



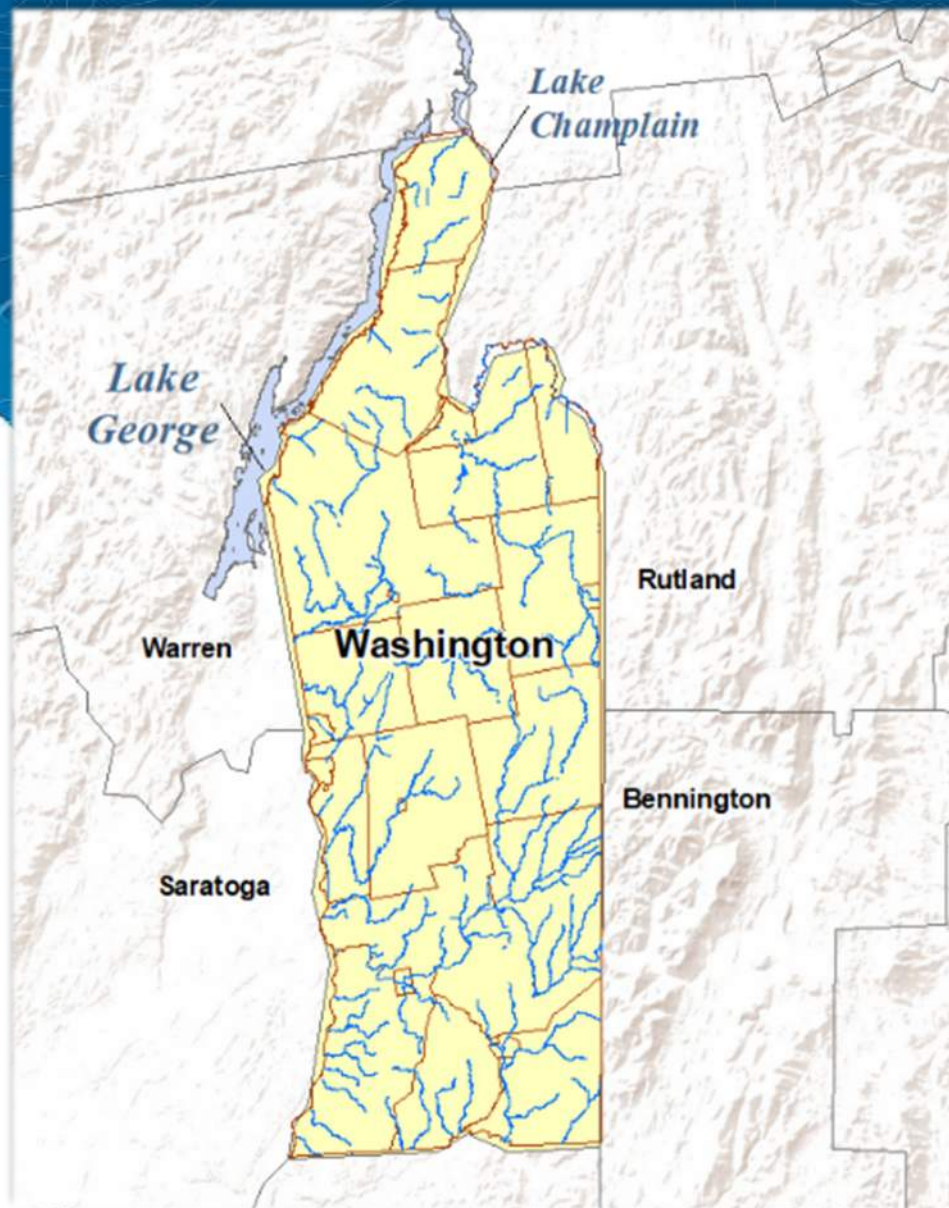
Flood Risk Project

Washington County, NY
Project Kick Off Meeting

March 6, 2019



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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 you hope to gain from our meeting today?



Please sign in!



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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 Ongoing Studies

3

Review county-wide study scope, products and outreach process

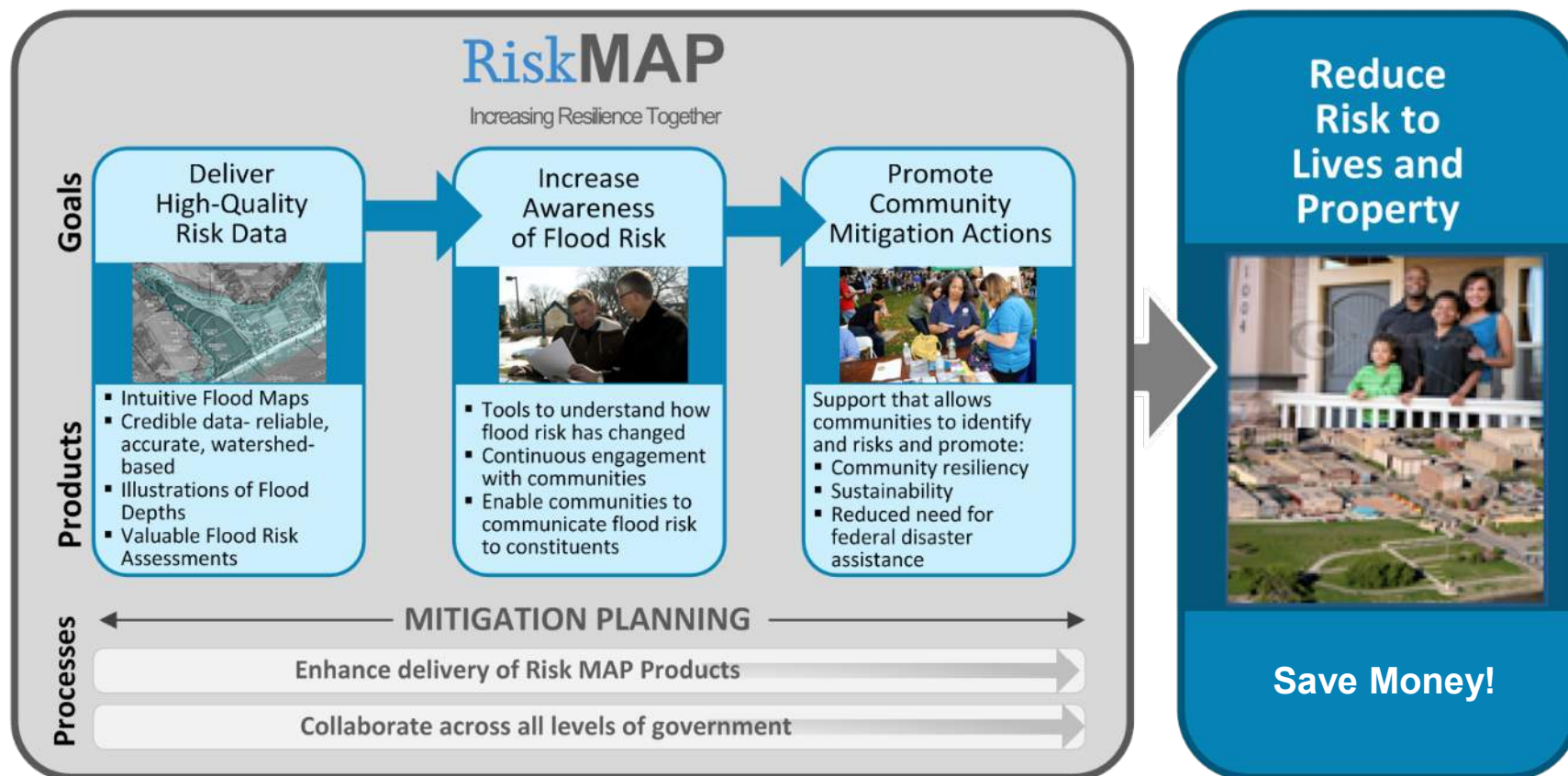


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Risk Analysis Branch

Goal: Stronger and Safer Communities



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The Value of Updated Flood Maps for Local Communities

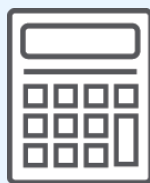


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Flood Maps Guide Progress By:



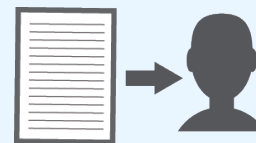
**Identifying
and
Assessing
Flood Risk**



**Establishing
Flood
Insurance
Rates**



**Determining
Local Land
Use**



**Informing
Engineers
and
Developers**



**Equipping
Emergency
Managers**



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Why Update Flood Maps?

