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# SECTION 216

## CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA (C&SF)

### FLOOD RESILIENCY STUDY

## PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

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Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Resiliency Study



# Workshop Agenda



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- Opening Remarks
- C&SF Flood Resiliency
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  - Study Overview
- Questions and Answers Session
- Breakout Sessions
  - Problems & Opportunities
- Closing Remarks and Next Steps



# Opening Remarks



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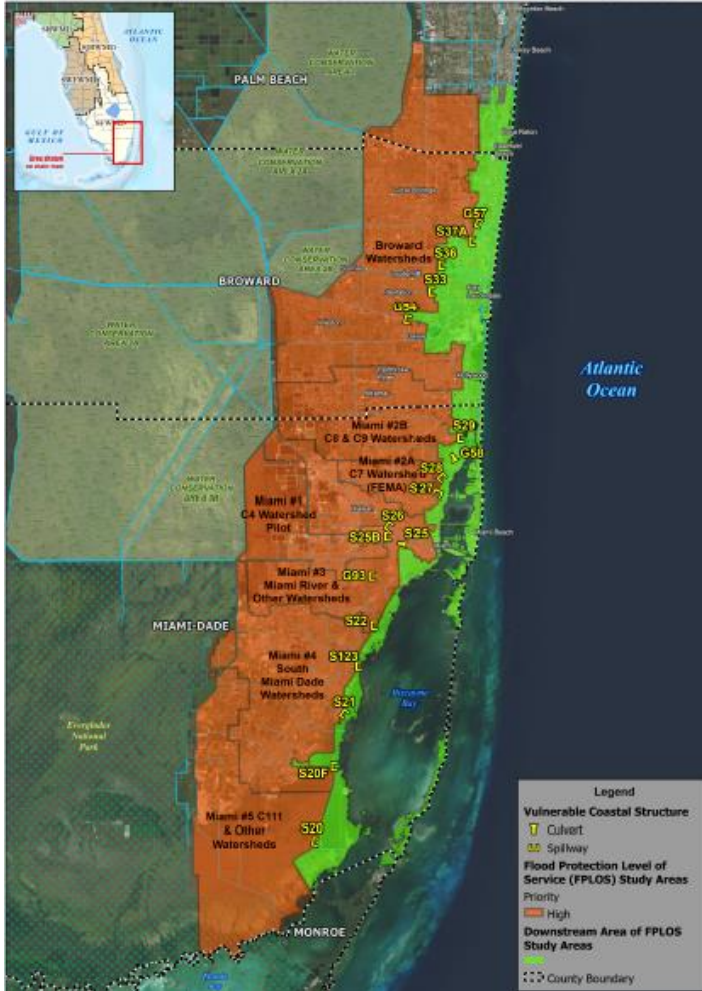
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# Project Overview



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## Authority

- Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (33 U.S.C. 549a).
- Review existing projects that have significantly changed physical or economic conditions.

## Study Area

- Focus on the **highly vulnerable infrastructure** that can reduce the most immediate flood risks
- Lower East Coast – Southern Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

## Scope

- Evaluate existing flood risk management infrastructure and **recommend Flood Risk Management (FRM) measures and adaptation strategies to build flood resiliency** now and into the future in the communities served by the C&SF system
- Includes benefits to the other C&SF project purposes in addition to the FRM benefits.

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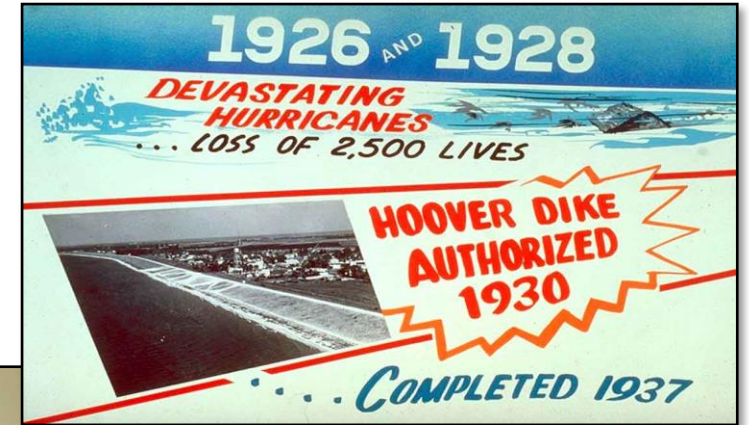


