



The SECAS Third Thursday Web Forum

Building a more consistent Blueprint: Progress so far toward Southeast Blueprint 2022



Agenda

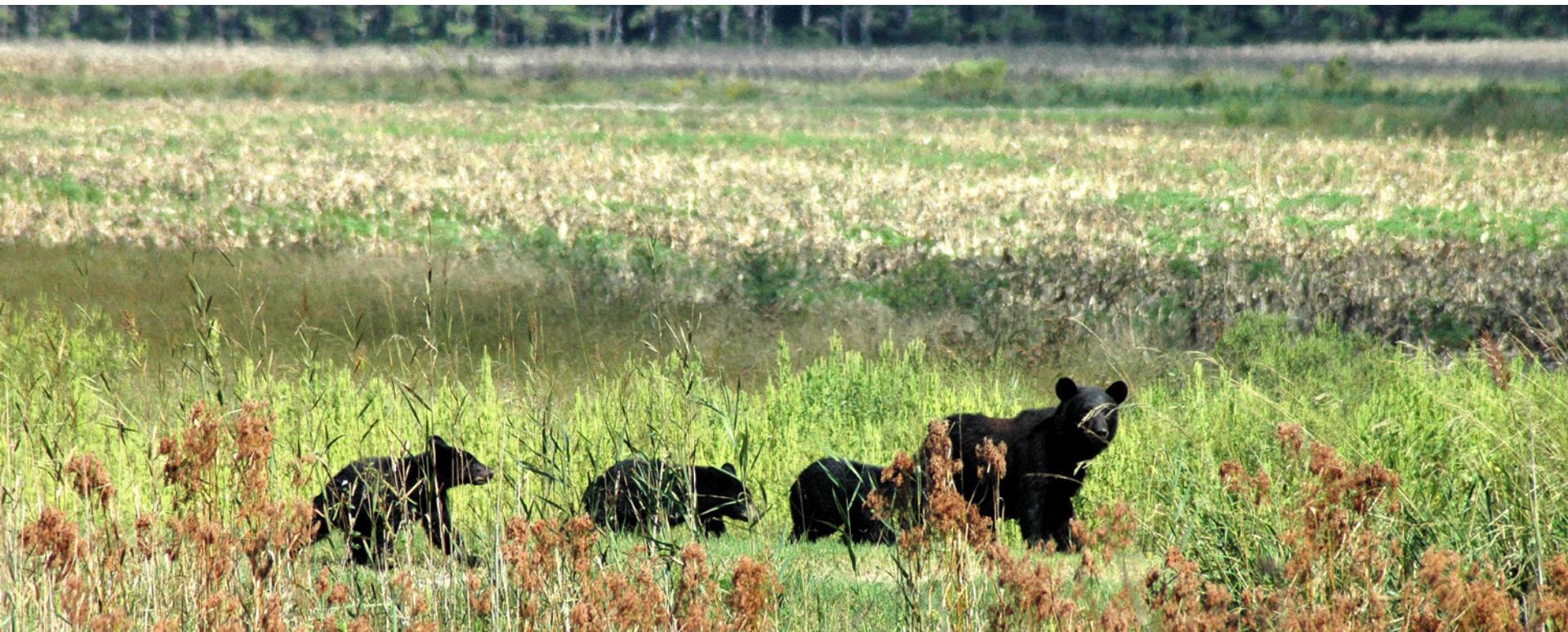
- Introduction
- Monthly topic
- Q&A and discussion
- Preview of next webinar
- Staff updates



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Rua Mordecai, Southeast and South Atlantic Conservation Blueprints

4-21-2022



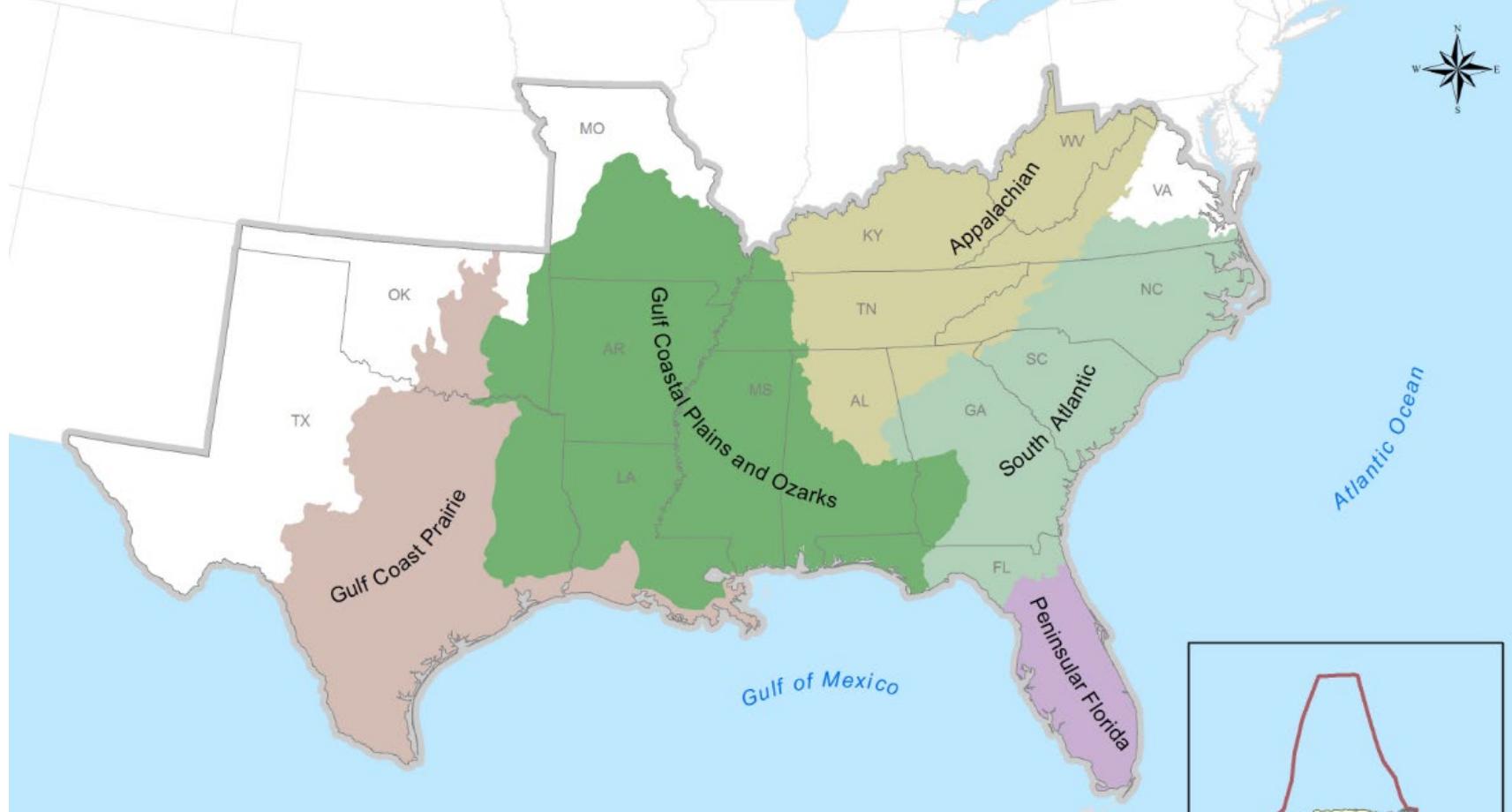
Progress update

- Background
- Indicators
- Draft results / Workshops
- Next steps

Blueprint background

- Living, spatial plan that identifies important places for conservation and restoration
- Helping more than 250 people from at least 100 organizations bring in new funding and inform their conservation decisions
- Set up to help bring in new conservation funding to the South and help us all use our current conservation resources more efficiently

