

24 SEPTEMBER 2024 GREEN FUTURES NETWORK

JAIME RAMIRO DIAZ URBAN DESIGN DIRECTOR

# **Living With Water**® Adaptation Community of Practice

**Jaime Ramiro Diaz** 



# **Architecture / Environment**







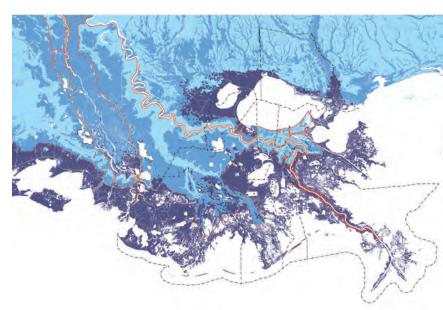












We focus on education, historic preservation, and Living With Water™ projects at all scales.

# OurApproach













We collaborate with partners and communities all over the world. Wherever we are, we work local.

# **Focus Areas**



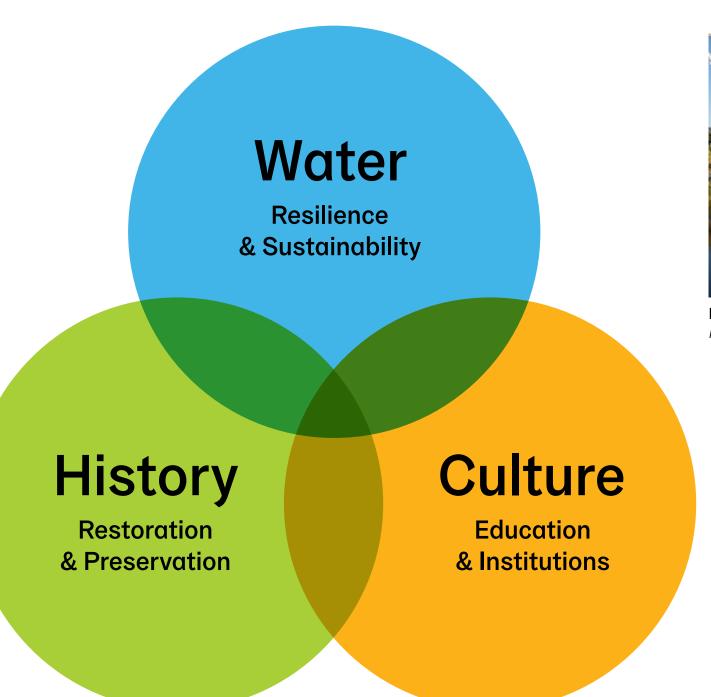




**Gretna City Park** Gretna, LA/ Waggonner & Ball



**U.S. Custom House** New Orleans, LA / Waggonner & Ball





Louisiana Children's Museum New Orleans, LA / Mithun with Waggonner & Ball



**Historic New Orleans Collection** New Orleans, LA / Waggonner & Ball

#### **Hurricane Katrina**

New Orleans





source: Ralph Madison

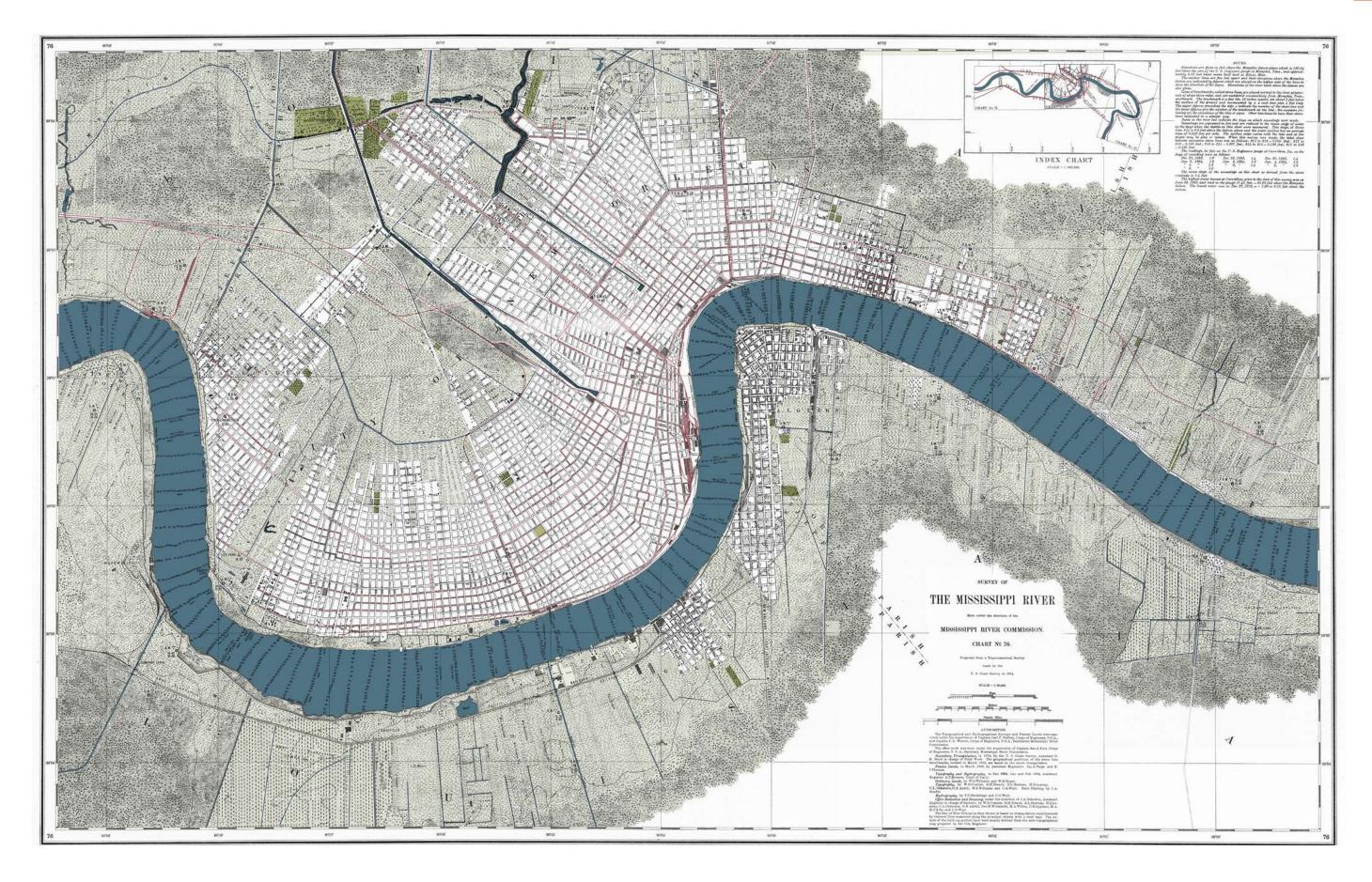
# Flooded City, 2005 New Orleans





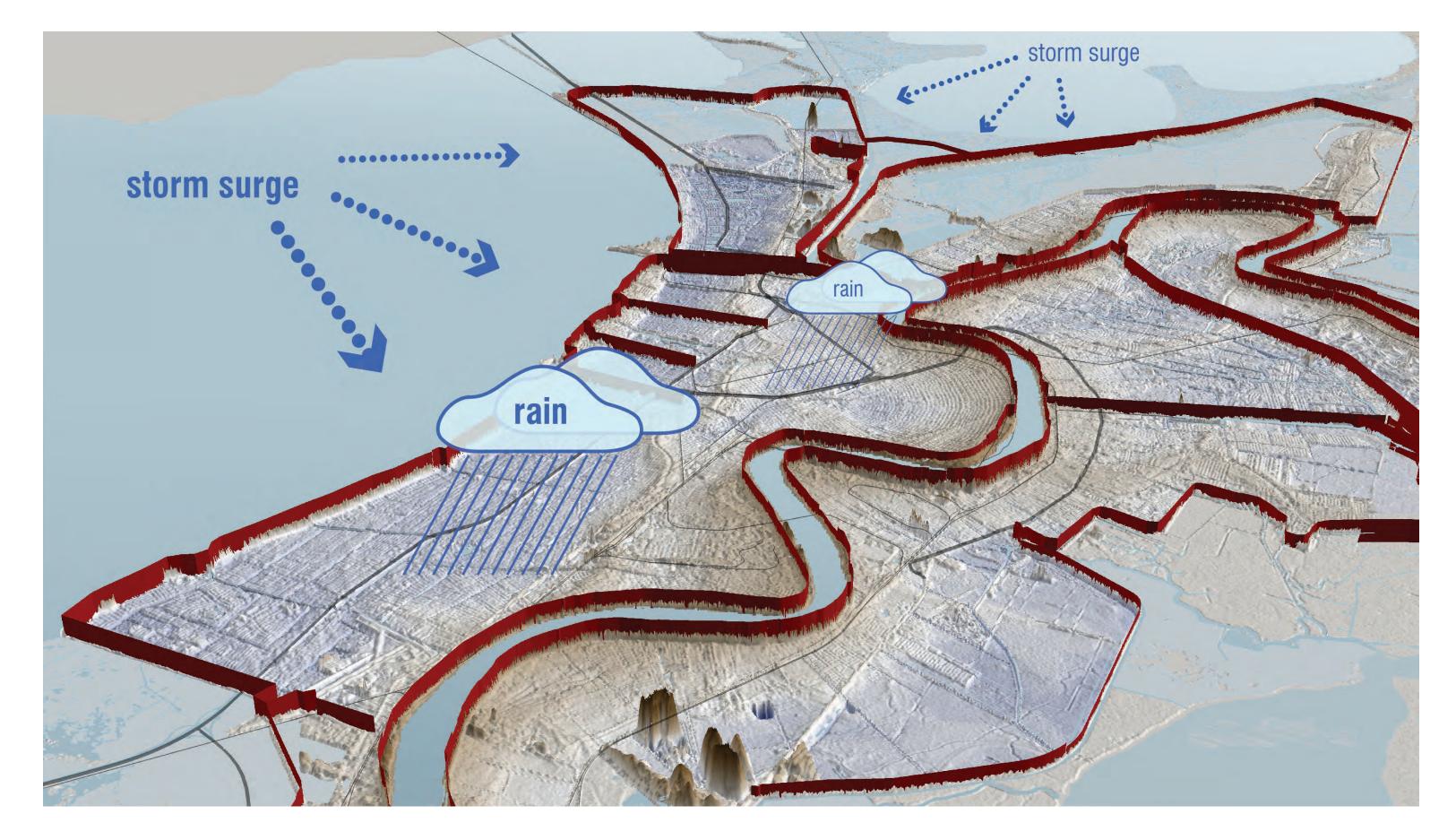
# Historic City, 1888





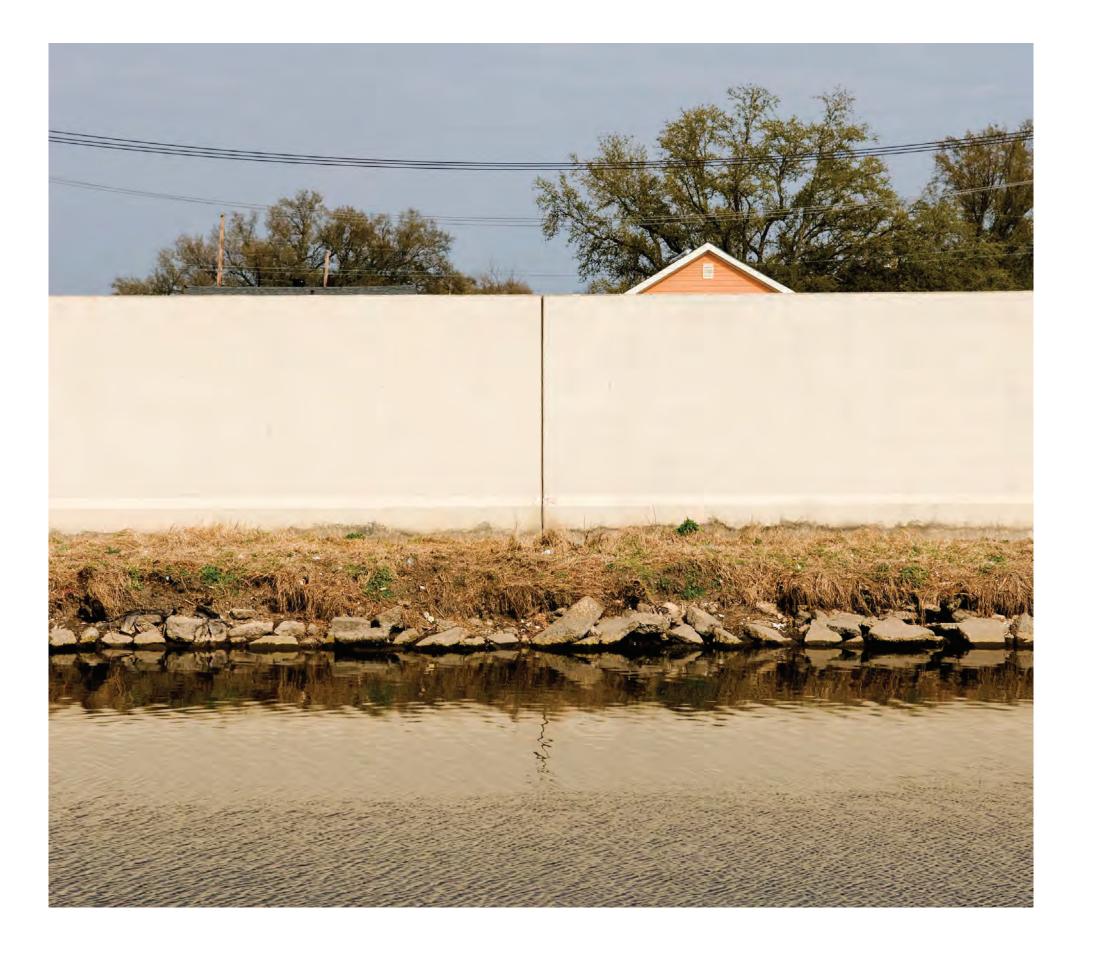
### **Lines of Defense**





### **Concealed Assets**





# **Lines of Defense**





# **Lines of Defense**







# **Street Flooding**





# **Repetitive Flood Loss**

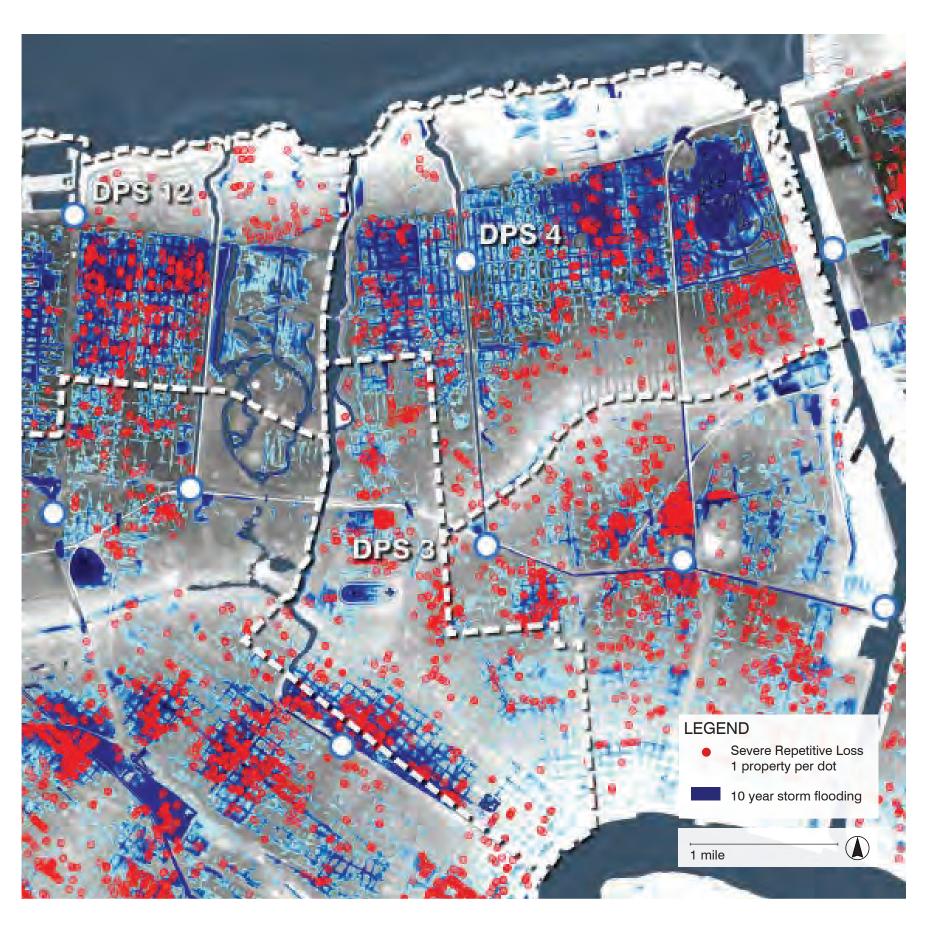
Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan











