

CAT ISLAND, GREEN BAY WI



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Port of Green Bay, Wisconsin

- 1.8M tons per year
- Key commodities: coal, limestone, cement, salt, general cargo
- 14 miles navigation channel
- Requires maintenance dredging of 180,000 cubic yards per year
- Dredged material was historically confined to CDFs
- Over the years, material quality improved, in 2010, ~80% of material was determined suitable for open lake placement
- Suitable open lake placement site was too far away to be economical

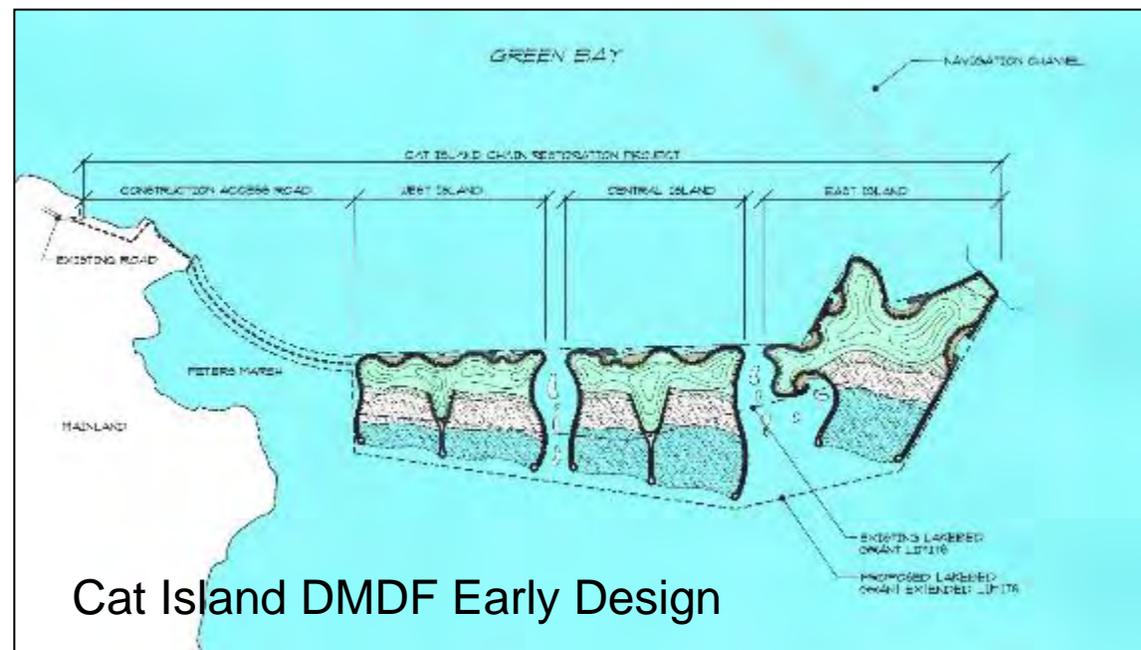




DREDGING CRISIS

- Early 2000s, running out of options
- Renard Island CDF at Capacity
- Expansion Denied
- Material Placed in Brown County CDF with tipping fee
- Not sustainable

Corps and Stakeholders Recognize Cat Island Project as Potential Win-Win Solution in late 1990s



