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COASTAL HISTORIC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE STEWARDSHIP IN THE FACE OF SEA LEVEL RISE
PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS – STRUCTURAL ADAPTATIONS PANEL



Urban underworld

A cutaway view of a Manhattan transportation reveals a tangle of electrical, phone, gas, steam, water and sewer lines between the street and subway platforms. "It's got so many layers crossing each other, you don't know how anybody can do anything," says David Greenbaum, an engineer who helps builders navigate New York's underground. "Whenever you dig, there's problems."

A century ago the city delayed building the subway for fear of disturbing a simpler network. Even today a steam or water pipe break can cut lanes of traffic, flood thoroughfares, and knock out power. One part of the pipes in this illustration, an old brick main, collects storm water and sewage designed from above.

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Storm waves at Rockaway Beach



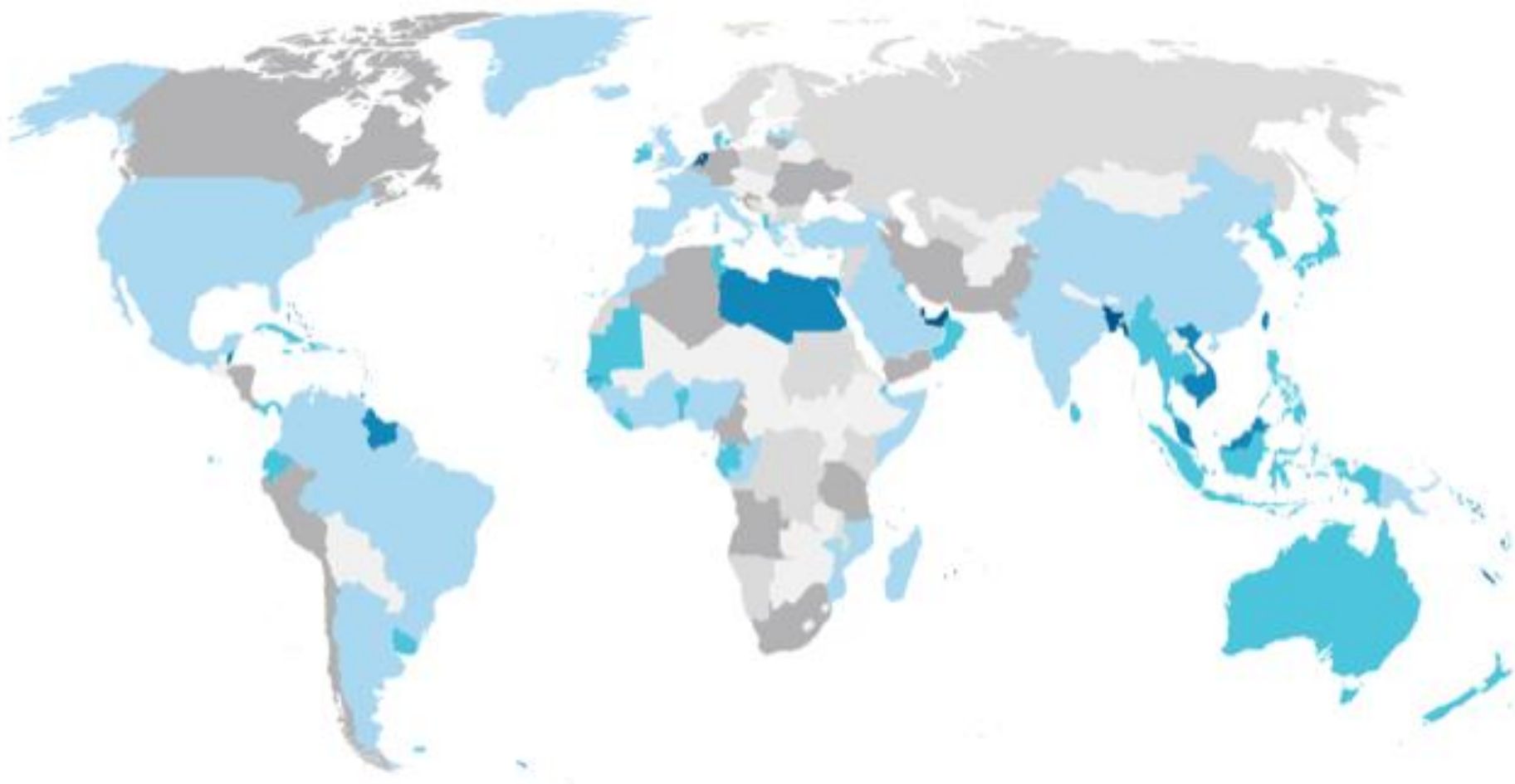
Blackout in Chelsea from Southern Manhattan power outage

Credit: Dan Nguyen

Populations at risk

Percentage of national populations who live in places that will be drowned by a rise in long-term sea levels - even if global warming is held at 2C

0% 0.1-5 5-10 10-25 25-50 50-75 75-100



Drinking Water

2013
GRADE **D**

At the dawn of the 21st century, much of our drinking water infrastructure is nearing the end of its useful life. There are an estimated 240,000 water main breaks per year in the United States. Assuming every pipe would need to be replaced, the cost over the coming decades could reach more than \$1 trillion, according to the American Water Works Association (AWWA). The quality of drinking water in the United States remains universally high, however. Even though pipes and mains are frequently more than 100 years old and in need of replacement, outbreaks of disease attributable to drinking water are rare.

A = Exceptional
B = Good
C = Mediocre
D = Poor
F = Failing

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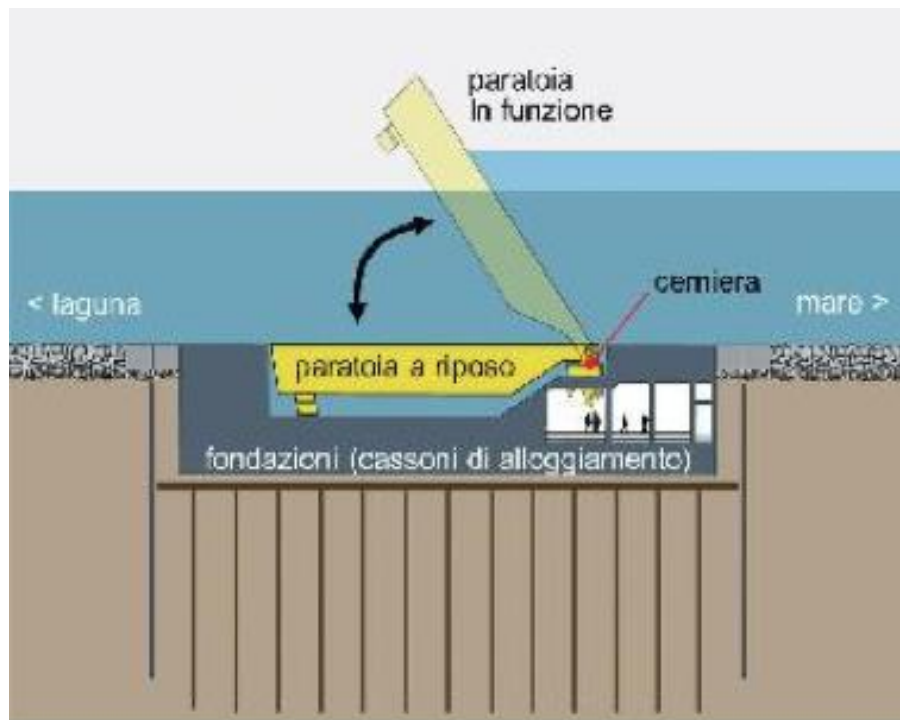
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LARGE PROTECTIVE ENGINEERED PROJECTS

