

# Planning for a Resilient Houston - Galveston Region

Addressing Resiliency in Regional Transportation Plans Workshop

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# Resiliency Planning



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## Regional Planning

- Regional Flood Management Council
- Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Our Great Region 2040
- Foresight Panel on Environmental Effects
- **Transportation**

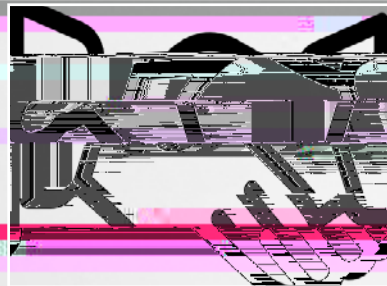
# Transportation Resiliency Efforts



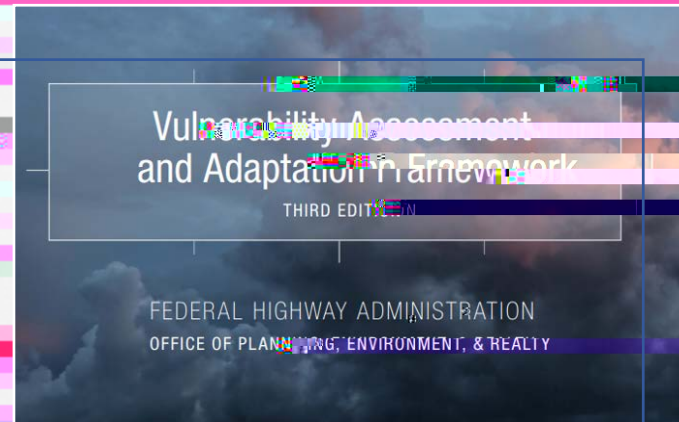
2018 Call for Projects



