



Near-port Community Capacity Building Pilot Projects: Tools and Technical Assistance for Collaborative Solutions

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National Conversation with Port Stakeholders

- EPA's Office of Transportation & Air Quality convened activities to promote understanding and capture stakeholder concerns
 - Listening sessions
 - National Port Stakeholder Summit
 - Federal Advisory Committees



Near-port Community Capacity Building Project

- Key Purpose
 - To provide stakeholders with information, skills and process guidance to collaboratively develop solutions for environmental, health and related community-driven concerns associated with port-related activities
- Foundational Components
 - Stakeholder Engagement/Capacity Building Tools



Collaboratively-developed Capacity Building Tools



Draft Ports Primer for Communities: An Overview of Ports Planning and Operations to Support Community Participation
An interactive tool and reference document that characterizes the port industry sector including environmental and community health impacts associated with port activities.



Draft Community Action Roadmap: Empowering Near-Port Communities
An implementation companion for the Ports Primer for Communities that provides a step-by-step process for building capacity and preparing community stakeholders



Draft Environmental Justice (EJ) Primer for Ports: The Good Neighbor Guide to Building Partnerships and Social Equity with Communities
Designed to inform the port industry sector of the perspectives, priorities, and challenges often unique to communities with EJ concerns.

In addition to orienting the port sector about EJ considerations this resource is structured to provide step-by-step guidance to improve the effectiveness of port and community engagement in addressing concerns of impacted residential communities.

