



St. Bernard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Meeting

August 13, 2015
Chalmette, LA



Agenda

- Hazard Mitigation Planning Process – SDMI Staff
- Risk Assessment – SDMI Staff
- Update on Previous/Current Mitigation Projects – St. Bernard Parish OHSEP
- Public Outreach Activities – SDMI Staff/St. Bernard Parish OHSEP



Hazard Mitigation

- Protect public safety and prevent loss of life and injury;
- Help accomplish community objectives, such as leveraging capital improvements, infrastructure protection, open space preservation, and economic resiliency;
- Prevent damage to a community's economic, cultural and environmental assets;
- Minimize operational downtime and accelerate recovery of government and the private sector after an event



Why are we required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000)

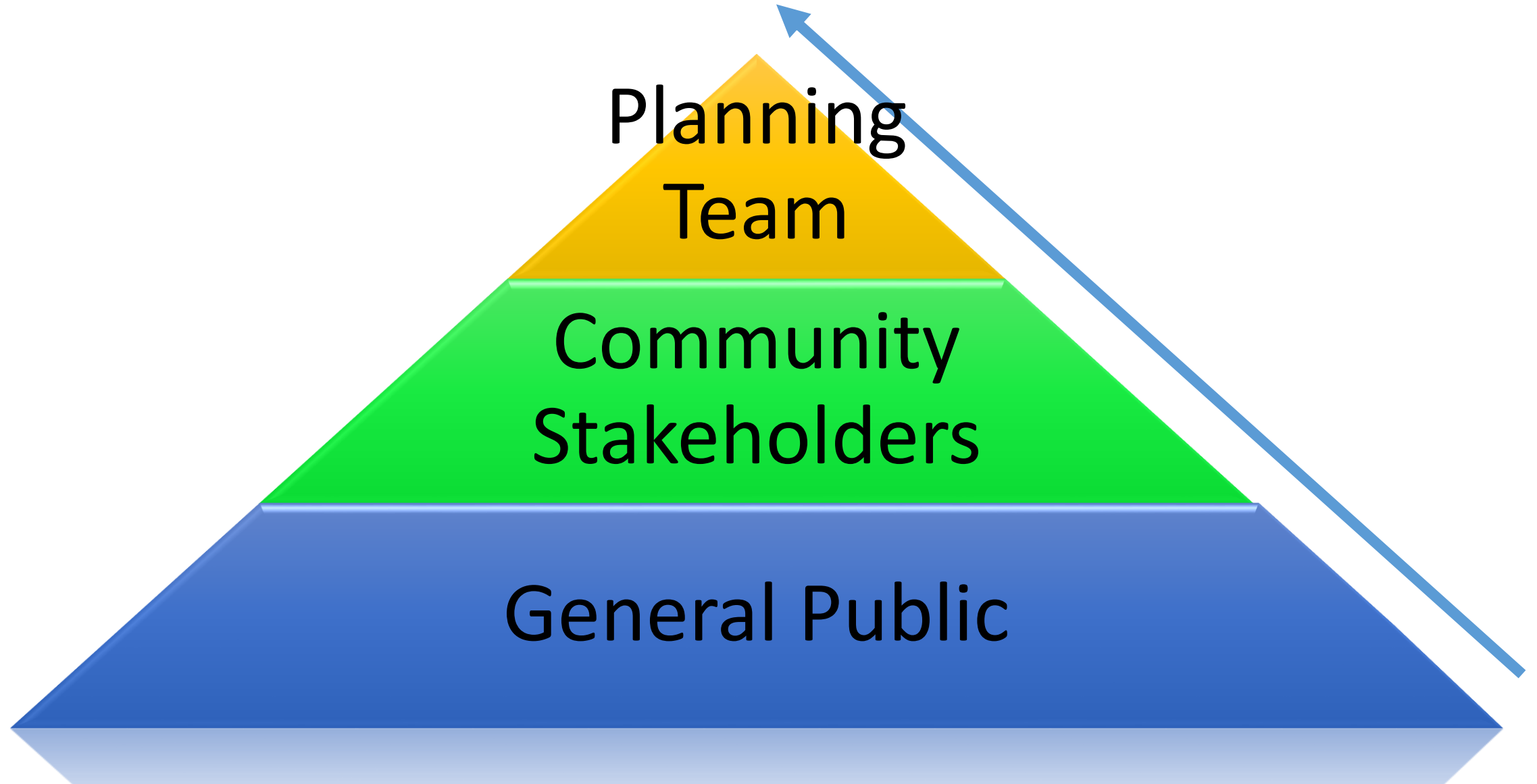
Section 322 of the Act specifically addresses mitigation planning and requires state and local governments to prepare multi-hazard migration plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.

- 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. Bernard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow for distribution of HM funding following future disasters.

Collaborative Planning Approach



Planning Development



New Plan Layout

- Section 1: Introduction
 - Updated demographics
 - Economics
 - Update parish/jurisdiction descriptions
- Section 2: Hazard Identification and Parishwide Risk Assessment
- Section 3: Capability Assessment
- Section 4: Mitigation Strategies
 - New actions
 - Action updates
 - Survey results



New Plan Layout

- Appendix A: Planning Process
- Appendix B: Plan Maintenance
- Appendix C: Parish Essential Facilities
- Appendix D: Plan Adoption
- Appendix E: State Required Worksheets



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 (previous plan)

- Flooding
- Hurricanes
- Thunderstorms
- Hailstorms
- Land Subsidence
- Levee Failure
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires
- Hazardous Materials Incidents



Risk Assessment: Hazard Identification

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



Risk Assessment: Analyze Risk and Summarize Vulnerability

- Risk analysis involves evaluating vulnerable assets, describing potential impacts, and estimating losses for each hazard.
- This helps the community understand the greatest risks facing the area.
- Methods can include exposure risk analysis, historical analysis and scenario analysis.
- Through the risk analysis the community should be able to verbalize or create problem statements about the identified risks.

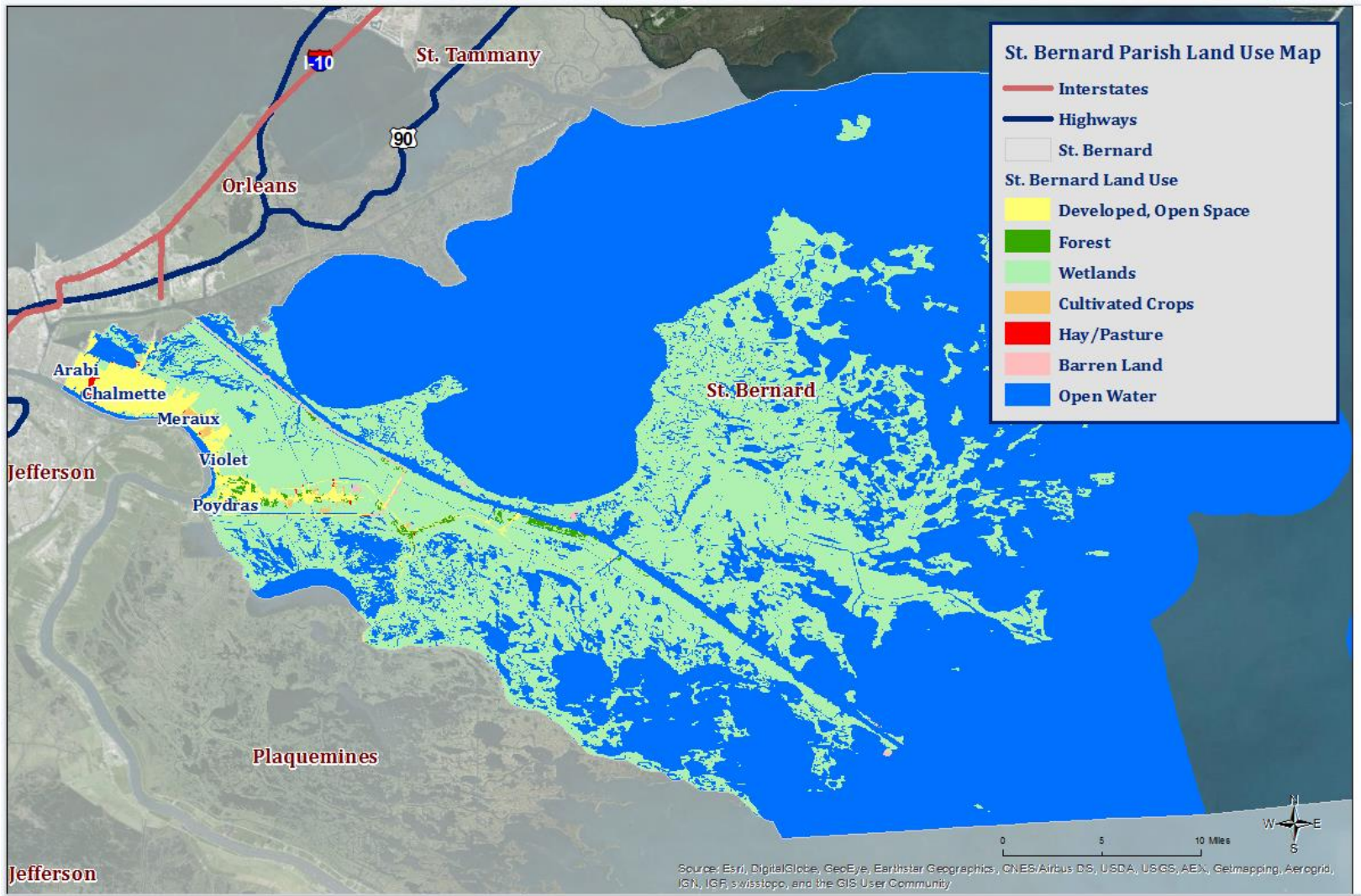


Risk Assessment: Hazards Identified

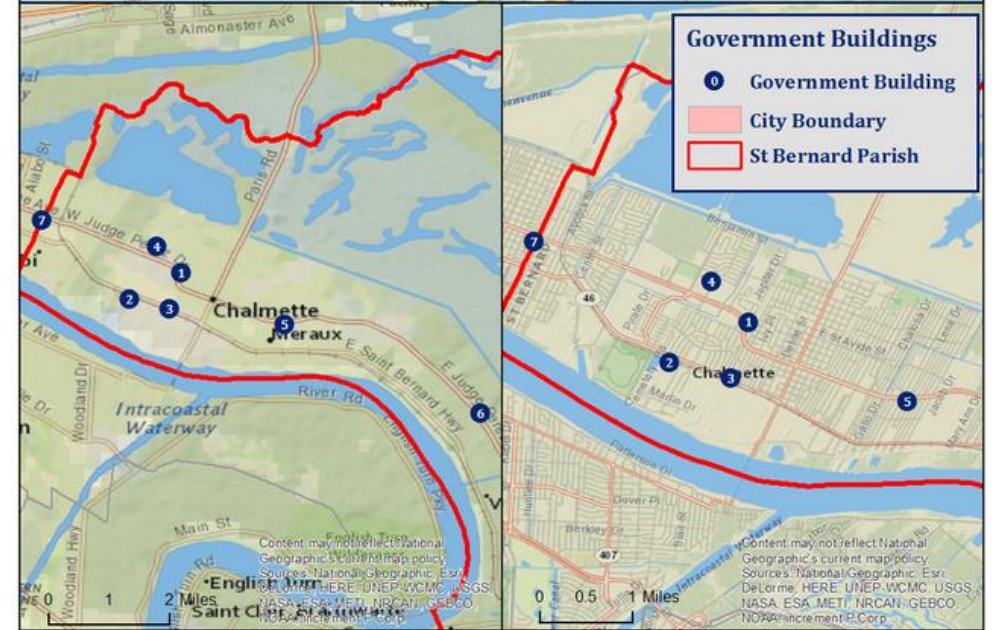
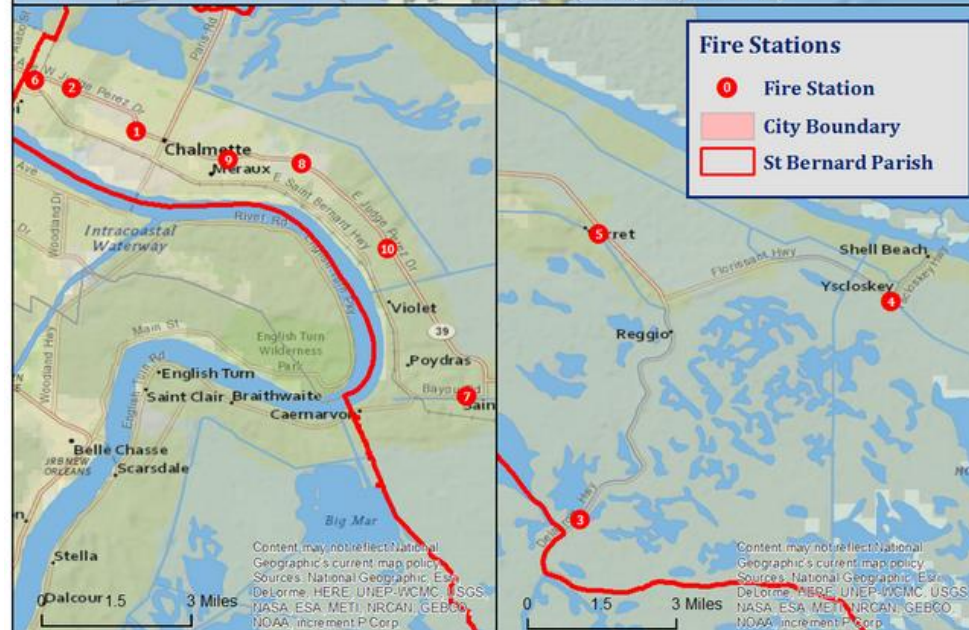
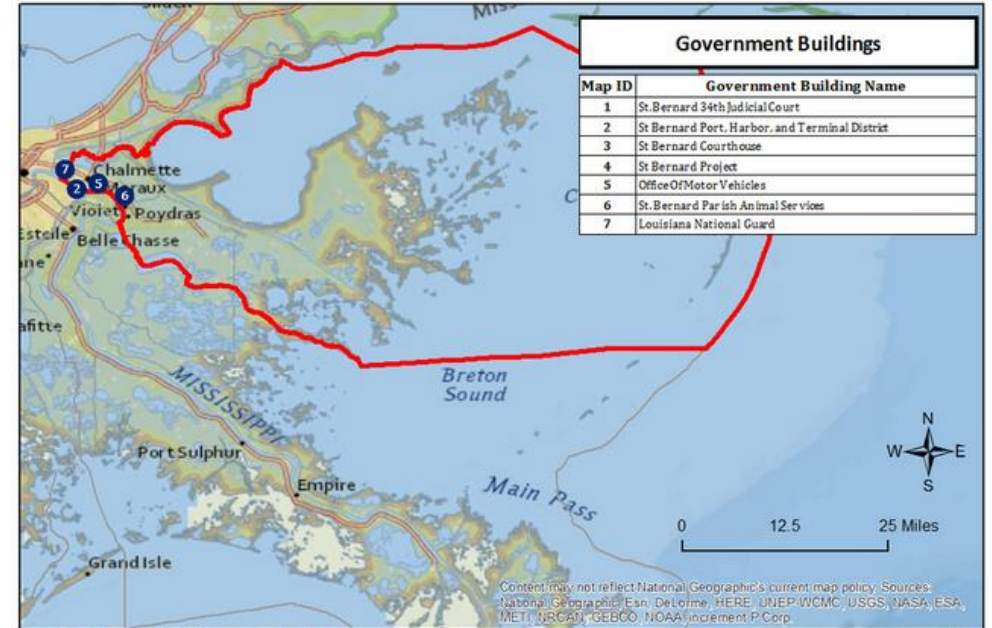
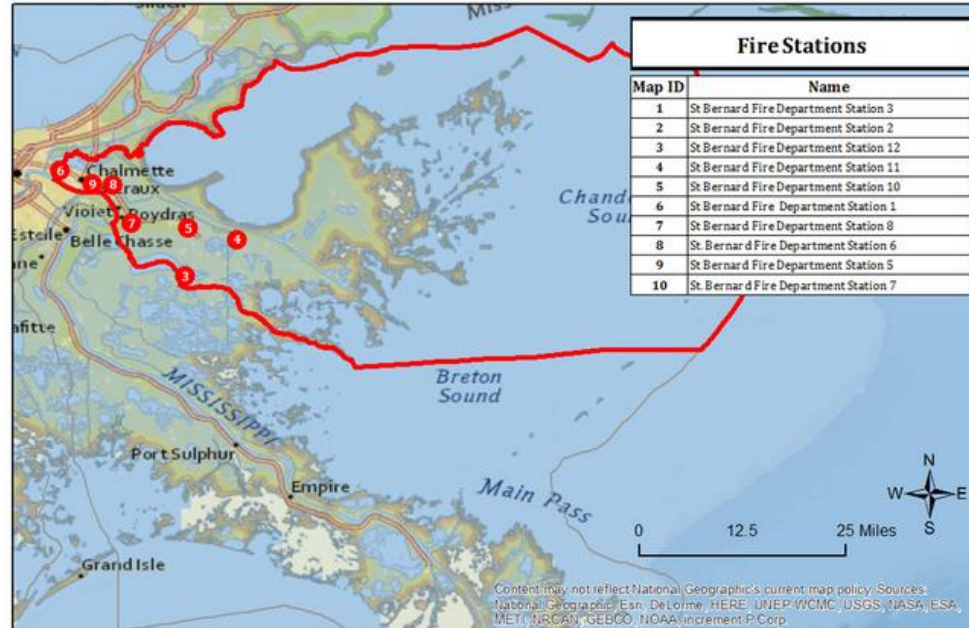
- These natural hazards were selected based on an assessment of the overall impact (geographic extent, magnitude, probability, and exacerbating or mitigating conditions) affecting Beauregard Parish;
- The hazards that pose the greatest potential for a negative impact are:
 - Flooding, Sinkholes, Subsidence/Saltwater Intrusion, Tropical Cyclones, Thunderstorms