NFIP Policies for affected communities	NFIP Claims for affected communities	FEMA Insurance Claims Paid in affected communities	Hazard Mitigation Plan
81	144	\$29,116,900	Released in August 2018



How did we get here?

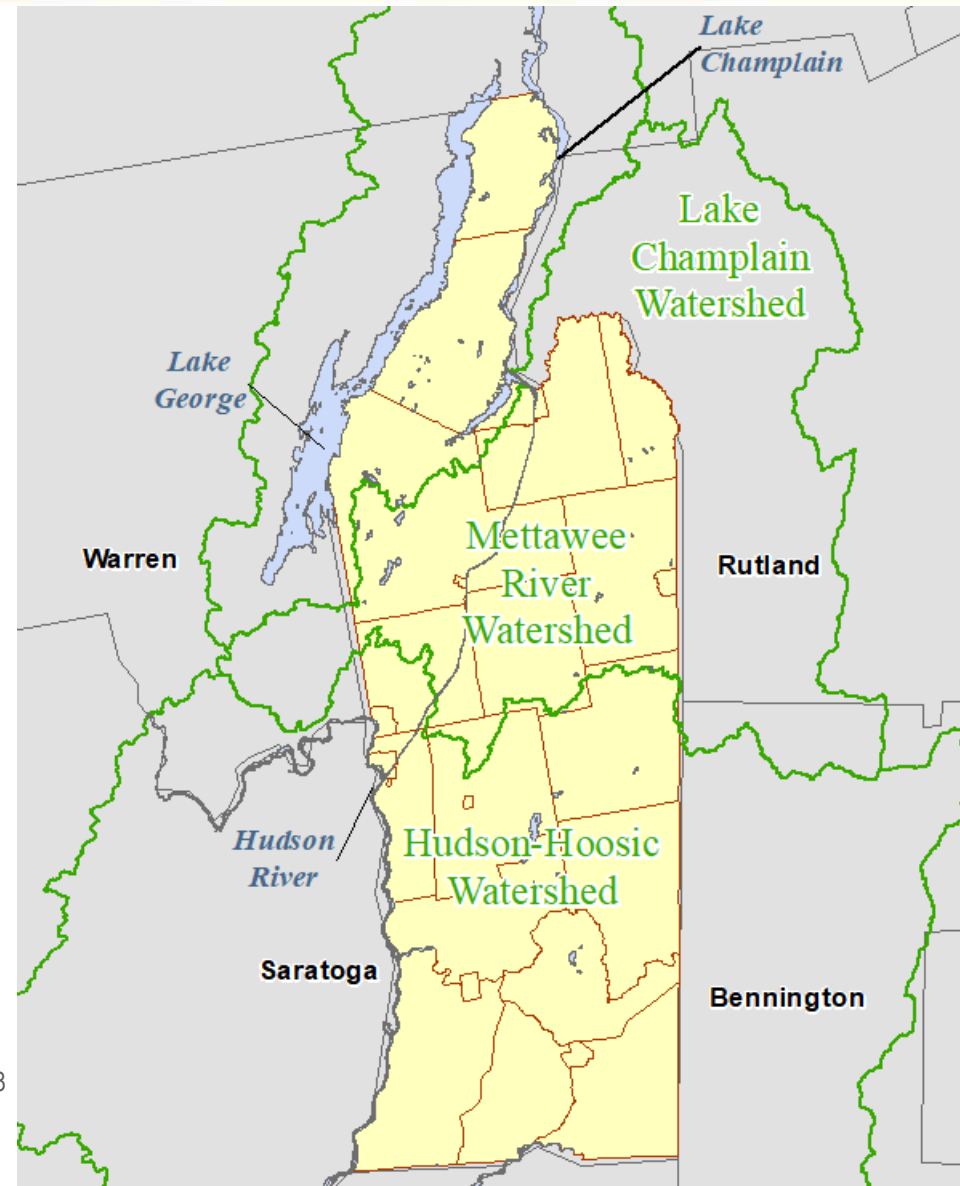
Review past activities



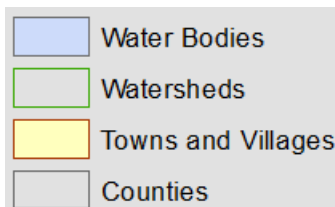
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Discovery/Post-Discovery Progress *Recap*

- ▶ Risk MAP Discovery meetings held June 2016 (Lake Champlain Watershed) and October 2012 (Hudson-Hoosic Watershed)
- ▶ FEMA reviewed community input to determine priorities

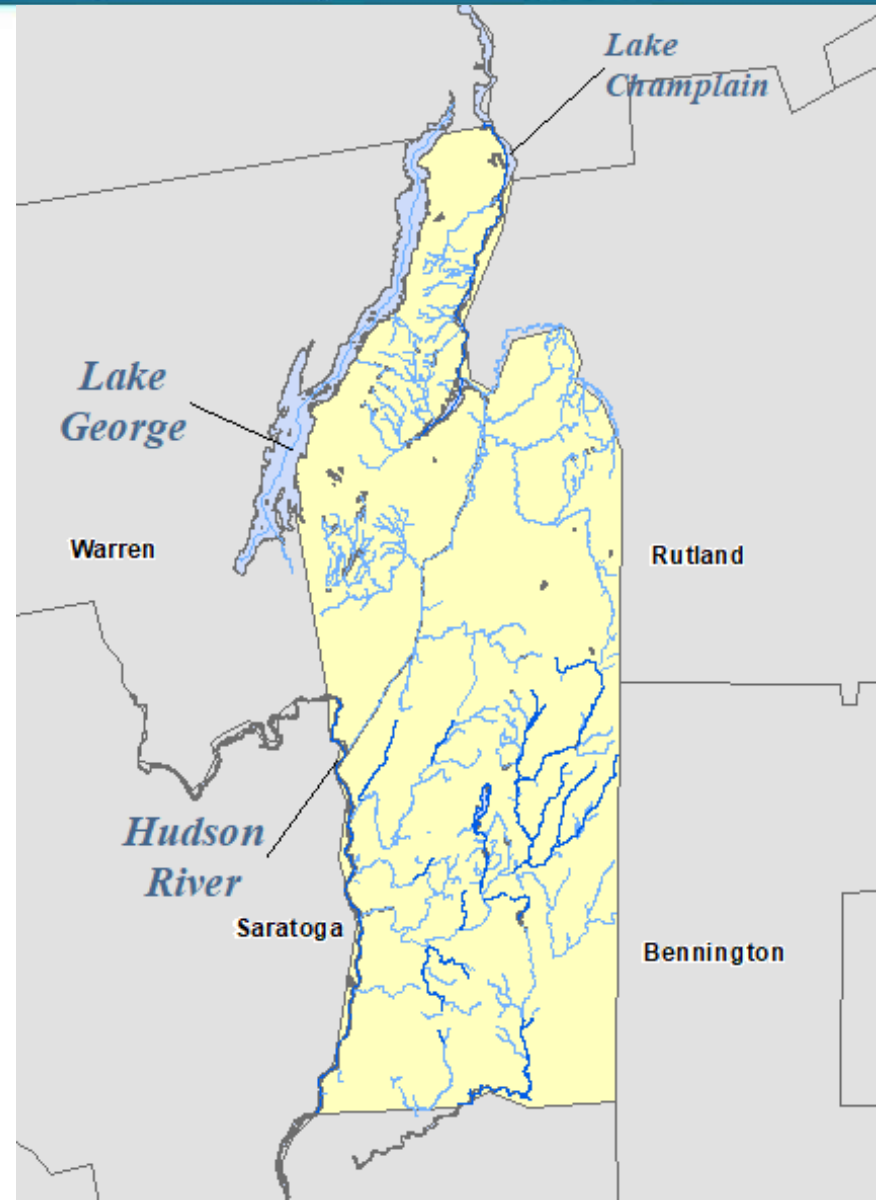


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Ongoing Study Project *Recap*

- ▶ FY 2012 Study
 - Flood Risk Review Meetings
11/14/2016-11/15/2016
- ▶ FY2016 Study
 - Flood Risk Review Meetings
4/16/2018-4/17-2018
- ▶ Whitehall Levees Along Champlain
Canal and Wood Creek:
 - Local Levee Partnership Team Meeting
09/25/2018
 - Natural Valley Letters sent 1/17/2018



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What is being studied now?

