



CREST Project: From Conception to Sustainable Project of the Year

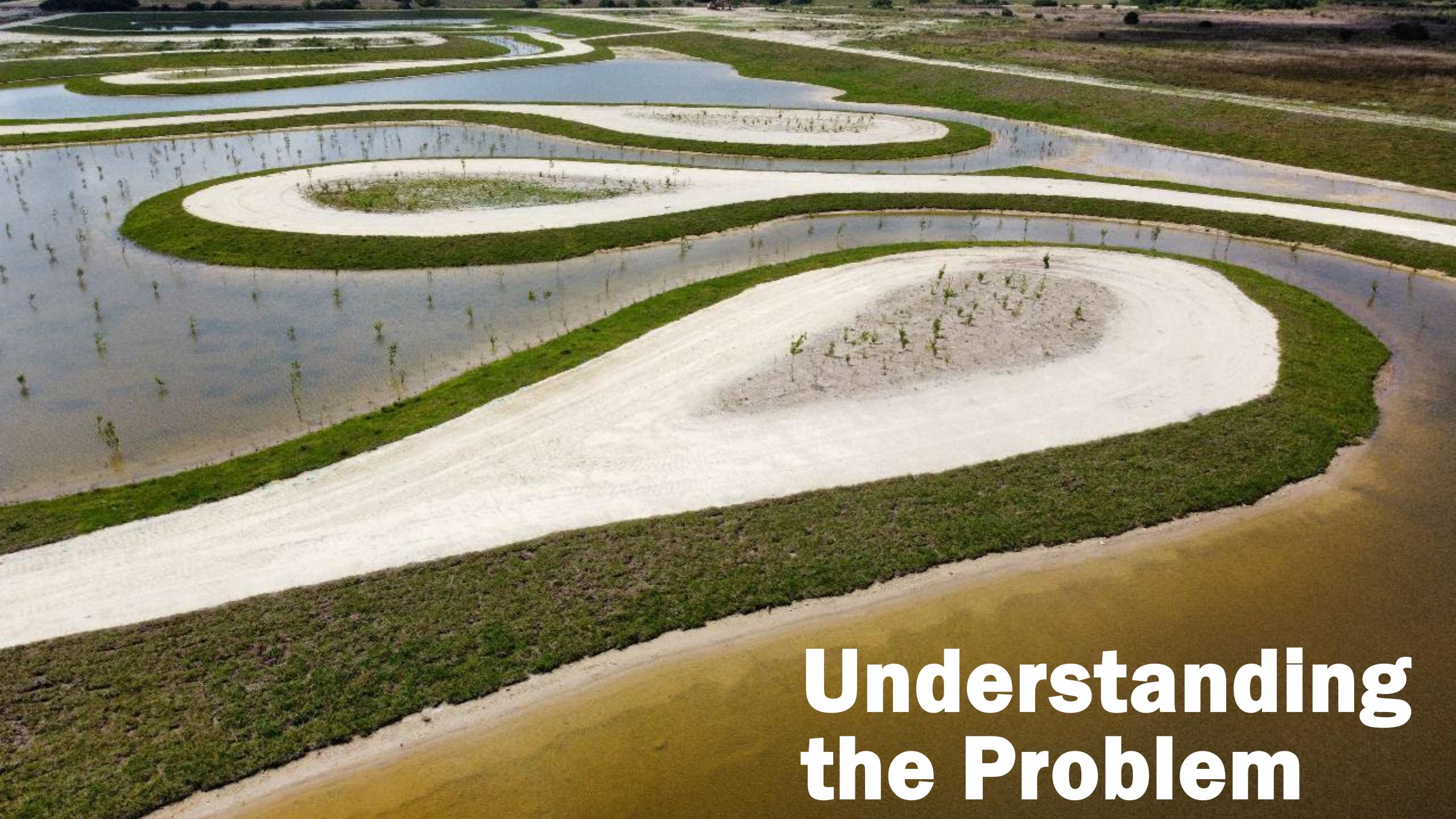
Agenda

Understanding the Problem

Developing the Solution

Navigating the Challenges





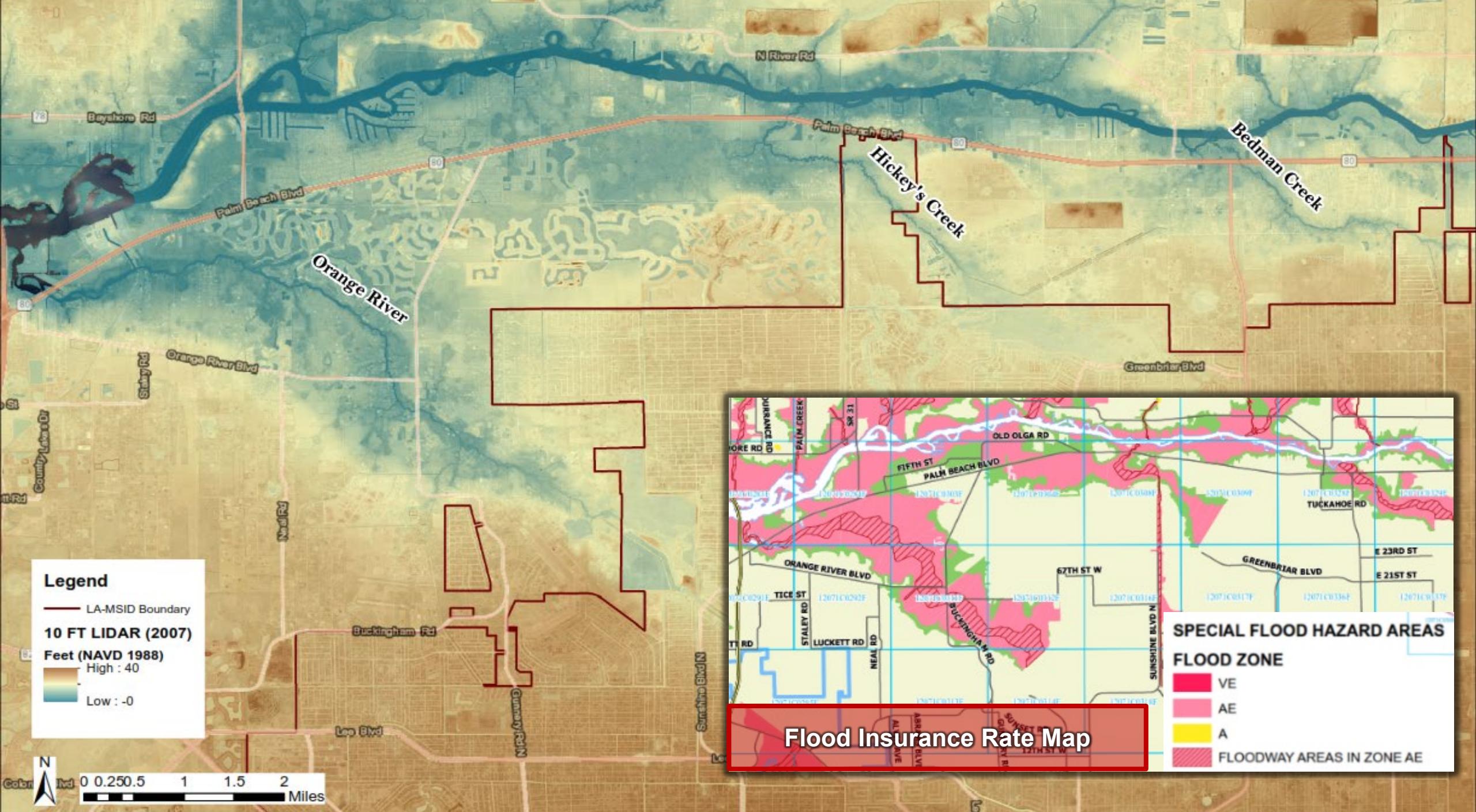
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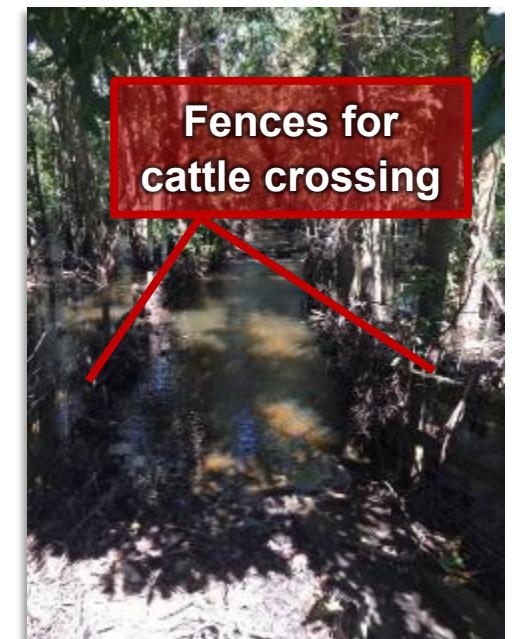
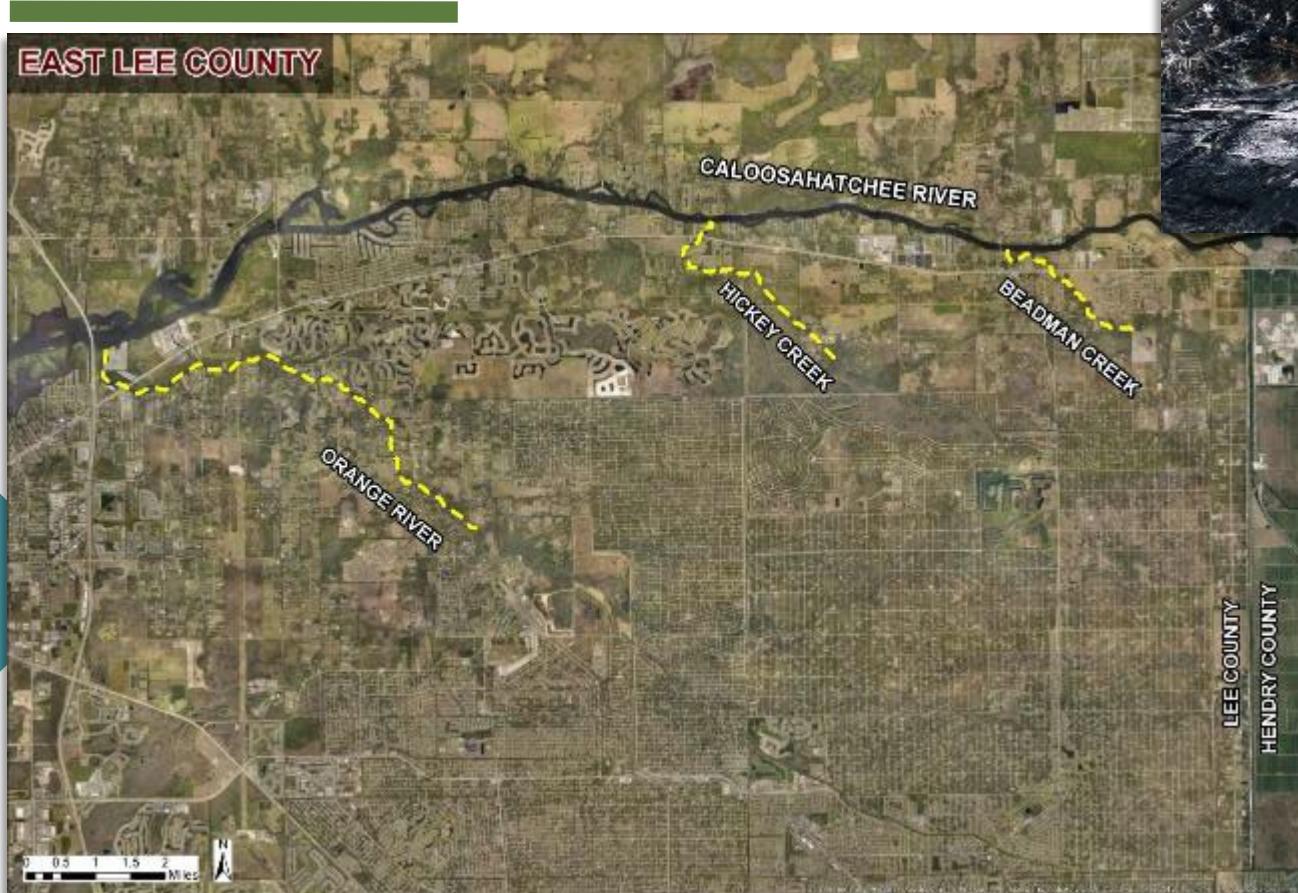


