



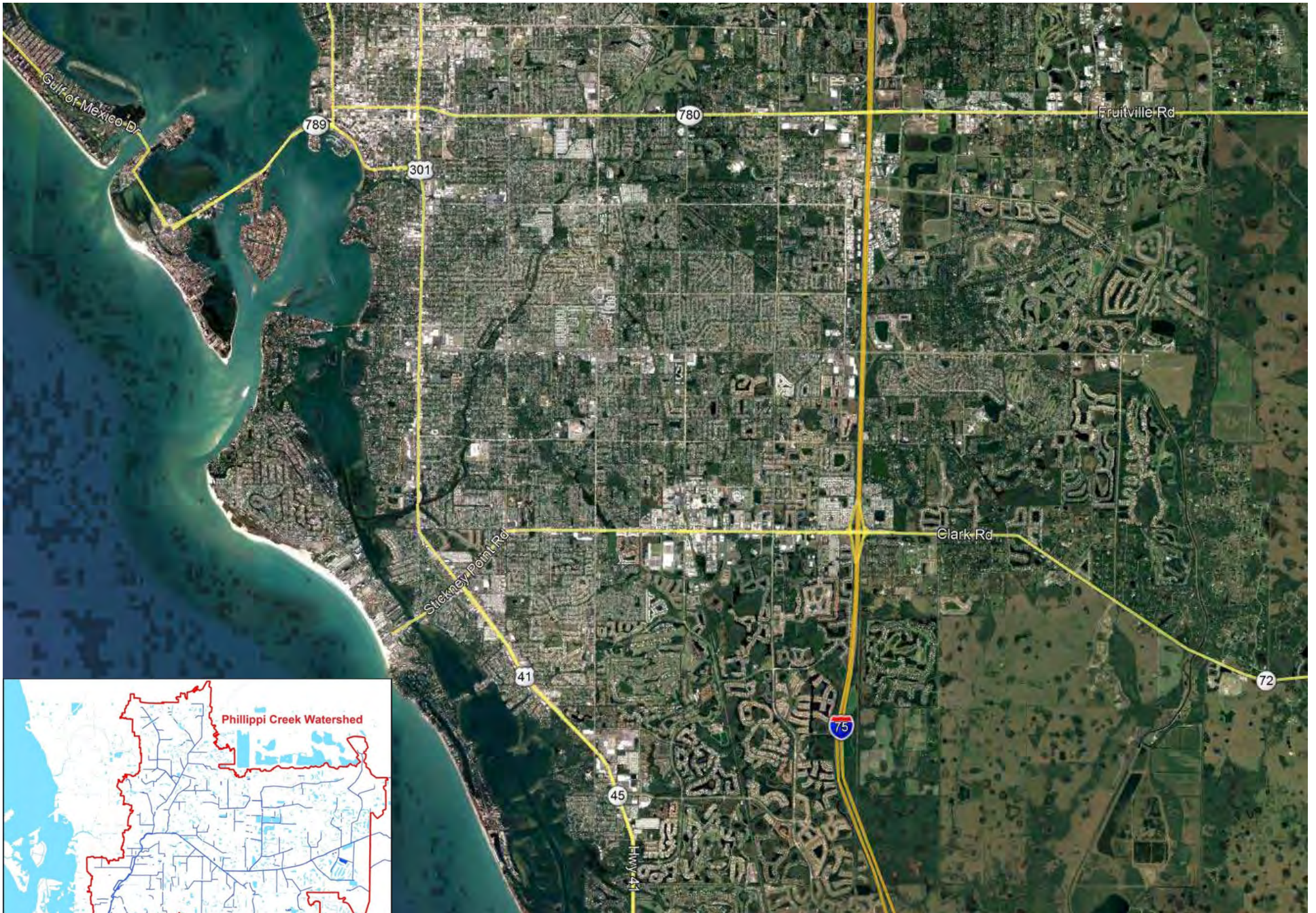
# Reimagining Our Stormwater Drains: Cost Effective Restoration with Multiple Benefits

**Phillippi Creek Canals**  
**Sarasota County, Florida**  
**Stormwater Environmental Utility (SEU)**

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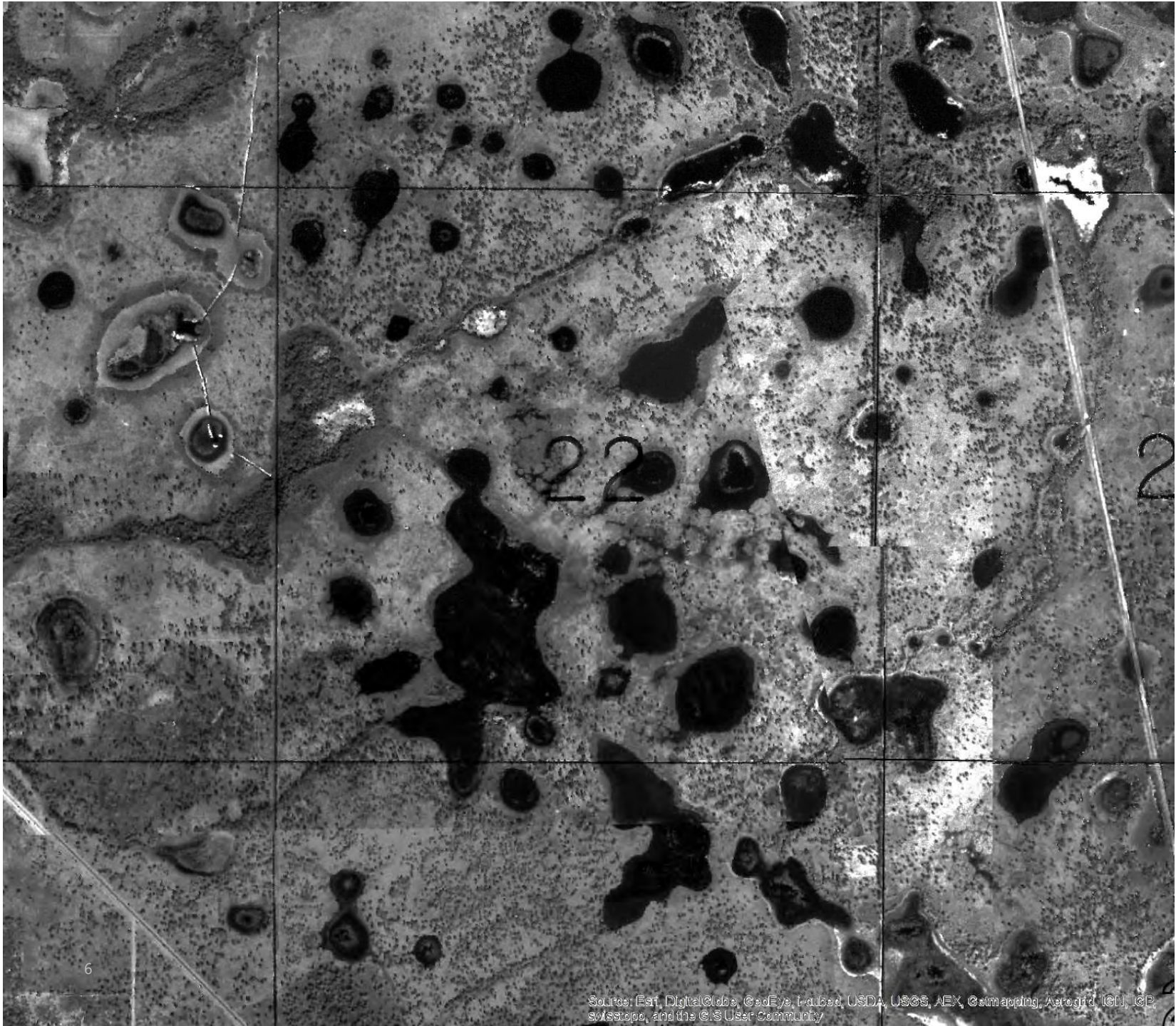






