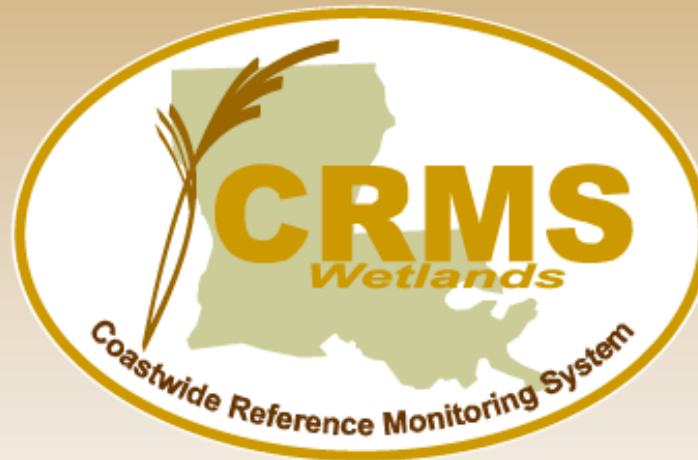


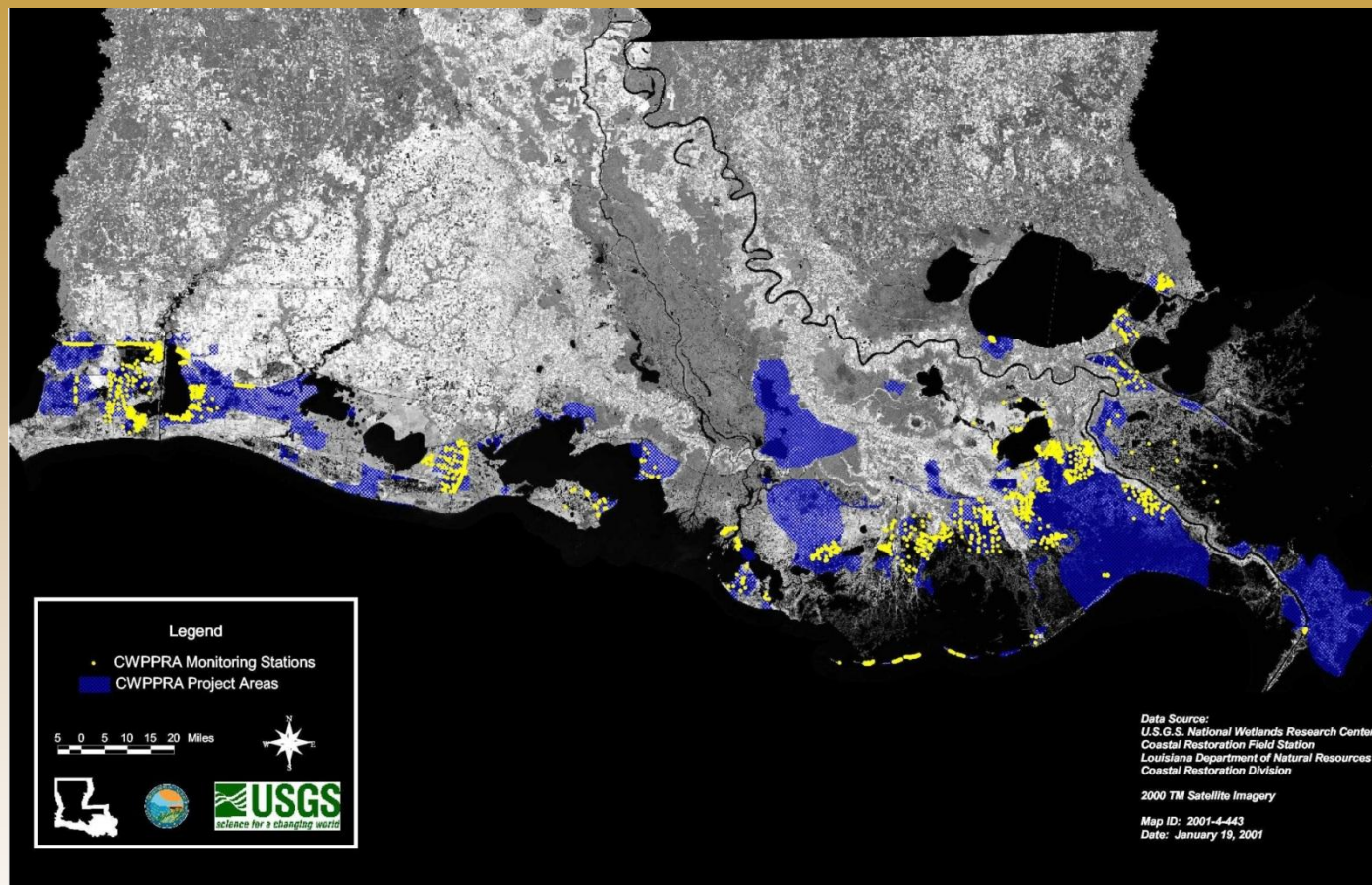


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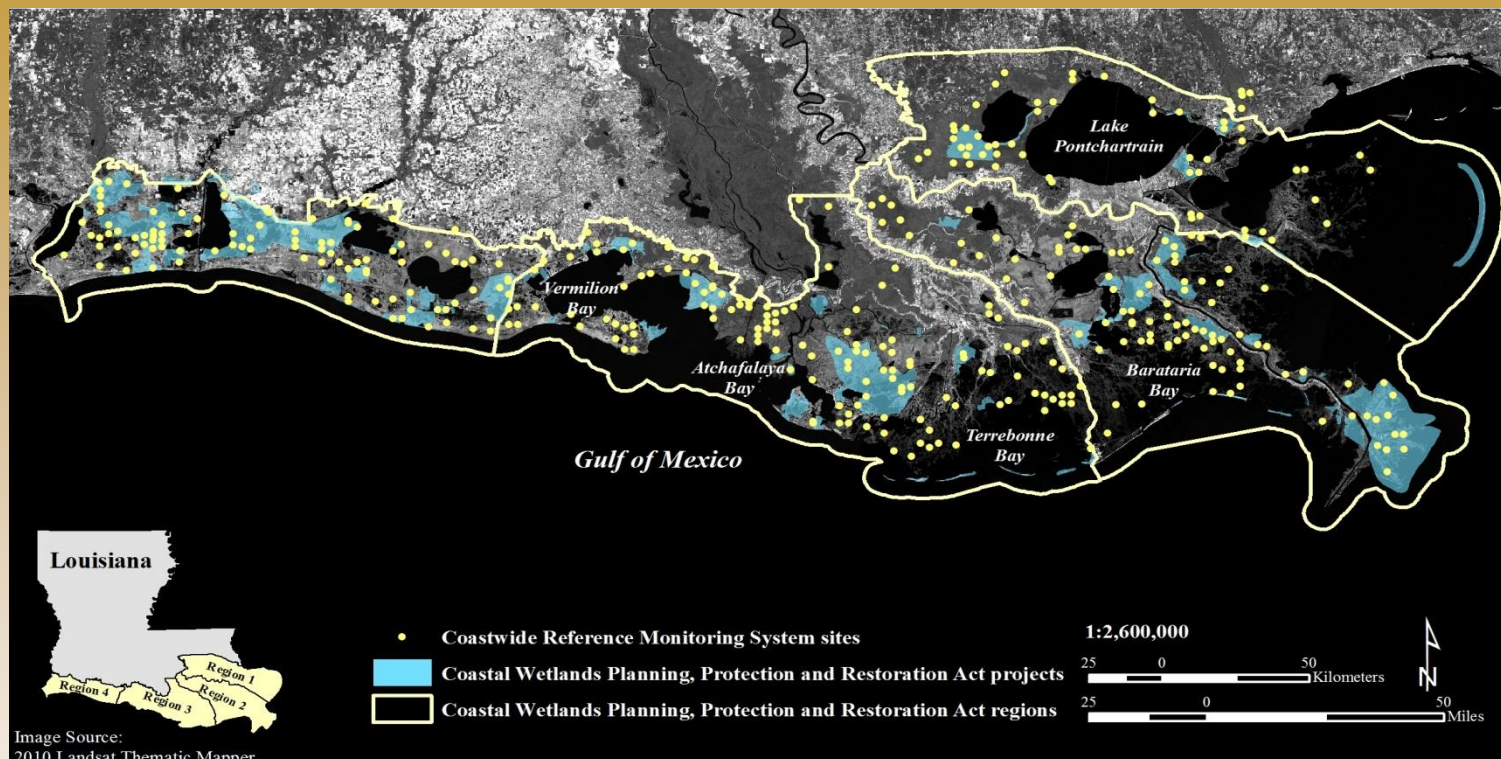
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- Congressionally funded in 1990
- Multiple restoration techniques
- Inconsistent monitoring variables and frequencies
- Short data records

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

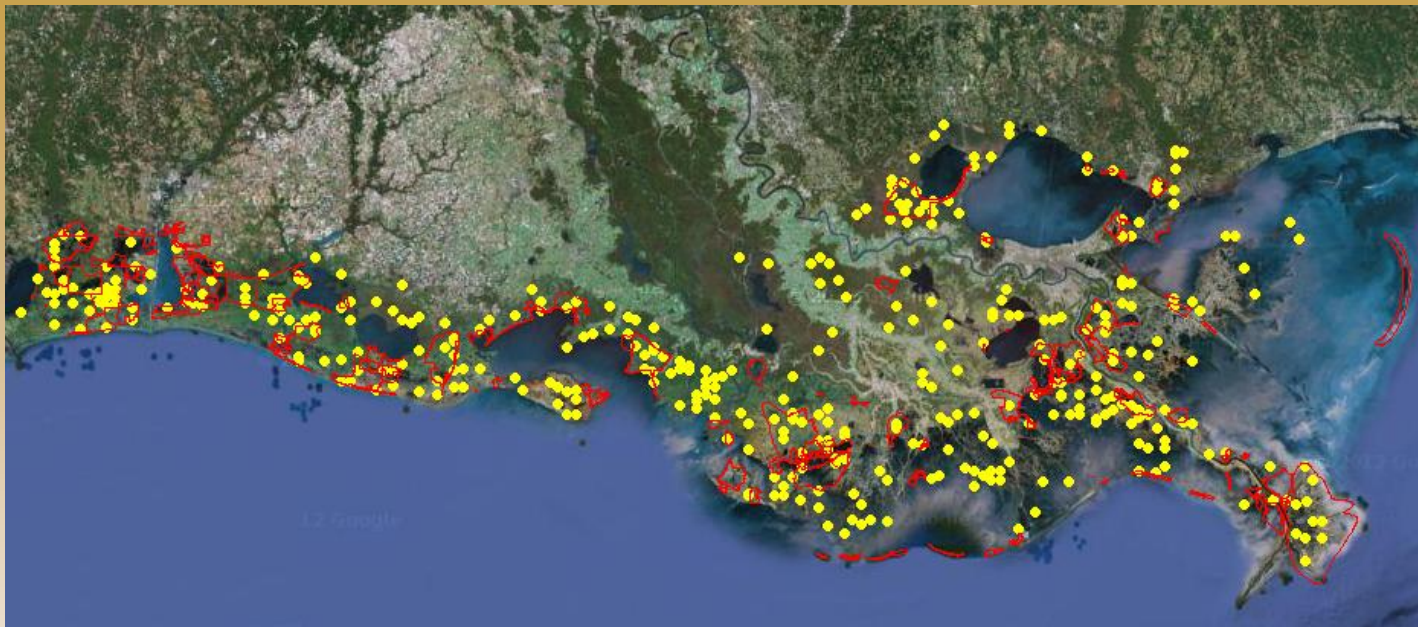


- To improve our ability to determine the effectiveness of individual coastal restoration projects.
- Provide information to evaluate coastal wetlands at the project, basin, and coastwide scales.
- To determine the ecological condition of coastal wetlands to ensure that the strategic coastal plan for 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**

- **390 CRMS sites**

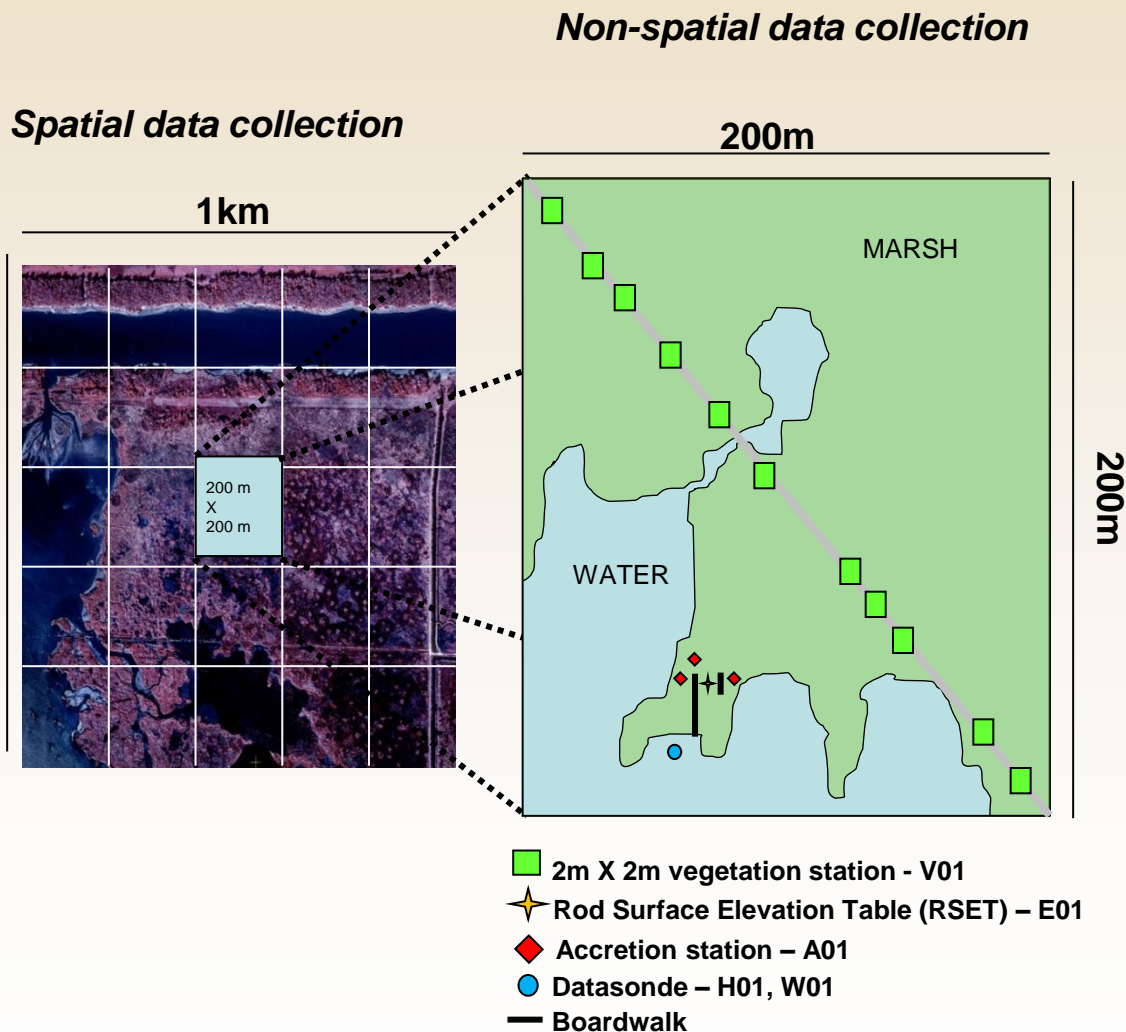
- **Sites inside & outside of CWPPRA projects**

- **Sites in swamp, fresh, intermediate, brackish, and salt marsh**

- **Allows for multi-scale assessments**

Questions to address through CRMS:

- (1) Did the restoration program reduce coastal wetland loss?
- (2) Did the restoration program sustain a diversity of vegetation types within basins?
- (3) Is the restoration program effective in reducing major stressors on wetlands (i.e., flooding regime, salinity, elevation change)?
- (4) Which project types are the most effective in creating, restoring, protecting and enhancing wetlands?



Typical Marsh Site



Typical Swamp Site

CRMS Site vs. CRMS Station



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System - *Wetlands*

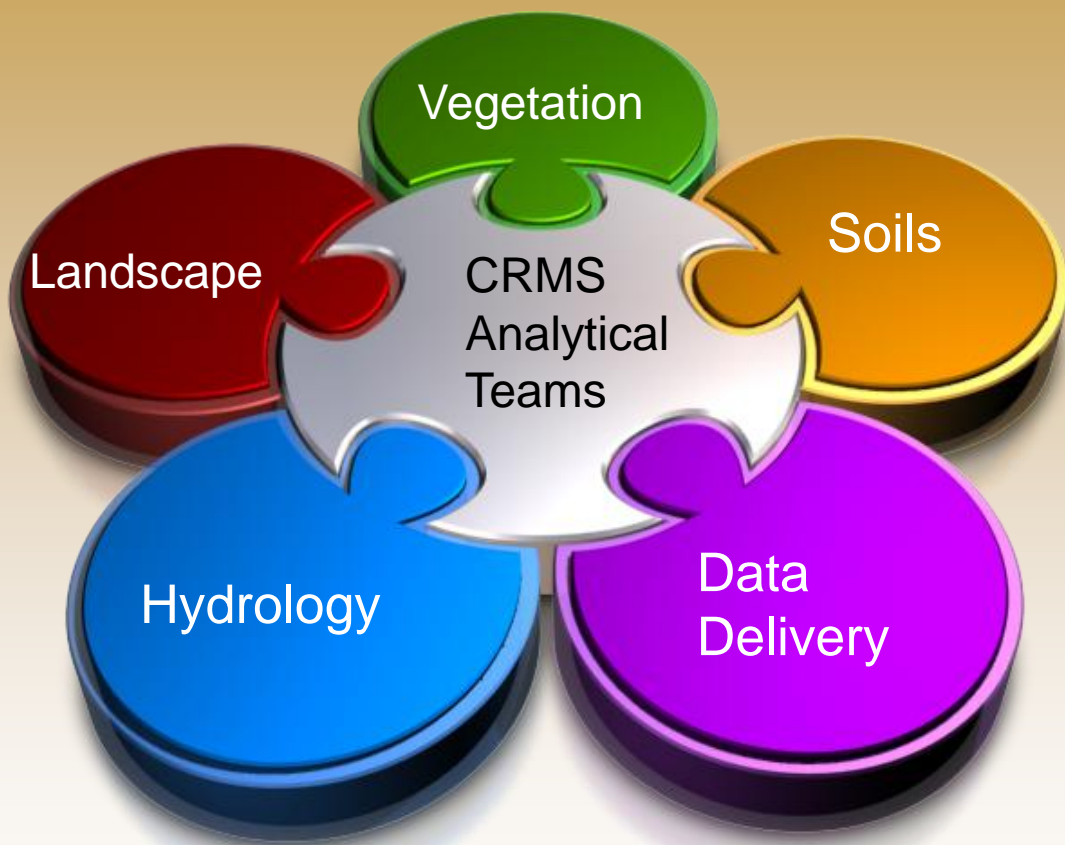
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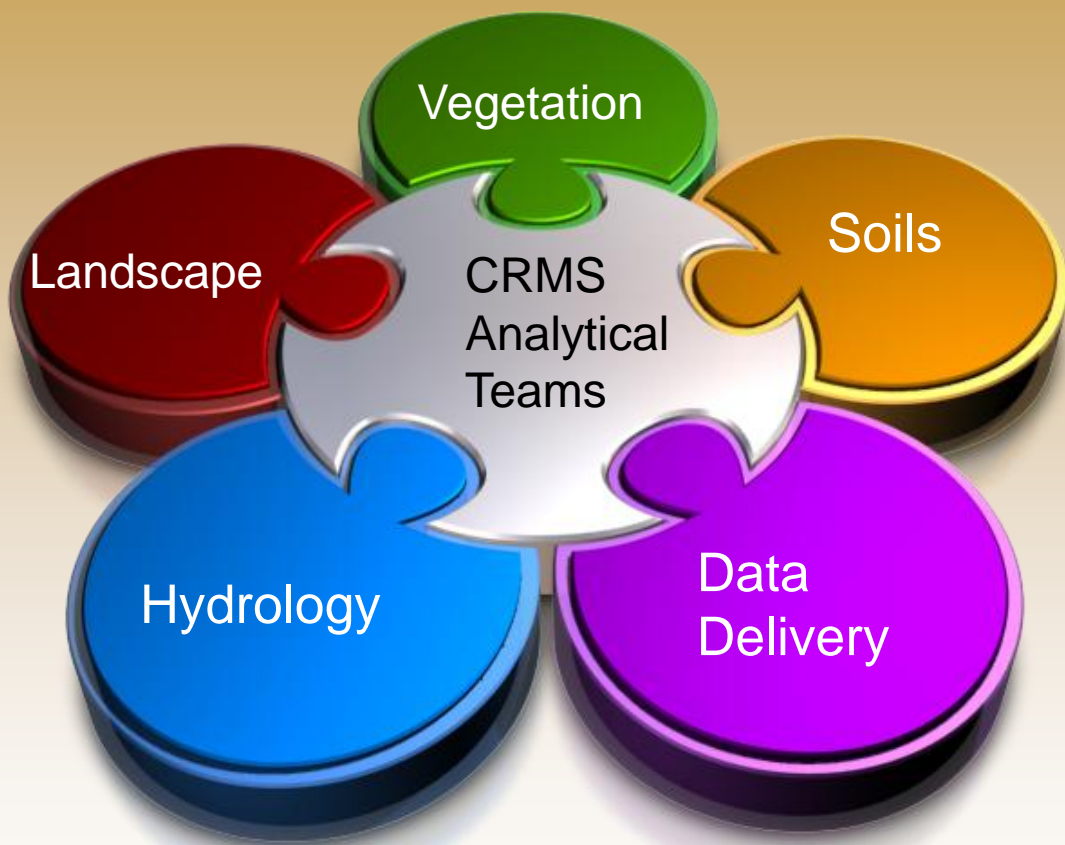


Coastwide Reference Monitoring System - *Wetlands* Site Data Collection

| Parameter | Method | Scale | Frequency |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| Land to Water Ratio | Satellite Imagery | Hydrologic Basin | 3 years |
| Land to Water Ratio | Digital Aerial Photography | CRMS Site (1 Km ²) | 3 years |
| 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 |
| Vertical Accretion | Feldspar Plots/Cryogenic Cores | 3 plots per site | Bi-annually |
| Marsh Elevation Change | Rod Surface Elevation Table (RSET) | 4 directions per site | Bi-annually |
| Porewater Salinity | 10 and 30 cm syringe sippers | 3 samples per depth per site and at vegetation plots | Monthly Annually |
| Surface Water Salinity, Temp and Water Level | Submersible Data Logger | in available water within 200 m of CRMS Site or in a well | Hourly |
| 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 |



- State and federal scientists
- Academics
- Computer programmers
- Web developers
- Oversight review



- Provide web mapping viewer
- Summarize and visualize data at multiple scales
- Provide on-the-fly user defined graphics and tools
- Simplify querying and downloading of data
- Develop multi-metric ecological indices
- Develop report card



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System - Wetlands

CRMS Website

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**Data**

**Factsheet**



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This approach includes a suite of sites that encompass the range of ecological conditions for each stratum, with projects placed on a continuum of conditions found for that stratum. Trajectories in reference sites are then compared with project trajectories through time. The approach could serve as a model for evaluating wetland ecosystems.

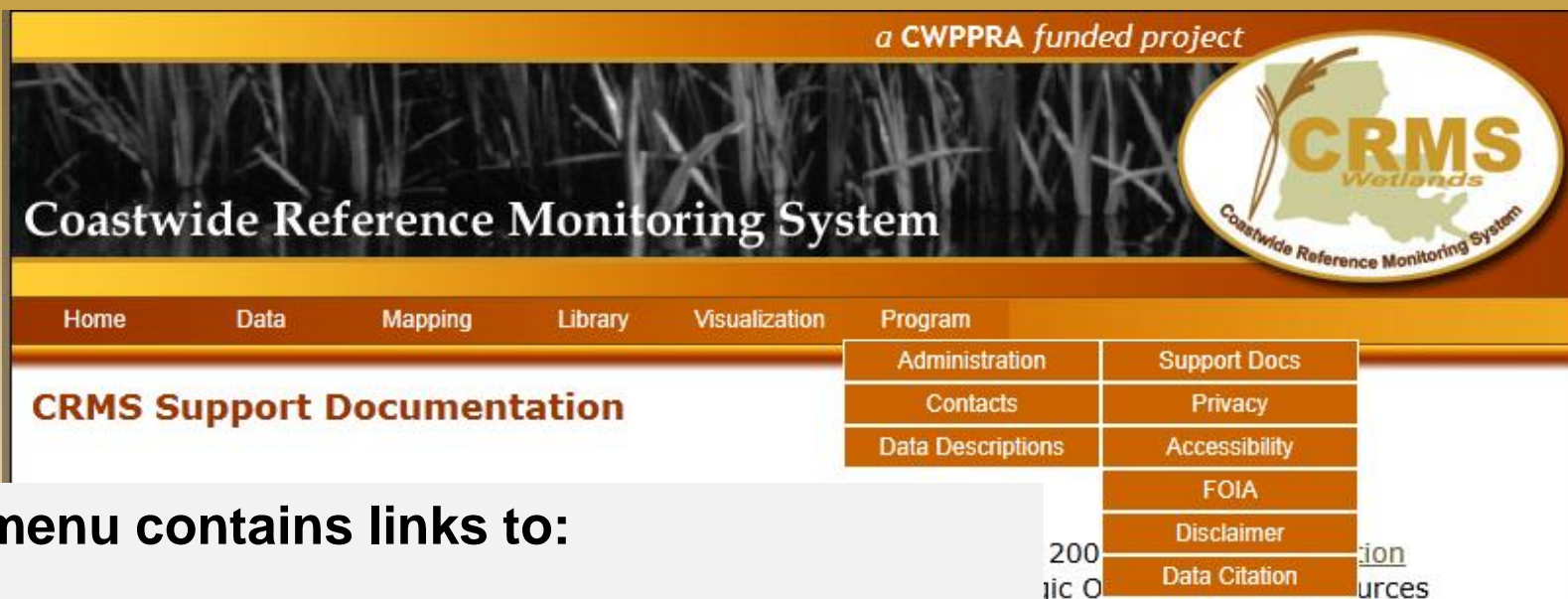


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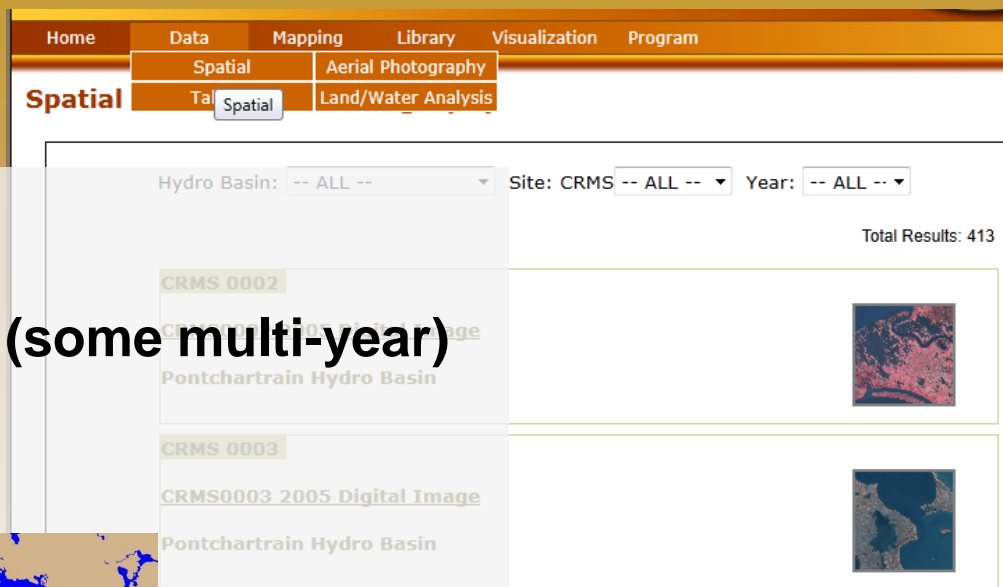
Site Overview – Main Menu

- **Program**
 - **Administrative links, Data Citation, and Data Descriptions**
- **Data**
 - **Spatial Data / Tabular SONRIS Data Tool / Tabular CRMS Bulk Download**
- **Library**
 - **Maps / Presentations / SONRIS Reports / CRMS Reports**
- **Visualizations**
 - **Charting / Bulk Charting**
- **Mapping**
 - **SONRIS / Basic Map Viewer**



- **Program menu contains links to:**

- **Administrative Information**
 - Supporting or Reference Documents
 - Privacy and Accessibility Statements
 - Freedom of Information Act
 - Data Citation
- **Contacts from both USGS and OCPR**
- **Data Description Information**
 - Includes analytical framework documents
 - Report card analysis explanations

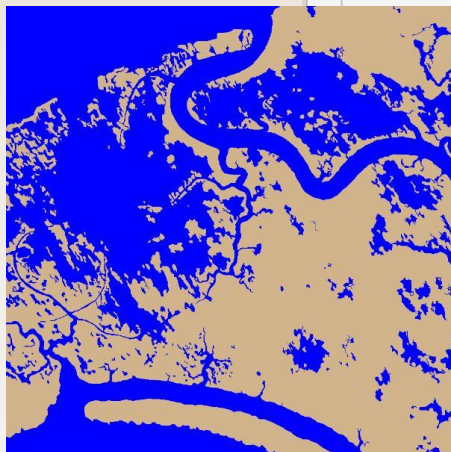
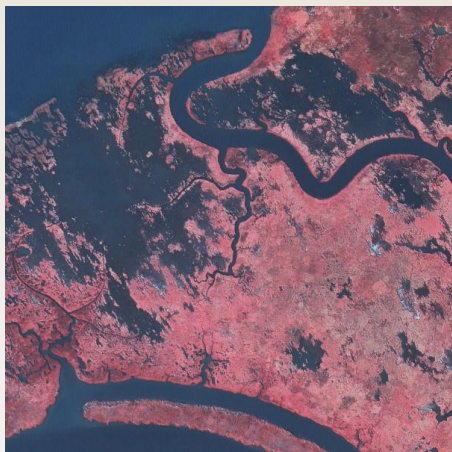


- **Data menu contains links to:**

- **Spatial Data:**

Available for each CRMS site (some multi-year)

- **Aerial Mosaic**
 - **Land/Water Analysis**



- **Tabular Data**

- **Links back to SONRIS data download tools**
 - **CRMS bulk data download tools**



• **CRMS bulk data download tools**
All values for selected years, for selected stations
(queue processes first come first serve)

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Basal Area
Floristic Quality Index
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Veg Percent Cover