Flood Insurance Rate Map

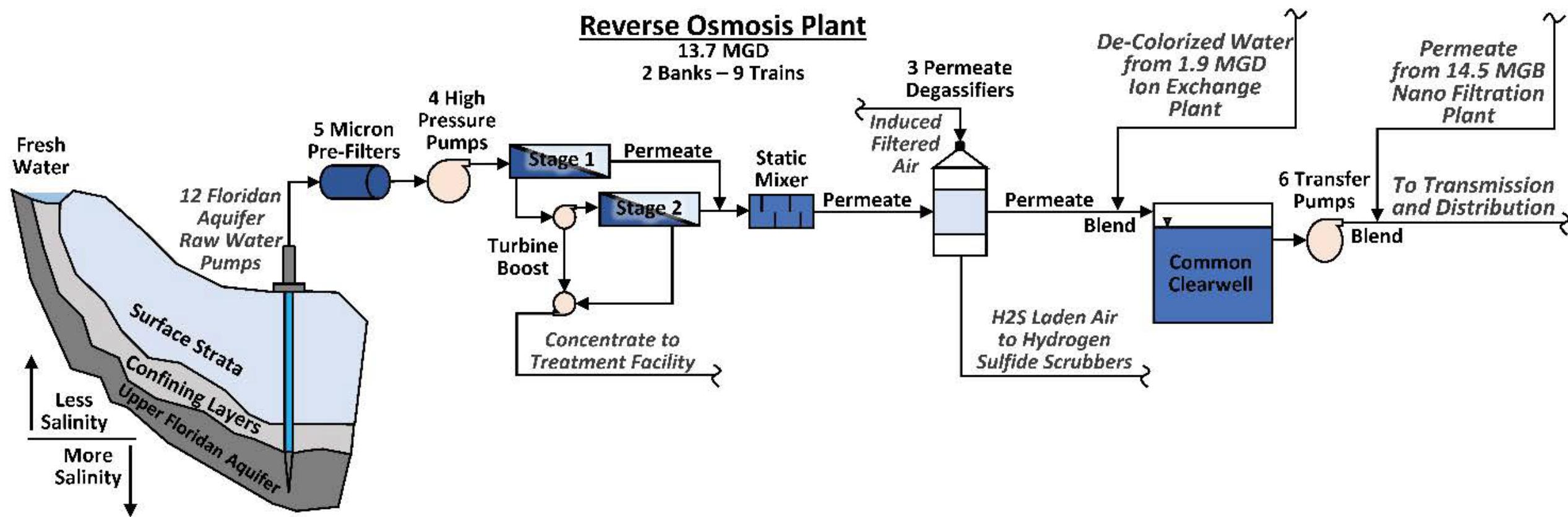
The map displays the following flood zones and areas:

- VE**: Very High Hazard Area (dark red).
- AE**: High Hazard Area (pink).
- A**: Moderate Hazard Area (yellow).
- FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE**: Specific areas within the AE zone marked with a diagonal hatching pattern.

