



SEA LEVEL RISE IN TAMPA BAY: BUILDING TOWARD AN ADAPTIVE FUTURE

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CITY OF TAMPA LAND REGULATORY RESPONSE TO SEA-LEVEL RISE FINAL REPORT

TASK 6, REPORT #7: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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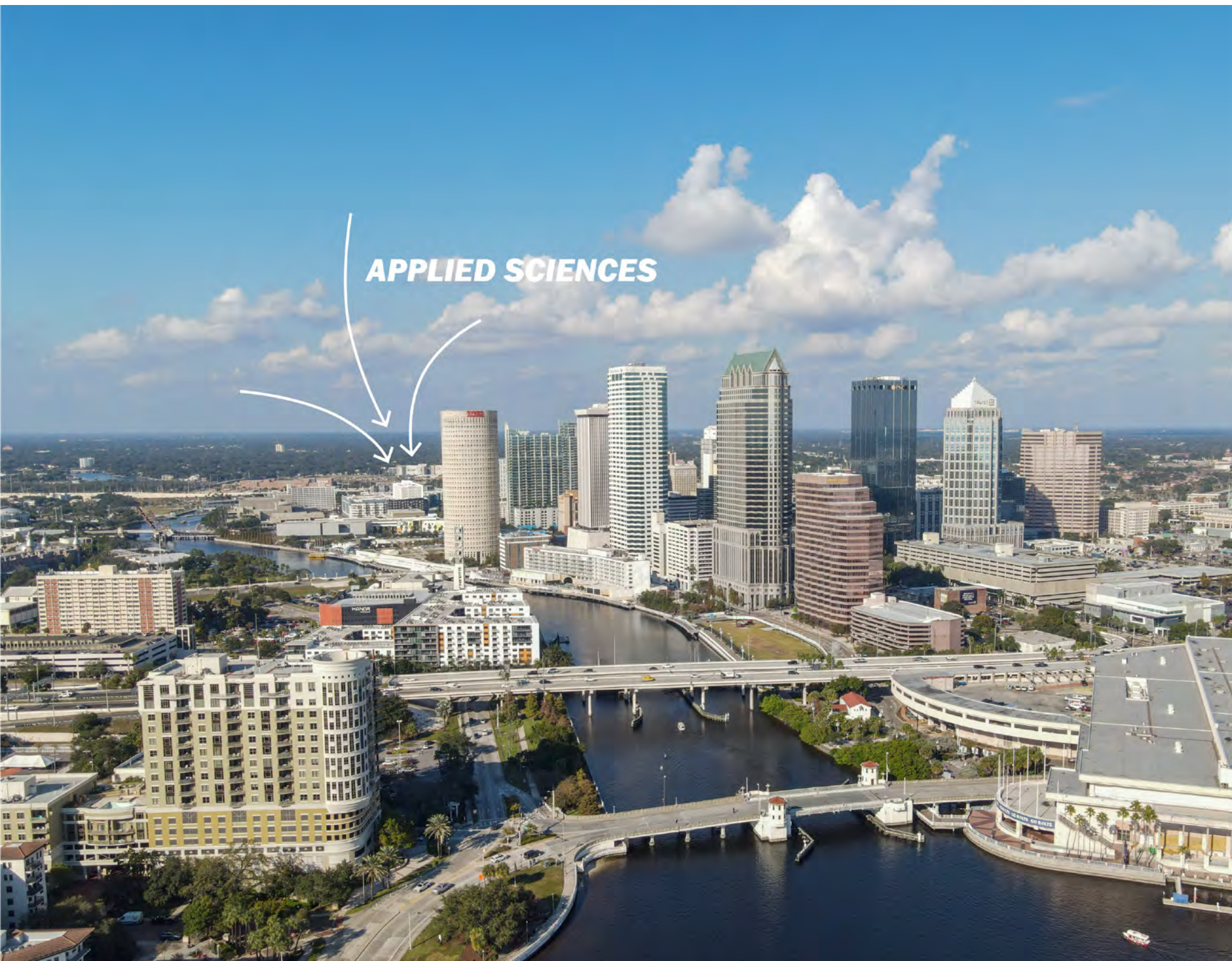


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The Hillsborough County Community Vulnerability Study
City of Tampa Regulatory Approach to Sea Level Rise
City of Tampa Climate Action and Equity Plan
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Palmetto Beach Living Coastline and Community Engagement
Eckerd College Sea Level Rise Resilience Master Plan
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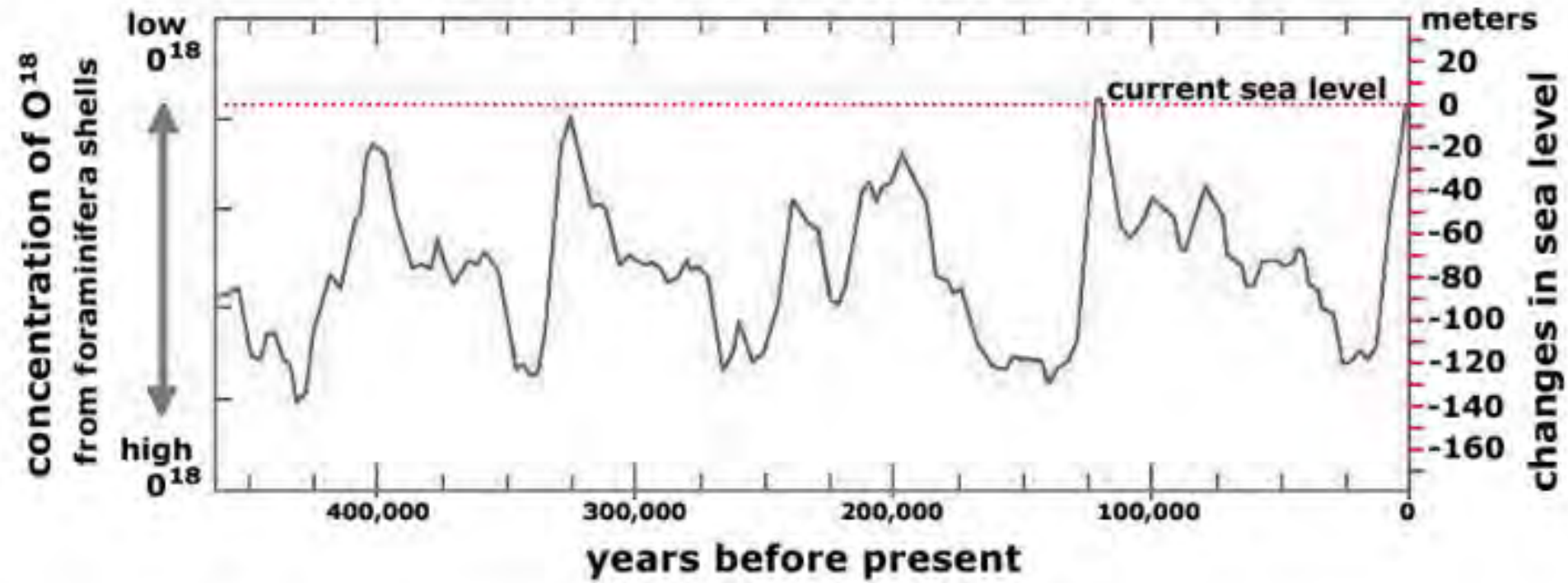
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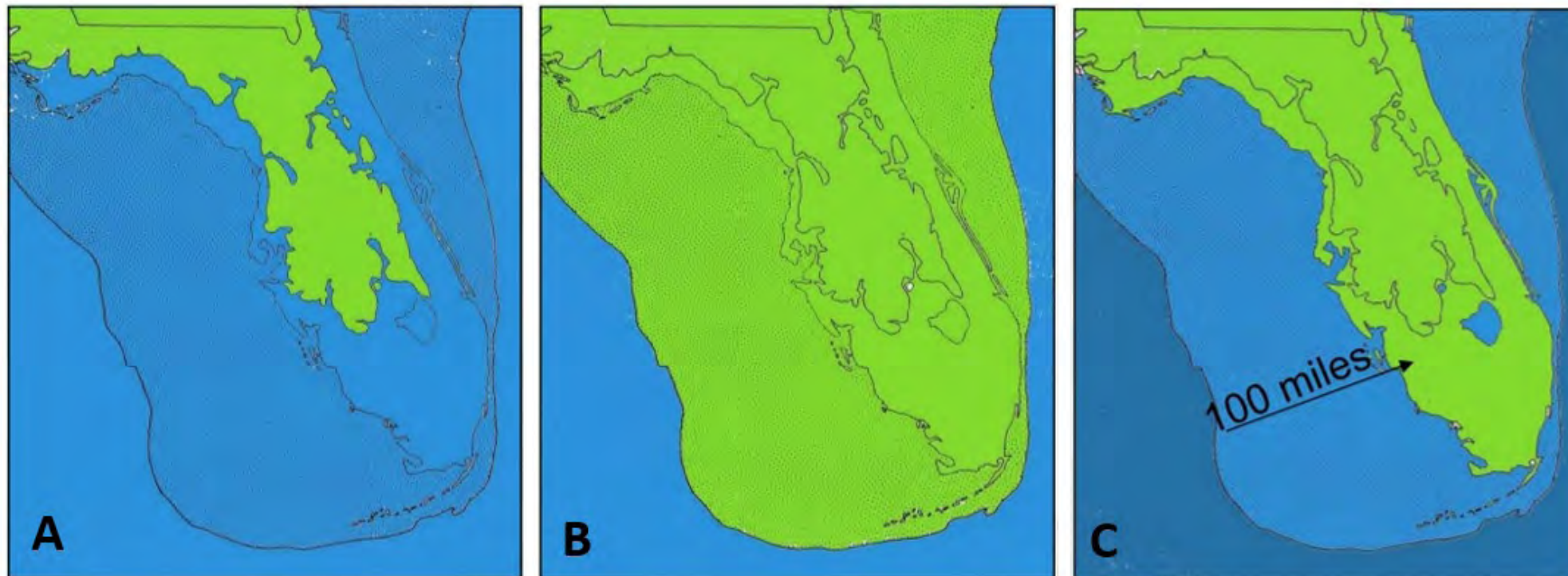
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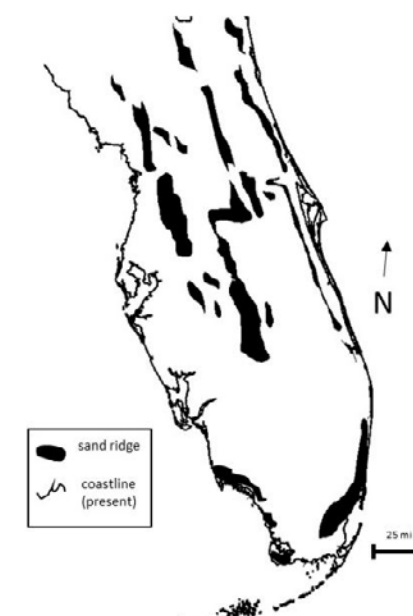
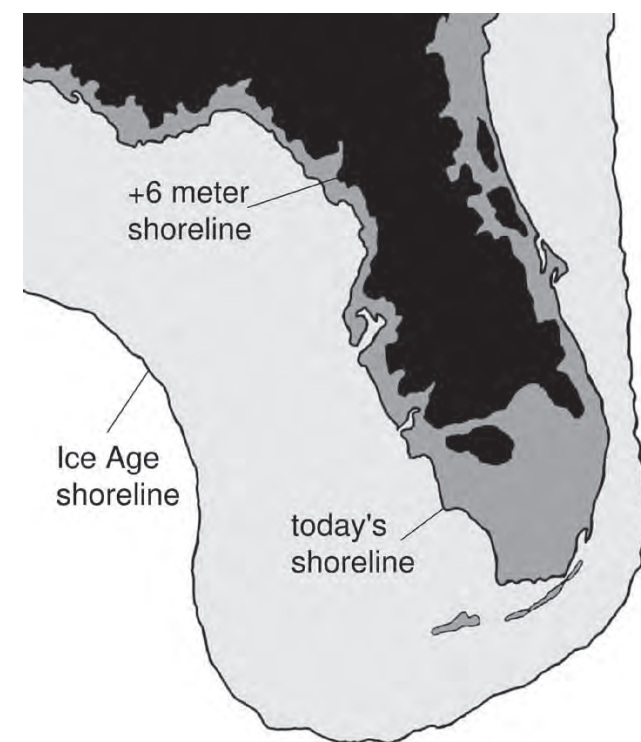
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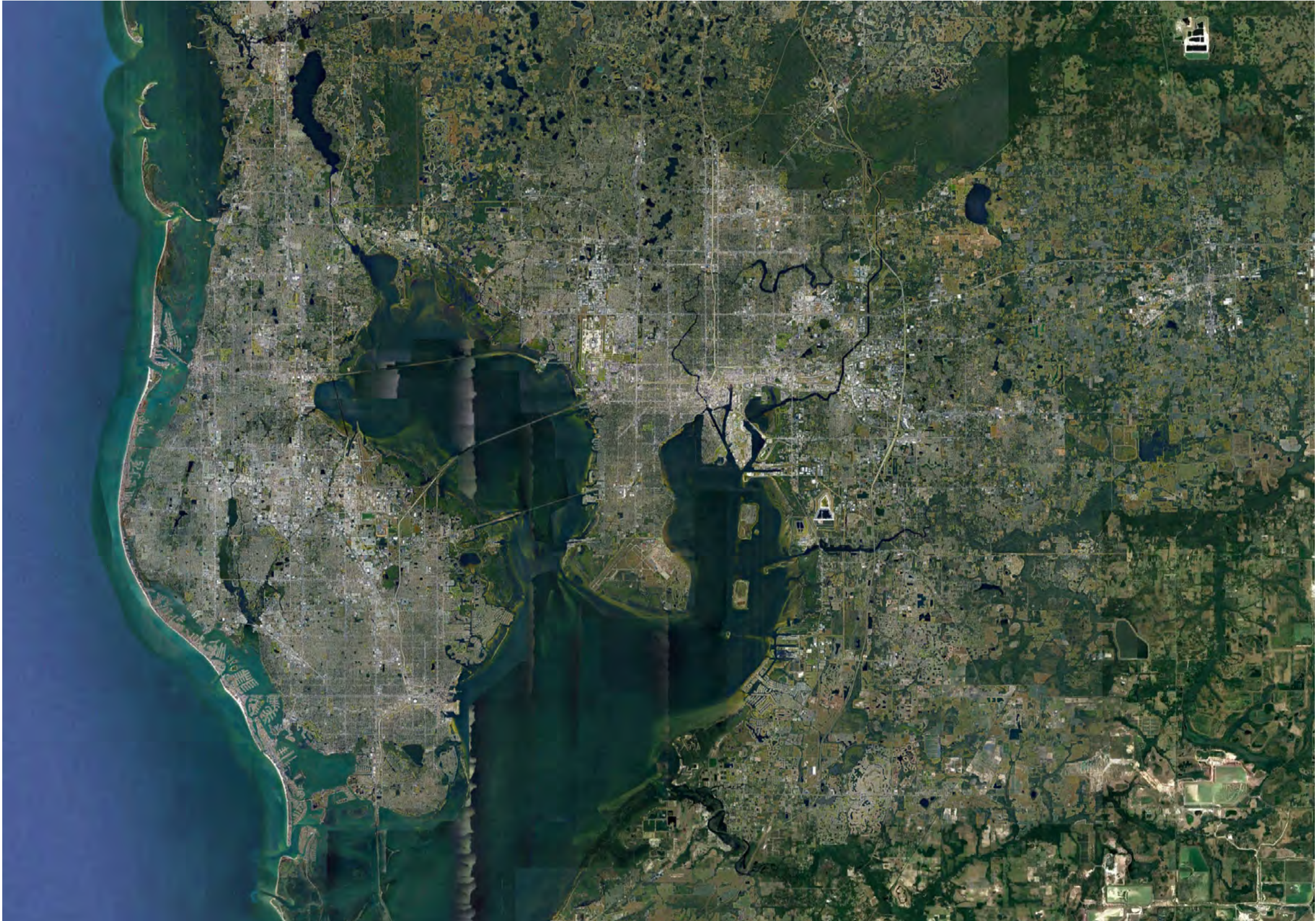


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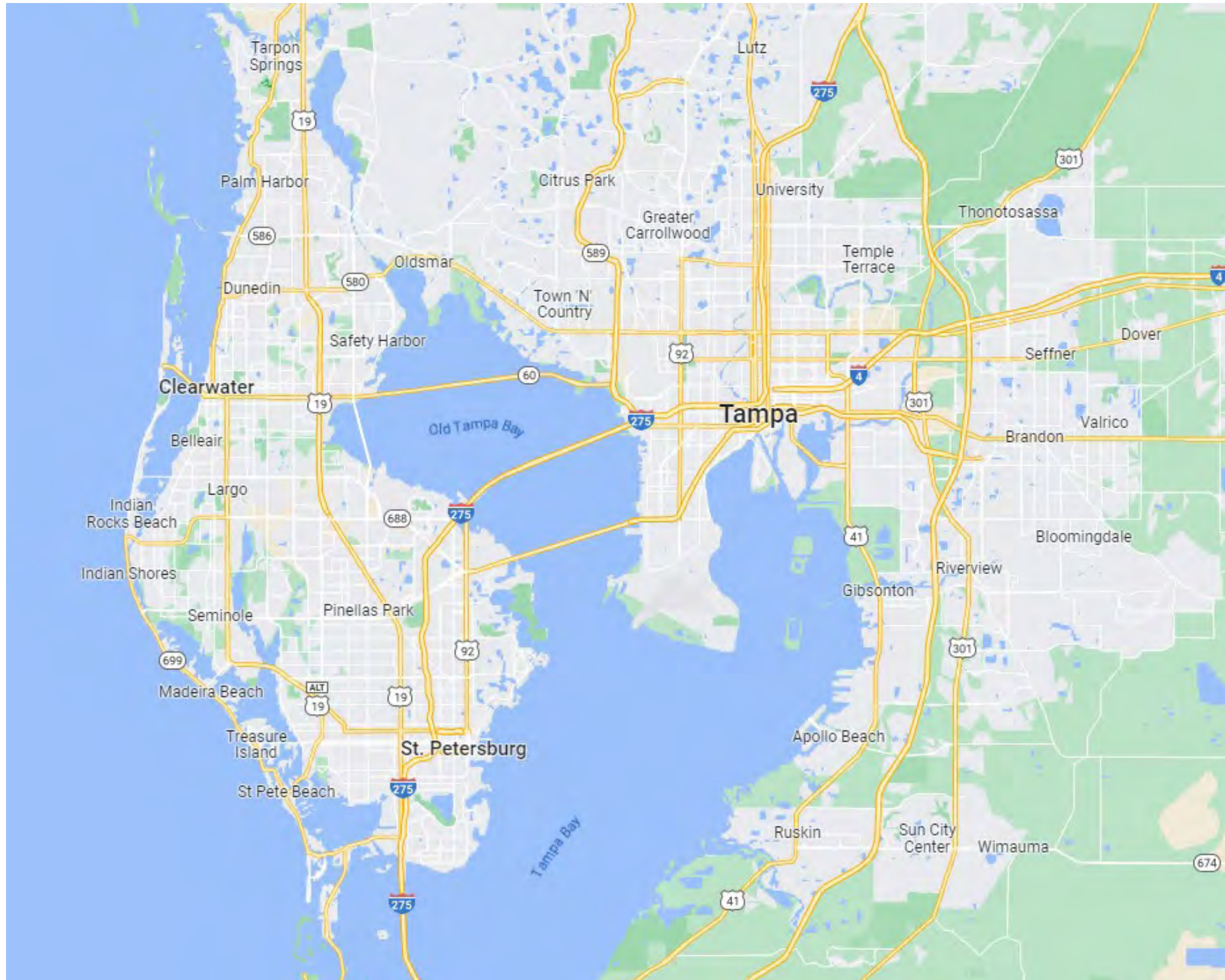