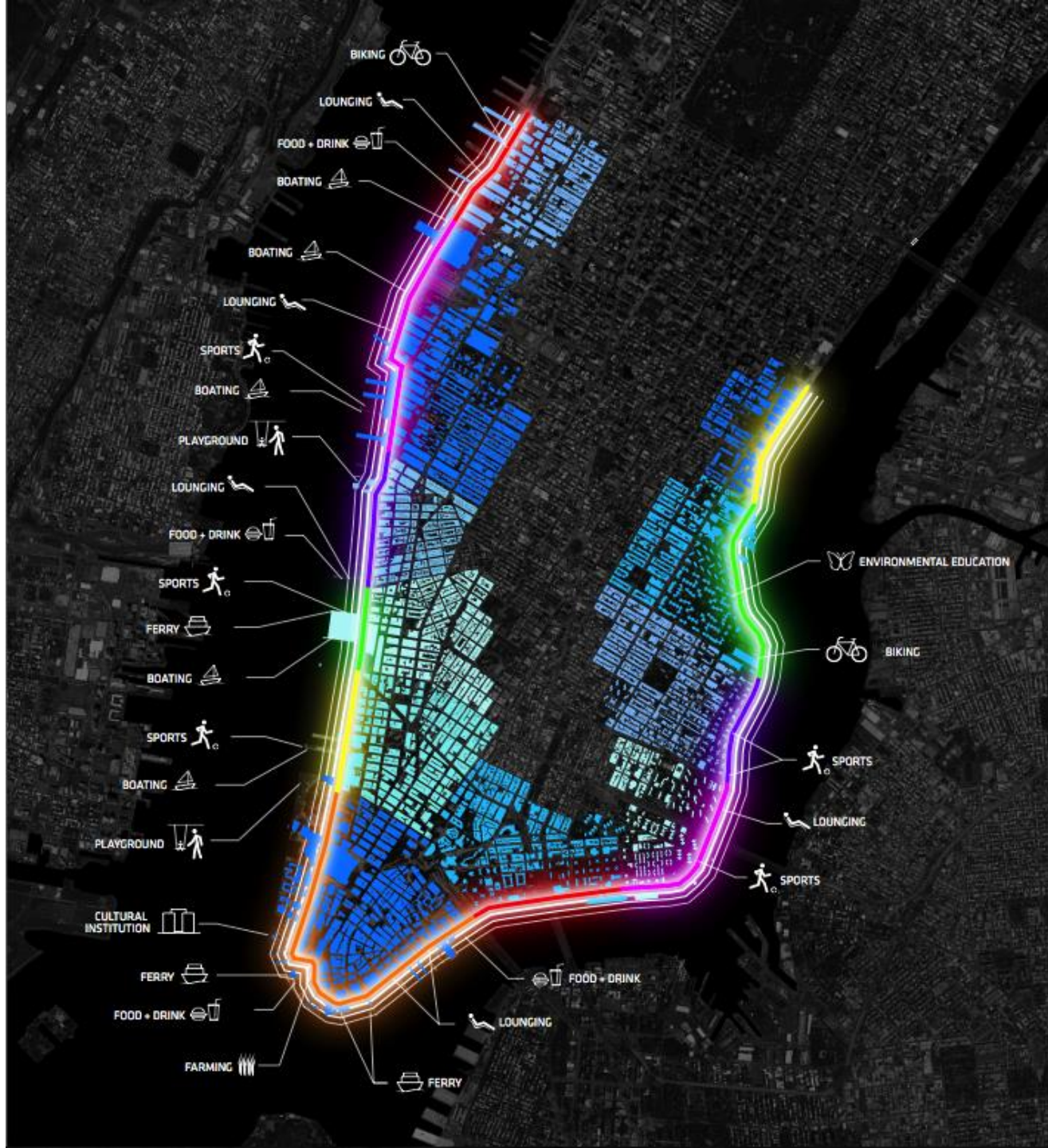














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
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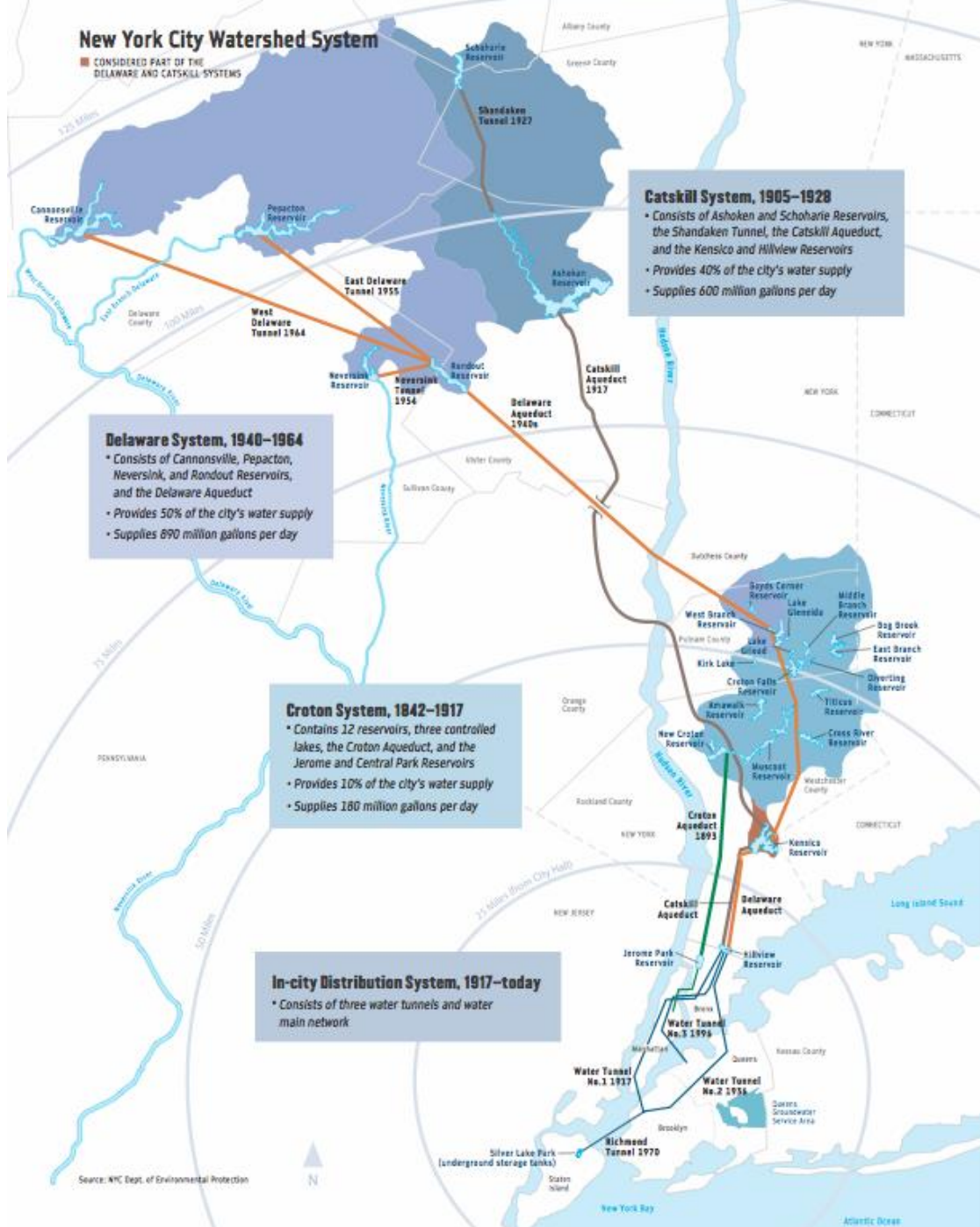




