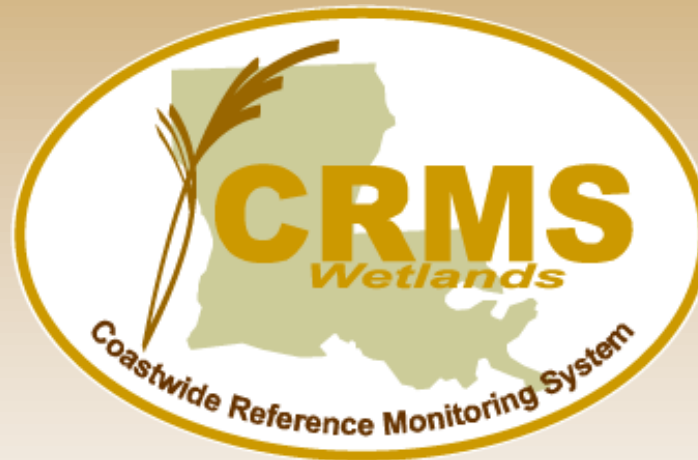


CRMS Website Training



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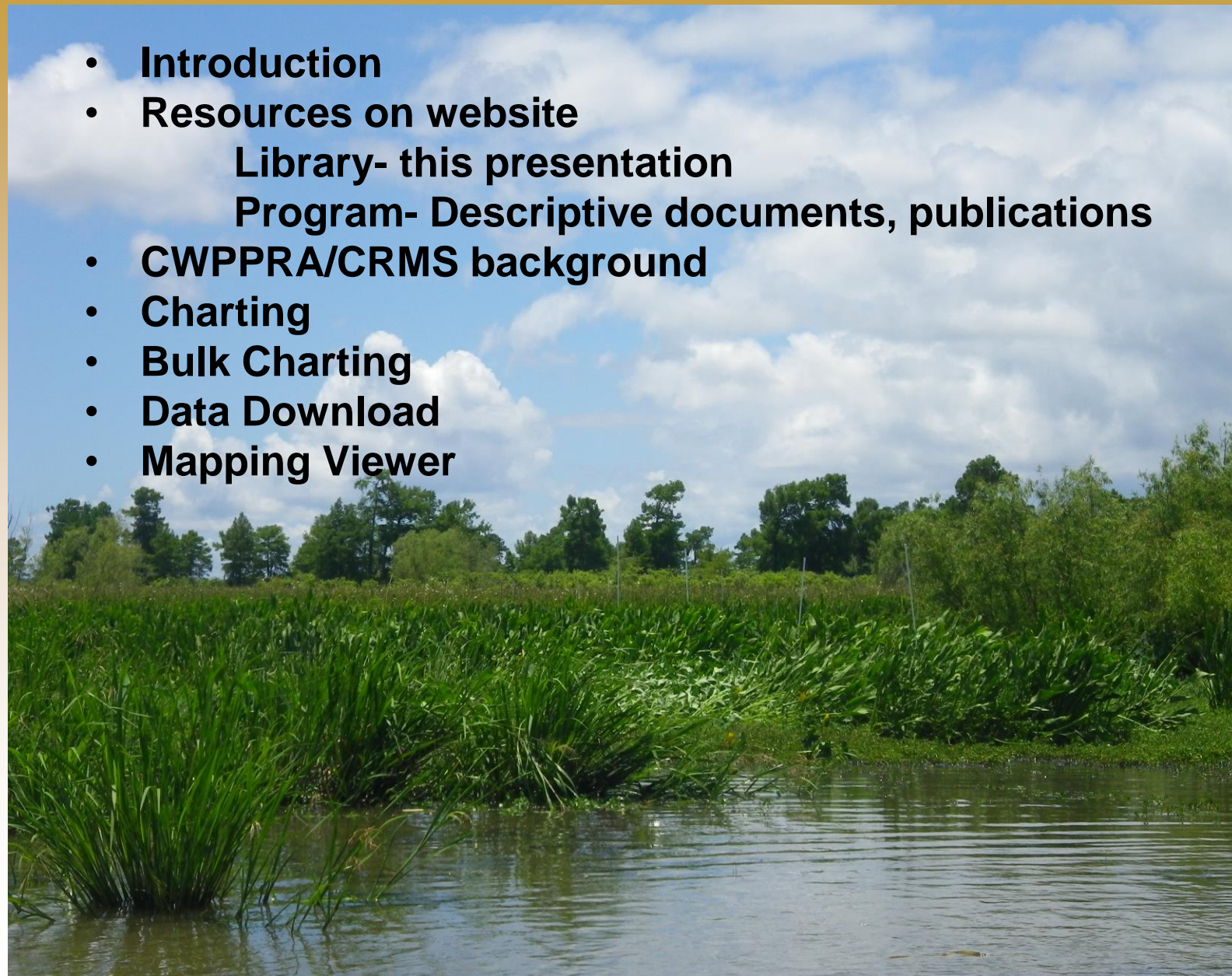
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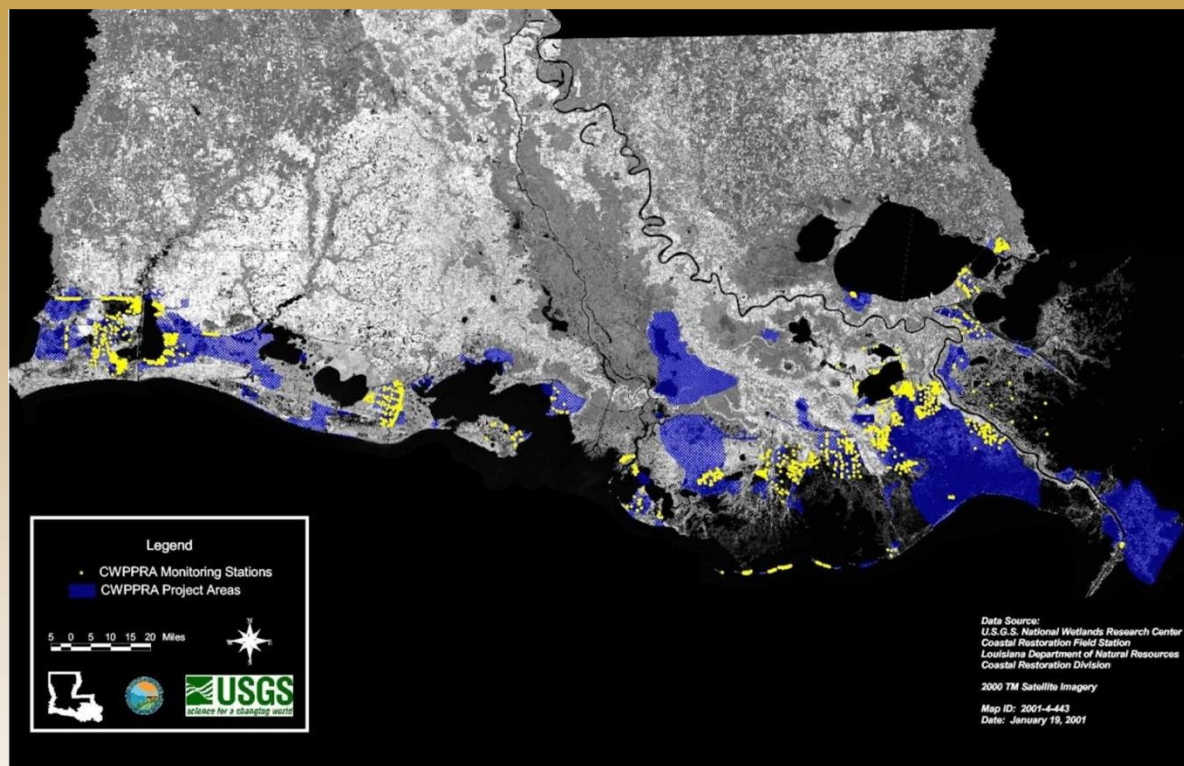
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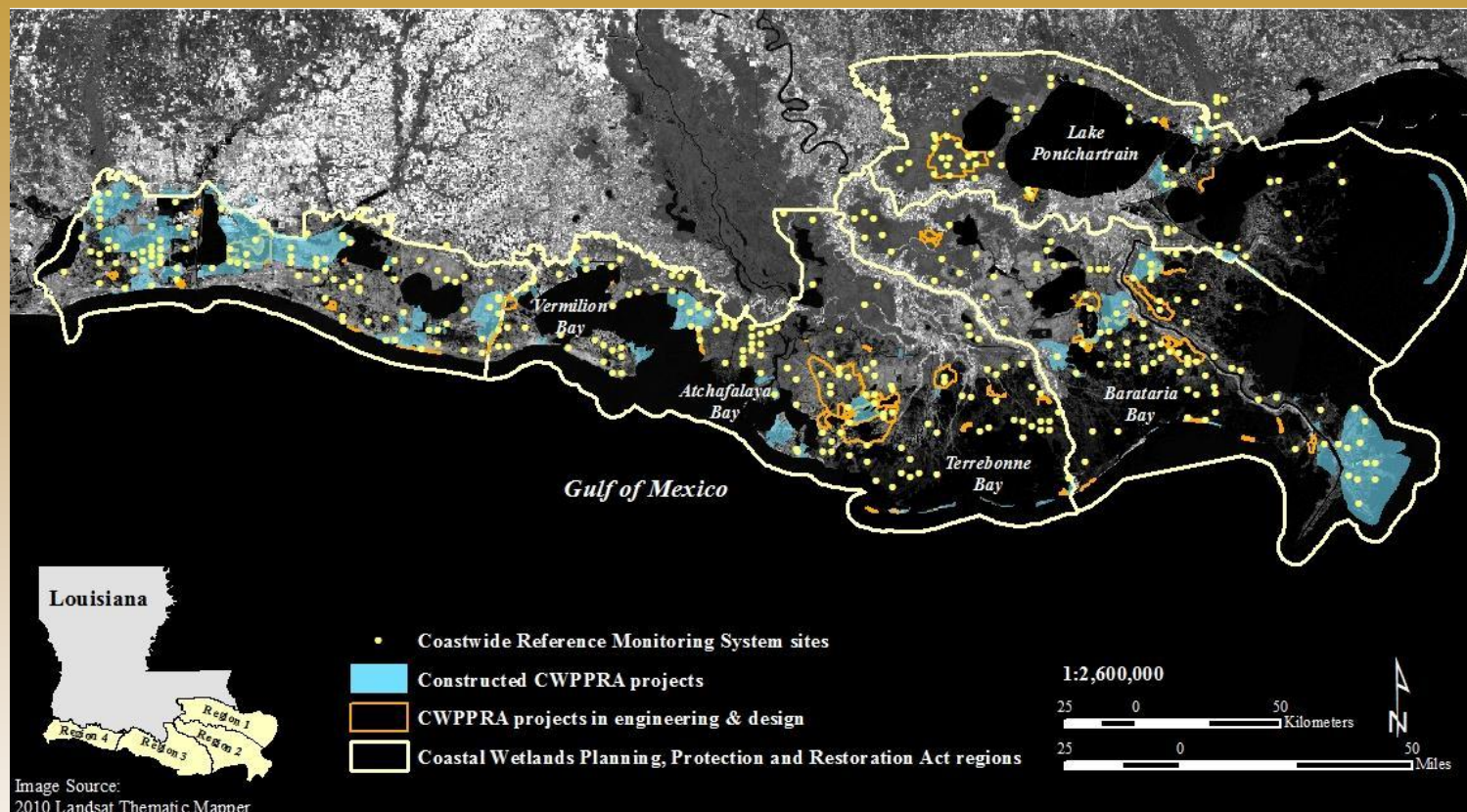
- **Introduction**
- **Resources on website**
 - Library-** this presentation
 - Program-** Descriptive documents, publications
- **CWPPRA/CRMS background**
- **Charting**
- **Bulk Charting**
- **Data Download**
- **Mapping Viewer**





Restoration project types: diversions of freshwater and sediments, marsh creation, shoreline protection, sediment and nutrient trapping, hydrologic restoration, and vegetation planting

- CWPPRA was congressionally funded in 1990 and mandated 20 years of restoration project monitoring
- CWPPRA program uses multiple restoration techniques
 - size and types of projects vary
- Initially the program used paired project and reference sites
 - with time, difficult to find “uninfluenced” reference
- Inconsistent monitoring variables and collection frequencies across projects with short data records



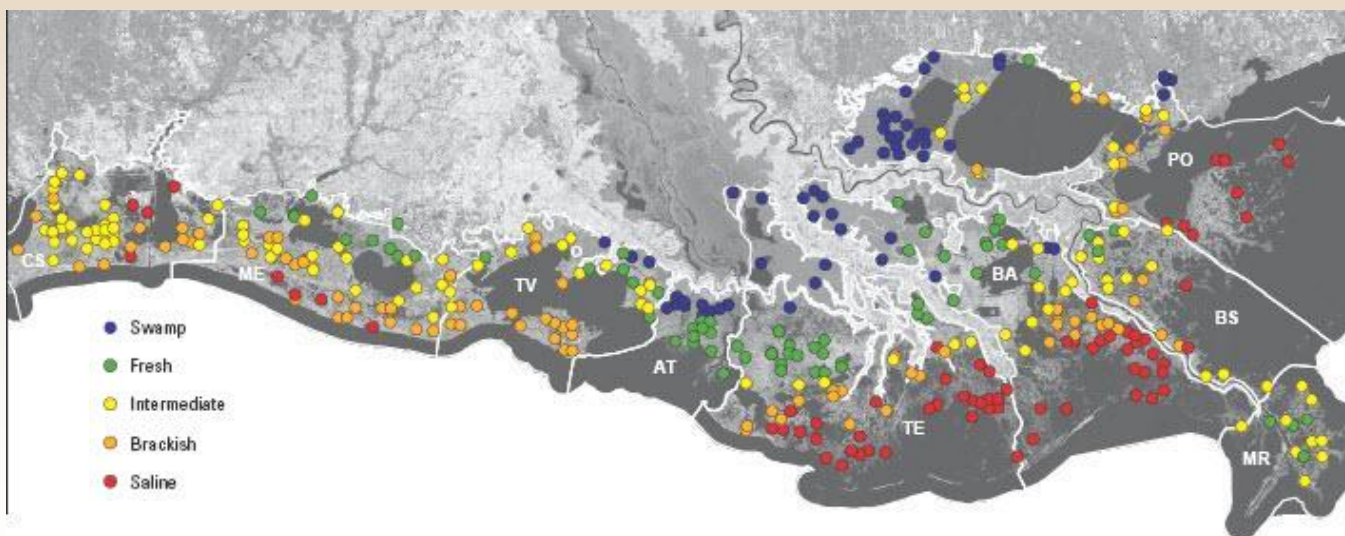
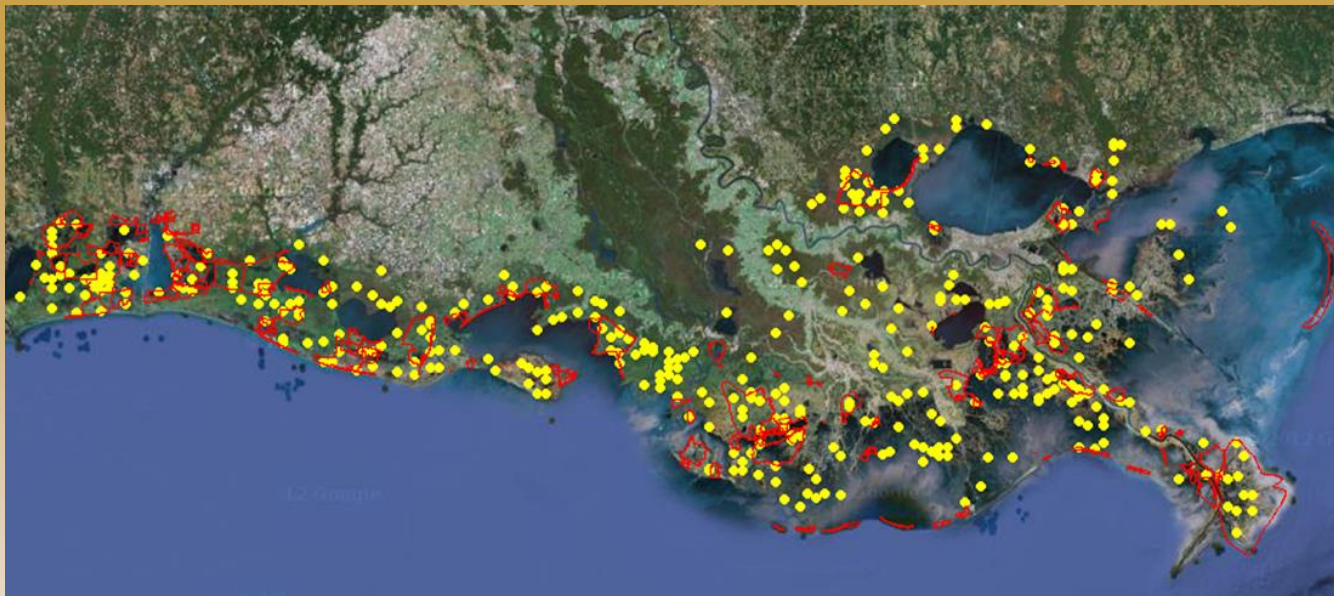
- To improve our ability to determine the effectiveness of individual coastal restoration projects.
- Provide information to evaluate coastal wetlands at the project, basin, and coastwide scales.
- To determine the ecological condition of coastal wetlands to ensure that the strategic coastal planning for Louisiana (Coast 2050, LCA, Louisiana Master Plan) is effective in recreating a sustainable coastal ecosystem.

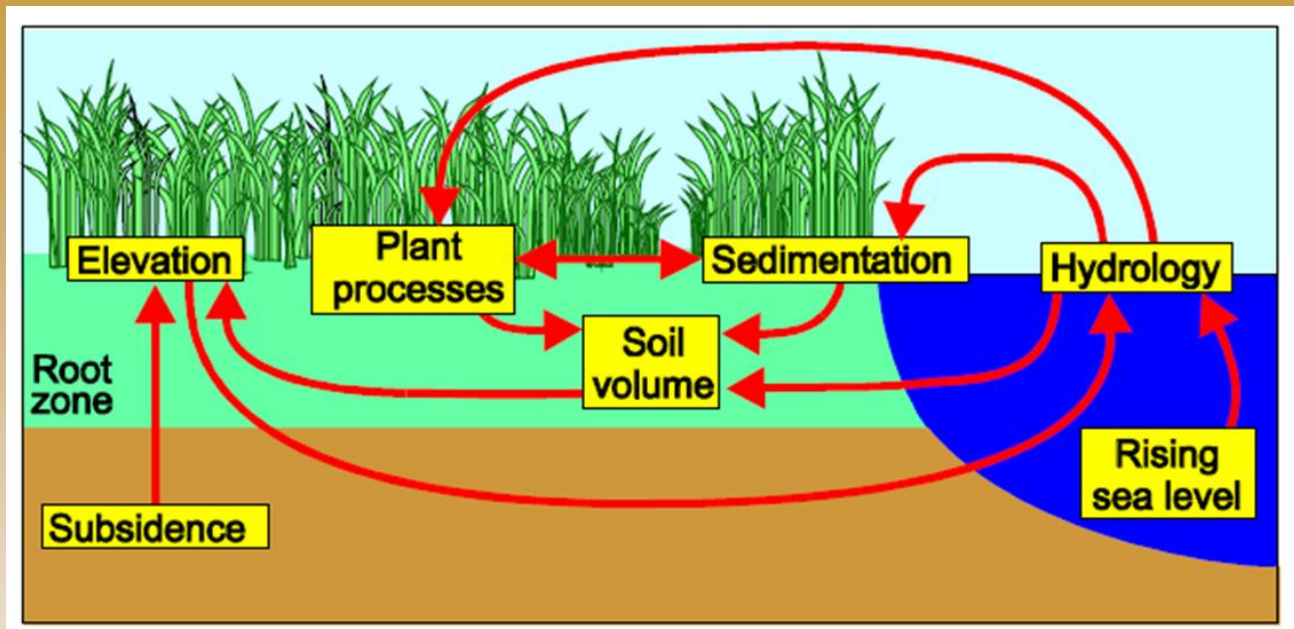


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CRMS Design and Assessment

- Funded by CWPPRA in 2003 & State of LA
- CPRA/USGS Sponsors
- ~ 390 CRMS sites
- Long-term dataset (2006-2019)
- Sites inside & outside of CWPPRA projects
- Sites in swamp, fresh, intermediate, brackish, and salt marsh
- Barrier islands monitored through BICM, not CRMS
- Allows for multi-scale assessments through CRMS report cards
- Data used for future scenario modeling





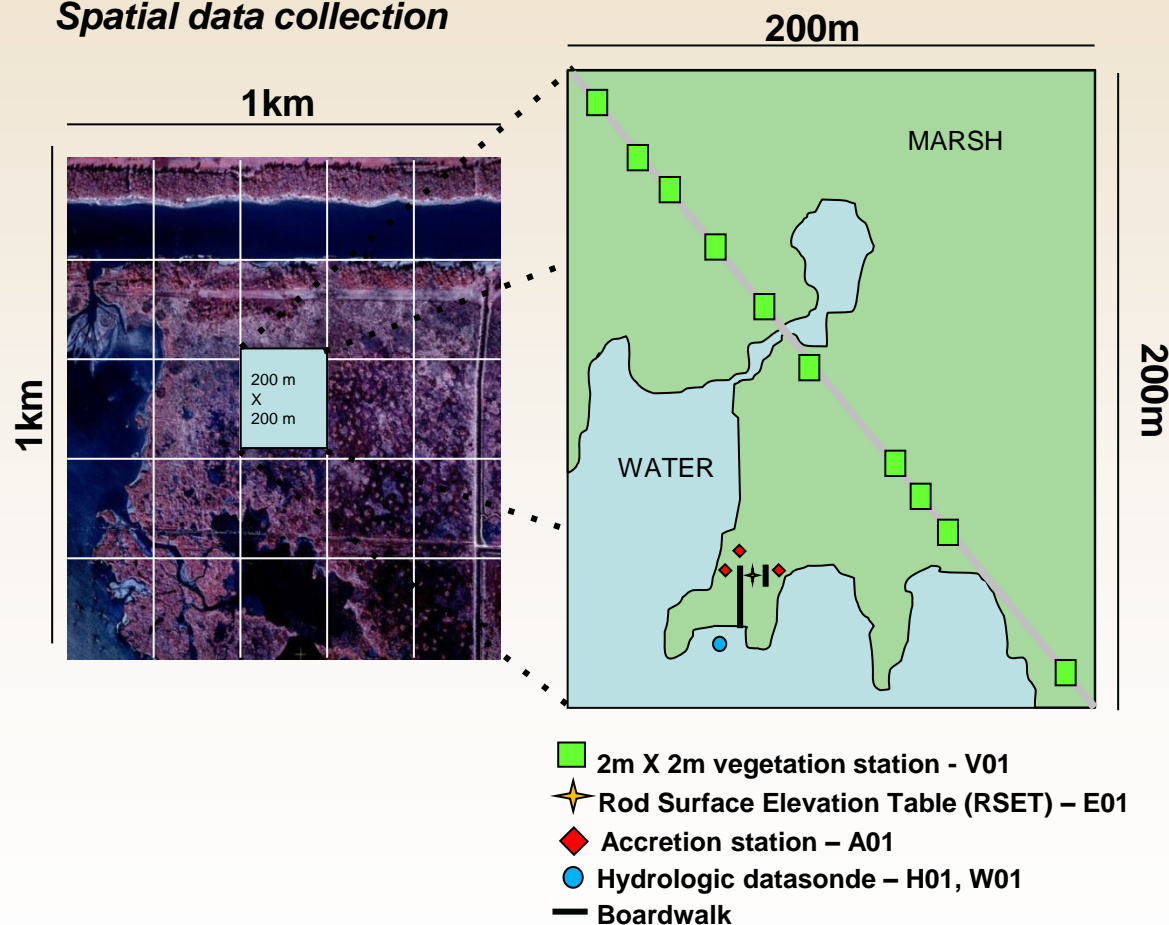
Questions to address through CRMS:

Did the restoration program:

- reduce coastal wetland loss?
- sustain a diversity of vegetation types within basins?

Is the restoration program effective in reducing major stressors on wetlands (i.e., flooding regime, salinity, elevation change)?

Spatial data collection



Typical Marsh Site



Typical Swamp Site

CRMS sites contain numerous CRMS stations

See cheat sheet for details of the standardized naming conventions



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Station Naming Conventions

CRMS DATA COLLECTION INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

CRMS website: <http://lacoast.gov/crms>

Standard operating procedures: CRMS website-Program/Administration/Support Docs/Folse et al. 2014.

Download “raw” data from Coastal Information Management System (CIMS): CRMS website-Data/Tabular/CIMS Data Tool (<http://cims.coastal.louisiana.gov/>)

Hydrographic: Station number (H01): Continuous hourly salinity, temperature, and water level data are collected. At most sites the data sonde is in an open water body or bayou.

- Station number (W01): Continuous hourly salinity, temperature, and water level but the data sonde is in a well in the marsh instead of an open water body.
- Station number (M01): Marsh mat stations are established in floating marshes where the marsh mat rises and falls with water level.

CRMS sites with *realtime* hydro gages: CRMS0061, 0282, 0411, 0465, 0568, 0609, 0615, 0651, 2418, 5373 -- <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/current/?type=flow>

Soil Porewater Salinity: Station number (P01, P02, P03): Discrete collections near the CRMS boardwalks: 1) intermittently throughout the year during hydro data sonde servicing and 2) twice annually during spring and fall RSET/accretion sampling. Collected at each vegetation station (10 herbaceous vegetation stations per CRMS site) during vegetation sampling in the late summer/early fall.

Herbaceous Vegetation: Station number (V01, V02, etc.): Species composition, percent cover, and dominant height once annually (late summer/early fall) at 10 stations per CRMS site. Plots are 2X2m.

Vertical Accretion (Station number (A01, A02, etc.)) & **Surface Elevation** (Station number E01 or E02): Collected twice annually (spring and fall) using cryo-coring and rod-surface elevation tables.

Swamp Forest:

- 1) Overstory Station number (F01, F02, etc.) (at least every 3 years): species composition and diameter at breast height (DBH) for woody shrubs and trees > 5 cm DBH in late summer/early fall. Canopy cover with a densiometer annually during herbaceous vegetation sampling. Plots are 20X20m.
- 2) Understory Station number (F01UNW, UC, USE, etc.) (every 3 years): species composition, height, DBH, stem density of woody shrubs and trees < 5 cm DBH (late summer/ early fall). Plots are 6X6m.
- 3) Swamp Herbaceous Vegetation Station number (F01VNW, VC, VSE, etc.) (annually in the late summer/early fall): same as for herbaceous vegetation as described above but at 9 stations per swamp CRMS site. Plots are 2X2m.

Soil Properties: Station number (S01, S02, etc): Collected upon site establishment and every 10 years in marshes and 6 years in swamps.

- pH, salinity, bulk density, soil moisture, percent organic matter, wet/dry volume

**Cheat Sheet:
Provided via
email (11/30/16)
and available in
the FAQ's on
home page**

Aerial photo

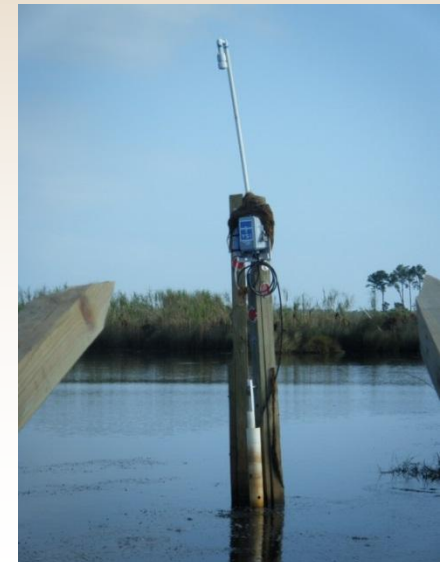
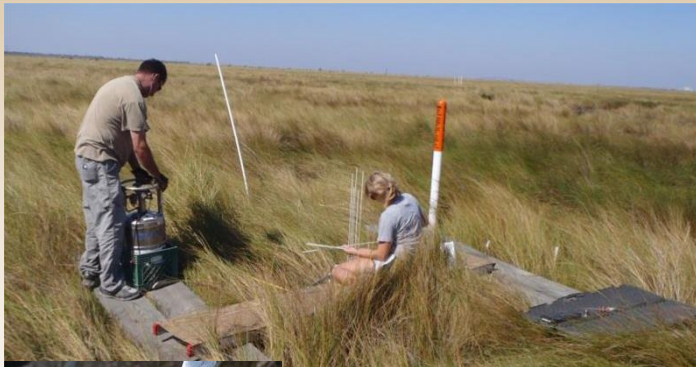
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2008

1km² scale:

High resolution aerial photography based land:water analyses to investigate land change through time.

200m² scale: Field data collection using standardized data collection protocols and consistent sampling intervals





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Site Layout





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Site Data Collection

Data Type	Parameter	Method	Scale	Frequency
Land change	Land:Water Ratio	Satellite Imagery	Hydrologic Basin	3 years
	Land:Water Ratio	Digital Aerial Photography	CRMS Site (1 km ²)	3 years
Vegetation	Emergent Vegetation	Braun Blanquet: % Cover, Species Richness, Height of Dominant Species	(10) 2m x 2m plots per marsh site or (9) plots per swamp sites	Annually during peak biomass
	Forested Vegetation	DBH, Canopy Cover, Understory veg	(3) 20m x 20m Forested plots & (9) 6m X6m Understory plots per site	3 yrs during peak biomass
Soils	Soil Characteristics	Core samples profiled into 4 cm increments to 24 cm. Bulk Density, OM%, Soil Salinity, pH, and Moisture.	3 cores, 18 archived samples per site	6 to 10 years
	Vertical Accretion	Feldspar Plots/Cryogenic Cores	3 plots per site	Twice per year
	Marsh Elevation Change	Rod Surface Elevation Table (RSET)	4 directions per site	Twice per year
Hydrology	Soil Porewater	10 and 30 cm syringe sippers	3 samples per depth per site and at vegetation plots	Variable and annually
	Surface Water Salinity, Temp and Water Level	Submersible Data Logger	in available water within 200m of CRMS site or in a well	Hourly



A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE COAST-WIDE REFERENCE MONITORING SYSTEM-*WETLANDS*:

Methods for Site Establishment, Data Collection, and Quality
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- **QA/QC procedure for each data type**
- **Field procedures**
- **Data entry**
- **Initial data review**
- **Automated review during submission into database buffer**
- **CPRA regional office review**
- **Final approval and acceptance into CIMS database-- data lag varies by data type**



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DOWNLOAD DATA - HYDROGRAPHIC MONTHLY

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This screen defines a request for Monthly data. The data that matches this request will be returned real-time in a grid view and will provide an option to download a comma delimited file with user provide file name, please see disclaimer below.

Enter Selection Criteria:

☒ Filter by Projects ☐ Filter by CRMS Sites

For a detailed explanation of all data types and collection frequencies, please review the [Data Descriptions](#) document.


(Select either a Project Name or a CRMS Site to get a list of filtered Stations.)

Project:

Stations:

From Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

To Date (mm/dd/yyyy):



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Monitoring Data

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Hydrographic Monthly Data

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Hydrographic Hourly Data

[Retrieve Hourly Data](#)

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Accretion Data

[Retrieve Accretion Data](#)

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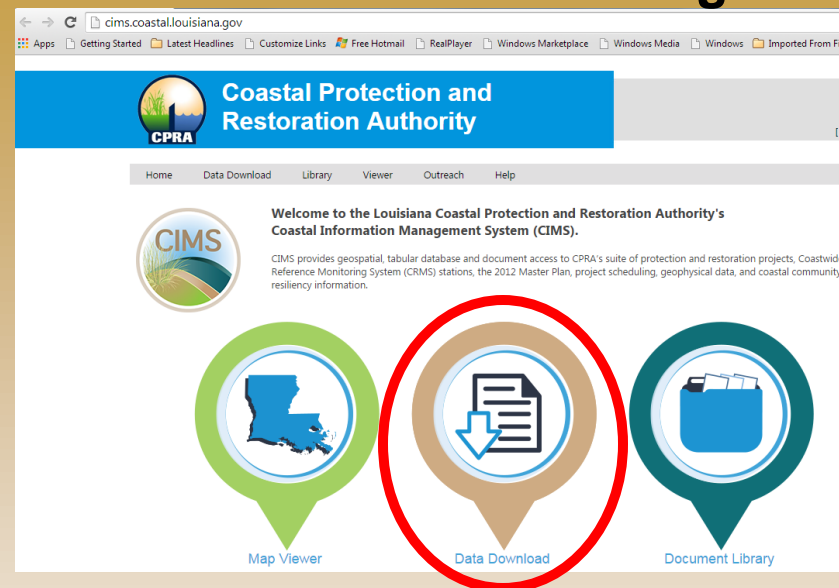


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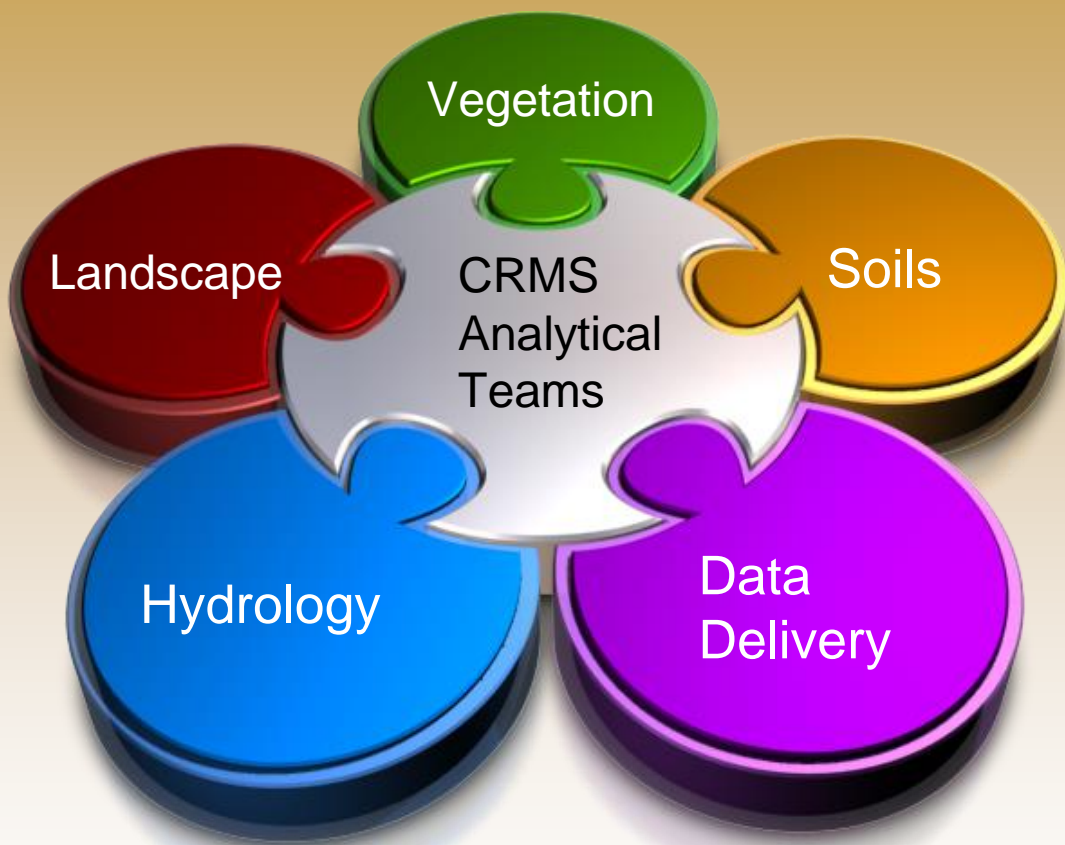


CRMS Data Records:

Continuous Hydro – 55.7 million
Marsh Veg - 340K
Surface Elevation - 210K
Discrete Hydro - 260K
Forested Veg - 53K
Accretion - 37K
Soils – 8K



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Analytical Teams



- Federal and State Scientists
- Academics
- WARC's Advanced Applications Team
- Oversight by CWPPRA Monitoring Work Group

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- Web mapping viewer
- Summarize and visualize data at multiple scales
- On-the-fly user defined graphics and tools
- Simple queries and data downloads
- Develop multi-metric ecological indices
- Develop report card
- Continually evolving

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Vegetation:

- **Floristic Quality Index (FQI)** used to determine wetland quality based on plant species composition.

Hydrology:

- **Hydrologic Index (HI)** assesses the suitability of average salinity and percent time flooded in maximizing vegetation primary productivity.

Soils:

- **Submergence Vulnerability Index (SVI)** assesses the vulnerability of a site to submergence based on its elevation relative to ESLR.



