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Assessing & Visualizing Watershed Risk

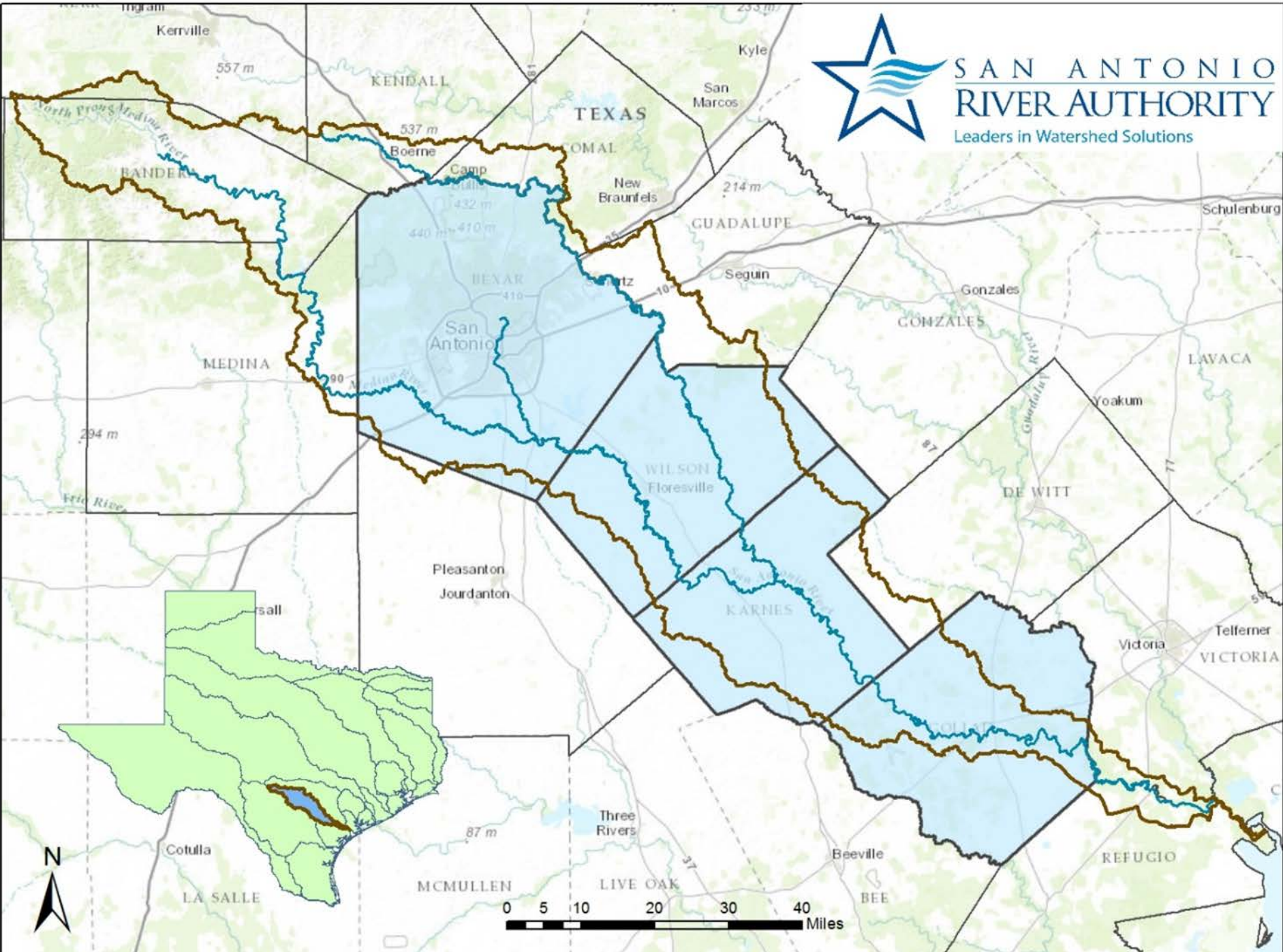
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INSPIRING ACTIONS FOR HEALTHY CREEKS & RIVERS



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San Antonio River Authority

- **Vision**: Inspiring Actions for Healthy Creeks & Rivers
- **Mission**: Protect and enhance our creeks and rivers through service, leadership and expertise.



Agency Goals

- Reduce **flood** risk
- Improve **stormwater** mgmt. and reduce runoff, using an LID approach
- Improve **water quality**
- Increase **nature-based recreation** and encourage watershed **stewardship**
- Protect, restore and/or improve natural watershed **ecological functions**



