

Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System

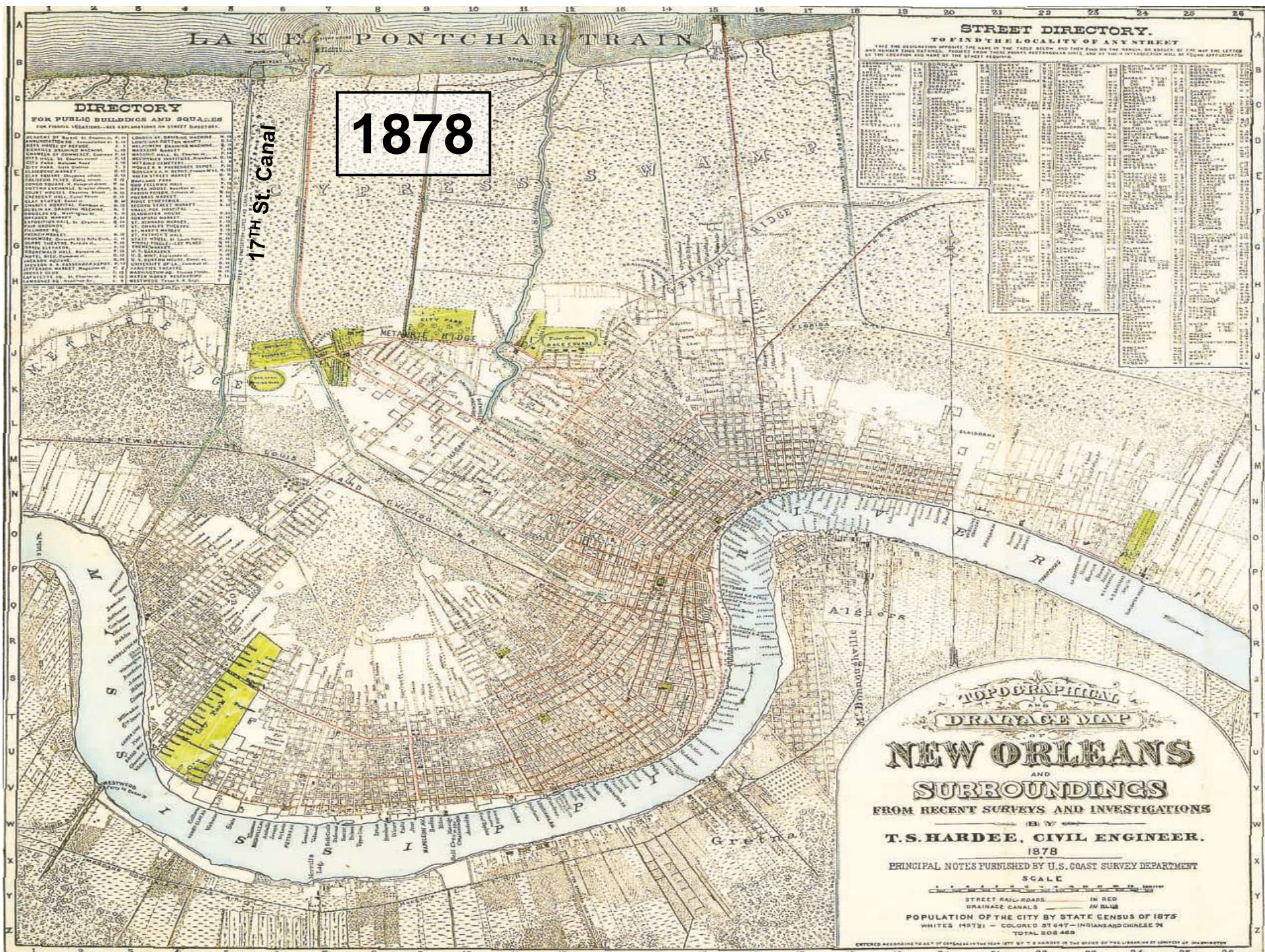
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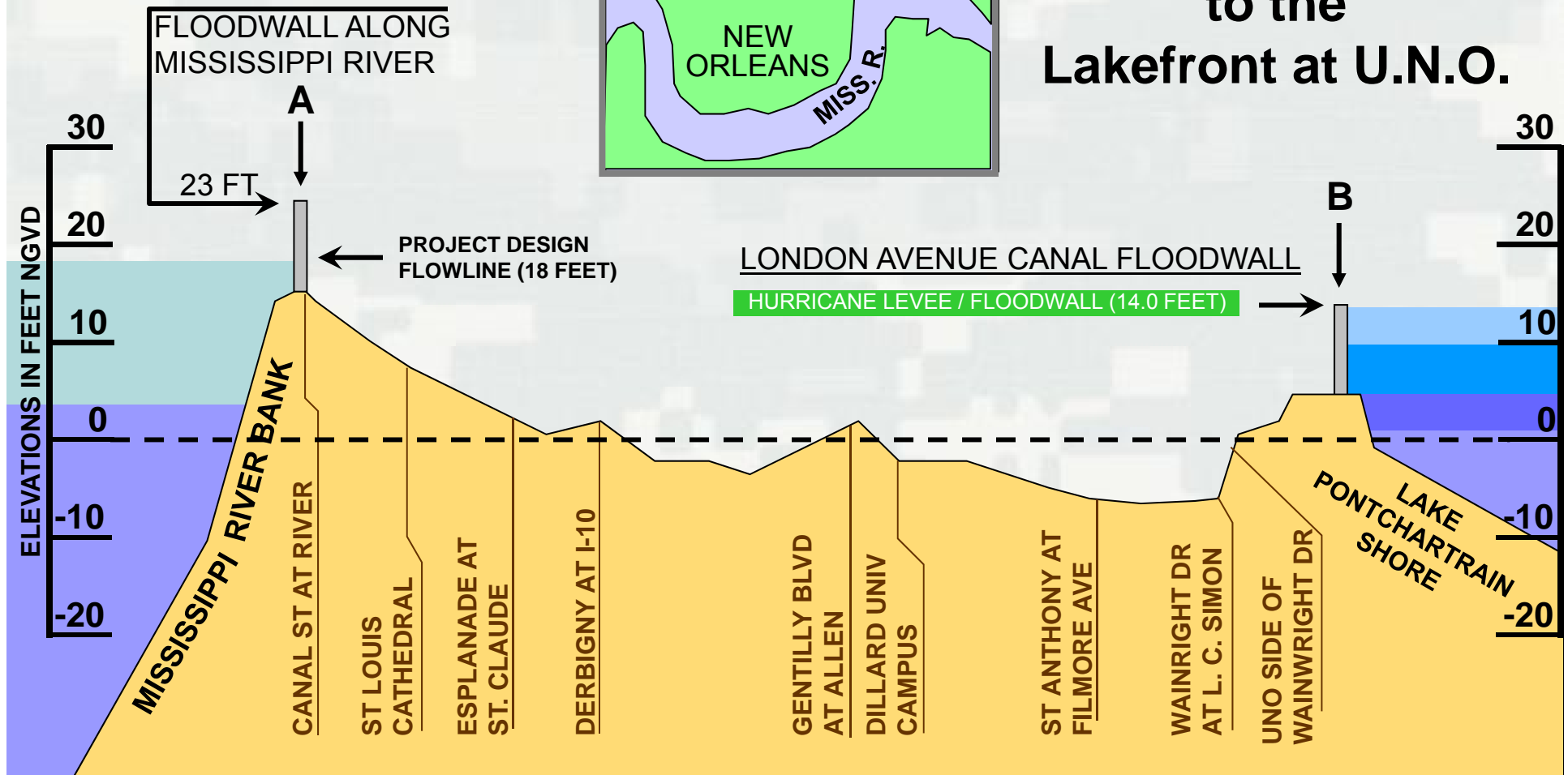


