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POLLUTION REPORTING MADE EASY.



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POLLUTION CLEANUP.**

**Pollution Reporting
Made Easy.**

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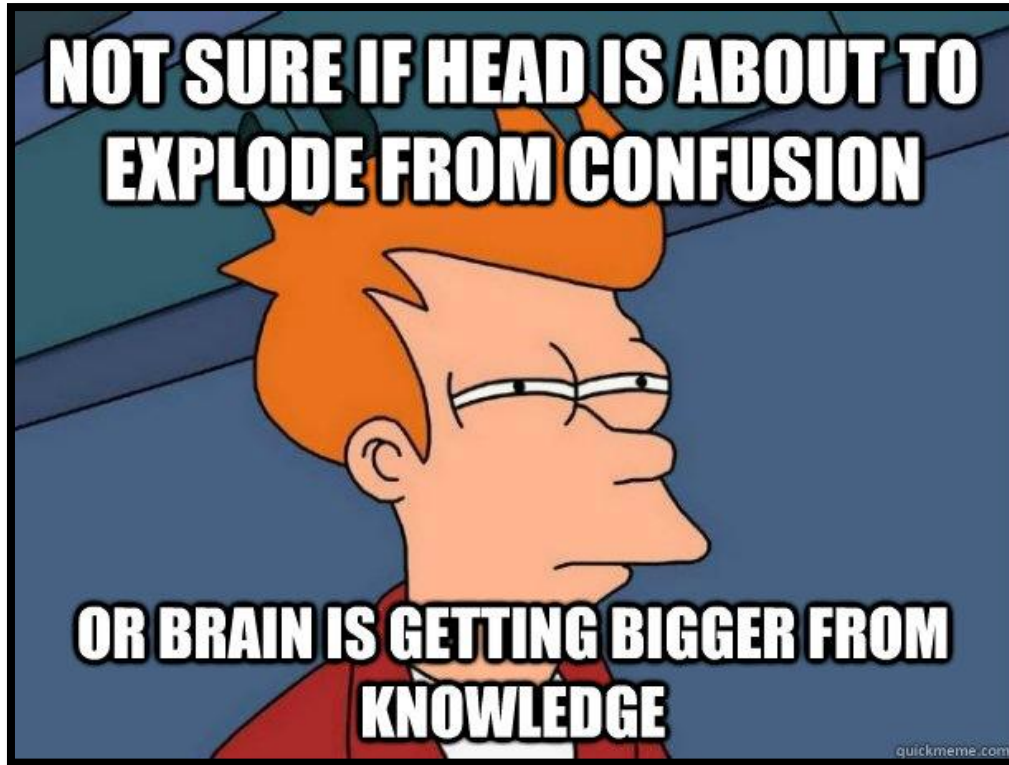
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Why Was GBAN Created?

