Designing for Change over Generations:
The Role of Government in Regional Adaptation Planning

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“I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing.”

-- Socrates
"I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think."

~Socrates

High-Level Skills
- Creating
- Evaluating
- Analyzing
- Applying

Low-Level Skills
- Understanding
- Remembering
Socratic Debate:

Cooperative argumentative dialogue, based on asking and answering questions, to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas and understand presuppositions.
We the People

insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote the
and/or our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United

Article 1

Section 1
Working together for community resilience, economic prosperity, and a better quality of life for everyone in Louisiana.
It doesn’t make sense to hire smart people and **tell them** what to do; we hire smart people so they can **tell us** what to do.

– Steve Jobs
These types of wildlife make their habitat in the swamps, marshes, and waterbodies of Louisiana's coast. The color of the circle corresponds to each species' habitat.
Planning for Future Growth Corridors on High Ground
Current Condition: Drain & Pump

Increased Reliance on Pumps
Development in Drained Wetlands

Forced Drainage Induces Shallow Subsidence

50-Year Vision: Slow, Store, Drain If Necessary

Marsh Restoration
Elevated Structures

Green Infrastructure Slows and Stores Water
Water Infiltrates Soils
Surface Canal Network
Critical Services on High Ground

Elevate Critical Infrastructure

Multimodal Transit Hub

Delay Stormwater Upslope

Store Water Downslope

RIDGE

Water Transportation
COMMUNITY CONCERNS:
1. Healthcare
2. Job Training
“Democracy, which is a charming form of government, full of variety and disorder, and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequaled alike.”

-- Socrates
"Democracy is a splendid form of government when carried out by a well-informed public."

-- Me, Not Socrates
#1: Government has resources and expertise to develop good information as the basis for public discourse around climate adaptation planning.
#2: Government has the organizational power to form diverse partnerships and provide a forum for the public to use good information to engage in ideation and debate around climate adaptation.
#3: Government has the platform to synthesize findings and outcomes into actionable plans
#3: Government has the platform to synthesize findings and outcomes into actionable plans; it also has the responsibility to carry out those plans, monitoring progress and outcomes.
“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change.”

-- Charles Darwin
THANK YOU!

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