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GREEN FUTURES NETWORK

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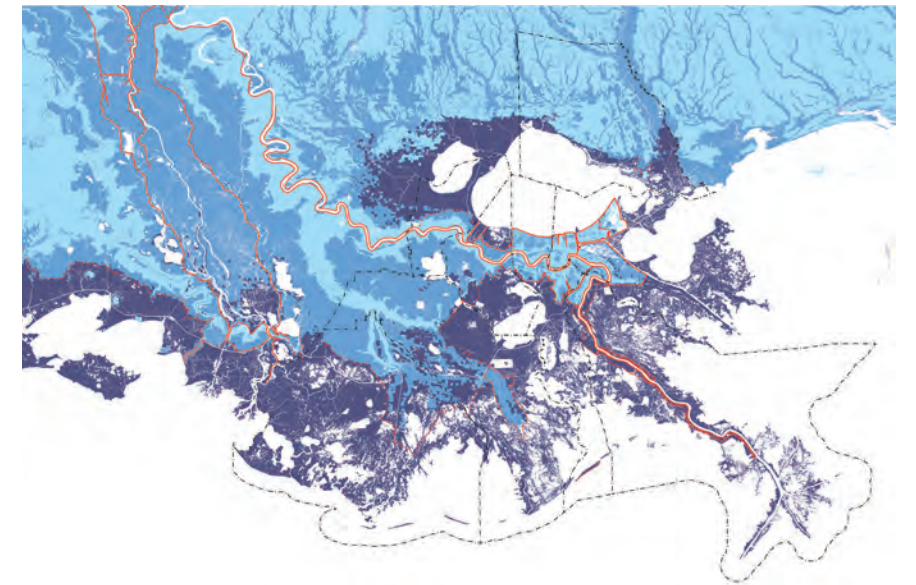
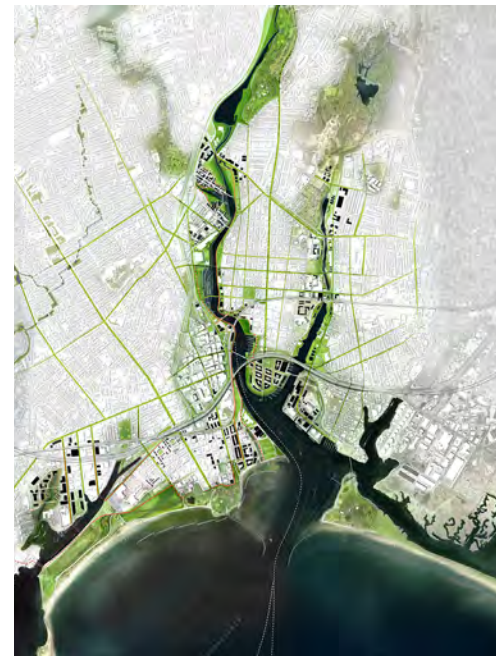
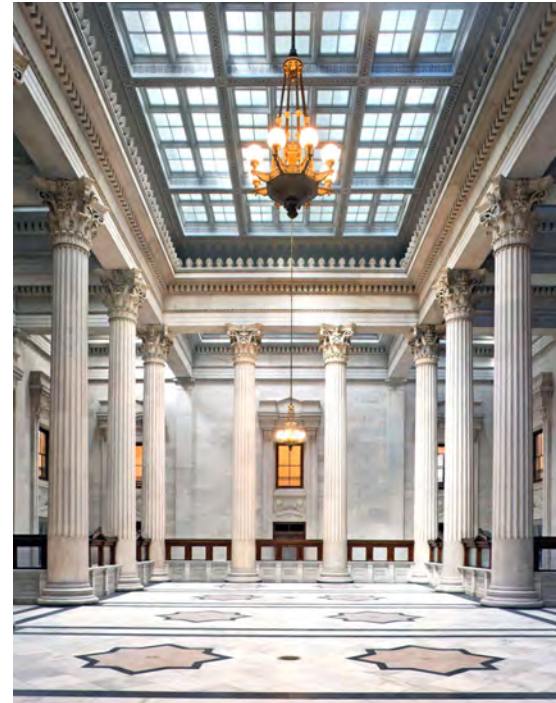
## Adaptation Community of Practice

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# Architecture / Environment



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



# Our Approach



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



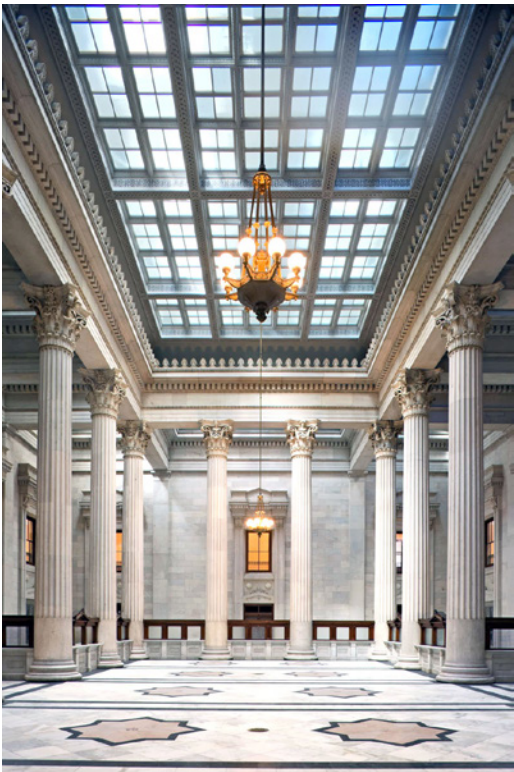
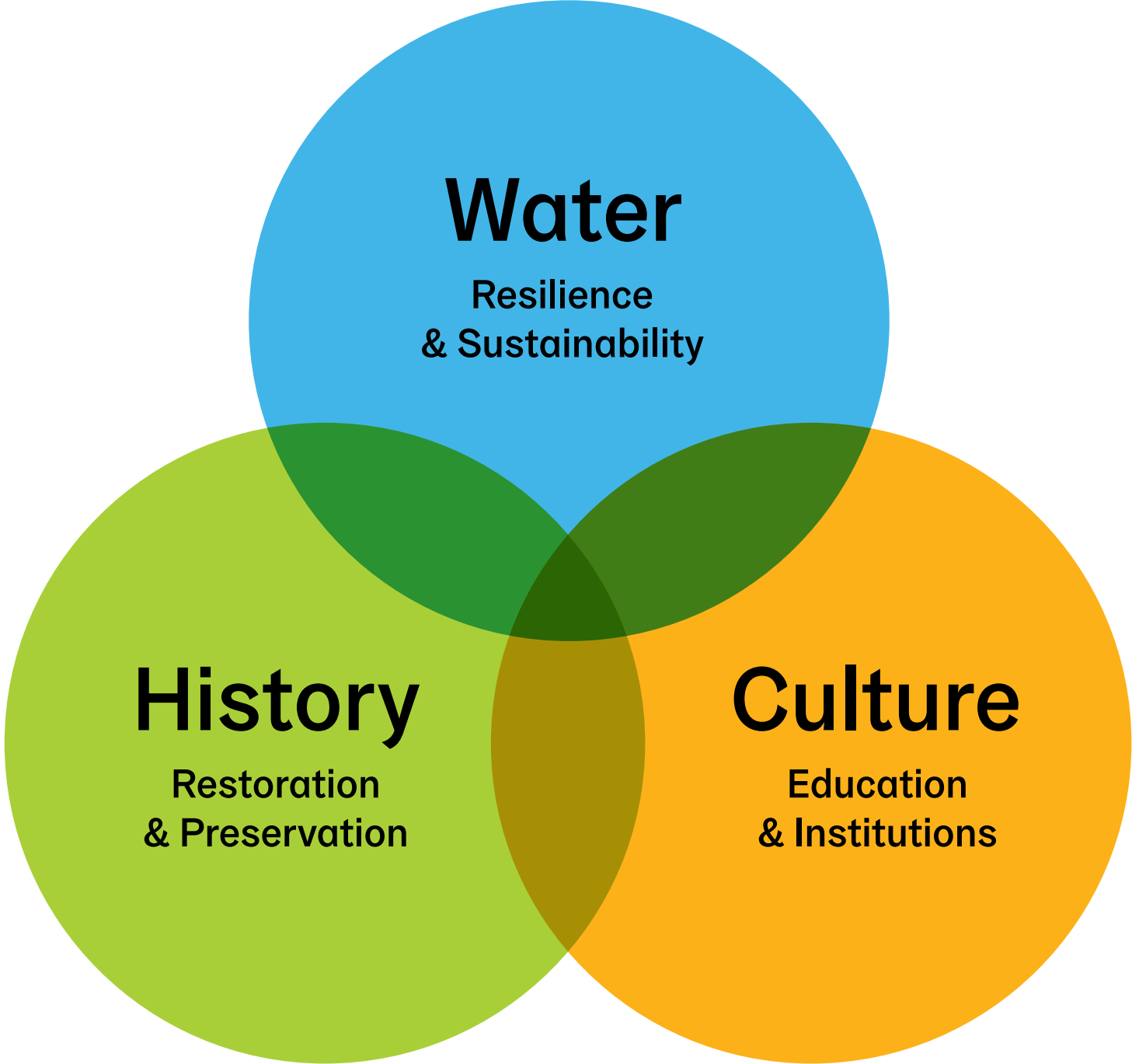
# Focus Areas



