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## Kodiak Sargent Creek and Russian River Bridges Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

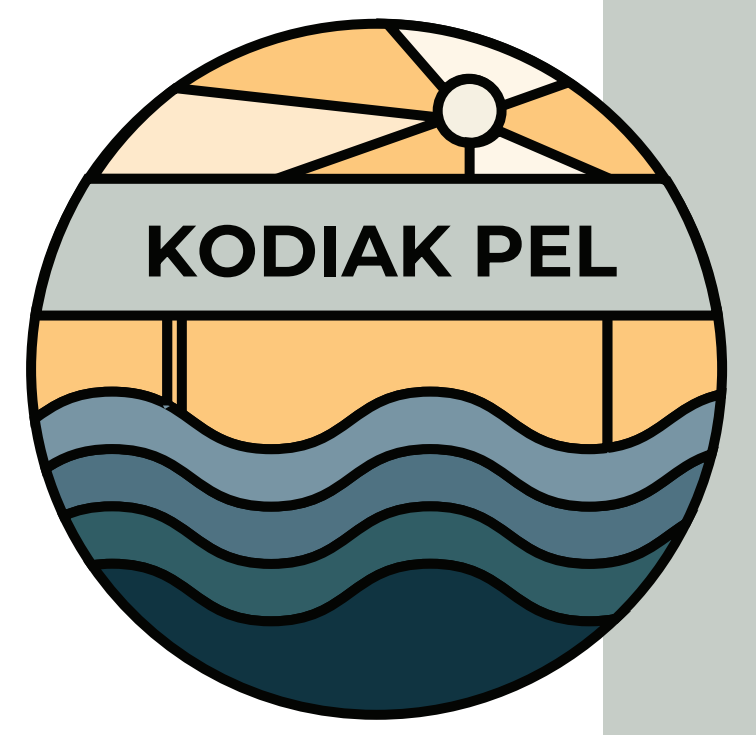
– *also known as Kodiak PEL*



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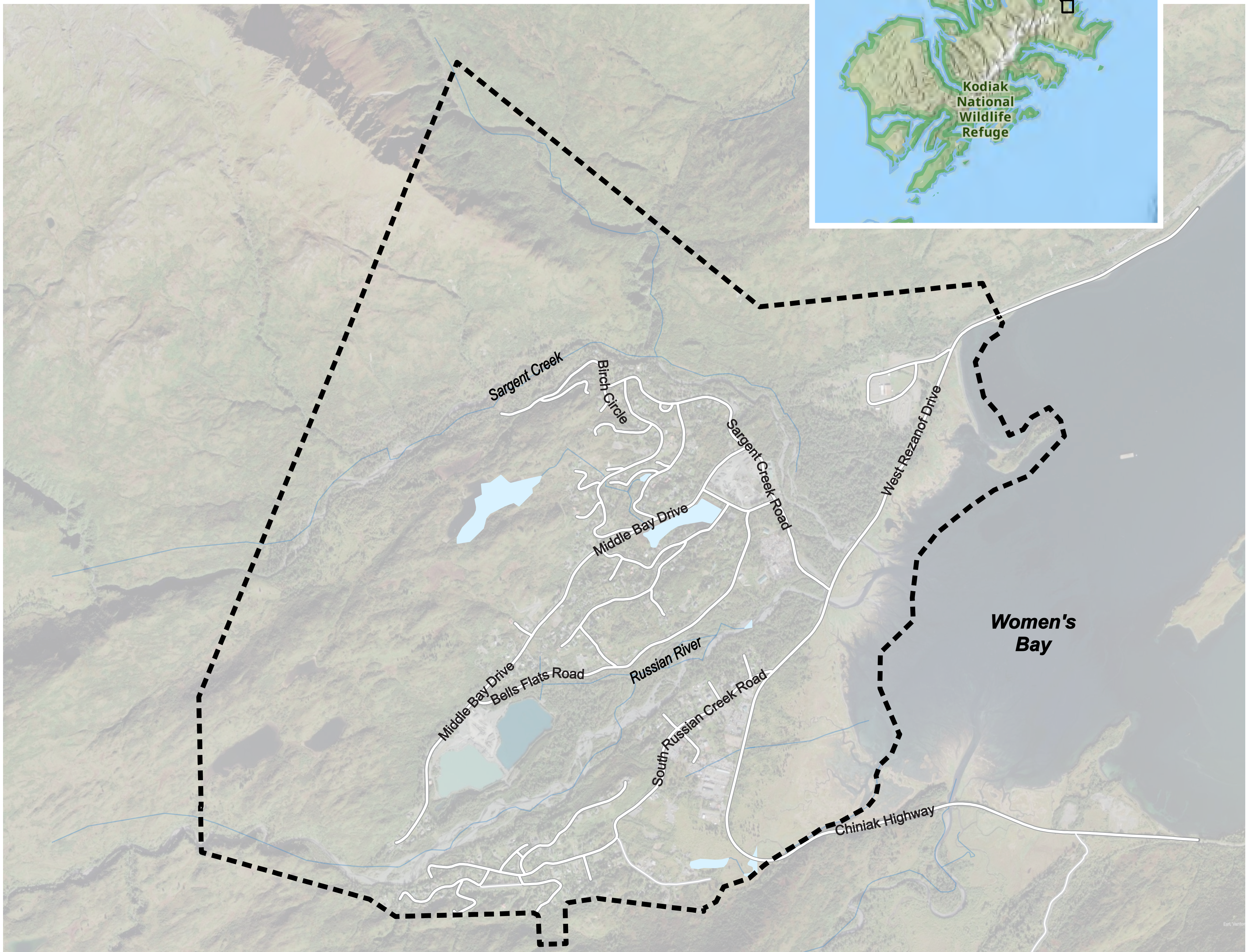
# Study Overview



The Sargent Creek and Russian River Bridges are in poor condition, are structurally deficient, and need to be replaced.

This area also experiences repetitive flooding that negatively impacts the Sargent Creek Road and the surrounding area.

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities and Kodiak Island Borough are partnering on the PEL study to develop solutions.



