GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COASTAL ACTIVITIES

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State Agency Resilience Progress Update

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What is Resilience?

Information

- Having resources to make data-driven decisions

Integration

- Aligning agency objectives and efforts

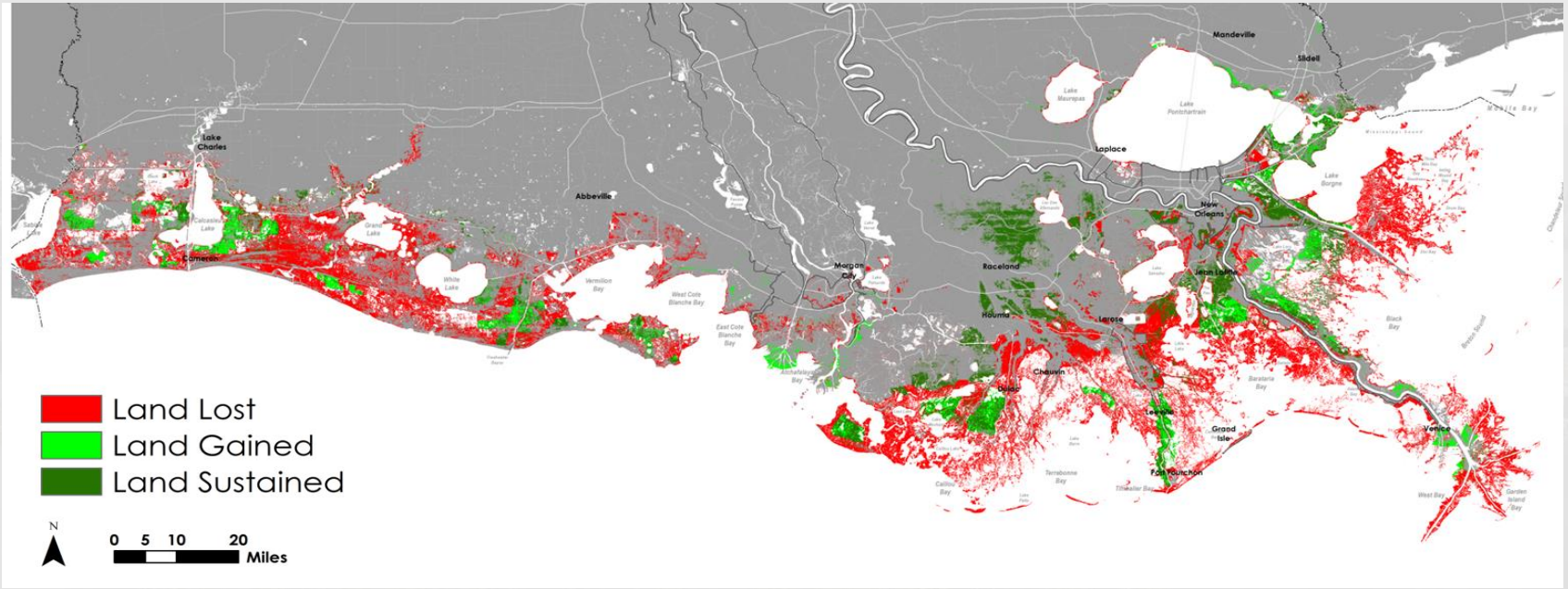
Participation

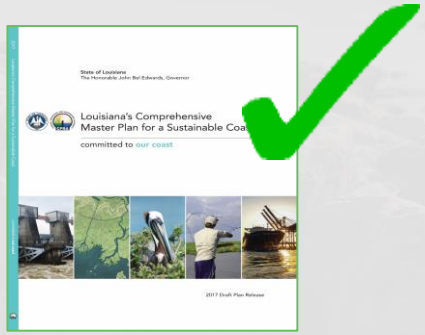
- Engaging a spectrum of perspectives to inform approach

