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To: Elizabeth Wong, PE (City of North Port)
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Subject: Tasks 1.5 and 2.3 Big Slough Flood Reduction Study, Evaluate Performance of

Selected Set of Alternatives (revised)

July 14, 2017

Hydraulic Performance of Alternatives to Achieve Flood Reduction

A set of alternatives was previously identified by the project team from among numerous potential solutions considering expected performance, constraints on implementation, and other factors. Those selected alternatives have been combined and incorporated into the Big Slough watershed model to allow for an initial screening-level review of hydraulic performance. This memorandum summarizes work performed to incorporate the alternatives into the model, summarizes hydraulic performance for the mean annual, 10-year, and 100-year 24-hour storm events, and presents a synopsis of take-aways from the associated April 28, 2017 team meeting to discuss hydraulic performance.

Alternatives may be applicable to either Task 1 Myakkahatchee Creek at I-75 and Jockey Club areas or Task 2 regional flood reduction objectives, or both. Thus, work performed and information presented in this memorandum addresses the following elements of the Project Plan (Task 1.5 and Task 2.3).

- Task 1.5 Evaluate Hydraulic Performance of Selected Set of Alternatives
 - Perform Hydraulic Analyses
 - o Summarize Hydraulic Performance
 - o Meeting to Review and Discuss Performance of Alternatives
 - o Identify Preferred Plan(s) of Improvements
- Task 2.3 Evaluate Hydraulic Performance of Selected Set of Alternatives
 - o Perform Screening-Level Hydraulic Analyses
 - o Summarize Hydraulic Performance
 - o Meeting to Review and Discuss Performance of Alternatives
 - o Identify Preferred Plans for Regional Improvements

Alternatives Considered

A project team meeting was held on December 20, 2016 to (1) discuss potential solutions to achieve flood reduction and (2) select a set of alternatives for initial hydraulic evaluation. Some flood reduction concepts, including raising roads out of the floodplain, pumping for stormwater control, and installation of flood barriers, were rejected by the project team as they were not appealing options for large-scale flood reduction. A more complete discussion regarding initial selection of alternatives is provided in the January 30, 2017 memorandum on Task 1.4 completion.

The following set of alternatives was selected by the team for initial hydraulic evaluation.

- Internal Flow Diversion and Increased Conveyance Capacity
 - o Parallel Relief Channel Construction
 - o Channel Improvements along R-580
 - o R-36 Improvements to South of WCS-101
 - Snover Waterway to Cocoplum Waterway
 - o Other Miscellaneous Improvements
- External Flow Diversion
 - o Connection to Deer Prairie Slough
 - Enhanced Discharges Along Southern Boundary to Port Charlotte Tidal Outfalls Only
- Offsite Storage
 - o Constrain Inflows to City with Increased Upstream Floodplain Storage
 - o Creation of Upstream Detention, Reservoirs, or Joint Use Facilities
- Acquisition
 - Purchase of Flood Prone Lands and/or Flood Prone Structures

Incorporation of Storage and Conveyance Alternatives into Big Slough Watershed Model

Selected alternatives were combined and incorporated into the Big Slough watershed model to allow for an initial screening-level review of hydraulic performance. The attached tables describe changes made to model elements to represent conceptual improvements. The tables also include notes on limitations and the manner in which alternatives were incorporated.

Hydraulic Performance

Proposed condition simulations were performed for the mean annual, 10-year, and 100-year 24-hour storm events, with stages and flows compared to the existing condition. Flood inundation areas for each simulation were mapped and used to depict areas removed from the floodplain. Flood reduction concepts are generally effective in reducing flood levels in the watershed, particularly in the I-75 study area, given assumptions and simplifications made while developing the screening-level models. Potential adverse impacts can also be seen in the model results. These initial storm event simulation results provide general information on potential performance characteristics of the flood reduction concepts. A more refined plan may not result in these same reductions, and preliminary model results and flood mapping should not be construed as a proposed future watershed condition.

Team Meeting

A Team Meeting was held on April 28, 2017 to discuss concepts and preliminary hydraulic performance. A copy of the presentation is attached and, for brevity, the reader is referred to that presentation for viewing of preliminary model results. The following summarizes notable points that were raised during the team meeting and the important issues that will be addressed as the project moves forward.

- Refinement and future performance evaluations of structure modifications at the upstream
 inflow point (to constrain and reduce inflows to the City of North Port) should consider a wider
 range of control elevations and results used by the District for decision-making on allowable
 changes to area, depth, and duration of inundation in upstream District lands.
- Refinement and future performance evaluations of the R-36 conceptual plan for improvements should consider channel widening with and without structure improvements providing additional conveyance beneath Tropicaire and I-75.
- Refinement of the R-36 conceptual plan for improvements should include matching pre/post
 discharge rates westward into the Deer Prairie system, so as to minimize increased flows
 downstream in the City of North Port. Preliminary modeling did not make full use of available
 discharge capacity to the west. No increase in rate of discharge to the Deer Prairie system
 should be considered, at this time.
- Refinement of the R-36 conceptual plan for improvements should consider (and preferably conform to) existing rights-of-way and drainage easements. City of North Port can provide existing ROW information as depicted on drainage system as-builts. However, acquisition of additional drainage easements along the western boundary from Sarasota County is not out of the question.
- Refinement of the R-36 conceptual plan for improvements should look more closely at existing bridge crossings and available right-of-way for channel enlargement to its confluence with R-226 and further downstream to Myakkahatchee Creek.
- Two culvert locations on the west boundary of Jockey Club should be evaluated and recommendations made regarding sufficiency and/or modifications needed to reduced flooding in the Jockey Club area (considering any increase in water levels that may result from the R-36 improvements and associated re-routing of flows).
- Refinement and future performance evaluations of the parallel bypass canal should include a
 more accurate representation of the combined conveyance, and should eliminate double
 accounting of conveyance as a result of overlapping open channel cross sections. A request has
 been made to the District for cross section source data, cross section extents, surveyed point
 locations, conveyance way boundaries, etc., from the District's North Port/Big Slough WMP
 project files (including intermediate deliverables).
- Only two Price Boulevard drop structures are scheduled to be replaced with the widening project. City of North Port will identify those structures and the other remaining structures will be revised to again match the existing condition model configuration. Future performance evaluations will include the two identified structures as operable gates.

Identification of the Preferred Plan

Based upon the Project Team's review and discussion of preliminary hydraulic evaluation results, the following set of alternatives are recommended for further development of the "preferred plan" of improvements to achieve flood reduction.

- Internal Flow Diversion and Increased Conveyance Capacity
 - Parallel Relief Channel Construction
 - Option 1 Tier 1 only, reduced width, deeper excavation
 - Option 2 Tier 1 only, full width, shallower excavation
 - Option 3 No parallel relief channel
 - o Channel Improvements along R-580
 - Option 1 Constrained width, remains within existing available ROW
 - Option 2 Unconstrained width, requires ROW or easement acquisition
 - Option 3 No R-580 channel improvements
 - R-36 Improvements to South of WCS-101
 - Option 1
 - Constrained width, remains within existing available ROW
 - Additional culvert capacity beneath Tropicaire
 - Option 2
 - Unconstrained width, requires ROW or easement acquisition
 - Additional culvert capacity beneath Tropicaire
 - Option 3
 - Additional culvert capacity beneath Tropicaire
 - o Snover Waterway to Cocoplum Waterway Improvements, as needed to mitigate impacts
 - Price Boulevard Structures and Other Miscellaneous Improvements, as planned by City
- External Flow Diversion
 - Connection to Deer Prairie Slough maintain pre/post, no increased offsite discharge
- Offsite Storage
 - o Constrain Inflows to City with Increased Upstream Floodplain Storage
 - Option 1 No structure overflow up to 5-year event
 - Option 2 No structure overflow up to 10-year event
- Acquisition
 - Purchase of Flood Prone Lands and/or Flood Prone Structures, as needed
 - Acquisition of Additional Drainage Easements, as needed

The above concepts and options will be further refined and combined into a small number of candidate plans. Hydraulic performance of the candidate plans will be evaluated using the Big Slough watershed model. The project team will select a plan of improvements from among the candidate plans, based on performance. The preferred plan will then be finalized and evaluated for costs and benefits, etc.