# **Integrated Flood Protection**

Westzeedijk, Rotterdam

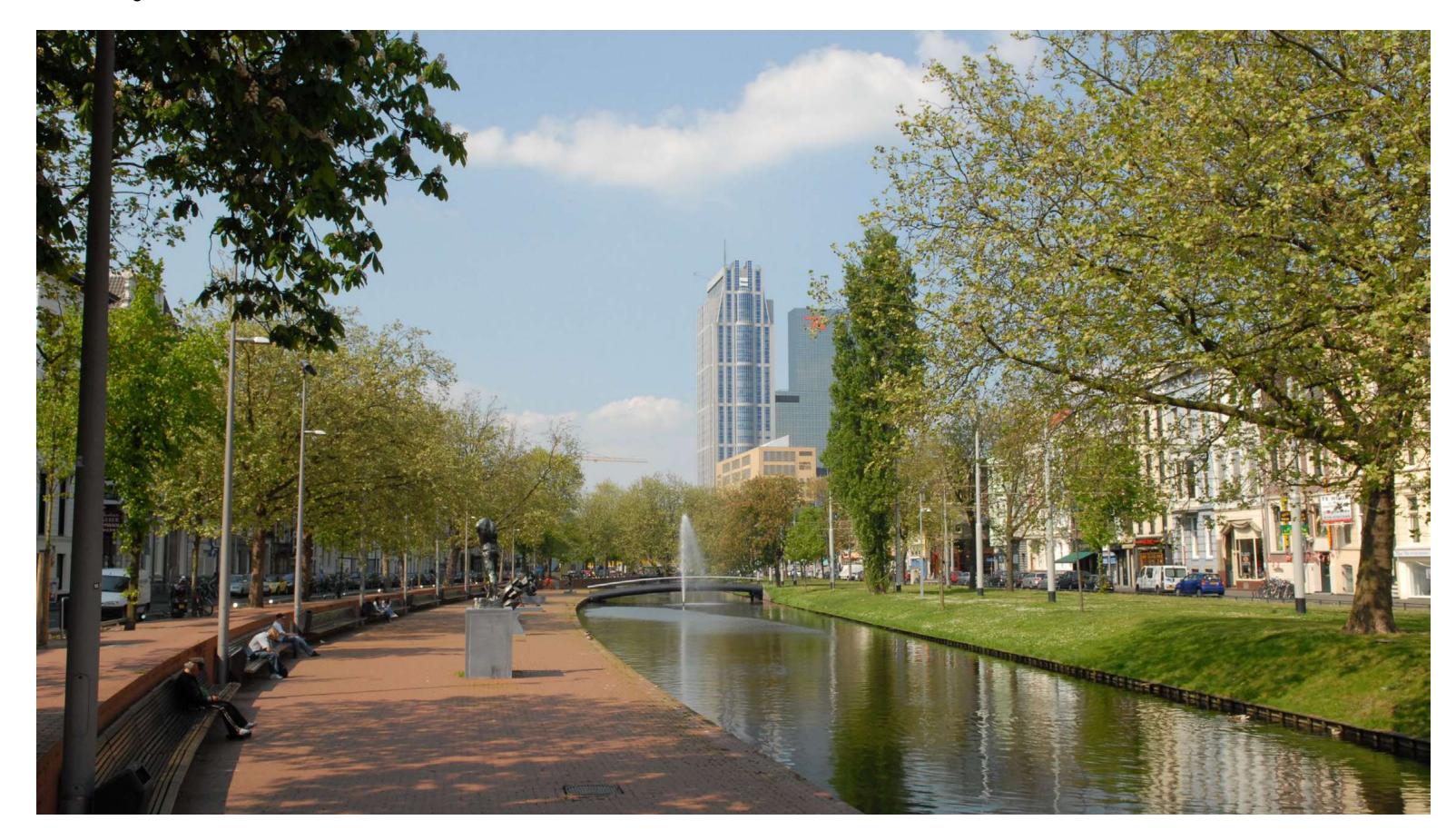




# **Integrated Flood Protection**

Westersingel, Rotterdam

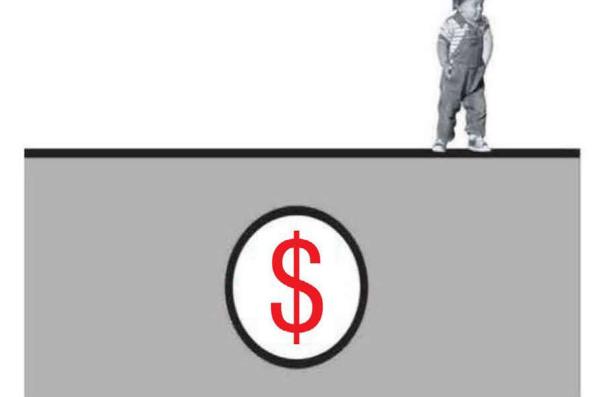




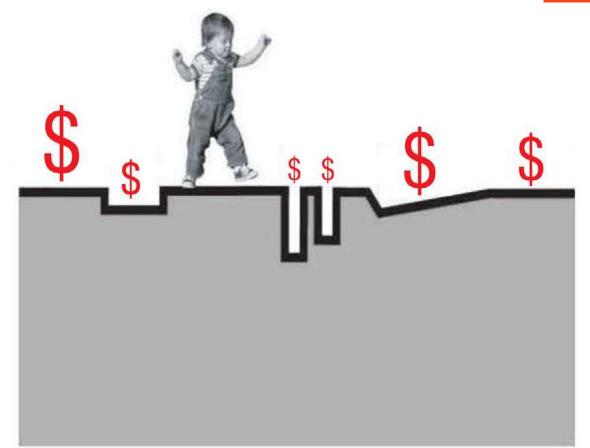
# Infrastructure Investment + Amenity

Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan











#### **Problems Identified**

Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan

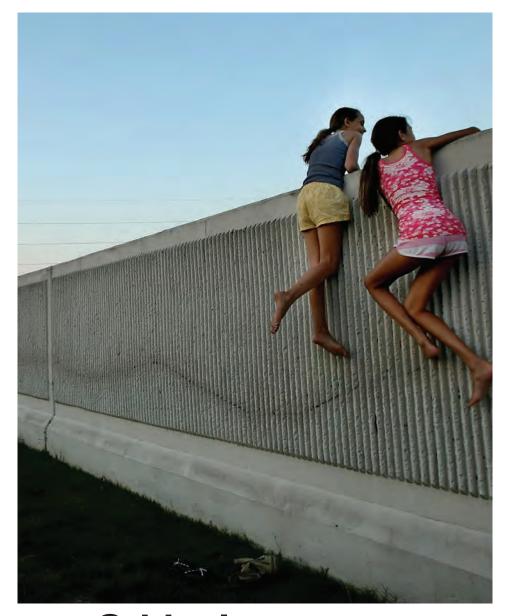




1 Drainage systems are regularly overwhelmed by too much runoff, causing flooding.



2 Excessive pumping causes the land to sink by lowering groundwater levels.

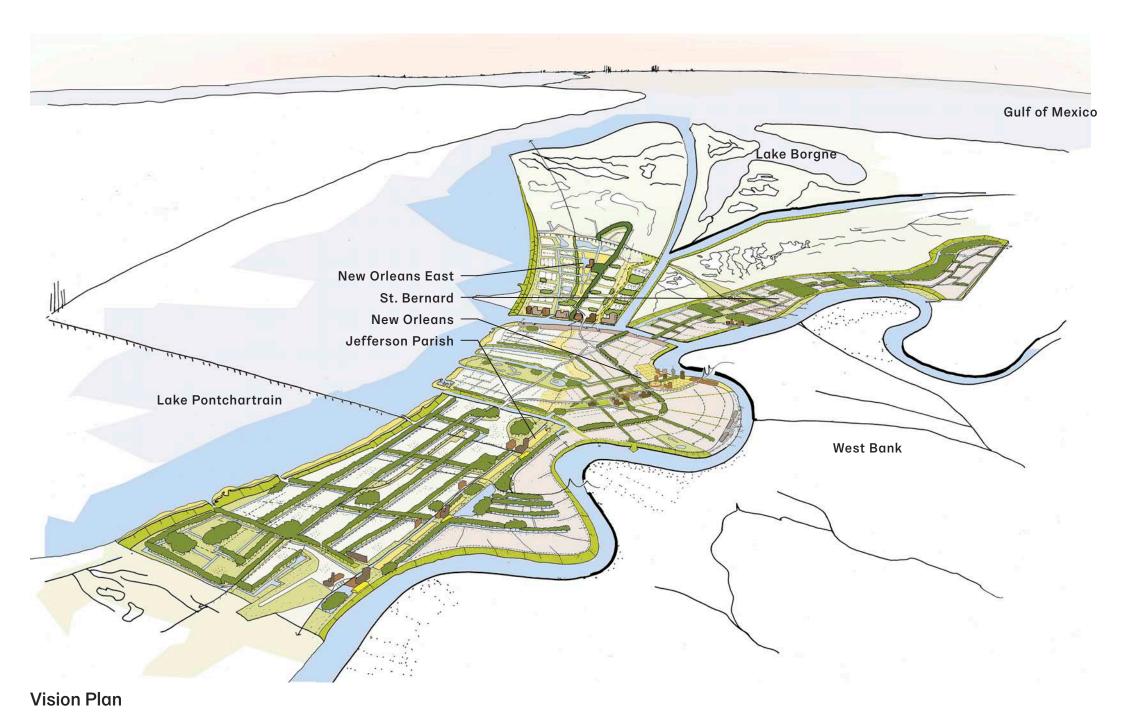


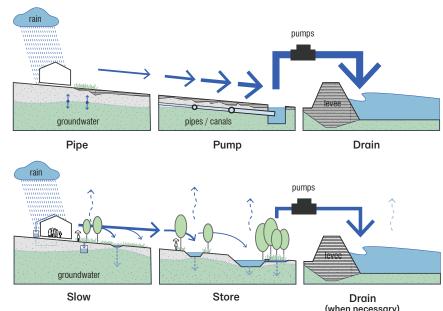
3 Critical water assets are wasted, hidden behind walls, buried underground, or pumped out of sight.

#### Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan

Develop first Water Plan in the United States towards a paradigm shift in local stormwater management







