

# City of New Orleans Resilience Design Review Committee

**Lincoln Beach Redevelopment 30% Design** 

**City of New Orleans** 

August 21, 2025

3:30PM - 5:30PM

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

and Zoom

# **RDRC Agenda**

3:30-3:35 Call to order and Procedures

3:35-3:40 Introduction of Committee Members

**3:40-4:20** Presentations - Lincoln Beach Redevelopment 30% Schematic- Design

4:20-5:00 Committee Discussion

**5:00-5:30** Public Comment

**5:30** Adjourn

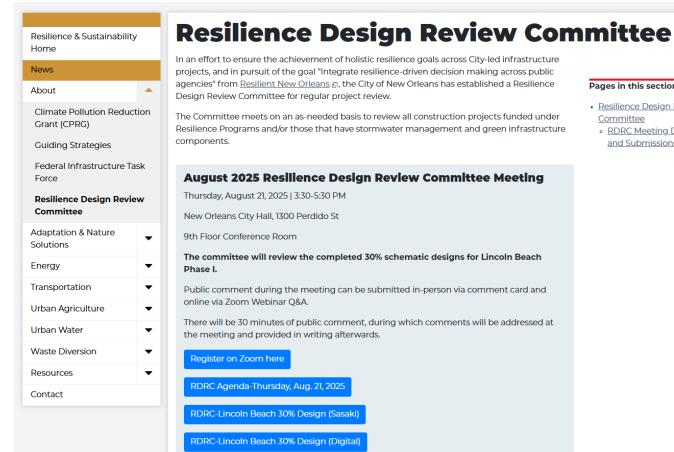
Times are estimated and provided for planning purposes.

# **Meeting Procedure**

- The presentation will be followed by a discussion of the Committee Members.
- Public comment will be requested at the end of the Committee discussion.
- During the 30-minute public comment period both in-person and online comments will proceed as follows:
  - Comments will alternate between in-person and online in the order of receipt. After an in-person comment, an online comment will follow and continue in this sequence.
  - Comment cards will be collected in-person will be read in the order received.
  - Online comments should be submitted in the Q&A section on Zoom. A city staffer will unmute you when your it's time to share your comment.

# RDRC Meeting Materials

You can find the meeting agenda, designs, and presentation at https://nola.gov/rdrc



### Pages in this section

- · Resilience Design Review Committee
- RDRC Meeting Details and Submissions

## **RDRC** Role

The primary purpose of the Resilience Project Design Committee is to integrate resilience-driven decision making across public agencies.

The RDRC reviews projects across the following categories:

- 1. Location, character, and extent
- 2. Incorporation of explicitly identified resilience values into design
- 3. Equity impacts and outcomes
- 4. Context-sensitive expression in design
- 5. Creative community involvement and engagement
- 6. Operations and maintenance planning for long-term performance
- 7. Best maintenance design for resilience performance criteria
- 8. Energy conservation in design & maintenance

### **RDRC Members**

### RDRC members, or their designee, are as follows:

- Chief Resilience Officer
- Executive Director of City Planning Commission
- Director of Capital Projects
- Director of Public Works
- Director of Parks & Parkways
- Deputy General Superintendent of SWB Engineering/Capital Projects
- SWB Environmental Affairs
- Hazard Mitigation Administrator
- Director of Equity

# LINCOLN = BEACH

Bringing Life Back to a Community Legacy

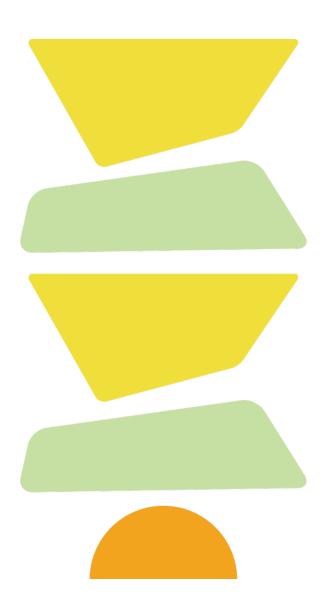
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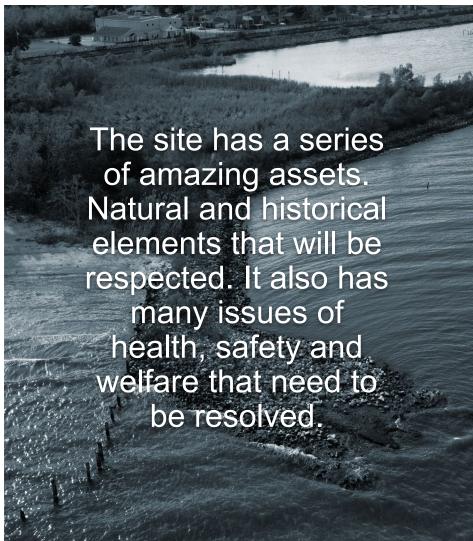


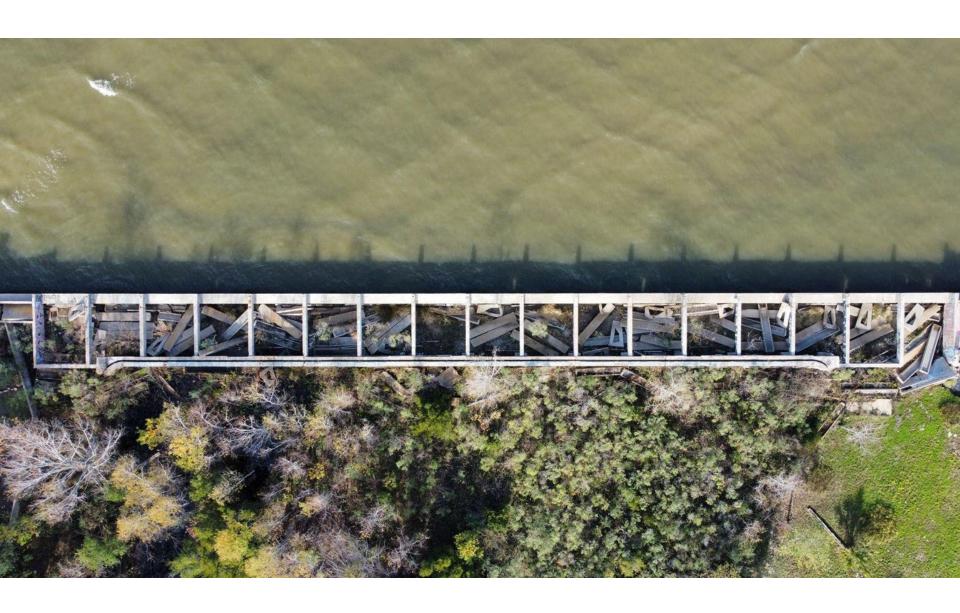


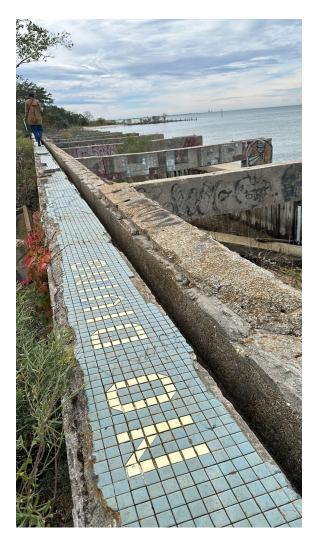


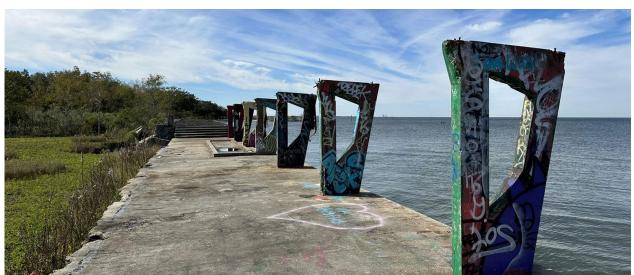




























Stakeholder Meetings



Community engagement workshops with over 483 attendees



community fellow interactions over 45+ locations and online engagements



Community surveys with over 1,268 total survey responses



100+

Hours of virtual engagement, with 5,836 unique website visitors and 8.159 website sessions







