

# Neighborhood Resilience Planning

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# RESILIENT HOUSTON



## Resilient Neighborhoods

- Resilient Houston February 2020
- Pilot Resilience Planning
- Support neighborhoods to develop Resilience Plans

# What is a Resilience Plan?

Place-based strategy

Neighborhood-specific priorities

Context-sensitive solutions for flooding, at a watershed, neighborhood, & individual scale

Strengthens community health, safety & stewardship

Prepares communities for climate & multiple hazards and to improve health, safety, equity & climate readiness

Template for future neighborhoods

# Pilot Project

Three pilot  
Neighborhood Resilient Plans

Funded by Community Development  
Block Grant Disaster Recovery  
(CDBG DR 17)

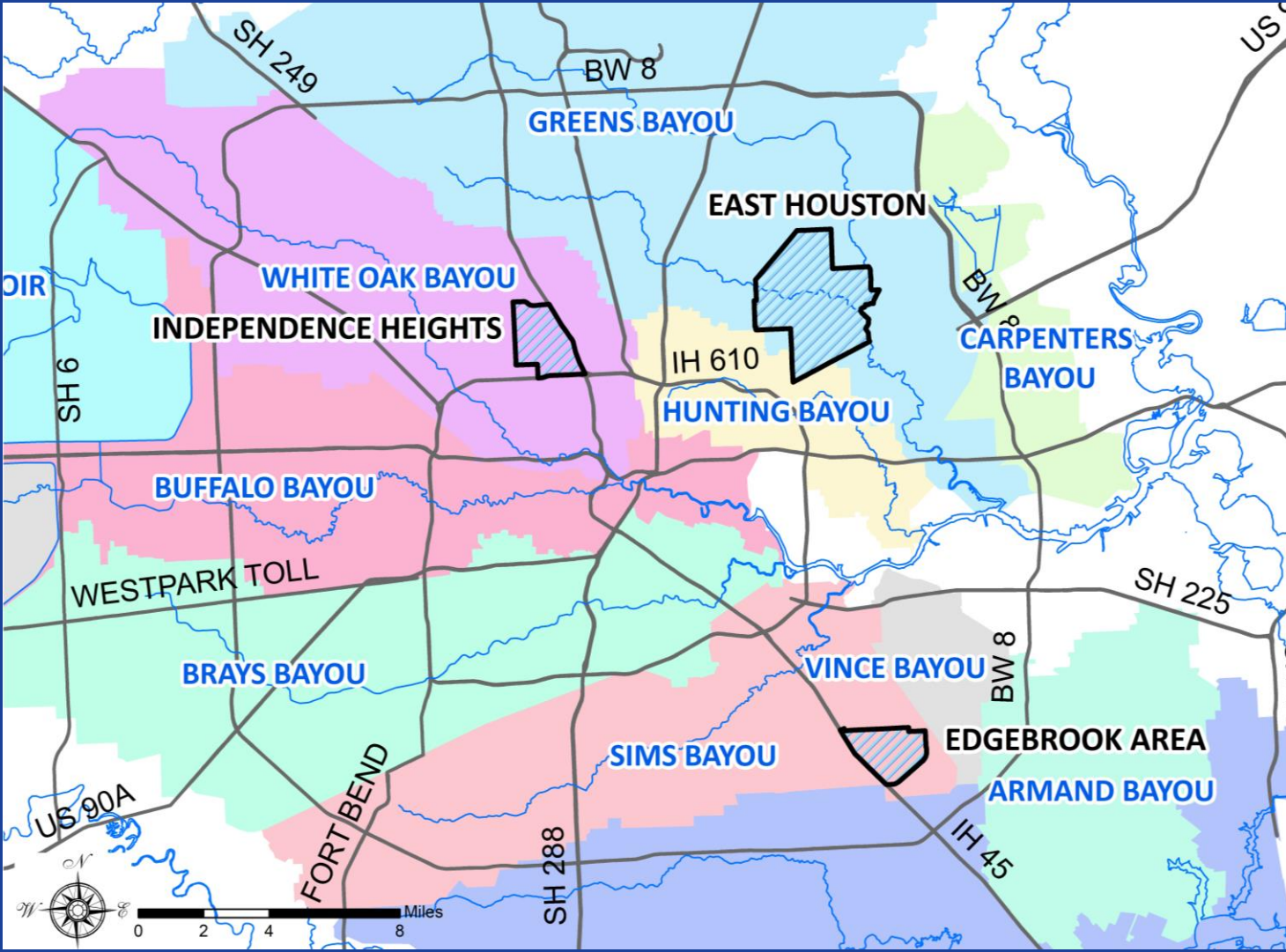
One-year planning process



# Pilot Project: Neighborhood Selection

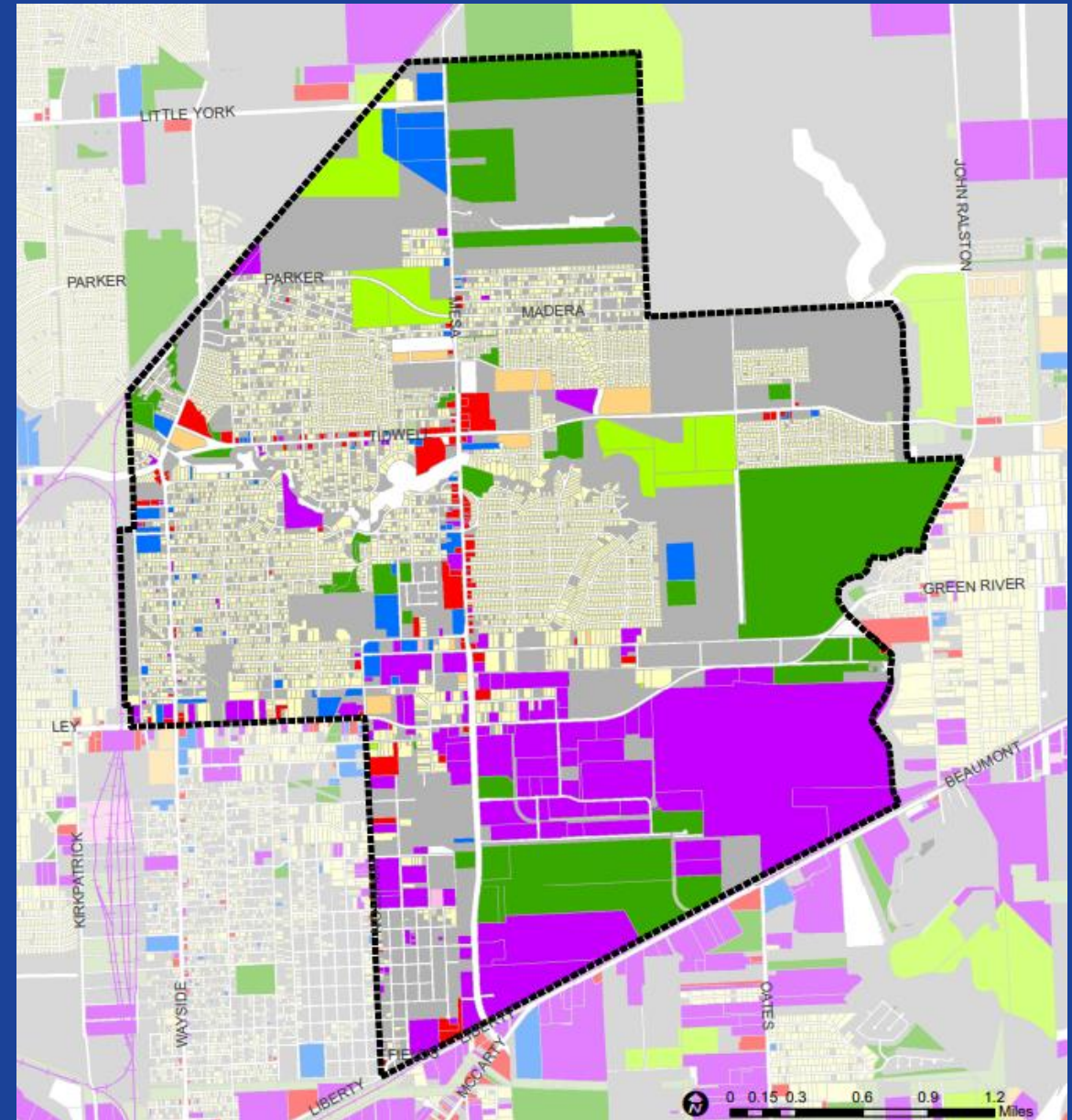
- Repeat damage from flooding events
- Vulnerability to multiple hazards
- Geographic and watershed diversity
- Tree density
- Educational attainment
- Social vulnerability
- Presence of active and supportive civic organizations
- Other demographic data

