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# US Army Corps of Engineers National Coastal Mapping Program

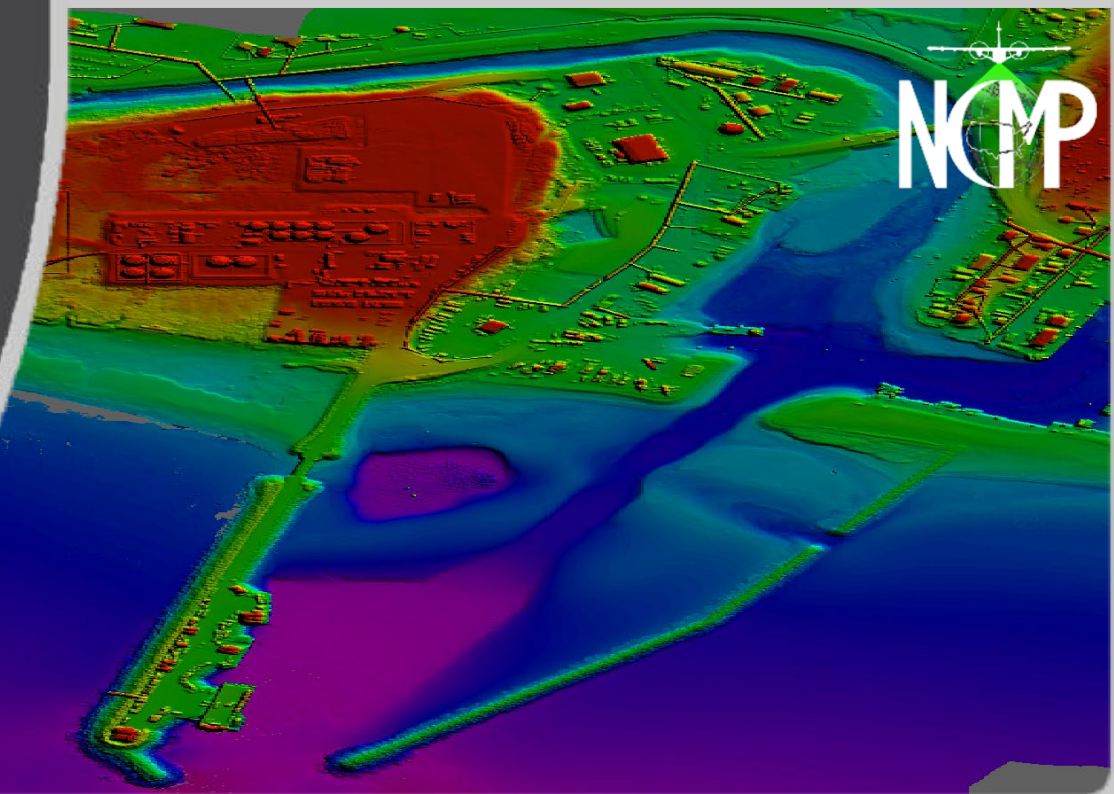
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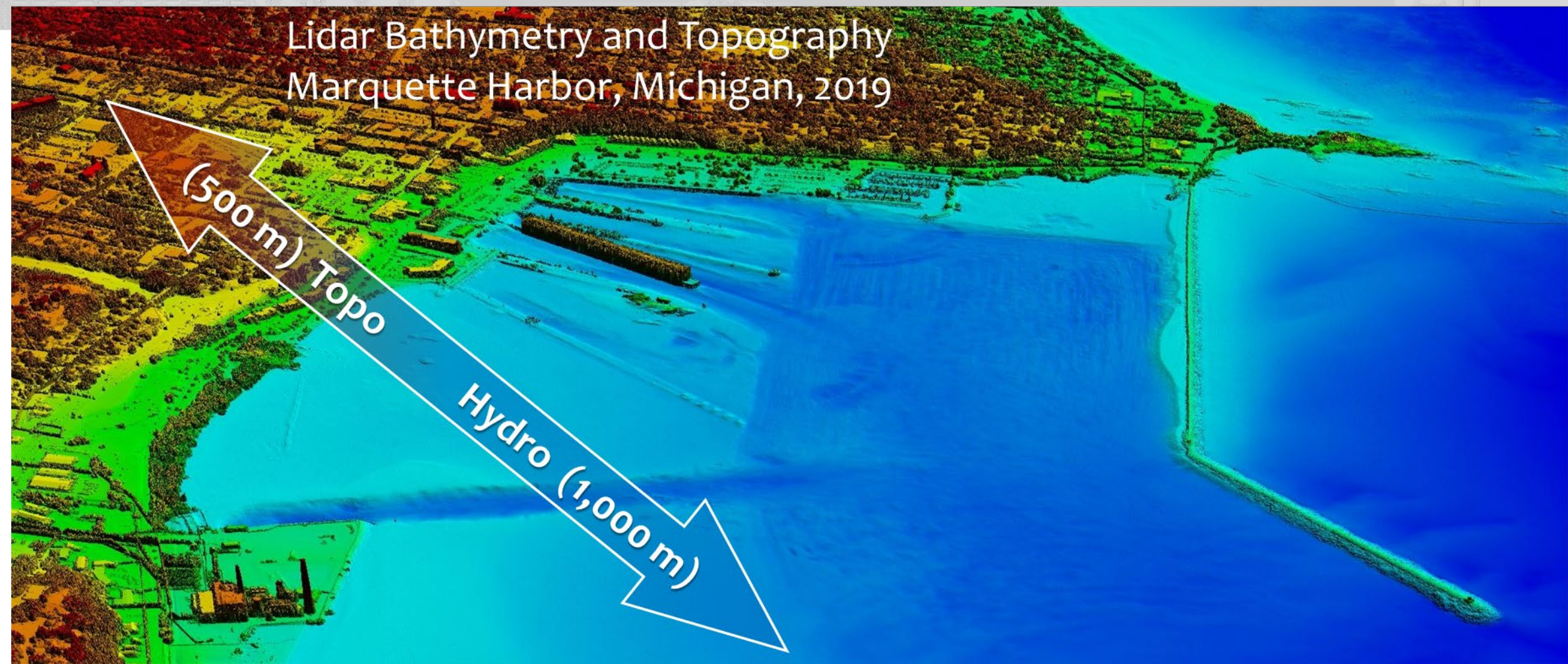
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# National Coastal Mapping Program

- Develops regional, repetitive, high-resolution, high-accuracy elevation and imagery data
- To build an understanding of how the coastal zone is changing
- Facilitates management of sediment and projects at a regional, or watershed scale



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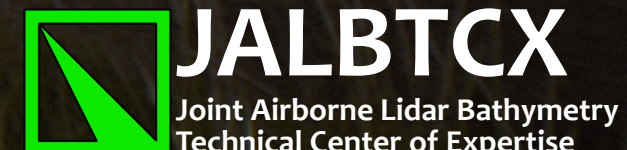
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Time-lapse of a night flight, Long Island, NY, September 2017

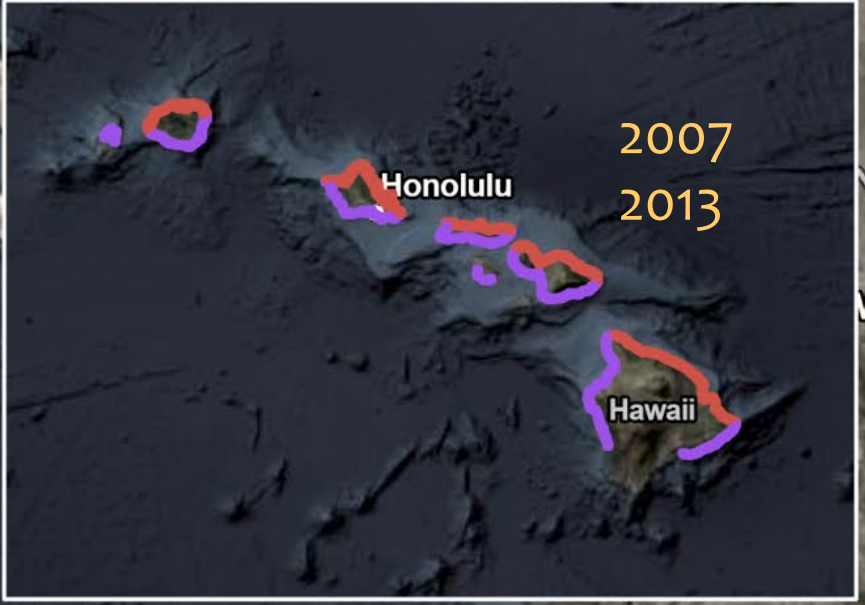
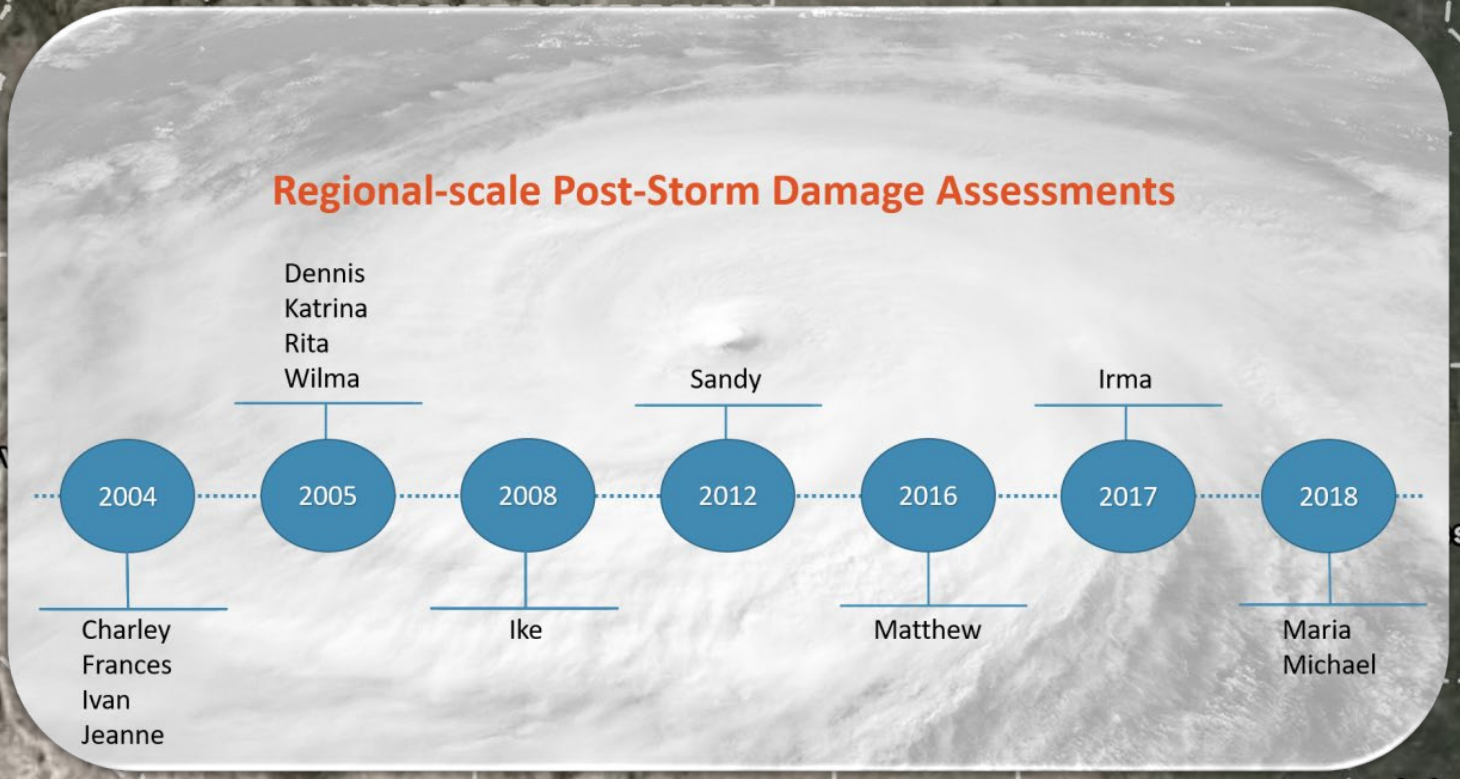




# National Coastal Mapping Program Progress-to-date

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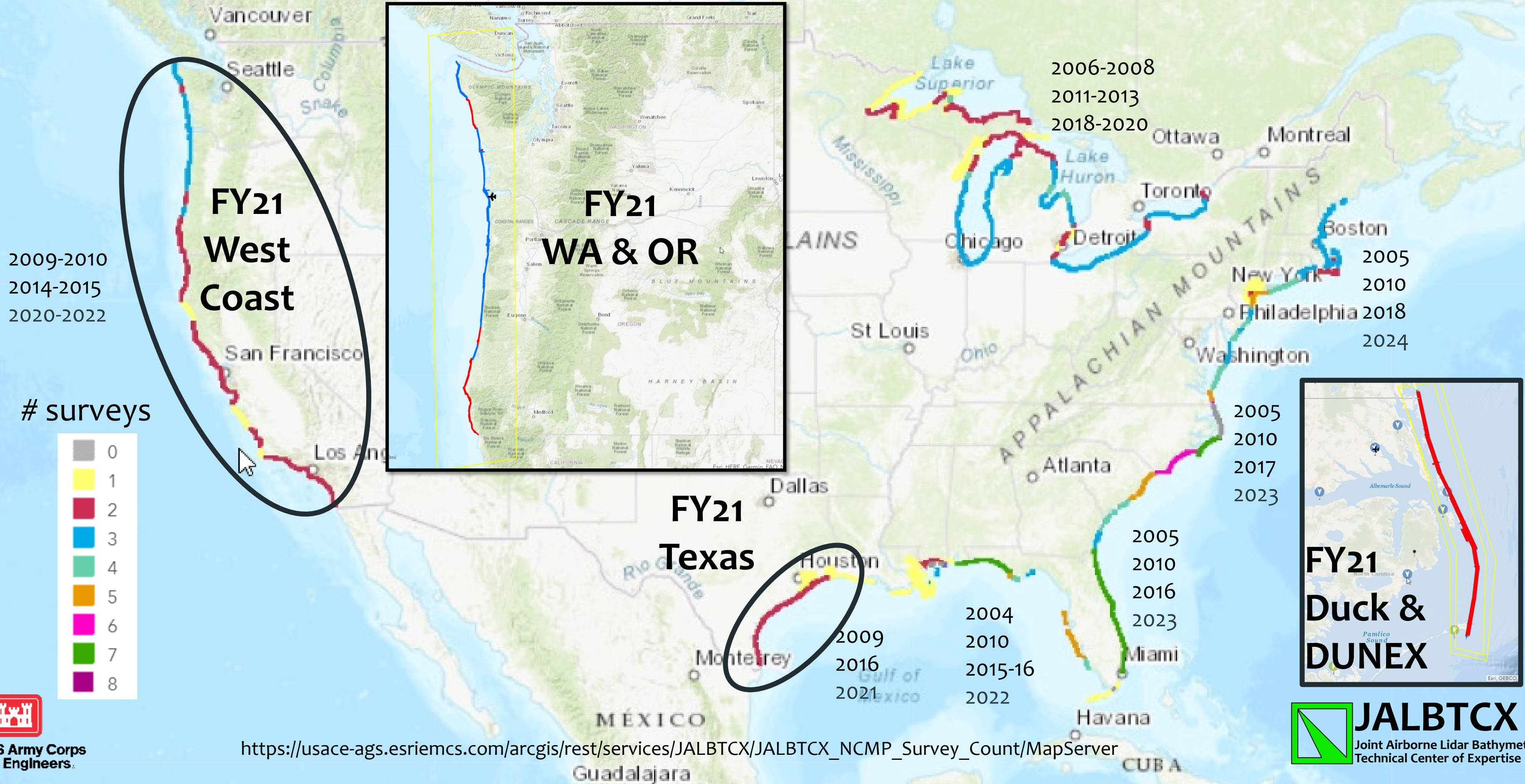
2009 - 2010  
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2020 - 2021









