


*THE “**BIGGEST**,” THE “**BADDEST**,”
AND THE “**BESTEST**” –
COASTAL RESTORATION CAJUN STYLE*

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Welcome to Coastal Louisiana

- **5th largest river delta in the world**
- **40~45% of the coastal wetlands in the nation**
- **400 miles of coastline/ 7,700 miles of tidal shoreline**
- **80% of coastal wetland / marsh loss in the nation**
- **25% of the nation's seafood** 
- **20% of entire continent's water bird population winter in coastal Louisiana (5 Million waterfowl)**
- **Source: 2017 Coastal Master Plan (Draft)**
<http://coastal.la.gov/a-common-vision/2017-draft-coastal-master-plan/>

Welcome to Coastal Louisiana

- **Asset Value of Mississippi River Delta = \$237 Billion ~ \$4.7 Trillion**
- **# 1 export state in the U.S.**
- **90% of nation's outer continental shelf oil and gas**
- **20% of all domestic natural gas production**
- **20% of nation's annual waterborne commerce**
- **2nd highest commercial fishing landings in U.S. (26%)**
- **Source: 2017 Coastal Master Plan (Draft)**
<http://coastal.la.gov/a-common-vision/2017-draft-coastal-master-plan/>



Restoration Programs

- **Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWWPRA)**
 - Federally enacted in 1990, commonly referred to as Breaux Act, First Major Program to Fund Barrier Island Restoration

- **Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA)**
 - LCA Ecosystem Restoration Study (2004~2012)
 - To date has only funded studies

- **Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)**
 - Established by Section 384 of Energy Policy Act of 2005
 - Purpose is to assist oil & gas producing States in mitigating impacts from Outer Continental Shelf oil & gas production

- **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**
 - The Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Public Law 110-114.
 - Title VII – Louisiana Coastal Area. Addresses Louisiana’s coastal ecosystem, need for long-term restoration program, and State’s Coastal Master Plan.
 - Dependent on USACE projects approved by Chief Engineer, availability of federal funds, and political support

Restoration Programs

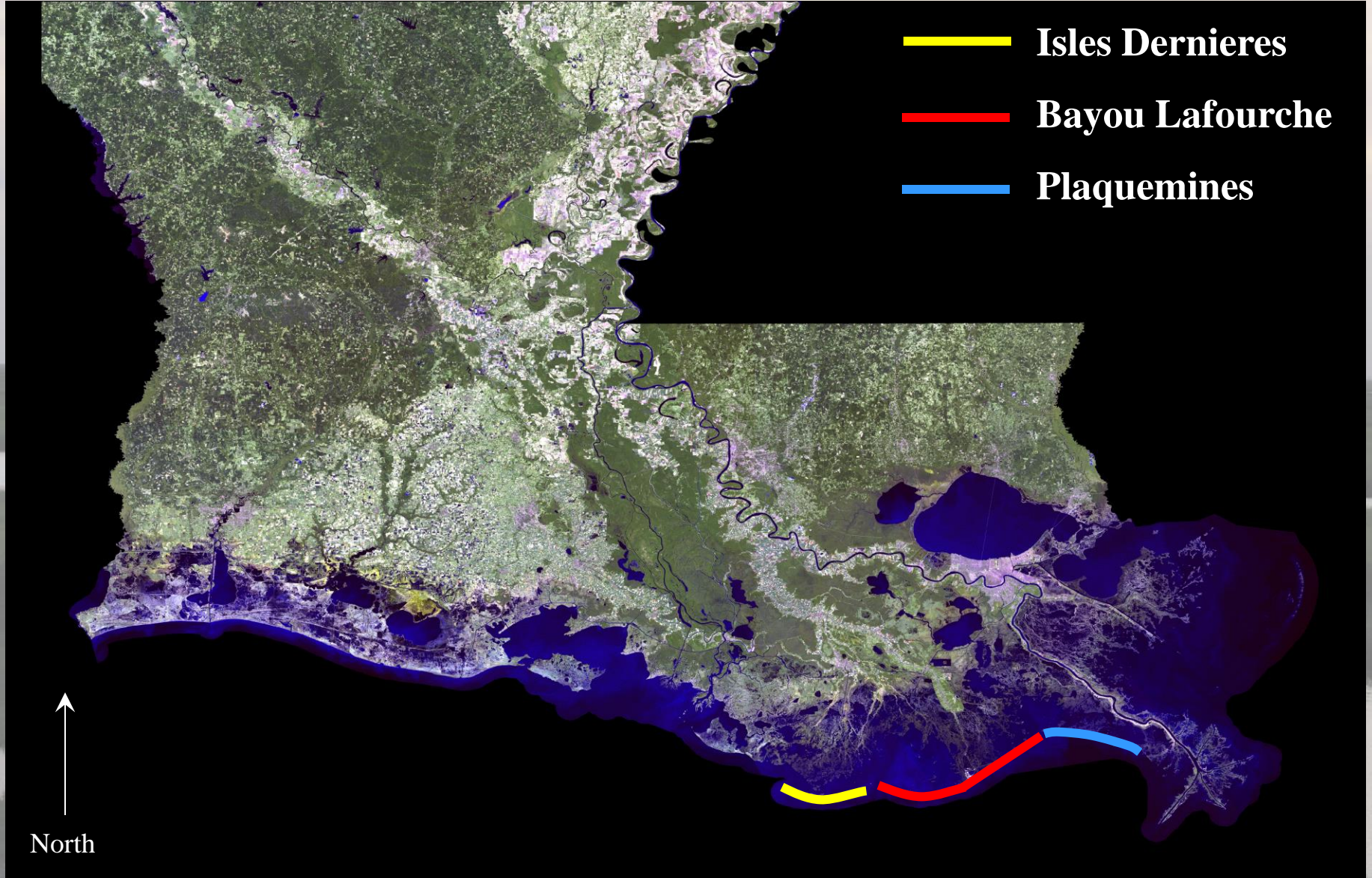
- **Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA)**
 - Consent Decree for Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement Funds (2016)
 - Global Settlement of \$20 Billion over 15 year period (LA ~ \$5 Bil)

- **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)**
 - Administers the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund
 - Supports barrier island and diversion projects for Coastal Louisiana to remedy harm caused by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (LA ~ \$1.27 Bil)

- **RESTORE Act**
 - Signed into Law July 2012
 - Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
 - 80% of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Civil penalties (Clean Water Act)
 - Restore long-term health of Gulf Coast region's ecosystems and economy
 - 15-year period through April 2031 (LA~ \$787 Million)

- **Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act (GOMESA)**
 - Dedicated Funding Stream for coastal restoration and risk reduction to Gulf States that permit OCS exploration
 - Louisiana set to receive ~ 39% of total

Restoration History



Isles Dernieres Barrier System Restoration Projects

TE-20 Isle Dernieres Restoration – East Island

TE-24 Isle Dernieres Restoration – Trinity Island

TE-27 Whiskey Island Restoration

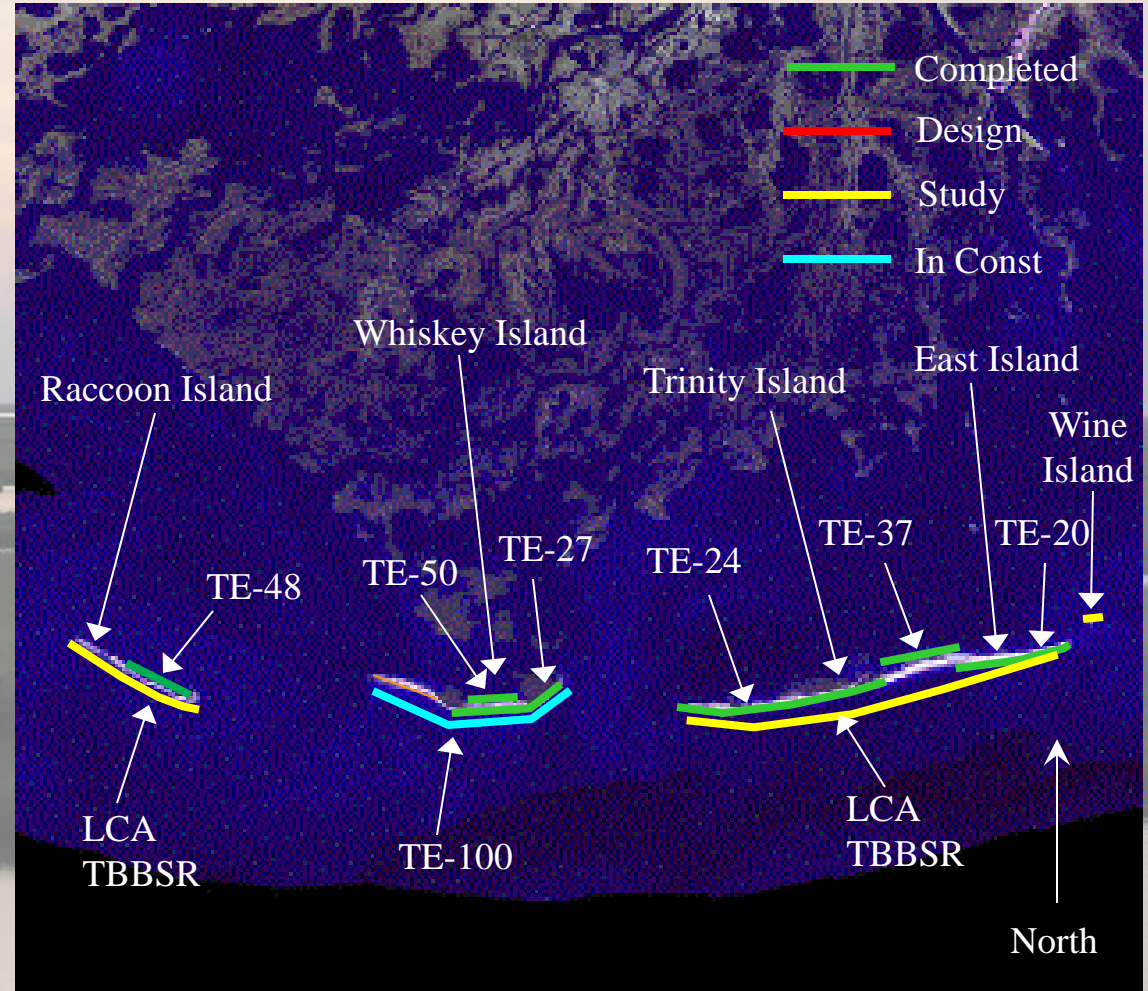
TE-37 New Cut Dune and Marsh Restoration

TE-48 Raccoon Island Shoreline Protection / Marsh Creation

TE-50 Whiskey Island Back Barrier Marsh Creation

LCA Terrebonne Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration

TE-100 NRDA Caillou Lake Headlands



Bayou Lafourche Barrier System Restoration Projects

TE-25 East Timbalier Island Segment, Phase 1

TE-30 East Timbalier Island Segment, Phase 2

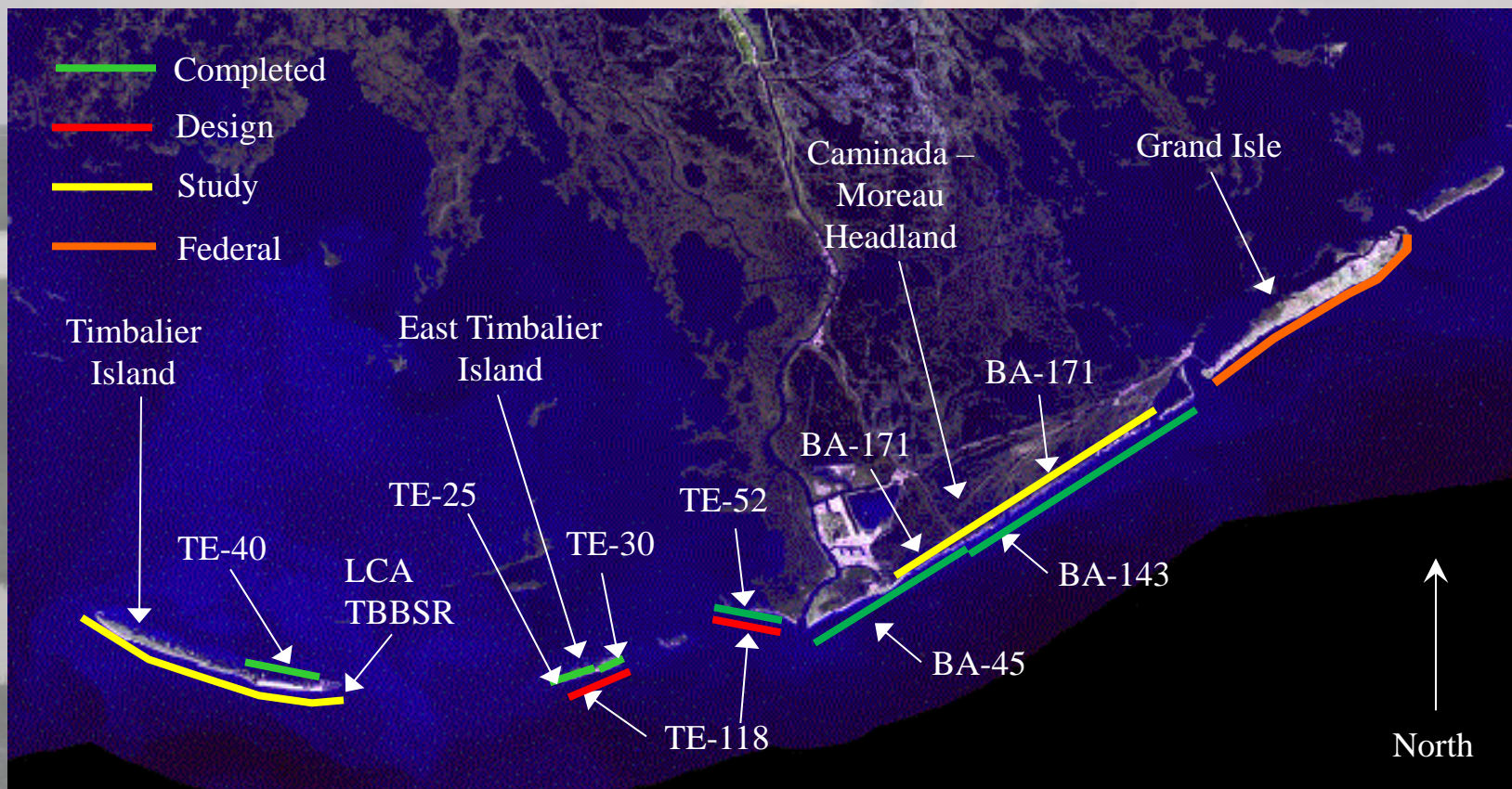
TE-40 Timbalier Island Dune and Marsh Restoration