New Orleans Topography

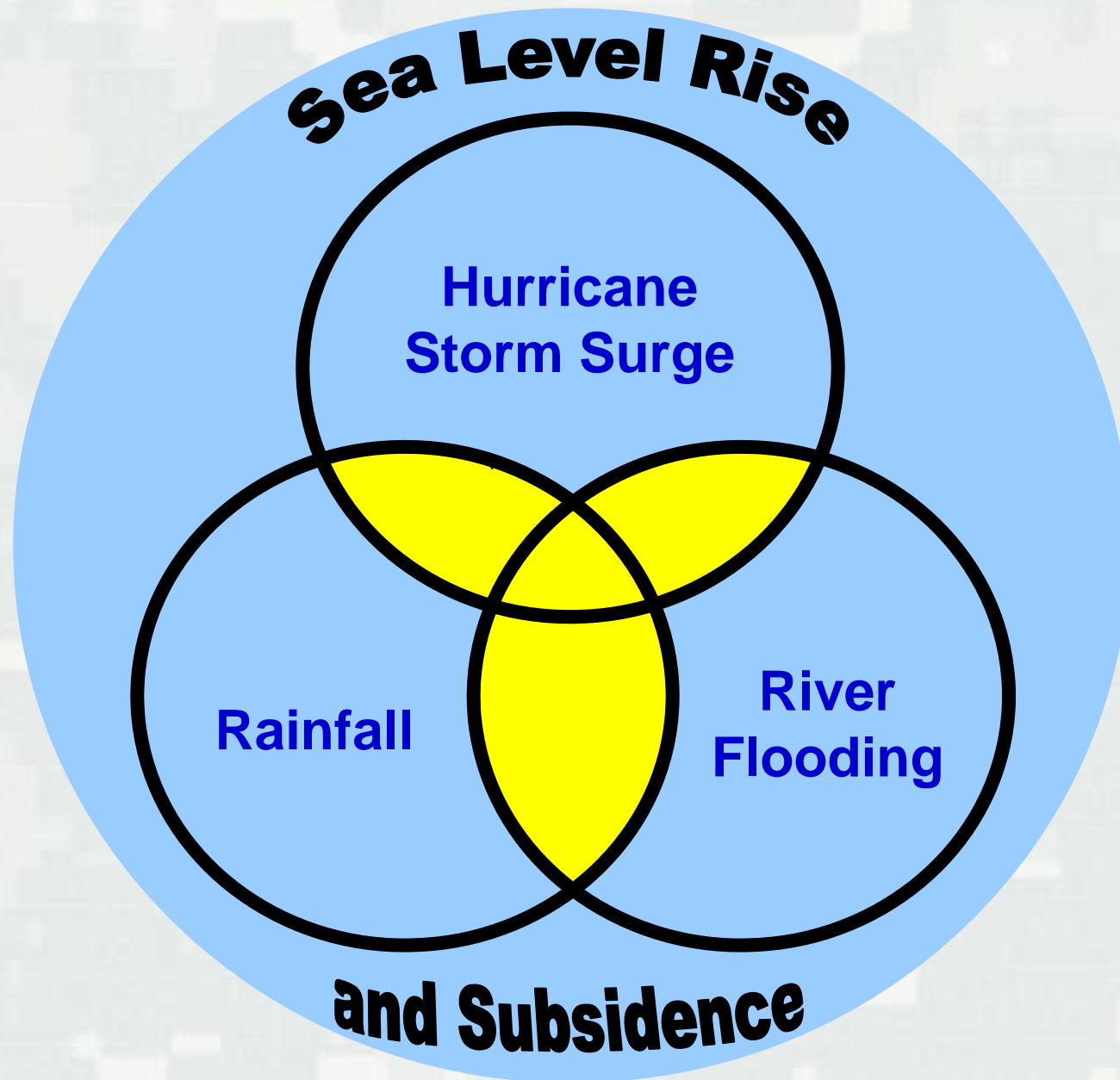
City of New Orleans Ground Elevations



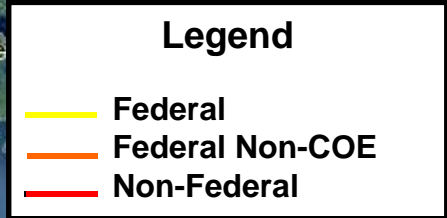
From Canal St. at
Mississippi River
to the
Lakefront at U.N.O.



The Three Major Flood Risks in Coastal LA



Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System



Hurricane Katrina

Aug 29, 2005



- One of America's largest natural disasters
- Cat 5 less than 12 hrs before landfall
- 127 MPH wind at Louisiana landfall
- Maximum surge of 28 to 30 feet along Mississippi coast
- 80 percent of the city of New Orleans flooded

Hurricane Rita

Sep 24, 2005



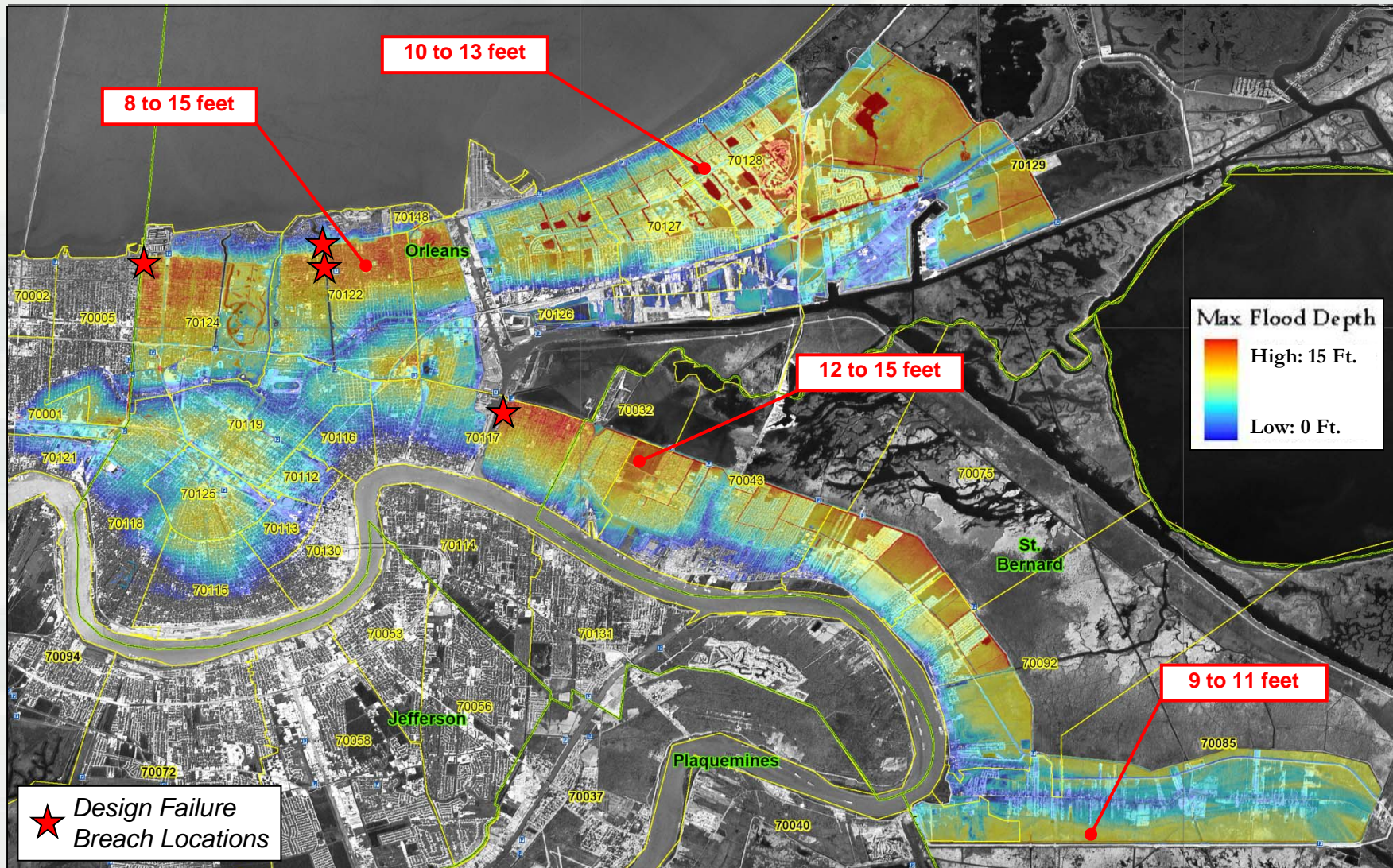
- Cat 4 less than 12 hrs before landfall
- 175 MPH max sustained winds in Gulf of Mexico
- 120 MPH max sustained winds at landfall
- Cat 3 strength at landfall