Paradigm Shift



**Outfall Canal** 

#### Mirabeau Water Garden

**Gentilly Resilience District** 





# Wet-Typical Rain Storm (1-3 inches)

Mirabeau Water Garden





# Wet - Heavy Rain Storm (2-year event)

Mirabeau Water Garden

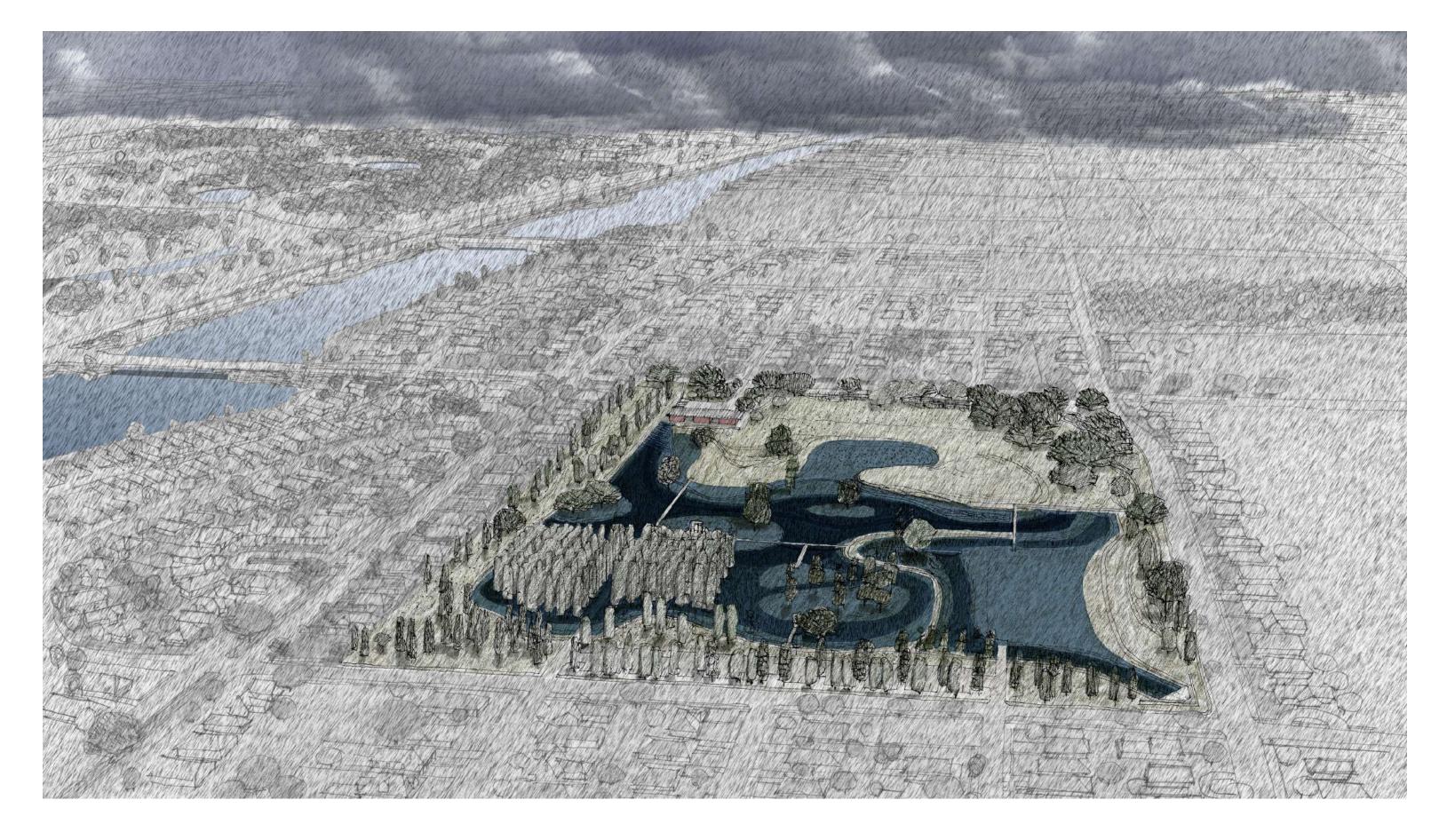




# Wet - Heavy Rain Storm (10-year event)

Mirabeau Water Garden

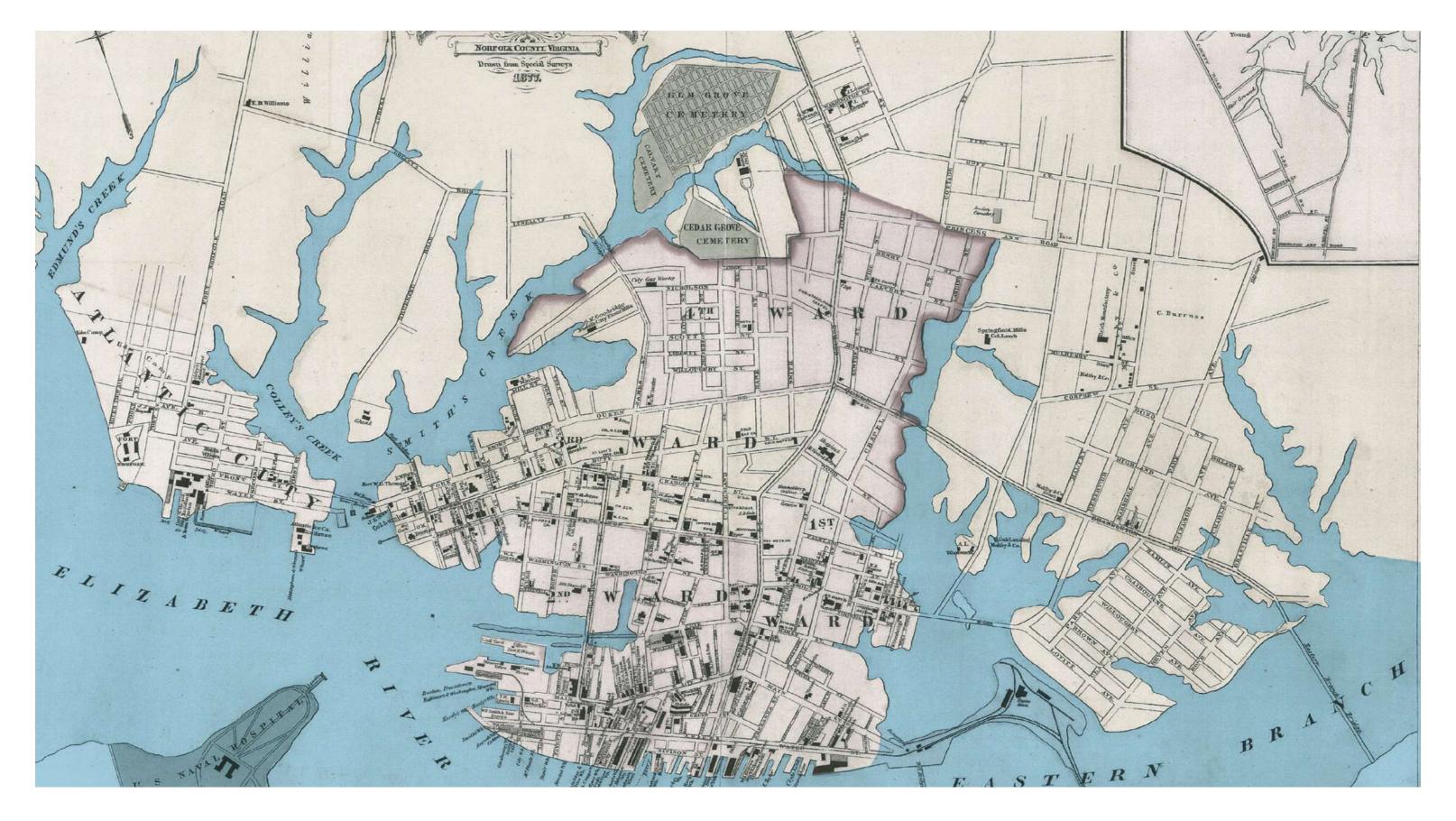






#### Norfolk 1877





# Flood Risk

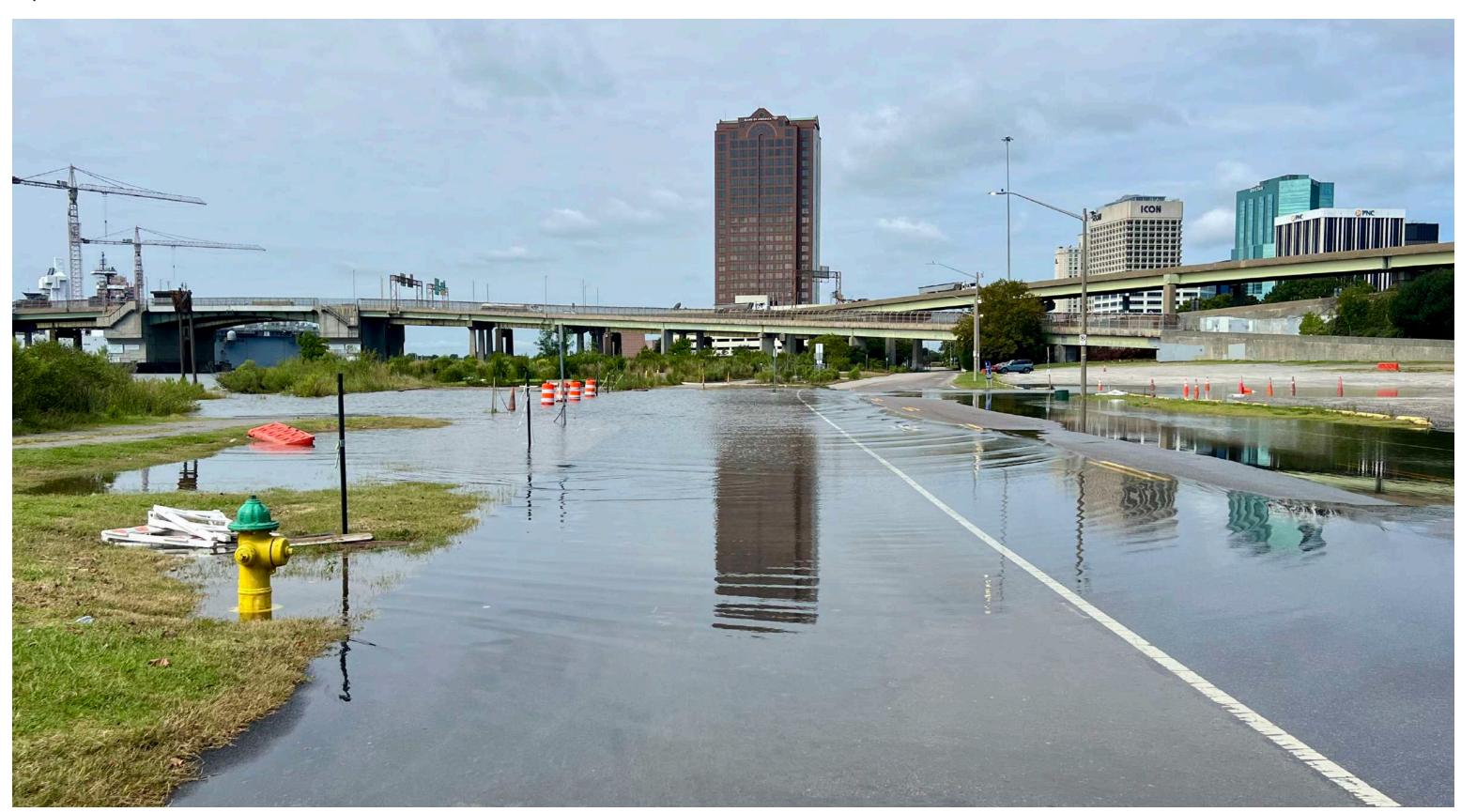




# High Tide Flooding on East Water Street



September 20th 2024

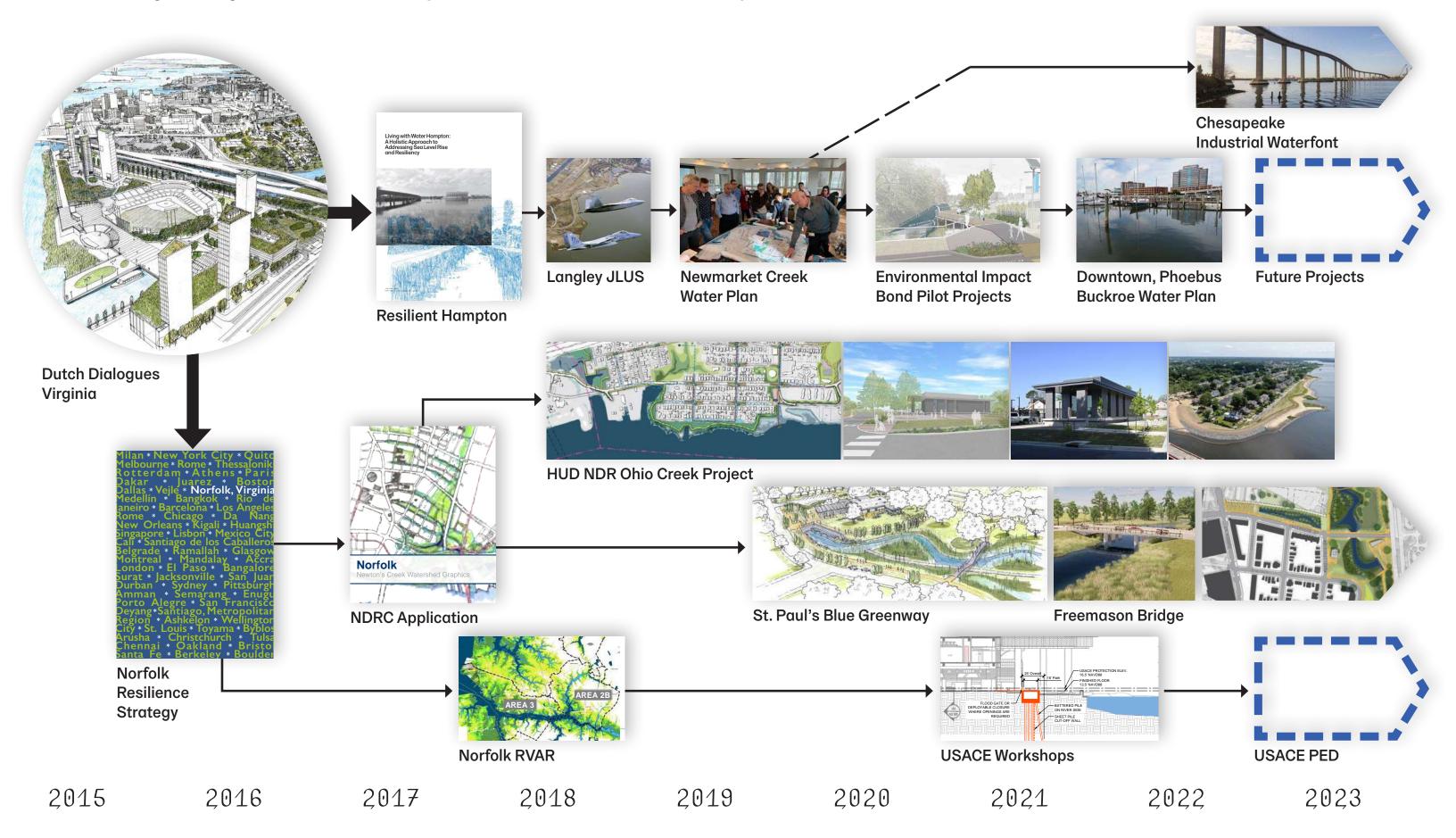


09/23/2024 6

### Catalyst for Hampton Roads Resilience

Dutch Dialogues Virginia → Resilient Hampton, Norfolk Resilience, to Chesapeake





#### Norfolk Ohio Creek Watershed Resilience

Enhancing resiliency and quality of life for a coastal urban community through nature-based design





#### Norfolk Ohio Creek Watershed Resilience

Enhancing resiliency and quality of life for a coastal urban community through nature-based design





Public fishing pier improves waterfront access in coordination with strengthened edge protection from sea level rise and storm surge



Design vision developed through charrettes



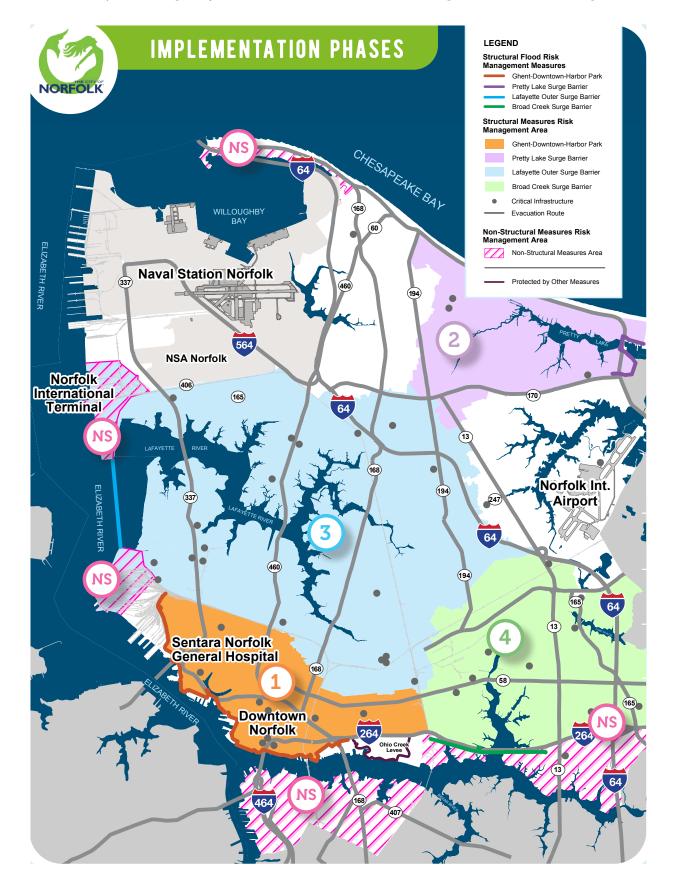
Aerial photo of living shoreline and berm underconstruction



Pump station is a reslience hub that serves as a gateway to the new public fishing pier

# **Project Phases**

The City wide project is divided into 5 implementation phases





A system of floodwalls with a levee, surge barriers, and natural and nature-based features, extending from Ghent through downtown connecting to the Ohio Creek Watershed project.

2 Pretty Lake

A system of floodwalls and storm surge barriers to reduce storm surge from entering Pretty Lake at Shore Drive.

3 Lafayette

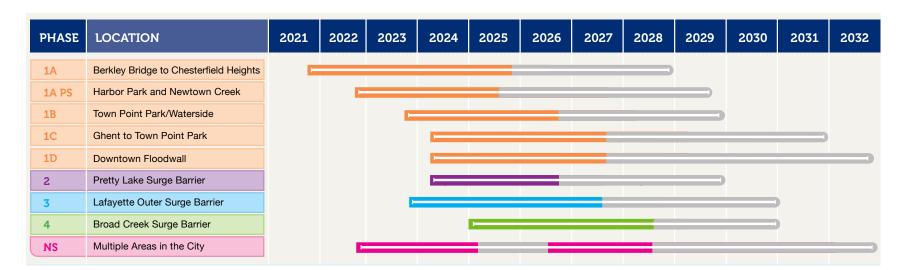
A storm surge barrier from Norfolk International Terminal (NIT) to the Lambert's Point area to reduce storm surge risk to the Lafayette River watershed.

4 Broad Creek

A system of floodwalls, storm surge barriers, and tide gates to reduce storm surge from entering Broad Creek at I-264.

5 Nonstructural

A series of property-specific flood mitigation projects: home elevations, basement fills, floodproofing, etc.





# **Structural Projects**

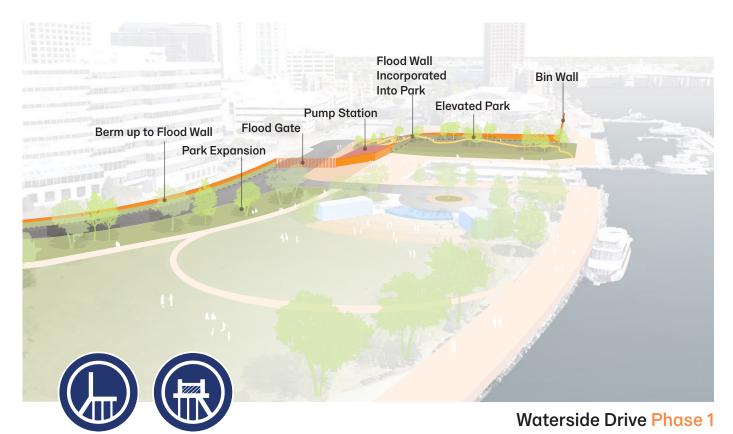
Lessening the impact of a hazard by modifying the hazard itself through construction

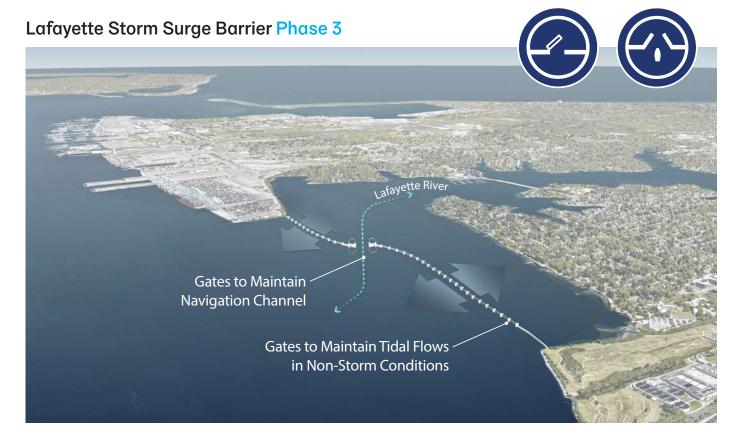












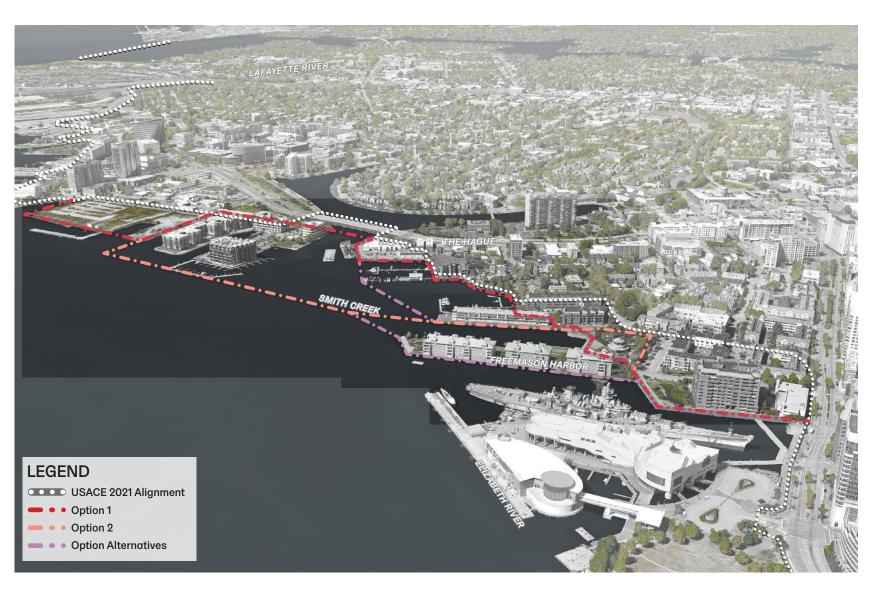


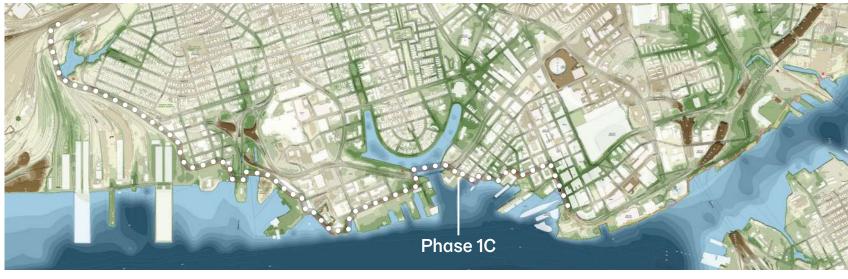
#### February 2024 Strategy Workshop









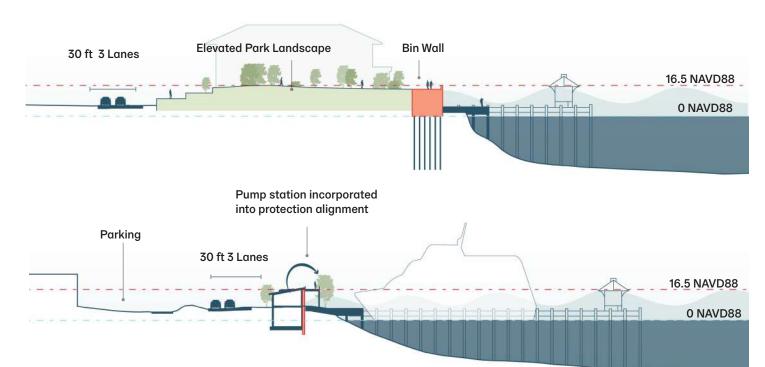














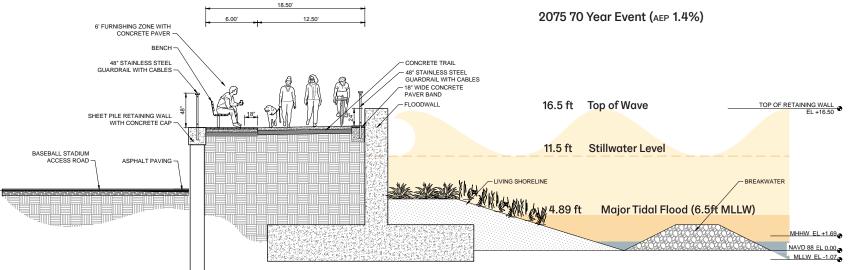


#### Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Program

Assisting the City of Norfolk implement US Army Corps of Engineers flood risk reduction projects







Typical profile with trail, floodwall, and living shoreline



Ferry landing access at Harbor Park

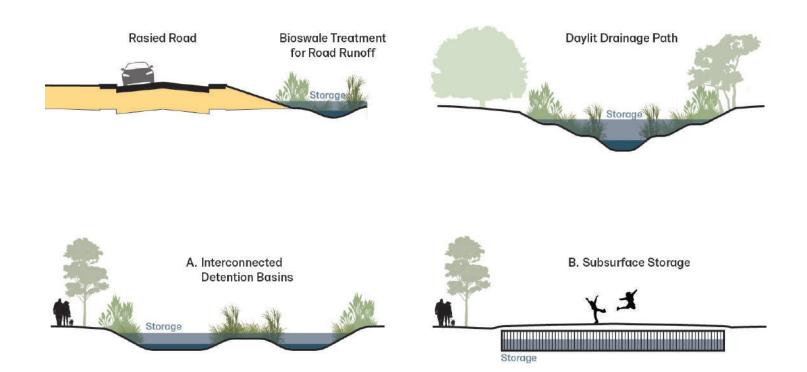


Elizabeth River Trail on top of floodwall alignment at Harbor Park

#### **Natural & Nature-Based Features**

Flood mitigation solutions that mimic natural processes





St. Paul's Blue Greenway





Ohio Creek Watershed Project Living Shoreline



#### Stormwater

#### Managing water within the CSRM alignment

W &B

Ohio Creek Watershed Project Permeable Parking Surfaces and Pump Station





St. Paul's Blue Greenway





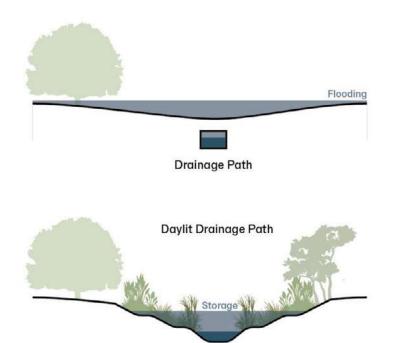
#### **Newton's Creek Daylighting**

#### Blue/Greenway

The Blue/Greenway is designed to mitigate flooding by replicating former natural conditions. Although now filled and long forgotten, it is possible to hypothesize the historic character of the creek based upon nearby precedents.

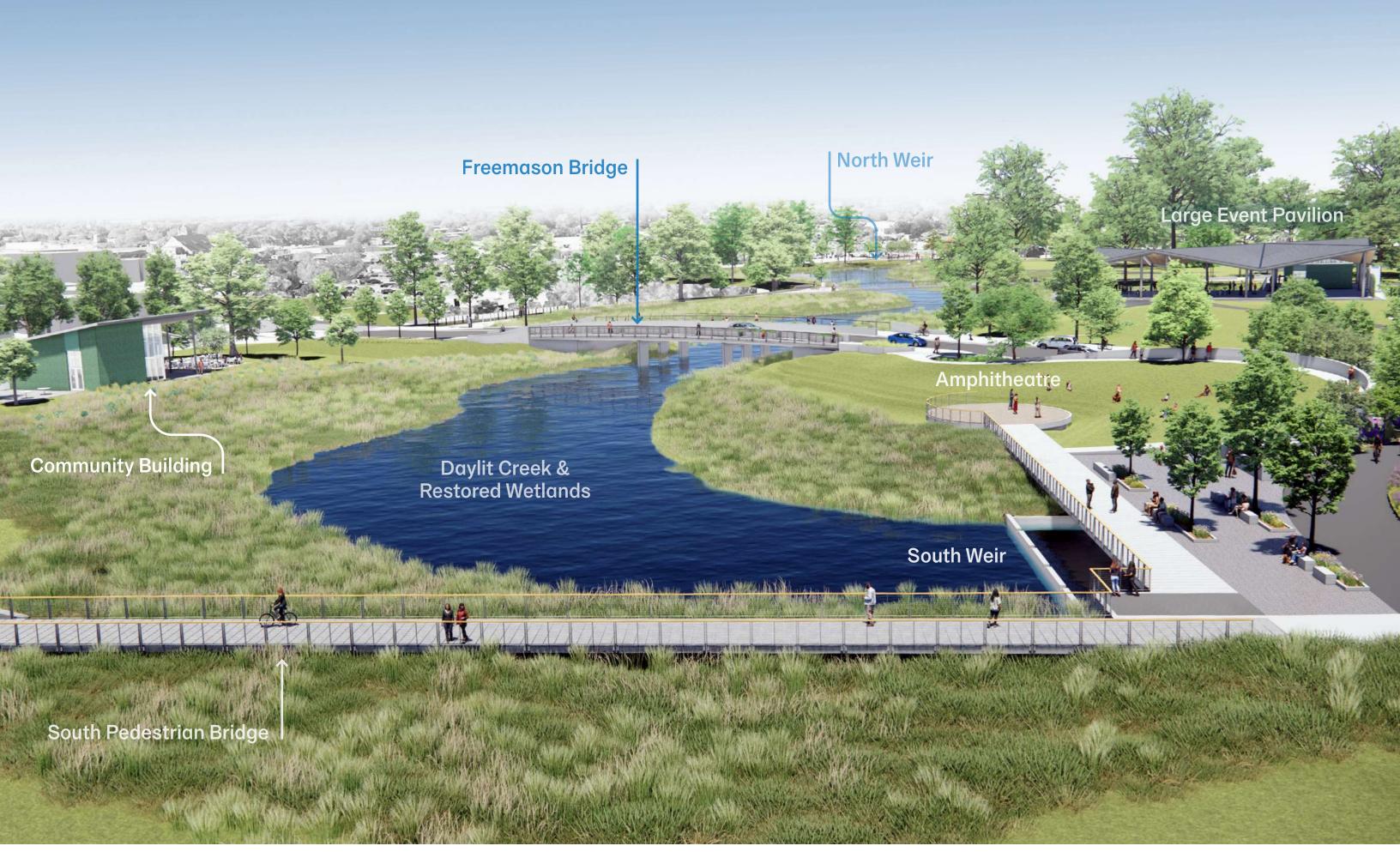


Broad Creek located west of Downtown Norfolk in the River Oaks neighborhood.