### Number of Surveys

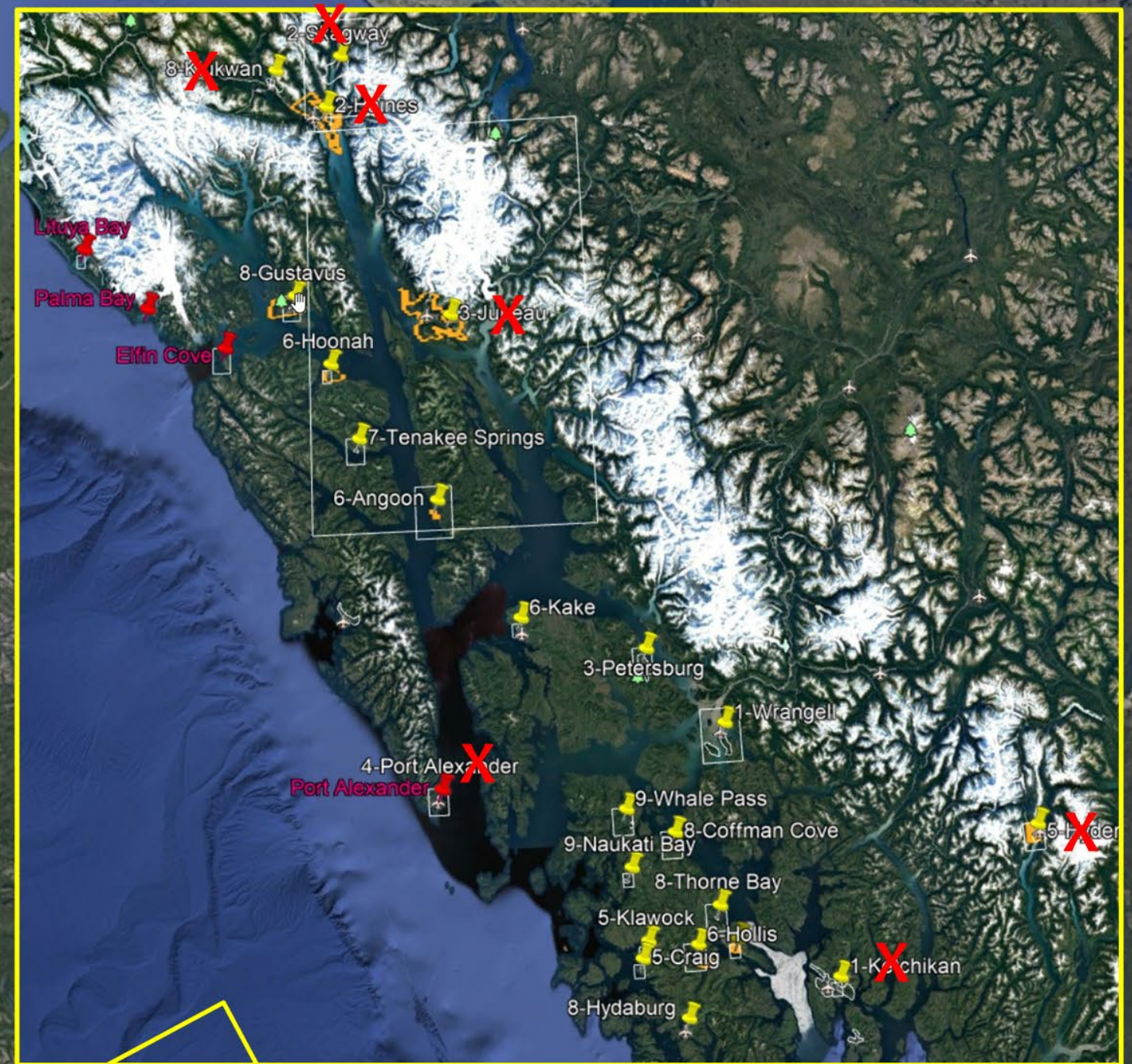


# National Coastal Mapping Program Progress-to-date



# USACE NCMP Alaska Survey Areas

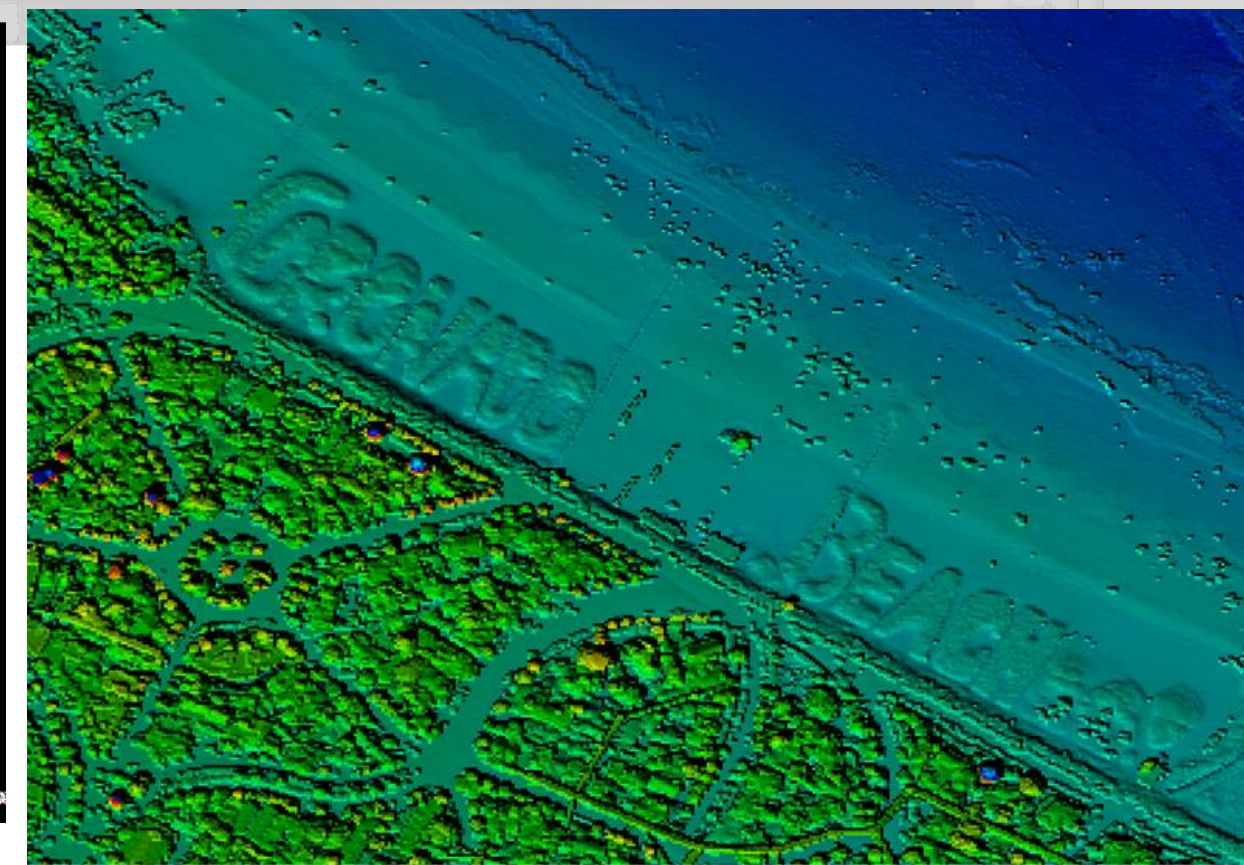
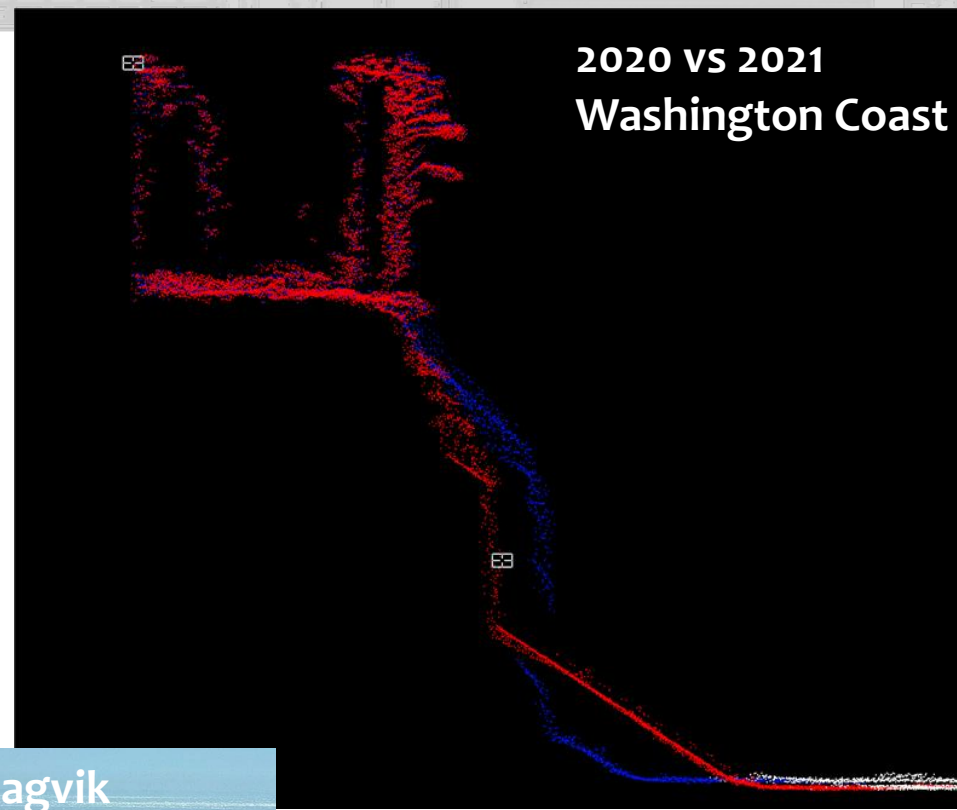
-  2019 surveyed areas
-  2021 survey requirements flown
-  not surveyed due to
  -  high-terrain
  -  other agency
  -  2019 data sufficient



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# Fun stuff

Mount Shishaldin, Alaska



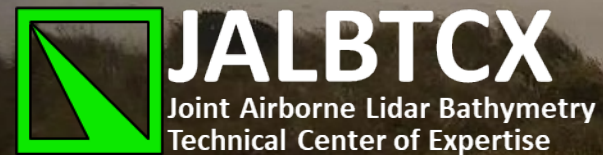
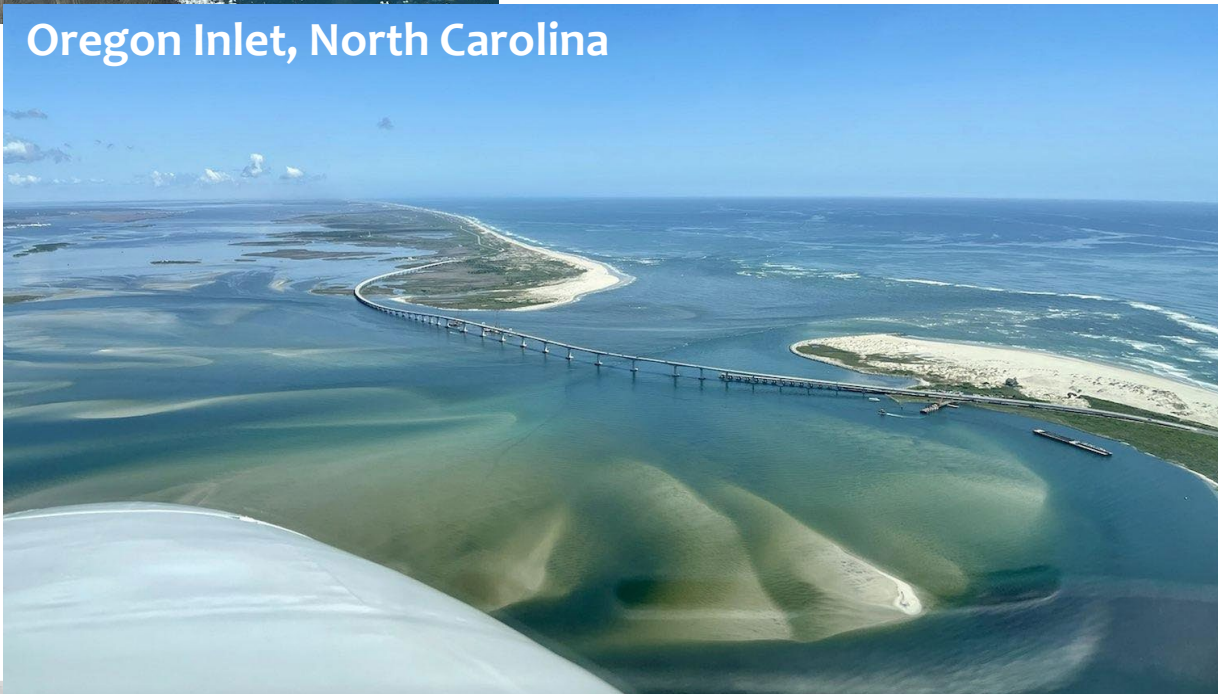
Photograph of Utqiagvik (Barrow) during collection flight



Rockaway Beach, Oregon  
July 2020  
Not survey weather



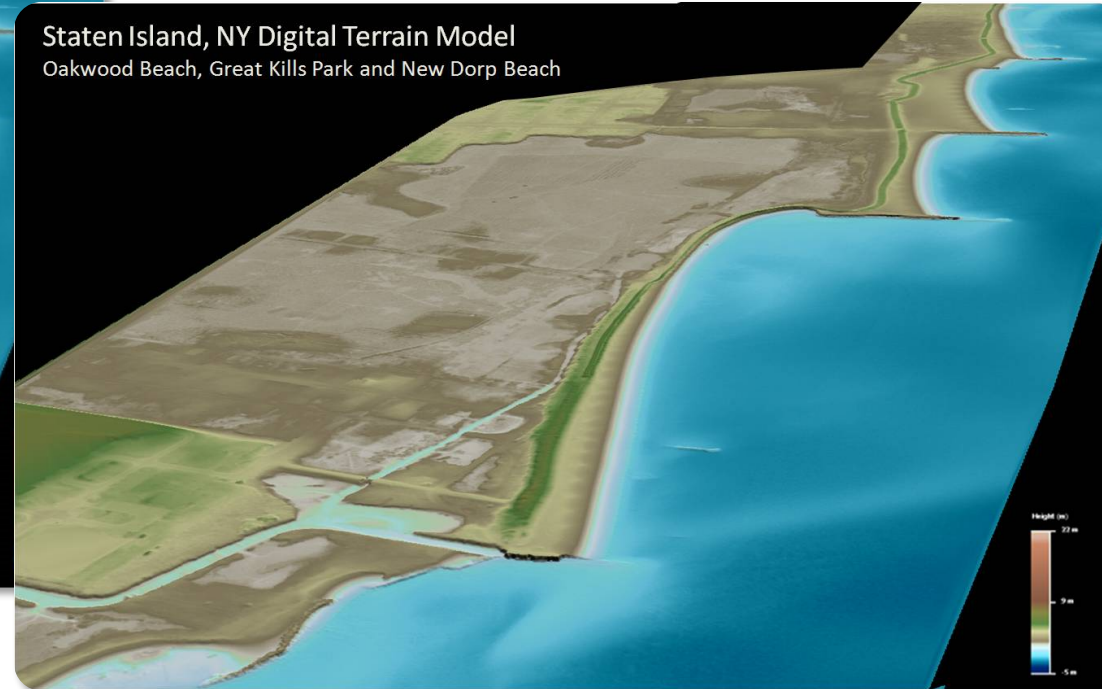
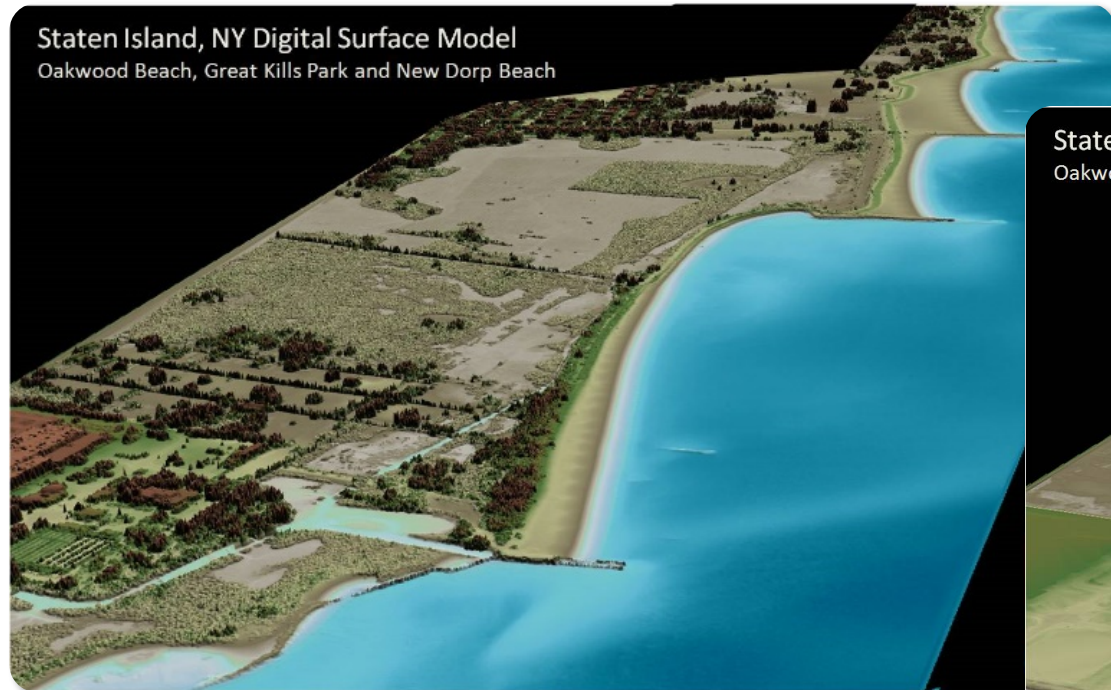
Oregon Inlet, North Carolina



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# National Coastal Mapping Program Products and Applications