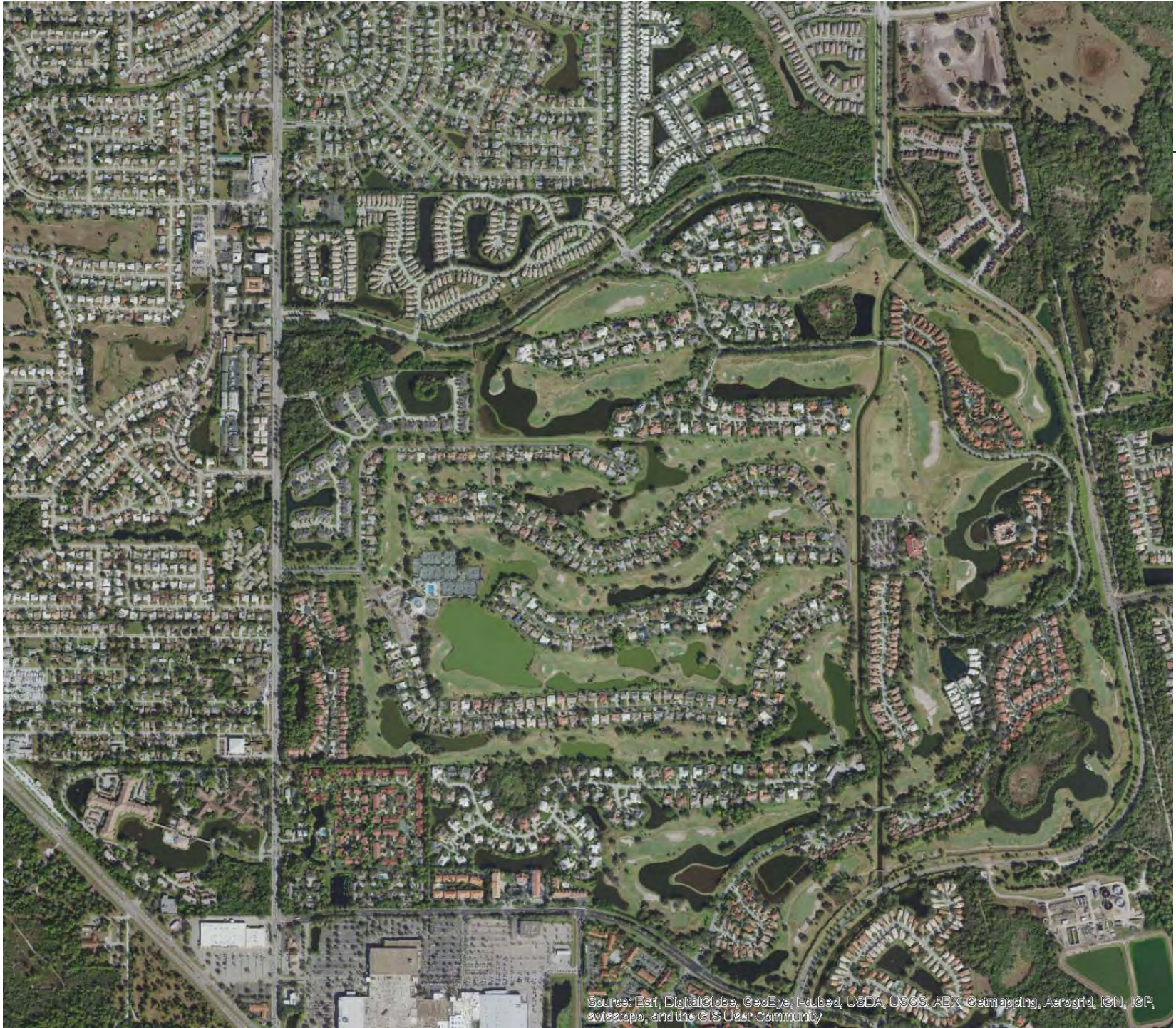






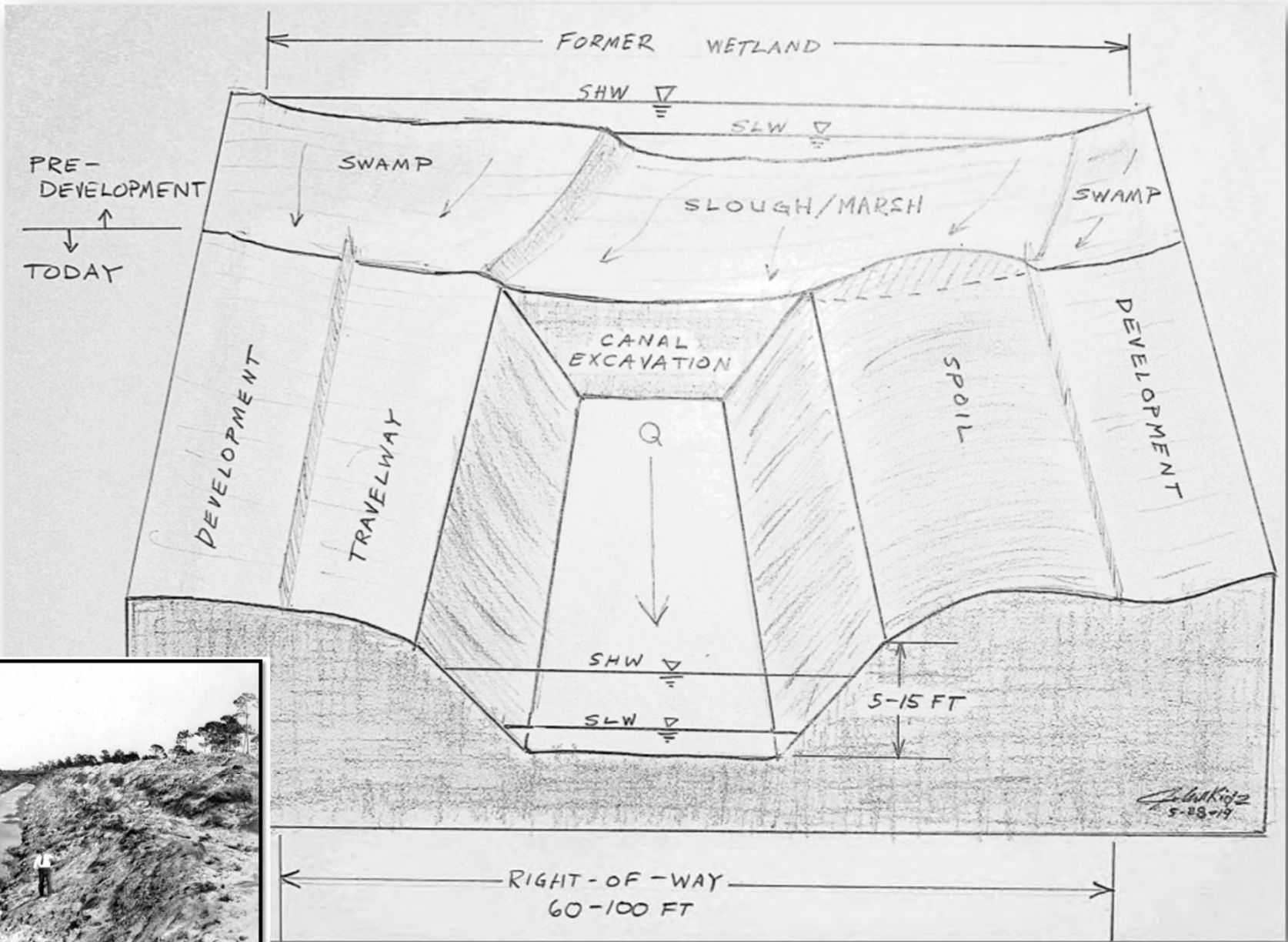
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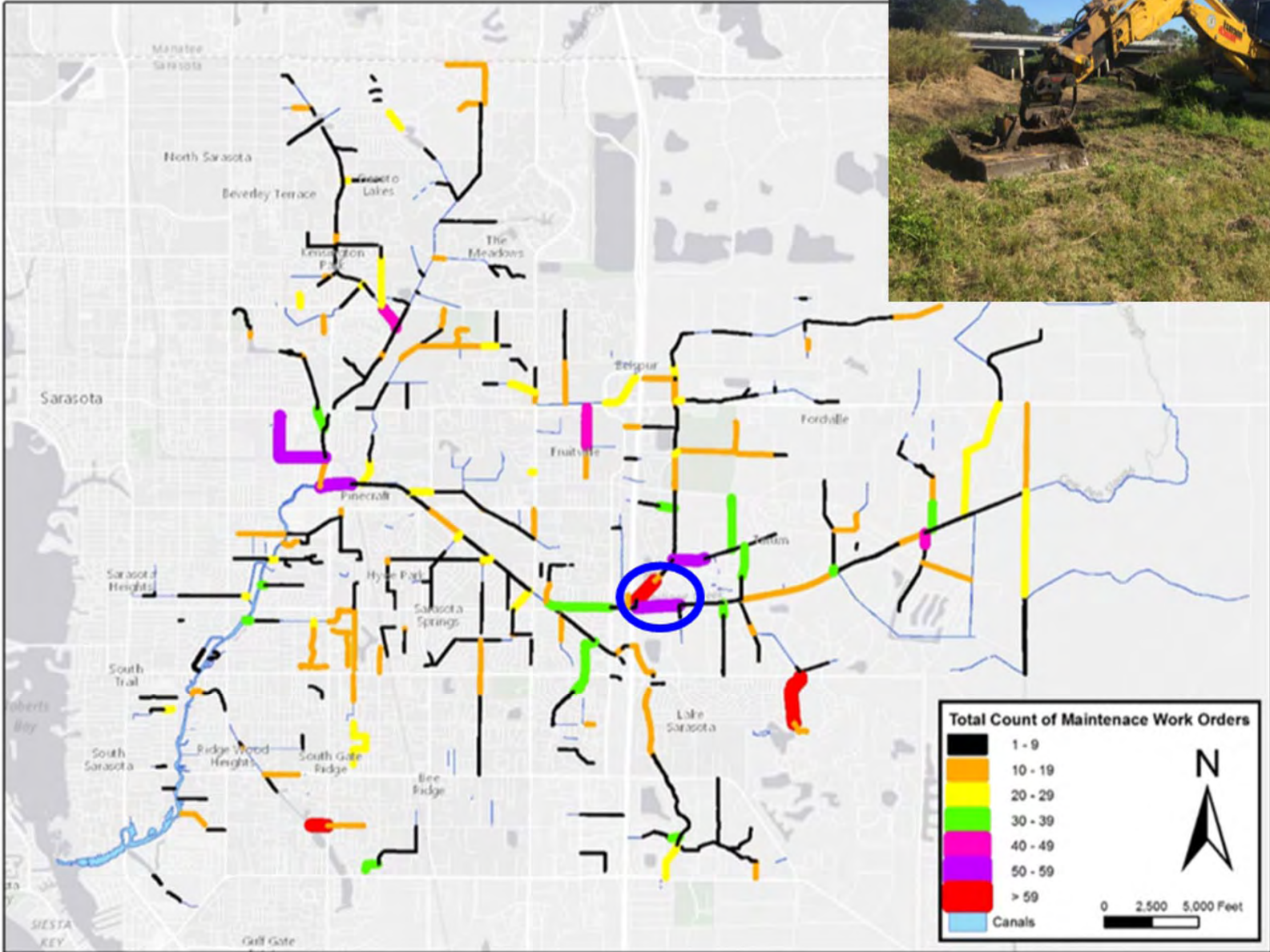


Phillippi Creek canal - east of Sarasota. 1929.

Simpson, G. G. Black & white photonegative, 4x 5 in. State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory. <<https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/125094>>









Shallow Plane Failures

Variably Stable Toe

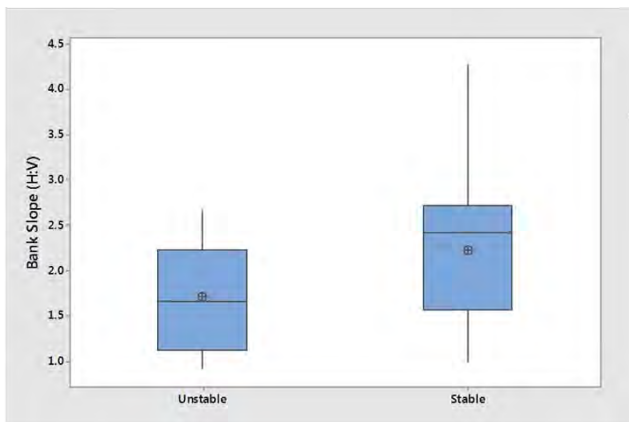


Stable

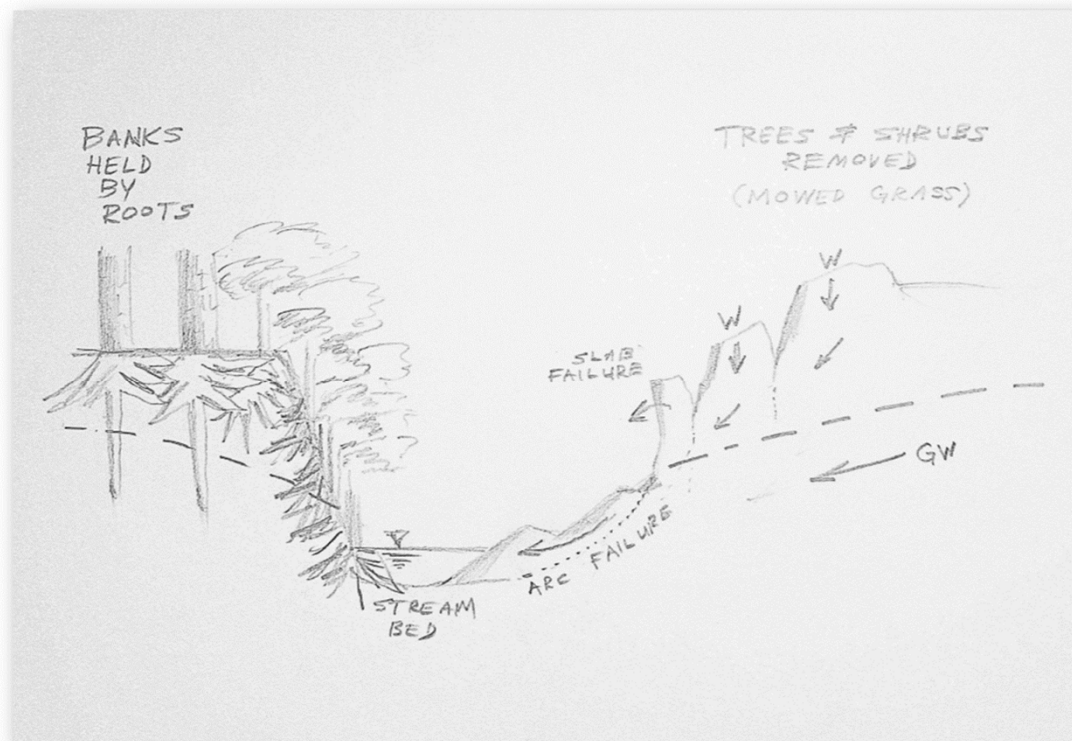
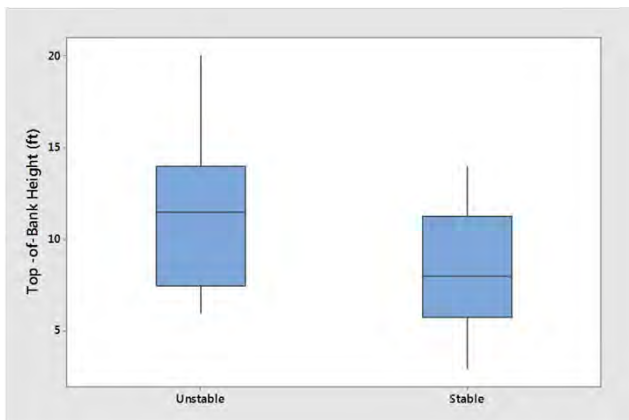
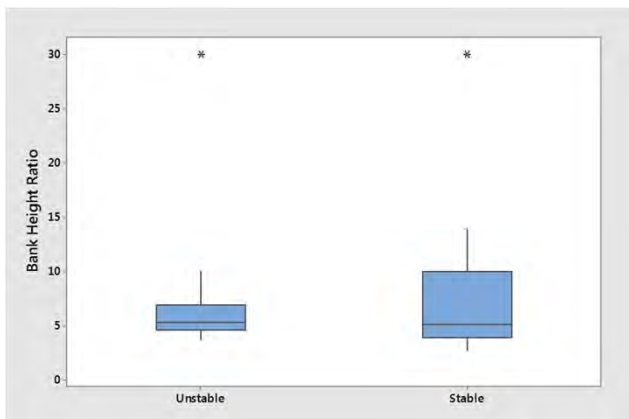
Unstable

