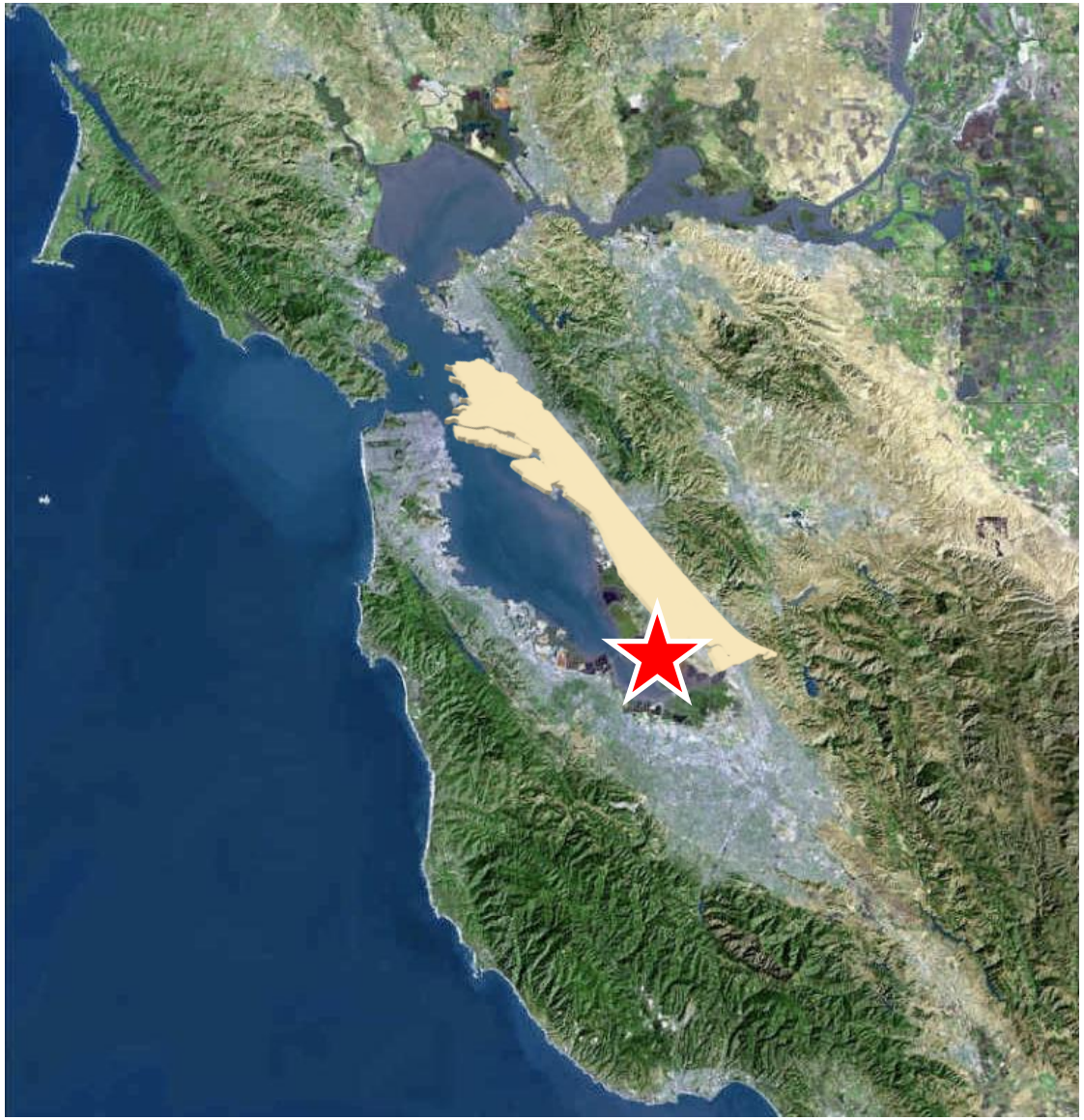
The Adapting to Rising Tides Program

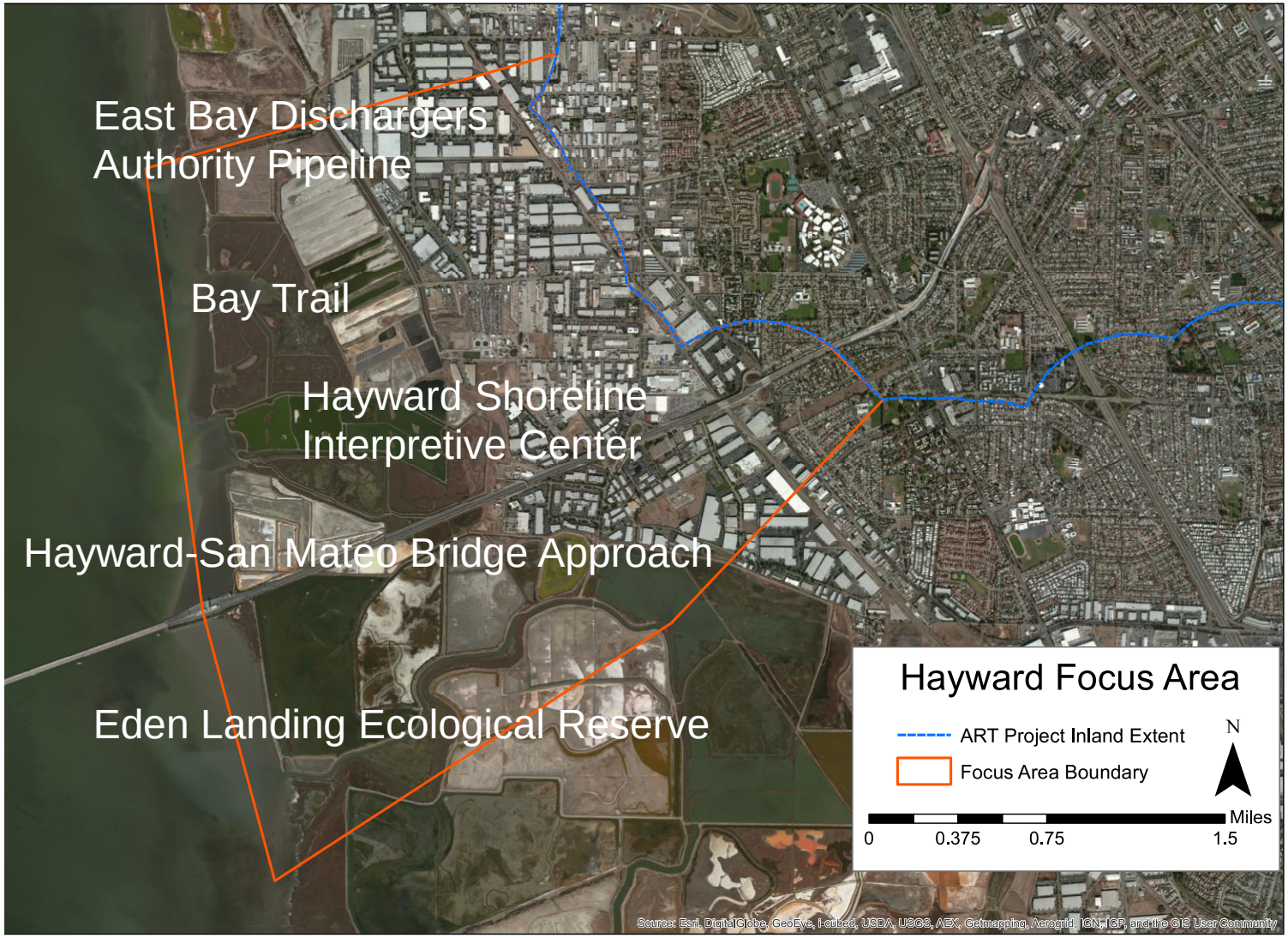
