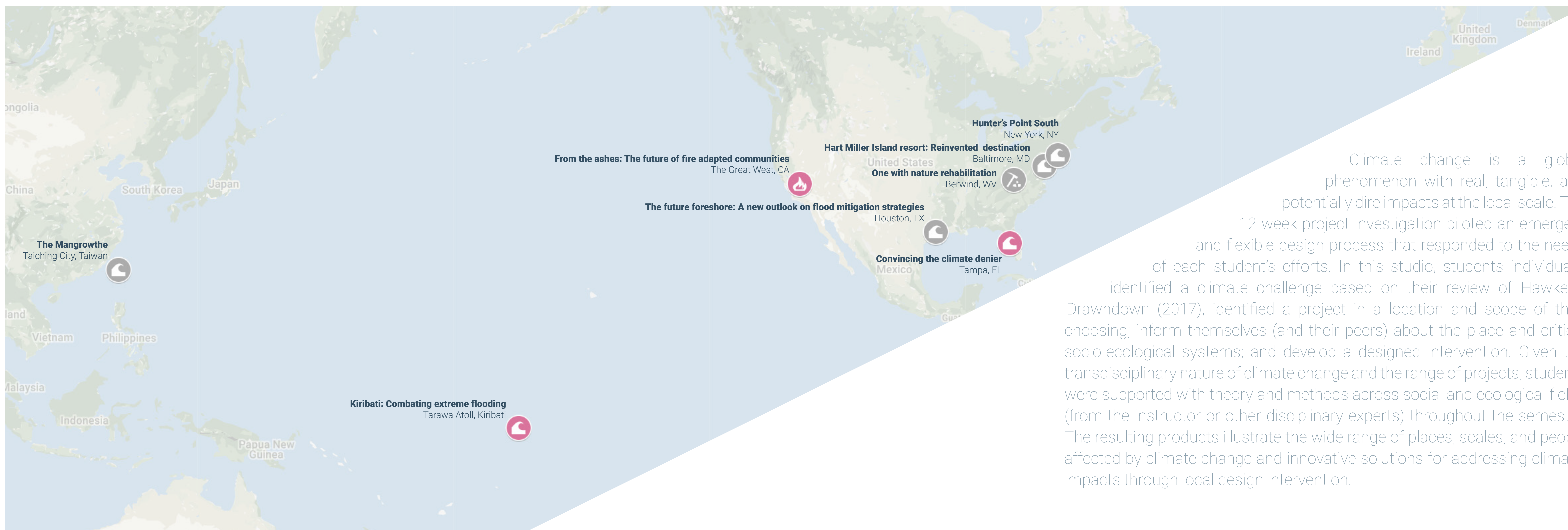


# Adapting Drawdown strategies for local climate change intervention: Landscape Architecture Depth Studio

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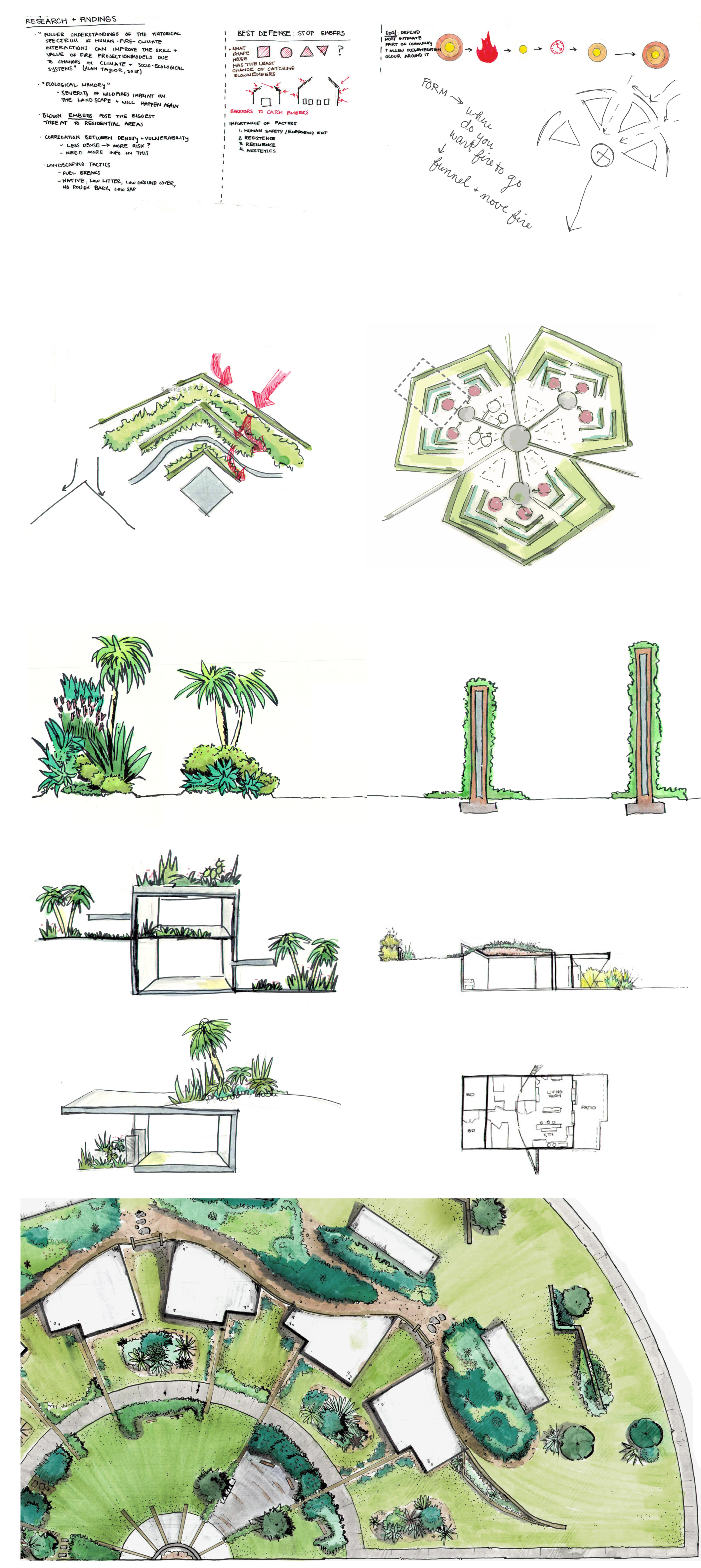
Climate change is a global phenomenon with real, tangible, and potentially dire impacts at the local scale. The 12-week project investigation piloted an emergent and flexible design process that responded to the needs of each student's efforts. In this studio, students individually identified a climate challenge based on their review of Hawken's Drawdown (2017), identified a project in a location and scope of their choosing; inform themselves (and their peers) about the place and critical socio-ecological systems; and develop a designed intervention. Given the transdisciplinary nature of climate change and the range of projects, students were supported with theory and methods across social and ecological fields (from the instructor or other disciplinary experts) throughout the semester. The resulting products illustrate the wide range of places, scales, and people affected by climate change and innovative solutions for addressing climatic impacts through local design intervention.