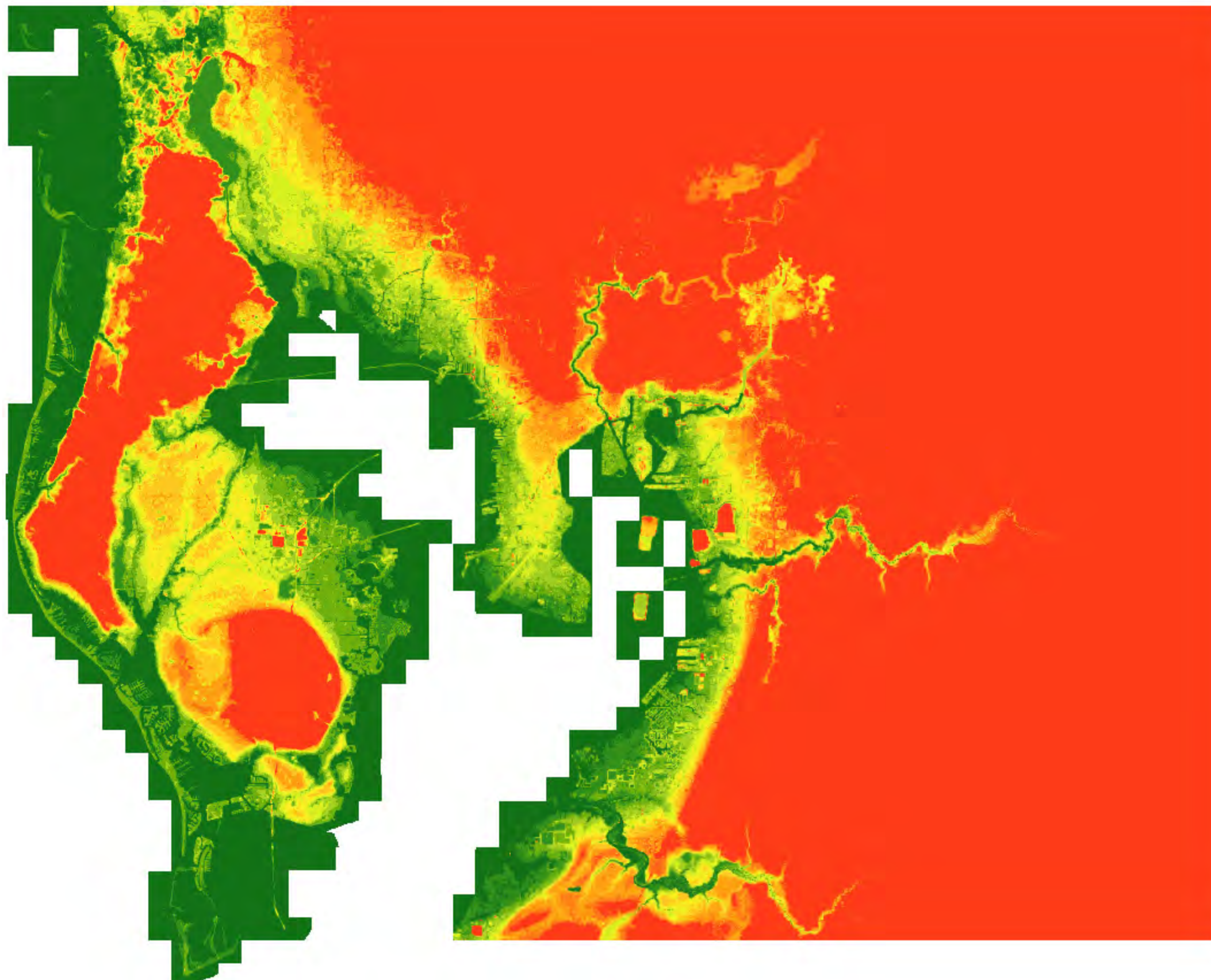


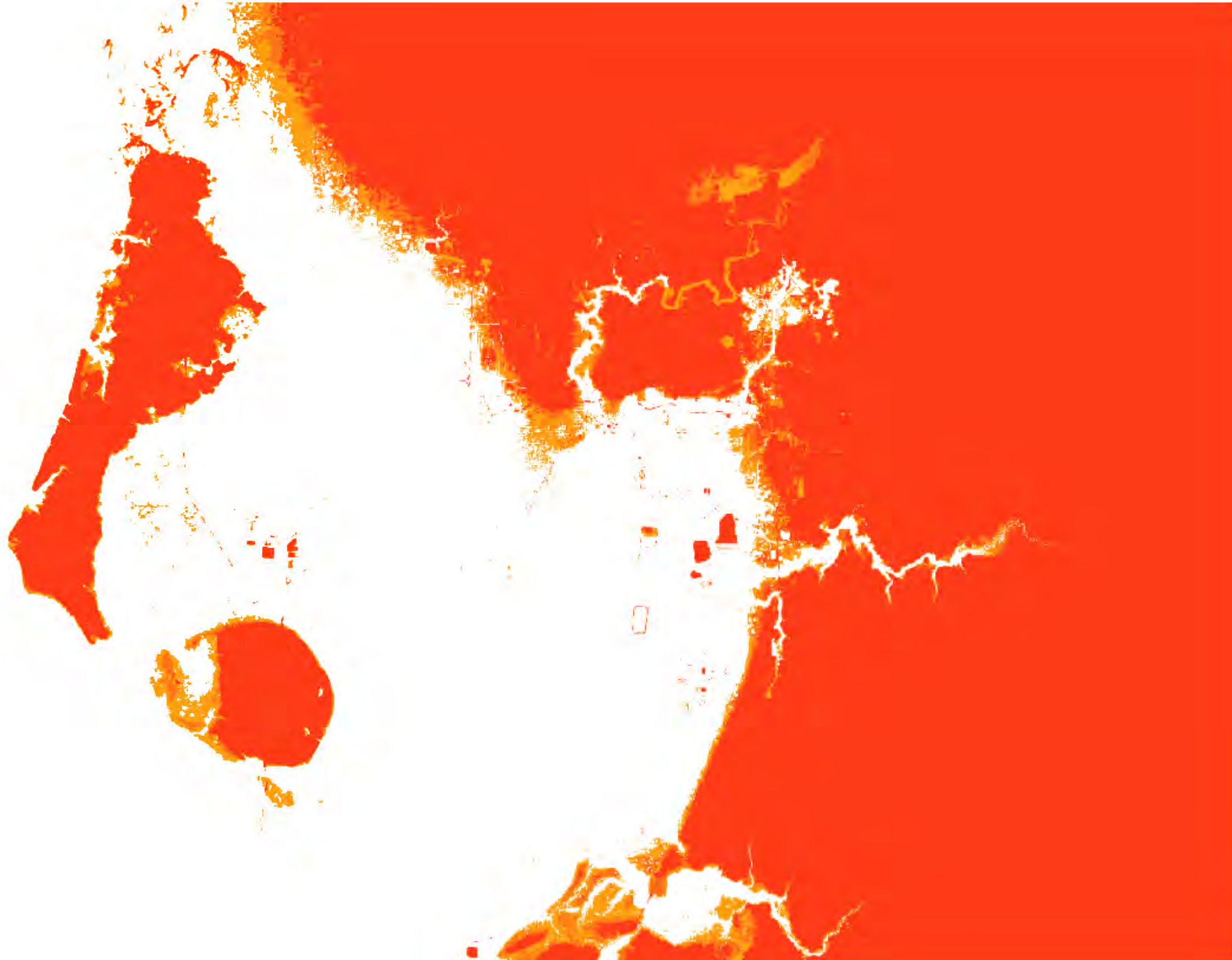




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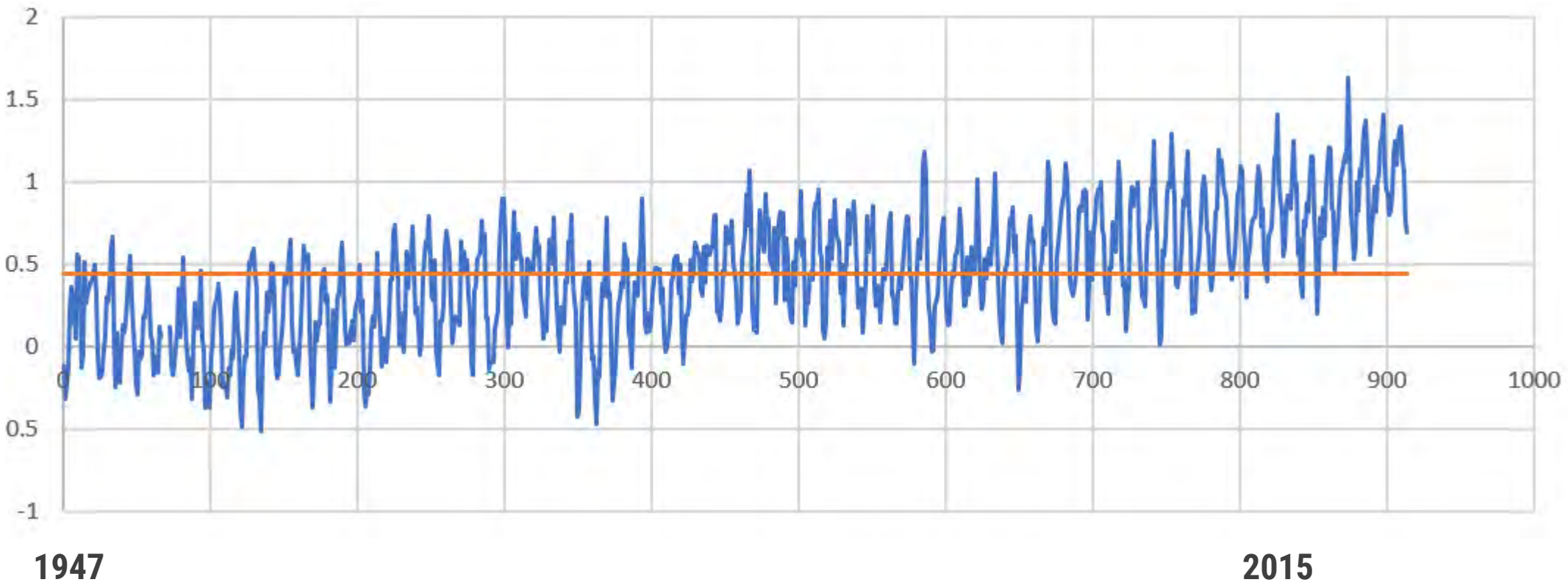






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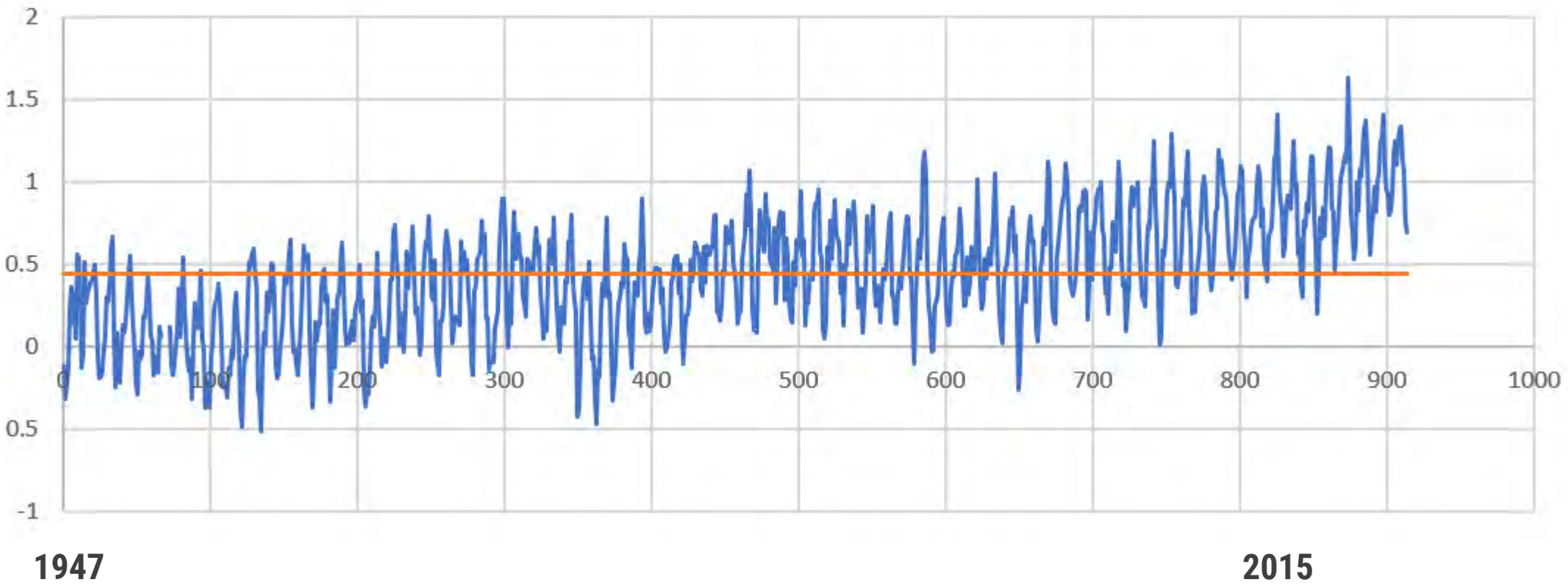
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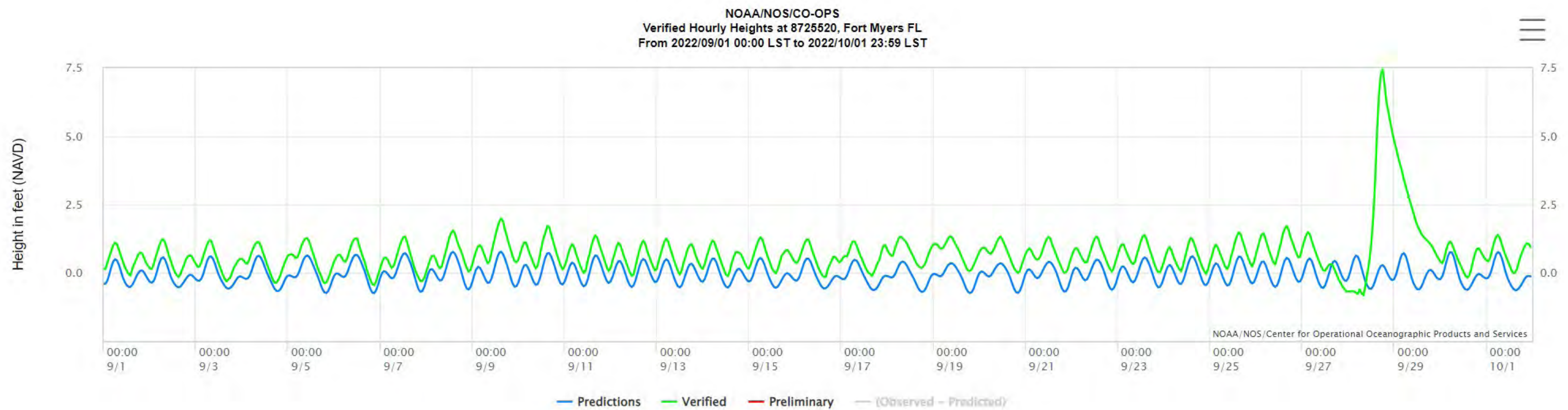
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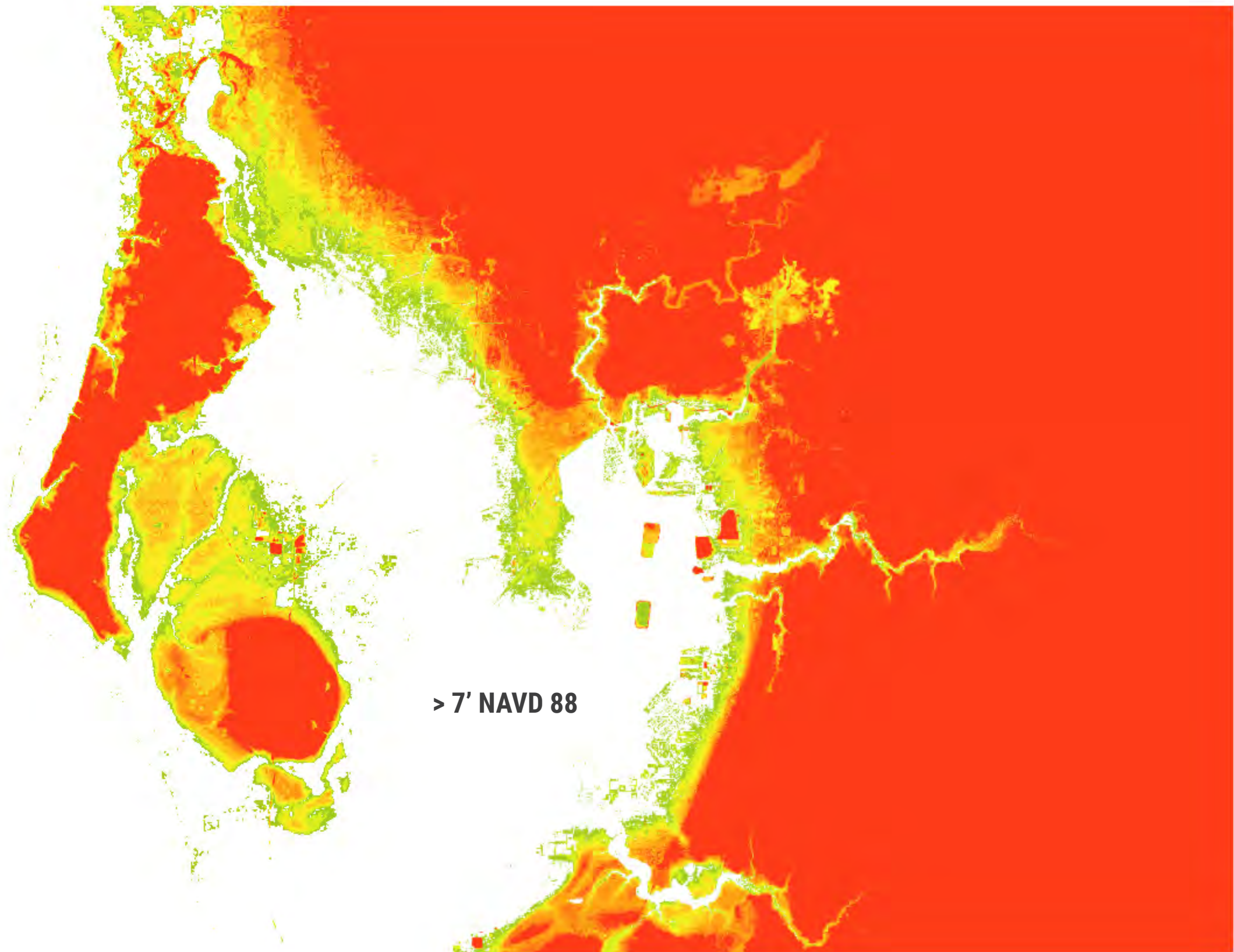
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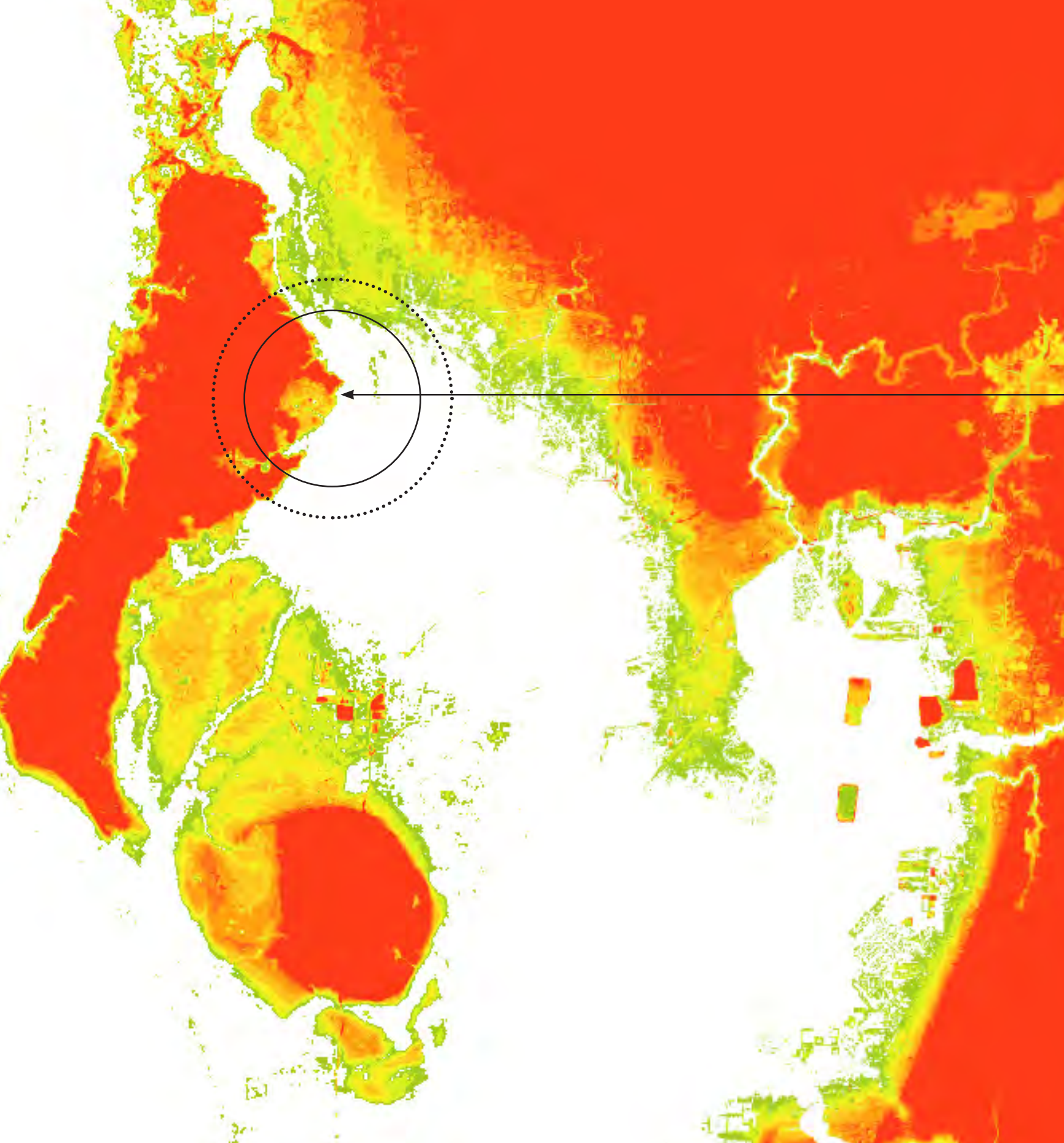


Hurricane Ian, Fort Myers Downtown



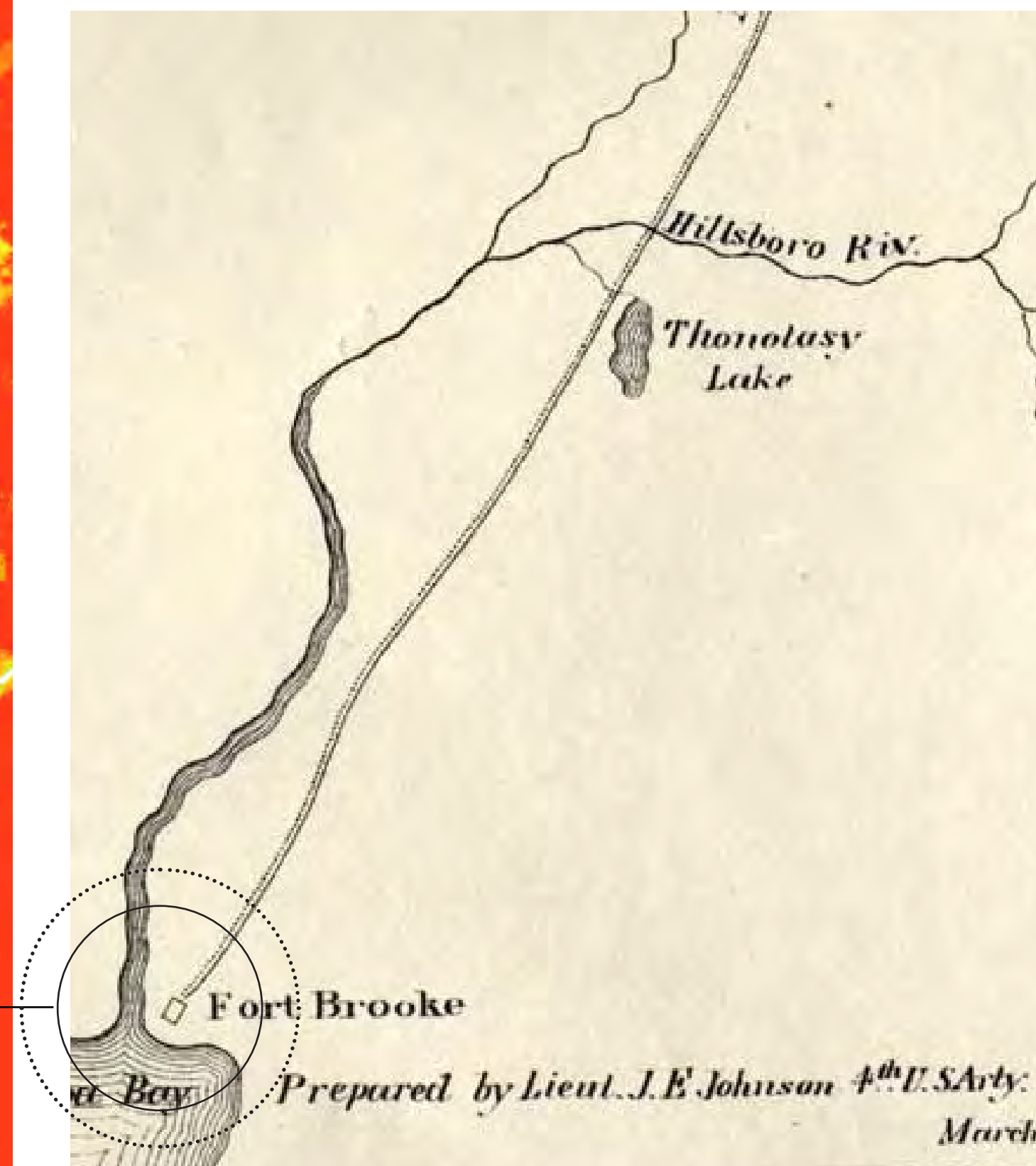
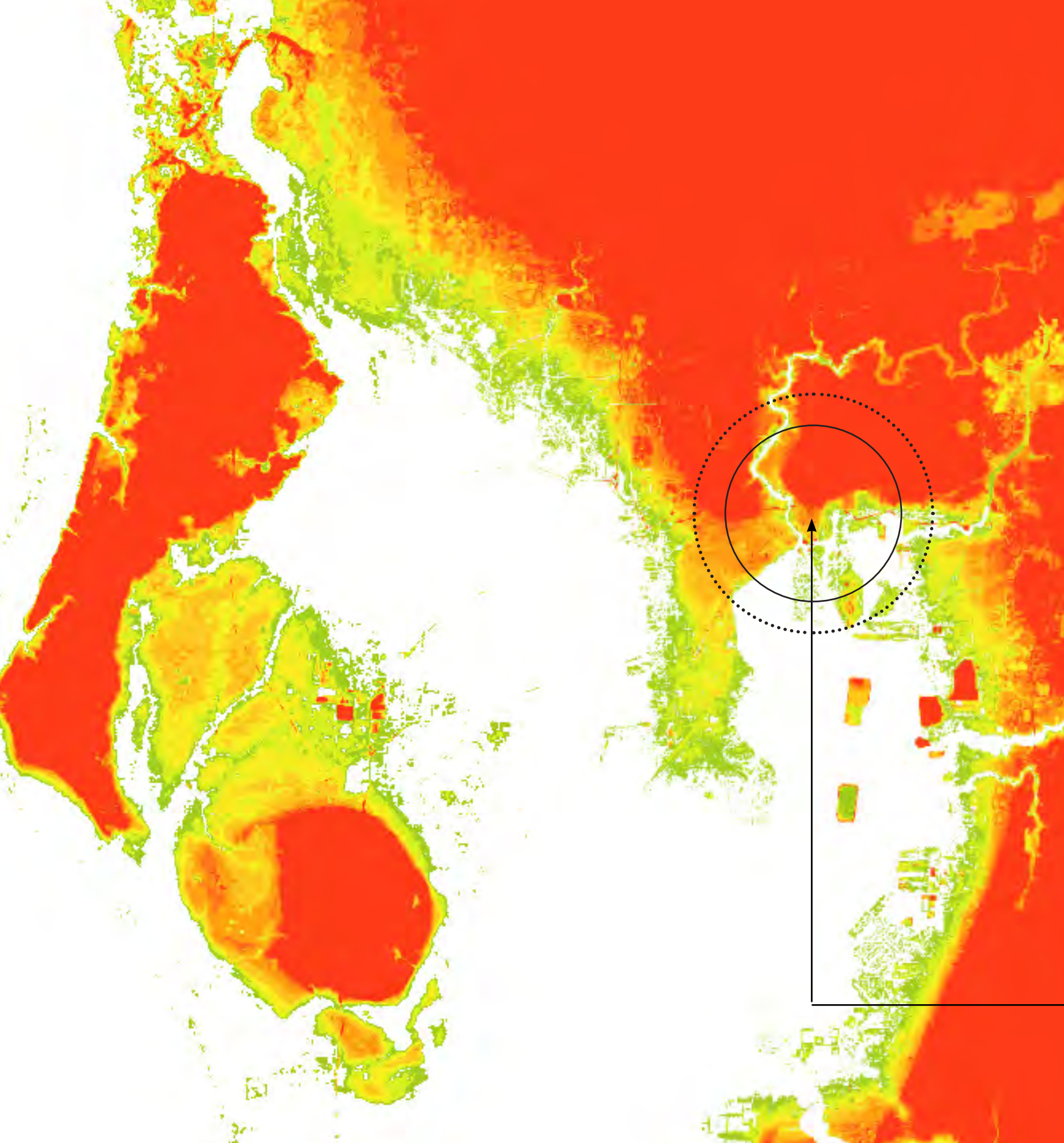
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**900 TO 1500(S):
TOCOBAGA INDIAN SETTLEMENT IN SAFETY HARBOR**