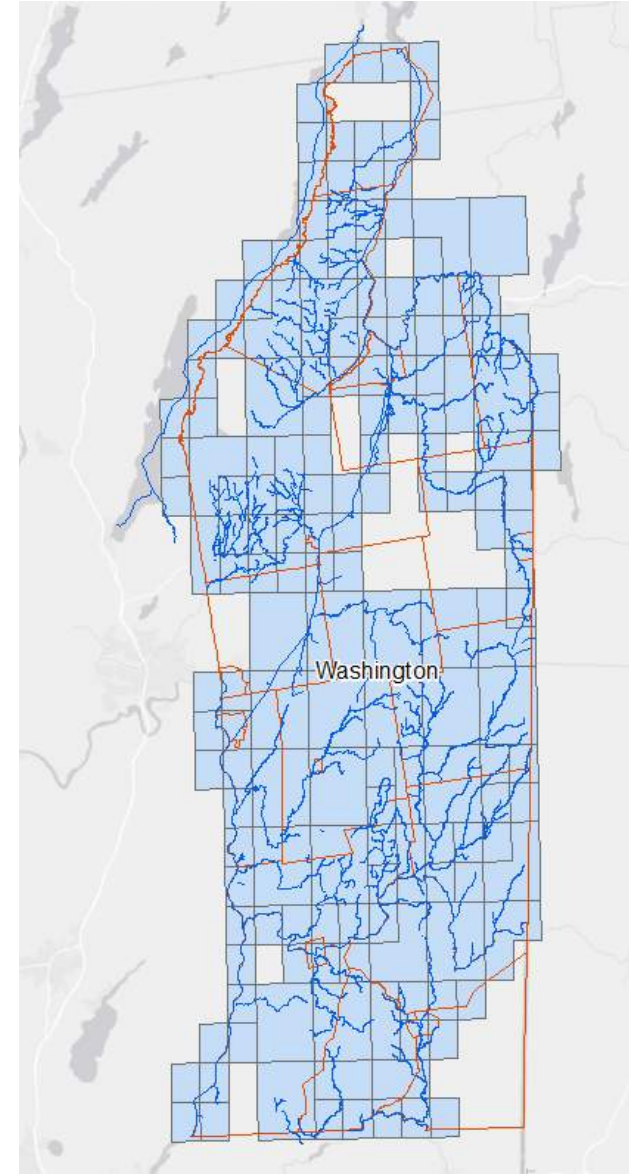
Discuss scope of new study



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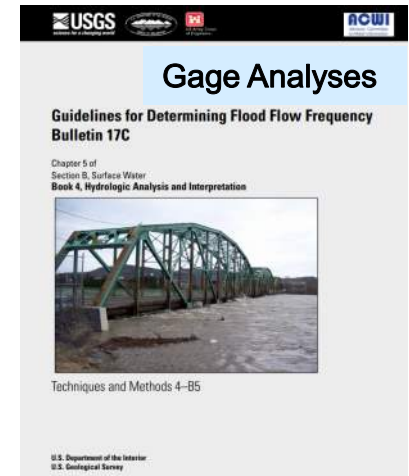
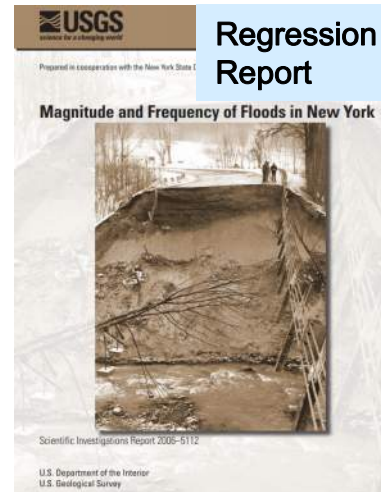
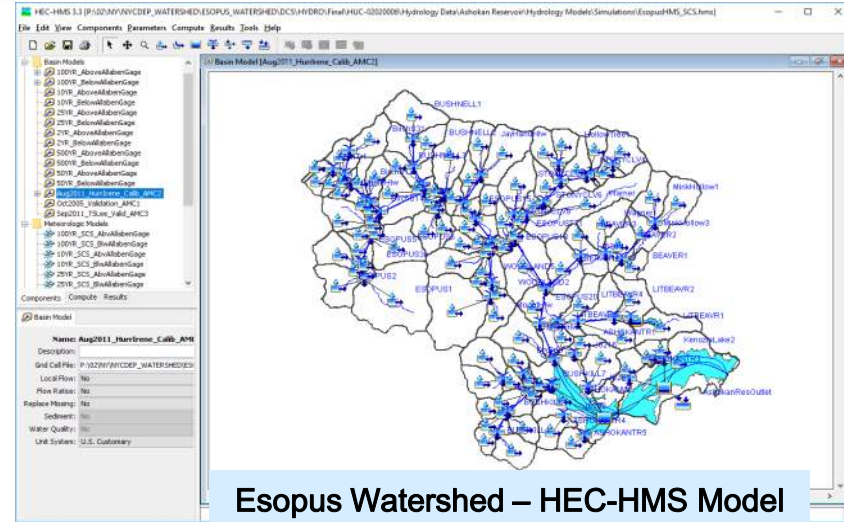
Washington Co., Countywide Flood Risk Study *Scope*

- ▶ **First time digital countywide maps**
- ▶ **Additional flooding sources analyzed**
 - 101 miles - Detailed (AE) streams and lakes
 - 459 miles – Approximate (A) streams and lakes
- ▶ **Includes Lake Champlain and Hudson-Hoosic Watershed study**
- ▶ **25 affected communities**
- ▶ **174 map panels**
- ▶ **Multiple touchpoints**



Hydrologic Analysis

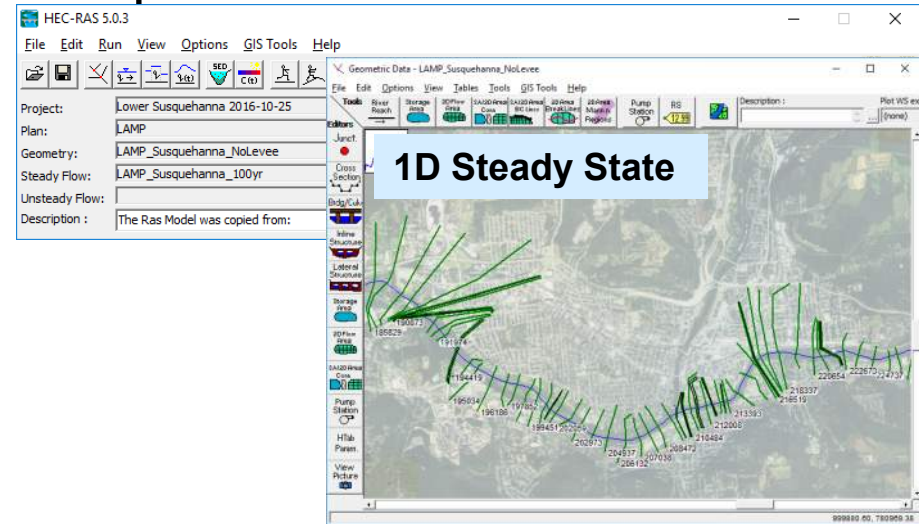
- Typical Methods FEMA utilizes
 - Statistical Gage Analyses
 - Regression Analyses
 - Rainfall Runoff Modeling
- Gage/Regression are based on availability stream gage data
- Rainfall-Runoff physical modeling chosen due to limited gage data
 - Using USACE's HEC-HMS Program
- Special Case: Gage/ Dam Operations Analysis for Lake George Stillwater level
- Discharges developed for
 - 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, 1%+, 1%-, 0.2%
 - Inputs for hydraulic analyses