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Calendar Year

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Project: All Projects

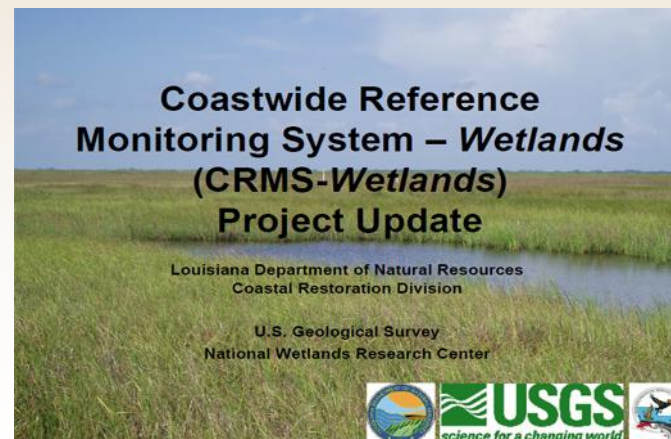
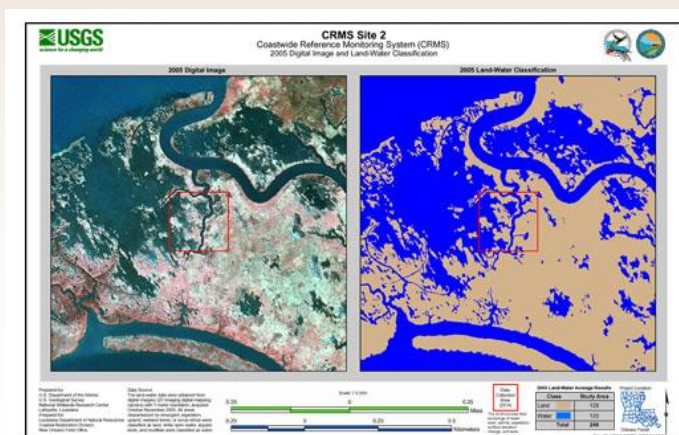
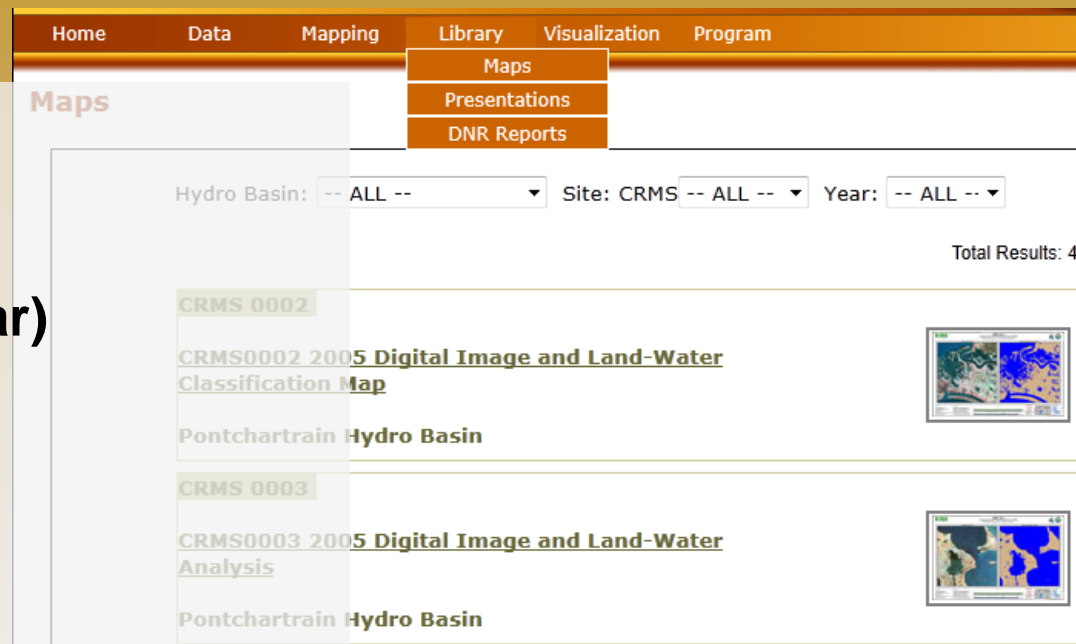
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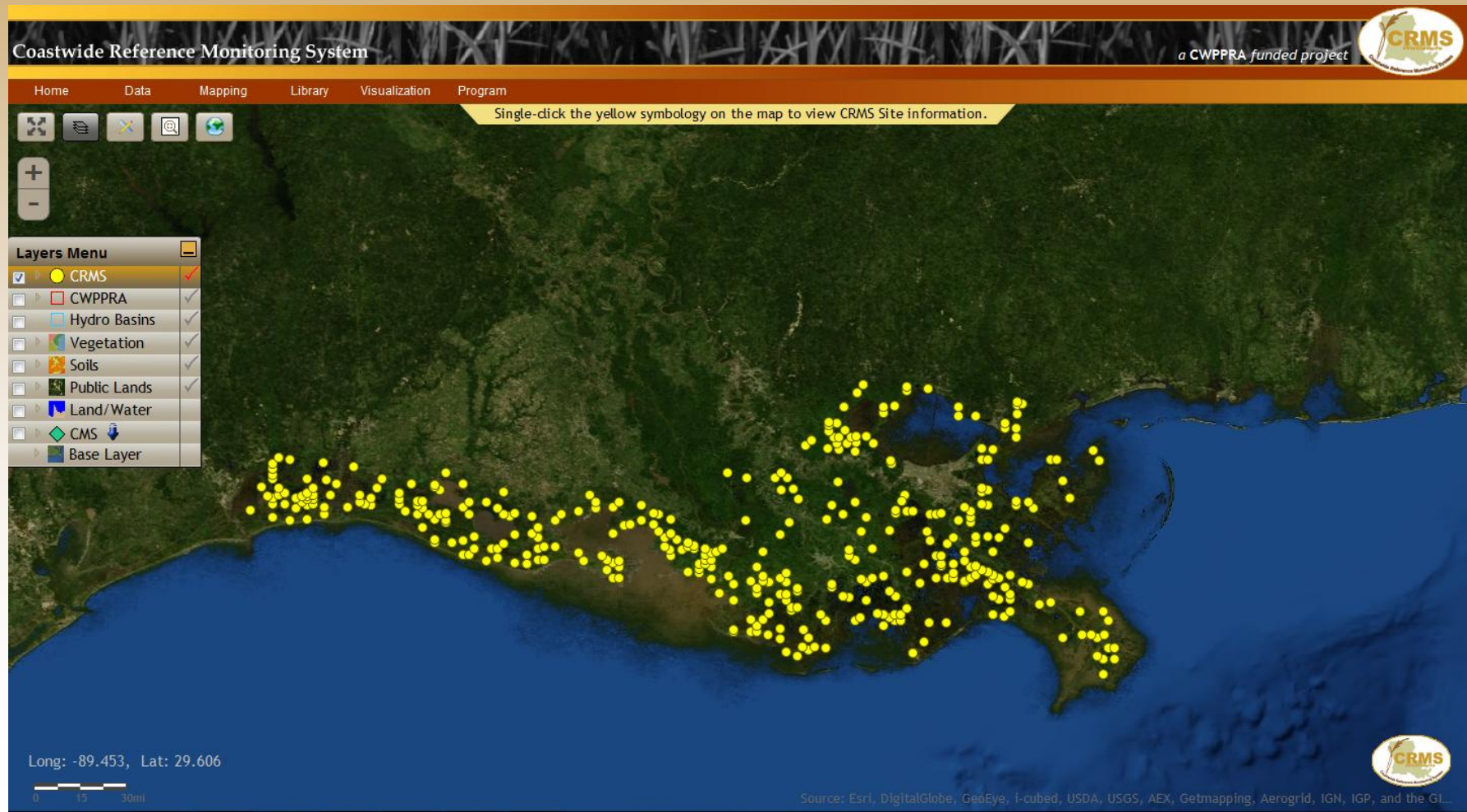
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| CRMS0033-H01 | |
| CRMS0034-H01 | |

- Library menu contains links to:
 - Maps: Available for each CRMS site (some multi-year)
 - Presentations
 - Reports (via SONRIS)
 - CRMS Report Card



- Mapping menu contains links to:

- Basic Map Viewer
- SONRIS Viewer



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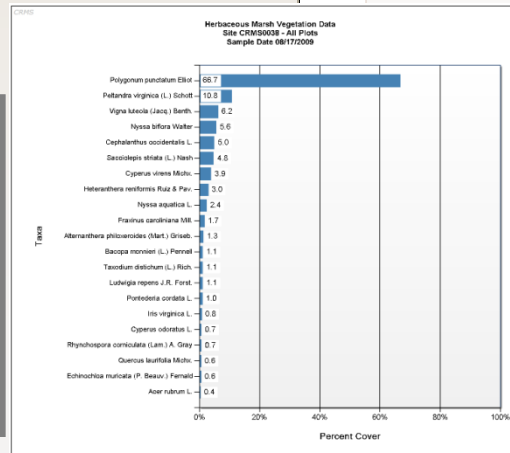
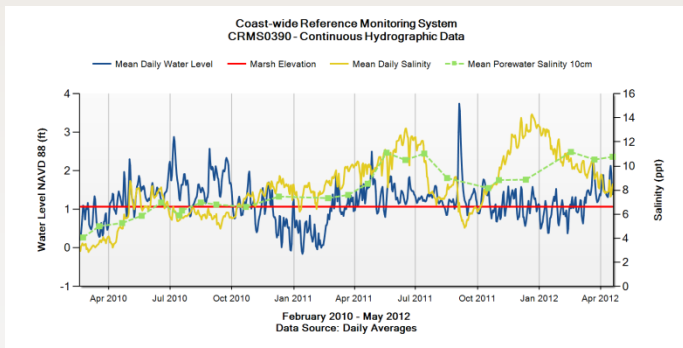
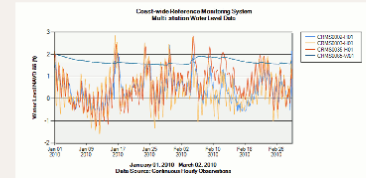
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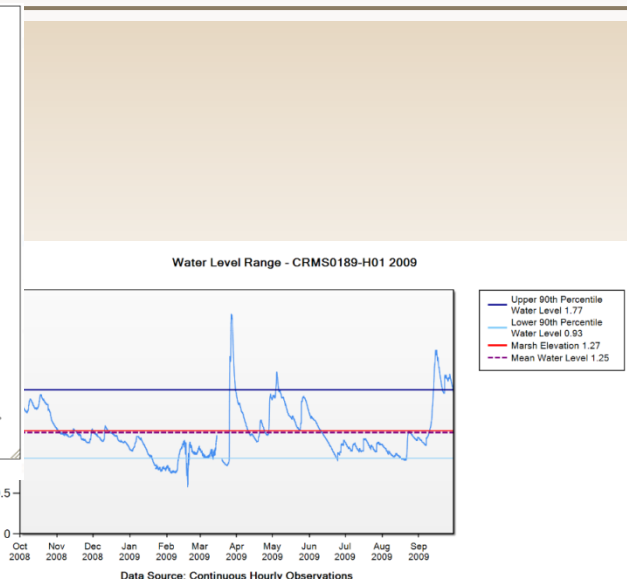
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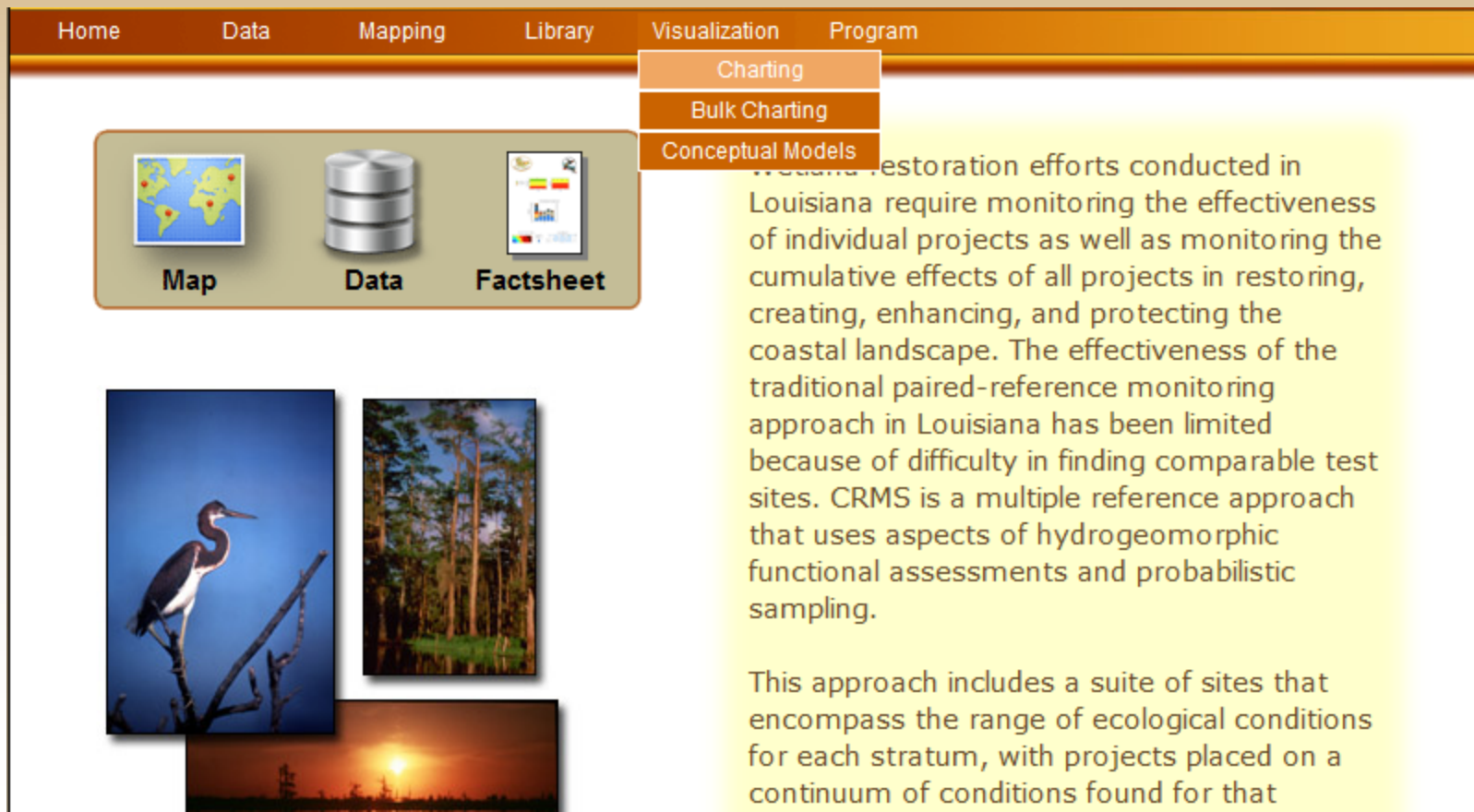
• Visualization menu contains links to:

• Charts...Lots of Charts.

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

- Major change to interface to facilitate multi-station and multi-scale charting

Using the charting interface



The screenshot displays the CRMS web interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Data, Mapping, Library, Visualization, and Program. A dropdown menu is open under 'Visualization', showing options: Charting, Bulk Charting, and Conceptual Models. Below the navigation bar are three main sections: Map (with a world map icon), Data (with a database cylinder icon), and Factsheet (with a document icon). At the bottom left, there are three images: a bird perched on a branch, a forest scene, and a sunset over water.

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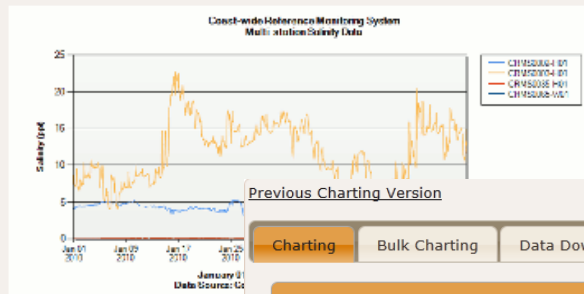
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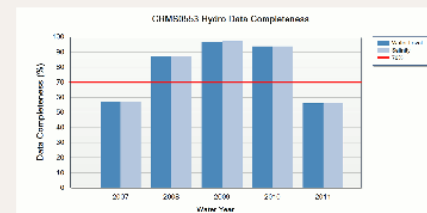
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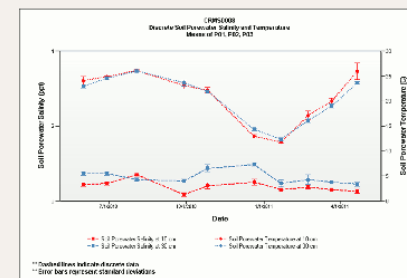
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1. Salinity

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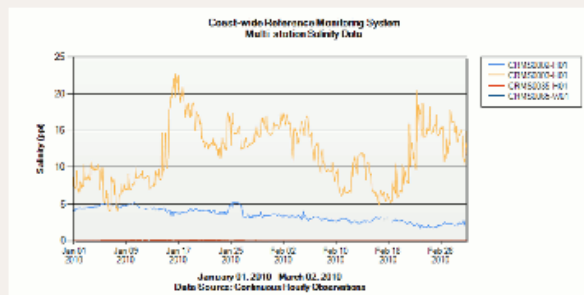
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▶ Soil

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

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Scale: Site

Date Range:
2/17/2006 - 5/31/2012

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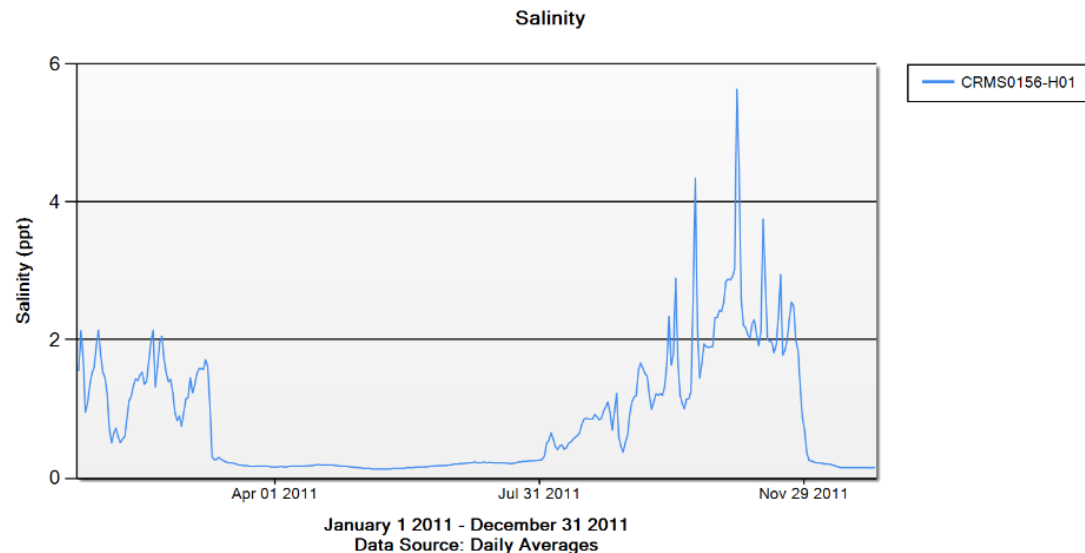
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 1. Site
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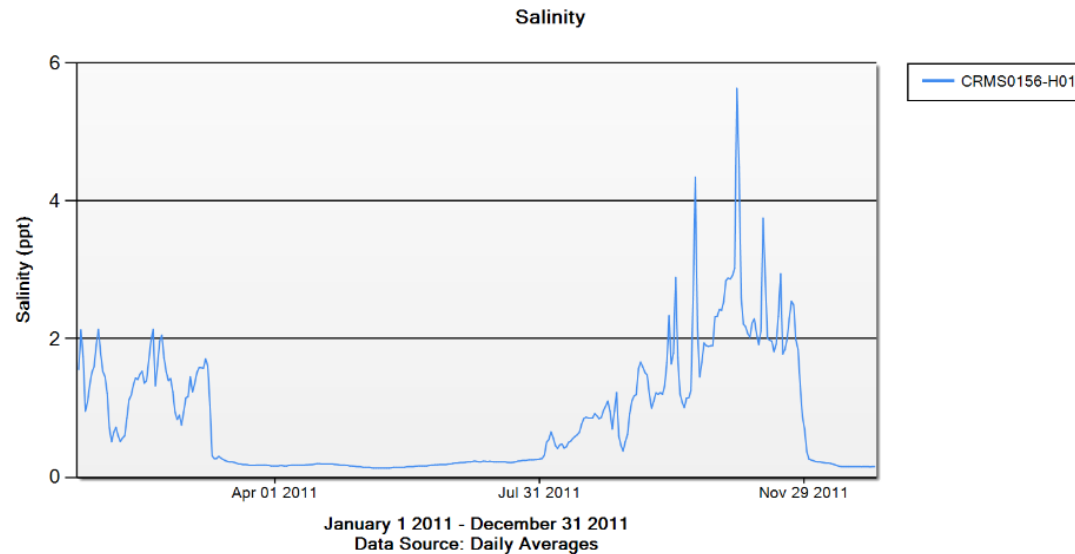


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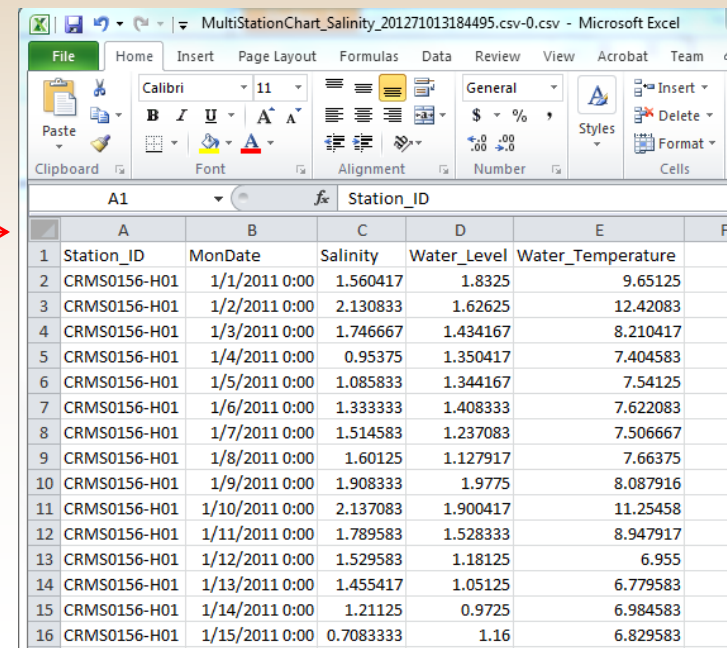
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Multi-Station Charting

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2. Pick a Parameter
 1. Water Level
3. Pick a Scale
 1. Multi Station
4. Enter Start / End Dates
 1. 1/1/2001
 2. 12/31/2011
 3. Apply Date Filter
5. Pick Stations

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Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Scale: Multi Station ▼

Date Range:
2/25/1987 - 6/6/2012

Min Date: 1/1/2001

Max Date: 12/31/2005

Apply Date Filter

Basin: Calcasieu/Sabin ▼ Project: All Projects ▼

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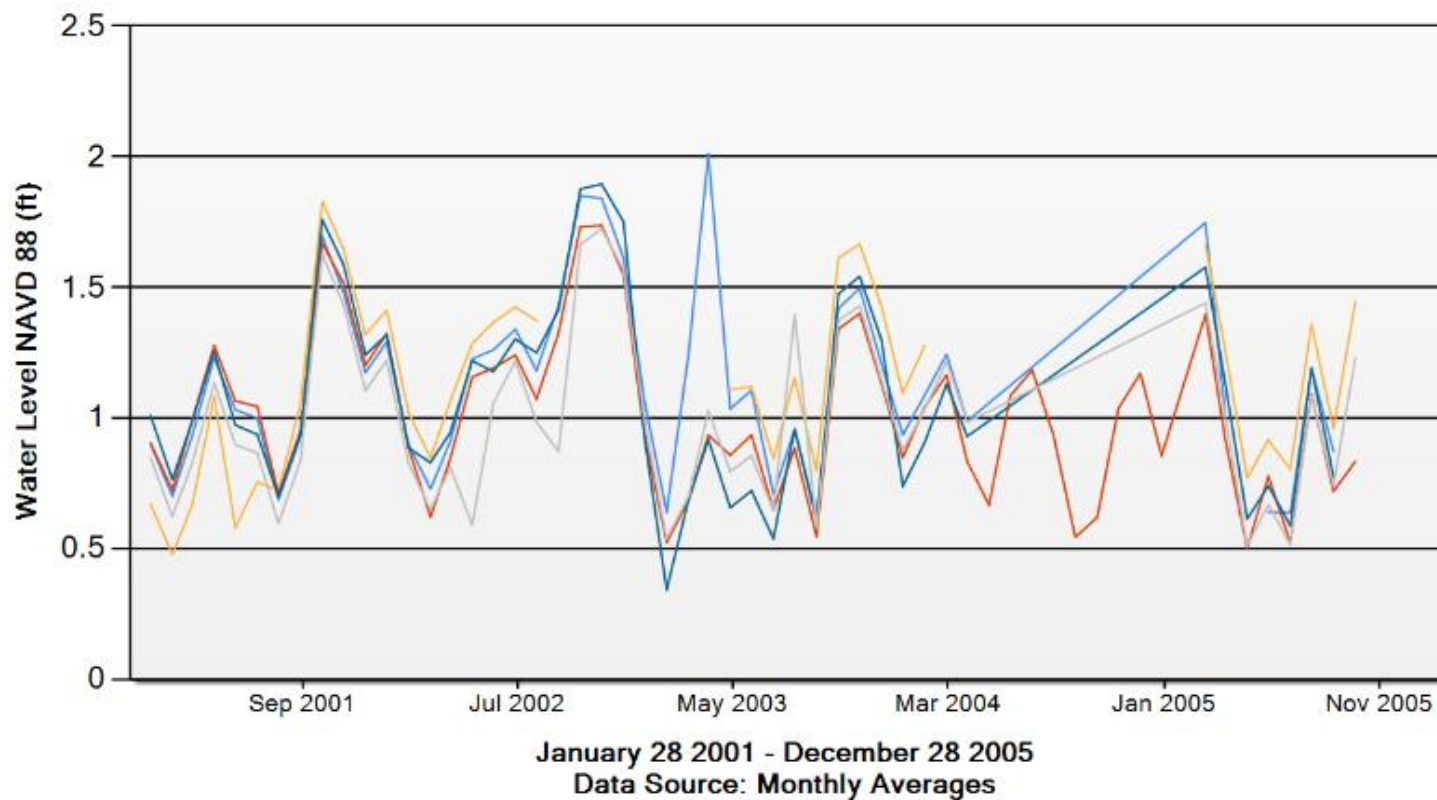
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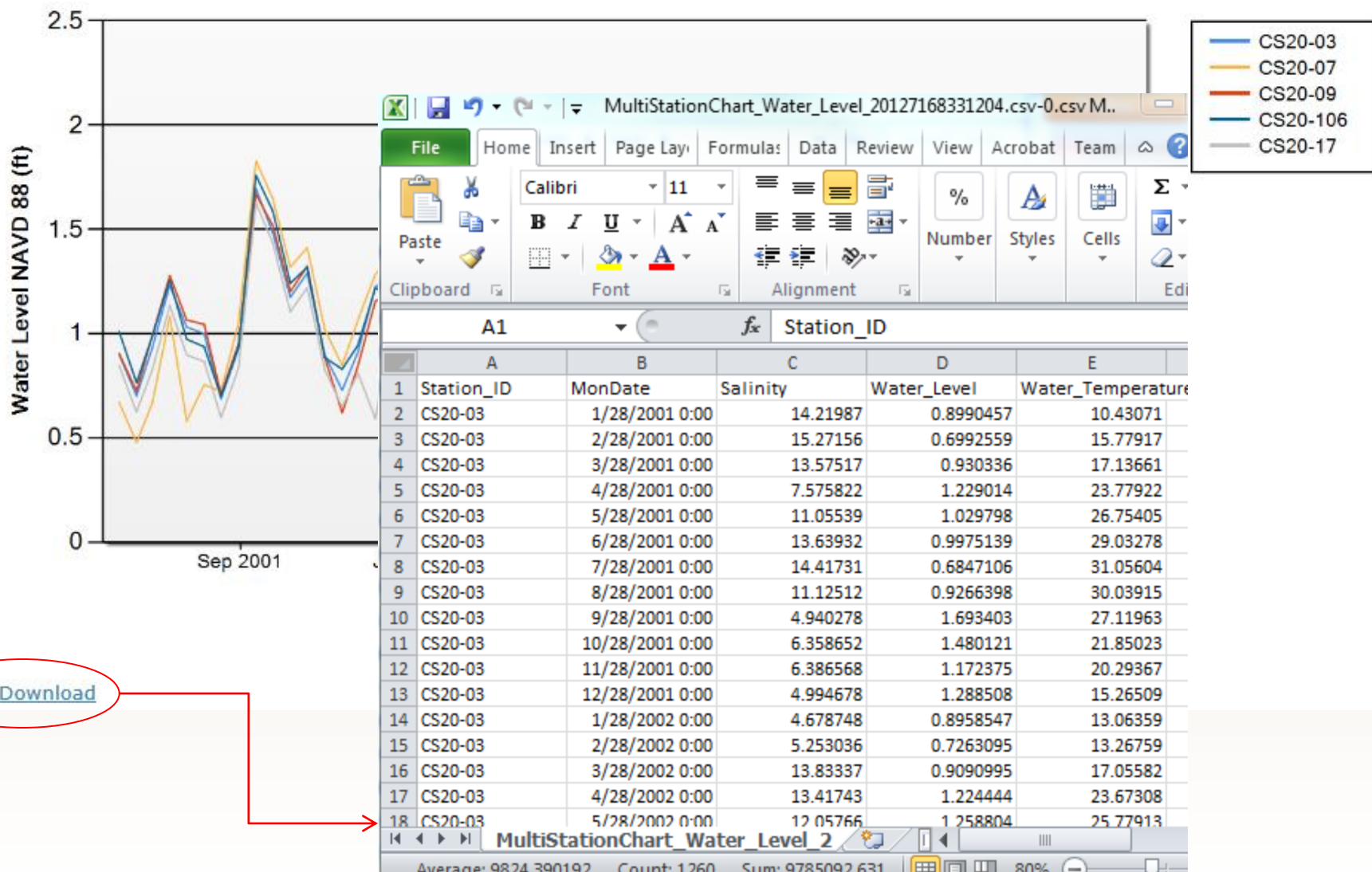
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Water Temperature ▼

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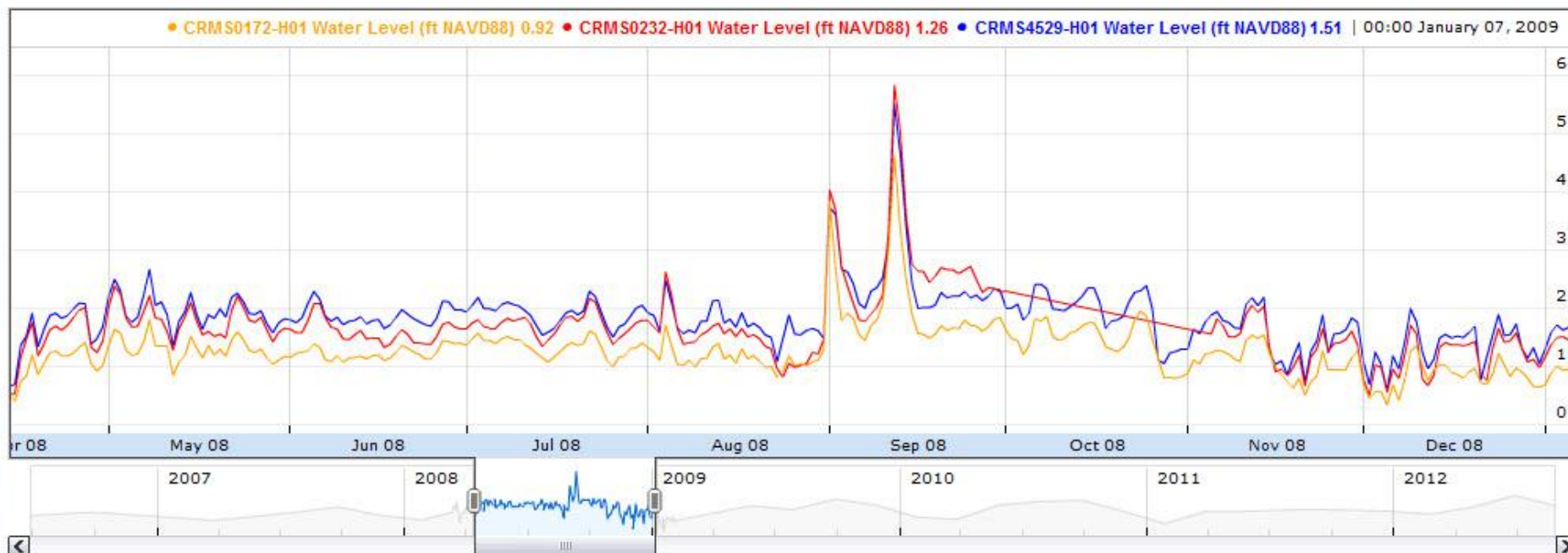
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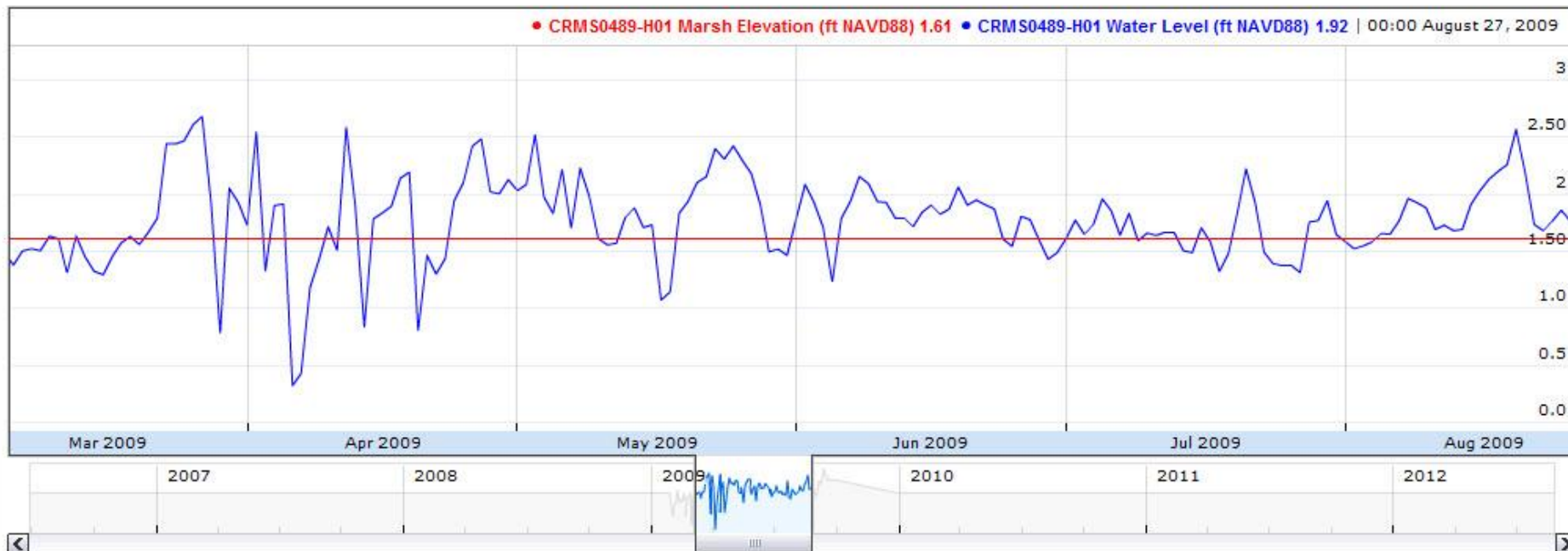
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Water Temperature ▼