Long Range Plan

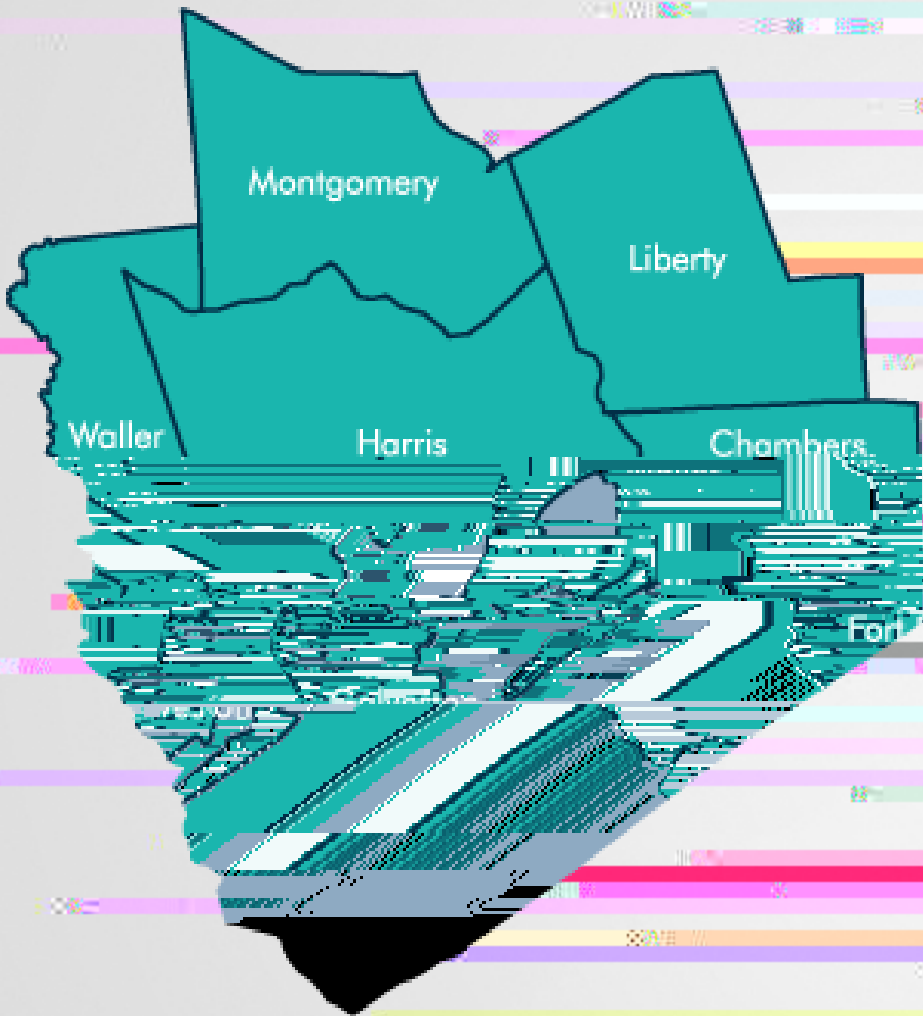


Coordination



Resilience and Durability Pilot

# Resilience and Durability Pilot



- Use VAST tool + risk analysis + economic analysis to identify most vulnerable assets/ road segments
- Develop recommendations for most vulnerable assets/ road segments
- Update H-GAC publications and project selection criteria

## Geography

- 8-County Region

## Extreme Weather Threats

- Coastal Flooding
- Inland Flooding

## Time Horizons

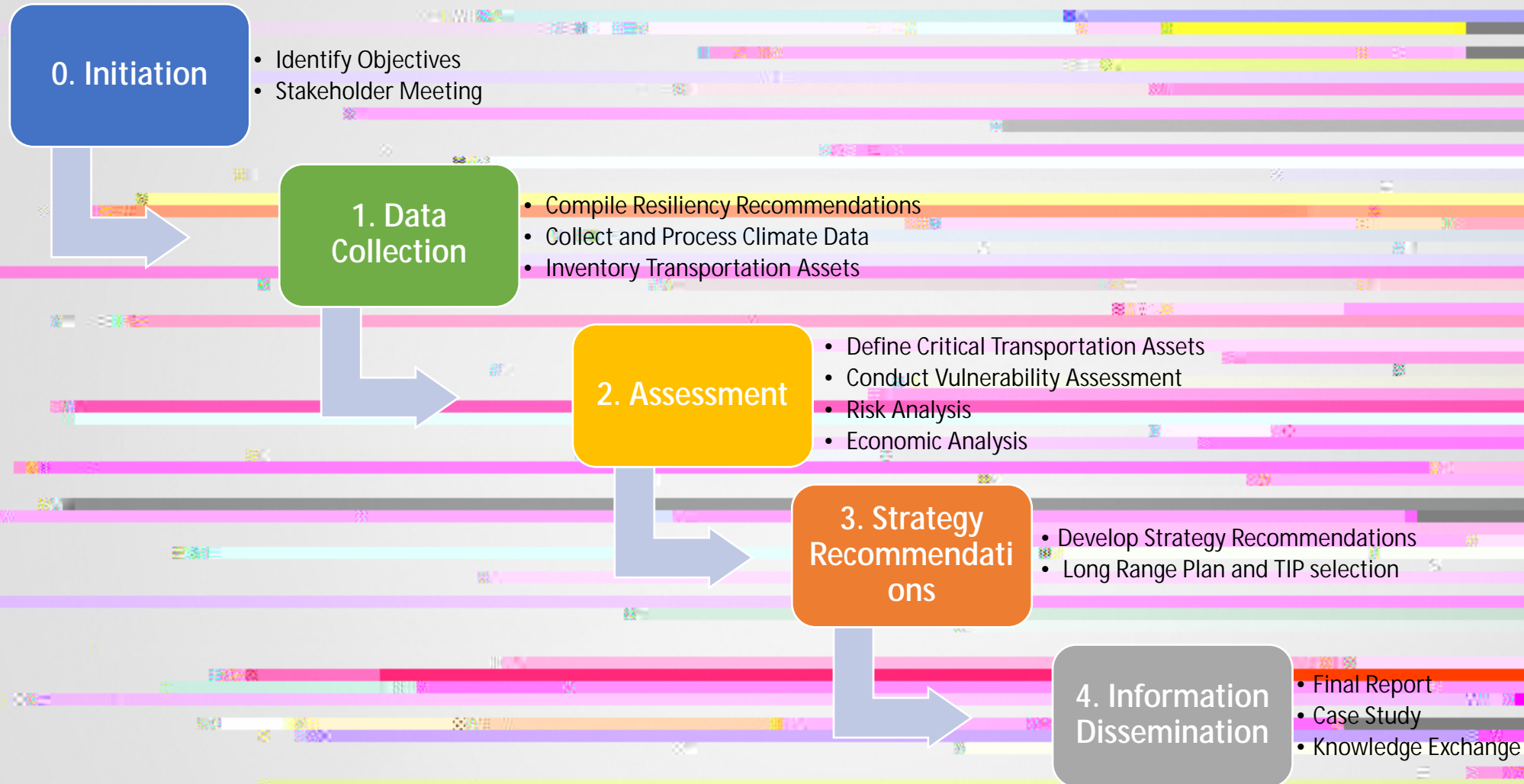
- Current
- 2030 (~ 10-year plan)
- 2045 (Long range plan)