Hydraulic Analysis

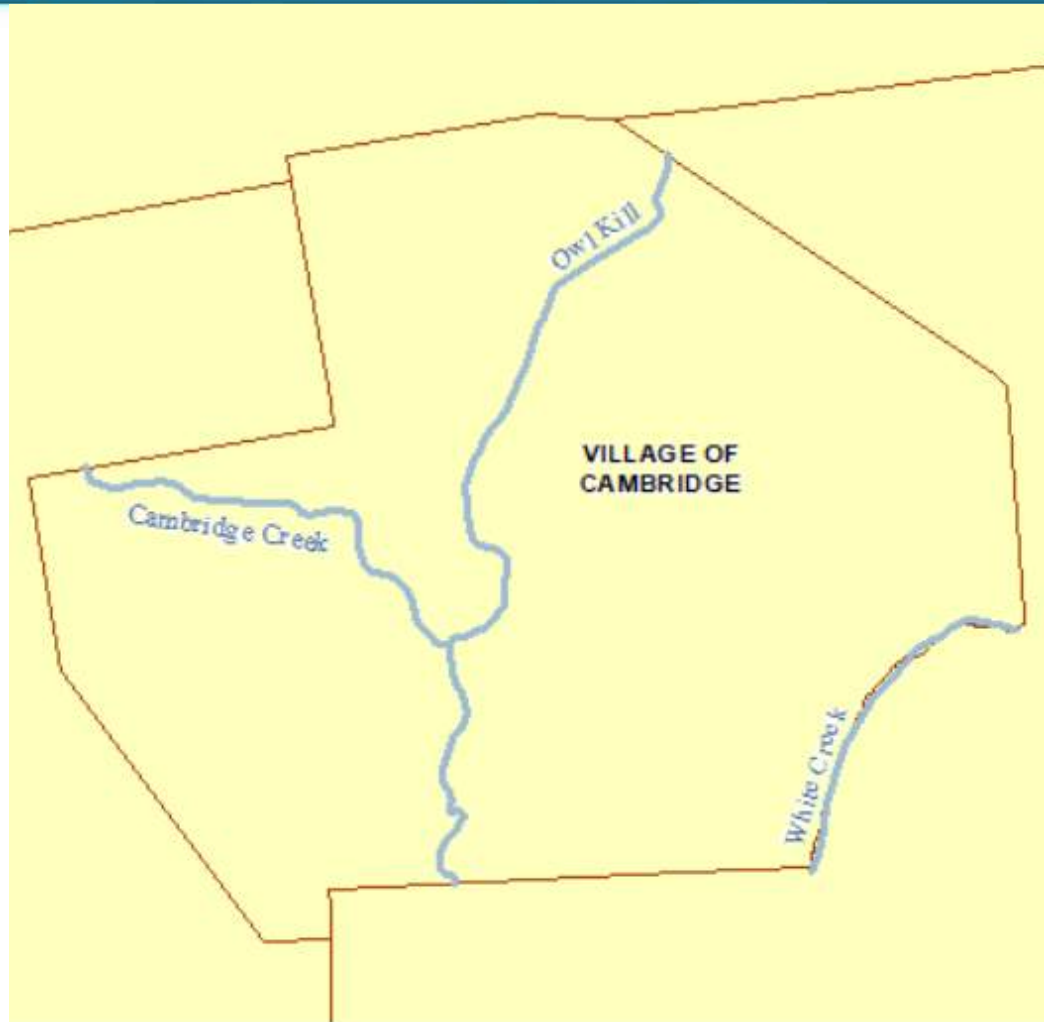
- Types of Analyses
 - One-Dimensional (1D) Steady State
 - One-Dimensional (1D) Unsteady State
 - Two-Dimensional (2D) Unsteady State
- Modeling developed using USACE's HEC-RAS Program.
- Terrain Data – 2012 LiDAR (FEMA 2-m), 2013 (NY 2-m) and 2015 (NY 1-m)
 - Provides topographic elevation information
 - Supplemented by field survey
- Field Survey for Detailed only
- Flood Hazard Data Generated
 - Elevations: 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, 1%+, 1%-, 0.2%
 - Floodplain extents: 1%, 0.2%

Susquehanna River – HEC-RAS Models



Village of Cambridge – New AE Studies

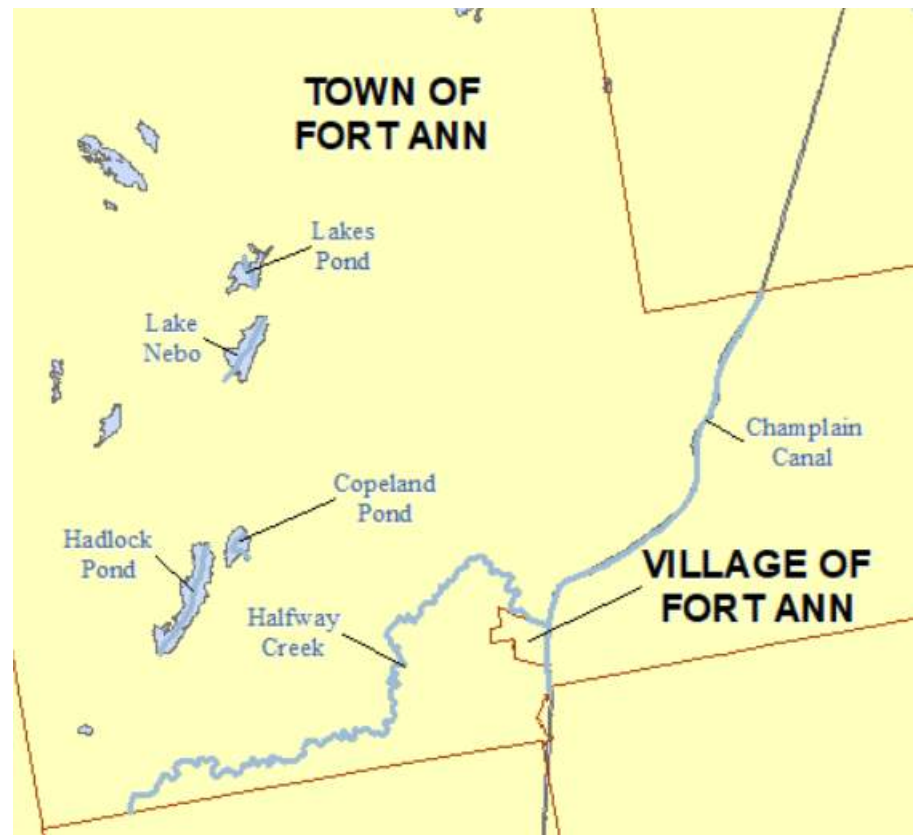
- ▶ **Total Mileage: 3.1 miles**
 - Owl Kill (1.6mi)
 - Cambridge Creek (0.9 mi)
 - White Creek (0.7 mi)
- ▶ **Detailed Restudy:**
 - Affects the Village of Cambridge and the Town of White Creek
 - 1D modeling for entire study reach



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Town/Village of Fort Ann– New or Restudied AE

- ▶ **Total Mileage: 20.1 miles**
 - Champlain Canal (6.0 mi)
 - Halfway Creek (10.7 mi)
 - Copeland pond (0.5 mi)
 - Hadlock Pond (1.5 miles)
 - Lake Nebo (0.9 mi)
 - Lakes Pond (0.5 mi)
- ▶ **Detailed Methods:**
 - Affects the Village of Fort Ann and the Town of Fort Ann
 - 1D unsteady-state for Champlain Canal
 - 1D steady-state for Halfway Creek
 - Ponds/Reservoirs modeled by hydrologic routing through the reservoir



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Mettawee River/ Indian River - New Detailed AE

- ▶ **Total Mileage: 27.6 miles**
 - Indian River (7.0 miles)
 - Mettawee River (20.6 miles)
- ▶ **Detailed Methods:**
 - Communities affected: Town of Whitehall, Town of Granville, Village of Granville, and Town of Hebron
 - 1D steady-state models for both streams



