# What is a Buffer Zone?
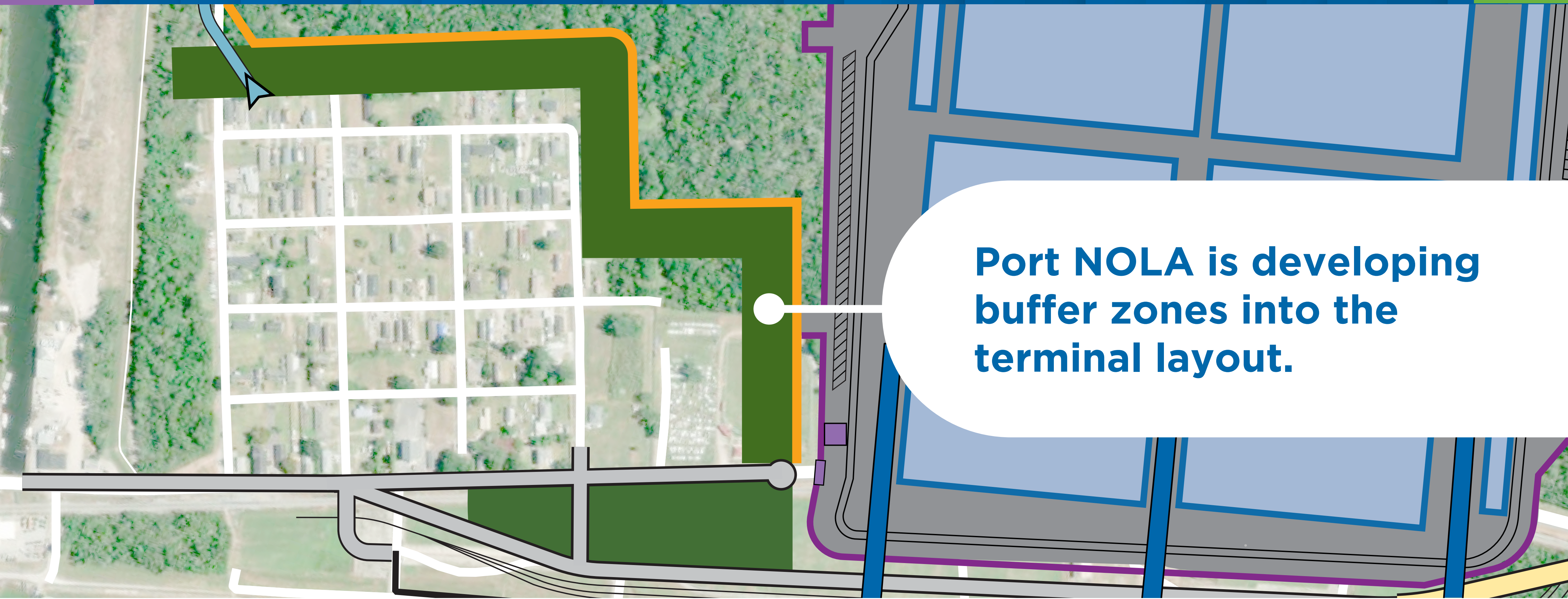
A buffer zone is an area around the terminal designated to separate the community from the terminal's operations.
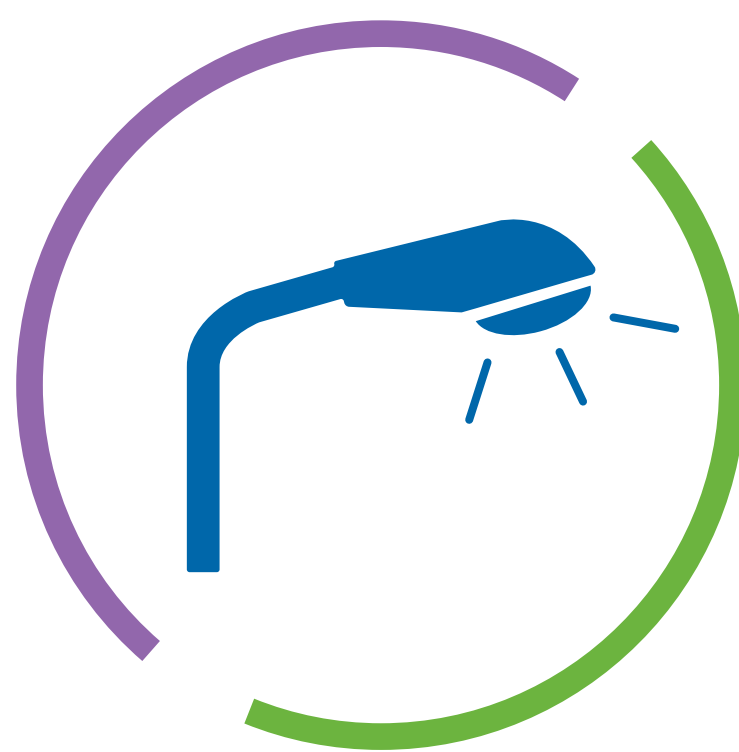


**Port NOLA is developing buffer zones into the terminal layout.**

## Considerations When Creating a Buffer

### Sight
Limiting how much of the terminal the community can see

### Light
Limiting the amount of light coming from the terminal

### Noise
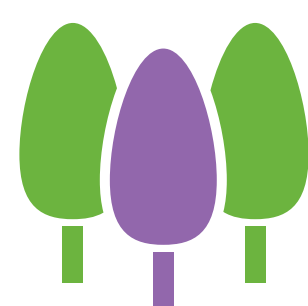Limiting how much noise the community can hear

## Types of Buffers

Often, infrastructure can be added within buffer zones to help lessen potential impacts, like light and noise, and more. Here are some options Port NOLA is considering:
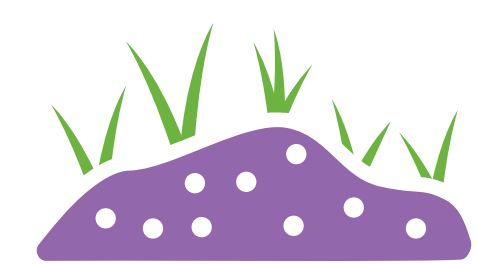
### Distance Alone
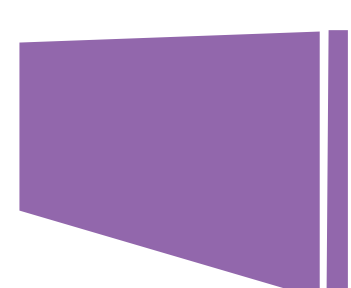Sight, light, and noise are greatly reduced over a distance

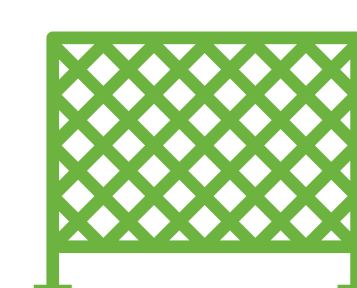### Planted Trees
A natural and low maintenance option

### Earthen Berms
Small hills made of earth, similar to a levee

### A Wall
Similar to those you may see along an interstate

### Fencing / Screening
Similar to what you may see around construction sites

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