## bathymetry and topography

JALBTCX Image Service: 1-meter

topographic/bathymetric lidar surface models

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=474ff2c6fc1d406e8e9dd635ff571ea3>

## “bare earth” for coastal flood models

JALBTCX Image Service: 1-meter

topographic/bathymetric lidar elevation models

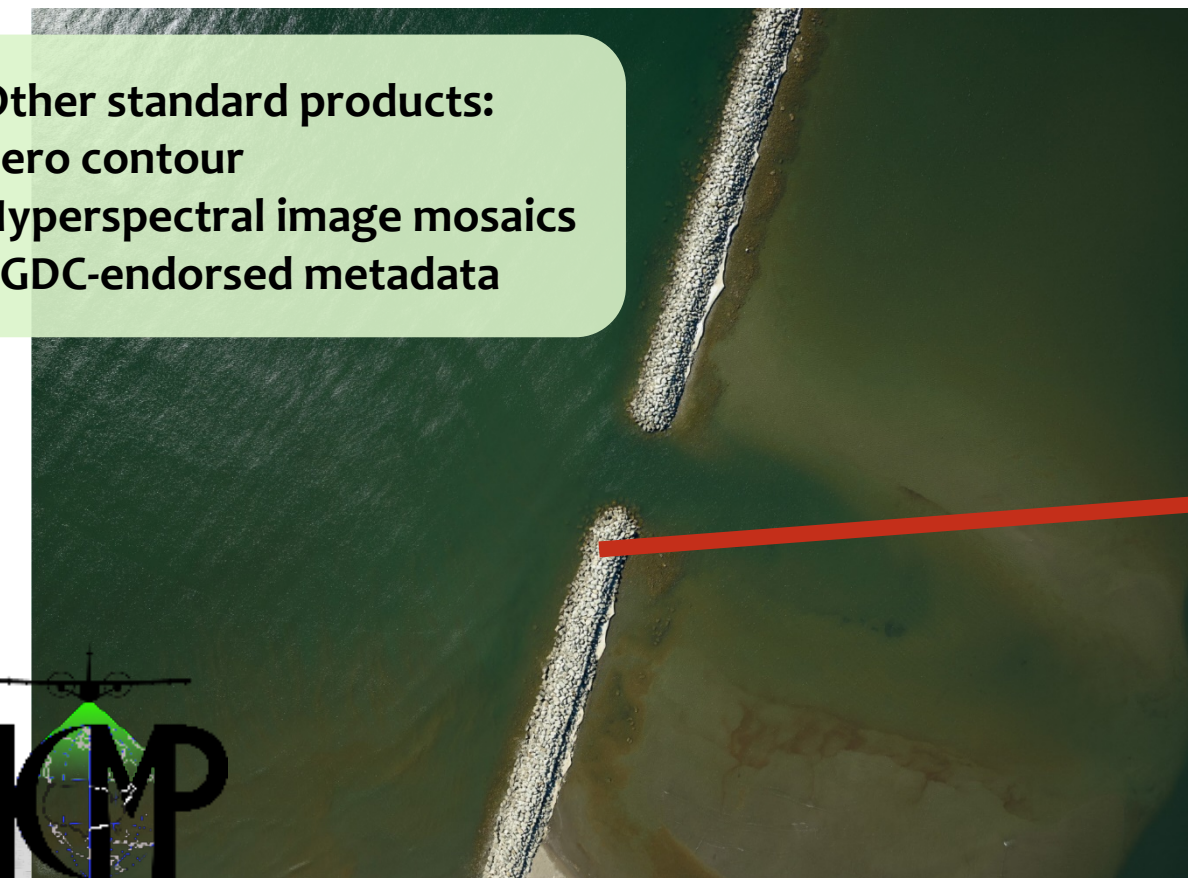
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## Other standard products:

Zero contour

Hyperspectral image mosaics

FGDC-endorsed metadata



5-cm resolution imagery  
Nome, Alaska, 2021



## How USACE uses NCMP data:

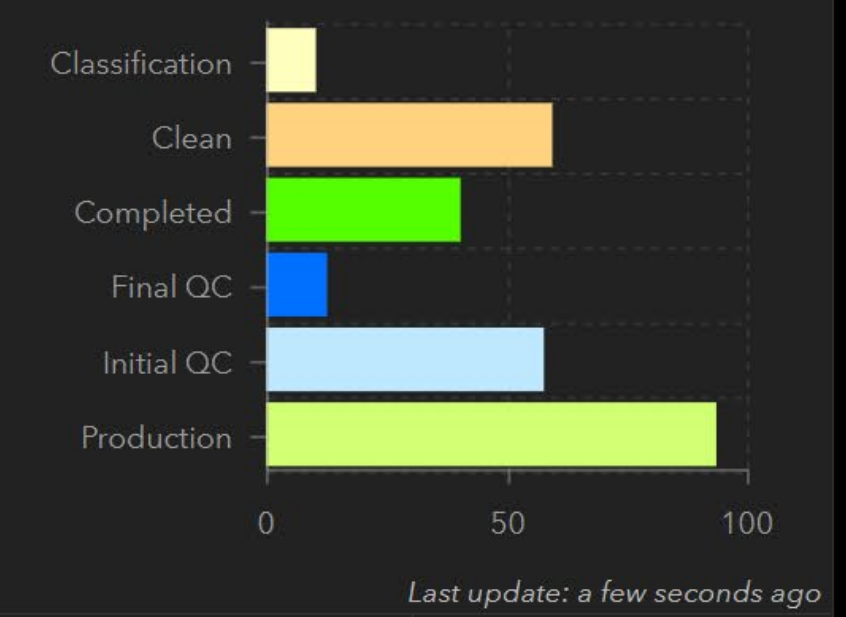
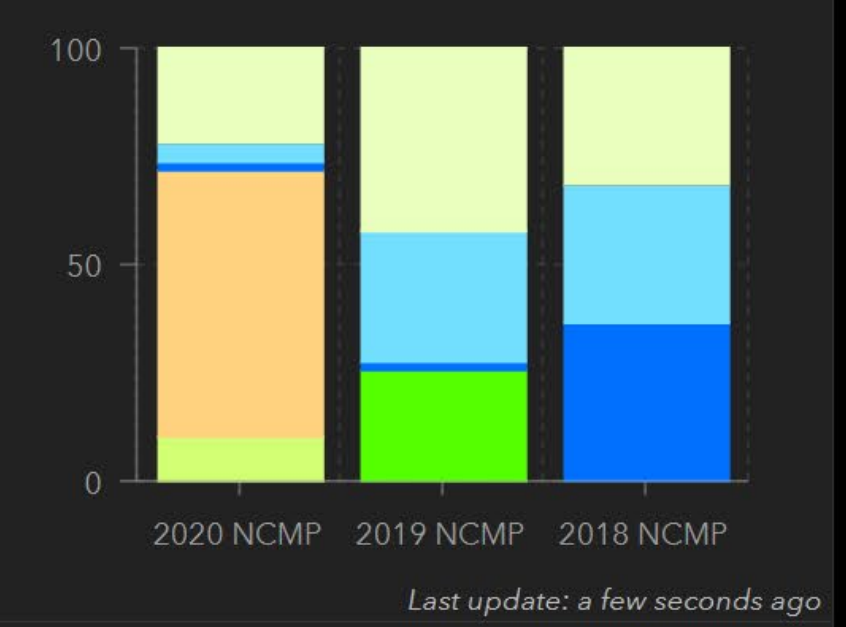
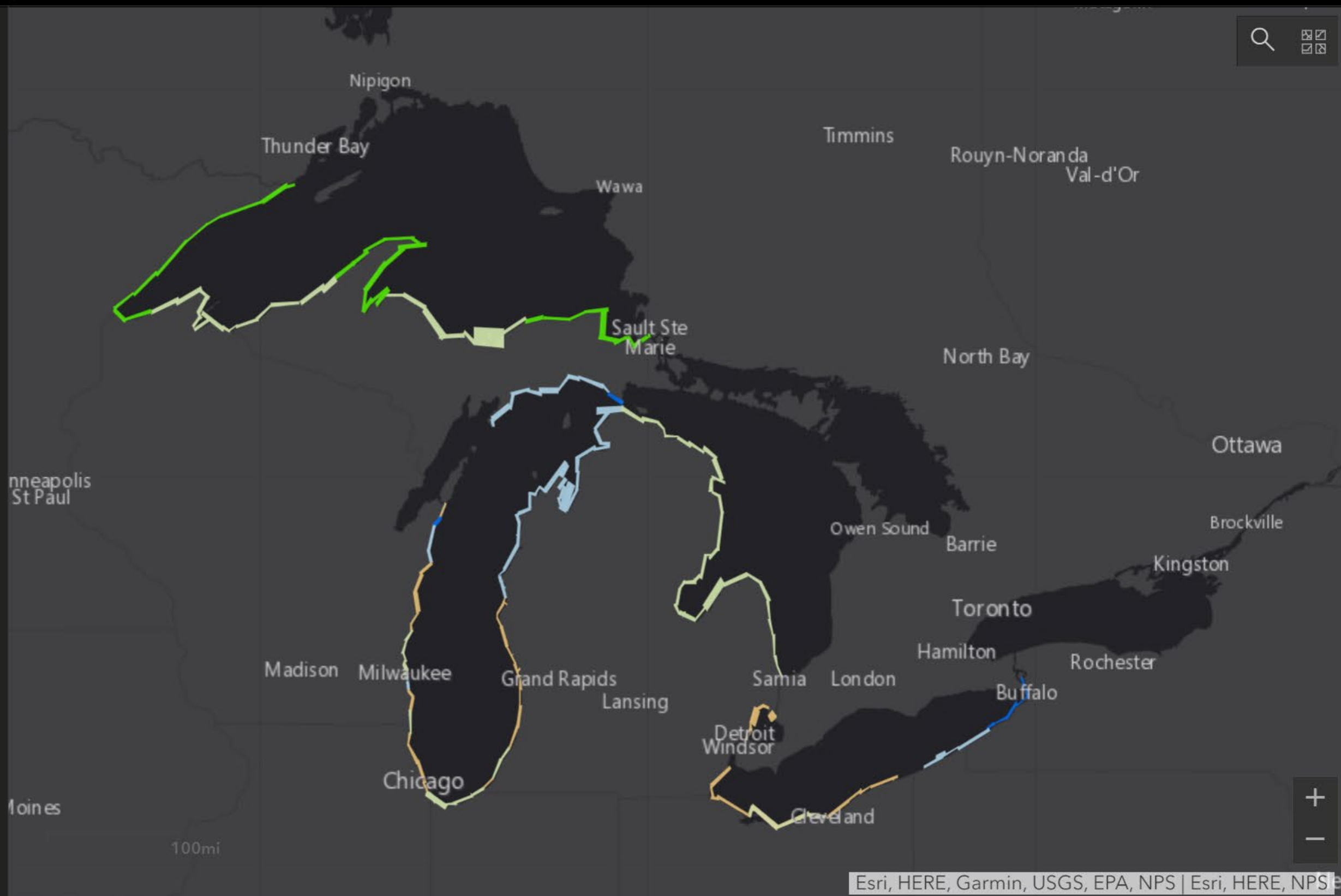
- Regional context for regional sediment management
- Regional sediment budgets
  - Integration with RSM-SBAS (Sediment Budget Analysis System)
- Coastal structure asset management
  - Measure and monitor coastal infrastructure
  - Coastal structure physical condition assessment
  - Data for modeling functional performance
  - Ongoing Remote Inspection of Coastal Structures Project
- Quantify capacity of upland dredge placement sites
- Navigation channel impacts to adjacent shorelines
- Physical/environmental baseline for operational changes such as channel deepening
- Channel condition assessment in clear water
- Design and monitoring of beneficial use sites and natural and nature-based features
- Habitat data for sensitive species like eelgrass, sea turtles, & wetlands
- Base data/layer for Navigation Portal
- On-the-shelf data and analysis products for Smart Planning and Coastal Comprehensive Studies
- Emergency response storm impacts
  - Quantify storm impacts to channels and jetties
  - Quantify storm impacts to beaches projects
- Updated bathymetry and topography to drive coastal models





Flight Blocks - Lidar

- Not Flown
- Flown
- Process
- Clean
- Classification
- Initial QC
- Final QC
- Production
- Completed
- Available in Digital Coast



Percent Delivered:

14.8%

OG: 126

BH: 93

*Last update: a few seconds ago*

In Field: 0  
Editing: 69

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Initial QC: 57  
Final QC: 12

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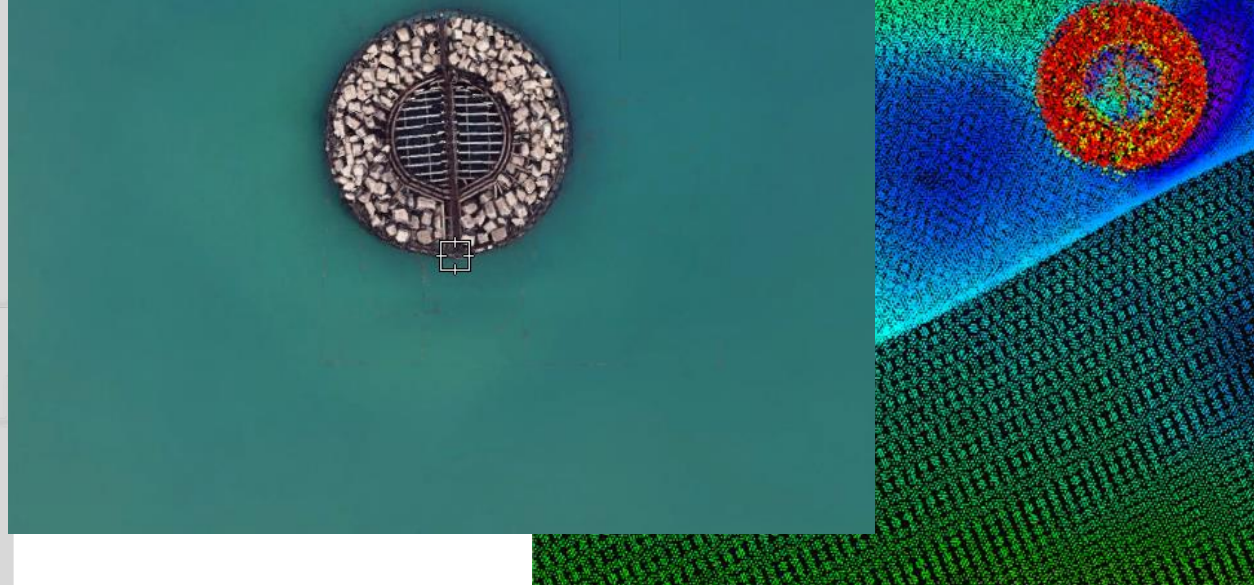
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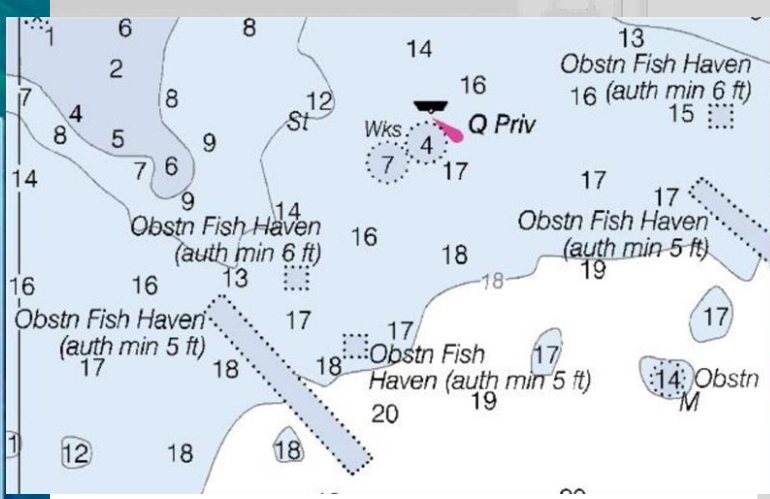
# Fun stuff



