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# *The EJ4Climate Grant Program & The Communities for Environmental Justice Network Project*

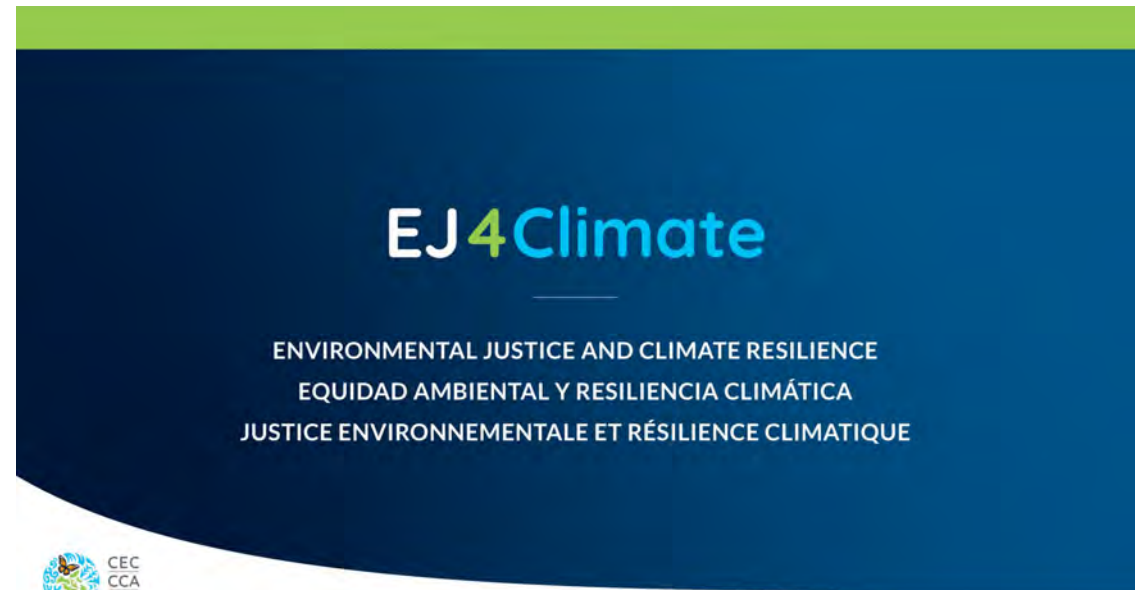
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# EJ4Climate Grant Program

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- Established in 2021 at the initiative of the United States.
- Aims to support environmental justice by facilitating the involvement and empowerment of communities to prepare them for climate-related impacts.
- Targets underserved and vulnerable communities, and Indigenous communities.