TE-52 West Belle Pass Barrier Headland Restoration

TE-118 East Timbalier / West Belle Headland Restoration

BA-45 / BA-143 / BA-171 Caminada Headland Restoration

Grand Isle Shore Protection Project



Plaquemines Barrier System Restoration Projects

BA-30 East Grand Terre Island Restoration

BA-35 Pass Chaland to Grand Bayou Pass Restoration (aka Bay Joe Wise)

BA-38-1 Pelican Island Restoration

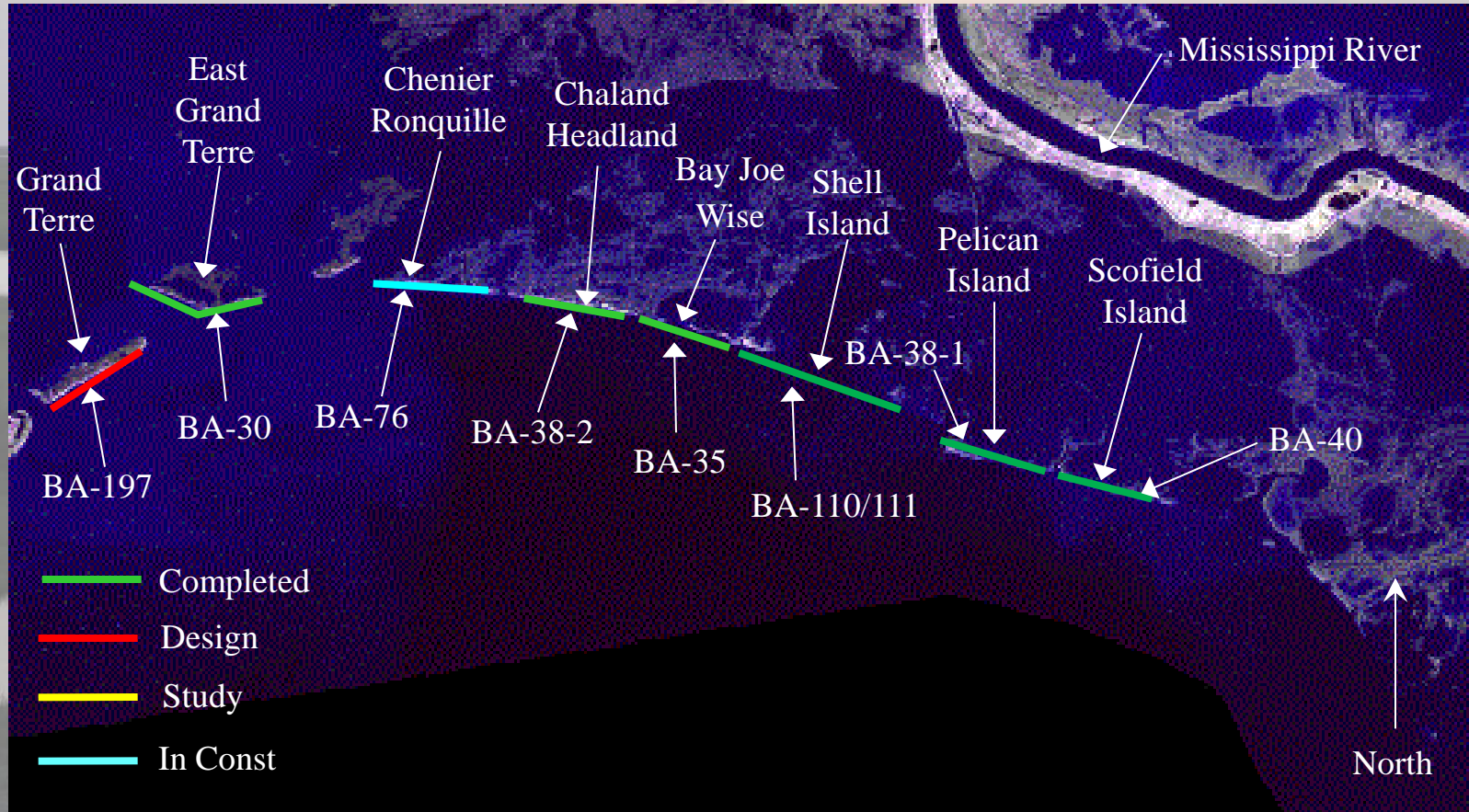
BA-38-2 Chaland Headland Restoration

BA-40 Scofield Island Restoration

BA-76 Chenier Ronquille Restoration

BA-110/111 Shell Island Restoration (East / West)

BA-197 West Grande Terre Restoration



Summary of Project Features

Project	Length (FT)	Acres	Volume (MCY)	Density (CY/LF)
TE-24 Trinity Island (1999)	22,170	306	3.94	178
TE-20 East Island (1999)	19,000	280	4.85	255
TE-25-30 East Timbalier (2000)	28,860	241	2.70	94
TE-27 Whiskey Island (2000)	12,250	367	2.85	233
TE-40 Timbalier Island (2006)	16,100	306	3.60	224
TE-37 New Cut (2007)	8,300	156	0.83	100
BA-38-1 Chaland Headland (2007)	14,000	390	1.90	136
BA-35 Bay Joe Wise (2009)	14,000	420	2.96	211
BA-30 East Grand Terre (2010)	14,400	778	3.34	232
BA-38-2 Pelican Island (2012)	12,670	586	4.51	356
TE-48 Raccoon Island (2013) *	3,900	58	0.74	190
TE-52 West Belle Headland (2013)	9,300	487	4.00	430
BA-40 Riverine-Scofield (2013)	12,670	510	3.52	278
BA-45-143 Caminada Headland (2016) **	65,800	1,060	8.84	134
BA-110-111 Shell Island (2016)	19,000	958	6.20	326
BA-76 Chenier Ronquille (Const)	7,200	500	10.45	361
TE-118 Caillou Lake Headlands (Const)	23,700	932	10.45	441

The “Honorable Mention”

- You Always Remember Your First !
- CWPPRA (PPL11)
- NMFS –Federal Sponsor
- Kick-Off in Jan 2003
- Completed in June 2009



Bay Joe Wise Headland Restoration

- Fun Facts
 - ❖ Hurricane Katrina breached island (2005)
 - ❖ Oyster Leases had to be cleared
 - ❖ Private Property Owner refused to Grant Access Rights
 - ❖ Dredge “Water Exchange Channel” through existing wetlands
 - ❖ Hurricanes Gustav and Ike (2008) impacted project
 - ❖ Hurricane Impacts ~ 1 MCY of sediment (2005-2008)

The “*B I G G E S T*”

- “Webster’s” Definitions
 - ❖ Largest in quantity or dimension
 - ❖ Of greatest scope or expanse
 - ❖ Exceeding that which is common to its class

- Attributes of a Barrier Island Restoration Project
 - ❖ Project Length
 - ❖ Volume
 - ❖ Benefits (Habitat Acres, Storm Damage Reduction)
 - ❖ Benefit to Cost Ratio

- Selection ~ *DENSITY*

CAILLOU LAKE HEADLANDS RESTORATION



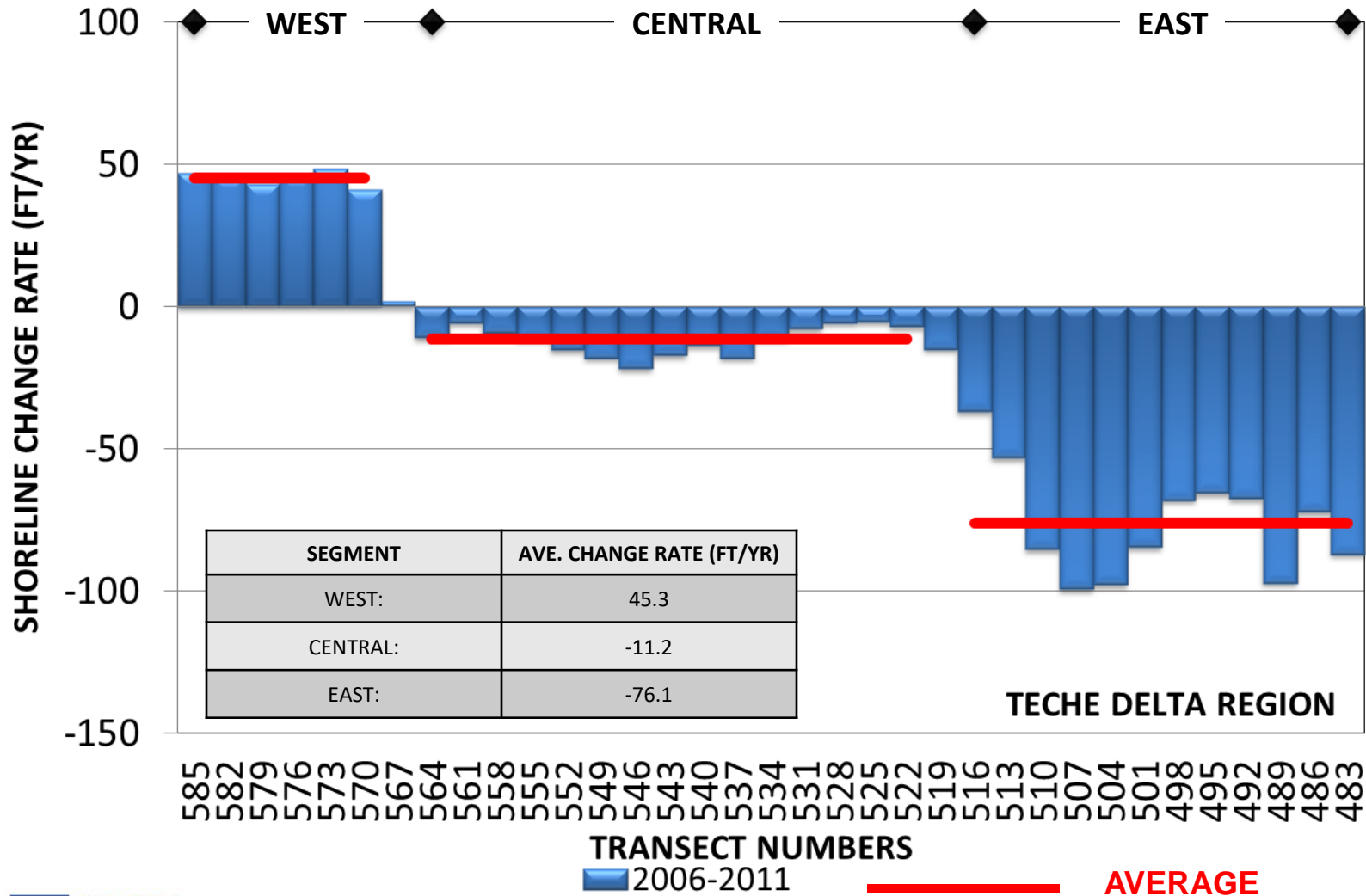
Timbalier Bay

Fun Facts

- Originally part of the four-island National Ecosystem Restoration Plan in LCA Terrebonne Basin Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study: Whiskey Island recommended as first component of construction
- Project reformulated into Caillou Lake Headlands Restoration
- Construction Cost
 - ❖ Engineer's Opinion of Cost = \$99.5 Million
 - ❖ Construction Bid Range
 - Low = \$103,184,700
 - High = \$103,176,805
 - Under Construction...
- Construction Elements
 - ❖ Beach/Dune Fill: 9.44 MCY(Cut) ~ 754 Acres
 - ❖ Marsh Creation: 1.01 MCY(Cut) ~ 178 Acres
 - ❖ Project Length: 23,700 Feet
 - ❖ **PROJECT DENSITY: 441 CY/ LF**

\$7,385 (<0.01% Diff)

