

# Item #4: Dutch Dialogues

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# What are the Dutch Dialogues?

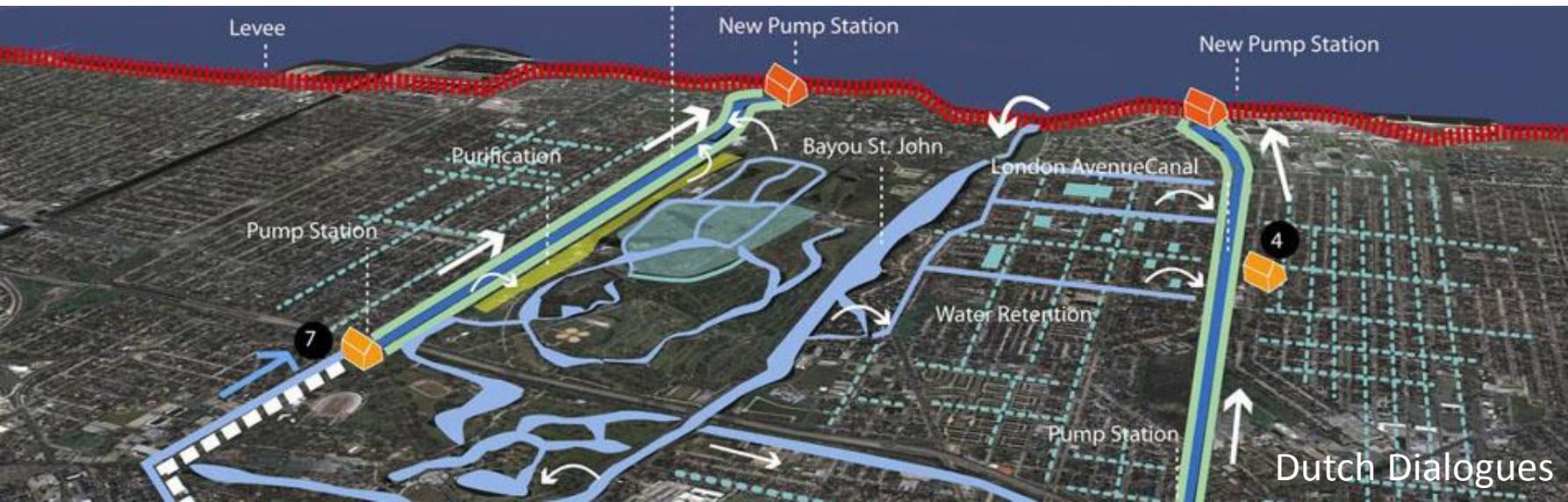
- Multi-disciplinary workshops involving Dutch experts and local counterparts
  - Engineering
  - Planning
  - Landscape design
  - Hydrology



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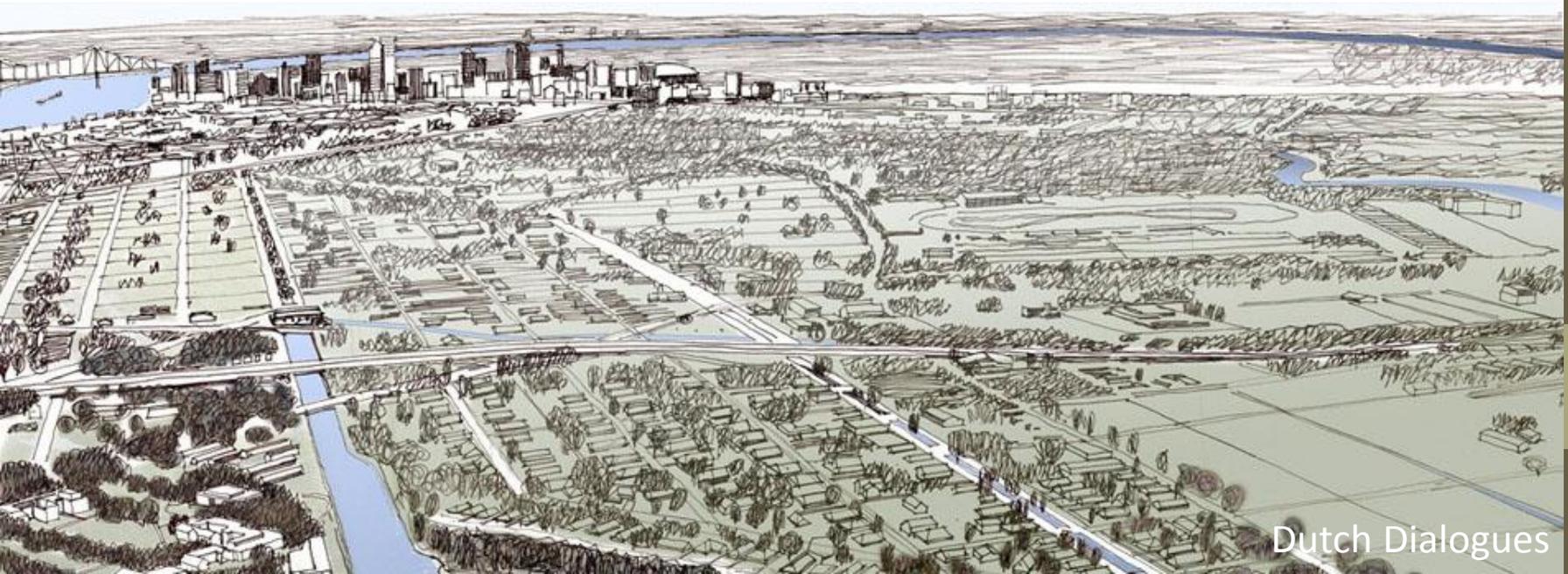
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- Why here?
  - Many water-related problems, but no easy solutions
  - Interest in addressing water issues
    - Flooding
    - Sea level rise
    - Water quality
  - Much work already done – ready to move to the next phase



# Dutch Dialogues in Hampton Roads

- Primary benefits
  - Take advantage of Dutch experience and expertise in integrated planning
  - Multiple benefits approach
    - Water management
    - Flood protection
    - Community design



# Dutch Dialogues in Hampton Roads

- Process
  - Organization
  - Stakeholder interviews
  - 2-3 day workshop
- Cost
  - \$30,000 - \$50,000 for workshop (no costs for interviews)
    - Cash + In Kind
    - Some covered by Dutch Embassy
- Preliminary focus areas
  - Recurrent flooding
  - Sea level rise
  - Groundwater
  - Stormwater management



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# Current Status

- HRPDC staff is working with the Dutch Embassy to identify stakeholders to interview and schedule meetings
  - Late August/early September
  - Identify needs, concerns, and goals for workshop

# Next Steps

- Identify localities and sites for workshop
  - Volunteers were requested from the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise
    - Hampton
    - Norfolk
    - Virginia Beach
    - Others?
- Develop a “Unified Mission Statement” for the workshop
  - Major goals for the workshop – what do we want to get out of it?
  - Required for commitment from the Dutch Embassy
- Schedule workshop
  - October/November