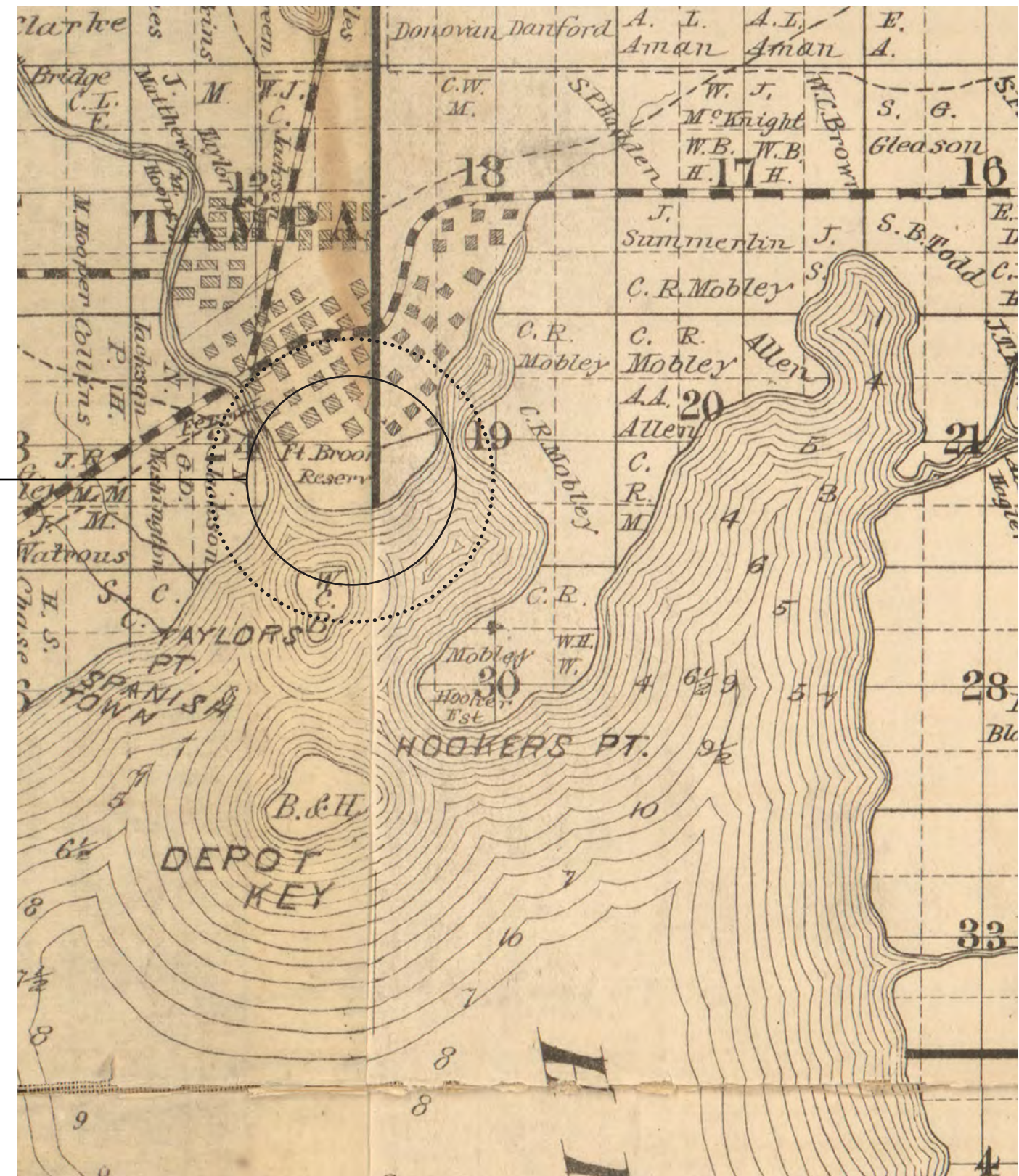
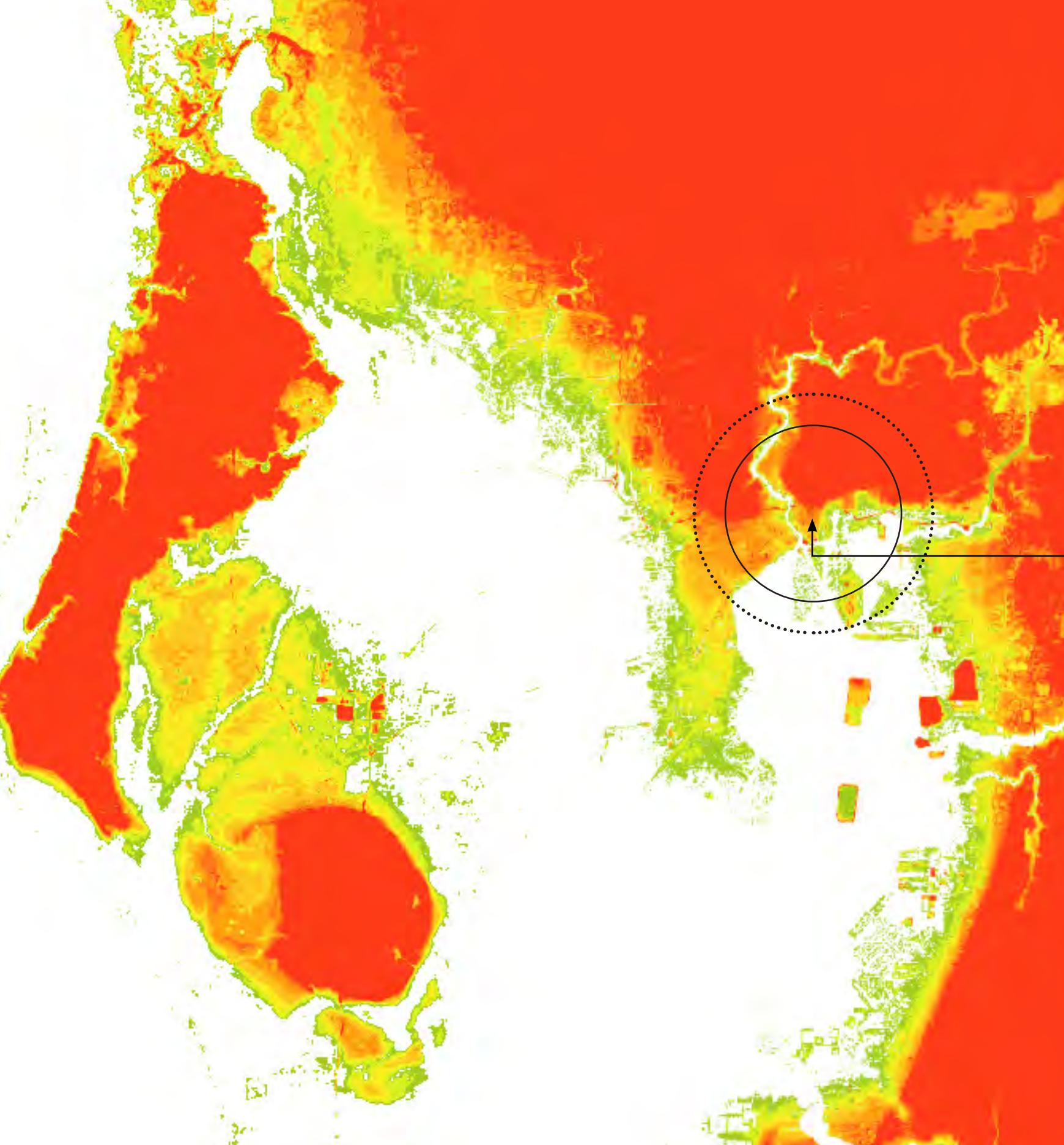
*Source: Florida Center for Instructional Technology. (2002).
Tocobaga Indians of Tampa Bay*



1835: FORT BROOKE

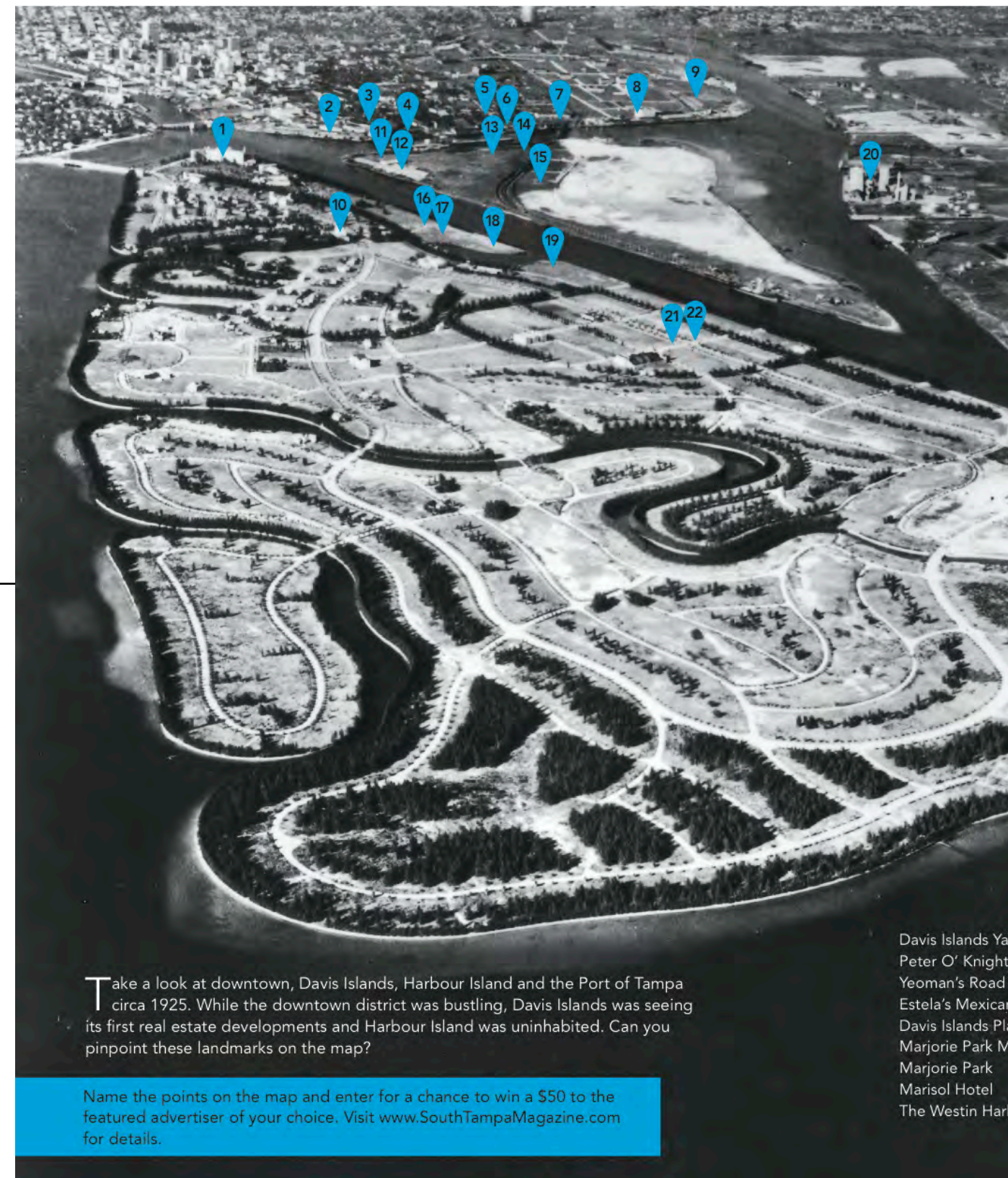
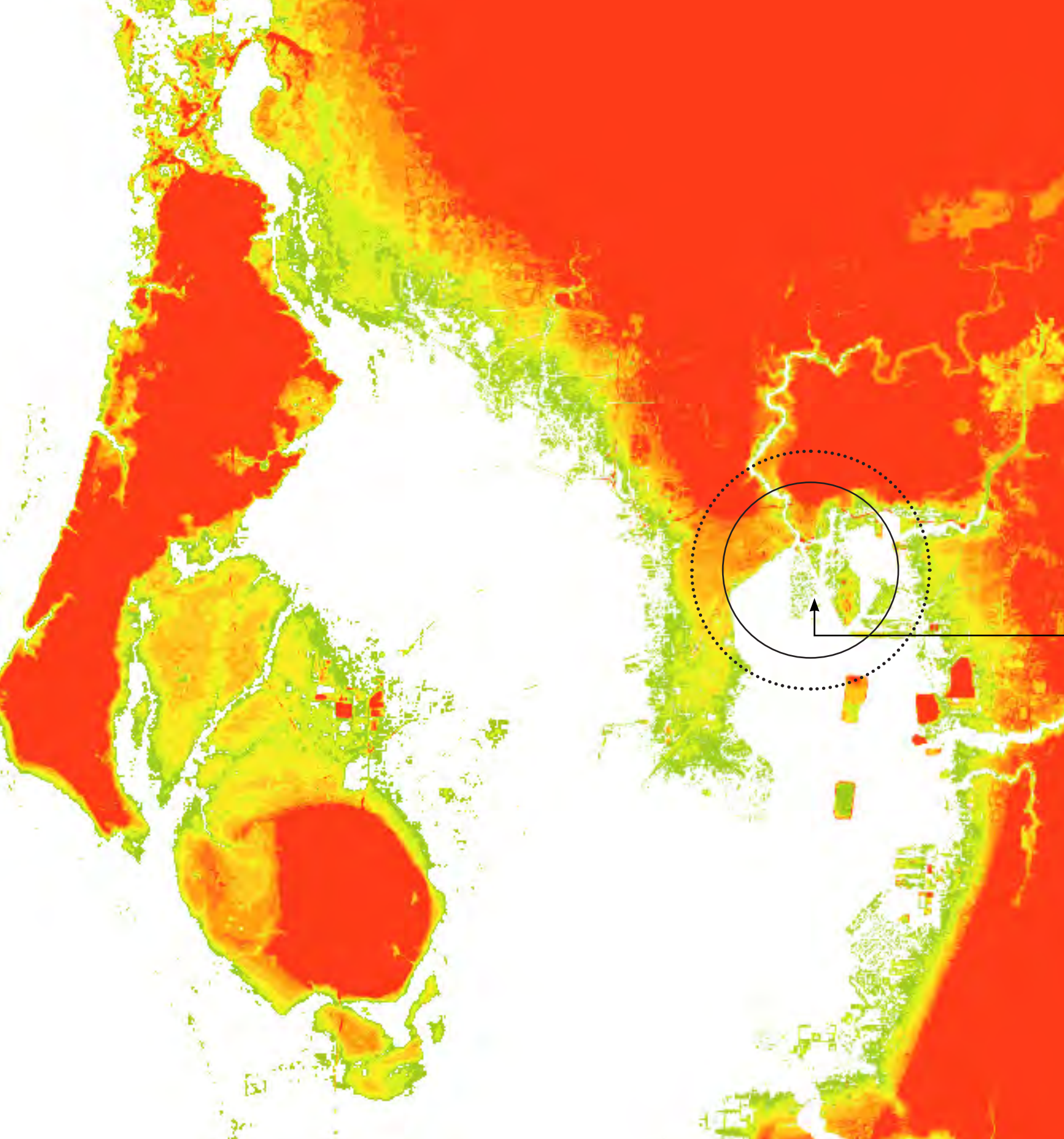
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Detail Map of Major Dade Battle Ground: Fort Brooke.

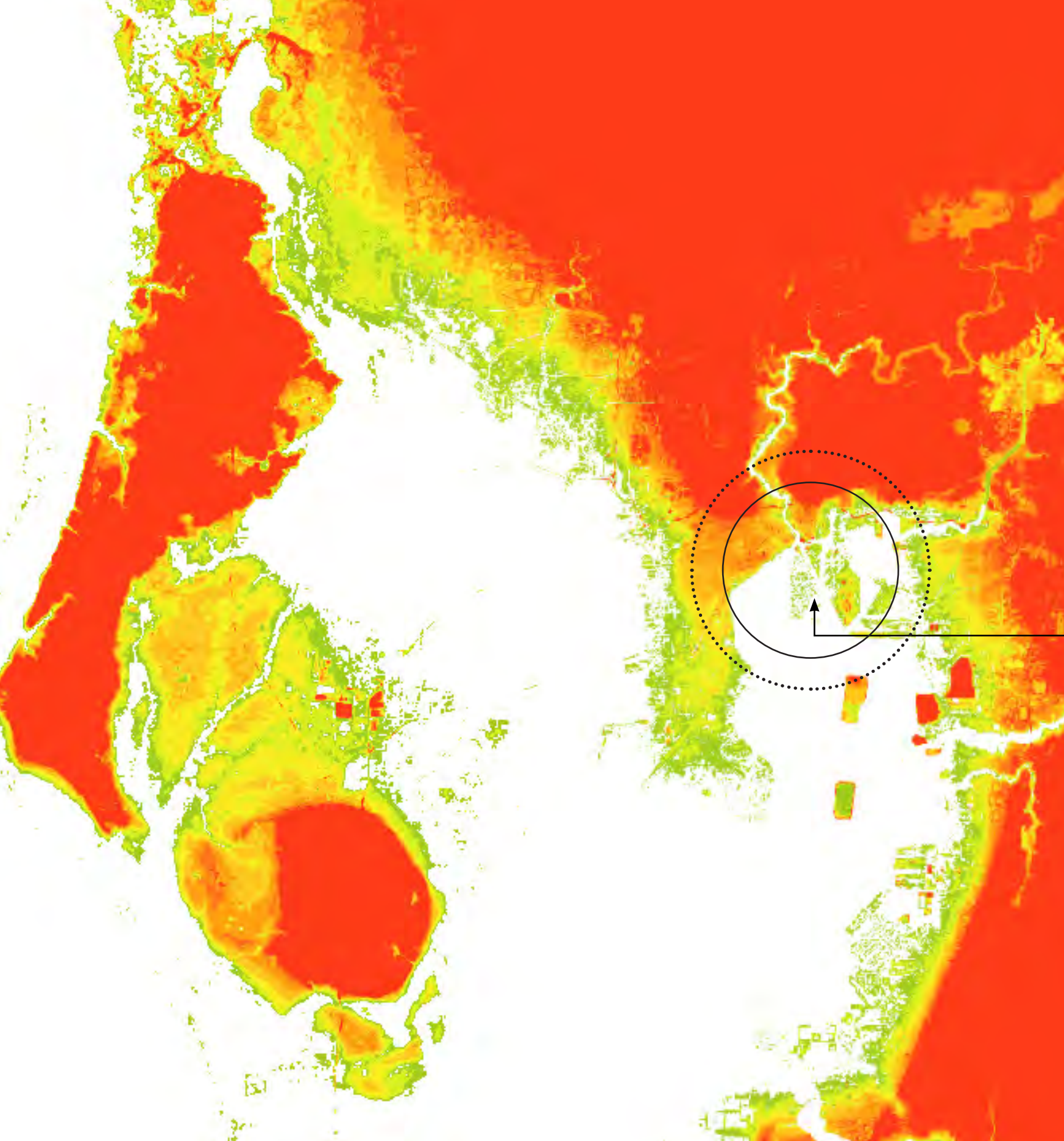


1882: HILLSBOROUGH BAY

Source: Florida Land And Improvement Co, Bourquin, F. & Treveres, J. J. (1882)
Map of Hillsborough County, Florida.



1920'S: DAVIS ISLANDS



DAVIS ISLANDS TODAY

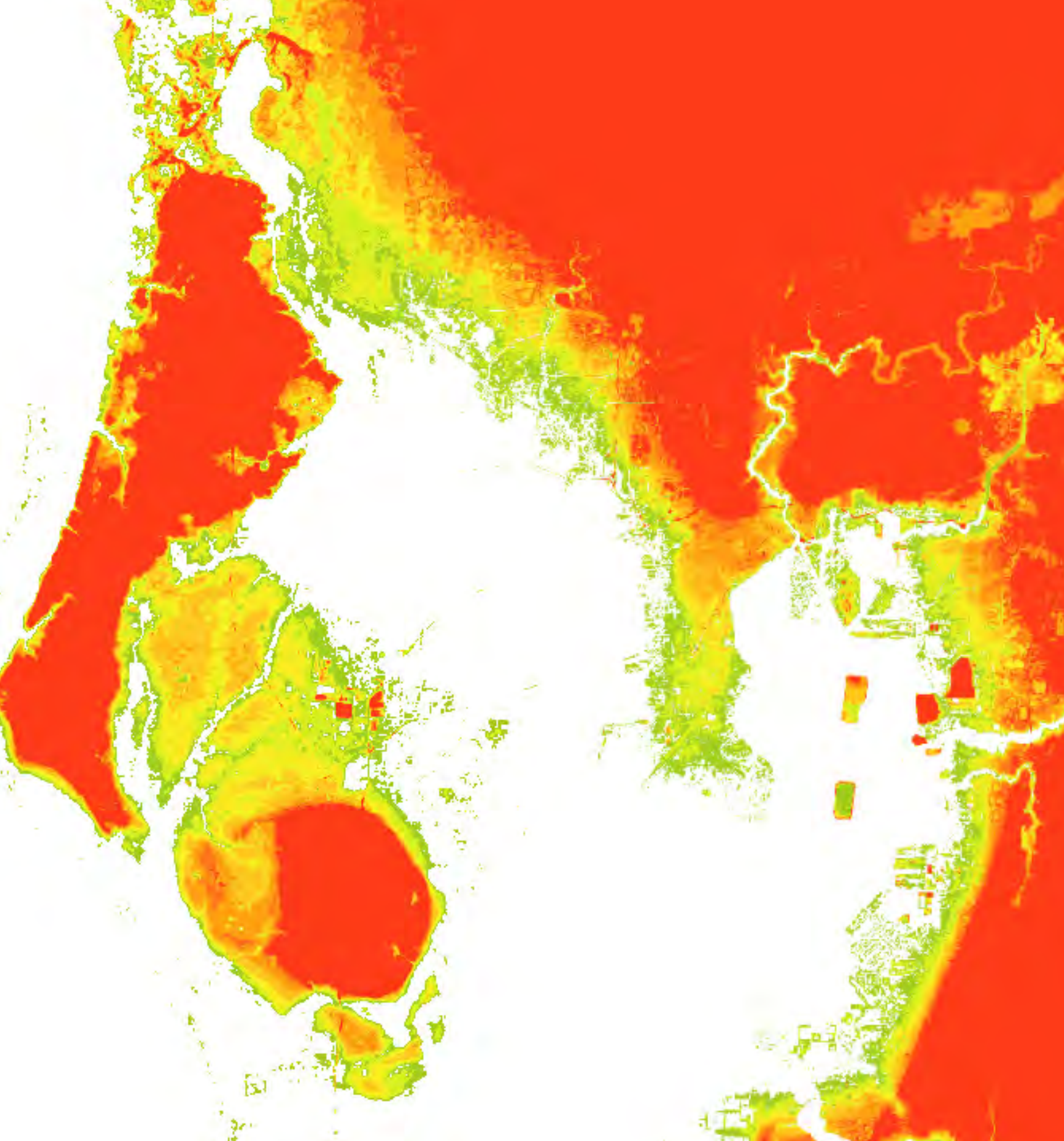
A scene from the movie Top Gun. Maverick (Tom Cruise) and Ice Man (Anthony Edwards) are in a locker room. Ice Man is on the right, facing Maverick, with his fist raised in a confrontational gesture. Maverick is in the center, looking at Ice Man. Another pilot is visible in the background on the left, looking on. The scene is set in a locker room with lockers and equipment visible.