Reduce Inflow

Flood Reduction Concept: Raise existing earthen berms on the northwest City boundary at the intersection of Big Slough canal with R-36 and R-580 waterways. Also, raise earthen weirs farther north at the intersection of Big Slough canal and Power Line Road. Improvements would leave the Big Slough canal as the only conveyance system into the western portion of the City. Inflows would be reduced, dropping peak stages along Myakkahatchee Creek.

Notes: Additional configurations to be evaluated as part of preferred plan evaluation. Field visit required to better understand and conceptualize configuration.

Reach ID	Waterway	Structure	Description of Model Revision
RB0620B			Change to Bridge w/, 150' control at 24.0, 4' notch at 17.5
RB0620C			Change to Culvert Riser, 25'control at 24.0
W13208_W W4701_W W4707_W			Raise weir sub-elements above 5-year flood to 25.0001

Channel Improvements along R-580

Flood Reduction Concept: The R-580 waterway's bottom profile could be reconfigured, creating a more uniform and hydraulically efficient conveyance way. Improvement of the R-580 Waterway would induce more flow eastward from Big Slough along the City's northern boundary toward Creighton Waterway, resulting in reduced flows and flood stages in Myakkahatchee Creek.

Notes: Enlargement of the R-580 canal reflects preliminary sizing performed by Ardaman & Associates, Inc. during the prior Big Slough WMP project. Node bottom elevations associated with this channel were adjusted to provide a uniform slope from the Big Slough canal eastward to Creighton Waterway.

Reach ID	Waterway	Structure	Description of Model Revision
RP0003 RP0010A RP0016 RP0020 RP0030 RP0040A RP0050 RP0060 RP0070 RP0080 RP0090	R-580		Widen channel to 60ft bottom width trapezoidal

R-36 Improvements to South of WCS-101

Flood Reduction Concept: A whole series of improvements could be made to canal segments and structures to enhance the overall conveyance capacity of the R-36 waterway system. The additional stormwater conveyance capacity may induce higher westward flow out of Big Slough at the north boundary of the City. Diverting those higher flows southward to WCS-101 would reduce flow and stages along the more flood prone segments of Myakkahatchee Creek.

Notes: Enlargement of the R-36 canal reflects preliminary sizing performed by Ardaman & Associates, Inc. during the prior Big Slough WMP project. Improvements to conveyance structures located beneath Tropicaire and I-75 were included with the R-36 canal layout for initial screening. Additional work will be performed to evaluate system performance without those culvert improvements.

Reach ID	Waterway	Structure	Description of Model Revision
RB5695B RR3010 RR3020 RR3025 RR3030 RR3040 RR3050 RR3060 RR3070 RR3080 RR3090 RR3100 RR3110 RR3120 RR3125 RR3130 RR3140 RR3150 RR3220 RR3230 RR3250 RR3270 RR3290 RR3300 RR3310 RR3320 RR3310 RR3340 RR3350 RR3340 RR3370 RR3190 RR3200	R-36	Structure	Widen channel to 60ft bottom width trapezoidal
RR3160A			Increase weir length US of Tropicaire
RR0170A			Additional 60" culvert at Tropicaire
RR0170B			Additional 60" culvert at Tropicaire
RR3160B			Increase weir length US of Tropicaire
RR3160C		WCS 162	Additional gate US of Tropicaire
RR3210A RR3210B RR3380A RR3380B RR3380C RR3420A RR3420B RR3420C			Increase capacity at select bridge crossings (I-75, Bullard St, S. Biscayne Dr)

BYPASS

Flood Reduction Concept: A new, parallel canal could be constructed from the northern City boundary to Price Boulevard along Tier 1 and Tier 2 lots that have been acquired on the west side of the Myakkahatchee Creek. The additional conveyance may reduce flow rate and thus peak stages along the main channel from start to end of the parallel relief channel.

Notes: Placement into the model network did not account for overlapping of proposed bypass cross sections with existing cross sections describing the Big Slough/Myakkahatchee Creek conveyance system. Conceptual designs and the model will need to be refined (and overlap removed) if it is decided to continue with the bypass alternative in the preferred plan of improvements.

Reach ID	Waterway	Structure	Description of Model Revision
RBY0020 RBY0030 RBY0060 RBY0070 RBY0100 RBY0110 RBY0140 RBY0150 RBY0160 RBY0190 RBY0220	waterway		New Channel, 60ft bottom width trapezoidal
RBY0010			New Weir, 200ft at 15.75ft, 2ft above bottom
RBY0030X			New Weir, 200ft at 17.67, 5ft above bottom
RBY0040			New Weir, 200ft at 14.72ft, 2ft above bottom
RBY0050			New Weir, 200ft at 14.72ft, 2ft above bottom
RBY0070X			New Weir, 200ft at 17.37ft, 5ft above bottom
RBY0080	Die Classel		New Weir, 200ft at 15.5ft, 2ft above bottom
RBY0090	Big Slough		New Weir, 200ft at 13.9ft, 2ft above bottom
RBY0110X			New Weir, 200ft at 15.14ft, 5ft above bottom
RBY0120			New Weir, 200ft at 11.48, 2ft above bottom
RBY0130			New Weir, 200ft at 11.48, 2ft above bottom
RBY0150X			New Weir, 200ft at 14.13, 5ft above bottom
RBY0160X			New Weir, 200ft at 12.46, 5ft above bottom
RBY0170			New Weir, 200ft at 5.38, 2ft above bottom
RBY0180			New Weir, 200ft at 5.38, 2ft above bottom
RBY0200			New Weir, 200ft at 4.05, 2ft above bottom
RBY0210			New Weir, 200ft at 4.05, 2ft above bottom
RBY0230			New Weir, 200ft at 3.25, 2ft above bottom

Snover Waterway to Cocoplum Waterway

Flood Reduction Concept: Improvements could be made to existing structures along Snover Waterway and beneath Price Boulevard to increase flow through canals that connect with Cocoplum Waterway. The additional conveyance capacity may induce higher eastward flow out of Big Slough into Snover Waterway. Diverting those higher flows southward to Cocoplum Waterway would reduce flow and stages along the more flood prone segments of Myakkahatchee Creek.

Notes: Controls set to reflect current operations of other area structures, specifically based on water surface elevation of Myakkahatchee Creek at Tropicaire Boulevard. All four (4) Price Boulevard structures were assumed to be replaced. City direction followed that only two (2) of the structures are scheduled to be replaced and future model revisions will reflect that case.

Reach ID	Waterway	Structure	Description of Model Revision
RE0040A RE0040B RE0040C	Blueridge	DS 119	2 5ft gates added, 10ft of weir removed from riser
RI0030A			6 5ft gates added, 30ft of weir removed from riser
RI0030B			
RI0040A RI0040B RI0040C	Creighton	DS 129	Replaced with RI0040D (removes riser from culverts)
RI0040D			New culverts to replace RI0040A/B/C
RD0030A RD0030B RD0030C	Lagoon	WCS 126	2 5ft gates added, 10ft of weir removed from riser
RS5430A RS5430B RS5430F	Snover	WCS 115	Updated to reflect proposed condition

Miscellaneous Planned Improvements

Flood Reduction Concept: Canals and structures throughout the area will be reviewed for opportunities to increase conveyance.

Notes: Revisions to reflect ongoing work at City of North Port to refurbish the existing system. Changes made using conceptual-level design information provided by the City. Como Water Control Structure provides structural connection from the Cocoplum Waterway to a Port Charlotte canal system outfall where there is currently a berm located on the south side of the Cocoplum Waterway.