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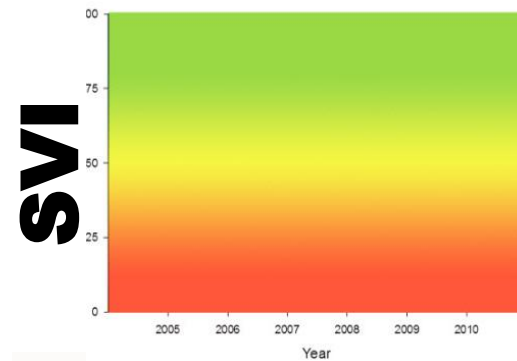
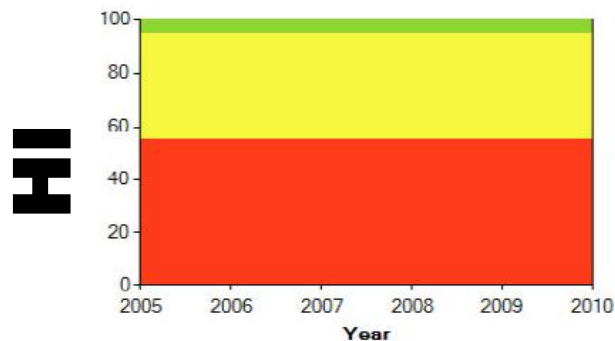
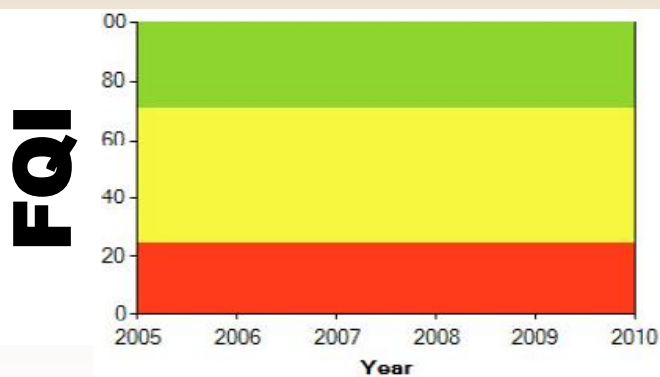
Site Level Report Card

Site: CRMS0672

Year: 2014



- **Developed using CRMS dataset**
 - **2006-2009**
- **Good (>75%), fair (25-50%), poor (<25%)**
- **Category thresholds vary by index**
- **SVI is a continuous scale without defined thresholds**





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Website Navigation



- Main menu with a series of submenus
- Largely self explanatory
 - Program Subheading- LOTS of documentation
 - Contact information-USGS/CPRA CRMS Leads
 - FAQs
- Best functionality in Google Chrome
- Recent OPM dictated website security changes may result in slower functionality
- This presentation focuses on most used features



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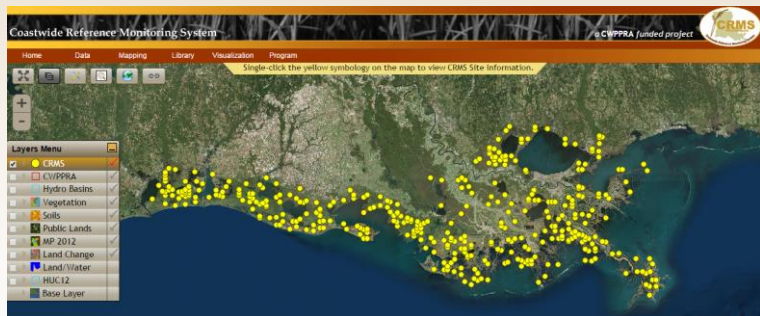


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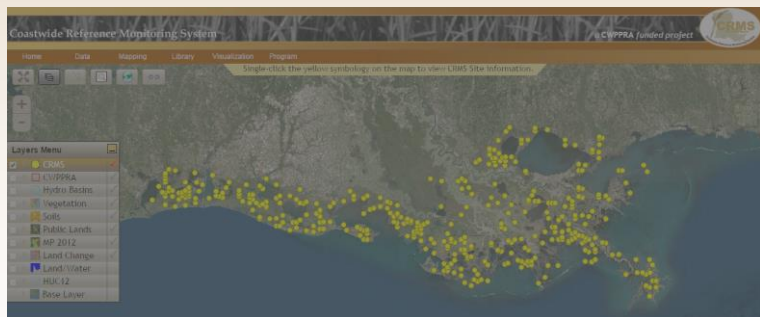
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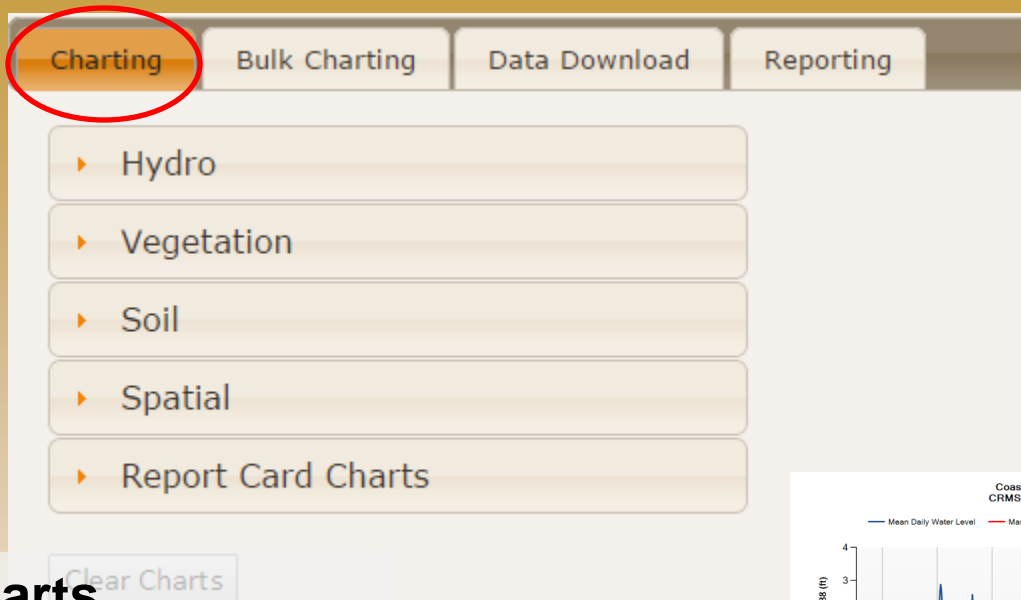
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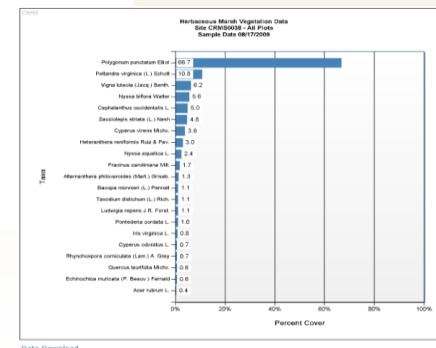
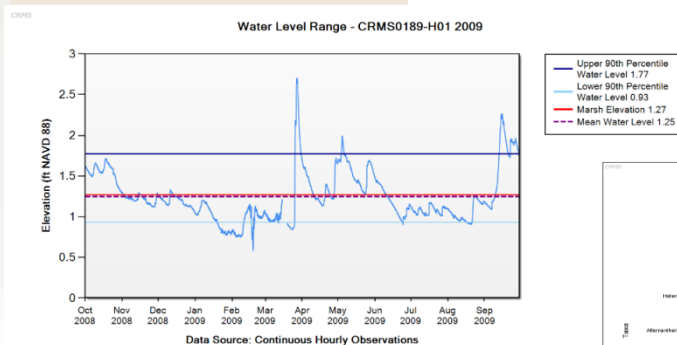
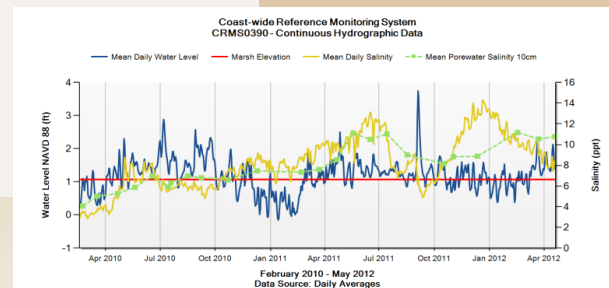


Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Using the Charting Interface



Charts...Lots of Charts

- Surface Elevation/Accretion
- % Organic / Bulk Density
- Vegetation
- Forested
- Porewater
- Hydrographic (Salinity, Temp, Water Level)
- Precipitation
- Report Card





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Using the Charting Interface

1. Pick a Data Category
Hydro
2. Pick a Parameter
Salinity





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Using the Charting Interface

1. Pick a Data Category
Hydro
2. Pick a Parameter
Salinity
3. Pick a Scale
Station
4. Enter Start / End Dates
1/1/2001
12/31/2011
Apply Date Filter

A screenshot of the CRMS Charting Interface. The interface has a top navigation bar with tabs: "Charting" (selected), "Bulk Charting", "Data Download", and "Reporting". Below the tabs, there's a section for "Hydro" with a dropdown menu. The "Hydro" dropdown is expanded, showing a list of parameters: "Water Level Range", "Hydro Completeness", "Salinity" (highlighted), "Water Level", "Temperature", "Flooding", "Continuous", "Site Hydro Index", "Soil Porewater", "Precipitation", and "Interactive Hydro". To the right of the parameter list, there's a "Scale:" dropdown set to "Station". Below that, there's a "Date Range:" section with "Min Date:" set to "1/1/2001" and "Max Date:" set to "12/31/2011". There's an "Apply Date" button and a calendar widget showing "Dec" 2011. The calendar is a grid with days of the week (Su, Mo, Tu, We, Th, Fr, Sa) and dates. The date "31" is highlighted. At the bottom left, there's a "Clear Charts" button.



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Charting Bulk Charting Data Download Reporting

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☐ Mean annual salinity
☐ Mean growing season salinity

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Clear Charts

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Salinity

Salinity (ppt)

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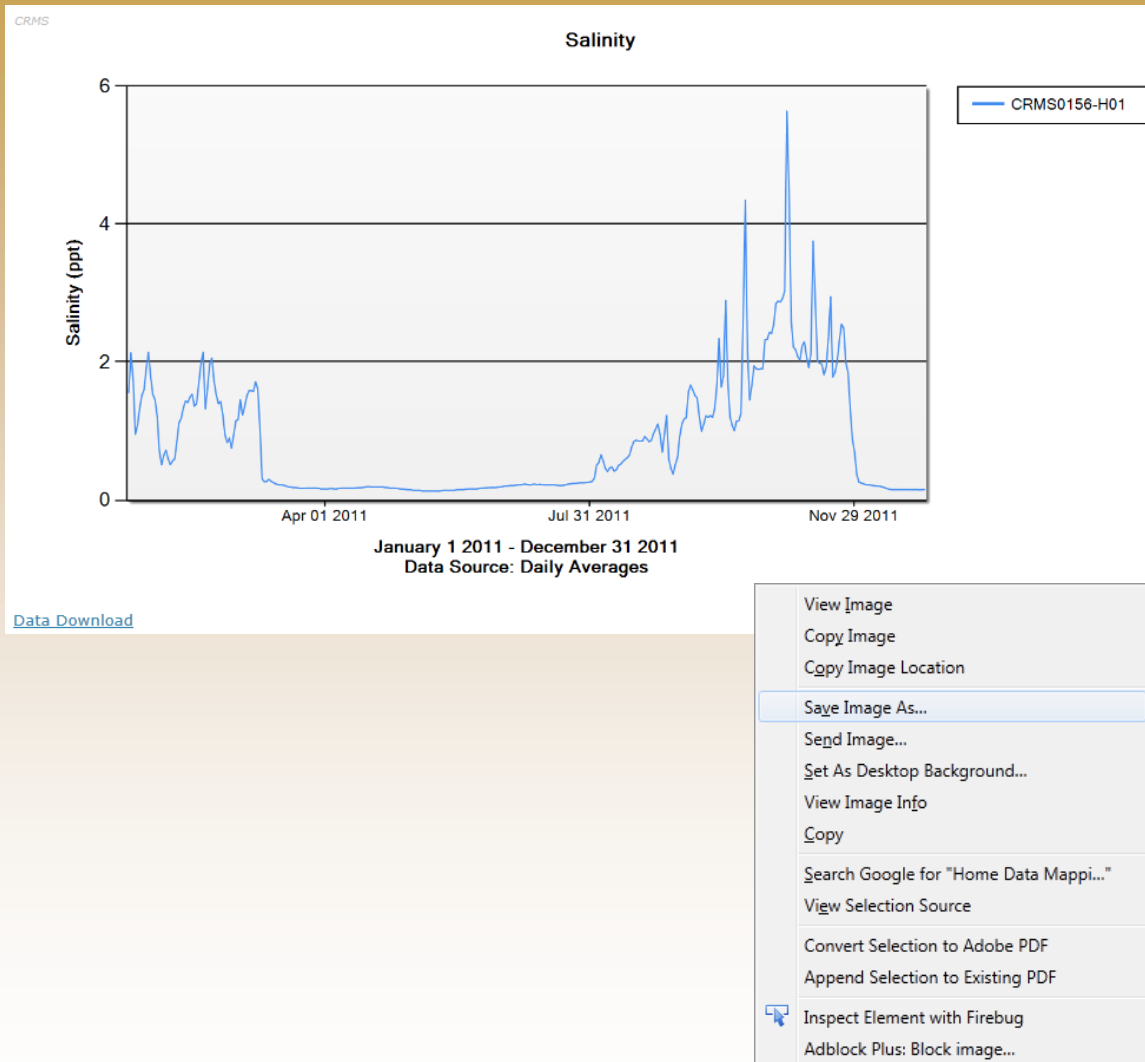
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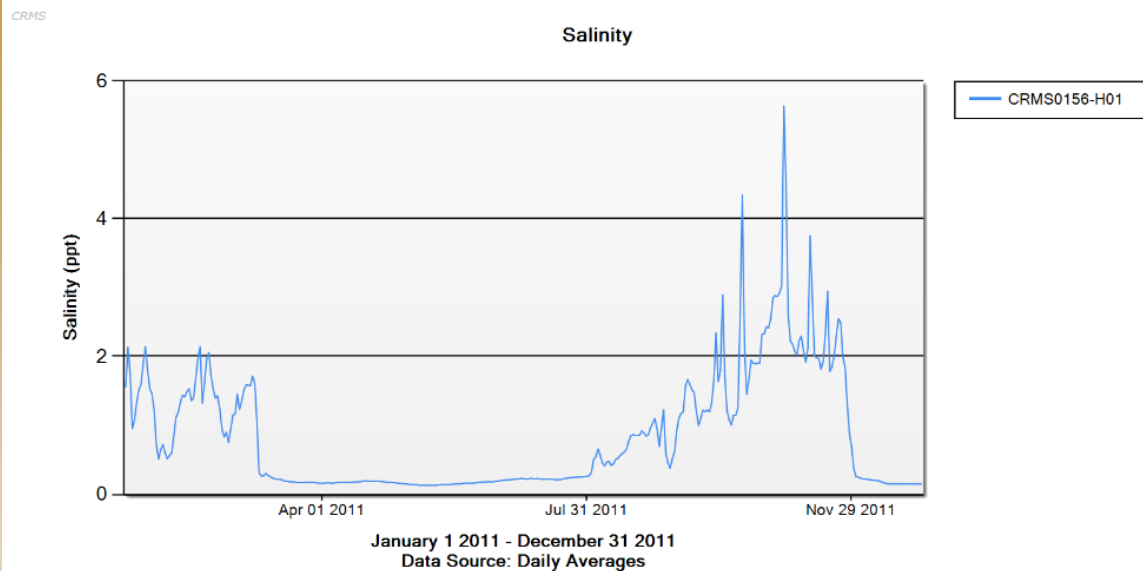
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 1. Site
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 1. 1/1/2001
 2. 12/31/2011
 3. Apply Date Filter
5. Pick Site
6. View Chart
7. Save Chart Image





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6. Save Chart Image
7. View Chart
8. Download Data (optional)



[Data Download](#)

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3	CRMS0156-H01	1/2/2011 0:00	2.130833	1.62625	12.42083
4	CRMS0156-H01	1/3/2011 0:00	1.746667	1.434167	8.210417
5	CRMS0156-H01	1/4/2011 0:00	0.95375	1.350417	7.404583
6	CRMS0156-H01	1/5/2011 0:00	1.085833	1.344167	7.54125
7	CRMS0156-H01	1/6/2011 0:00	1.333333	1.408333	7.622083
8	CRMS0156-H01	1/7/2011 0:00	1.514583	1.237083	7.506667
9	CRMS0156-H01	1/8/2011 0:00	1.60125	1.127917	7.66375
10	CRMS0156-H01	1/9/2011 0:00	1.908333	1.9775	8.087916
11	CRMS0156-H01	1/10/2011 0:00	2.137083	1.900417	11.25458
12	CRMS0156-H01	1/11/2011 0:00	1.789583	1.528333	8.947917
13	CRMS0156-H01	1/12/2011 0:00	1.529583	1.18125	6.955
14	CRMS0156-H01	1/13/2011 0:00	1.455417	1.05125	6.779583
15	CRMS0156-H01	1/14/2011 0:00	1.21125	0.9725	6.984583
16	CRMS0156-H01	1/15/2011 0:00	0.7083333	1.16	6.829583



Multi-Station Charting- Plots data from multiple stations on the same chart

Pick a Data Category
Hydro

Pick a Parameter
Water Level

Pick a Scale
Multi Station

Enter Start / End Dates
1/1/2001
12/31/2011

Apply Date Filter

Pick Stations

The screenshot shows the 'Charting' tab of the CRMS interface. The 'Hydro' category is selected, and 'Water Level' is the chosen parameter. The 'Scale' is set to 'Multi Station'. The date range is from 1/1/1992 to 11/30/2016, with specific start and end dates of 01/01/2001 and 12/31/2005 entered. The 'Basin' is set to 'Calcasieu/Sabin' and the 'Project' is 'All Projects'. A table of station options is displayed, with 'CS20' circled in red. Below the table, the 'Options' and 'Selections' columns are labeled. The 'Submit Request' button is at the bottom right.

Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Scale: Multi Station

Date Range: 1/1/1992 - 11/30/2016

Min Date: 01/01/2001

Max Date: 12/31/2005

Apply Date Filter

Basin: Calcasieu/Sabin Project: All Projects

Selection limited to 10 items

Options	Selections
CS20	CS20-03
CS20-106	CS20-07
CS20-14R	CS20-09
CS20-15R	CS20-17

Options Selections

☐ Include major weather\storm events
[Show Map Selector](#)

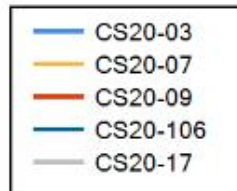
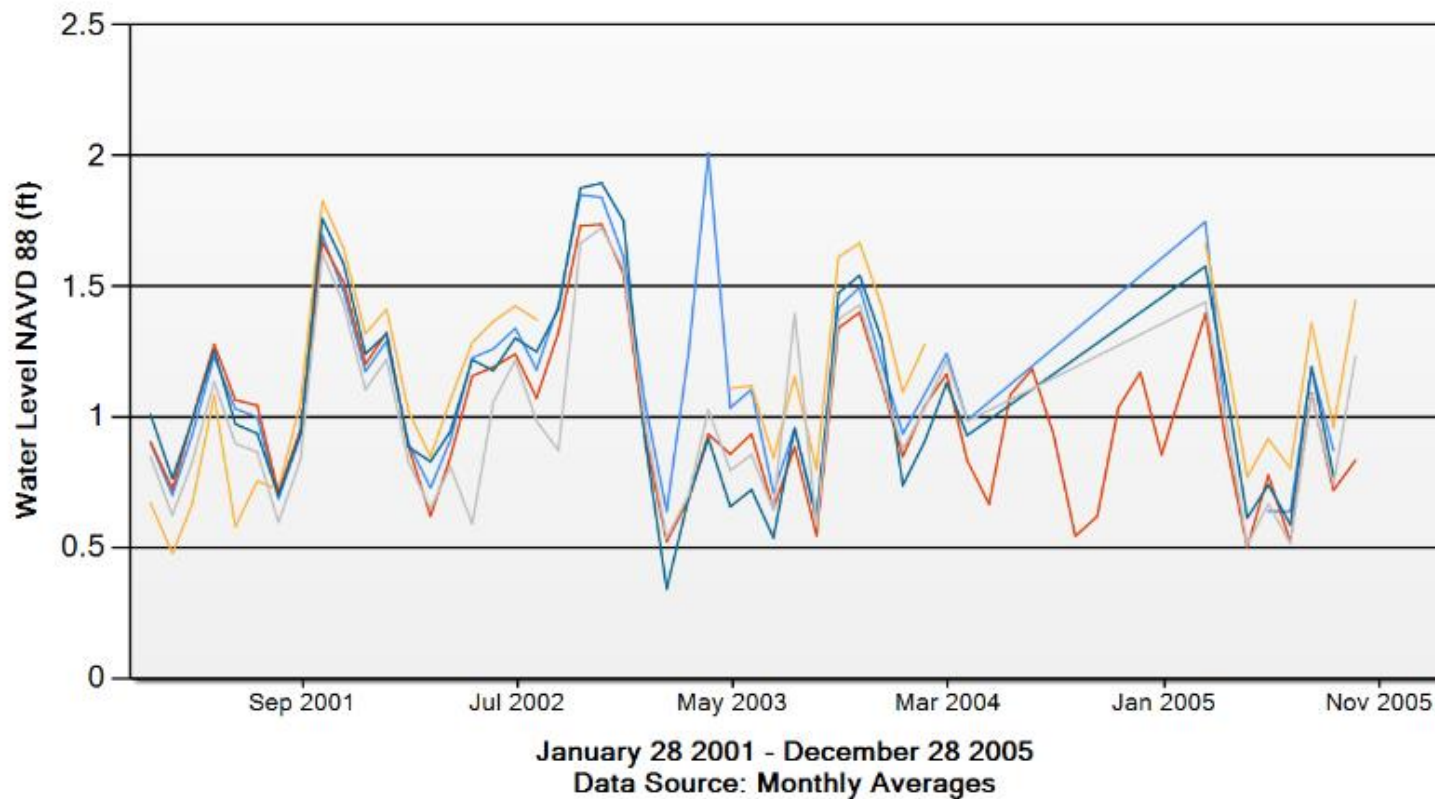
Previous Selection

Submit Request

Multi-Station Water Level Chart

CRMS

Water Level



- View Image
- Copy Image
- Copy Image Location
- Save Image As...
- Send Image...
- Set As Desktop Background...
- View Image Info
- Copy
- Search Google for "Home Data Ma
- View Selection Source
- Convert Selection to Adobe PDF
- Append Selection to Existing PDF
- Inspect Element with Firebug
- AdBlock Plus: Block image...

[Data Download](#)



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector

“Map Selector” allows chart stations to be picked in a mapping interface.

Great if you have an area of interest, but don’t know the station IDs.

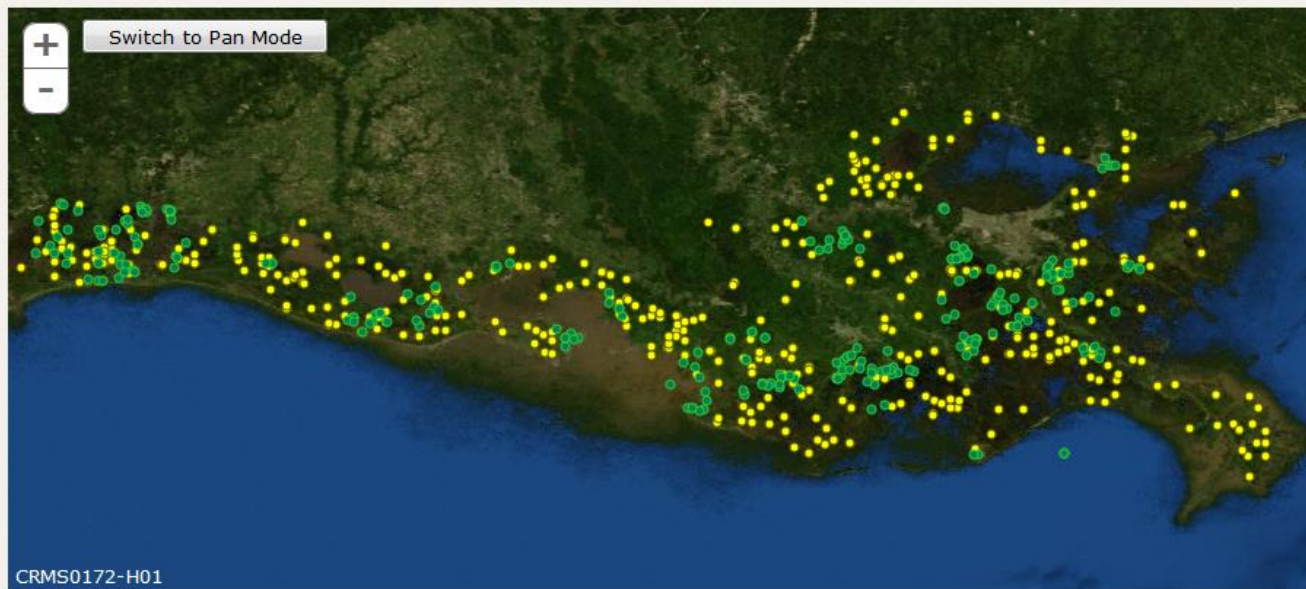
A screenshot of the CRMS web application's "Charting" interface. The interface has a top navigation bar with tabs for "Charting", "Bulk Charting", "Data Download", and "Reporting". The "Charting" tab is active. On the left, there is a sidebar menu with a "Hydro" section expanded, showing options like "Water Level Range", "Hydro Completeness", "Salinity" (highlighted with a red arrow), "Water Level", "Temperature", "Flooding", "Continuous", "Site Hydro Index", "Soil Porewater", "Precipitation", and "Interactive Hydro". Below this are sections for "Vegetation", "Soil", "Spatial", and "Report Card Charts", each with a right-pointing arrow. A "Clear Charts" button is at the bottom left. The main content area on the right shows "Water Year is October 1 - September 30", a "Scale: Multi Station" dropdown, a "Date Range: 1/1/1992 - 11/30/2016" section with "Min Date" and "Max Date" input fields, and an "Apply Date Filter" button with an information icon. Below this are "Basin: All Basins" and "Project: All Projects" dropdowns. A section titled "Selection limited to 10 items" contains a list of station IDs: AT04-01, AT04-02, AT04-03, AT04-04, AT04-06, BA01-01, BA01-02, BA01-03, and BA01-04. To the right of this list is a large empty box. At the bottom right, there is a checkbox for "Include major weather/storm events" and a link "Show Map Selector" which is circled in red. Below these are "Previous Selection" and "Submit Request" buttons, with an information icon to the left of the "Previous Selection" button.



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands*

Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector

Select Mode - Drag the Mouse inside the map to select stations.



■ CRMS Stations ■ CWPPRA Stations

Clear Selected

Submit

BA01-02

BA01-03

Show Map Selector

Submit Request



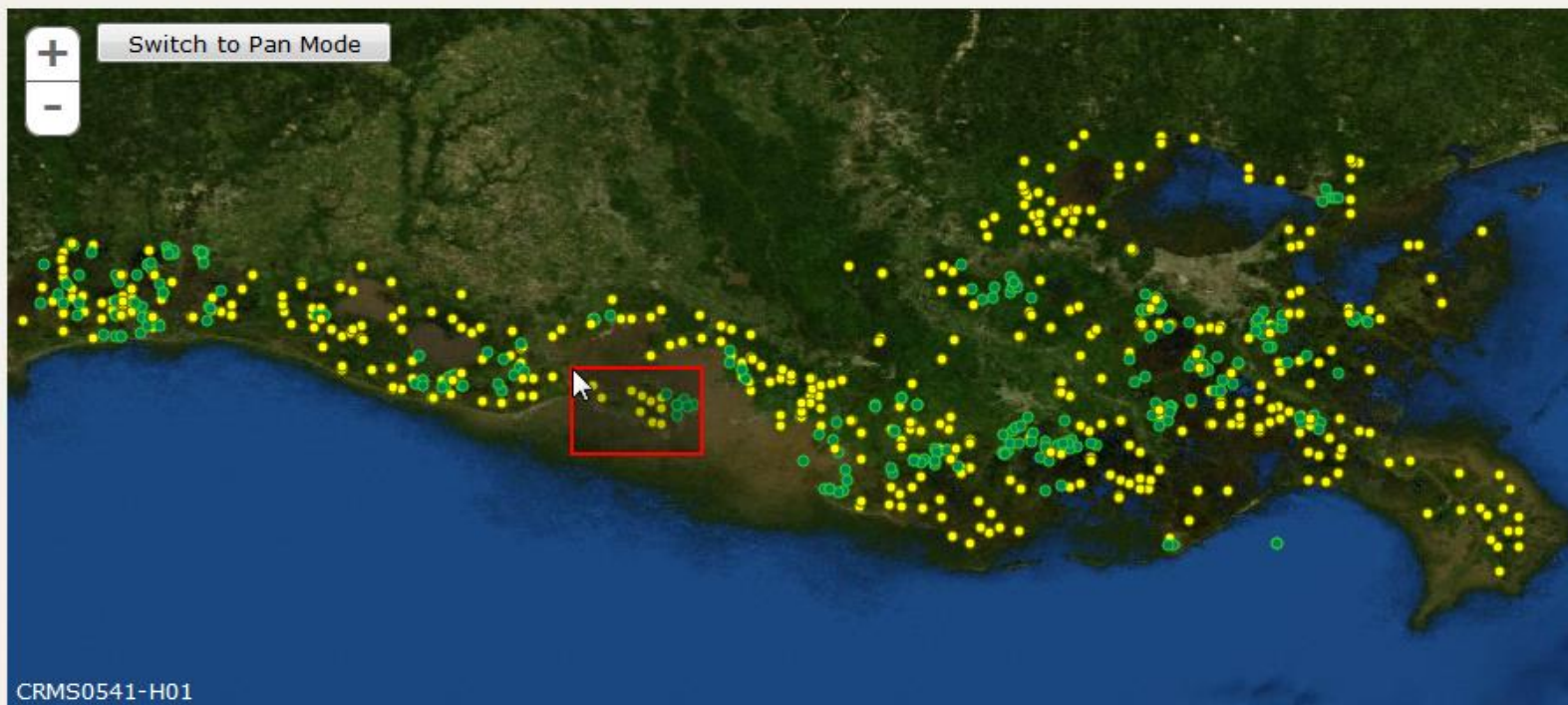


Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands*

Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector

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Select Mode - Drag the Mouse inside the map to select stations.



● CRMS Stations

● CWPPRA Stations

Clear Selected

Submit

BA01-02

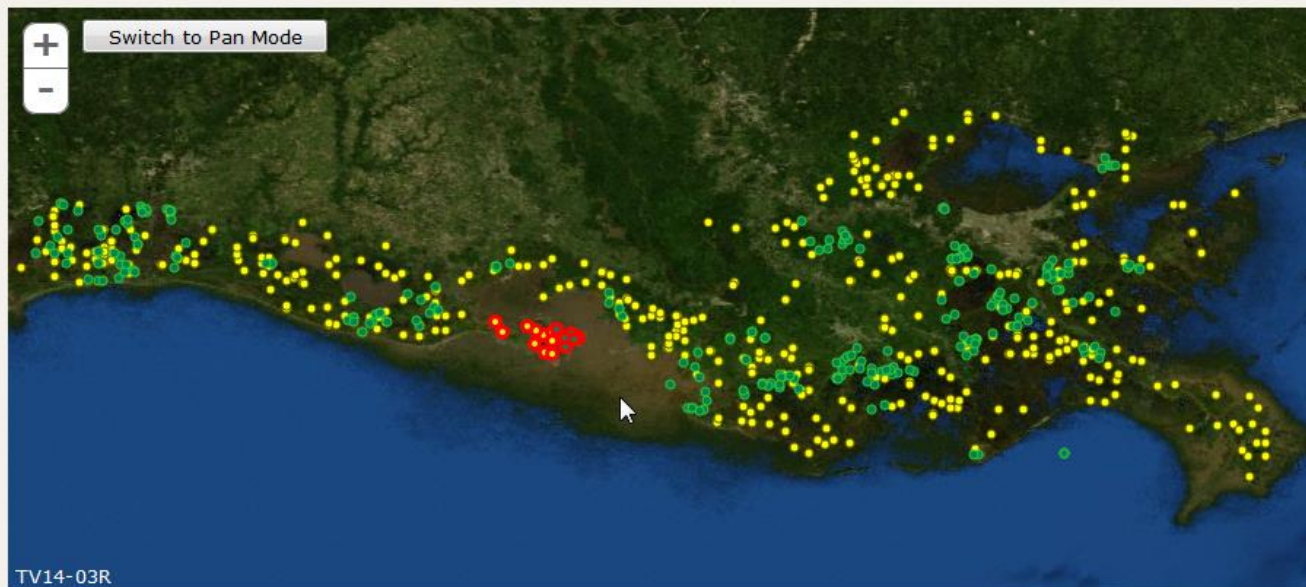
BA01-03

☐ Include major weather\storm events



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector

Select Mode - Drag the Mouse inside the map to select stations.



■ CRMS Stations ■ CWPPRA Stations

Clear Selected

Submit

BA01-02

CRMS0524-W01

BA01-03

CRMS0529-H01

[Show Map Selector](#)

Submit Request





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector

The sites/stations that were selected on the map appear in the right side of the selection box.

ChartingBulk ChartingData DownloadReporting

Hydro

Water Level Range

Hydro Completeness

Salinity

Water Level

Temperature

Flooding

Continuous

Site Hydro Index

Soil Porewater

Precipitation

Interactive Hydro

Vegetation

Soil

Spatial

Report Card Charts

Clear Charts

Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Scale: Multi Station

Date Range:
1/1/1992 - 5/12/2016

Min Date: 1/1/1992

Max Date: 5/12/2016

Apply Date Filter

Basin: All BasinsProject: All Projects

Selection limited to 10 items

AT04-01	CRMS0498-H01
AT04-02	CRMS0499-H01
AT04-03	CRMS0504-H01
AT04-04	CRMS0520-H01
AT04-06	CRMS0522-W01
BA01-01	CRMS0523-H01
BA01-02	CRMS0524-W01
BA01-03	CRMS0529-H01
BA01-04	CRMS0530-W01

☐ Include major weather\storm events

Show Map Selector

Submit Request



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector

Filter the list by a Basin!!

Charting

Bulk Charting

Data Download

Reporting

▼ Hydro

Water Level Range

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Precipitation

Interactive Hydro

▶ Vegetation

▶ Soil

▶ Spatial

▶ Report Card Charts

Clear Charts

Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Scale: Multi Station

Date Range:
1/1/1992 - 11/30/2016

Min Date: 1/1/1992

Max Date: 11/30/2016

Apply Date Filter

Basin: All Basins

Project: All Projects

Selection

AT04-01

AT04-02

AT04-03

AT04-04

BA01-01

BA01-02

BA01-03

BA01-04

Atchafalaya

Barataria

Breton Sound

Calcasieu/Sabine

NA

Mermentau

Mississippi River Delta

Pontchartrain

Terrebonne

Teche/Vermilion

☐ Include major weather\storm events

Show Map Selector

Previous Selection

Submit Request



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands*

Pairing the Charting Interface with the Map Selector


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Select Mode - Drag the Mouse inside the map to select stations. ✕

+

-

Switch to Pan Mode



● CRMS Stations ● CWPPRA Stations

CRMS0162-H01

CRMS0163-H01

CRMS0164-H01

Clear Selected

Submit

☐ Include major weather\storm events





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Interactive Hydro Chart

Great for hydro **data exploration** without having to download data.

ChartingBulk ChartingData DownloadReporting

Hydro

Water Level Range

Hydro Completeness

Salinity

Water Level

Temperature

Flooding

Continuous

Site Hydro Index

Soil Porewater

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Report Card Charts

Clear Charts

Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Scale: Multi Station

Date Range:
1/1/1992 - 11/30/2016

Min Date: 01/01/2001

Max Date: 12/31/2005

Apply Date Filter

Basin: Calcasieu/SabinProject: All Projects

Selection limited to 10 items

CS20	
CS20-106	CS20-03
CS20-14R	CS20-07
CS20-15R	CS20-09
	CS20-17

☐ Include major weather\storm events

Show Map Selector

Previous Selection

Submit Request



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Great for data discovery, fast manipulation, and comparison of sites without having to generate charts.

Stations Parameters Colors

The screenshot shows the web interface for the Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) Wetlands. At the top, there is a banner with the text "Coastwide Reference Monitoring System" and "a CWPPRA funded project" on the right. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: Home, Data, Mapping, Library, Visualization, and Program. Three blue arrows point from the labels "Stations", "Parameters", and "Colors" to the "Mapping", "Visualization", and "Program" links respectively. Below the navigation bar, there are three columns of dropdown menus. The first column, labeled "Stations", has three dropdown menus, all currently set to "None". The second column, labeled "Parameters", has three dropdown menus: "Salinity", "Water Level", and "Water Temperature". The third column, labeled "Colors", has three dropdown menus: "Red", "Blue", and "Orange". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom left of the form.

