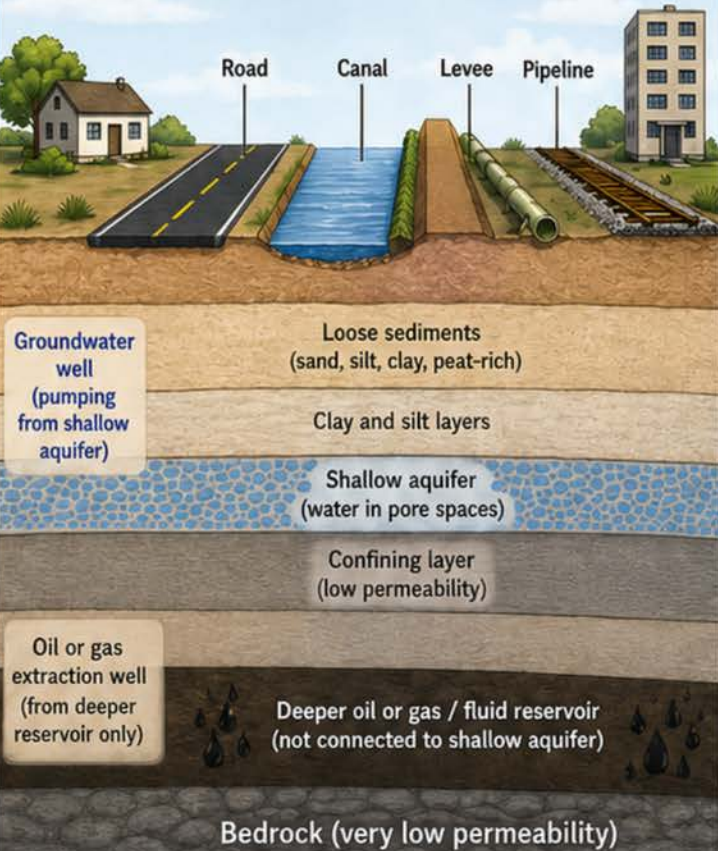


What Is Subsidence?

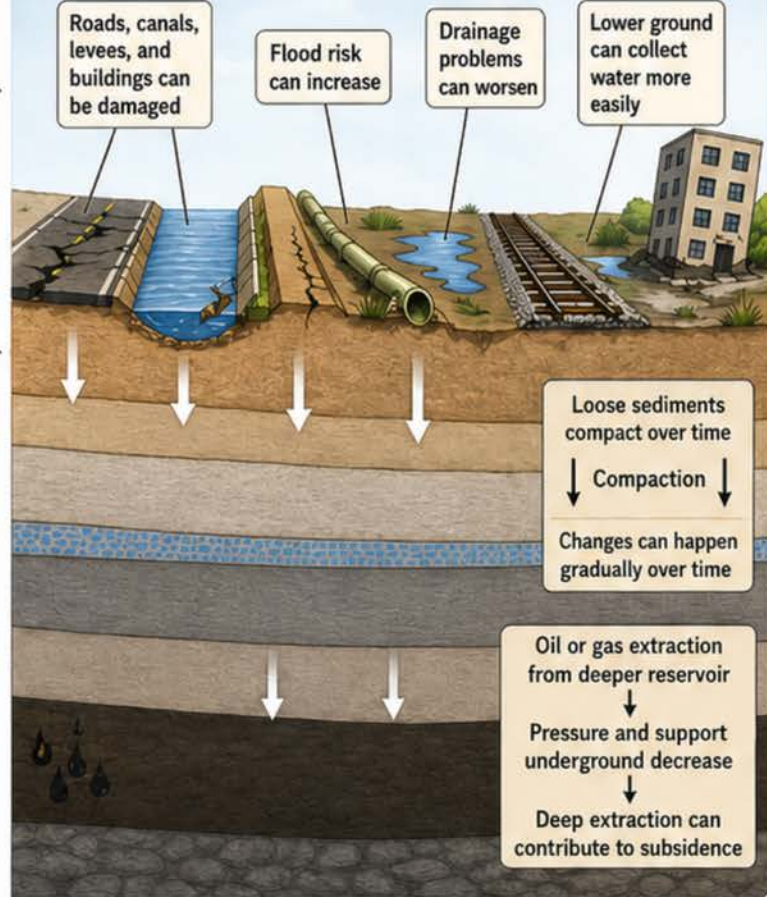
Subsidence is the sinking of the ground surface over time.