It's difficult to determine where to report pollution



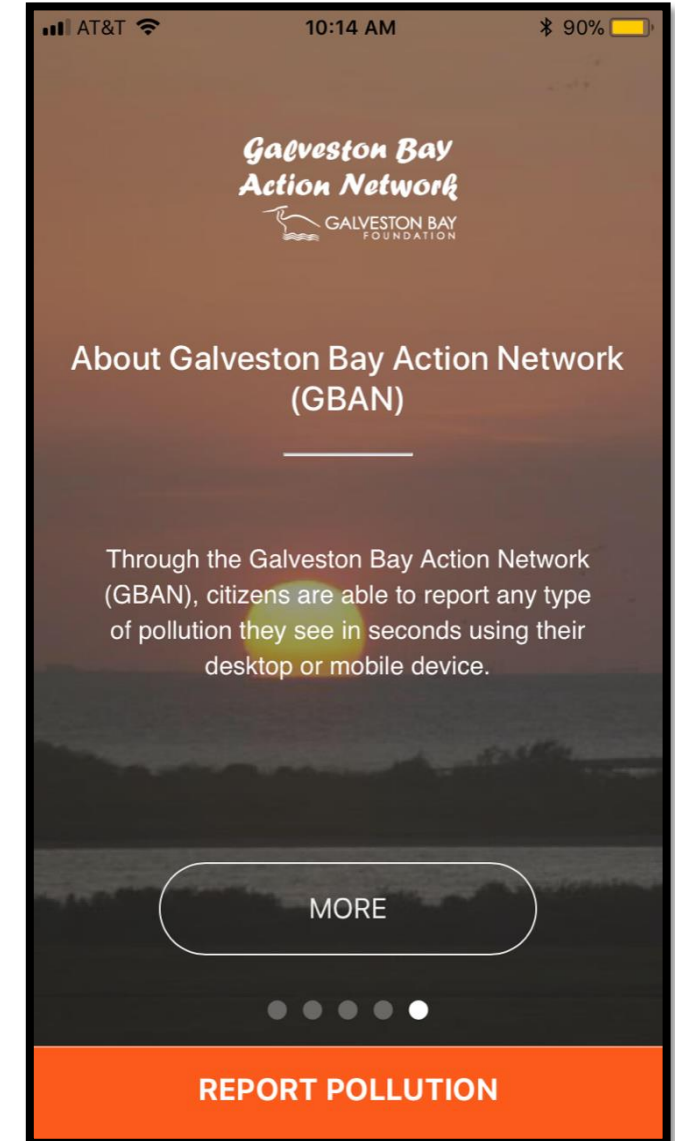
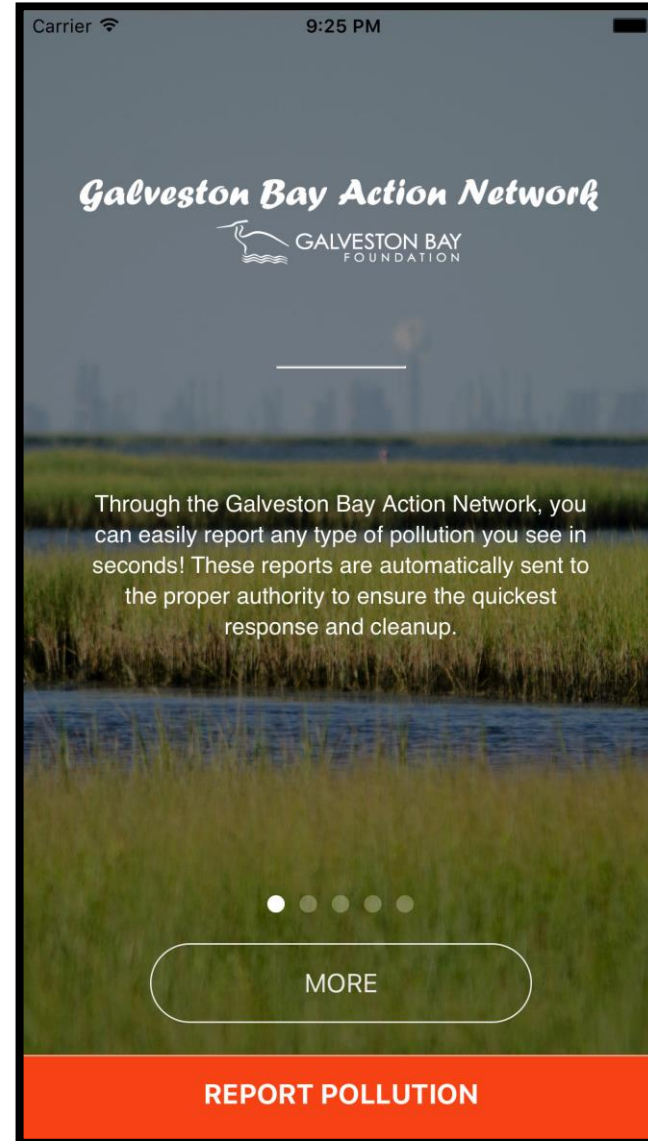
Frustration → inaction
Knowledge → action

Type of Complaint	Who to Contact	Hours	Telephone
Statewide pollution complaints	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Environmental Complaint System	24hr	(888) 777-3186
Galveston County Pollution Complaints	Galveston County Health District	24hr	(406) 938-2251
Harris County Pollution Complaints	Harris County Pollution Control Services	Day	(713) 920-2831
• Sewage, water-borne illness	Water Problem	Day Night	(713) 274-6300 (713) 920-2831
• Wastewater/trash dumping	Neighborhood Nuisance	Day Night	(713) 274-6300 (713) 920-2831
Oil or chemical spills	Federal National Response Center	24hr	(800) 424-8802
Oil spills or dumping	Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program	24hr	(800) 832-8224
Abandoned or submerged vessels	Derelict Vessel Coordinator		
• Galveston	Derelict Vessel Coordinator	24hr	(866) 894-7664
• Laporte Office (Galveston Bay area)	Derelict Vessel Coordinator	24hr	(281) 470-1191
Fish kills	Region 3 Kills and Spills Team	24hr	(281) 842-8100
Boat sewage complaints	Operation Game Thief	24hr	(800) 792-4263
• Harris County	TPWD Game Warden Captain Fred Ruiz	Day	(713) 779-8977
• Galveston County	TPWD Game Warden Captain Eddie Tanuz	Day	(409) 933-1947
Industrial plant concerns			(281) 467-2237
Unauthorized dredge or fill (in waters of US/wetlands)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, Regulatory Branch, Compliance Section		Unauthorized Activity Report Form

