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This project explores urban flood management in the case of Cape Town. The literature which underpinned this project argued that flooding is one of many disasters which are expected to increase in frequency and severity as the climate changes with certain people being more vulnerable to flooding than others. The literature relating to governance, argues that collaborative governance systems need to be put in place in order to manage this risk effectively. One important actor in this collaborative system is local government. This project explores the current role the state is playing at the local level with regard to flood management in the City of Cape Town. Through interviewing numerous local government officials involved in managing flood risk and flood events this research explores the current responses in place in the City of Cape Town, the challenges to these responses as well as potential ideal responses as suggested by the interviewees. It uncovers the intricacies, complexities and challenges in managing flooding in a collaborative manner in an urbanising city in the global south.