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Maximum Flooding Depth



HSDRRS: Our Mission and Commitment

- *Repair the damages, making what was there before whole again.*
- *By 1 June 2011, strengthen and improve the system and provide 100-year level of risk reduction capable of withstanding the effects of a storm having a 1% chance of occurring each year.*
- *Current funding level \$14.48 B (fully funded).*



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Deliver the Greater New Orleans HSDRRS Mission

Challenges

- Mandate to deliver \$14.6B construction program within budget and on schedule
- Form design criteria, program cost estimate, acquire funding
- Intense scrutiny / oversight
- New governances
- NEPA compliance
- Deliver a comprehensive system

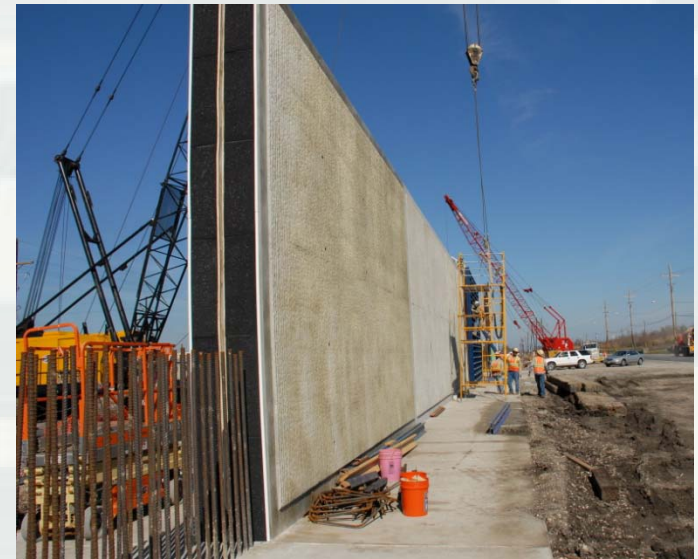
Enablers

- Administration / Congressional commitment
- Fully funded program
- National/Regional Corps capabilities
- Local partners and stakeholders capabilities
- NEPA Alternate Arrangements
- Full host of acquisition strategies
- Favorable bidding climate

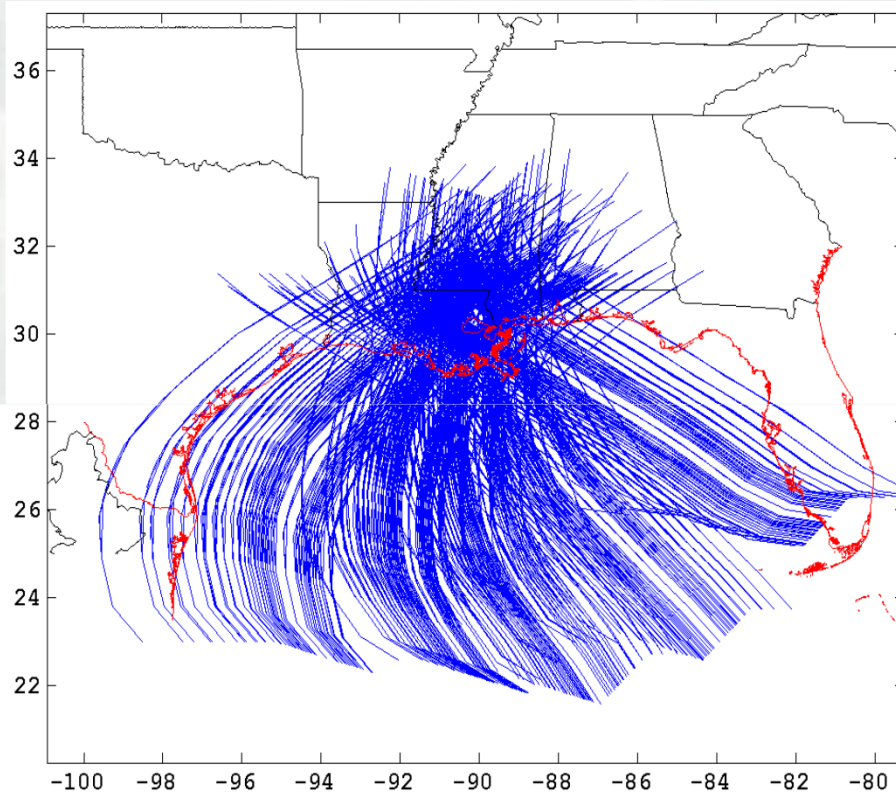


Best Practices: System Program Management

- Acquisition Strategy
 - ▶ Design Build / Cost Plus Contracts
 - ▶ Best Value Source Selection
 - ▶ Early Contractor Involvement (ECI)
 - ▶ Program Management Support Contract
- Construction Materials
 - ▶ Government Furnished Borrow
 - ▶ Supply Contracts for Sheet Piles and Borrow
- Improved Techniques
 - ▶ Value Engineering – systems study complete
 - ▶ Pile Load Tests – in advance of contract award
 - ▶ Press Pile, Spiral welded piles
 - ▶ Deep soil mixing, sand blanket and wick drains
- Leverage National & Regional Resources

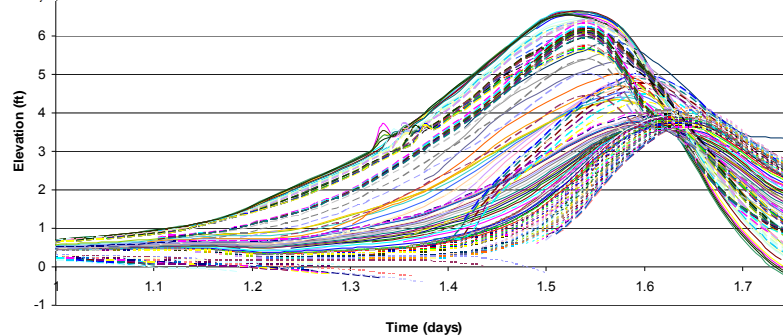


Hurricane Paths Considered in the Risk Analysis



- 3 HSDRRS Geometries
 - Pre-Katrina
 - Current (1 June 07)
 - 100-year LOP (~2011)
- 152 storms
 - 25 yr to 5,000+ yr
- 350+ features
 - Floodwalls
 - Levees
 - Pumps Stations

