



# St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Meeting

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Zoom Video Conference



# Introductions

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  - Clarence Powe– OHSEP Director
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  - Jeffrey Giering – State Hazard Mitigation Officer



# Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Zoom Ground Rules**
- **Hazard Mitigation Overview**
- **Hazard Mitigation**
- **Planning Process Risk Assessment**
- **Public Outreach Activity**



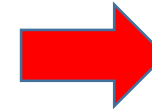
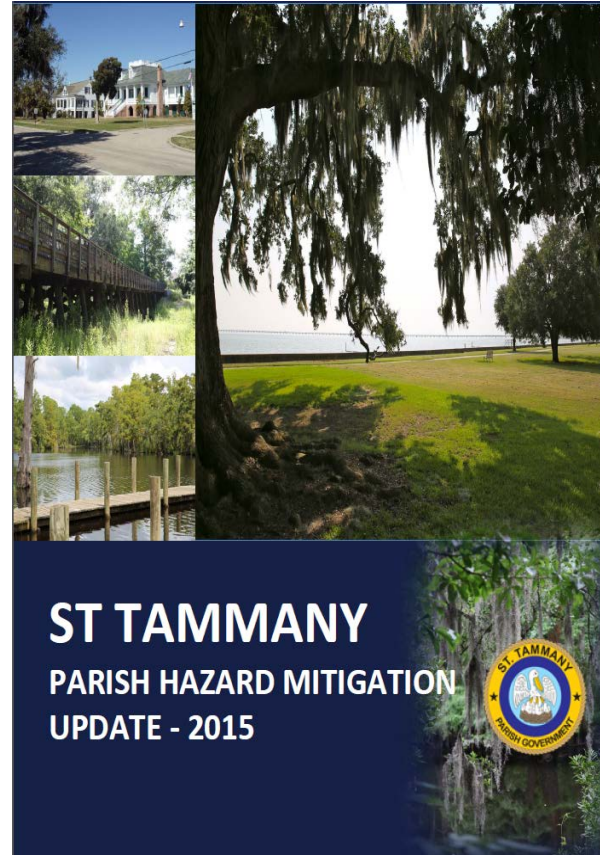
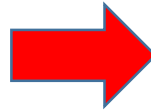
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# Why Are We Here?



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# Hazard Mitigation Is.....

- Any action taken to reduce long term risk to life and property;
- On-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters;
- Mitigation actions help prevent damage to a *community's infrastructure, economic, cultural and environmental assets*;
- Implementation of mitigation actions leads to building stronger, safer and smarter!

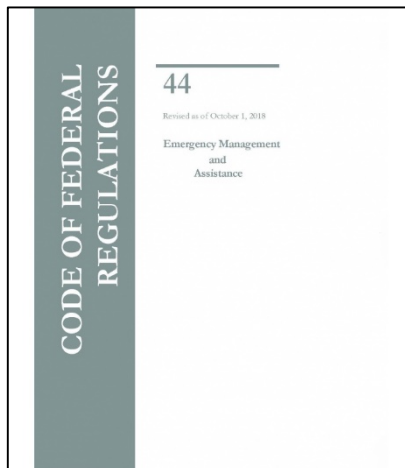


# Why Are We Required To Have A Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000)

*Section 322 of the Act specifically addresses mitigation planning and requires state and local governments to prepare multi-hazard migration plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.*

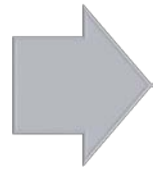
- Meet federal requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.



- The approved St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow for distribution of HM funding following future disasters.

# Planning Process to Date

Initial Planning Meeting with OHSEP



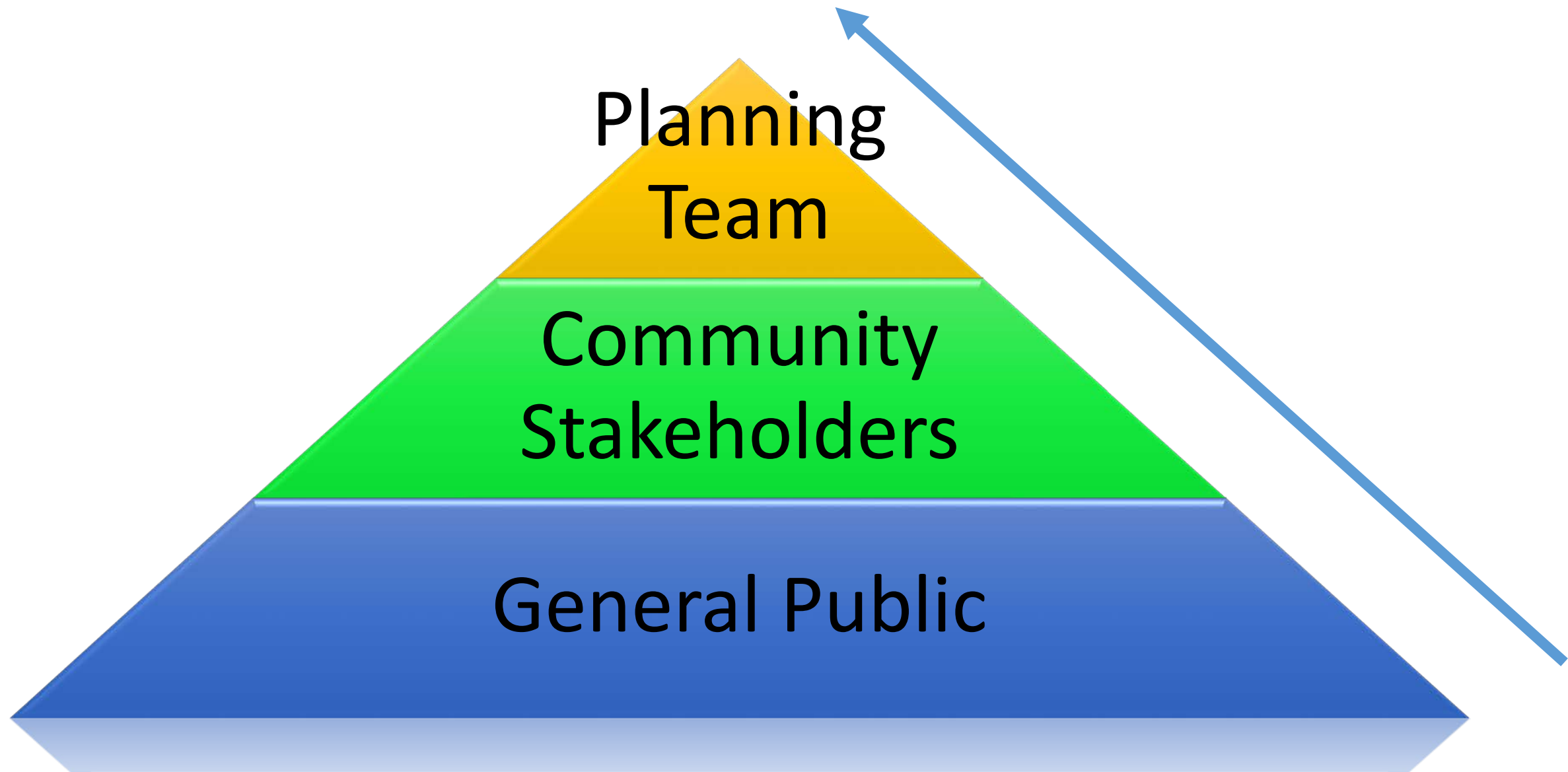
Kick off Meeting with Steering Committee



Public Meeting

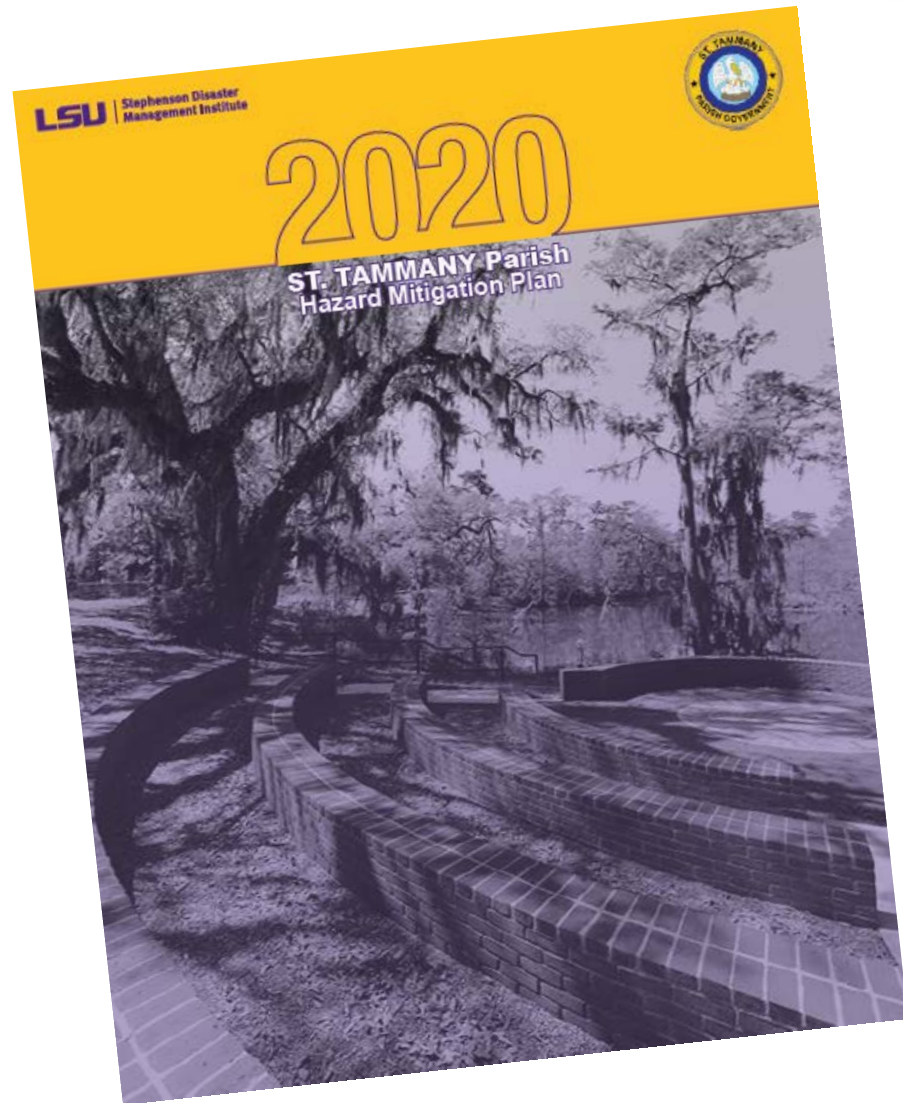


# Collaborative Planning Approach





# Planning Development



# Plan Layout

- **Section 1: Introduction**
  - Updated parish description
  - Updated demographics
  - Economics
- **Section 2: Hazard Identification and Parish-wide Risk Assessment**
- **Section 3: Capability Assessment**
- **Section 4: Mitigation Strategies**
  - New actions
  - Action updates
  - Survey results



# Plan Layout

- **Appendix A:** Planning Process
- **Appendix B:** Plan Maintenance
- **Appendix C:** Parish Essential Facilities
- **Appendix D:** Plan Adoption
- **Appendix E:** State Required Worksheets
- **Appendix F:** Community Rating System (CRS)



# Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- The plan includes descriptions of the natural hazards that affect the jurisdictions in the planning area.
- The hazards identification includes the following:
  - *locations affected*
  - *extent or strength*
  - *previous occurrences*
  - *probability of future events*



# Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Based on Currently Profiled Risks
- Any Newly Identified Risks
- Prevalent Hazards
- Previous Occurrences
- Probability of Future Events
- Assets Inventory
- Essential Facilities
- Hazard Impact
- Future Development
- Future Hazard Impacts
- Zoning and Land Use
- Hazard Profiles





# Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Coastal Land Loss
- Drought
- Flooding
- Fog
- Levee/Dam Failure
- Termites
- Thunderstorms/  
Lightning/High Winds
- Tropical Cyclones
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires



# Priority Risk Index for St. Tammany Parish

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Overall Risk
Coastal Hazards	4	2	4	1	3	2.9
Dam Failure	1	2	2	4	2	2.05
Drought	2	4	4	1	4	3.05
Flooding	3	4	3	4	3	3.4
Fog	3	2	2	3	1	2.25
Levee Failure	1	3	2	4	2	2.3
Termites	4	2	1	1	2	2.15
Thunderstorms - Hail	3	2	3	3	1	2.45
Thunderstorms - Lightning	3	2	2	3	1	2.25
Thunderstorms - Winds	3	2	2	3	1	2.25
Tornadoes	3	3	2	4	3	2.95
Tropical Cyclones	4	4	4	1	4	3.55
Wildfires	1	3	3	4	4	2.8

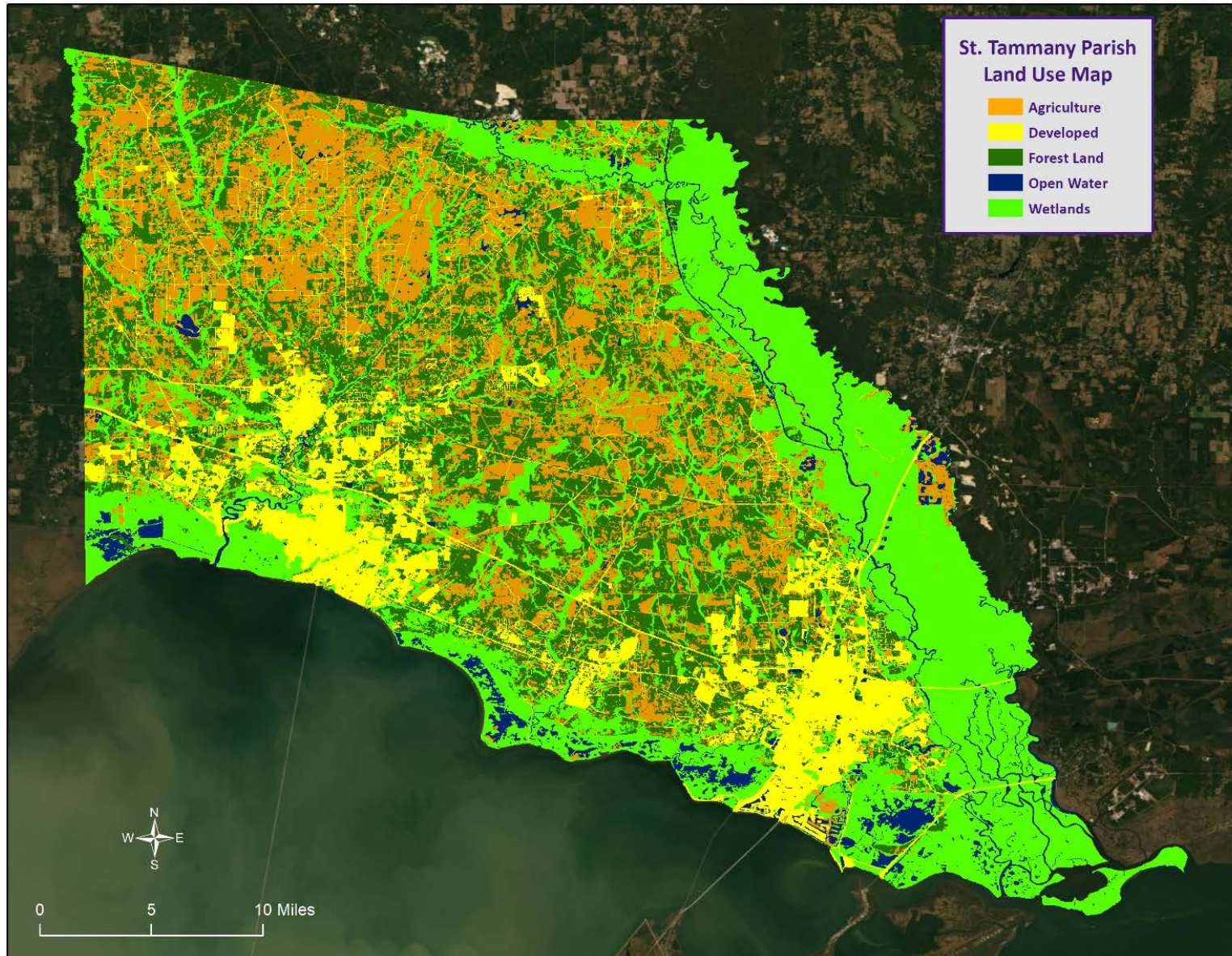


# Risk Assessment Maps



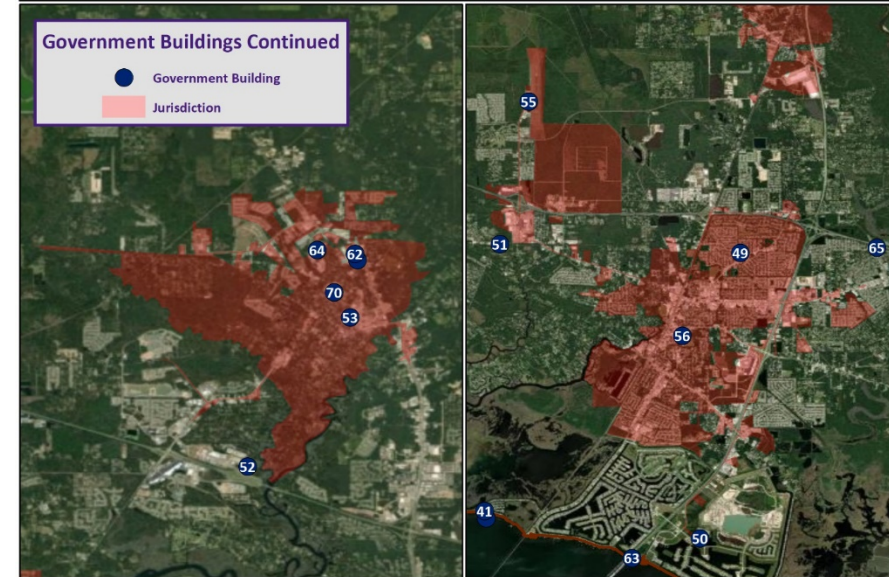
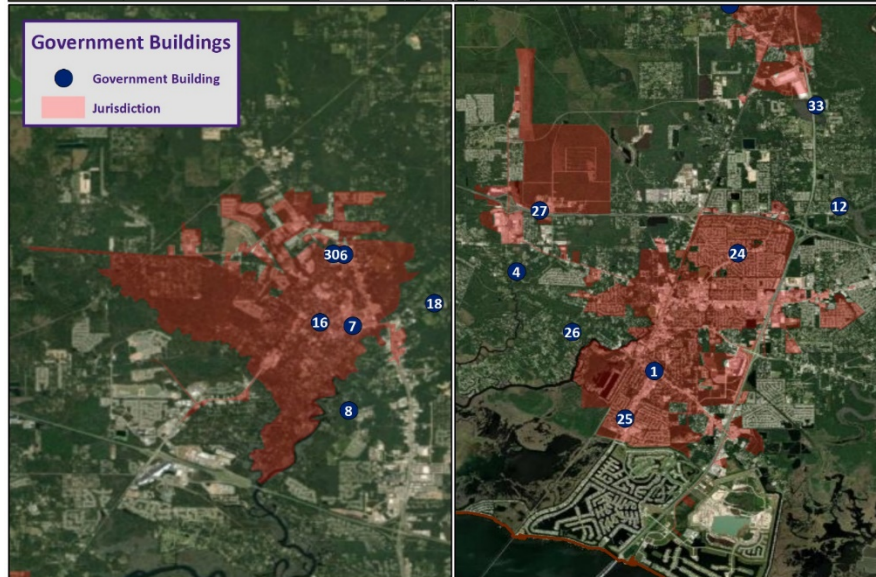
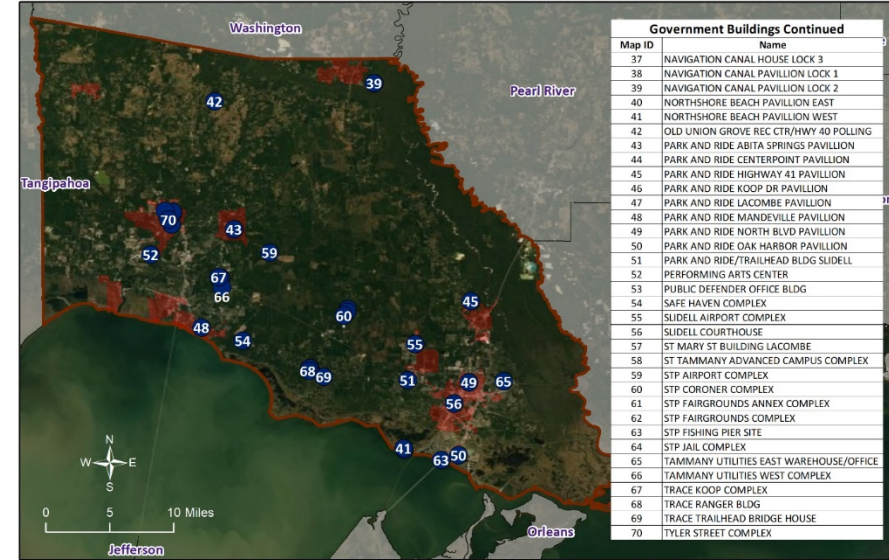
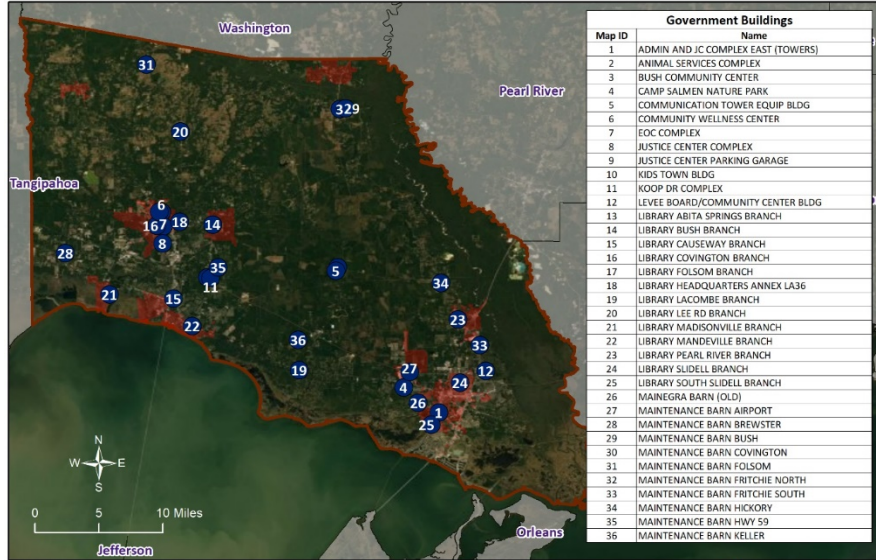