Partners & Stakeholders

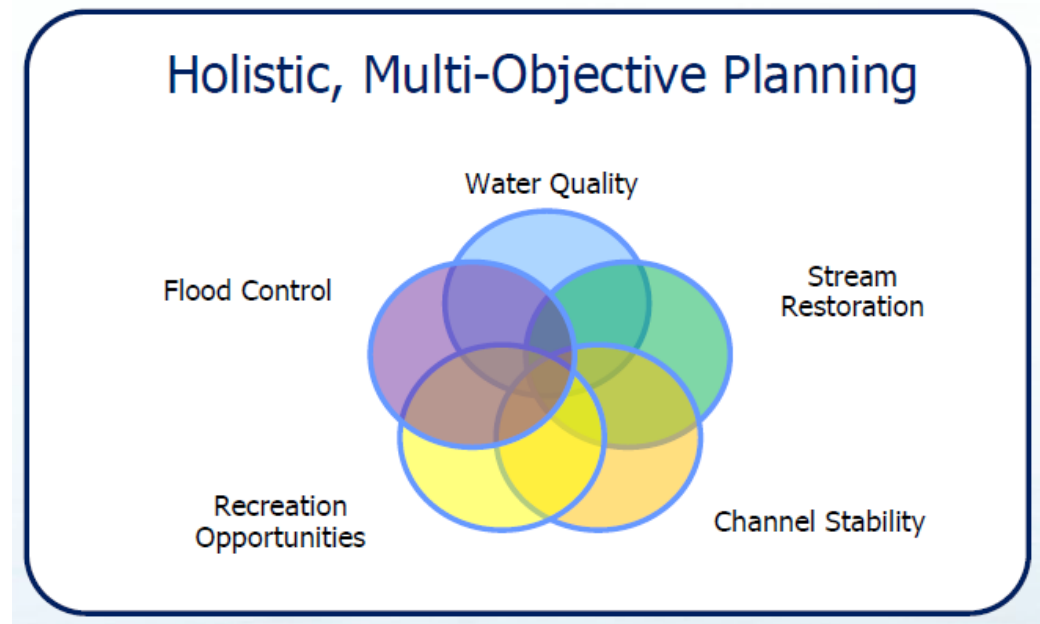


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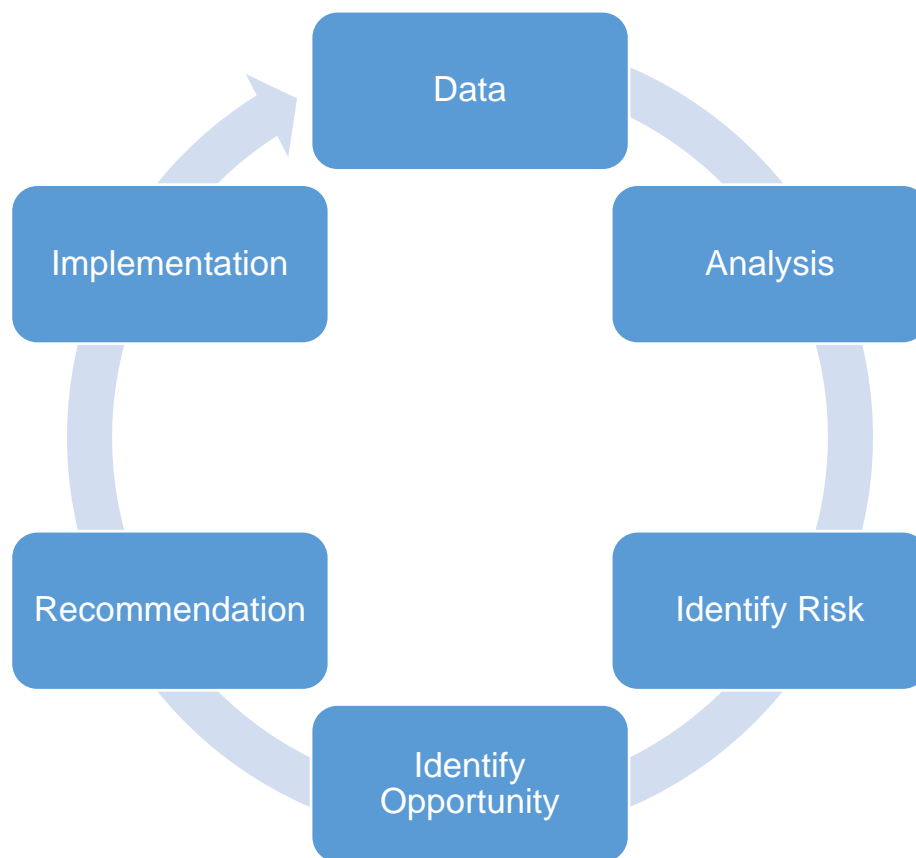


Assessment Goals

- Identify & prioritize target areas for holistic watershed improvement activities



Workflow



Flood Mitigation as the Catalyst

- Visible issue
- Endangers life and property
- Mitigation is a core function of local government
- Availability of funding
- Solutions vary in size
- **Risk MAP's** – Flood Risk Products