MITIGATION, ADAPTATION & SUSTAINABILITY UPGRADES

New York City Watershed System

CONSIDERED PART OF THE DELAWARE AND CATSKILL SYSTEMS



Delaware System, 1940-1964

- Consists of Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink, and Rondout Reservoirs, and the Delaware Aqueduct
- Provides 50% of the city's water supply
- Supplies 890 million gallons per day

Catskill System, 1905-1928

- Consists of Ashoken and Schoharie Reservoirs, the Shandaken Tunnel, the Catskill Aqueduct, and the Kensico and Millview Reservoirs
- Provides 40% of the city's water supply
- Supplies 600 million gallons per day

Croton System, 1842-1917

- Contains 12 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, the Croton Aqueduct, and the Jerome and Central Park Reservoirs
- Provides 10% of the city's water supply
- Supplies 180 million gallons per day

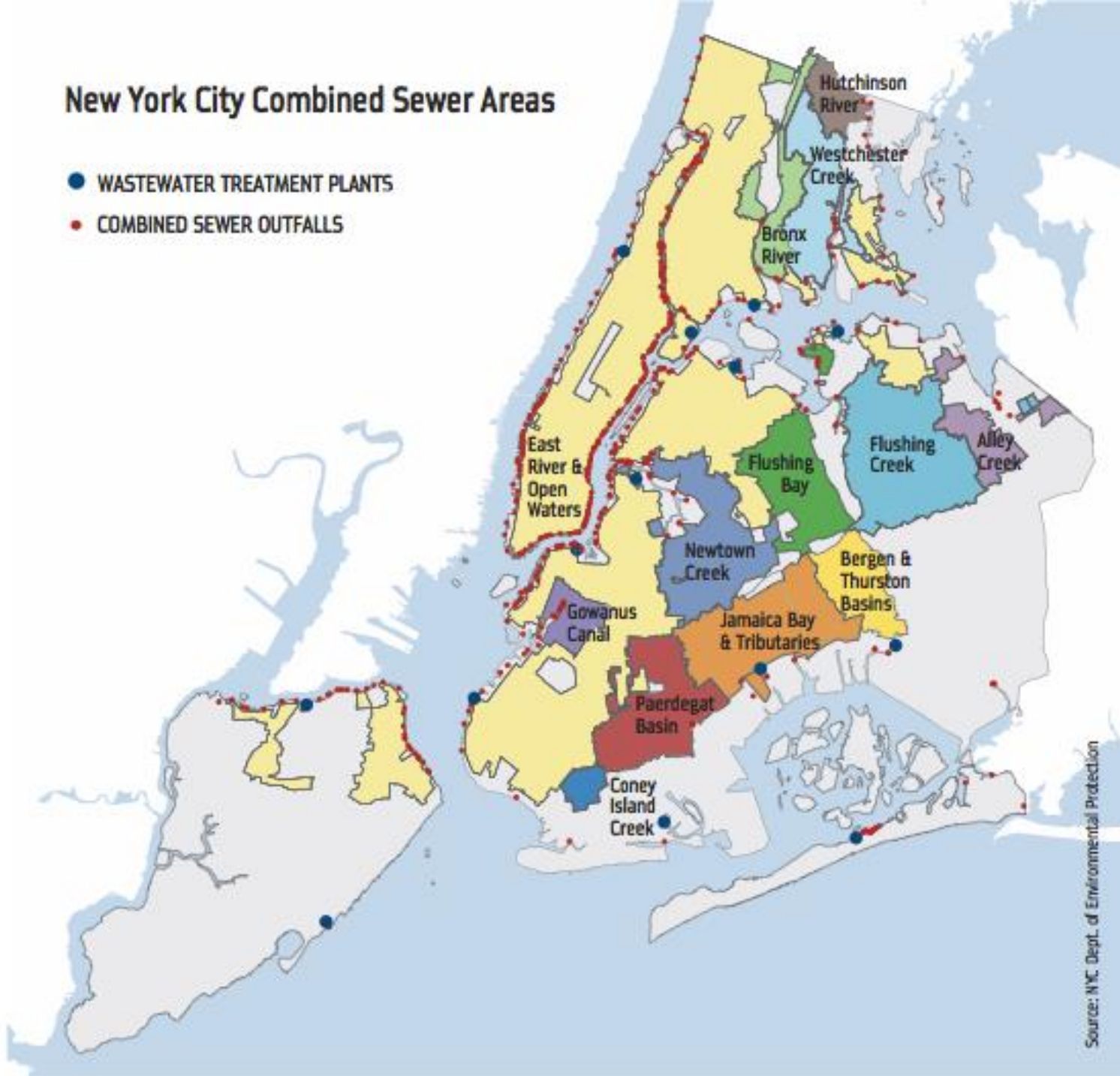
In-city Distribution System, 1917-today

- Consists of three water tunnels and water main network

Source: NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection

New York City Combined Sewer Areas

- WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS
- COMBINED SEWER OUTFALLS







