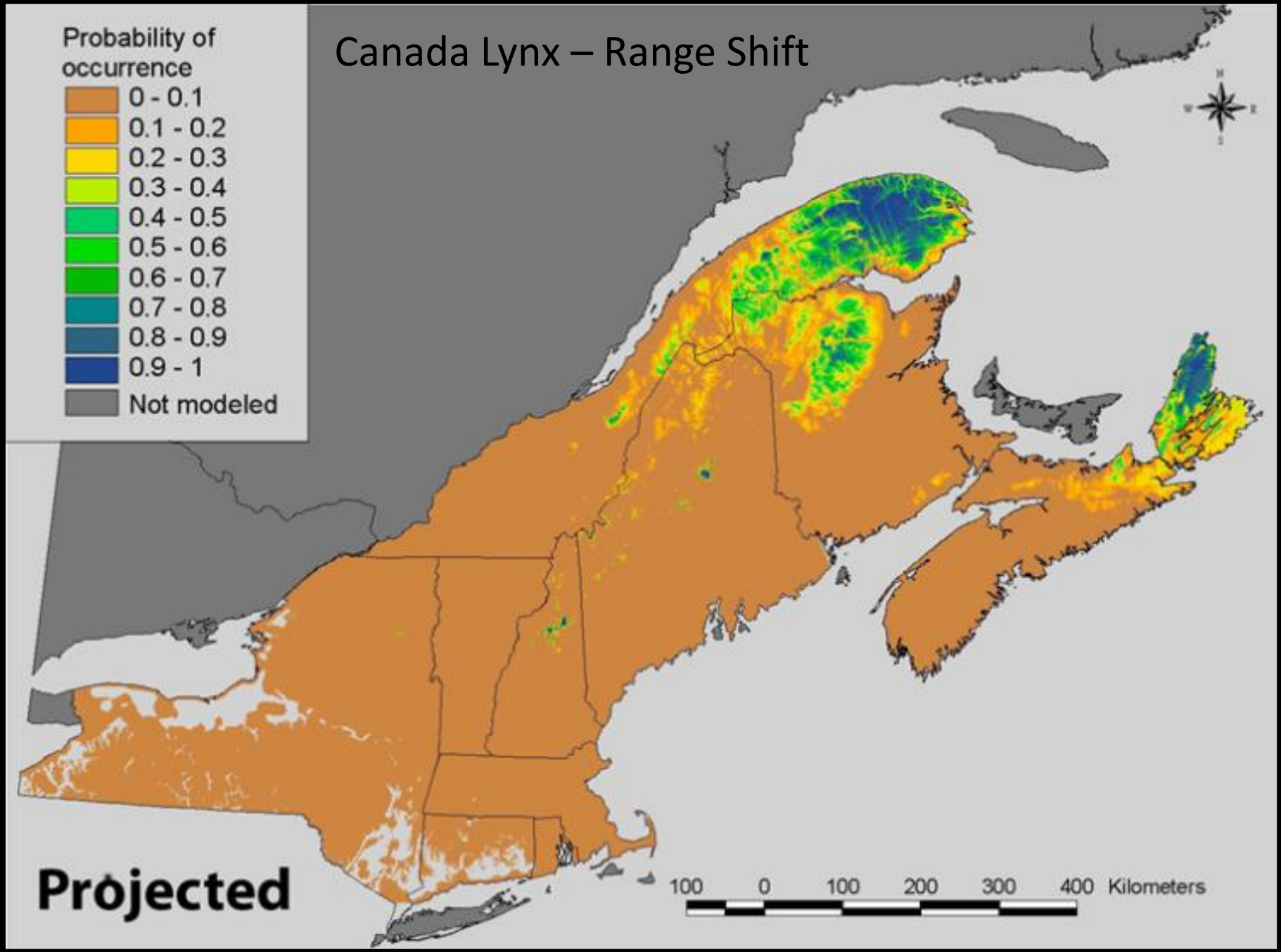
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