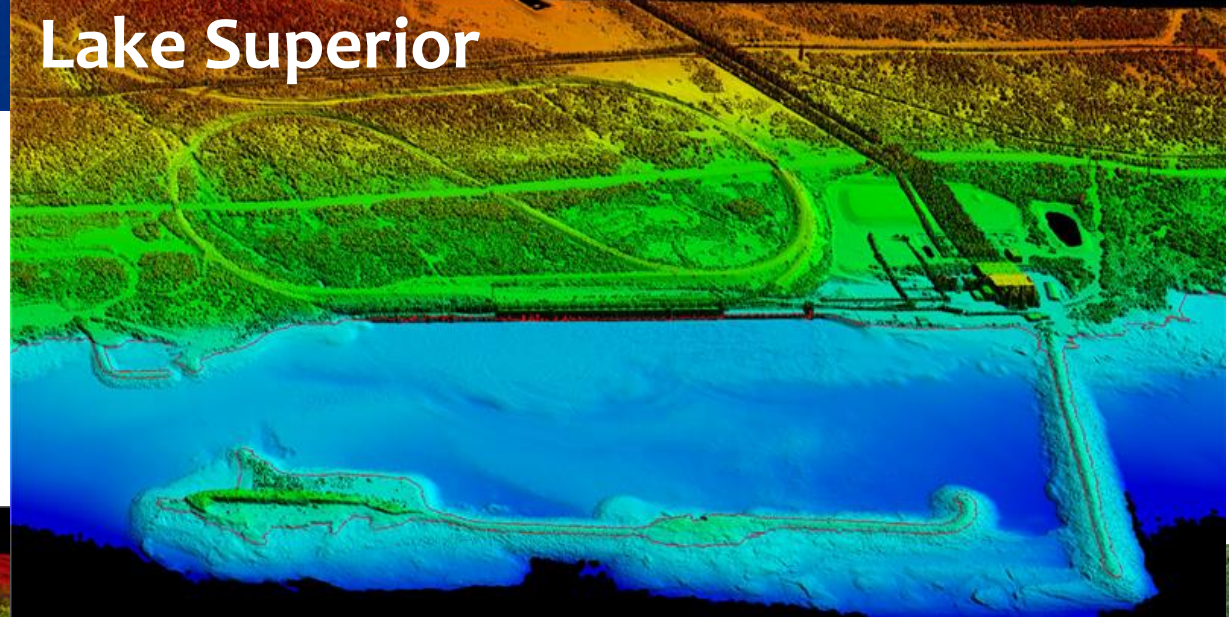
Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) Baily Generating Station (BGS) cooling water intake Lake Michigan



Alpena, Michigan, 2020  
Lake Huron



Taconite Harbor, Minnesota, 2019  
Lake Superior



Great Sand Bay, Michigan, 2020  
Lake Superior



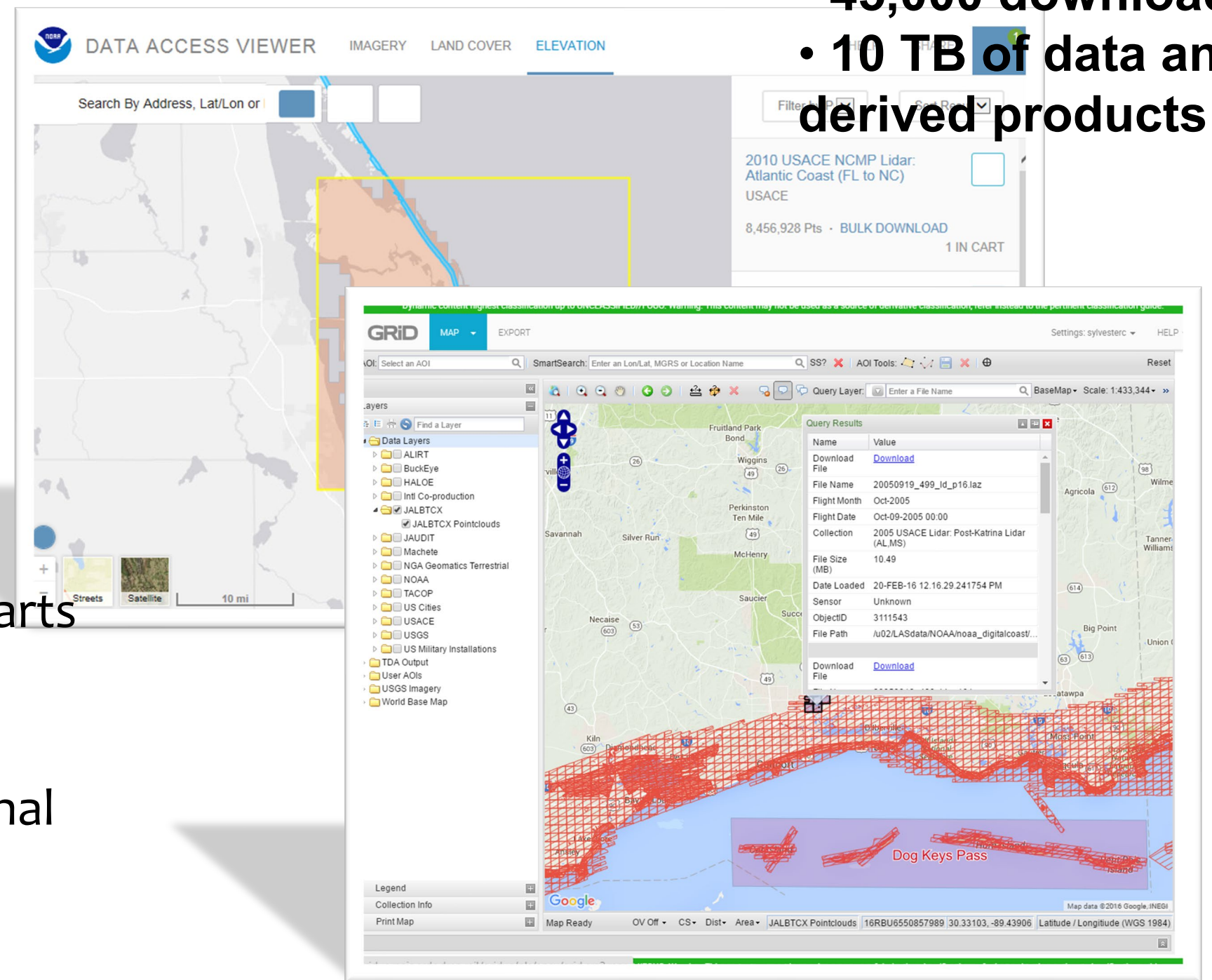
# DATA DISTRIBUTION

- USACE
  - District Office
  - Geospatial Repository and Data Management System (GRiD)
- NOAA
  - Office of Coastal Management (Digital Coast)
  - National Centers of Environmental Information (Boulder)—tsunami DEMs
  - Marine Chart Division for inclusion on nautical charts
- USGS
  - Coastal and Marine Geology Program (St. Petersburg, FL)—coastal hazard studies, operational storm forecasts, coastal studies
  - Earth Resources Observation and Science Data Center (Sioux Falls, SD)
- By request to [jalbtcx@usace.army.mil](mailto:jalbtcx@usace.army.mil)
- JALBTCX web services
  - <https://usace-ag.s.esriemcs.com/arcgis/rest/services/JALBTCX>



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<https://coast.noaa.gov/dataviewer/>



## Statistics

- 45,000 downloads
- 10 TB of data and derived products

<https://griduc.rsgis.erdc.dren.mil/griduc/corpsmap/>

## How other agencies use NCMP Data

- FEMA—flood hazard mapping, eligibility for public assistance
- NPS—monitor National Parks



# USACE Volume Change Toolbox

A standard procedure to compute elevation, volume, and shoreline change consistently on a regional scale

## Development history and usage

- 2012 pilot project
- 2012 post-Sandy
- 2013 webservice
- 2015 East coast volumes
- 2016 Post-Matthew
- 2017 Post-Irma
- 2018 Post-Maria
- 2018 Post-Michael
- 2019 Post-Sally/Zeta

- JALBTCX\_quick\_response\_v2.tbx
- QR 01. Label Baseline and Generate Transects (optional)
  - QR 01b. Update Transect Coordinates (optional)
  - QR 02. Generate Transect Mask and Clip Mask (optional)
  - QR 03. Generate Difference Grid by Clip Mask (optional)
  - QR 03b. Clip Difference Grid to Segment (optional)
  - QR 04. Calculate Difference Grid Volume by Zonal Statistics
  - QR 05. Generate Shoreline (optional)
  - QR 06. Label Transect and Mask with MHW Value (optional)
  - QR 06b. Generate Mask Between Transect above MHW (optional)
  - QR 07. Calculate MHW Volume and Volume above MHW
  - QR 08. Calculate MHW Volume Difference and Volume above MHW
  - QR 09. Calculate Shoreline Change
  - QR 10. Generate Final Table
  - QR 11. Summarize Table

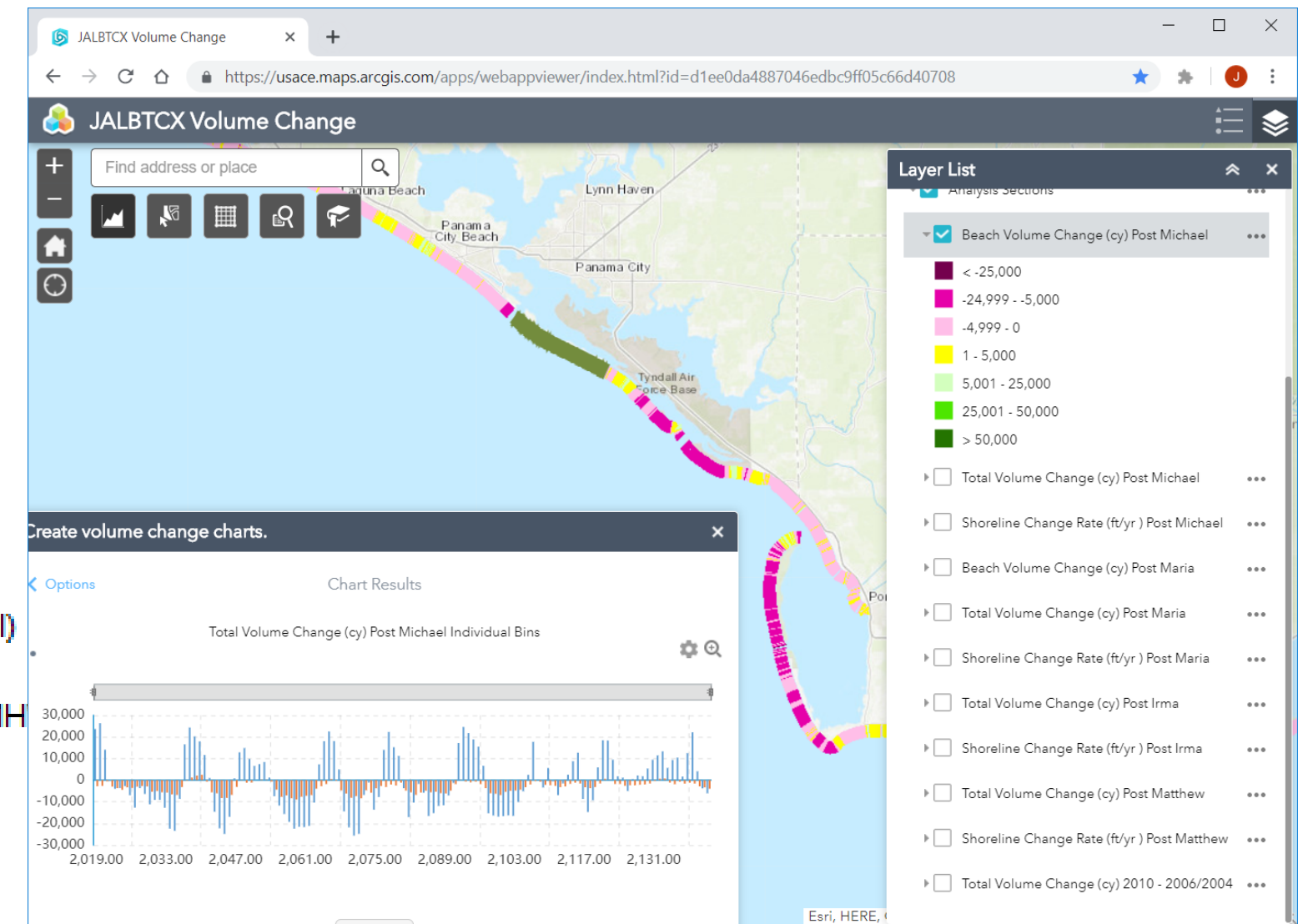
### FY21

- Convert to python 3 for ArcPro
- Improve transect generation
- Automate pdf map making
- Multiple dataset toolbox

### FY22

- Create DEMs from beach profile data for use in Toolbox

Access change products through web app.



### Legacy

<https://usace.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d1ee0da4887046edbc9ff05c66d40708>

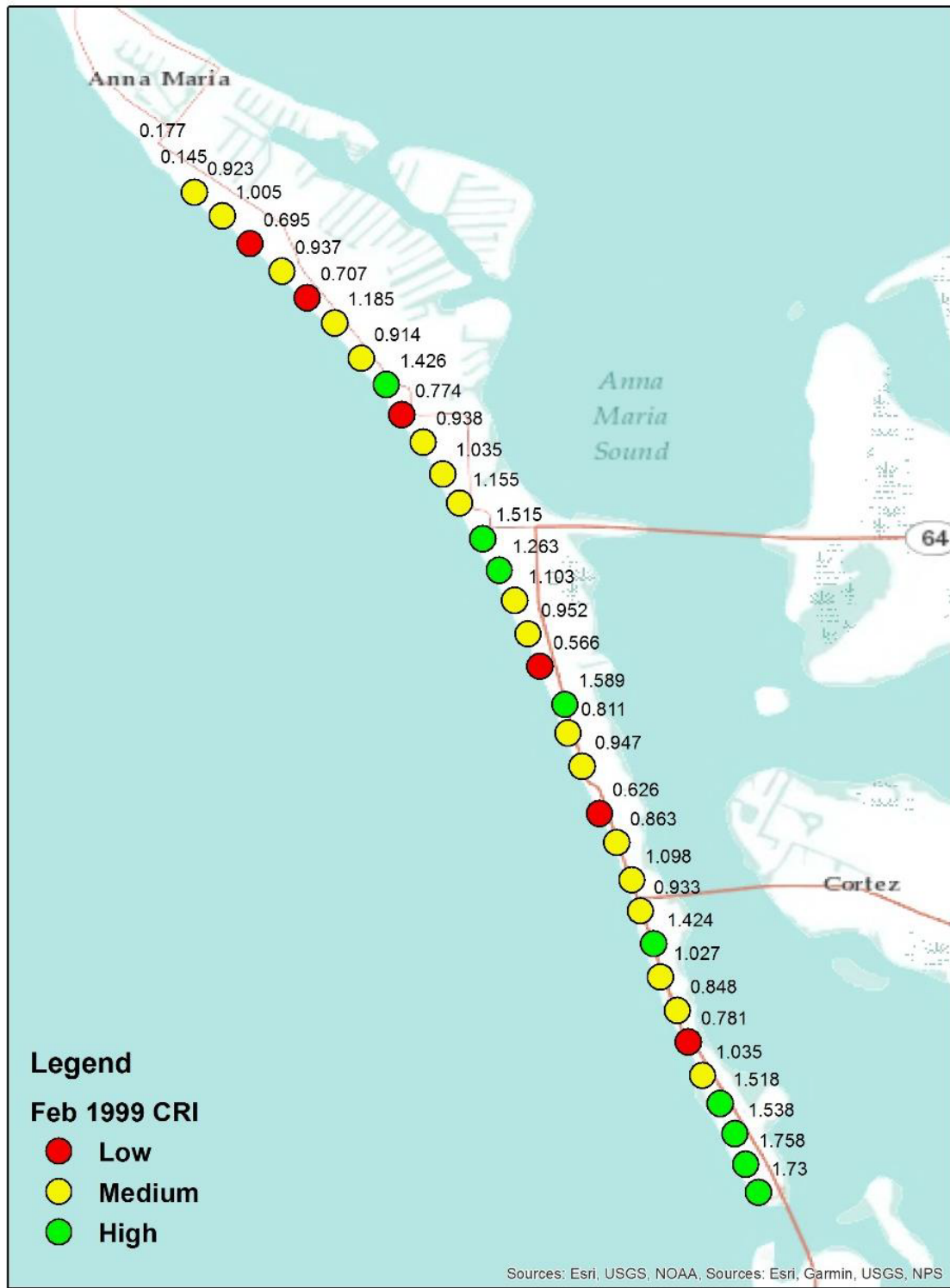
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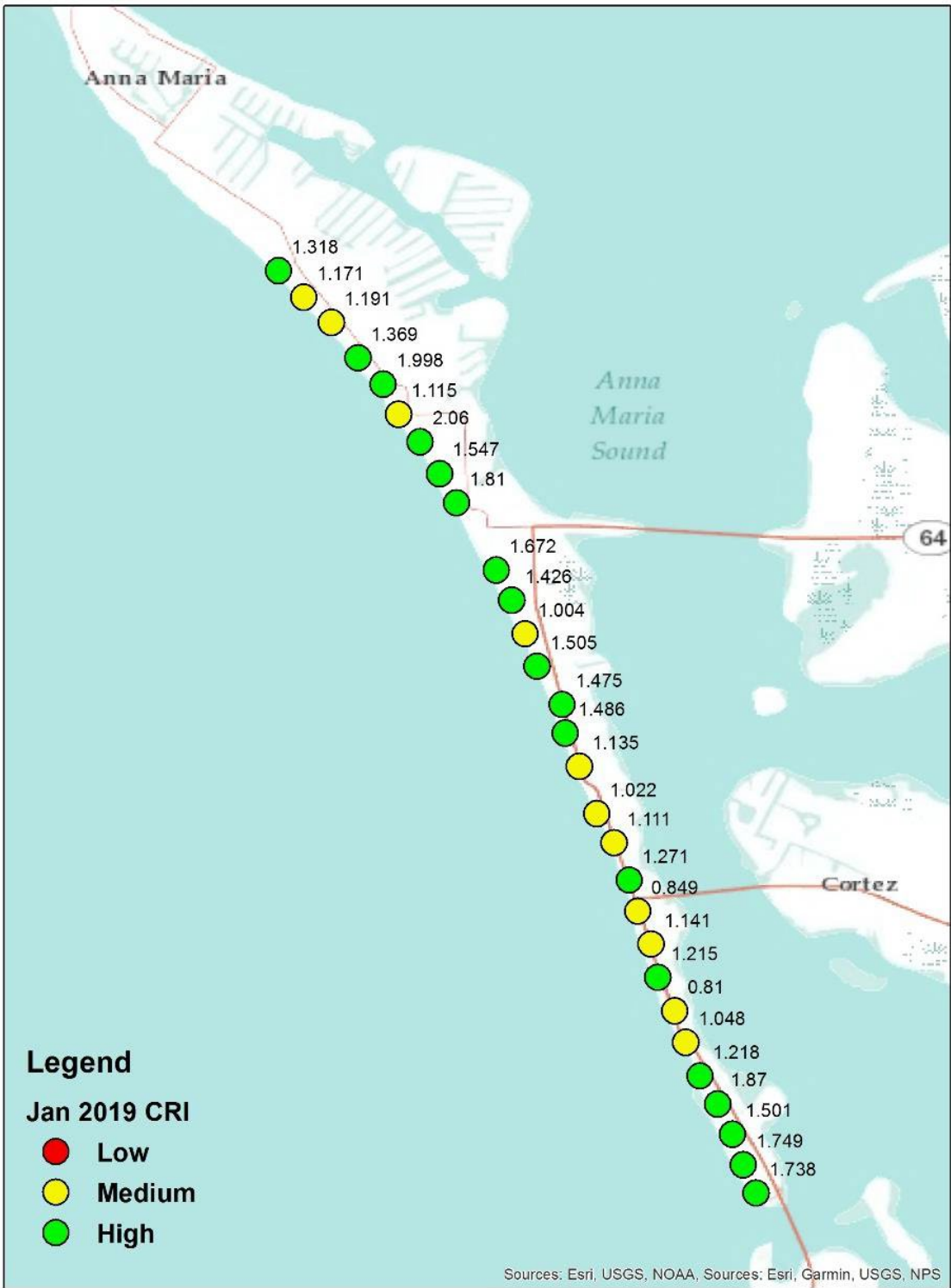