Hayward Resilience Study

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

ART Program Focus on Hayward



Regionally Significant Assets



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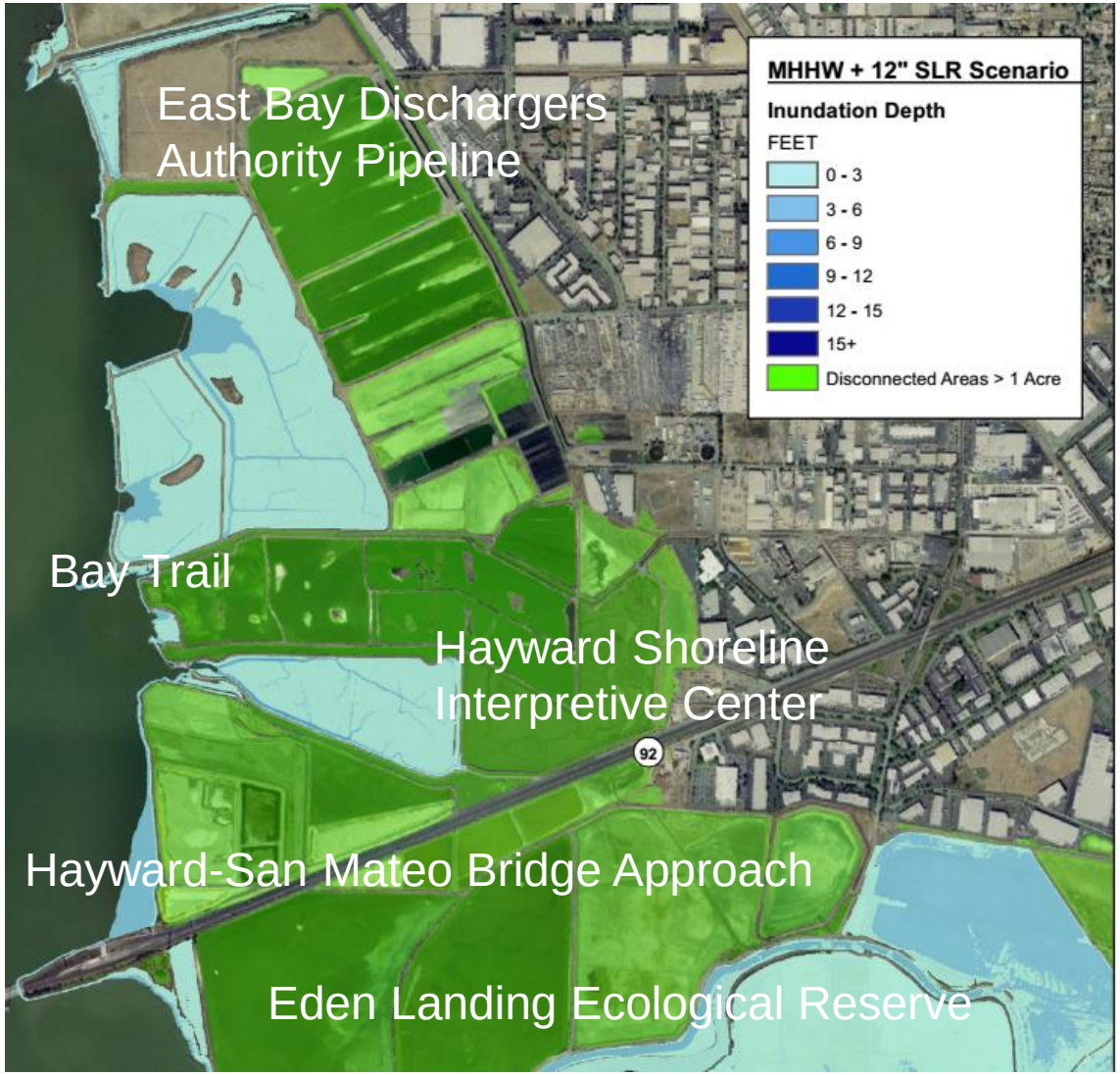