Earlier: higher ground

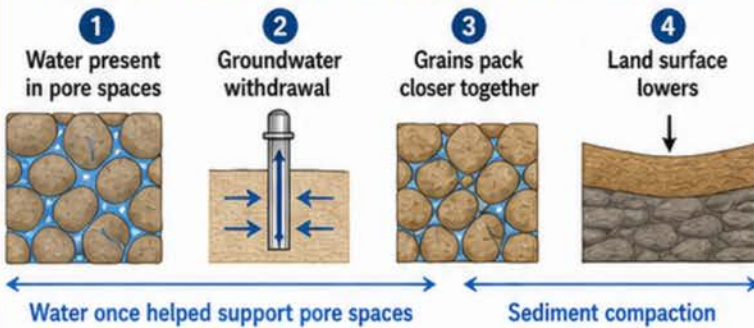


Land surface drops

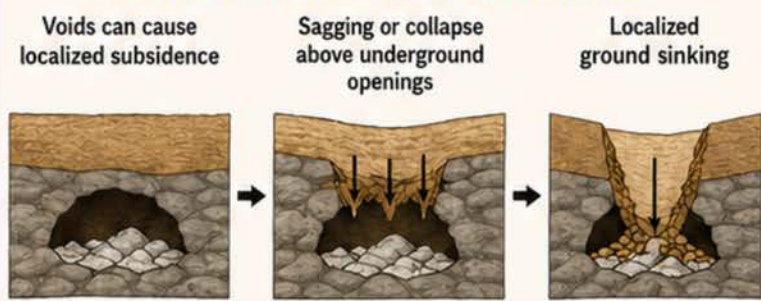
Later: lower ground



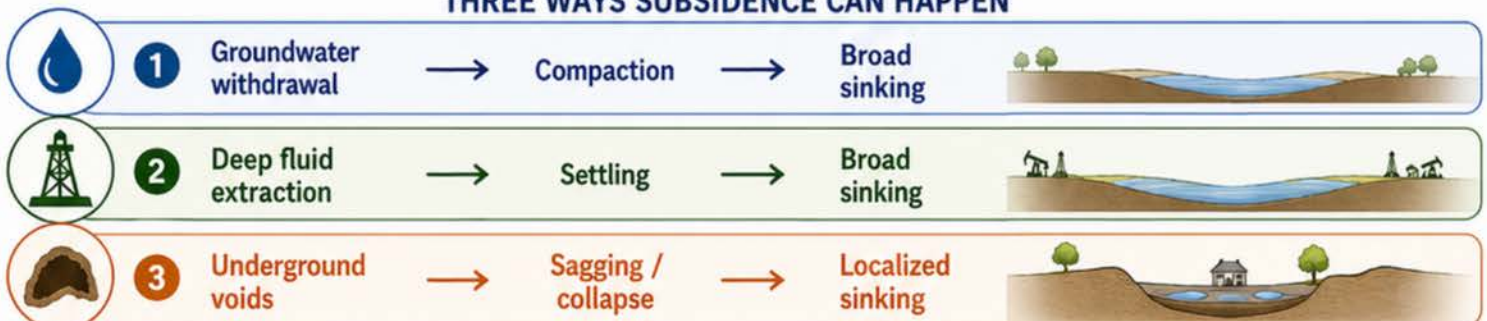
HOW GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL LEADS TO COMPACTION



LOCALIZED VOID-COLLAPSE SUBSIDENCE



THREE WAYS SUBSIDENCE CAN HAPPEN



Policy takeaway: Subsidence can reshape flood risk, drainage, and infrastructure performance over time. Groundwater management, extraction practices, land-use planning, and infrastructure design all affect how communities respond.