# USACE Coastal Resilience Index

Anna Maria Island, Florida, February 1999



Anna Maria Island, Florida, January 2019



Five non-dimensional factors based on beach, storm and wave parameters:

$$a = \frac{PE}{PE_0}; b = \frac{PE * PW * (1 - s)}{PE_0 * PW_0}; c = \frac{PW - MR}{PW_0};$$

$$d = \frac{DE - (MS + MHW)}{CF_0}; e = \frac{WR_0}{WR}$$

$$CRI = a + b + c + d + e$$

where :

- PE<sub>0</sub>**: Protective Elevation; 15 ft
- PW<sub>0</sub>**: Protective Width; 500 ft
- CF<sub>0</sub>**: Crest Freeboard; 20 ft
- WR<sub>0</sub>**: Wave Runup; 2 ft
- WR**: Wave Run-up
- MHW**: Mean High Water
- PE**: Protective Elevation
- PW**: Protective Width
- s**: percentage of fine sediment
- DE**: Dune Crest Elevation
- MR**: Maximum Shoreline Recession
- MS**: Maximum Storm Surge

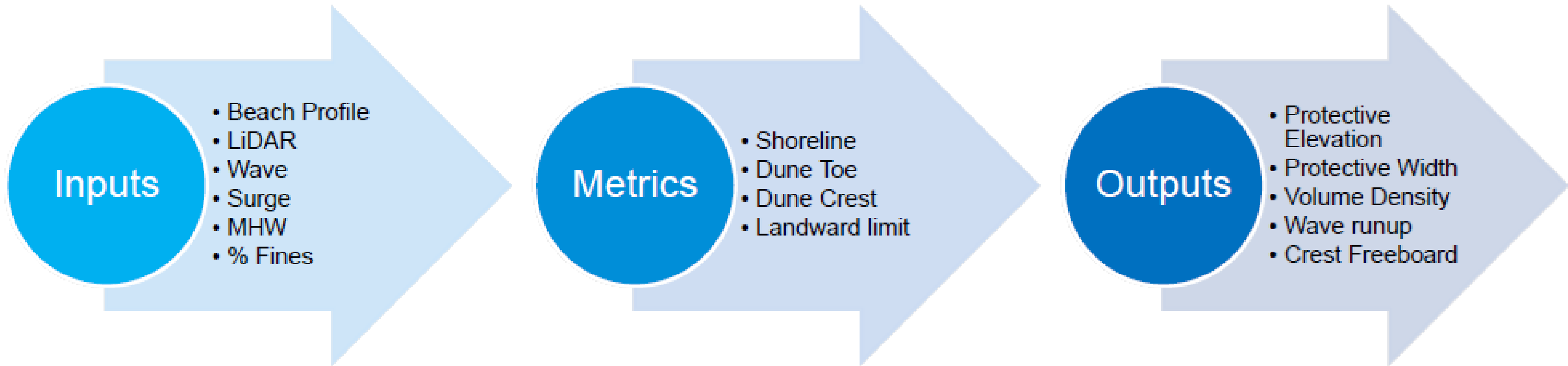
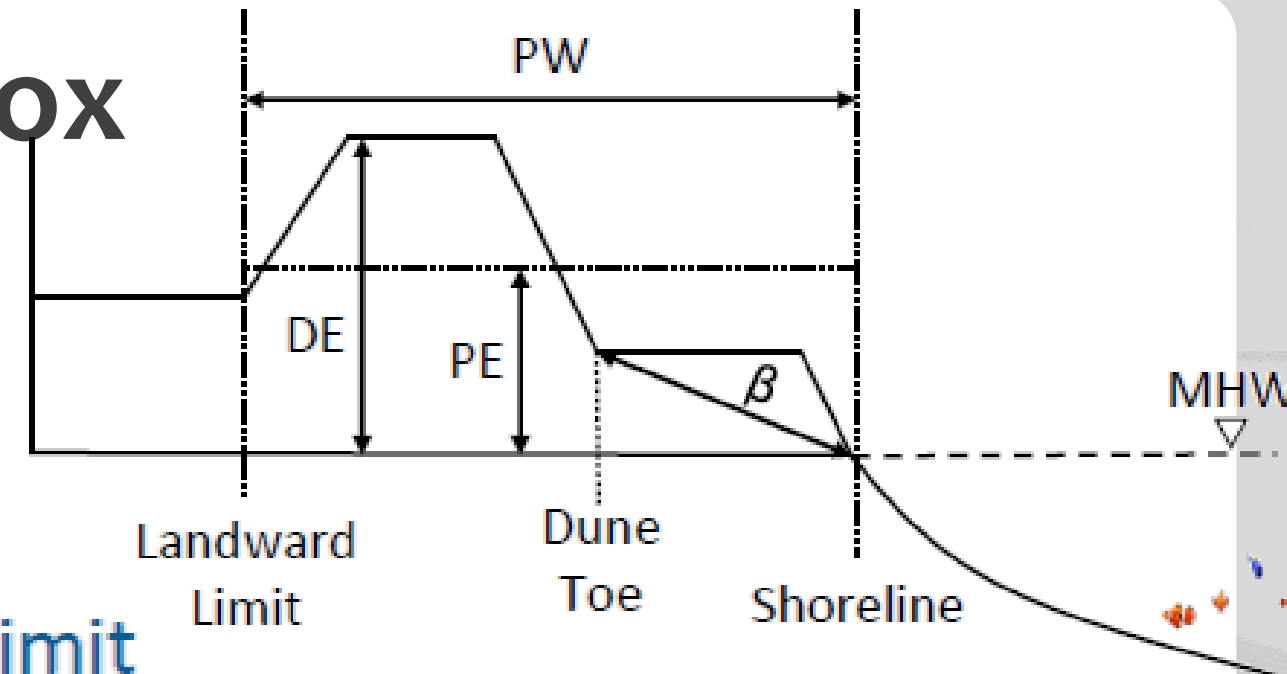


Dong, Z., Elko, N., Robertson, Q., & Rosati, J. (2018). QUANTIFYING BEACH AND DUNE RESILIENCE USING THE COASTAL RESILIENCE INDEX. *Coastal Engineering Proceedings*, 1(36), papers.30. <https://doi.org/10.9753/icce.v36.papers.30>



# USACE Coastal *Engineering* Resilience Toolbox

- Automated – Python in ESRI Arc
- Use existing data – beach profile and LiDAR
- Consistent metrics – shoreline, dune toe, dune crest, landward limit



### FY21 CERI for three large areas

- Northern Gulf of Mexico
- Northern Outer Banks
- Long Island, NY

### FY22 CERI areas

- Cape Cod to Portsmouth, ME
- Lake Ontario
- 200 miles in NWD
- Southern CA

### FY22 CERI advancements

- Add dune vegetation metric
- Add capability to weight metrics



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# During Nearshore Event Vegetation Gradation (DUNEVEG): Geospatial Tools for Automating Remote Vegetation Extraction

## PROBLEM

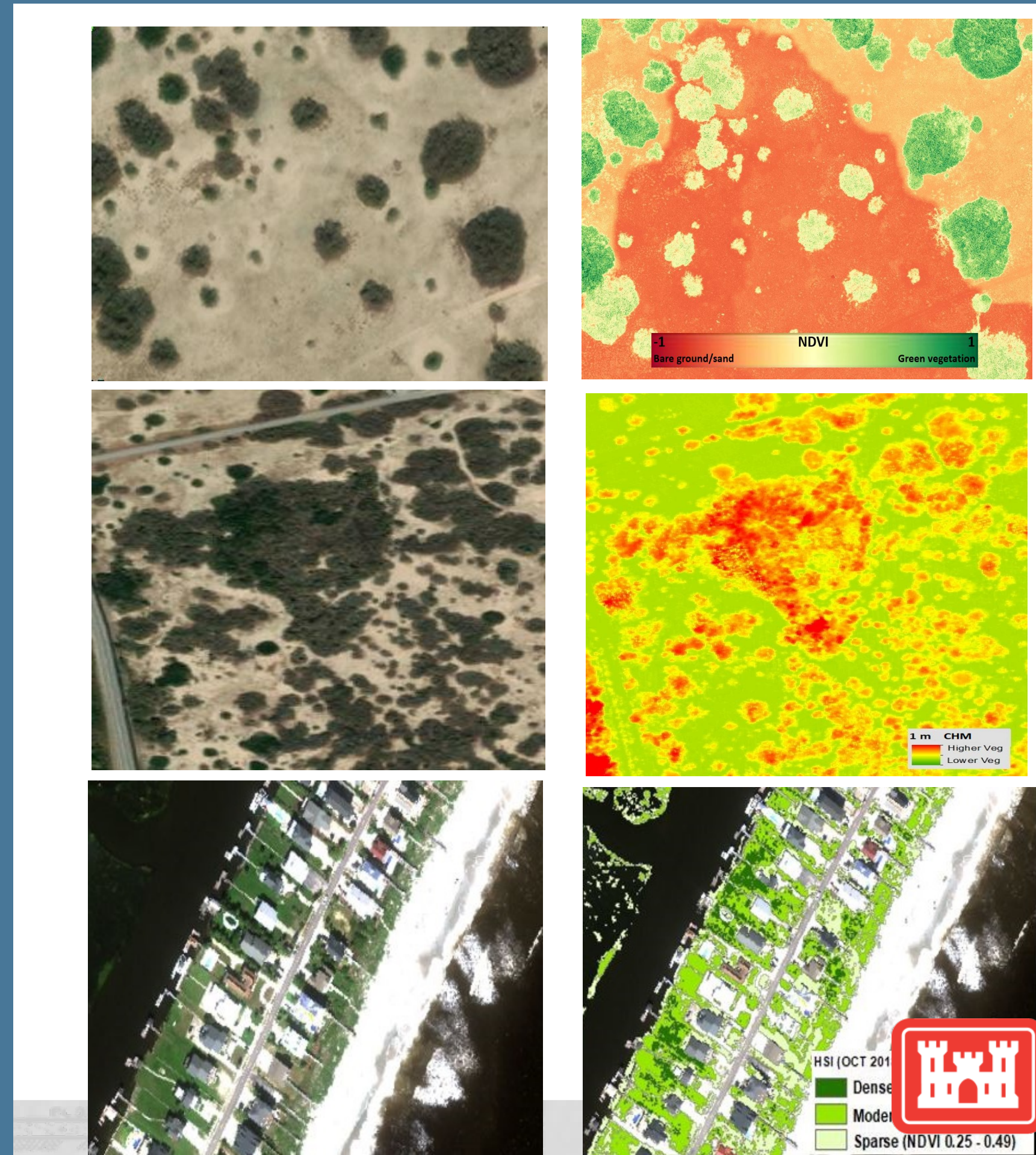
- Coastal systems are increasingly susceptible to climate change and erosion
- Coastal vegetation is critical to ecosystem stability and resilience
- Few studies have correlated vegetation properties with natural and built coastal infrastructure stability

## SOLUTION

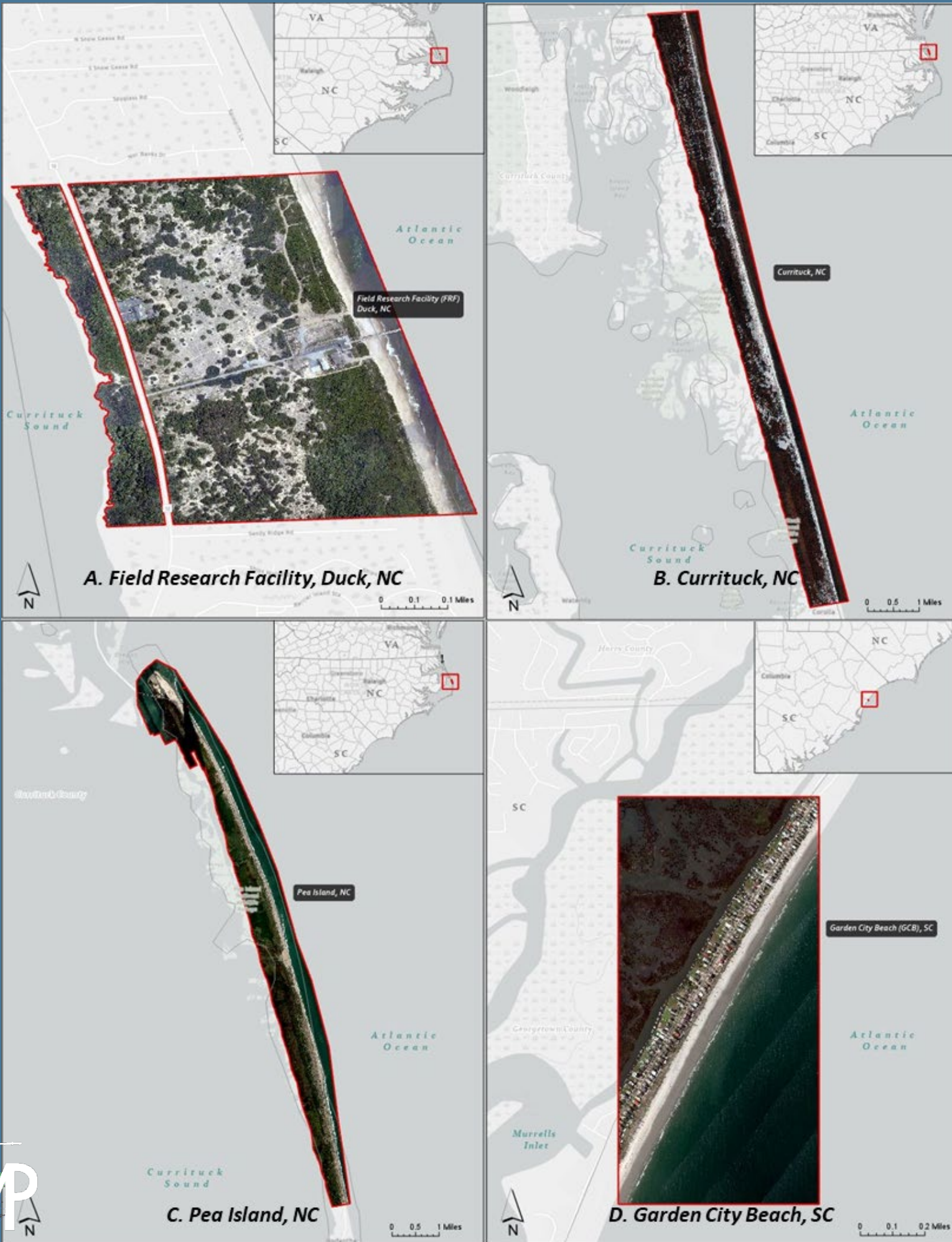
- Utilize high-resolution imagery and lidar to extract coastal dune vegetation characteristics
- Develop an ArcGIS Pro geoprocessing toolbox to streamline future data analysis

