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2024 Northwest Florida Resilience Seminar
June 21, 2024

Our Mission



Restoration





Education

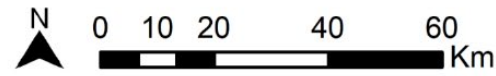


Monitoring



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-  Perdido Watershed
-  Pensacola Watershed






Community Values and Concerns

PPBEP partnered with the University of West Florida (UWF) Haas Center to survey residents and visitors about watershed use, values, challenges, and funding.

754
participants
completed the
online survey.

Most valued aspects of the watersheds:

-  Natural Beauty
-  Ecosystem Services
-  Fishable Water

Most popular activities:

-  Waterfront Dining
-  Wildlife Viewing
-  Beaching

**TOP
5**

Very Important Aspects of Healthy Watersheds:

- Trash Free Land and Water
- Healthy Habitats
- Wildlife Abundance
- Wildlife Diversity
- Natural Riverbanks and Shorelines

**TOP
5**

Environmental Challenges:

- Industrial Discharges
- Coastal Development
- Municipal Sewage Treatment Discharges
- Population Increase
- Upstream Development

**TOP
5**

Investment Priorities:

- Water Quality Improvements
- Natural Habitat Restoration
- Resilience
- Green Infrastructure
- Community Outreach and Education

Explore the CCMP



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CCMP Goals



GOAL 1
SOURCE OF
WATERSHED
INFORMATION



GOAL 2
STRENGTHEN
COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE



GOAL 3
IMPROVE
WATER QUALITY



GOAL 4
REDUCE
SEDIMENT
SOURCES



GOAL 5
CONSERVE AND
RESTORE CRITICAL
HABITAT

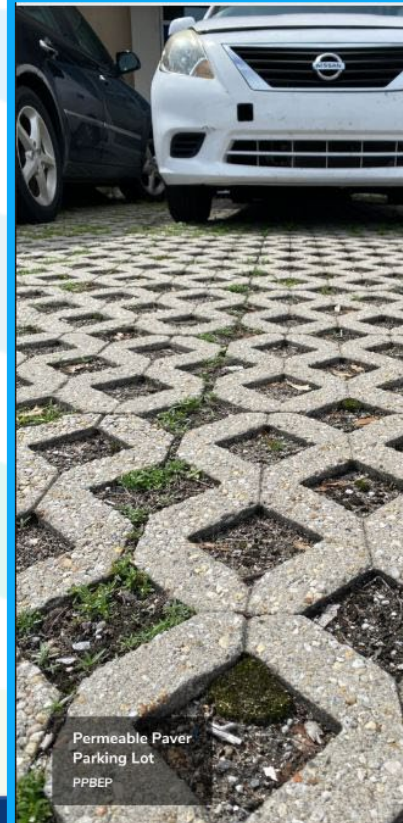


GOAL 6
RESTORE AND
CONSERVE FISH
AND WILDLIFE



Strengthen Community Resilience

- 2.1: Inform Community Planning
- 2.2: Facilitate Wastewater Management Improvements
- 2.3: Promote the Use of Green Infrastructure
- 2.4: Identify Compound Flooding Risks
- 2.5: Stormwater Awareness
- 2.6: Assess Social Vulnerability



GOAL 2

Strengthen Community Resilience

Objective 2.1

Inform community planning and development decisions

ACTION 2.1.1

Promote the use of smart growth and best land management practices to maximize the health and resilience of local communities in the face of natural disasters

ACTION 2.1.2

Restore watershed hydrology by prioritizing the use of nature-based solutions and removal of hardened infrastructure, where appropriate

Objective 2.2

Facilitate wastewater management improvements throughout the watersheds

ACTION 2.2.1

Extend central sewer service to priority areas near surface waters and retrofit existing failing wastewater infrastructure

ACTION 2.2.2

Educate and incentivize the community on the importance of sewer and septic system maintenance and sewer connections

Objective 2.3

Promote the use of green infrastructure or other low impact designs in community planning

ACTION 2.3.1

Enhance stormwater management by expanding the use of green infrastructure practices

ACTION 2.3.2

Promote and facilitate the development of living shorelines as a sustainable alternative to shoreline armoring to reduce erosion and sediment inputs



Regional Vulnerabilities

- Storm Surge and Sea Level Rise
- Inland Flooding
- Compound Flooding



A word cloud of terms related to infrastructure and development. The most prominent words are 'infrastructure' and 'development', which are the largest and most central. Other large words include 'flood', 'water', 'climate', 'change', 'community', 'homeless', 'housing', 'people', 'storm', 'issue', 'access', 'insurance', 'control', 'afford', 'park', 'green', 'hurricane', 'beach', 'increase', 'public', 'environment', 'resources', 'problem', 'pattern', 'quality', 'support', 'city', 'better', 'local', 'build', 'event', 'clean', 'run', 'area', 'land', 'county', 'address', 'barrier', 'built', 'homeless', 'support', 'city', 'quality', 'pattern', 'problem', 'environment', 'resources', 'homeless', 'support', 'city', 'quality', 'pattern', 'problem', 'environment', 'resources'. Smaller words include 'government', 'building', 'damage', 'pensacola', 'utility', 'drainage', 'build', 'local', 'better', 'event', 'clean', 'run', 'area', 'land', 'county', 'address', 'barrier', 'built', 'homeless', 'support', 'city', 'quality', 'pattern', 'problem', 'environment', 'resources', 'homeless', 'support', 'city', 'quality', 'pattern', 'problem', 'environment', 'resources'. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with the largest words in the center and smaller words towards the edges. The colors are various shades of blue and green.



Resilience Readiness

Did you know?



Just one inch of water can cause up to \$25,000 in damage to your home.

Are you covered?

Find an insurance provider today at [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov)



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Hey Pensacola,
don't get swept away.

Protect your property and belongings with flood insurance.

Flooding is the most frequent and most expensive natural disaster in the United States. Are you protected?

Visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) or call 877-336-2627 to find an agent and learn more.

Protecting What Matters



Businesses within ½ mile of the watershed had nearly **\$8 billion in sales in 2020** and supported **more than 84 thousand workers**.

The estuaries are estimated to contribute **\$2.7 billion** to property values in the area...

and nearly **\$81 million** to consumer spending.



Regional Resilience

- Collaborative Science
- Whole-Ecosystem Resilience
- Whole-Community Resilience

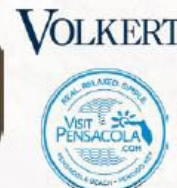




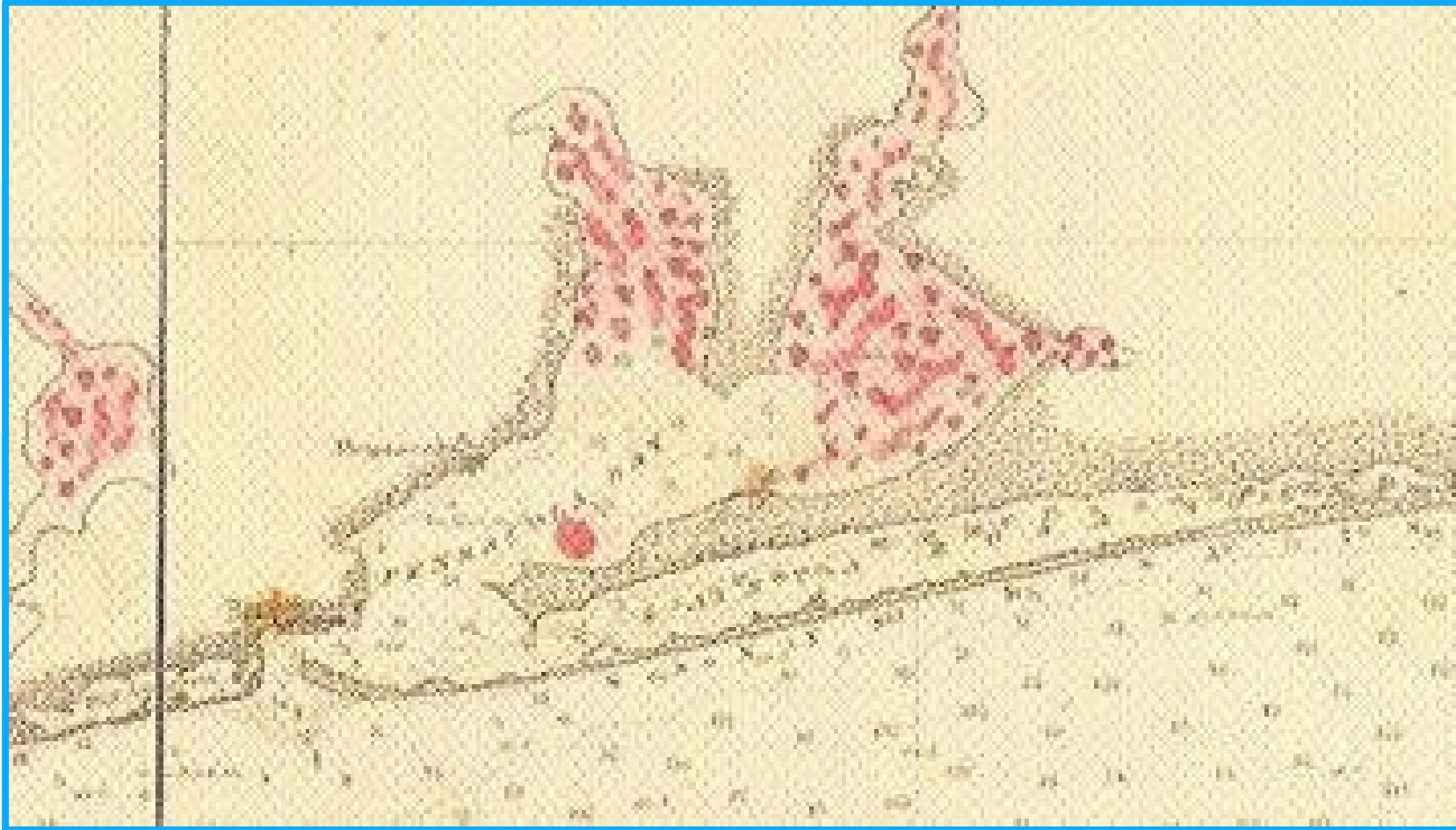
Interlocal Agreement Parties



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Historical Oyster Reefs



US Fish Commission 1883



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Oyster Reefs in Critical Condition



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Pensacola Bay Oyster Restoration Initiative

Funding Source: NOAA Transformational Habitat Grant

Award: \$11M

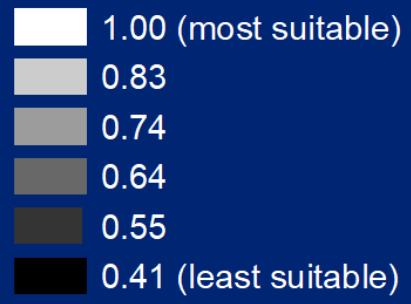
Project Components:

- Oyster Restoration Design and Permitting
- Oyster Restoration Phase I Implementation
- Sediment Load Assessment
- Sandy Hollow Gully Restoration
- Living Shoreline Assistance Program

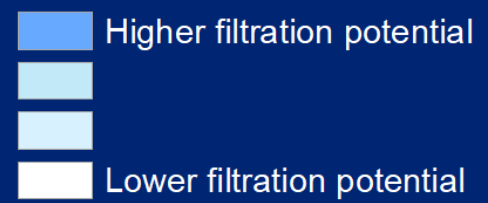


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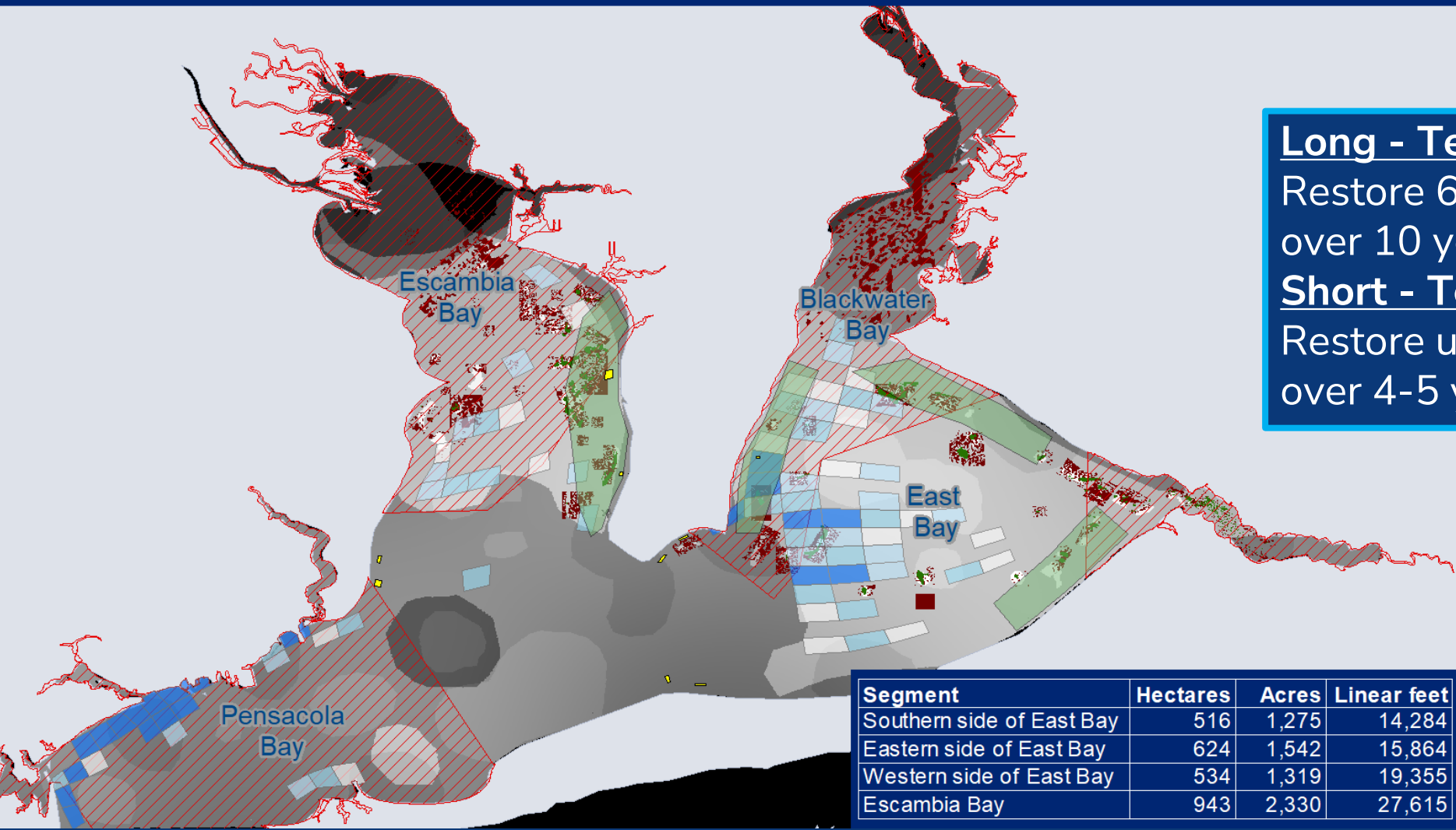
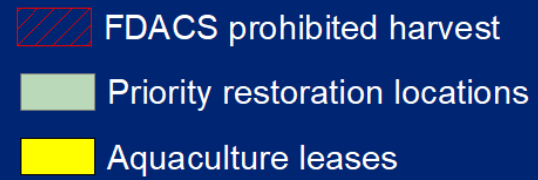
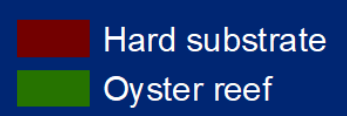
Habitat Suitability



Filtration Capacity



Suitable Substrate



Long - Term Target
Restore 600 ha (~1,500 acres)
over 10 years
Short - Term Target
Restore up to 100 ha (~250 acres)
over 4-5 years

Segment	Hectares	Acres	Linear feet
Southern side of East Bay	516	1,275	14,284
Eastern side of East Bay	624	1,542	15,864
Western side of East Bay	534	1,319	19,355
Escambia Bay	943	2,330	27,615



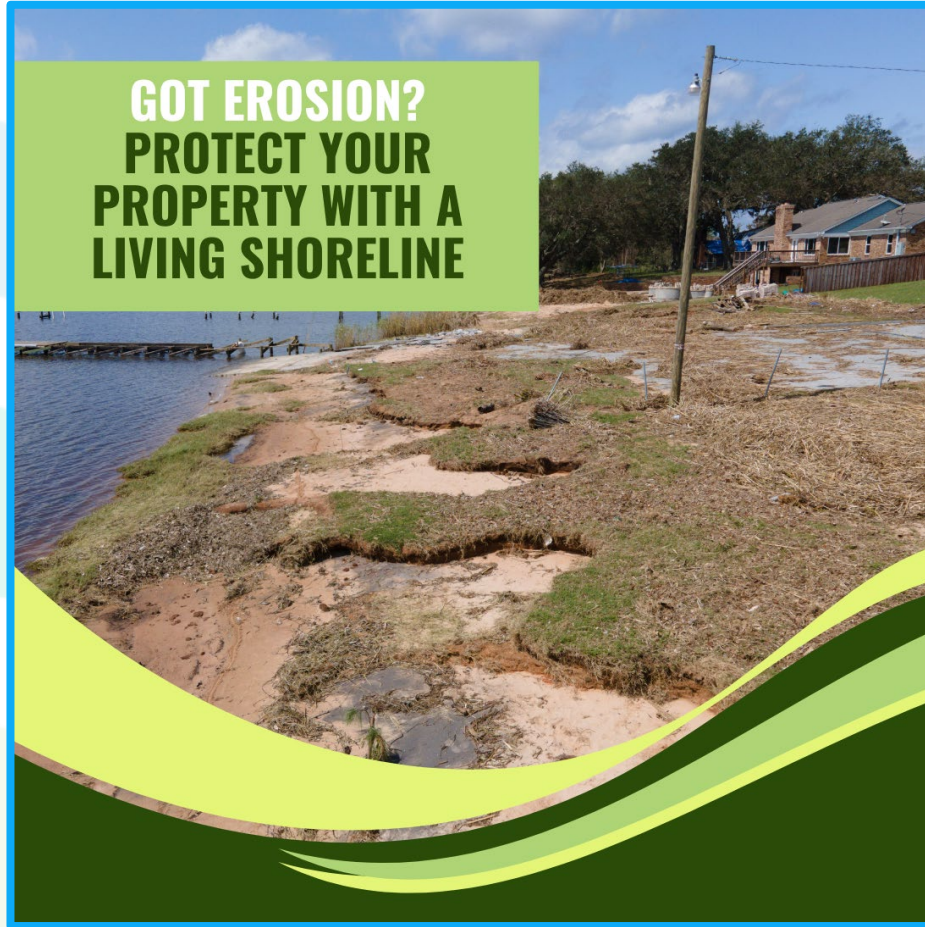
RESTORE
AMERICA'S
ESTUARIES

Oyster Shell Recycling



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Living Shoreline Assistance Program



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Sandy Hollow Gully Restoration



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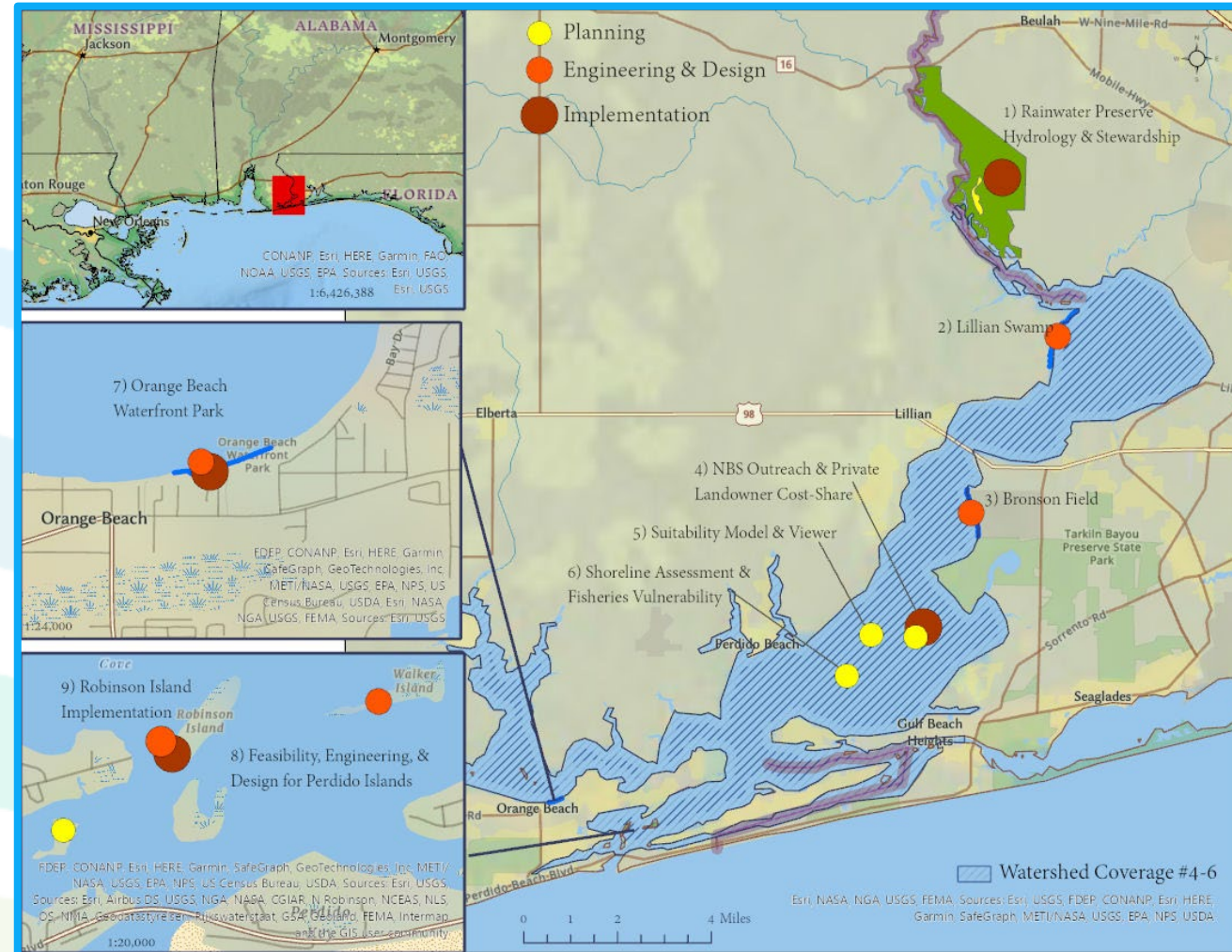
SANTA ROSA
COUNTY FLORIDA

Funding Source: NOAA Transformational Habitat Grant

Award: \$12.8 M

Project Components:

- Orange Beach Waterfront Park
- Gilchrist, Robinson, Walker Islands
- Lillian Swamp and Bronson Field
- Living Shoreline Assistance Program
- Living Shoreline Suitability Model



Compound Flood Model & Adaptation Plan

Funding Source: DEP Resilient Florida Grant

Awarded: \$687,000

Project Components:

- Regional Compound Flood Model
 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa
 - 2040 and 2070 scenarios
 - Updated Precipitation IDF Curves
 - Hydrodynamic Modeling
 - Flood Inundation Modeling
 - Adaptation Plan
 - Builds on Existing VAs



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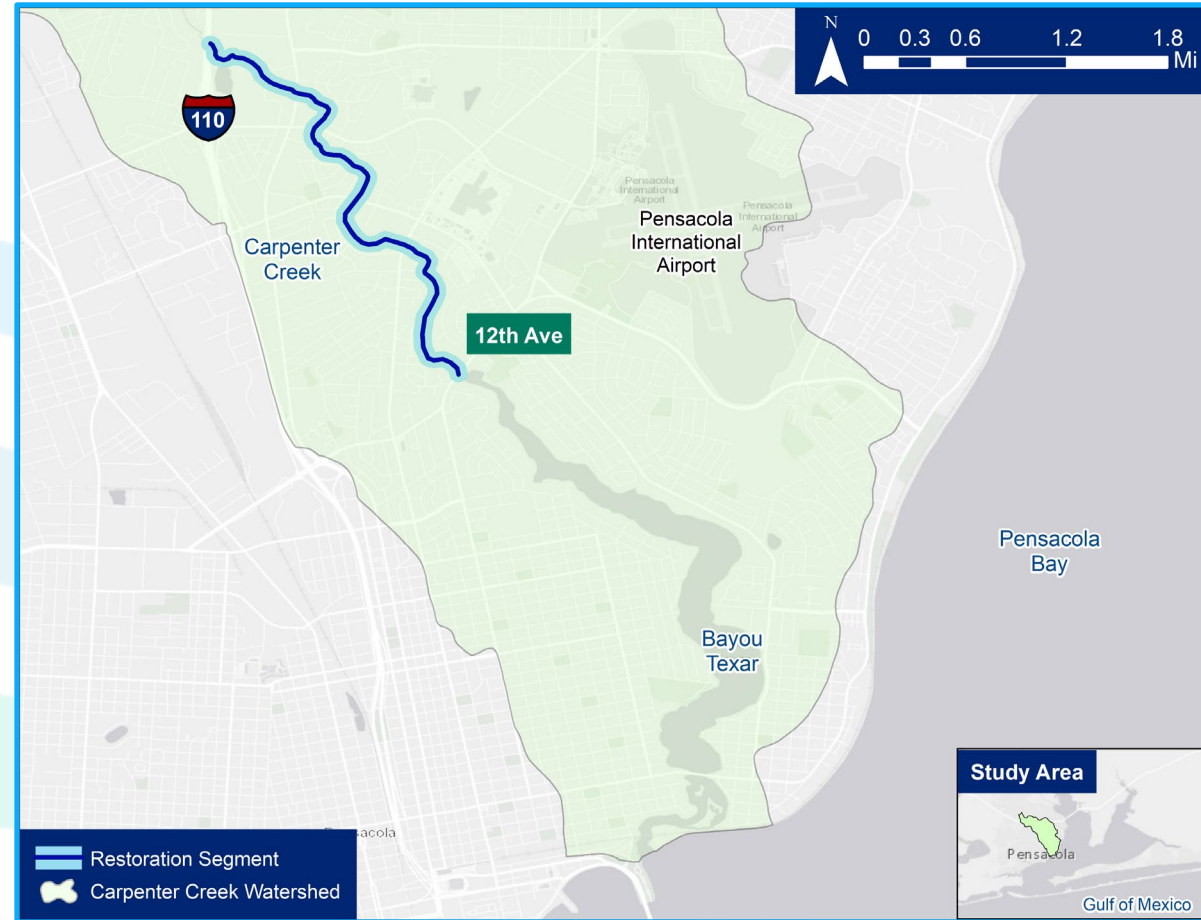
Carpenter Creek Restoration

Funding Source: DEP RESTORE FPL3b

Awarded: \$2.2M

Impact:

- 2.5 mi-long stream restoration
- Reduction of 2,000 tons of sediment and remove 2,500 lbs. of nitrogen
- Restore 20 acres of wetlands
- Reduce flood staging by 1-foot



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A VISION FOR CARPENTER CREEK

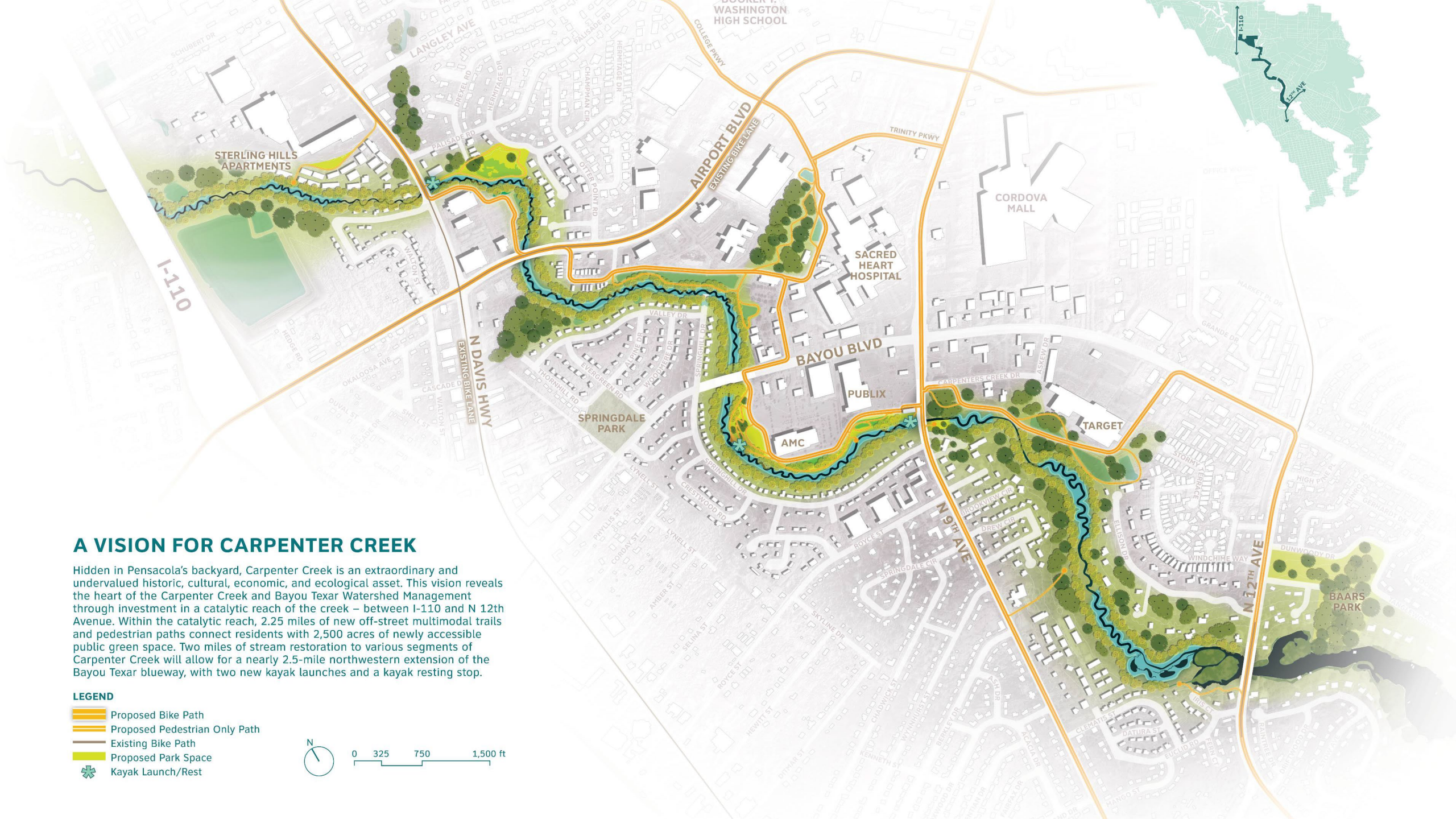
Hidden in Pensacola's backyard, Carpenter Creek is an extraordinary and undervalued historic, cultural, economic, and ecological asset. This vision reveals the heart of the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Watershed Management through investment in a catalytic reach of the creek – between I-110 and N 12th Avenue. Within the catalytic reach, 2.25 miles of new off-street multimodal trails and pedestrian paths connect residents with 2,500 acres of newly accessible public green space. Two miles of stream restoration to various segments of Carpenter Creek will allow for a nearly 2.5-mile northwestern extension of the Bayou Texar blueway, with two new kayak launches and a kayak resting stop.

LEGEND

- Proposed Bike Path
- Proposed Pedestrian Only Path
- Existing Bike Path
- Proposed Park Space
- Kayak Launch/Rest



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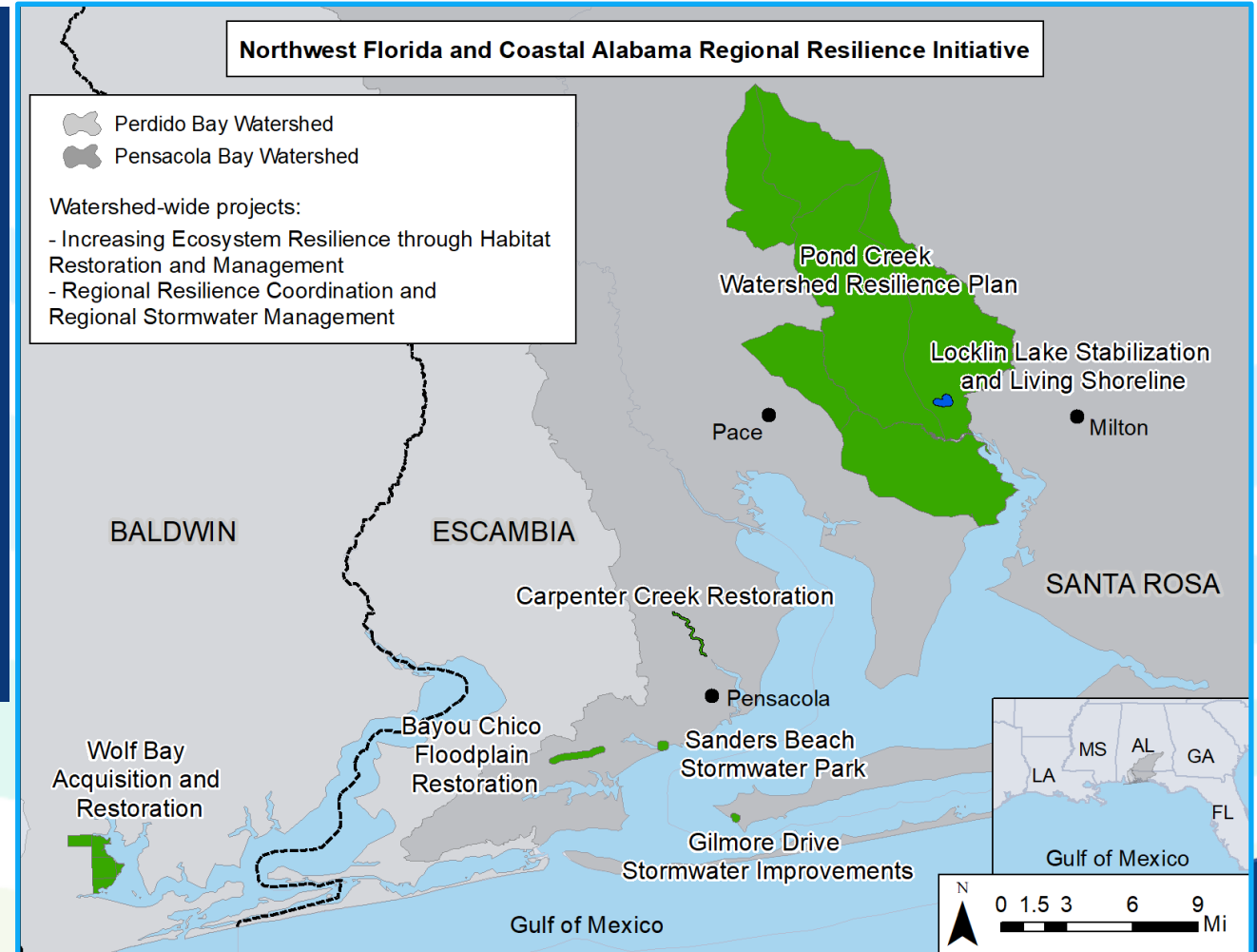
Northwest Florida & Coastal Alabama Regional Resilience Initiative

NOAA Regional Resilience Challenge

Request: \$50.9 Million

Impact:

- 260,000 Acres of Prescribed Fire
- 160 Acres of Invasive Management
- Acquire 1,600 Acres
- 40 Acres of Restored Floodplain
- 3.5-Miles of Stream Restoration
- ~600 Properties Protected from Flooding
- Develop 2 Regional Stormwater Parks
- 1 Watershed Resilience Plan



Thank You!

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RESILIENT FLORIDA



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Resilient Florida Program

Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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RESILIENT FLORIDA (RF) LEADING THROUGH ACTION

2021:

- "Always Ready Bill" Establishing the program, section 380.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- Unanimously passed in both chambers.

"The state is particularly vulnerable to adverse impacts from flooding resulting from increases in frequency and duration of rainfall events, storm surge from more frequent and severe weather systems and sea level rise. Such adverse impacts pose economic, social, environmental, and public health and safety challenges to the state."

Legislative Intent, section 380.093(1)(a), F.S.





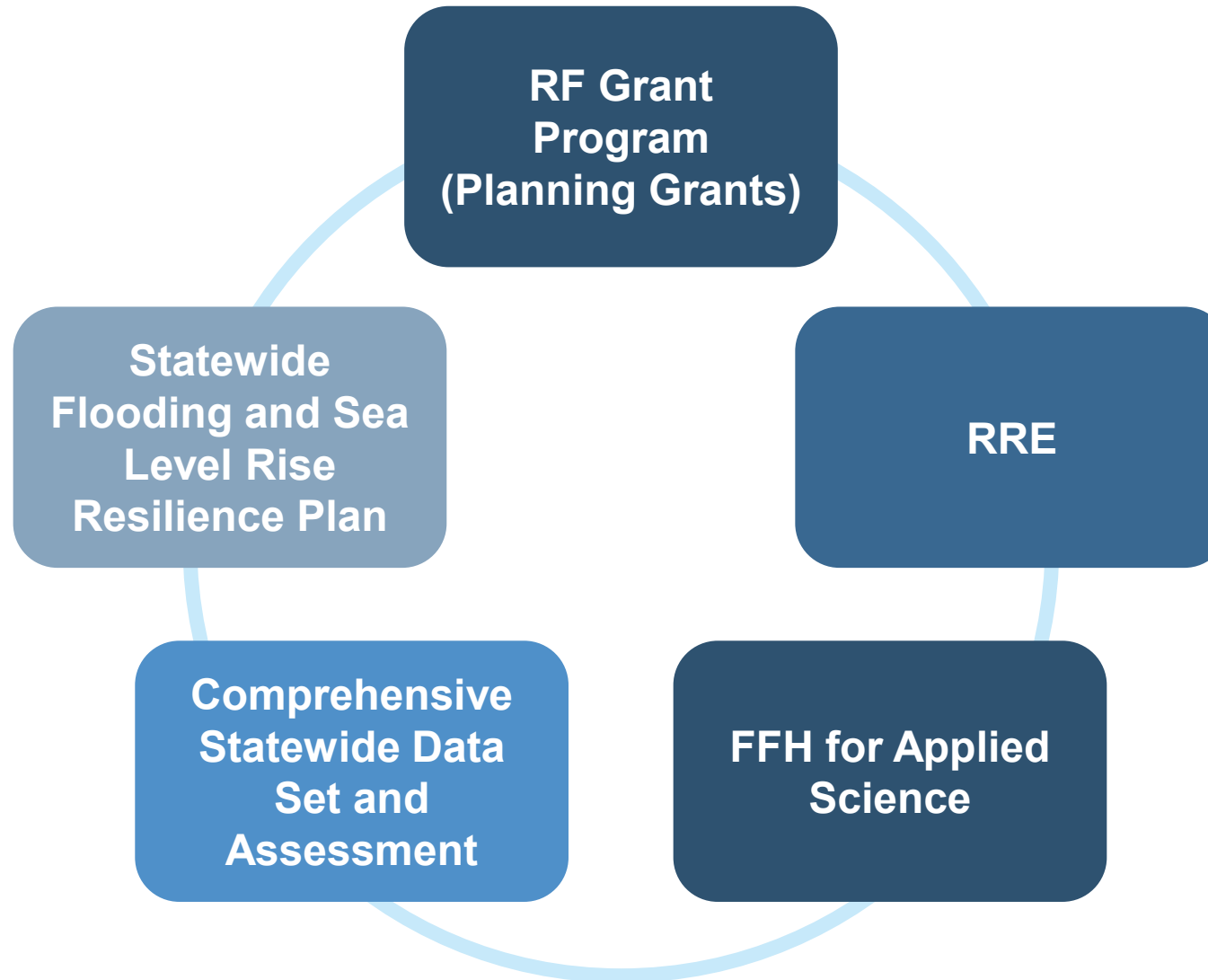
2022-2024 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Added or modified definitions, eligible entities and due dates.
- Statewide Resilience Plan (Statewide or State Plan) must include funding amount not less than \$100 million.
- Expanded planning grant activities.
- More support for small and/or financially disadvantaged communities.
- Updates requirements for local government Vulnerability Assessments (VAs).
- Updates requirements for the Statewide Flood Vulnerability and Sea Level Rise Assessment.
- Revises eligibility requirements for the Statewide Plan:
- Clarifies entities and activities allowed for Regional Resilience Entities (RRE) funding.