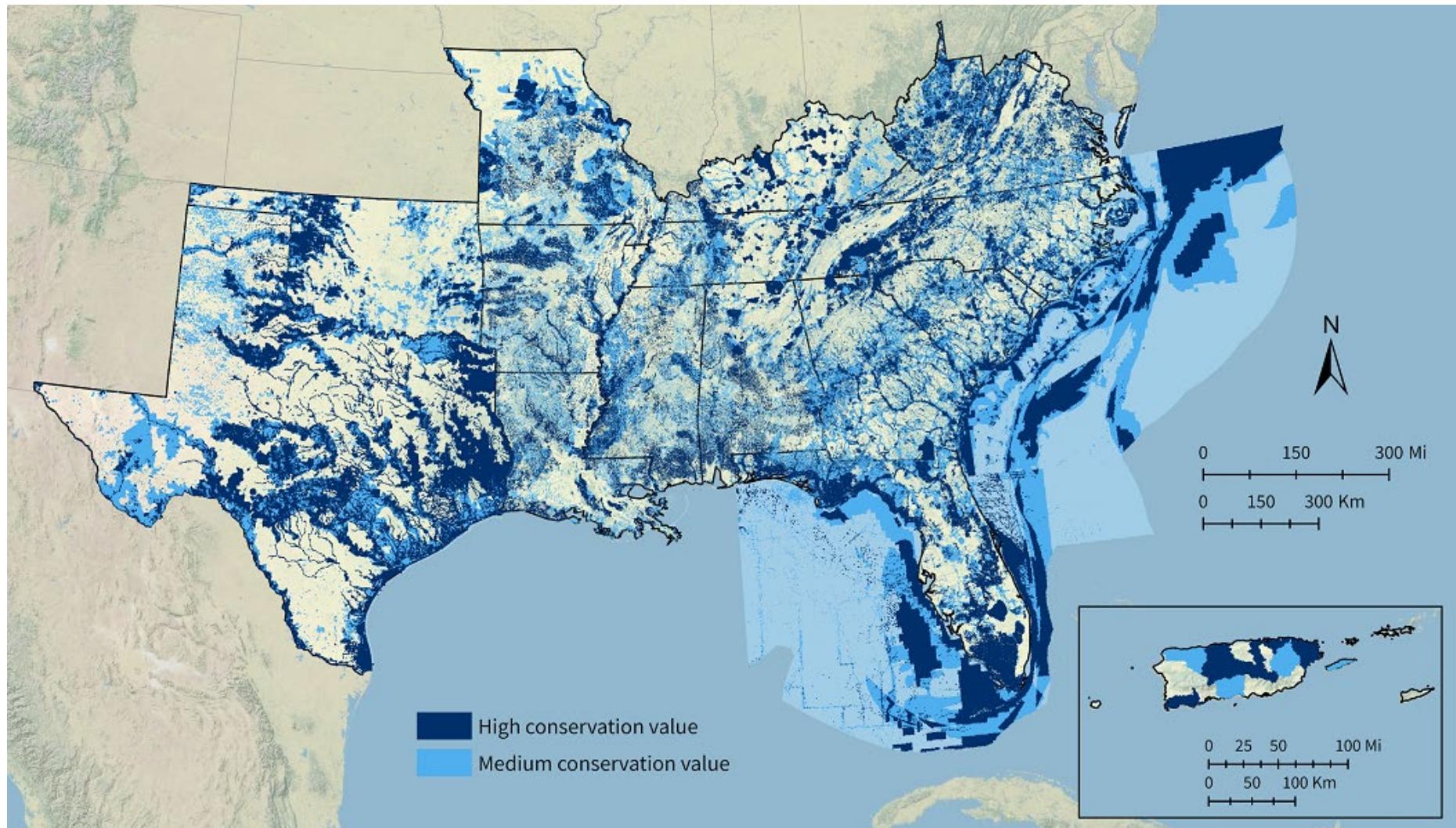
Blueprint history



This map outlines the 15 states that make up the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and within that the six Landscape Conservation Cooperatives that are developing the Southeastern Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS). These LCCs and the partners that have built them, cover all or part of every SEAFWA state, and SEAFWA's directors asked them to work with the states and other partners who serve on those LCCs to develop this strategy. For more information, visit SECASSoutheast.org.



Southeast Blueprint 2021



Why do this major update?

- Improved consistency: The top request from Southeast Blueprint users
- It's now technically possible
- It's now practically possible thanks to previous work on integration across subregions

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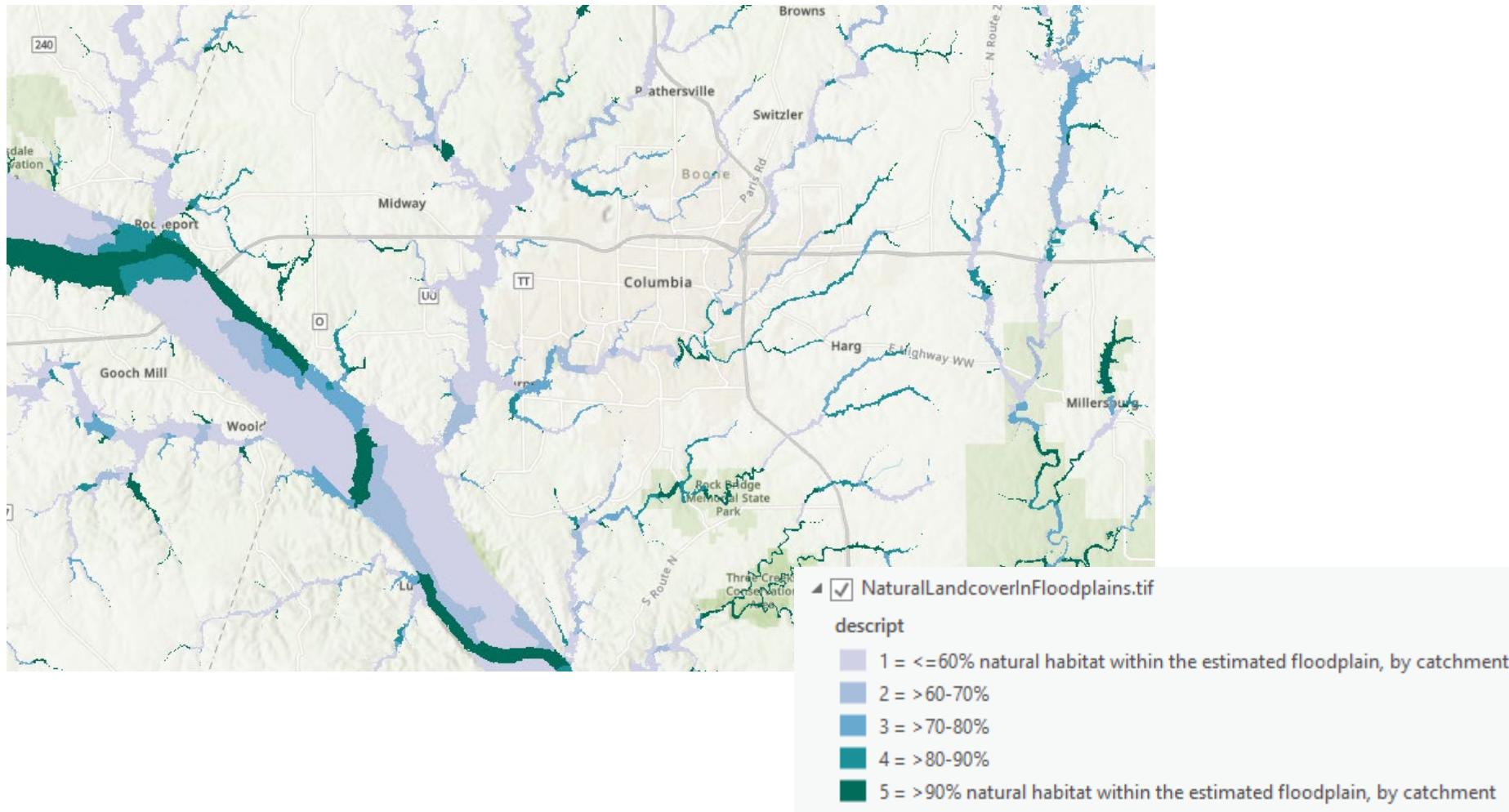
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Draft Indicators for all regions

- Freshwater
 - Imperiled aquatic species
 - Natural landcover in floodplains
 - Network complexity
 - Permeable surface
- Terrestrial
 - Fire frequency
 - Intact habitat cores
 - Resilient terrestrial sites
- Cultural
 - Equitable access to potential parks
 - Greenways and trails
 - Urban park size