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



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



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



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



# Hurricane Katrina

New Orleans



source: Ralph Madison



# Flooded City, 2005

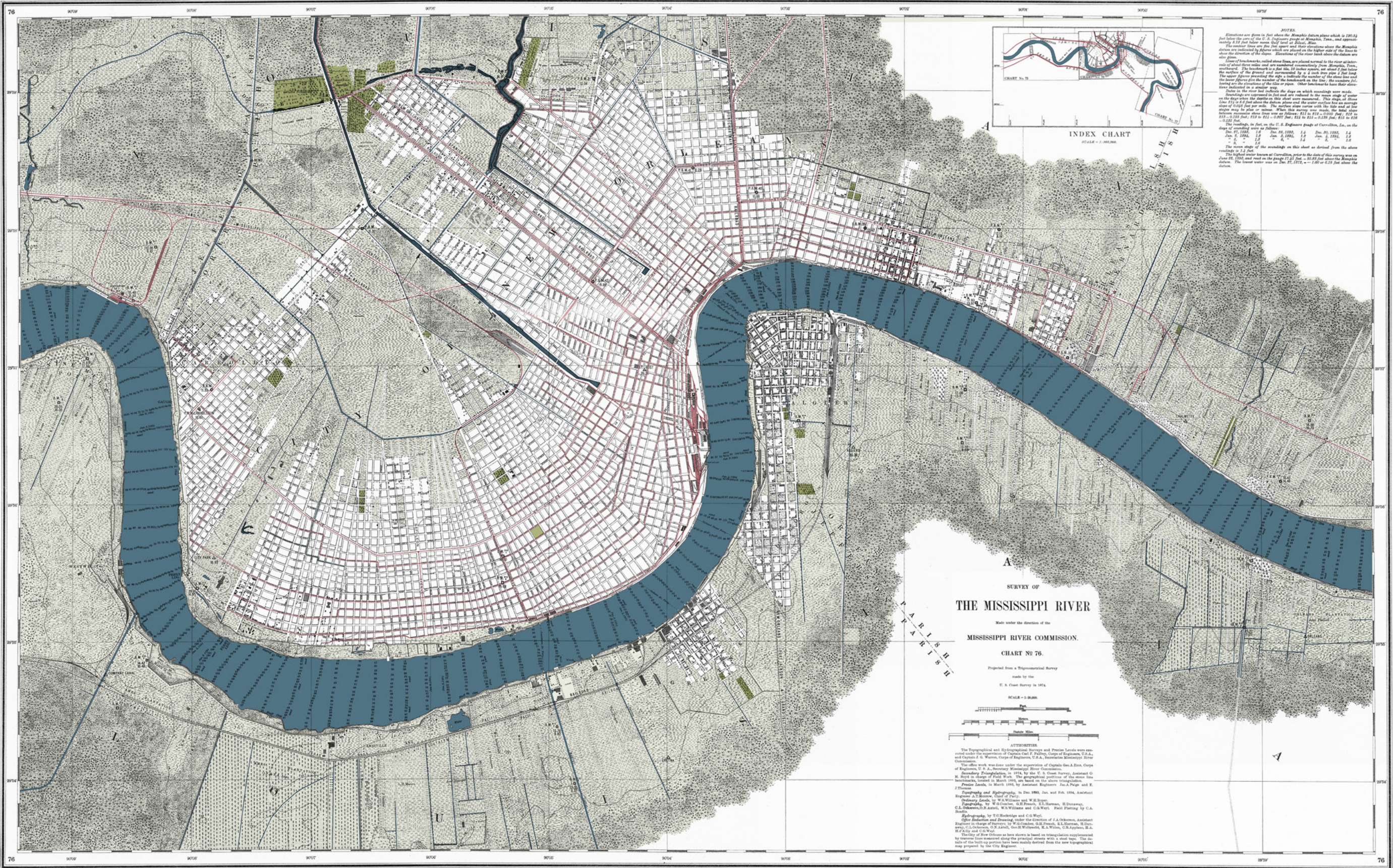
New Orleans





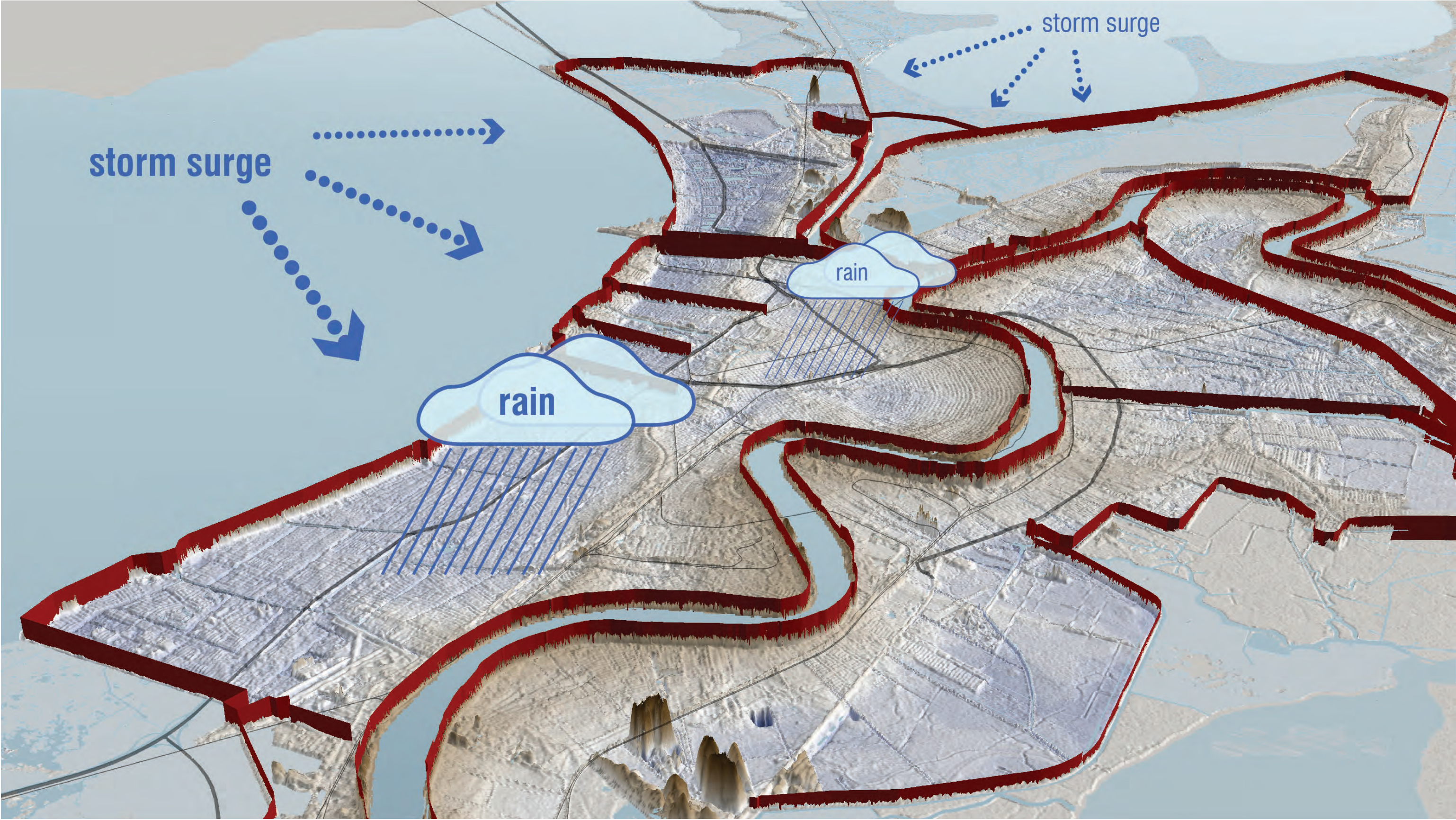
# Historic City, 1888

## New Orleans





Lines of Defense  
New Orleans





Concealed Assets  
New Orleans





Lines of Defense  
New Orleans





Lines of Defense  
New Orleans





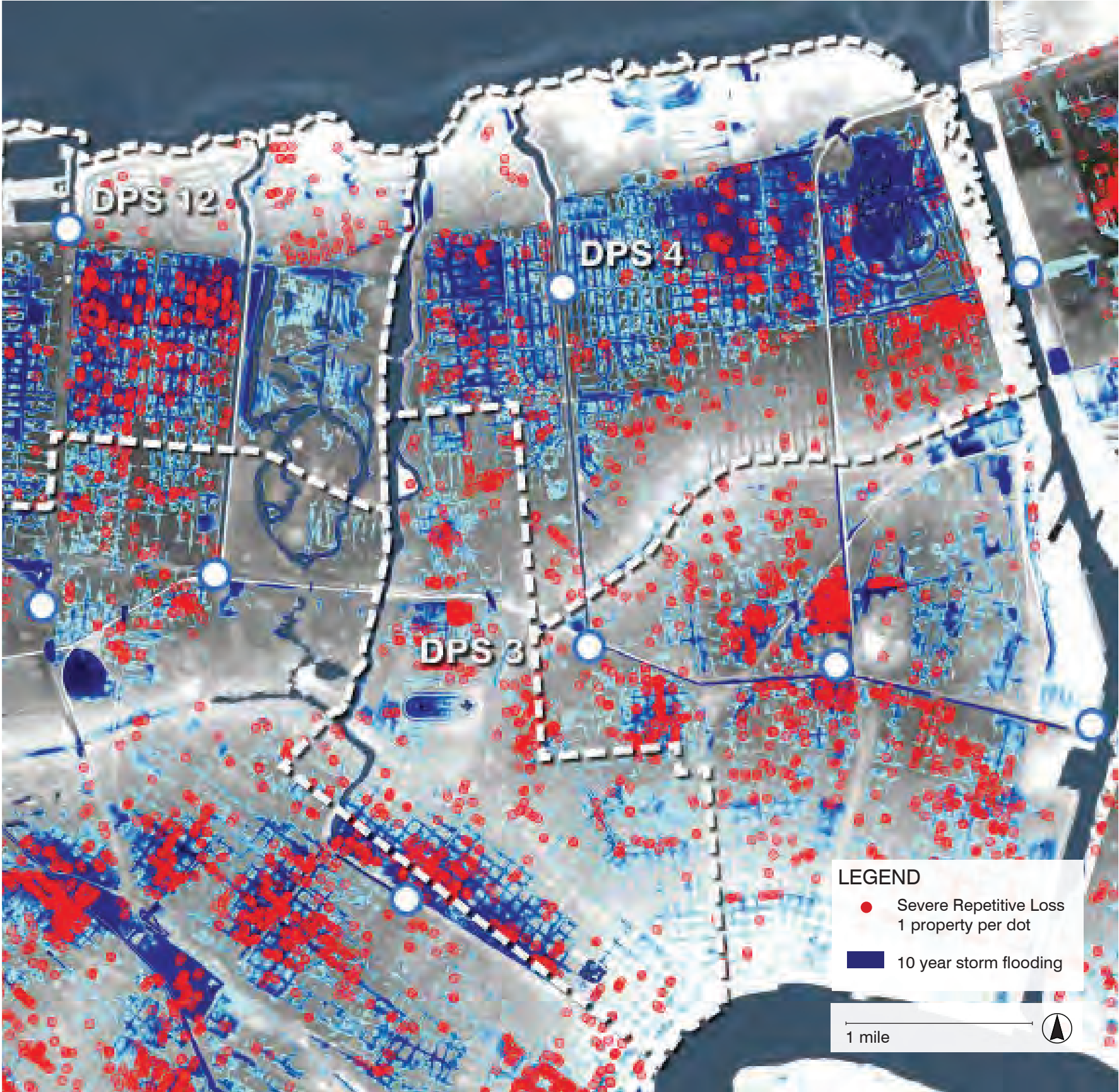
Street Flooding  
New Orleans





# Repetitive Flood Loss

Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan





# Integrated Flood Protection

Westzeedijk, Rotterdam





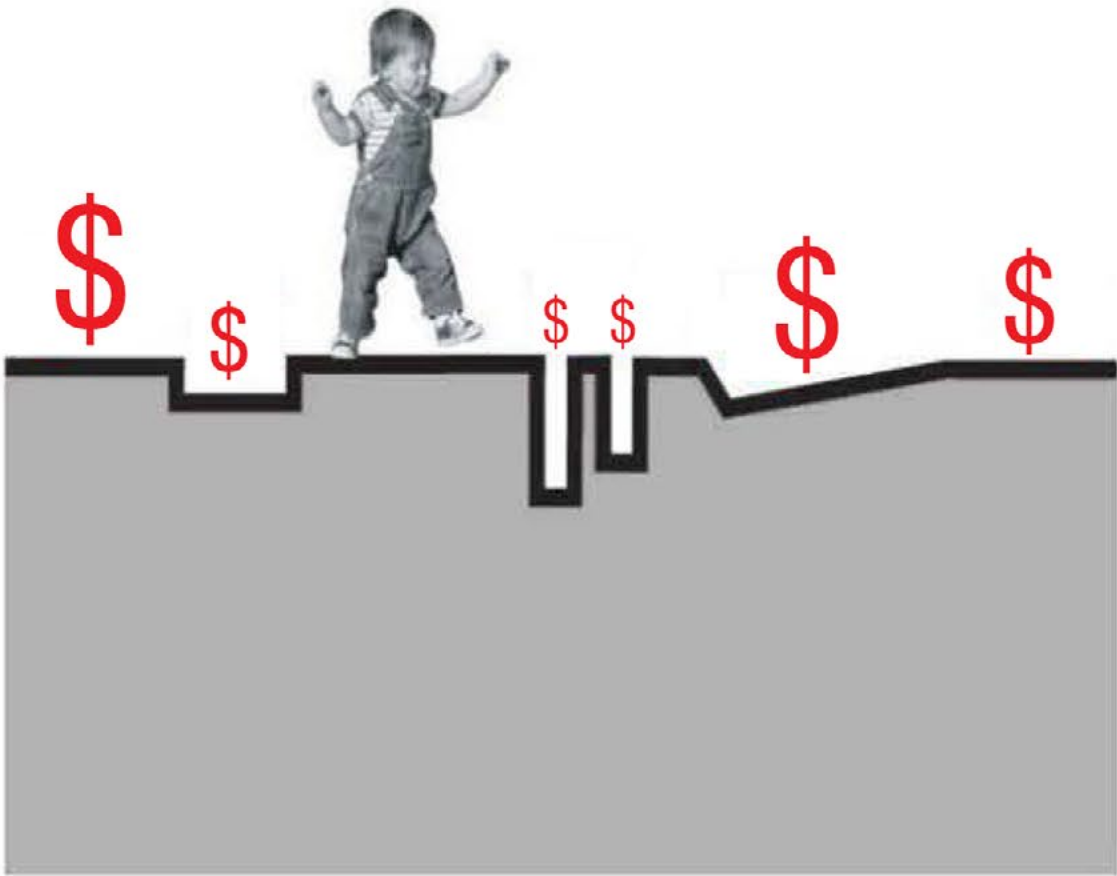
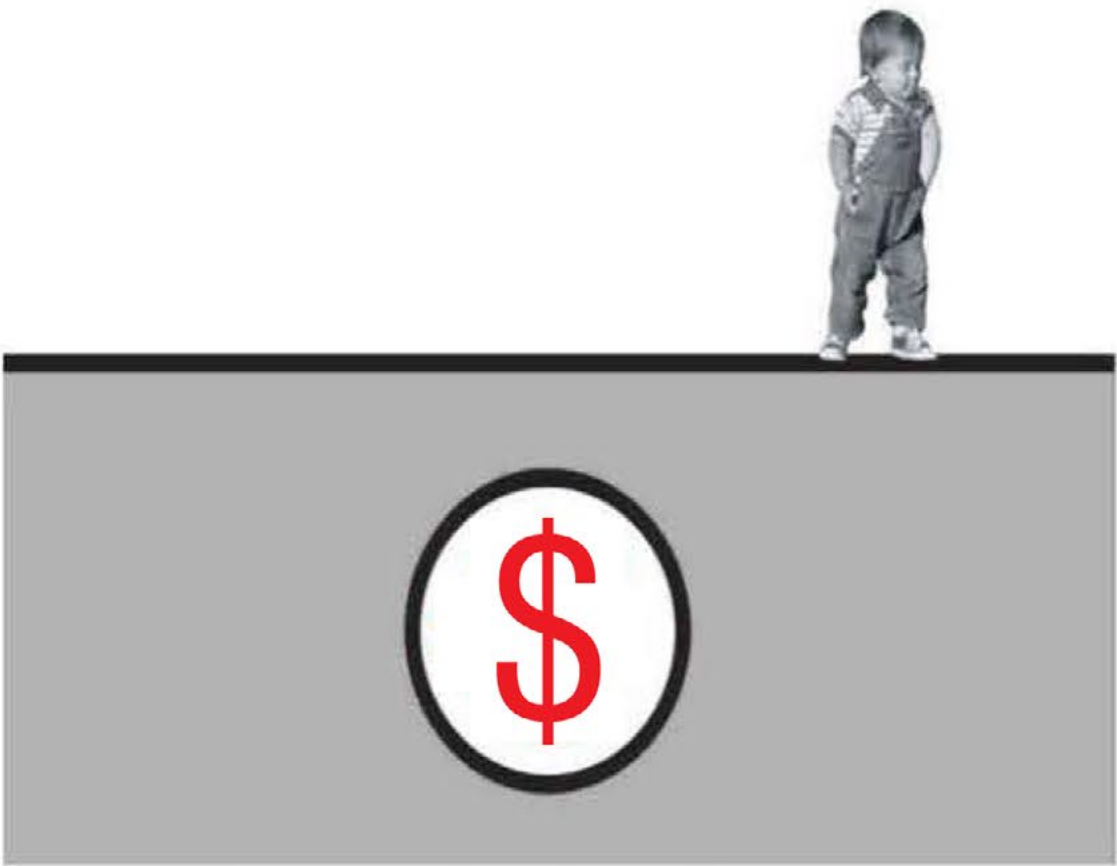
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Westersingel, Rotterdam





Infrastructure Investment + Amenity  
Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan





# Problems Identified

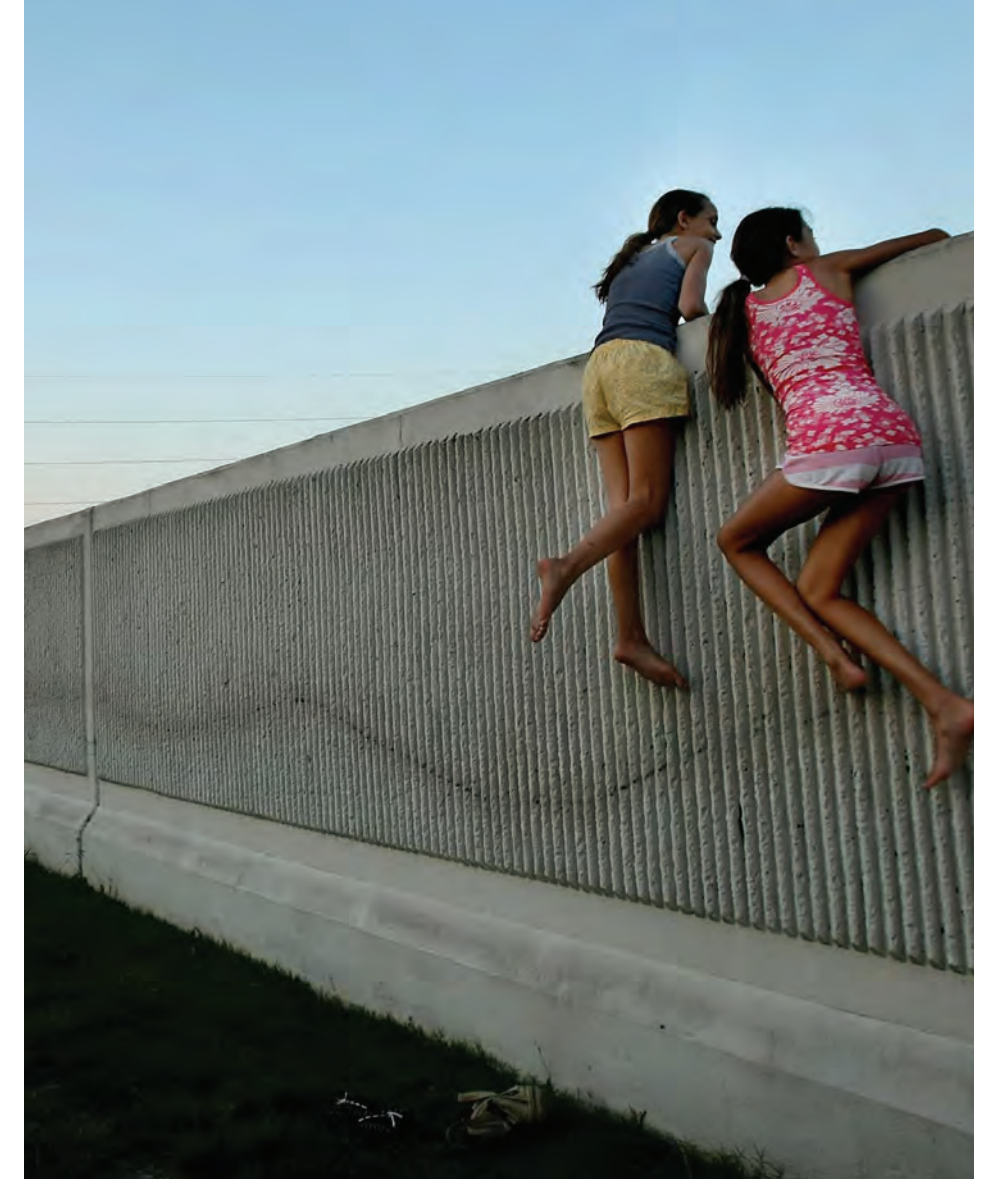
Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan



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



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

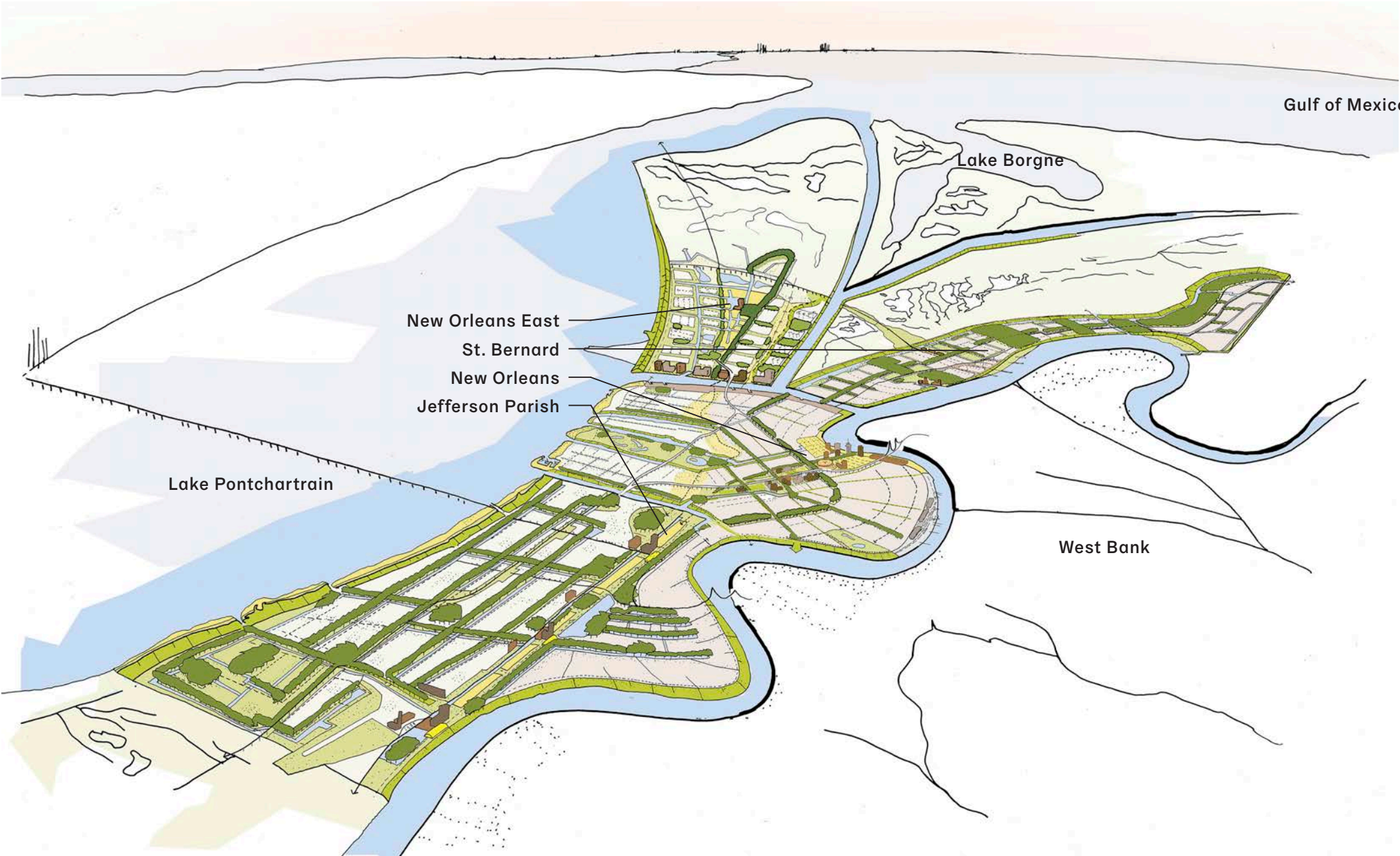


**3** Critical water assets are wasted, hidden behind walls, buried underground, or pumped out of sight.

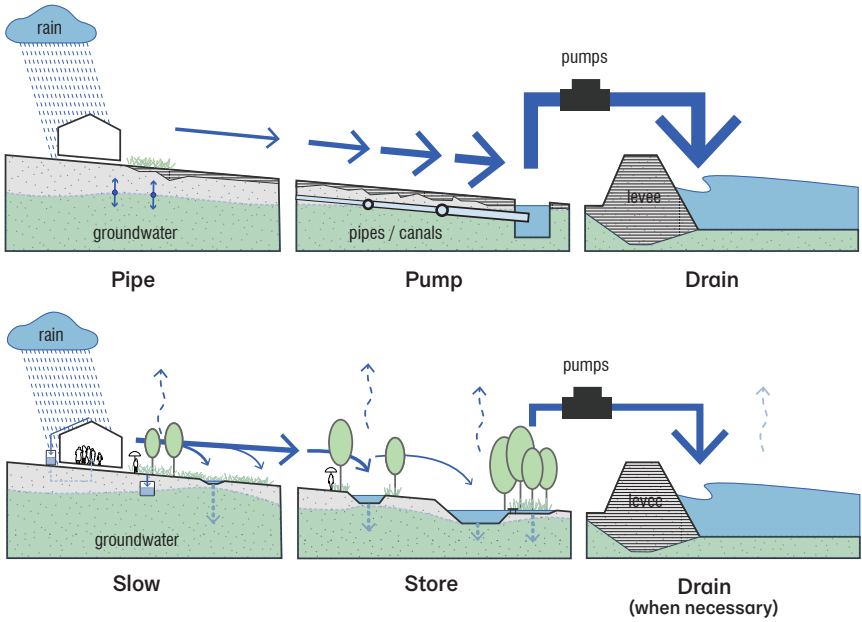


# Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan

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



Vision Plan



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)

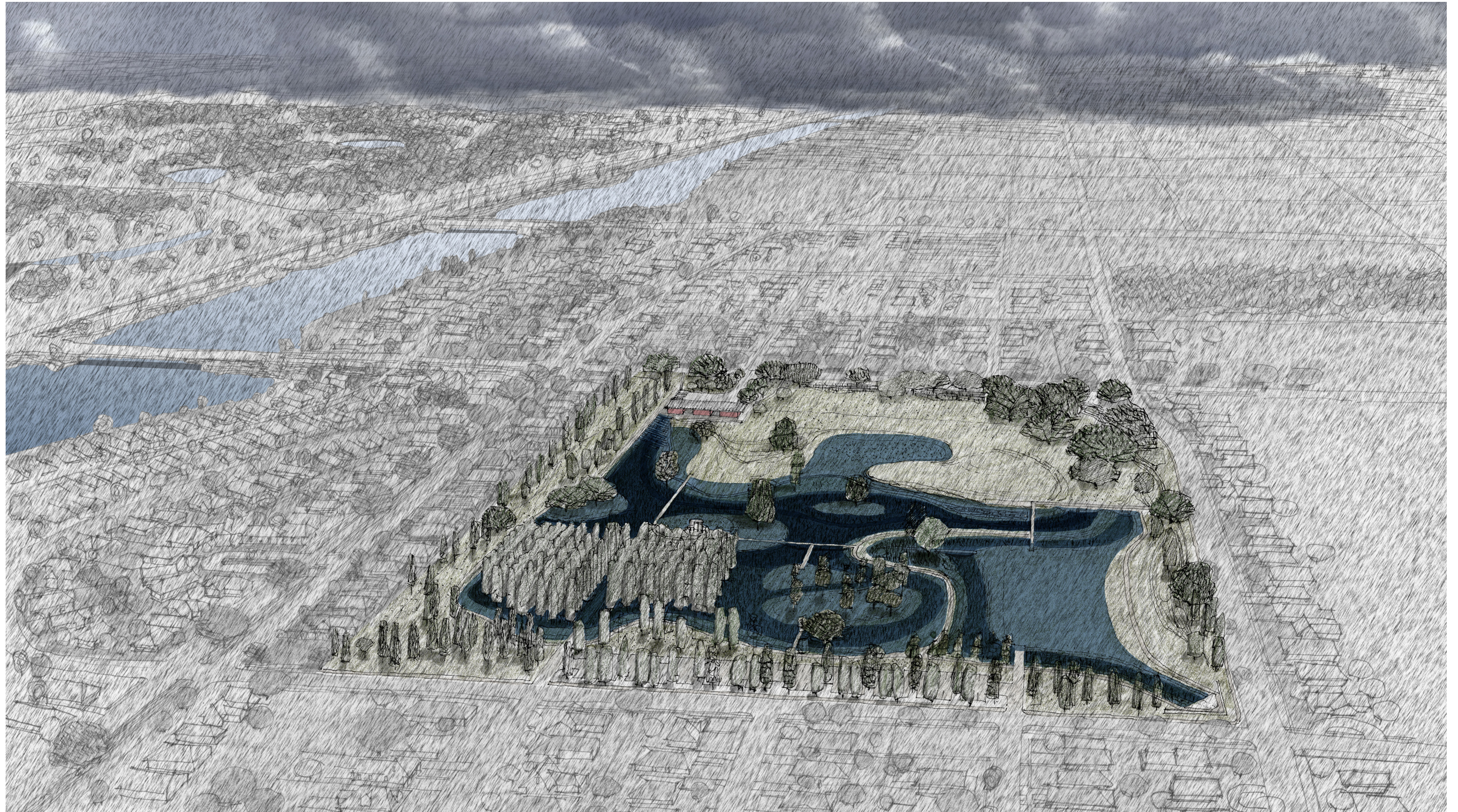
Mirabeau Water Garden





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

Mirabeau Water Garden





# Norfolk





Norfolk 1877





# Flood Risk





# High Tide Flooding on East Water Street

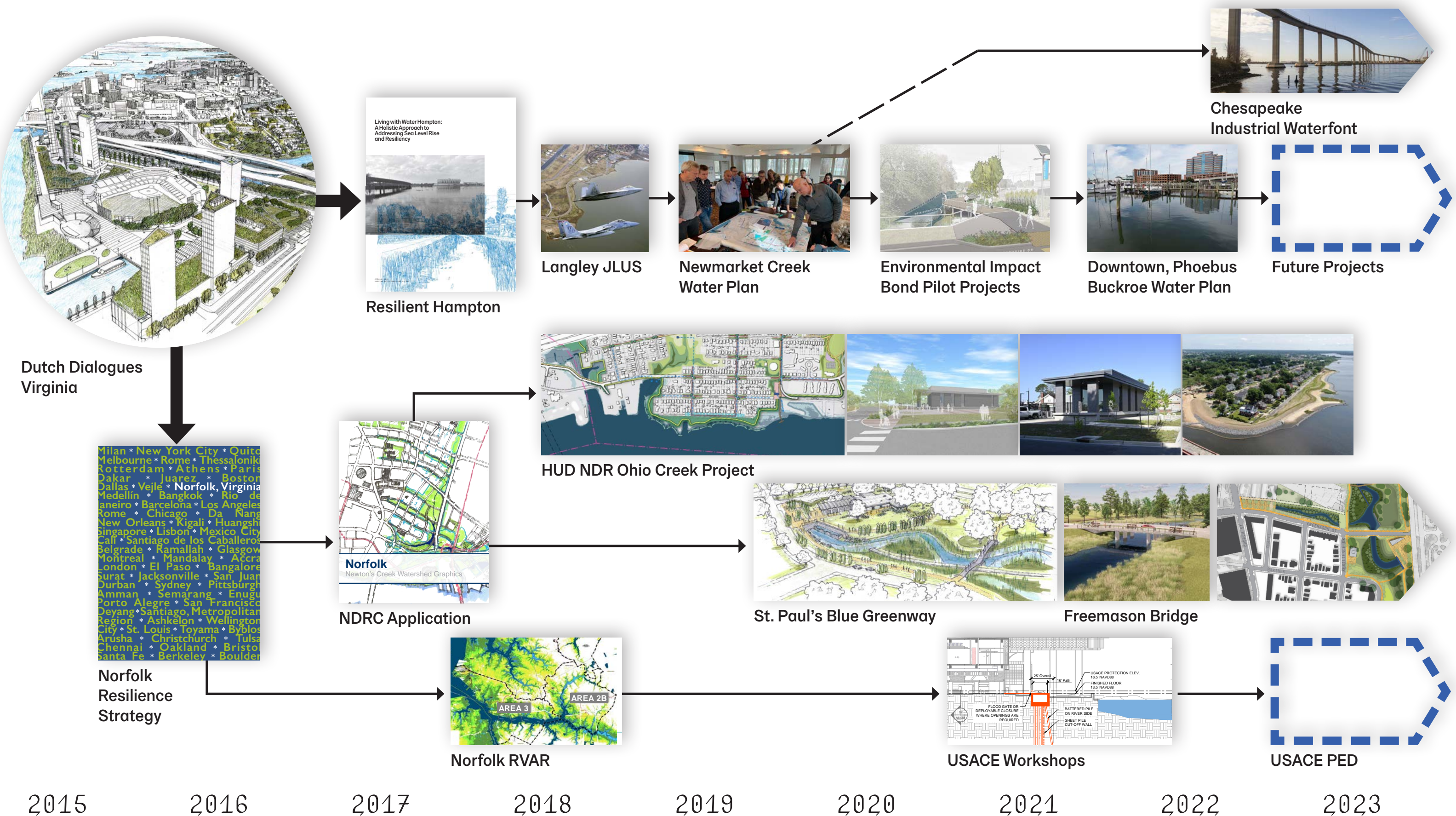
September 20th 2024





# 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



Proposed projects identified through a workshop-centered process that began with the Dutch Dialogues Virginia



