

## ***Navigating Stormwater:*** Past Insights, Future Solutions

► **June 11-13, 2025** | Sanibel Harbour Marriott, Ft. Myers, FL

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Florida Stormwater Association Annual Conference

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Nick Charnas, PE, CFM  
Director, Water Resources

# MEET NICK

21

Years Of  
Experience



**NICK CHARNAS, PE, CFM**

Director, Water Resources

Tampa, FL

- Nick brings over 21 years of expertise dedicated to managing and executing water resources/civil works projects focused on flood control and ecosystem restoration.
- A dedicated advocate for addressing sea level rise, Nick has worked in the development of model tools to assess community vulnerabilities and enhance capital project resilience.
- Nick has worked diligently with Florida municipalities and military to develop hydrodynamics models, obtain resiliency-focused funding, and design and construct flood protection projects that incorporate sea level rise risks and resiliency.

# OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS



**Tom Frick**  
St. Johns River Water Management District



**F. Warren McKinnie, PE, CFM, GISP**  
Streamline Technologies



**Muthu Narayanaswamy, PhD**  
The Water Institute



**Ed Torres, PE, LEED AP**  
Orange County



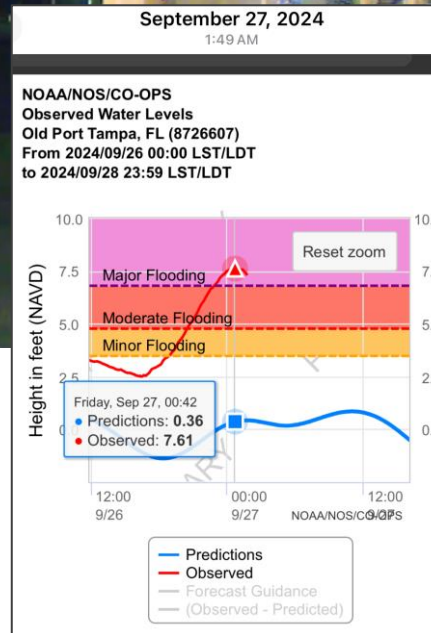
**Scott Letasi, PE, PMP**  
Southwest Florida Water Management District



# MORE EXTREME / FREQUENT WEATHER PATTERNS



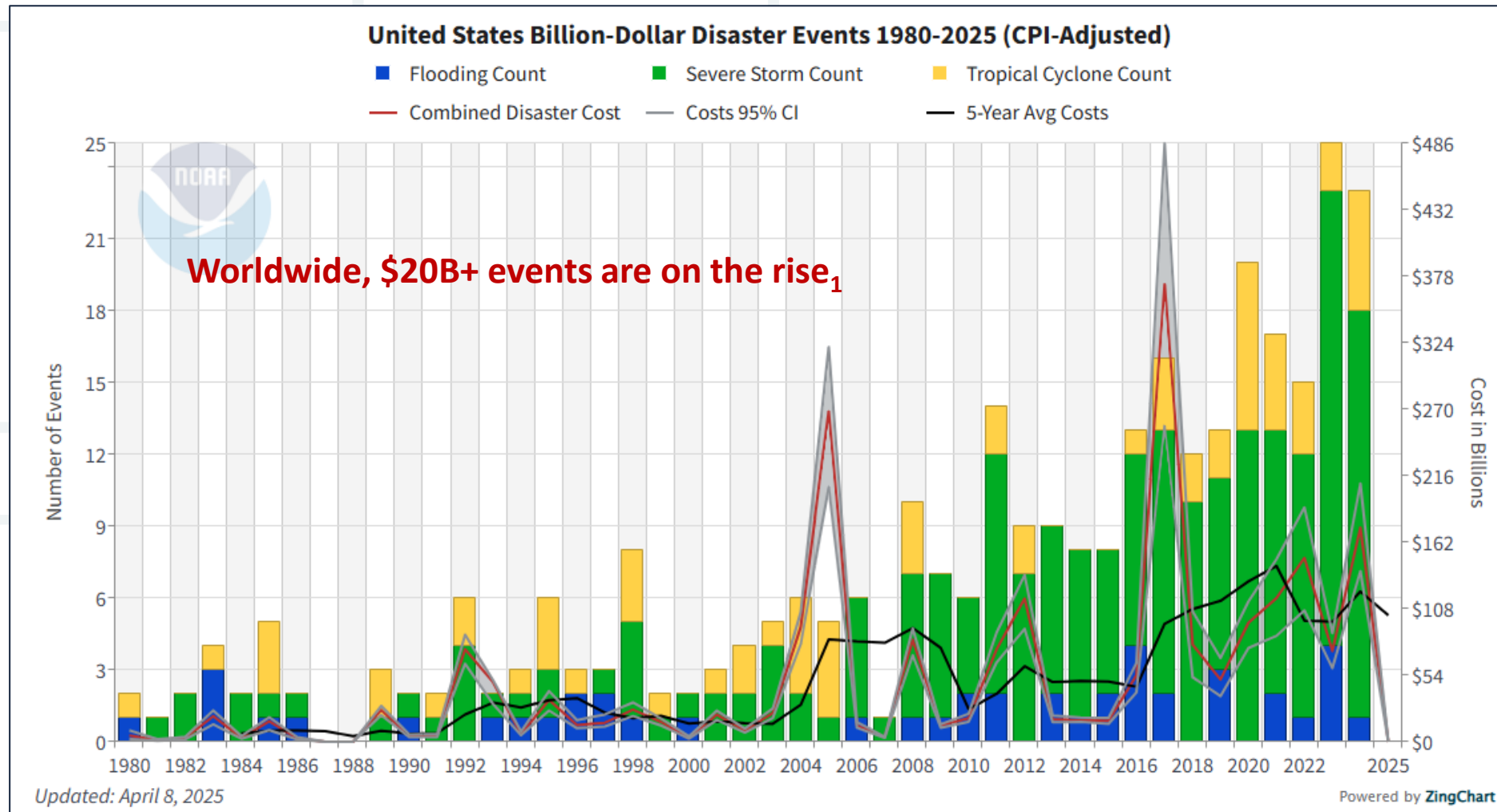
Hurricane Helene 2024 – Beach Park Neighborhood in Tampa, Florida (2:03 a.m.)



- Cost = \$50B / year
- US fatalities = ~220 / year
- 5 - “billion dollar” tropical cyclones struck the US in 2024
- 1/3 of all “billion dollar” climate disasters have occurred in the last 5 years
- 23 – “billion dollar” storm/flooding disasters in US in 2024
- Hurricane Ian = \$20B+ event in Florida in 2022

Source of Statistics: NOAA website (<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/summary-stats>)

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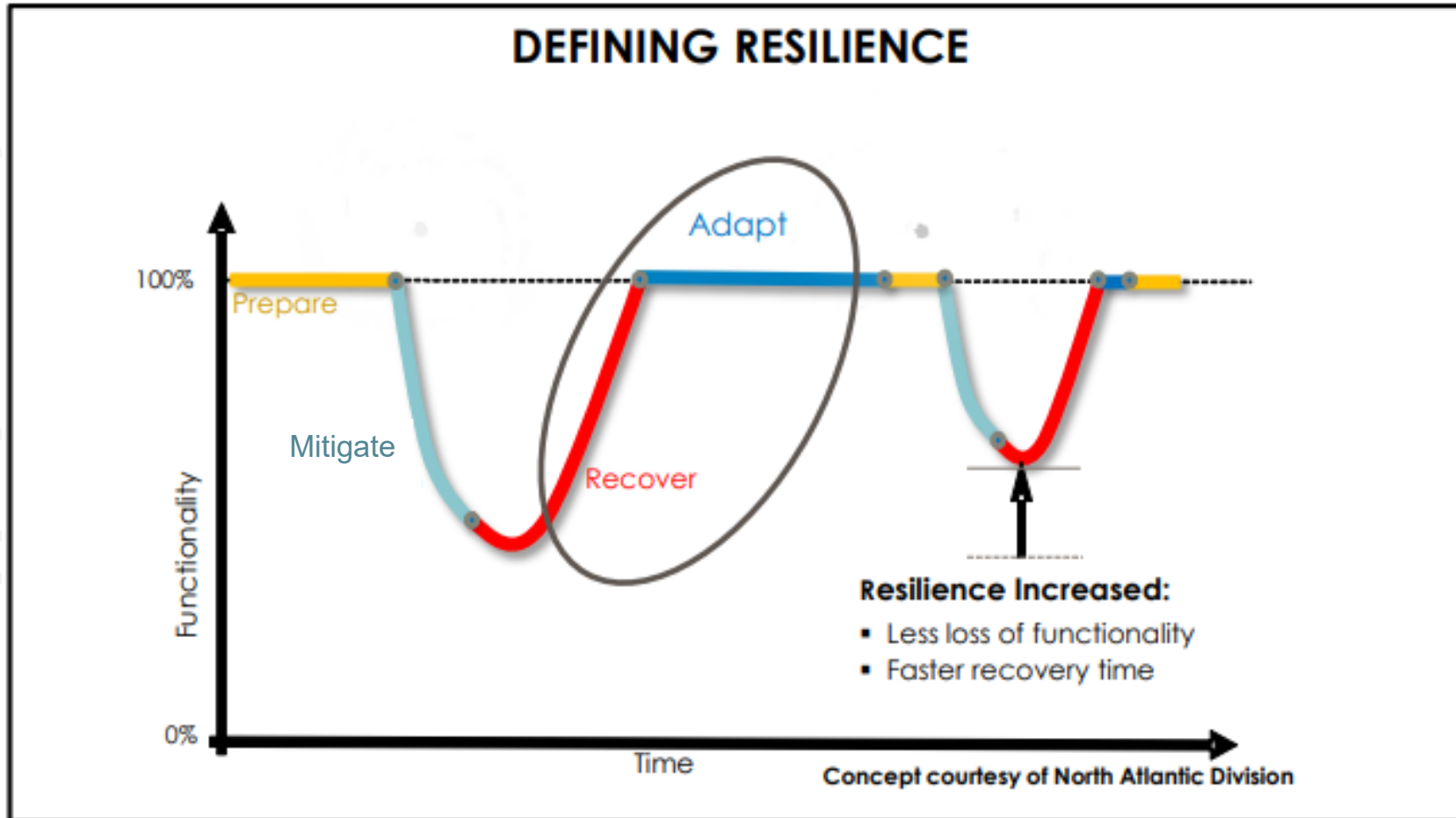
- <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2022/10/world-rocked-by-29-billion-dollar-weather-disasters-in-2022/>
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# FLOOD RISK IDENTIFICATION



Crowds panic as flooding threatens Ireland...

# A FOCUS TOWARD RESILIENCY



Source: Adapted from a presentation: US Army Corps of Engineers Considerations for Climate Preparedness and Resilience, 01/27/2020,  
[http://apps2.coj.net/City\\_Council\\_Public\\_Notices\\_Repository/20200127%20USACE%20presentation%20Resiliency%20Mtg.pdf](http://apps2.coj.net/City_Council_Public_Notices_Repository/20200127%20USACE%20presentation%20Resiliency%20Mtg.pdf)





# **BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE REAL TIME FLOOD FORECASTING TOOLS**



# FLOOD FORECASTING

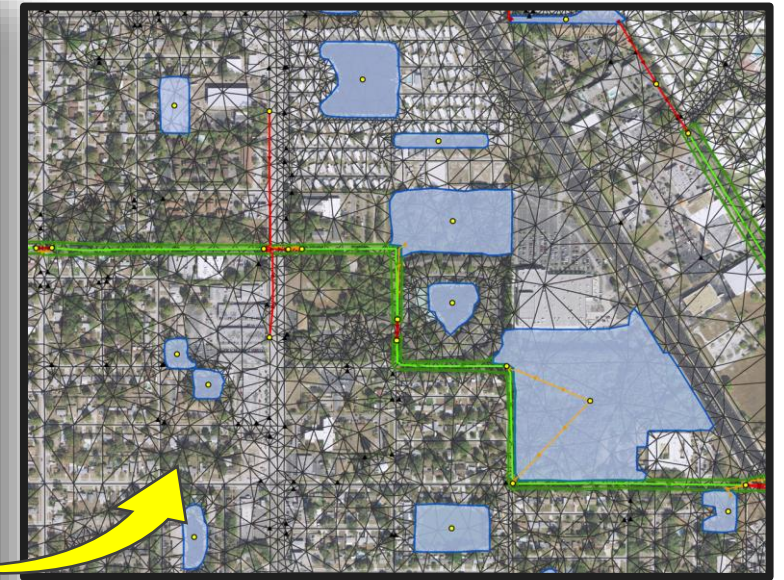
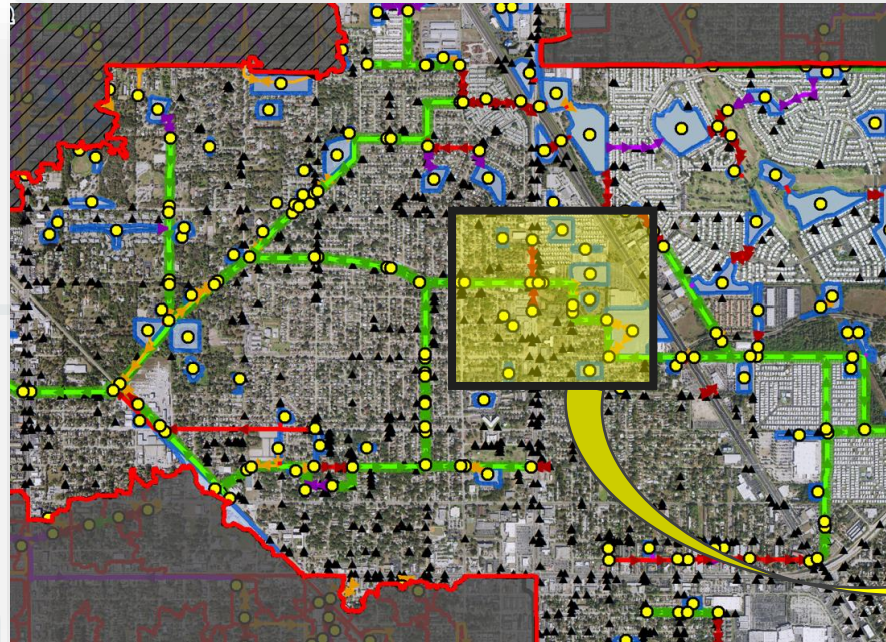
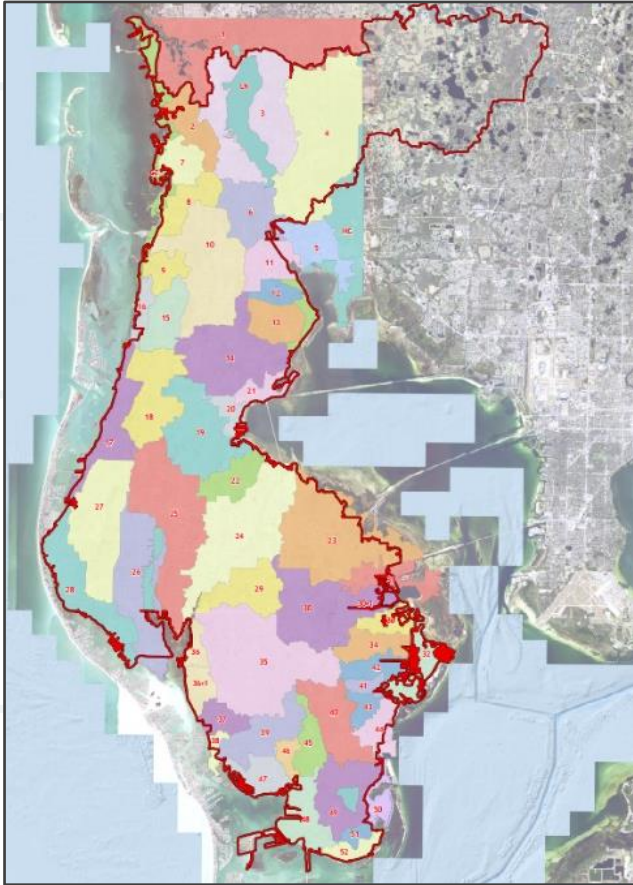
*Flood forecasting involves using data and models to anticipate flood risks in advance*

- Flood Inundation Mapping / Visualizations
- Real Time Flood Forecasting

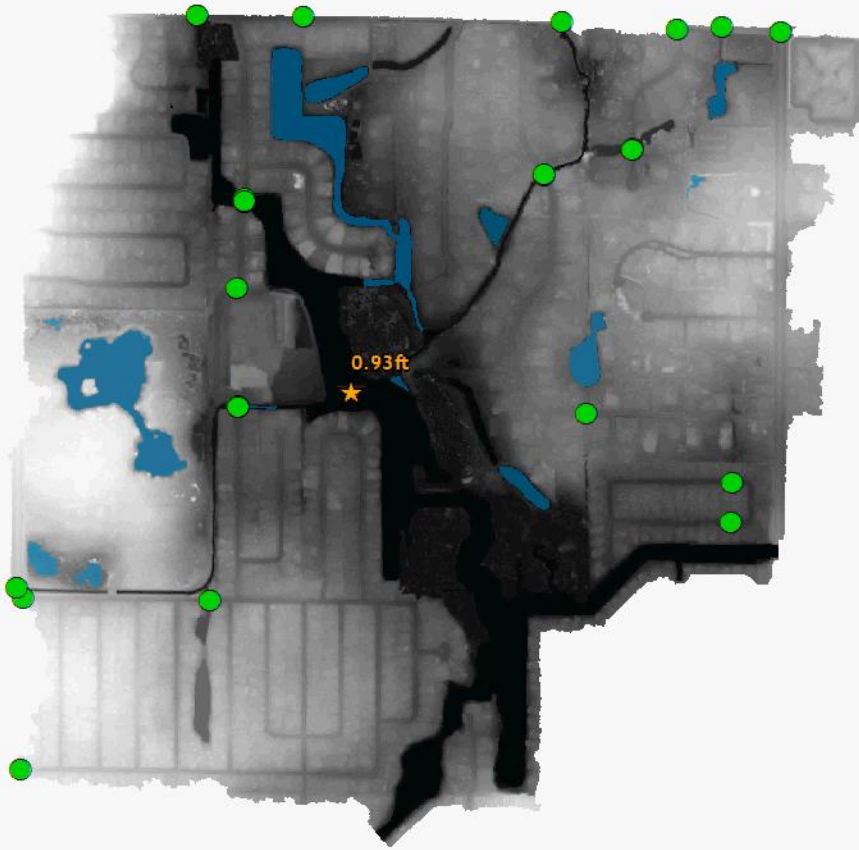
# FLOOD INUNDATION MAPPING / VISUALIZATIONS

## Pinellas Countywide Model Development and Flood Risk Mapping

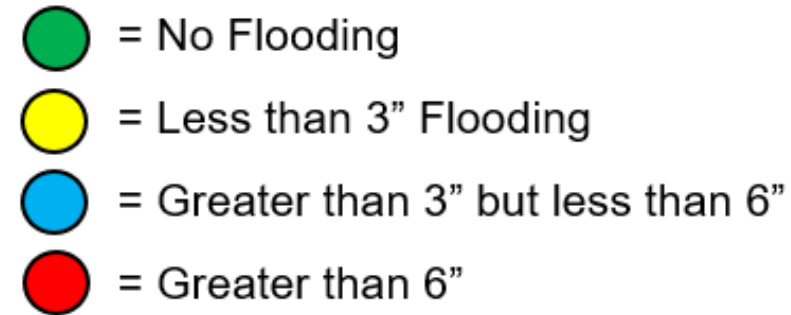
- **270 mi<sup>2</sup>** - 52 watersheds
- **Modeled: 206 mi<sup>2</sup>** (extends outside county) - 14 ICPR models; 15 SWMM models
- **Unmodeled: 78 mi<sup>2</sup>** - Rapid Flood Hazard Assessment Approach



# FLOOD INUNDATION MAPPING / VISUALIZATIONS



- Simulated **57** combinations of various storm scenarios
- Developed Risk Points – over 1M (roads, structures, etc.)
- Symbolized Flood Depths
- Developed Flood Inundation / Risk Animations – 30-min increments
- Correlated to Gage Locations





# REAL-TIME FLOOD FORECASTING

*What if we could predict flooding at the street and structure level 2-4 days before it occurs?*



## Prepare

More specific emergency management coordination



## Mitigate

Advance actions to minimize risks, consequences, damages



## Recover

Accelerate recovery by initiating specific recovery effort coordination earlier



(Source: 178wing.ang.af.mil)



High water vehicle – Hurricane Florence (Source: AP Photo/David Goldman)

Source: The graphics on this slide were provided by Pete Singhofen, Streamline Technologies, Inc.

- ✓ Anticipate road closures
- ✓ Pinpoint evacuations / notifications
- ✓ Move vehicles out of harm's way
- ✓ Smart sandbag & flood wall deployment
- ✓ Reduce or eliminate wastewater overflows
- ✓ Optimize water control structure operation
- ✓ Lower lake levels to create more storage
- ✓ Plan recovery efforts sooner

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Senior Manager, Water Resources Engineering  
June 2025



# Moments Matter During Storm Preparation

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Source: [www.wusf.org/weather/2024-09-27/storm-surge-distant-helene-creates-major-problems-tampa-bay-area](https://www.wusf.org/weather/2024-09-27/storm-surge-distant-helene-creates-major-problems-tampa-bay-area)



Source: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/hurricane-milton-spins-toward-florida-as-a-category-5-storm/>



Source: <https://knightnews.com/2022/09/hurricane-ian-leaves-apartment-complex-without-power-flooded-around-ucf/>



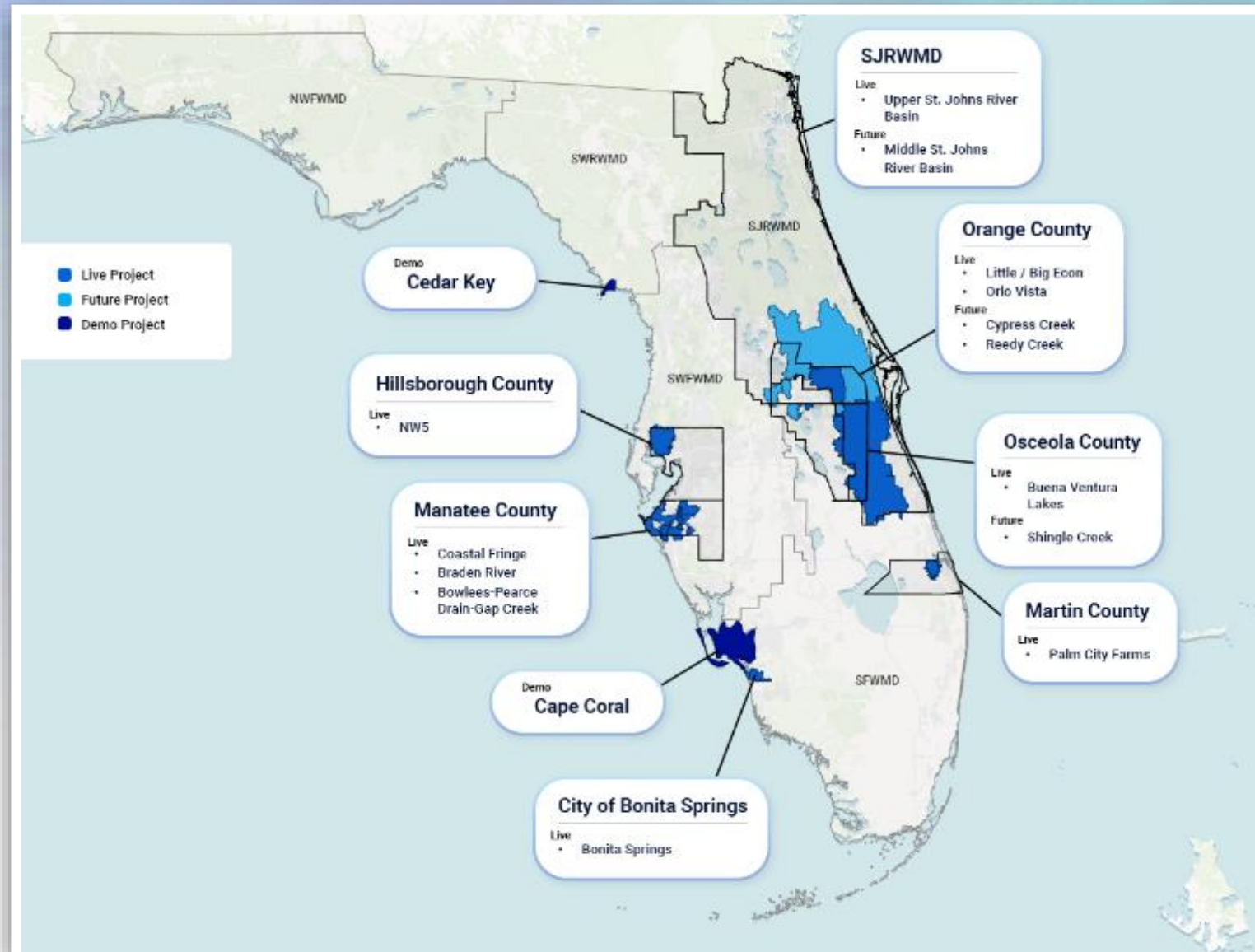
- SJRWMD – FloodWise USJRB since 2021, MSJRB planned for FY'25
- SWFWMD – FloodWise planned for three major watersheds FY'25-26
- SFWMD – FloodWise staff training recently completed
- Current operational systems in Martin, Orange, Seminole, Manatee, Sarasota, and Lee Counties
- Making Communities Resilient