# St. Tammany Parish Land Use





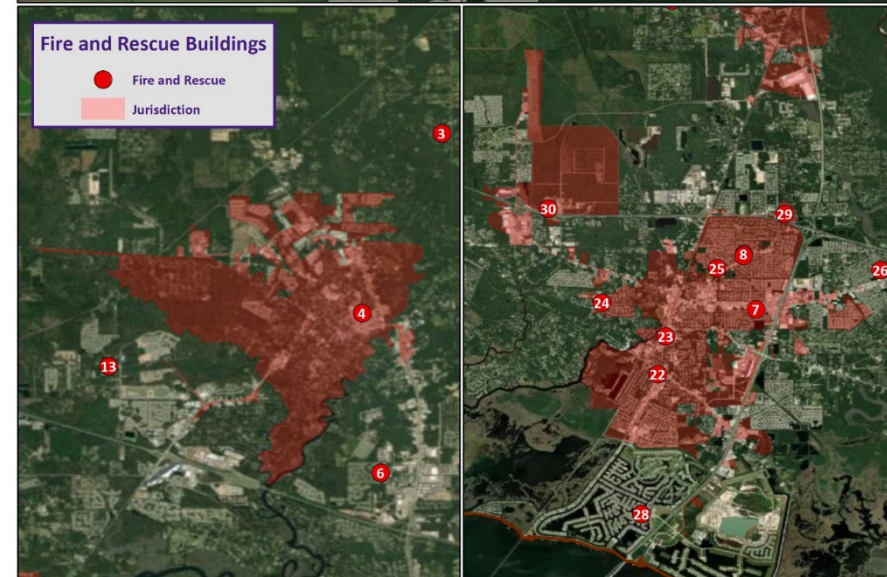
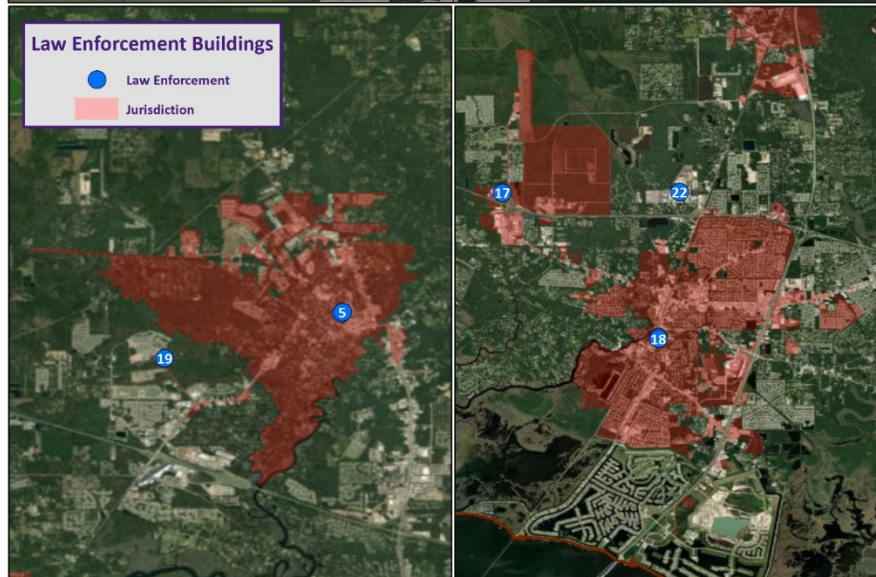
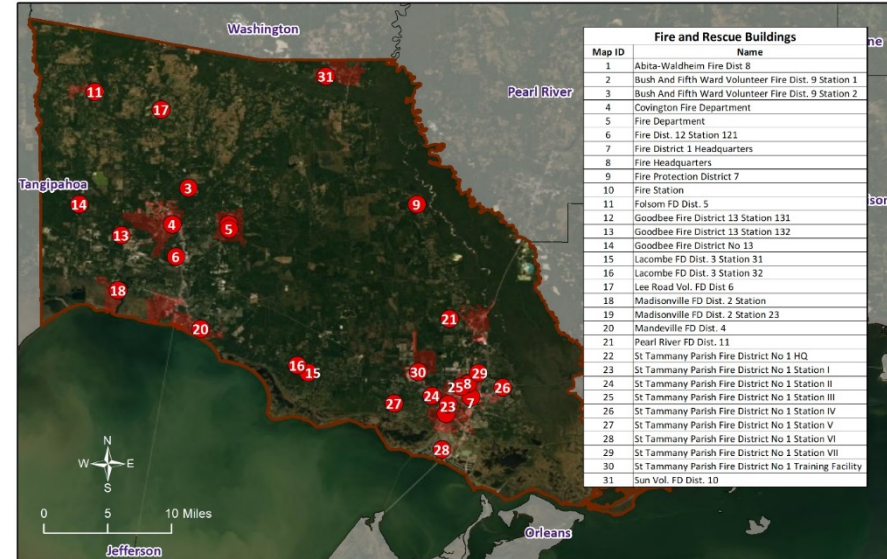
# Critical Facilities: Civil Government





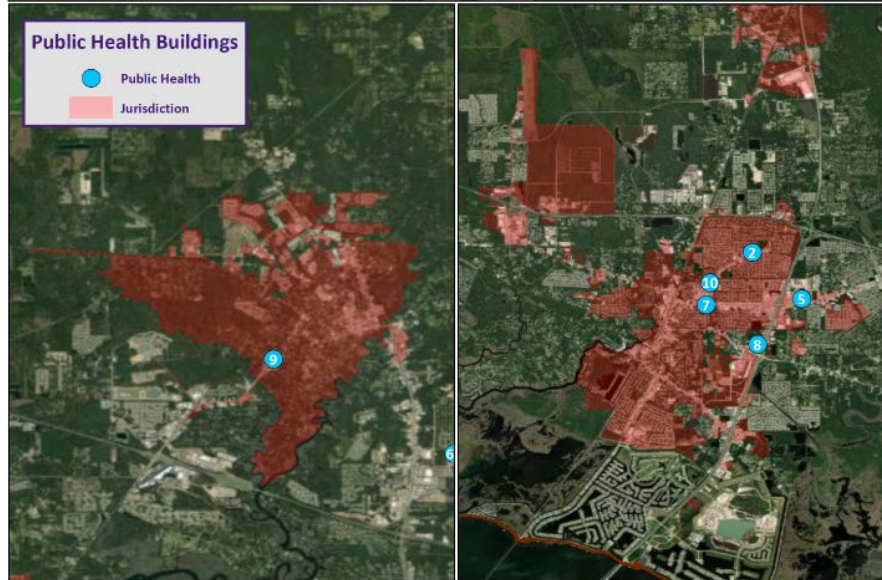
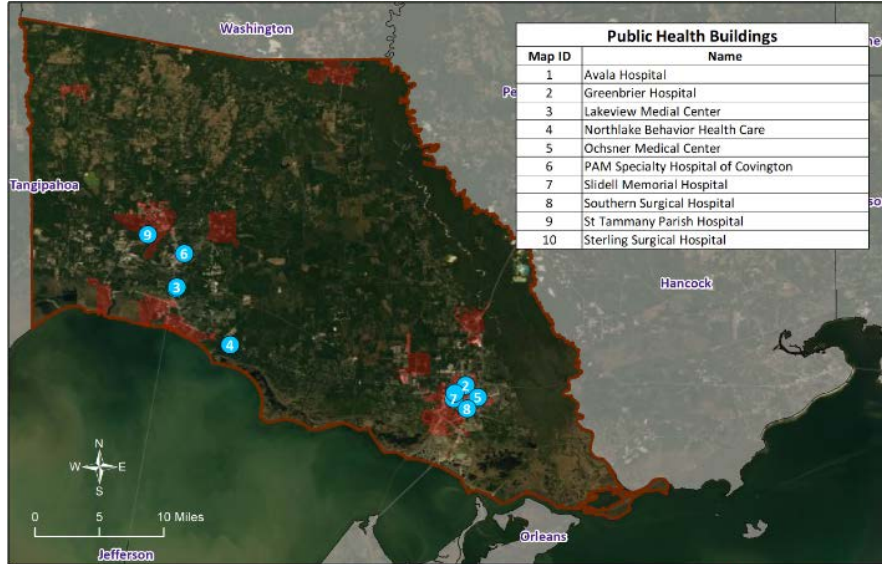
# Critical Facilities: Law Enforcement

# Critical Facilities: Fire & SAR

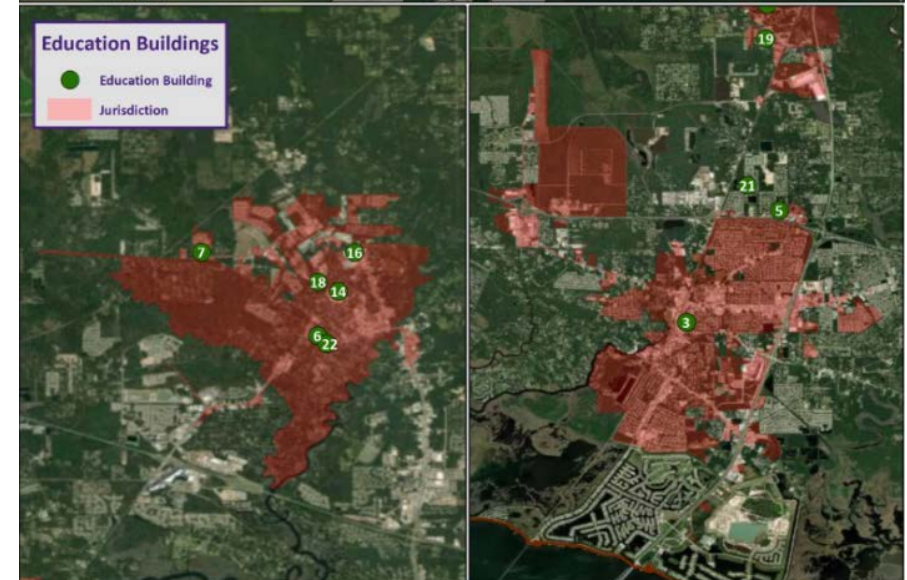




# Critical Facilities: Public Health



# Critical Facilities: Education



# Flooding

- A flood is the overflow of water onto land that is usually not inundated.
- The National Flood Insurance Program defines a flood as “a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties from overflow of inland or tidal waves, unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, mudflow, or collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above.”





# Flooding

Types of flooding may include the following:

- Riverine
- Flash
- Ponding
- Backwater
- Urban
- Coastal



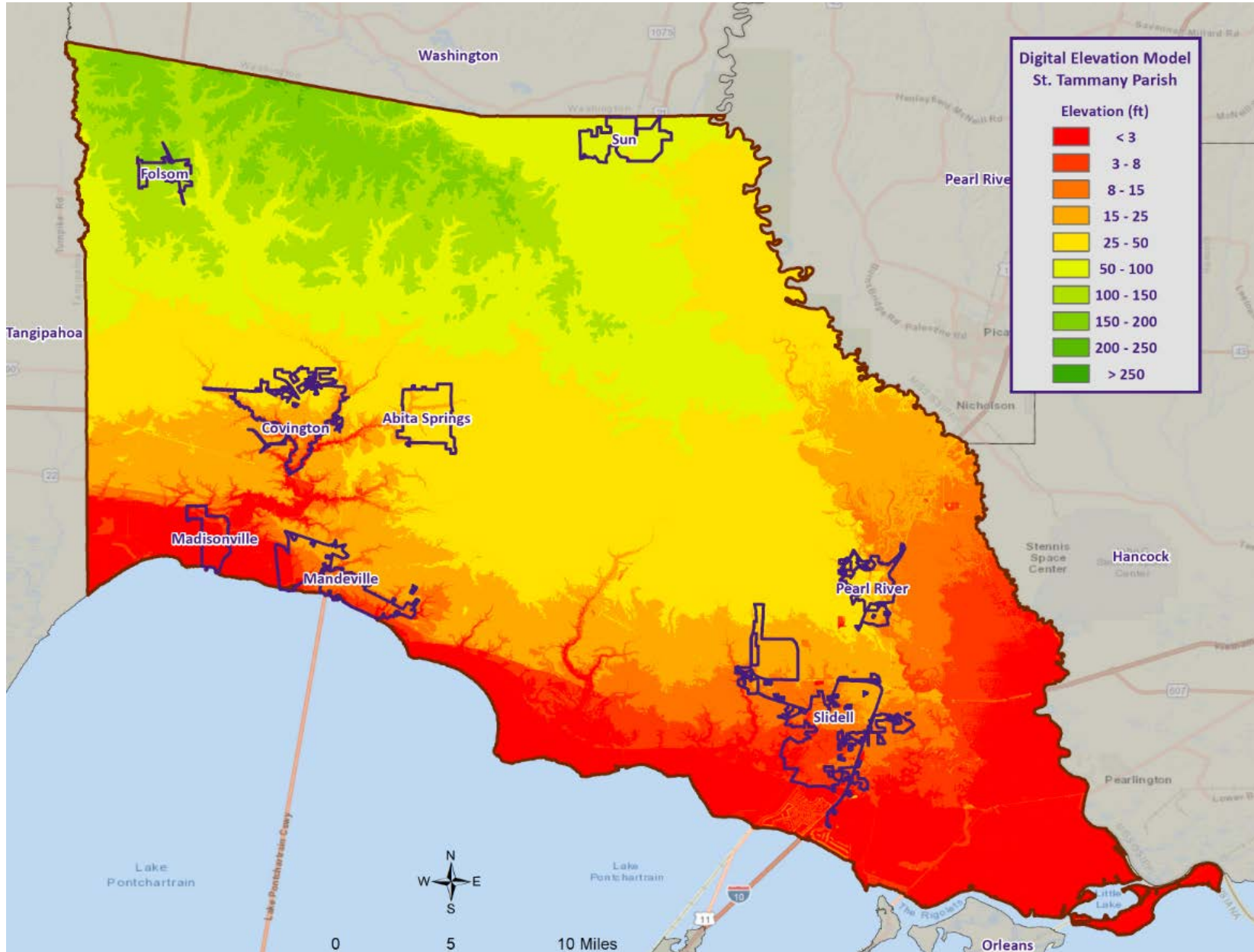
# Flooding

- Some areas flood more often than other properties, even more than those in the mapped 100-year floodplain.
- FEMA defines a “repetitive loss” property as one which has received two flood insurance claim payments for at least \$1,000 over any 10-year period since 1978.
- These properties are important to the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System because even though they comprise 1% of the policy base, they account for 30% of the country’s flood insurance claim payments.

