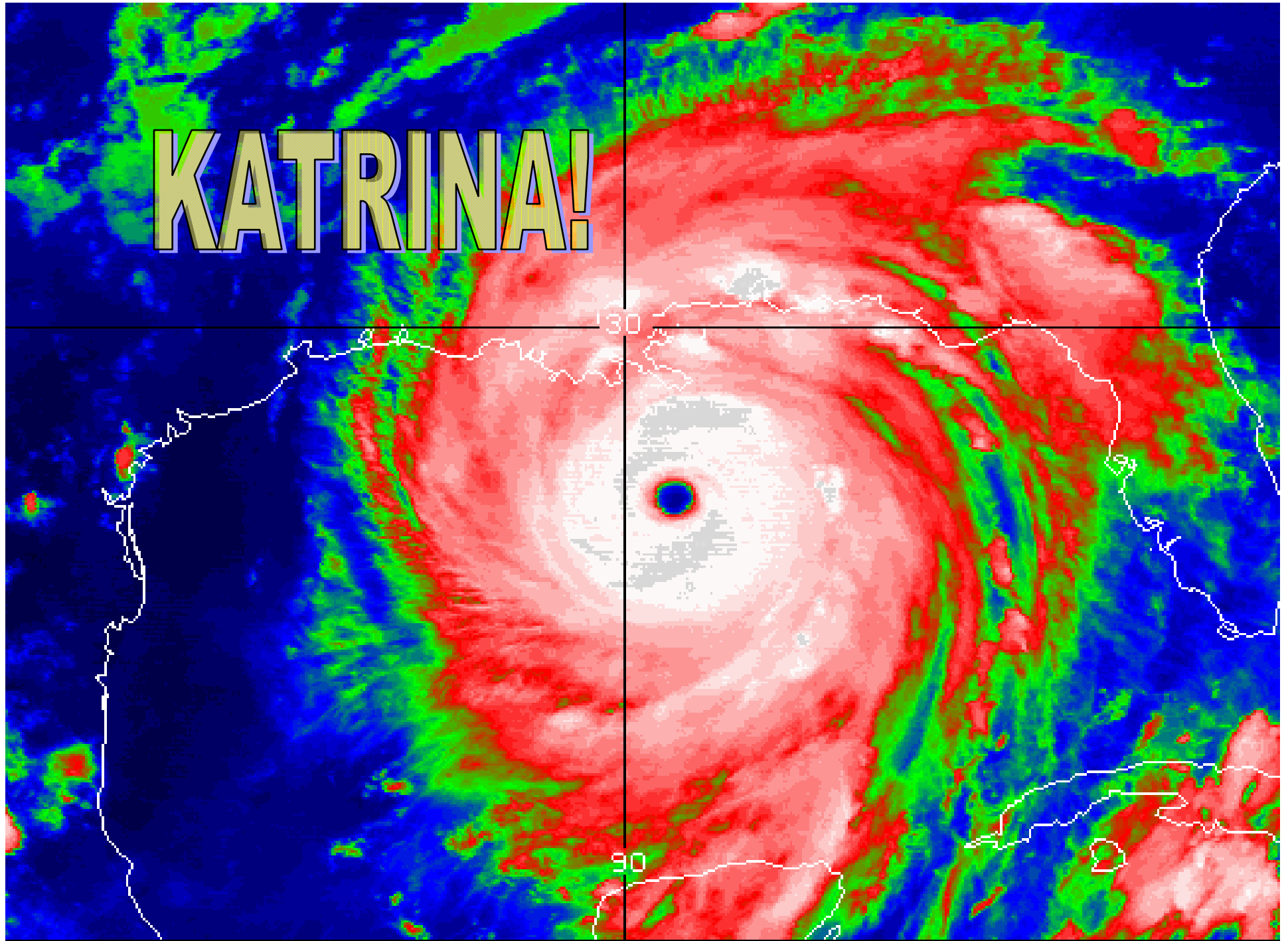


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