



Region 1 Steering Committee Meeting

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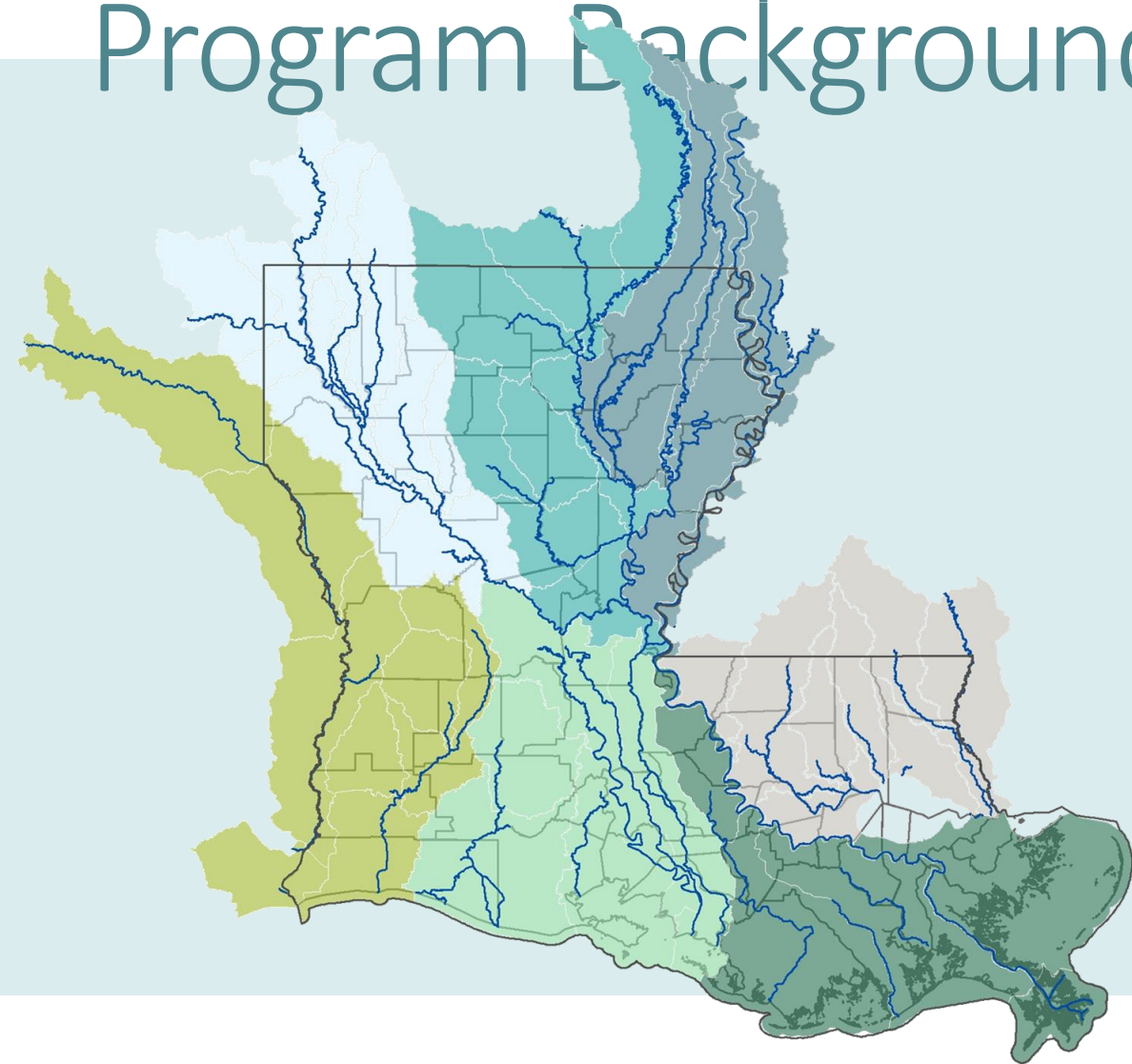
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I. RCBG Program Overview



Program Background



- Response to Great Floods of 2016
- Louisiana Senate Resolution 172 (2017)
- CDBG-MIT allocation
- Executive Order JBE 18-16 (May 29, 2018)
- Governor created Council on Watershed Management
- The Council tasked with “creating watershed-bounded entities across the state”
- In order to effectively reduce flood risk, decisions should be made at a watershed-level