View Looking North from South Pedestrian Bridge and Weir

#### **Non-Structural Projects**

Focused on reducing property damage





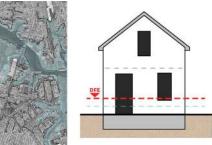
#### PROJECT TIMELINE **Design and Coordination Phase Construction Phase** 2023 2025 Phase 2: 4-5 years 2029 Phase 1: 1 year 2024

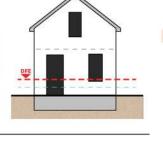
#### The Elevating Homes Pattern Book

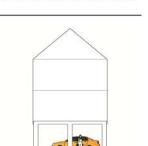


Identify your Needs. Evaluate Style & Structure. · Additional site needs - parking,

and sidewalk levels



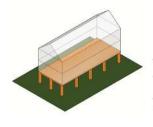


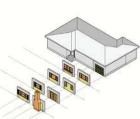




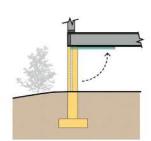


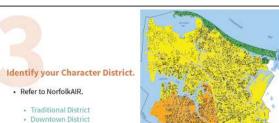
- · Select your new foundation type · Select new access paths and
- Determine if your existing structure requires any infill or detail changes due to elevation.
- Determine if you are retrofitting porches and/or accessory
- · Select site treatment, improvements, and landscape patterns.













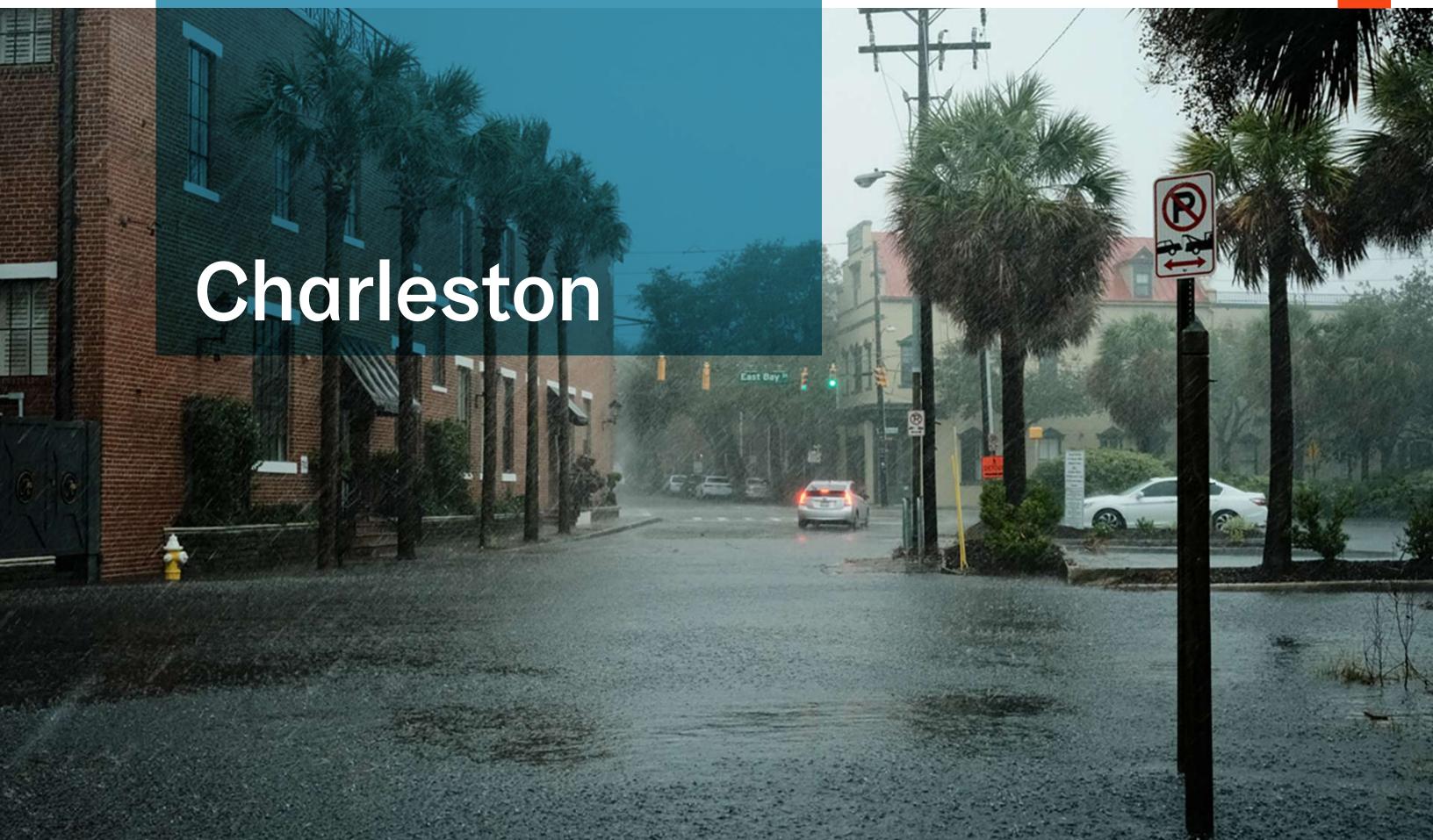








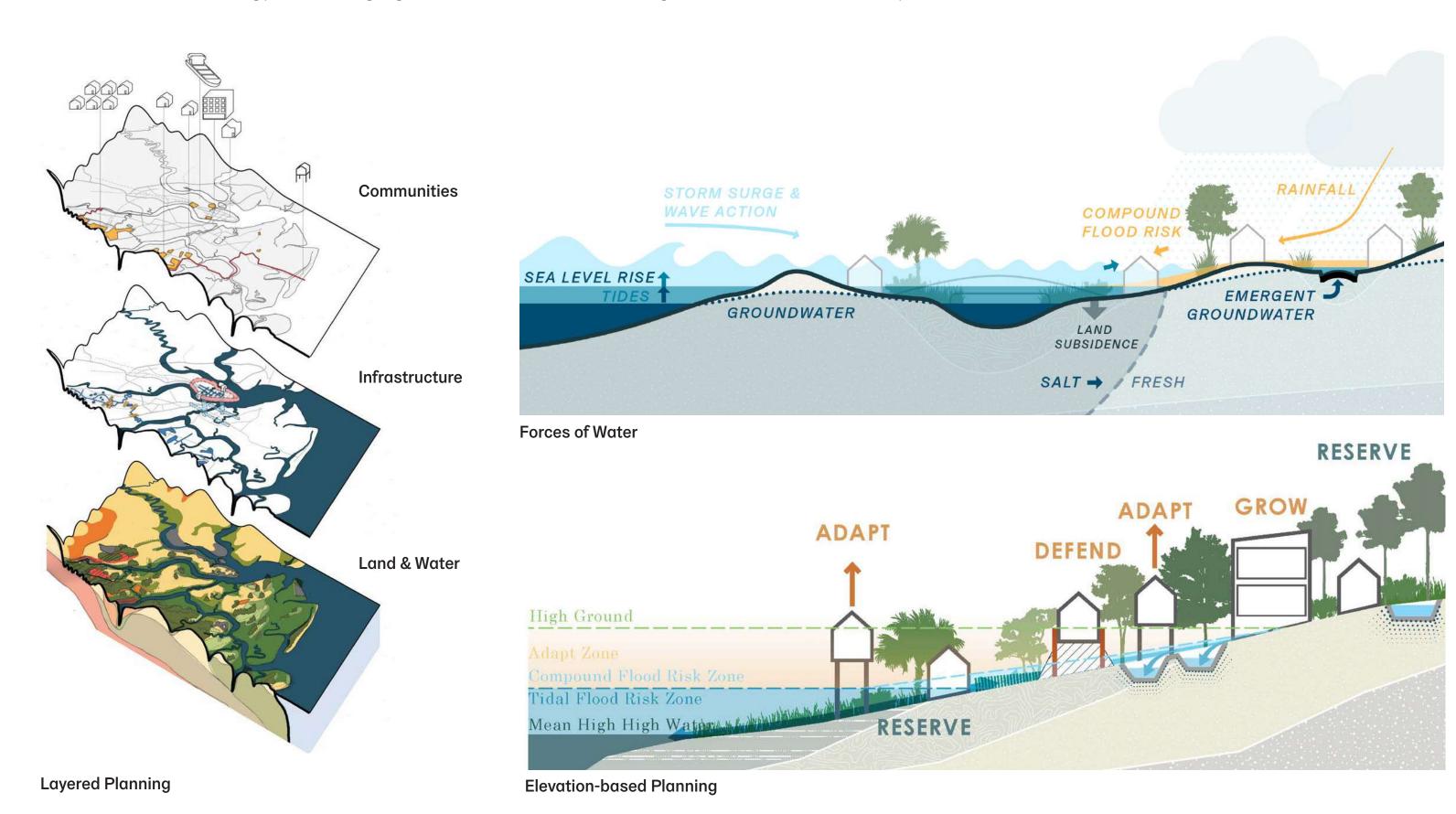




#### **Charleston Water Plan**

A Foundational Strategy for Managing Flood Risks and Embracing Water's Place in the City's Future





#### **Charleston Water Plan**

A Foundational Strategy for Managing Flood Risks and Embracing Water's Place in the City's Future







# **Coastal Condition**

Louisiana

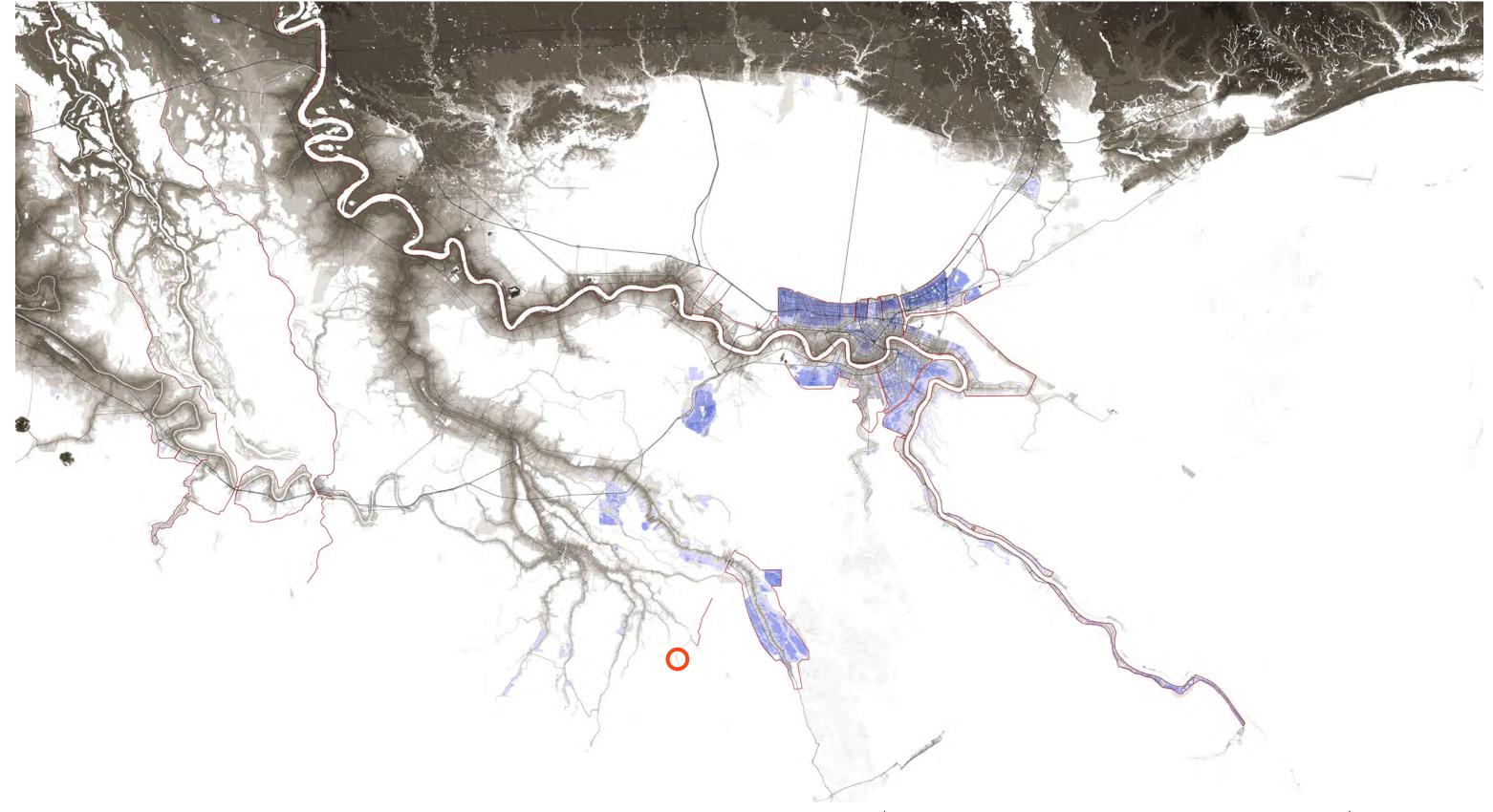




# Louisiana: High + Low Landscape

Water and wetlands removed. Areas below sea level are shown in purple.