Maverick, it's not your flying, it's your attitude. The enemy's dangerous, but right now you're worse. Dangerous and foolish.
- Ice Man



BUTLER ACT OF 1921

ALLOWED LAND OWNERS TO "OBTAIN TITLE TO SUBMERGED LANDS ADJACENT TO THEIR UPLANDS BY BULKHEADING, FILLING OR PERMANENTLY IMPROVING SUBMERGED LANDS." (STEINMEYER, 1999)



PRESENT DAY

Source: Google Earth

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Every Coastal Home Is Now a Stick of Dynamite

Wealthy homeowners will escape flooding. The middle class can't.

By Jake Bittle



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Perils of Climate Change Could Swamp Coastal Real Estate

Homeowners are slowly growing wary of buying property in the areas most at risk, setting up a potential economic time bomb in an industry that is struggling to adapt.

2017: \$306.2 BILLION

HURRICANE HARVEY, HOUSTON, 2017

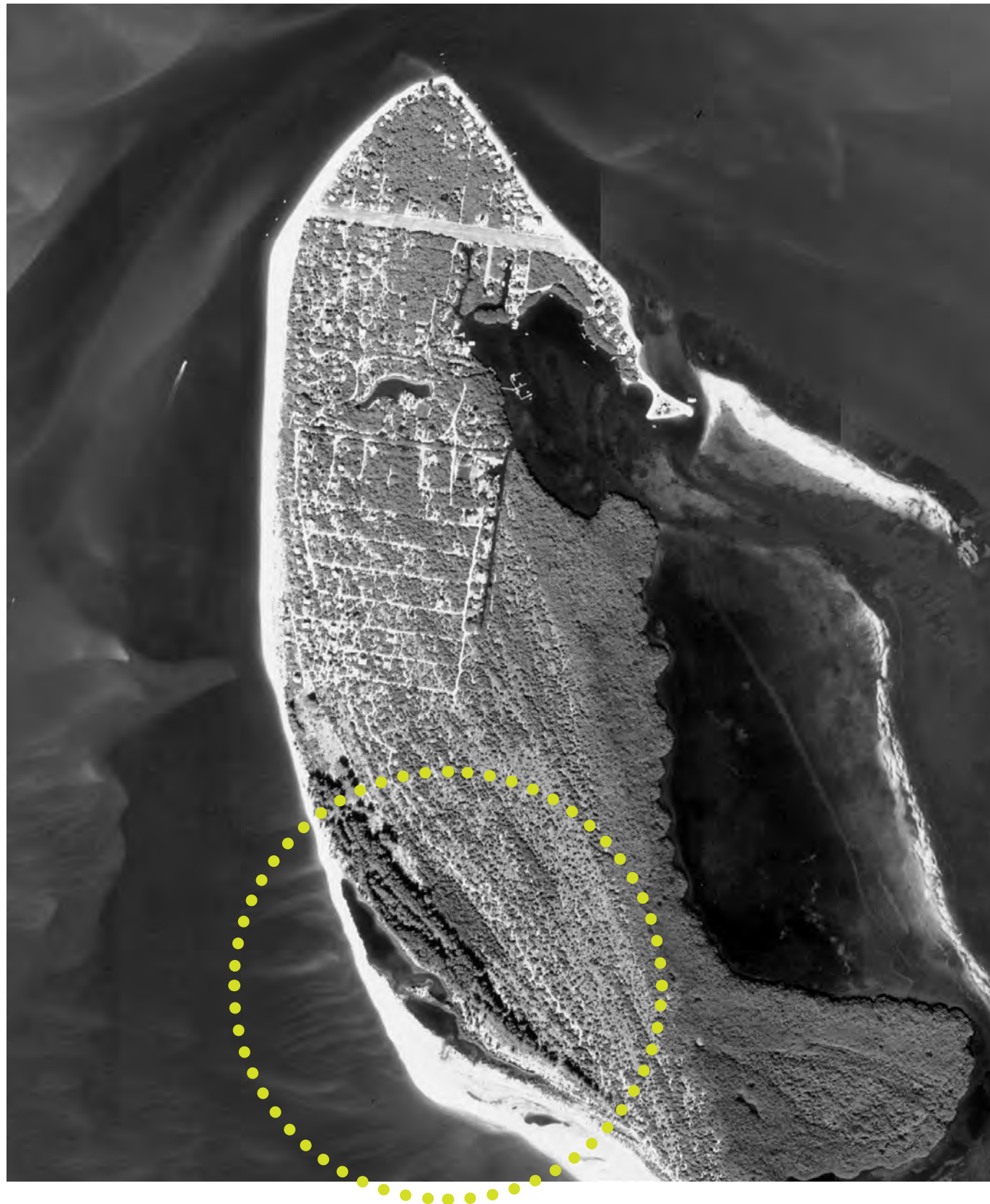
HURRICANE MICHAEL, MEXICO BEACH, 2017



**Son, your ego is writing checks your body
can't cash!**
- Stinger



NORTH CAPTIVA ISLAND // 1999



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Beds

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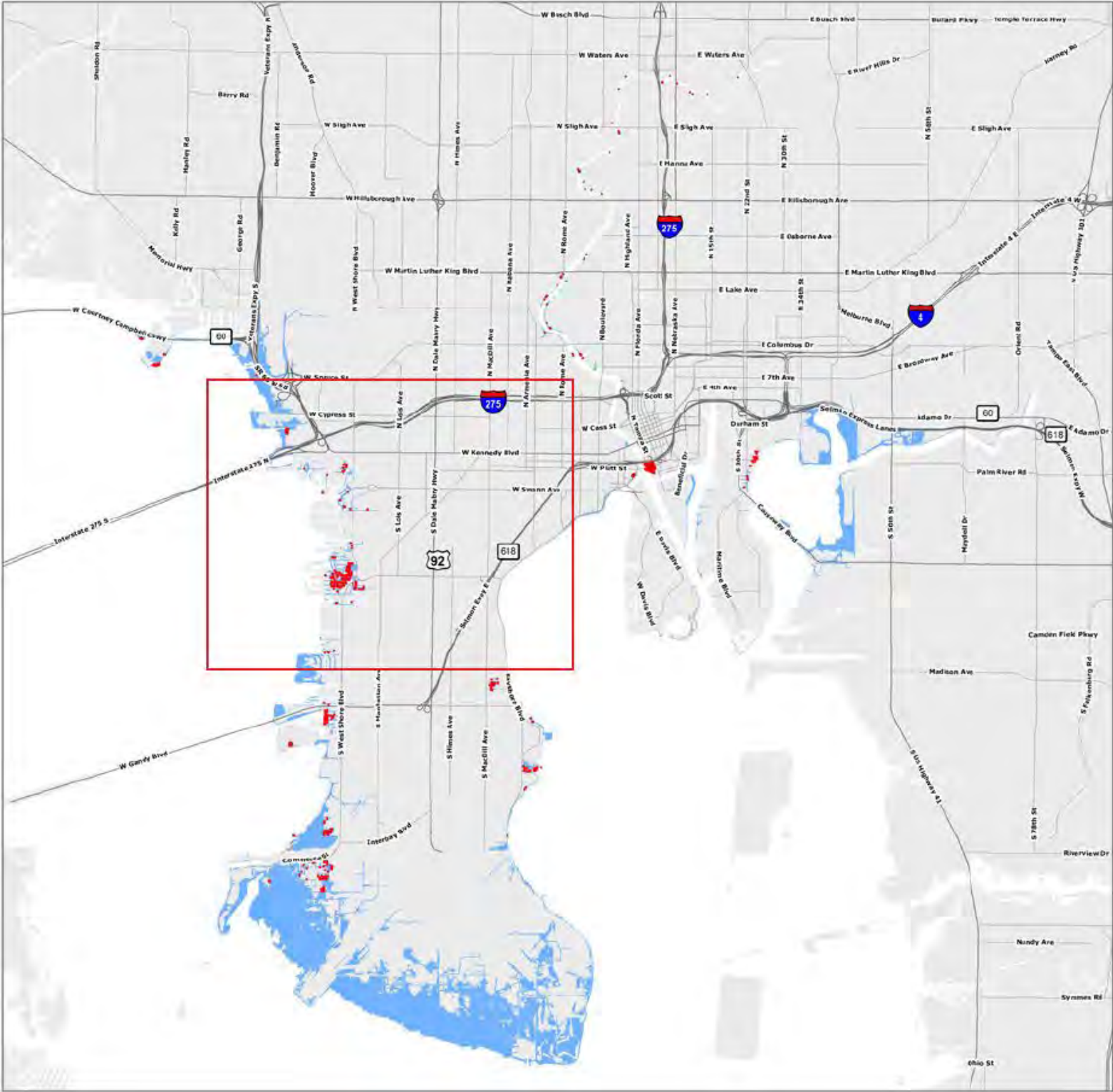
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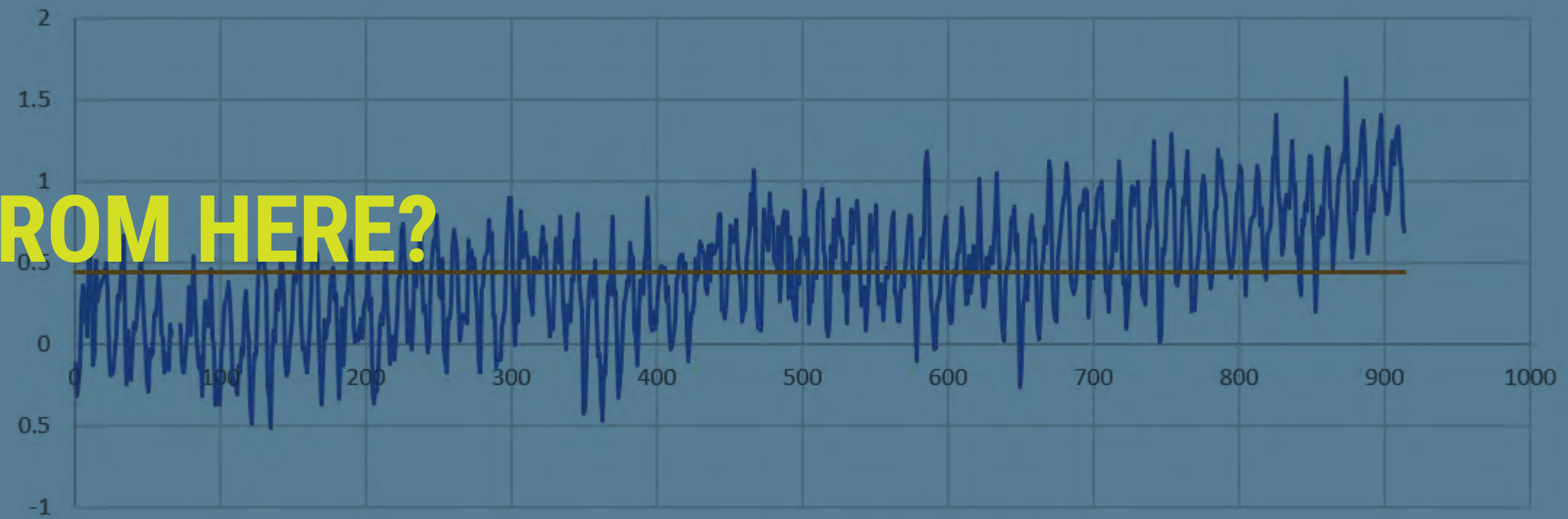
2060 HIGH / 2100 INTERMEDIATE SCENARIOS



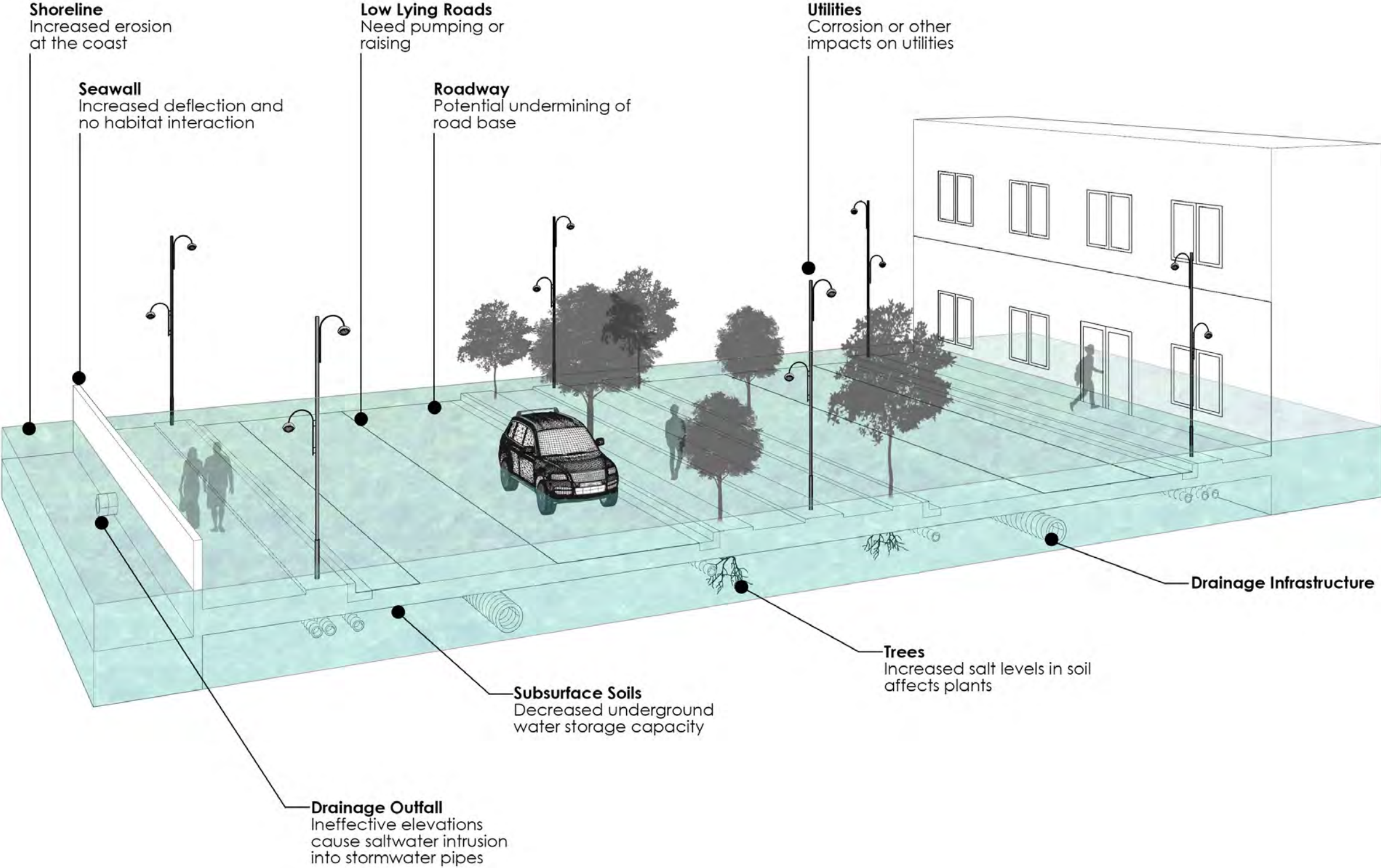




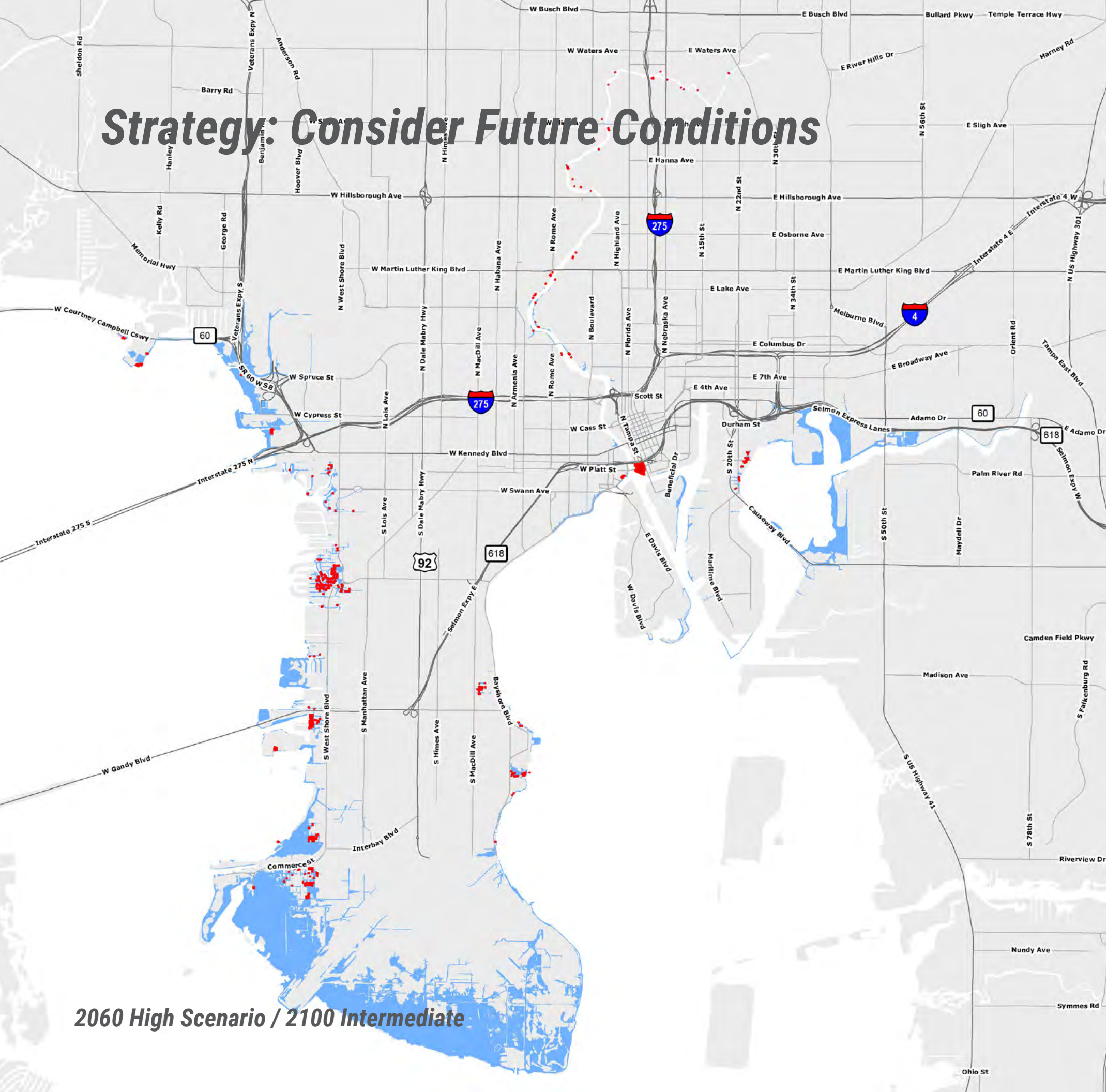
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



What are the impacts from sea level rise?



Strategy: Consider Future Conditions



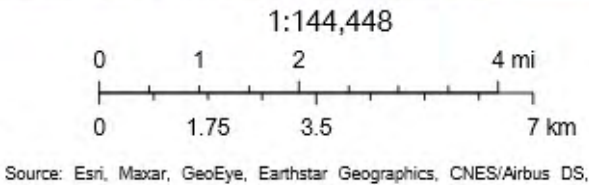
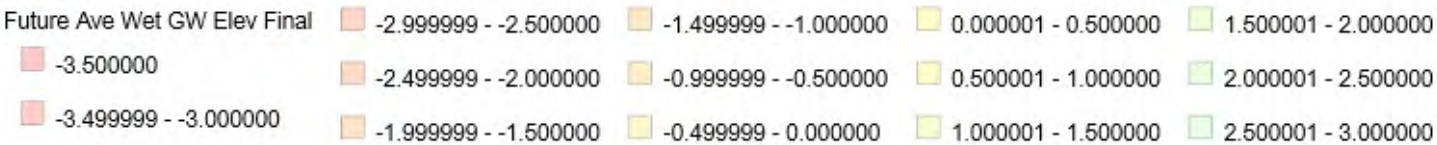
2060 High Scenario / 2100 Intermediate

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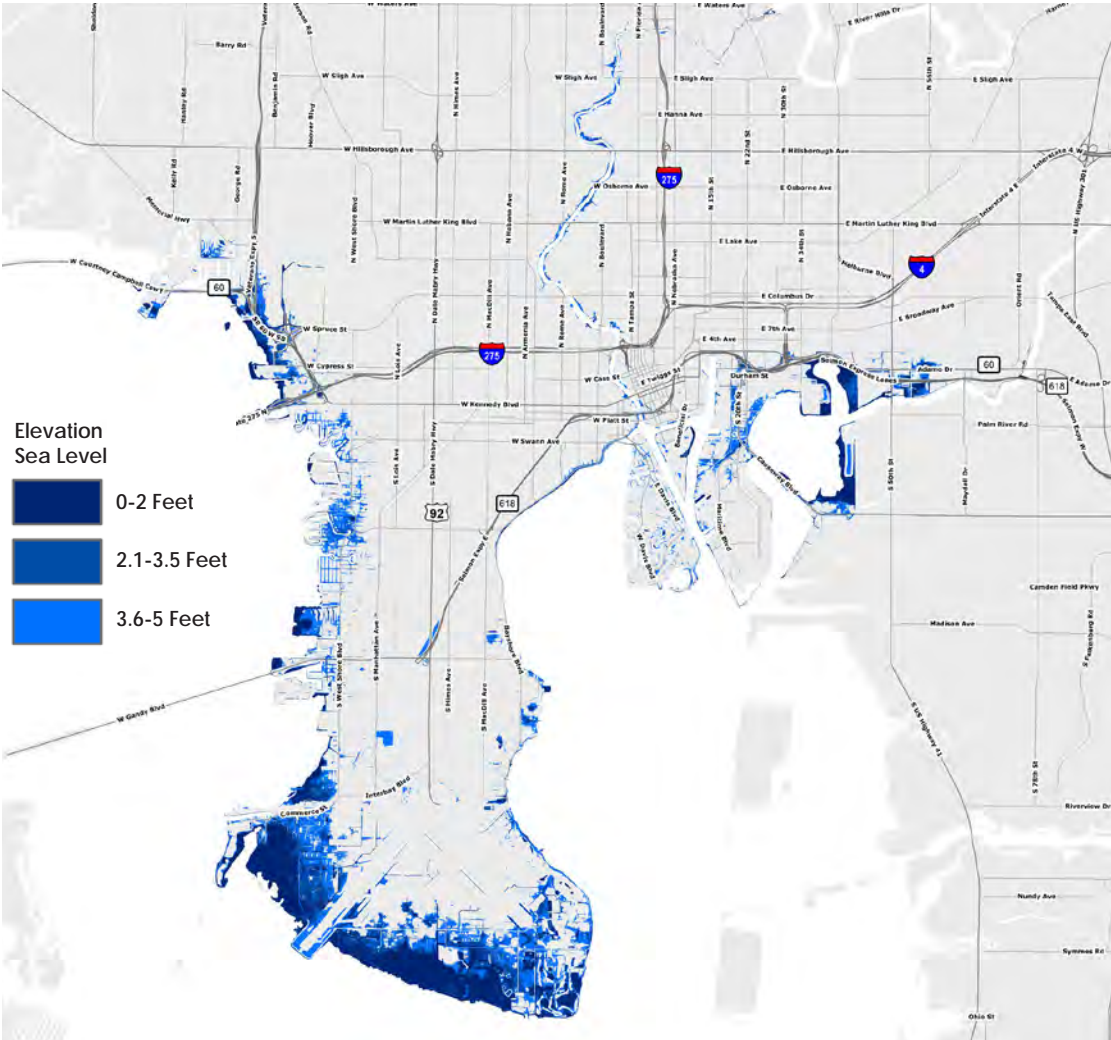
Future Conditions Average Wet Season Groundwater Elevation Map



June 12, 2020



Strategy: Consider Future Conditions



(Main) Areas that may possibly be experiencing high tide flooding (in darkest blue), or where this type of flooding can be expected in the near future.