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Water Year is October 1 - September 30

Date Range:

2/25/1987 - 6/6/2012

Min Date: 1/1/2001

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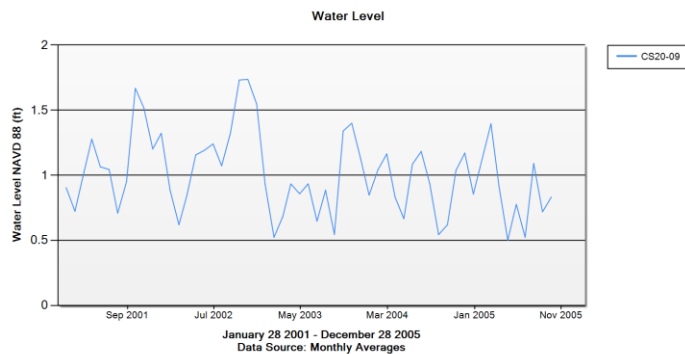
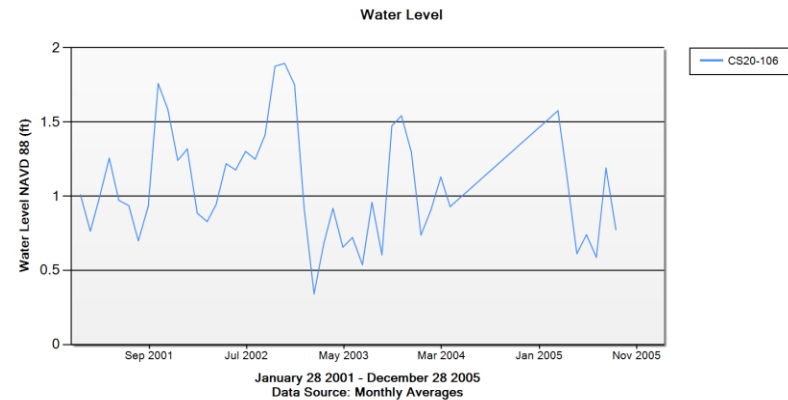
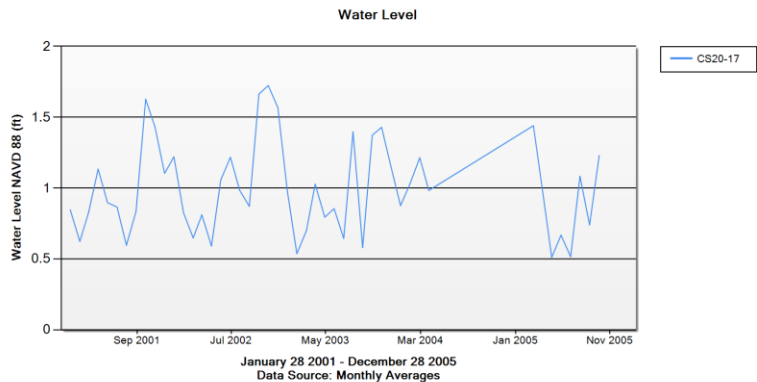
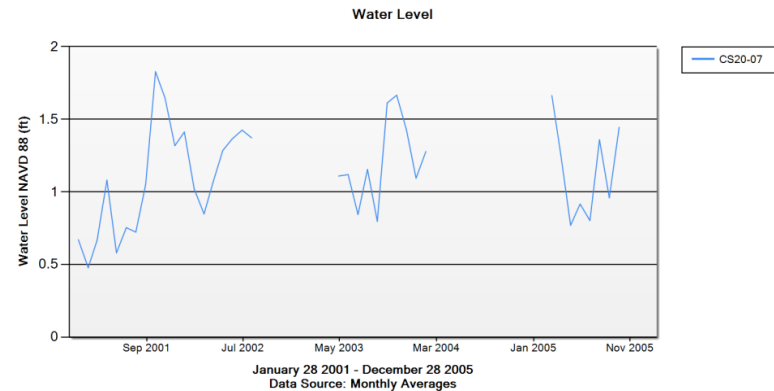
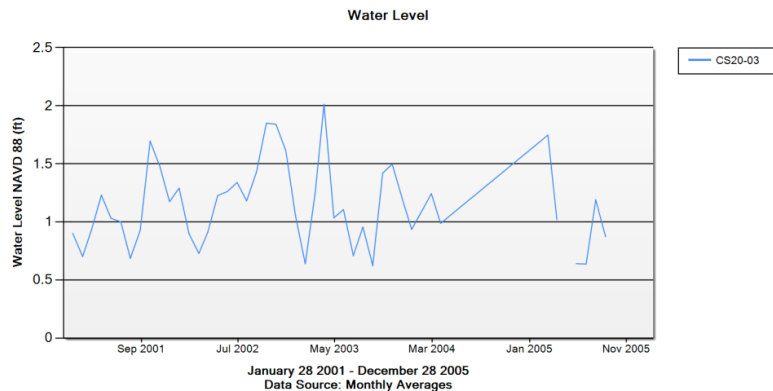
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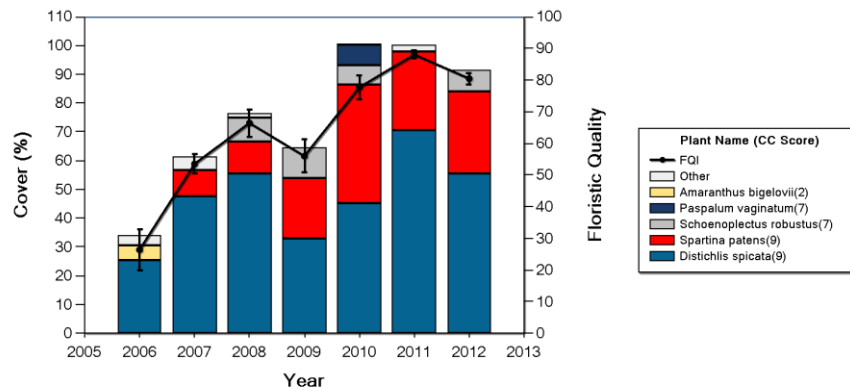
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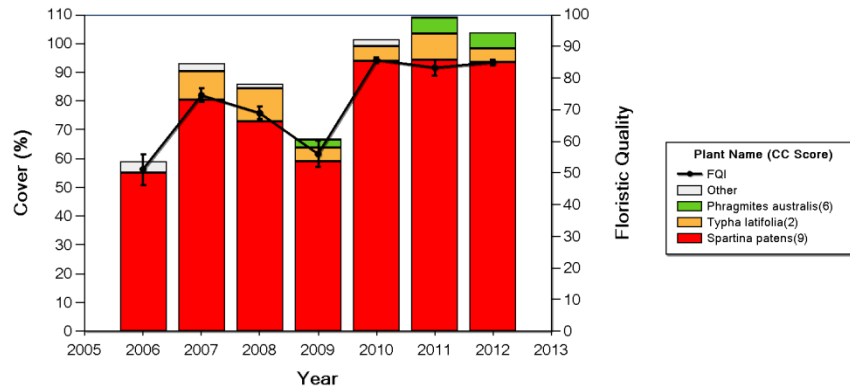
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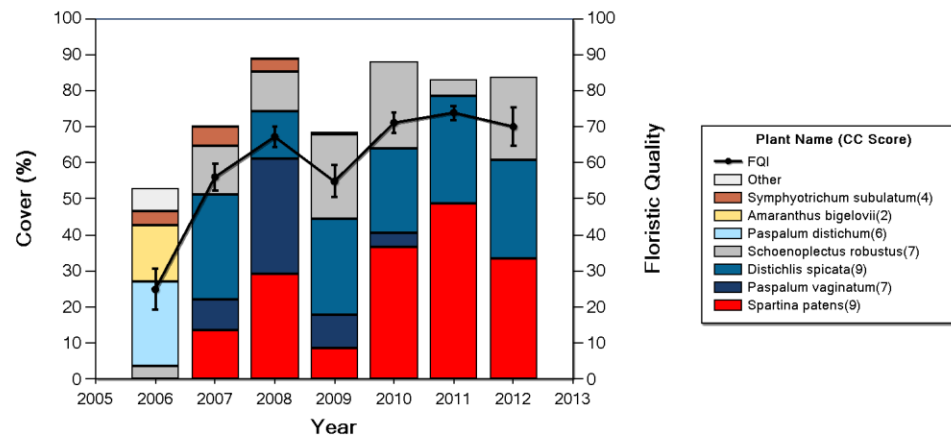
Floristic Quality Index for Saline Marsh, Site CRMS0655



Floristic Quality Index for Intermediate Marsh, Site CRMS0647



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About the Interactive Report Card

Through the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) 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).

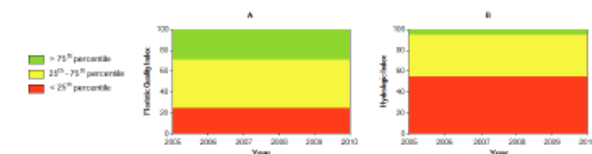
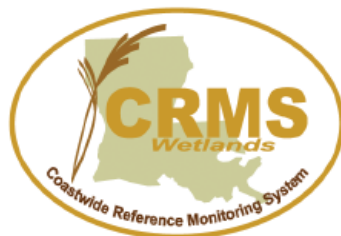


Figure 1. Example of how classifications change based on the assessment index and index score distribution. A) Floristic Quality Index distribution and B) Hydrologic Index distribution based on coastwide data from 2006 to 2009.



Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS)

Site Level Report Card

Site: CRMS0003
Year: 2011



About the program

In 1990, the U.S. Congress enacted the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) in response to the growing awareness of Louisiana's land loss crisis. The CWPPRA 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 CWPPRA program has constructed more than 75 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; sediment 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 CWPPRA projects, require monitoring and evaluation of project effectiveness and cumulative effects of all projects to achieve a sustainable coastal environment. In 2003, the CWPPRA Task Force approved the implementation of a Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) as a means to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of CWPPRA projects at three levels: project, region, and coastwide (Steffen et al., 2003). The CRMS network is currently funded through CWPPRA 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 encompass 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 CWPPRA projects throughout the coastal ecosystems of Louisiana. More information about the CRMS project is provided within a USGS factsheet (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/facts/2010/3018/>).


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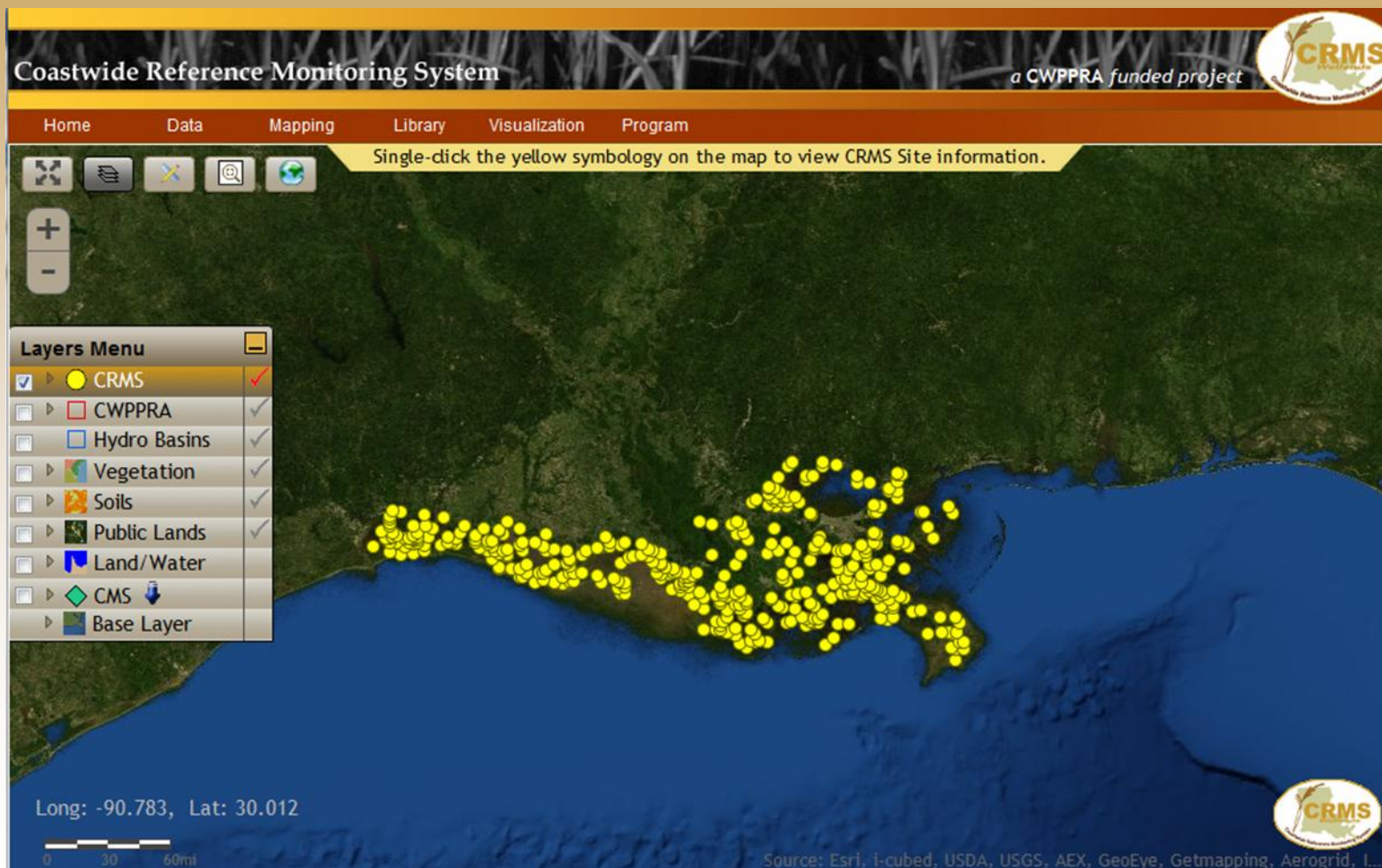

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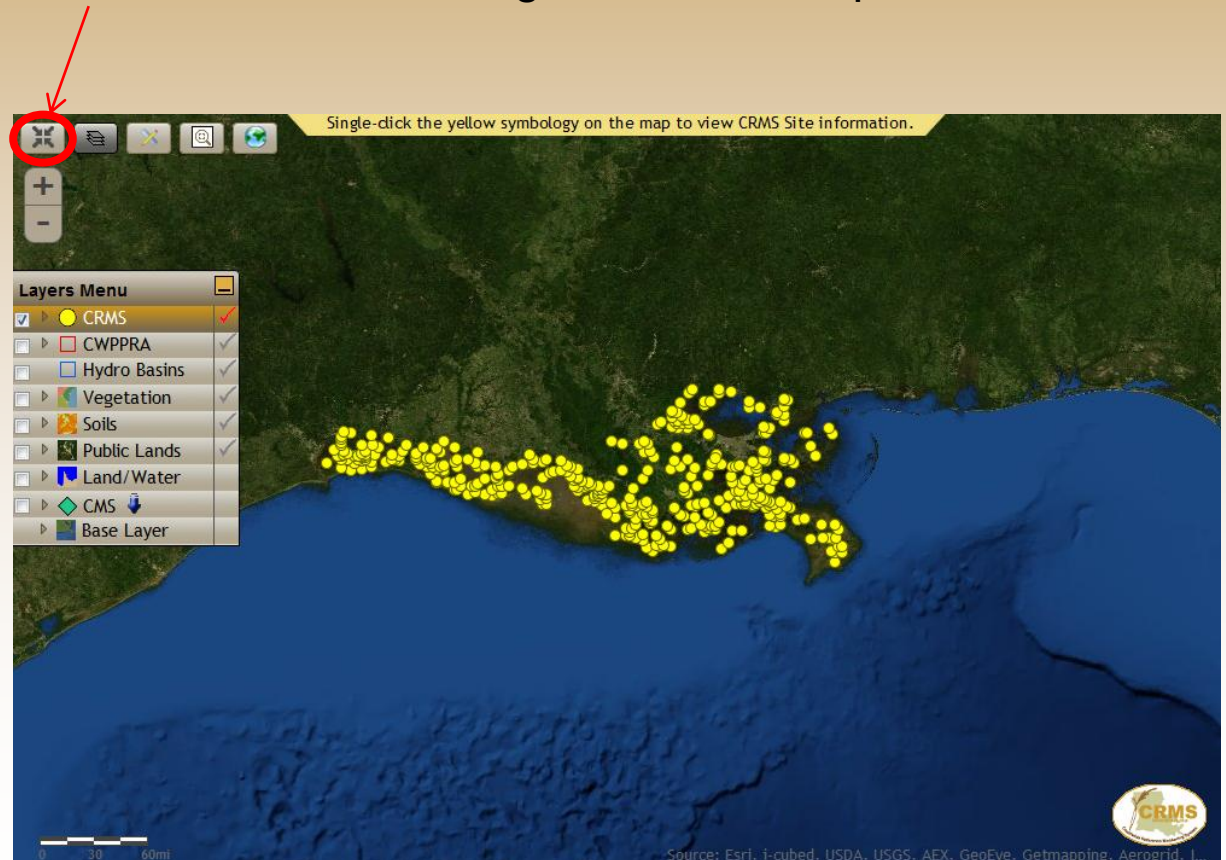
CRMS Viewer now implements ESRI's ArcGIS JavaScript API which allows mouse wheel scrolling to zoom in and out of the map.



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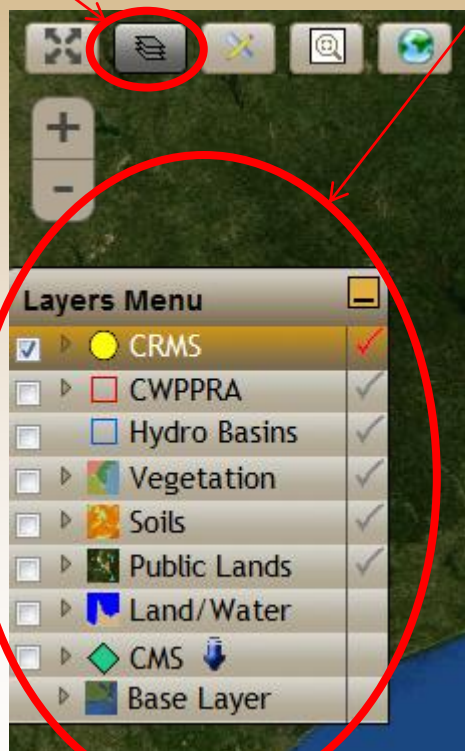


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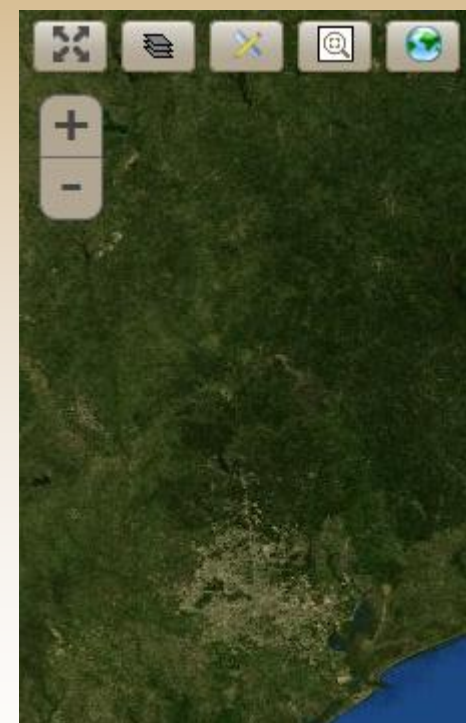


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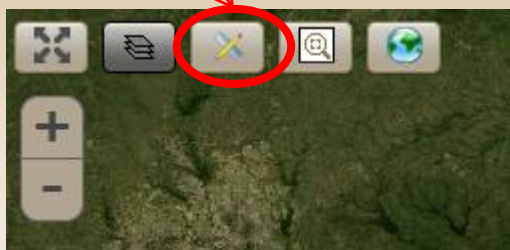
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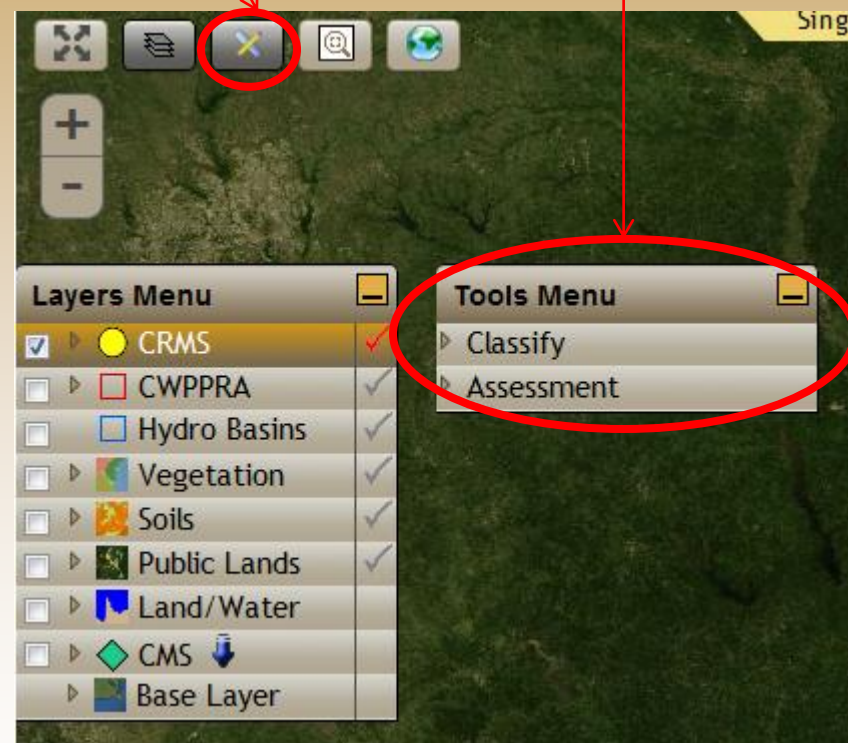
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Tools Button brings up the Tools Menu.



Tools Button darkens when the menu is shown.

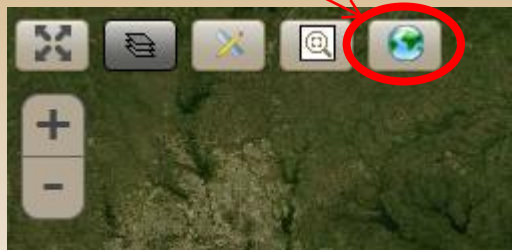


Zoom Button zooms to the rectangle drawn on the map.

The icon darkens when the mouse is in the “zoom” state.



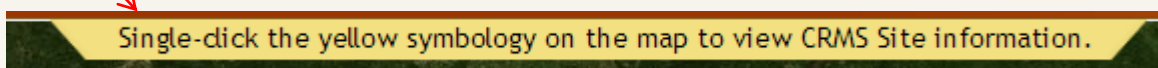
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+/- Buttons zoom in and out.



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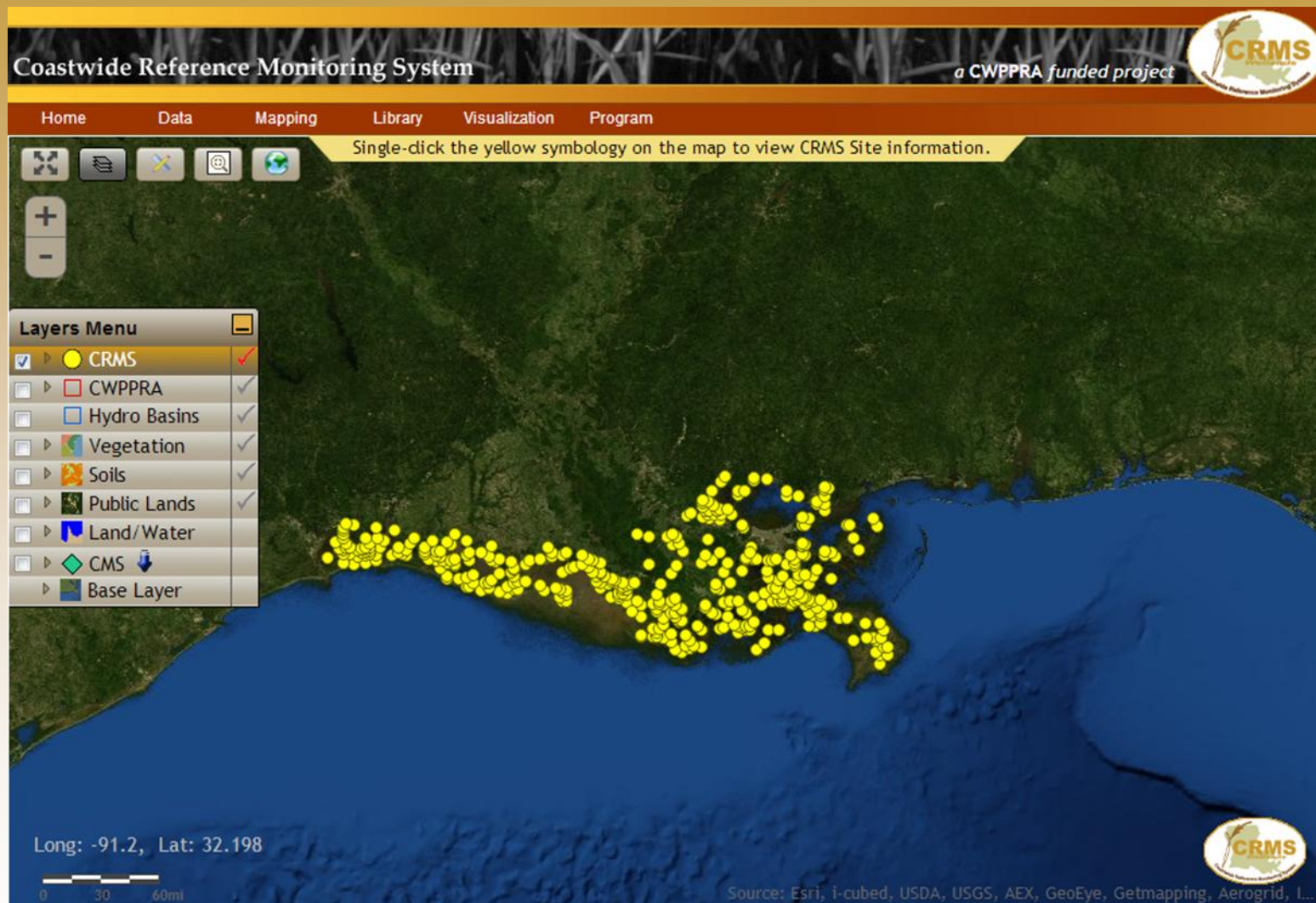
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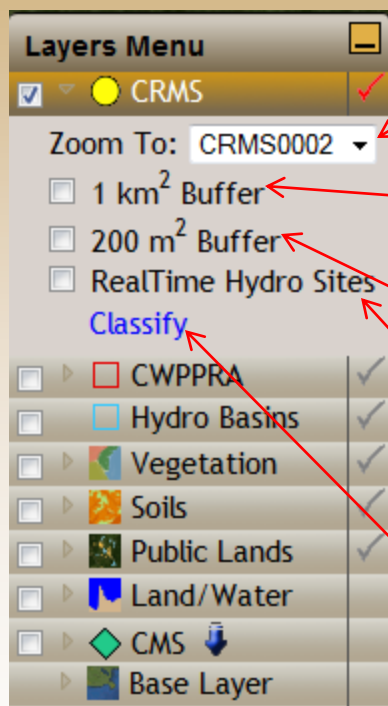


Make this the current active layer.



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

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200 M Buffer checkbox adds/removes the 200 M Buffer layer to the map.

RealTime Hydro Sites checkbox adds/removes the RealTime Hydro Sites layer to the map.

Classify invokes the tools menu with the classification option selected.



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Click a point for Site Information Bubble

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

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CWPPRA

Hydro Basins

Vegetation

Soils

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Land/Water

CMS

Base Layer

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Site ID: CRMS5035
Lat, Long: 29.6212, -91.0397
Marsh Elevation: 1.57ft NAVD1988 GEOID99

Data Availability: 2012

Pre/Post Construction Pictures:

Post Construction

Pre Construction

Preliminary Site Visit North

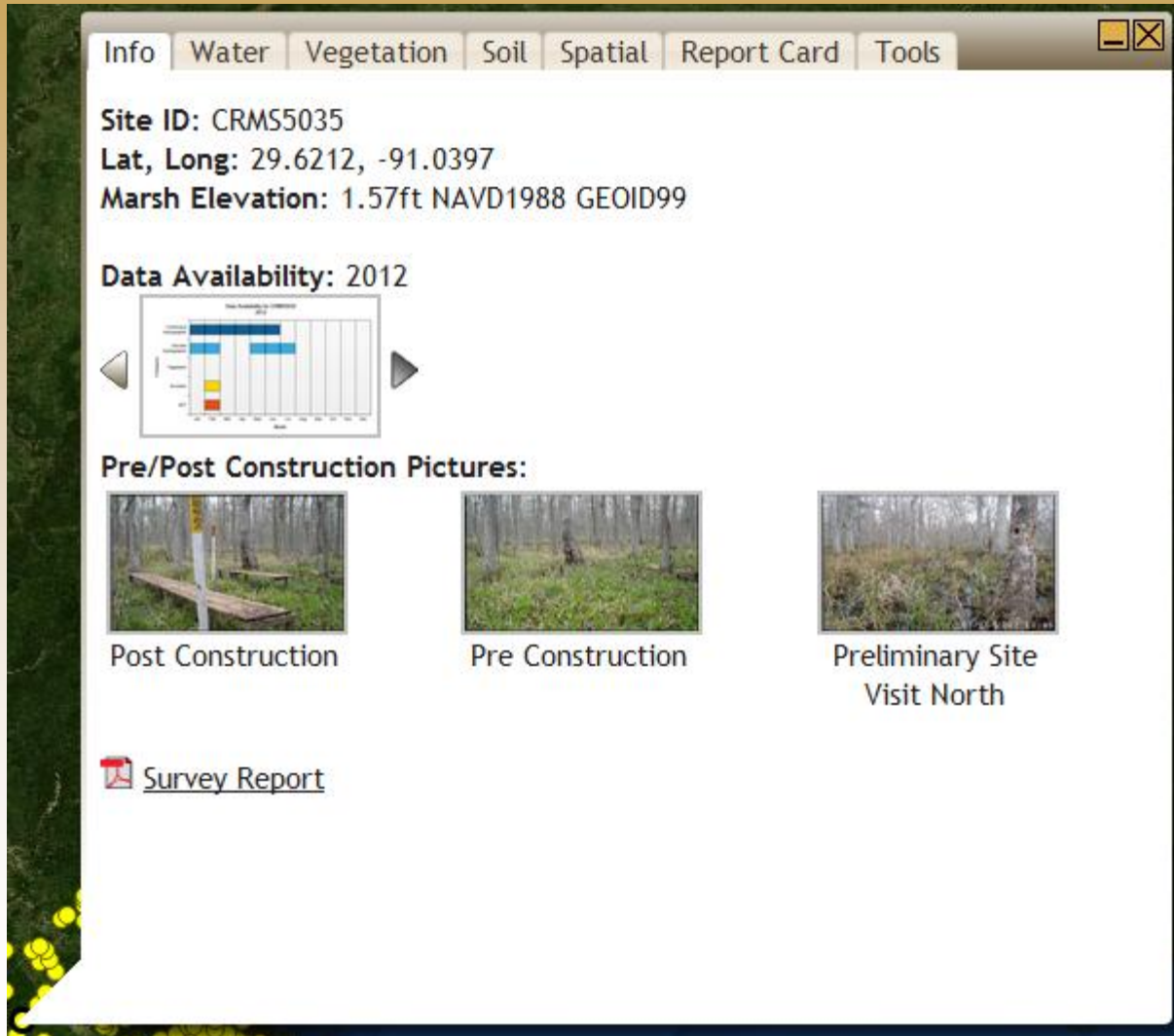
Survey Report

Long: -86.53, Lat: 30.444

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, and the GIS User Community

Site Information Bubble



The screenshot shows a web application window titled "Site Information Bubble" for site CRM55035. The window has a tabbed interface with the following tabs: Info, Water, Vegetation, Soil, Spatial, Report Card, and Tools. The "Info" tab is currently selected.