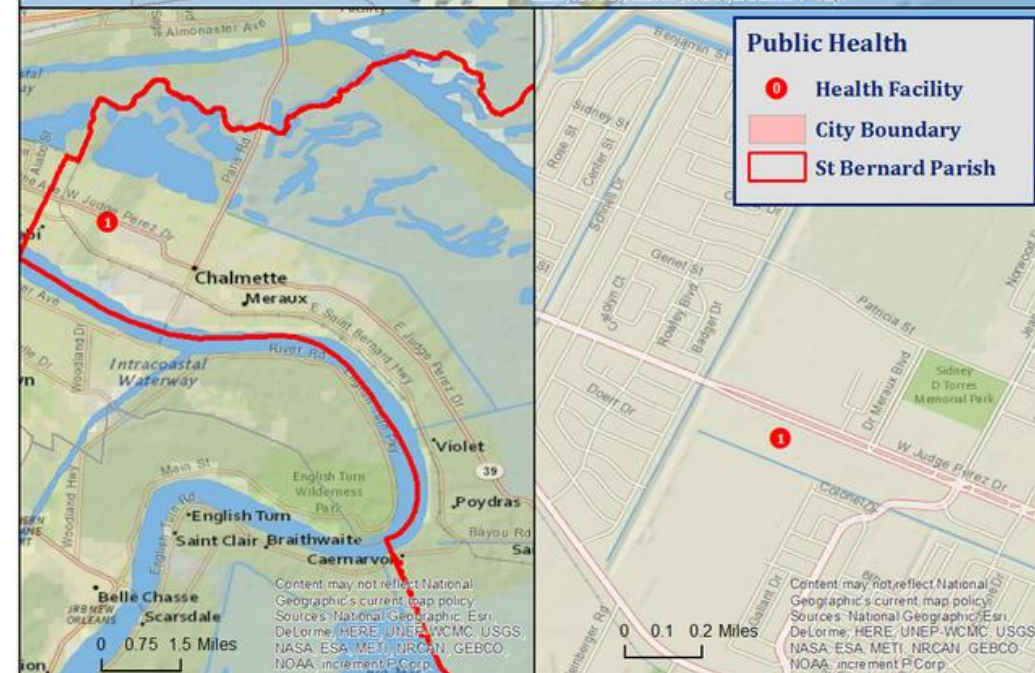
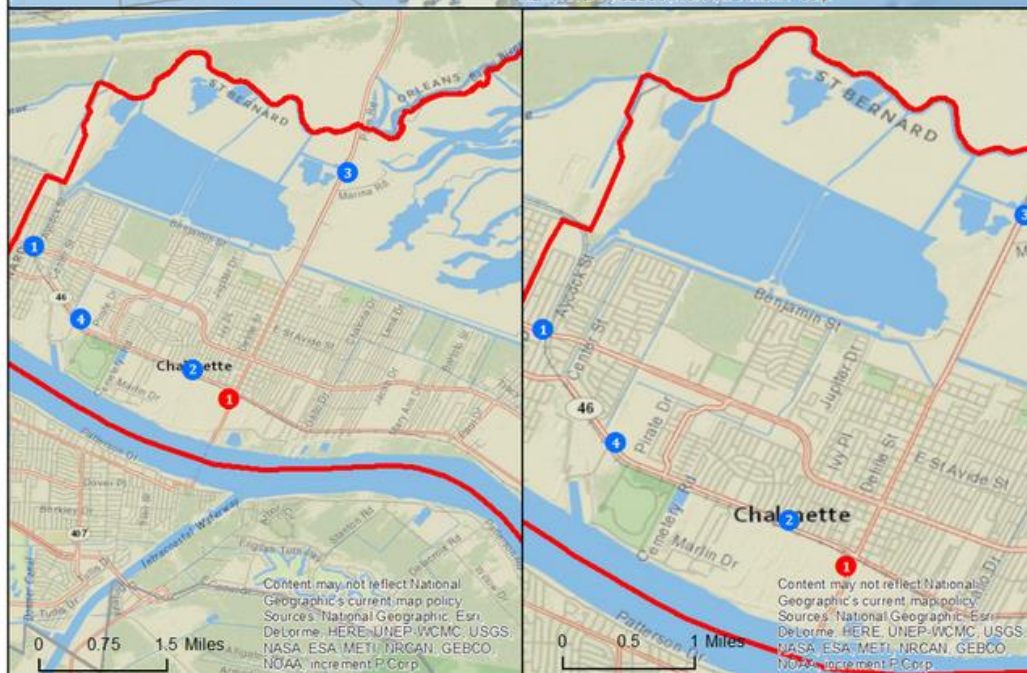
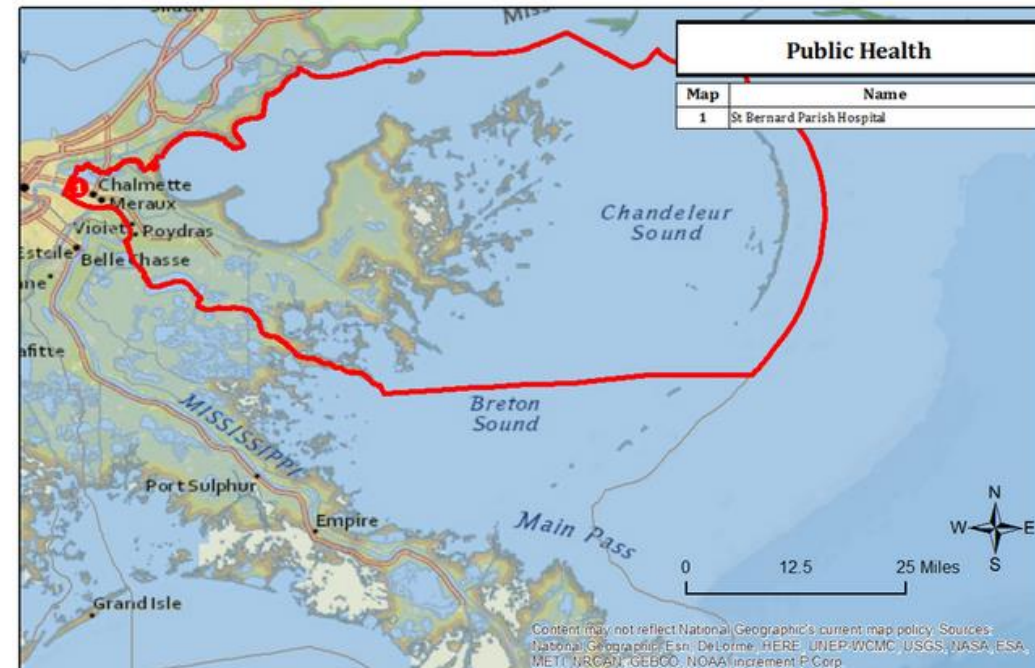
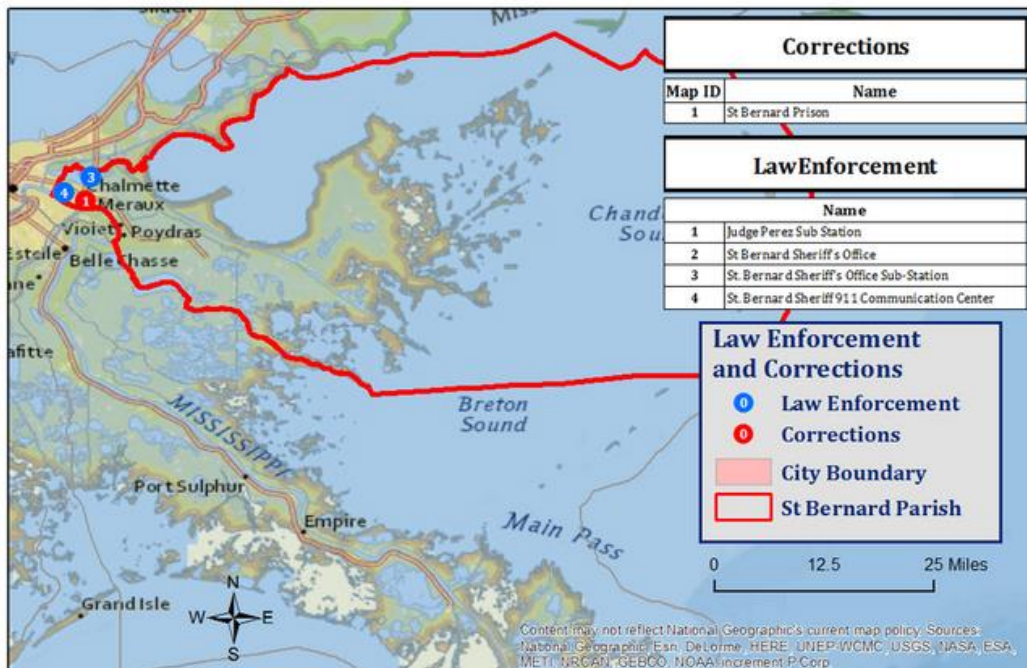


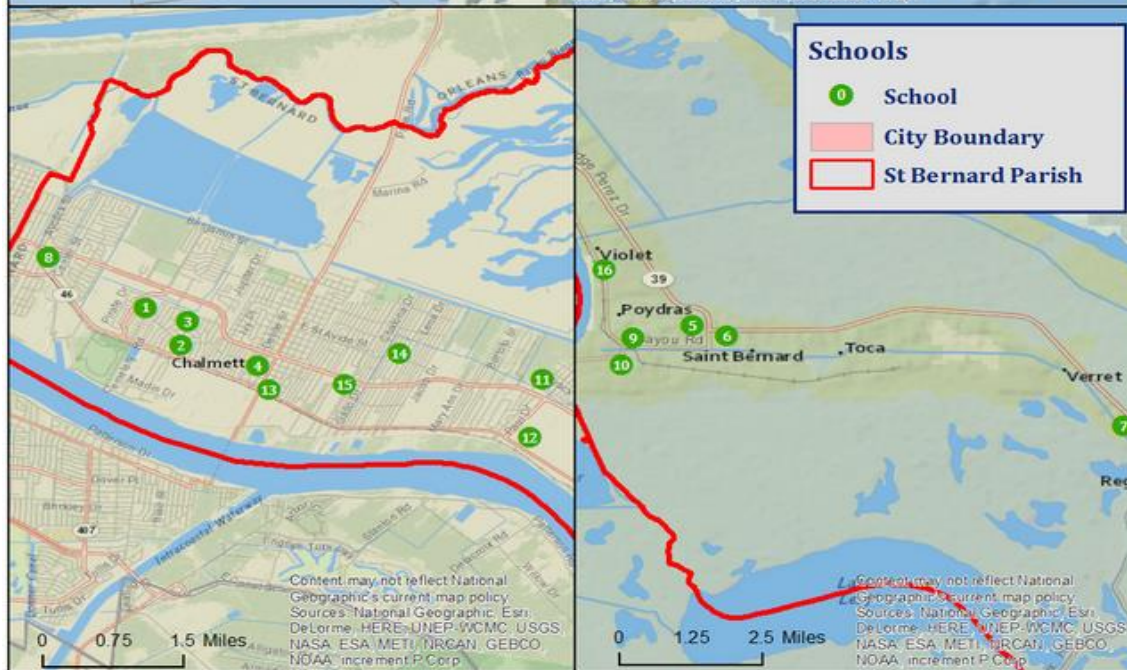
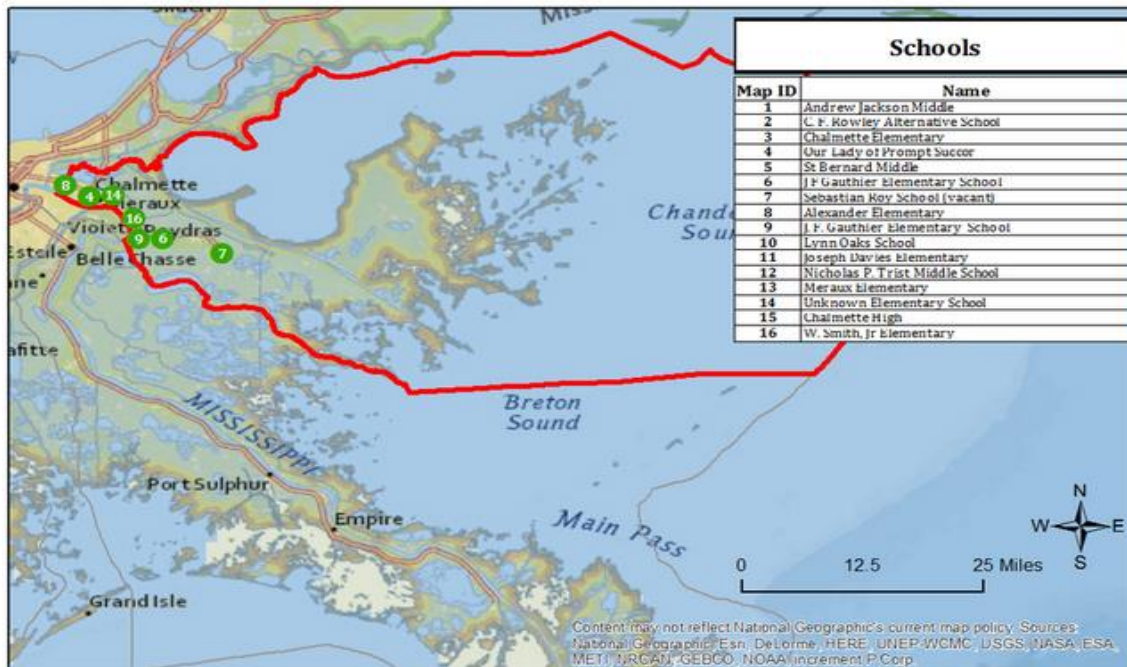
St. Bernard Parish – Land Use Map



