

APPENDIX A
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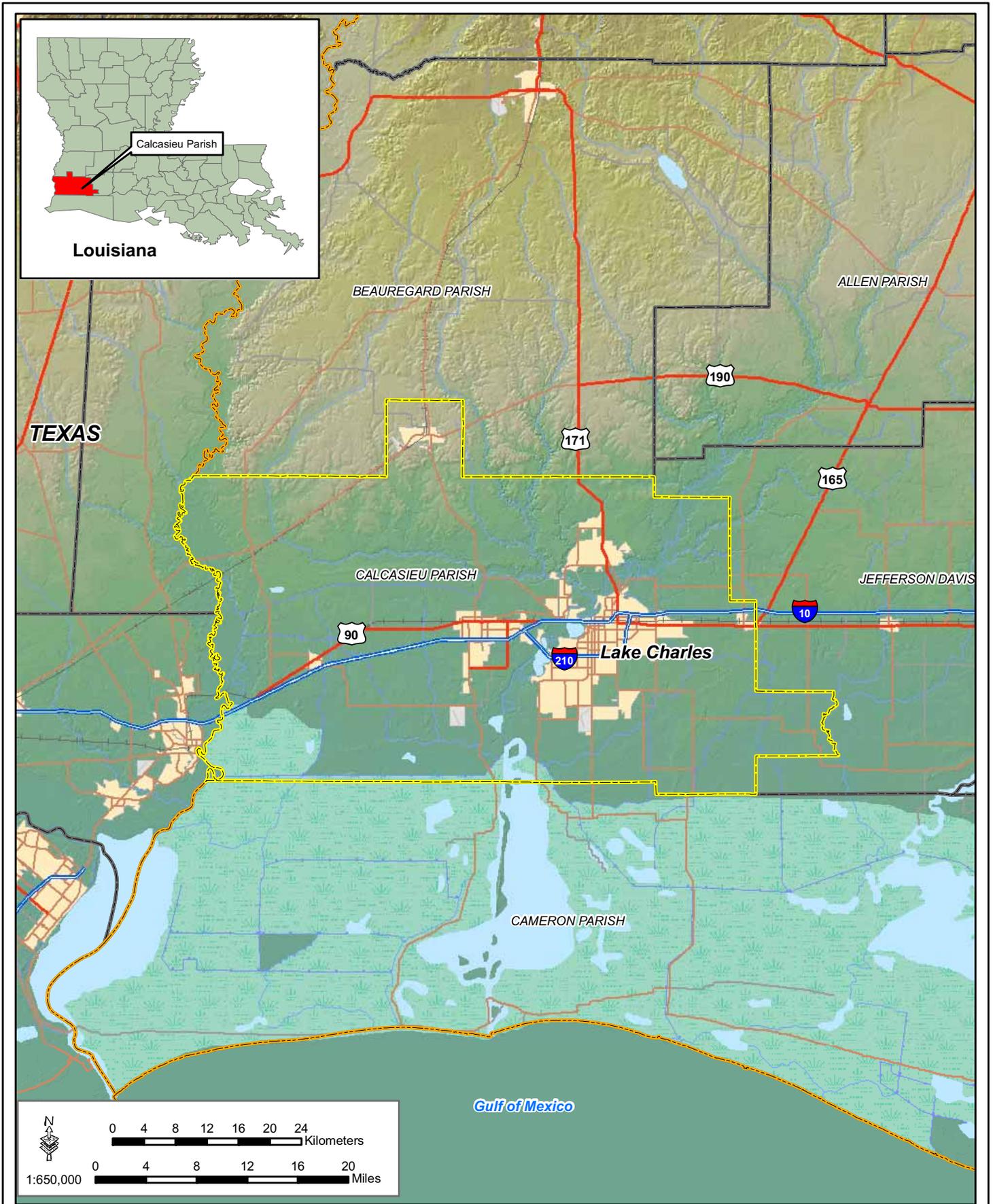