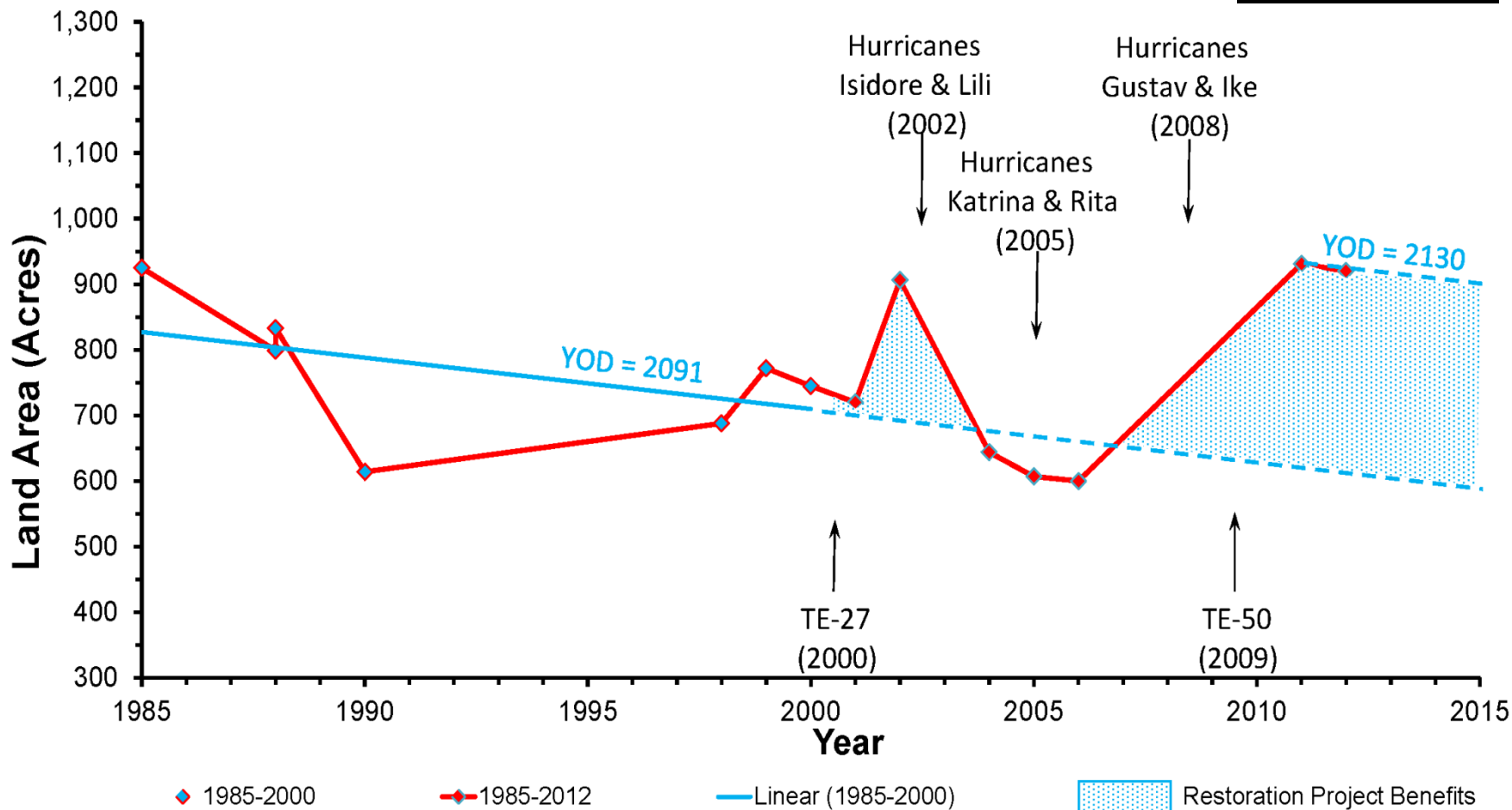
Near-Term Shoreline Change Rates



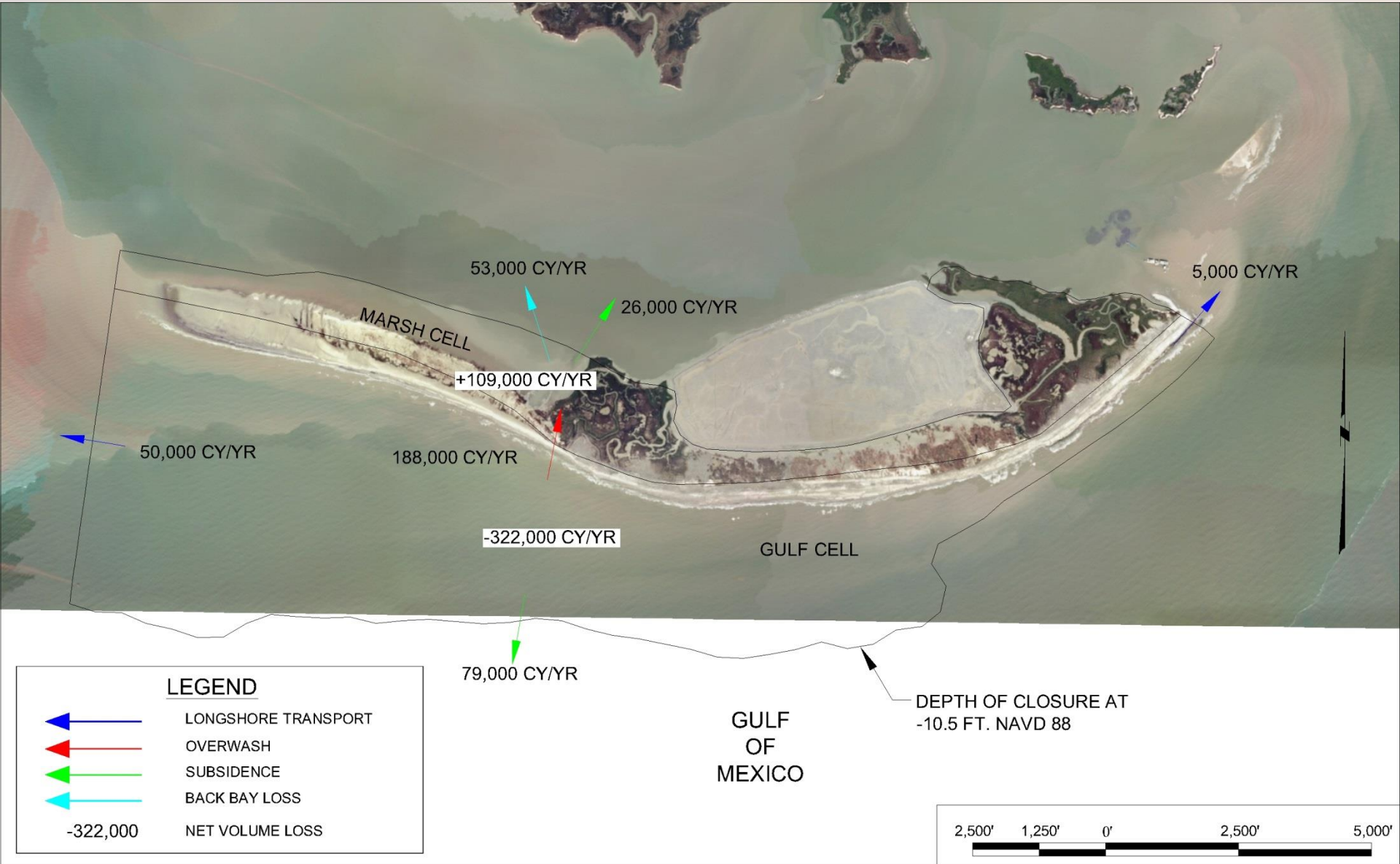
Land Loss



Whiskey Island - Land Area Trends

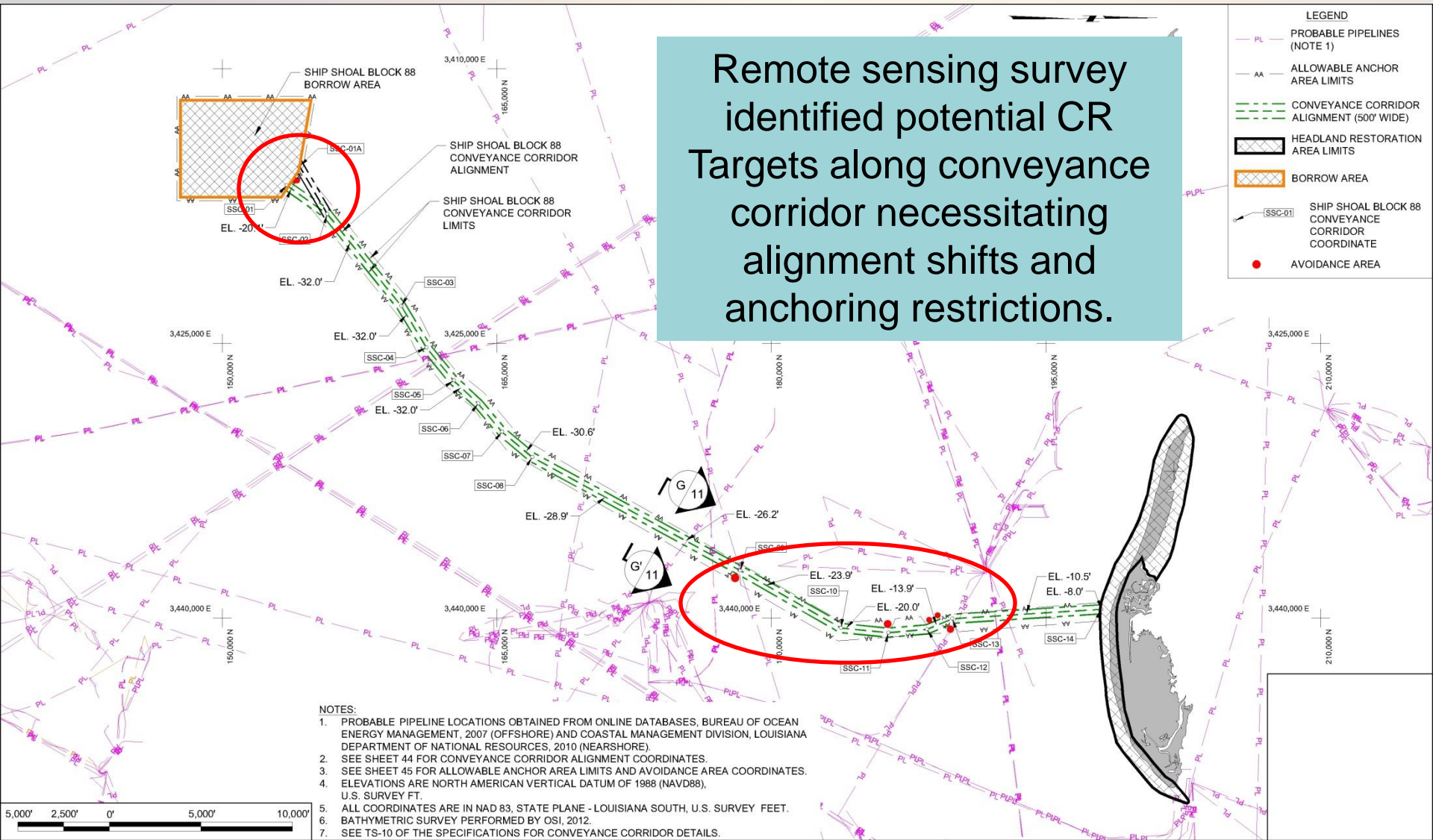


Sediment Budget



Ship Shoal Block 88 Conveyance Corridor

Remote sensing survey identified potential CR Targets along conveyance corridor necessitating alignment shifts and anchoring restrictions.



LEGEND

- PL PROBABLE PIPELINES (NOTE 1)
- AA ALLOWABLE ANCHOR AREA LIMITS
- CONVEYANCE CORRIDOR ALIGNMENT (500' WIDE)
- HEADLAND RESTORATION AREA LIMITS
- BORROW AREA
- SHIP SHOAL BLOCK 88 CONVEYANCE CORRIDOR COORDINATE
- AVOIDANCE AREA

- NOTES:**
1. PROBABLE PIPELINE LOCATIONS OBTAINED FROM ONLINE DATABASES, BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, 2007 (OFFSHORE) AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, 2010 (NEARSHORE).
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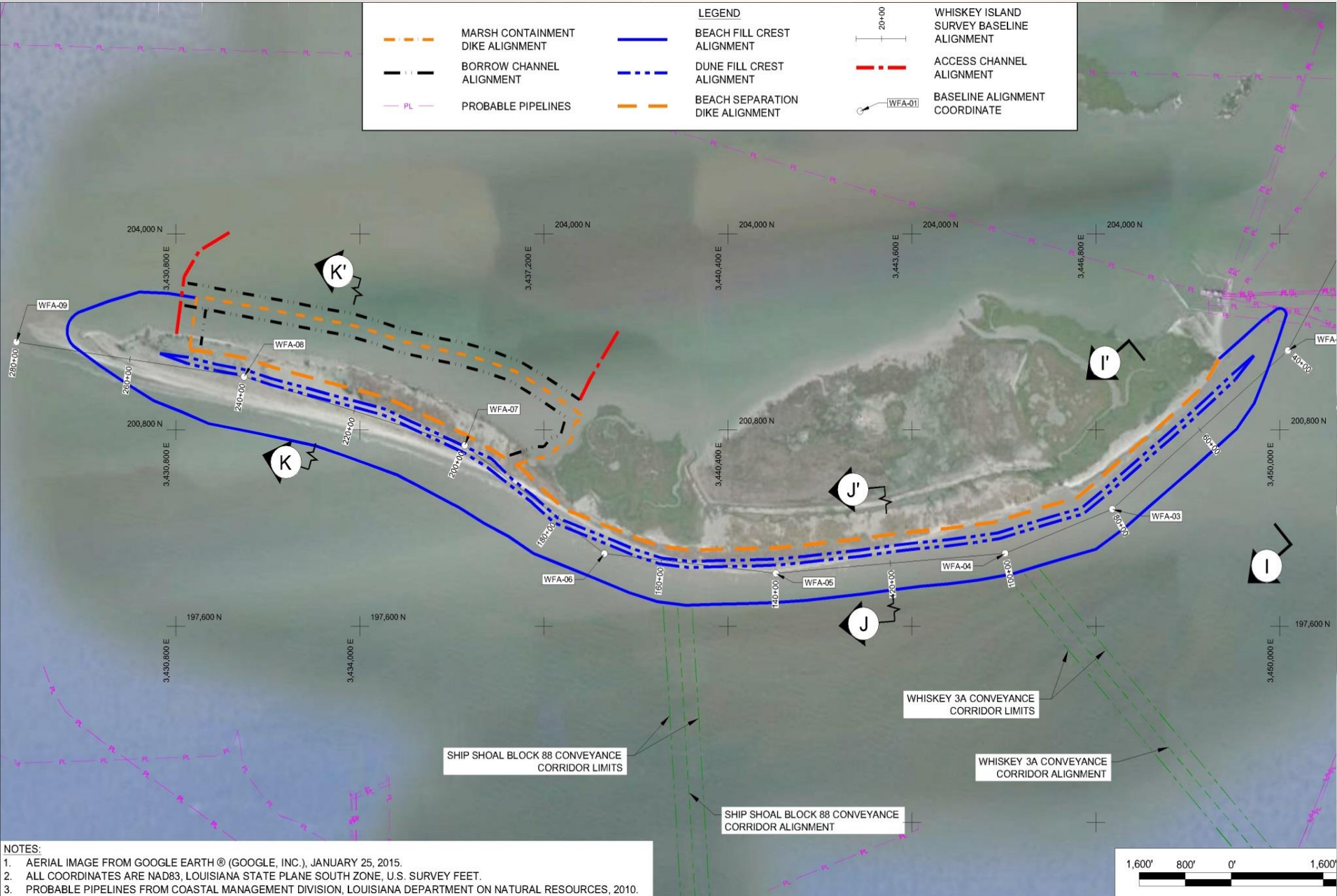
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SHIP SHOAL BLOCK 88 CONVEYANCE CORRIDOR PLAN VIEW