Scalloped Gravity  
Failures

Toe Scour



	Stable	Unstable	Total
Mowed	1	10	11
Woody	13	1	14
Total	14	11	25



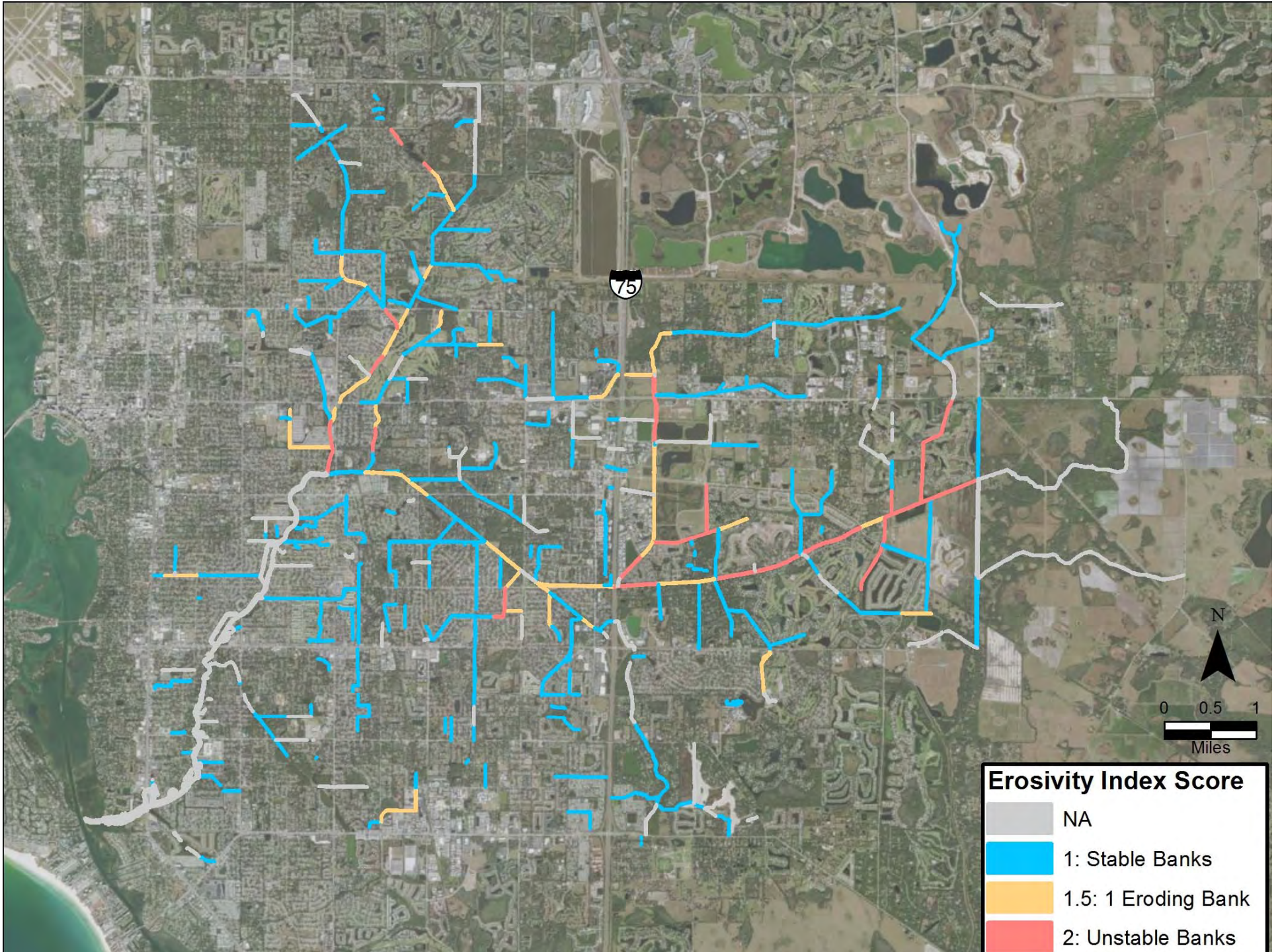


Uniform water depth over soft sand bed

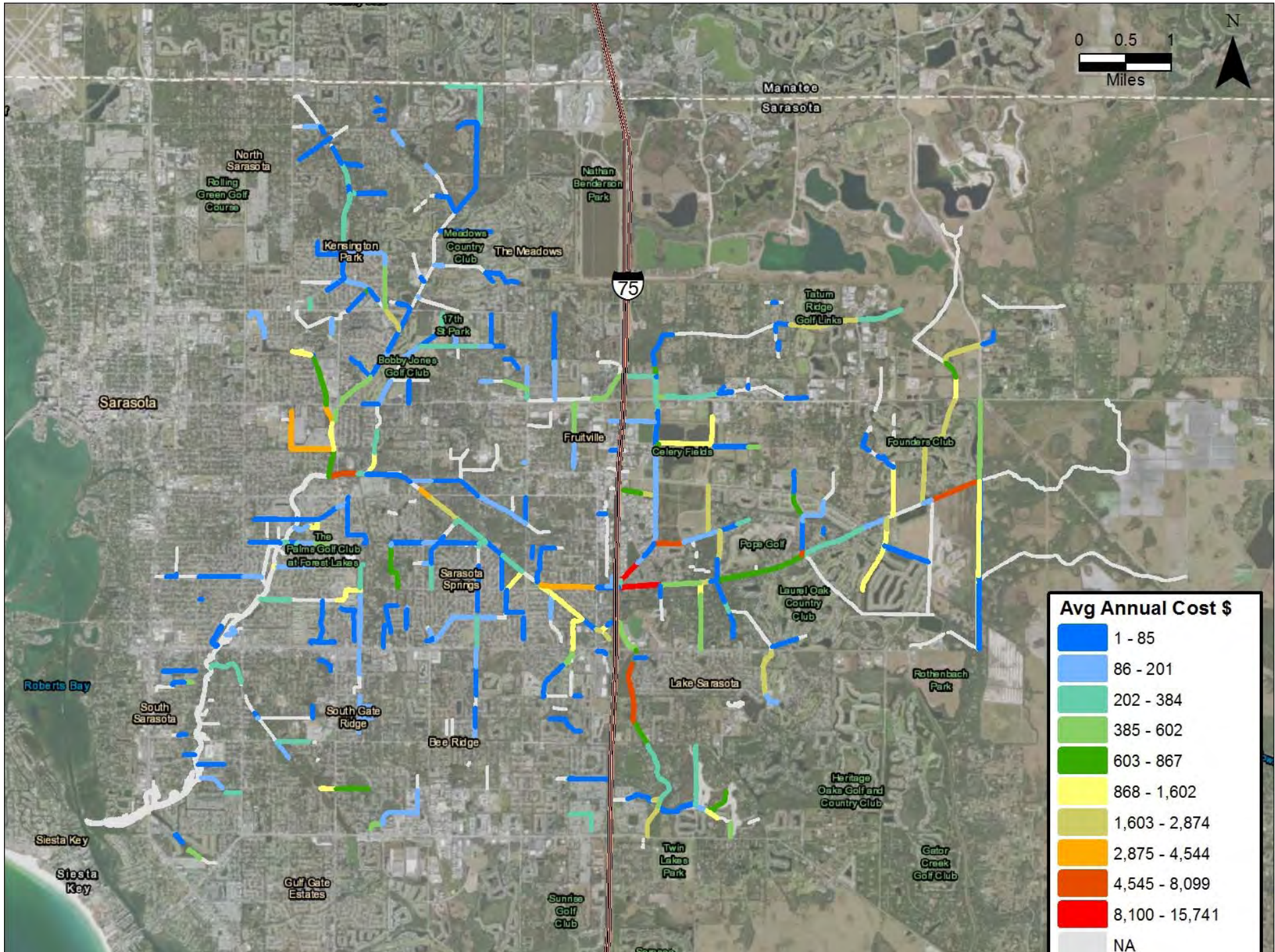


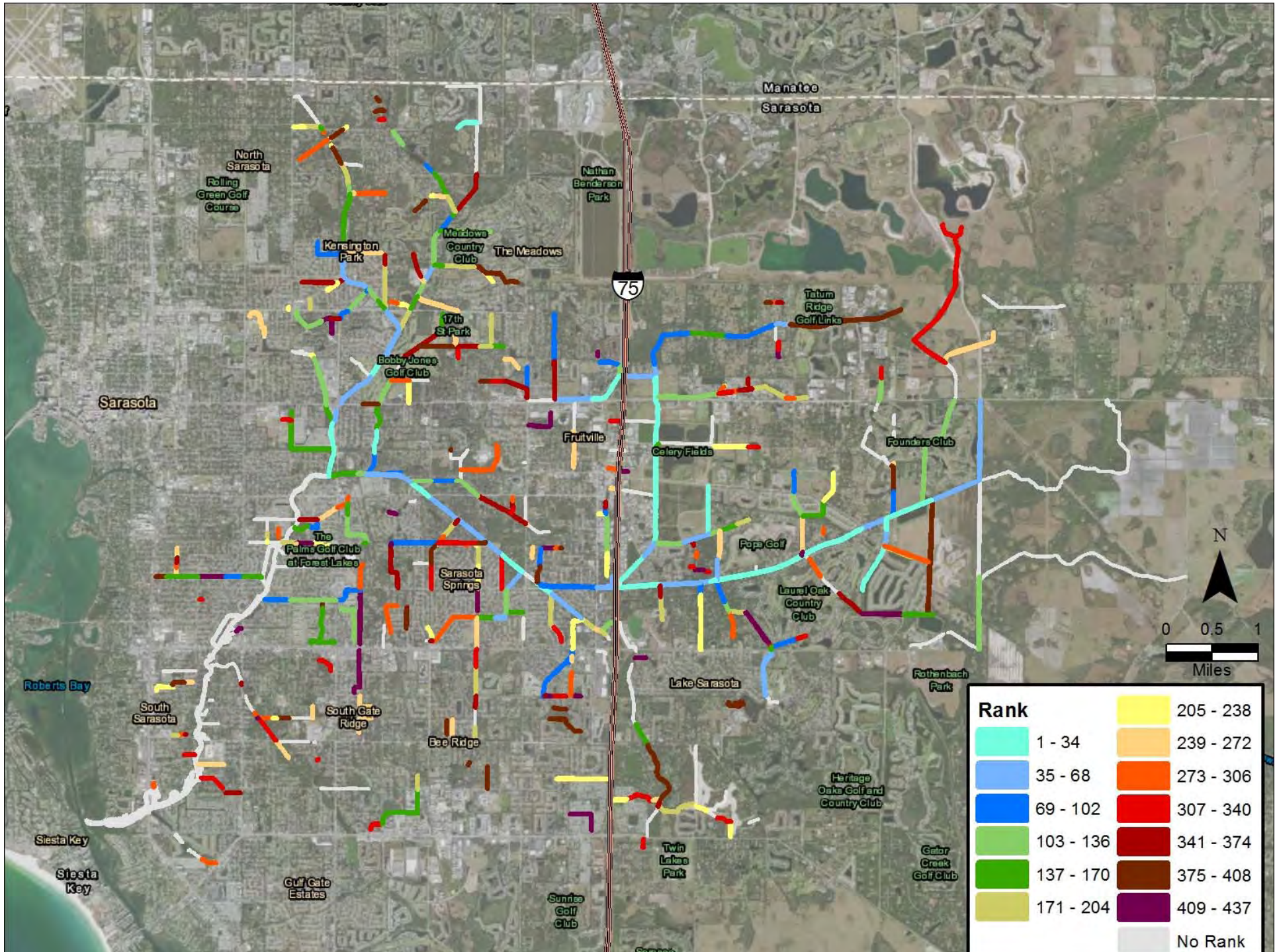
Leading edge of sediment plume moving downstream

