

# CALCASIEU PARISH REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STUDY

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- Calcasieu Parish Watersheds and Flooding
- Project Phasing and Timeline
- Webinar Summary and Recommendations
- Programs
- Policy
- Projects
- Summary



# **CALCASIEU PARISH WATERSHEDS AND FLOODING**

# 2015 DRAINAGE MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES



**TO ENHANCE STEWARDSHIP AND PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S DRAINAGE WATERSHED RESOURCES IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND RESPONSIVE MANNER.**



PROTECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS



OPTIMIZE CAPACITY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT



REDUCE POTENTIAL FOR IMPACTS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS



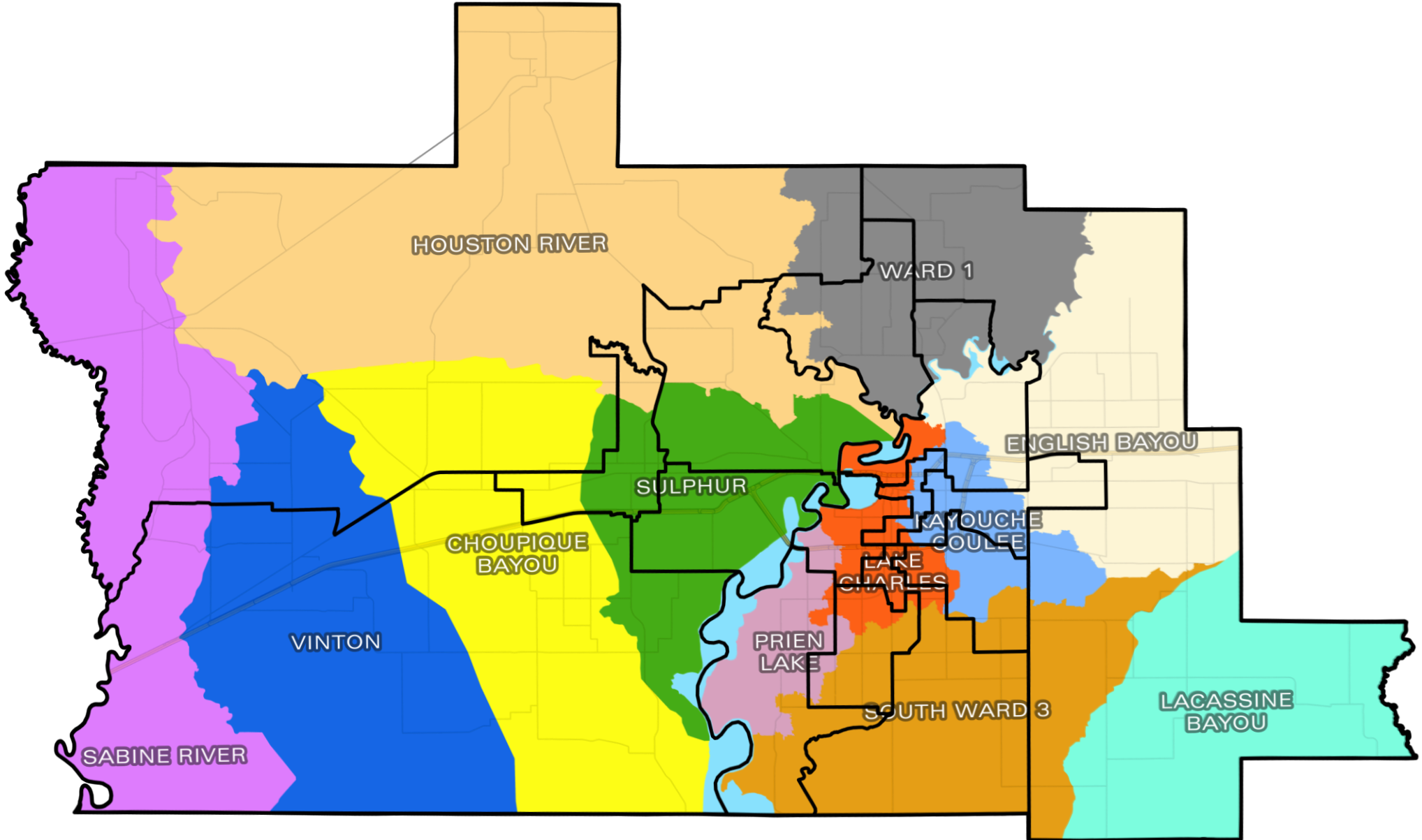
PROTECT WATER RESOURCES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCIES OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE WITH A UNIFORM FUNDING STRUCTURE



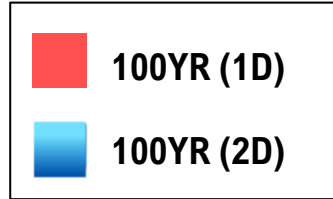
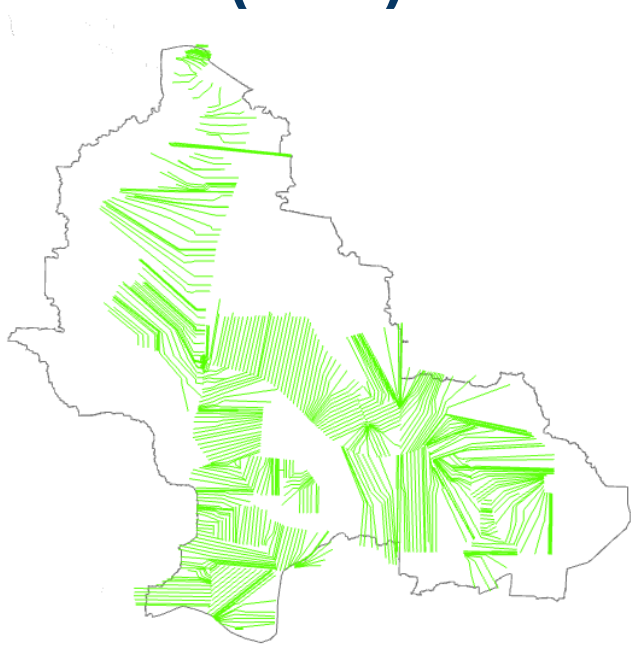
# CALCASIEU PARISH WATERSHEDS