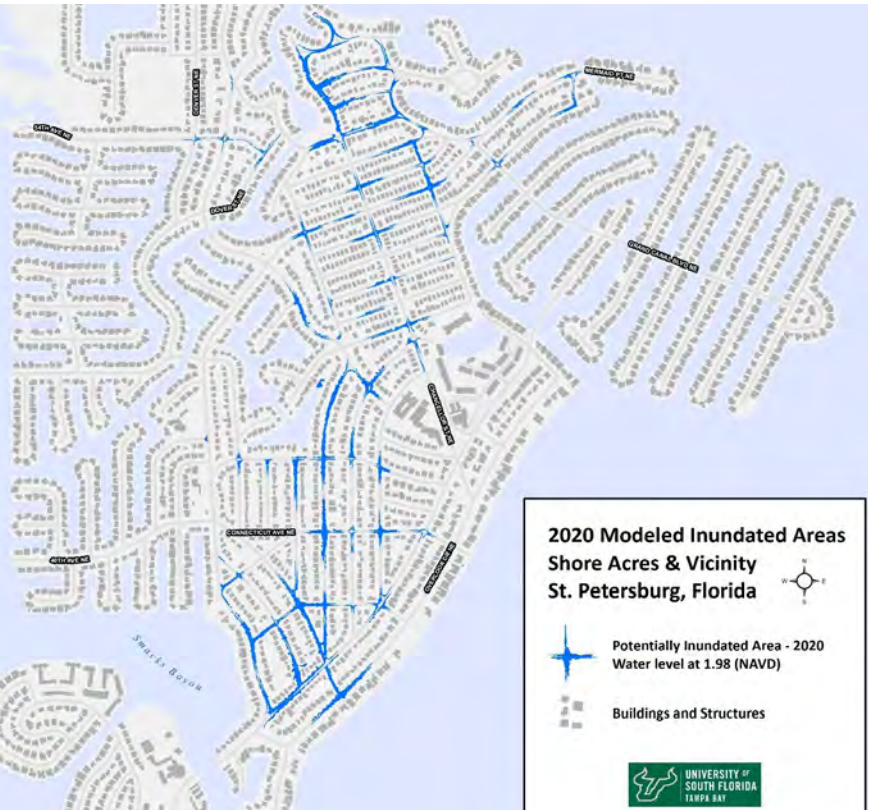
(Right bottom) The projected flood scenarios from the Climate Science Advisory Panel (CSAP, 2019), highlighting elevations that may be associated with seasonal floods.

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LEADING EDGE IMPACTS FROM SEA LEVEL RISE

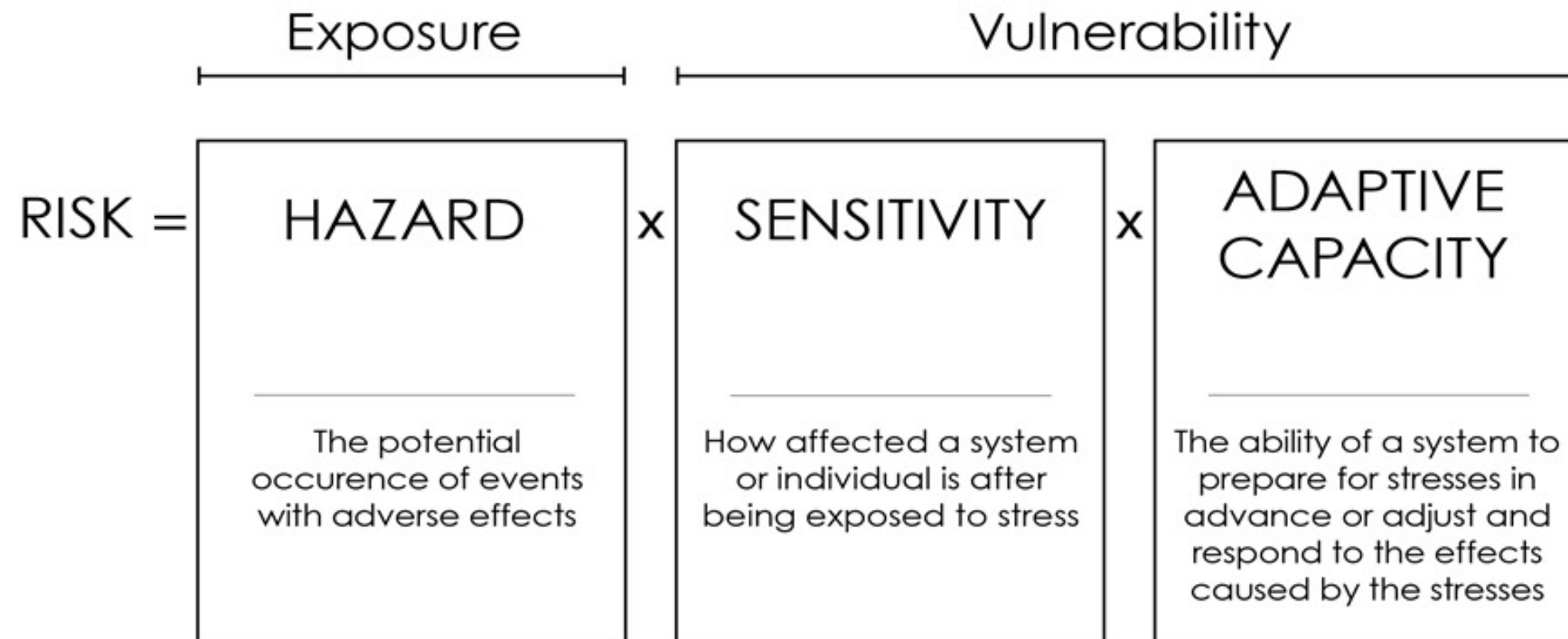


This requires planning to resolve!

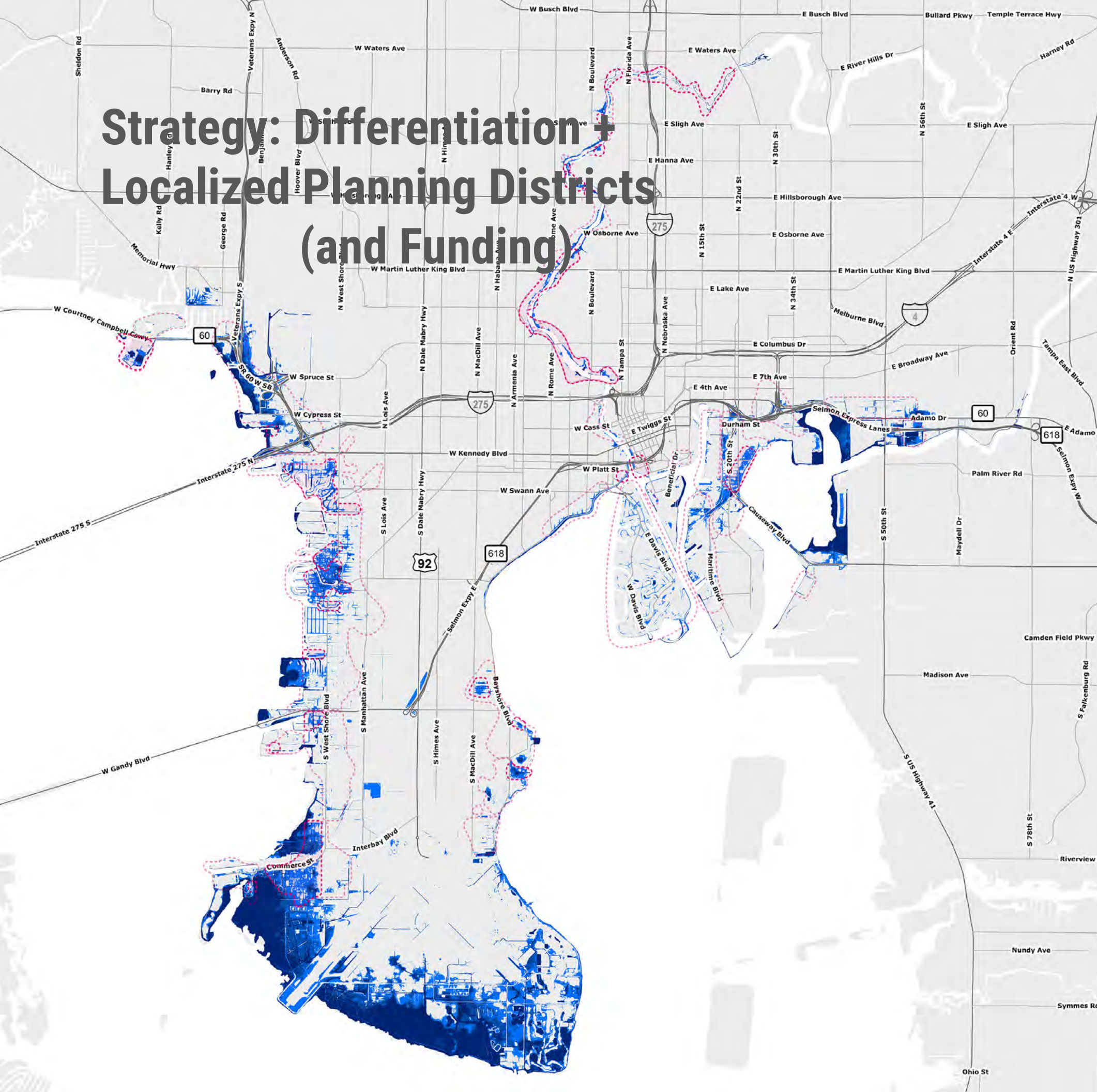


SHORE ACRES 'SUNNY DAY FLOODING'

Strategy: Differentiation



Strategy: Differentiation + Localized Planning Districts (and Funding)



Planning strategies will differ depending on community characteristics

Dispersed Properties

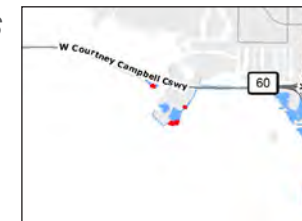


'Dispersed' properties along the Hillsborough River, using the 2100 High scenario

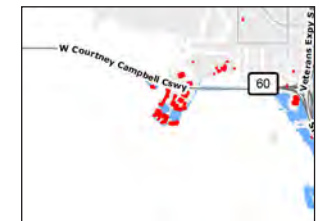


'Dispersed' properties near the Port, using the 2100 High scenario,

Clustered Properties



'Dispersed' properties on Rocky Point, using the 2060 High / 2100 Intermediate scenario.



'Clustered' properties on Rocky Point, using the 2100 High scenario.

Linear Properties



'Linear' sea-level rise inundation along the Hillsborough River, with the 2100 High scenario.



'Linear' sea-level rise inundation near MacKay Bay and East Ybor City, with the 2100 High scenario.

Saturated Properties

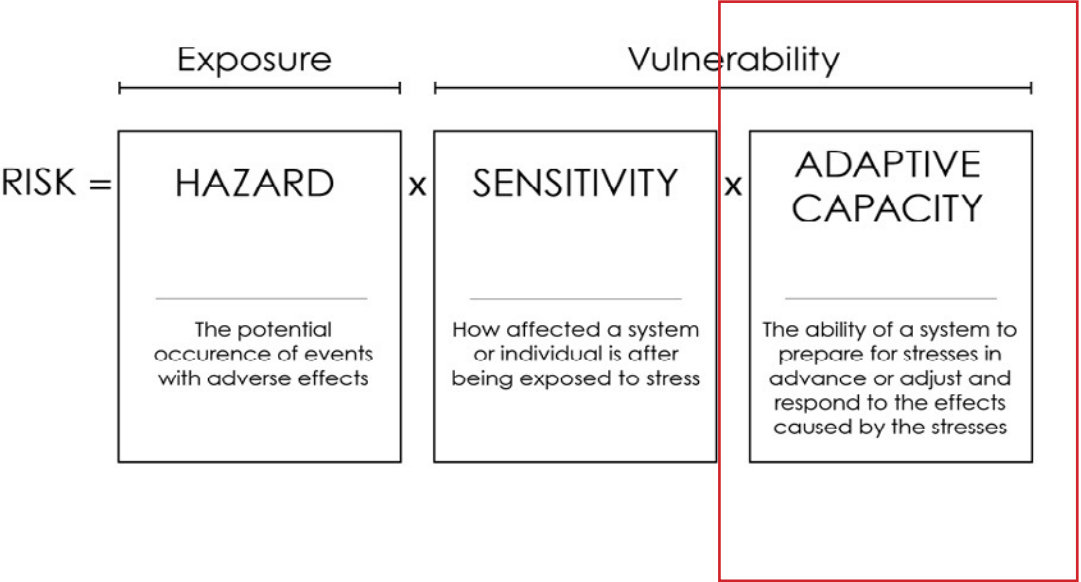
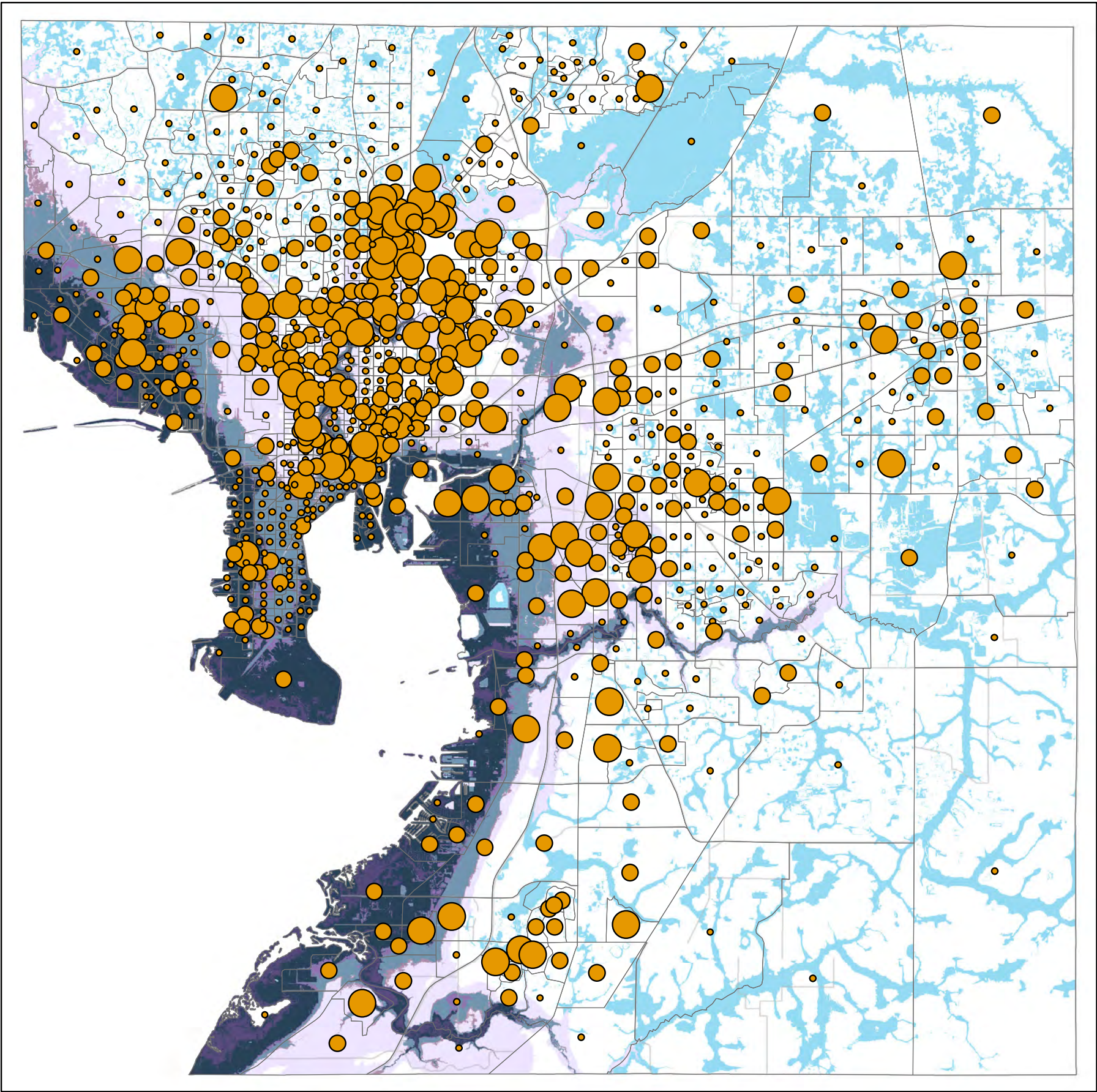


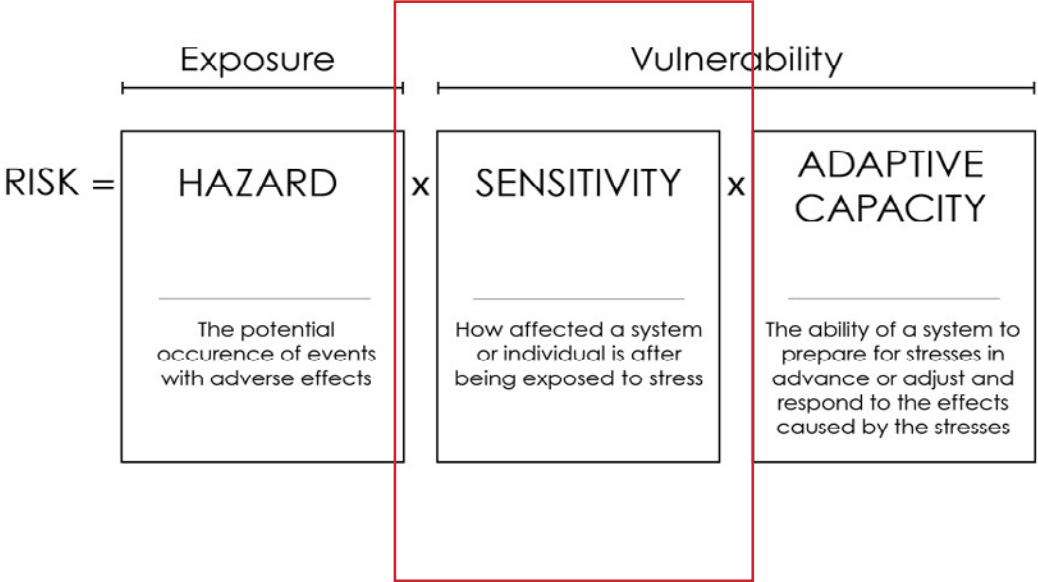
'Saturated' sea-level rise inundation at Davis Islands, with the 2100 High scenario.

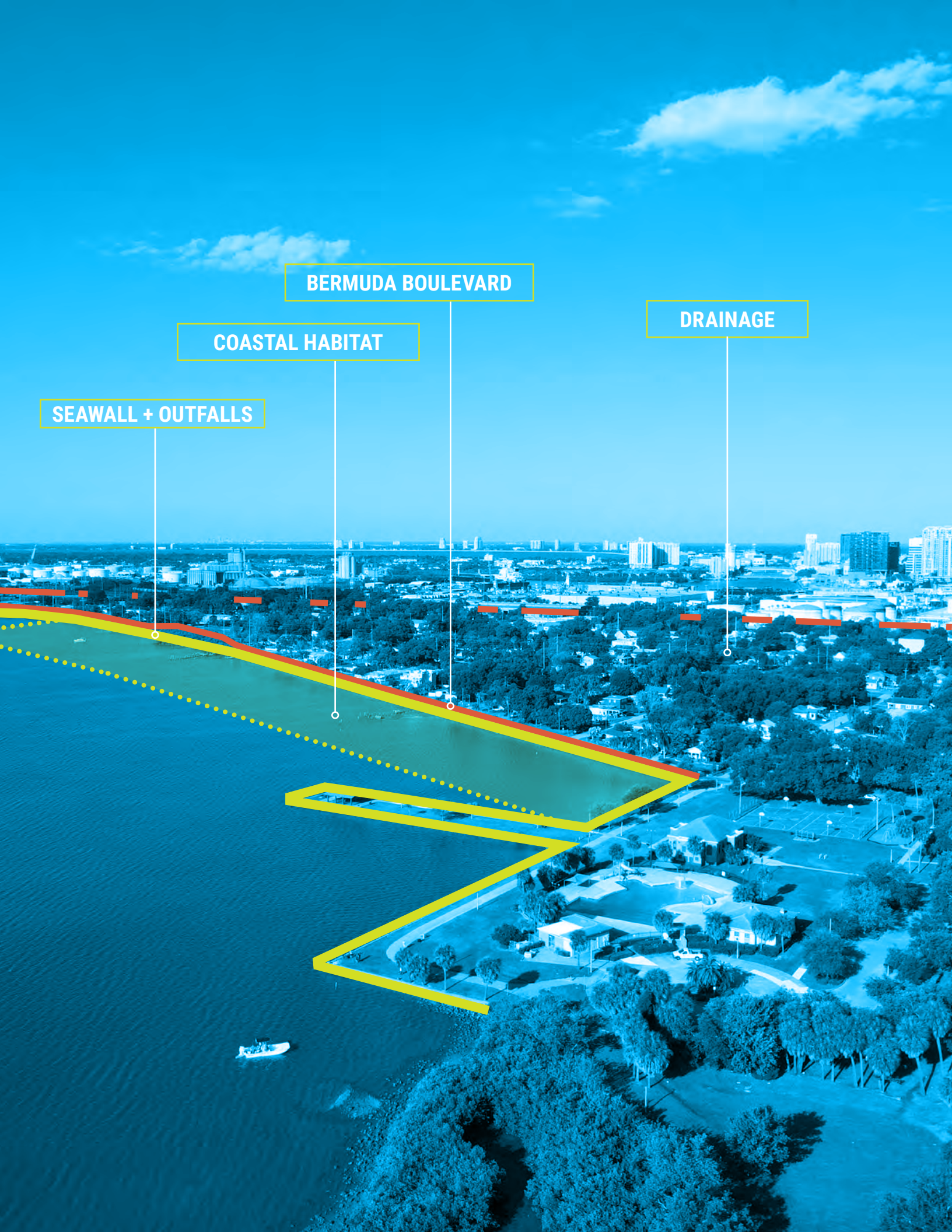


'Saturated' sea-level rise inundation near Port Tampa City, with the 2100 High scenario.

LOW INCOME POPULATIONS







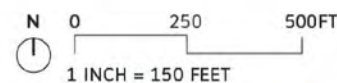
BUILDINGS: 2070

ACADEMIC, RESIDENTIAL, AND CAMPUS LIFE

- Access to all buildings (except facilities at Avenue of States Drive entry) is compromised by flooding.
- Some legacy dorms (Delta, Epsilon, Gamma) are off-line due to impact to entries and outdoor common spaces. Finished floor elevations of the lounges (the lowest rooms in these dorms) were used in the vulnerability assessment.
- Zeta is off-line due to utility impacts (transformer).

LEGEND

- BUILDINGS
- OUTDOOR COMMON SPACE
- IMPACTED BUILDINGS: FFE FLOODING
- IMPACTED BUILDINGS: UTILITIES AFFECTED
- IMPACTED BUILDINGS: ACCESS AFFECTED
- IMPACTED BUILDINGS: OUTDOOR COMMON SPACE
- SEA LEVEL RISE
- PRECIPITATION
- FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION X.X



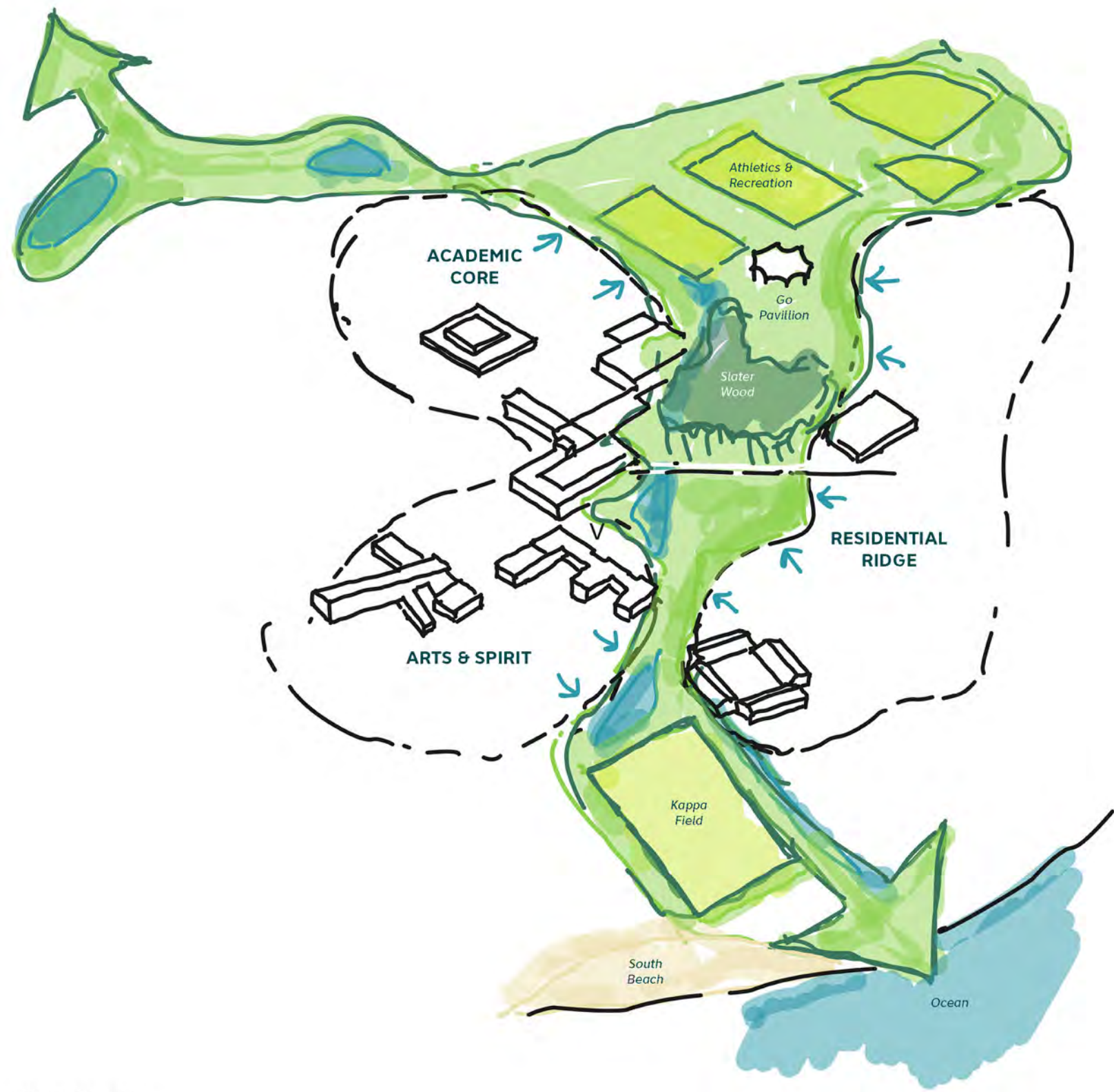








CAMPUS GREENWAY



ADAPTATION PATHWAY A: RENATURE WEST CAMPUS

LONG-TERM (BY 2070)



*All elevations are in NAVD88

An aerial photograph showing a winding river, likely the St. Johns River, flowing through a landscape. The river is dark and prominent, with urban areas and green spaces visible along its banks. The image is partially obscured by a large, light-colored, irregular shape that resembles a torn piece of paper or a stylized map overlay.