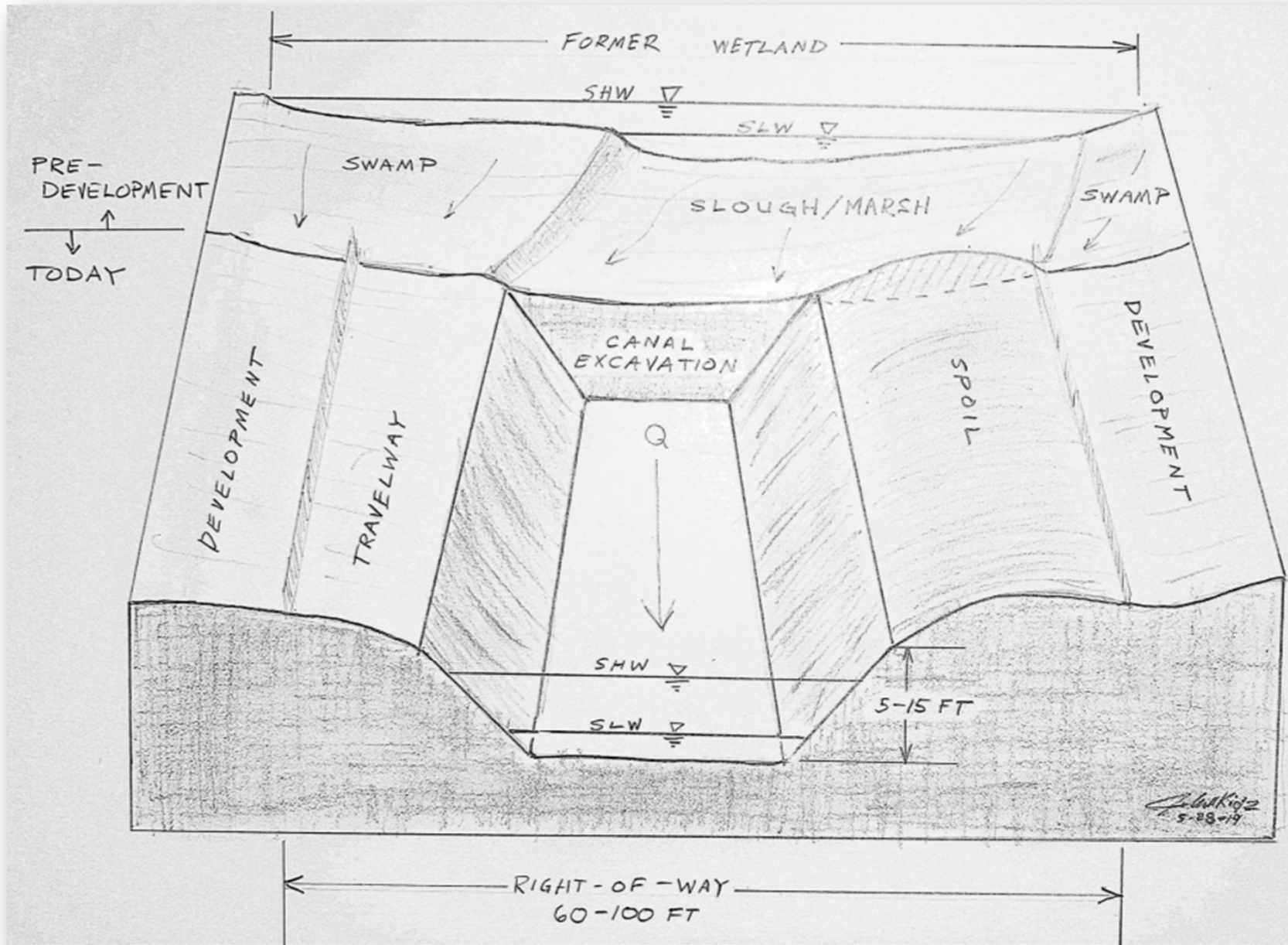


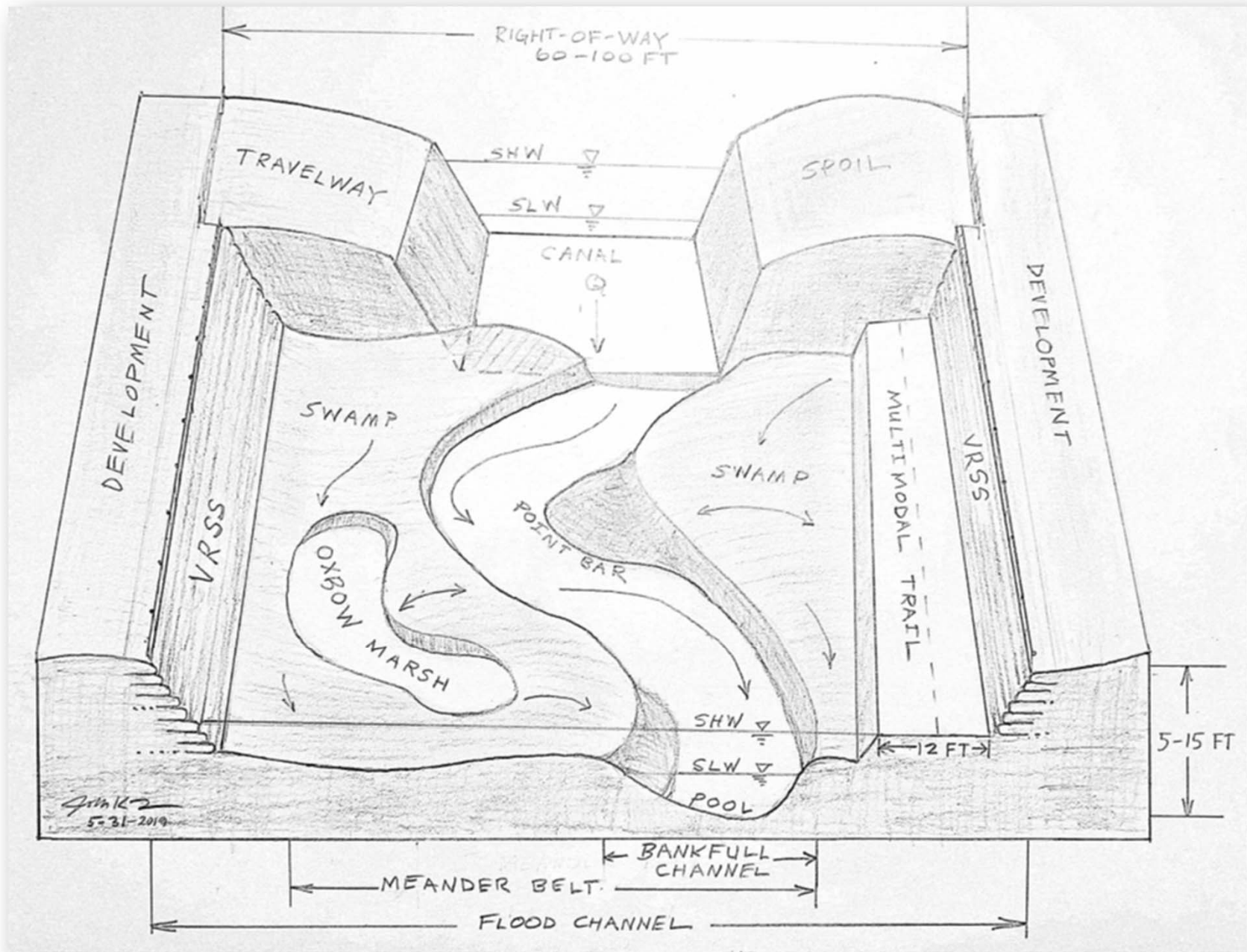


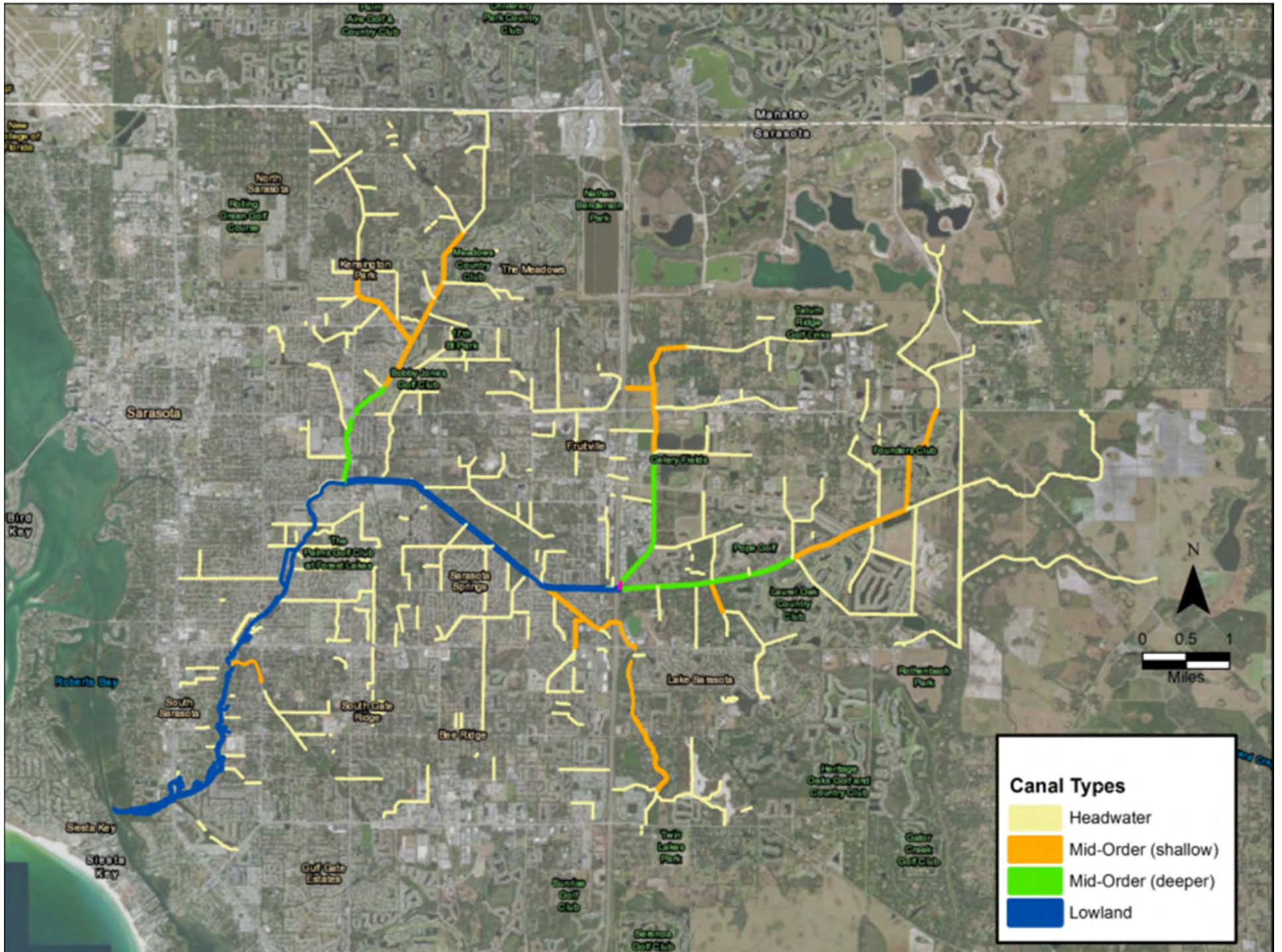










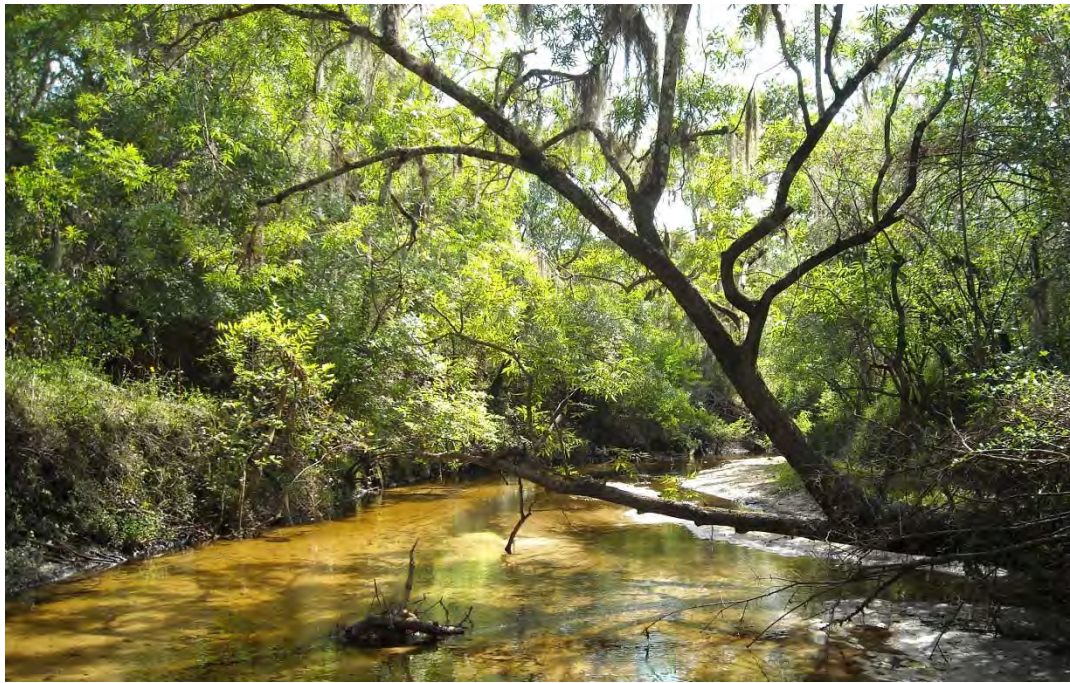


















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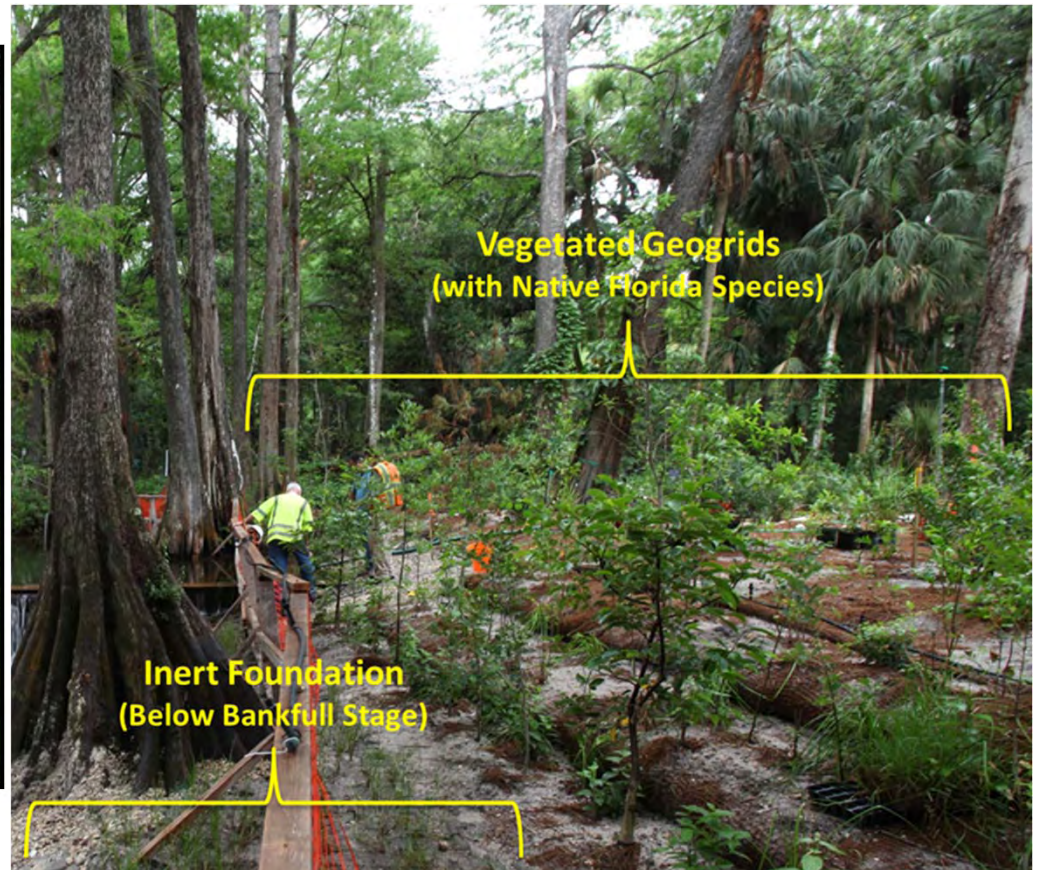