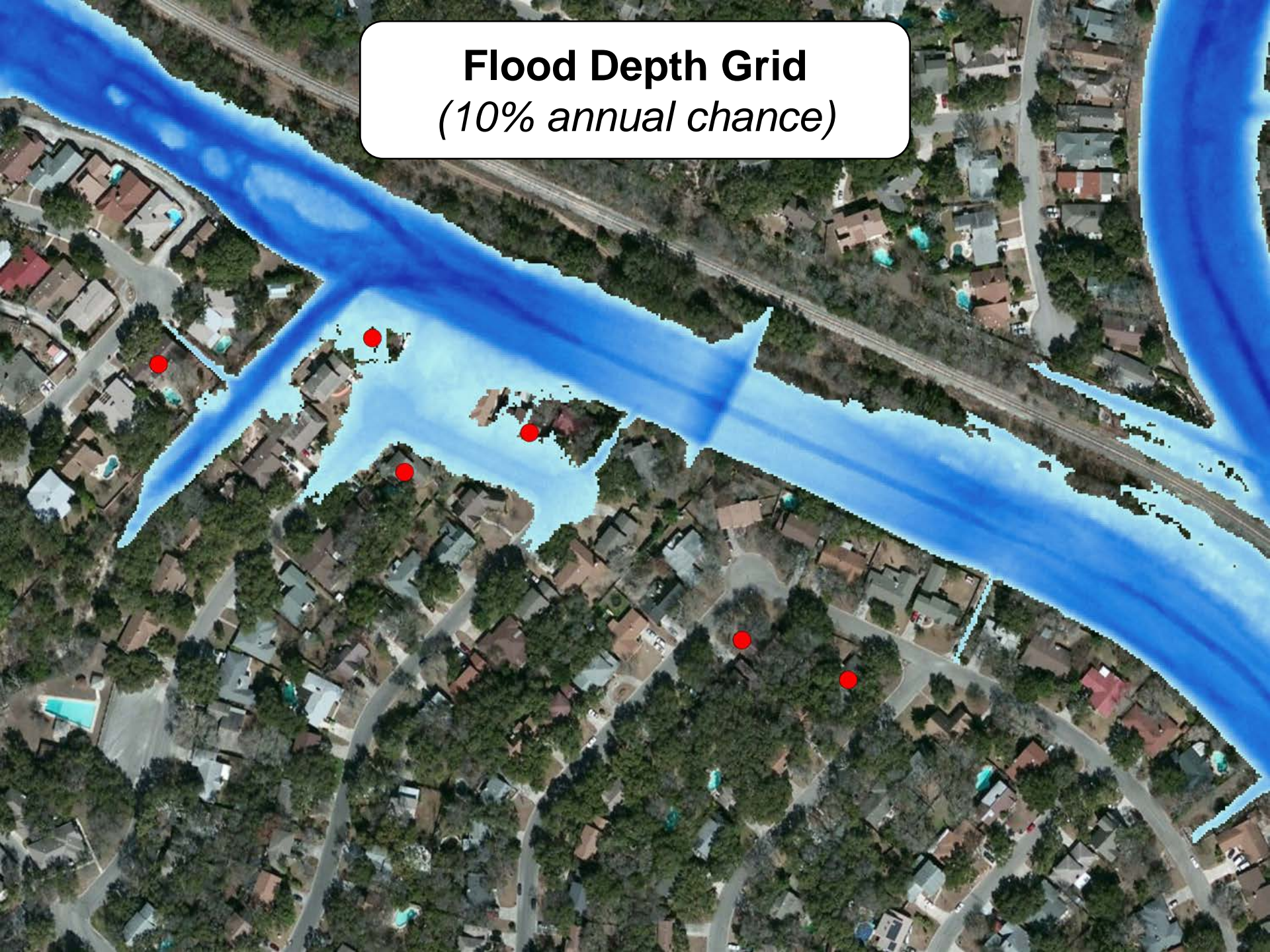


Modernized Floodplain Map *(0.2% annual chance)*

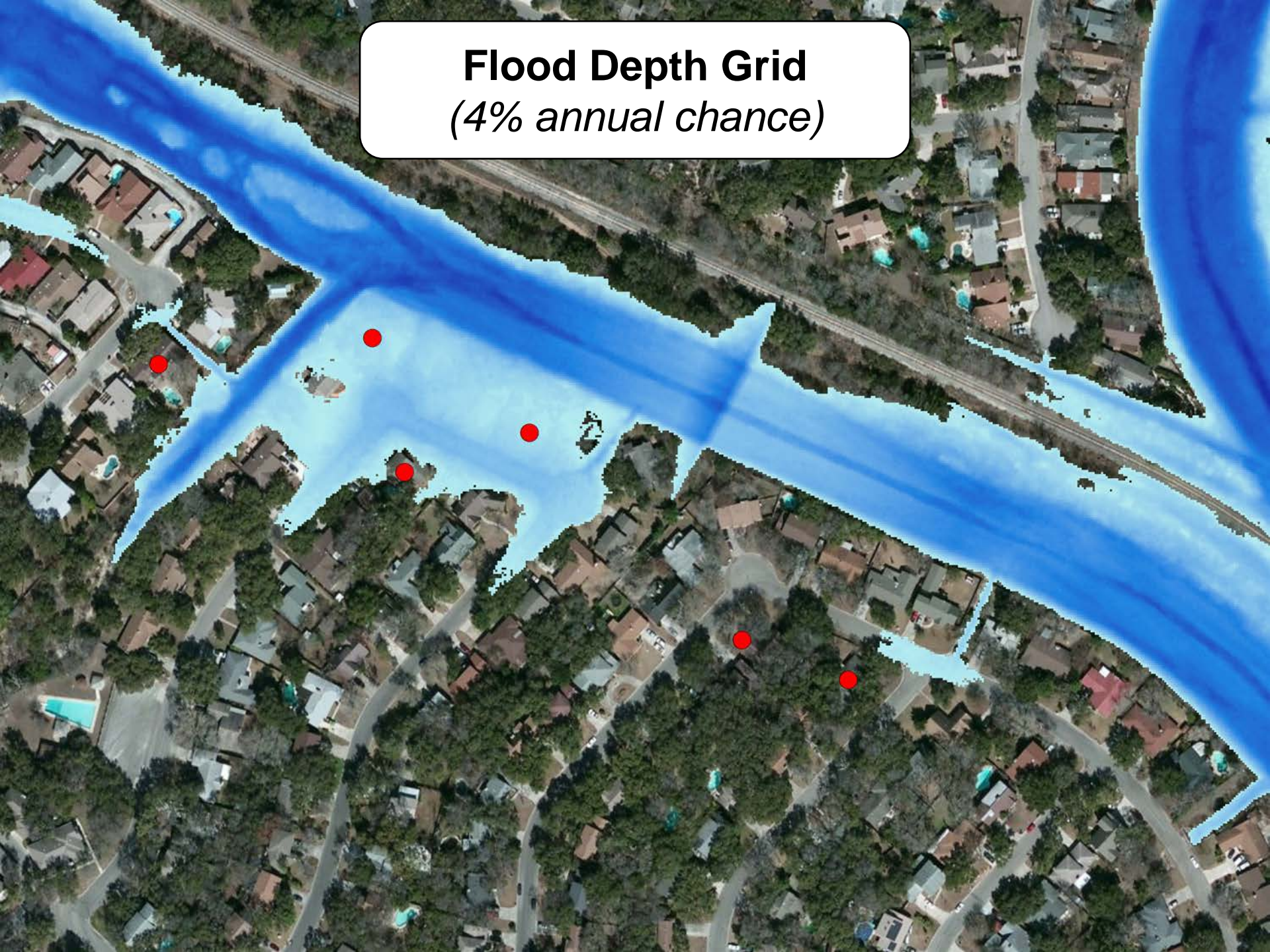
What we knew then:

- In or out
- Base Flood Elevations (BFE)
- Proximity to floodplain & flooding source