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Headland Overview Map

LEGEND	
	MARSH CONTAINMENT DIKE ALIGNMENT
	BORROW CHANNEL ALIGNMENT
	PROBABLE PIPELINES
	BEACH FILL CREST ALIGNMENT
	DUNE FILL CREST ALIGNMENT
	BEACH SEPARATION DIKE ALIGNMENT
	ACCESS CHANNEL ALIGNMENT
	BASELINE ALIGNMENT COORDINATE

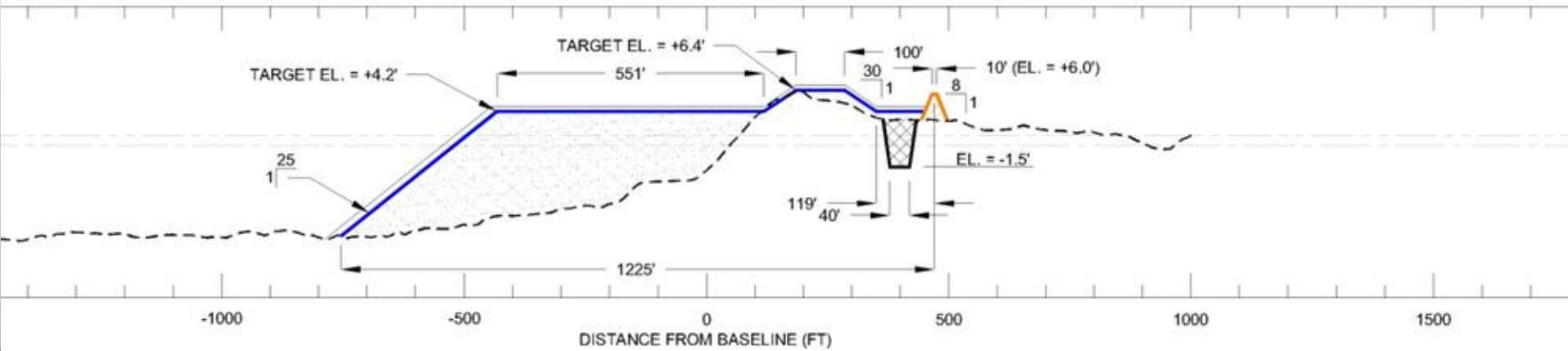


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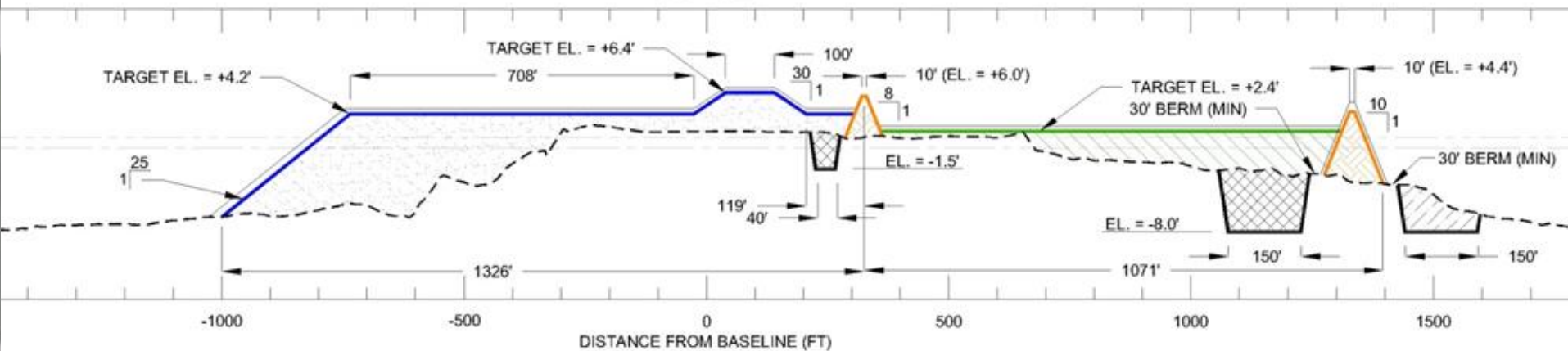


Headland Typical Sections

J - J'



K - K'



LEGEND:

DESIGN			EXISTING GRADE (2012)		BEACH SEPARATION / MARSH CONTAINMENT DIKE		CONTAINMENT / SEPARATION DIKE PRIMARY BORROW CHANNELS
CONSTRUCTION TOLERANCE (SEE NOTE 3)			BEACH / DUNE FILL		MARSH FILL		CONTAINMENT DIKE SECONDARY BORROW CHANNEL

The “**BADDEST**”

➤ “Urban Dictionary” Definitions

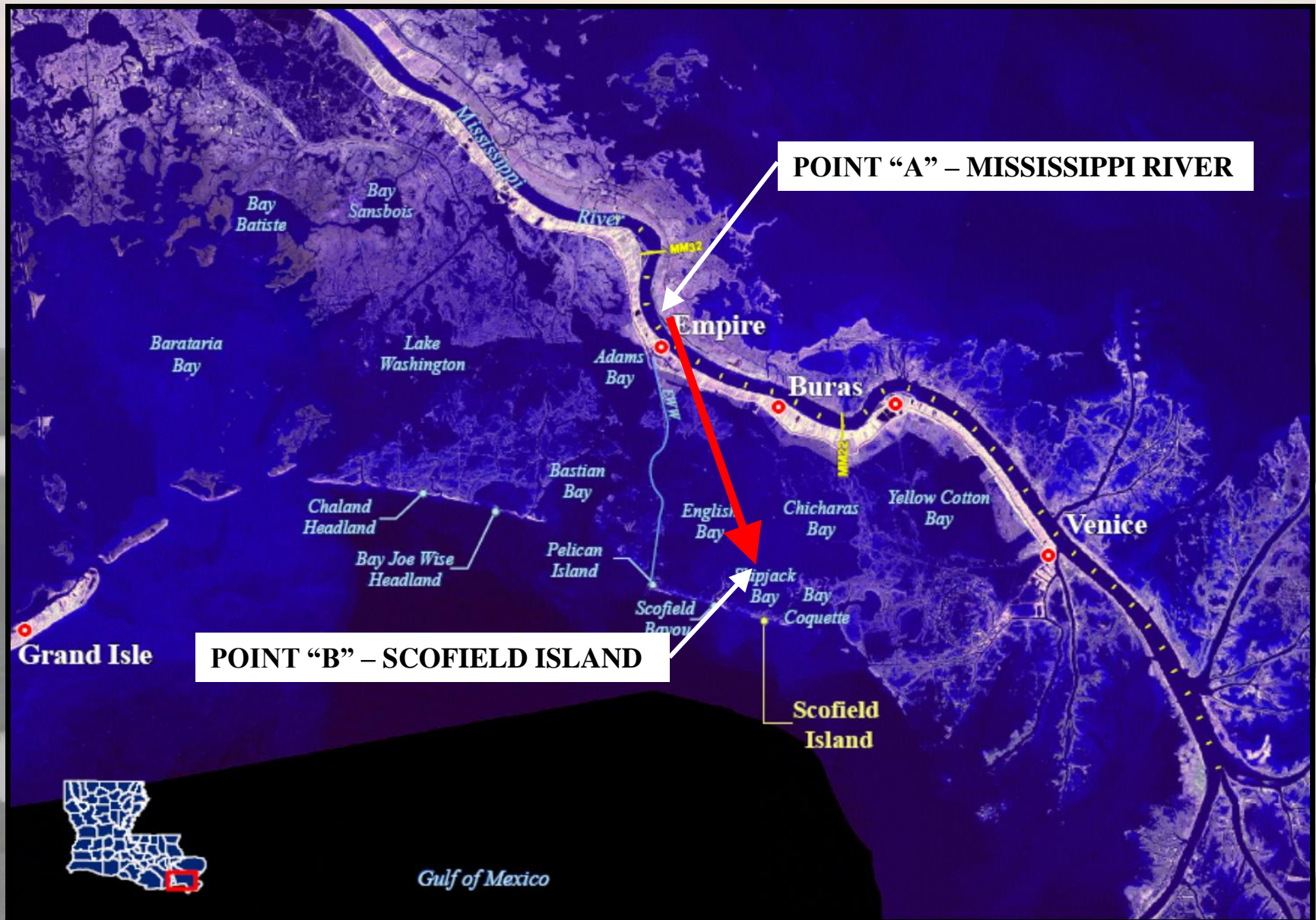
- ❖ Coolest
- ❖ Toughest
- ❖ The “Duke”

➤ Attributes of This Barrier Island Restoration Project

- ❖ Design Challenges
- ❖ Regulatory Hurdles
- ❖ Assessing Mining Impacts
- ❖ Maintaining Safe Navigation

➤ Selection ~ **CONSTRUCTABILITY**

RIVERINE MINING – SCOFIELD ISLAND RESTORATION



Fun Facts

- **Excavated riverine sediments from one of the Nation's busiest navigational waterways**
- **Delivered riverine sediments over 22 miles (Nation's First for Barrier Islands)**
- **Conveyance corridor required:**
 - ❖ **Casing pipe under two highways**
 - ❖ **2 levee (over) and 1 harbor canal (under) crossings**
 - ❖ **Pipeline installed along 16 miles of Empire Waterway**
 - ❖ **Provided 6 navigational crossings for commercial and recreational use over the sediment pipeline**

Fun Facts

➤ **Highlight Reel: 50,000 CY/Day Production Rate**

➤ **Construction Cost**

❖ **Engineer's Opinion of Cost = \$58.1 Million**

❖ **Construction Bid Range**

▪ **Low = \$46.5 Million**

▪ **High = \$82.3 Million**

▪ **Avg = \$64.4 Million**

▪ **Final Cost = \$52.2 Million**

➤ **Construction Elements**

❖ **Beach/Dune Fill: 1.89 MCY ~ 150 Acres**

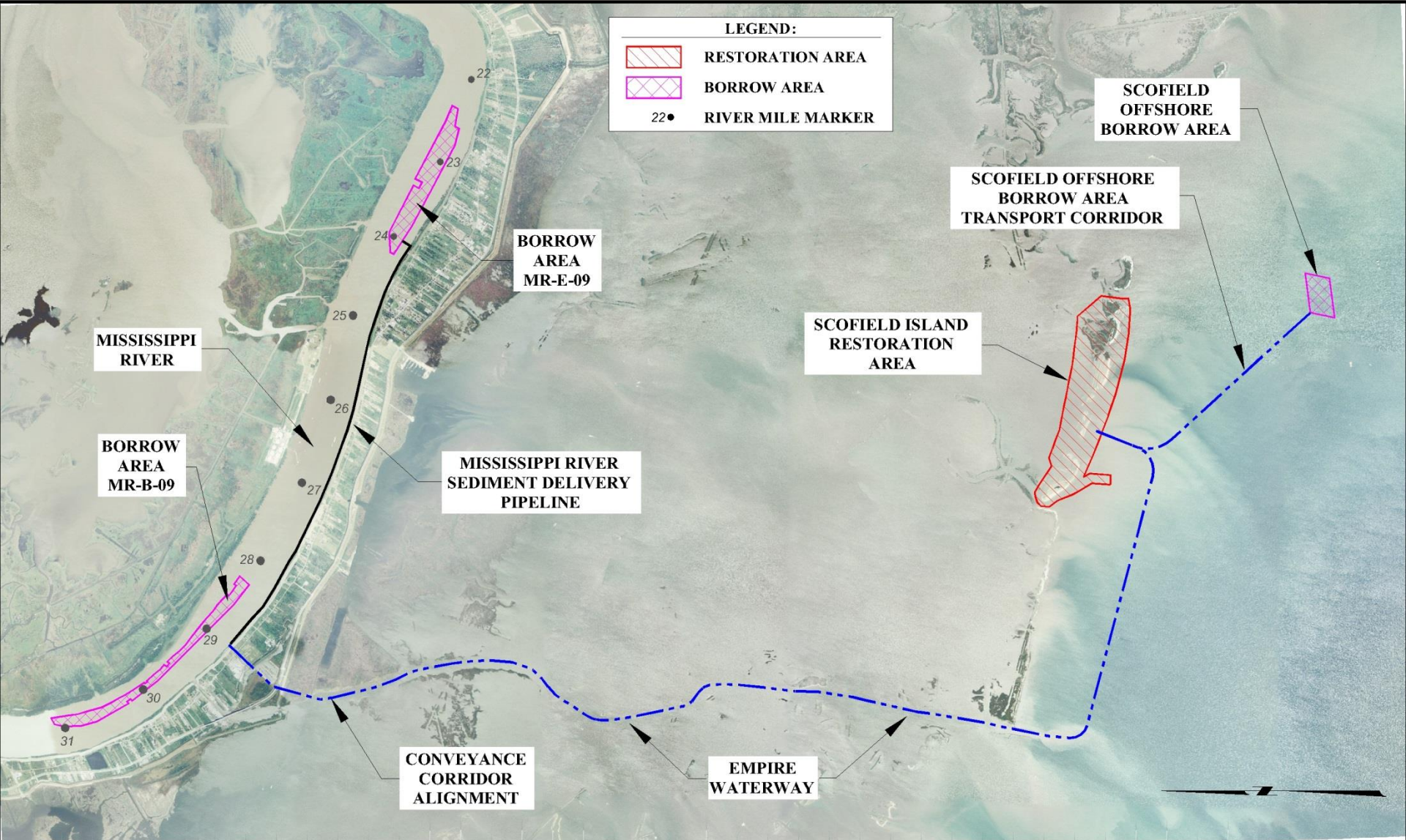
❖ **Marsh Creation: 1.63 MCY ~ 360 Acres**