# Central & Southern Florida Project

## 70+ yrs Water Management System



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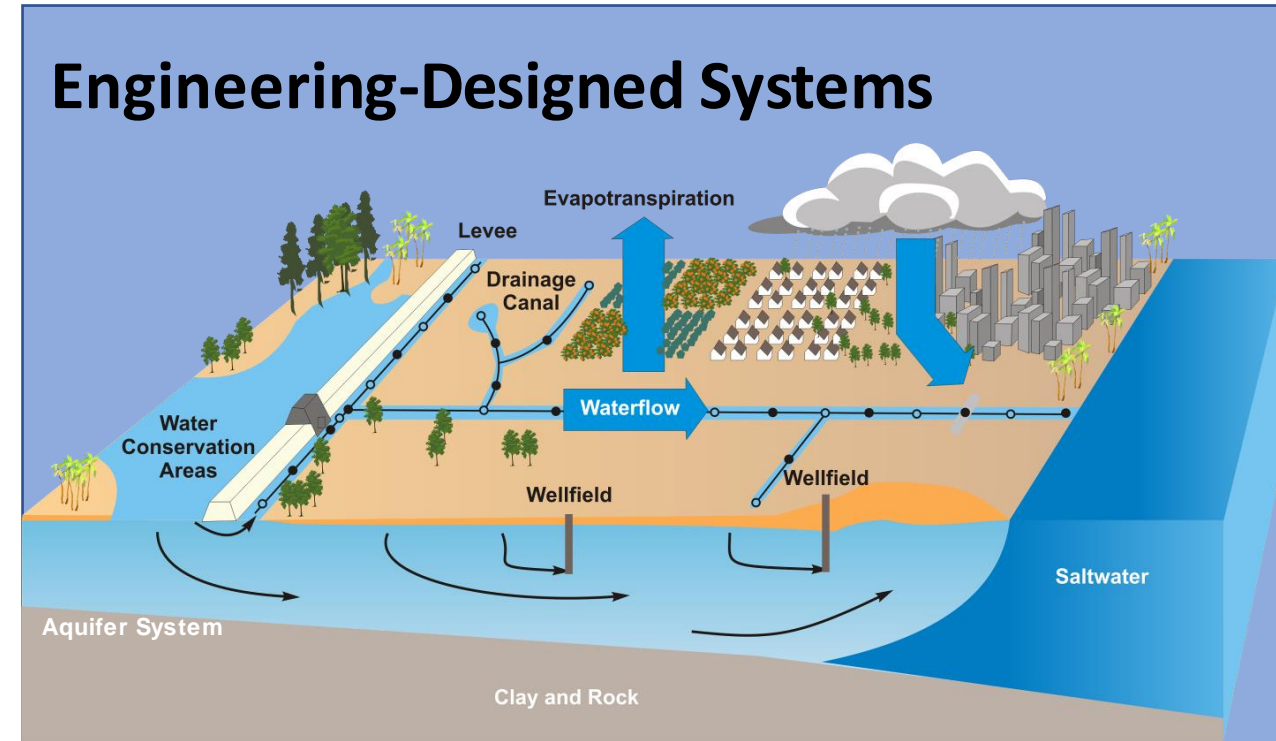
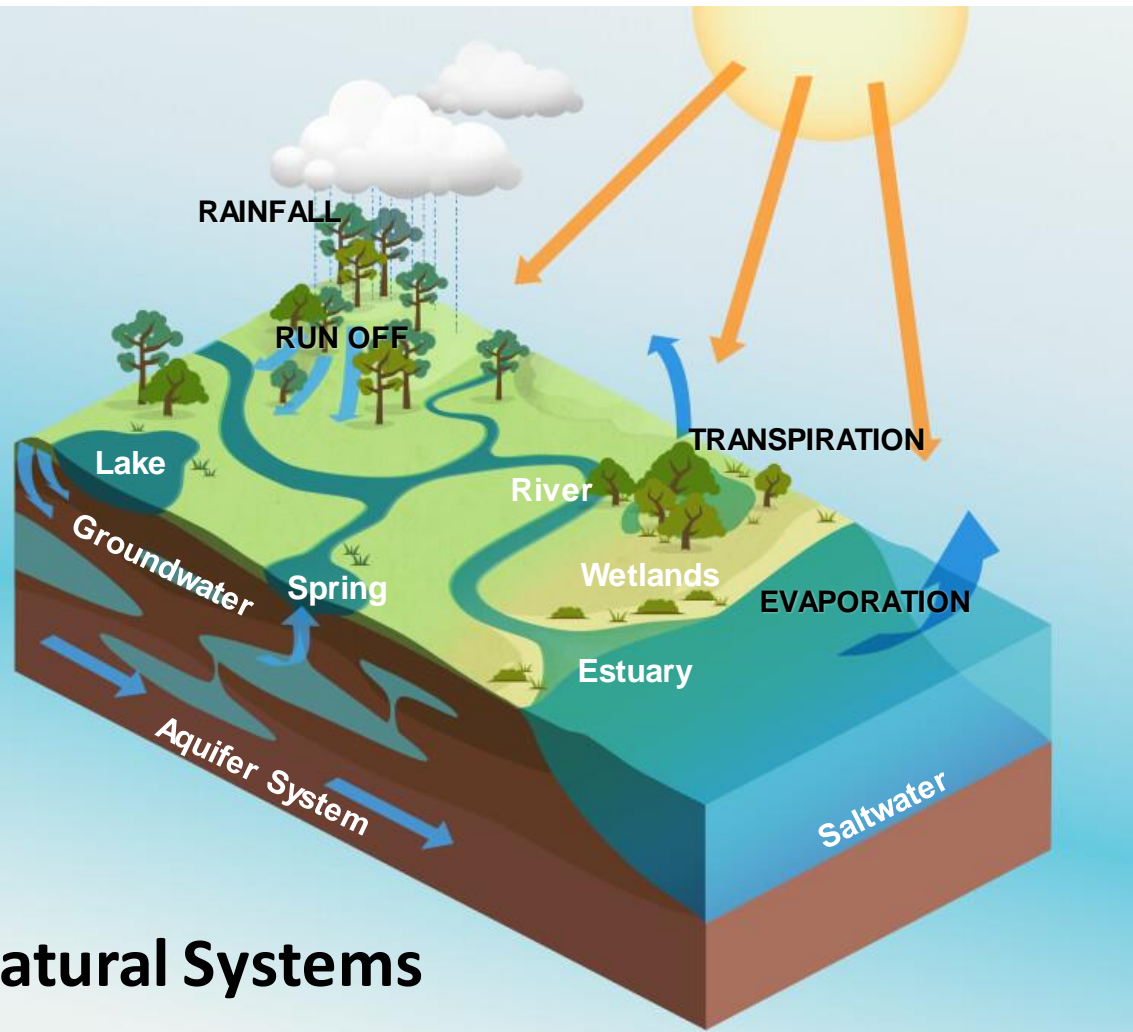




# Managing Water in South Florida



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Source: Broward County

Source: Florida Center for  
Instructional Technology –  
University of South Florida

## Natural Systems

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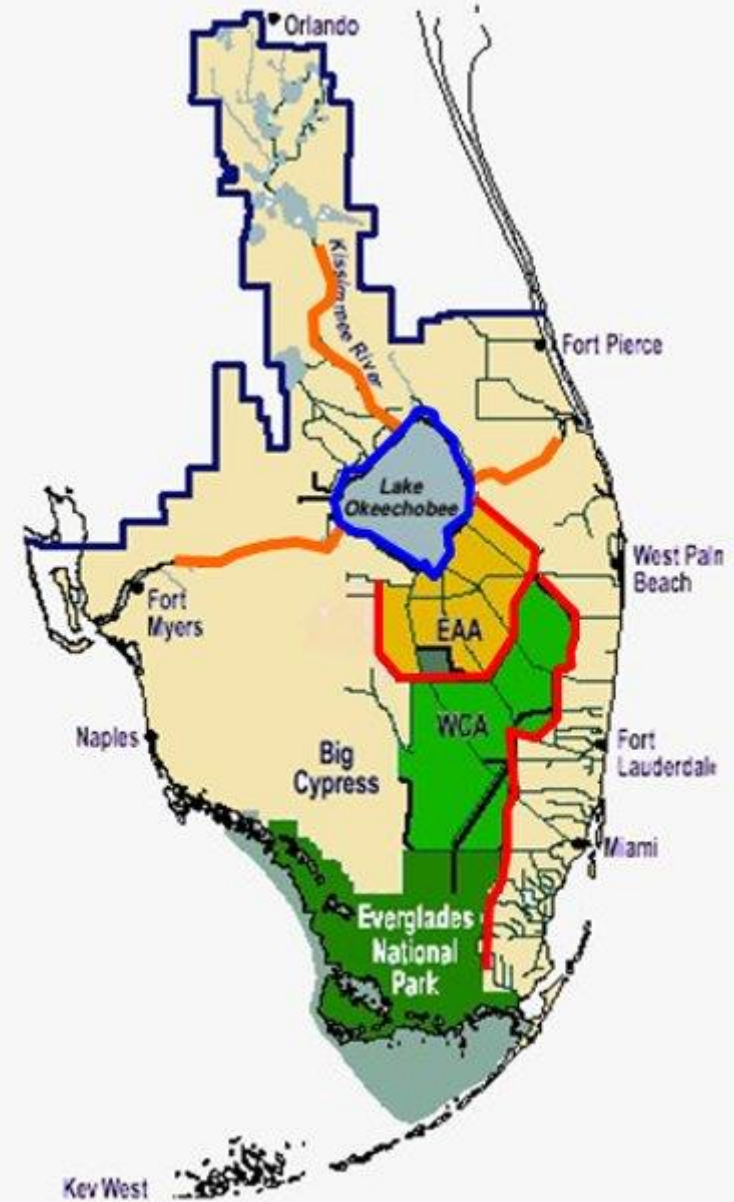




# C&SF Major Features and Purposes

## Congressionally-authorized project purposes:

- Flood control
- Navigation
- Water supply for :
  - Agriculture
  - Municipalities
  - Industry
  - Everglades National Park
  - Regional groundwater control
  - Salinity control
- Enhancement of fish and wildlife
- Recreation



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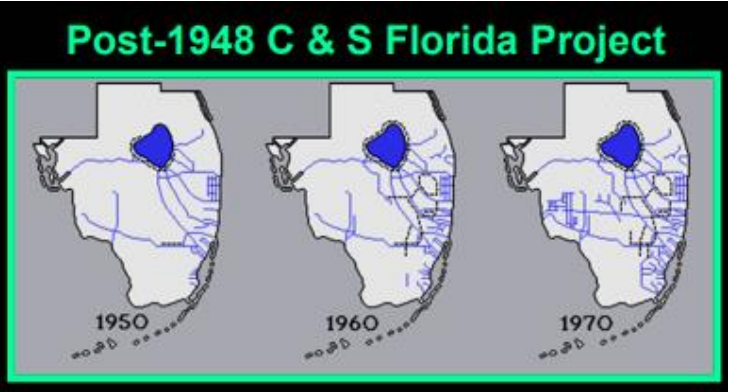
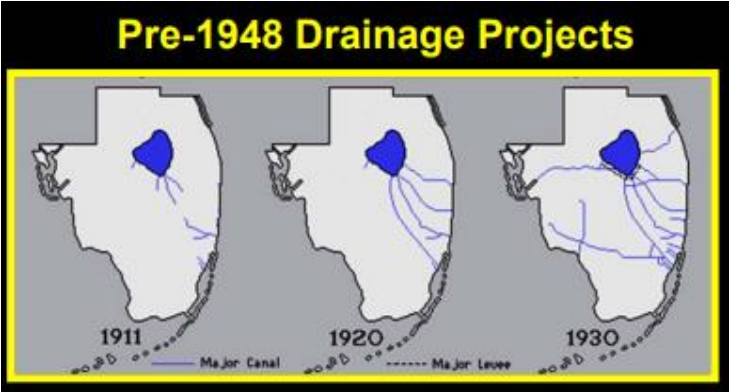