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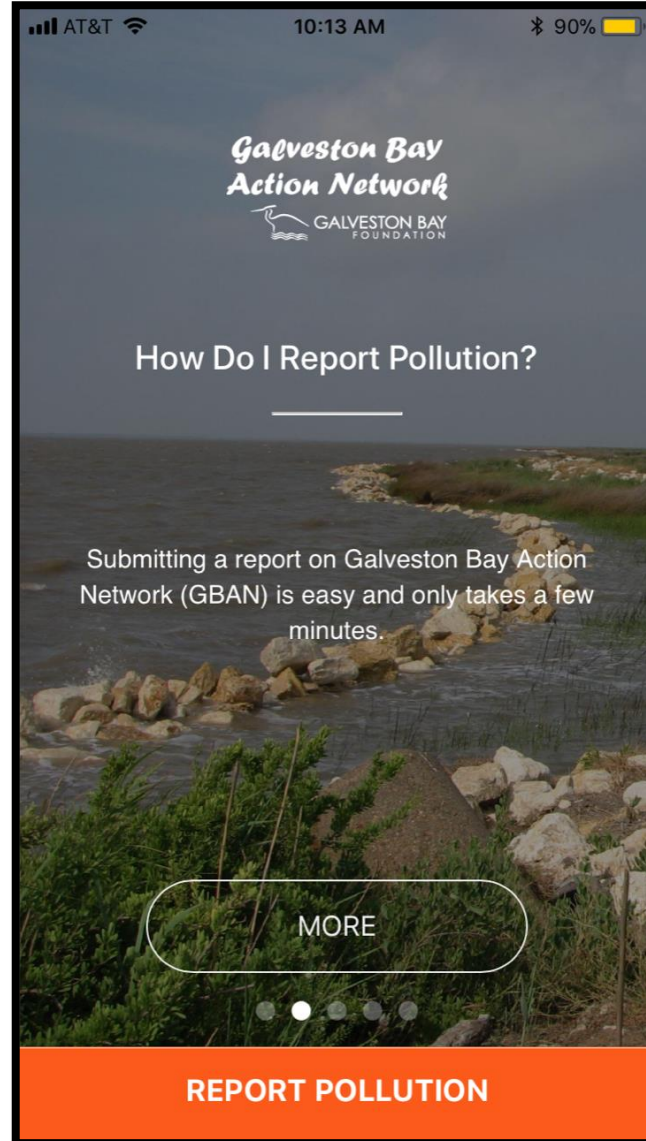
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* Location

You have to select a location.

* Incident Title

* Pollution Type

Select

* Municipality

Select

* Date of Incident

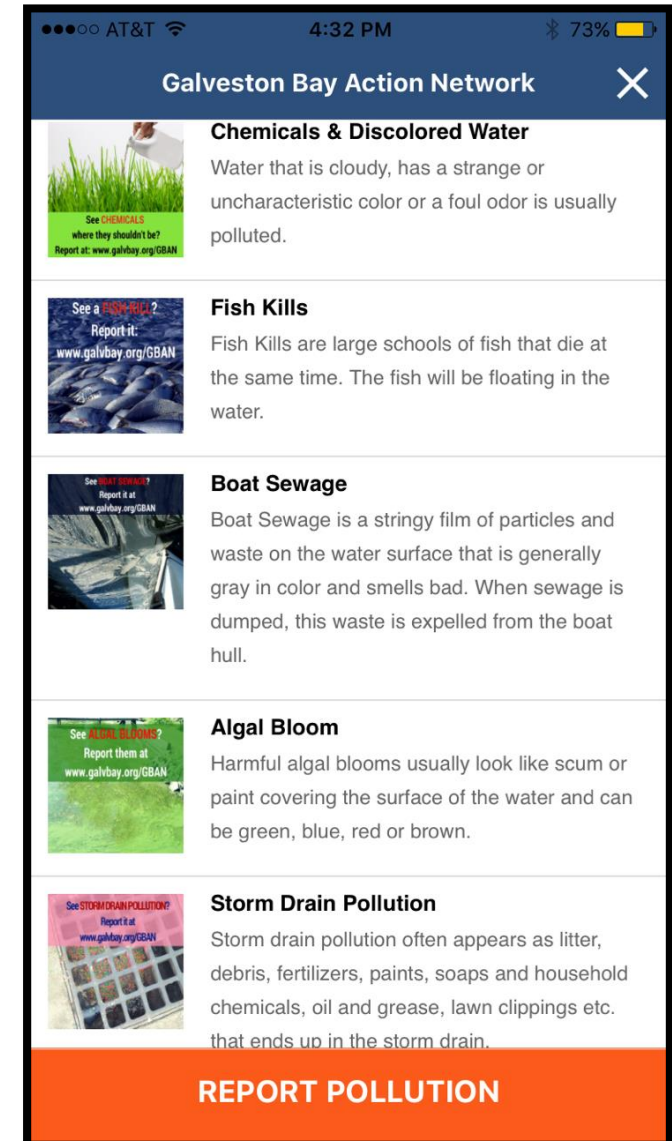
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* Time of Incident

03:23 PM

* Description (details of event, potential source, etc.)

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Types of Pollution

See **STORM DRAIN POLLUTION?**
Report it at
www.galvbay.org/GBAN




Storm Drain Pollution
Storm drain pollution often appears as litter, debris, fertilizers, paints, soaps and household chemicals, oil and grease, lawn clippings etc. that ends up in the storm drain.

Sanitary Sewers
Sanitary sewer overflows look like they sound: sewage water spilling out of a sewer line or

REPORT POLLUTION

See a **SEPTIC SYSTEM ISSUE?**
Report it:
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Septic Systems
Septic System malfunctions often appear as drainage issues in your home, standing water, damp spots, bad odors, or bright green, spongy lush grass around the septic tank.

Oil or Sheen
Oil pollution looks like a rainbow or shiny sheen on the surface of water or land.

REPORT POLLUTION

See **CHEMICALS**
where they shouldn't be?
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Boat Sewage
Chemicals & Discolored Water
Water that is cloudy, has a strange or uncharacteristic color or a foul odor is usually dumped, expelled from the boat hull.