Site ID: CRM55035
Lat, Long: 29.6212, -91.0397
Marsh Elevation: 1.57ft NAVD1988 GEOID99

Data Availability: 2012

A horizontal bar chart is displayed, showing data availability for various parameters (Water, Vegetation, Soil, Spatial) across different years (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012). The chart indicates that data is available for all parameters in 2012.

Pre/Post Construction Pictures:

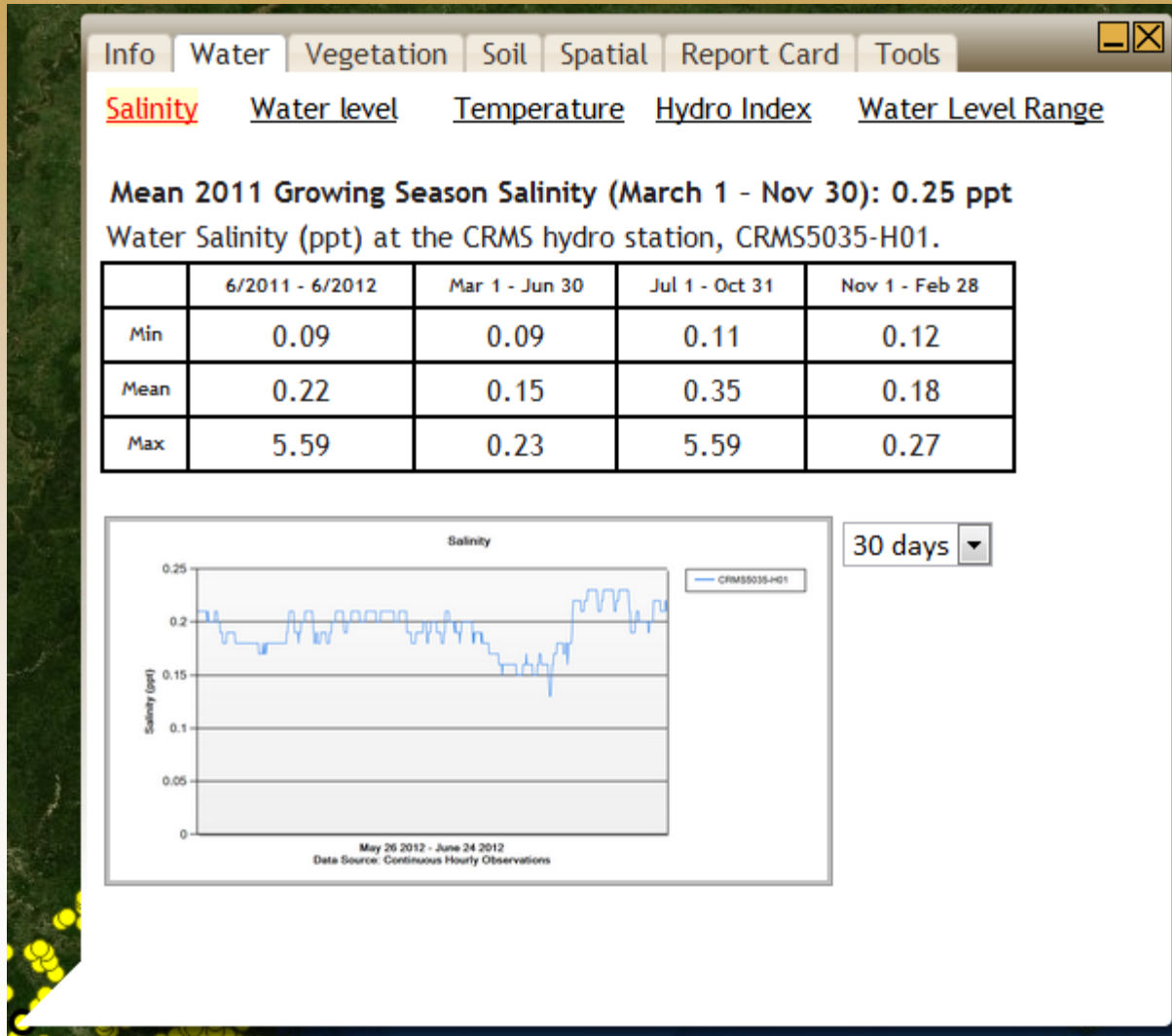
Three photographs are shown side-by-side:

- Post Construction:** A photograph showing a wooden boardwalk or path through a marshy area.
- Pre Construction:** A photograph showing a marshy area with trees and vegetation.
- Preliminary Site Visit North:** A photograph showing a marshy area with trees and vegetation.

Below the photographs, there is a link labeled [Survey Report](#) with a small icon of a document.

The information bubble appears when a CRMS site is clicked. The Site Info tab is automatically chosen when the bubble pops up on the screen.

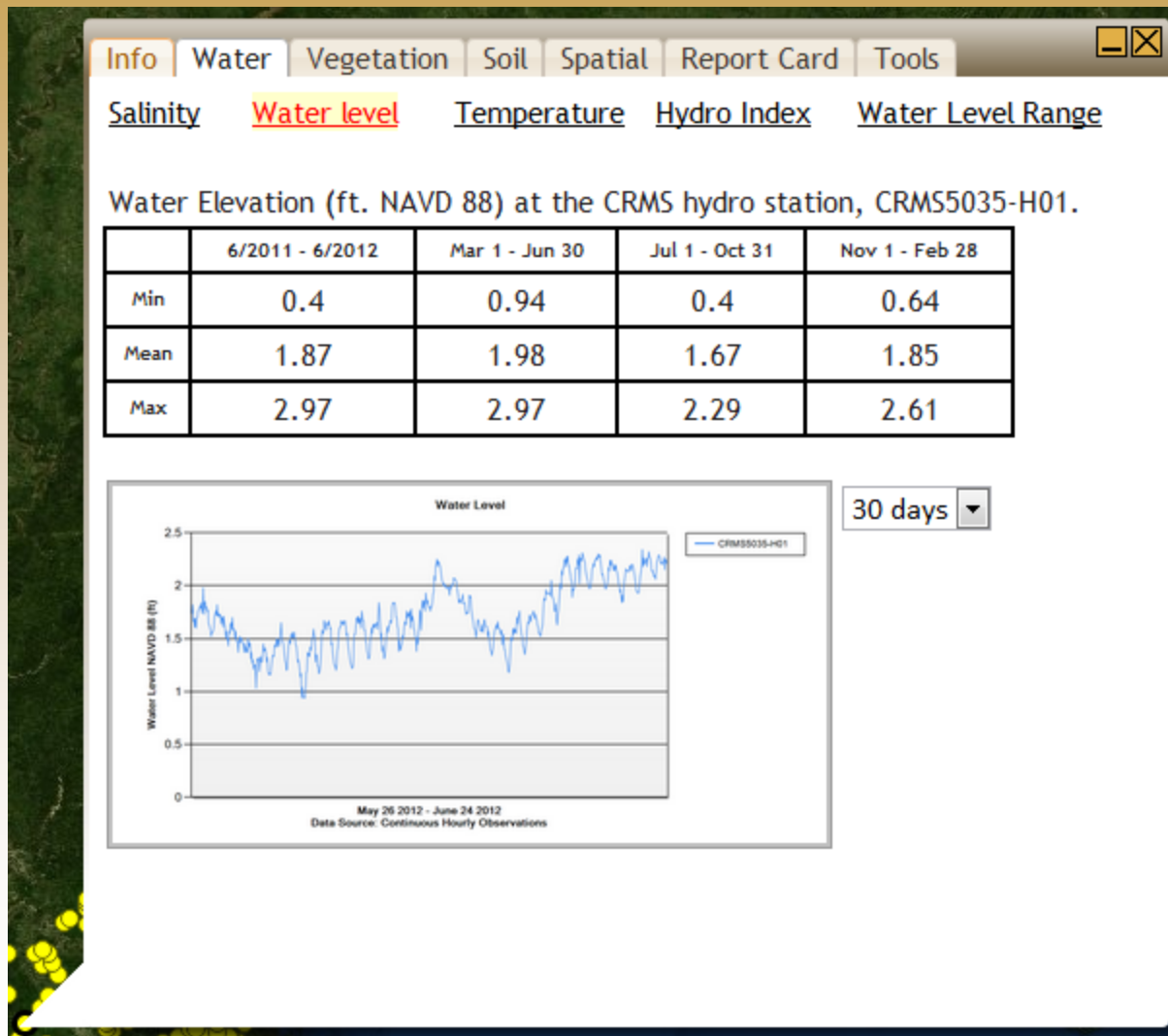
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The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected site.

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

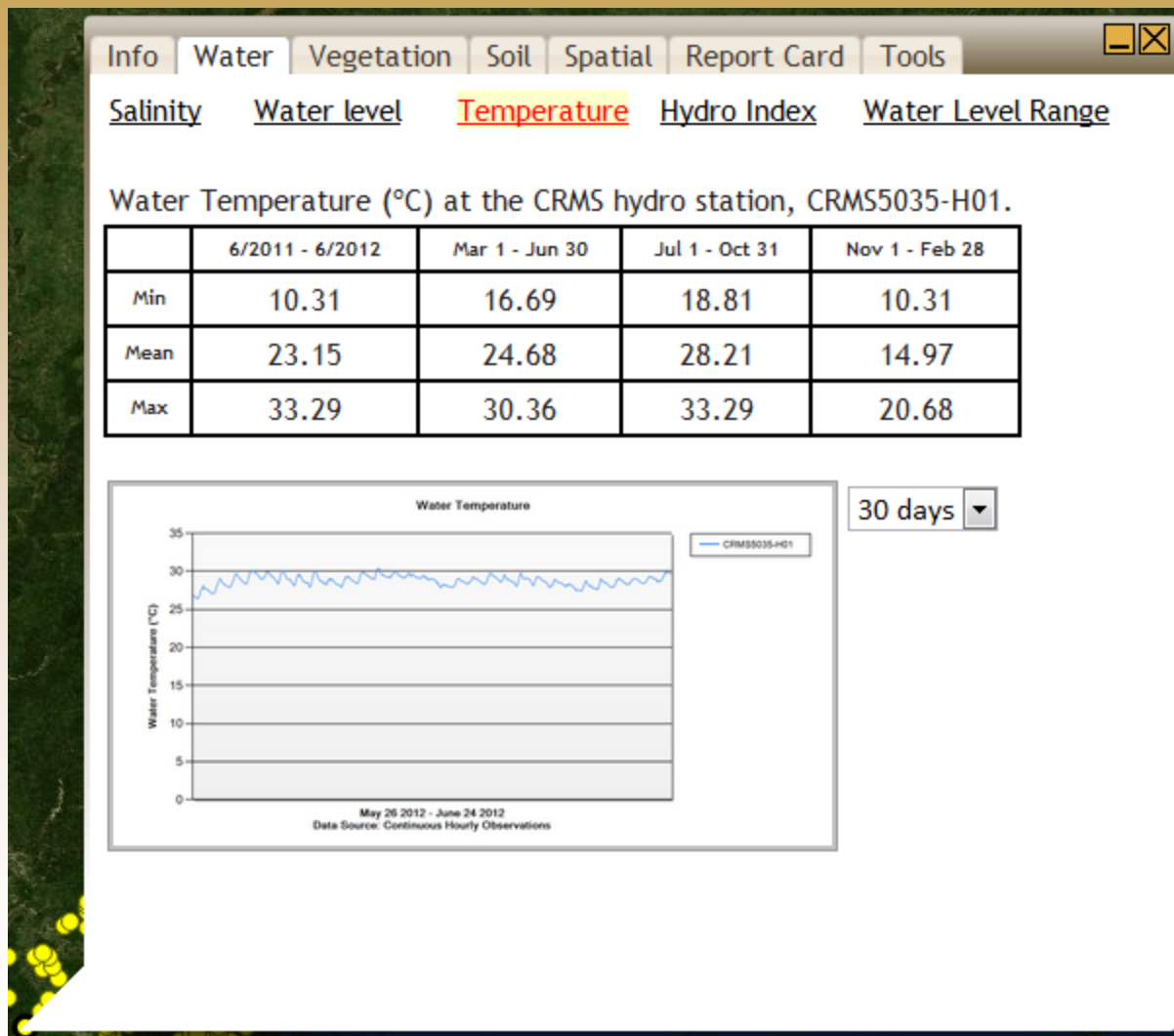
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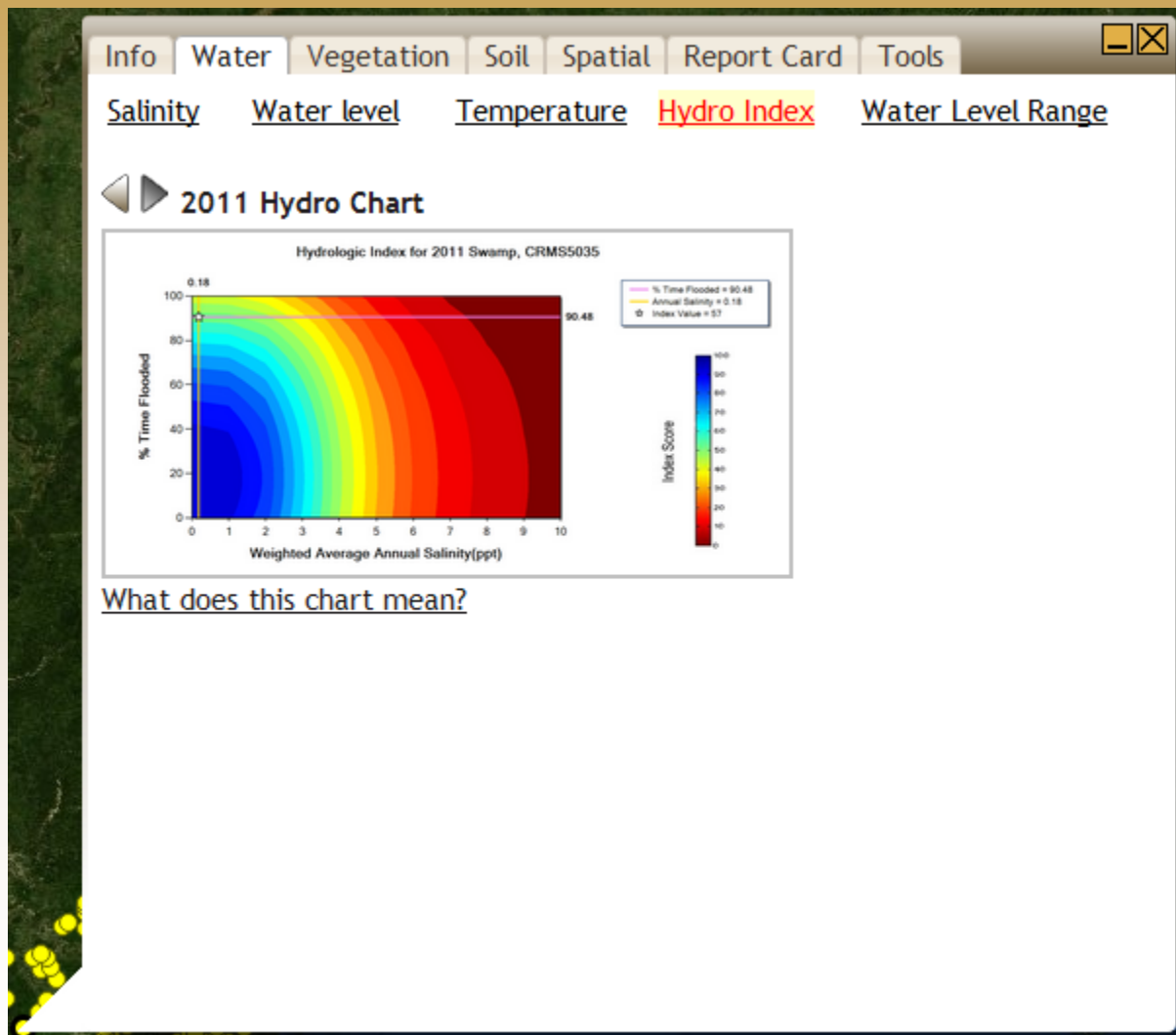
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Water Temperature – Brief overview of water temperature data for the site. Also charts most recent temperature data for the site.

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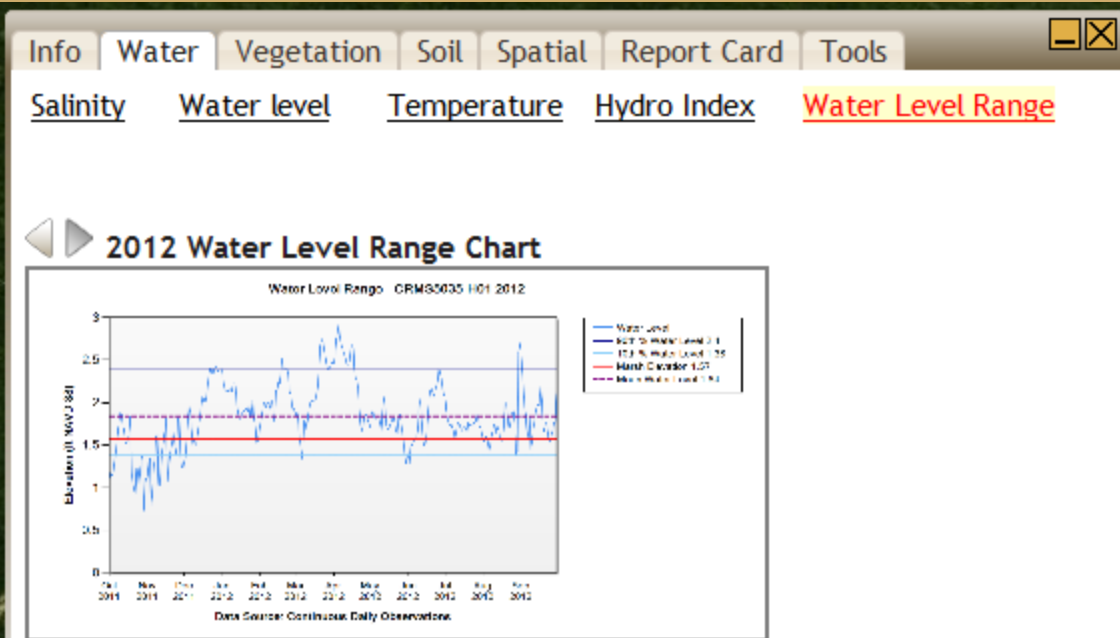


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Hydro Index – All Hydro Index charts available for the site.

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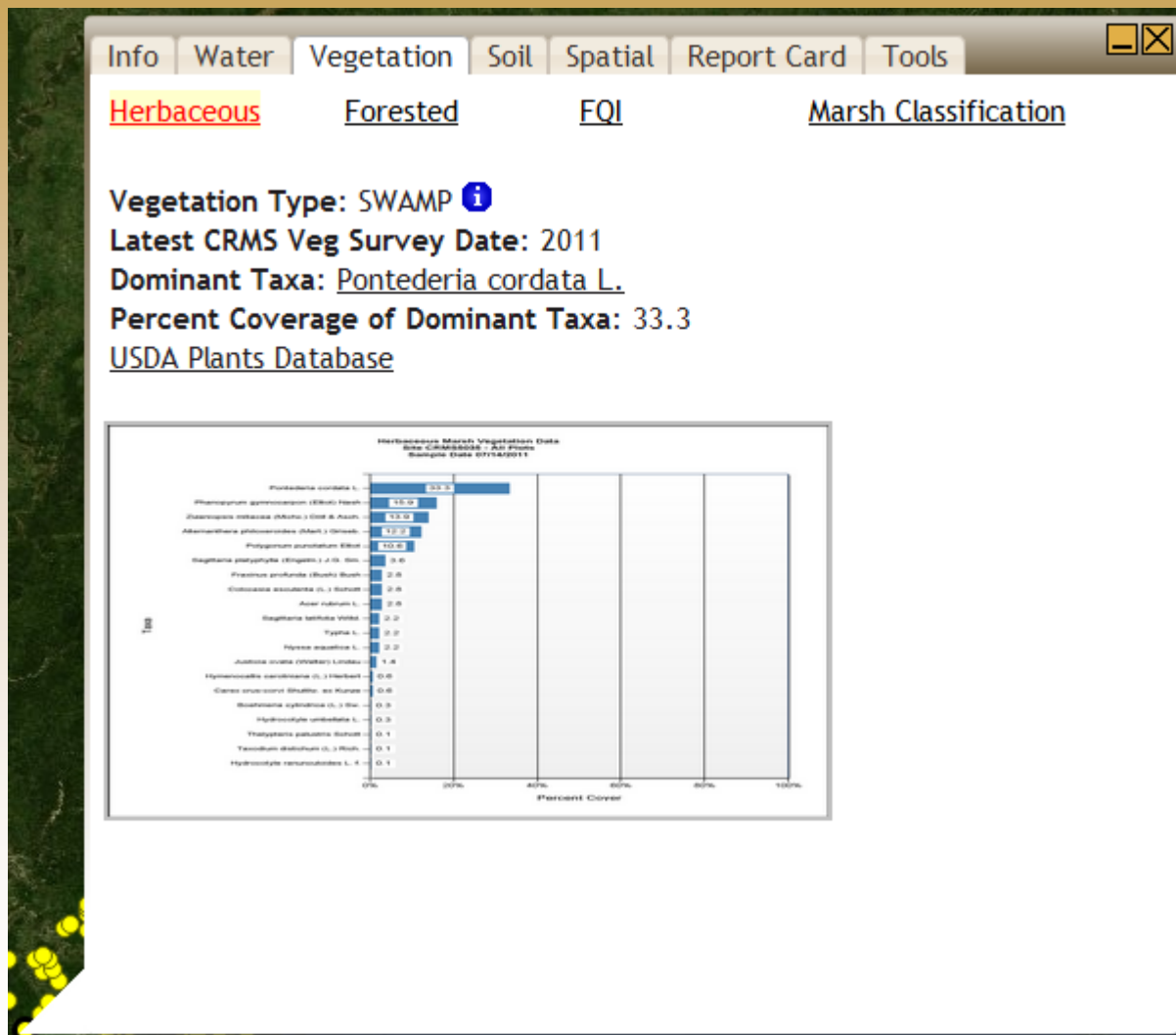
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Water Level Range – All water level range charts available for the current site.

What does this chart mean?

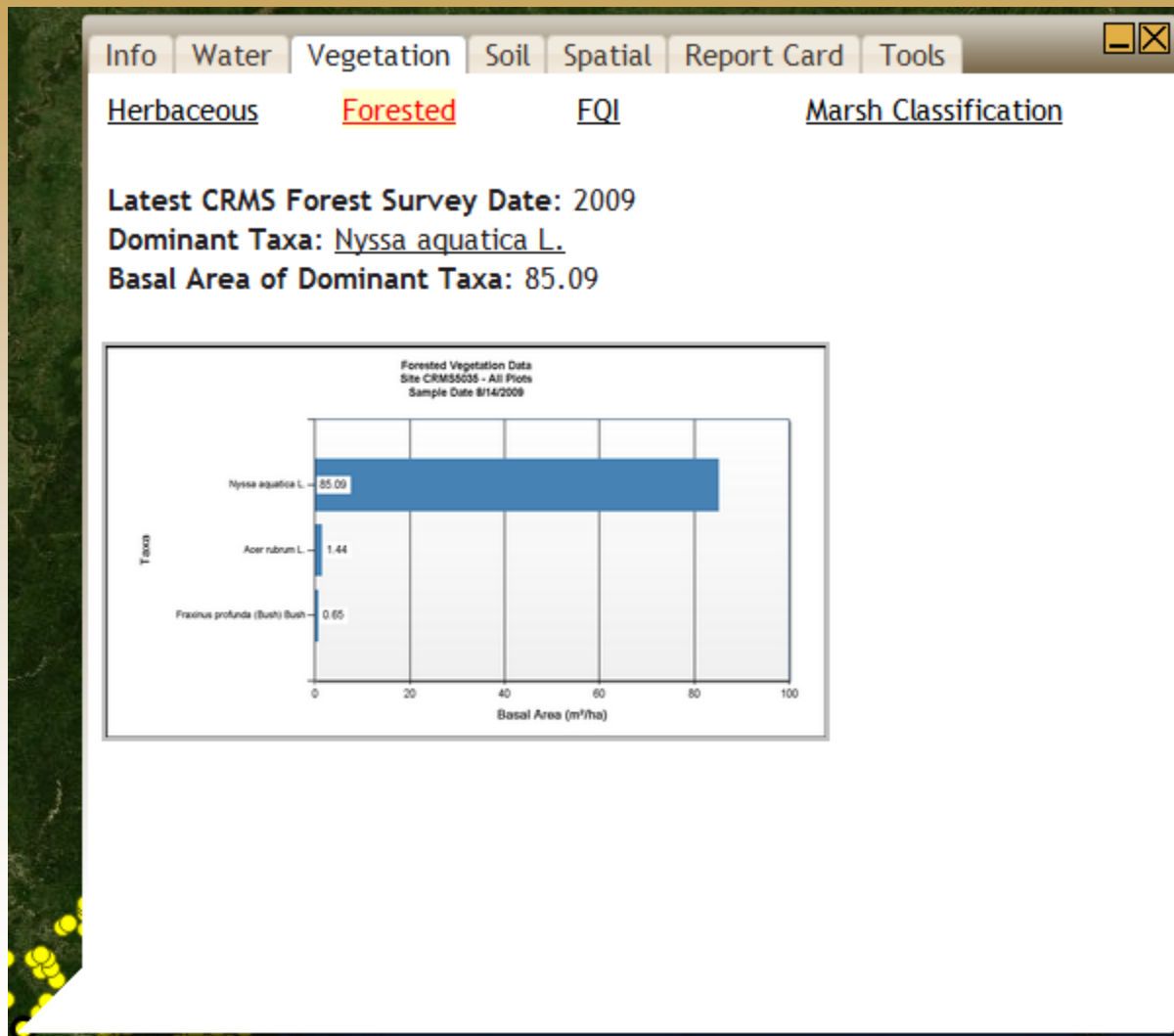
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The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected site.

Herbaceous – Species driven percent cover chart.

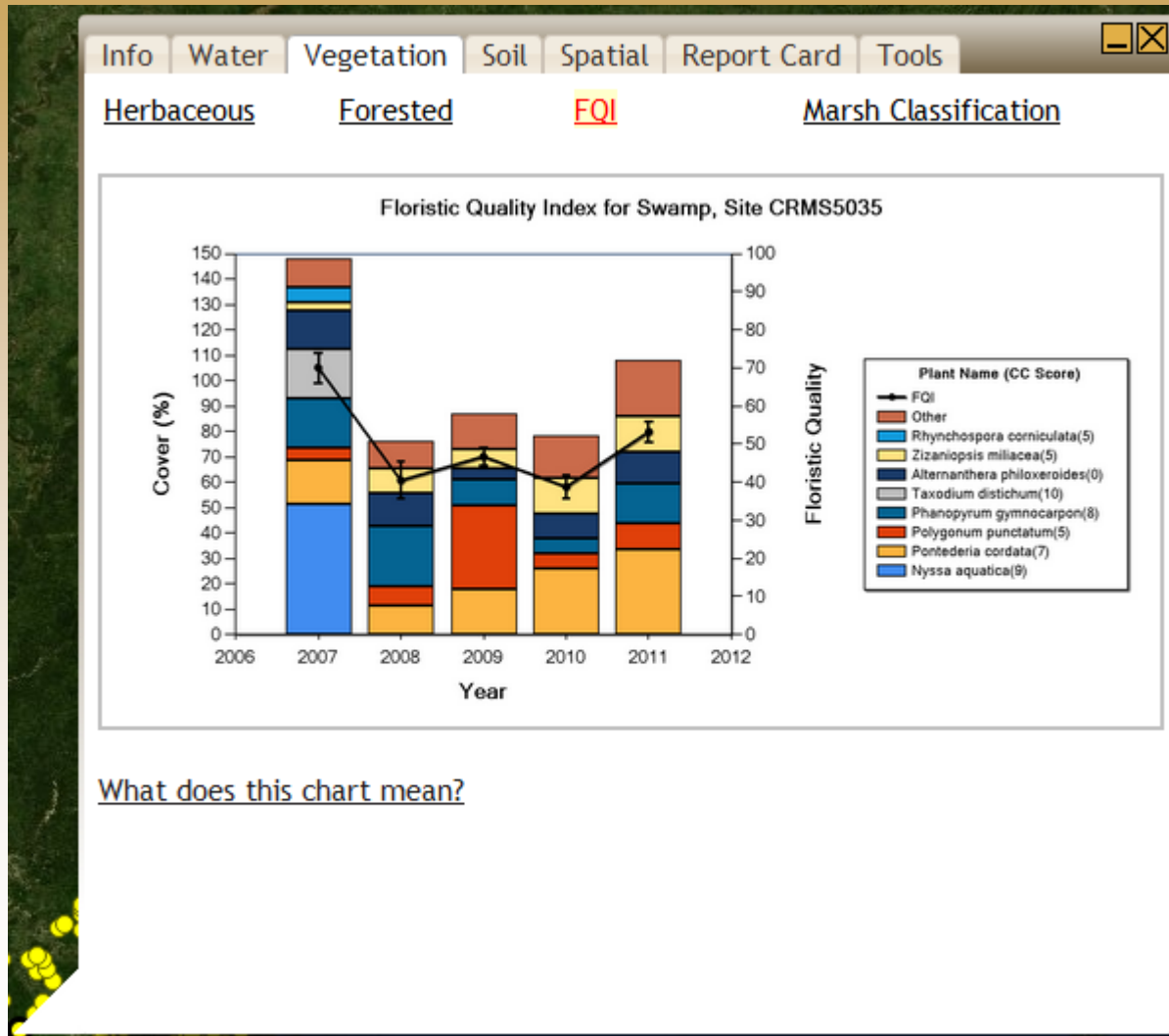
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Forested – Species driven basal area chart.