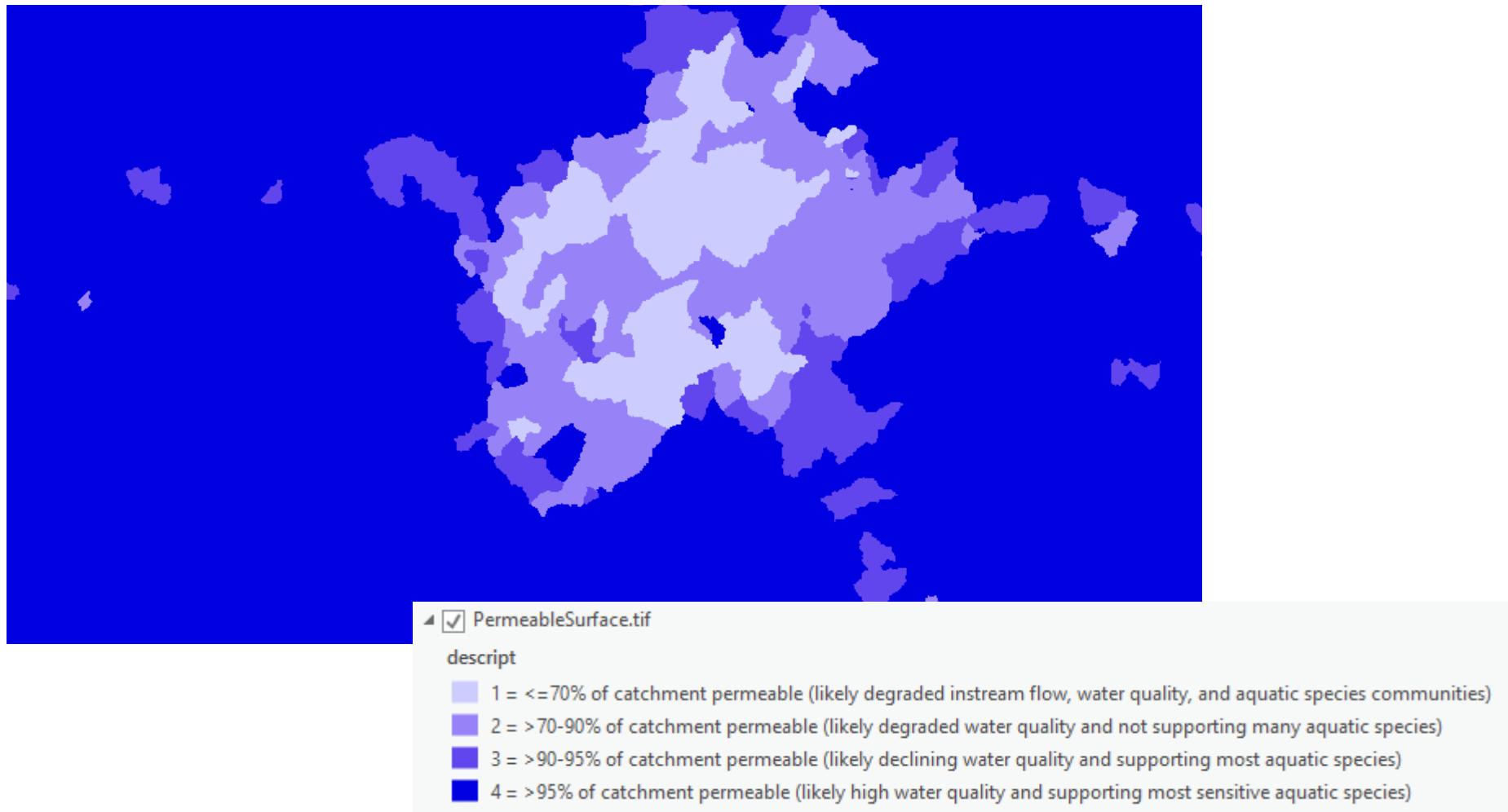
Freshwater

- Natural landcover in floodplains



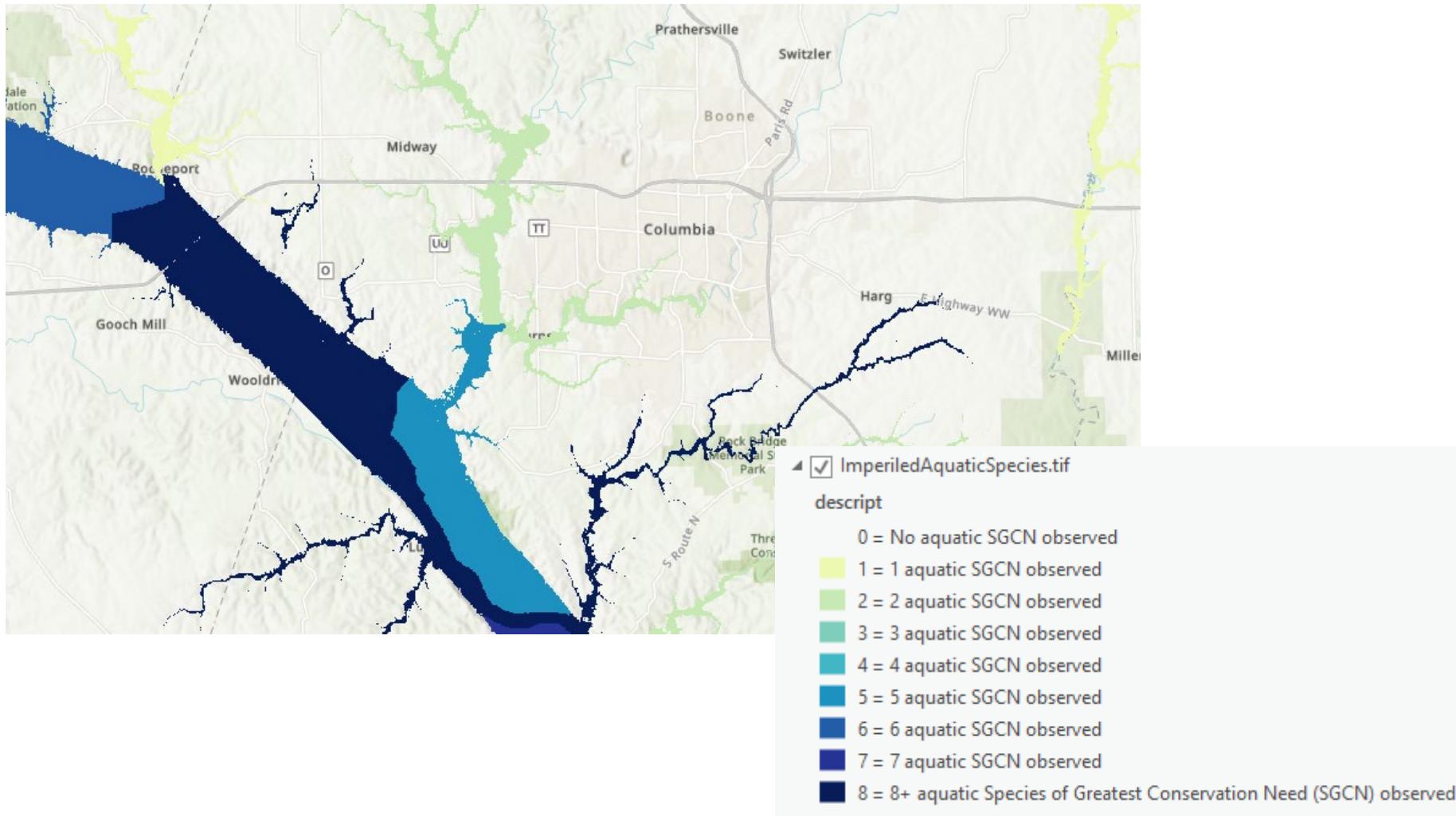
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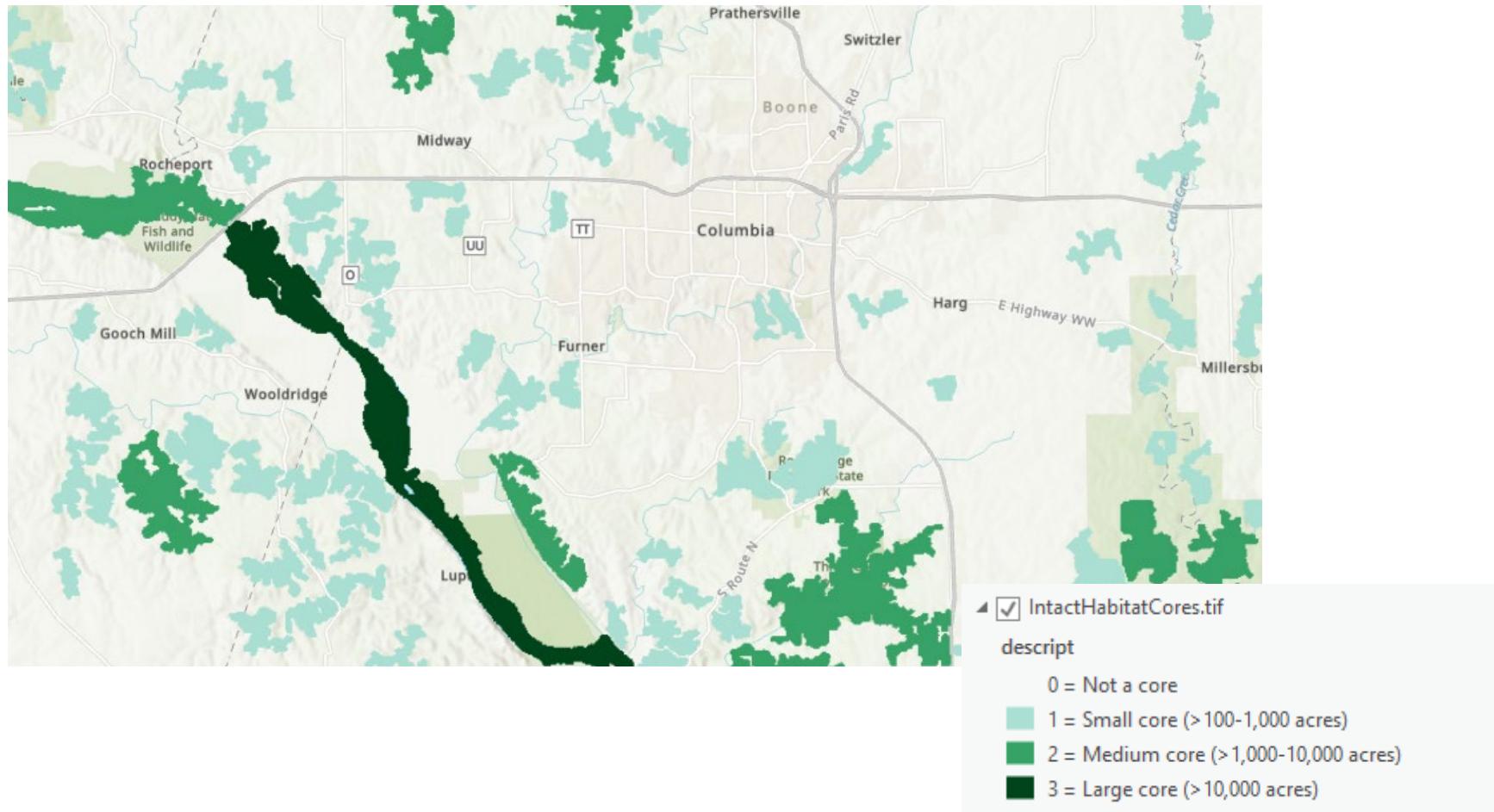
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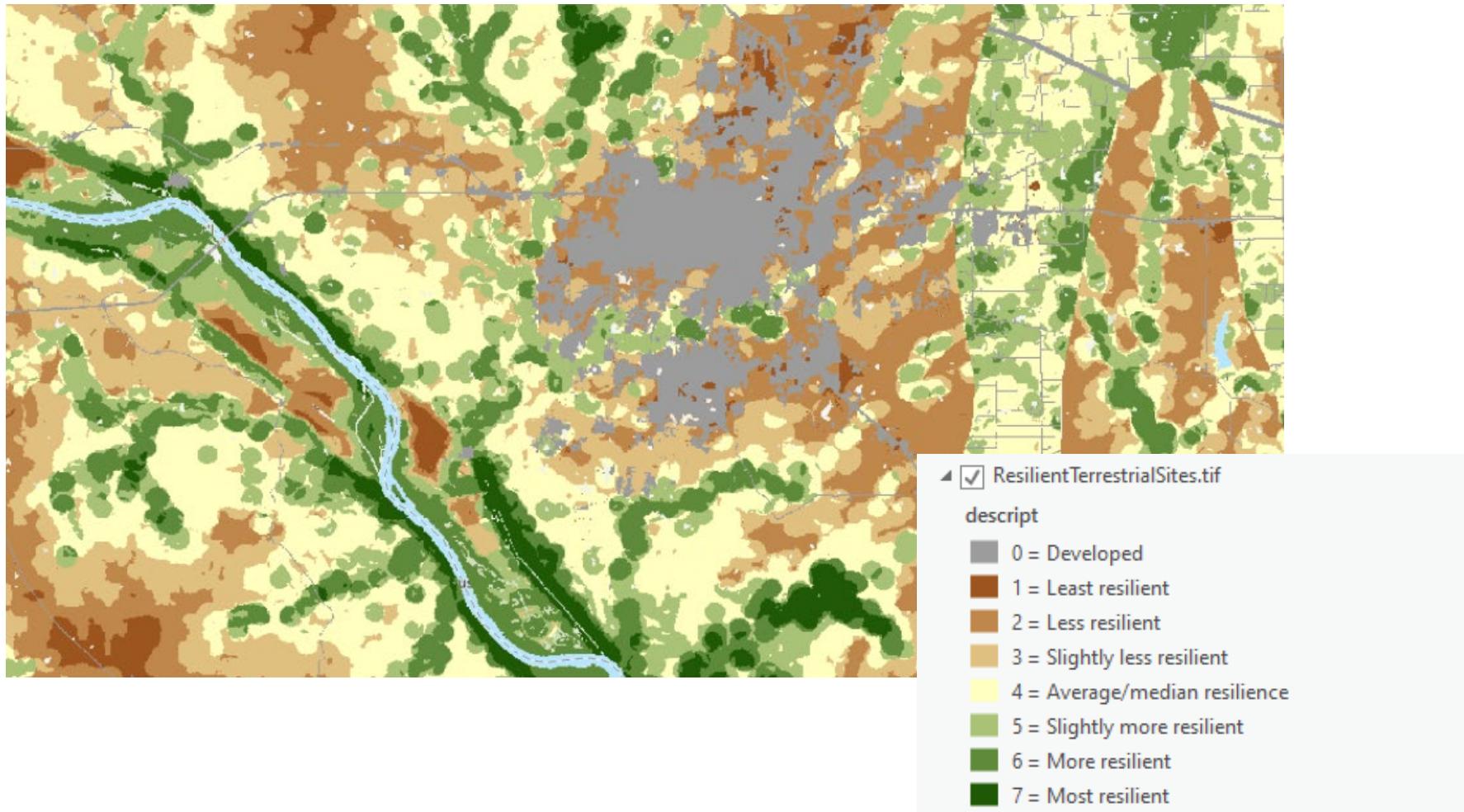
Terrestrial