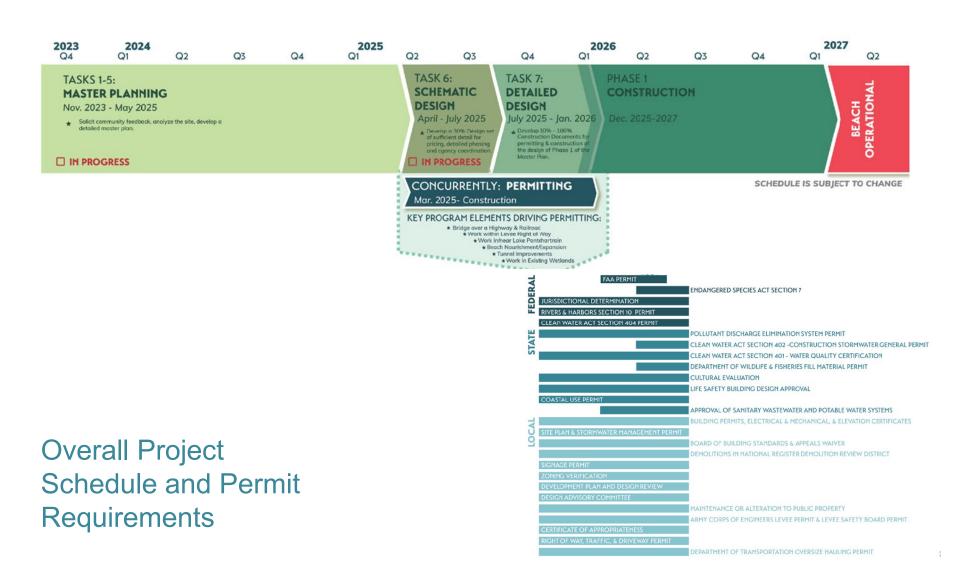
# Project Phasing All Phases Shown











# 30% Design Process

The entire master plan project phases have been designed to 30% level to allow for a few different things:

- Consolidated permitting processes
- Ensure coordination between phases
- Make sure that a full price package is received for informed decision making on what can and should be built as part of Phase 1



Lincoln Beach Redevelopment

100% Schematic Design Narrative
200 of 100

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Resilience + Sustainability

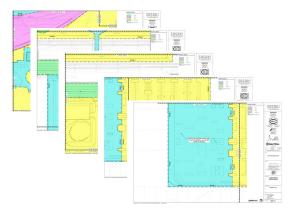
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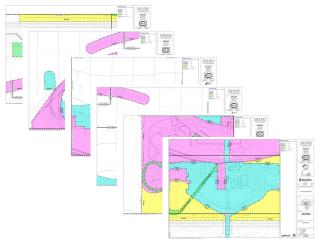


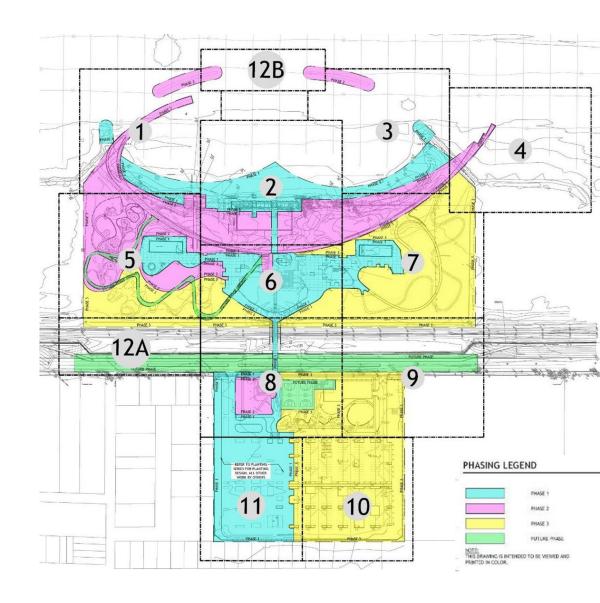
CSI Specification
Table of Contents
outlining all scoped
trades

Schematic Design Narrative Outlining Systems, design criteria, etc.

## **Documented Phasing**







### Phase 1

Parking Lot Restored Lincoln Beach Sign (first)