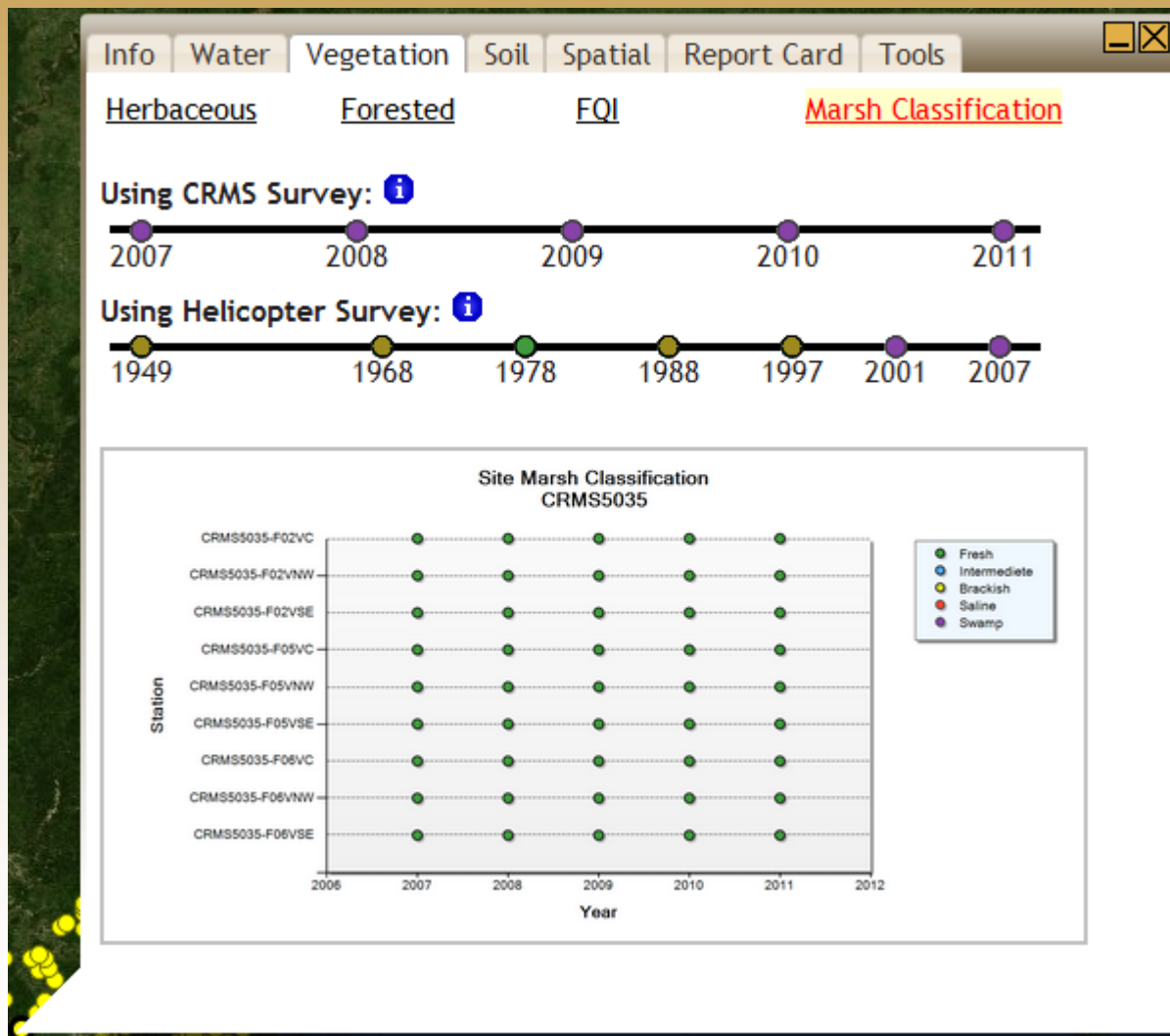
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Floristic Quality Index

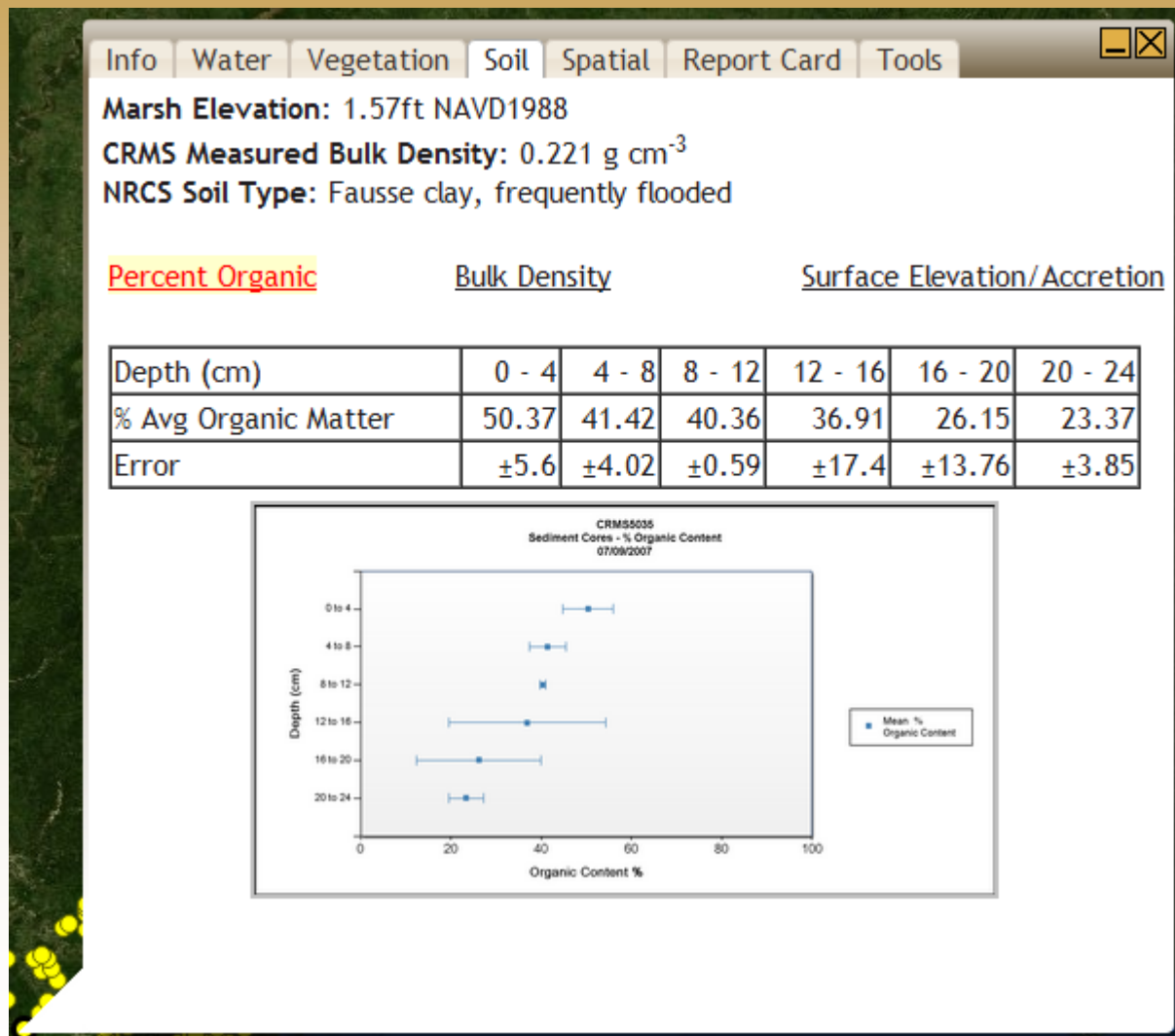
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The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected site.

Marsh Classification – The chart displays marsh class by station over time, the top bar is marsh class at the site level, and the bottom line is marsh class at the site level using the helicopter survey data.

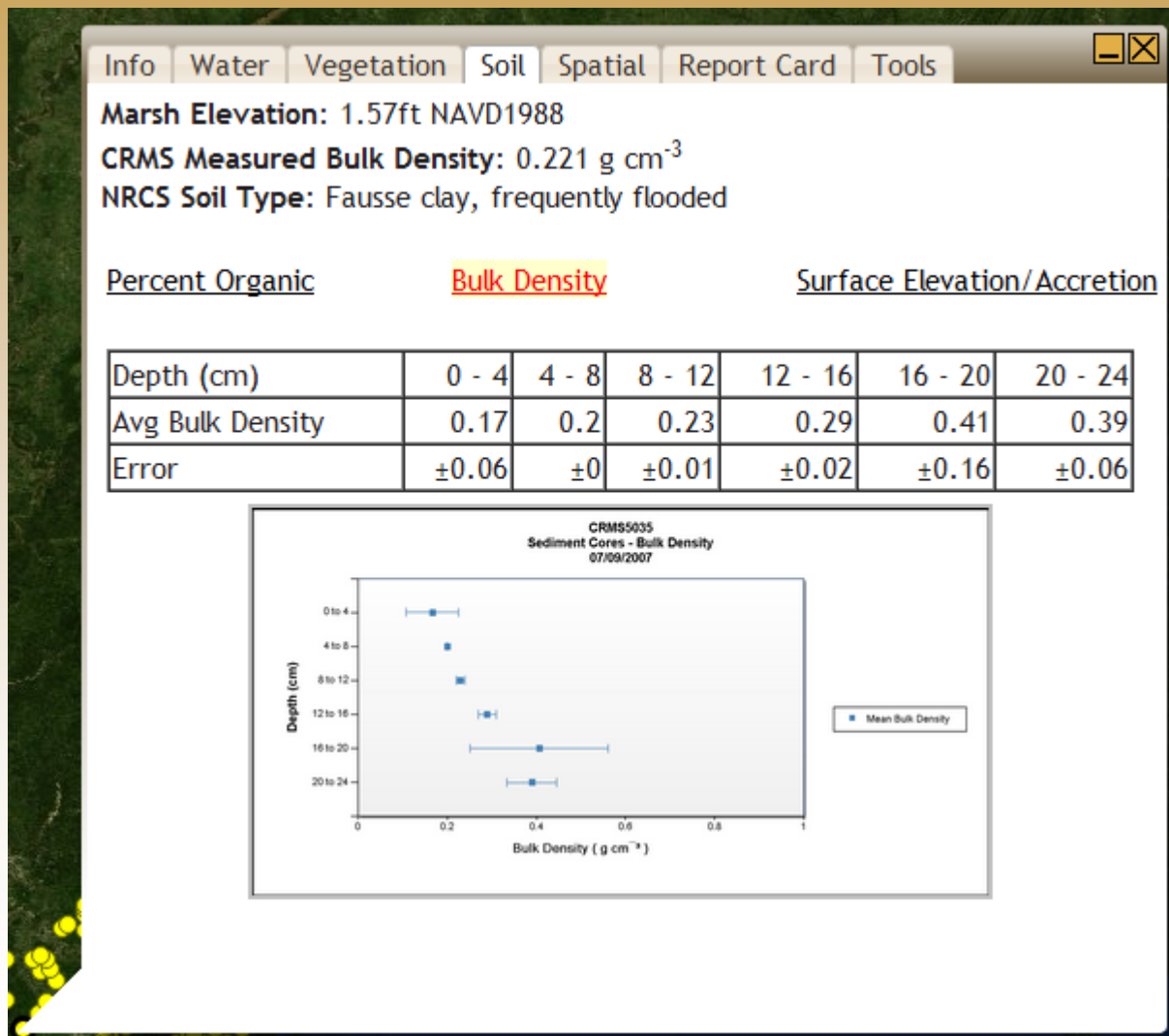
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The Soil tab contains all soil information for the selected site.

Percent Organic – Soil profiles taken at site establishment.

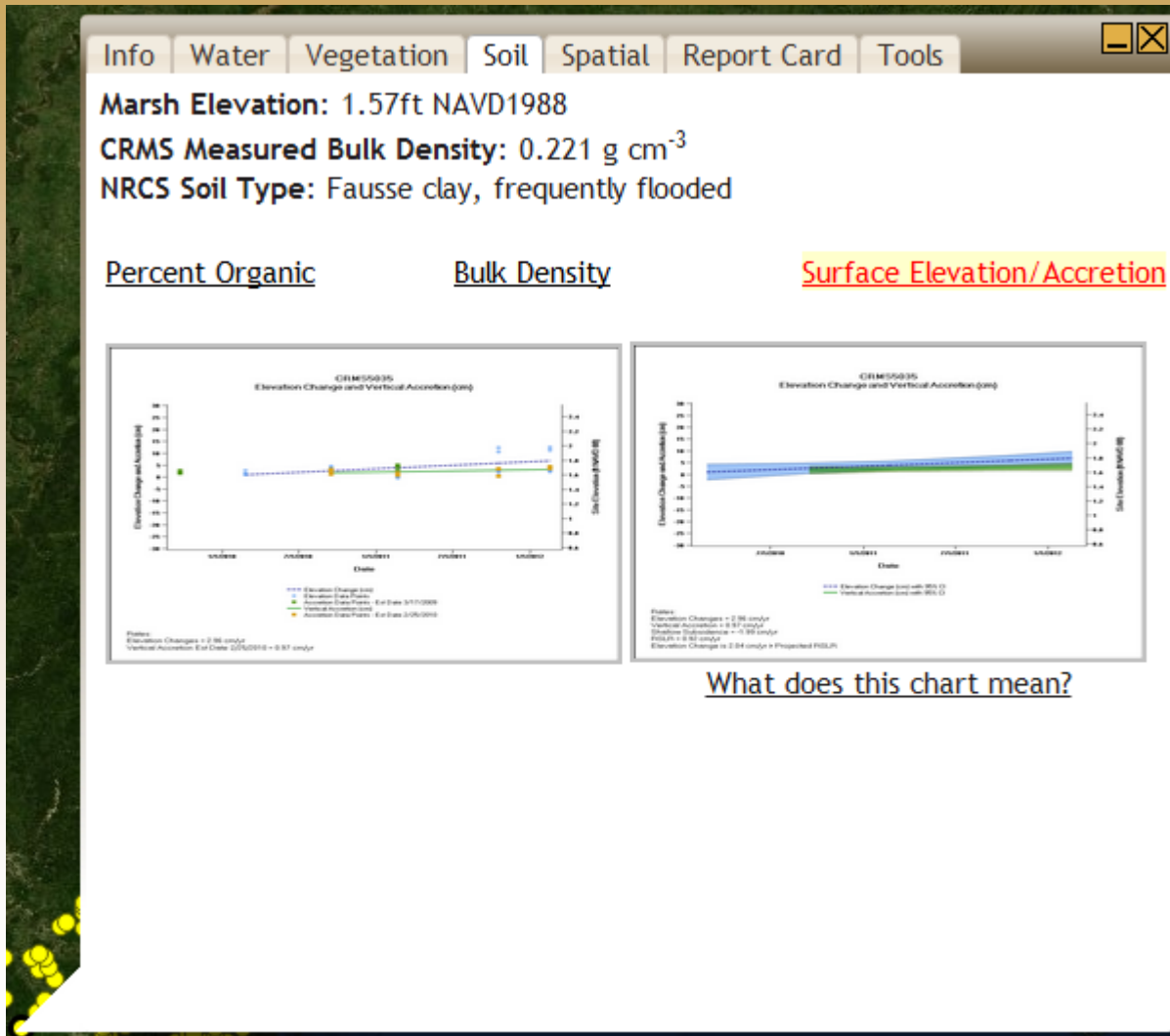
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Bulk Density - Soil profiles taken at site establishment.

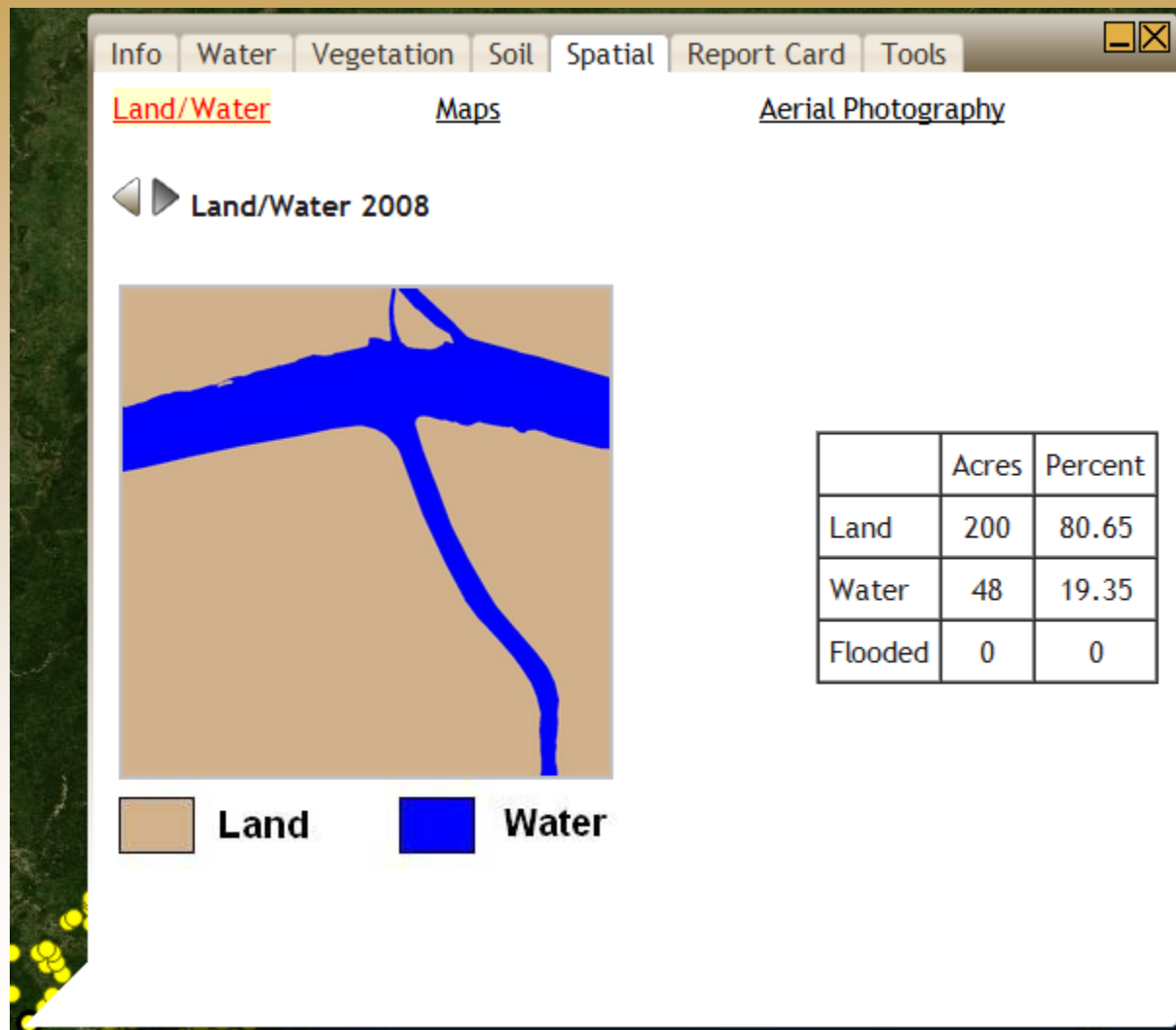
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The Soil tab contains all soil information for the selected site.

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

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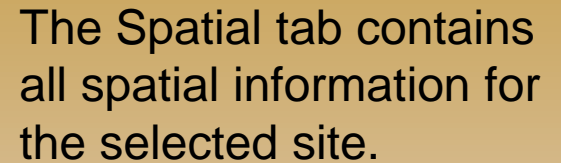
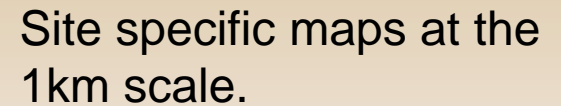


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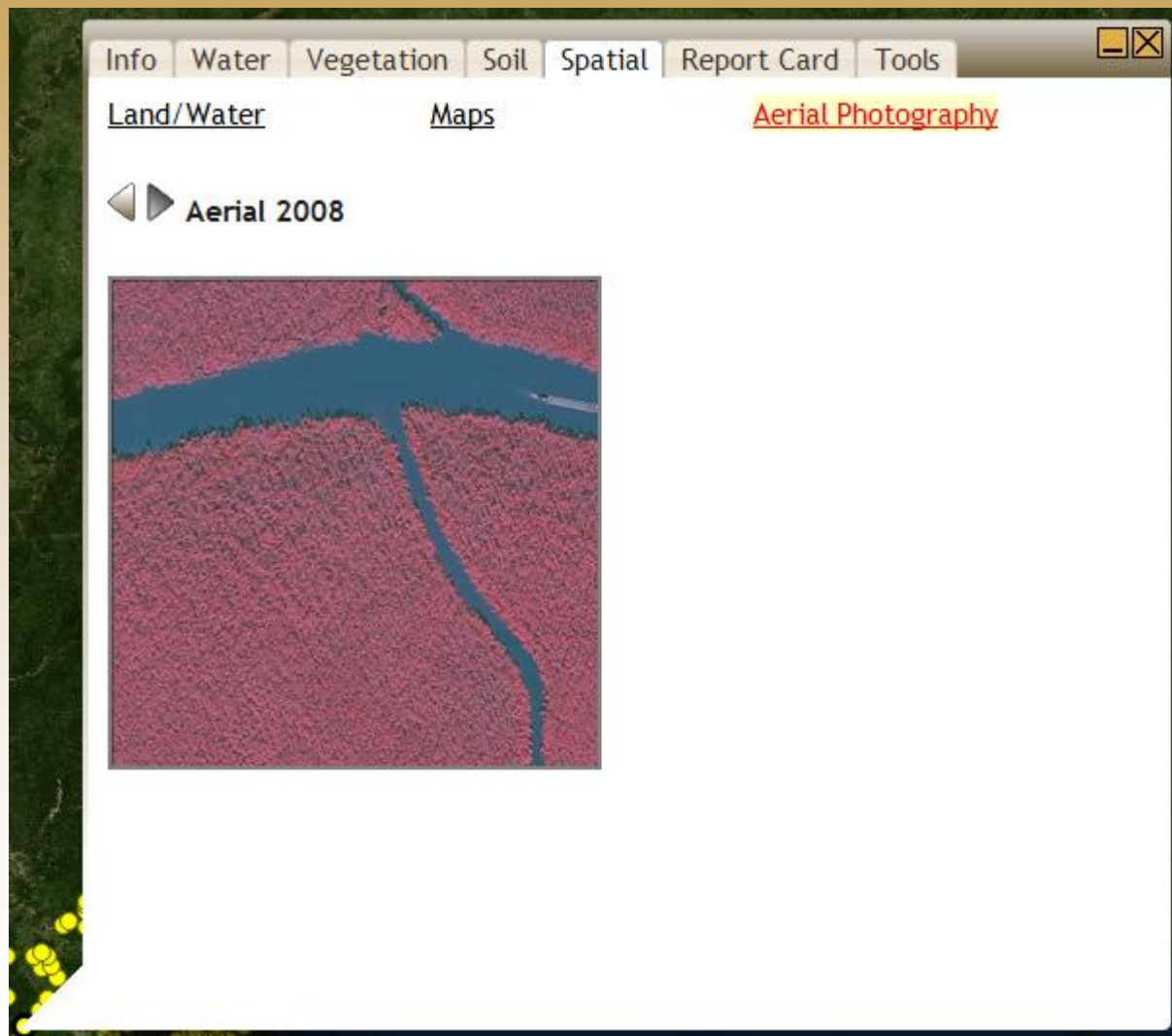
Land/Water with acreage breakdowns



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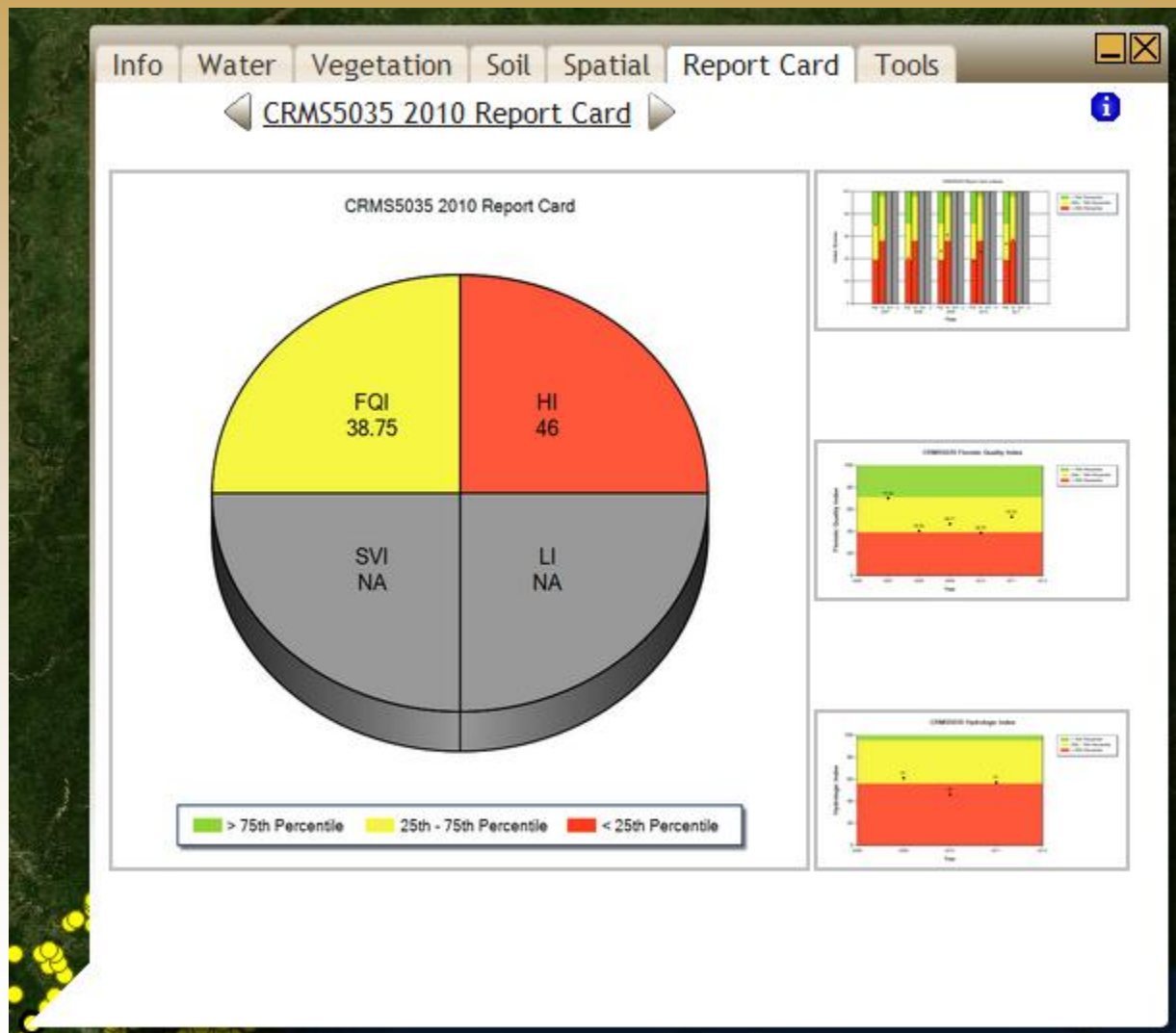
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The Spatial tab contains all spatial information for the selected site.

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

Report Card



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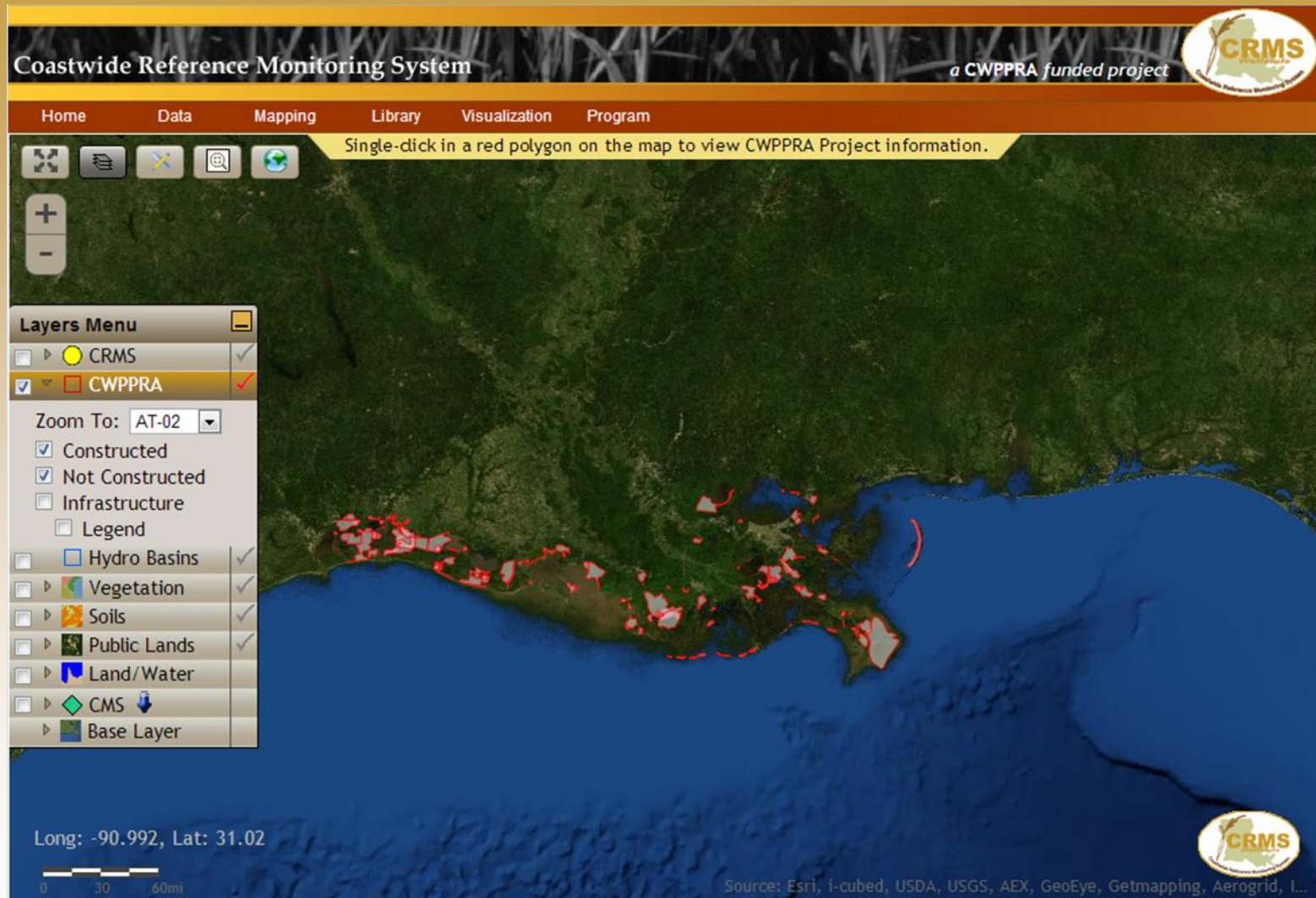


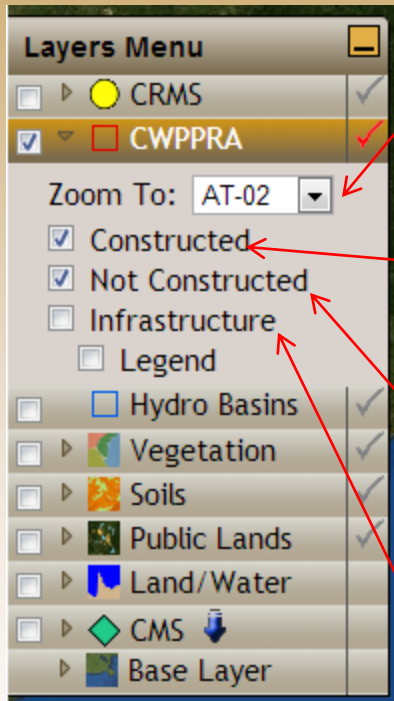
The Tools tab lets you do an Acreage Assessment on the selected site.

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



CWPPRA Active Layer





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

Constructed checkbox adds/removes the Constructed projects layer to the map.

Not Constructed checkbox adds/removes the Not Constructed projects layer to the map

Infrastructure checkbox adds/removes the Project Infrastructure layer to the map and shows the legend.



Project Information Bubble

A screenshot of a software window titled 'Project Information Bubble'. The window has a tabbed interface with four tabs: 'Info' (selected), 'Water', 'Vegetation', 'Report Card', and 'Tools'. The 'Info' tab 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.