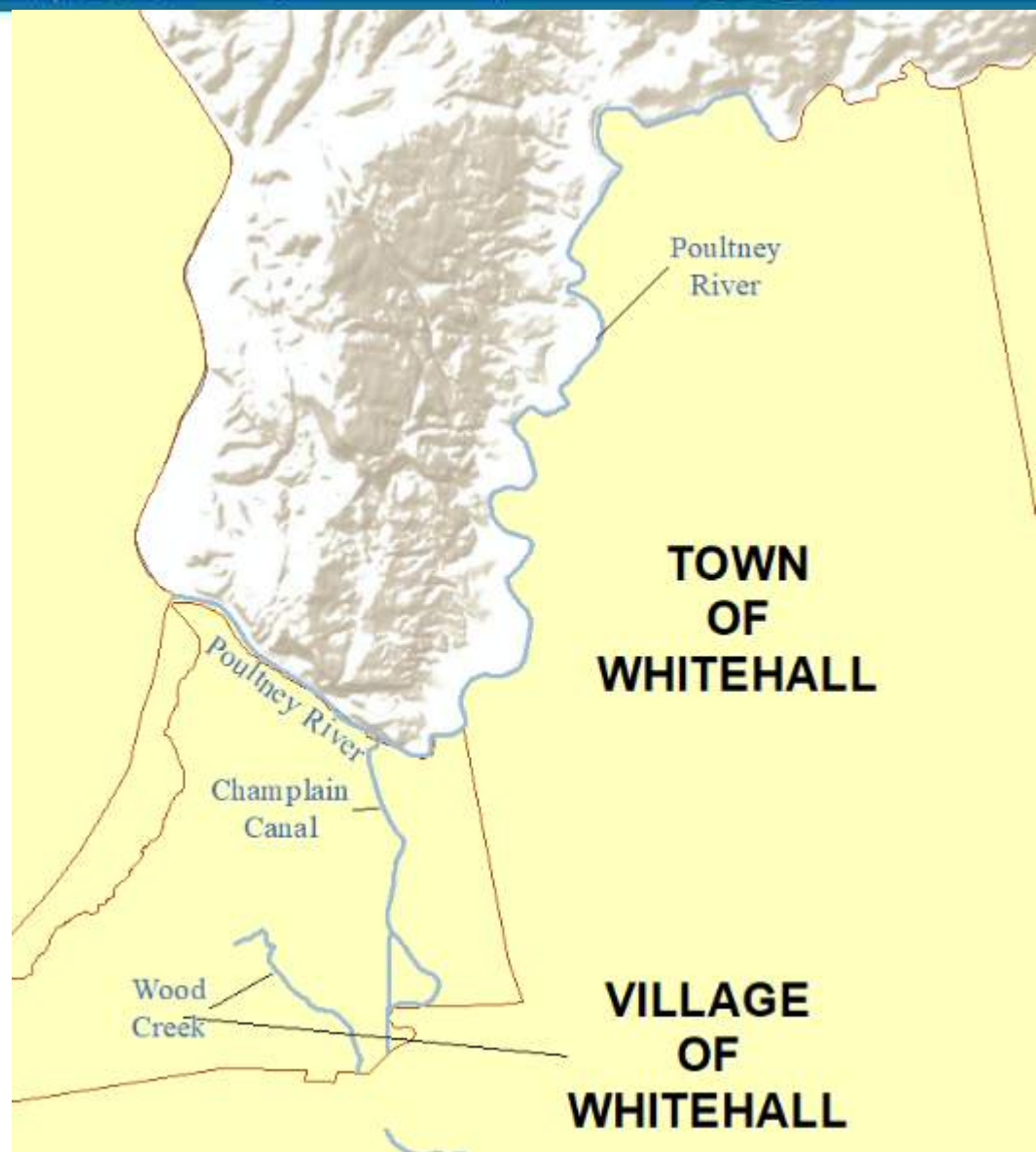
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Village of Whitehall- New Detailed AE

- ▶ **Total Mileage: 13.1 miles**
 - Champlain Canal and Overflow (2.9 miles)
 - Poultney River (8.9 miles)
 - Wood Creek (1.4 miles)
- ▶ **Detailed Methods:**
 - Poultney River and Wood Creek will be 1D Steady-State models
 - Champlain Canal will be 1D Unsteady-State

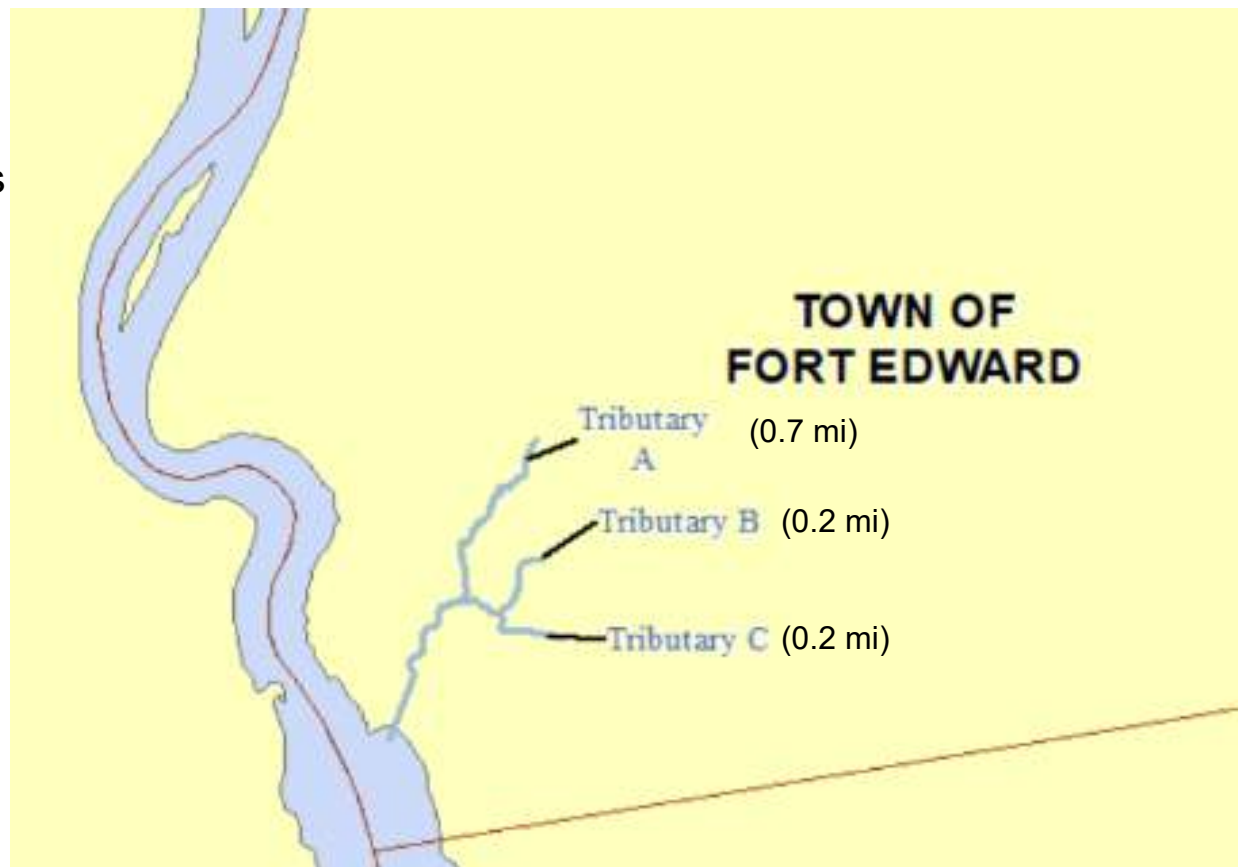


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Town of Fort Edward - AE Restudies

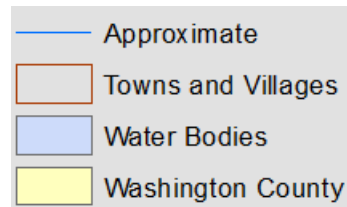
- ▶ **Total Mileage: 1.1 miles**
- ▶ **Detailed Methods:**
 - 1D Steady-State Methods