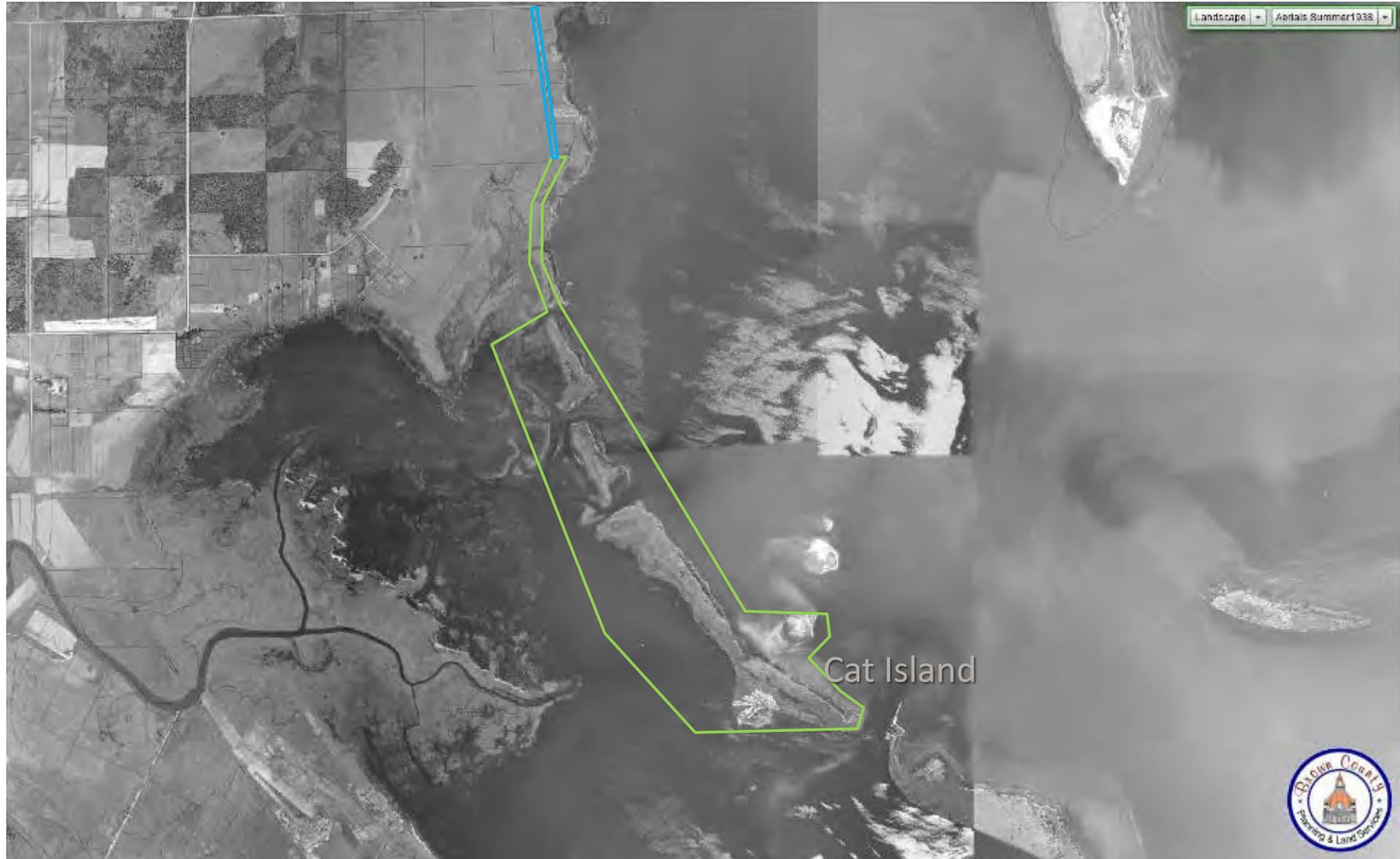


Due to high water levels, highway construction, increased development, 90% of Coastal Wetlands Were Lost from Southern Green Bay between the 1960s and 2000