# Florida FloodWise Systems

Future / Current

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# FloodWise

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System Overview





## PREPARE



## MITIGATE



## RECOVER

- **Prepare**

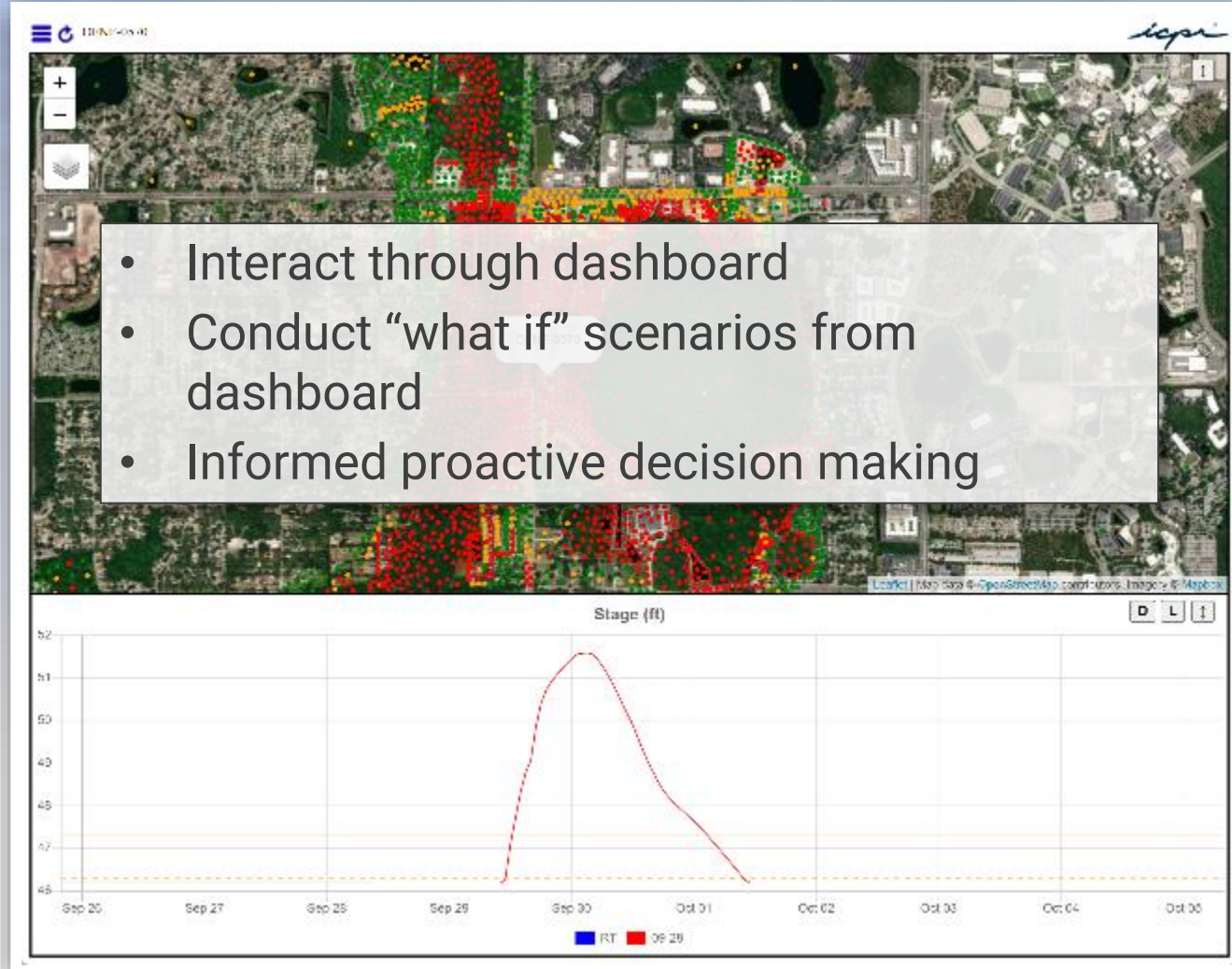
More specific emergency management coordination

- **Mitigate**

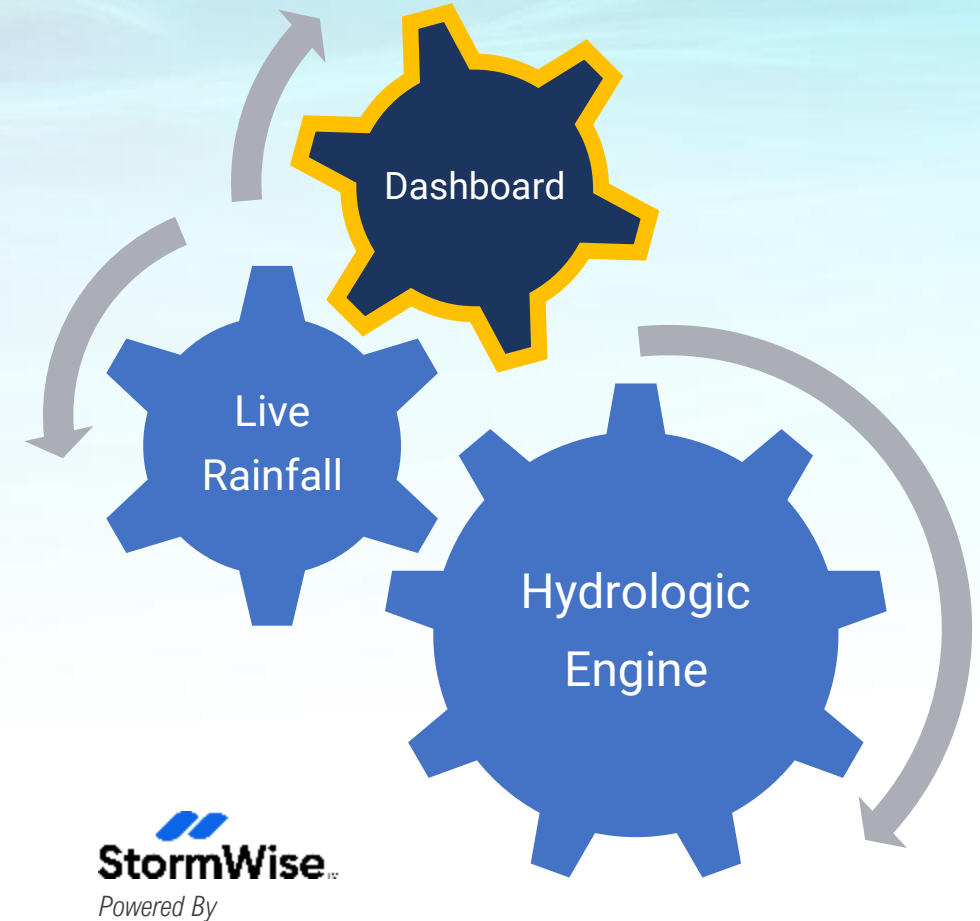
Advance actions to minimize risks, consequences, damages

- **Recover**

Accelerate recovery by initiating specific recovery effort coordination earlier



Green – No Flooding Orange – Shallow Flooding RED – Deep Flooding





# FloodWise

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Decision Support & Operational Tools



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Hurricane Ian (2022) “What If” Scenario

The screenshot displays the Streamline Technologies interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Refresh Data, Account, Text Alerts, Alternatives (highlighted with an orange arrow), Find, Pin Options, Layout Options, Help, and Logout. The main area shows a map of Orlo Vista, FL, with a yellow highlighted area and labels for McDonald's, Tabernacle Baptist Church, John S, Kings St, and Orlo Vista. Two dialog boxes are open: 'Alternatives' and 'Change Pumps'. The 'Alternatives' dialog has fields for Operation (Run alternative), Sim hours (240), Rainfall (FC Med 12:00Z), Rain inches (0), Storm time (hrs) (0), and Rain file. It also has a toggle for 'Apply changes to realtime' and a 'Submit' button (circled in red). The 'Change Pumps' dialog has fields for Pump (P.S. PROPOSED : 1 (P...)), Elev On (74.7), and Elev Off (62). It includes buttons for 'Reload this pump', 'Reload ALL pumps', and an 'Ok' button. An orange arrow points from the 'Change pumps' button in the 'Alternatives' dialog to the 'Change Pumps' dialog.

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Refresh Data

Account

Text Alerts

Alternatives

Find

Pin Options

Layout Options

Help

Logout

Alternatives

Operation: Run alternative

Sim hours: 240

Rainfall: FC Med 12:00Z

Rain inches: 0

Storm time (hrs): 0

Rain file:

Apply changes to realtime

Submit

Change pumps

Change Pumps

Pump: P.S. PROPOSED : 1 (P...

Elev On: 74.7

Elev Off: 62

Reload this pump

Reload ALL pumps

Ok



# Decision Support & Operational Tool

Orlo Vista, Orange County, FL

FloodWise™

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Alternatives

Operation: Run alternative

Sim hours: 240

Rainfall: FC Med 12:00Z

Rain inches: 0

Storm time (hrs): 0

Rain file:

Apply changes to realtime

Submit

Change pumps

Flagged Pins

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5430 END COURT	Normal	Warning



# FloodWise

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## Case Study:

Hurricane Irma  
Bonita Springs, FL

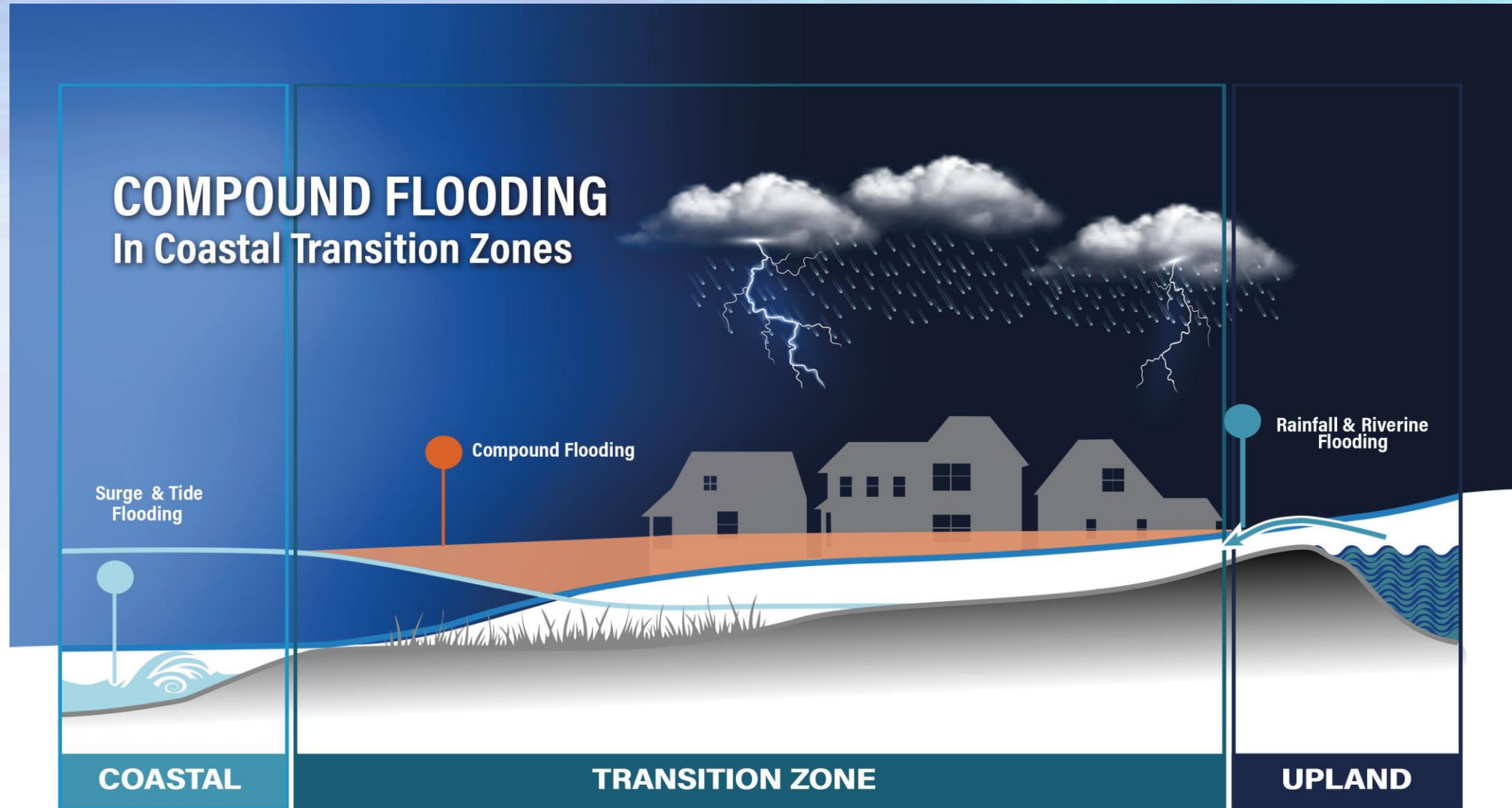


# Compound Flooding

Bonita Springs, FL (Southern Lee County)

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# Case Study

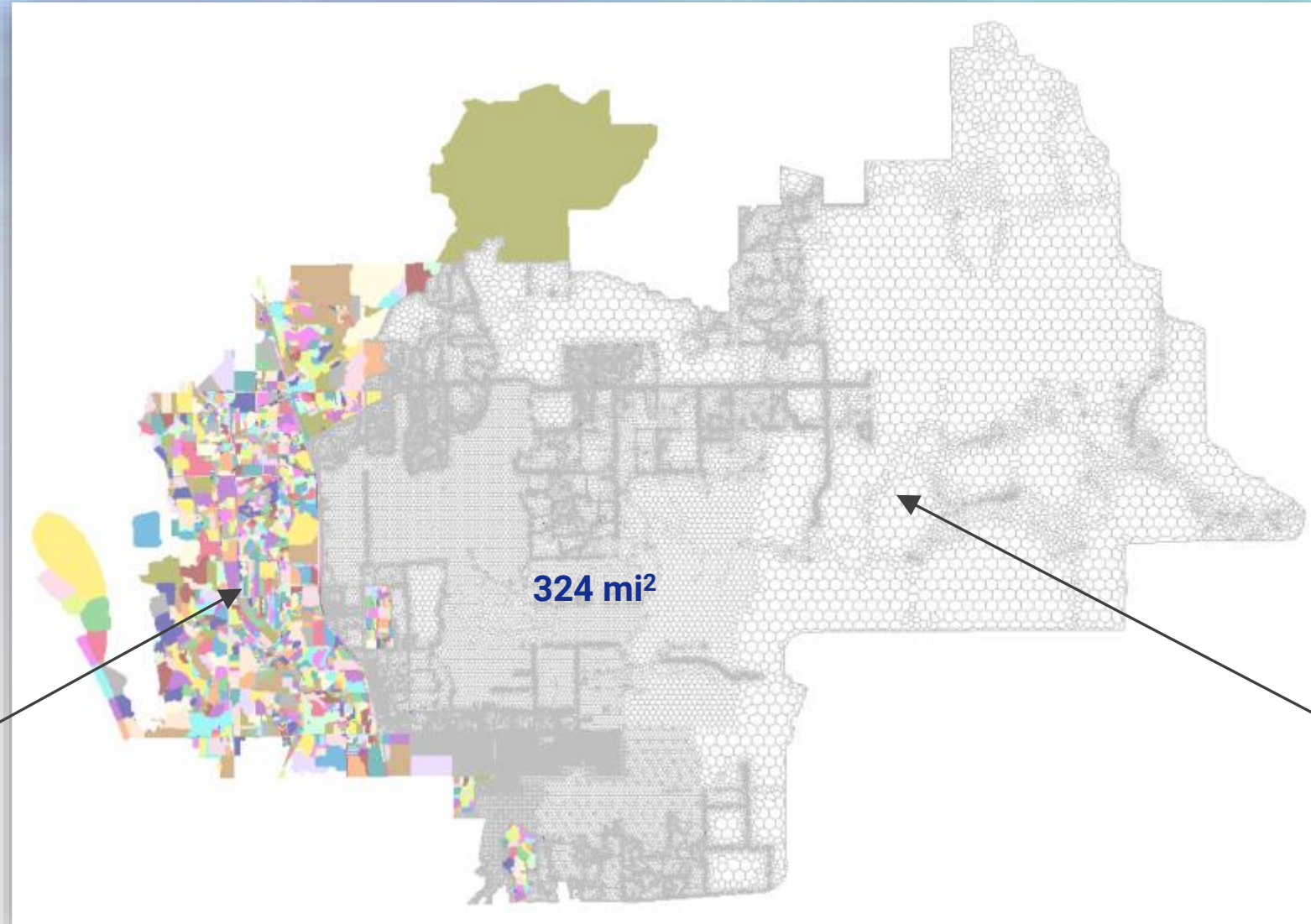
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Inland Hybrid H&H  
Modeling System



Traditional  
1D H&H

2D Overland  
Flow



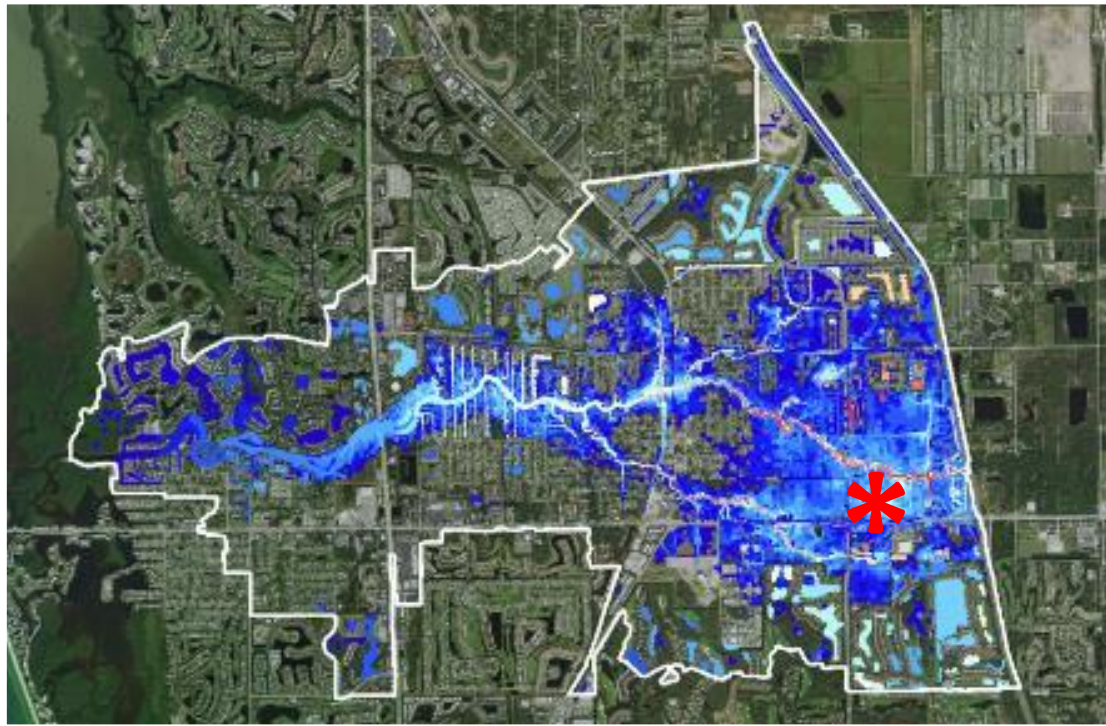
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## Flooding Along the Imperial River Hurricane Irma



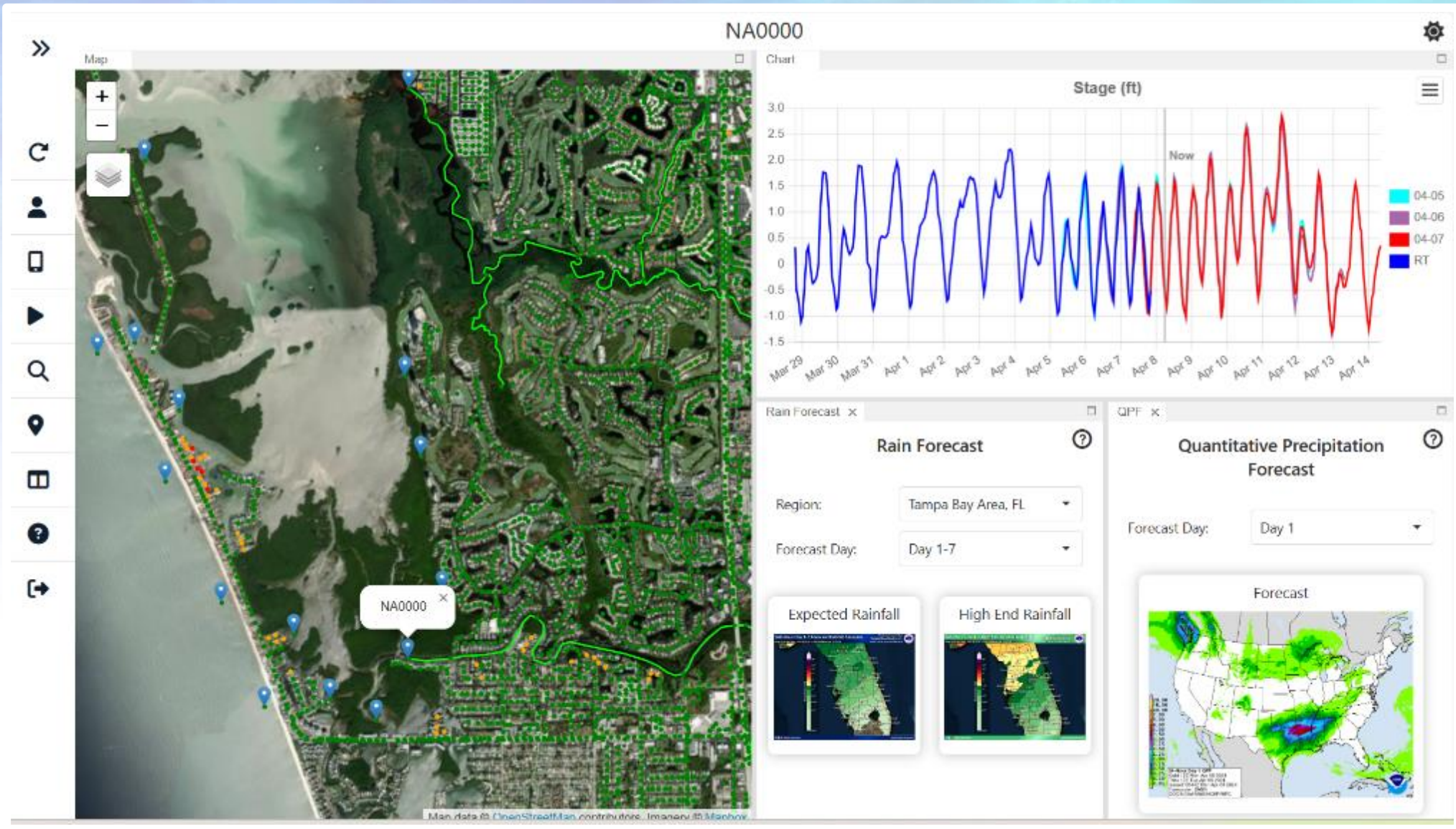


# Hurricane Irma (Sept. 2017)

Imperial River; Bonita Springs, FL

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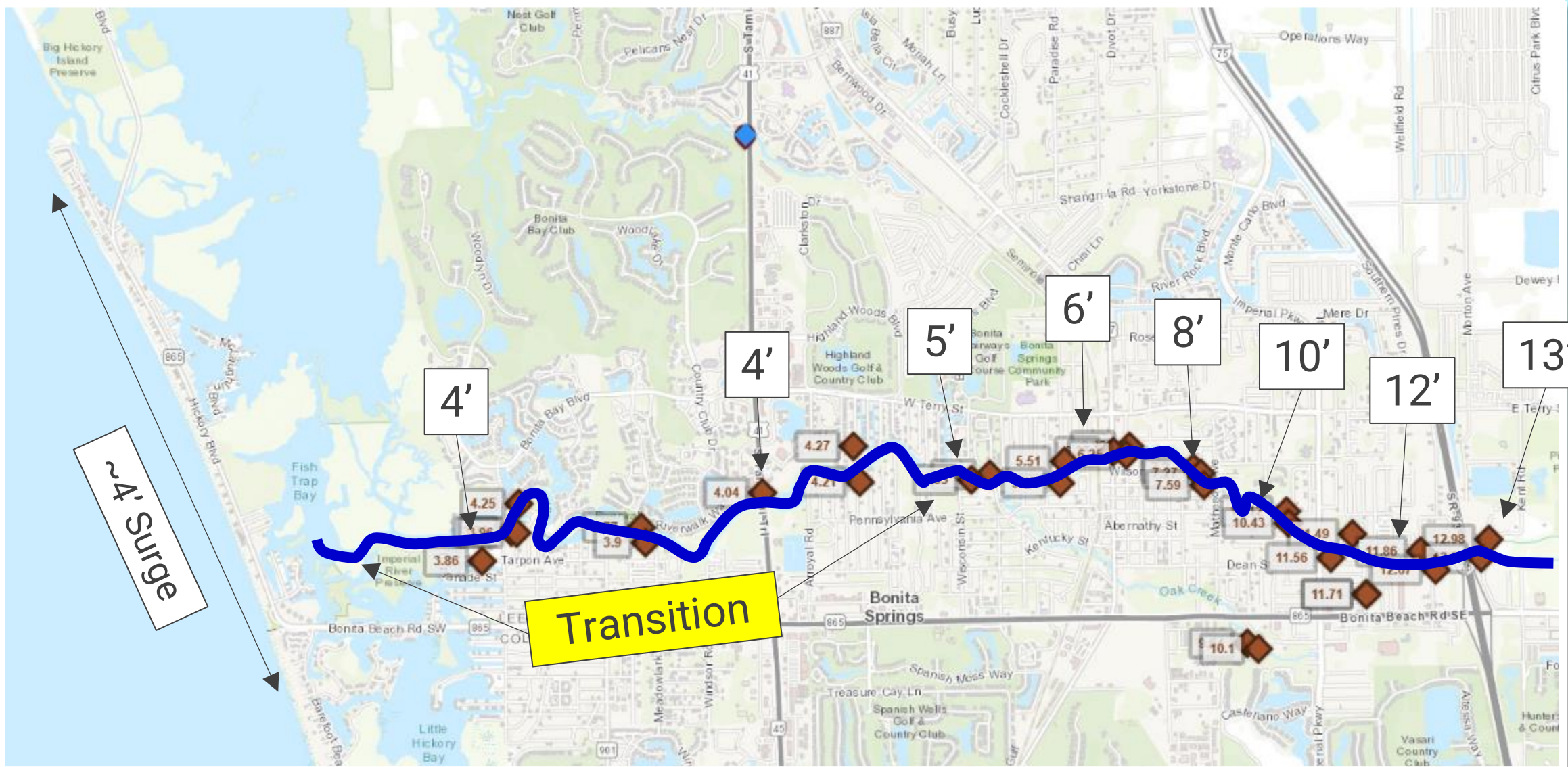
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# FloodWise

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Benefits



What if we could know 1 to 3 days in advance precisely where flooding will occur and how long it will last?