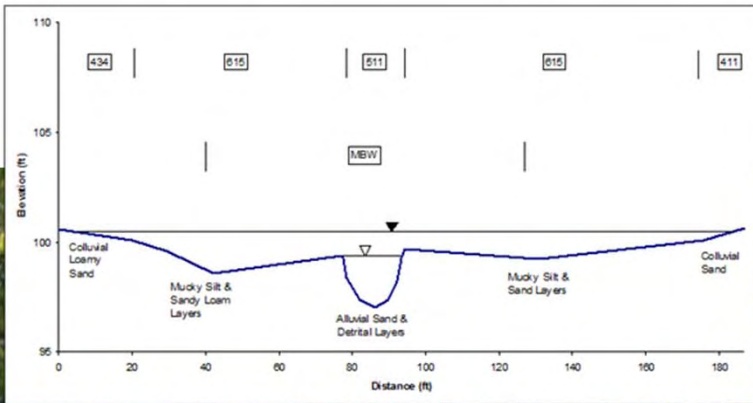
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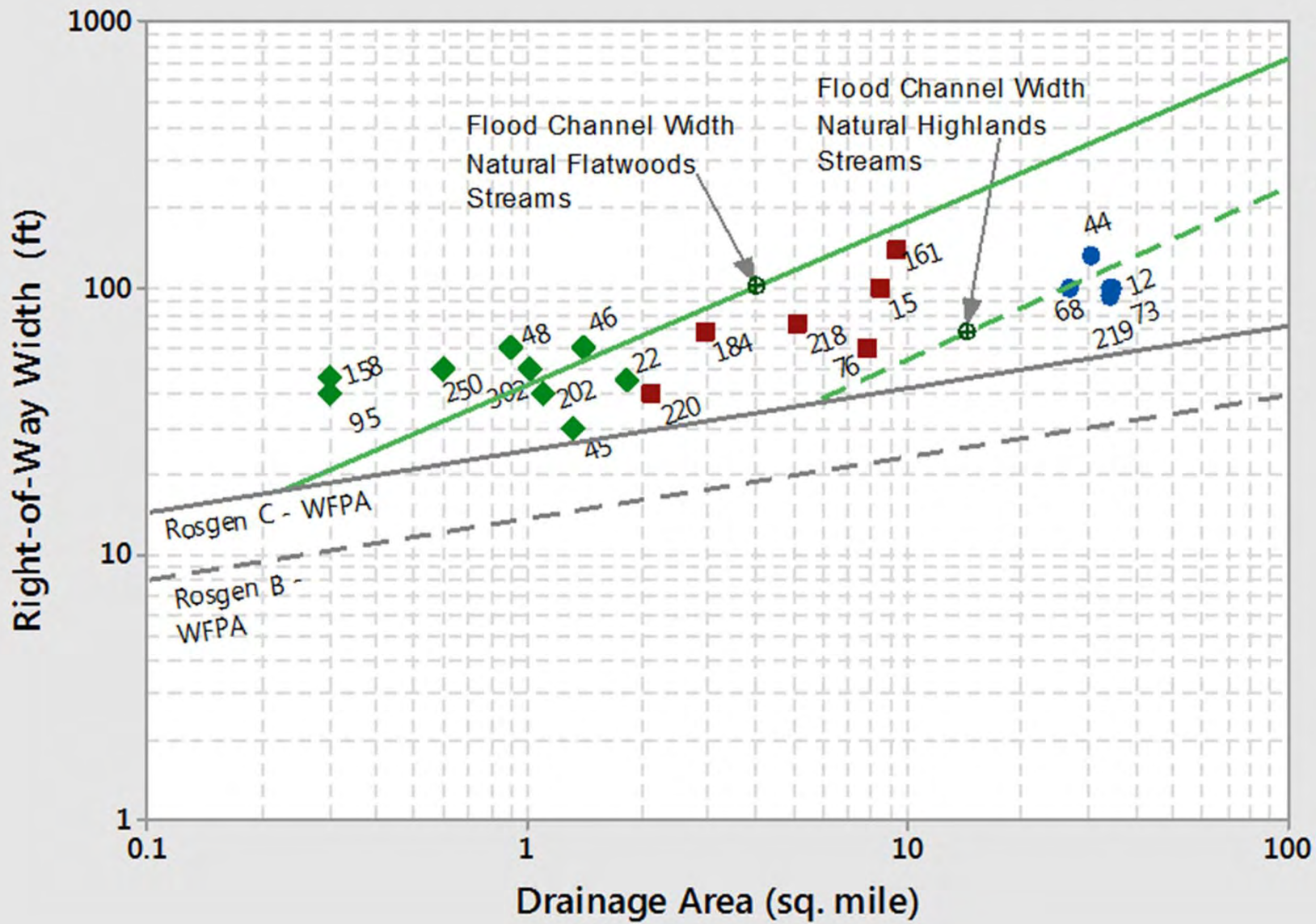
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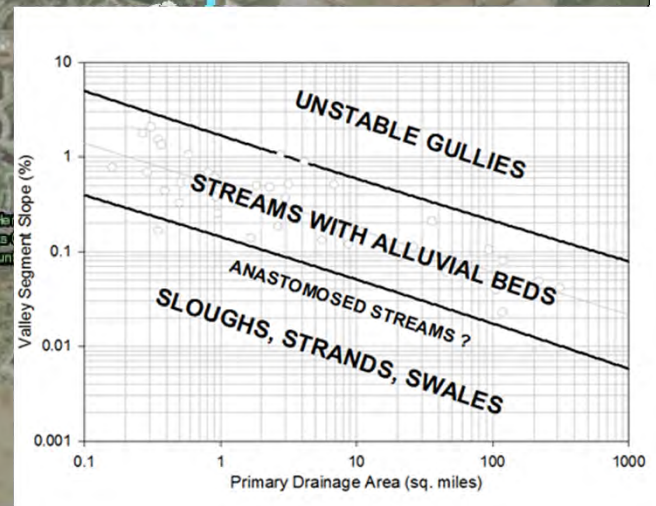
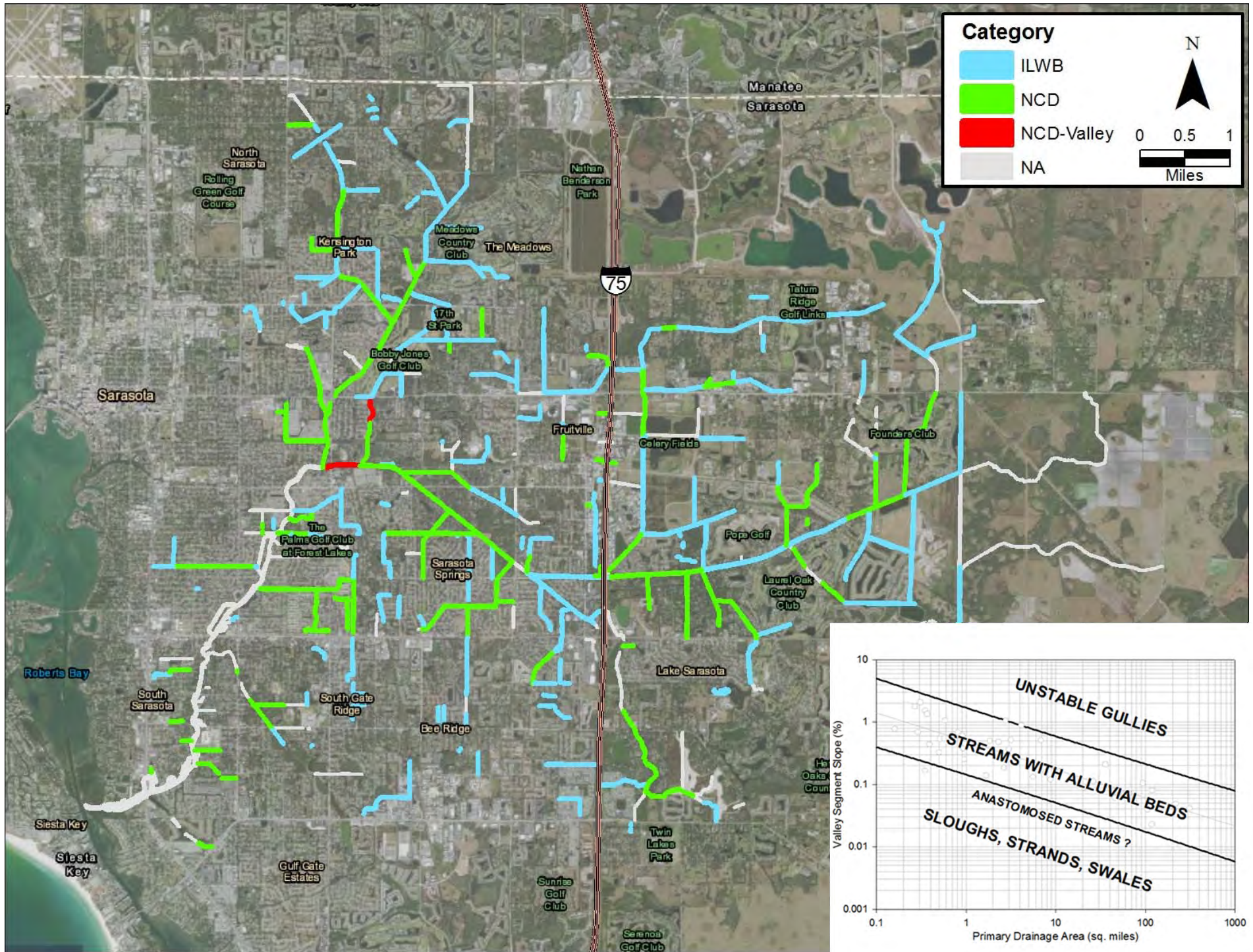


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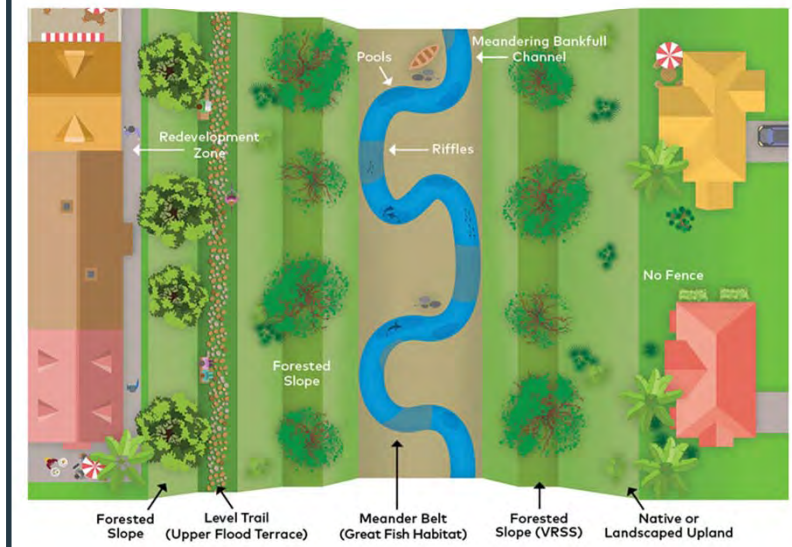
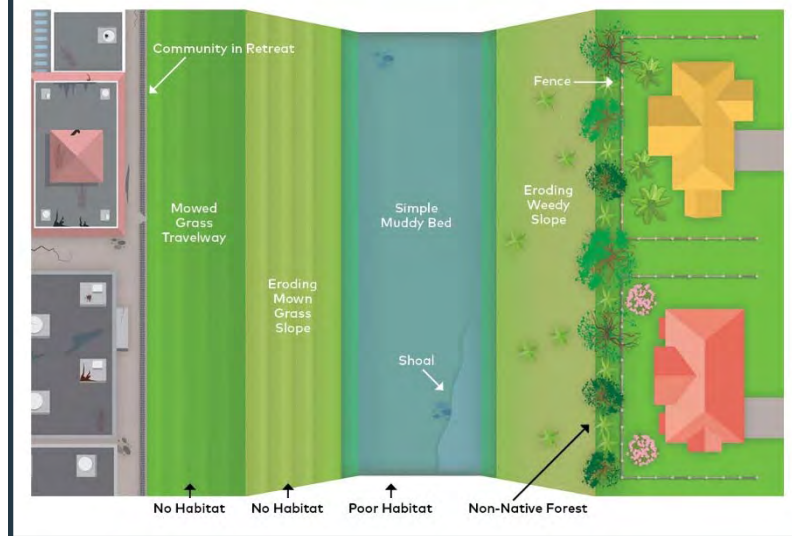
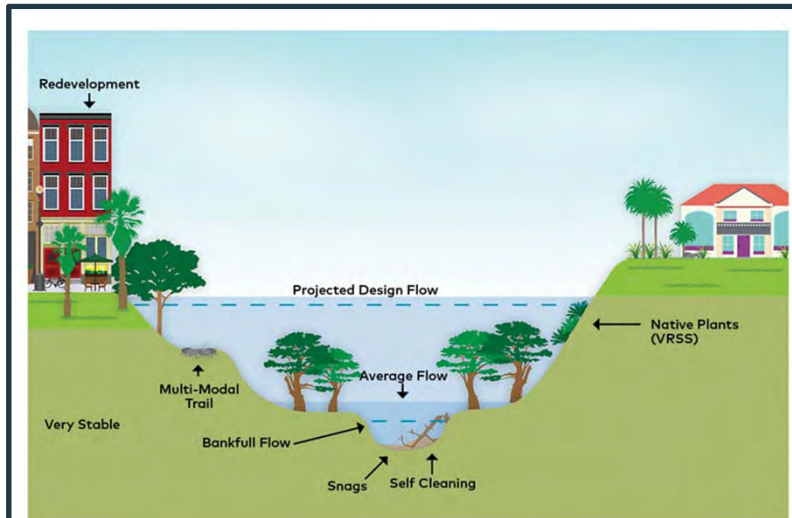
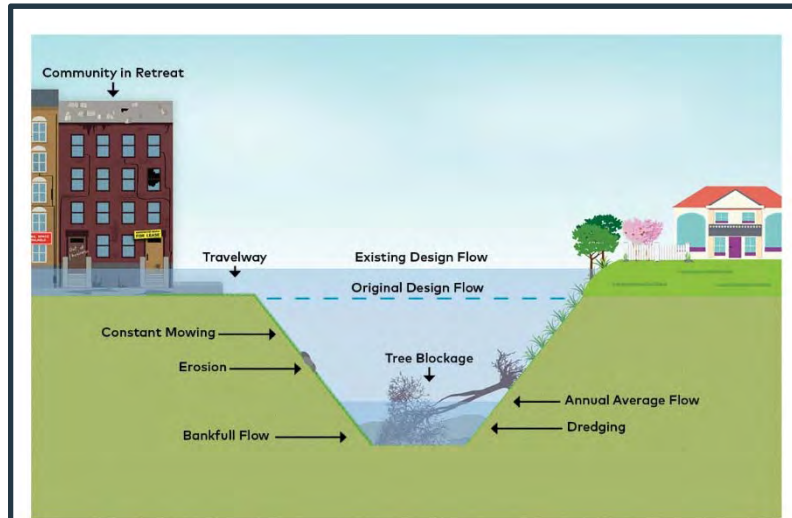