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Project Study Area

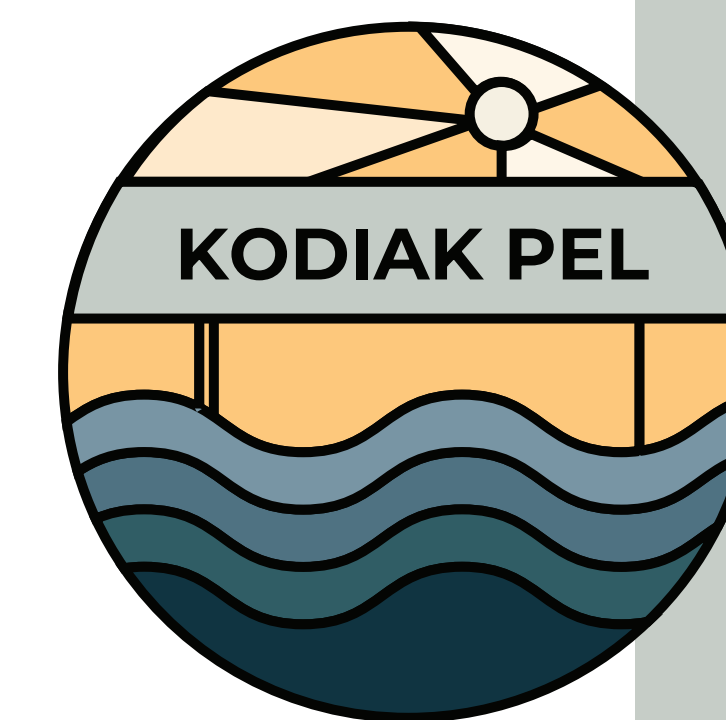
PROJECT STUDY AREA



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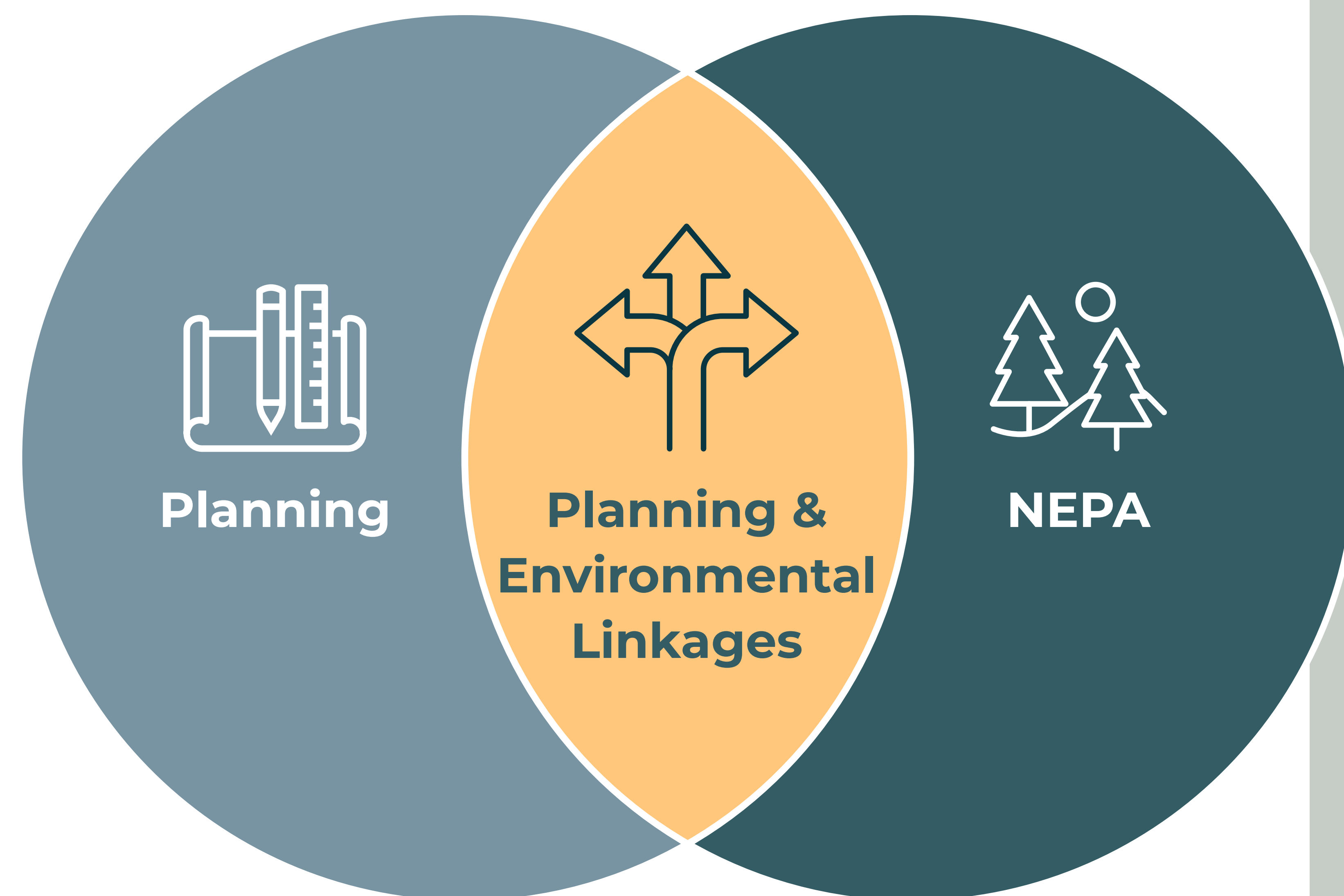
# What is a PEL Study and Why is DOT&PF Conducting One?



**A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision making that:**

- ▶ Considers ideas early and works with a community to identify solutions at the start of transportation planning.
- ▶ Connects planning to the National Environmental Policy Act by using planning information to help speed up environmental review.
- ▶ Focuses ideas and issues by narrowing down options and preparing for key issues in later project phases.

Conducting a PEL study minimizes duplication of effort, streamlines project delivery, promotes efficient and cost-effective solutions, engages partner agencies and the community early in the process, and encourages environmental stewardship.



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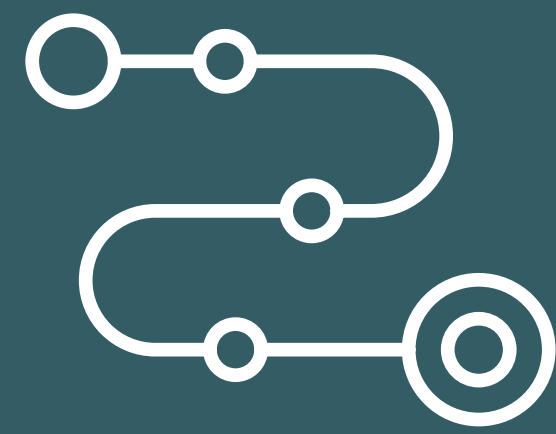
# What is the Kodiak PEL?