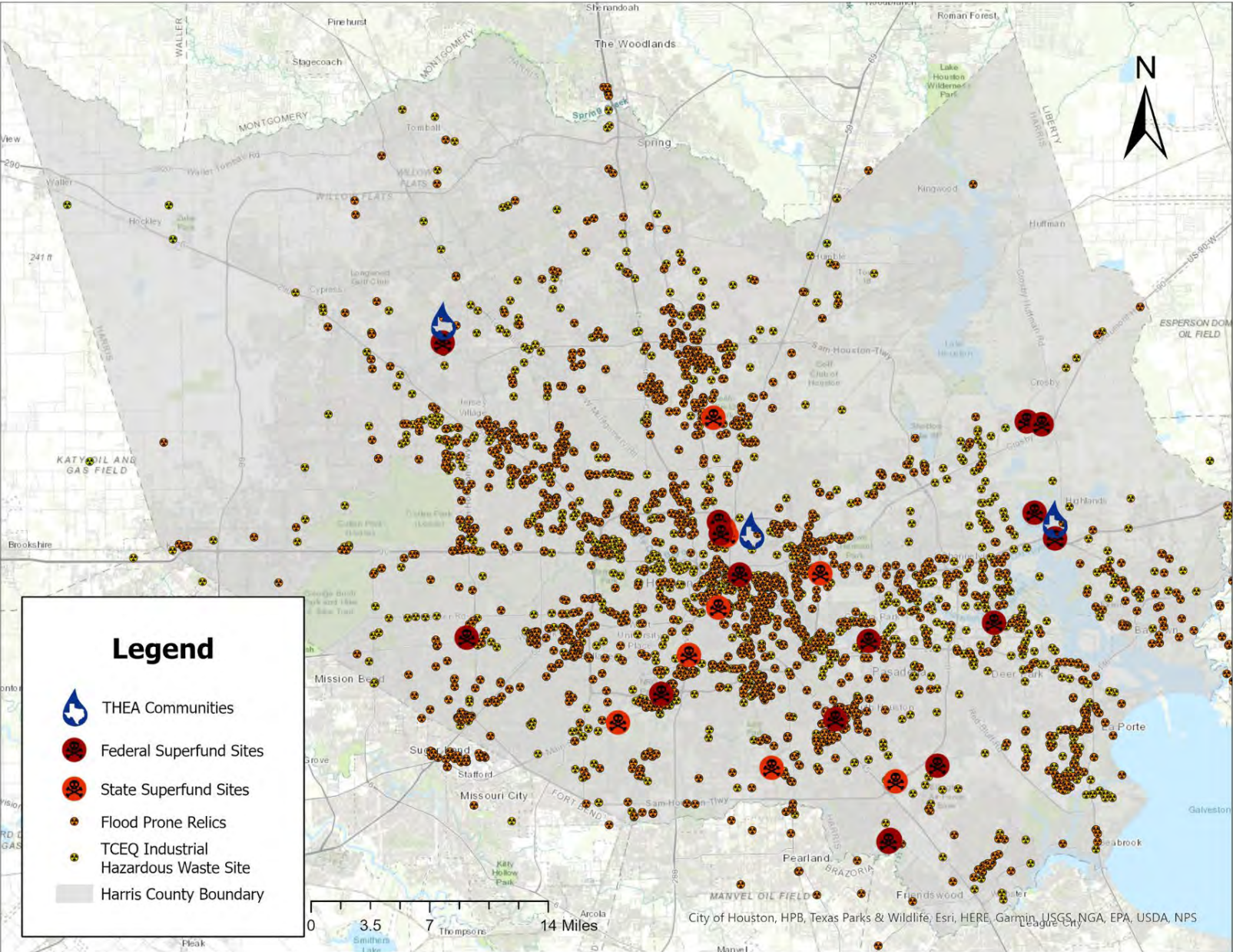


**EJ4Climate**  
● 2021-2022  
● 2022-2023  
● 2023-2024

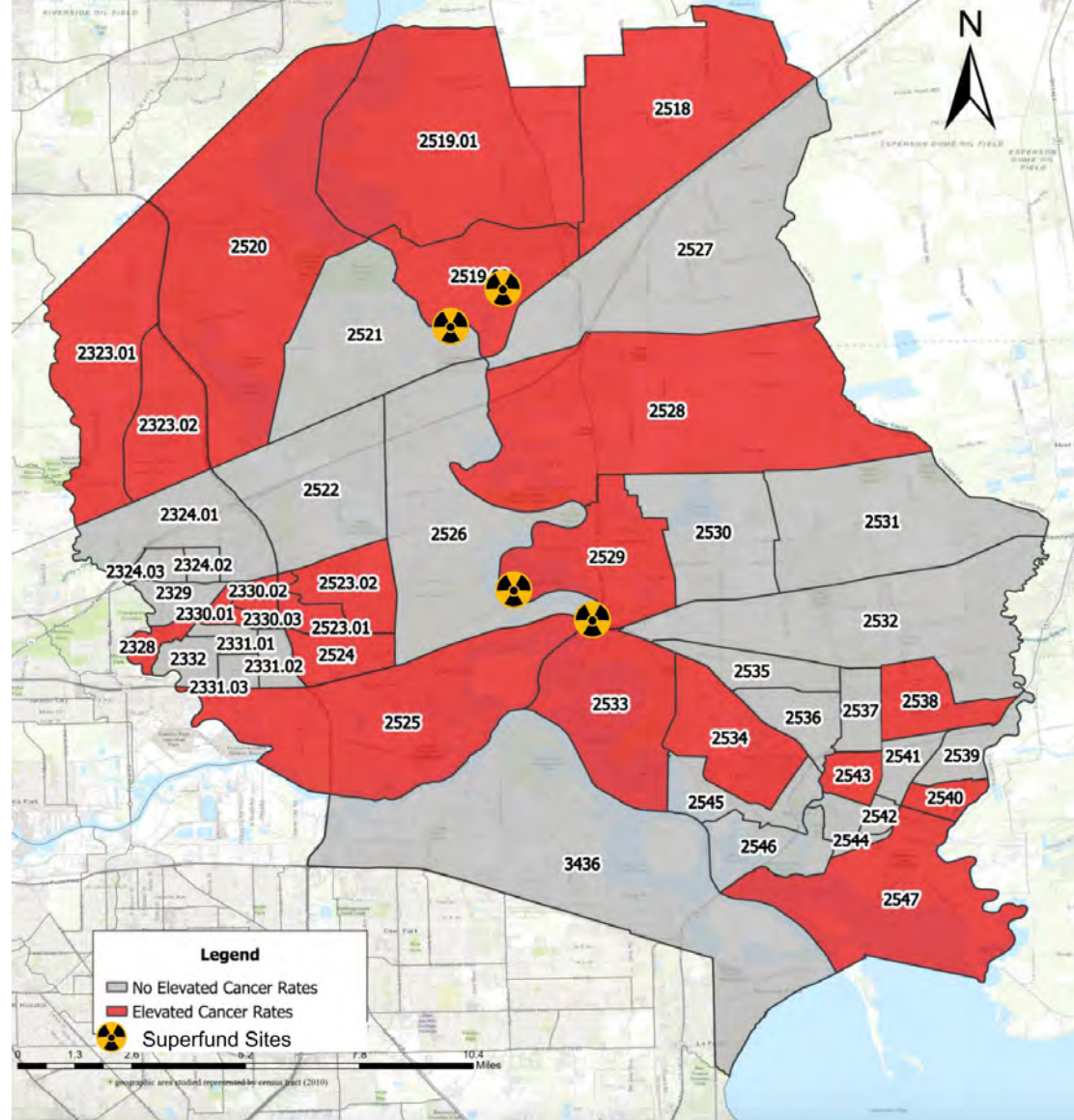