1938



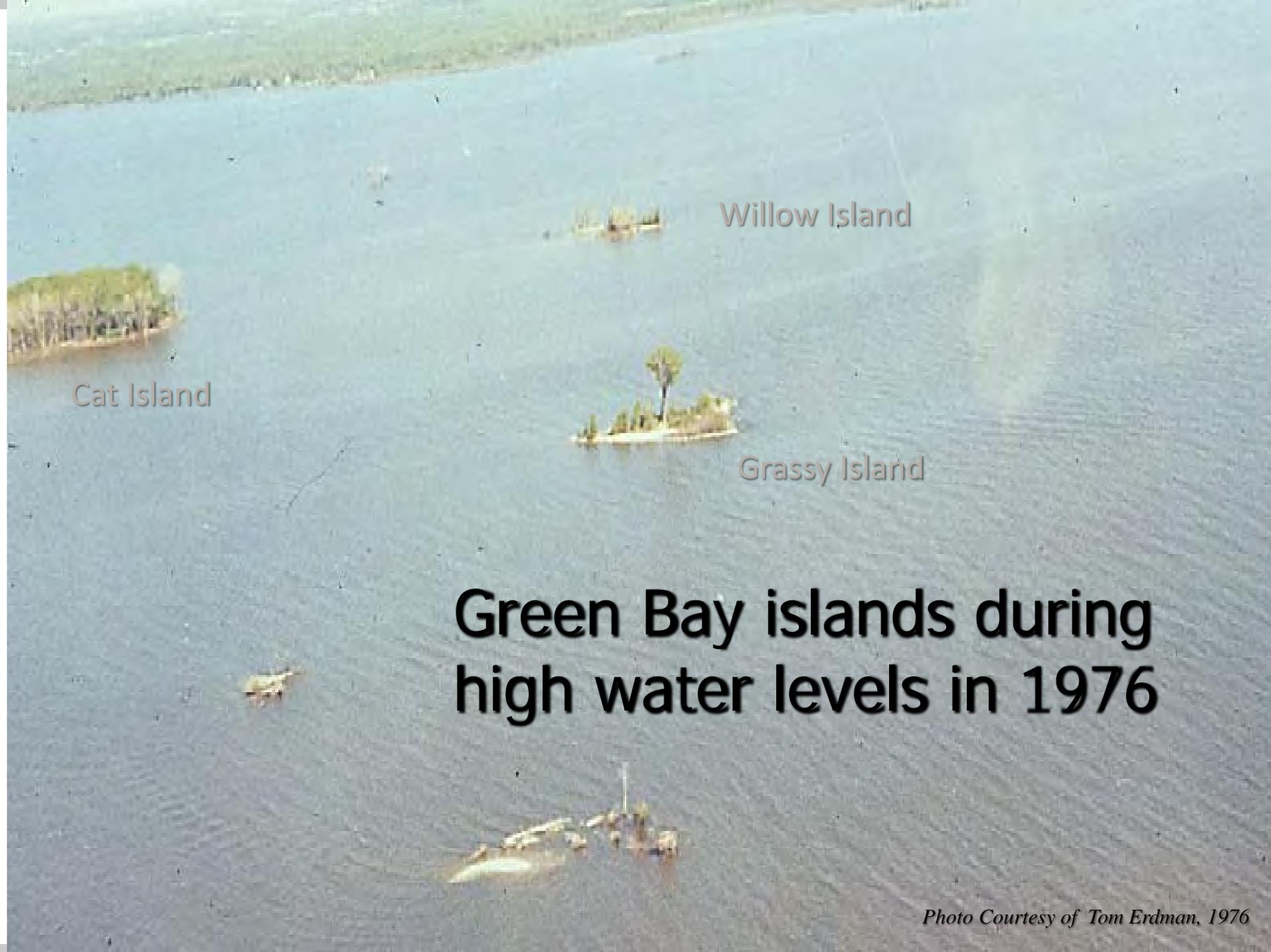
Brown County Aerial Photography, 1938



1960



Brown County Aerial Photography, 1960



Cat Island

Willow Island

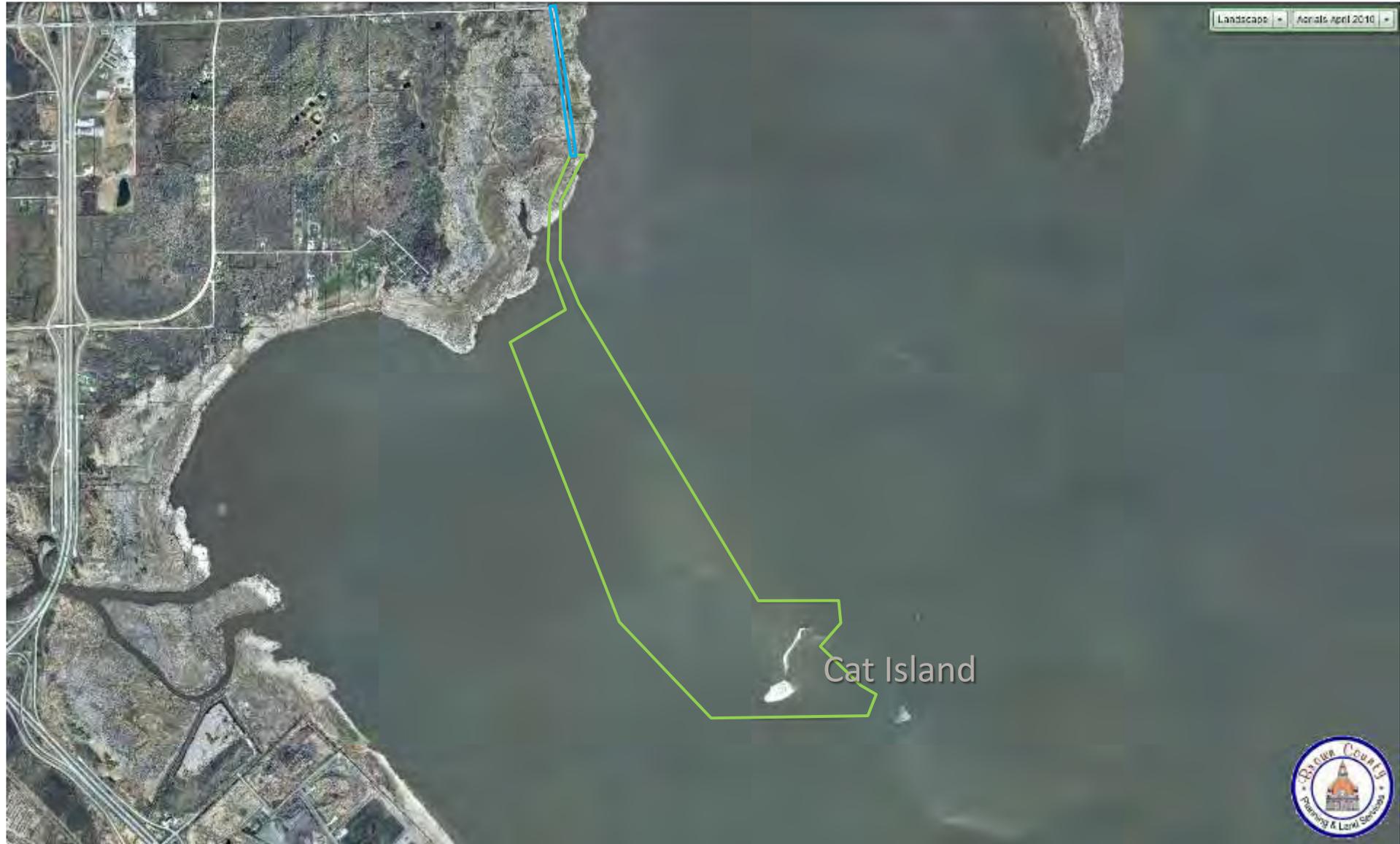
Grassy Island