→ **62,928 Hurricane Hydrographs**



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New Orleans East

Surge Barrier Tie-In



St. Bernard Floodwall, near the IHNC Tie-In

(not labeled to scale)

Top of Floodwall:
EL +32'

Katrina Storm Surge:
EL +25'

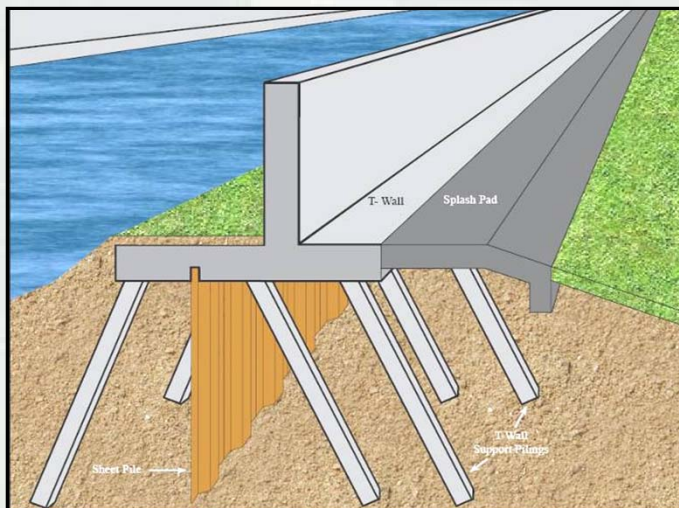
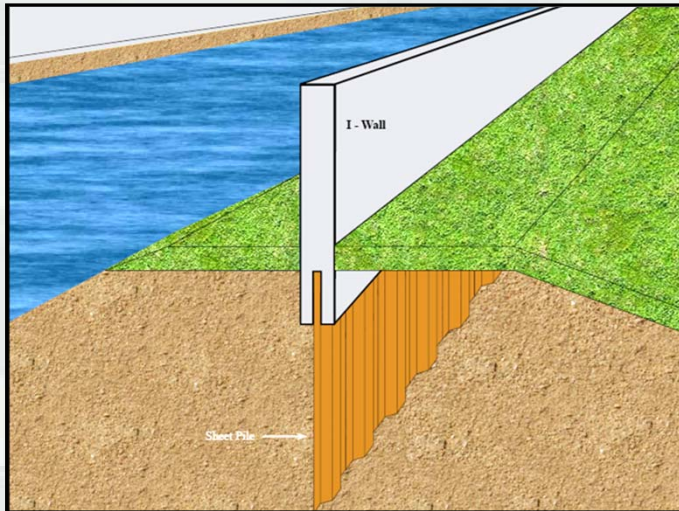
500-yr Still Water
Elevation*: EL +22'

100-yr Still Water
Elevation*: EL +18'

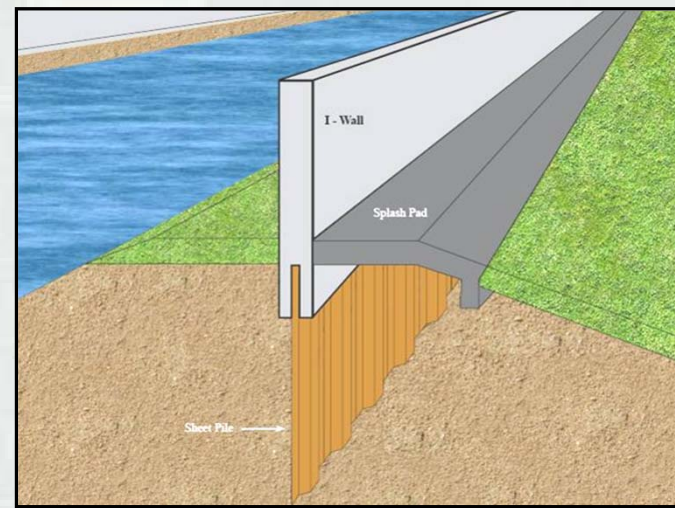
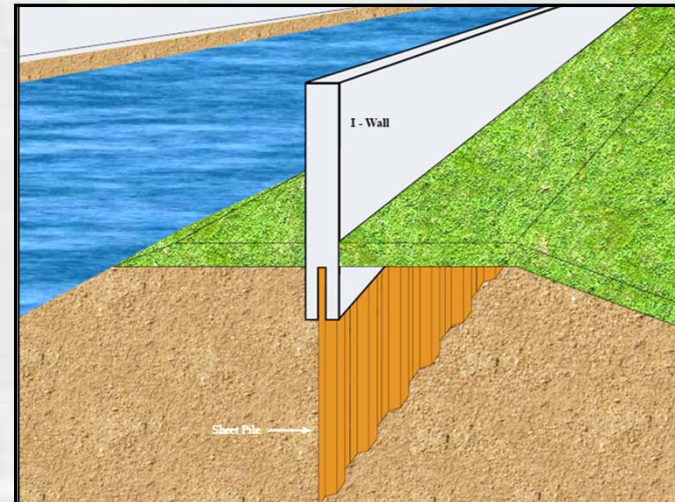
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DESIGNED FOR A 100-YR STORM SURGE EVENT

