



Flood Risk Project

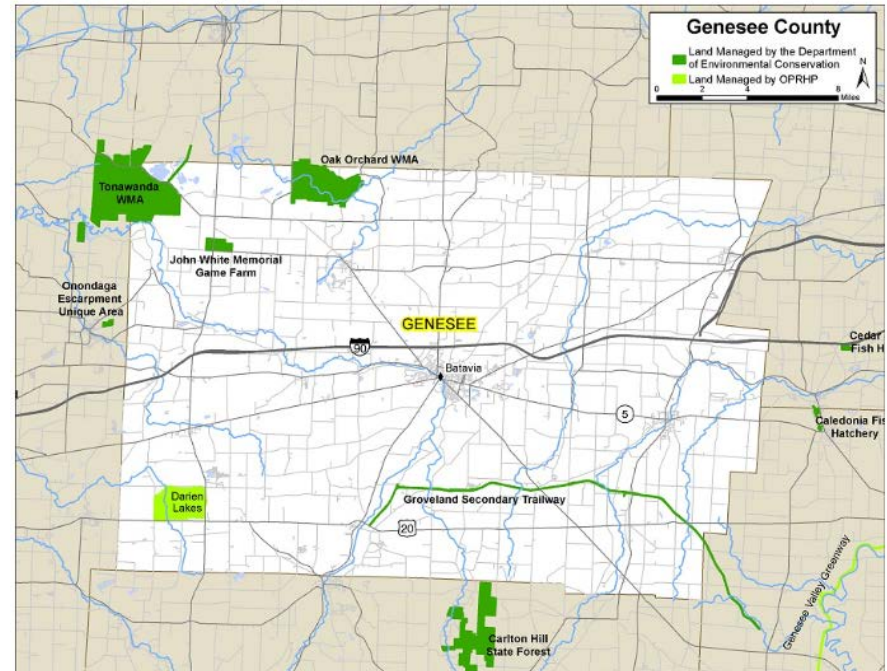
Genesee County, NY
Project Kick Off Meeting

January 21, 2021



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Genesee County Map



Please Introduce Yourself



- **Name**
- **Role**
- **Organization**

As partners with FEMA, it's important we create dialogue about your needs for flood risk information.



Also, what do Genesee communities aspire to accomplish using today's meeting?



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Today's Goals

1

The value of updated flood maps for your community

2

Recap of Flood Risk Study history, including Discovery and Scoping Priorities

3

Review countywide study scope, products and outreach process

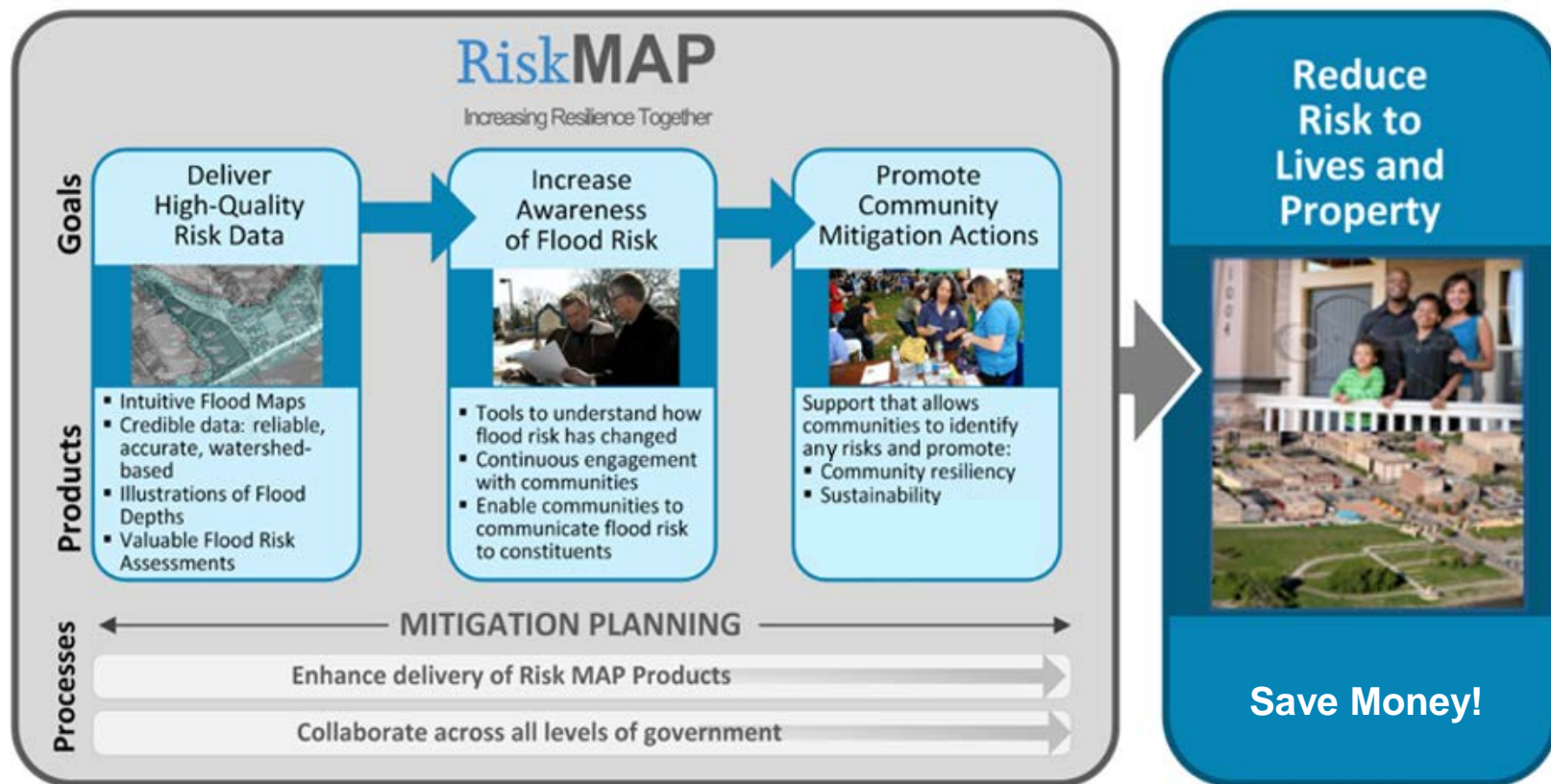


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Goal: Stronger and Safer Communities



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The Value of Updated Flood Maps for Local Communities

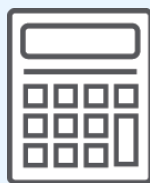


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Flood Maps Guide Progress By:



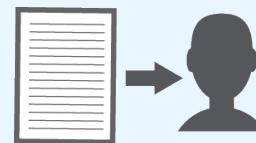
**Identifying
and
Assessing
Flood Risk**



**Establishing
Flood
Insurance
Rates**



**Determining
Local Land
Use**



**Informing
Engineers
and
Developers**



**Equipping
Emergency
Managers**



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Why we are here

We want to help communities understand flood risk and take action to reduce it because...

Risk changes over time

- All floods are different. Nature and communities change.

Flooding happens

- Communities may face flooding. Is your community active or reactive to flood risk?

Mitigation is Possible

- Proactive communities plan to reduce flood impacts and other hazards.

Why Update Flood Maps?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

NFIP Policies for Genesee communities	NFIP Claims for affected communities	FEMA Insurance Claims Paid in affected communities	Hazard Mitigation Plan Status
339	181	\$1,538,364	Approved



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How did we get here?