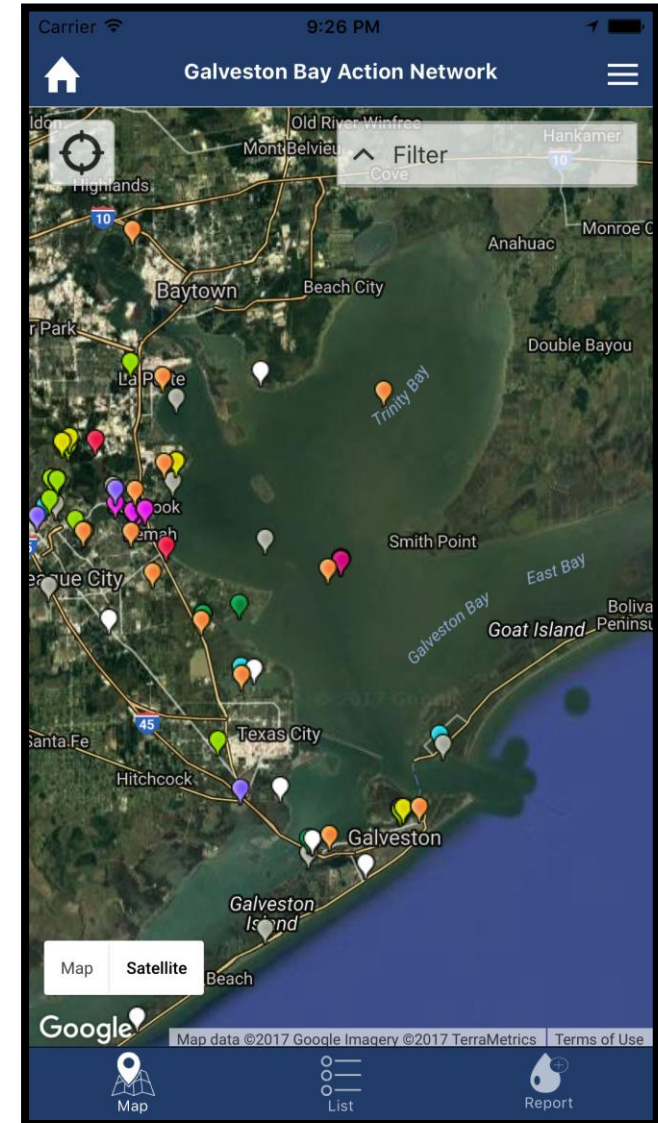
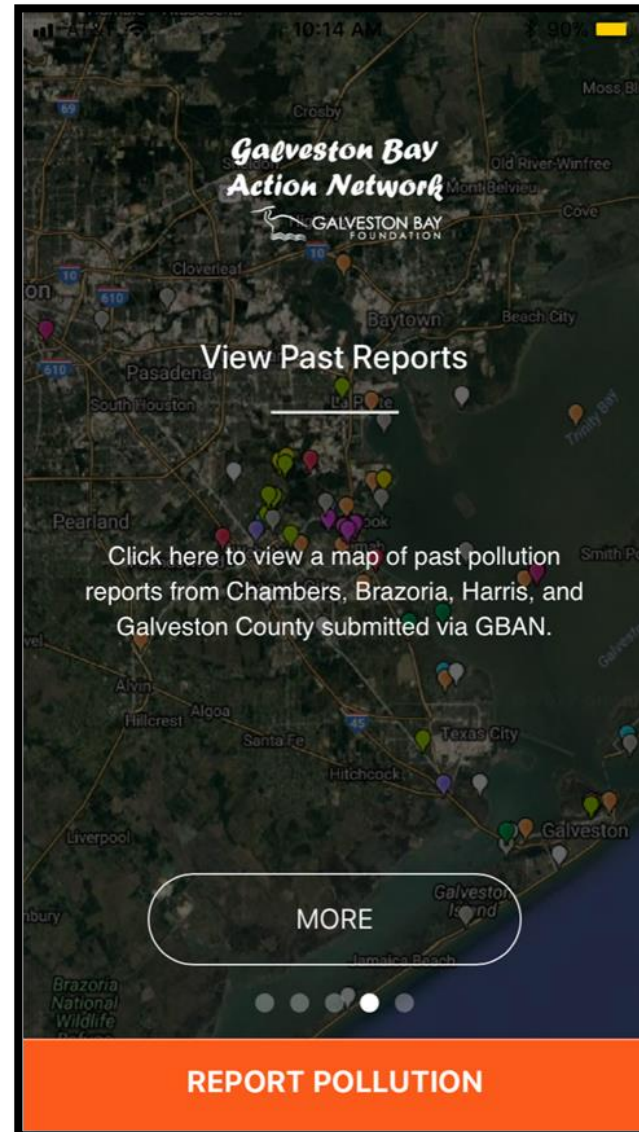
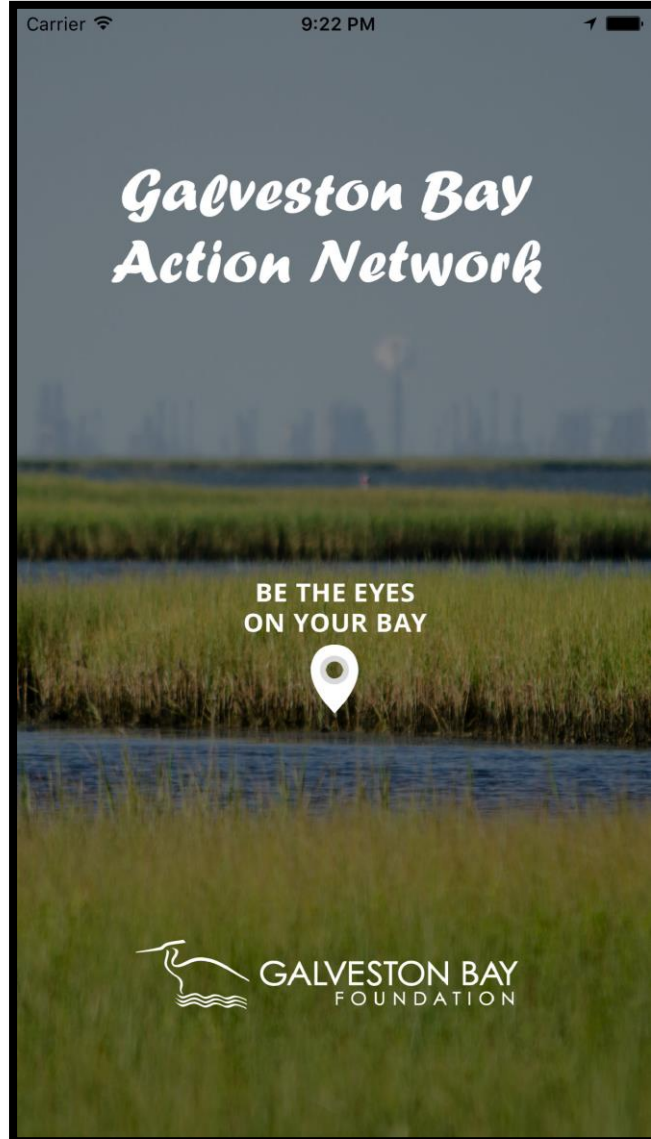
Algal Bloom
Harmful algal blooms usually look like scum or paint covering the surface of the water and can be green, blue, red or brown.