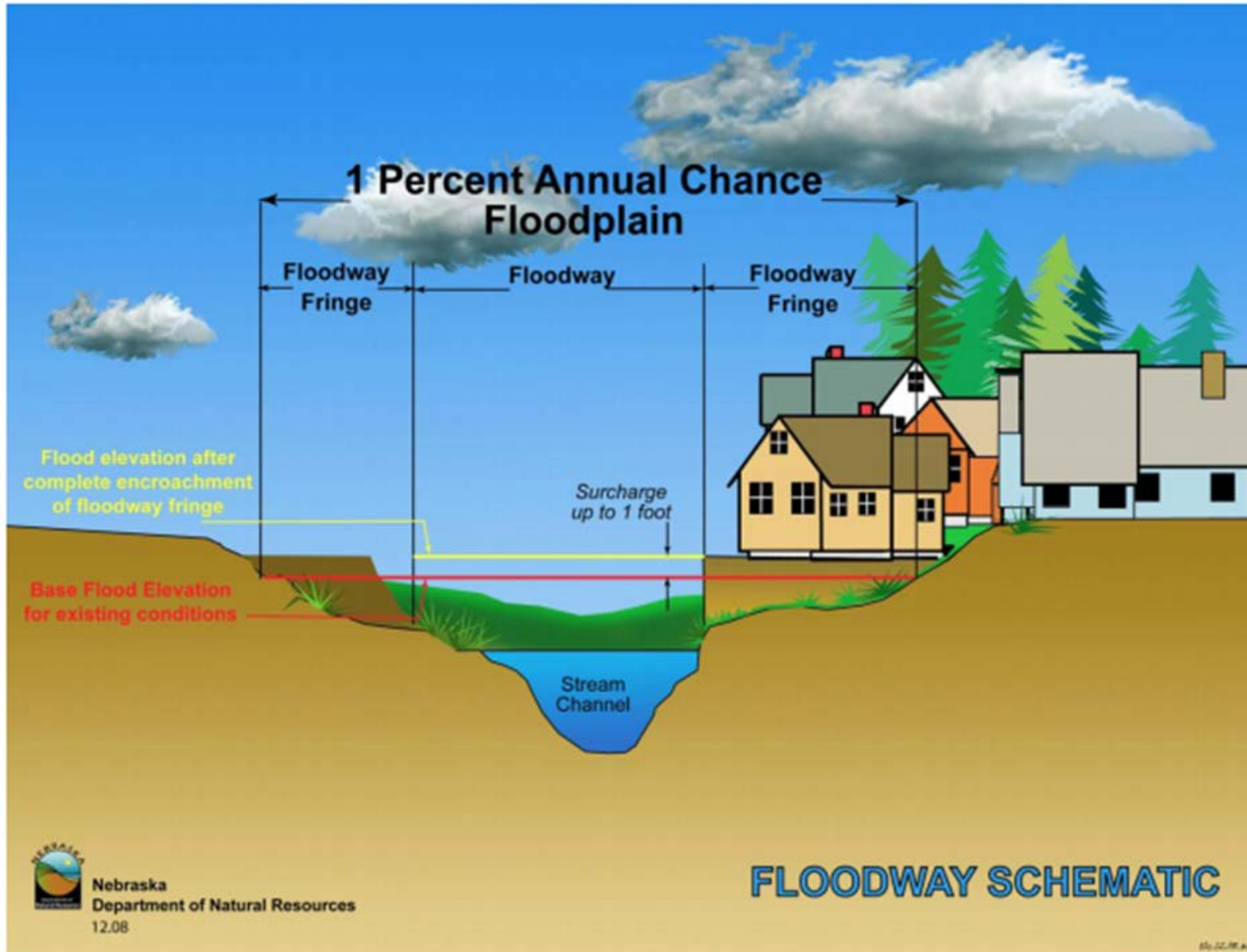




# Digital Elevation Model

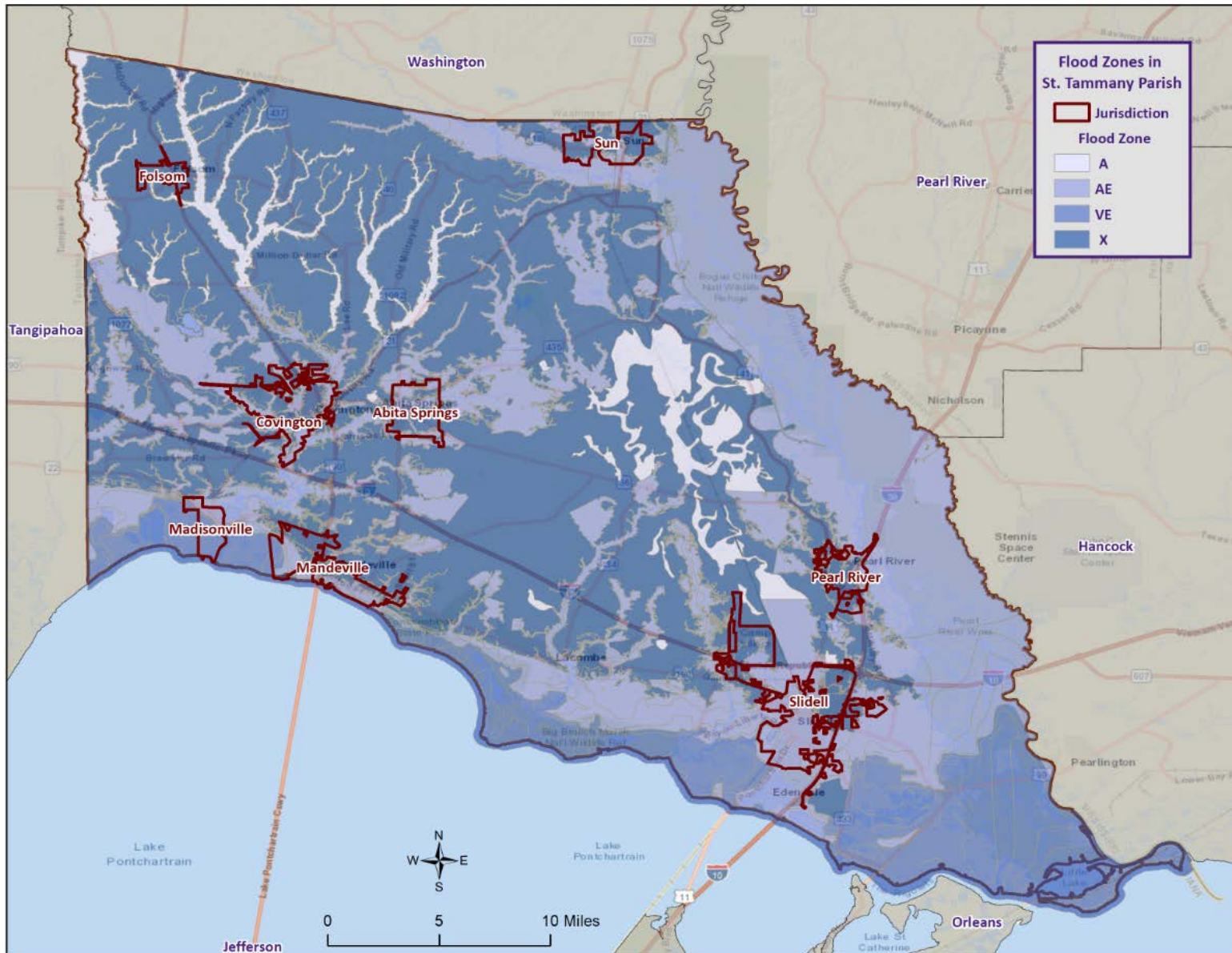


# Floodway Diagram



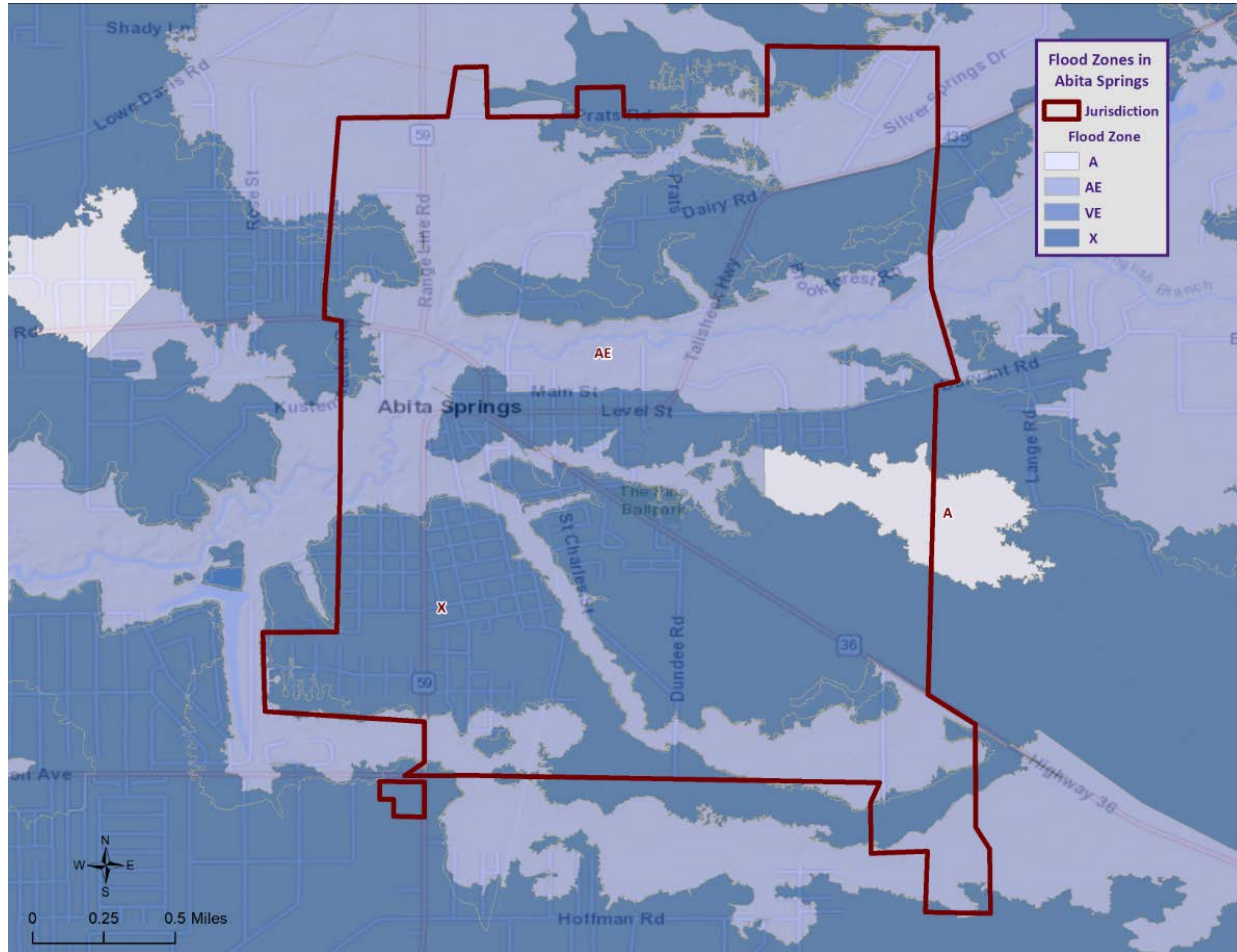


# St. Tammany Parish Flood Map

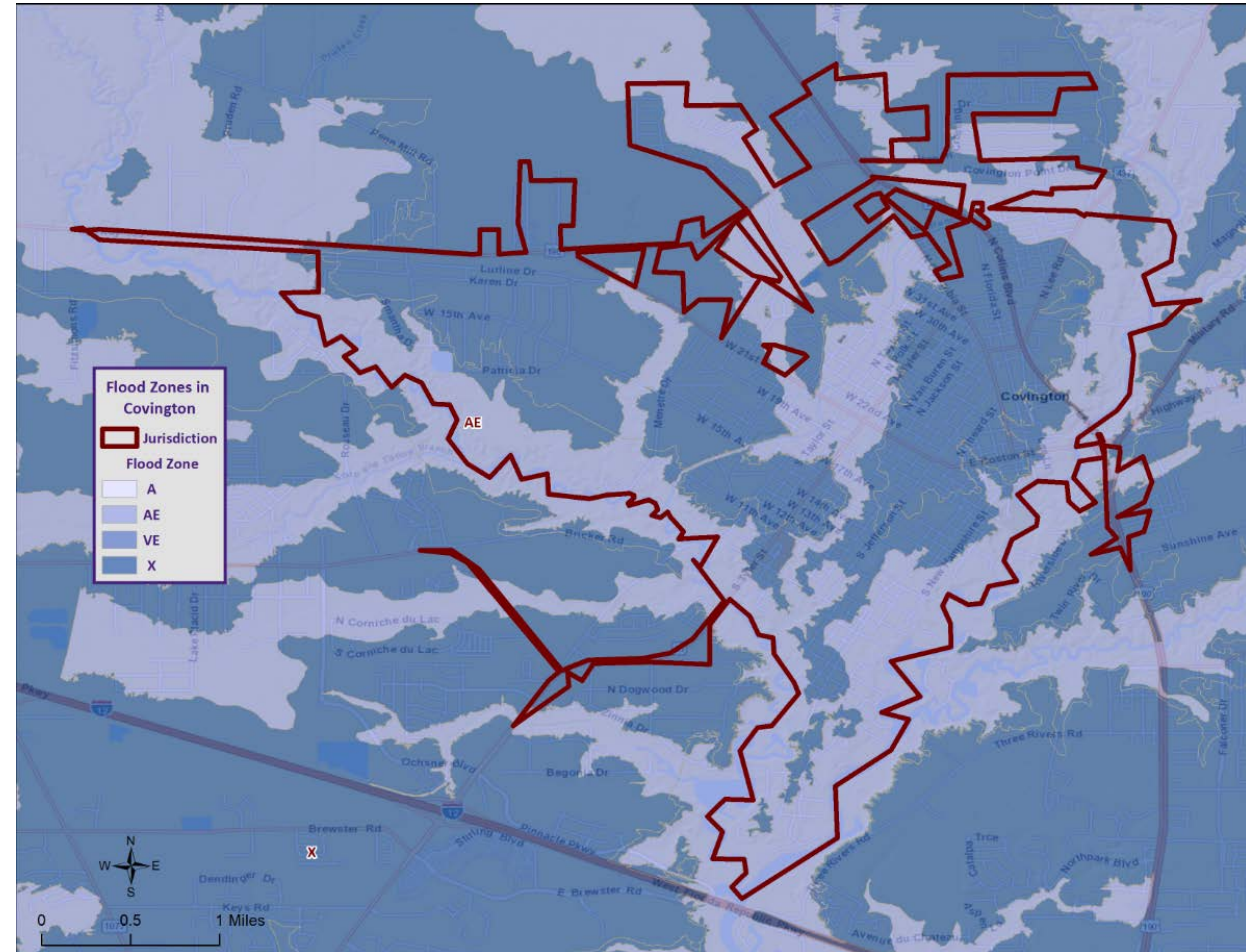


# Flood Maps

## Abita Springs



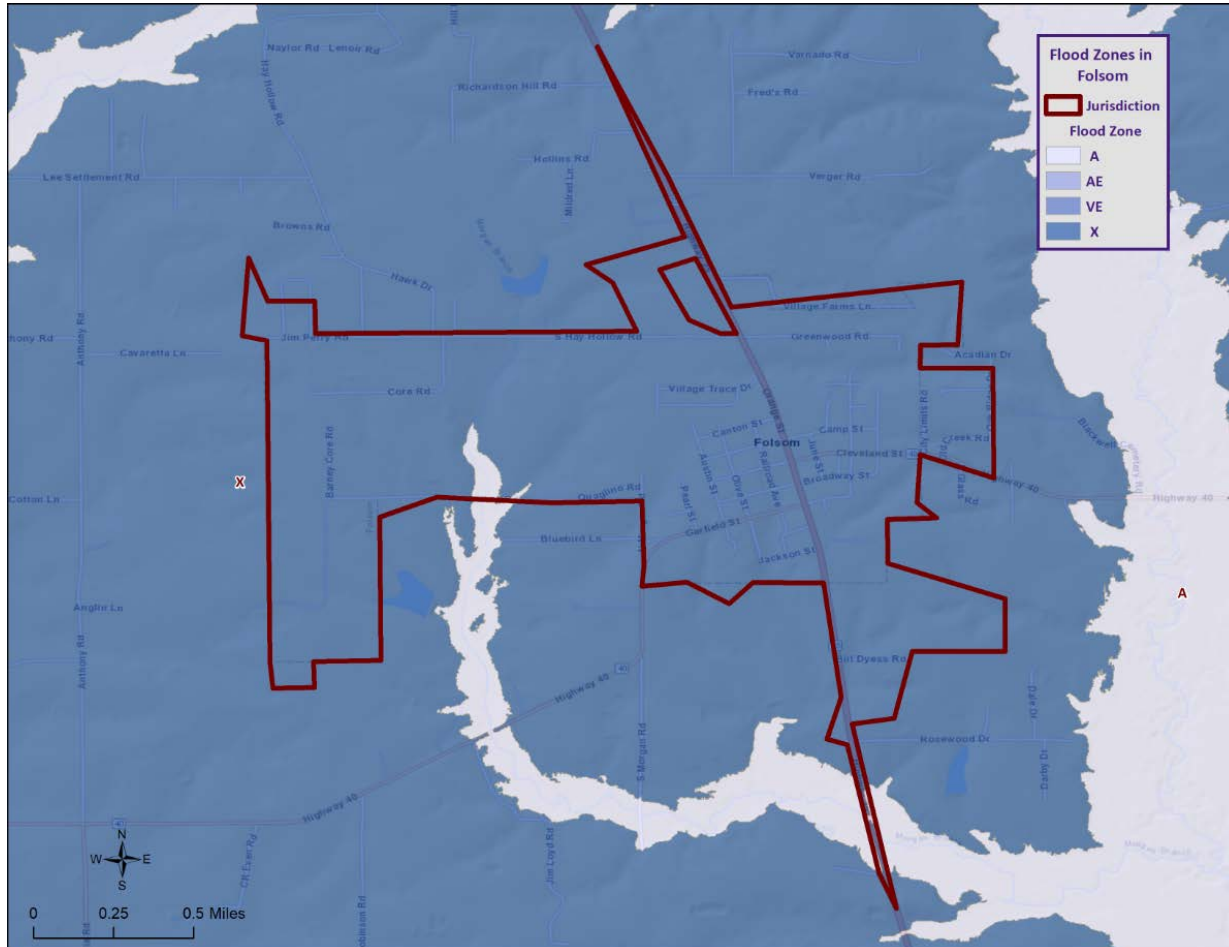
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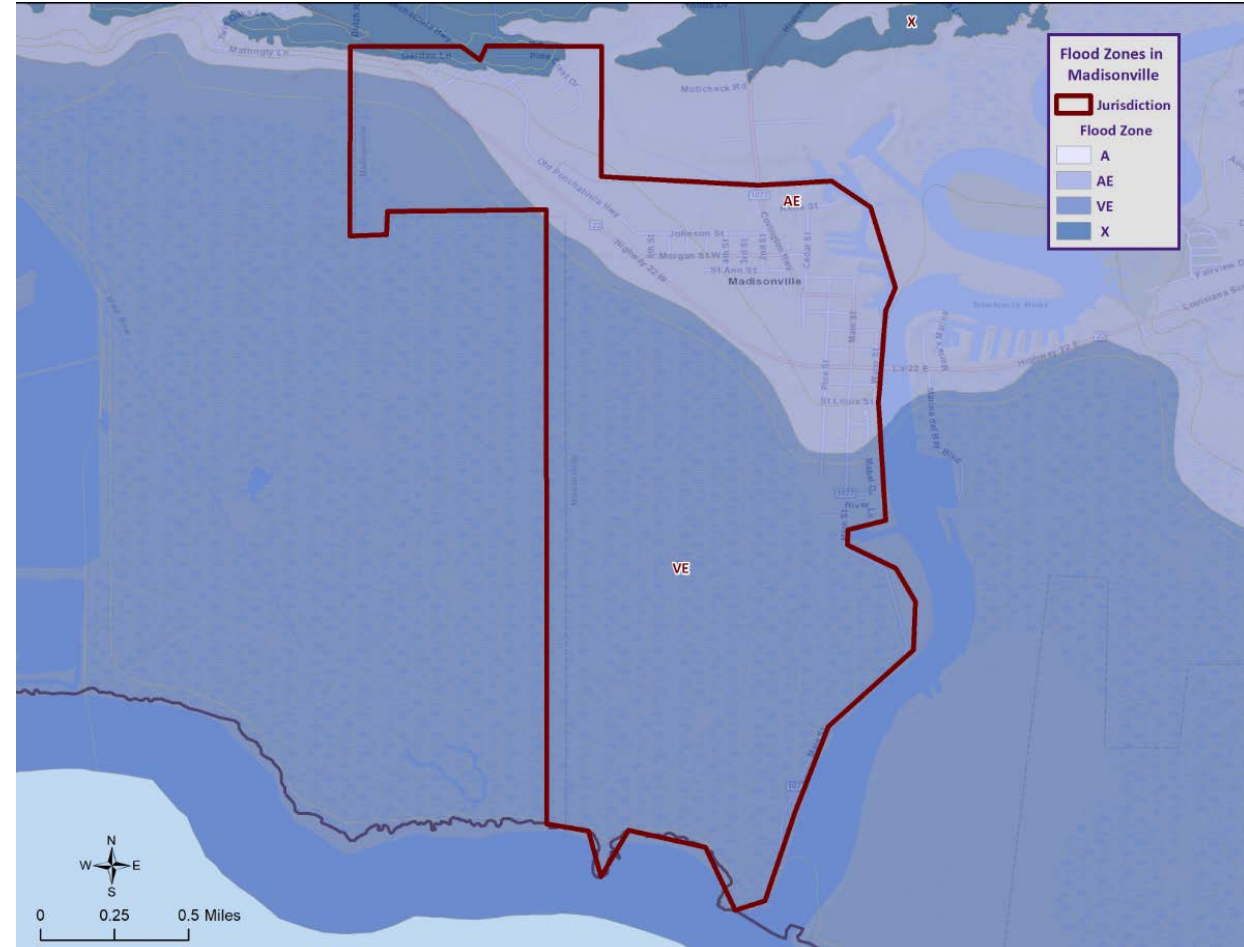