DATA SOURCE: USGS / MAP CREDIT: WAGGONNER & BALL ARCHITECTURE/ENVIRONMENT

#### **Lines of Defense**

Mississippi Delta





## **Lines of Defense**

Mississippi Delta

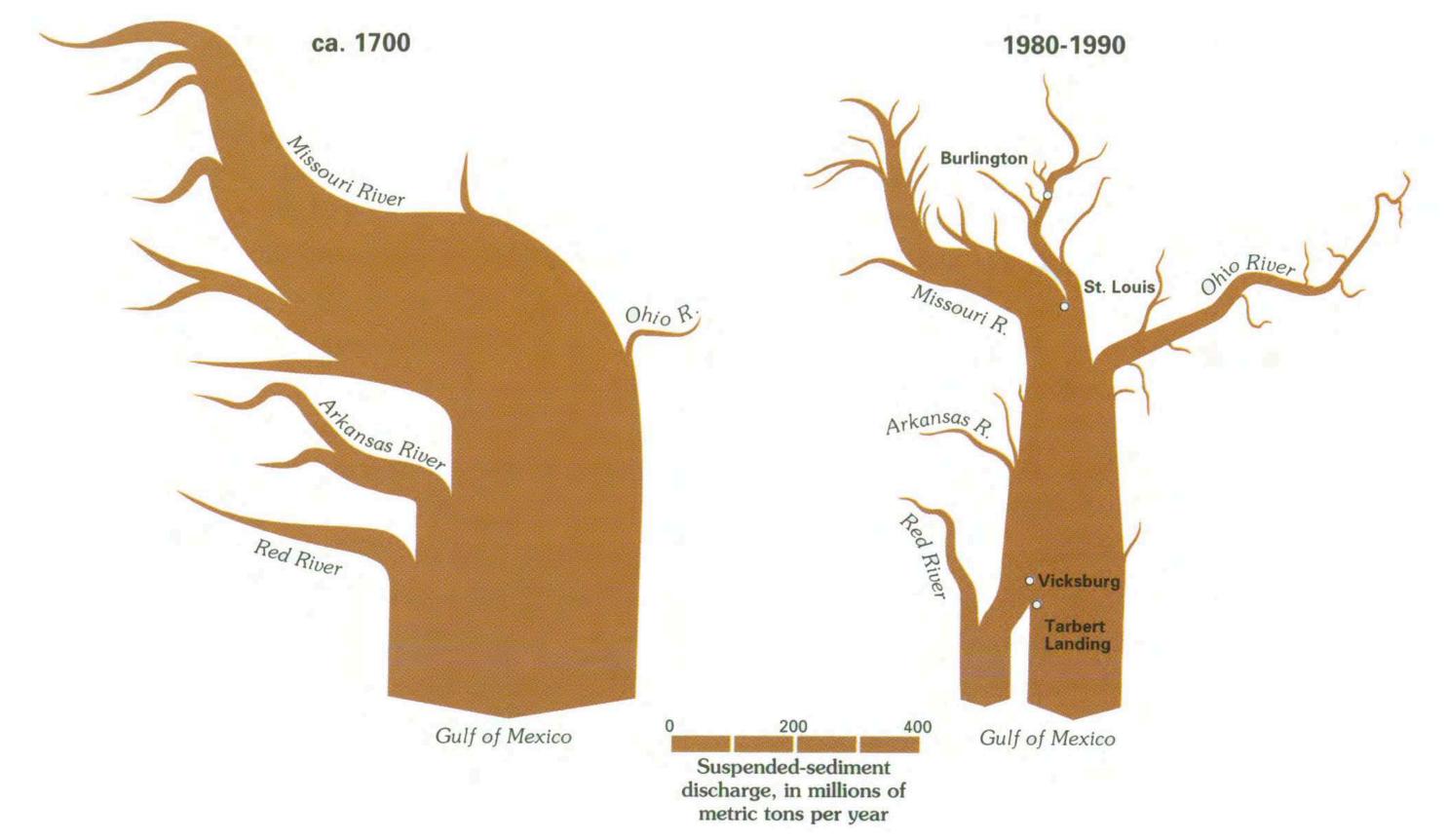




#### **Sediment Discharge**

Missouri River and Mississippi River





## **Wetland Loss**

Louisiana

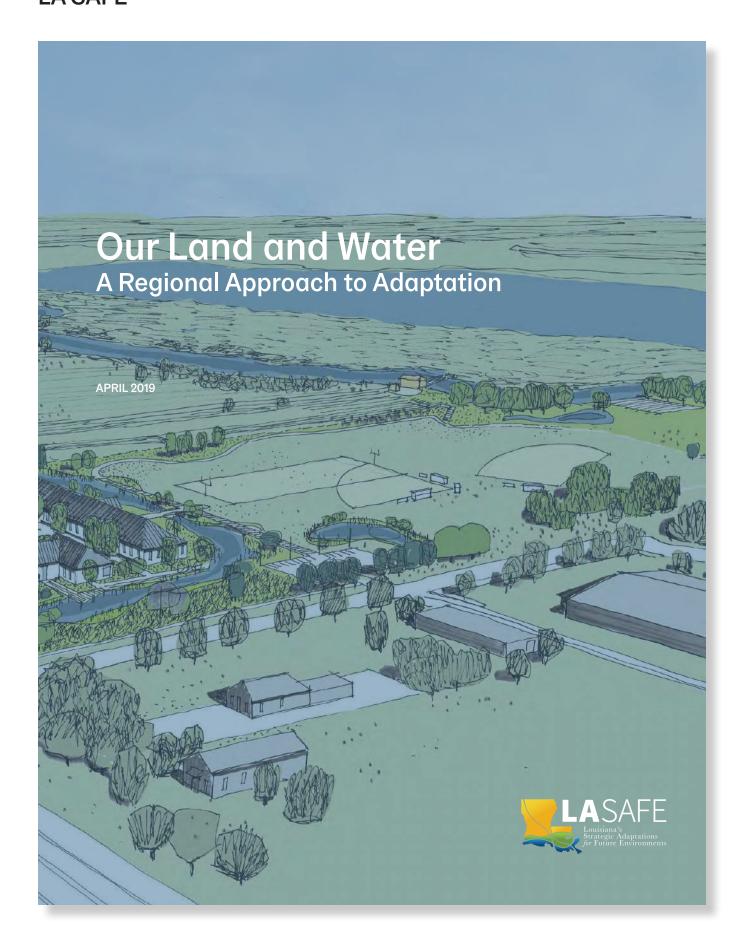




source: Monique Verdin

# Regional & Parish Adaptation Strategies LA SAFE







LASAFE.la.gov

# Adaptation Goals & Strategies LA SAFE





Goal 1: Manage Flooding and Subsidence



Goal 2: Direct Growth to Low Risk Areas



Goal 3: Improve Mobility throughout the Parish and Region



Goal 4: Strengthen and Diversify Local Economies



Goal 5: Protect and Promote Historic and Cultural Assets

#### Coastal Condition, 1820

LA SAFE





Water

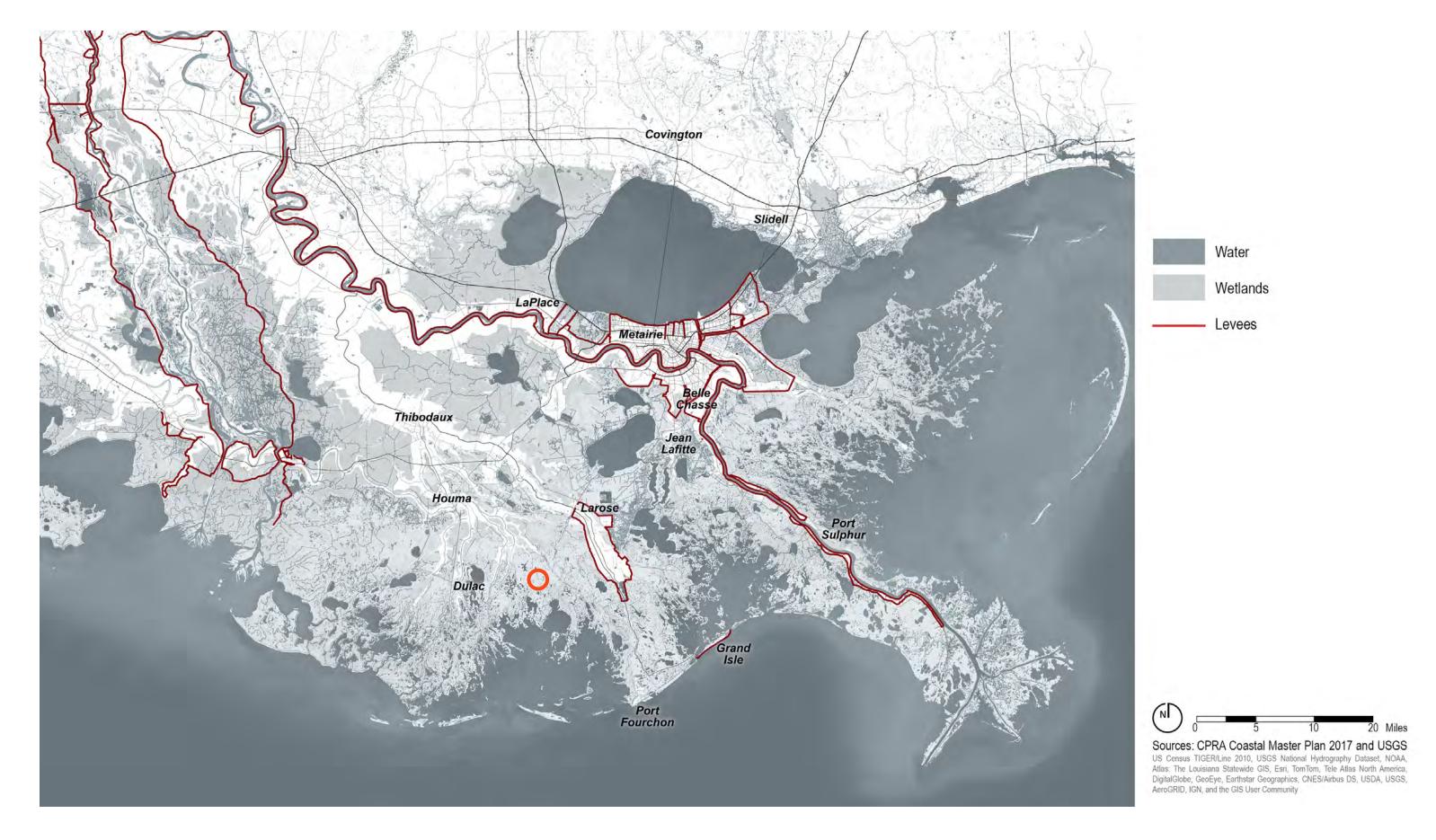


#### Sources: David Rumsey Map Collection US Census TIGER/Line 2010, USGS National Hydrography Dataset, NOAA,

Atlas: The Louisiana Statewide GIS, Esri, TomTom, Tele Atlas North America, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

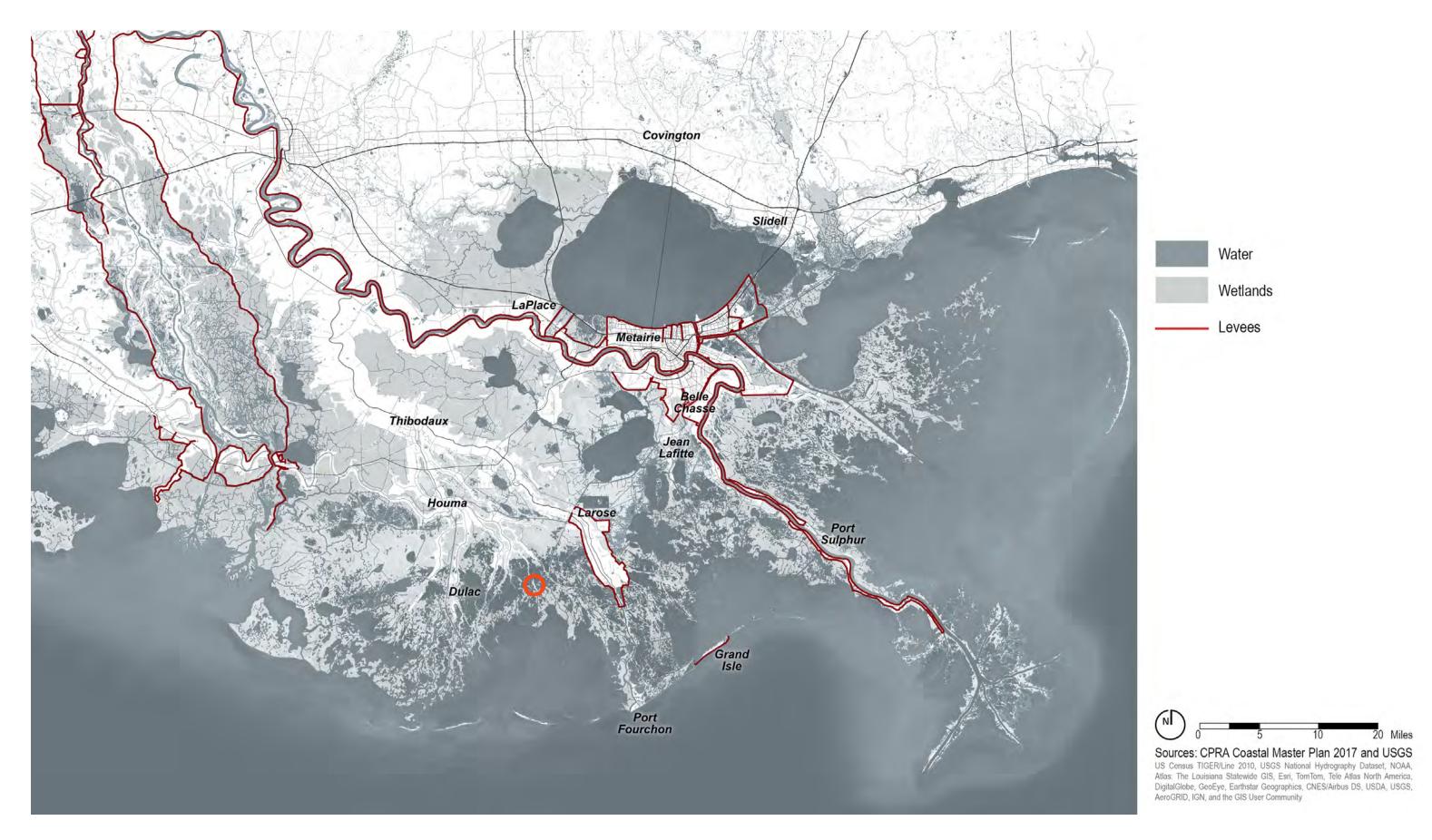
#### Coastal Condition, 1960





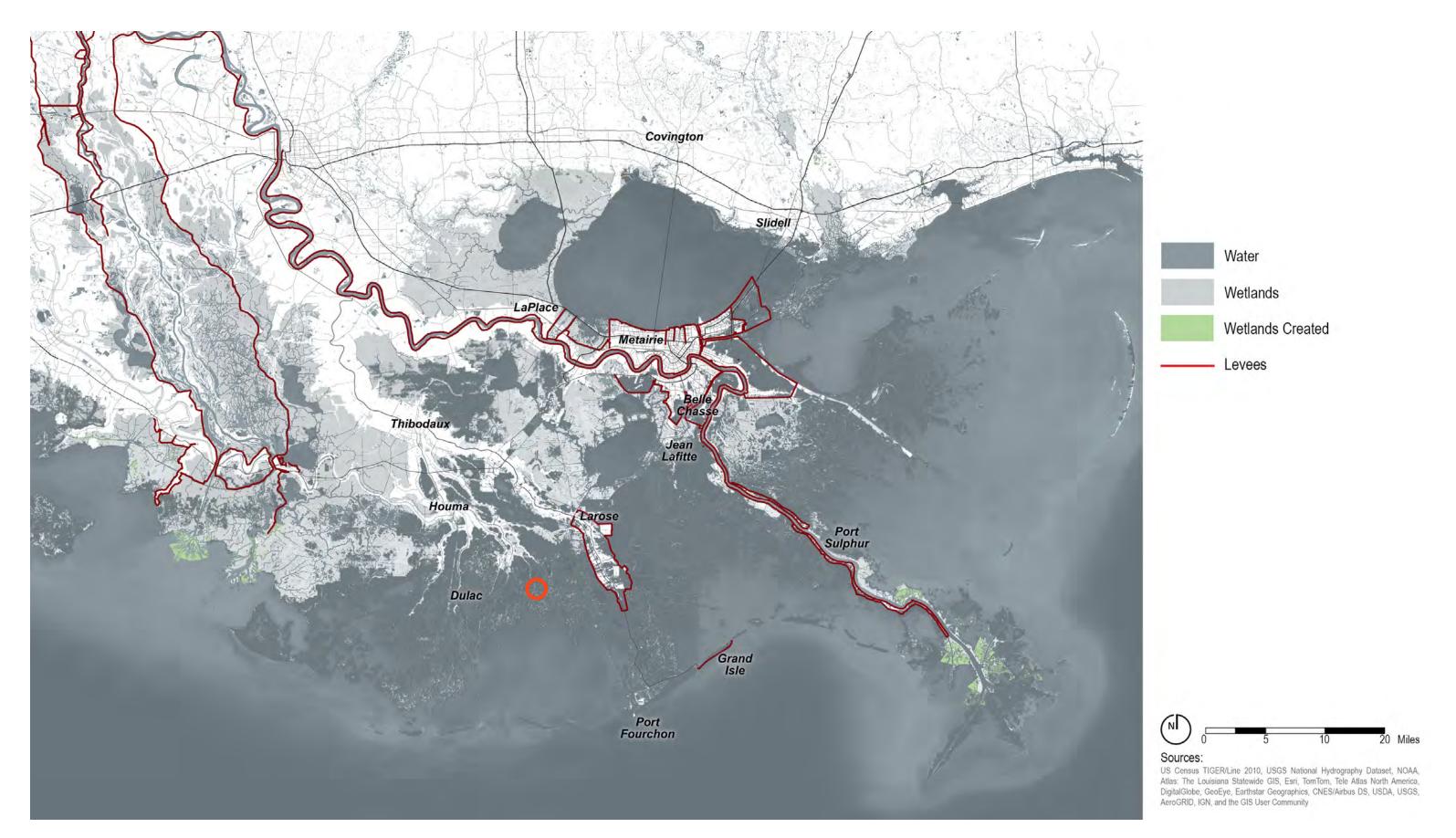
#### Coastal Condition, 2017





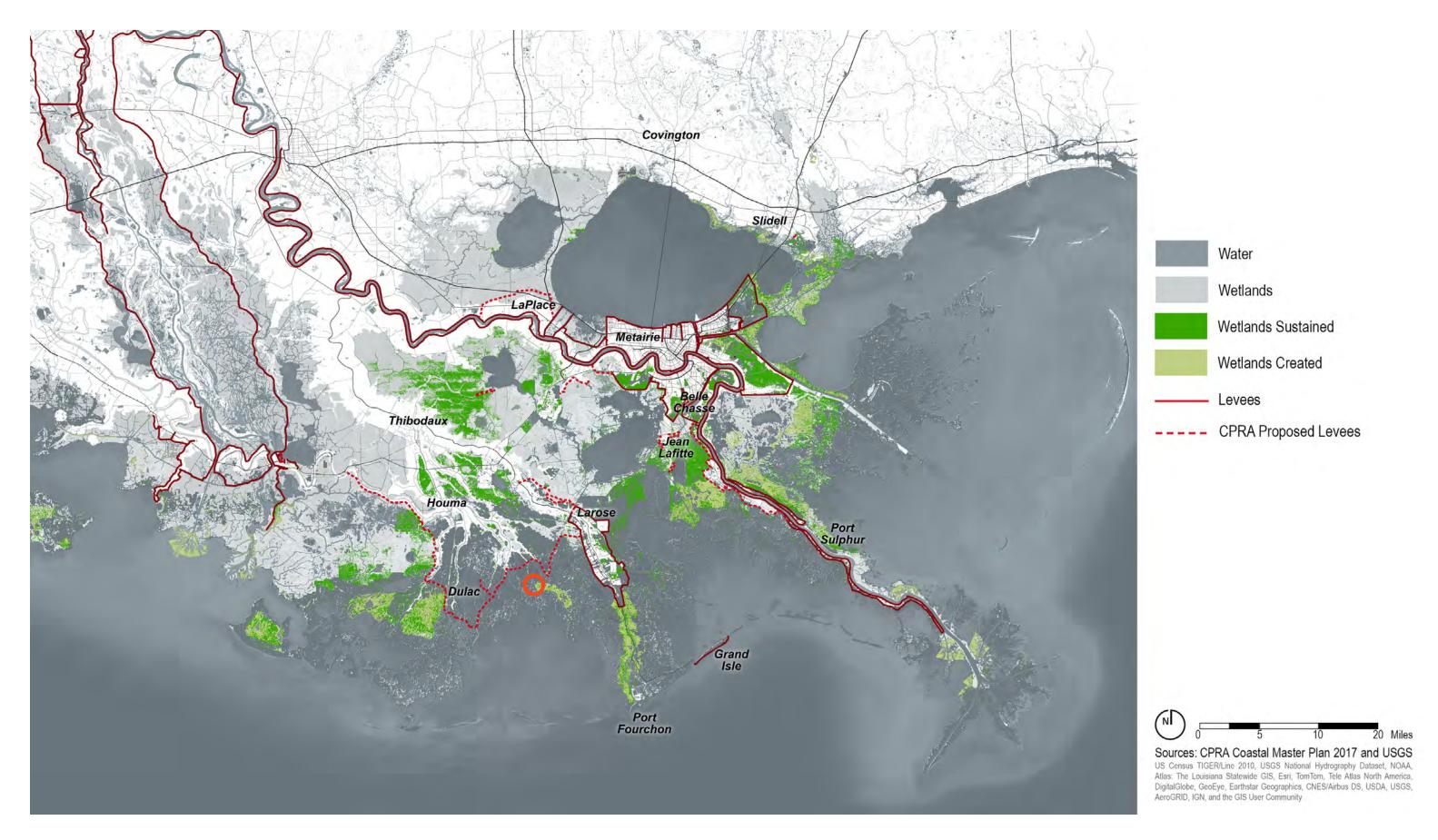
#### Coastal Condition, 2067 (No Action)





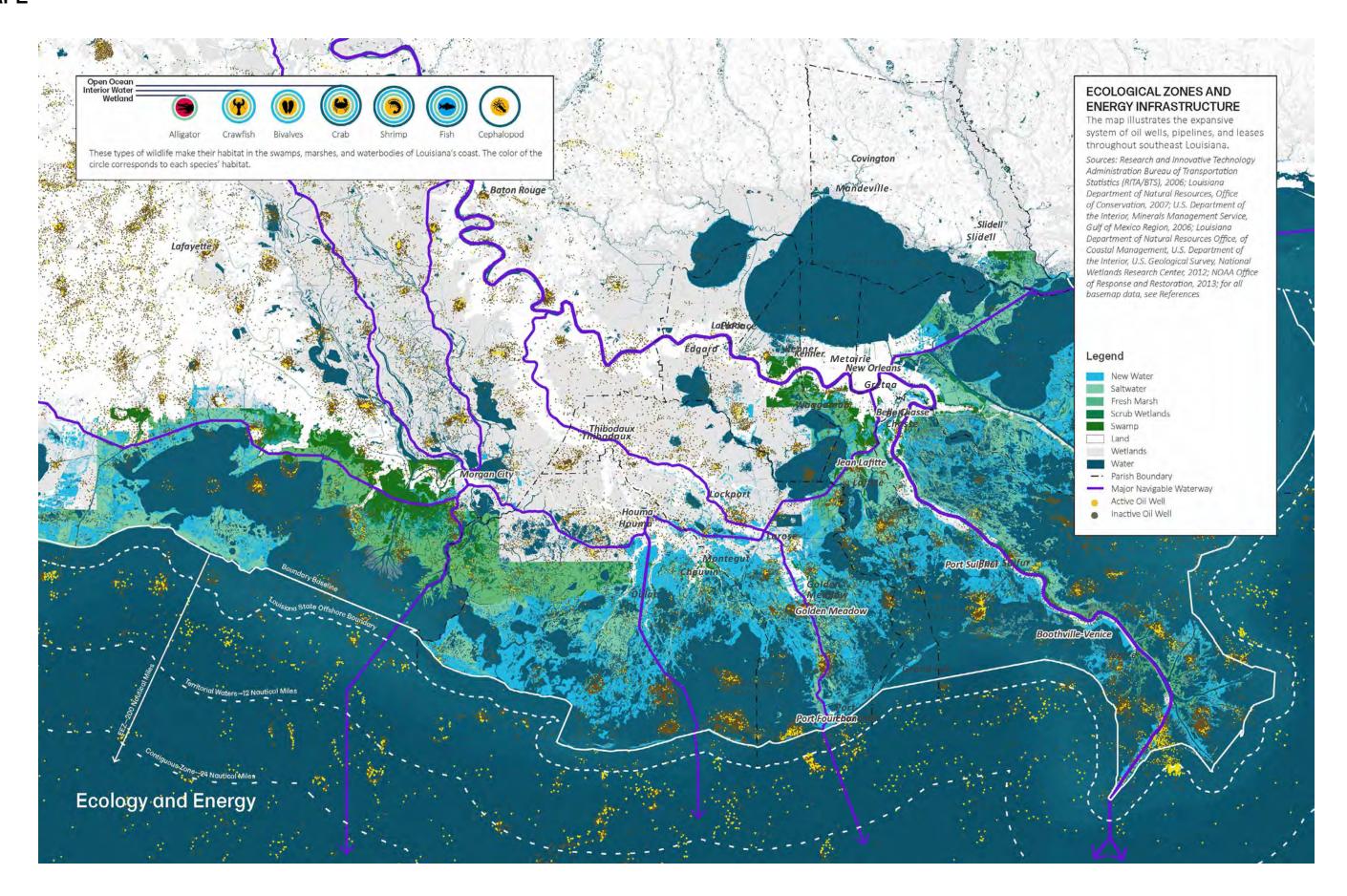
#### Coastal Condition, 2067 (With Action)