RCBG Fiscal Agents

THE COORDINATING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC)

KISATCHIE-DELTA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (KDRP)

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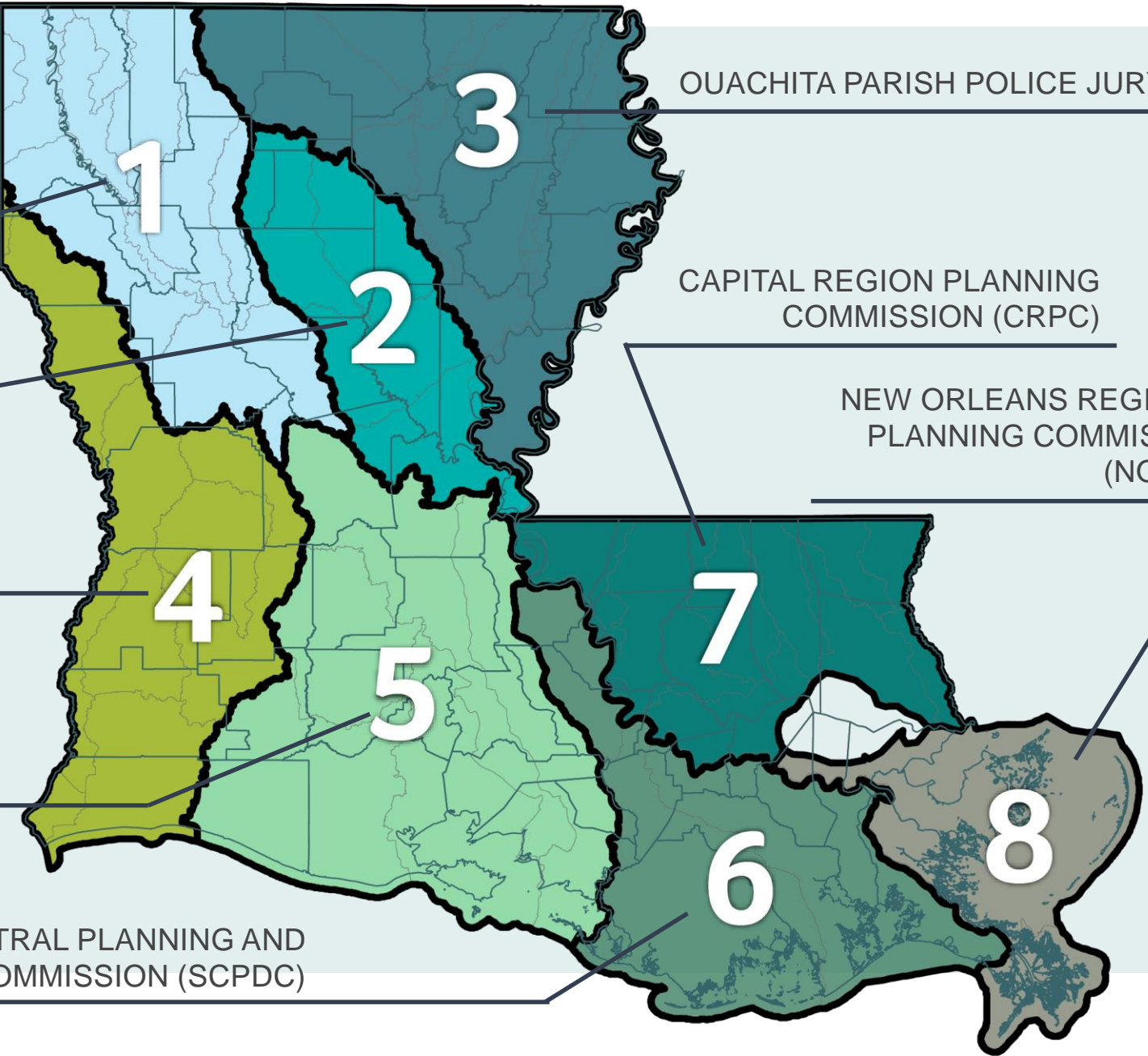
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