Pedestrian Spine

Lincoln Beach Blvd (Hayne Blvd) Pedestrian Crossing

Elevator and Stairs

Pedestrian Bridge Tunnel Drainage

Level 2 Restaurant Level 2 Shade Pavilion

Level 2 Restrooms

Level 1 Restrooms & Lockers

Level 1 Lifeguard Office

Midway Pavement Rehabilitation

Boardwalk Relic Rehabilitation and Terraces

Beach Nourishment

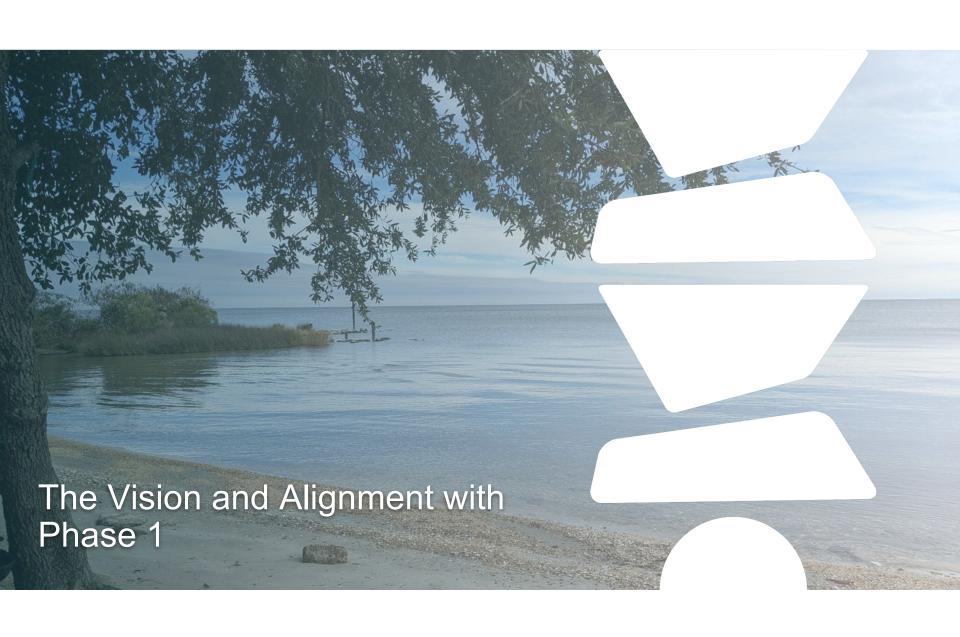
Brick Wall Rehabilitation

Selective Demolition

Existing Breakwaters Rehabilitation

\*Utility Improvements

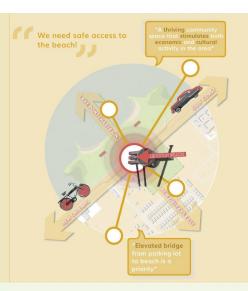




REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, SHAPE



REACH OUT + CONNECT



BALANCE THE TRANQUIL + THE THRILLING



EMBRACE GULF COAST ECOLOGY



## Guiding Principle #1









Preservation and transformation of the historic Midway concrete

Preservation and transformation of the historic boardwalk relic

Preservation and repurposing of existing pavilions and trapezoidal structures

Refurbishment of historic parking signs

Informational signage that tells the story of the sites history

A history loop that encourages deeper immersion in the sites history

History Museum

Draw from local vernacular for building and landscape forms

Material choices that reflect New Orleans heritage

The site's live oak forest habitat informs planting

Mimicking of the site's native hydrology for stormwater infiltration

### 1960'S SITE **CONDITIONS**

### **Existing Conditions** Analysis

Key historic elements, including the 1939 pedestrian tunnel, Works Progress Administration (WPA)-era beach, 1954 shade pavilions, and waterfront platform, reflect Moderne and WPA Moderne styles. Preserving these structures is vital to maintaining the site's design identity and honoring its cultural and architectural significance. Documentation led by Mia Kaplan, a local architect, was instrumental in the site's listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).



- Historic structure still existing
- Contributing Structures to NRHP Nomination
- 1 Lincoln Beach Signage
- 2 Tunnel
- 3 The Midway
- 4 Shelter Pavilions
- **5 Trapezoidal Canopy Support Structures**
- 6 Boardwalk Concrete
- 7 Brick Perimeter Wall
- 8 Drop-Off Canopies
- 9 Lincoln Beach Entry Sign

### 10 Rock-O-Plane Ferris Wheel

- 11 The Carver House Restaurant
- 12 Pools, Pool-House, & Water Filtration Center
- 13 Flying Horses & Kiddie Land
- 14 Concessions
- 15 Roller Coaster

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

(Period of signficance 1940-1965)

Lincoln Beach is significant under Criterion A for Ethnic/Black Heritage as a site which is associated with events that played a significant role within the broad patterns of our history, especially regarding the areas of Social History and Recreation. Lincoln Beach was chosen for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places due to the city of New Orleans. The site emcompasses both tangible and intangible forms of heritage, with examples of physical remaining contributing elements that are wellpositioned for historic interpretation as well as the many personal accounts of those who associate the site with its historic role and use.

# VERNACULAR & HISTORIC INFLUENCE

### Project Vision

The following diagrams illustrate the rich diversity of local vernacular—both architectural and landscape—that have shaped the forms within the Lincoln Beach Master Plan.

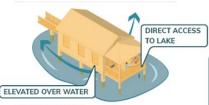


### THE DOG TROT HOUSE

Dog Trot style architecture is a traditional southern style, demorcated with an open breezeway or corridor running through the center of the home to promote cross ventilation in the humid climate.

The architecture is designed to react to circulation pathways and enhance the pedestrian experience while keeping them protected.

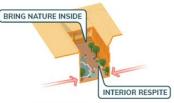




### FISHING CAMPS

Fishing camps were prevalent in New Orleans East, elevating dwellings above the lake to garner direct access to fishing. Elevating the architecture on the beach side aids in protection from storm surge.





### INTERIOR COURTYARD

Interior courtyards are a central feature in the city of New Orleans, providing a serene exterior space surrounded by decorative facades and often lush plantings and fountains to offer a space for repose and congregation.



Introduction of landscape through the

connection to nature.

mezzanine level creates porous moments of

LINGULN IMAGINATIVE FORMS

BEACH

CURVILINEAR

### MID CENTURY MODERN

The Mid-Century Modern - specifically Googie - architectural style prevalent at Lincoln Beach is re-imagined through the form of the landscape's planting design and gathering spaces.







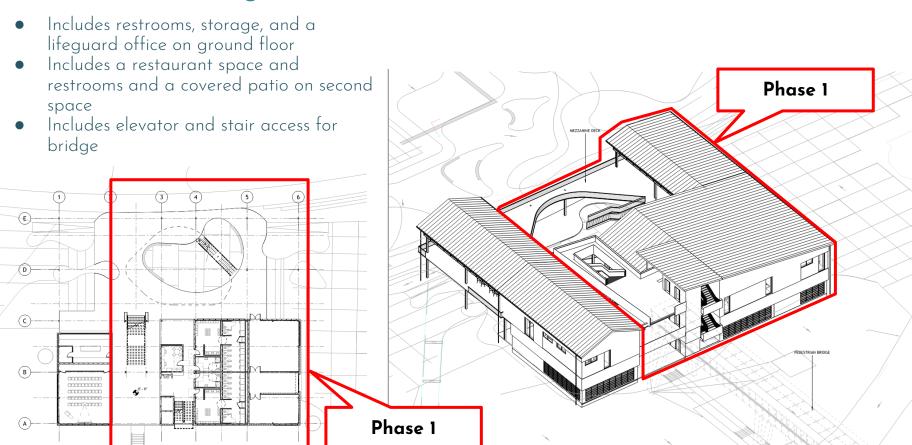
### **BAYOUS**

The curvilinear landscape forms and carefully selected planting palette draw inspiration from the bayous of Louisiana. Their meandering waterways create a serene atmosphere while reflecting the region's rich natural ecology.

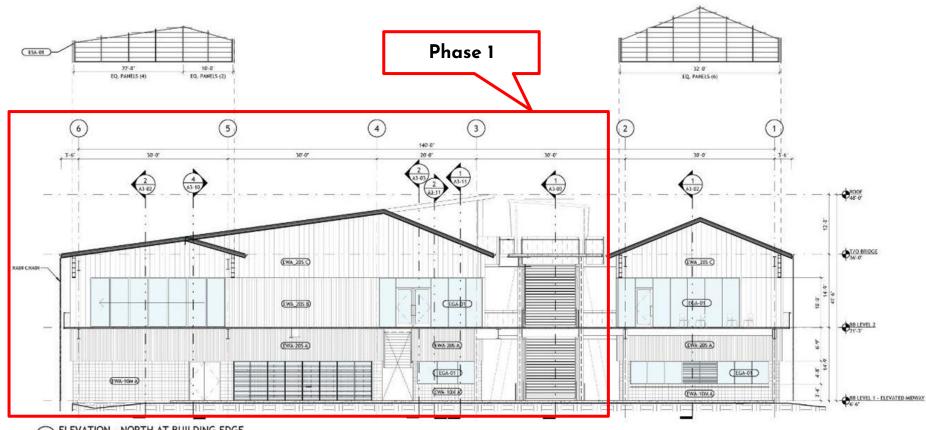
Reinterpretation of the slow-moving and meandering pathways are implemented throughout the site.