❖ **Project Length: 12,670 Feet**

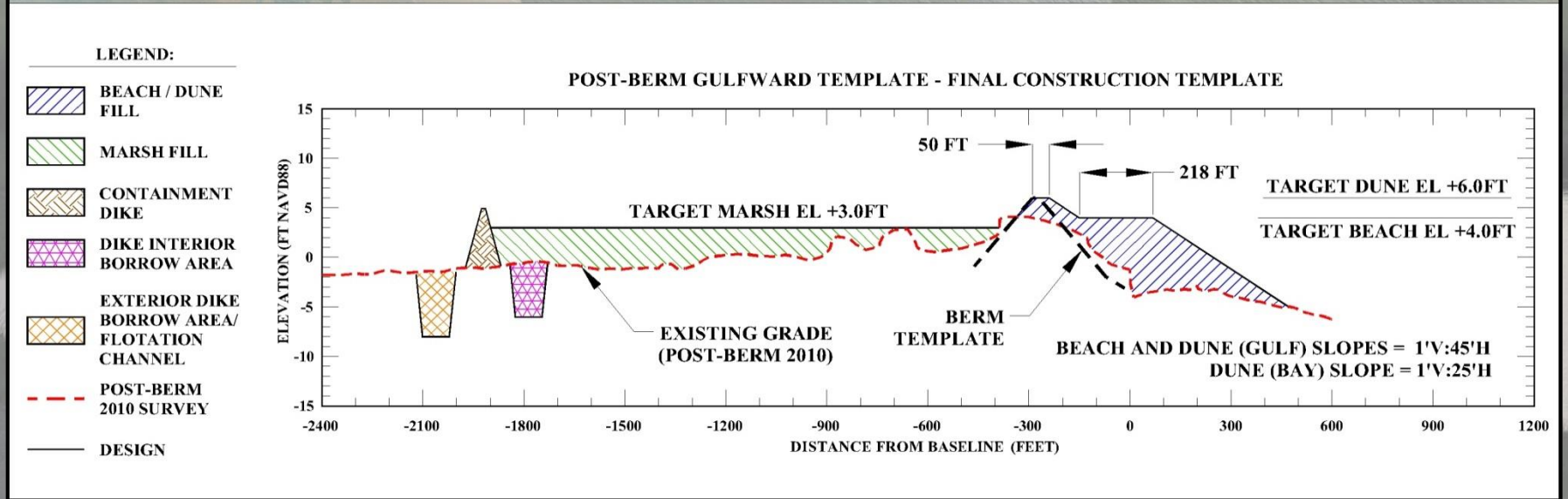
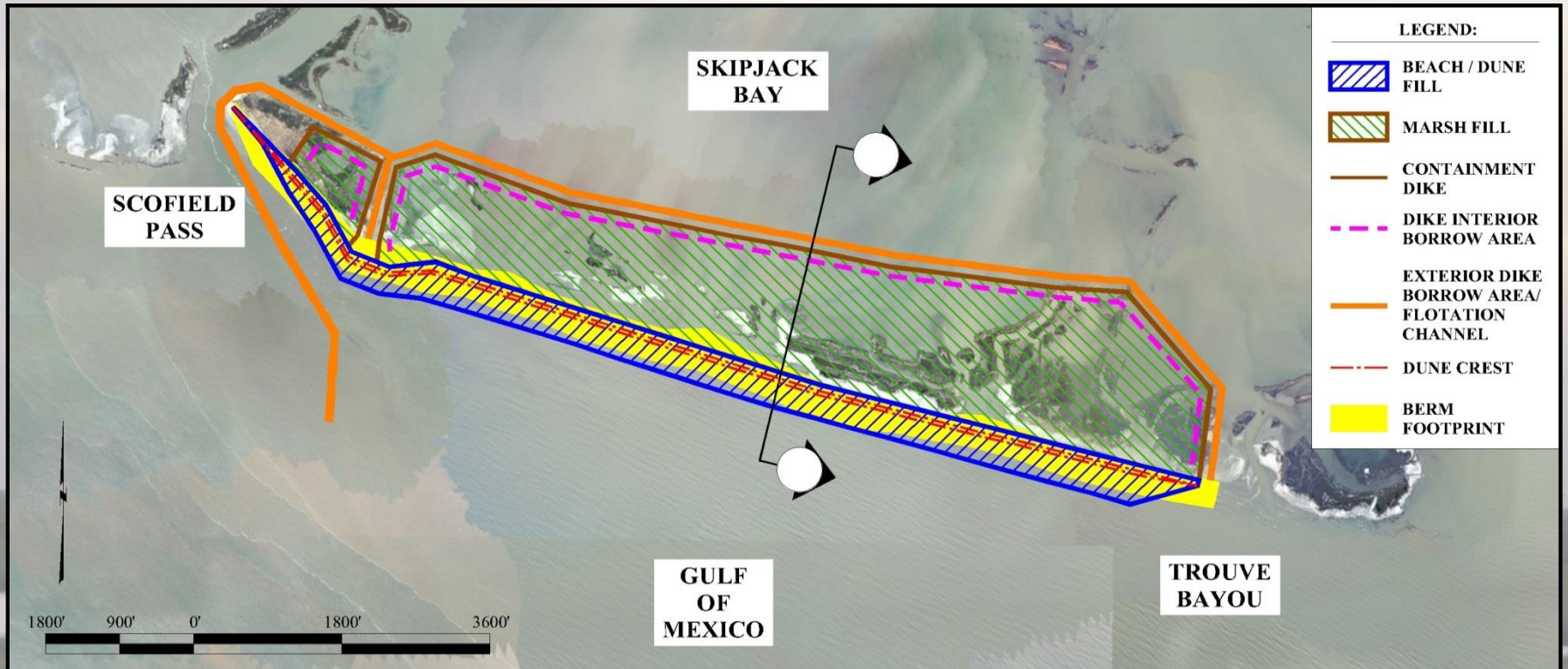
❖ **Project Density: 278 CY/ LF**

❖ **Borrow Area to Island: 22 Miles**

Project Elements



Construction Plan



Pre – Hurricane Isaac



Reference Point
(Oil & Gas Facility)

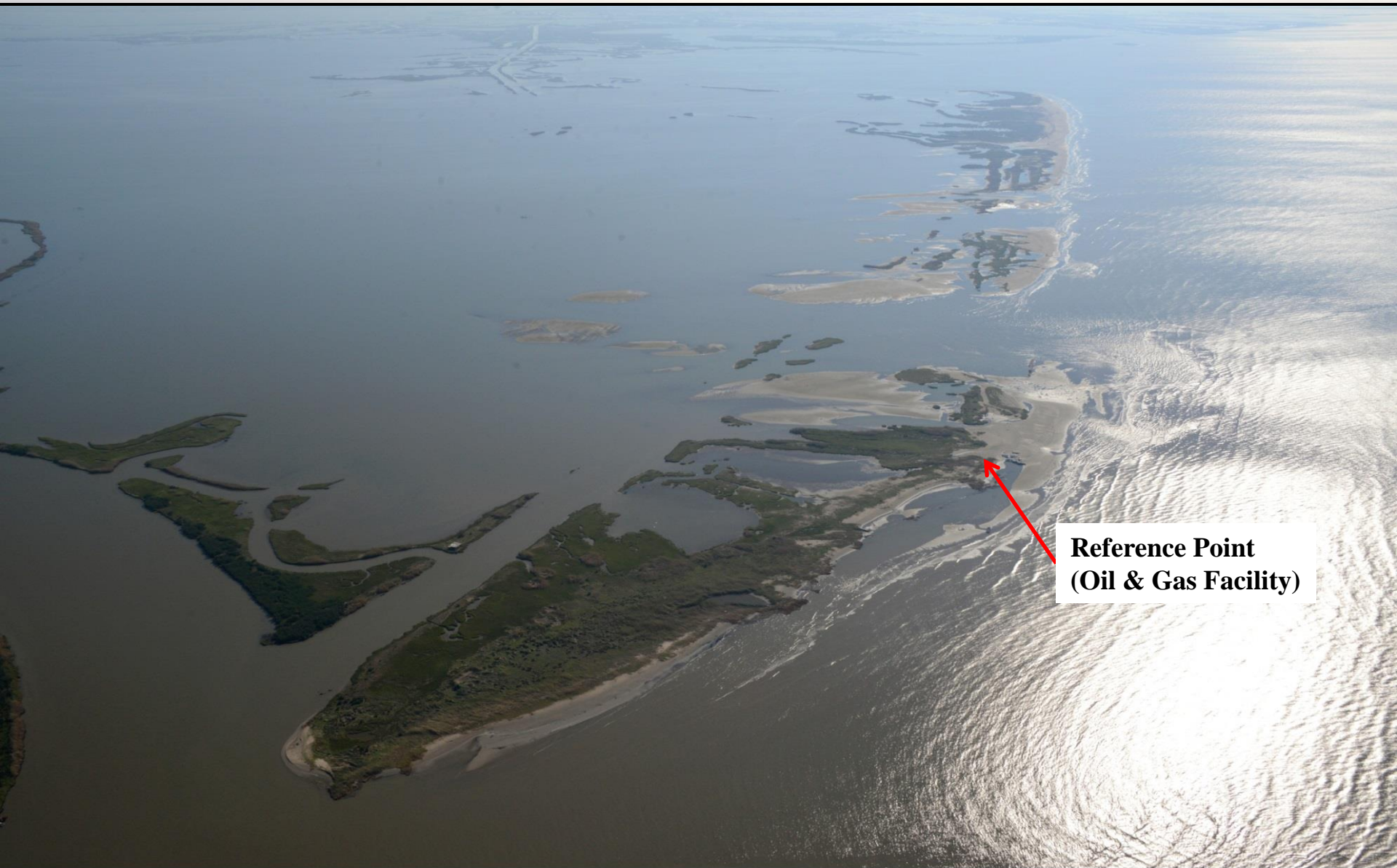


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Scofield Island

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Post – Hurricane Isaac



**Reference Point
(Oil & Gas Facility)**



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Scofield Island

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Hurricane Isaac Impacts

Original Construction Volumes

Beach and Dune

1,632,000 cy

Marsh

1,761,500 cy

Hurricane Impacts

Beach and Dune

- 257,310 cy (-15.8%)

Marsh

+133,260 cy (+7.6%)

Final Construction Volumes

Beach and Dune

1,889,310 cy

Marsh

1,628,240 cy

Over the River Levee and Thru the Marsh...



To Scofield Island We Go...

Empire Marsh Crossing



Scofield Pass Crossing



12-18-12 First Grains of MR Sand Arrive at Scofield Island



Scofield Island – Post-Construction August 2013



Courtesy of Aero Photo

The “***BESTEST***”

➤ “Online Urban Slang Dictionary” Definitions

- ❖ To show exceptional quality strong enough to be described by a word that is not technically a part of the English language
- ❖ Incomparable
- ❖ Exceeding the Level of Best
- ❖ The “Best” of the Best
- ❖ The “Greatest Of All Time”

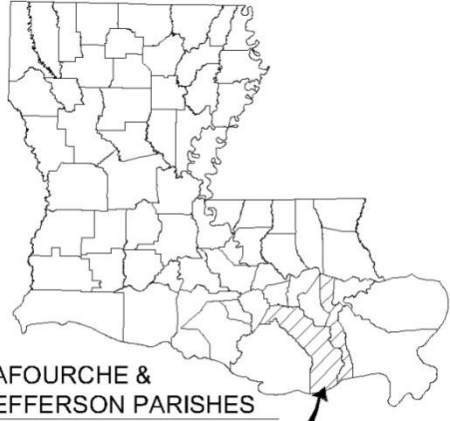


➤ Attributes of a Barrier Island Restoration

- ❖ Design Challenges
- ❖ Project Length & Volume
- ❖ Benefits (Habitats, Storm Damage Reduction, Infrastructure)
- ❖ Overcome Regulatory Hurdles
- ❖ Address Hurricane Impacts
- ❖ Selection ~

NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE!