## Assets to Consider

- Roads (freeways and major streets)
  - Bridges
- TxDOT on-system*



# Project Phases & Timeline

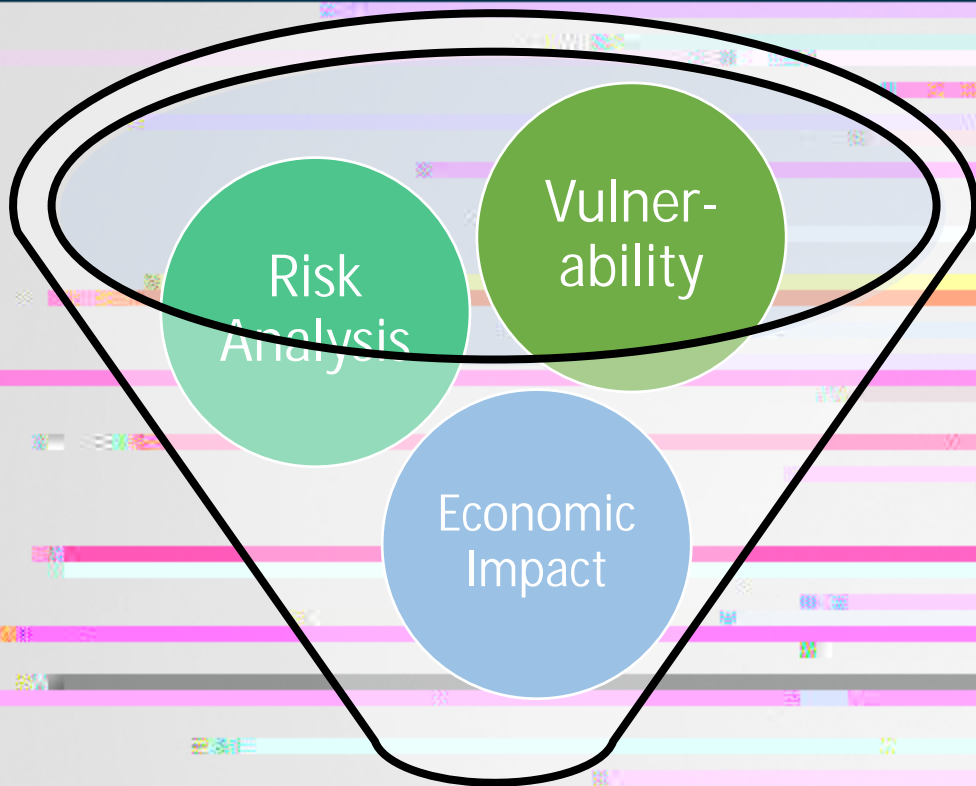


Declaration Date	Incident Type	Title
9/26/2002	Coastal Storm	TROPICAL STORM FAY
6/9/2001	Coastal Storm	TX-TROPICAL STORM ALLISON-06-06-2001
9/9/2011	Fire	WILDFIRES
7/1/2011	Fire	WILDFIRES
1/11/2006	Fire	EXTREME WILDFIRE THREAT
6/11/2016	Flood	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING
4/25/2016	Flood	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING
3/19/2016	Flood	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING
10/21/1998	Flood	TX-FLOODING 10/18/98
10/18/1994	Flood	SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS AND FLOODING
3/20/1992	Flood	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING
12/26/1991	Flood	SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS
7/18/1989	Flood	