Design Improvements

T/I wall design



Scour protection



Before

After

Armoring



Wave Overtopping Testing

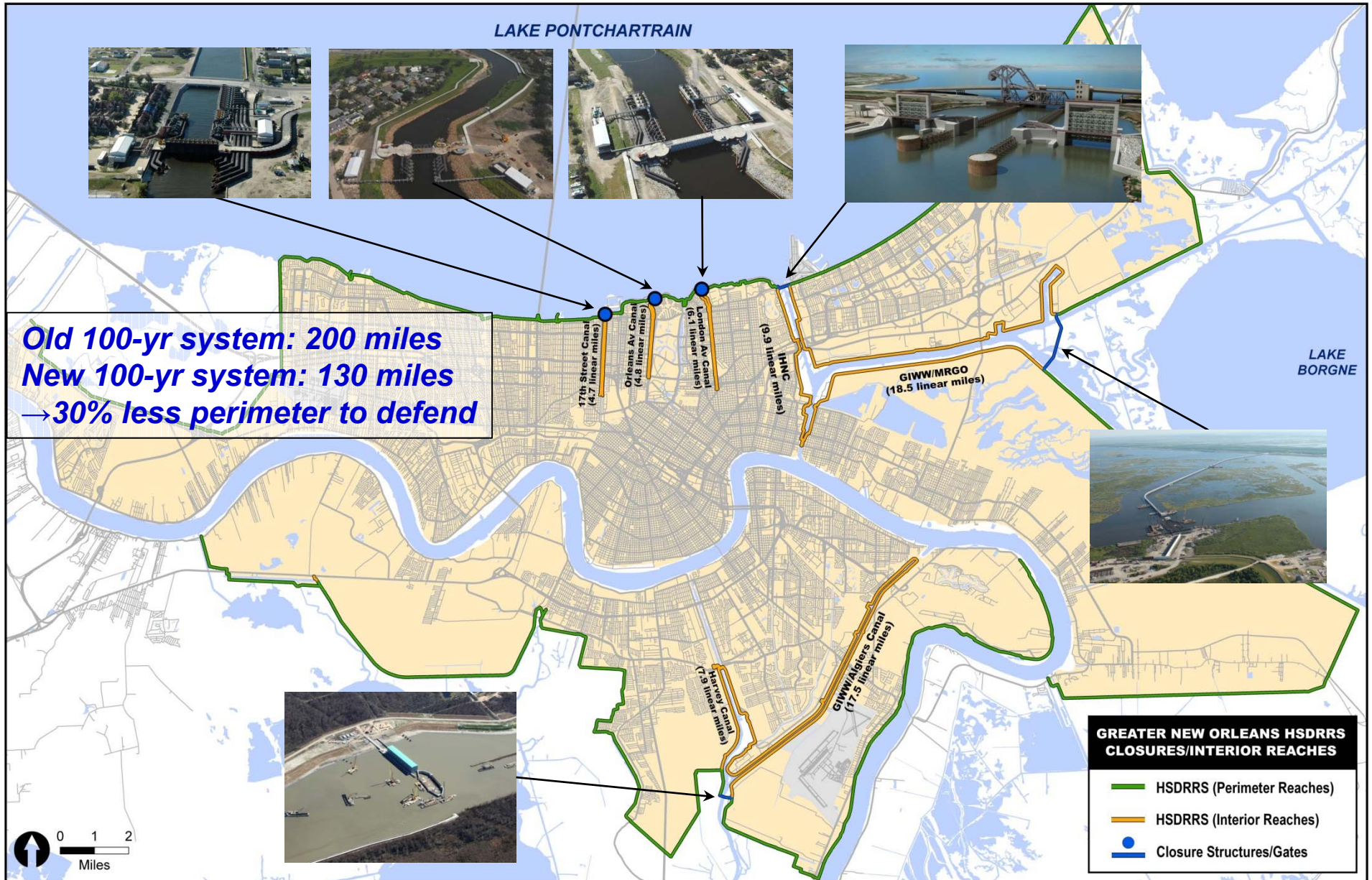


Turf Reinforced Mat



Sod / Enhanced Grass

Perimeter Risk Reduction



Lake Borgne Surge Barrier



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Lake Borgne Surge Barrier “Great Wall of Louisiana”

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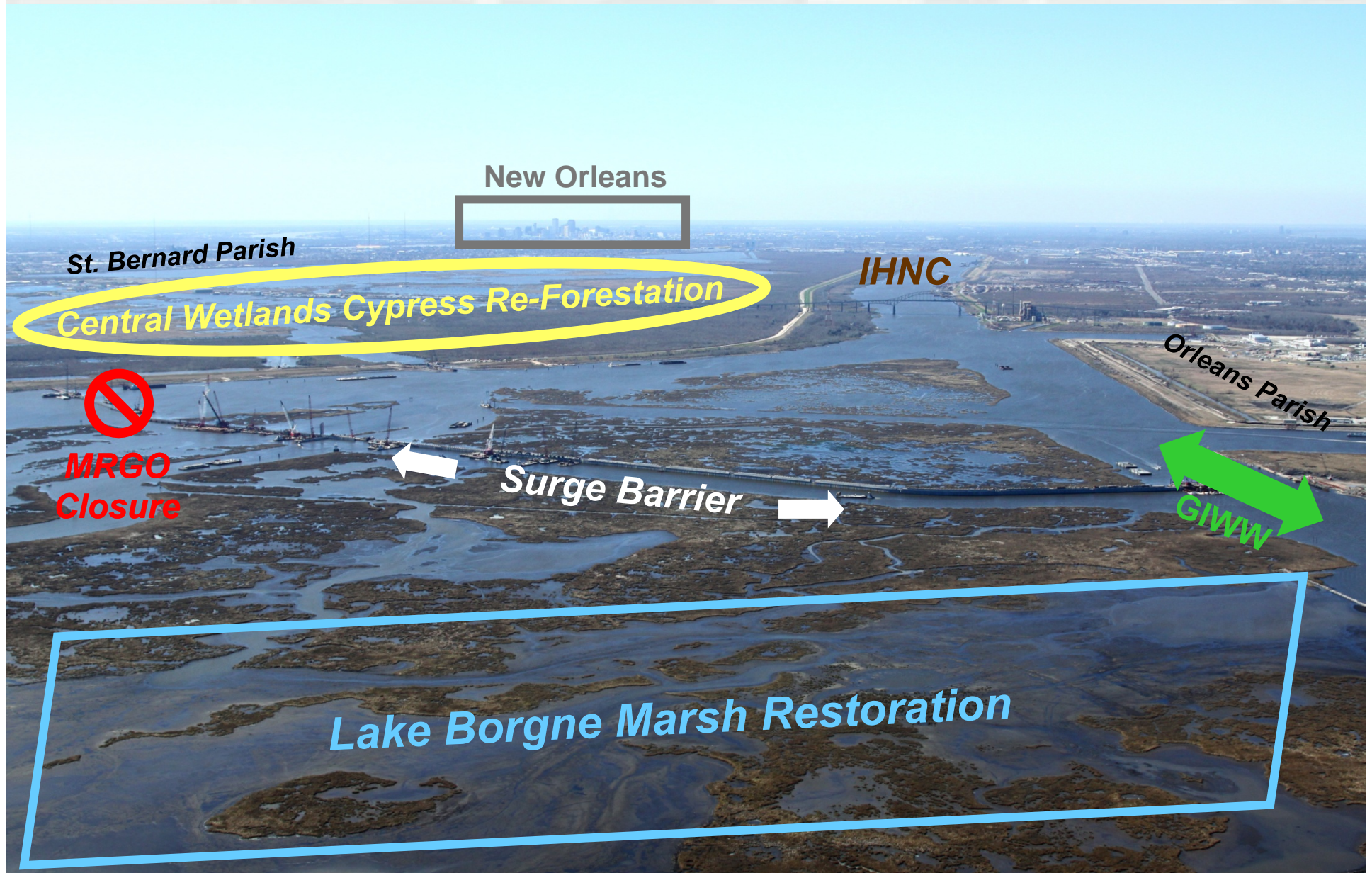
Top of Surge Barrier: EL 26'

500-YEAR STILL
WATER ELEVATION *: EL +22.5'

100-YEAR STILL
WATER ELEVATION *: EL +18.8'

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The Big Picture



Seabrook Gate Complex



Orleans Parish 2011 Interim Closure Structures

Seabrook (IHNC)



