

Enhanced Phytotechnology as a Nature-Based Solution for Supporting Climate Resiliency

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US Climate Events

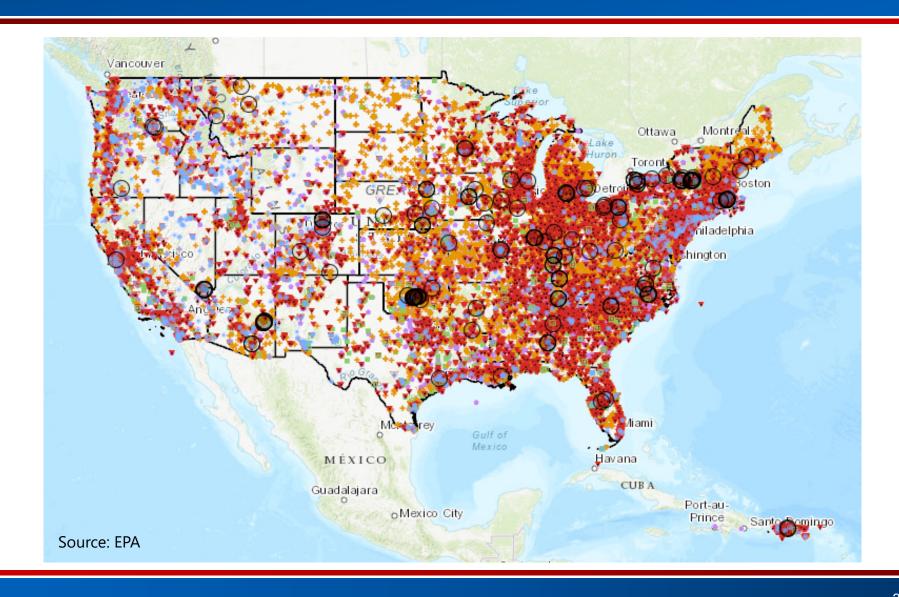
U.S. 2022 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



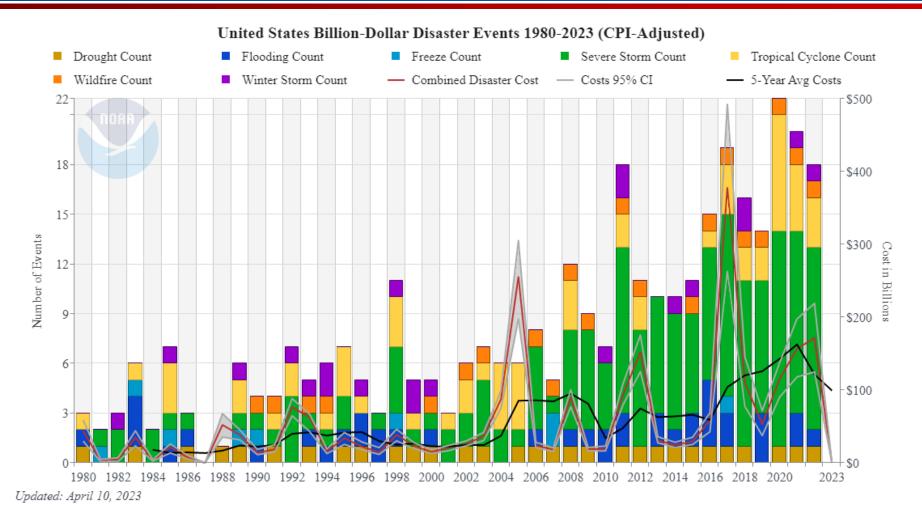
This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 18 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States in 2022.

