



84 Years of Agriculture, Conservation and Cooperation

USDA - *“To acquire and diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected to agriculture.”* **Abraham Lincoln**

LDAF –administer programs and regulations related to the state’s agriculture and forestry, sustaining the economic growth and prosperity of the state as well as the vitality of our rich cultural heritage.

SWCD - Governmental subdivisions of the State; a face and a voice for all local natural resource concerns and needs.

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"There is on the globe one single spot, the possessor of which is our natural and habitual enemy."

Thomas Jefferson to Robert R. Livingston, 1802



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"It is New Orleans, through which the produce of three-eighths of our territory must pass to market.."

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1862

The Morrill Act was passed in 1862 in the South, authorizing development of land grant colleges.

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Homestead Act gave public land to persons willing to farm it.



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Natural Disasters Across the Nation



1927

U.S. Flood
Control
Act



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1929

Soil erosion by wind, and by water



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A Nation's Response to a Major Disaster

1935

Black Sunday
Dust storm on April
14th



Catastrophic
agricultural damage
displaced 300
million tons of
topsoil from the
western great plain
prairies.

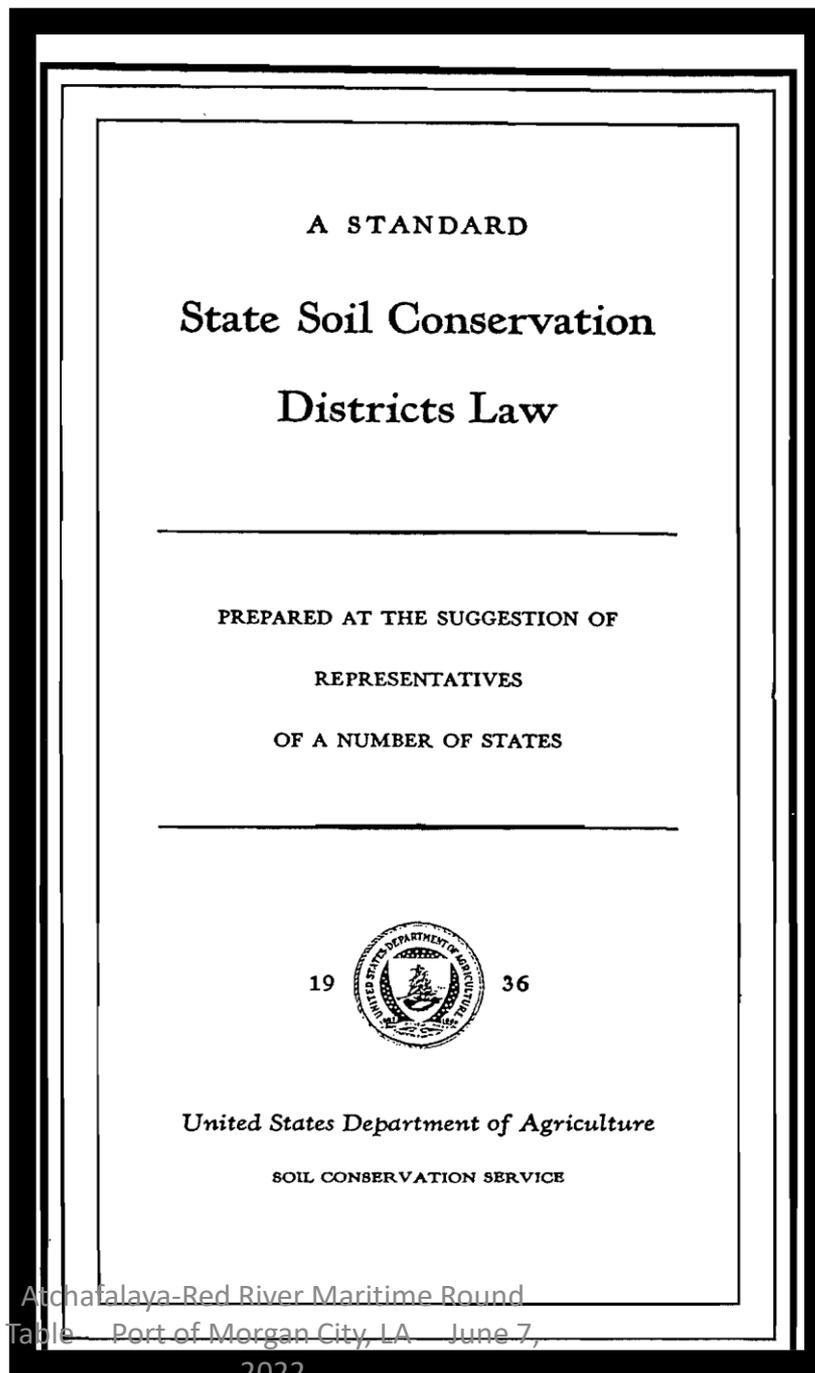
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USDA managers began to search for ways to extend conservation assistance to more farmers. Believing the solution was to establish democratically organized soil conservation districts to lead the conservation planning effort at the local level.