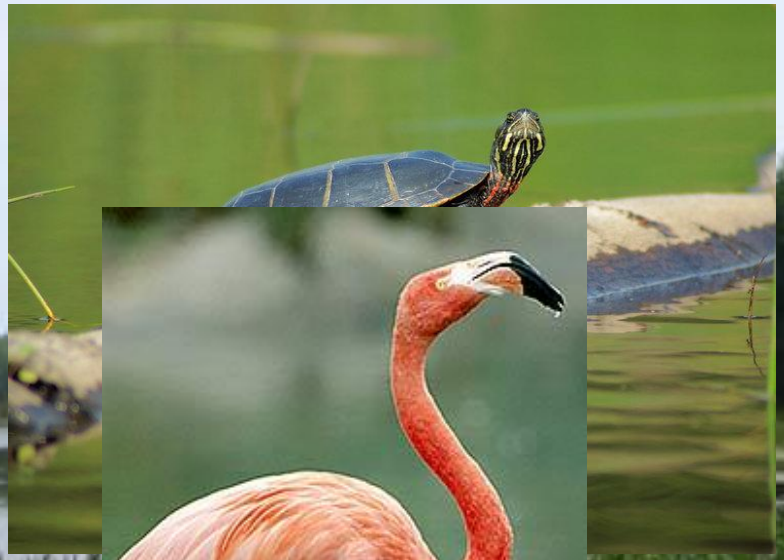
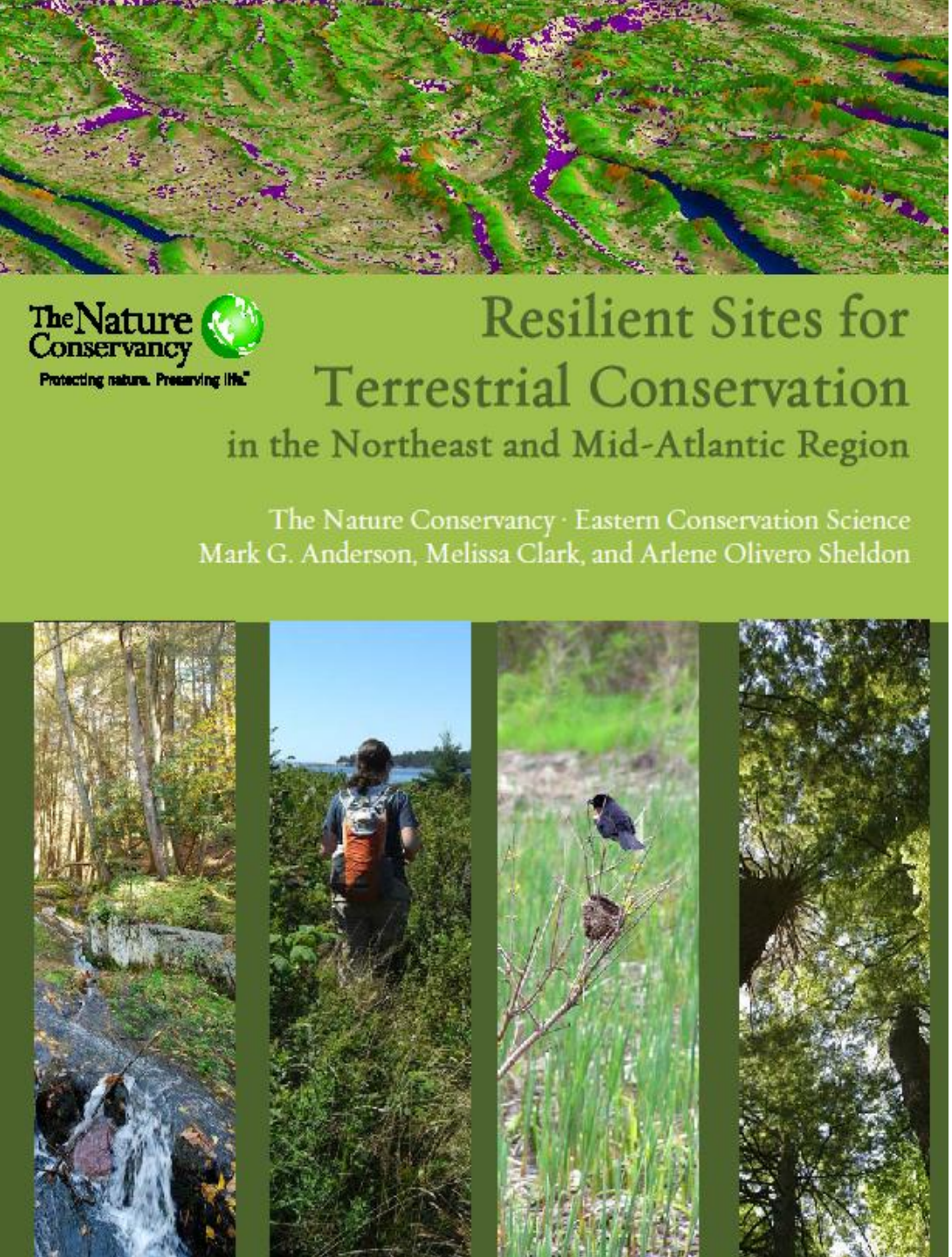


