

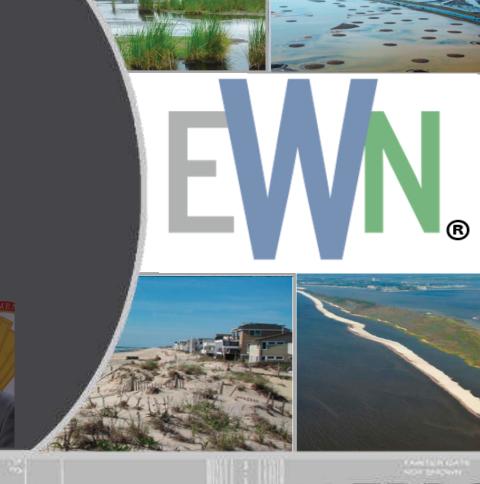
Engineering With Nature

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1900-2000: The Century of Infrastructure (US)

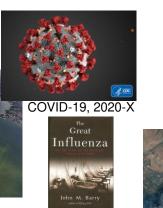
- 4,071,000 miles of roadway
 - 47,182 miles in the Interstate system
- 149,136 miles of mainline rail
- 640,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines
- 614,387 bridges
- 90,580 dams
- >30,000 miles of flood levee
- 155,000 public drinking water systems
- 4,500 military installations
- 926 ports, 25,000 miles of navigation channel





The Multi-Hazard World





HABs, Lake Erie; 2008-2017 H1N1, 1918-1919



San Francisco, 1906

Offutt AFB, 2019



Three Mile Island, 1979



Banqiao dam failure; China, 1975



9/11

Tallulah, LA; 1927

USDA/ARS

MEDFLY TRAP



Hurricane Harvey; landfall and Houston, 2017



Hurricane Katrina, 2005

Camp Fire; CA 2018

...the intentional alignment of natural and engineering processes to efficiently and sustainably deliver economic, environmental and social benefits through collaboration.

Key Elements:

- Science and engineering that produces operational efficiencies
- Using natural process to maximum benefit
- Broaden and extend the benefits provided by projects
- Science-based collaborative processes to organize and focus interests, stakeholders, and partners

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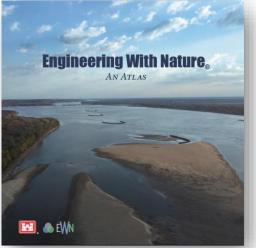










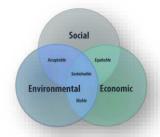


Multi-Function Benefits

Engineering On or For nature becomes engineering With nature

Bridging organizational missions and sectors to expand the value proposition for solutions

Diversifying the financing of solutions to produce economic, environmental, and social value





Conservation Plan for the Interior Least Tern, Pallid Sturgeon, and Fat Pocketbook Mussel in the Lower Mississippi River (Endangered Species Act, Section 7(a)(1)) MRG&F













Integrated Environmental





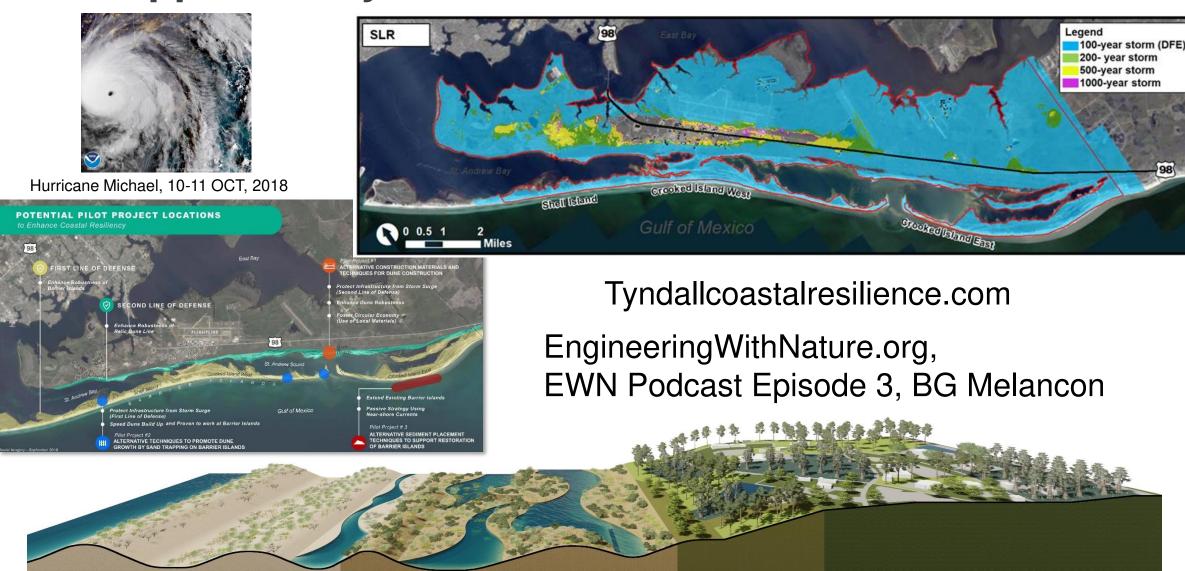
Quantifying Wildlife and Navigation Benefits of a Dredging Beneficial-Use Project in the Lower Atchafalaya River: A Demonstration of Engineering with Nature®

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Project Awards:

- 2015 Western Dredging Association Award for Environmental Excellence
- 2017 Western Dredging Association Award for Climate Change Adaption
- 2017 Dredging and Port Construction Award for Engineering with Nature
- 2020 USACE Green Innovation Award





The Power of Co-Development and Demonstration

Seven Mile Island Innovation Laboratory

- Collaboration and partnership that is building first-of-their-kind NBS projects in coastal New Jersey
 - Began in conversation
 - Accelerated by a storm (Sandy)
 - Progressed through piloting
 - Now in full-scale implementation











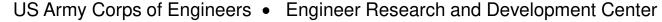














The EWN Approach: Innovation in Practice

- Policy development
 - Engagement with policymakers
 - USACE policy/procedure development
- Engagement, partnering, and teaming
 - Within USACE, e.g., EWN Proving Grounds
 - With other organizations inside and outside government
- Research
 - Innovations in practice
 - Taking the "long view"
 - Establishing future targets and conditions
 - Tools for delivery
- On-the-ground projects and demonstrations
 - Across the spectrum of applications and project development (i.e., from planning to operations)
- Strategic communications
 - Individual research papers
 - Visionary products, e.g., EWN Atlas
 - Education, e.g., academic curricula, training







The Spectrum

"Wild and Free-Flowing Nature"

"Tamed and Constrained Nature"



Duwamish River, WA 1800s



San Joaquin Valley, CA 1800s

Achieving Nature-Engineering Balance

- Societal values
- Policy legacies and time lags
- The process of innovation
- Collaboration across boundaries



Duwamish River, WA today



San Joaquin Valley, CA today

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