## The Kodiak PEL will:

- ▶ Evaluate hydrological demands
- ▶ Identify potential changes to bridges
- ▶ Determine opportunities for upstream mitigation
- ▶ Produce design alternatives
- ▶ Involve government, tribes, and the public during the process

## PEL Benefits



**Accelerates project delivery**



**Aligns with future requirements**



**Stimulates development of new tools**



**Helps build relationships for agencies and the public**



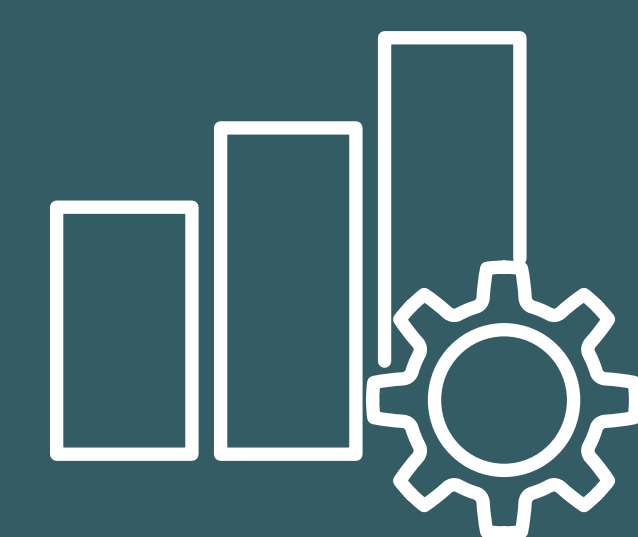
