

An illustration showing a coastal town with several houses partially submerged in blue water. In the foreground, a group of people is walking along a sandy beach towards a higher, green hillside. On the hillside, there are several houses and a person standing with their hand to their forehead, looking towards the flooded area. The sky is blue with white clouds.

Climate change is decreasing the amount of habitable and safe land. **Relocation** may be the only viable solution for reducing long term climate vulnerability.

...**But** little work explores *how* local planning tools address relocation.

To find out more, we conducted a *systematic literature review* of 192 peer reviewed research articles.

What We Found

Successful relocation requires:

Proactive planning

Comprehensive strategic planning & policy guidance

Granular planning tools & regulations for implementation.

However there is:

Limited policy guidance

Lack of literature assessing the full relocation planning process

Little information on how/which planning tools & policies help or hinder relocation.

Don't worry! We planned for this.

These insights can inform research and policy ensuring that future relocation efforts are planned and implemented in a **sustainable, effective, and equitable** manner.