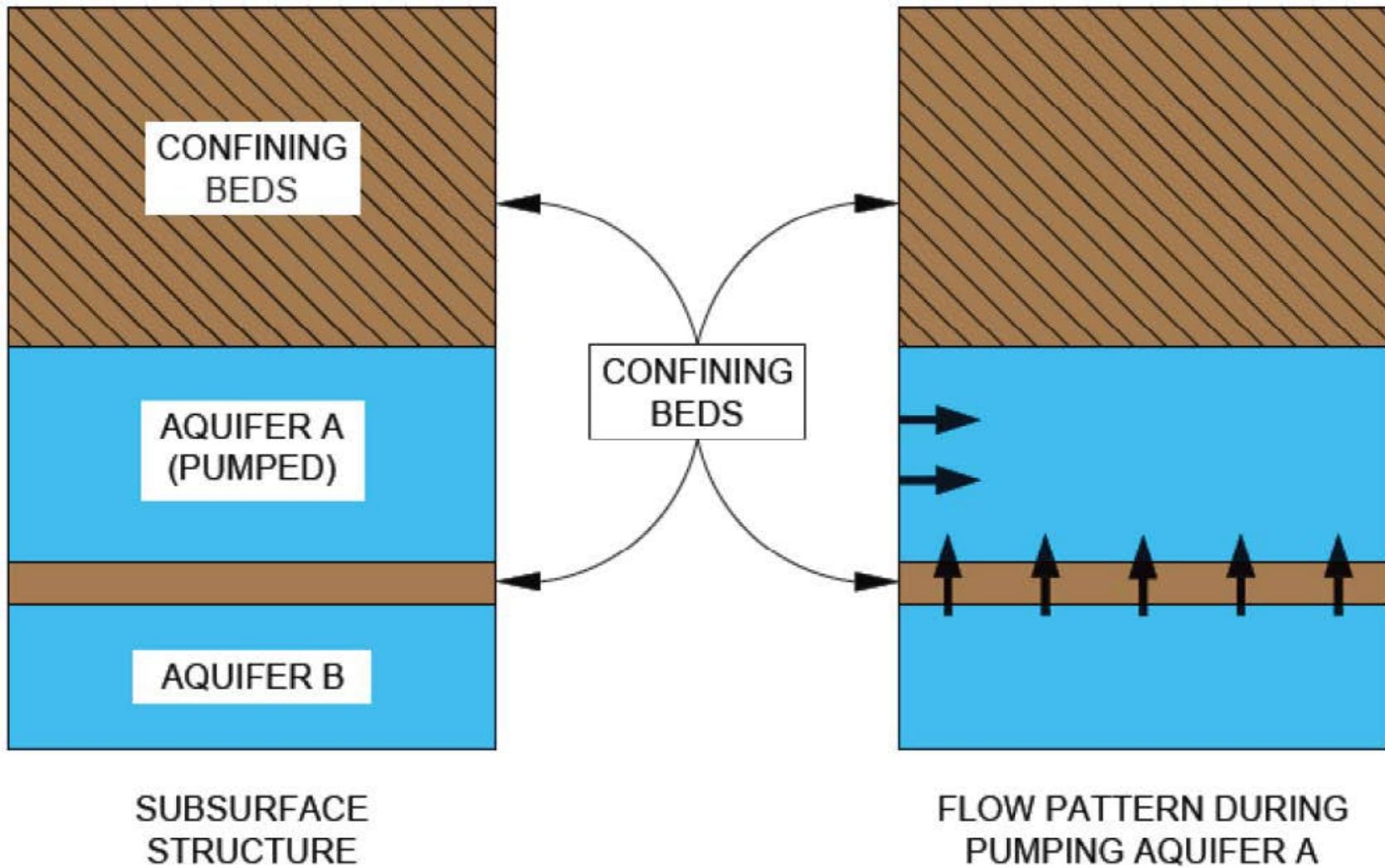
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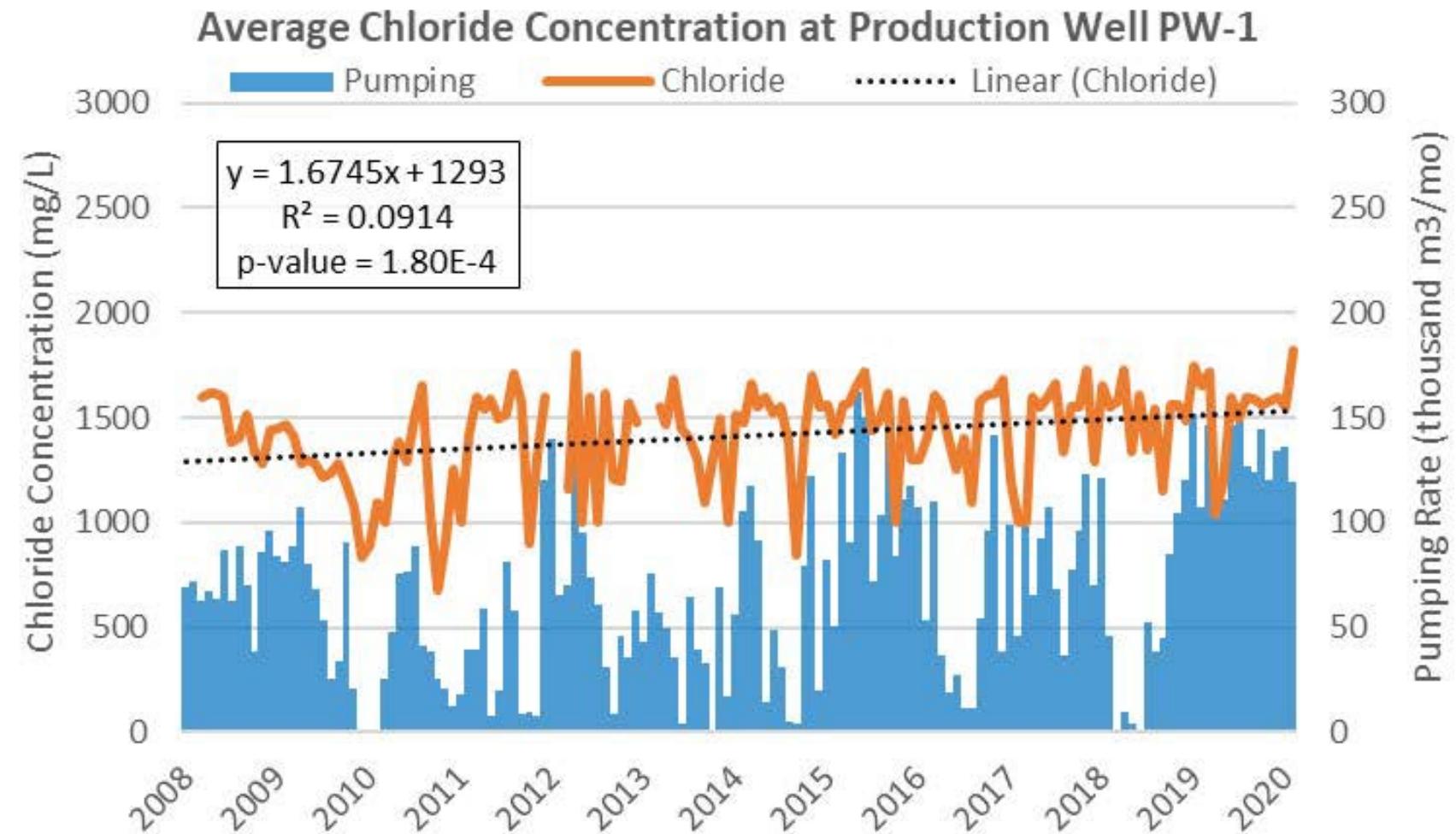
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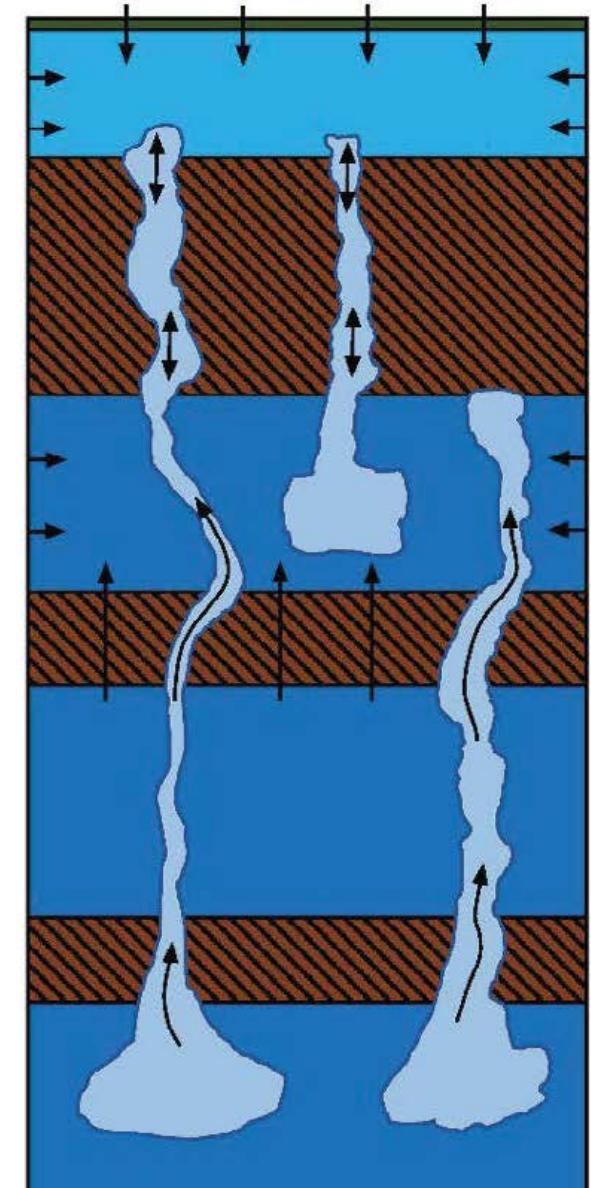
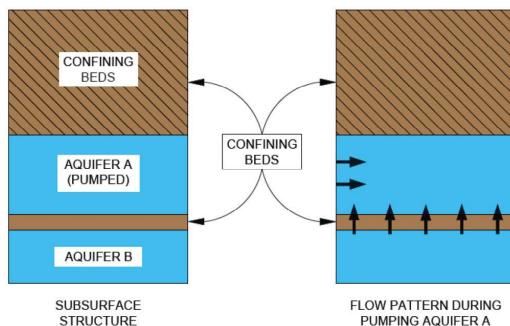