PROGRAM ELEMENTS





RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM

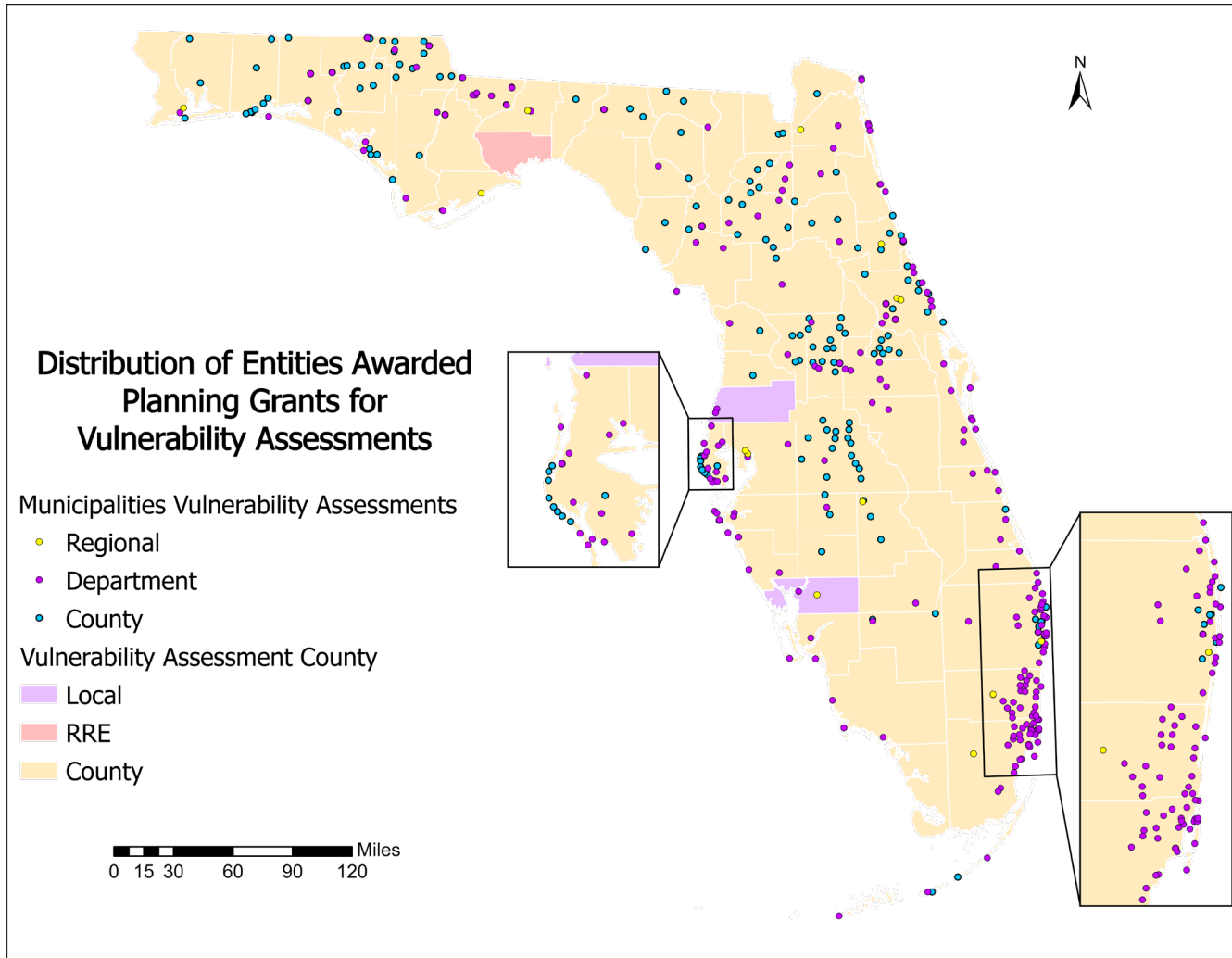
PLANNING GRANTS



- Fully funded, no match.
- VAs consistent with statute, using standard planning horizons and sea level rise projections.
- Adaptation/resilience plans for projects to adapt critical assets.
- Comprehensive plan amendments.
- Compliance with the Peril of Flood statute.
- Feasibility and permitting for nature-based solutions.
- WMDs to address FFH data gaps.



RF PLANNING GRANTS



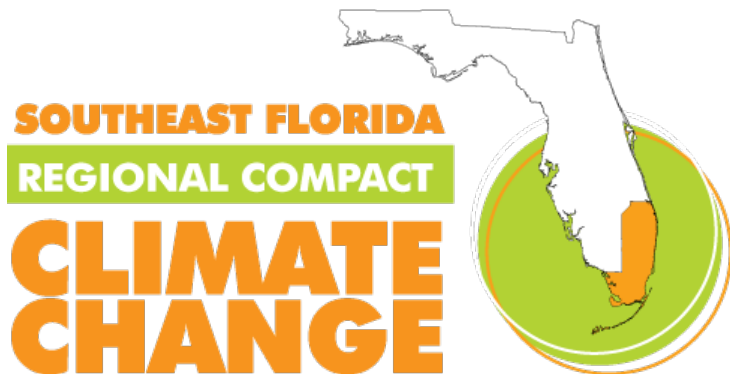
- RF funding supporting VAs for 65 counties and 372 municipalities total.
- RRE funding supporting VAs some counties and municipalities.
- Two counties submitting data on their own.



RRE

Funding for RRE to assist communities and coordinate intergovernmental solutions:

- Technical assistance.
- Coordinate multijurisdictional VAs.
- Develop project proposals/applications for planning grants and the Statewide Plan.





FFH

- Focused on Florida's most pressing environmental challenges.
- Goal to improve flood forecasting; inform science-based policy, planning and management.
- Working with the program, the FFH supports statewide efforts to protect people, businesses, natural resources and coastal infrastructure.



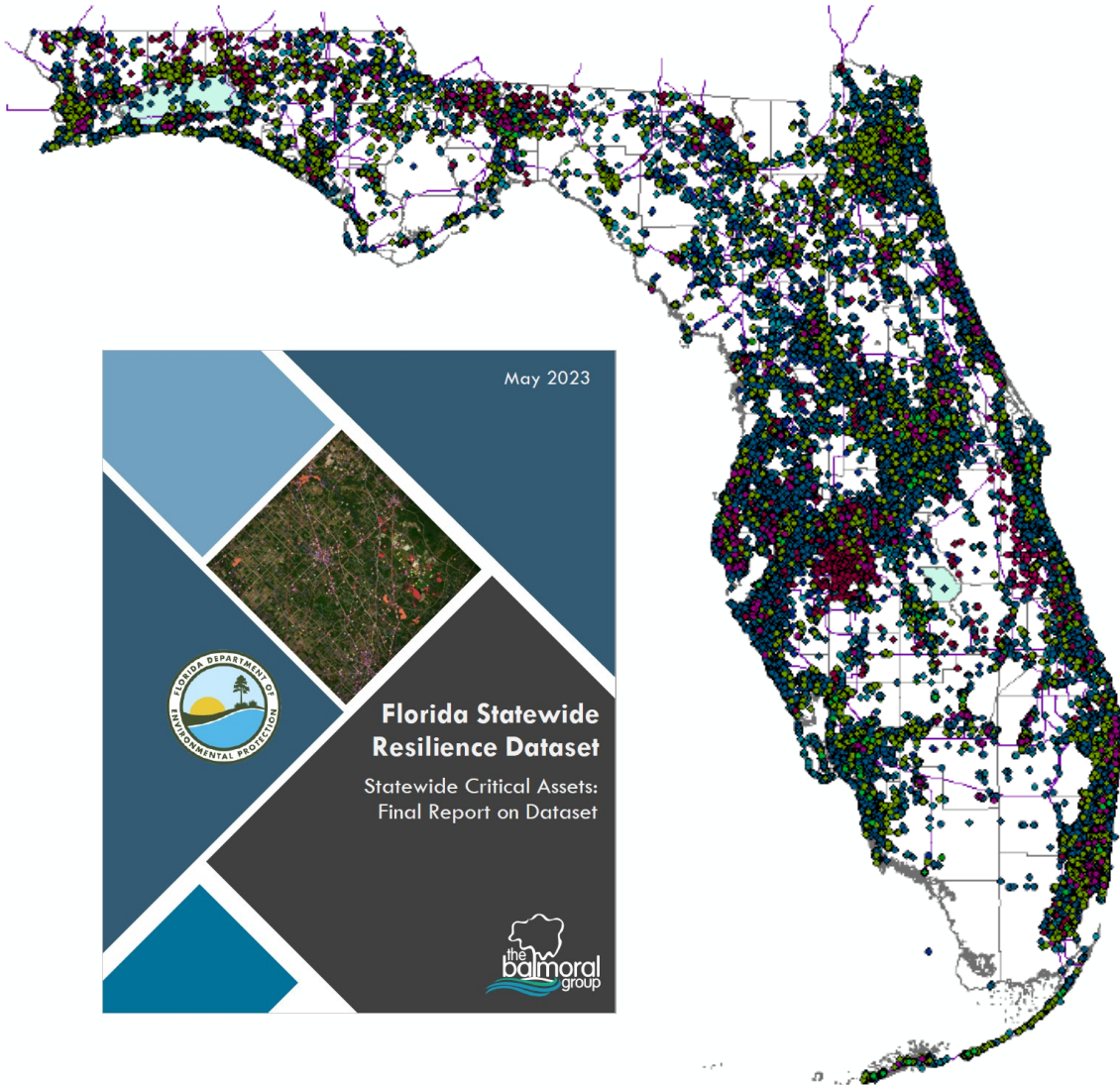
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COLLEGE OF MARINE SCIENCE

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<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/DIWmPoB>



COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATA SET AND ASSESSMENT



- Initially compiled 155 datasets, later refined to 63 datasets from local, state and federal sources.
- 3.3 million points, polygons and lines representing critical assets.
- Coordinate with FFH for review and hosting.
- Data will be used to develop Statewide VA.



STATEWIDE FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCE PLAN



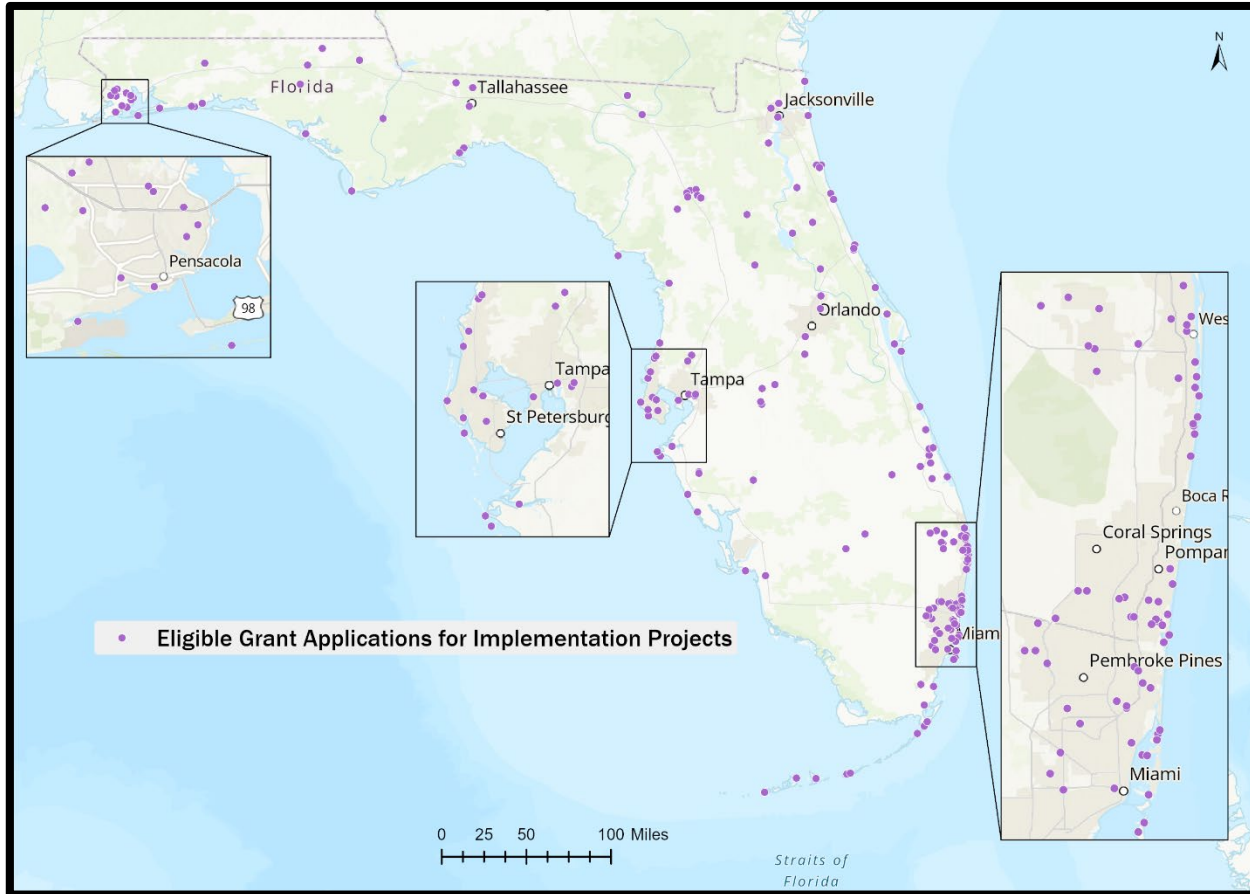
- Prioritized based on criteria in statute and implemented via rule 62S-8, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).
- Three-year rolling plan of projects:
 - Fully-fund projects to completion.
- 50% match funding required unless community is a financially disadvantaged small community.*
- Must include at least \$100 million of projects each year.

*Pending legislative update.



FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 STATEWIDE PLAN

ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

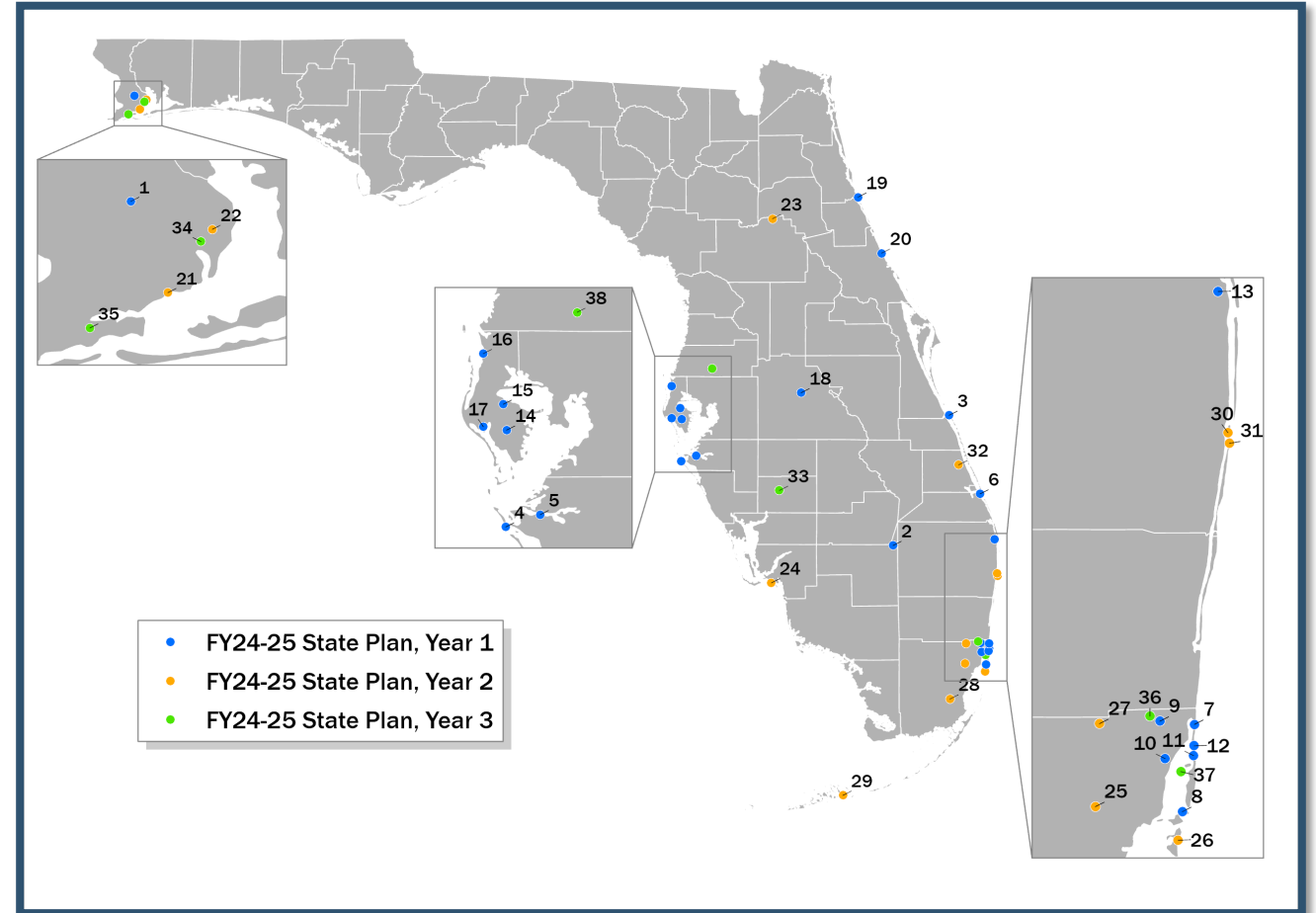


- 196 eligible applications for over \$865 million in state funding requested.
 - Total project cost: Nearly \$1.8 billion.



FY24/25 STATEWIDE PLAN (POTENTIAL) FUNDED PROJECTS

- Statewide Plan included \$300M in project funds over 3 years.
- FY24/25 proposed budget includes \$225M for Statewide Plan.
 - Appropriation language: Funding for Year 1 and Year 2 projects.





RF

STATEWIDE FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCE PLAN

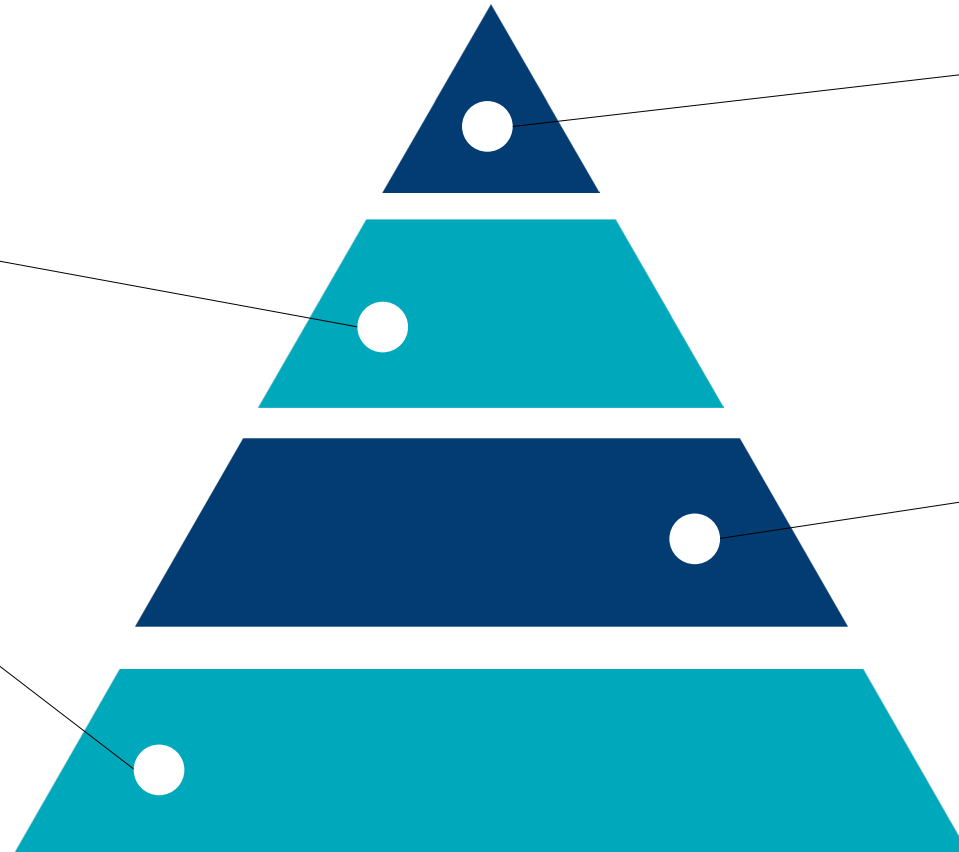
A tiered review process for the plan was created in SB 1954 and codified in section 380.093, F.S., and incorporated in DEP Rule 62S-8, F.A.C.

TIER 3 (20%)

Local match, previous commitment and exceeding minimum requirements.

TIER 1 (40%)

Addressing risks to critical assets and regionally significant assets, as well as existing efforts to reduce upland costs.



TIER 4 (10%)

Innovation to reduce costs, regional collaboration, and financially disadvantaged communities.

TIER 2 (30%)

Existing flooding conditions, readiness to proceed, environmental options and exceeding minimum requirements.

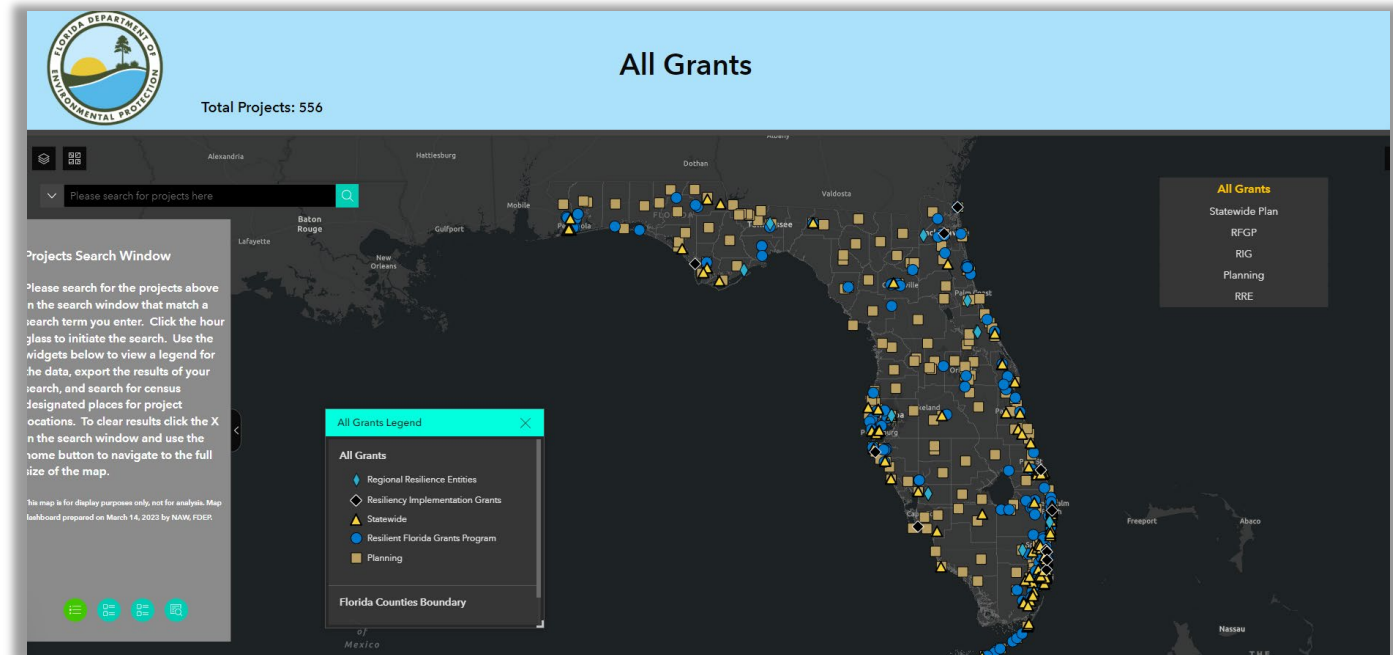


RF PROGRAM AWARDS

New Public GIS Dashboard

- All grants in system for the program.
- View, sort, filter and export general project information.

Access the Dashboard
by scanning the QR
Code.





FUTURE PROJECTS



Pre-construction San Julian Drainage Improvements (St Johns County).



Pre-construction Wills Branch Dredge (City of Jacksonville).

**55 projects estimated to start construction April – July 2024.
Total DEP funding: \$167,992,483.08.**

Project Types:

- Stormwater: 25.
- Living shorelines and natural systems restoration: eight.
- Coastal infrastructure: six.
- Emergency Facilities: five.
- Wastewater: four.
- Transportation: three.
- Drinking Water: two.
- Natural/Cultural Resources: one.
- Land Acquisition and Conservation: one.

Six Completed Projects as of March 2024.

San Julian Drainage Improvements:

Upgrading culverts to increase drainage capacity and reintroduce natural flushing.

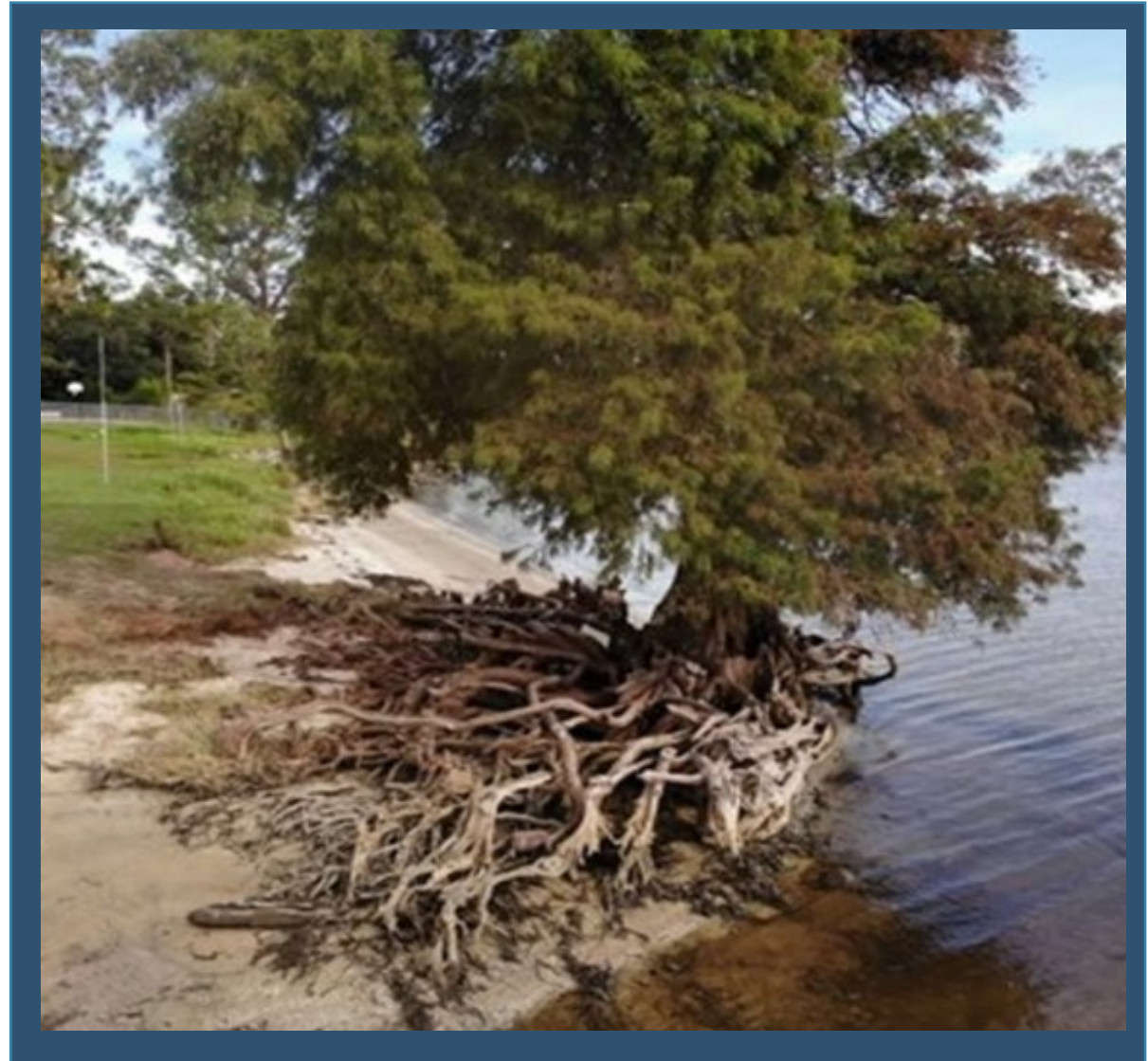
Wills Branch Dredge: Dredge built up sediment and vegetation from bottom/banks and include rip rap replacement and plantings.



OTHER PROJECTS

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- Living shoreline suitability model.
- Updating Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook and other resources based on statutory changes.
- Updating application resources.
- Florida Estuarine Restoration Team (FLERT):
 - Establishment initiated in November 2023.
 - Focus on statewide restoration efforts and collaboration between regional estuarine restoration teams.
 - First project: statewide coastal restoration plan.





PUBLIC OUTREACH

RESILIENT FLORIDA PROGRAM 2024



Webinar series:

- Program and Legislative Changes Overview.
- Application Portal Navigation overview and Q&A.
- Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook Updates.

Pre-application and application assistance:

- Pre-application assistance period April 1 – June 15.
- Virtual office hours, direct emails/phone calls, April 1 – Sept. 1.
- In-person office hours around the state, July – Aug.

FloridaDEP.gov/ResilientFlorida.

THANK YOU



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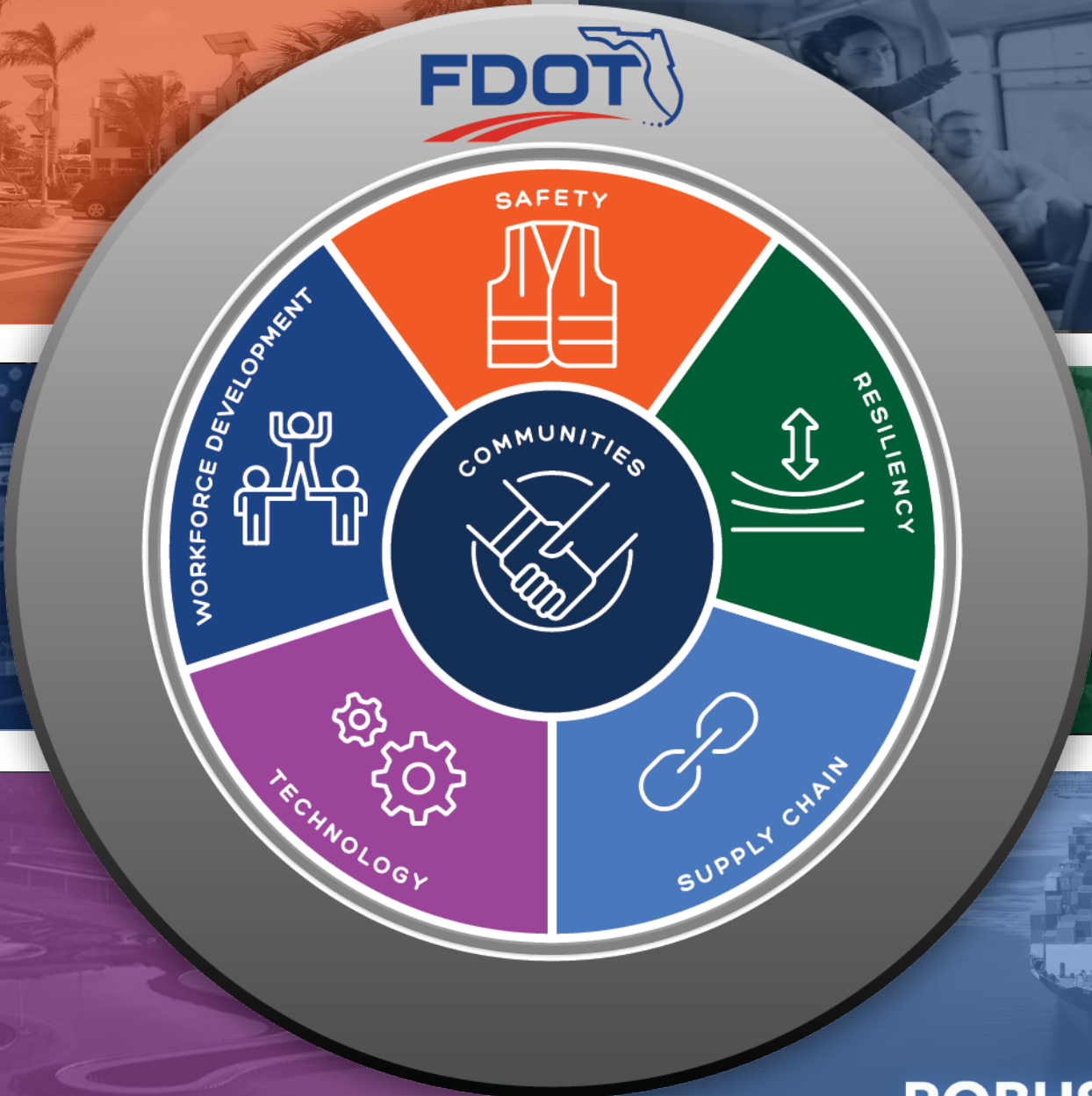


RESILIENCE IN TRANSPORTATION

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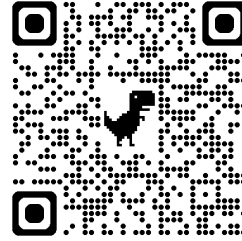


RESILIENCE POLICY

- Ability to adapt to changing conditions and prepare for, withstand, and recover from disruption
- Identify risks, particularly related to:
 - Storms
 - Flooding
 - Sea level rise
- Assess potential impacts
- Employ strategies to avoid, mitigate, or eliminate impacts

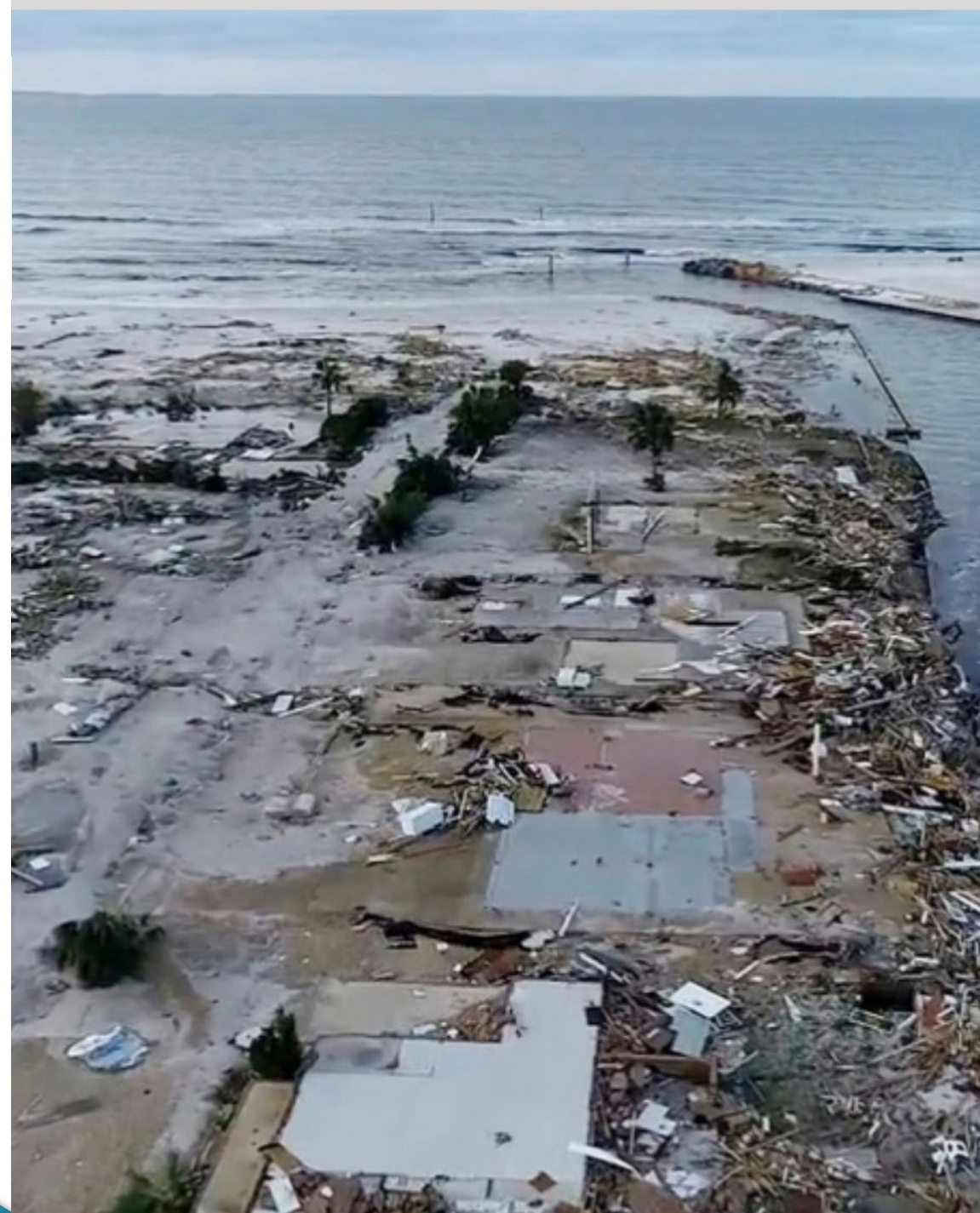


RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN (RAP)



➤ Section 339.157, F.S. directs FDOT:

- Infrastructure and Operational Resilience; Design Facilities; Enhance Partnerships to Address Multijurisdictional Needs
- Hazards Encompassed: Coastal and Inland Flooding and Storm Surge
- Assets Included: State Highway System
- Resilience Action Plan Data Viewer



INHERENT RESILIENCE

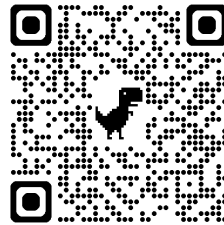
- Design criteria
- Stormwater/drainage design procedures
- Nature-based solutions
- Context sensitive, complete streets
- Local partner coordination



RESILIENCE TOOLS

➤ Sea Level Scenario Sketch Planning Tool

- <https://sls.geoplan.ufl.edu/>

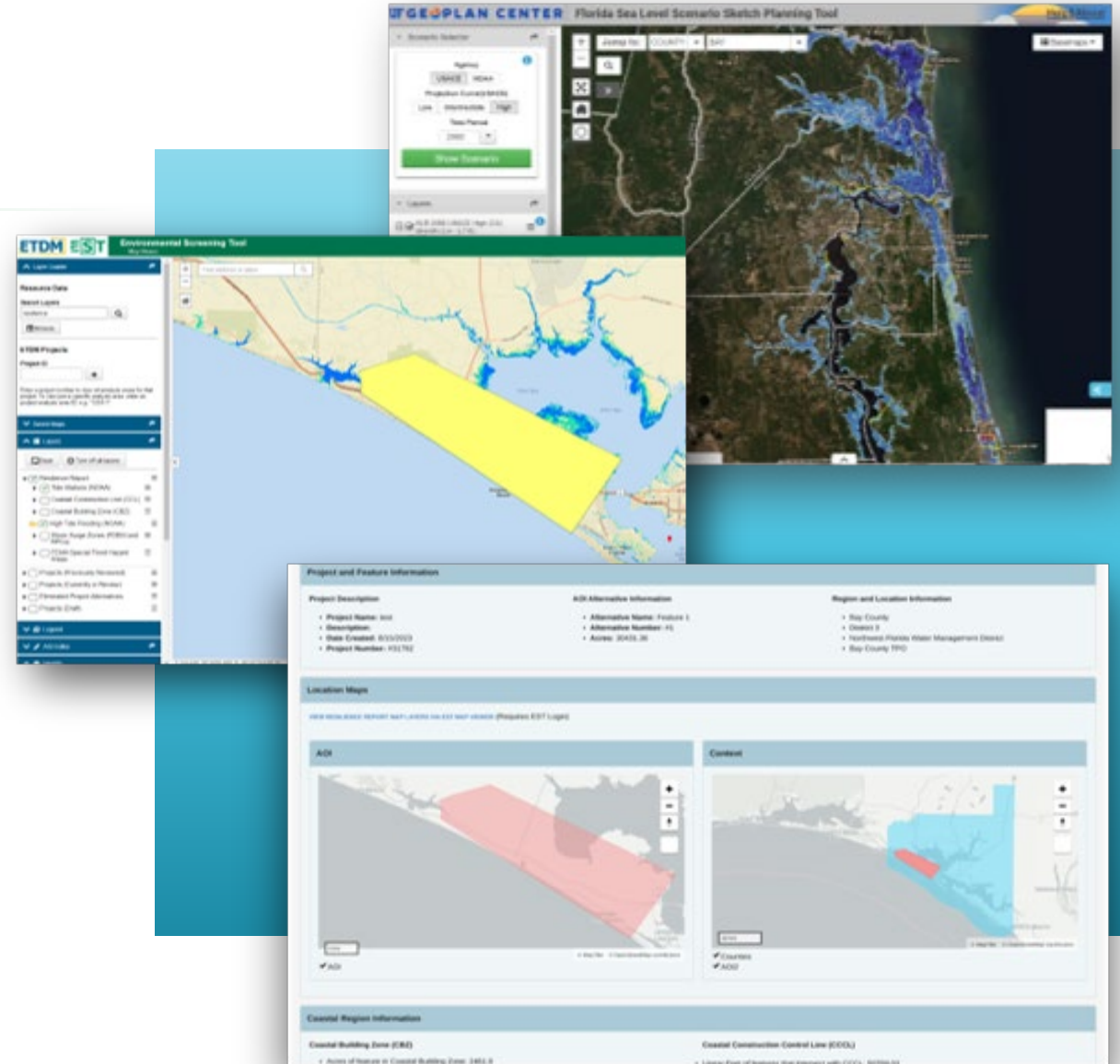


➤ Environmental Screening Tool(EST) Area of Interest (AOI) Tool Resilience Report

- Upcoming Training: August 13, 3:00-4:30 pm EDT

➤ Project Suite (PSEE) Resilience Tracker Module

➤ PD&E Manual Resilience Chapter (2025)