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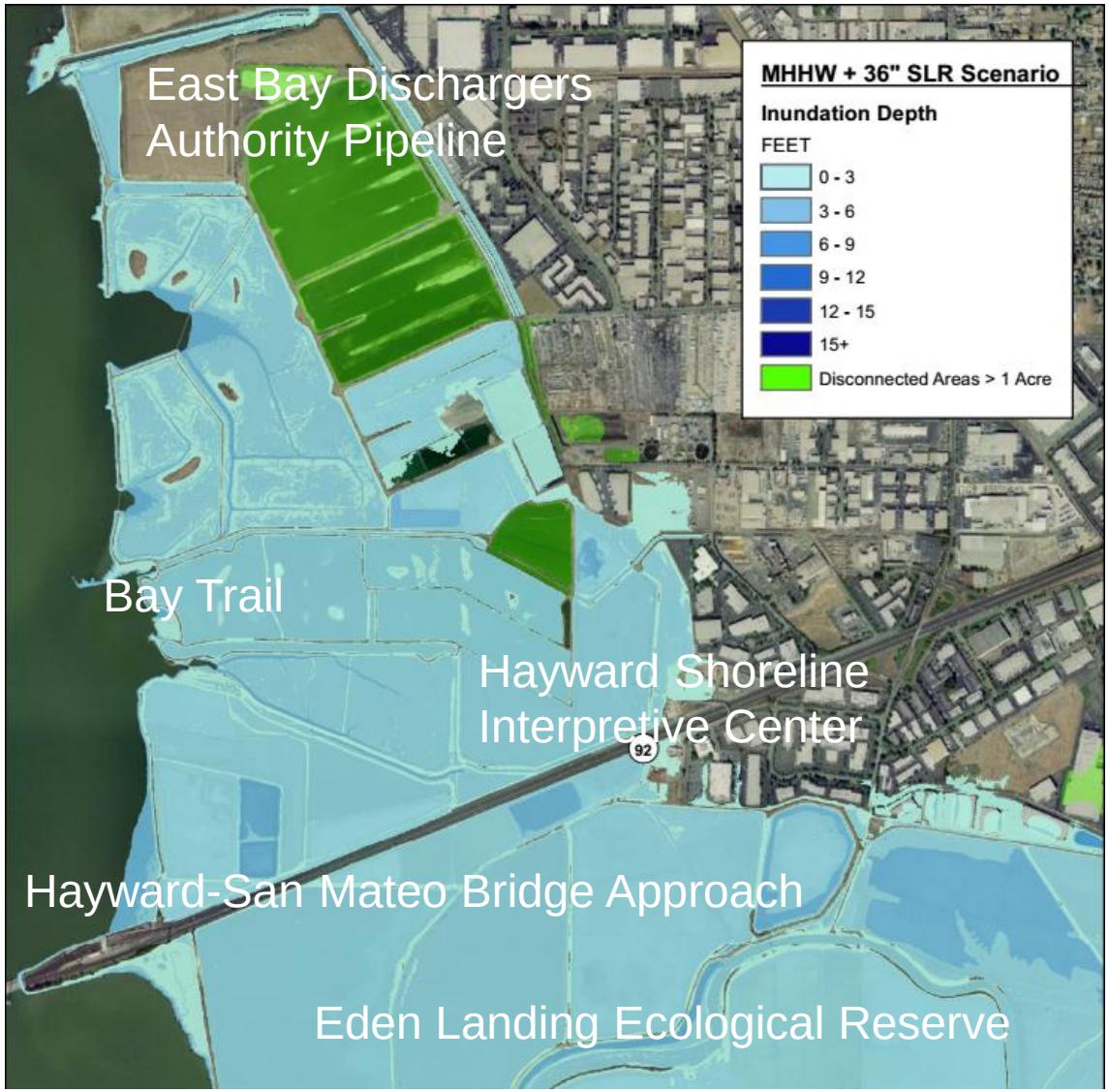
Flooding in Developed Area



Planning Process

Working Group

- City of Hayward
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Hayward Area Recreation and Park District
- East Bay Dischargers Authority
- Union Sanitary District
- California Coastal Conservancy
- Alameda County Flood Control Water Conservation District
- CalTrans
- Bay Trail

Resilience Goals

1. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of those who live, work, and recreate in the Hayward Shoreline area

2. Prevent the disruption of key community services by protecting critical infrastructure

3. Protect the environmental value of the Hayward Shoreline area by preserving habitat, water quality, and endangered species

