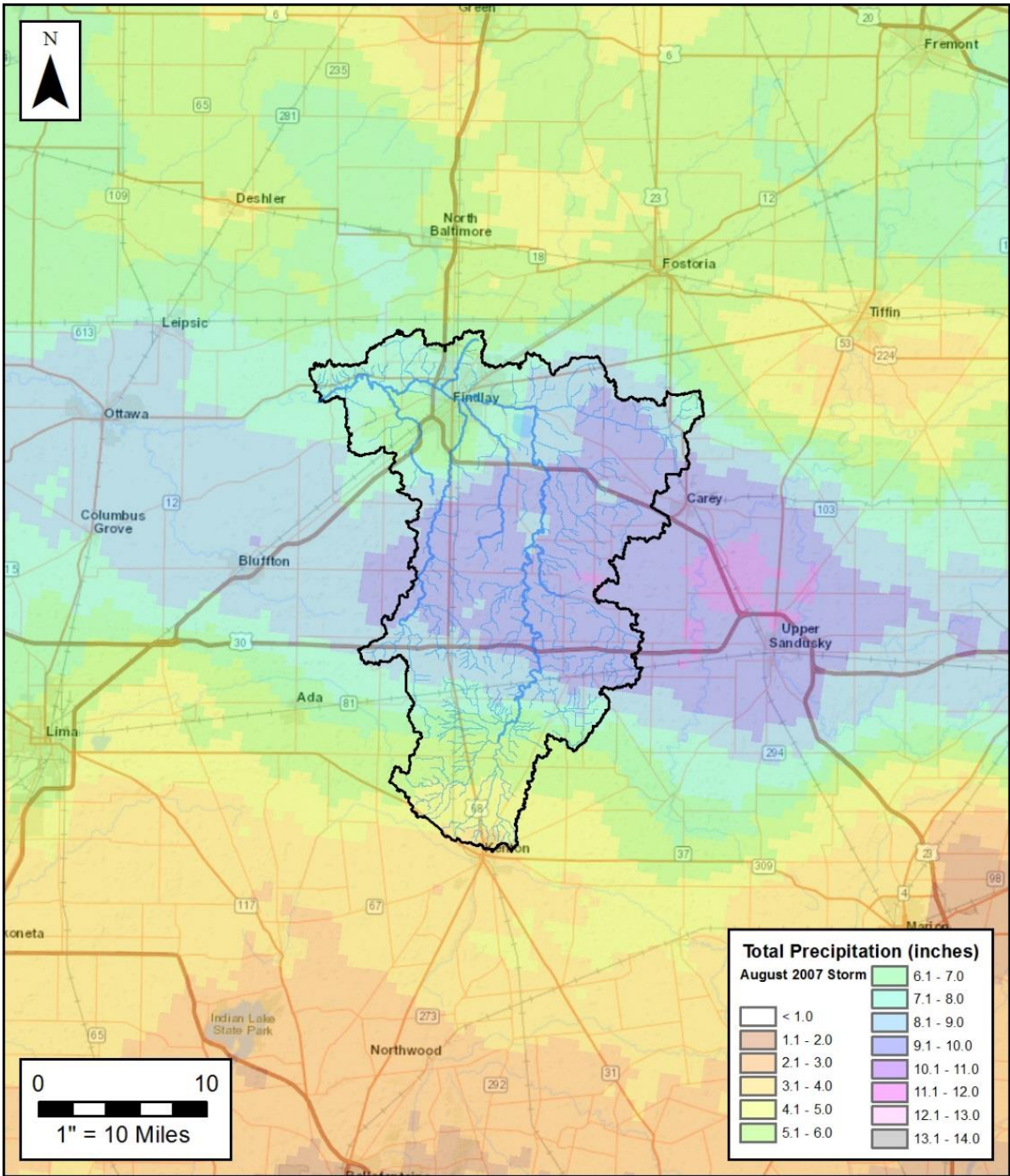




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# Hydrology: Old Science, New Applications for the Blanchard River in Ohio

Maumee River  
Watershed  
Conservancy District

Hancock County Flood  
Risk Reduction  
Program



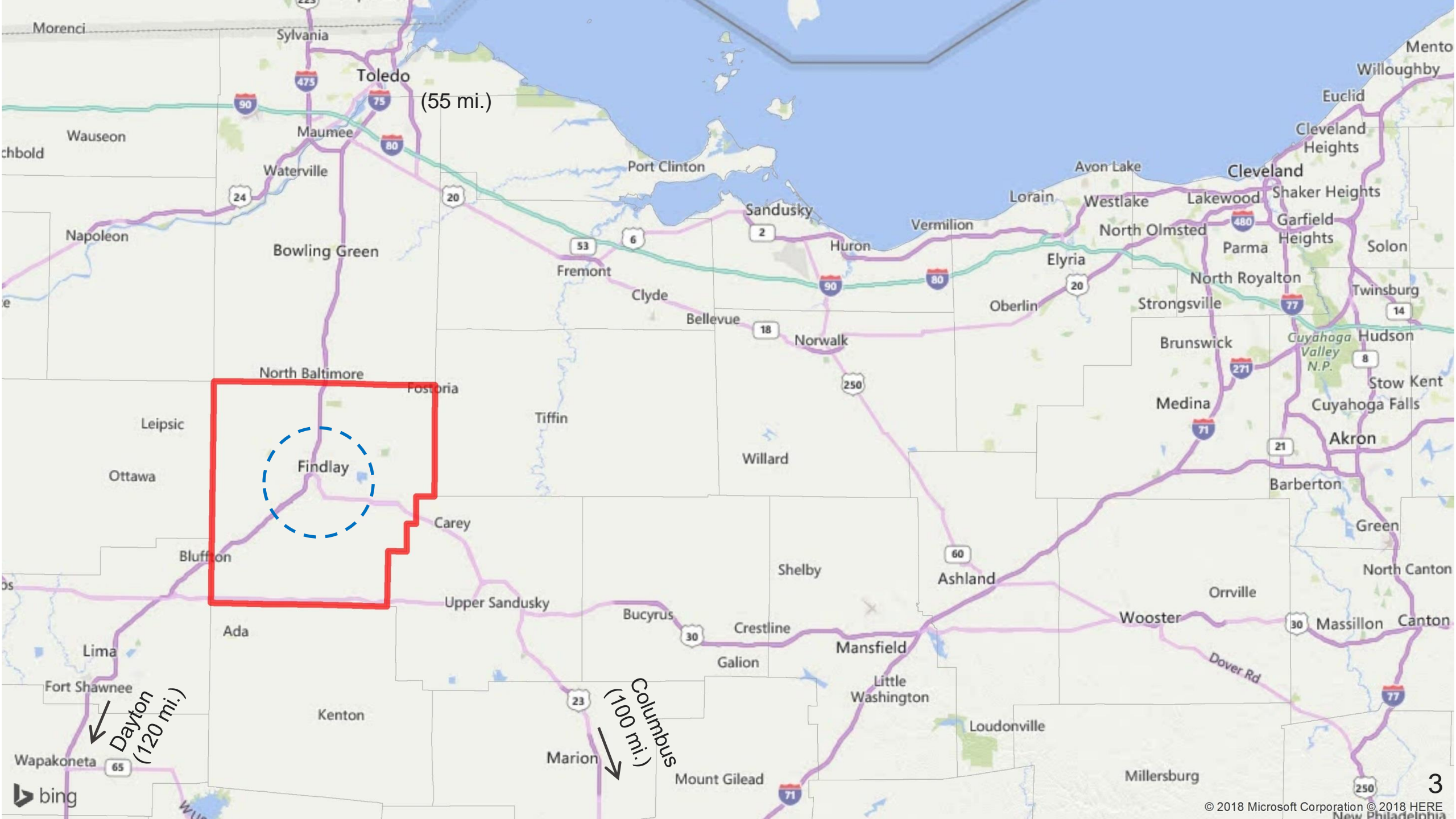




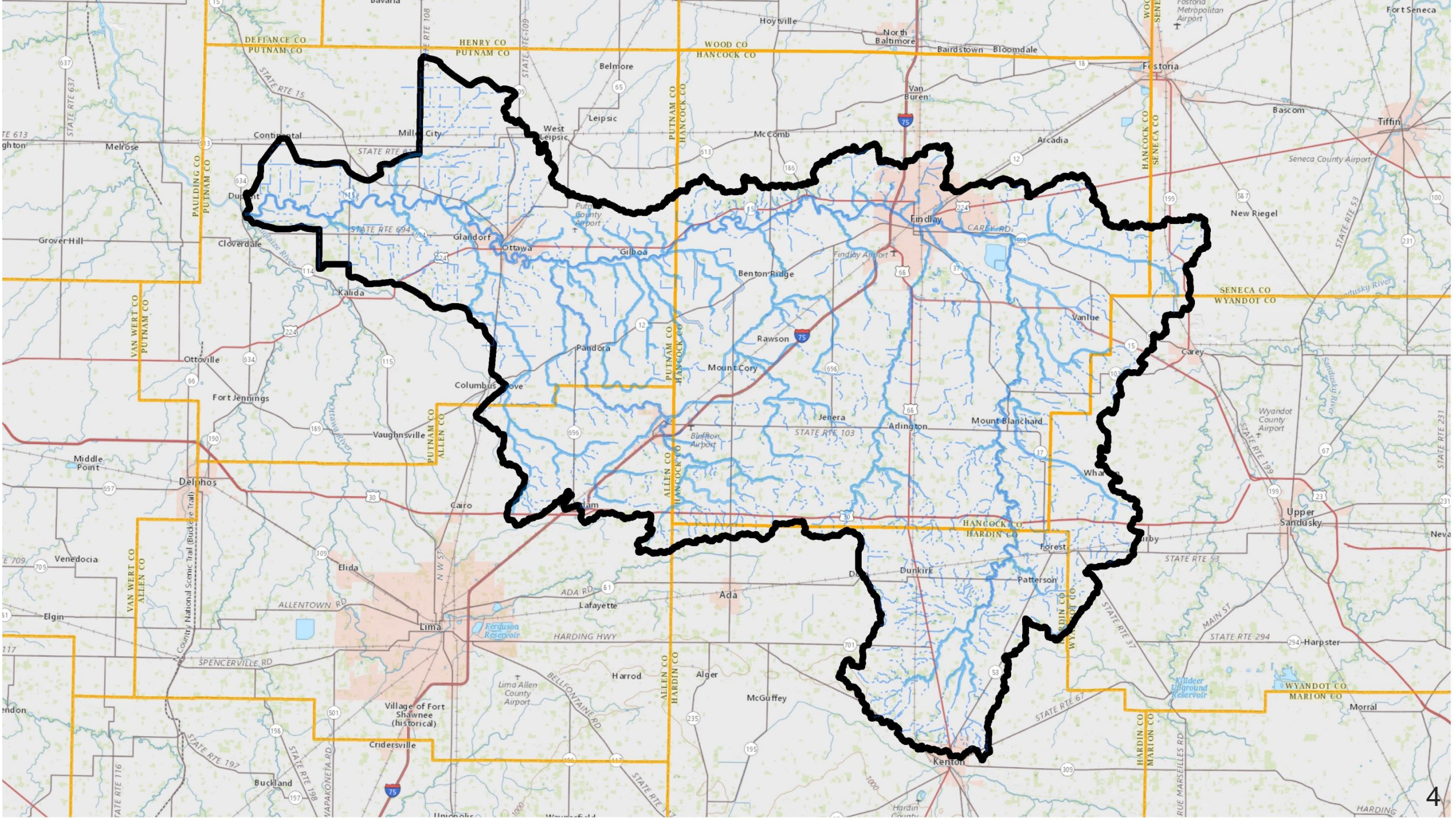
# Agenda

1. Background
2. Hydrologic Modeling 101
3. Previous Modeling
4. New Modeling
  - Spatial Variation
  - Temporal Patterns
5. Flood Mitigation Concepts

