

THE ART PORTFOLIO WEBSITE: SUPPORTING ROBUST STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN ADAPTATION AND HAZARDS MITIGATION PLANNING

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The Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) Program's Portfolio Website provides staff support, guidance, tools and information to help agencies and organizations understand, communicate and address the complex issues associated with planning for current and future hazards. The ART team has built the capacity to provide this assistance through firsthand experience in leading, supporting and collaborating on numerous efforts to respond to sea level rise and other hazards around San Francisco Bay, from the neighborhood and sector scale to regional and multi- sector scale projects. Through testing and refining approaches to adaptation and hazards planning, the ART Program has developed creative and effective practices for stakeholder engagement that lead to transparent and supported outcomes in planning and policy efforts.

To help our own program and others easily integrate these good stakeholder engagement practices into projects, we developed the planning guidance, tools and information that are part of the ART Portfolio website (adaptingtorisingtides.org). These resources include:

- Findings - ART Program outcomes summarized by sectors and adaptation planning issues
- Projects - Latest information and products associated with current and past projects of the ART Program
- How-To – Framing of the ART approach to adaptation planning, the Design Your Project step-by-step guidance, and “ART supplies” for leading your own project
- Help Desk - Answers to FAQs and information to connect users to knowledgeable members of the ART Program team who can assist them with understanding and using Portfolio content, and connect them with other relevant expertise and information

This demonstration of the ART Portfolio will introduce participants to ART Program's approach to stakeholder engagement in adaptation and hazards mitigation planning projects through exploring the resources available at the website. We will cover the Design Your Project guidance and ART Supplies downloads, including good practice guides, how- to guides, engagement exercises and example process agendas for meetings. Time permitting, we will also look at issue and sector findings that demonstrate how the ART approach to stakeholder engagement has been successfully integrated into projects in the Bay Area.