# Three Resilient Neighborhoods



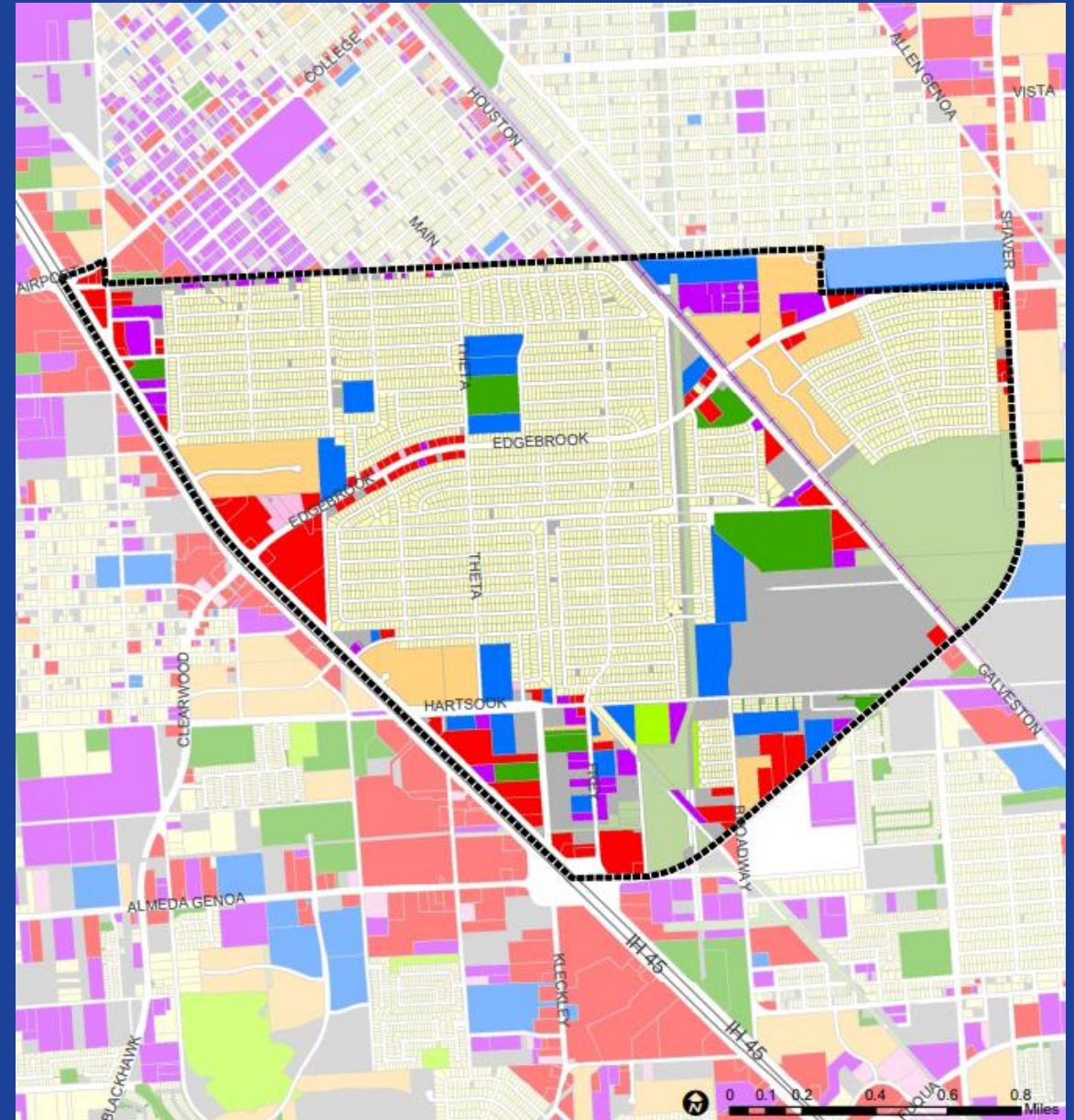
# East Houston

- Council District B
- Greens Bayou Watershed
- High unmet need from Hurricane Harvey
- High number of homes older than 50 years
- High number of single-family homes, 90% owner occupancy