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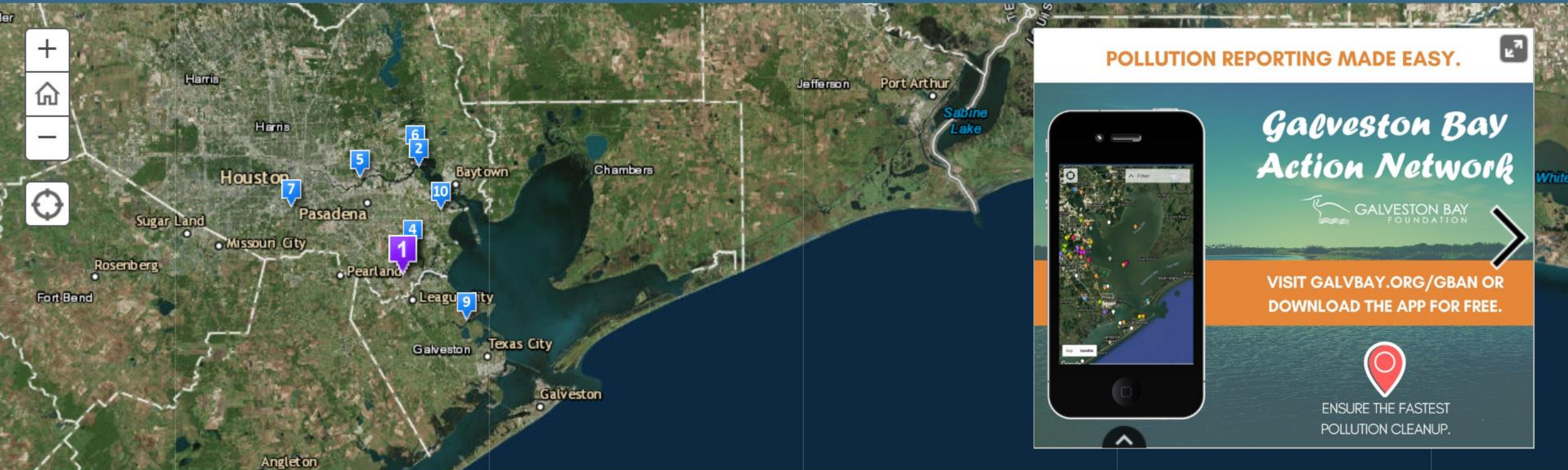


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Trash on Shoreline



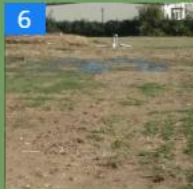
Leaking sewer main



Poor Construction Practices



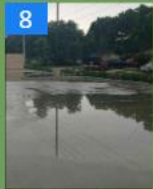
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Septic leaking into yards and drainage ditch



Trash Pile on Road



Standing Water an Smell.