Blue roof pilot project in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn

Credit: NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection



Right-of-Way Bioswale

Rotterdam Delta City



Connecting water
with opportunities

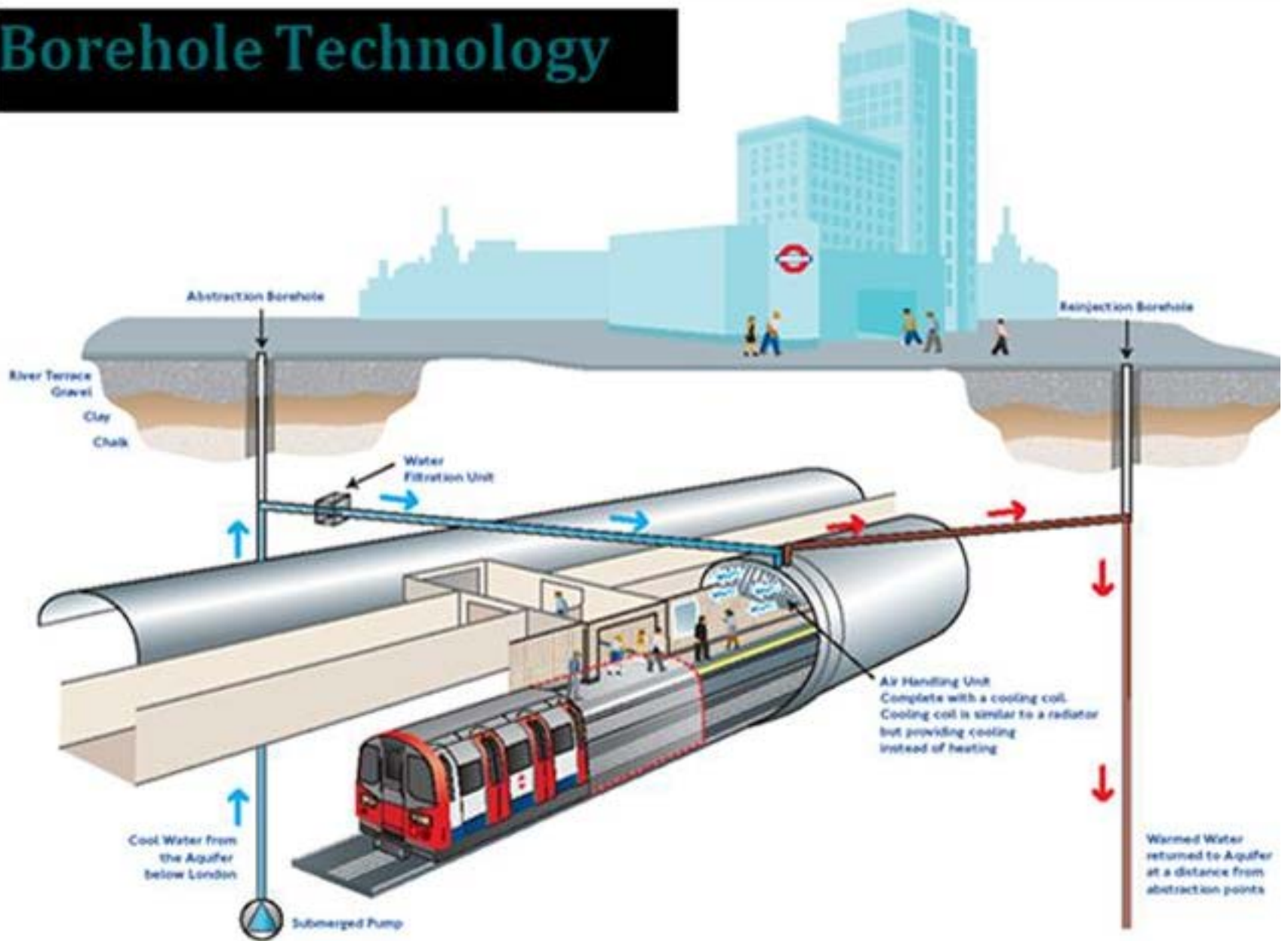




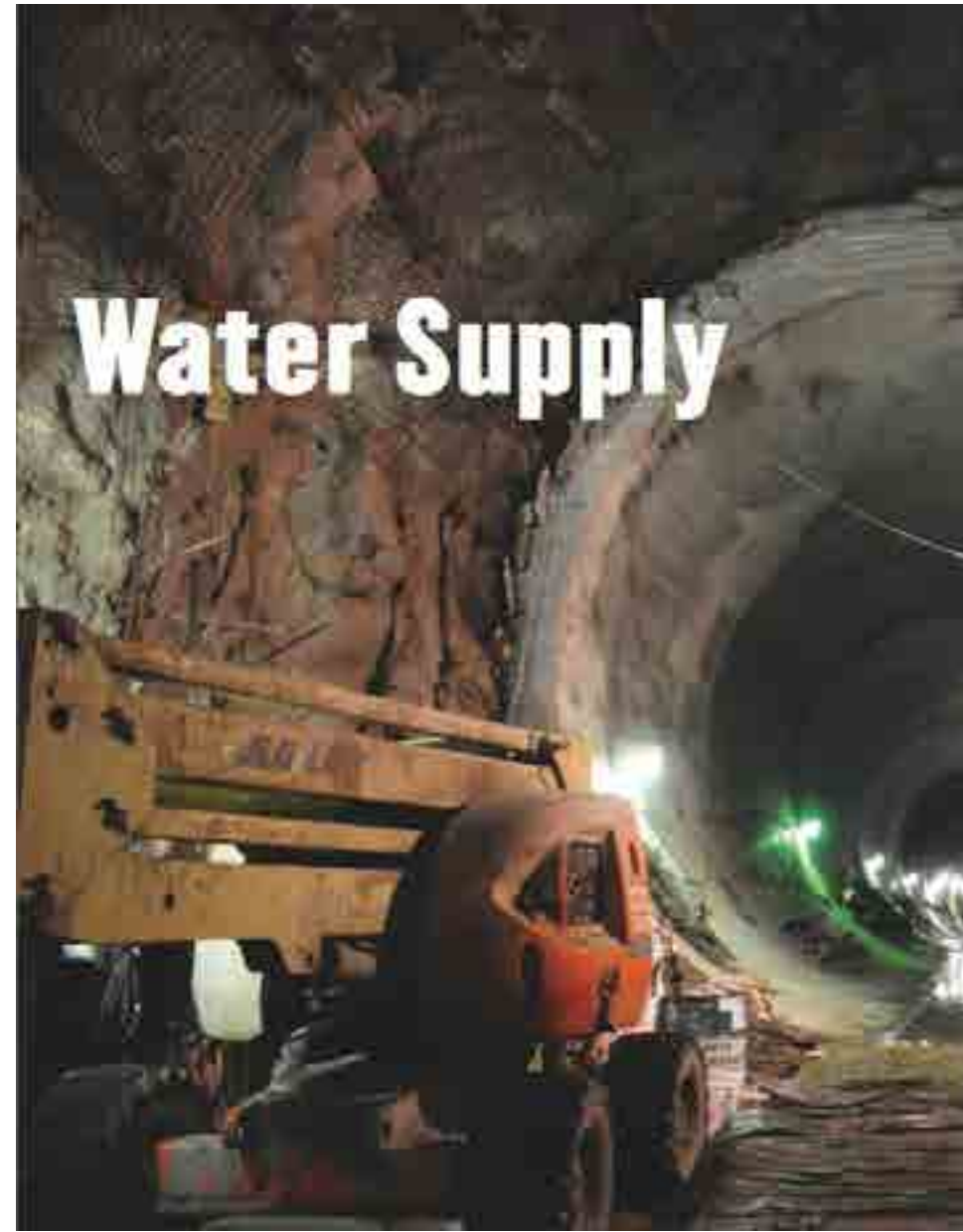




Borehole Technology



Water Supply

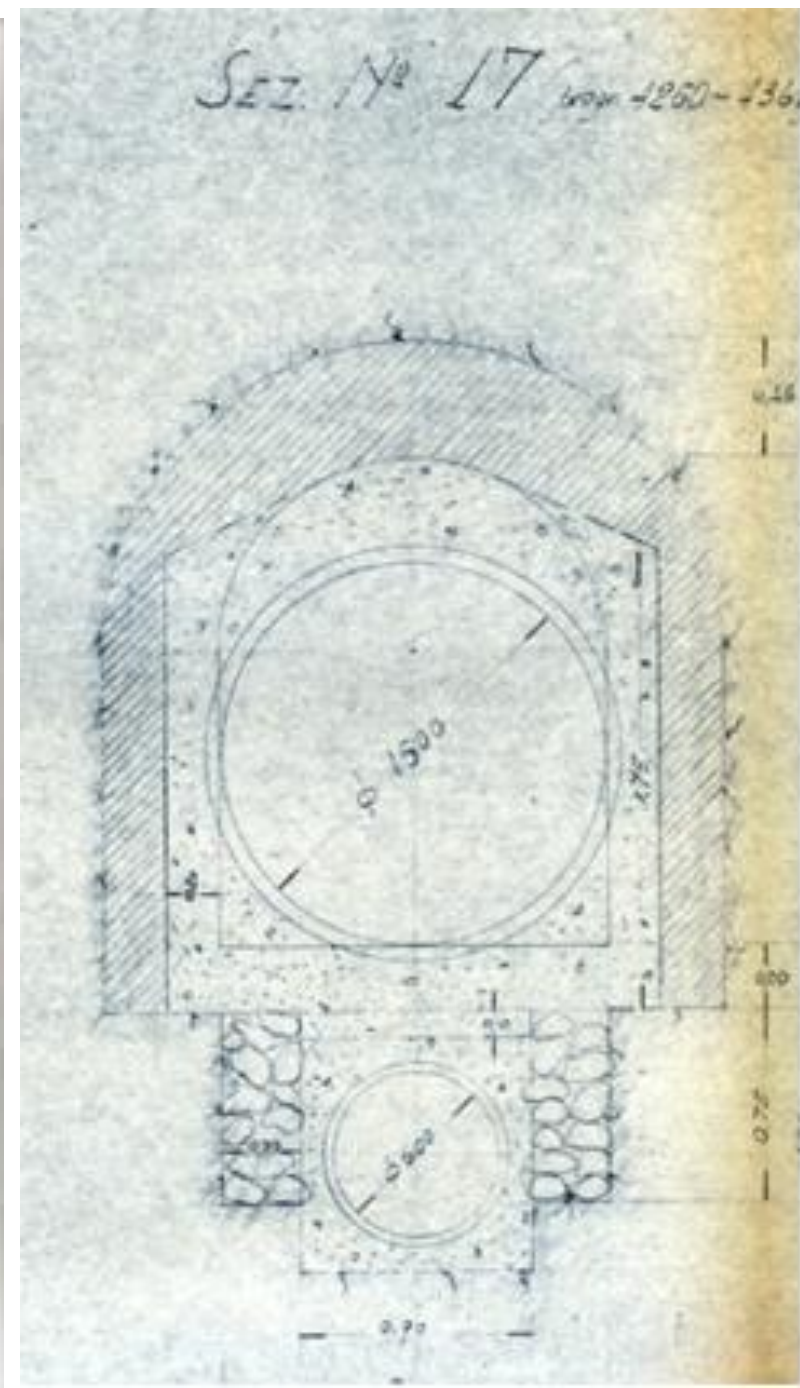


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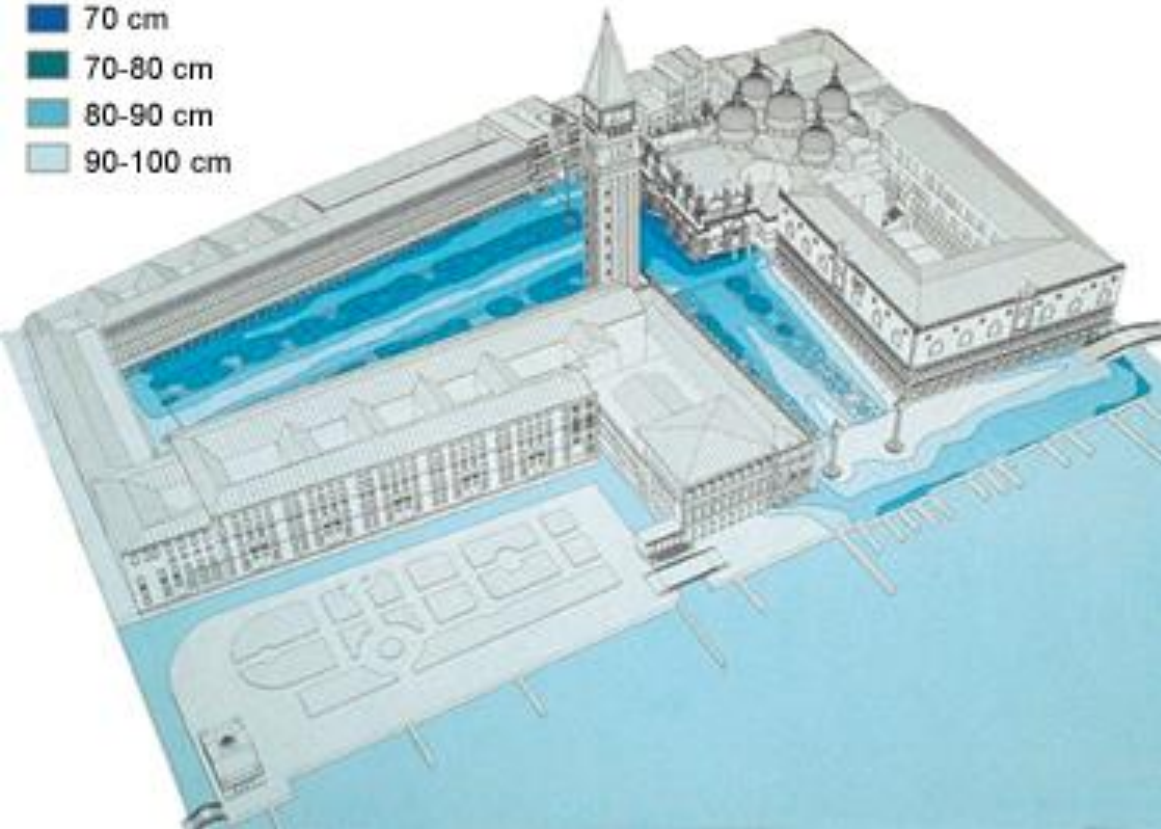


