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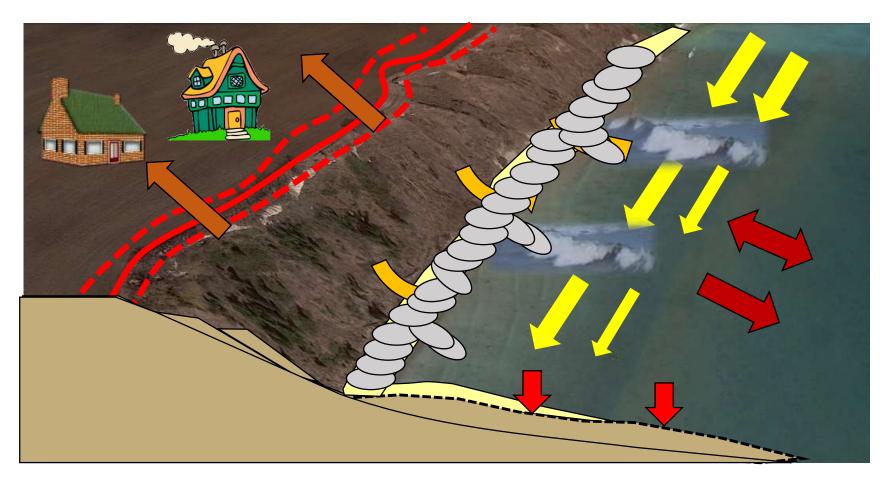




### Bluff erosion affects many coastal communities in Wisconsin



### **Coastal Bluff Processes**



**Bluff Recession** Wave Attack Longshore Transport Cross-shore Transport

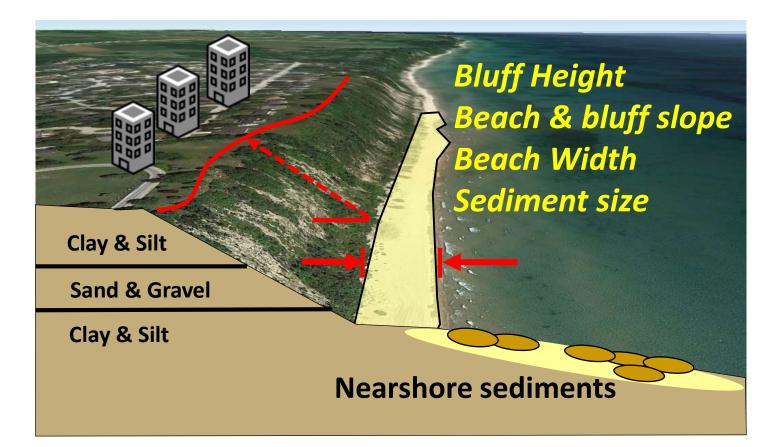
# How do we address the balance of nearshore sediment transport?