# Drainage Ditch Conversion to Multi-Stage Channel





Year 0. Edwards Bottomlands, Starke FL.  
(Drainage Area = 25 sq. mi.)



Year 3. Doe Branch 5, Hardee Co. FL.  
(Drainage Area = <1 sq. mi.)



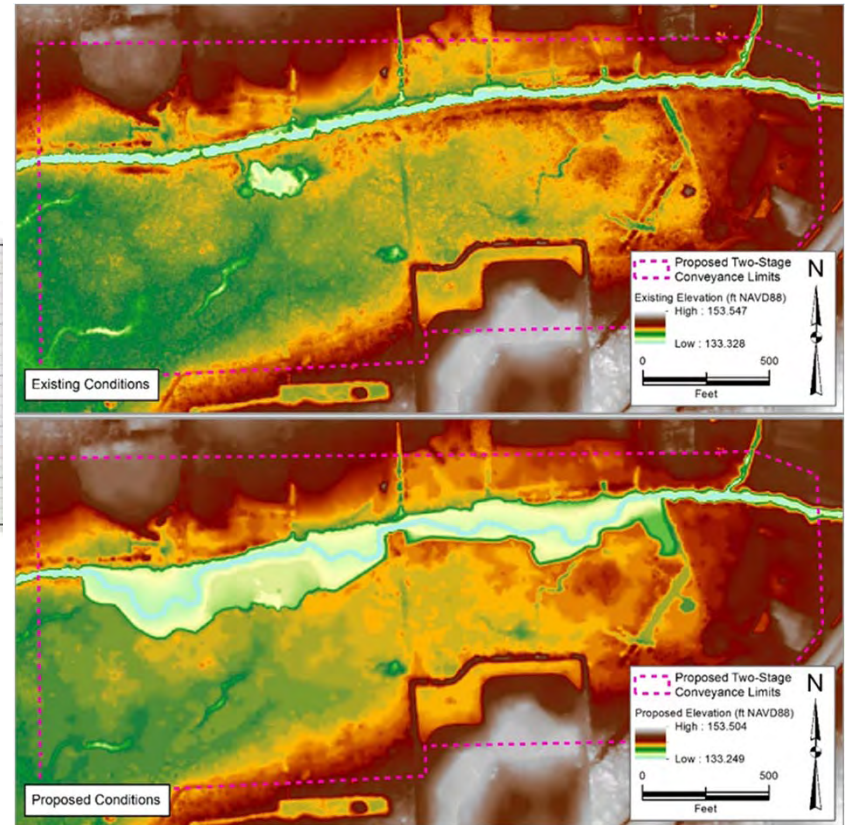
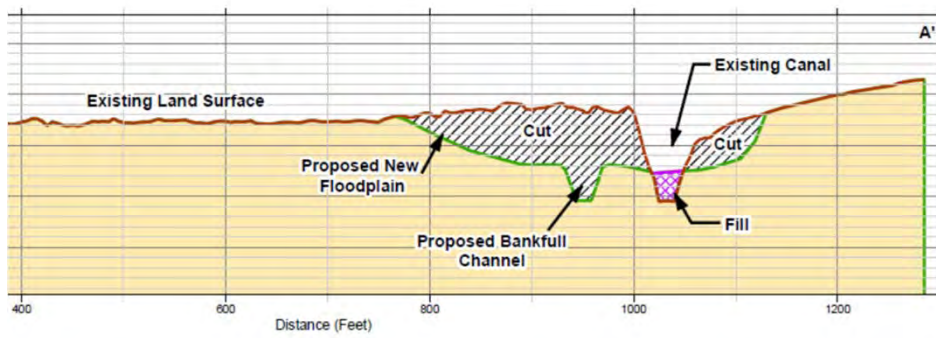
Year 12. Maron Run, Polk Co. FL.  
(Drainage Area = 3 sq. mi.)



Year 25. Hickey Branch, Hardee Co. FL.  
(Drainage Area = 2 sq. mi.)



# Three-Stage Channel – Edwards Bottomlands











# Water Quality Benefits - Chesapeake Bay TMDL Stream Restoration Protocols

- P1: Bank stabilization
- P2: Hyporheic exchange during baseflow
- P3: Floodplain reconnection
- P4: Dry RSC – Provides add-on reductions downstream of untreated impervious surface

Retention	Mechanism		Effect on Nutrient Cycling		Ecosystem Response to Nutrient Addition	Ecosystem Stability
	Biological Activity		Rate of Recycling	Distance Between Spiral Loops		
A.	HIGH	HIGH	FAST	SHORT	CONSERVATIVE (b>E)	HIGH
B.	HIGH	LOW	SLOW	SHORT	STORING (b>E)	HIGH
C.	LOW	HIGH	FAST	LONG	INTERMEDIATELY CONSERVATIVE (<A but >D)	LOW
D.	LOW	LOW	SLOW	LONG	EXPORTING (I=E)	LOW

From Minshall et al (1983) Ecological Society of America



# Phillip Canal Restoration – Estimated Nitrogen Reduction

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TN Removed (lb TN/yr/mile)				
Stream Category	P1 - Erosion	P2 - Hyporheic	P3 - Floodplain	Total
Headwater (<2 SM)	51	539	62	652
Mid-Order (2-20 SM)	51	742	79	872
Lowland (>20 SM)	51	1011	103	1165