### **Beachside Building**

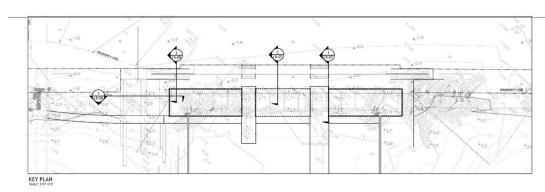


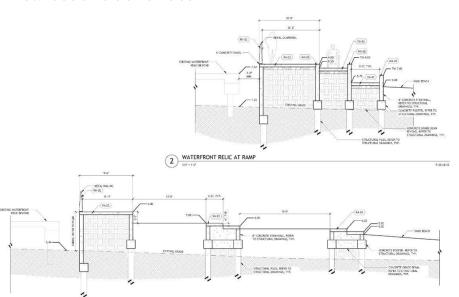
# Beachside Building and Stair and Elevator Core

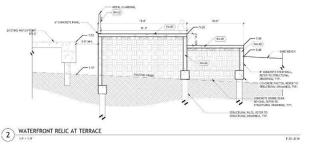


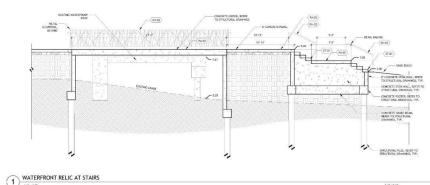
## Historic Waterfront Relic Repurpose

 Includes restoration and stabilization of the waterfront structure in place. Provides engagement with site history and new beach side terrace





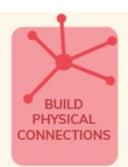






## Guiding Principle #2









PROJECT VISION

Pedestrian bridge access across Lincoln Beach (Hayne) Boulevard

Bike lane and sidewalks on Lincoln Beach (Hayne) Boulevard

New bus shelters on either side of Lincoln Beach (Hayne) Boulevard

Pedestrian crossing across Lincoln Beach (Hayne) Boulevard

ADA parking spaces

Raised pedestrian walkways in parking lot

Comfortable indoor and outdoor spaces

ADA accessibility through site to promote intergenerational spaces

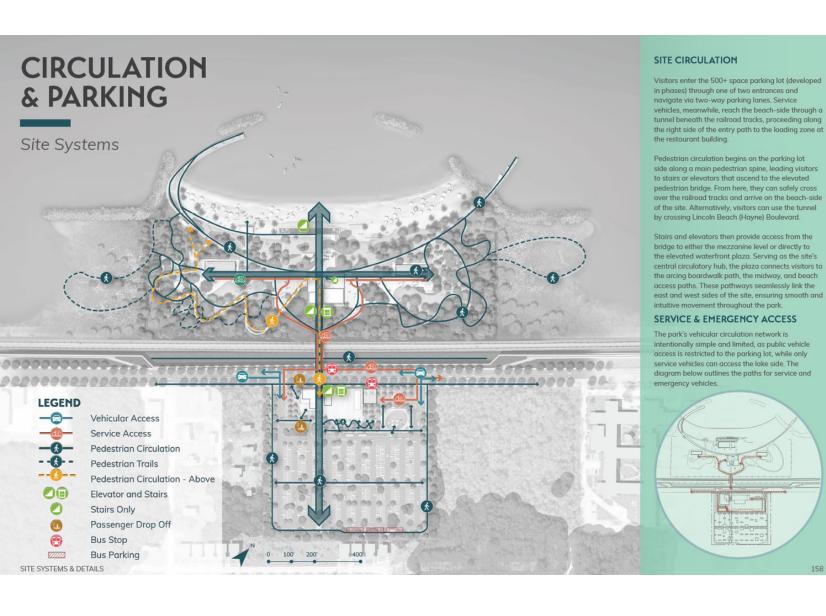
ADA access to the beach

Beach-side restaurant

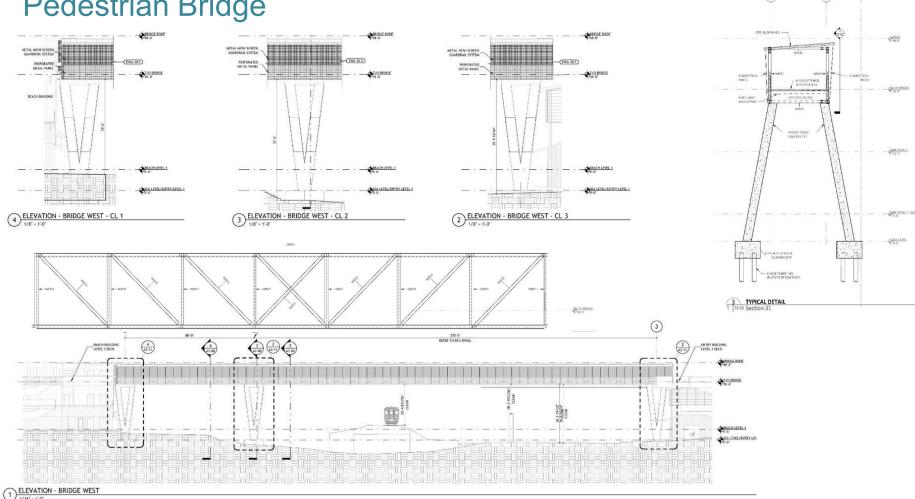
Beach-side rentable event space

Parking lot and beach side market space for local vendors

Festivals & events put on by local vendors



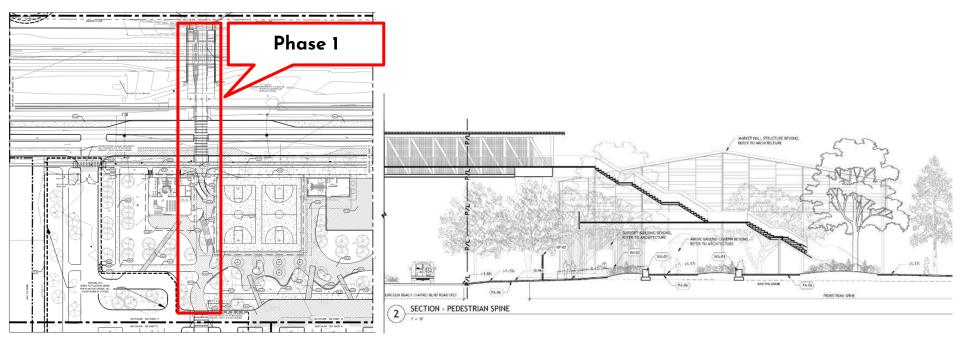
### Pedestrian Bridge



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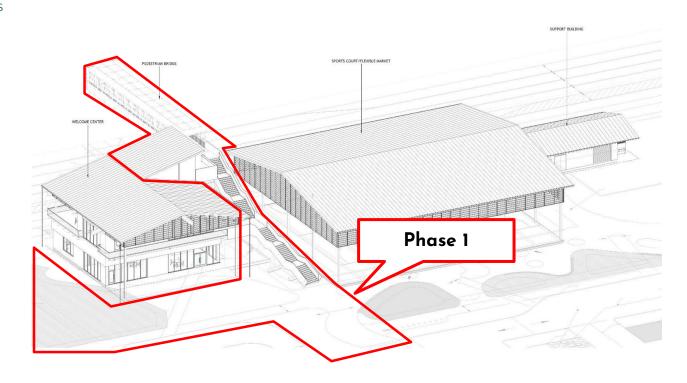
### Lincoln Beach Boulevard + Plaza + Parking

 Grand staircase and pedestrian plaza connects parking area pedestrian bridge and pedestrian crossing at Hayne Blvd



### Entry Plaza and Elevator and Stairs

- Grand staircase and pedestrian plaza connects parking area pedestrian bridge and pedestrian crossing at Hayne Blvd
- Designed to integrate directly into Phase 2 Entry Building





Inspired by the vibrant sunrises of New Orleans East, Lincoln Beach welcomes visitors with a colorful, thoughtfully designed welcome center and history museum that highlights the site's rich past. The entry feels like a park, offering court sports, picnicking, and shaded relaxation beneath