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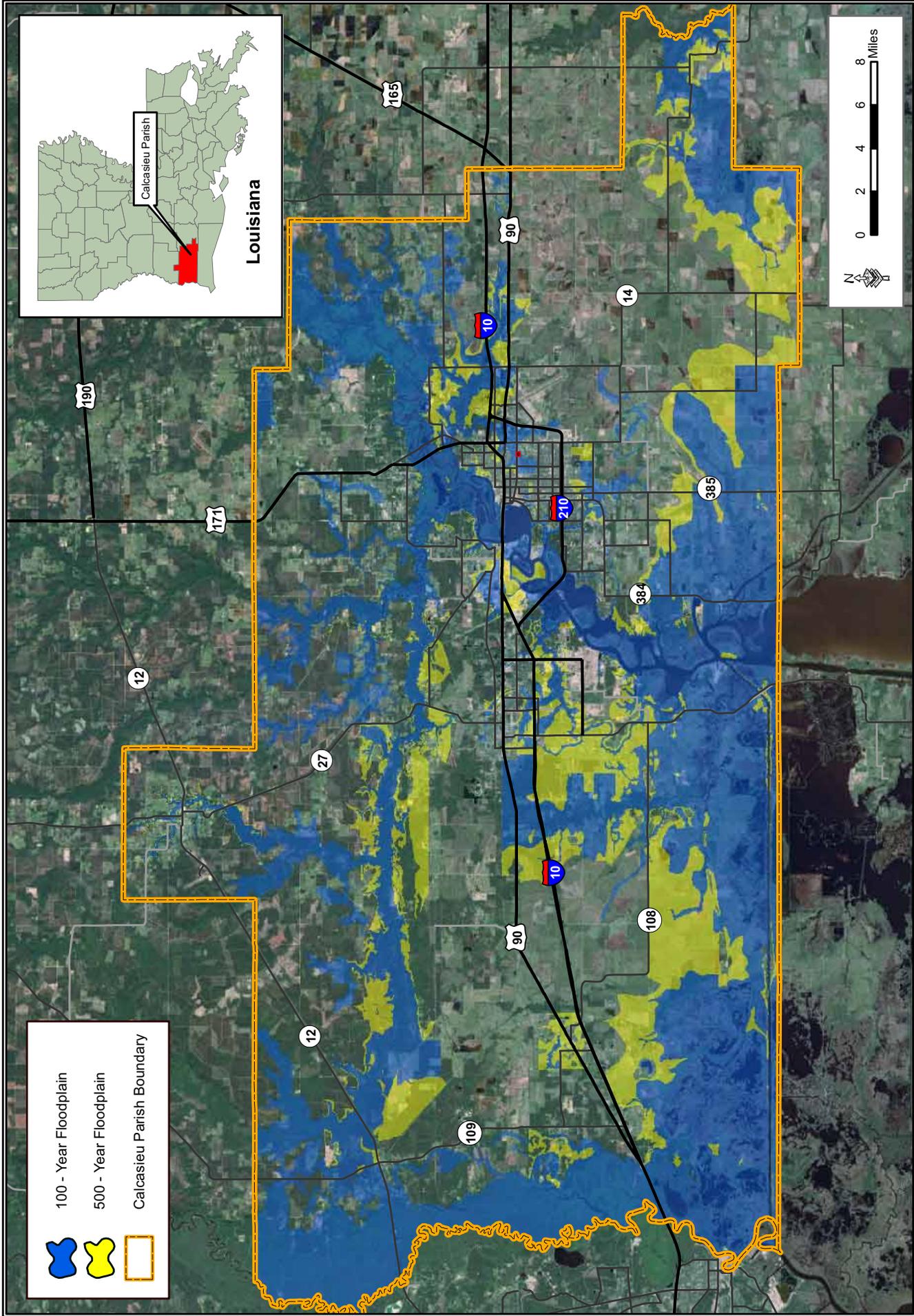