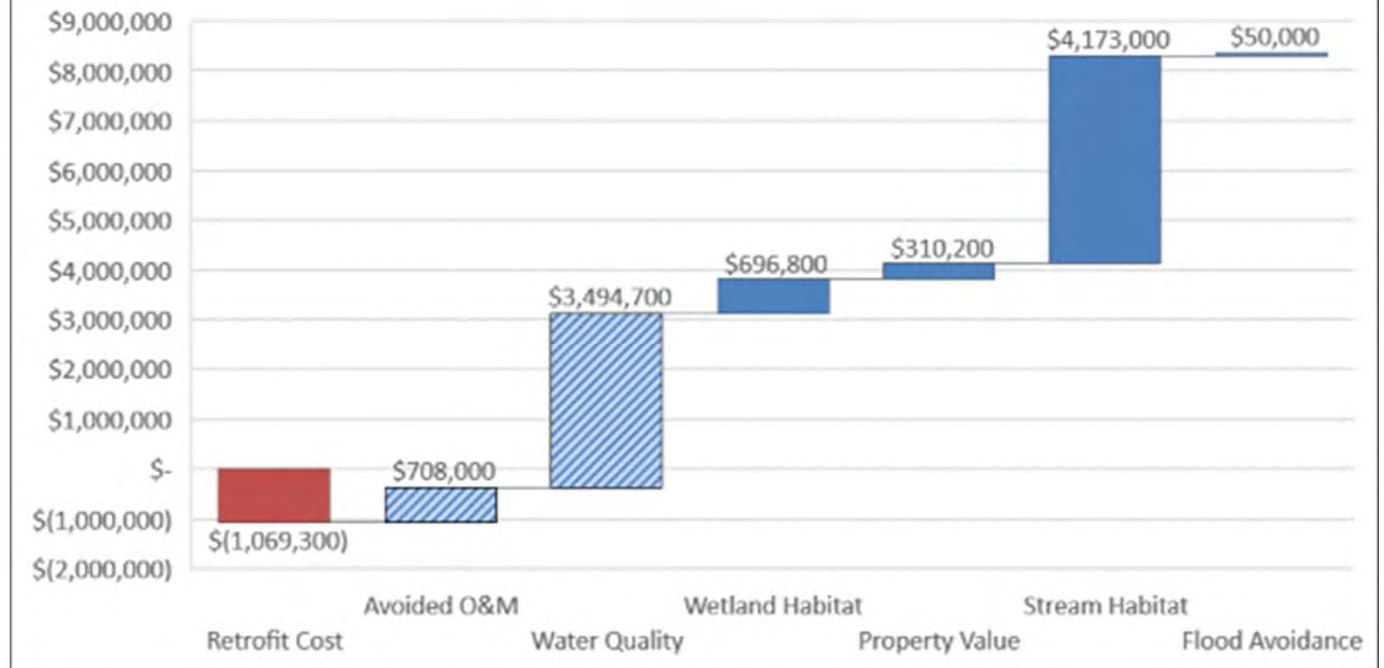


# Convert Headwater Canal to Natural Channel System, 1 mile



**Total NPV = \$8,360,000**

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total

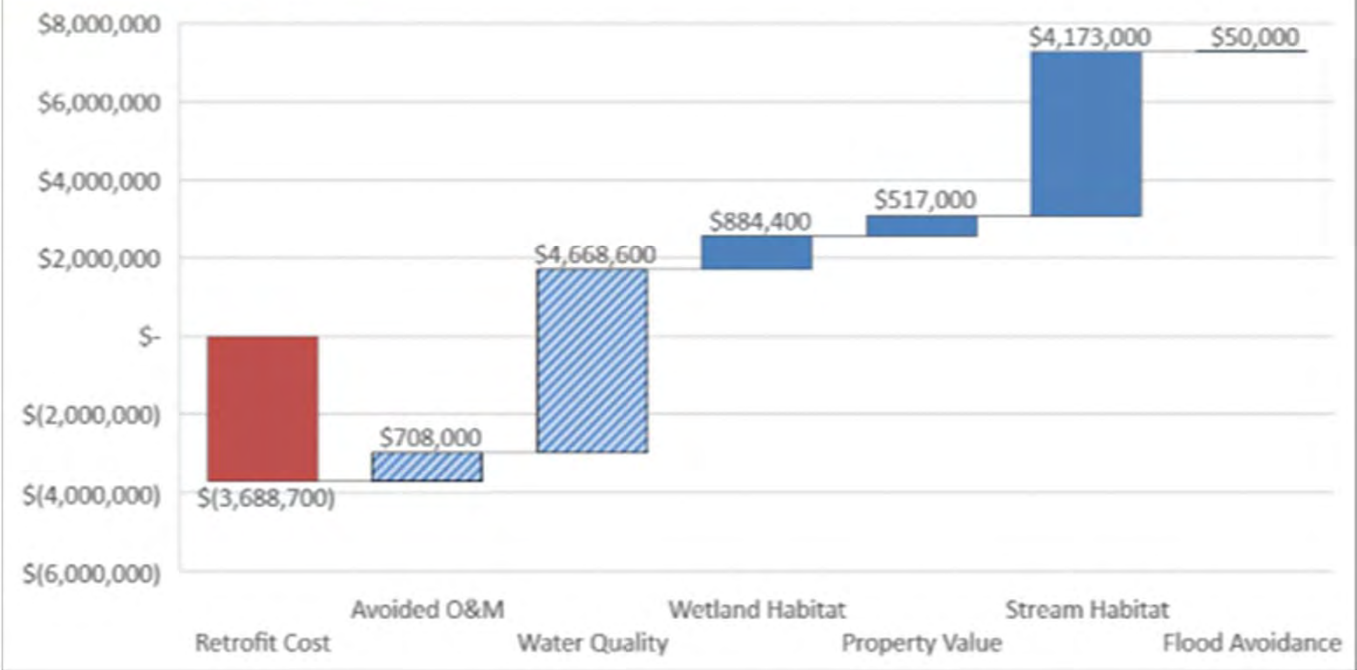


# Convert Mid-Order Canal to Natural Channel System, 1 mile



**Total NPV = \$7,310,000**

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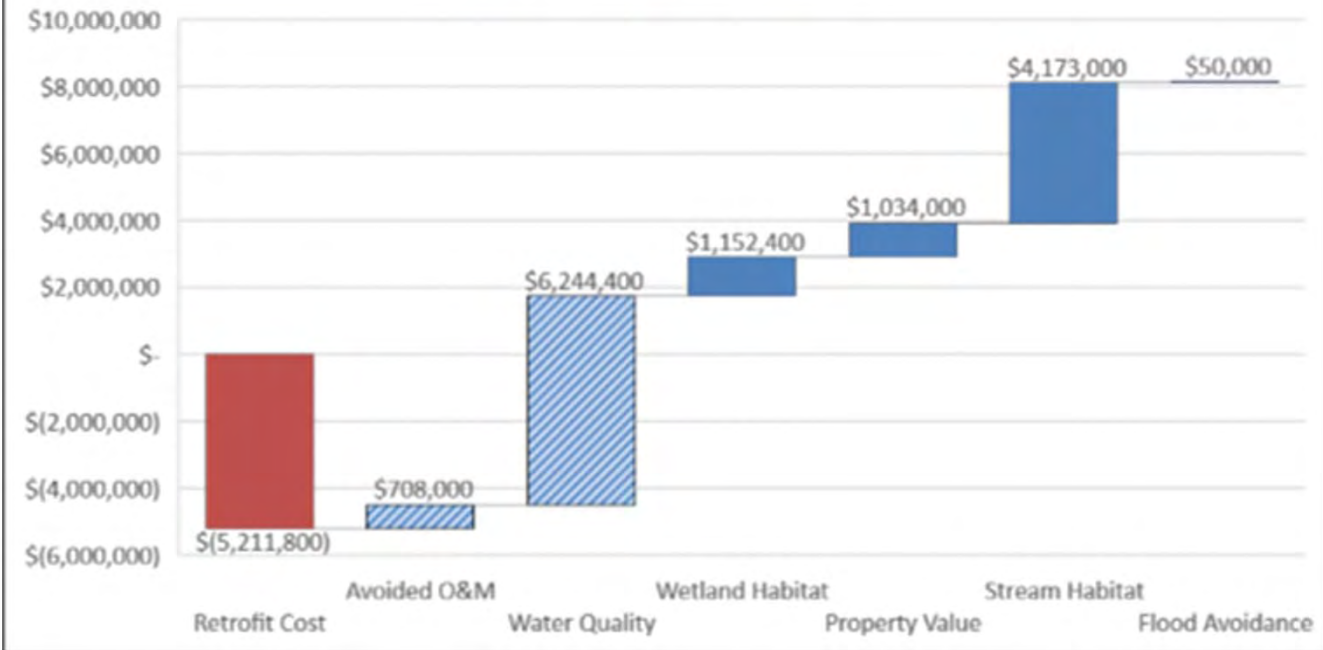


# Convert Lowland Canal to Natural Channel System, 1 mile



**Total NPV = \$8,150,000**

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total



# Capital Investment

Retrofit Scenario	Position	Mean Capital	Capital Range	
			Worst Case	Best Case
Turf over VRSS	HW	\$ (724,800)	\$ (942,240)	\$ (507,360)
Forest over VRSS	HW	\$ (731,900)	\$ (951,470)	\$ (512,330)
Stream Restoration	HW	\$ (1,069,300)	\$ (1,390,090)	\$ (748,510)
VRSS - Whole Bank	HW	\$ (1,194,300)	\$ (1,552,590)	\$ (836,010)
Riprap	HW	\$ (1,256,700)	\$ (1,633,710)	\$ (879,690)
Articulated Block	HW	\$ (1,432,900)	\$ (1,862,770)	\$ (1,003,030)
Gabion	HW	\$ (2,371,300)	\$ (3,082,690)	\$ (1,659,910)
Turf over VRSS	MO	\$ (1,539,300)	\$ (2,001,090)	\$ (1,077,510)
Forest over VRSS	MO	\$ (1,548,000)	\$ (2,012,400)	\$ (1,083,600)
VRSS - Whole Bank	MO	\$ (2,509,400)	\$ (3,262,220)	\$ (1,756,580)
Stream Restoration	MO	\$ (3,688,700)	\$ (4,795,310)	\$ (2,582,090)
Riprap	MO	\$ (4,063,000)	\$ (5,281,900)	\$ (2,844,100)
Gabion	MO	\$ (4,063,200)	\$ (5,282,160)	\$ (2,844,240)
Articulated Block	MO	\$ (4,591,700)	\$ (5,969,210)	\$ (3,214,190)
Turf over VRSS	LL	\$ (1,576,100)	\$ (2,048,930)	\$ (1,103,270)
Forest over VRSS	LL	\$ (2,179,200)	\$ (2,832,960)	\$ (1,525,440)
VRSS - Whole Bank	LL	\$ (2,428,000)	\$ (3,156,400)	\$ (1,699,600)
Gabion	LL	\$ (3,914,500)	\$ (5,088,850)	\$ (2,740,150)
Riprap	LL	\$ (4,591,700)	\$ (5,969,210)	\$ (3,214,190)
Stream Restoration	LL	\$ (5,211,800)	\$ (6,775,340)	\$ (3,648,260)
Articulated Block	LL	\$ (6,448,700)	\$ (8,383,310)	\$ (4,514,090)



# Triple Bottom Line

Retrofit Scenario	Position	Mean NPV	NPV Range	
			Worst Case	Best Case
Stream Restoration	HW	\$ 8,363,400	\$ 3,146,160	\$ 11,749,000
Stream Restoration	LL	\$ 8,150,000	\$ (636,440)	\$ 13,957,080
Stream Restoration	MO	\$ 7,312,300	\$ 421,690	\$ 11,954,210
Forest over VRSS	HW	\$ 408,100	\$ (381,470)	\$ 969,670
Turf over VRSS	LL	\$ 249,000	\$ (1,482,780)	\$ 1,269,360
Turf over VRSS	HW	\$ 61,200	\$ (549,240)	\$ 514,440
Forest over VRSS	MO	\$ 100	\$ (1,411,550)	\$ 928,930
Forest over VRSS	LL	\$ (100)	\$ (2,089,810)	\$ 1,307,390
VRSS - Whole Bank	HW	\$ (54,300)	\$ (982,590)	\$ 945,990
VRSS - Whole Bank	LL	\$ (248,900)	\$ (2,413,250)	\$ 1,433,230
Turf over VRSS	MO	\$ (345,200)	\$ (1,577,240)	\$ 474,820
Riprap	HW	\$ (357,300)	\$ (1,184,010)	\$ 289,530
Articulated Block	HW	\$ (533,500)	\$ (1,413,070)	\$ 166,190
VRSS - Whole Bank	MO	\$ (961,300)	\$ (2,661,370)	\$ 555,950
Gabion	HW	\$ (1,471,900)	\$ (2,632,990)	\$ (490,690)
Gabion	LL	\$ (3,015,100)	\$ (4,639,150)	\$ (1,570,930)
Riprap	MO	\$ (3,163,600)	\$ (4,832,200)	\$ (1,674,880)
Gabion	MO	\$ (3,163,800)	\$ (4,832,460)	\$ (1,675,020)
Riprap	LL	\$ (3,692,300)	\$ (5,519,510)	\$ (2,044,970)
Articulated Block	MO	\$ (3,692,300)	\$ (5,519,510)	\$ (2,044,970)
Articulated Block	LL	\$ (5,549,300)	\$ (7,933,610)	\$ (3,344,870)