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Sea Level Rise Panel

Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition

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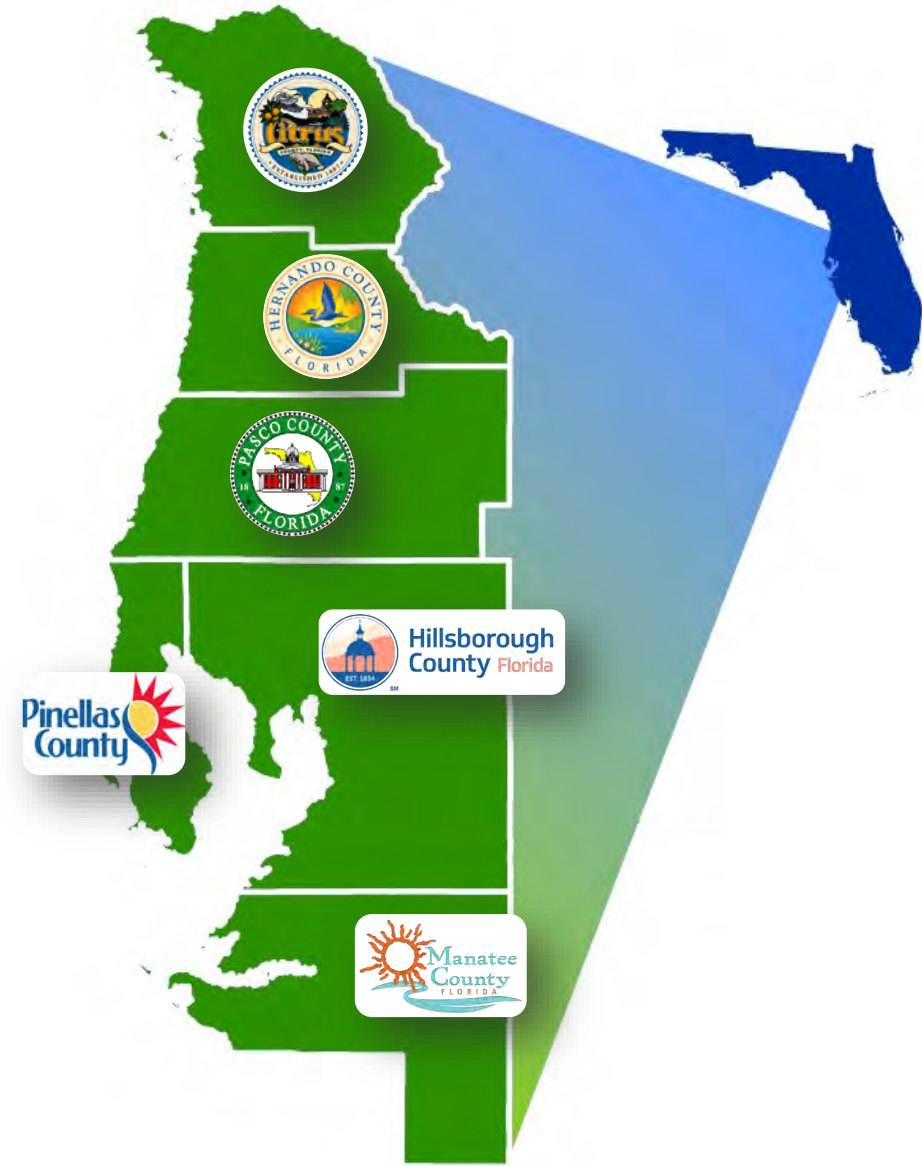
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Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition

TBRPC



- Expand Council Conversations
- Promote Public Private Partnerships
- Promote Regional Leadership/Stewardship
- Take Ownership of Trending Issues
- Bring Governments to the Table
- Resiliency to Sea Level Rise & Climate Change



REGIONAL RESILIENCY COALITION

1. Citrus County

2. Hernando County

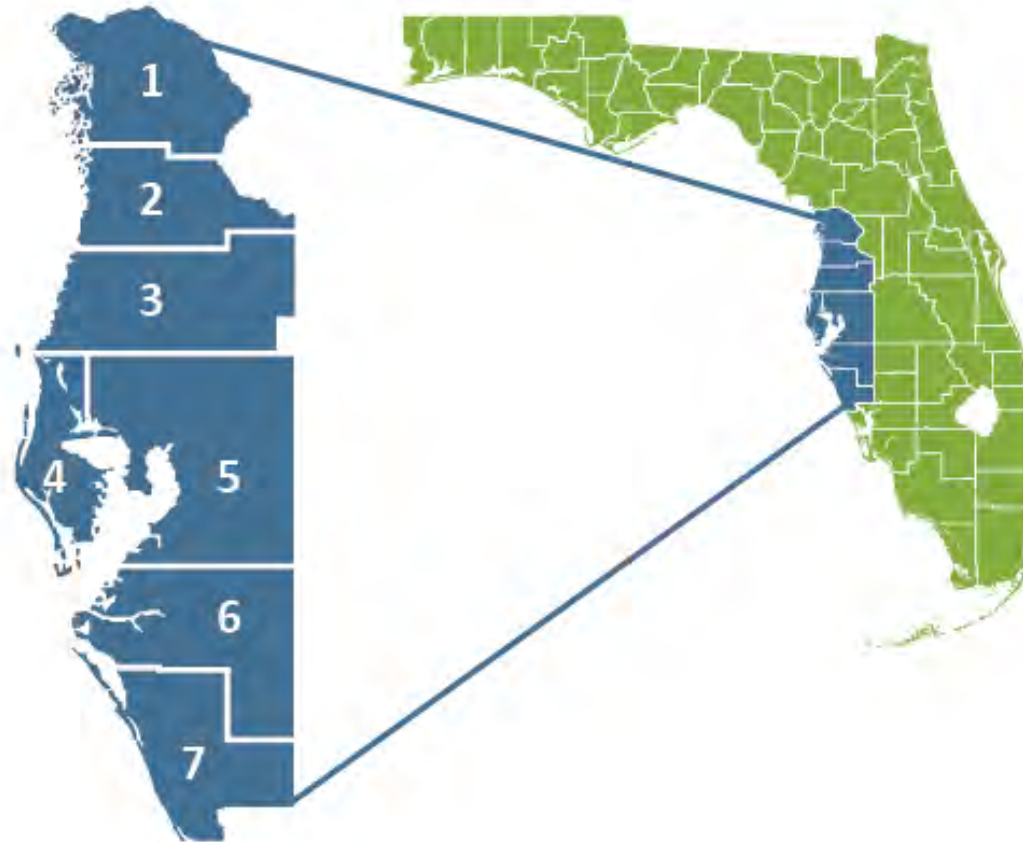
3. Pasco County

4. Pinellas County

5. Hillsborough County

6. Manatee County

7. Sarasota County



- Established by MOU in 2018.
- 2nd collaborative/coalition in the state
- 18th in the U.S.
- 33 Resiliency Coalition Members
- Over 100 Private Sector Partners

A photograph of a marsh landscape with tall reeds and water. A dark horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, and a green horizontal band is overlaid below it. The text 'CSAP' is centered in the dark band, and 'CLIMATE SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL' is centered in the green band.

CSAP

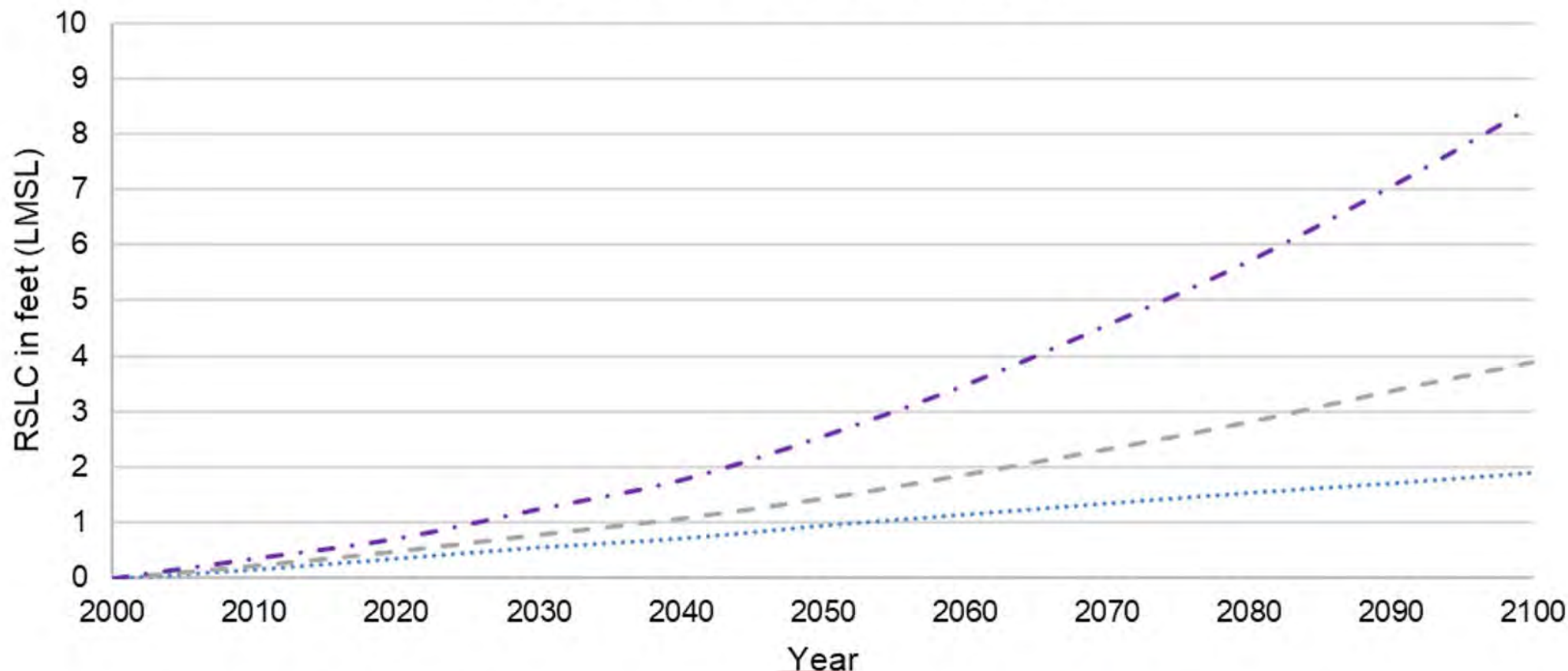
CLIMATE SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL



3 Curves Recommended – 2019 Update



Relative Sea Level Change Projections -
Gauge 8726520, St. Petersburg, FL



..... NOAA Int. Low - - - NOAA Intermediate - . - NOAA High

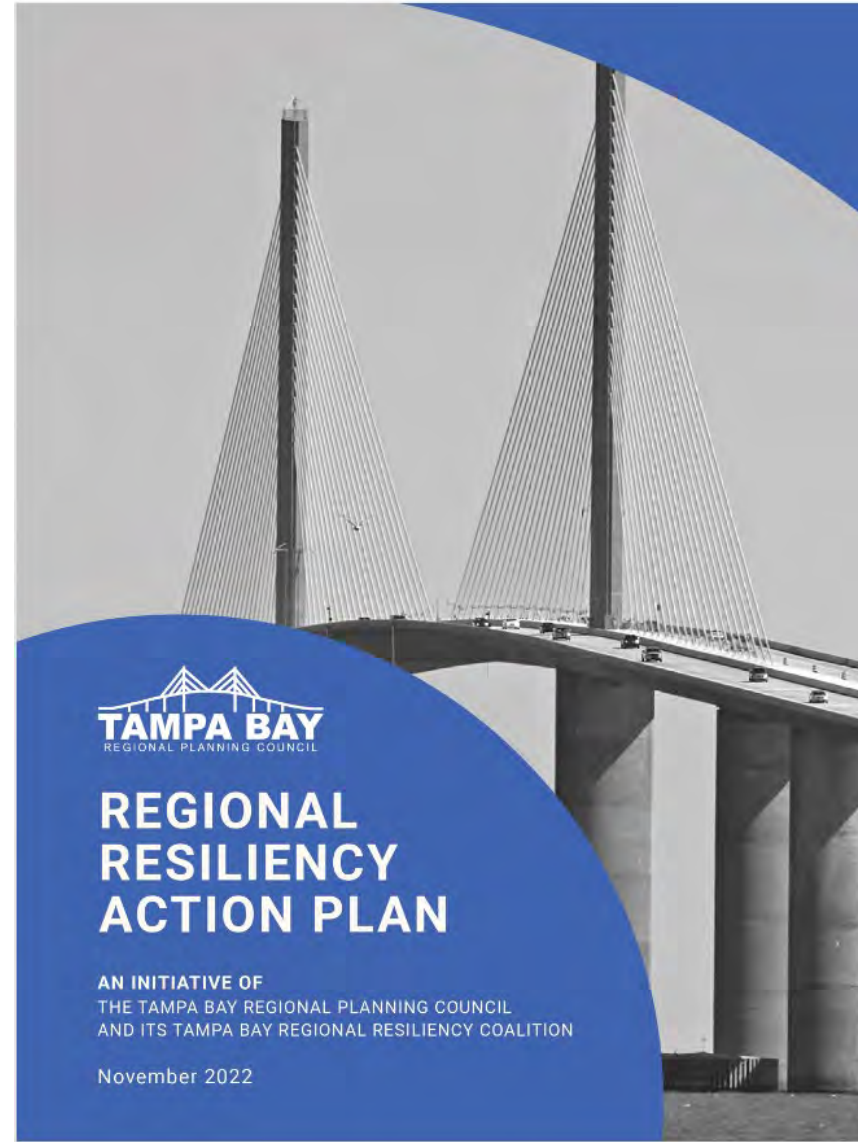


REGIONAL RESILIENCY

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

RRAP

- Totally voluntary
- Priority is regional collaboration
- Identifies local options for implementation
- Considers capacity (size/resources)
- Positive aspirational vision
- Aligns with state and federal priorities
- Integrates equity



SAFE SHELTER PROJECT



Florida Resilient Coastlines Program -- Regional Resilience Entity Category
Awardee: City of Tampa, led by TBRPC



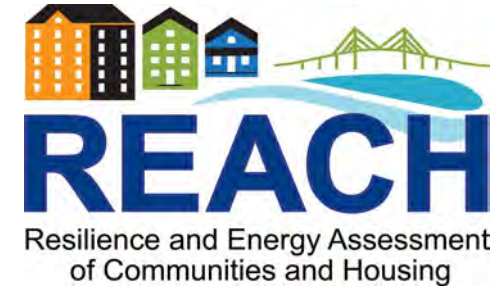
- Conduct a region-wide vulnerability assessment of current shelters from sea level rise and combined storm surge (NOAA 2017 Intermediate Low and Intermediate High in 2040 and 2070).
- 2 workshops with local emergency management staff to review risks and identify prospective buildings in low-risk areas which can serve as potential future shelters.
- Produce maps, GIS data for local users and provide to FDEP
- Produce a report regional and by county defining risks and recommendations

Resilient Ready Tampa Bay

- Technical design assistance grant to enhance capacity to assess, plan for, and adapt to flood impacts using **multi-functional, nature-based infrastructure**.
- Charrettes, vulnerability assessments and engineering designs.
 - **Barrier Islands** – City of St. Pete Beach Pass-A-Grille
 - **Waterfront Area** – City of Oldsmar R.E. Olds Park
 - **Inland Area** – City of Tampa North Tampa Closed Basin
- Technical Design Resources (report)
- June Symposium – showcase and networking



REACH PROJECT



Report on Affordable Housing Flood Risks underway

- Regional, county level analysis with hot spot analysis (local jurisdictions)
- Housing types: assisted/unassisted multi-family, single family (below 200K), mobile homes
- UF Shimberg and Florida Housing Coalition partners

Technical Workshops for Staff

- REACH Housing Mapper/Database for HUD and other Assessments
- Heat and Energy Burden

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND RESILIENCE CONFERENCE

- Held in May 2022

<https://tbrpc.org/reach/>



Shorelines Policy Guide and Model Language



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Program
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Support adoption of best practices for creating and maintaining living shorelines, enhanced shorelines, and hardened shorelines including seawalls/bulkheads, to achieve a greater level of resilience in the region.

Document will define recommendations for:

- establishing a hierarchy of shoreline policies and principles to support resilient adaptation, and habitat preservation and restoration;
- establishing uniform heights for bulkheads and seawalls for SLR and predicted tidal flooding up to 2070;
- coordinated installation, maintenance, repair, oversight, enforcement and permitting of living shorelines or seawall enhancement options;
- avoiding negative impacts, liability;
- model language options for Comp plan, LDR, Code.



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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Ground-Zero: Sea Level Rise Adaptation

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American Institute of
Architects (AIA) Florida
Webinar


April 11, 2023

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Miami-Dade County
Office of Resilience



Agenda

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- 1) Miami-Dade Context
 - 2) Sea Level Rise Strategy
 - 3) County Staff Resilient Design Trainings
 - 4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 'Back Bay' Study



~3 million people

~16 % Black; ~70% Hispanic or Latino; > 50% foreign-born

Ancestral lands of the Taino, Seminole, and Miccosukee peoples

Spatially: 1/3 urban; 2/3 'natural' (2 National Parks)





- 13 County Commissioners/Districts
- 34 municipalities + Unincorporated

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ENERGY AND
CLIMATE MITIGATION