FEDERAL PROTECT PROGRAM

- Formula and discretionary funding
- Approximately \$70 Million Allocated to FL Per Year—
Nearly \$600 M Available From FY24 to FY30
 - Planning (2% Set Aside)
 - Preconstruction (10% Cap)
 - Construction (Limited to 40% for New Capacity)
- Emphasis on incremental improvements and natural hazards
- Optional resilience improvement plan per 23 U.S.C. 176(e)



RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

HAZARDS

Flooding
(Inland)

Tropical Cyclone
(Storm Surge)

Wildfire

Sinkhole

Extreme Heat

Severe
Thunderstorm

Sea Level Rise (Coastal
Flooding)

ASSETS

State Highway
System

National Highway
System

Federal Aid System (major
rural and urban collectors
and higher)

SIS Highway
Corridors

SIS rail

SIS connectors

Freight Highway
Network

STRAHNET/ STRACNET

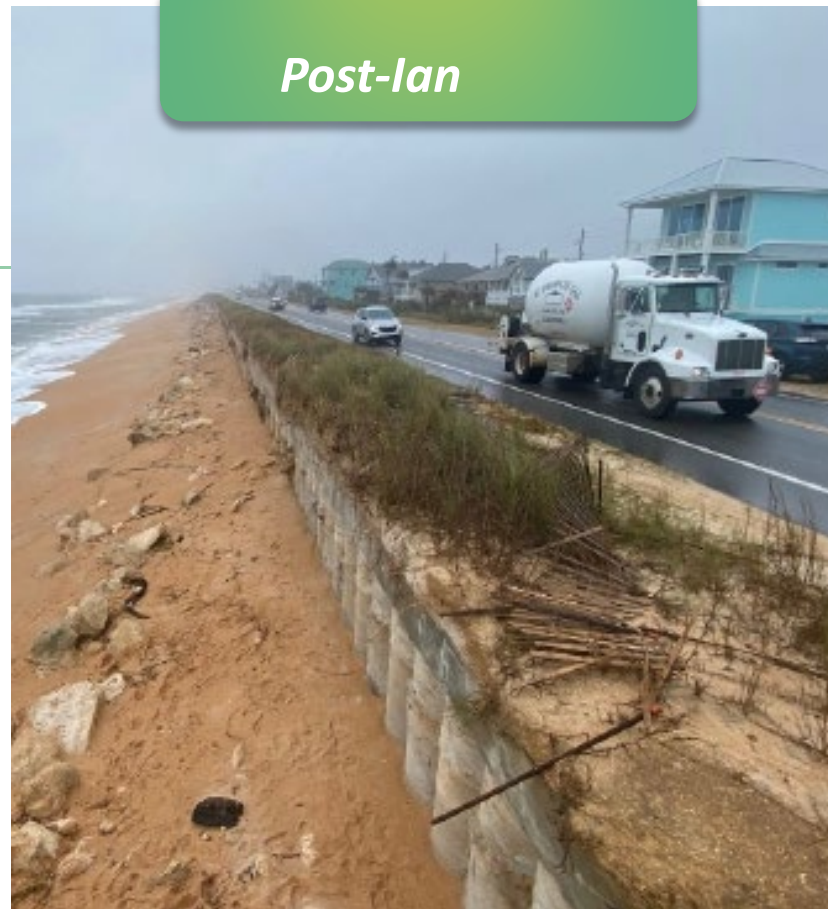
SUN Trail

Evacuation
Routes

Pre-Ian



Post-Ian



Post-Nicole



SR A1A HURRICANES IAN & NICOLE

- Nature-based hybrid solution
- Dune washed away, but buried secant-pile bulkhead/seawall
- Protect transportation facility from storm-related wave action and erosion



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SR A1A *Hurricane Nicole*



SR A1A Resiliency Project

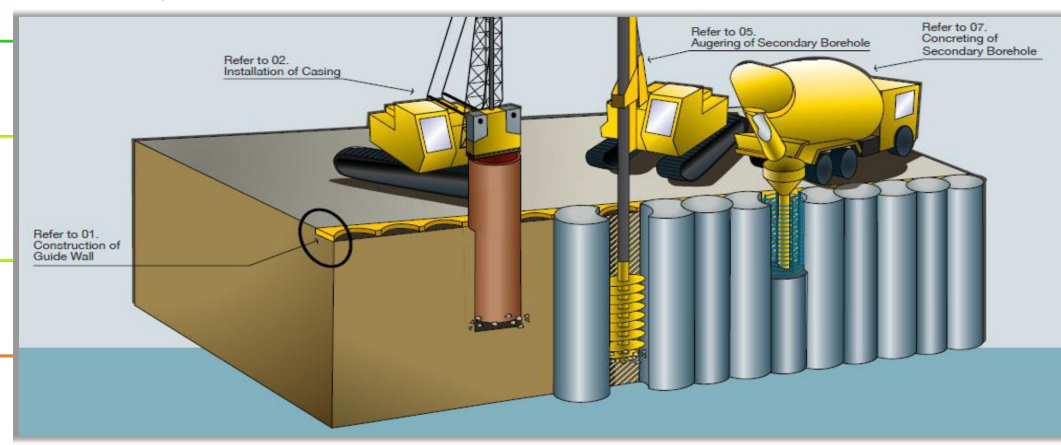
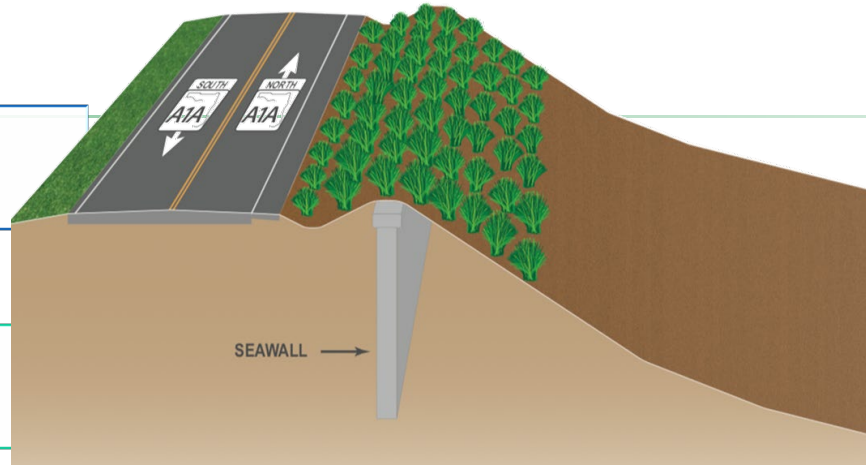
Phased-Design Build
Contract – April 2023

Design & Permitting – April
– December 2023

Work Begin Flagler County
– Early 2024

Work Begin Volusia County
– Spring 2024

Work Completion –
Summer 2025



RESILIENCE FOCUS IN FLORIDA

- Sea Level Impact Projection (SLIP) Studies
- Resilient Florida Program
- Florida Flood Hub
- Statewide Office of Resilience and Chief Resilience Officer
- Resilience Action Plan (RAP)
- Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP)





2055 Florida Transportation Plan



2055 Florida Transportation Plan Update



SINGLE, OVERARCHING **PLAN**



GUIDES FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION **FUTURE**



FOUNDATION FOR FLORIDA'S WORK PROGRAM



UPDATED EVERY **5 YEARS**



COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS**

2055 FTP Approach



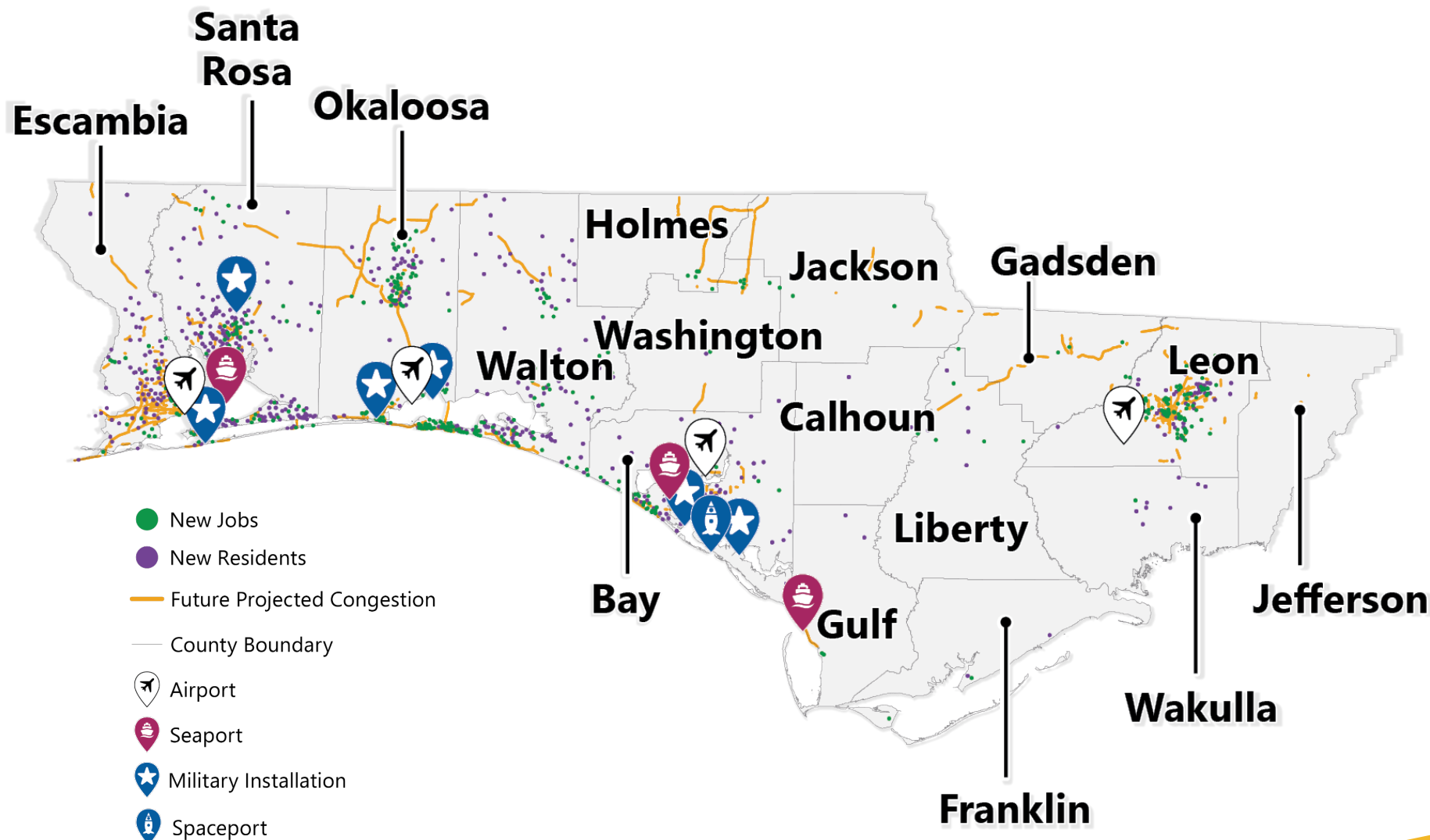
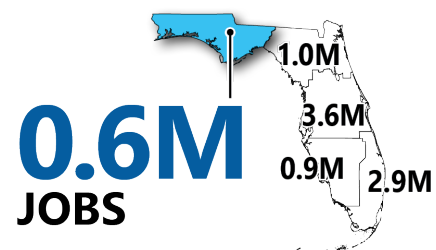
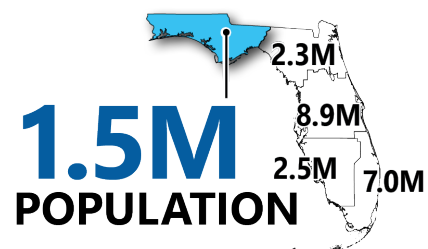
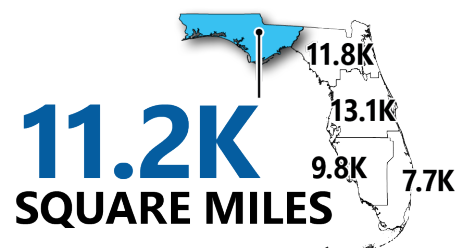
Statewide and Regional Trends

The FTP will recognize the uniqueness of Florida's regions

The 2055 FTP will include statewide goals and regional objectives, empowering our communities to adopt unique local strategies that align with the FTP



Northwest Region



Northwest Region Key Issues



**Population Growth and
New Development adding
to Traffic Congestion**



**Freight Movement
North-South**




**Technology and
Broadband
Expansion for
Economic Growth**

Statewide and Regional Collaboration



Building our Transportation Future Together

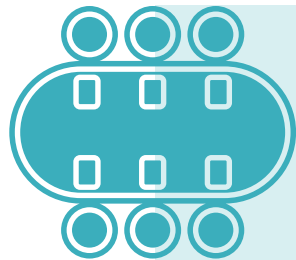
Visioning	Statewide Goals & Regional Objectives	Implementation Framework/ Plan Development	FTP Final Adoption
May-August 2024	August 2024 – February 2025	February 2025 – November 2025	



The FTP guides our transportation future, but it is *not* a list of projects



Opportunities for Engagement



Steering Committee

16 key partners and stakeholders who provide input and guide the 2055 FTP



Statewide Webinars

Community webinars structured to receive public and partner feedback



Focus Groups

5 Focus Groups will provide input to the Steering Committee at key milestones

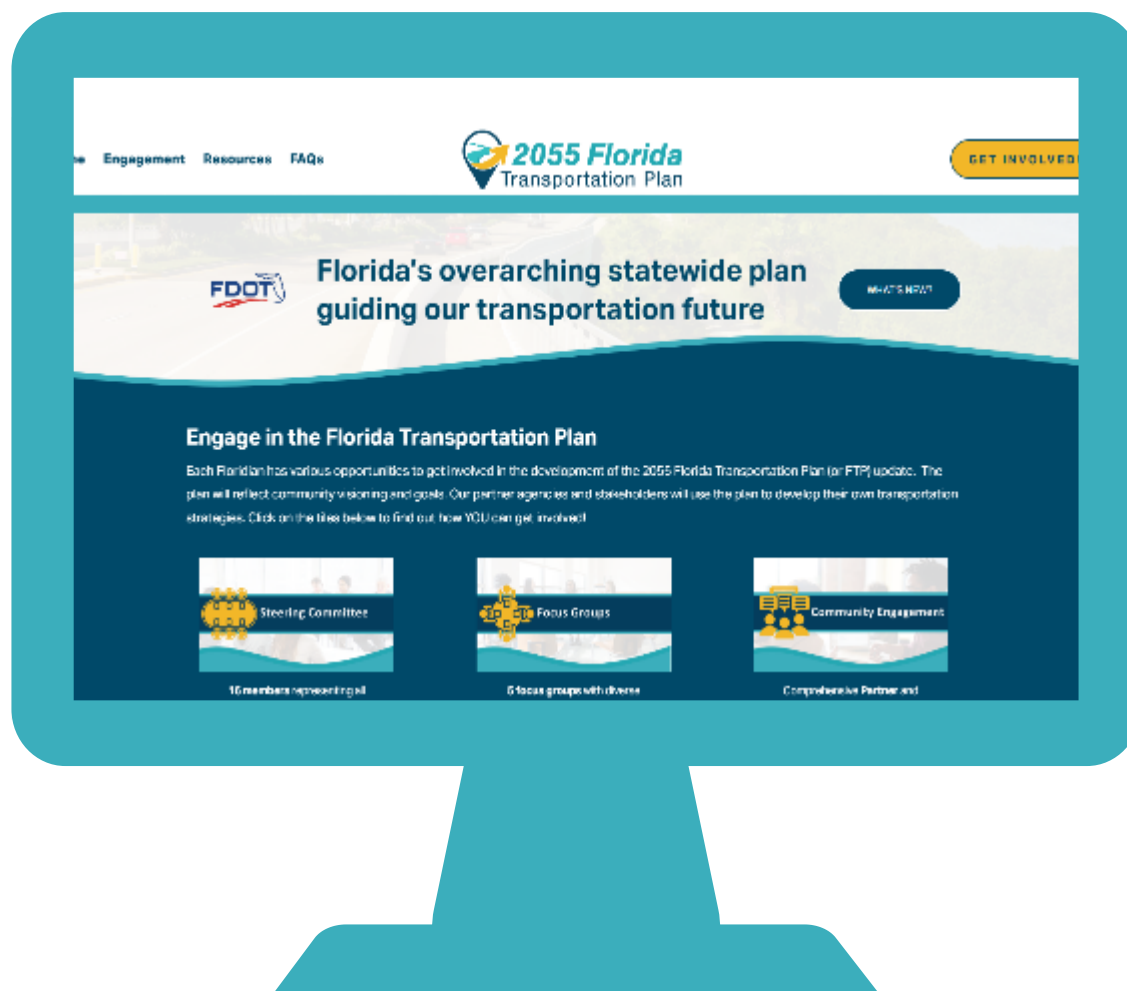
Safety, Resilient Infrastructure, Economic Development/Supply Chain, Technology, & Workforce Development



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In-person and online open houses structured to receive regionally-focused public and partner feedback

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*Protecting
Water Quality and
Improving Communities
Through Better
Land-Use Patterns*



Christian Wagley



Pensacola and Perdido Bay Watershed/The Nature Conservancy



PENSACOLA & PERDIDO BAYS ESTUARY PROGRAM

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1000 Friends' Policy Priorities

- Preserving natural and agricultural land from development
- Restoring and protecting environmental treasures
- Defending the planning process
- Expanding the supply of affordable workforce housing
- Promoting transportation alternatives
- Fighting climate change and preparing for sea-level rise



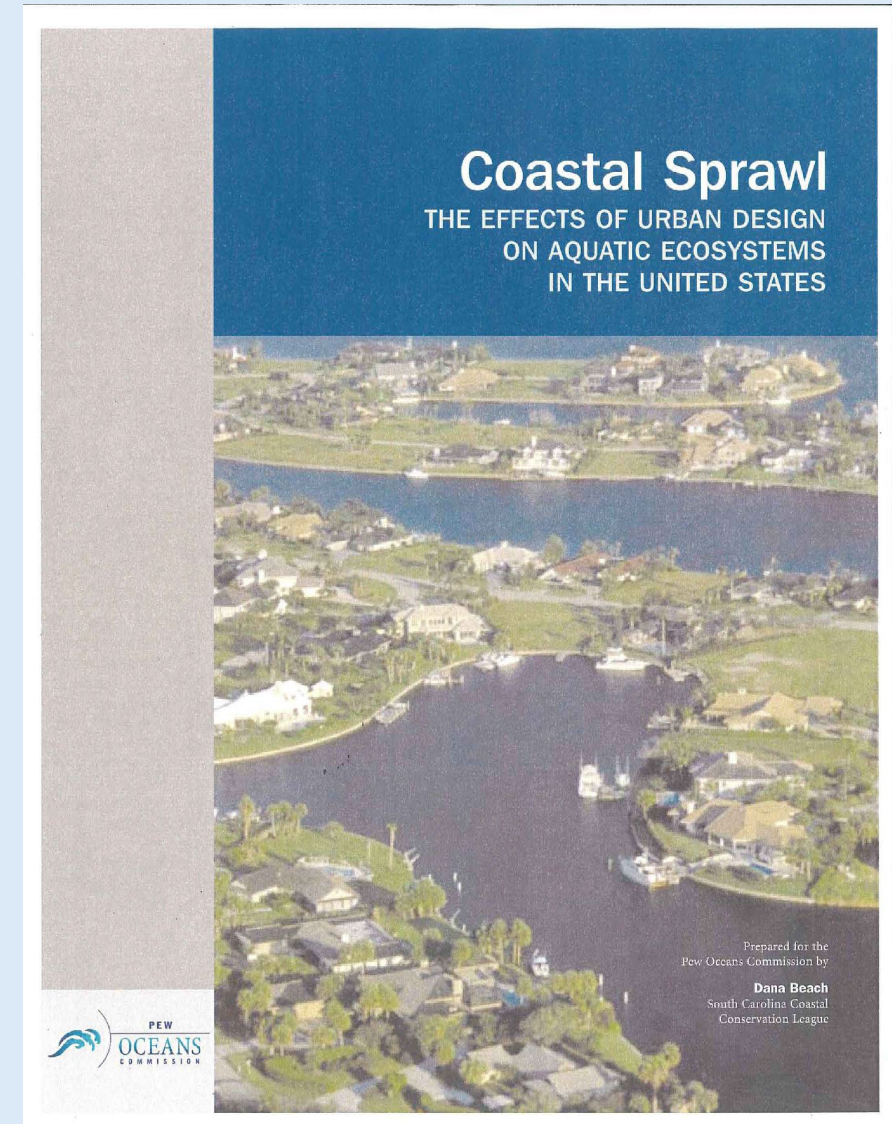
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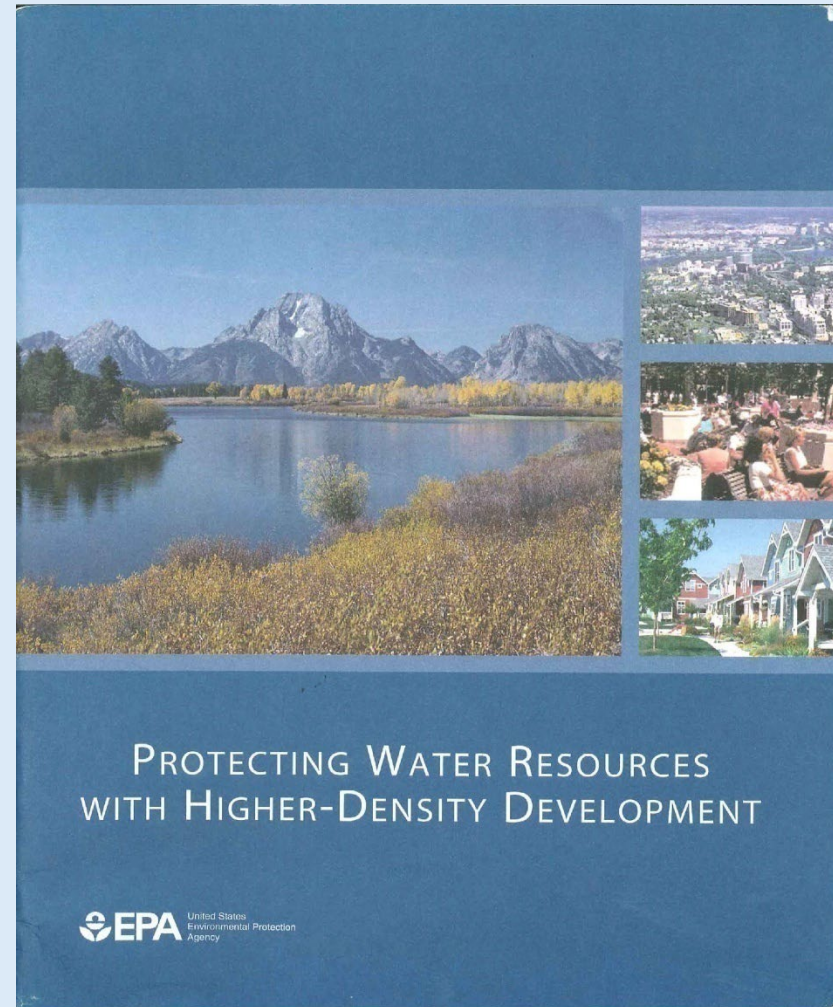


“...most regulatory programs focus exclusively on site-level practices, ignoring necessary changes that must take place at the neighborhood and regional scales...abundant research over the past three decades has proven that site-level practices, in the absence of land-use reforms, cannot protect aquatic ecosystems from decline (Cohn-Lee and Cameron, 1992).”

Beach, D. 2002. *Coastal Sprawl: The Effects of Urban Design on Aquatic Ecosystems in the United States*. Pew Oceans Commission, Arlington, Virginia.



“Many communities assume that low-density development automatically protects water resources. This study has shown that this assumption is flawed and that pursuit of low-density development can in fact be counterproductive, contributing to high rates of land conversion and stormwater runoff and missing opportunities to preserve valuable land within watersheds.”



- ***“The model showed that a simple doubling of standard suburban densities [to 8 dwelling units per acre (DUA) from about 3 to 5 DUA] in most cases could do more to reduce contaminant loadings associated with urban growth than many traditional stormwater best management practices (BMPs)... Because higher density is associated with vibrant urban life, building a better city may be the best BMP to mitigate the water quality damage that will accompany the massive urban growth expected for the next several decades.”***

- ***IS DENSER GREENER? AN EVALUATION OF HIGHER DENSITY DEVELOPMENT AS AN URBAN STORMWATER-QUALITY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE***

Journal of the American Water Resources Association, June, 2009

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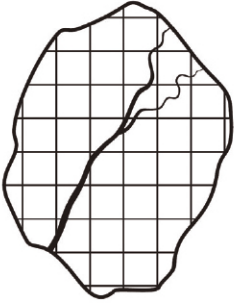
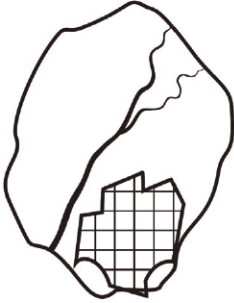
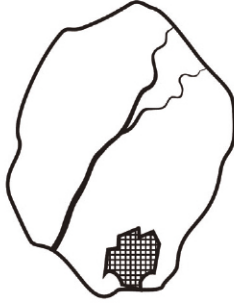
Community, Conversation, Connections

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Compact Development Reduces Runoff

EXHIBIT 1: 10,000-Acre Watershed Accommodating 10,000 Houses

Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
		
<p>10,000 houses built on 10,000 acres produce:</p> <p>10,000 acres x 1 house x 18,700 ft³/yr of runoff =</p> <p>187 million ft³/yr of stormwater runoff</p> <p>Site: 20% impervious cover</p> <p>Watershed: 20% impervious cover</p>	<p>10,000 houses built on 2,500 acres produce:</p> <p>2,500 acres x 4 houses x 6,200 ft³/yr of runoff =</p> <p>62 million ft³/yr of stormwater runoff</p> <p>Site: 38% impervious cover</p> <p>Watershed: 9.5% impervious cover</p>	<p>10,000 houses built on 1,250 acres produce:</p> <p>1,250 acres x 8 houses x 4,950 ft³/yr of runoff =</p> <p>49.5 million ft³/yr of stormwater runoff</p> <p>Site: 65% impervious cover</p> <p>Watershed: 8.1% impervious cover</p>

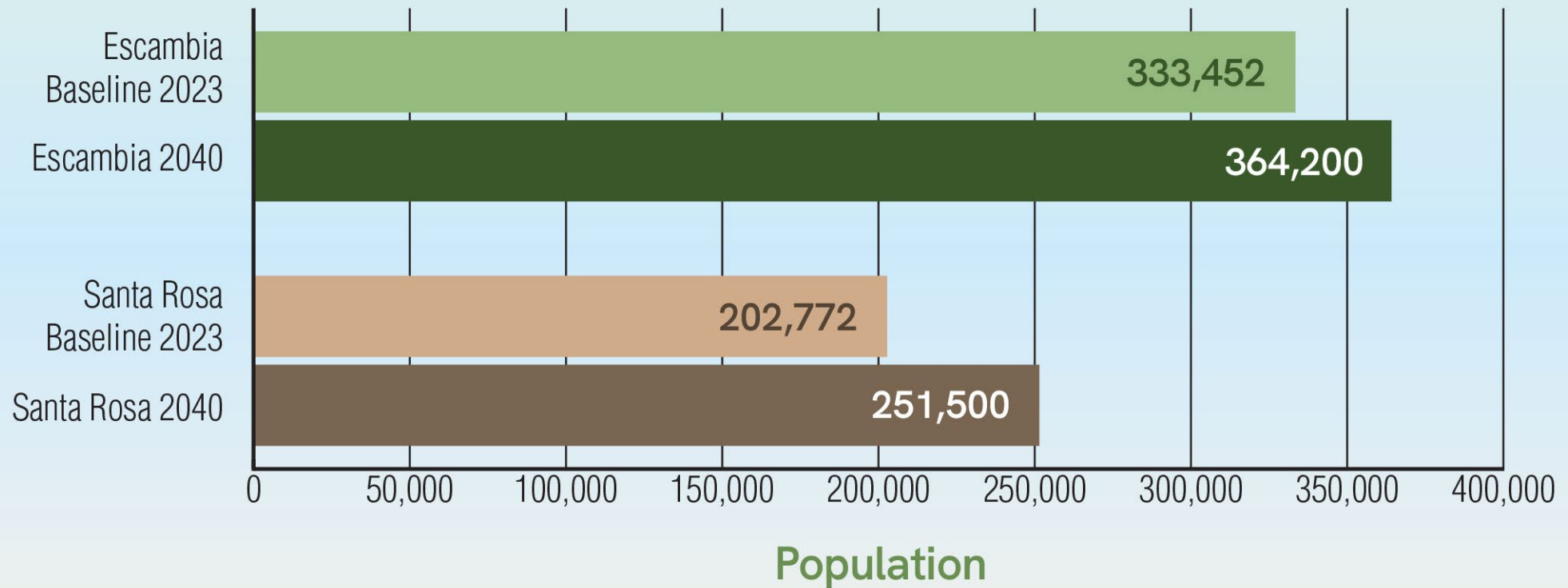


70 feet

feet

8 dwelling units per acre

Growth is Here to Stay in Florida, Including in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties



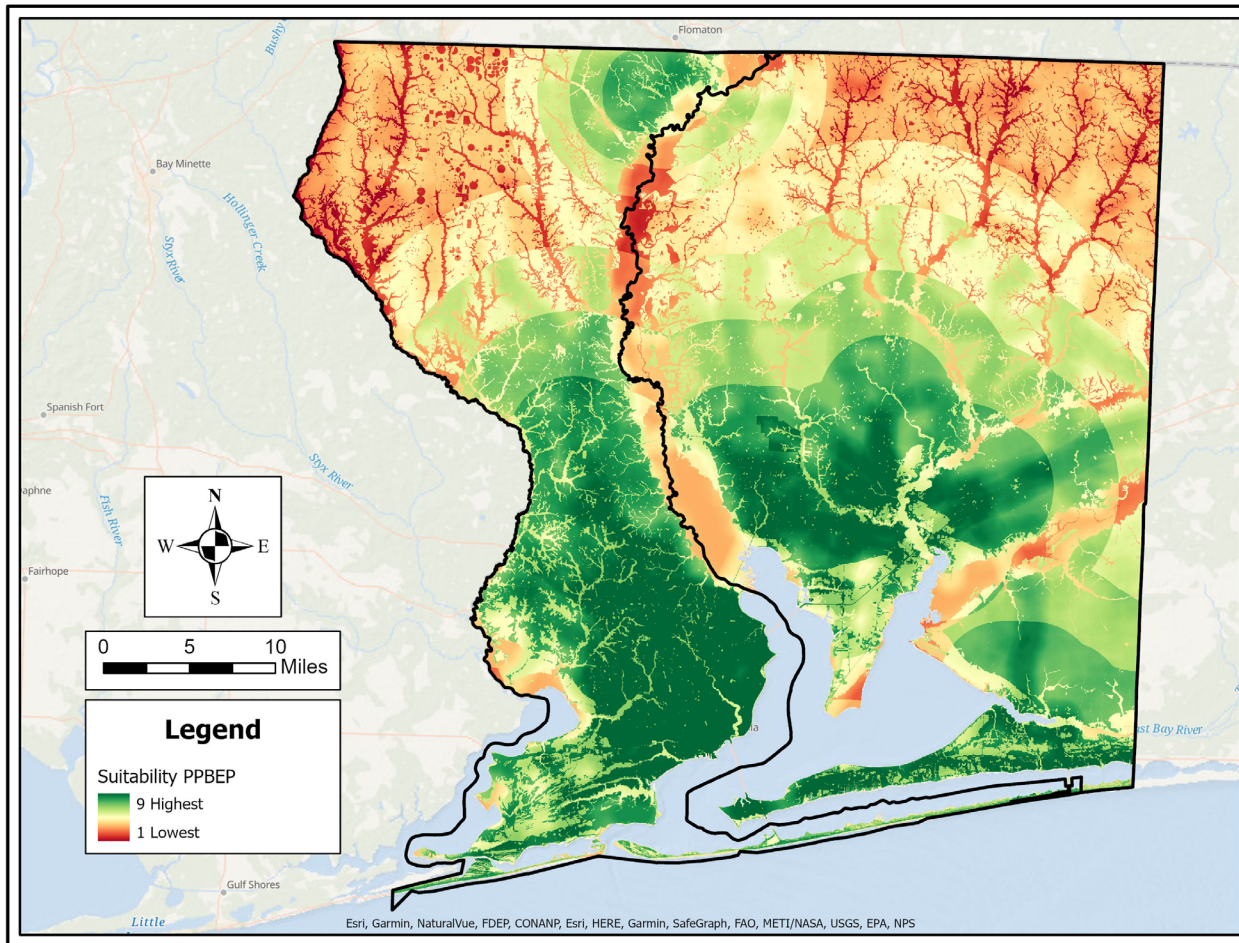


Pensacola Downtown Improvement Board

The way these two counties absorb these additional residents will determine the health of their environments, their quality of life and ultimately the strength of their economies.

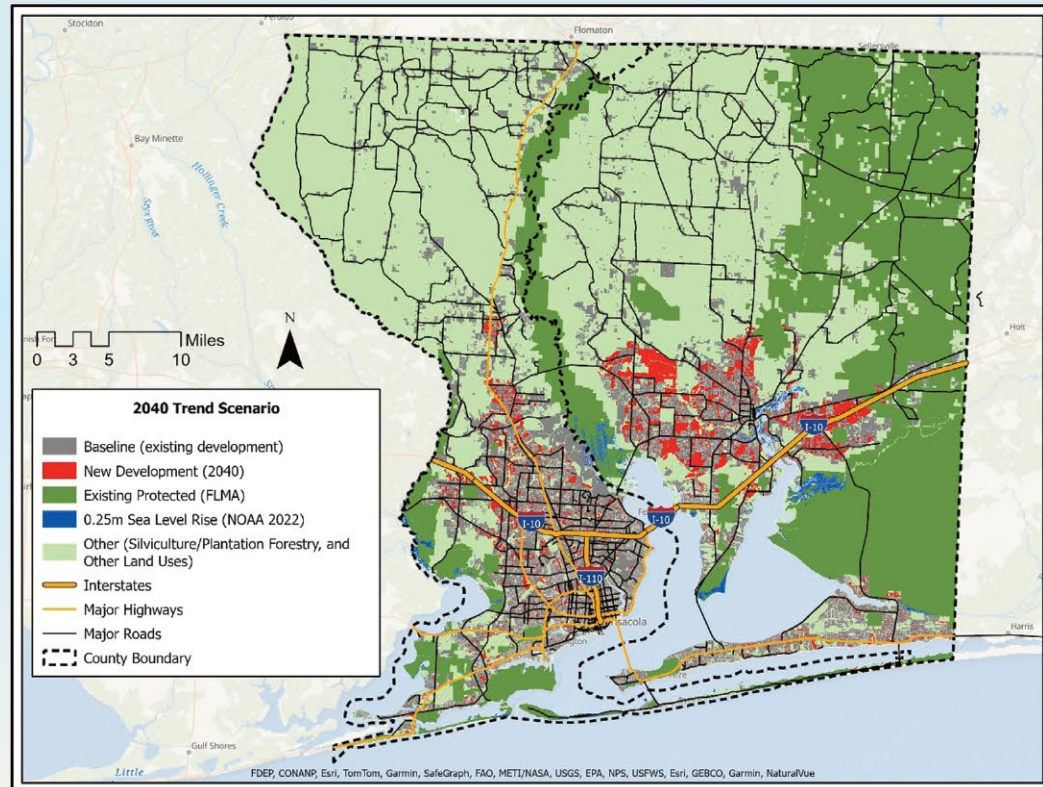
Urban Suitability Criterion	Rational for Use	Weight
Proximity to Large Urban Areas (over 50,000 people)	Major urban areas tend to accommodate more additional population than do smaller urban areas.	5%
Proximity to All Urban Areas (over 2,500 people)	New urban development tends to occur in close proximity to existing urban development.	27%
Proximity to coastline	The coast has historically been an attractor for urban development. However future sea level rise is expected to make these areas less attractive in 2040.	9%
Preliminary Development Approvals	Areas within approved DRIs and DSAPs are highly likely to develop. The only DSAP that was used, however, was West Bay in Bay County, because the other existing DSAPs fell in the path and pattern of new urban development and their boundaries did not affect the pattern or timing of new urban development.	8%
Road density	New urban development tends to occur in areas of relatively higher road density.	12%
Presence/absence of wetlands	Urban development on lands without wetlands is often less costly than lands with wetlands.	16%
Proximity to open water	Access to the view of water has historically been an attractor for development.	2%
Proximity to major roads	Roads facilitate new urban development.	5%
Absence of USDA/NRCS Soils within FSAID 2045 Projected Irrigated Agricultural Lands	There is an economic incentive to convert poorer agricultural soils to urban development before good agricultural soils.	16%

