



Kingston Waterfront Flooding Task Force – December 6, 2012

## Why prepare?

*Foresight and preparedness are good government. They are the essence of what we do as leaders. The steps we take now to anticipate and get ready for climate change will have profound impacts on the world our children and grandchildren inherit.*  
 Ron Sims, King County Executive Washington State

“A hundred years after we are gone and forgotten, those who never heard of us will be living with the results of our actions.”  
 Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Assets

- Cultural
- Natural
- Economic
- Built
- Social
- Future opportunities




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## Vulnerability

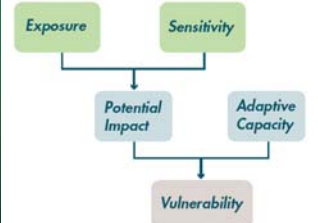






Figure 2.1. Key components of vulnerability, illustrating the relationship among exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity.




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## Vulnerability

Vulnerability is the degree to which a system is susceptible to, and unable to cope with, adverse effects of climate change, including climate variability and extremes. Vulnerability is a function of the character, magnitude, and rate of climate change and variation to which a system is exposed, its sensitivity, and its adaptive capacity” (IPCC 2007a).



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