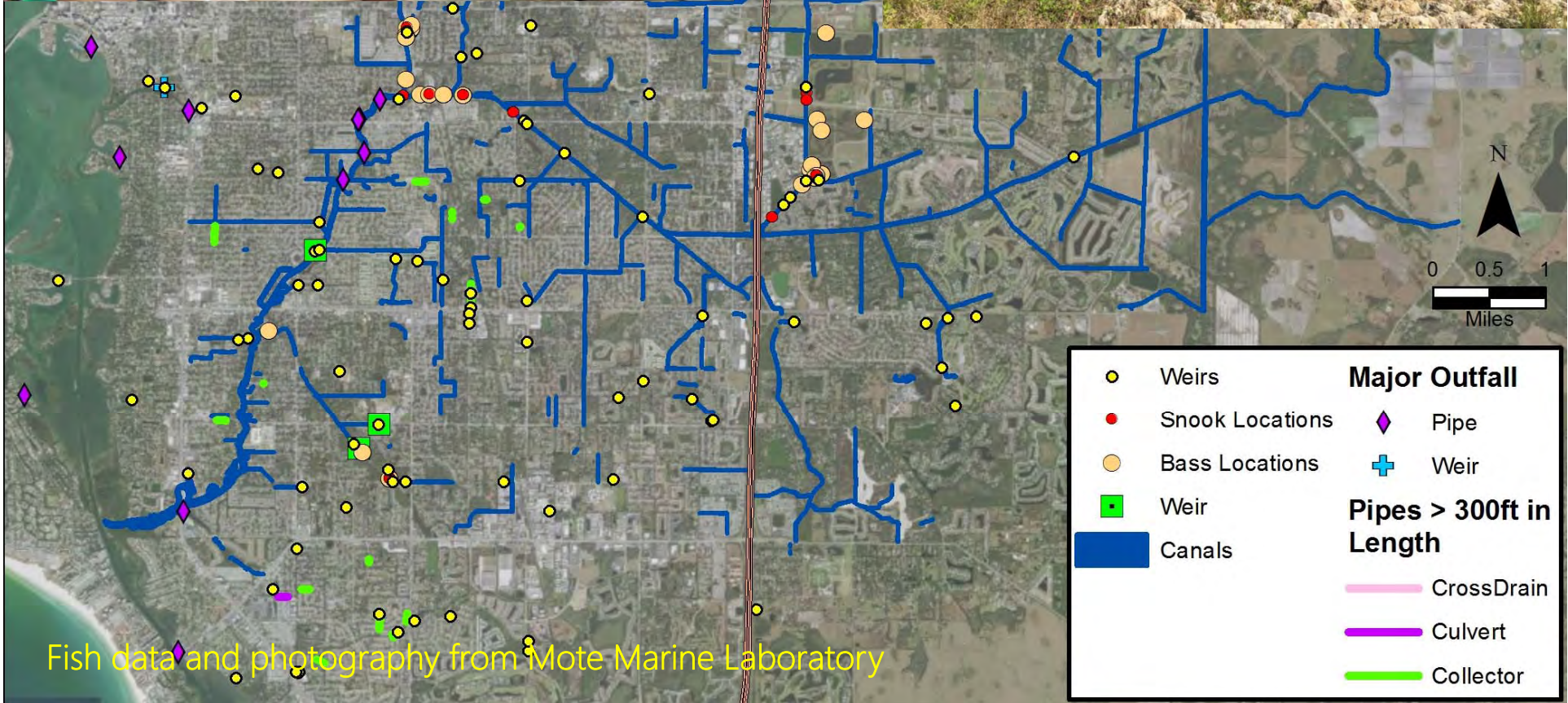




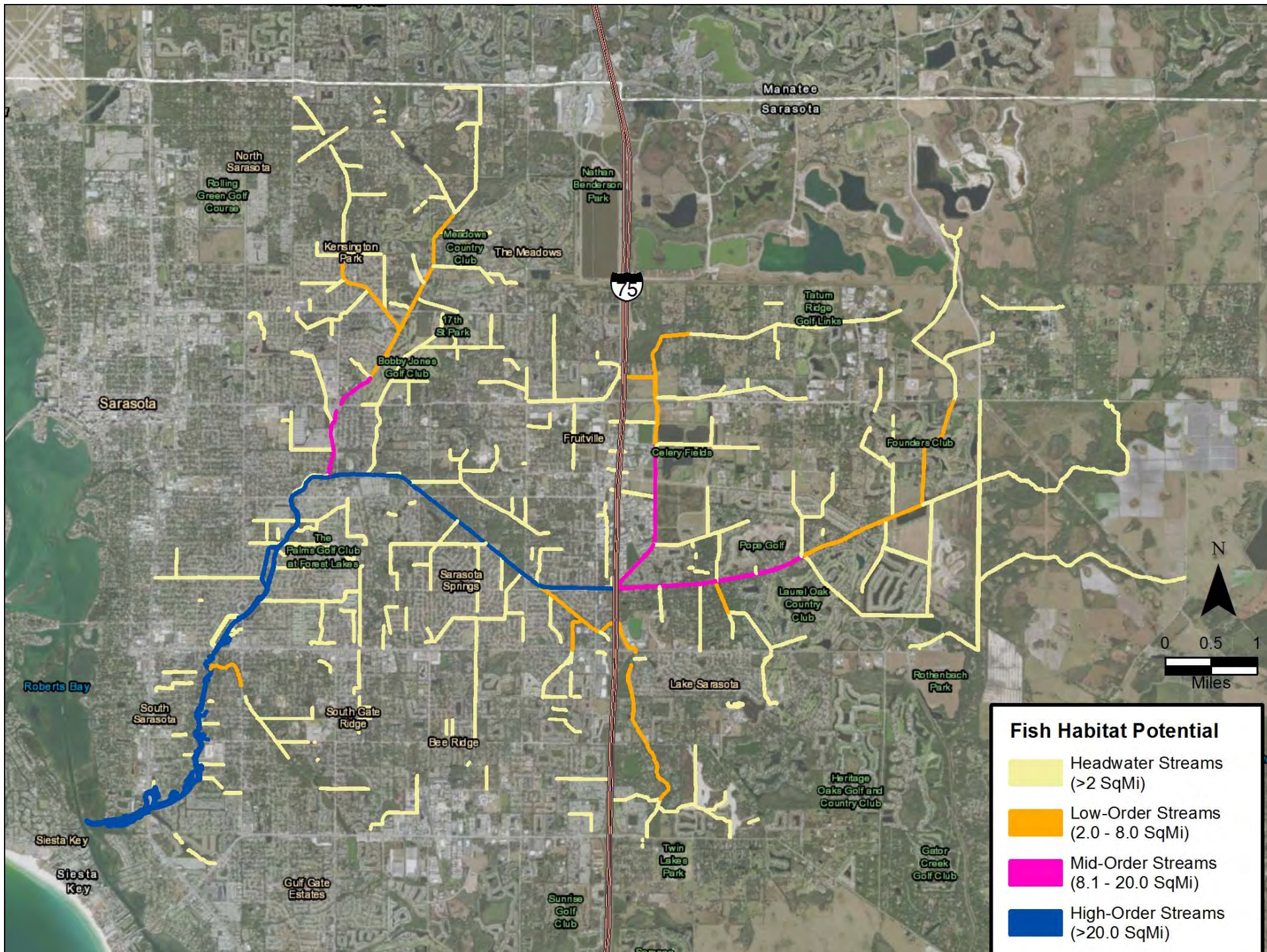
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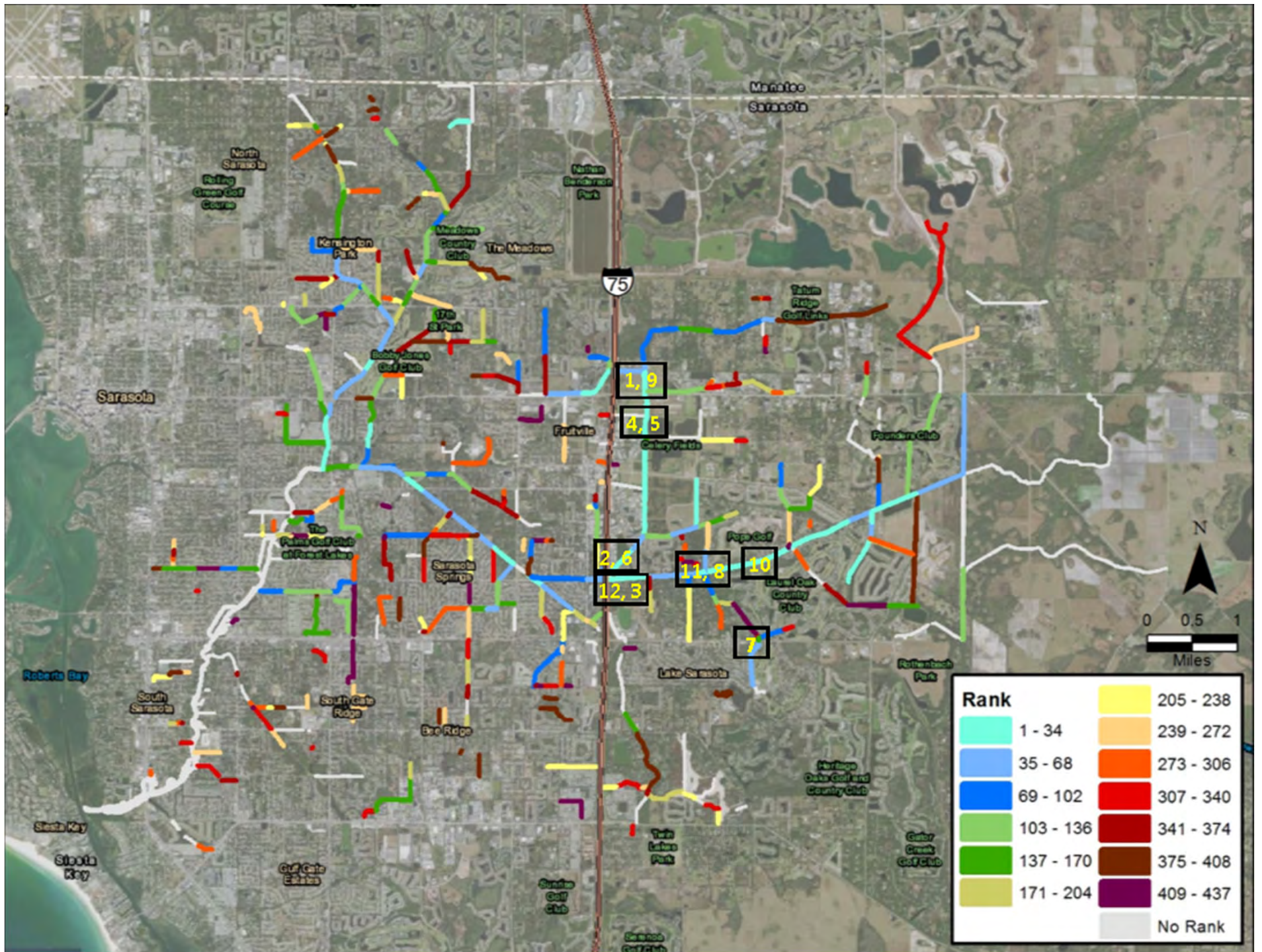


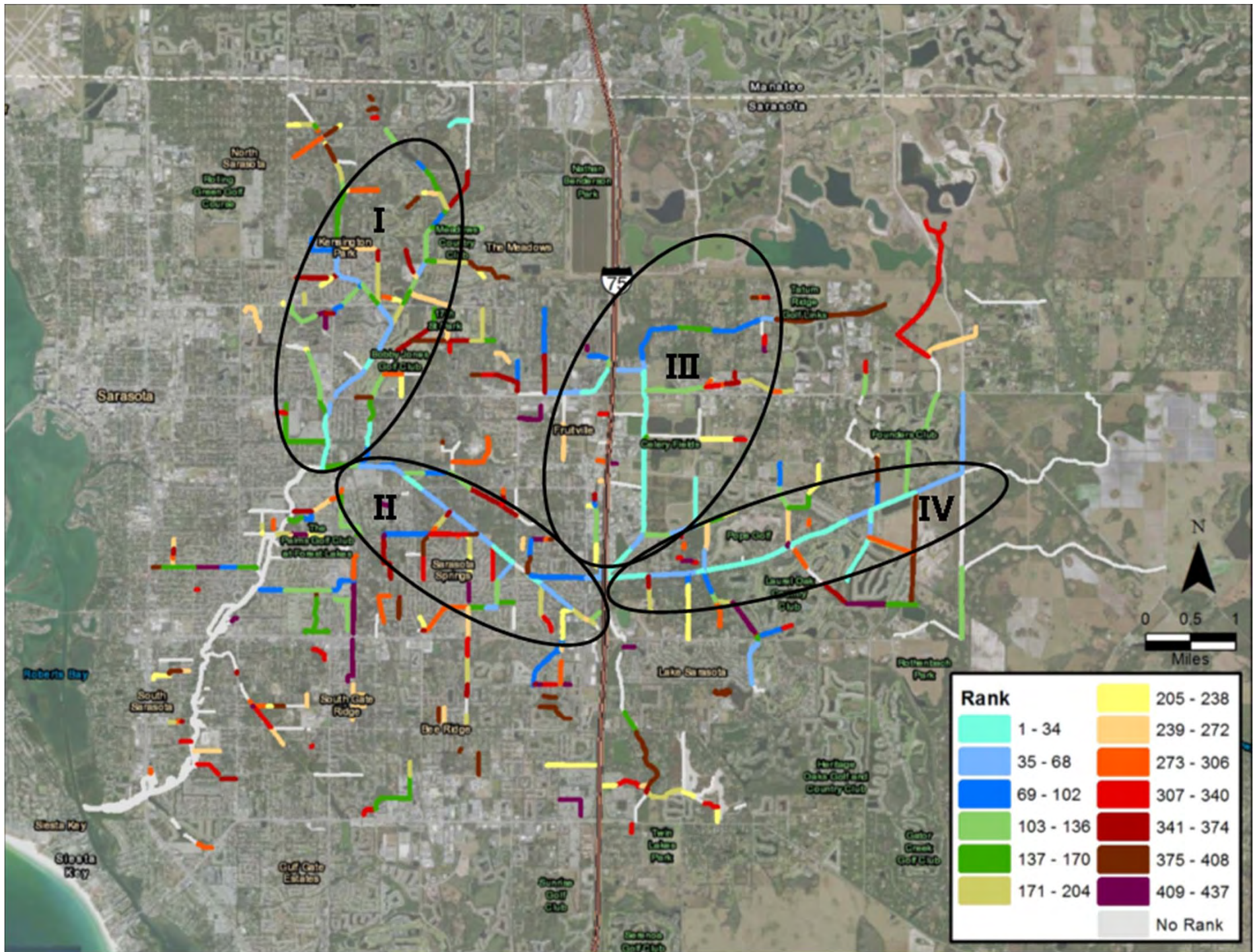


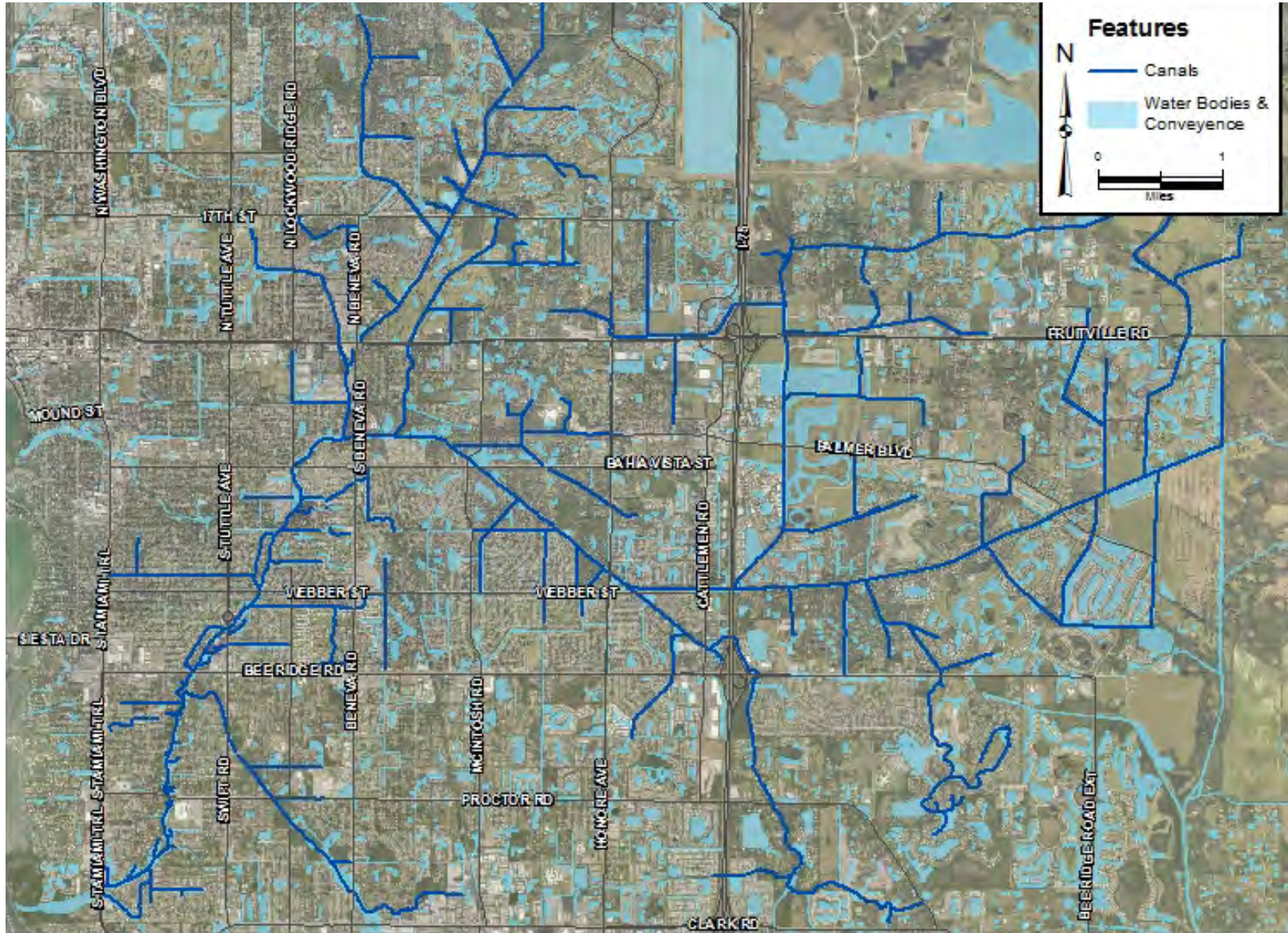


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