



***Industry, Agriculture, Treasure and Abundance:
The Need for Sustainable Communities and the
Lower 9th Ward Model***

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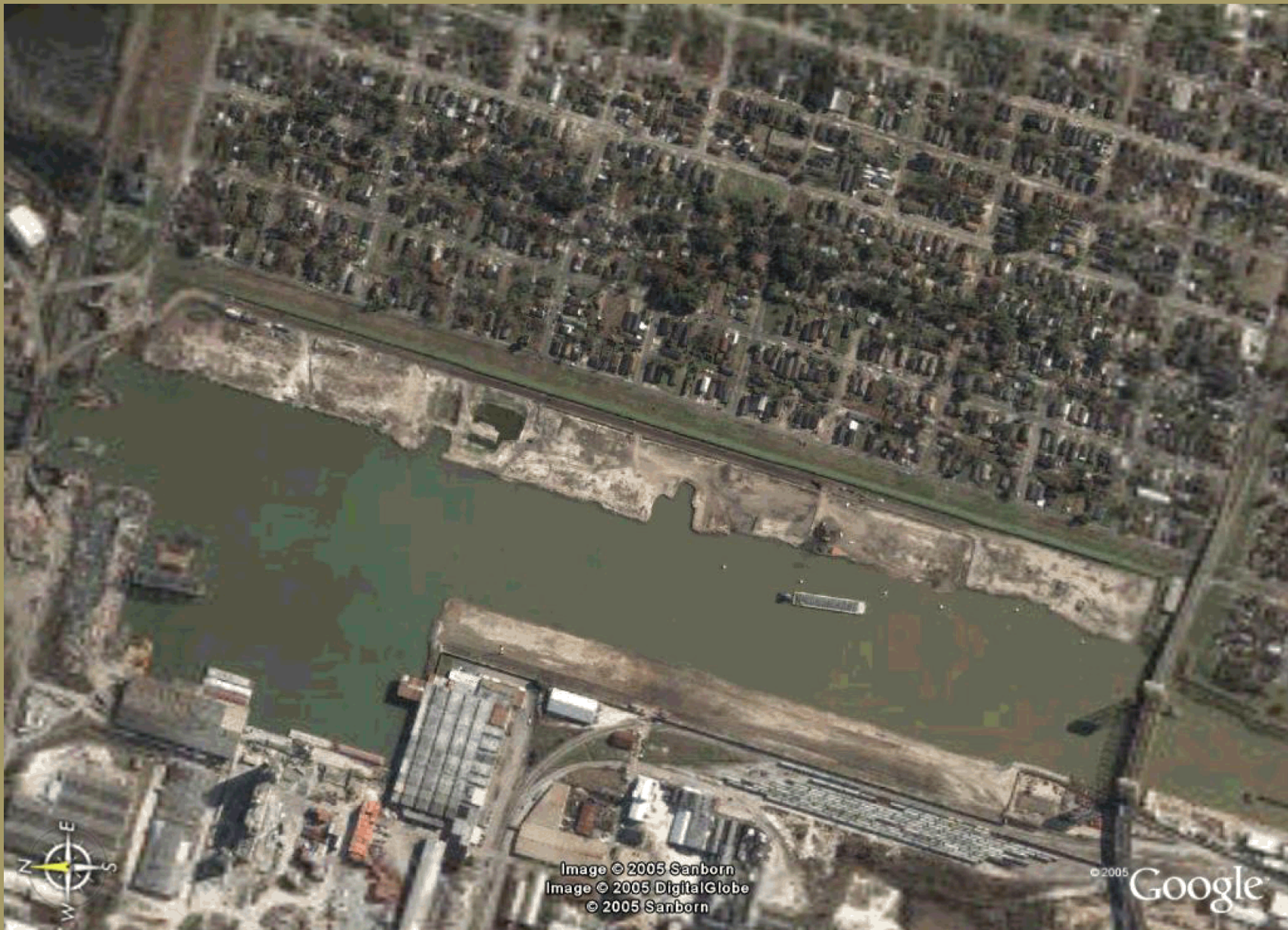


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Sustainable Restoration
Holy Cross Historic District & Lower 9th Ward



Prevention - Protection - Preservation - Prosperity - Poverty - People
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A Framework for Sustainable Resilience in the Lower Ninth Ward
The United Home Owners' Plan, District of
New Orleans, Louisiana



H3 Studio, Inc.
Houston, TX 77002
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January 2007





- 3 years old
- Staff of 2 Lower 9th residents
- Brought in \$750K in grant dollars
- Brought in over 3K volunteers
- Located in back of a church

Why strive for energy independence?