**Early engagement in decision-making**



**Helps identify interested parties early on**



**Creates better outcomes for the community**



**Improves planning products**

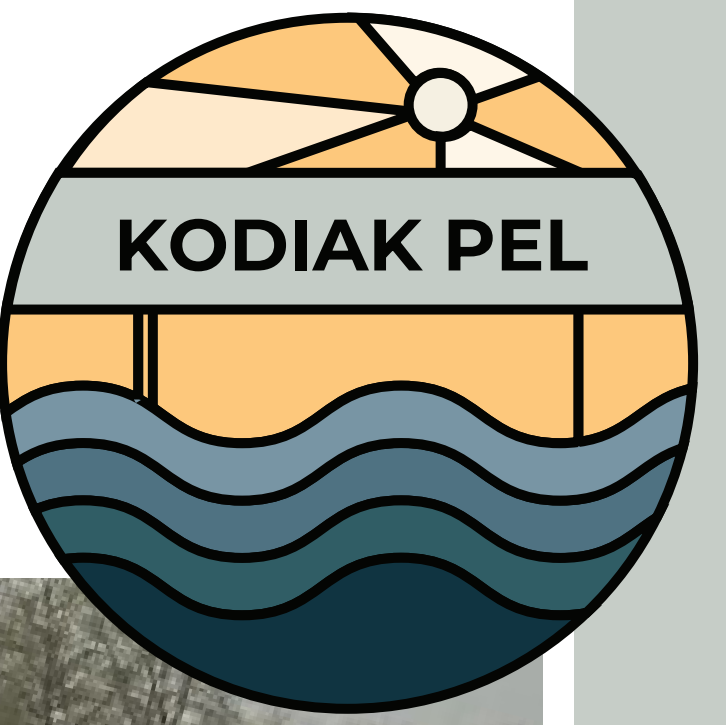


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# Study Progress

As of November 2025

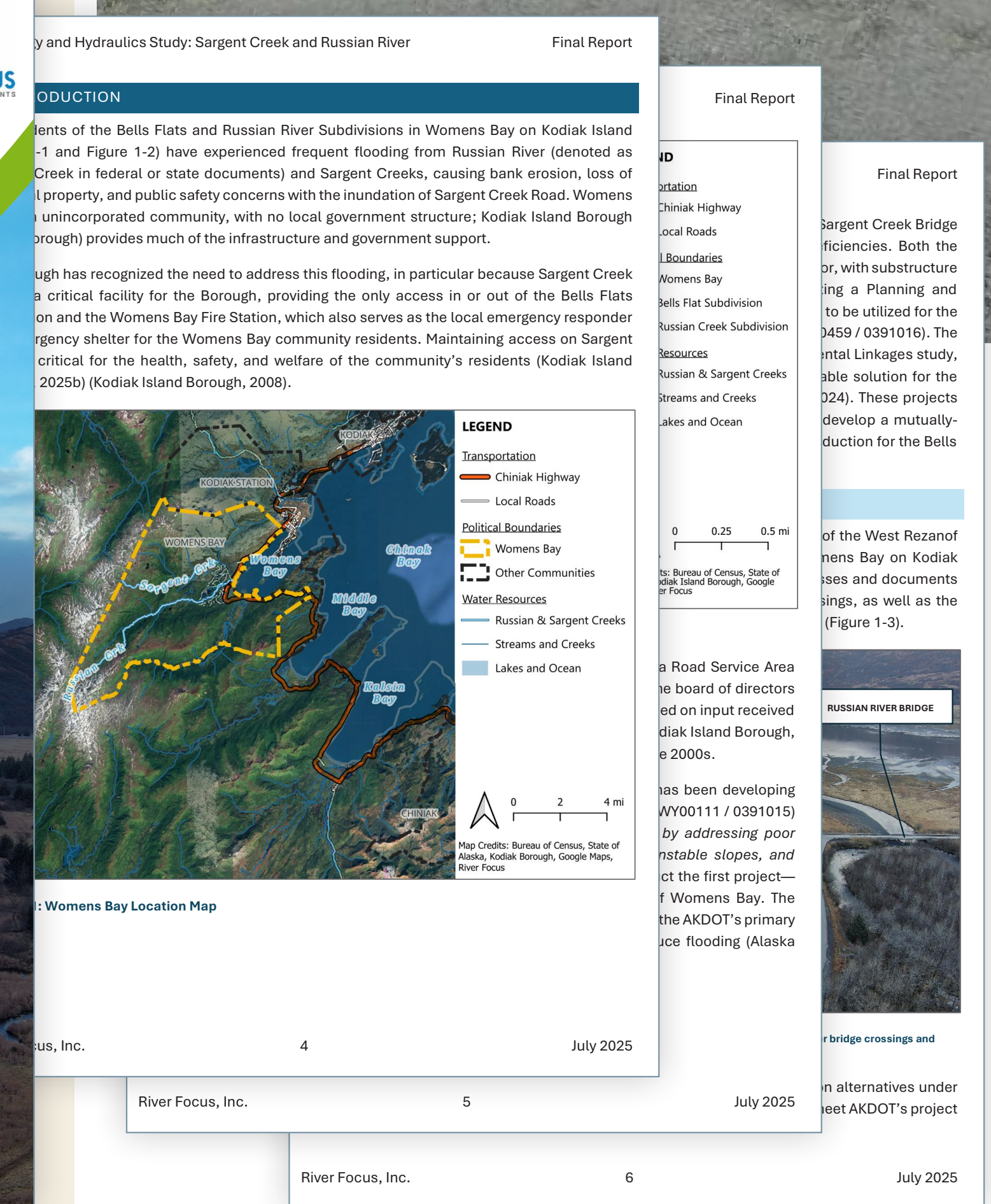
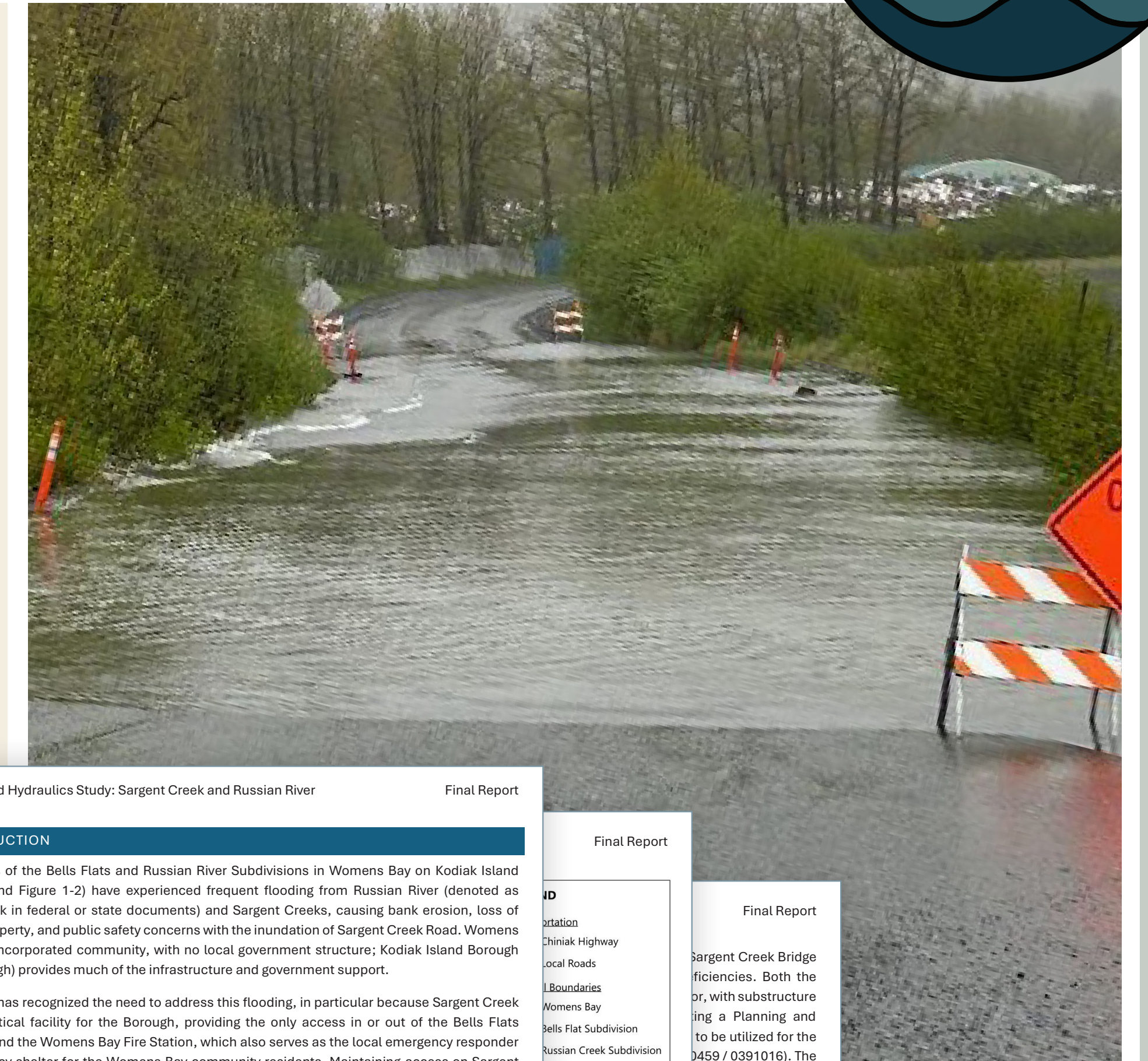
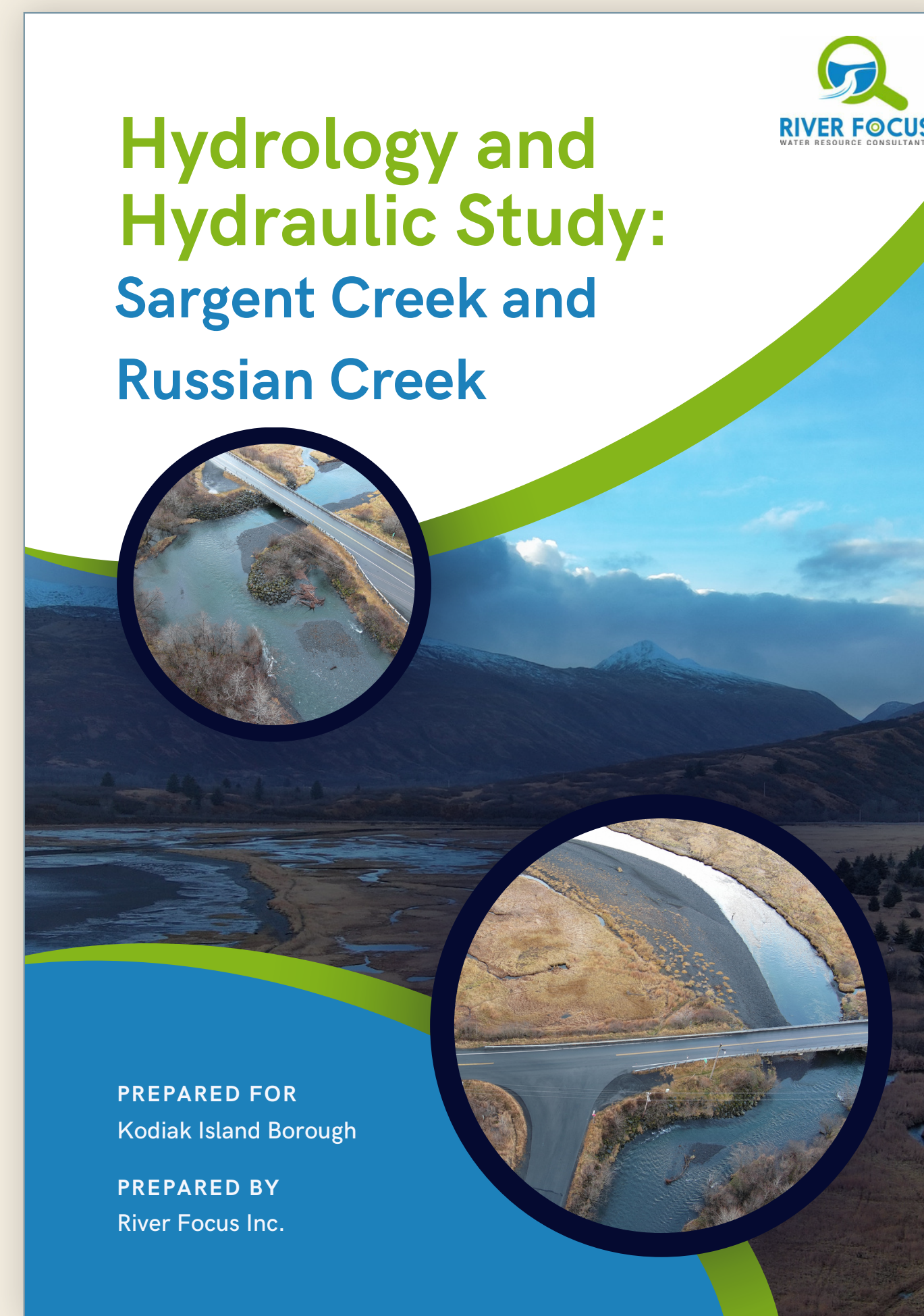