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Approximate Streams

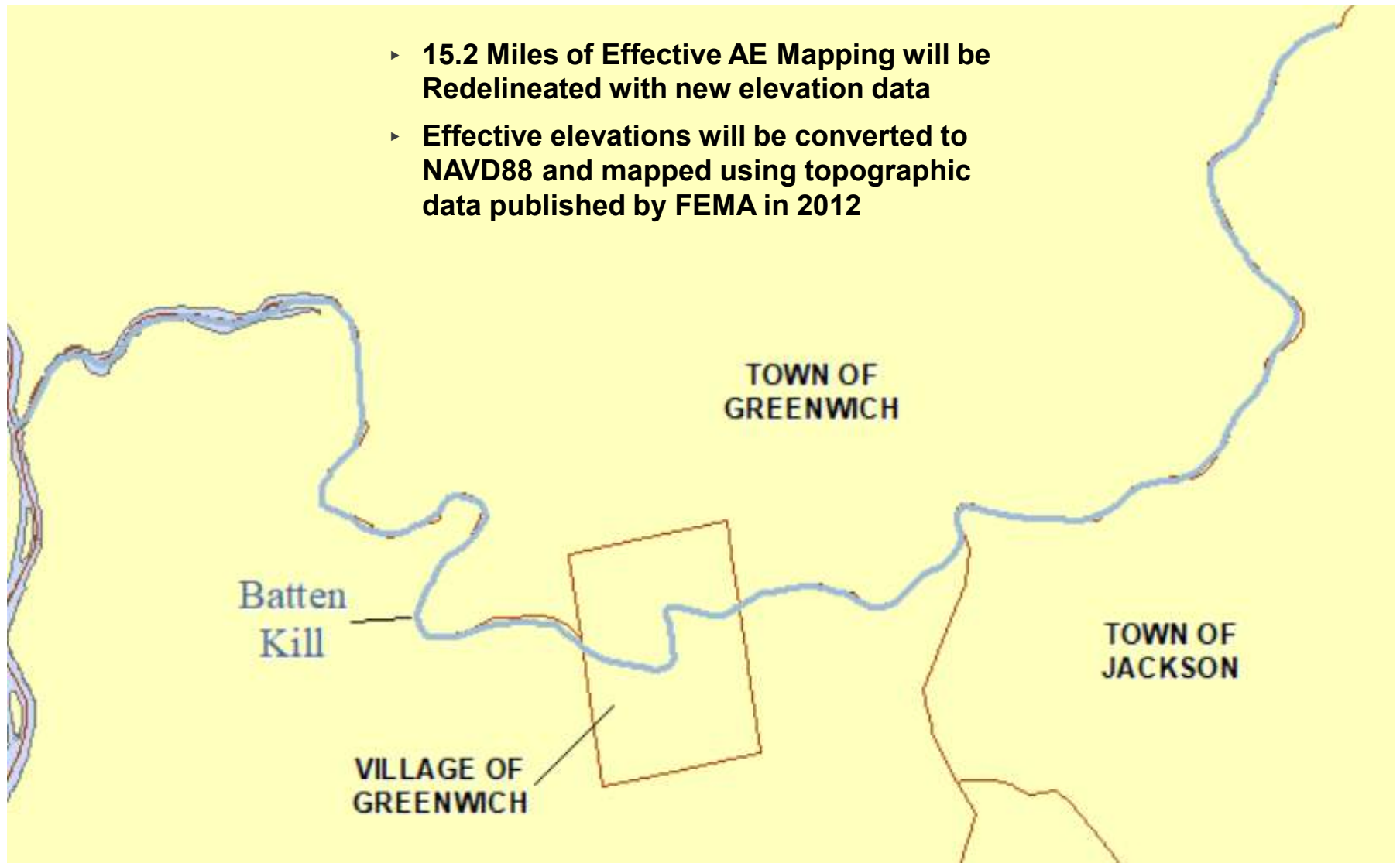
- ▶ **Total mileage =459 miles**
- ▶ **1D Steady State Except for:**
 - ▶ Ponding area = volumetric calculation
 - ▶ Unsteady modeling will be used for portions of Champlain Canal, Wood Creek, and Unnamed Stream 17
- ▶ **Structures will be added with available data or approximated**
- ▶ **Floodplain extents for 1% and 0.2%**



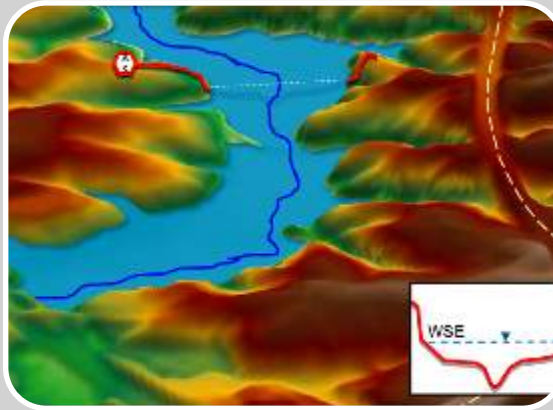
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Redelineation

- ▶ 15.2 Miles of Effective AE Mapping will be Redelineated with new elevation data
- ▶ Effective elevations will be converted to NAVD88 and mapped using topographic data published by FEMA in 2012



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?



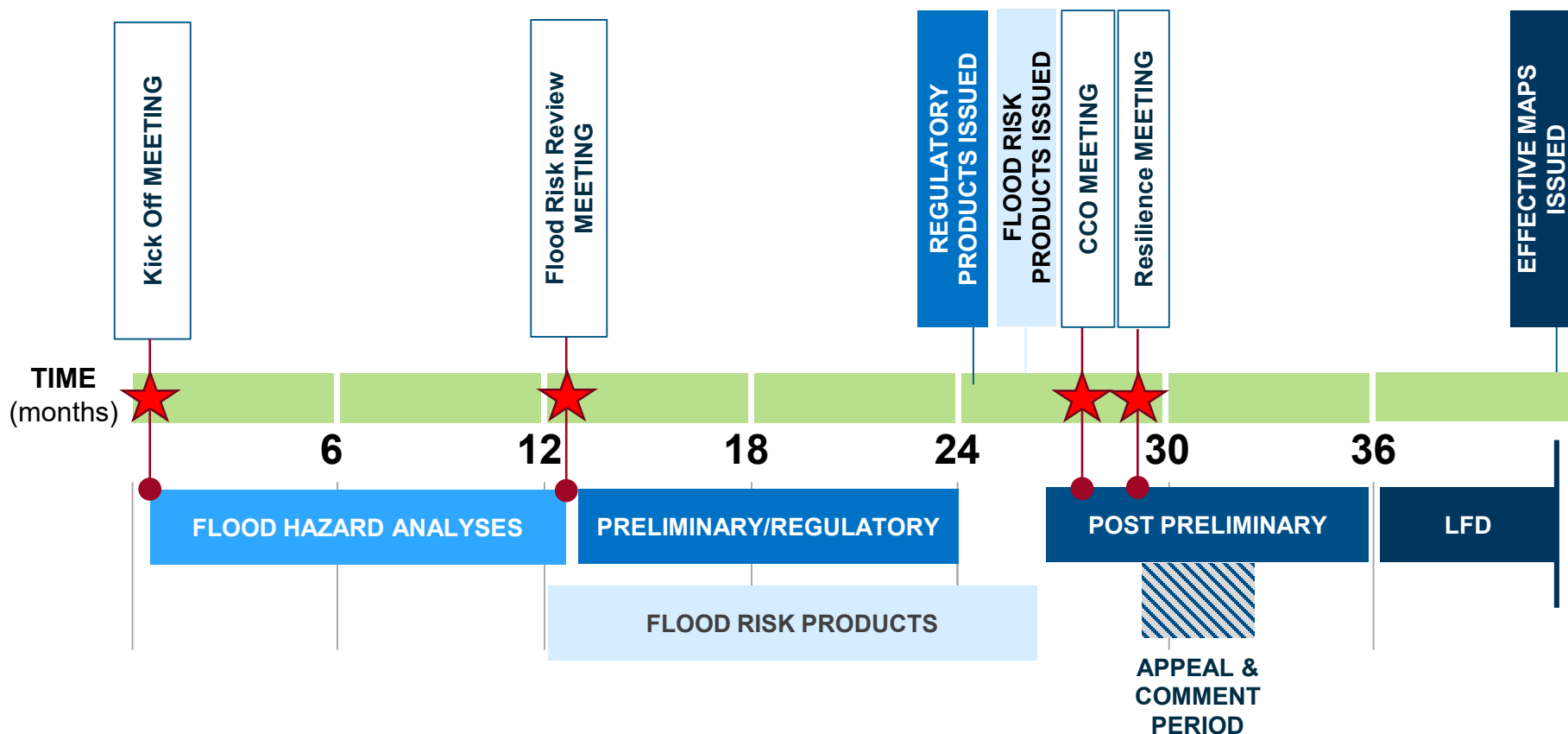
Where are we now and what is next?