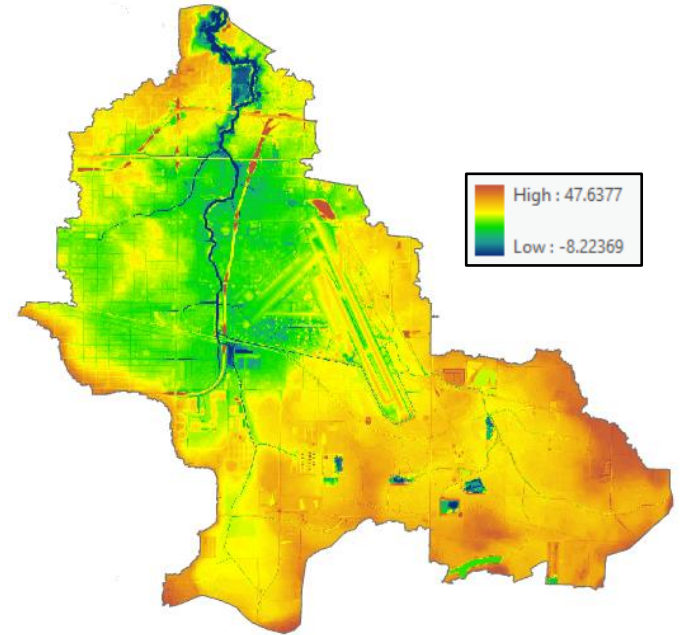
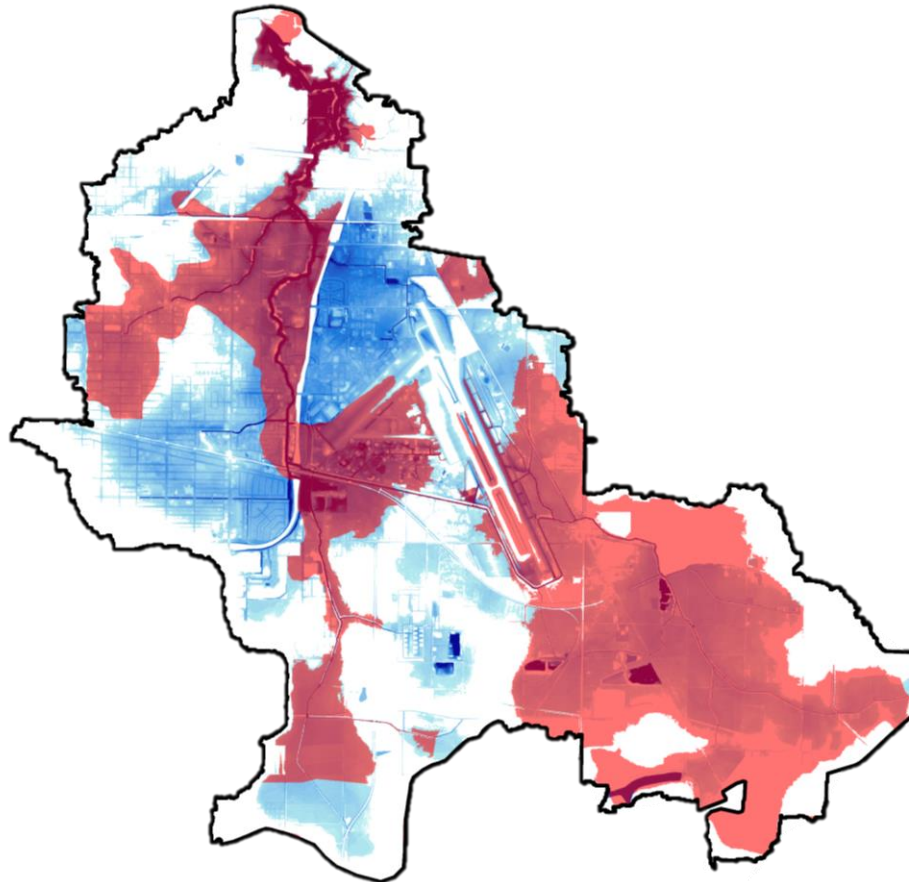
# CALCASIEU PARISH WATERSHED MODELS



## 1-DIMENSIONAL MODELS (2006)



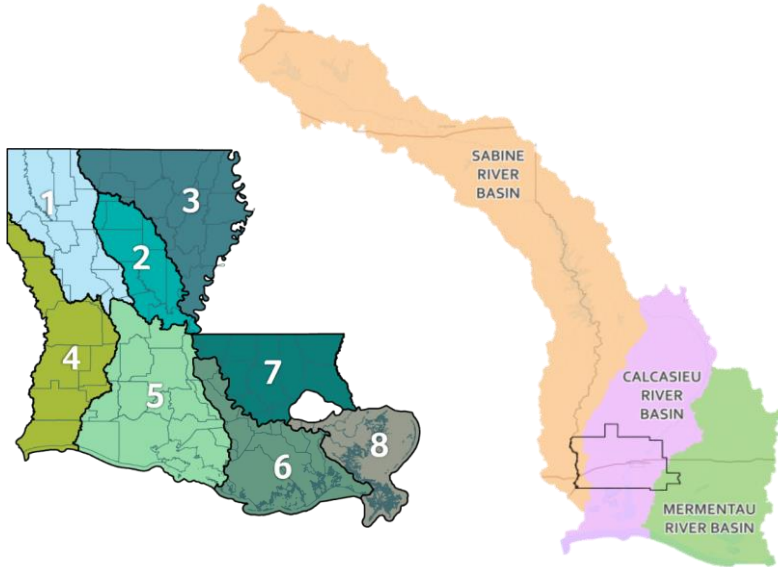
## 2-DIMENSIONAL MODELS (2022)





# WHAT DO THE MODELS PROVIDE?

## Louisiana Watershed Initiative Study



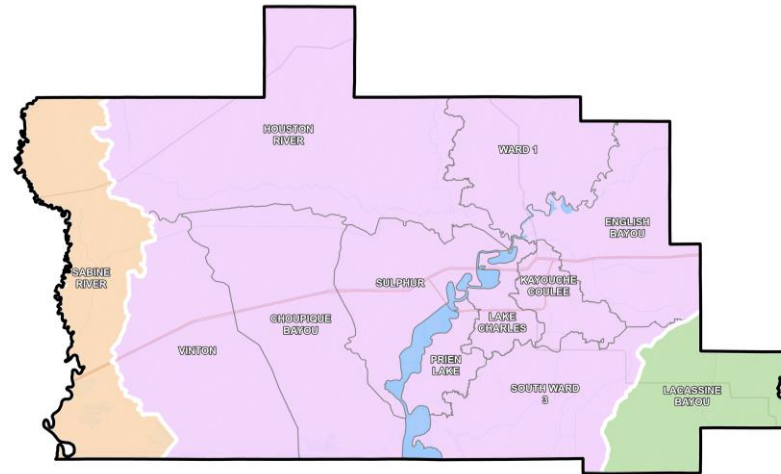
### REGIONAL WATERSHED LEVEL

State/Multi-parish

Regional Watershed Models  
(HUC 8)

Large Scale Projects  
(>150 acres)

## Calcasieu Parish Regional Watershed Study



### LOCAL WATERSHED LEVEL

Parish/Multi-community

Local Watershed Models  
(HUC 10/HUC 12)

Medium Scale Projects  
(20-150 acres)



### LOCAL SUBWATERSHED LEVEL

City/Town/Neighborhood

Local Watershed Models  
(HUC 14)

Small Scale Projects  
(<20 acres)

# **PROJECT PHASING AND TIMELINE**



# PROJECT MILESTONES



# **WEBINAR SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS



## PROGRAMS

*JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022 WEBINAR*

- \*Community Rating System (CRS)\*
  - Buyout Program
- \*Maintenance Programs\*
  - Incentives



## POLICY

*AUG 3<sup>RD</sup> 2022 WEBINAR*

- \*Baseline Policy Adoption\*
  - BFE+2ft Freeboard Requirement
  - Fill Limitations
- \*Development Regulations\*

## PROJECTS

*SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup> 2022 WEBINAR*

- Pump Stations and Floodgates
- Detention Ponds
- Channel Improvements
- Floodplain Preservation



**PROGRAMS**



# FEMA RISK RATING 2.0 (FEDERAL PROGRAM)

## 'Risk Rating 2.0' Makes National Flood Insurance Program Fairer, More Equitable

New system better accounts for risk in setting premiums, strengthens program solvency



### Fairer

Results in premium decreases for nearly 1.2 million policyholders this year and increases of \$10 or less per month for 86% of policyholders whose premiums do go up; under the old system, all policyholders would have faced increases.



### More equitable

Includes the cost of repairs in premium calculations, helping to ensure that owners of low-and-modest-value properties no longer pay disproportionately high premiums relative to homes with higher replacement costs.



### Better able to support flood survivors

Aligns premium rates with the latest, most accurate flood-risk data to ensure that the National Flood Insurance Program will have the funds it needs to continue paying claims to flood survivors.



# FEMA RISK RATING 2.0 (FEDERAL PROGRAM)



Equity in Action premiums will more accurately reflect a property's unique flood risk by considering a broader range of variables.