Innovation

- Mobilizing resources to deal with new conditions

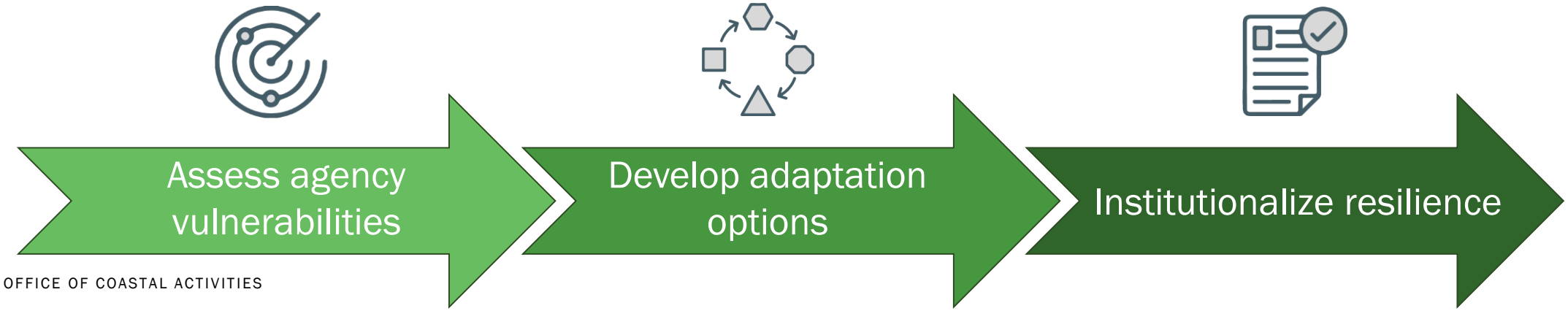
Why State Government Agencies?