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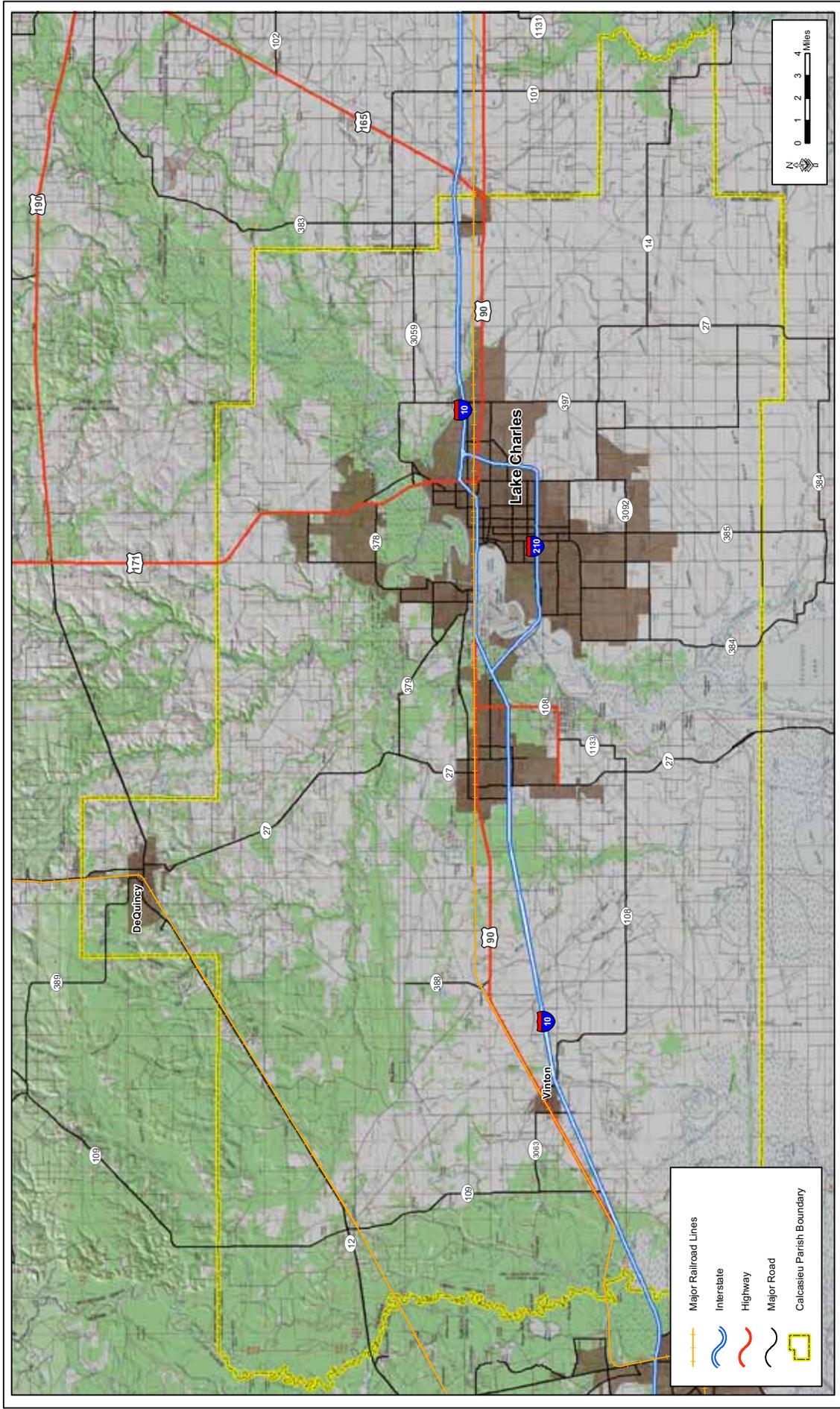