## IMPACT

- Remote sensing can reduce time and cost associated with monitoring coastal ecosystems
- New and improved sensors can rapidly quantify coastal vegetation properties
- Toolbox provides a streamlined method to classify, quantify, and estimate critical dune vegetation metrics



# STUDY SITES



# APPLICATIONS

- Four sites were used to develop and test the ArcGIS Pro geoprocessing toolbox\*: Duck, NC; Currituck, NC; Pea Island, NC; and Garden City Beach, SC

# STATUS

- Technical note documenting Geoprocessing Toolbox in review
- Next steps include:
  1. Evaluate toolbox for different site locations including the Mississippi Barrier Islands to Cape San Blas, FL; Virginia/NC border to Cape Hatteras, NC; Northern NJ to Montauk, NY; and Lake Ontario (NY shoreline)
  2. Perform multi-temporal (2018-2020) trend analysis of landscape level vegetation change using established metrics

# BENEFITS

- Method provides streamlined workflow and high priority metrics for assessing coastal vegetation characteristics
- Expands library of vegetation metrics for numerical modeling of coastal storm response to build regional coastal resilience
- Semi-automated tool provided a transparent, uniform approach to quantify vegetation characteristics to save time and cost for coastal studies

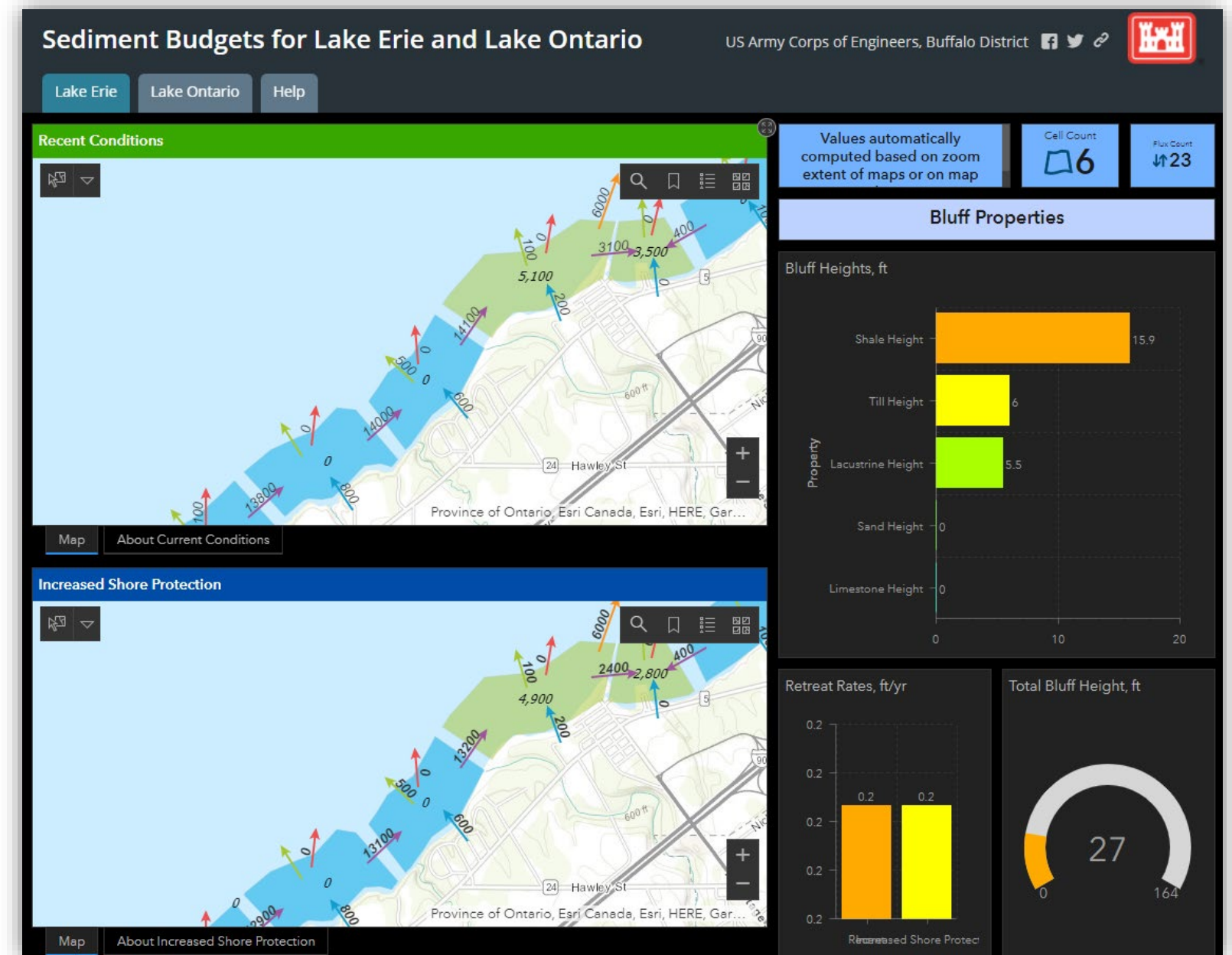
\*ArcGIS Pro (version 2.6) geospatial analysis software in a Windows 10 desktop environment



# Great Lakes Sediment Budgets

## Purpose

- Develop a seamless sediment budget framework for the entire Great Lakes coastline within the US
- Sediment budgets exist for Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, and a number of smaller areas
- Create a central repository for Great Lake sediment budget information.
- *Current focus: Lake Michigan*

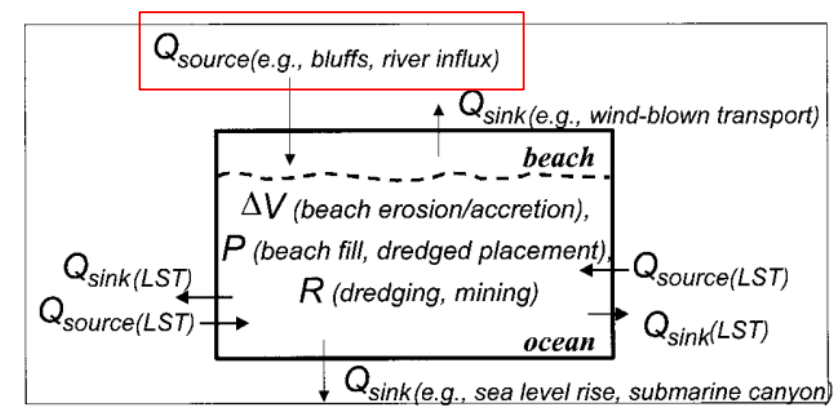


## Sediment Budget background

- Accounting of sediment sources and sinks
- Great Lakes budgets: importance of bluffs, lake level changes, relatively small contribution from river inflow

## Datasets needed to develop a Great Lakes budget

- Existing budgets
- Dredging data
- *Bluff retreat volume (historic bluff and modern bluff)*
- Bluff stratigraphy (relative sand content)

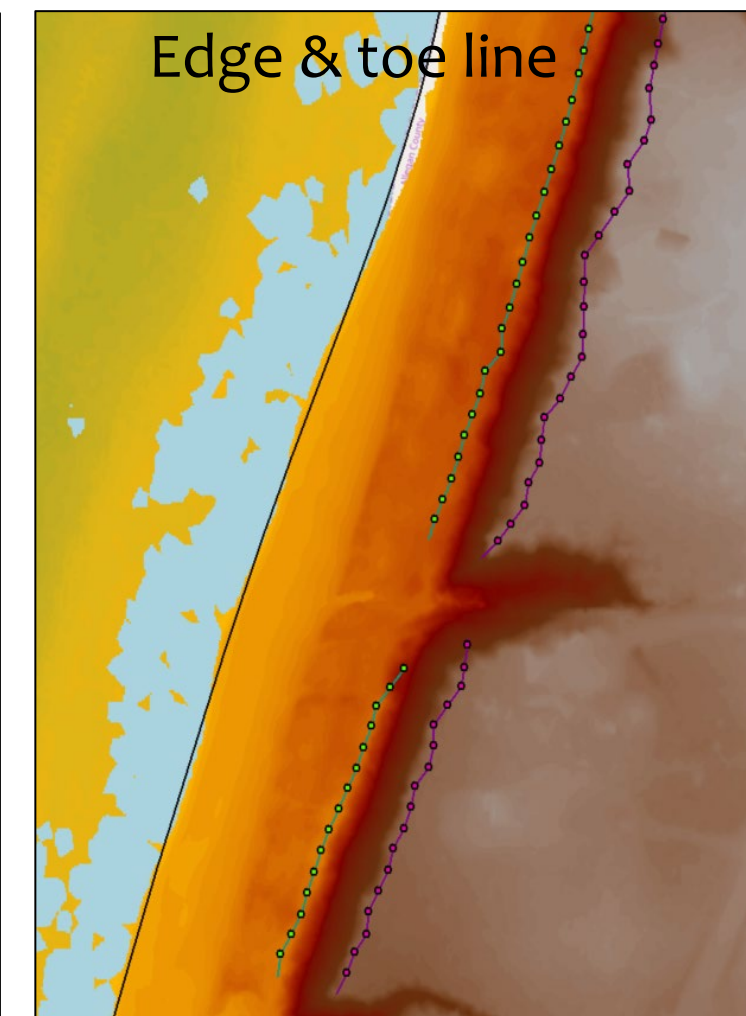
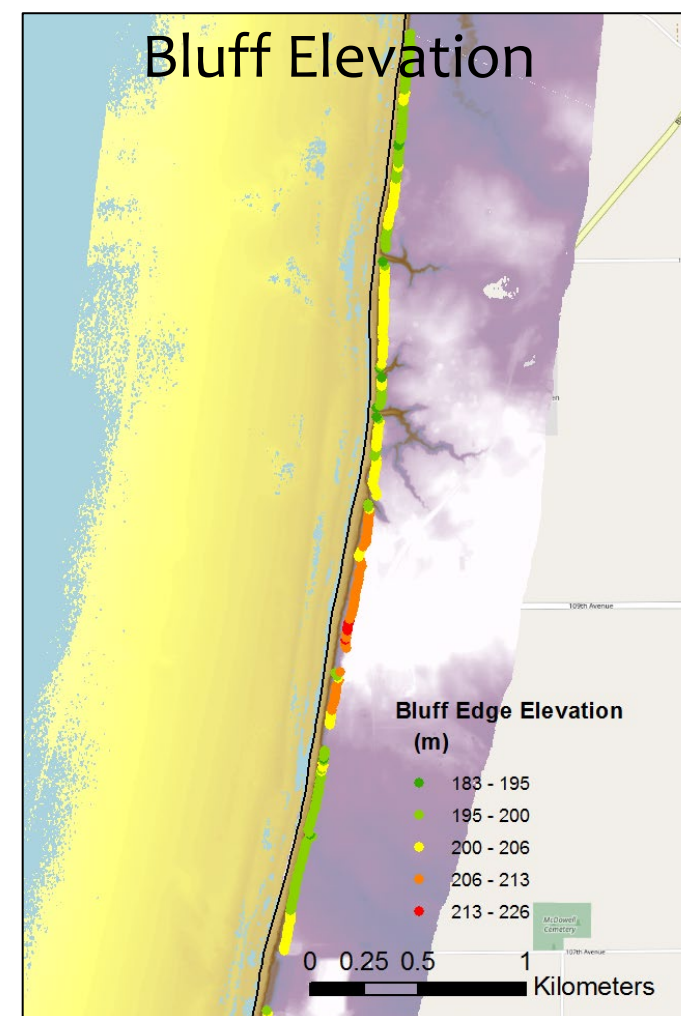
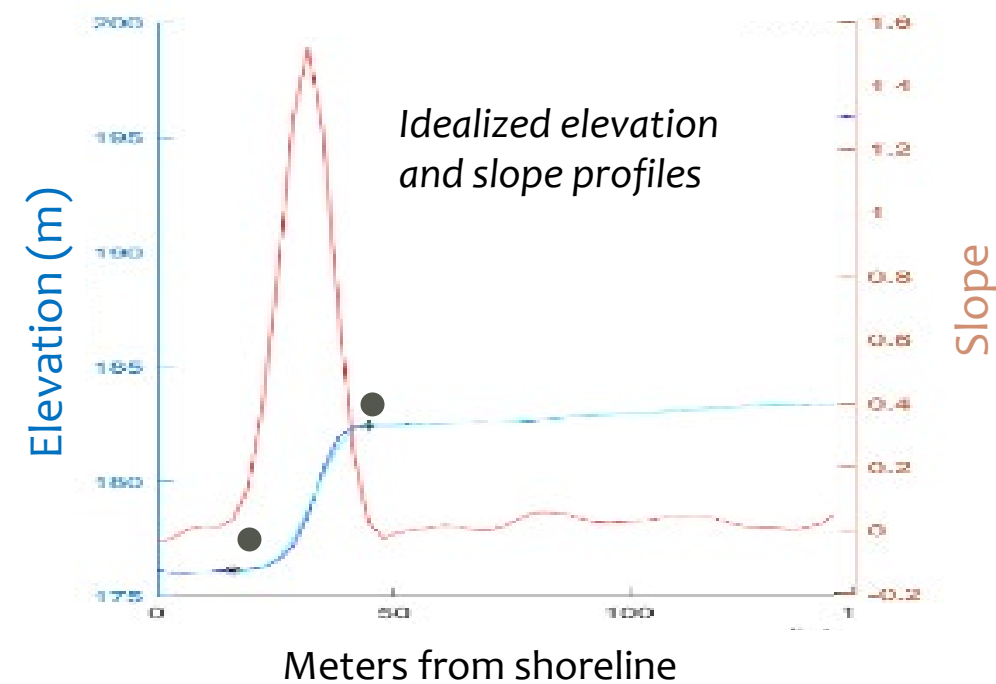
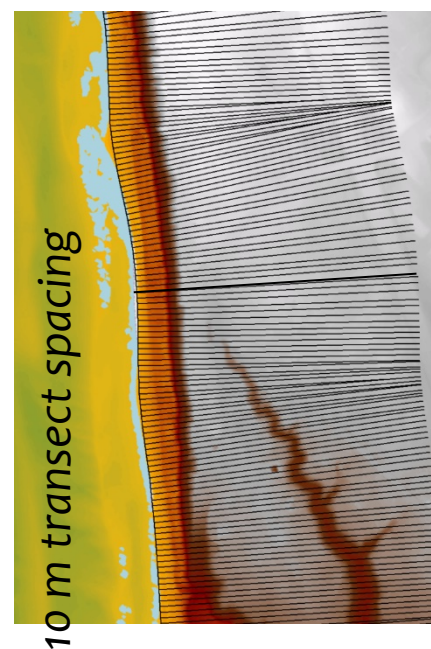


$$\sum Q_{source} - \sum Q_{sink} - \Delta V + P - R = Residual$$

(Rosati, 2005)



# Great Lakes Sediment Budgets: Bluff Mapping



- Transect-based feature detection in Matlab
- Candidate bluffs chosen based on slope and distance parameters
- Regional functionality – can handle thousands of transects and numerous lidar files
- Flexible – detects various bluff morphologies

**BLUFF FEATURE EXTRACTION FOR THE GREAT LAKES SHORELINES**  
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**Seamless Integration of Lidar-Derived Volumes and Geomorphic Features into the Sediment Budget Analysis System**  
 ERDCTN RSM-20-4 April 2020  
 by Lauren Dunkin, Eve Eiseemann, Michael Hartman, Jennifer Wozencraft

**PURPOSE.** This Regional Sediment Management Technical Note (RSM-TN) provides a workflow and case study documenting the process to integrate lidar-derived volume changes and changes quantified from geomorphic features into the Sediment Budget Analysis System (SBAS). Sediment budgets provide an understanding of a region's sediment sources, project needs, processes, data gaps, engineering actions, and ecological considerations. Elevation data from profiles or lidar, sediment characteristics, and placement information, along with other coastal datasets, are used to understand sediment pathways and develop sediment budget tools for a region. Workflows and tools have been updated or modified to integrate sediment budget tools (SBAS), volume change tools (Joint Airborne Lidar Bathymetry Technical Center of Expertise [JALBTCX] Volume Change Toolbox), and remote sensing data for the creation of comprehensive regional sediment budgets.

**BACKGROUND:** Sediment budgets provide valuable information about sediment pathways in the coastal zone and are the first step in the Regional Sediment Management (RSM) process to gain a better understanding of the region (Rosati 2005). Sediment budgets are an accurate sediment inputs (sources), outputs (sinks), and change in sediment volume for a defined sediment input period. The three types of sediment budgets range in complexity: (1) conceptual budget to provide reconnaissance level information, (2) operational budget to provide level effort that is valuable for design and analysis, and (3) operational budget to provide level effort that is valuable for design and analysis. The methods developed may be used to extract sediment budgets from lidar data. The increasing availability of lidar data provides a unique opportunity to explore and extract bluff features. Bluff recession rates are one of the main sediment budget inputs. To calculate bluff recession rates, modern and historical bluff locations are derived and used for recession rate calculations. The new, accurate sediment volume inputs, both modern and historical, can be used to calculate bluff recession rates. The methods developed may be used to extract sediment budgets from lidar data. The increasing availability of lidar data provides a unique opportunity to explore and extract bluff features. Bluff recession rates are one of the main sediment budget inputs. To calculate bluff recession rates, modern and historical bluff locations are derived and used for recession rate calculations. The new, accurate sediment volume inputs, both modern and historical, can be used to calculate bluff recession rates. The methods developed may be used to extract sediment budgets from lidar data.