## Current Rating Methodology

FEMA-sourced data

### Rating Variables

- Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone
- Base Flood Elevation
- Foundation Type
- Structural Elevation (Special Flood Hazard Area Only)

1% Annual Chance of Flooding (Frequency)

Fees and Surcharges



## Risk Rating 2.0 Methodology\*

FEMA-sourced data

Additional data sources: Federal government-sourced data, commercially available third-party

Cost to Rebuild

### Rating Variables

- Distance to Coast/Ocean/River
- River Class
- Flood type — Fluvial/Pluvial
- Ground Elevation
- First Floor Height
- Construction Type/Foundation Type

Broader Range of Flood Frequencies

Fees and Surcharges

\*Additional variables are not shown here

Federal Emergency Management Agency



FEMA



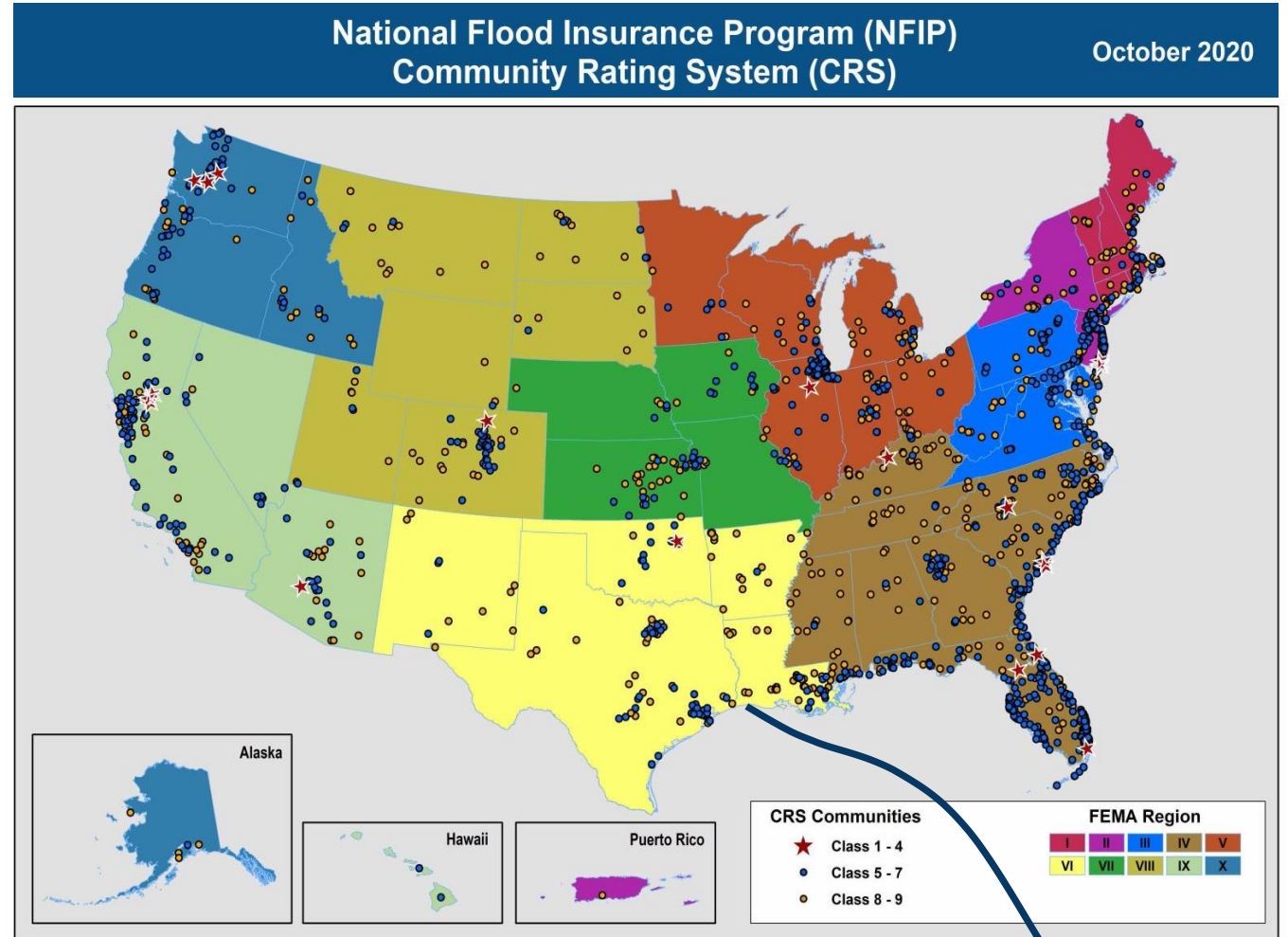
# COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)



CLASS	PREMIUM REDUCTION
1	45%
2	40%
3	35%
4	30%
5	25%
6	20%
7	15%
8	10%
9	5%
10	0

AVERAGE CLASS →

**Municipalities can participate.  
Collaboration is important!**



**CALCASIEU PARISH  
IS CLASS 8**

# CRS - HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?



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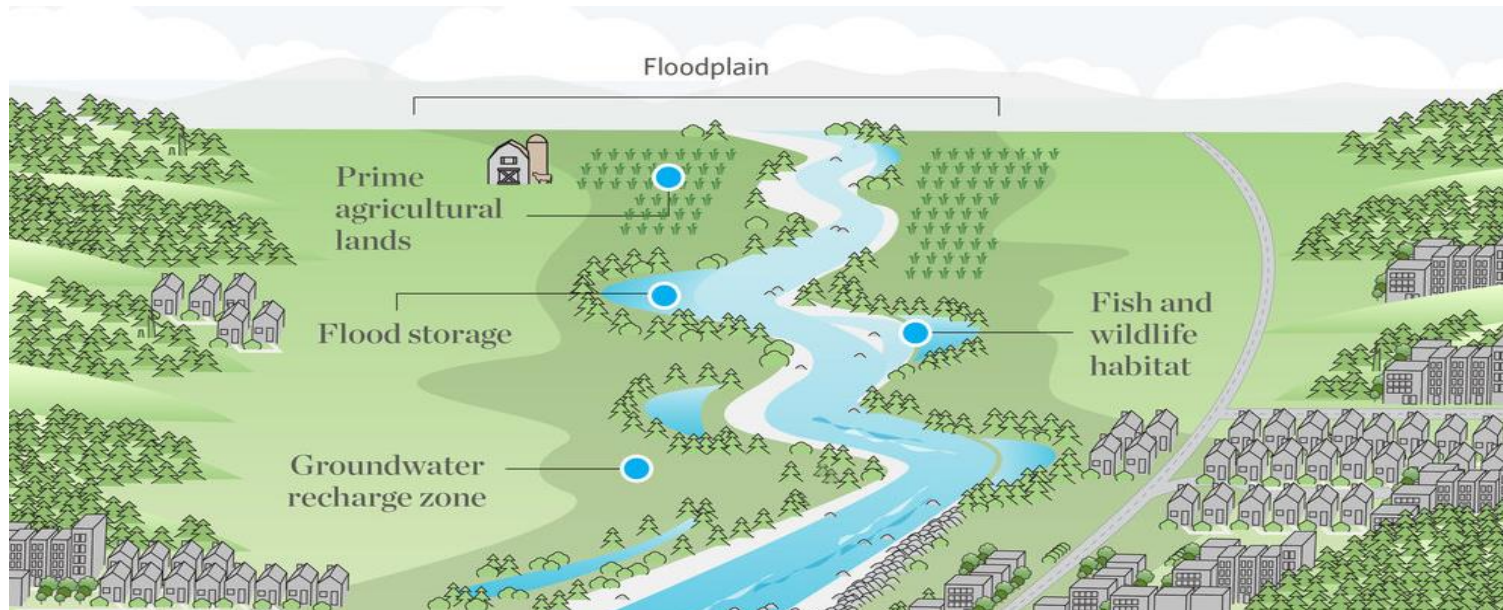


**INCREASE STRENGTH OF  
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS  
AND STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT**

**PRESERVE OPEN SPACE  
WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING  
AND REMOVING STRUCTURES  
FROM THE FLOODPLAIN**