Atchafalaya-Red River Maritime Bound
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To create a framework for cooperation, USDA drafted the ***Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Law***, that President Roosevelt sent to the governors of all the states in 1937.

The first conservation district was organized in the Brown Creek watershed of North Carolina on August 4, 1937.

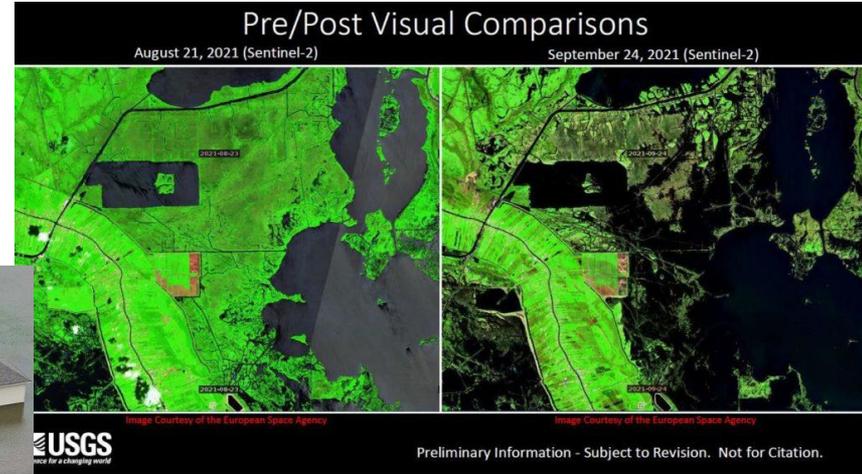


1938

Louisiana Legislature passed Soil Conservation Act No. 370 allowing the formation of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and of individual Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

2000's - 2020's

More Natural
Disasters.....

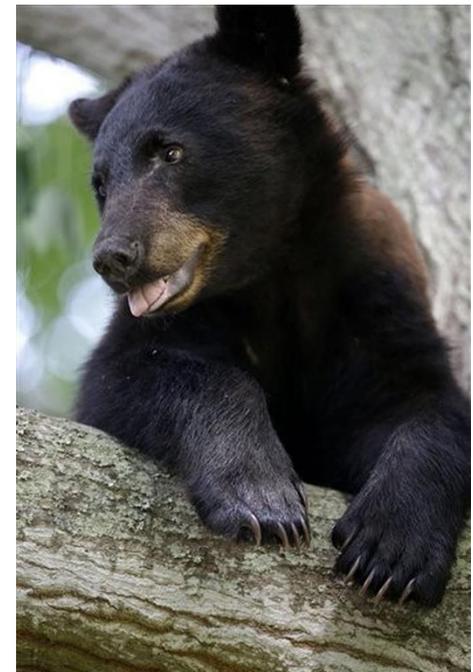


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2000's - 2020's

.....and more opportunities...