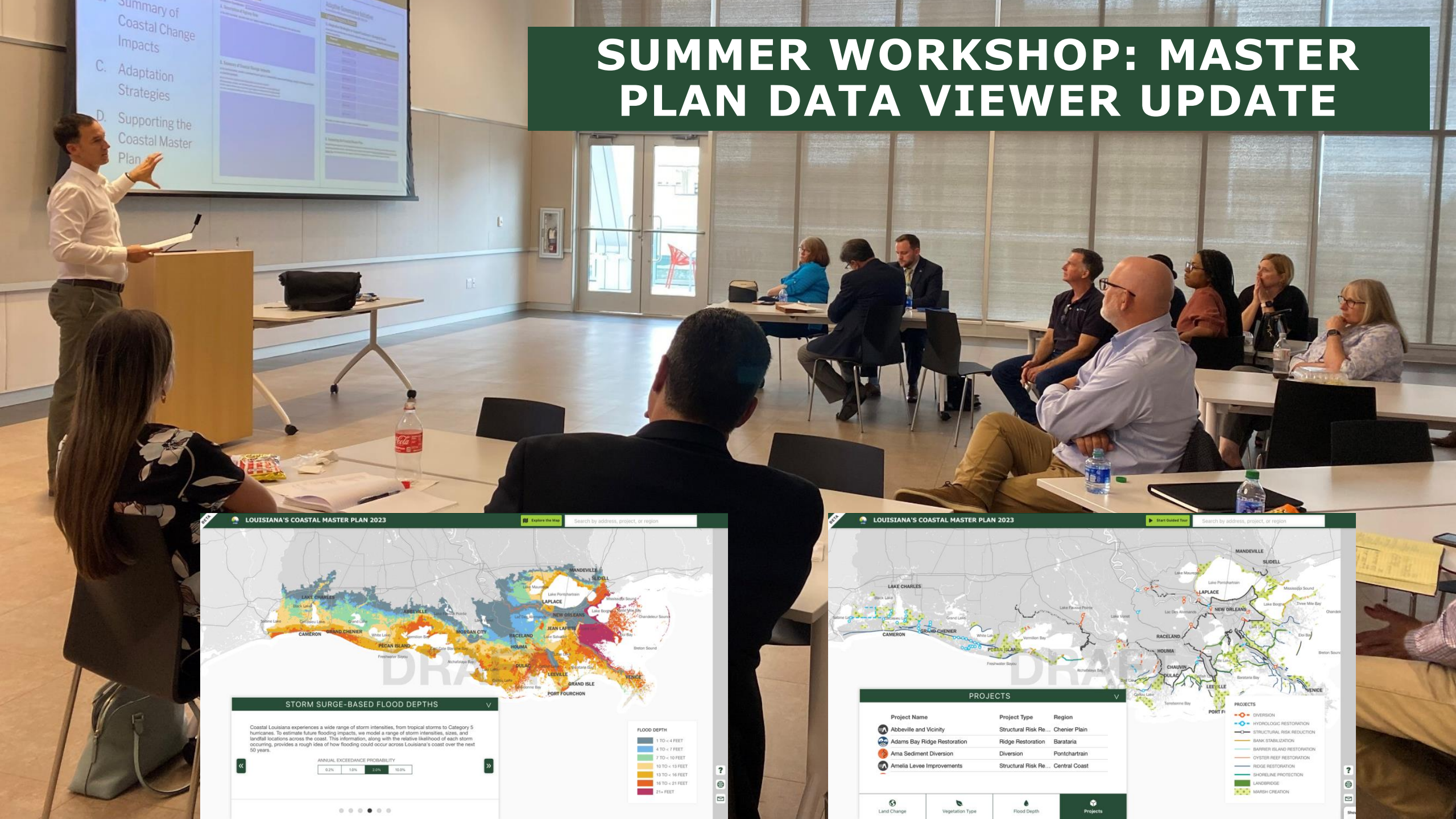


Coastal Resilience Executive Order

- **Chief Resilience Officer**
- **Agency Resilience Coordinators**
- **Agency participation includes:**
  - Assessing agency vulnerabilities
  - Identifying adaptation actions
  - Incorporating results into strategic plans



SUMMER WORKSHOP: MASTER PLAN DATA VIEWER UPDATE



Agency Progress Report

A. Description of Agency Role

In the text box below, describe how your agency understands its role in responding to the coastal crisis.

B. Summary of Coastal Change Impacts

In the text box below, provide a summary of your agency's vulnerability assessment findings, using the following questions as narrative prompts.

What are the most significant potential impacts to my agency's mission?
Which programs, services, and physical assets are most vulnerable now and in the future?
In which regions of the coast or parishes is your agency most impacted by coastal change?
How does vulnerability within your agency affect other government functions and services?

C. Adaptation Strategies to Support Louisiana's Changing Coast

In the table below, list (in order of priority) the adaptation actions your agency has developed to address its identified coastal vulnerabilities.

D. Supporting the Coastal Master Plan

Describe how your agency's efforts through the Adaptive Governance Initiative (conducting a vulnerability assessment, developing adaptation actions, and updating your strategic plan) support the goals and objectives of the state's Coastal Master Plan. Also describe how your agency's efforts are helping build cross-government coastal resilience.

Complete Progress Reports

- Agriculture & Forestry
- Children and Family Services
- Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
- Economic Development
- Environmental Quality
- Health
- Housing Corporation
- Public Safety & Corrections
- Revenue
- Transportation & Development
- Wildlife & Fisheries
- Workforce Commission