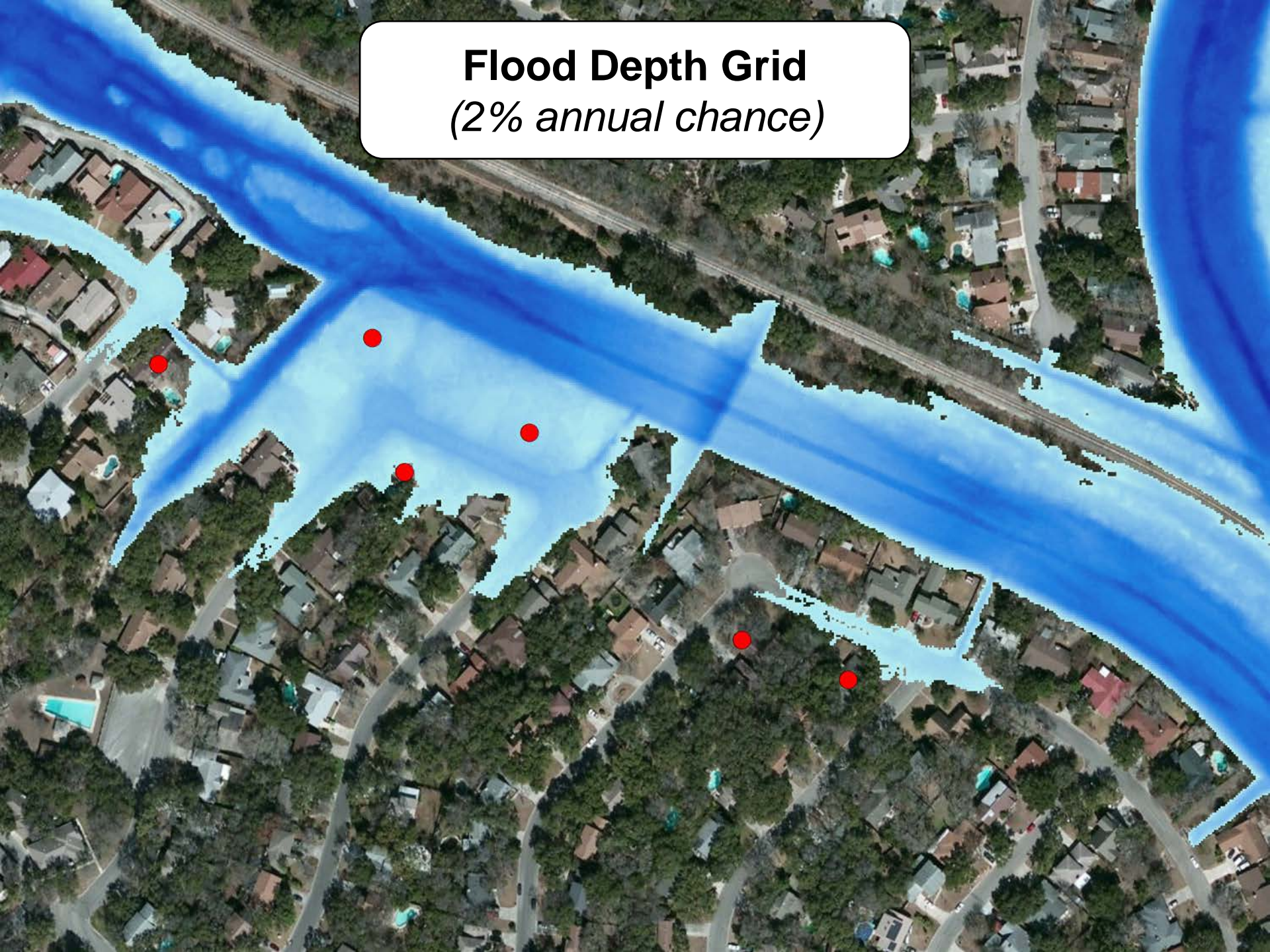
Flood Depth Grid
(10% annual chance)



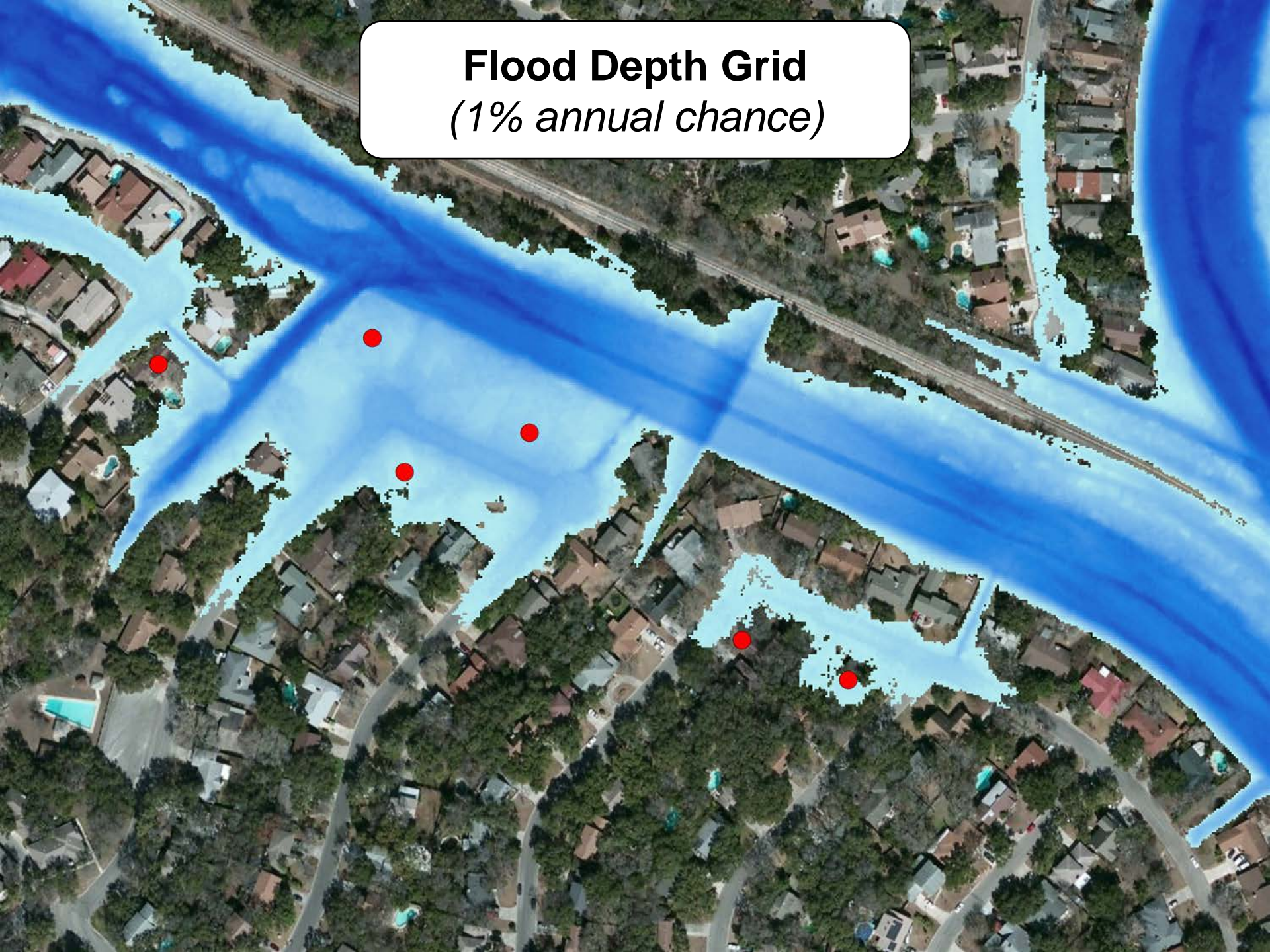
Flood Depth Grid
(4% annual chance)