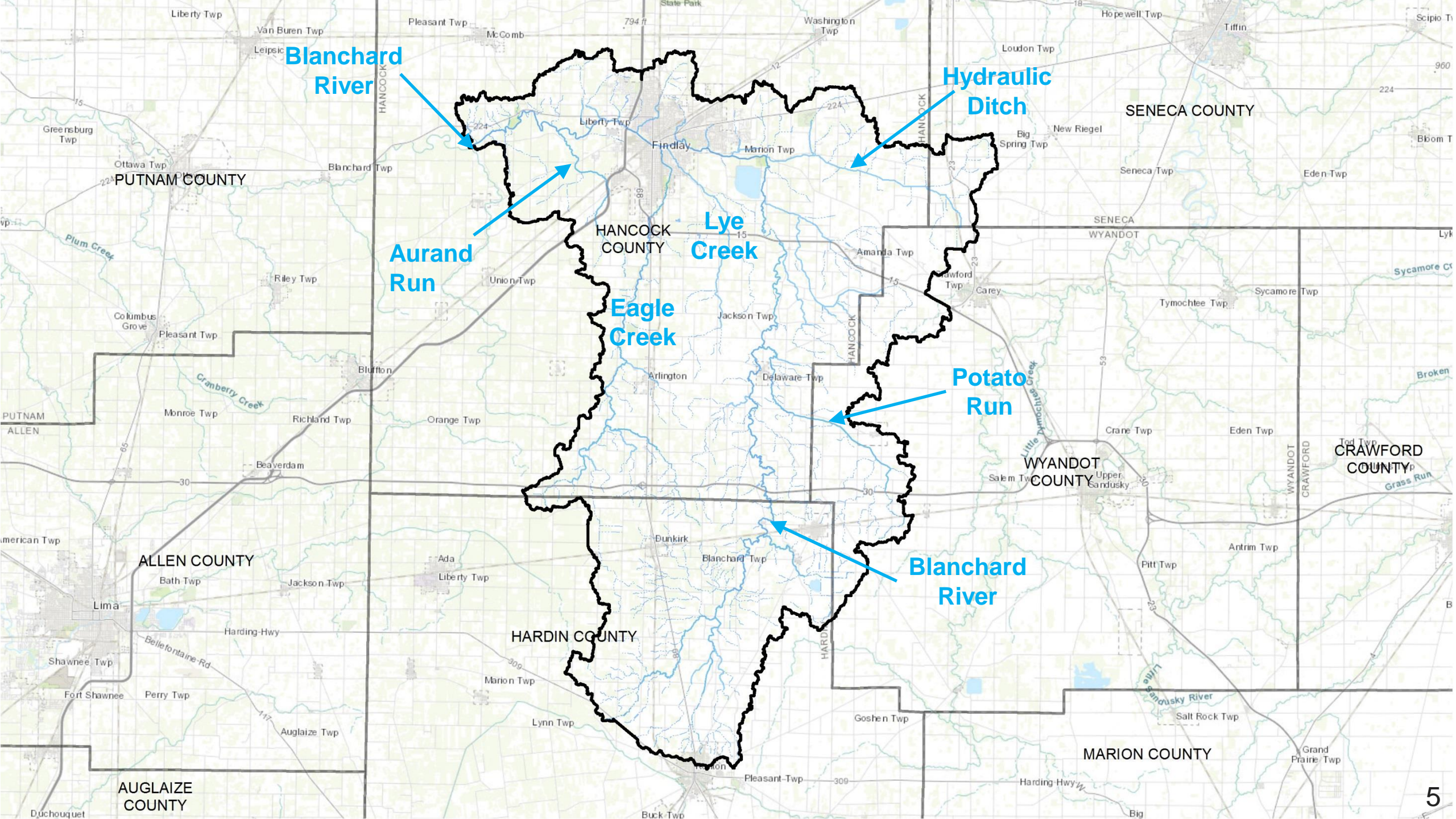














# City of Findlay, Hancock Co. Ohio



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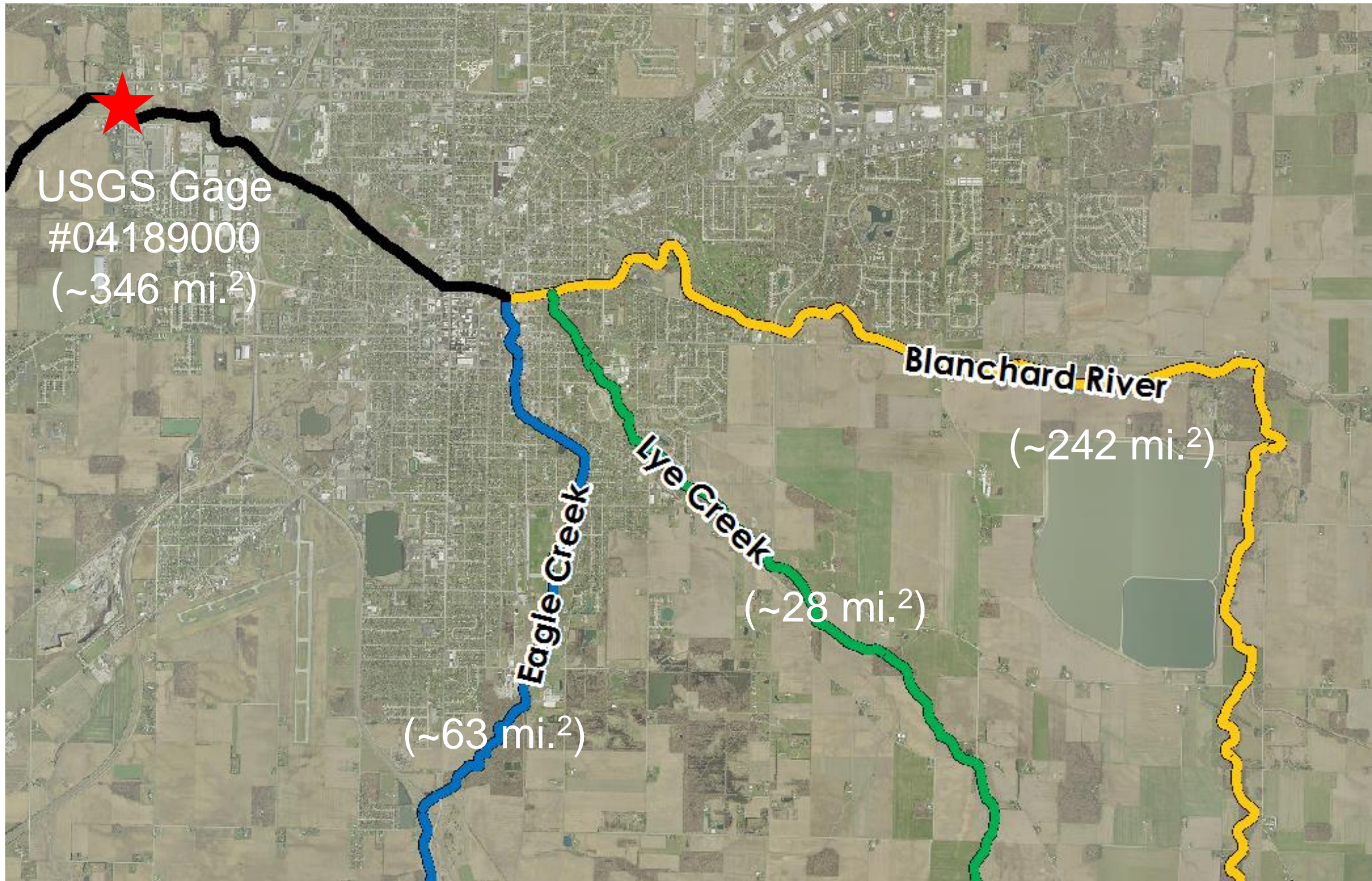




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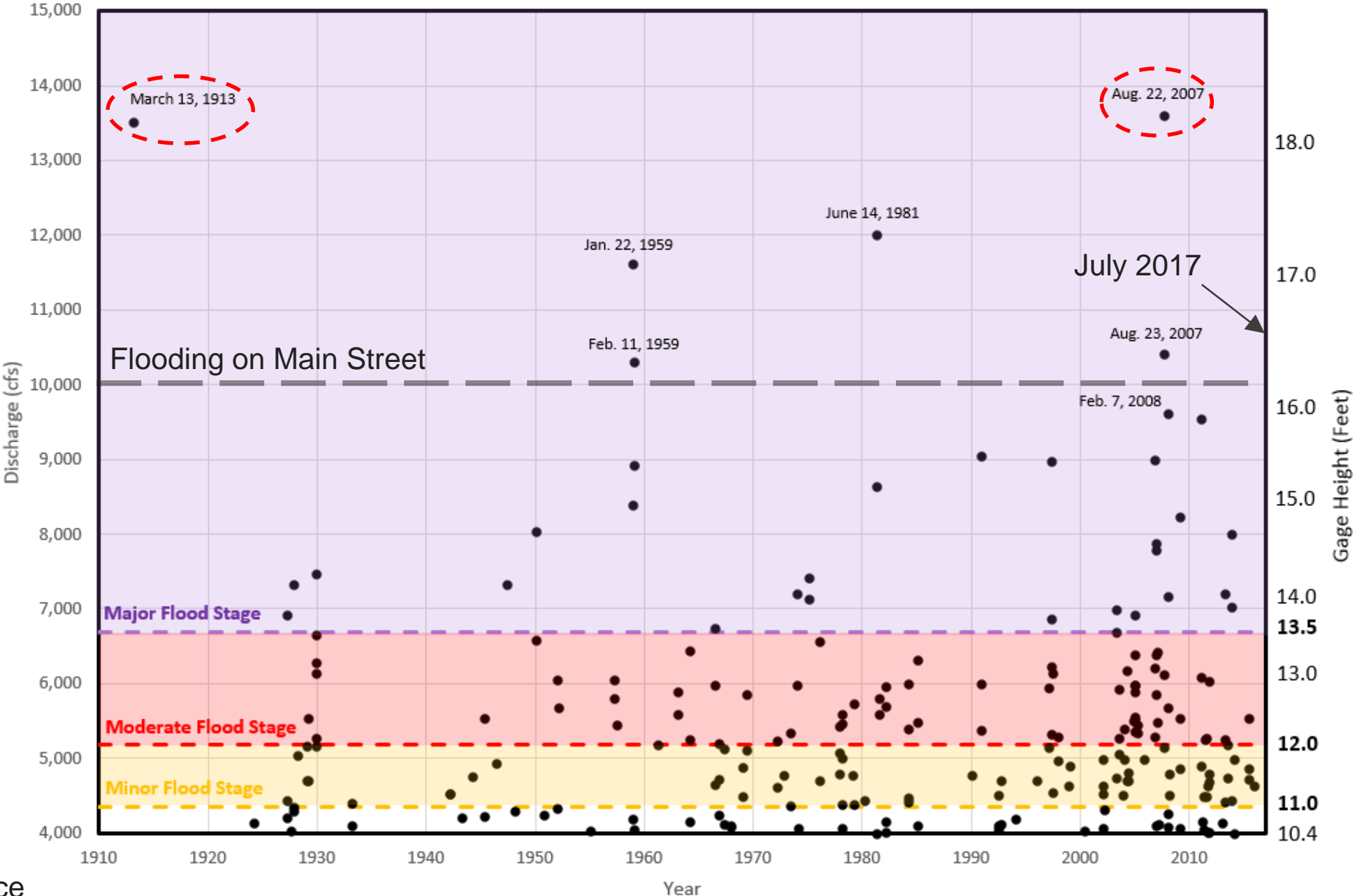