## What We've Done

- ▶ Draft Purpose & Need Statement
- ▶ Draft Alternative Screening Criteria
- ▶ Advisory Committee Meeting
- ▶ Field work (Summer 2025)

## What We're Working On

- ▶ Literature Review & Data Collection
- ▶ Hydrographic and Hydrology Survey
- ▶ Topographic Survey
- ▶ Geotechnical Analysis
- ▶ Community Engagement

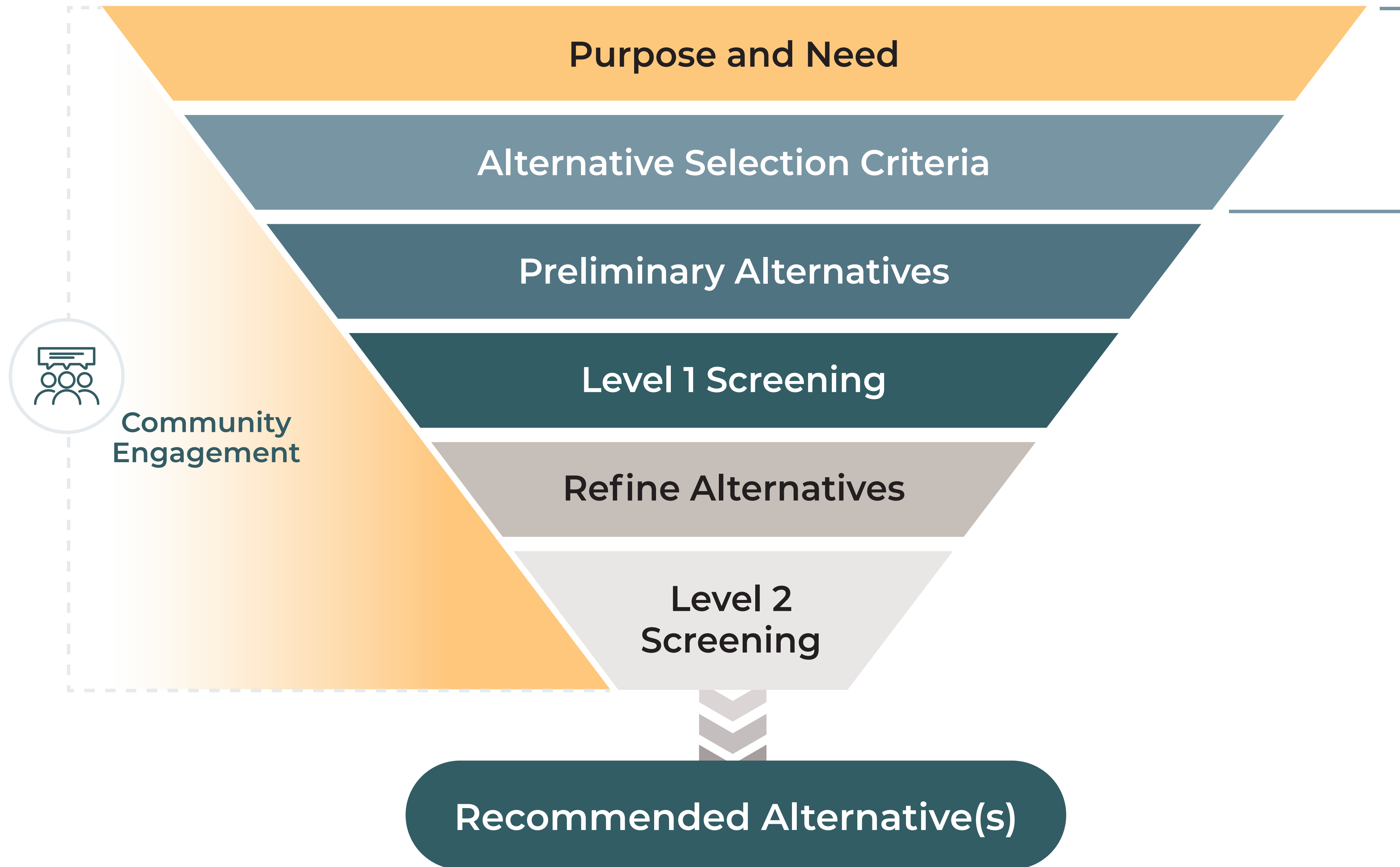
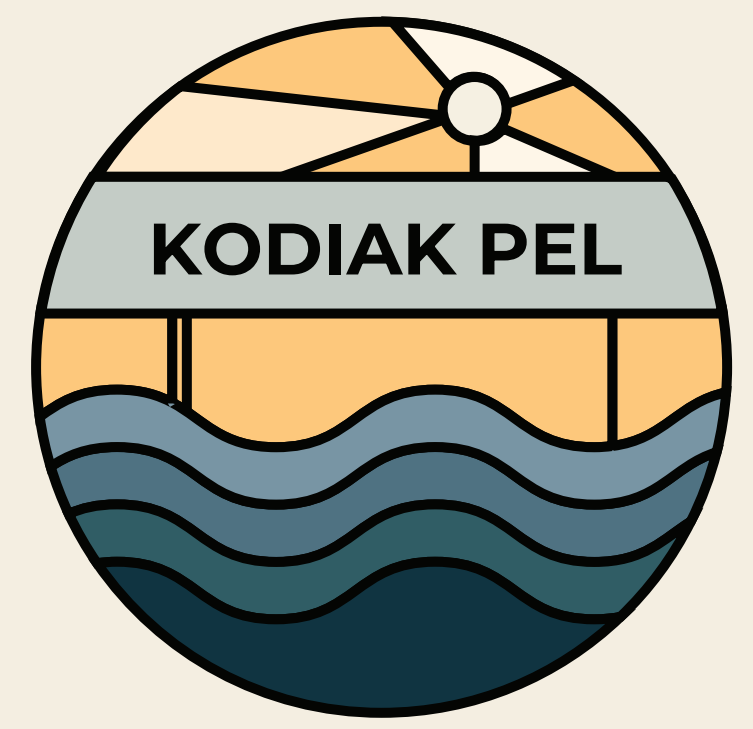