# Great Lakes Nearshore Geomorphic Vulnerability Index (GVI)



## Purpose

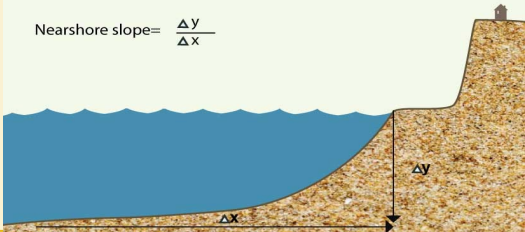
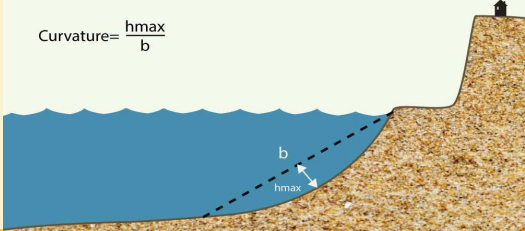
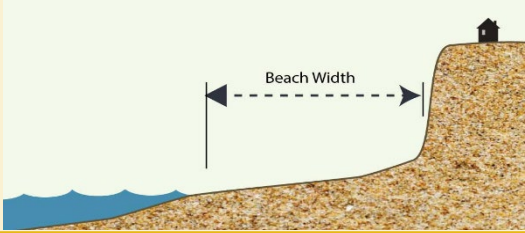
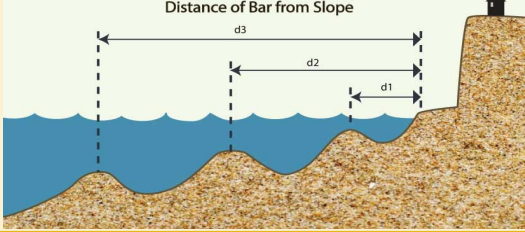
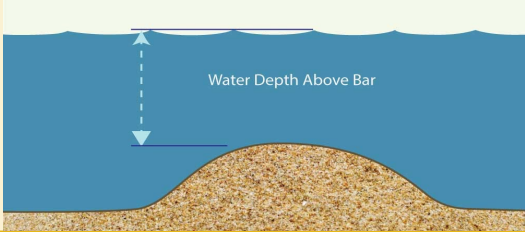
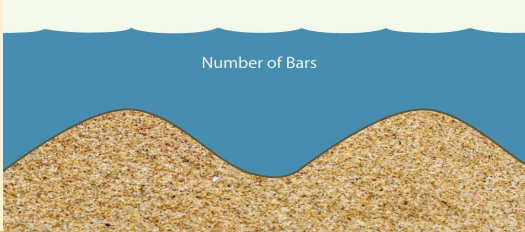


- Build a database of indicative nearshore features
- Develop a methodology for understanding how natural nearshore features relate to coastal change/erosion
- Determine which features are most likely to minimize coastal erosion & use this information for decision making

## Interagency Team

- USACE Buffalo, Chicago, and Detroit Districts
- USACE ERDC-Coastal and Hydraulics Lab (ERDC-CHL)\*
- NOAA Office for Coastal Management
- USGS Upper Midwest Water Science Center
- USGS Woods Hole Coastal and Marine Science Center

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Measurement	Explanation/Definition	Figure
<b>Nearshore Slope</b>	Average slope from shoreline to 30 feet of water depth or depth of closure.	
<b>Nearshore Curvature</b>	Shape of the nearshore slope. Concavity given as up/down, and values calculated as shown.	
<b>Beach Width</b>	Width of active beach between the bluff or dune toe and the shoreline.	
<b>Bar distance from shoreline</b>	Distance from the shoreline to the crest of the bar.	
<b>Bar water depth</b>	Water depth above bar crest	
<b>Number of bars</b>	Number of bars in the cross shore	
<b>NOAA Hardened Shoreline Classification</b>	Shoreline classification dataset derived from imagery collected 2014 – 2017. <a href="https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/hardened-shorelines.html">https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/hardened-shorelines.html</a>	
<b>Nearshore Type</b>	Classifies the nearshore into bedrock, sandy, cohesive, etc. Detroit District's Lk. Michigan Potential Damages Study Progress Report on activities 1996-1998.	

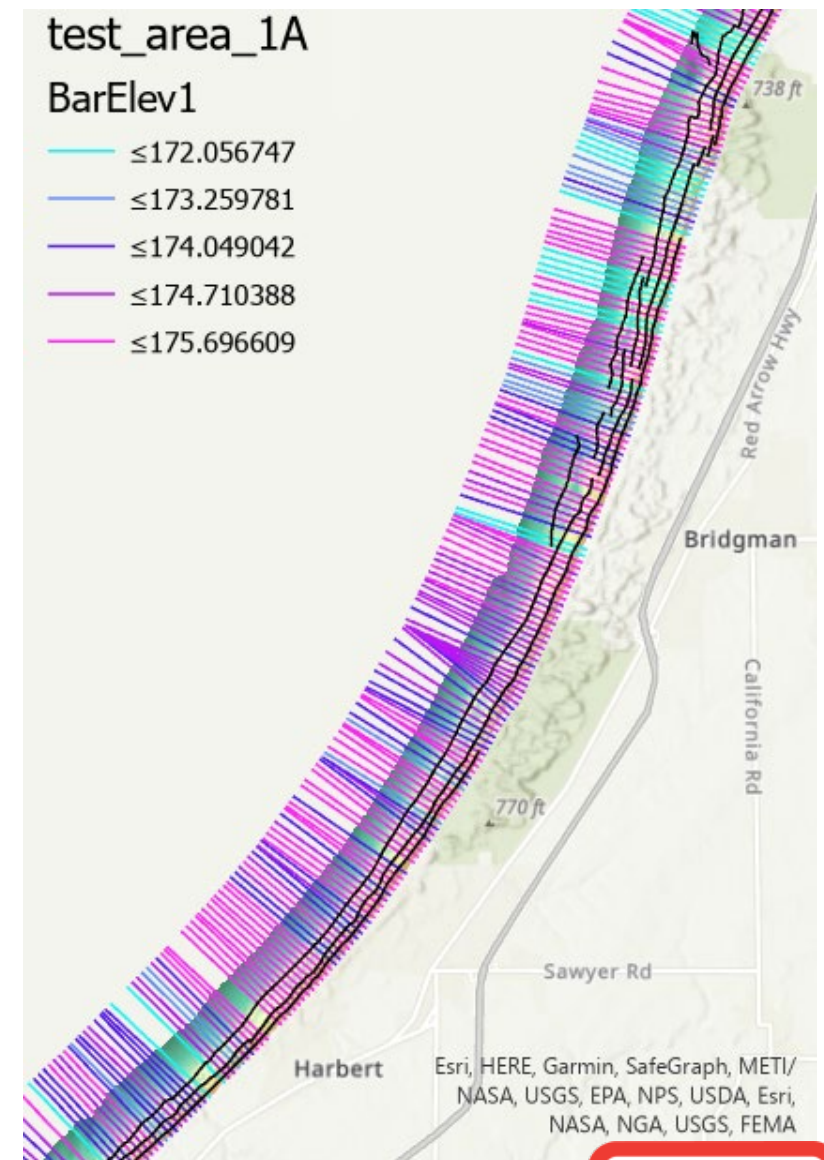
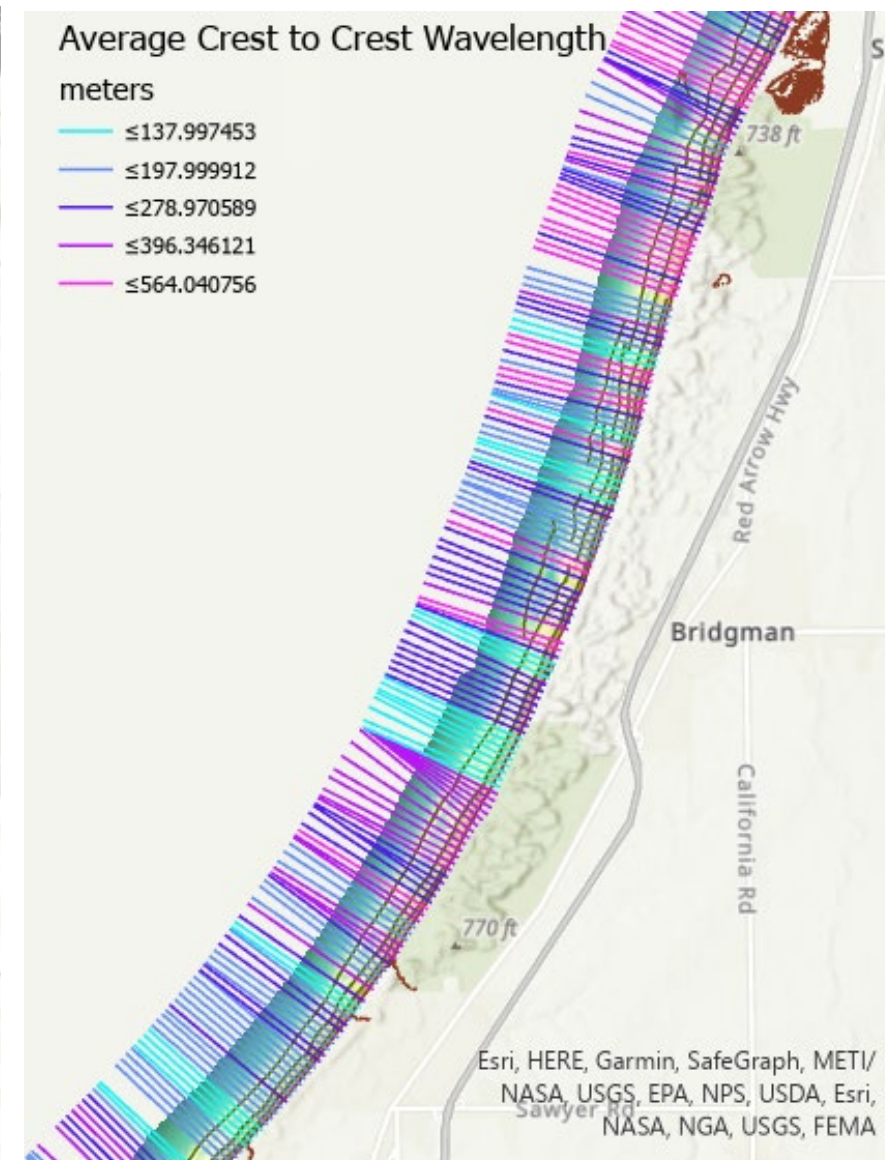
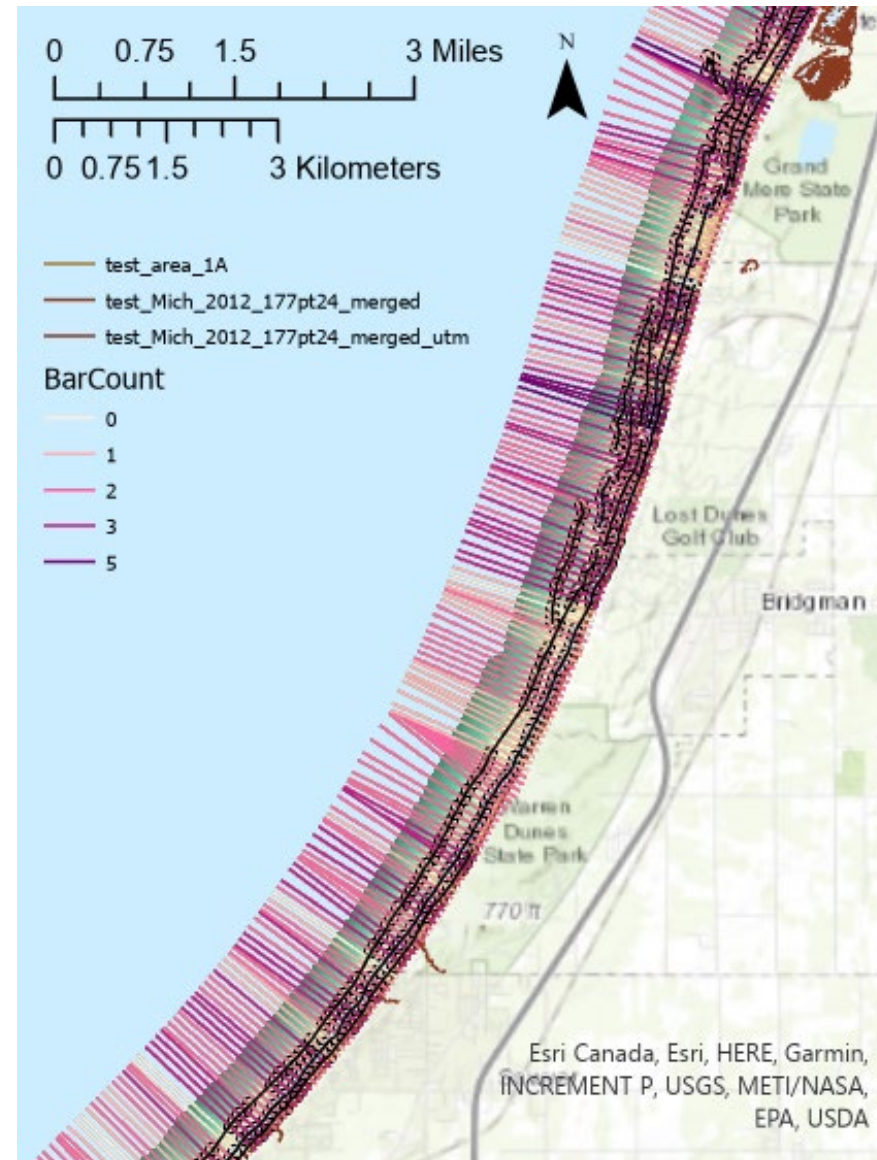
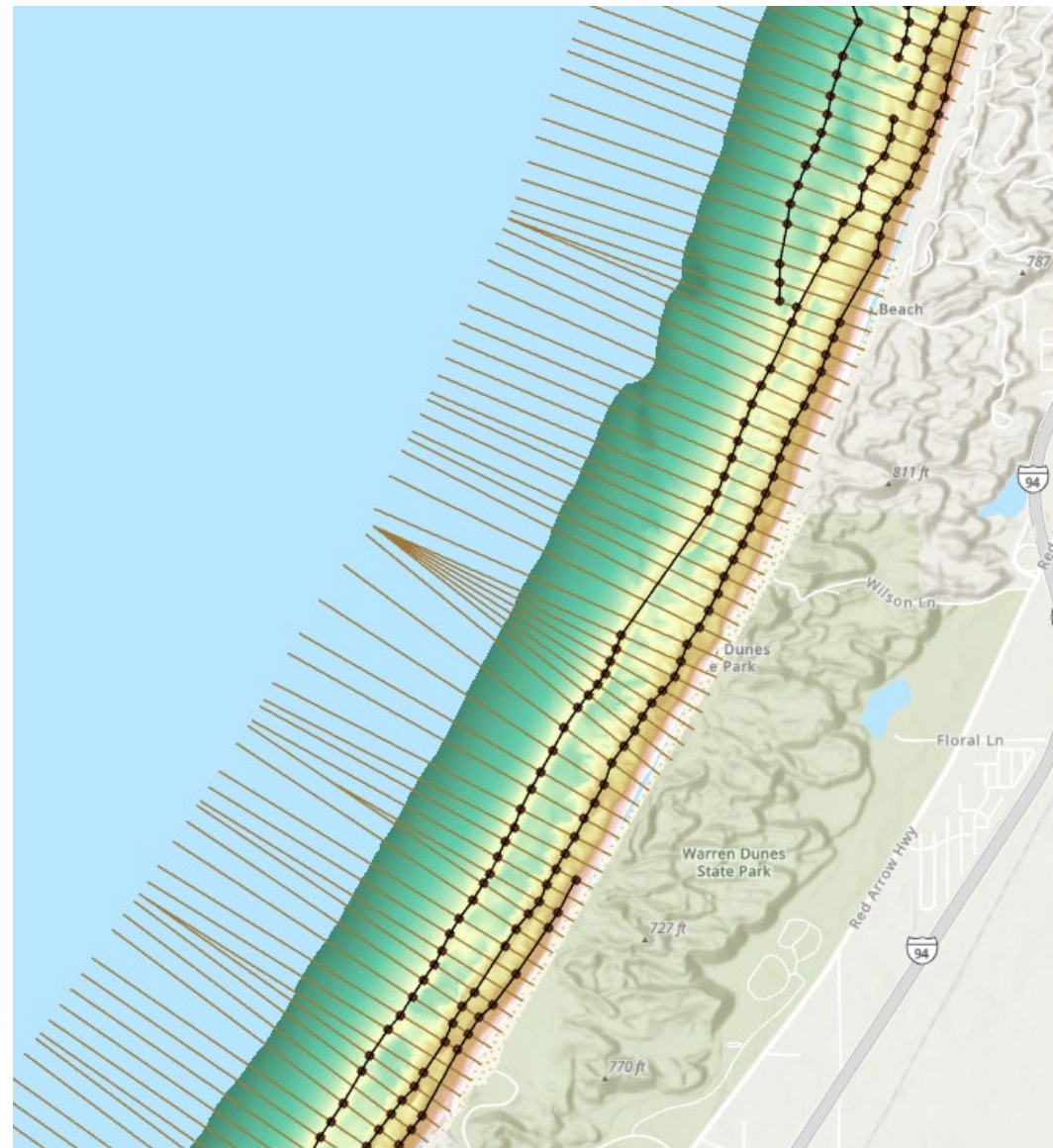
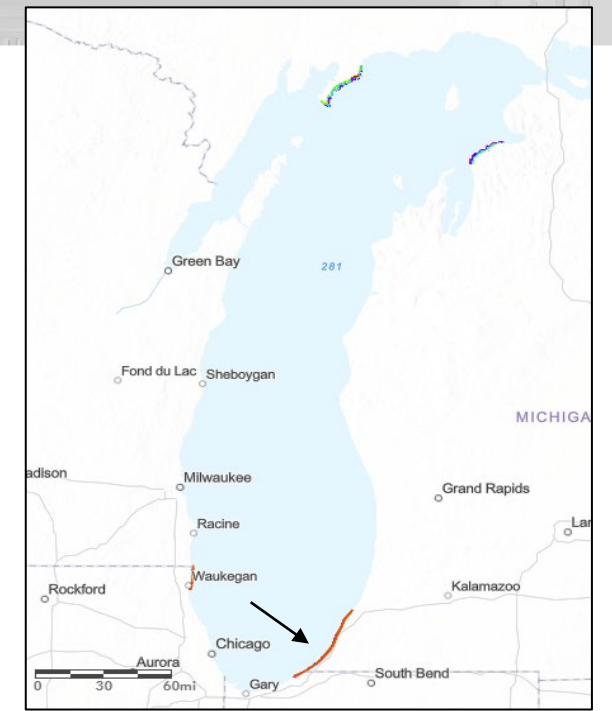