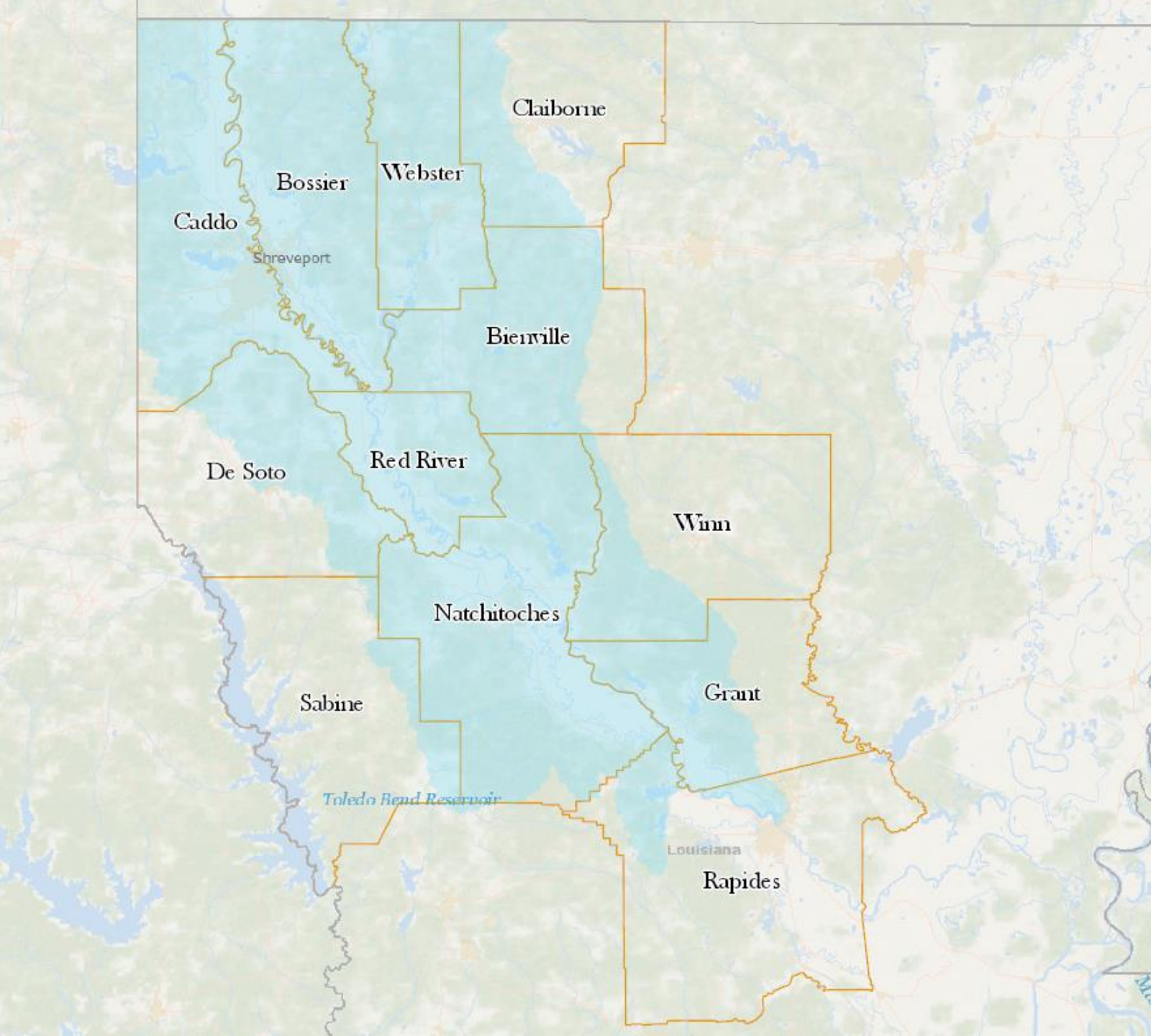
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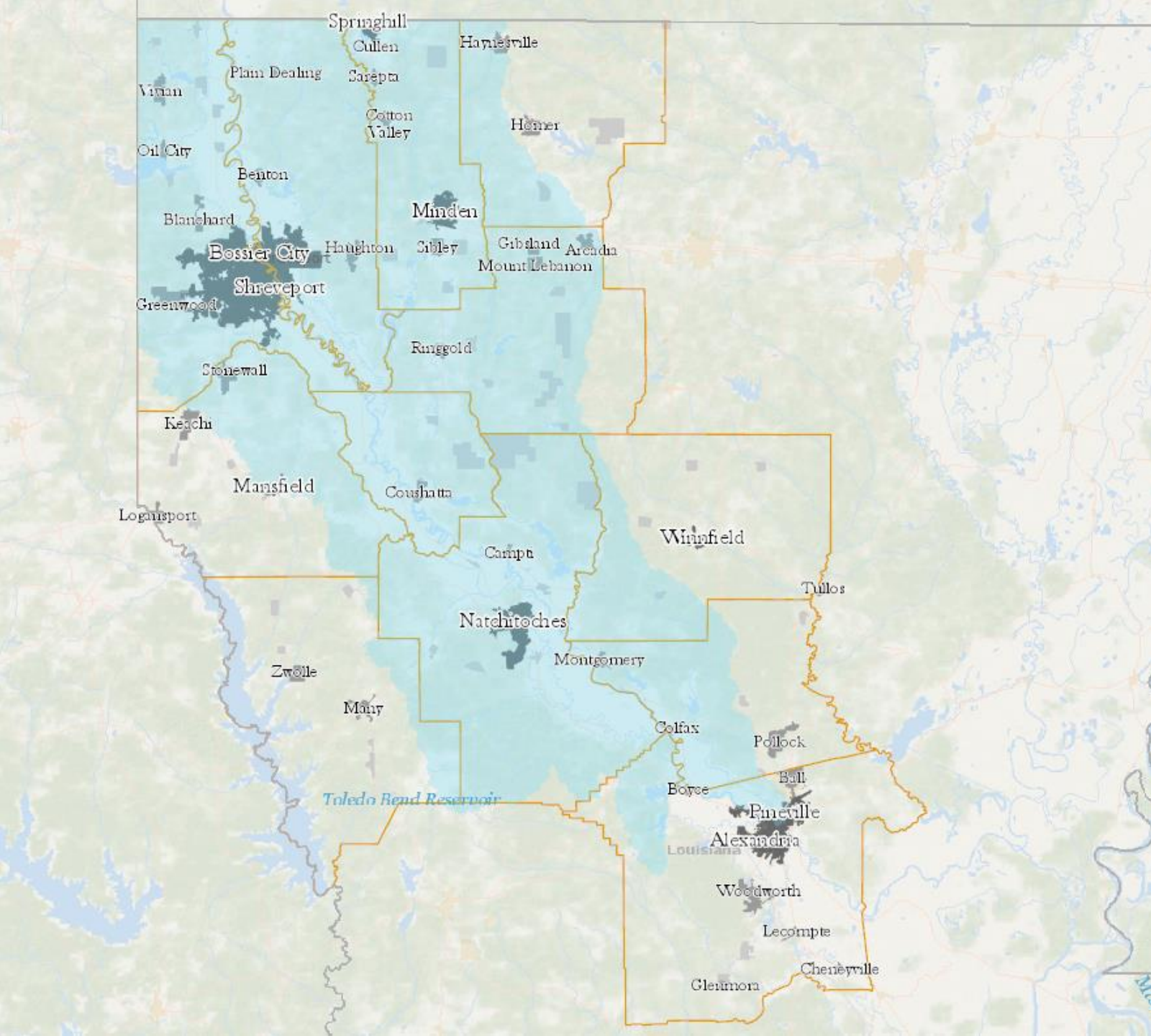