ADAPTATION

COMMUNICATION

BISCAYNE BAY

EXTREME HEAT

FUTURE READY

ZERO WASTE



Reduce Sources of
Climate Change



Address Sea Level
Rise Impacts



Engage & Connect
Stakeholders



Protect and
Restore



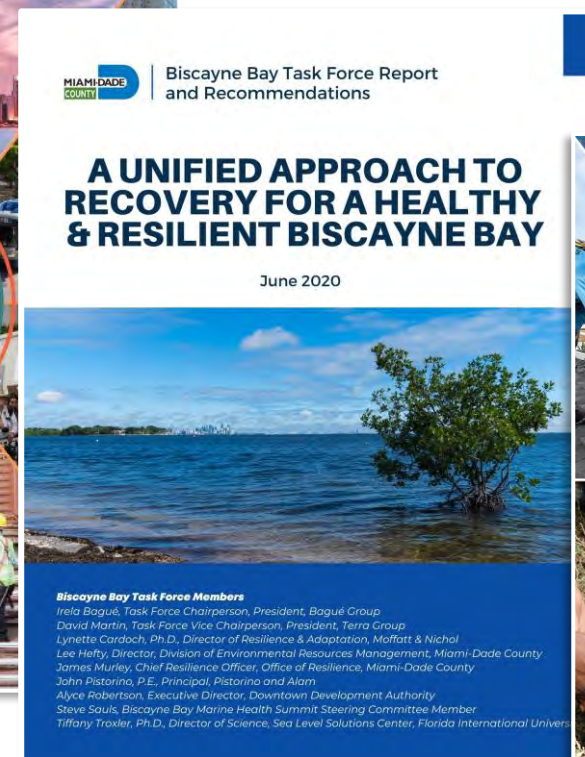
Implement Heat Risk
Reduction Efforts



Resilience
Implementation &
Planning



Minimize Waste &
Reduce Consumption



Connected Strategies



Sea levels have already risen 10 inches in
last 100 years

4 inches since 1992



King Tides 2019

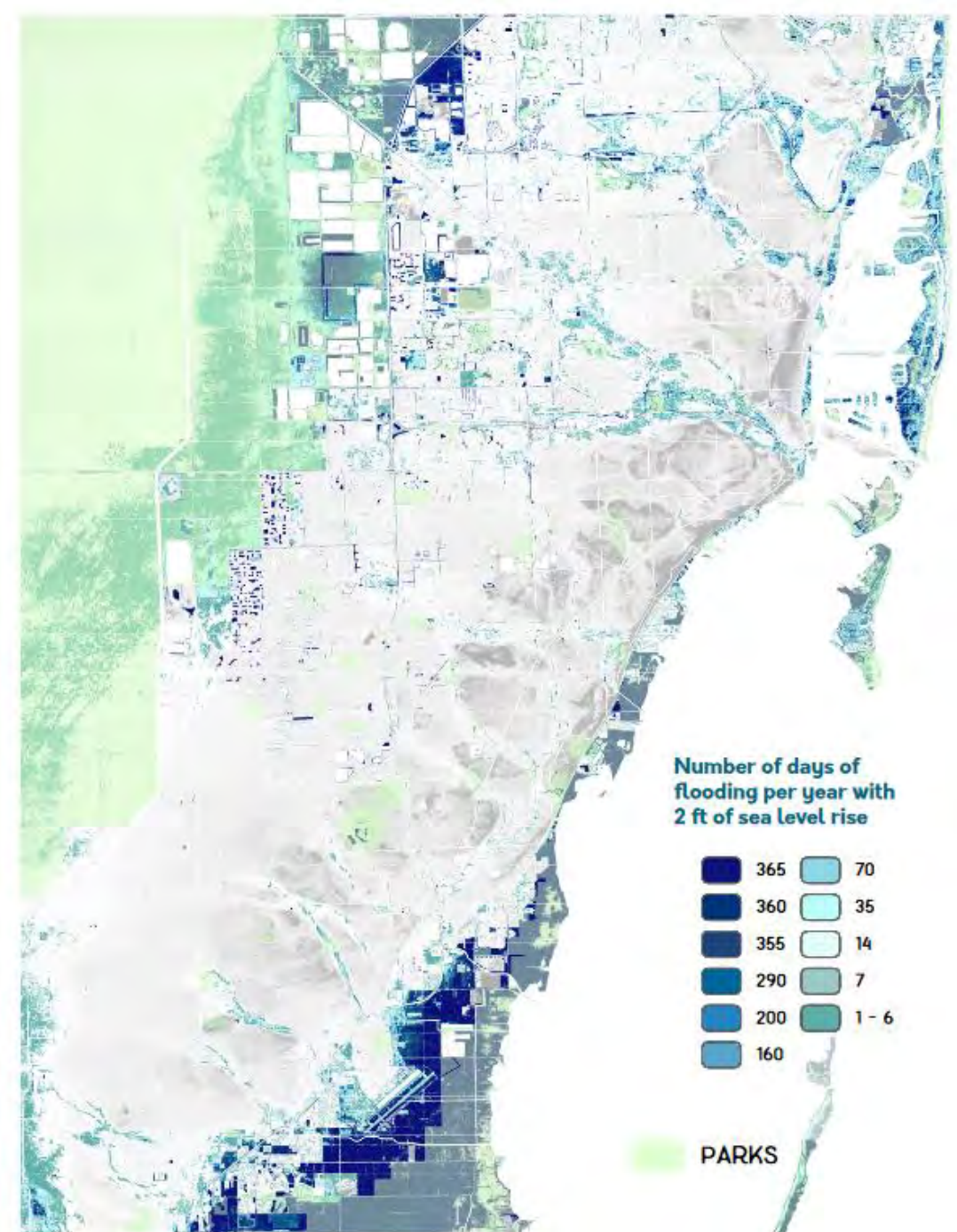
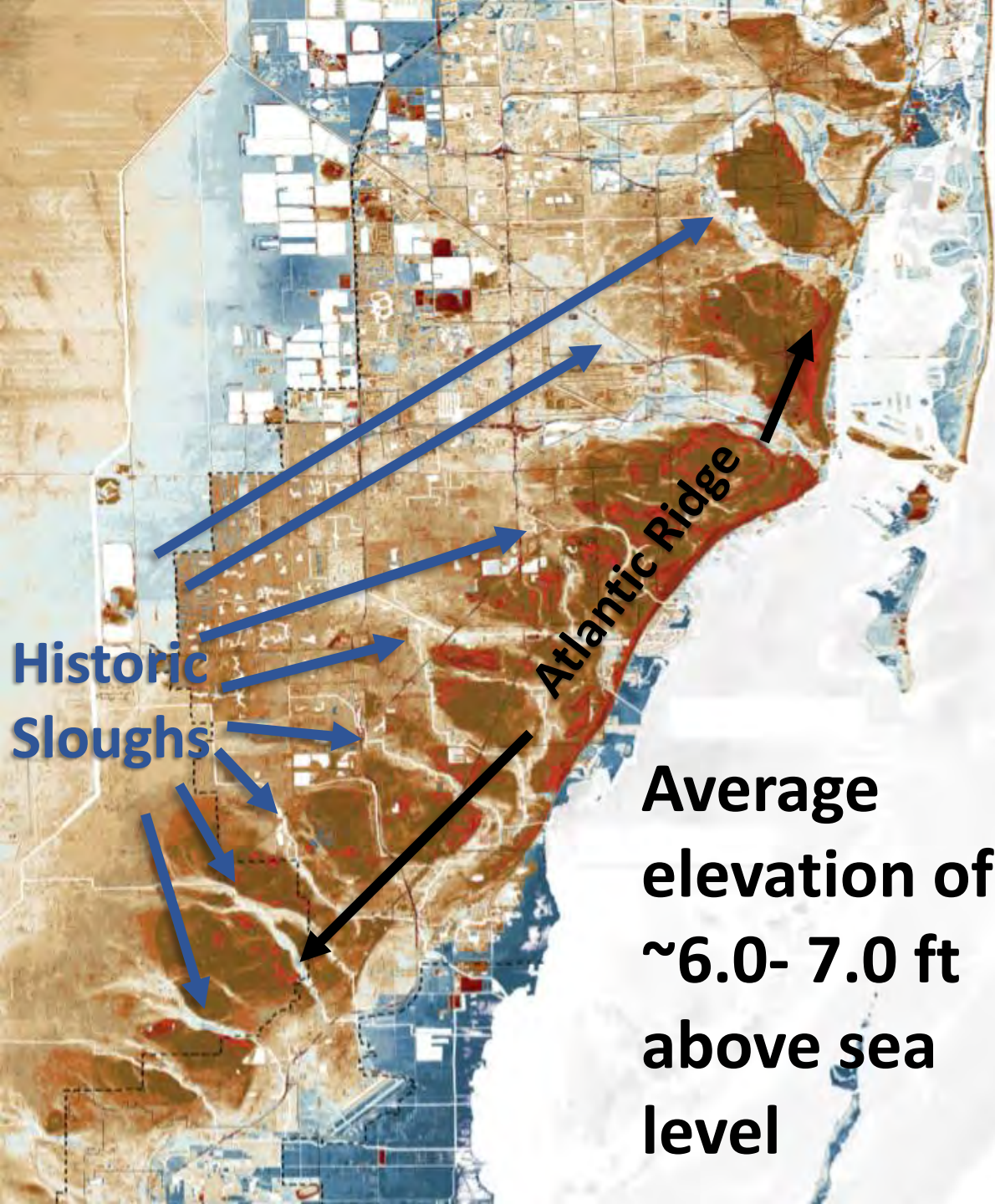
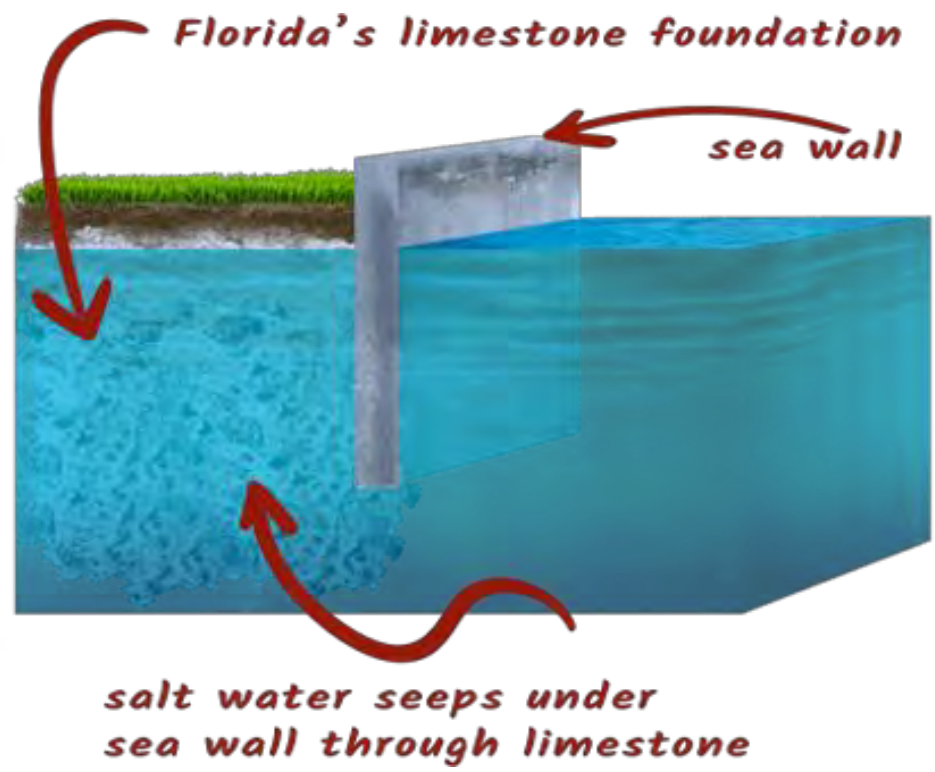


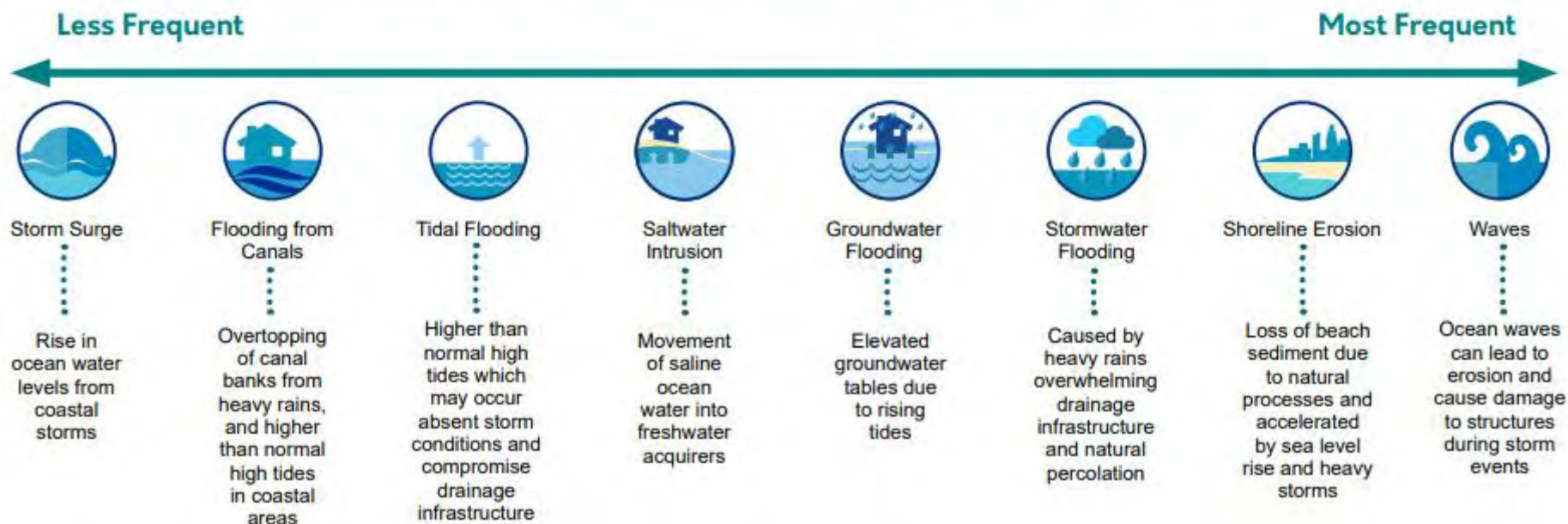
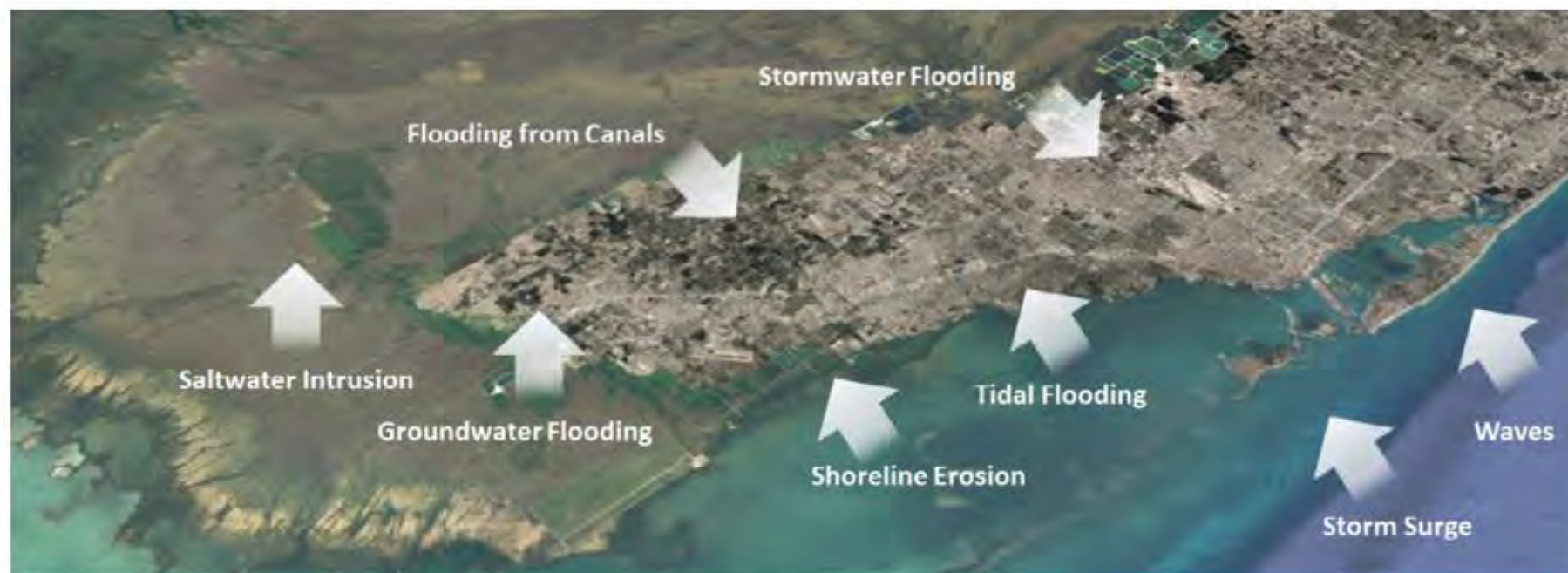
Figure 5-1. Map of days with flooding a year with 2 feet of sea level rise if no action is taken



- Water
- 0 - 0.1 ft
- 0.1 - 1 ft
- 1 - 2 ft
- 2 - 3 ft
- 3 - 4 ft
- 4 - 5 ft
- 5 - 6 ft
- 6 - 7 ft
- 7 - 8 ft
- 8 - 9 ft
- 9 - 10 ft
- 10 - 11 ft
- 11 - 12 ft
- 12 - 13 ft
- 13 - 14 ft
- 14 - 15 ft
- 15 - 20 ft
- 20 - 25 ft
- > 25 ft



Sea level rise will increase the frequency and impact of other hazards



regional unified sea level rise projections

[Link](#)

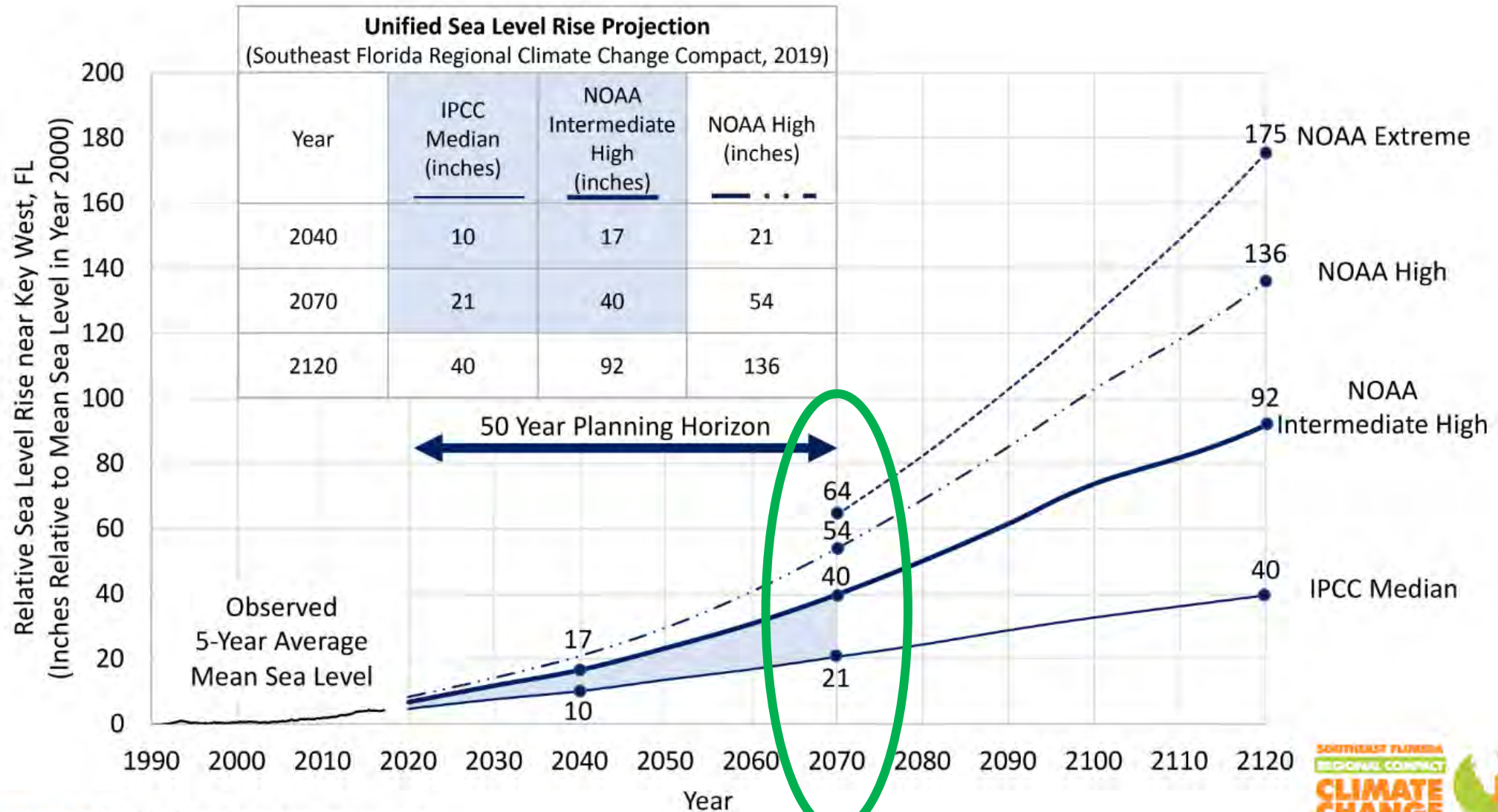
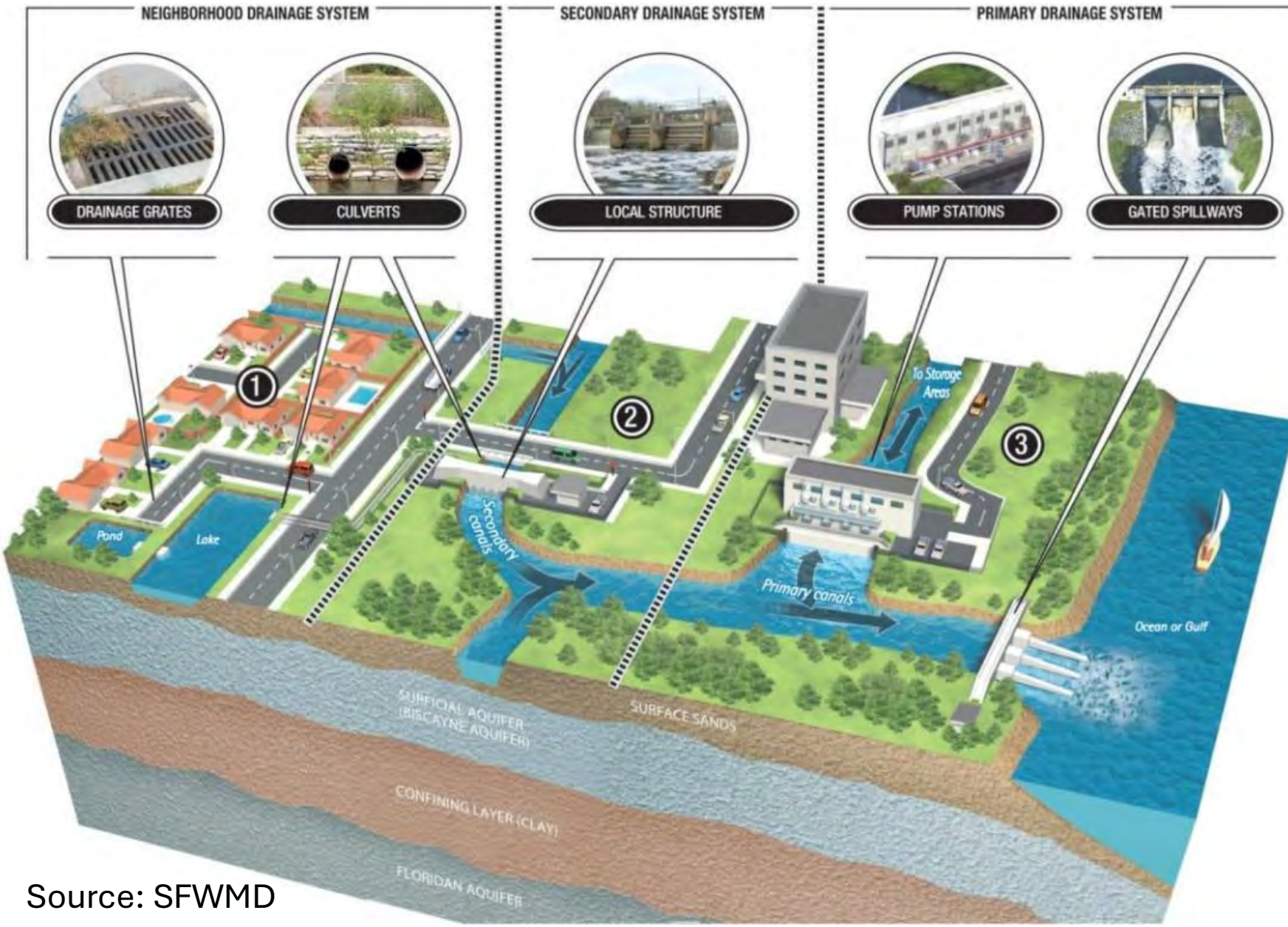


FIGURE 1: Unified Sea Level Rise Projection

Drainage System: Central & Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Control Project

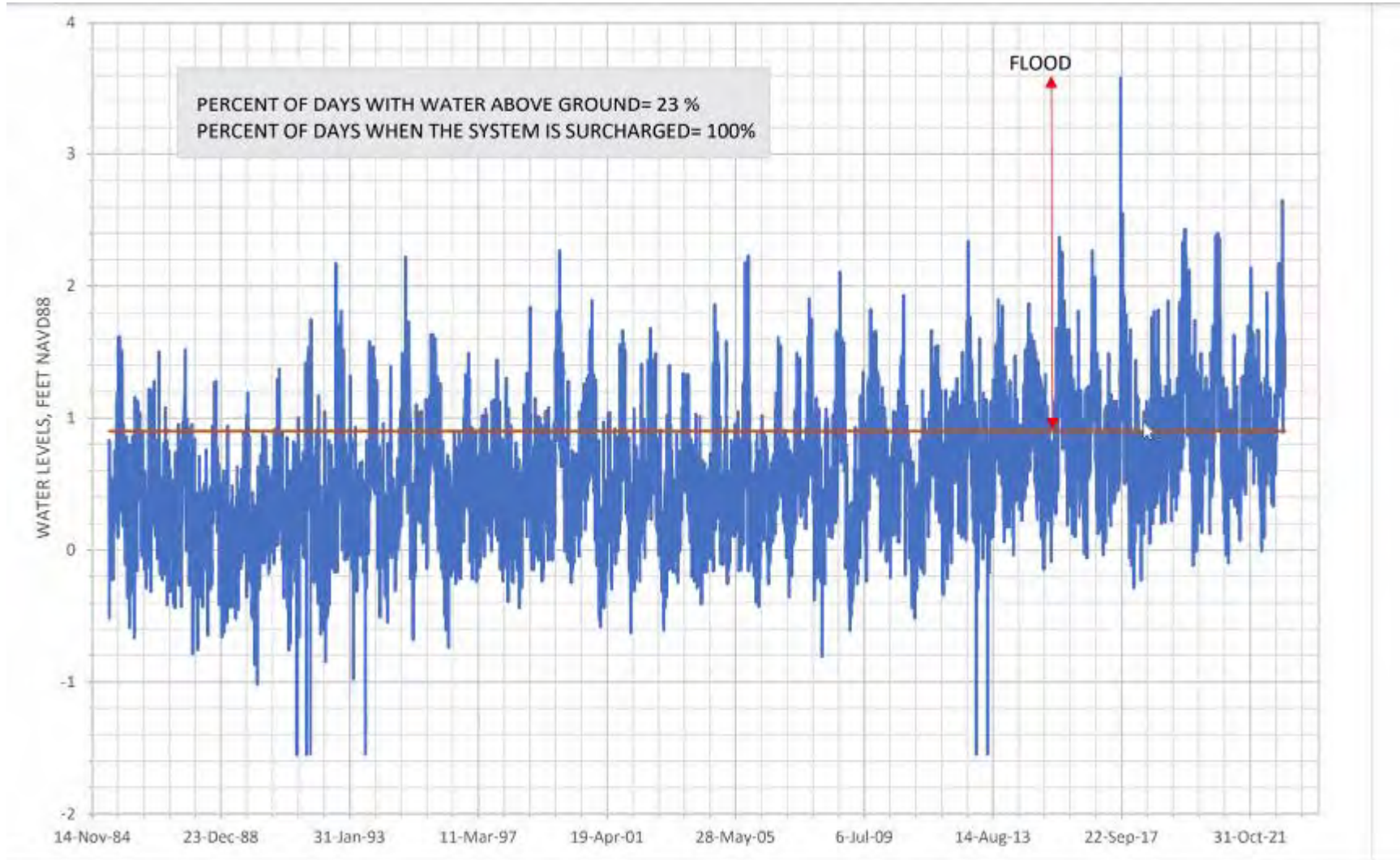


KEY POINT:

Most canals rely on gravity to drain which is limited by sea level rise.