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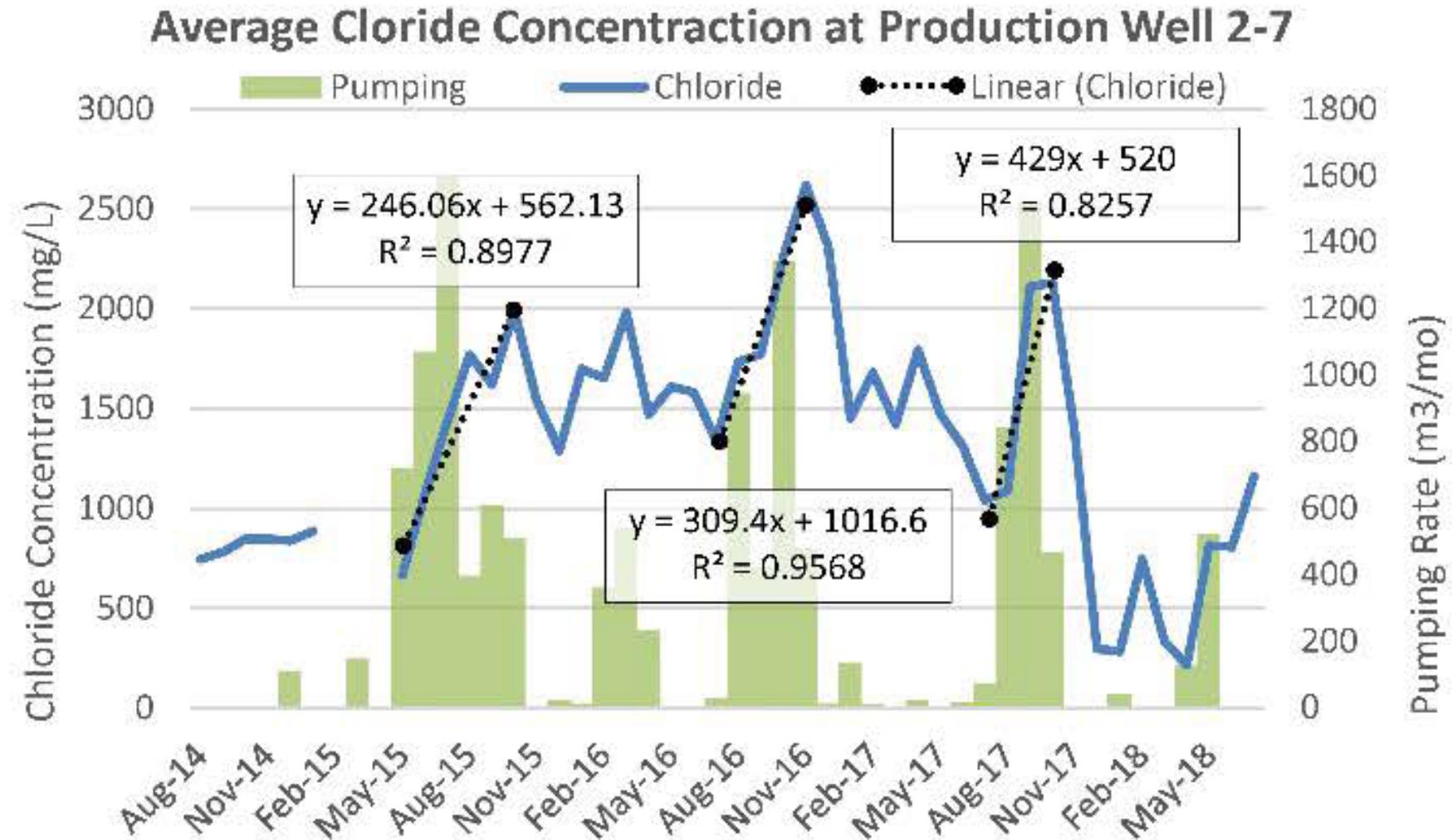
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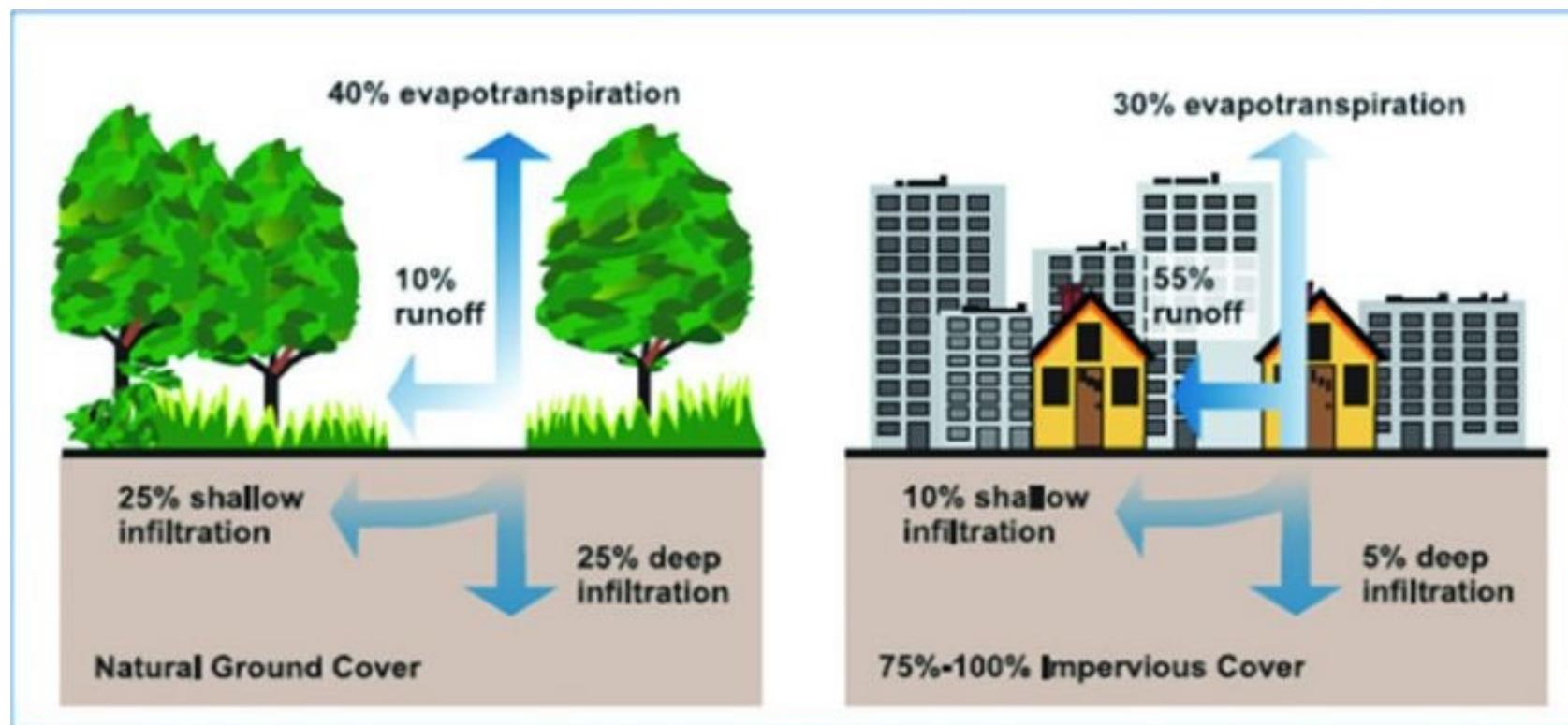
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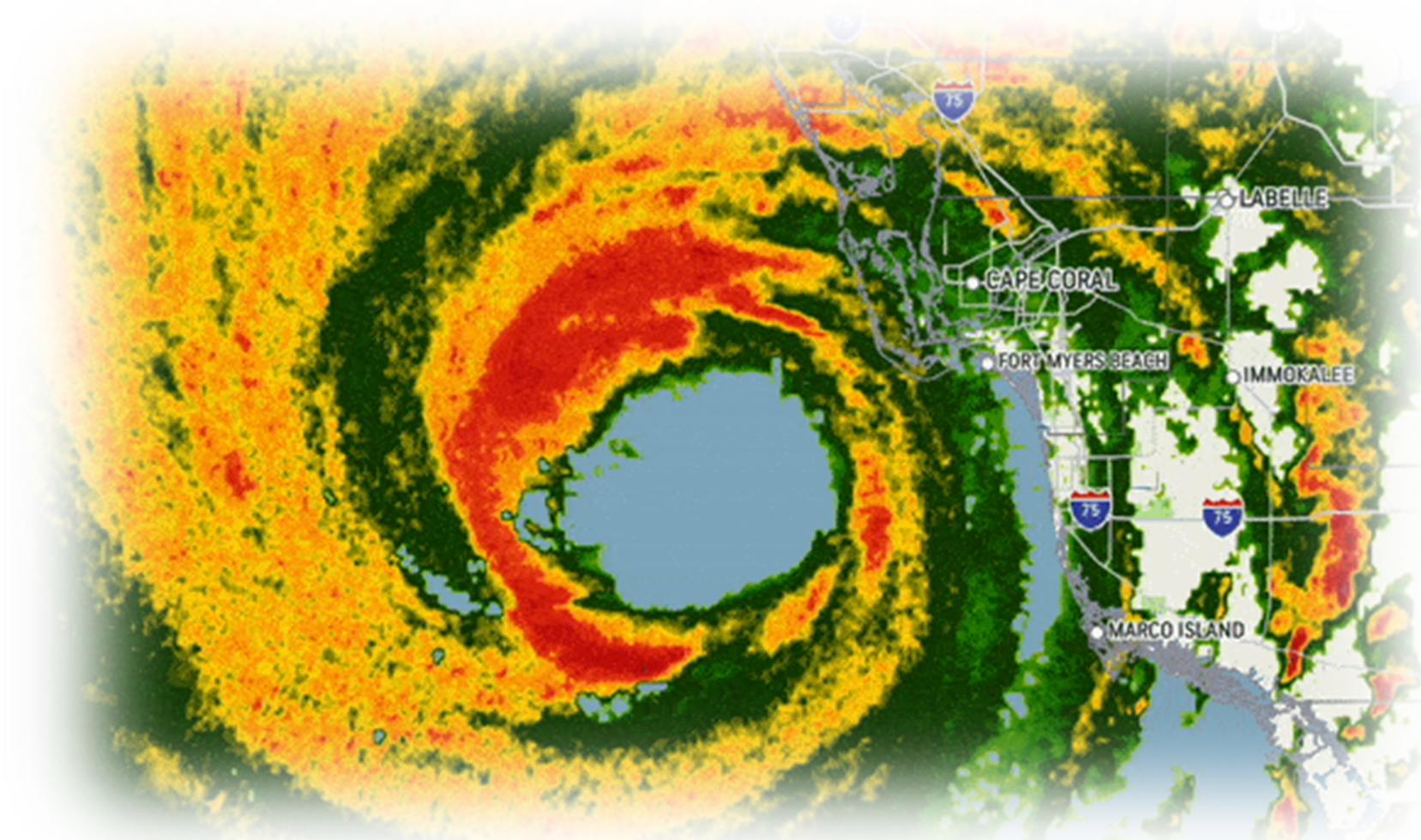
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Summary of the Problem