Discuss next steps



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Overall Flood Risk Project Timeline



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Major Study Milestones

- ▶ **Data Development (12 months)**
 - Terrain processing
 - Field reconnaissance and survey
 - Hydrologic modeling (620 letters)
 - Hydraulic modeling (620 letters)
 - Floodplain mapping (workmaps)
- ▶ **Flood Risk Review Meeting**
 - Work map products (14 months)
- ▶ **Regulatory Product Update (FIRM & FIS)**
 - Preliminary issuance (25 months)
- ▶ **Resilience Meeting**
 - Flood risk products (28 months)



What will communities receive?

Regulatory Products



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Work Maps

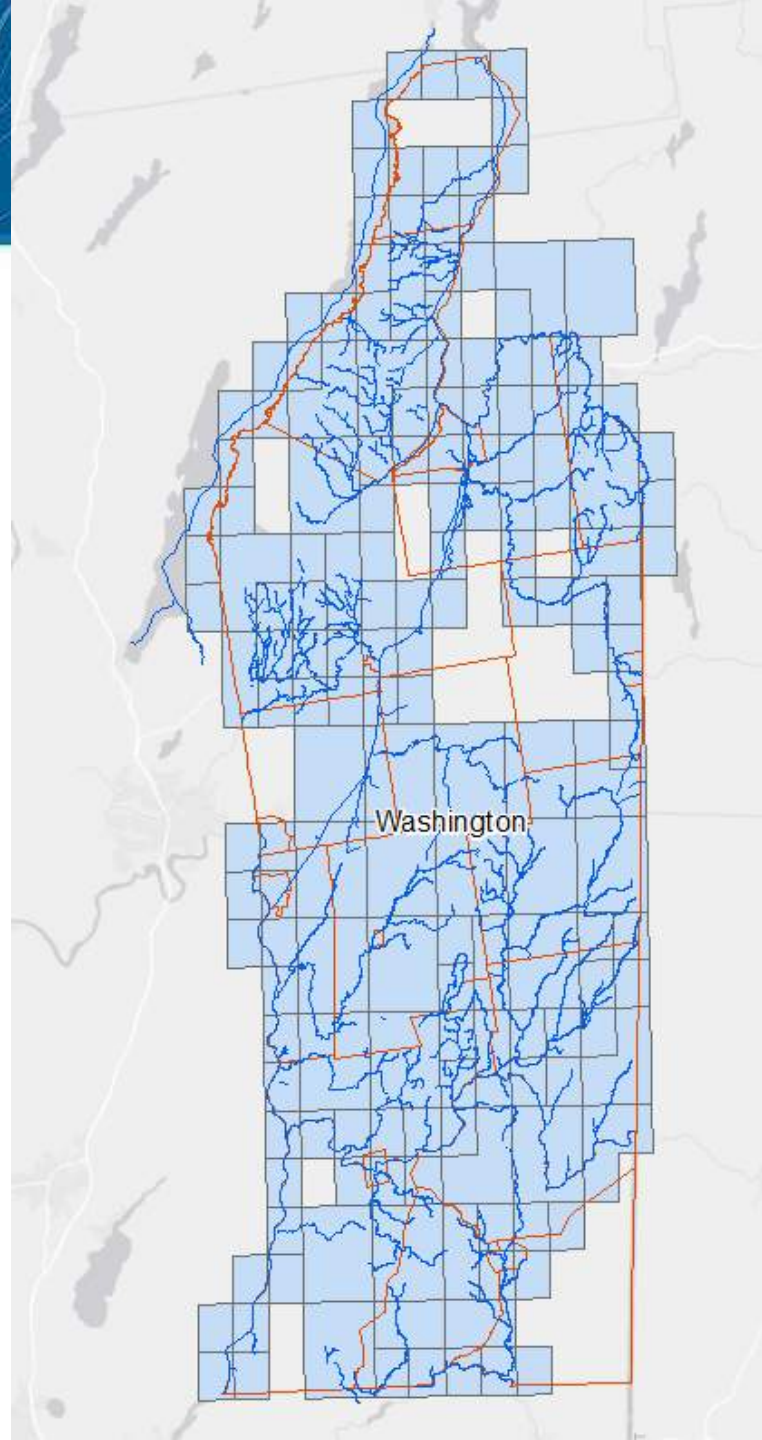
- ▶ **Draft floodplain mapping shared using work maps**
- ▶ **Flood Risk Review meeting provides a review of the new engineering analysis results, allowing communities to:**
 - Identify potential updates for Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Provide insight and input on hydrology and hydraulic results in updated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

Regulatory Products

- ▶ **Regulatory product development commences after work map comment period**
- ▶ **Seamless countywide mapping produced**
 - Ongoing Studies
 - This Countywide Study
 - Incorporate LOMRs
- ▶ **Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Database**
- ▶ **174 FIRM Panels**
- ▶ **Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report**



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Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Example

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S_XS.shp	Shapefile
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FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

VOLUME 1 OF 1





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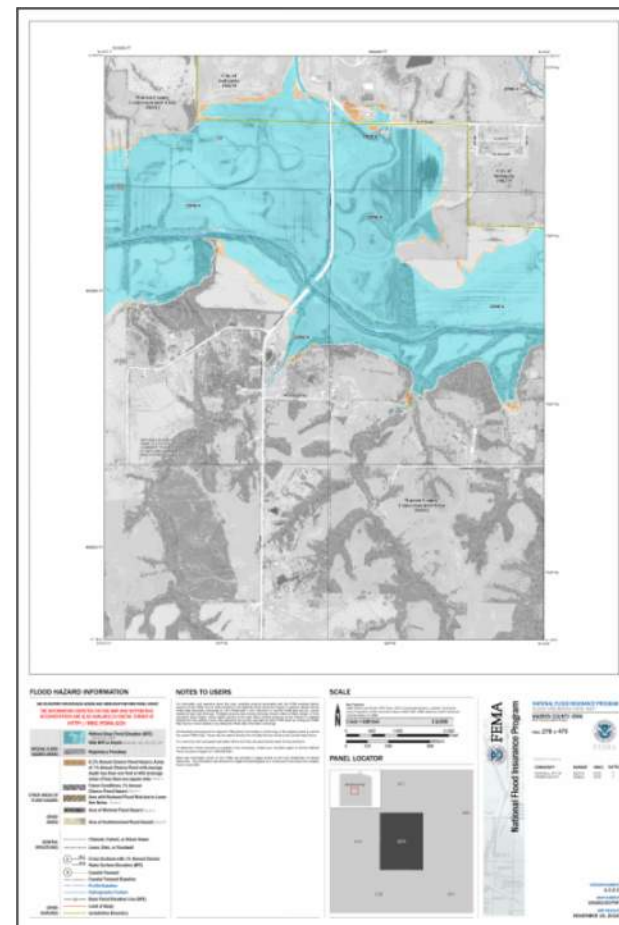
AND INCORPORATED AREAS

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ACKWORTH, CITY OF	190945
BEVINGTON, CITY OF	190273
CARLISLE, CITY OF	190274
CUMMING, CITY OF	190946
DES MOINES, CITY OF	190227
HARTFORD, CITY OF	190589
INDIANOLA, CITY OF	190275
LACONA, CITY OF	190752
MARTENSDALE, CITY OF	190524
MILO, CITY OF ¹	190618
NEW VIRGINIA, CITY OF ¹	190787
NORWALK, CITY OF	190631
SANDYVILLE, CITY OF ¹	190947
SPRING HILL, CITY OF	190949
ST. MARYS, CITY OF ¹	190948
WARREN COUNTY, UNINCORPORATED AREAS	190912

¹No Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified

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What will communities receive?