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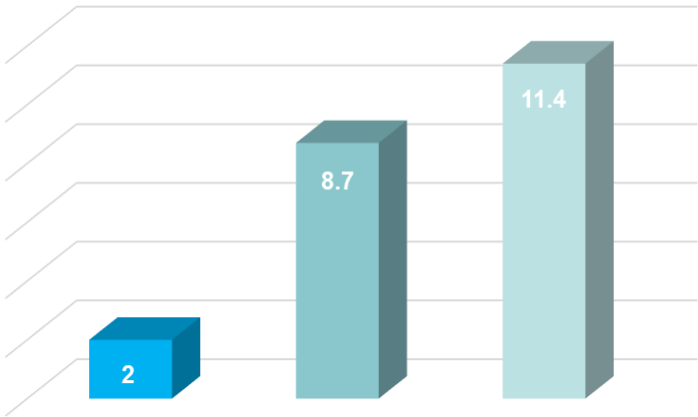
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## LAND DEVELOPMENT



## POPULATION GROWTH



\* Estimate taken from BEBR 2017 publication (Median, SFWMD boundaries)

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Emerging Trends in Regional Resiliency



### Regional Rainfall

Changes in rainfall patterns will impact people and ecosystems by altering the amount of water in our region throughout t...



### Tidal Elevations at Coastal Structures and Sea Level Rise

Flood control and the prevention of saltwater intrusion in South Florida relies heavily on the operation of coastal gravity structures.



### Saltwater Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers

The inland migration of saltwater poses a threat to water supply and critical freshwater habitats.



### Salinity in the Everglades

The salinization of previously freshwater systems poses threats to several factors.



### Estuarine and Mangrove Inland Migration

Trends in Estuarine Inland Migration provide insights to the impacts of sea level rise in coastal areas and the Everglades.



### Soil Subsidence in South Florida

Maintaining soil elevations within coastal and intertidal habitats, as sea level changes, is an indicator of long-term stability of coastal.

## Future Outlook in Regional Resiliency



### Future Extreme Rainfall Change Factors for Flood Resiliency Planning in South Florida Web Application

This tool provides access to future extreme rainfall change factors for resiliency planning for the 16 counties and 14 rainfall areas within SFWMD boundaries, as well as the Everglades National Park rainfall area, and an additional combined rainfall area for the Florida Keys and Biscayne Bay.

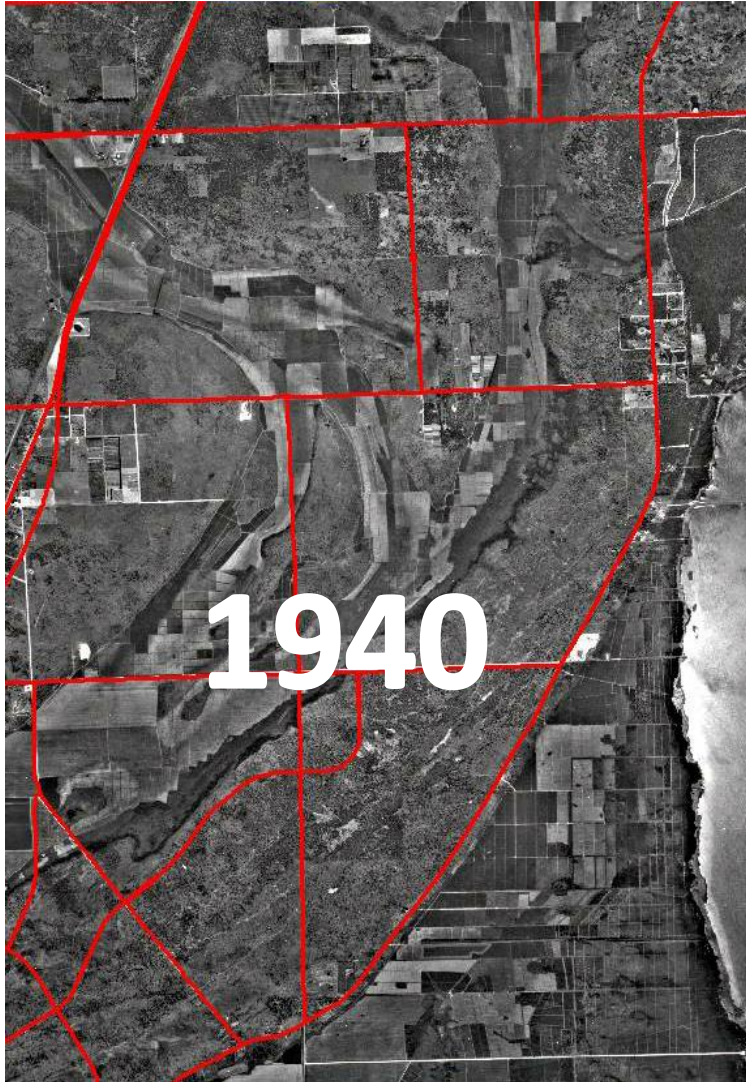




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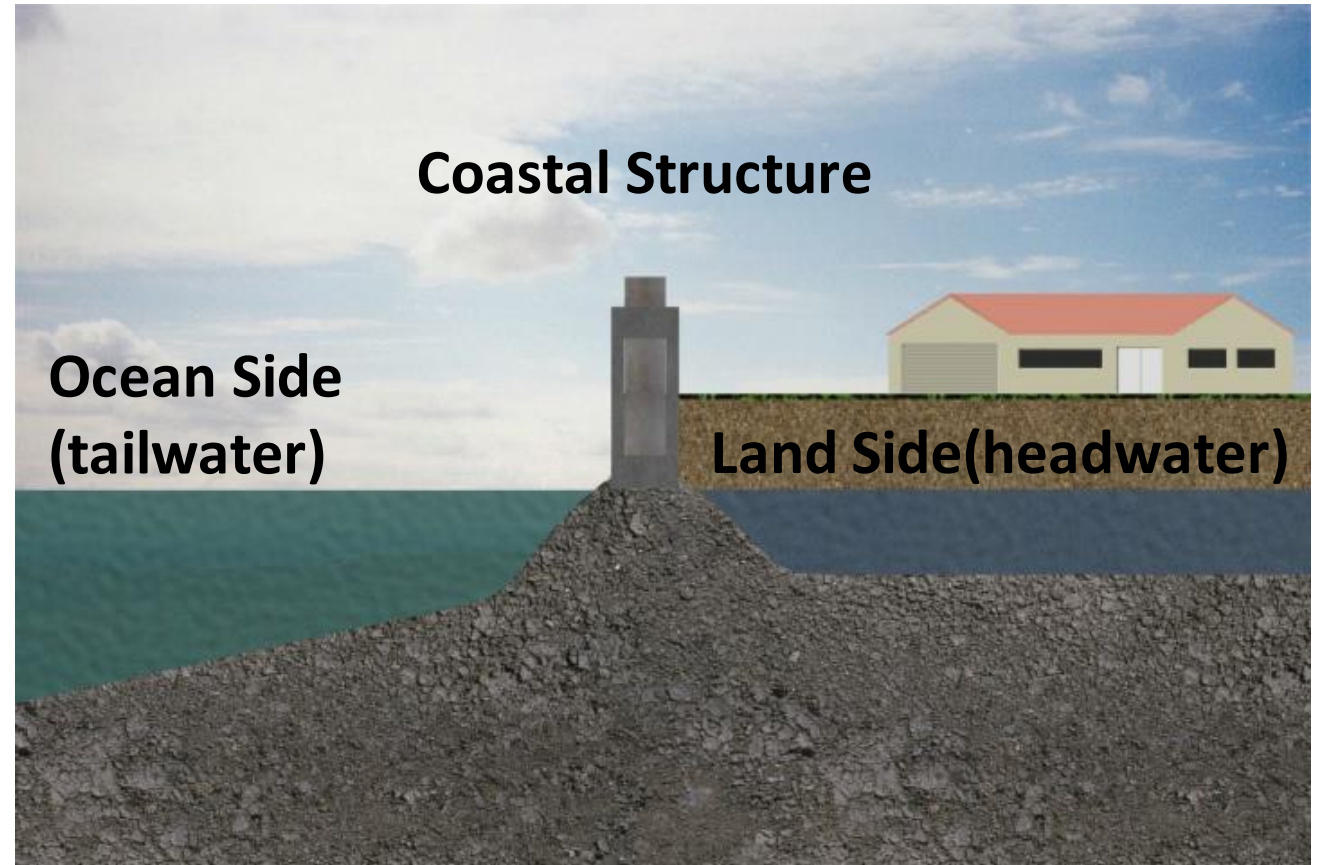
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Reduction in discharge capacity at costal structures as a result of Sea Level Rise