Review past activities



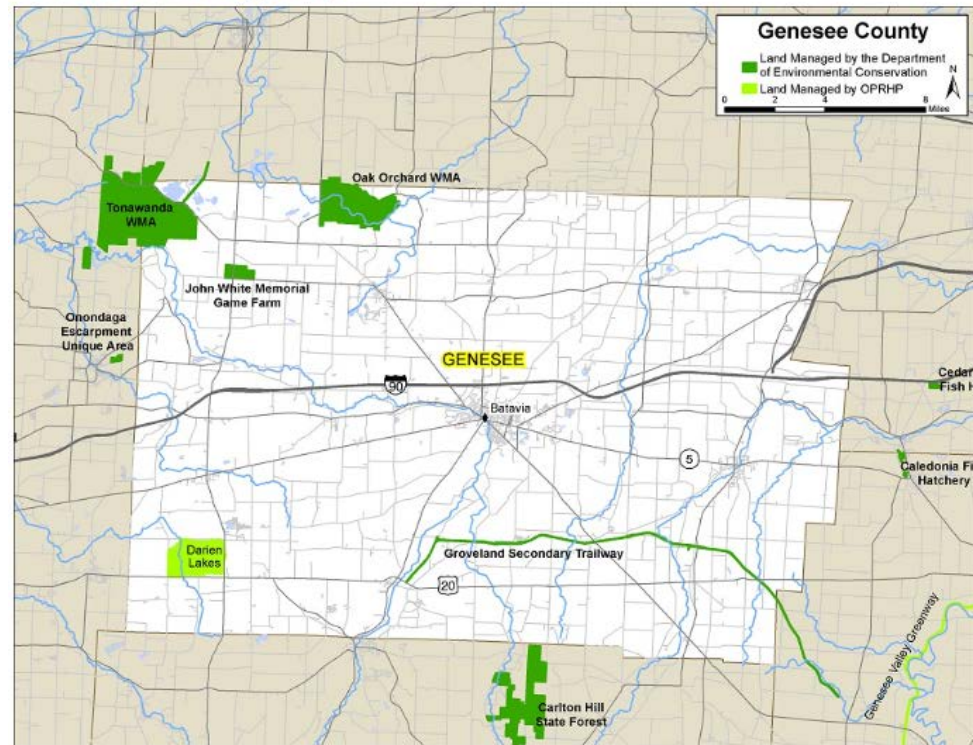
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Discovery / Post-Discovery Progress Recap

Discovery for Lake Ontario – Lower Genesee Watershed –

- ▶ Meetings held in November 2013
- ▶ Discovery project completed in July 2016
- ▶ Community input guided FEMA priorities
- ▶ Genesee County's Highest Priorities included:
 - Oatka Creek
 - Unnamed Tributary to Black Creek (Minny Creek)
 - Mud Creek Tributary
 - Spring Creek

Genesee County Map

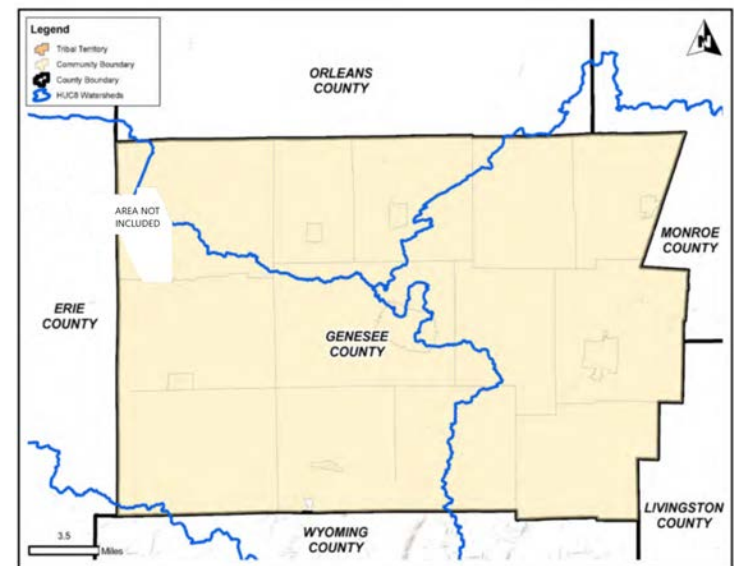


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Scoping of Priorities *Recap*

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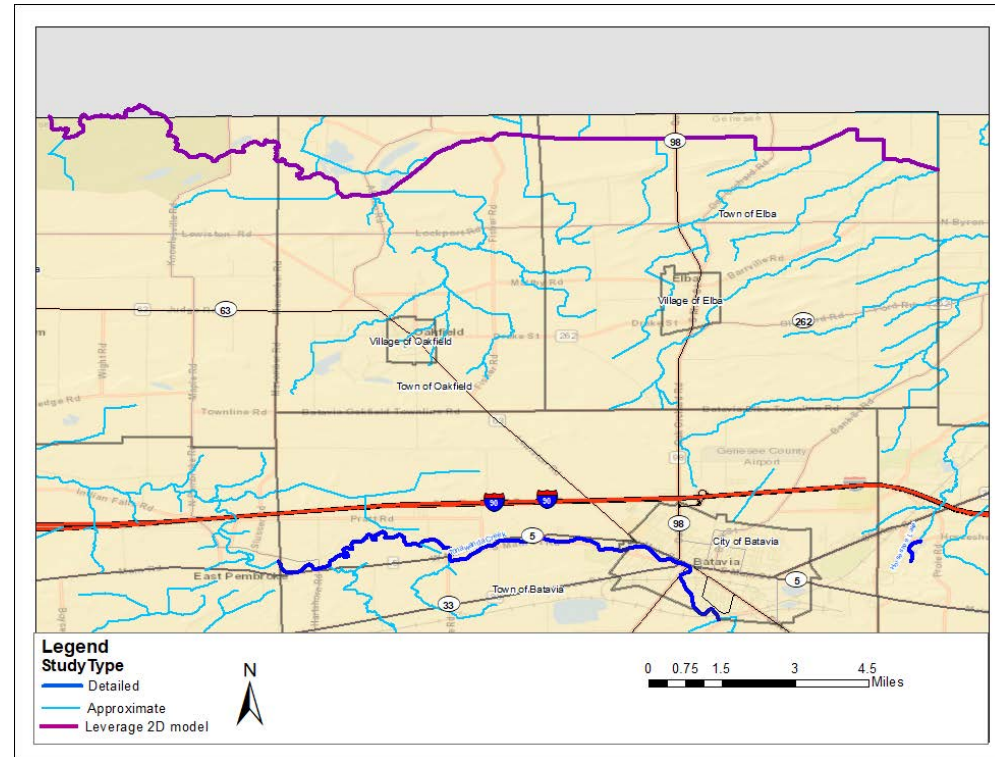
- ▶ Scoping meetings held in November 2019
- ▶ Goal of identifying and prioritizing streams for future FEMA Flood Insurance Studies in Western NY
- ▶ County and community officials invited to participate



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Leveraged Data *Recap*

- ▶ Hydrology: HEC-HMS model for Oak Orchard and Twelvemile Watershed in Orleans County
- ▶ 2D unsteady state model for Oak Creek Branch will be leveraged from the study for Orleans County
- ▶ **Any local flood studies/projects that FEMA should be aware of?**



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What is being studied now?

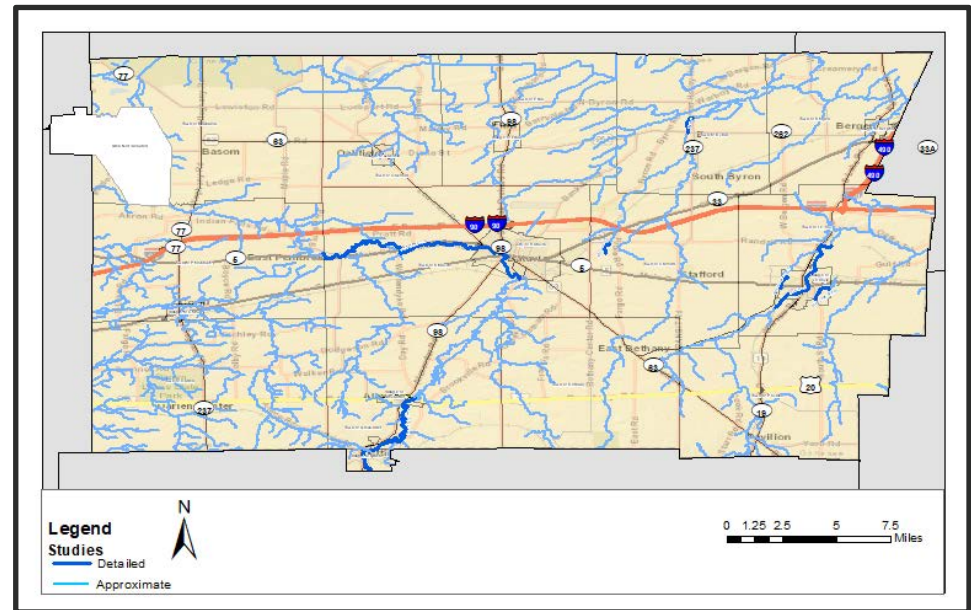
Discuss scope of new study



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Genesee County, Countywide Flood Risk Study Scope