Reach ID	Waterway	Structure	Description of Model Revision
RC0900A RC0900D RC0900H RC0900I	Cocoplum	WCS 106	Updated to reflect proposed condition (by others)
RC0600B RC0600C	Como	Como WCS	New weir control structure US of existing culverts
RS5430A RS5430B RS5430F	Snover	WCS 115	Updated to reflect proposed condition

North Port Big Slough Flood Reduction Study



Team Progress Meeting

April 28, 2017

Plan Concepts and Preliminary Performance

Revised Timeline and Cooperative Agreement Extension



Task 1.4 Completion: Selected Alternatives for Hydraulic Evaluation (January 2017)

DeLoach Engineering Science ▶ MEMORANDUM Elizabeth Wong, PE (City of North Port) Dave DeLoach, PE; Trillian Baldassari, PE From: Rod Ghioto, PE Copy: 14-00400-00 Subject: Task 1.4 Big Slough Flood Reduction Study, Potential Solutions for Hydraulic January 30, 2017 Potential Solutions for Hydraulic Evaluation As discussed in the Big Slough Flood Reduction Study Project Plan, this project builds upon prior work performed while advancing and supplementing flood reduction concepts previously developed by others. This memorandum briefly summarizes potential solutions which have been considered, including data needs and constraints on implementation, and identifies a specific set of alternatives selected from among the potential solutions for hydraulic evaluation. Information presented in this memorandum addresses the following elements of the Project Plan (Task 1.3). Formulate List of Potential Solutions for Hydraulic Evaluation Describe Each Potential Solution and Any Known or Expected Obstacles to Success Identify Additional Data Needs to Support Hydraulic Evaluation Meeting to Review and Discuss List of Potential Solutions Select a Set of Alternatives from Among Potential Solutions for Hydraulic Evaluation Potential Solutions and Obstacles to Success One-page descriptions of potential solutions (Attachment 1) were distributed for review and discussion by team members. These solutions may be applicable to either Task 1 Myakkahatchee Creek at I-75 and Jockey Club areas or Task 2 regional flood reduction objectives, or both. Flood reduction solutions that were formulated generally included: Gate Operations Internal Flow Diversion and Increased Floodproofing Conveyance Capacity Property Acquisition External Flow Diversion Elevation of Roadways Offsite Storage

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Meeting to Review and Discuss List of Potential Solutions

A project team meeting was held on December 20, 2016 to discuss potential solutions to achieve floor reduction and to develop a selected set of alternatives for hydraulic evaluation. For each concept, prior work and findings were ciscussed and expected obstades to success were considered. Comments from the meeting are included in Attachment 2. From this collaboration, a set of alternatives were selected by the team for Task 1 and Task 2 hydraulic evaluations. Hydraulic evaluations will serve to better inform the team as to effectiveness of the individual solutions and will point the way toward a preferred plan for improvements.

Selected Alternatives for Hydraulic Evaluation

The following set of alternatives were selected by the team for hydraulic evaluations.

Internal Flow Diversion and Increased Conveyance Capacity

Parallel Relief Channel Construction

A new, parallel canal could be constructed from the northern City boundary to Price Boulevard along Tier 1 and Tier 2 lots that have been acquired on the west side of the Myakkanatchee Creek. The additional conveyance may reduce flow rate and thus peak stages along the main channel from start to end of the parallel relief channel.

Channel Improvements along R-580

The R-S80 waterway's bottom profile could be reconfigured, creating a more uniform and hydraulically efficient conveyance way. Improvement of the R-S80 Waterway would induce more flow eastward from Big Sough along the City's northern boundary toward Creighton Waterway, resulting in reduced flows and flood stages in Myaktahatchee Creek.

R-36 Improvements to South of WCS-101

A whole series of improvements could be made to canal segments and structures to enhance the overall conveyance capacity of the R-36 water-way system. The additional stormwater conveyance capacity may induce higher westward flow out of Big Slough at the north boundary of the City. Diverting those higher flows outhward to WC5-101 would reduce flow and stages along the more flood prone segments of Myakshahathee Creek.

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Improvements could be made to existing structures along Snover Waterway and beneath Price Boulevard to increase flow through canals that connect with Cooplium Waterway. The additional conveyance capacity may induce higher eastward flow out of Big Slough into Snover Waterway. Diverting those higher flows southward to Cocoplium Waterway would reduce flow and stages along the more flood prone segments of Myacanatchec Creat

Other Miscellaneous Improvements

Canals and structures throughout the area will be reviewed for opportunities to increase conveyance.

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External Flow Diversion

Connection to Deer Prairie Slough

Stormwater flows could be diverted westward to the adjacent Deer Prairie Slough watershed, reducing flow through the City. Several variations could be considered, including gravity and pumped diversions both with and without added storage facilities.

Enhanced Discharges Along Southern Boundary to Port Charlotte – Tidal Outfalls Only

Structures located within the Cooplum Waterway and discharging beneath Hillsborough Boulevard could be improved to facilitate increased discharges into the adjacent Fort Charlotte conveyance system. Additional conveyance capacity work effectively olivent stormwater southward and may reduce flooding throughout the southern port on of the City.

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Constrain Inflows to City with Increased Upstream Floodplain Storage

Raise existing earthen berms on the northwest City boundary at the intersection of Big Slough canal with R-35 and R-380 waterways. Also, raise earthen weirs farther north at the intersection of Big Slough canal and Power Line Road. Improvements would leave the Big Slough canal as the only conveyance system to the western portion of the City. Inflows would be reduced, dropping peak stages along Myakkahatchee Cireek.

Creation of Upstream Detention, Reservoirs, or Joint Use Facilities

One or more detention pands, reservoirs, or joint-use facilities could be constructed to provice offsite upstream stormwater detention. The facilities would reduce inflow rates and thus peak stages along Myakkahatchee Creek.

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Purchase of Flood Prone Lands and/or Flood Prone Structures

Some communities turn to property acquisition to mitigate flood risk by establishing permanent, public open space and to get homeowner in flood-prone areas permanently out of narm's way. In North Port, many lost have already been acquired on the west side of the Myakishiastone Creek to serve as a linear park. Additional acquisition may be considered to remove other lands and/or structures from the 100jary affoodpain, Removal of those properties would reduce future flood-related damages but would not

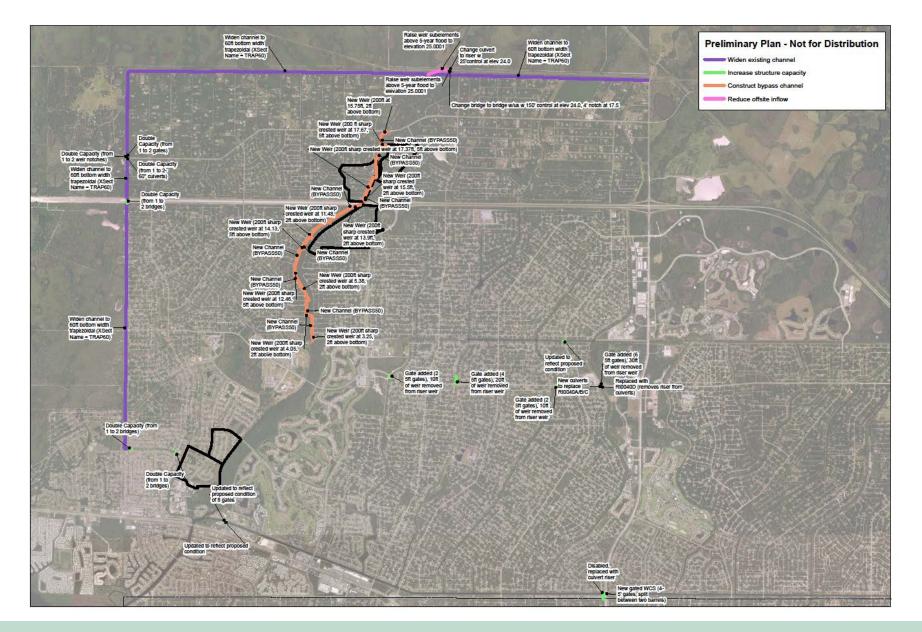
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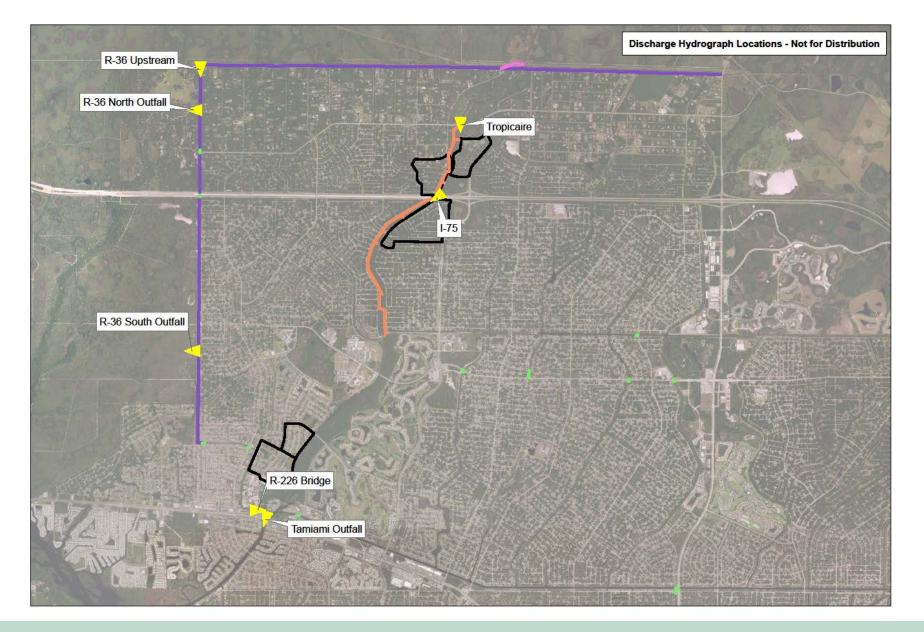
No additional data needs were identified during the meeting. Additional information will be gathered during subsequent meetings, such as regarding the Deer Prairie Slough restoration project. Field survey will be postponed until needed during Task 1.8.1 Finalite Recommended Plan and Project Deliverables.