## **Ecology and Infrastructure**





**LA SAFE** 



#### Low Risk

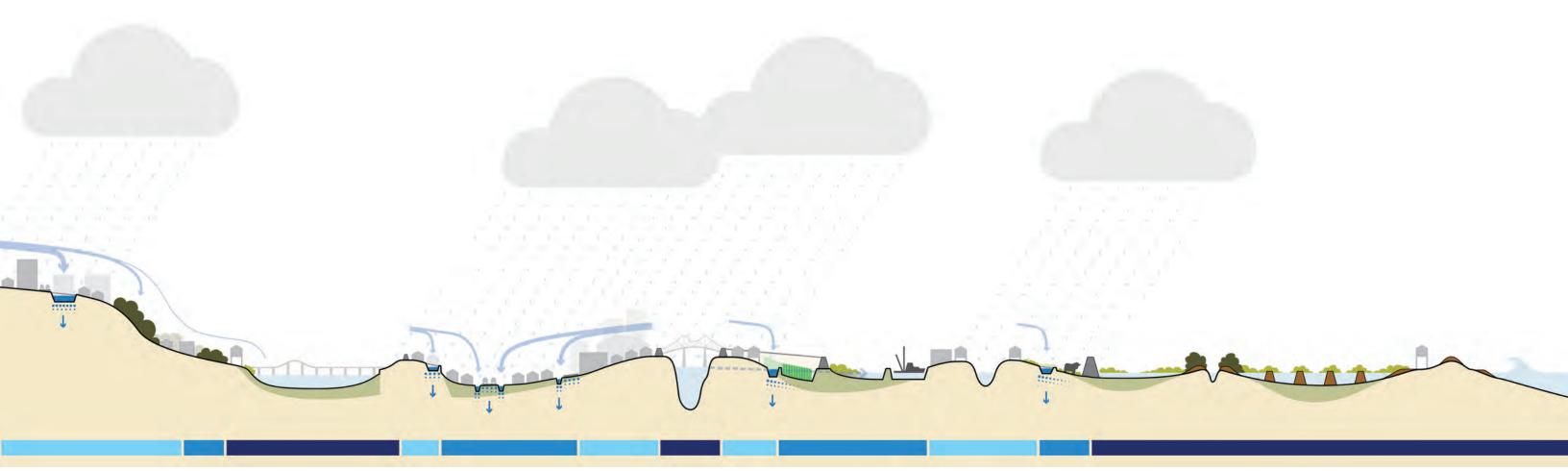
Minimal storm surge flood risk projected and outside the current 100-year floodplain

#### **Moderate Risk**

>0 – 6' projected storm surge flood depths or within the current 100-year floodplain