- ▶ **First time digital maps**
- ▶ **Additional flooding sources analyzed**
 - Detailed riverine studies (AE Zone) Multiple streams, 22 miles
 - Detailed lake studies (AE) – 1 lake, 0.6 miles
 - Approximate (A) studies – multiple streams, 572 miles
- ▶ **21 updated communities**
- ▶ **110 map panels**
- ▶ **Review meetings**
 - Hydrology Meeting
 - Hydraulics Meeting
 - Flood Risk Review Meeting



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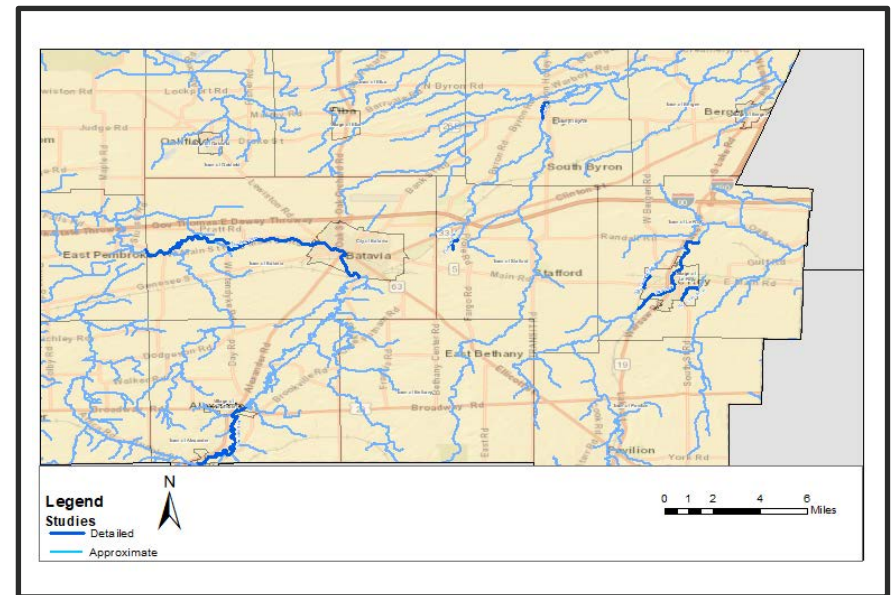
Detailed (AE Zone) Study Scope

► 6 Studied Streams – 22 miles total

- Black Creek – 1.1 miles
- Mud Creek Tributary – 1.0 miles
- Oatka Creek – 4.3 miles
- Oatka Creek Tributary – 0.6 miles
- Tonawanda Creek – 10.0 miles (City and Town of Batavia)
- Tonawanda Creek - 5.0 miles (Town and Village of Alexander/Village of Attica)

► 1 Studied Lake – 0.6 miles

- Horseshoe Lake – 0.6 miles

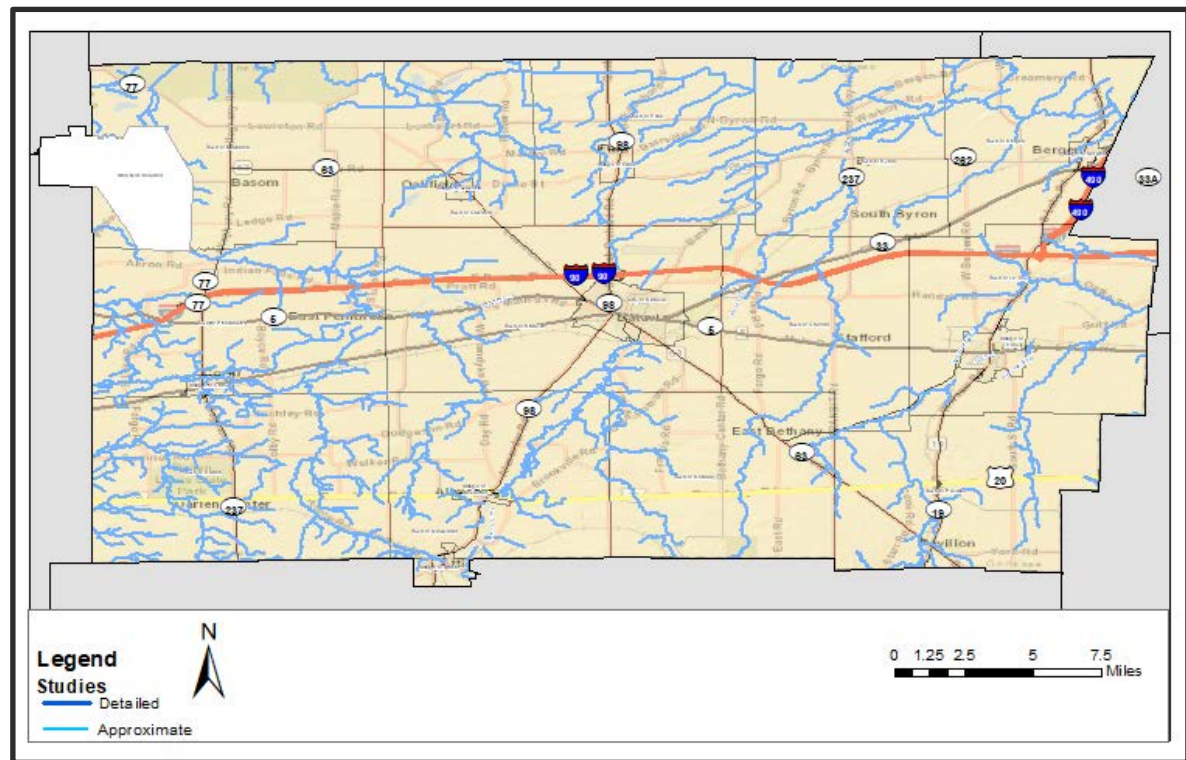


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Approximate (A Zone) Study and Leverage Scope

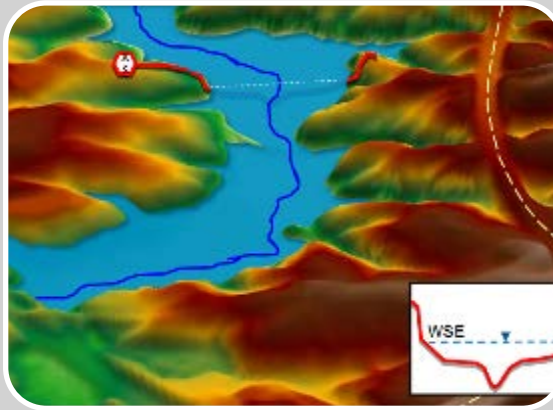
- ▶ **Completes countywide stream coverage**
- ▶ **Approximate Streams – approximately 572 miles**
 - Notable streams include:

- Black Creek
- Bowen Creek
- Murder Creek
- Oatka Creek
- Spring Creek
- Tonawanda Creek



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Flood Hazard Analysis



Hydrology

Volume of water?
Peak Flows?

When will storm
water or runoff make
it to the stream?