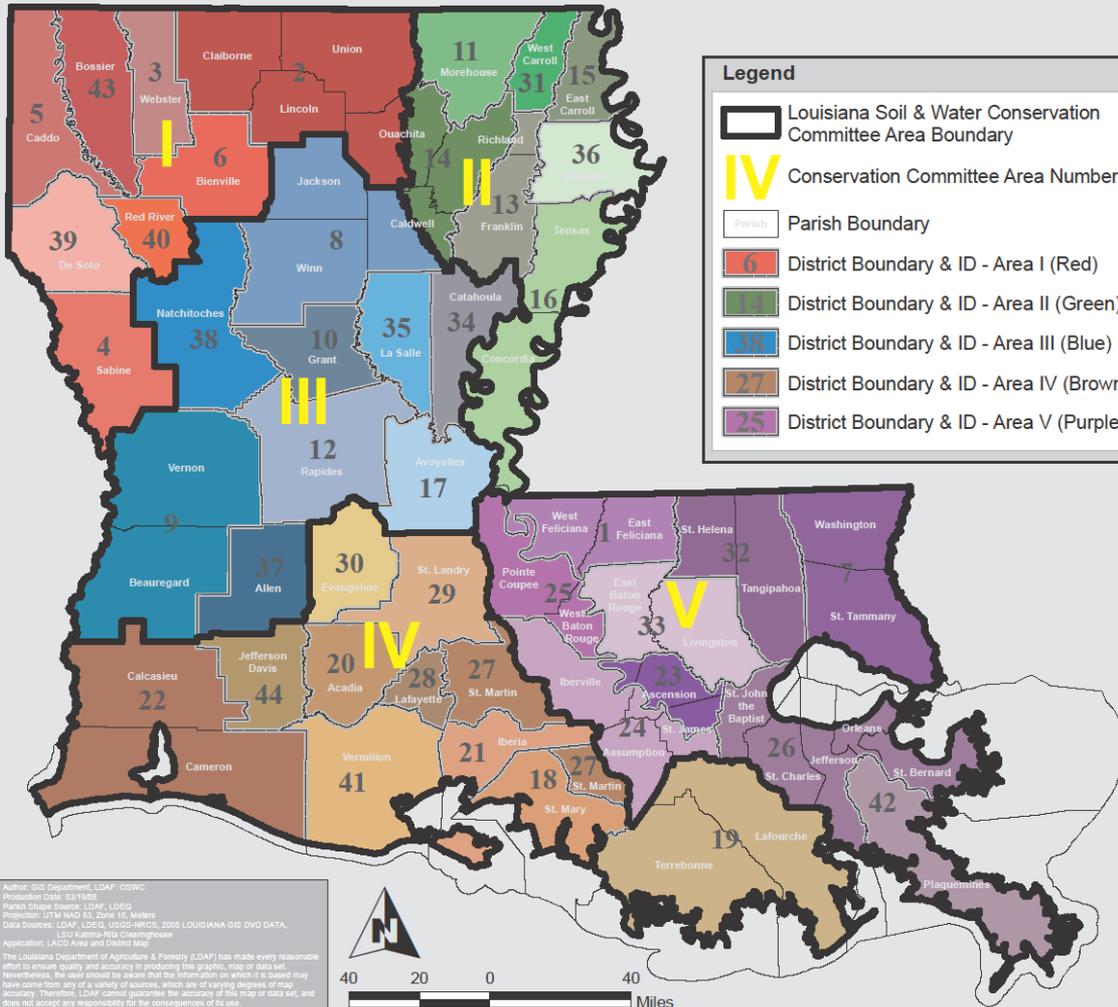


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Soil and Water Conservation Districts



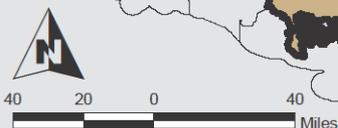
Louisiana Soil & Water Conservation Districts & Areas



Louisiana Conservation District Legend		
District Num.	Area	SW Conservation District
1	V	Feliciana SWCD
2	I	D'Arbonne SWCD
3	I	Dorcheat SWCD
4	I	Sabine SWCD
5	I	Caddo SWCD
6	I	Saline SWCD
7	V	Bogue Chitto-Pearl River SWCD
8	III	Dugdemona SWCD
9	III	Calcasieu SWCD
10	III	Grant SWCD
11	II	Morehouse SWCD
12	III	Rapides SWCD
13	II	Northeast SWCD
14	II	Boeuf River SWCD
15	II	East Carroll SWCD
16	II	Tensas-Concordia SWCD
17	III	Avoyelles SWCD
18	IV	St. Mary SWCD
19	IV	Lafourche-Terrebonne SWCD
20	IV	Acadia SWCD
21	IV	Iberia SWCD
22	IV	Gulf Coast SWCD
23	V	New River SWCD
24	V	Lower Delta SWCD
25	V	Upper Delta SWCD
26	V	Crescent SWCD
27	IV	St. Martin SWCD
28	IV	Lafayette SWCD
29	IV	St. Landry SWCD
30	IV	Evangeline SWCD
31	II	West Carroll SWCD
32	V	Tangipahoa-St. Helena SWCD
33	V	Capital SWCD
34	III	Catahoula SWCD
35	III	La Salle SWCD
36	II	Madison SWCD
37	III	Allen SWCD
38	III	Natchitoches SWCD
39	I	De Soto SWCD
40	I	Red River SWCD
41	IV	Vermilion SWCD
42	V	Plaquemines SWCD
43	I	Bodcau SWCD
44	IV	Jefferson Davis SWCD

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Conservation in Action



Conservation Planning

Voluntary agreement
Non-binding
Landowner driven



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Conservation in Action



Erosion control
Soil Health
Wildlife habitat

Grade stabilization
Water quality



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Voluntary conservation easements for wetlands and floodplain restoration

Conservation Education
Soil & Water Stewardship



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“..to conserve the soil, soil health, and soil resources and control and prevent soil erosion, and prevent floodwater and sediment damages, and further the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water..”