Source: NOAA

Hazardous Waste Cleanup Sites

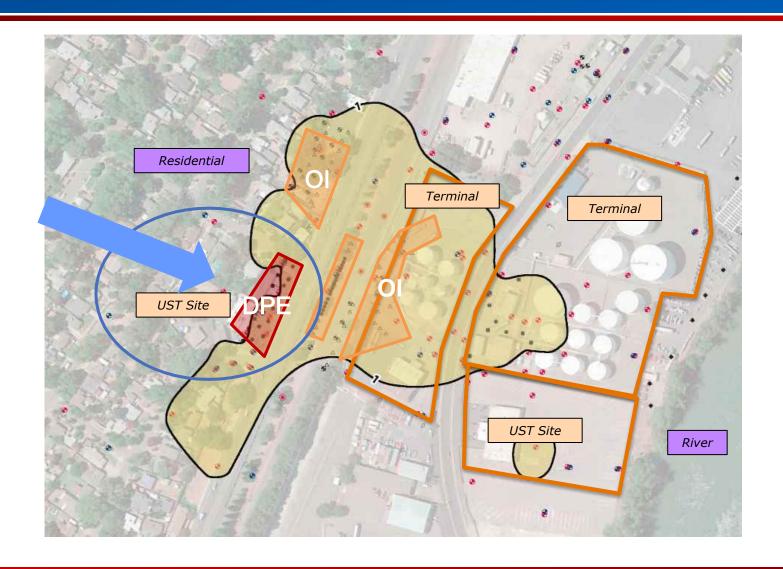


Cost of Climate Events

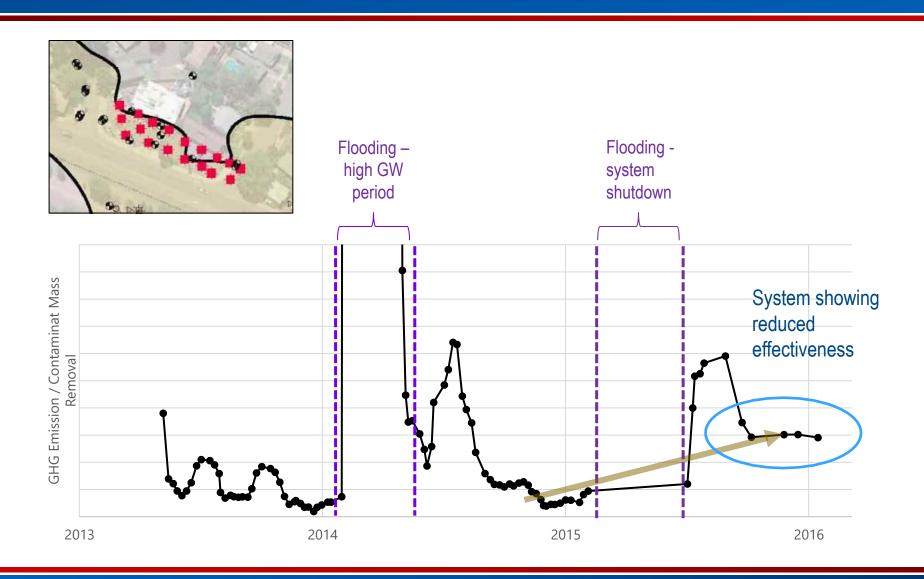


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Petroleum Terminal – Energy Intensive Remediation Systems