Hydraulics

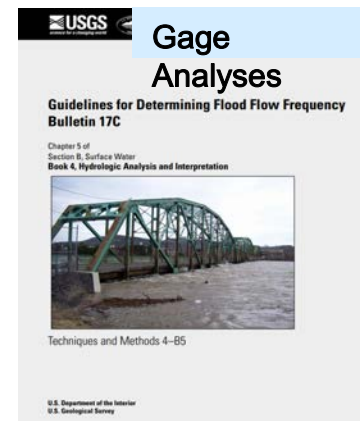
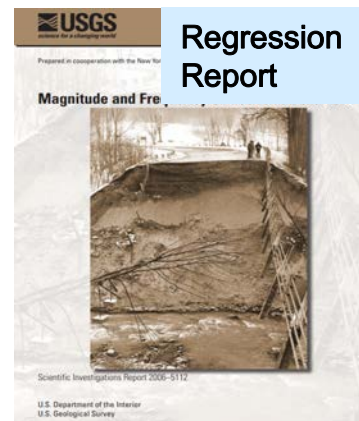
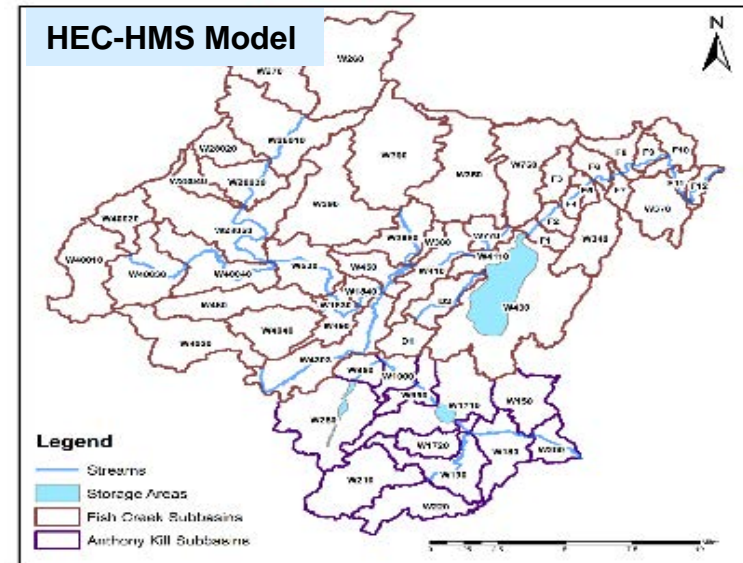
Will the stream in
question be able to
convey all storm
water or runoff that
arrives?

Floodplain Mapping

What areas of a
community will be
inundated based on
engineering analysis?

Engineering Methods - Hydrologic Analysis

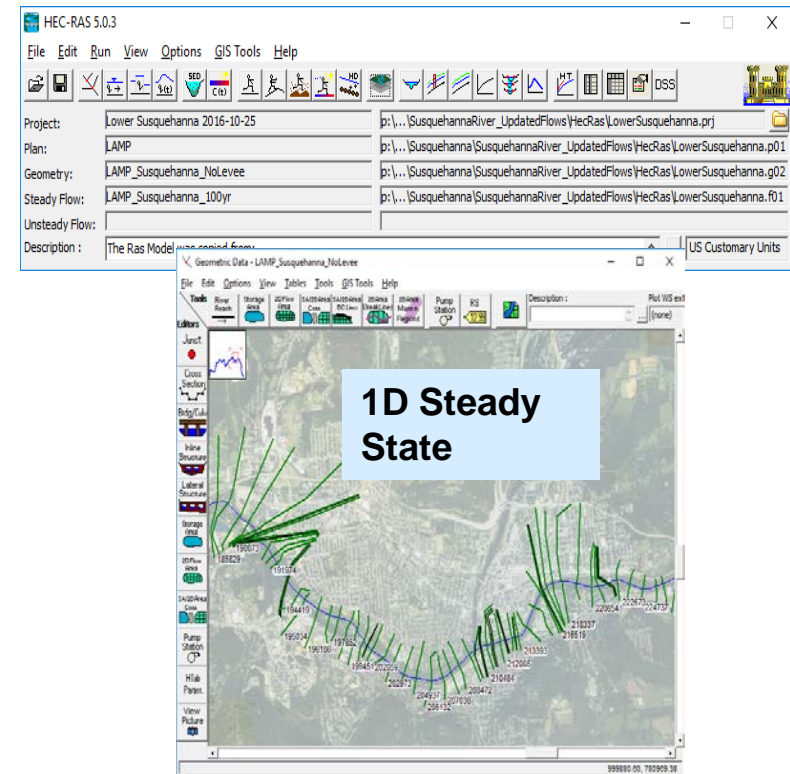
- ▶ **Typical Methods FEMA utilizes**
 - Statistical Gage Analyses
 - Regression Analyses
 - Rainfall Runoff Modeling
- ▶ **Gage/Regression are based on available stream gage data**
- ▶ **Rainfall-Runoff physical modeling needed for limited gage data**
 - Leverage - HEC-HMS model from Oak Orchard-Twelvemile Watershed studies
- ▶ **Discharges developed for**
 - 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, 1%+, 1%-, 0.2%
 - Input to hydraulic analyses



Engineering Methods - Hydraulic Analysis

- ▶ **Modeling developed using USACE's HEC-RAS Program**
 - One Dimensional (1D) Steady State
- ▶ **Terrain Data**
 - Provides topographic elevation information
 - Supplemented by field survey
 - Data Sources:
 - 2017 NYS Bare Earth Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
 - 2019 NYS Bare Earth DEM

HEC-RAS Model



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Engineering Methods - Hydraulic Analysis

► Field Survey for Detailed only

- Collection for : 41 structures 335 under-water channel cross sections
- Survey Crew will be arriving in Genesee at beginning of February 2021

► Flood Hazard Data Generated

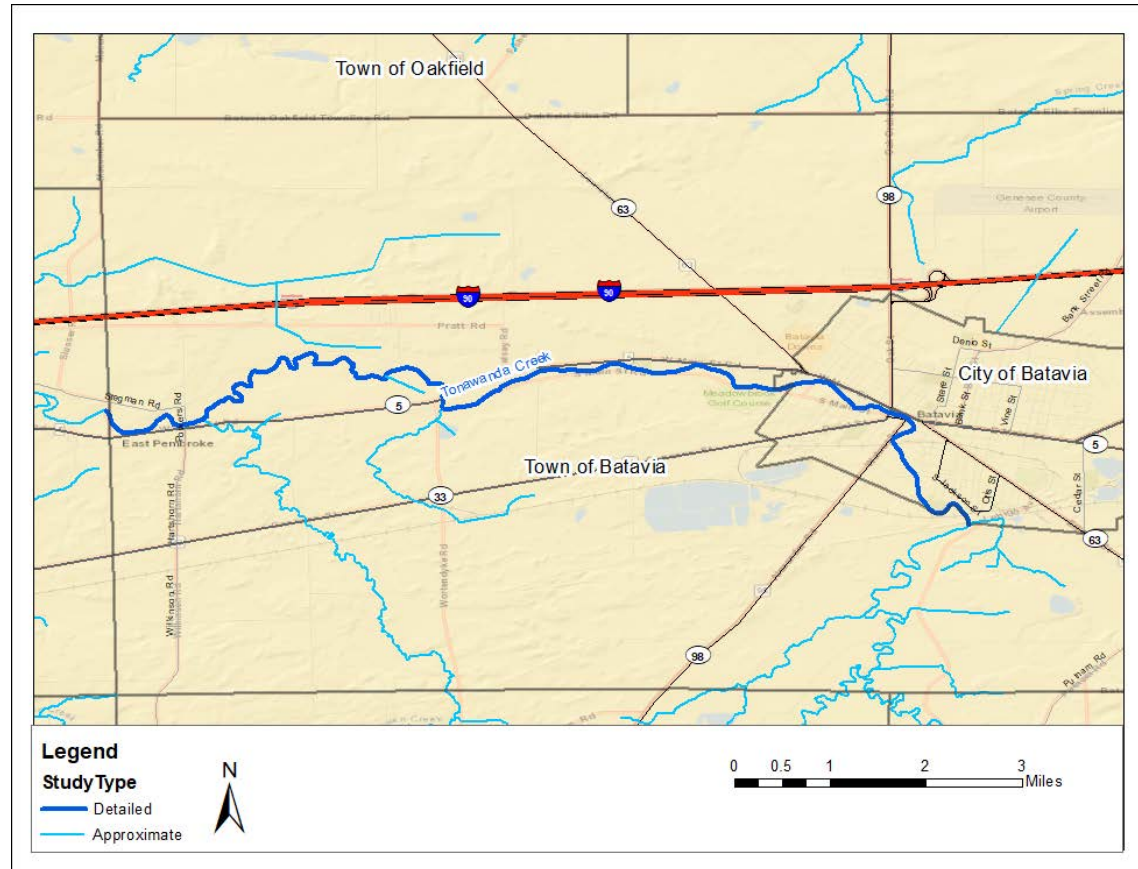
- Elevations: 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, 1%+, 1%-, 0.2%
- Floodplain extents: 10%, 1%, 0.2%, Floodway