Stations	Parameters	Colors
None ▼	Salinity ▼	Red ▼
None ▼	Water Level ▼	Blue ▼
None ▼	Water Temperature ▼	Orange ▼

Submit



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Same site with multiple parameters

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CRMS0489-H01 ▼ Marsh Elevation ▼ Red ▼
CRMS0489-H01 ▼ Water Level ▼ Blue ▼
None ▼ Water Temperature ▼ Orange ▼

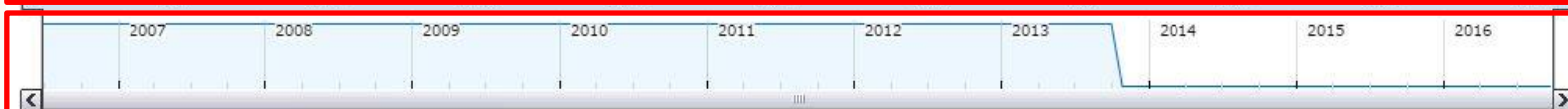
Submit

Download type for .csv: Hourly ▼

Download Chart Download CSV



Charted data
for POR



Period of record
(POR)

NOTE: Water elevations prior to Oct. 1, 2013 are GEOID99 and GEOID12a thereafter



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Same site with multiple parameters

Frequency Type



Data availability time extent:

- Window can slide along time line
- Changing window size controls temporal accuracy of chart



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Same site with multiple parameters





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Multiple sites with the same parameter

Coastwide Reference Monitoring System

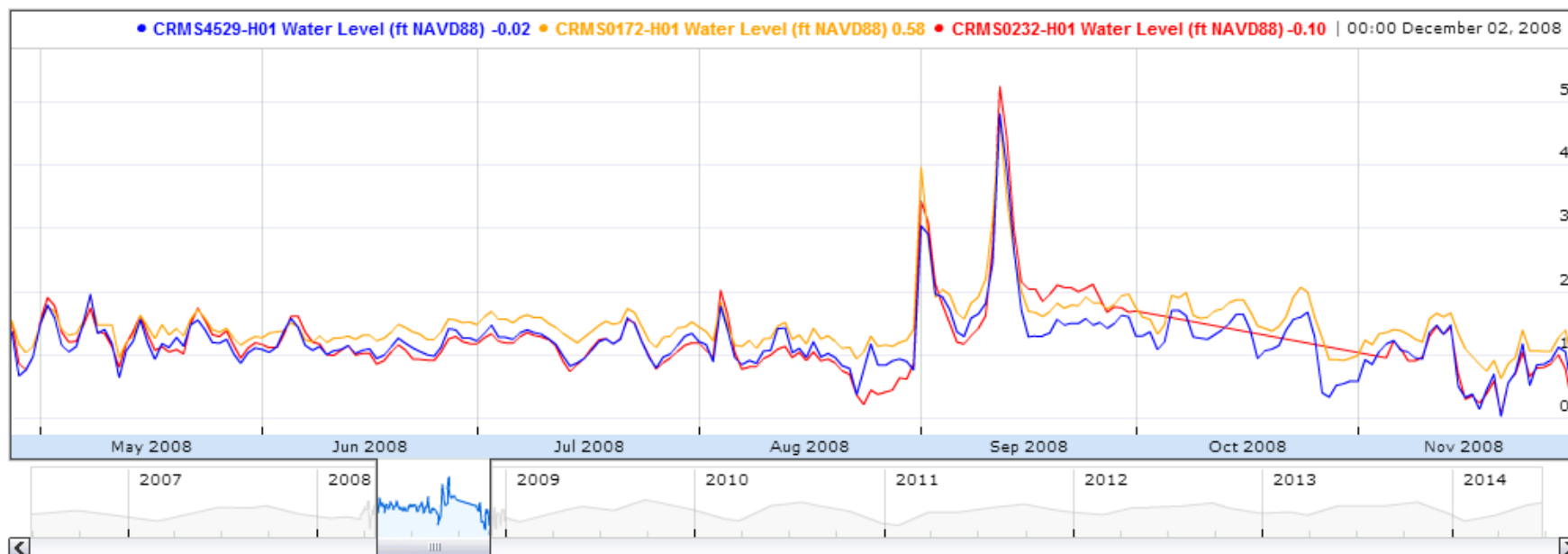
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CRMS0232-H01 ▼	Water Level ▼	Red ▼
CRMS4529-H01 ▼	Water Level ▼	Blue ▼
CRMS0172-H01 ▼	Water Level ▼	Orange ▼
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Download type:

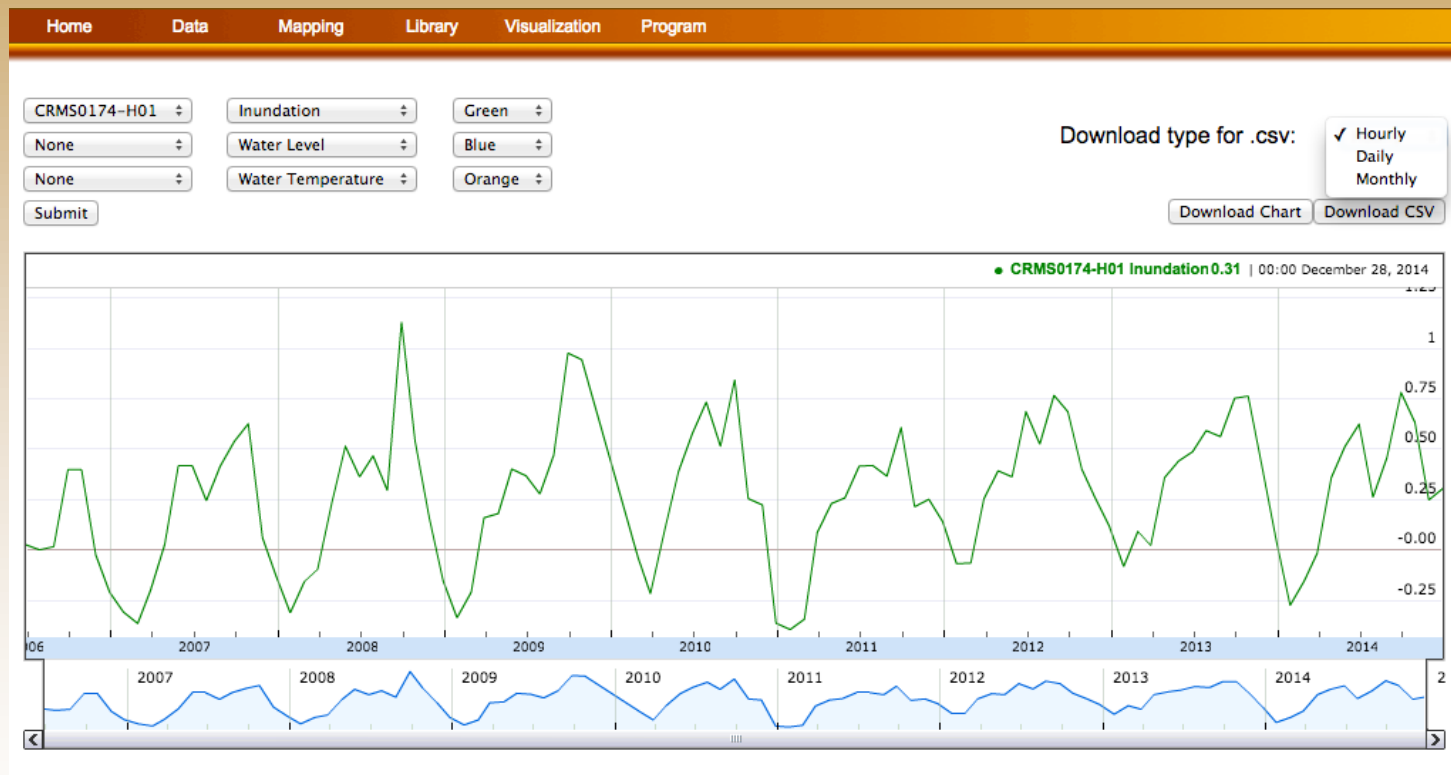




Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Downloading

- Set time frequency of data (i.e., hourly, daily, monthly)
- Data in CSV format

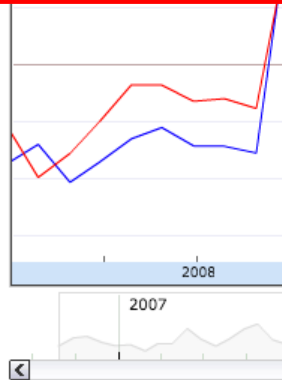




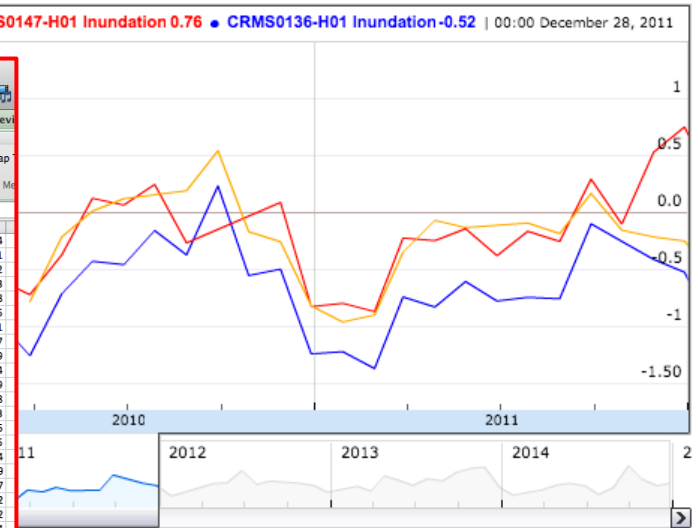
Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Using the Interactive Hydro Charting Interface

Downloaded CSV

Date	Station One	Station One Type	Station One Value	
6/8/06 11:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.27	
6/8/06 12:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.12	
6/8/06 13:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.05	
6/8/06 14:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.22	
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6/8/06 16:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.5	
6/8/06 17:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.63	
6/8/06 18:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.66	
6/8/06 19:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.69	
6/8/06 20:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.68	
6/8/06 21:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.58	
6/8/06 22:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.45	
6/8/06 23:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.27	
6/9/06 0:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.13	
6/9/06 1:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.05	
6/9/06 2:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.19	
6/9/06 3:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.33	
6/9/06 4:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.46	
6/9/06 5:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.55	



Date	Station One	Station One Type	Station One Value	
12/17/14 13:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.24	
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12/17/14 15:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.52	
12/17/14 16:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.63	
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12/17/14 22:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.84	
12/17/14 23:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.69	
12/18/14 0:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.48	
12/18/14 1:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.33	
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12/18/14 4:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.04	
12/18/14 5:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.09	
12/18/14 6:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	-0.17	
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12/18/14 12:00	CRMS0174-H01	Inundation	0.18	



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Download type for .csv: ☒ Hourly ☐ Daily ☐ Monthly

Download Chart Download CSV

● CRMS0355-H01 Inundation -0.24 ● CRMS0147-H01 Inundation 0.76 ● CRMS0136-H01 Inundation -0.52 | 00:00 December 28, 2011

Bulk Charting: creates multiple charts with the same parameter input

Great for creating figures for reports that all need to be uniformly designed.

Charting
Bulk Charting
Data Download
Reporting

Bulk Charting

Hydro

Water Level Range
Hydro Completeness
Salinity
Water Level
Temperature
Flooding
Continuous
Site Hydro Index
Soil Porewater
Precipitation

Vegetation

Soil

Spatial

Report Card Charts

Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Scale: Station

Date Range: 1/1/1992 - 11/30/2016

Min Date: 1/1/2001

Max Date: 12/31/2005

Apply Date Filter

Basin: Calcasieu/Sabin Project: All Projects

CS20	Select All	Deselect All
CS20-14R		CS20-03
CS20-15R		CS20-07
		CS20-09
		CS20-106
		CS20-17

Previous Selection Bulk

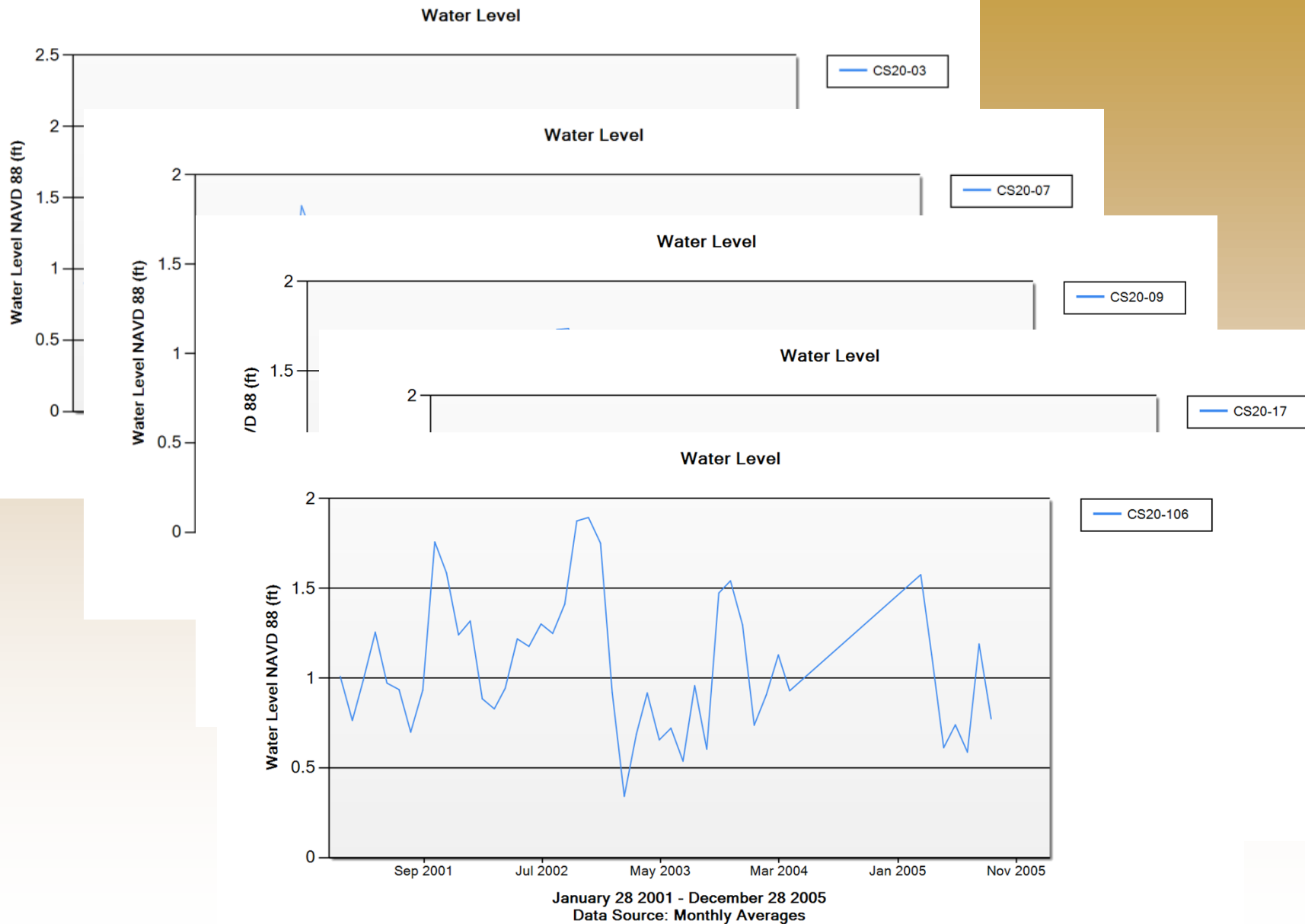
Show Map Selector

you@email.com Submit Request



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Bulk Charting





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Hydro

Vegetation

Forested

Herbaceous

Site Floristic Quality Index

Project/Reference FQI

Marsh Class

Volume Vegetation Index

Soil

Spatial

Report Card Charts

Basin: All Basins

Project: All Projects

Select All	Deselect All
BA39-01	CRMS0647
BA39-02	CRMS0655
BA39-03	CRMS0672
CRMS0002	
CRMS0003	
CRMS0006	
CRMS0008	
CRMS0030	
CRMS0033	

Choose Colors

Cancel

☒

 Spartina patens

☐

 Phragmites australis

☐

 Typha latifolia

☐

 Typha domingensis

☐

 Distichlis spicata

☐

 Schoenoplectus robustus

☐

 Paspalum vaginatum

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 Amaranthus bigelovii

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 Paspalum distichum

☐

 Symphyotrichum subulatum

☐

 Other

Show Map Selector

Submit Request

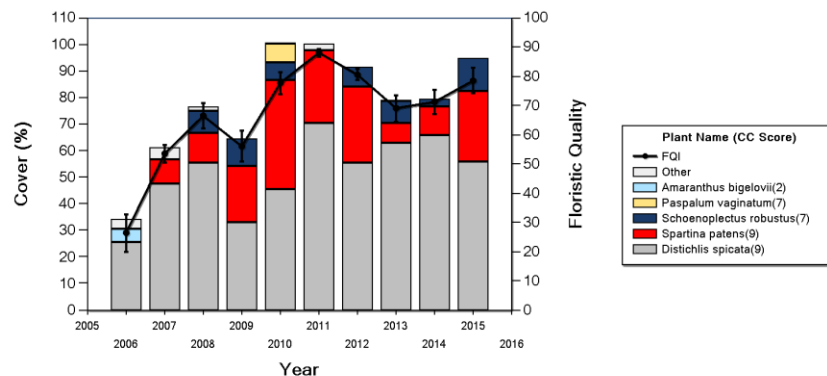
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Site Floristic Quality Index:

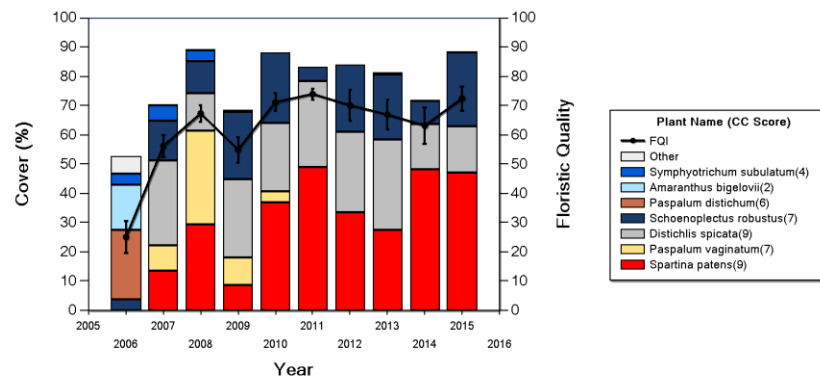
User can define color ramp for species of interest in all charts generated by one request.

Great for looking at species presence/absence or tracking invasive species

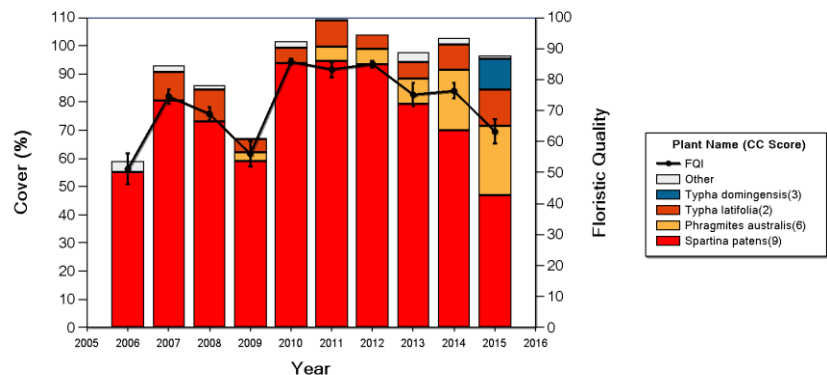
Floristic Quality Index for Saline Marsh, Site CRMS0655



Floristic Quality Index for Brackish Marsh, Site CRMS0672



Floristic Quality Index for Intermediate Marsh, Site CRMS0647



Ex: All *Spartina patens* are red as defined by user.



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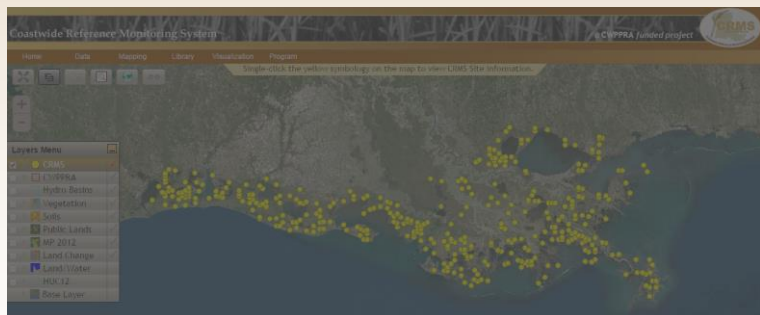
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**Map****Data****FAQ****Factsheet**

Wetland restoration efforts conducted in Louisiana require monitoring the effectiveness of individual projects as well as monitoring the cumulative effects of all projects in restoring, creating, enhancing, and protecting

➔ **Data**

Charting



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Charting Bulk Charting **Data Download** Reporting

Data Download

Data available through this website are calculated or derived values based on the original data which are available from the CIMS database ([CIMS](#))

- Hydro
- Vegetation
- Soil
- Spatial

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Clear Charts



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Monitoring Data

Hydrographic Data

Hydrographic data are now available in two general formats: data collected monthly and data collected hourly. Parameters sampled generally include: water level, water temperature, specific conductance, and salinity. In some rare instances water velocity and wind speed/wind direction are sampled at stations where hourly data are collected.

Hydrographic Monthly Data

[Retrieve Monthly Data](#)

Monthly hydrographic data can be downloaded either by project, CRMS (Coastwide Reference Monitoring System) site, or station number. These files are relatively small, as there are only approximately 12 records per station per year. In general, there is a much larger spatial distribution of stations where monthly data are collected than where hourly data are collected. Note: for CRMS stations, these monthly data comprise Soil Porewater data.

Hydrographic Hourly Data

[Retrieve Hourly Data](#)

Hourly hydrographic data may also be downloaded either by project, CRMS (Coastwide Reference Monitoring System) site, or station number; however these files are much larger than the monthly files. For example, since one year of hourly sampling will yield approximately 8,760 records, a file for a project collecting data at 3 stations for a period of 5 years will contain approximately 131,400 records. Many typical spreadsheet programs will not be able to completely open a file of this size. For this reason, we recommend that hourly data be downloaded by station and not by project. Data are not necessarily available for download from all stations. However, if you would like to request data that are not currently available from the database, an alternate request option is available (see Other Data, below).

Accretion Data

[Retrieve Accretion Data](#)

Accretion data can be downloaded either by project, CRMS (Coastwide Reference Monitoring System) site, or station number. These data are collected from specific locations within herbaceous marsh vegetation areas and forested swamp/bottomland hardwood vegetation areas, and are collected at 6 months and 12 months after monitoring station establishment. Accretion measurements show rates of soil accretion or soil erosion at a location.

Forested Swamp Vegetation Data

[Retrieve Forested Swamp Vegetation Data](#)

Forested Swamp Vegetation data can be downloaded either by project, CRMS (Coastwide Reference Monitoring System) site, or station number. These data are collected from specific areas that represent vegetative communities, and are collected at various time intervals. Individual stations consist of 20m x 20m plots, and parameters sampled include: vegetation species present, densiometer readings, percent canopy cover, and tree trunk diameter.

Suggested Data Citation:

Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) of Louisiana, 2016. Coastwide Reference Monitoring System-Wetlands Monitoring Data. Retrieved from Coastal Information Management System (CIMS) database. <http://cims.coastal.louisiana.gov>. Accessed 04 December 2016.





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands*

Bulk Data Download

• CRMS bulk data download

All values for selected years, for
selected stations

(queue processes first come first serve)

▼ Hydro

Hydro Averages
Hydro Index
Percent Flooded
Water Level Range
Shifted Water Elevation Data

▼ Vegetation

Basal Area
Floristic Quality Index
Marsh Class
Veg Percent Cover
Vegetation Volume Index

▼ Soil

Surface Elevation Change Rate
Submergence Vulnerability Index
Vertical Accretion Rates

▼ Spatial

Percent Land
1km Land/Water

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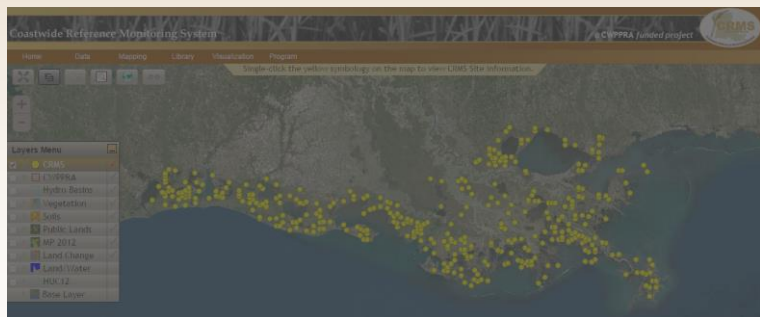
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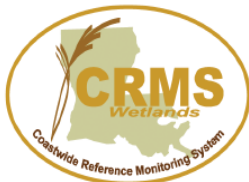
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Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)

Site Level Report Card

Site: CRMS0003
Year: 2011



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About the program

In 1990, the U.S. Congress enacted the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPRA) in response to the growing awareness of Louisiana's land loss crisis. The CWPRA was the first federal, statutorily mandated program with a stable source of federal funds dedicated exclusively to the short- and long-term restoration of the coastal wetlands of Louisiana. To date, the CWPRA program has constructed more than 78 restoration projects. These projects use a variety of methods to restore, protect, and create coastal wetland habitat including: diversions of freshwater and sediments to improve marsh vegetation; dredged material placement for marsh creation; shoreline protection; sediments and nutrient trapping; hydrologic restoration through outfall, marsh, and delta management; barrier island restoration; and vegetation planting projects.

Need for a Monitoring System

Louisiana's coastal protection and restoration efforts, implemented through numerous CWPRA projects, require monitoring and evaluation of project effectiveness and cumulative effects of all projects to achieve a sustainable coastal environment. In 2003, the CWPRA Task Force approved the implementation of a Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) as a means to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of CWPRA projects at three levels: project, region, and coastwide (Coffey et al., 2003). The CRMS network is currently funded through CWPRA and the state of Louisiana and provides data for a variety of user groups including resource managers, academics, landowners, and researchers.



CRMS Approach and Design

The CRMS approach includes a suite of sites (391) that encompasses a range of ecological conditions across the coast. The CRMS site locations were selected randomly throughout the coastal zone. Sites represent the entire range of ecological variability within a degraded coastal landscape. Sites are located within (project sites) and outside (reference sites) of coastal restoration projects. Trajectories of changing conditions in reference sites are compared with trajectories of change within project sites through time. The CRMS design not only allows for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of each project but will also support ongoing evaluation of the cumulative effects of all CWPRA projects throughout the coastal ecosystem of Louisiana. More information about the CRMS project is provided within a USGS factsheet (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fi/2010/3018/>).

About the Interactive Report Card

Through the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPRA) a comprehensive, standardized monitoring and assessment program has been developed to evaluate coastal restoration projects throughout the Louisiana coastal zone. The Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) collects monitoring data for numerous ecological variables. Using CRMS data, indices have been developed to assess wetland hydrology, vegetation, and soils. This interactive report card provides summary information and displays index scores for individual CRMS sites, restoration projects, hydrologic basins, and the entire Louisiana coast.

Index Development

What is an Index?

An index combines and synthesizes scientific data to help inform or assess a topic of interest. Each index helps explain the condition of a particular aspect of the coastal wetland ecosystem. By comparing indices at various time and spatial scales we can understand the overall condition of coastal wetlands in Louisiana.

How were the indices developed?

CRMS Analytical Teams, made up of agency and academic personnel, developed indices based on the suite of parameters available from the 2006 to 2009 CRMS dataset. Three indices have been developed: a floristic quality (FQI), hydrologic (HI), and submergence vulnerability (SVI), and a landscape index is currently being refined. Wetland vegetation, hydrology, and soils are undeniably interconnected and form the basis for ecological processes that ultimately influence future land change and the sustainability of coastal habitats. Although these indices have been developed using 4 years of baseline CRMS data, the indices will be refined to better define ecological relationships as the data set becomes more robust overtime.

Because no regulatory thresholds exist for the ecological parameters of interest, it was not possible to assess index scores based on previously defined values that would indicate an acceptable or unacceptable score. Therefore, for the FQI and the HI, assessments were made relative to a baseline distribution of the index scores derived from 2006 to 2009 data at CRMS sites across the Louisiana coast. Because ideal thresholds were not available for the FQI and HI, scores were classified as 'good' (green) if they exceeded the 75th percentile of index scores calculated for all CRMS sites during the baseline period, 'poor' (red) if they did not exceed the 25th percentile, or 'fair' (yellow) if they were intermediate to the 25th and 75th percentiles (Figure 1).

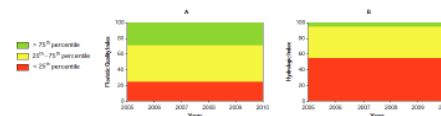
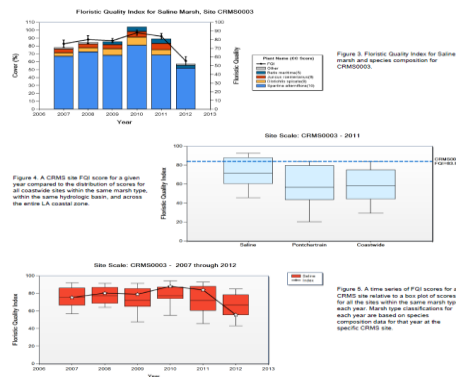


Figure 1. Example of how classifications change based on the assessment index and index score distribution. A) Floristic Quality Index distribution and B) Hydrologic index distribution based on coastwide data from 2006 to 2009.

Site Scale Assessment: CRMS0003 Floristic Quality Index (FQI)

The following graphics provide information about the CRMS site of interest with regard to the floristic quality index. These graphics provide an assessment of the vegetation quality of this site relative to other sites within a similar marsh type, basin, and coastwide.



Coastwide Scale Assessment: Floristic Quality Index (FQI)

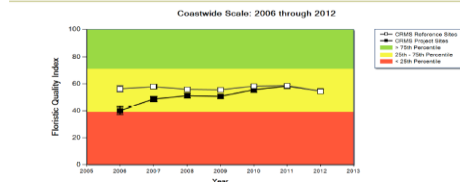


Figure 17. FQI scores across the coast are shown over time. The mean (± SE) FQI scores are calculated for all project and reference sites by year. CRMS Project Sites: 2006 N = 74, 2007 N = 133, 2008 N = 142, 2009 N = 144, 2010 N = 196, 2011 N = 143, 2012 N = 143. CRMS Reference Sites: 2006 N = 122, 2007 N = 237, 2008 N = 240, 2009 N = 243, 2010 N = 238, 2011 N = 244, 2012 N = 243.

Coastwide Scale Assessment: Hydrologic Index (HI)

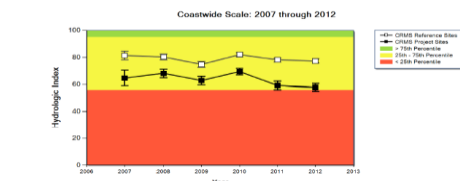


Figure 18. HI scores across the coast are shown over time. The mean (± SE) HI scores are calculated for all project and reference sites by year. CRMS Project Sites: 2007 N = 26, 2008 N = 72, 2009 N = 92, 2010 N = 111, 2011 N = 121, 2012 N = 127. CRMS Reference Sites: 2007 N = 60, 2008 N = 131, 2009 N = 171, 2010 N = 200, 2011 N = 209, 2012 N = 212.

- Dynamic documents
- Program and Index explanations
- Multi-scale assessments site, project, basin, coastwide



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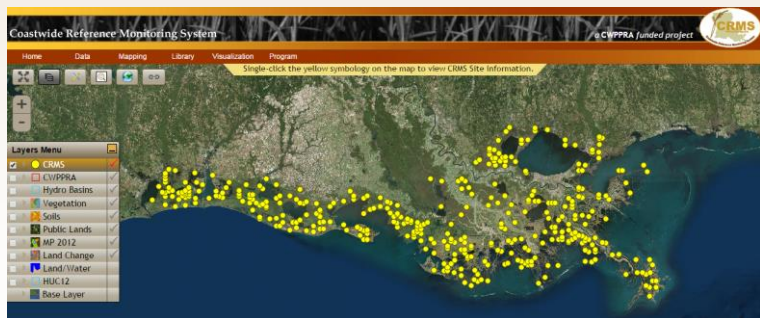
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Single-click the yellow symbology on the map to view CRMS Site information.



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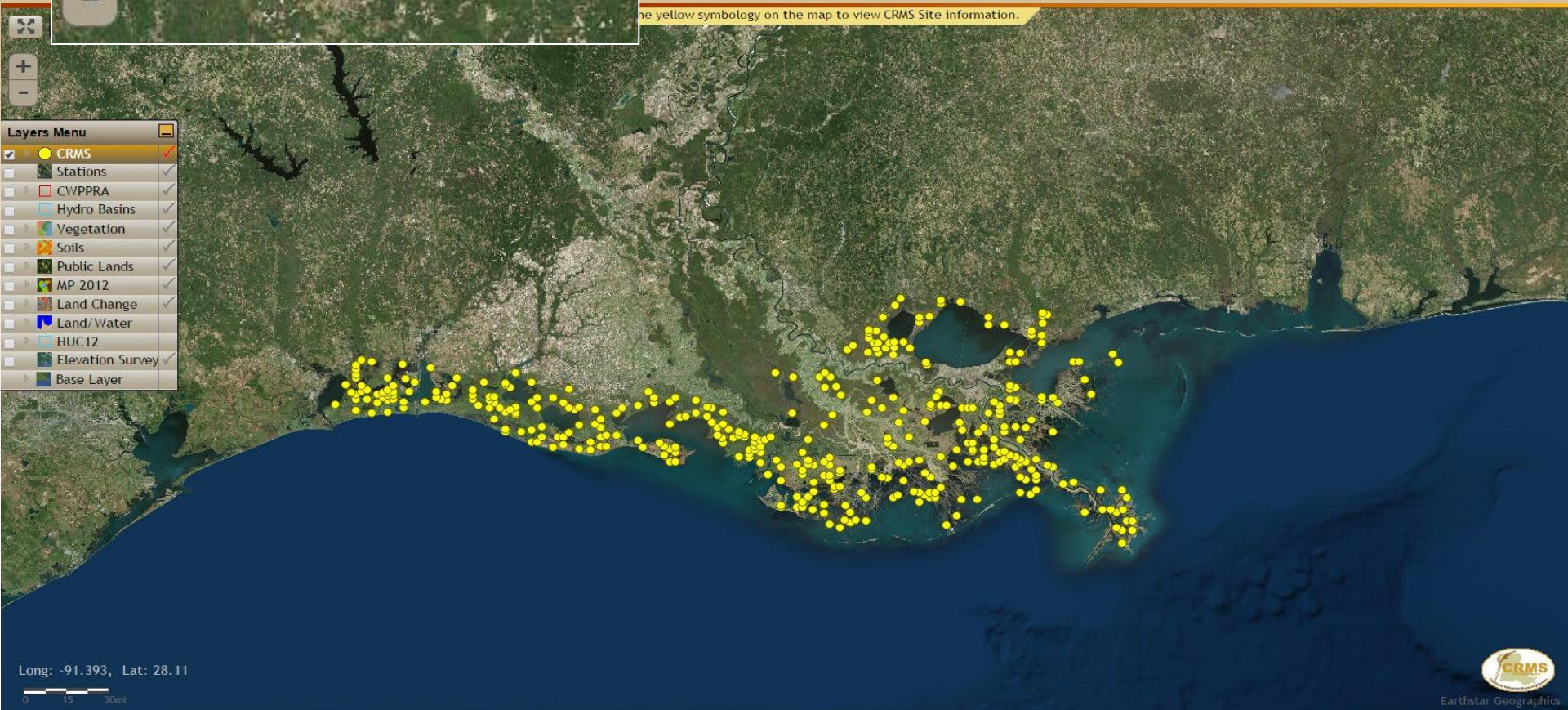
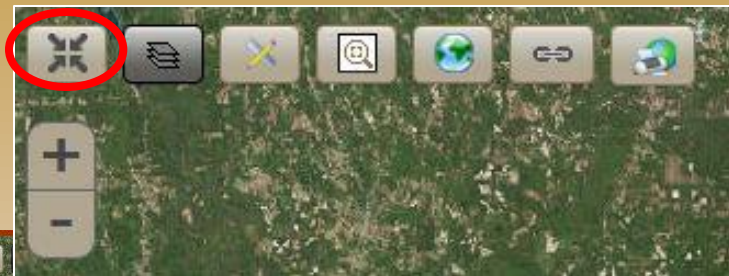
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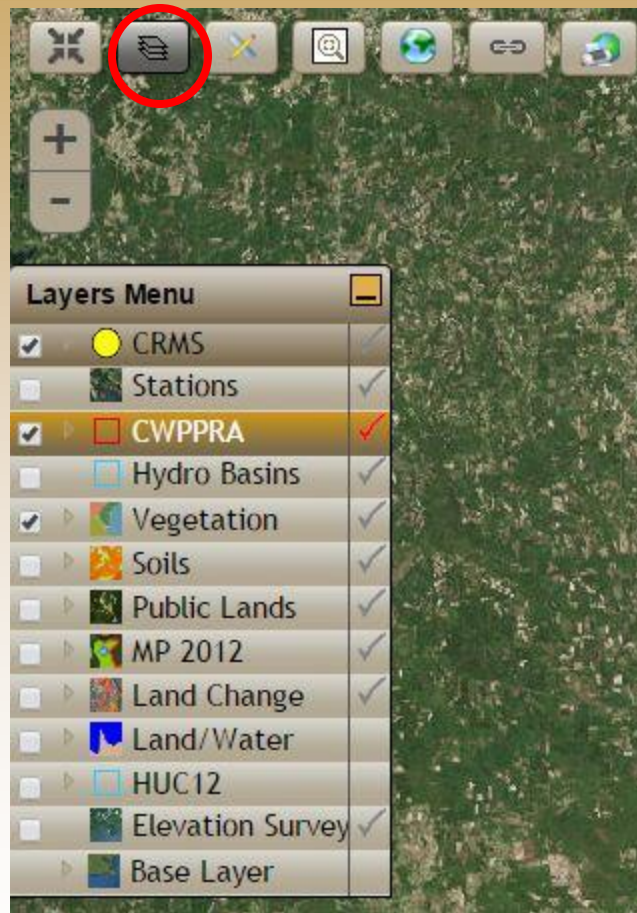


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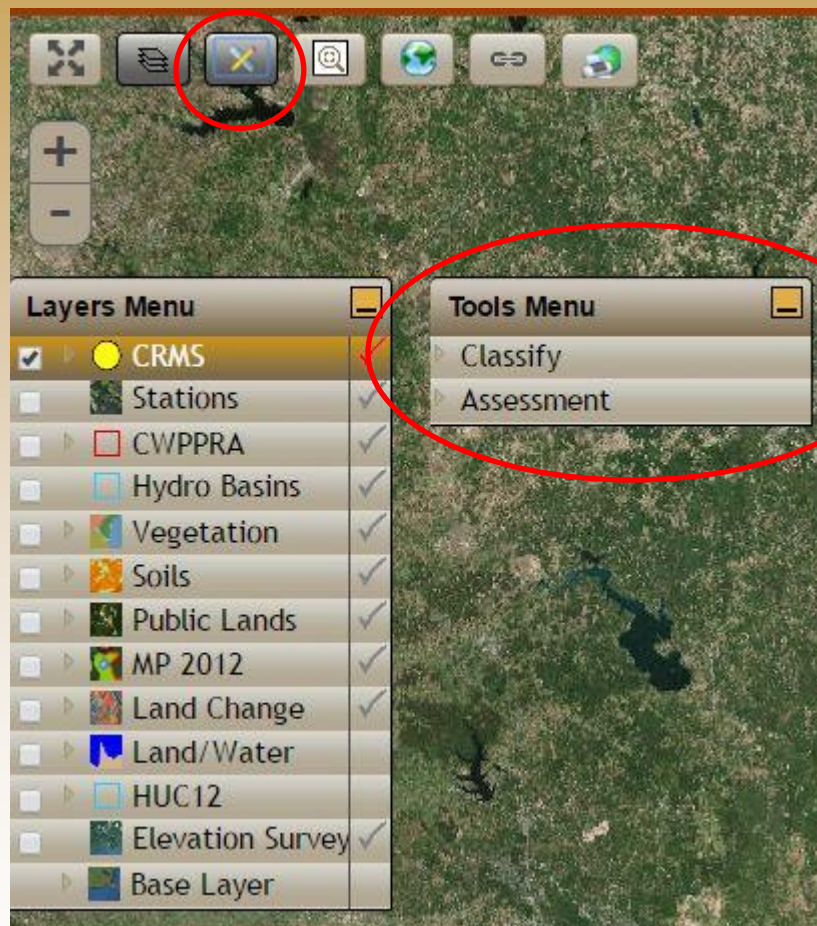
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Shows and hides the Layers Menu