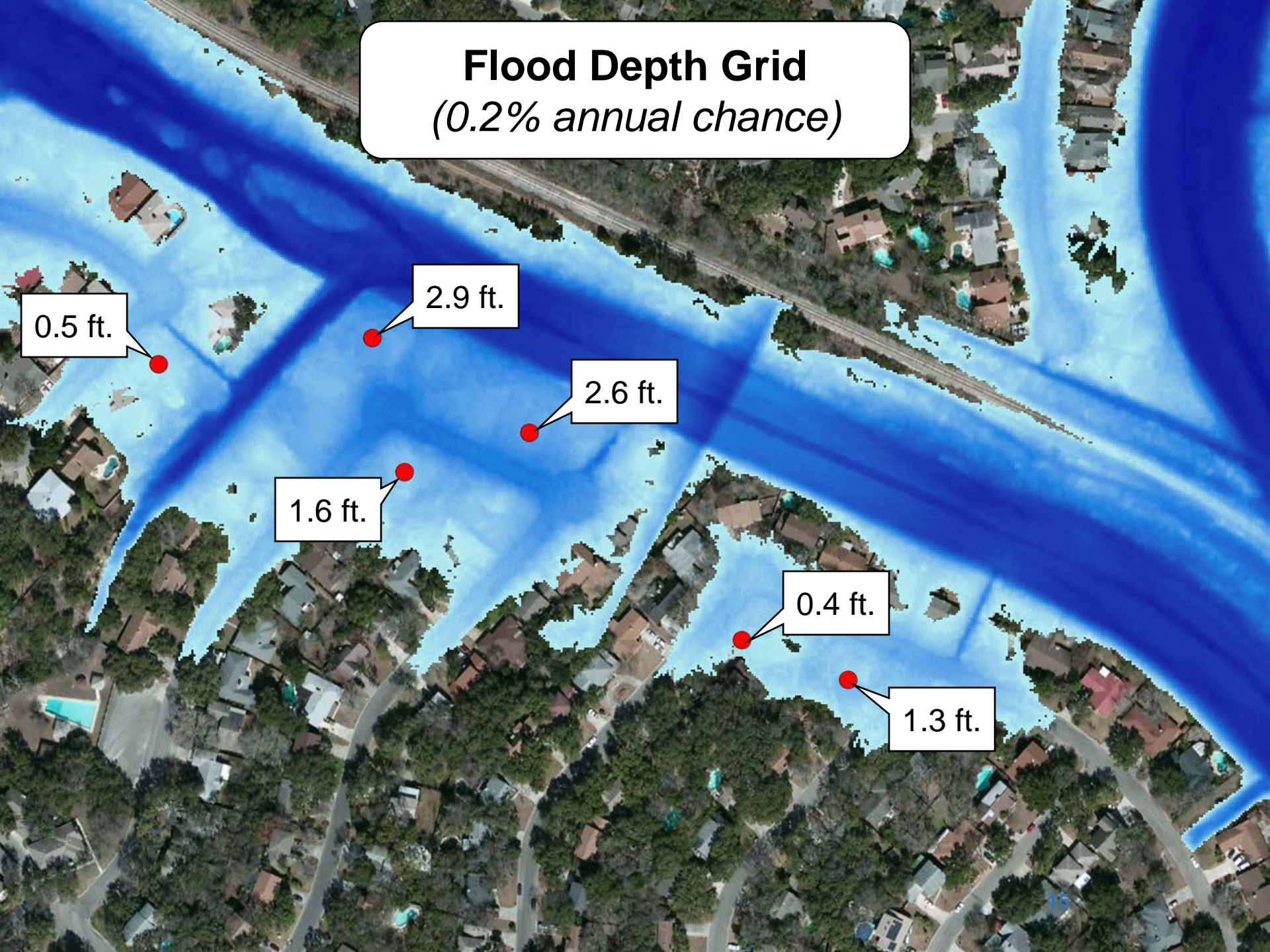
Flood Depth Grid
(2% annual chance)



Flood Depth Grid
(1% annual chance)



Flood Depth Grid (0.2% annual chance)



Percent Annual Chance

0.5%

+10%

9.2%

1.8%

0.3%

1.4%

Percent Annual Chance

- 0.2 - 1% (500-yr)
- 1 - 2% (100-yr)
- 2 - 4% (50-yr)
- 4 - 10% (25-yr)
- 10%+ (10-yr)

Risk Over Time (0.2% annual chance)