St. Bernard Parish – Essential Facilities







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

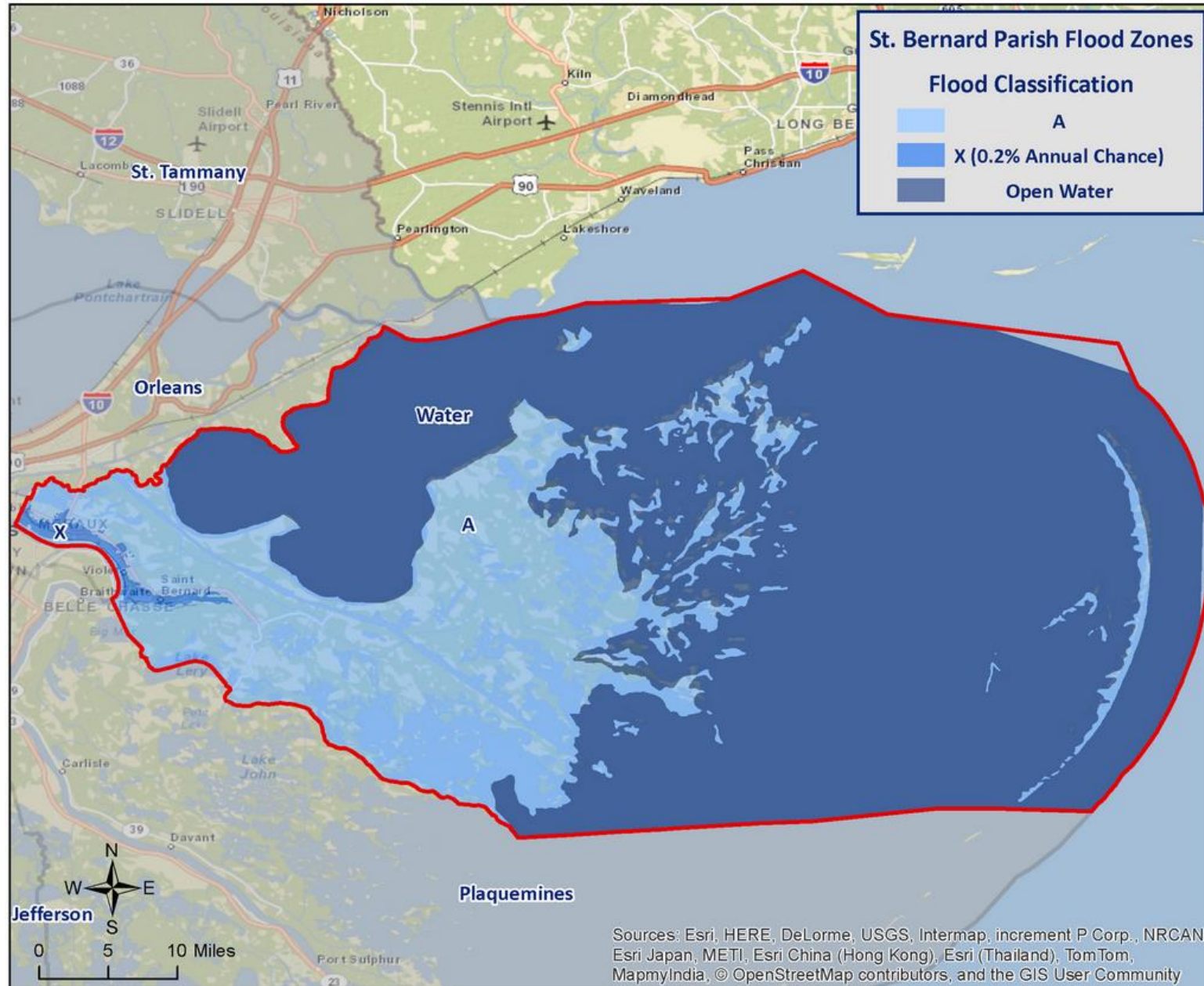


Repetitive Flooding

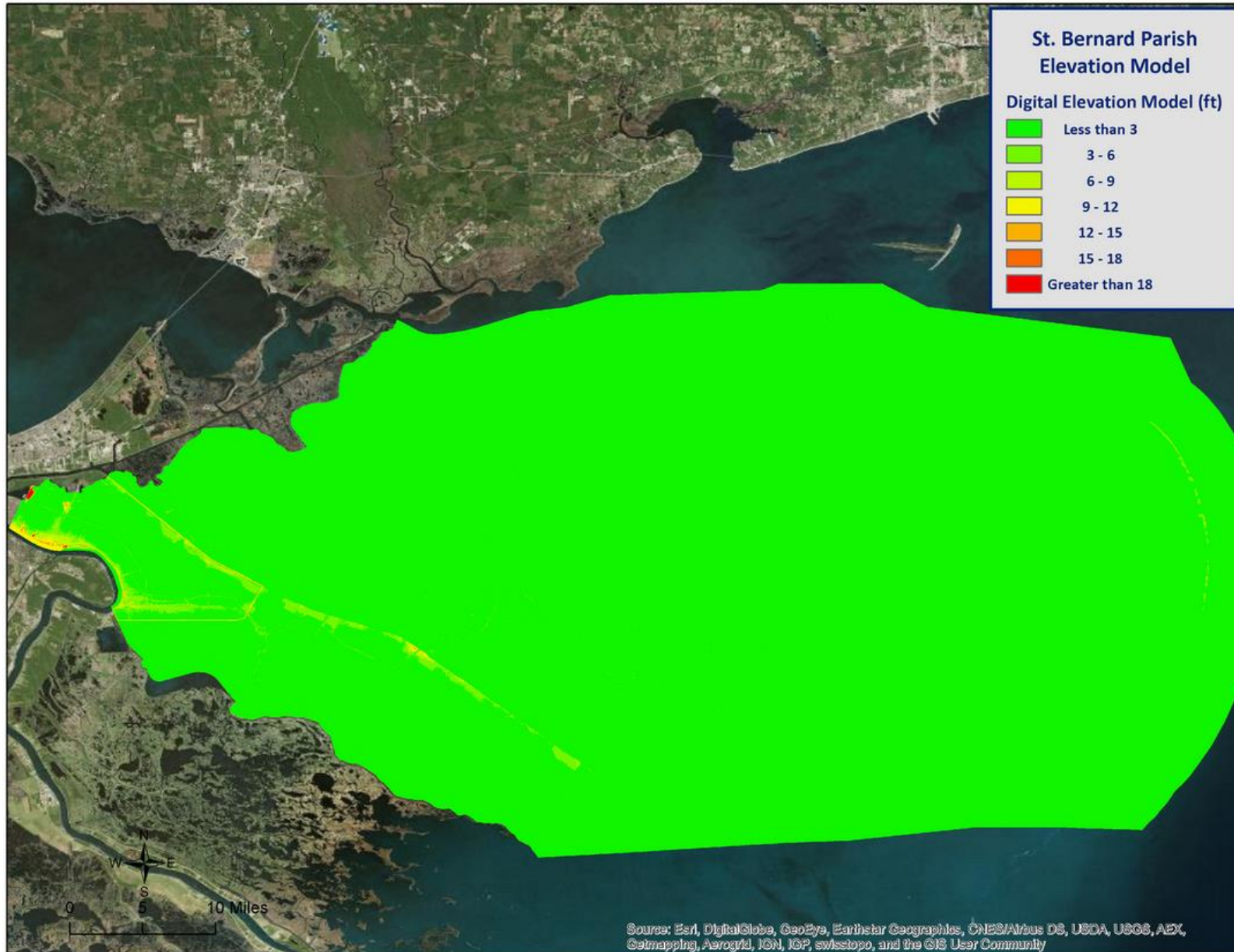
- Some areas flood more often than other properties, even more than those in the mapped 100-year floodplain.
- FEMA defines a “repetitive loss” property as one which has received two flood insurance claim payments for at least \$1,000 over any 10-year period since 1978.
- These properties are important 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.



Flooding – Elevation Model



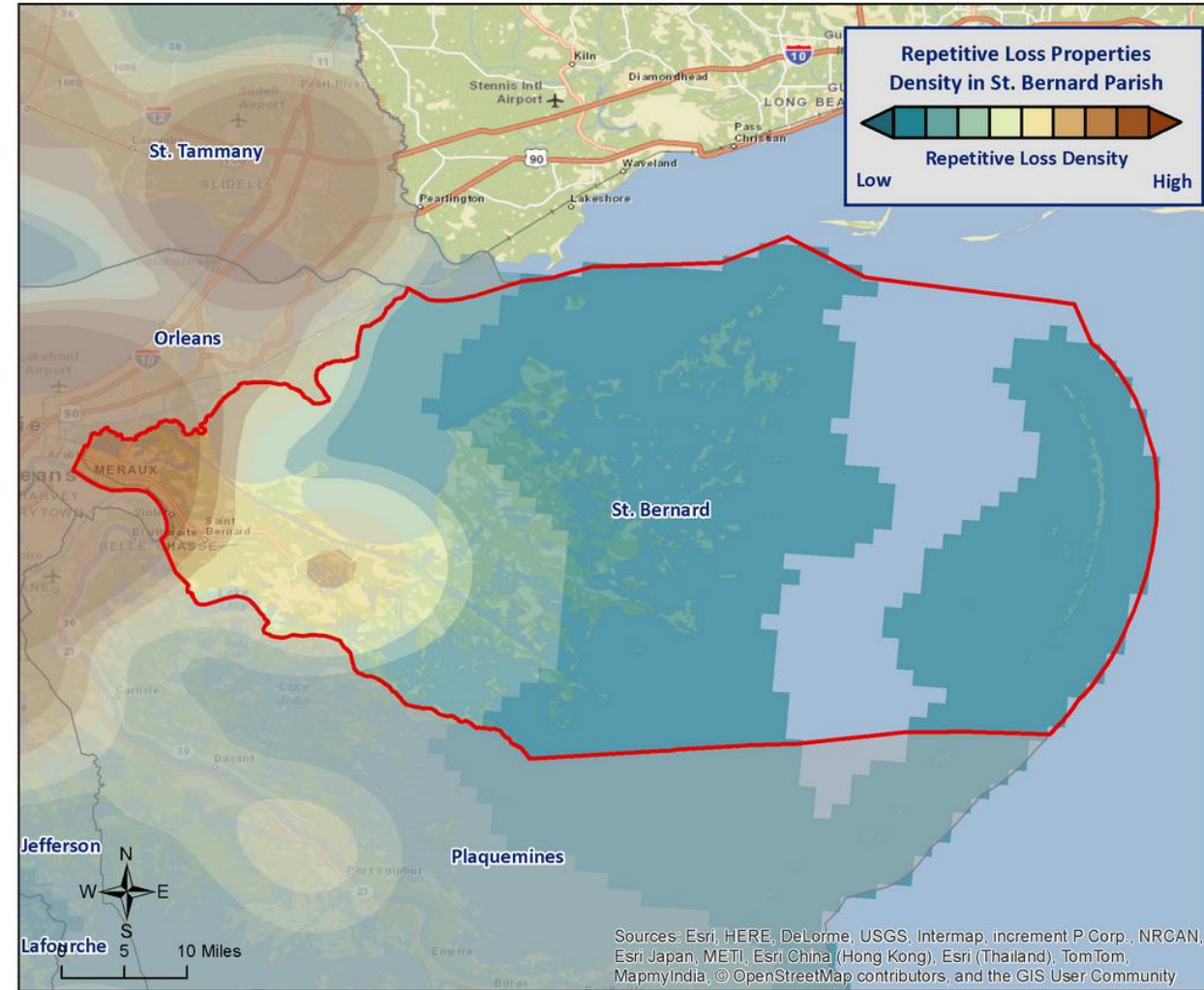
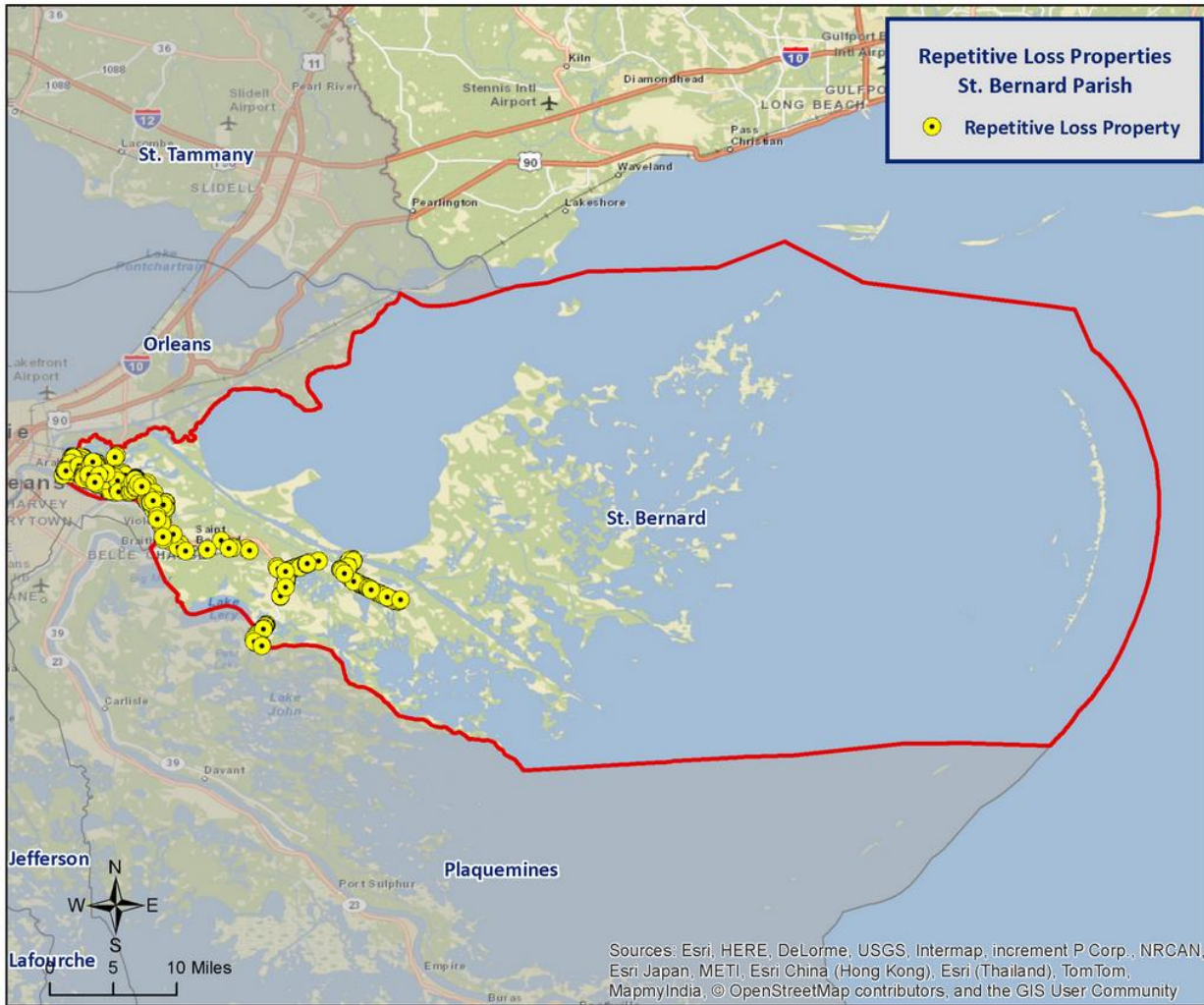
Flooding – Elevation Model