CAMINADA HEADLAND BEACH AND DUNE RESTORATION



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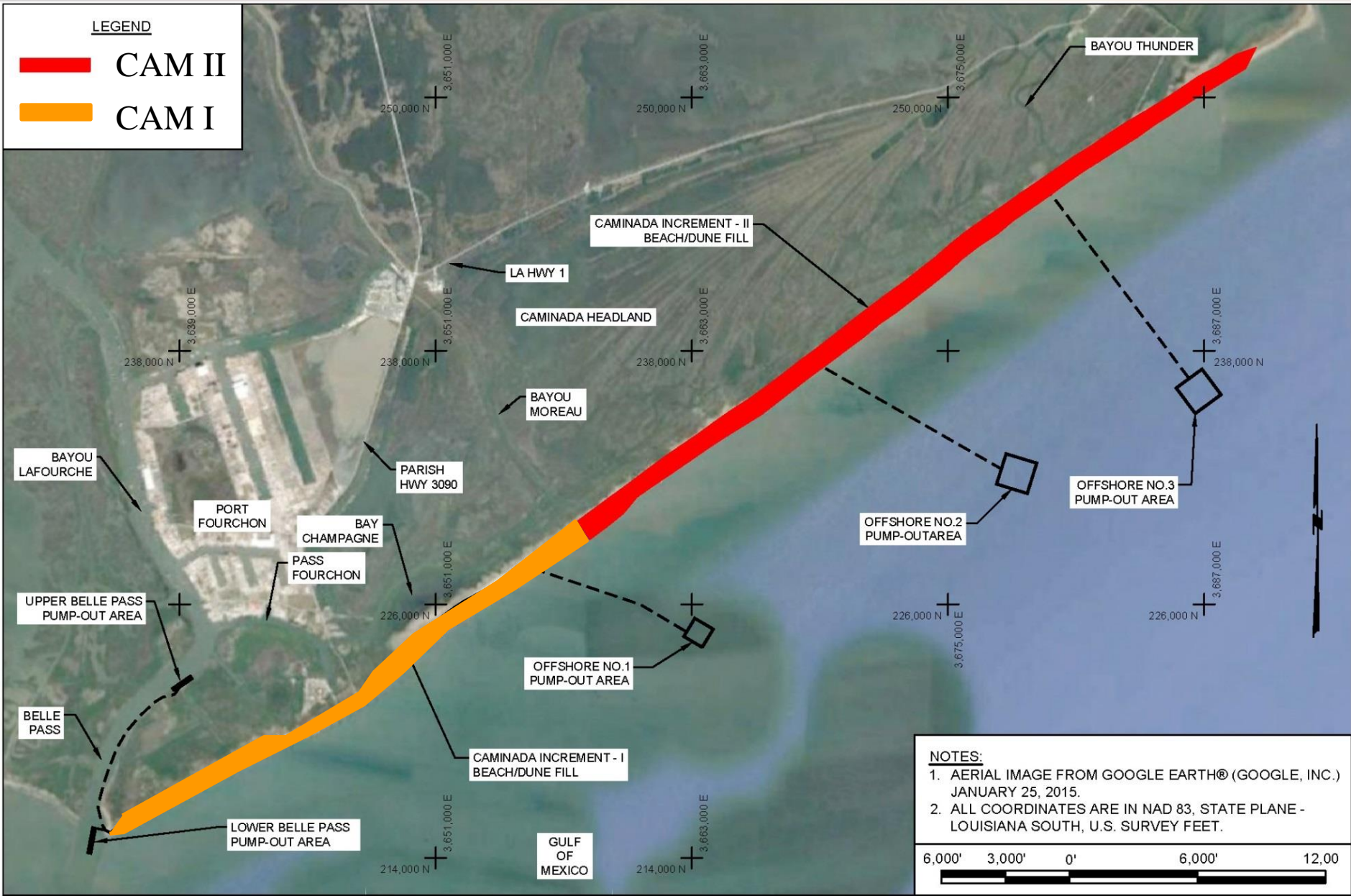
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- 1,700 developed acres
- Services offshore oil, commercial fishing, seafood, shipping, tourism and recreation industries
- 250 companies utilize as base of operations
- Strategic role in furnishing **15-18% of United States oil supply**
- **Currently services over 90% of Gulf of Mexico deep water oil production**
- Land Base for Louisiana Offshore Oil Port – Only U.S. deep water port capable of offloading very large Crude Carriers and ultra large Crude Carriers



Headland Overview



Fun Facts

➤ Highlight Reel: 36,000 CY/Day Production Rate

➤ Construction Cost

❖ Engineer's Opinion of Cost = \$196.7 Million

❖ Construction Bid Range

▪ Low = \$201.4 Million

▪ High = \$222.3 Million

▪ Avg = \$211.8 Million

▪ Final Cost = \$200.9 Million

➤ Construction Elements

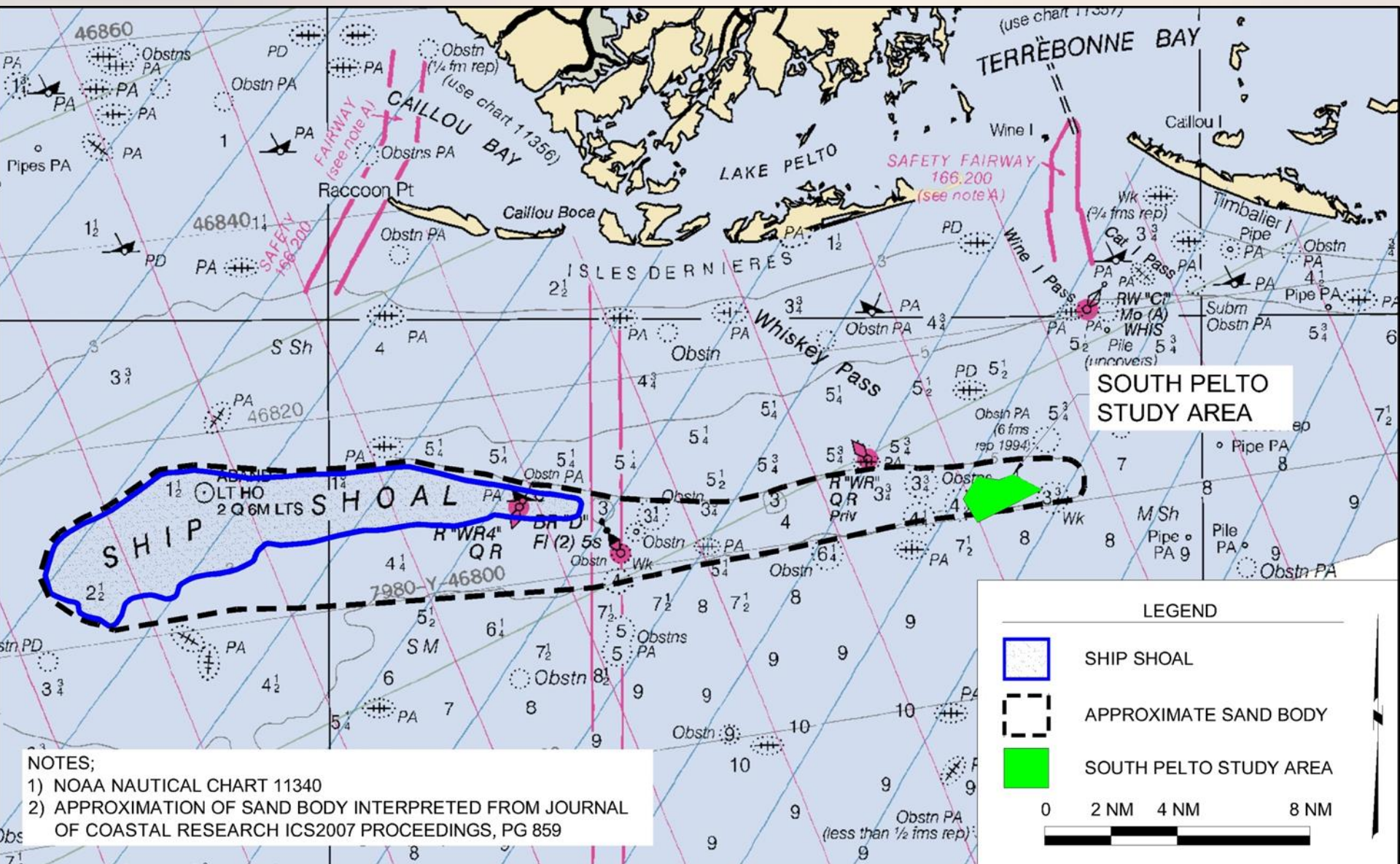
❖ Beach/Dune Fill: 8.84 MCY ~ 1,060 Acres