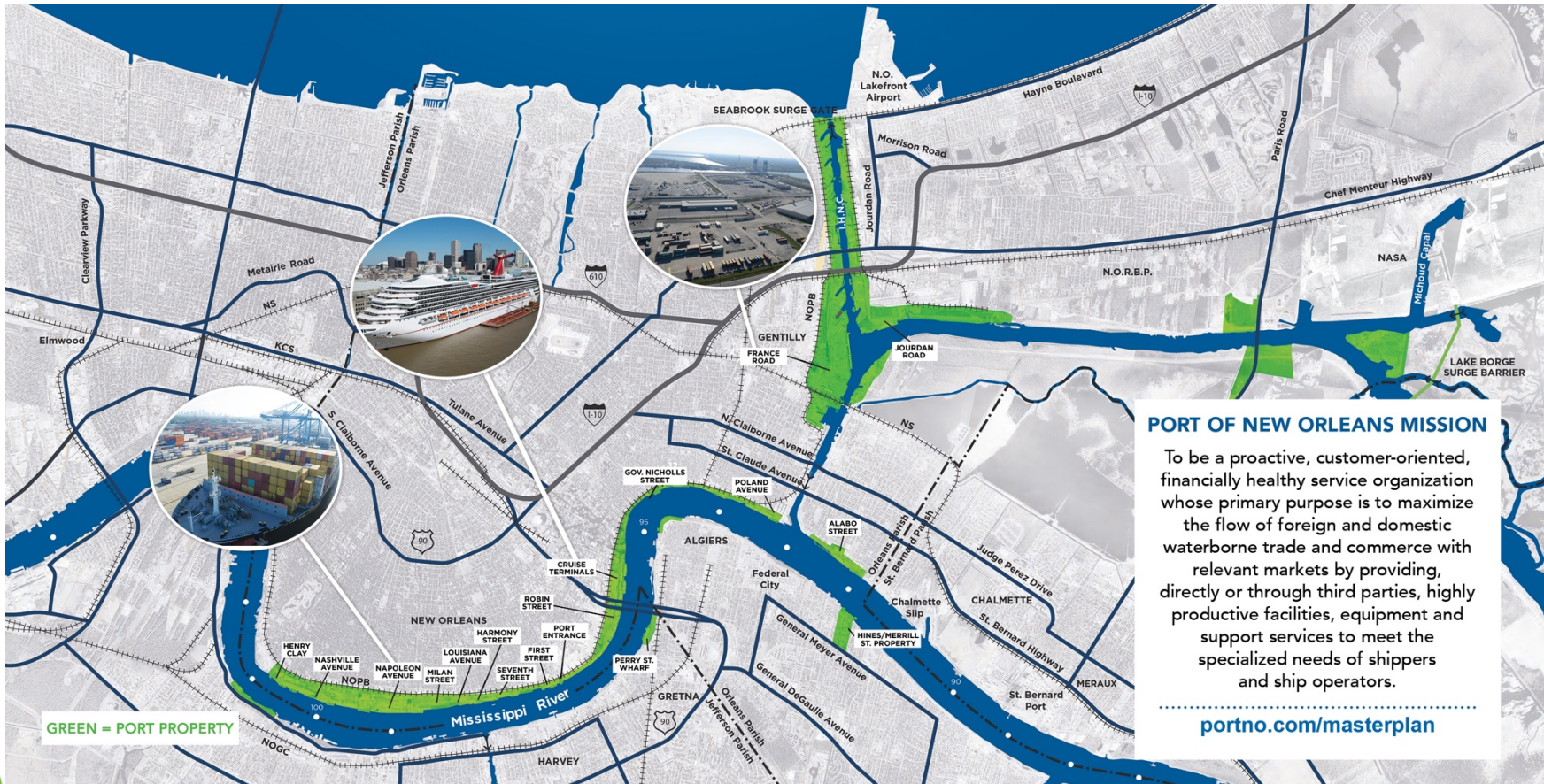


Capacity Building Pilot Project Opportunity

- Solicited interest from ports & community stakeholders
- Pilot projects underway in 3 locations:
 - New Orleans, Savannah, Seattle
- Technical assistance provided by EPA: Regional staff and HQ programs; EPA contractor, Skeo Solutions
 - To enhance skills in building partnerships
 - To develop an community/port engagement action plan for effective involvement in local decision-making
 - To refine the toolkit content and implement process guidance

ABOUT PORT NOLA

Port NOLA properties include a diverse portfolio of sites on the Mississippi River, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

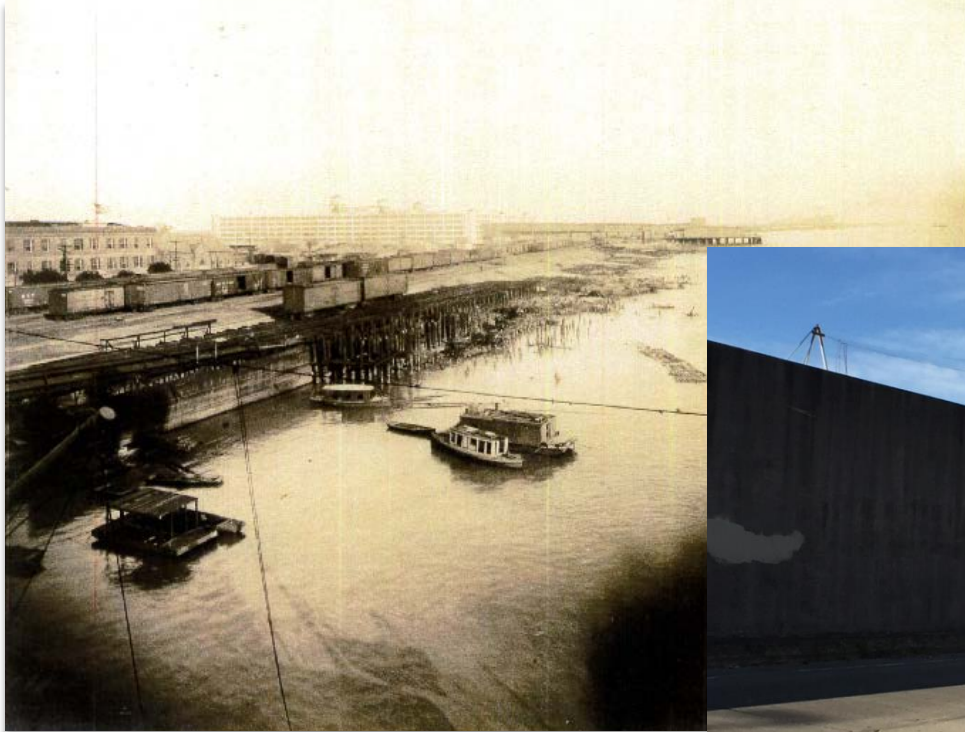


PORT OF NEW ORLEANS - OUR CONNECTIONS RUN DEEP

- We're connected to **global markets** as a vital link in the supply chain.
- We're connected to the **economy** as a job creator and revenue generator.
- We're connected to the **community** as a neighbor and resource for more than 120 years.
- We're connected to the **environment** as the gatekeeper to over 30 miles of urban waterfront.



PLANNING PROCESS: THE CHALLENGE



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NOW





EPA Pilot Project – A Facilitated Process to Develop Shared Understanding and Better Relationships with our Neighboring Communities



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