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



Design vision developed through charrettes



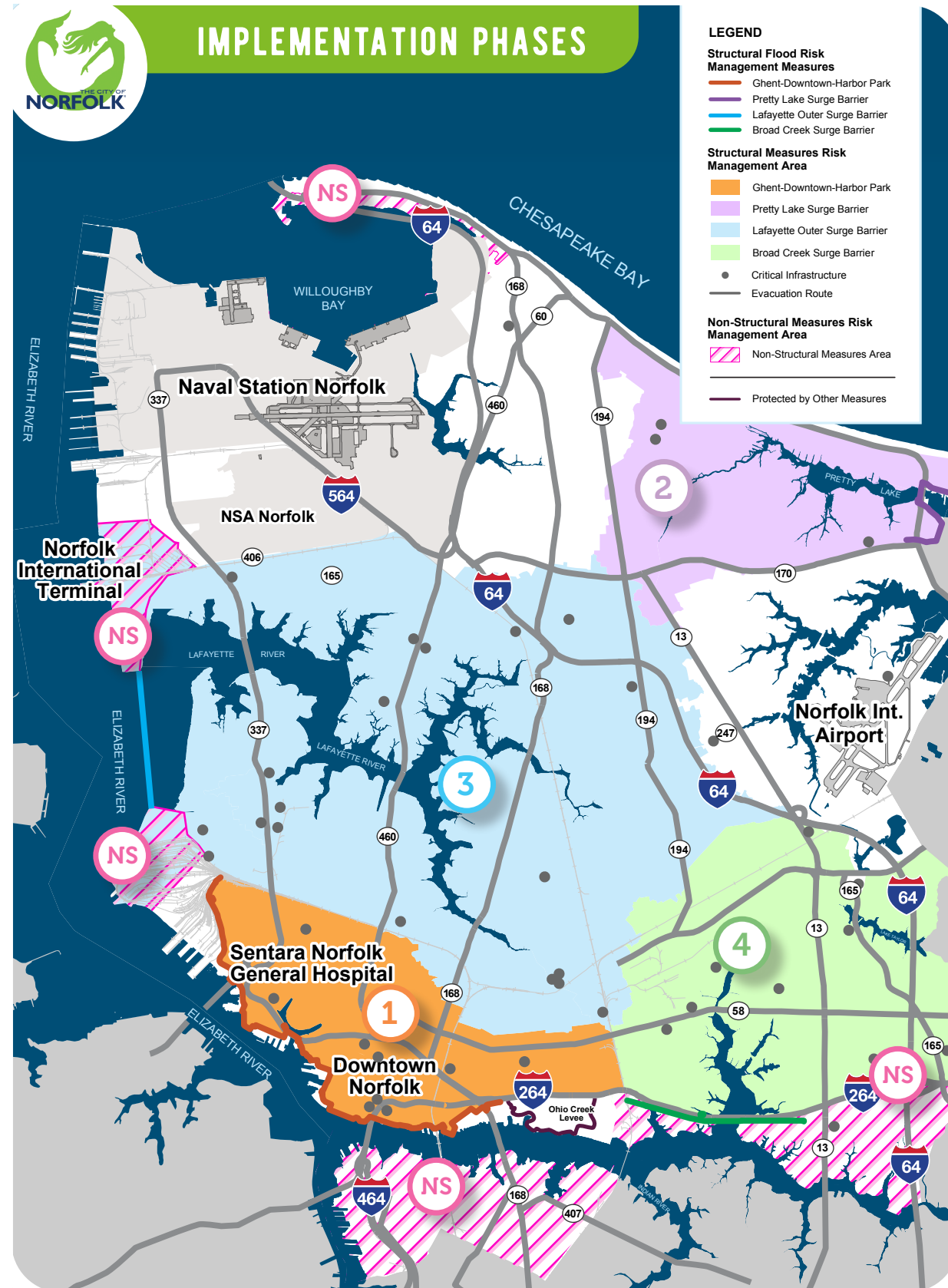
Aerial photo of living shoreline and berm under-construction



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



## The City wide project is divided into 5 implementation phases



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

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# Structural Projects

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



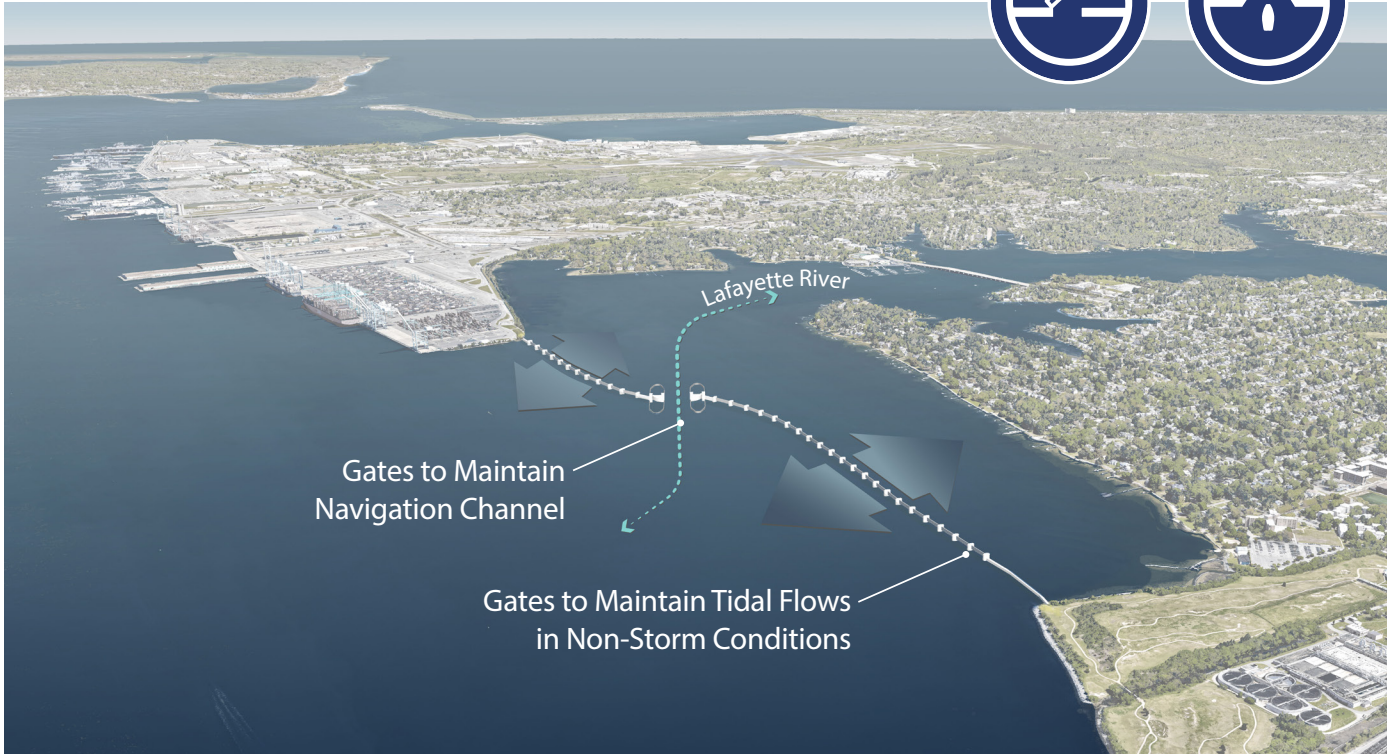
Ohio Creek Watershed Project Coastal Protection Alignment

Ohio Creek Watershed Project Pump Station



Waterside Drive Phase 1

Lafayette Storm Surge Barrier Phase 3



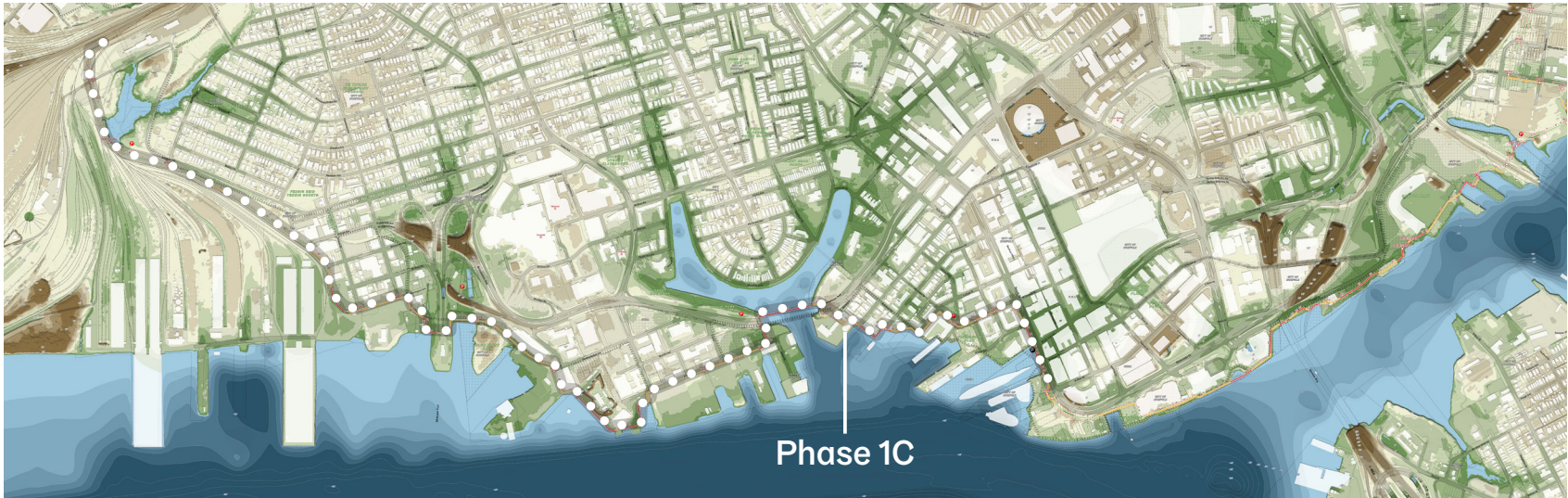
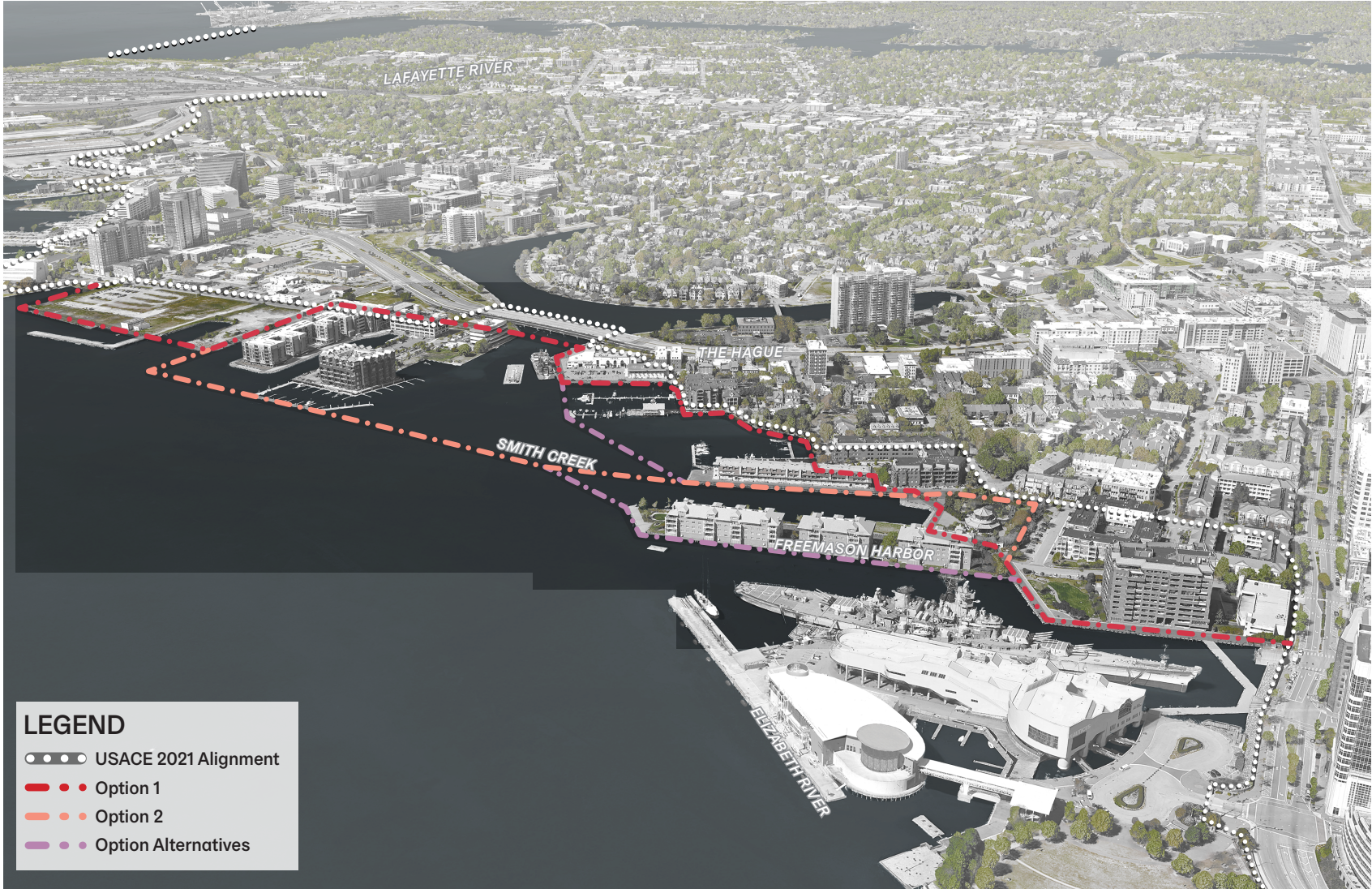


# Phase 1C

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Downtown

## February 2024 Strategy Workshop



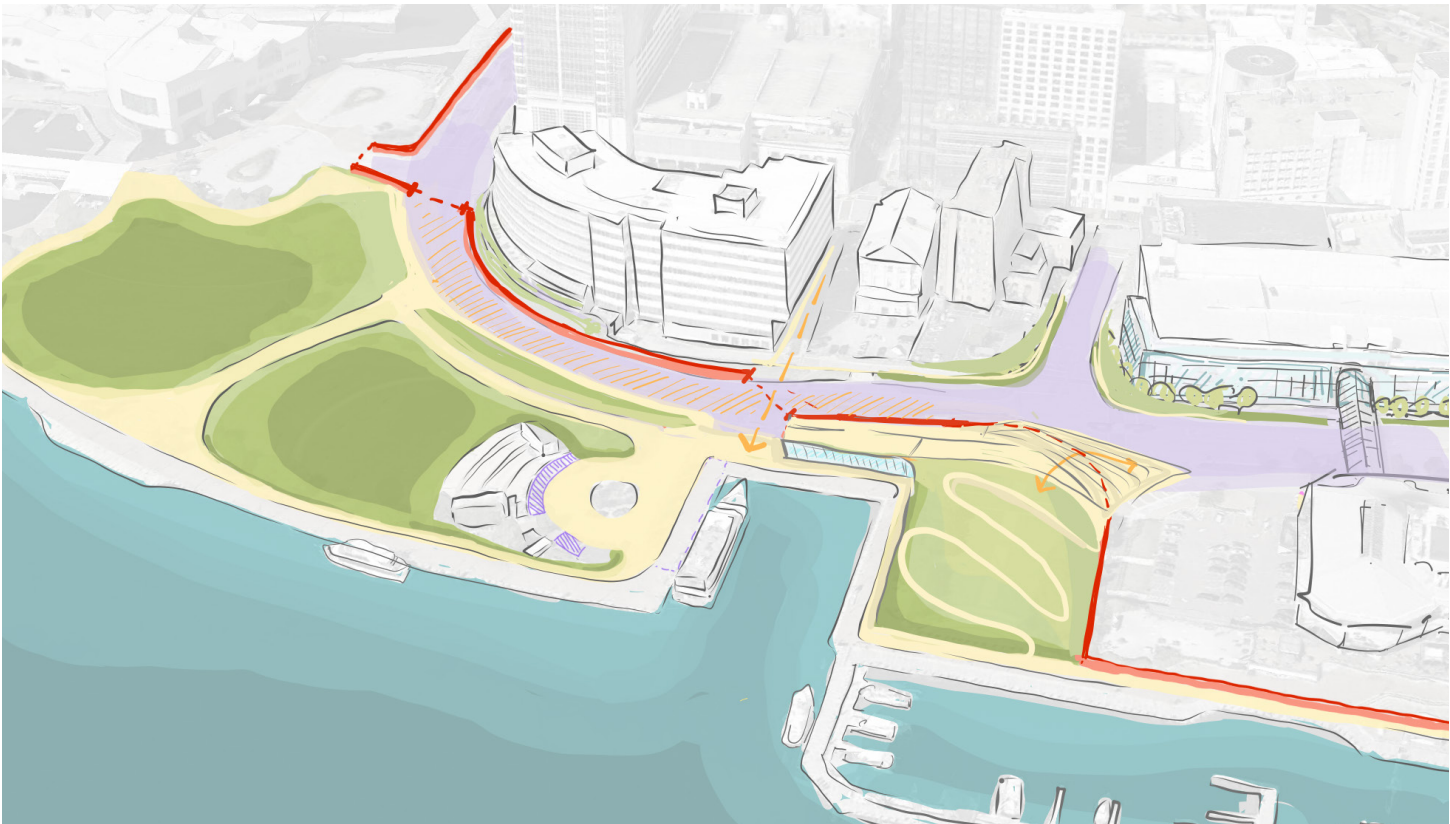
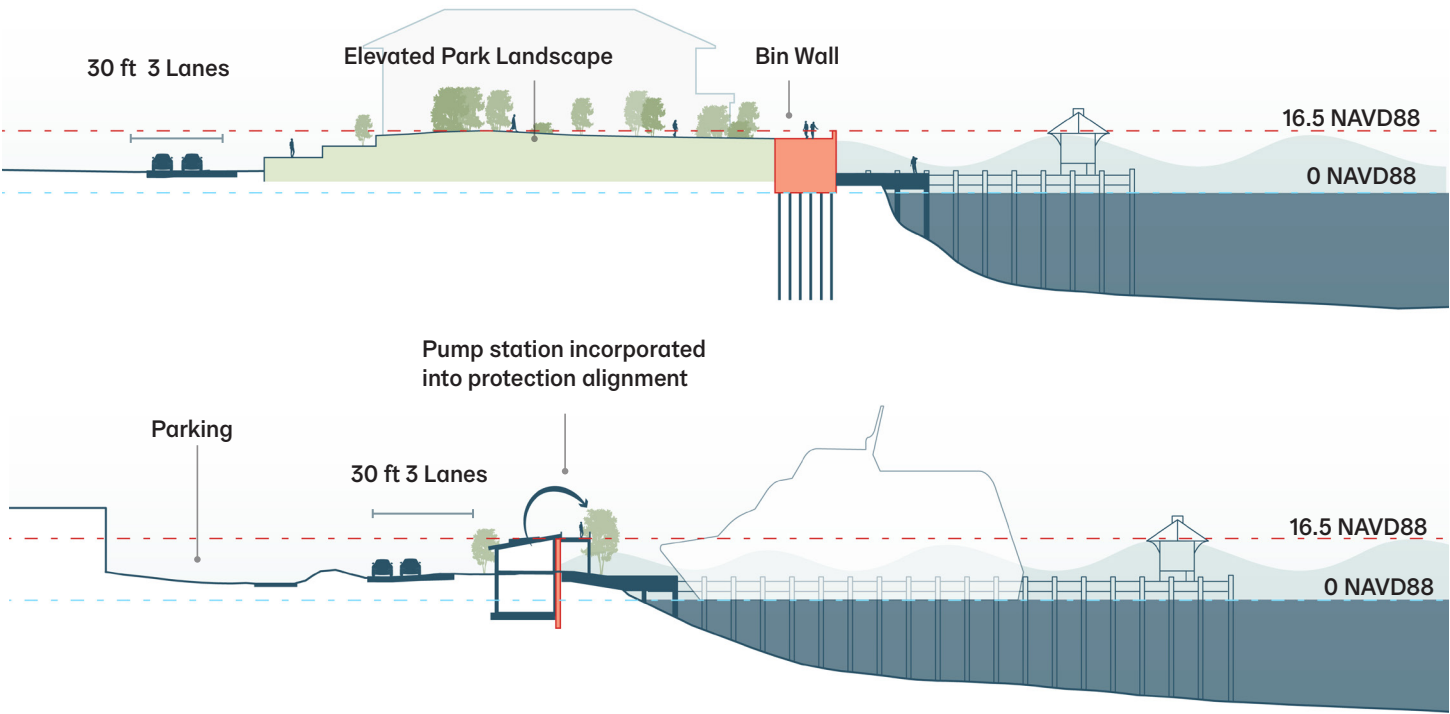