Suitability Criterion

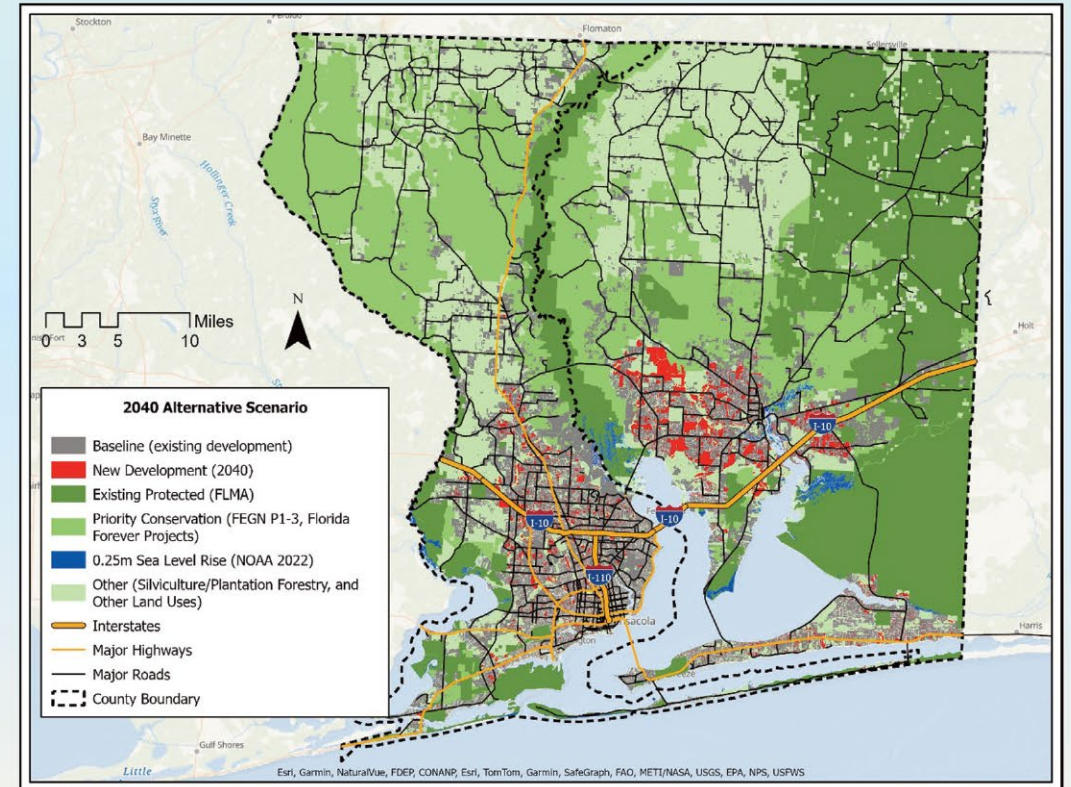


Escambia/Santa Rosa 2040: Status Quo Vs. Sustainable

2040 Trend

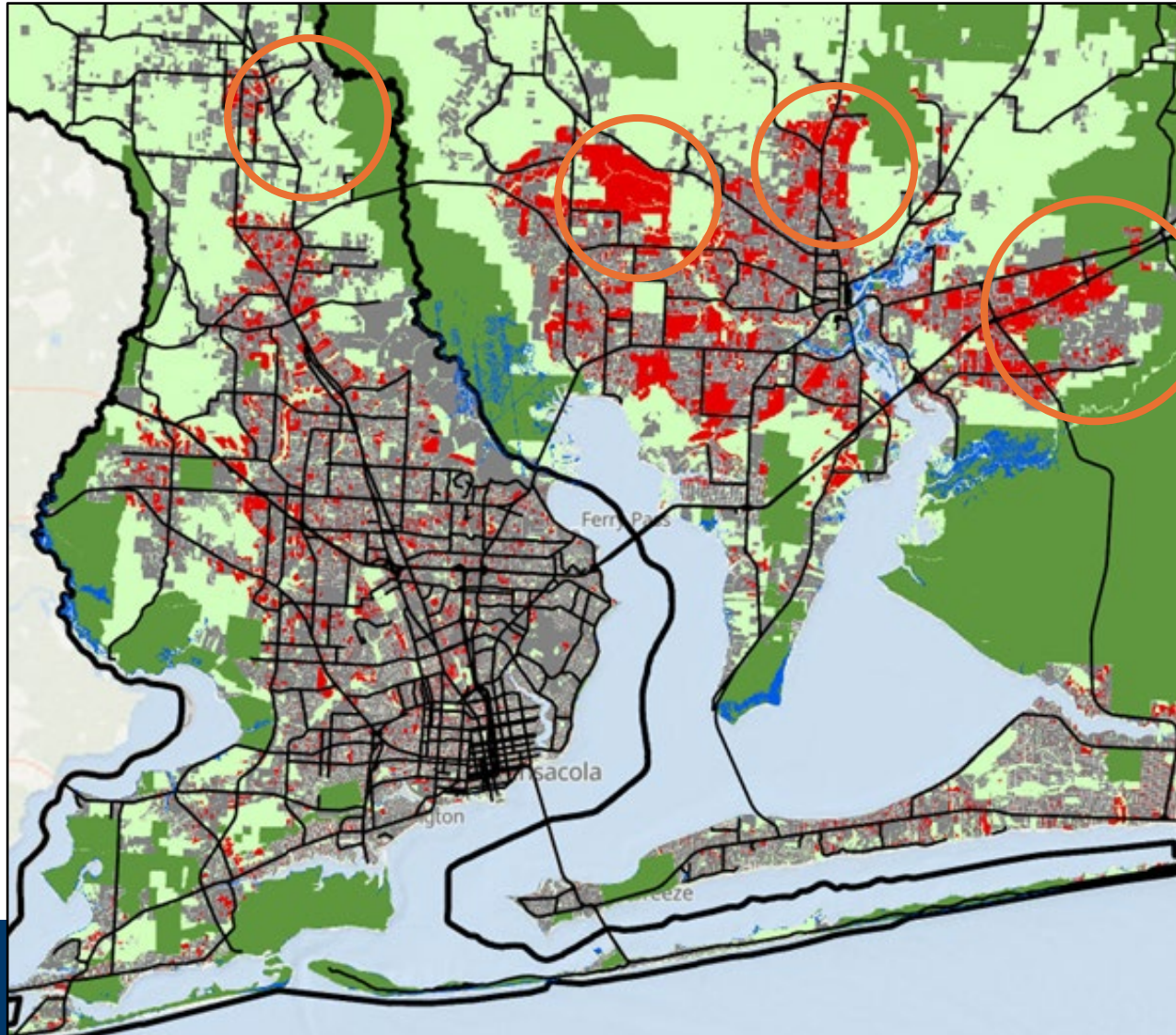


2040 Alternative

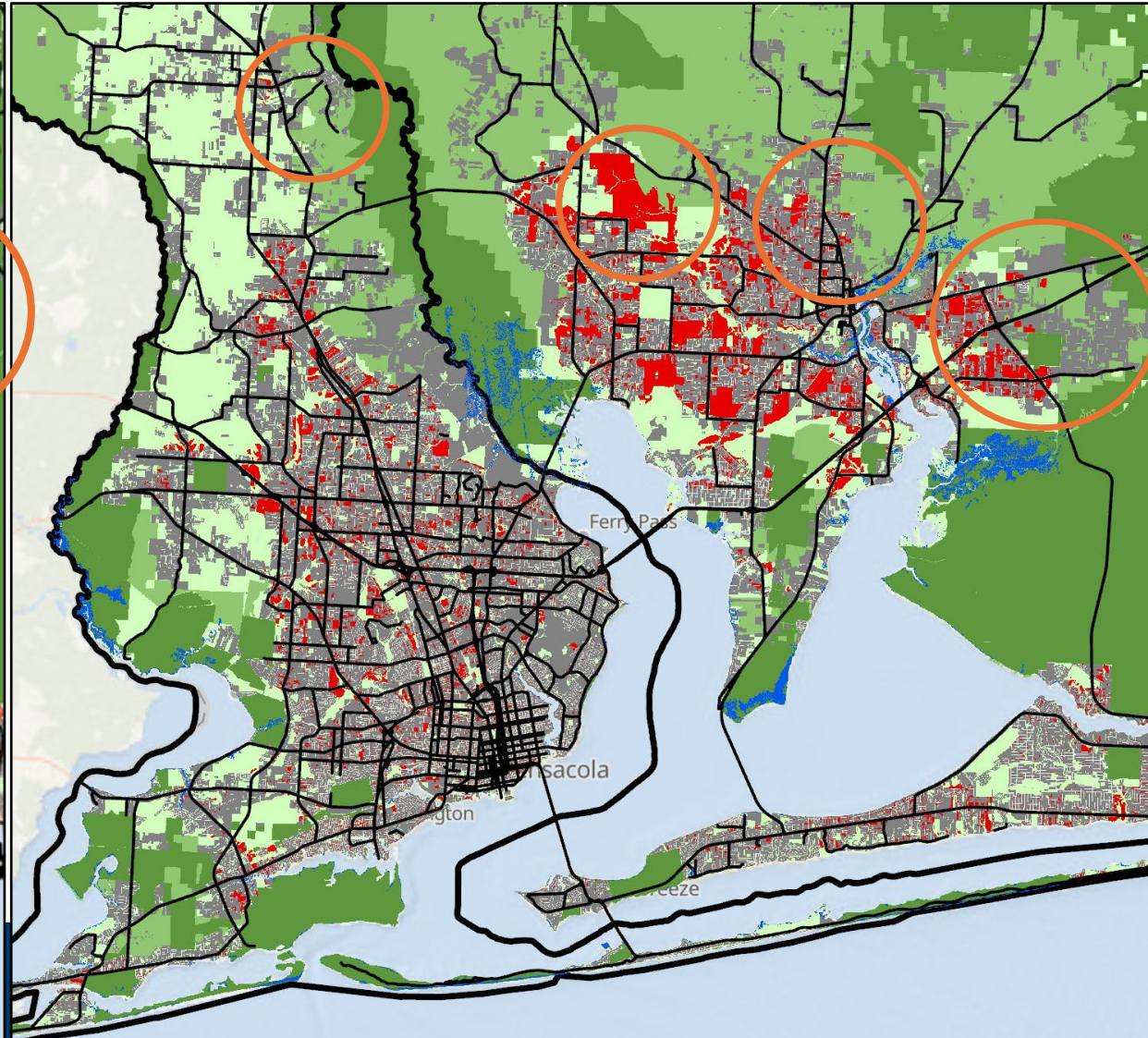


Comparison

Trend



Alternative



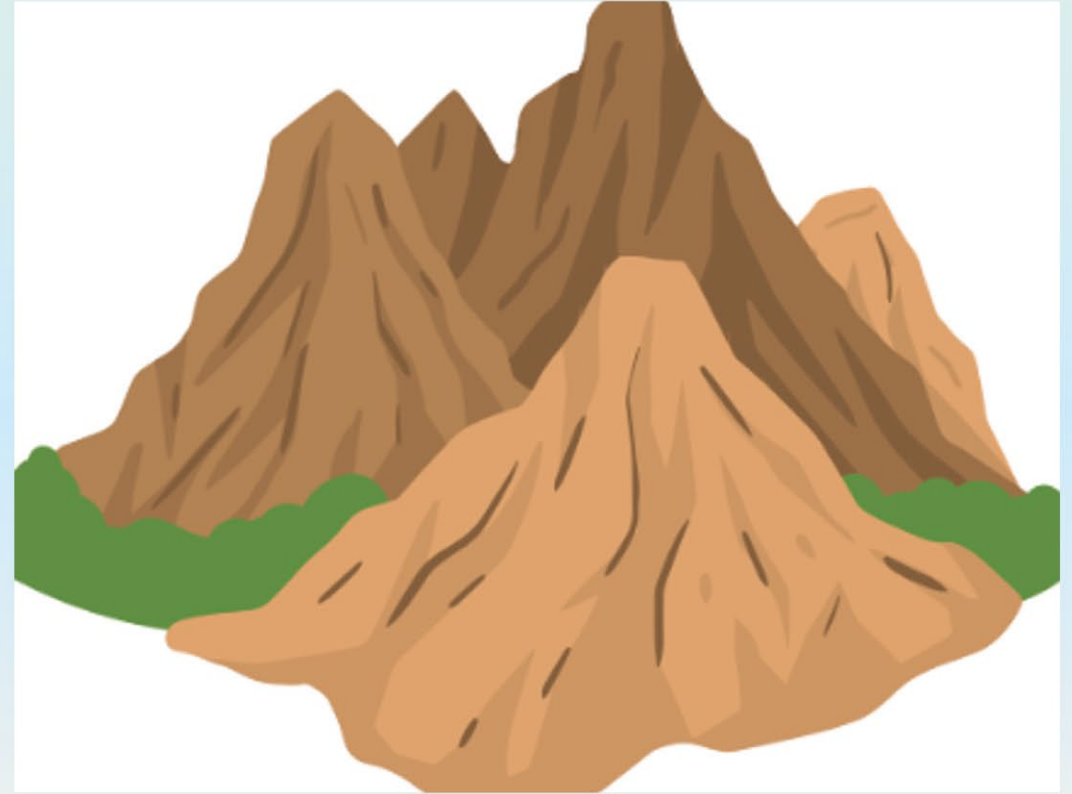
					# Olympic Swimming Pools*	<u>Annual Mass Loading (lb/yr)</u>			
	Developed Acres		Acre-Feet of Runoff			TN		TP	
	Total	%↑	Total	%↑		Total	%↑	Total	%↑
Baseline	202,170		477,885		317,794	2,368,393		417,033	
Escambia	108,848		280,640			1,365,786		242,819	
Santa Rosa	93,321		197,244			1,002,607		174,213	
Trend	211,553	4%	500,065	4%	332,544	2,478,321	4%	436,389	4%
Escambia	113,900		293,666			1,429,179		254,090	
Santa Rosa	97,653		206,399			1,049,142		182,299	
Alternate	204,074	1%	482,387	1%	320,788	2,390,706	1%	420,961	1%
Escambia	109,874		283,284			1,378,653		245,107	
Santa Rosa	94,201		199,102			1,012,053		175,855	

Table 8. Water quality and runoff (volume) comparisons between the current (baseline) development and the Trend and Alternative future development scenarios for Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties combined. *An Olympic Swimming Pool is equal to 490,000 gallons. This column shows how many Olympic Swimming Pools would be filled by the amount of Acre-Feet Runoff.

The Cost of Business as Usual for Escambia and Santa Rosa Waterways



15,000 more Olympic swimming
pools worth of stormwater runoff

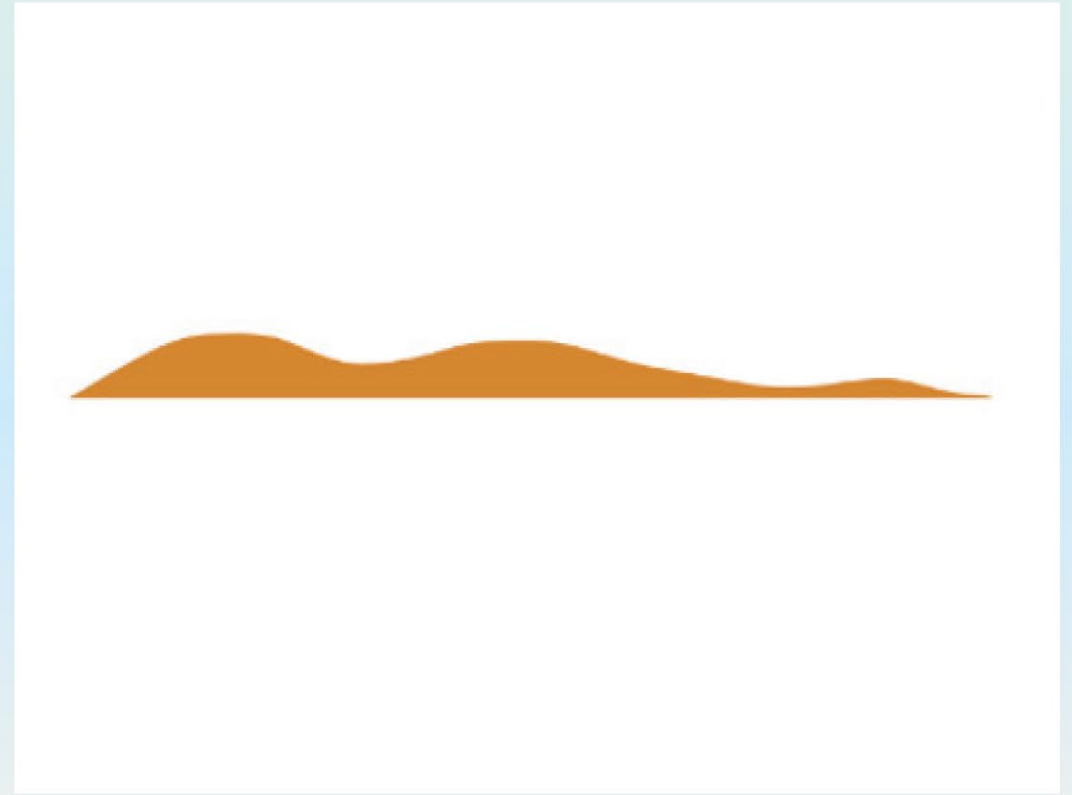


100k pounds a year of additional nitrogen,
20,000 more pounds of phosphorous

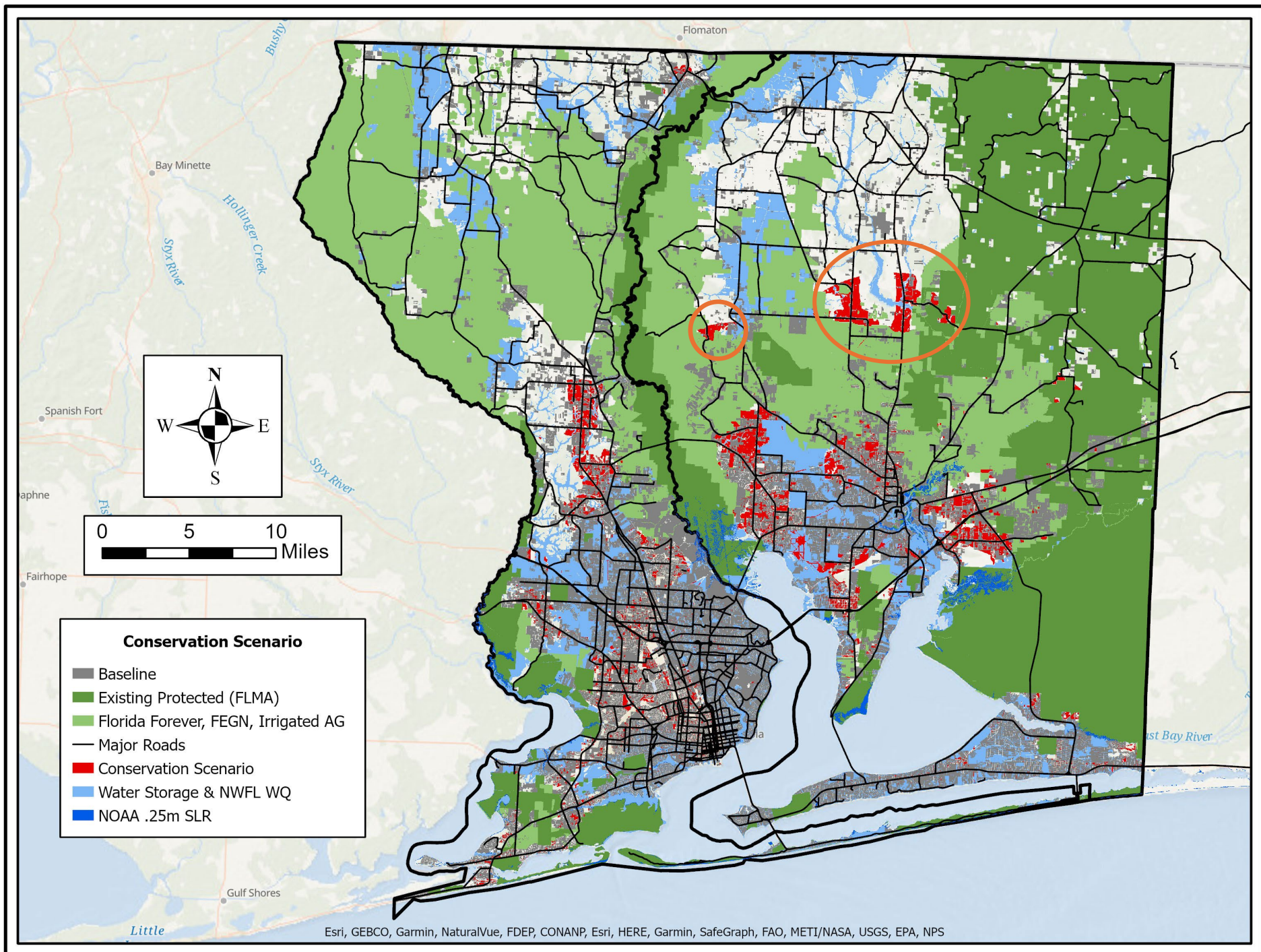
Benefits for Region's Waterways of Compact Development and Land Conservation



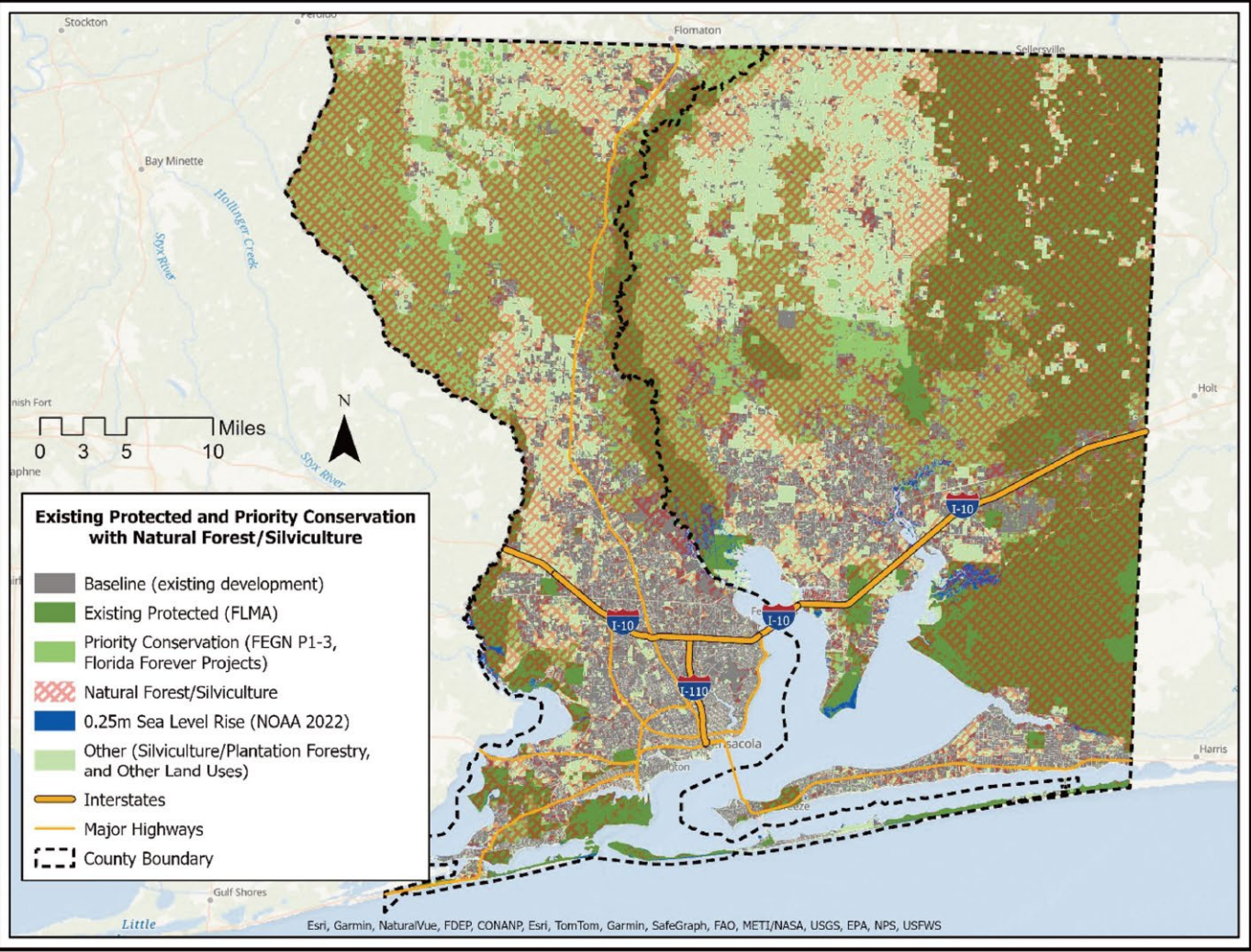
75 % Less Runoff



75% Less Nitrogen and Phosphorous



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- Escambia County lost more than 45 square miles of forested land between 1996 and 2016
- Santa Rosa County lost nearly 77 square miles of forested land during that same period

SOURCE: NOAA [Coastal Change Analysis Program \(C-CAP\)](#)

Pensacola News Journal



Why Protect Undeveloped Land?



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Land conservation provides multiple benefits

- Recharges drinking water supply
- Naturally cleanses runoff, protecting surface and ground water
- Reduces flood risk
- Maintains land for agriculture
- Preserves wildlife habitat and biodiversity
- Absorbs carbon
- Provides recreation for residents and tourists

Additional Benefits from Compact Development

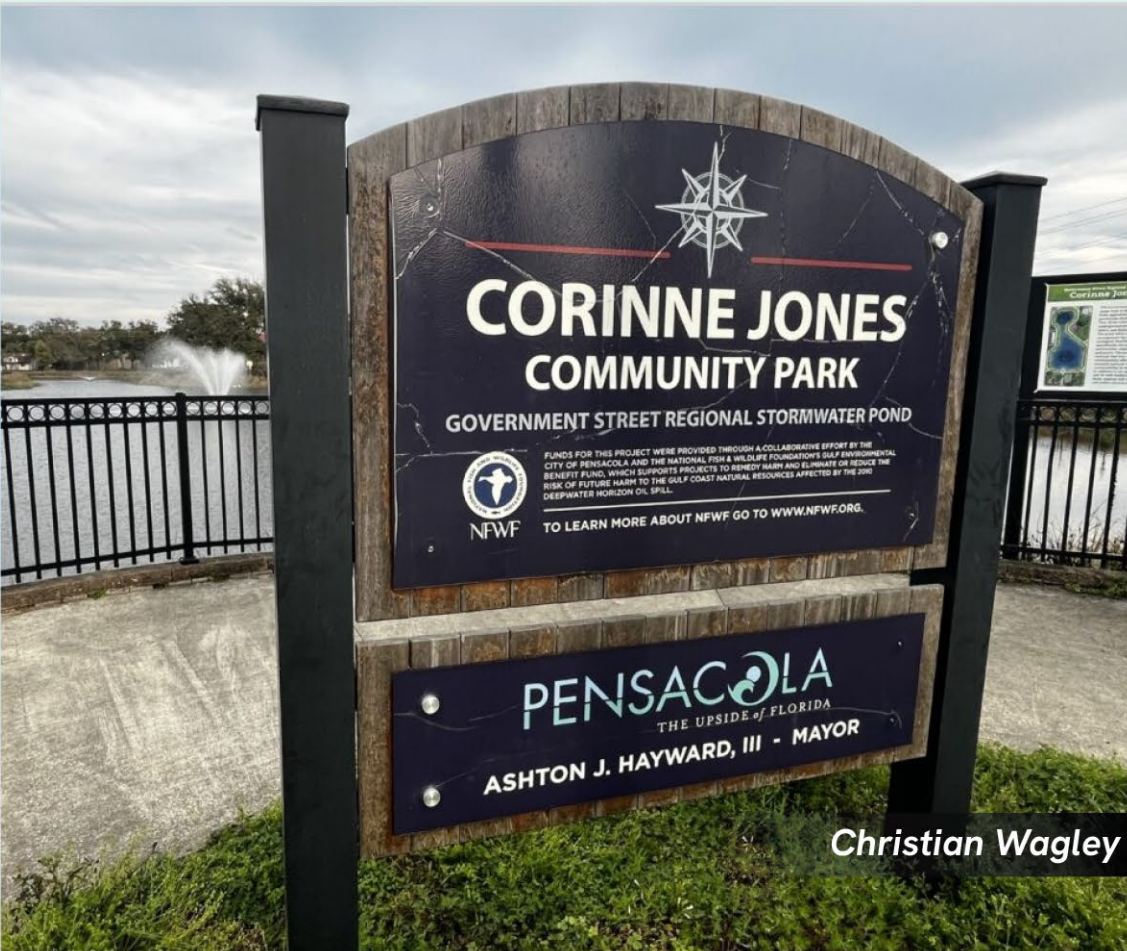


Downtown Pensacola/Christian Wagley

- More opportunities to walk, bike, live healthier lifestyles
- More viable transit
- Less air, water pollution
- More housing choices
- Lower costs for taxpayers for public services
- More vibrant communities



What Now?



Christian Wagley

Short-term options

- Review local growth plans and LDRs for alignment of conservation, transportation, land-use objectives
- Create interagency working group on planning to preserve Bay watersheds
- Establish and finance local land conservation programs
- Utilize offsite stormwater treatment

What Now?



More short-term options

- Routinely consider adaptation strategies in any LDR changes
- Reconsider policies exempting infill projects in Pensacola from stormwater management rules
- Require sidewalks in developments

What Now?



Medium-term options

- Amend local comp plans, LDRs to align with PPBEP's conservation and management plan
- Adopt form-based codes in key commercial areas
- Prioritize nature-based solutions for stormwater management and flood mitigation

What Now?



Traditional Grid
Design (Pre-1900)



Curvilinear Loop
Design (~1930 - 1950)



Beginning of Cul-De-Sac
(~1930 - 1950)



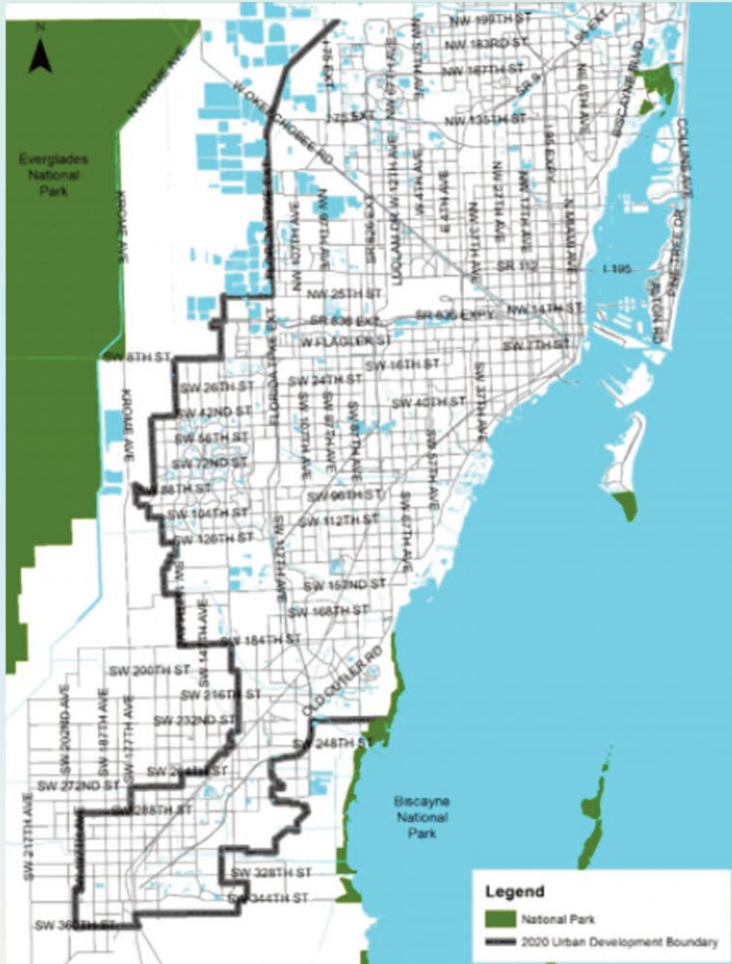
Conventional Cul-De-Sac
(Since 1950)

Congress for the New Urbanism

More medium-term options

- Allow accessory dwelling units
- Reduce or eliminate parking requirements
- Offer density bonuses
- Require connected street networks in new developments

What Now?



Long-term options

- Establish urban growth boundary for the Pensacola Metropolitan Statistical Area

Urban Development Boundary, Miami-Dade
County/Tropical Audubon Society

~~• “The solution to pollution is dilution.”~~



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What We've Done...

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MOBILE DISTRICT
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COASTAL RESILIENCY
PROGRAM



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MOBILE DISTRICT COASTAL RESILIENCY PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE...

MISSION: Deliver vital engineering solutions in collaboration with partners that reduce coastal storm risks and increase ecosystem and community resilience by incorporating a system of measures including natural and nature-based features, nonstructural, and structural solutions.

OBJECTIVE: Improve resilience by reducing risk to our coastlines and nearshore communities while preserving and protecting the natural habitat.

- Specialized team formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (2005)
- Oversaw what would become the Mississippi (MS) Coastal Improvements Program (MSCIP), one of the largest coastal storm risk management programs in USACE
- Utilized a system-wide approach to coastal risk reduction and fostered collaboration to successfully address coastal storm damages
- The Coastal Resiliency Program has evolved to include study, design, and construction efforts in coastal MS, AL, and the FL Panhandle
- Mobile District is a Regional Sediment Management Implementation Champion and Engineering with Nature Proving Ground

WHAT WE DO...

- Build innovative, climate resilient infrastructure to protect communities and ecosystems through natural or nature-based features such as wetlands, beaches, and dunes
- Leverage nonstructural interventions through updated policies, building codes, and emergency response; and utilize structural interventions such as seawalls and breakwaters when applicable

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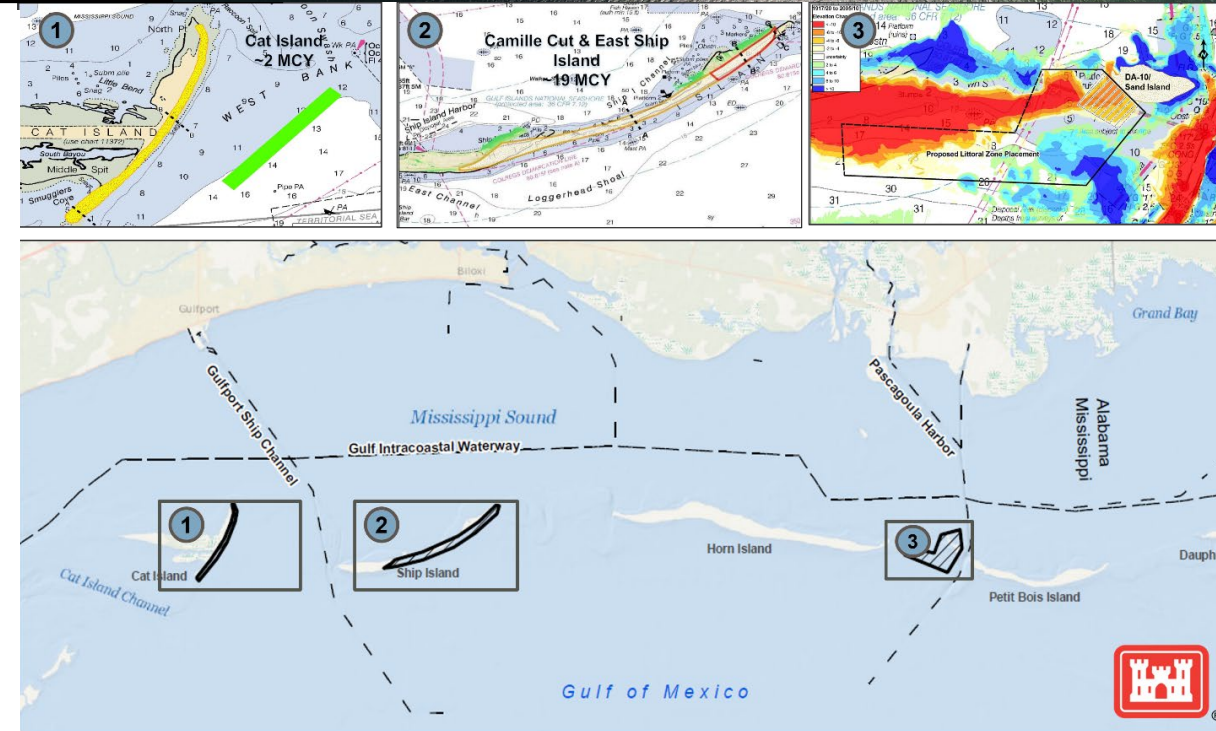


WHAT WE'VE DONE...

MISSISSIPPI BARRIER ISLANDS RESTORATION

The MS barrier islands of Petit Bois, Horn, East Ship, West Ship, and Cat are dynamic landforms and the first line of defense between the Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi mainland coast.

- Authorized as a coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration project under the MSCIP Comprehensive Plan.
- Objectives: 1) maintain estuarine ecosystem and resources of the MS sound, 2) preserve natural and cultural resources of barrier islands, and 3) restore structure to reduce coastal storm impacts on the mainland
- Revitalized 1,150 acres of critical coastal zone habitat by restoring sediment and island structure
- Ensures sustainability of the Mississippi Sound ecosystem by maintaining salinity inflows from the Gulf of Mexico.



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COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT

WHAT WE'VE DONE...

PANAMA CITY BEACH CSRM

- Originally Constructed 16.5 miles of beach between 1998 - 1999 and Carillon Beach and Pinnacle Port was constructed in 2011
- Restored the beach berm that sits near 6.5 ft in elevation along 17.5 miles of shoreline
- Berm maintains a 50-ft width and transitions to a 30-ft top width before tying back into the natural shoreline
- The authorized project provides periodic renourishment at an estimated 10-year interval

BAY ST. LOUIS SEAWALL CSRM

- Originally constructed by local interest between 1915 and 1928 to protect the upland against erosion due to low to moderate waves.
- The Bay St. Louis Seawall Reconstruction Project was authorized as a coastal storm risk management project under MSCIP
- The seawall elements consist of an approximate 5,600 ft stepped concrete seawall founded on concrete piles. Approximately 510 ft is a concrete tee wall with a vinyl sheet pile cutoff, and the remainder is a vinyl sheet pile wall with a concrete cap.



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AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

WHAT WE'VE DONE...

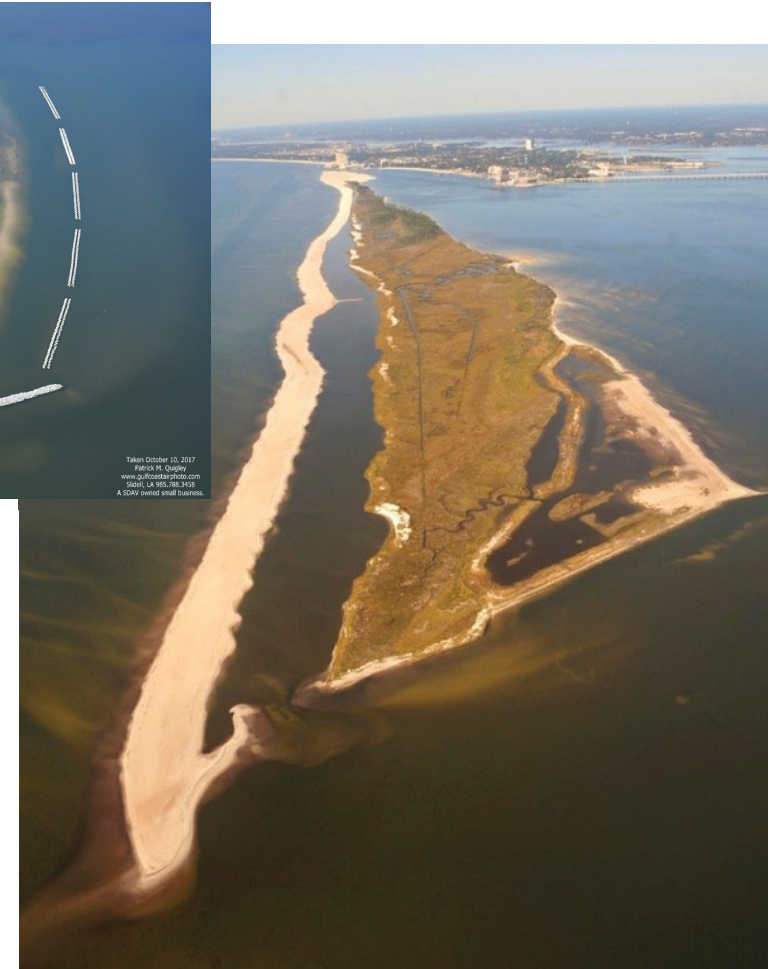
BAYOU CADDY AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

- Active dredged material placement site using a living shoreline to create salt marshes and restore wetland habitat
- Dredged material placement and salt marsh restoration site is confined with geotubes and offshore breakwater to reduce wave energy in its lee
- Breakwater buffers the geotube structure during critical water level and wave conditions for containment purposes and provides erosion control for the restored wetlands



DEER ISLAND AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

- Located in the MS Sound, Deer Island is a narrow, 4.5 mi long landmass that buffers the City of Biloxi from wind and wave energy
- Hurricane Katrina (2005) breached parts of the island, reduced elevations, eroded the beach, and impaired forested areas
- Restored the island and creates long-term beneficial use capacity for material dredged from the nearby Biloxi Harbor Navigation Project
- Minimized biodiversity fracturing and resulted in an additional 400 acres of highly productive estuarine wetlands, restored beach and dune habitat, reduced coastal erosion, and restoration of the coastal maritime forest



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BENEFICIAL USE

WHAT WE'VE DONE...

DAUPHIN ISLAND CAUSEWAY

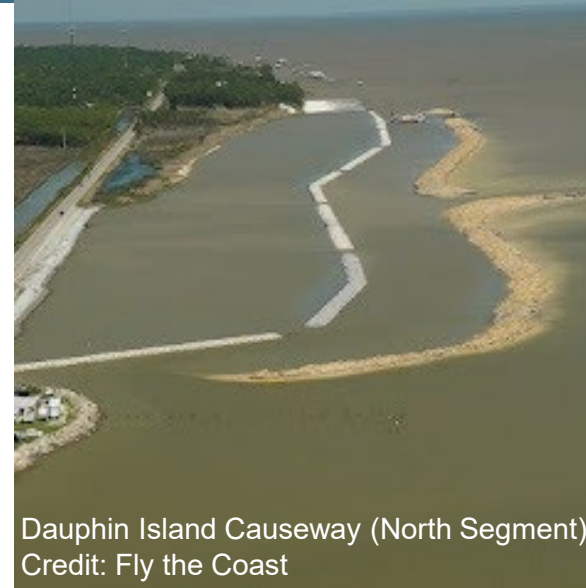
- Non-federal Interest: Mobile County, Alabama
- Dredged material from Mobile Harbor Deepening to create marshes
- Protects 3.3-miles of the Dauphin Island Causeway
- Protects nearly 300 acres of healthy, productive salt marsh habitat to the west side of the Dauphin Island Causeway
- Mobile County designed and permitted site and constructed breakwaters.
- Approximately 1MCY from Phase 6 creating up to 60 acres of habitat

DEER RIVER

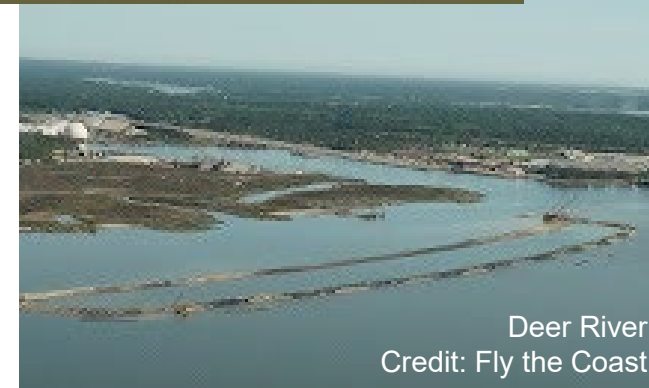
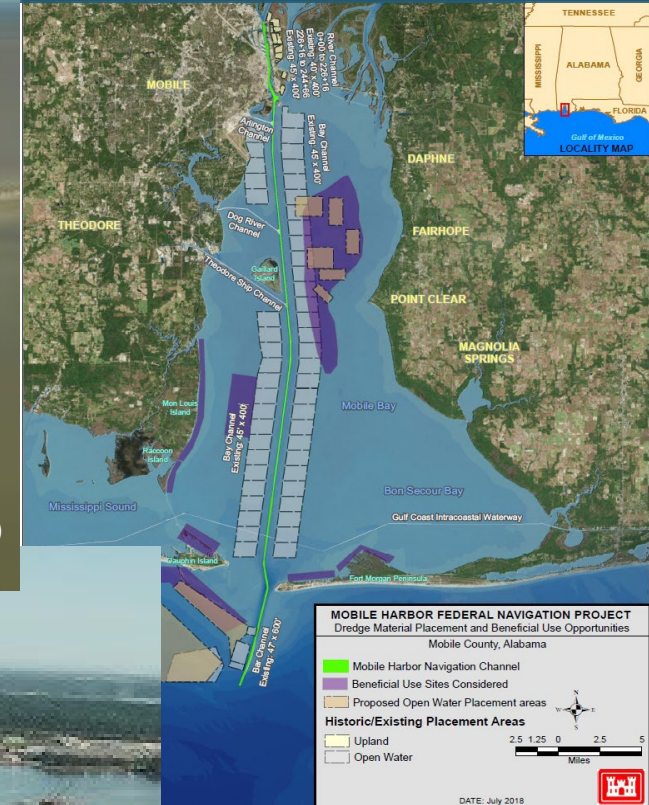
- Non-federal Interest: Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP)
- Dredged material from Mobile Harbor Deepening to create marshes
- Protects nearly 275 acres of healthy, productive salt marsh habitat
- MBNEP designed and permitted site and constructed containment.
- Approximately 200k cubic yards from Phase 6 creating 20 acres of habitat

MOBILE BAY RELIC SHELL SITES

- Dredged material from Mobile Harbor Deepening to improve bay substate in historically mined areas Over 5.5 MCY beneficially used from Phase 5 and Phase 6



Dauphin Island Causeway (North Segment)
Credit: Fly the Coast



Deer River
Credit: Fly the Coast

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PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This table briefly describes the different authorities and cost share opportunities to help you find the option that best fits your needs.