- Intact habitat cores



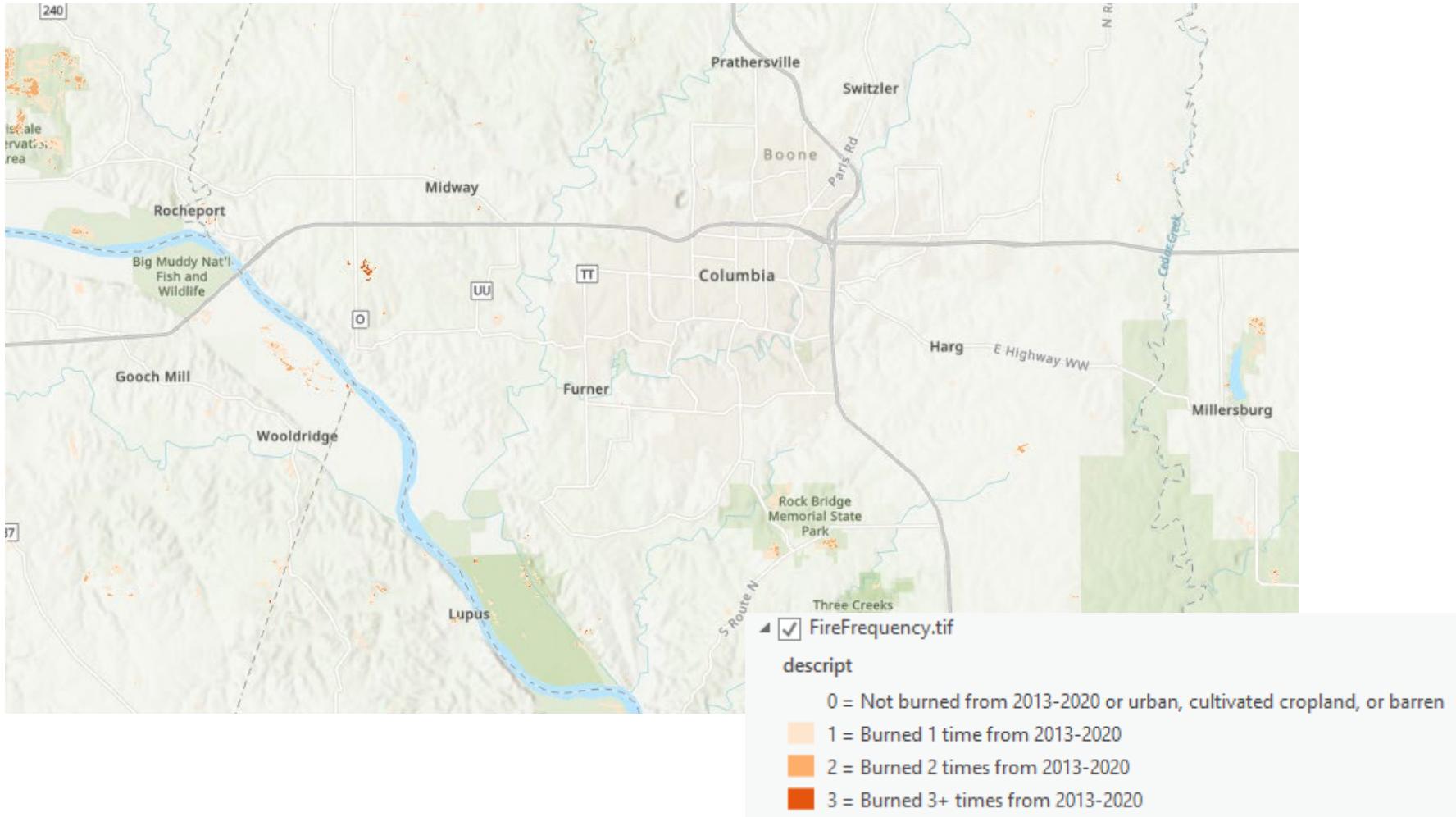
Terrestrial

- Terrestrial resilient sites



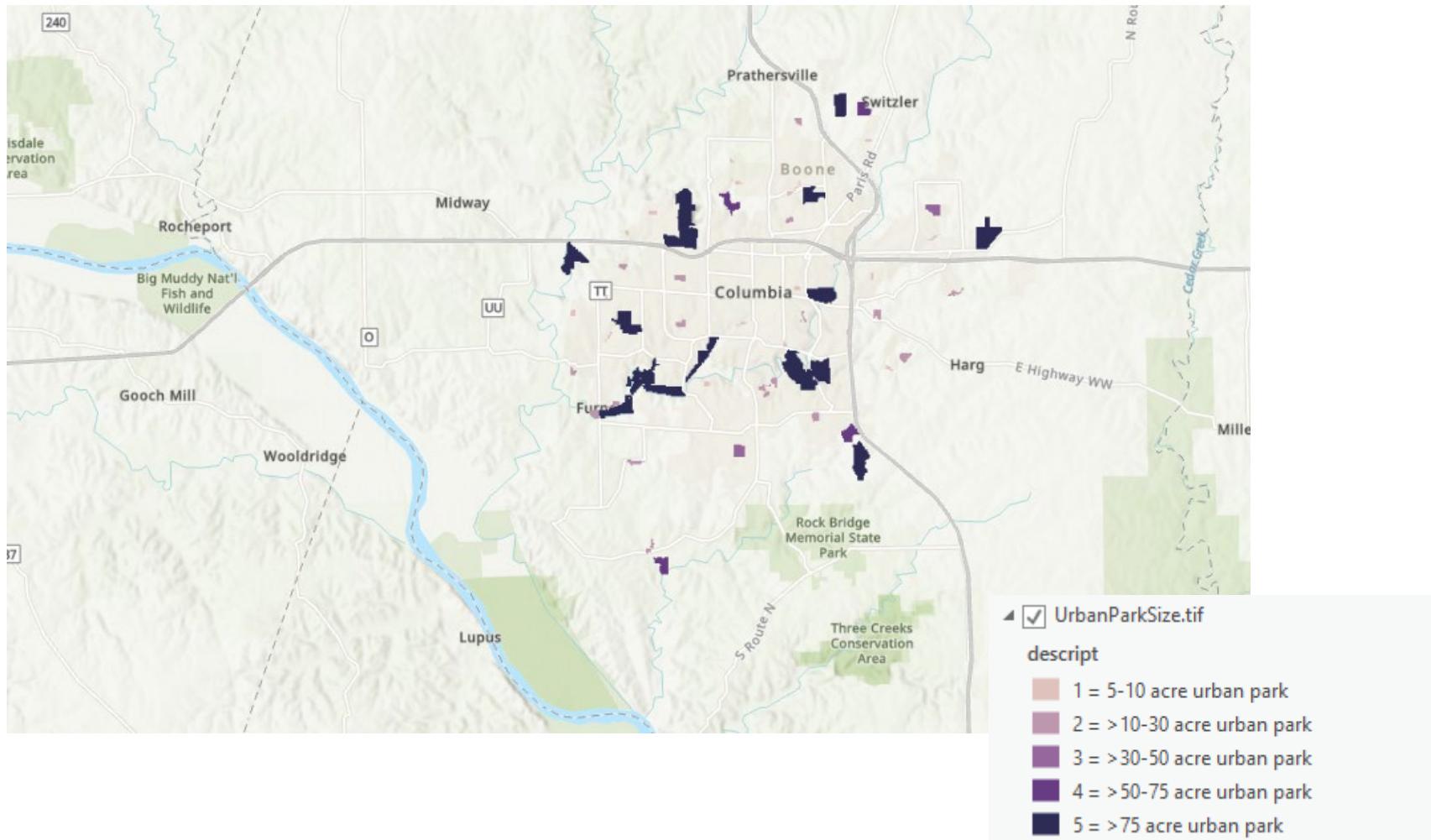
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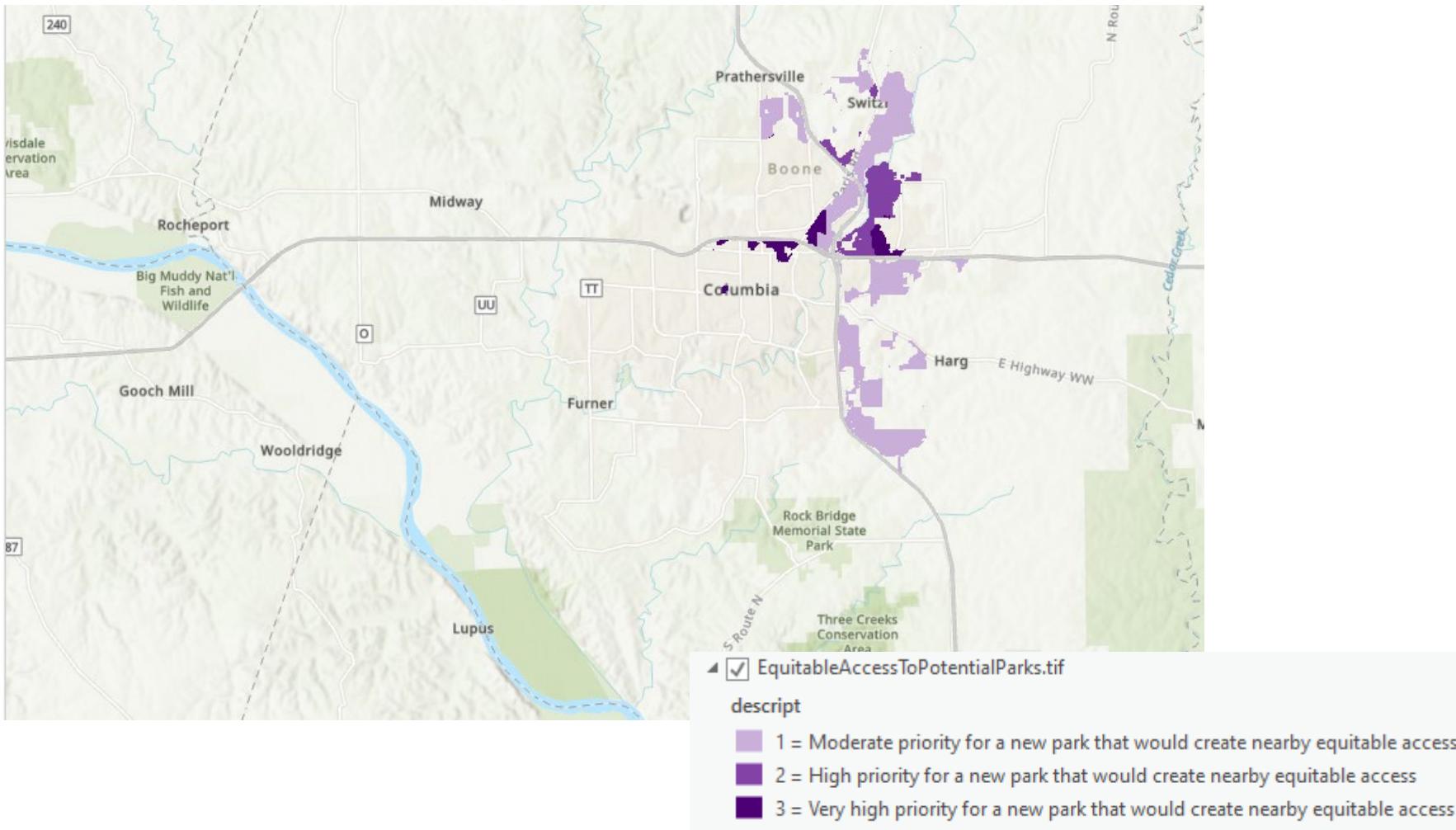