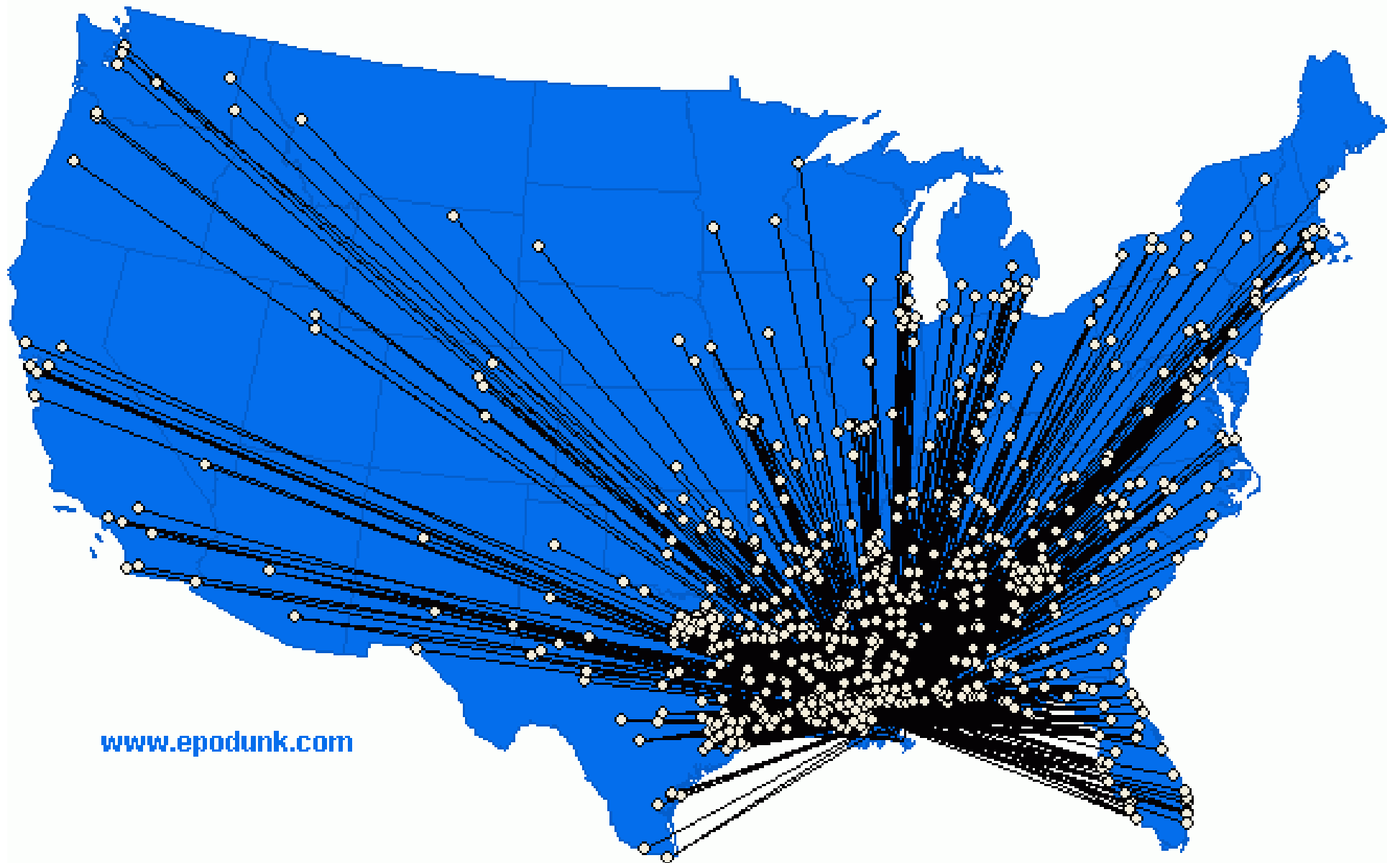