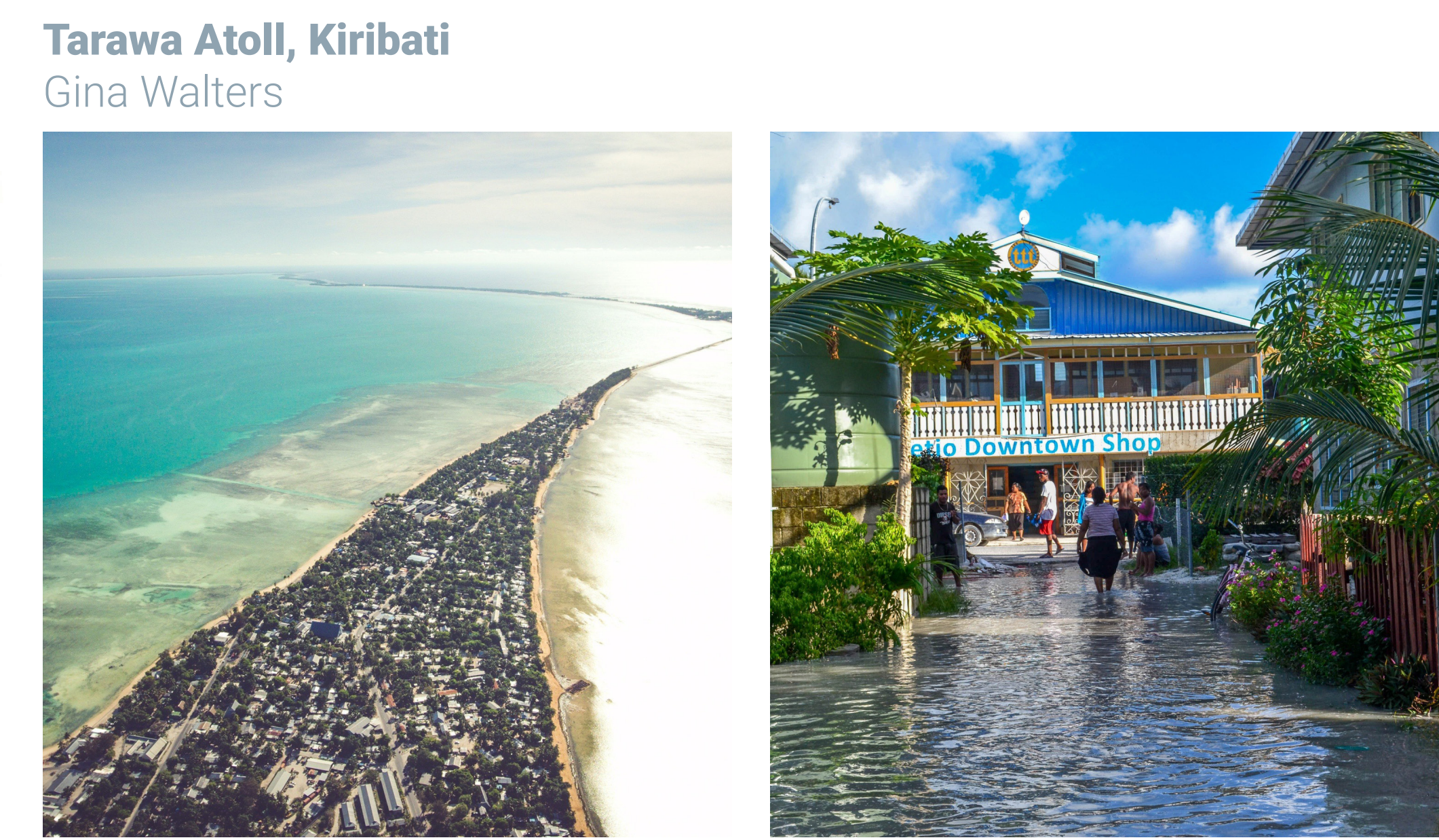
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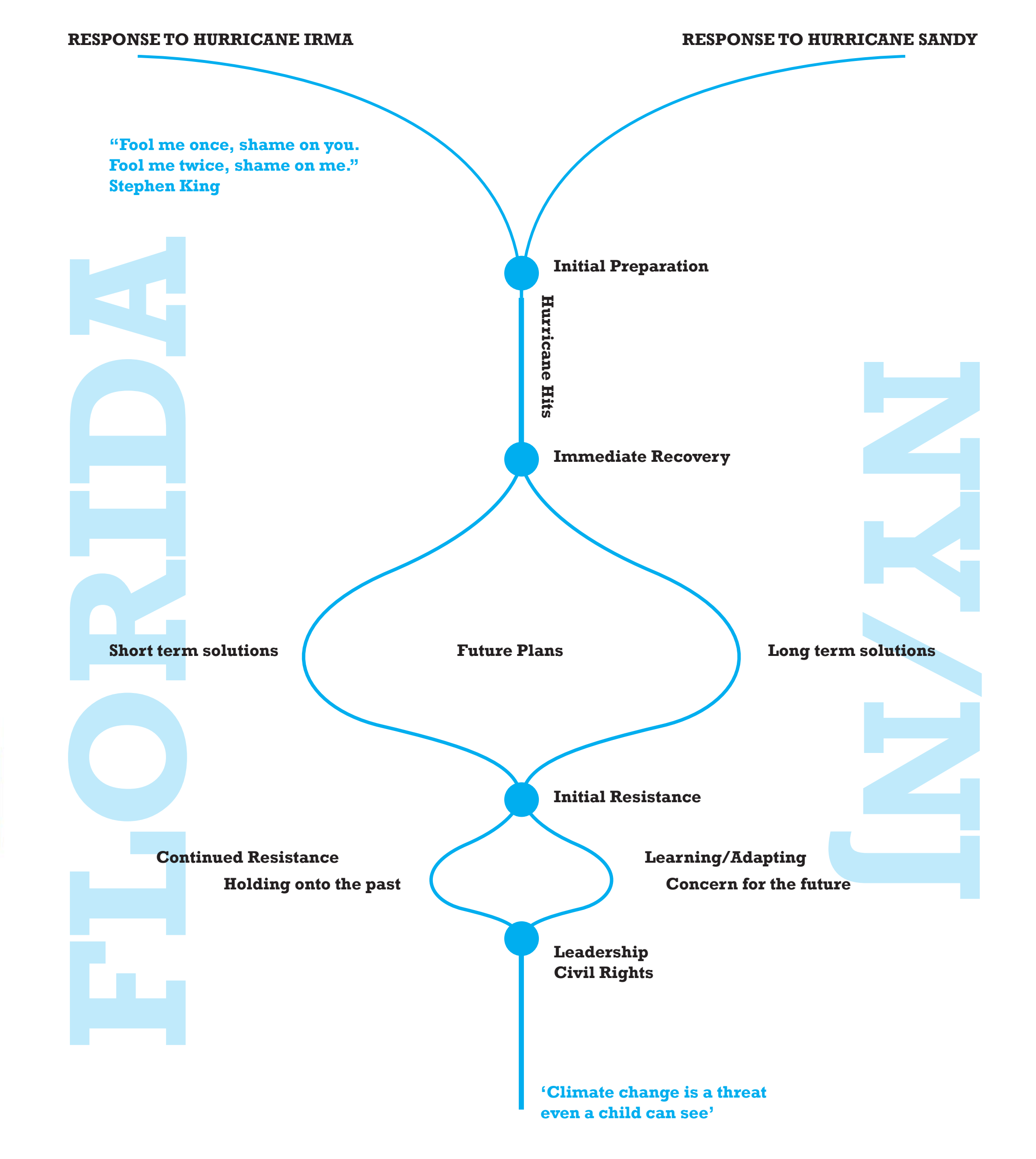
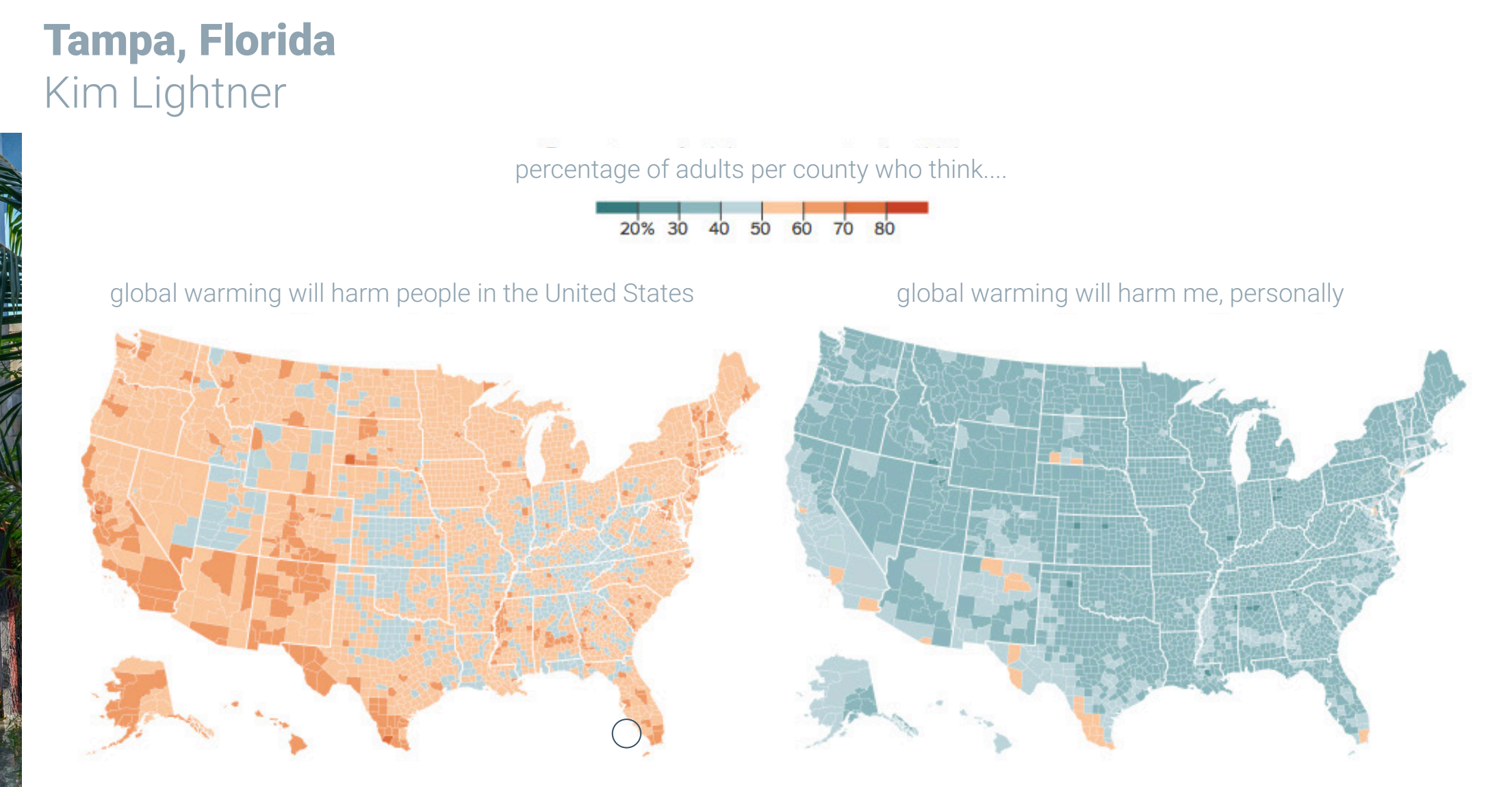
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## Kiribati: Combating extreme flooding



## Convincing the climate change denier



### IT'S EASY TO GENERATE CONFUSION

- Those in status quo who don't want change can generate confusion and debate.
- It's harder for the public to want to do something new when confusion is instilled about an idea because it causes hesitance and skepticism about going forward.
- It's easier to generate confusion than coherent understanding.
- It's easier to break something down than to build it up.
- Donors have to "see it to believe it"; they don't want the logical answer.
- Warnings about climate change can get overwhelming to the point that a person doesn't know how to respond so they shutdown and avoid the situation.
- Happening so much can become normal.

### SMALL PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS ARE MOST EFFECTIVE

- Large groups make it harder to be personable.
- People are more at ease and open to discuss in smaller groups.
- There is less of the sense that there needs to be a winner and loser.
- Television debates are just that, debates. People want to see a fight.
- Climate change is open to debate still because it is open to debate on TV.