# Proper approach?

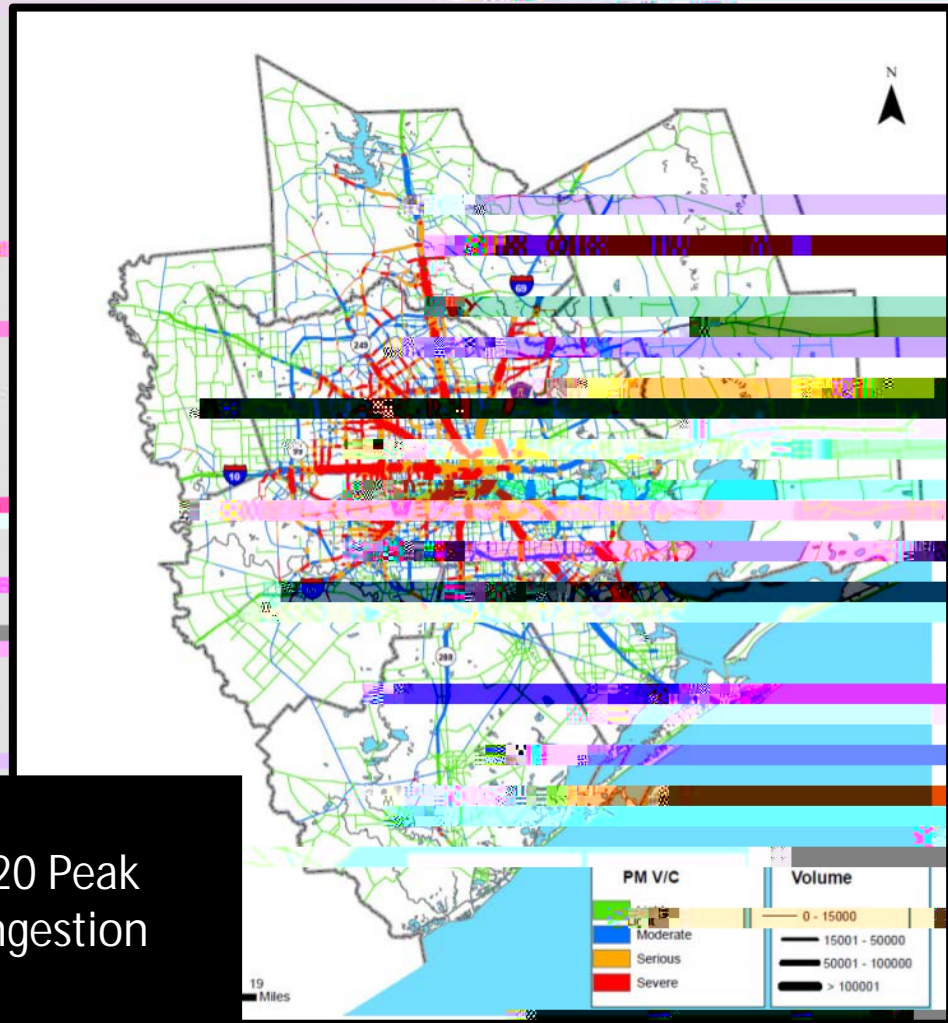


Candidate Locations for  
Adaptation Solutions

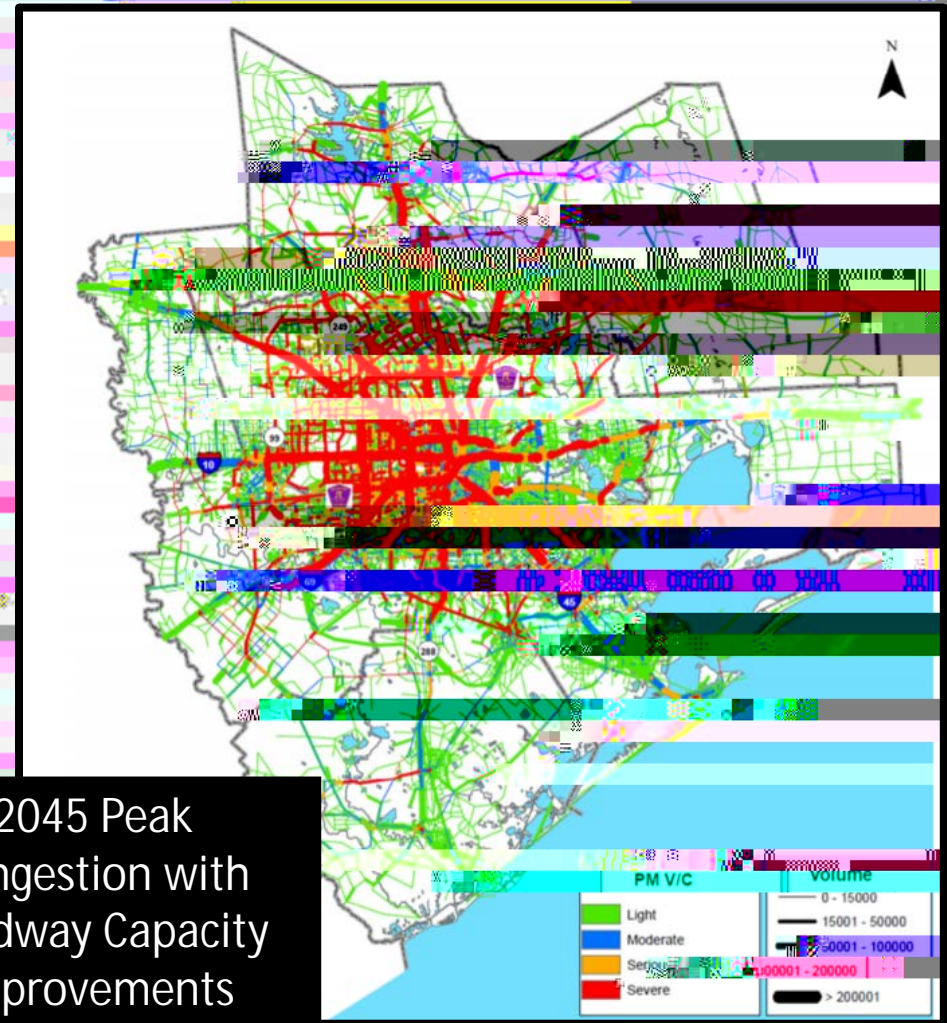
## Transportation Resilience

“a system’s ability to continue to function at an acceptable level of efficiency in the face of disruptive or unexpected conditions”