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# Draft Alternative Development and Screening Process



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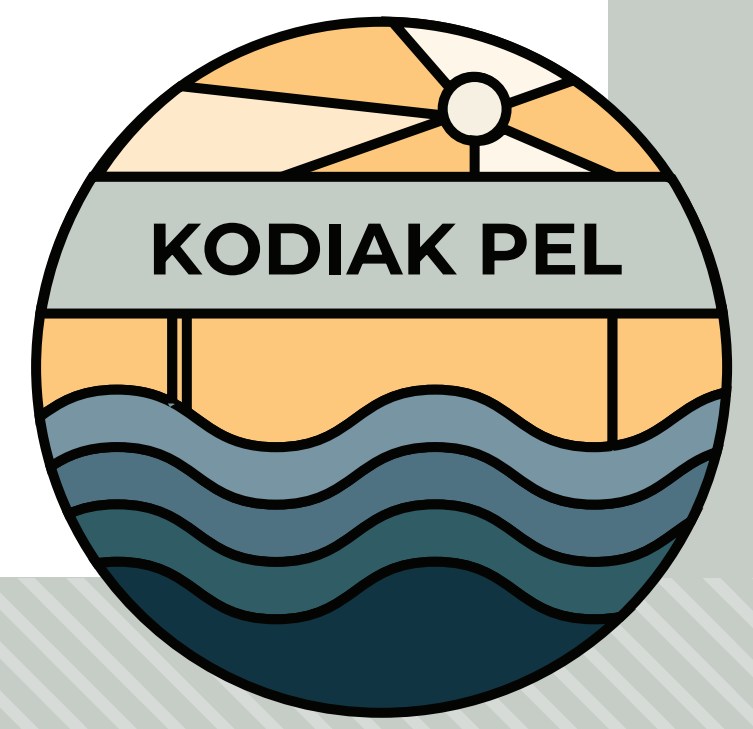
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# Draft Purpose & Need



Purpose	Need
<p><b>The purpose of this Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study is to identify a long-term and sustainable solution for replacing the Sargent Creek and Russian River bridges and identify flood mitigation options.</b></p>	<p><b>The study would address the following needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Replace two bridges that are in poor condition and have superstructure deficiencies</li><li>▶ Reduce flooding in the Bells Flats and Russian Creek Subdivisions and on Sargent Creek Road</li><li>▶ Improve safety, efficiency, and reliability for moving people and goods between Kodiak and the area beyond Womens Bay</li></ul>

## Other goals and objectives are:

- ▶ Provide a 75-year service life after construction
- ▶ Improve flood resilience
- ▶ Enhance active transportation and recreational opportunities
- ▶ Identify partnership opportunities
- ▶ Reduce project delivery costs and time
- ▶ Minimize construction impacts on local residents and businesses



## Tell us what you think!

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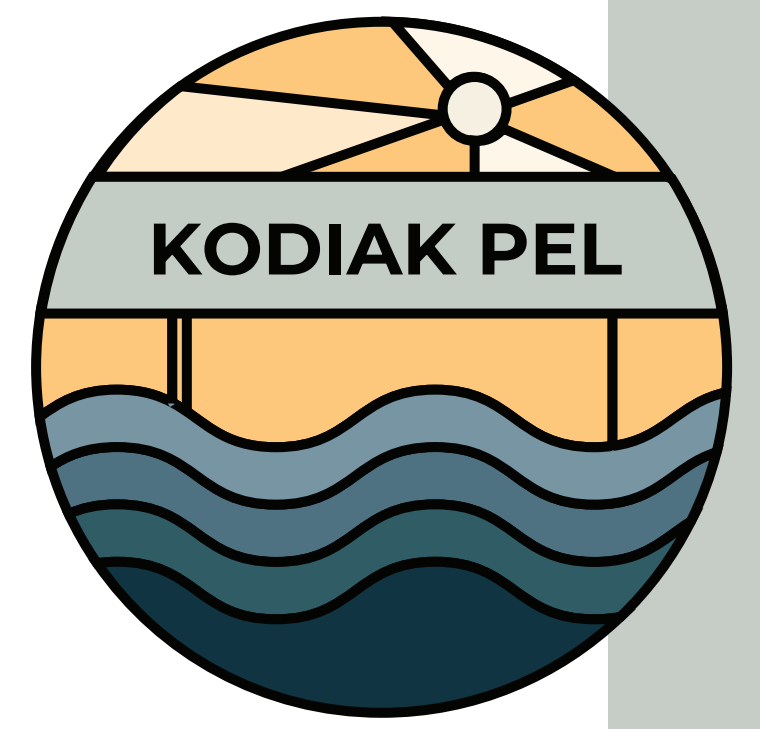


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# Draft Alternative Screening Criteria