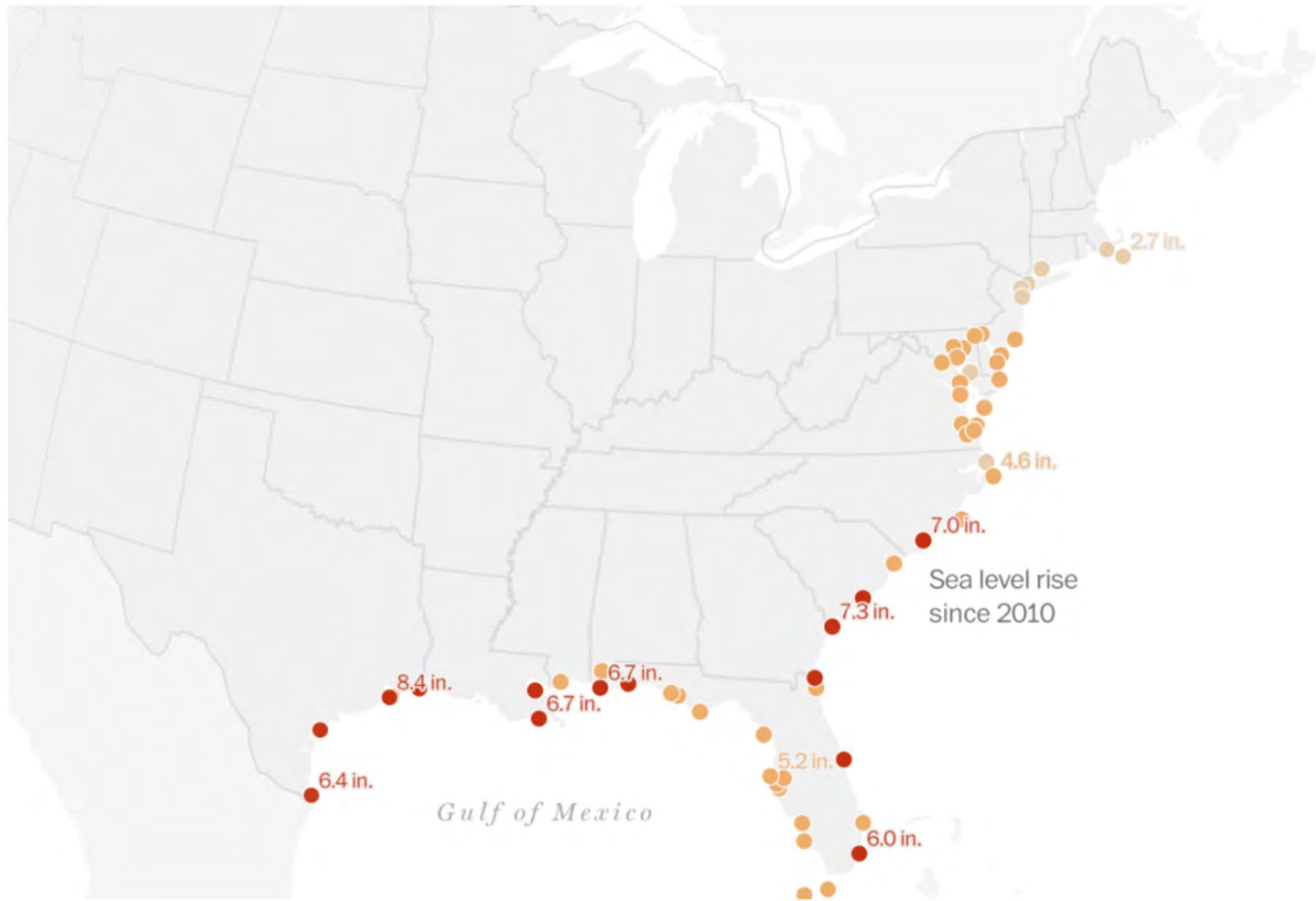
**Jackie Medcalf**, Executive Director  
*Texas Health and Environment Alliance*