London Ave. Canal



Completed June 2006

17th St. Canal



Completed June 2006

Orleans Ave. Canal



Completed June 2006

Provides interim 100-year²² level of risk reduction

Causeway



West Closure Complex



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Pump Station



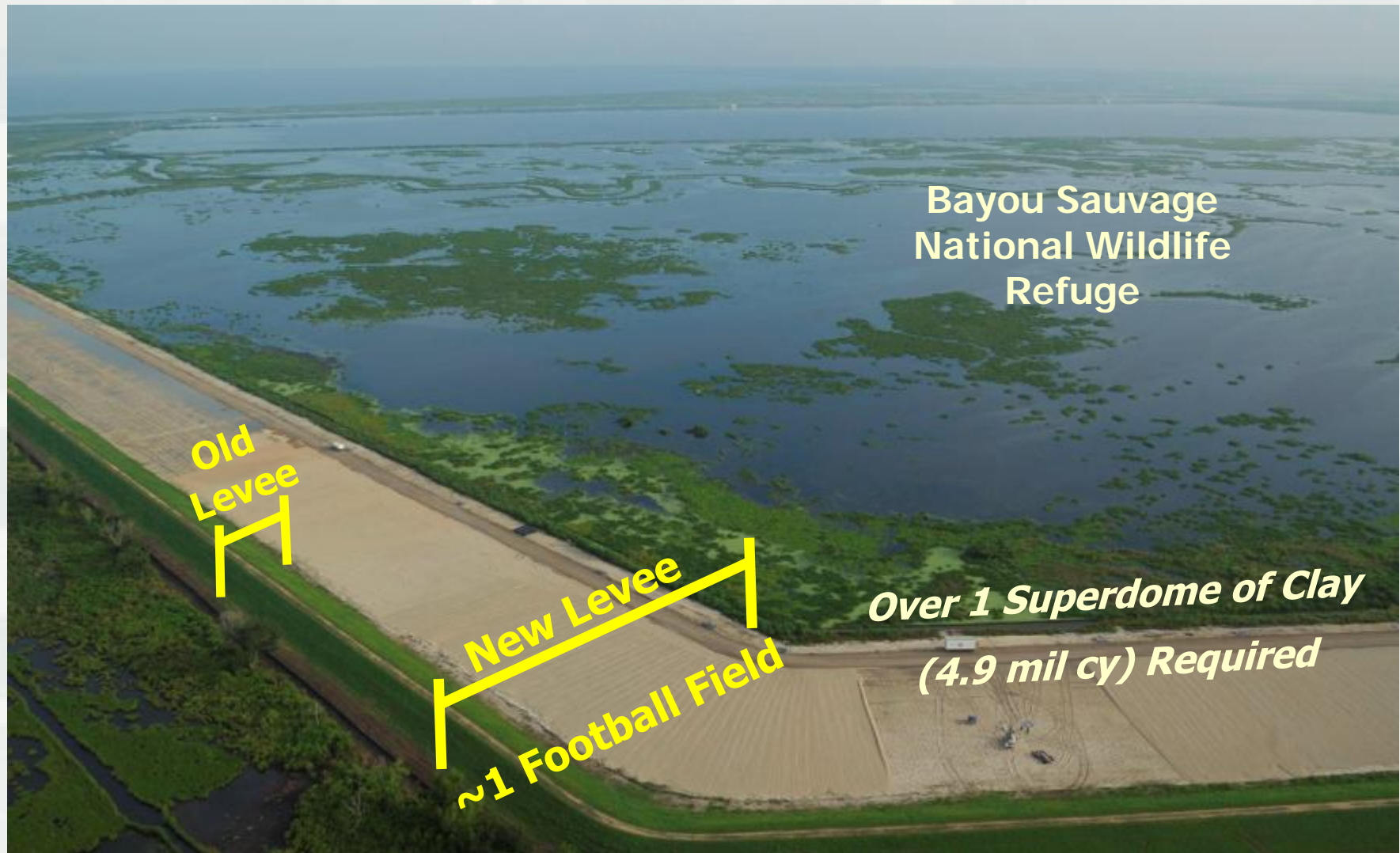
St. Bernard Floodwall





St. Bernard Floodwall Construction – Southern Reach

New Orleans East Levee



Wick Drains



Bayou Segnette Pump Station

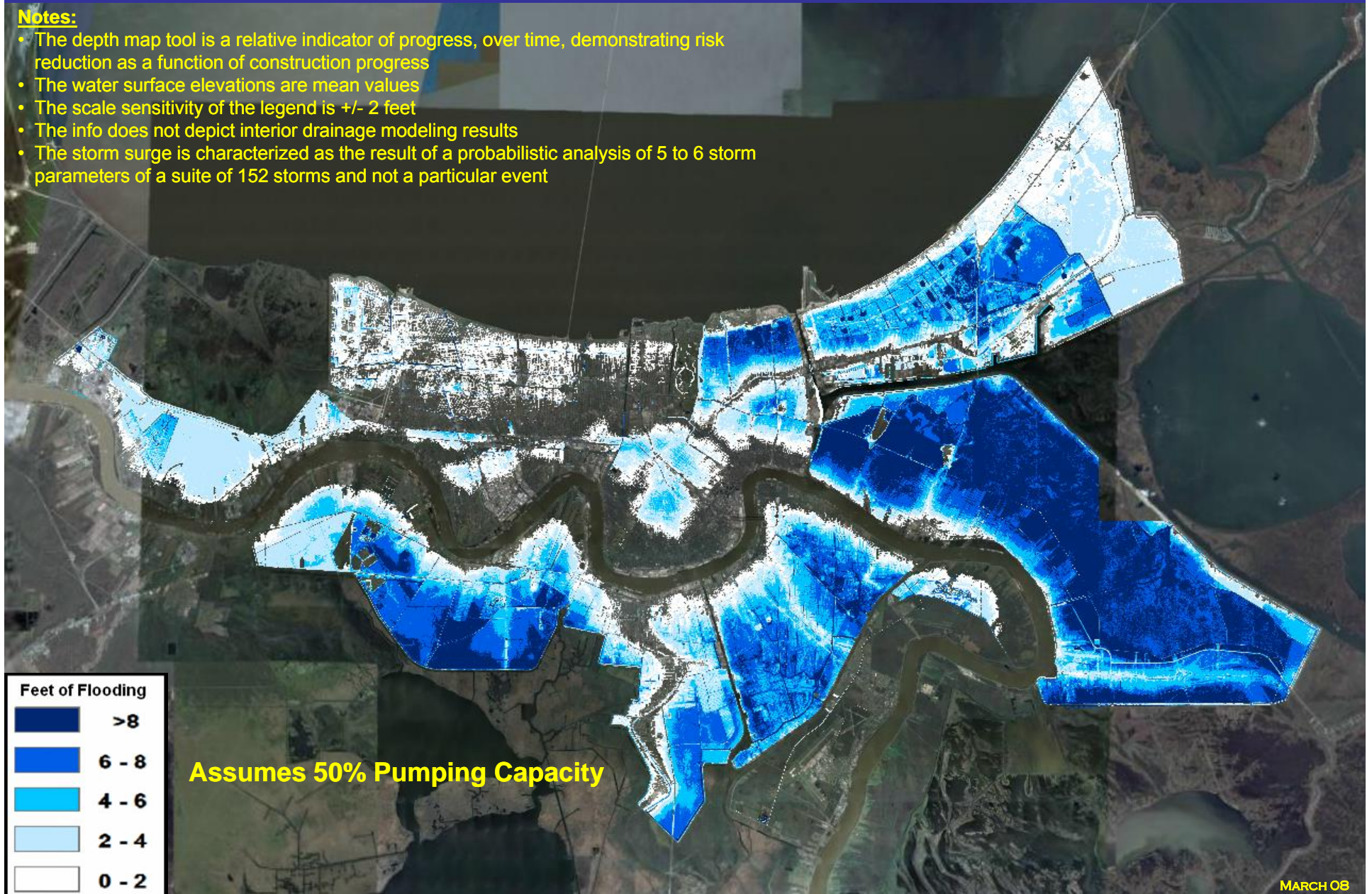
Completed Safe House



In 2007, you had a 1% chance every year of flooding this deep from Hurricanes

Notes:

- The depth map tool is a relative indicator of progress, over time, demonstrating risk reduction as a function of construction progress
- The water surface elevations are mean values
- The scale sensitivity of the legend is +/- 2 feet
- The info does not depict interior drainage modeling results
- The storm surge is characterized as the result of a probabilistic analysis of 5 to 6 storm parameters of a suite of 152 storms and not a particular event