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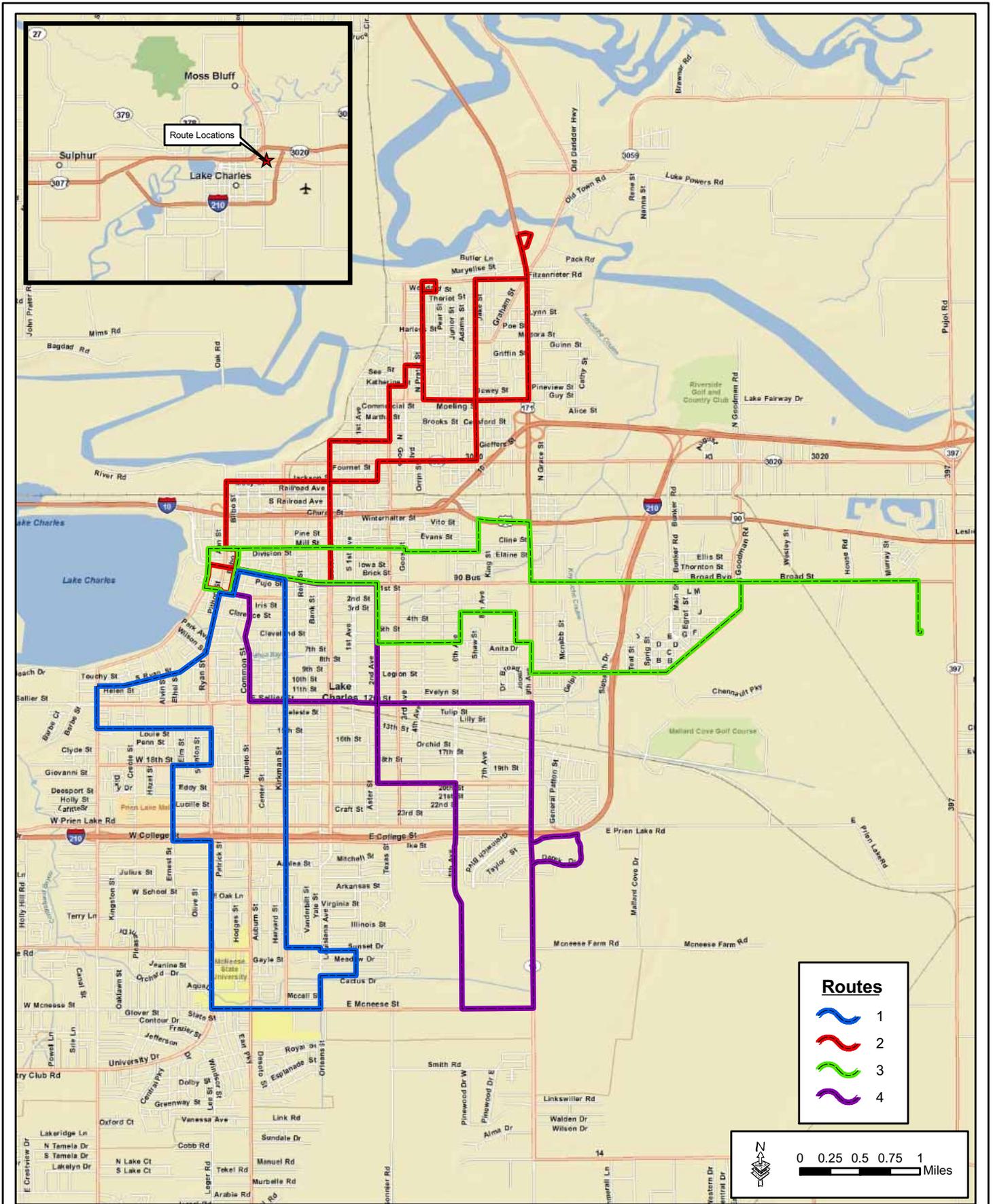