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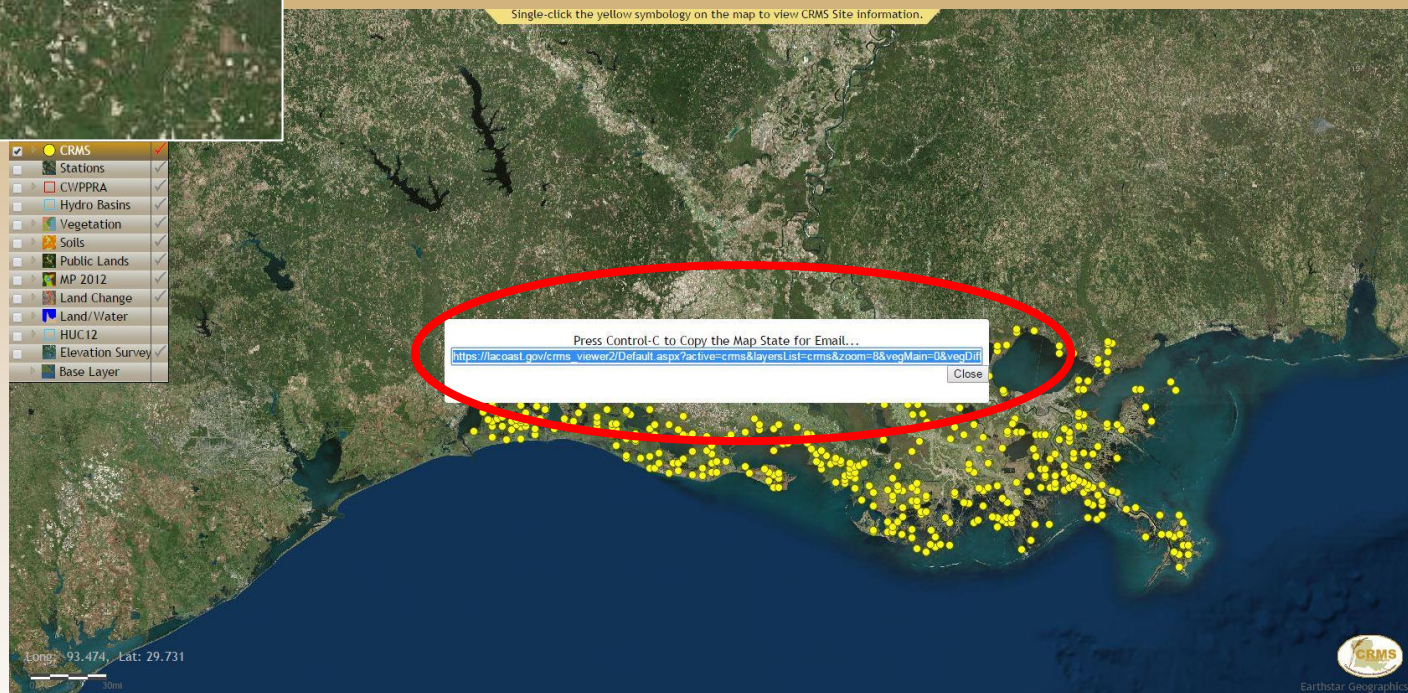


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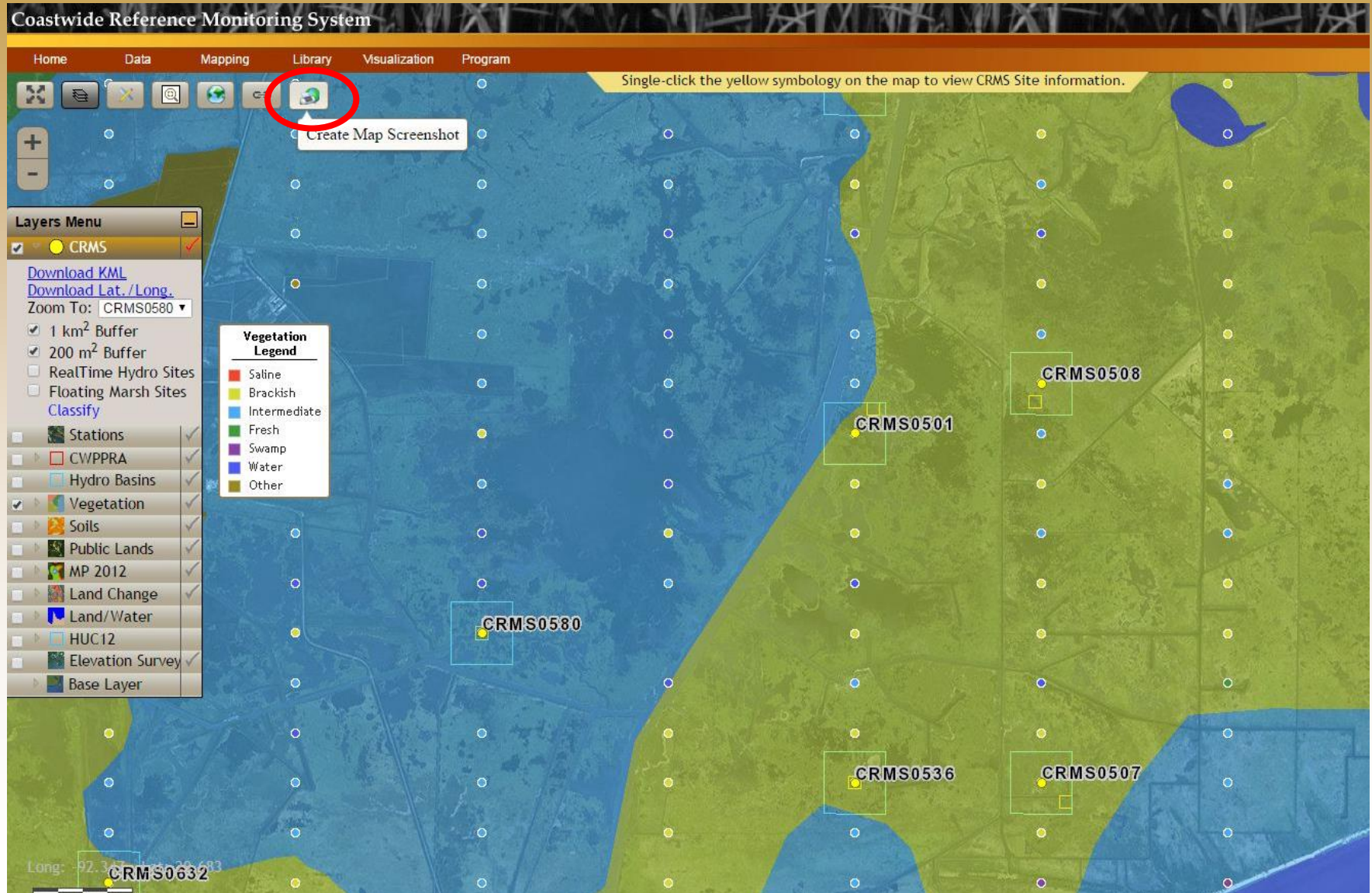
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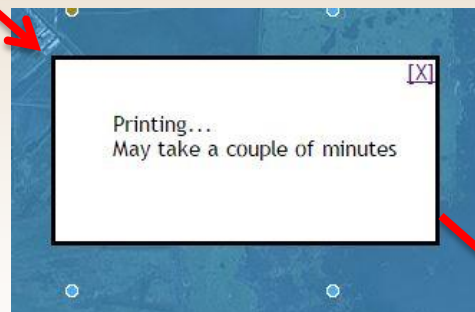
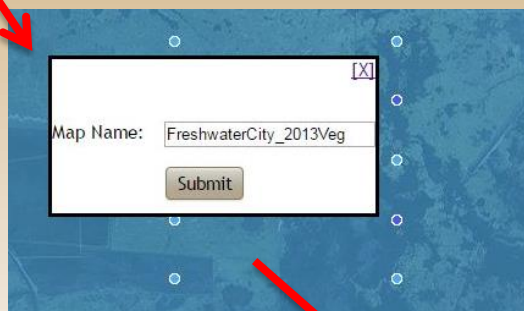




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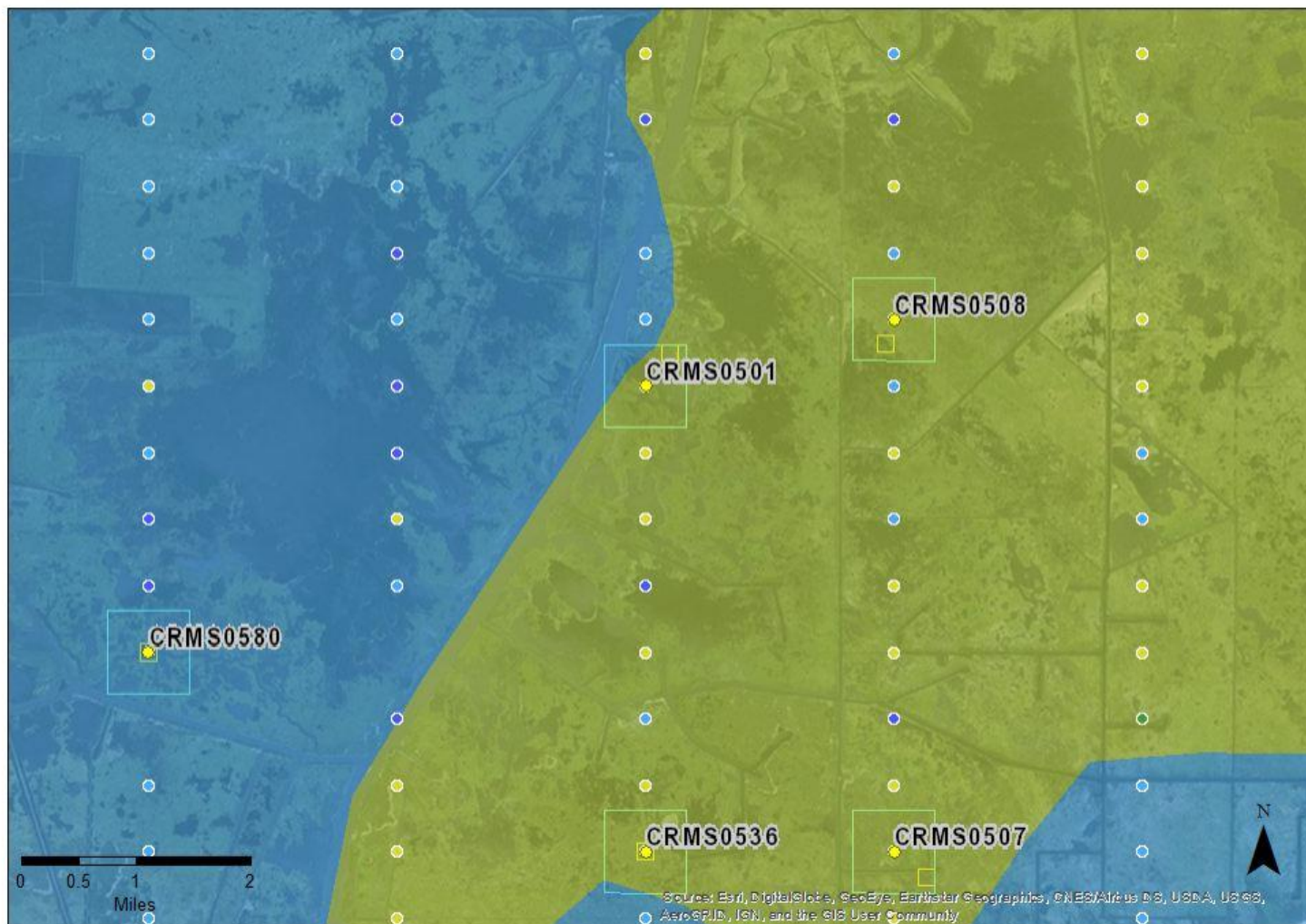


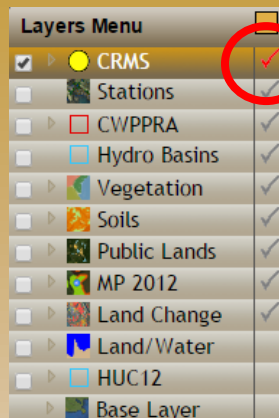
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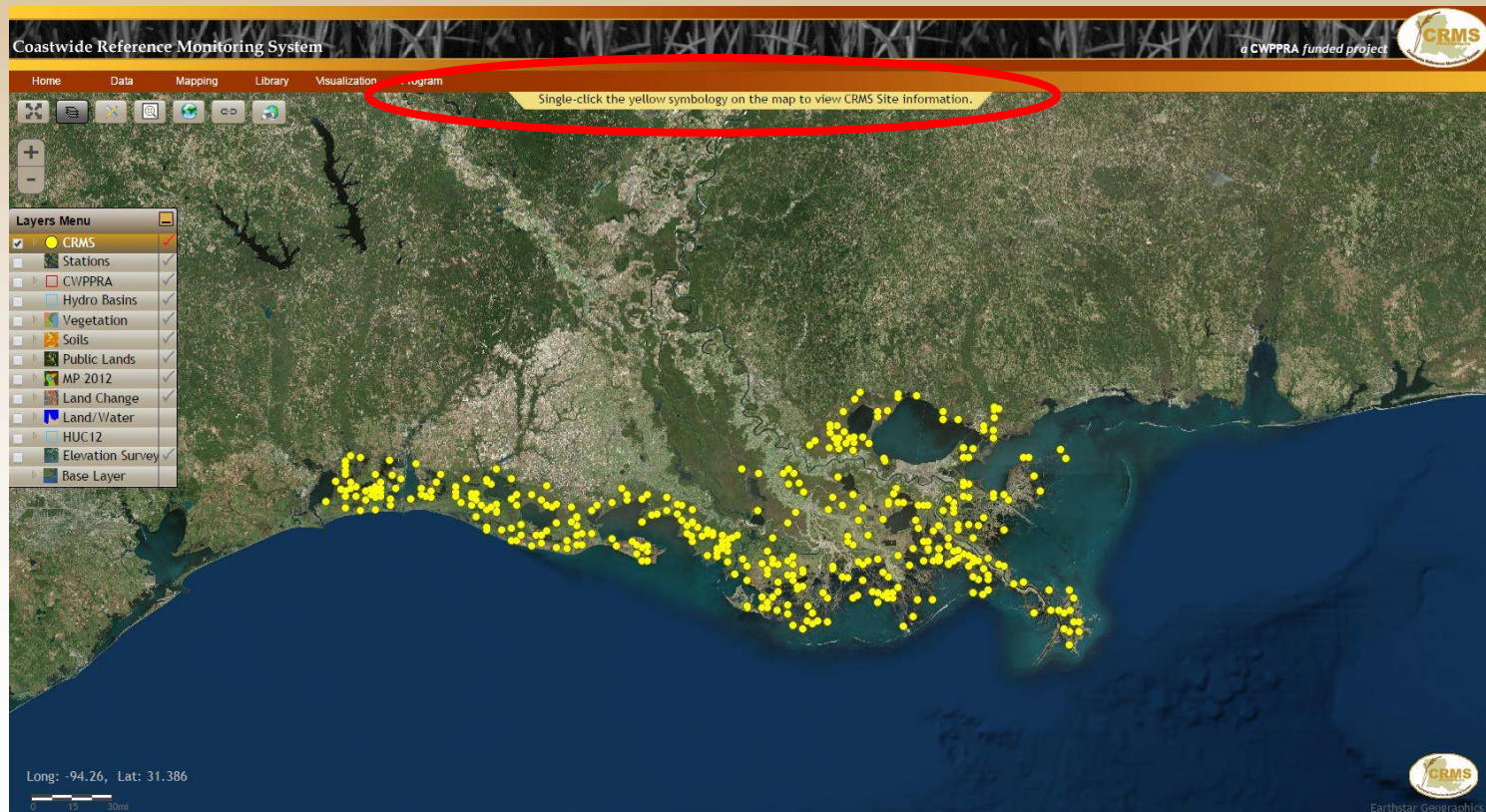




You must activate the layer to interact with it on the map!!!!

Manila dropdown shows how to interact with the current active layer.

Single-click the yellow symbology on the map to view CRMS Site information.





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CRMS Active Layer Features

Expands CRMS layer menu

Download a KML file to used in Google Earth.

Download a csv file of latitude and longitude.

Zooms to the site and shows the site information bubble.

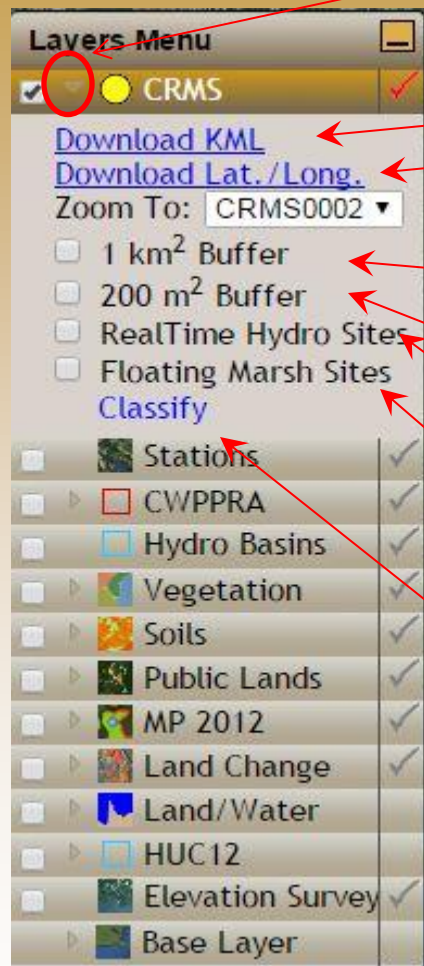
Adds/removes the 1 km² buffer layer
Aerial Photography Boundary

Adds/removes the 200 m² buffer layer
Ecological Data Collection Area

Highlights realtime hydro sites in blue

Highlights floating marsh sites in red

Classify invokes the tools menu with the classification option selected.





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Site Bubbles

Click a point for site level information bubble

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- [Download Lat./Long.](#)
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- ☐ 1 km² Buffer
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- ☐ RealTime Hydro Sites
- ☐ Floating Marsh Sites
- [Classify](#)
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- ☒ Hydro Basins
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- ☒ Land/Water
- ☒ HUC12
- ☒ Elevation Survey
- ☒ Base Layer

Info Water Vegetation Soil Spatial Report Card Tools

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Marsh Elevation: 0.64ft NAVD88 GEOID12A
Data Availability: 2016

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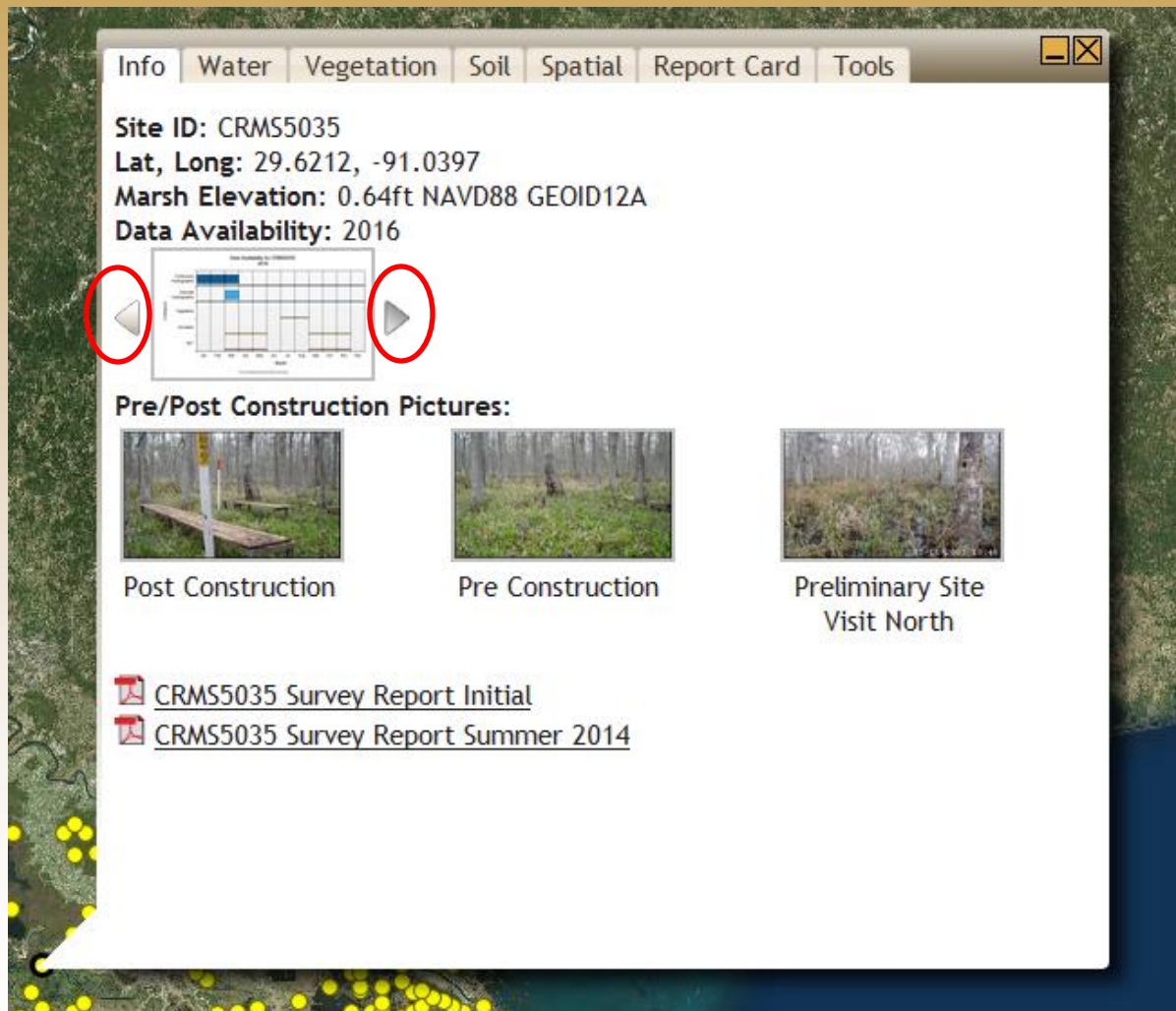
Post Construction Pre Construction Preliminary Site Visit North

[CRMS5035 Survey Report Initial](#)
[CRMS5035 Survey Report Summer 2014](#)

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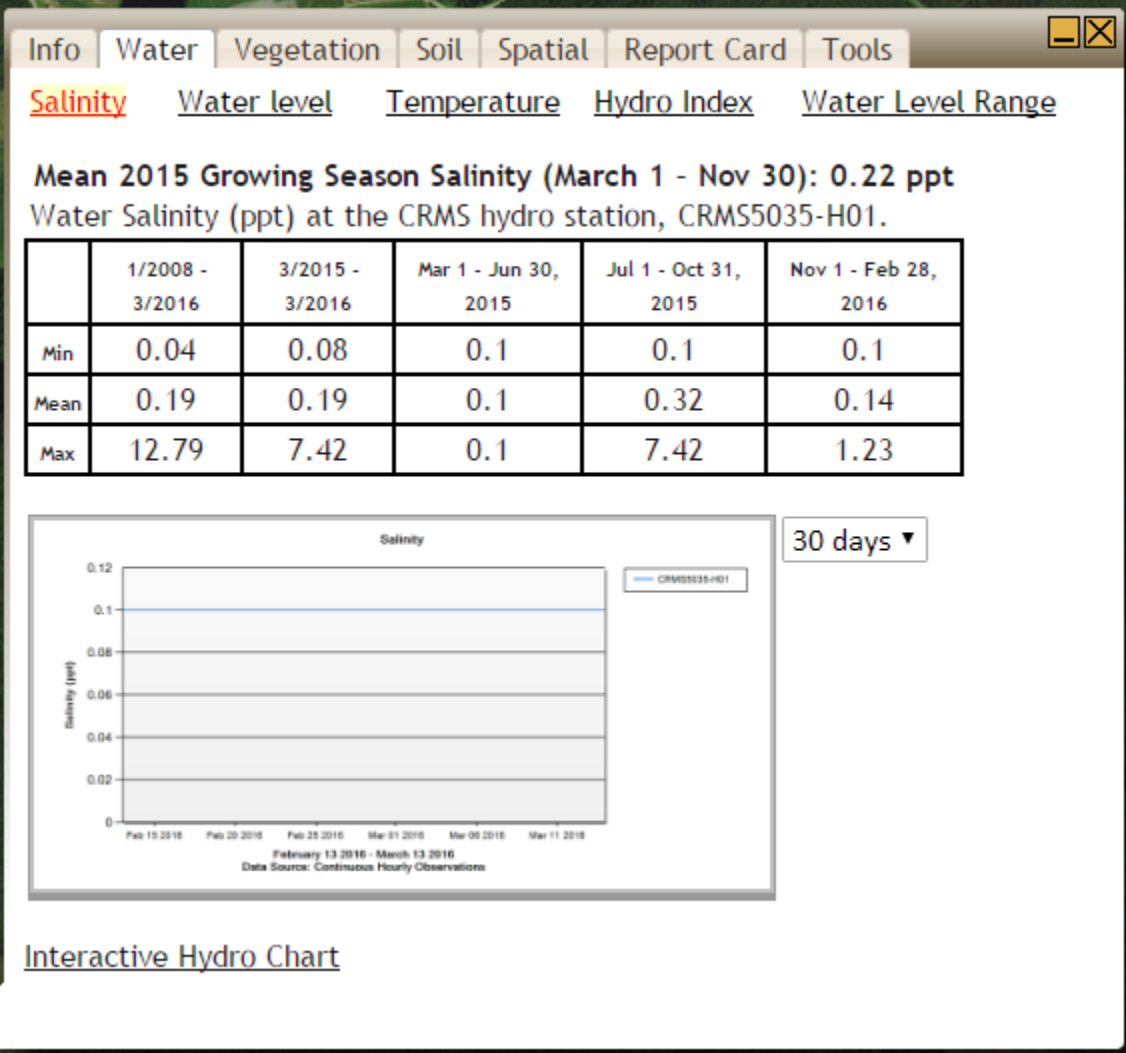
General information about the CRMS site including data availability, site photos, and survey reports.

Arrows allow user to scroll through data availability by year.

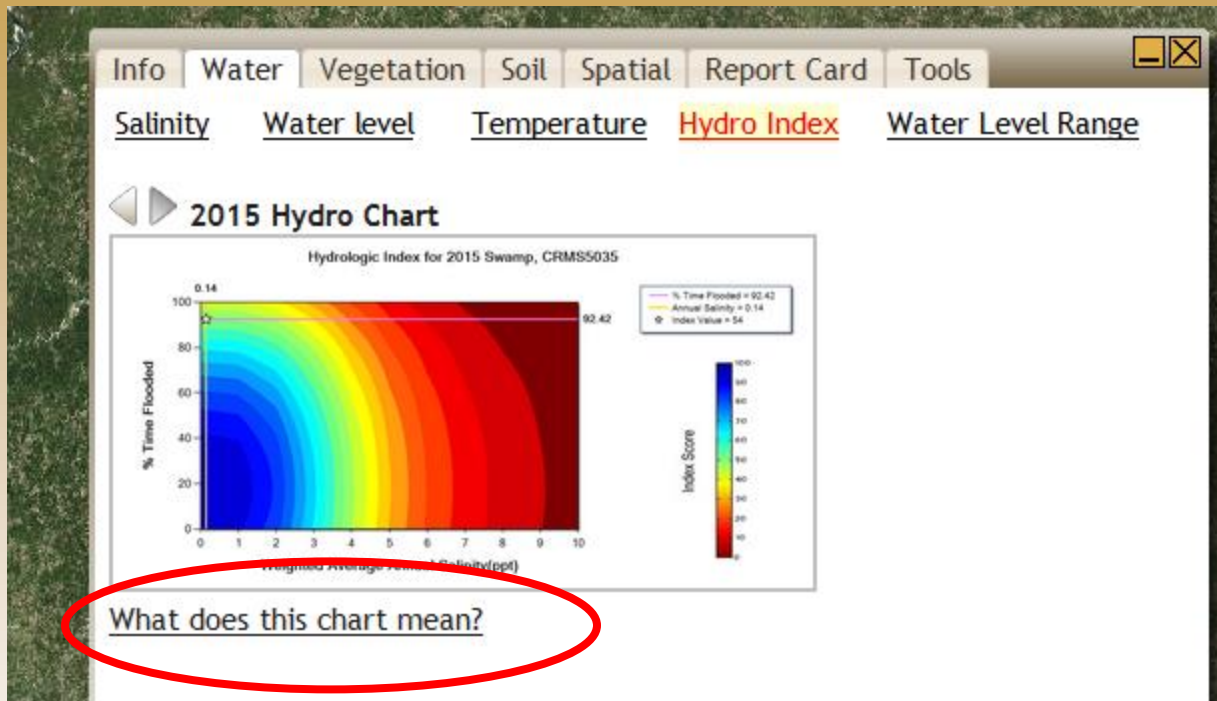
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The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected site.

Salinity – Brief overview of salinity data for the site. Also charts most recent salinity data for the site.



Site Information Bubble



The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected site.

Hydro Index – All Hydro Index charts available for the site.

CRMS

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The Hydrologic Index (HI) jointly assesses the suitability of two critical aspects of wetland hydrology, average salinity and percent time flooded, in maximizing vegetation primary productivity for the 5 different marsh classifications in coastal Louisiana (swamp, fresh, intermediate, brackish, and saline). The index score ranges from 0 - 100, and the score corresponds to the percent of maximum vegetation productivity expected to occur if the separate effects of salinity and inundation on productivity interact in a multiplicative fashion, according to the following formula:

$$HI = fld \times sal$$

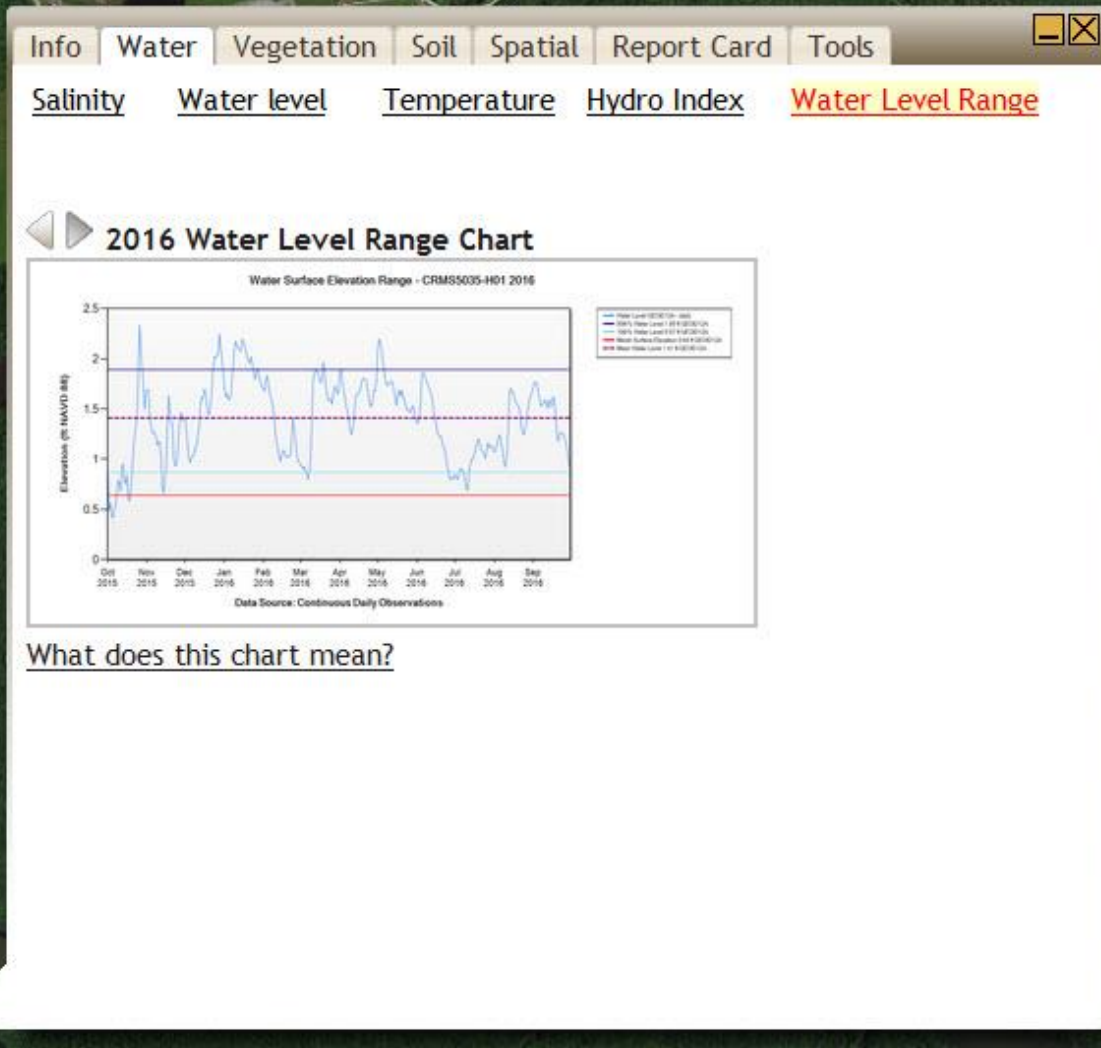
where fld is the percent maximum productivity attributable to percent time flooded, and sal is the percent maximum productivity attributable to the average annual salinity. Relationships describing how percent maximum productivity varies with salinity and percent time flooded were taken from the Habitat Switching Module of the LCA ecosystem restoration study (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2004).

The HI is calculated for a given water year, which begins October 1 and ends the following September 30.

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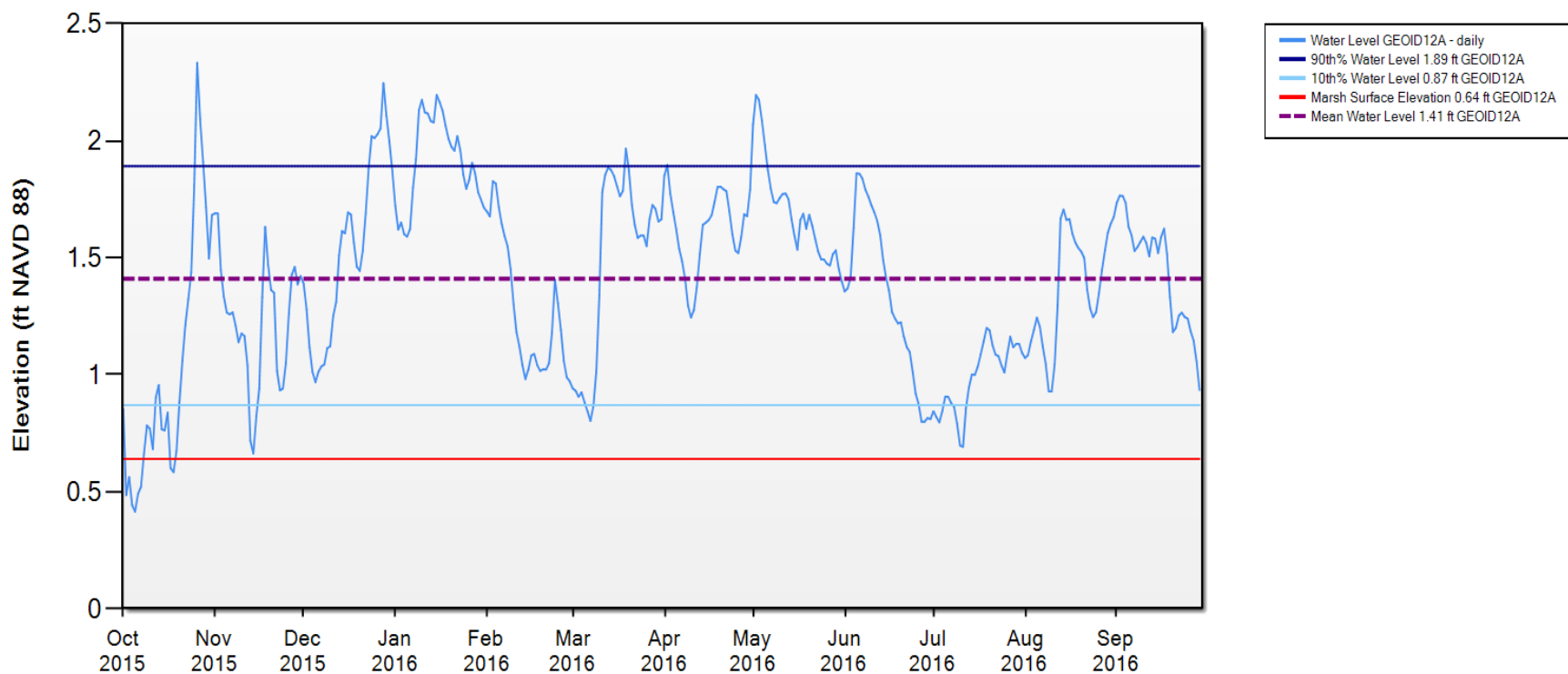
Water Level Range – All water level range charts available for the current site.