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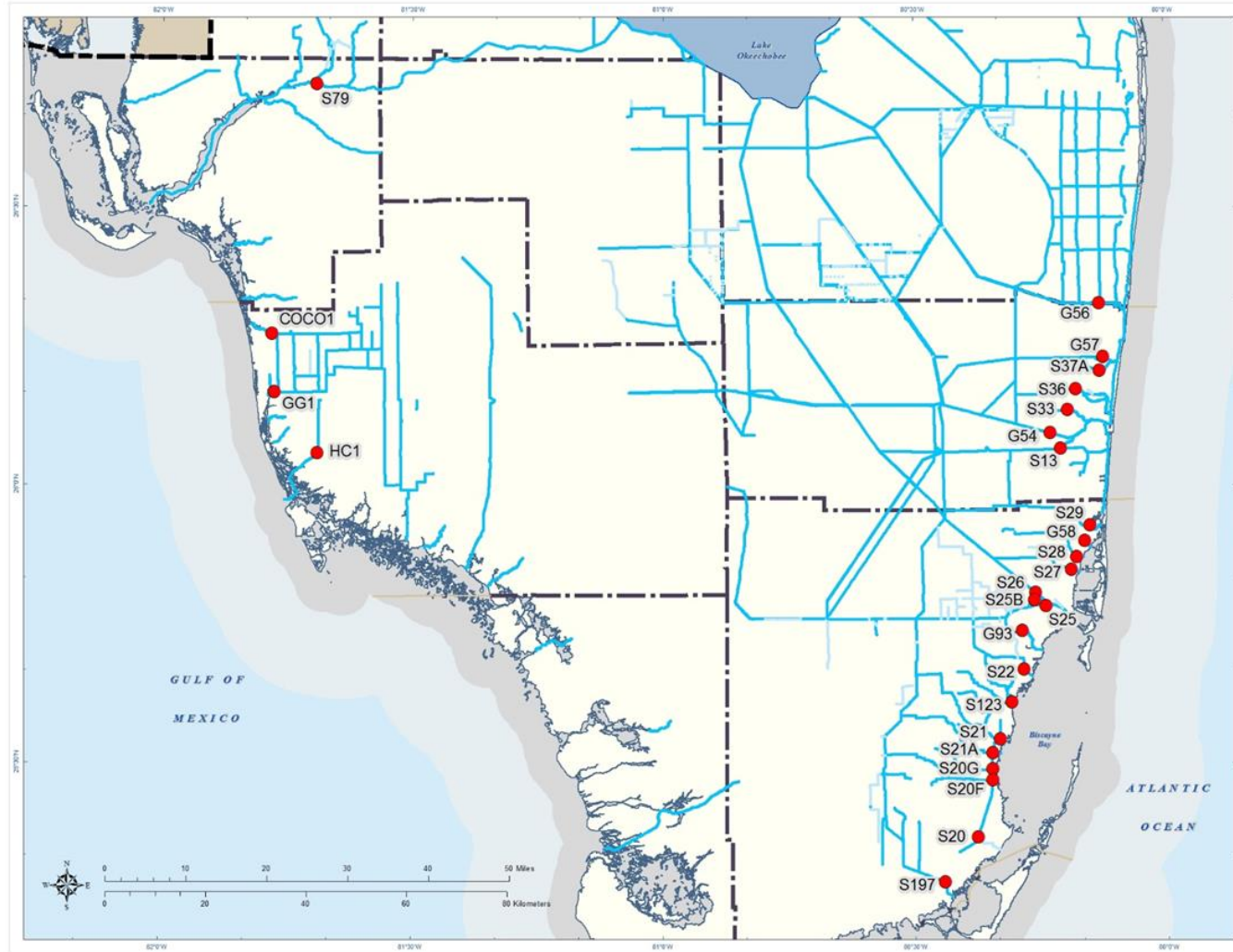




# Vulnerable C&SF Structures



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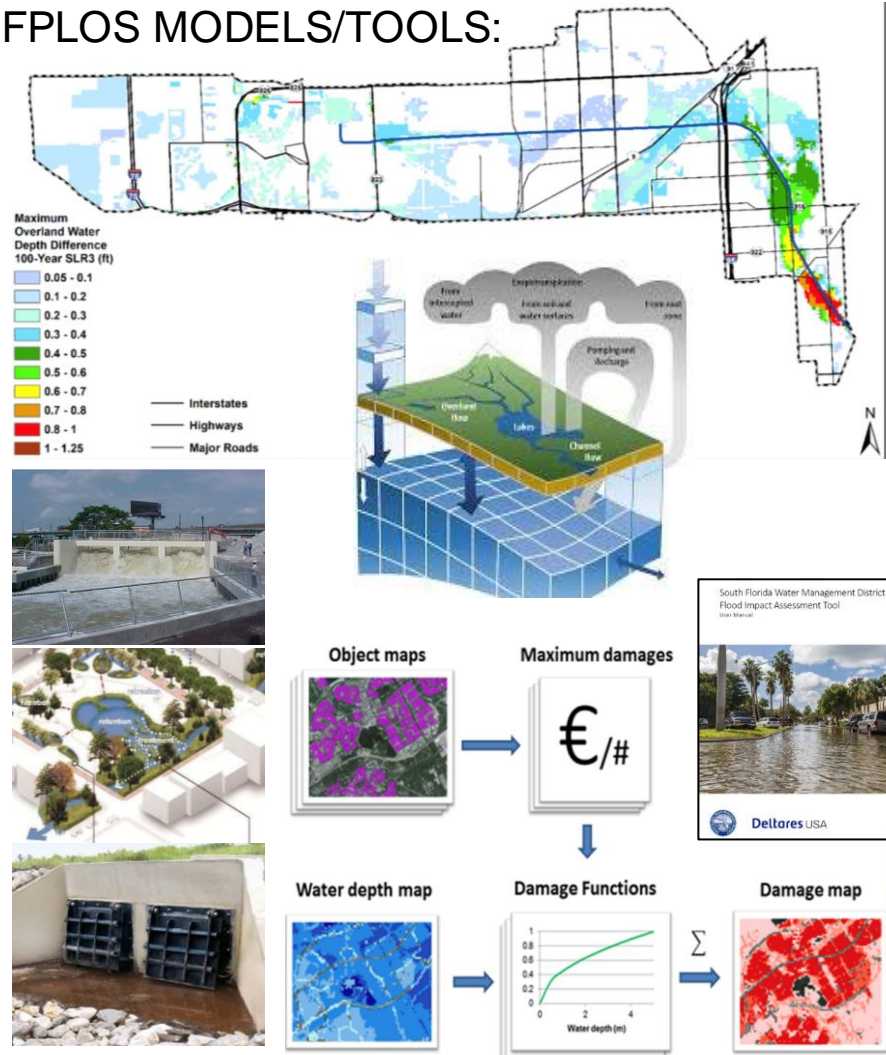