# Edgebrook

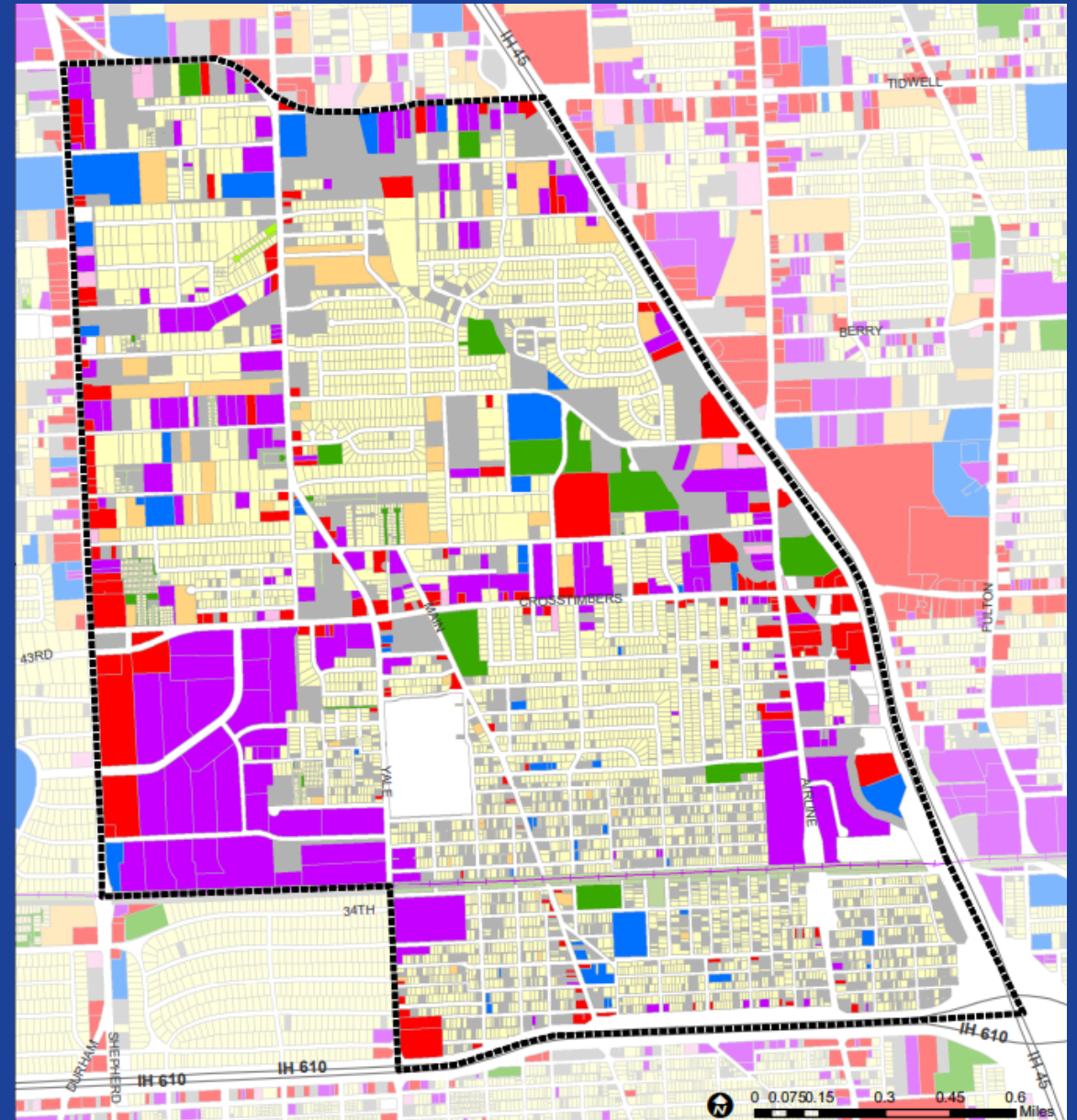
- Council District E
- Sims Bayou Watershed
- Severe repetitive loss due to flooding
- High number of homes older than 50 years
- Low tree density and green space
- High number of single-family homes





# Independence Heights

- Council District H
- Little White Oak Watershed
- High unmet need from Hurricane Harvey
- High number of homes older than 50 years
- First Texas town incorporated by African Americans



# Professional Services

CDBG DR 17

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14-month contract



# Professional Services

- Provide expertise, research and analysis
- Prepare materials, exhibits and survey tools for public engagement
- Boost our public engagement efforts
- Lead public and committee meetings
- Produce place-based, actionable implementation strategies
- Recommend new regulatory concepts
- Produce Resilience Plans
- Develop a framework for future planning efforts

# Community Engagement



- Led by Planning & Development Department that oversees consultant
- Neighborhood leadership key to planning process
- Public engagement
- Technical Advisory Committee

# Timeline

Contract to City Council

Outreach begins

12-month planning process

# Outreach

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