- Life style costs steadily increasing
- Security
- Healthier
- Safe for environment
- Etc...

RESILIENCY:

How Safe, How Soon Project

- One year project (2008-09) focused on the premise that in the short term, increased resiliency will only come from community identified solutions and protection efforts.
- Focal Points: storm-water management, emergency preparedness, community engagement
- Project supported three distinct communities: Carrollton/Hollygrove; United Houma Nation, and the Holy Cross/Lower 9th Ward

Community Mental Health Project

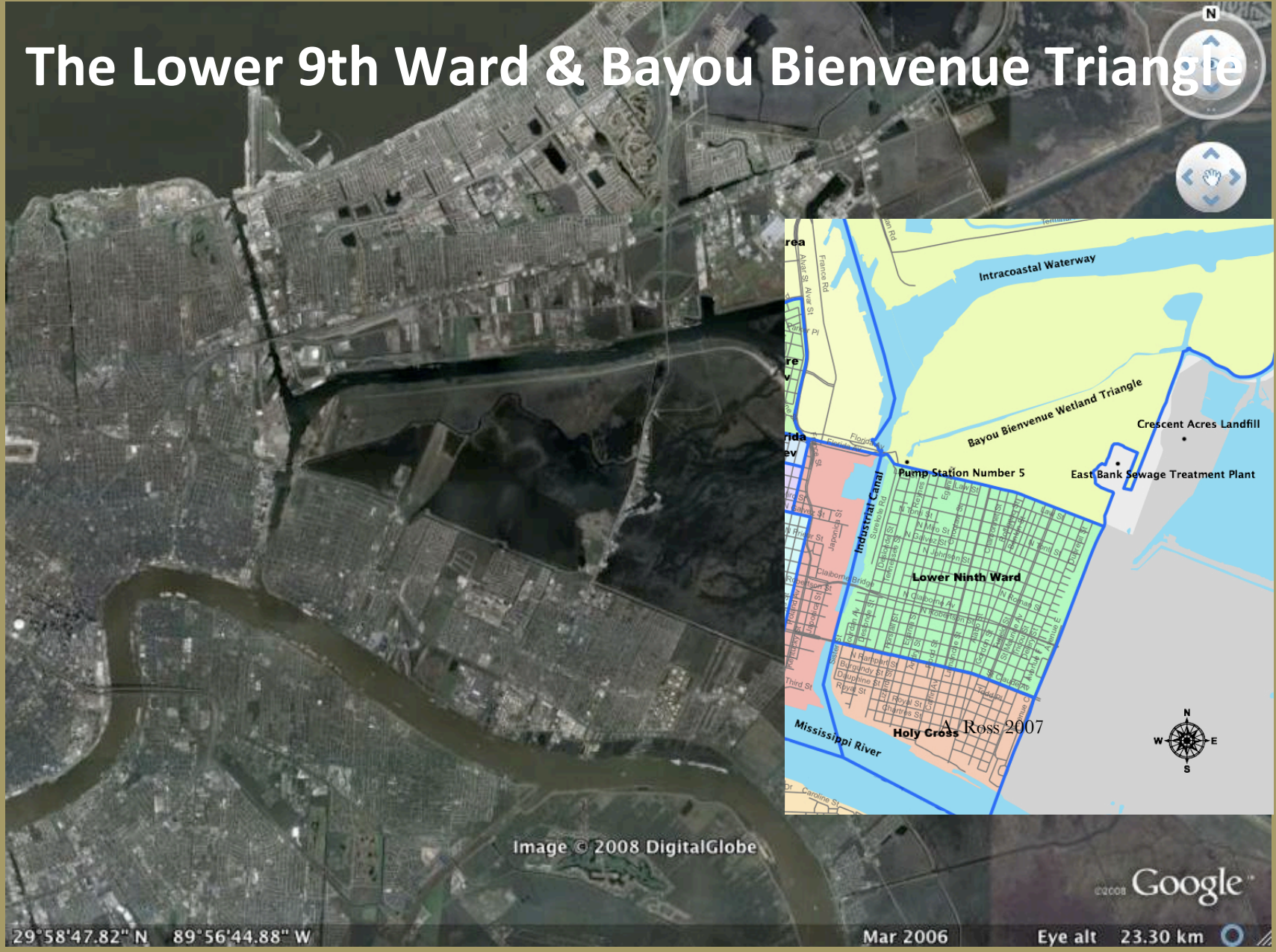
- 3 outreach workers (Cynthia Carriere, Angie Kirkland, Mary Lockett)
- Connect with residents who are dealing with depression, anxiety, etc.
- Refer the residents to counselors and other professionals for treatment
- Funding for project comes from Red Cross and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Served over 1,000 Lower 9th residents