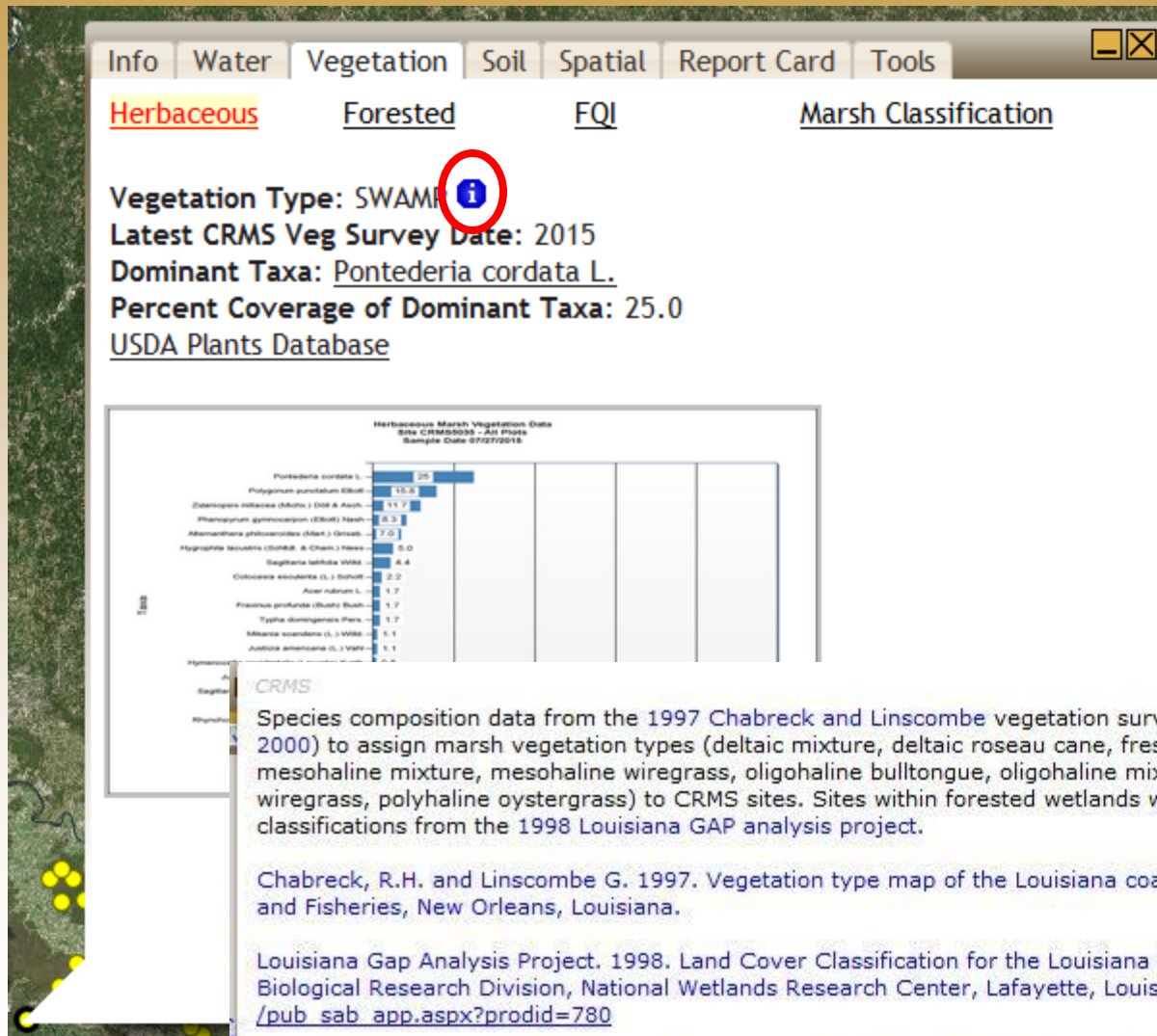
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Water Surface Elevation Range - CRMS5035-H01 2016



Data Source: Continuous Daily Observations

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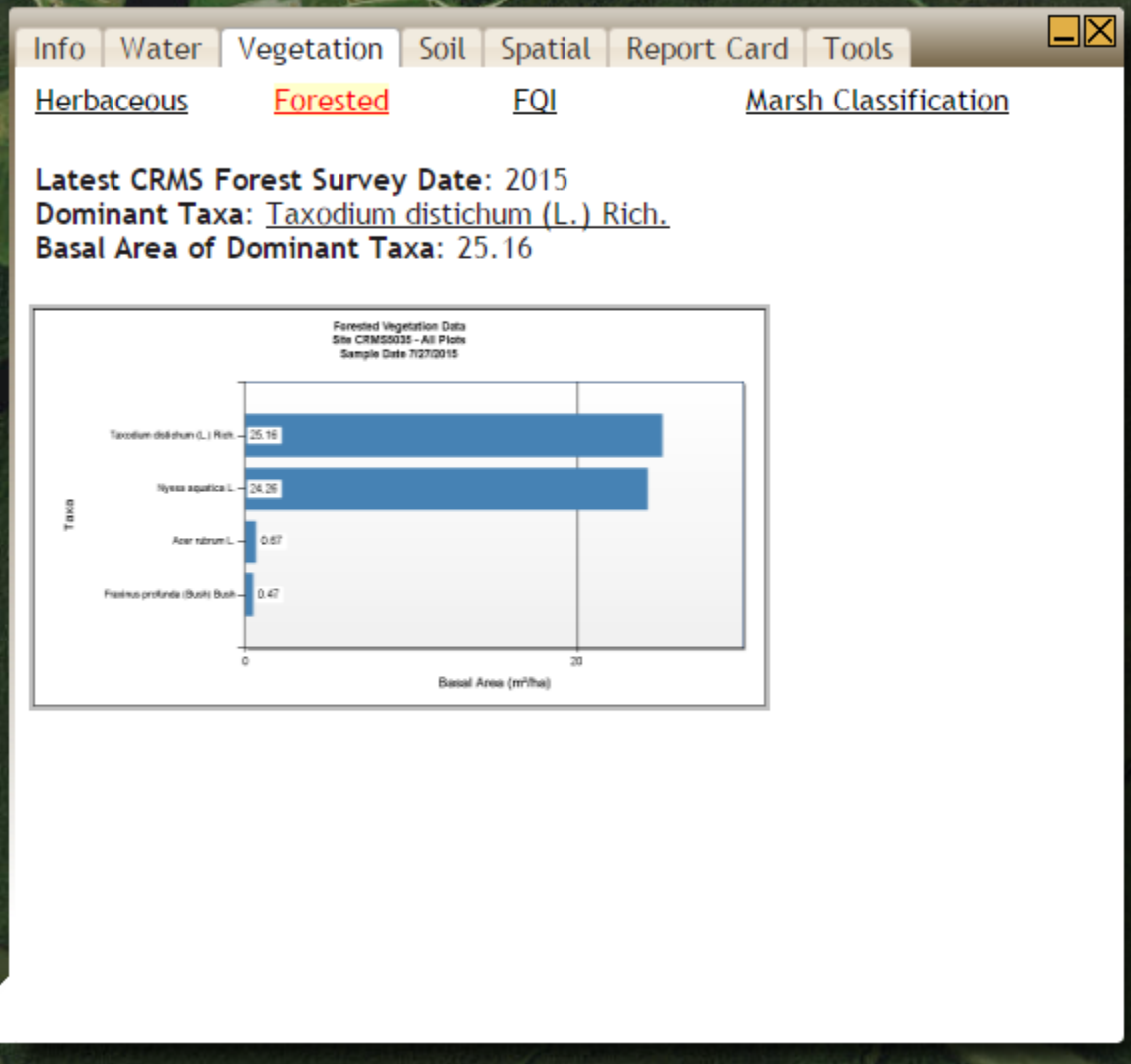


The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected site.

Herbaceous – Species driven percent cover chart.

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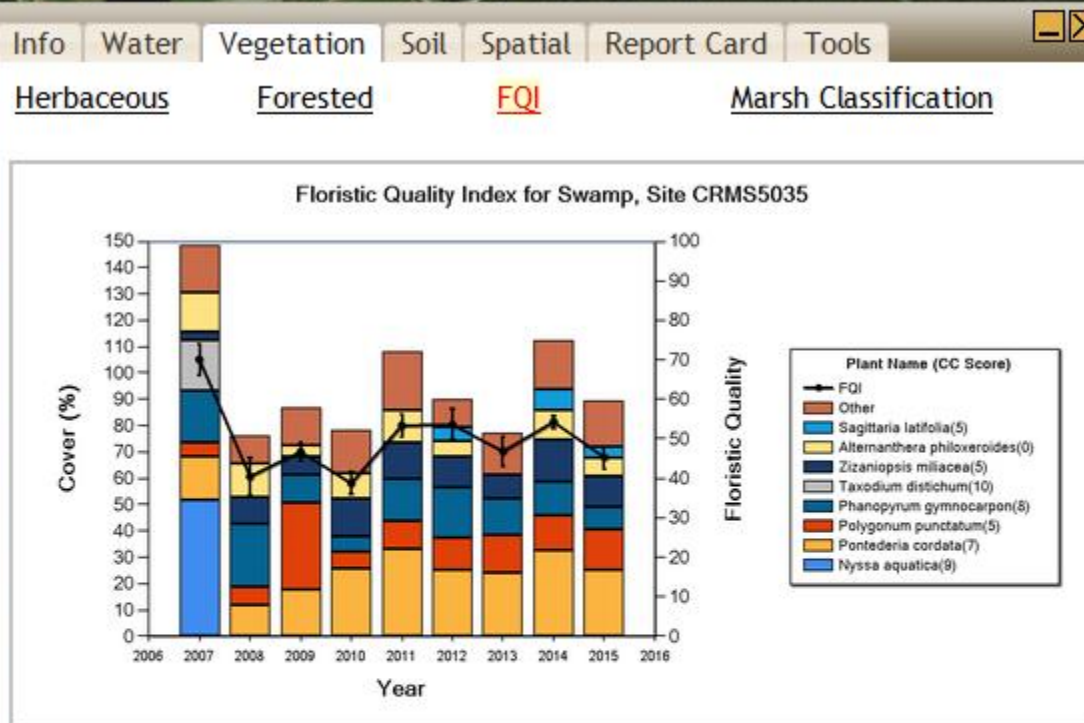
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Forested – Species driven basal area chart.

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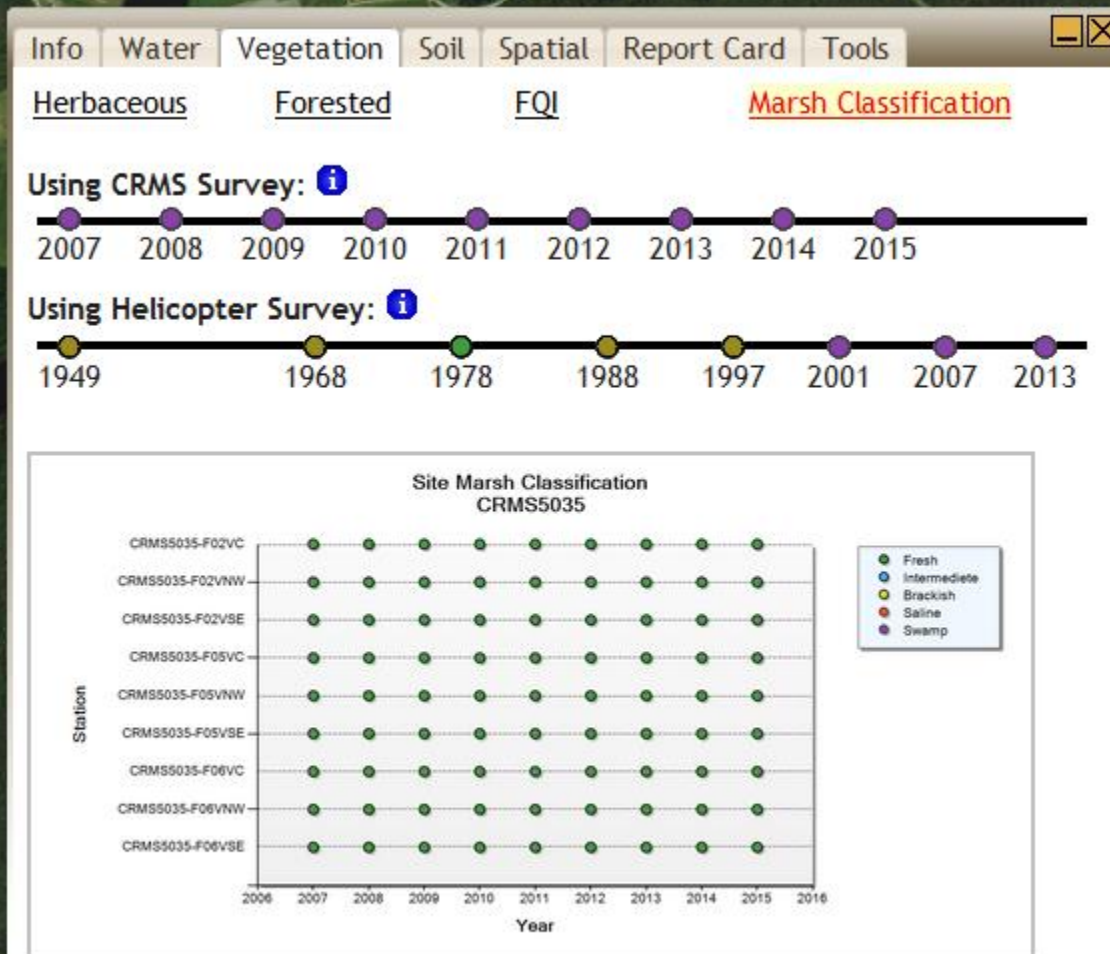
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Floristic Quality Index (FQI) chart showing vegetative species composition and FQI score annually.



What does this chart mean?

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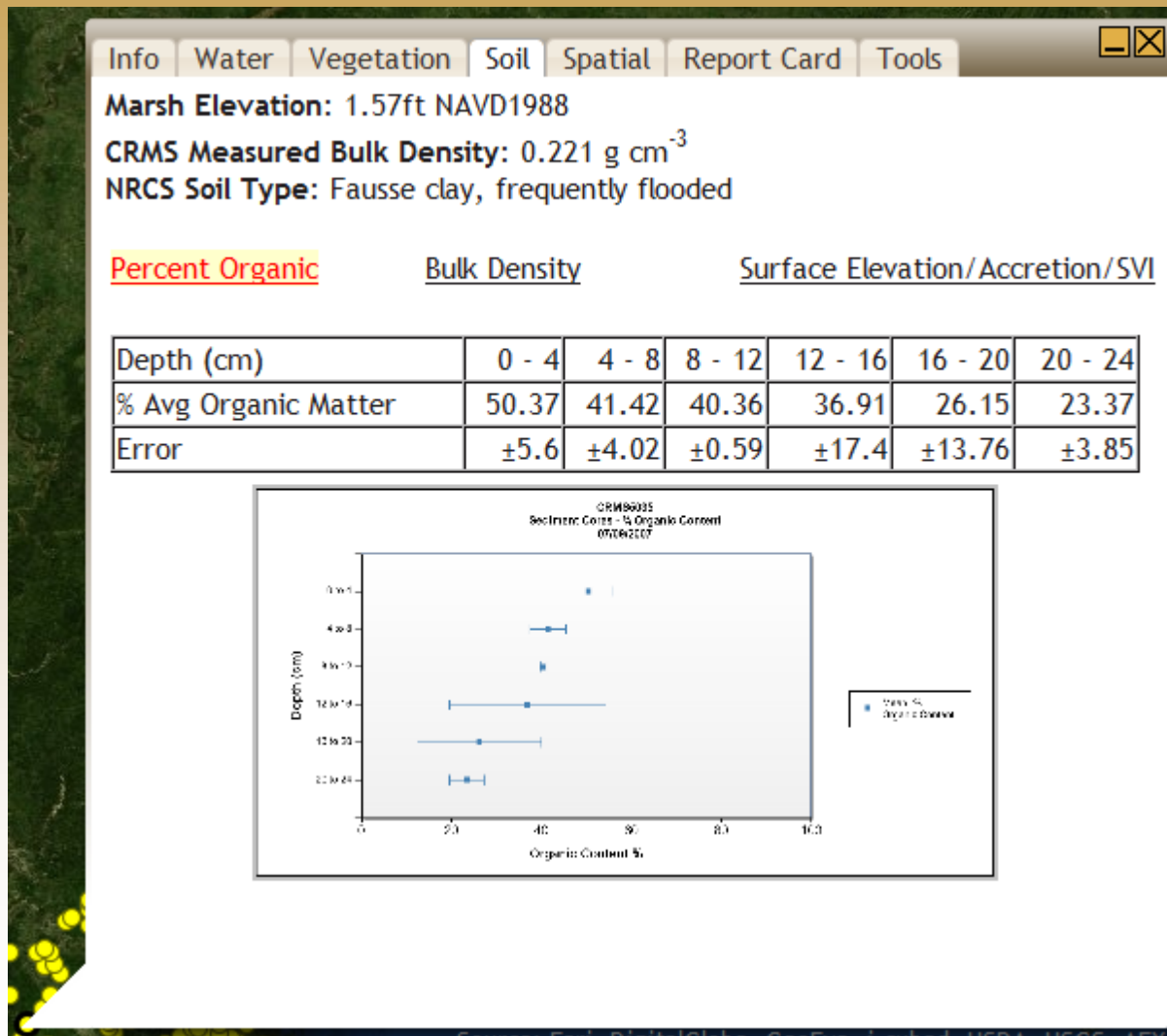
The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected site.

Marsh Classification –
The chart displays marsh class by site over time.

Top bar is marsh class at the site level using annual on-the-ground vegetation survey data.

Bottom bar is marsh class at the site level using the helicopter survey data.

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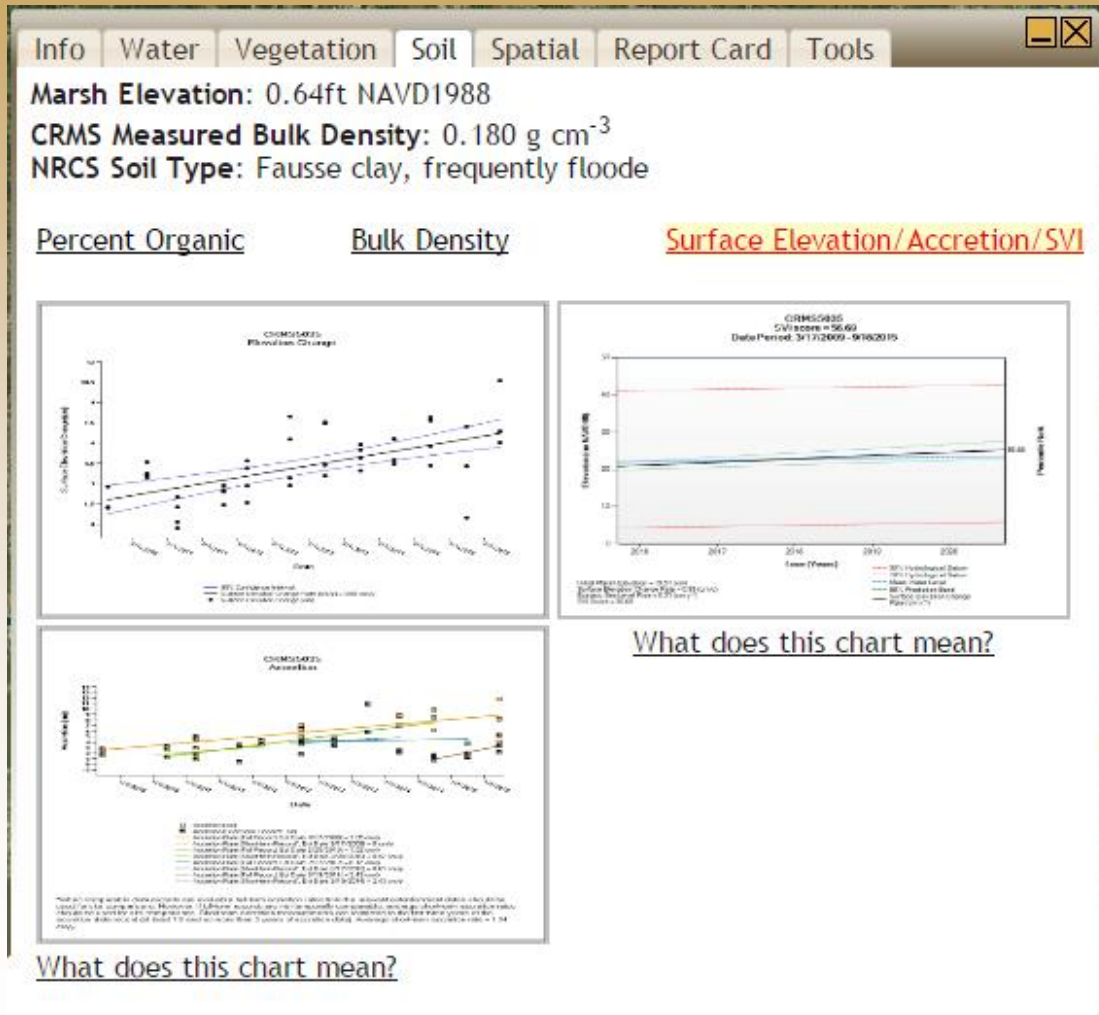


The Soil tab contains all soil information for the selected site.

Percent Organic – Soil profiles taken at site establishment.



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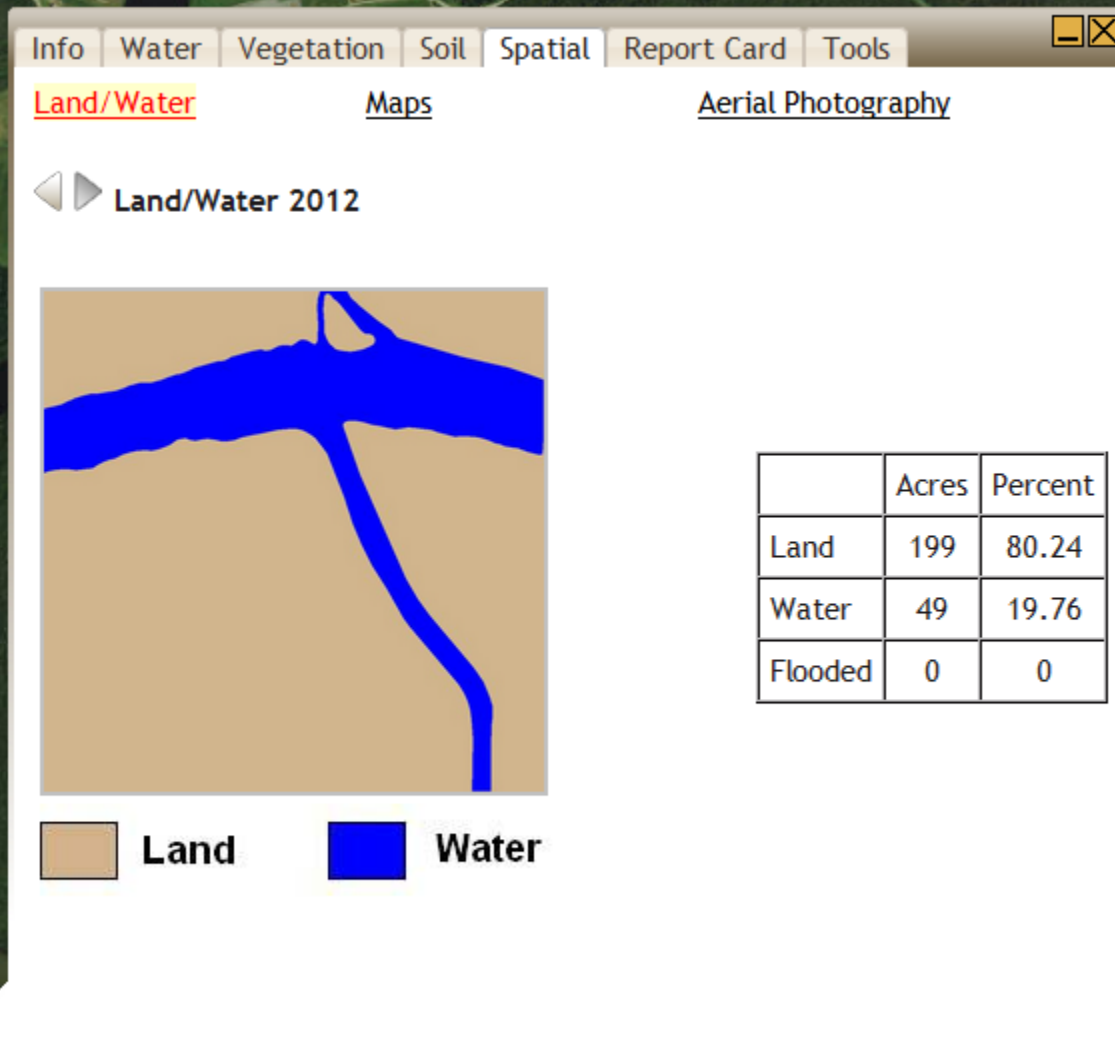


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Surface Elevation/Accretion – currently displays site level elevation change and accretion and gives rates for shallow subsidence.

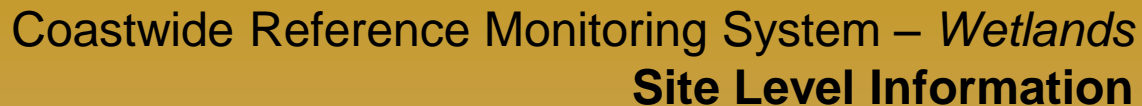


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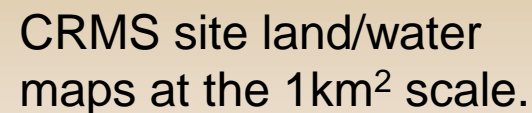


The Spatial tab contains all spatial information for the selected site.

Land/Water with acreage breakdowns



The Spatial tab contains all spatial information for the selected site.



[pdf link](#)

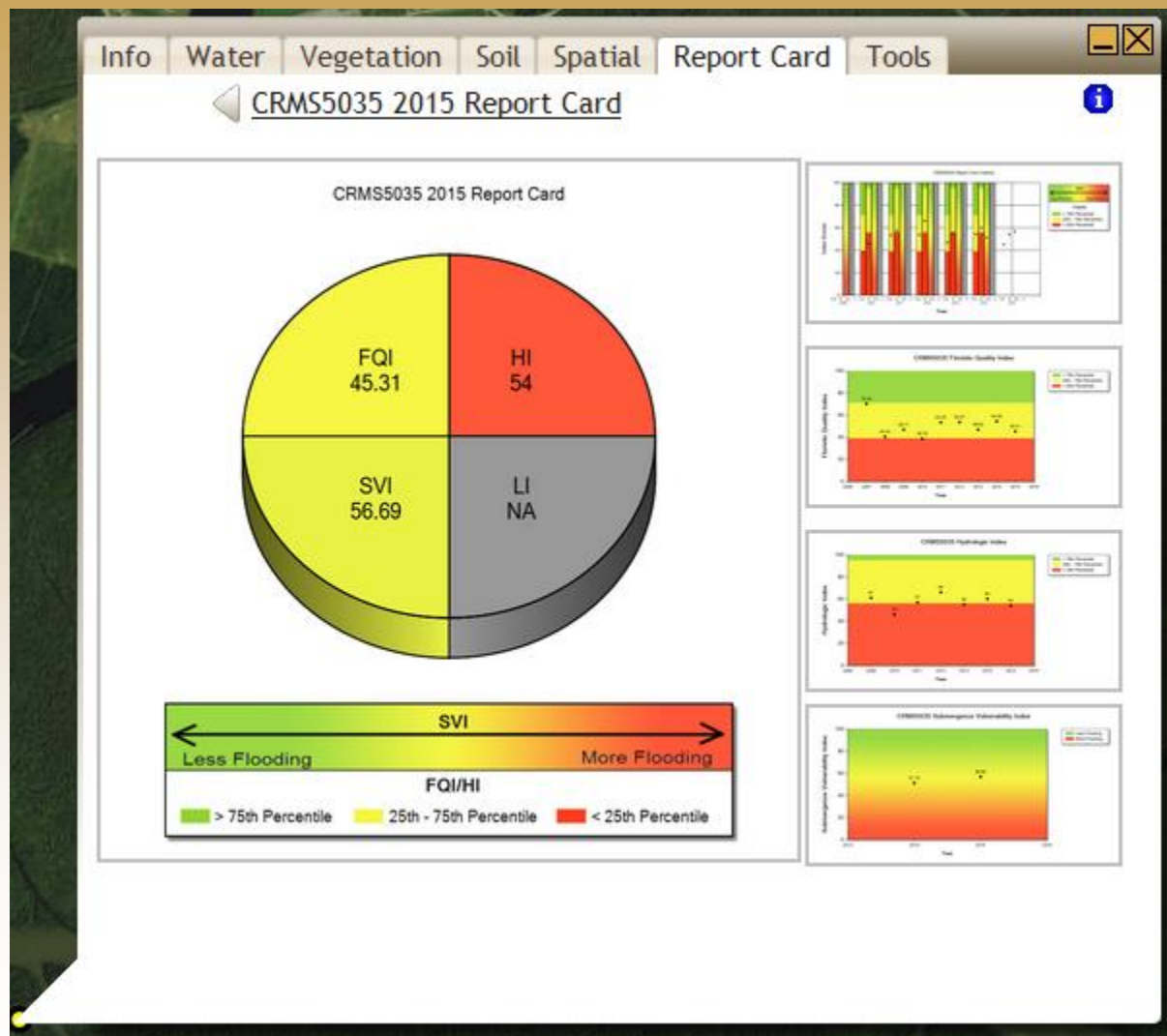
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Aerial Photography

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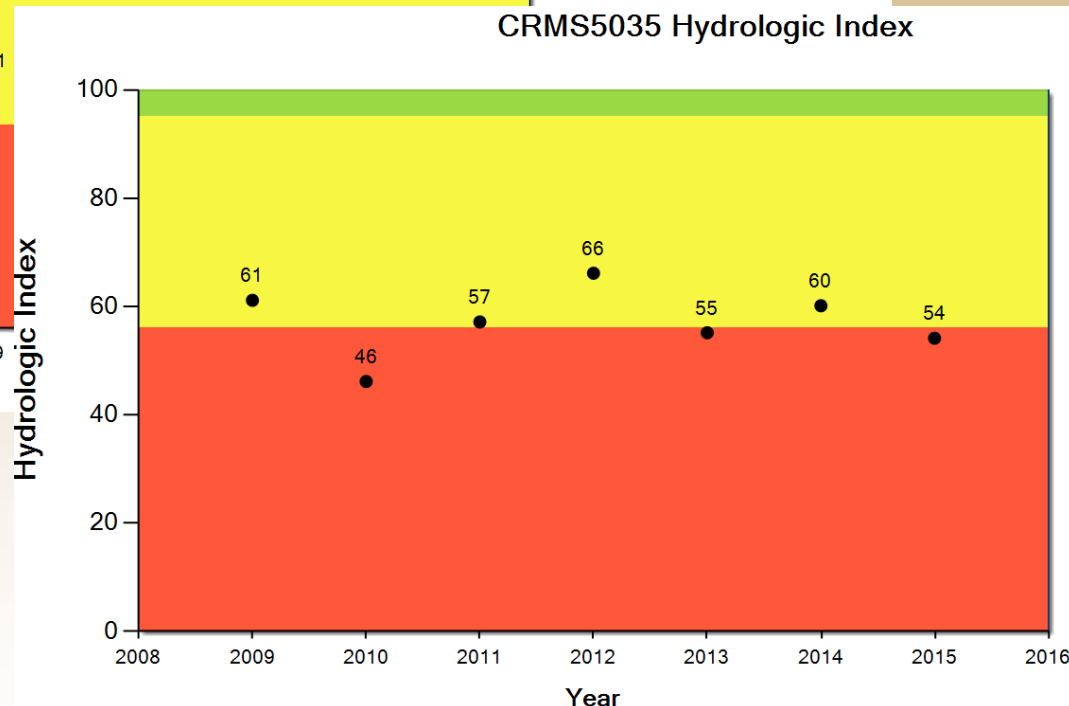
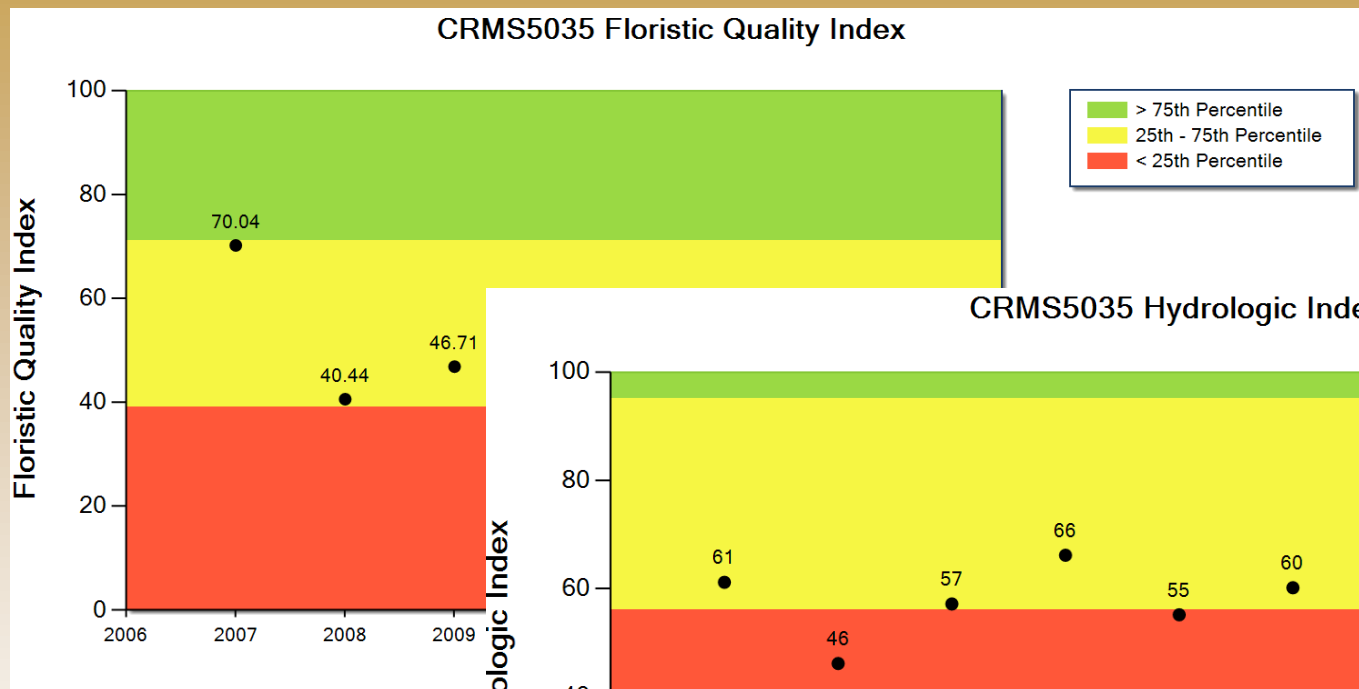
The Report Card tab contains all report card information for the selected site.

Report Card- Generate site report cards for previous years in the bubble or look at summary graphics.

Click on thumbnails to expand graphics.



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Report Card Summary Graphics- Allow you to visualize individual index scores through time for a particular site.



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The Tools tab lets you do an Acreage Assessment on the selected site.

Acreage Assessment – Use the acreage assessment tool to determine acreage breakdowns of the available coastwide vegetation surveys or land/water data.