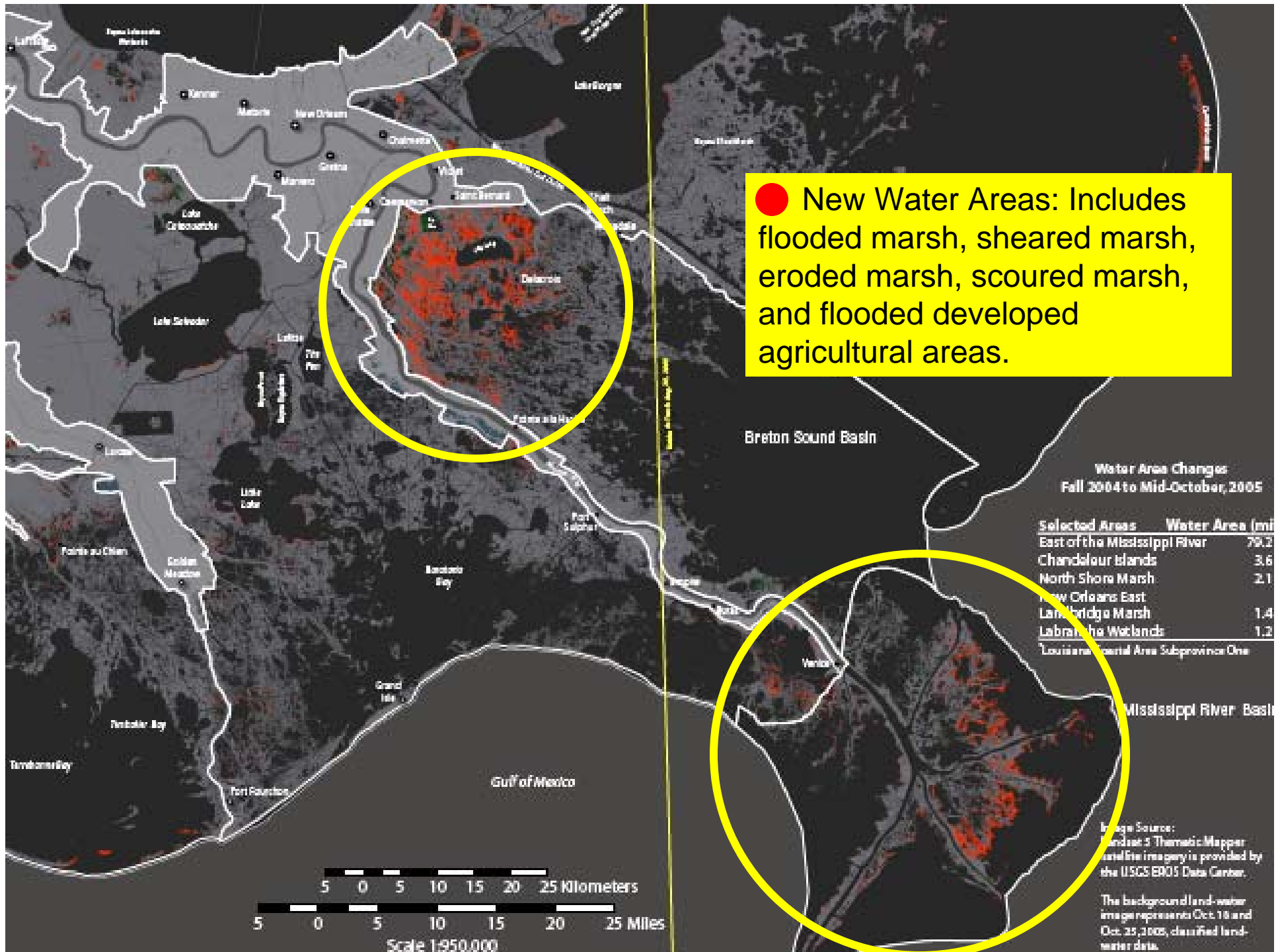






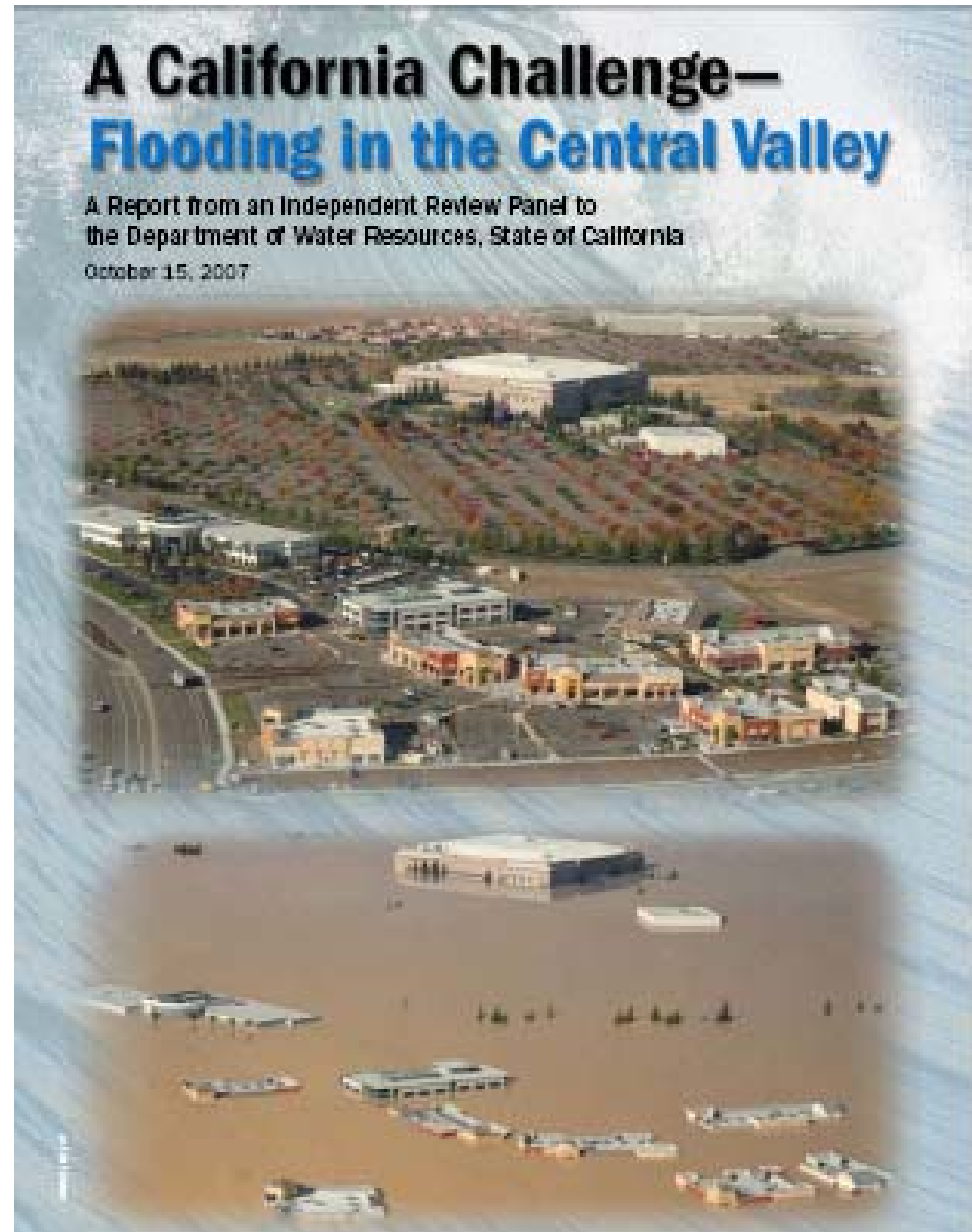


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A California Challenge – Flooding in the Central Valley



We Led People to Believe They Were Safe

- The Assumption is Protection
- We Don't Talk About or Prepare for Disaster



An aerial photograph showing a vast expanse of floodwater that has inundated a city. The water is a murky, brownish-grey color, covering what appears to be a large urban area. In the foreground, a concrete dam with several spillways is visible, with white, turbulent water cascading over its edge. The background shows a hazy horizon with some distant structures and a body of water under a pale sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of scale and the severity of the flooding.

Why Didn't Anyone Seem to Understand the Threat?

What Went Wrong?



IMAGE: SPACE IMAGING

What Guides Post-Katrina Reconstruction ?!