# Nearshore Index: Nearshore Bar Mapping

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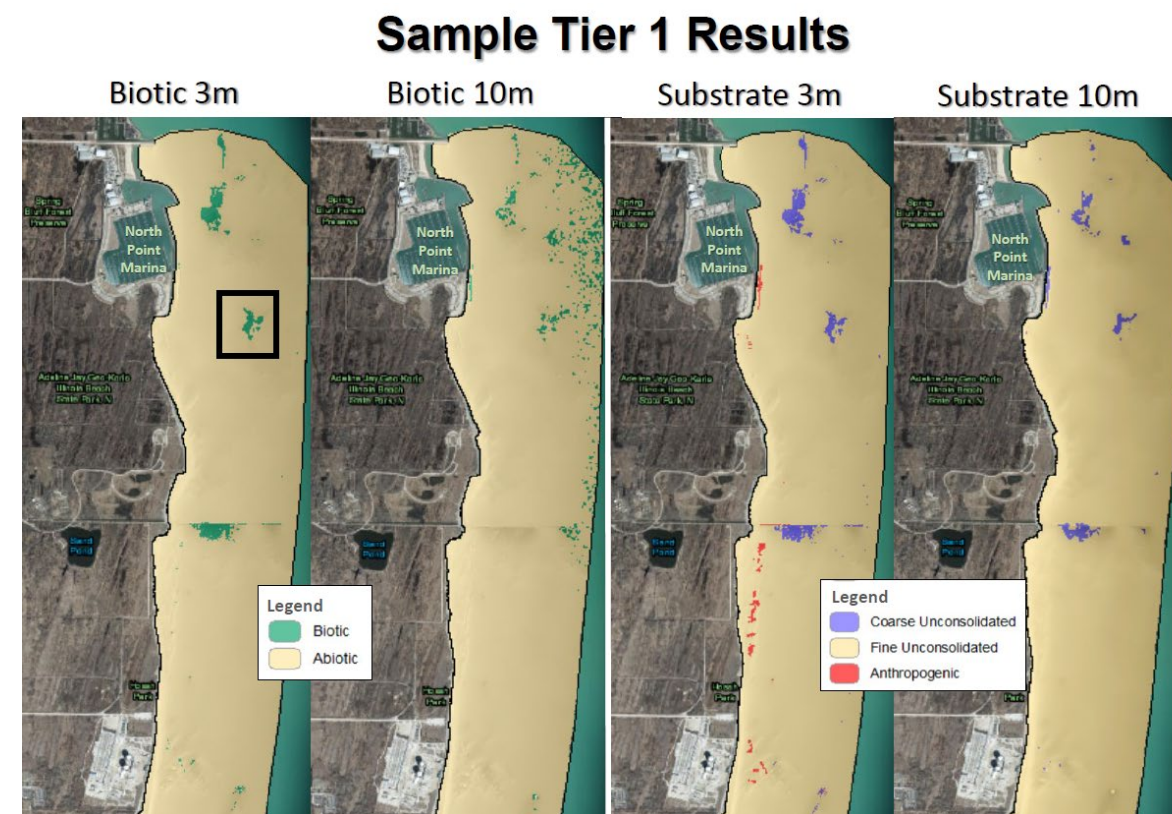
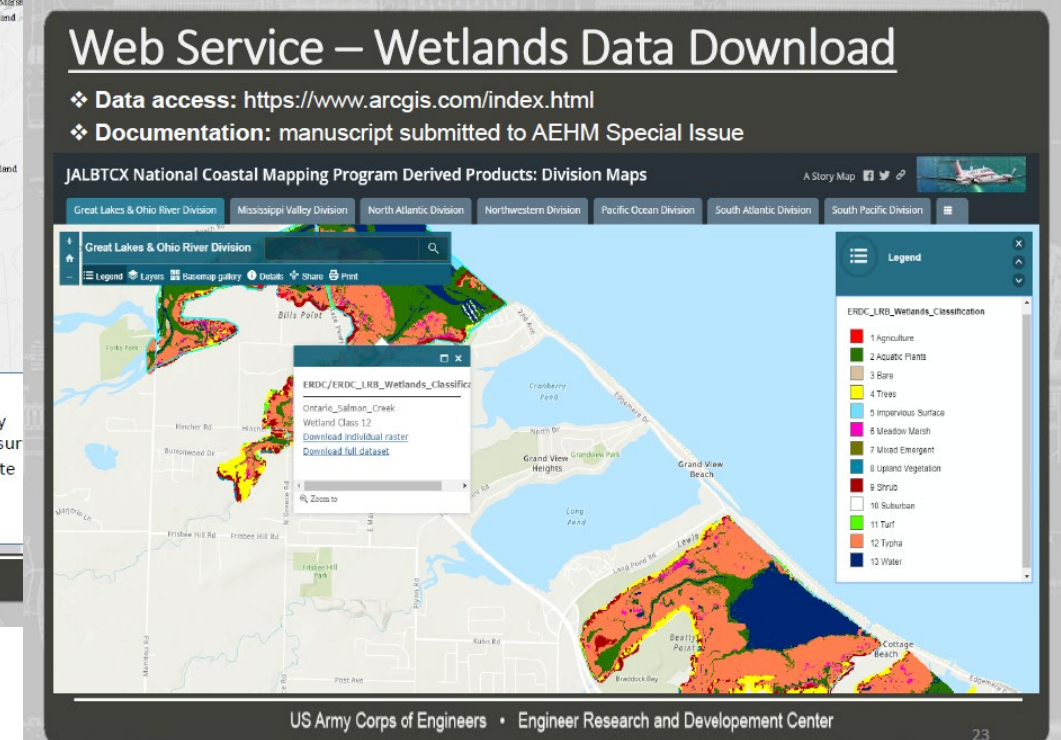
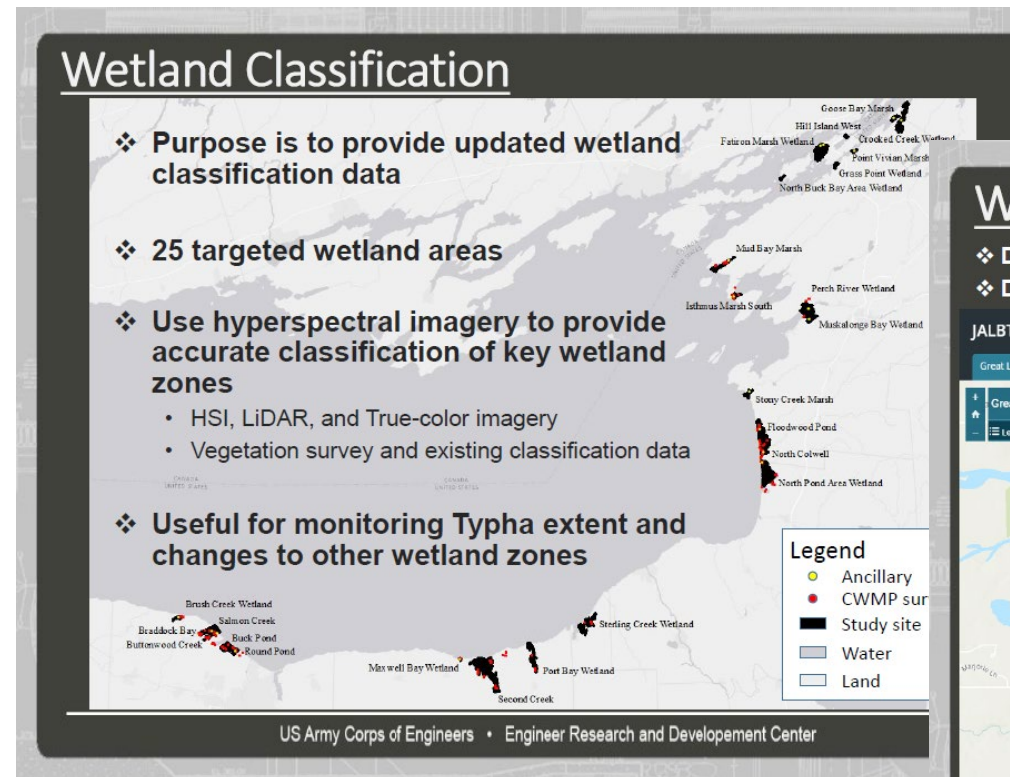
by Eve Eisemann and Charlene Sylvester

BarCount	AveWavelength	BarID1	BarDist1	BarElev1	BarID2	BarDist2	BarElev2	BarID3	BarDist3	BarElev3	BarID4	BarDist4
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# Coastal Wetland and Benthic Mapping in the Great Lakes

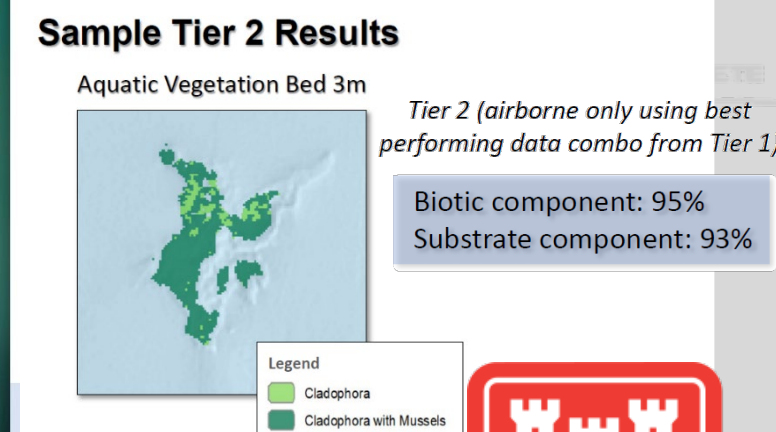
- What:** National Coastal Mapping Program (NCMP) hyperspectral imagery and topobathymetric lidar data used to identify unique wetland habitats (Lake Ontario) and nearshore benthic features (Lake Michigan)
- Why:** Agency partnership and innovative approach to integrate freely available high spectral and spatial resolution imagery and lidar with routinely collected ground truth data in support of ecosystem restoration, operations, and other management initiatives
- How:** High fidelity data come together in which traditional and new remote sensing classification techniques are used to: 1) classify wetland habitat types prioritized by local stakeholders, including wetland structure and function, and 2) discriminate nearshore benthic features using the Coastal & Marine Ecological Classification Standard
- Benefits:** Roadmap to develop much needed data for coastal wetland and nearshore monitoring and management, utilizing existing/free resources and partnerships
- Who:** Benthic mapping funded by the USACE Ecosystem Management and Restoration Research Program; coastal wetlands mapping funded by the Buffalo District and NCMP



**Overall Accuracy Tier 1**

Biotic component:  
 Airborne: 92 – 95%  
 Satellite: 92 – 94%

Substrate component:  
 Airborne: 90 – 91%  
 Satellite: 88 – 92%



# What's next

- FY22 survey operations in Gulf of Mexico
- Processing and delivery of Great Lakes, West Coast, Texas, and Alaska data
- New metric development for USACE navigation structures and beach projects
- Investigate CERI from 1999 to present at Panama City, develop workflow to extract representative BeachFx profile from JALBTCX data
- Develop standard process for creation of high-resolution landcover classification in NLCD schema and extraction of submerged aquatic vegetation metrics from combined lidar and hyperspectral imagery
- Support the IWG-OCM in updating the National Coastal Mapping Strategy

### Coastal structure metrics

**Coastal structures metrics**

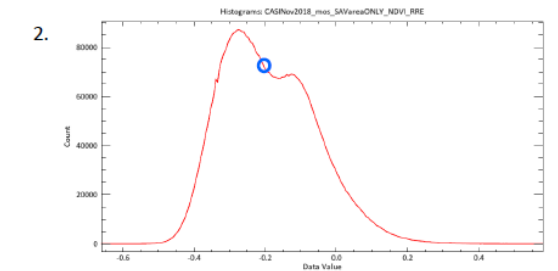
- Improve algorithms
- Update database
- Integrate into asset management tools

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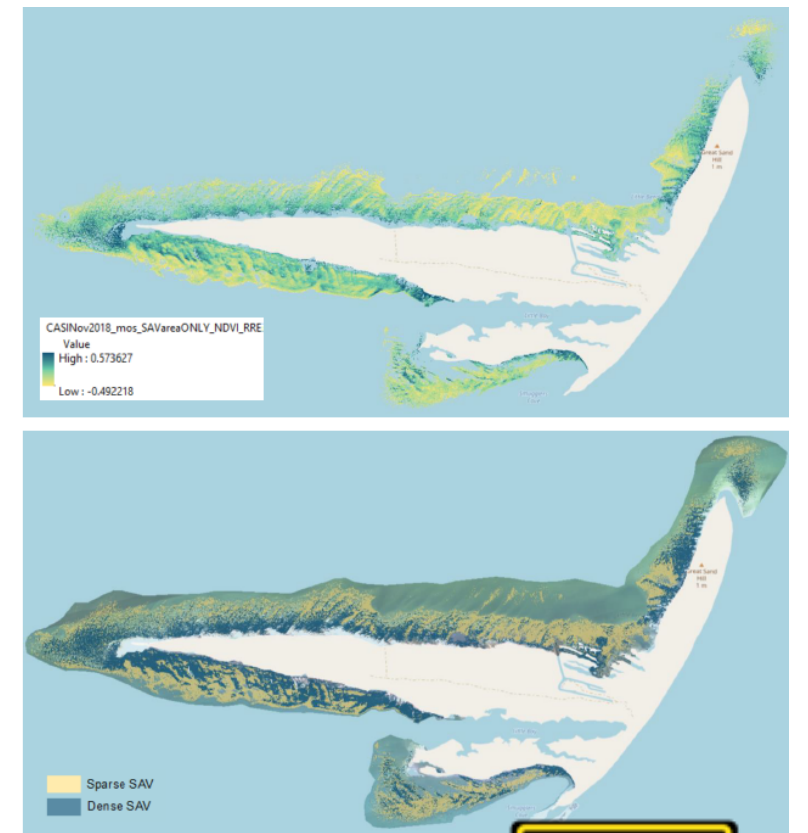
$$1. \quad NDVI_{RER} = \frac{Rededge - Red}{Rededge + Red}$$

Modified Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (RER = Rededge & Red bands); Rededge = (band 25) 714nm and Red = (band 21) 657nm applied only to SAV pixels (CASI image masked using the SAV classification result)



Distribution of  $NDVI_{RER}$  values applied to SAV classified pixels only (values range from -0.5 to 0.6)

- Threshold applied to  $NDVI_{RER}$  to separate sparse vs dense SAV based on approximate visual estimation (blue circle in graph above: sparse = -0.5 to -0.2; dense = -0.2 to 0.6)



Questions?

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