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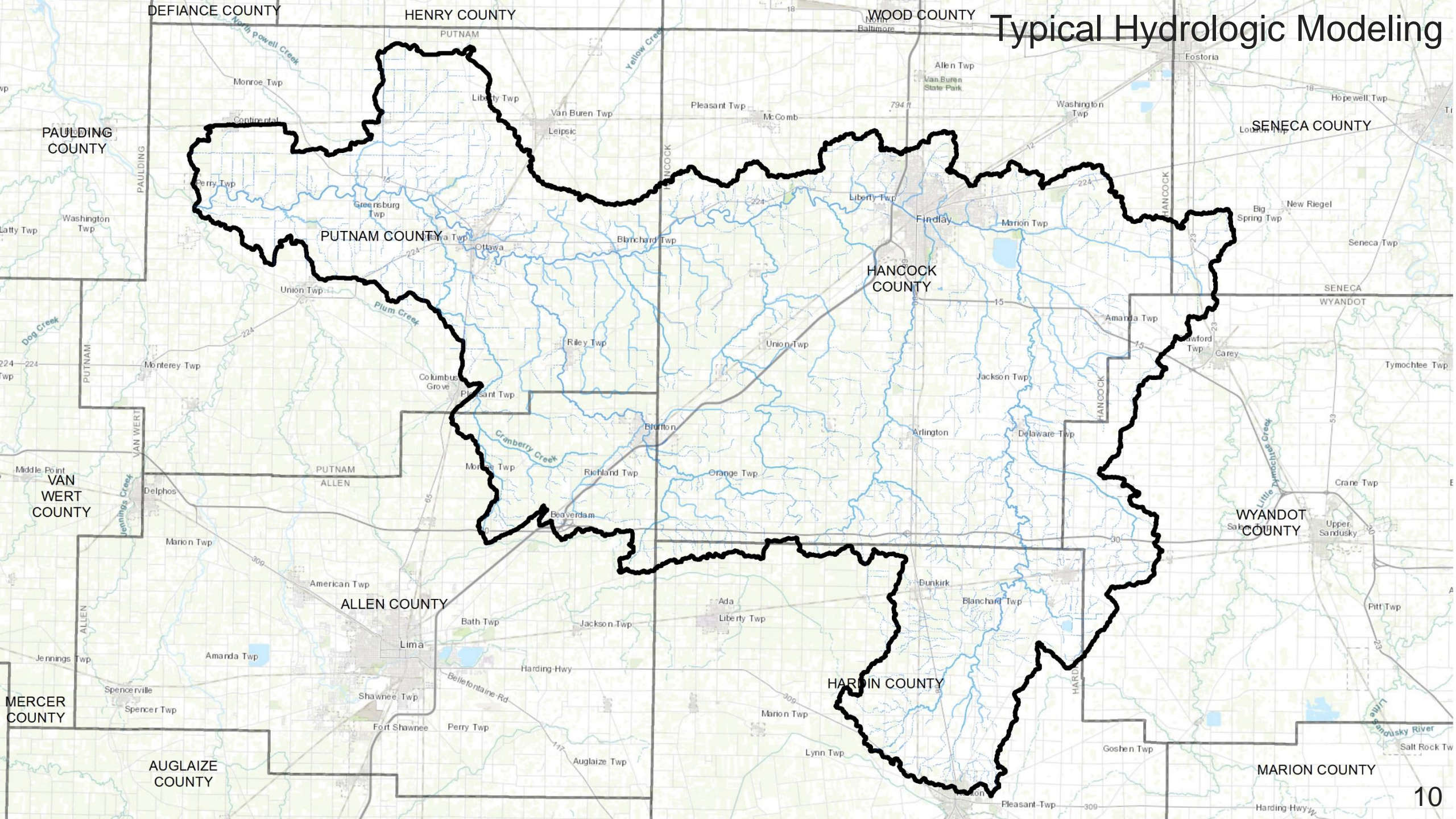