**BETTER  
CRS RATING**

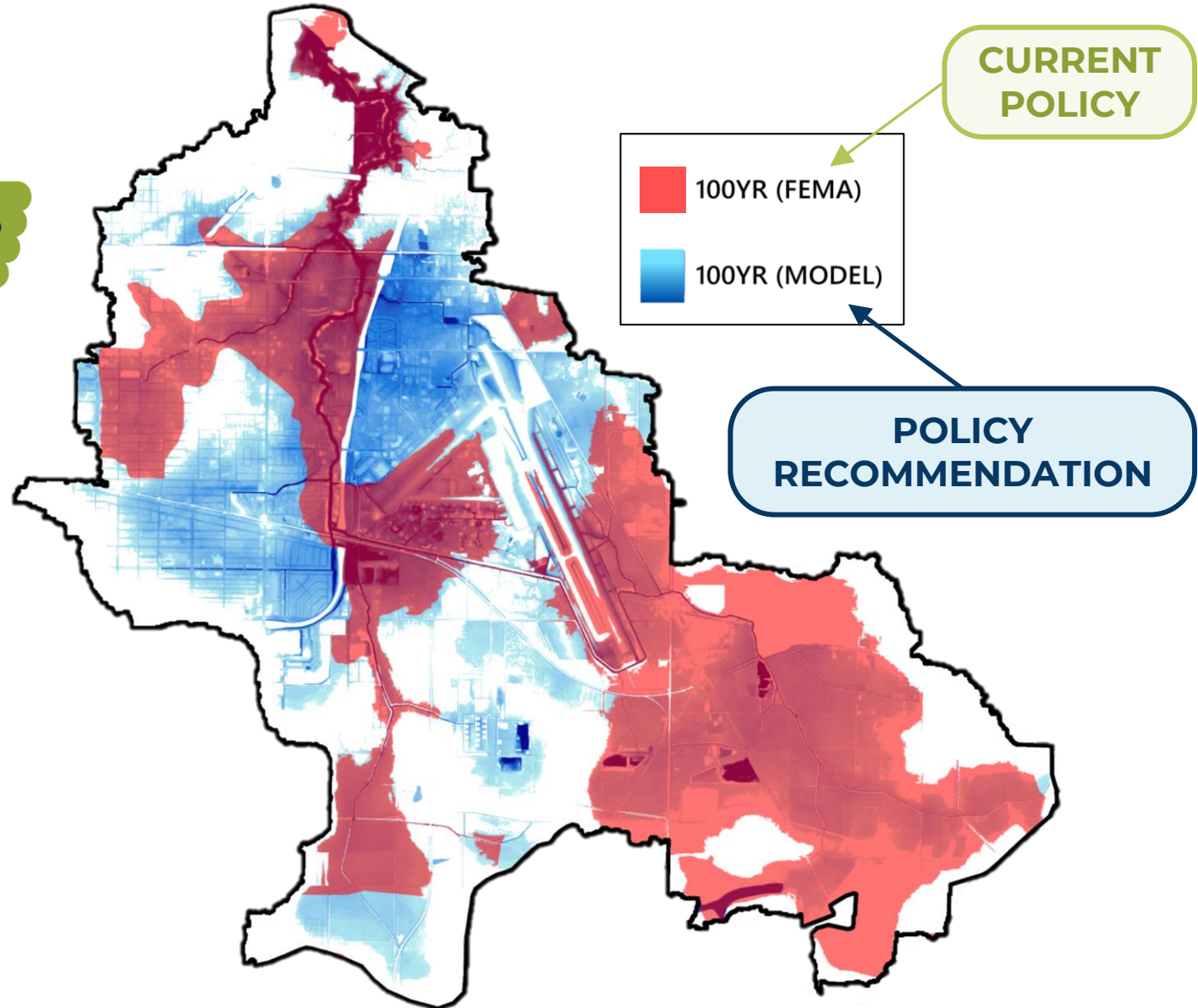


# FLOOD MAP REVISIONS



## BENEFITS

- Calcasieu Parish would get CRS credit for initiating the flood map revisions
- FEMA will eventually require an update of the maps
- Homeowners located in a remapped flood zone have access to FEMA assistance after natural disasters (repetitive flooding)
- Calcasieu Parish can also receive more hazard mitigation and disaster recovery benefits from FEMA





# MAINTAINING DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE



**1,850 miles**

of open channels in  
the Parish's network



**200+**

bridges crossing Parish  
maintained channels



**2,256 miles**

of roadside ditches  
along Parish roads

*Also, thousands of driveways culverts and miles of subsurface drainage as well.*

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**DID YOU KNOW?** The total length of roadside ditches maintained by Calcasieu Parish is almost equal to the total length of the Mississippi River (which is 2,320 miles long)

# MAINTENANCE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

(WATERSHED HANDOUT)



## *Recommended Maintenance Inspection Plan*

COMPONENT	PROCEDURE	ACTIVITIES	PERIOD
MAJOR CHANNELS	Full length of channels walked	Obstructions removed Natural grade returned Natural ground cleared with 10' of banks	Annually
INTERMEDIATE CHANNELS	Visually inspected from public road crossings	Obstructions removed Natural grade returned Natural ground cleared with 5' of banks	Annually
MINOR CHANNELS	Visually inspected from public road crossings	Obstructions removed Natural grade returned Natural ground beyond banks left undisturbed	Annually
CHECKPOINTS	Specific points know to collect debris or subject to issues	Obstructions removed	Quarterly & Following Major Storm Events
STRUCTURES	Visually inspected in conjunction with channels	Obstructions removed Care taken not to damage structure during maintenance operations	Annually
DETENTION FACILITIES	Visually inspected	Obstructions removed Silt deposits removed to restore storage volume	Annually
LOCAL ROADWAYS	Visually inspected	Obstructions removed Vegetation control (Spraying/mowing) Evaluate drainage structures	Annually/biannually





# TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFICIENT MAINTENANCE

**Calcasieu Parish Watershed Planning Project Evaluation Data Sheet**

Watershed: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Number: 2187965.00C

Lateral Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Structure Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Collected By: \_\_\_\_\_

Surrounding Land Use: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Type: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. - business, residential, commercial, mixed) Accessible Private

Previous 48 Hour Rainfall Total (in.) 0.0

**Upstream**

Erosion	1 No Erosion	2	3 Rill Washes Present	4	5 Ditch Bank Reconstruction
Existing Vegetation	1 Maintained Grass	2	3 Knee High	4	5 Overgrown Vegetation
Silt Deposits	1 Little/No Silt	2	3 Pipes Half Full	4	5 Pipes Full
Debris/Trash	1 Light (Leaves)	2	3 Small Branches	4	5 Trees/Culvert Blocks

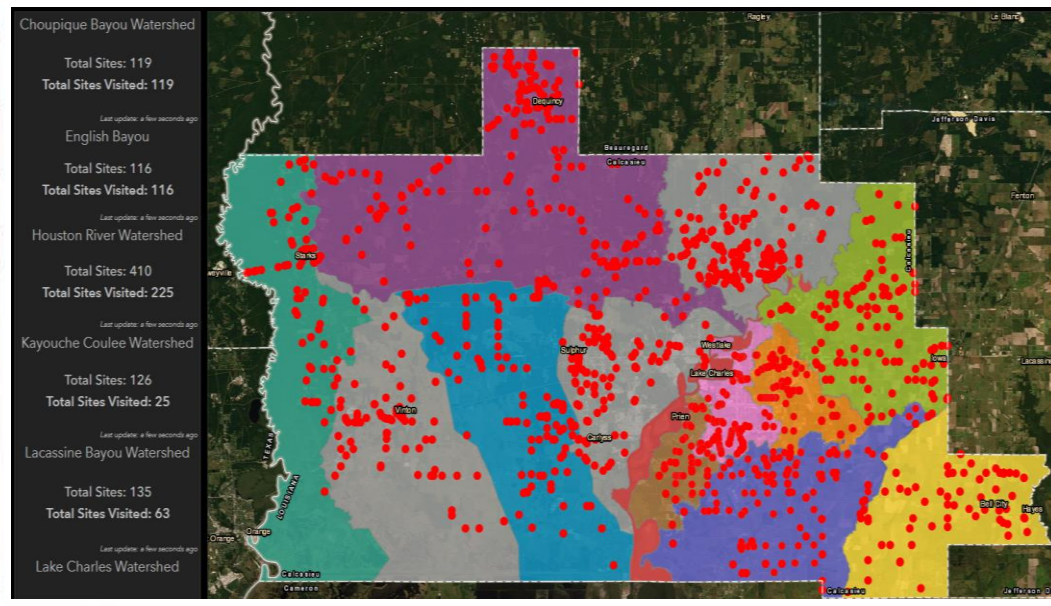
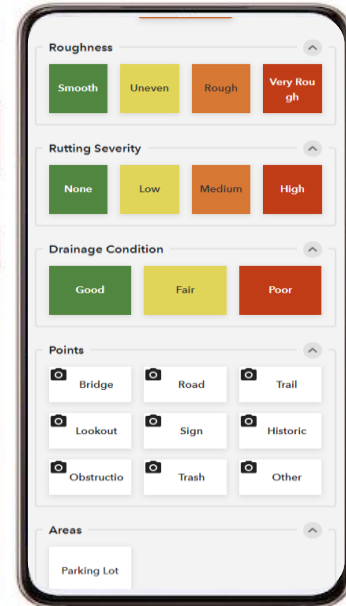
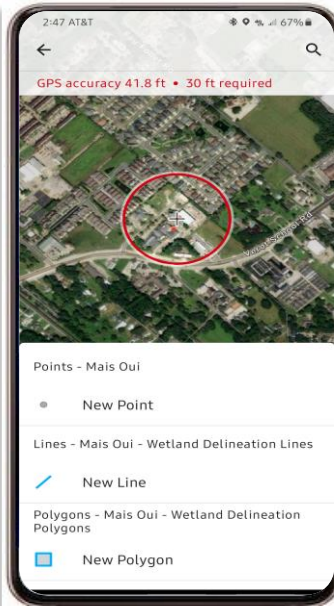
**Downstream**