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Conservation in Action

Coastal
Vegetative
Planting
Program

11 participating
SWCDs in LA
Coastal zone

37-40+ linear
miles planted
annually



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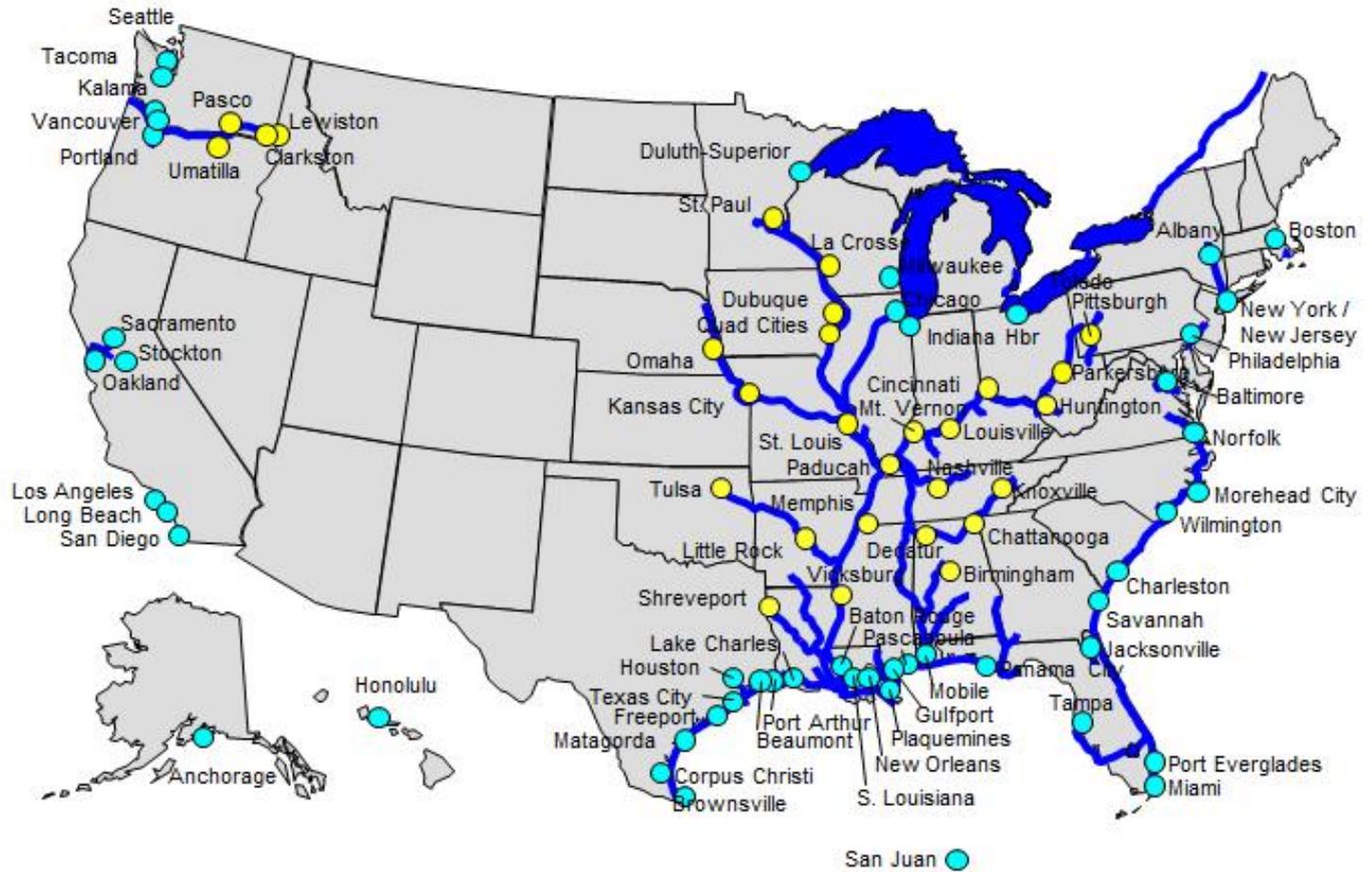