USGS Gage 04189000 Daily Data  
Blanchard River Downstream of Findlay, Ohio



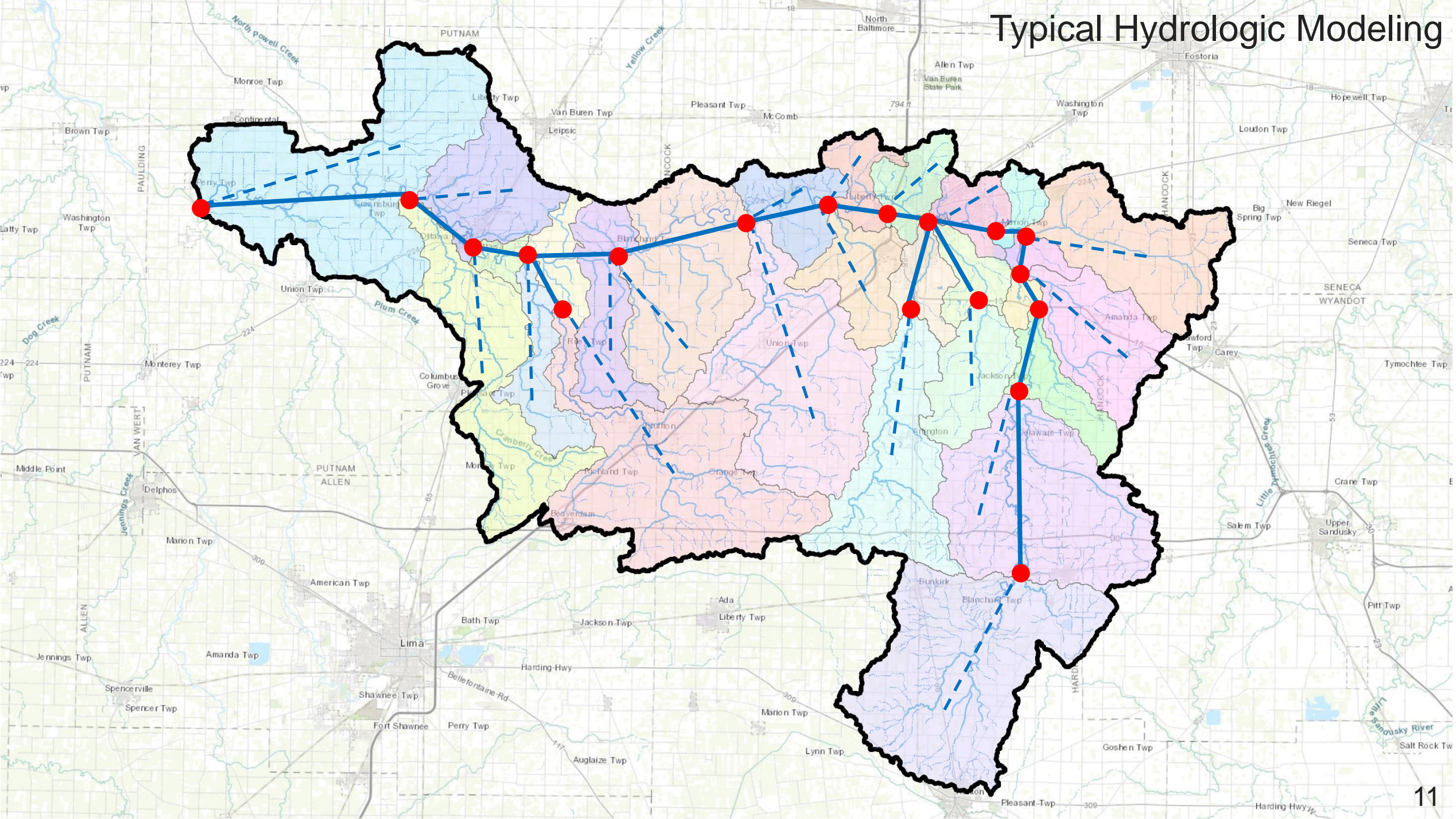


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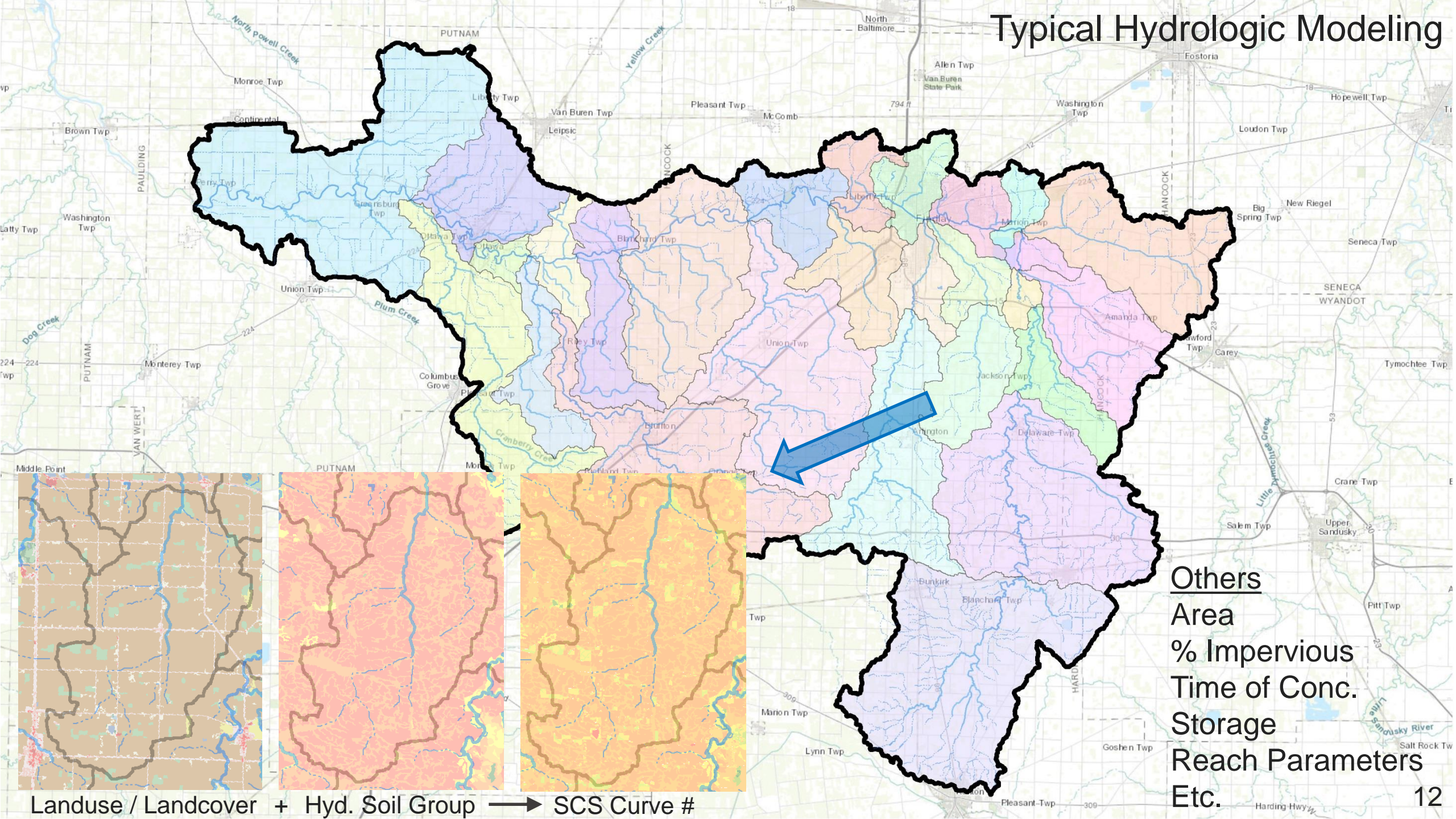


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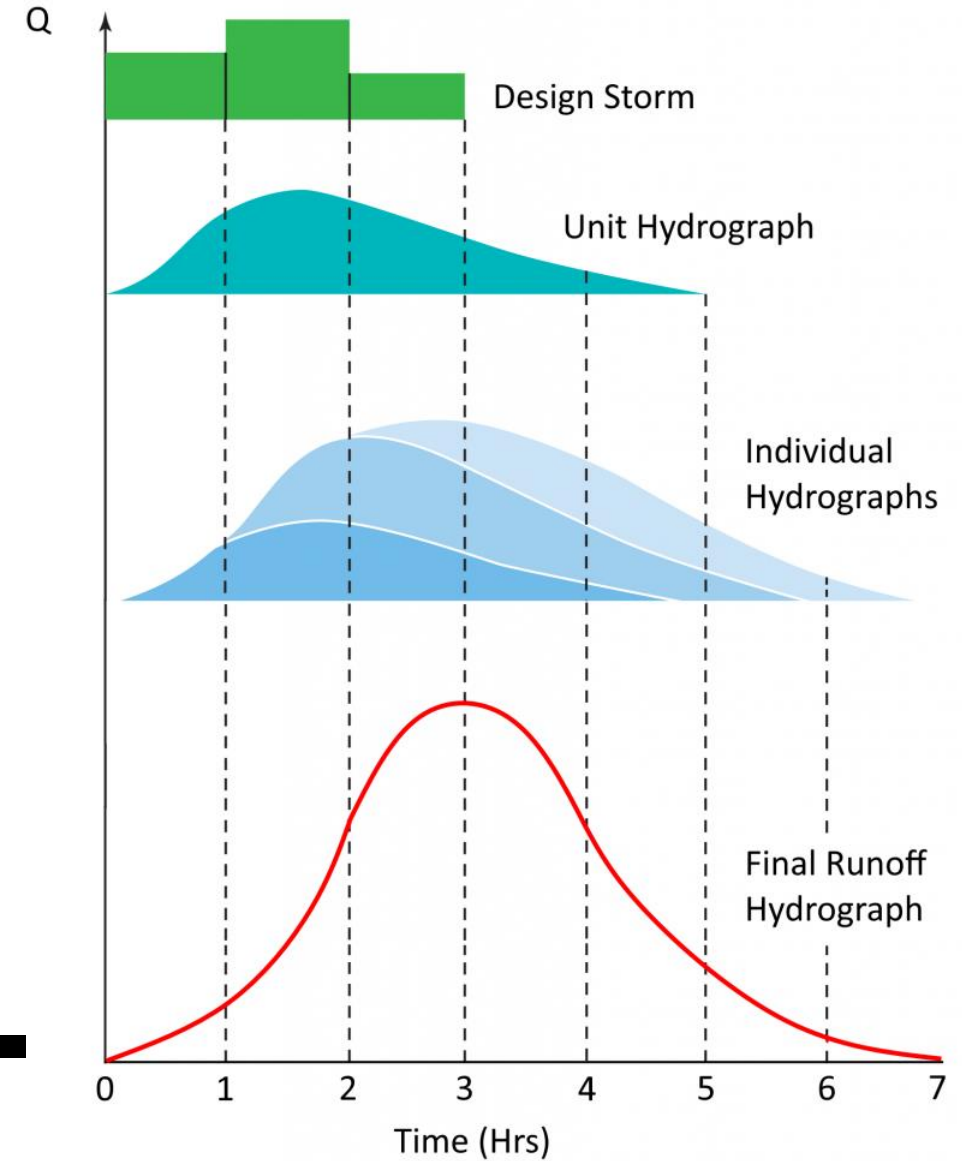
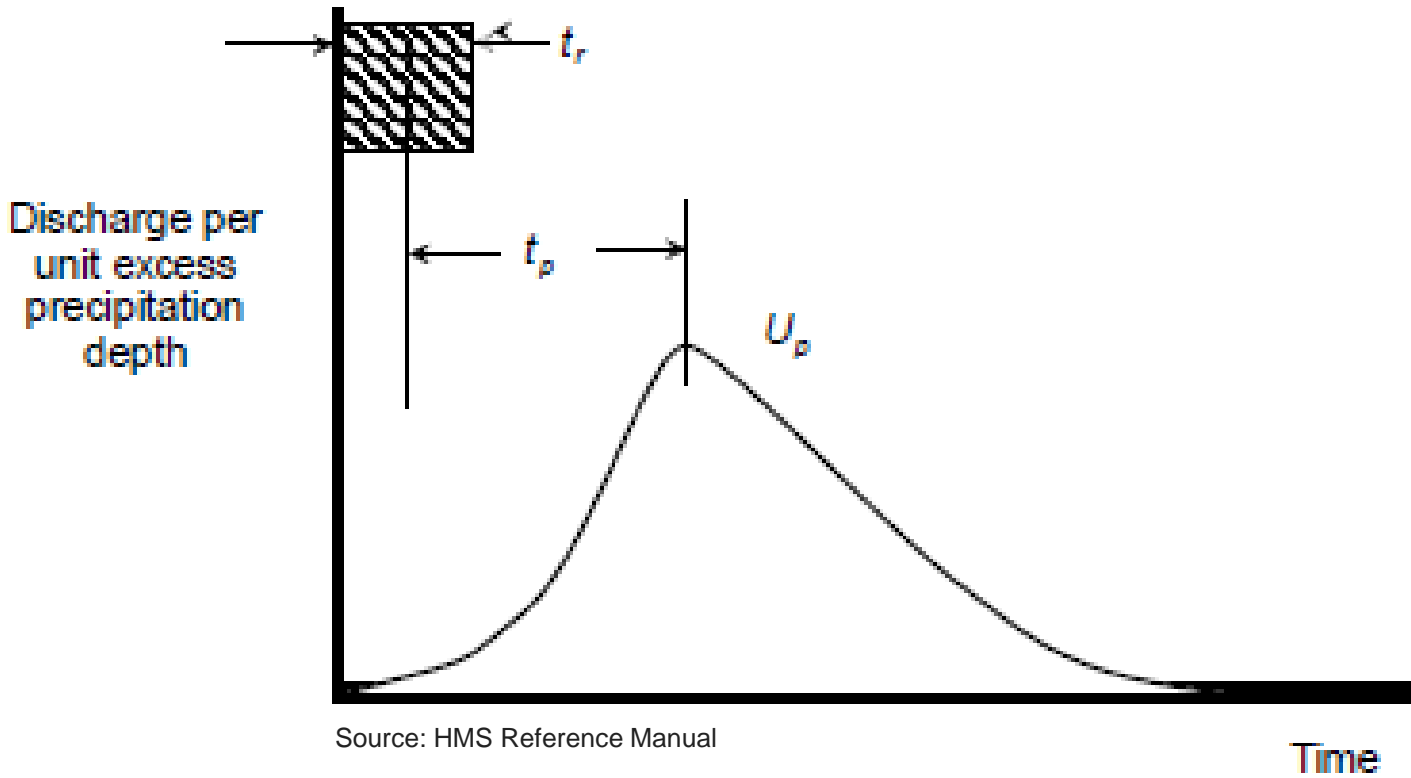
Landuse / Landcover + Hyd. Soil Group → SCS Curve #

Others  
Area  
% Impervious  
Time of Conc.  
Storage  
Reach Parameters  
Etc.



# Hydrologic Modeling

## Unit Hydrograph Theory

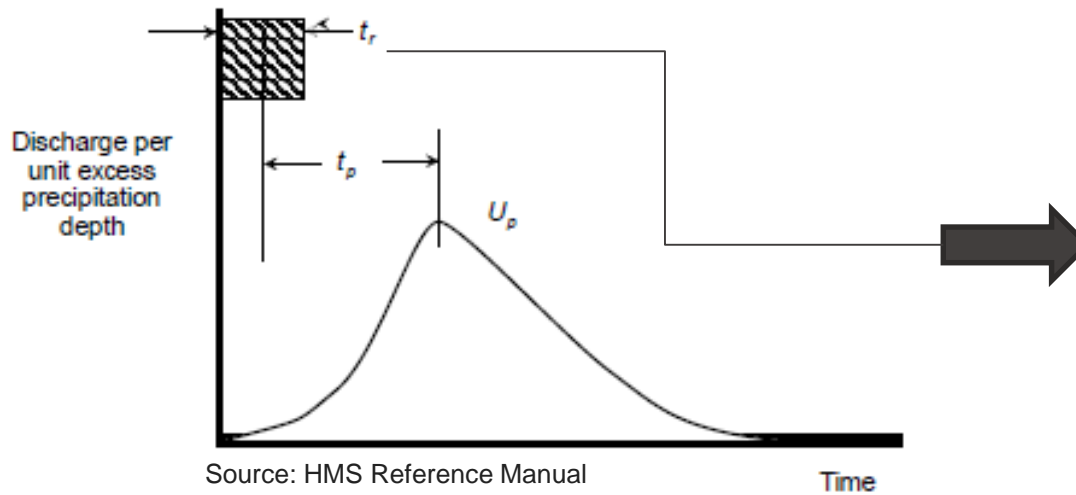


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# Hydrologic Modeling

## Precipitation Extraction



## Commonly Used Loss Options in HEC-HMS:

- SCS Curve Number: Landuse + Hyd. Soil Group
- Green and Ampt: Soil Texture + Soil Conductivity
- Soil Moisture Accounting: Storage + Soil Params.

