Comments on the GLO MOD

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Good afternoon,

I have a handful of comments for the MOD of the HUD funds. Most of them are repeats from the webinar to add emphasis.

1. IS the COG going to limit the types of projects allowed or prioritized? According to the GLO Guidance, the COG can limit grantees to specific project priorities or maintain all eligible activities.
2. I would suggest using the 2015-2019 ACS data across the board for consistency's sake. There have been shifts in population since 2015 that are measurable.
3. The data in this tool may be of some use / interest in fine tuning public outreach and information? https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/ Using this site annoys me a little because I have to keep minimizing Map Contents to see what is being shown and make sure that it doesn't include too many things. But is has EXCELLENT zoomable and current data that can be layered.
4. This is a link to the new designation of Tracts that meet the definition of Historically Disadvantaged Communities and should figure in as a criteria for funding levels in order to comply with EO 13985 and 14008. Maybe show the populations in these tracts? https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d6f90dfcc8b44525b04c7ce748a3674a
5. I'm not sure that the Census Place is as useful in showing vulnerability as would using population density at the block or block group level because larger geographic areas will have a larger population because both are larger.
6. I would suggest using the storm surge mapping to help show some vulnerability to future storms. I have included an example below. A map can be seen here. about-storm-surge-modeling.pdf (texas.gov) Storm Surge Maps - Coastal Bend (weather.gov)
7. Look at FEMAs List of Severe Repetitive Loss Properties or even just the regular Repetitive Loss Properties to see how many are where and what they cost.
8. This is a stretch, but look at the cost of each county's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for existing projects that are related to the grant requirements? I have attached an example that is small enough to be emailable.
9. Broadband is infrastructure. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/03/2021-26231/broadband-infrastructure-deployment

Thank you for the opportunity,

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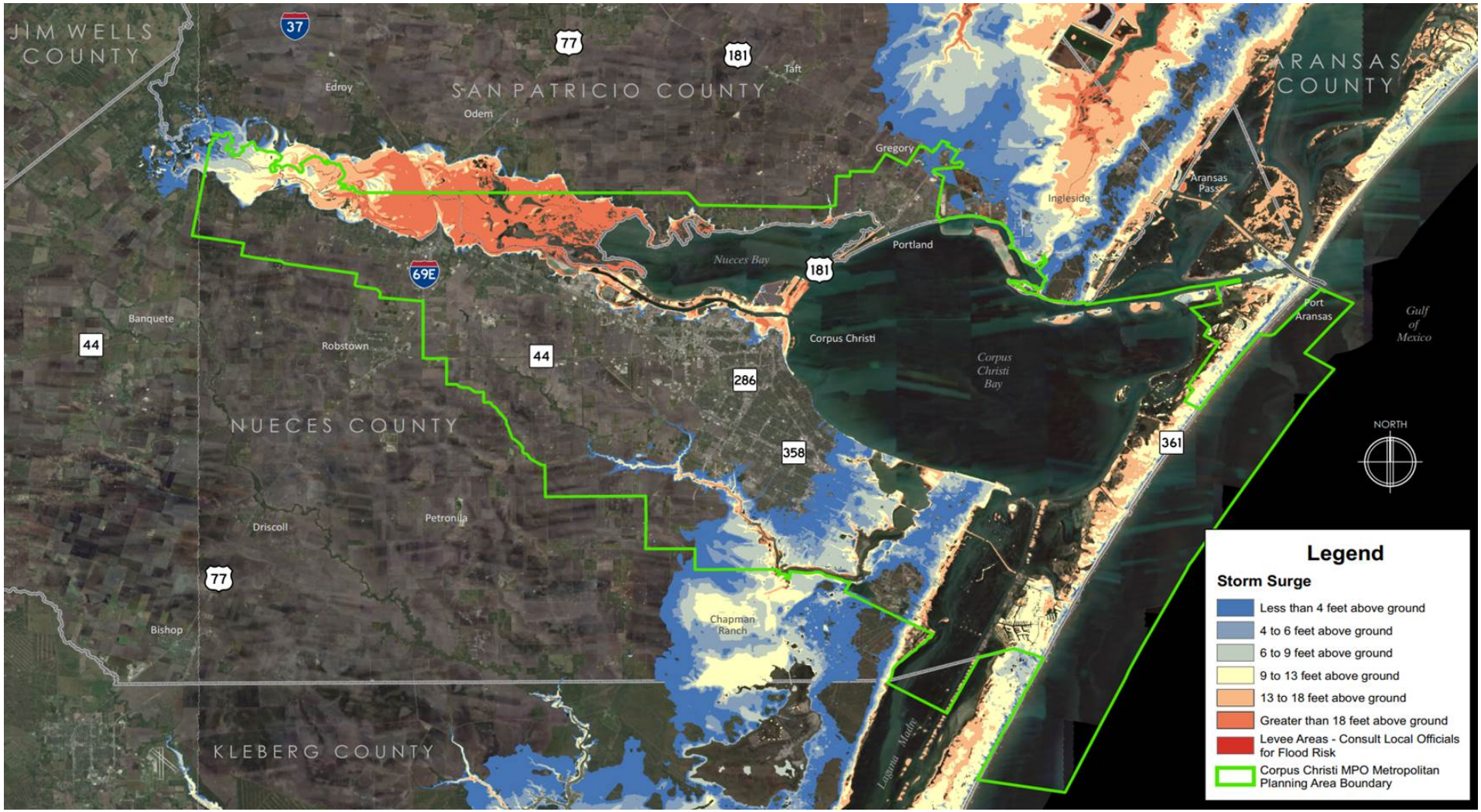

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