# Phase 1A

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Downtown

## October 2023 Waterside Drive Workshop



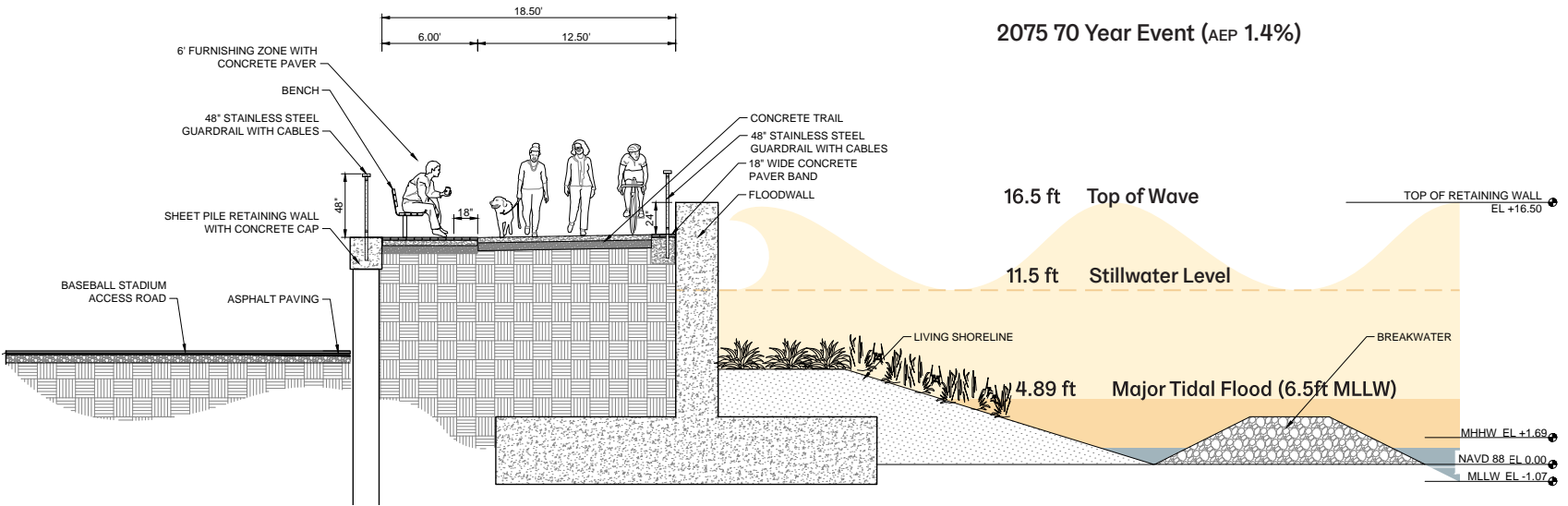


# Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Program

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



Ferry landing access at Harbor Park



Typical profile with trail, floodwall, and living shoreline

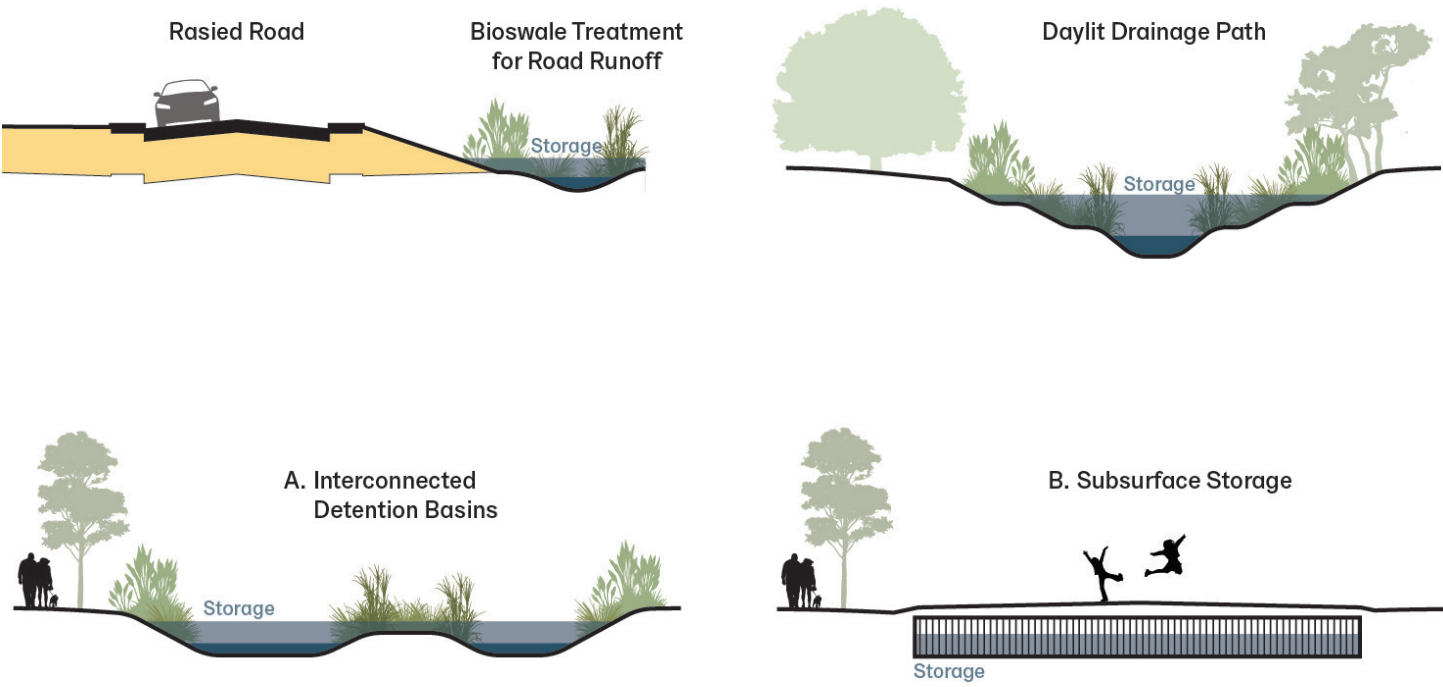


Elizabeth River Trail on top of floodwall alignment at Harbor Park



# 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



Ohio Creek Watershed Project Permeable Parking Surfaces and Pump Station



St. Paul's Blue Greenway





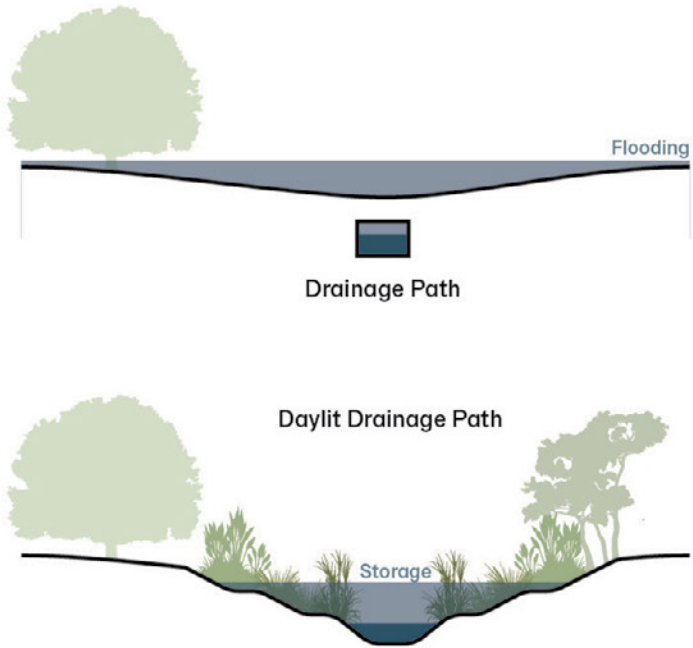
# Newton's Creek Daylighting

## 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.







Large Event Pavilion

Maintenance Building

Community Building

Freemason Bridge

Destination Play

Daylit Creek & Restored Wetlands

Existing Culvert





Freemason Bridge

North Weir

Large Event Pavilion

Amphitheatre

Daylit Creek &  
Restored Wetlands

South Weir

Community Building

South Pedestrian Bridge

View Looking North from South Pedestrian Bridge and Weir



# Non-Structural Projects

Focused on reducing property damage



## The Elevating Homes Pattern Book

### 1 Identify your Flood Zone & Elevation.

- Refer to NorfolkAIR & FIRM Maps
- Determine the BFE & DFE and Freeboard levels for your district
- Set your target elevation

### 2 Identify your Needs.

- Evaluate Style & Structure.
- Additional site needs - parking, storage, etc.
- Maintain connection to the street and sidewalk levels

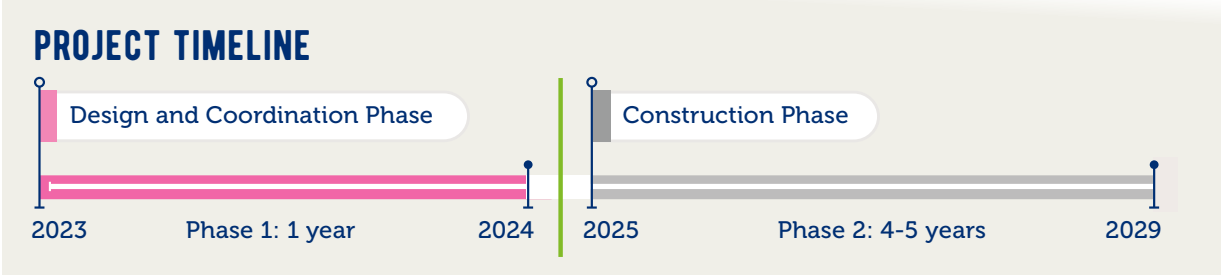
### 3 Identify your Character District.

- Refer to NorfolkAIR.
- Traditional District
- Downtown District
- Suburban District
- Coastal District

### 4 Use the Kit of Parts.

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

### 5 Assemble Parts to Create a Whole.





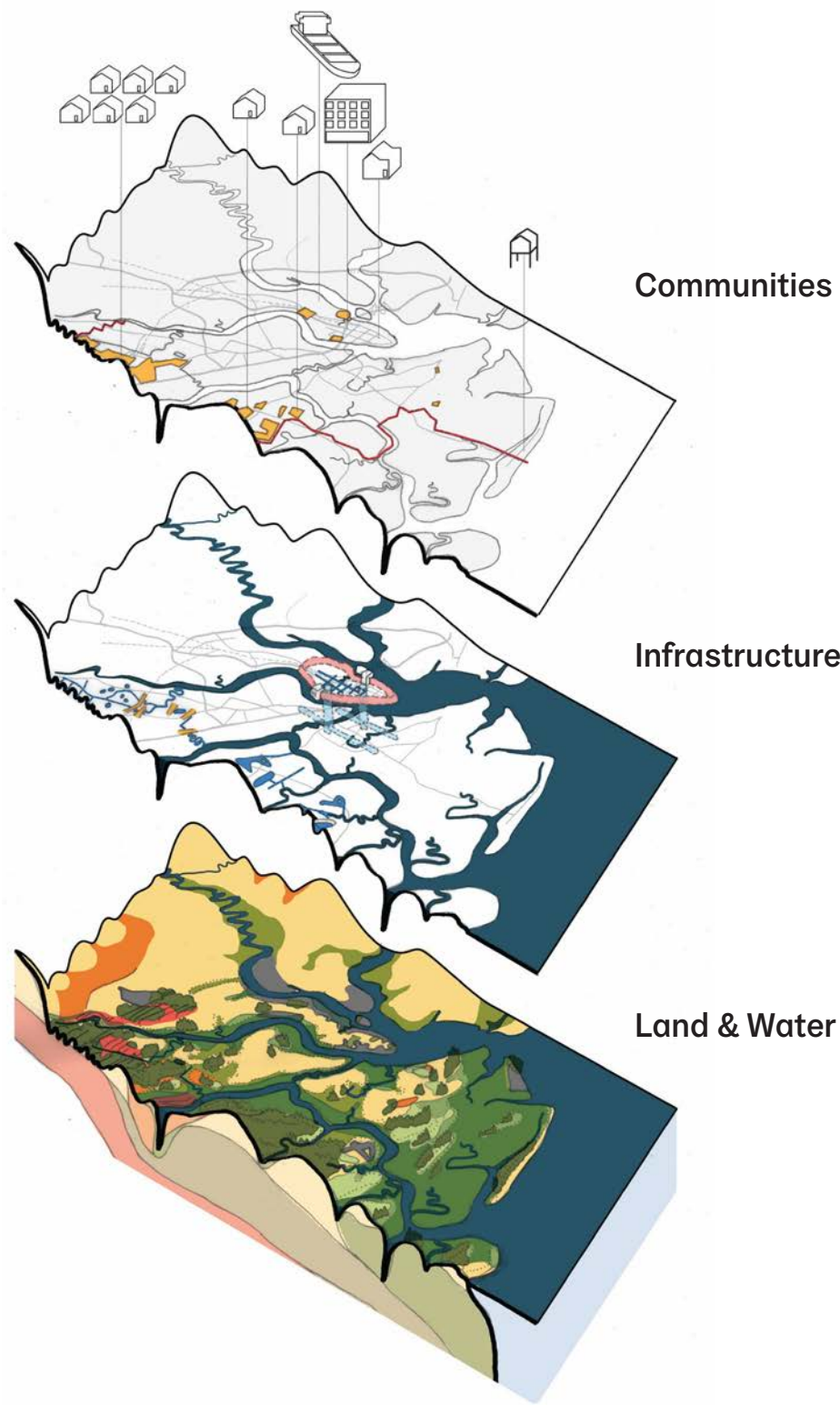
# Charleston



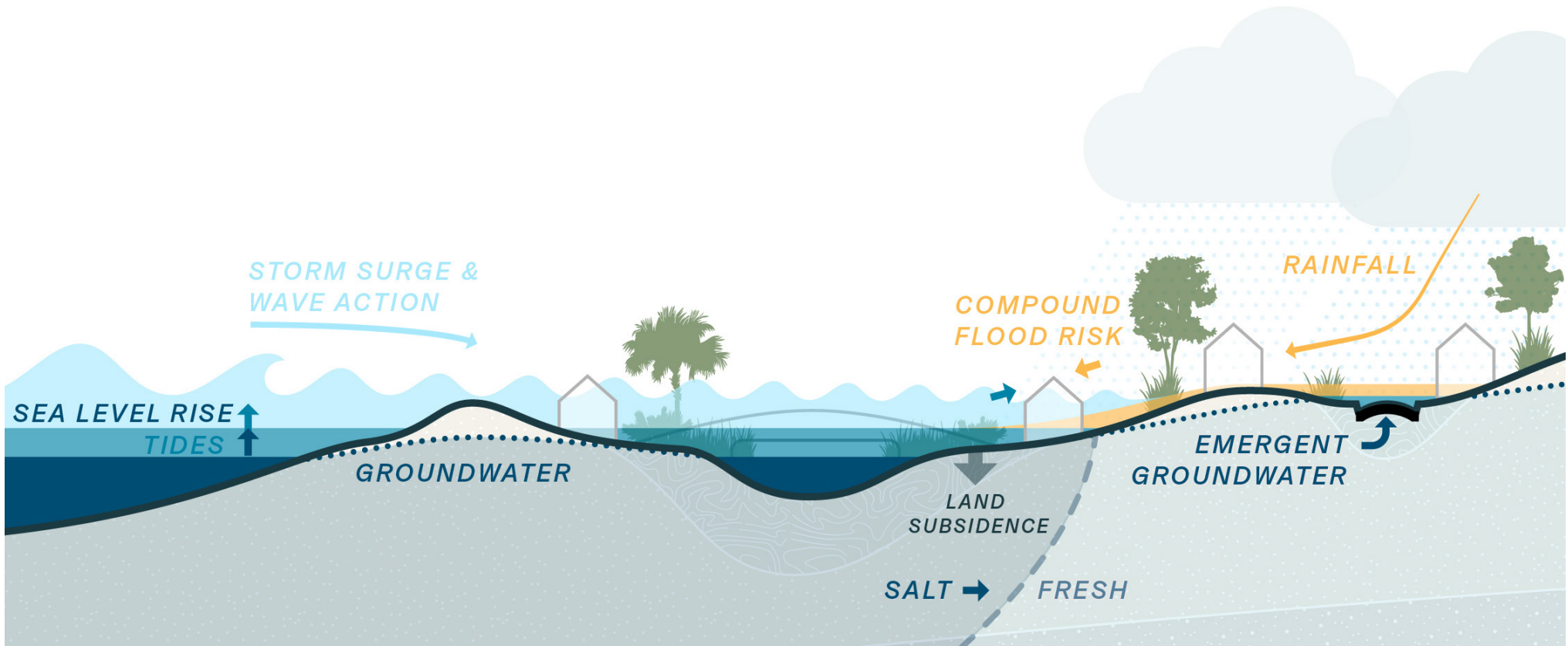


# Charleston Water Plan

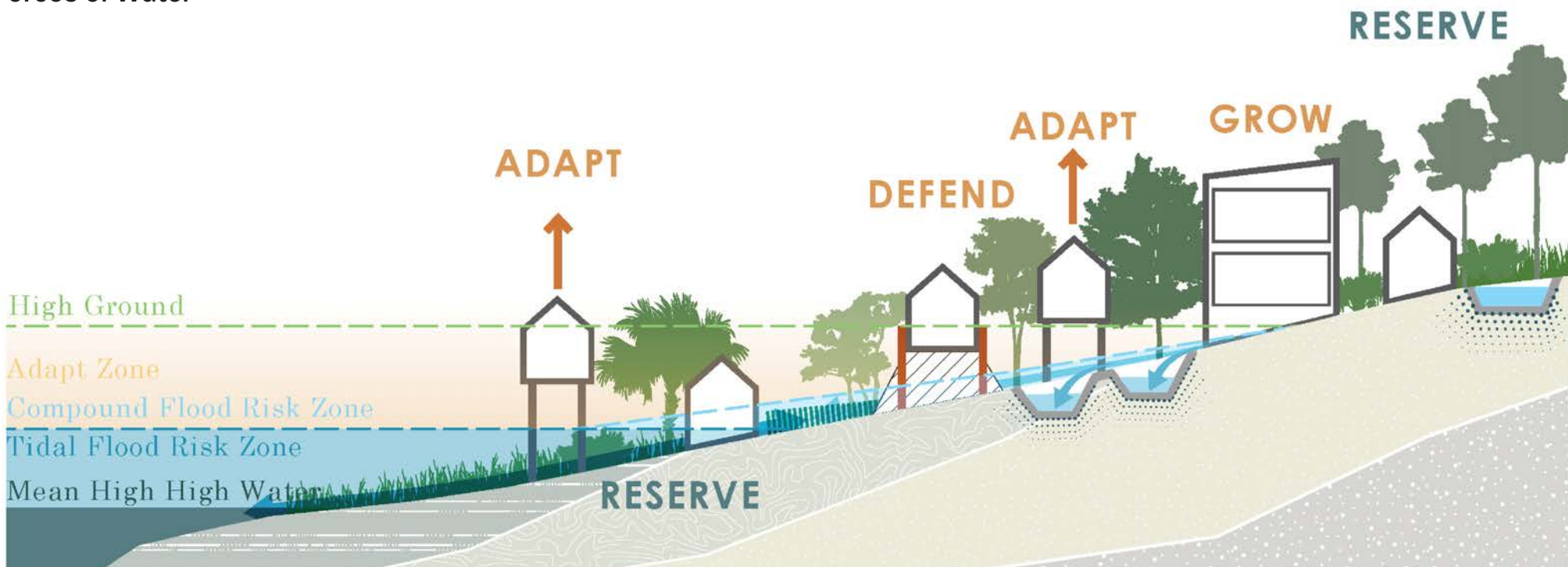
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Layered Planning



Forces of Water

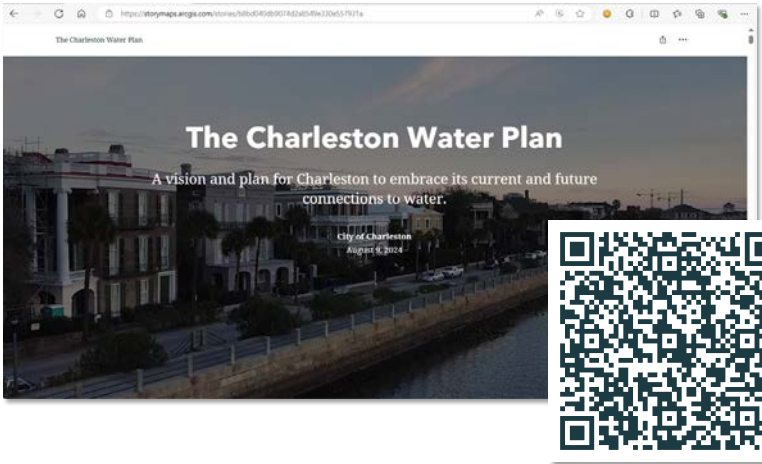
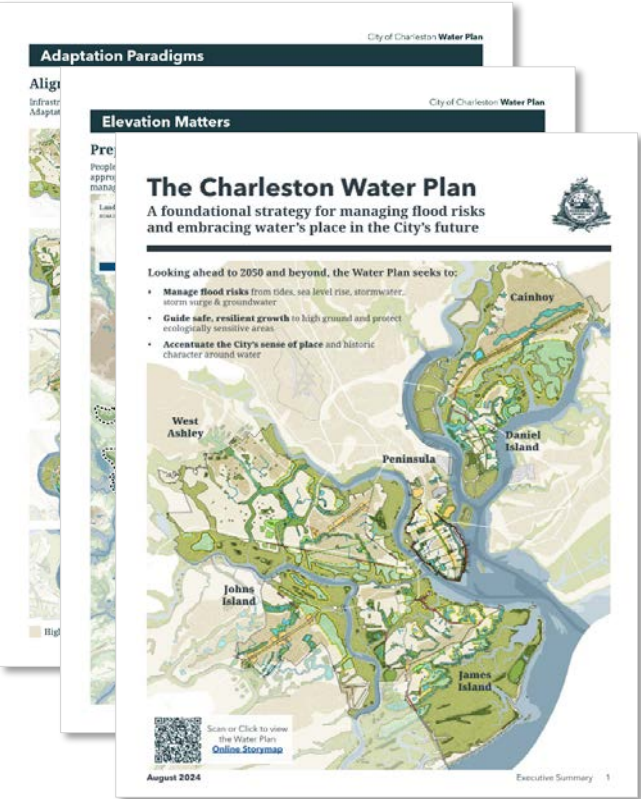


Elevation-based Planning



# Charleston Water Plan

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



The Charleston Water Plan outlines strategies & projects to manage future flood risks, ensuring the City’s long-term resilience and sustainability through proactive & inclusive measures.