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Managing Flood Protection

- Post-Katrina: “Too Many Cooks”
- Louisiana Levee Boards
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 - Goal: regional boards
- Still challenges
 - » Fights over priorities and resources-- litigation
 - west bank and vs east bank; Plaquemines Parish government vs. Orleans Levee District, \
 - areas to west without protection (Terrebone) vs other parts of Louisiana
 - » New governor holding his cards close

Managing Flood Protection

The politics of solutions are harder than working out the engineering solutions (and engineering not easy)

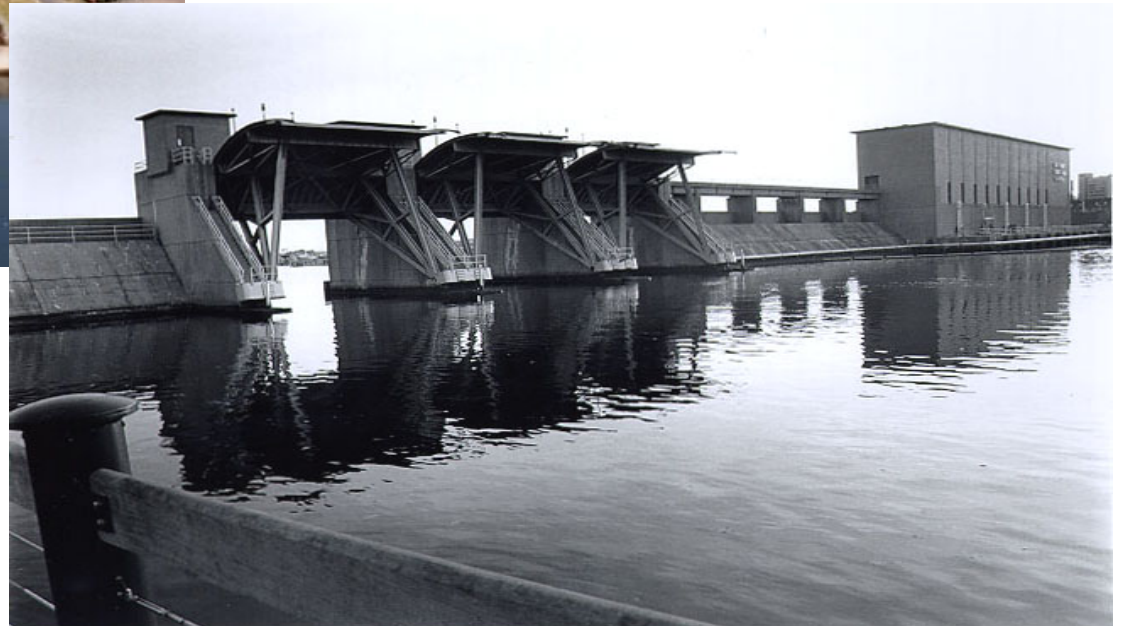
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Fox Point Hurricane Barrier

Providence, Rhode Island

1950's





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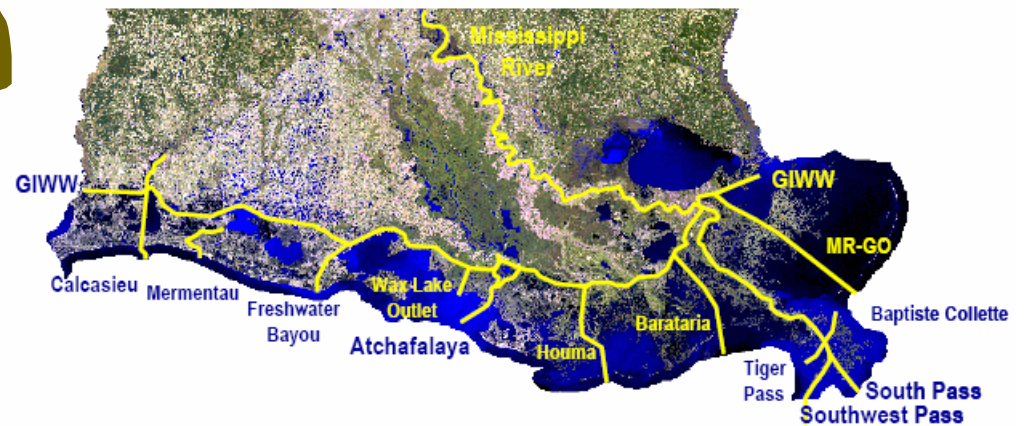
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- Lake Ponchartrain Cutoff
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 - » Too many cooks
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 - » Process too Slow