### Guiding Principle #3



& THE THRILLING





Large playground, kayak rental facility, restaurant, and event space

Woodland trails, passive picnic lawns, and unprogrammed beach areas



Flexible event lawn and bandshell for local and regional performers

Movie-ccreening lawn for viewing and gathering

Beach-side spaces for local vendors

Ample parking for festivals & events

Stormwater strategy for sun and

Hurricane-resilient buildings at safe elevations

Indoor event hall for gatherings in all seasons



ENCOURAGE CULTURAL

**EXPRESSION** 



### Midway and Flexible Oculus Plaza

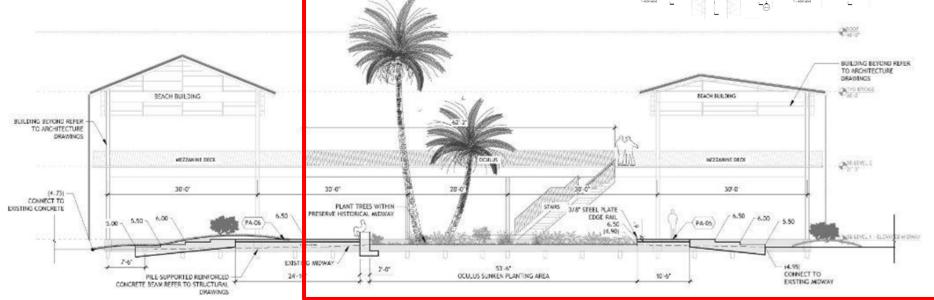
• Provides Flexible Community Space as well as beach activation.

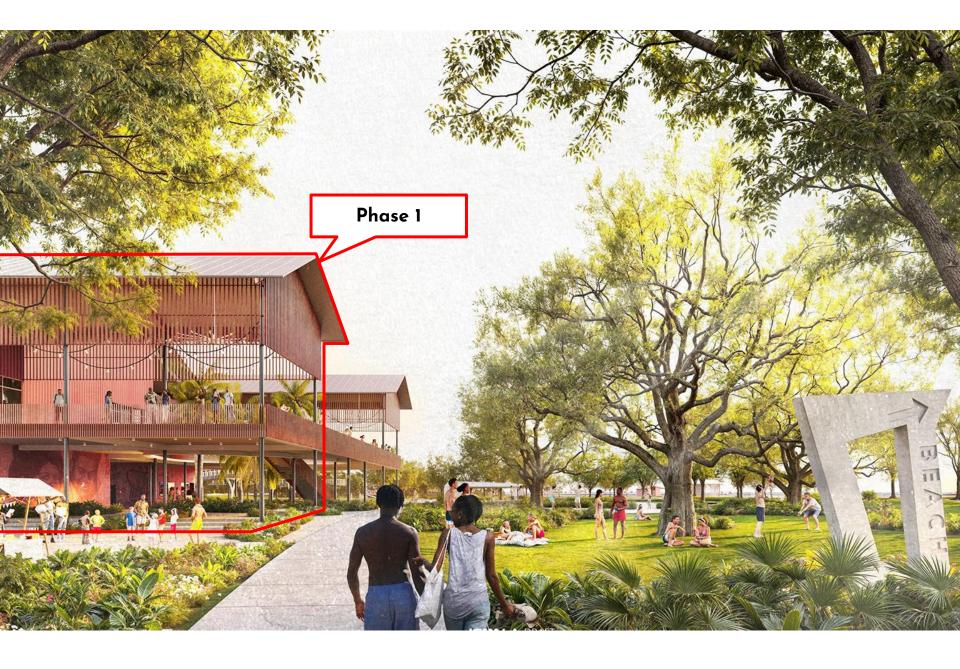
 Provides Restrooms and Beach Storage

Provides Office for Lifeguards

Phase 1

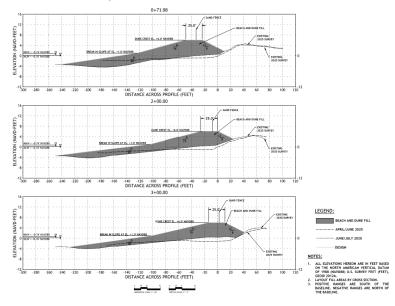
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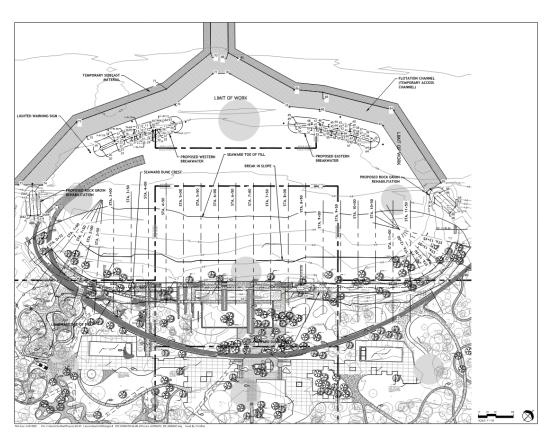




### **Beach Nourishment**

- Extends beach to original historic alignment and provides the community with extensive sand space
- Provides dune berm for increased flood protection





### Guiding Principle #4









Buildings raised above BFE + SLR + subsidence

Plaza and playground above SLR

Cooling misters and shade structures

Protection of large existing shade trees

Solar panels on the pedestrian bridge

Biophilic design that promotes relaxation

Native planting palette

Informational signage about the site's ecology

Spaces that promote learning and stewardship

Preservation of the majority of existing trees

Removal of invasive species

Preservation of marshes

Increased aquatic marsh habitat with felled-trees

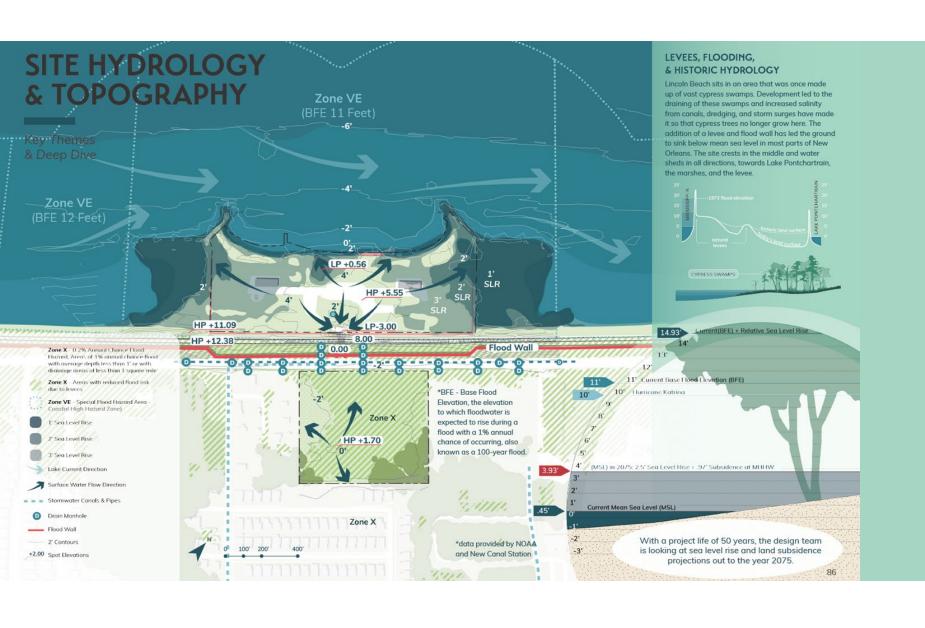
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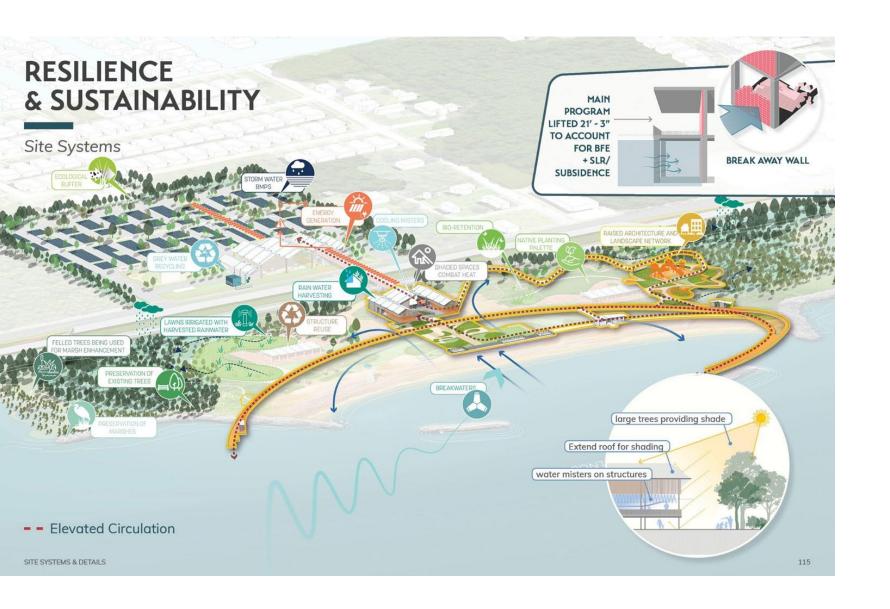
### RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