**+ Grid Based Variations**

## SCS Loss Equations

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10$$

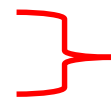
$$I_a = 0.2S$$

$$P_e = \frac{(P - I_a)^2}{P - I_a + S}$$



## Commonly Used Hydrograph Transformations in HEC-HMS:

- Snyder Unit Hydrograph
- SCS Unit Hydrograph
- Clark Unit Hydrograph - *Same, but accounts for storage & routing*
- Mod-Clark Unit Hydrograph - *Grid based version of Clark UH*
- Kinematic Wave - *Mass Balance + Routing*



*Synthetic, Shape Defined by Watershed Parameters*

*- Same, but accounts for storage & routing*

*- Grid based version of Clark UH*

*- Mass Balance + Routing*

## HMS Input Parameters:

### Snyder UH

$T_{Lag}$

$C_{Peak}$

### SCS UH

$T_{Lag}$

### Clark / Mod-Clark

$T_{Concentration}$

$C_{Storage}$

### Kinematic Wave

Planes:

Length

Slope

Roughness

Area

# Steps

Channel:

Length

Slope

Shape

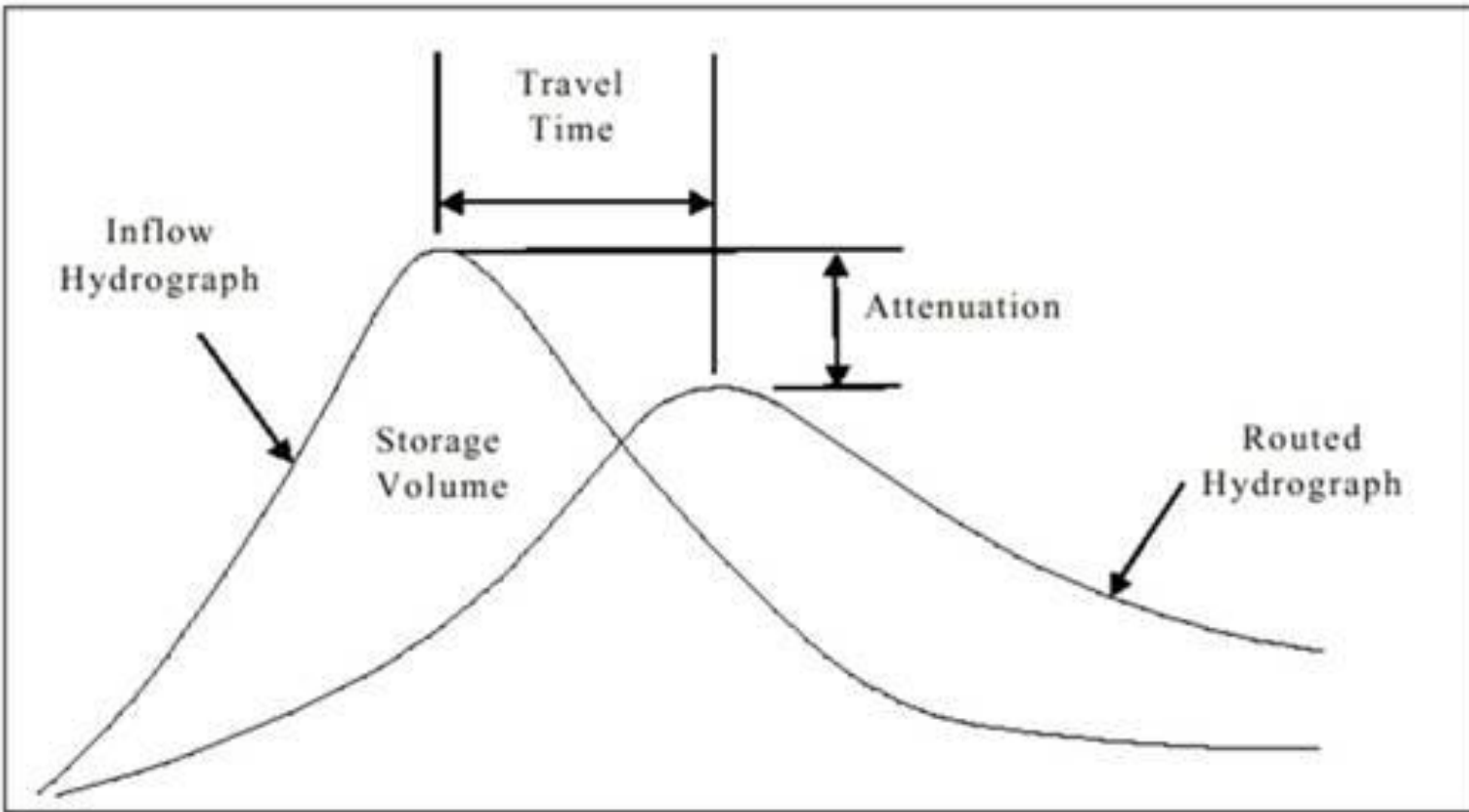
Roughness

Geometry



# Channel Reach Routing

- Travel Time
- Attenuation

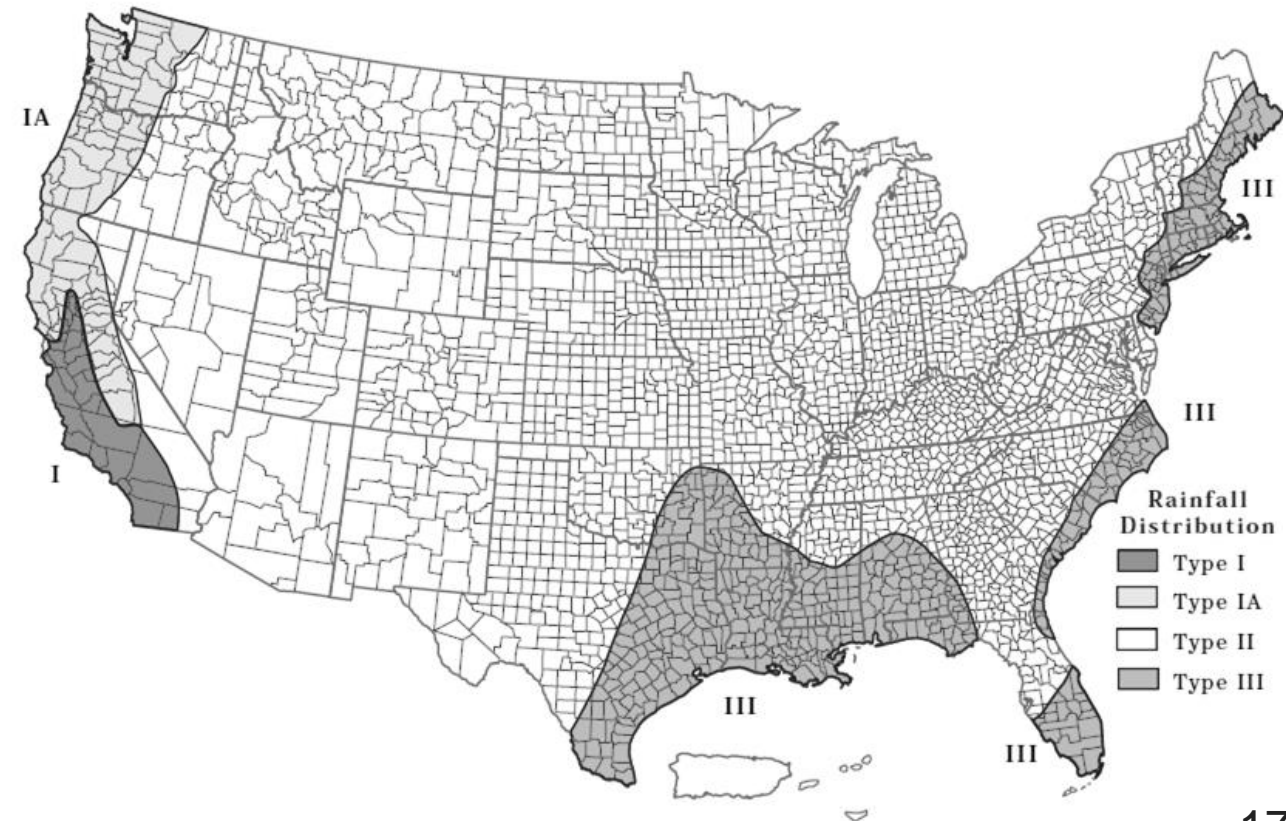
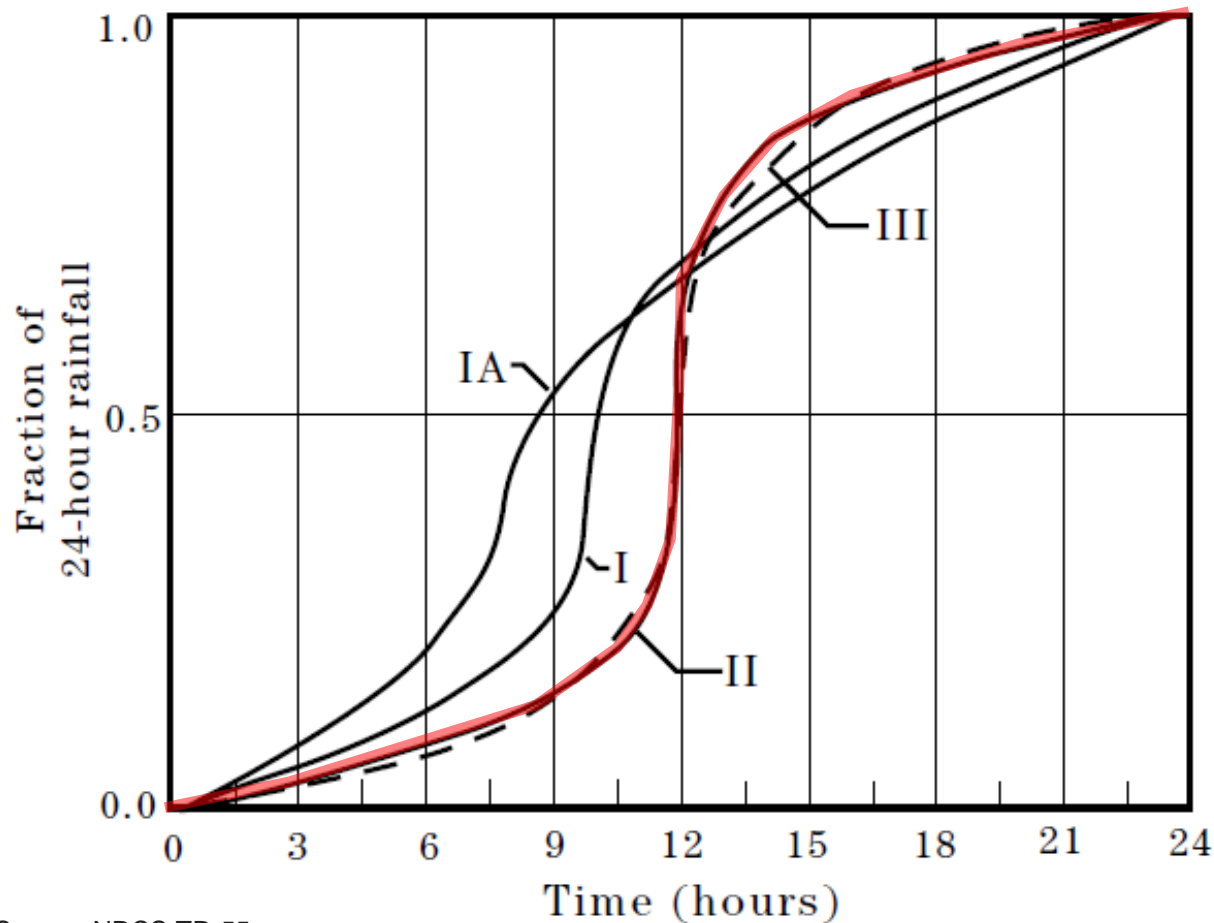