Future Flood Probability



Repetitive Loss Properties

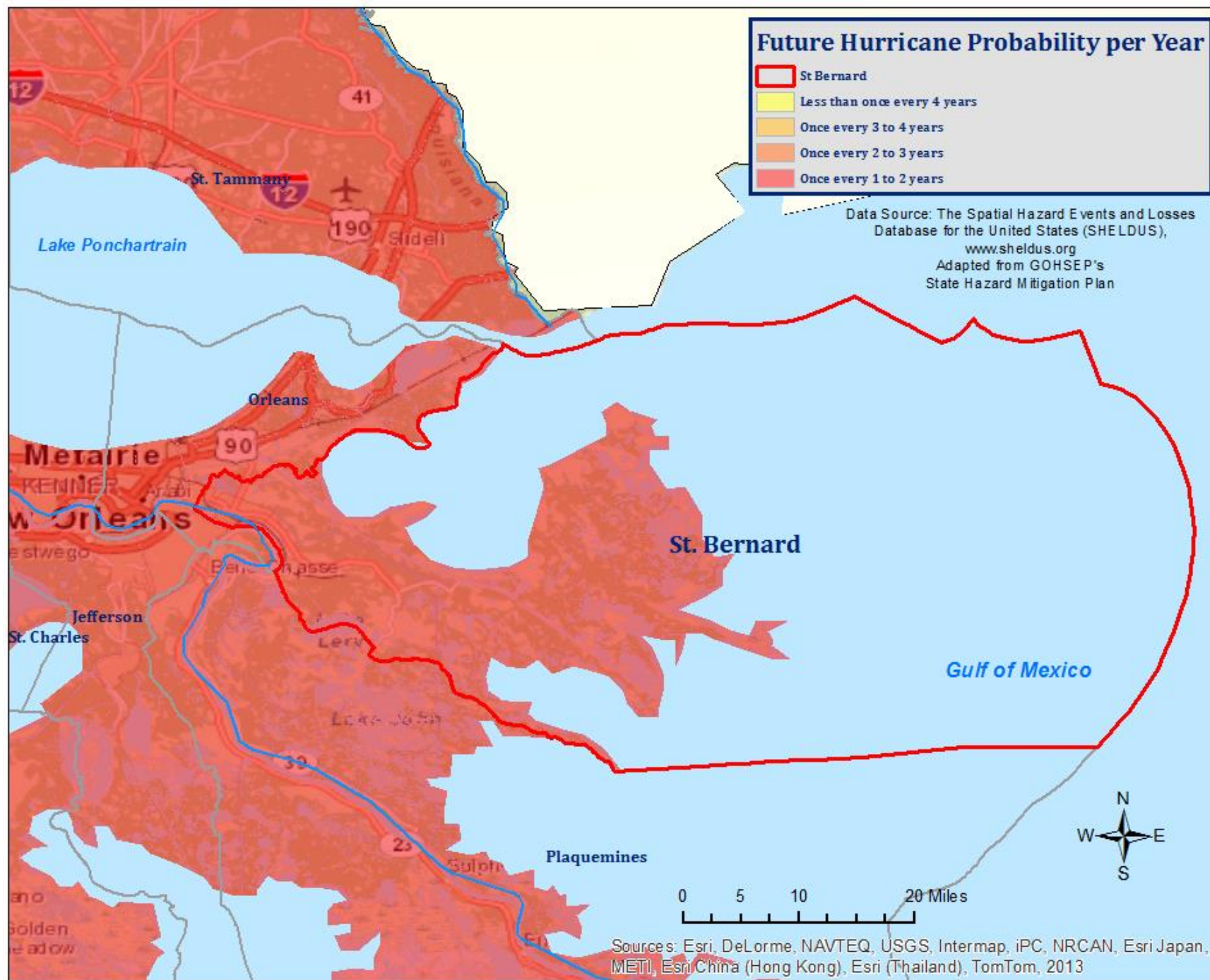


Tropical Cyclones

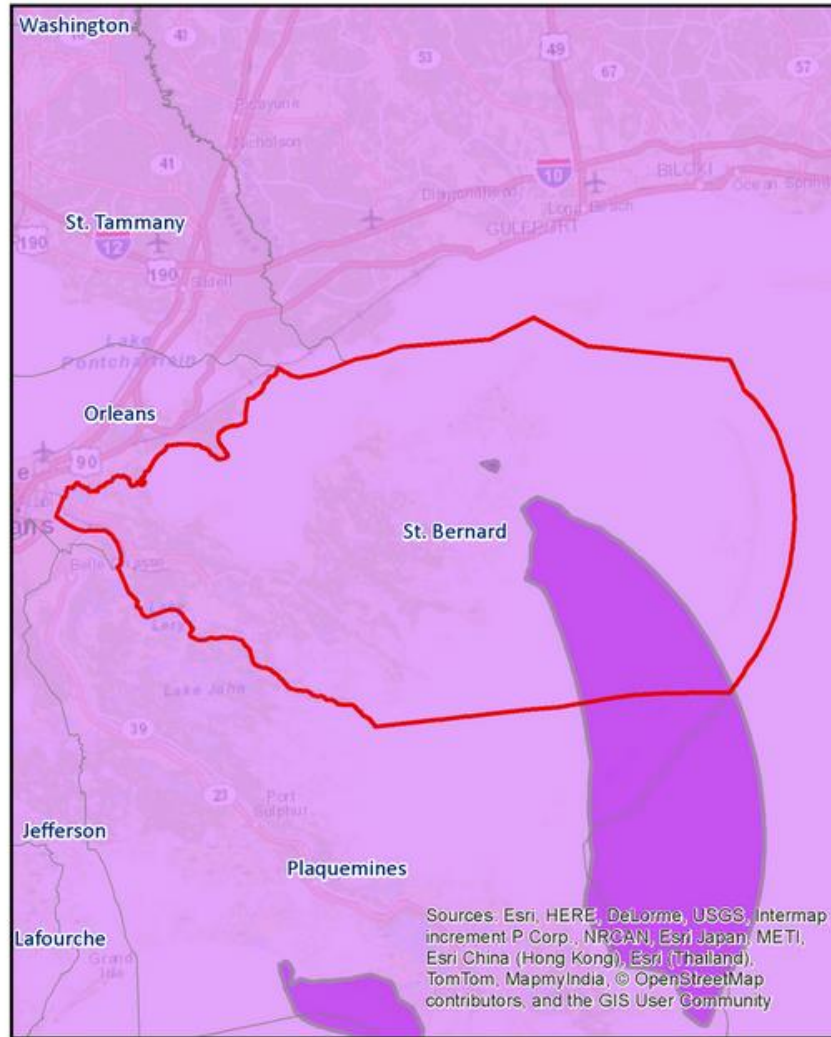
- Tropical cyclones are defined spinning, low-pressure air masses that draw surface air into their centers and attain strength ranging from weak tropical waves to the most intense hurricanes



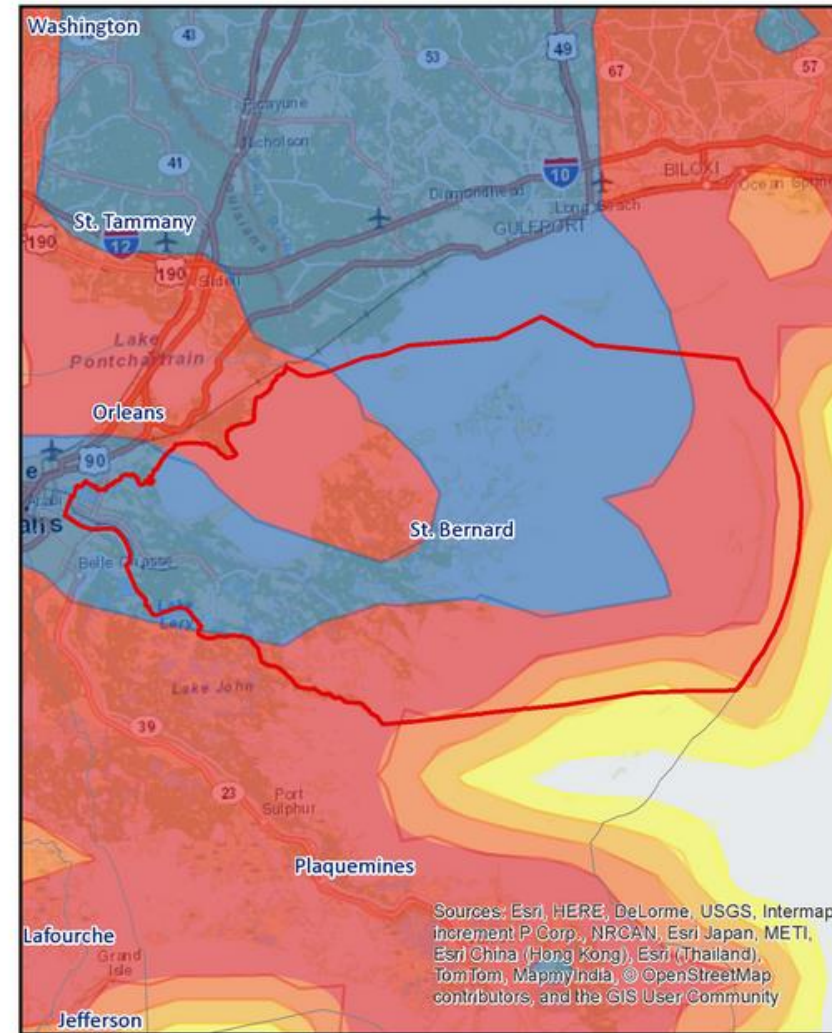
| Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Sustained Wind Speed | Effects |
| Category 1 | 74-95 mph (119-153 km/hr) | Very dangerous winds will produce some damage. Low-lying coastal roads flooded, minor pier damage |
| Category 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. |



Hurricane Katrina (2005)



Wind Speed (Saffir-Simpson Scale)

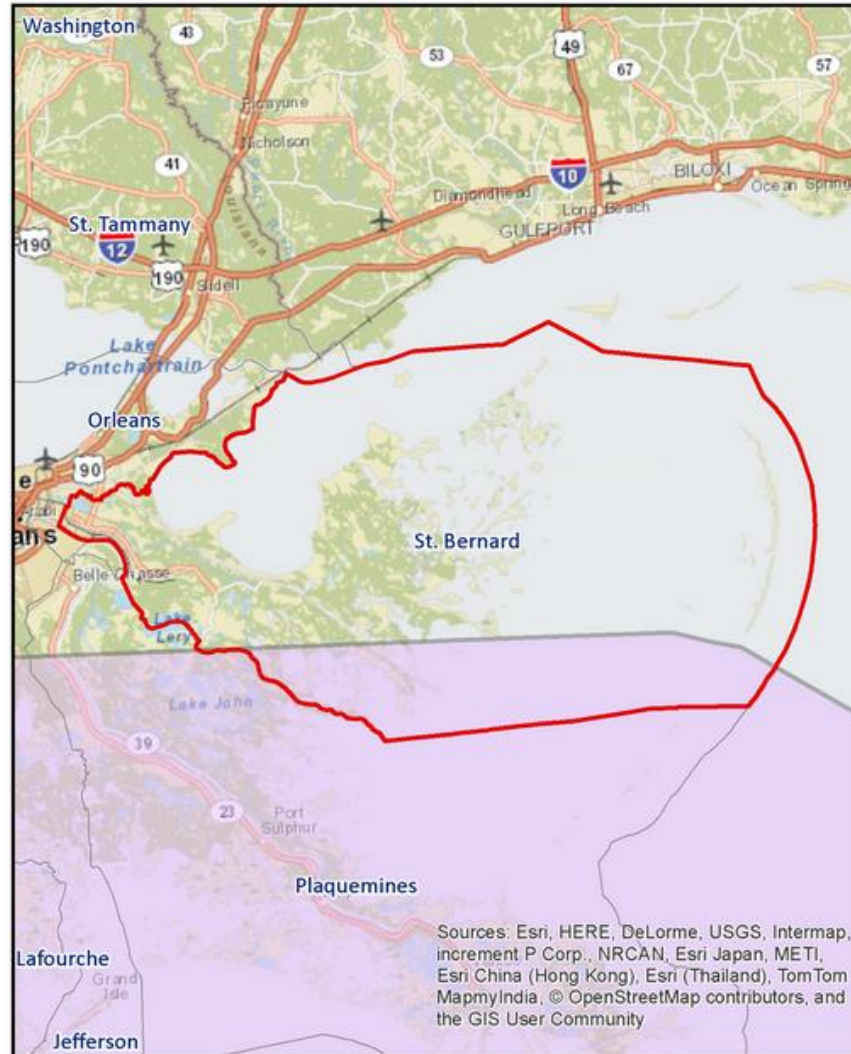


Total Precipitation (inches)



Data Source: NOAA Hurricane Research Division (HRD)
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Hurricane Rita (2005)