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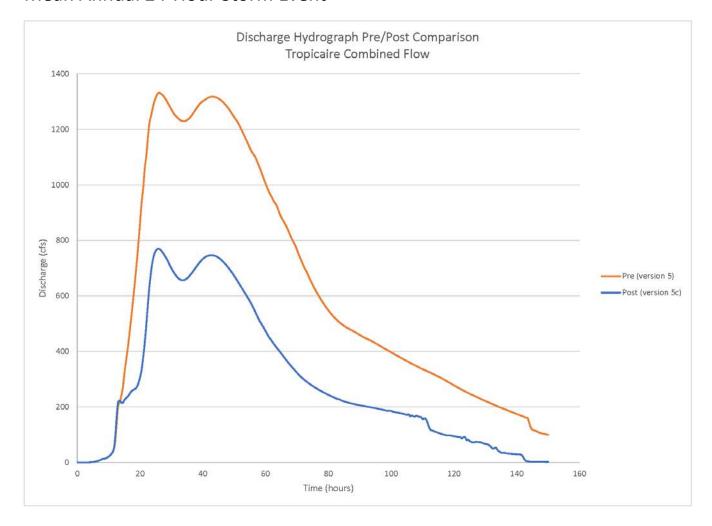
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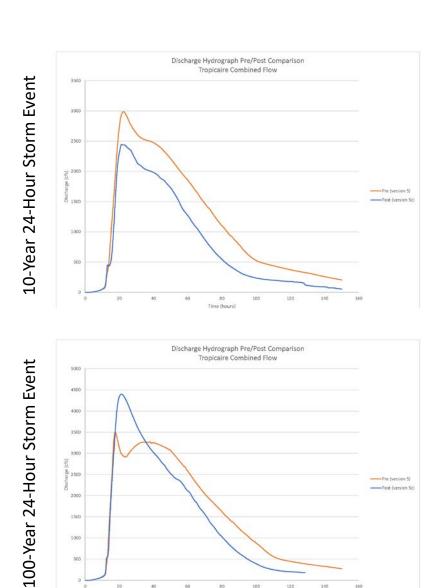
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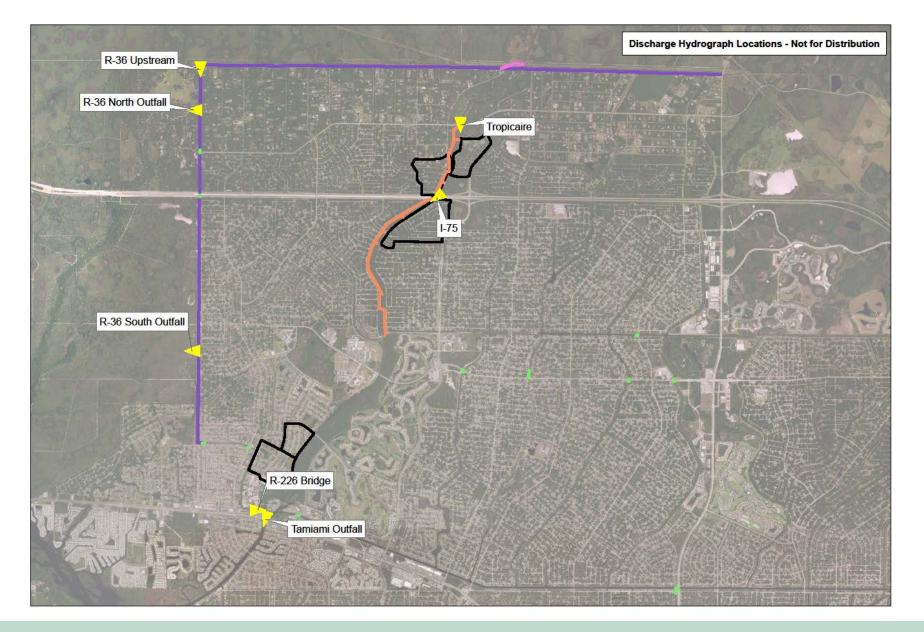




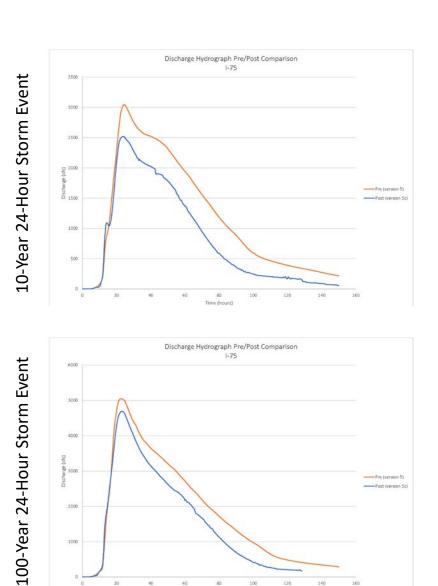
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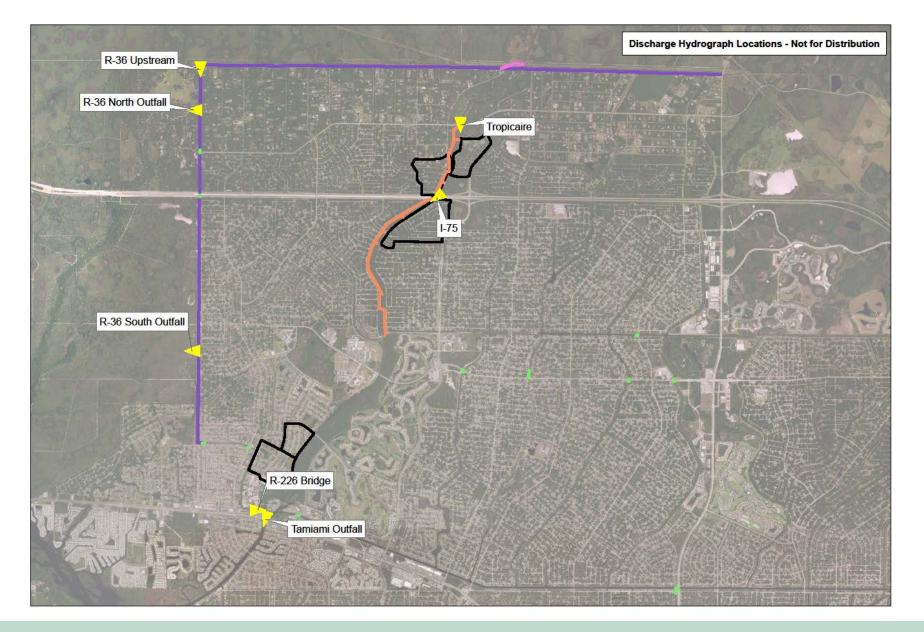