Canals have decades old salinity control structures that are being retrofitted by SFWMD for storm surge and combined with new large forward pump stations to maintain or improve the flood protection level of service (FPLOS)

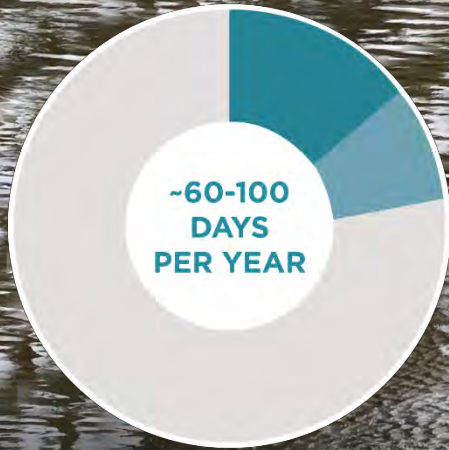
Historic Water Levels – Mouth of Biscayne Canal



Over last ~40 years, average and peak water levels are increasing at mouth of Biscayne Canal and in some cases exceeding lowest stormwater drainage inlets (red line)



Little River Adaptation Action Area (AAA)



**NO ACTION
NO ACTION TIMELINE: 190-211 YEARS
SEA LEVEL RISE PROGRESSION**



Adaptation Approaches



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ALL ADAPTATION ACTIONS MUST :

- 1 **Make us safer** over time by helping protect lives and incrementally protecting the community from storms and multiple flood risks. Actions should not increase vulnerability to other hazards.
- 2 **Be equitable** by recognizing that historic, unjust discriminatory policies. Actions should be driven by inclusive engagement, fair policies, and direct investments and resources to target these disparities.
- 3 **Reduce environmental pollution** by not adding greenhouse gas emissions or other pollutants to our air and waterways. Actions should not be implemented at the expense of the environment and human health.
- 4 **Be flexible** and able to respond to changing conditions such as faster rates of sea level rise.
- 5 **Build with nature** by working with natural processes and natural materials to address long-term flooding hazards.
- 6 **Align with other Initiatives** and plans such as the Miami- Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan, the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the Parks and Open Space Systems Master Plan, the Resilient305 Strategy, the Central and Southern Florida Flood Resiliency Study, and others.



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SEA LEVEL RISE
STRATEGY





Sea level rise requirements

Resolution R451-14, Ordinance 14-79

“all County infrastructure projects, ... shall consider sea level rise projections and potential impacts as best estimated at the time of the project, using the regionally consistent **unified sea level rise projections**, during **all project phases** including but not limited to planning, design, and construction, **in order to ensure that infrastructure projects will function properly for fifty (50) years** or the design life of the project, whichever is greater.”

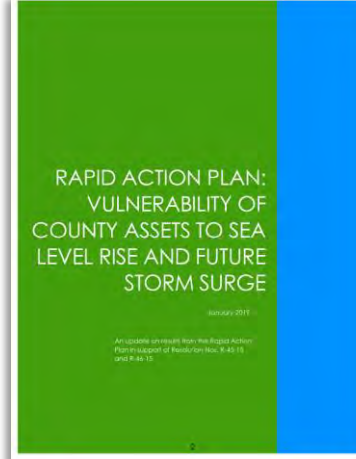
- In order to comply with [Resolution No. R-451-14](#), [Ordinance No. 14-79](#), and CDMP policy LU-13E

Return on Investment



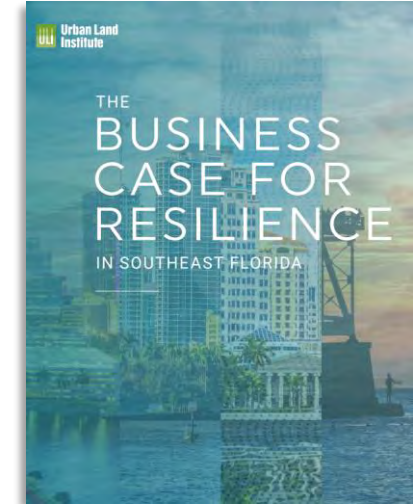
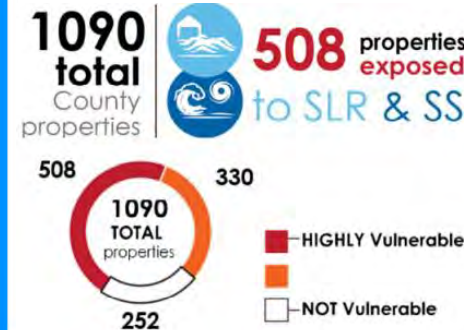
Water & Sewer Department (WASD)

A relatively **small initial increase in construction costs (~5%)** to reduce vulnerability is significantly less expensive than the costs to repair and replace unprotected assets



MDC Rapid Action Plan: Vulnerability to Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge:

An additional \$6 million investment in resilience measures could protect more than \$158 million in capital projects and avoid \$24 million in damage and repairs. Preliminary cost-estimates suggested that potential damages could be mitigated with a **4% increase in project budgets.**



Regional & National Reports

Regional study: Can achieve **benefit-cost ratios of 4:1 to 8:1** for implementing adaptation measures.

National studies: Investing **\$1 today** in flood hazard mitigation **can save \$7 in the future**

Applying the SLR projections

“...in order to ensure that infrastructure projects will function properly for fifty (50) years or the design life of the project, whichever is greater.”



FIGURE 1: Unified Sea Level Rise Projection

Very Critical ---- > NOAA High/Extreme

- Project or asset failure is not acceptable
- Design life > 50-70 years, highly interdependent
- Ex: water treatment plant, bridge, power plant

Critical ---- > NOAA Intermediate-High

- Project or asset with serious consequence of failure
- Design life > 50 years, our services rely on function
- Ex: government facilities, pump station, access road

Not Critical ---- > IPCC Median

- Project or asset with limited consequence of failure
- Easily replaced, short lifespan (<30 years), adaptable, limited interdependence
- Ex: small culvert in isolated area, small park

Project Example: DTPW

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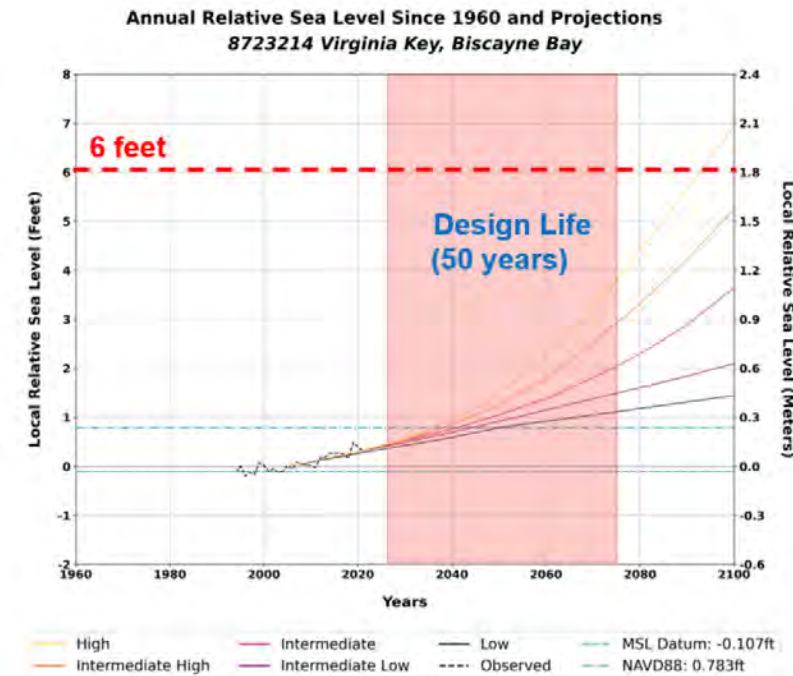
SOUTH-DADE ELECTIC BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY SOUTH-DADE ELECTIC BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

60% DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS, CLIMATE
RISK ASSESSMENT

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Storm Surge Event Probability	Return Period	Probability of occurring over project design life* of 50 years	Current Conditions (Feet above NGVD29)	2.73ft of Sea-Level Rise (Feet above NGVD29)
1% annual chance	100 years	39.5%	8.8ft (7.2-10.6ft)	10.2ft (8.4-12.0ft)
0.5% annual chance	200 years	22.2%	10.3ft (8.4-12.1ft)	11.9ft (10.0-13.7ft)
0.2% annual chance	500 years	9.5%	12.5ft (10.6-14.4ft)	13.9ft (12.0-15.8ft)

Table 3: The water surface elevation at the facility site for storm surge events with selected frequencies in both current conditions and with 2.73 feet of local sea-level rise. *Probability of occurring over the project design life assumes no sea-level rise, and the probabilities are given for illustrative purposes only.

ADAPTIVE PLANNING AND DESIGN PATHWAYS

Table 1. Project typical design life

Project components	Design Life
Street asphalt pavement, pavers, and green infrastructure	10-20 years
Drainage systems, concrete pavement, most building retrofits	20-30 years
Most buildings, seawalls	30-50+ years

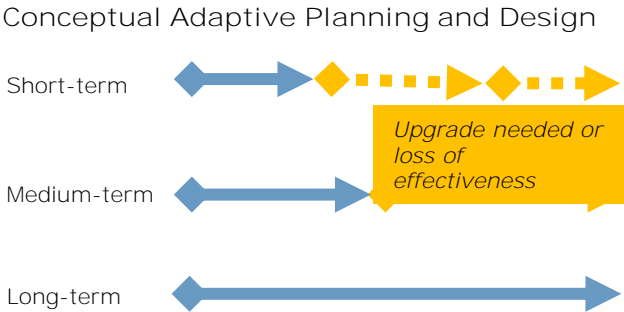
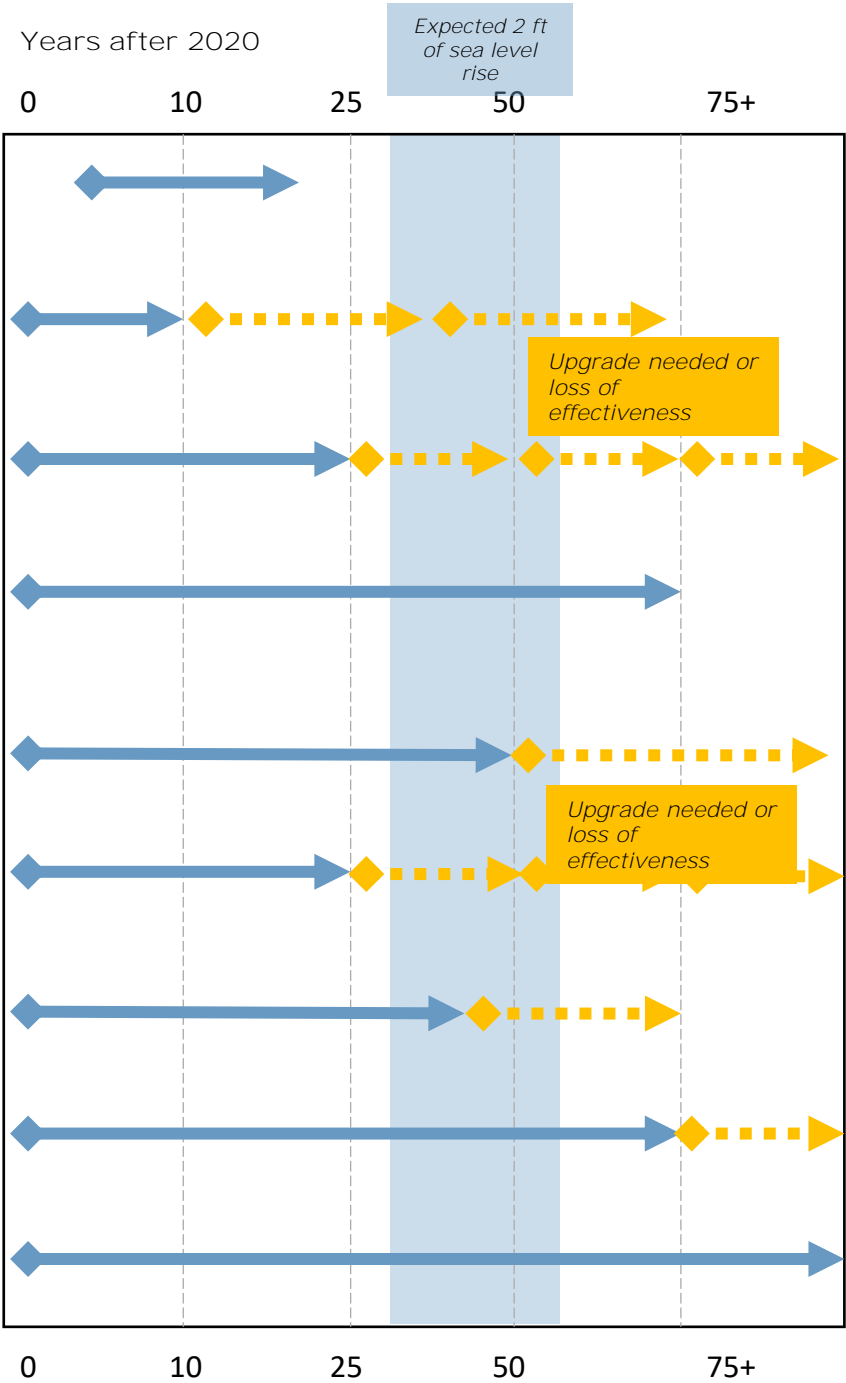


Figure 75. Illustration of adaptive planning and design, including short, medium and long-term.



*Note: this illustration is conceptual and not intended to dictate capital project planning



1 Resilient Florida Grants

In 2021, Miami-Dade County took another step towards the implementation of its [Sea Level Rise Strategy](#) and related departmental efforts by successfully applying for and receiving funds for a range of projects under the new state [Resilient Florida](#) Grant Program. Several projects are being funded through the combined support of grant funds and local matching dollars from Miami-Dade County.

This grant program from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is supporting the three-year Always Ready Florida plan/Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan ([Senate Bill 1954](#)) and represents the “largest investment in Florida’s history to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change – including sea level rise, intensified storms and flooding.”

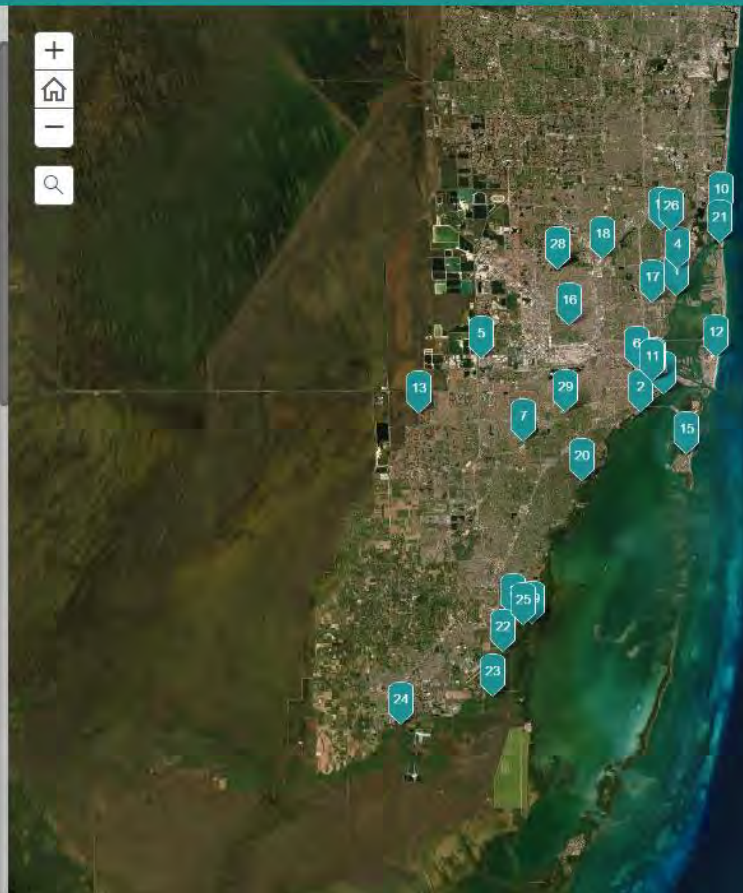
Through a mix of federal and state funding sources, Miami-Dade County expects to receive an estimated \$122 million for 29 projects, administered across nine County departments, to build resilience to our vulnerable stormwater and wastewater systems, fire stations, libraries, public affordable housing, and environmentally endangered lands, among other critical assets.

A few of these are also priority projects for advancing efforts in the County’s [Little River Adaptation Action Area](#). The County continues to collaborate with its partners, including municipalities, to identify and seek funding for joint resilience projects that provide communitywide benefits.

2 Contact Us

Miami-Dade County Resilient Florida Grant Projects

The following images shows the general location, funded amount, status and description of projects awarded in FY 21/22 which have varying timelines for design and construction.



Strengthening Systems Through Related Studies



Everglades
(CERP & BBSEER)

'Back Bay' CSRM Study

Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) '216' Resiliency Study
emphasis on canal system

'Beach' CSRM Reauthorized
in 2022
*renourishment & dune
enhancement*

PortMiami CSRM

Key Biscayne
CSRM
*Combined ocean front
& back bay study*



PARKS &
CONSERVATION
LANDS



AGRICULTURE



WESTERN &
SOUTHERN SUBURBS



SLOUGHS



THE RIDGE



MAINLAND
BAYFRONT



ISLAND
BAYFRONT



ISLAND
OCEANFRONT



WATER



Mainland

Islands

Other Efforts:

SFWMD Level of Service (LOS)

County & Municipal Resilience,
Stormwater Master Plans, etc.

Biscayne Bay
Reasonable Assurance Plan

Proposed Atlantic Coastline Alternative

Illustrative concepts inclusive of November 2022 Charrette and January 2023 Meetings



Creating multiple 'lines of defense' to reduce storm surge risk and enhance environmental habitat



Elevate Buildings + Infrastructure



Surge Barrier Gates



Artificial Reef



SLR Adapted Sea Walls + Living Shoreline



Submerged Breakwater



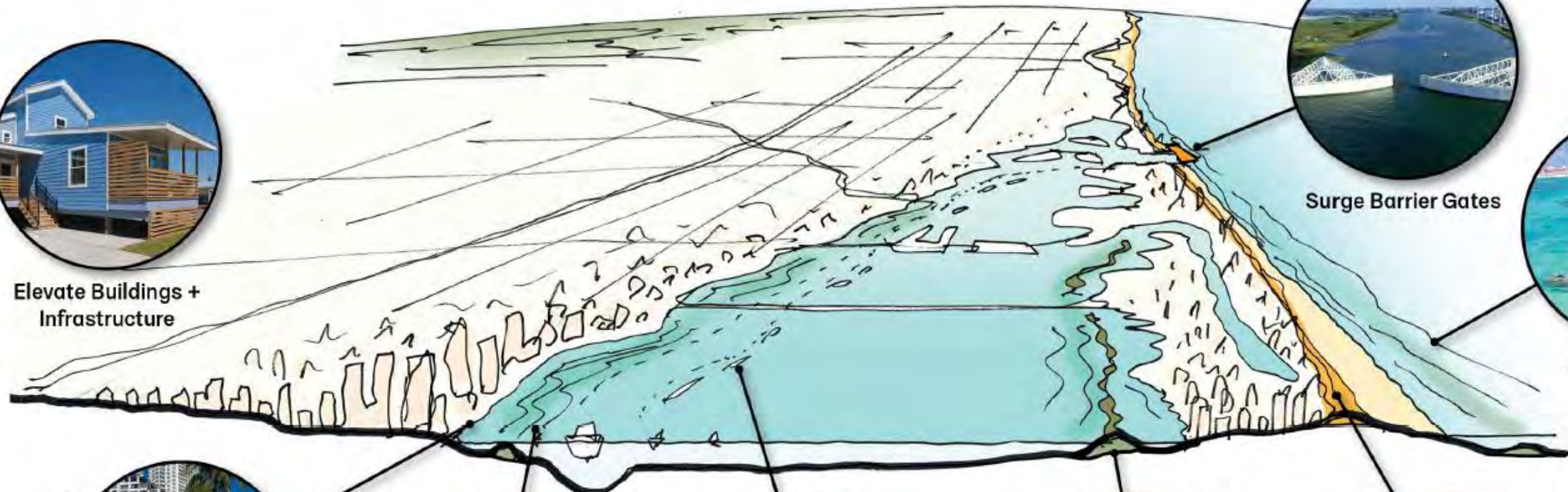
Enhanced Islands



Mangroves

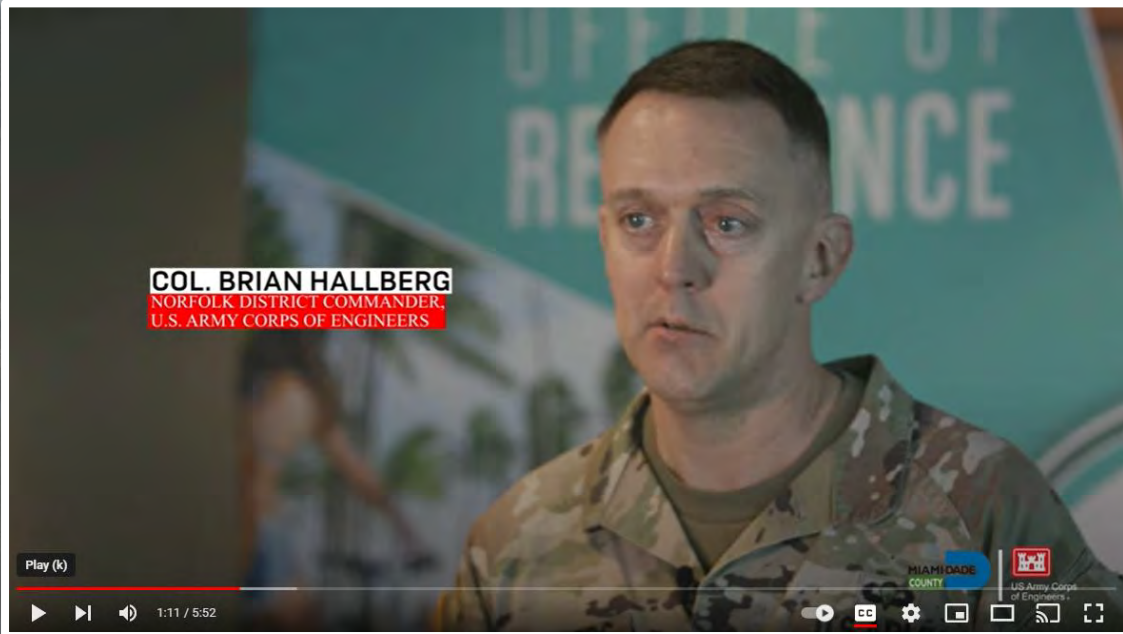


Reinforced Dune System



March 2023 Design Charrette

YouTube Videos & Takeaways



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YouTube Video



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Explored range of storm surge risk reduction strategies by **creating ‘Lines of Defense’**:

- hybrid reefs offshore,
- reinforced and elevated dune & beachwalk
- *surge gates at inlets, line or protection for Fisher Island, Virginia Key, to Rickenbacker Cswy
- living shorelines and restored mangrove islands,
- elevation of homes & floodproofing of businesses,
- expanded restoration near Cutler Bay,
- protection of critical facilities



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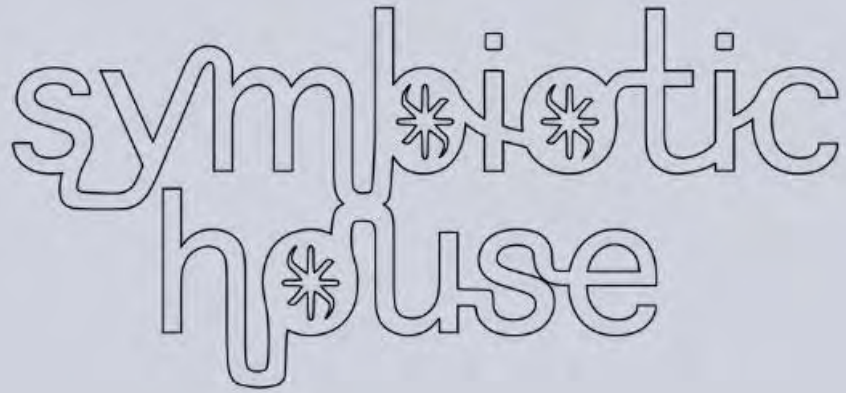


Thank you 😊

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Non-County initiatives

Symbiotic House is a project catalyzed by Lee Pivnik in 2022 to research and develop adaptive architectural solutions to Miami's environmental precarity, and to conceptualize and design a "multi-use space for multi-species survival". The project's aim is to reimagine the home as a potential site for climate care, an active hub for offsetting carbon emissions, rewilding landscape, supporting biodiversity, and adapting to environmental change. *Symbiotic House* will ultimately manifest as a living earthwork that functions as a regenerative shelter and center for interdisciplinary art and ecology research in South Dade.

The project intends to broaden the design process so that the space emerges organically through communal workshops, open research, and constant feedback. It is meant to invite the local community of South Florida into a collective act of dreaming up new practices for how to best adapt to the intersecting climate and housing crises, so that the people living at the epicenter of these issues are treated as the experts in mitigating them.

<https://symbiotic.house/>



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AI VISIONING



"A coastal house made of oolite and shells, located by mangroves, where manatees and humans live and swim in harmony" Monica Uszerowicz