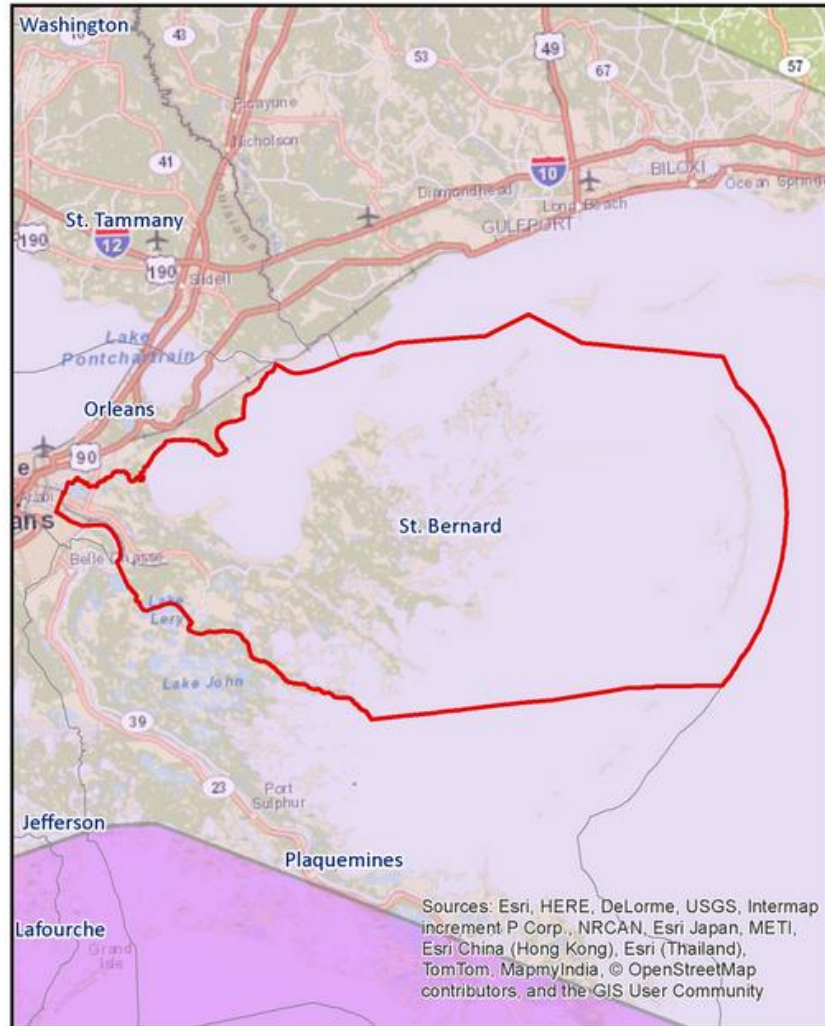
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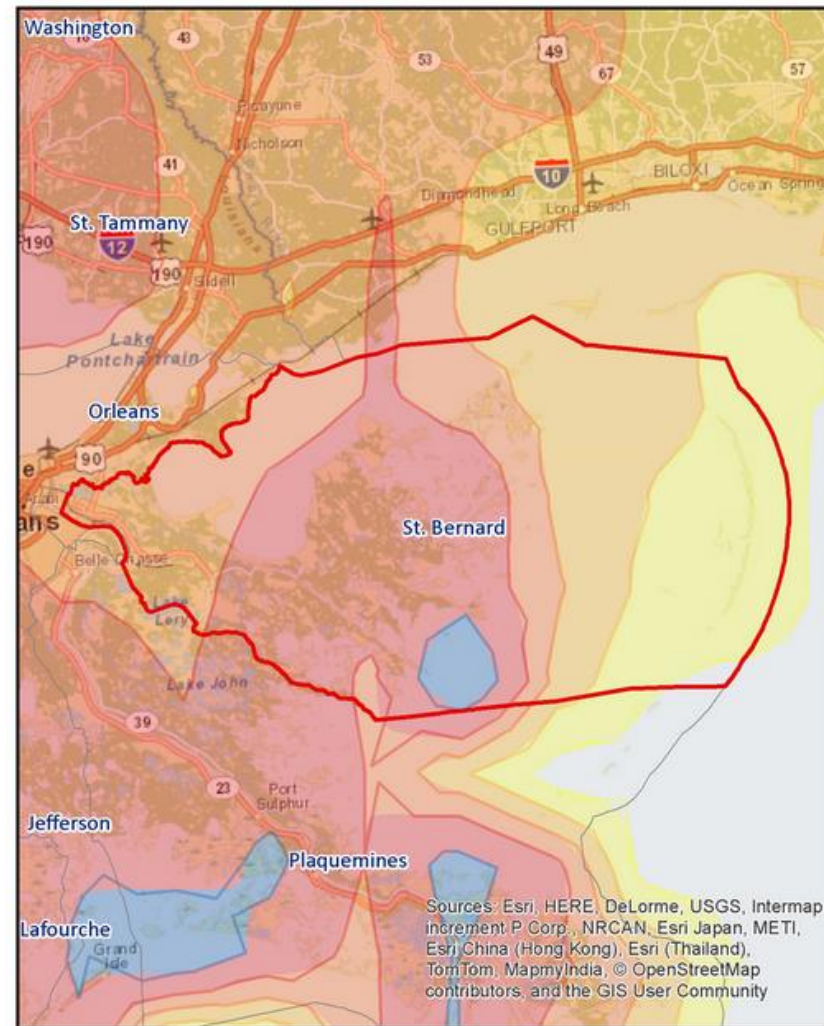
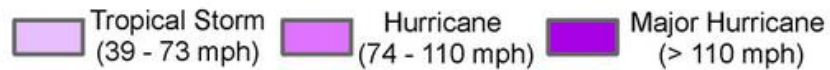
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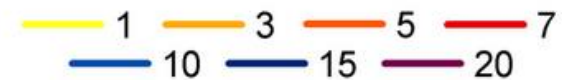
Hurricane Gustav (2008)



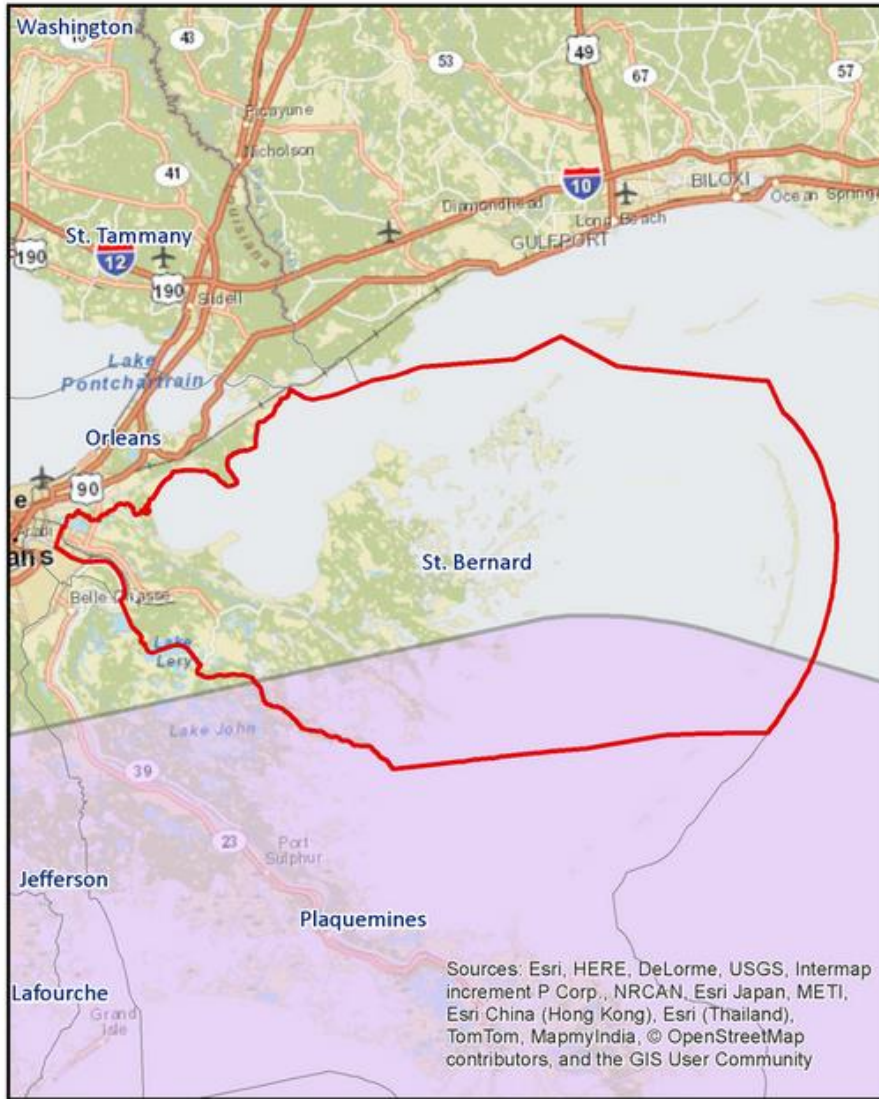
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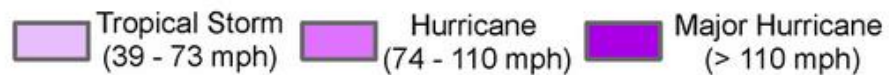
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Hurricane Ike (2008)



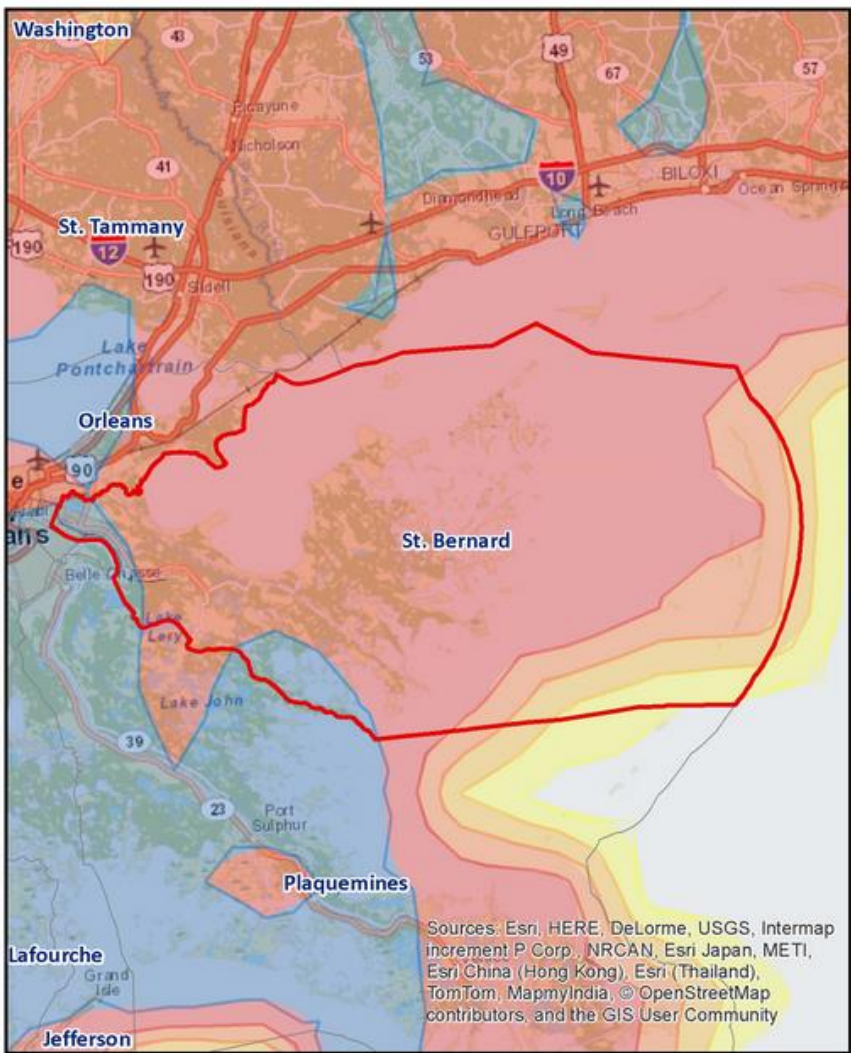
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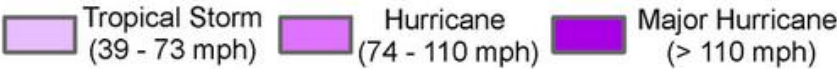
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Tropical Storm Lee (2011)



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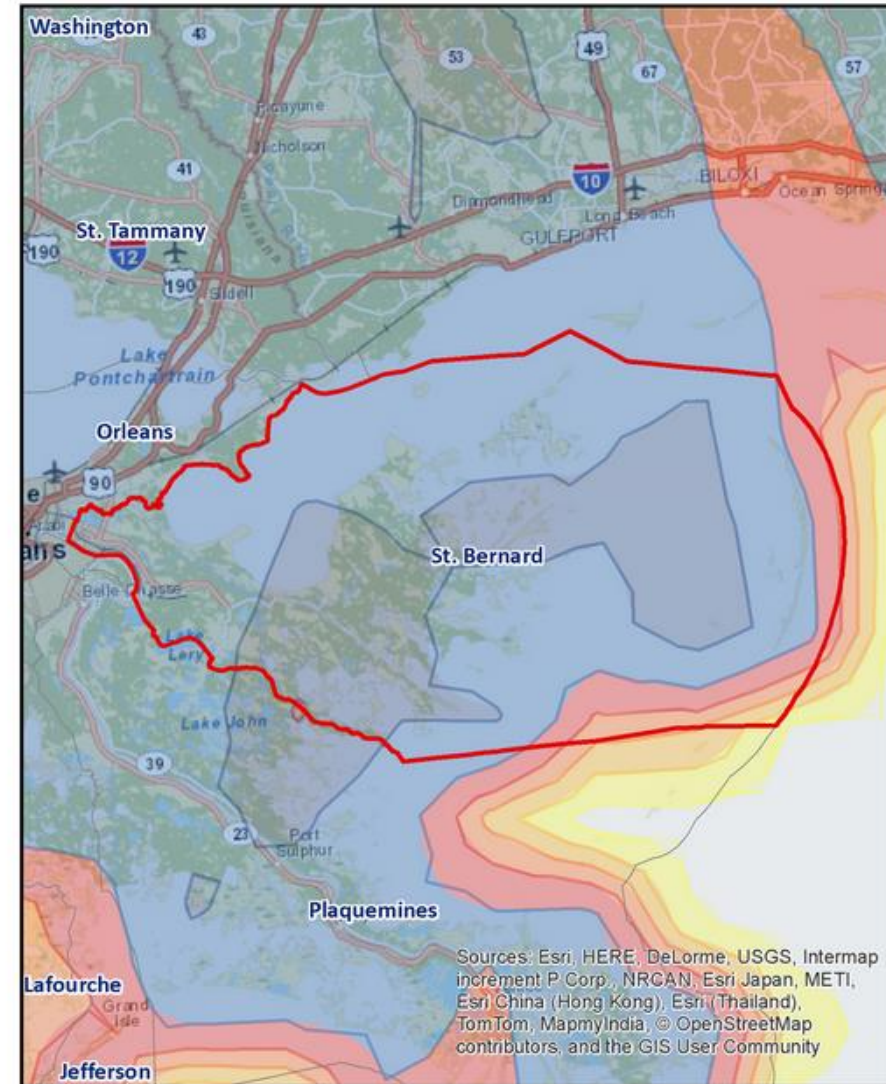
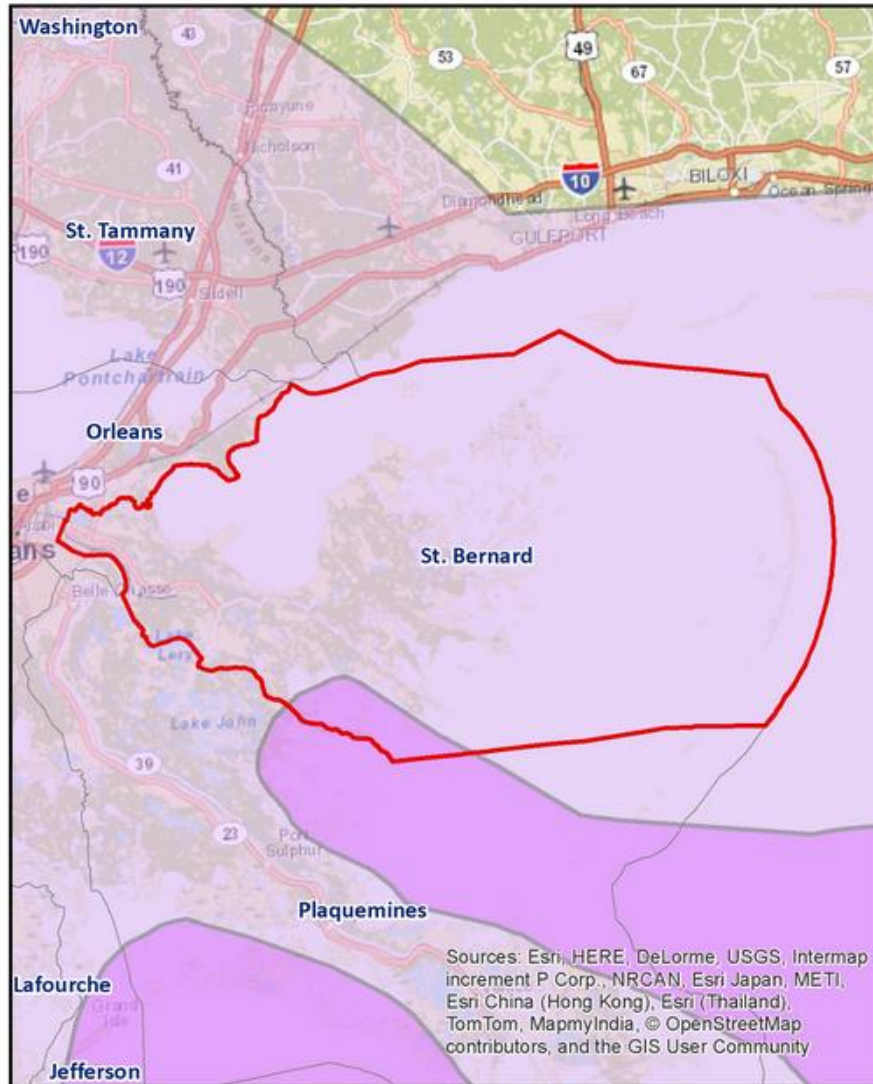