Site Systems

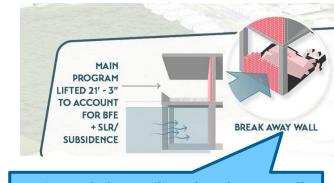


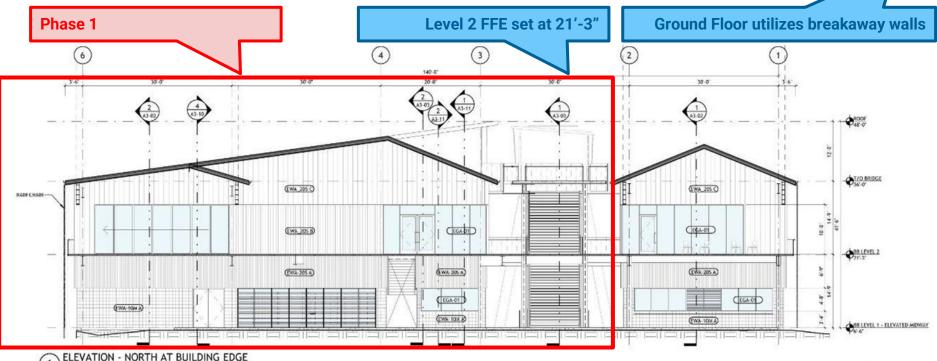
#### **MAJOR HAZARDS IDENTIFIED** INFO INFO One of the hazards profiled in the 2020 Hazard Mitigation "High Risk" in FEMA National Risk Index New Orleans averages 56 days over 90 degrees each Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses 100% annual probability of flooding Summer, when the beach will Base Flood Elevation of beach be most in use, has the lowest side is 11', and about 14' with average wind speeds SLR and subsidence GOAL GOAL · Design site features and Provide spaces, both amenities to avoid or indoor and outdoor, that withstand flooding in are thermally order to protect comfortable for the investment over a 50-year pubic year-round. project lifespan, aiming for a rapid return to operations in the event of severe storms and flooding. INFO GOAL • One of the hazards profiled in Design high-investment the 2020 Hazard Mitigation site features to Plan, and "High Risk" in FEMA withstand the high National Risk Index winds and other impacts The Hazard Mitigation Plan of hurricnanes, and other shows 92% annual features designed to 'break-away' during probability of tropical cyclone strike strong winds. HURRICANES & WIHD





# Critical infrastructure on the beach side protected from Flooding and SLR + Subsidence







#### SITE ECO ZONES

The landscape typologies at Lincoln Beach are inspired by its existing natural ecosystems, primarily live oak forest and intermediate marsh. The majority, about 60%, of the site's trees and understory will remain completely undisturbed and unmanaged, preserving the area's natural character.



Ornamental Planting

Naturalistic Planting 8.8%

Managed Live Oak Forest 4.6%

Unmanaged Live Oak Forest 15.8% Stormwater Areas TBD

Marsh 22.2%

Lawn 11.1%

Aquatic Habitat 23.6%

Stormwater Areas:

Intermediate Marsh:

Water-loving plants that

Dwarf Palmettos and Swamp Milkweed included in planting.

Rich transitional habitat that

provides flood control, coastal

protection, water filtering,

nesting habitat and more.

absorb and filter runoff.

Beach 23.6%

Dunes 1.7%



#### Minimally Managed Live Oak Forest:

Dense mature forest with lush understory of ferns and native



#### Managed Live Oak Forest:

Canopy coverage with trimmed mid-story and understory planting for pedestrian circulation and activity.



#### **Naturalistic Planting:**

Native, minimally-manicured planting that provides bird and pollinator habitat



Partially inundated tidally. Scavenging grounds for species like Blue Crab and Pipping Plovers.



**Ornamental Planting:** Species with vibrant color and fragrance like Bee Balm and Gulf Coast Muhly Grass that also support pollinators.



Resilient, warm-season grass for park activity space. Includes species such as Bermuda Grass or St. Augustine.

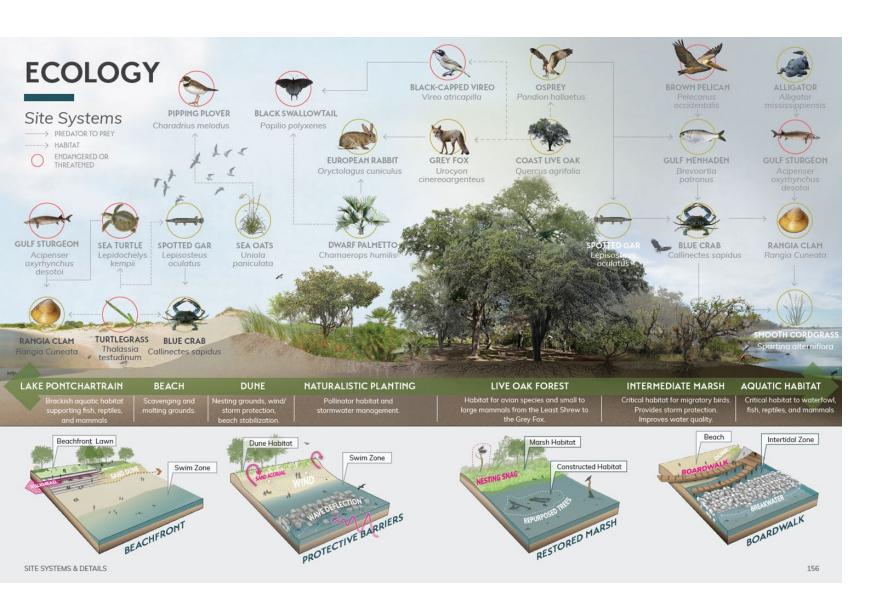


Storm barrier and critical habitat for nesting birds. Sea Oats, Wire Grass, and Panic Grass stabilize dunes.