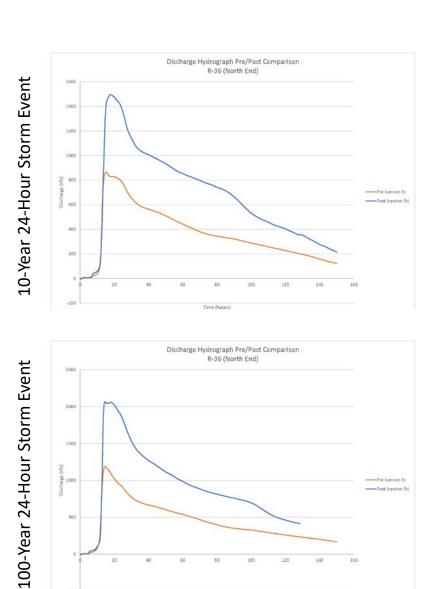


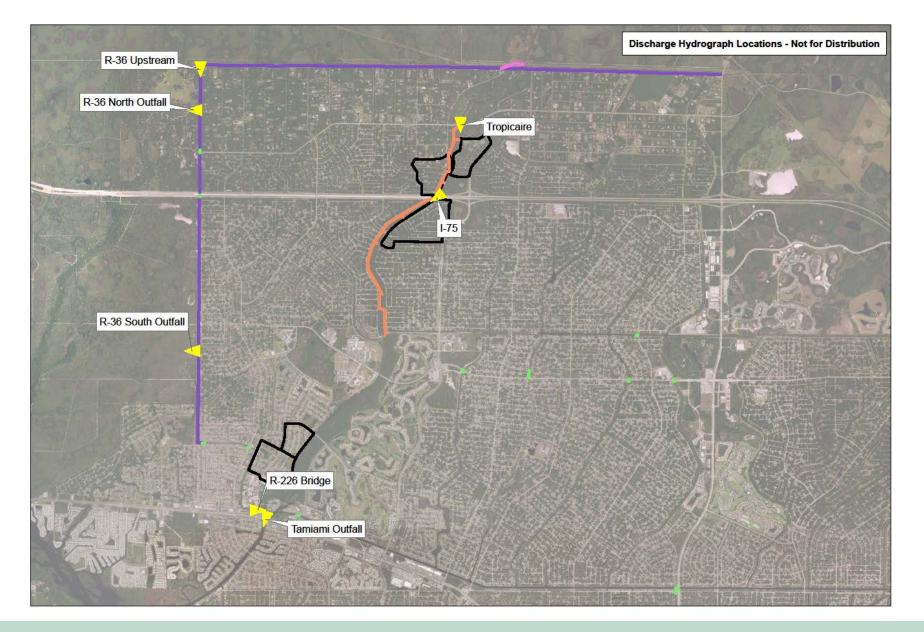




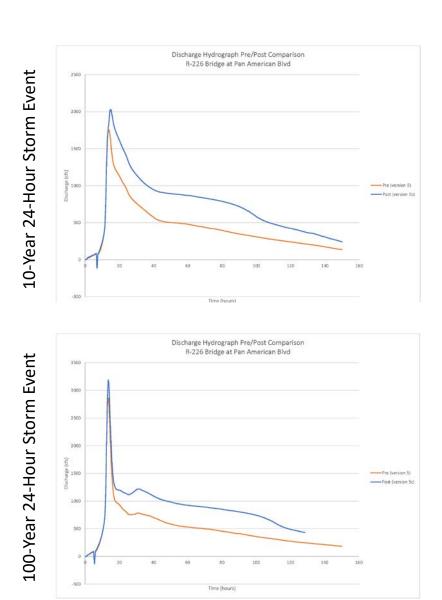


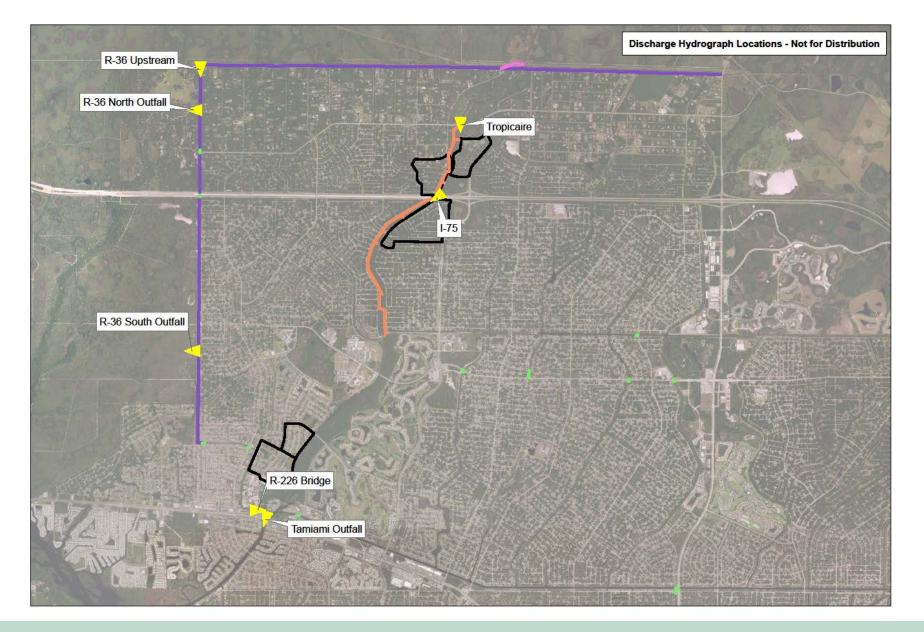


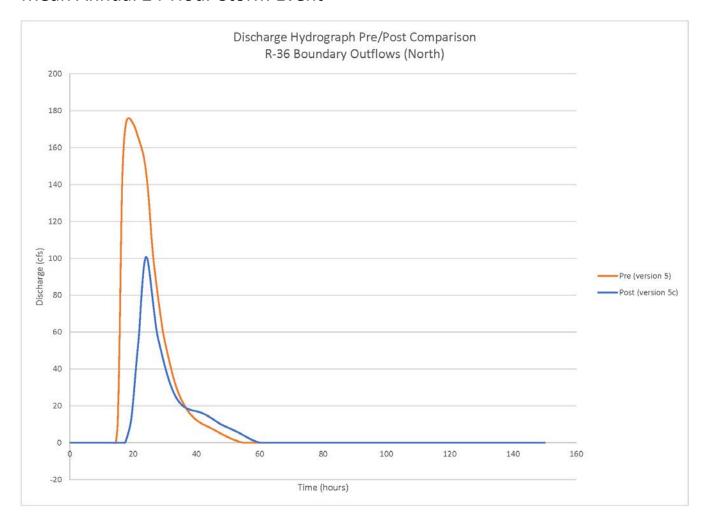


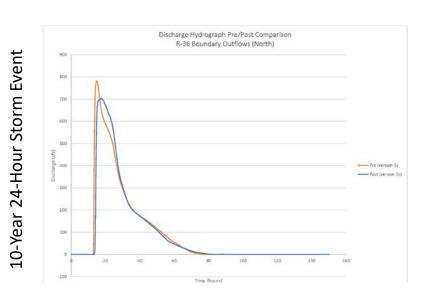


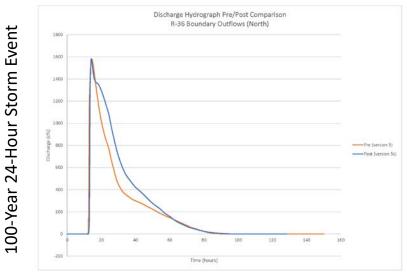