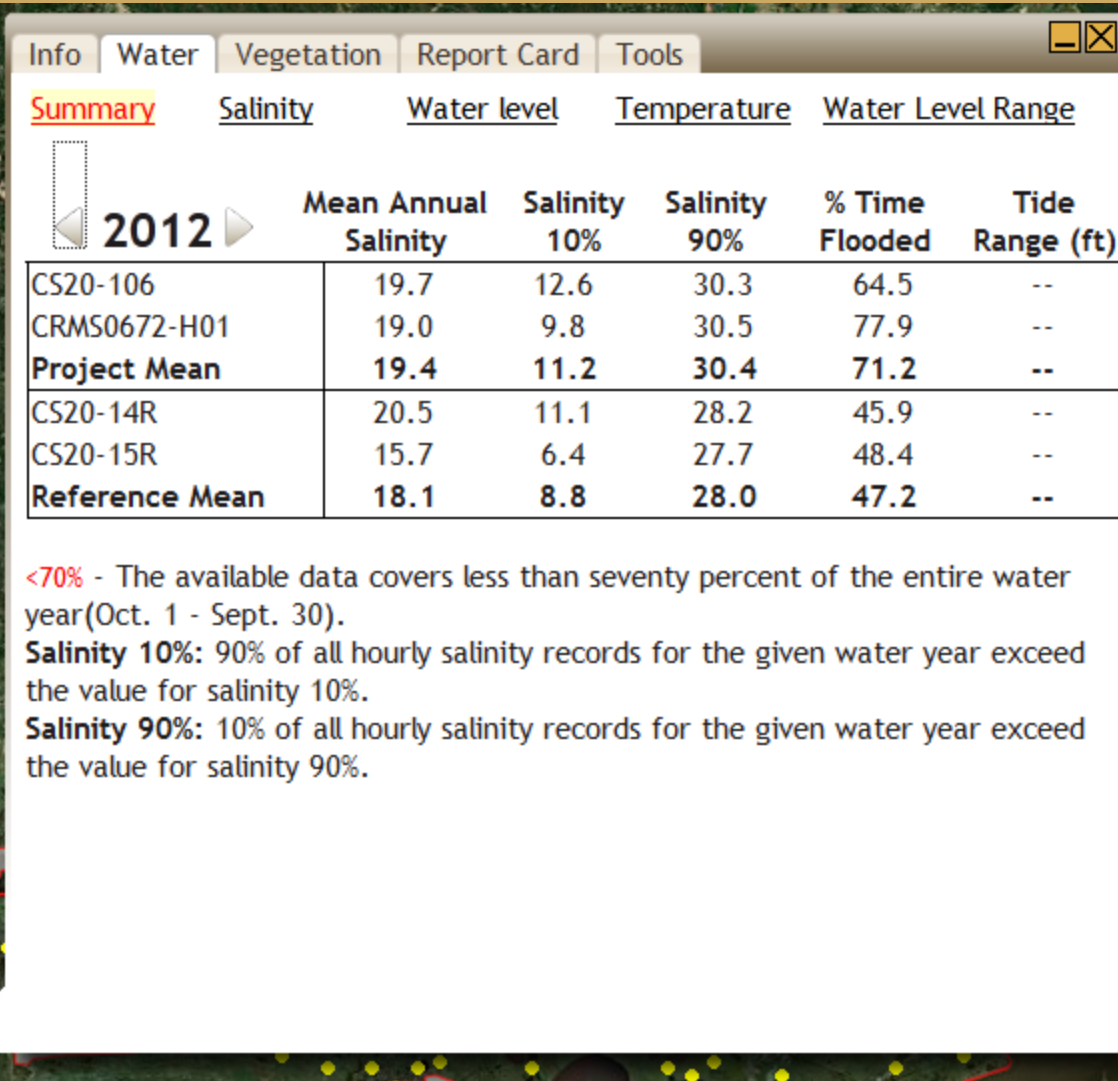
Goals:

- 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

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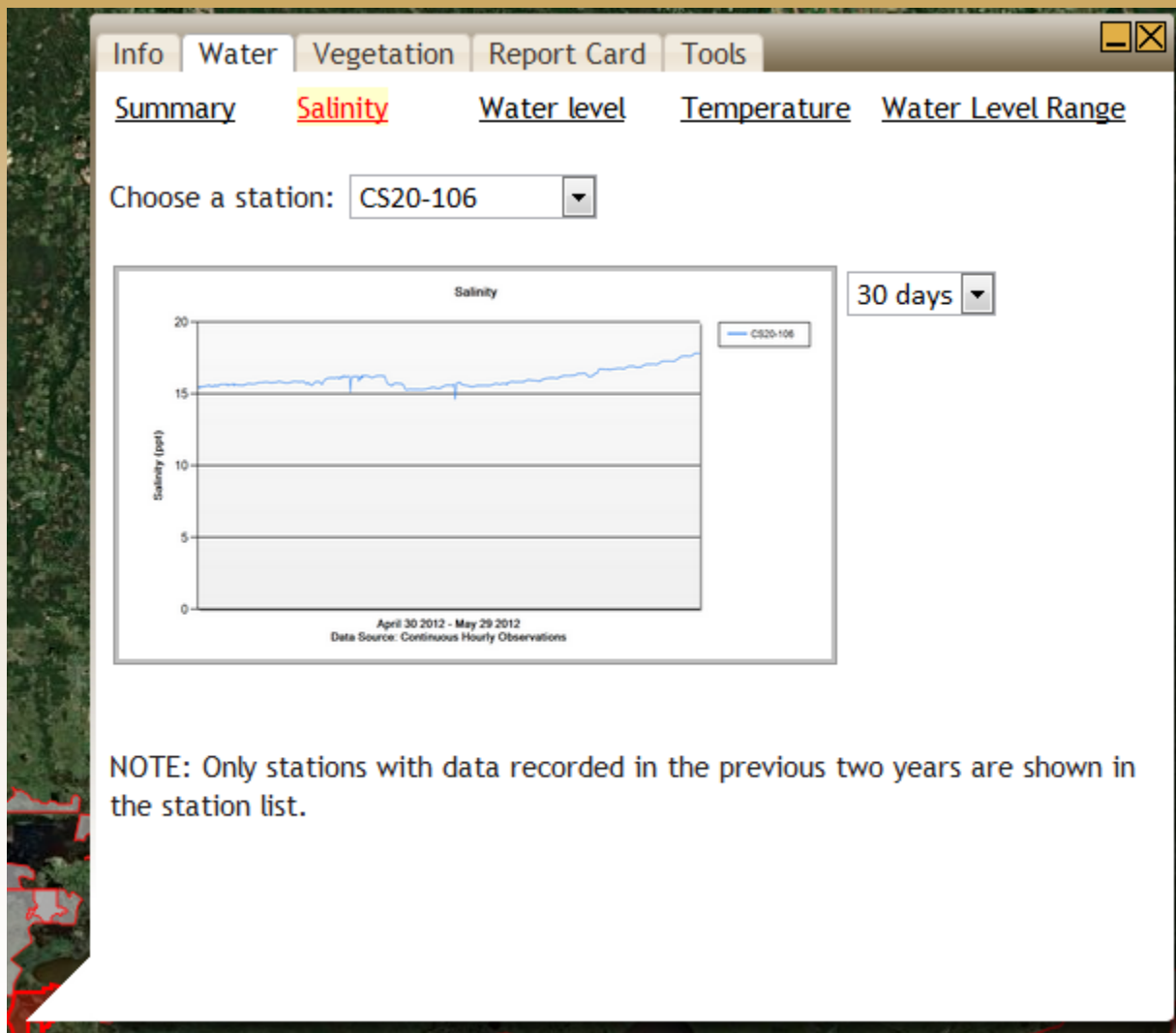
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The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected project.

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

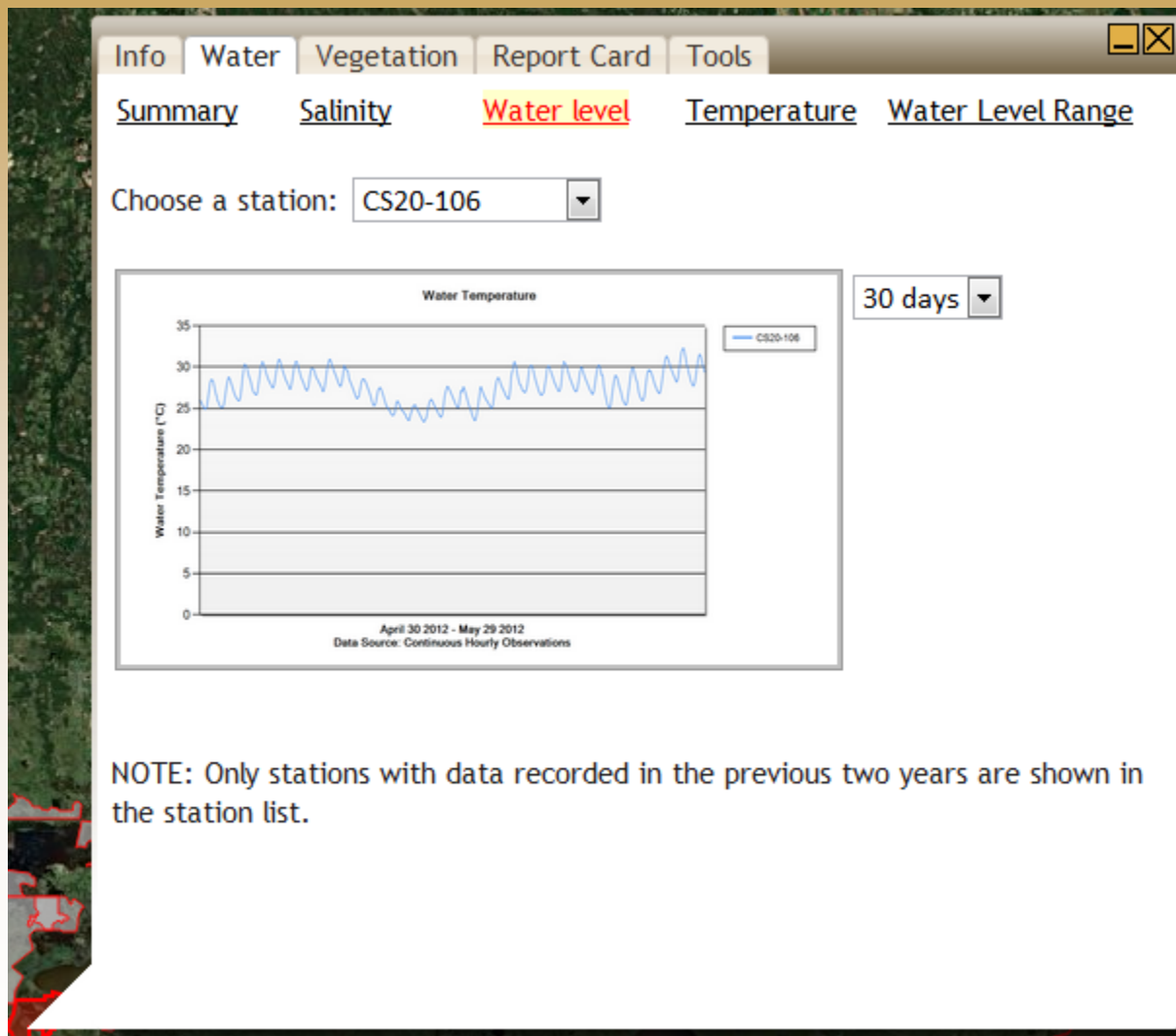
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The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected project.

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

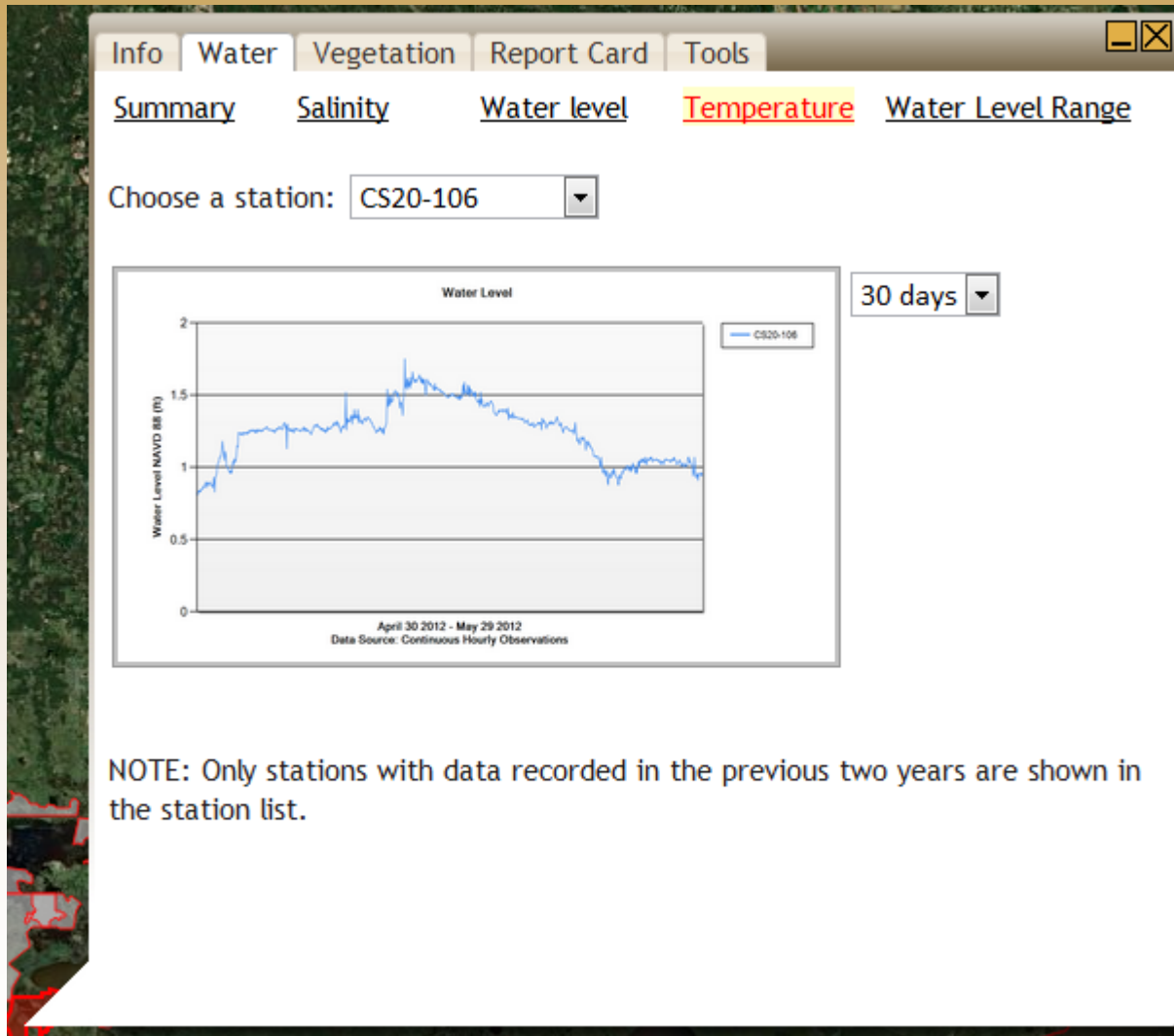
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The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected project.

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

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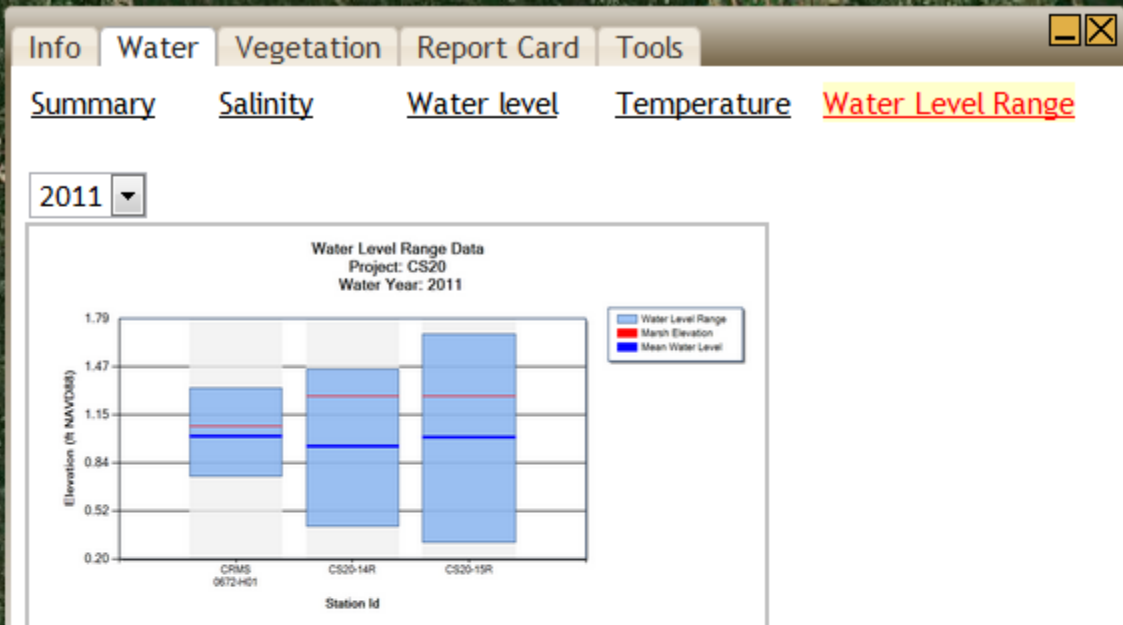


The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected project.

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

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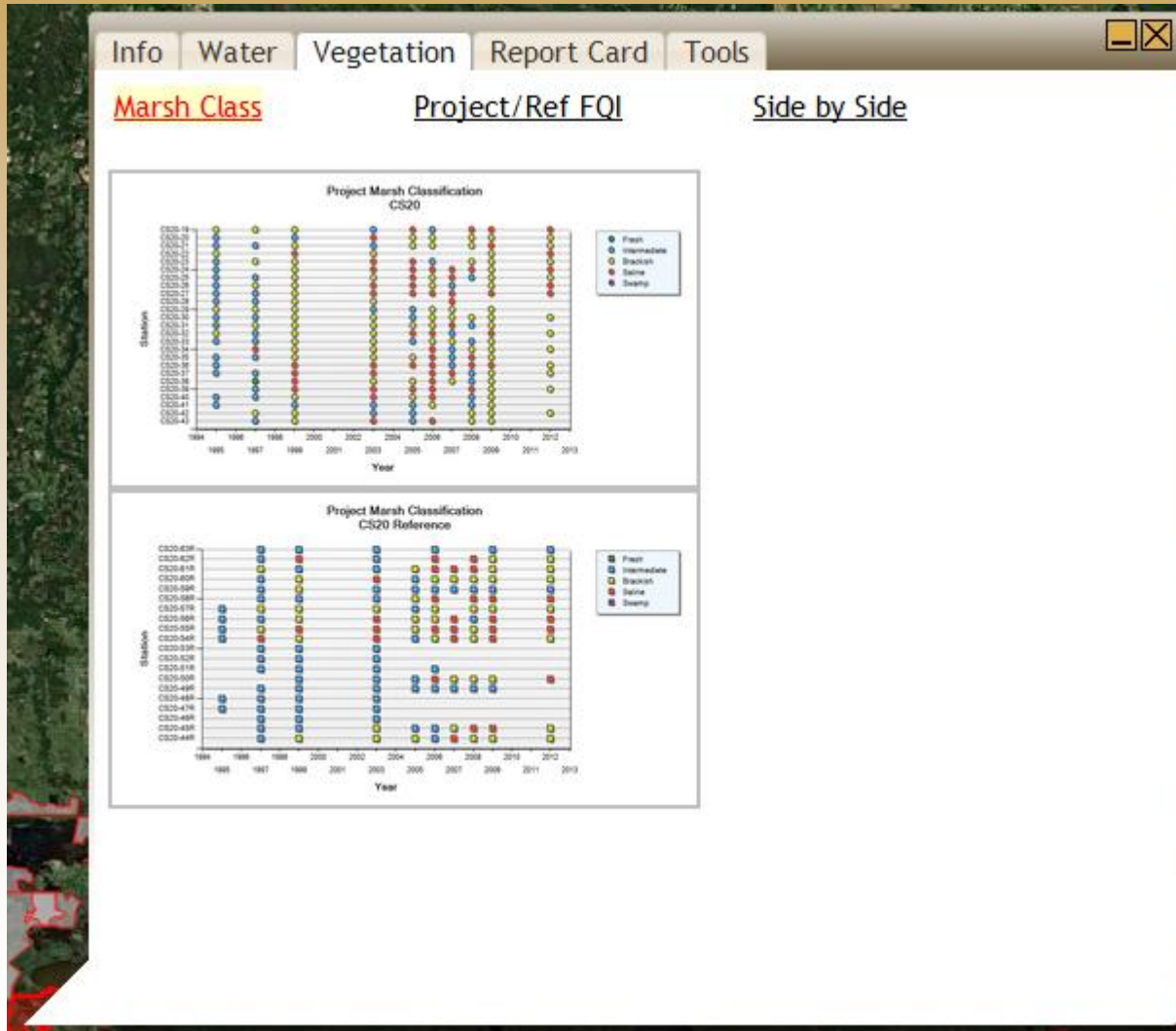
The Water tab contains all hydrologic information for the selected project.



What does this chart mean?

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 Class – Charts project and project reference Marsh Classification over multiple years.

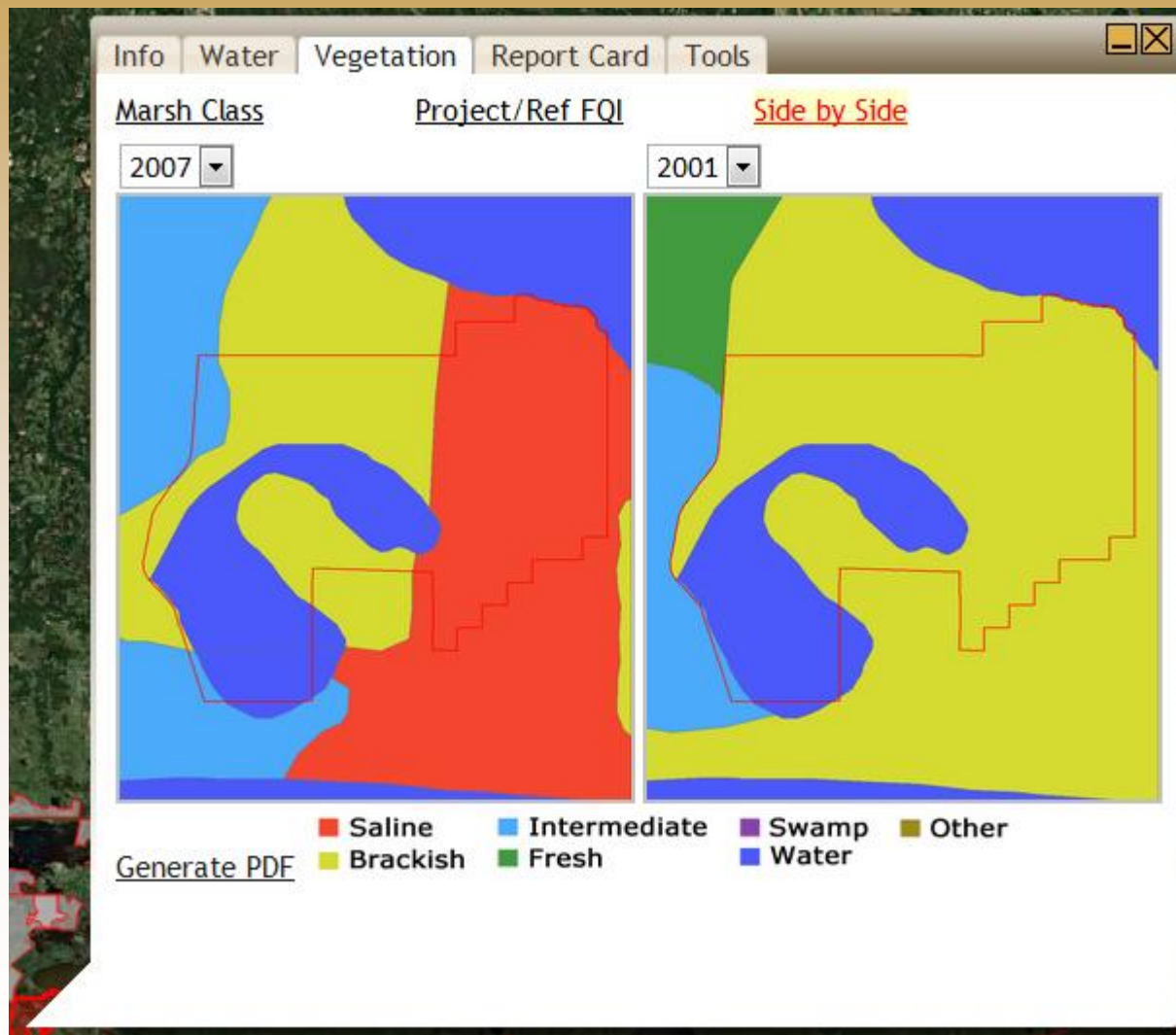
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The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected project.

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

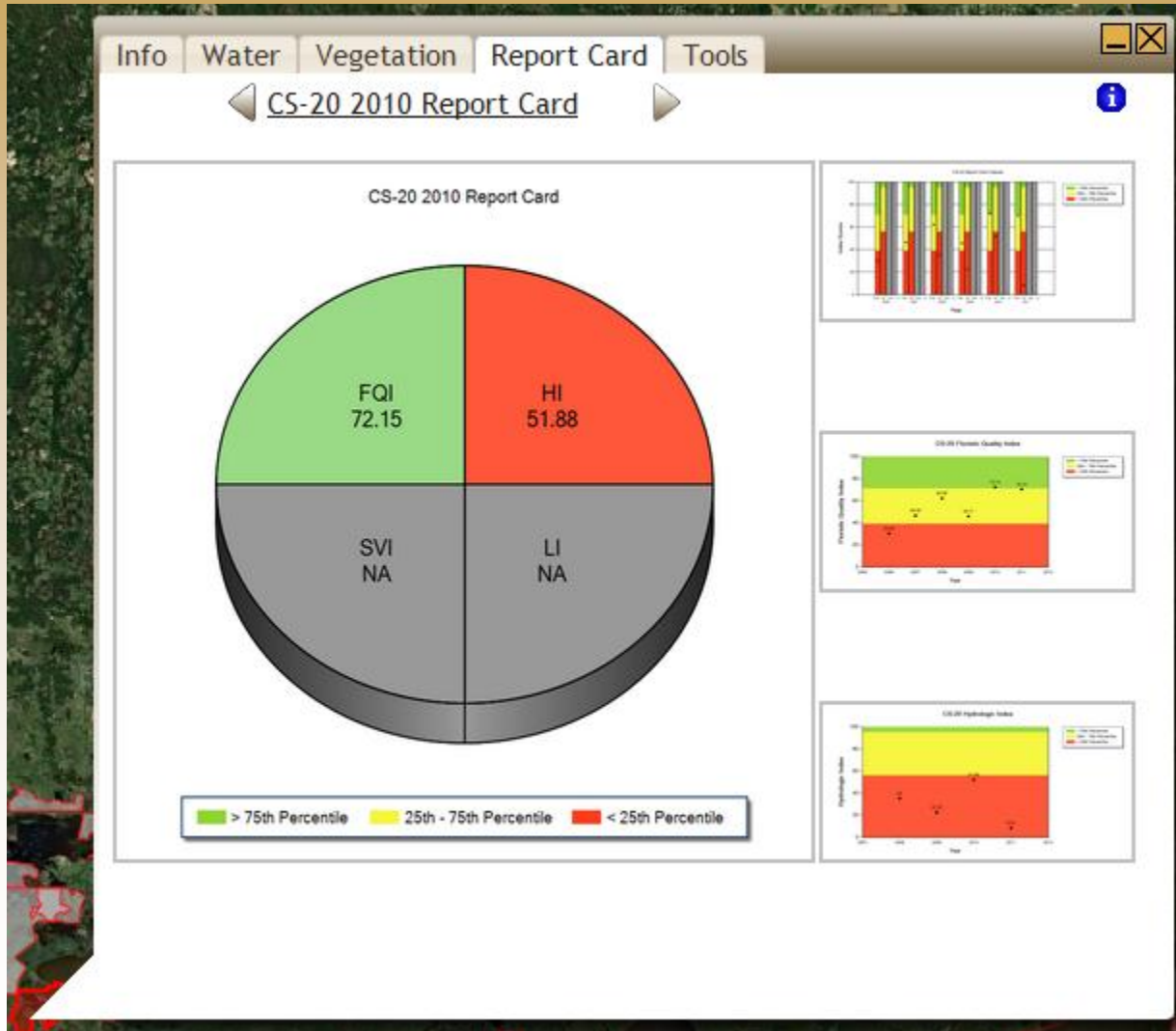
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The Vegetation tab contains all vegetation information for the selected project.

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

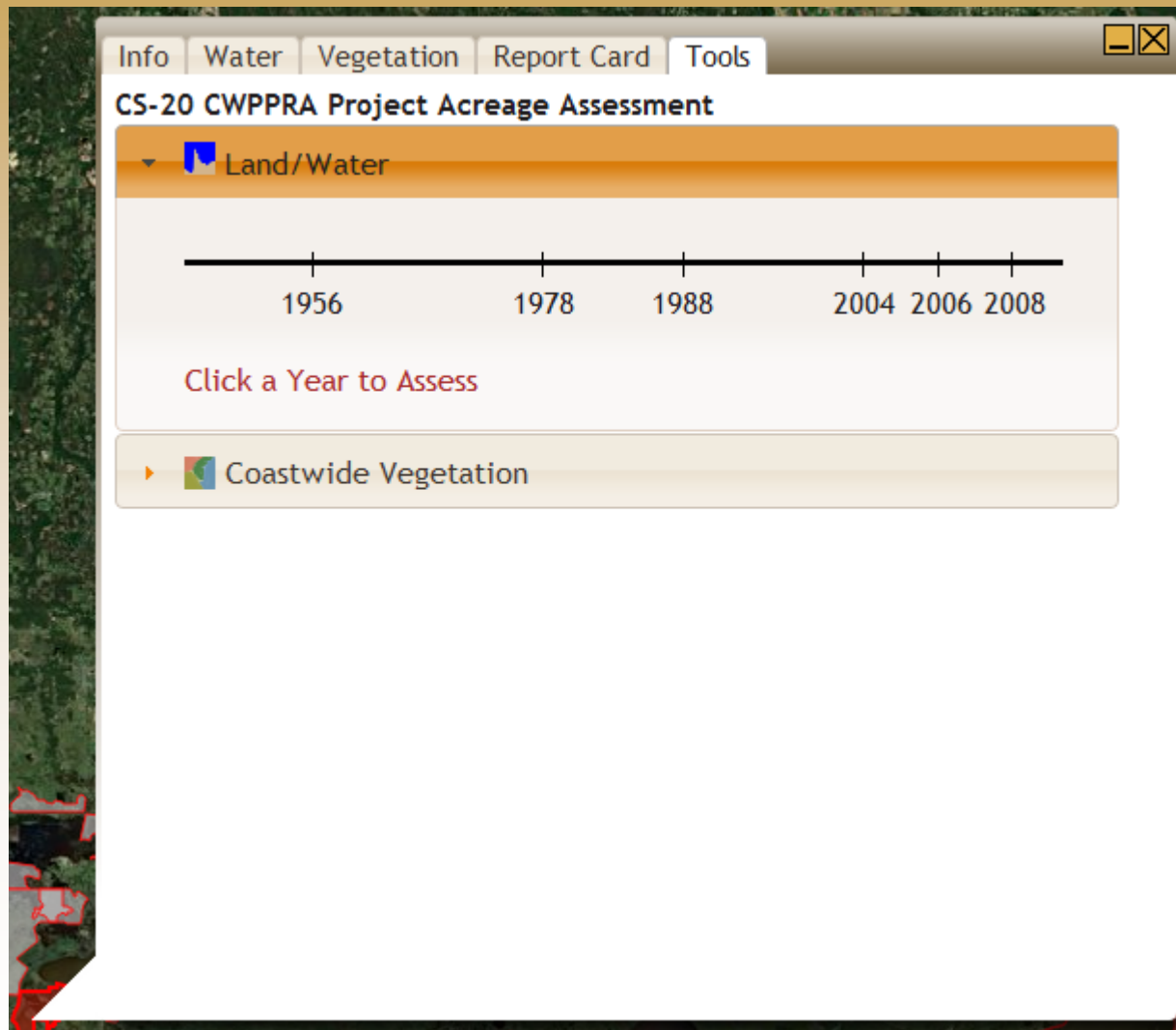
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The Report Card tab contains all report card information for the selected project.

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

Project Information Bubble

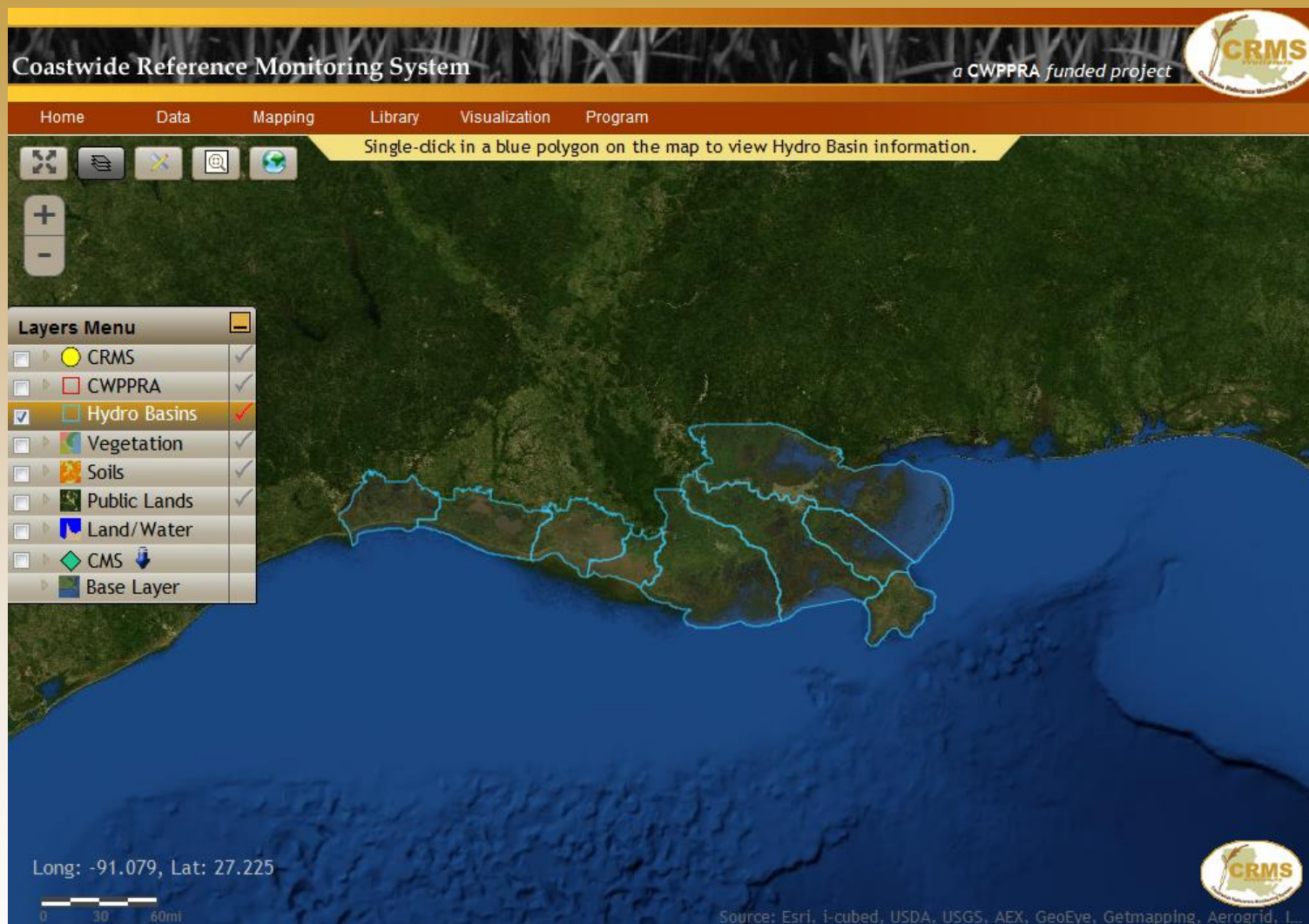


The Tools tab lets you do an Acreage Assessment on the selected project.