Erosion	1 No Erosion	2	3 Rill Washes Present	4	5 Ditch Bank Reconstruction
Existing Vegetation	1 Maintained Grass	2	3 Knee High	4	5 Overgrown Vegetation
Silt Deposits	1 Little/No Silt	2	3 Pipes Half Full	4	5 Pipes Full
Debris/Trash	1 Light (Leaves)	2	3 Small Branches	4	5 Trees/Culvert Blocks

**Structure**

Type:	Bridge	Culvert	Arch Culvert	Box Culvert	
No. of Pipes/Piles:	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Pipe/Pile Material:	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Structure Opening	1 < 10% clogged	2	3 50% clogged	4	5 > 90% clogged
Structure Condition	1 In good shape and alignment	2	3 Minor damage, little out of place	4	5 Needs to be replaced or shifted

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_





# LOCAL BUYOUT PROGRAM

(WATERSHED HANDOUT)



**Buyouts** help residents move out of harm's way and relocate to higher and drier ground.

FLOOD-RELATED  
HAZARD



VOLUNTARY  
BUYOUT



RESTORED  
OPEN SPACE



## BENEFITS



Reduction in  
Current and Future  
Flood Risk



Opportunity for Lower  
Flood Insurance  
Premiums



Quicker Timeline  
for Buyouts



Convert Land for  
Community Use



**POLICY**

# BASELINE POLICY

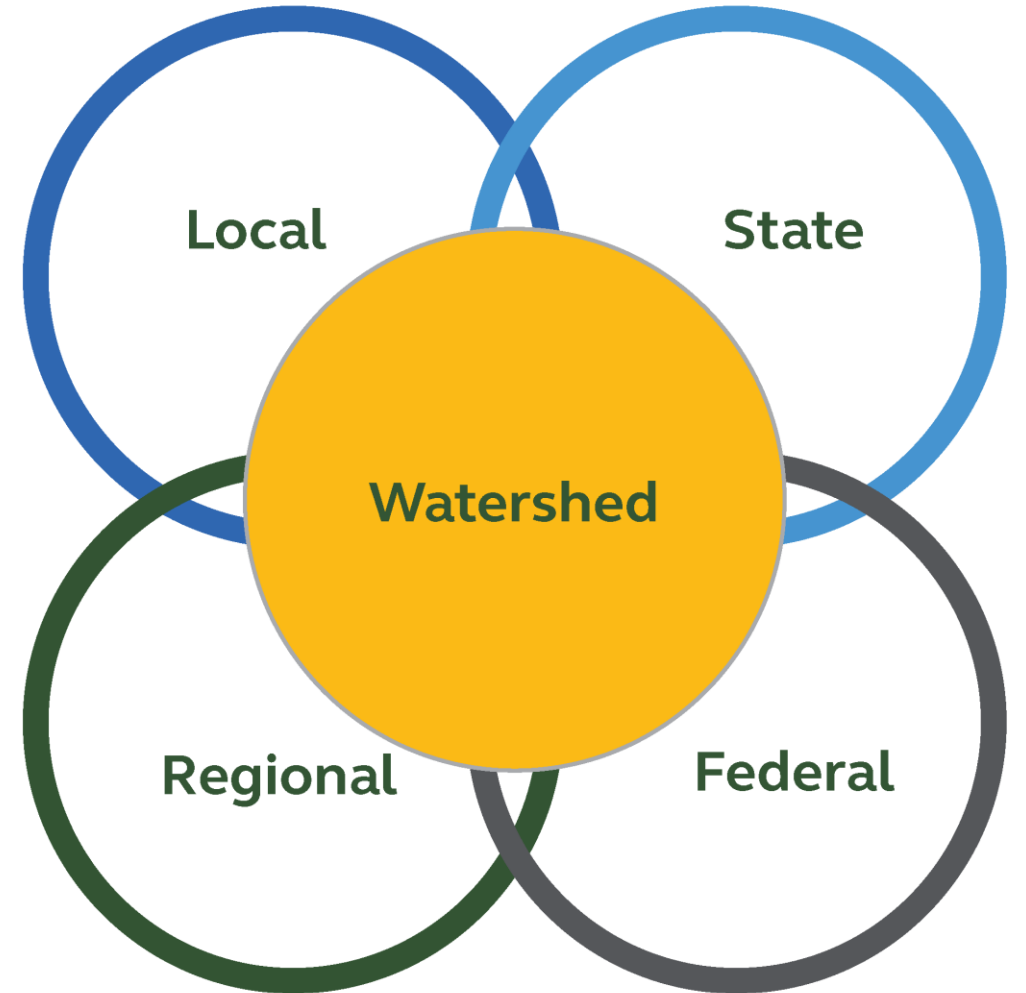
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## WHAT DOES BASELINE POLICY MEAN?

*A baseline is a minimum level, usually mapped to minimum industry standards.*

Baseline policy in Calcasieu Parish would require all municipalities within the Parish to use the minimum floodplain management standards.