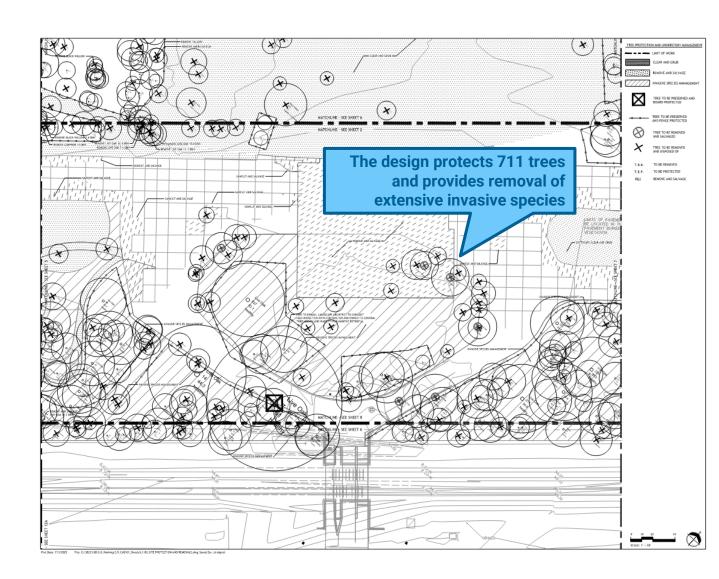


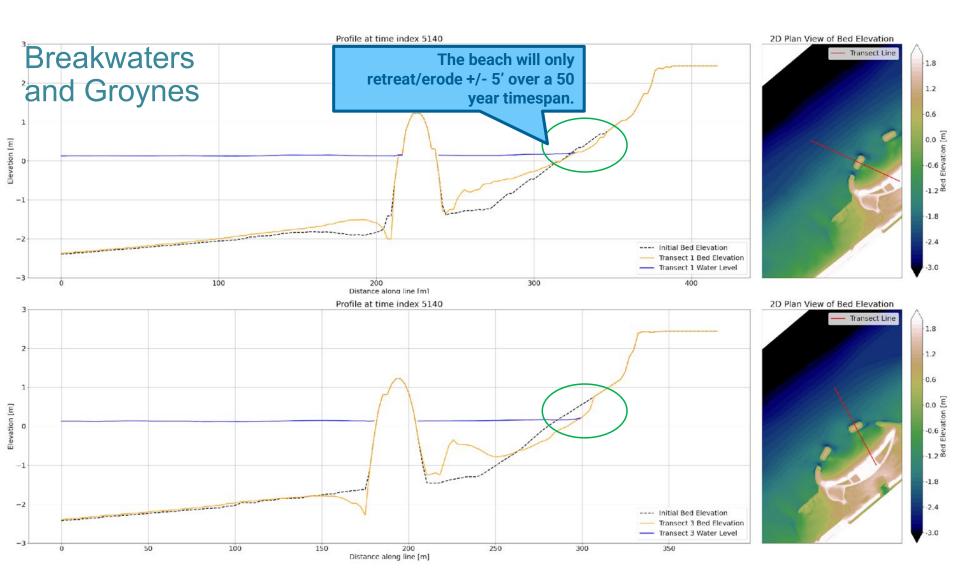
#### Aquatic Habitat:

Brackish water estuary, home to 125 fish species, mammals such as manatees, bivalves, blue crabs, and white shrimp.

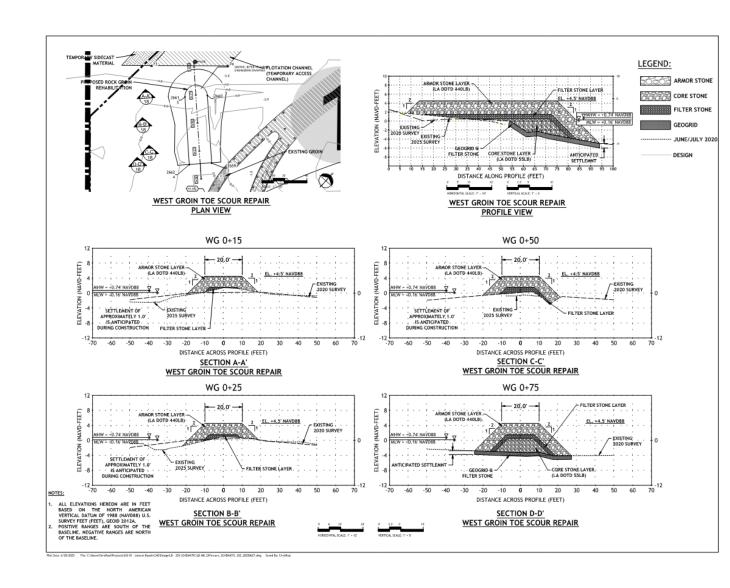


Protecting
Existing Trees
And Invasive
Species Removal

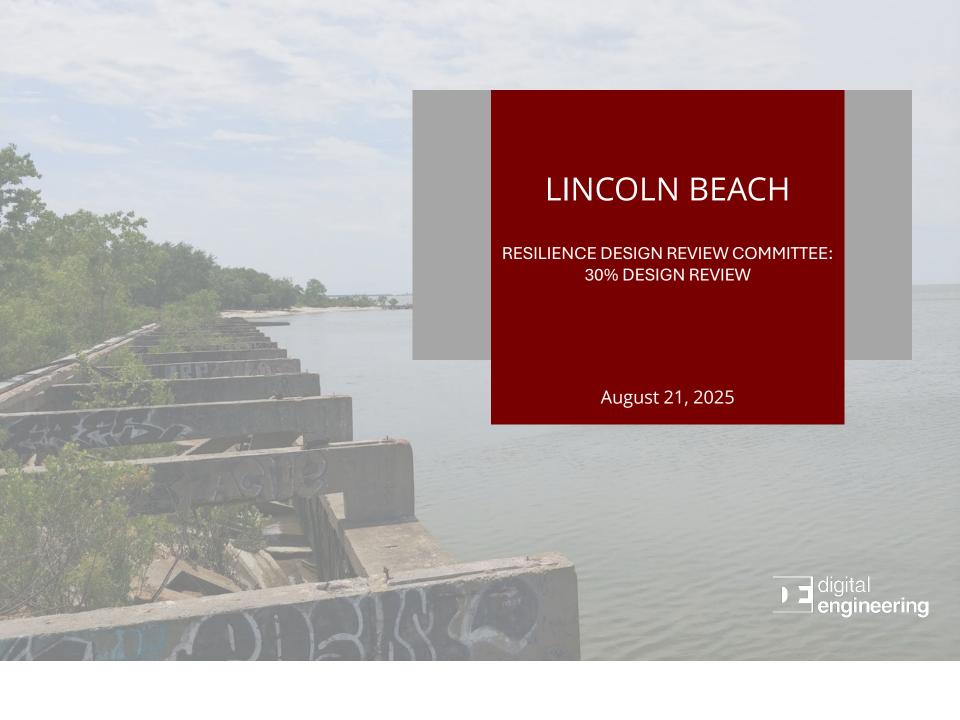




# Breakwaters and Groynes





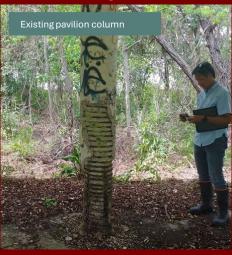




# **STRUCTURAL** & DEMOLITION



### **Existing Conditions**





# **STRUCTURAL** & DEMOLITION

### Design Summary & Approach

- Removal of dangerous bulkhead sections
- Specialty materials for (2) pavilions and brick wall
- Demolition of lakefront bulkhead for safety reasons