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



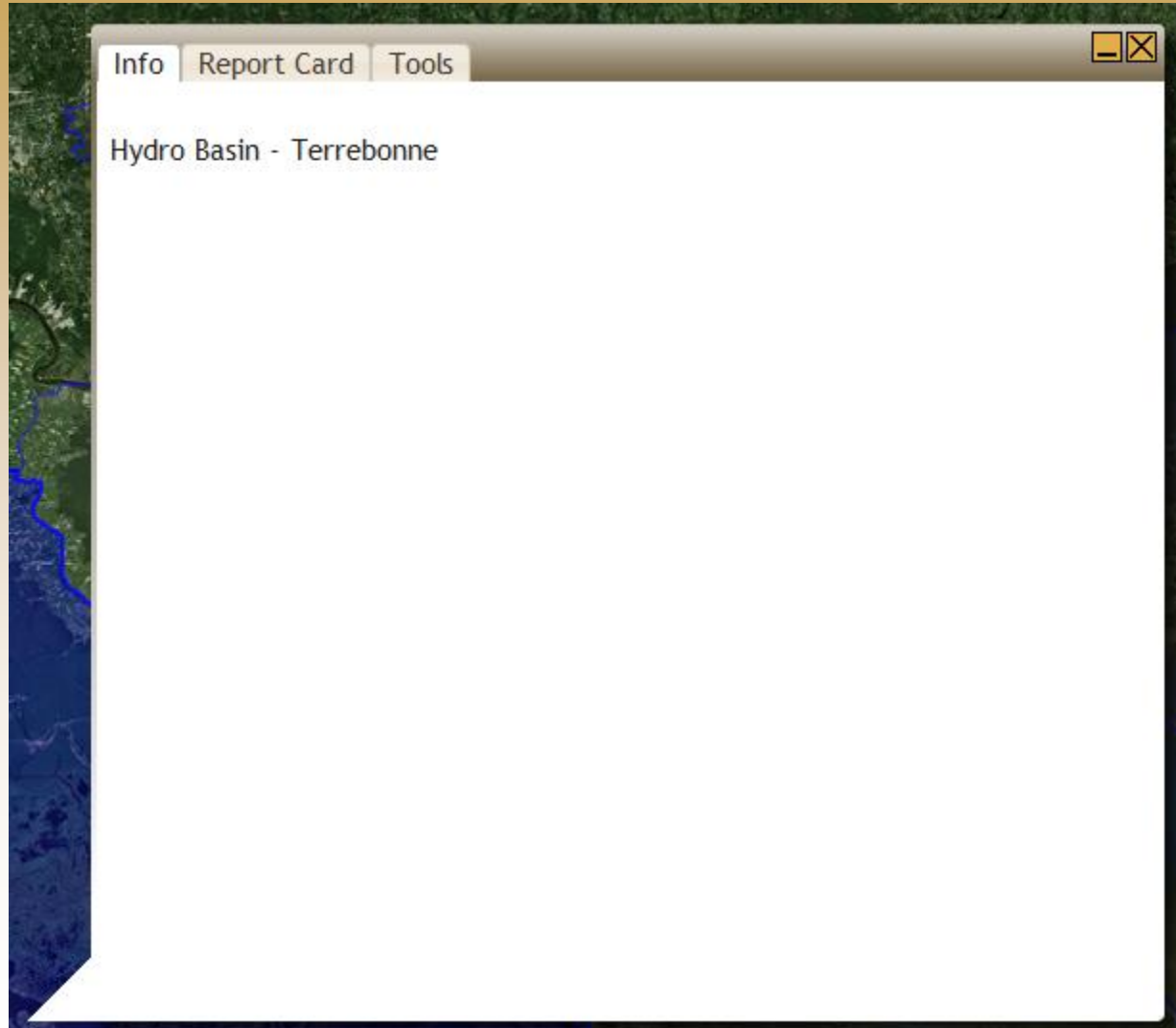
Hydro Basins Active Layer





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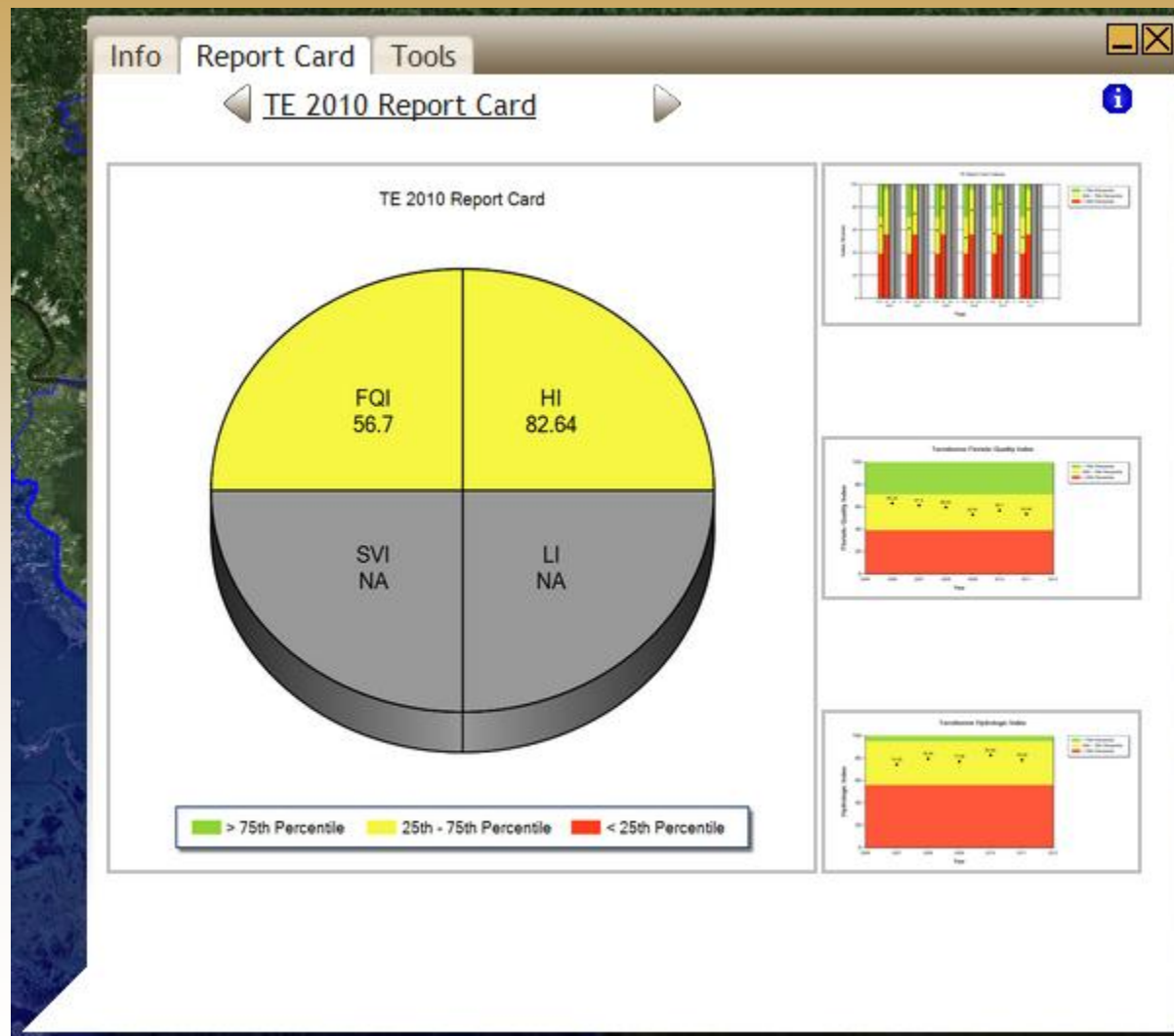
Information Bubble



The information bubble appears when a Hydro Basin is clicked. The Basin Info tab is automatically chosen when the bubble pops up on the screen.

More basin level descriptive information will be posted soon....

Information Bubble



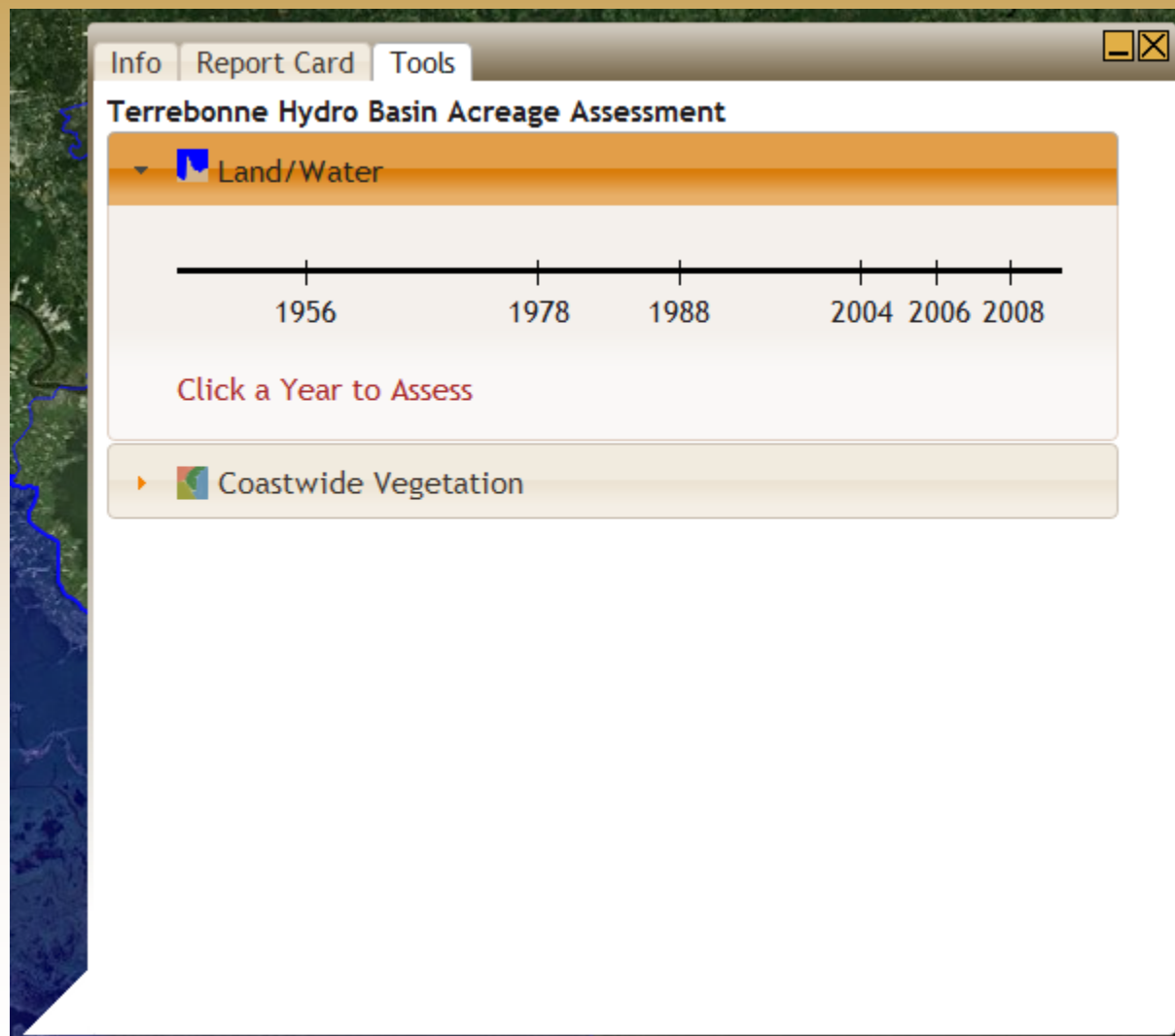
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Report Card – Summary of basin scale information compiled into a report card.



Hydro Basins Active Layer

Information Bubble

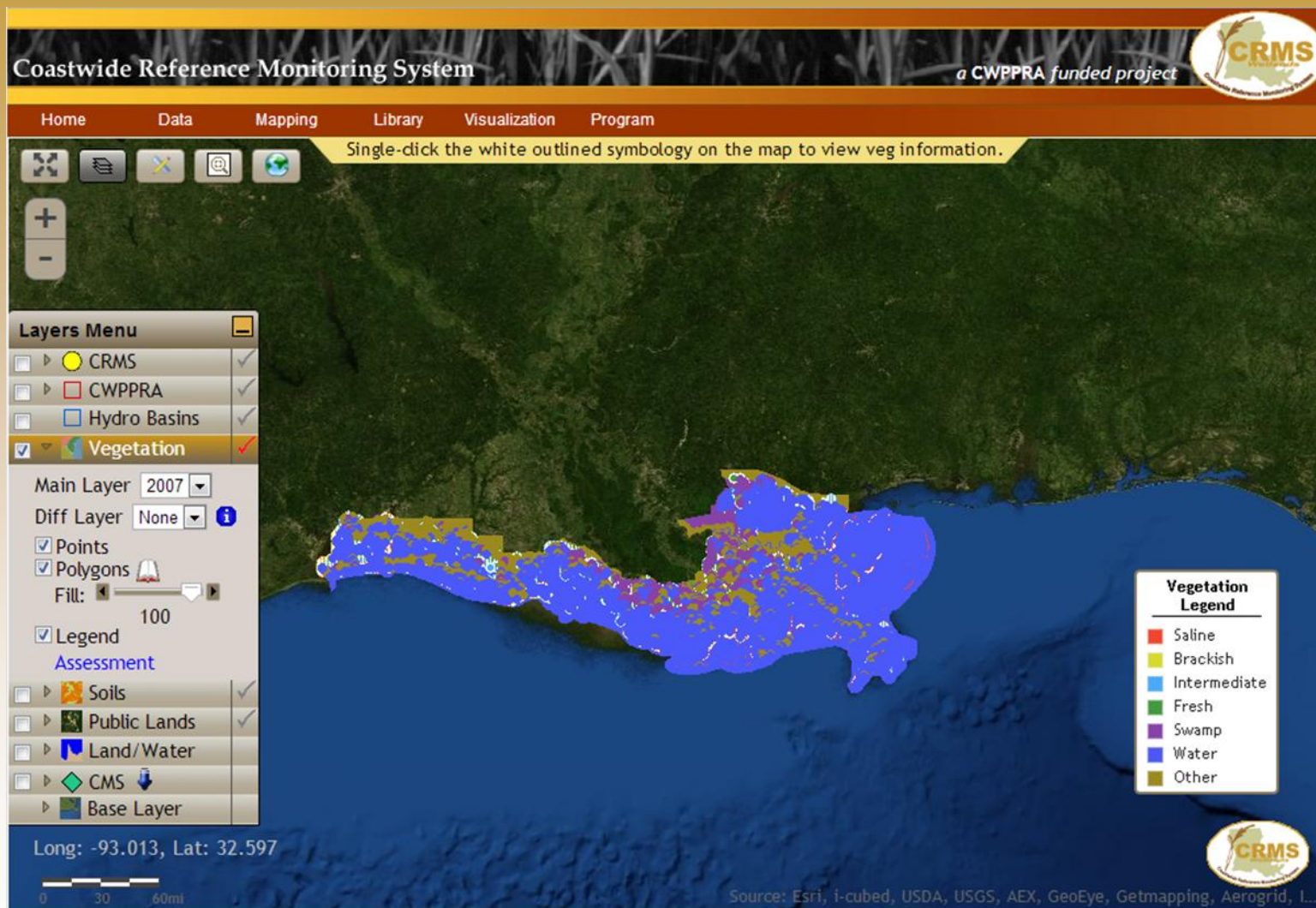


The Tools tab lets you do an Acreage Assessment on the selected basin.

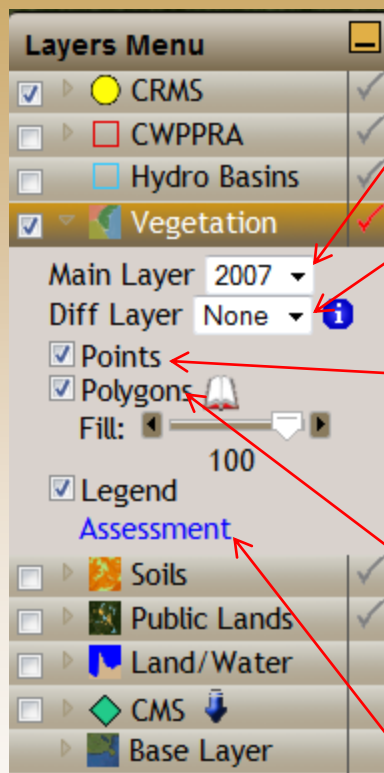
Acreage Assessment – Use the acreage assessment tool to determine acreage breakdowns of the available coastwide vegetation surveys or Land/Water data.



Vegetation Active Layer



Vegetation Active Layer



Main Year selects the primary polygon layer on the map.

Diff Year selects the secondary polygon layer on the map.

Points checkbox adds/removes the Vegetation data points

Polygons checkbox 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.

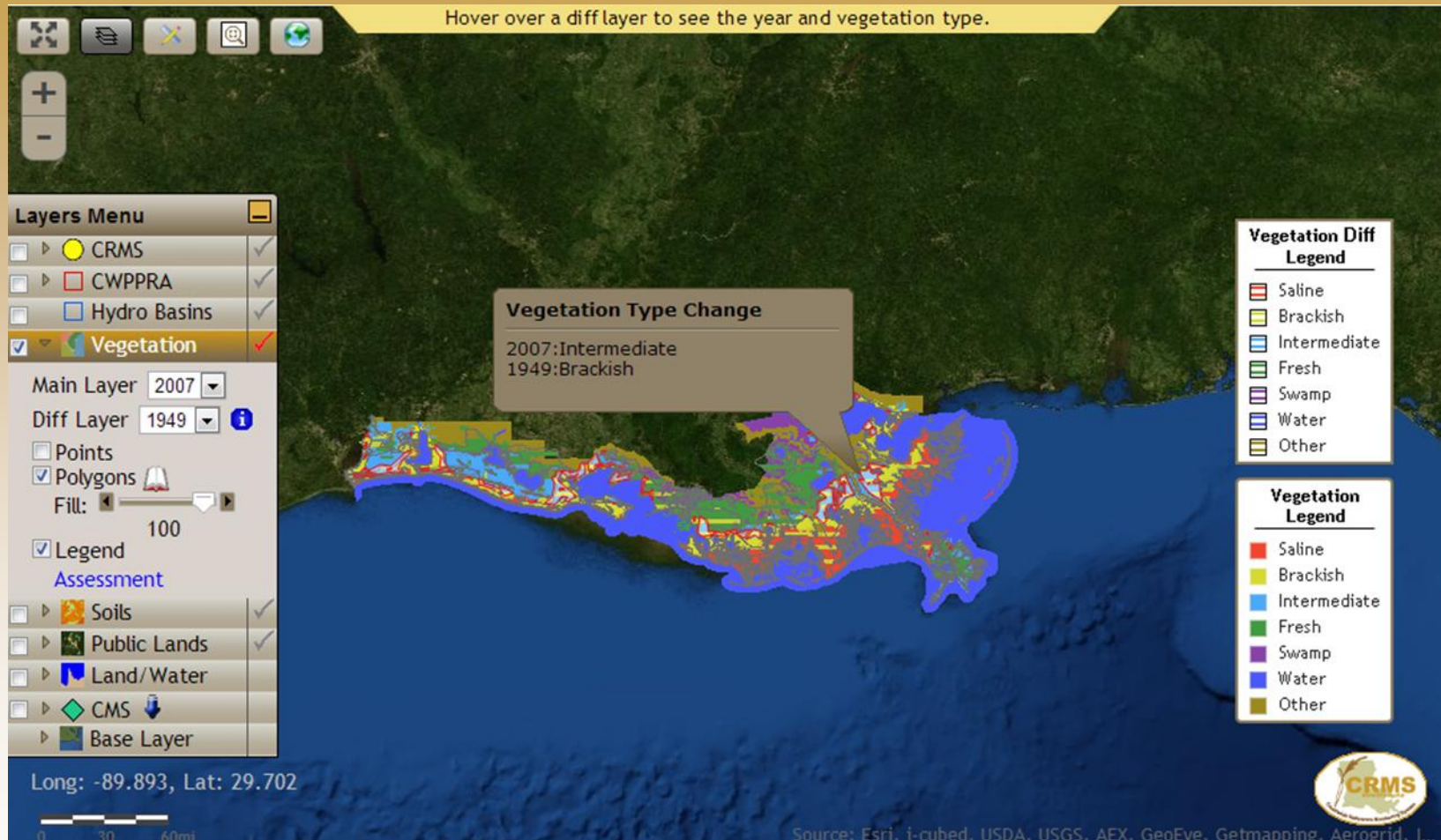


Vegetation Active Layer

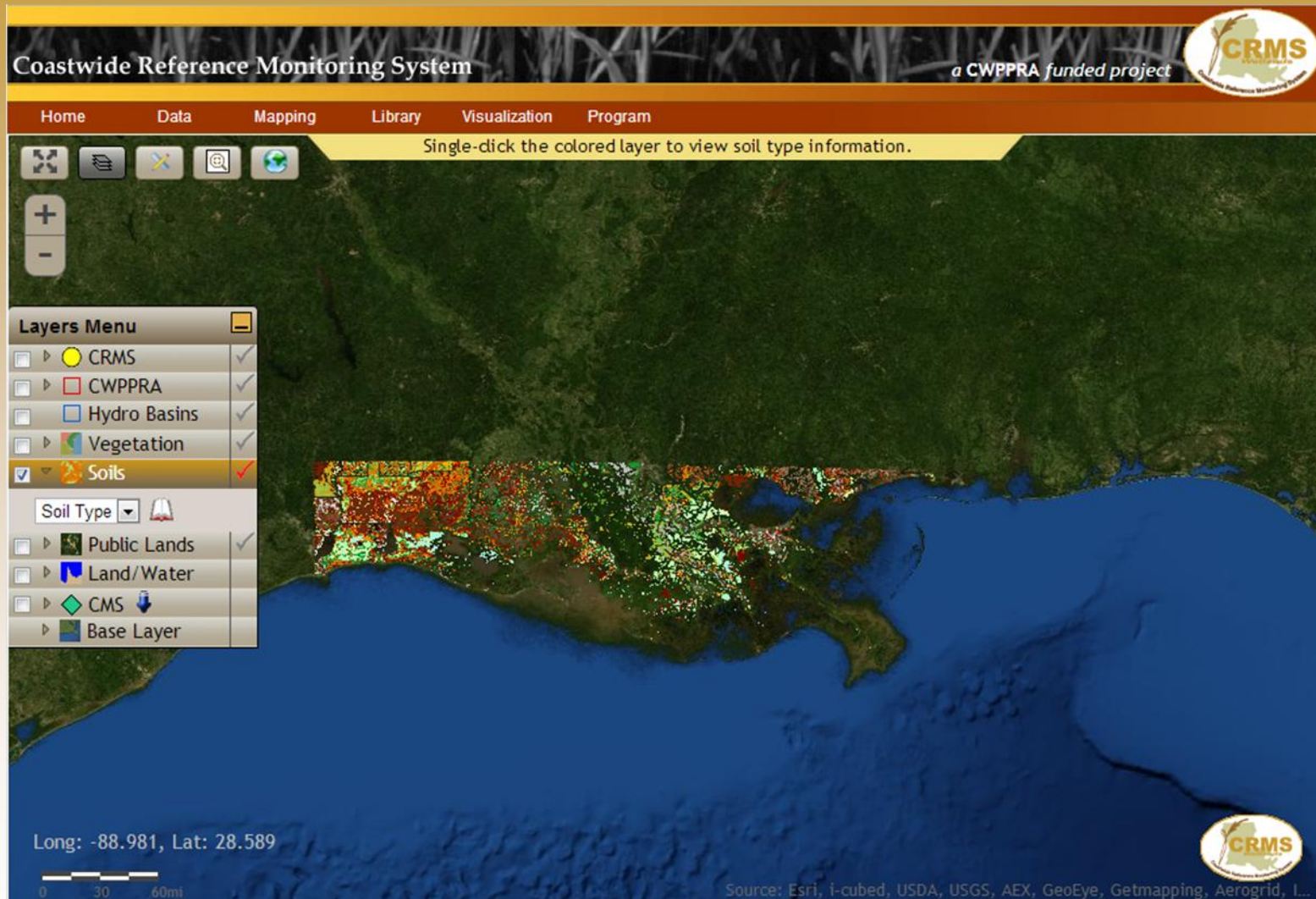
Point ID: 27A-98
Date: 8/30/2007
Percent Veg: 100%
Marsh Type: Fresh
Species List:

| Scientific name | Percent Value |
|---|---------------|
| Panicum hemitomon J.A. Schultes | 51-75% |
| Morella cerifera (L.) Small | 26-50% |
| Kosteletzkya virginica (L.) K. Presl ex | < 5% |
| Decodon verticillatus (L.) Ell. | 5-25% |
| Sagittaria latifolia Willd. | < 5% |
| Solidago sempervirens L. | < 5% |

If “Points” is checked, the information on a vegetation data point is shown when clicked.



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






Soils Active Layer




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

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Description of Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database

The SSURGO database contains information about soil as collected by the National Cooperative Soil Survey over the course of a century. The information can be displayed in tables or as maps and is available for most areas in the United States and the Territories, Commonwealths, and Island Nations served by the USDA-NRCS. The information was gathered by walking over the land and observing the soil. Many soil samples were analyzed in laboratories. The maps outline areas called map units. The map units describe soils and other components that have unique properties, interpretations, and productivity. The information was collected at scales ranging from 1:12,000 to 1:63,360. More details were gathered at a scale of 1:12,000 than at a scale of 1:63,360. The mapping is intended for natural resource planning and management by landowners, townships, and counties. Some knowledge of soils data and map scale is necessary to avoid misunderstandings.

The maps are linked in the database to information about the component soils and their properties for each map unit. Each map unit may contain one to three major components and some minor components. The map units are typically named for the major components. Examples of information available from the database include available water capacity, soil reaction, electrical conductivity, and frequency of flooding; yields for cropland, woodland, rangeland, and pastureland; and limitations affecting recreational development, building site development, and other engineering uses.

SSURGO datasets consist of map data, tabular data, and information about how the maps and tables were created. The extent of a SSURGO dataset is a soil survey area, which may consist of a single county, multiple counties, or parts of multiple counties. SSURGO map data can be viewed in the Web Soil Survey or downloaded in ESRI® Shapefile format. The coordinate systems are Geographic. Attribute data can be downloaded in text format that can be imported into a Microsoft® Access® database.

This map requires Acrobat Reader.

[Status Map of Soil Surveys Available from the Soil Data Mart \(revised daily\)](#) (PDF; 1.25 MB)

Metadata

[SSURGO/STATSGO2 Structural Metadata and Documentation](#)

Recommended Data Citation

Soil Survey Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database for [Survey Area, State]. Available online at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov>. Accessed [month/day/year].

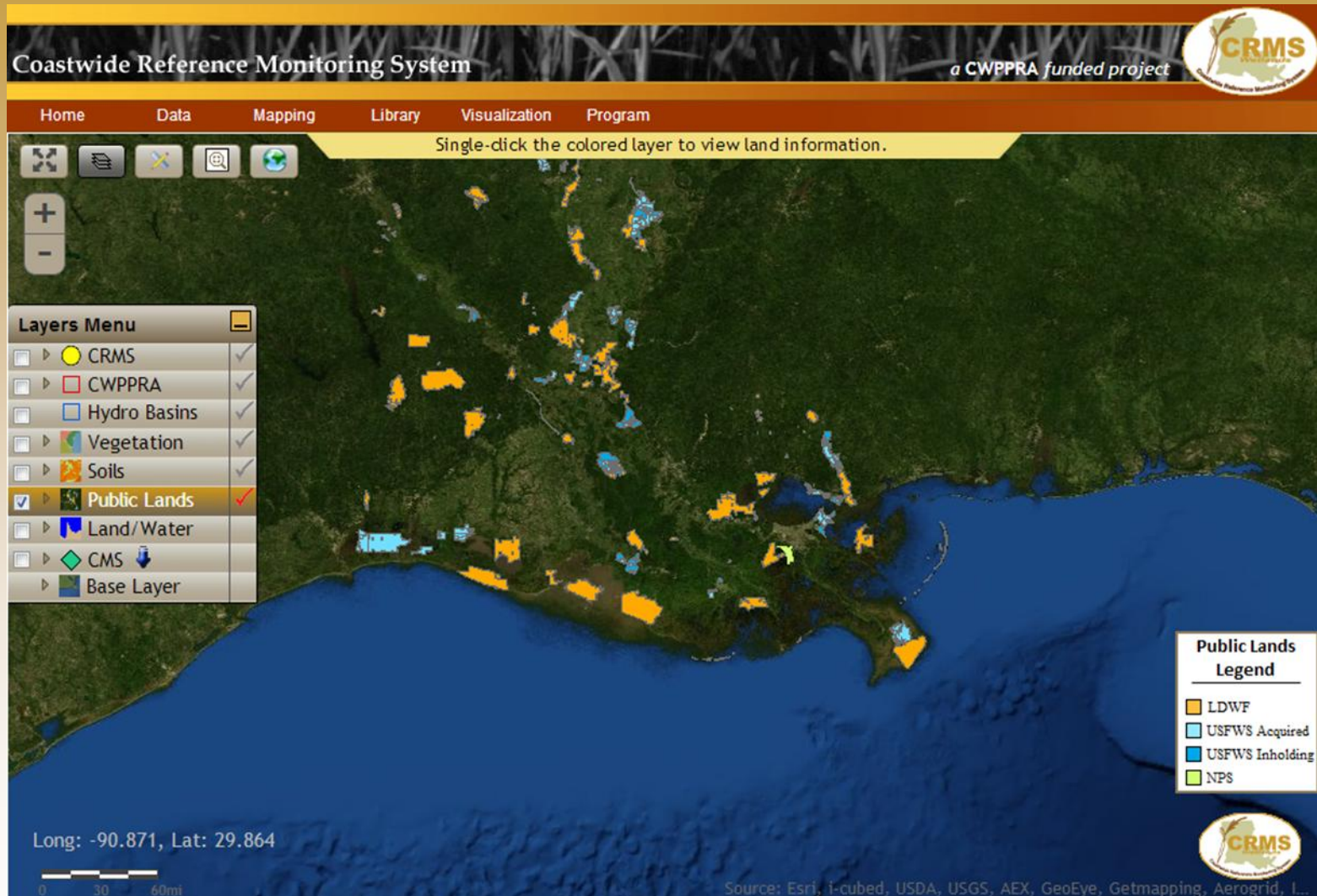
Technical Information

To obtain technical information about the use of soil data, please contact the [NRCS State Soil Scientist](#) in your state, or:

[Soils Hotline Staff](#)
Telephone: (402) 437-5378 (Steve Speidel) or (402) 437-5379 (Tammy Cheever)



Public Lands Active Layer





Public Lands Active Layer

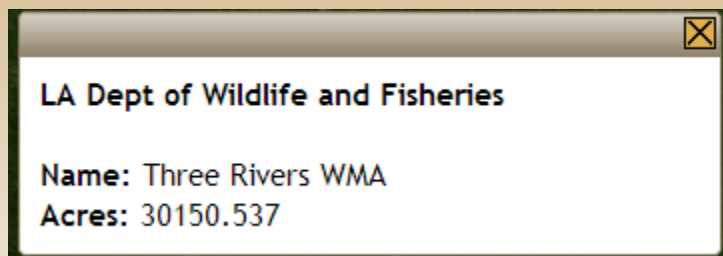


State Lands checkbox adds/removes LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries layer.