## Real-Time Benefit

- Anticipate road closures
- Pinpoint evacuations
- Move vehicles/resources out of harm's way
- Smart sandbag & flood wall deployment
- Reduce or eliminate wastewater overflows
- Optimize water control structure operations/maximize storage
- Plan recovery efforts sooner and preposition response assets
- Making communities more resilient





# Benefits with Advance Warning Minor Flooding

## Central Florida

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(Predicted 42 Hours in Advance)

The Place at Alafaya



Arden Villas



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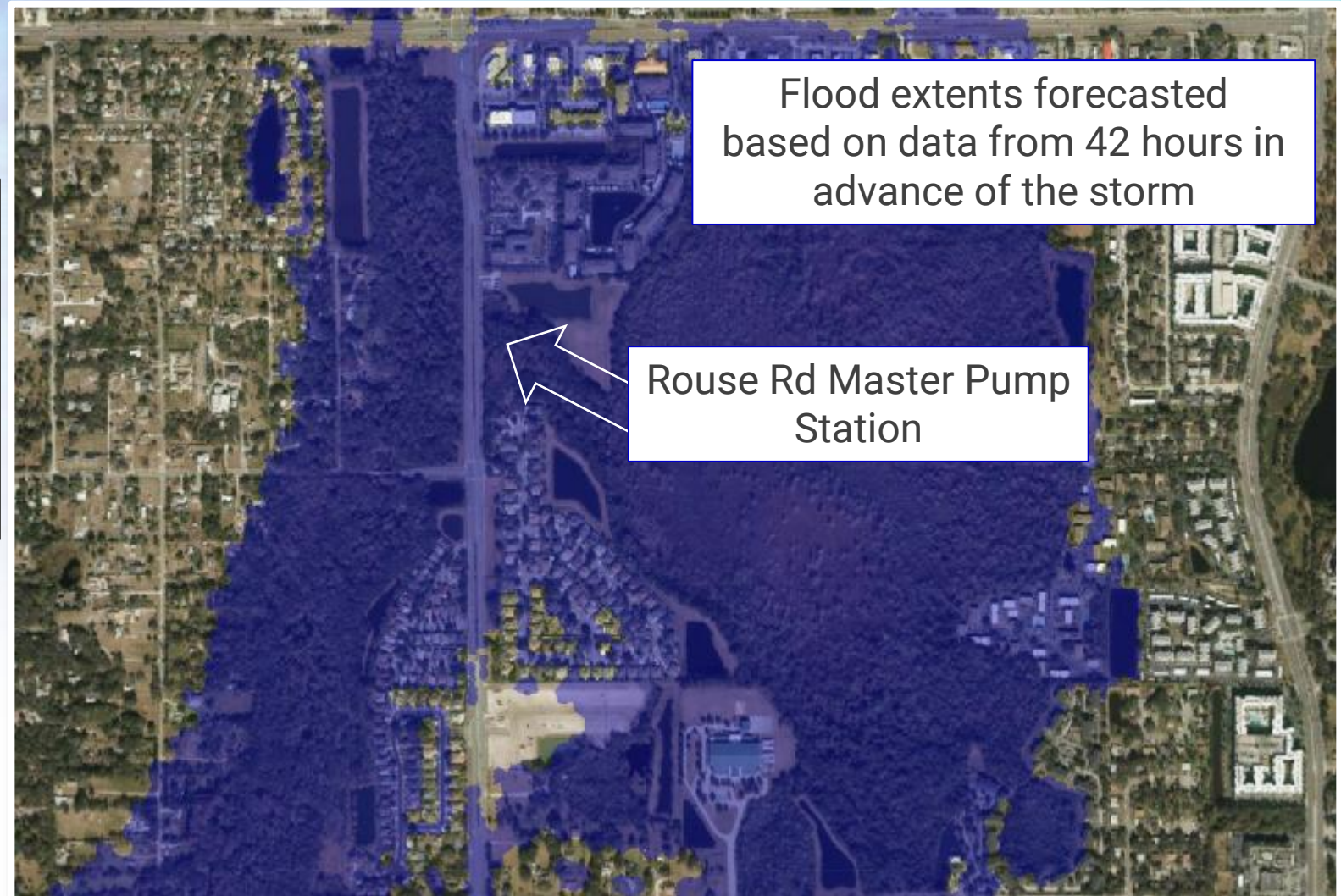
How many cars were lost that could have been easily moved? 100? 200?

Cost:  $200 \times \$10K / \text{car} = \$2M$

Insurance Claims Reduced or Avoided



- The Rouse Rd Master Wastewater Pump Station sustained about \$7 million in damage during Hurricane Ian
- If RTFF model had been in place, the pump station could have been protected with a tiger dam and the damage prevented or mitigated







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Thank You!

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# **FLOODID AND SAFE ROADS: INTEGRATED FORECASTING AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS USING RESPONSIBLE AI**

Muthu Narayanaswamy

Jun 11<sup>th</sup> 2025



## THE MISSION + THE METHOD

### SCIENCE

Solving complex societal and environmental challenges with transdisciplinary research

### SOLUTIONS

Innovative, solution-driven tools for a dynamic world

### STANDARDS

Identifying and advancing methods, approaches, and policies for wide-scale adoption

## THE VISION

**RESILIENT & EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES**

**SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS**

**THRIVING ECONOMIES**





# NEED BETTER, ACTIONABLE INFORMATION TO MAKE DECISIONS ON

Positioning supplies



Identifying access restrictions



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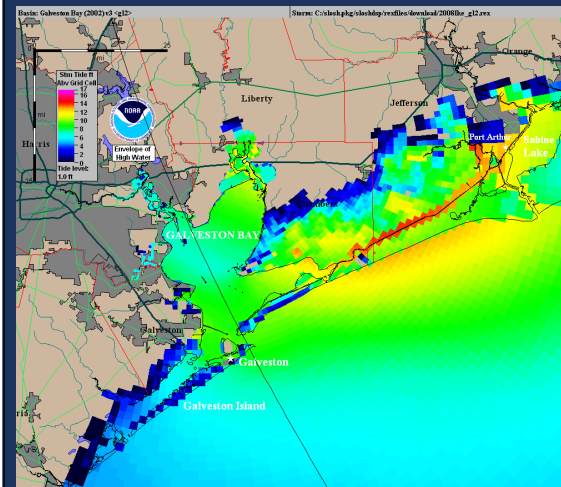
Prioritizing search and rescue



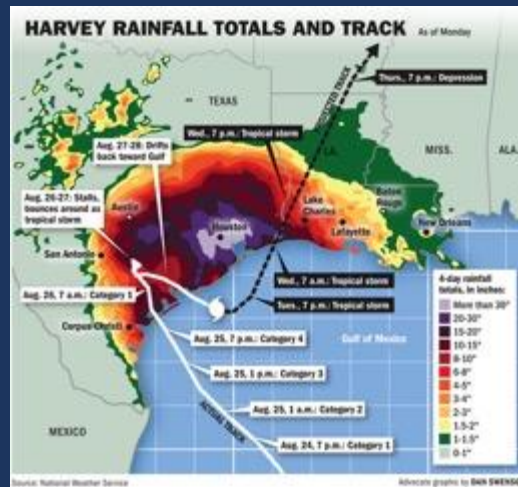


# VARYING FLOOD HAZARD AWARENESS NEEDS

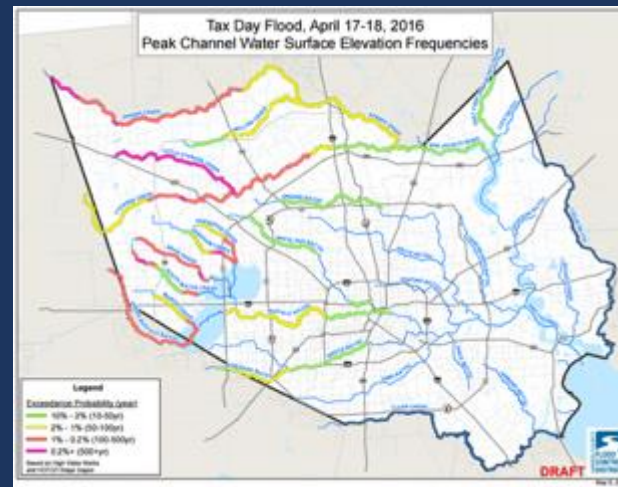
## FORECASTS AND HINDCASTS



Hurricane Planning and Response



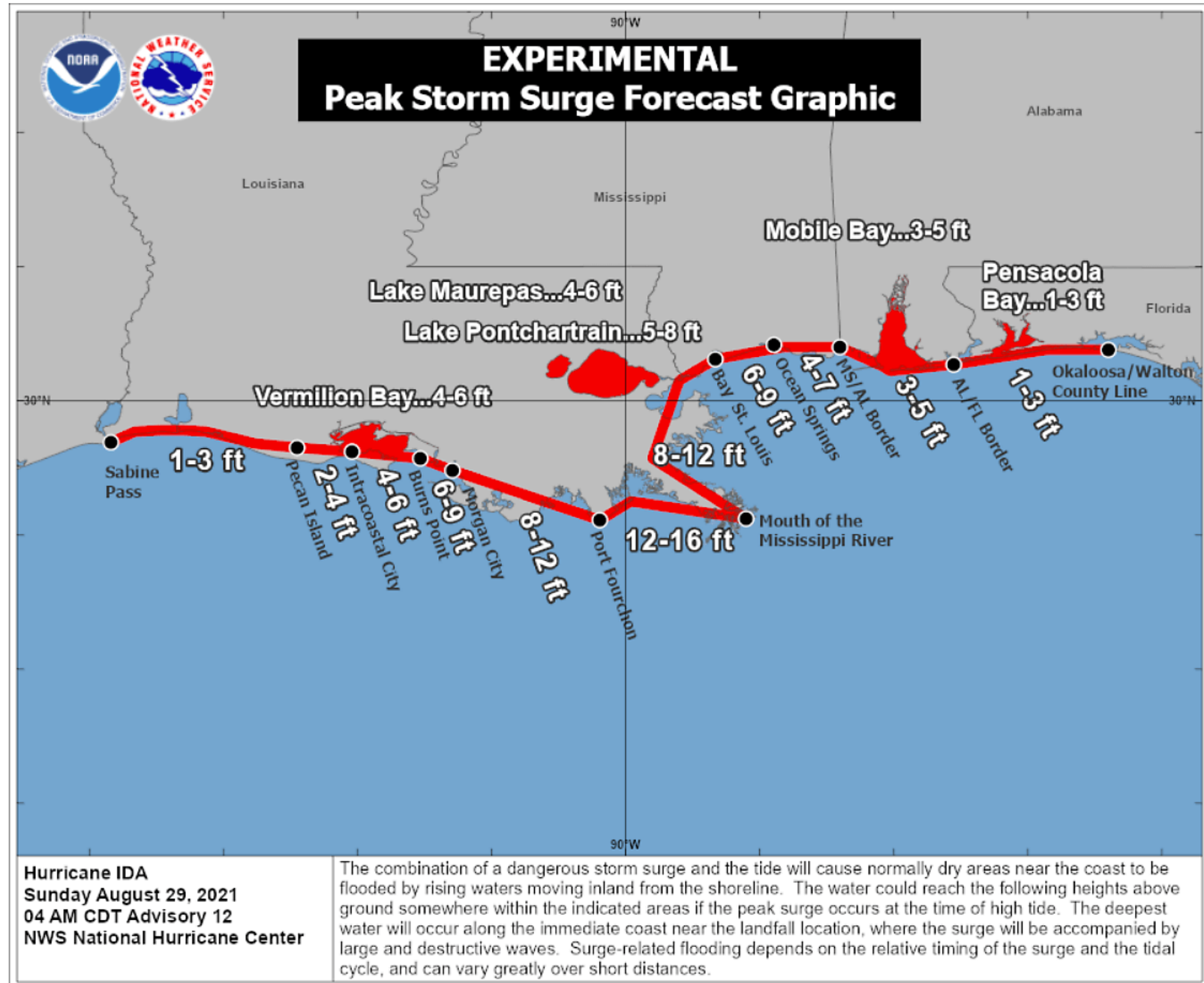
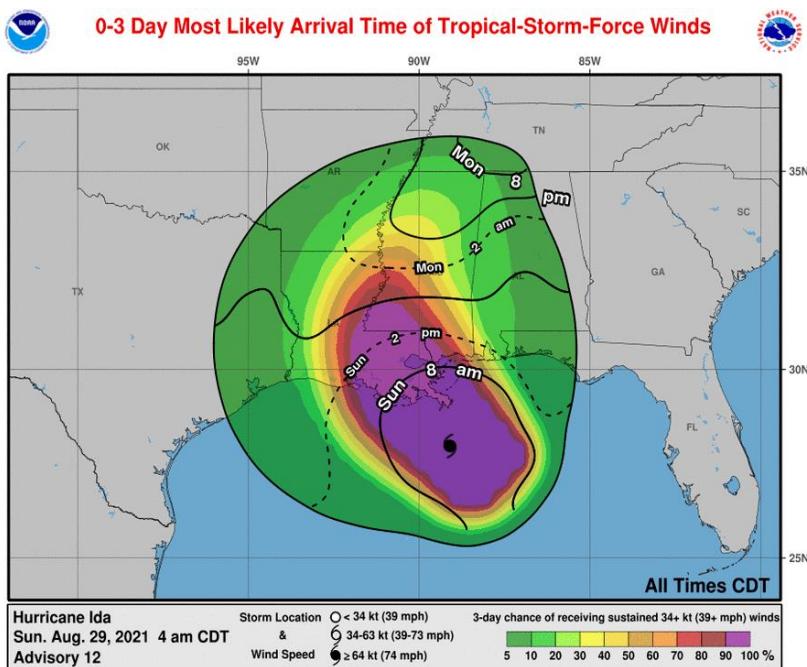
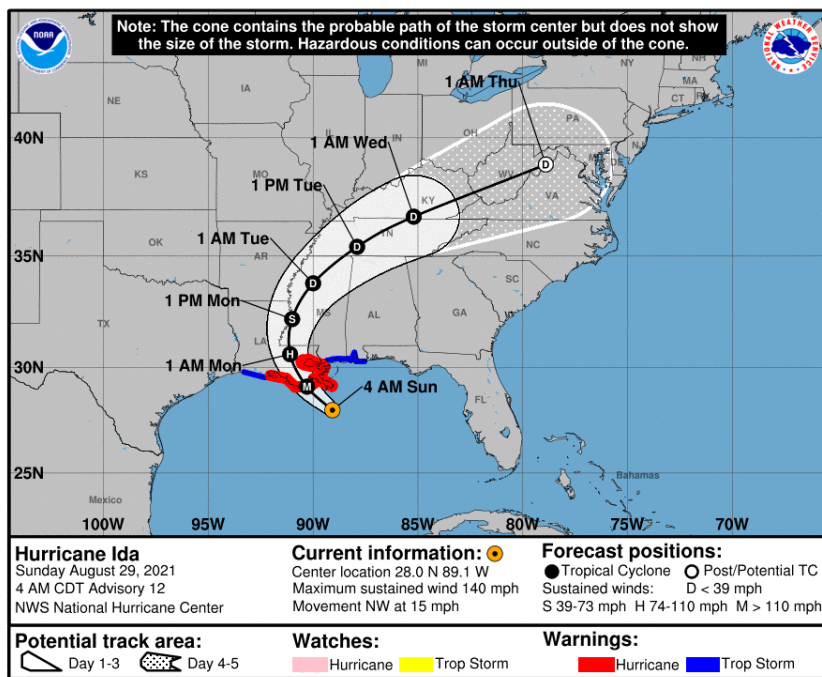
Compound Flood



Extreme Rainfall Flood Forecast

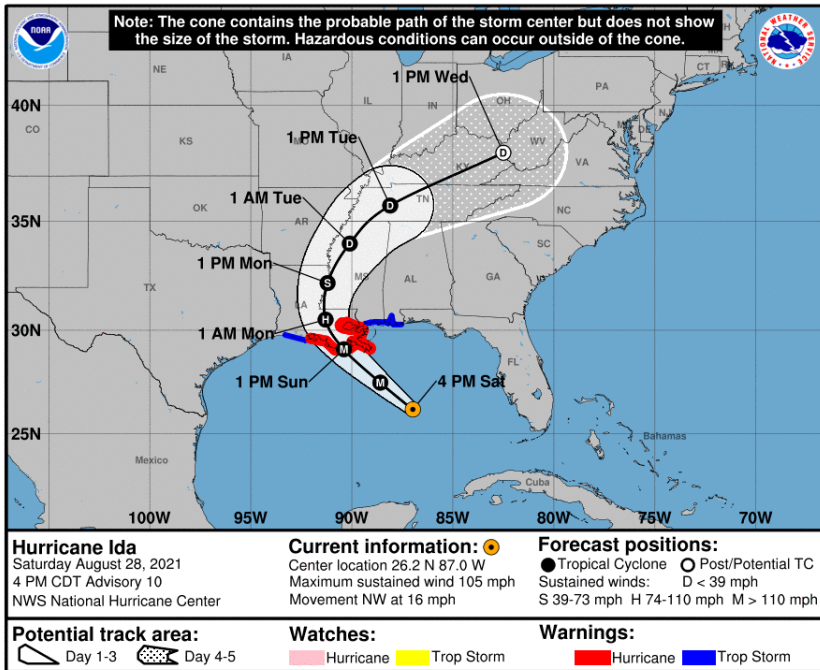
## NOWCASTS





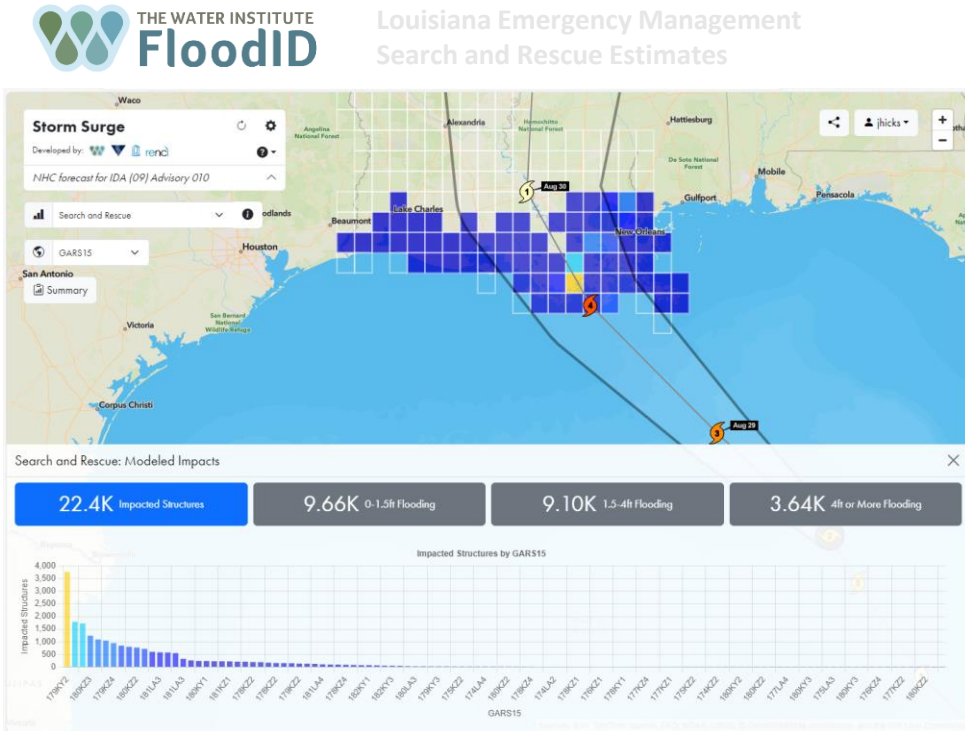


# SUPPORT SCALES



Coastal flooding  
National/Regional Products  
Wide Distribution  
Wide Relevance

Different remit, same goal:  
protect lives, lifelines, and livelihoods



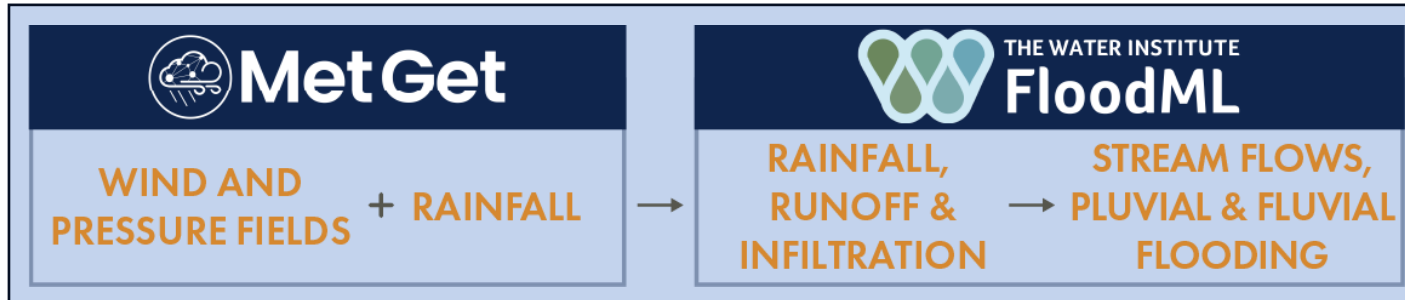
Coastal, riverine, & rainfall flooding  
State/Local Decision Support  
Tightened Data Stack  
Tailored Relevance/Distribution

# FLOOD INTELLIGENCE ECOSYSTEM OVERVIEW

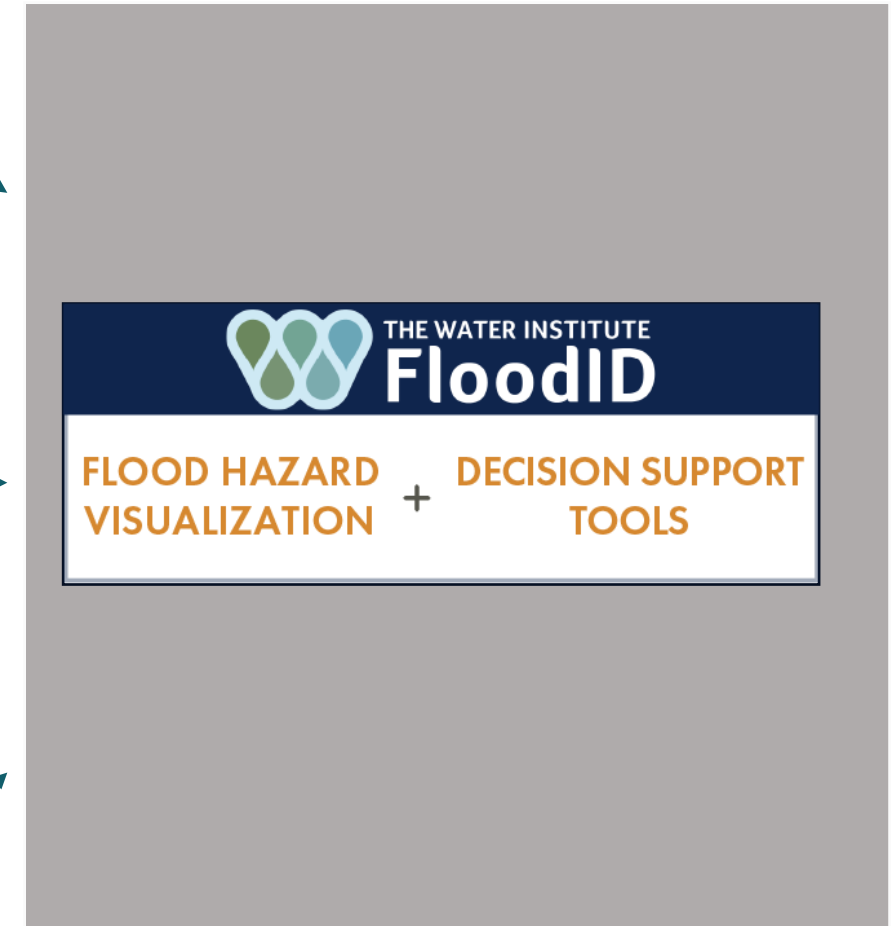
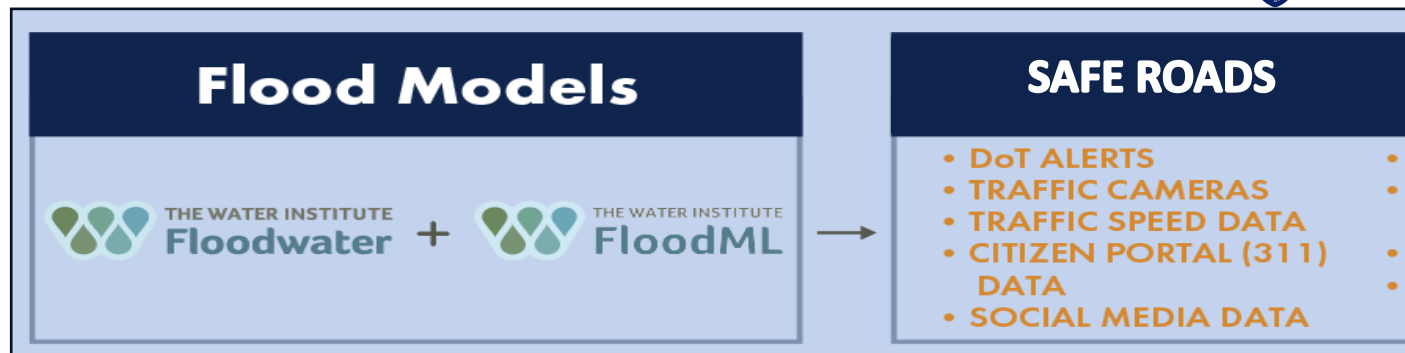
## Coastal and Compound Flood Forecasts



## Fluvial and Pluvial Flood Forecasts



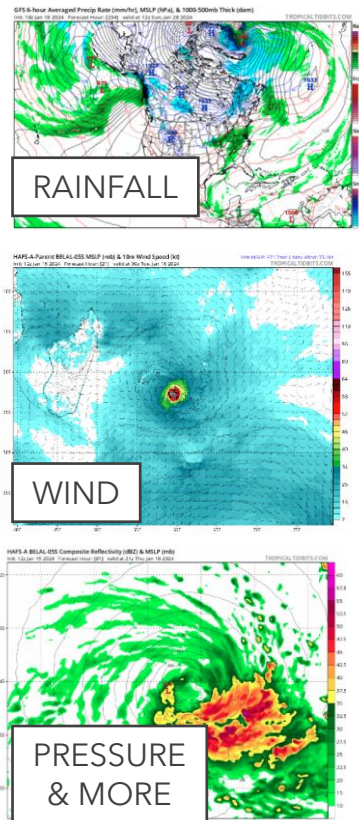
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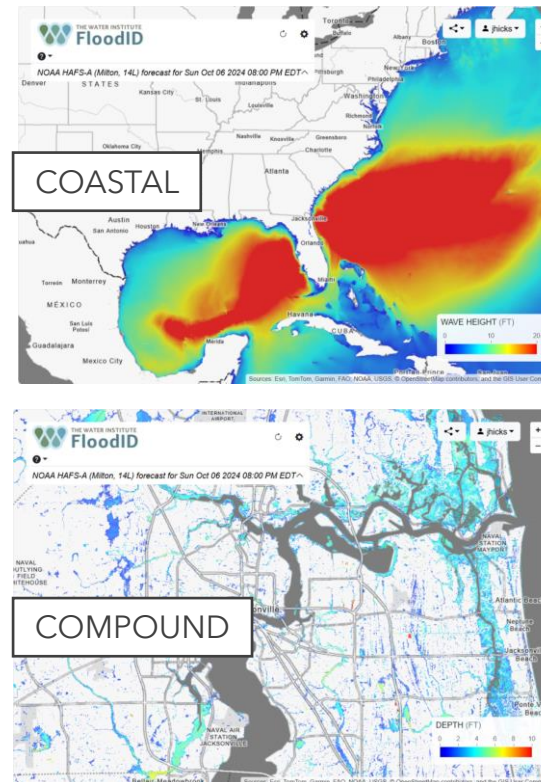


Flood forecasts for better-informed pre-disaster emergency operations.