# Flood Maps

## Folsom



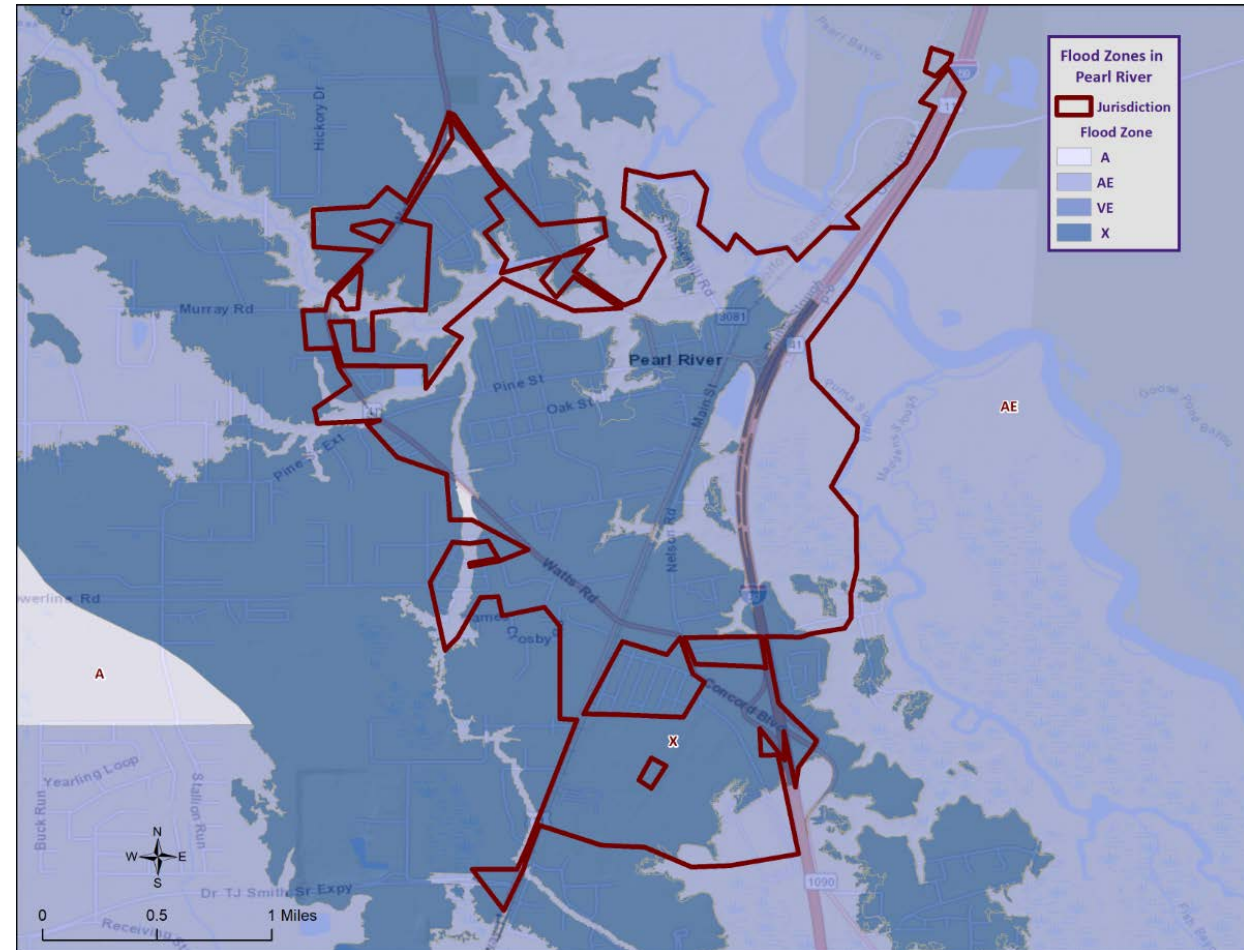
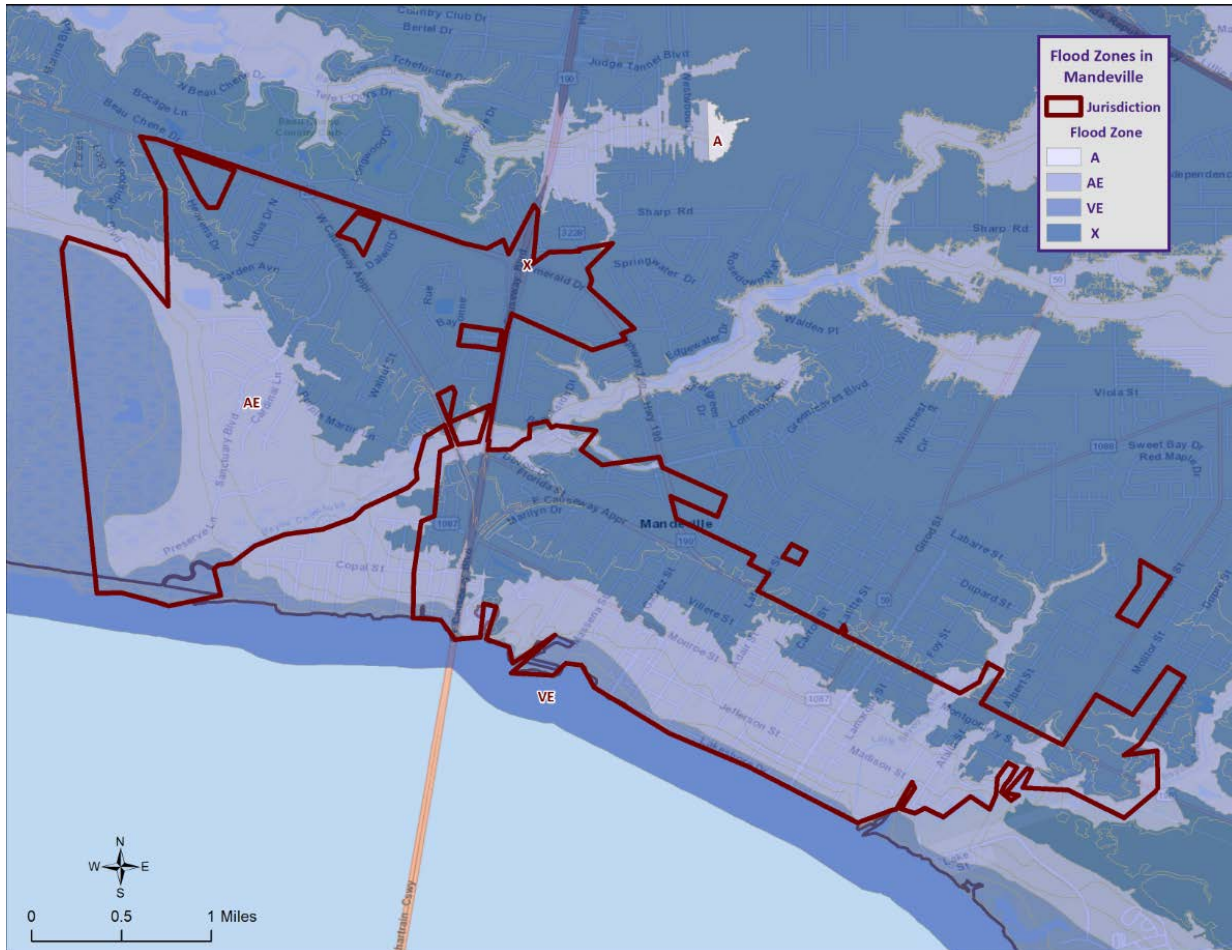
## Madisonville



# Flood Maps

## Mandeville

## Pearl River

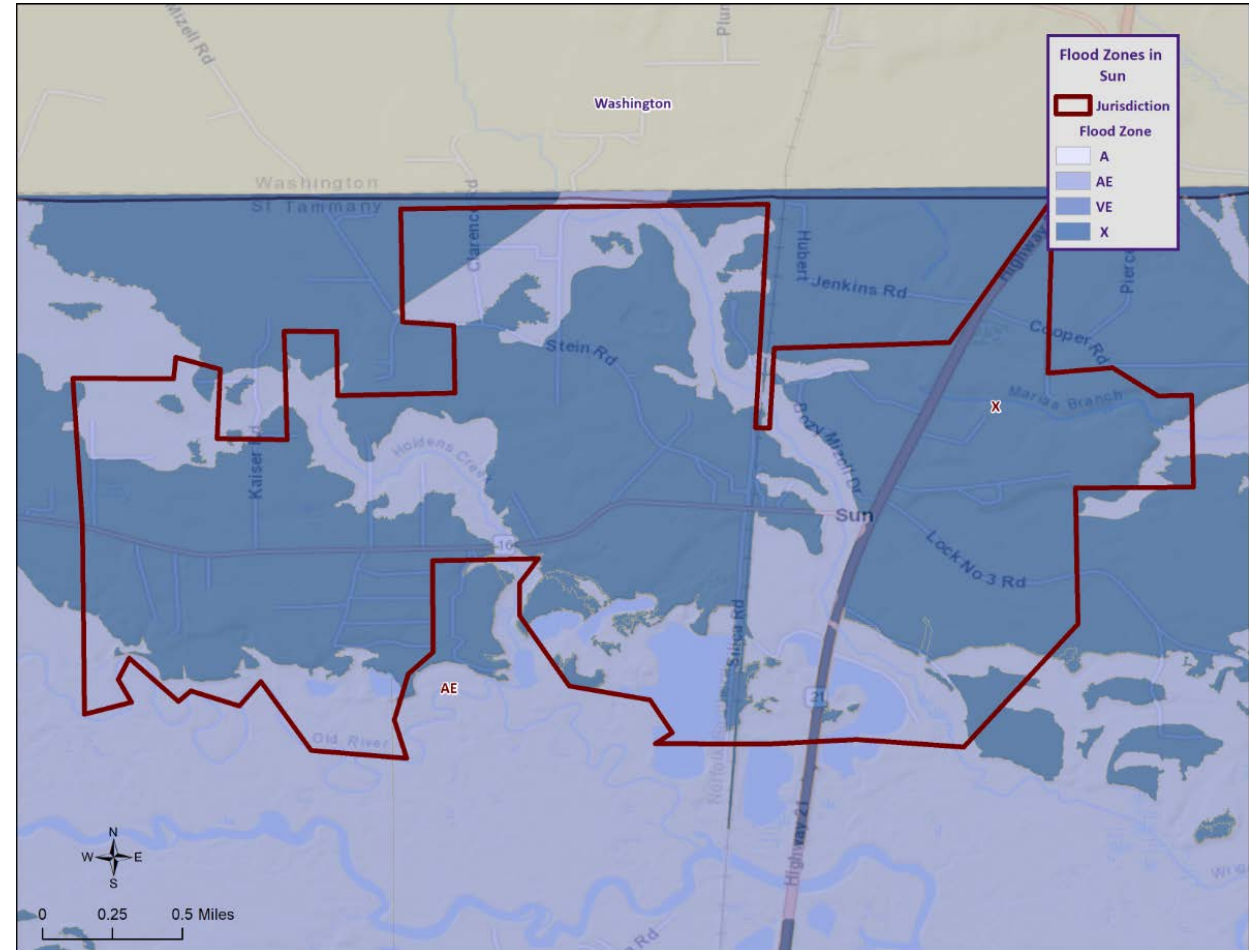
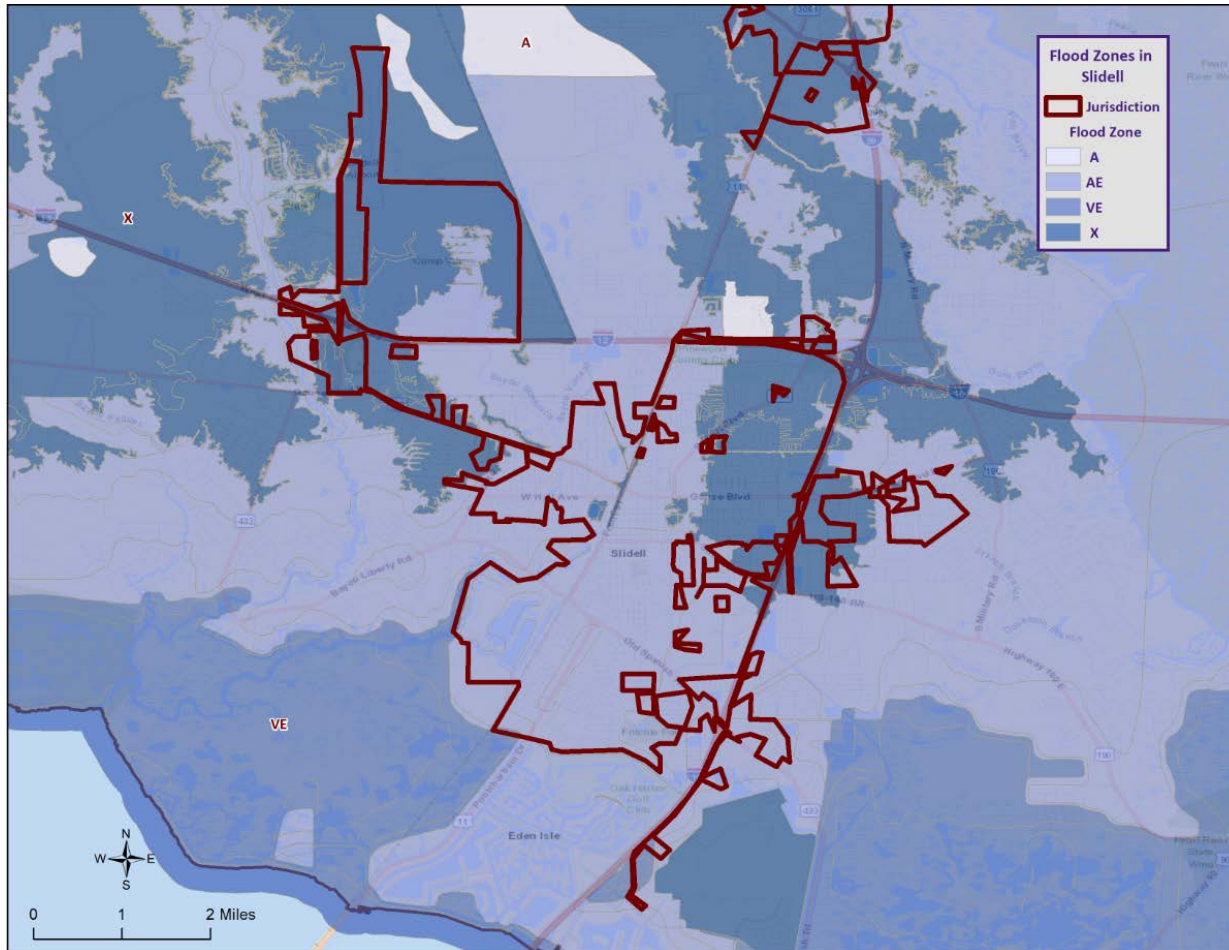




# Flood Maps

## Slidell

## Sun



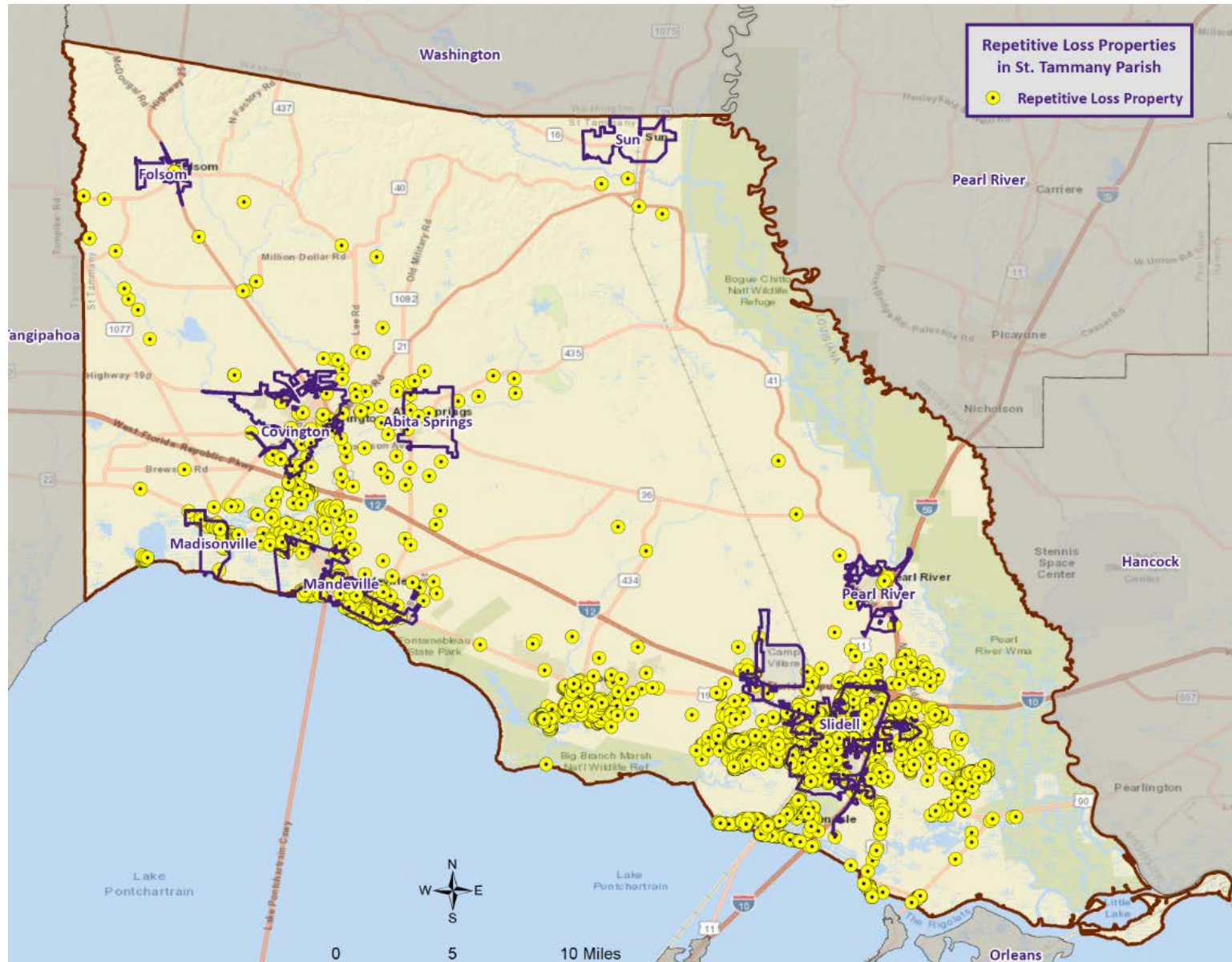
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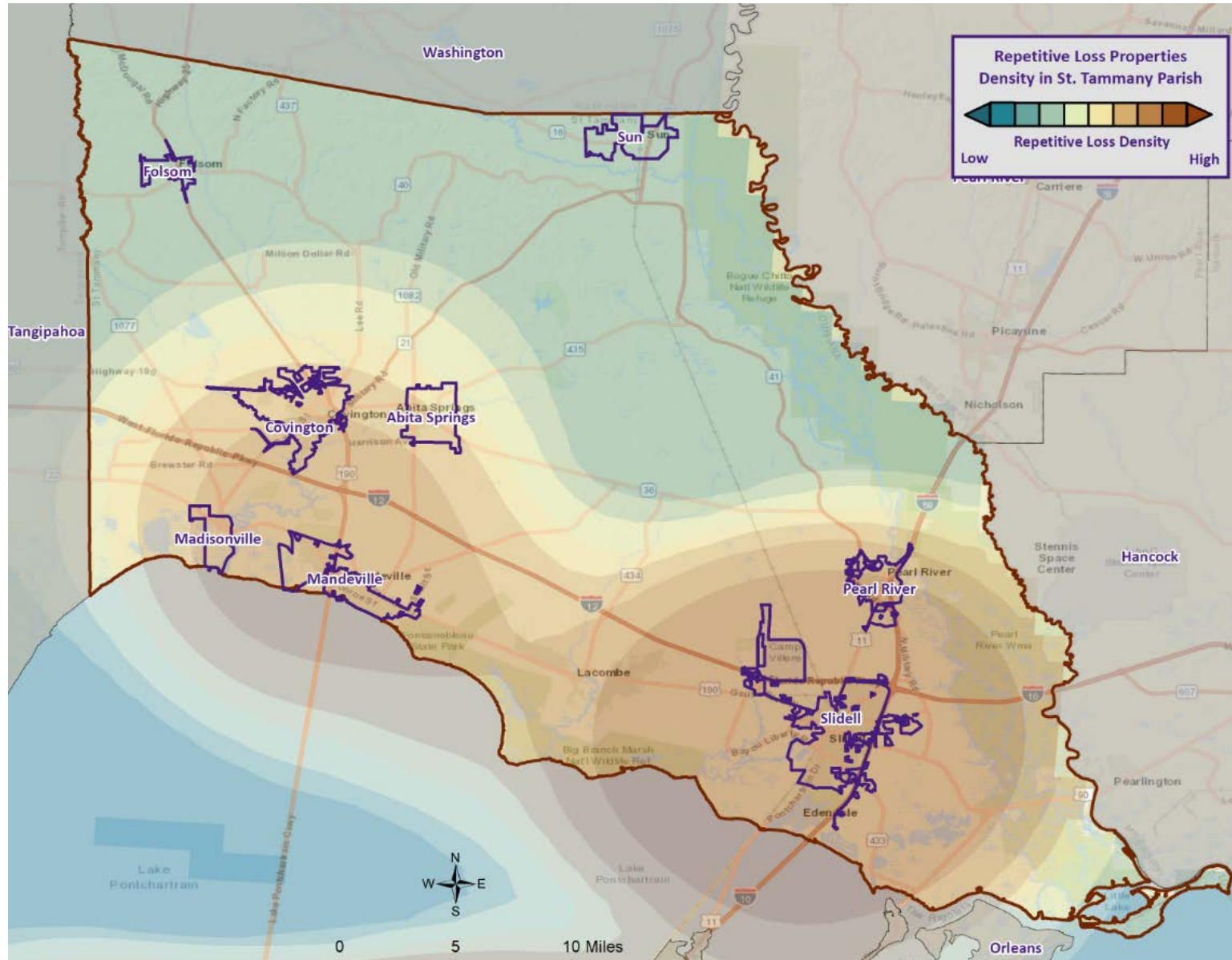




# Repetitive Loss Properties



# Repetitive Loss Density Map





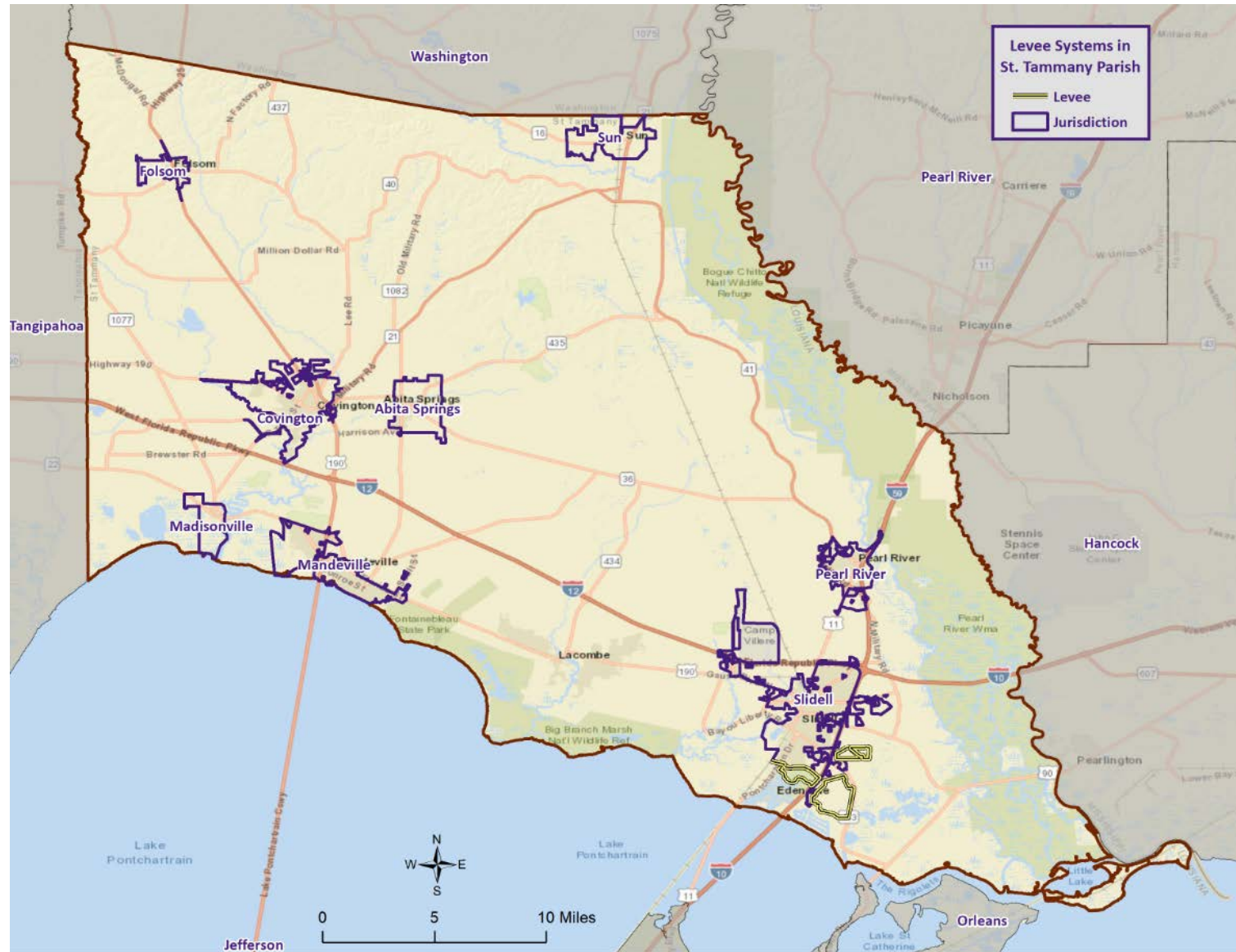
# Levee Failure

- Levees are flood control barriers constructed of earth, concrete, or other materials that protect significant areas of residential, commercial, or industrial development.
- Levee failure involves the overtopping, breach, or collapse of the levee.