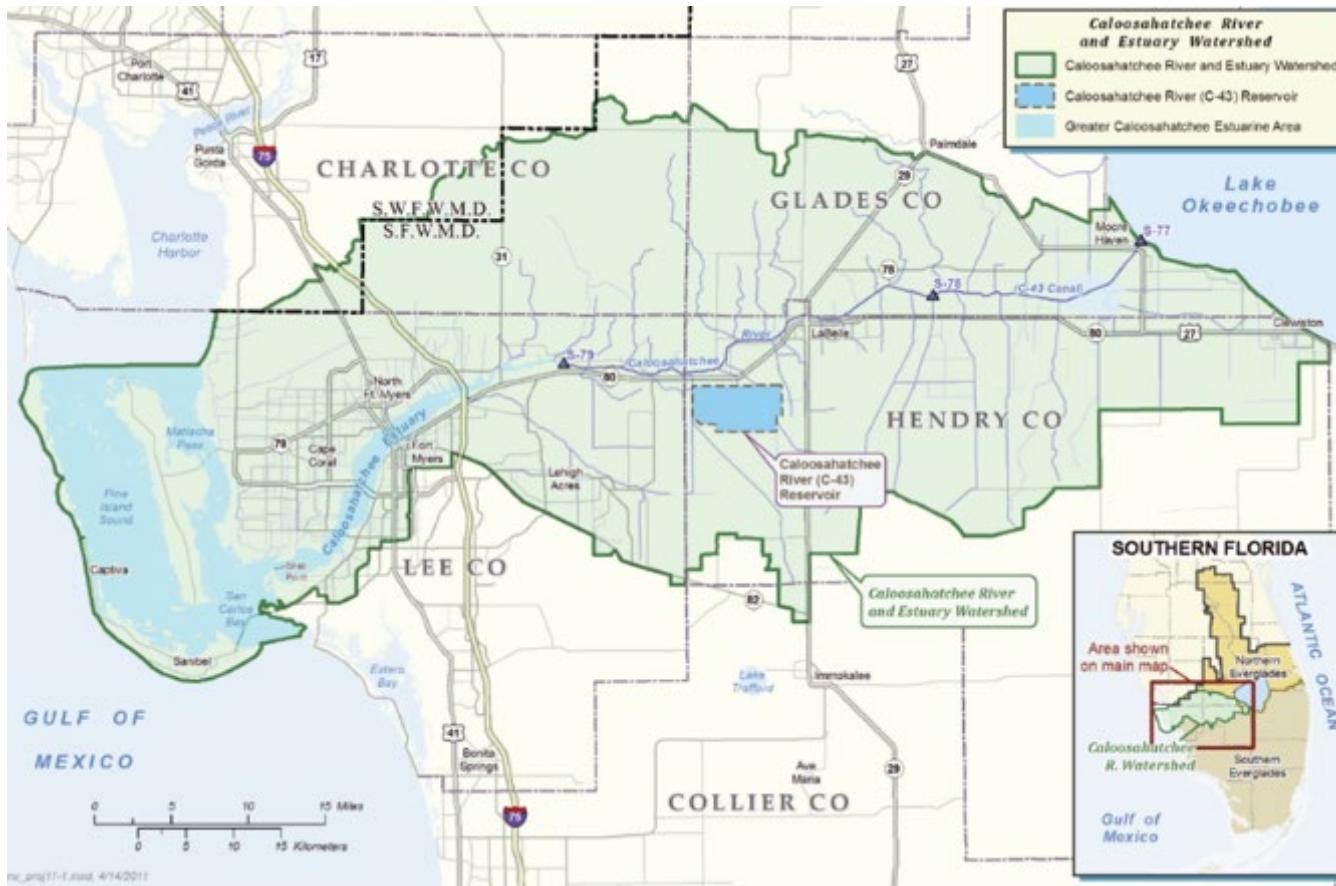


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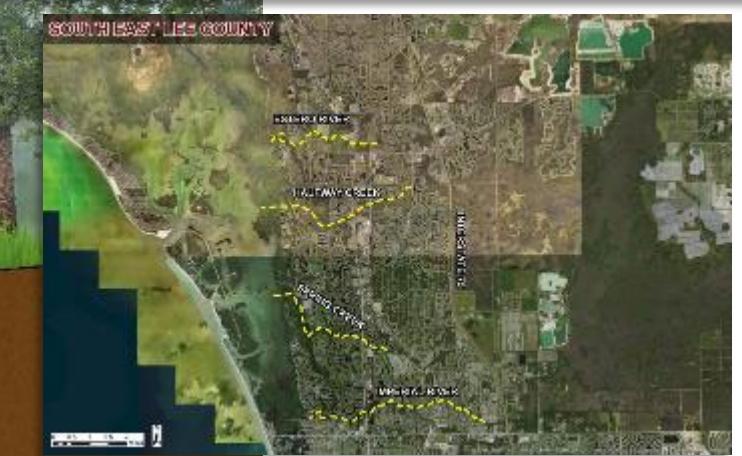
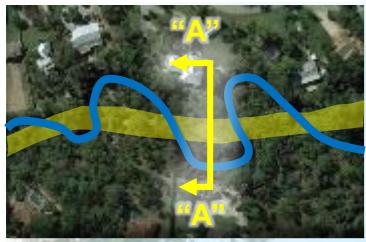




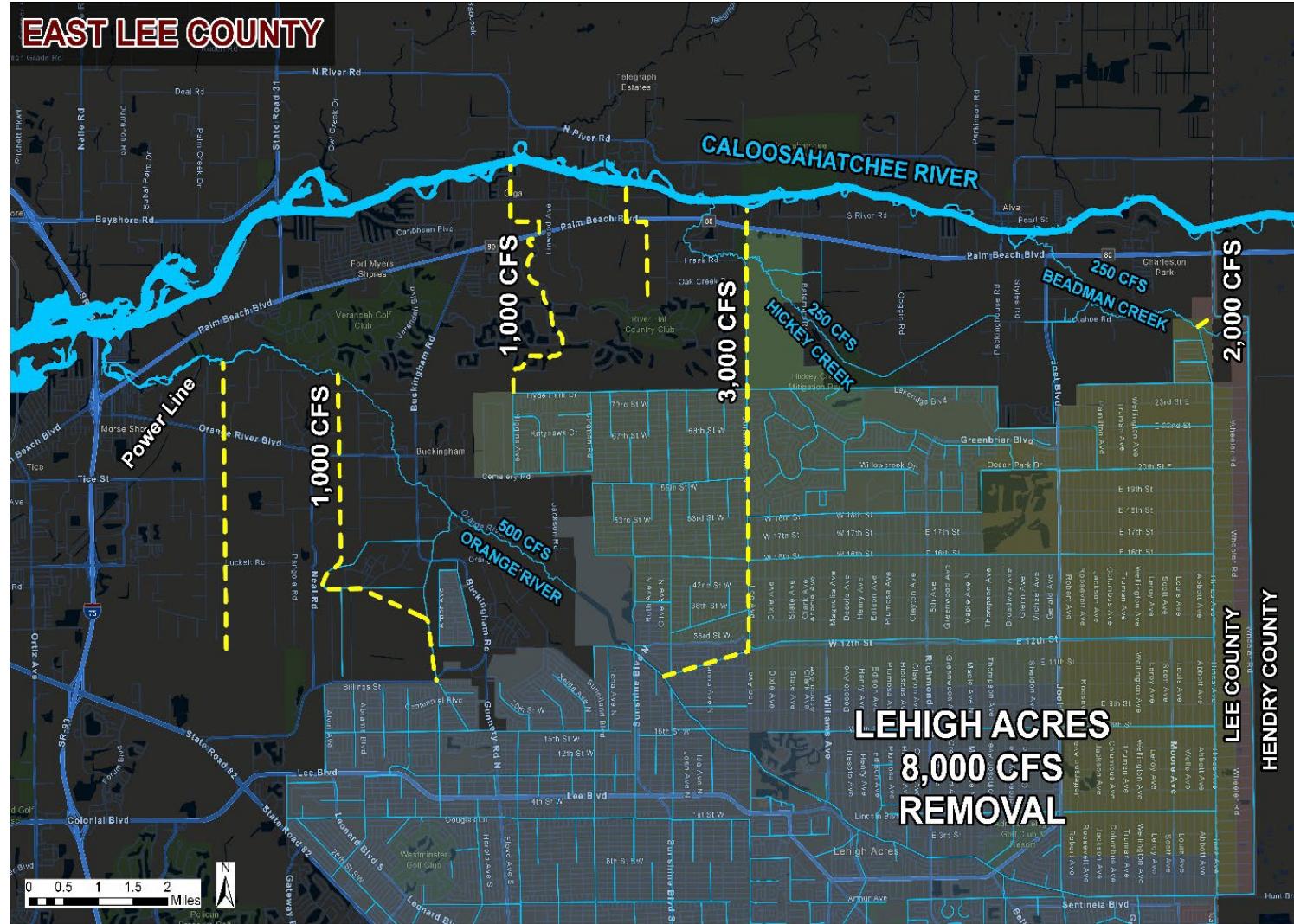
**Developing
the Solution**



Developing the Solution (Rual)



Developing the Solution (Urban)



Developing the Solution (Mixed)