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- Urban park size



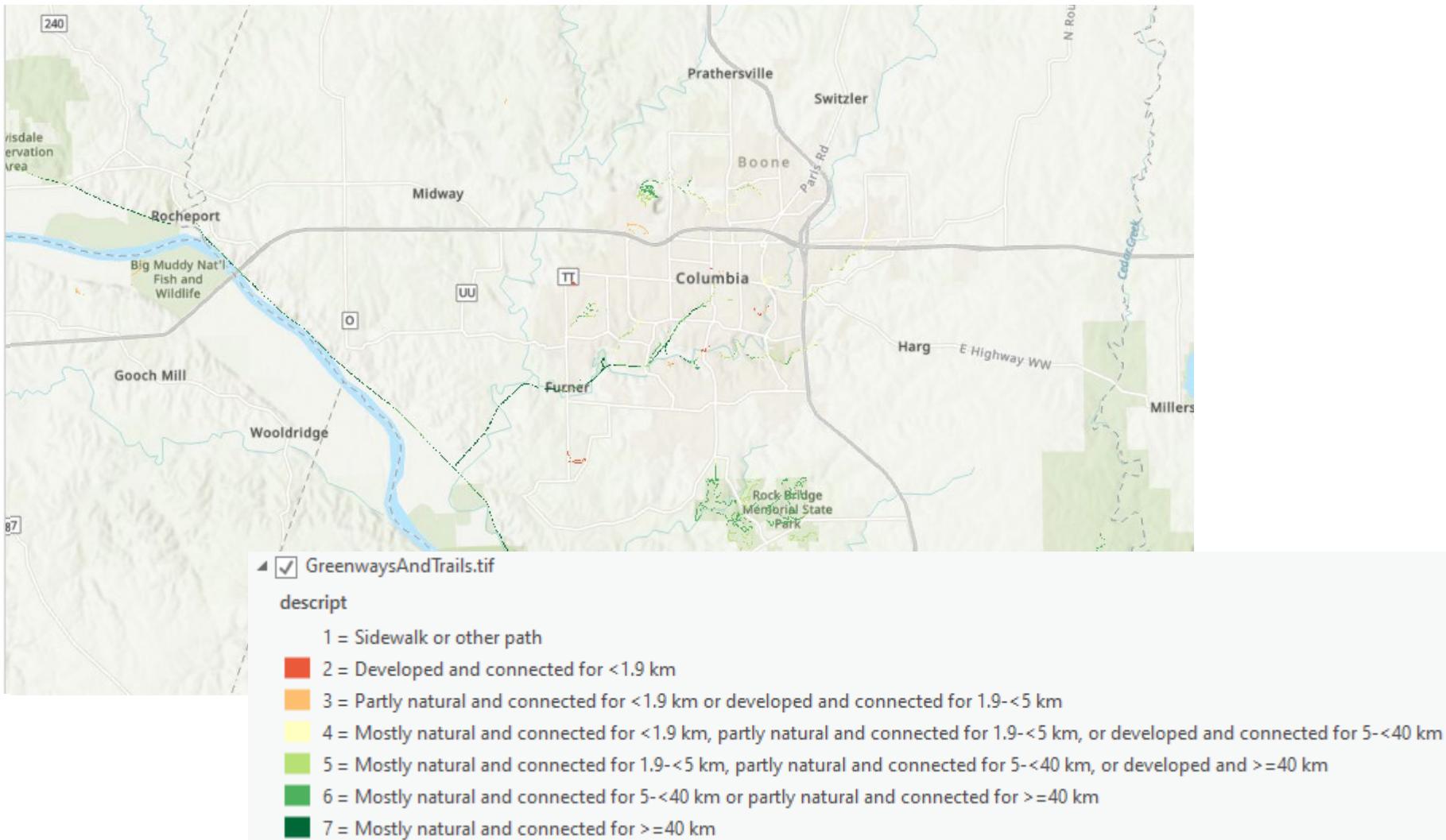
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Extra indicators for all coastal regions