DPE Remediation – Emissions per Contaminant Mass Removal



Former Bulk Fuel Storage Terminal Located along the Gulf Coast





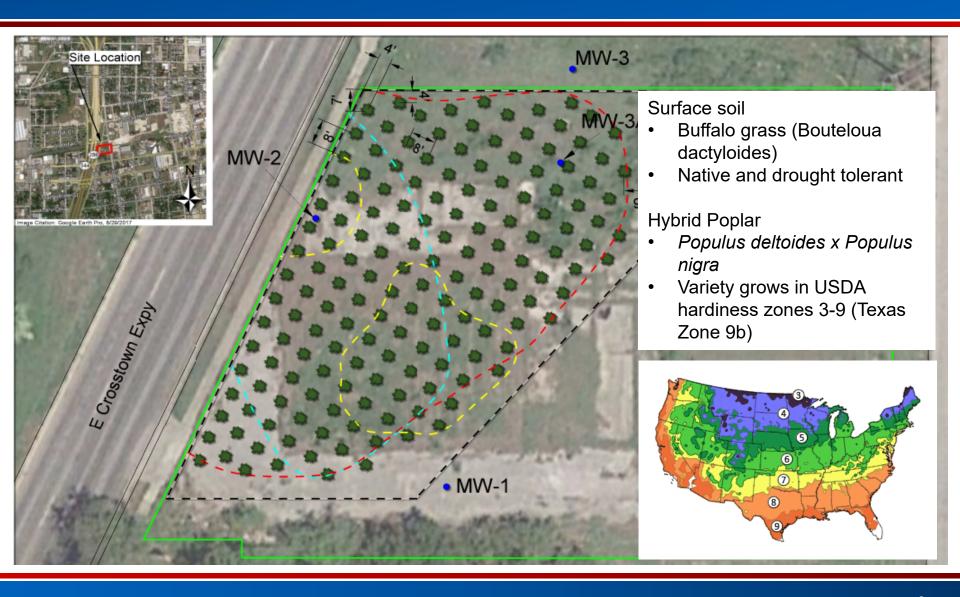




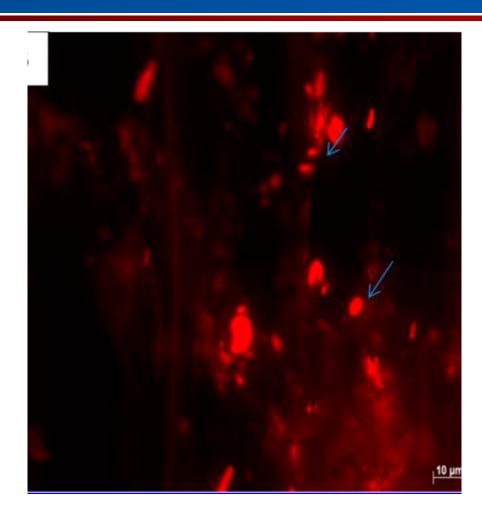
Alternatives Evaluation

| | MNA | Impermeable Cap | Phytoremediation |
|------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| | No disturbance | Short term effectiveness, but requires maintenance in | Long term effectiveness |
| | Natural attenuation occurring | perpetuity | Lower environmental impact for most metrics (vs cap) |
| | Challenges with regulatory acceptance | Prevents direct contact exposure to contaminated soil | Treats soil and groundwater |
| | | Cap inhibits attenuation rates | Resilient to weather events |
| 100% | | | |
| 7 | 75% | | |
| 5 | 50% | | |
| 2 | 25% | | |
| | 0% | | |
| | MNA | Impervious Cap | Phytoremediation |
| | | GHG 📘 Total Energy 📘 Water Use | |

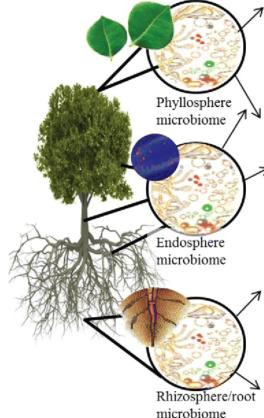
Phytoremediation System



Endophyte Assisted Phytoremediation



Khan, Zareen et al. "Degradation, phytoprotection and phytoremediation of phenanthrene by endophyte Pseudomonas putida, PD1." *Environmental science & technology* vol. 48,20 (2014): 12221-8. doi:10.1021/es503880t



Crop yield & resilience

- Detoxification/ degradation of harmful compounds
- PGP
- · Energy production
- · Vitamin biosynthesis
- ...

Protection

- · Immune system priming
- · Antimicrobial effect
- Competition for nutrient and space
- ...

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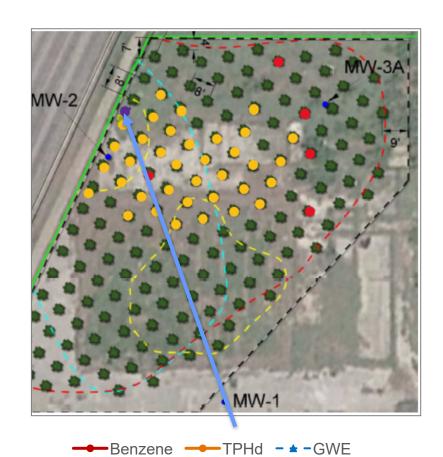
- Pathogen exclusion
- · Antimicrobial effect
- Induction of systemic resistance

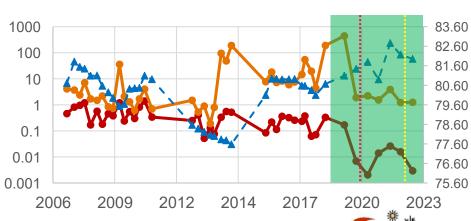
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Incorporating Solutions into Future Site Use





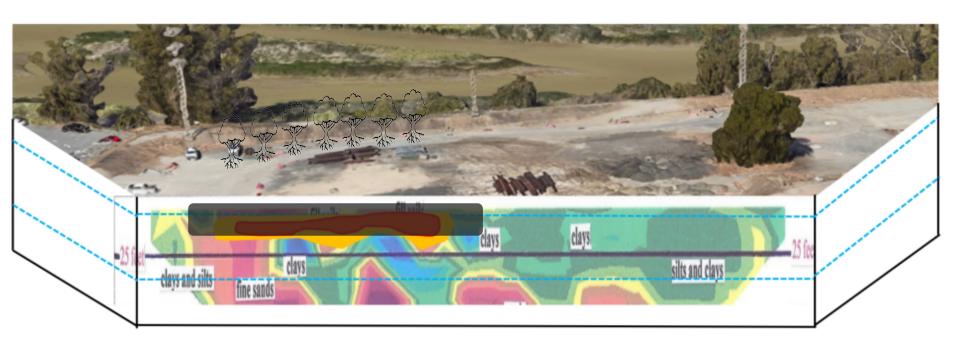
Source: Trihydro





Source: Intrinsyx; PPCU

Application of Multiple Bioremediation Technologies



Final Thoughts

Future Opportunities

- Metrics
 - remedial footprint / unit of contaminant mass removal
- Bioremediation research
 - Microbiome optimization
 - Improving biodiversity
 - Adaptability based on changing conditions
- Considerations:
 - Green gentrification
 - Remedy appropriate to climate concern

Resources

- ITRC Sustainable Resilient Remediation Guidance
 - State resource map
- SURF (Sustainable Remediation Forum)
 - Case Studies
 - White papers
 - EJ initiative