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# Coastal Condition

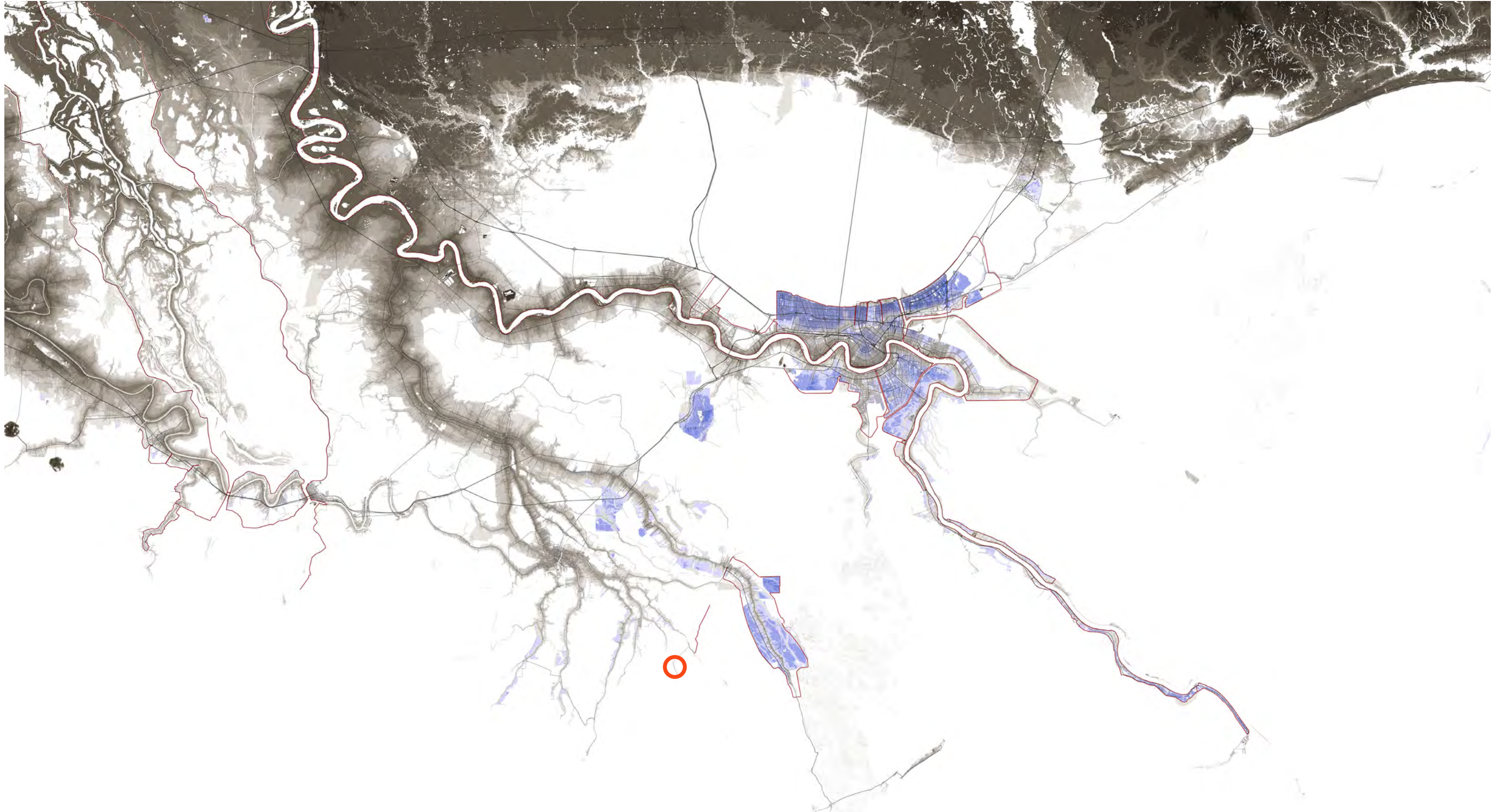
Louisiana





# Louisiana: High + Low Landscape

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



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



# Lines of Defense

Mississippi Delta





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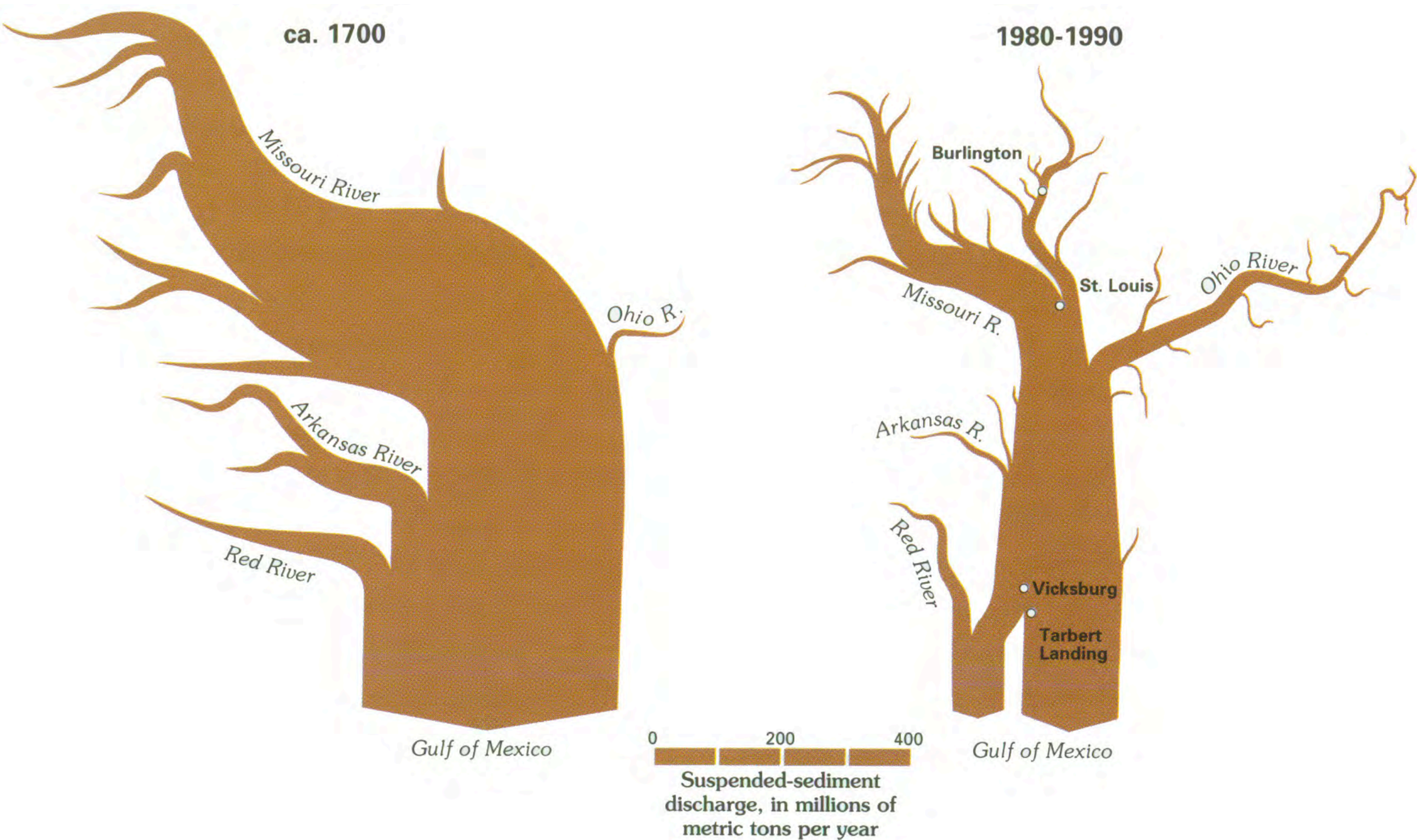
## Mississippi Delta





# Sediment Discharge

Missouri River and Mississippi River



source: U.S. Geological Survey



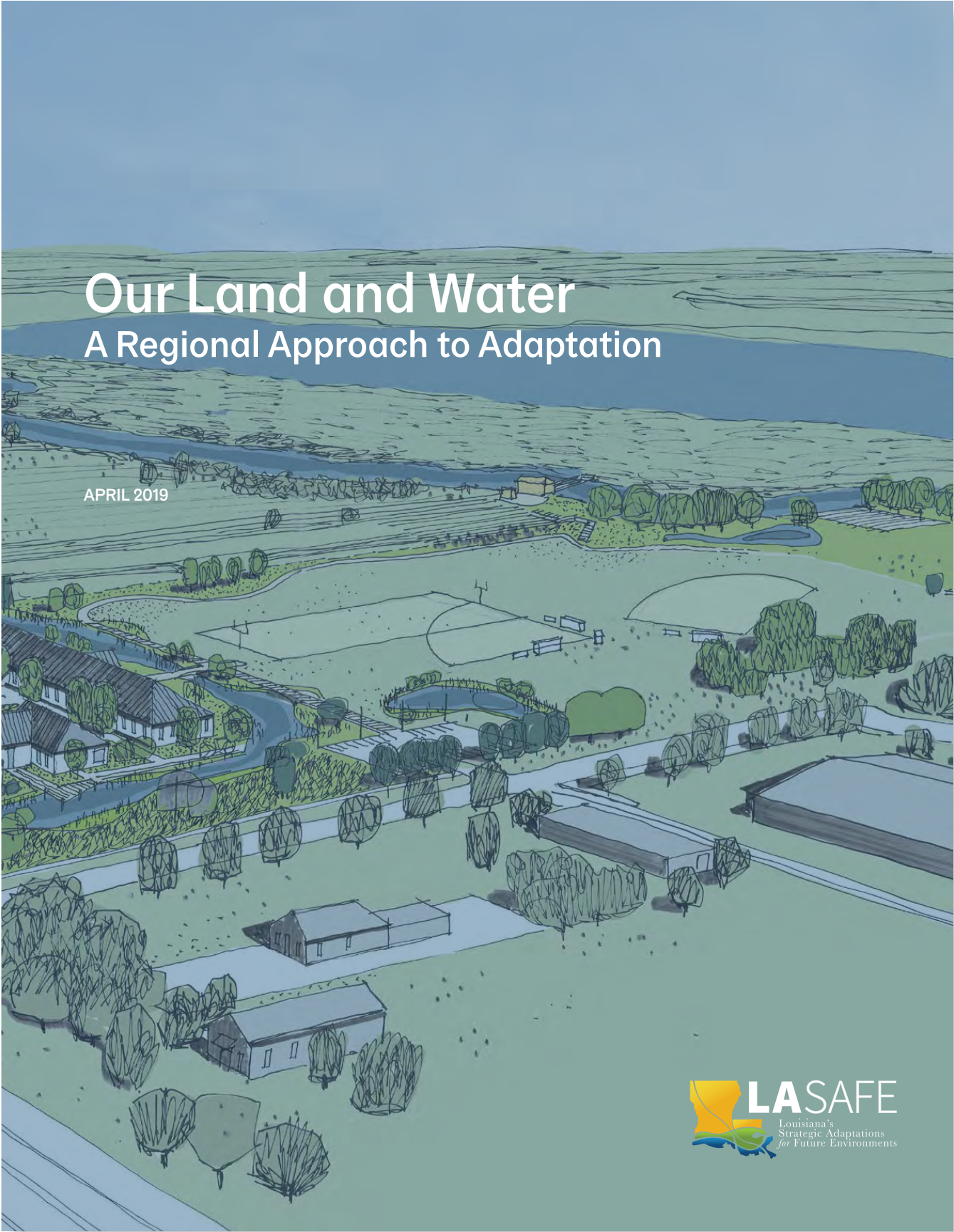
# Wetland Loss

Louisiana



source: Monique Verdín









**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

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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

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- Water
- Wetlands
- Levees



Sources: CPRA Coastal Master Plan 2017 and USGS  
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# Coastal Condition, 2017

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- Water
- Wetlands
- Levees



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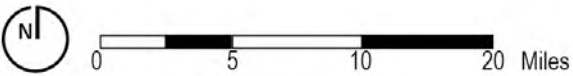


# Coastal Condition, 2067 (No Action)

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- Water
- Wetlands
- Wetlands Created
- Levees



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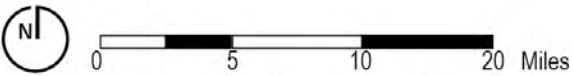


# Coastal Condition, 2067 (With Action)

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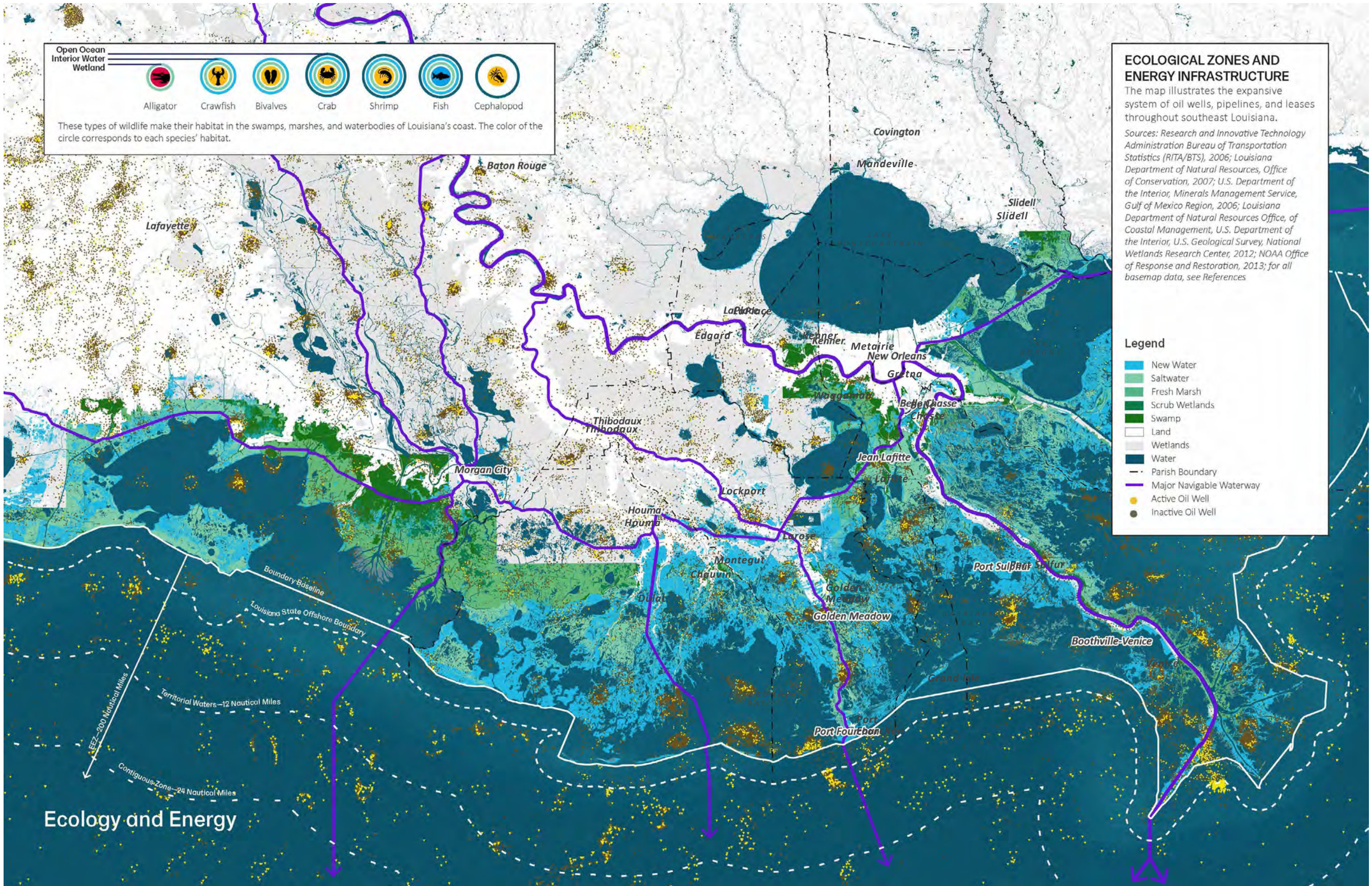


- Water
- Wetlands
- Wetlands Sustained
- Wetlands Created
- Levees
- CPRA Proposed Levees



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# Risk Zones

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## Low Risk

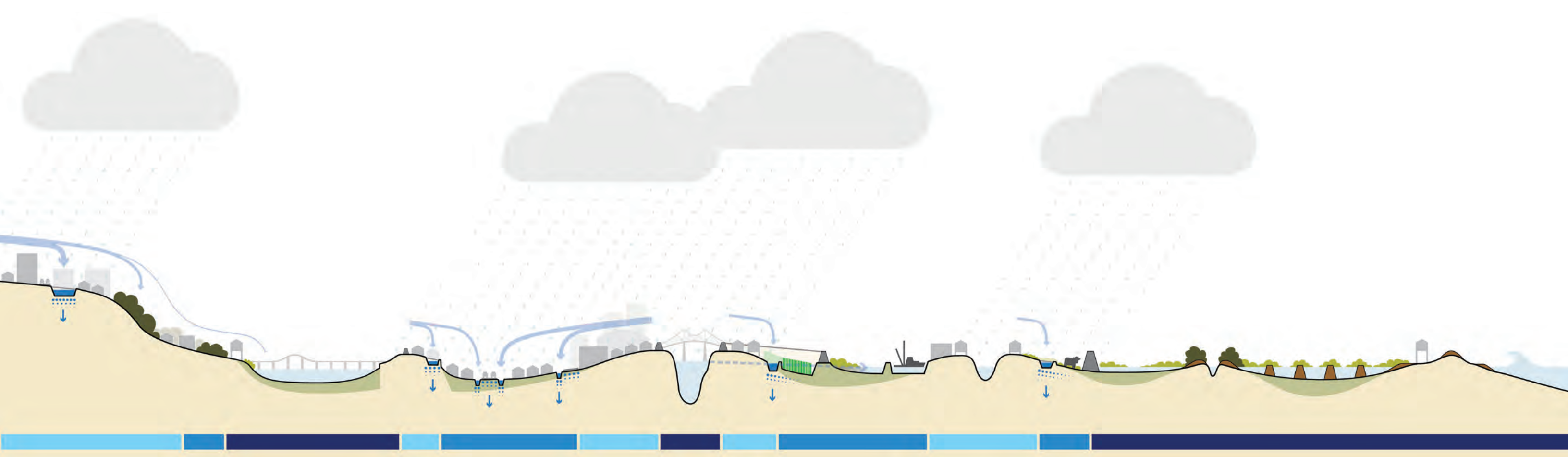
Minimal storm surge flood risk projected and outside the current 100-year floodplain