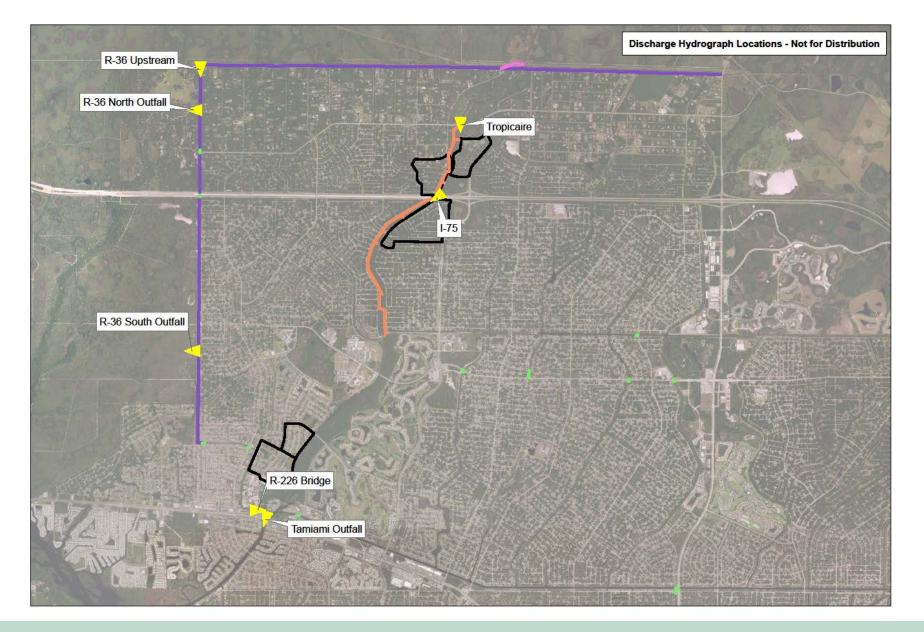




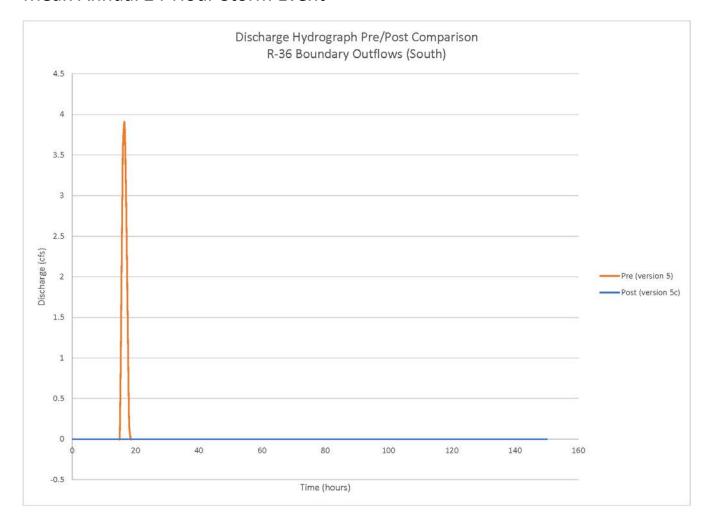


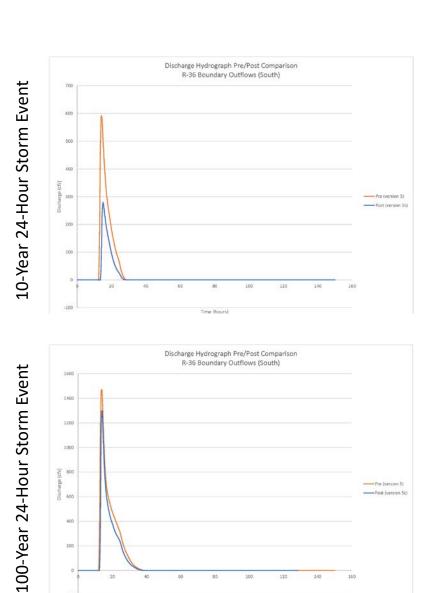


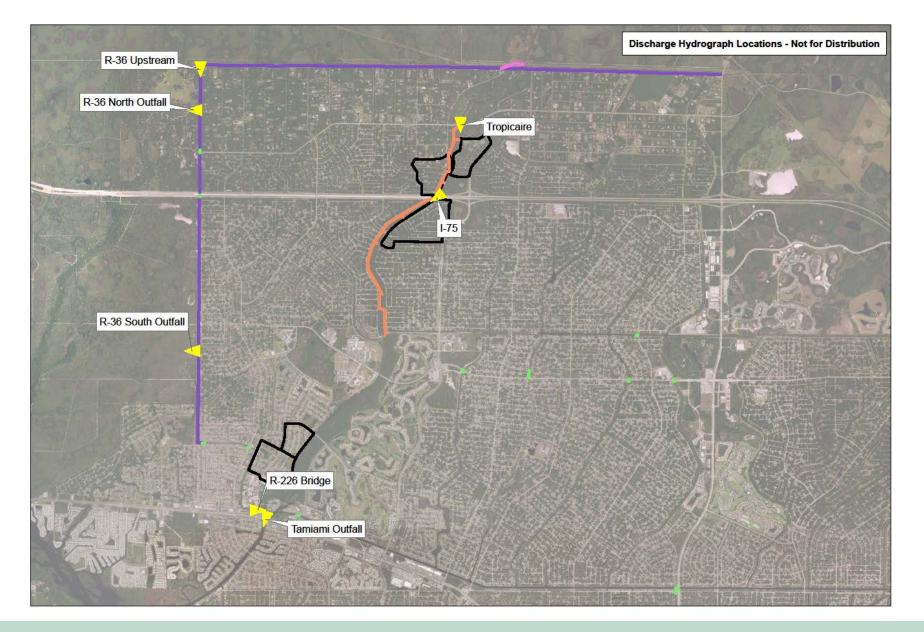


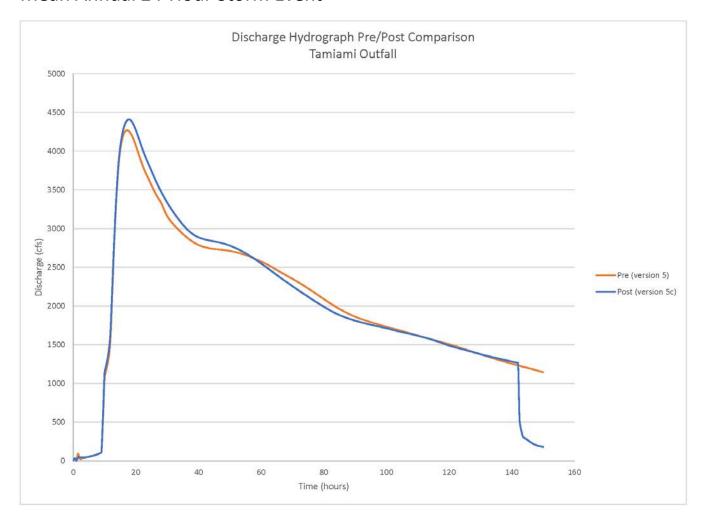


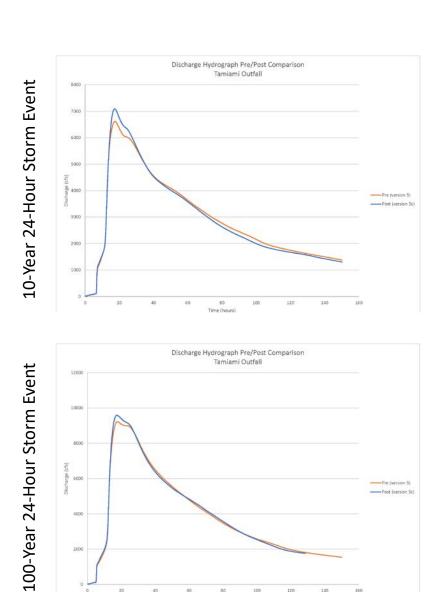
Pre/Post Discharge at R-36 Boundary Outflow (South)