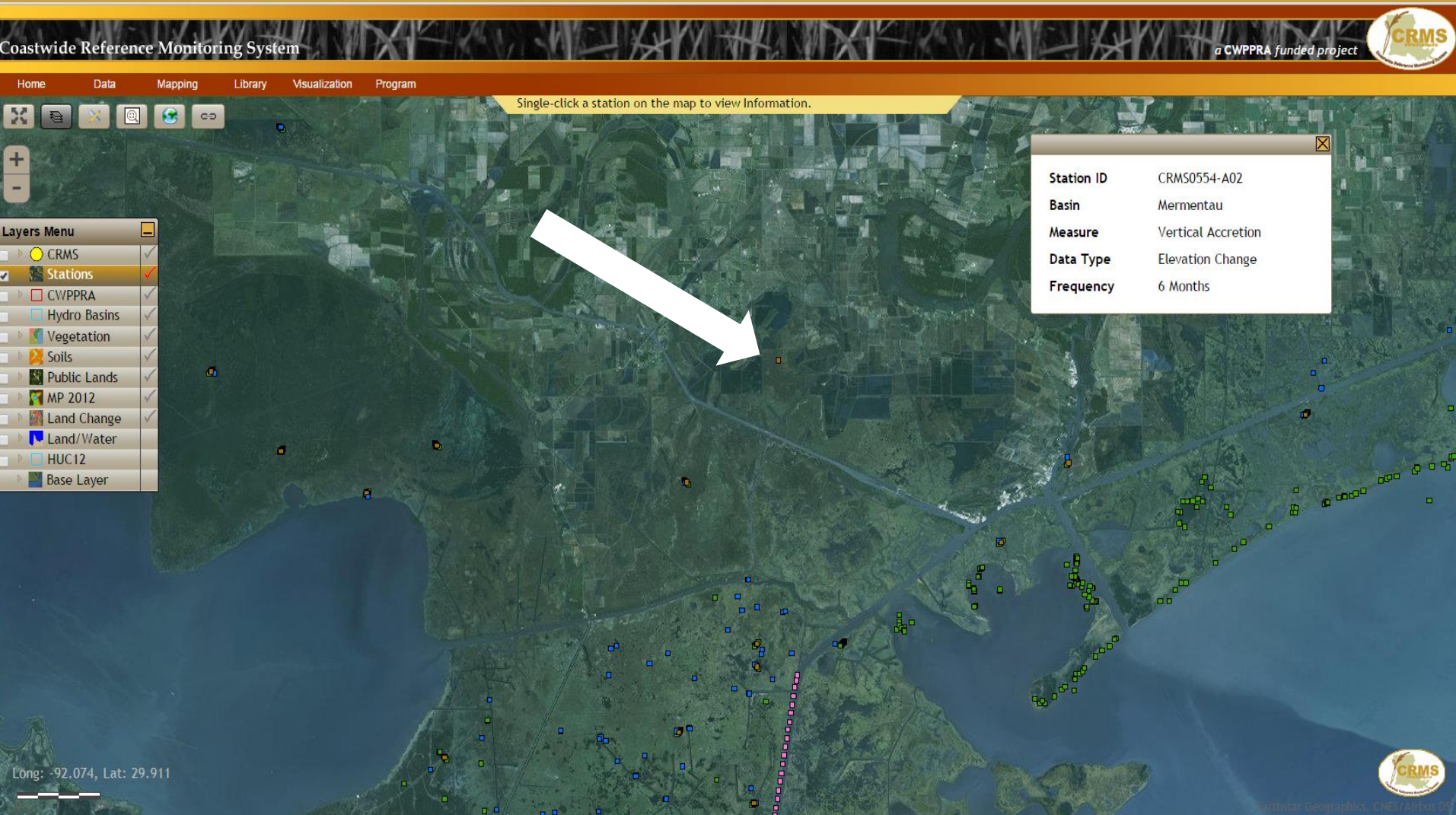


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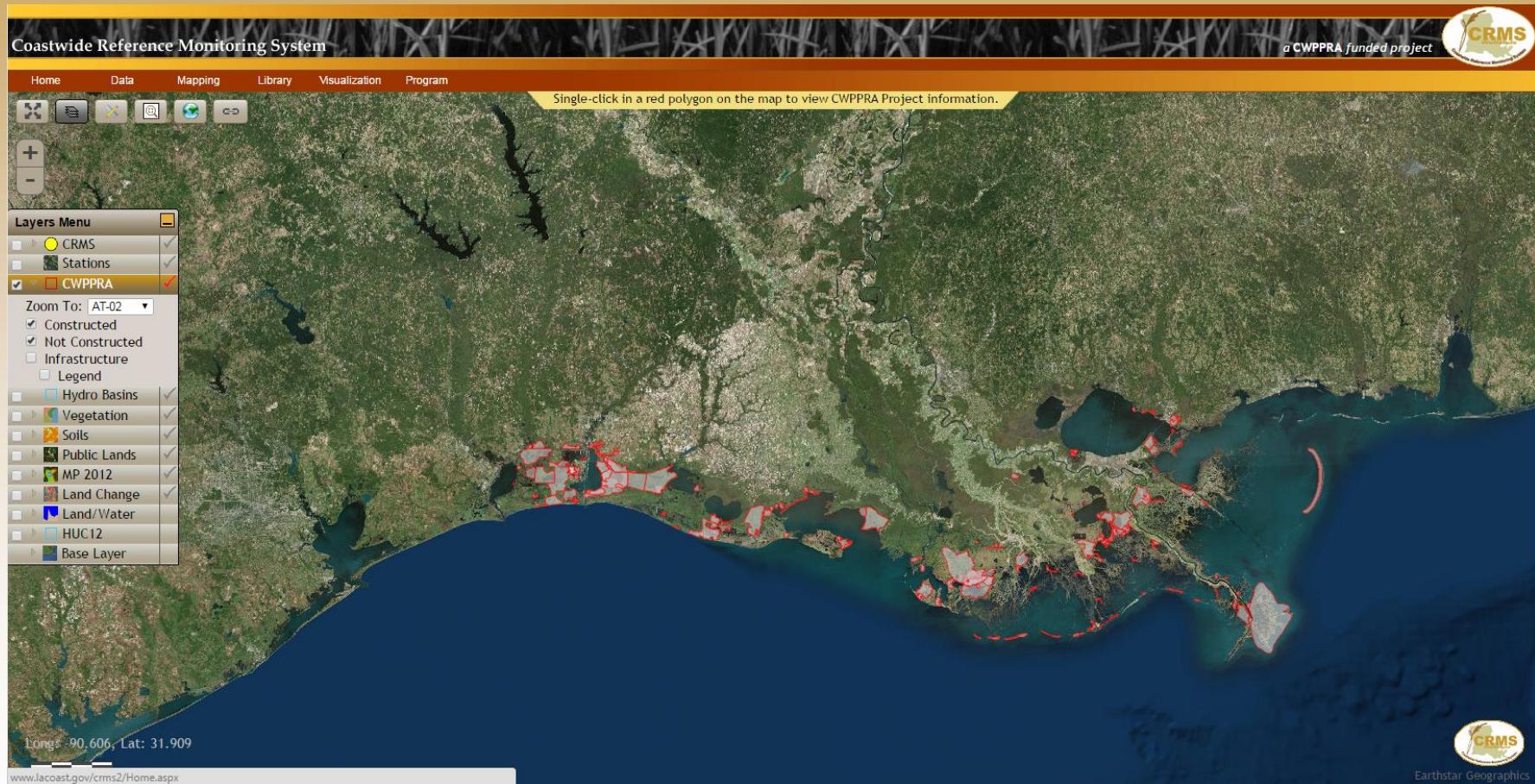
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Points on the map display a brief description of the station's information



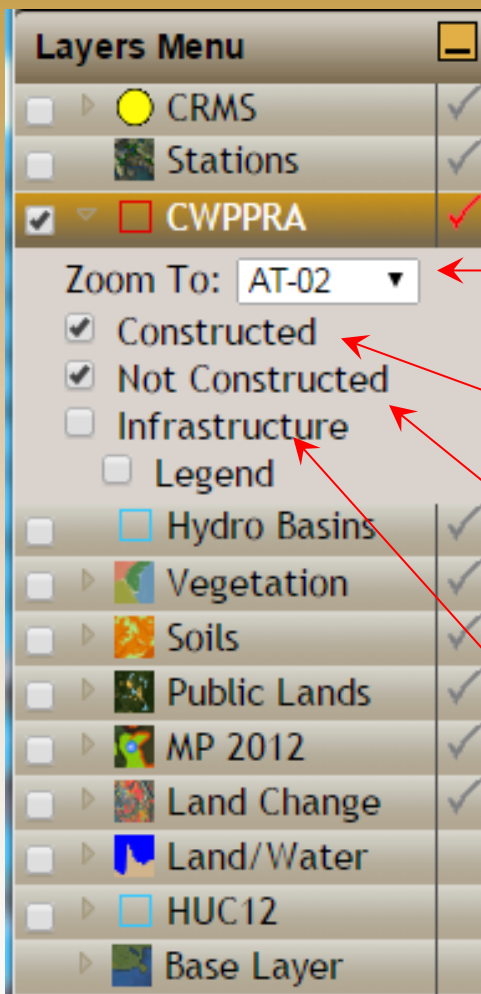
Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Project Level Information





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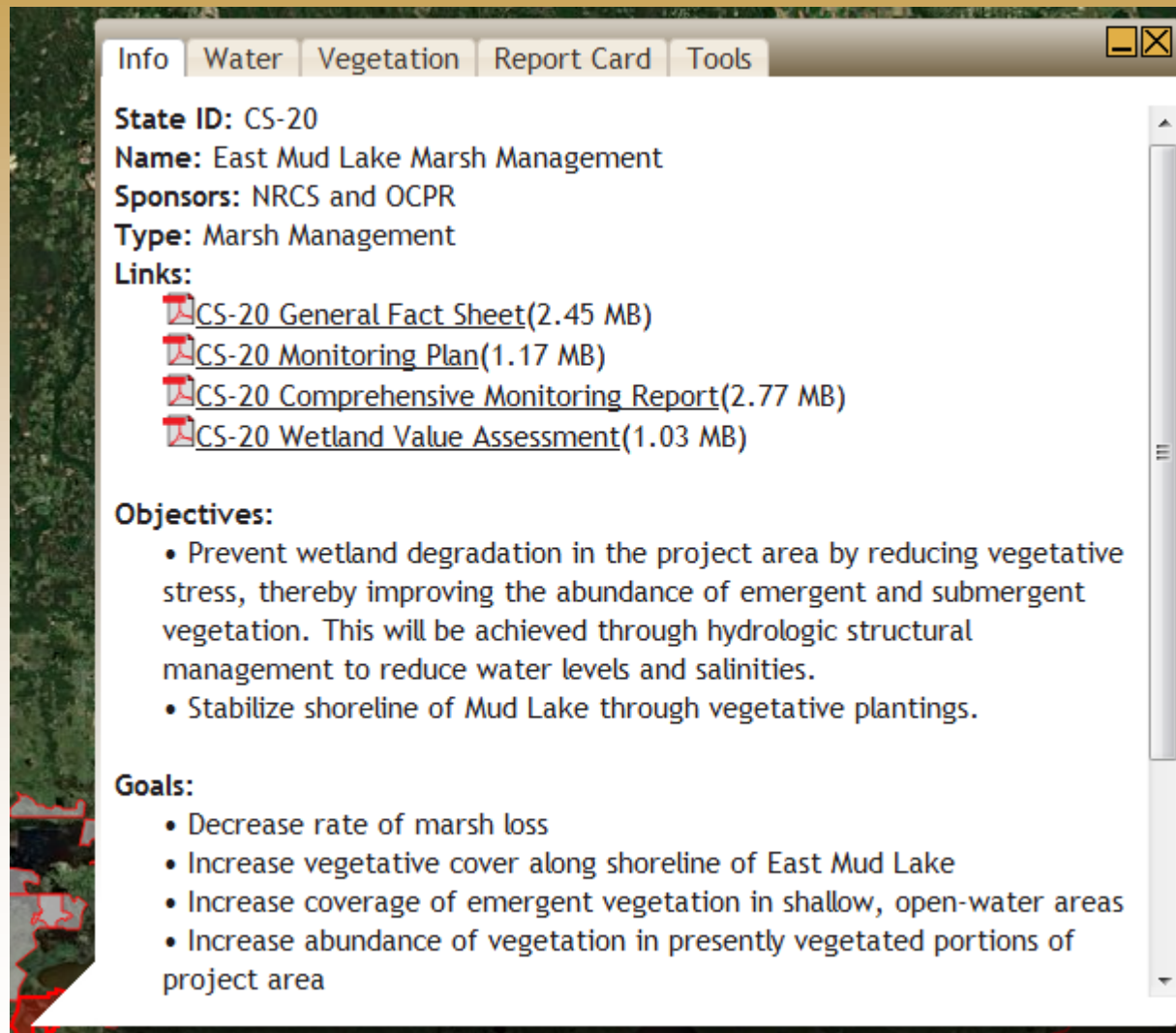
Zoom to function zooms to the project and shows the information bubble for it.

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Adds/removes the “planning” projects layer to the map.

Adds/removes the Project Infrastructure layer to the map and shows the legend

Project Information Bubble

A screenshot of a web application window titled "Project Information Bubble". The window has a tabbed interface with tabs for "Info", "Water", "Vegetation", "Report Card", and "Tools". The "Info" tab is selected. The content area displays the following information:

State ID: CS-20
Name: East Mud Lake Marsh Management
Sponsors: NRCS and OCPR
Type: Marsh Management
Links:

- [CS-20 General Fact Sheet\(2.45 MB\)](#)
- [CS-20 Monitoring Plan\(1.17 MB\)](#)
- [CS-20 Comprehensive Monitoring Report\(2.77 MB\)](#)
- [CS-20 Wetland Value Assessment\(1.03 MB\)](#)

Objectives:

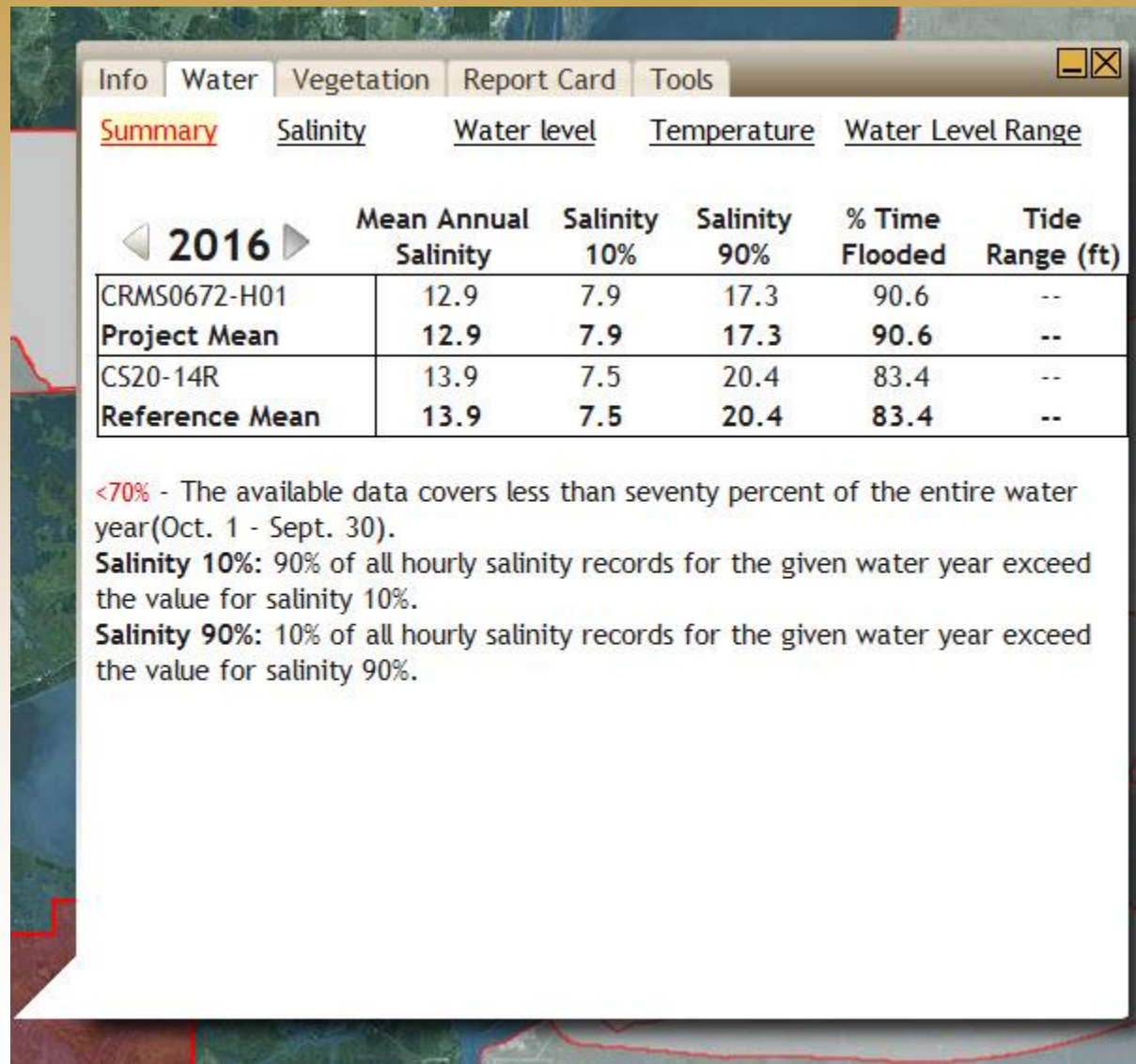
- Prevent wetland degradation in the project area by reducing vegetative stress, thereby improving the abundance of emergent and submergent vegetation. This will be achieved through hydrologic structural management to reduce water levels and salinities.
- Stabilize shoreline of Mud Lake through vegetative plantings.

Goals:

- Decrease rate of marsh loss
- Increase vegetative cover along shoreline of East Mud Lake
- Increase coverage of emergent vegetation in shallow, open-water areas
- Increase abundance of vegetation in presently vegetated portions of project area

The information bubble appears when a CWPPRA project is clicked. The Project Info tab is automatically chosen when the bubble pops up on the screen.

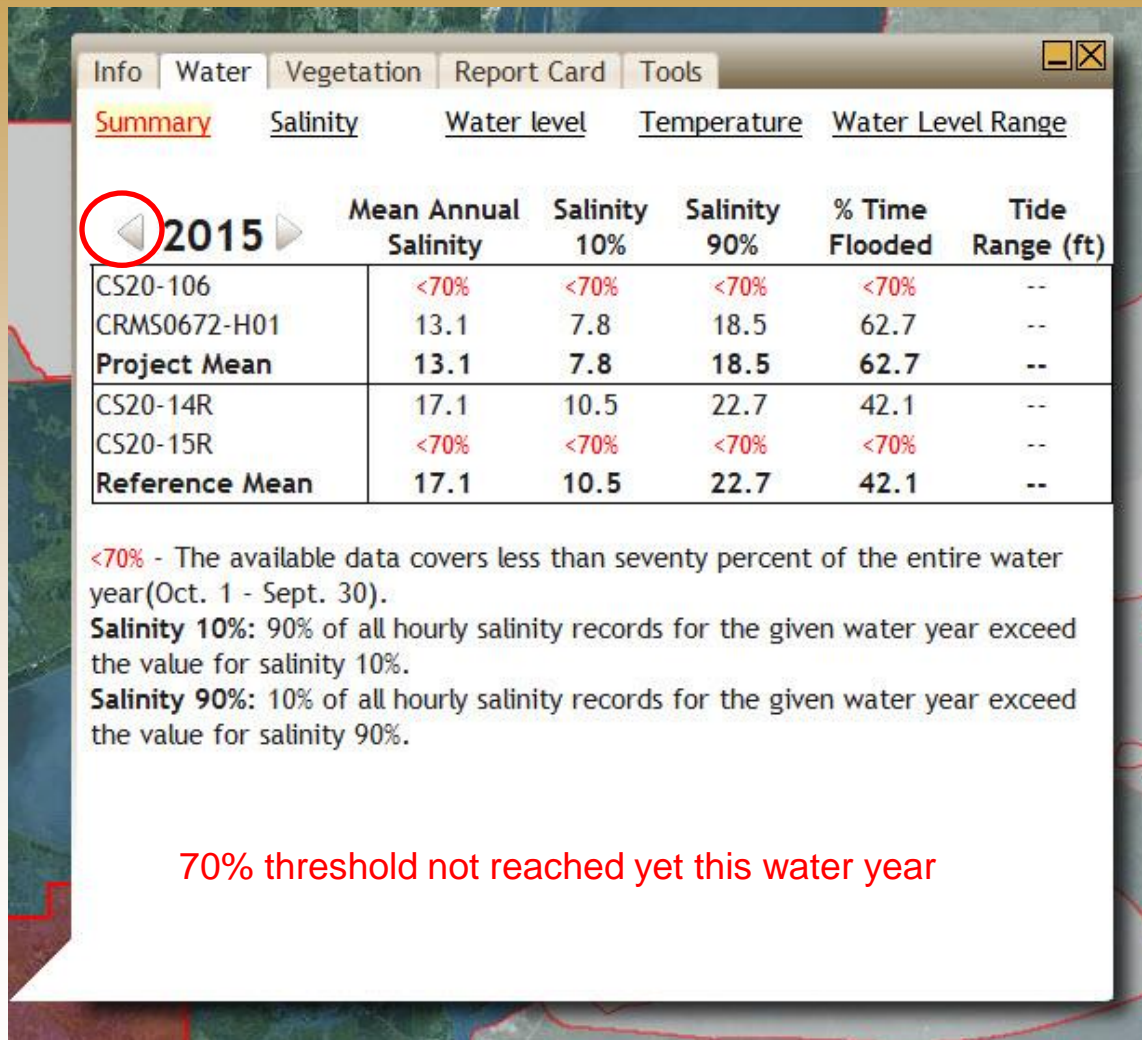
Project Information Bubble



The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected project.

Summary – Gives a brief overview of the hydro data available for the project.

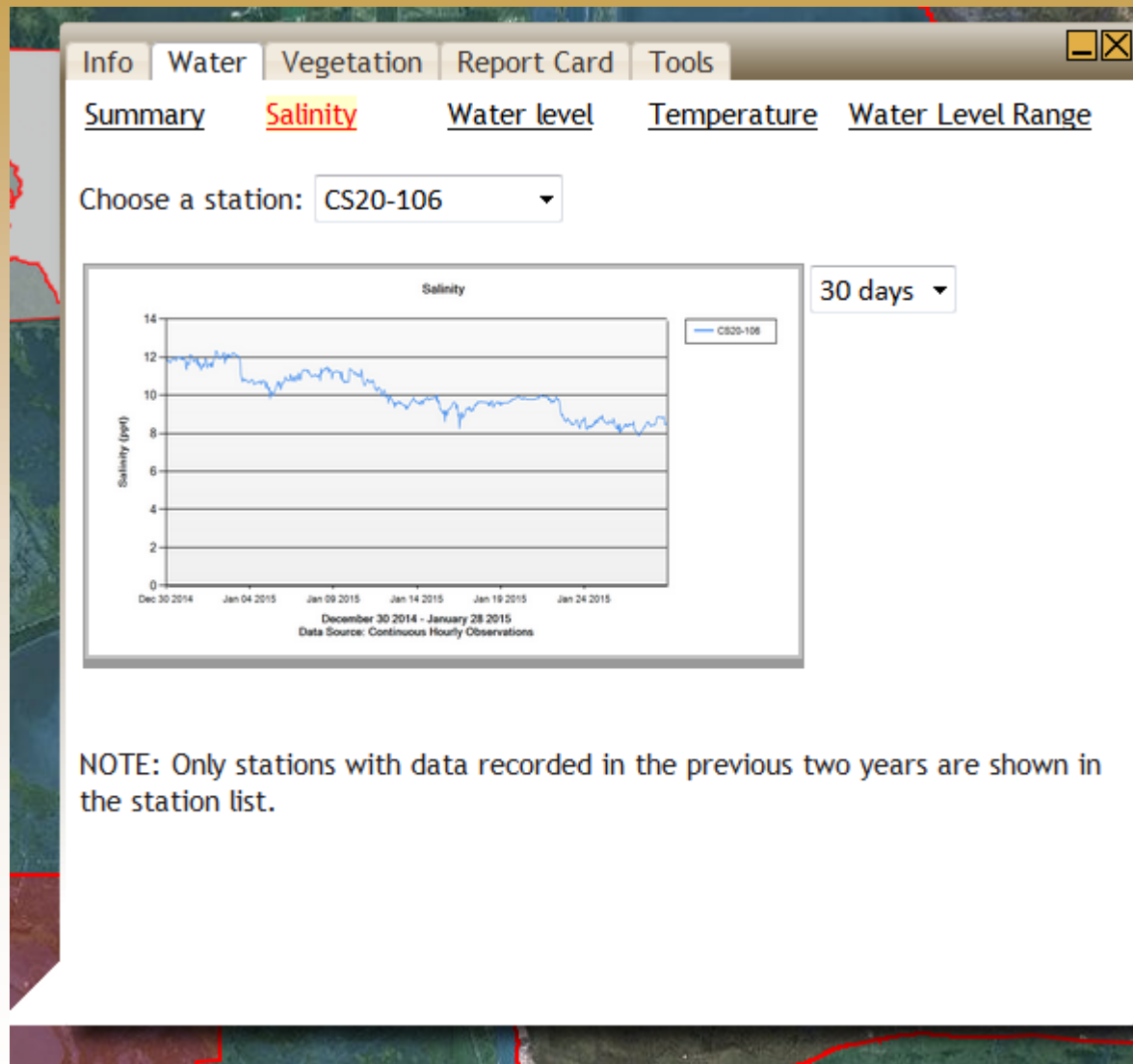
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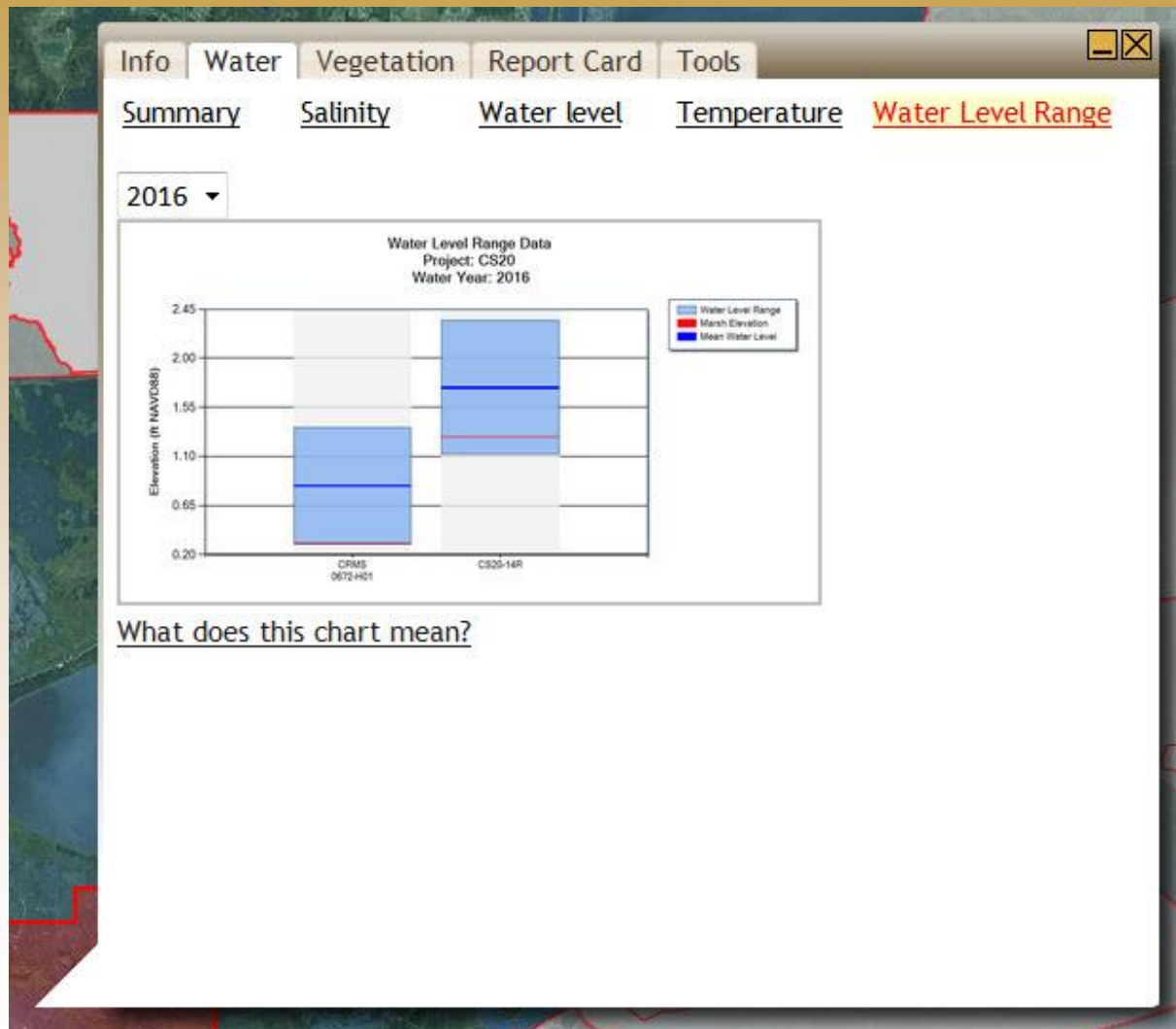
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Salinity – Charts most recent data for hydro stations located within the project.

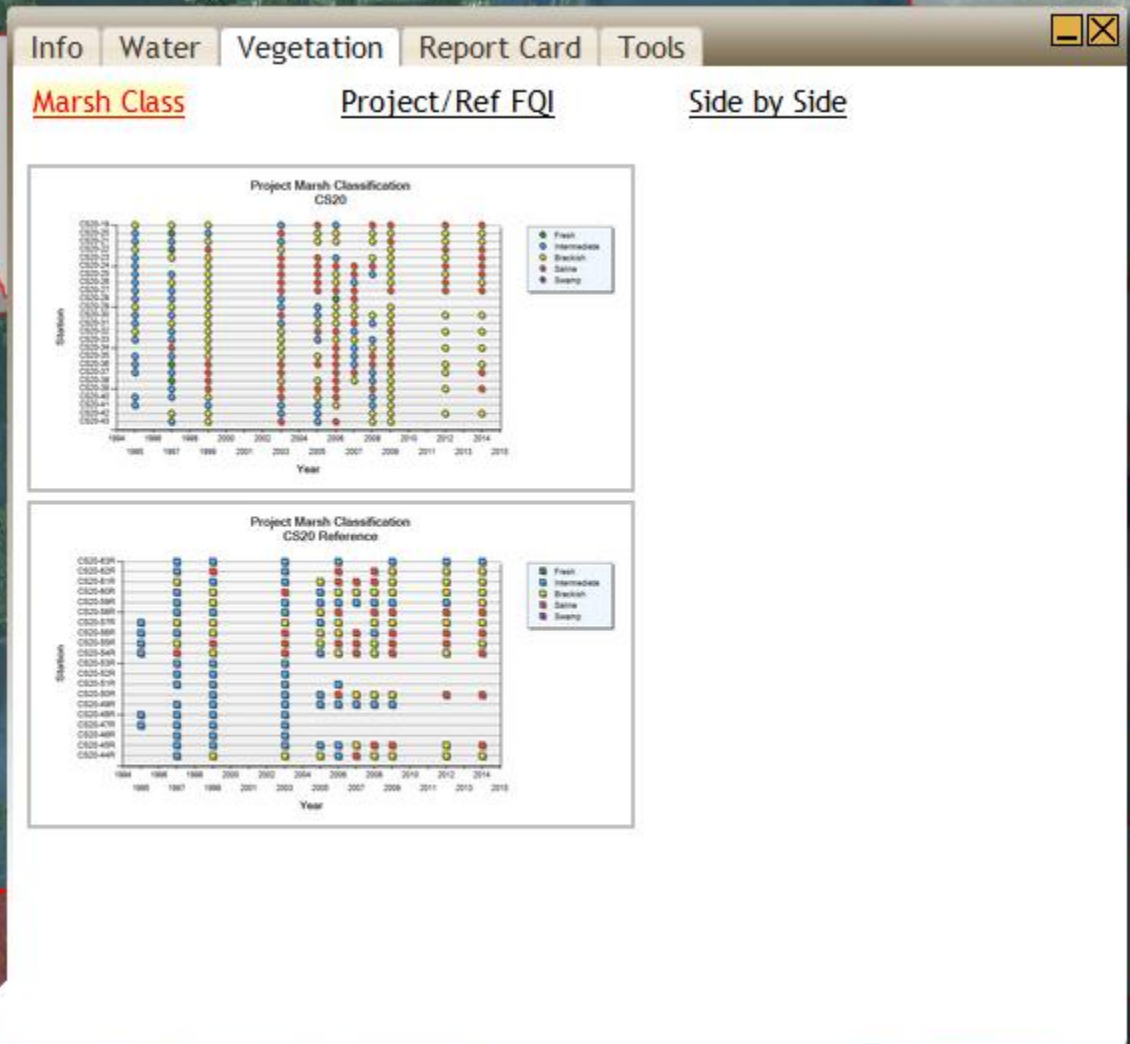
Project Information Bubble



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Water Level Range – Charts water level range data for **hydro stations located within the project.**

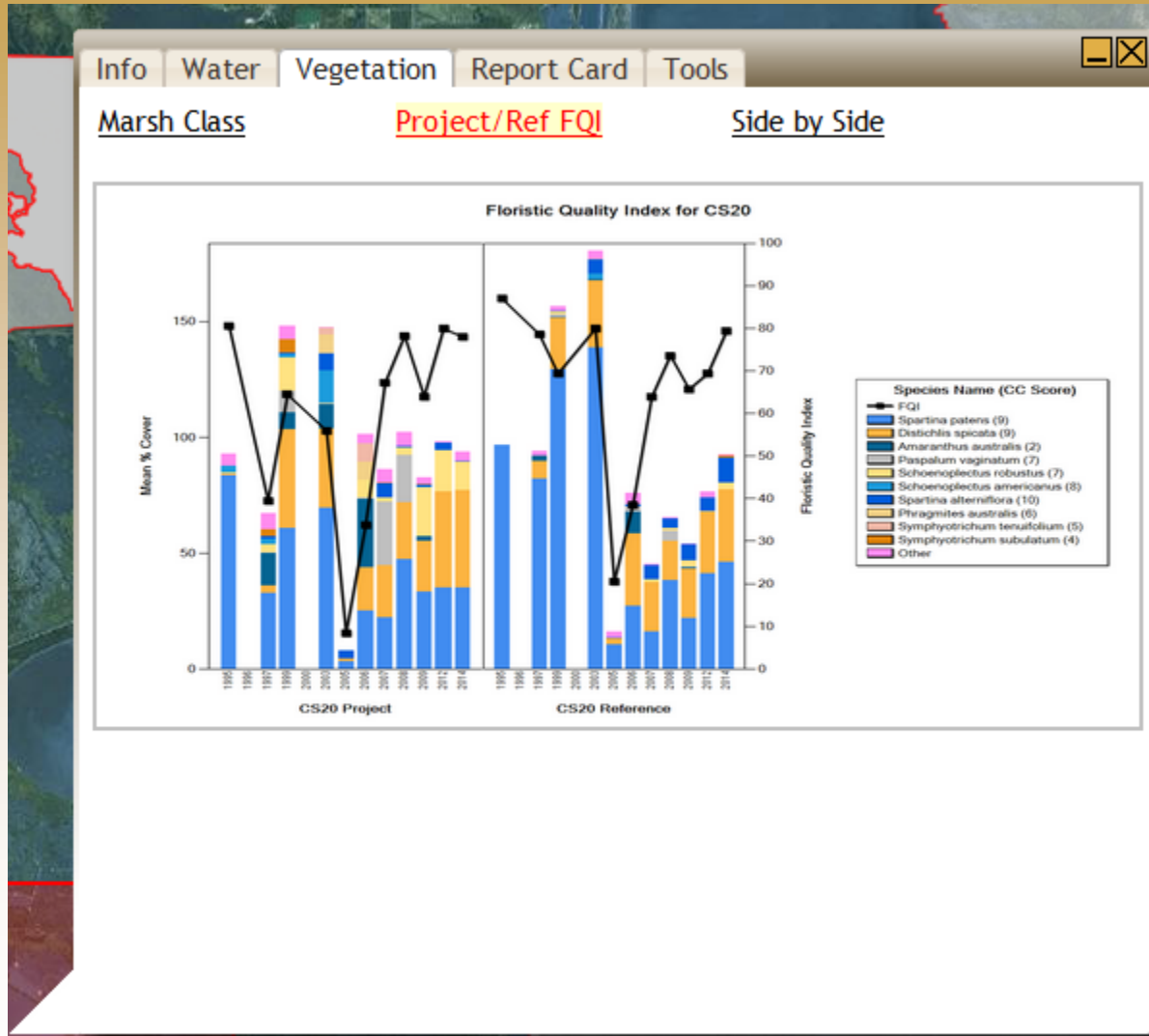
Project Information Bubble



The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected project.

Marsh classification at project and reference stations over multiple years.

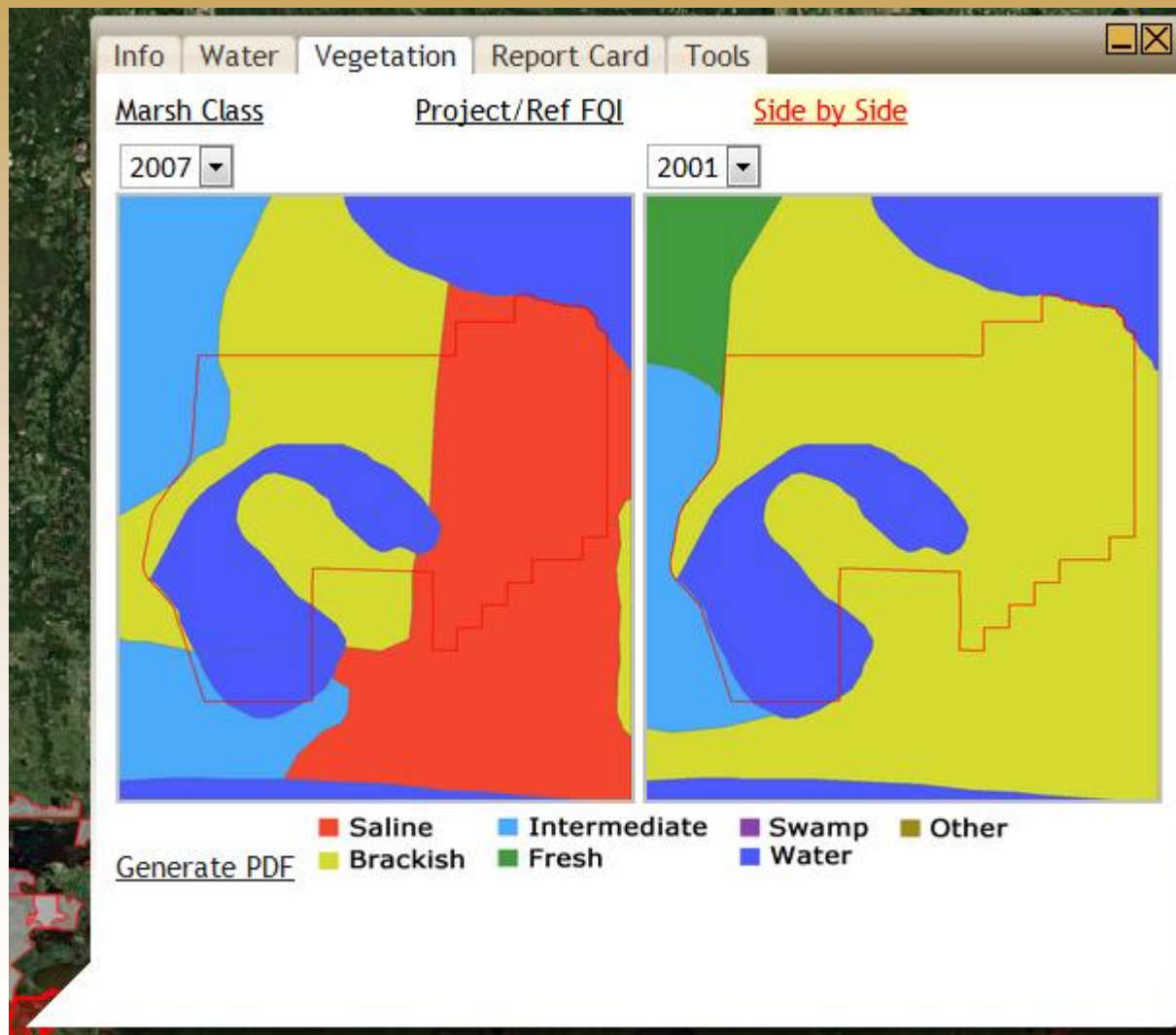
Project Information Bubble



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Project/Ref FQI – Project Scale Floristic Quality Index Chart.