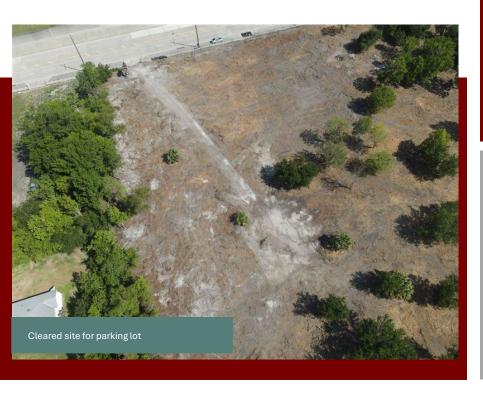
#### Considerations & Constraints

- **Public safety**
- Code compliance
- **Feasibility**
- Access limitations
- Historic Preservation

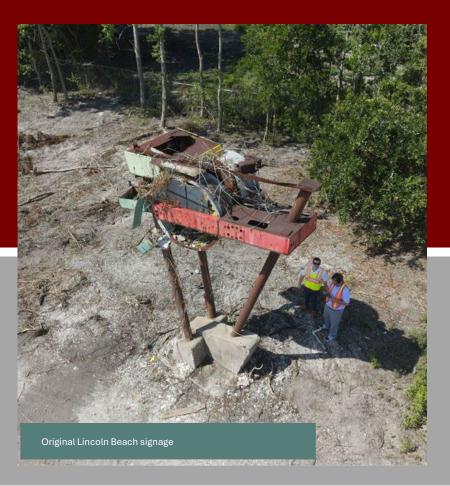




# PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS



### **Existing Conditions**



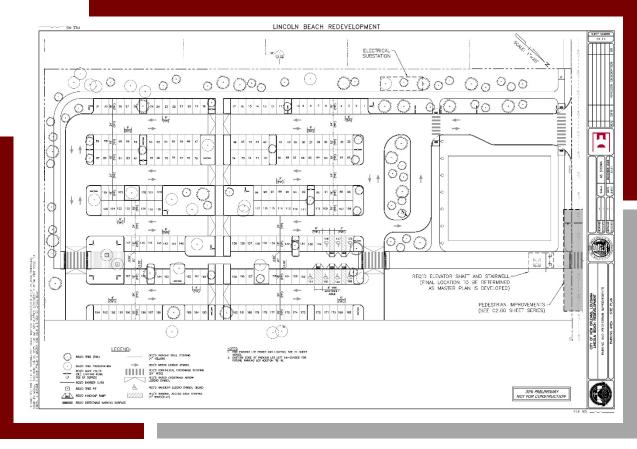
### PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

#### Considerations & Constraints

- City of New Orleans standards
- DOTD requirements
- EPA/PRP Grant requirements

### Design Summary & Approach

- Permeable parking lot
- (194) parking stalls



# **PEDESTRAIN**IMPROVEMENTS

### Existing Conditions





## **PEDESTRAIN**IMPROVEMENTS

#### Considerations & Constraints

- DOTD safety requirements
- SLFPA-E requirements
- USACE requirements
- Norfolk Southern requirements
- ADA compliance
- City of New Orleans standards

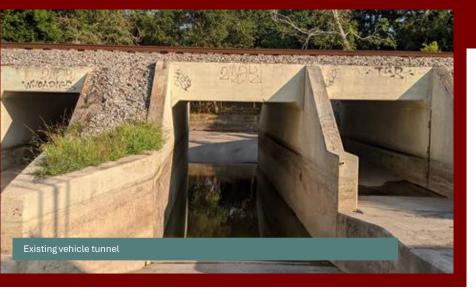
### Design Summary & Approach

- At-grade crossing with detectable warning surfaces
- Raised curbed median
- · High Visibility striping and signage
- Retractable bollards
- Handrails (as needed)
- Concrete replacement (as needed for ADA compliance)

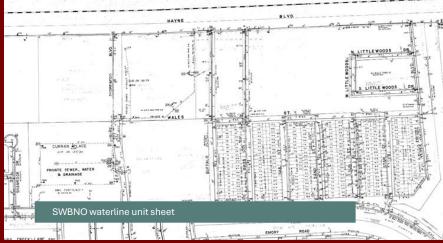




# **UTILITY**IMPROVEMENTS



### **Existing Conditions**



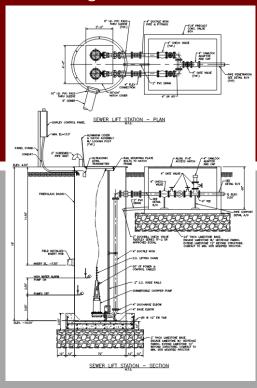
### **UTILITY**IMPROVEMENTS

#### **Considerations & Constraints**

- LDH requirements
- USACE requirements
- SLFPA-E requirements
- Norfolk Southern requirements
- DOTD requirements
- SWBNO requirements
- Existing utilities
- · Public Safety requirements
- Operations & Maintenance

### Design Summary & Approach

- Submersible Lift Station and force main
- Water booster pump and water main
- Drainage sump pump and drain line rehabilitation
- Electrical substation
- Utility Corridor under bridge



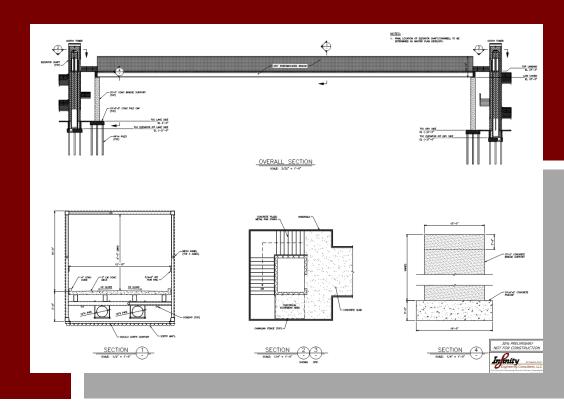
### PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

#### **Considerations & Constraints**

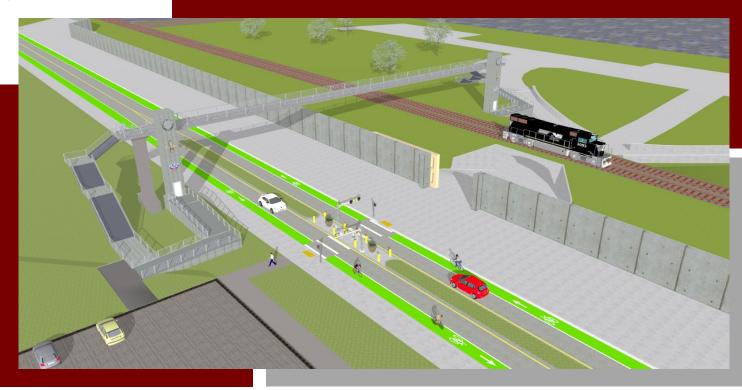
- Railroad requirements
- DOTD requirements
- USACE requirements
- SLPFA-E requirements
- Fabrication & Constructability
- Access
- Security
- Utility Coordination

### Design Summary & Approach

- 250' pre-fabricated pedestrian bridge
- 12' wide, elevators needed for ADA compliance,
- Stairs access
- Water, sewer, and electrical utility corridor



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# **Committee Discussion**

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### **Public Comment Period**

- During the 30-minute public comment period both in-person and online comments will proceed as follows:
  - Comments will alternate between in-person and online in the order of receipt. After an in-person comment, an online comment will follow and continue in this sequence.
  - Comment cards will be collected in-person will be read in the order received.
  - Online comments should be submitted in the Q&A section on Zoom. A city staffer will unmute you when your it's time to share your comment.





### **Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting notes, recording, and the presentations will be available online at <a href="https://nola.gov/rdrc">https://nola.gov/rdrc</a> no later than Wednesday, August 27

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