# Congestion

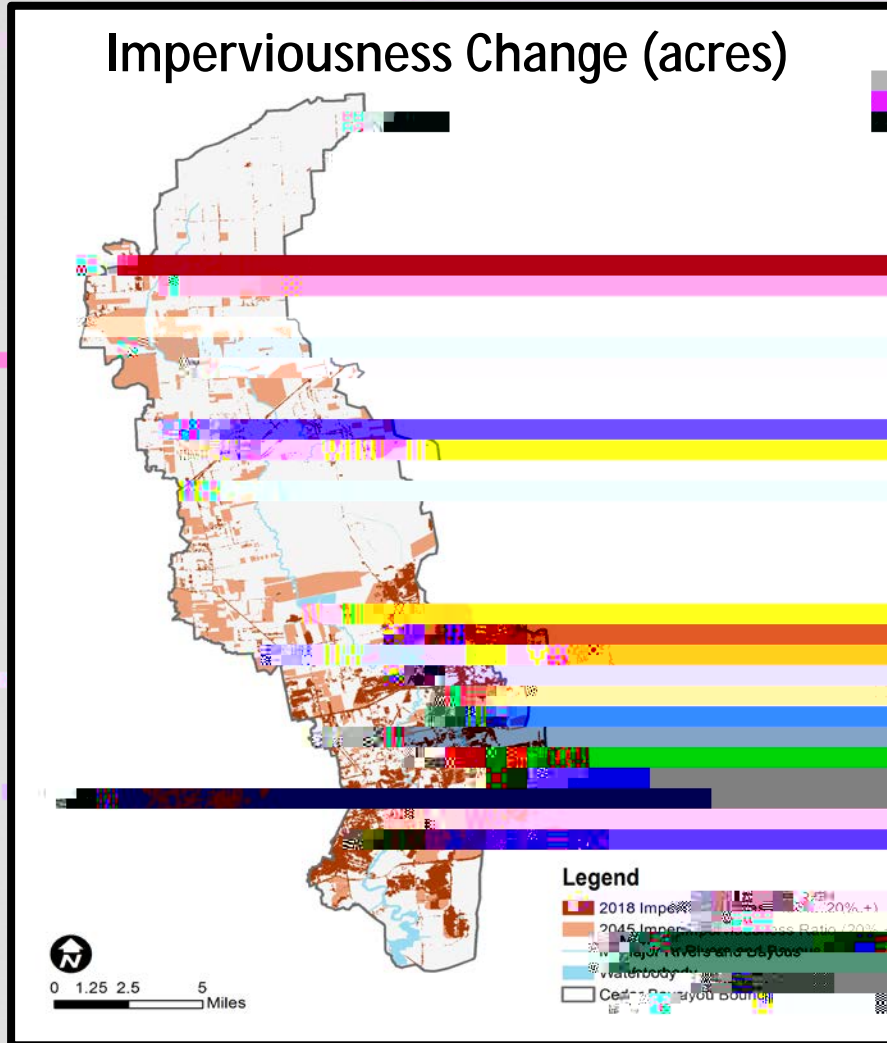


2020 Peak Congestion



2045 Peak Congestion with Roadway Capacity Improvements

# Cedar Bayou Initiative, Land Use



## Estimated Imperviousness Ratio by Land Use

Imperviousness ratio represents urban impervious percentage of developed surface over every 30-meter (98.4252 feet) pixel.

## Imperviousness Change (2018-2045)

\* 20% + is one of criteria for determining US Census Urbanized Area

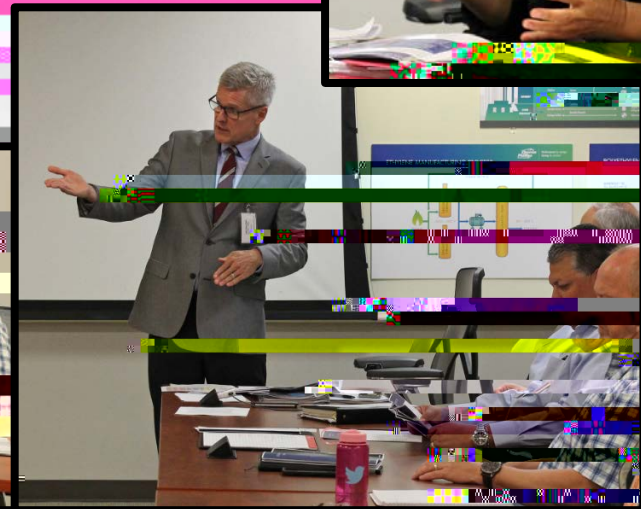
Source: 2016 NLCD Percent Developed Imperviousness, MRLC; 2018 10 Class Land Cover Data Set, H-GAC

