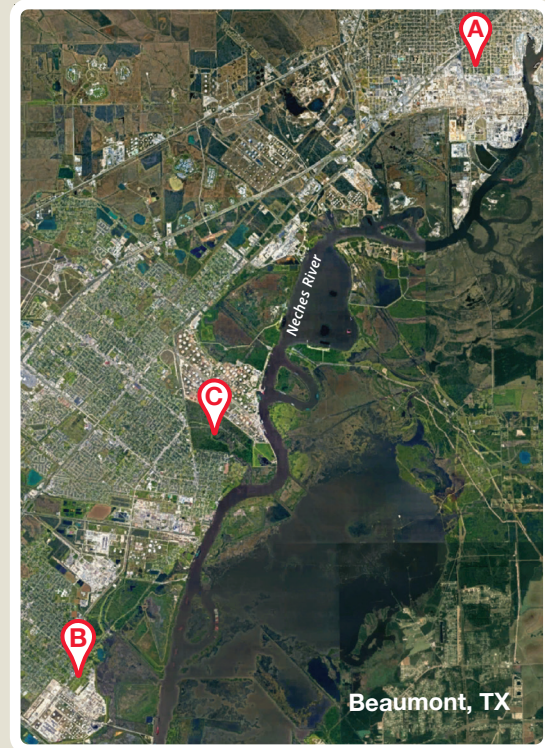


# Green Buffer Zones

## What are green buffers?

Green buffers are areas of vegetation such as parks, green belts, gardens, or fields that are used to separate communities from the effects of natural disasters and nearby pollution.

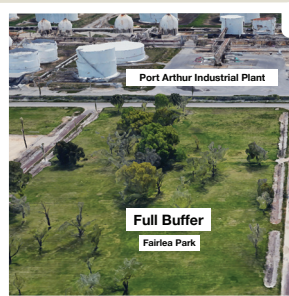
Green buffers give stormwater a non-paved area to drain into the soil to minimize flooding for nearby communities. They can also provide air quality benefits.



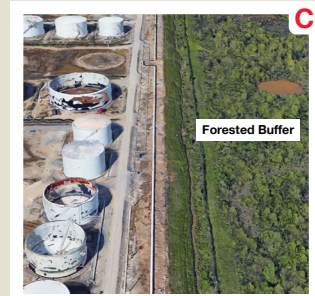
## Three examples of green buffers in Southeast Texas:



This is an example of a “partial buffer” in which some residential properties were removed, as seen at location A on the map.



This is an example of a “full buffer” in which a residential neighborhood was removed prior to industrial expansion. It also includes a butterfly garden. This can be seen at location B on the map.



This is an example of a “forested buffer” in which trees replaced a former tank field, as seen at location C on the map.



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