Region 1

12 Parishes

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Region 1

12 Parishes

8 Cities

24 Towns

26 Villages

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RCBG Program Goals

PRIMARY: **Establish watershed coalitions**

Form steering committees (*first year*)

Choose management framework for coalition (*first year*)

Establish coalitions (*second and third years*)

Maintain long-term support for coalitions

SECONDARY: **Cultivate staff capacity** in the region to enhance the impact of outreach and floodplain management activities

Steering Committee Meeting Guidance



Regional Steering Committee

Primary Tasks



1. Adopt a work plan
2. Compile a prioritized project list
3. Submit Round 1 award recommendations to OCD
4. Select a governance model for Regional Watershed Coalition & consider watershed boundaries

Expectations for RSC Members

- **Represent values, contribute expertise and express short and long-term concerns of stakeholder groups represented**
- Attend bi-monthly meetings
- Meeting “readiness”
- Understand the challenges in their region and/or parish/jurisdiction

Expectations for Watershed Coordinators

- Ensure notice requirements are followed for RSC meetings
- Reserve venues and coordinate meetings for RSC members
- Document decisions of the RSC
- Provide ongoing resources and education for RSC members
- Coordinate with parish and municipal governments in the region



RCBG Year Two and Three Preview

- Coalition stand-up
- Coalition work plan
- Draft Regional Watershed Plan
- Begin engagement with models
- Long-term capacity check-ins



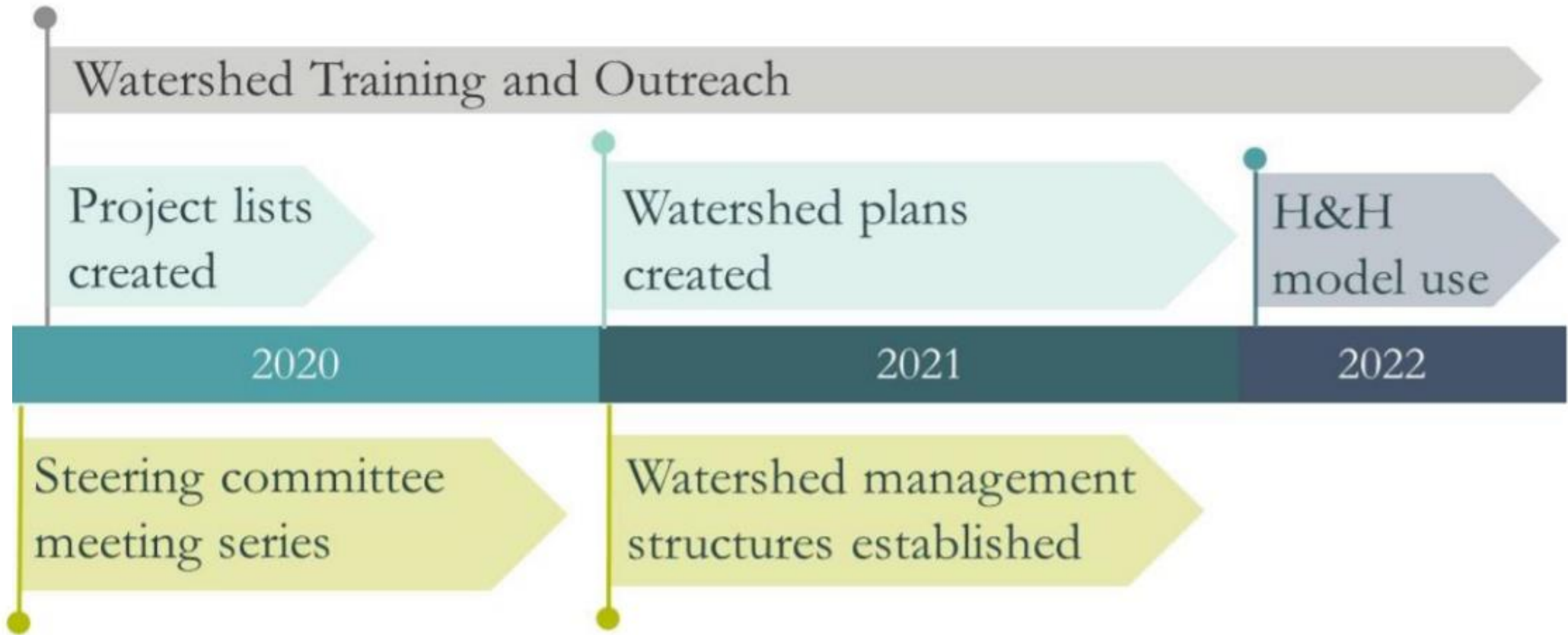
Regional Steering Committee Meetings

Should adhere to Louisiana Open Meetings requirements:

- Observable to the public
- Provide opportunity for public comments
- Opportunity to increase public's trust and awareness of the work of the RSC
- Importance of transparency and decision-tracking
- 24-hour advance notice of the meeting, OCD requires 5 day prior notice
- Allow for recording of the meeting by the audience
- Record minutes of the proceedings for public record

III. RCBG Program Milestones & Deliverables





RCBG Year 1 Deliverables

Work Plan

- Should outline the following:
 - **Major activities of the RSC**
 - **Key decision making deadlines**
 - **Meeting dates**

Project Inventory

- Should be like a capital improvement plan/program
- Review all projects (of all development stages) proposal in the region
- Can include physical projects as well as studies/plans



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