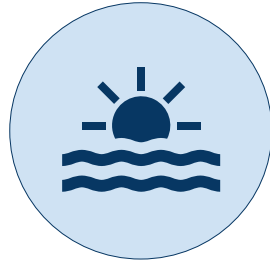
# BASELINE DESIGN ORDINANCES



Greenspace



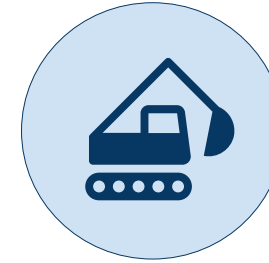
Development  
Regulations



Detention



Design  
Rainfall



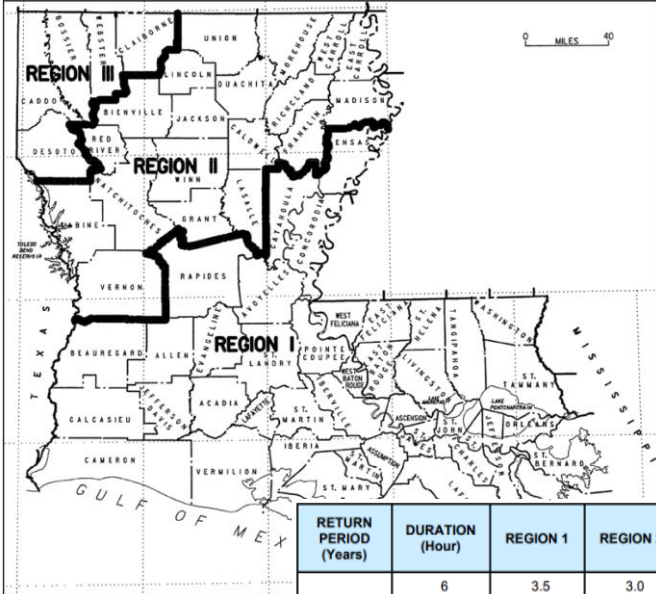
Fill  
Limitations



Freeboard  
Requirements



# BASELINE - DESIGN RAINFALL



RETURN PERIOD (Years)	DURATION (Hour)	REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3
2	6	3.5	3.0	2.8
	12	4.1	3.6	3.2
	24	4.8	4.0	3.6
5	6	4.6	4.0	3.7
	12	5.6	4.8	4.3
	24	6.5	5.4	4.9
10	6	5.5	4.8	4.4
	12	6.7	5.7	5.1
	24	7.8	6.5	5.8
25	6	6.6	5.9	5.3
	12	8.2	7.0	6.2
	24	9.6	8.0	7.0
50	6	7.6	6.9	6.0
	12	9.5	8.1	7.0
	24	11.1	9.2	8.0
100	6	8.6	7.9	6.8
	12	10.9	9.3	7.9
	24	12.6	10.5	9.0

**CURRENT POLICY**



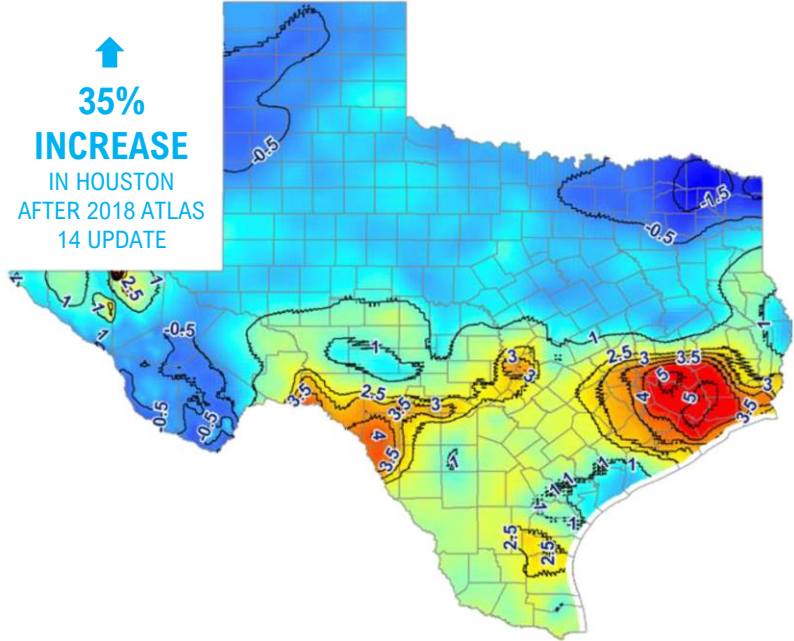
2011 HYDRAULICS MANUAL



NOAA Atlas 14



**POLICY RECOMMENDATION**



100-year, 24-hr Rainfall Depth



# BASELINE - FREEBOARD REQUIREMENT

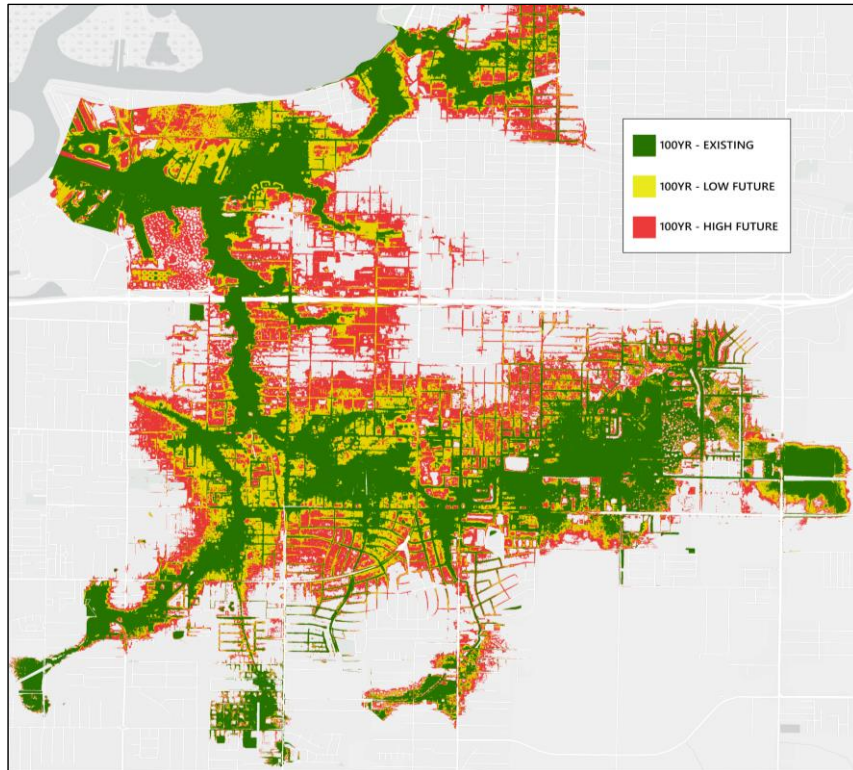
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## POLICY RECOMMENDATION

The lowest floor must be elevated two feet above the BFE for all commercial, residential and infrastructure construction.