Back to Katrina -- What Could Be with a Vision and with a Policy



**A Comprehensive,
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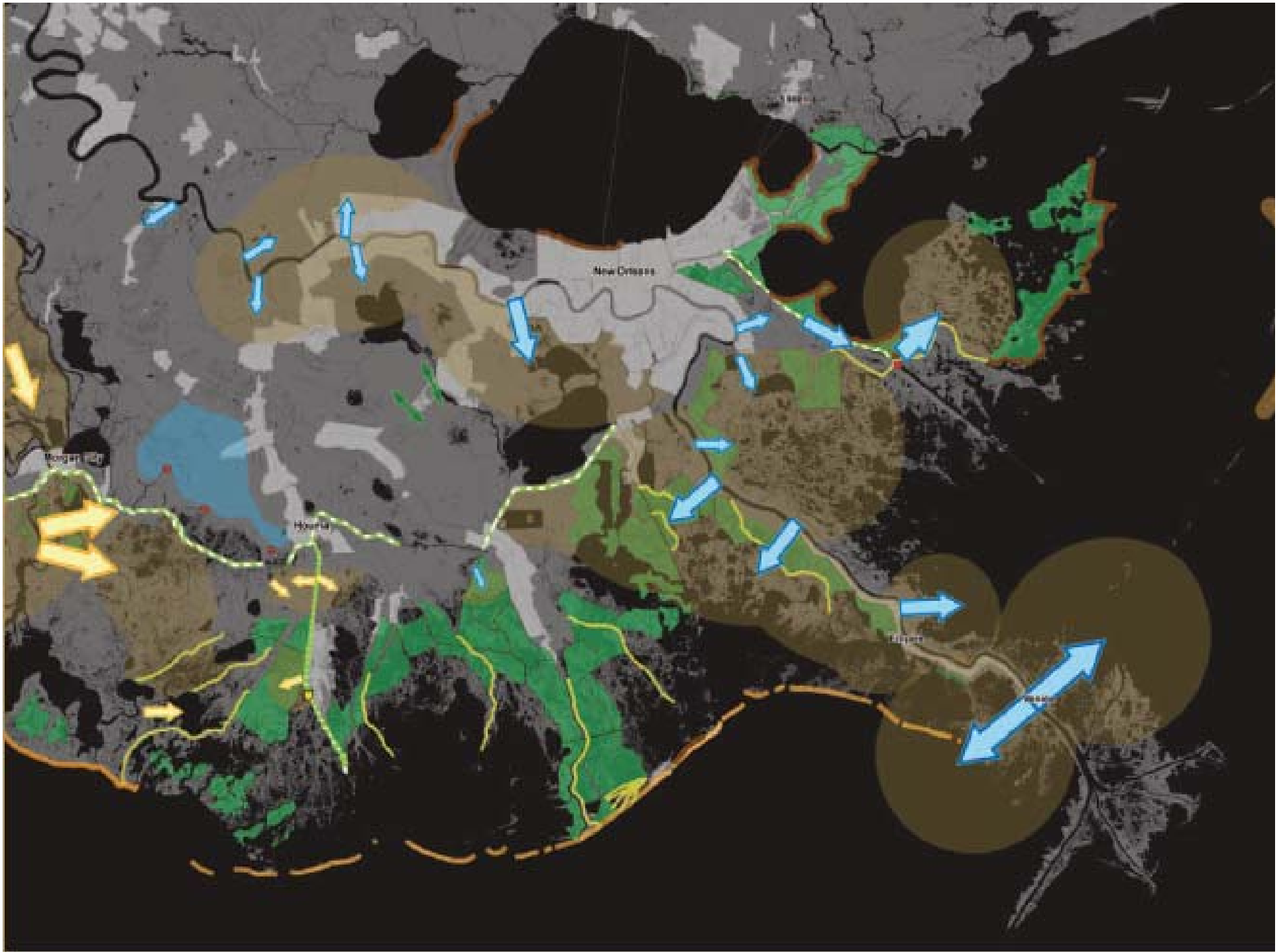


- Effective and Balanced Flood Damage Reduction
- Coastal Restoration
 - Navigation
 - Water Quality
 - Water Supply
 - Infrastructure Renewal



map of Coastal Louisiana

HOW?



Support for New Orleans

- Washington has not lived up to promises
- Sympathy for New Orleans has dissipated both around the state and in Washington.
- Half-life of a memory of a flood is very short -Gilbert White
- Water is at margin of discussion in Washington
- Presidential Candidates

John Barry

Bottom Line

I am "realistically hopeful" if
still not optimistic