Concept Plan Detail

0 500 1,000 2,000
Feet

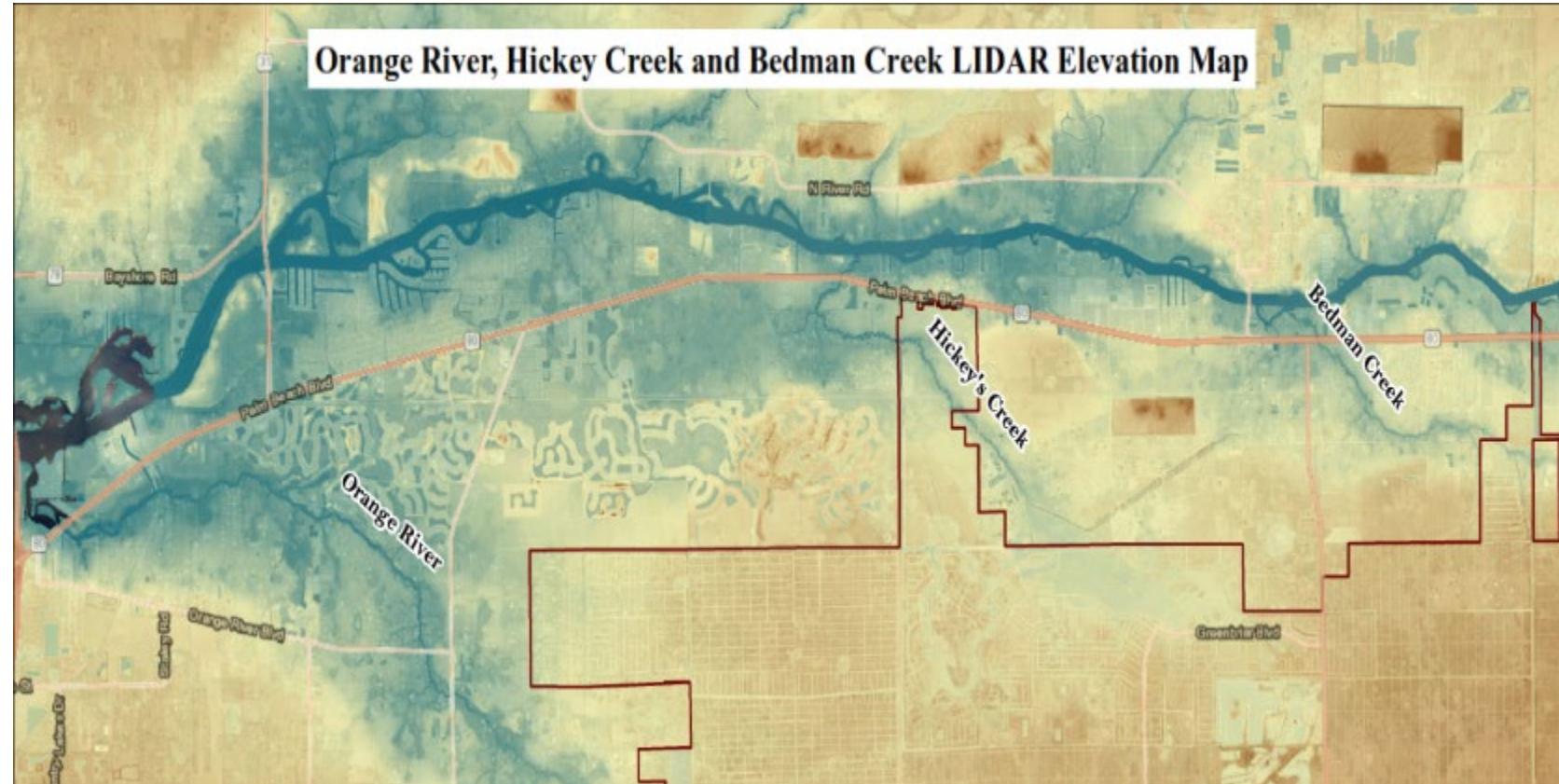
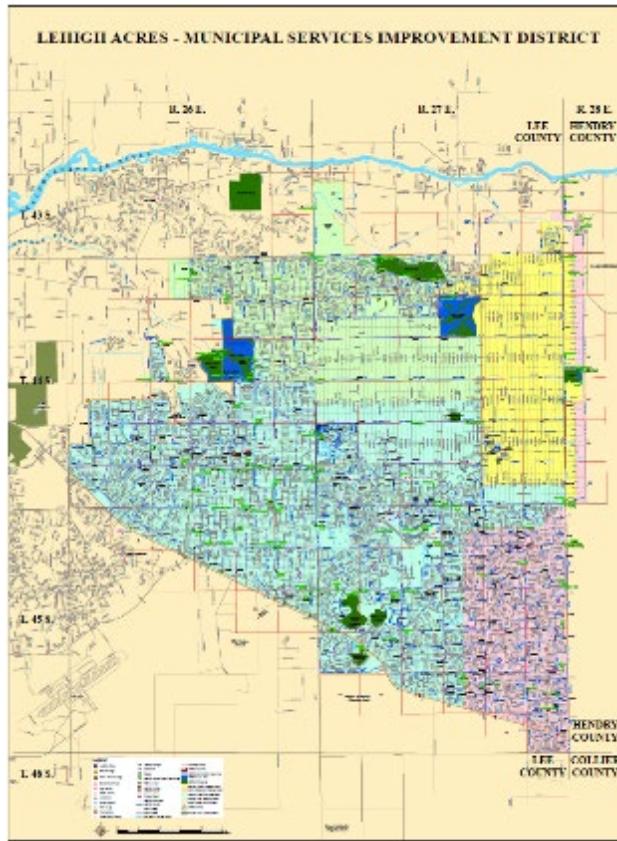


Legend

- Proposed Water Control Structure
- ▲ Pump to Greenbriar Swamp
- Proposed Culvert Connection
- Proposed Pedestrian Walking Path
- Proposed Perimeter Berm
- Proposed Channelized Filter Marsh
- Section 10 Boundary
- Existing/Proposed Preserve
- Existing Tree Canopy
- Proposed Shallow Filter Marsh
- Proposed Public Parking Area
- Proposed Settling Pond
- Proposed Uplands

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Developing the Solution (Ideal)



Lehigh Acres - Municipal Services Improvement District

311 miles of canals

20 Lakes

360+ Culvert Crossings

1,500+ preserve acres

112 Water Control Structures

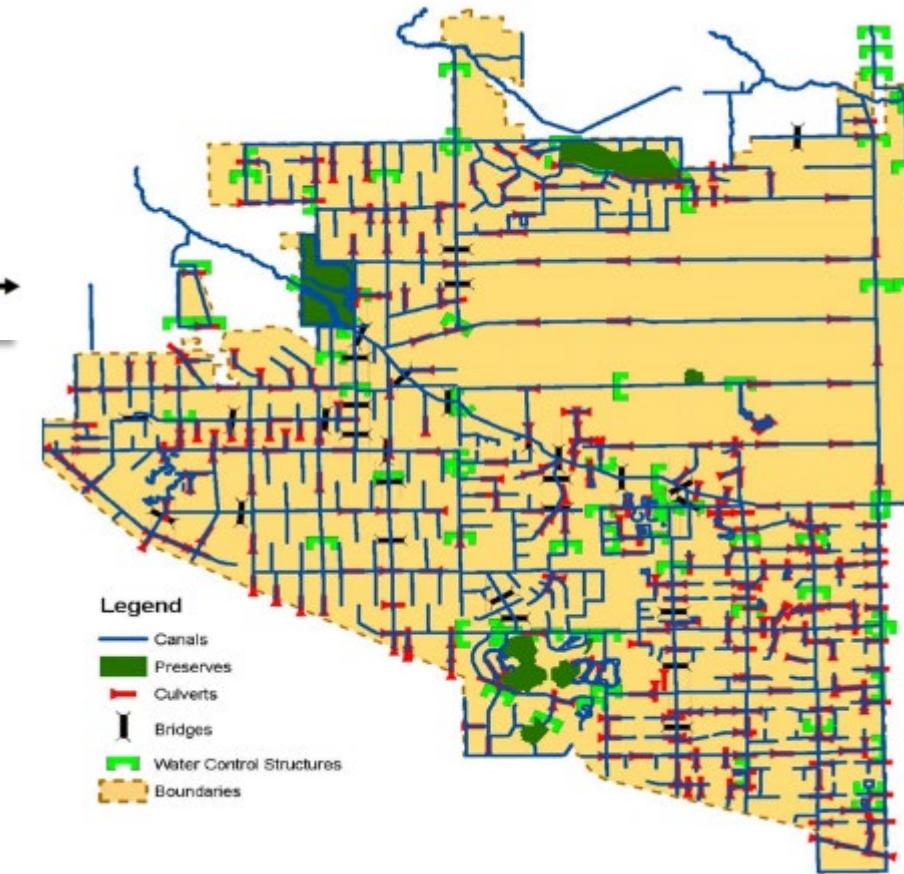
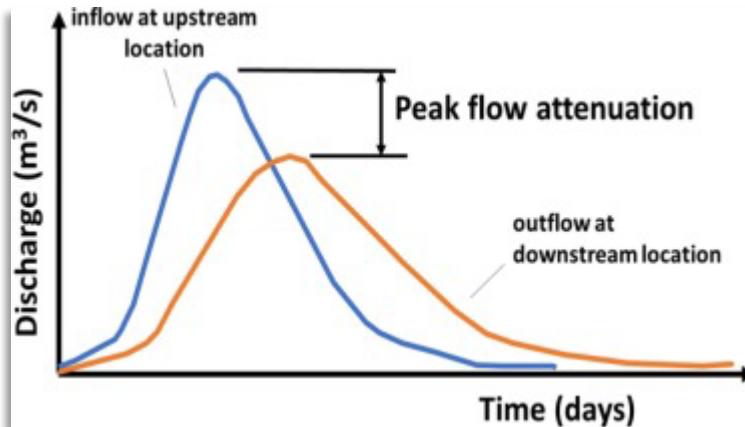
37 Automated Weirs

34 Stage Recording Stations

23 Groundwater Monitoring Stations

33 Rain Gauge Stations

1 Continuous Stream Gauging Station



LA-MSID Water Control System

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Stormwater Storage:

600 ac-ft

Nutrient Removal:

1,118 lbs/yr of TN

190 lbs/yr of TP

Habitat Restoration:

5,500 Trees

133,570 Plants

Ecosystem Restoration:

Deep Lakes, Littoral
Benches, Circuitous
Treatment Marshes,
Uplands, and
Public Recreation





A multi-benefit project approach provided for a successful and innovative multi-agency partnership that spanned more than 7 years