Commonly Used Reach Routing Available in HEC-HMS:

- Lag (No Attenuation)
- Modified Puls
- Muskingum
- Muskingum-Cunge
- Kinematic Wave



# SCS Type Storm Temporal Patterns

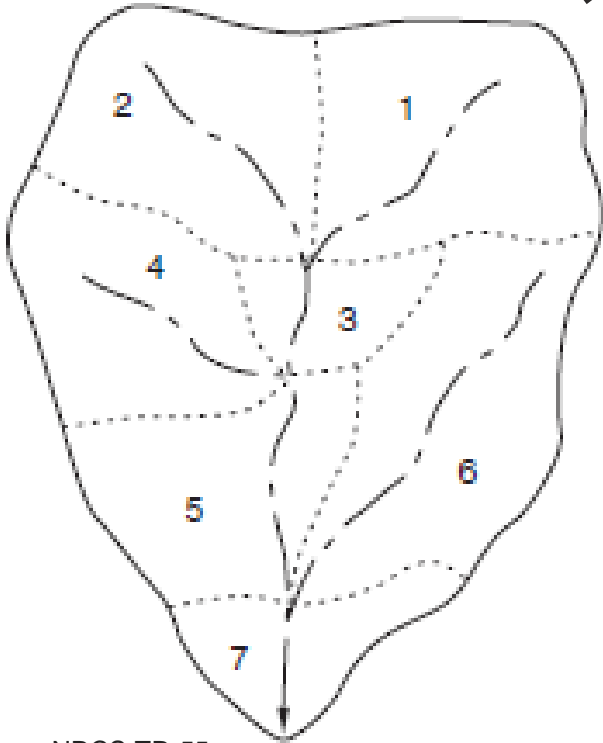




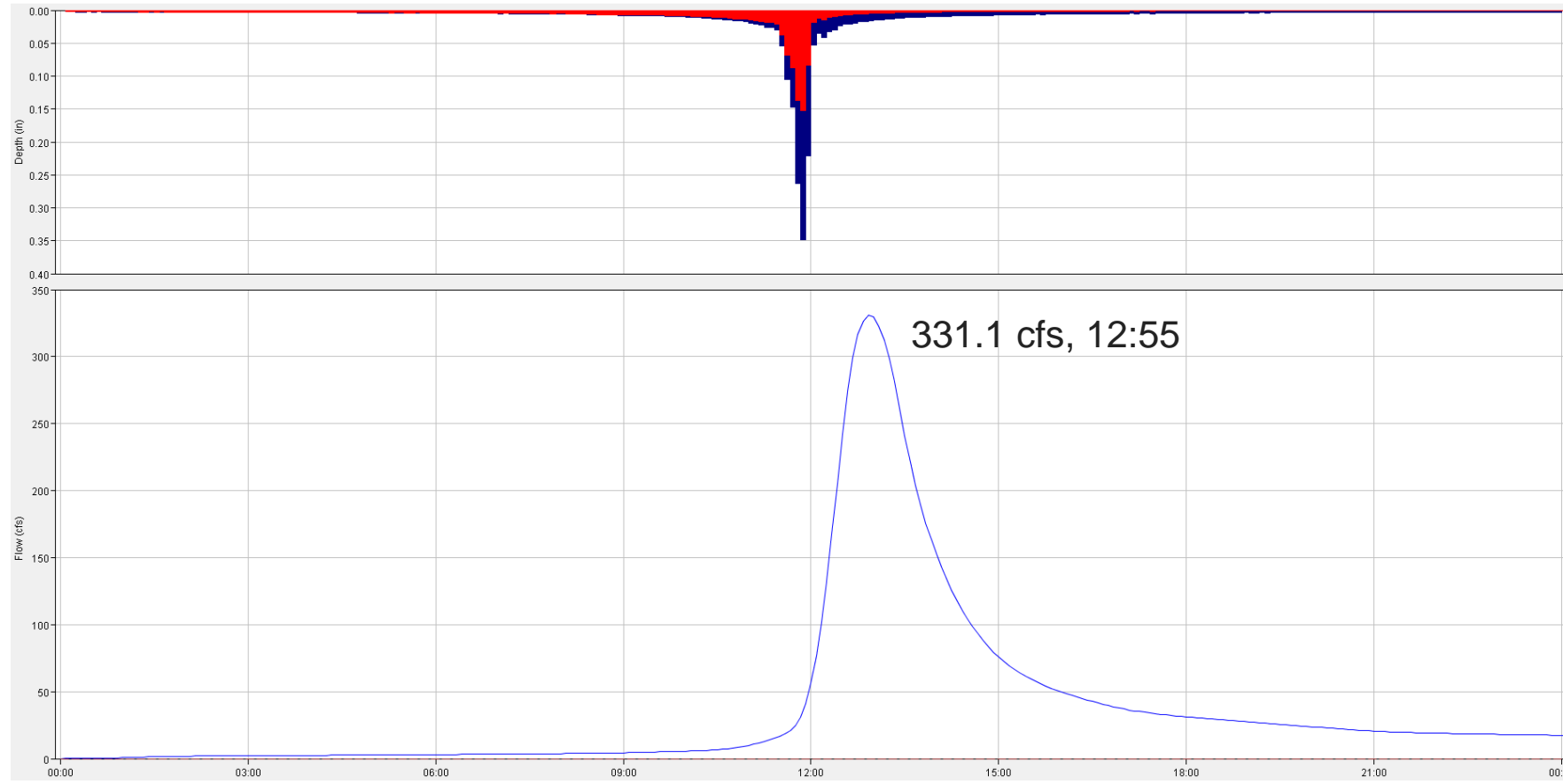
# Example Hydrograph Generation

Subbasin No. 1  
Area = 1 sq.-mi.  
SCS Curve Number = 80  
% Impervious = 10%  
Time Step = 5 minutes

SCS Unit Hydrograph  
Lag Time = 60 min  
SCS Type II Storm  
24-Hour Duration, P = 3-Inches