PURPOSE	TYPES OF STUDIES AND PROJECTS	AUTHORITY	FEASIBILITY PHASE COST SHARE FEDERAL/ NON-FEDERAL	IMPLEMENTATION PHASE COST SHARE FEDERAL/ NON- FEDERAL	FEDERAL PER PROJECT LIMIT
CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM					
Beach Erosion and Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction	Projects related to public infrastructure (e.g. utilities, roadways) protection on small beaches against erosion and storm damages	Section 103 1962 River and Harbor Act, as amended	100% / 0% for initial \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35%	\$10 Million
Mitigation of Damages Caused by Federal Navigation Projects	Projects for the prevention/mitigation of shoreline erosion damages to public/private shores when damage results from a Federal Navigation Project	Section 111 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1968, as amended, or 33 USC 426i	Shared in same proportion as original project causing damage	Shared in same proportion as the original project causing damage	\$12.5 Million
Beneficial Use of Dredge Material	Creation of aquatic and wetland habitats in conjunction with construction or maintenance dredging of Federal Navigation Projects	Section 204 Water Resources Development act of 1992, as amended	100% / 0%	65% / 35%	\$10 Million
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	Projects can include restoring floodplain, channel modification, or modification of structures to restore conditions conducive to native aquatic species	Section 206 Water Resources Development act of 1996, as amended	100% / 0% for first \$100,000; 50% / 50% remaining cost	65% / 35%	\$10 Million

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PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)



PURPOSE	TYPES OF PROJECTS	AUTHORITY	COST-SHARE AND FUNDING
PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES			
Assistance to States, local governments, Native American Tribes Territories, non-profit entities, and other non-Federal entities in preparation of comprehensive plans for water and related land resources, or technical services for hydrologic, economic and environmental data and analysis	<p>Water supply/demands, water quality, environmental restoration, wetland evaluation, dam and levee safety/ failure, flood risk management, floodplain management, and other water related issues or technical analysis.</p> <p>Studies initiated at the request of communities, accomplished on a smaller scale than larger feasibility studies; utilize existing data; and align with other established community plans.</p>	Section 22, Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended	<p>50% / 50%</p> <p>Cost-share waiver for Tribes and Territories per Section 1156, Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended</p> <p>Non-Federal cost share for comprehensive plans can include 100% work-in-kind</p> <p>No work-in-kind for technical services (\$5M per State)</p>
FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATIONS			
Before USACE can participate in design and construction, planning studies must be conducted to determine feasibility	<p>Flood risk management (FRM) feasibility studies to determine federal interest and support Congressional authorization for proceeding to project construction.</p> <p>Studies may also be multi-purpose, covering additional areas such as ecosystem restoration, emergency response, or recreation.</p>	Each study needs to be specifically authorized and funded by Congress. (33 USC 426)	<p>50% / 50%</p> <p>Design and construction cost-share depend on mission area</p> <p>Work-in-kind can be part of the cost-share</p>



PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)



PURPOSE	TYPES OF PROJECTS	AUTHORITY	COST-SHARE AND FUNDING
WATERSHED STUDIES			
Focuses on multiple objectives and tradeoffs, accounts for uncertainty, stakeholder collaboration, and adaptive management. Results are recommended strategies and actions that can be implemented at a watershed-scale or smaller scales by the Corps or other partners.	Examine the changing water resource needs relating to ecosystem protection & restoration, flood damage reduction, navigation & ports, watershed protection, water supply, and drought preparedness.	Section 729, Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended	75% / 25% Work-in-kind can be part of the cost-share.
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)			
May be executed for the placement of dredged material in connection with dredging of a Federal navigation project.	Projects use placement alternative other than the Federal standard. The non-Federal interest pays all additional costs associated with such placement.	The non-Federal interest must meet the definition of section 221 of the Flood Control Act of the 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1962d-5b),	Sponsor pays all additional costs that exceed the Federal Standard.

¹ USACE ability to participate in these different partnering programs is dependent on the availability of funds appropriated in any given year.

² For structural flood damage reduction purposes, non-Federal share is 35% up to 50% (based on cost of land, easements, rights of way, reallocations, disposal sites). 5% of the non-federal share must be in cash.

³ For non-structural flood damage reduction purposes, non-Federal Share limited to 35%, with no 5% cash requirement



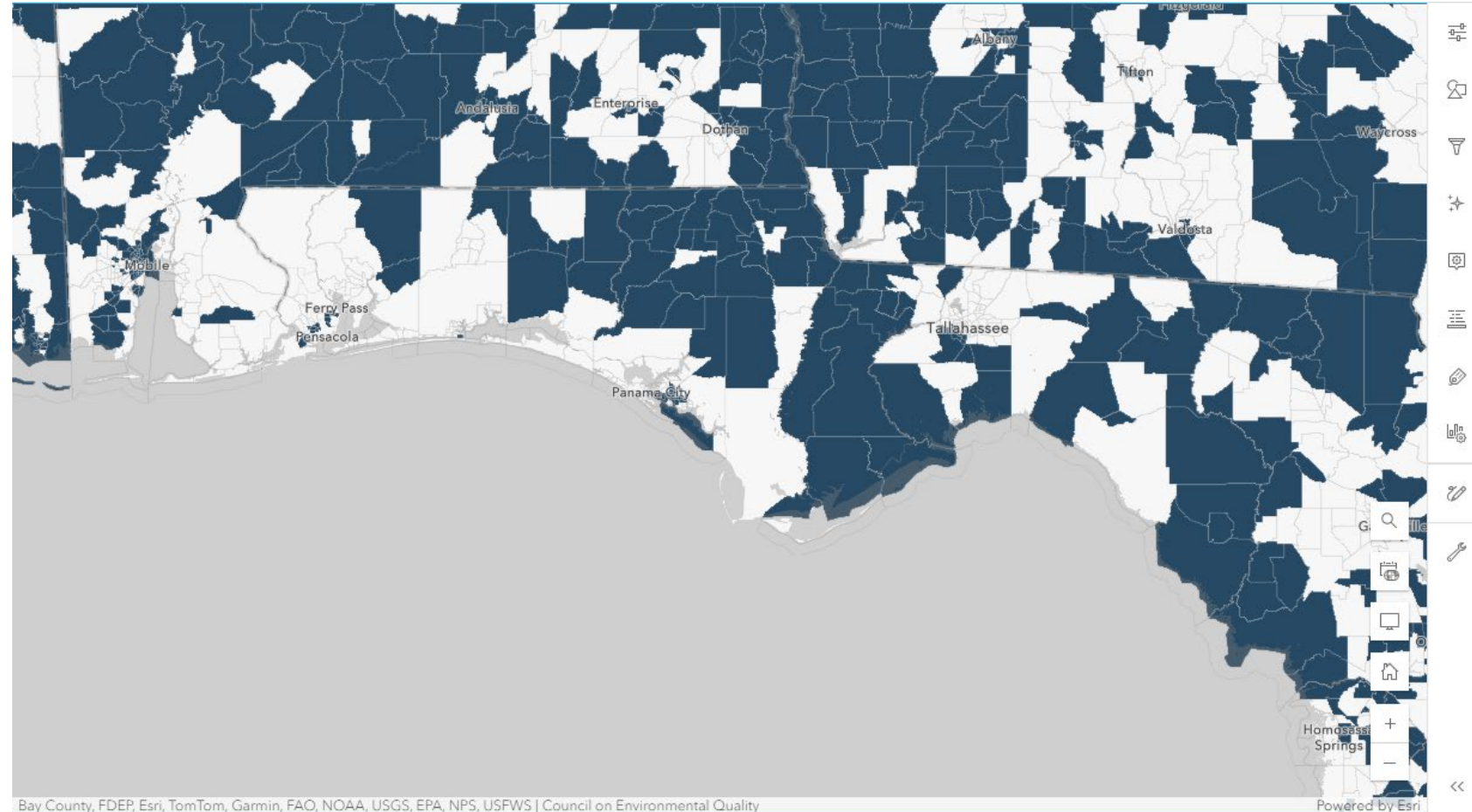
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What is the Justice40 Initiative?

For the first time in our nation's history, the Federal government has made it a goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal climate, clean energy, affordable and sustainable housing, and other investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. President Biden made this historic commitment in [Executive Order 14008](#) on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. To continue delivering on the environmental justice vision, President Biden signed [Executive Order 14096](#) on Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All in April 2023.



Website: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>

Website Map: <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=bdac3e391cd04d2396983fc67c23bf1c>

Working Today to Build a Better Tomorrow

SAMPLE Letter of Intent for a General Investigation (Feasibility) Study

(LETTERHEAD OF LOCAL SPONSOR)

(CURRENT DATE)

Colonel xxxx
Commander, xxxx District
City, State <for a full list of Districts and mailing addresses, see: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Locations.aspx>>

Dear Colonel xxxx:

The **(Name of Sponsor)** is willing and able to participate as the Sponsor for the **(name of study)**, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to cooperatively investigate **(briefly state the water resources problems and opportunities)** in the **(name of location, such as watershed or city/county)**.

Our agency **(or Name of Sponsor)** understands that a study cannot be initiated unless it is selected as a new start study with associated allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. If selected, we intend to sign a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) to initiate the study with USACE. It is our understanding the FCSA targets completion of the feasibility study within 3 years at a total cost of no more than \$3 million. After signing the FCSA, a Project Management Plan will be developed and agreed upon by our agency **(or Name of Sponsor)** and USACE. The study will be conducted and managed by USACE. The cost-sharing for the study is based on a 50% contribution by the Federal government, with our agency's 50% contribution provided in cash, or by a portion or all of the contribution provided through in-kind non-monetary services.

Our agency **(or Name of Sponsor)** is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent to initiate a study partnership to address the specified water resources problems and is not a contractual obligation. We understand that work on the study cannot commence until it is included in the Administration's budget request, funds are appropriated by the Congress, and an FCSA is signed. It is understood that we or USACE may opt to discontinue the study at any time after the FCSA is signed but will commit to work together as partners from the scoping phase, and subsequent decision points throughout the feasibility study, on providing the necessary support to risk-informed decision making. If it is determined that additional time or funding is necessary to support decisions to be made in order to complete the study, our agency will work with USACE to determine the appropriate course of action.

If you require additional information, please contact: **(Designee)** at **(Telephone Number and/or Email)**.

(Signed by Individual or Group with Appropriate Decision Making Authority)



COASTAL RESILIENCY PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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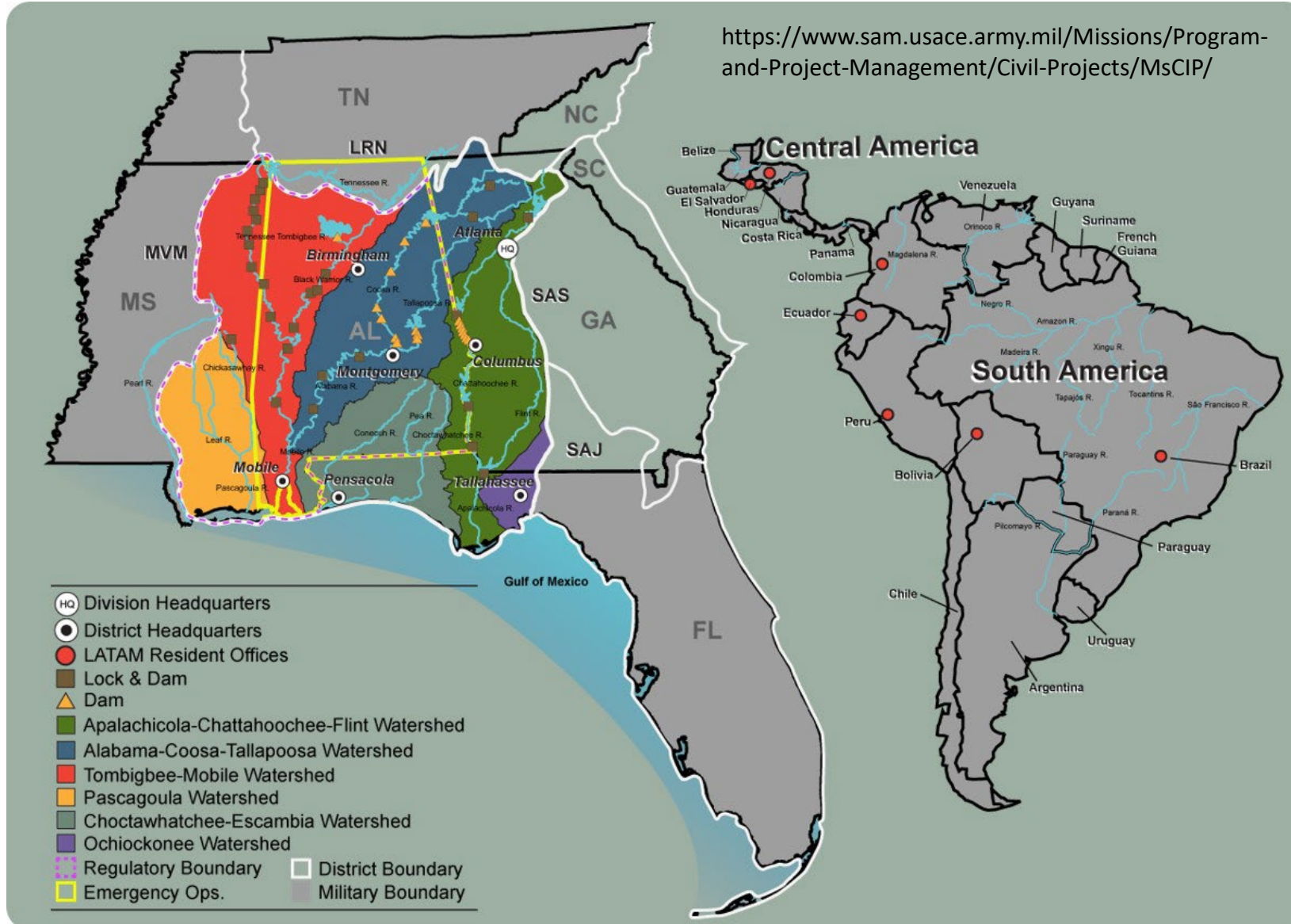
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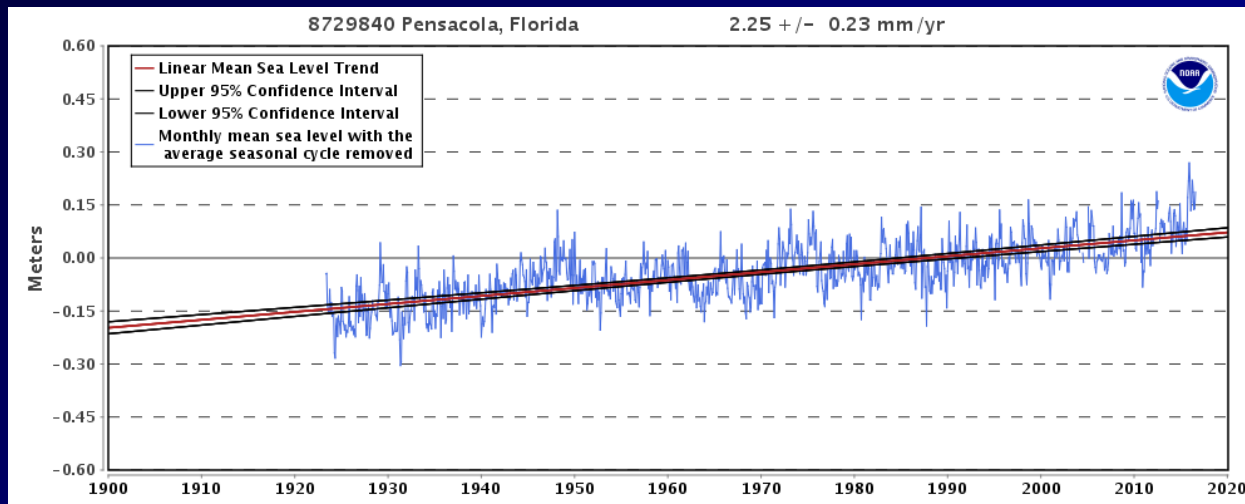
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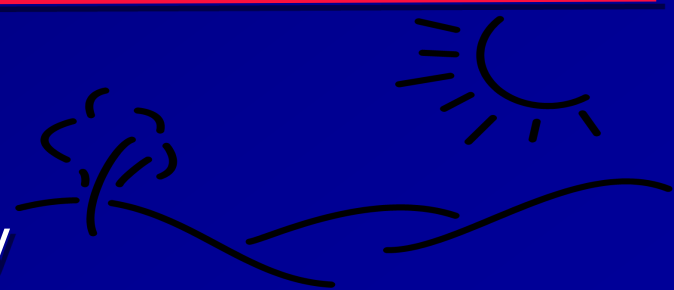
Working Today to Build a Better Tomorrow

Northwest Florida Regional Resilience Seminar

June 2024

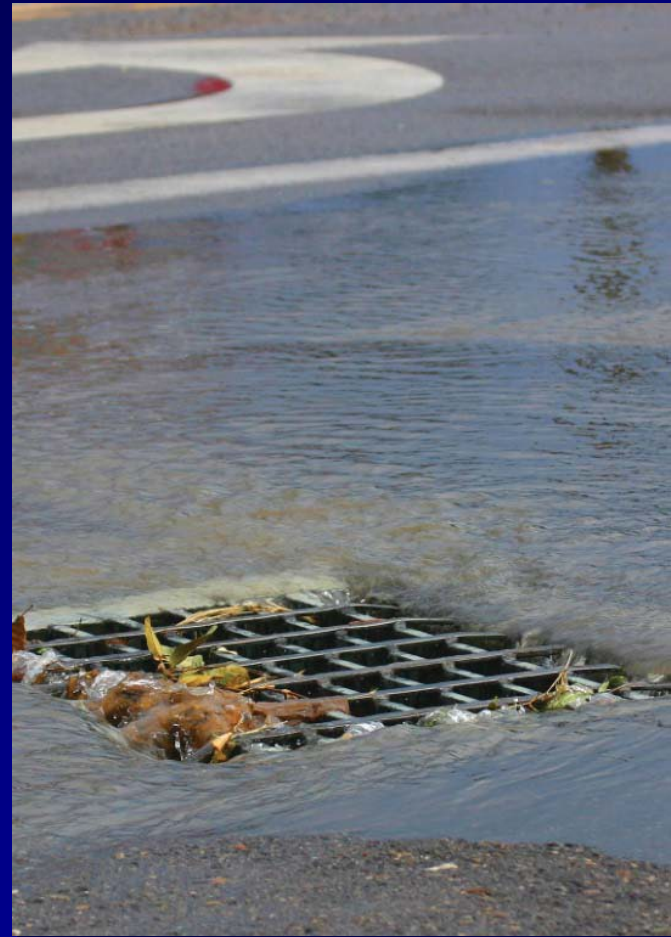


Escambia County
Natural Resources Management Department



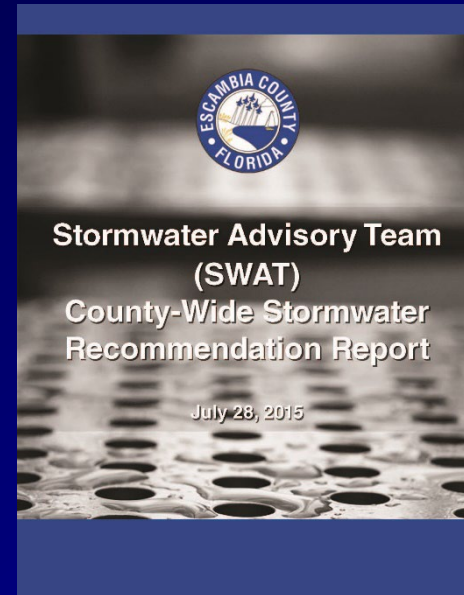
Resilience History

- 2015 – Modeling Scenarios for Flood Loss Reduction in Escambia County, FL – Texas A&M
- 2015 – Stormwater Advisory Team (SWAT) Report
- 2016 - Coastal Vulnerability Assessment – Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- 2016 - Escambia County Low Impact Design Manual
- 2024 – Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan underway



SWAT Recommendations

1. Infrastructure priorities that feature high-impact, cost effective projects
2. Policy enhancements including more precise design requirements, updates to storm water basin data, and adoption of LID standards
3. Needs Assessment List included 228 flood reduction projects with over a \$400 million price tag



April 2014 - Blue Springs Drive



Developing Priorities for Resilient Florida

- Flood priorities came from the SWAT recommendations
- NAS Pensacola Living shoreline project developed in coordination with the Navy
- Community improvement came from community driven documents



Resilient Florida funding in Escambia County

- Escambia County has received 13 Resilient Florida grants to date
- Planning/Modeling (3)
- Flood Mitigation (7)
- Sea Level Rise (1)
- Community (2)*

*Flood Mitigation is a component of the project



Resilient Florida funding in Escambia County

Project	Resilient Florida	Total
• Vulnerability Assessment - Planning	\$277K	\$277K
• Adaption Plan - Planning	\$300K	\$330K
• Frinchez Heights – Flood Mitigation	\$485K	\$980K
• Muldoon – Flood Mitigation	\$2.5M	\$5.0M
• Gulf Beach Highway Outfall – Flood Mit	\$477K	\$477K
• Beach Haven – Flood Mitigation / Community Enhancement	\$4.2M \$3.8M	\$18M \$7.6M
• Wedgewood Stormwater Park – Flood Mitigation / Community Enhancement	\$2.25M	\$4.5M
• Bayou Grande Villas – Flood Mitigation	\$788K	\$1.6M
• Belle Meade - Flood Mitigation	\$5.2M	\$43.8M
• Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline – SLR	\$425K	\$850K
• Chandler – Flood Mitigation	\$688K	\$688K
• Pens and Perdido Bay rain/tide flood under future climate change		

Leveraging Resilient Florida

• Total Resilient Florida Grants	\$24,008,350
• Total Federal Matching Grants	\$16,721,011
• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$23,998,349
• Total Local Matching Funds	<u>\$38,753,250</u>
Project Total	\$103,460,960

Escambia County was able to leverage \$3 for each \$1 of Resilient Florida grant funds

Spotlight Beach Haven Community

- Pre-project condition
- Impacts almost 700 residential properties
- Drainage was by open ditch system with a direct discharge into a tributary of Bayou Chico, a 303d listed waterbody
- All properties on septic tanks
- Justice 40 community
- Significant Code Enforcement activity

Spotlight Beach Haven Community

- Improvements
- Curb and gutter drainage system
- Stormwater treatment train including pre-treatment with vortex boxes prior to discharge into new ponds
- Removal of a direct storm water discharge into surface waters
- Previous issues with standing water in the roads alleviated, reduced flood risk

Spotlight Beach Haven Community

- Improvements
- Sidewalks installed
- Sewer installed with funding assistance for residents to connect (removal of nearly 700 septic tanks)
- Residents taking pride in their community
- Reduced Code Enforcement calls
- Redevelopment occurring on vacant lots
- Encourages infill development

Spotlight Beach Haven Community

Mills Avenue



Spotlight Beach Haven Community

Wayne Avenue



Spotlight Beach Haven Community

Drainage Infrastructure



Spotlight Beach Haven Community

**Pond adjacent to Jones Swamp
w/access to trails**



Engineered Level-Spreader



Spotlight NAS Pensacola

Living Shoreline

- Funding Partners
 - Resilient Florida
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 - Department of Defense
 - Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
 - National Coastal Resilience Fund
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Escambia County



Spotlight NAS Pensacola

Living Shoreline

- **Project Goals**
- Improve Coastal Resiliency for NAS Pensacola regarding coastal erosion, storm protection, and SLR
- Enhance “force protection” and delineation of military exclusion zone
- Enhance habitats that provide support for invertebrates, coastal birds, finfish, and shellfish
- Promote regeneration of submerged aquatic vegetation and coastal marsh



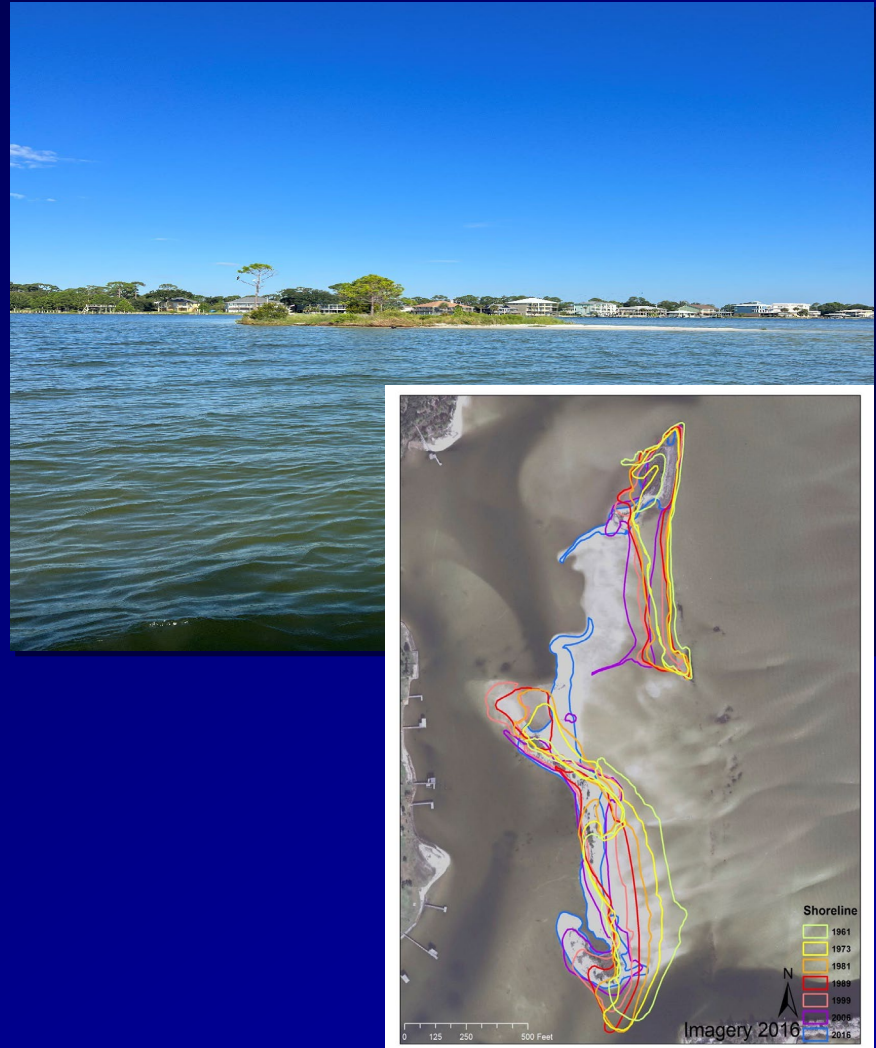
Spotlight NAS Pensacola Living Shoreline

- 15,000 linear feet of breakwater
- Engineered breakwaters with considerations of sea level rise
- 71 Acres of marsh habitat created
- 50 Acres of natural recruitment of seagrasses
- Sand platforms designed to be able to roll shoreward
- Sand utilized is a beneficial reuse project from Admirals Island



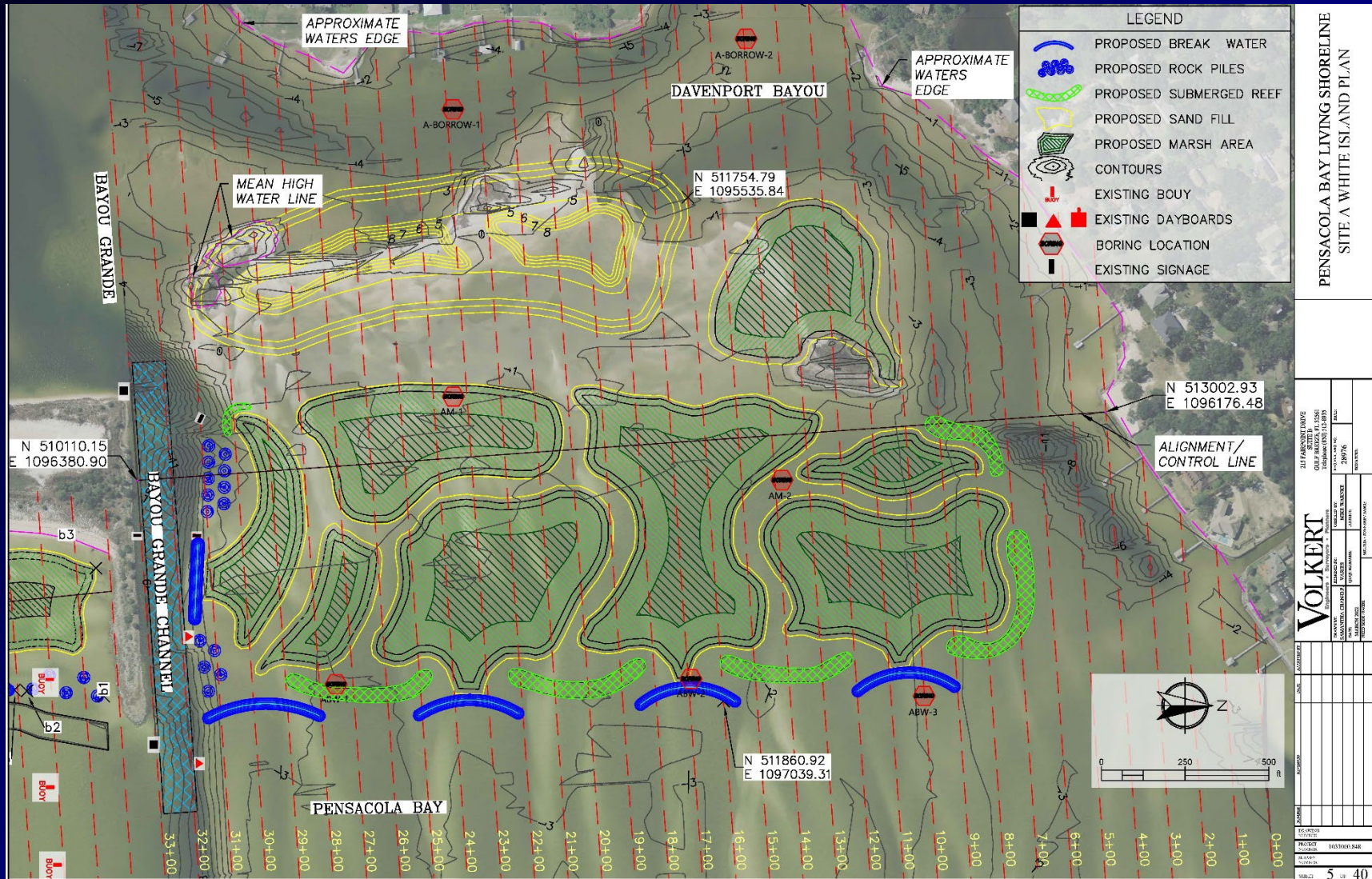
Site A – White Island

- Dredge 400,000 cubic yards (20,000 dump trucks) of sand from immediate area to accomplish the following:
- Restore White Island (13.4 acres)
- Create 8 marsh cells (38.3 acres) with plantings
- 7,700 tons of rock
- Construct 5 breakwaters (1.3 acres)
- Construct 6 submerged reefs (0.33 acres)
- Construct 14 rock piles (2.4 acres)



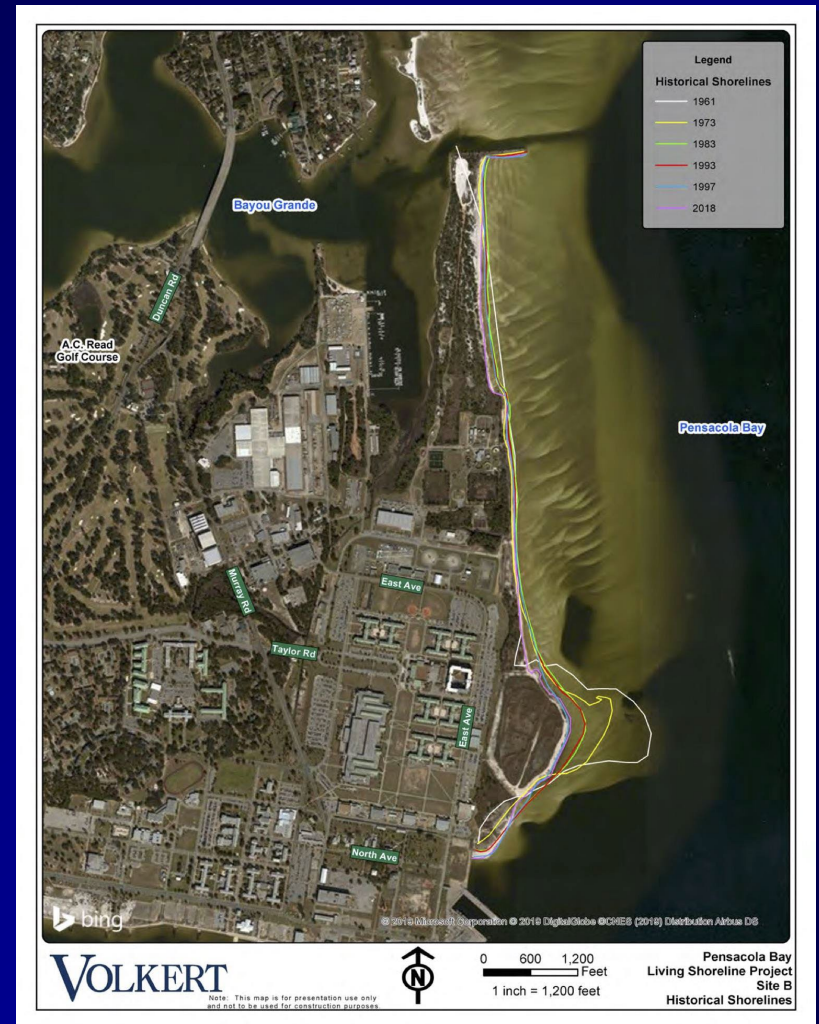
Spotlight NAS Pensacola Living Shoreline

Site A – White Island



Site B – Magazine Point

- Construct 11 marsh cells (32.8 acres) including plantings
- Construct 10 breakwaters (2.4 acres)
- Construct 5 submerged reefs (1.93 acres)
- 13,500 tons of rock
- Construct 40 rock piles (0.95 acres)
- Sand volume ~140,000 cubic yards (7,000 dump trucks)



Site B – Magazine Point



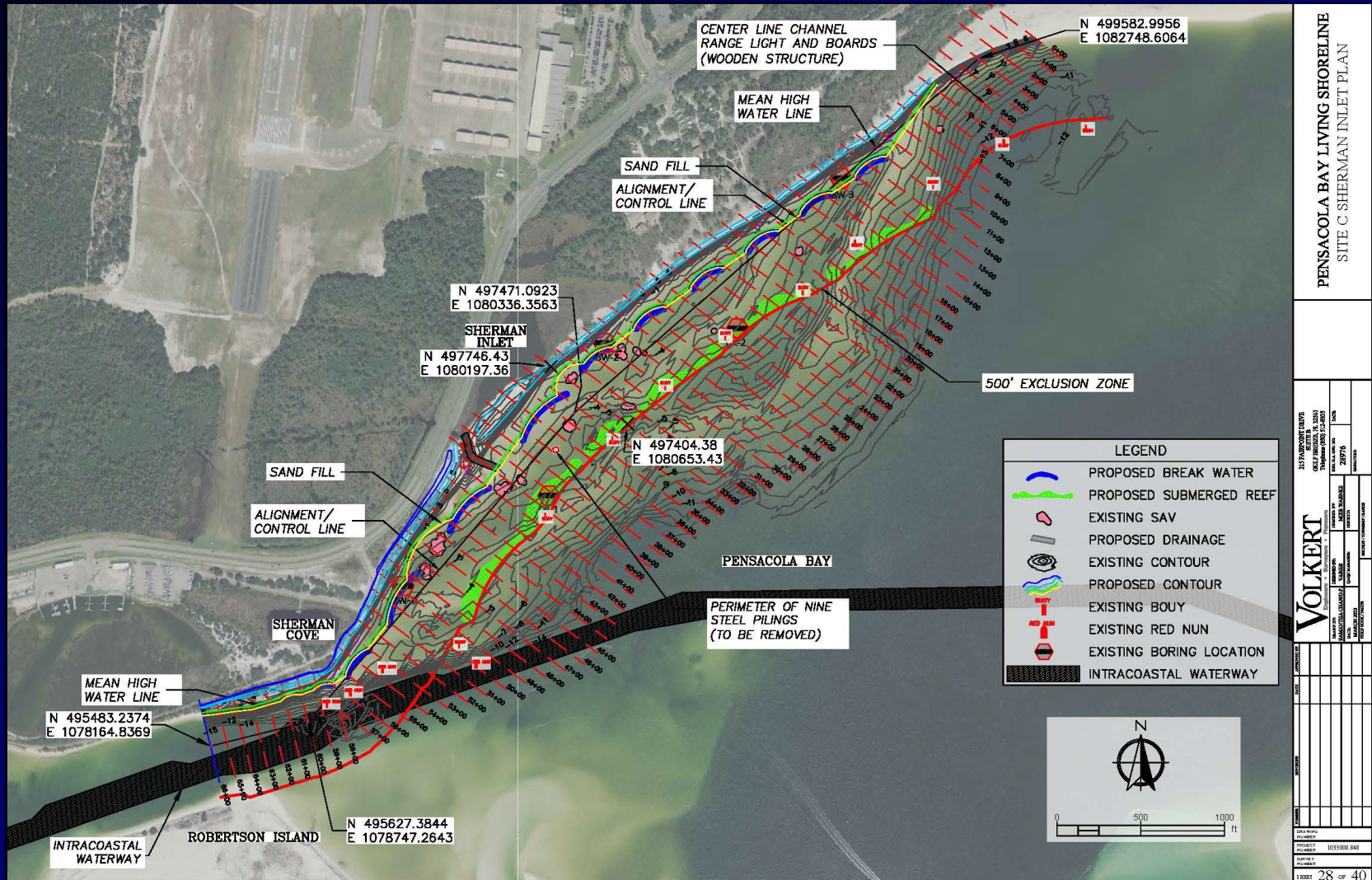
Site C – Sherman Inlet

- Placement of sand to restore the shoreline (9.95 acres)
- 11,200 tons of rock
- Construct 12 breakwaters (2.6 acres)
- Construct 4 submerged reefs (4.6 acres)
- Natural recruitment of up to 25 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation
- Sand volume – 100,000 cy
- Due to proximity to the active runways, emergent structure and other bird attractants were minimized in this phase



Spotlight NAS Pensacola Living Shoreline

Site C – Sherman Inlet



Questions

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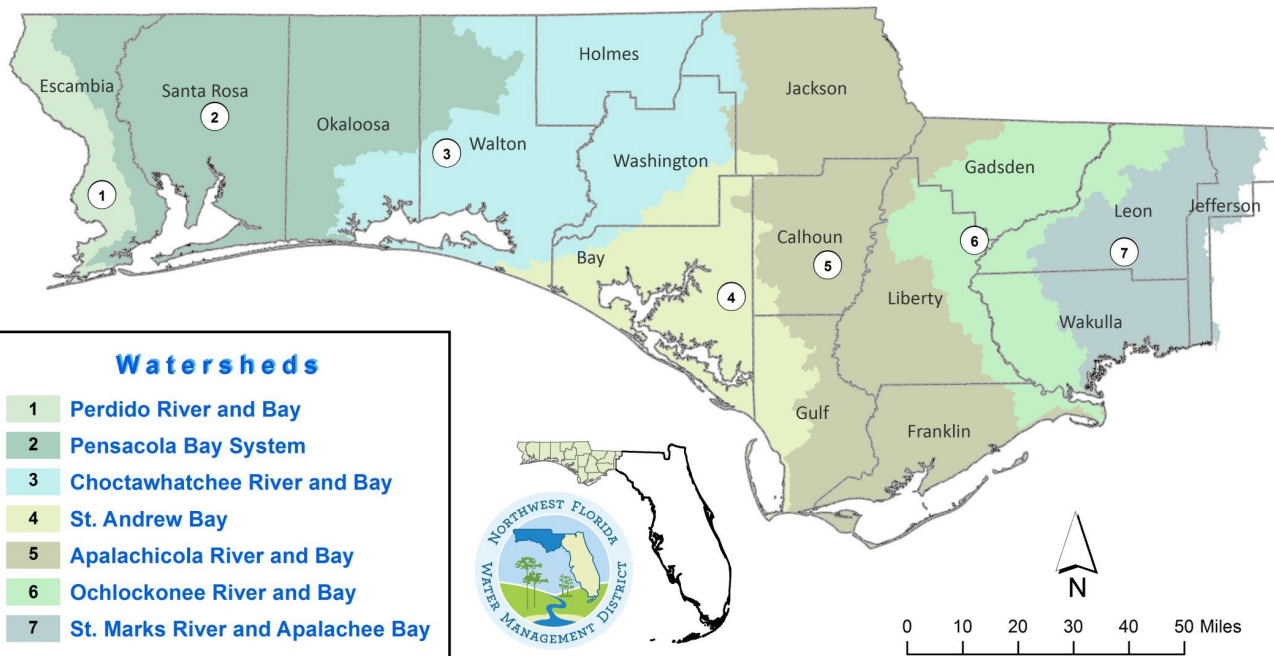
Resilience Strategies and Initiatives for Northwest Florida

June 21, 2024

“Celebrating 50 Years of Preserving Water
Resources in Northwest Florida”



Northwest Florida Water Management District



1.5 million residents across 16 counties



2020 water use of 342 million gallons per day



225,811 acres (352 square miles) of land acquisition



Some of Florida's largest rivers and most diverse and productive estuaries



Rich in surface and groundwater resources

Areas of Responsibility



Water Supply

Ensure sufficient water for all existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and natural systems.