With the 100-year level of protection, you have a 1% chance every year of flooding this deep from Hurricanes

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With the 100-year level of protection, you have a 0.2% chance every year of flooding this deep from Hurricanes

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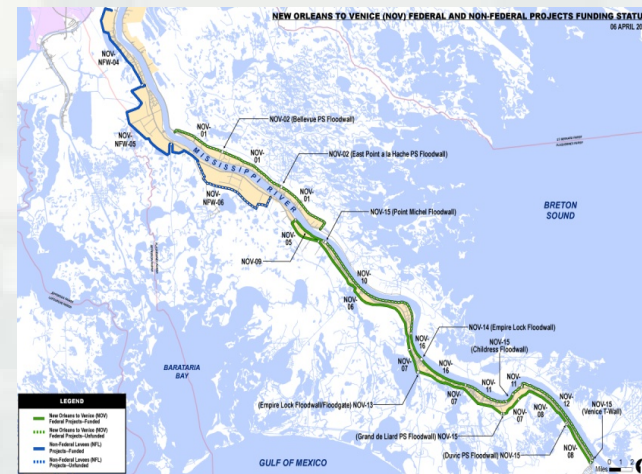
HSDRRS Remaining Work



Armoring



*Permanent
Pump Stations*



*New Orleans to Venice /
Non-Federal Levees*



SELA Interior Drainage

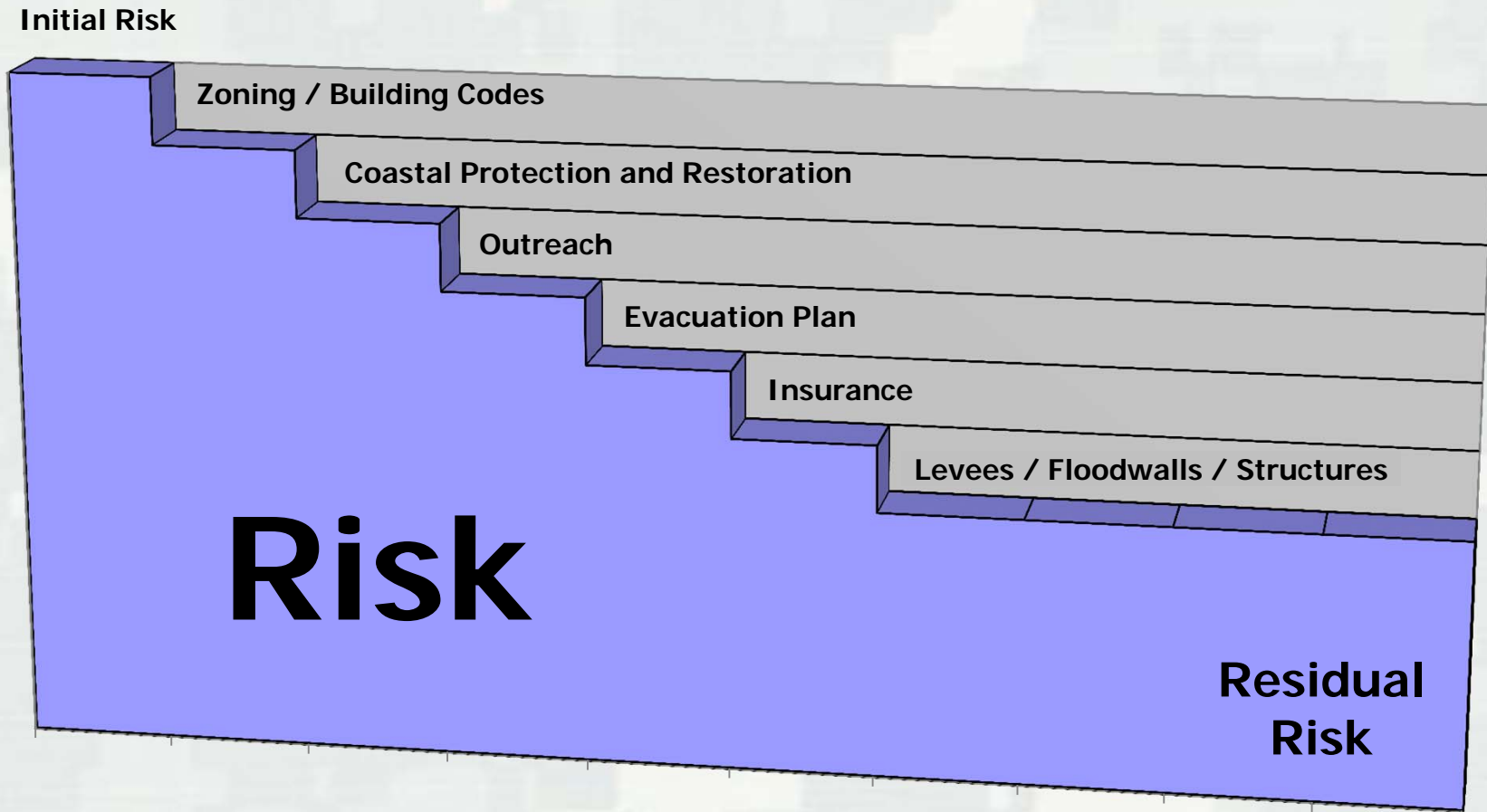


*Environmental
Mitigation*



*Mississippi River / HSDRRS
Co-located Levees*

Buying Down Risk



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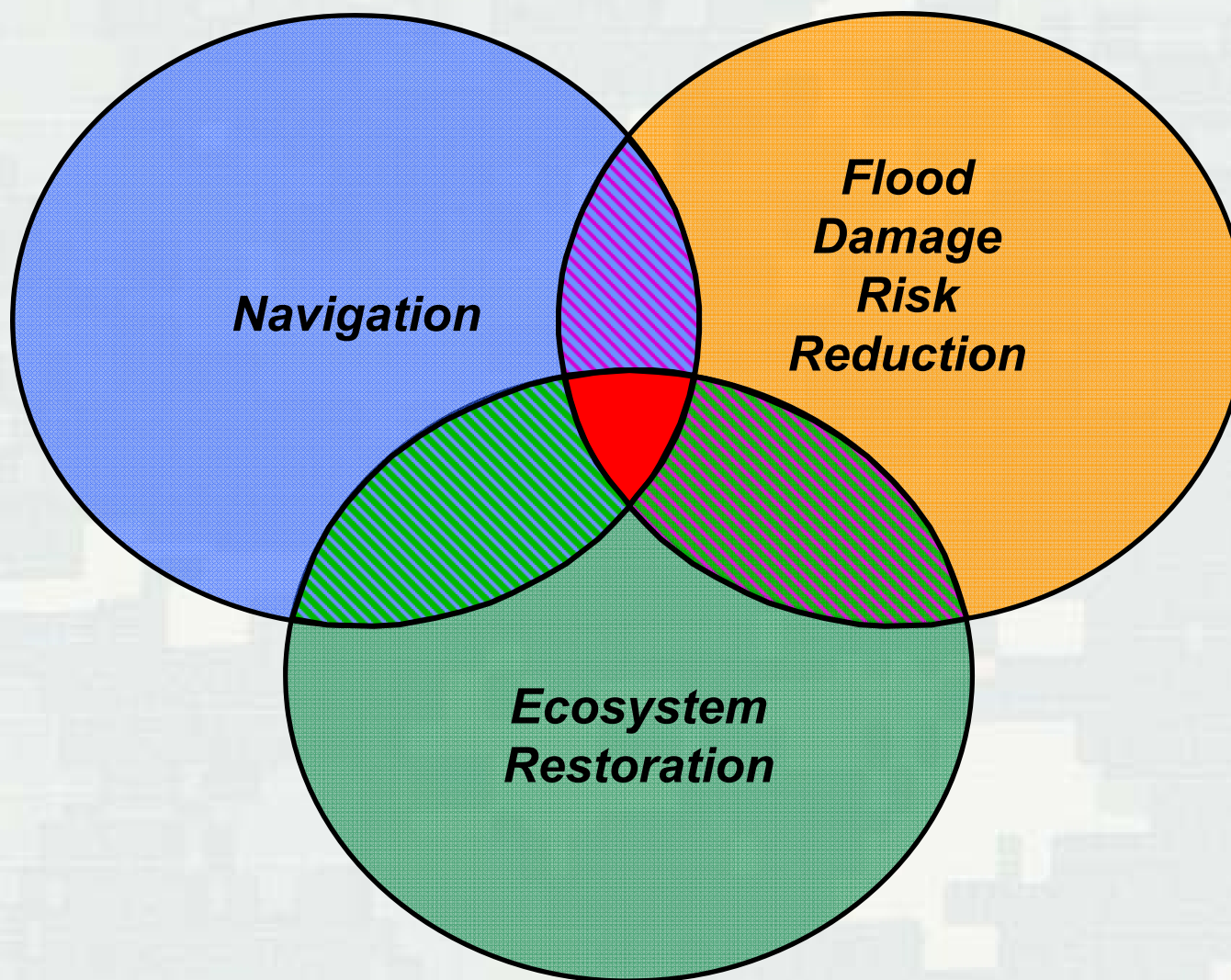