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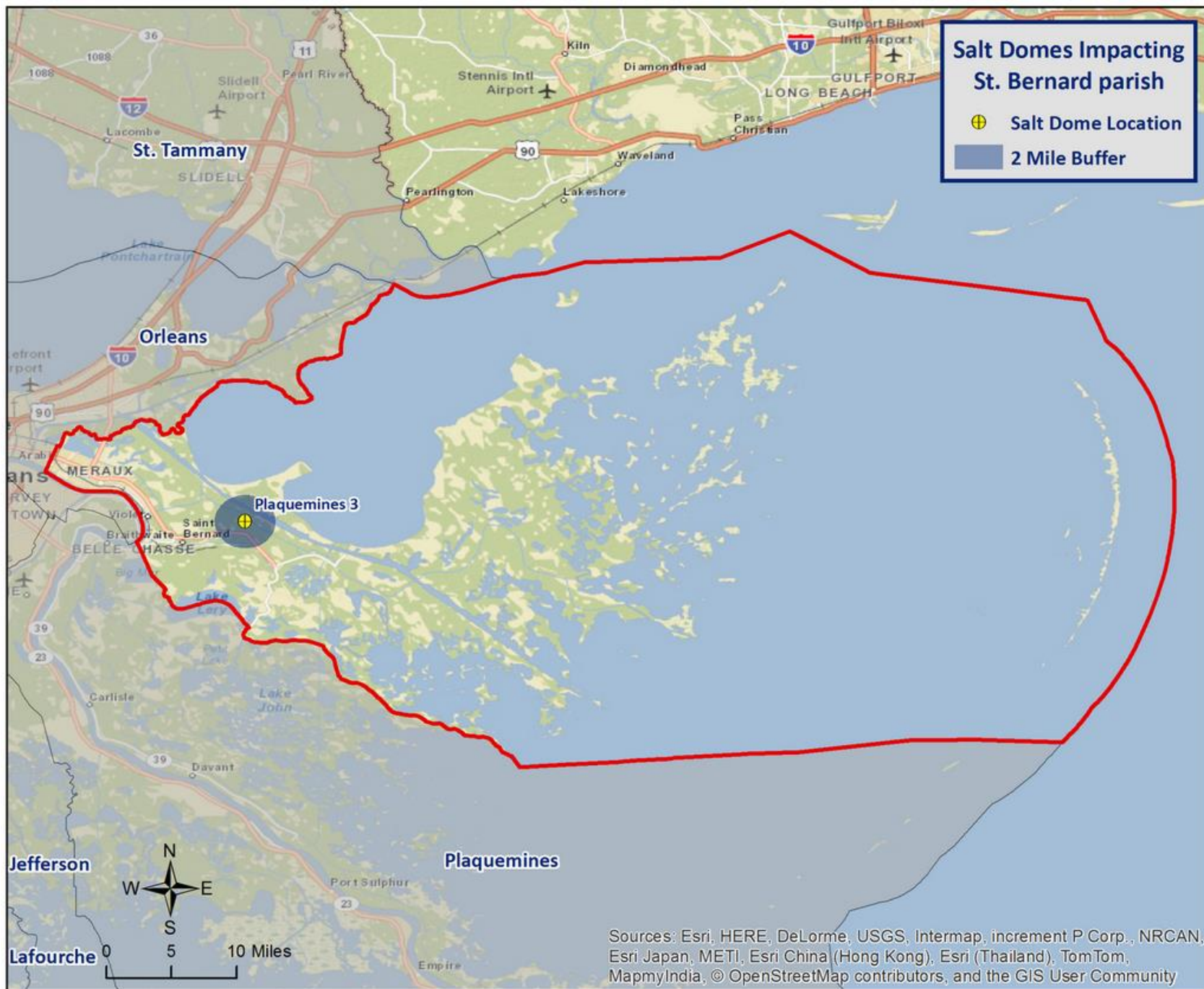
Hurricane Isaac (2012)



Sinkholes

- A sinkhole is an area of ground that has no natural external surface drainage – when it rains, all of the water stays inside the sinkhole and typically drains into the subsurface.
- Sinkholes form in areas where the rock below the land surface is limestone, carbonate rock, salt beds, or rocks that can naturally be dissolved by groundwater circulating through them.
- As the rock dissolves, spaces and caverns develop underground. Once the spaces underground become too large, there is not enough support for the land above the spaces which causes a sudden collapse on the land surface.

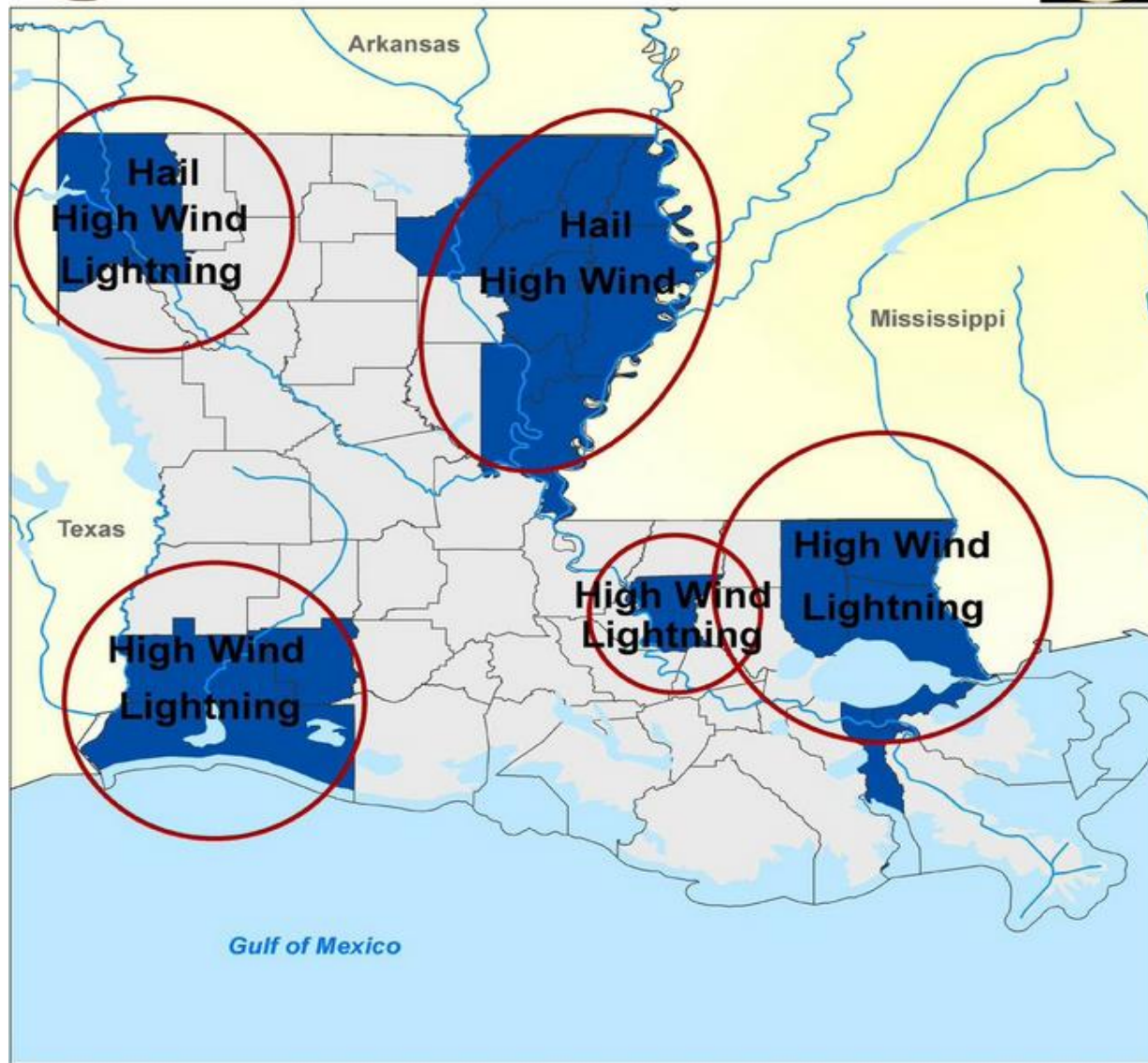




Thunderstorms



High Risk Areas for Thunderstorms in Louisiana



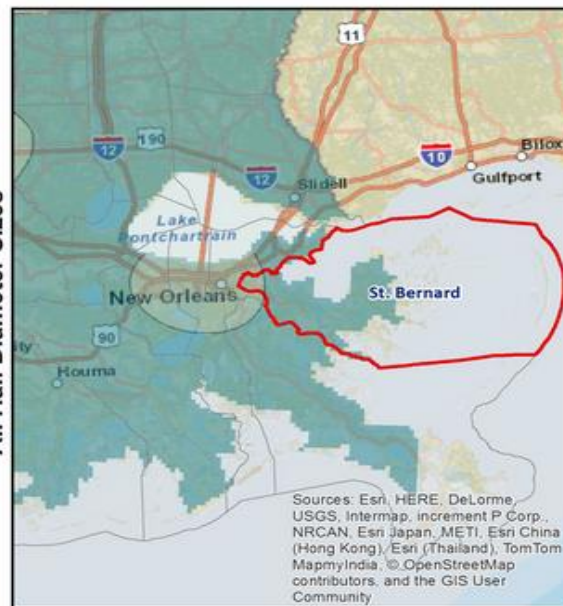
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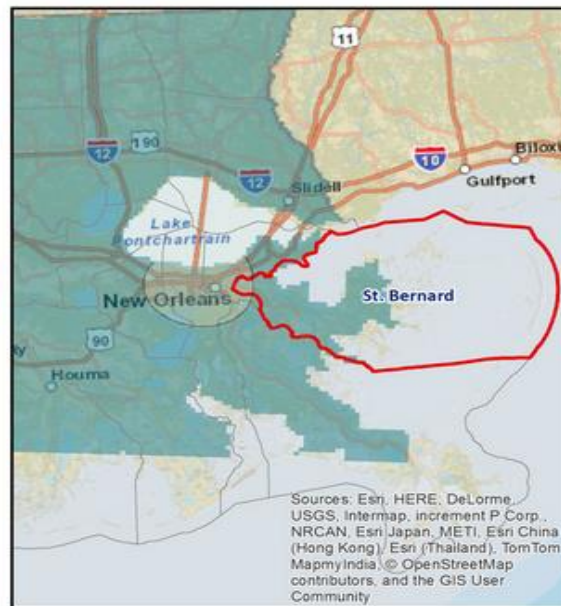
Data Sources: SHELDUS, NCDC, NOAA