Federal Lands checkbox adds/removes National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

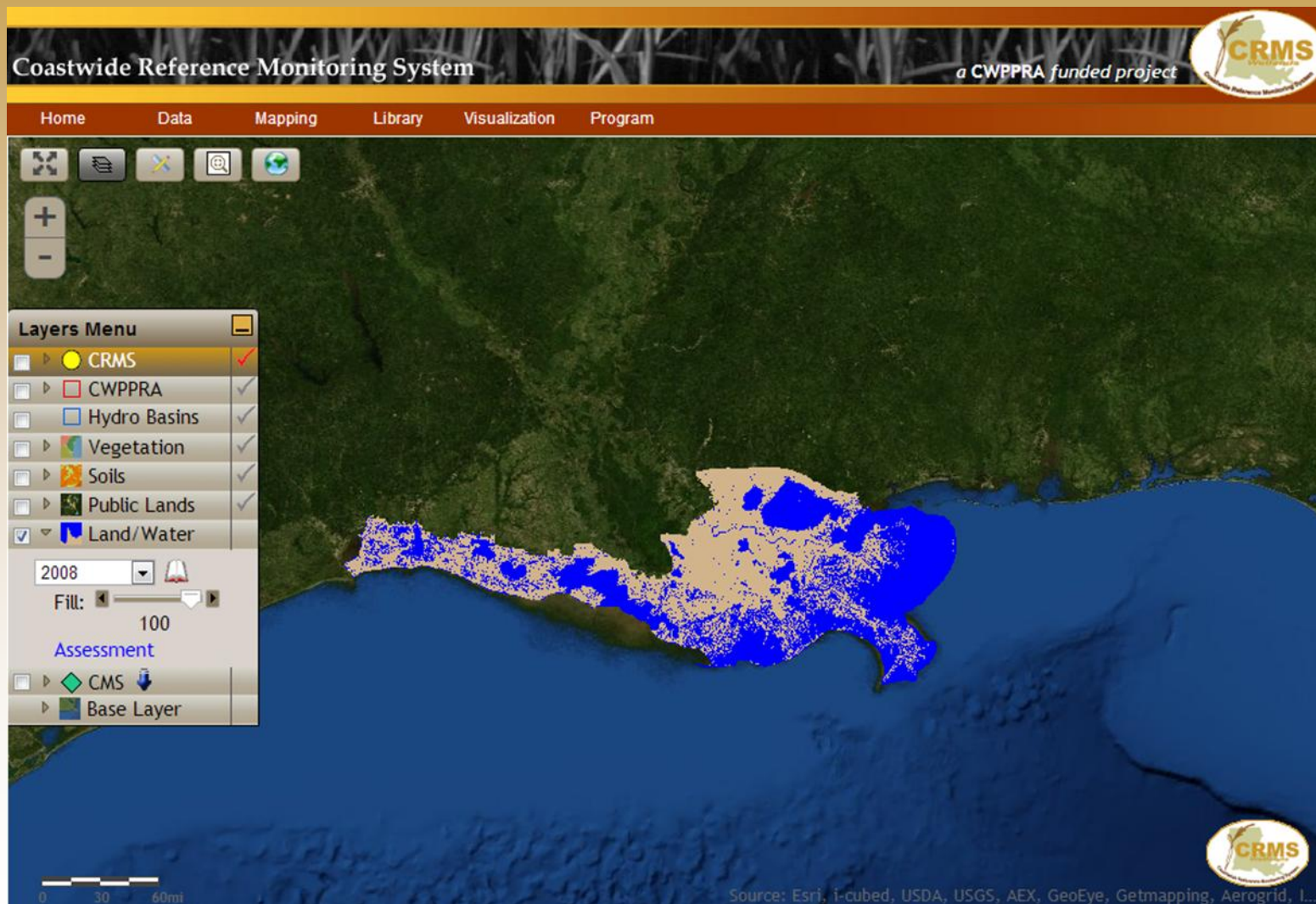


Public Lands Active Layer



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

Land/Water





Other Layers

Land/Water



Year selector changes the Land/Water layer's year.

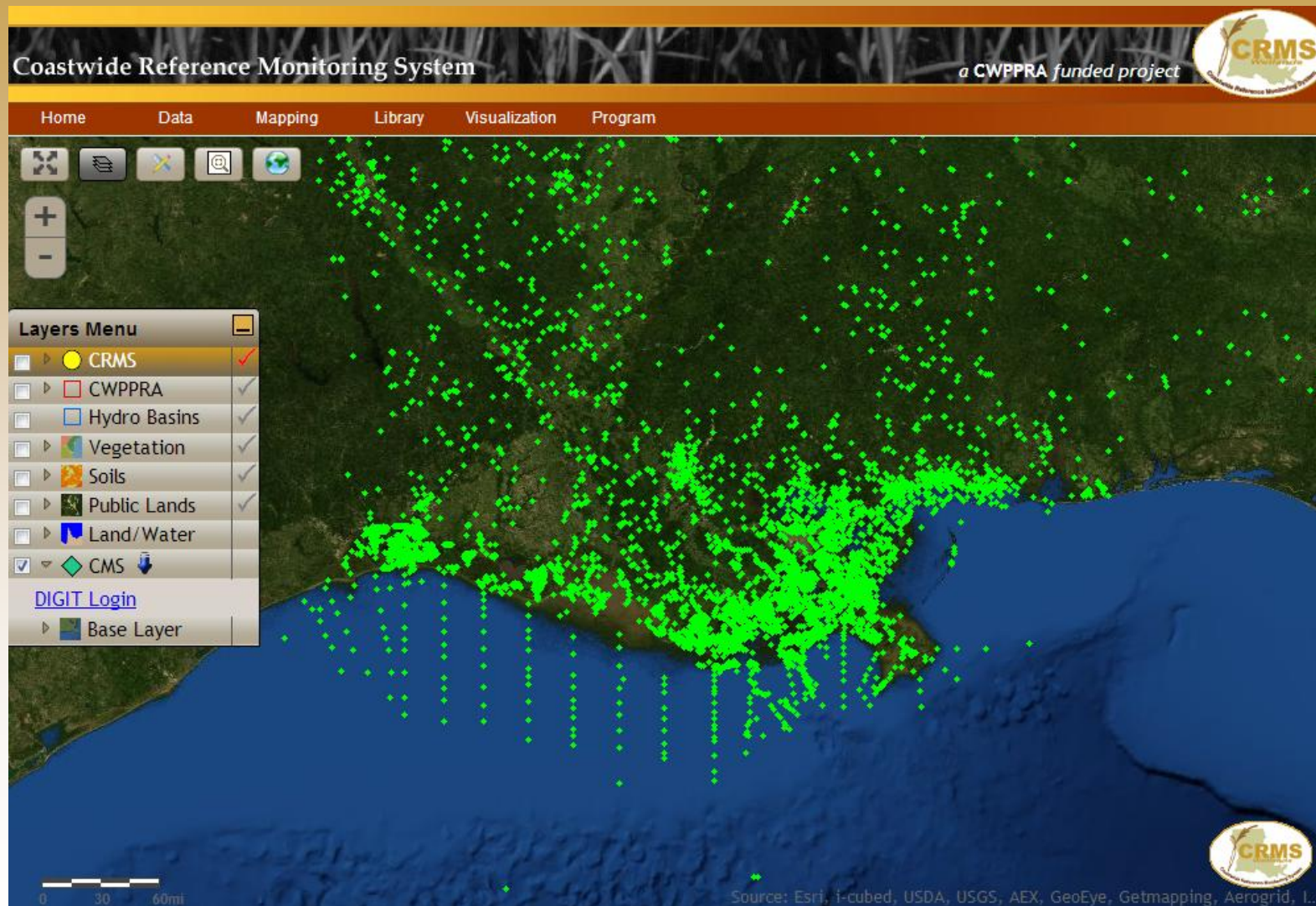
Slider changes the transparency of the layer.

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

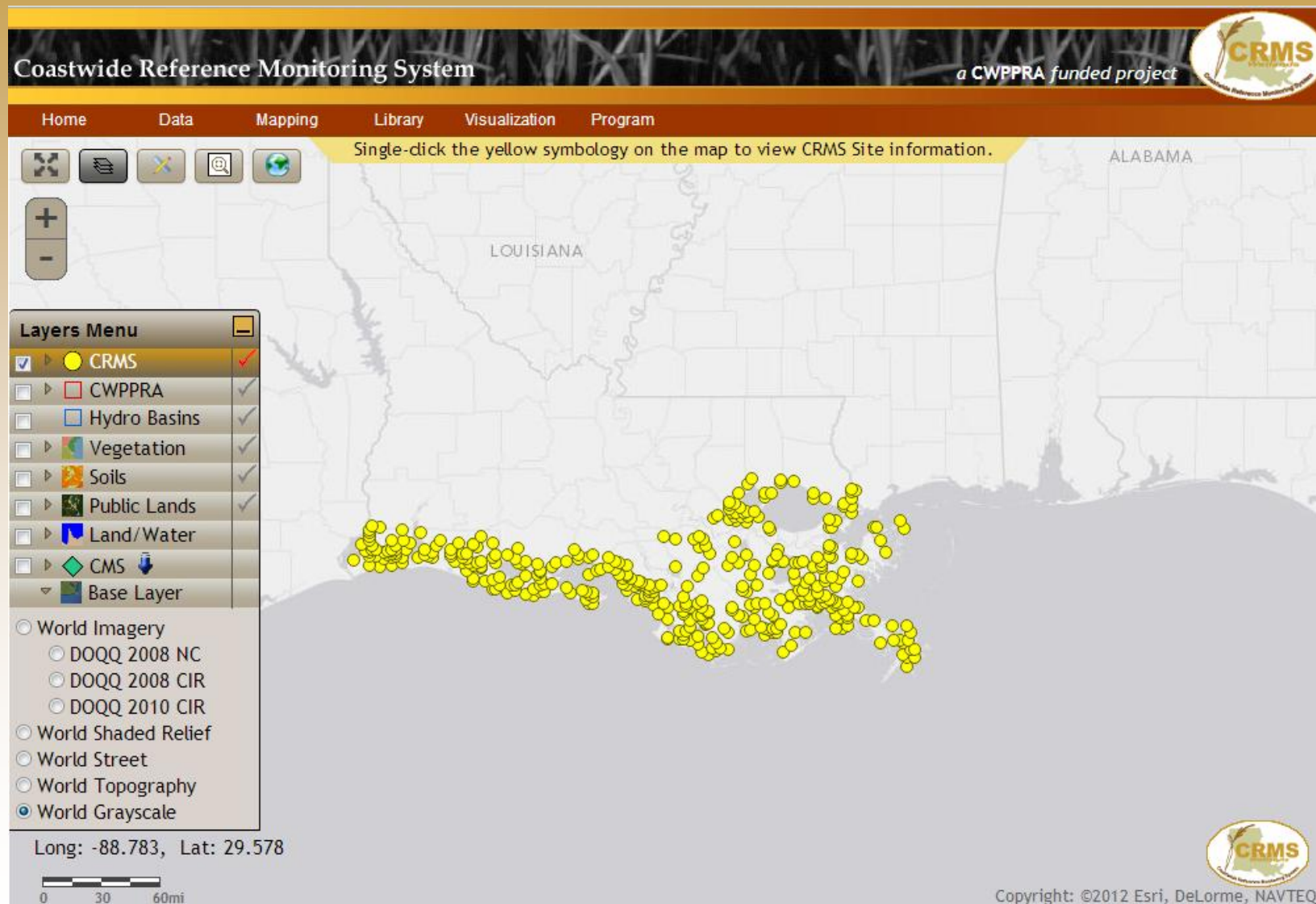


Other Layers

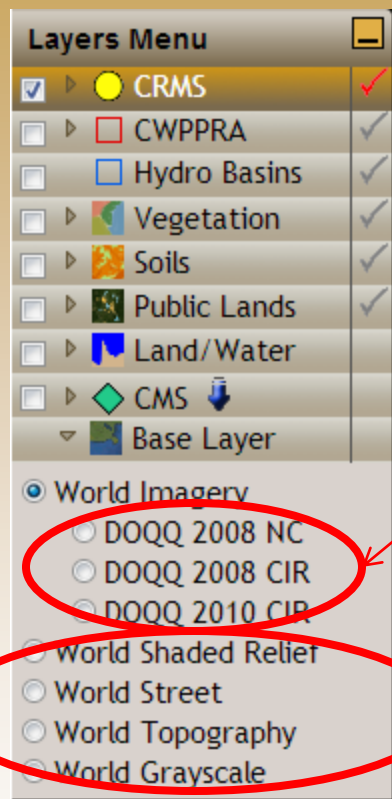
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Base Layers



Base Layers



DOQQ radio buttons add the selected DOQQ layer to the map.

Other radio buttons change the base/background layer of the map.

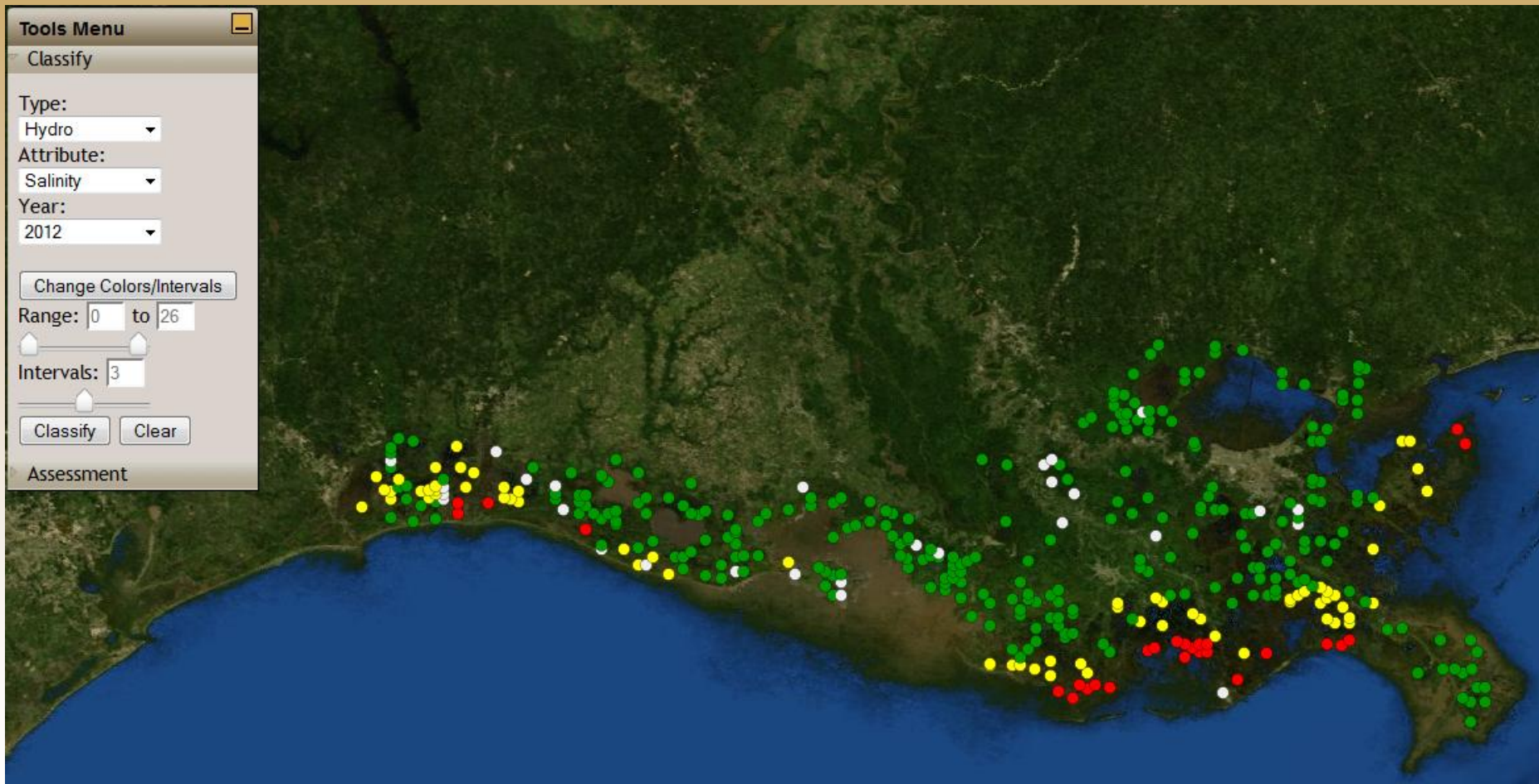
Classify Tool



A Type, Attribute, and Year must be chosen to Classify the CRMS sites. All of the Attributes except for the Marsh Classification have a color chooser option.

- Vegetation
 - FQI
 - Marsh Classification
- Hydro
 - Hydro Index
 - Salinity
 - Water Level

Classify Tool



Classify Tool

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 | |

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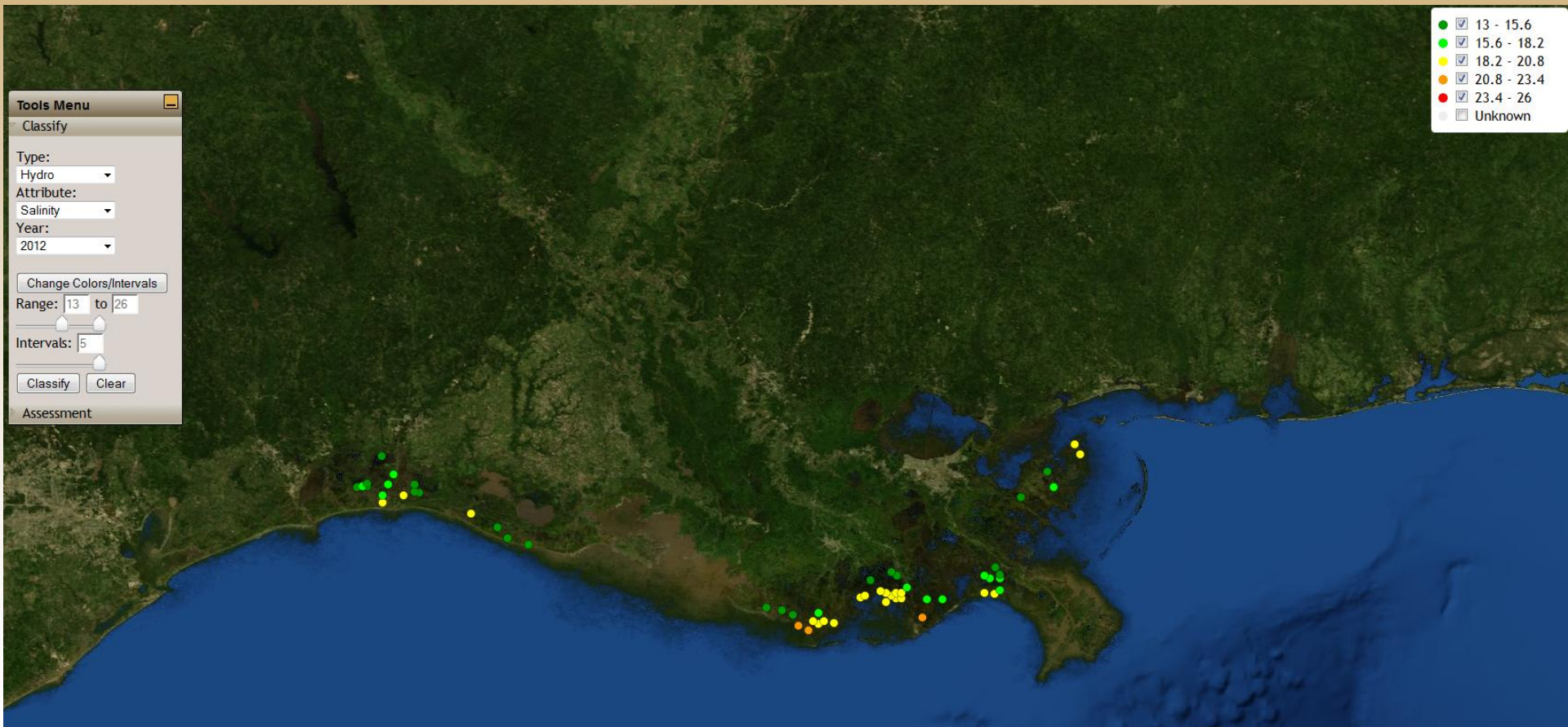
Classify

Assessment

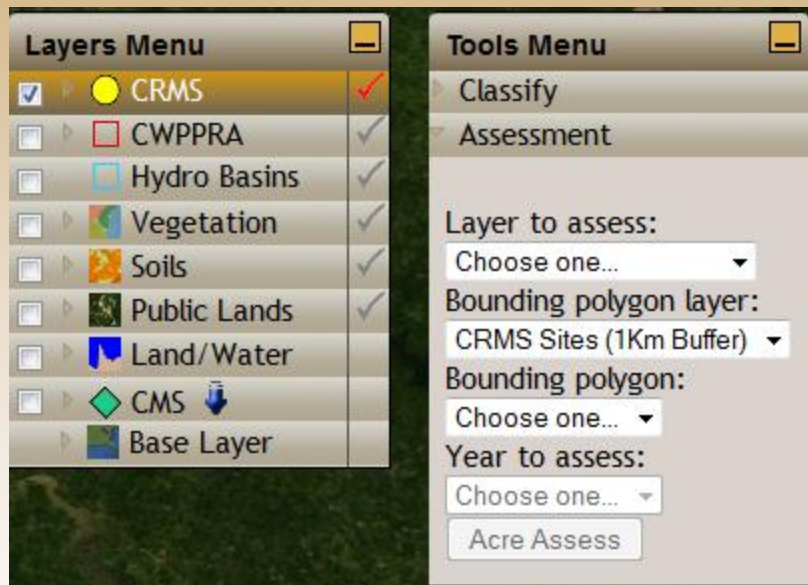




Classify Tool

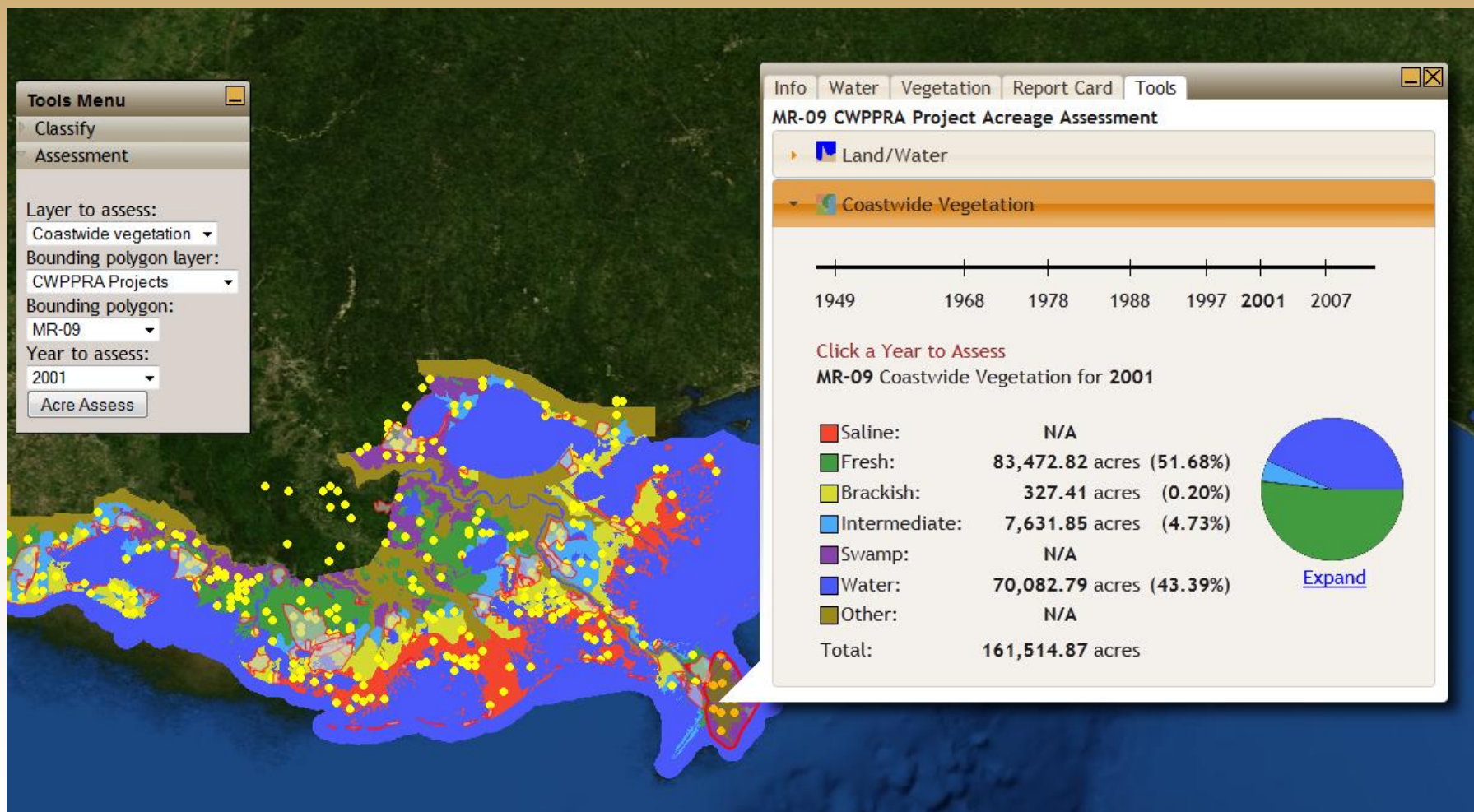


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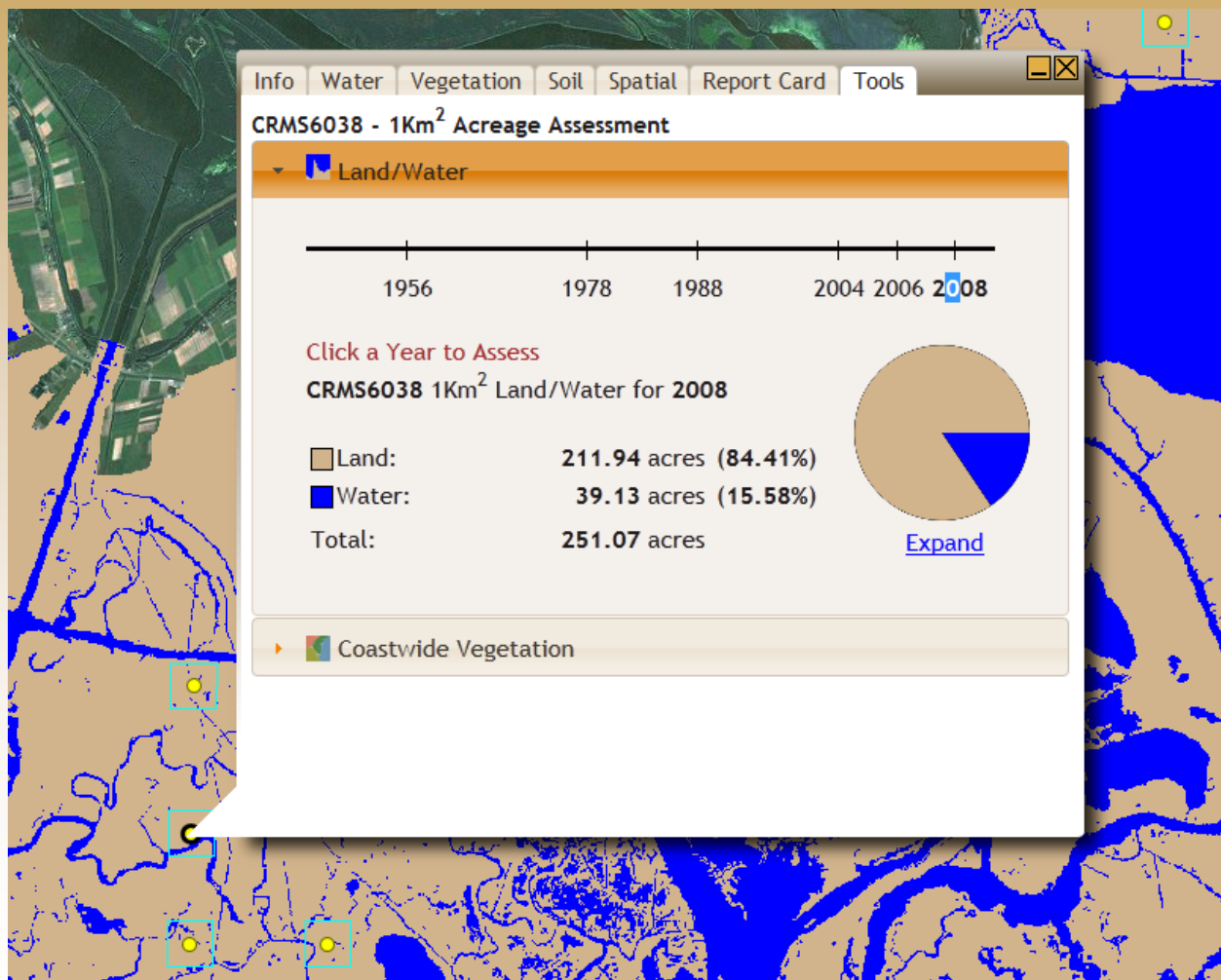


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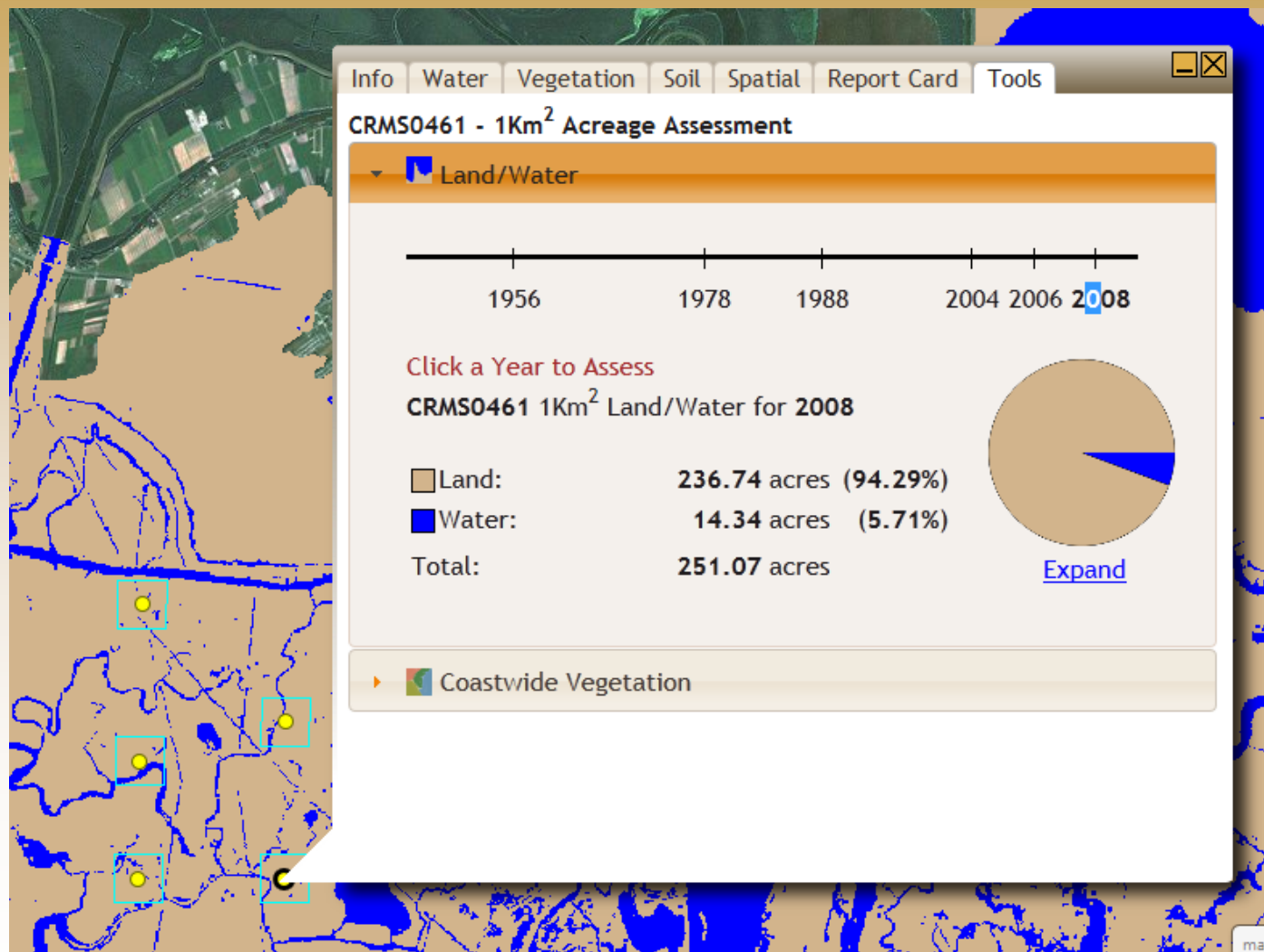
Acreage Assessment Tool



Tools Tab Persistence



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Questions?

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