## Near real-time met updates



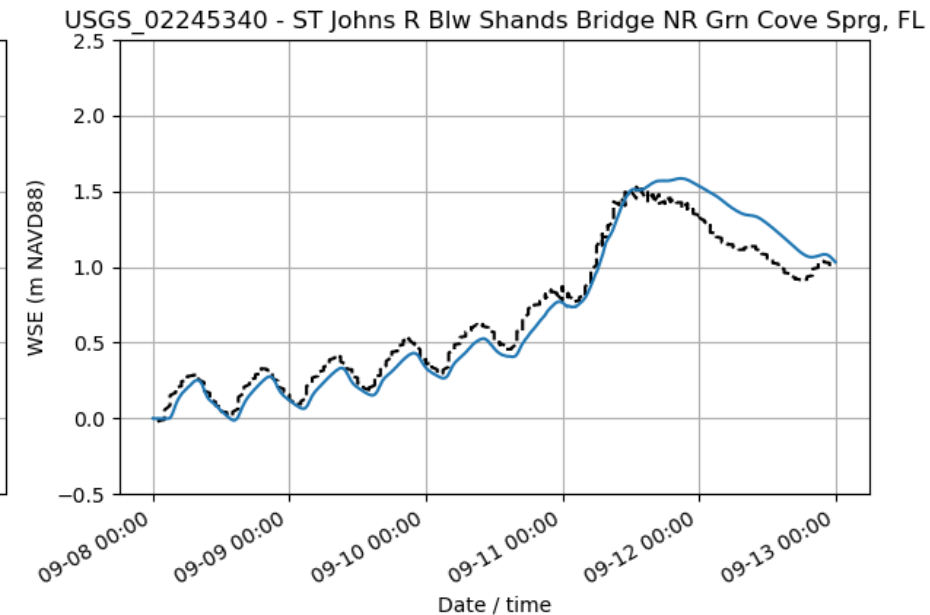
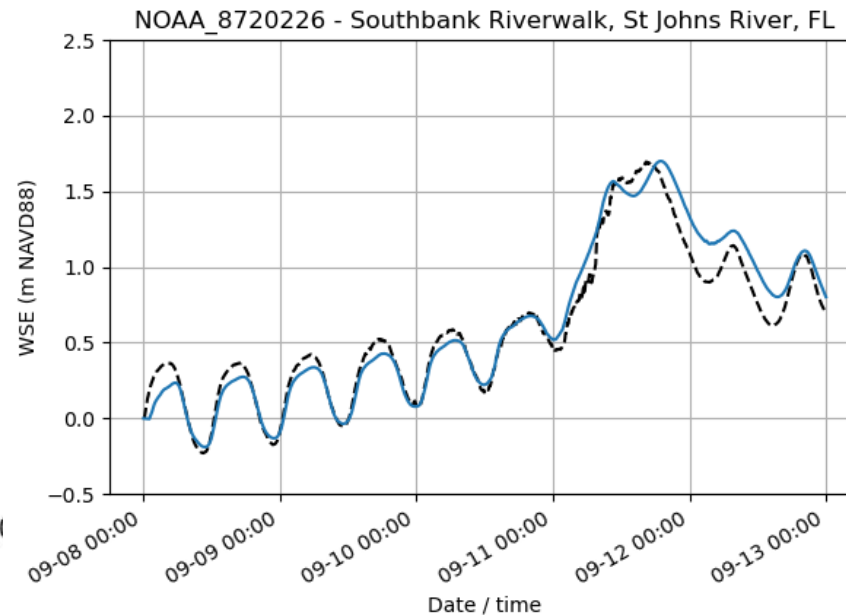
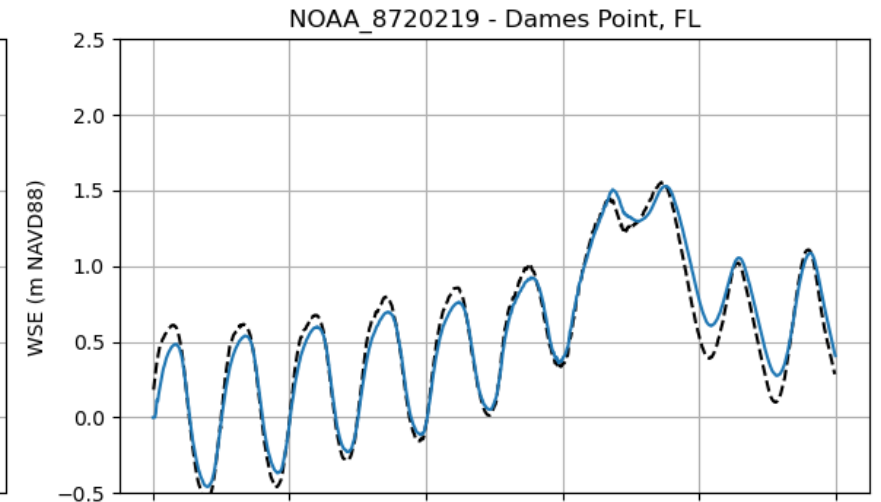
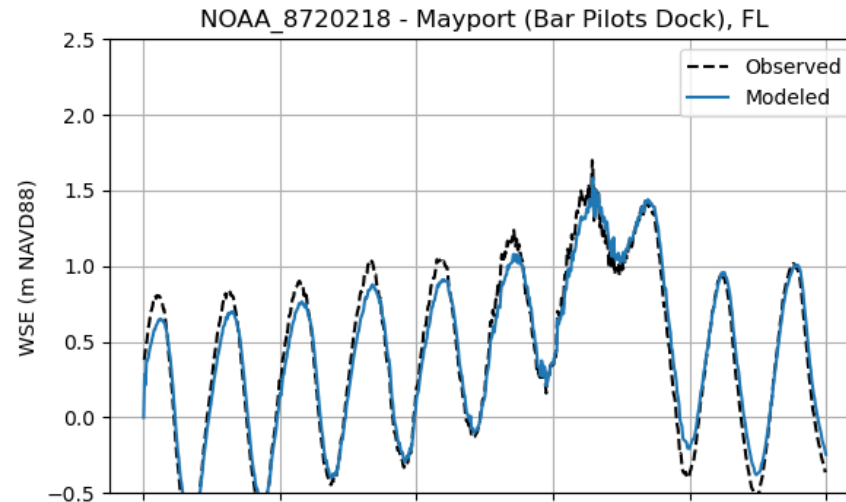
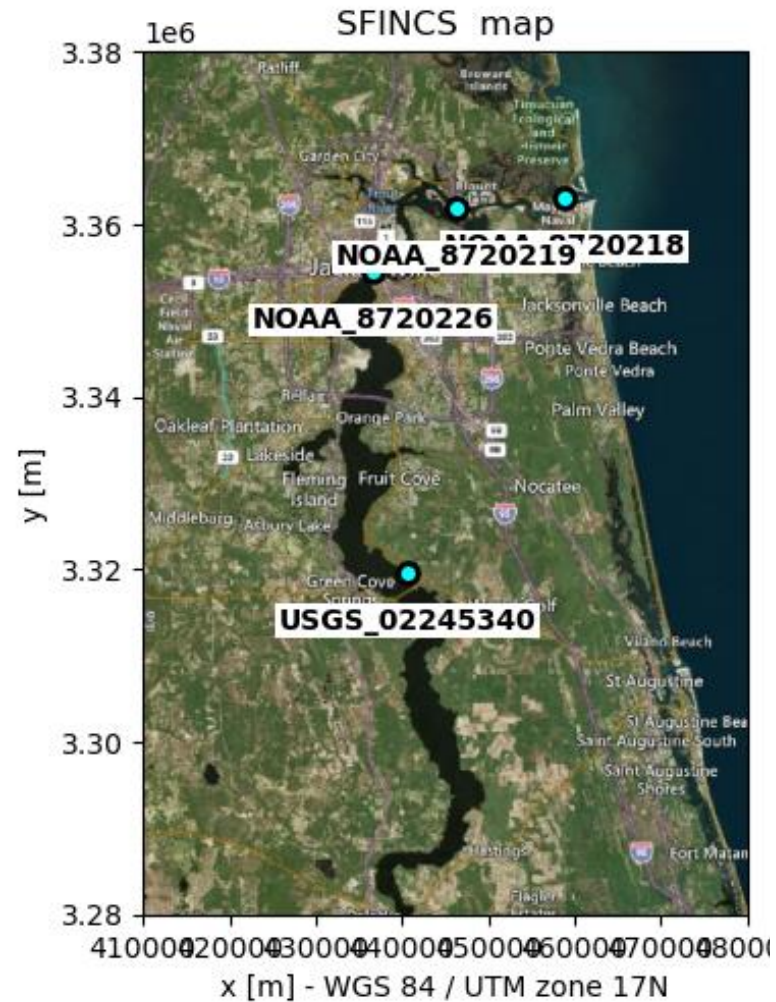
## Localized flood hazard models



## Tailored impact dashboards



# MODEL CALIBRATION (HURRICANE IRMA)

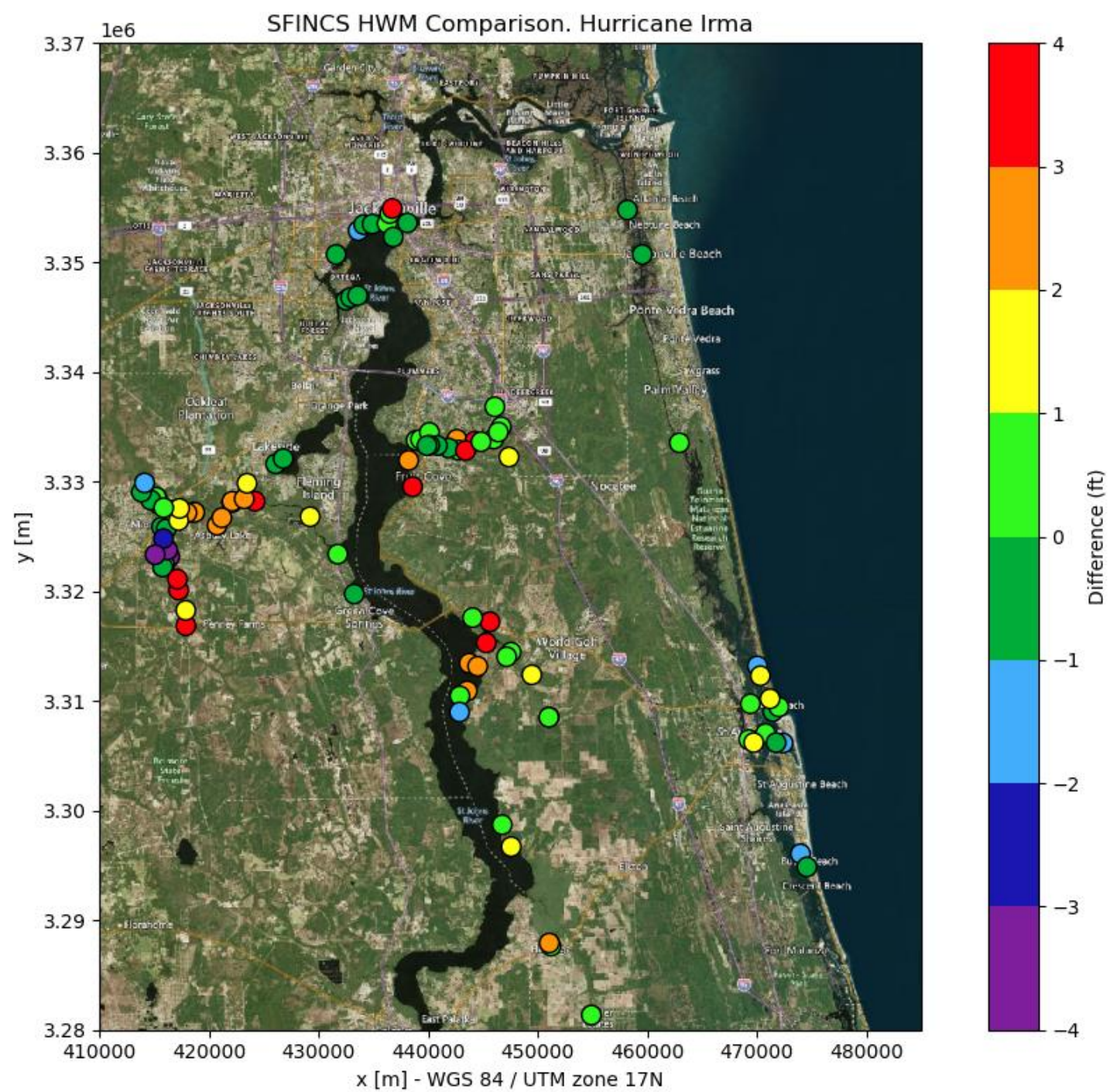




# HIGH-WATER MARKS (HURRICANE IRMA)

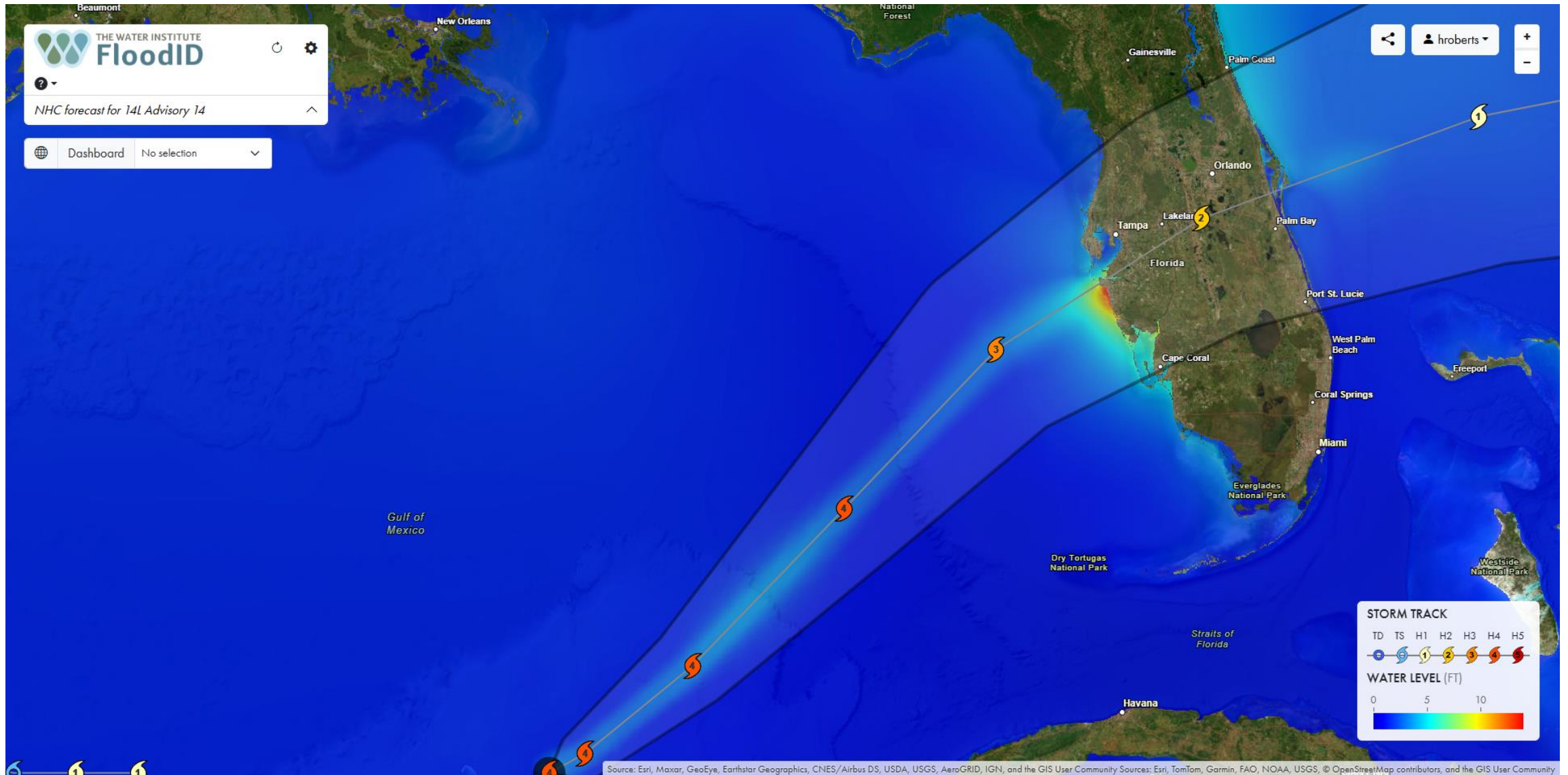


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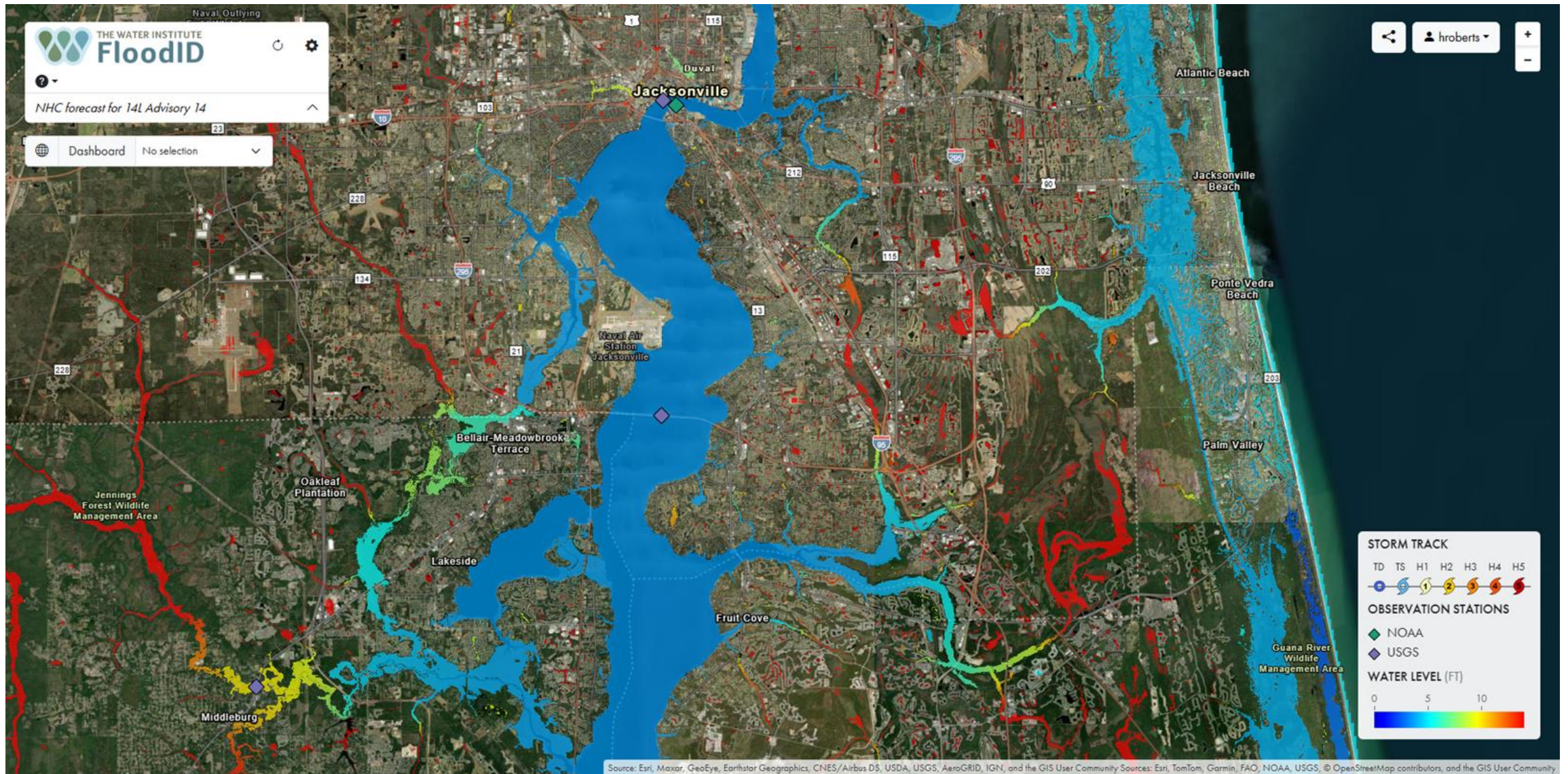