Flood Protection and Floodplain Management

Maintain natural floodplain functions and minimize harm from flooding.



Water Quality

Protect and improve the quality of the District's water resources.



Natural Systems

Protect and enhance natural systems.



Future Stressors/Drivers



- Sea-level Rise
- Changes in rainfall patterns and intensity
- Tropical weather (stronger and faster developing)
- Population Growth
- Unknowns



Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



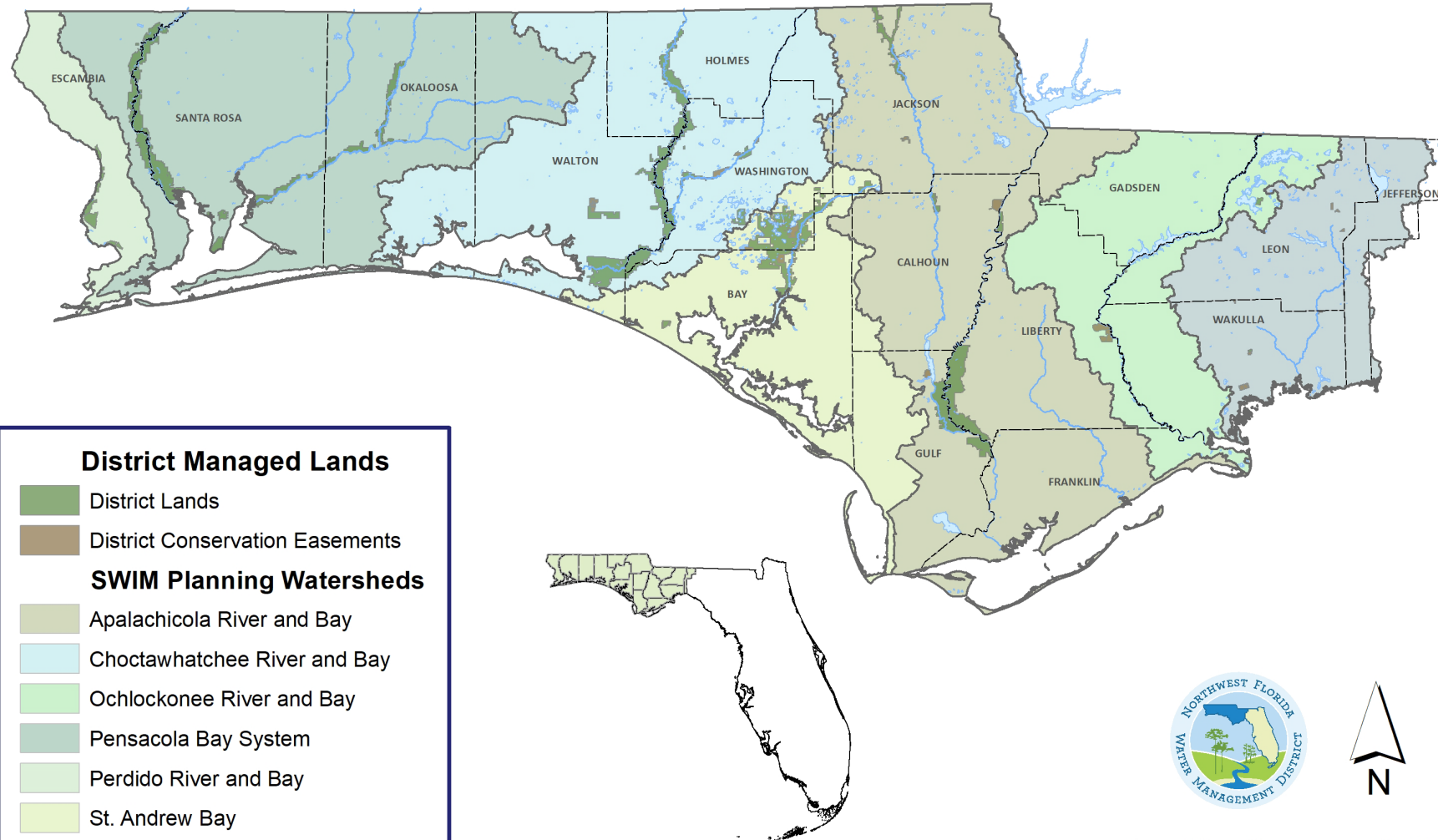
- Land Acquisition and Management
- Watershed Planning
- Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP)
- Storm Assessment and Recovery



Maintain natural floodplain functions and minimize harm from flooding.

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Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



District Managed Lands

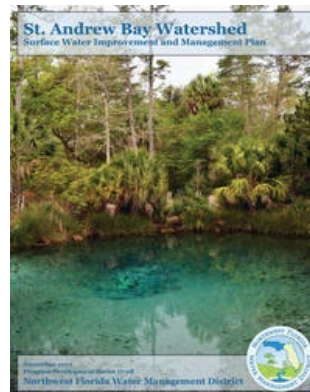
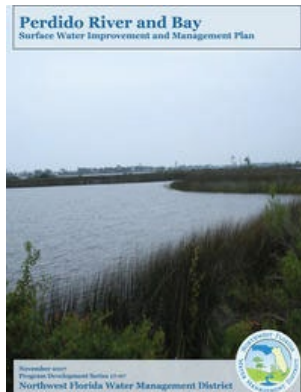
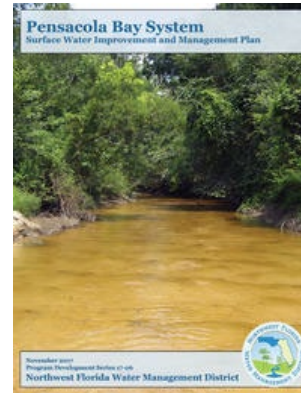
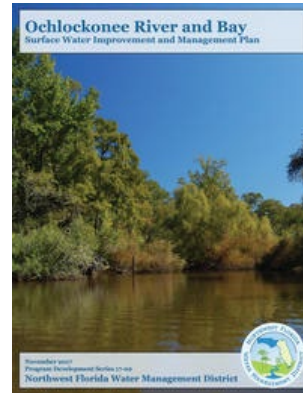
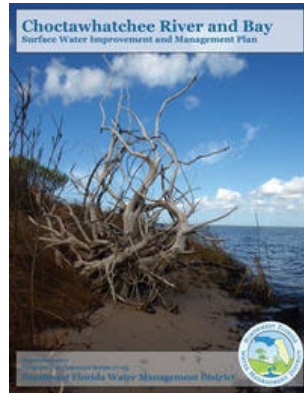
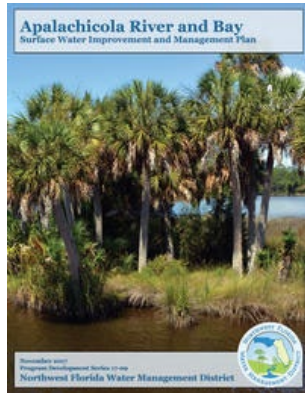
- District Lands
 - District Conservation Easements
- ## SWIM Planning Watersheds
- Apalachicola River and Bay
 - Choctawhatchee River and Bay
 - Ochlockonee River and Bay
 - Pensacola Bay System
 - Perdido River and Bay
 - St. Andrew Bay
 - St. Marks River and Apalachee Bay

- **District Lands: 225,811 acres**
- **75% are within the floodplain**



0 10 20 40 Miles

Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



PENSACOLA & PERDIDO BAYS
ESTUARY PROGRAM



CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY
ESTUARY PROGRAM



ST. ANDREW & ST. JOSEPH BAYS
ESTUARY PROGRAM
at FSU PANAMA CITY

Updated SWIM Plans between 2015 and 2017 and worked closely with the three Panhandle Estuary Programs during their CCMP development.

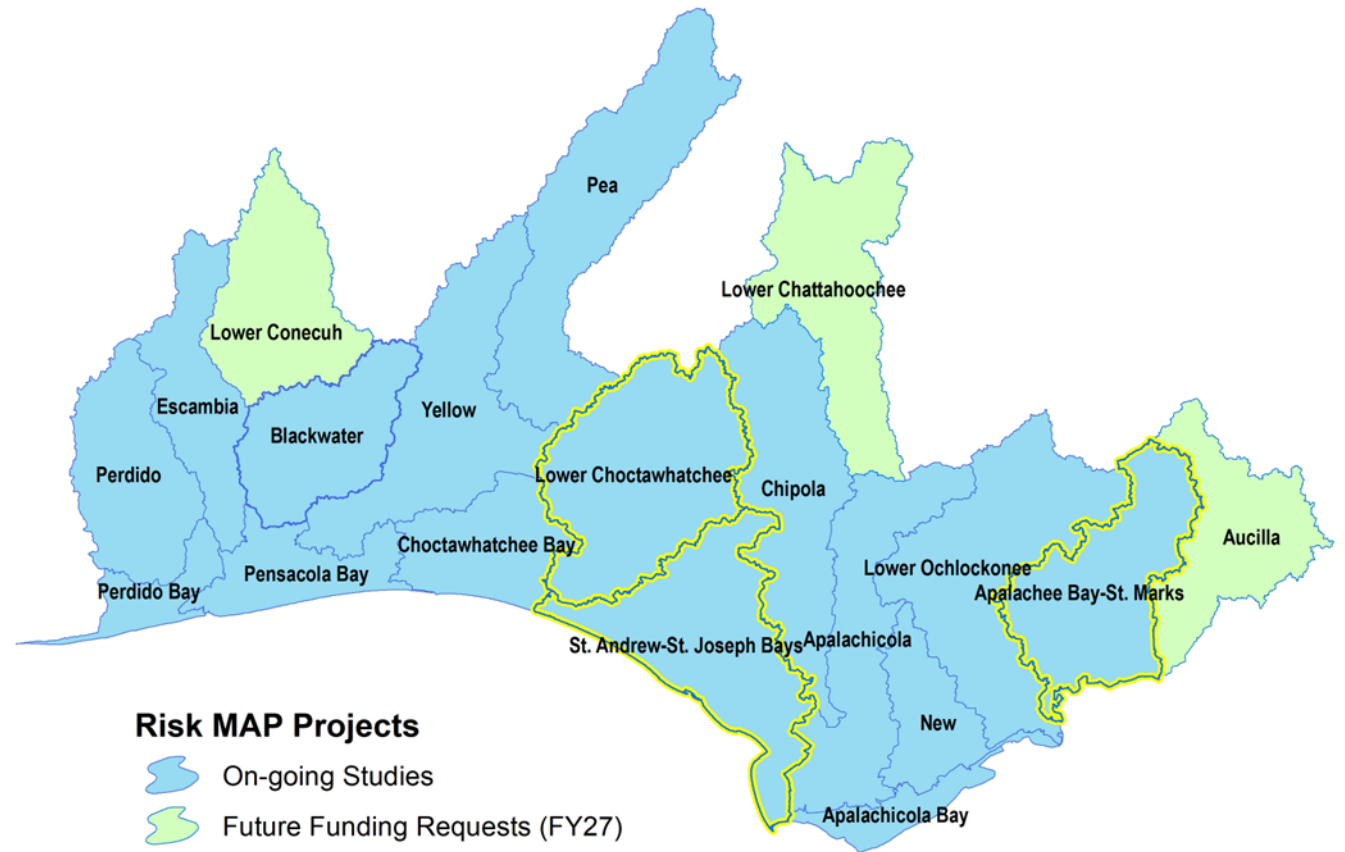
Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



Cooperating Technical Partner with FEMA to improve and update flood hazard maps

NWFWMD FEMA FY 2023 - 2024 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Activity	County/Watershed	Funding Plan
Risk MAP Project to Improve and Update Flood Hazard Maps	Lower Choctawhatchee	\$800,000
	St. Andrew – St. Joseph Bays Watershed	\$700,000
	Apalachee Bay – St. Marks	\$45,000
Project Management	All	\$90,000
Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies	All	\$100,000
Total Award		\$1,735,000



Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



- Extreme Storm Event Response and Recovery
 - Washington County (Piney Lake)
 - Hurricane Michael – Tree Loss
- Improved data and technology to assess flooding risks and impacts
 - High-resolution Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) Data
 - Drone Reconnaissance
 - Real-time hydrologic data



Pre-Hurricane
Michael (2016)

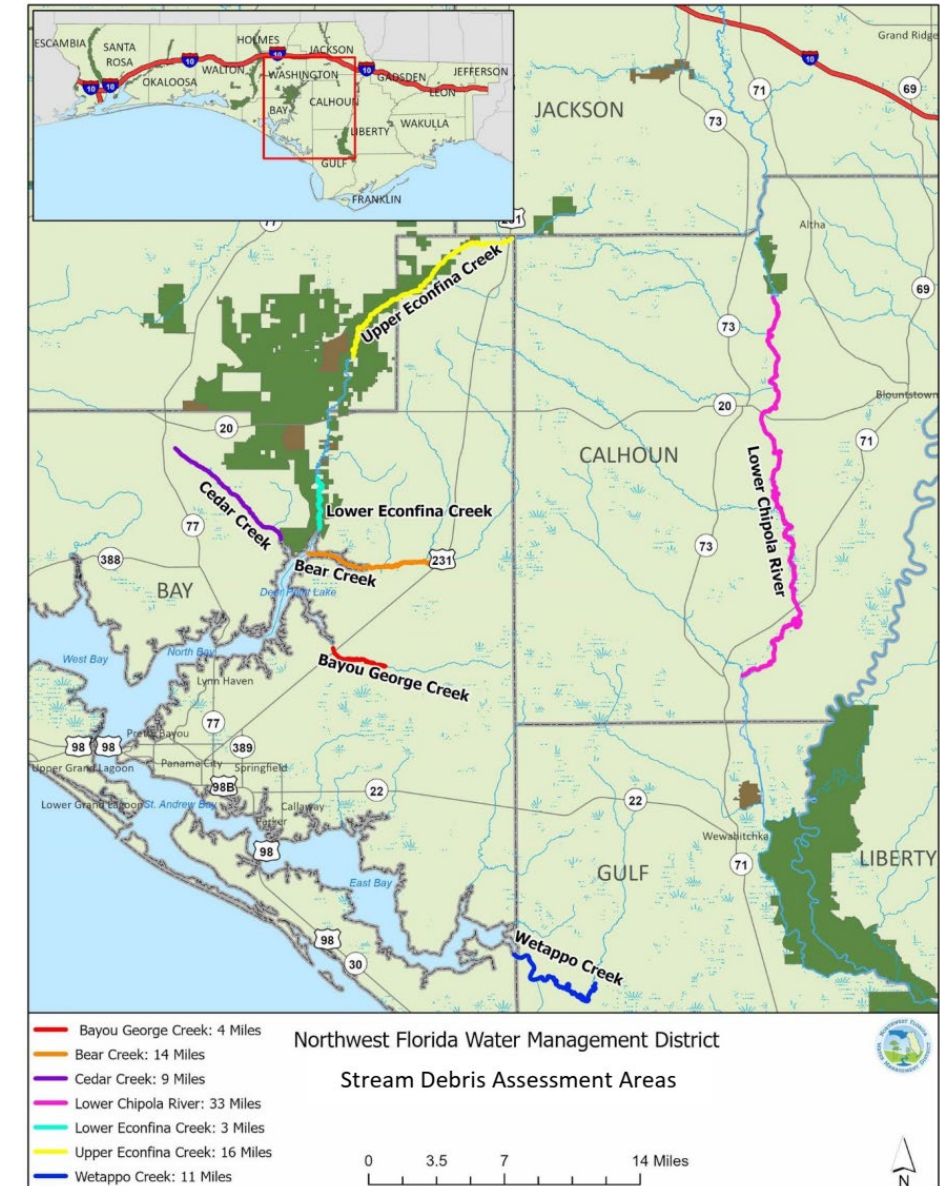


Post-Hurricane
Michael (2018)



Hurricane Michael
Clean-up (2020)

Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



Floodplain Protection and Floodplain Management



Resilience Strategies:

- Floodplain Map Updates
- Regional Partnerships
- Technology Improvements
- Project Development



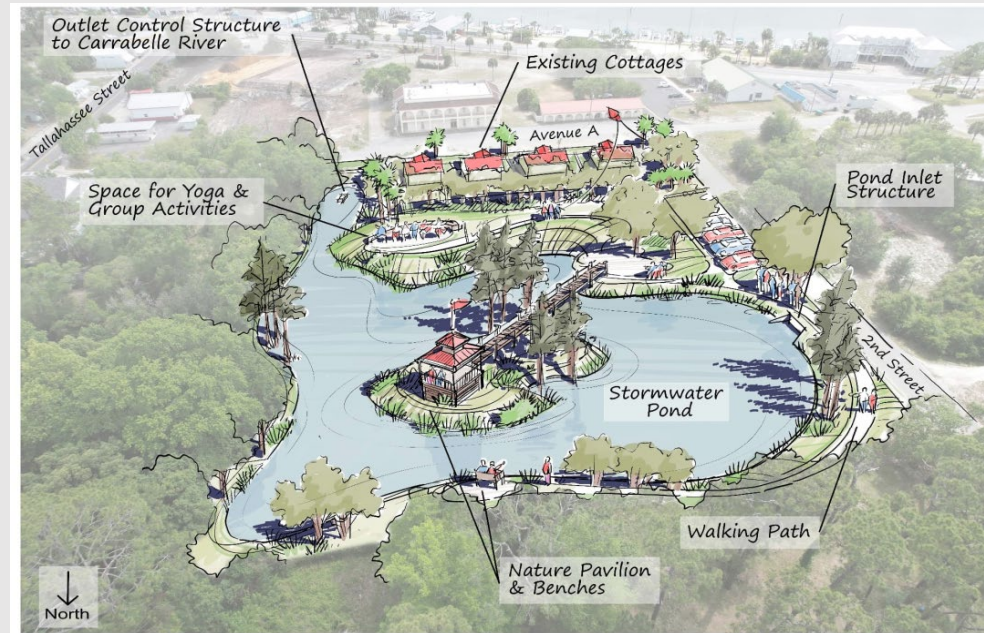
Springfield Floodplain Restoration

Water Quality



- Springs Restoration and Protection Grants Program (\$125 million, through FY23)
- Pilot Distributed Wastewater Grant Program
- Water quality monitoring and analysis (e.g. saltwater intrusion to coastal wells)

Ensure sufficient water for all existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and natural systems.

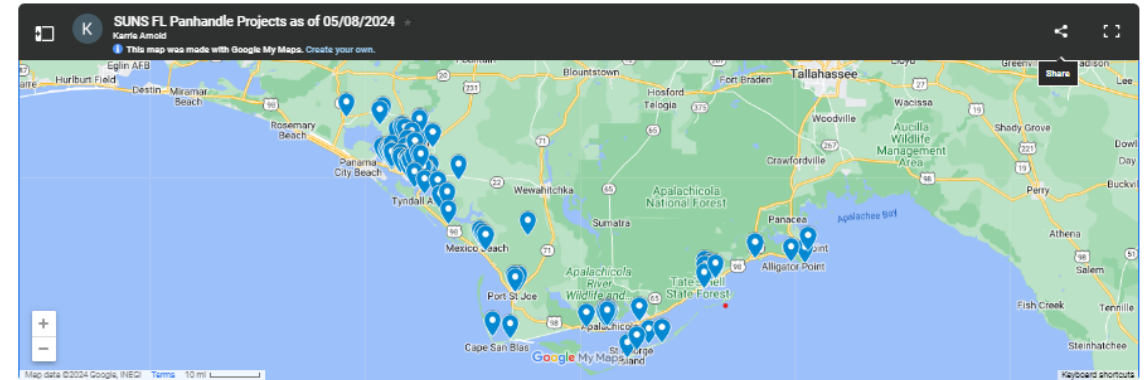


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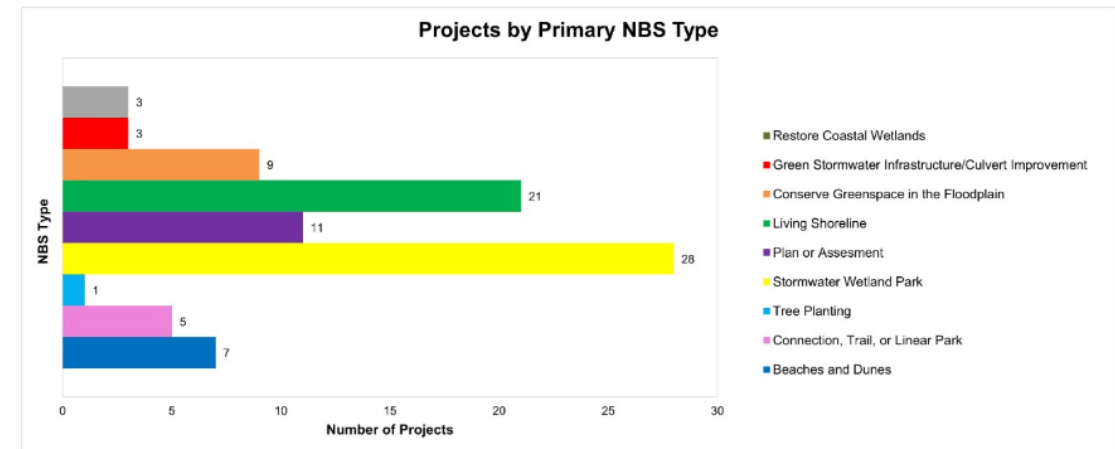
Resilience Strategies:

- Scaling Up Nature-based Solutions (SUNS)
- Innovative Technology Development
- BMP Implementation



Types of Nature-based Solutions Projects in the Portfolio

The SUNS Portfolio consists of 73 nature-based solution projects, 11 plans or assessments, and 5 connector projects such as linear parks and trails. The graph below depicts the primary NBS type for each project concept, however many of the projects will involve multiple types of nature-based solutions being implemented in a layered approach.



Moving from Planning to Implementation

Protect and improve the quality of the District's water resources.

Water Supply



- Regional Water Supply Planning
 - Water Supply Assessment – Five Year Updates
 - Alternative Water Supply Development
 - Water Resource Development
- Consumptive Use Permitting
- Water Supply Development Assistance Grants
- Alternative Water Supply Grants



Pace Water System



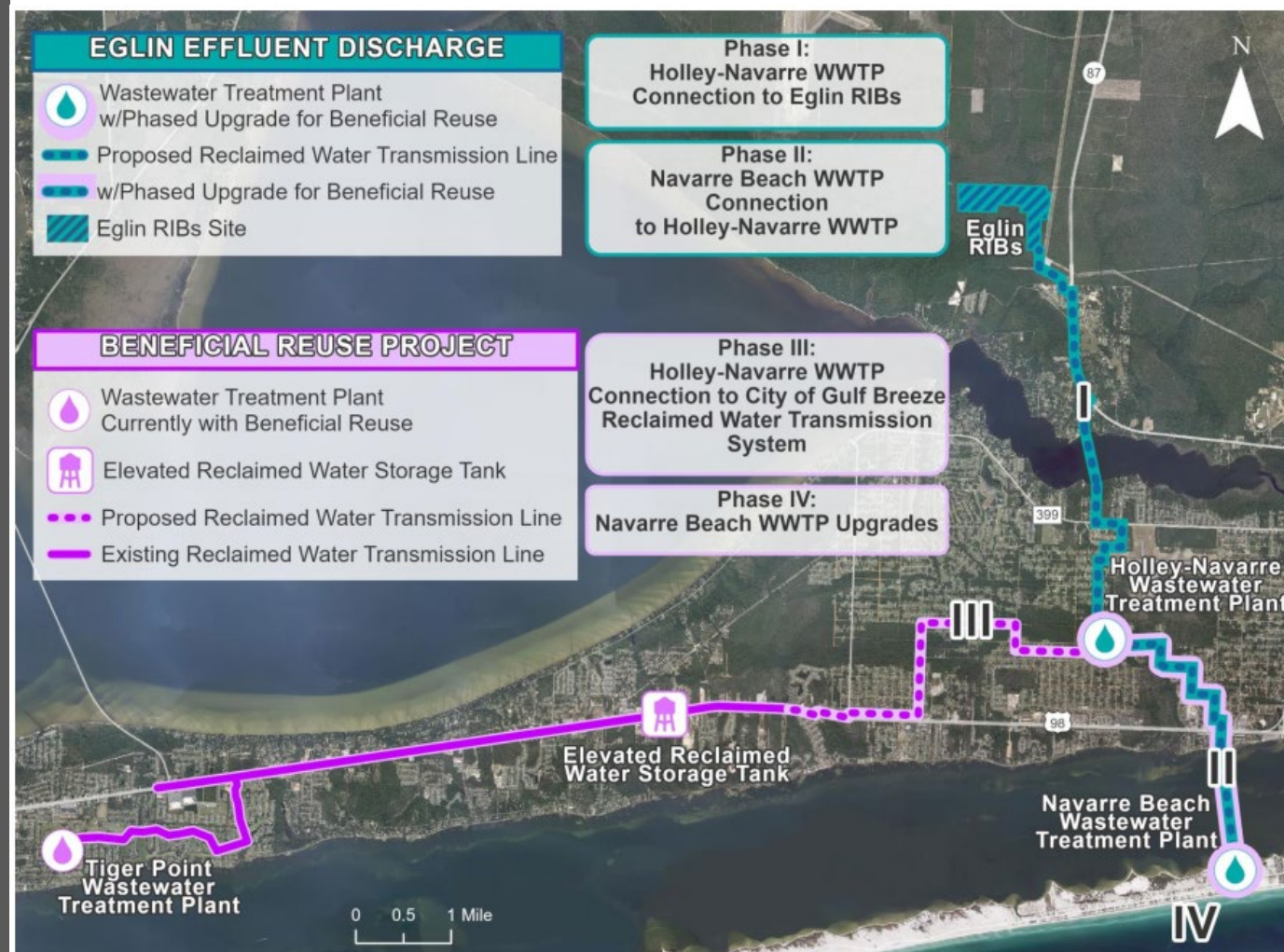
Conservation Park

Ensure sufficient water for all existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and natural systems.

Water Supply

Resilience Strategies

- Alternative Water Supply Grants Program
- Data collection and scientific investigations
 - Hydrologic and water quality monitoring
 - Hydrogeologic investigations
 - Groundwater flow and transport modeling



South Santa Rosa Beneficial Reuse Plan

Natural Systems



Natural Systems



- Establish Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels
- Habitat restoration and protection
 - Living shorelines
 - Hydrologic restoration projects
- Land acquisition and management for water resources protection



Live Oak Point

Natural Systems



Highway 30A Living Shoreline site

Confluence of Pea and Choctawhatchee Rivers –
Watershed Level Restoration



Resilience Strategies



- Collect data, perform scientific evaluations, and provide technical support



- Leverage local and regional partnerships to implement at-scale restoration





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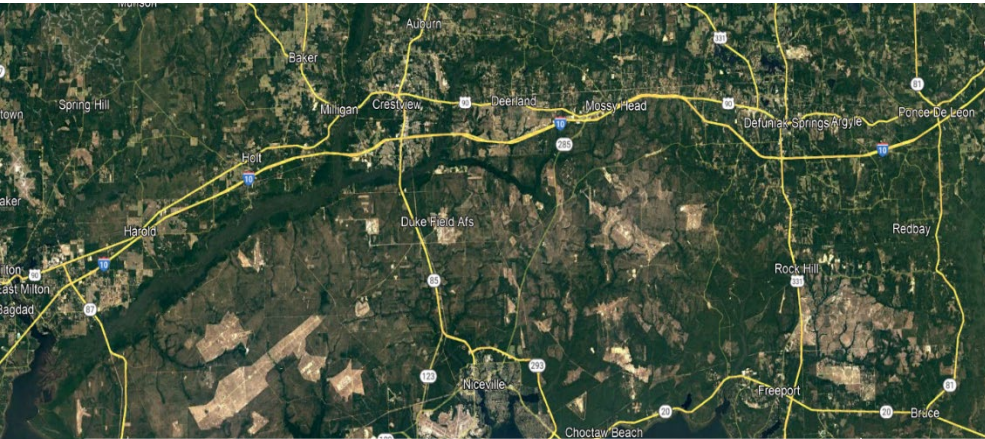
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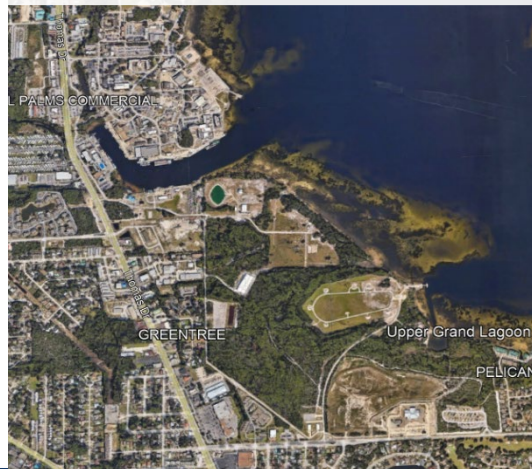
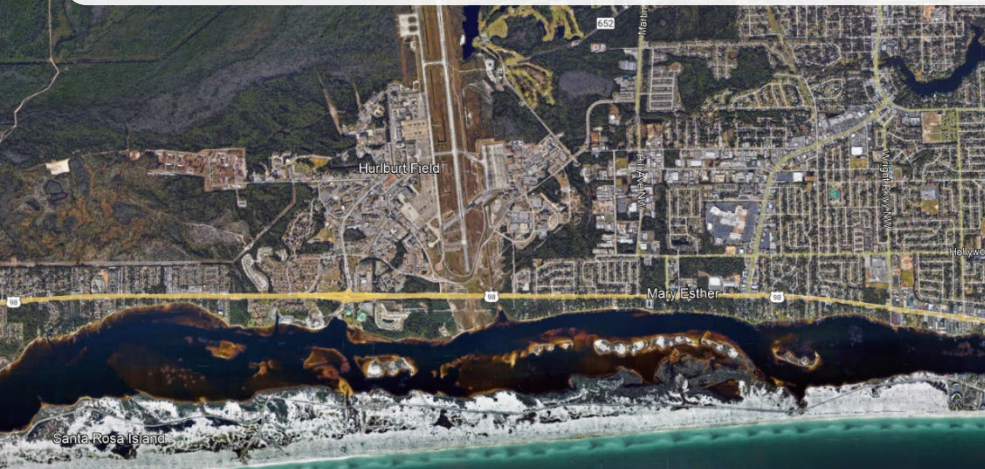




EMERALD COAST MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCY REVIEW

Resiliency Workshop

June 21, 2024



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Reinventing tomorrow.

MIRR OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND



- Two-Year (+) Journey for Northwest Florida
- Recognized Need to Align & Coordinate Civilian/Military Community Resilience Efforts
- Unique Assets & Interdependencies
 - Naval Air Station Pensacola
 - Naval Air Station Whiting Field
 - Eglin Air Force Base
 - Hurlburt Field
 - Naval Support Activities
 - Tyndall Air Force Base
- State & DoD Partnership
 - Florida Defense Support Task Force
 - Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation
- Regional Council Model Replicated
 - Tampa Bay RPC – MacDill AFB
 - South Florida RPC
 - East Central Florida RPC
 - Northeast Florida RPC



PROJECT PURPOSE



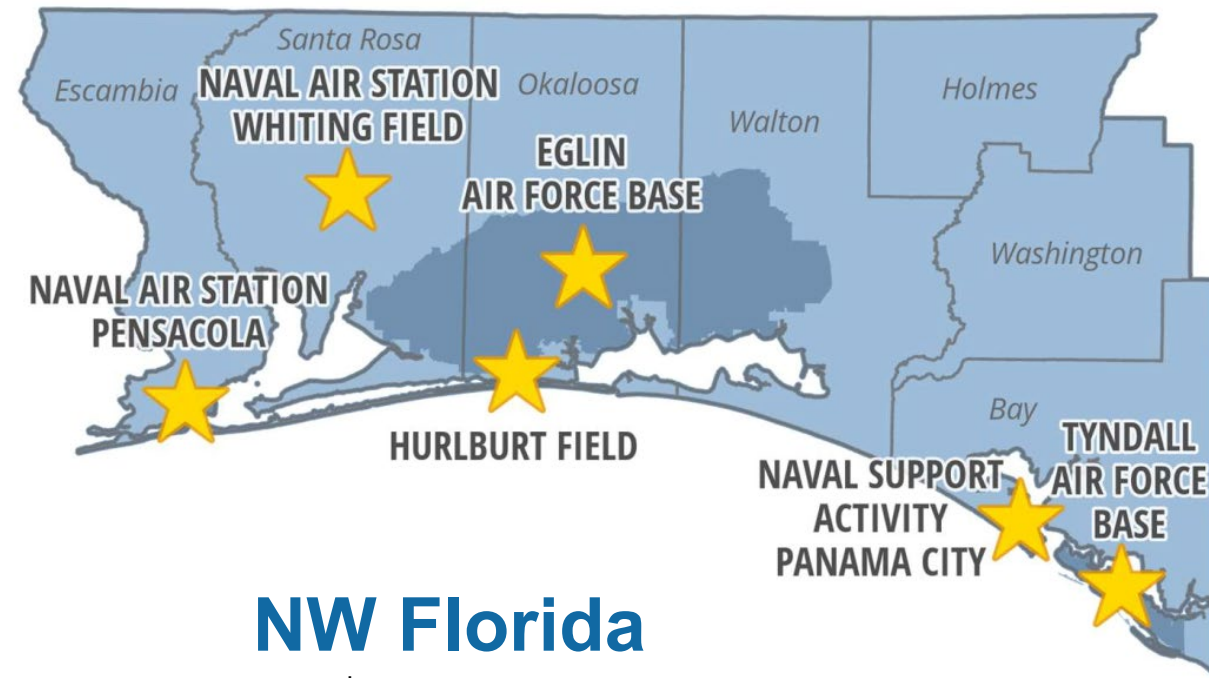
The purpose of the MIRR is to identify the risks, hazards, and vulnerabilities of concern as it relates to the ability of the military to carry out its missions on the installation that could be mitigated through investments and solutions ***outside the fence line in the community.***



ANNUAL DEFENSE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Florida

- \$97 Billion
- 900K Jobs



NW Florida

- \$22 Billion
- 200K Jobs
- 33% of GRP in Region



MIRR PATHWAY TO IMPLEMENTATION



U.S. Department of Defense
Office of Local Defense
Community Cooperation



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MIRR



Clearly defined
Opportunities
= Implementation
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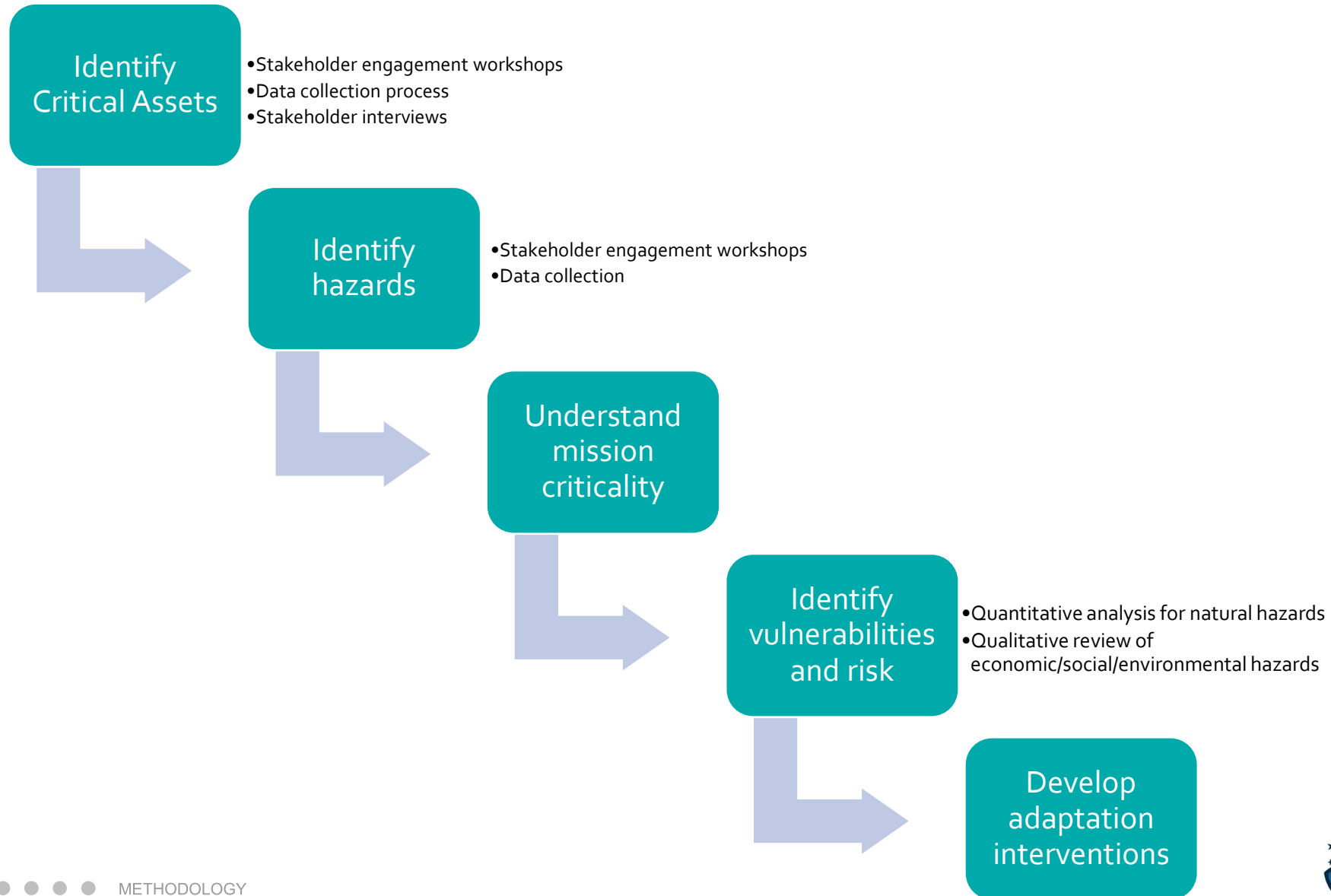
Others



Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Methodology Review



METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW



HAZARD TYPOLOGIES

1. Natural Hazards



Flooding



Extreme Heat



Sea Level Rise



Wildfire



Extreme Wind (Hurricanes)



Lightning

2. Social/Economic/Environmental Shocks & Stresses



Lack of Childcare



Lack of Attainable Housing



Lack of school capacity



Encroachment



High cost of living



Water Quality



Endangered Species

3. Infrastructure Shocks & Stresses



Aging Infrastructure



Utility service capacity



Lack of redundant utility service



Power and Communications Outages

METHODOLOGY FOR CATEGORIZING ASSETS

Primary Mission Critical Assets : Assets specifically identified as crucial for the primary mission by stakeholders and experts


Secondary Mission Critical Assets: Assets specifically identified as being crucial for the installation's secondary mission by stakeholders and experts

Mission Supportive Assets: Assets that support the community and installation personnel within the community

- Health care facilities, hospitals, emergency operation centers, emergency medical facilities
- Law enforcement, local government facilities, and state government facilities
- Airports, railroads, and non-installation adjacent streets
- Community infrastructure assets (local water systems, private lift stations, neighborhood roads)

Additional Vulnerabilities: Any additional general vulnerabilities noted by stakeholders

Vulnerability Assessment Methodology Review

 Asset **EXPOSURE** to Natural and Operational Threats based on Proximity

 Asset **SENSITIVITY** based on Effects from Exposure

Asset **VULNERABILITY**
(Exposure to assets may result in Impacts and service Interruptions)

Once vulnerable assets are identified, a risk score is calculated for high-vulnerability assets.