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Completion: February 2026



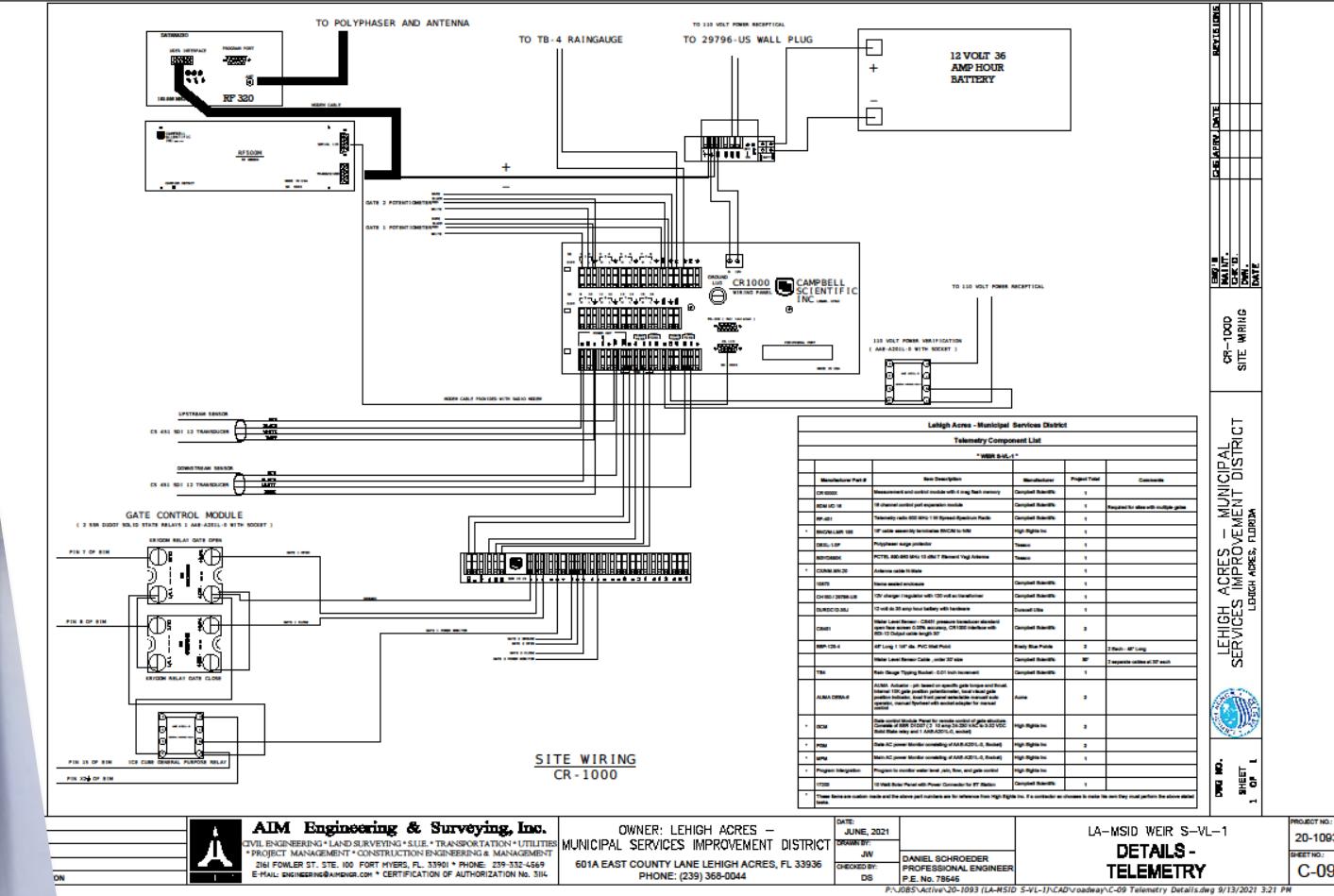
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Developing the Solution

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SEASONAL
OPERATION



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PRE-STORM
OPERATION



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MID-STORM
OPERATION



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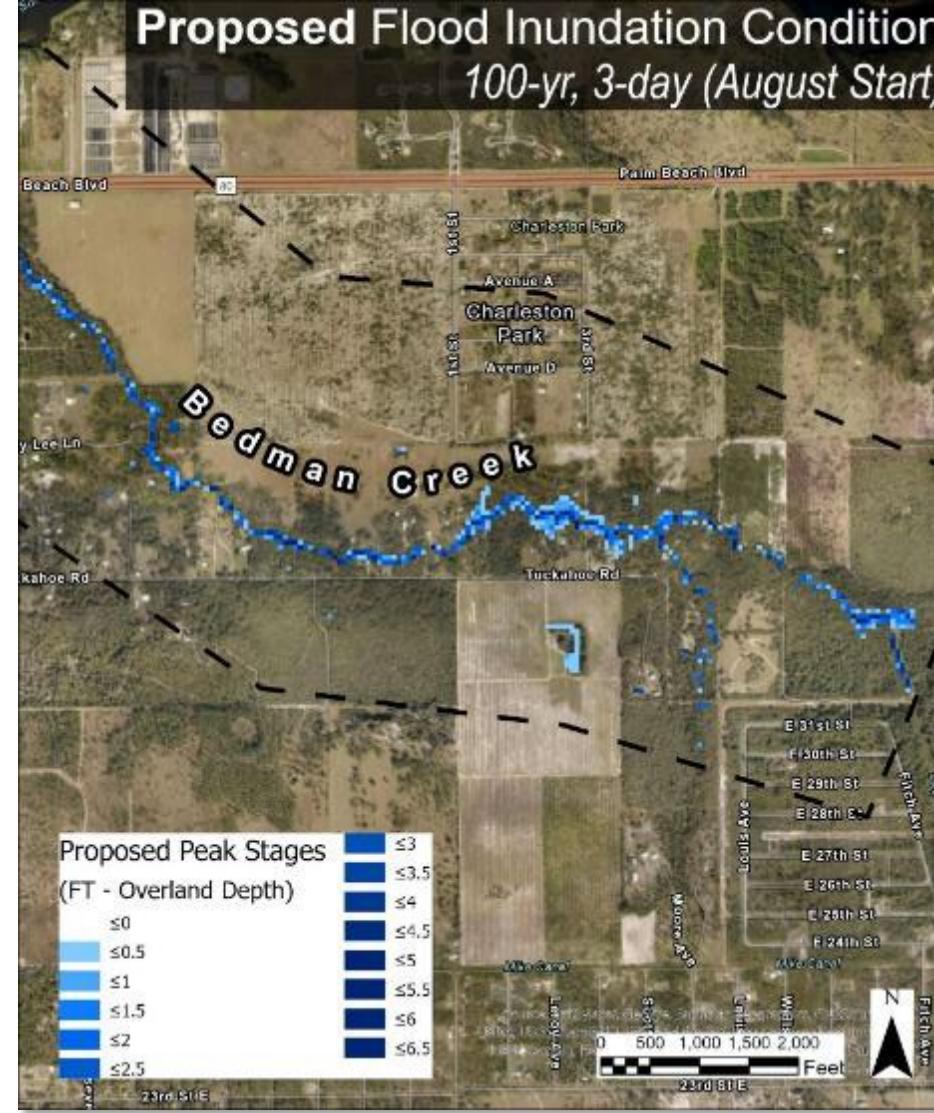
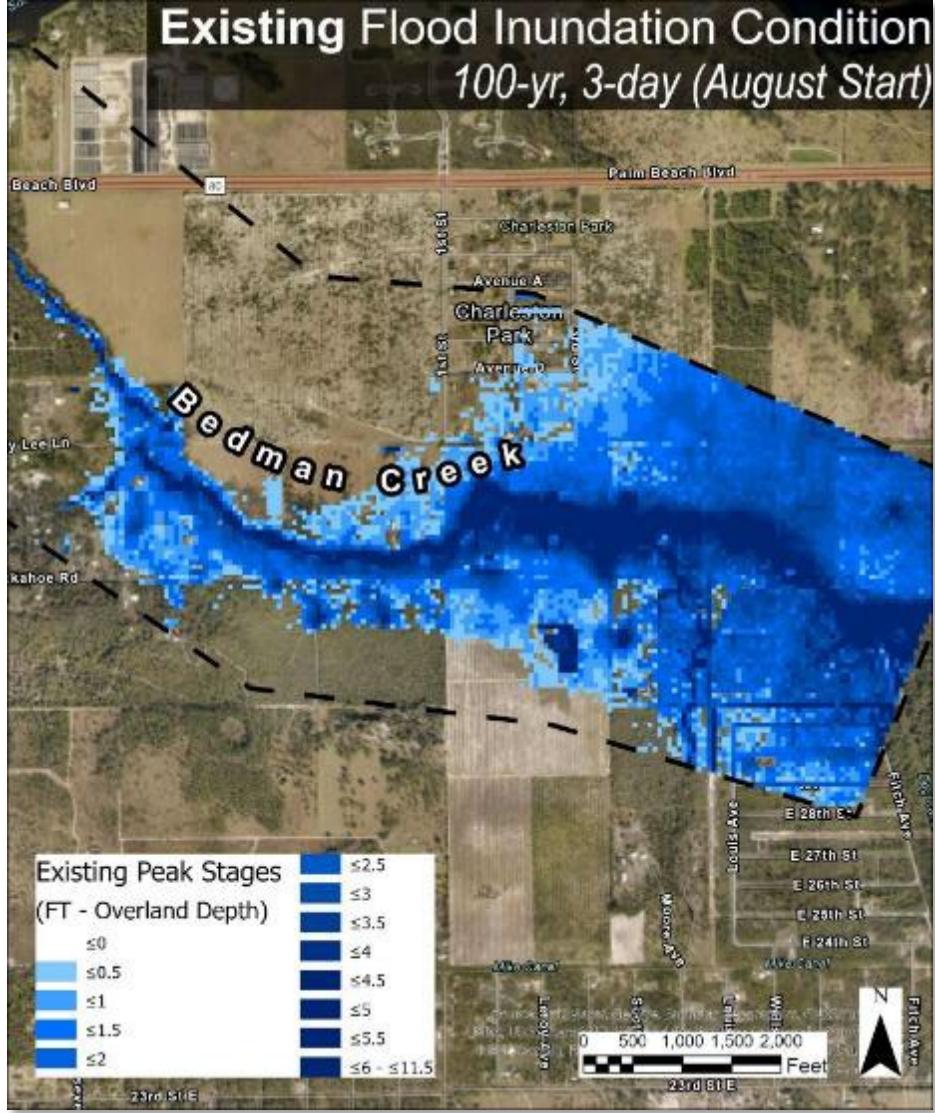
PEAK-STORM
OPERATION