Hail

All Hail Diameter Sizes



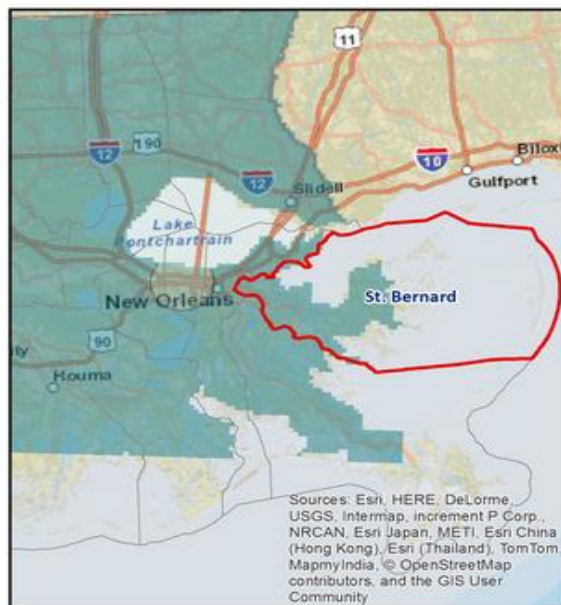
Hail Diameter Size < 1 inch



Hail Diameter Size 1 - 2 inch

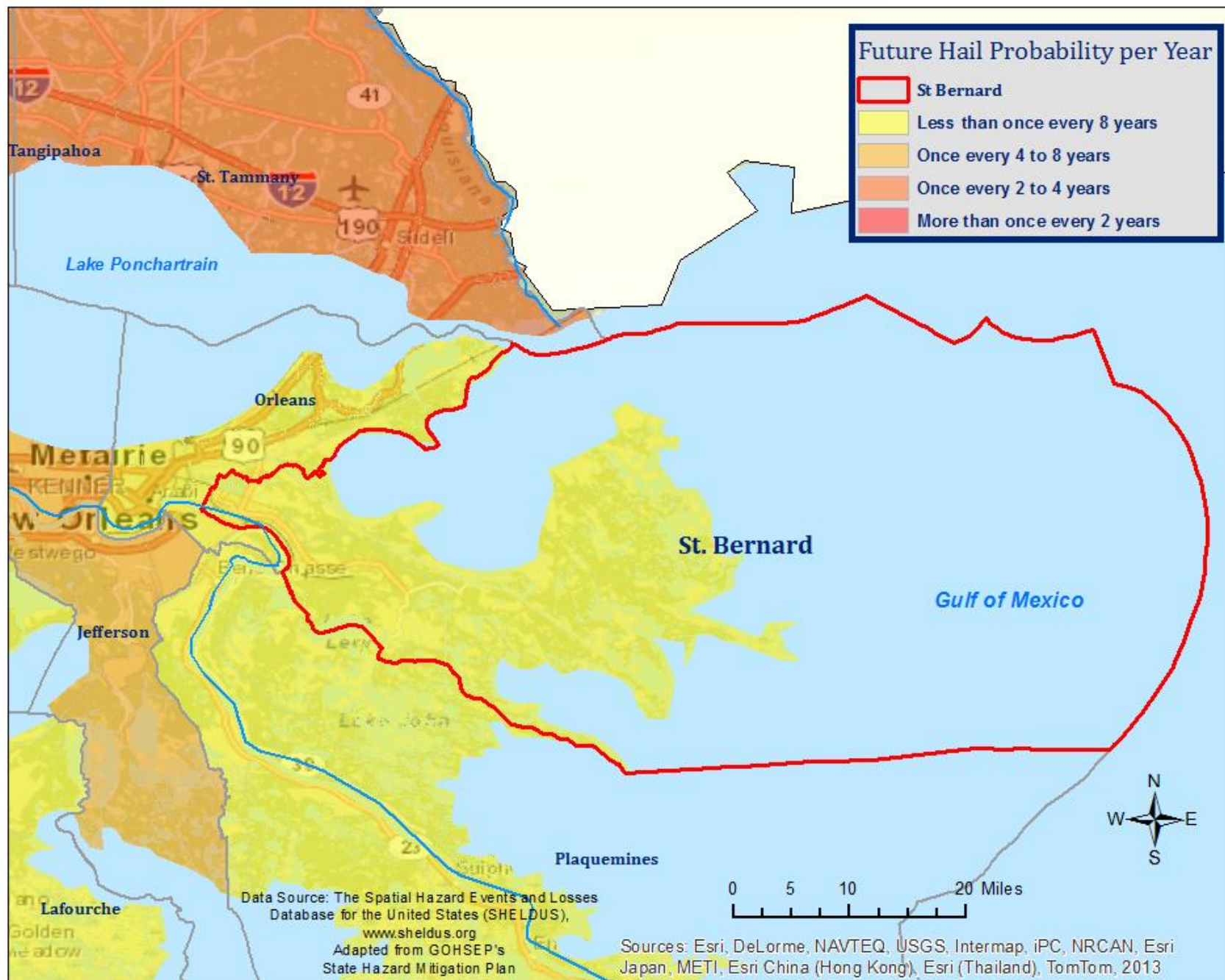


Hail Diameter Size ≥ 2 inch

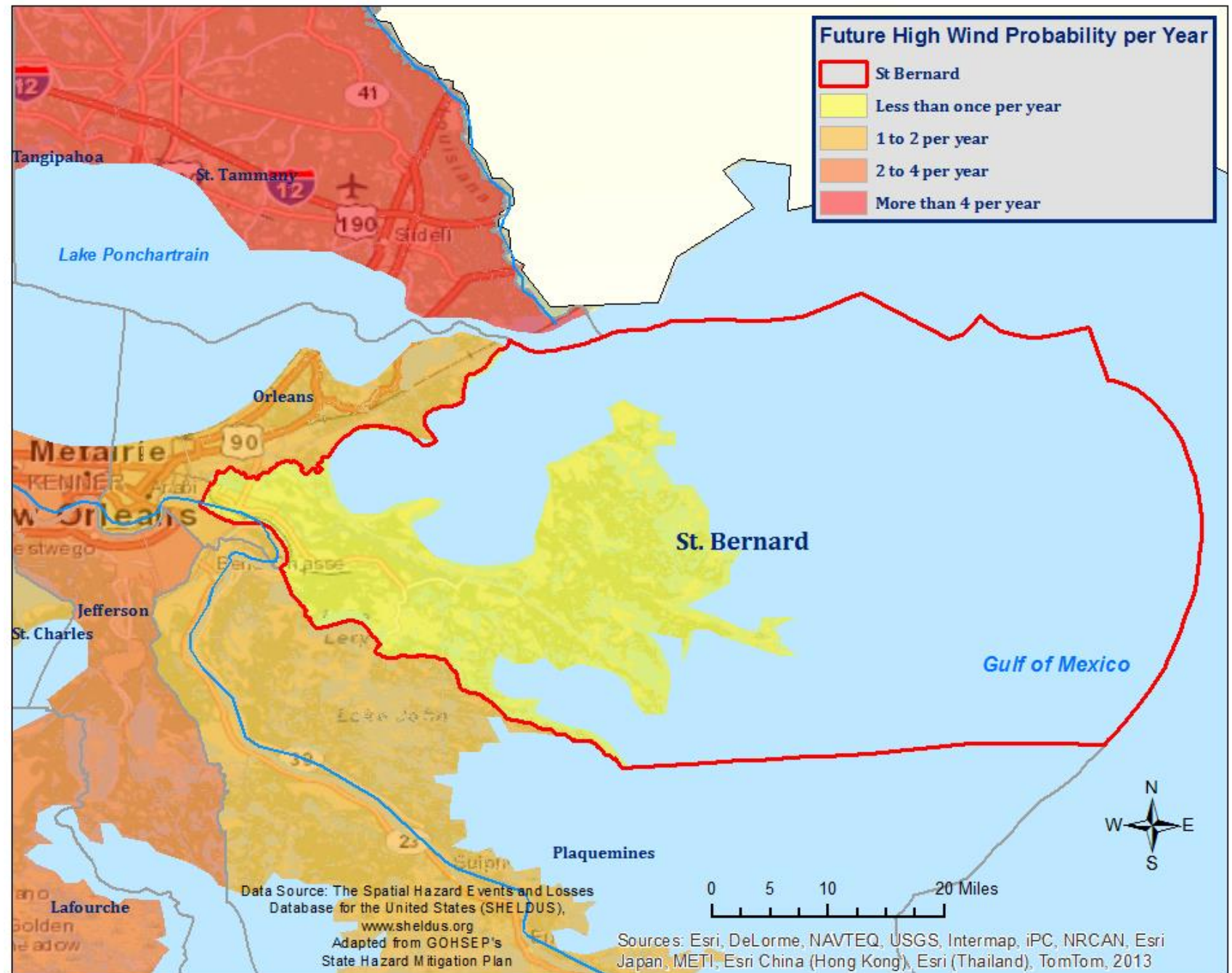


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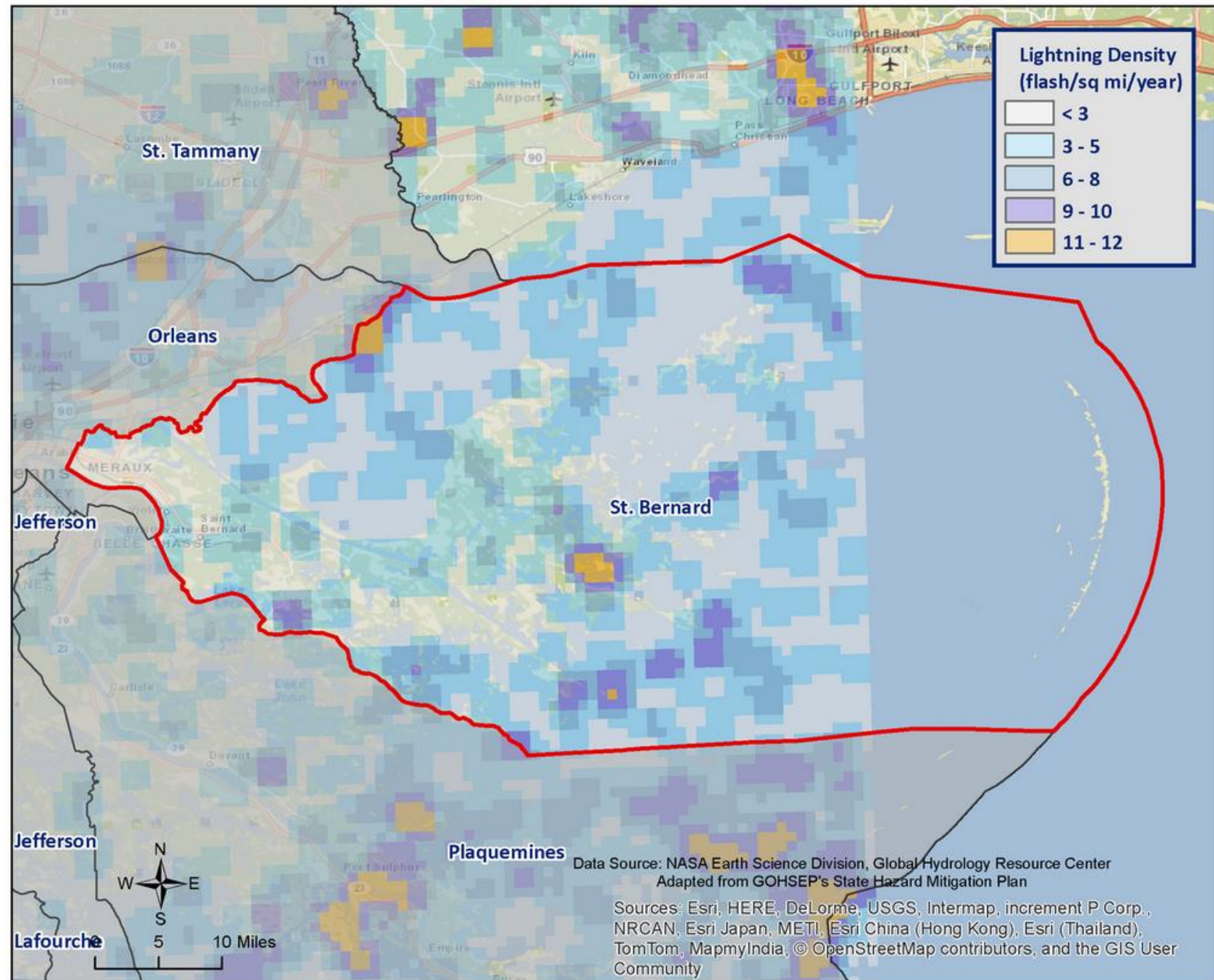