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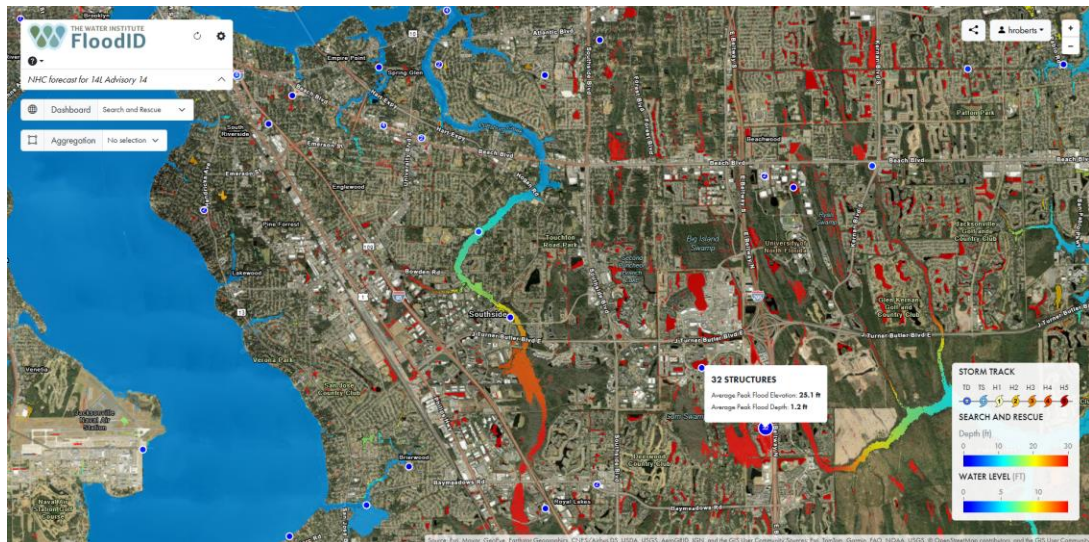
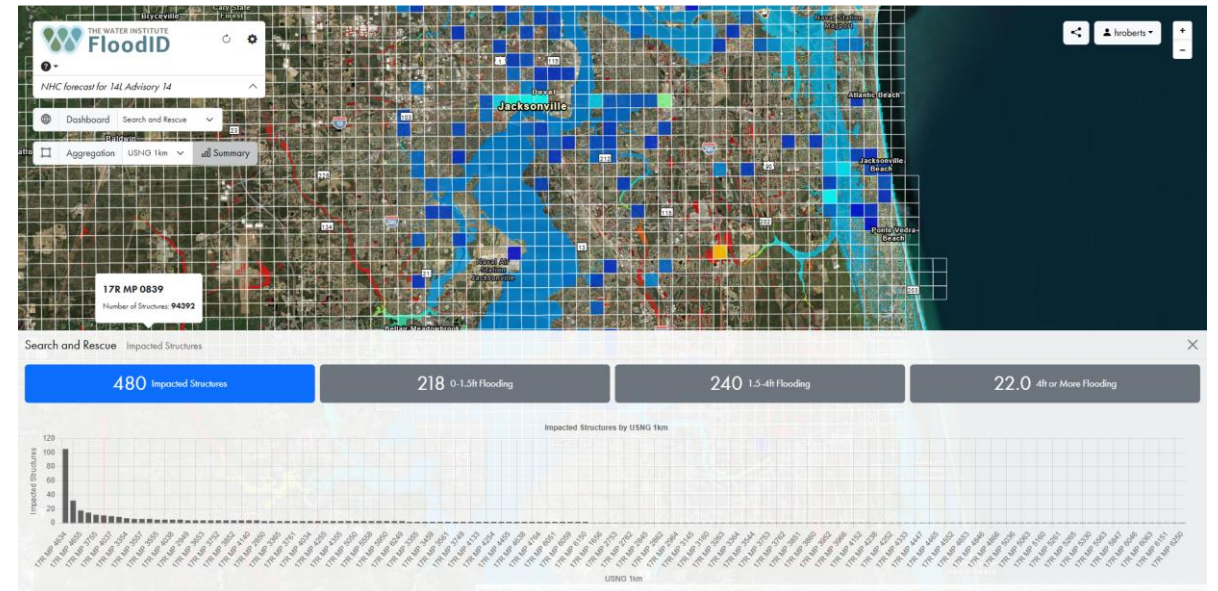
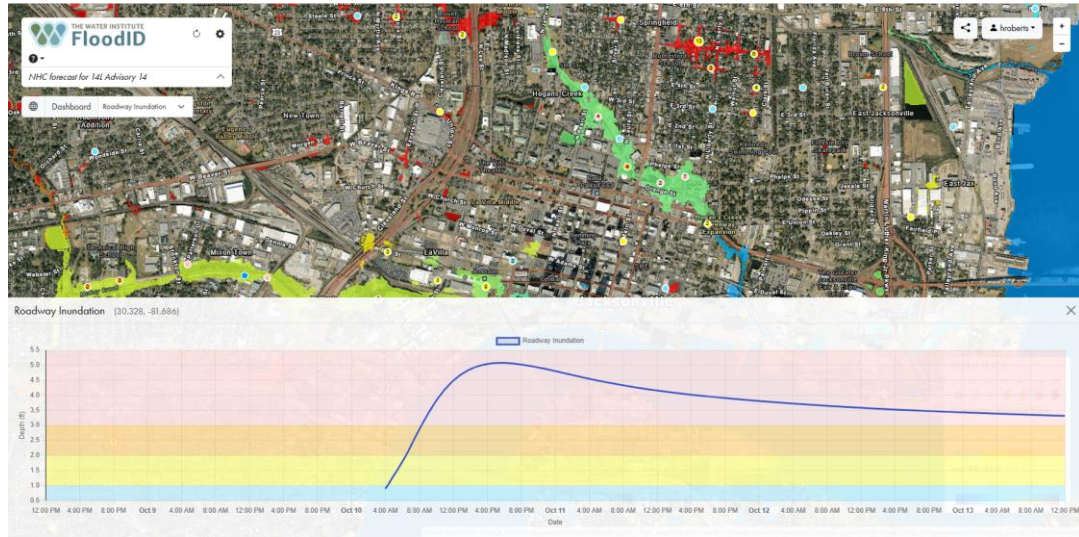


# LOCAL VIEW





# DECISION SUPPORT DASHBOARDS





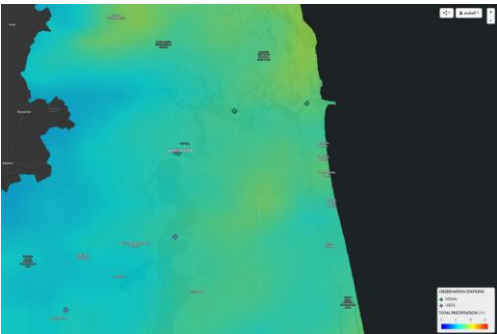
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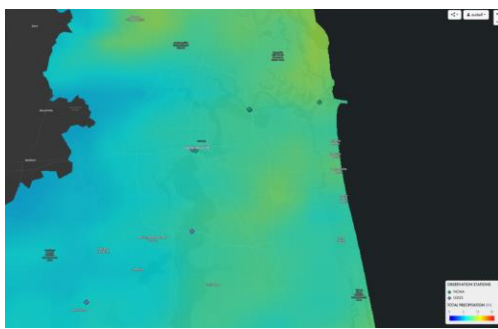
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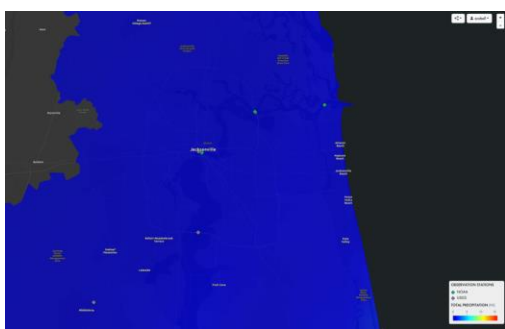
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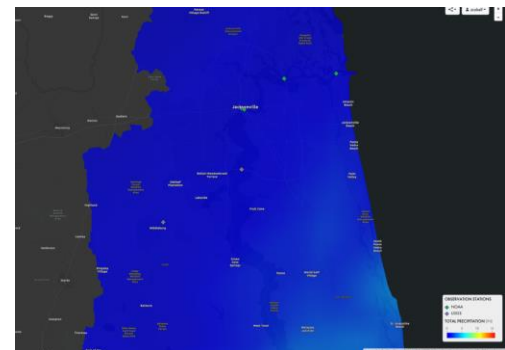
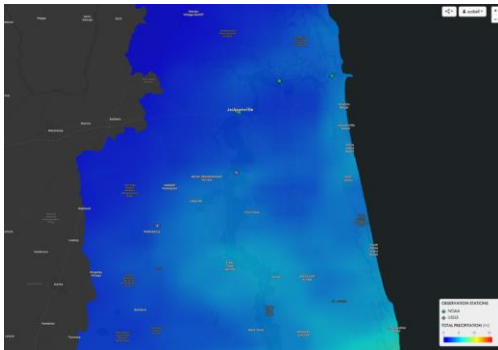
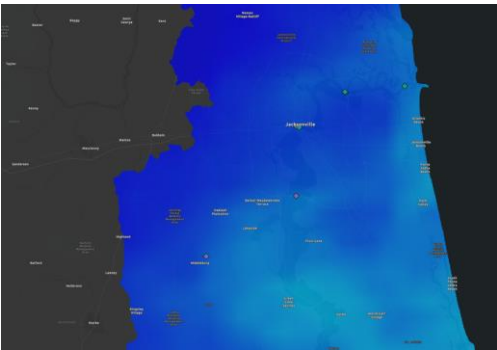
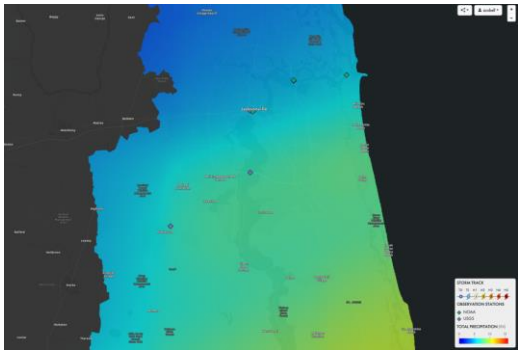
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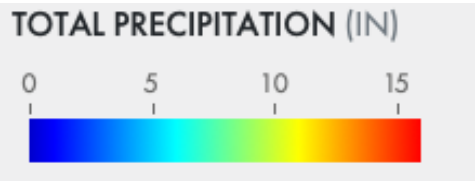
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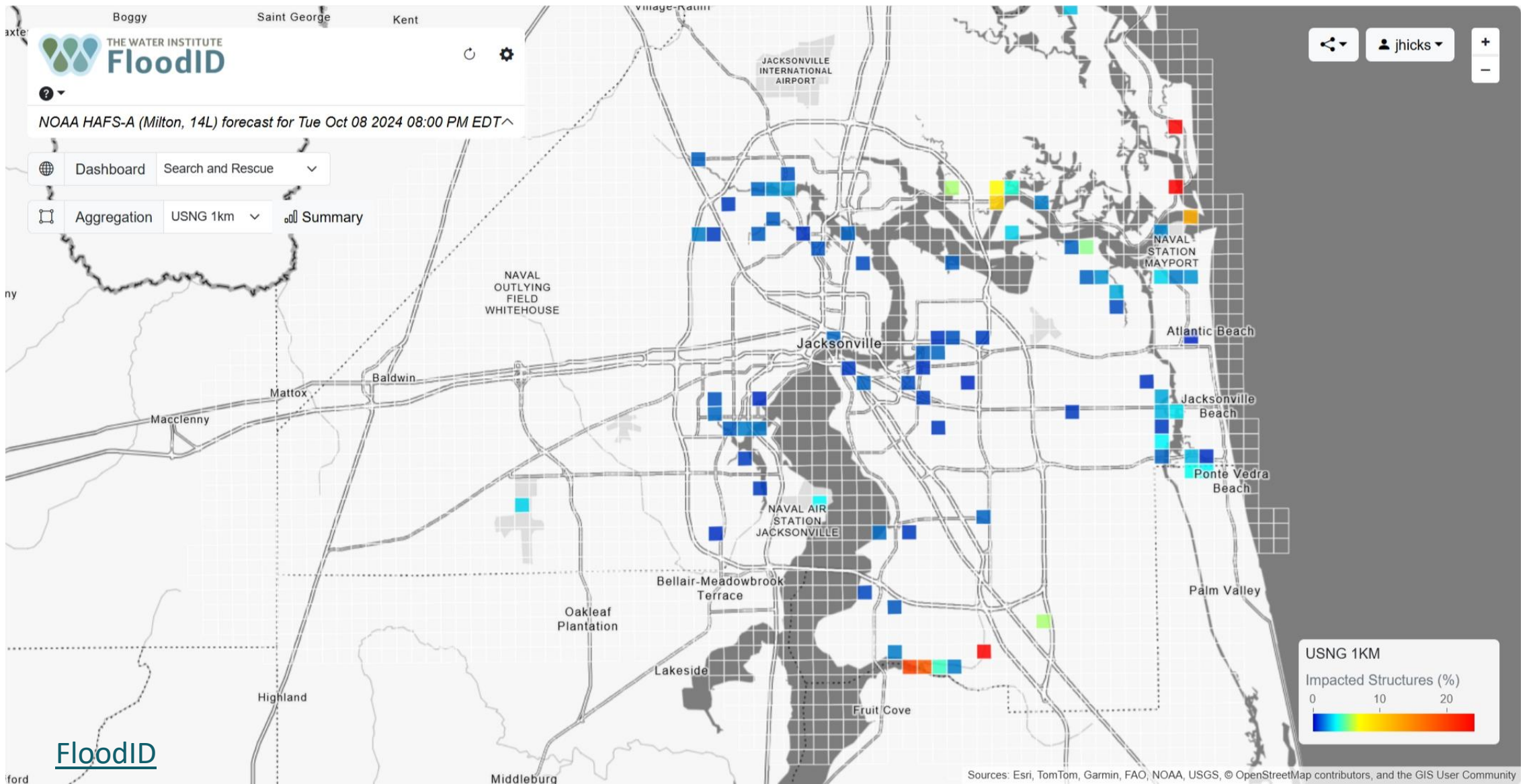
~72 hrs



~24 hrs



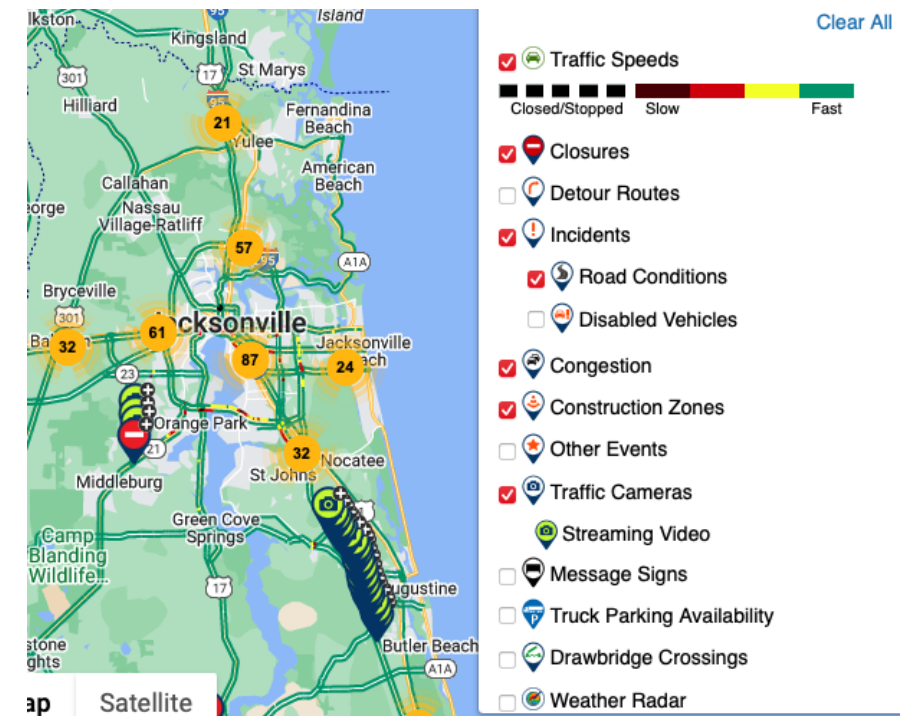
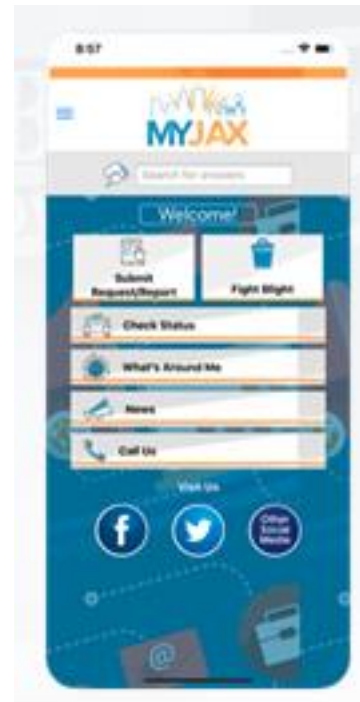
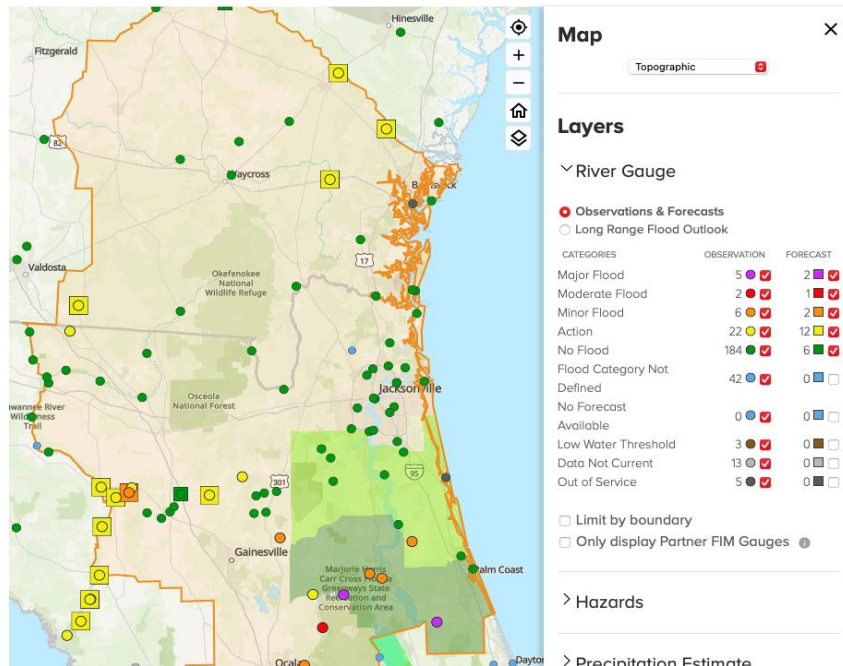
# WHERE ELSE MIGHT WE LOOK?





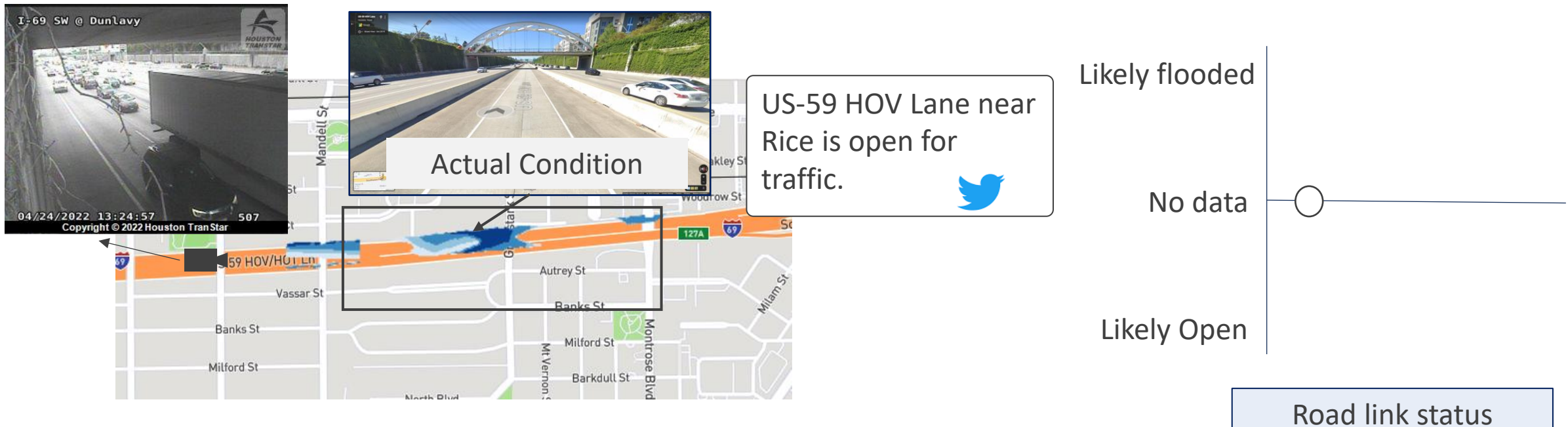
# PART II - RESPONSIBLE AI DRIVEN AFFORDABLE FLOOD SENSING

Urban areas are replete with data sources that observe flooding or impacts. Combining observations from the existing sources could significantly enhance flood situational awareness.



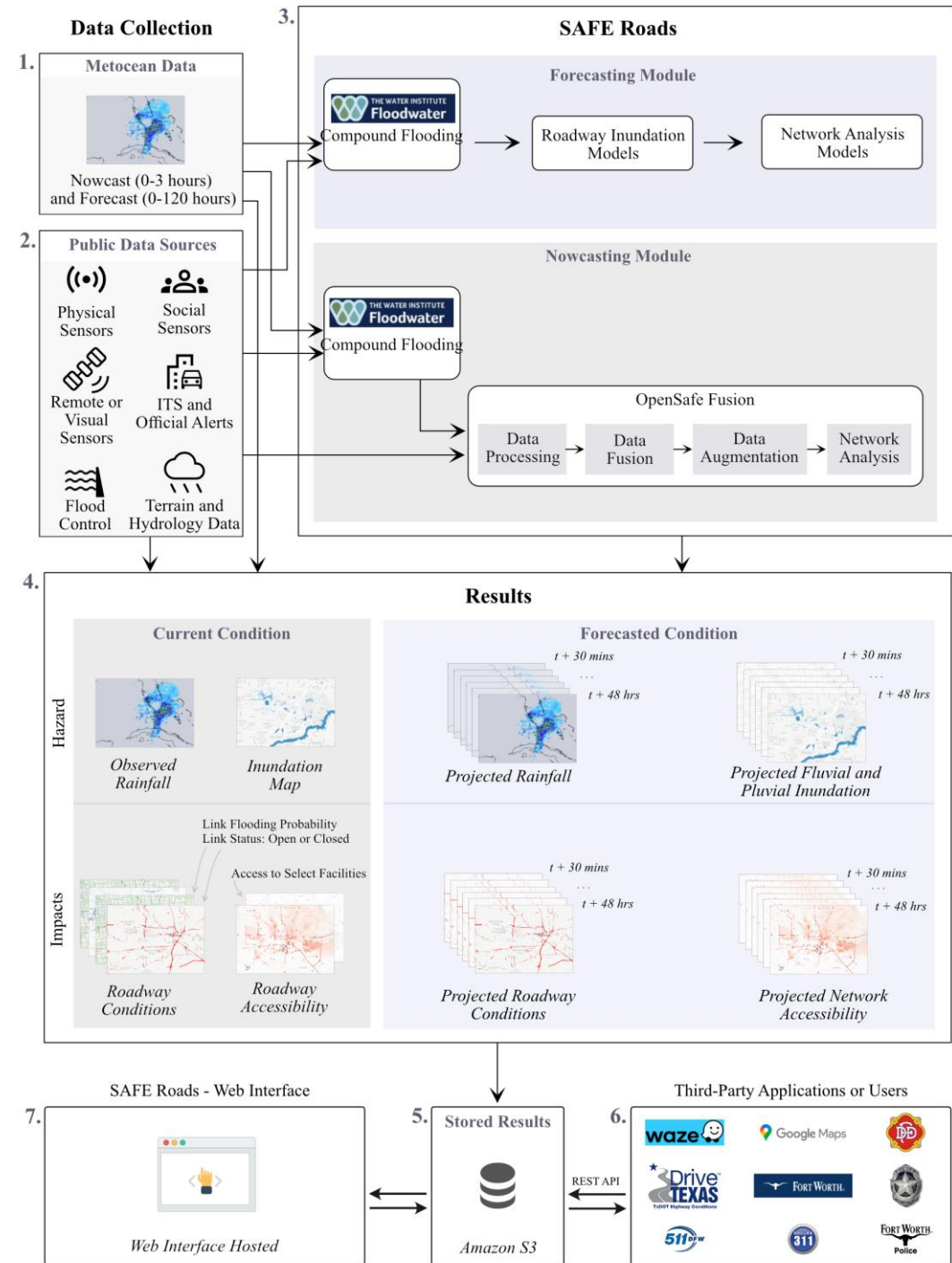
# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS FRAMEWORK FOR MOBILITY USING DATA FUSION

- A new AI system for flood situational awareness
- Better situational awareness by real-time fusion of existing urban data sources



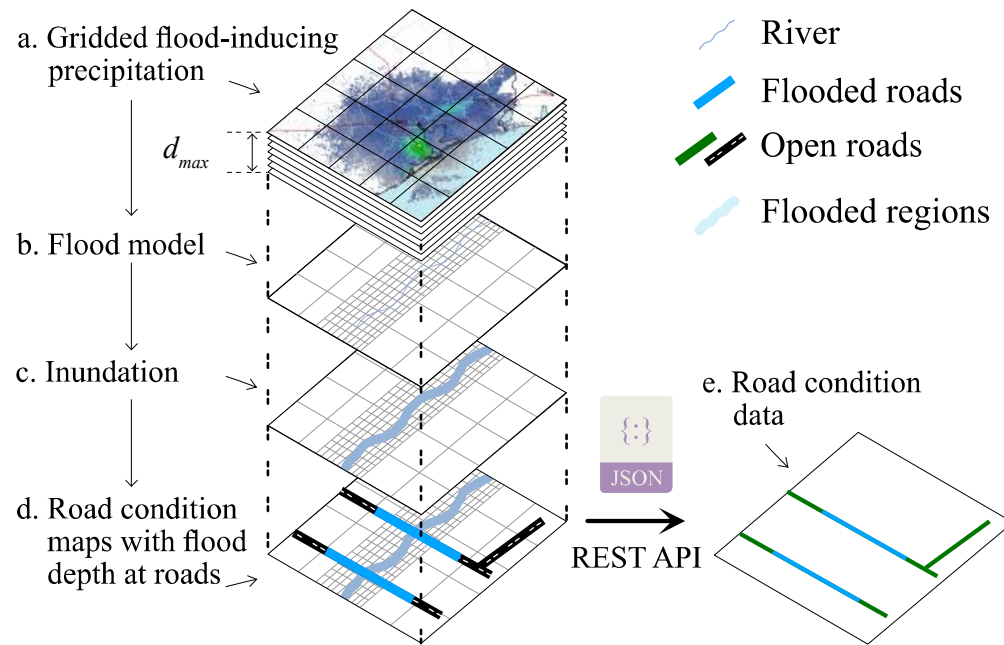


# SAFE ROADS

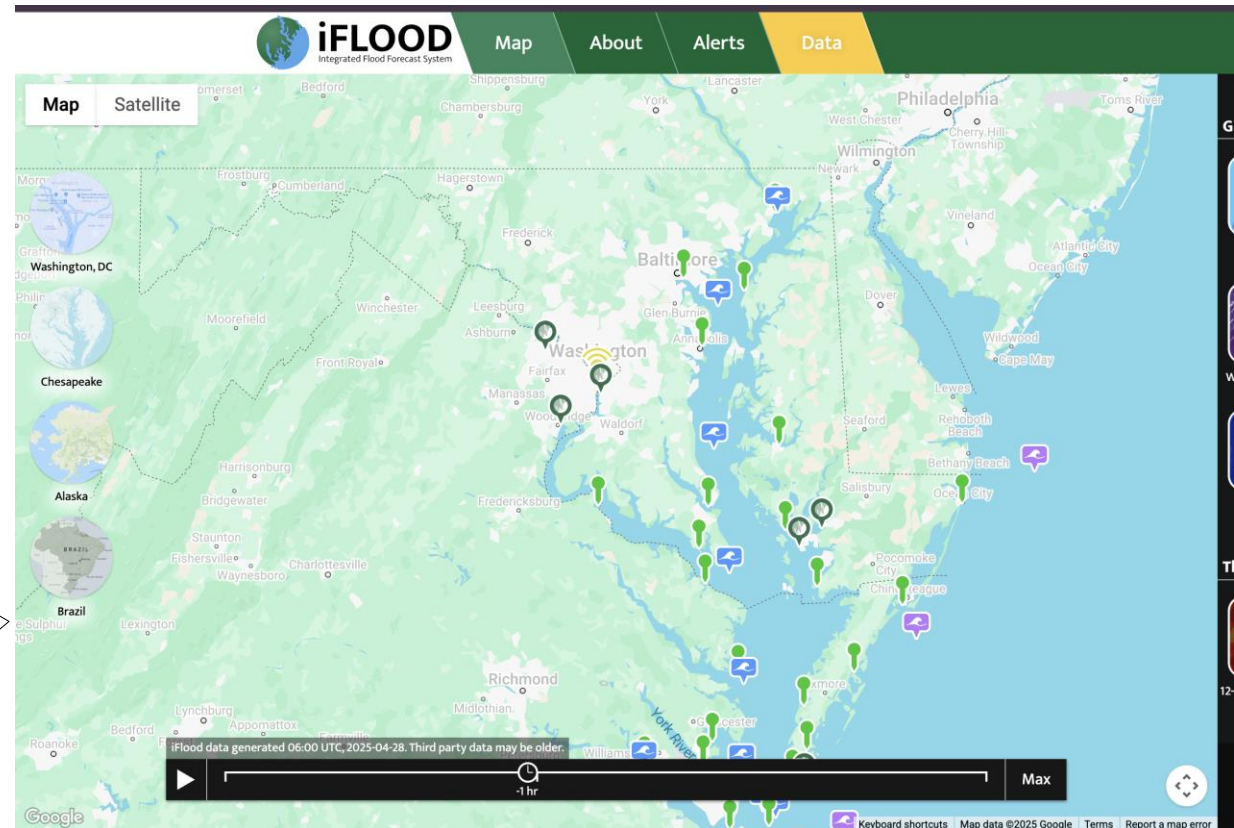


# Data Source: Real-Time Flood Models

- models that can rapidly ingest precipitation, wind, tides, surge, flows
- USACE, FEMA RiskMAP, other existing models etc. can be leveraged.



