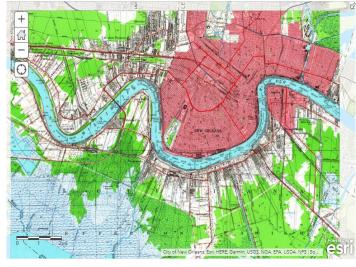
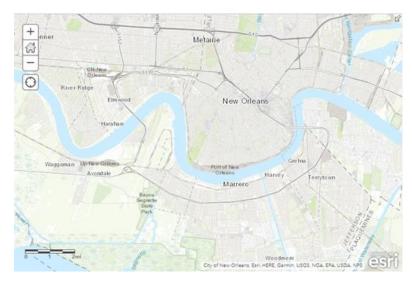
New Orleans mississipi river exploration from extensive archive of USGS Historic Topo Maps

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Exploration on 3 maps with different timelines:







Historical map

New Orleans (1891)

• Scales: 1:62500

Historical map

New Orleans (1950)

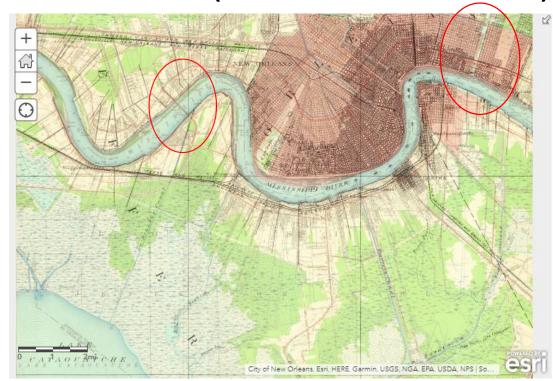
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Actual map

New Orleans

• Scales: 1:62500

Evolution of Mississipi river inside New Orleans (1891 to 1950)



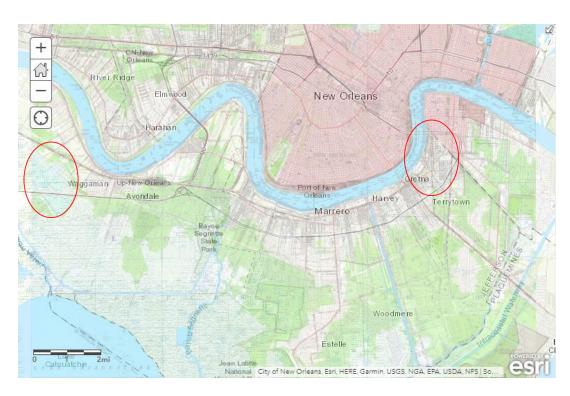
New Orleans historic map in 1891 overlaid on historic map in 1950

 Transparency map in 1891 was increased in order to observe new structures emerged in 1950 on the Mississipi river

Observation

- On the left, a bridge can be observed on the historical map in 1950
- On the right, construction of a canal is highlighted on the historical map in 1950

Evolution of Mississipi river inside New Orleans (1950 to now)



New Orleans historic map in 1950 overlaid on current topographic map

 Transparency map in 1950 was increased in order to observe new structures emerged in current map on the Mississipi river

Observation

- On the left, a body of water in 1950 was replaced by swamp area in current map
- On the right, construction of a bridge in the current map

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