❖ Project Length: 65,800 Feet

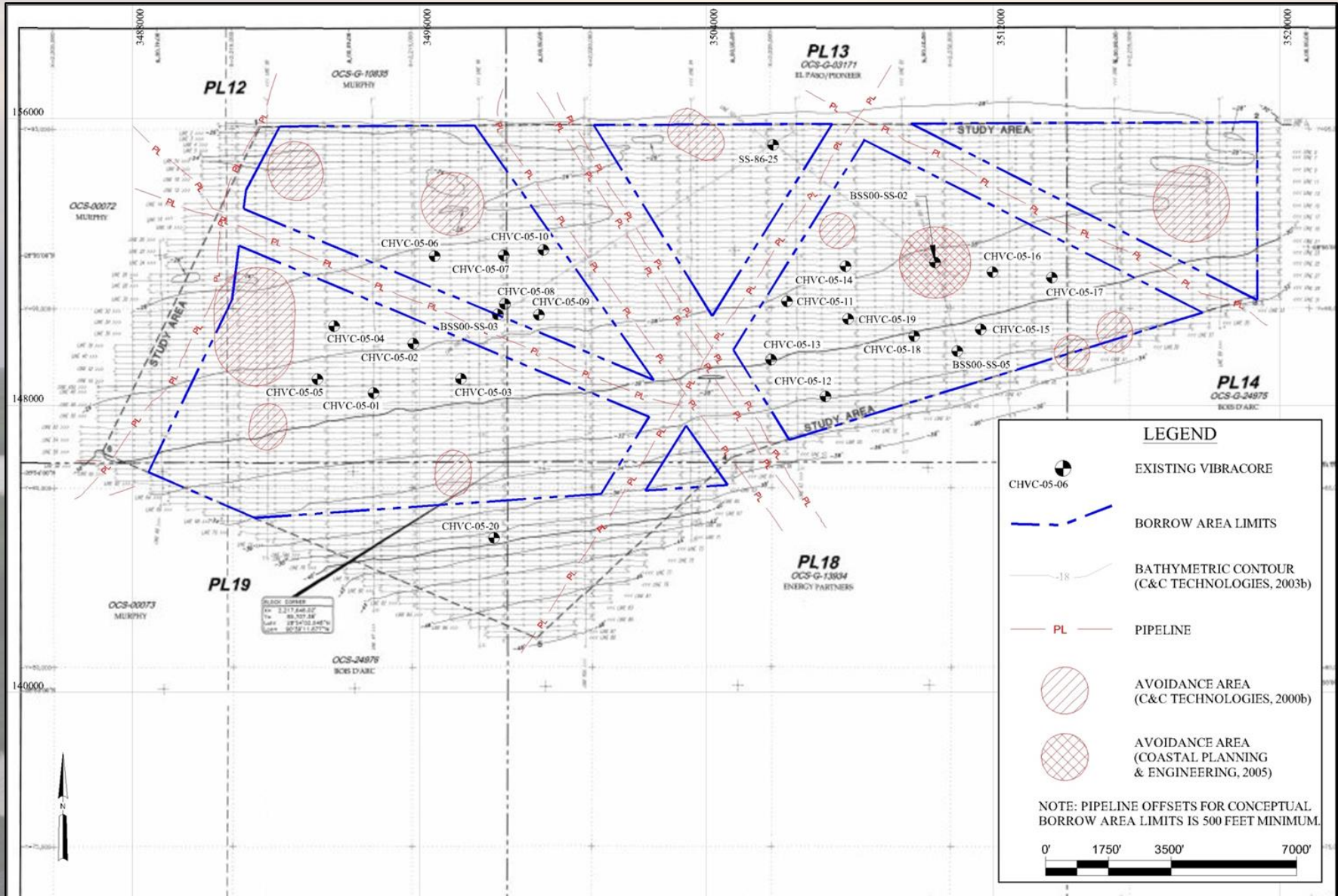
❖ Project Density: 134 CY/ LF

❖ Borrow Area to Island: 30+ Miles







Ship Shoal Overview



Prior Studies



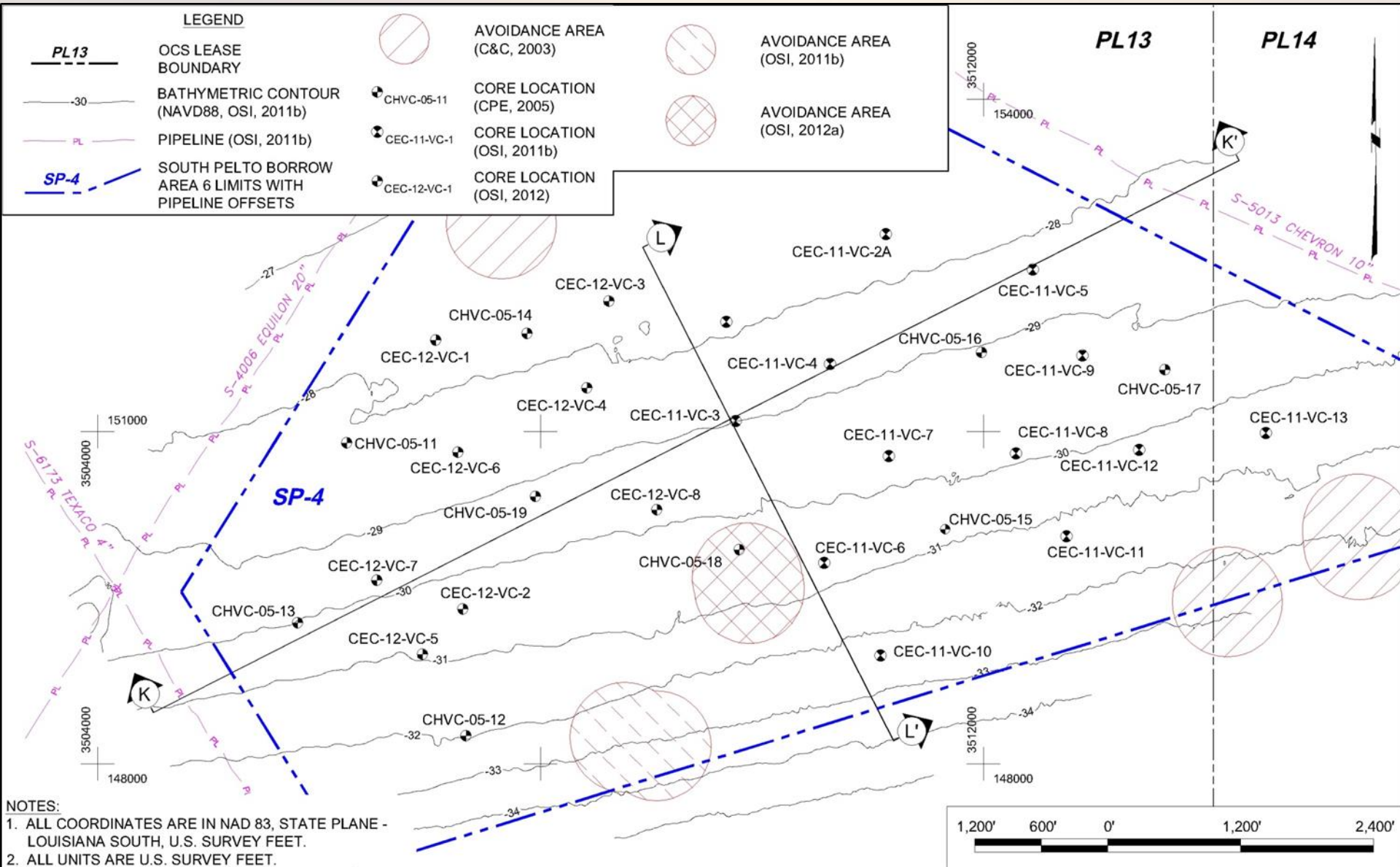
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-  EXISTING VIBRACORE
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-  BORROW AREA LIMITS
-  BATHYMETRIC CONTOUR
(C&C TECHNOLOGIES, 2003b)
-  PIPELINE
-  AVOIDANCE AREA
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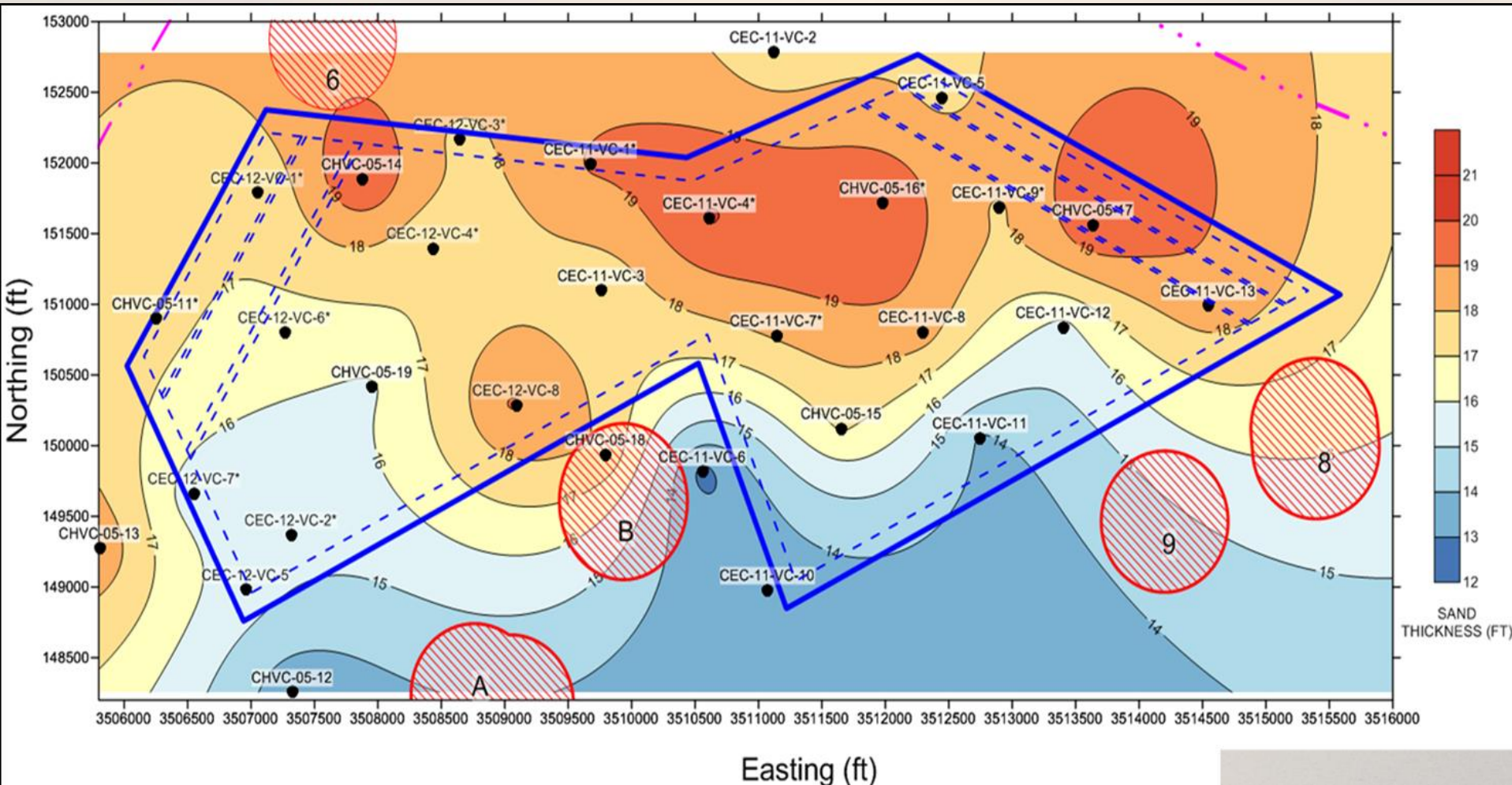
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Geotechnical Investigations



Isopach Map of Sand Thickness



Legend

- Top of Borrow Area
- - - Toe of Borrow Area
- · · Pipeline
- Core Location
- Avoidance Area









* BOTTOM CORE AND NOT NESSECARILY CLAY INTERFACE



Borrow Area Plan

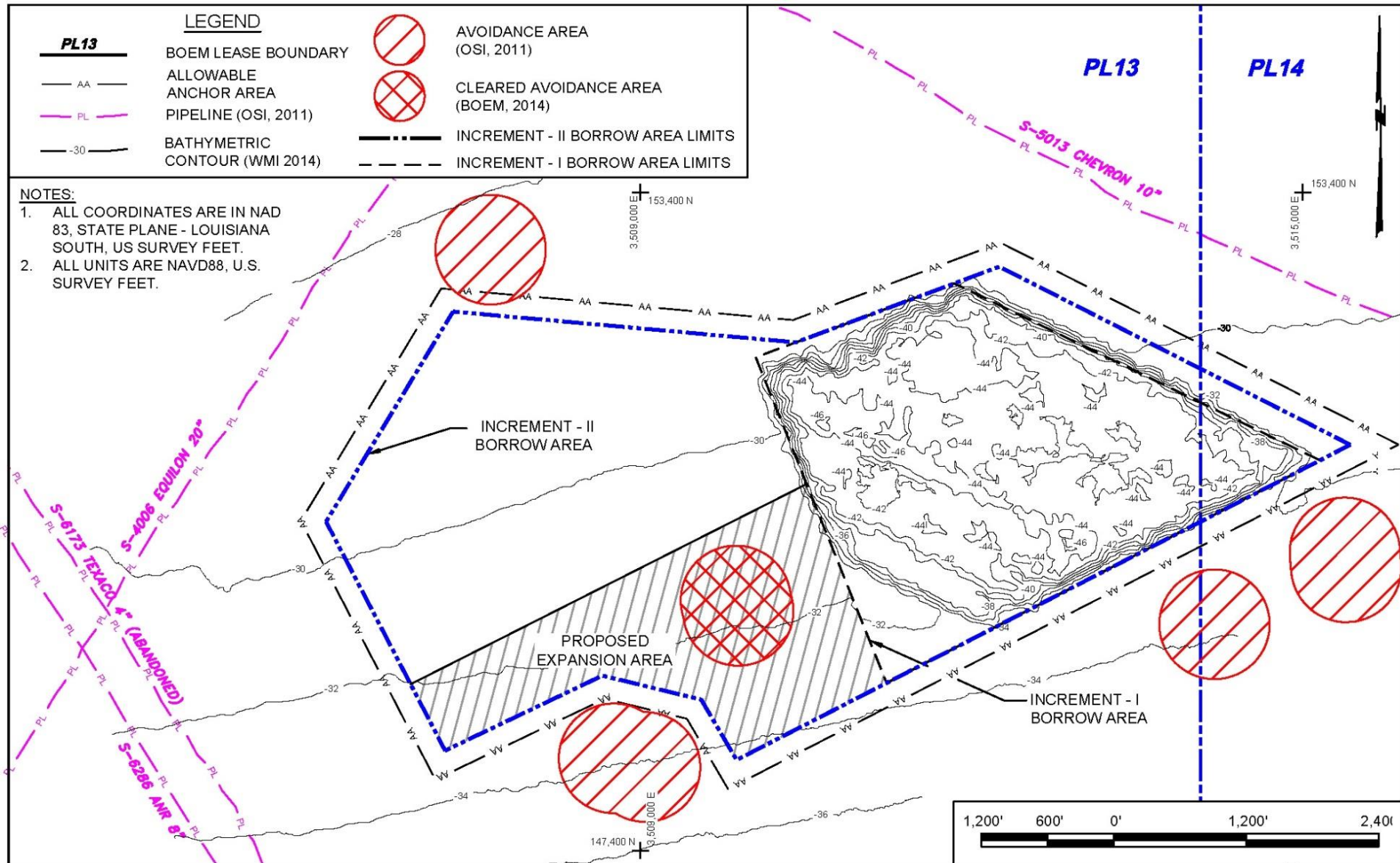
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LEGEND

	BOEM LEASE BOUNDARY		AVOIDANCE AREA (OSI, 2011)
	ALLOWABLE ANCHOR AREA		CLEARED AVOIDANCE AREA (BOEM, 2014)
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	BATHYMETRIC CONTOUR (WMI 2014)		INCREMENT - I BORROW AREA LIMITS

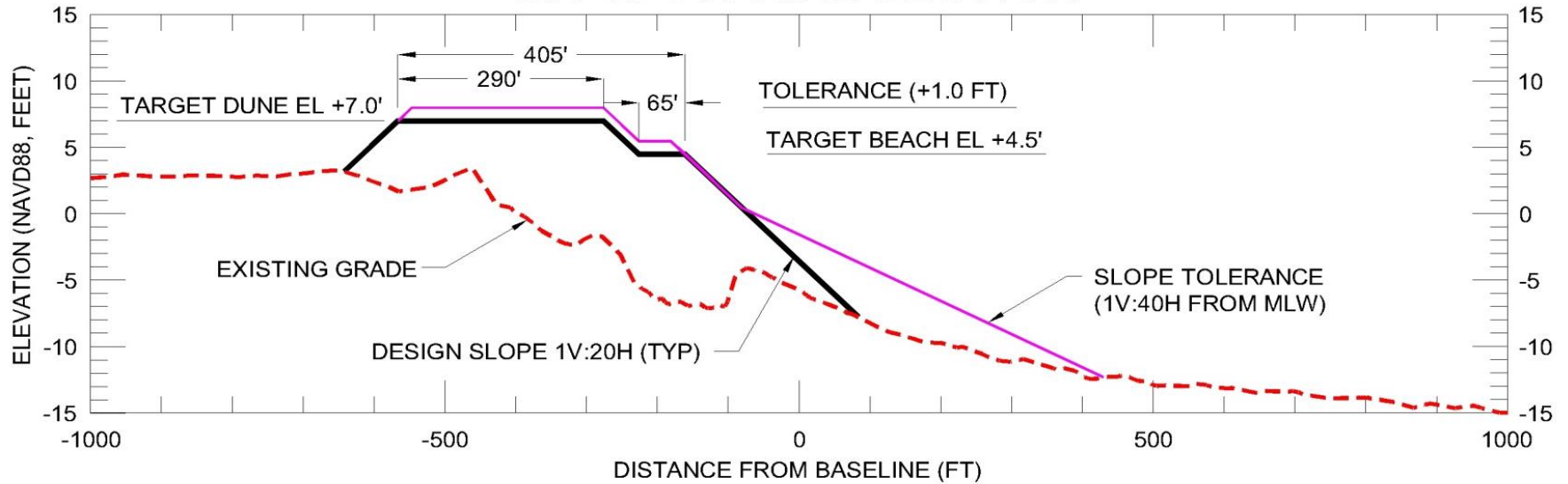
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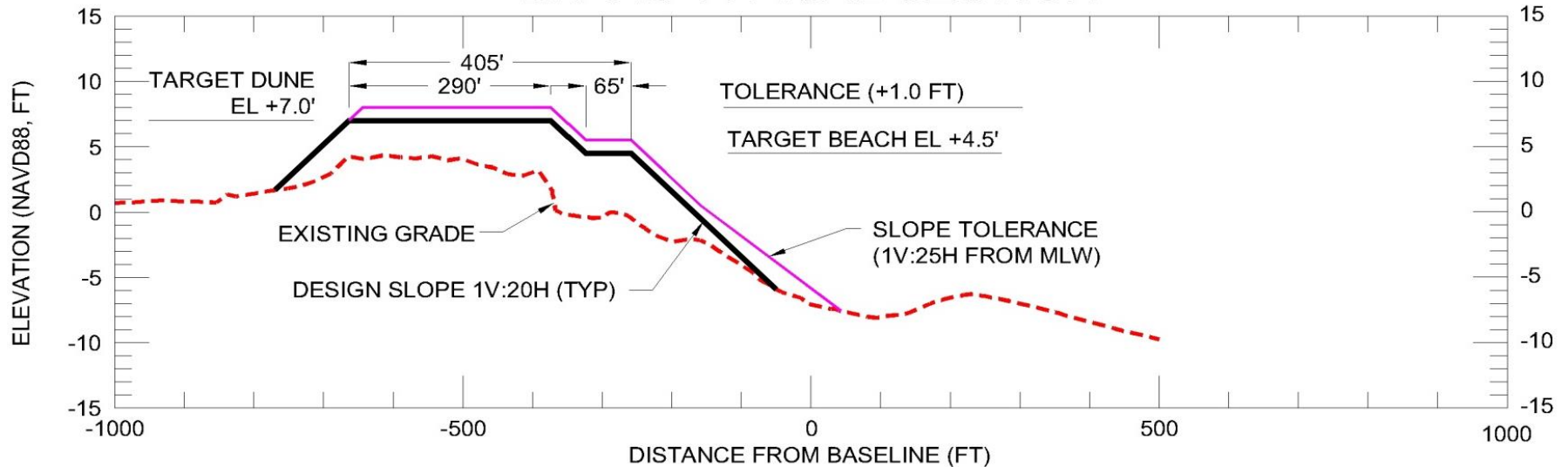


