

Vocabulary Practice Complete the information using the correct form of the words and phrases in the box. One word is extra.

ambitious barrier comply dire envision
policy retreat surge take for granted withstand

Imagine Boston's Faneuil Hall, the U.S. Naval Academy and Jamestown – site of the first English colony in North America – lost forever due to the effects of rising seas. It's a future many Americans cannot _____, but according to a report from the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), their future looks bleak.

Amid all the concern and _____ warnings regarding climate change, little attention has been paid to how it could affect cultural resources, and what the country's _____ should be to protect them. "It's an ignored issue in the world of climate change assessment," says Adam Markham, director of climate impacts for the UCS.

In North Carolina, north of Cape Hatteras, sea levels have risen by four times the national average. Residents and vacationers in the resort area may _____ that the low-lying area will always be as they remember it. But the delicate seashore would not be able to _____ the rising sea levels and increase in storm activity. Residents will undoubtedly have to _____ from the coast and move inland.

Even site from recent history will require drastic changes to last into the next generation. NASA is dealing with rising seas at many of its locations. According to the report, "More than two-thirds of Nasa facilities (are) within 16 feet of sea level," including the Kennedy Space Centre launch pads. NASA has embarked on a(n) _____ program to rebuild and strengthen nearby dunes that acted as natural _____ several times, but storm _____ still broke through.

Match the words from the previous task to the definitions. Three words are extra.

_____ : to do what you are asked to

_____ : to move back to get away from danger

_____ : a sudden, large increase

_____ : a set of rules about how something should be done

_____ : to not be harmed or affected by something

_____ : not easily done or achieved

_____ : to picture something in your mind