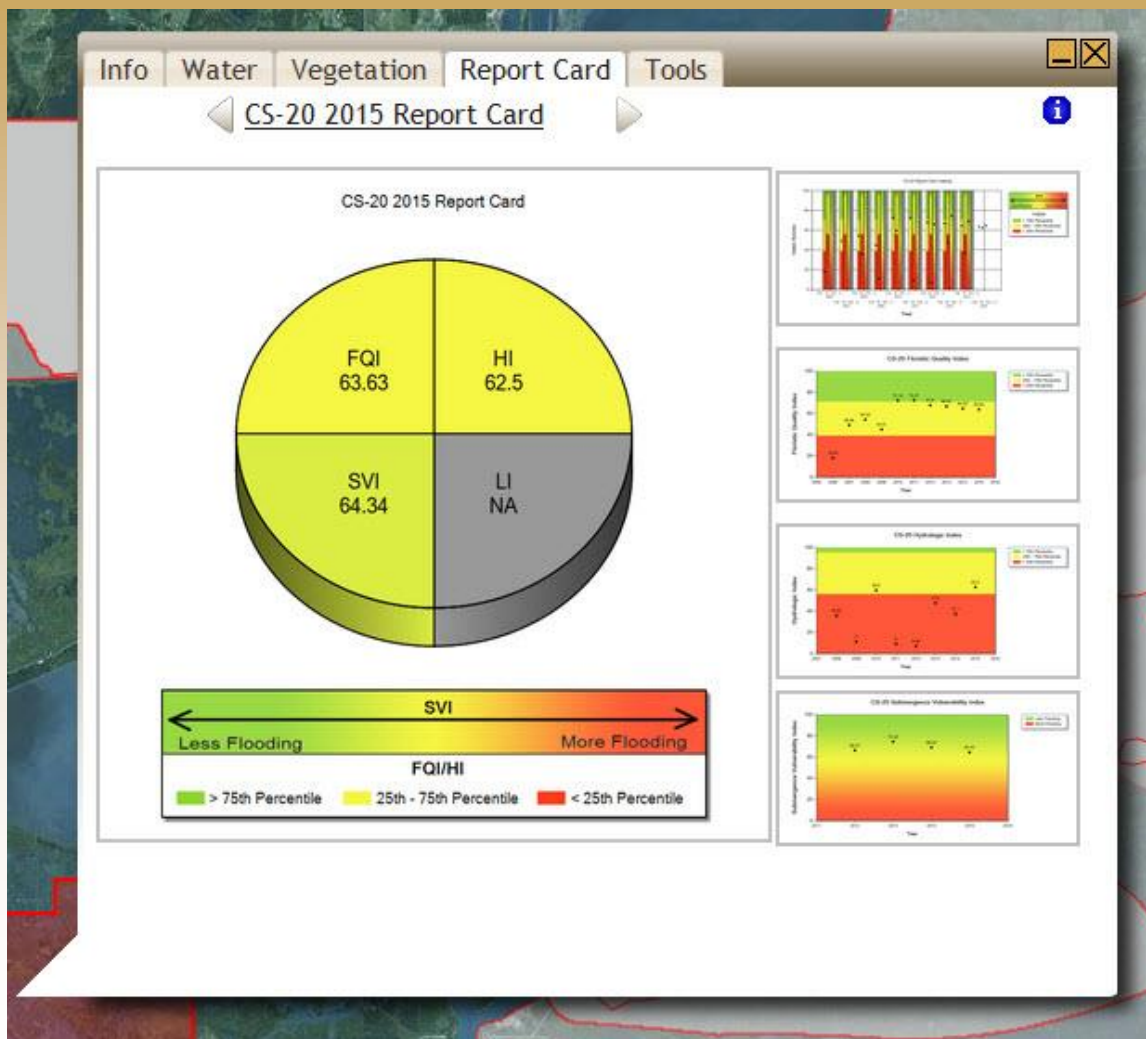
Project Information Bubble



The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected project.

Side by Side – Side by side comparison of Marsh Class using the raster image created from helicopter surveys.

Project Information Bubble



The Report Card tab contains all report card information for the selected project.

Report Card-Summary of project scale information compiled into a report card.

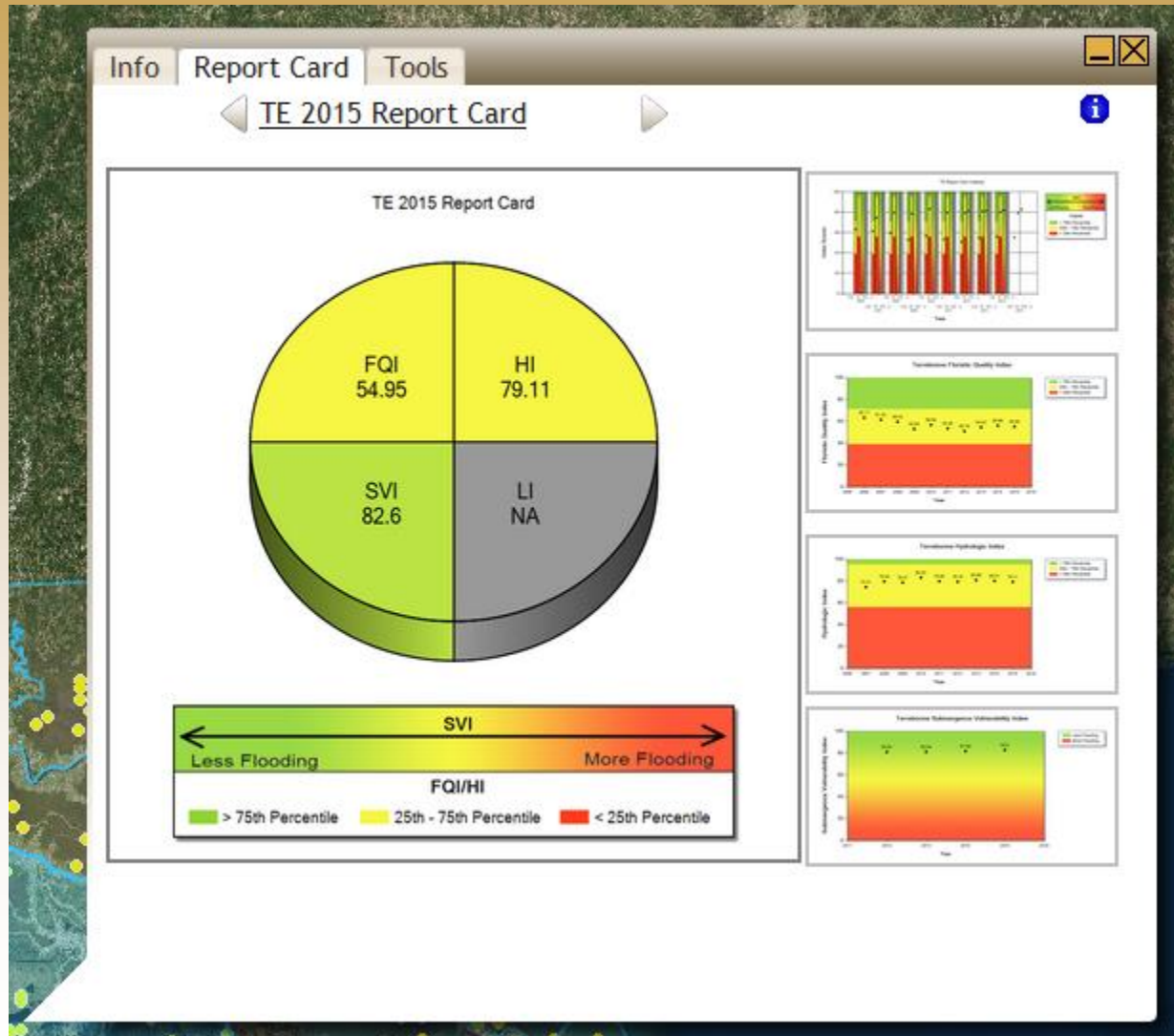


Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Hydrologic Basin Layer

Hydrologic basins as defined by CWPPRA



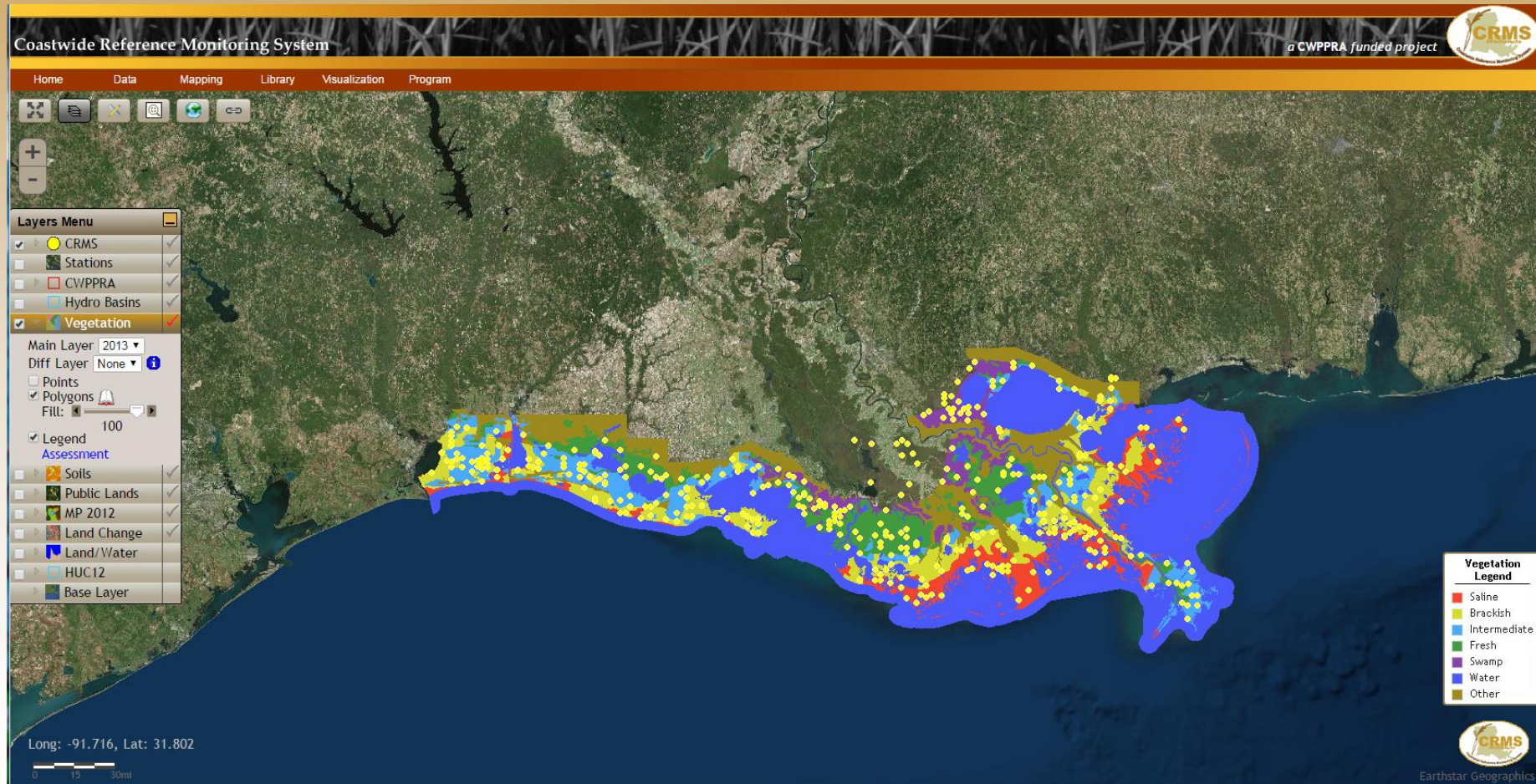
Basin Information Bubble



The Report Card tab contains all report card information for the selected basin.

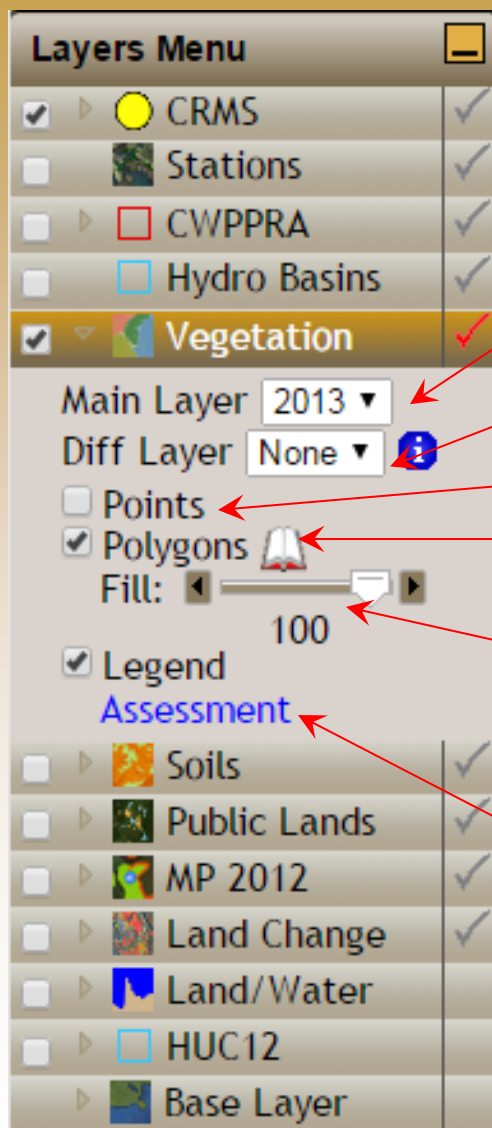
Report Card – Summary of basin scale information compiled into a report card.

Vegetation classification based on helicopter surveys, O'Neil 1949 through Sasser et al. 2013, 8 surveys





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Vegetation Layer



Main Year selects the primary polygon layer on the map.

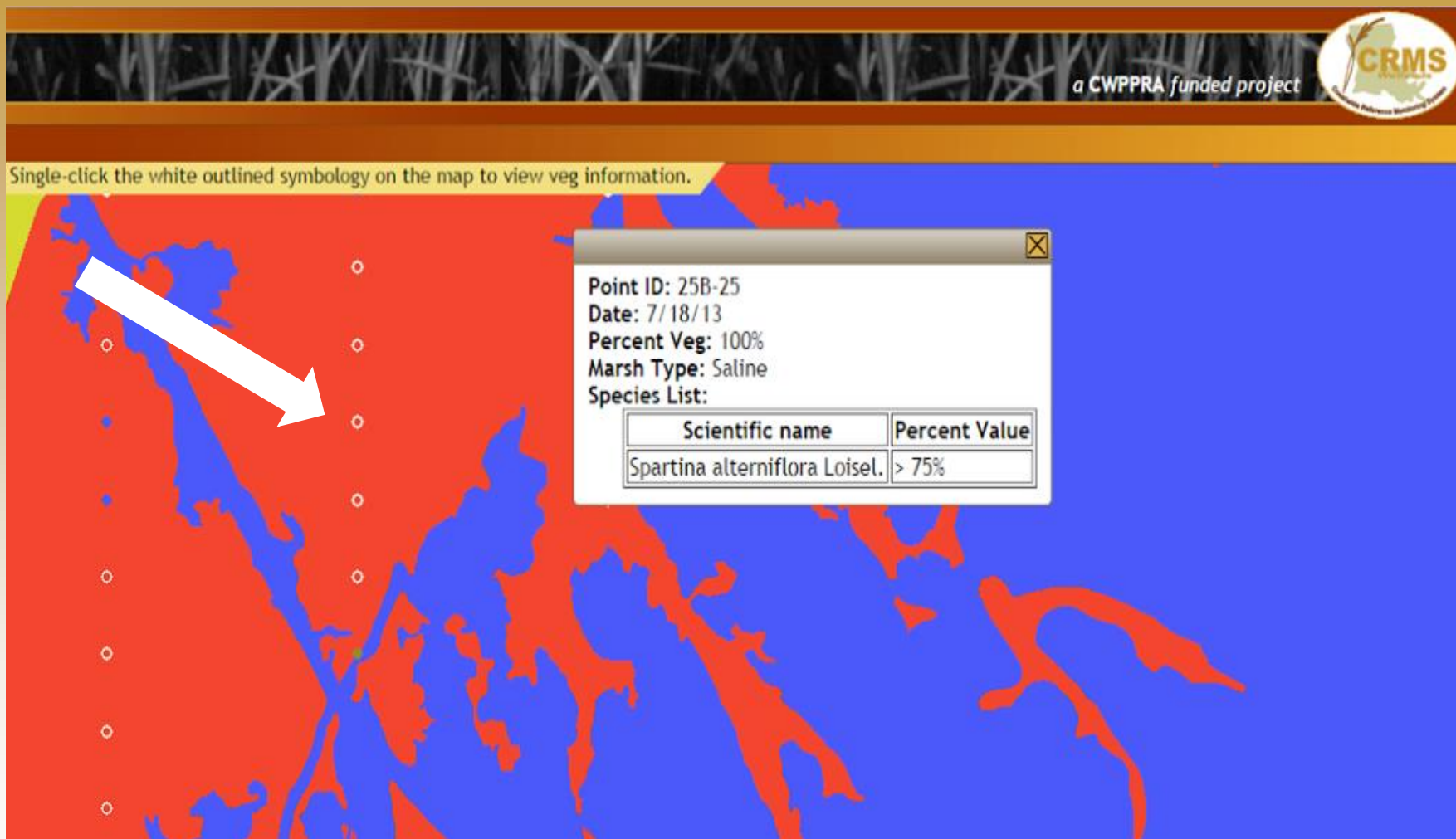
Diff Year selects the secondary polygon layer on the map.

Adds/removes the vegetation data points.

Adds/removes the vegetation polygons layer.

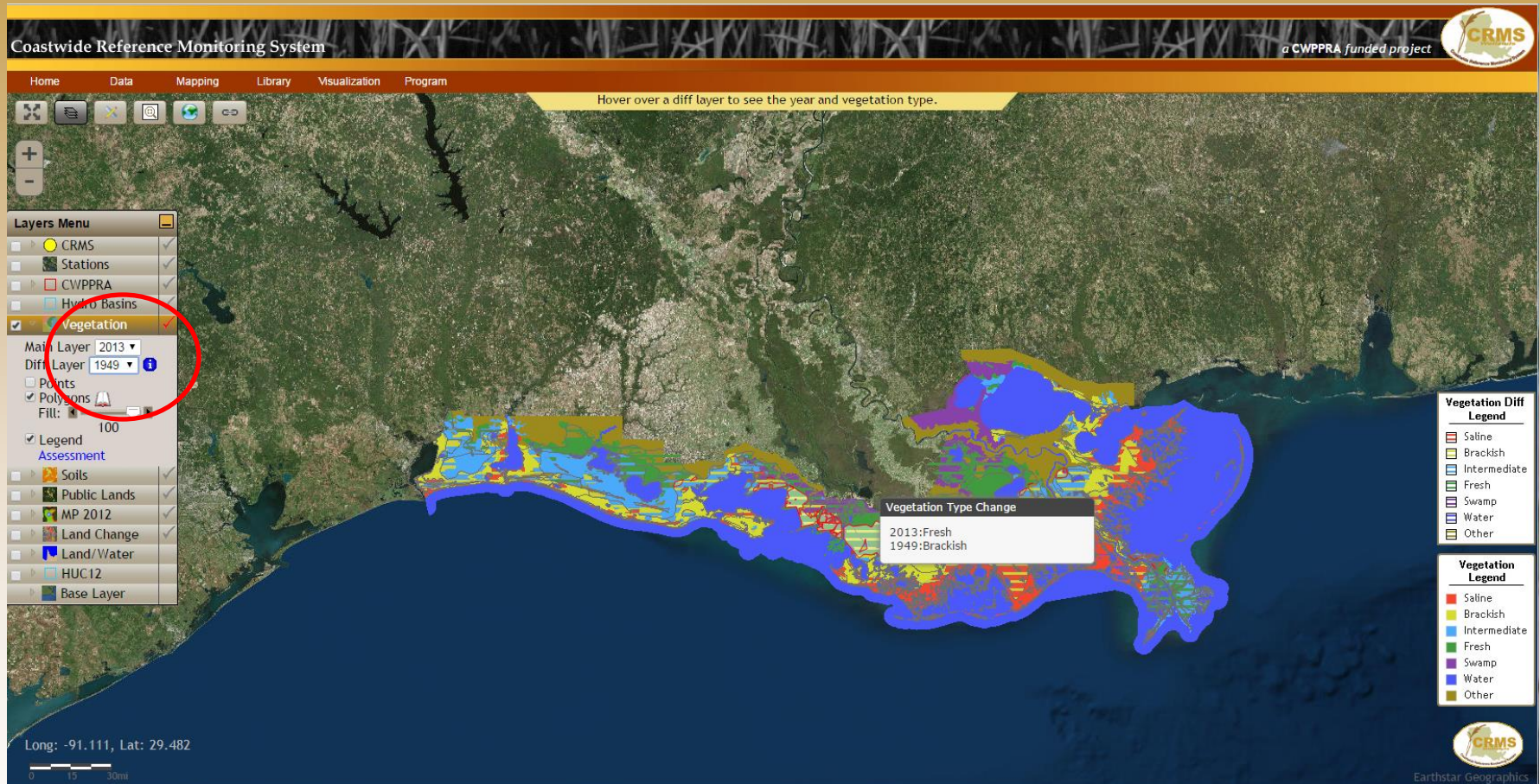
The slider changes the transparency of the layer.

Assessment link invokes the acreage assessment tool menu for the currently selected year.



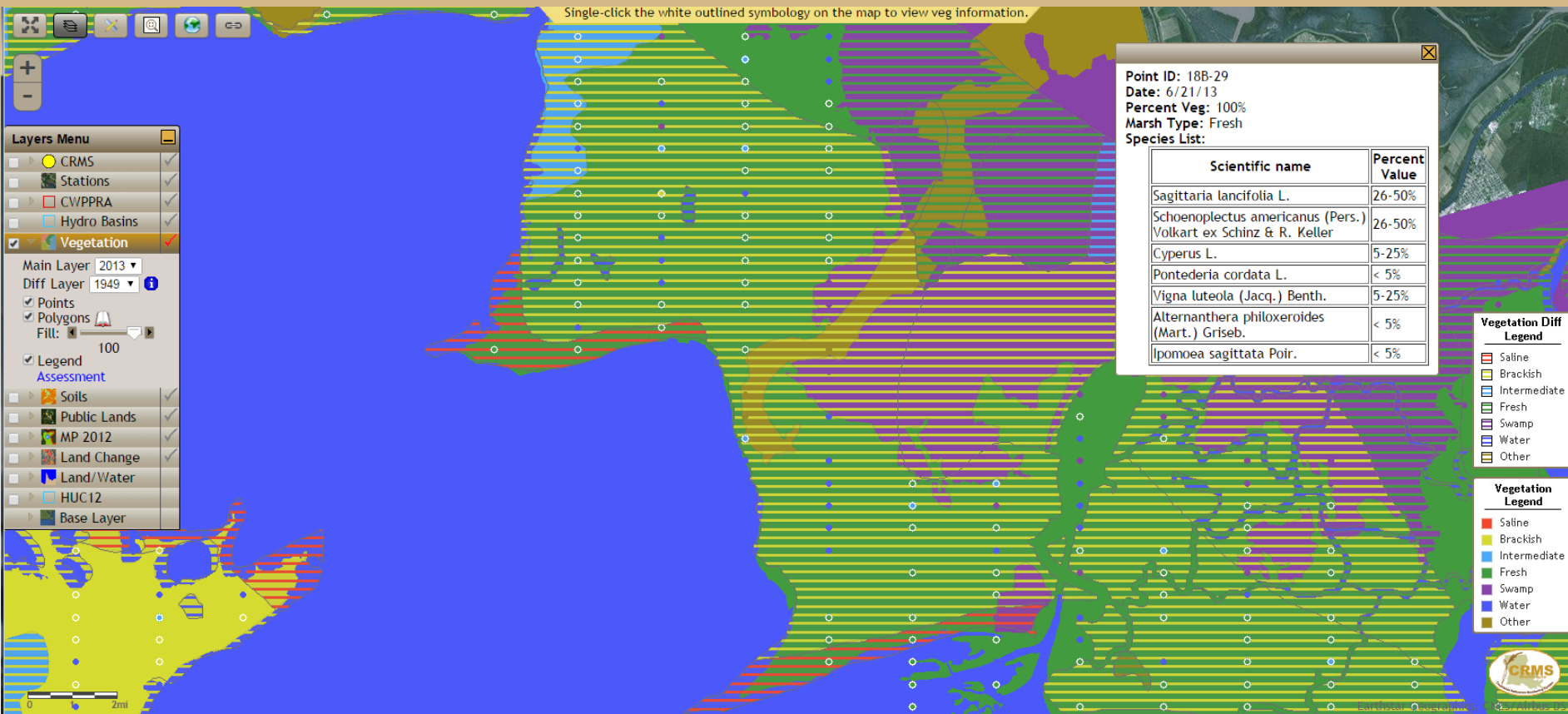
Points display the site specific vegetation data when clicked.

Vegetation Difference Layer Functionality

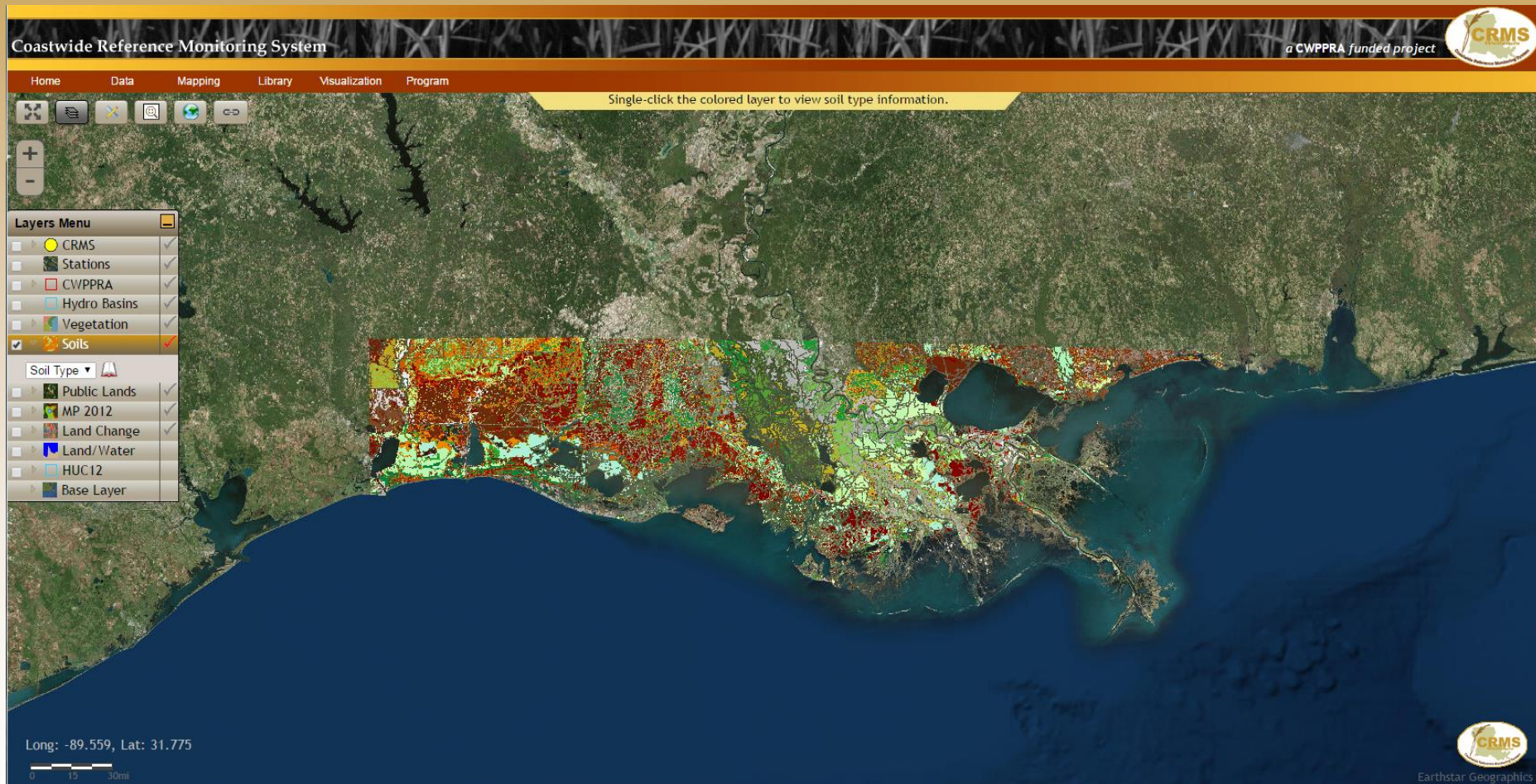


The “Vegetation Change” is shown when two different years are chosen for the Main Layer and Diff Layer.

Vegetation Difference Layer Functionality



NRCS SSURGO data displayed





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Soils Layer

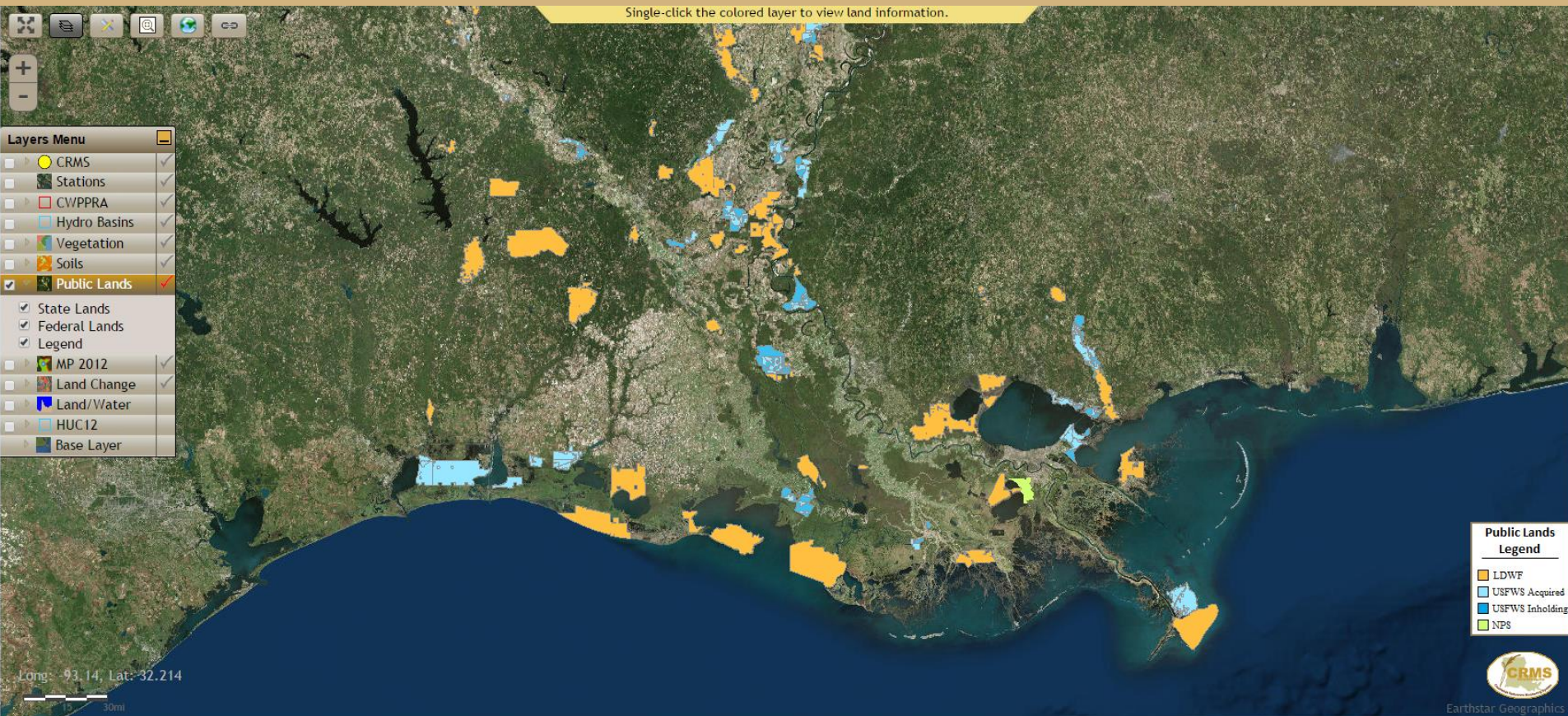


The Soil Type information window pops up when a soil area is clicked.



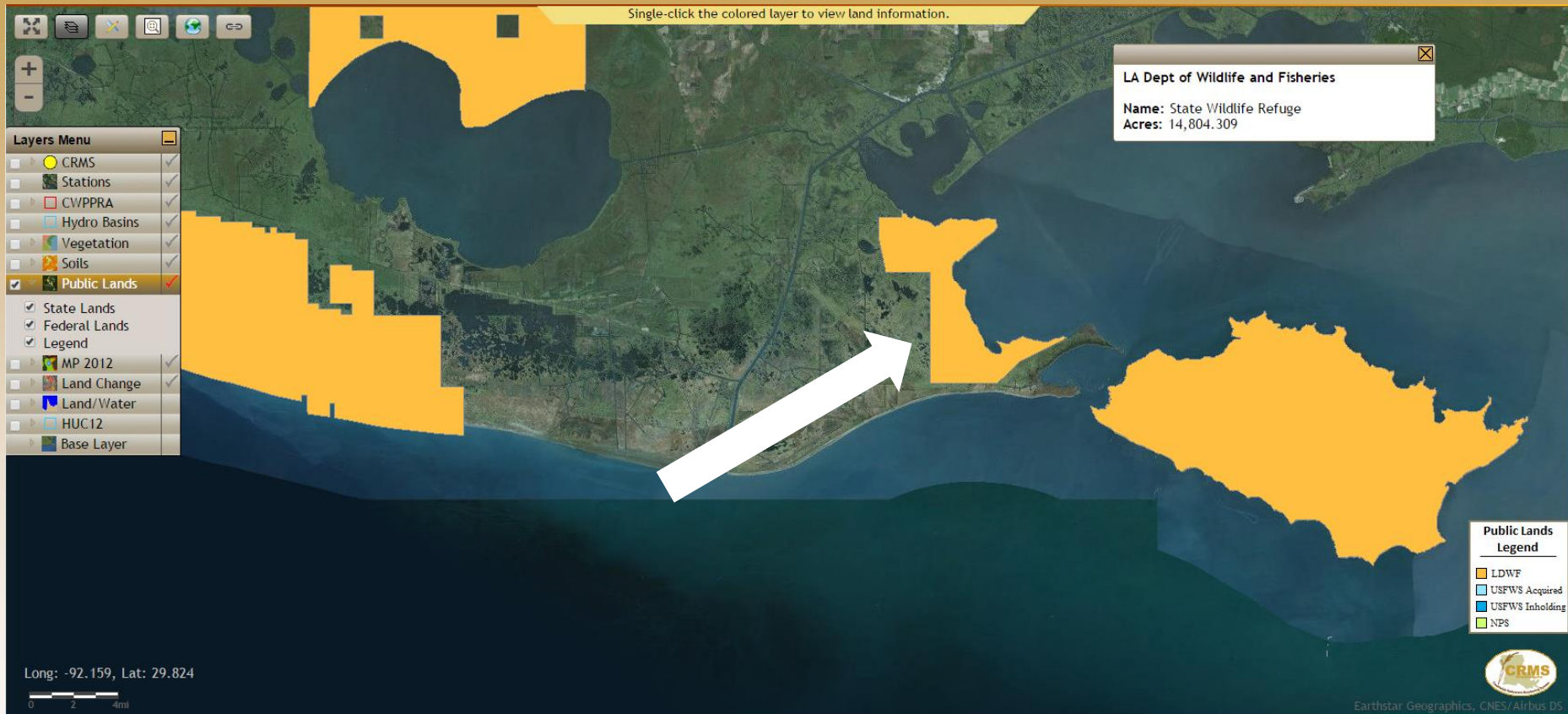
Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Public Lands Layer

Displays Federal (USFWS and NPS) and State (LDWF) land holdings.