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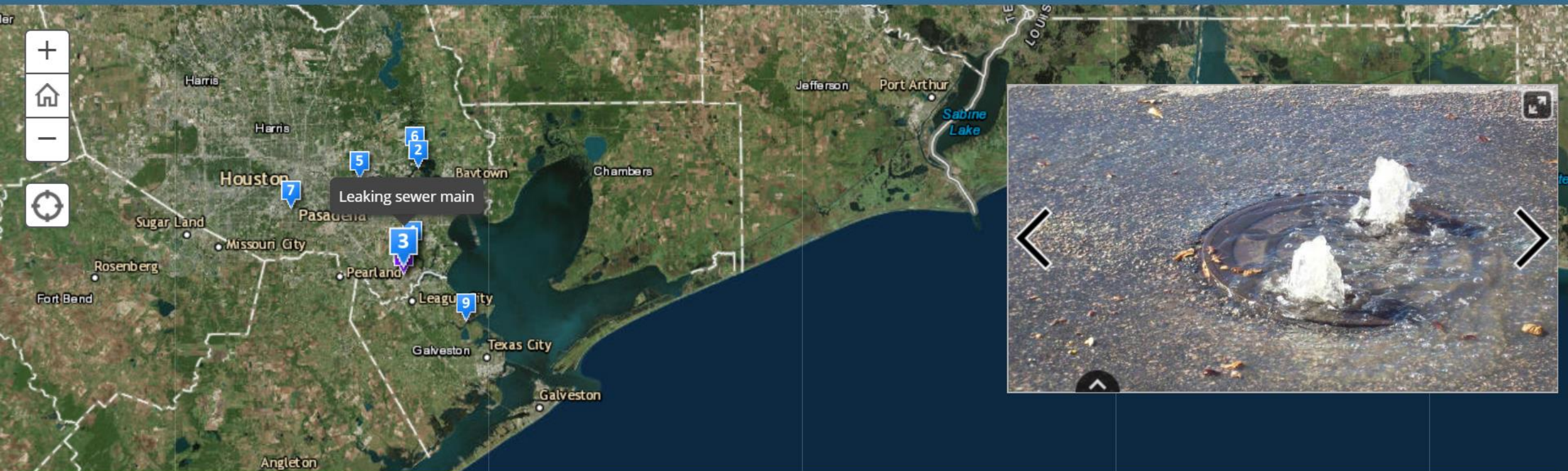


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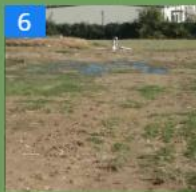
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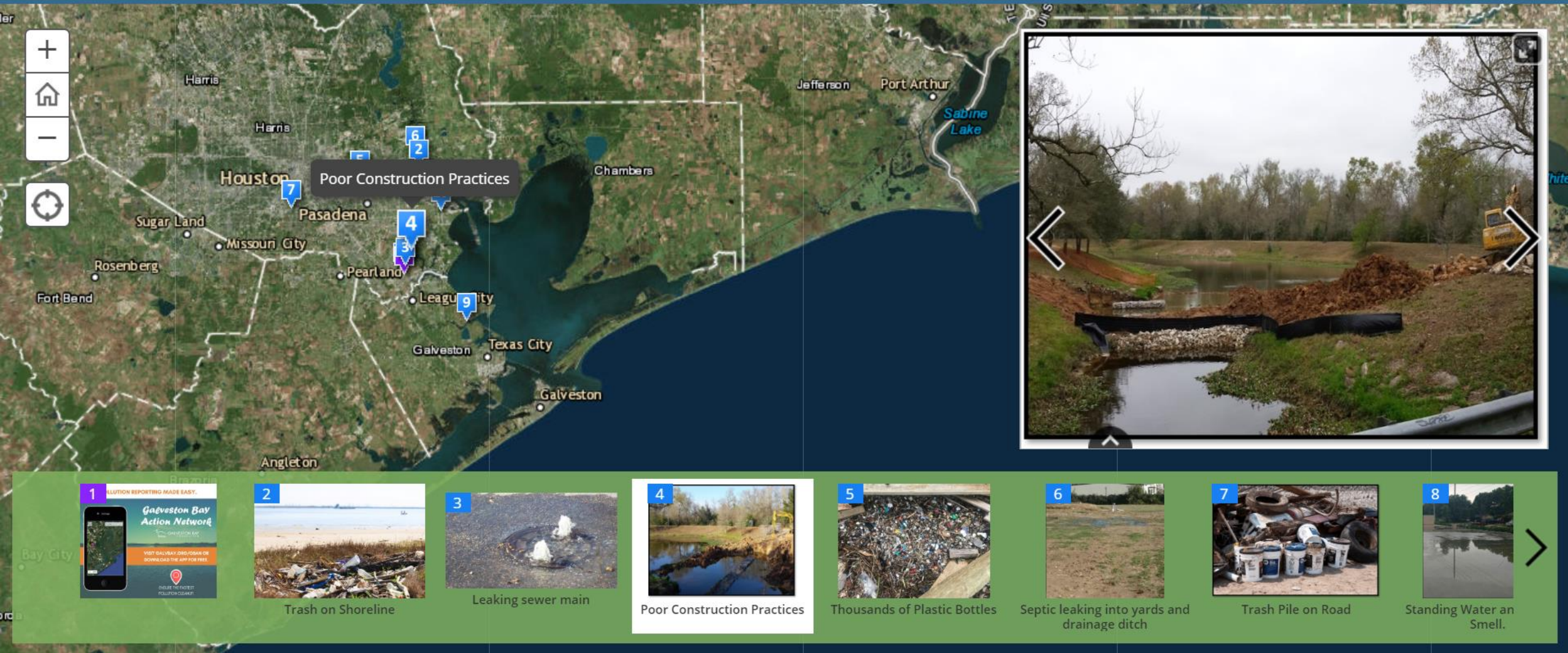
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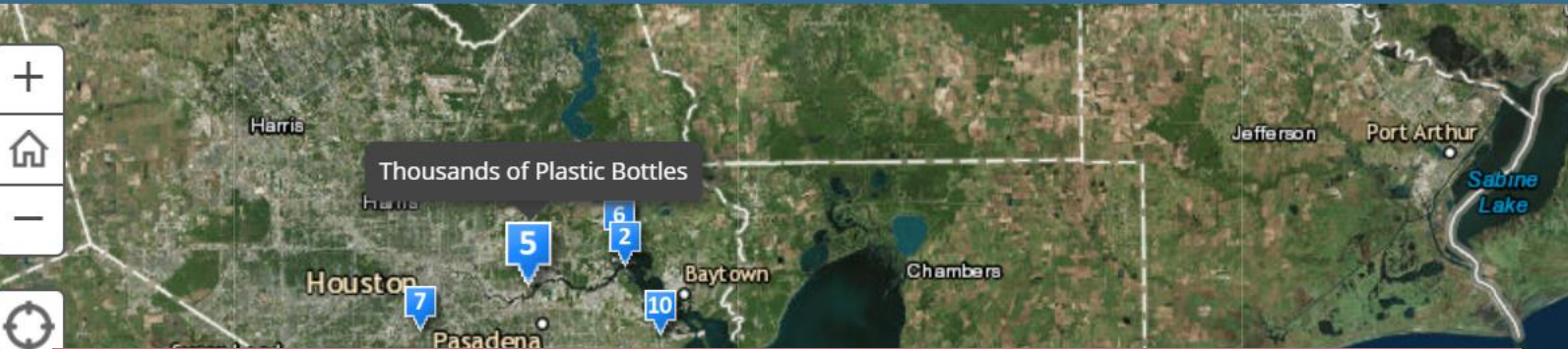
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“We were going out of town and I saw an area of plastic bottles that was 100 ft long and 40 ft wide. That’s how I found out about GBAN. It took almost 6 weeks but the industries that owned the properties and everyone else came together to get it cleaned up. It was really a good thing because all those bottles would have just washed out farther.”