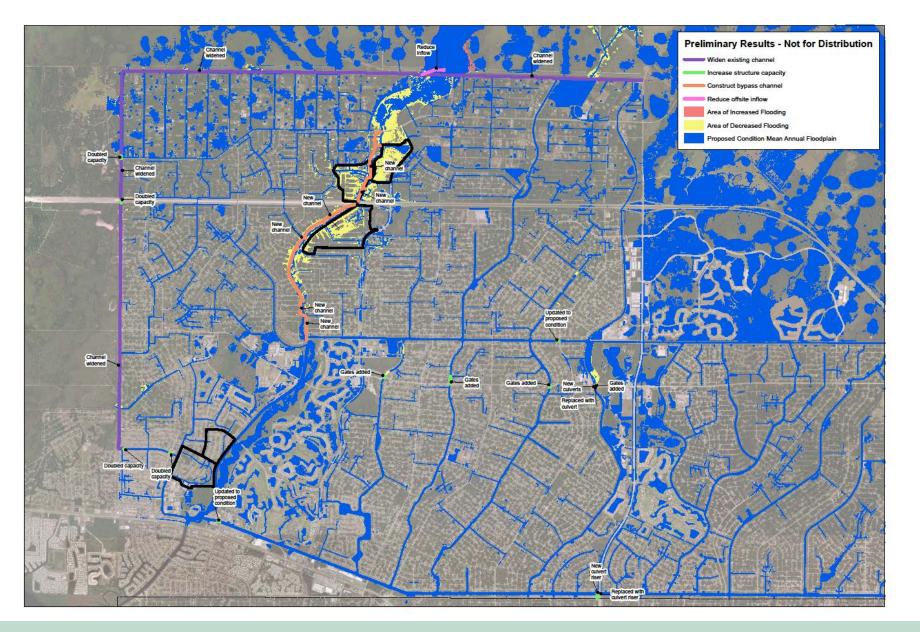


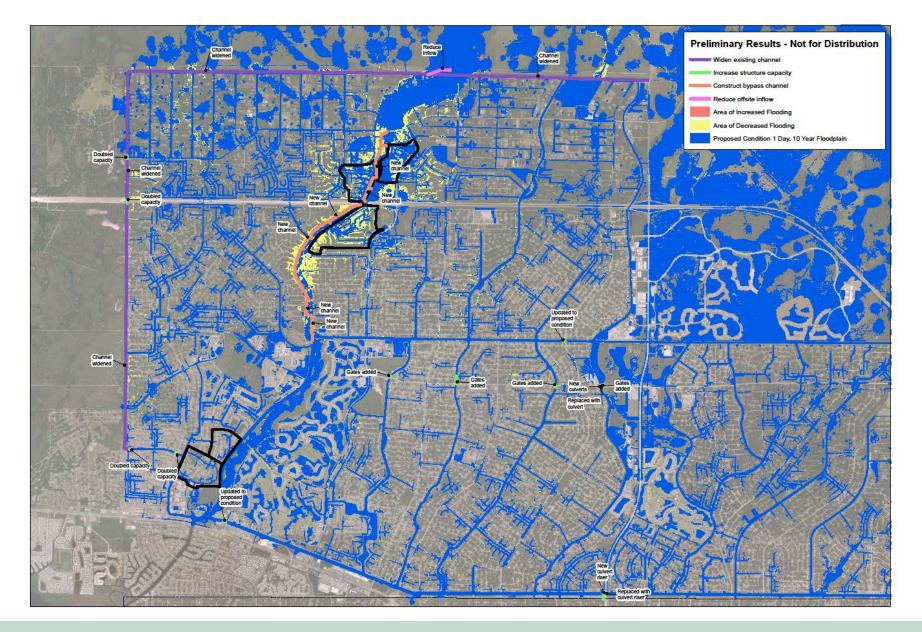


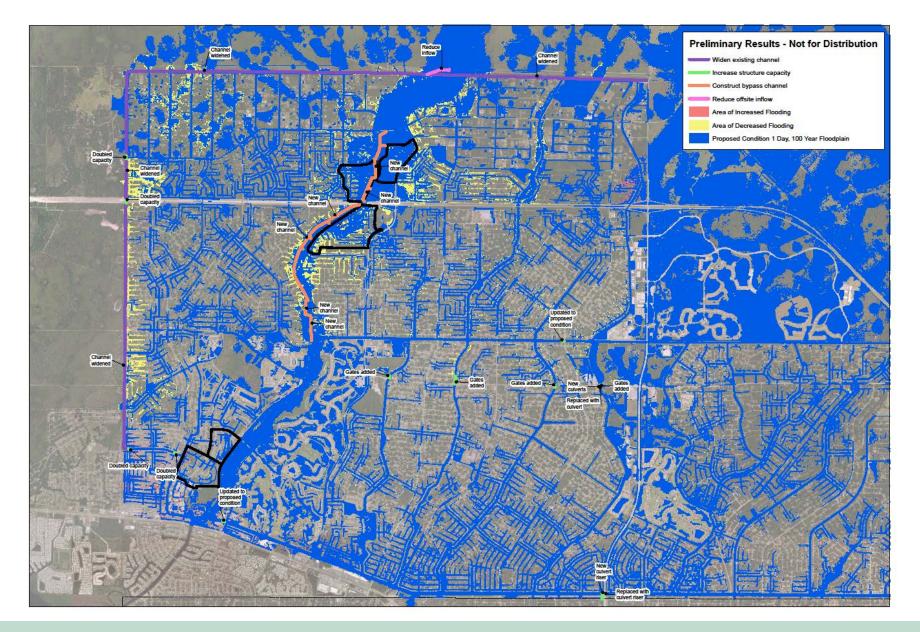


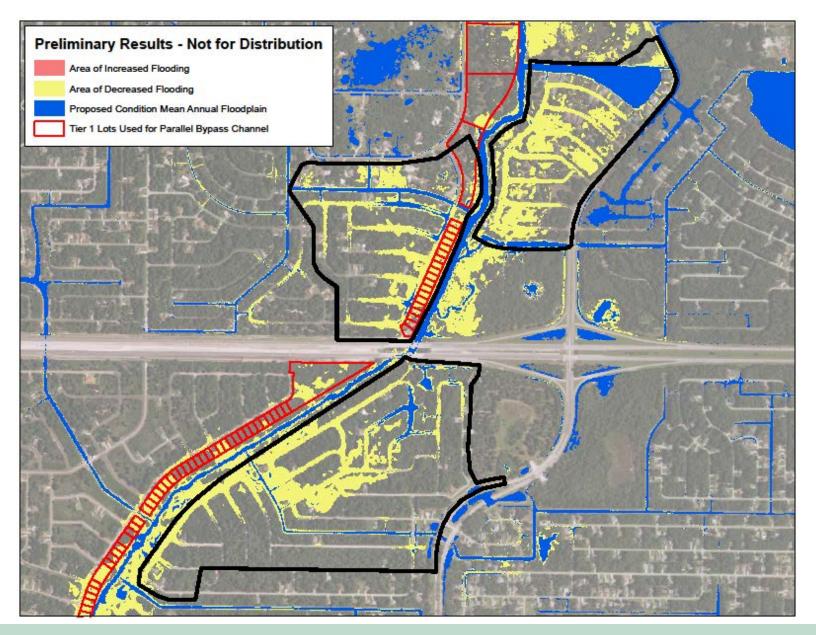


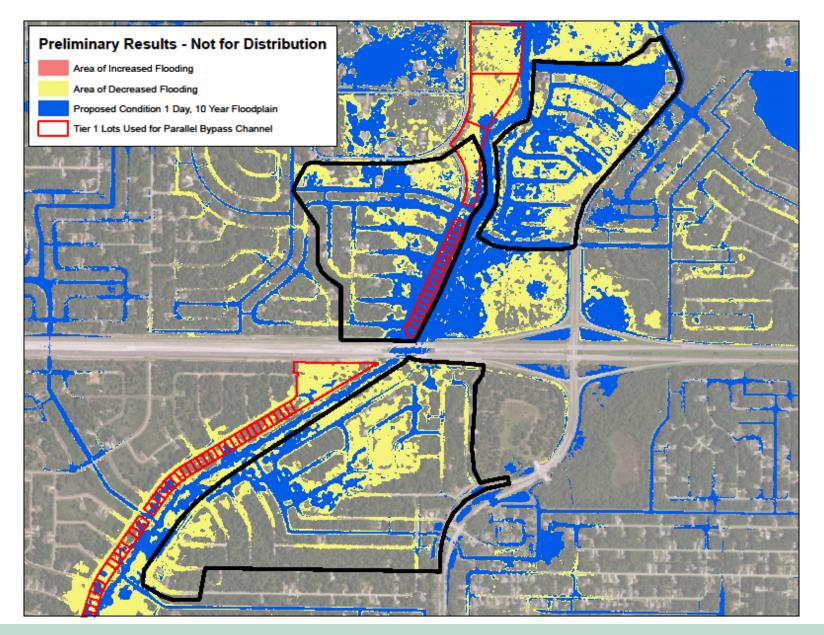


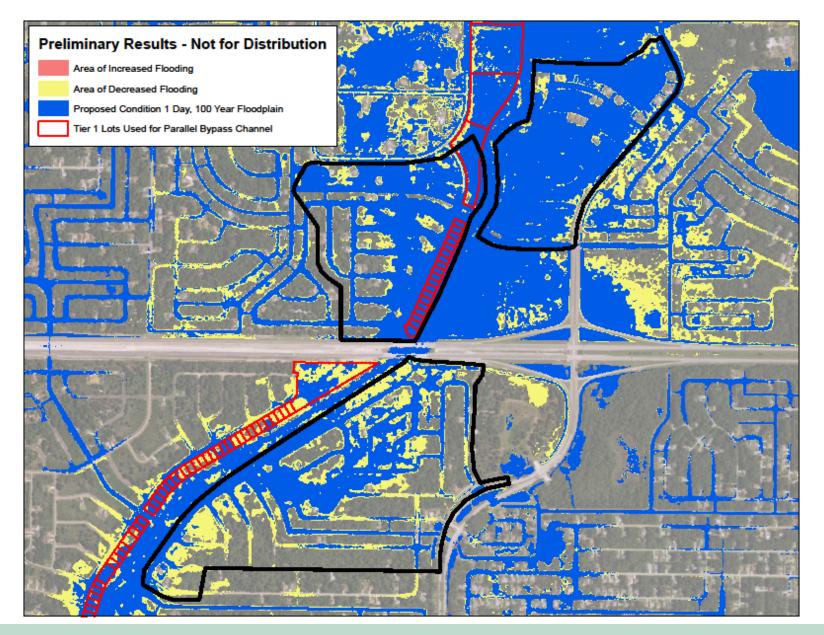




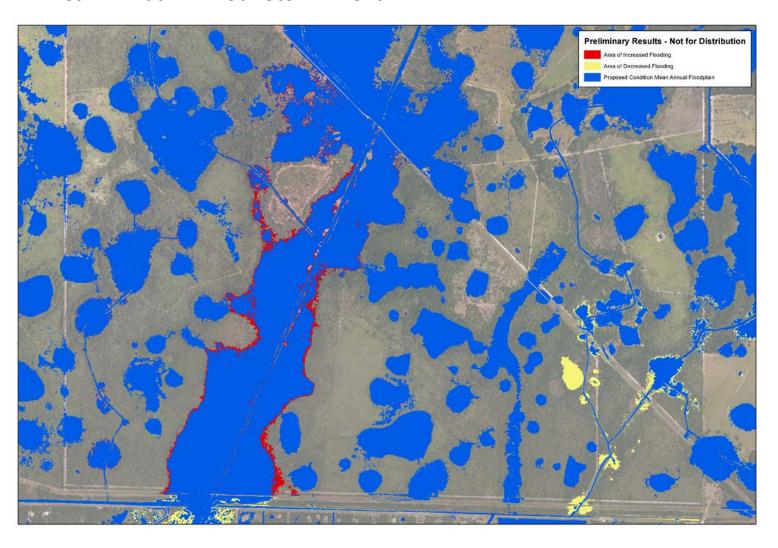


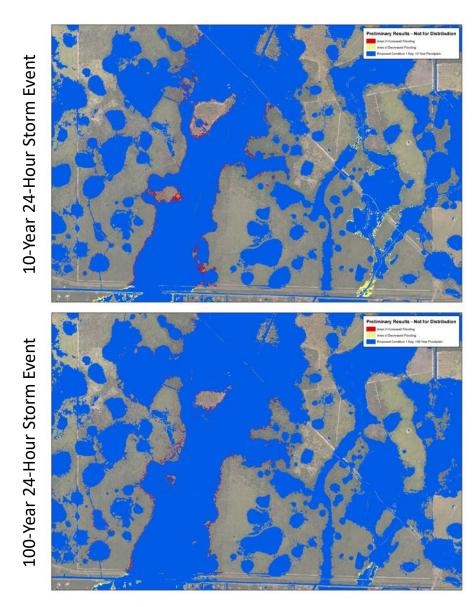