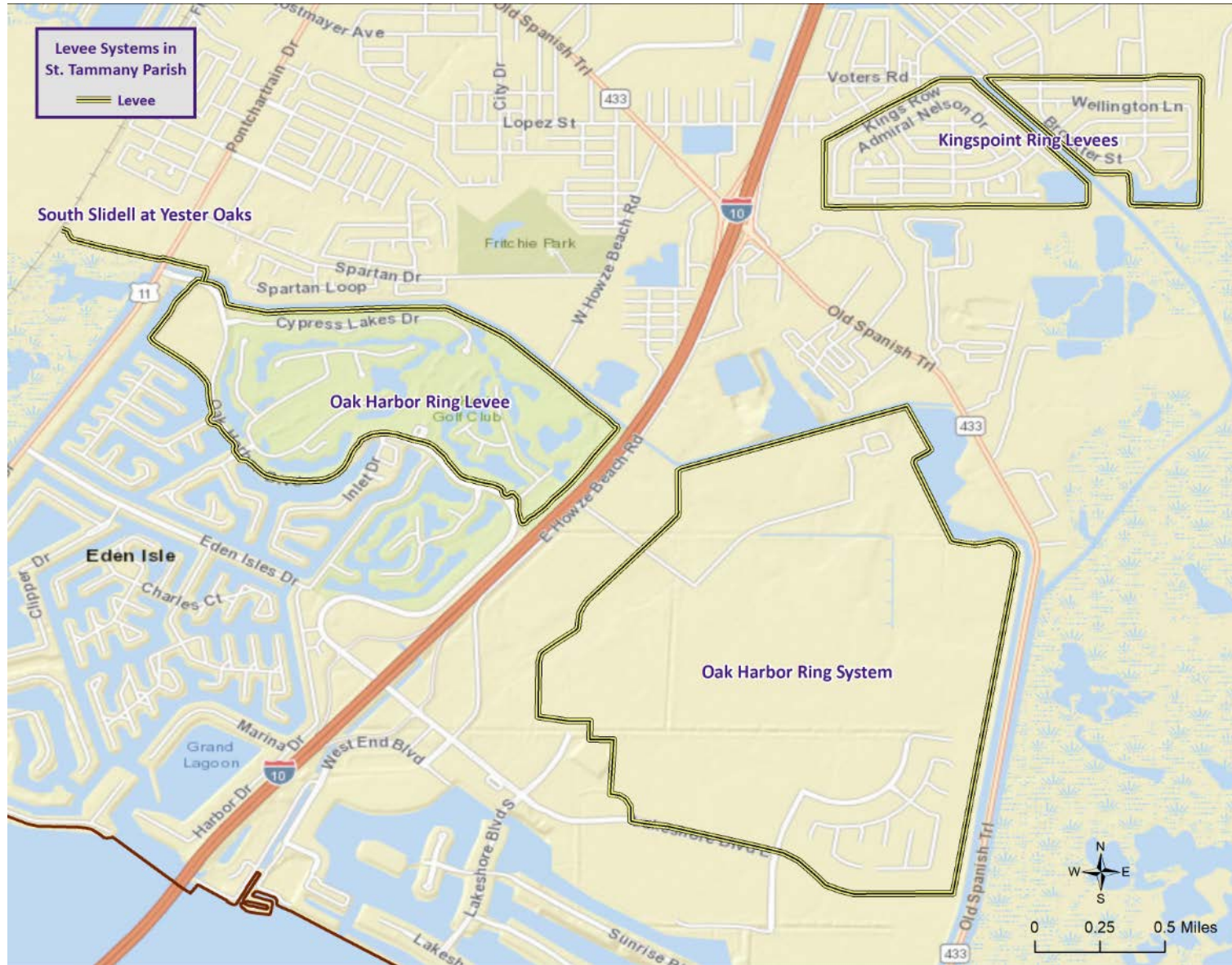




# Levee Locations



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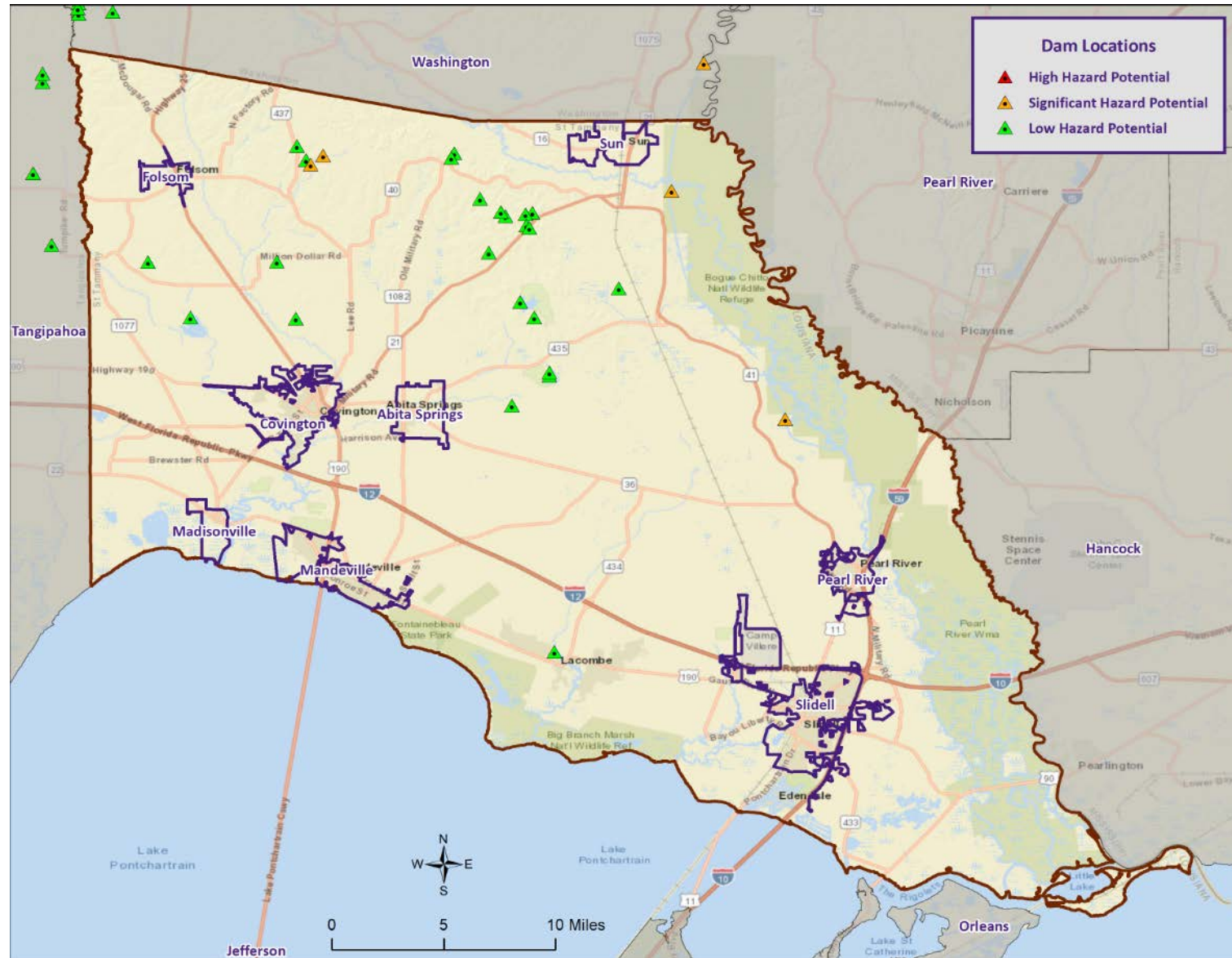
# Dam Failure

- Dams are water storage, control, or diversion barriers that impound water upstream in reservoirs.
- Dams are a vital part of our nation's infrastructure, providing drinking water, flood protection, renewable hydroelectric power, navigation, irrigation, and recreation.





# Dam Locations



# Coastal Hazards

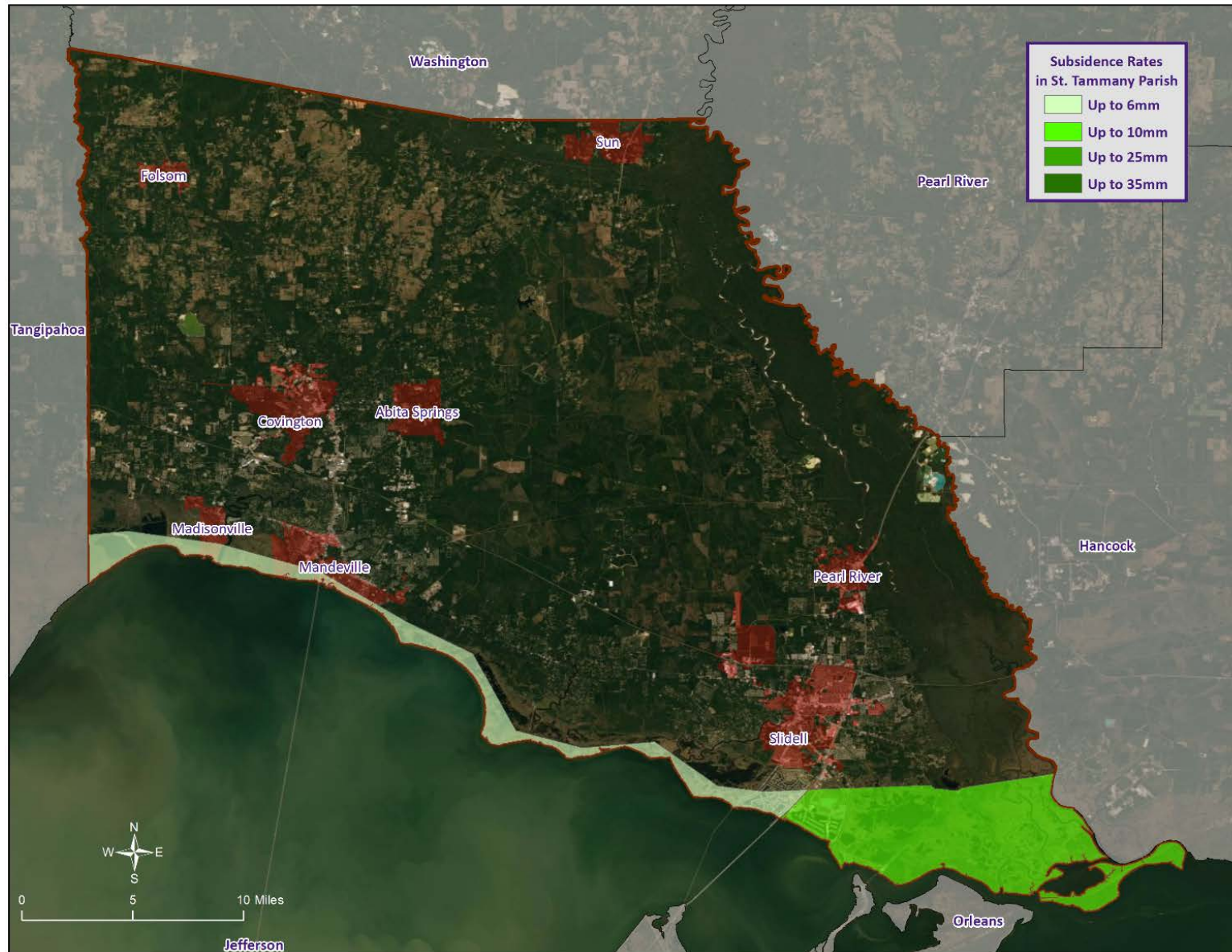
- **Subsidence** is the gradual caving in or sinking of an area of land
  - Slow-acting process with impacts that can be readily seen in coastal parishes over the course of decades
  - Lowers elevations in coastal Louisiana, accelerates the effects of saltwater intrusion
  - Causes structures to become more vulnerable to flooding by lowering elevations
- **Saltwater intrusion/Coastal Land Loss** is the movement of salty water into freshwater aquifers or is the encroachment of saline water into freshwater estuaries
  - One of the major causes of subsidence and marshland loss
  - Causes the loss of fresh and intermediate vegetation, which results in rapid erosion of marsh soils and the ultimate conversion of the area to open water

# Land Gain & Loss

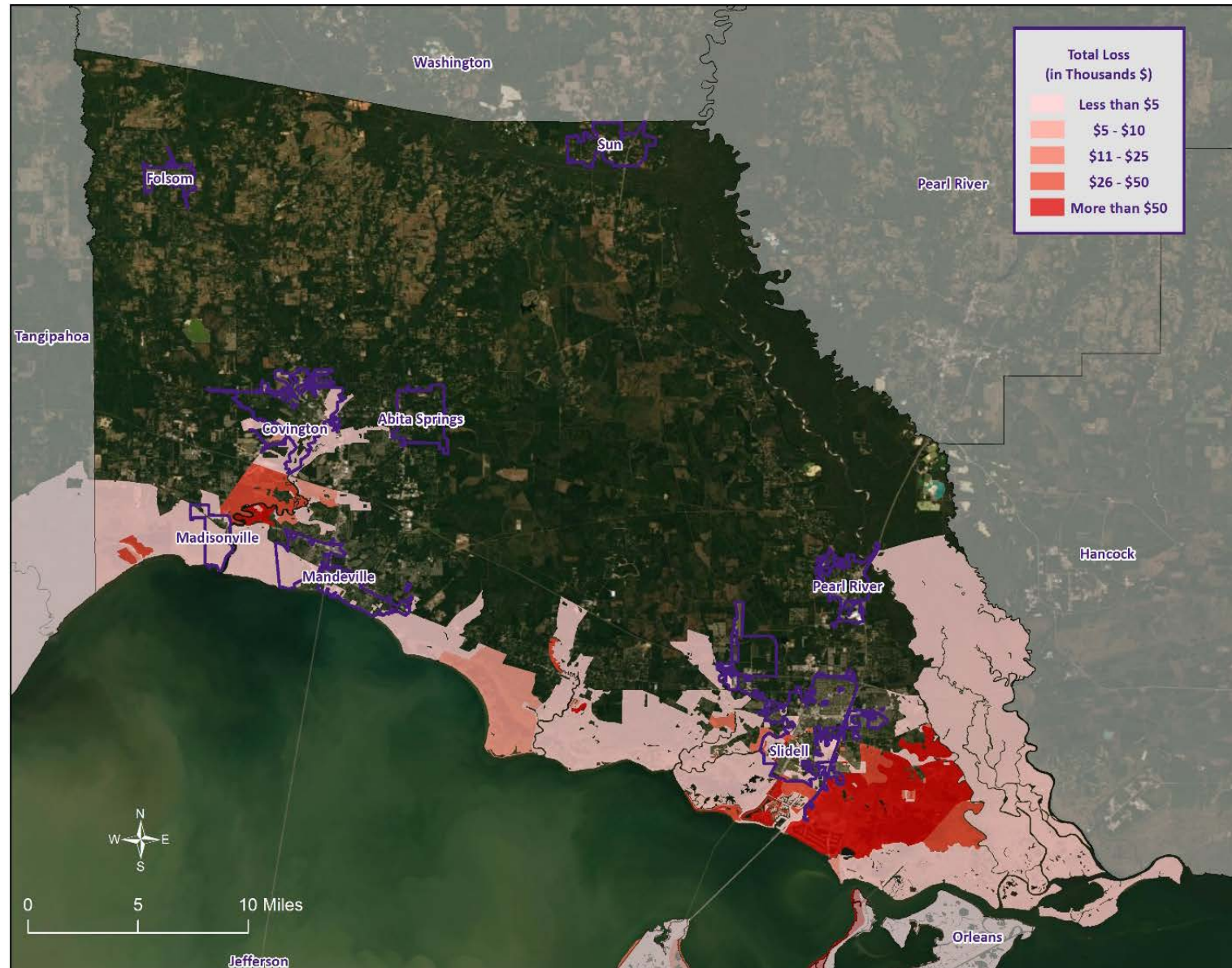




# Subsidence Rates



# Subsidence Future Total Loss





# Thunderstorms

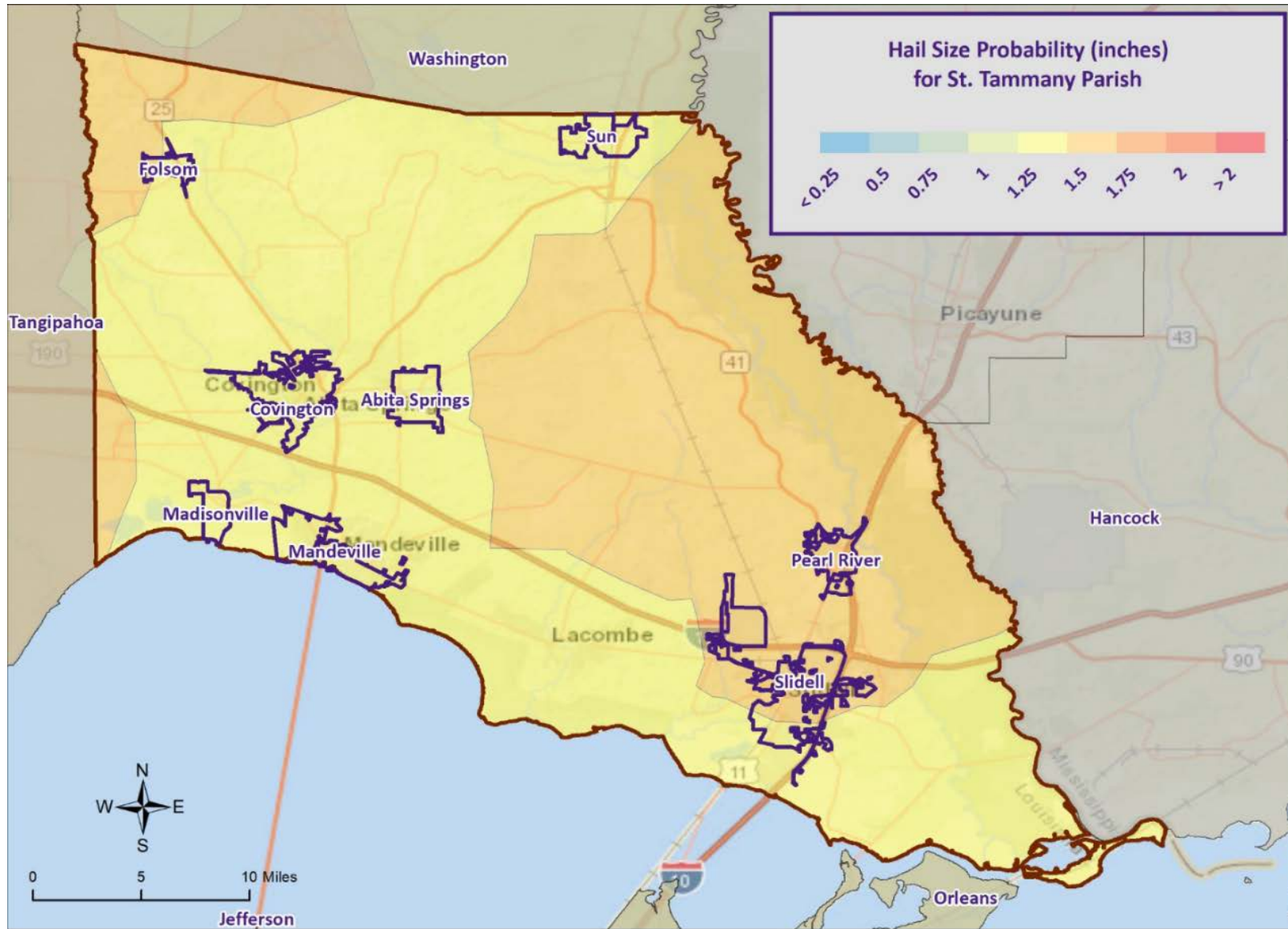
- A **thunderstorm**, also known as an **electrical storm**, a **lightning storm**, or a **thundershower**, is a type of storm characterized by the presence of lightning and its acoustic effect on the Earth's atmosphere known as thunder.
- They are usually accompanied by strong winds, heavy rain, and sometimes snow, sleet, or hail.
- Thunderstorms may line up in a series or rainband, known as a squall line. Strong or severe thunderstorms may rotate, known as supercells. While most thunderstorms move with the mean wind flow through the layer of the troposphere that they occupy, vertical wind shear causes a deviation in their course at a right angle to the wind shear direction.