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Engineering Methods - Detailed Streams

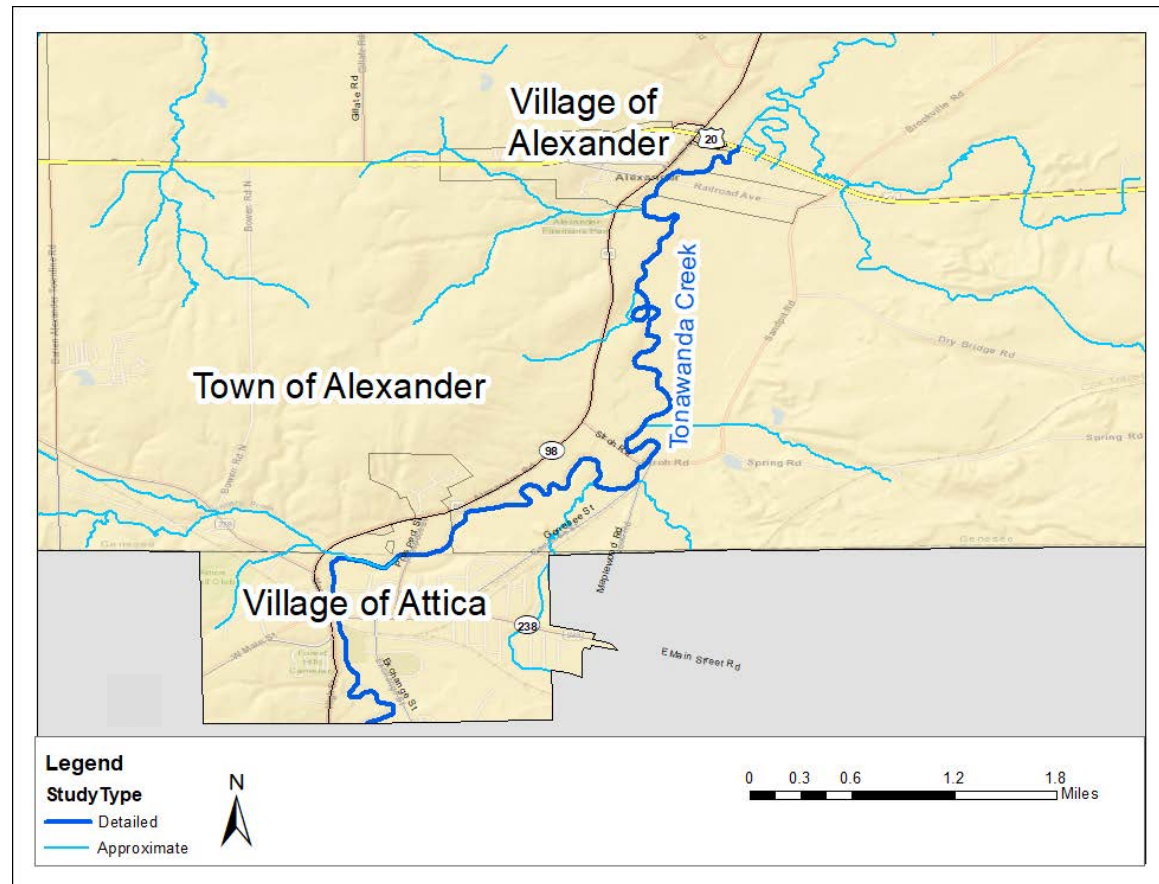
- ▶ **Hydrologic Method:**
USGS Regression Equations/Gage
 - Tonawanda Creek (City and Town of Batavia)
- ▶ **Hydraulic Method:**
HEC-RAS, 1D steady state hydraulic model
 - Tonawanda Creek – 10.0 miles



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5.0 miles



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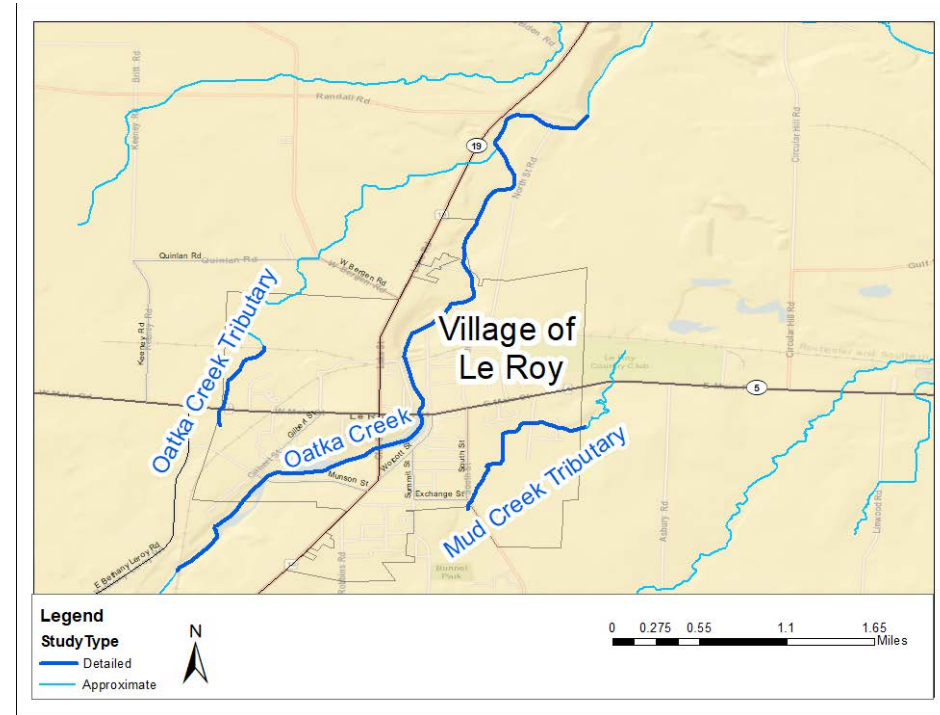
Engineering Methods - Detailed Streams