**Regional Sediment Budgets** 

### 1. Primary indicators

- Measurements of bluff and beach
- Observations of coastline

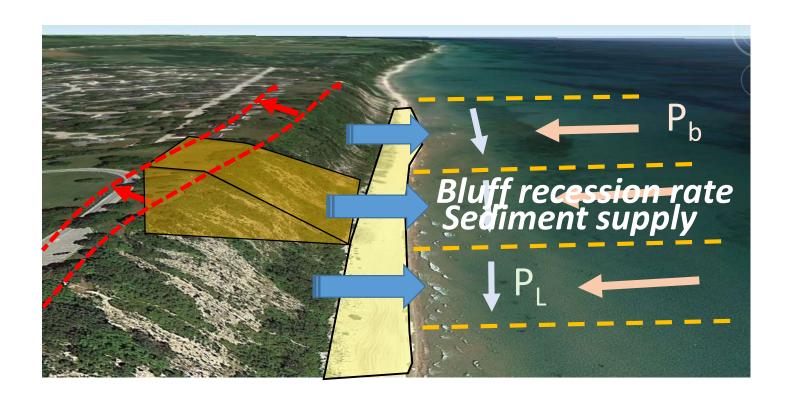


#### Field Measurements

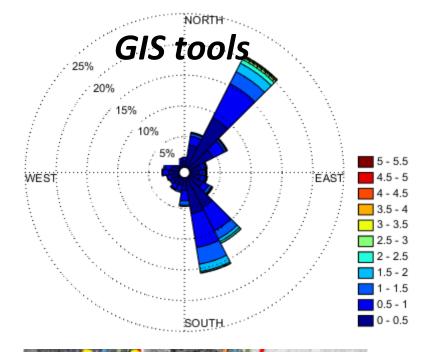


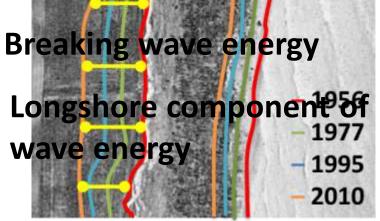
### 2. Process indicators

- a. Measure geomorphic processes
- b. Analyze wave climate



#### Wave Rose





### 2. Process indicators

- a. Quantify geomorphic processes
- b. Analyze wave climate
- c. Determine longshore sediment transport (LST) rates

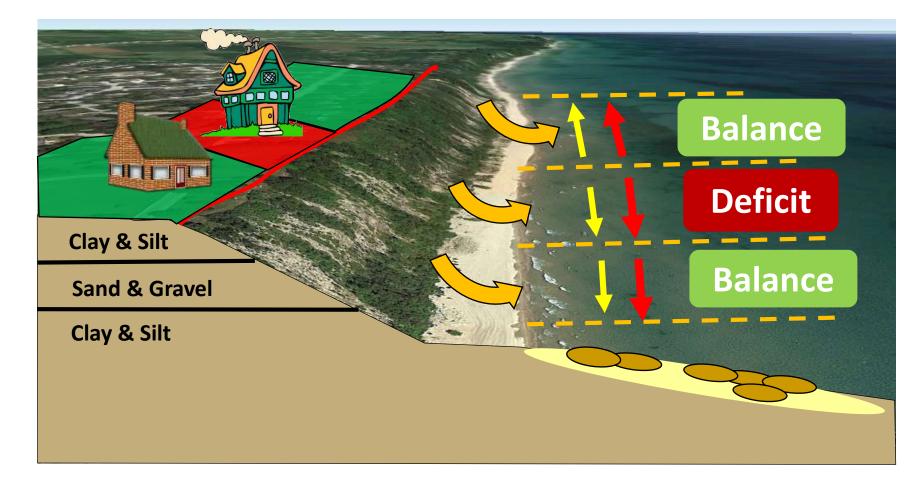


### Potential LST

Wave height & period Crossashดชอะtransport

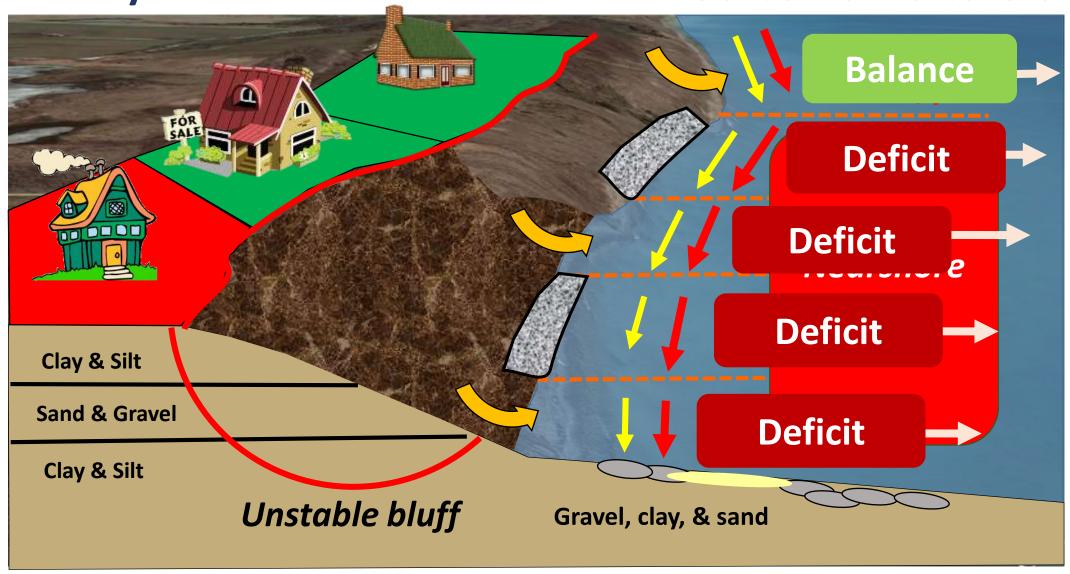
**Beach sediment size Angle of incidence** 