## Moderate Risk

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

## High Risk

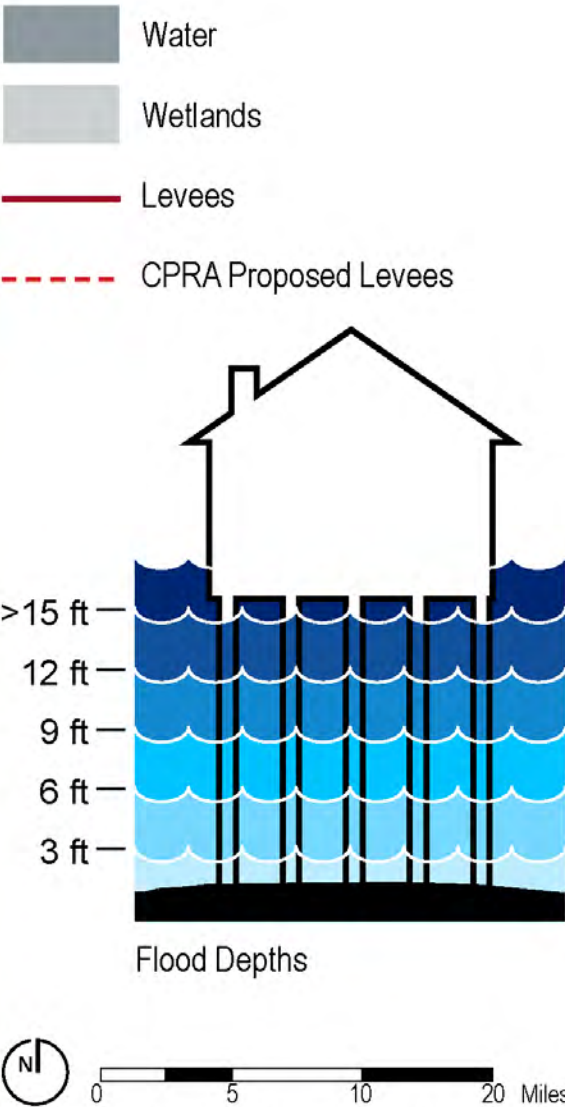
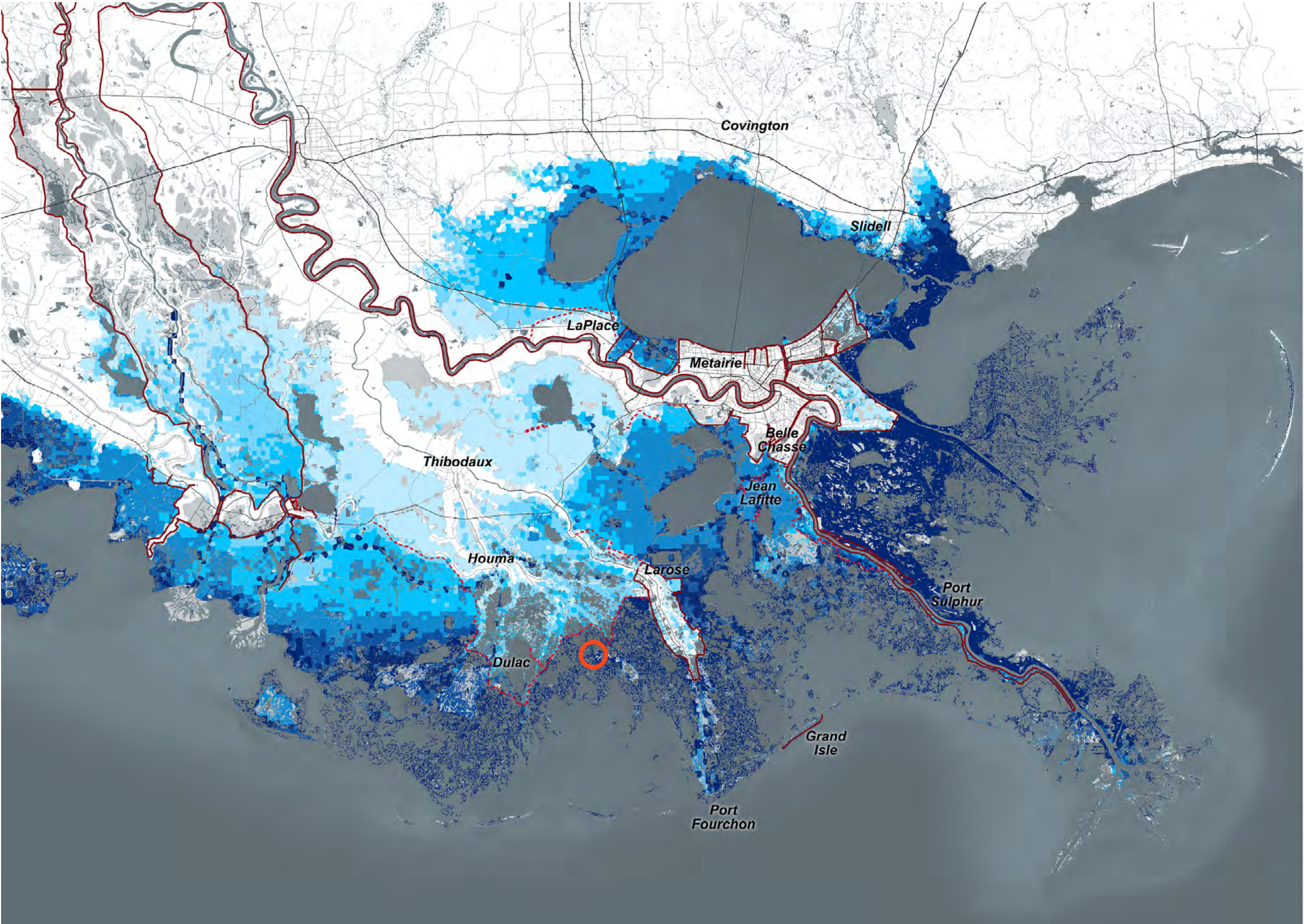
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# Flood Risk, 2067 (With Action)

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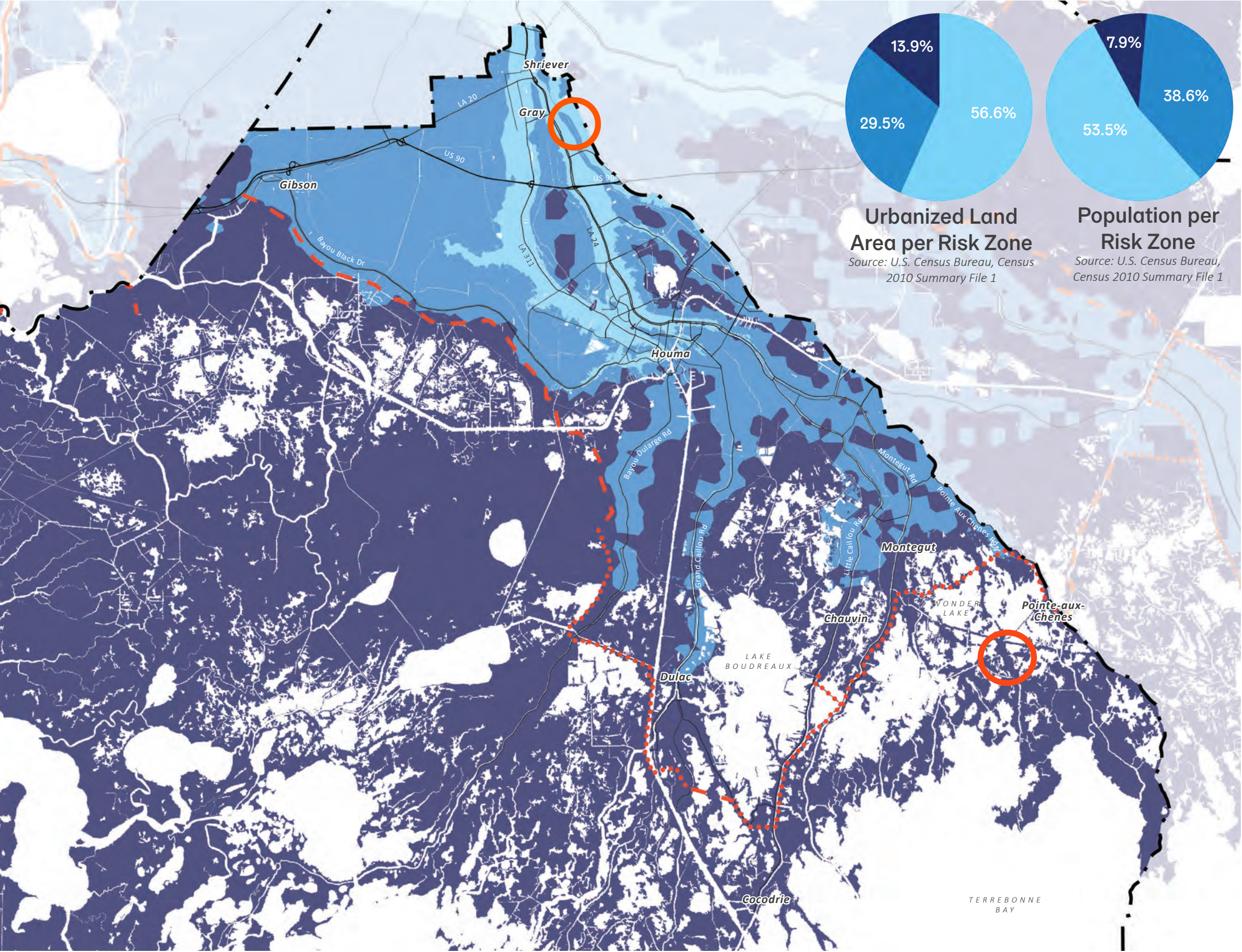


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# Combined Flood Risk Zones

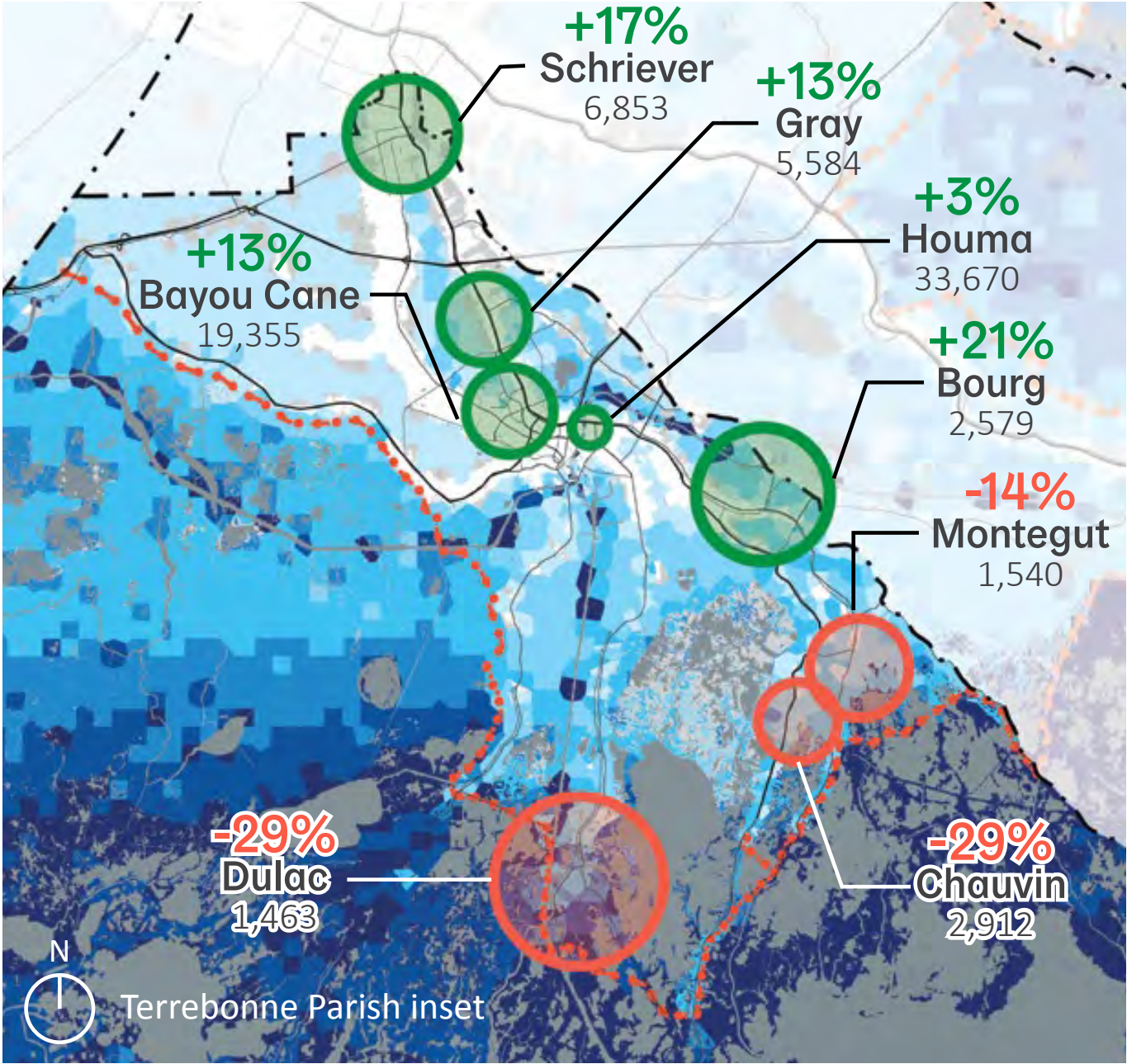
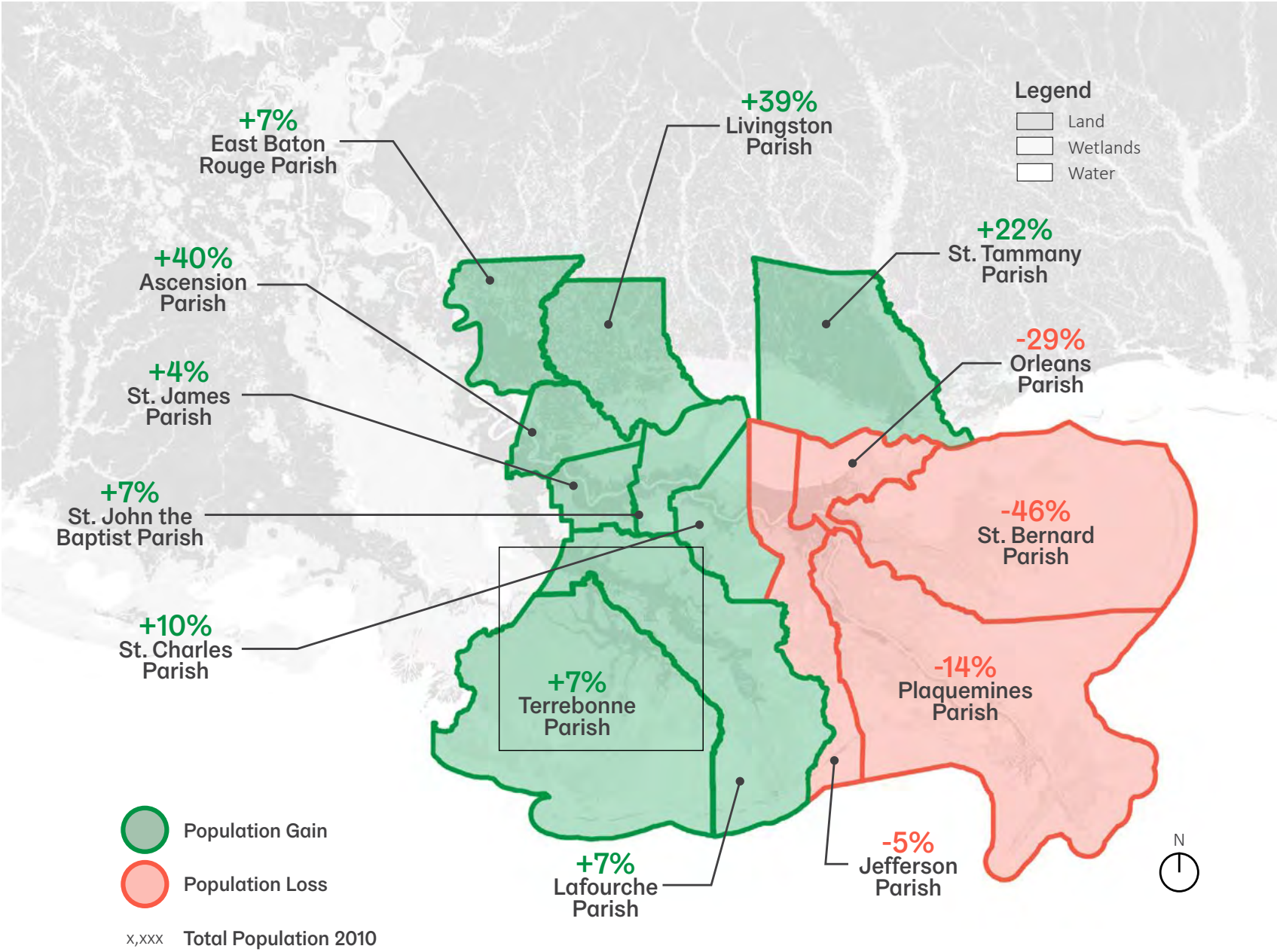
LA SAFE - Terrebonne Parish





# Shifting Populations 2000-2010

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An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely a wetland or marsh area. A long, straight road or canal runs diagonally across the frame, flanked by water and marshland. The sky is overcast with dark clouds. A large red rectangular overlay is positioned in the upper left quadrant, containing the text "LASAFE Community Resettlement" in white.

# LASAFE Community Resettlement





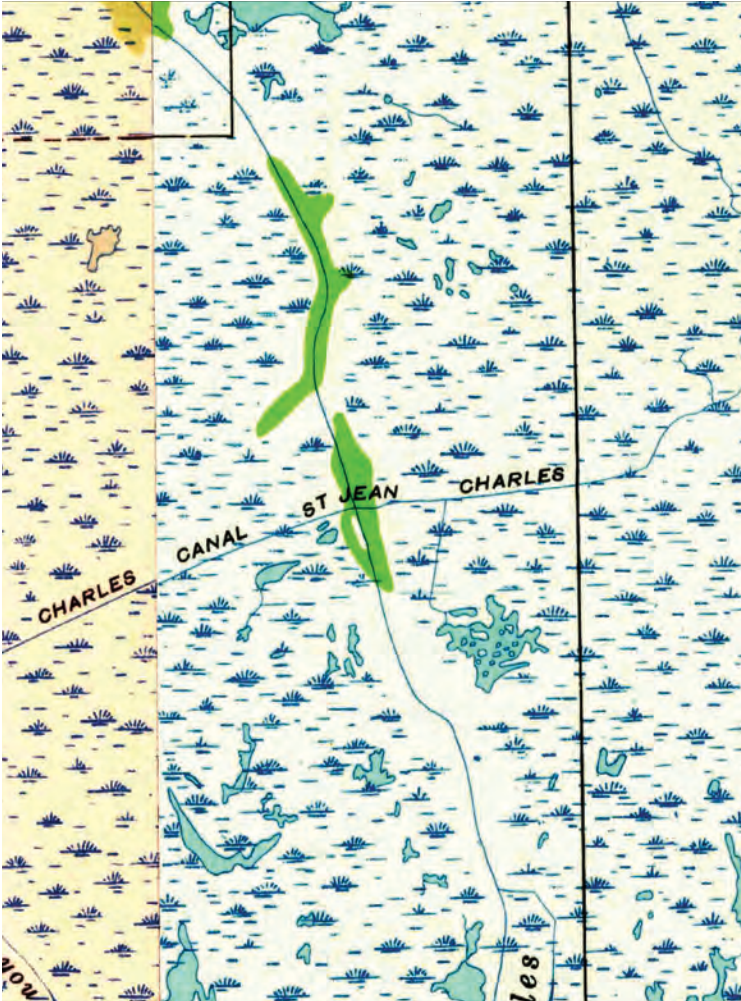


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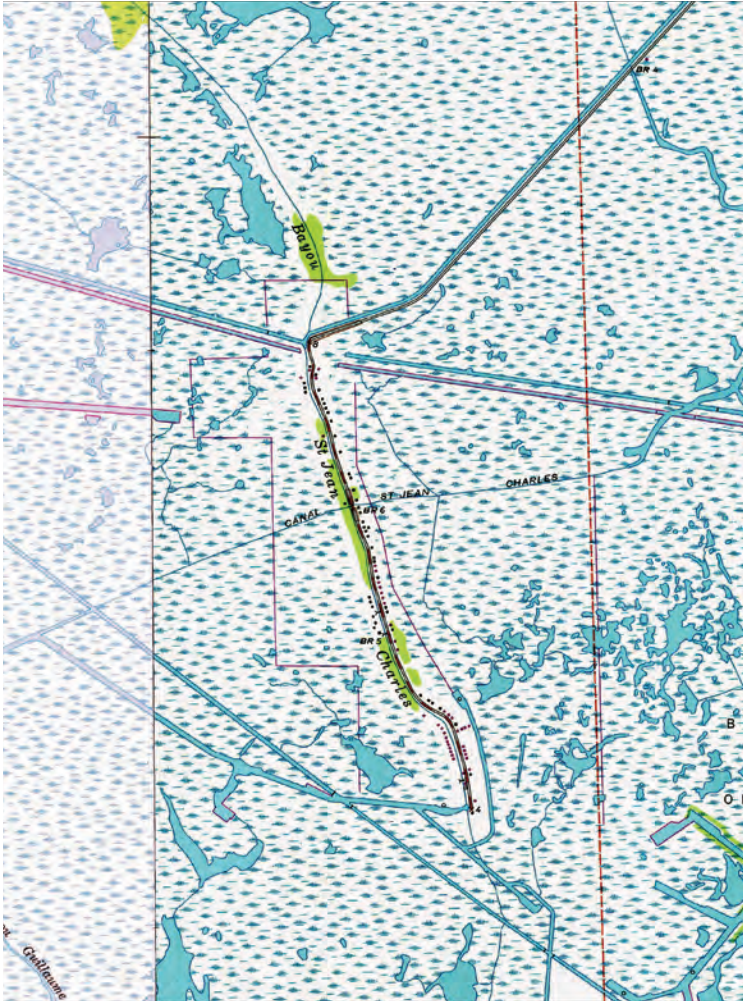