4. Build organizational and community capacity so stakeholders can work collaboratively to address future conditions

Vulnerability Assessment

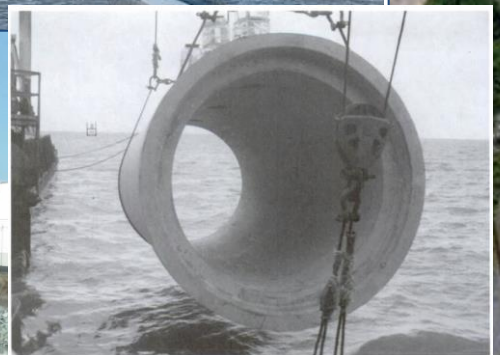
1. Shoreline Protection is Too Low

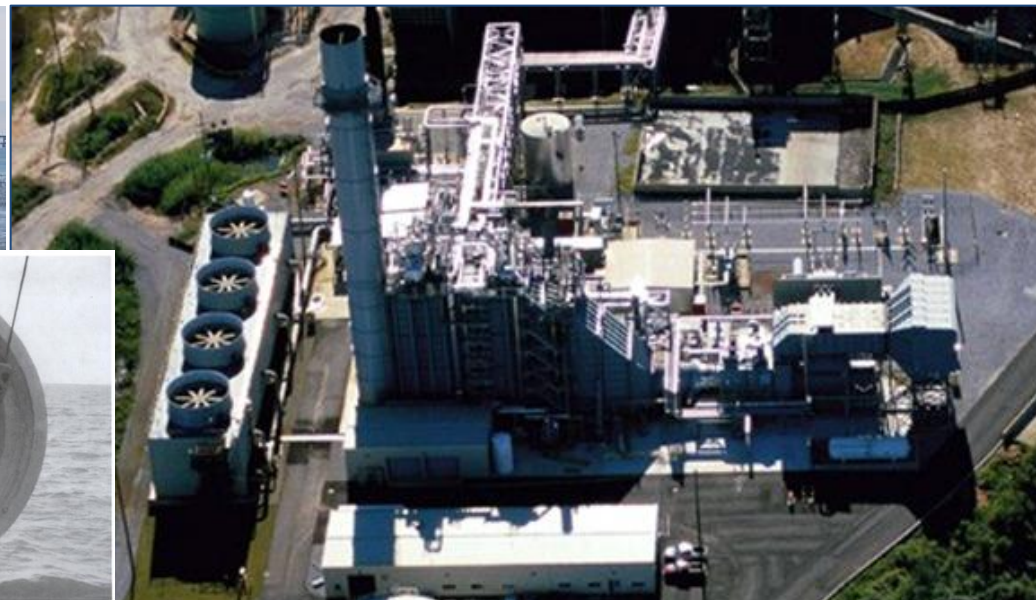
- Shoreline protection is ad hoc levees and natural areas
- Marshes are expected to downshift and eventually drown due to sea level rise and low sediment supply
- Structural shorelines are all at a similar elevation and overtop between 36-48” over MHHW

2. Widespread Consequences

Vulnerable Regional Assets:

- Hayward-San Mateo Bridge Approach
- East Bay Dischargers Authority Pipeline
- Hayward Water Pollution Control Facility
- Russell City Energy Center





3. Governance Vulnerabilities

- Lack of organizational capacity or structure to address issues beyond current jurisdiction, boundaries, or mission

- Limited financial support for current maintenance and repairs as well as long term planning and improvements

- Current regulatory process does not account for unavoidable changes due to sea level rise

4. Unique Recreation and Education At Risk

- Environmental education for 9,000 students/year
- 80,000 Bay Trail users/year
- Interpretation relies on vulnerable natural areas, levees, and trails

5. Landscape Solution Requires Coordination

- Study identified short term, individual and agency actions that can build resilience
- When water levels reach 36-48” above MHHW, the Hayward Focus Area will need a coordinated, multi-benefit, landscape-scale effort for future coastal flood protection

Business as usual

Key outcomes

- Costly flood damage and recovery in industrial areas and on bridge approach
- Increased flood insurance premiums
- Tidal marshes lost
- Bay Trail lost
- Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center lost
- Centralized EBDA system maintained