## WHY BFE + 2FT?



Sea Level Rise



Increased Rainfall



Increased Flood Depths

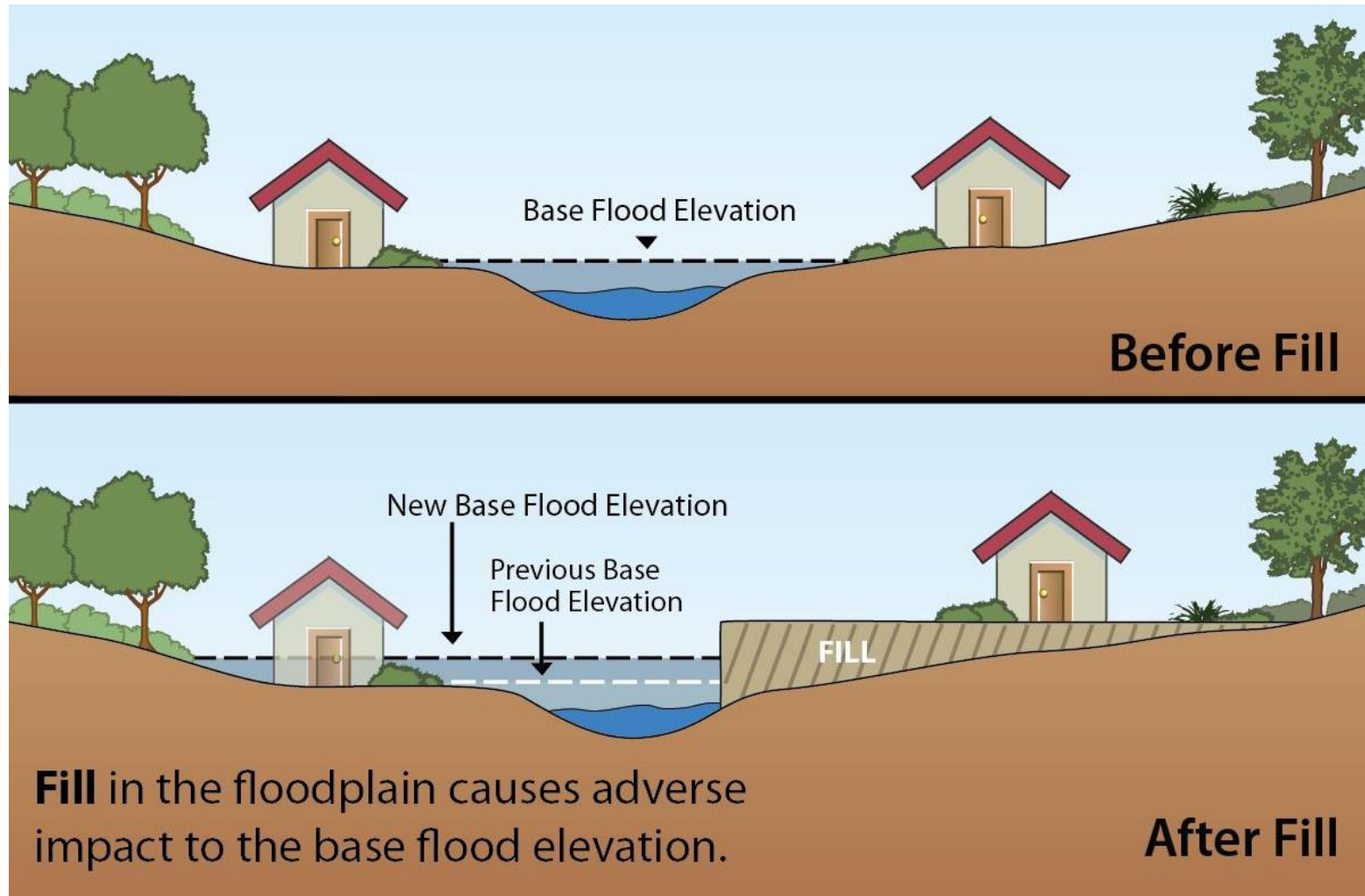


FEMA requires BFE + 2ft

# BASELINE - FILL LIMITATIONS



**No Net Fill** is meant to preserve the ability of the floodplain to store water.

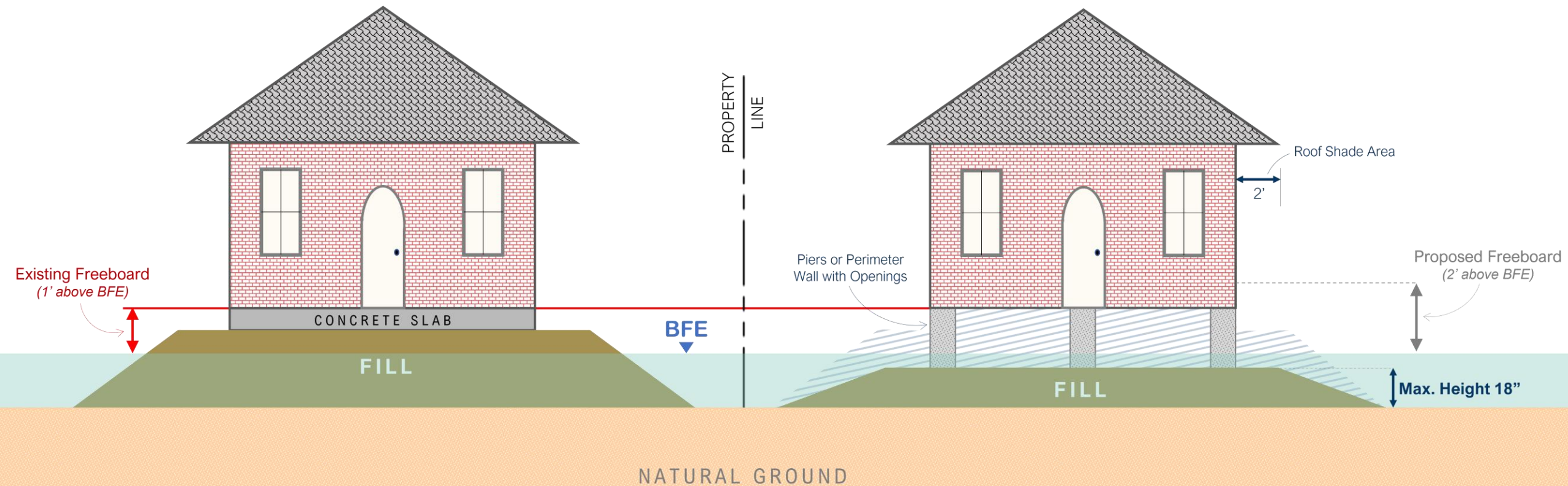


# BASELINE - FILL LIMITATIONS



## CURRENT POLICY

## POLICY RECOMMENDATION



# PROJECTS



# SCREENING PROJECTS



**REGIONAL DETENTION**



**PUMPS/ FLOODGATES**



**CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS**



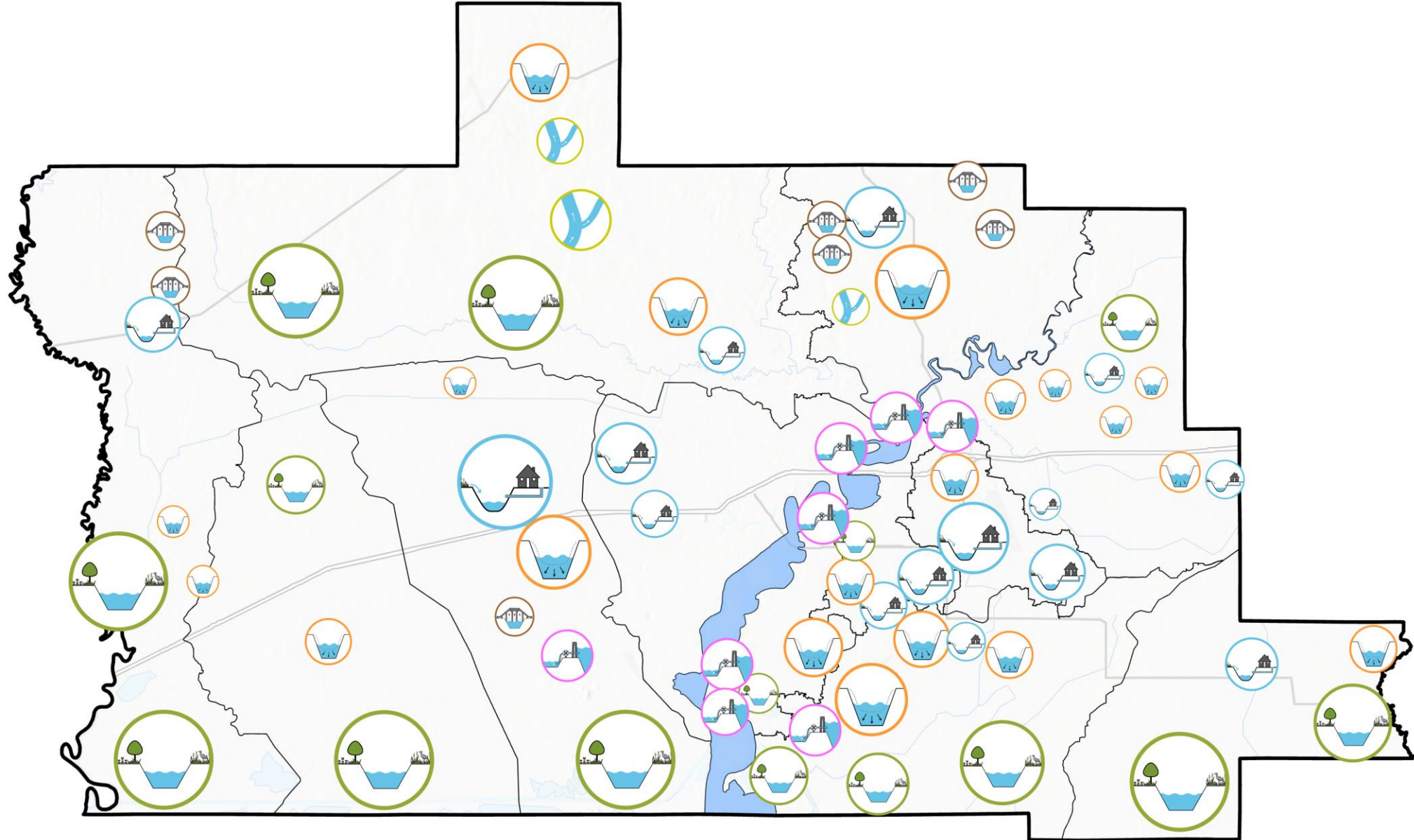
**ROADWAY ELEVATION**



**FLOODPLAIN PRESERVATION**



**FLOW DIVERSION**



# PROJECT EVALUATION PROCESS



## PHASE 1



**PROJECT  
SCREENING AND  
PRELIMINARY  
BCA ANALYSIS**

## PHASE 2



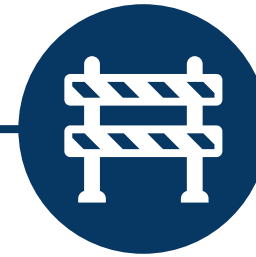
**FEASIBILITY,  
PRE-DESIGN  
AND FULL BCA  
ANALYSIS**