# Cedar Bayou Initiative, Back to Basics

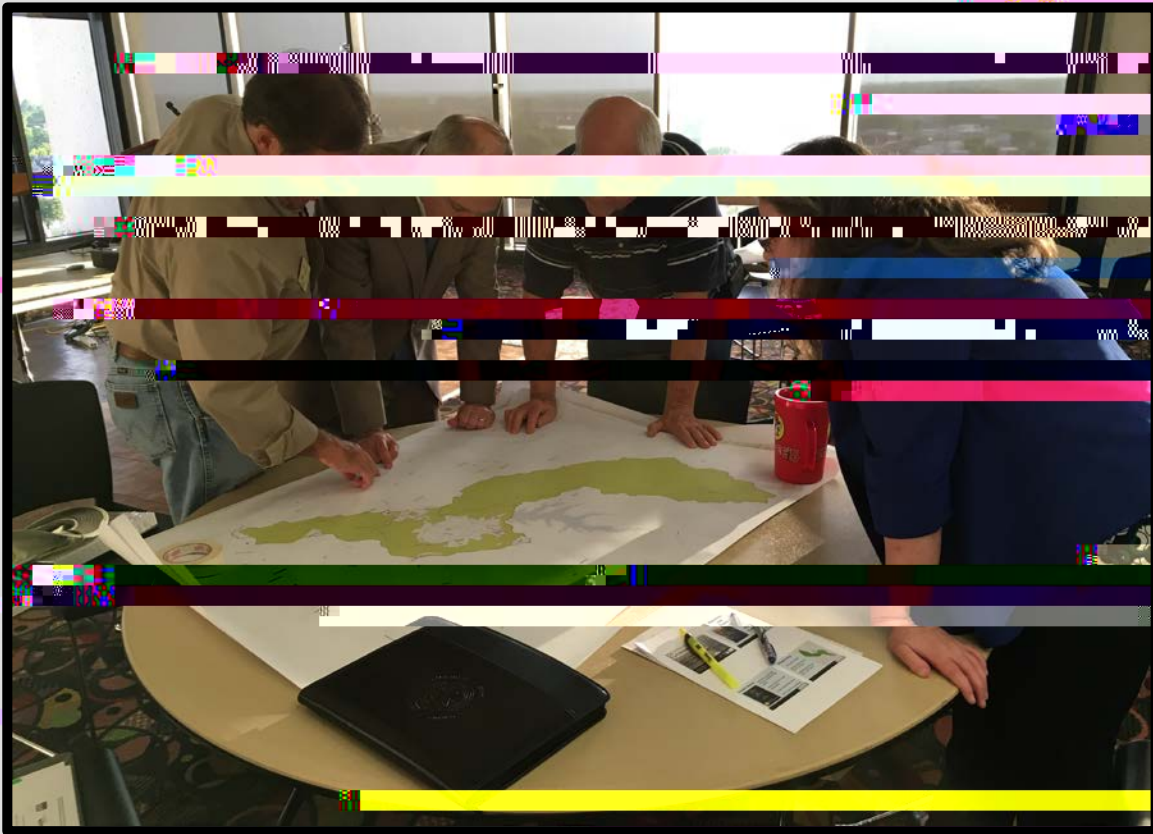
f Channel and drainage ditch maintenance

f Jurisdictional authority and ownership

f Major upstream detention



# Takeaways



*f* Off to a good start

*f* The multimodal perspective

*f* Back to basics

*f* Big challenges ahead

*f* A role for MPOs

# Contact/ Resources

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