Traditional levee

Key outcomes

- Utility infrastructure protected
- Industrial and commercial lands protected
- Tidal marshes lost
- Bay Trail on traditional levee
- Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center lost
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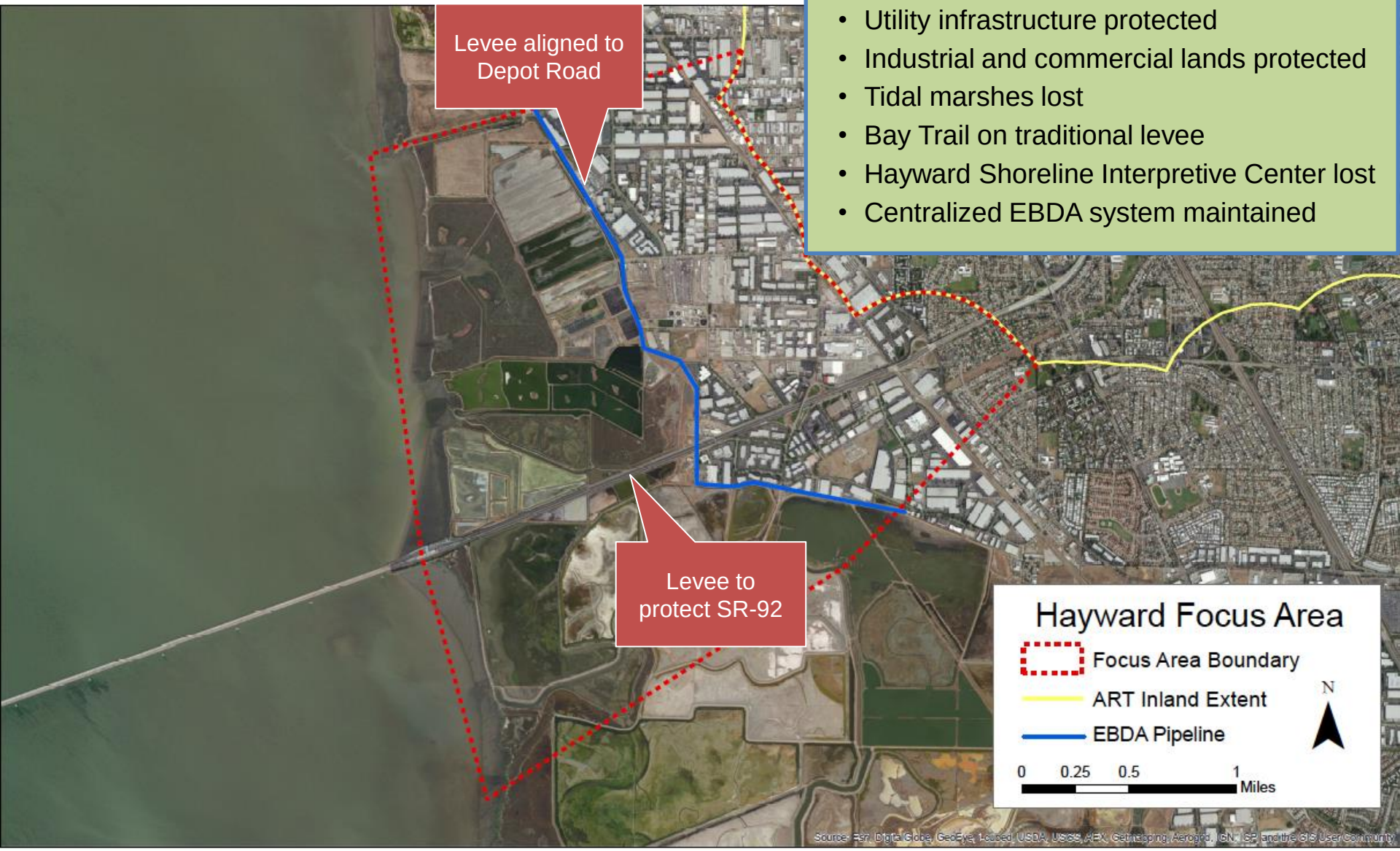
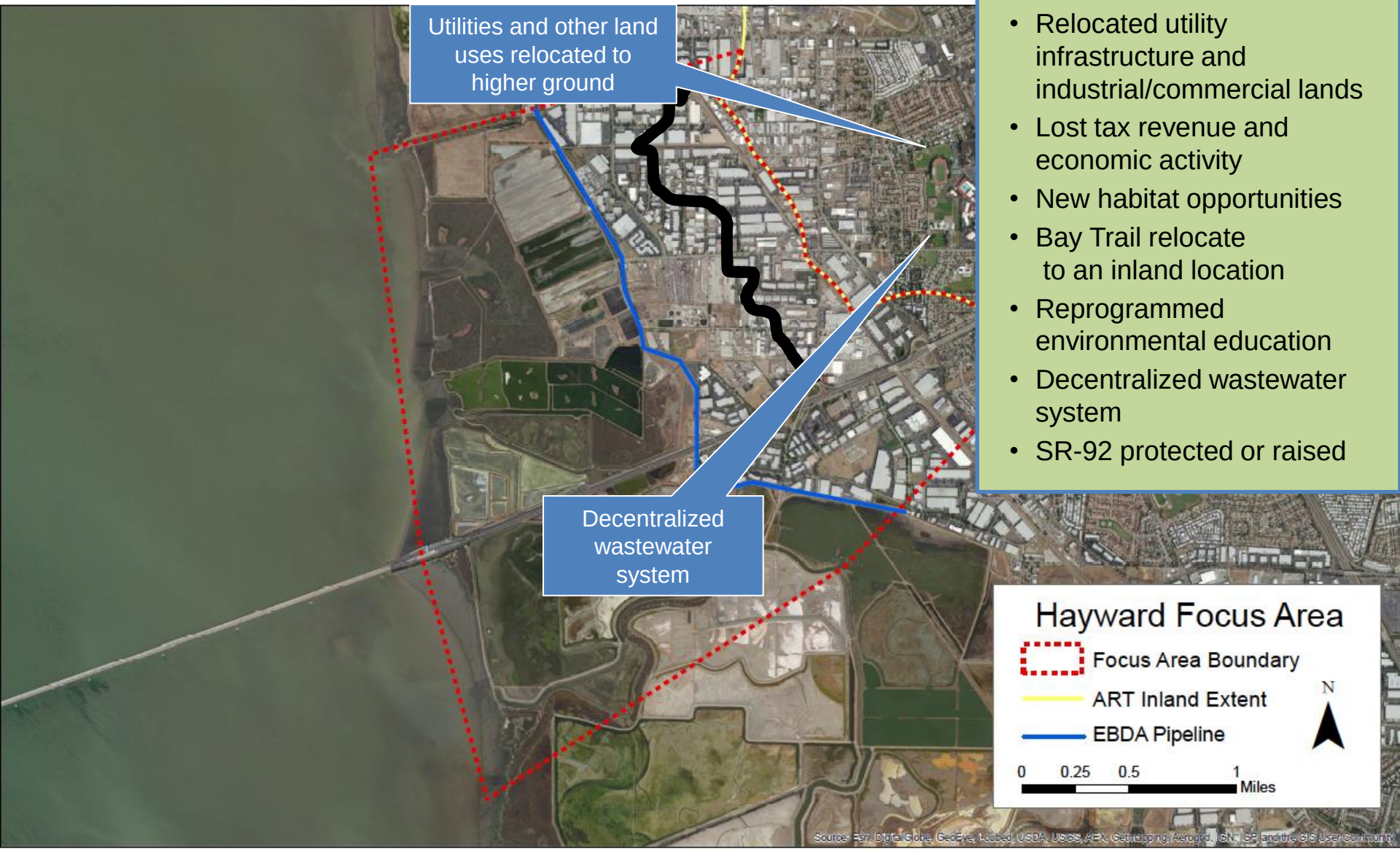


Horizontal levee

Key outcomes

- Utility infrastructure protected
- Industrial and commercial lands protected
- Tidal marshes migrate landward and connect with Eden Landing restoration
- Bay Trail on levee with adjacent habitat
- Relocated Hayward Interpretive Center
- Decentralized wastewater system

Room for the Bay



Key outcomes

- Relocated utility infrastructure and industrial/commercial lands
- Lost tax revenue and economic activity
- New habitat opportunities
- Bay Trail relocate to an inland location
- Reprogrammed environmental education
- Decentralized wastewater system
- SR-92 protected or raised

Evaluating Visions for Hayward

1. How well do the visions meet our resilience goals?
   - Protect environmental value
   - Protect health, safety and welfare
   - Protect critical infrastructure
   - Build community and organizational capacity

2. What are the tradeoffs within and between the visions?

3. How can we compare the feasibility of the visions?

4. Steps for further assessment
   - Engineering possibilities for landscape solutions
   - Future solutions for Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center

Next Steps

1. Mainstream adaptation into all city planning and operations (continuation of 2040 General Plan)

2. Collaborate with neighbors to improve coastal flood protection while maintaining economic, environmental, and social benefits

3. Reach out to community members and elected officials to build support for local adaptation

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