Figure 4: Mass Transit Routes within the City of Lake Charles

APPENDIX B
Correspondence





February 26, 2009

Josh Marceaux
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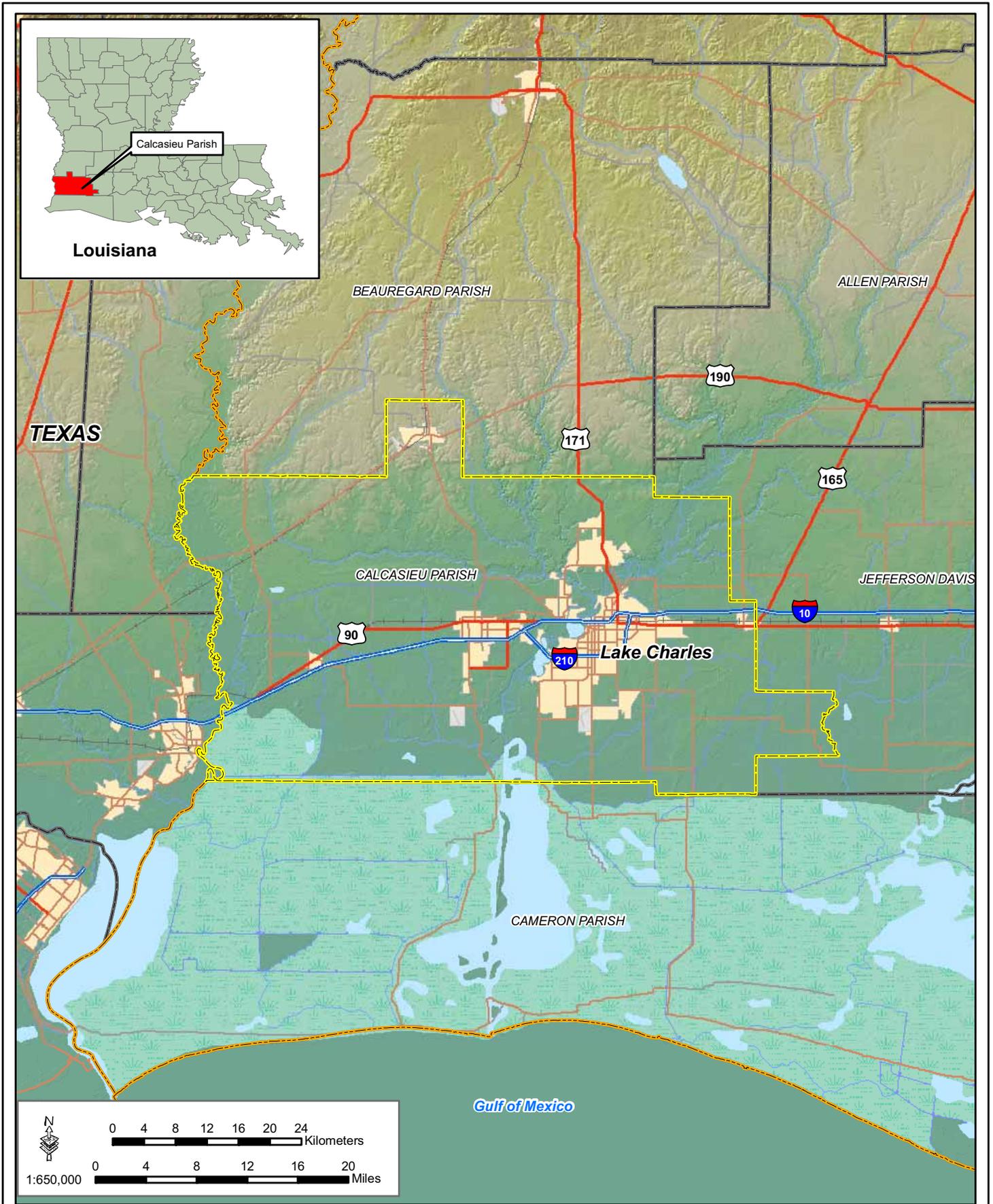


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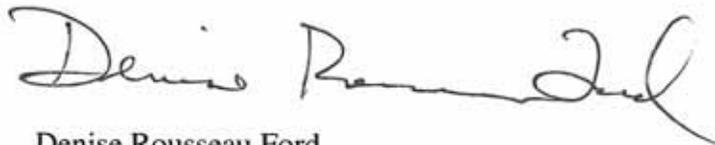
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RE: Project review for the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Alternative Housing Pilot Program in Calcasieu Parish, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Dear Mr. Phillippe:

The Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) applied for federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the acquisition of land and the construction of scattered homesites within Calcasieu Parish, predominately within the City of Lake Charles but potentially outside of the city, on the Louisiana Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP) Housing Project.