# C&SF Resiliency: Current District's Planning Efforts



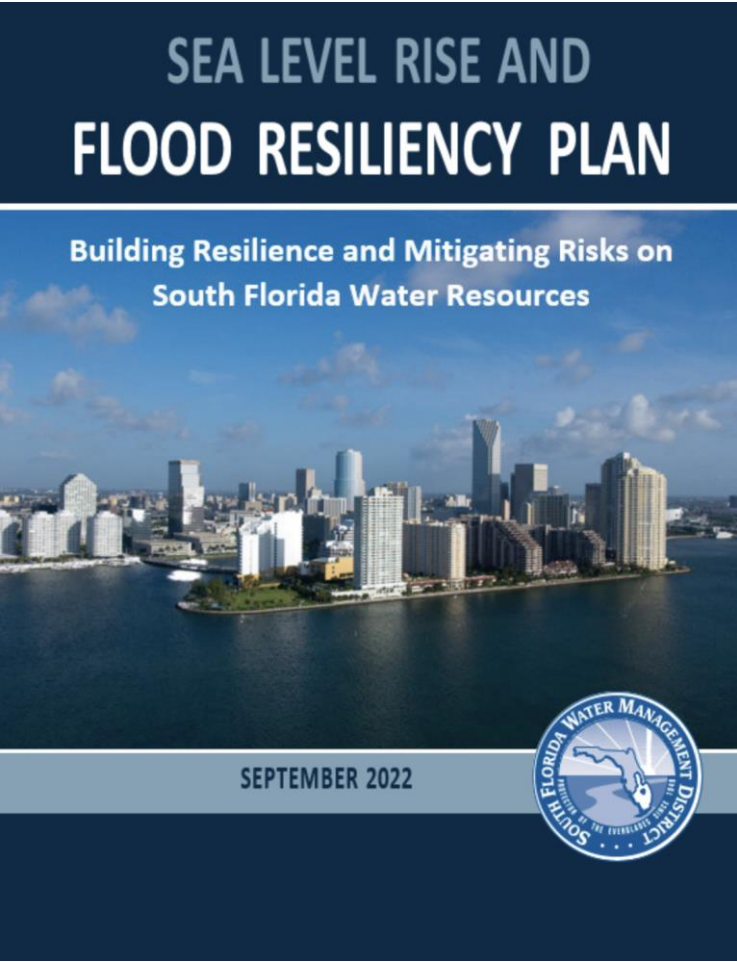
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FPLOS MODELS/TOOLS:



## GOAL:

Reducing the risks of flooding, sea level rise and other climate impacts on water resources and increasing community and ecosystem resiliency in South Florida




















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# Additional Flood Vulnerability Modeling Efforts in Southeast Florida



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- Traditional FEMA Floodplain Mapping  
- Community Flooding Maps  
- Broward County Future Conditions Map Series (groundwater, flood)  
- Miami Dade County Water Control Map & County Flood Criteria Map  
- NOAA Inundation Maps & NOAA SLOSH Models   
- USACE South Atlantic Coastal Study & Back Bay Studies   
- Recent FEMA Coastal Mapping   

Flood Drivers:



Scenarios:



Current Future Conditions

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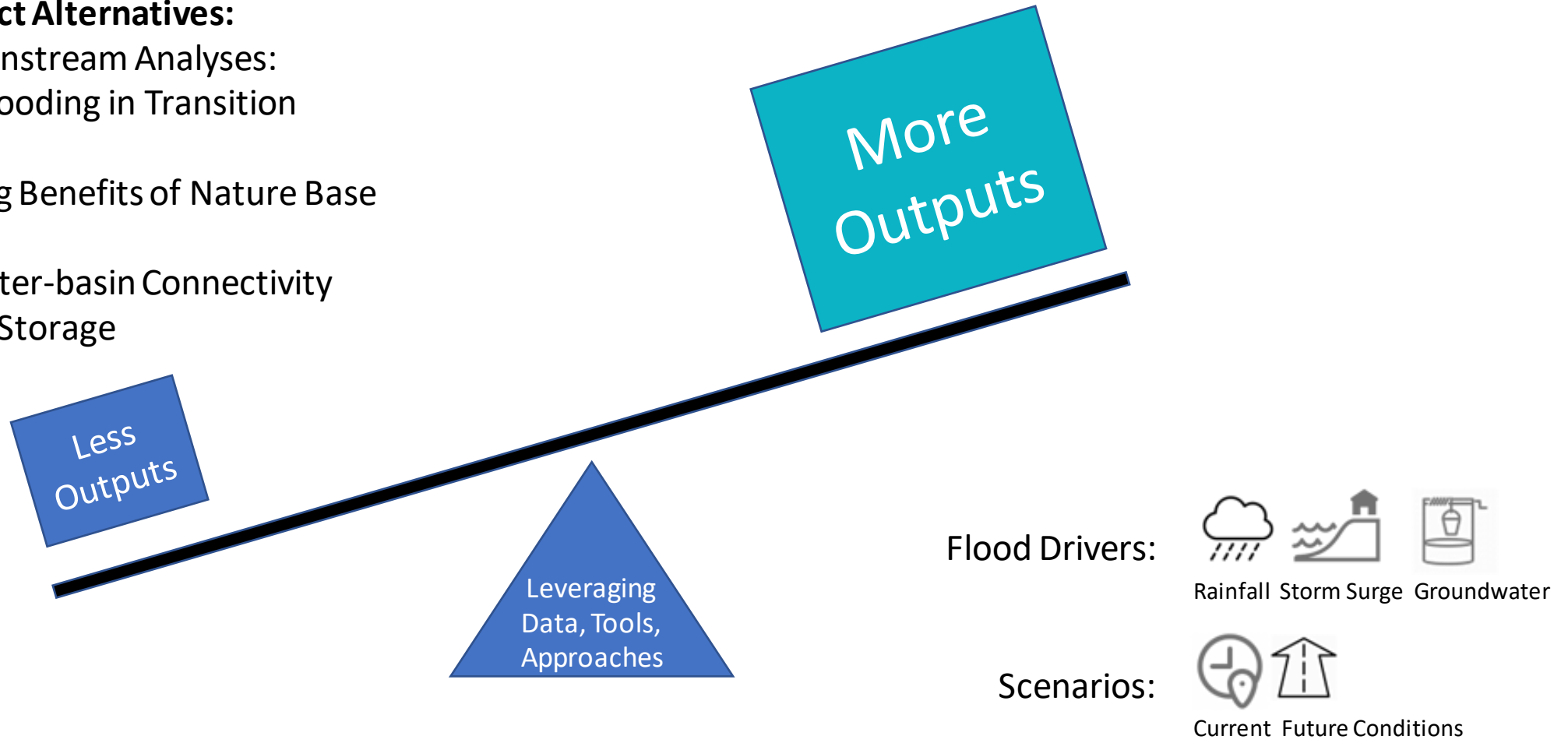


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# Leveraging Available Data, Tools and Approaches