- Coastal shoreline condition
- Estuarine coastal condition
- Resilient coastal sites
- Seagrasses
- Stable marsh

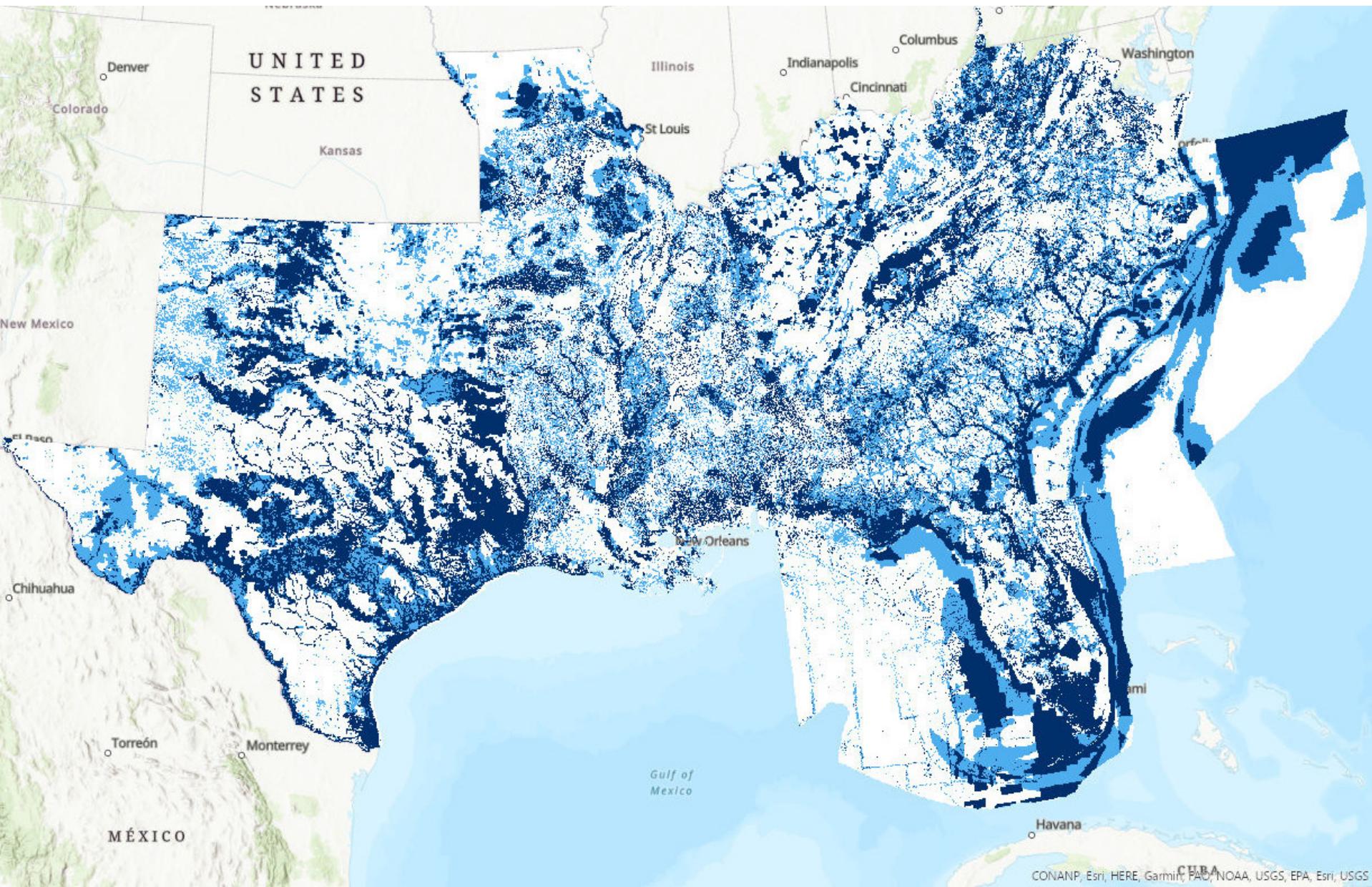
Draft indicators for specific regions

- 20 additional indicators that only apply to specific regions
- Examples include:
 - Atlantic migratory fish habitat
 - Atlantic Marine birds
 - Central Southeast Grasslands
 - Great Plains Perennial Grasslands
 - Mississippi Alluvial Valley Forest Birds - Reforestation