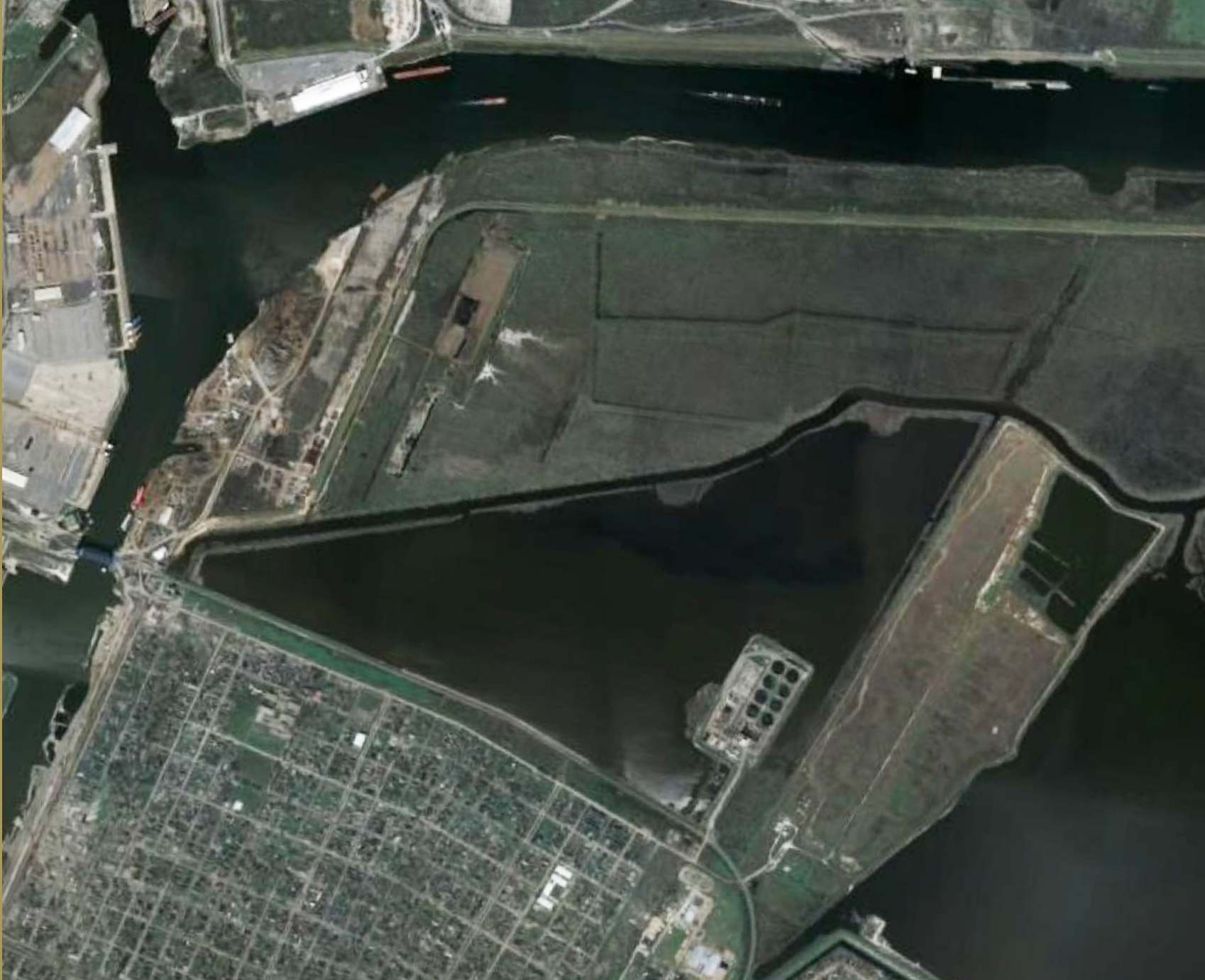




The Lower 9th Ward & Bayou Bienvenue Triangle



Bayou Bienvenue and the Urban Coast





Bayou Bienvenue, circa 1900
Louisiana Division Photograph Collection, New Orleans Public Library



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Future Vision for Bayou Bienvenue





Other Important Projects

- Redevelopment of Holy Cross School Campus
- Opening of brand new state of art “green” grocery store
- Establishing a Lower 9th deconstruction/reuse center
- Revitalization of St. Claude and N. Claiborne Avenues
- Testing of hydrokinetic potential of Miss. River



In Memoriam



**Pam Dashiell
(1948-2009)**

Visionary Leader ❖ Community Activist