# Superfund and Flood Prone Relic Sites in Harris County, Texas



# Assessment of Cancer in East Harris County, Texas (1995-2012)







**Orion Kriegman, Founding Executive Director**  
*Boston Food Forest Coalition*









BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION



COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP



NATURE-BASED DESIGN

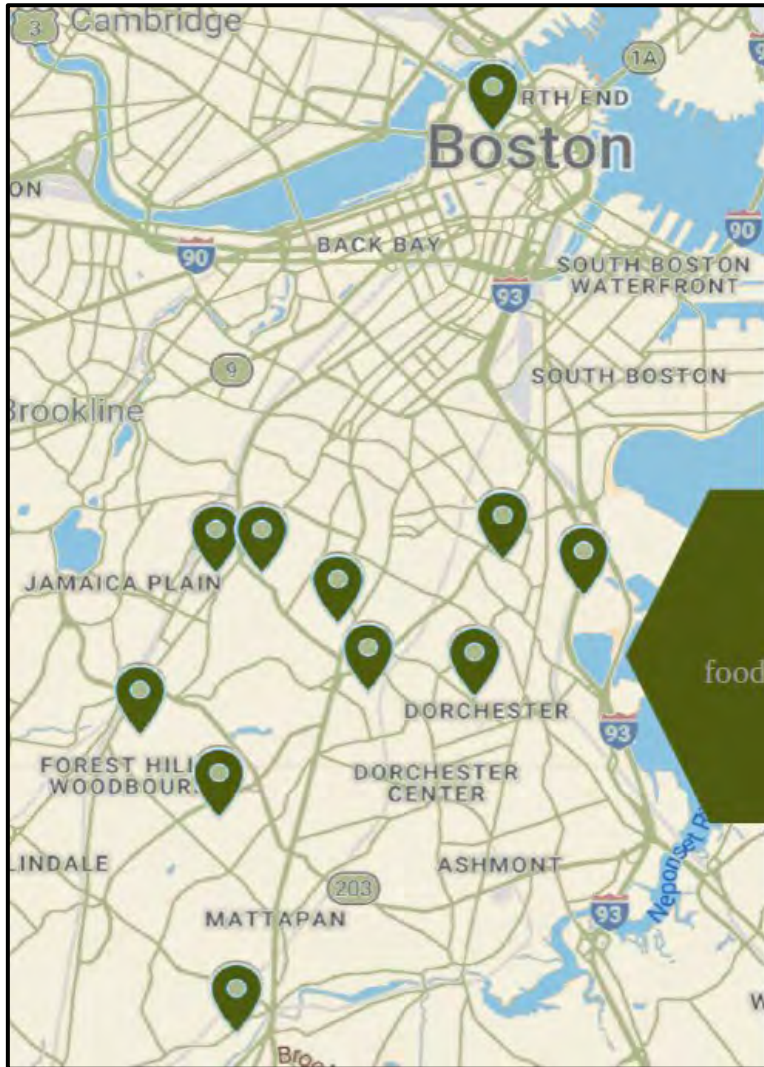


LOCAL LEADERSHIP



STEWARDSHIP & EDUCATION

TRANSFORMING VACANT LOTS INTO  
A NETWORK OF CLIMATE-RESILIENT PUBLIC PARKS



## Impact So Far

**11**  
food forest parks

**525**  
trees and shrubs  
planted



**60**  
community  
stewards

**130,000**  
square feet  
conserved





**Jose Torcal**, Project Lead, *Isla Urbana*  
**Perry McLeod**, Traditional Helper, *Nipissing First Nation*





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# Jeffrey Renfrow, Director

## *Rio Bravo Restoration*











# Communities for Environmental Justice Network Project (CEJN)

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- The project supports the creation of a trinational network to facilitate the exchange of community-based environmental justice stories, expertise, lessons learned and resources.
- The Network aims to strengthen the capacity of North American Indigenous, local, vulnerable, disadvantaged, and/or underserved communities to address environmental justice concerns in the context of climate change.