## Enhancing Project Alternatives:

- Advance Downstream Analyses:  
Compound Flooding in Transition  
Zones
- Characterizing Benefits of Nature Base  
Solutions
- Integrating Inter-basin Connectivity  
and Regional Storage





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# Strategic Topics



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## BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: A COMPREHENSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

An Effective Resilience-focused Strategy Requires  
a Coordinated and Integrated Approach Across  
All Levels of the Public and Private Sectors



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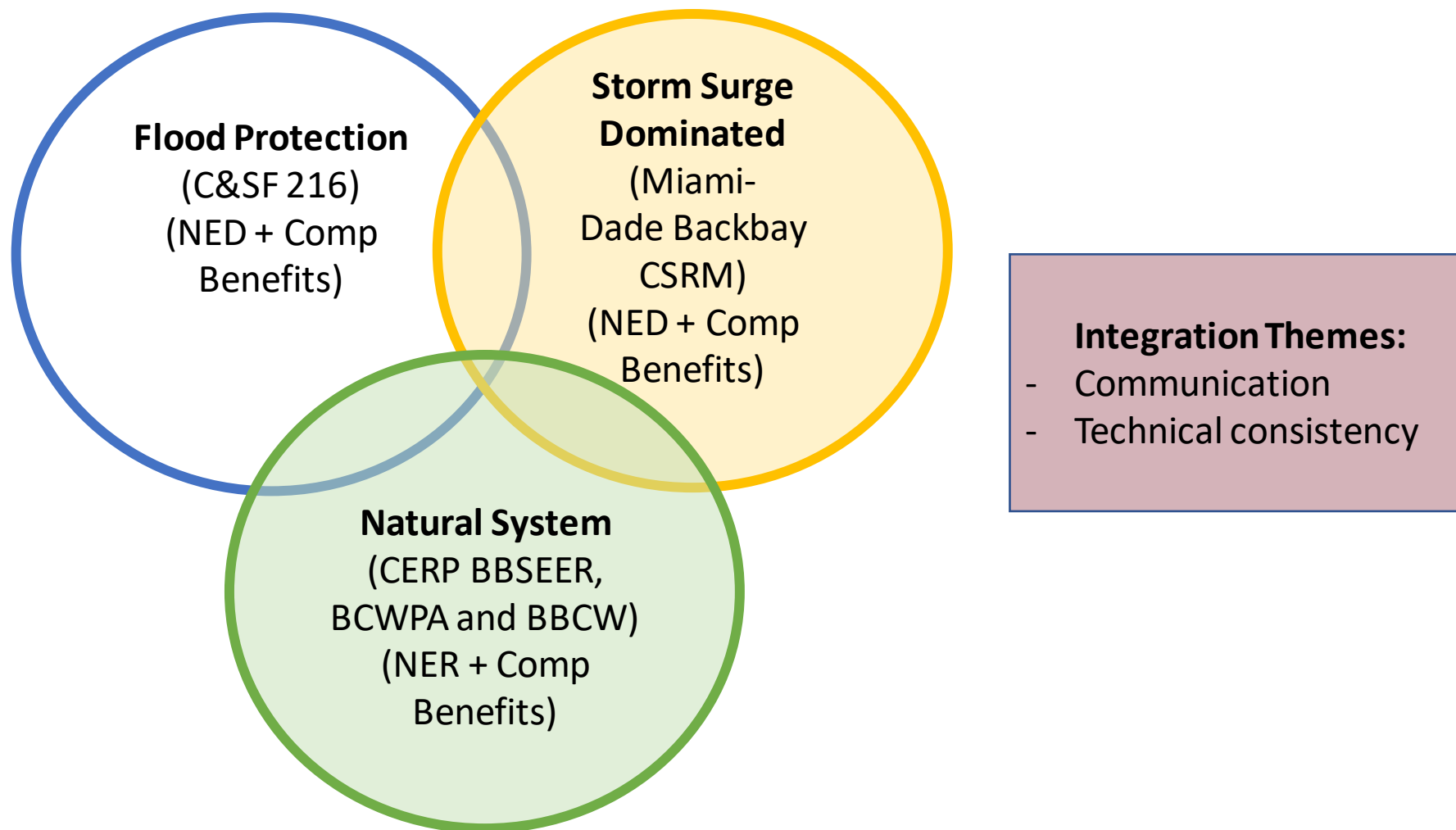


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C&SF Flood Resiliency (Section 216) Study – One part of an integrated approach



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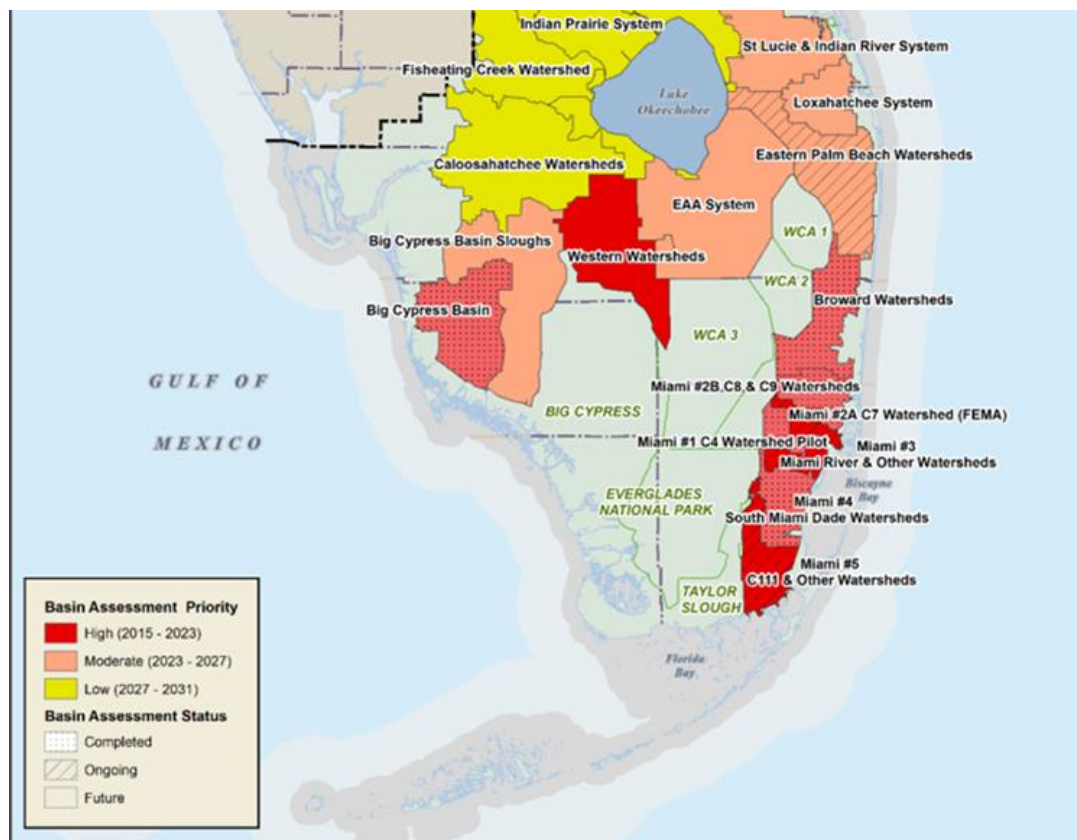




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# Why Now?