Flood Risk Products



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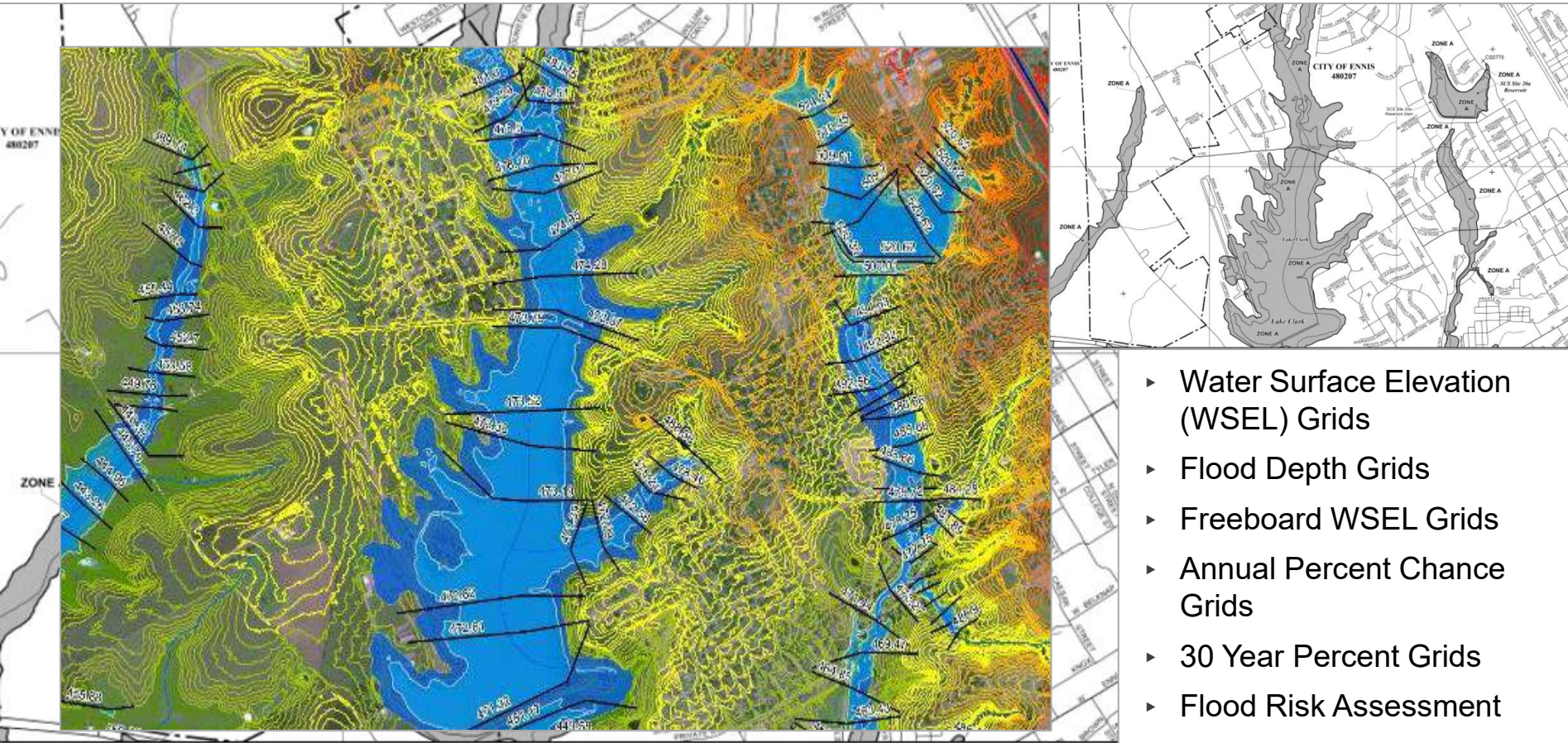
Knowing the Risk

If a community does not know or understand their risk, they may struggle to:

- ▶ Effectively plan use of resources for natural hazards and potential disasters;
- ▶ Implement effective hazard mitigation projects;
- ▶ Effectively regulate current and future development without increasing risk; and/or
- ▶ Effectively communicate about natural hazards to its residents about personal and community mitigation projects that can reduce long-term risk.



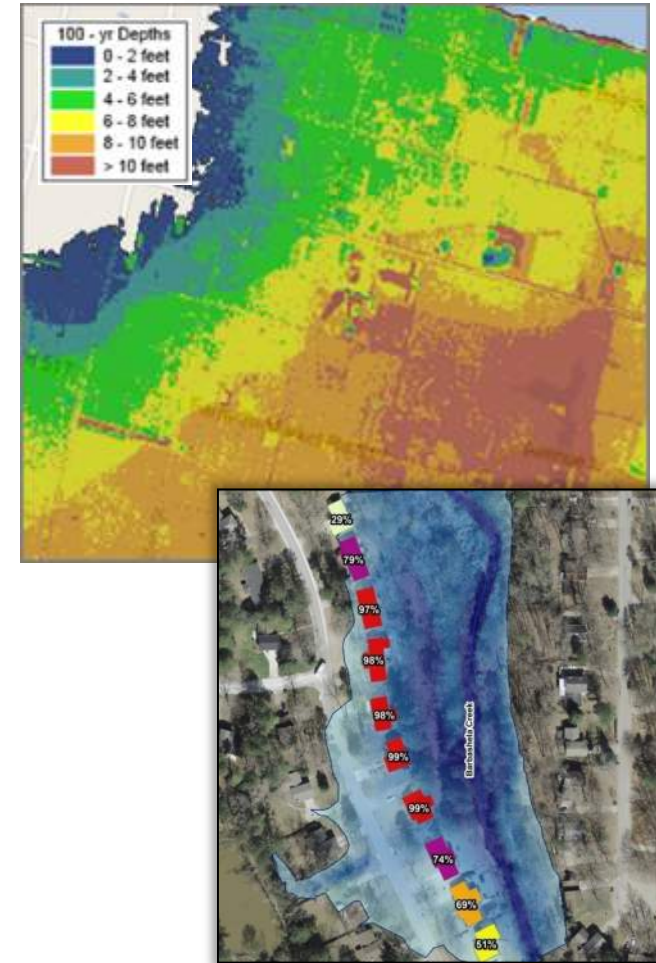
Flood Risk Datasets



Products & Delivery Items:

Flood Depth and Analysis Grids

- ▶ Flood hazard data provide the inputs to develop these products
- ▶ **Flood Depth and Water Surface Grids**
 - Frequencies: 10%, 4%, 2%, 1% and 0.2%
- ▶ **Percentage annual chance of flooding Grid**
- ▶ **Chance of flooding over the average mortgage (30-year) time period grid**
- ▶ **Flood Risk Assessment Analysis (HAZUS)**
- ▶ **Areas of Mitigation Interest (AOMI)**



Flood Risk Database



- ▶ Flood risk products are stored and delivered in GIS format - Geodatabase
- ▶ Includes spatial & tabular data
- ▶ Facilitates infusion into local GIS systems and analyses

	Estimated Potential Losses for Flood Event Scenarios											
	Total Inventory		10% (10-yr)		2% (50-yr)		1% (100-yr)		0.2% (500-yr)		Annualized (\$/yr)	
	Estimated Value	% of Total	Dollar Losses ¹	Loss Ratio ²	Dollar Losses ¹	Loss Ratio ²	Dollar Losses ¹	Loss Ratio ²	Dollar Losses ¹	Loss Ratio ²	Dollar Losses ¹	Loss Ratio ²
Residential Building and Contents Losses	\$422,000,000	71%	\$2,500,000	1%	\$3,800,000	1%	\$4,500,000	1%	\$6,200,000	1%	\$300,000	N/A
Commercial Building and Contents Losses	\$122,800,000	21%	\$2,300,000	2%	\$3,700,000	3%	\$4,200,000	3%	\$5,600,000	5%	\$300,000	N/A
Other Building and Contents Losses	\$45,500,000	8%	\$70,000	N/A	\$100,000	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$10,000	N/A
Total Building and Contents Losses ³	\$590,300,000	100%	\$4,800,000	1%	\$7,600,000	1%	\$8,800,000	1%	\$12,100,000	2%	\$700,000	N/A
Business Disruption ⁴	\$0	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$20,000	N/A
TOTAL⁵	\$590,300,000	N/A	\$4,900,000	1%	\$7,700,000	1%	\$8,900,000	2%	\$12,100,000	2%	\$700,000	N/A



Dam Breach Analysis

- ▶ Up to 5 Medium/High Hazard Dams analyzed
- ▶ Engineering analyses developed for FIRM will be leveraged
- ▶ Flood Inundation Maps will be developed



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Questions? Comments?



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