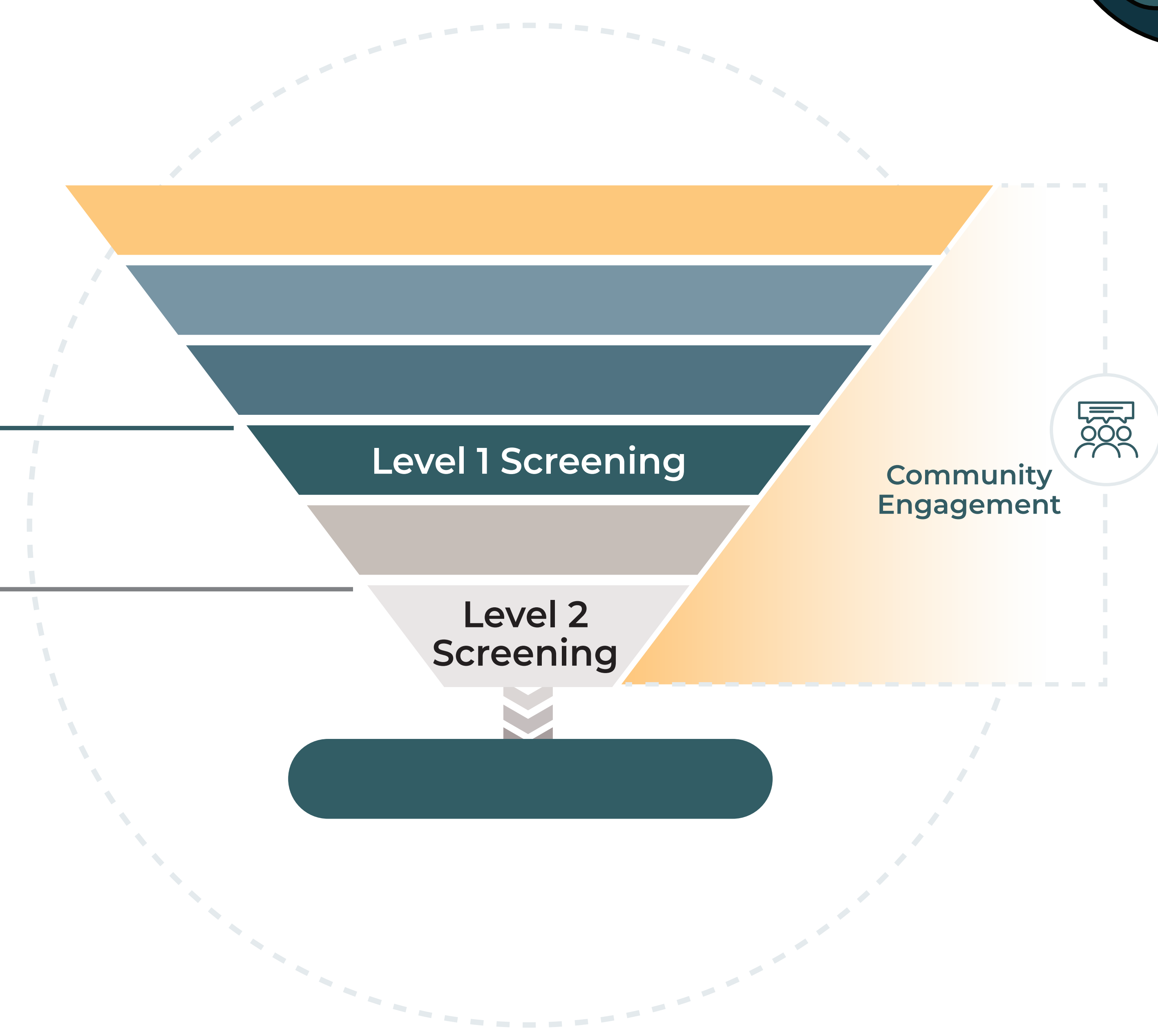


## Level 1

- ▶ Technical Feasibility
- ▶ Flooding Management
- ▶ Operational Concerns

## Level 2

- ▶ Goals and Objectives
- ▶ Environmental Considerations
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ Public Support



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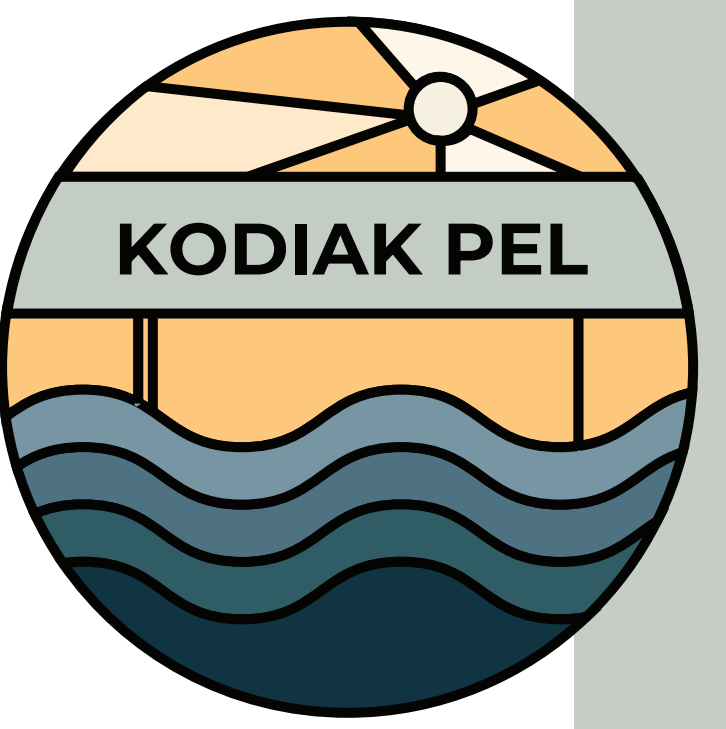
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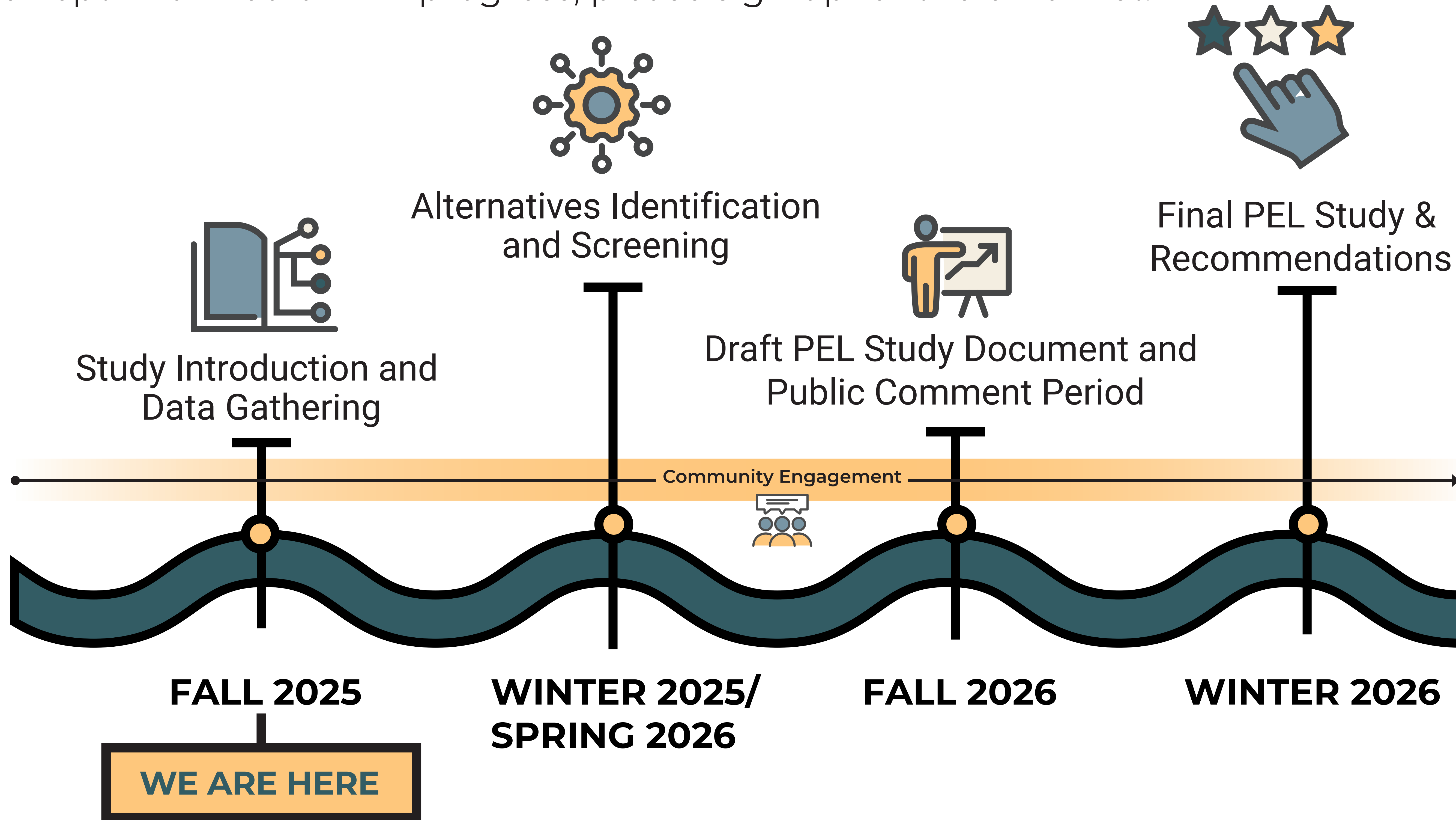