## District's Flood Protection Level of Service



## USACE's South Atlantic Coastal Study







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# USACE Feasibility Process

## *The “6 Steps” of USACE Planning*

*Step 1 - Identifying problems and opportunities*

*Step 2 - Inventorying and forecasting conditions*

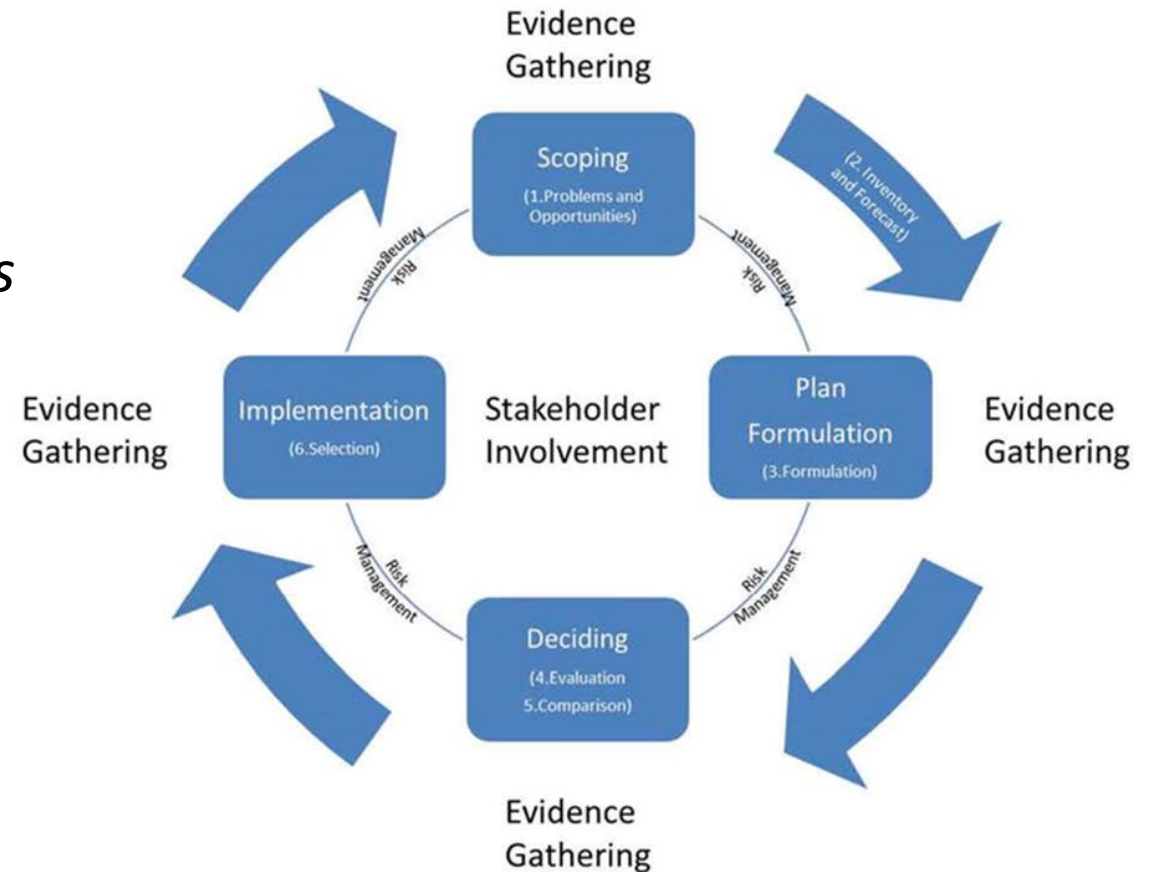
*Step 3 - Formulating alternative plans*

- *Objectives and Constraints*
- *Measures*
- *Alternatives*

*Step 4 - Evaluating alternative plans,*

*Step 5 - Comparing alternative plans*

*Step 6 - Selecting a plan*

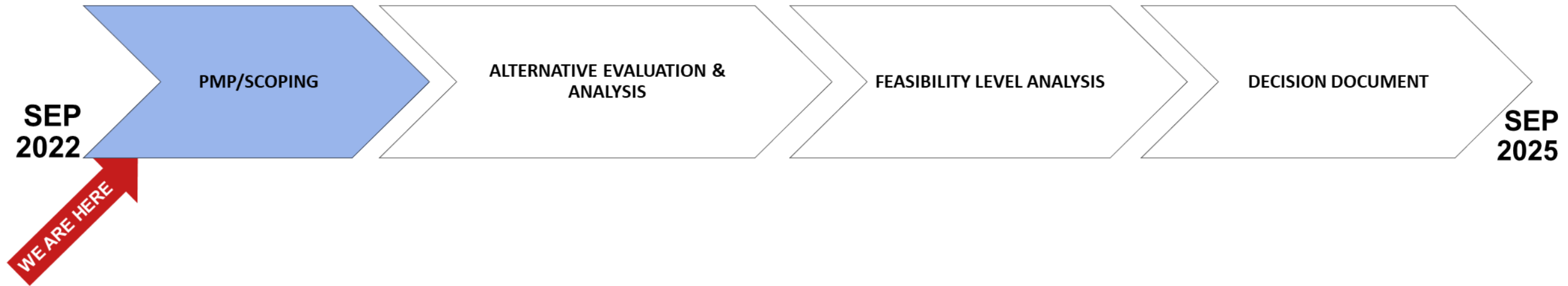




# Project Schedule



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**S:** Specific  
**M:** Measurable  
**A:** Attainable  
**R:** Risk Informed  
**T:** Timely

- Anticipated to follow the 3x3x3 process
- Scoping: Sep 2022 – Feb 2023 (inc. NEPA scoping meetings)
- Alternative Evaluation & Analysis: Mar 2023 – Jun 2024 (inc. public review period)
- Feasibility-Level Analysis: Jul 2024 – Mar 2025
- Decision Document (Chief’s Report): Apr 2025 – Sep 2025

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# Problems, Opportunities, Objectives & Constraints

## **PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES = RISK IDENTIFICATION**

### **Problem**

Existing undesirable condition; description of what is.

### **Opportunity**

Future desirable condition; description of what could or should be.



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# Problems, Opportunities, Objectives & Constraints (continued)

## **Constraint**

A constraint is basically a restriction that limits the extent of the planning process

### **Resource constraints**

- knowledge, expertise, experience, ability, data, information, money, and time

### **Planning constraints**

- Universal: legal and policy
- Study-specific: things unique to a specific planning study that alternative plans should avoid

## **Objective**

An objective is a statement of the intended purposes of the planning process; it is a statement of what an alternative plan should try to achieve





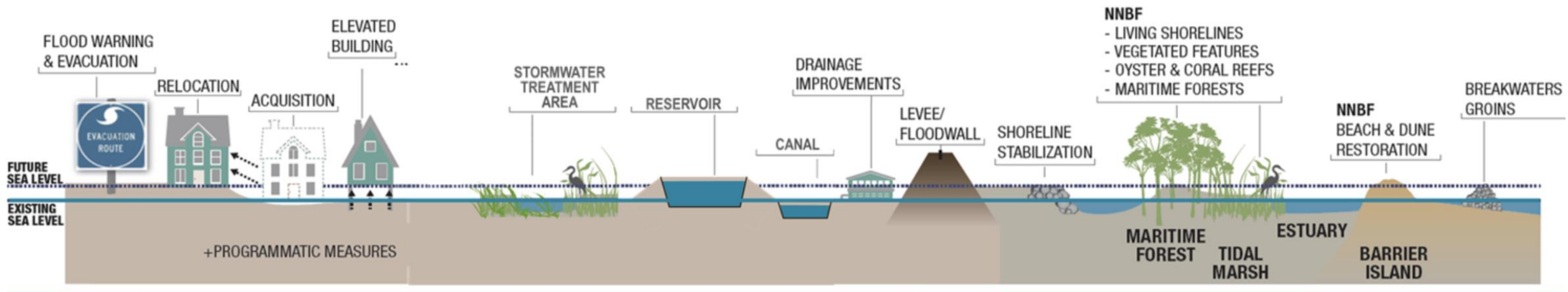
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# Flood Risk Management (FRM) Measures

- Structural
- Non-Structural
- Natural and Nature-Based Features (NNBF)

## POTENTIAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

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# Example Structural Measures