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POST-STORM
OPERATION



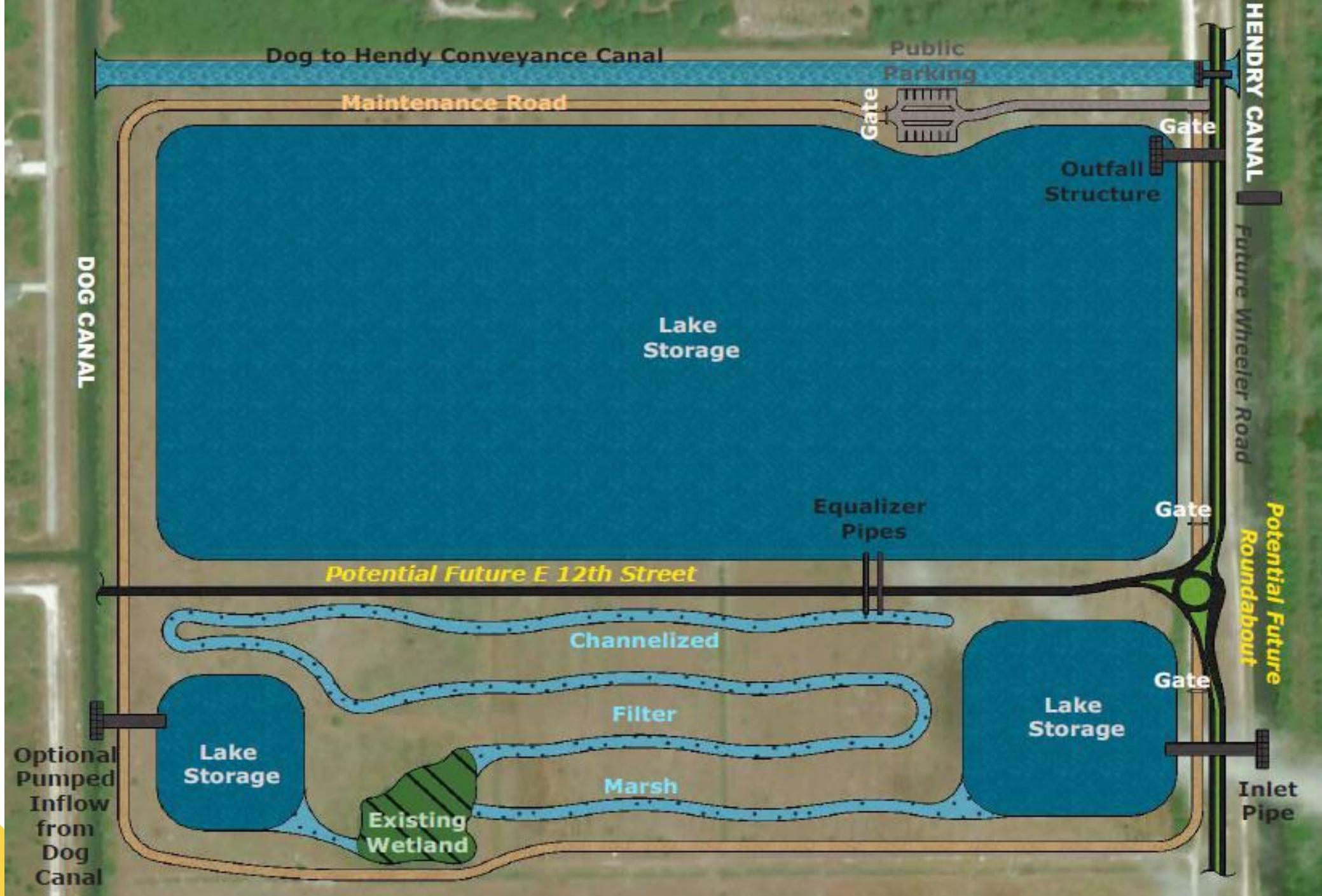


ANTICIPATED RESULTS



Navigating the Challenges

CONCEPT



PHASING



SPECIES



PERMIT



PHASING



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PHASE 2



PERMIT



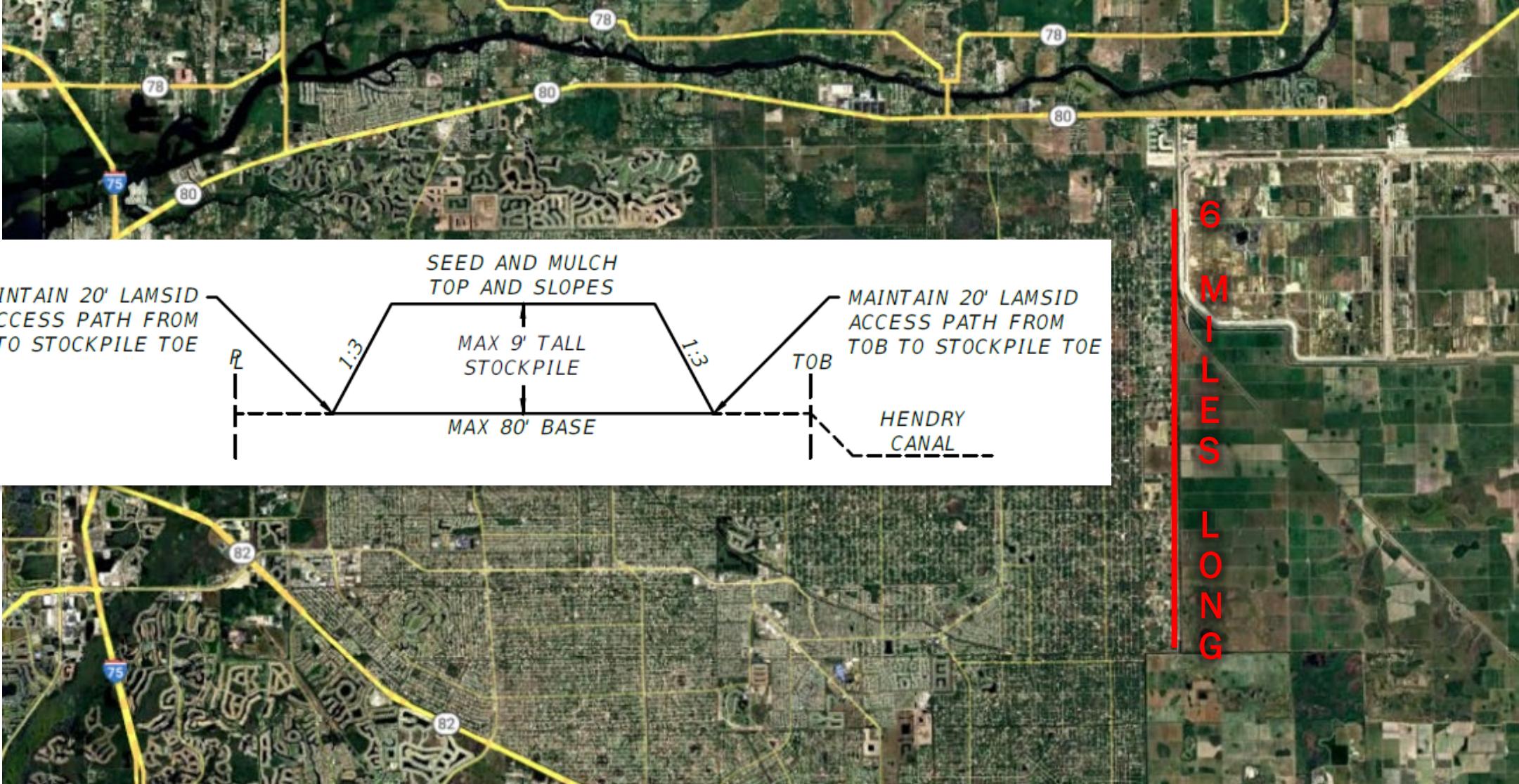
PHASING



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ECONOMY



805,000 CY OF EMBANKMENT

FUNDING



PHASE 1

\$809,485

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Grant



PHASE 2

\$2,000,000

FDEP State Water-quality Assistance Grant (SWAG)



PHASE 3

\$4,060,000

Florida House/Senate Legislative Appropriation

**Caloosahatchee River
Estuary Storage & Treatment**



PHASE 2

2024 Sustainable Project of the Year (Local)

ASCE Southwest Branch



PHASE 3

2025 Sustainable Project of the Year (Local)

ASCE Southwest Branch



CREST (Caloosahatchee River Estuary Storage & Treatment)

2025 Sustainable Project of the Year (State)

ASCE Florida Section

2025 Top Stormwater Projects (National)

Stormwater Solutions Magazine & StormCon 2025

AWARD WINNING

Thank you

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