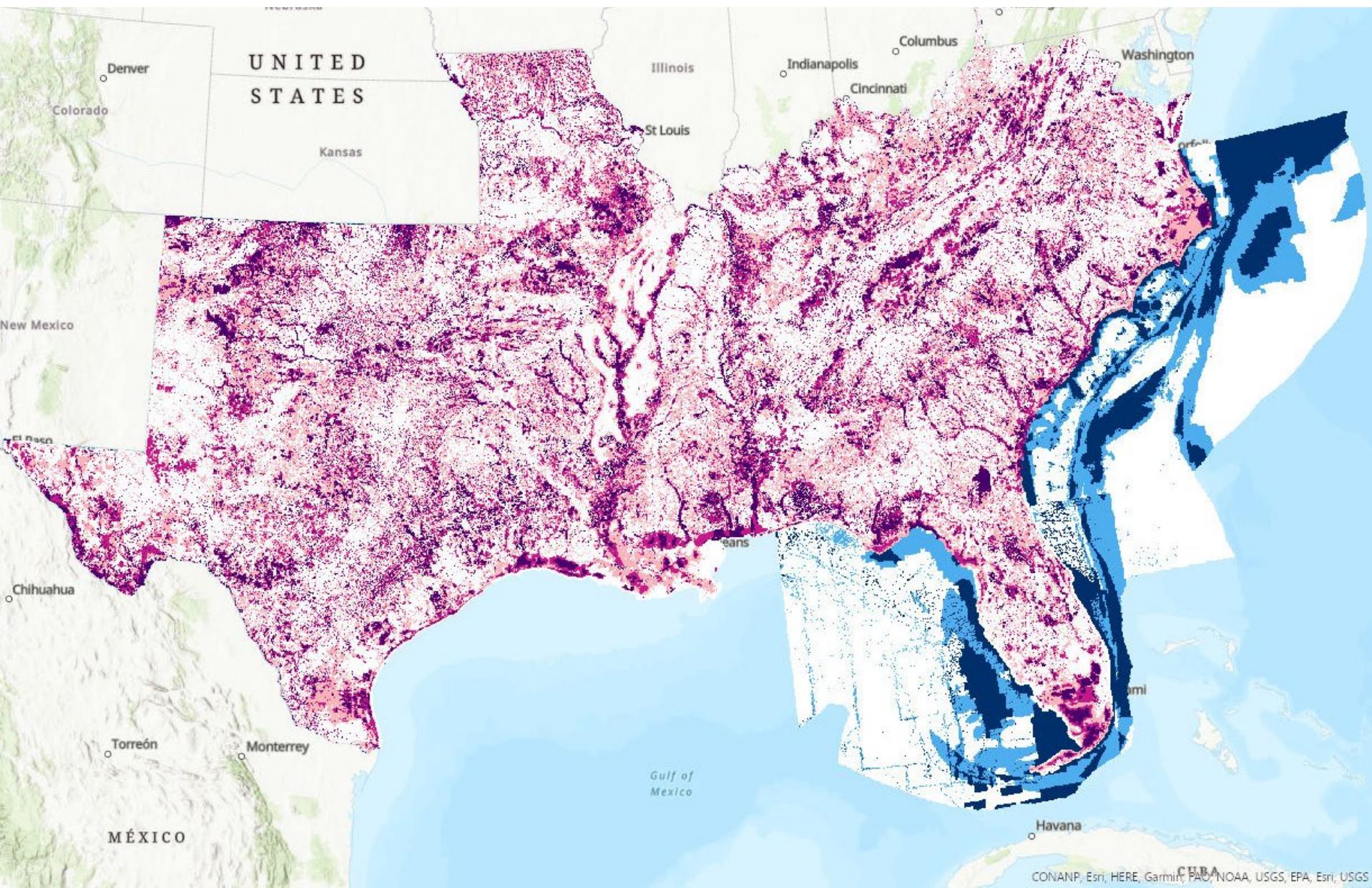
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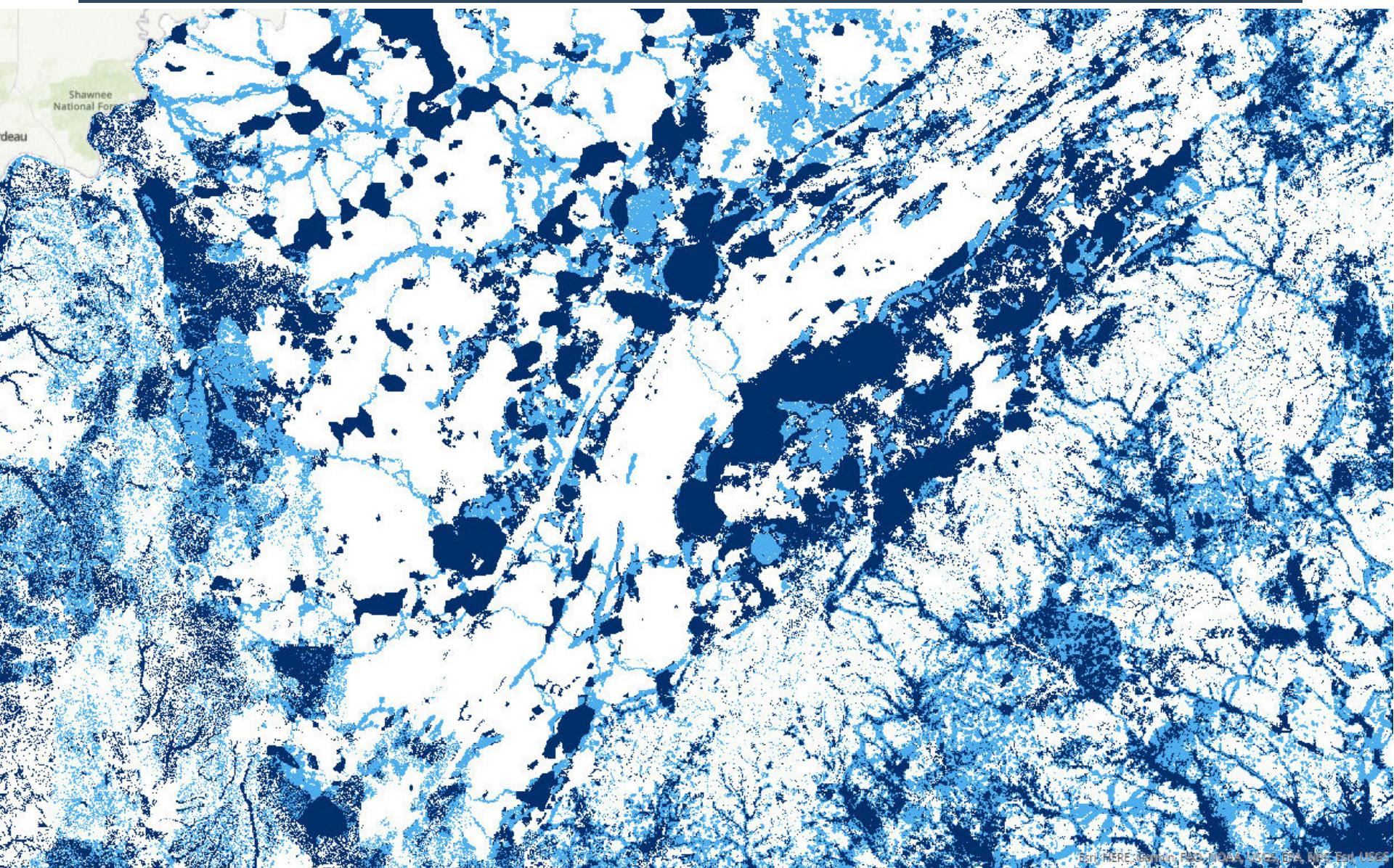
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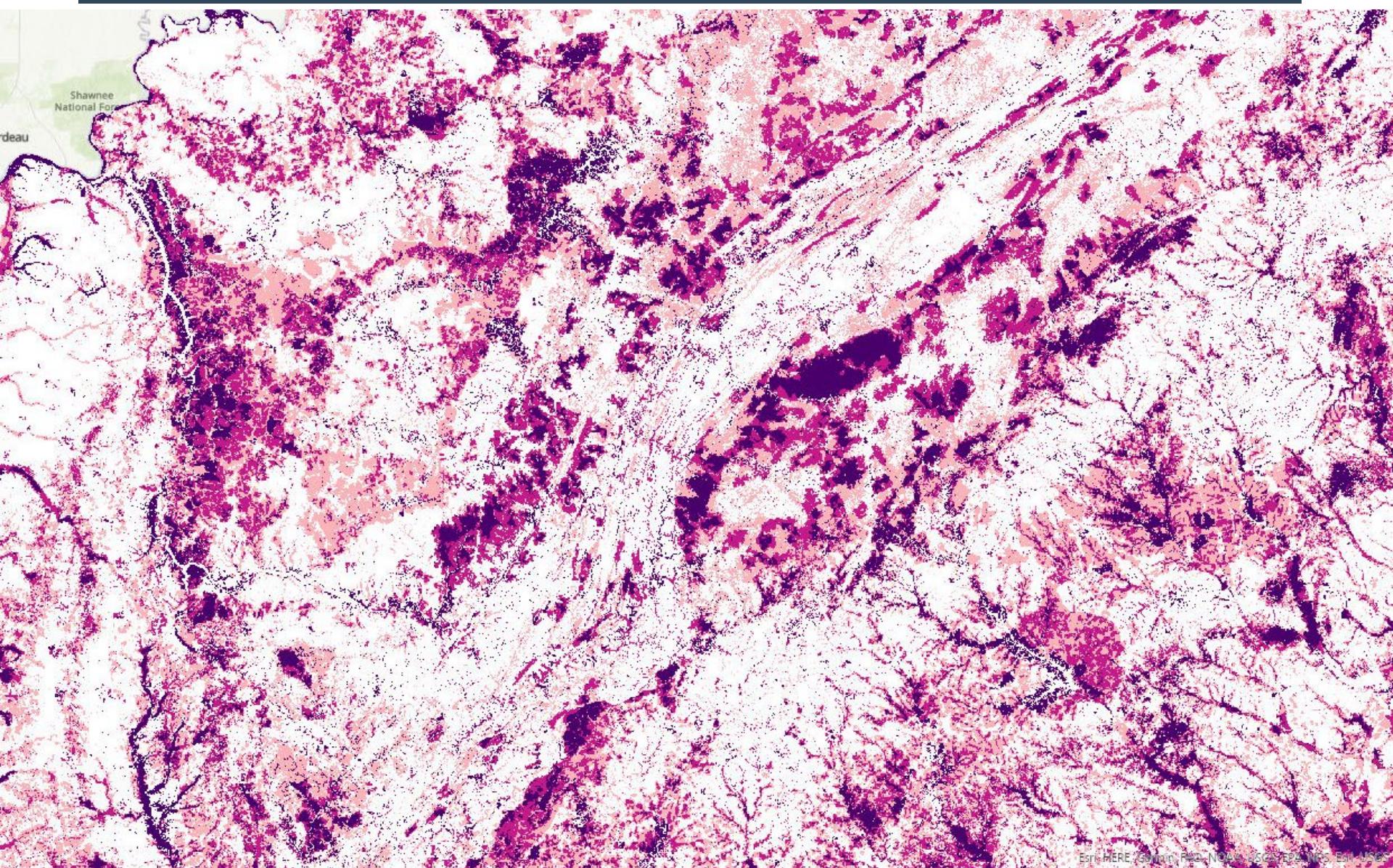
Draft 2022 version on top



2021 Blueprint: Apps/Interior Plateau



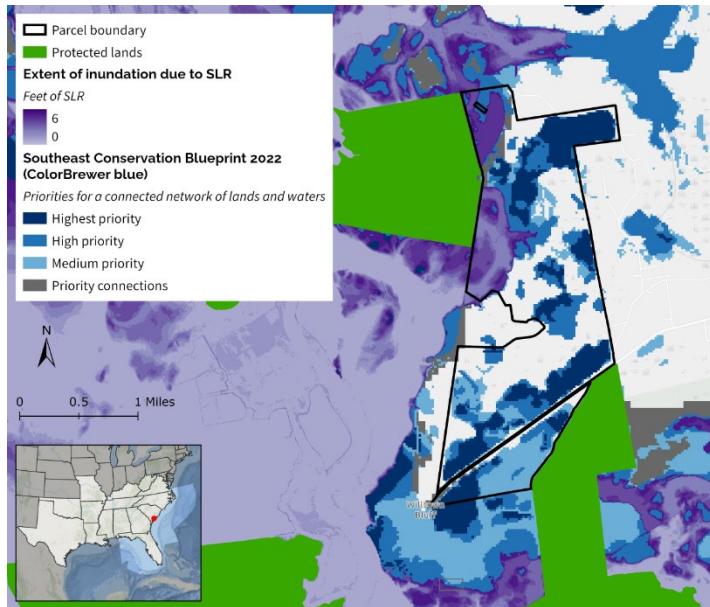
Workshop draft: Apps/Interior Plateau



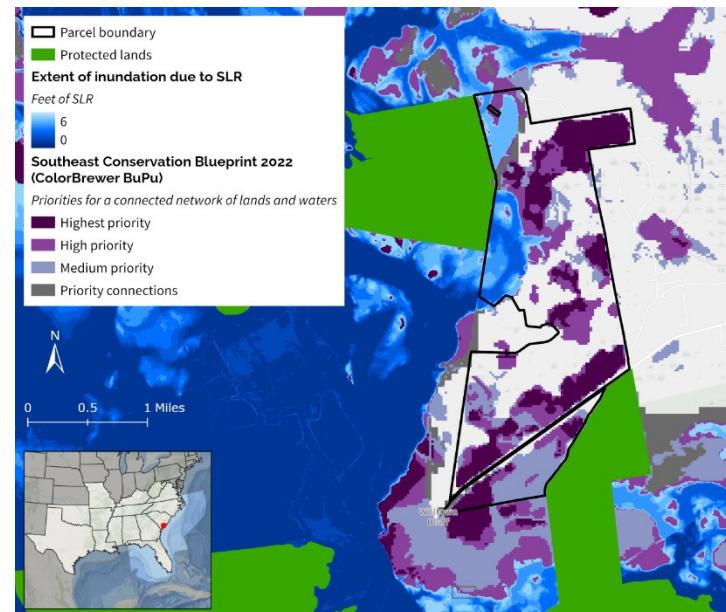
Changes with new draft

- Consistent methods and indicators
- More priority classes
- Color change to not conflict with mapping sea-level rise/ flooding