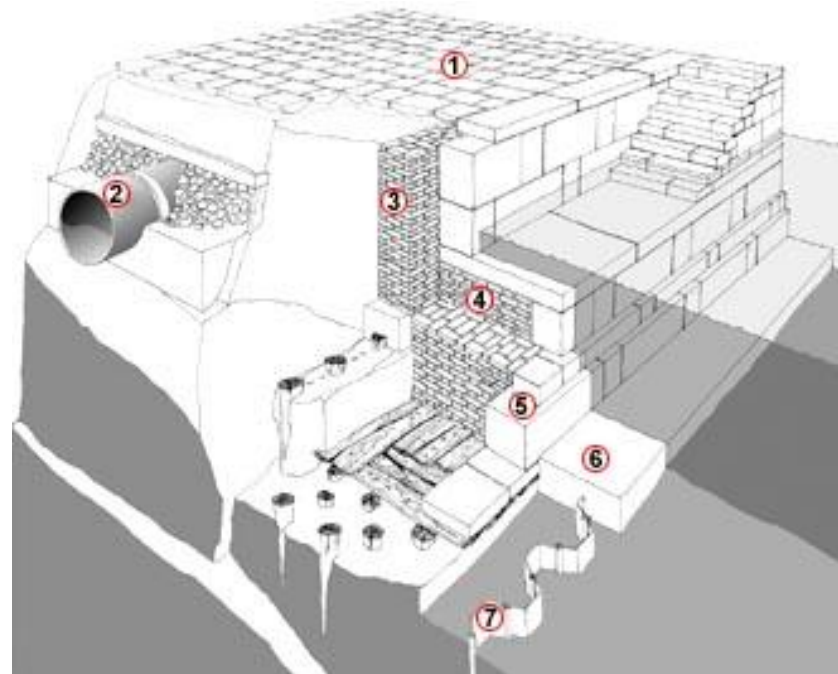
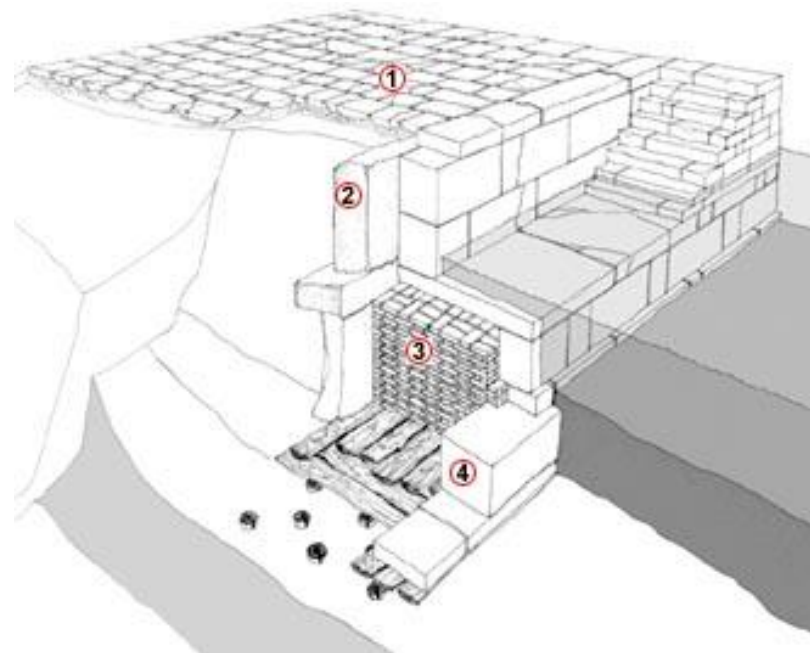
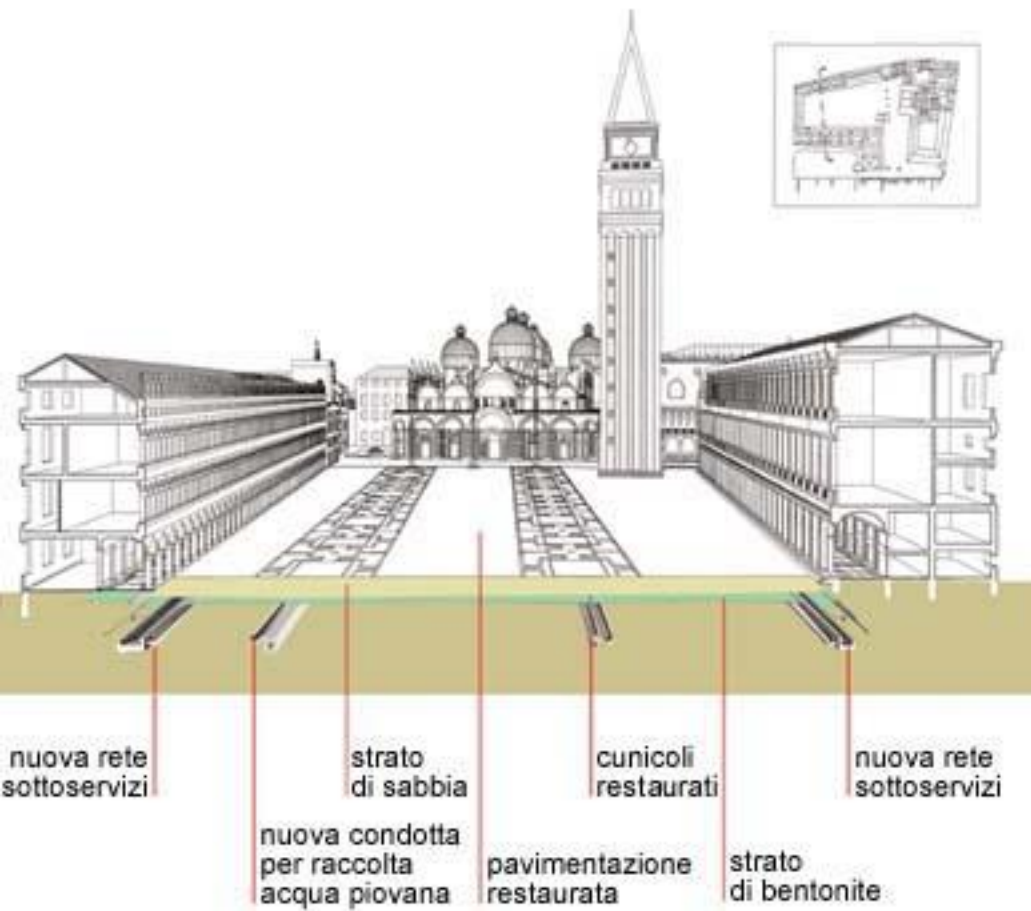