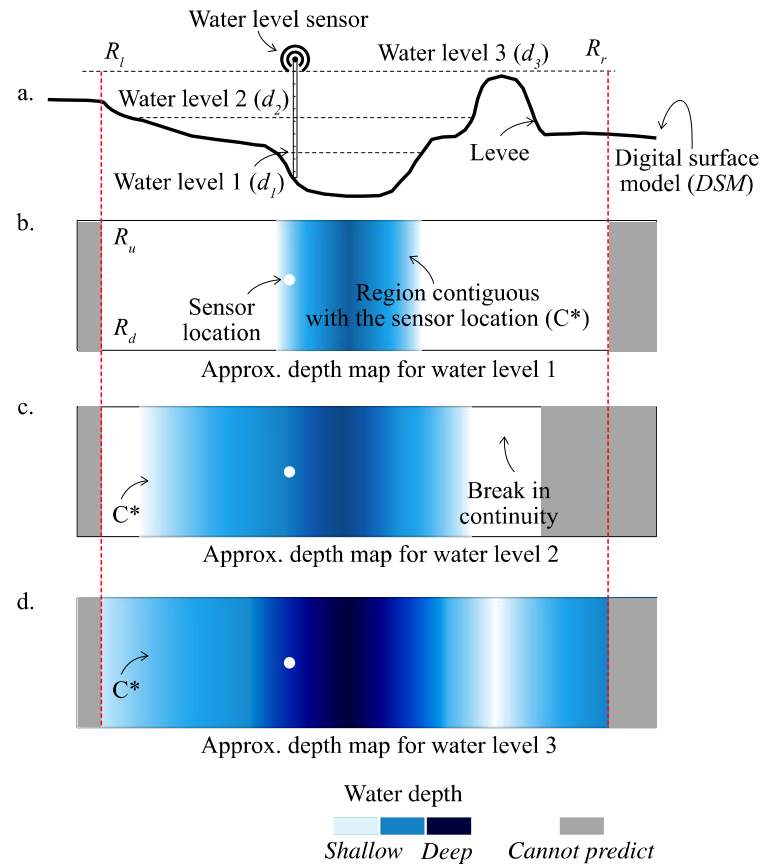
OpenSafe Mobility methodology





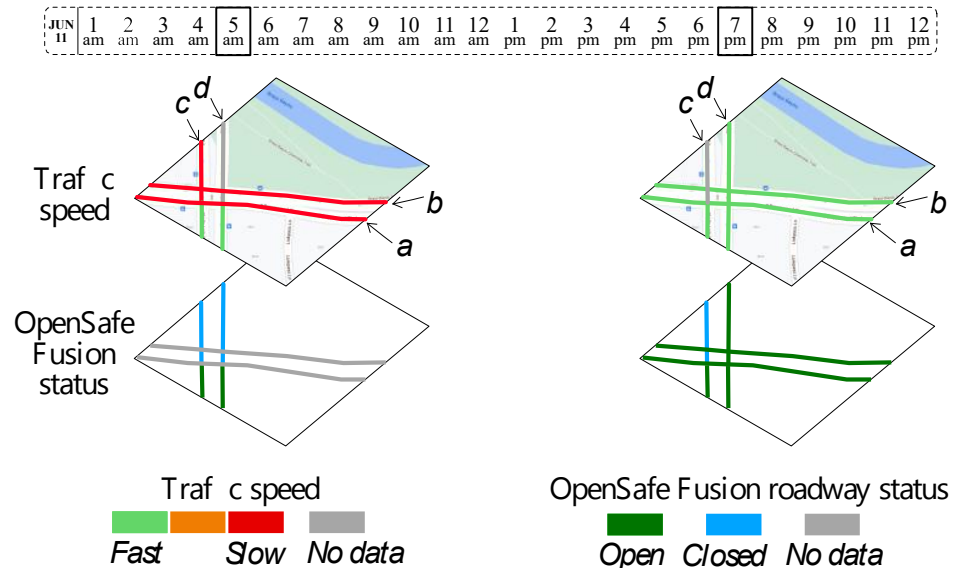
# Data Source: Water Level Sensors

- Real-time water level data and digital elevation models to estimate flooded roads



# Data Source: Traffic Speed

- Real-time traffic speed data is used to sense passable roadways
- DOT offers similar data (511 Virginia) in addition to private providers such as Google

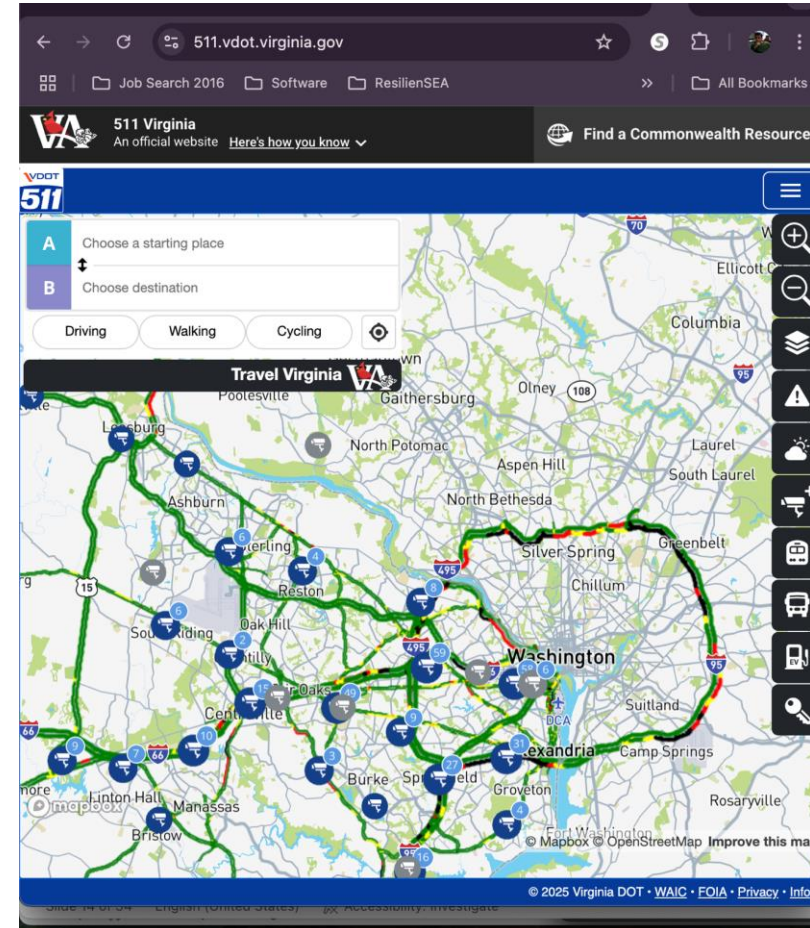


If  $speed > threshold\ speed$ :

Road = Open

else:

No data

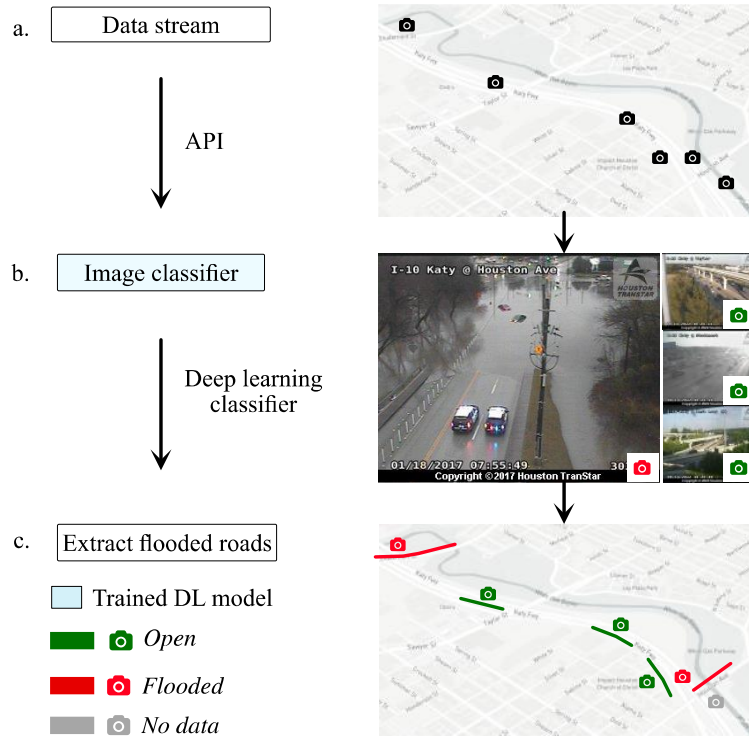




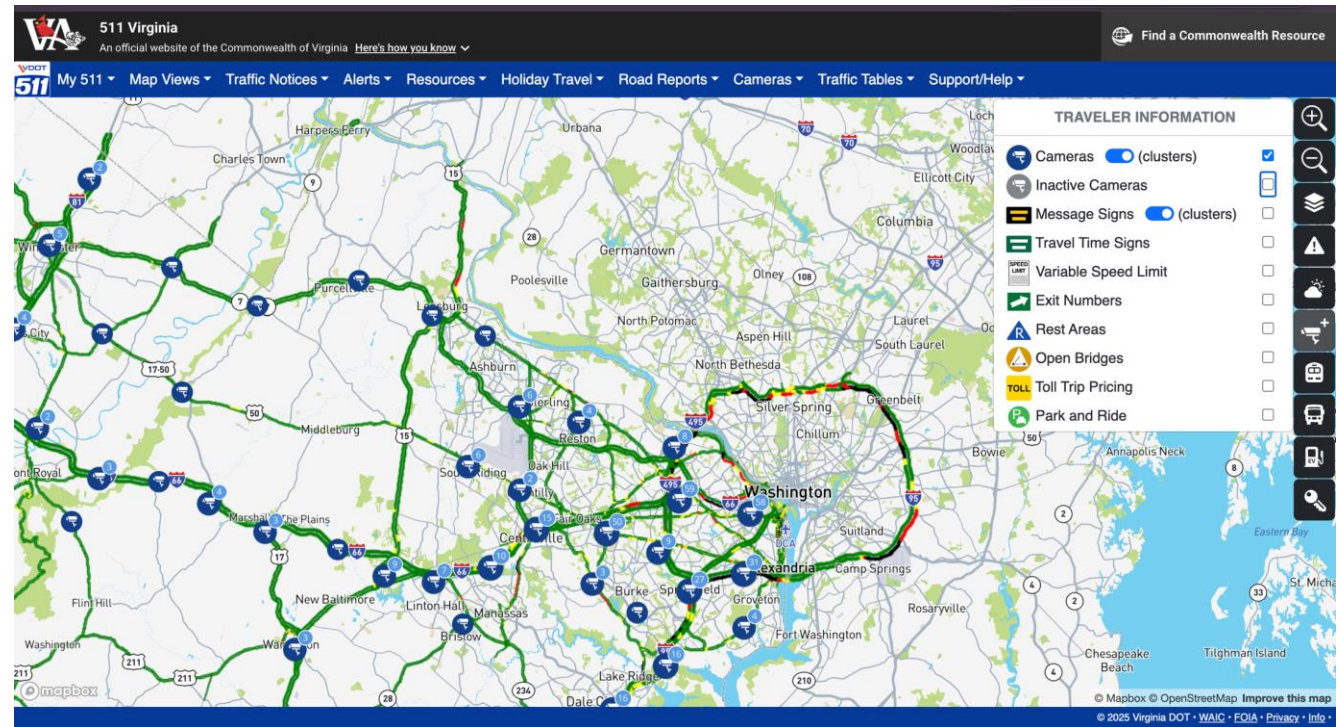
# Data Source: Traffic Camera



- SAFE ROADS uses deep learning model and real-time camera feed to detect flooded streets
- DOT and other live camera data can be used for this pipeline



SAFE Roads Method for sensing flooded roads from live camera data



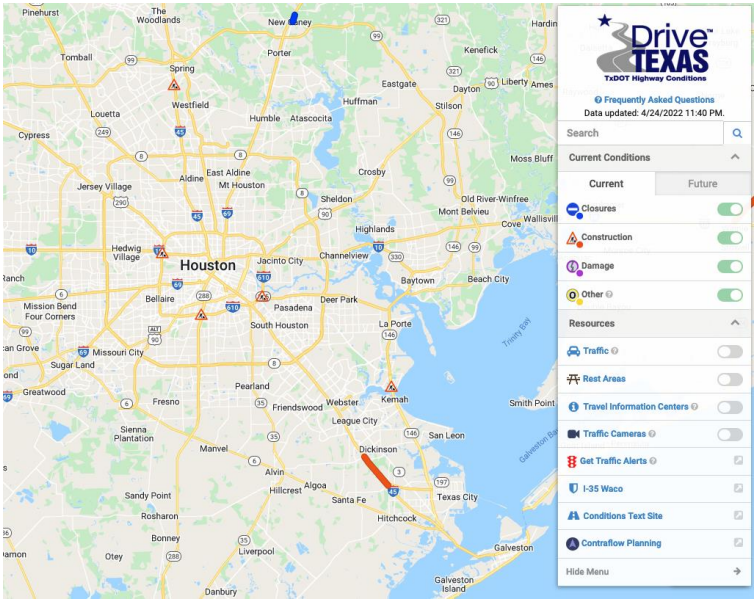
DOT Cameras

# Data Source: Department of Transportation Alerts

- Real-time traffic alerts are used to sense roadway condition

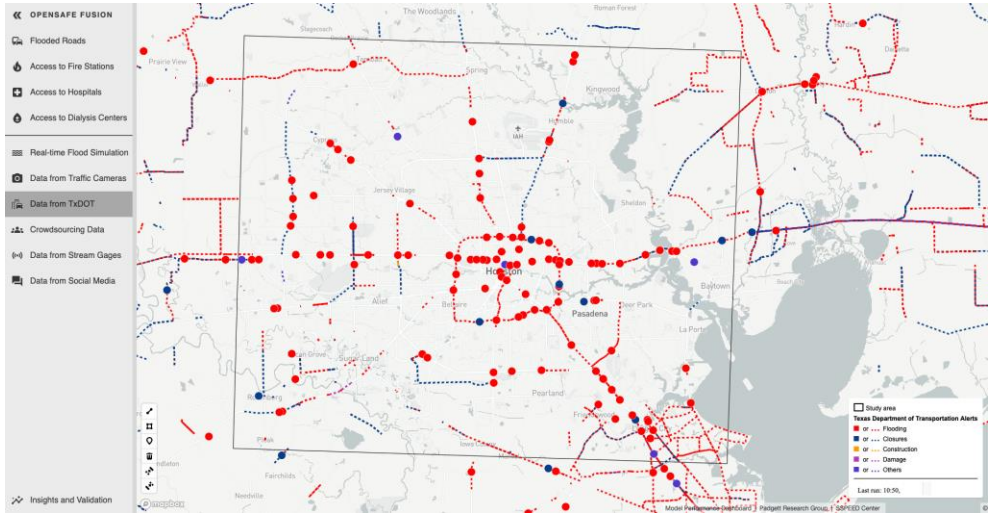


First responders  
and officials



Texas Department of Transportation DriveTexas

API

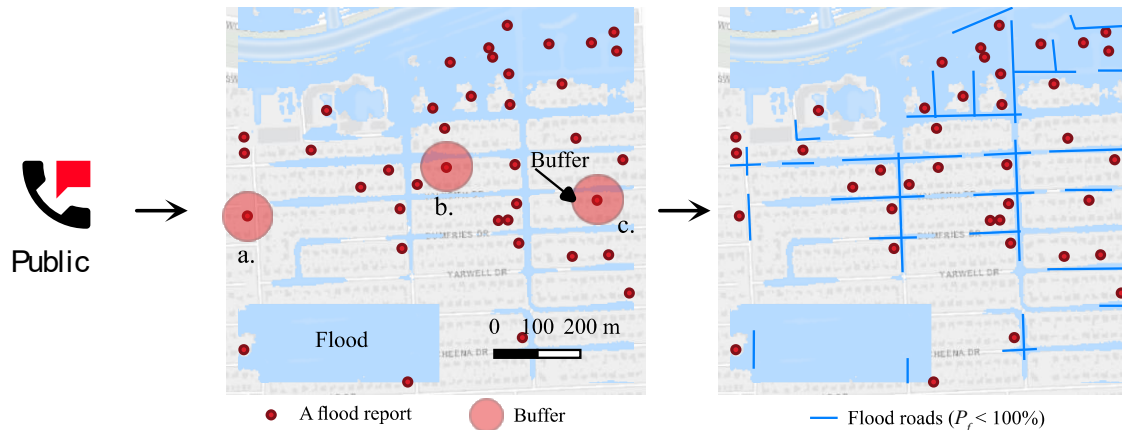


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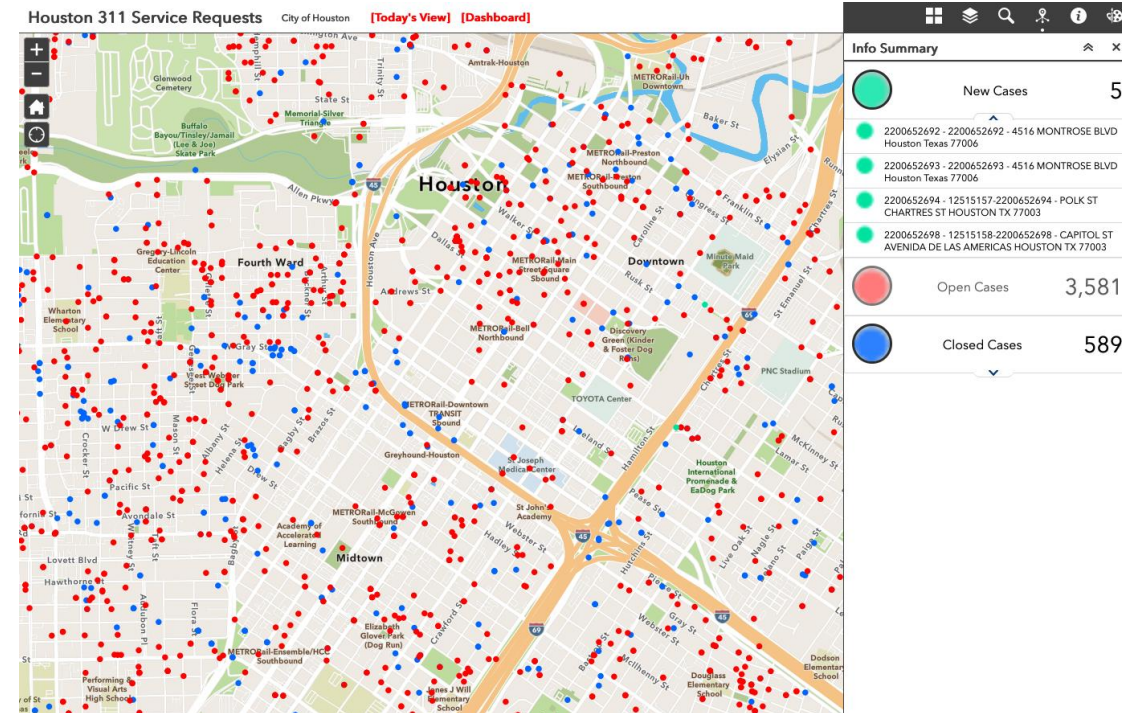


# Data Source: Citizen Service Portals

- Real-time data from a citizen service portal (Houston 311) is used to infer potential roadway conditions



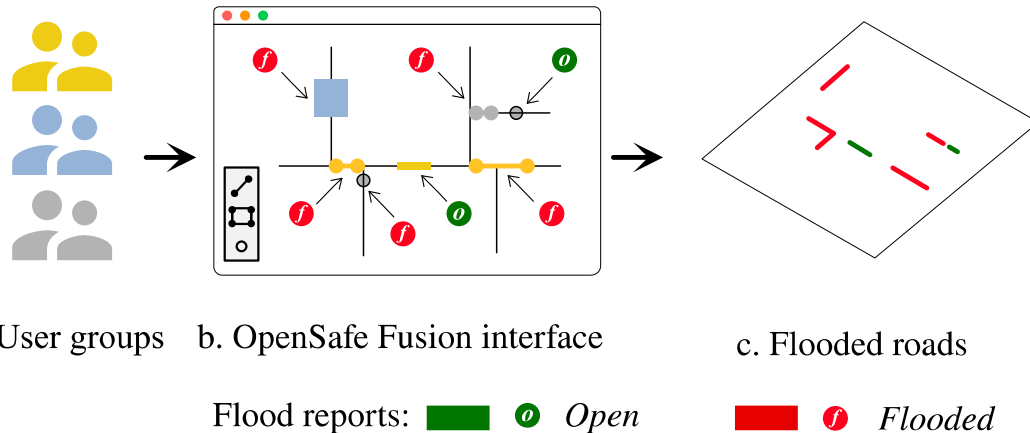
methodology to identify possibly flooded streets