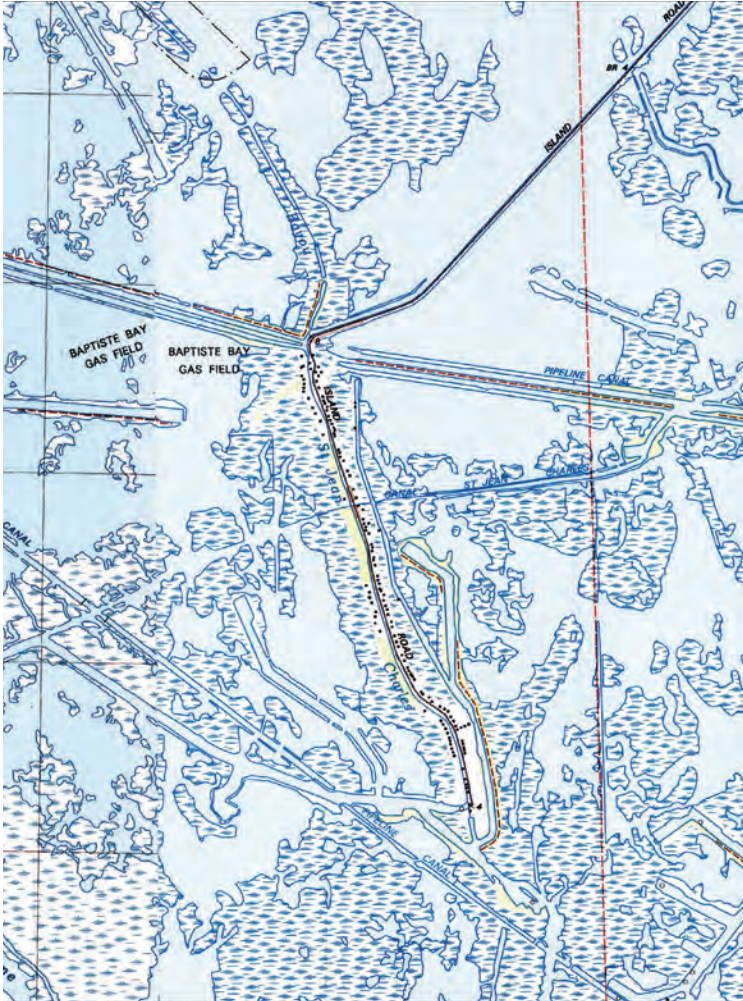
# Wetland Loss



1939



1979



1998



2018



# Island Road



source: OLIN



# Housing

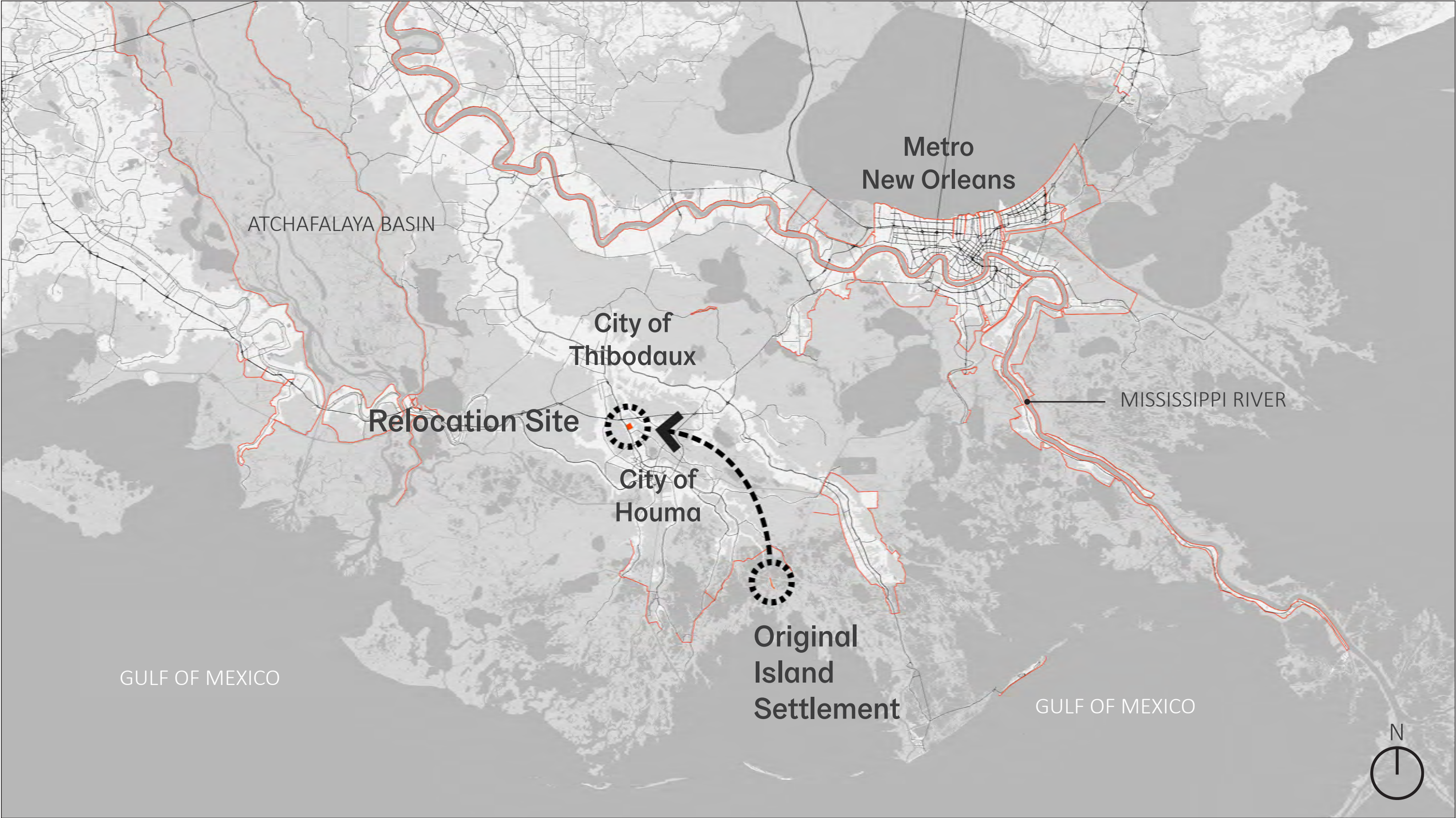




# Housing























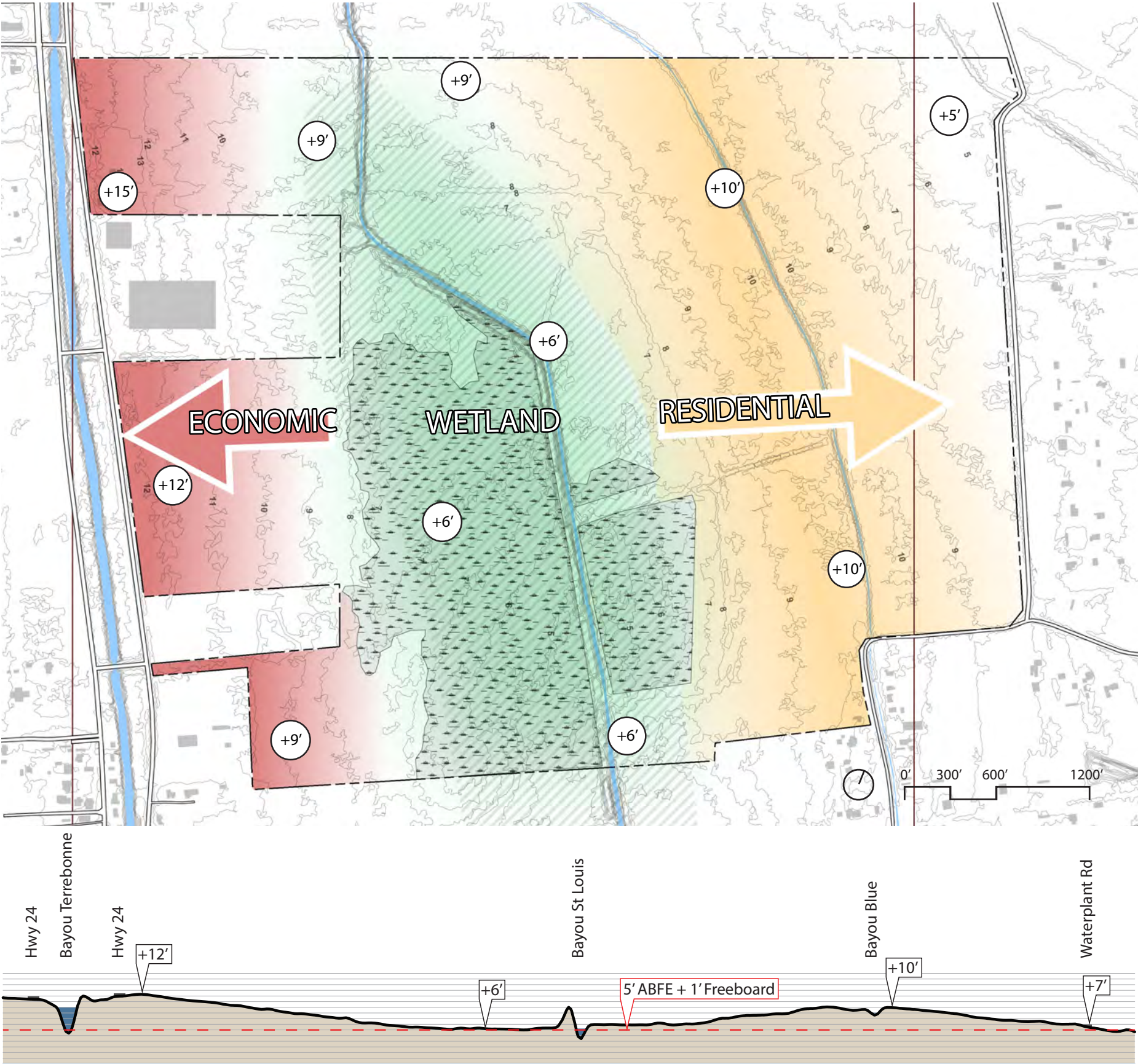


Community Workshops





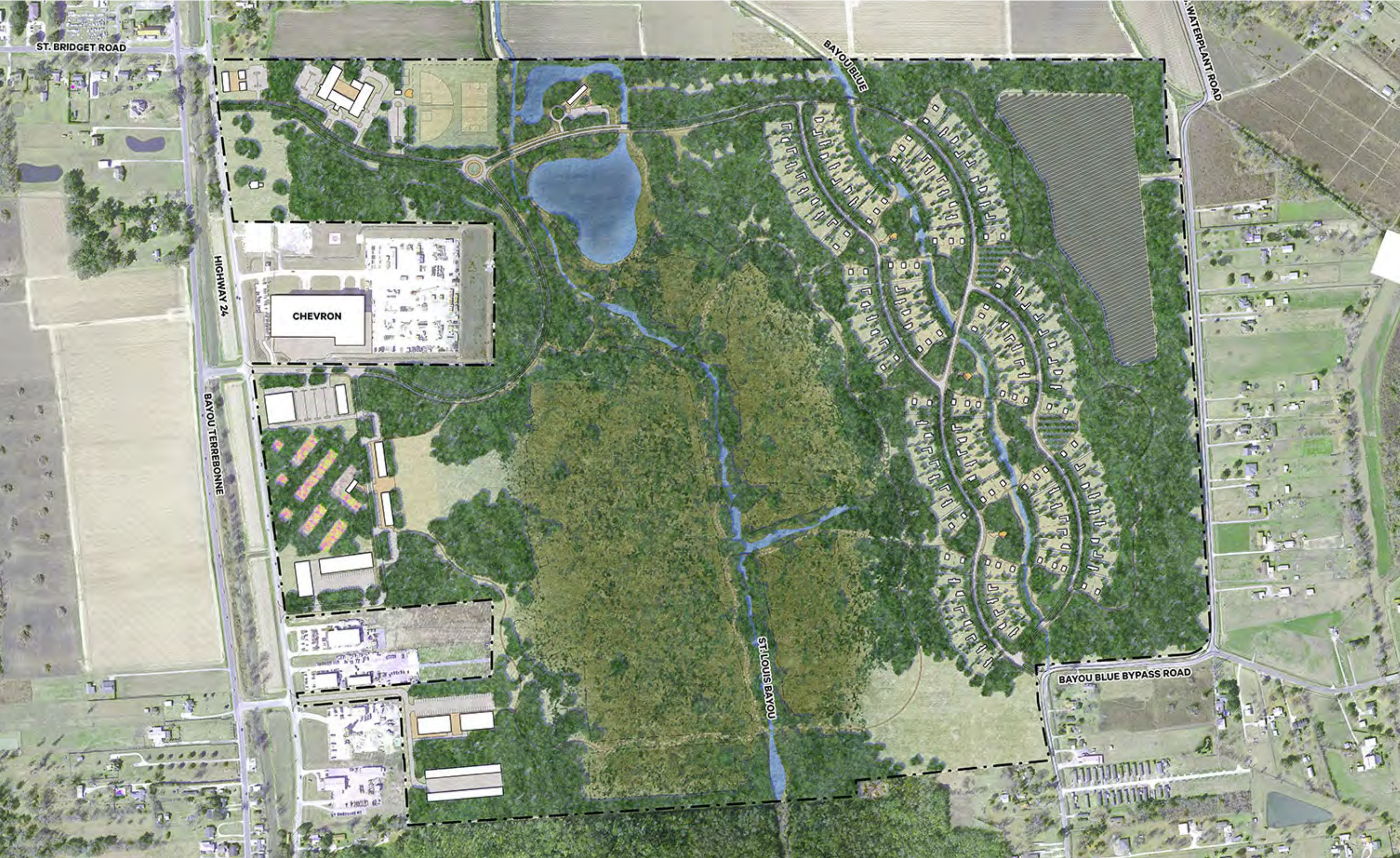
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WETLAND PLANTS WILL BE A NATURAL BUFFER BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

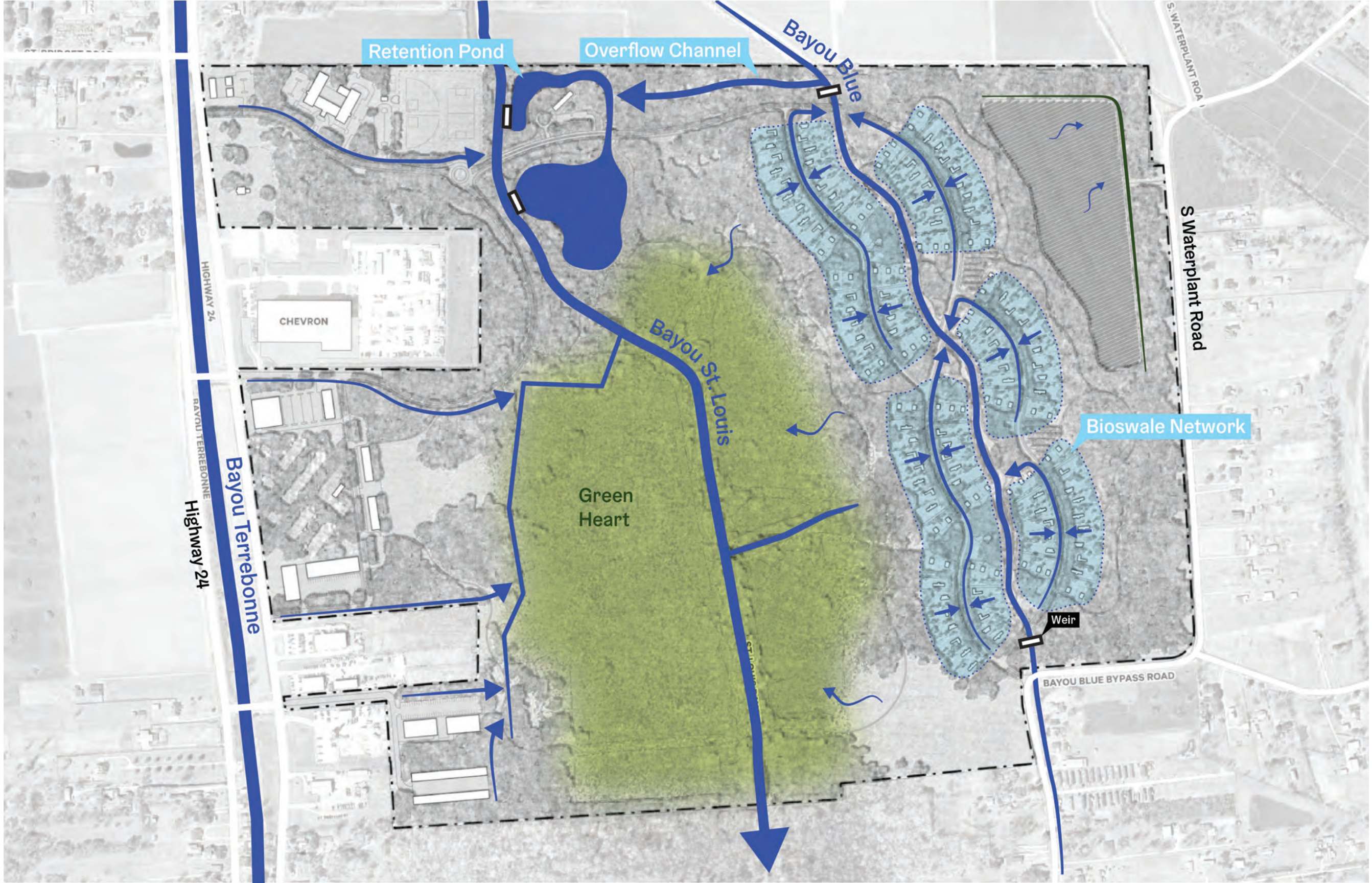


# New Isle Plan





# New Isle Hydrology





# Commercial Buildings













Community Building









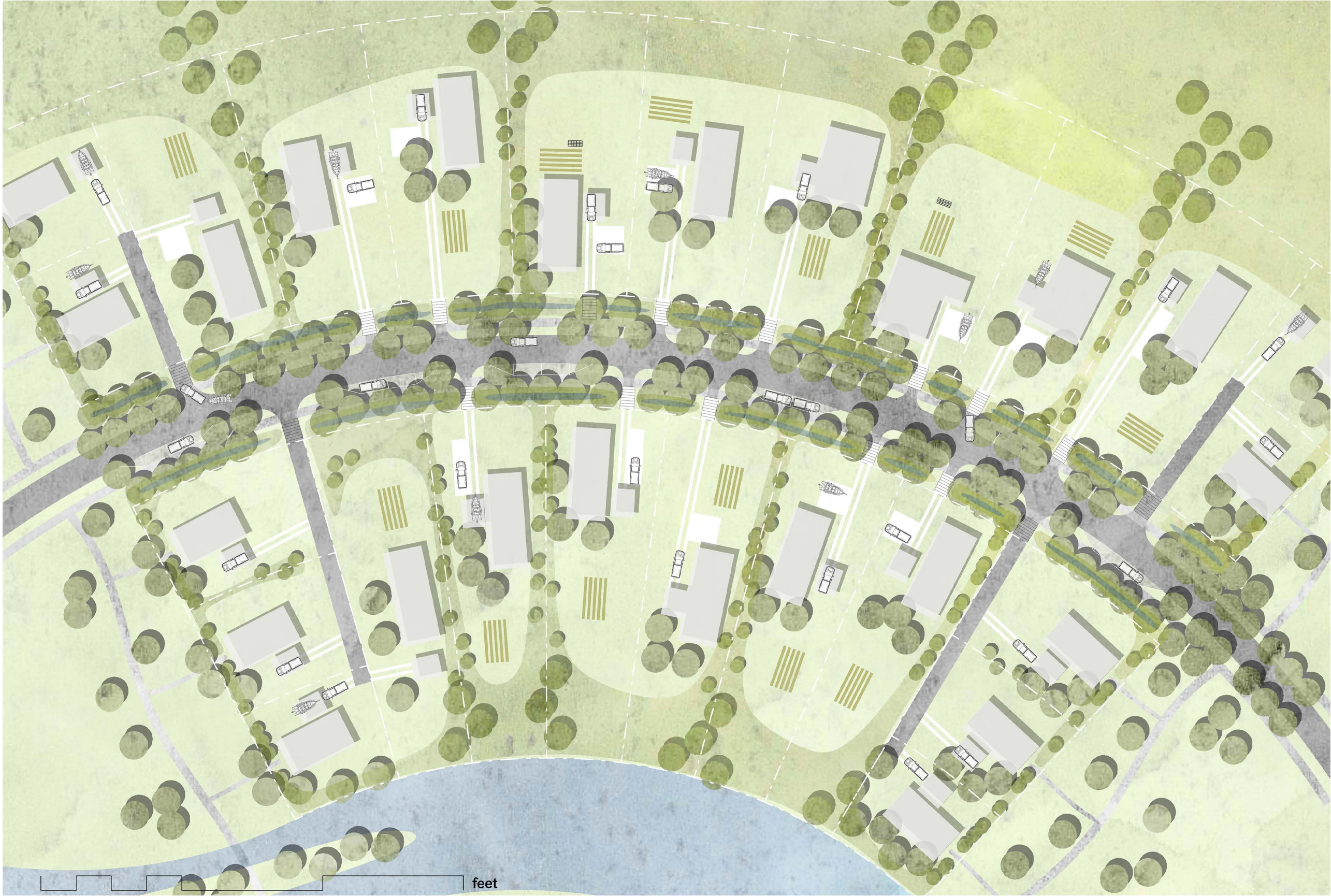






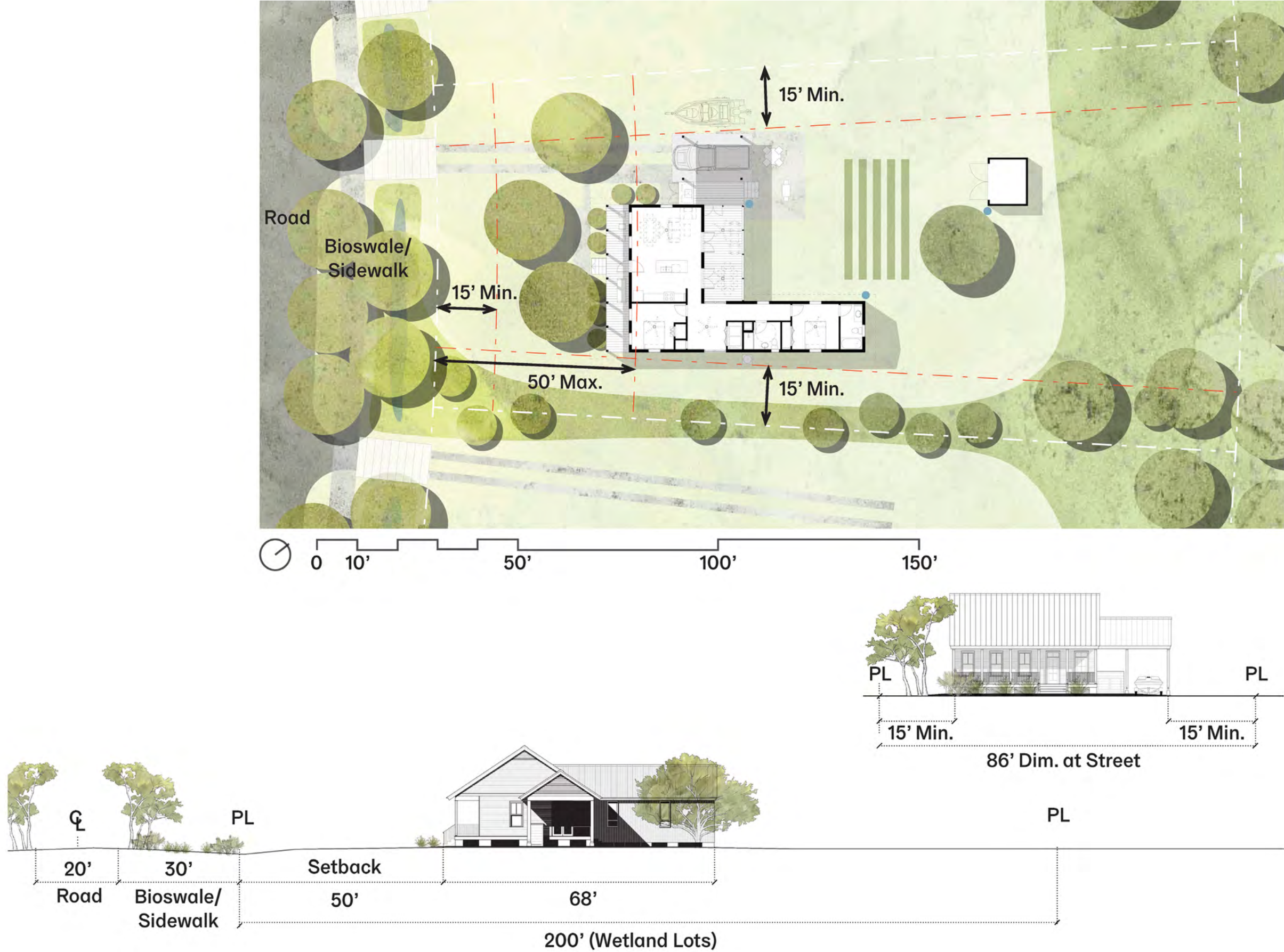


Residential Petal Plan





# Residential Lot Design





# Housing Matrix



<div>Types</div> <div>Size</div>				
1-Bed	 818 SF			 898 SF
2-Bed	 1067 SF	 1st Floor 2nd Floor 1294 SF	 1271 SF	 1252 SF
3-Bed		 1st Floor 2nd Floor 1552 SF	 1514 SF	 1401 SF
4-Bed				 1st Floor 2nd Floor 2018 SF