## PHASE 3



**ENGINEERING  
DESIGN**

## PHASE 4



**CONSTRUCTION**

**Calcasieu Parish  
Regional Watershed  
Management Study**

# PROJECT ANALYSIS DASHBOARD



**Project Details**  
**Miller Avenue**  
**Pump Station & Floodgate**  
**Cost Estimate: \$45,000,000**

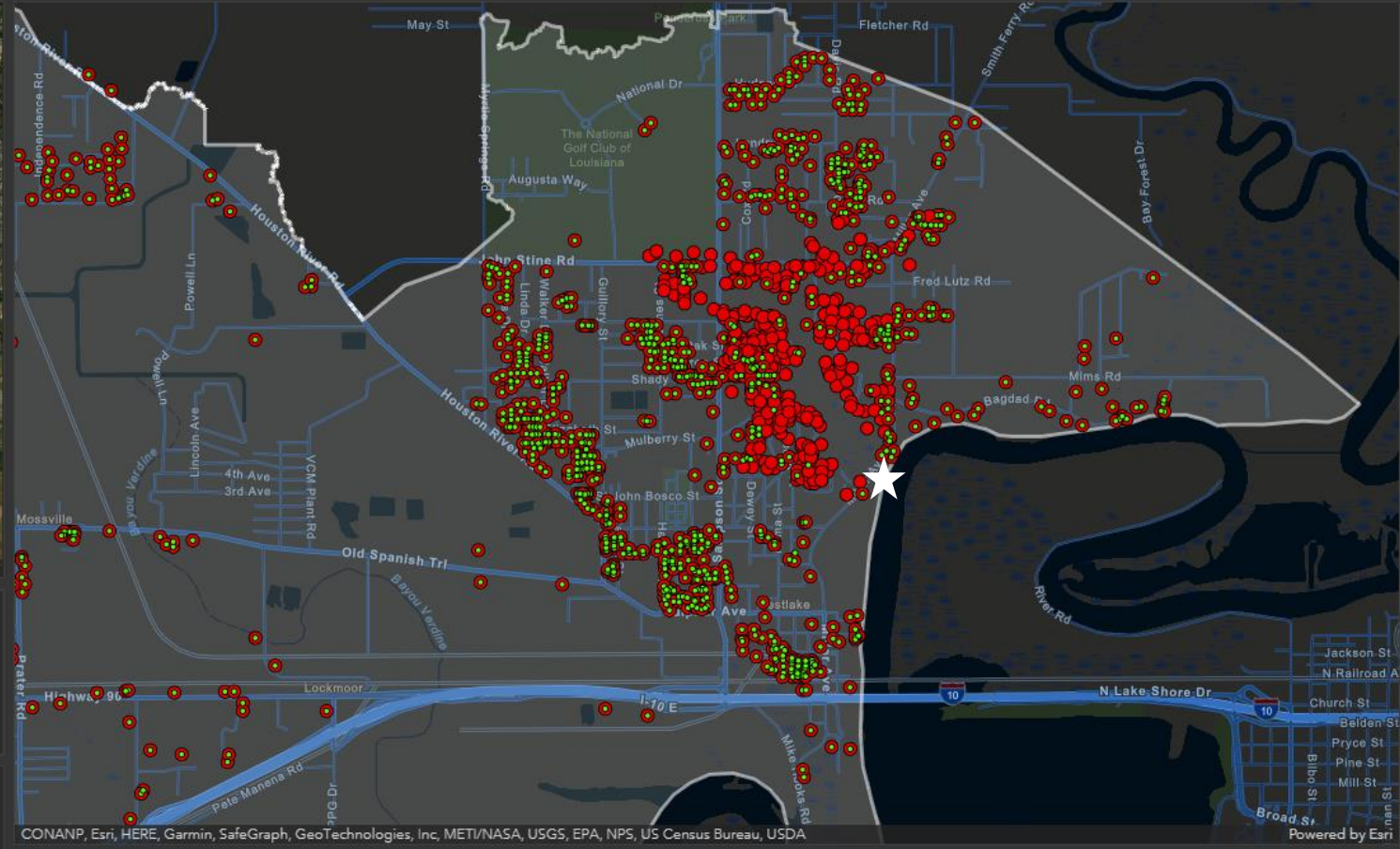
**(PRE)**  
**Damage Cost**  
**\$696,000,000**

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**(POST)**  
**Damage Cost**  
**\$577,000,000**

**Reduction in Damages**  
**\$119,000,000**

Dollar Value (\$)

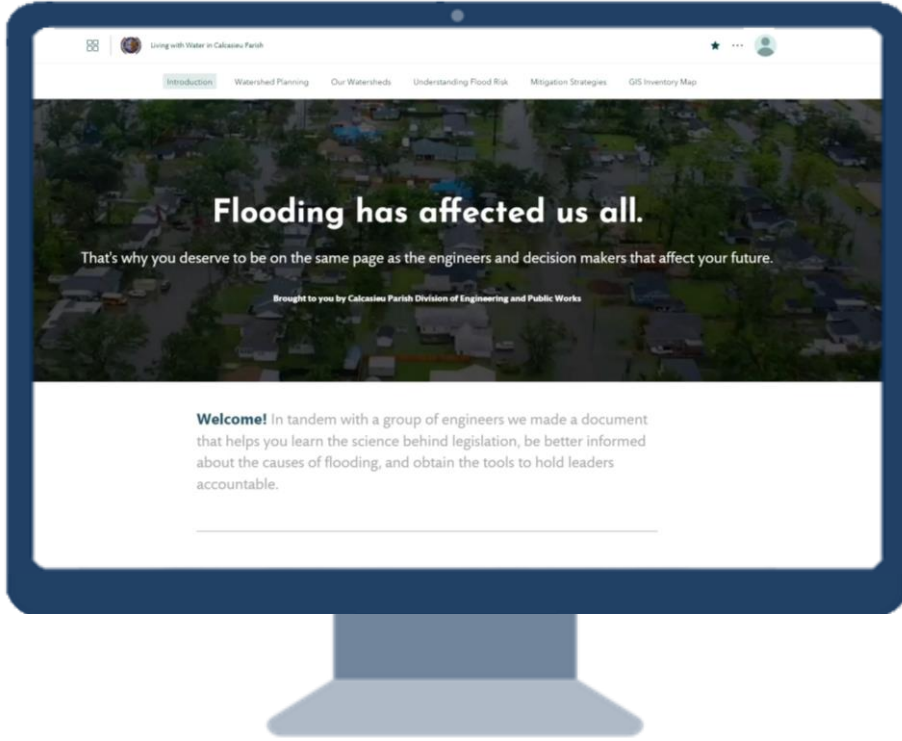


Existing Conditions (PRE)			With Project (POST)		
Damage Cost	Acres Flooded	Flooded Structures	Damage Cost	Acres Flooded	Flooded Structures
\$696,000,000	30,480	8,660	\$577,000,000	30,270	8,350

# SUMMARY



# IMPLEMENTATION



## PROJECT STORY MAP



## WEBINAR SERIES



# NEXT STEPS



**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
2022**

**Analyze  
Projects  
& BCA  
Screening**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
2022**

**Project &  
Program  
Selection**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
2023**

**Present to  
Police Jury**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
2023**

**Submit  
Watershed  
Management  
Plan**





# Thank You

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Questions?