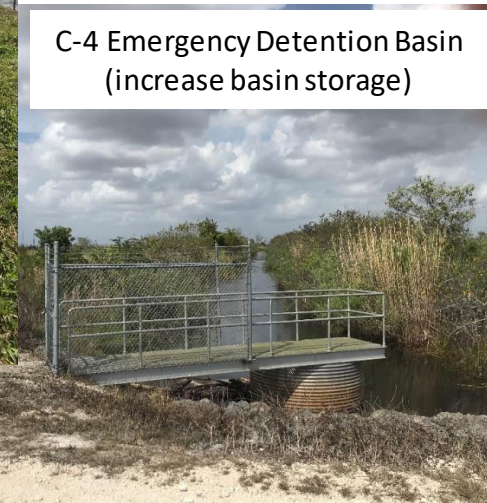
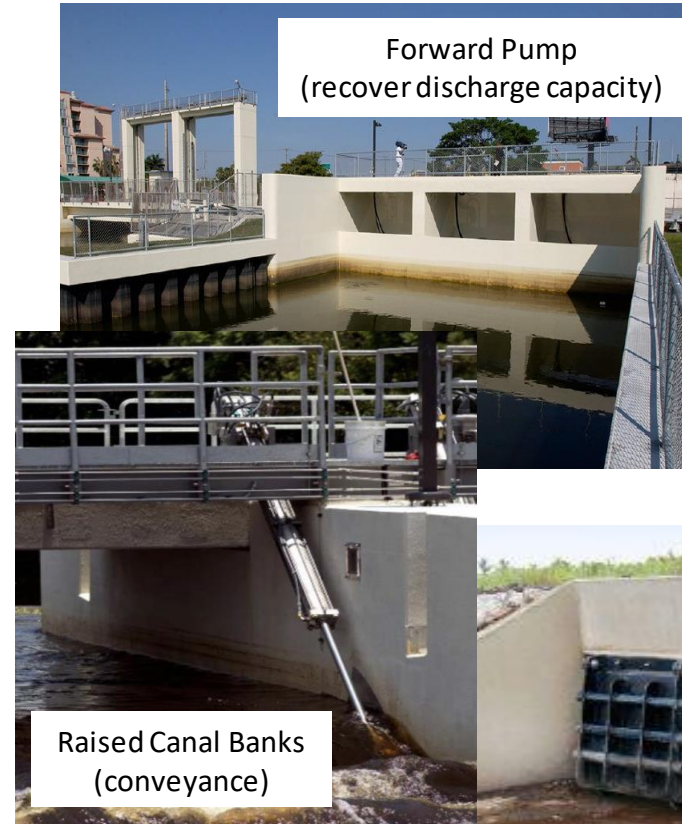
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## Structural Measures

Structural measures are physical modifications designed to reduce the frequency of damaging levels of flood inundation.

Some examples:

- Levees
- flood walls
- channel modifications
- storages areas
- pumps







# Example Non-structural Measures



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## Non-Structural Measures

Non-structural measures reduce flood damage risks without significantly altering the nature or extent of the flooding by changing the use of floodplains or by accommodating existing uses to the flood hazard.

### PHYSICAL

- Acquisition
- Elevation
- Relocation
- Dry Floodproofing
- Temporary Barriers
- Wet Floodproofing

### NONPHYSICAL

- Education / Communication
- Flood Emergency Preparedness & Warning
- Flood Insurance
- Land Use Regulation (Zoning)
- Building Codes



DRY FLOODPROOFING – TEMPORARY



# Example Natural and Nature-based Features



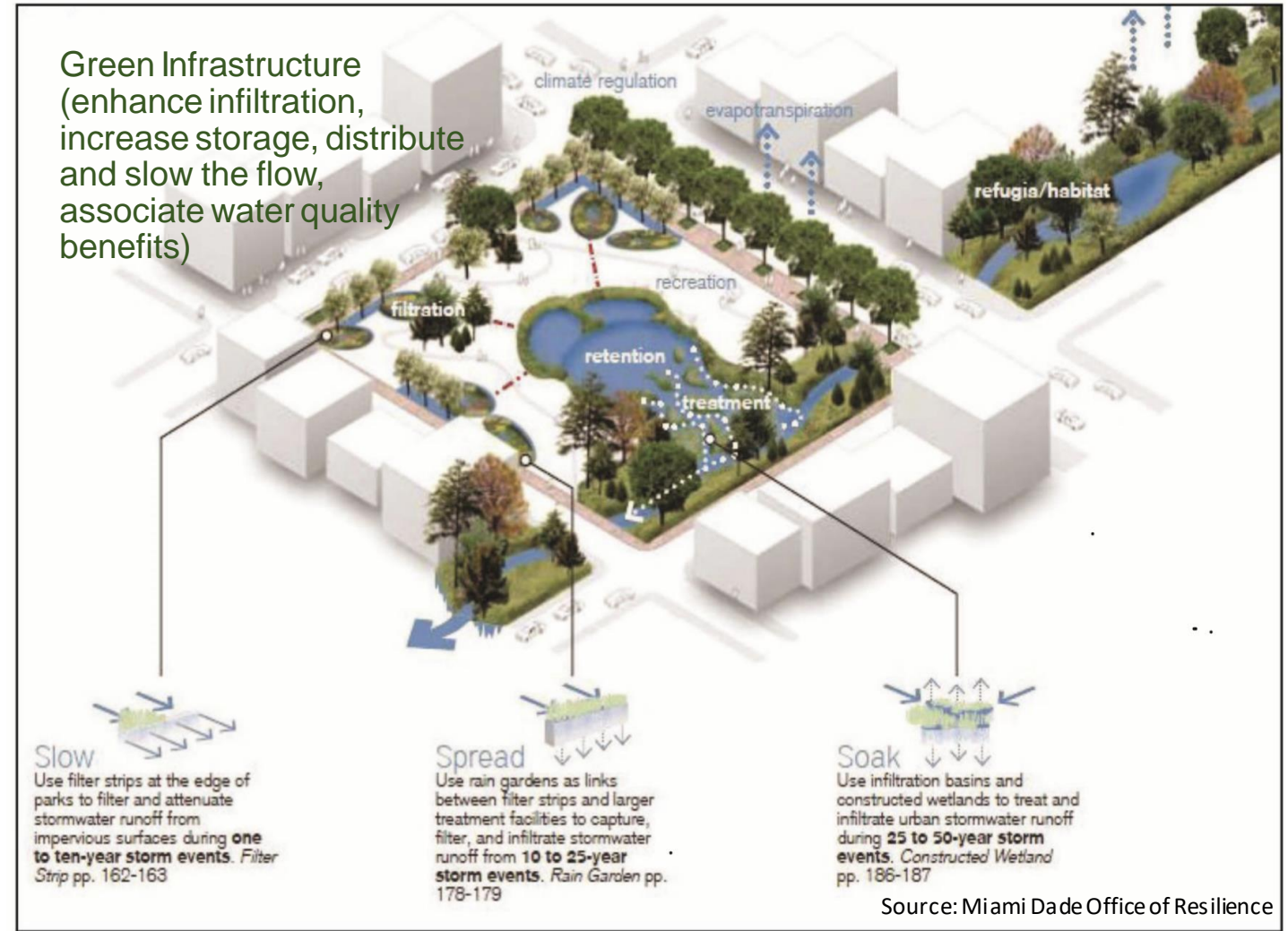
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## Natural and Nature-Based Features (NNBF)

Natural and Nature Based Features are landscape features that are used to provide engineering functions relevant to flood risk management, while producing additional economic, environmental, and/or social benefits.

### Examples of NNBF

- Freshwater wetlands
- Fluvial flood plains restoration



Source: Miami Dade Office of Resilience



# Questions and Comments



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We want to hear from you!





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# Breakout Session



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Let's talk!





# Closing Remarks and Next Steps



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