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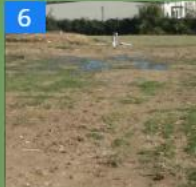
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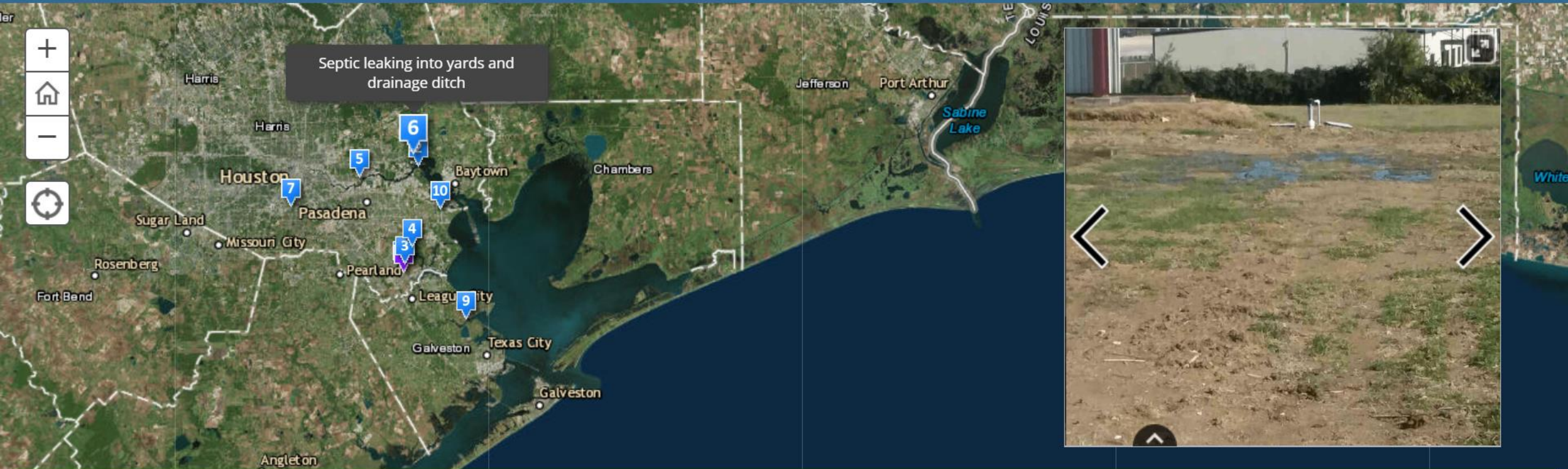
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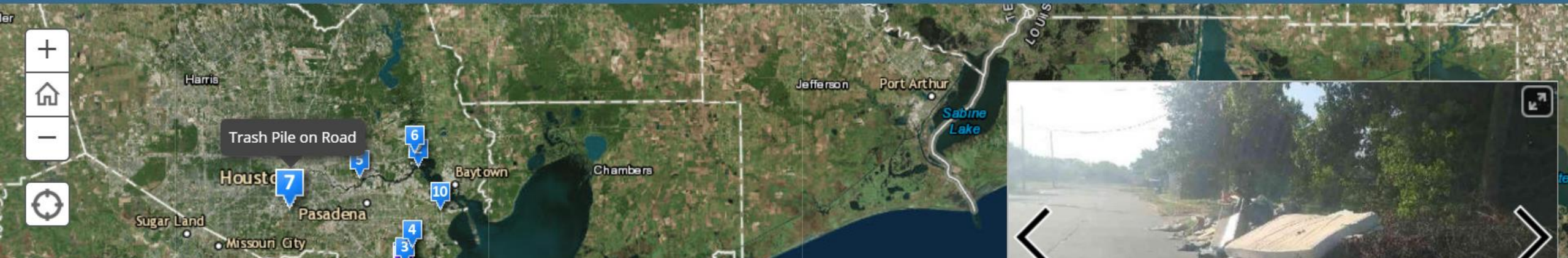
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“I pulled over on my way to work one morning, took a picture of the garbage pile, opened up the app, and sent the report off. It was like that. Then I’m driving through there a couple days later and the trash was gone. Which it’s the first time in a year and a half...zap it’s so easy.”