13.8%

95.8%

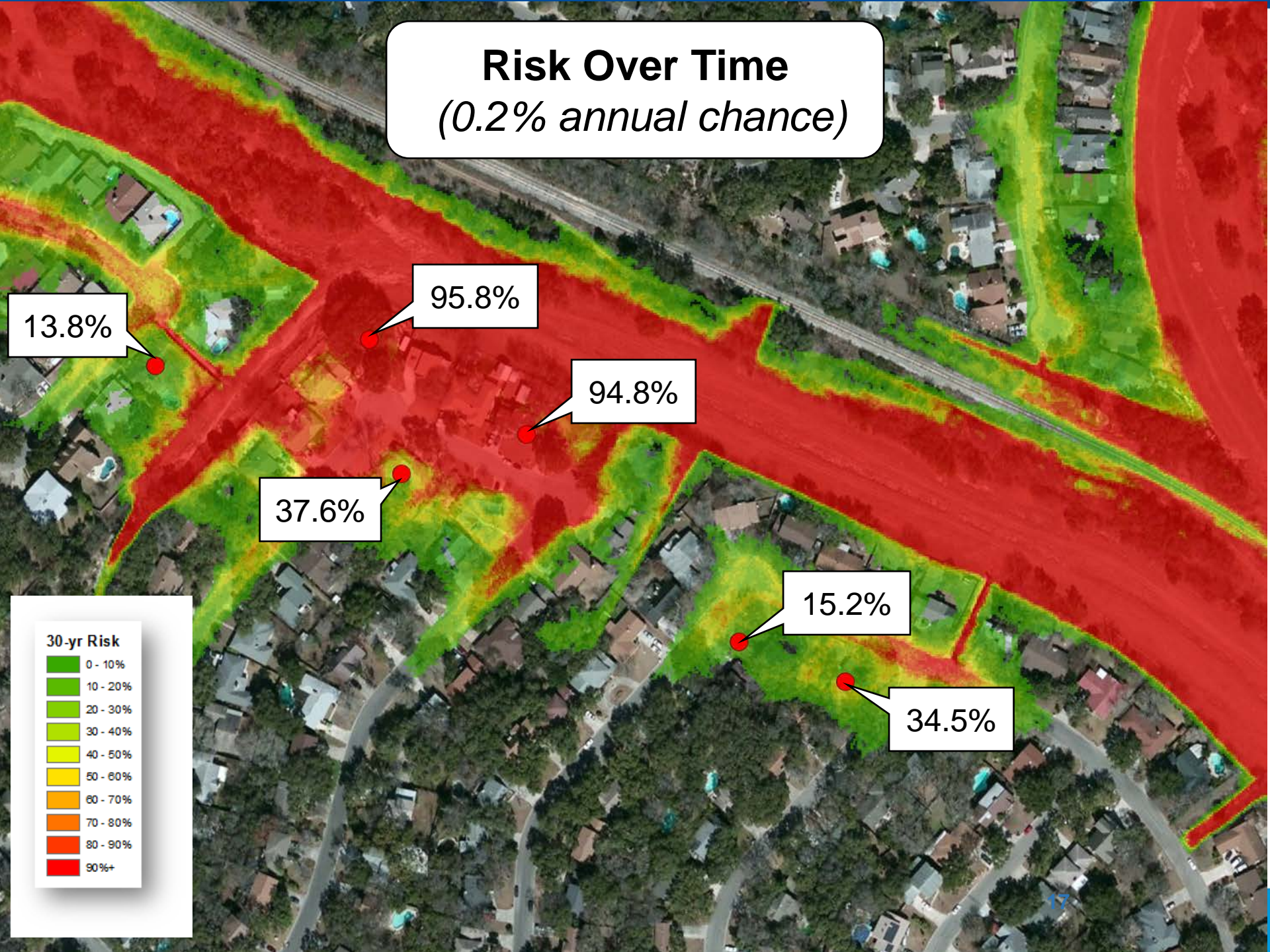
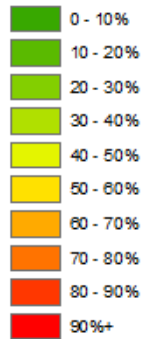
94.8%

37.6%

15.2%

34.5%

30-yr Risk



Added Value of Flood Risk Products

What we know now:

- In or out
- Base Flood Elevations (BFE)
- Proximity to floodplain & flooding source
- **Multi-frequency flood depths**
- **Water surface elevations**
- **Percent Annual Chance**
- **Risk over time**

Assessing Flood Impacts and Risk

Quantity

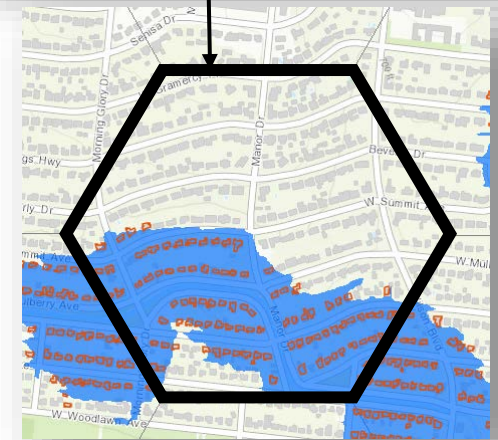
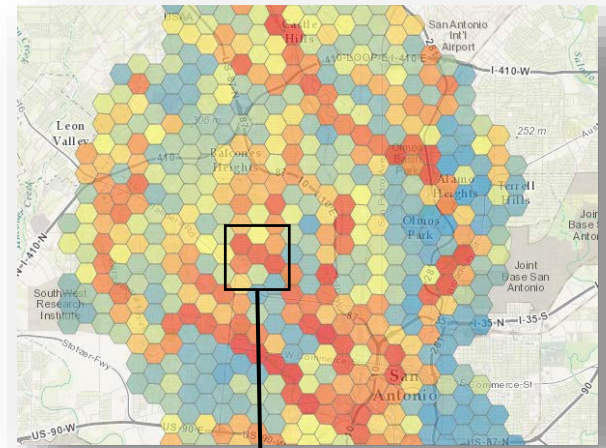
- Homes & businesses impacted

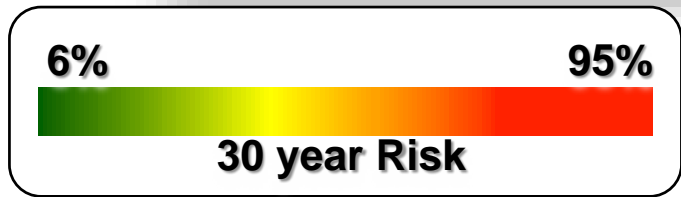
Monetary Loss

- Damages
- Average annualized loss (AAL)