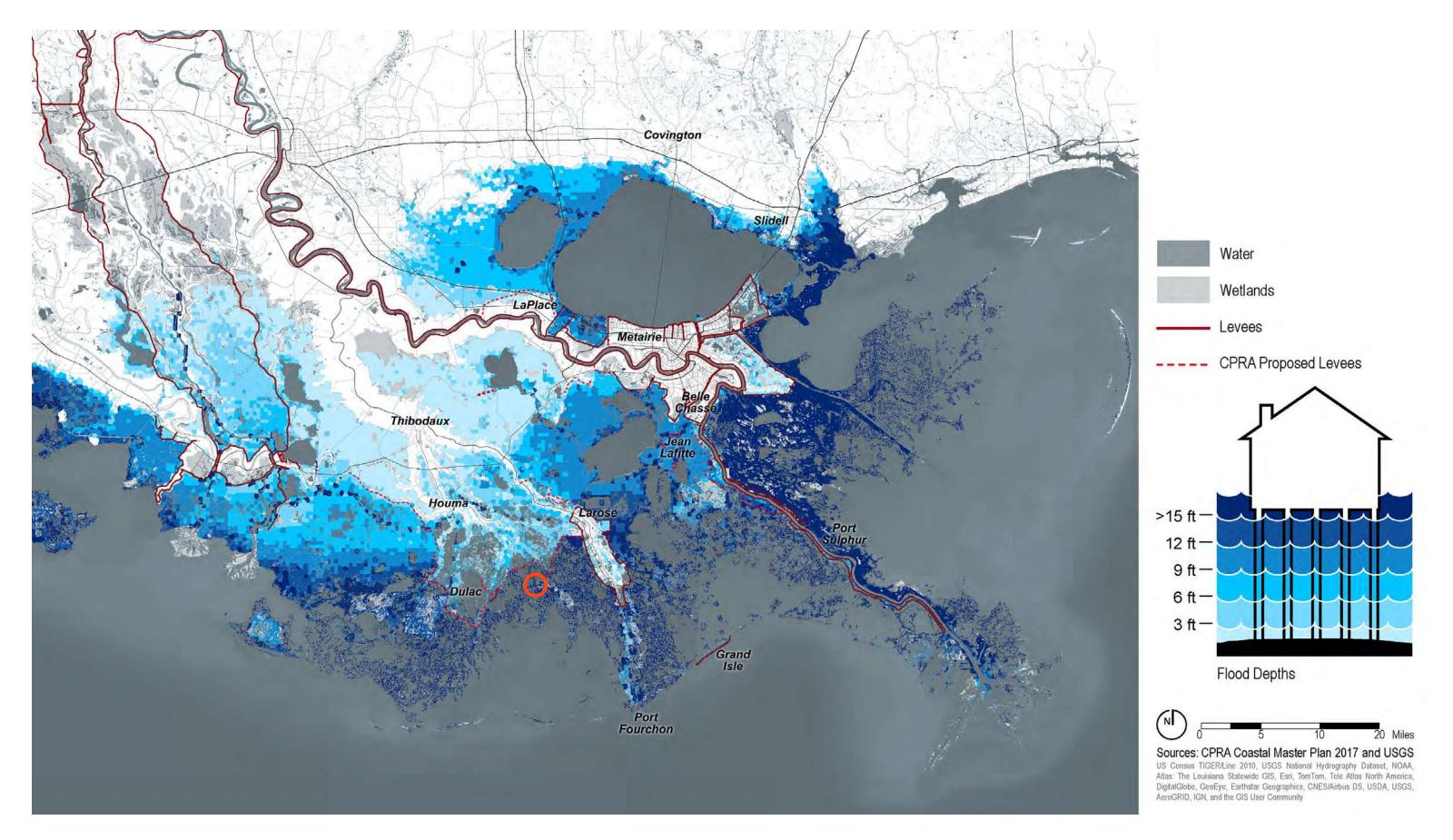
# High Risk

>6' projected storm surge flood depths



#### Flood Risk, 2067 (With Action)

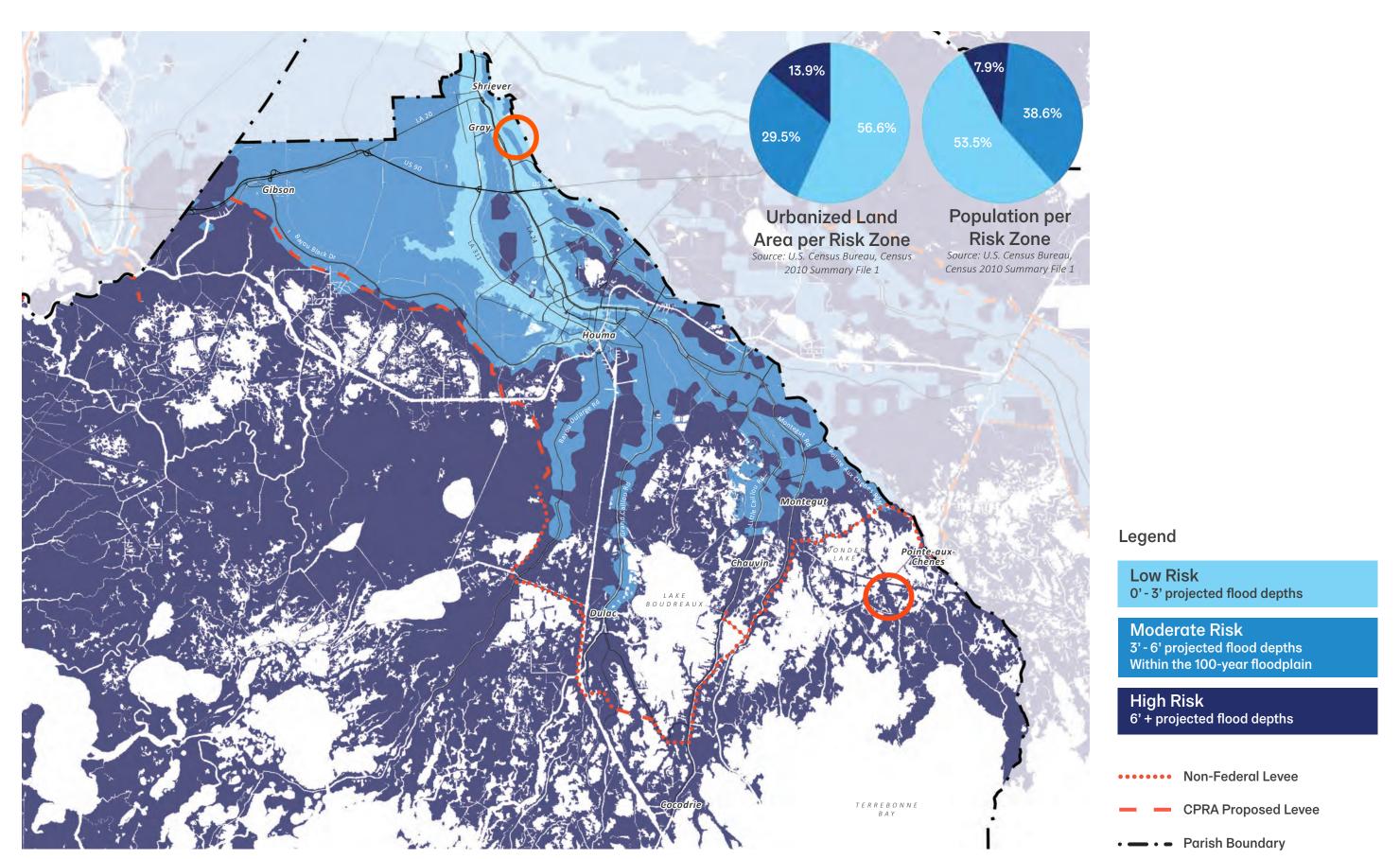




#### **Combined Flood Risk Zones**

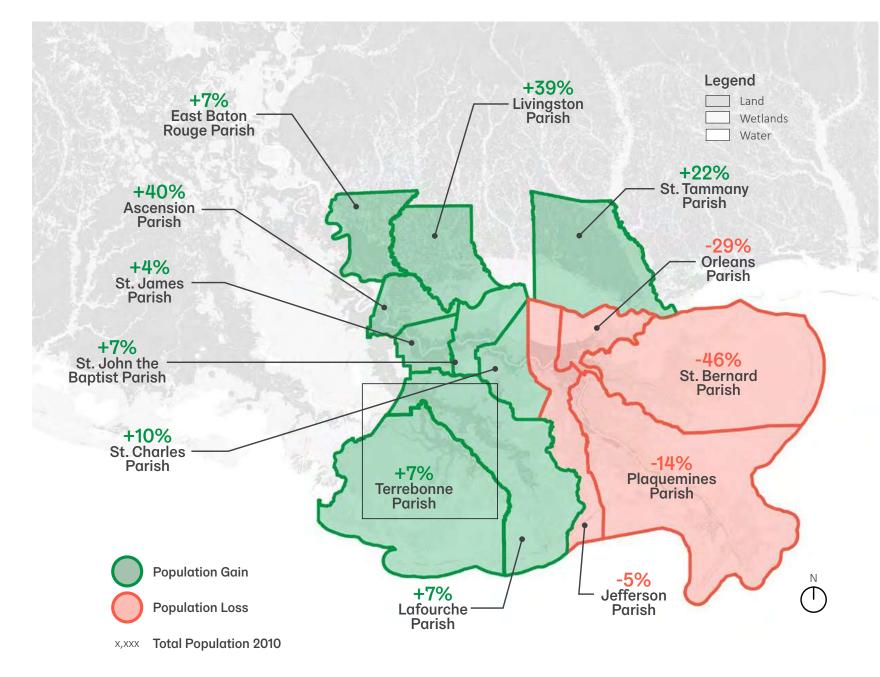
LA SAFE - Terrebonne Parish

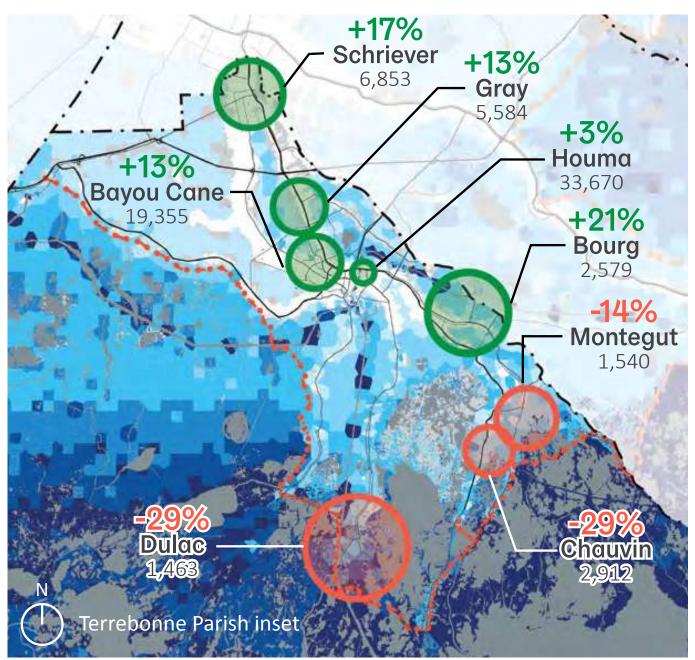




#### **Shifting Populations 2000-2010**











# **Historic Landscape**

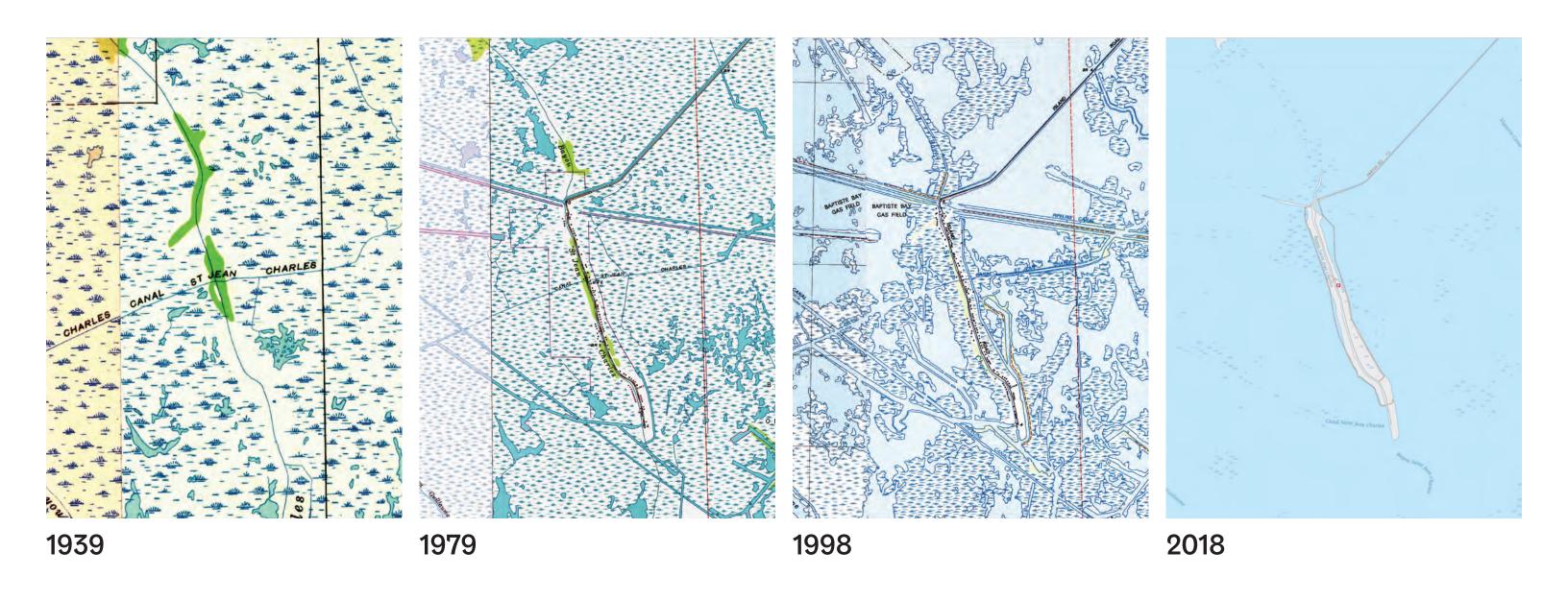




source: isledejeancharles.com

## **Wetland Loss**





source: USGS

## **Island Road**





source: OLIN

# Housing





source: OLIN

# Housing



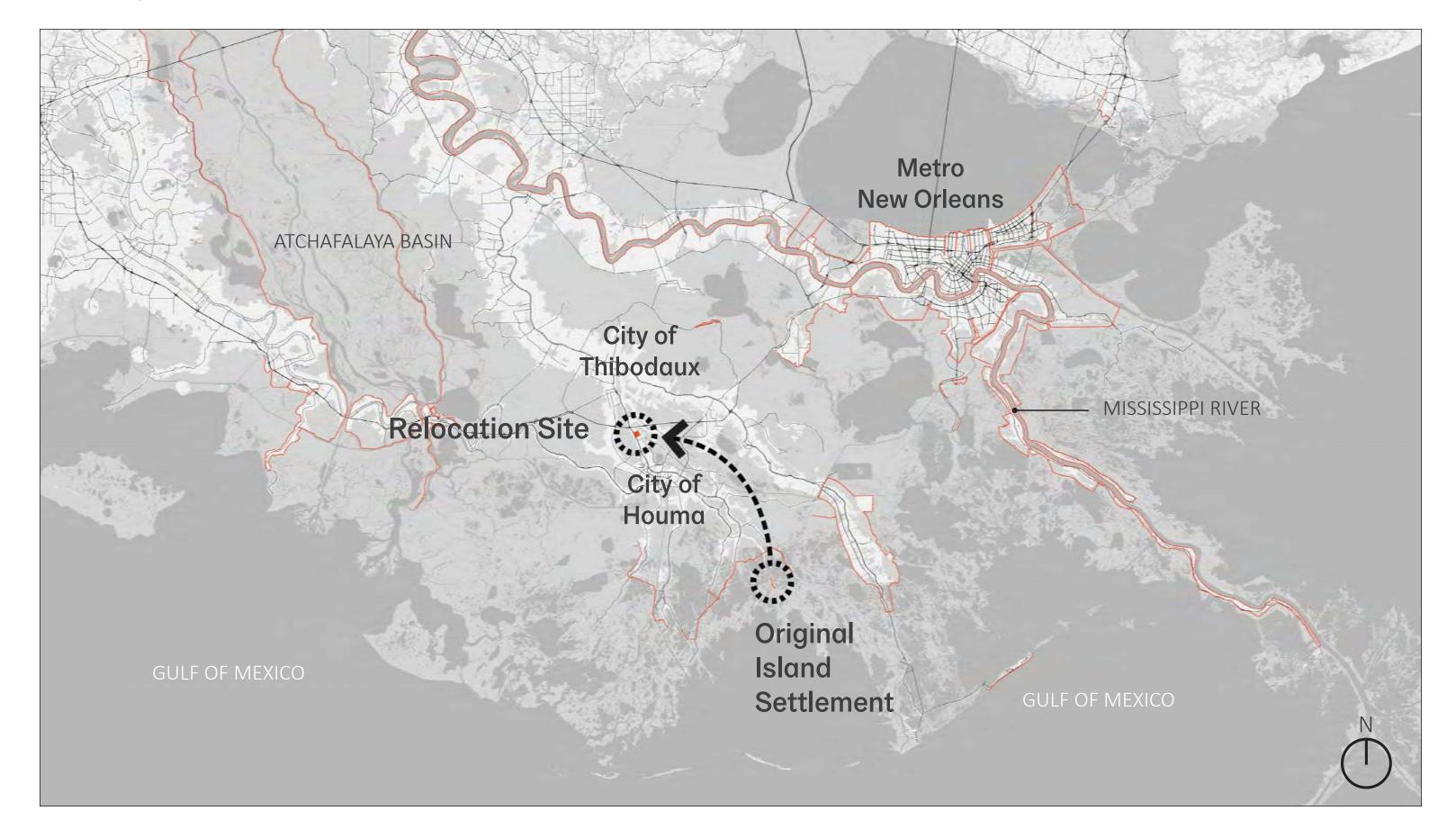


source: CB&I

#### **LASAFE**

#### **Community Resettlement**











### **Community Workshops**





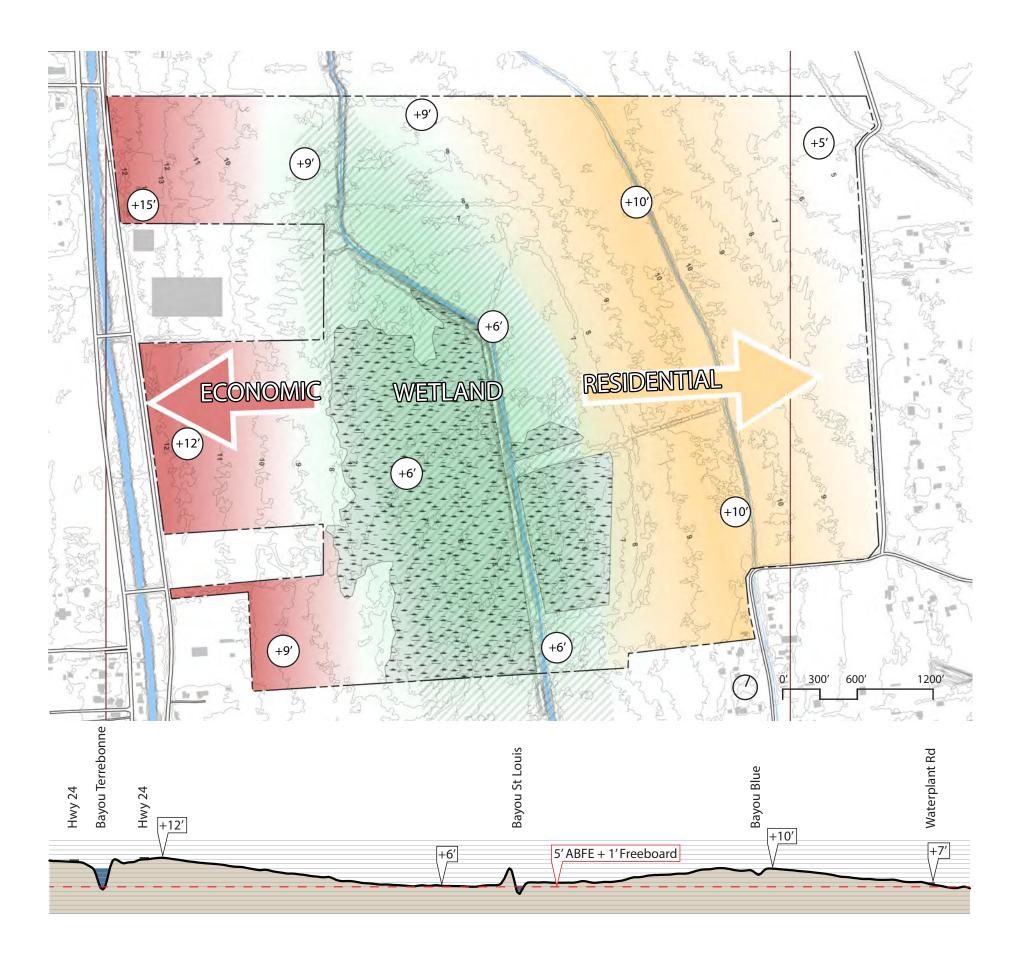
### **Community Workshops**

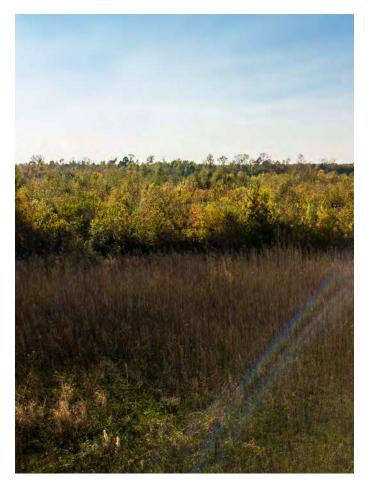




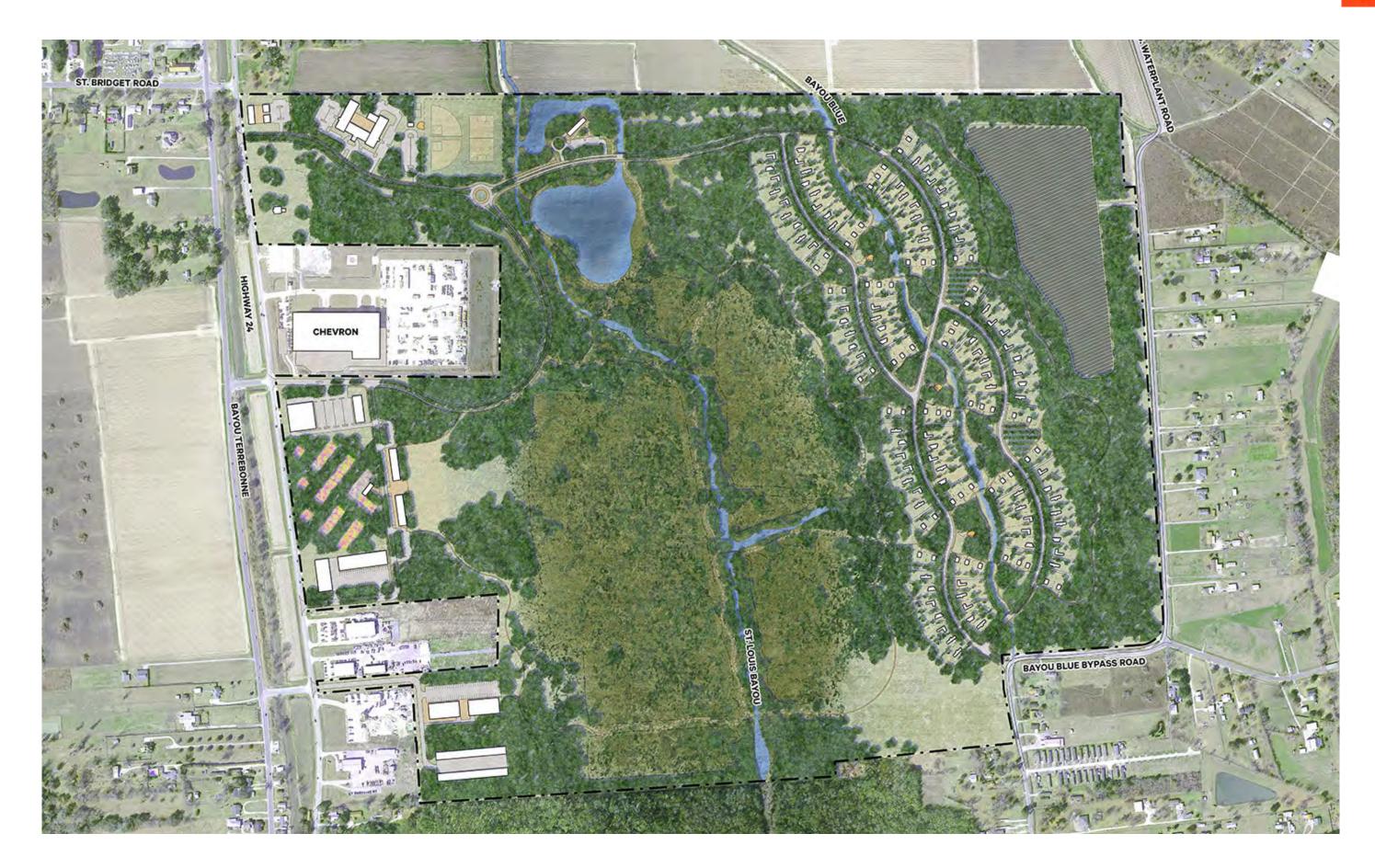
#### Site Approach





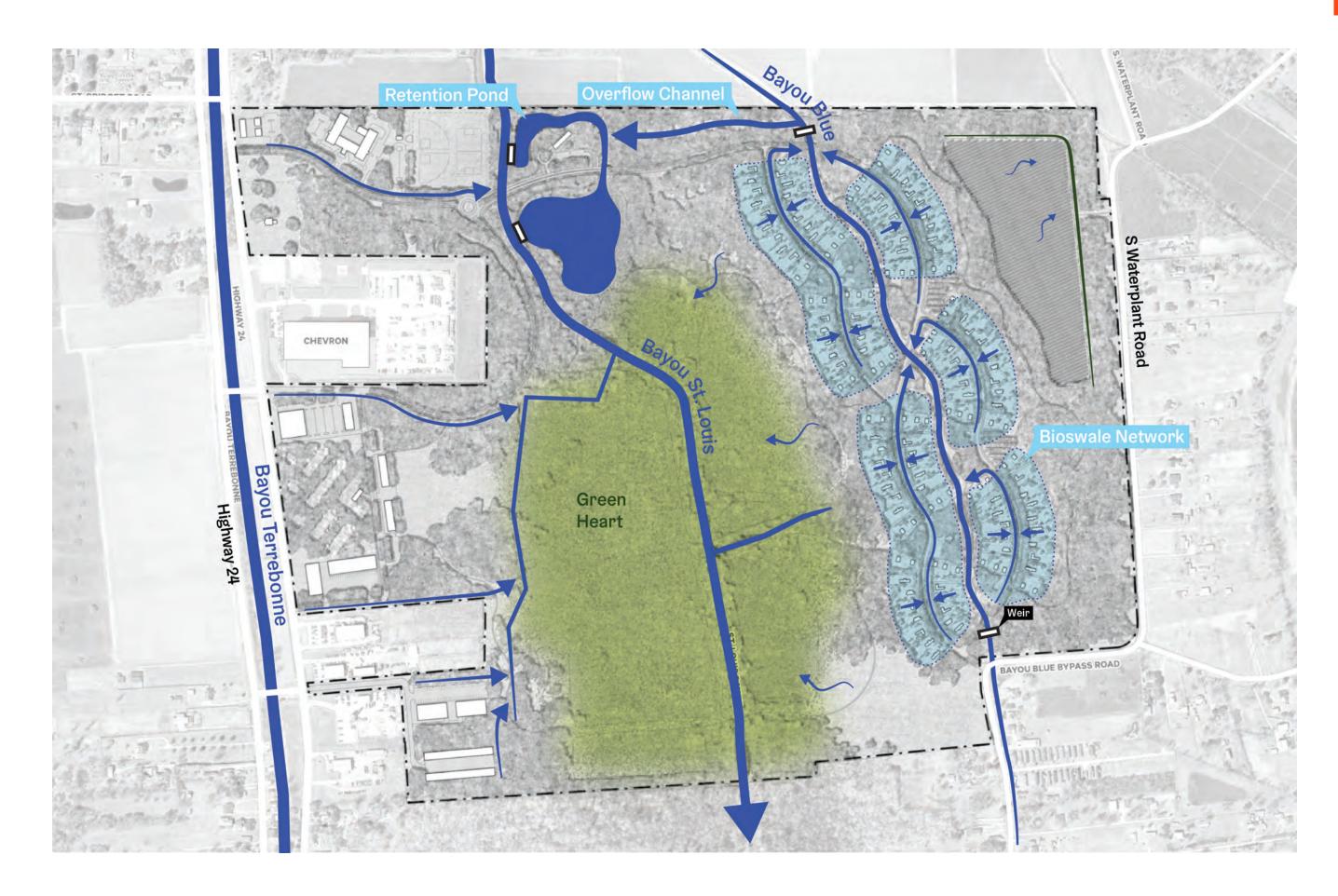


WETLAND PLANTS WILL BE A NATURAL BUFFER BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS.