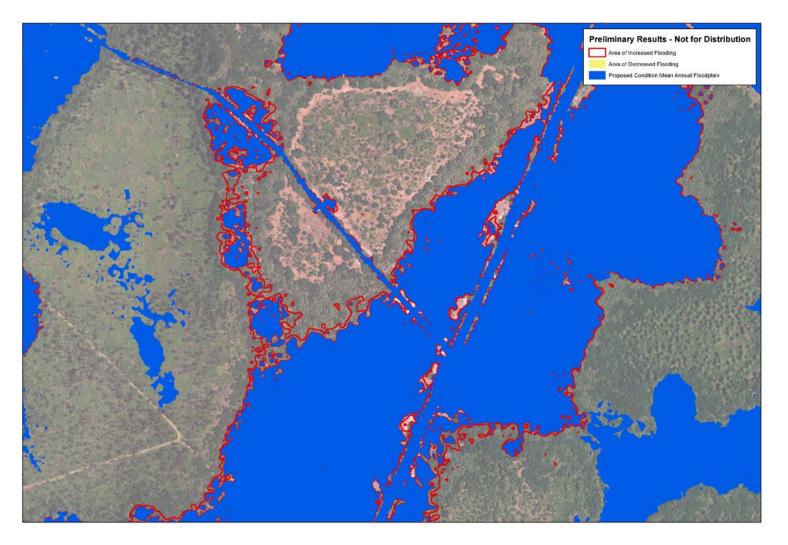


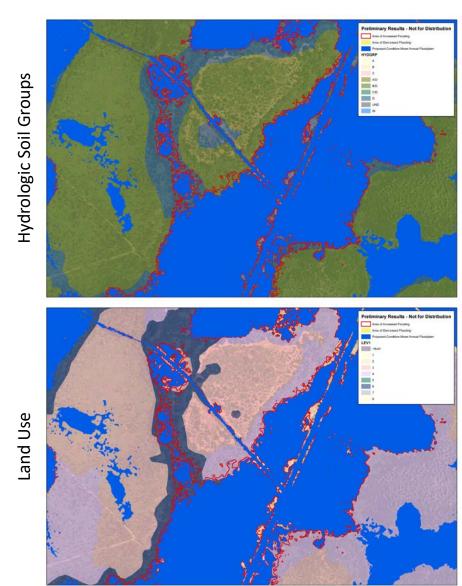
Upstream Area of Increased Inundation





Example Area of Increased Inundation





Revised Timeline and Cooperative Agreement



North Port Big Slough Flood Reduction Study



Team Progress Meeting

April 28, 2017

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