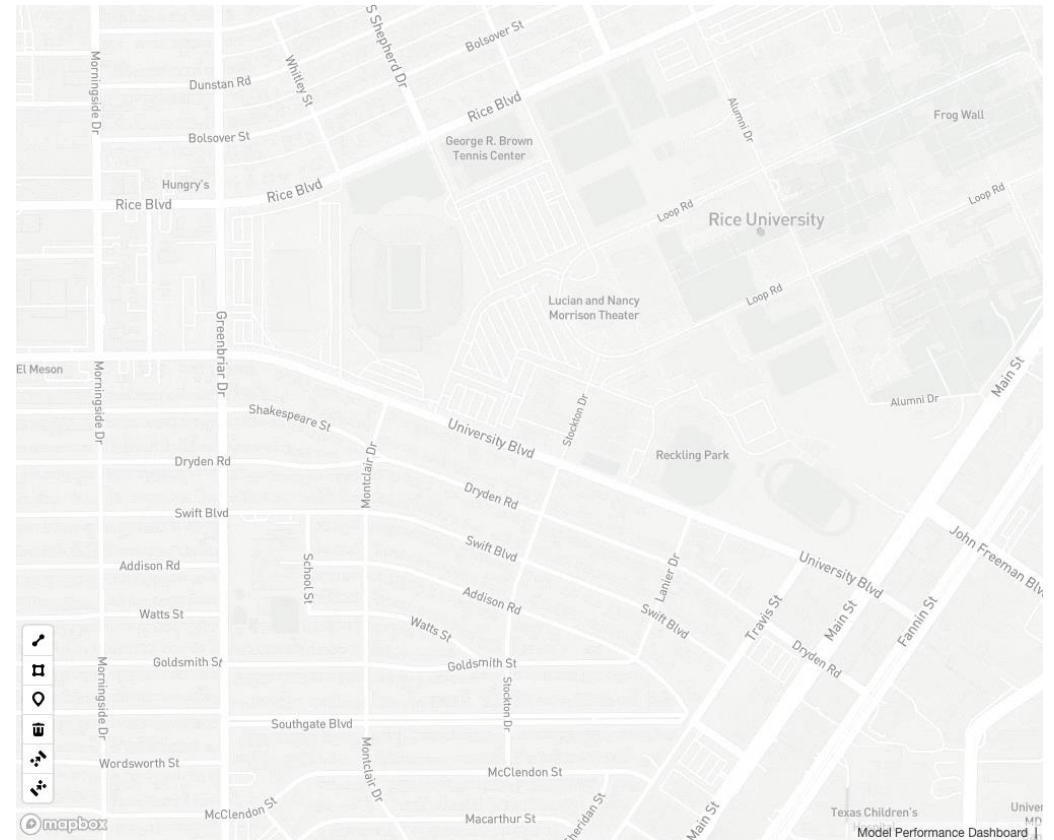
Houston 311 Citizen Service Requests

# Data Source: Crowdsourcing

- SAFE ROADS enables stakeholders to share information through a crowdsourcing interface
- Stakeholders are classified into three trust categories: high, moderate, and unknown



crowdsourcing framework

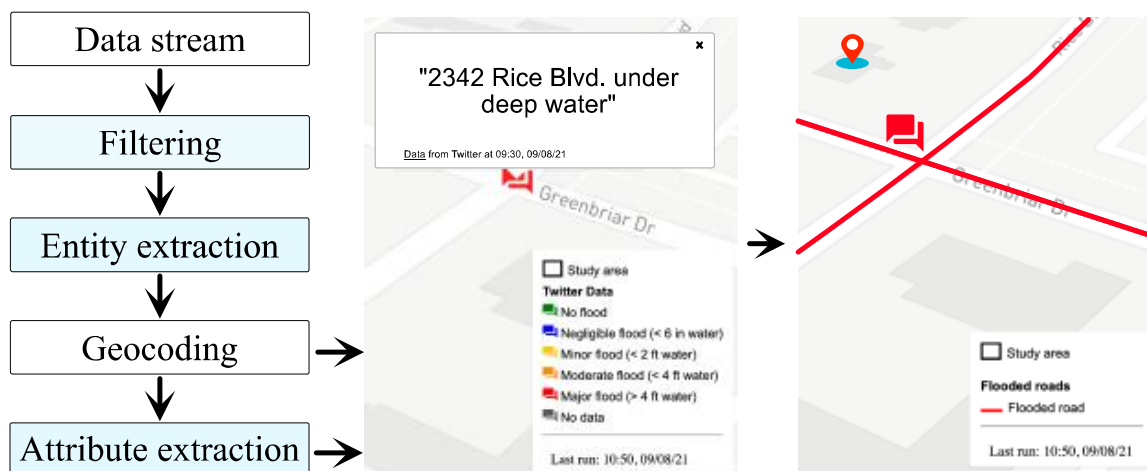


crowdsourcing interface



# Data Source: Social Media

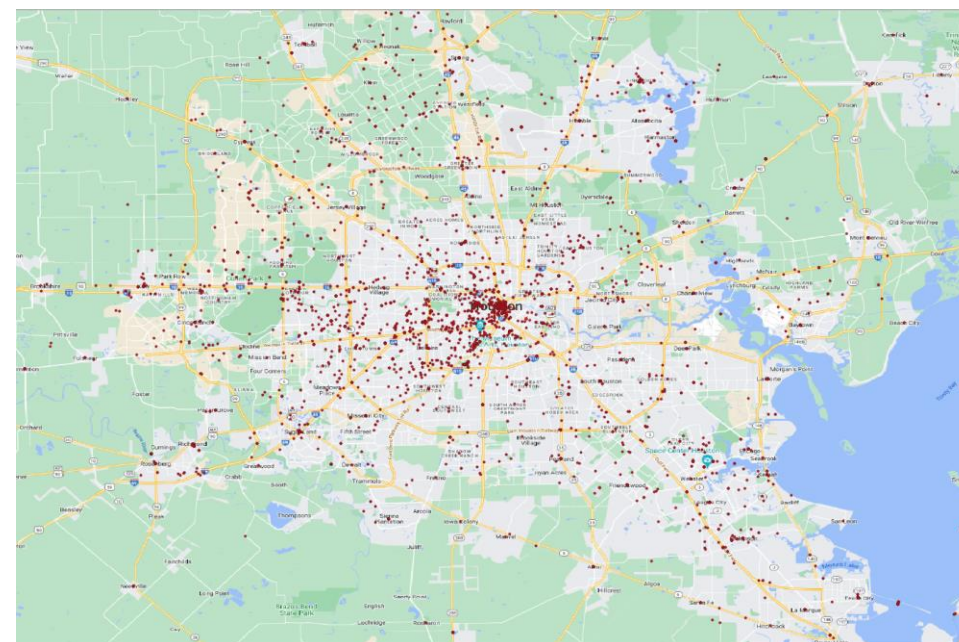
- Social media data can be used to extract information on road condition



Trained DL model

Flooded entity

social media conceptual methodology



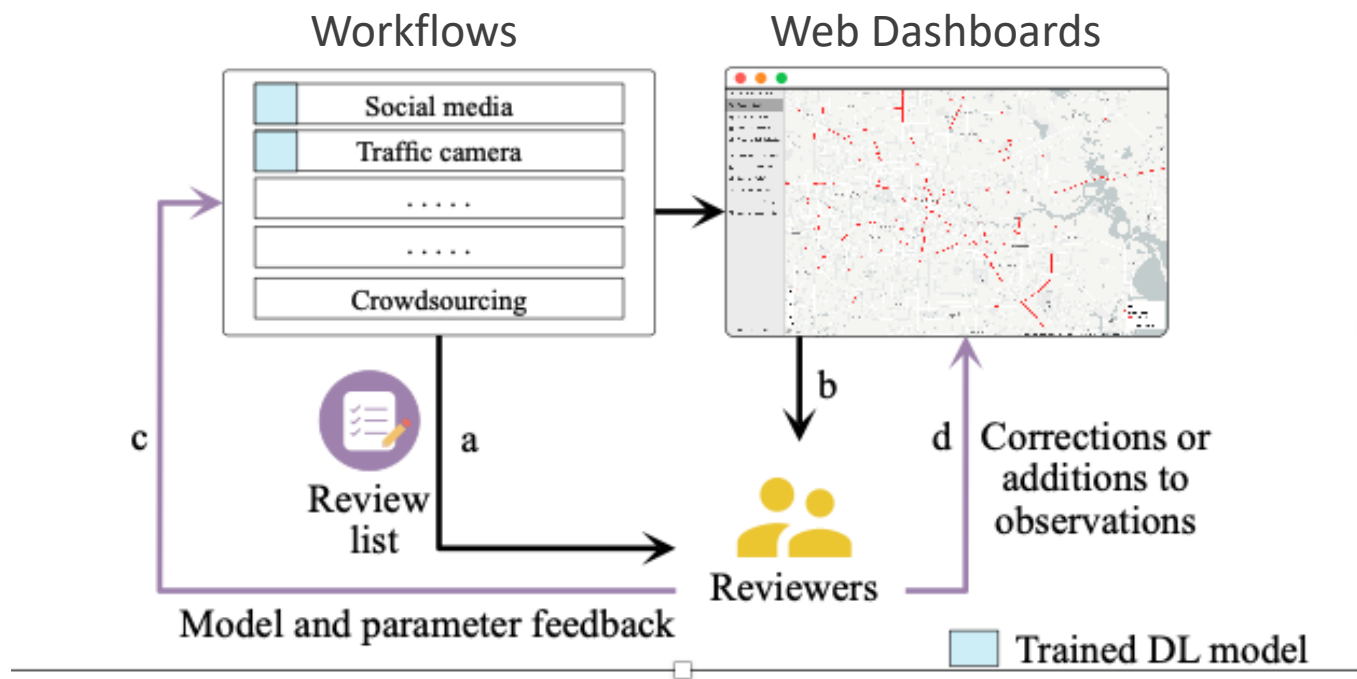
Spatial distribution of relevant tweets during Hurricane Harvey

Harvey dataset<sup>1</sup>, Annotated dataset<sup>2</sup>, Architecture<sup>3</sup>

1 Phillips, Mark Edward. Hurricane Harvey Twitter Dataset, dataset, 2017-08-18/2017-09-22; (<https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc993940/>), University of North Texas Libraries, UNT Digital Library, <https://digital.library.unt.edu> 2 Firoj Alam, Ferda Ofli, and Muhammad Imran, CrisisMMD: Multimodal Twitter Datasets from Natural Disasters, In Proceedings of the 12th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), 2018, Stanford, California, USA. 3. DistilBERT (via Hugging Face) + Google Geocoding API

# Data Source: Human-in-the-Loop

- SAFE ROADS uses human-in-the-loop strategy
- Principles of responsible and human-centered AI



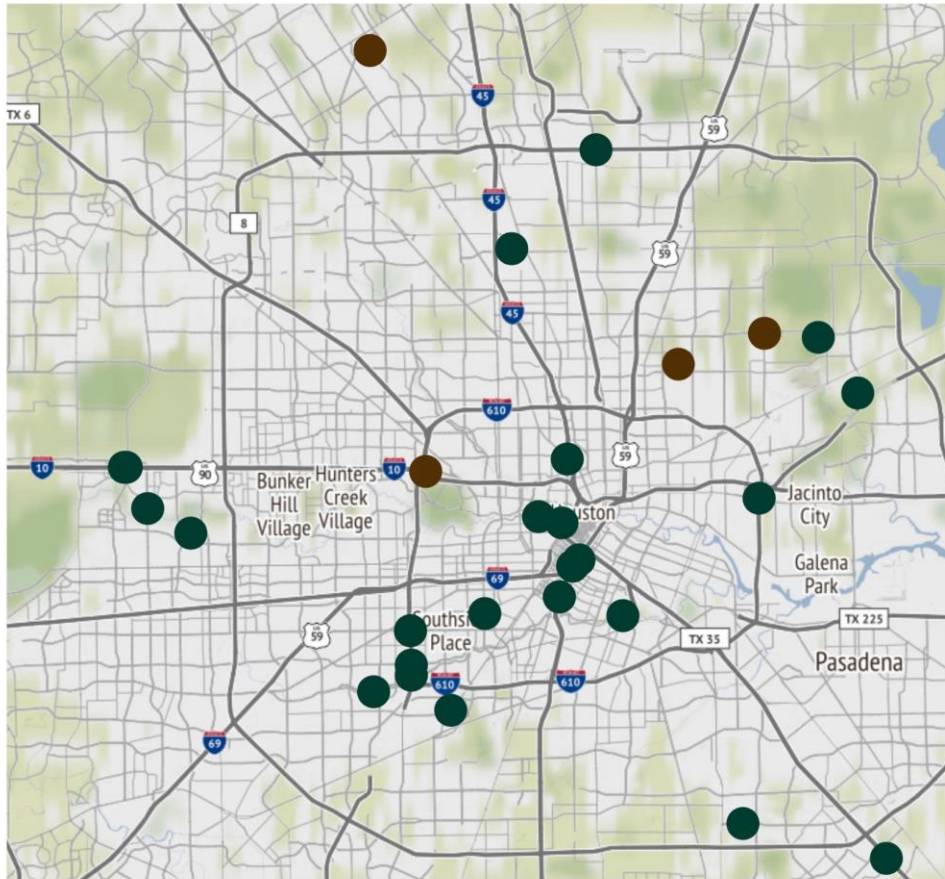
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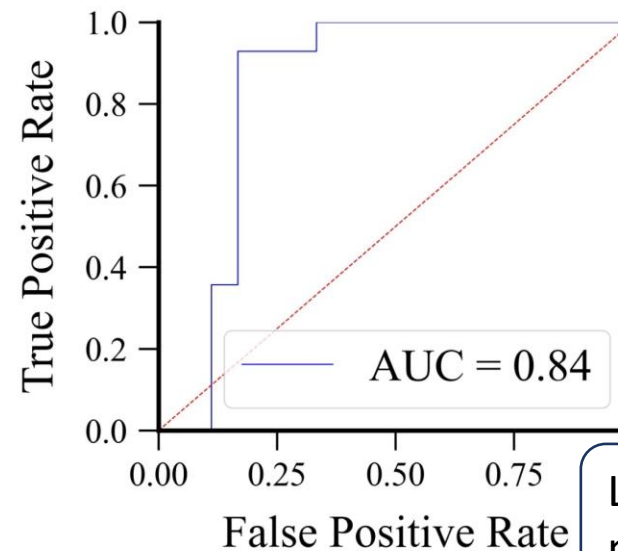
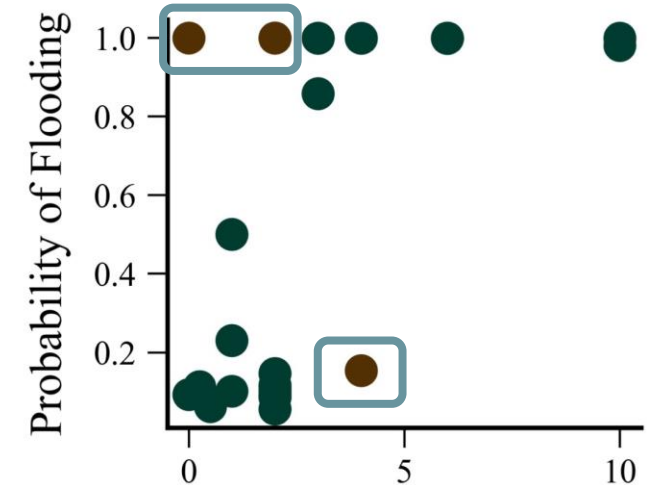
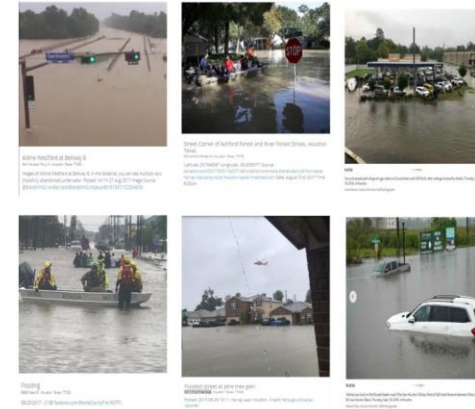
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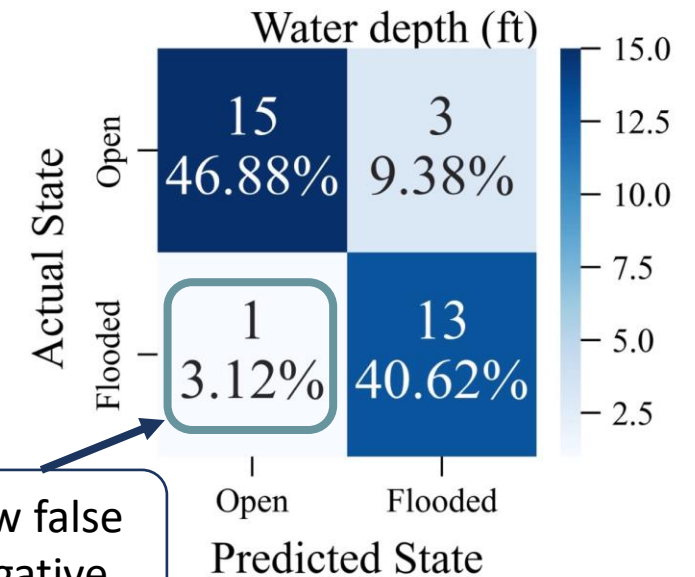
# Results from Hurricane Harvey Validation



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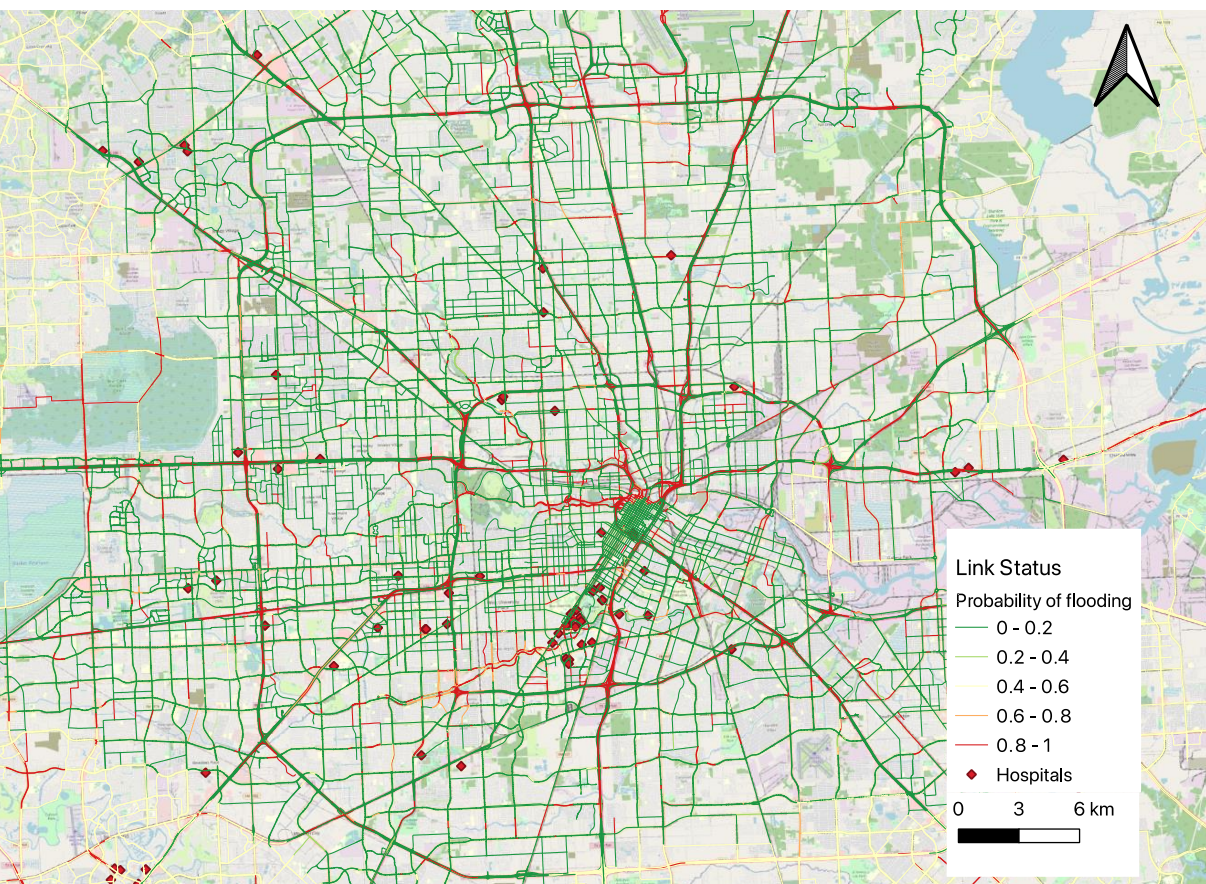


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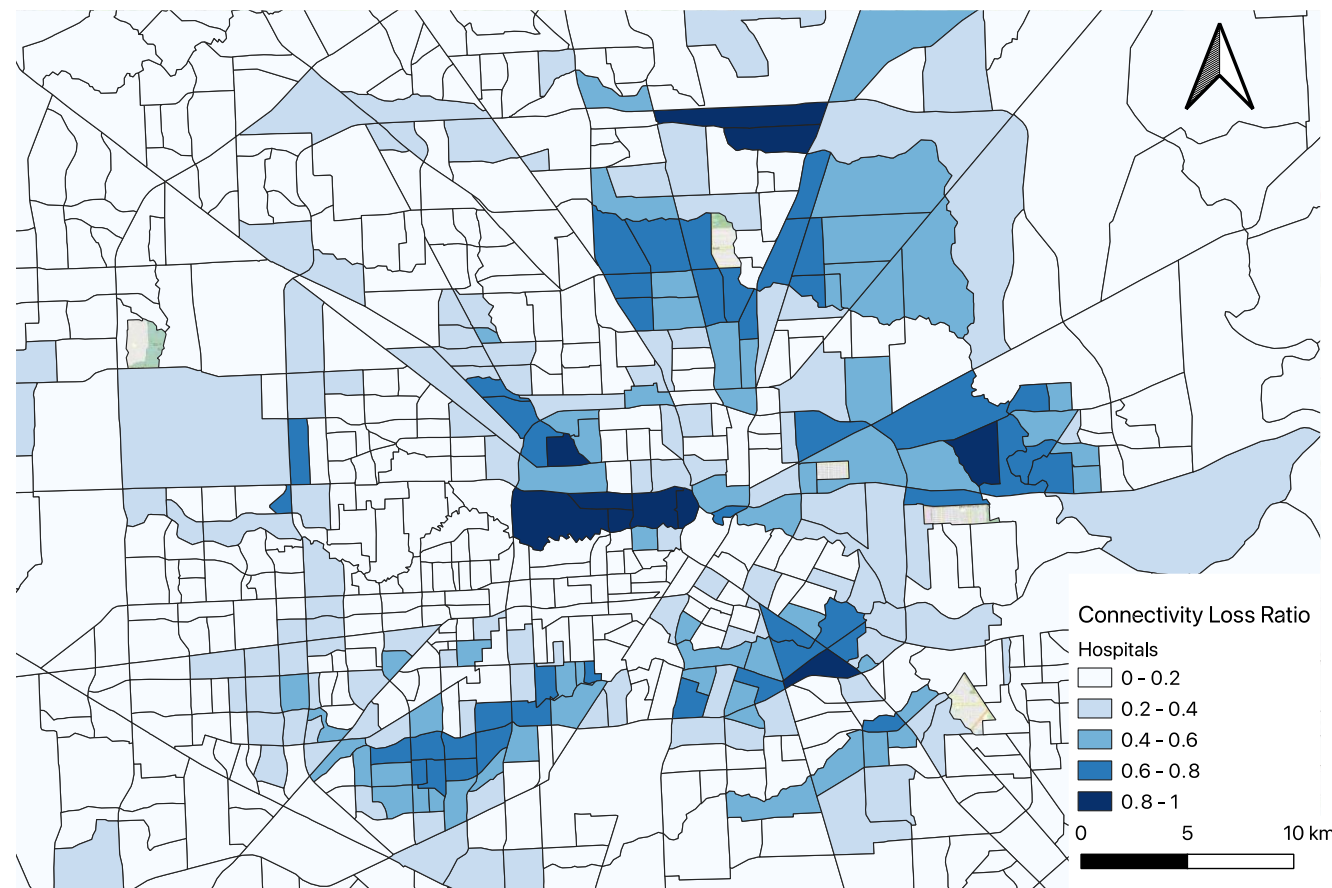




# Results: Road Condition Data and Network Impacts



can track the status of 37,000+ links  
(example from Hurricane Harvey at time 8/28/2017 5 am)

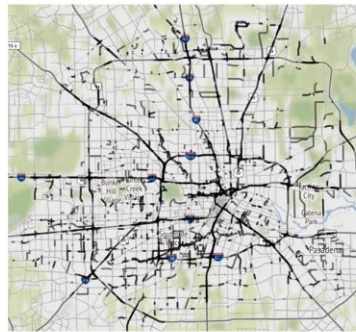


Network-level impacts of flooding on access to hospitals



# OpenSafe Fusion Can Facilitate Reliable and Equitable Flood Sensing

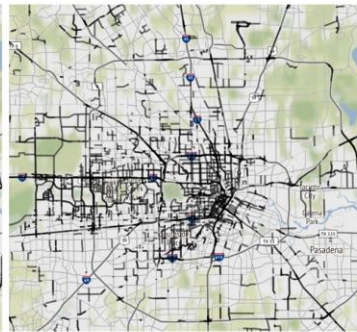
- Communities can use their existing sources to improve situational awareness
- Equitable situational awareness data



a. Flood reports from OpenSafe Mobility



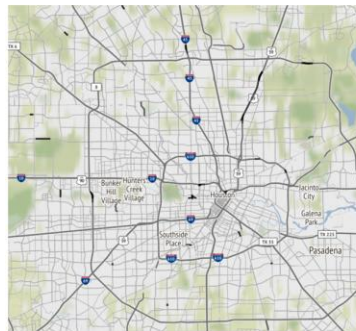
b. TxDOT flood reports



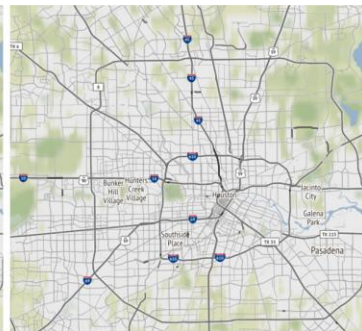
c. UFlood reports



d. CoH 311 observations



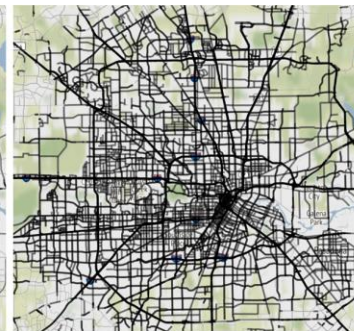
e. Roads inferred from gages



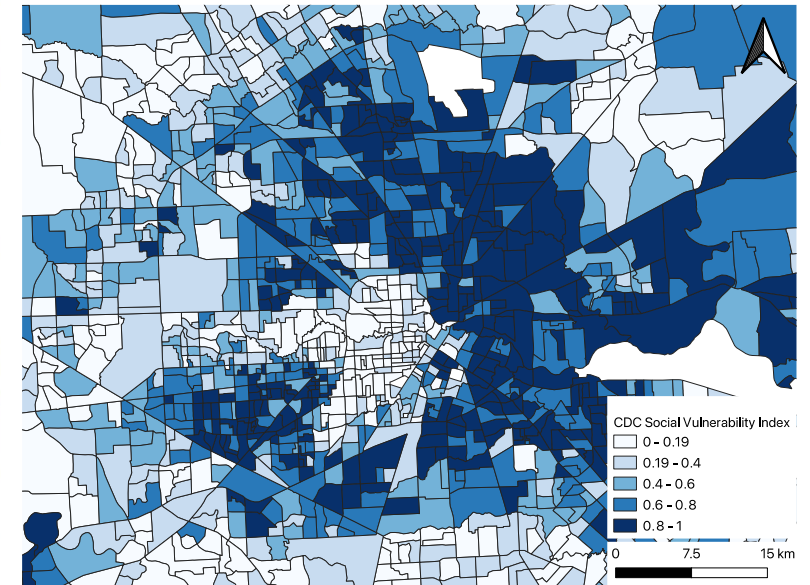
f. Observations from Camera



g. Roads from Traffic speed data



h. All roads observed by OpenSafe Fusion



Improved data availability by fusing observations from existing sources



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# Background: OCU Infrastructure

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*Orange County Utilities provides water resources and solid waste recovery services to protect and enrich the lives of the citizens and guests of Orange County*

## Population Served

- Water: 855,000
- Wastewater: 1,098,000
- Reclaimed Water: 415,000
- Solid Waste: 660,000

## Service Area

- Over 660 Square miles

## Major infrastructure

- 12 Water Treatment Plants
- 4 Regional Water Reclamation Facilities
- 870+ Wastewater Pump Stations
- Landfill and 2 Solid Waste Transfer Stations







# OCU Storm Preparations & Recovery

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- Goal of providing continuity of services and avoiding sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs)
- Orange County Utilities storm preparations and recovery involve deploying and staging resources throughout a large service area
- Is there a better way?