► Hydrologic Method: HEC-HMS, rainfall/runoff model

- Oatka Creek
- Oatka Creek Tributary
- Mud Creek Tributary

► Hydraulic Method: HEC-RAS, 1D steady state hydraulic model

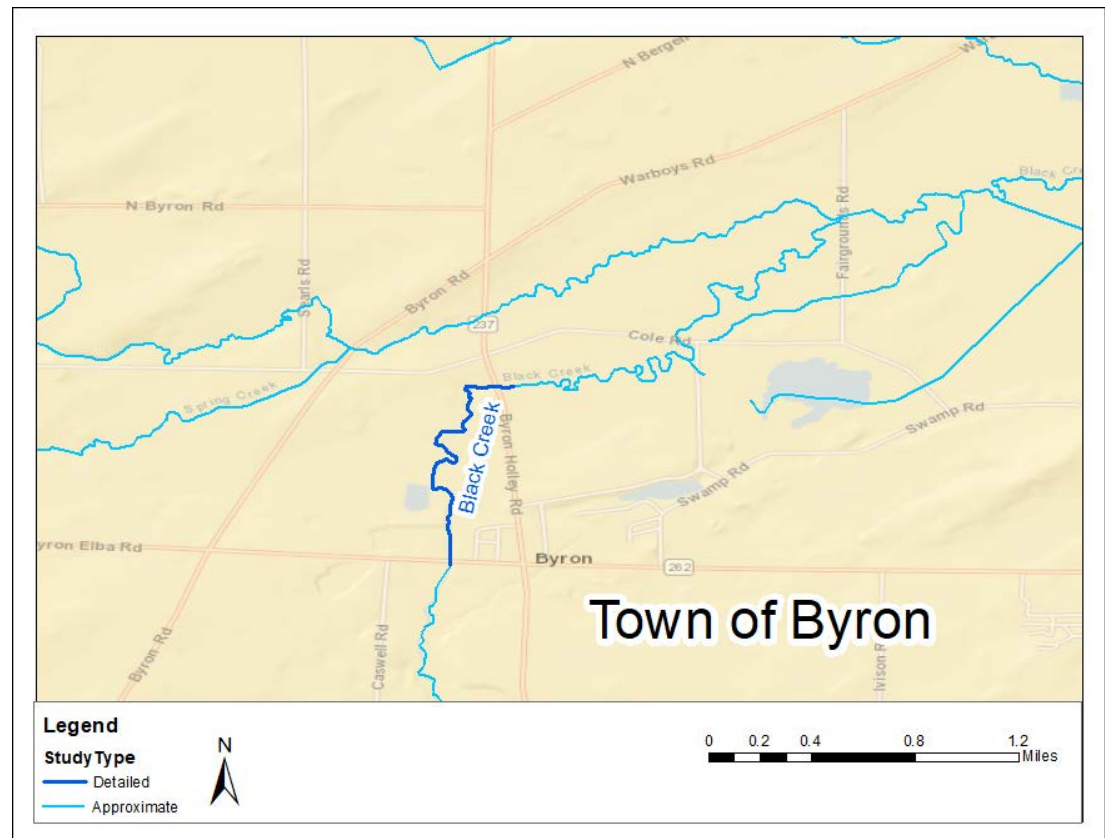
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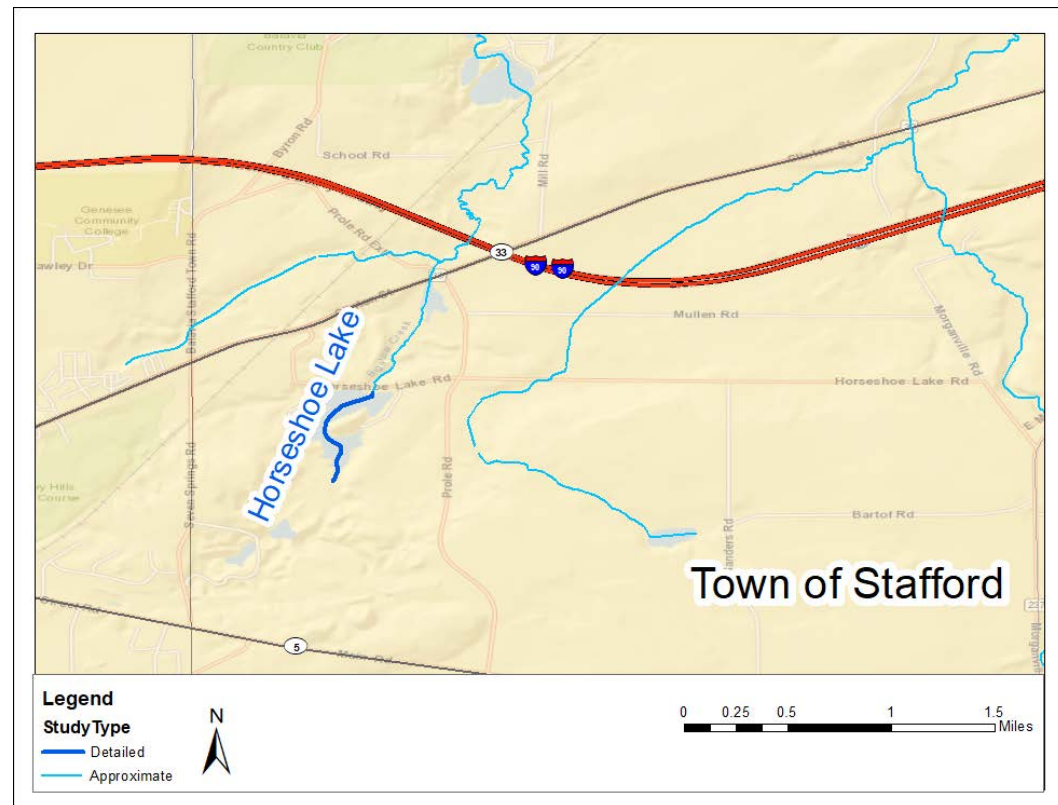
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 - Black Creek – 1.1 miles



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Engineering Methods - Detailed Lake

- ▶ **Hydrologic Method: Stage Frequency Analysis**
 - Horseshoe Lake
- ▶ **Hydraulic Method: Stage Frequency Analysis**
 - Horseshoe Lake – 0.6 miles



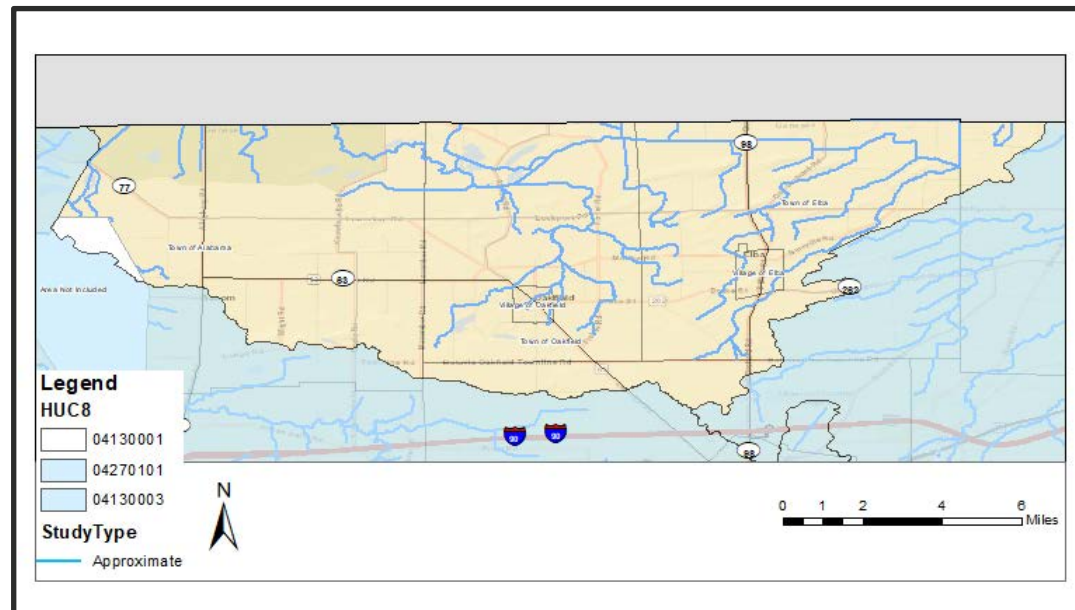
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Engineering Methods – Approximate Streams

▶ **Approximate Streams – Approximately 572 miles**

- Hydrologic Method: HEC-HMS model for Oak Orchard and Twelvemile Watershed leveraged and Regression
- Hydraulic Method: HEC-RAS 2D unsteady state hydraulic model leveraged for Oak Orchard Creek.

▶ **Floodplain extents for 10%, 1%, and 0.2%**



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Engineering Methods – Approximate Streams