Porches















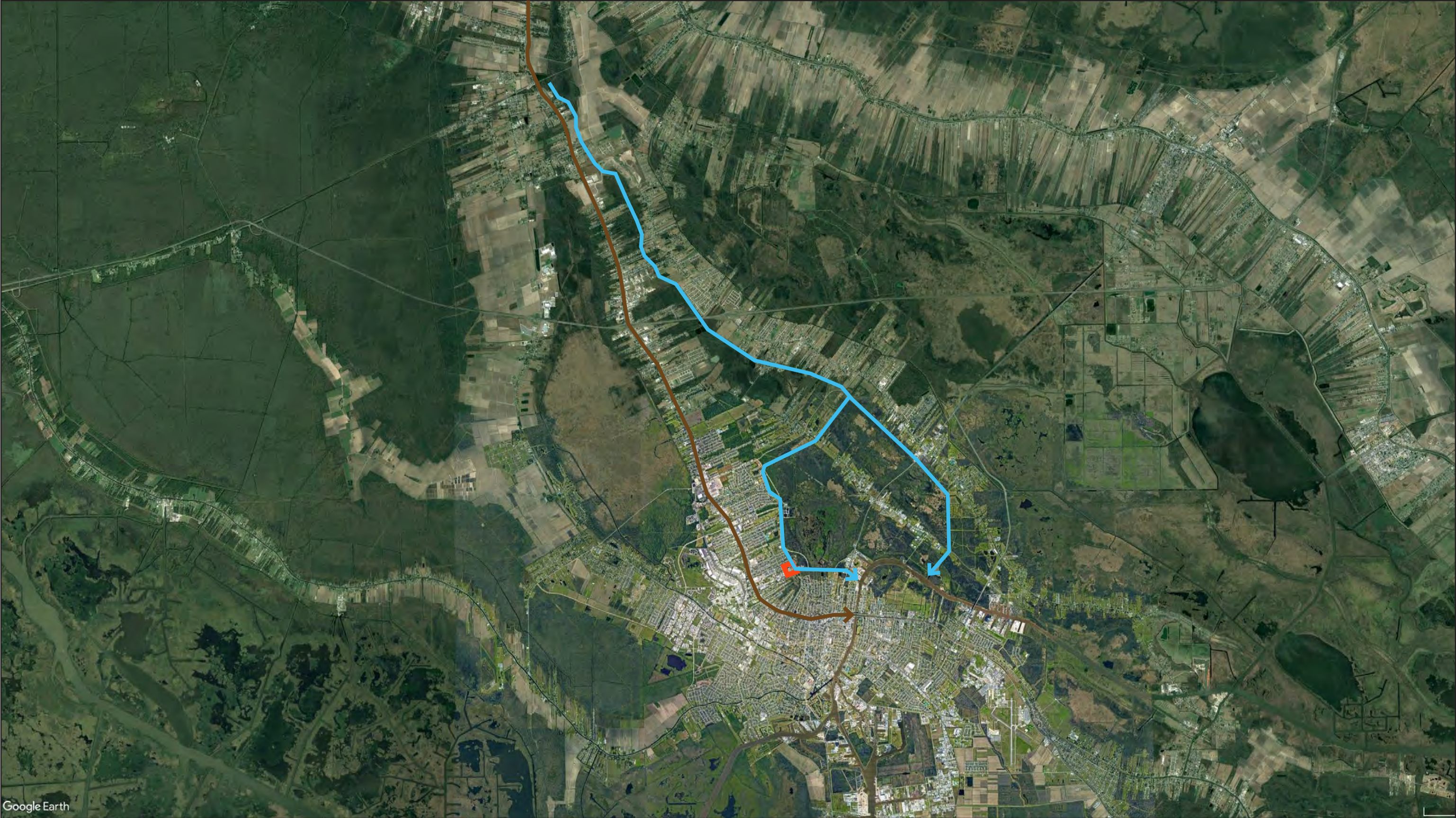


Residential Street



SOURCE/ OLIN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS











# Existing Conditions





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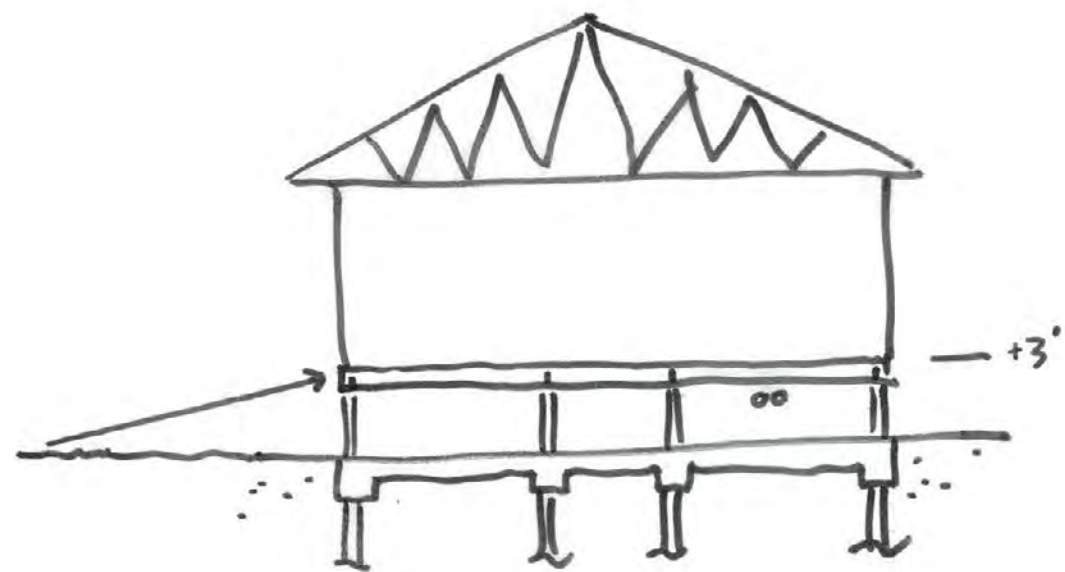


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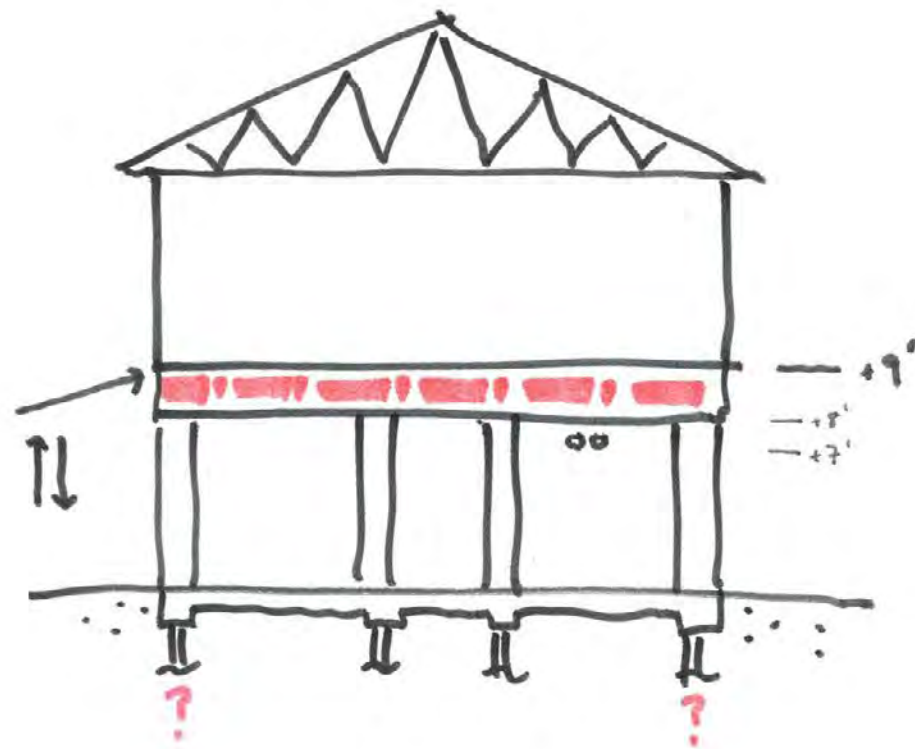




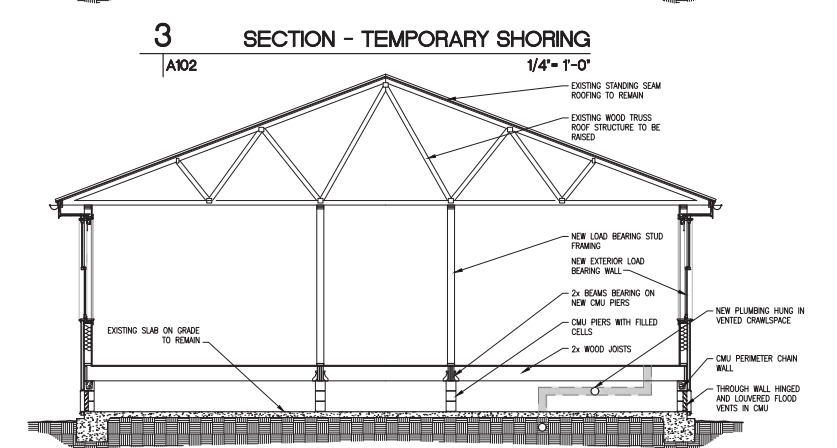
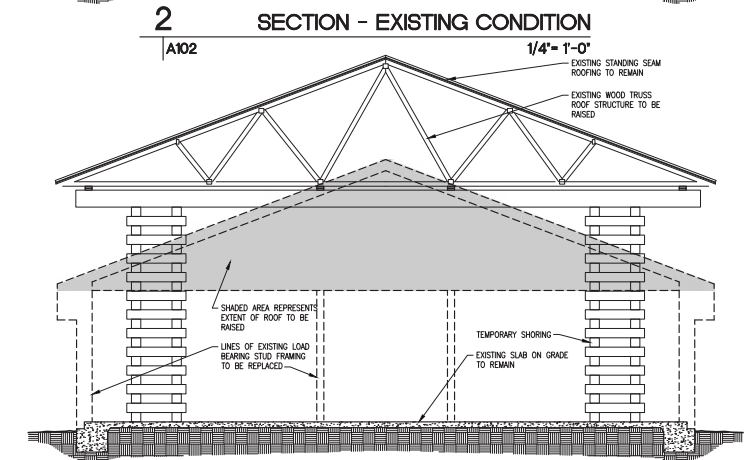
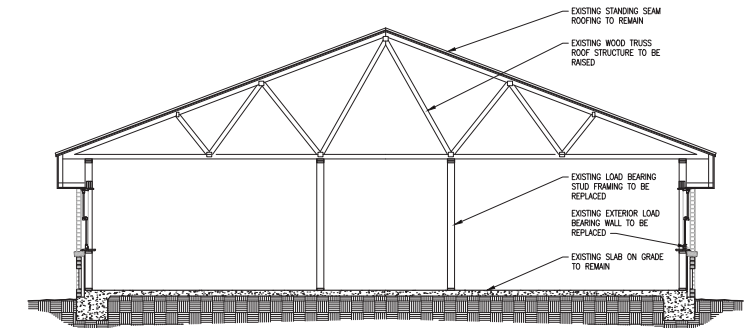
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- Residential construction
- Wide range of contractors
- Structure aligns with existing foundation
- Accessible by ramp ( ~ 50' ramp )

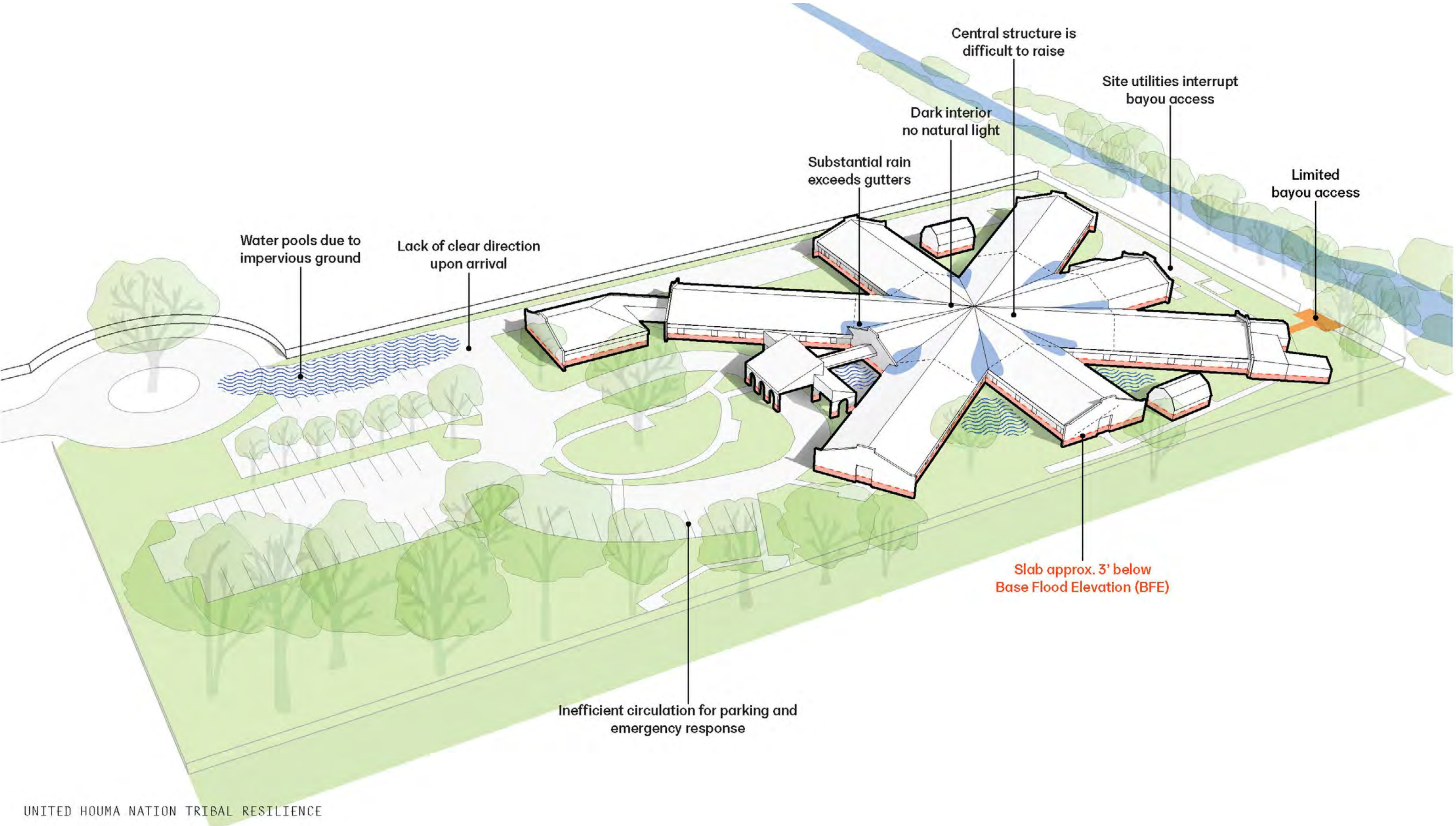


- Fire separated construction
- Commercial / Specialty contractors
- Foundation bearing points TBD
- Requires elevators / lifts ( ~ 200' ramp )



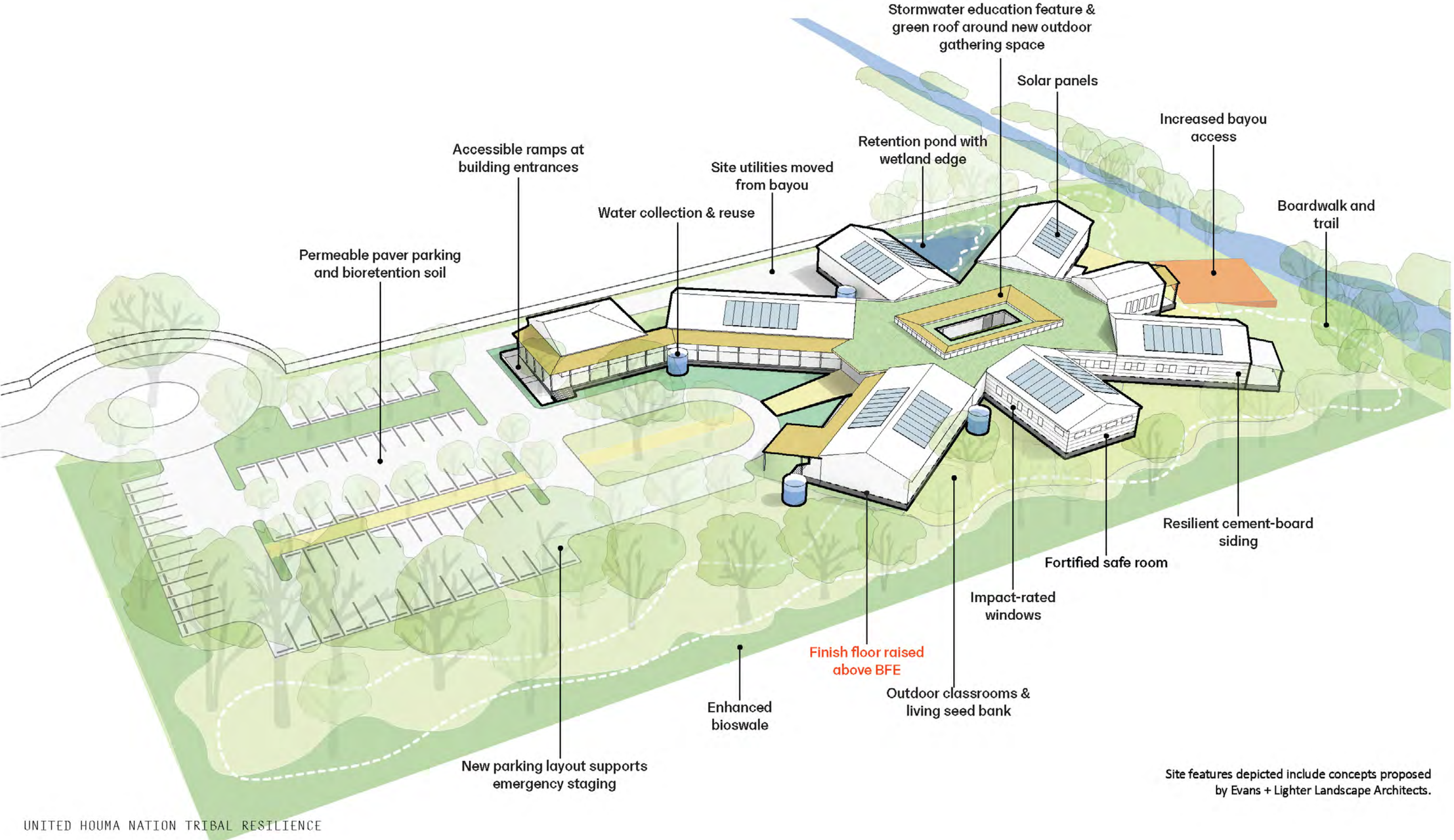


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