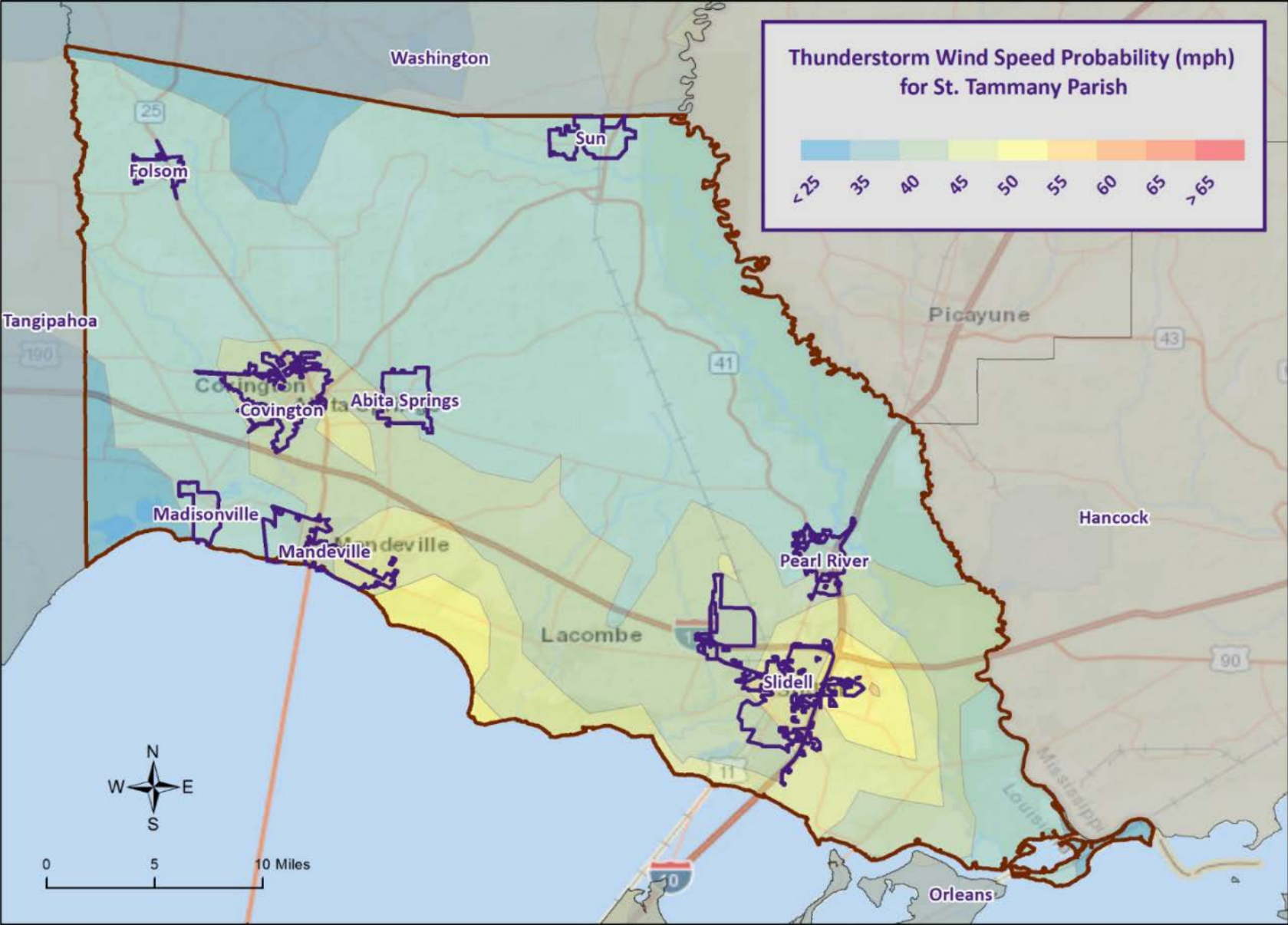




# Hail Size Probability



# Wind Speed Probability





# Tornadoes

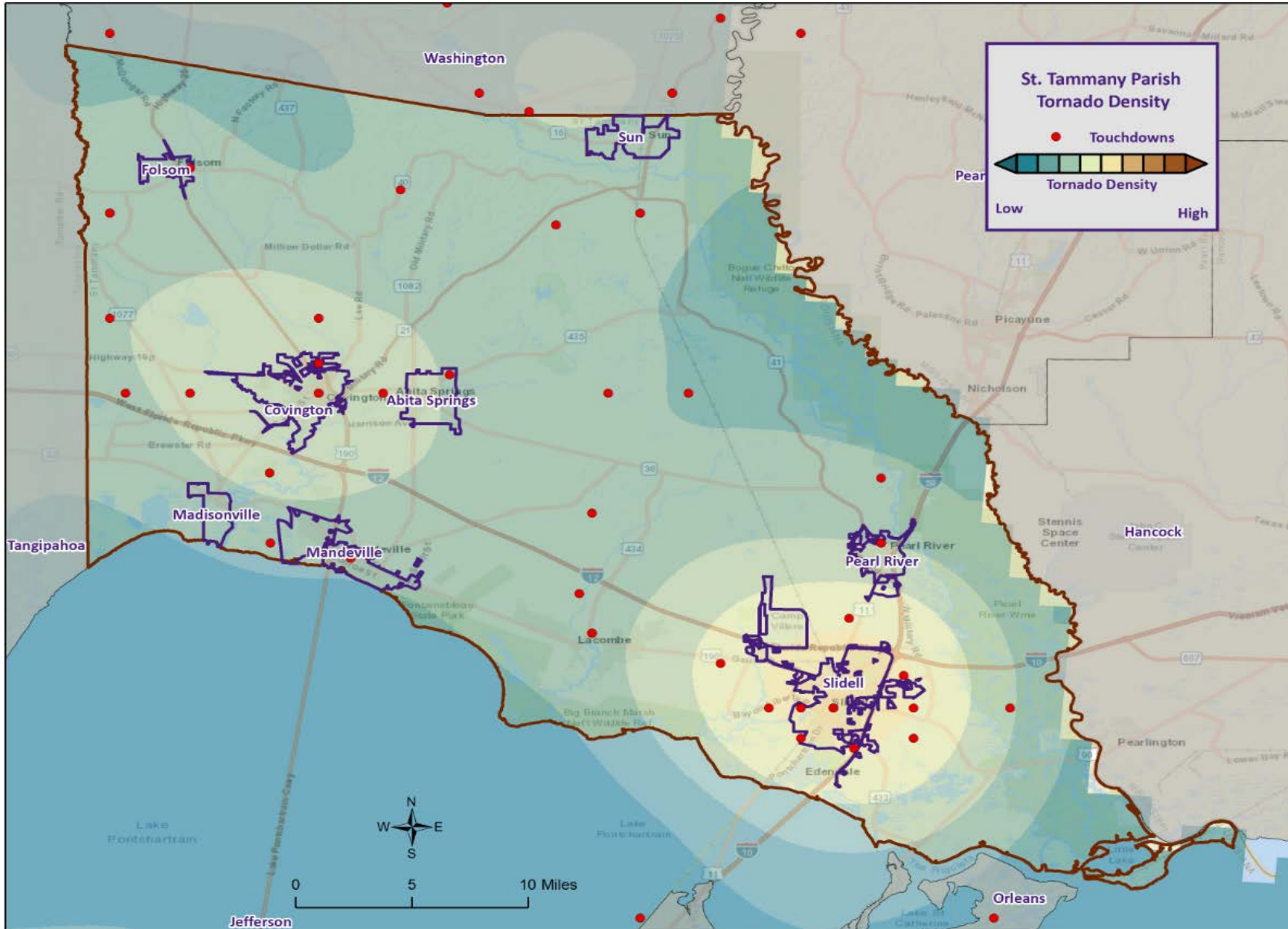
- Tornadoes (also called twisters and cyclones) are rapidly rotating funnels of wind extending between storm clouds and the ground.
- Tornadoes are the most severe storms for their size, and 70% of the world's reported tornadoes occur within the continental United States.



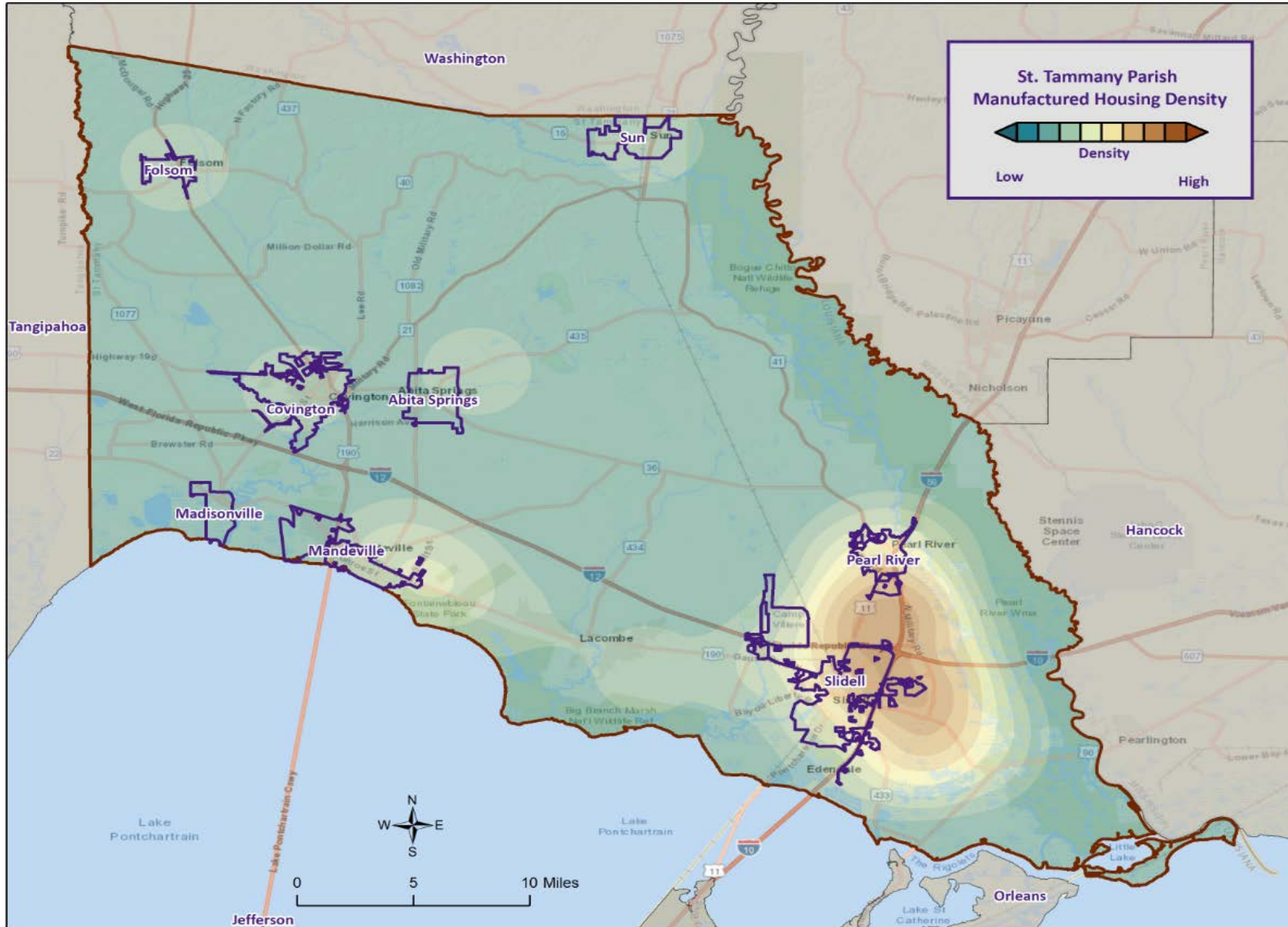
ORIGINAL FUJITA SCALE		ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE	
F5	261-318 mph	EF5	+200 mph
F4	207-260 mph	EF4	166-200 mph
F3	158-206 mph	EF3	136-165 mph
F2	113-157 mph	EF2	111-135 mph
F1	73-112 mph	EF1	86-110 mph
F0	<73 mph	EF0	65-85 mph



# Tornadoes



# Manufactured Home Density

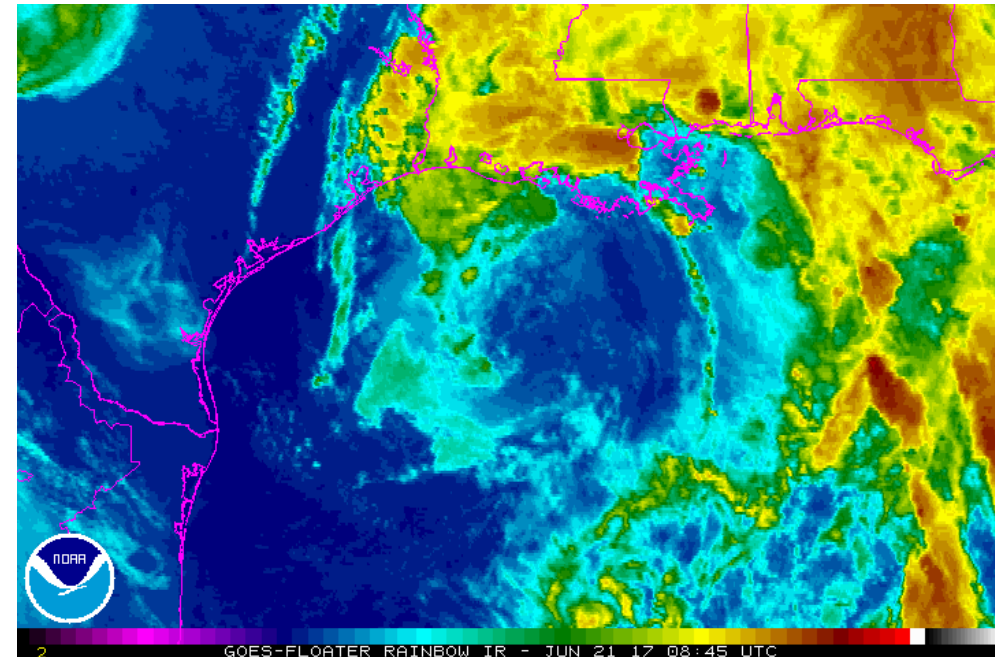




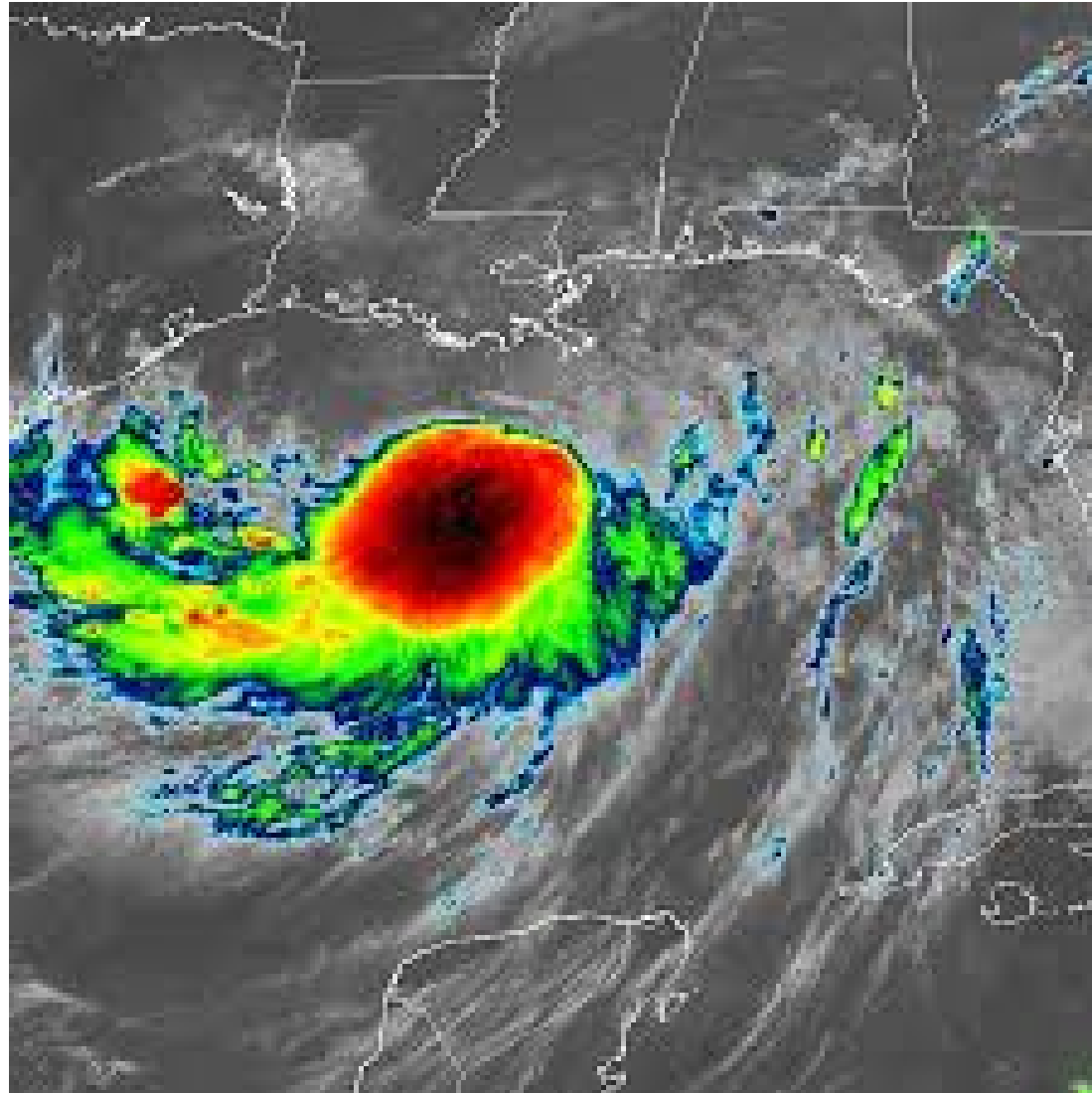
# Tropical Cyclones

- Tropical cyclones are defined spinning, low-pressure air masses that draw surface air into their centers and attain strength ranging from weak tropical waves to the most intense hurricanes

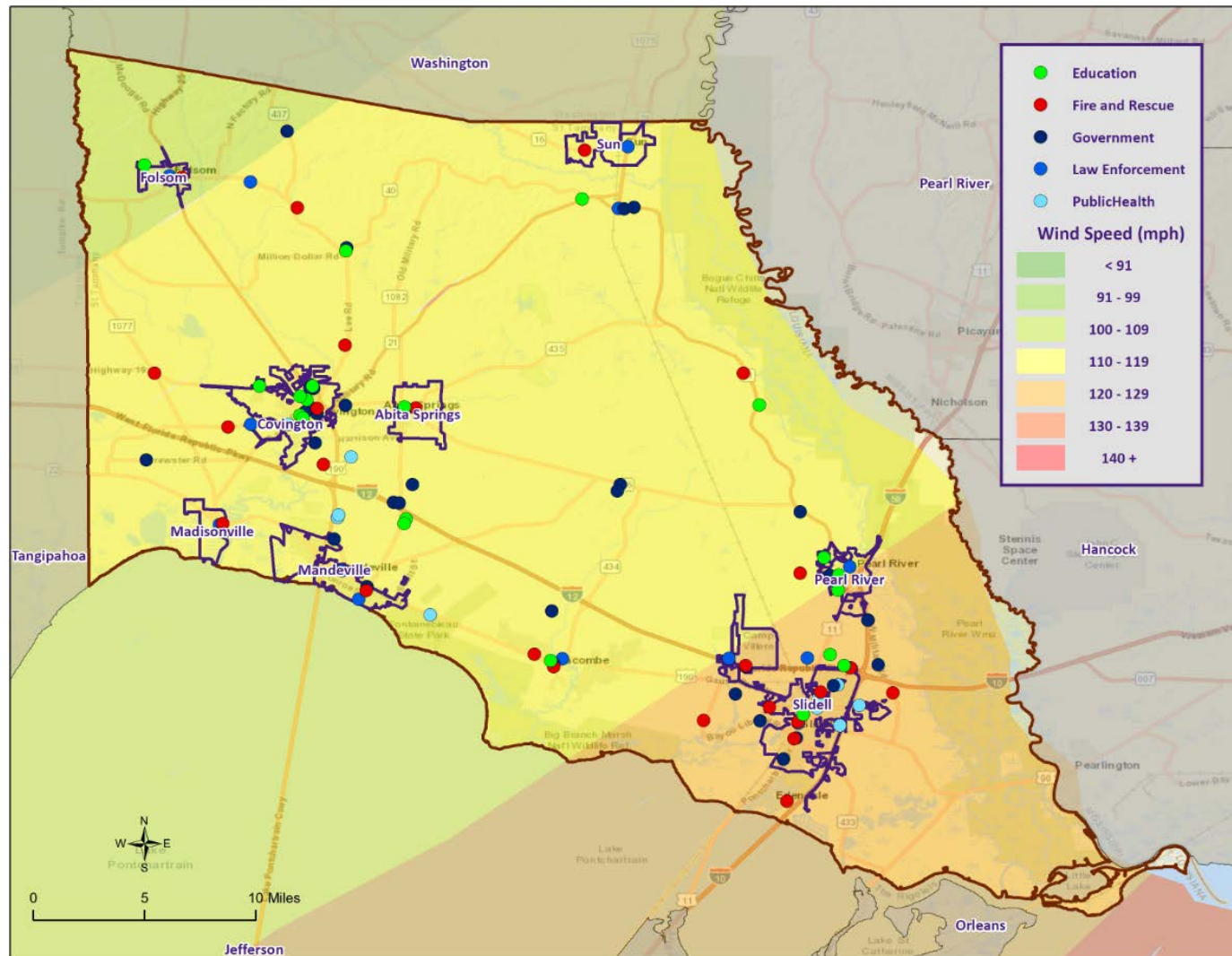
Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale		
	Sustained Wind Speed	Effects
Category 1	74-95 mph (119-153 km/hr)	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage. Low-lying coastal roads flooded, minor pier damage
Category 2	96-110 mph (154-177 km/hr)	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage. Major damage to exposed mobile homes, evacuation of some shoreline residents
Category 3	111-130 mph (178-209 km/hr)	Devastating damage will occur. Some structural damage to small buildings; serious flooding at coast and many smaller structures near coast destroyed
Category 4	131-155 mph (210-249 km/hr)	Catastrophic damage will occur. High risk of injury or death to people, livestock, and pets due to flying and falling debris. Long-term water shortages will increase human suffering. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
Category 5	> 155 mph (249 km/hr)	Catastrophic damage will occur. People, livestock, and pets are at very high risk of injury or death from flying or falling debris.  A high percentage of frame homes will be destroyed. Long-term power outages and water shortages will render area uninhabitable for weeks or months.