Source: NRCS TR-55

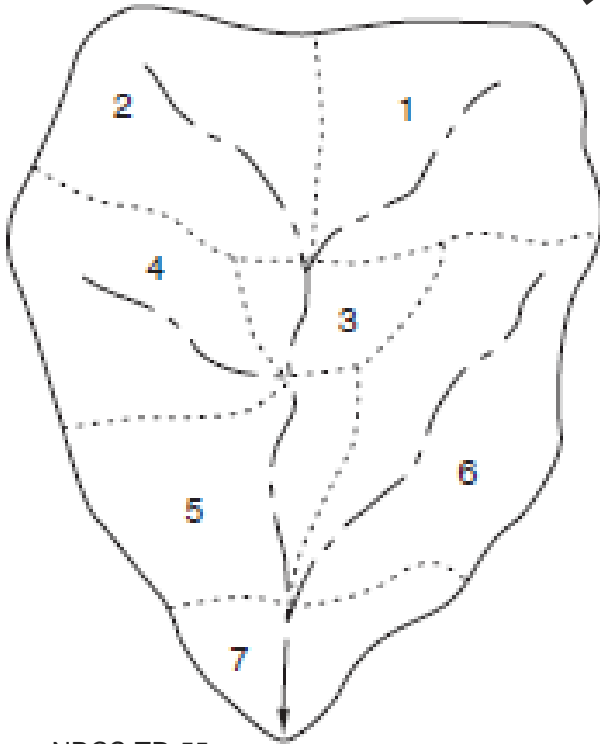




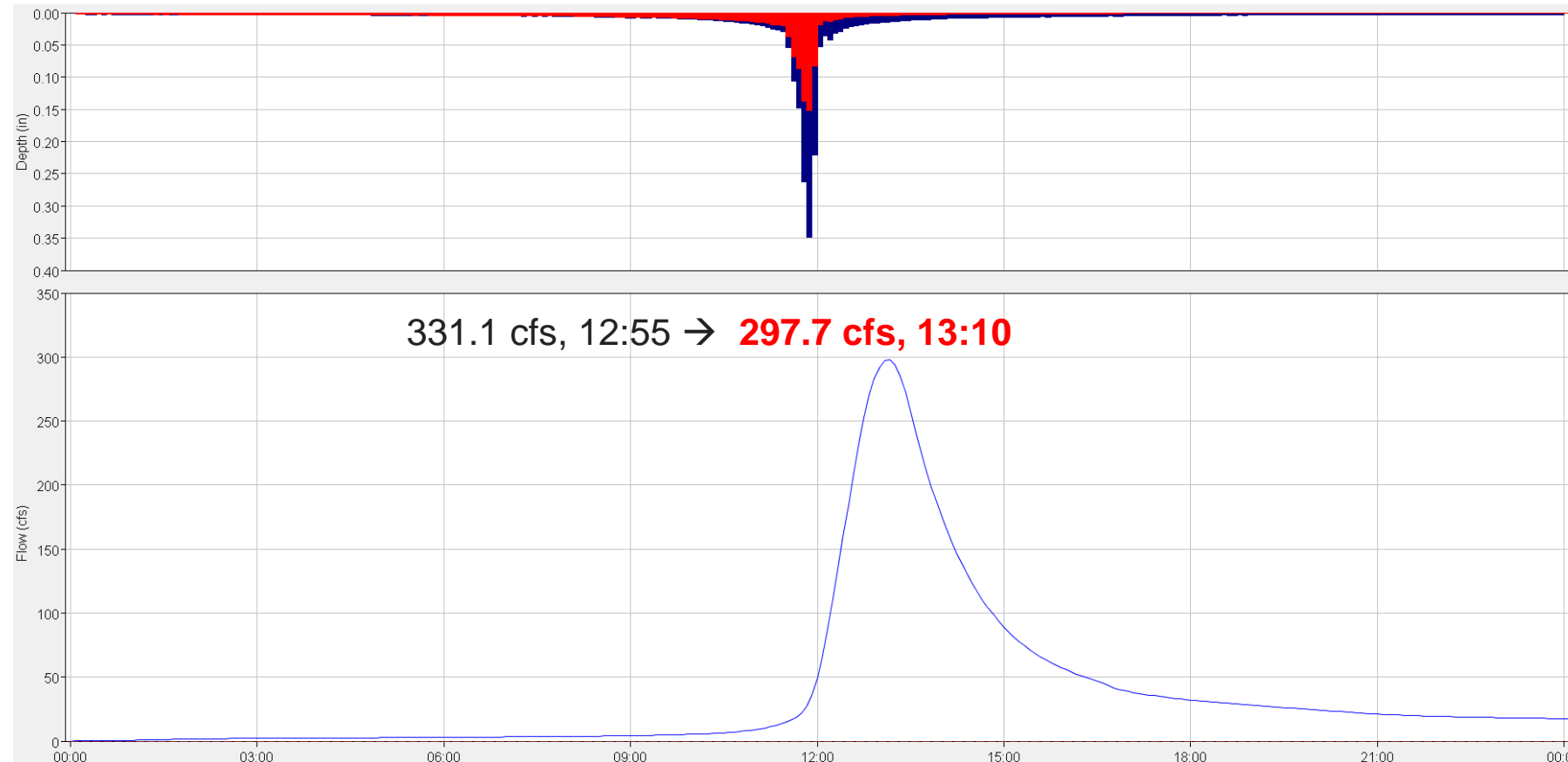
# Example Hydrograph Generation

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Time Step = 5 minutes

**Clark Unit Hydrograph**  
**Time of Concentration = 1.5 hr.**  
**Storage Coefficient = 0.75 hr.**  
SCS Type II Storm  
24-Hour Duration, P = 3-Inches



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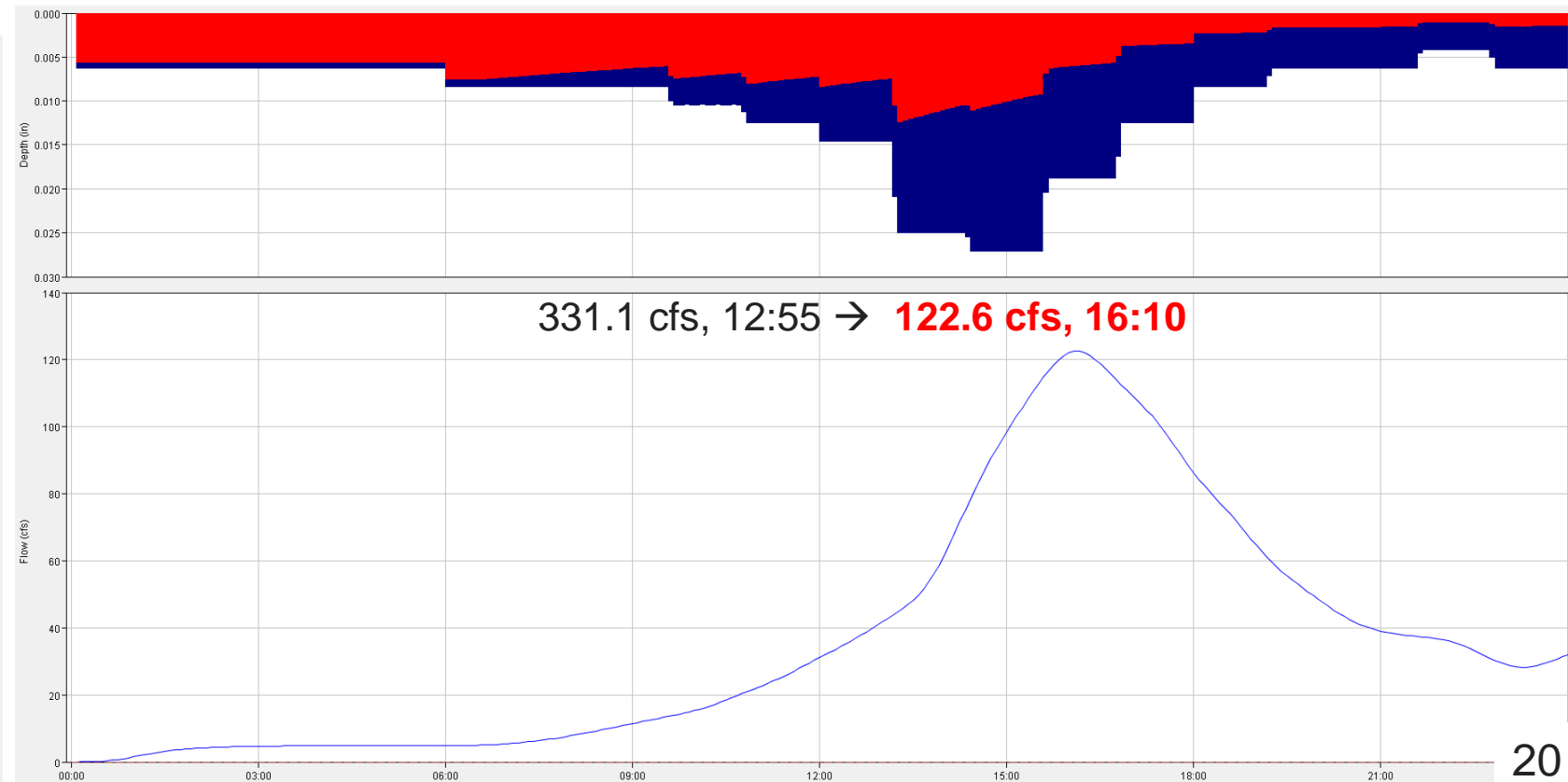
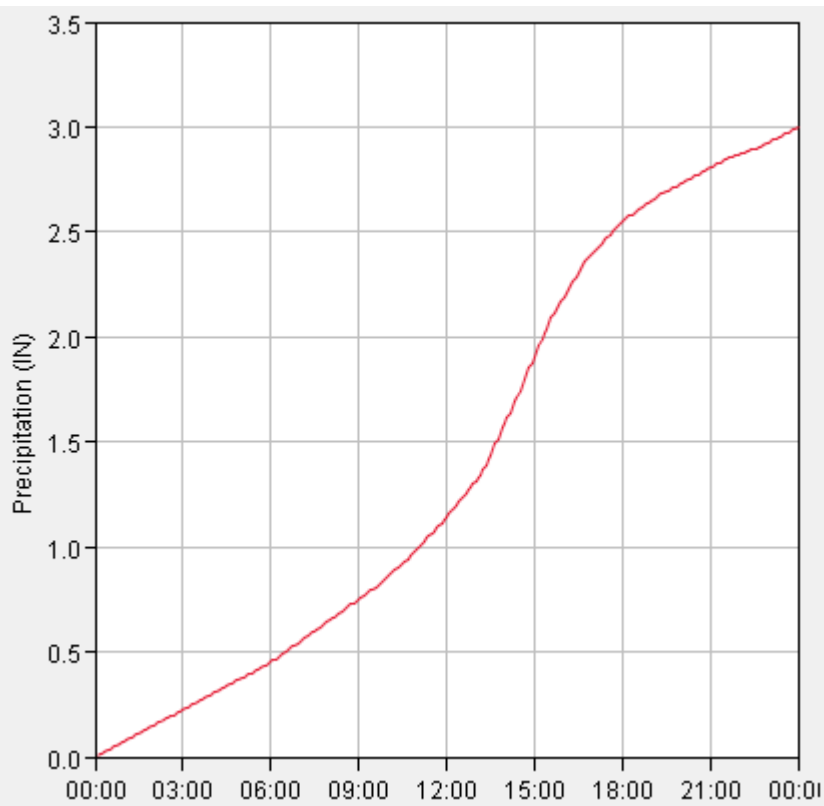
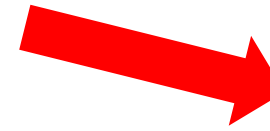




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**Huff 3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile Storm**  
24-Hour Duration, P = 3-Inches





# Example Hydrograph Generation

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Area = 1 sq.-mi.  
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Time Step = 5 minutes

SCS Unit Hydrograph  
Lag Time = 60 min  
SCS Type II Storm  
**Various Durations**



Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)						
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100
5-min	<b>0.338</b> (0.307-0.373)	<b>0.401</b> (0.363-0.442)	<b>0.479</b> (0.432-0.528)	<b>0.541</b> (0.488-0.596)	<b>0.620</b> (0.557-0.682)	<b>0.681</b> (0.609-0.749)	<b>0.742</b> (0.660-0.814)
10-min	<b>0.525</b> (0.477-0.580)	<b>0.625</b> (0.567-0.691)	<b>0.744</b> (0.672-0.821)	<b>0.834</b> (0.753-0.920)	<b>0.948</b> (0.852-1.04)	<b>1.03</b> (0.924-1.14)	<b>1.12</b> (0.994-1.23)
15-min	<b>0.644</b> (0.584-0.711)	<b>0.765</b> (0.694-0.845)	<b>0.913</b> (0.825-1.01)	<b>1.03</b> (0.927-1.13)	<b>1.17</b> (1.05-1.29)	<b>1.28</b> (1.14-1.41)	<b>1.39</b> (1.23-1.52)
30-min	<b>0.852</b> (0.773-0.941)	<b>1.02</b> (0.928-1.13)	<b>1.25</b> (1.13-1.38)	<b>1.43</b> (1.29-1.57)	<b>1.65</b> (1.49-1.82)	<b>1.83</b> (1.63-2.01)	<b>2.00</b> (1.78-2.20)
60-min	<b>1.04</b> (0.944-1.15)	<b>1.26</b> (1.14-1.39)	<b>1.57</b> (1.42-1.73)	<b>1.81</b> (1.64-2.00)	<b>2.15</b> (1.93-2.36)	<b>2.41</b> (2.15-2.65)	<b>2.68</b> (2.38-2.94)
2-hr	<b>1.21</b> (1.10-1.35)	<b>1.46</b> (1.33-1.63)	<b>1.84</b> (1.66-2.04)	<b>2.14</b> (1.93-2.37)	<b>2.55</b> (2.29-2.82)	<b>2.89</b> (2.58-3.19)	<b>3.25</b> (2.88-3.58)
3-hr	<b>1.29</b> (1.18-1.42)	<b>1.55</b> (1.41-1.72)	<b>1.94</b> (1.77-2.15)	<b>2.26</b> (2.05-2.50)	<b>2.71</b> (2.44-2.98)	<b>3.07</b> (2.75-3.38)	<b>3.46</b> (3.08-3.80)
6-hr	<b>1.51</b> (1.37-1.67)	<b>1.81</b> (1.65-2.00)	<b>2.26</b> (2.06-2.49)	<b>2.63</b> (2.39-2.89)	<b>3.17</b> (2.85-3.47)	<b>3.61</b> (3.24-3.96)	<b>4.09</b> (3.63-4.48)
12-hr	<b>1.74</b> (1.60-1.92)	<b>2.09</b> (1.91-2.29)	<b>2.60</b> (2.37-2.85)	<b>3.02</b> (2.75-3.31)	<b>3.63</b> (3.29-3.96)	<b>4.14</b> (3.72-4.51)	<b>4.70</b> (4.19-5.11)
24-hr	<b>2.04</b> (1.90-2.20)	<b>2.44</b> (2.28-2.64)	<b>3.01</b> (2.81-3.25)	<b>3.48</b> (3.23-3.75)	<b>4.14</b> (3.83-4.46)	<b>4.68</b> (4.31-5.05)	<b>5.26</b> (4.81-5.67)
2-day	<b>2.37</b> (2.23-2.53)	<b>2.83</b> (2.66-3.02)	<b>3.47</b> (3.26-3.69)	<b>3.98</b> (3.73-4.24)	<b>4.71</b> (4.39-5.02)	<b>5.31</b> (4.93-5.66)	<b>5.93</b> (5.48-6.33)

