

Project Plan Presentation

Habitat Identification Using Drone Imaging

The Capstone Experience

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From Students...
...to Professionals

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Project Sponsor Overview

- Founded in 1908 in Flint, Mi
- Largest share of American vehicle market
- Industries include Automotive, Financing, Defense, Software



Project Functional Specifications

- Flora species Identification via Drone Footage
- Identifies species much faster than manual labelling
- Separates native from invasive species
- Can be used to single out invasive species and preserve natural ecosystem balance

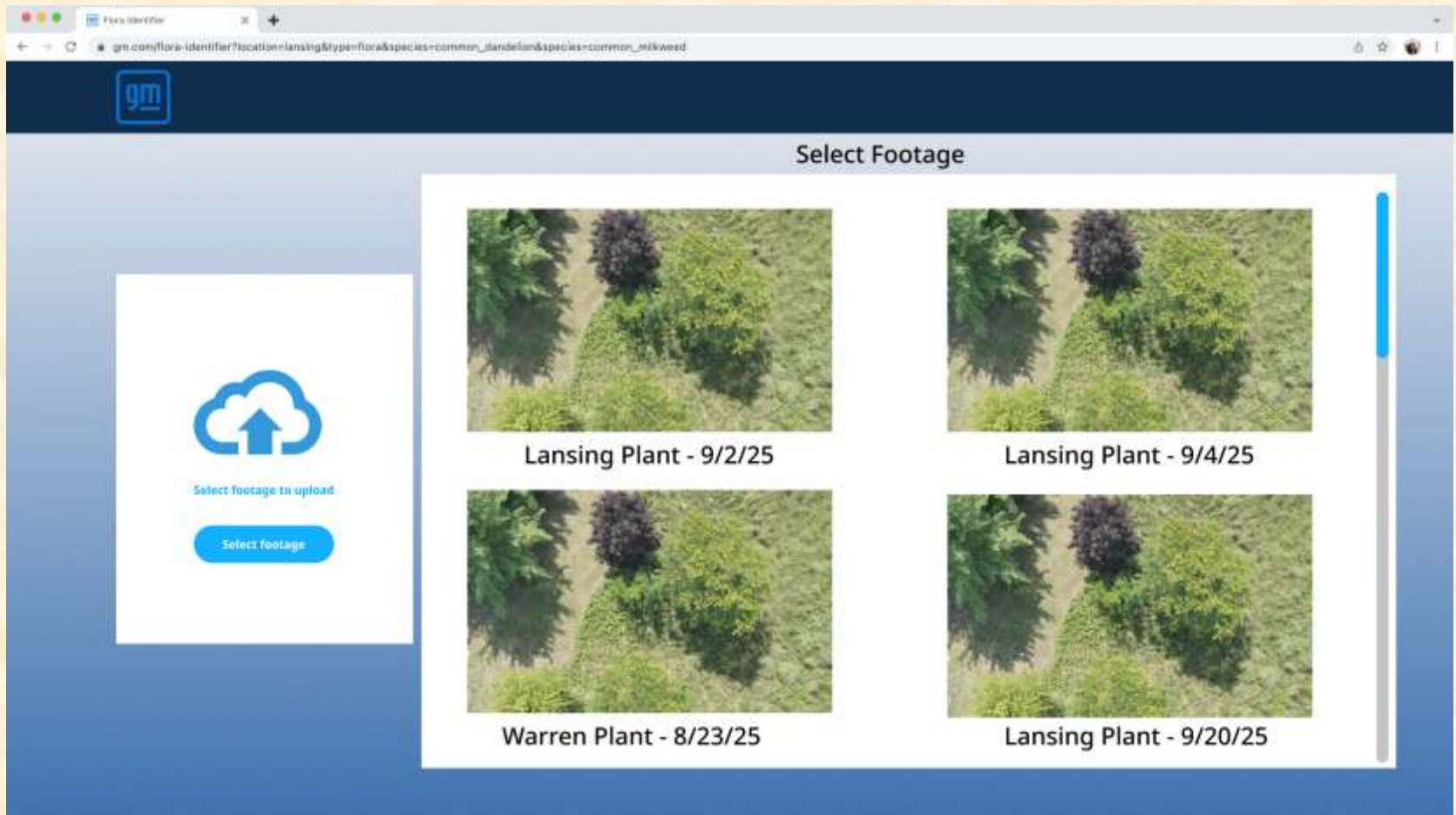


Project Design Specifications

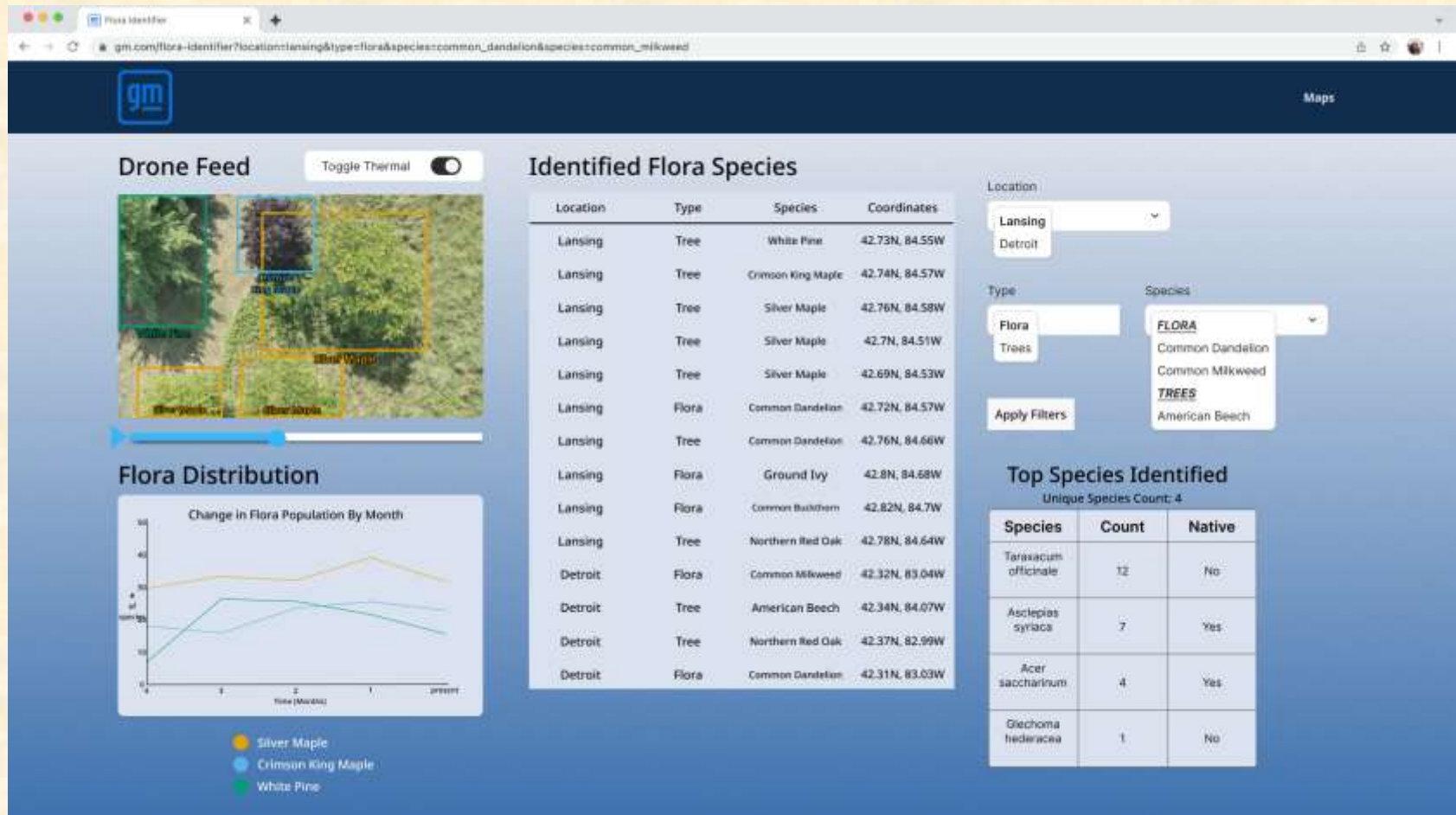
- Standalone Web Application
- Home Page for uploading or selecting drone footage
- Analysis page shows tables and graphs displaying identified species
- Map page will allow the users to select different GM sites and review the drone data
- Review page for manual verification of uncertain model predictions