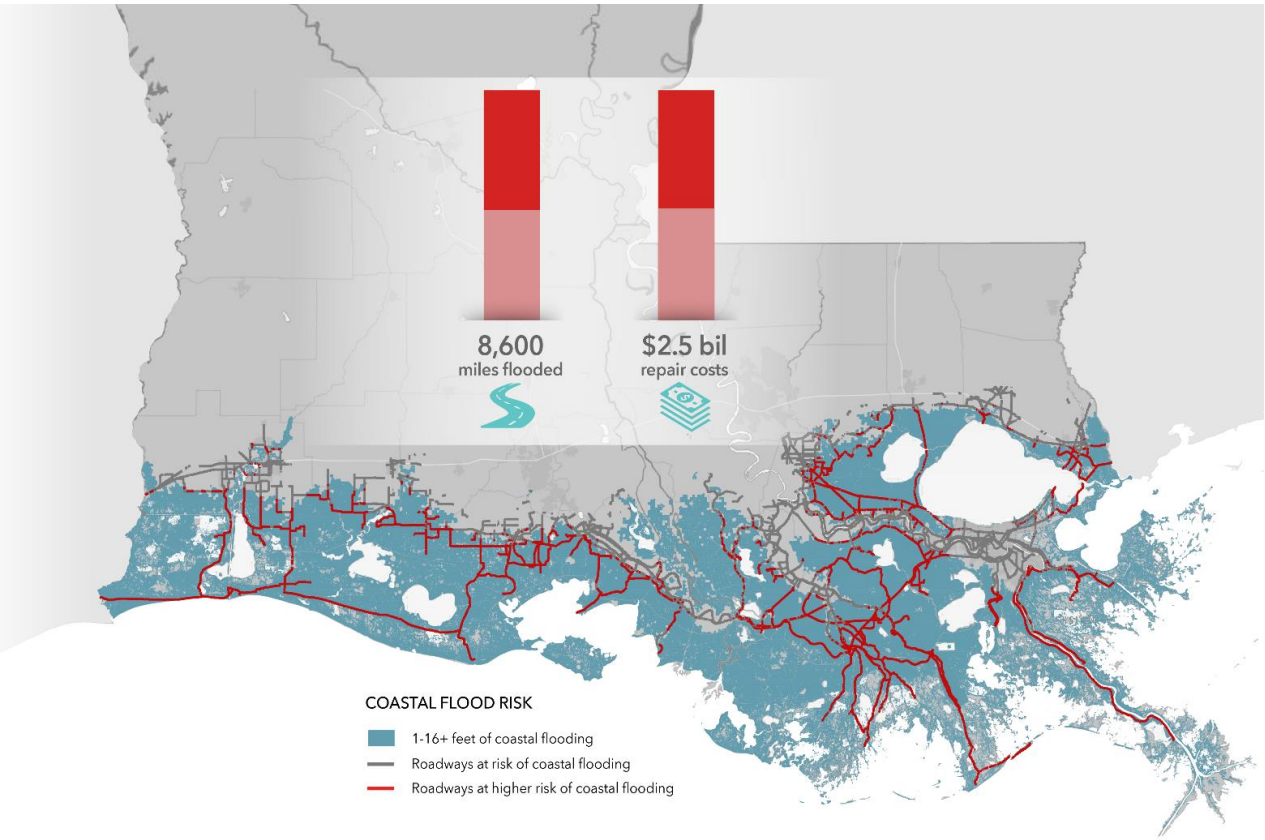
"...As disasters expand their reach with coastal lands eroding, the impact on children, individuals and families will increase. A greater number of larger population areas will be at risk."

Department of Children & Family Services
Building a Stronger Louisiana

“...reduced state tax revenues collected by LDR would result in budget cuts for state government as well as reduced availability of public services. These potential losses impact the entire state of Louisiana, not just the coastline.”

Vulnerabilities: Robust Built Environment

"Housing that at the time of construction was not considered high risk has undergone a change due to climate change. Now, what at one time was considered a safe location, is vulnerable to coastal impacts and flooding and wind concerns." *Louisiana Housing Corporation*



Vulnerabilities: Health and Opportunity

William Widmer for the New York Times

"...Every program at DCFS is impacted because the staff assigned to shelters and [Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] activities must be covered by other staff not deployed. This reduces the number of available working staff and increases the workload of the remaining staff who are assisting clients outside their service areas while deployed staff work with others."

Adaptation Options

"No Wrong Door"

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COASTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

Immediate Next Steps

- Integrate resilience criteria into Louisiana's capital outlay process.
- Adopt FEMA's Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Develop a more coordinated, strategic, multi-agency approach to managing resilience funding

Moving Forward

- Need a multi-hazard and a statewide approach to climate adaptation
- How government works is as important as what it does
  - Collaboration and communication across agencies
  - Resilience Principles are good governance principles
  - Participation from stakeholders and those directly benefitting/impacted by the project
- Beginning of a paradigm shift. An “initiative,” not a project
- Work across levels of government, with utilities, and private sector
- Dedicated resources, expertise, coordination, and leadership are essential

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QUESTIONS?