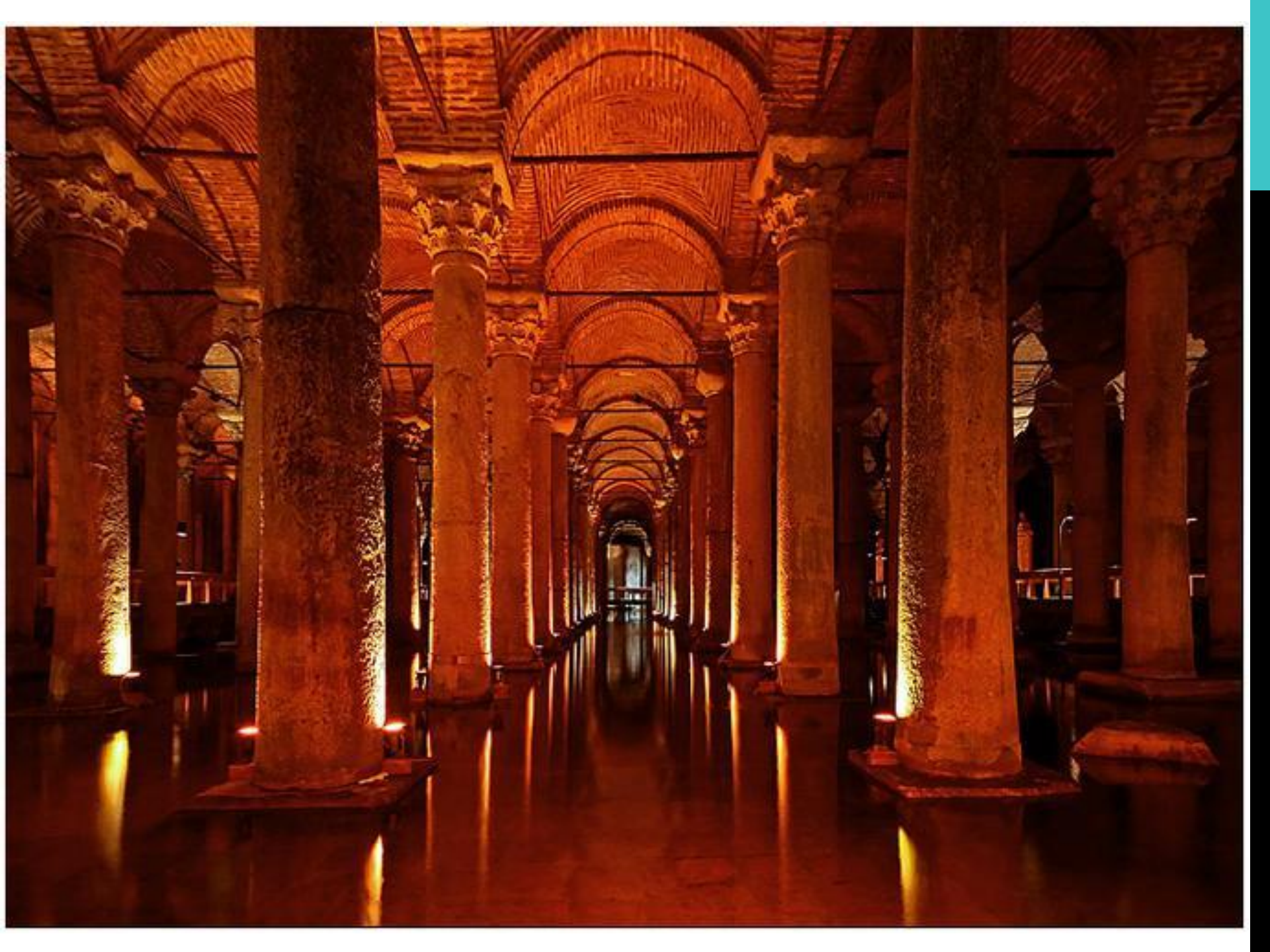


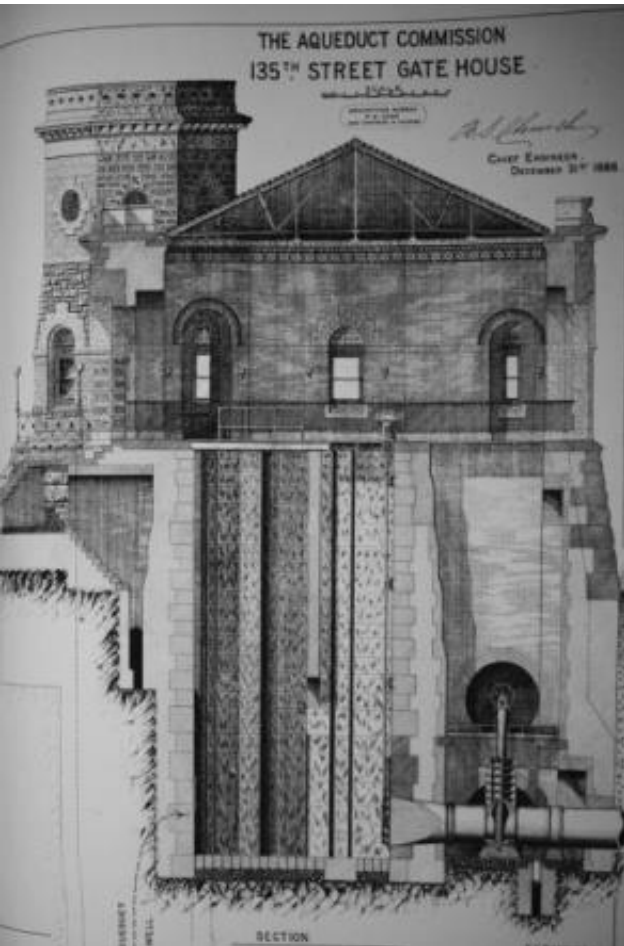
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- 80-90 cm
- 90-100 cm