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands Public Lands Layer



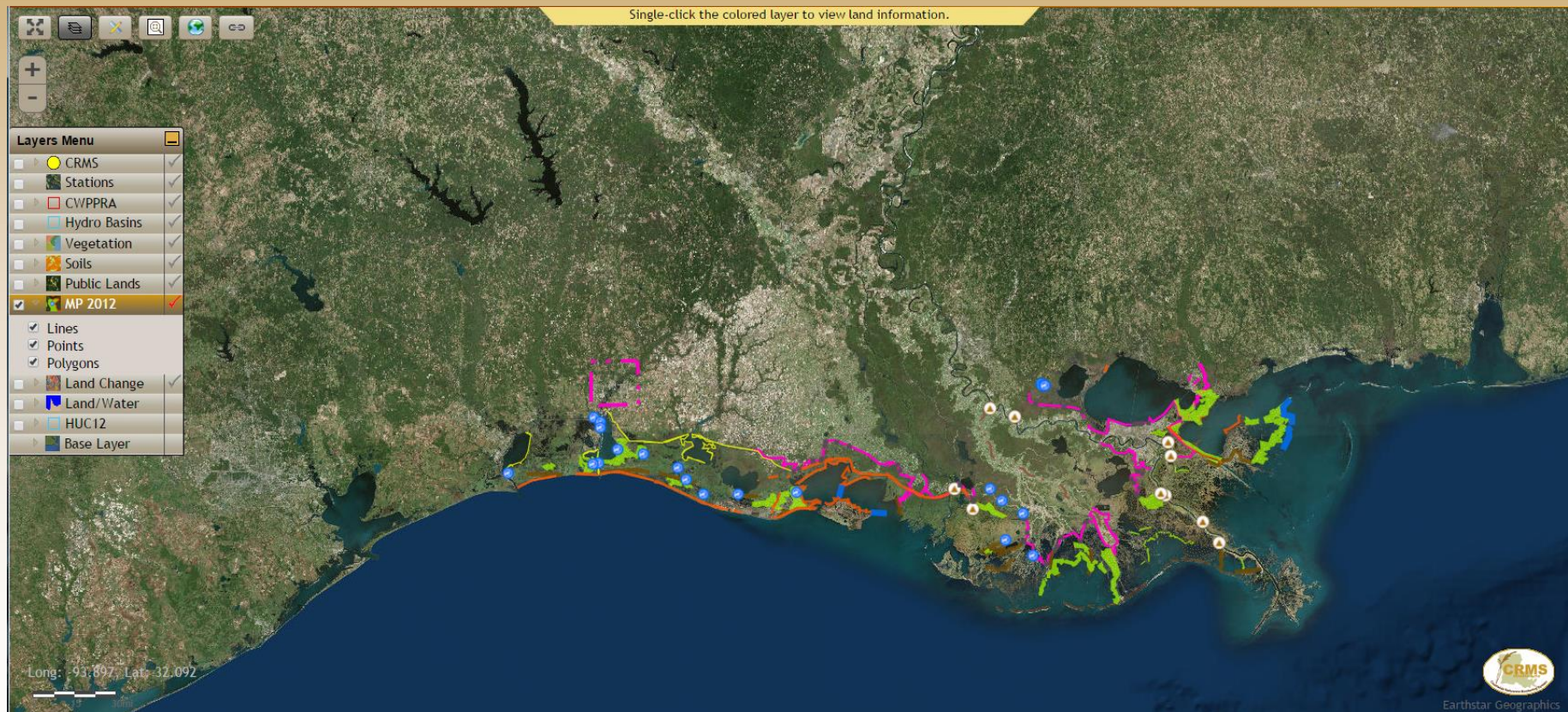
The Public Lands information window pops up when a Public Lands polygon is clicked.



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – *Wetlands* Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan 2012 Layer

Master Plan project types and general project areas.

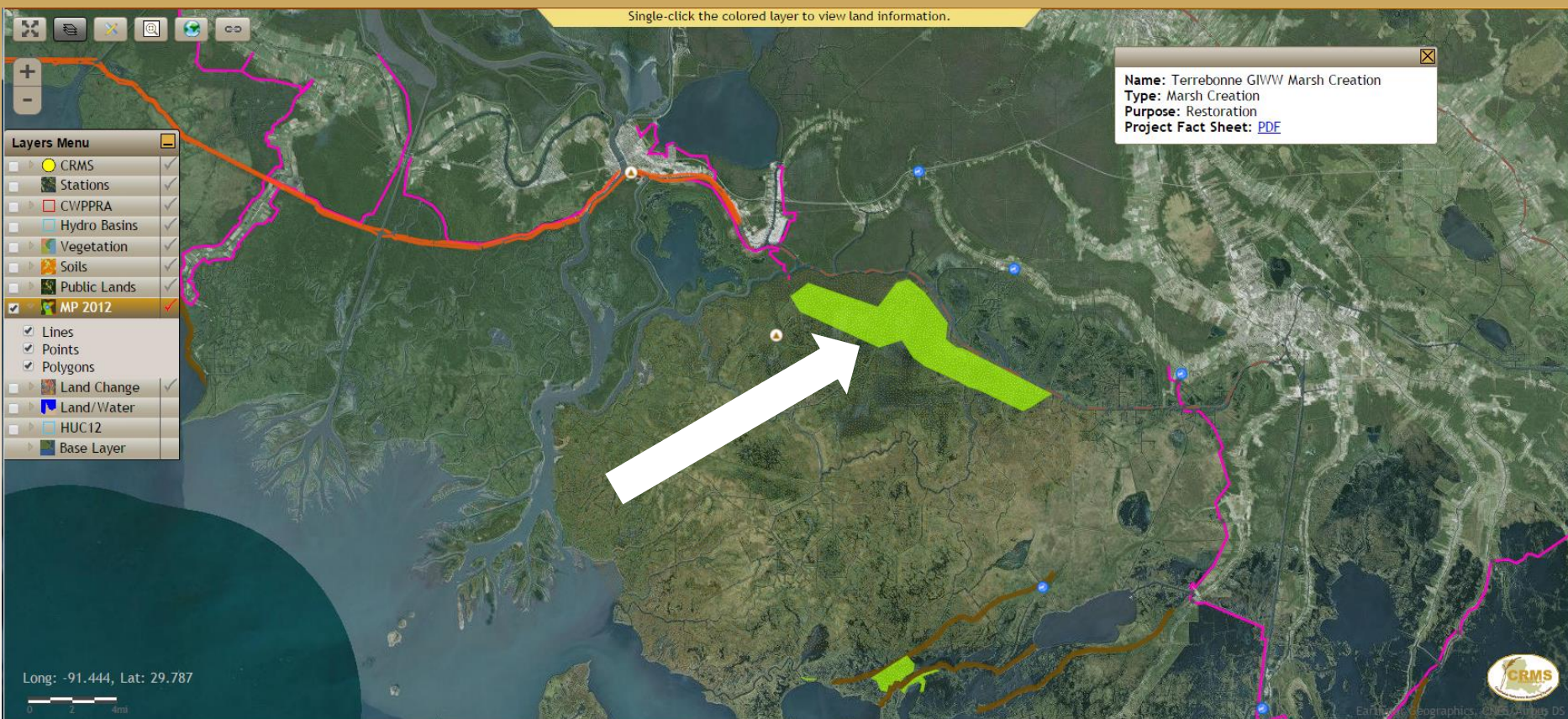
Additional visualizations of this information available through CIMS.





Coastwide Reference Monitoring System – Wetlands

Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan 2012 Layer



The Master Plan information window providing project information pops up when a symbology is clicked.

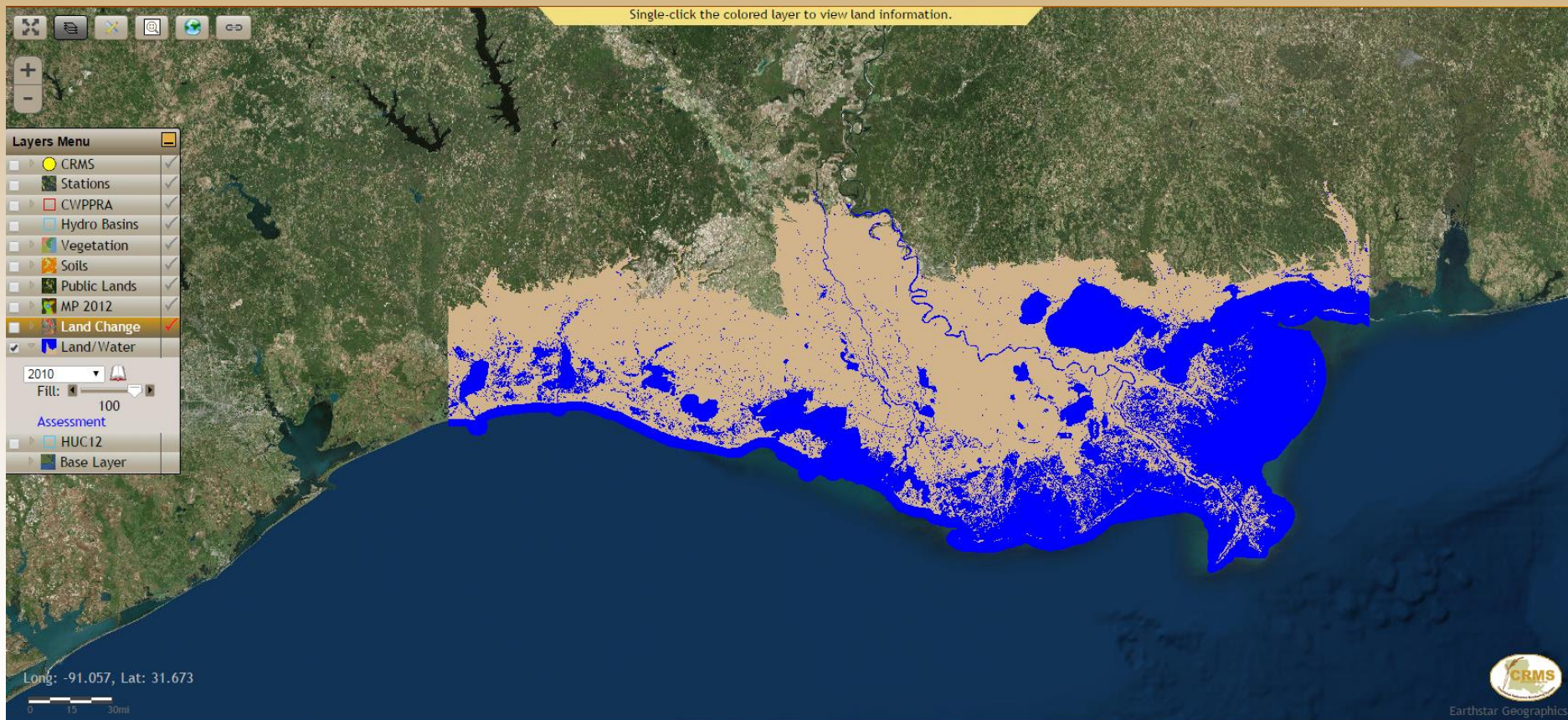
Couvillion et al., 2011. Land Area Change in Coastal Louisiana from 1932 to 2010.

Displays land change (both loss and gain) broken down by time intervals.

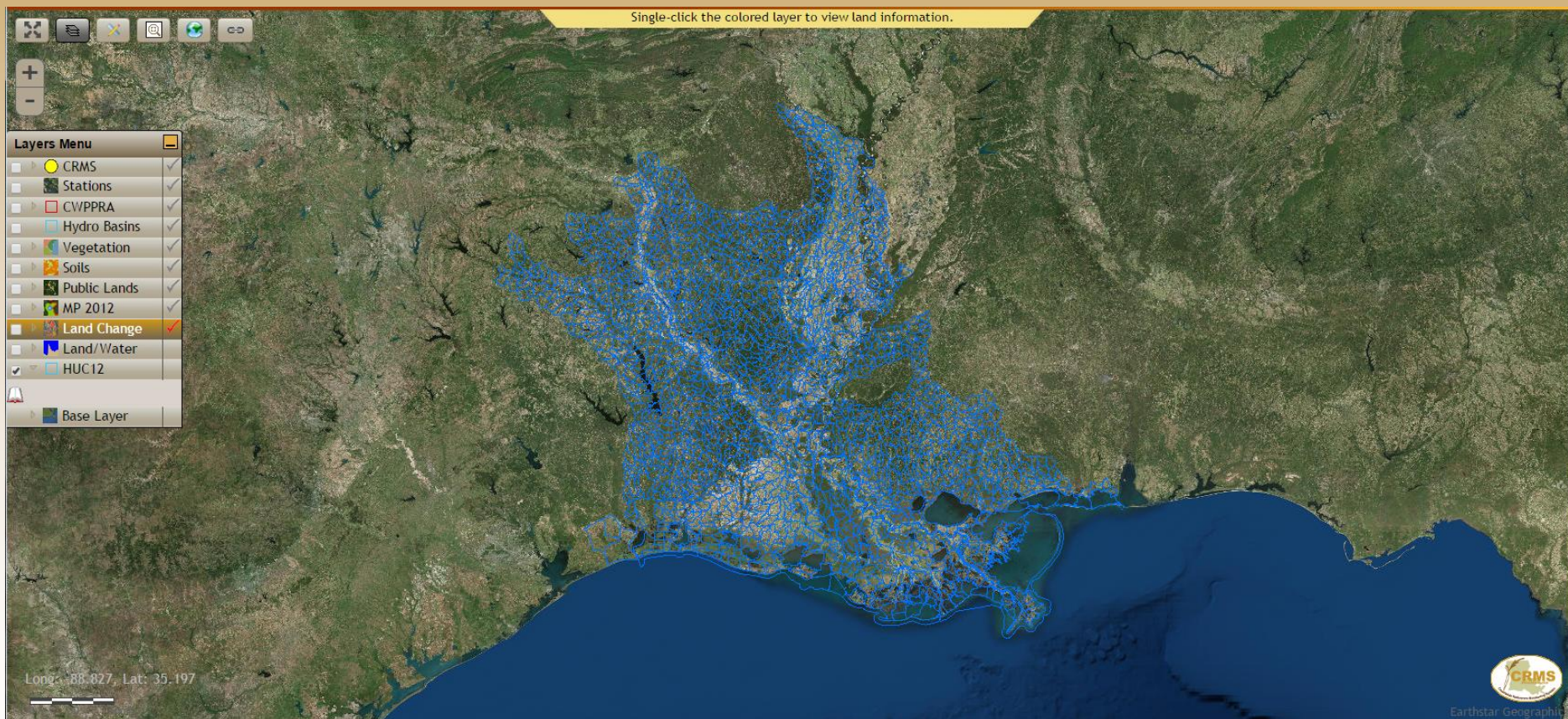


Land/Water classifications from 1932 to 2010

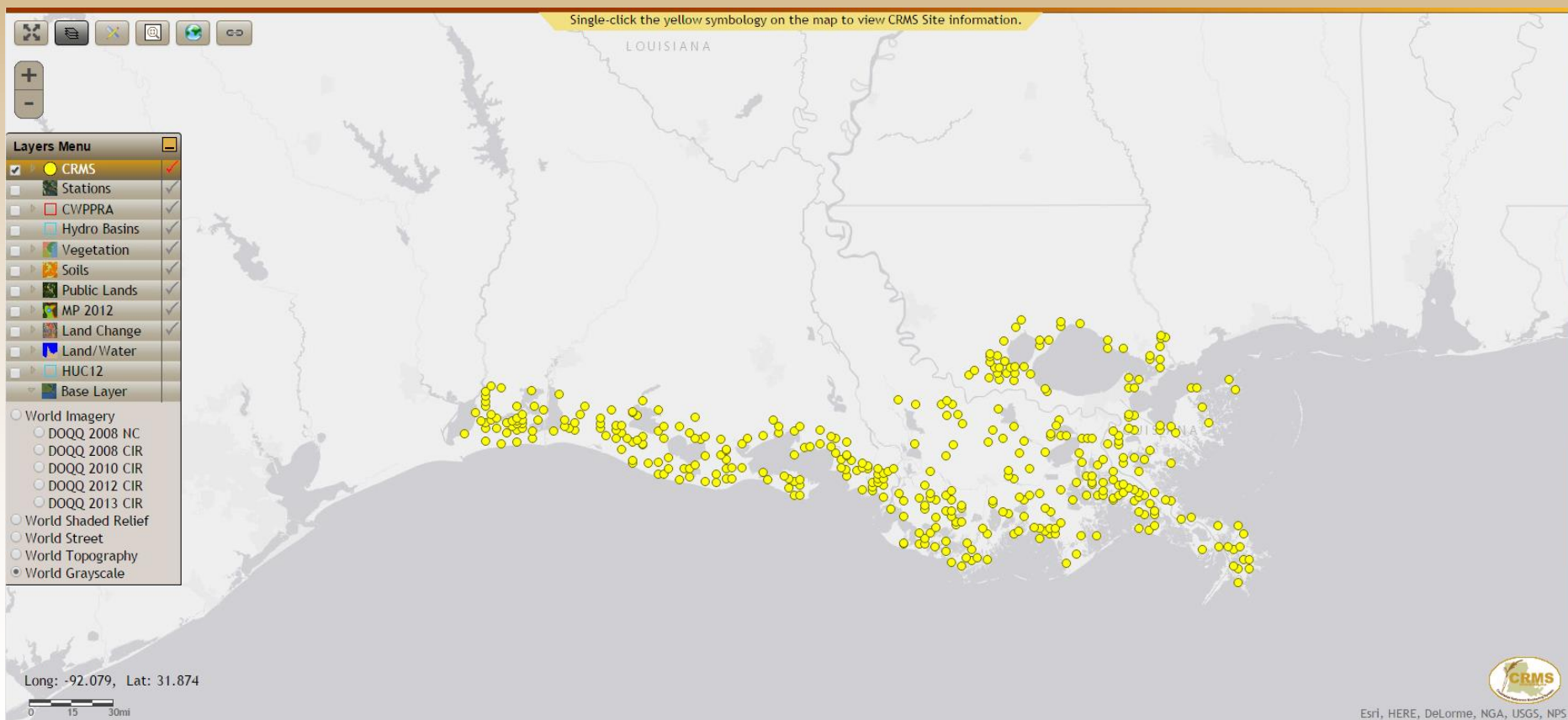
18 classification dates based on satellite imagery, 30m resolution.



NRCS's Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) Boundaries—12 digit subwatershed classification



Ability to visualize the base map layer as different years of aerial photography or world imagery.

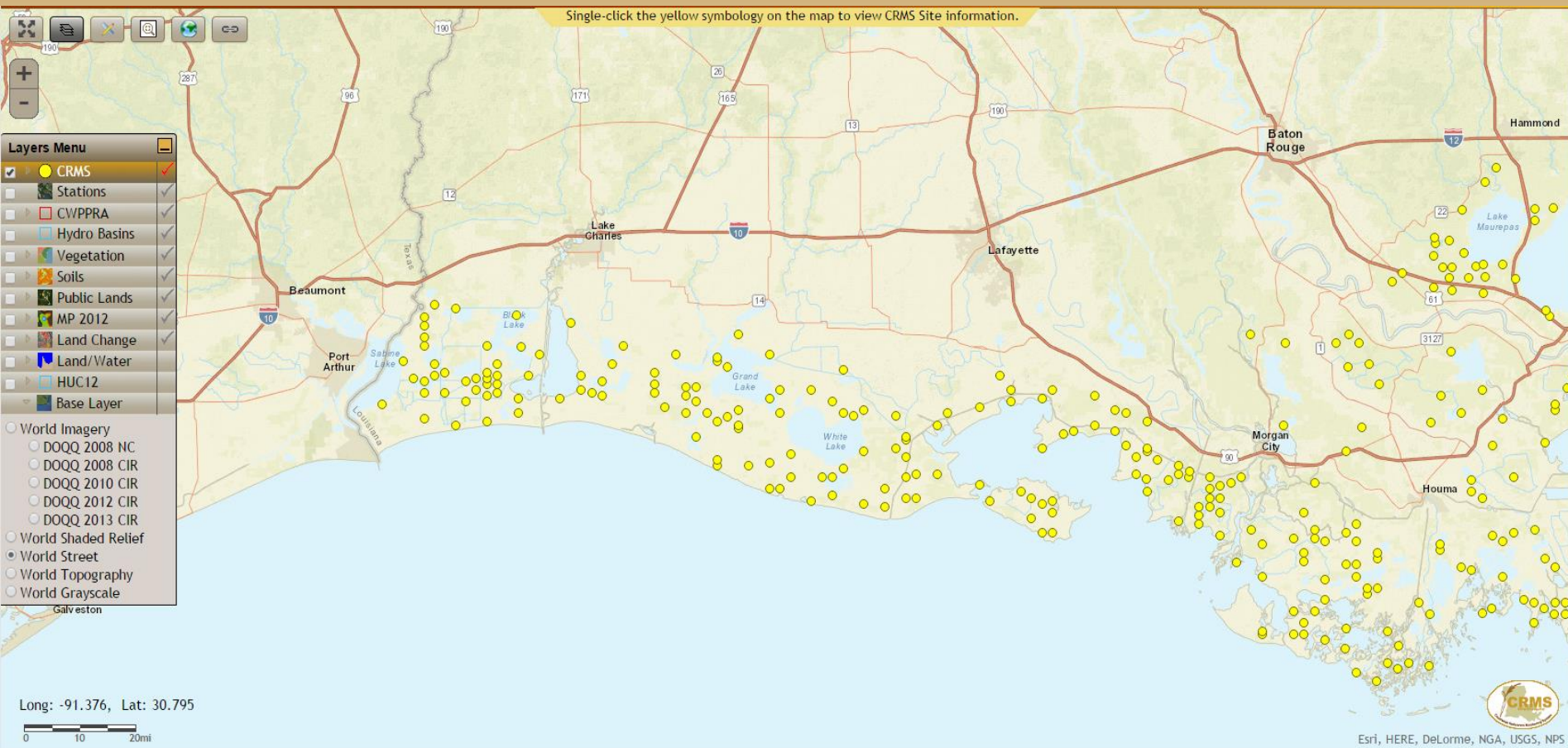




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Optional Base Layers

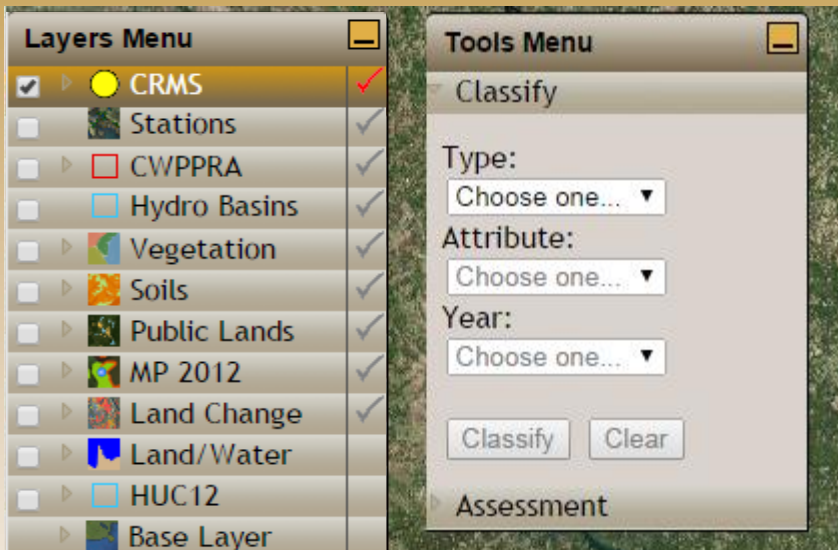
Streets Base Layer





Classify Tool- allows all CRMS sites to be visualized based on user-selected parameters.

A Type, Attribute, and Year must be chosen to Classify the CRMS sites.



- **Vegetation**

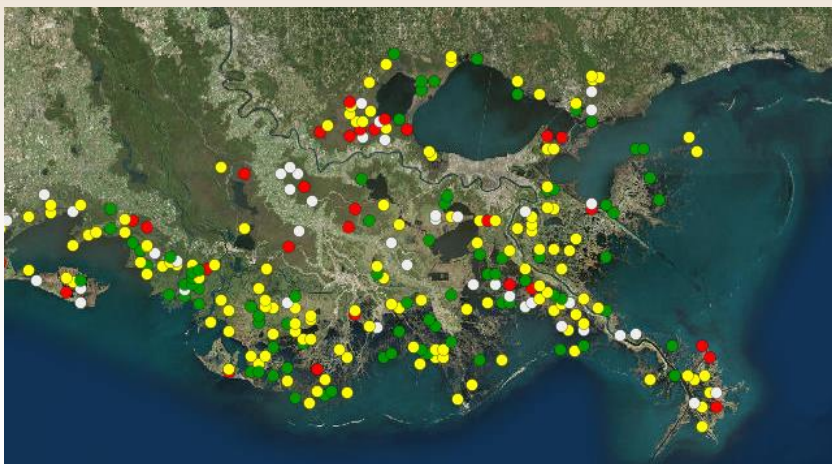
- FQI
- Marsh Classification

- **Hydro**

- Hydro Index
- Salinity
- Water Level

- **Soil**

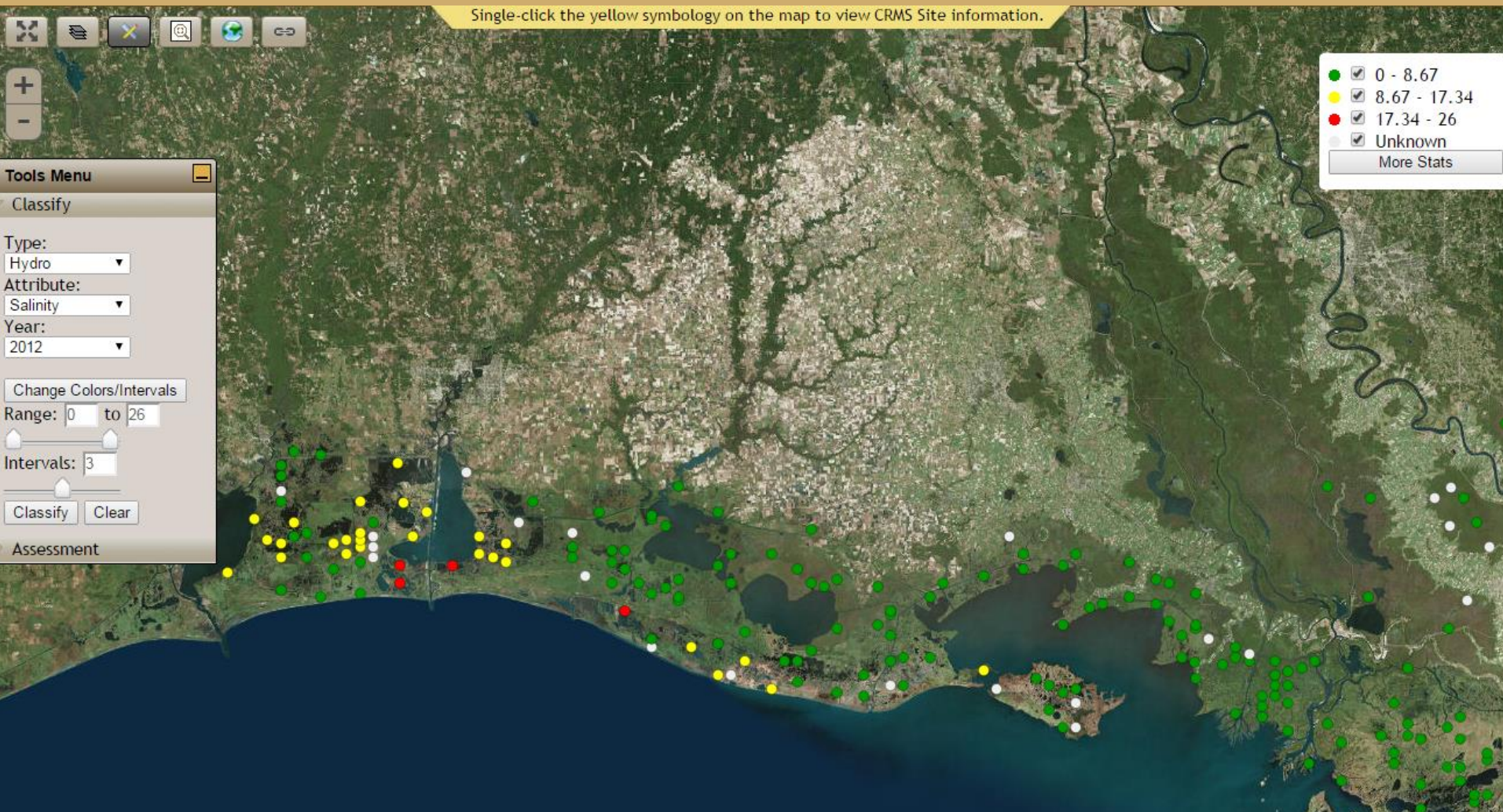
- Cumulative Elevation Change (CEC)
- Submergence Vulnerability Index (SVI)





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CRMS Classify Tool



User defines classification intervals and color ramp. For each CRMS index the defaults are red, yellow, green (as in the report card).

Tools Menu

Classify

Type: Hydro

Attribute: Salinity

Year: 2012

Change Colors/Intervals

Range: 0 to 26

Intervals: 3

Classify Clear

Assessment

Tools Menu

Classify

Type: Hydro

Attribute: Salinity

Year: 2012

Change Colors/Intervals

Range: 13 to 26

Intervals: 5

Classify Clear

Assessment

Tools Menu






Classify

Type: Hydro

Attribute: Salinity

Year: 2012

Change Ranges

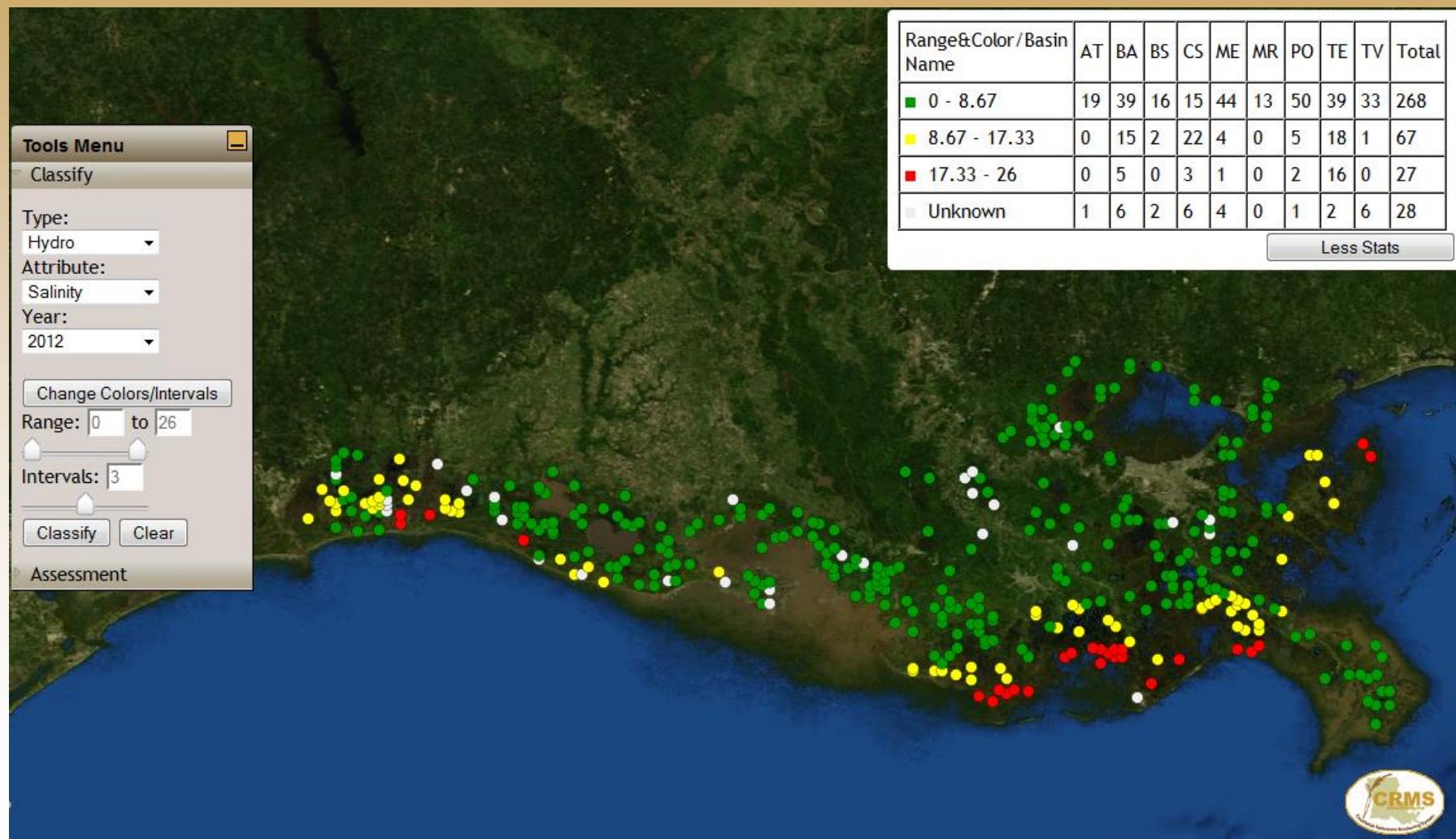
13	15.6	
15.6	18.2	
18.2	20.8	
20.8	23.40	
23.40	26	
Unknown		

Classify

Assessment



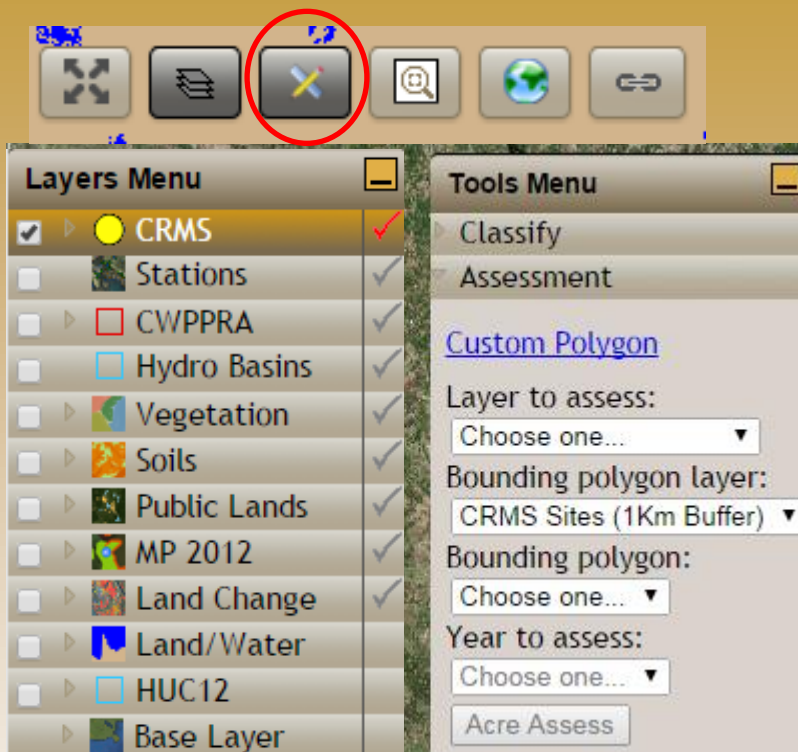
The tool will tally the classification categories by hydrologic basin.





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CRMS Acreage Assessment Tool



Acreage Assessment Tool provides area estimates of a chosen layer given a defined polygon.

Layers:

Coastwide Vegetation
Land/Water

Area:

CWPPRA Projects
Hydro basins
CRMS Sites (1km buffer)

Years:

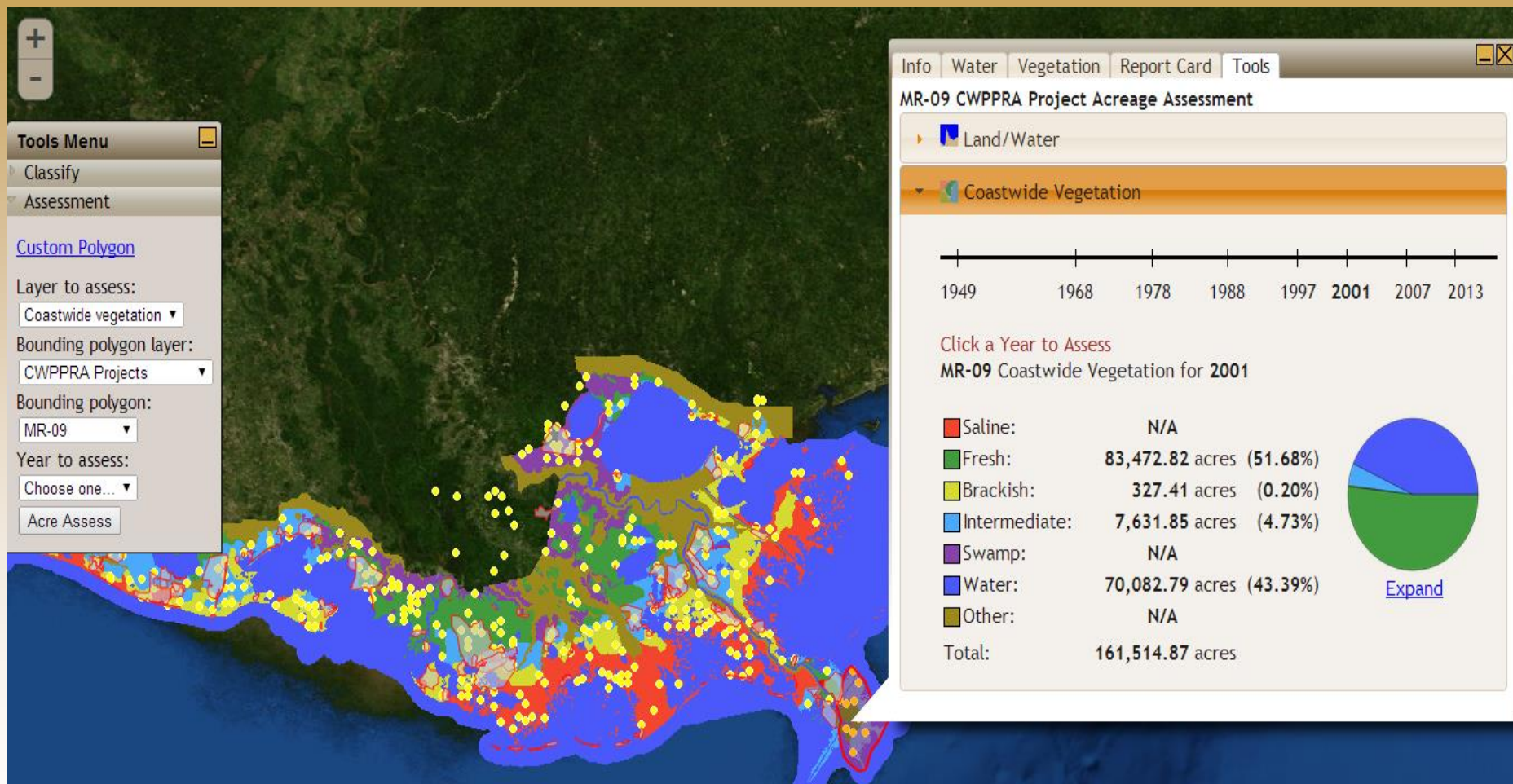
Varies based on layer dataset



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CRMS Acreage Assessment Tool

Acreage Assessment Tool





Questions?

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