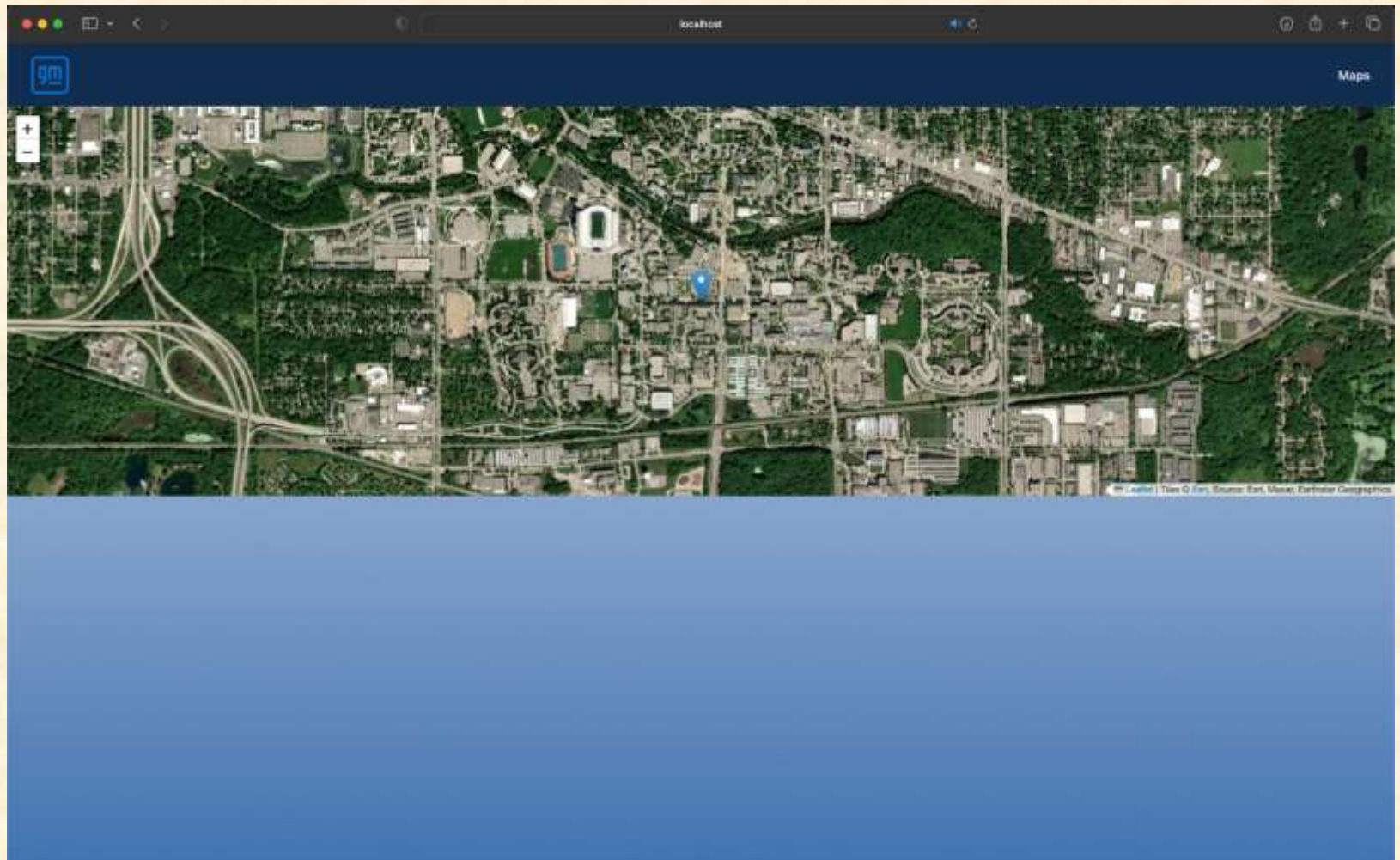
Screen Mockup: Home Page



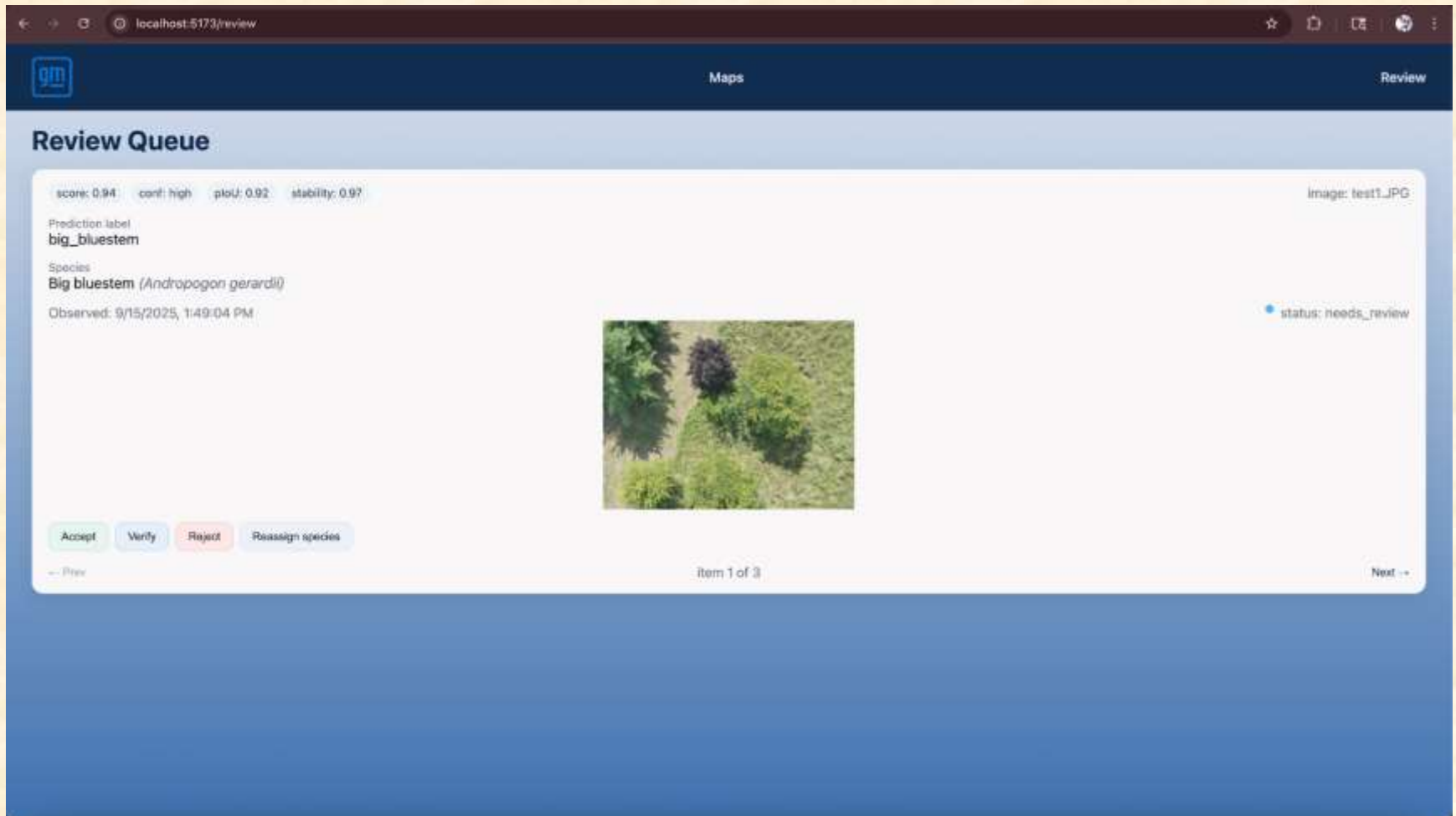
Screen Mockup: Analysis page



Screen Mockup: Map page



Screen Mockup: Review page

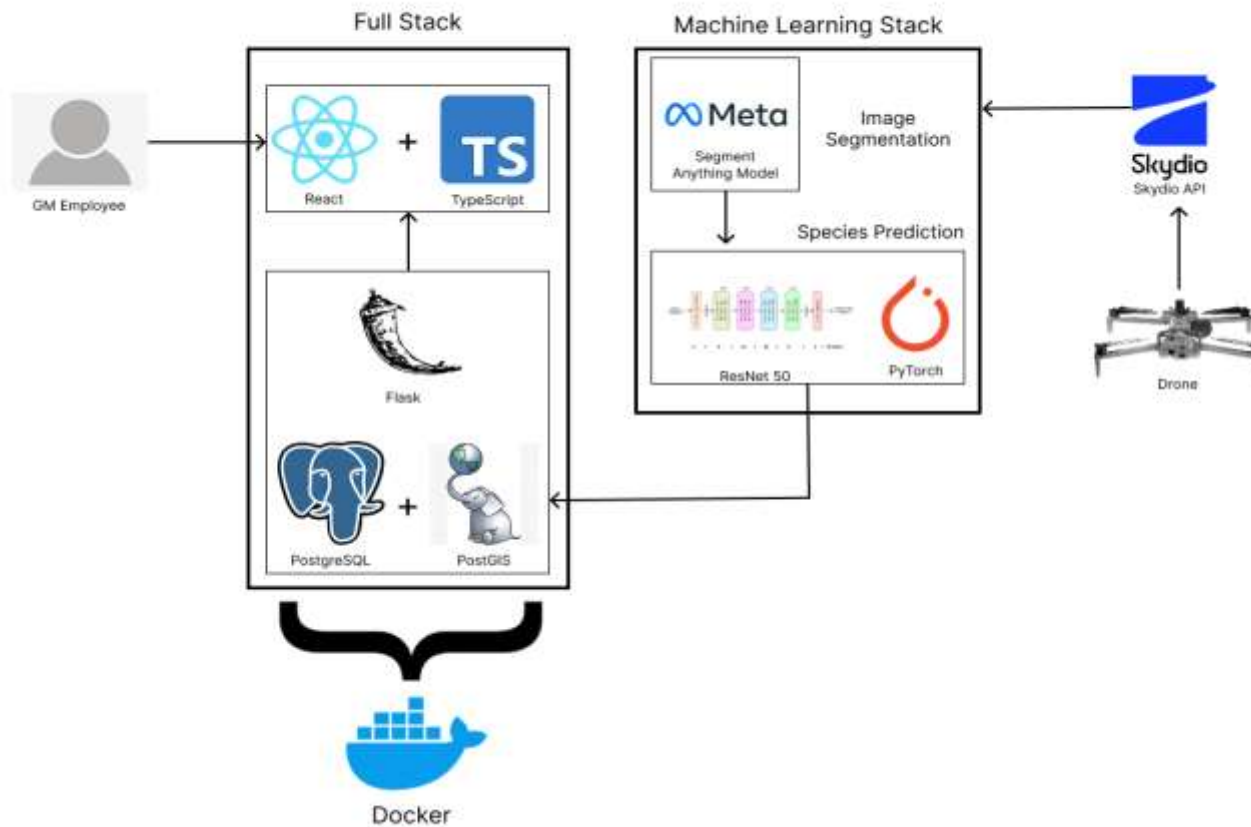


Project Technical Specifications

- Front end user interface to display data and drone footage
- Backend to query data and connect to front end
- Database to store flight, image, and floral data
- Flora localization and identification will be performed
- Map to highlight invasive and native species in the site



Project System Architecture



Project System Components

- Hardware Platforms
 - Deployed web on MSU server
 - SkyDio X10
- Software Platforms / Technologies
 - Flask
 - React + TypeScript
 - Segment Anything Model + ViT
 - Docker



Project Risks

- Machine Learning Algorithm to Identify Flora Species
 - Difficult to accurately identify flora species because of similar features
 - Research image recognition models and open-source plant datasets
- Handling Large Volumes of Image Data
 - Slow to process large volumes of high-resolution images
 - Look into efficient algorithms and MSU hardware
- Distributing and Sharing data to GM
 - No efficient way to transfer data between GM and our team
 - API and documentation to allow the extraction of data from DB
- Poor Image Quality may Hurt Model accuracy
 - Identifying small flora is difficult because of poor image quality
 - Communicate with GM about closer drone fly-bys



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