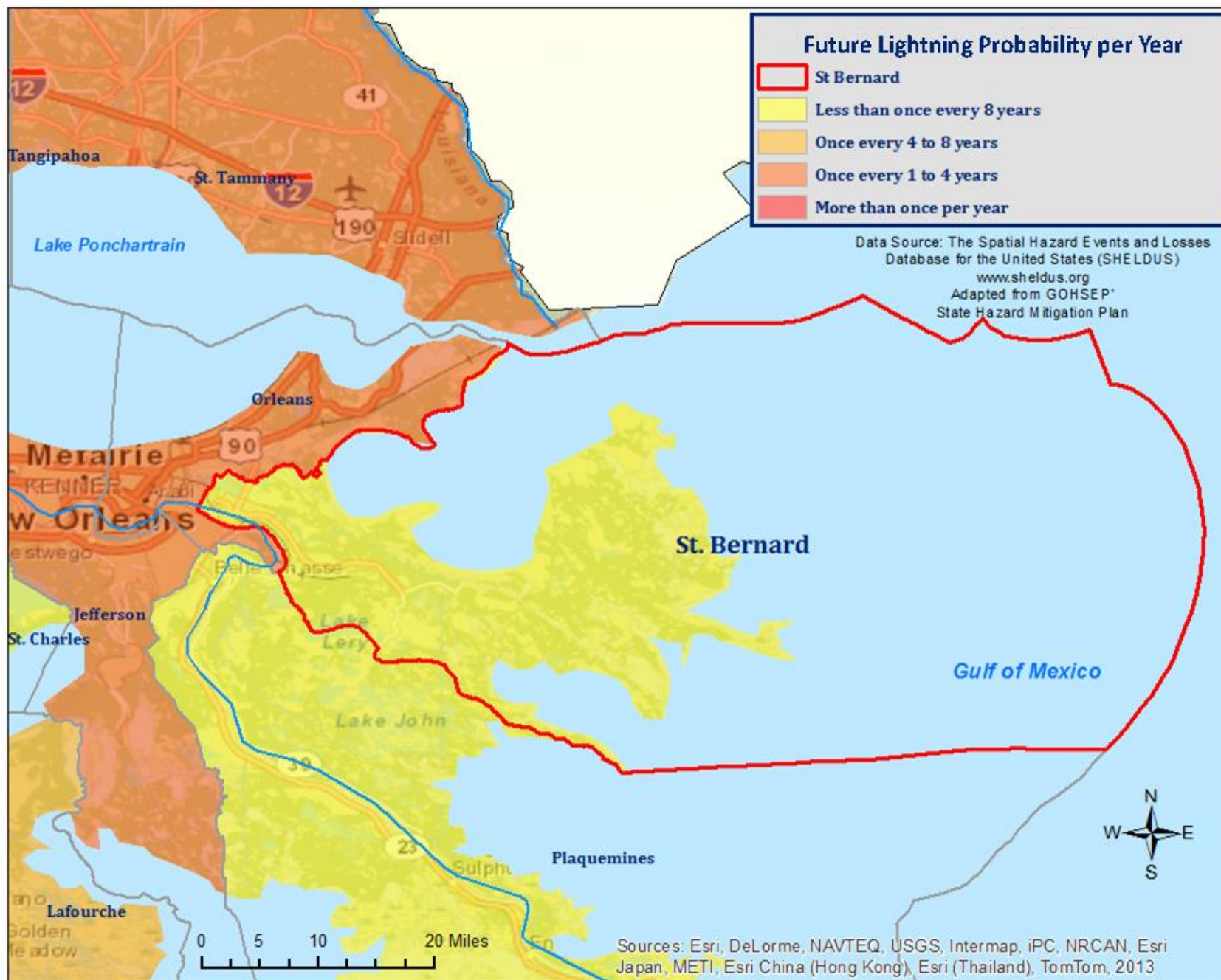


High Wind



Lightning

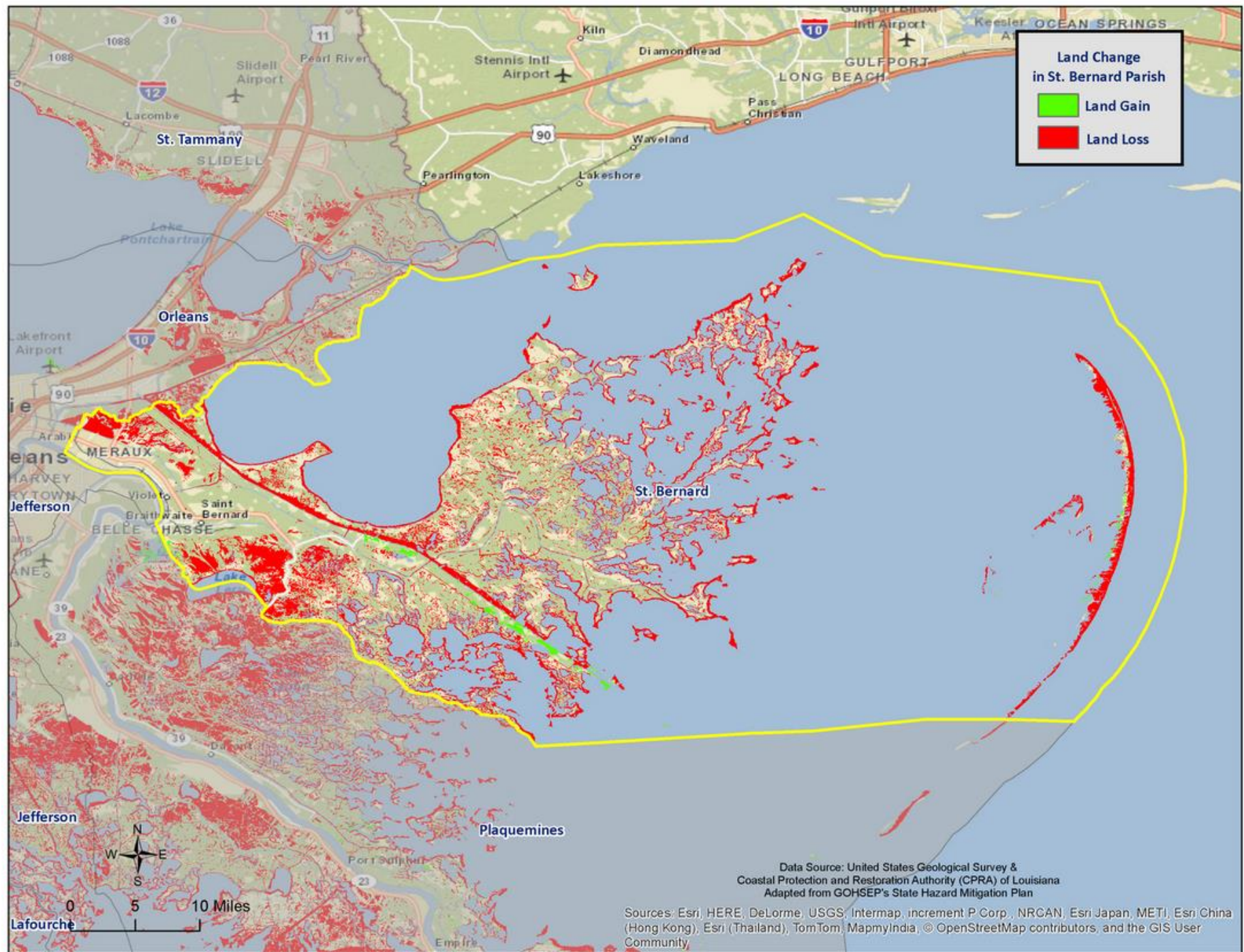




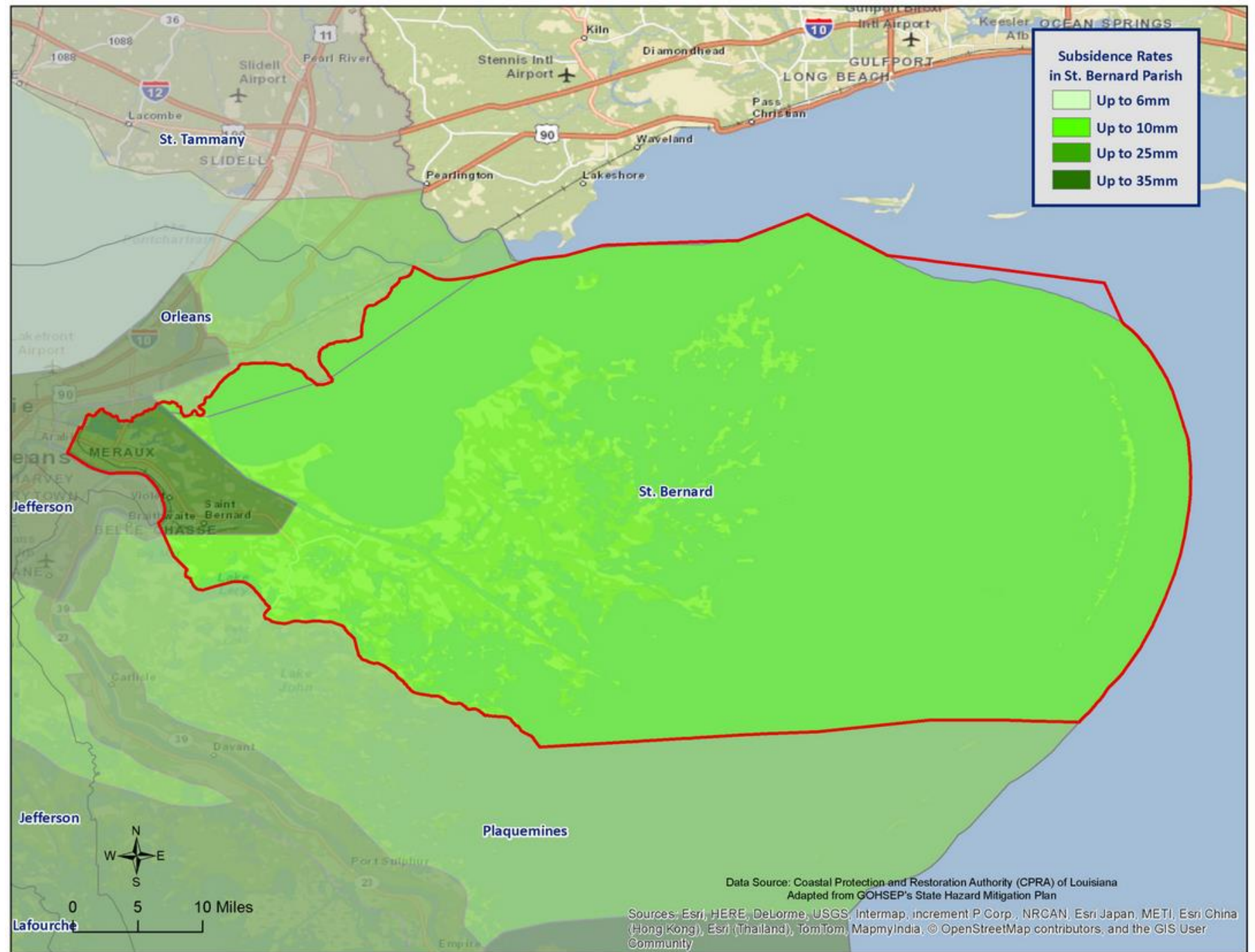
Land Change – Subsidence, Saltwater Intrusion

- **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** 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

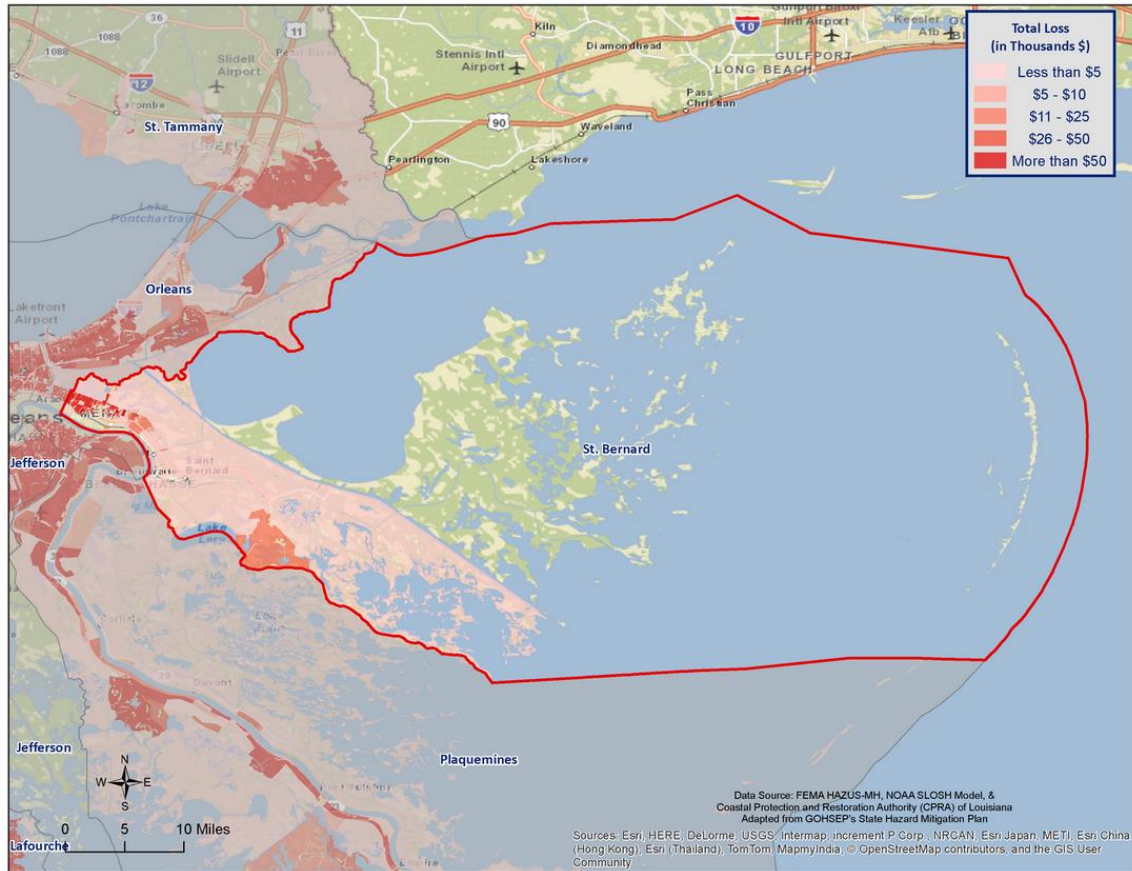
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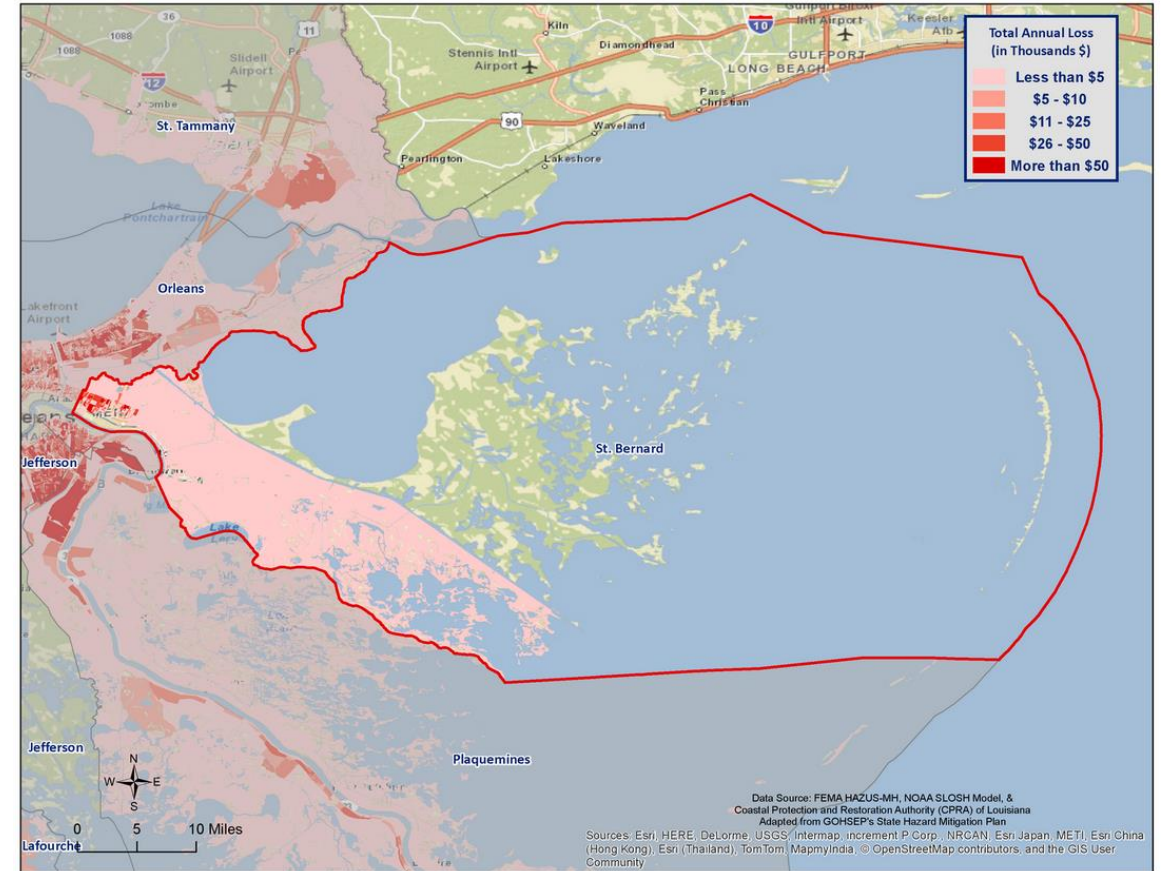
Subsidence Rates



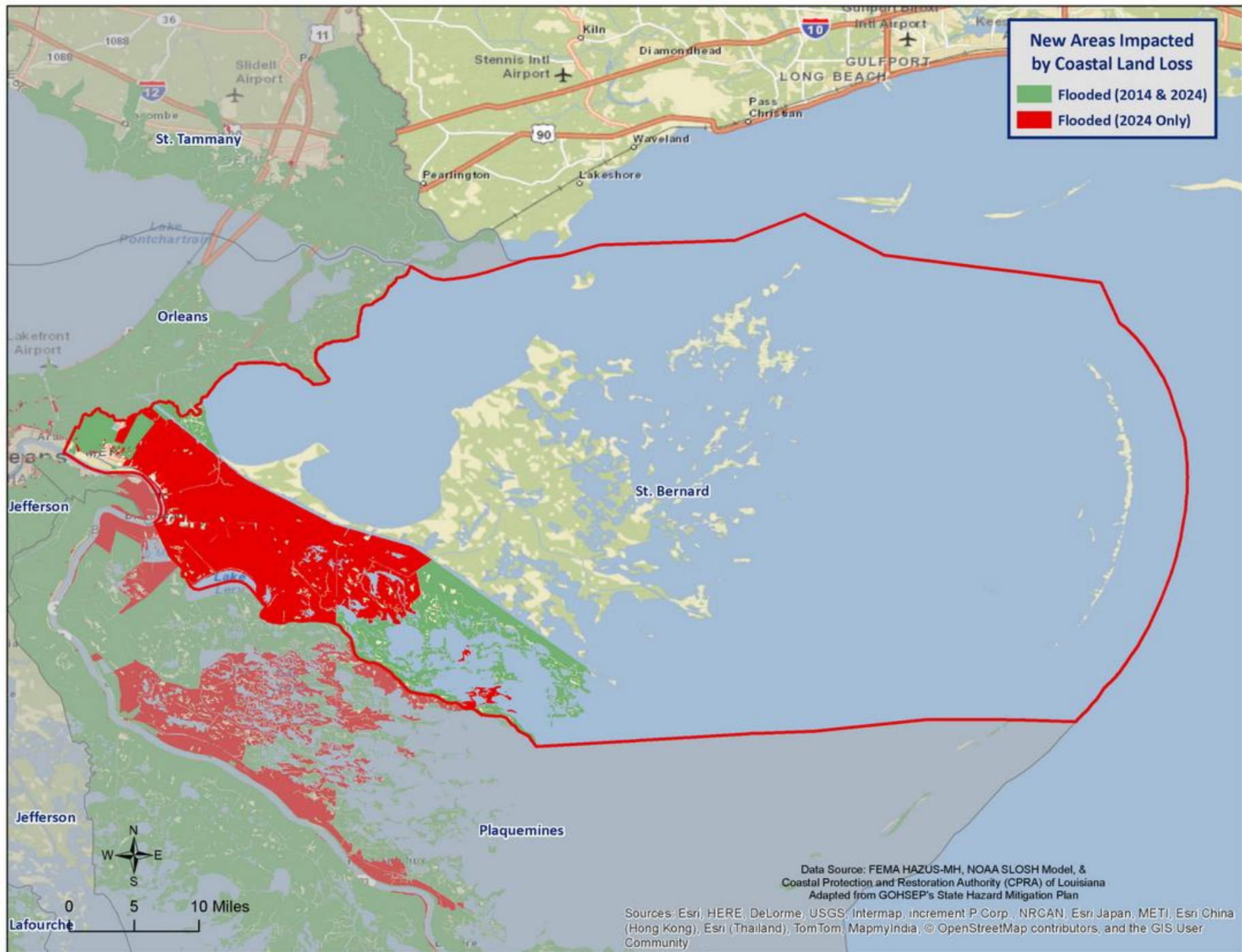
Total Loss



(thousands)



Annual Loss (thousands)



Data Source: FEMA HAZUS-MH, NOAA SLOSH Model, & Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) of Louisiana
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Mitigation Strategy – Parish Goals

- Goal 1: Identify and pursue preventative measures that will reduce future damages from hazards
- Goal 2: Enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness
- Goal 3: Reduce repetitive flood losses in the parish
- Goal 4: Facilitate sound development and rebuilding in the parish so as to reduce or eliminate the potential impacts of hazards



2009-2015 Parish HM Project Status

- Director's Comments



Public Outreach Activities

- Risk Analysis Activity (Hazard Occurrences)
- Problem Area Identification (Parish Maps)
- Survey



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