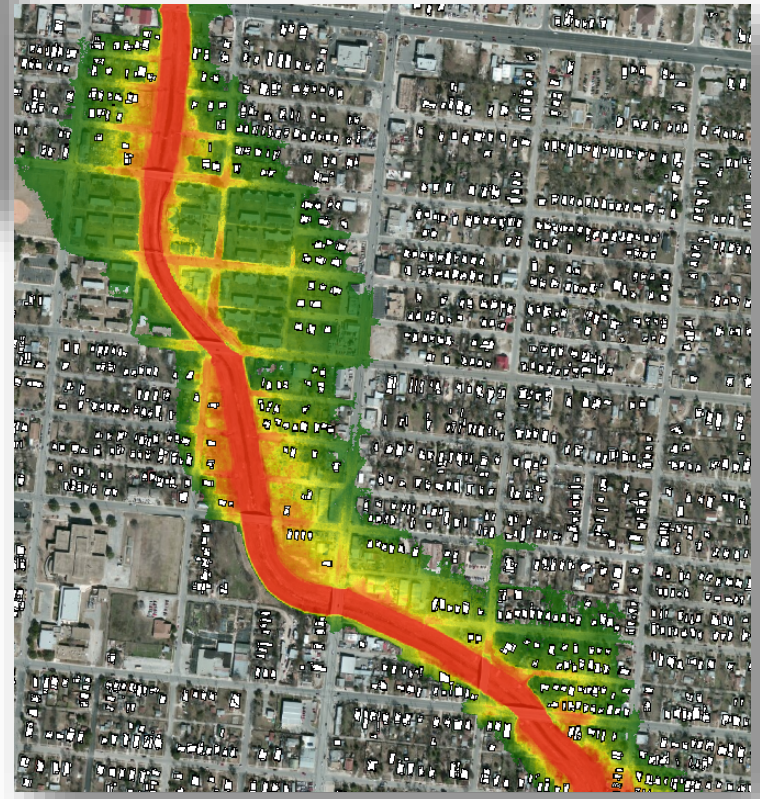
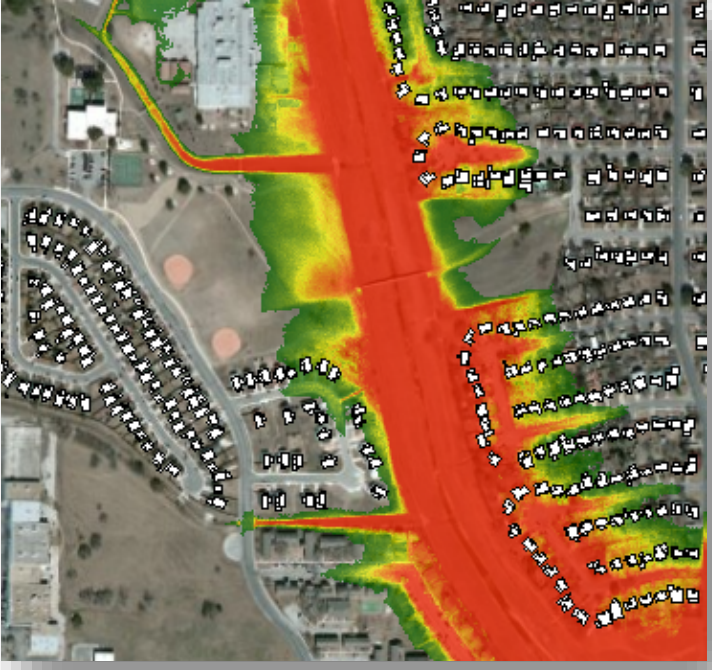
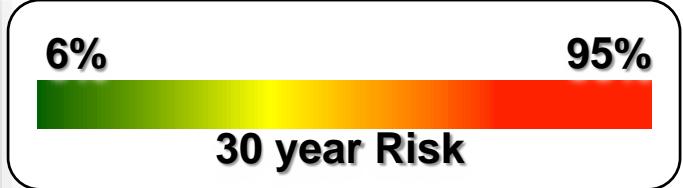
Exposure to Risk