SLR and current colors

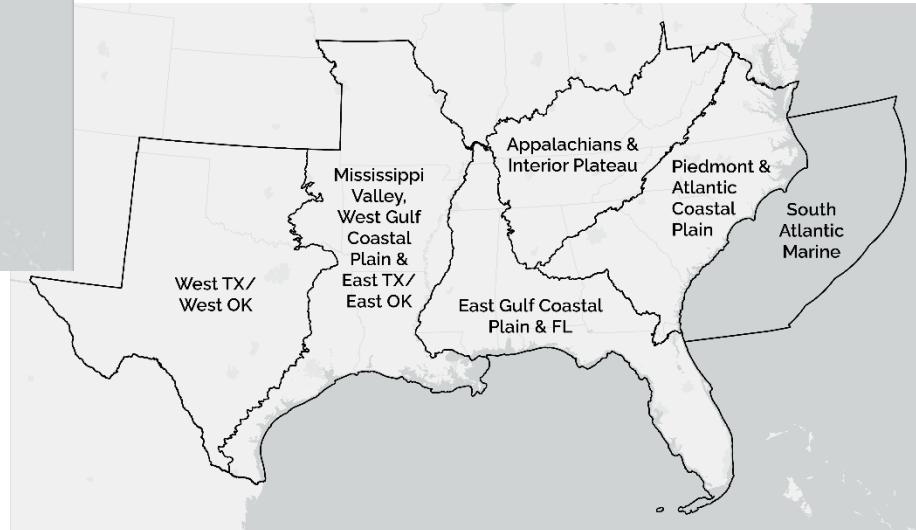
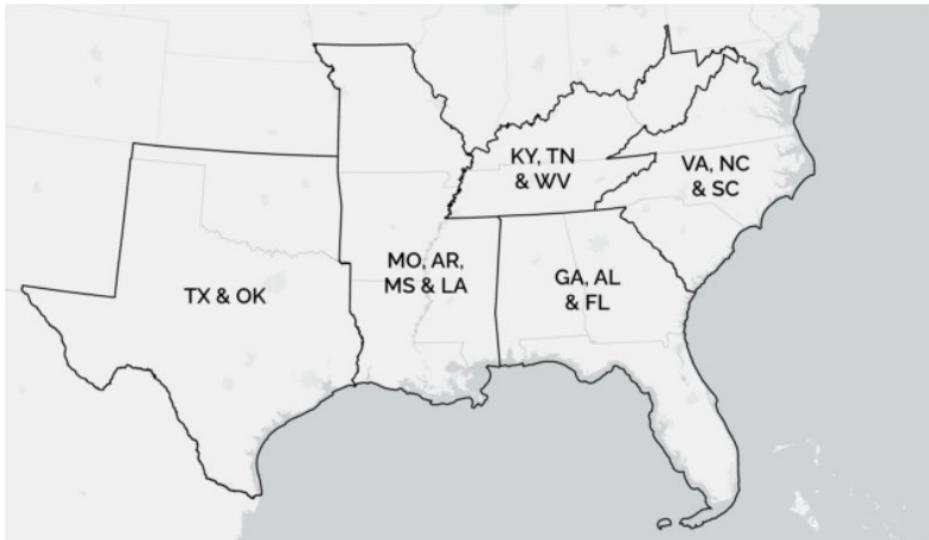


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Blueprint workshops

- 1.5 hr online workshops in May
- <http://secassoutheast.org/workshops>



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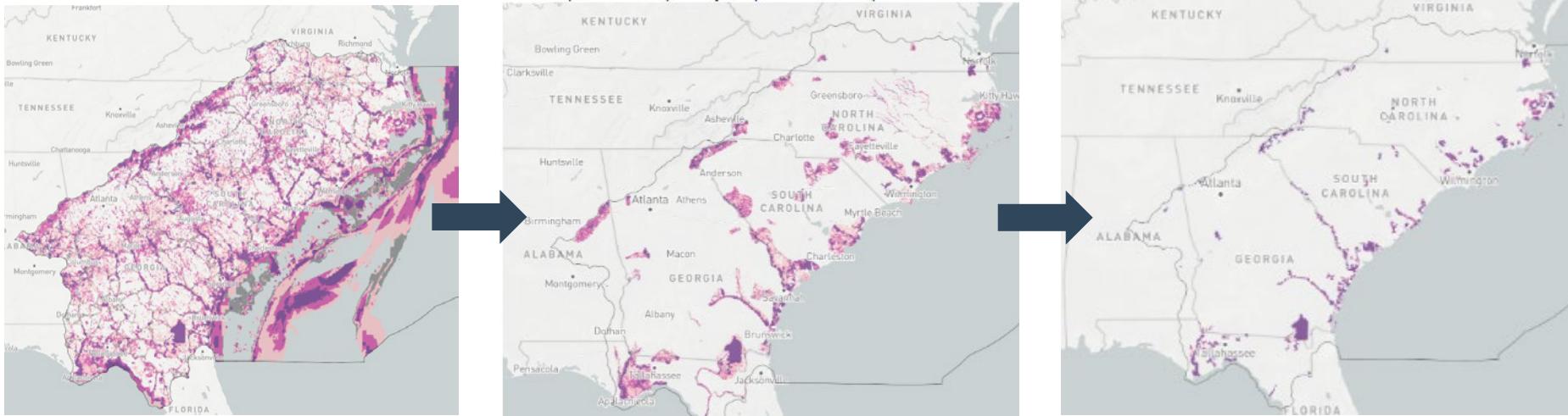
User support staff

- User support staff can help you now
 - <http://secassoutheast.org/contact>



In the works for late 2022 / early 2023

- Filtering by indicator in the Blueprint explorer
- Can help you find parts of the Blueprint that best align with the work you do
- User support can also help you with this now



Plans for Southeast Blueprint 2023

- Expansion of consistent methods to Caribbean
- Expansion of consistent methods to rest of the Gulf (in coordination with Gulf of Mexico Alliance)



Next Third Thursday
Web Forum

5-19-2022

10:00 am

Neil K. Ganju

U.S. Geological
Survey | Coastal and
Marine Geology

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Developing standardized geospatial metrics for salt marsh management and restoration



How to get involved in SECAS

- Sign up for the SECAS newsletter

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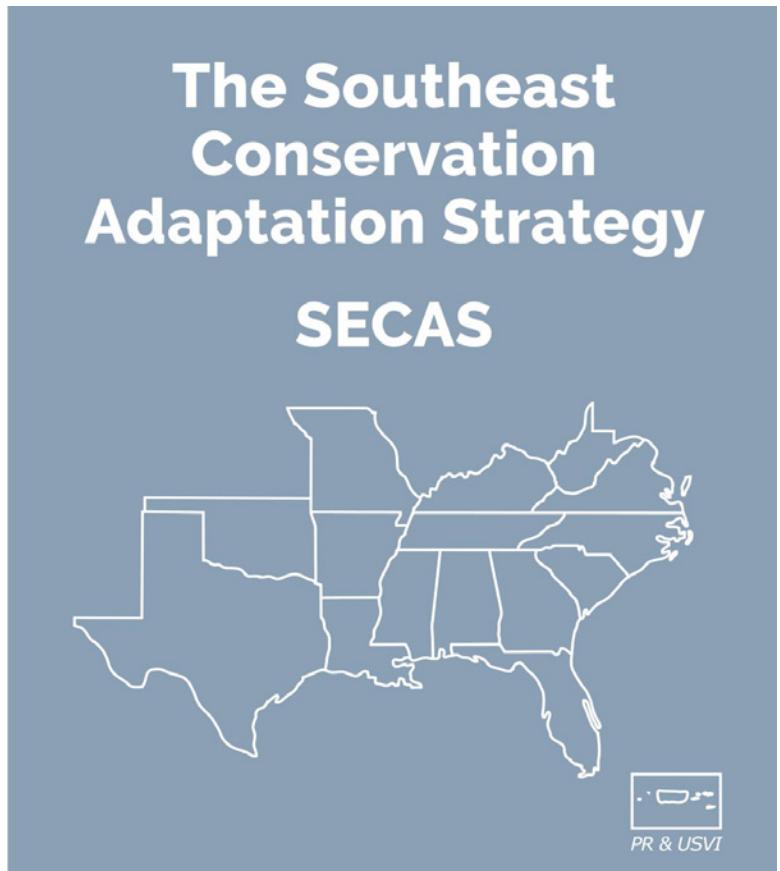
- Connect with SECAS staff or partners

secassoutheast.org/staff

secassoutheast.org/partners

- Explore the Southeast Conservation Blueprint

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A photograph of a lighthouse at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with wispy clouds colored in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The lighthouse is visible on the right side, standing tall against the horizon. In the foreground, there's a dark, textured area that looks like tall grass or brush. A large, solid dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Questions?" in a white, sans-serif font.

Questions?