Green Bay islands during high water levels in 1976

Photo Courtesy of Tom Erdman, 1976



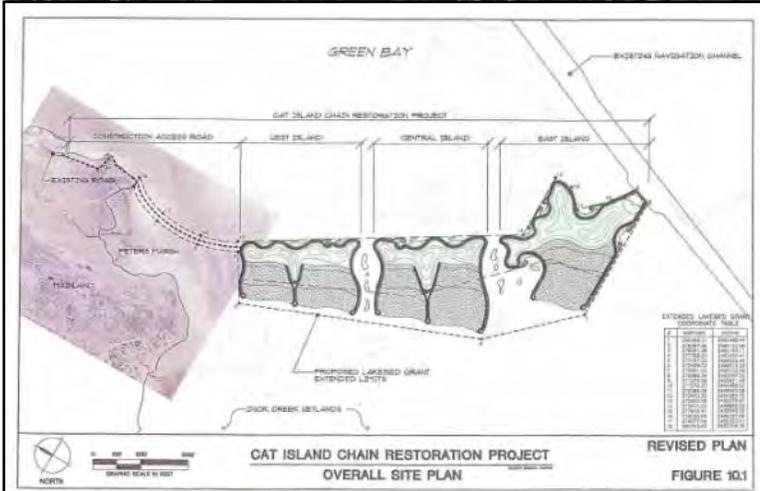
2010



GREEN BAY – CAT ISLANDS



Funded by GLRI and E&W
 Provide for 2.35M cy of disposal capacity