# Tropical Storm Barry



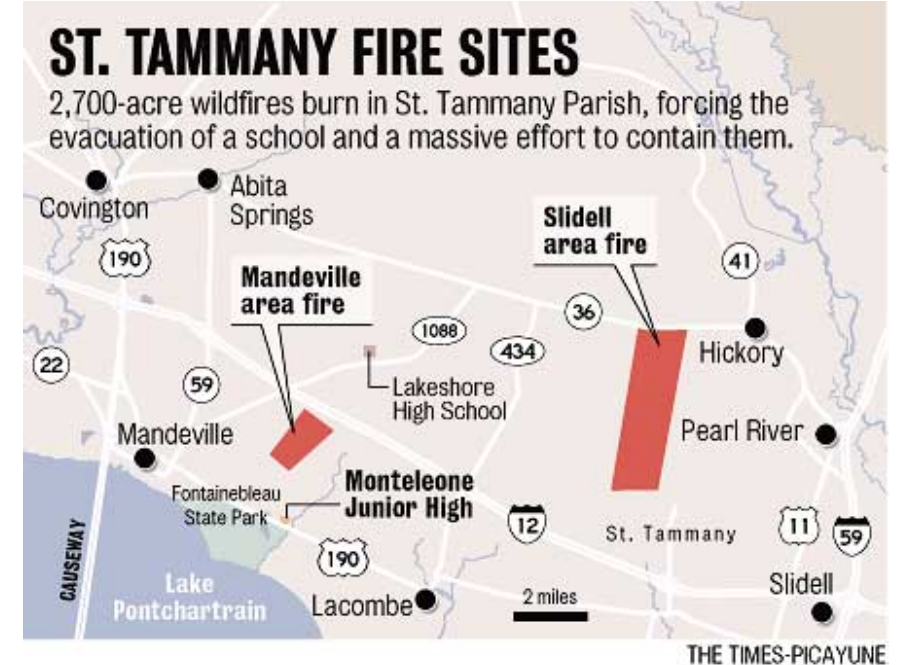
# Wind Speed Impacts on Critical Infrastructure





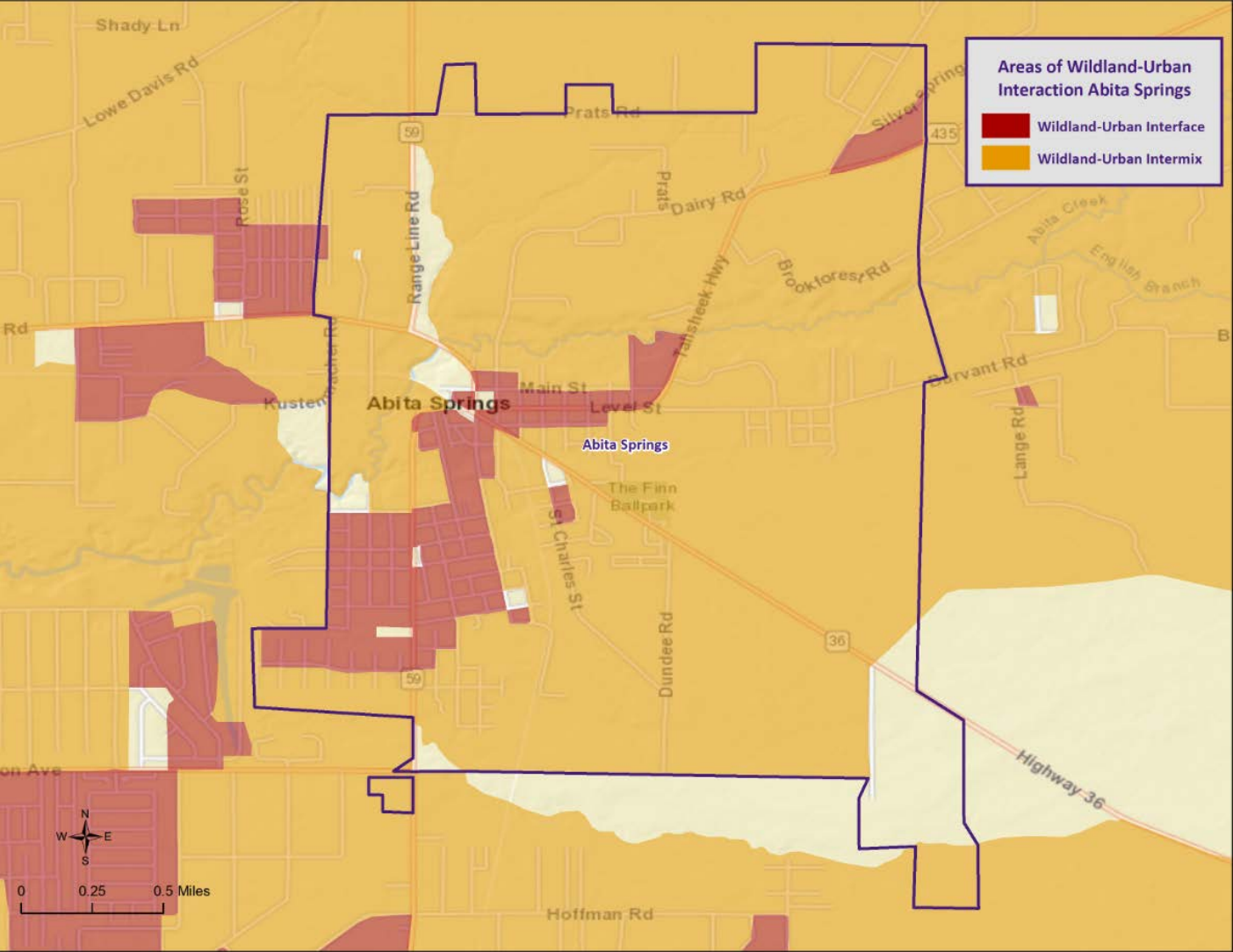
# Wildfire

- A wildfire is combustion in a natural setting, marked by flames or intense heat.
- Most frequently, wildfires are ignited by lightning or unintentionally by humans. Fires set purposefully (but lawfully) are referred to as controlled fires or burns
- The primary areas affected by wildfires are the forests. Sixty-five percent of St. Tammany Parish is covered in timber.
- While loss of timber is a problem, the real hazard is when wildfires threaten developed areas. As more development moves into and next to forested areas, the hazards to people and property increases.



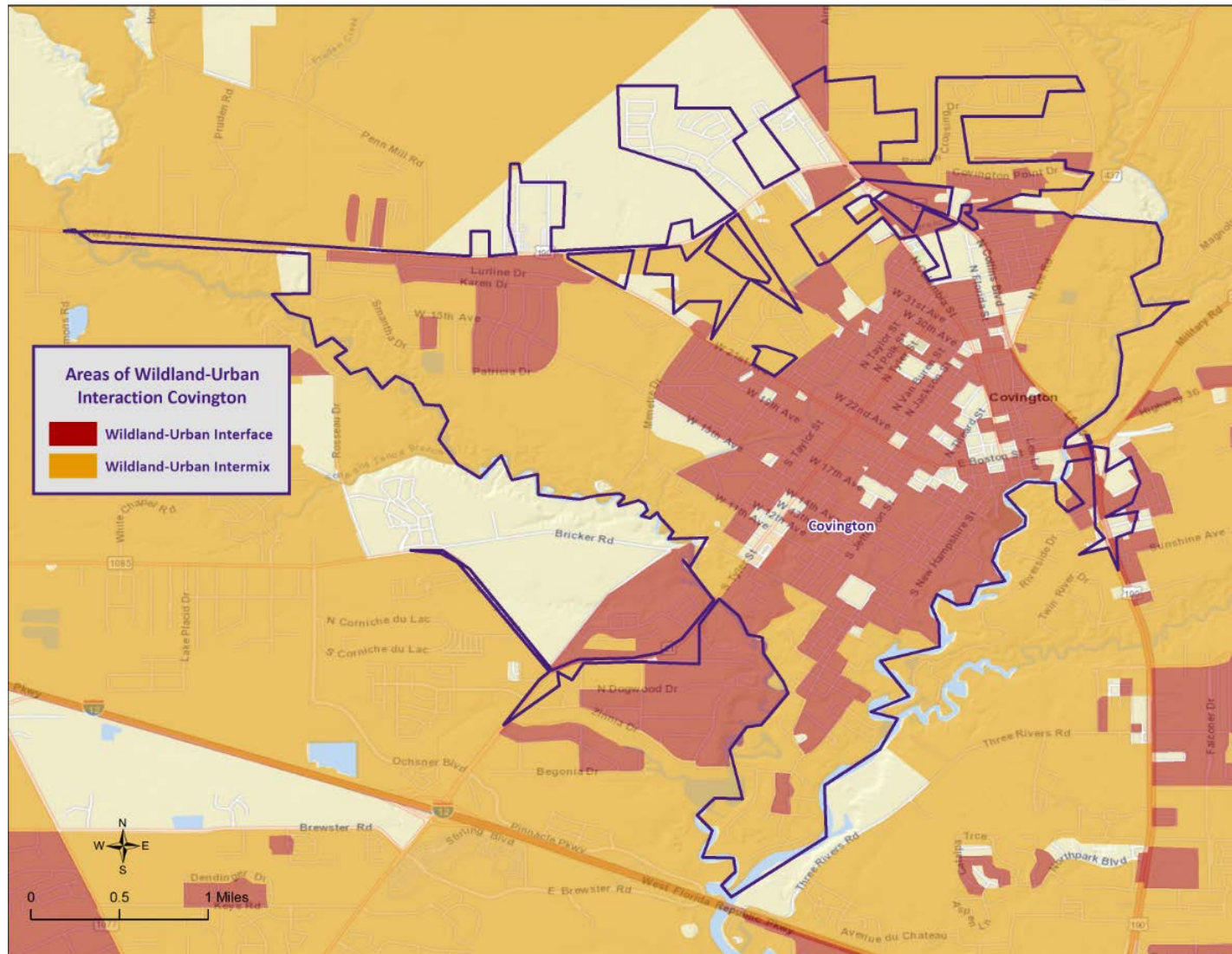


# Wildfire Interaction Abita Springs

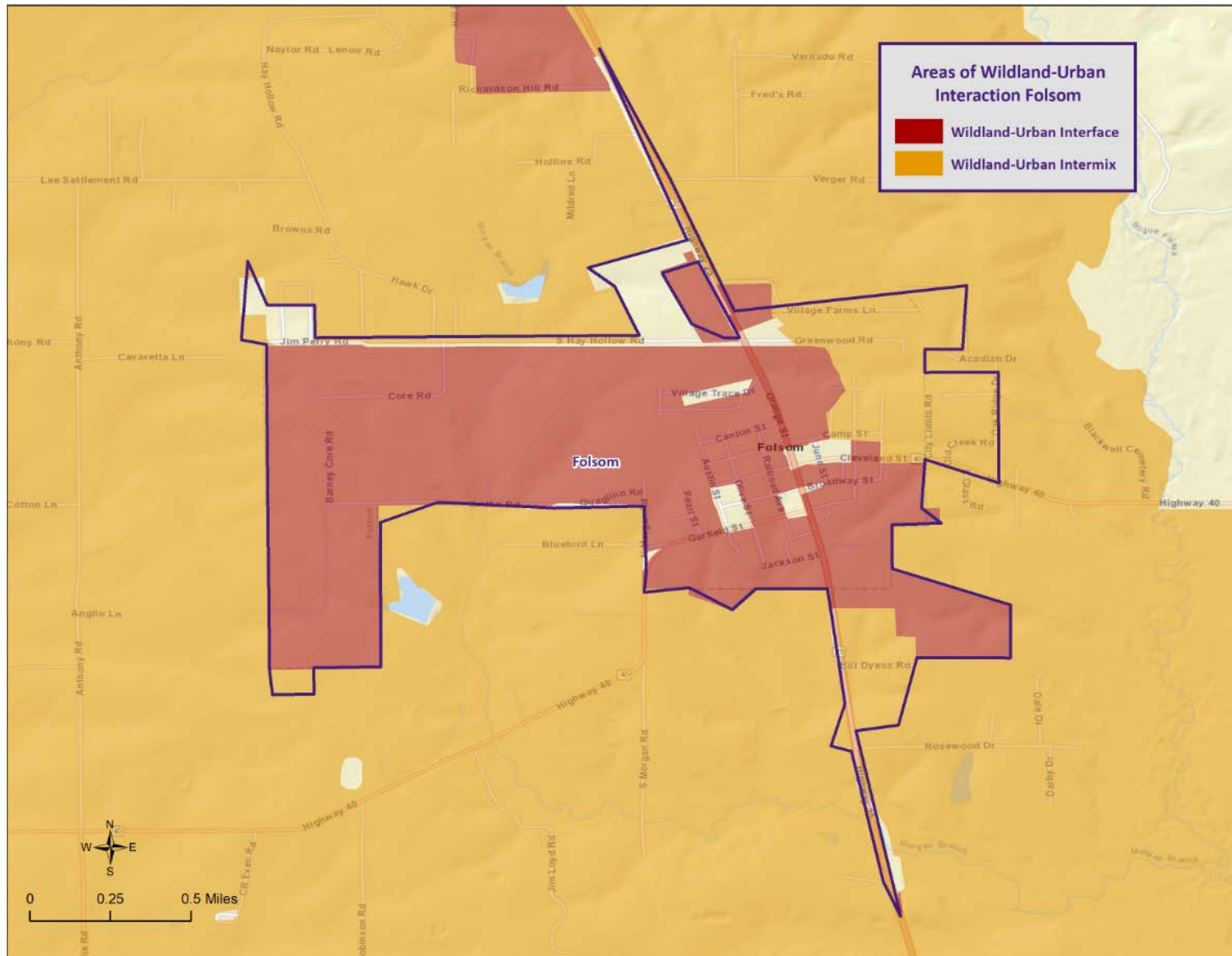




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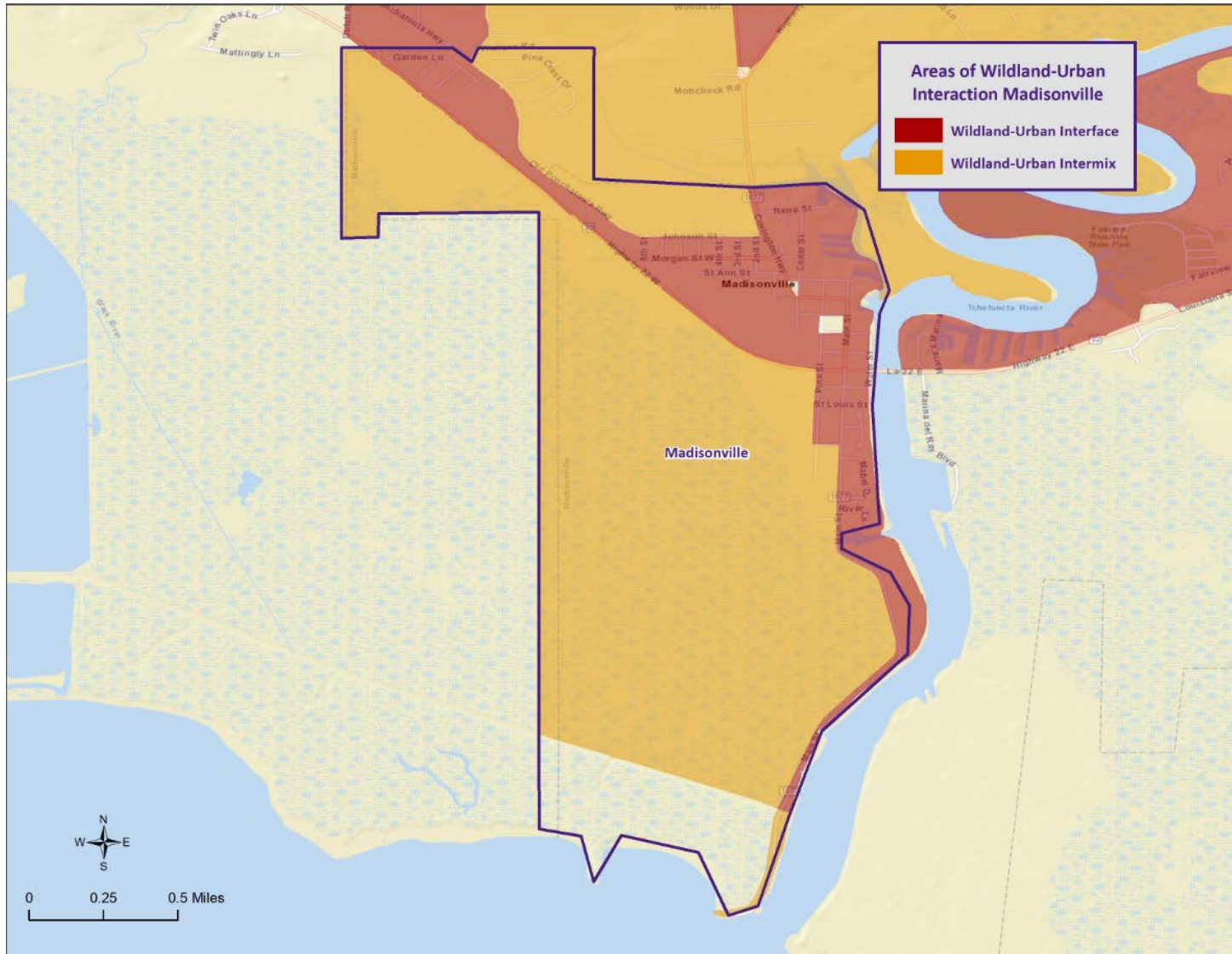