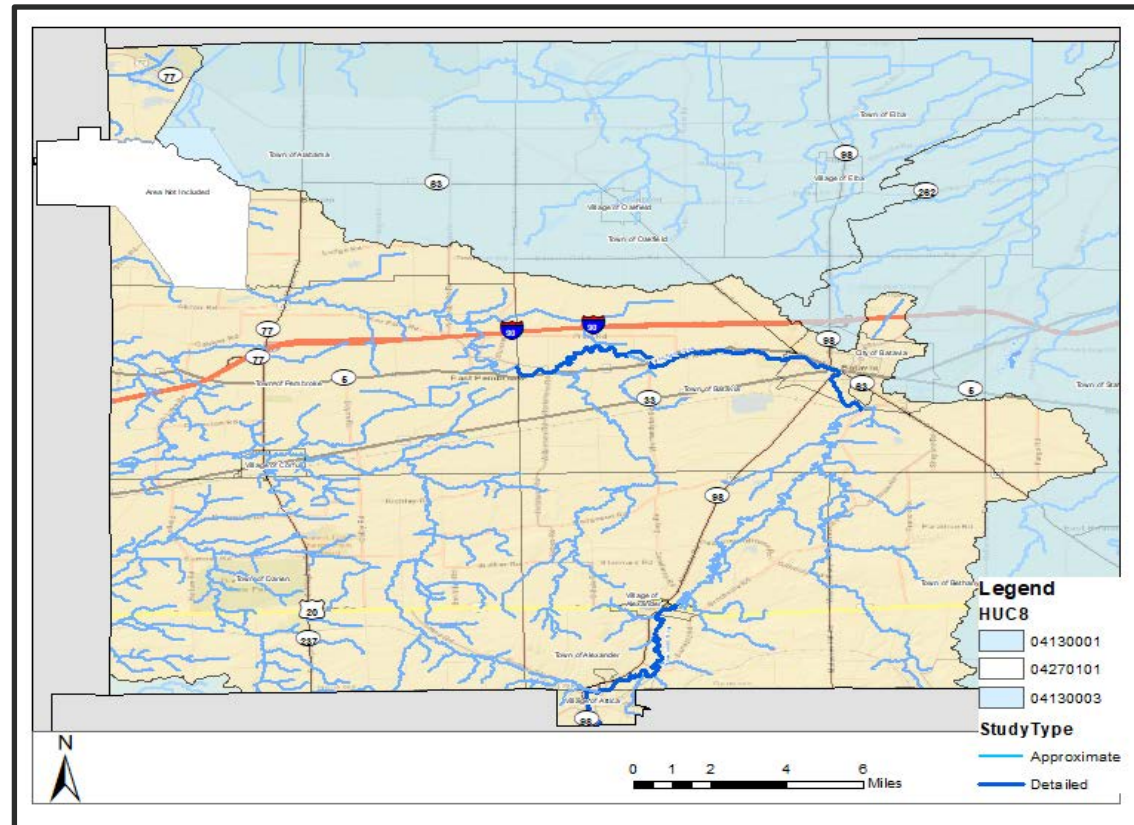
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- Hydrologic Method: USGS Regression Equations
- Hydraulic Method: HEC-RAS 1D state hydraulic model

► Notable streams

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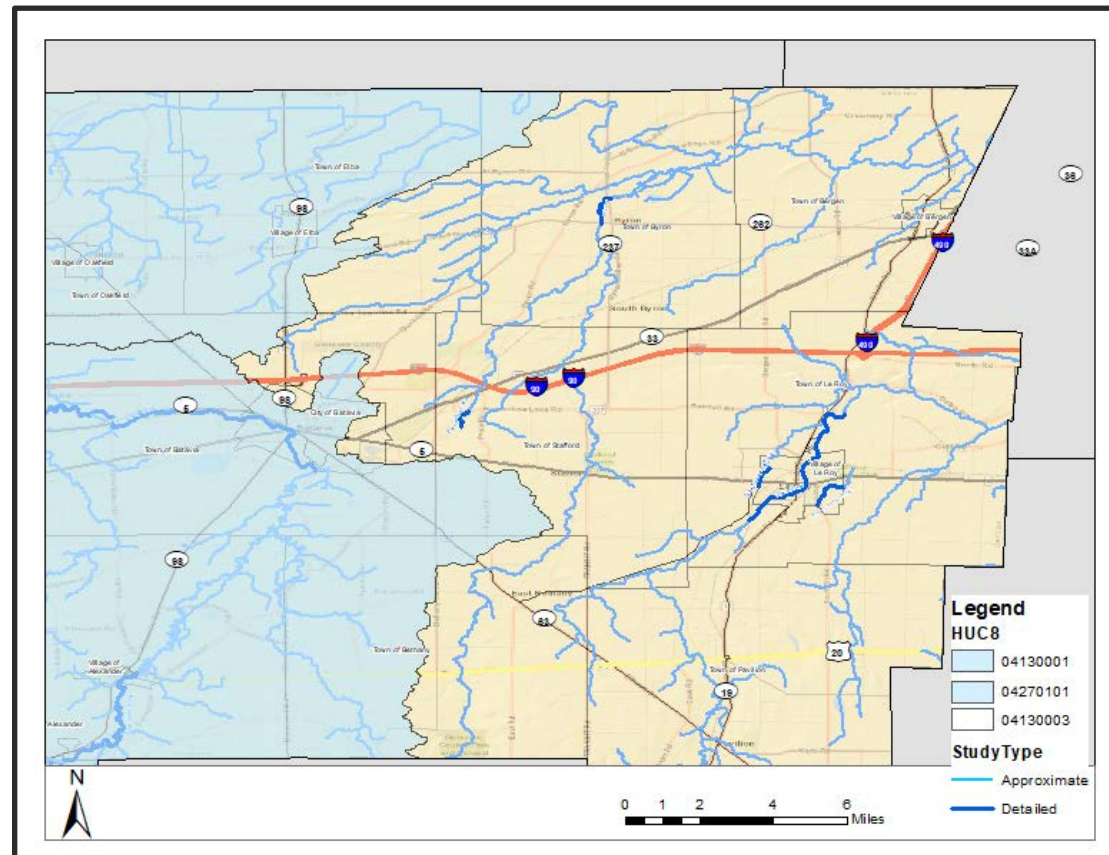
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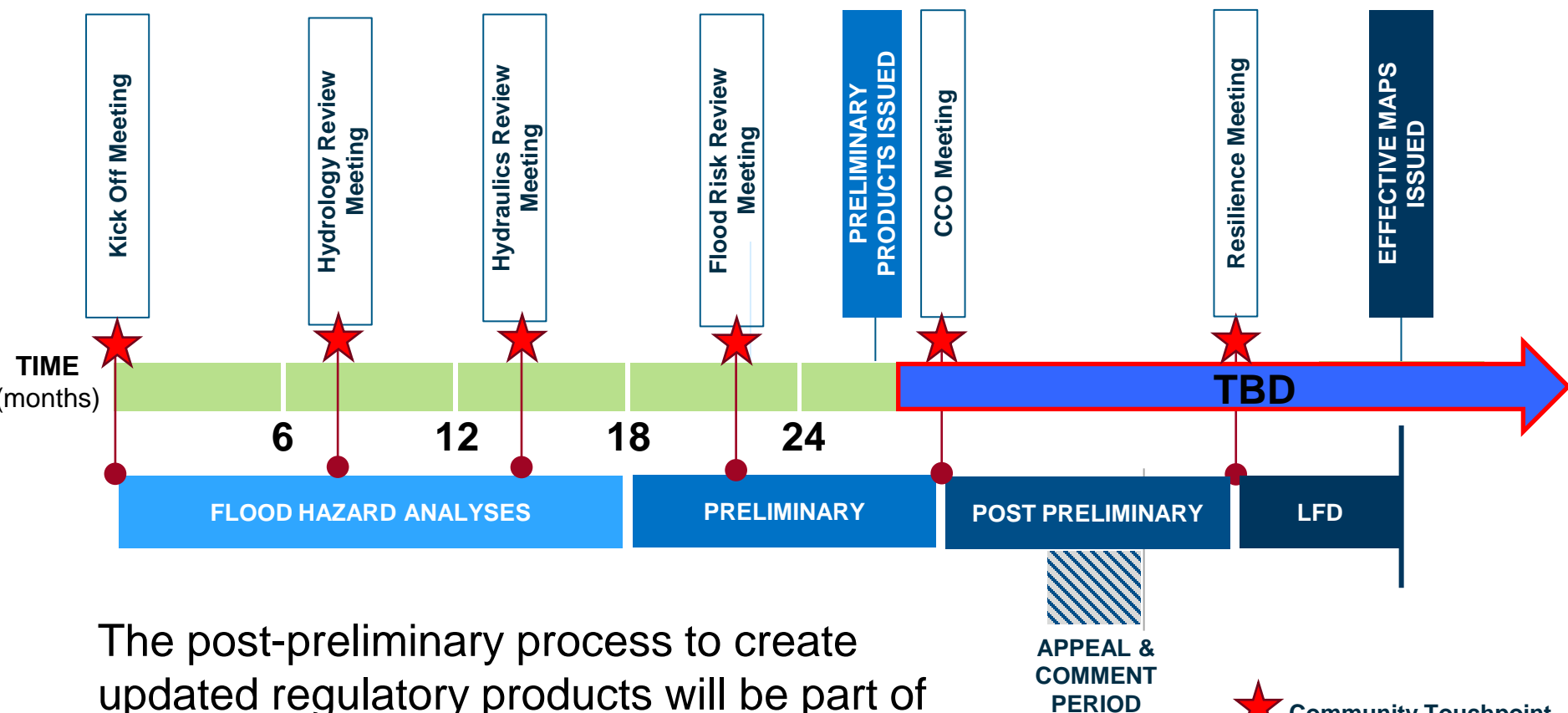
Where are we now and what is next?