# Schedule



A public meeting will occur during each of the first three phases. To be kept informed of PEL progress, please sign up for the email list.



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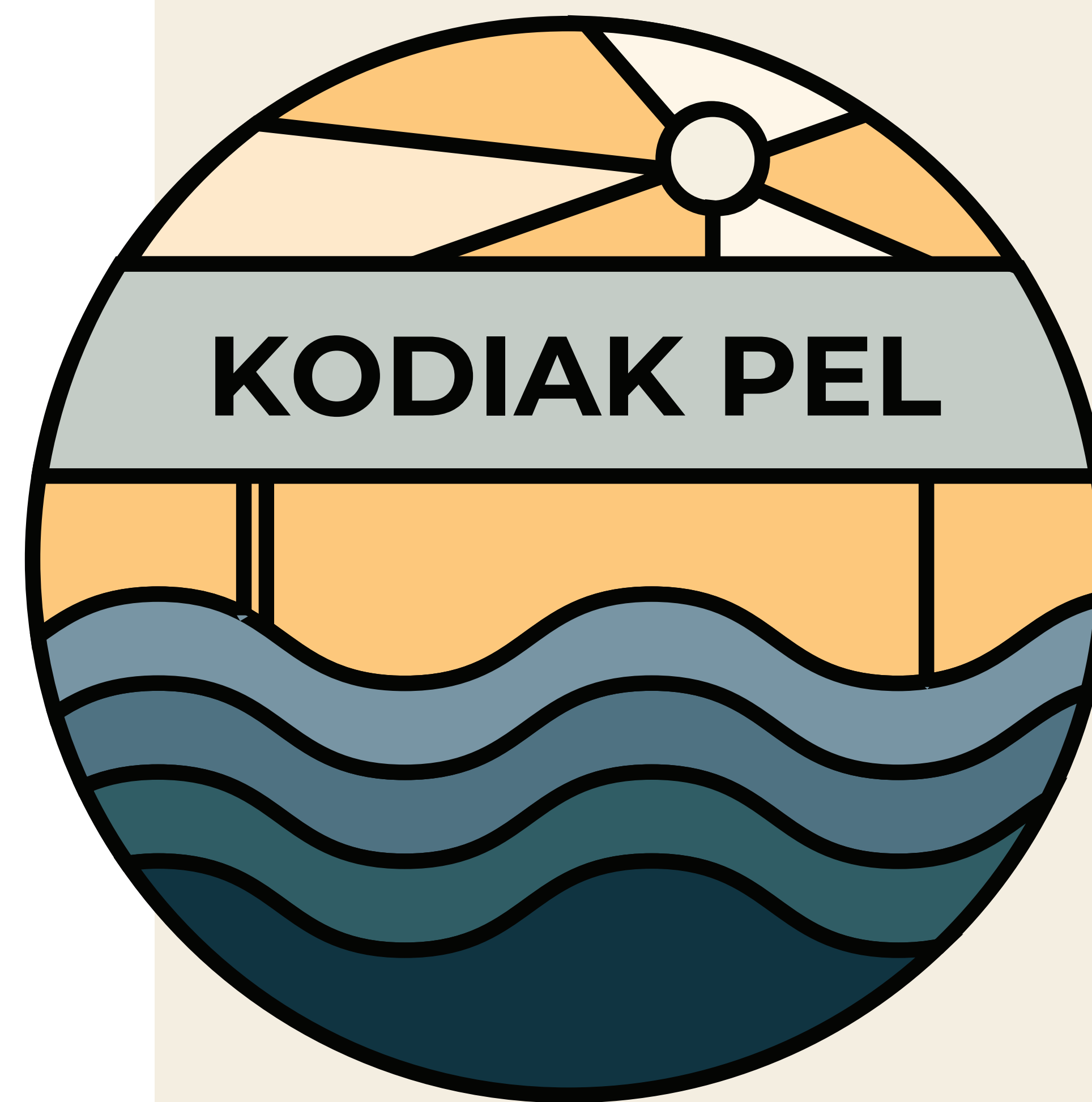
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