# Wildfire Interaction Folsom



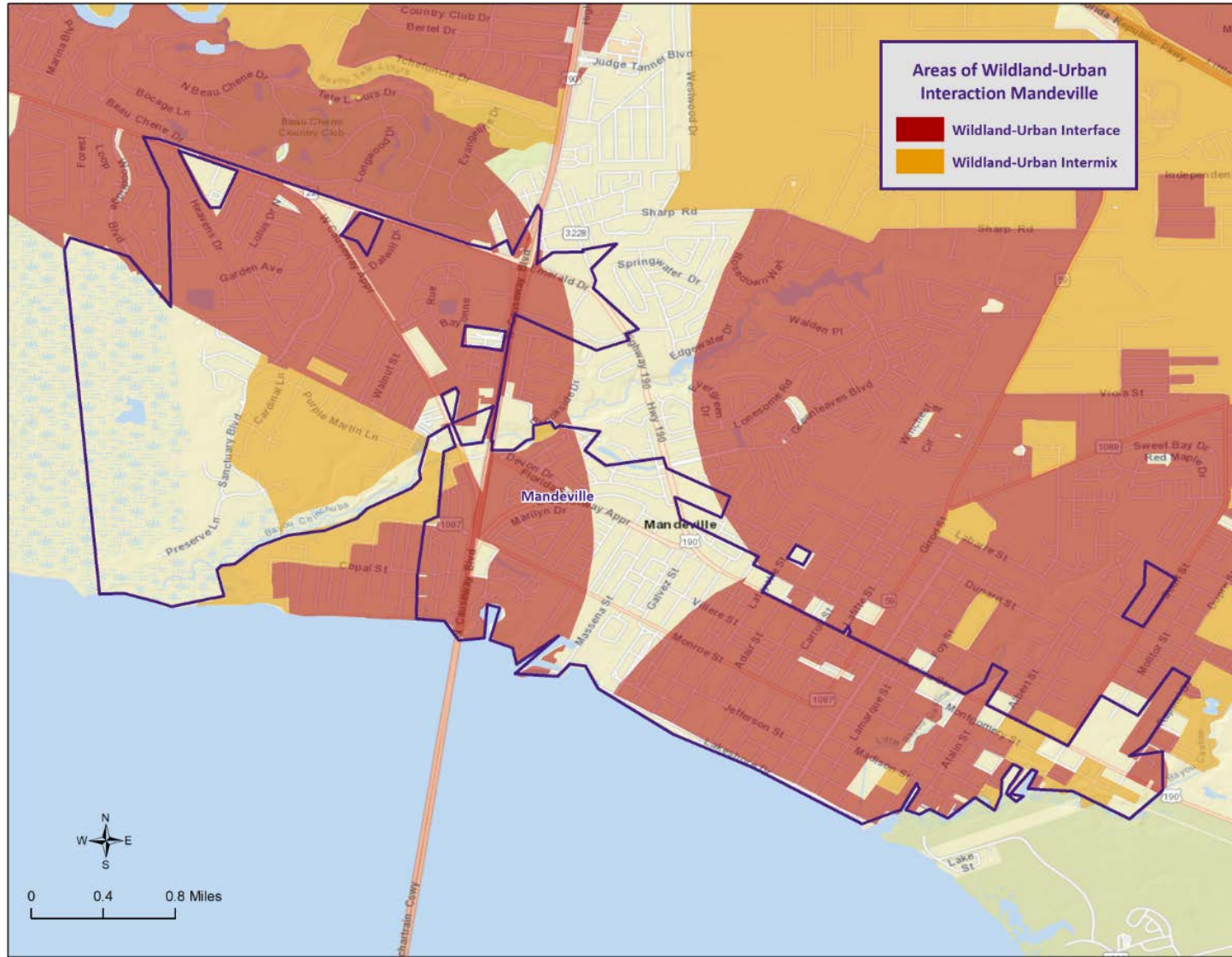


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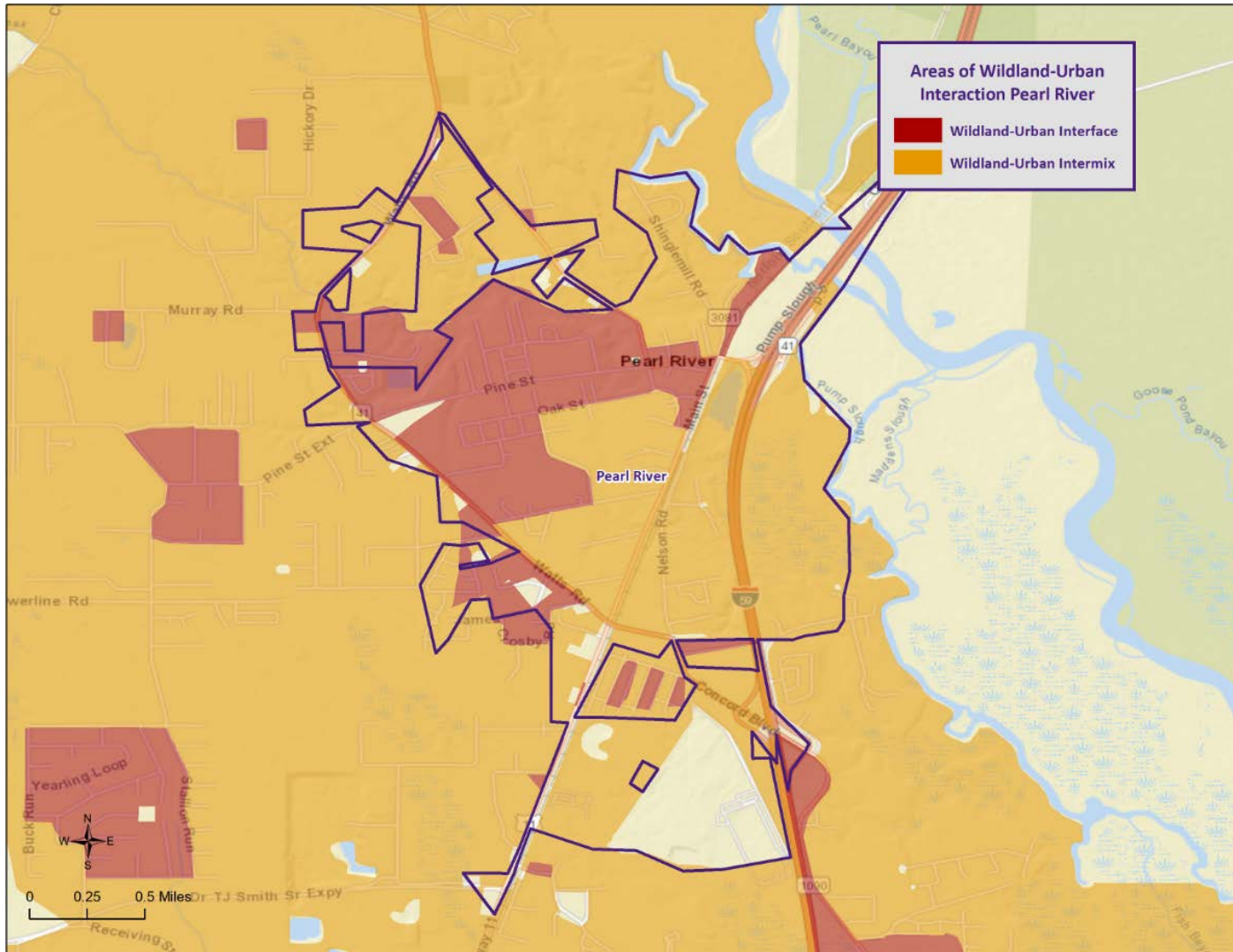




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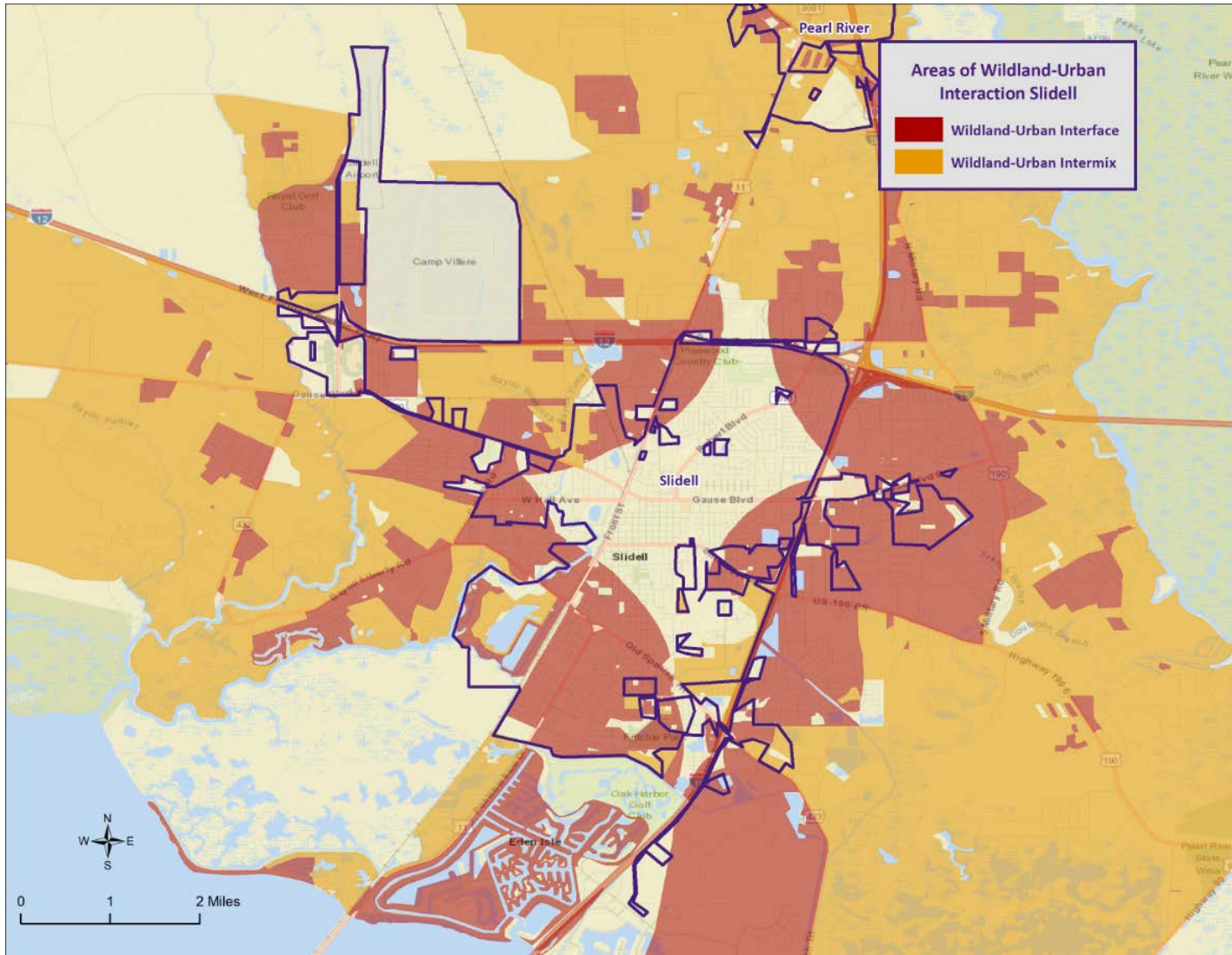


# Wildfire Interaction Pearl River



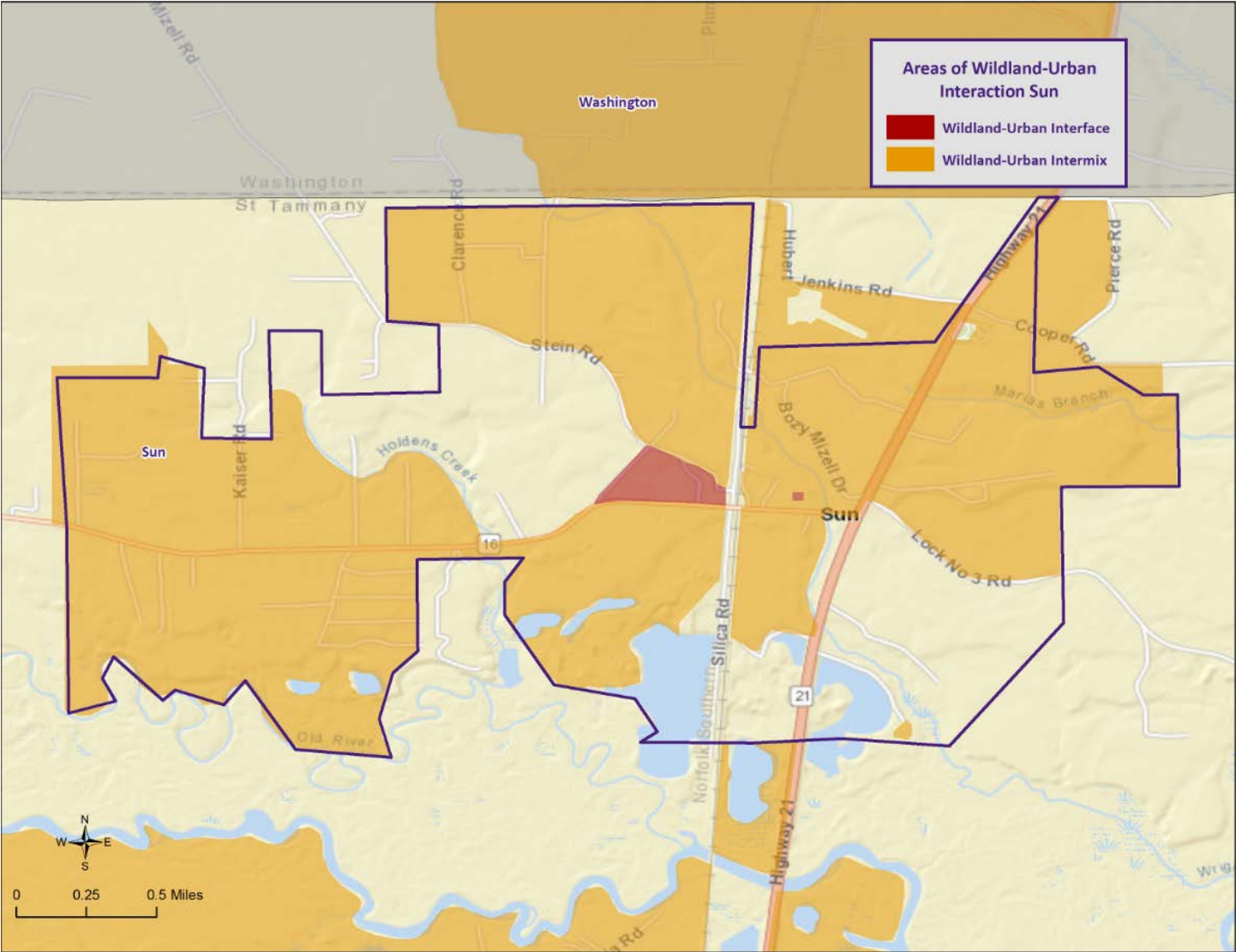


# Wildfire Interaction Slidell





# Wildfire Interaction Sun



# Fog

- Fog is a cloud that is on the ground. Fog forms once evaporation into the air results in super saturation, usually because the ground surface is very wet and the air is cooler
- Fog is common in situations over water or where a daytime shower saturates the soil, vegetation and boundary layer and then skies clear in the evening into the night hours.
- Fog has historically been and continues to be a major problem on the causeway leading to closures year round, typically during the colder months.



# Drought

- A drought is a deficiency in water availability over an extended period of time, caused by precipitation totals and soil water storages that do not satisfy the environmental demand for water either by evaporation or transpiration through plant leaves.
- There are four classes of drought, based upon what is impacted by the shortage of water:
  - Meteorological Drought
  - Hydrologic Drought
  - Agricultural Drought
  - Socioeconomic Drought
- The entire parish can be affected by drought











# Drought

## U.S. Drought Monitor Louisiana

June 9, 2020  
(Released Thursday, Jun. 11, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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# Termites

- Termites are small pale colored insects that live off of wood and wooden structures at or near the ground.
- There are two types of termites that live in southeastern Louisiana: drywood termites and subterranean termites.
- The main concentration of termites occurs in southeastern Louisiana, specifically, those areas south of Interstates 10 and 12. Most of St. Tammany Parish is affected



# Parish Mitigation Goals

- **Goal 1:** Identify and pursue preventative structural and non-structural measures that will reduce future damages.
- **Goal 2:** Enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness.
- **Goal 3:** Reduce repetitive flood losses in parish and municipalities.
- **Goal 4:** Facilitate sound building practices in the parish and municipalities so as to reduce or eliminate the potential impact of hazards.
- **Goal 5:** Improve the ability of the parish and municipalities to rapidly recover and restore facilities and services to the public.





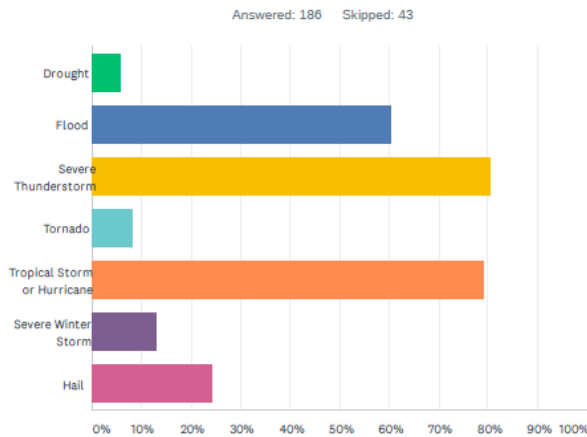
# Public Outreach Activity

## Hazard Mitigation Public Opinion Survey

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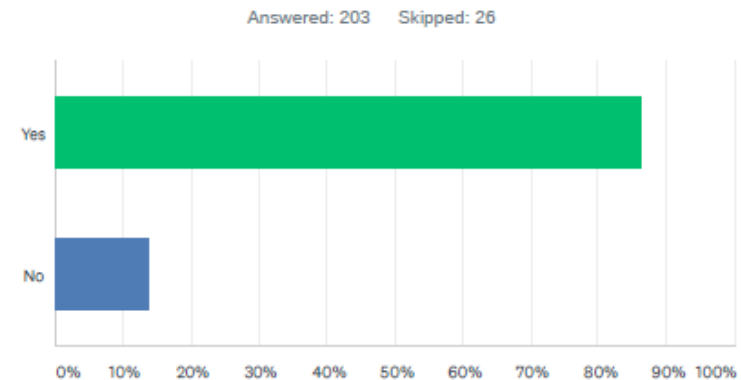
Q4 Which of these natural disasters have you or someone in your household experienced in the past five years? (Check all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drought	5.91%	11
Flood	60.22%	112
Severe Thunderstorm	80.65%	150
Tornado	8.06%	15
Tropical Storm or Hurricane	79.03%	147
Severe Winter Storm	12.90%	24
Hail	24.19%	45
Total Respondents: 186		

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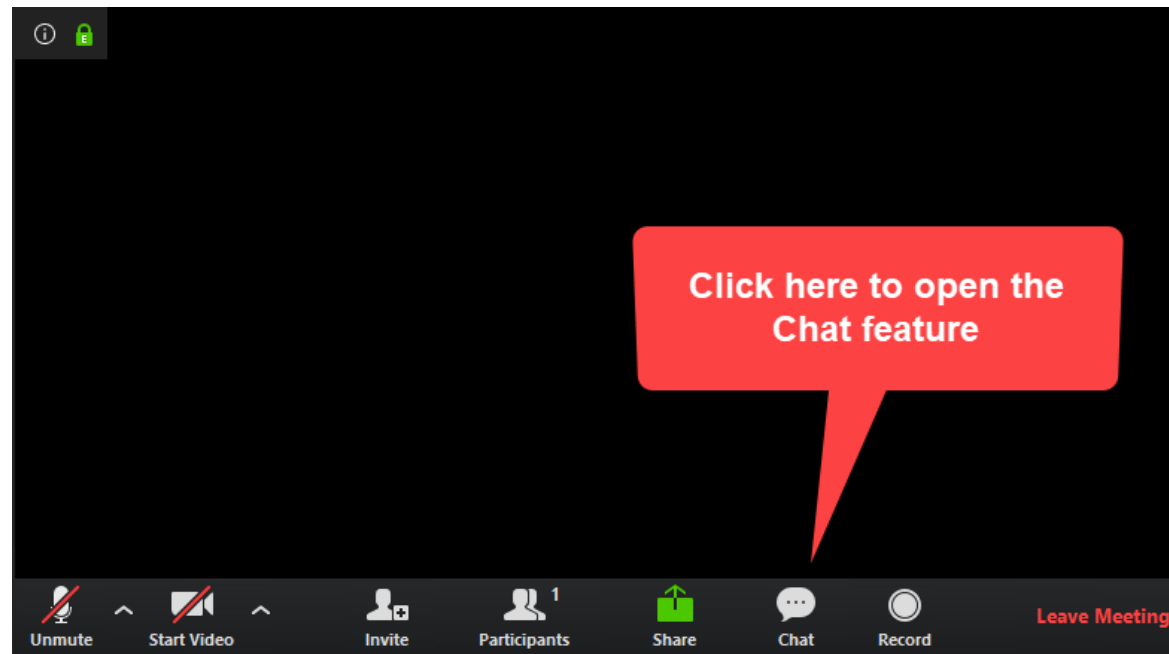
Q6 Have you ever received information about how to make members of your household and your home safer from natural disasters?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.21%	175
No	13.79%	28
TOTAL		203

# Chat Questions

- SDMI Moderator answers to public chat questions that were not addressed directly in the chat function.



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