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**HRPDC Public Comment**  
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RE: Global Warming and Sea Level Rise

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Regarding whether Anthropogenic Global Warming and any of the related issues ascribed to it, is a farce. It has turned into one of the biggest cash cows known to government, academia, and regulators. HRPDC is just another unelected bureaucracy feeding at the public's tax trough and are more likely to start looking for some way to destroy dissenters than learn from them.

But let me add that there are some legitimate issues with coastal community flooding. I don't believe these issues have much to do with Sea Level Rise, and much to do with sediment consolidation/compaction along the Mid-Atlantic coastal physiographic geologic province (up to 12,000-15,000 vertical feet of erosional sediments doing what sediments do), coastal dynamics (erosion, wave action, storms), and poor urban hydrology planning due to failure to hold builders and developers responsible for increased offsite storm water flow related to their construction activities and increasing impervious surface area. When cities permit the elimination of much of the existing storm water surface retention areas (ie. allow builders to fill in, elevate, or otherwise eliminate the existing rainwater storage capacity represented by formerly low lots, ponds, ditches, etc.--and fail to make the builders provide equivalent retention capacity on their time, runoff happens more quickly. And storm water runoff typically has nowhere else to go so it does what water does--heads down gradient until it finds a low area and pools. It's that pooling that contributes to flooding. But it has little or nothing to do with sea level rise. Municipalities, builders, and developers are only too happy to shift the cost of their activities to the tax payer but this should be treated as a cost of development and construction. And those who issue the permits should insist that the builders and developers build in whatever they need to add to their projects to prevent any increase in off-site runoff--and insist on a pre- and post-development hydrograph that documents no net increase in runoff--before issuing a permit. But they don't.