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Paradigm Shift

Required: Integrated Systems Approach



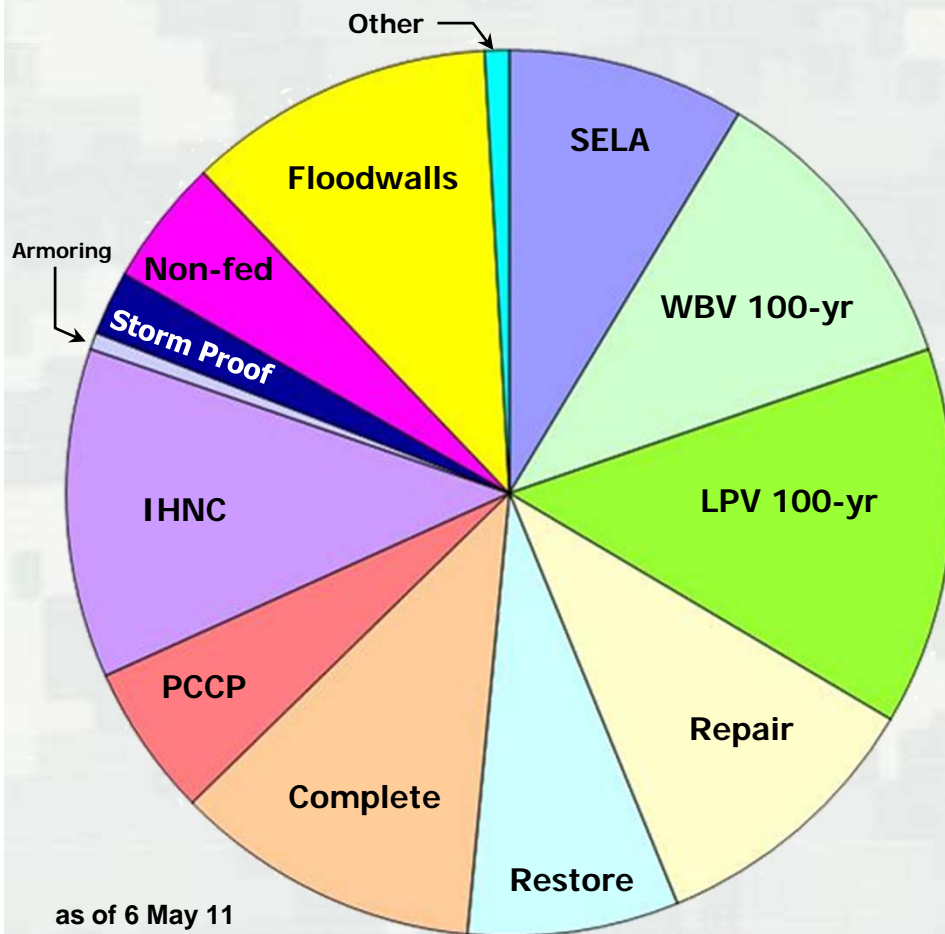
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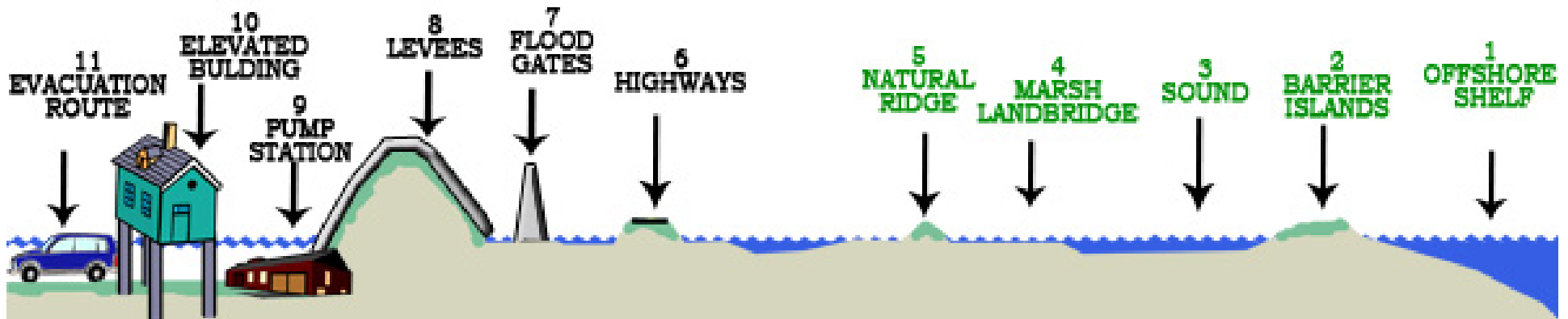
HSDRRS Funding Breakdown

TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDS: \$14.48 B



| COMPONENT | \$ (M) |
|---|---------|
| SELA (<i>Interior Drainage</i>) | \$1,253 |
| WBV 100-year <i>Level of Protection</i> | \$1,610 |
| LPV 100-year <i>Level of Protection</i> | \$1,997 |
| Repair <i>Existing System</i> | \$1,475 |
| Restore to <i>Design Height</i> | \$1,132 |
| Complete <i>Authorized System</i> | \$1,619 |
| Permanent <i>Pump Stations</i> | \$804 |
| IHNC | \$1,743 |
| Selective <i>Armoring</i> | \$89 |
| Storm-proof <i>Existing Pump Stations</i> | \$340 |
| Incorporate non-Fed <i>Levees in Plaquemines Parish</i> | \$671 |
| Reinforce or <i>Replace Floodwalls</i> | \$1,626 |
| Other | \$130 |

Multiple Lines of Defense



(Graphic from www.mlods.org)

Elements include:

- Coastal restoration/protection
- Structural measures
- Non-structural features