High
Vulnerability
Asset

 **LIKELIHOOD** of Hazard Occurring

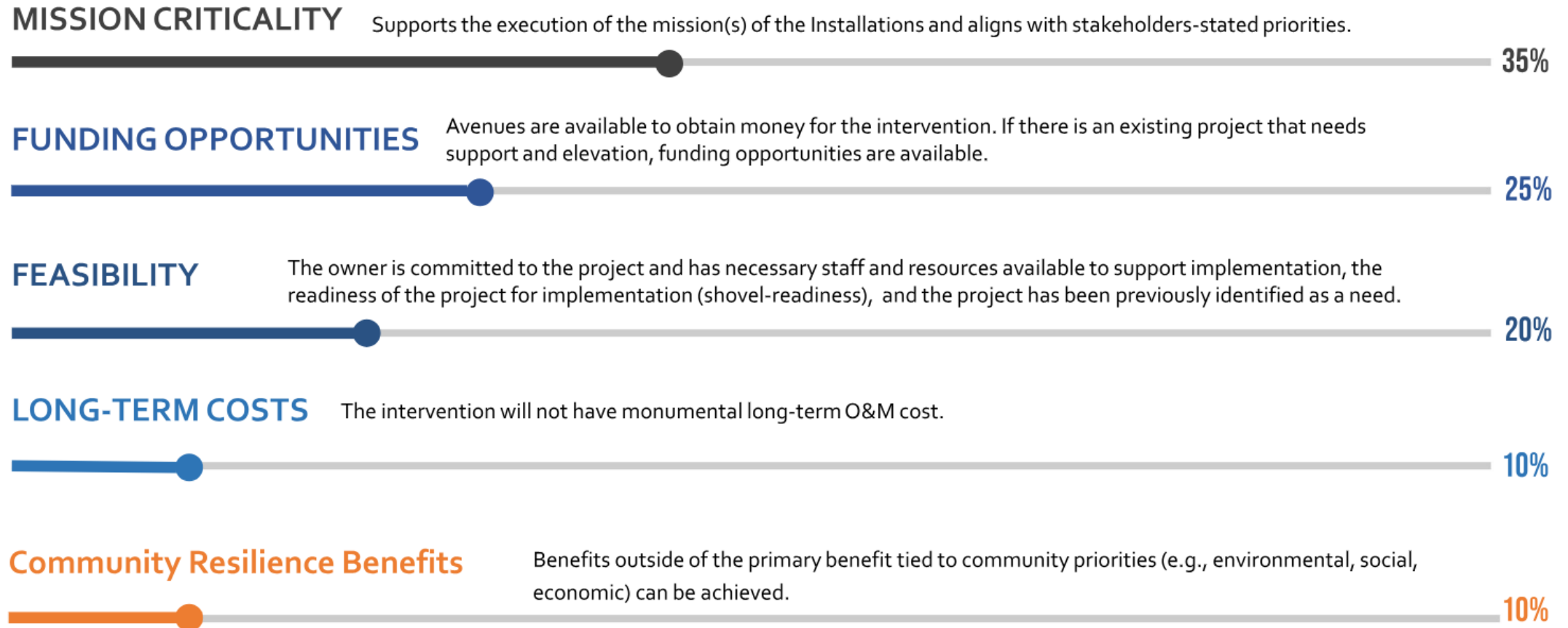
 **CONSEQUENCE** of Hazard Event Occurring

 **IMPACT ON MISSION**

Cumulative Asset
Score: RISK TO
MISSION



ADAPTATION METRICS



ADAPTATION: ORGANIZING POTENTIAL PROJECTS/BENEFITS BY TYPOLOGY

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Transportation & Transit



Power (Electric, Natural Gas
& Alternatives)



Communications



Shoreline Structures



Potable Water & Wastewater



Stormwater

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Community & Emergency
Response Services



Affordable Housing, Mobility
& Ease of Access



Public Policy & Design



Health, Safety & Welfare



Education & Childcare



Recreation, Conservation &
Open Space

NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Geology: Coastal Texture



Geology: Topography



Ecology: Bays, Marshes &
Rivers



Ecology: Water Quality &
Availability

ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE



Thriving Business (Retail,
Restaurants & Entertainment)



Job Market / Living Wage



Resilient Supply Chain

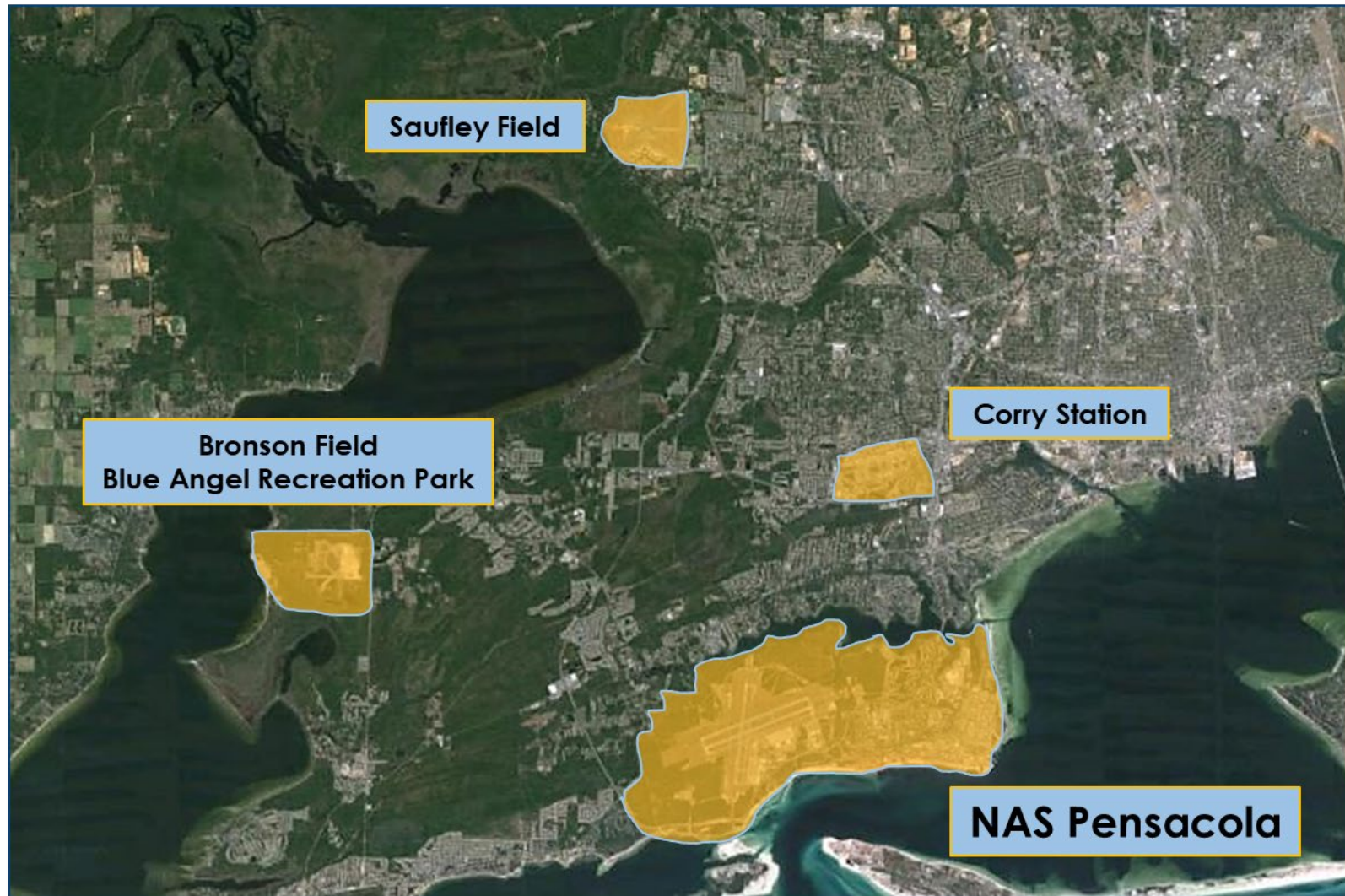


Commercial Corridors

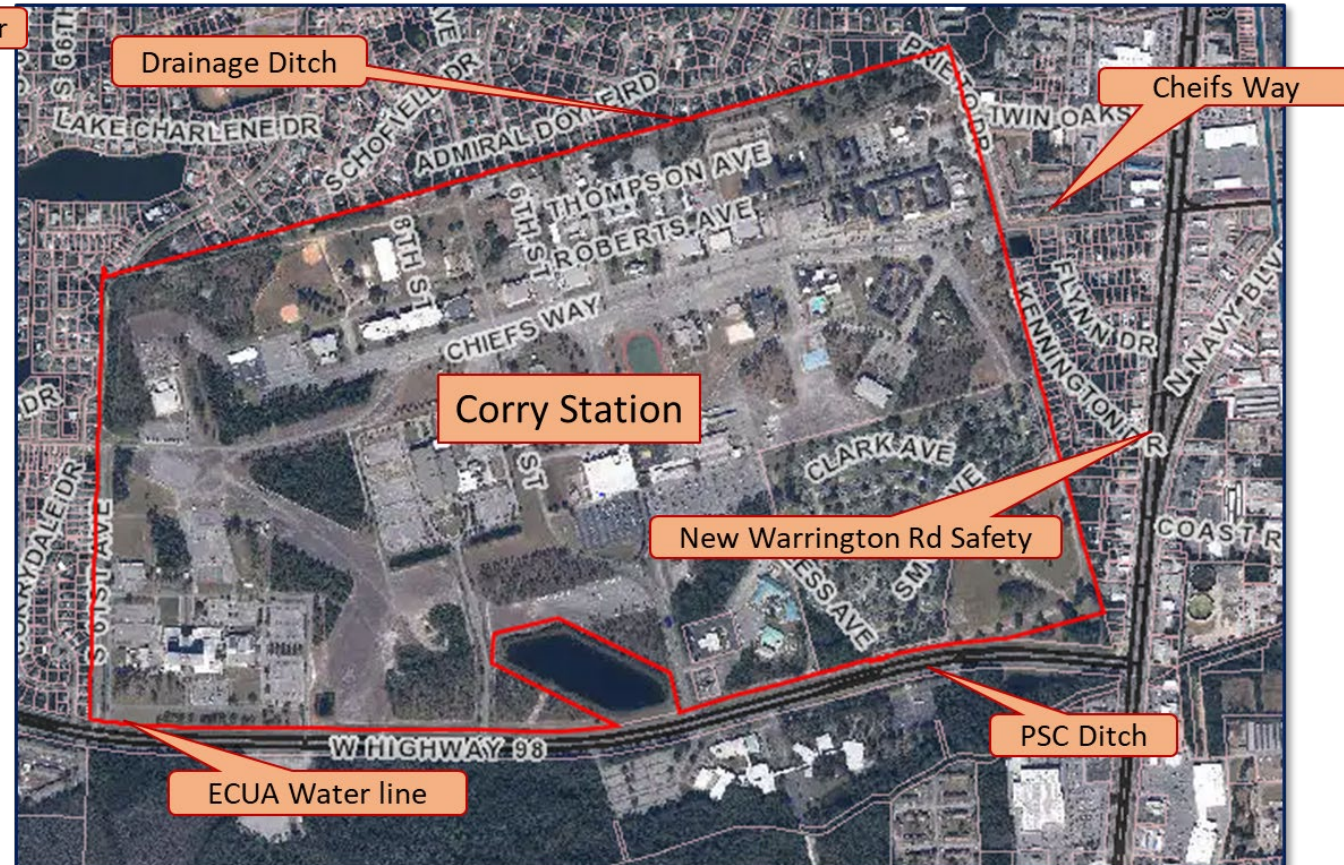
NAS PENSACOLA



NAS PENSACOLA - AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



NAS PENSACOLA - RESILIENCE FOCUS AREAS



- **Resiliency Projects Planned/Underway**

- Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline, \$33M
- P806 Resiliency 115kv Substation \$25M
- Corry Station Water line – ties WTP to ECUA



- **Energy Conservation**

- 2018 SECNAV Platinum Energy Award
- 2019 Federal Energy Management Program Award
- 2019 & 2020 SECNAV Energy and Water Conservation Gold Award
- 2021 SECNAV Energy and Water Conservation Blue Award
- Energy reduction of 18% from the 2015 baseline
- 65 MW Solar Photovoltaic Project at Saufley Field/Lease with FP&L



NAS PENSACOLA - LIVING SHORELINE



Project	Metric Ranking	Installation Priority
Erosion Control at NASP	7.7	High
Tower improvements at PNS	7.0	Medium
ECUA Resilience Improvements	6.5	Medium
Blue Angel Parkway Improvements	5.7	High
Corry Station Flood Risk Reduction	5.5	High
Navy Boulevard Improvements	5.1	Medium
Gulf Beach Highway	4.9	Low
Navy Point Community Improvements	3.9	Low
Trout Bayou Encroachment	3.4	Low
Alternative Water Line for Corry Station	2.5	Medium

ADAPTATIONS STRATEGIES WORKSHOP – NAS PENSACOLA

Erosion Control at NAS Pensacola

SHOCKS & STRESSORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal erosion along shorelines at NAS Pensacola
EXISTING PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline Protection
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces shoreline erosion• Protects against storm surge
PROJECT LEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Escambia County
PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program• NAS Pensacola



ADAPTATIONS STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

PNS Tower Improvements

SHOCKS & STRESSORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aging infrastructure
EXISTING PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCIP Grant - Military Aircraft Apron
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve communication• 20% of all tower communications is military related
PROJECT LEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pensacola Airport



ADAPTATIONS STRATEGIES WORKSHOP – NAS PENSACOLA

Corry Station Flood Risk Reduction

SHOCKS & STRESSORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corry Station flooding• Warrington area flooding
EXISTING PROJECTS	
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved area stormwater management and flood mitigation
PROJECT LEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FDOT• Escambia County
PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAS Pensacola



Thank You



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Florida Climate Recap: 2023 and Beyond



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Climate/Weather Threats

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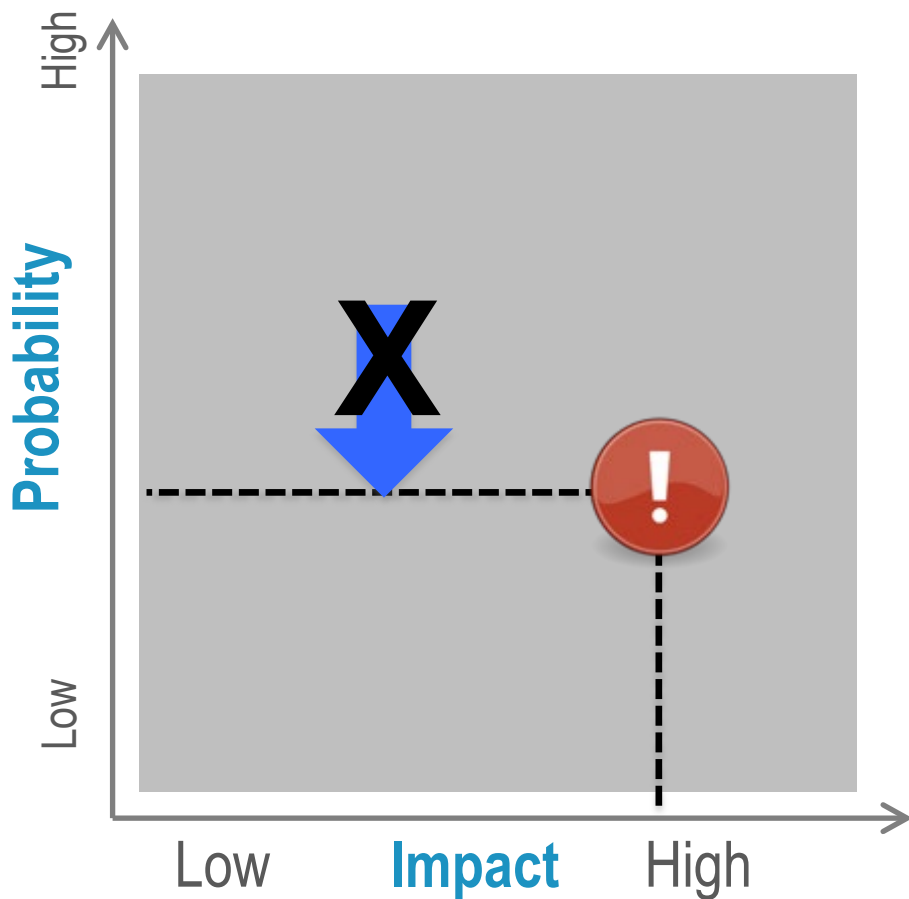


- Changes in temperature, extreme temperature
- Extreme rainfall and flooding
- Drought
- Sea level rise
- Hurricanes and tropical storms
- Severe weather

Defining Risk

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Threat} \times \text{Exposure}$$

(Probability) (Impact, vulnerability)



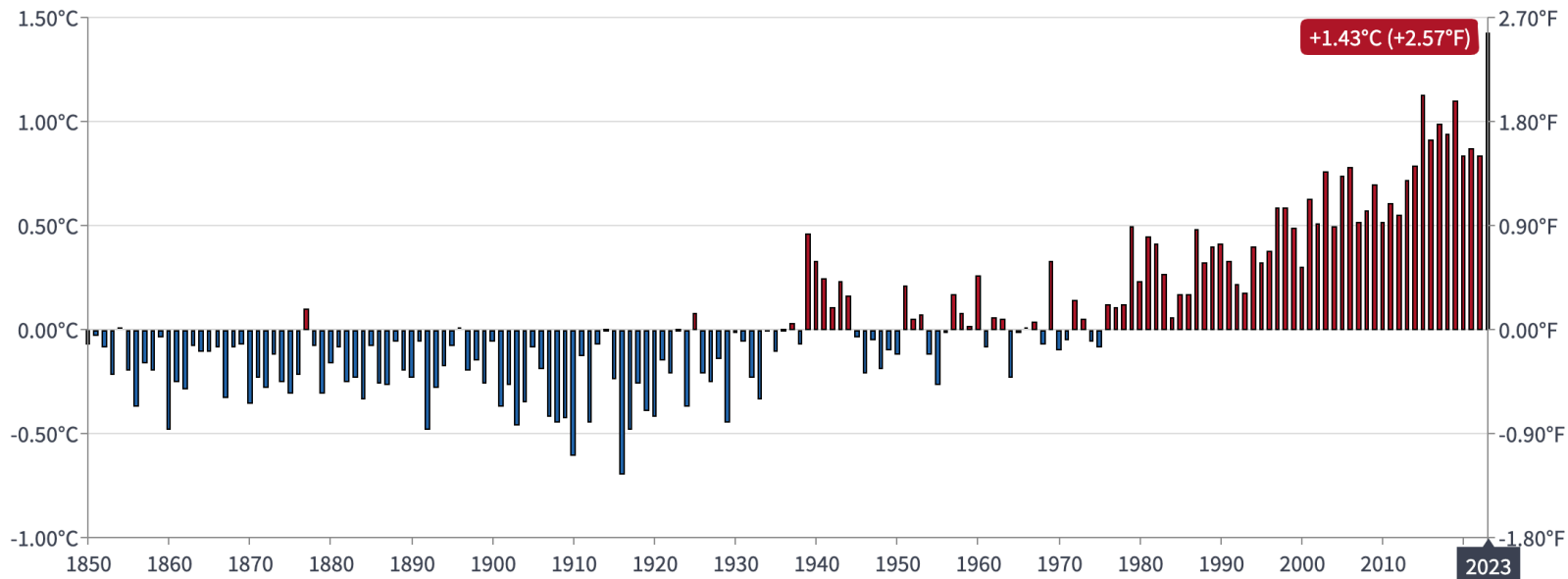
Resilient Florida Grant
Program - \$235 million in
2022/2023



Global Average Temperature

Global Land and Ocean

December Temperature Anomalies

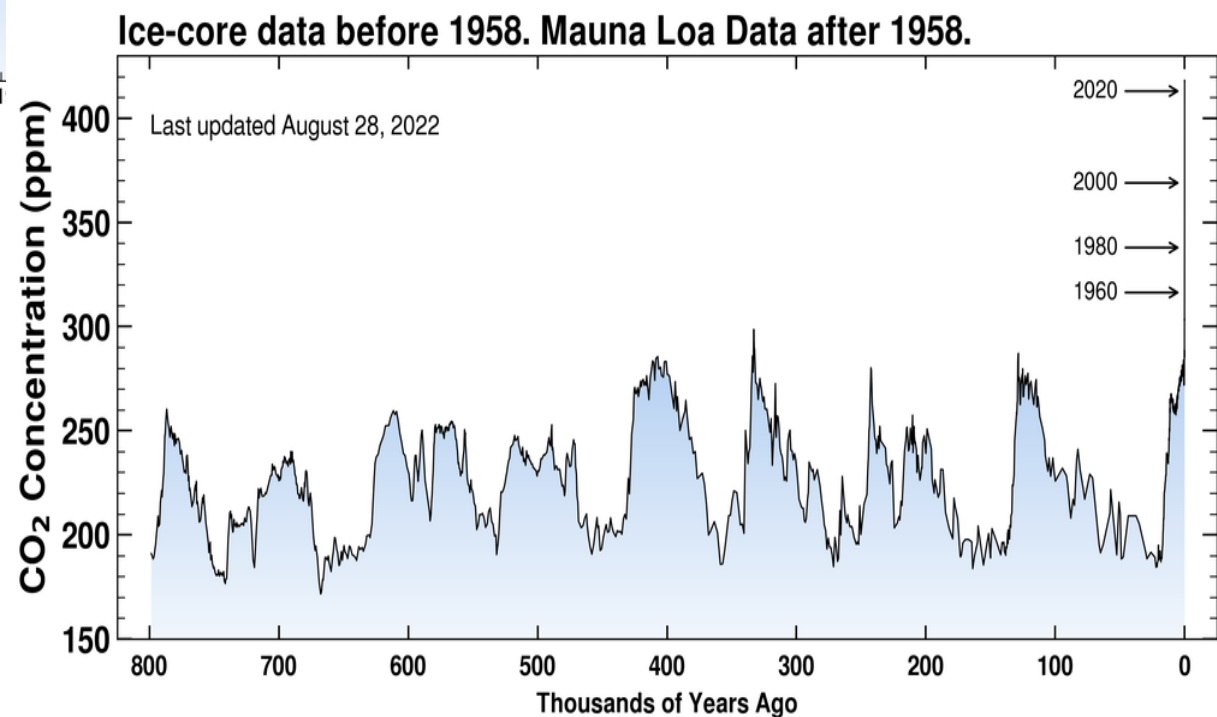
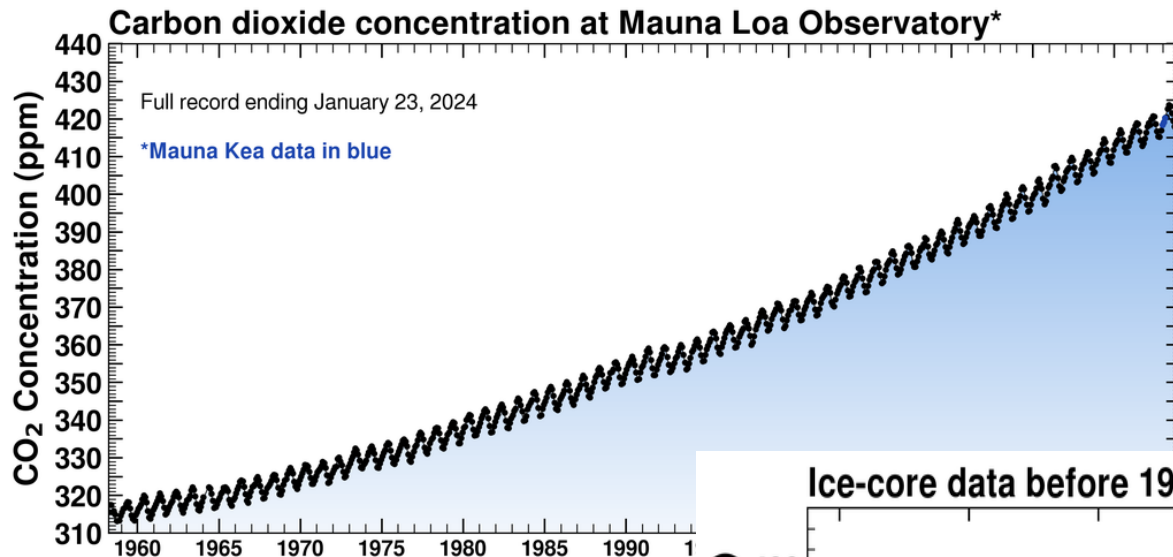


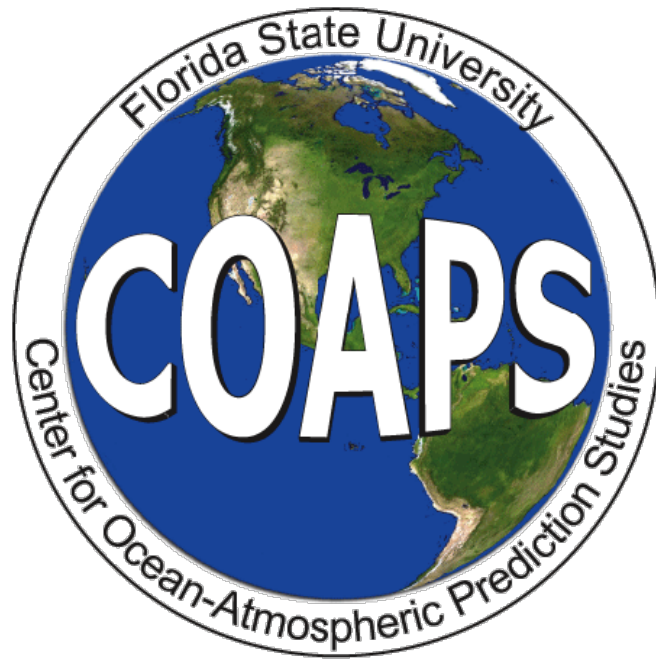
- July 2023 warmest month on record by 0.2 C
- Both land and ocean temperatures contributing
- 12 consecutive months of record temperature, including January-May of 2024



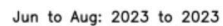


Carbon Dioxide Concentrations





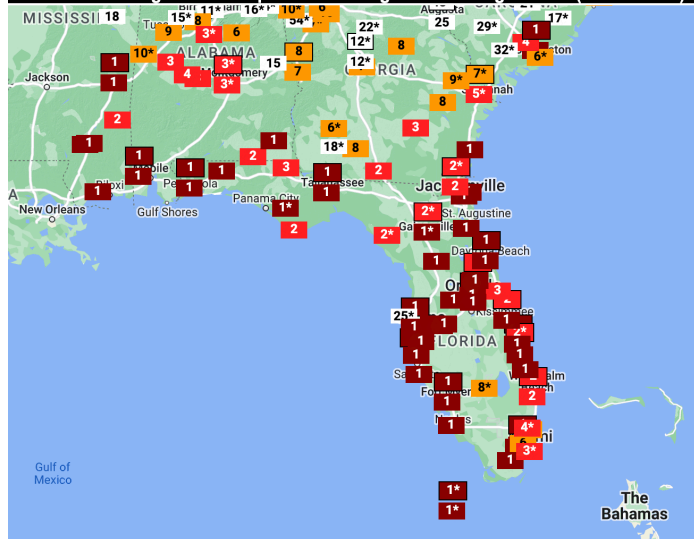
Summer Heat



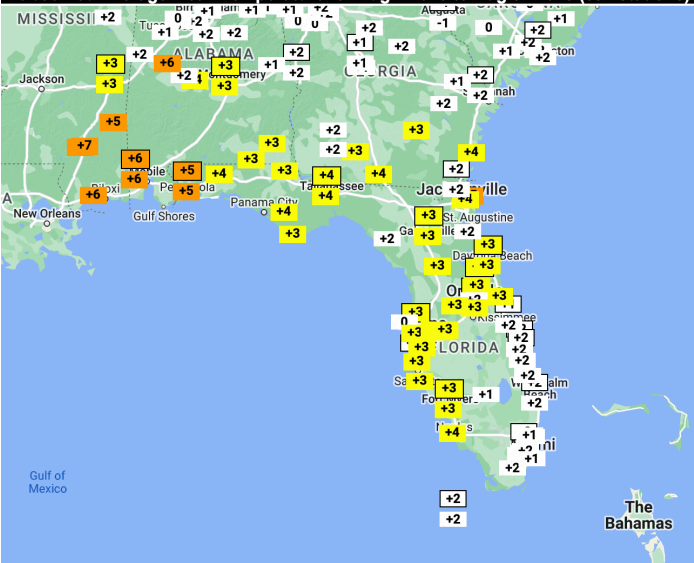
Florida Summer Rankings

- Florida statewide average temperature was hottest on record in July at 84.2 degrees F. (June 1998, 84.1)
- August average temperature crushes the record at 85.0
- Summer average temperature tied for second warmest (1998, 2010)

Observed Average Mean Temperature for Aug 1 2023 to Aug 31 2023 (394 stations)



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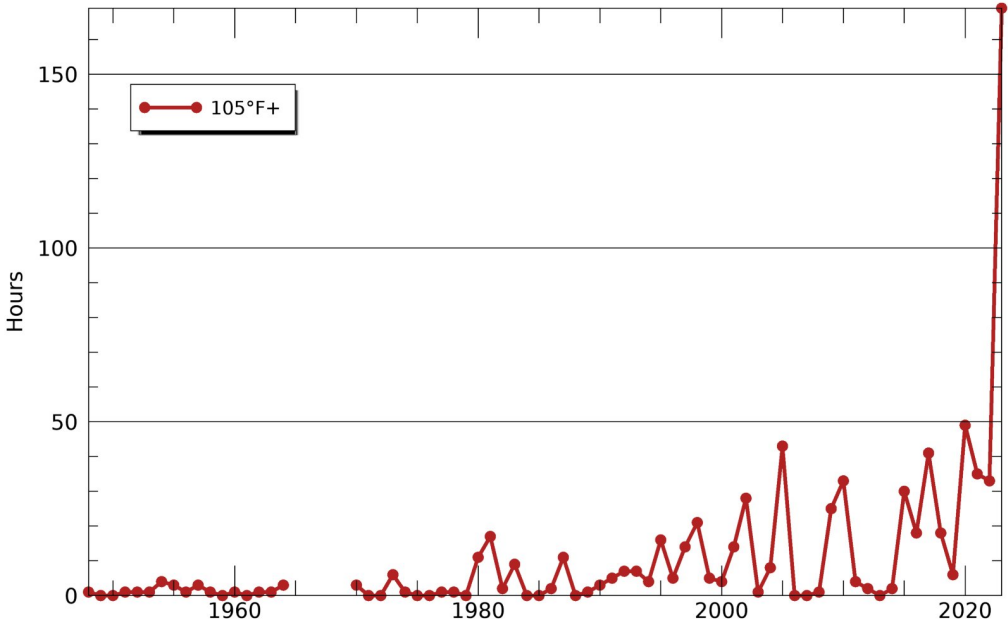




Miami Heat

Includes data ending 2023-08-31

Hours/Year Above Heat Index Thresholds in Miami FL



Brian McNoldy – University of Miami RSMAS

Jane Gilbert – Extreme Heat Officer Miami

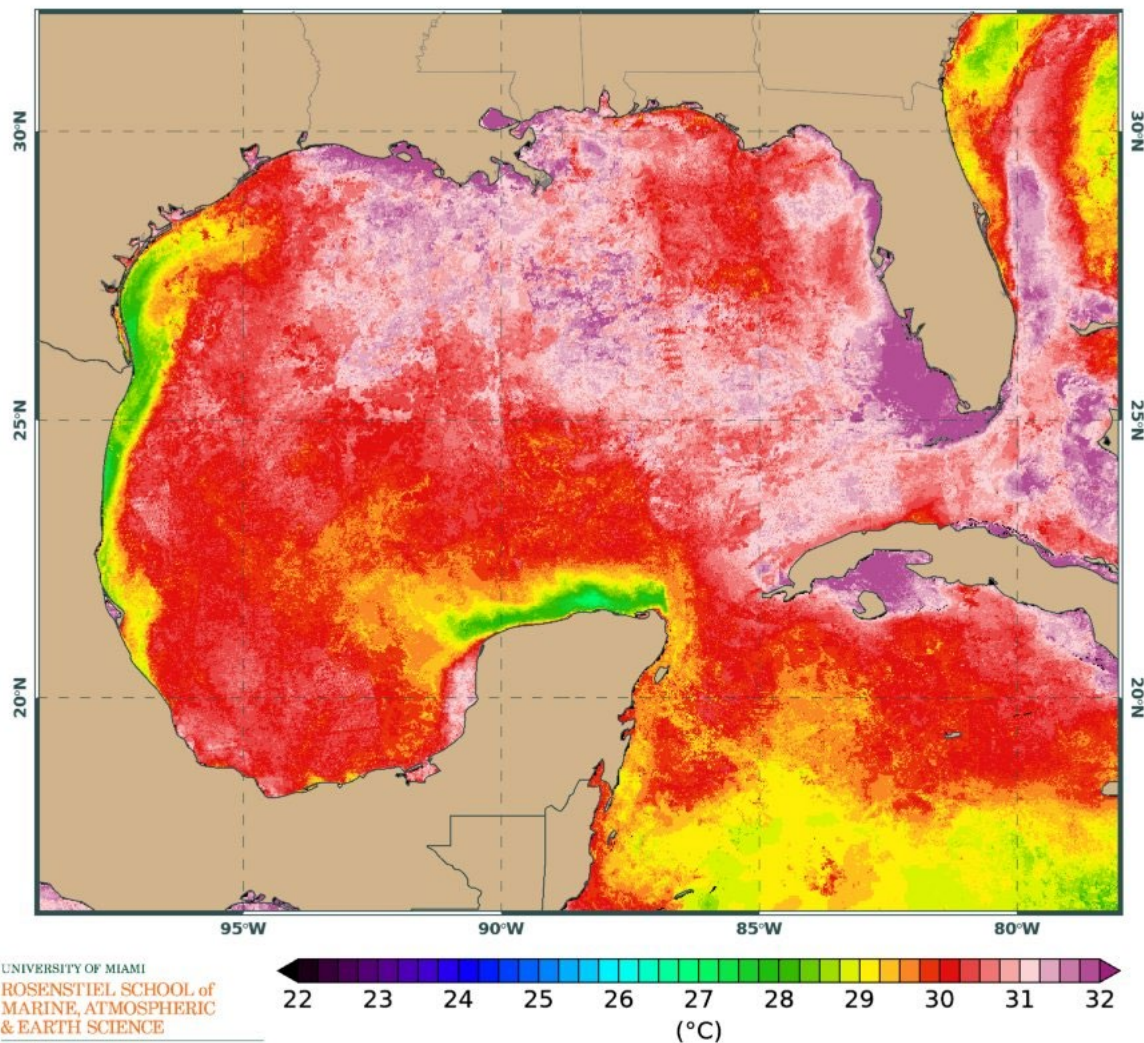
National Integrated Heat Health Information System

Heat Index Threshold	Consecutive Days (1st)	Ending Date	Consecutive Days (2nd)	Ending Date	Consecutive Days (3rd)	Ending Date
100°F+	38	20230718	32	20200906	30	20170730
101°F+	22	20230718	21	20200905	21	20110811
102°F+	22	20230718	20	20200711	17	20170730
103°F+	20	20200711	17	20230718	13	20170908
104°F+	16	20230717	13	20170908	6	20220822
105°F+	16	20230717	8	20170908	6	20220822
106°F+	13	20230717	4	20220820	3	20220911
107°F+	5	20230711	3	20220911	3	20170905
108°F+	3	20230711	2	20230717	2	20230624
109°F+	2	20230717	2	20230710	1	20230713
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July Sea Surface Temperatures

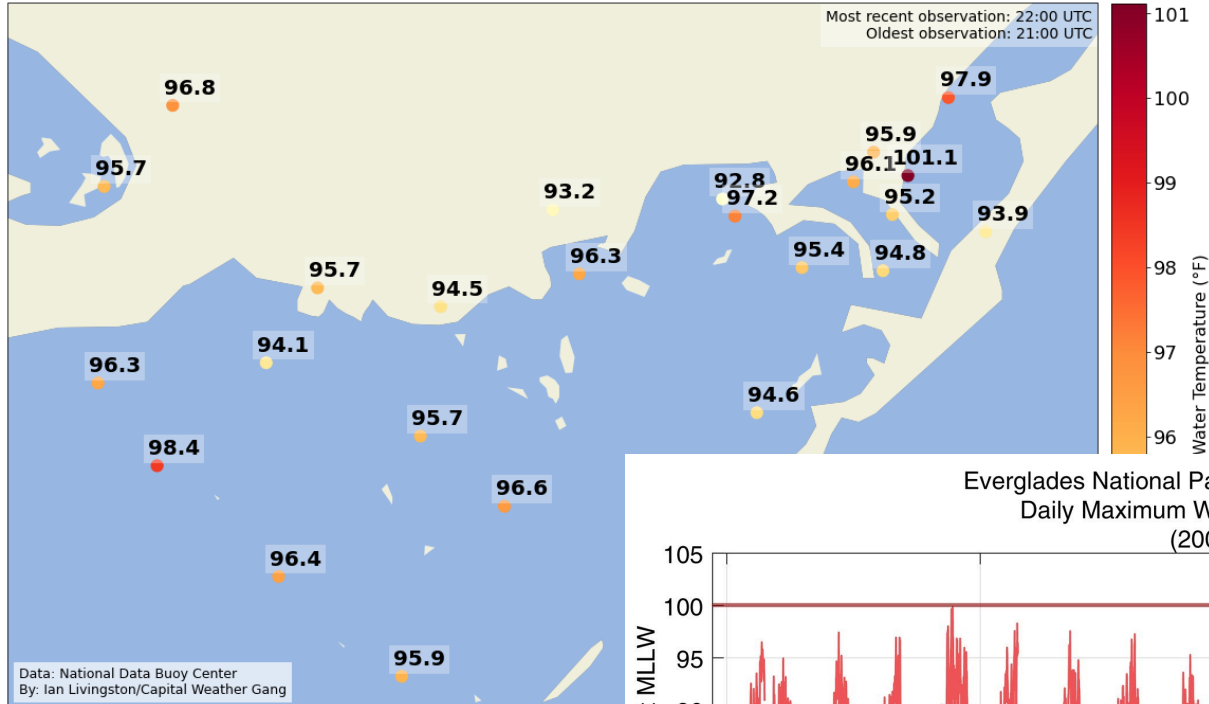
Sea Surface Temperature - 20230708



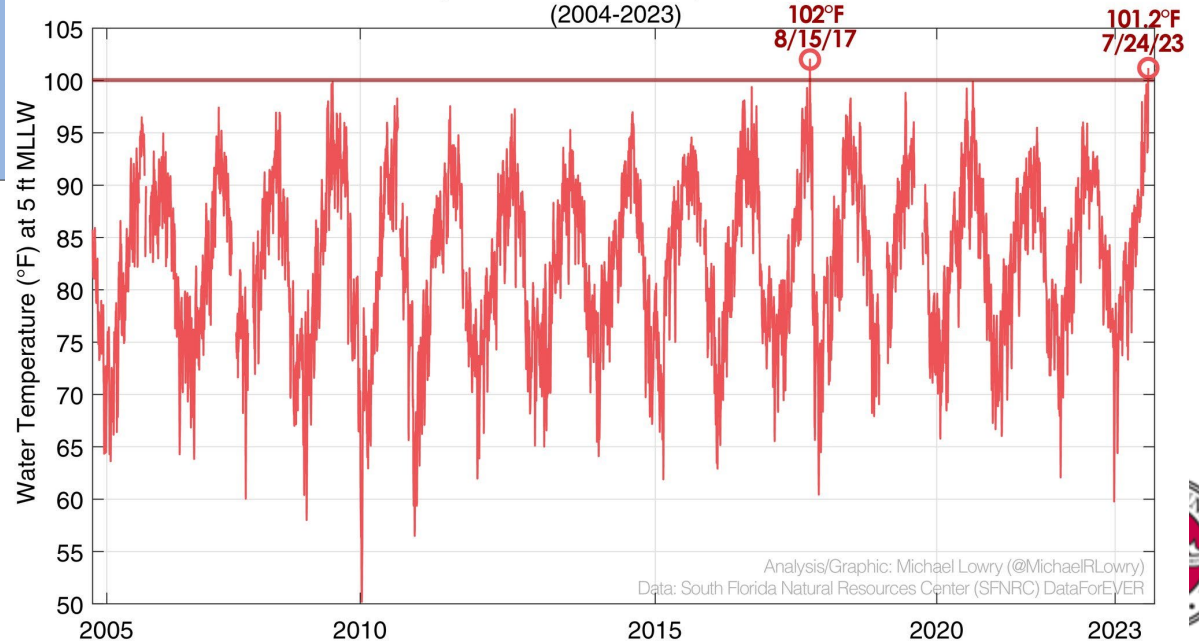


Florida Bay Water Temperatures

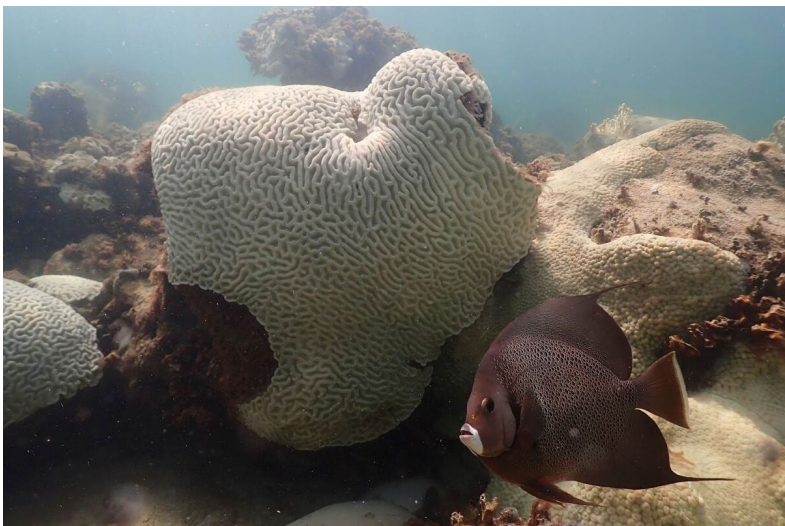
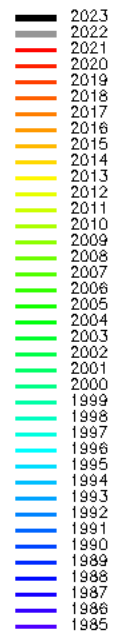
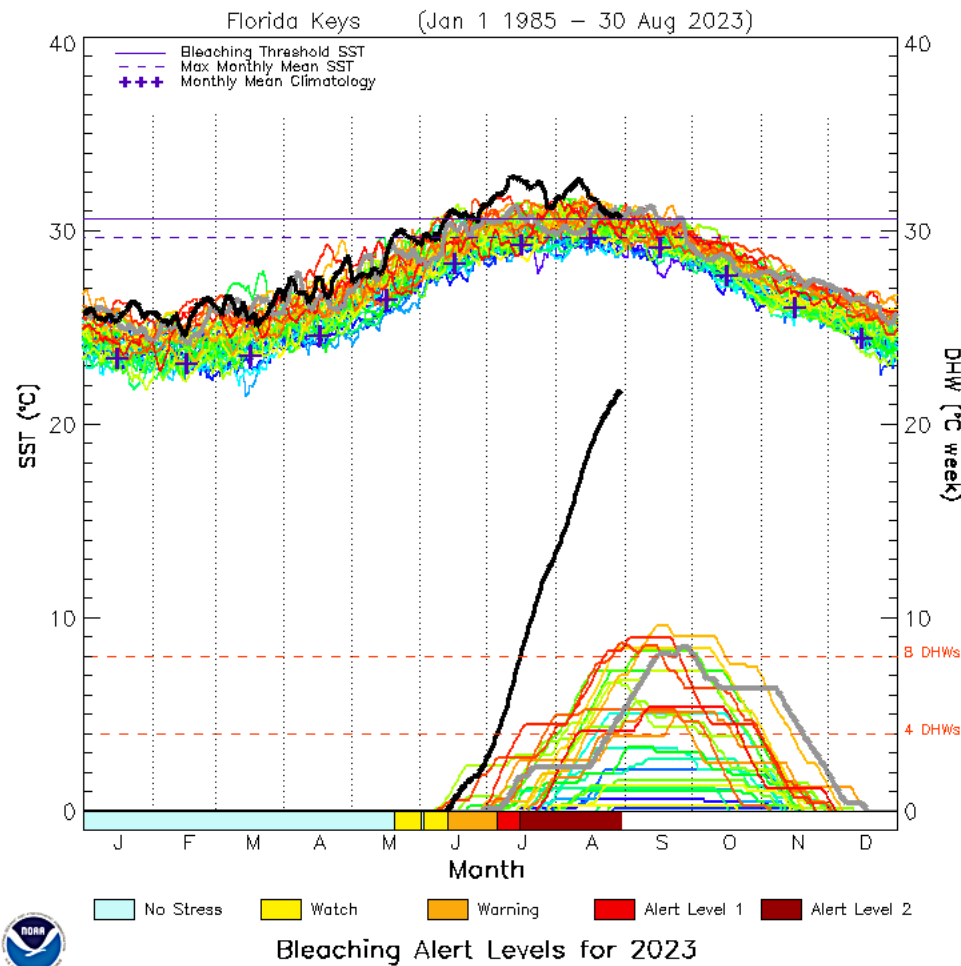
Water temperatures in Florida Bay on July 24, 2023