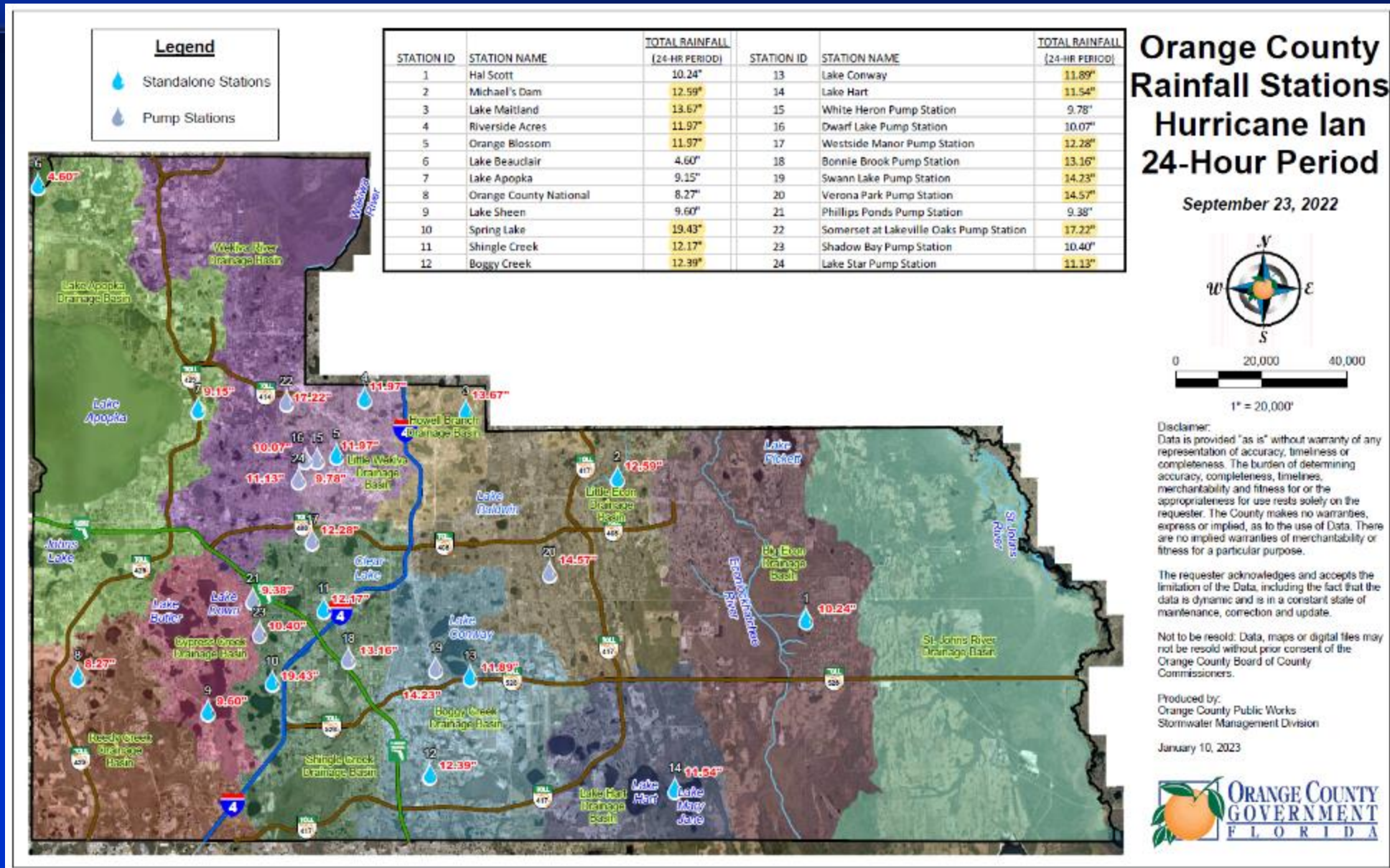






# Hurricane Ian Rainfall Totals

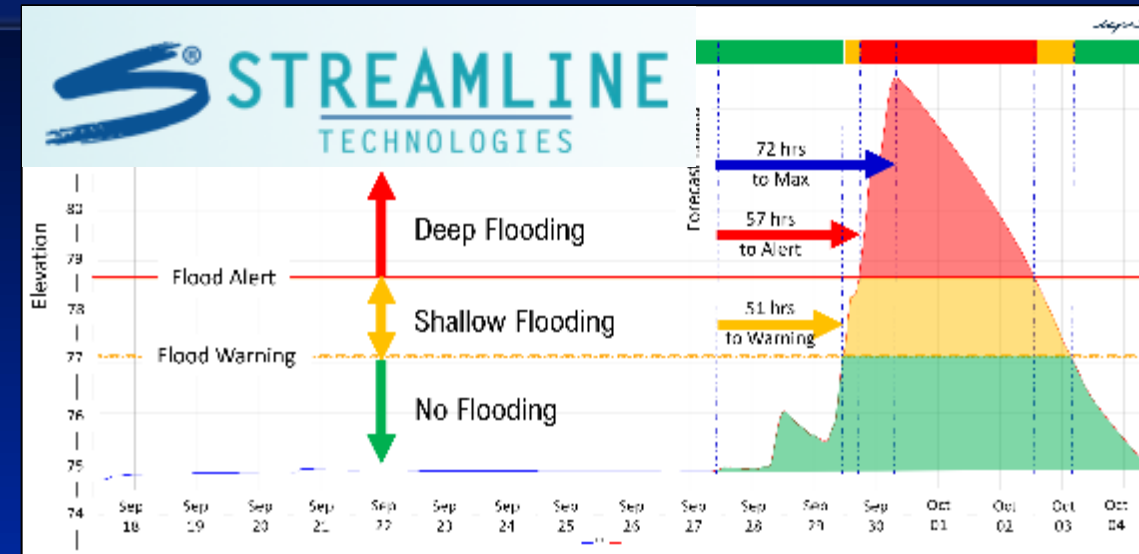
- Almost 20" rainfall in a 24 - hour period in parts of Orange County
- 4.6" in other parts
- Not your uniform design storm!
- Flooding in areas outside the floodplain





## FloodWise Flood Forecasting

- Real-Time: Indicating what's happening right now based on surface and groundwater modeling
- Flood Forecasting: Predicting flooding up to 3 days in advance of storms based on forecasted rainfall
- Tied to NOAAs forecast and to Surge and Tidal Operational Forecast System (STOFS)
- Flooding at Street Level: Flood depths and durations at streets, homes, buildings, and critical infrastructure



- Identified “Risk Points” & critical elevations
  - 870 pump stations
  - 12 water supply facilities
  - 4 regional water reclamation facilities
  - 4 storage/repump & booster pumps



# Rouse Road Master Pump Station

## Fiscal Benefits Example

- Master Wastewater Pump Station sustained \$7 million in damage during Hurricane Ian
- If RTFF models had been in place, the pump station could have been protected and the damage prevented or mitigated





# Plan Emergency Preparedness

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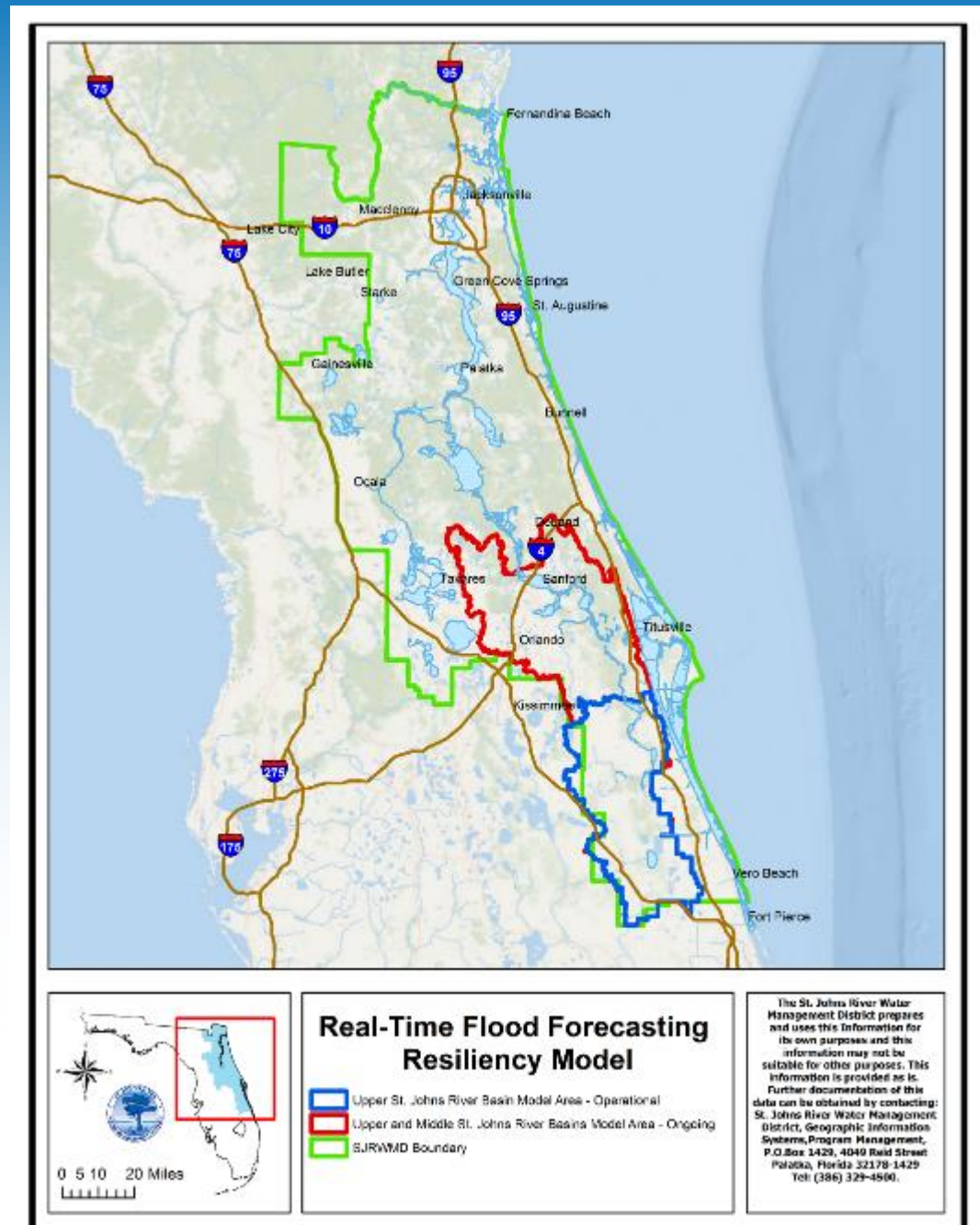


# Upper & Middle St. Johns River Basin RTFF Model (Ongoing)

- Project goal:
  - Provide forecasts of water levels, flows, and flood inundations up to 10 days in advance
- Capabilities:
  - Forecast flood conditions at key water bodies and roads
- Completion date:
  - Upper – September 2024
  - Middle – October 2027 (Anticipated)



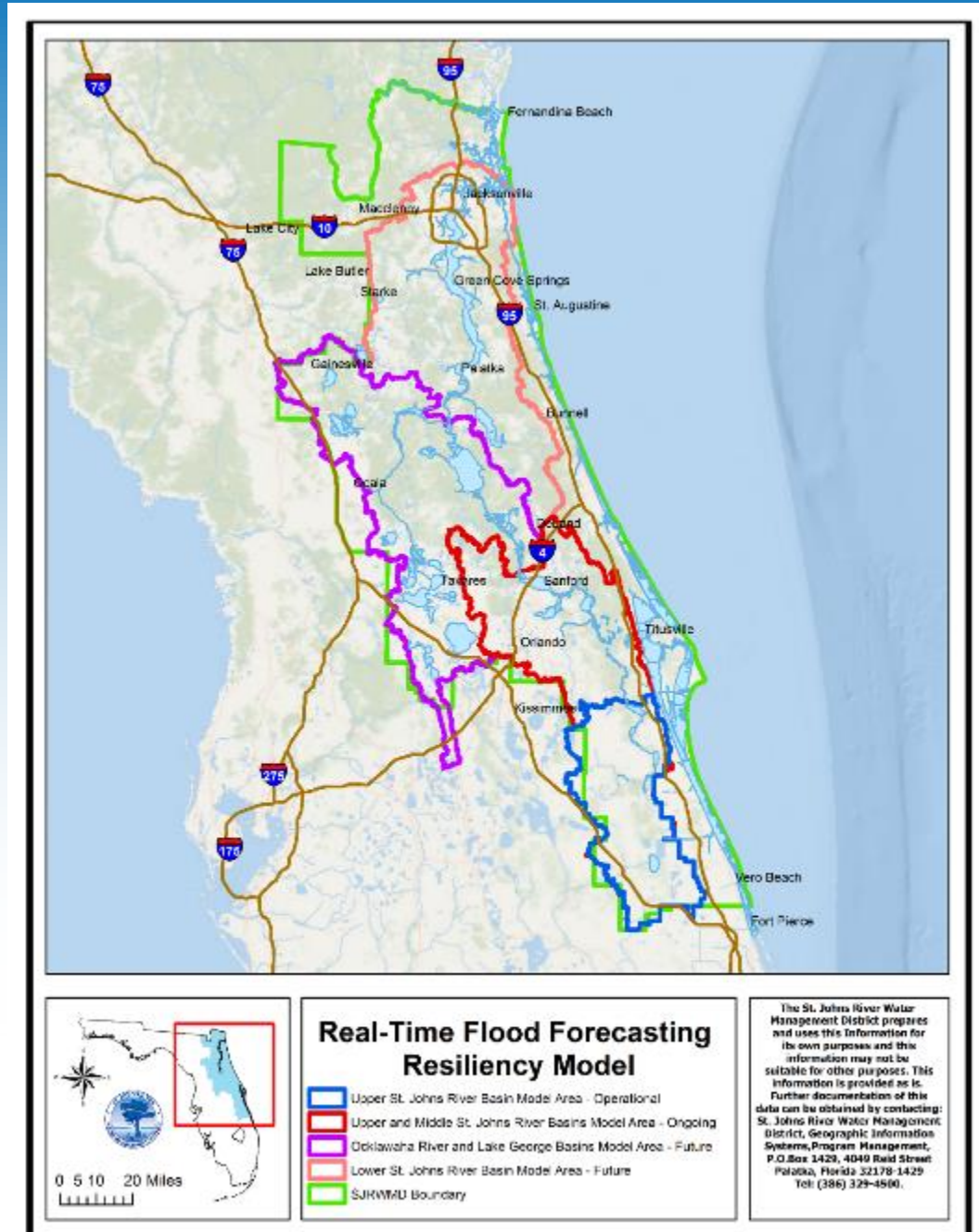
**St. Johns River**  
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# Future RTFF Models

- Project goal:
  - Expand the model to cover the entire St. Johns River
  - Incorporate real time structural operations

Model	Funding	Anticipated Completion Date	Capabilities
Lake George Basin & Ocklawaha River Basin	SJRWMD plans to apply for a Resilient Florida Grant in 2026	September 2030	Forecast flood conditions at key water bodies and roads
Lower St. Johns River Basin	SJRWMD plans to apply for a Resilient Florida Grant in 2027	September 2031	Forecast flood conditions at key water bodies and roads



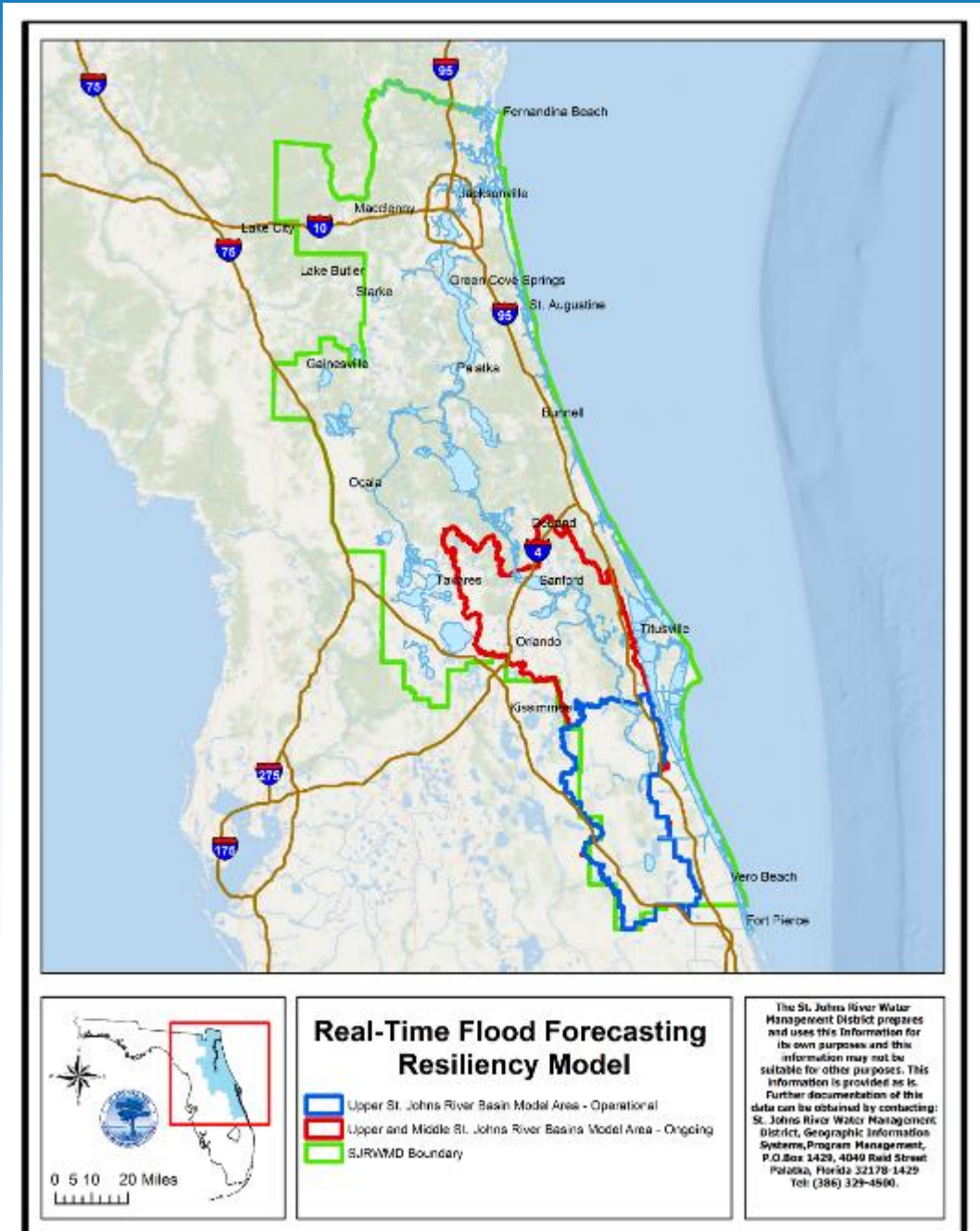


# Hurricane Exercise Collaboration (Future)

- Project goal:
  - Support the annual hurricane exercise to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities
- Capabilities:
  - Forecast flood conditions from a hypothetical hurricane event
  - Provide forecasted flood stages and inundation extents before, during, and after the event
- Funding: SJRWMD
- Tentative date: May 2025 or 2026



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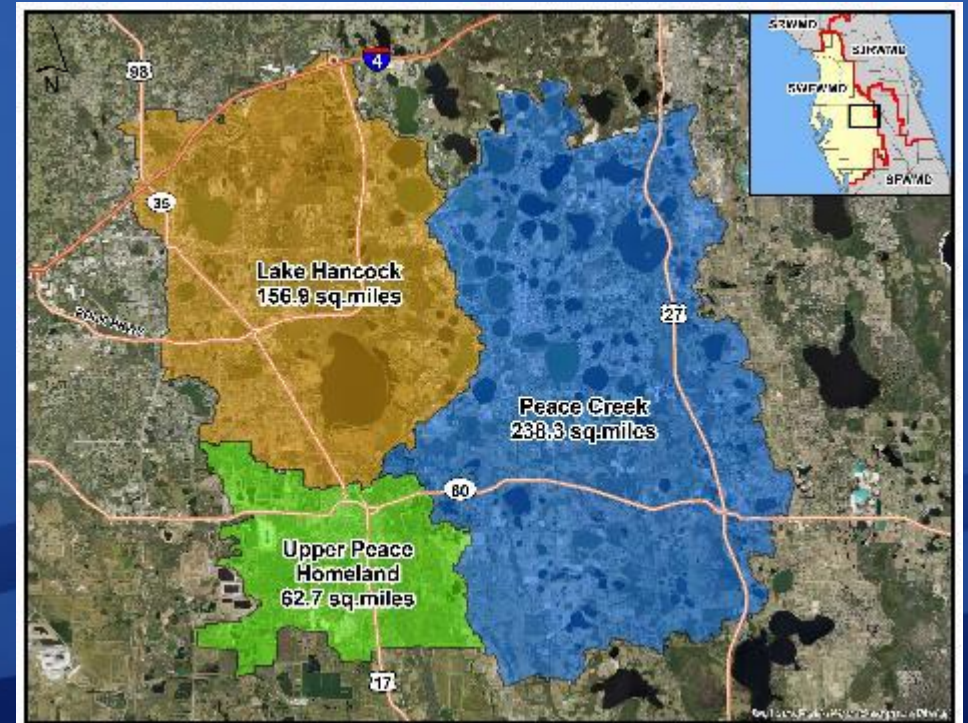
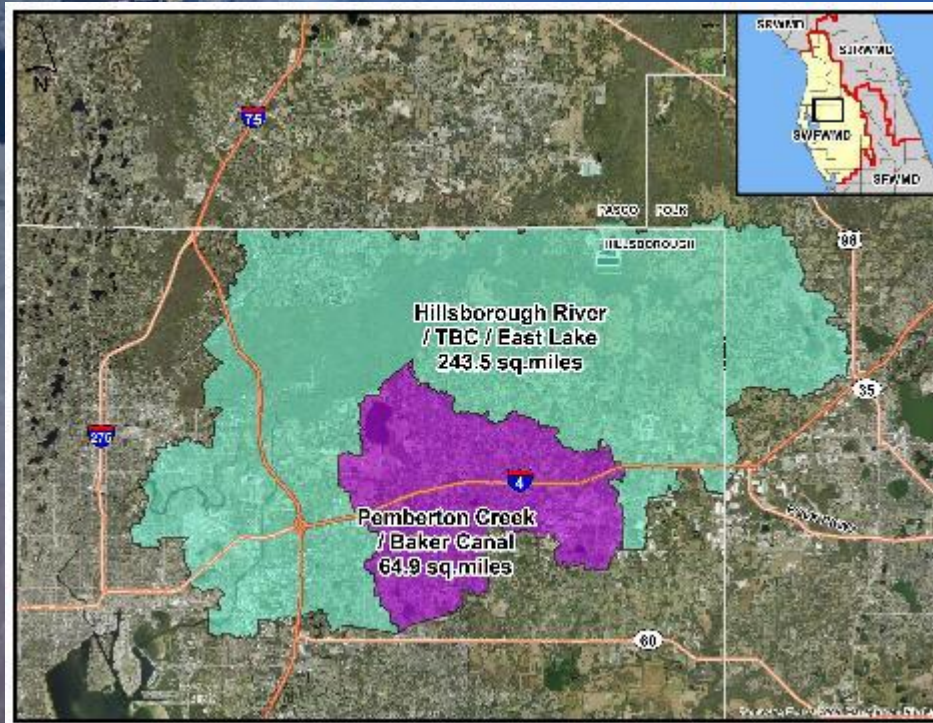


# Ongoing District Initiative Projects

Hillsborough River RTFF

Flint Creek RTFF

Upper Peace River RTFF





# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## (Q431) PINELLAS COUNTY RTFF – PHASE 1

- Real Time Flood Forecasting project for Brooker Creek, Lake Tarpon and South Creek watersheds
- Combining existing models with future rainfall and surge predictions
- Assist in prediction of water levels upstream of District water control structure S-551
- \$600,000 (\$300,000 District)
- Score 90