ADAPTIVE USE

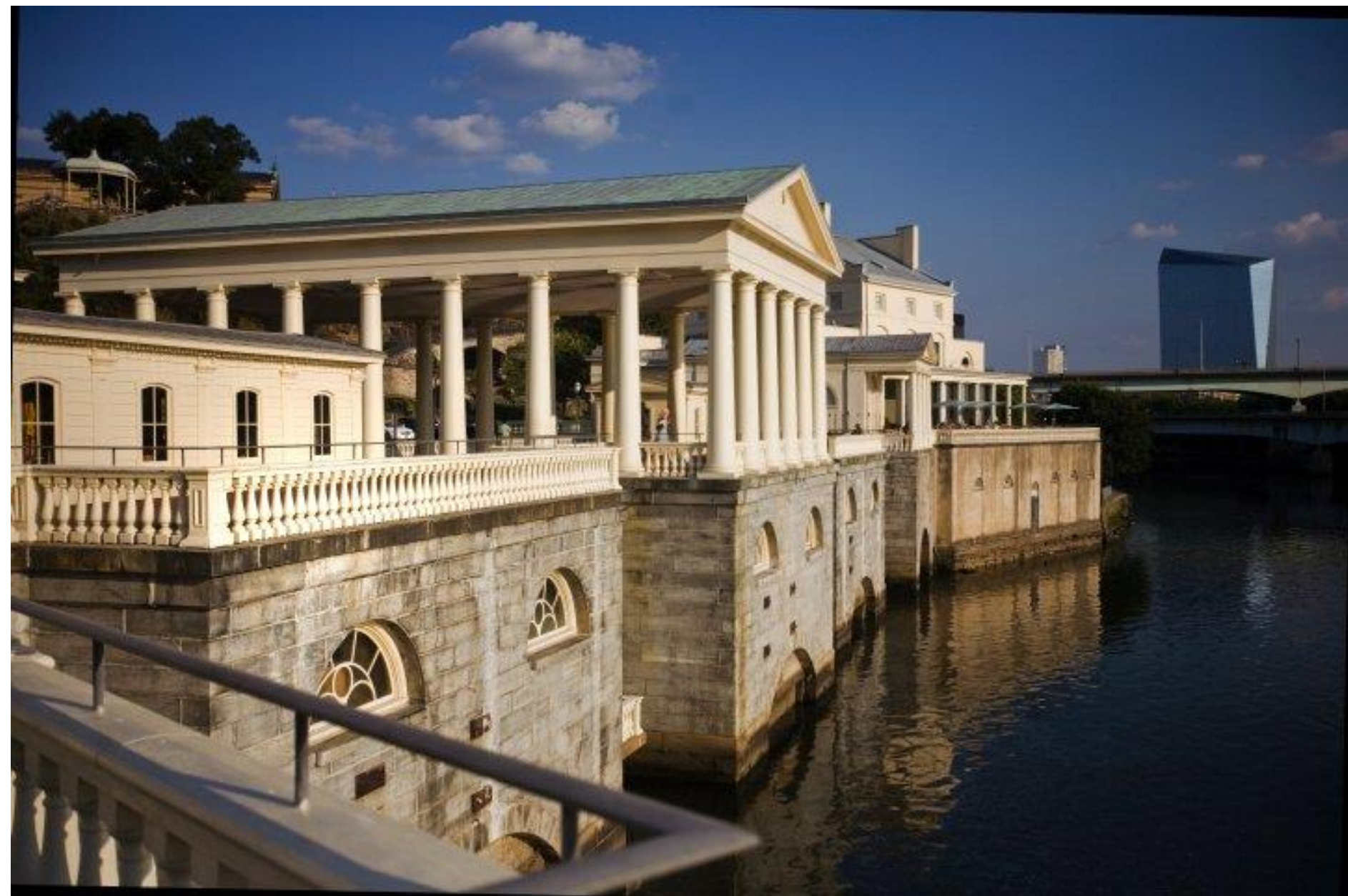






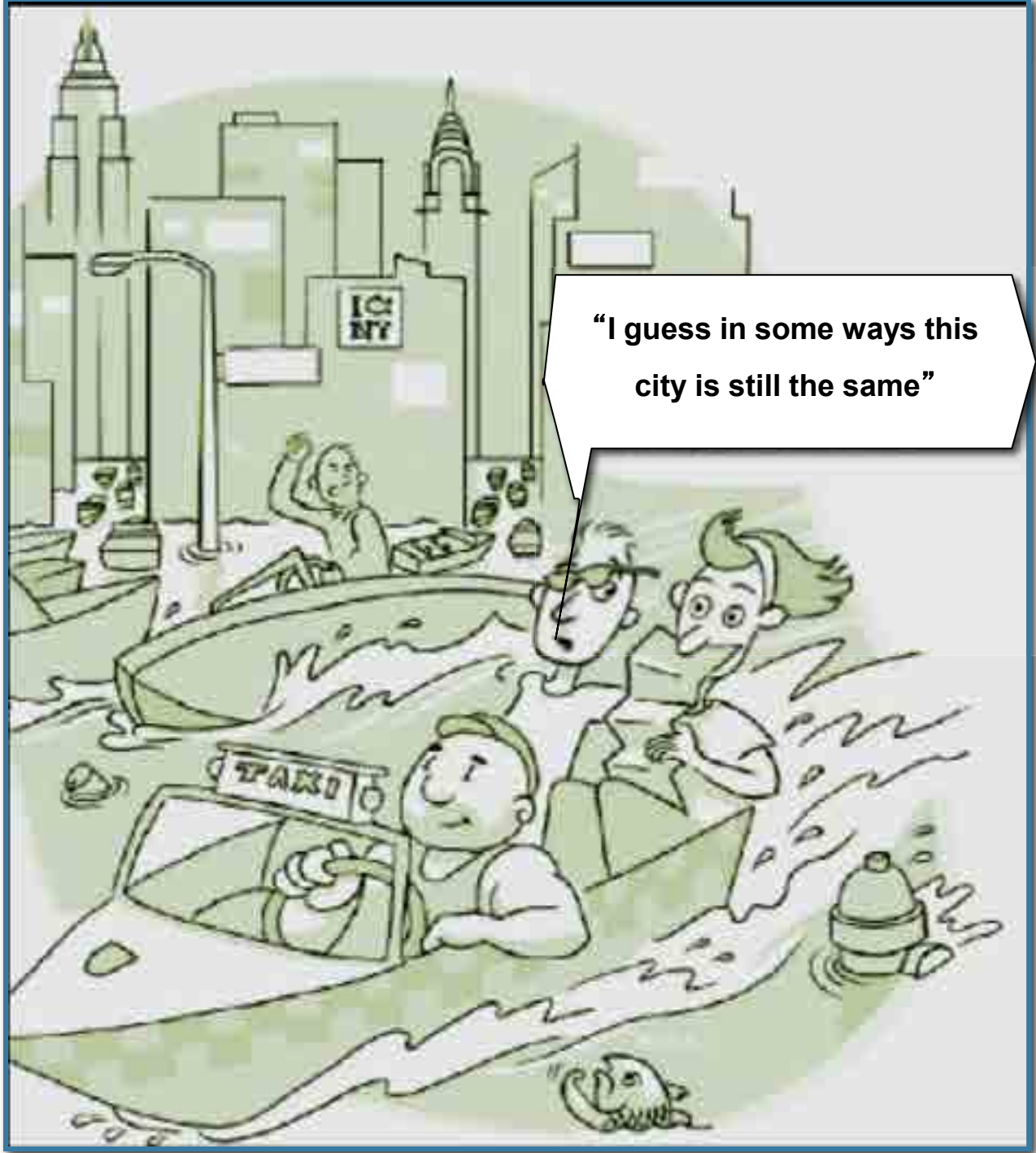












“I guess in some ways this city is still the same”