Typical Design Sections

BA-45 TYPICAL SECTION



BA-143 TYPICAL SECTION



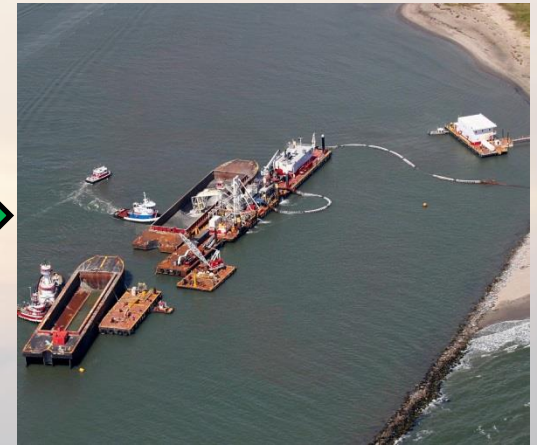
Sediment Transport Methods



**Cutterhead Dredge
Excavation and Filling Scow
Barge via Spider Barge**



**Scow Barge Transport
to Fill Area**



**Hydraulic Unloading of Scow
Barge and Pump to Fill Area**



**Hopper Dredge Excavation
and Transport to Fill Area**



**Hopper Dredge Pump
to Fill Area**

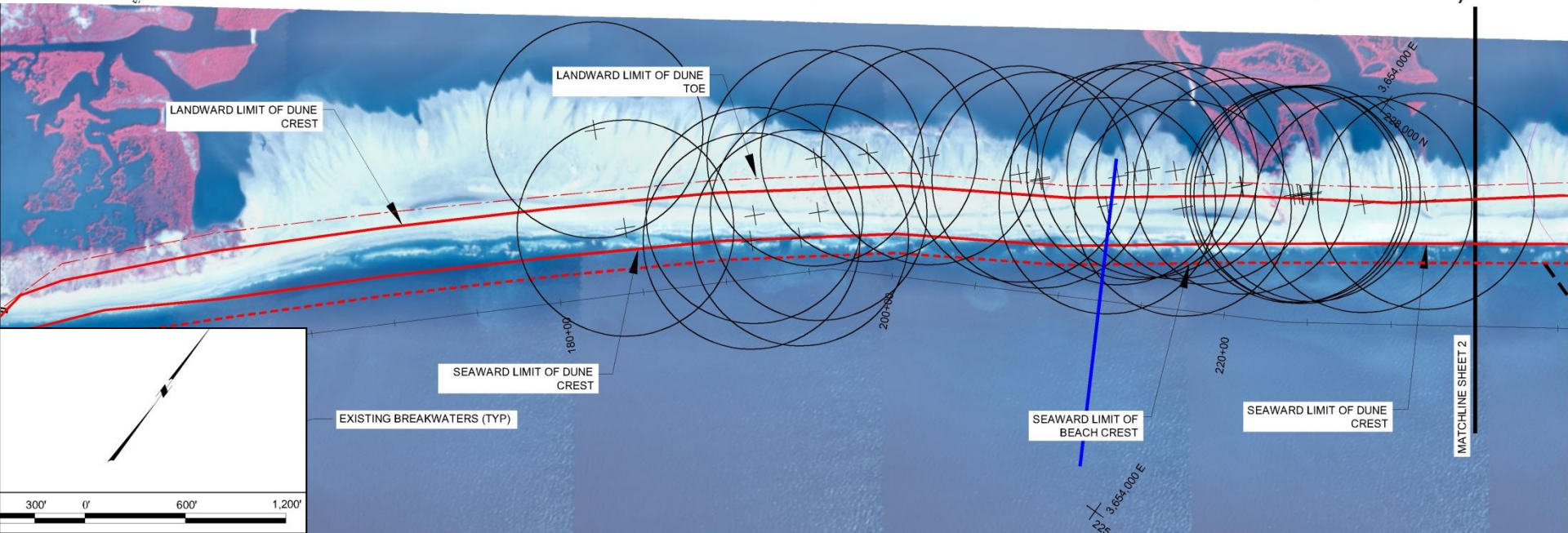
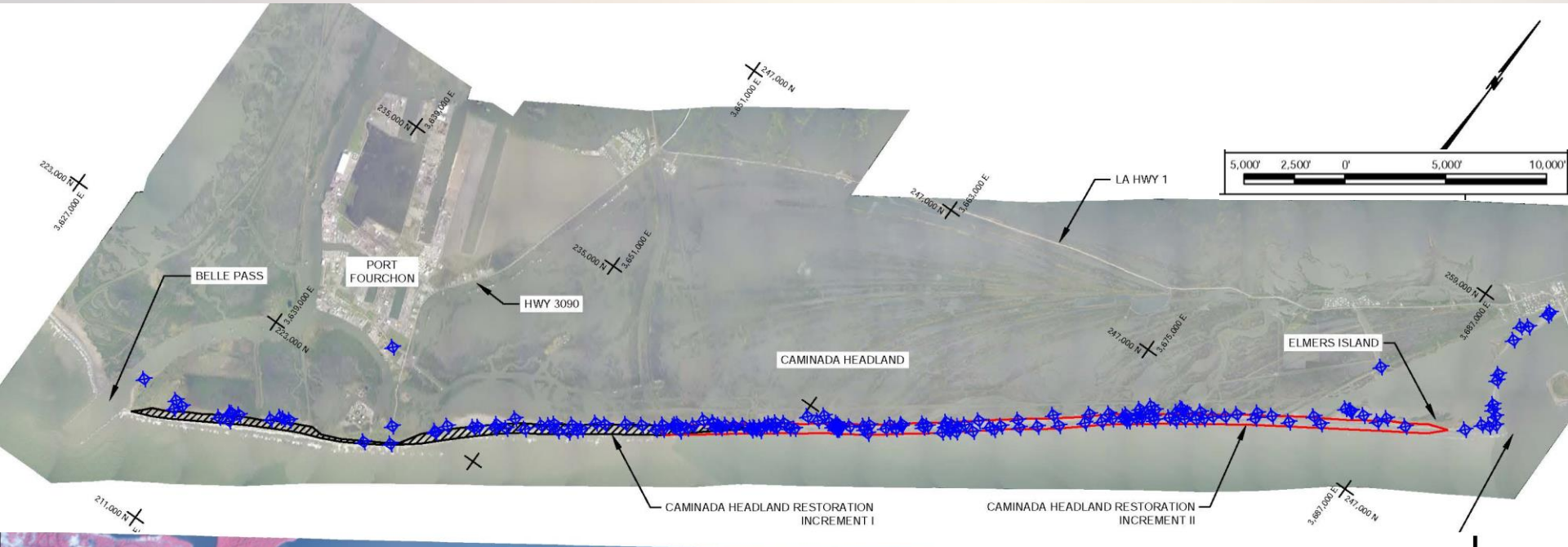


Discharge at Fill Area

Migratory Bird Nesting



Nesting Bird Abundance



Bird Abatement – Wind Rows



Sea Turtle Protection

Biological Opinion Requirements – Inflow / Outflow Screening



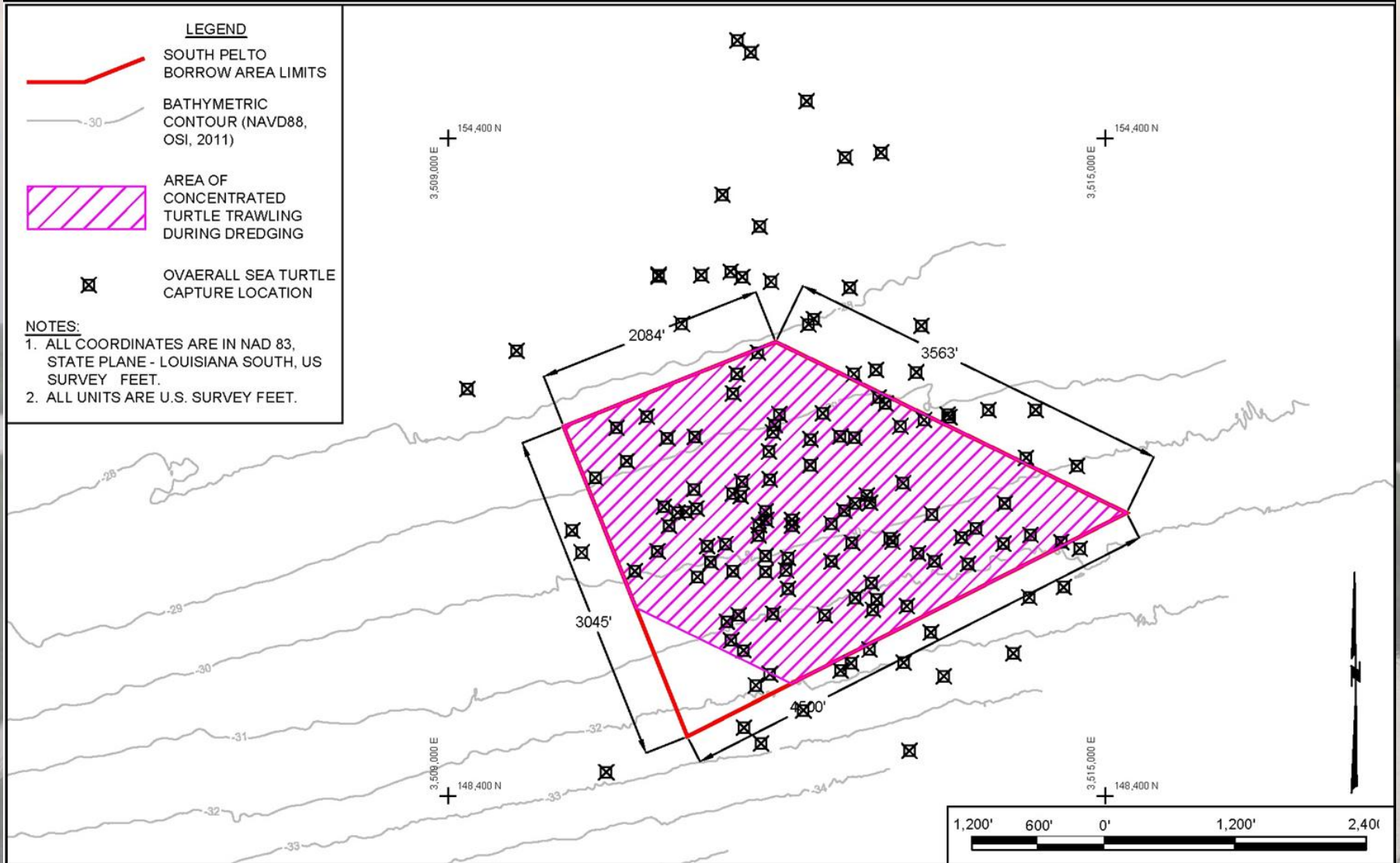
Sea Turtle Protection

Biological Opinion Requirements – Relocation Trawling



Sea Turtle Relocation Trawling

Relocation Trawling Capture Locations



Sea Turtle – Hopper Dredging / Trawling

	CAM I	CAM 2	COMBO
Relocation Trawling Days	111	68	179
Total Number of Hopper Loads	384	117	501
Volume of Sediment Excavated	765,000	554,000	1,319,000
Total Number of Relocation Trawls	1582	808	2390
Total Relocations Total	157	43	200
Kemps Ridley	83	33	116
Loggerhead	69	7	76
Green	2	0	2
Recaptures	3	3	6
Injury or Mortality from Relocations	0	0	0
Geolocator Tags with USGS	0	10	10
Incidental Takes From Dredging	1	0	1
Endangered Species Observer	REMSA	REMSA	
Turtle Trawling Relocation Co	Coastwise Cons	East Coast Obs	
Hopper Dredges	R N W/B.E. Lind	Stuyvesant	

Sea Turtle Tracking

➤ CAM II Turtle Family

- ❖ Alex
- ❖ Barb
- ❖ Heather
- ❖ **Jared**
- ❖ Jewel
- ❖ Lexi
- ❖ Lori
- ❖ Rusty
- ❖ Savanna
- ❖ Tini
- ❖ Tish
- ❖ Yazu



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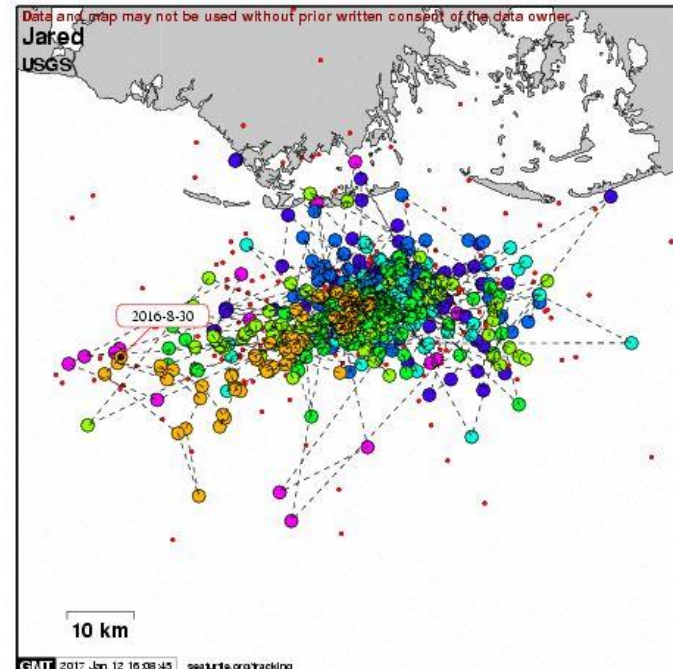
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