- Annual Risk
- Risk over time



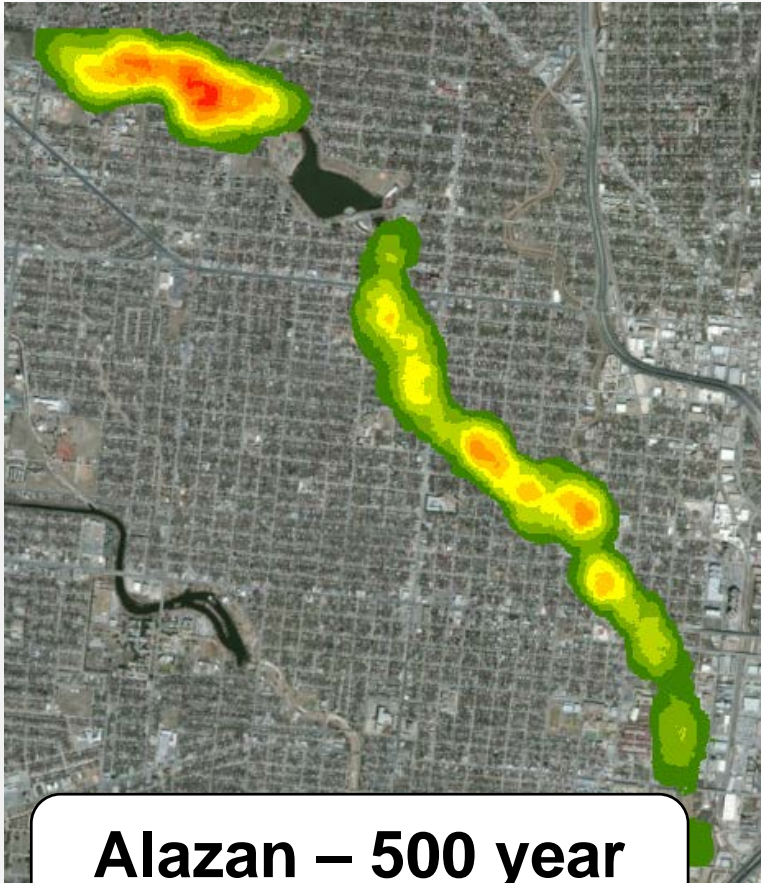


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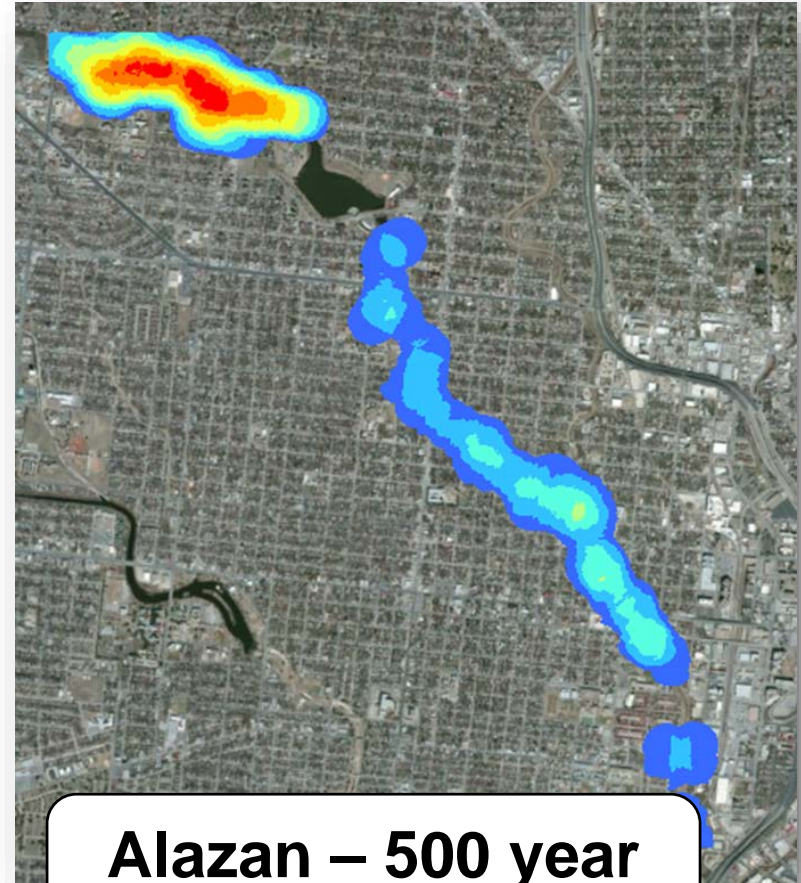


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Visualizing Impacts



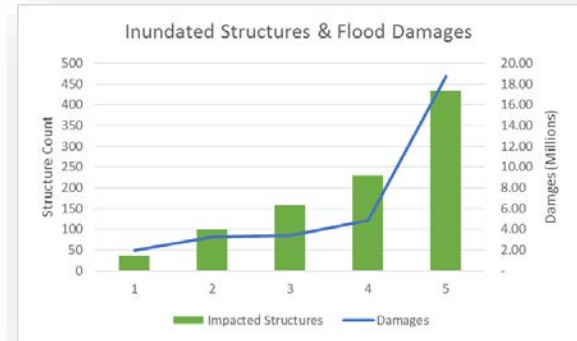
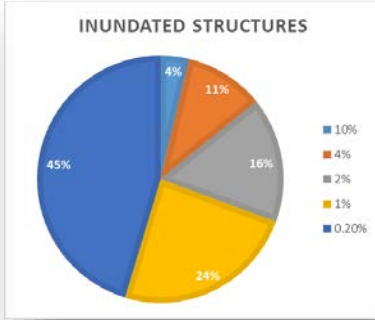
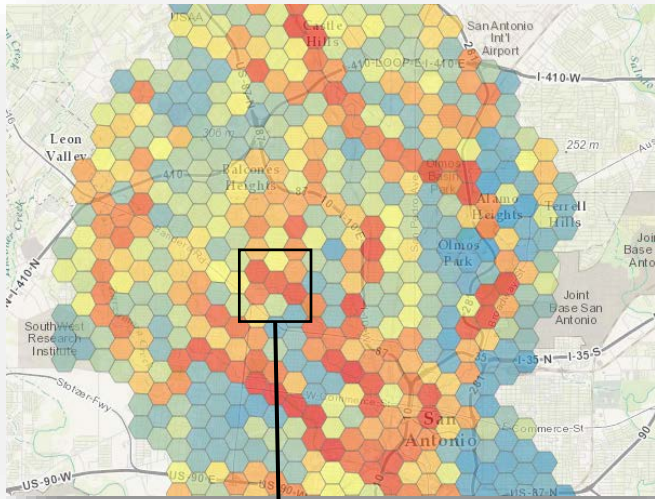
Alazan – 500 year
(weighted by depth)



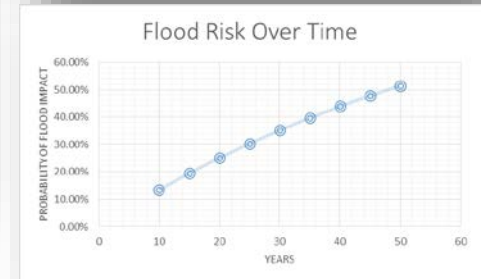
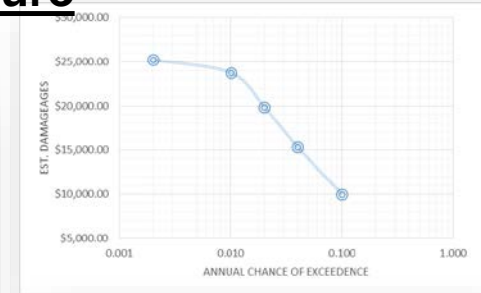
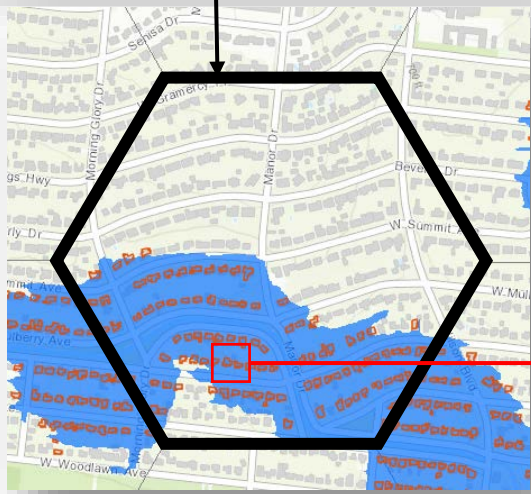
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Enhanced Metrics by Hex



Enhanced Metrics by Structure



Bexar County, Texas (Laddie Place)



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LADDIE PLACE III
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVE

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Project AOI - 2011



Project AOI - 2017



Final Thoughts...

- Flood control as conduit for multi-objective projects (not the only option)
 - Water Quality
 - Recreation
 - Conservation
 - Stream Restoration
- Overlapping Opportunities vs. Specific Risks
- Considering long-term added value
 - Social benefit
 - Ecosystem services



Questions?

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