- 3. Outcome indicators
  - a. Regional sediment budget balance
  - b. Predict coastal and nearshore erosion risk



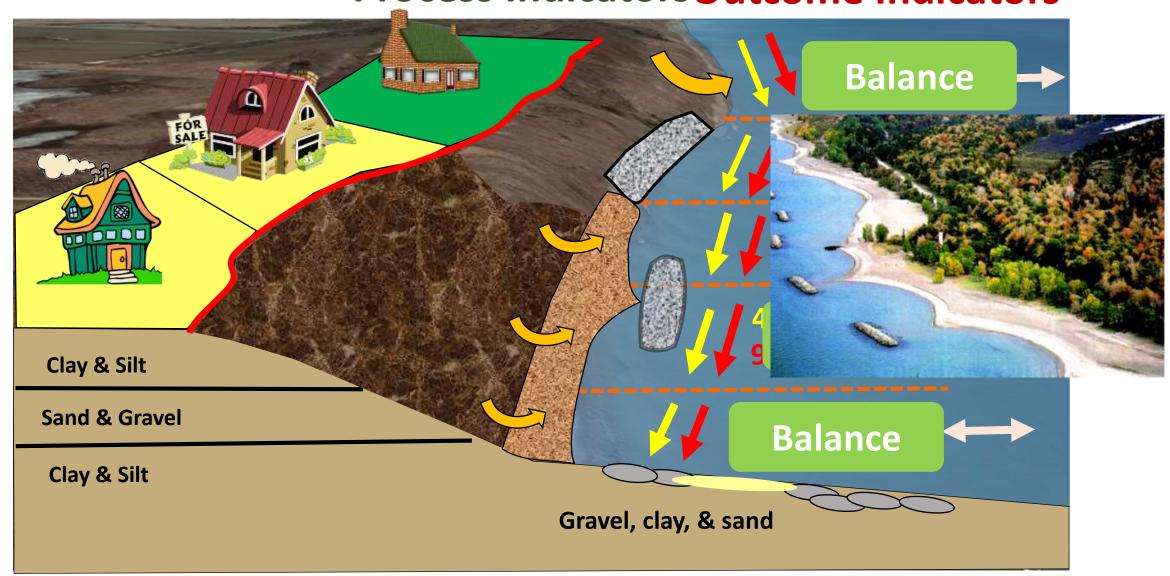
# Regional Sediment Budget

**Primary Indicators Process IndicatorsOutcome Indicators** 



# **Regional Sediment Budget**

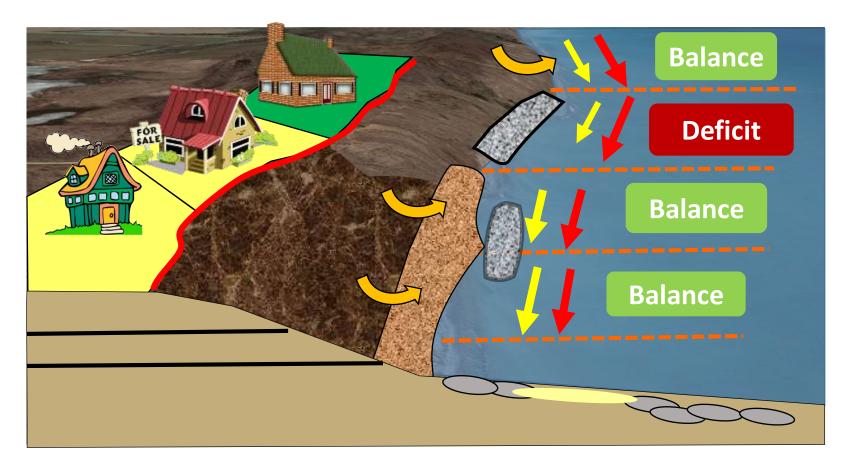
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### **Summary**

### **Indicators** characterize regional sediment budgets

- Primary indicators
- Process indicators
- Outcome indicators



### **Coastal Bluff Research**

- Nearshore sediment transport measurements and models
- Regional sediment budgets
- Balance of coastal protection and ecosystem health
- Assess coastal hazards
- Guide coastal management