Recognizing the extensive and complex housing challenges facing victims and communities as a result of the 2005 hurricane season and acknowledging the limitations on FEMA's ordinary statutory authority to provide non-temporary housing solutions, Congress appropriated funds to the Department of Homeland Security to support alternative housing pilot programs (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2006, Public Law 109-234). The AHPP represents a one-time exception to FEMA's existing authority under the Stafford Act, which legally binds FEMA to a temporary housing mission reliant primarily on travel trailers and manufactured homes, by providing an opportunity to explore, implement, and evaluate innovative approaches to housing solutions, and to address ongoing housing challenges created by the 2005 hurricane season in the U.S. Gulf Coast region, including the State of Louisiana and specifically Calcasieu Parish. As of January 2009, there are 144 mobile homes, 349 manufactured housing, and 25 park model houses still occupied by residents displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Calcasieu Parish. Consequently, there maintains a need to provide a permanent housing solution.

The LRA proposes to utilize AHPP funding for the land acquisition and construction of approximately 55 single-family, permanent housing units (Louisiana Cottages) scattered throughout Calcasieu Parish but predominately within the City of Lake Charles (Figure 1).

FEMA determined that the recurring proposed actions that require an Environmental Assessment can be grouped by the nature and location of the proposed actions. These actions can be evaluated through a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 1500 and 44 CFR Part 10) without developing an EA for every action. FEMA determined that a PEA can be prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of LRA's proposed housing initiative in Calcasieu Parish.

Currently, FEMA and the LRA are proposing three alternatives for this project, one no action and two action alternatives which are defined below.

Alternative 1: No Action Alternative. Persons who are receiving temporary resources would continue to do so. The No Action Alternative is defined as maintaining the *status quo*, with no FEMA funding for long-term or permanent housing. This alternative evaluates the effects of not providing long-term or permanent housing and provides a benchmark against which the action alternatives may be evaluated.

Alternative 2: Installation of Permanent AHPP Unit(s) on Previously Disturbed Land. This alternative would require the purchase of land and the installation of AHPP cottage units on previously disturbed land. Previously disturbed land would include land that was previously residential or agricultural. The site would be cleared of all debris and vegetation, then grubbed, contoured, and graded, if necessary. Projects under this alternative may require ground disturbing activities, including the demolition of former housing structures, slab/foundation removal, the modification of utilities (*i.e.*, utility lines, septic systems, water wells), and the construction of entryways (driveways, sidewalks, *etc.*). All units would be located outside of the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA). If located within the 100-year floodplain, the City of Lake Charles would require AHPP units be elevated above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Outside of Lake Charles city limits, units would be elevated above the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE).

Alternative 3: Installation of Permanent AHPP Unit(s) on Undeveloped Land. Under this alternative, the LRA would purchase the land and install AHPP cottage units on undeveloped land. The site would be cleared of all debris and vegetation, then grubbed, contoured, and graded, if necessary. Projects under this alternative may require ground disturbing activities including site preparation (clearing of debris and vegetation), the modification of utilities (*i.e.*, utility lines, septic systems, water wells), and the construction of entryways (driveways, sidewalks, *etc.*). All units would be located outside of the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA). If located within the 100-year floodplain, the City of Lake Charles would require AHPP units be elevated above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Outside of Lake Charles city limits, units would be elevated above the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE).

Gulf South Research Corporation (GSRC) has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed project. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, GSRC requests that your agency review the proposed project and provide comments and any available information or resources under your agency's jurisdiction within the project area. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Denise Rousseau Ford by phone: (225) 757-8088, by email: dford@gsrcorp.com, or by fax: (225) 761-8077.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Rousseau Ford".

Denise Rousseau Ford
Project Manager

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