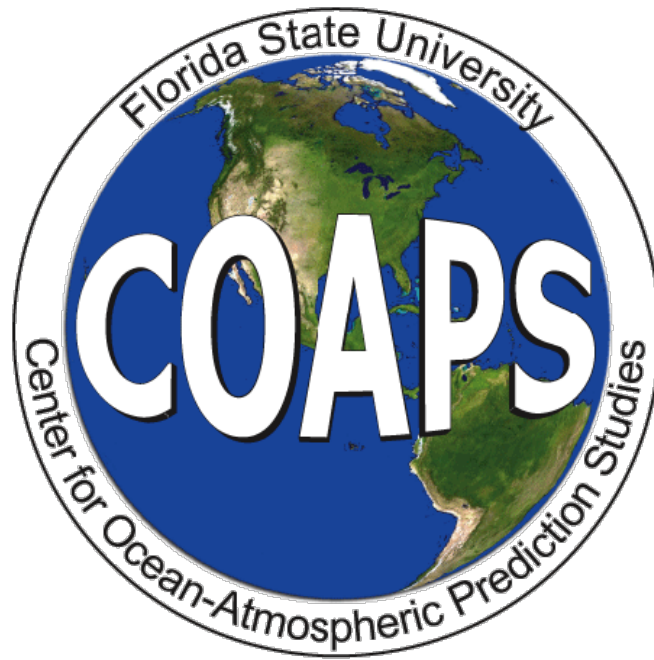
Everglades National Park - Manatee Bay (MNBF1)
Daily Maximum Water Temperature (°F)
(2004-2023)



Coral Bleaching

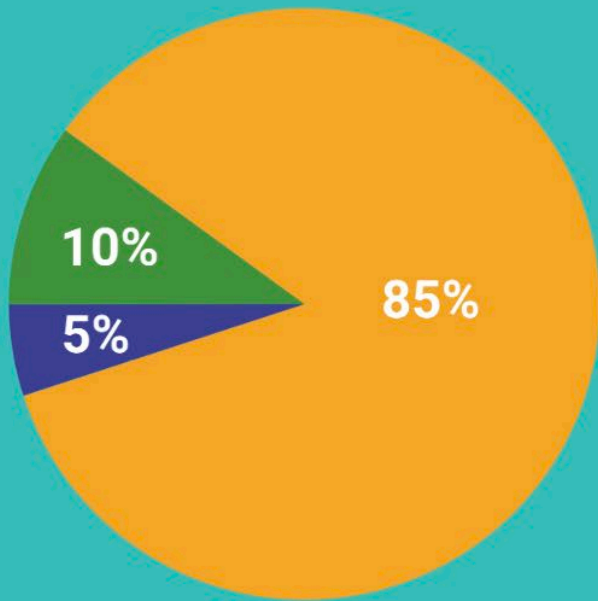


Degree Heating Weeks (DHW) – 12 week running sum of water temperatures over the bleaching threshold (NOAA Coral Reef Watch)



Hurricane Season

2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook



■ Above normal ■ Near normal ■ Below normal

Season probability

Named storms

17 - 25

Hurricanes

8 - 13

Major hurricanes

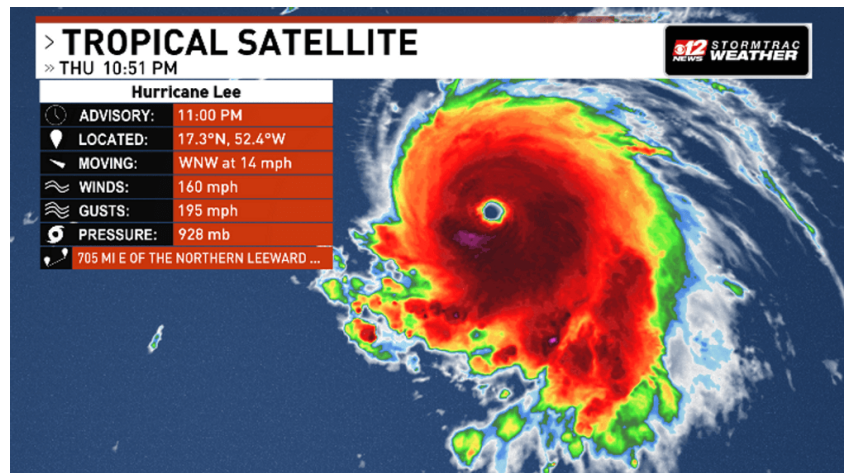
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Rapid Intensification

Rapid intensification - an increase in the maximum sustained winds of a tropical cyclone of at least 30 knots (35 mph; 55 km/h) in a 24-hour period.

“...we would expect a significant increase in extremes of storm intensification, including those that happen just before landfall.” – Emanuel, 2017

“...a detectable increase of Atlantic intensification rates with a positive contribution from anthropogenic forcing” Bhatia, et al. 2019



maximum sustained winds doubled from 80 mph to 165 mph in a matter of 24 hours. 3rd highest increase on record since 1982 (Felix, Wilma)

Other Examples

Hurricane Idelia (2023) – 46 mph in 24 hours

Hurricane Ian (2022) – 55 mph in 24 hours

Hurricane Ida (2021)

Hurricane Laura (2020)

Hurricane Michael (2018) – two consecutive days of rapid intensification

Hurricane Maria (2017)

Hurricane Irma (2017)

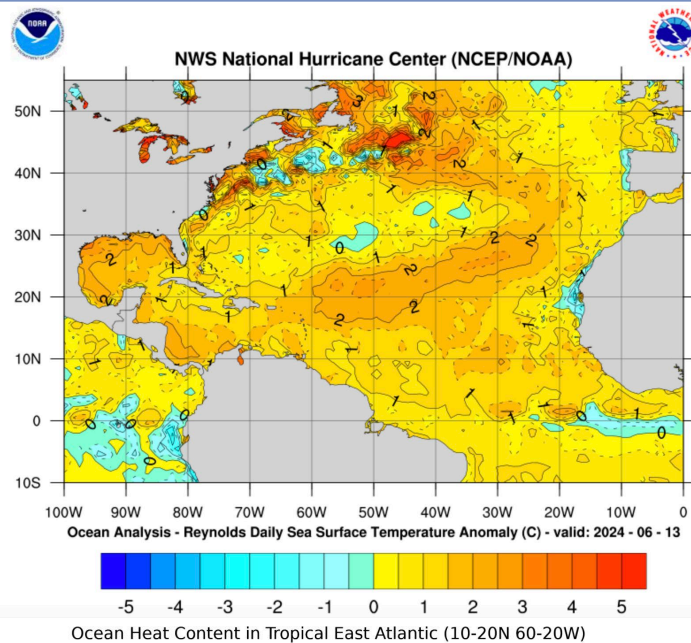
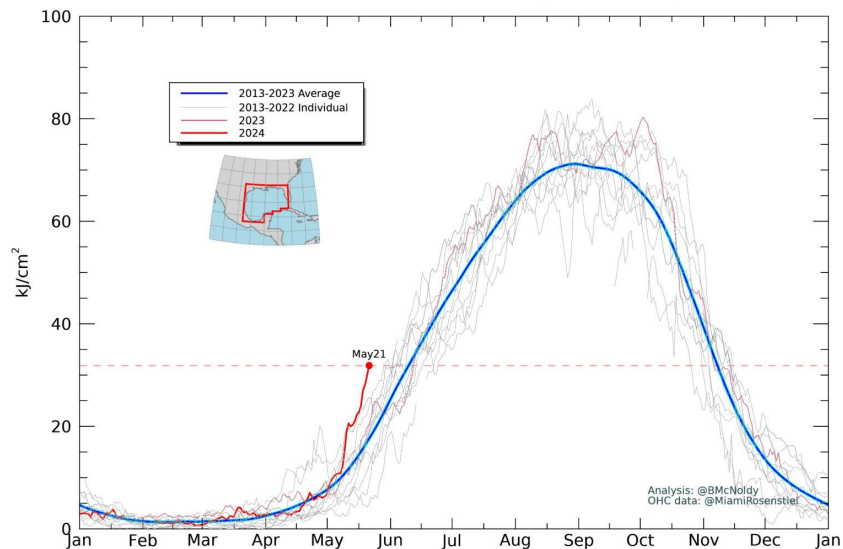
Hurricane Harvey (2017)

**Pacific* – Hurricane Otis, tropical storm to Cat. 5 in 24 hours

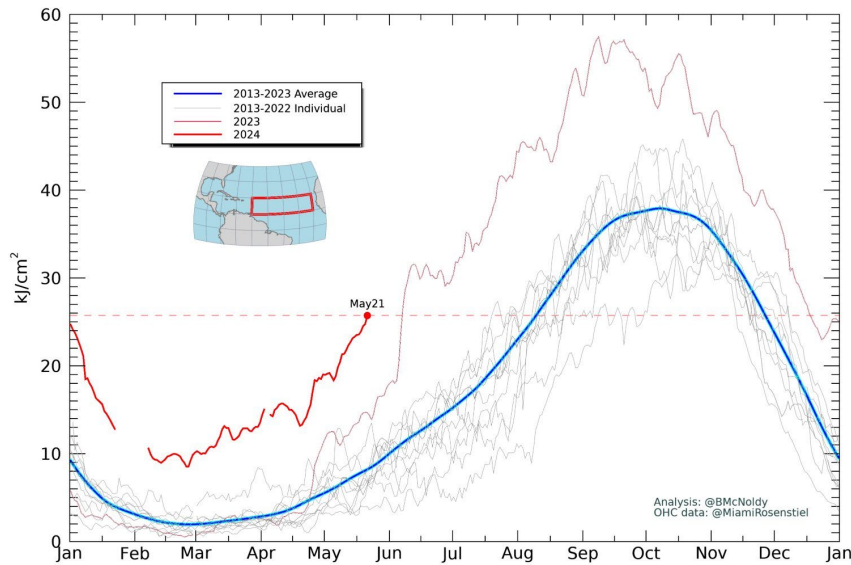
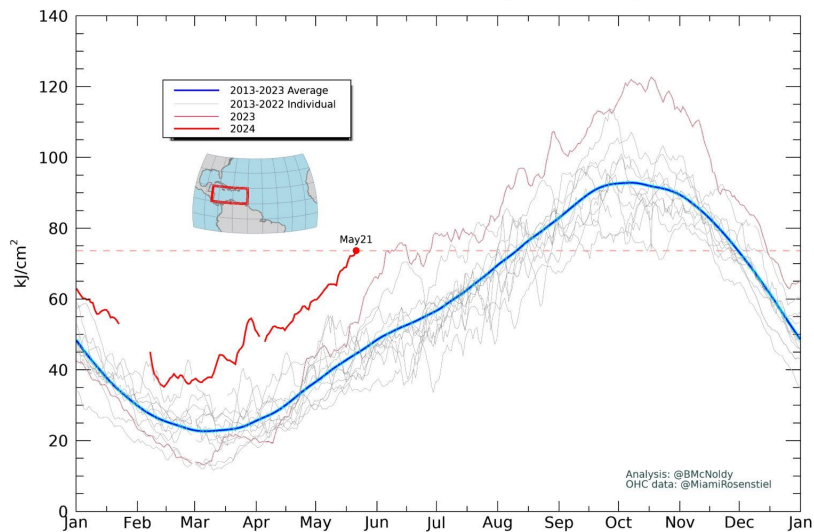


Warming Ocean

Ocean Heat Content in Gulf of Mexico (18-31N 98-81W)



Ocean Heat Content in Caribbean (10-20N 85-60W)





Sea Level Rise

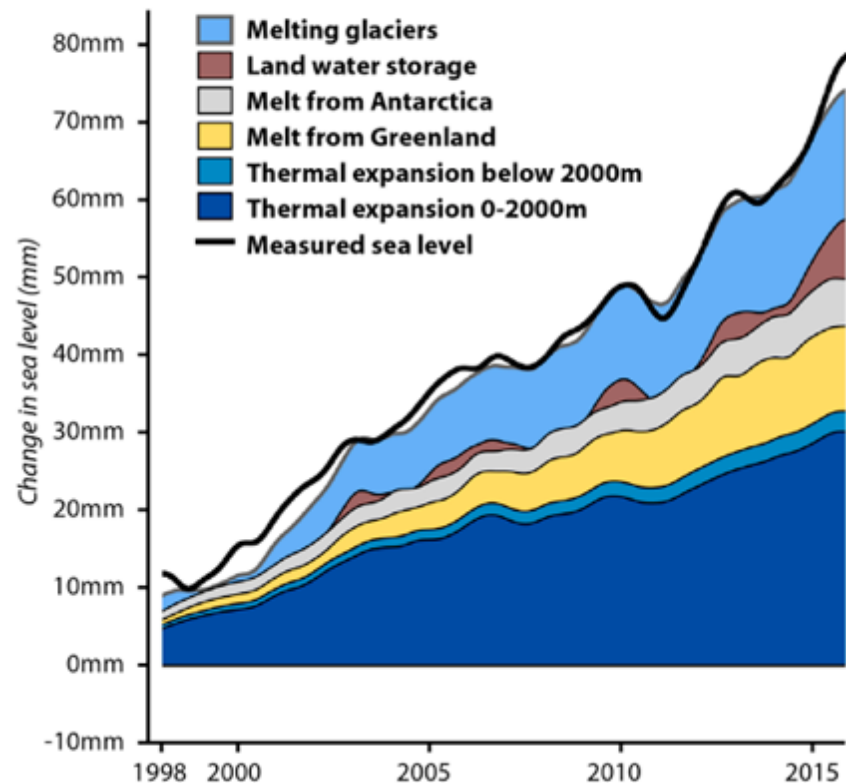
Causes of Sea Level Rise

Oceans Warm and Expand—and the Seas Rise

The increase in ocean heat causes seawater to expand, raising sea level. In 2015, roughly half of global sea level rise was caused by ocean warming.

SEA LEVEL RISE AND CAUSES

In millimeters, 1998-present

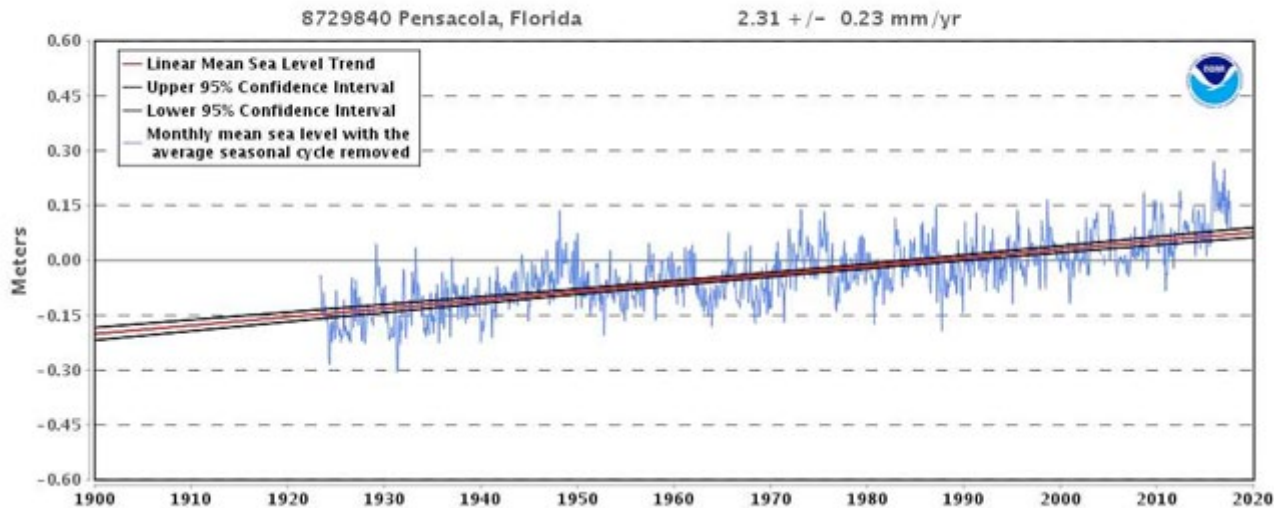


- Thermal expansion of ocean water (steric)
- Melting of glaciers and continental ice sheets
- NOT from melting sea ice

Measuring Sea Level – Tide Gauges

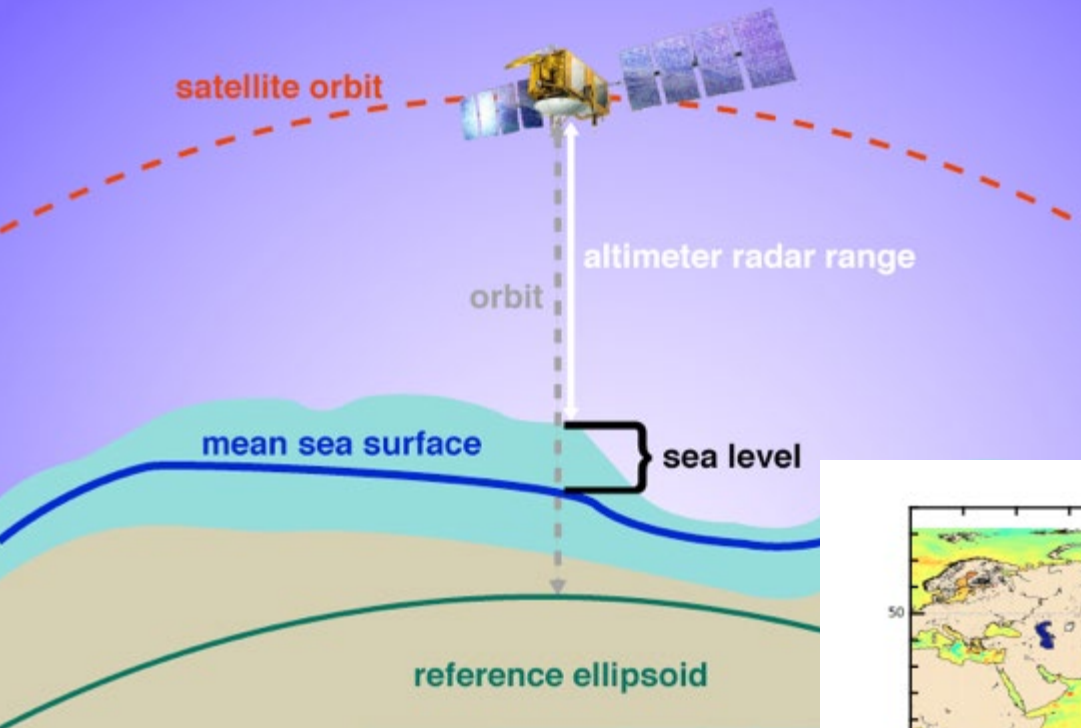


Mean Sea Level Trend
8729840 Pensacola, Florida

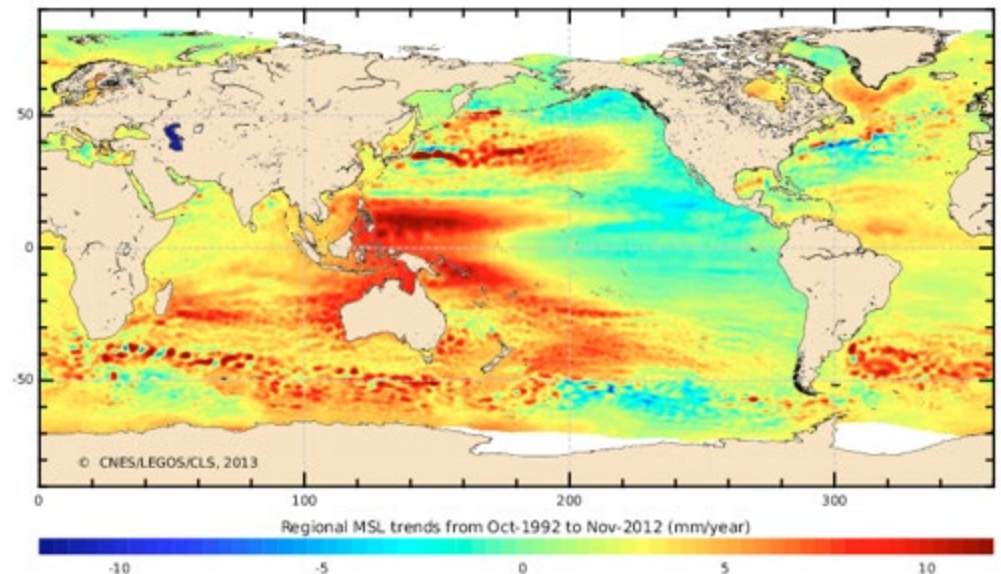


Measuring Sea Level - Altimeters

Radar altimetry measurement system

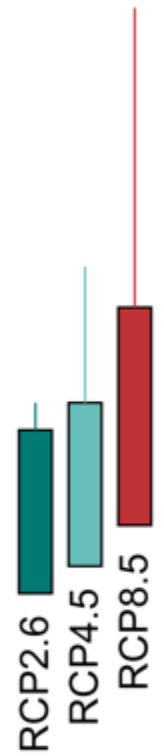
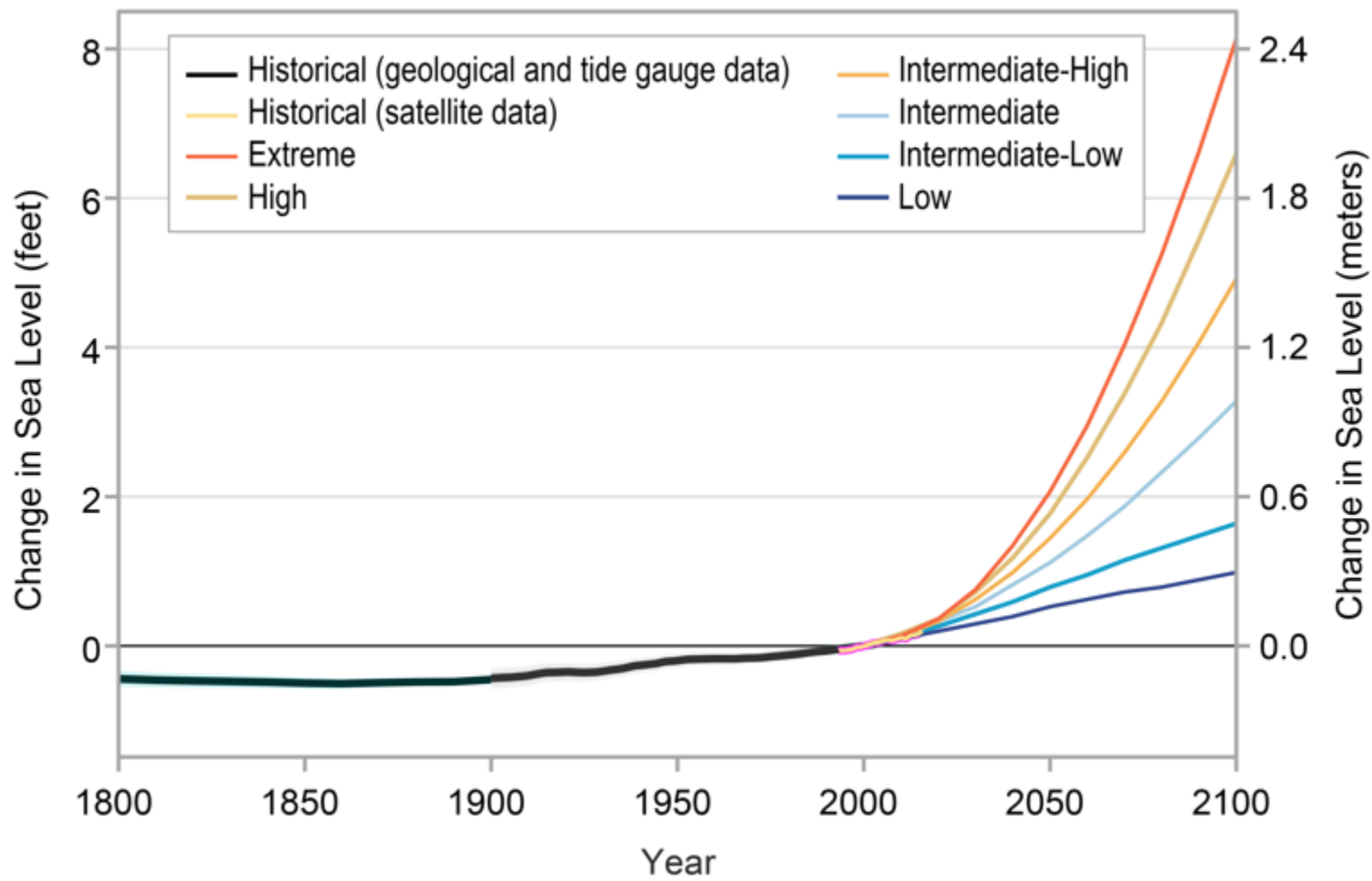


- Reliable observations since 1992
- Precision to within a few millimeters

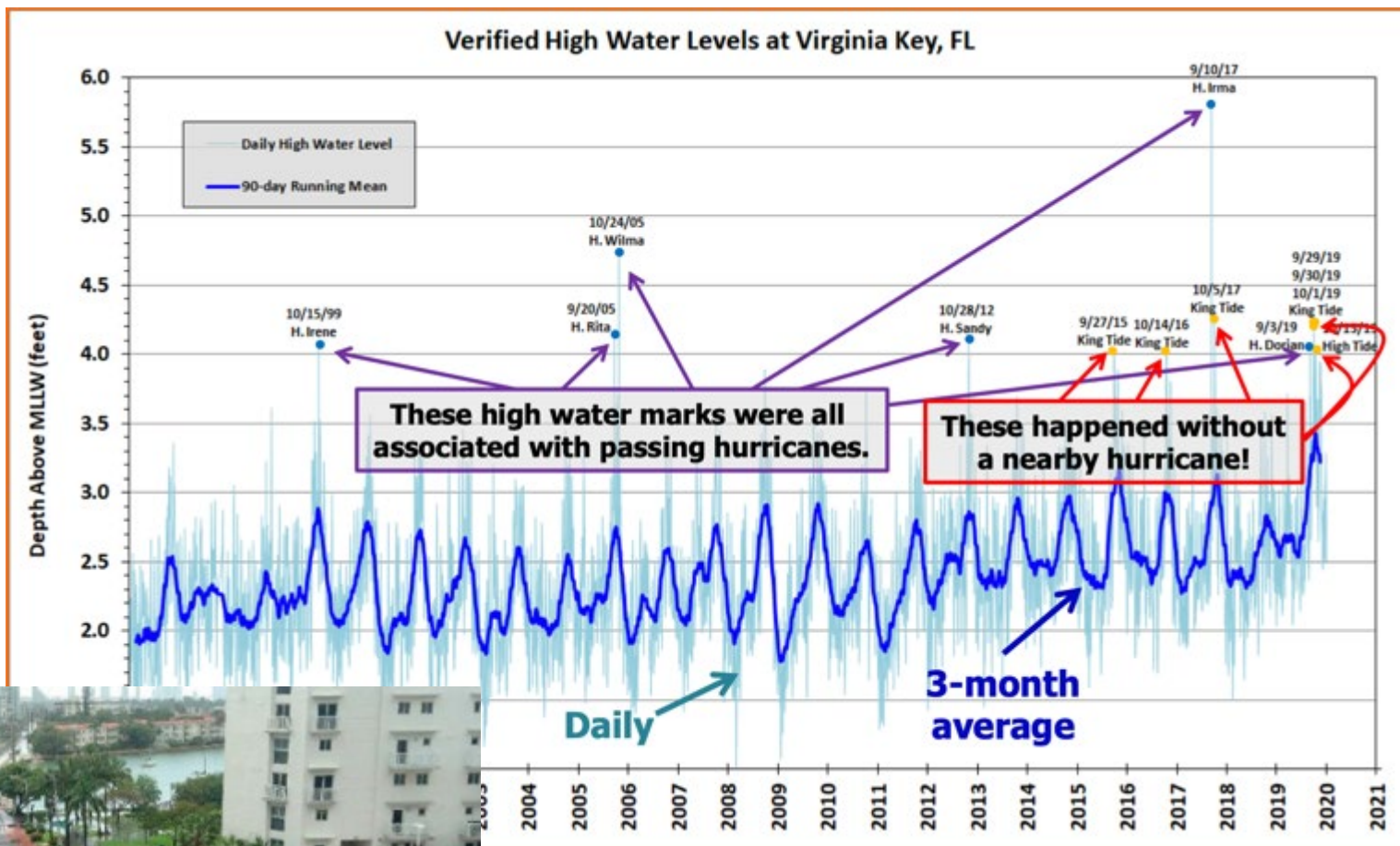




Sea Level Rise



Miami Sea Level Rise

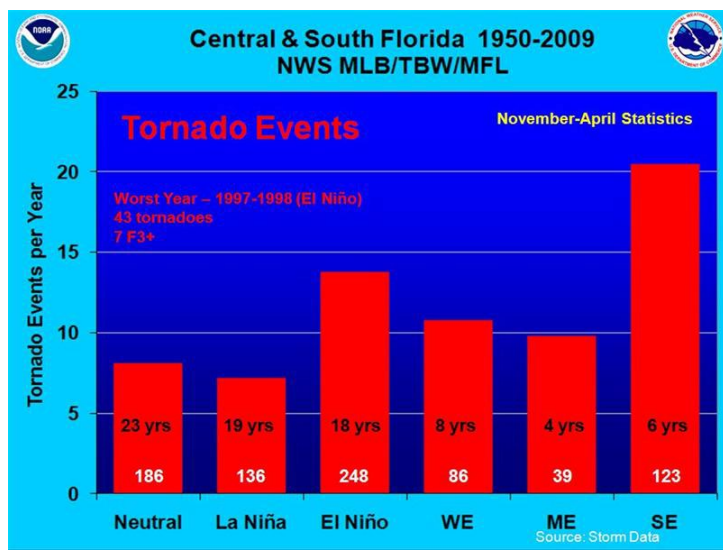


El Nino and Severe Weather

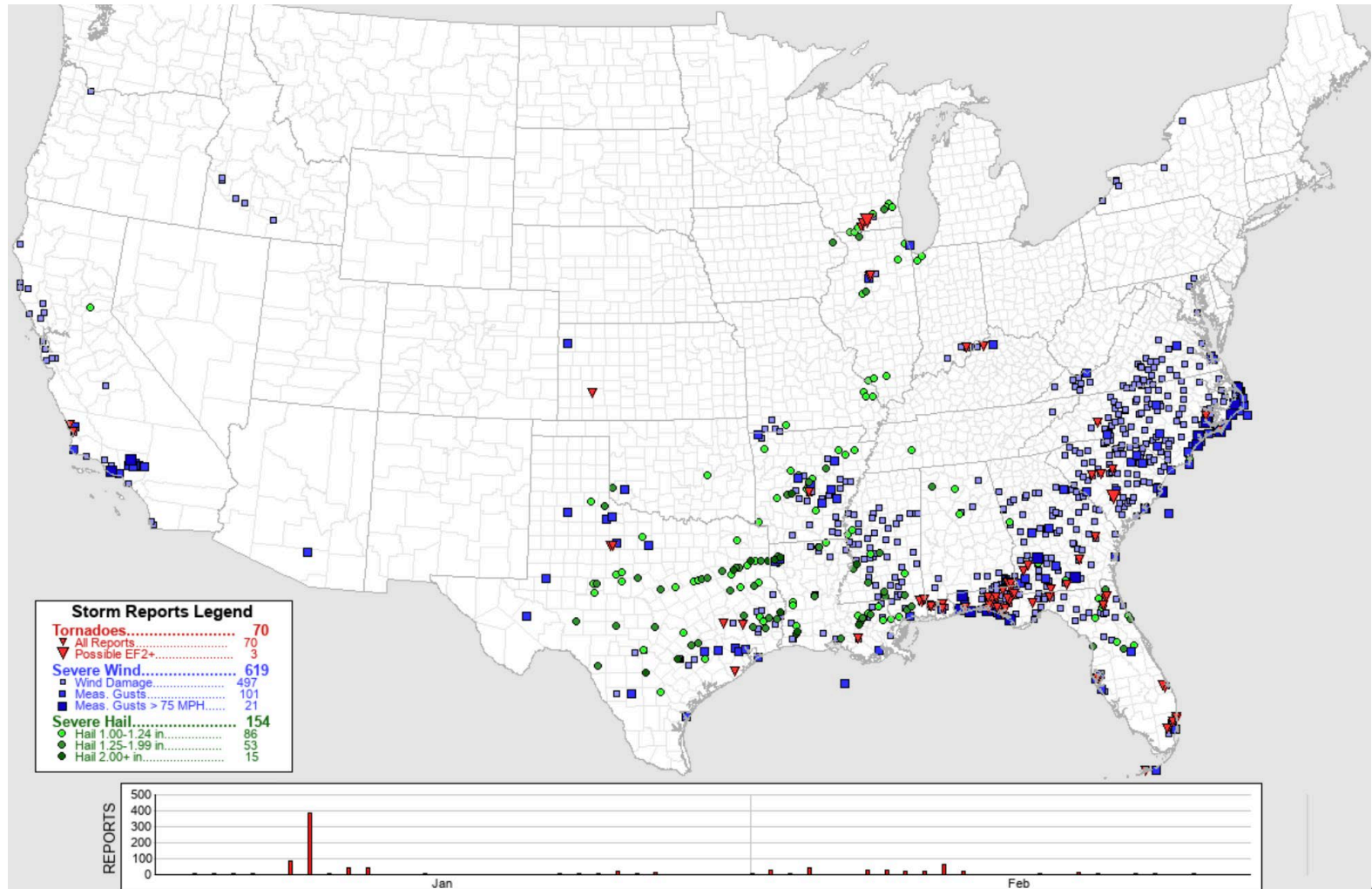
It's not just wet in El Niño years,
there's Severe Weather too!



- February 22-23, 1998 – 42 deaths, 260 injuries in central Florida
- February 2, 2007 – 21 deaths, 76 injuries
- Both events occurred in the overnight hours and impacted mobile home parks

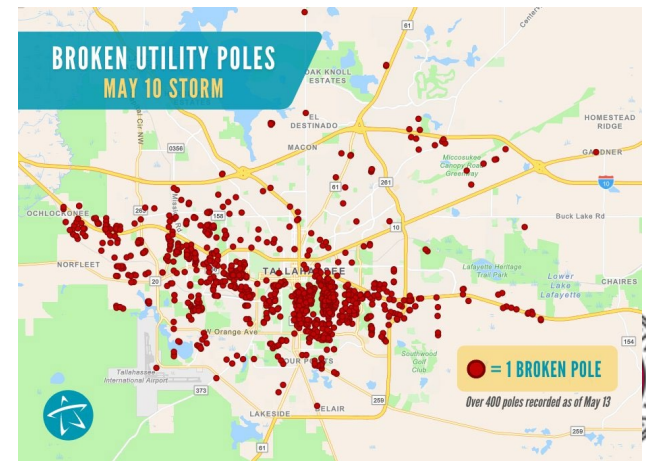
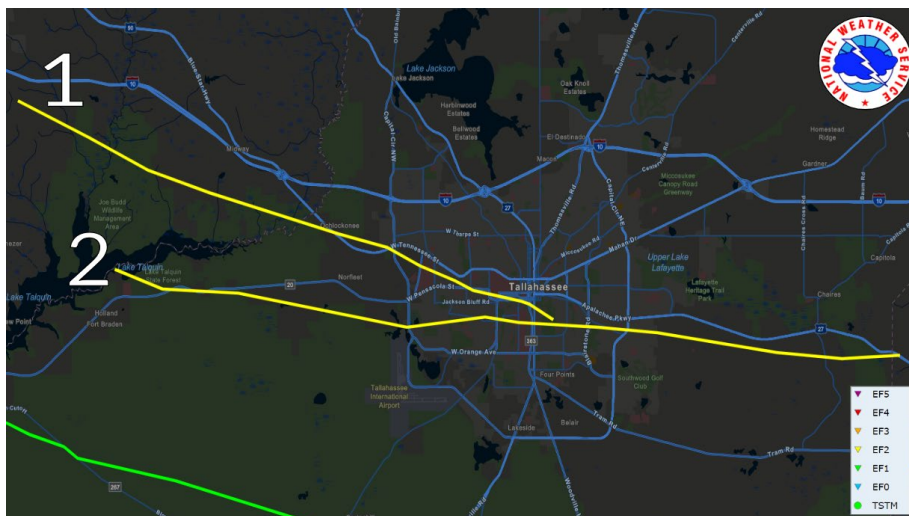
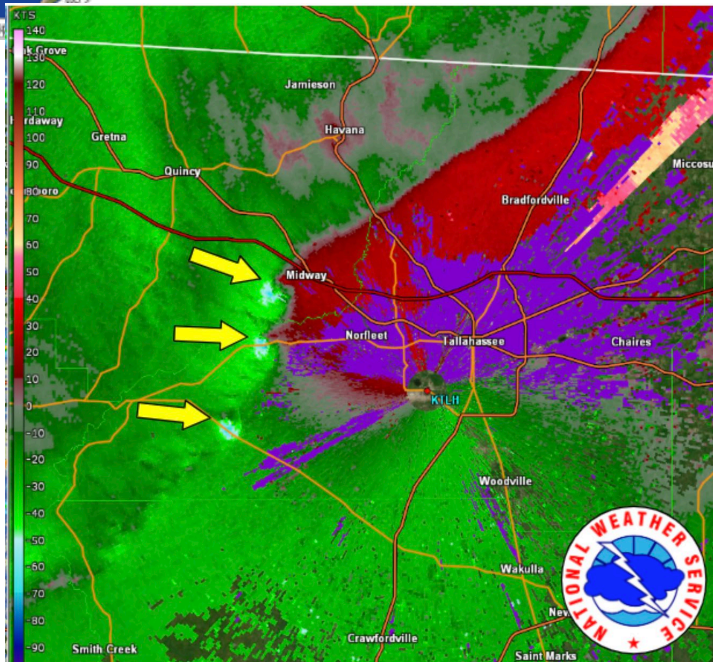


Severe Weather Reports



<https://www.spc.noaa.gov/climo/online/>

May 10 Tornadoes





Lessons in Climate Communication

- Effective communication is about sustained relationships
- Avoid advocacy, stick to the science
- Neither “denialism” nor “doomerism” are helpful
- Storytelling and free form communication vs journal articles
- Speak in layman’s terms, avoid complex terms and especially acronyms
- How does it affect you?