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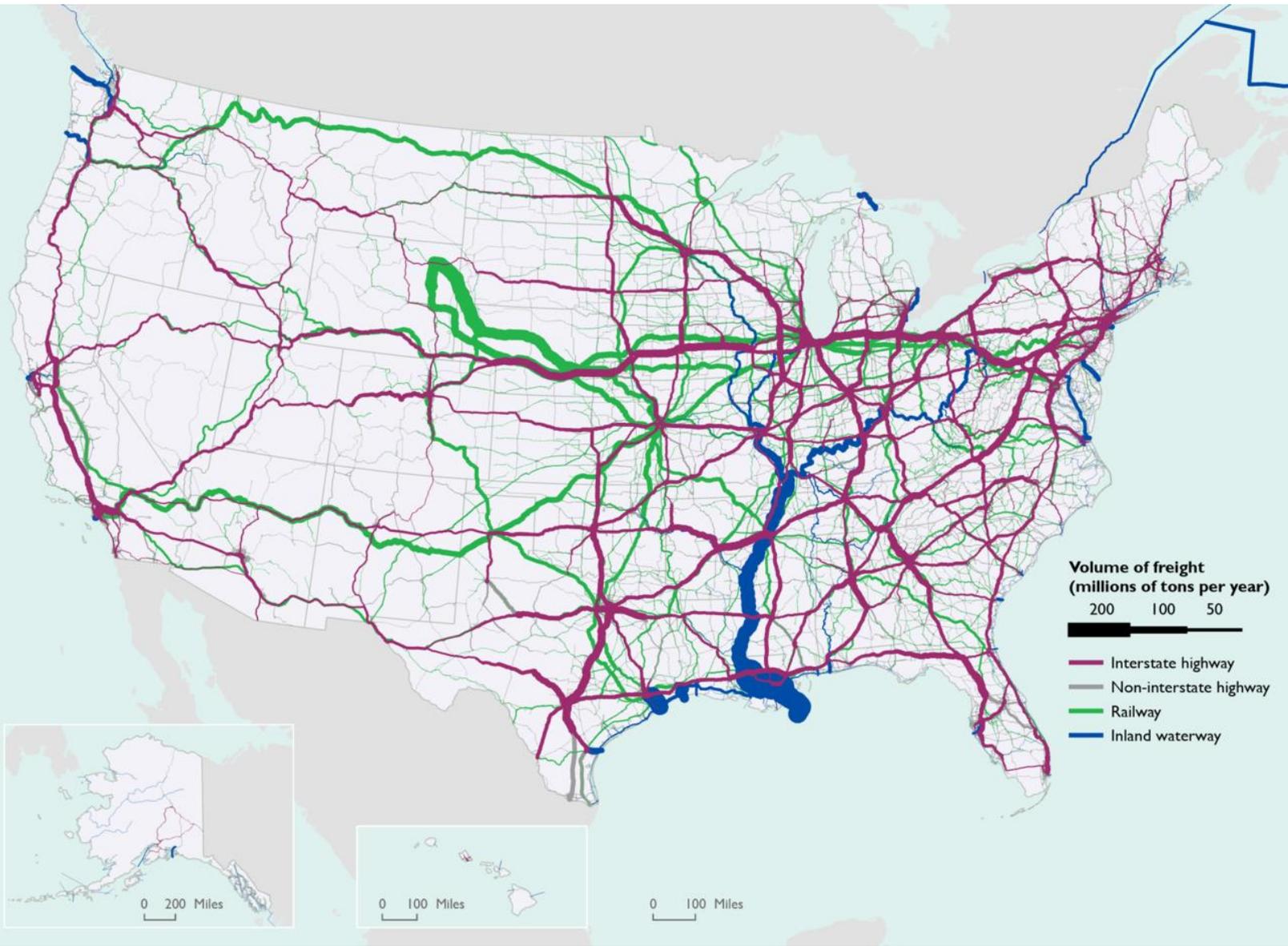


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US Waterborne Commerce



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Agricultural Production and Sustainability



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Conservation in Action

Healthy soils



"Take care of the land and the land will take care of you."

Hugh Hammond Bennett

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