 Provide significant reduction in M/D costs
 Restores over 1400 acres of habitat





CAT ISLAND RESTORATION



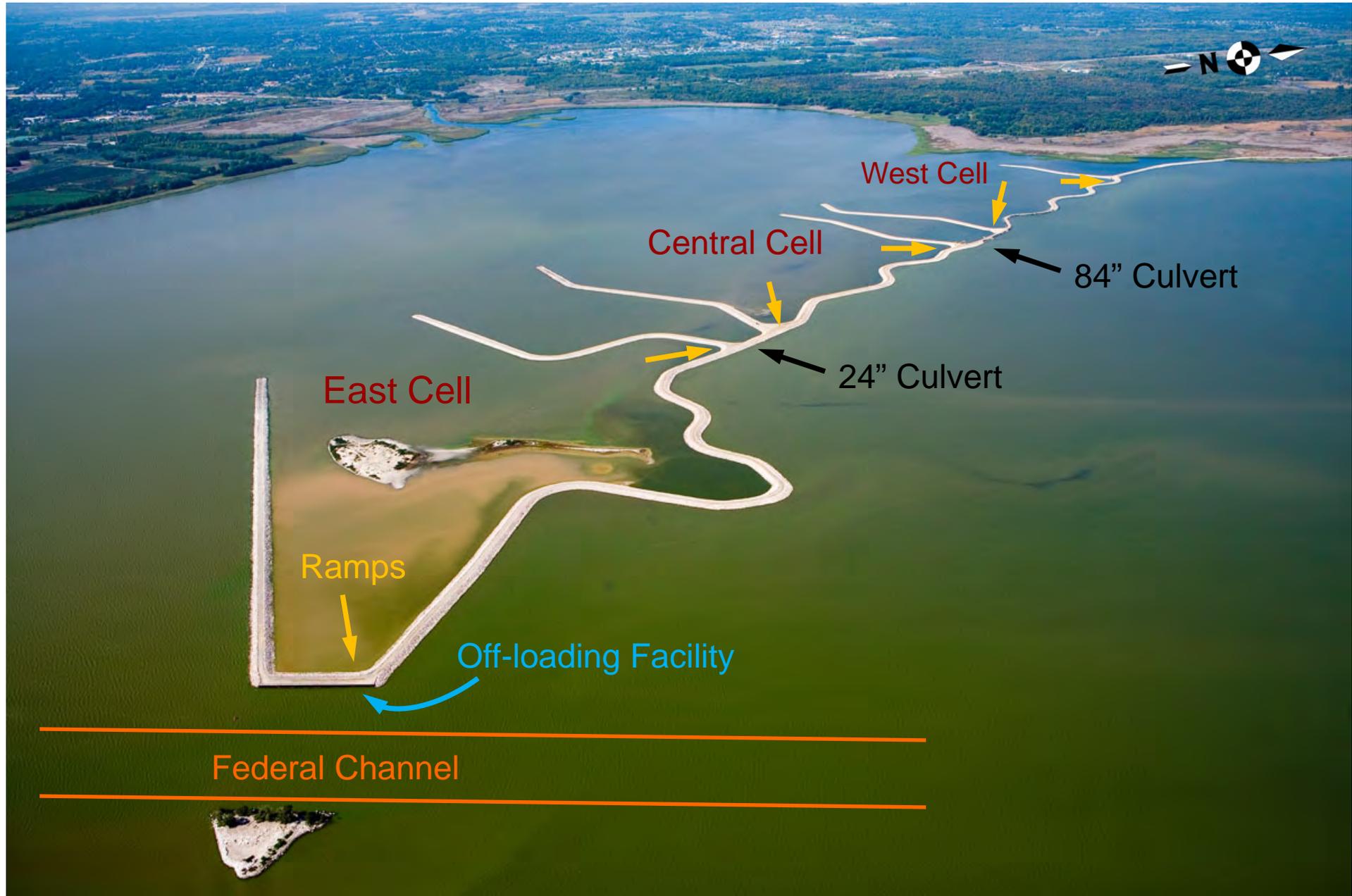
Navigation project – cost effective dredged material management:

- Provides for 20 years of disposal capacity for maintenance dredging for the Federal channel
- Lower cost dredging due to closer proximity to dredging locations and no double handling or tipping fees
- Open ended cells

Environmental benefits:

- Re-creates the Cat Island chain (274 acres)
- Restoration of marsh and wetland habitat, providing 1,440 acres of wetland wildlife refuge





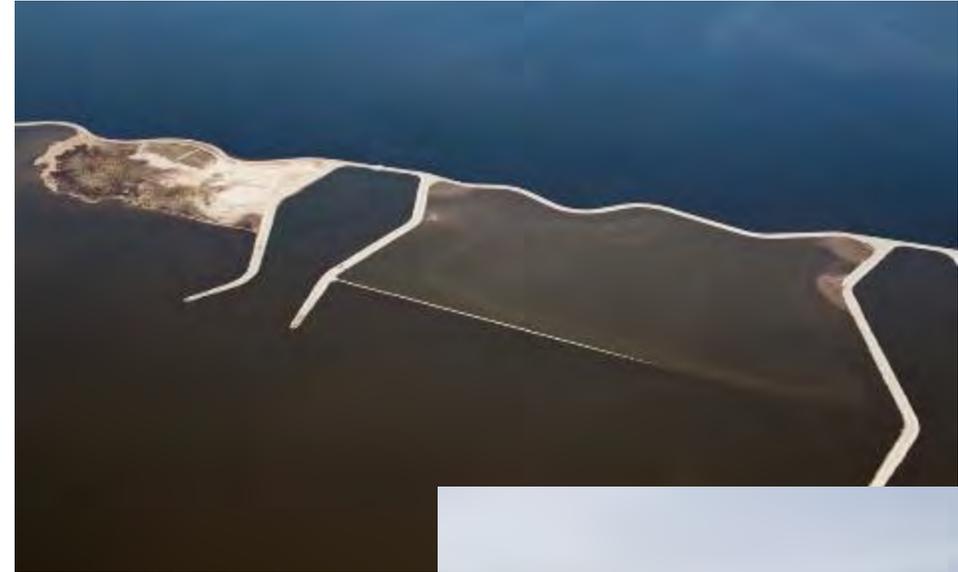


CONCERNS ABOUT TURBIDITY FROM CELLS



Hesco barrier placed at end of cell to help retain solids, reduce turbidity outside cells

Very effective and reducing turbidity leaving cells





AGENCIES WORKING HABITAT PROJECTS IN AND AROUND DMDF



The DMDF has reestablished outstanding habitat

Piping plover endangered species – established

Agencies and environmental groups working on numerous habitat projects

Cat Island Habitat Projects

Plantings and Monitoring

Tern Platforms

Plover Habitat

Brown County Aerial Photography, 2017



GREEN BAY HARBOR DMDF CAT ISLAND CHAIN



Outstanding example of collaboration between Corps, environmental groups, agencies, and stakeholders

Very successful project - lowered dredging costs, dredging more yardage – benefit to navigation