sewer main



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Standing Water and Sewage Smell.



Abandoned Vessel



Oil Absorbent Pads on Road

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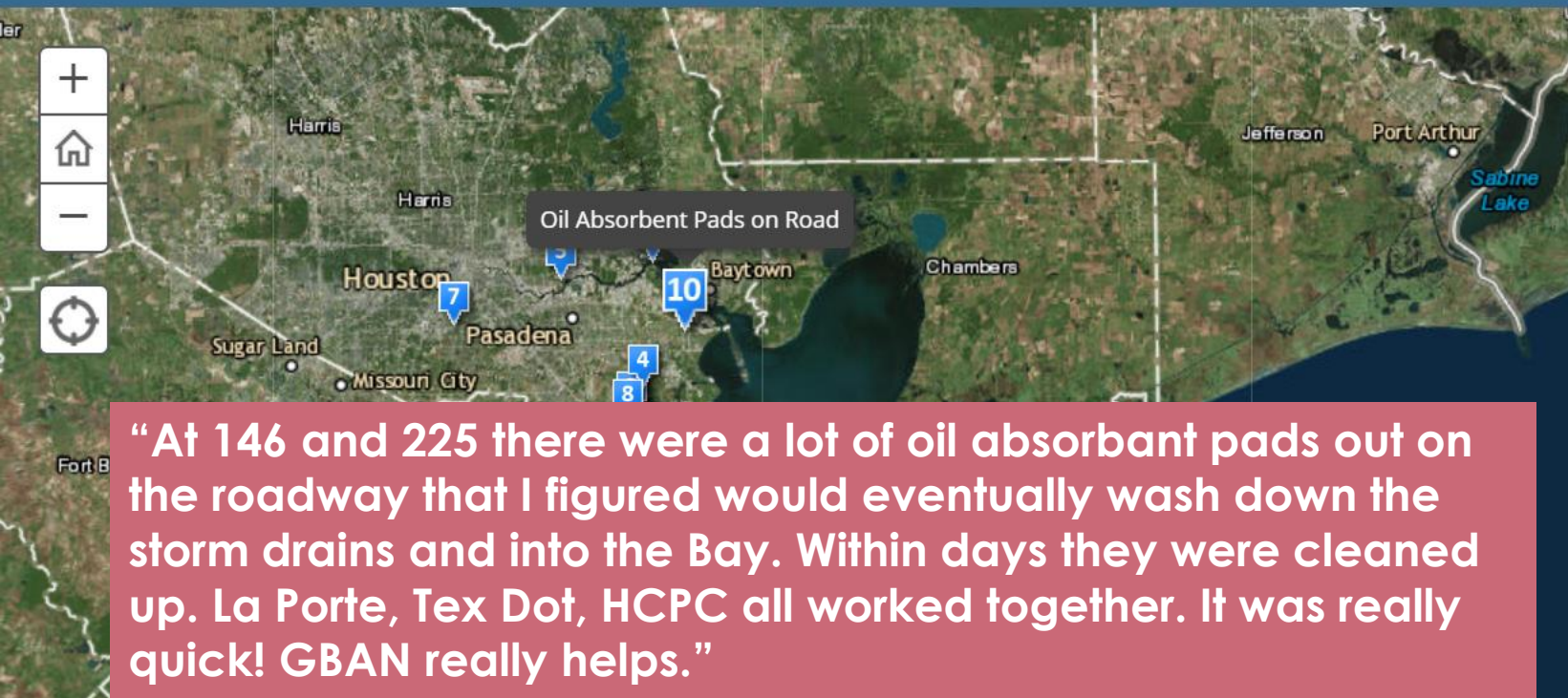
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Current Partner Agencies



Questions?

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