#### New Isle Hydrology





### **Commercial Buildings**









### **Community Building**





### **Community Building**









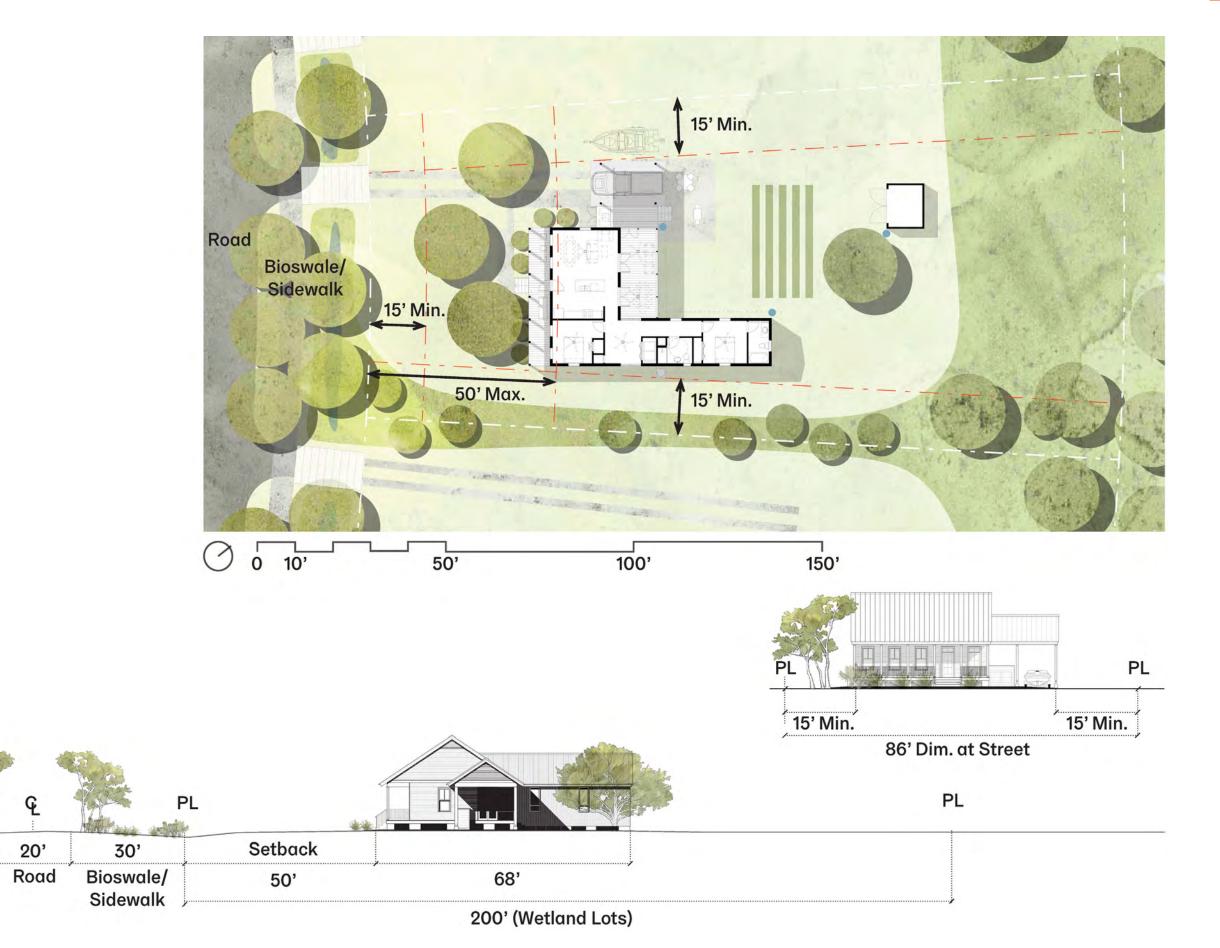
#### Residential Petal Plan





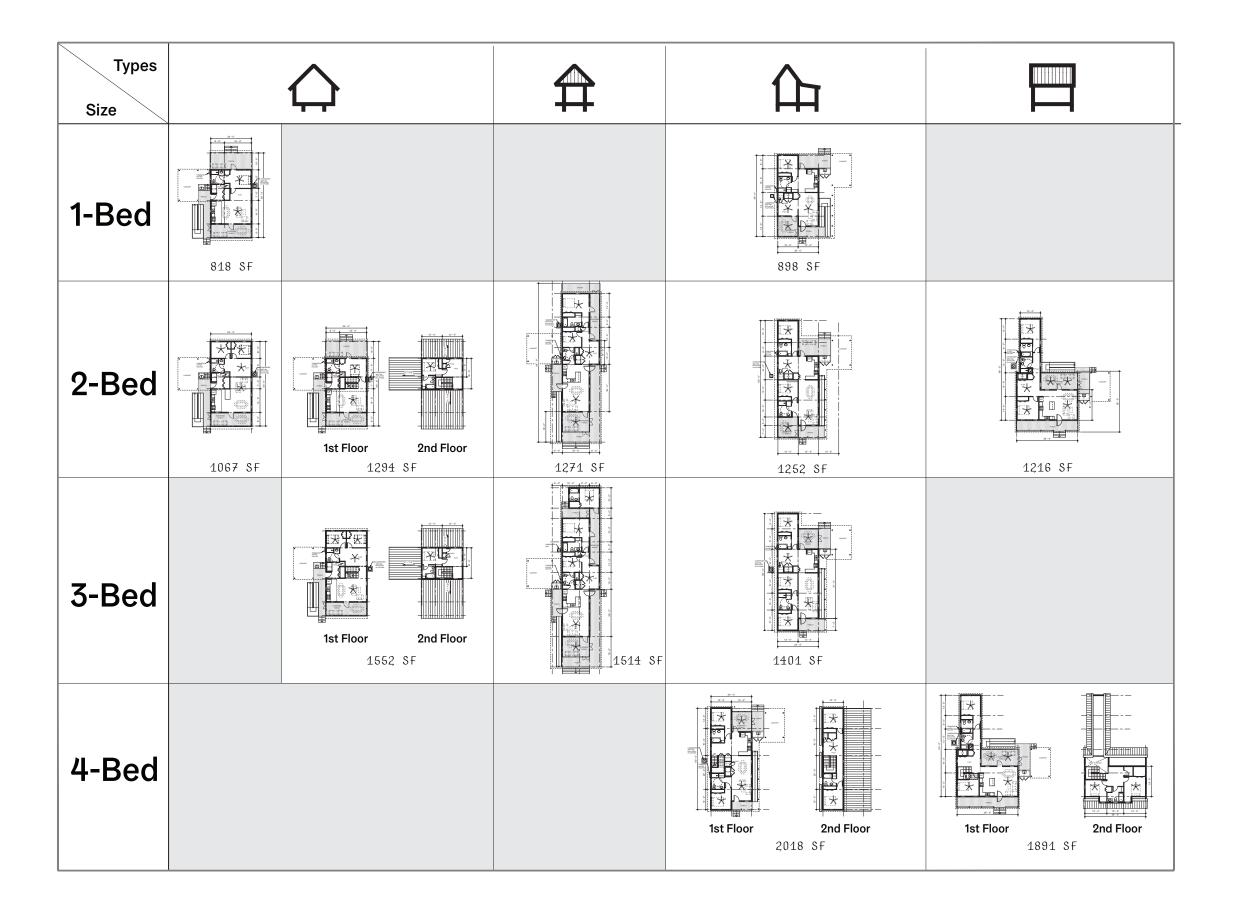
#### **Residential Lot Design**





#### **Housing Matrix**





### **Community Parks**





#### **Porches**











#### **Residential Street**





## Site





# Site

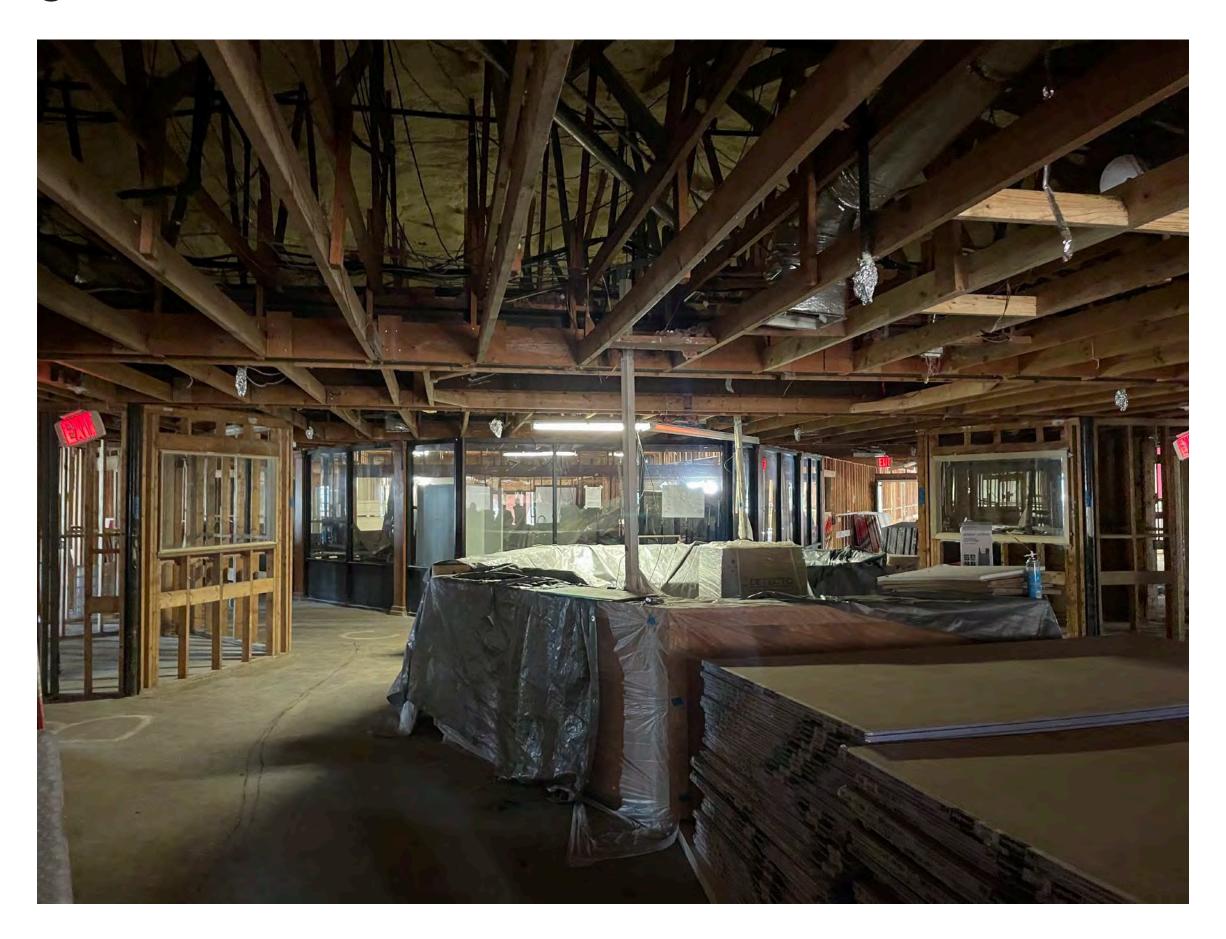




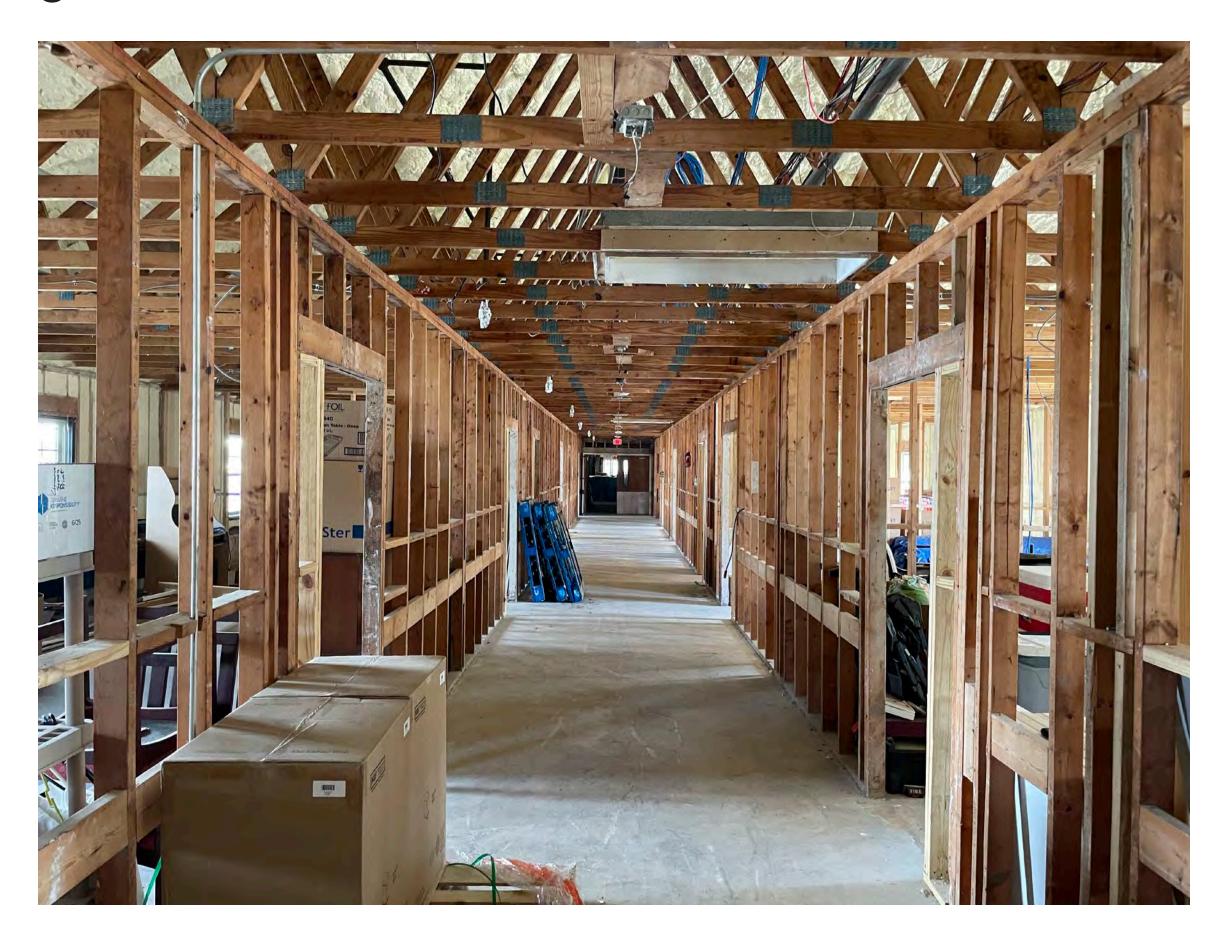










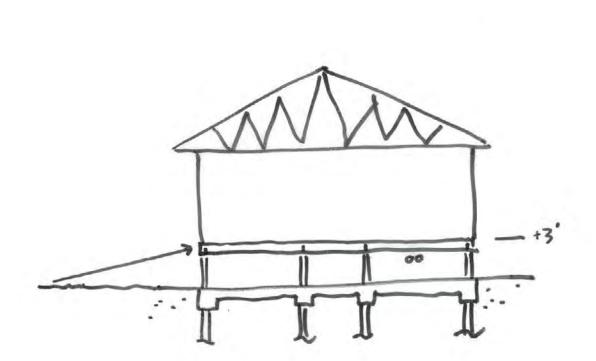


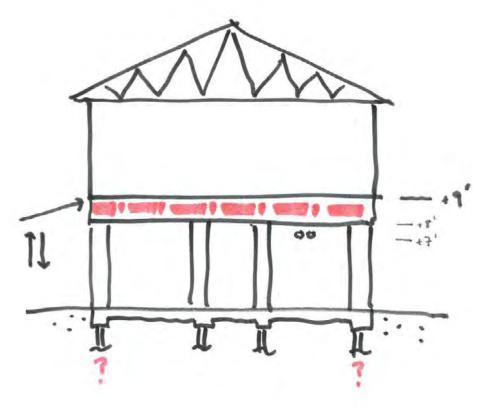


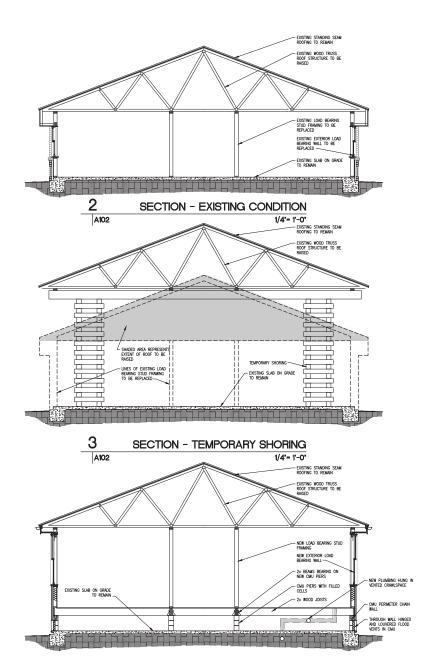


### United Houma Nation Tribal Headquarters







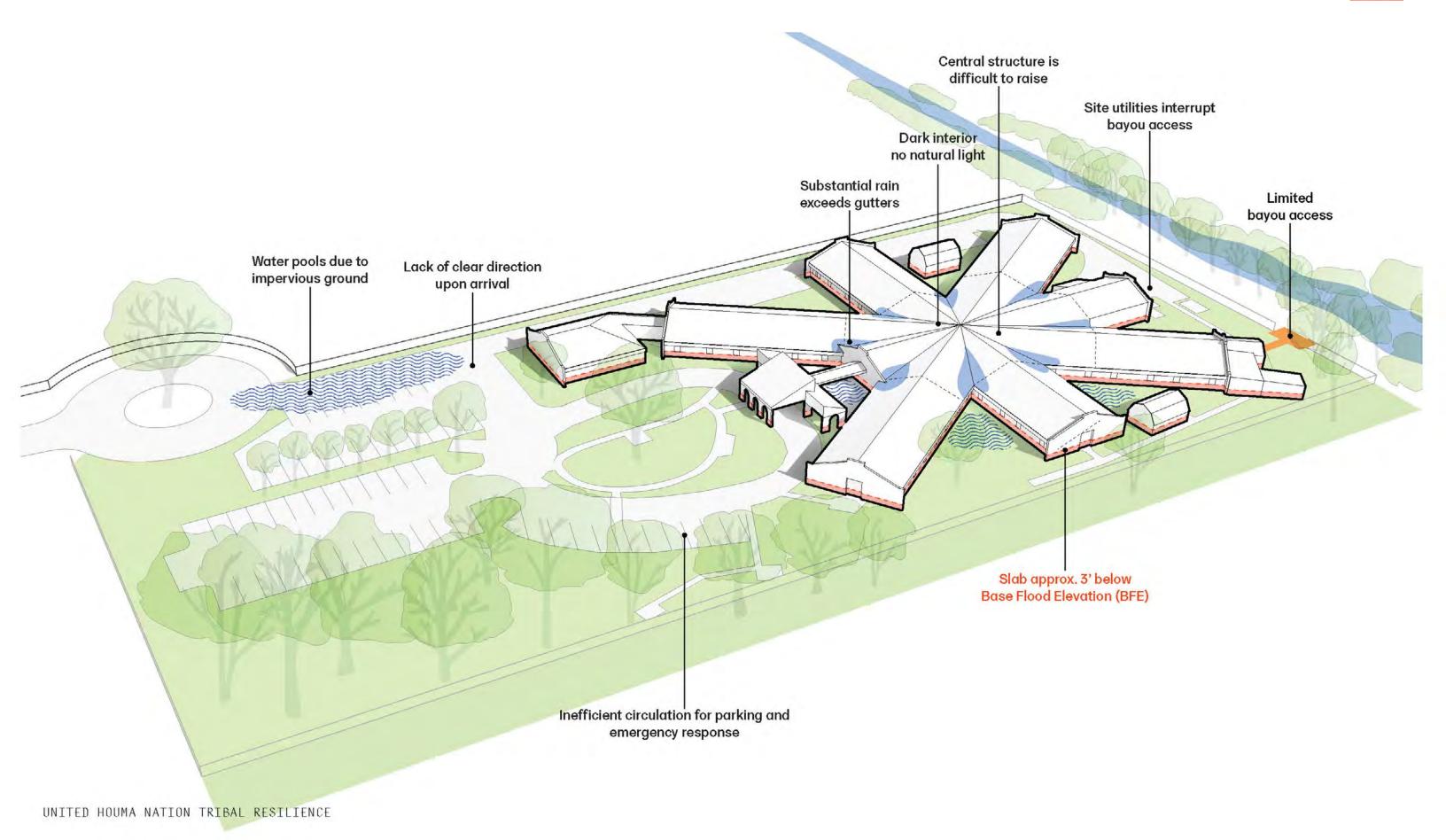


- Residential construction
- Wide range of contractors
- Structure aligns with existing foundation
- Accessible by ramp ( ~ 50' ramp)

- Fire separated construction
- Commercial / Specialty contractors
- Foundation bearing points TBD
- -Requires elevators / lifts ( ~ 200' ramp)

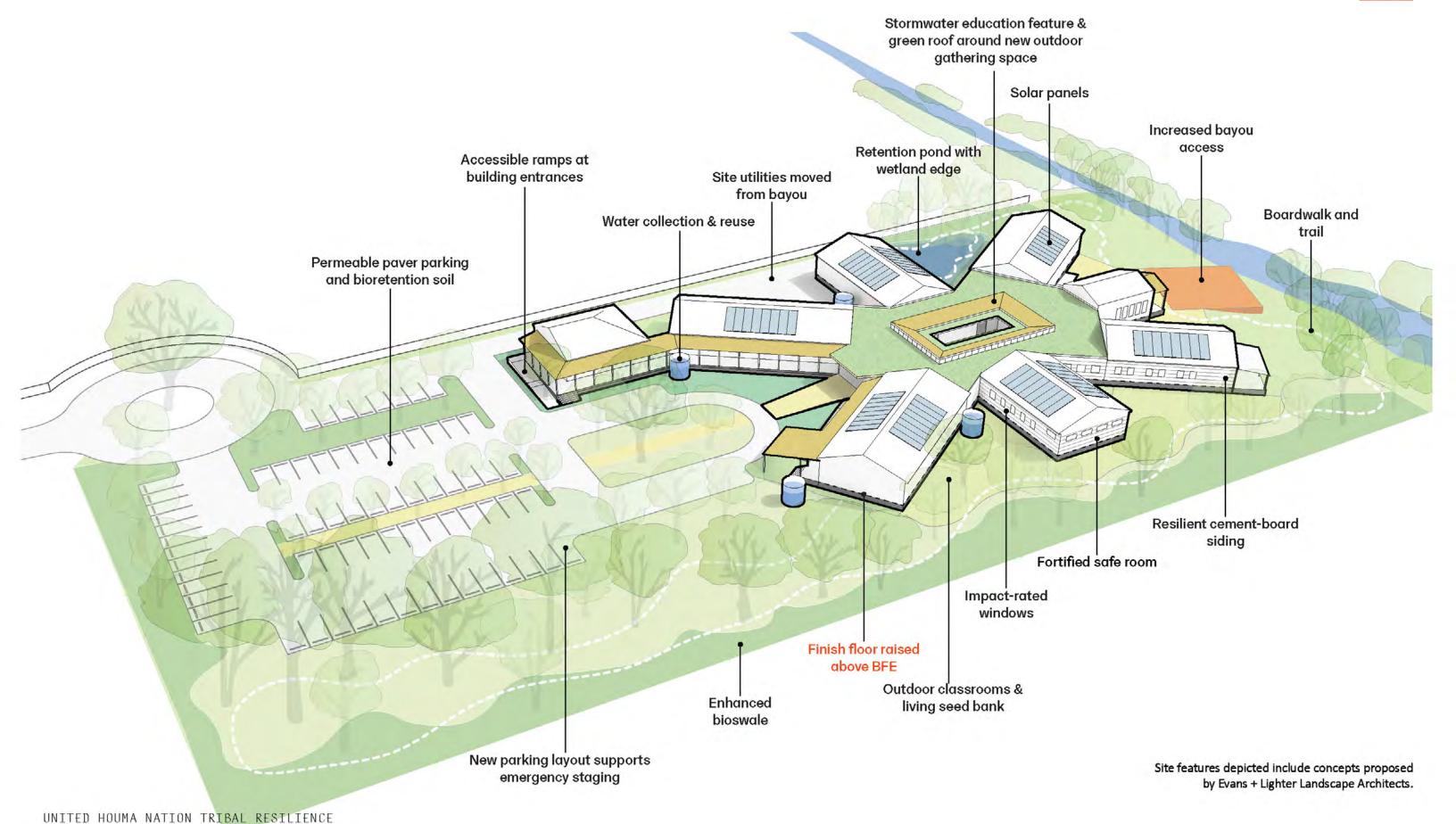
## United Houma Nation Tribal Headquarters





### United Houma Nation Tribal Headquarters





#### **Point of Contact**

Rami Diaz Waggonner & Ball ramiro@wbae.com 504.524.5408

