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Monet: [00:00:00](quiet water sound) To live in Norfolk is to know that the flood is coming. (louder wave crashes)

Adrian: Wading Between Two Titans is a new podcast about place, race, and power in the time of rising tides.

Skip Stiles: Virginia has the highest rate of sea level rise on the east coast. We're running out of time and everybody's competing for the money and there's not gonna be enough money.

Adrian: This limited series investigates sea level rise, climate gentrification, and historic processes of racism.

Monet: We drownin'.

Shannon Johnson: We drownin'.

Skip Stiles: We're slowly drowning, day by day, with sea level rise.

Shannon Johnson: People are living in filth, and walls peelin', rust in the bathtub, water that ain't running right.

Adrian: As sea level rises and shorelines shrink, who gets to stay? Who has to leave?

Monet: All of Norfolk floods. Where are you gonna go that's not flooding right now?

Why are we not taking the wealthiest folk and moving them [00:01:00] somewhere else? Why are we not taking middle class white folk and moving them somewhere else?

Alexander Fella: Who has a right to the city?

Adrian: How did we get here and what can be done?

Cassandra Newby-Alexander: There was an all-out assault on African Americans in the 20th century.

Skip Stiles: No municipality wants to say the quiet part out loud.

Johnny Finn: The legacy of housing discrimination is something that is not being talked about, but has to be talked about in the context of climate change.

Adrian: Featuring interviews with prominent local scholars, including Dr. Cassandra Newby- Alexander, Dr. Johnny Finn, Alexander Fella, Dr. Antipas Harris, as well as local advocates, activists, residents, and more.

Cassandra Newby-Alexander: This is where the perseverance comes in. You can do all kinds of stuff, but I'm still going to rise.

Adrian: New episodes in September 2022. Produced by me, Adrian Wood, for The Repair Lab. @ The Repair Lab on Twitter.

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