Given uncertainties of climate change, how can land trusts invest wisely in conservation?

- Our investments are meant to last in perpetuity
- We conserve lands for its many benefits – water quality, working forests and farms, biodiversity, clean air, quality of life, recreation….



- Acknowledges the unpredictability of climate change.
- Oriented toward a very long timeframe.
- Focuses on enduring features of the landscape – geology, elevation, soils, topography
- Complementary to species based approach

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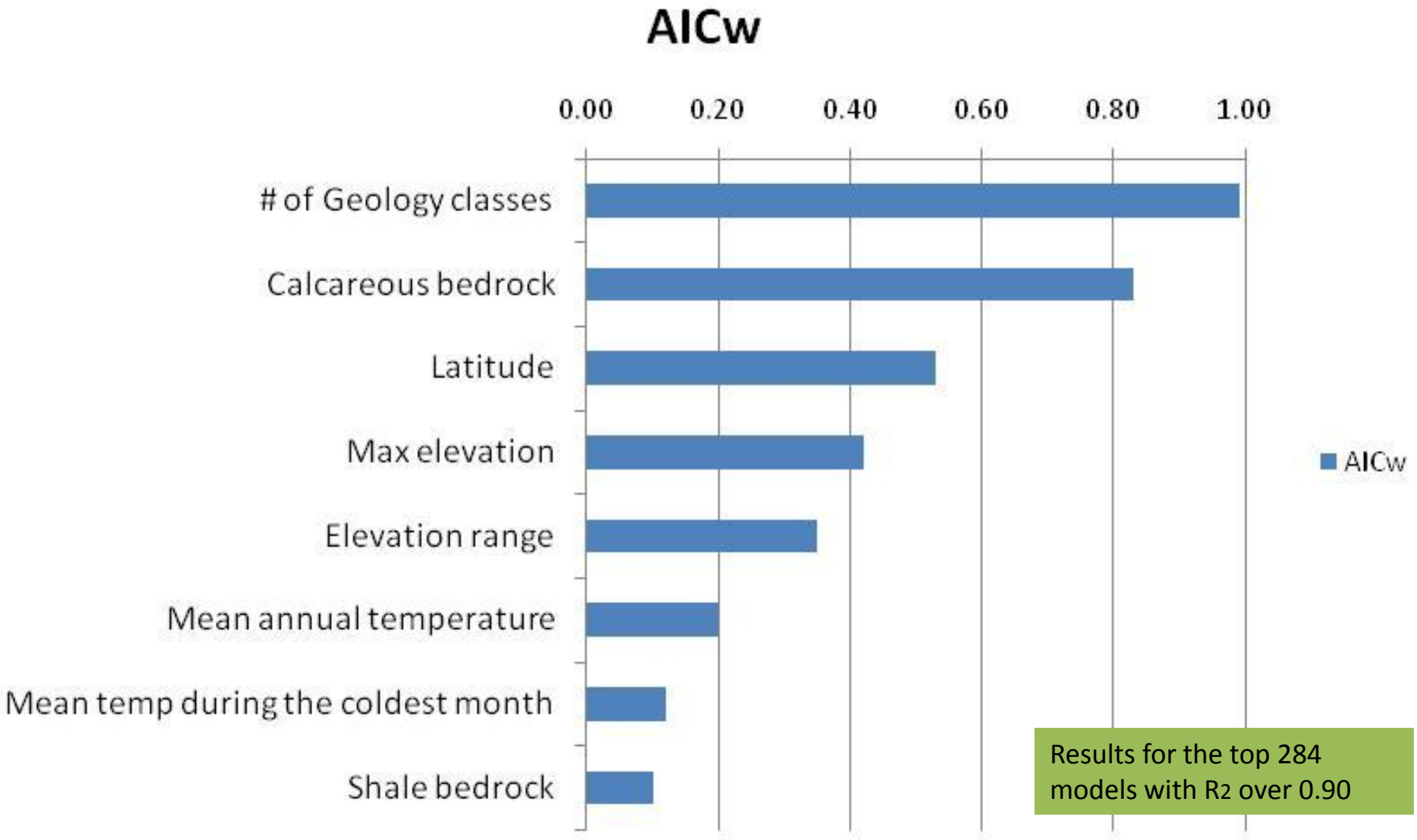
What correlates highly with biodiversity?




Bicknell's Thrush

The Stage

Geophysical Settings = Geology + Elevation