Discuss next steps



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Overall Flood Risk Project Timeline



The post-preliminary process to create updated regulatory products will be part of a future project.



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Major Study Milestones – Anticipated Dates

- ▶ **Data Development (January 2021 - June 2022)**
 - Terrain processing
 - Engineering Methods Concurrence (620 letters)
 - Survey
 - Hydrologic modeling
 - Hydraulic modeling
 - Field reconnaissance
 - Floodplain mapping
- ▶ **Flood Risk Review Meeting (October 2022)**
 - Review products with communities
- ▶ **Preliminary Products Update (FIRM & FIS - May 2022)**
 - Preliminary Maps Issued



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What will communities receive?

Preliminary and Planning Products



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Flood Risk Review

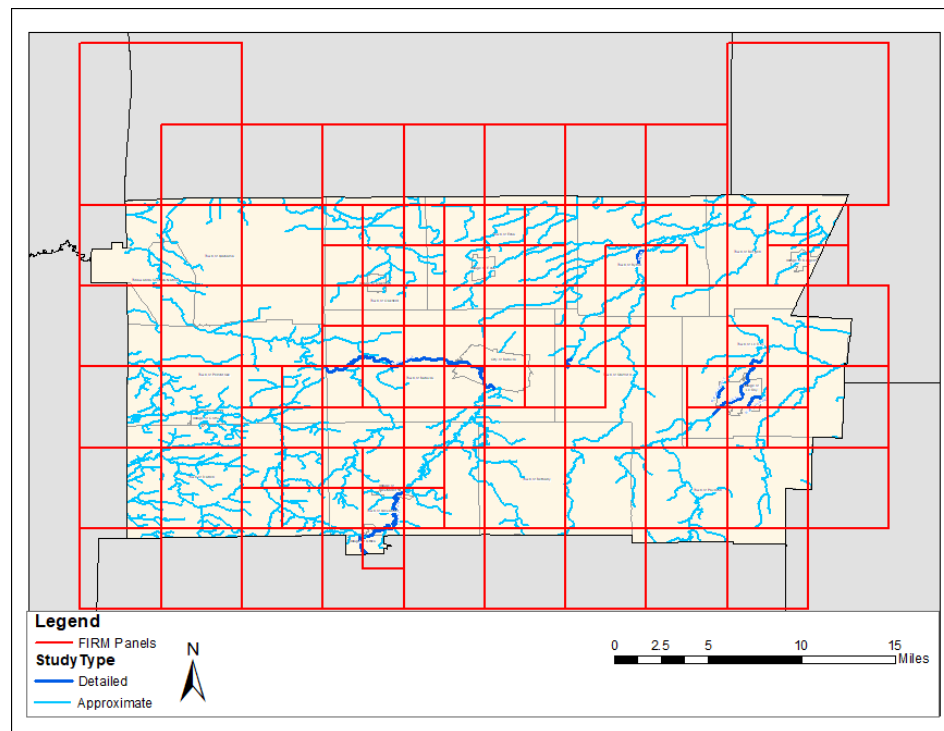
- ▶ **Draft floodplain mapping shared**
- ▶ **Flood Risk Review meeting provides a review of the new engineering analysis results, allowing communities to:**
 - Identify potential updates for Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Provide insight and input on hydrology and hydraulic results in updated study area
 - Seek local buy-in and review possible use of analysis results
 - Identify areas of large changes and potential opportunities for risk reduction
 - Identify risk communications needs and options



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Preliminary Mapping Products

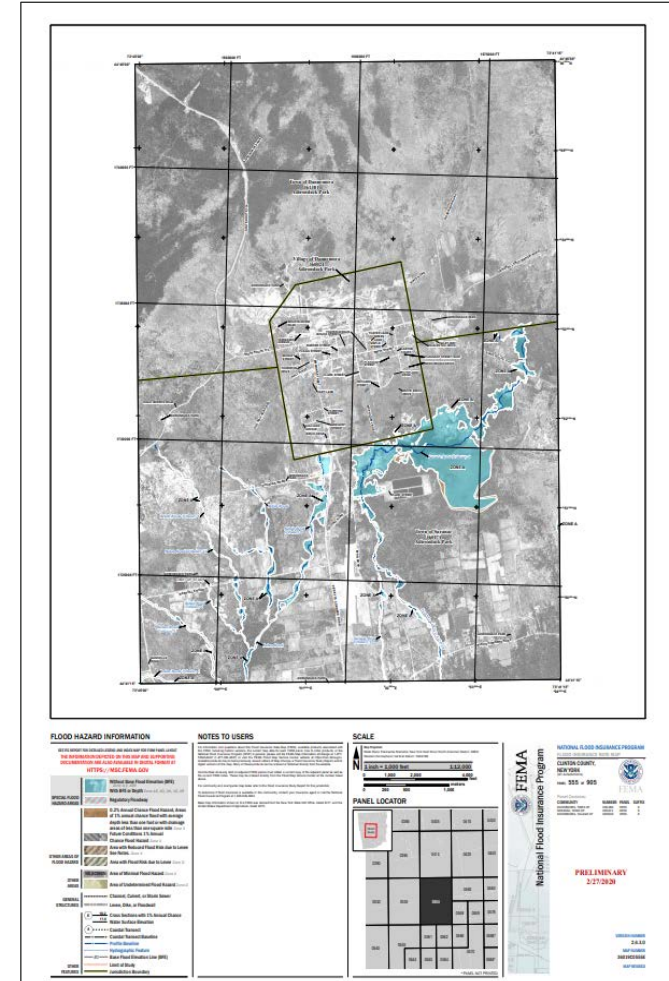
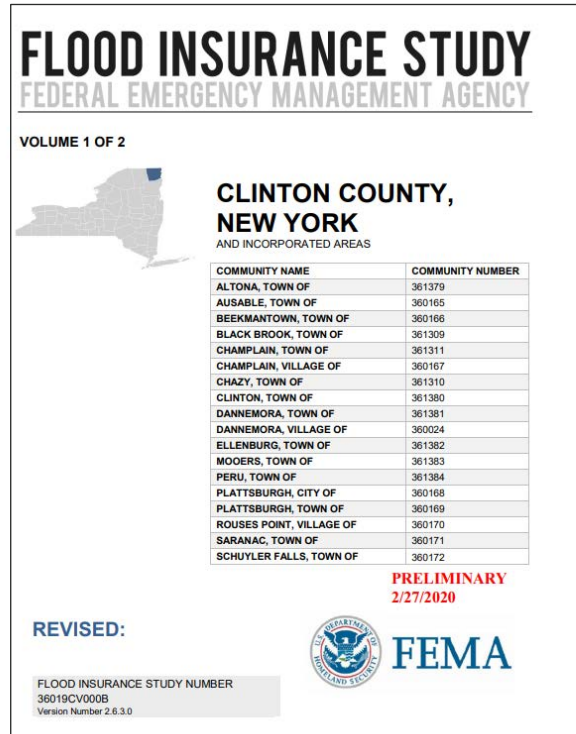
- ▶ **Preliminary product development commences after Flood Risk Review period**
- ▶ **Seamless countywide mapping produced**
- ▶ **Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Database**
 - ▶ First Countywide mapping
- ▶ **110 Preliminary FIRM Panels**
- ▶ **Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report**



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Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Example

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Knowing the Risk

Communities that develop a sound understanding of flood risk will be empowered to...

- ▶ Effectively plan resource use for natural hazards and potential disasters;
- ▶ Implement effective hazard mitigation projects;
- ▶ Effectively regulate current and future development reducing risk; and/or
- ▶ Effectively communicate about natural hazards to residents about personal and community mitigation projects to reduce long-term risk.



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Questions? Comments?



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