**CEJN Trinational Workshop, November 2023, Oaxaca, Mexico.**



**Marley Kozak**  
National Program Manager  
*The Resilience Institute*





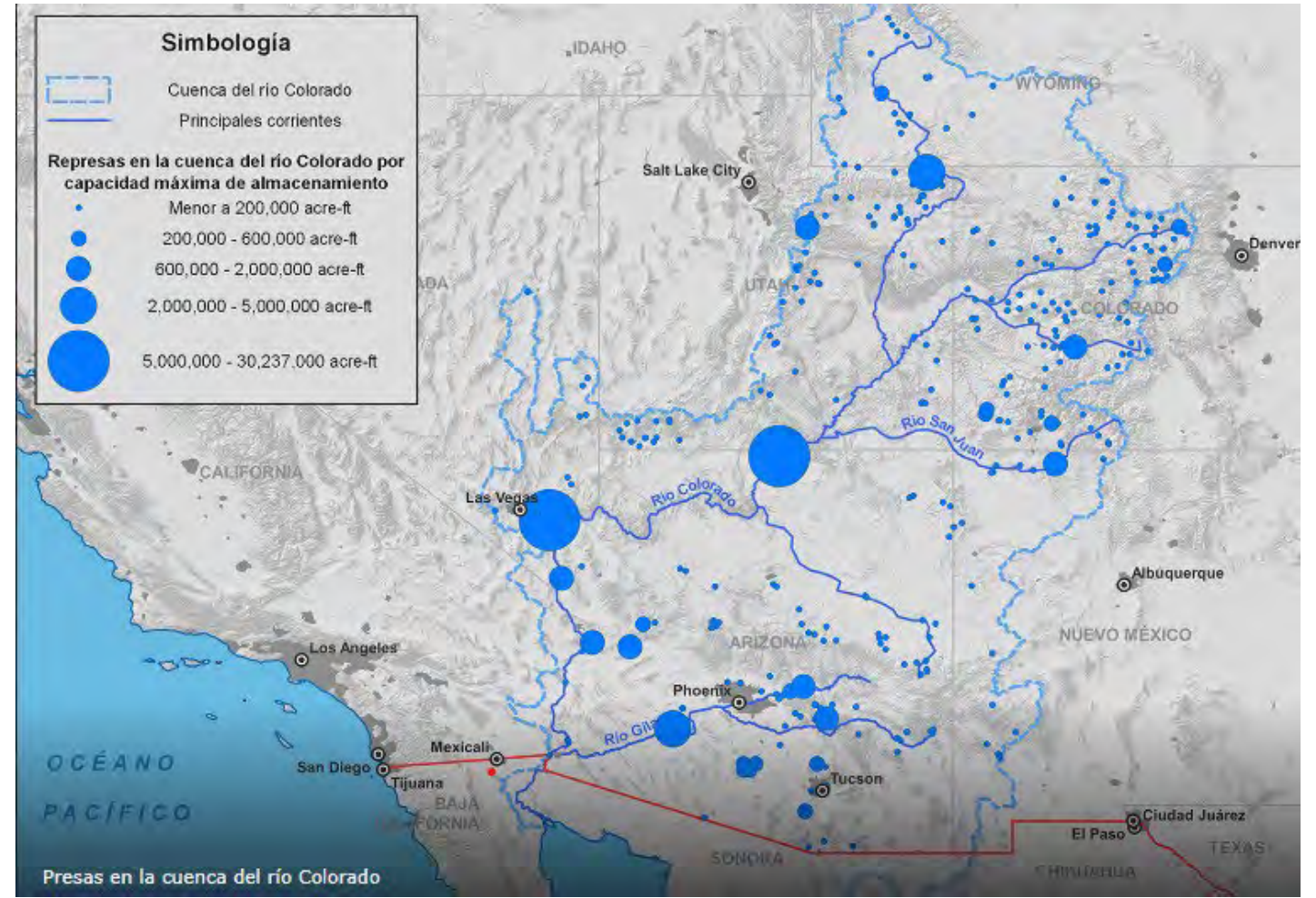






**Jaziel Soto Torres**  
*Cucapah El Mayor*  
*Indigenous Community*  
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Communities for Environmental Justice Network (CEJN)  
**Story map**

Red de comunidades en favor de la justicia Ambiental (RCJA)  
**Mapa narrativo**

Réseau de collectivités pour la justice environnementale (RCJE)  
**Carte de récits**



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***Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci!***

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