24-Hour: 3.0 inches → 331.1 cfs @ 12:55

*6-Hour: 2.26 inches → 266.0 cfs @ 4:05*

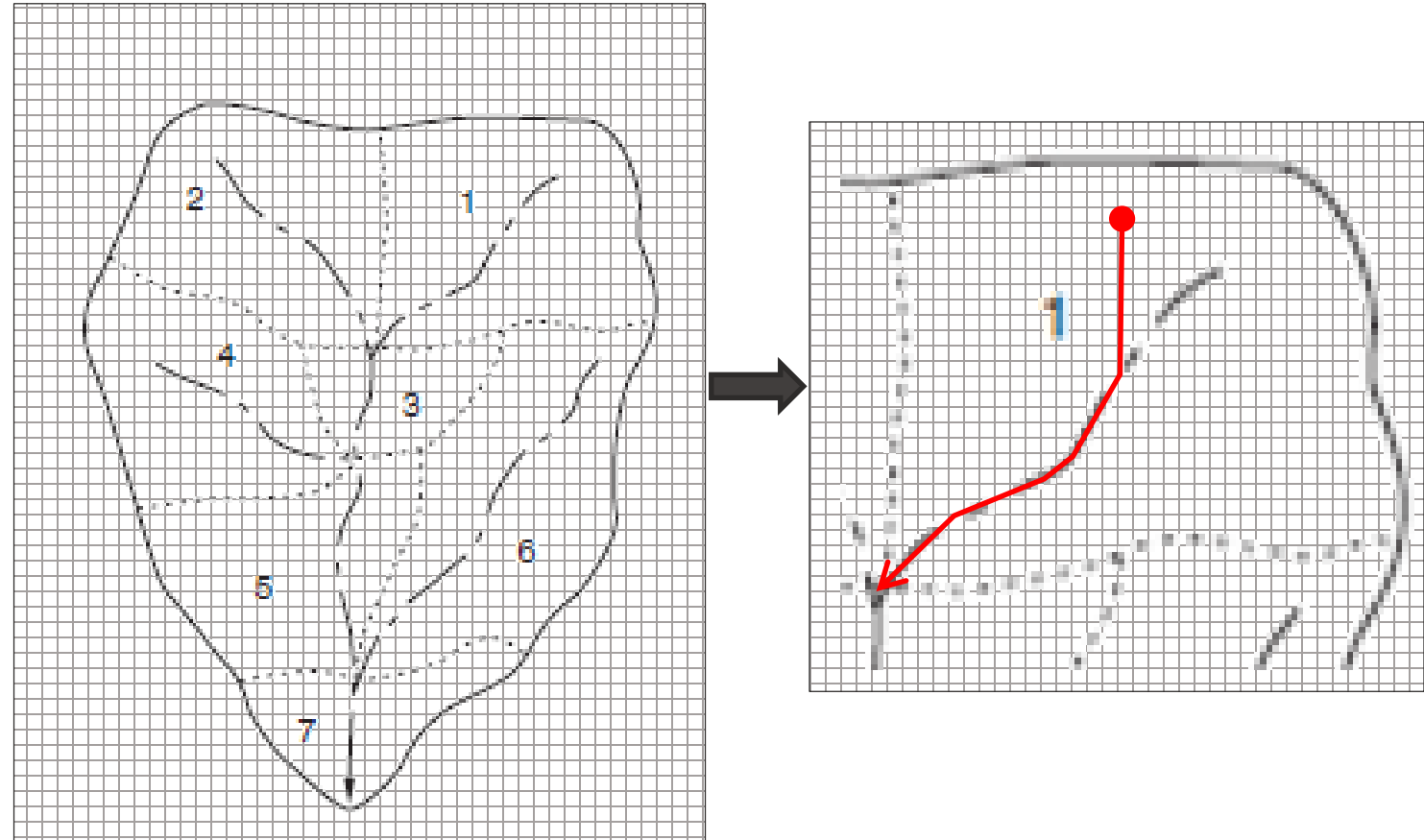
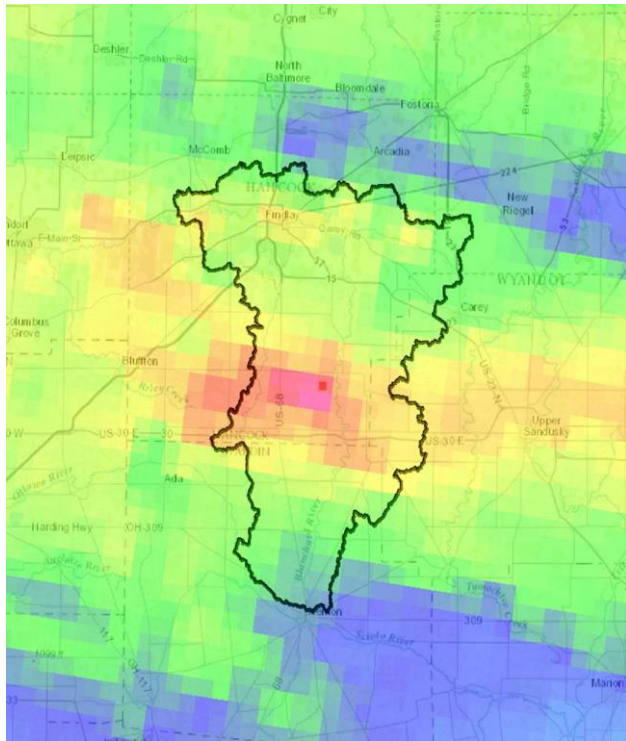
*12-Hour: 2.60 inches → 294.9 cfs @ 7:00*

**Same Recurrence Interval !**



# HEC-HMS Gridded Precipitation Schema

- SHG = USA Contiguous Albers Equal Area Conic USGS Projection
- Must Have Grid Param File From HEC-GeoHMS / ArcHydro



Source: NRCS TR-55



# USACE Buffalo District HEC-HMS Model Approach

27 Subbasins:  
Avg. Area: 28.7 sq-mi.  
Avg. Tc: 17 hours

22 Reaches:  
Avg. Length: 4.6 mi.

Loss Method:  
SCS Curve Number

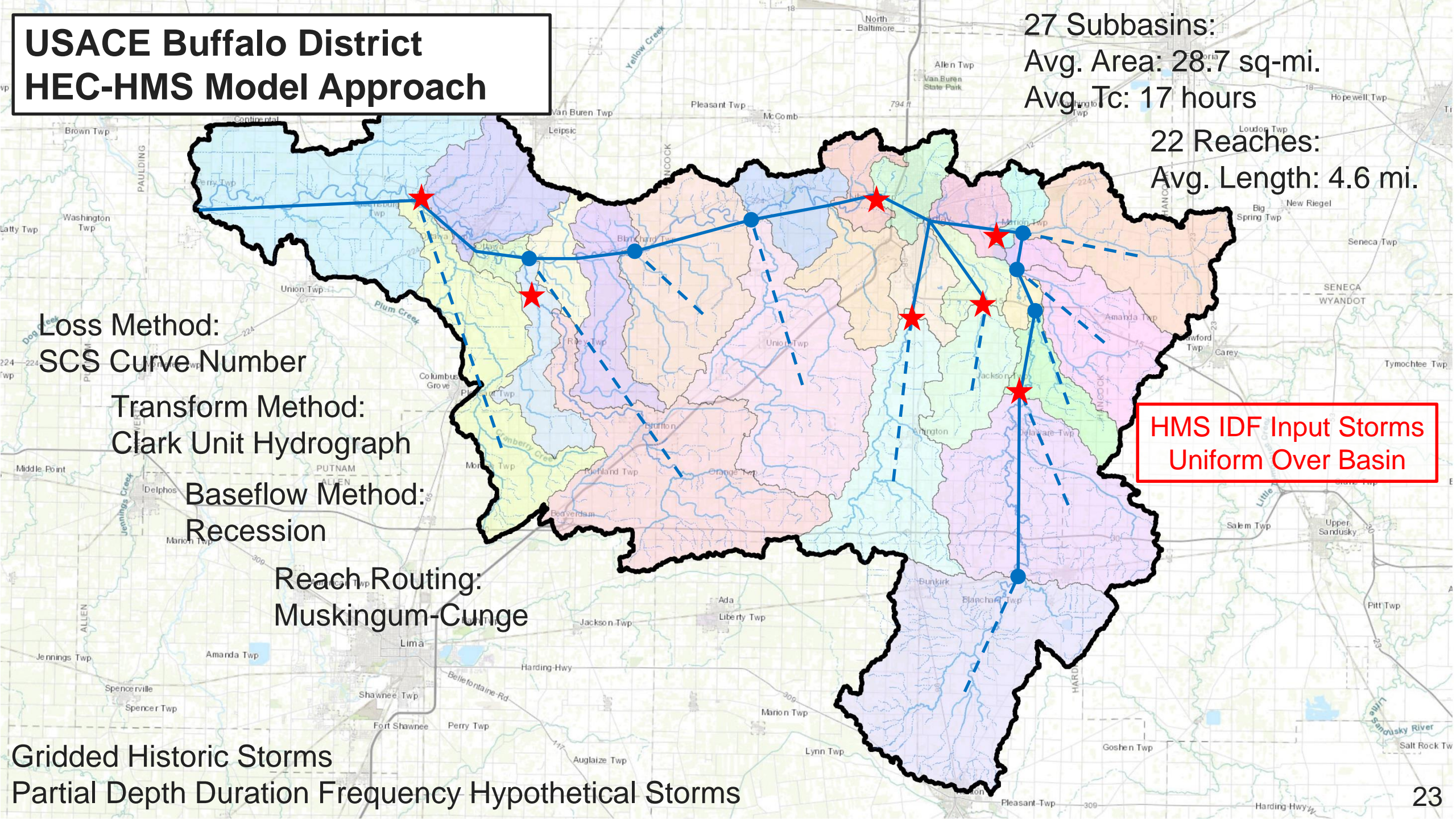
Transform Method:  
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Baseflow Method:  
Recession

Reach Routing:  
Muskingum-Cunge

HMS IDF Input Storms  
Uniform Over Basin

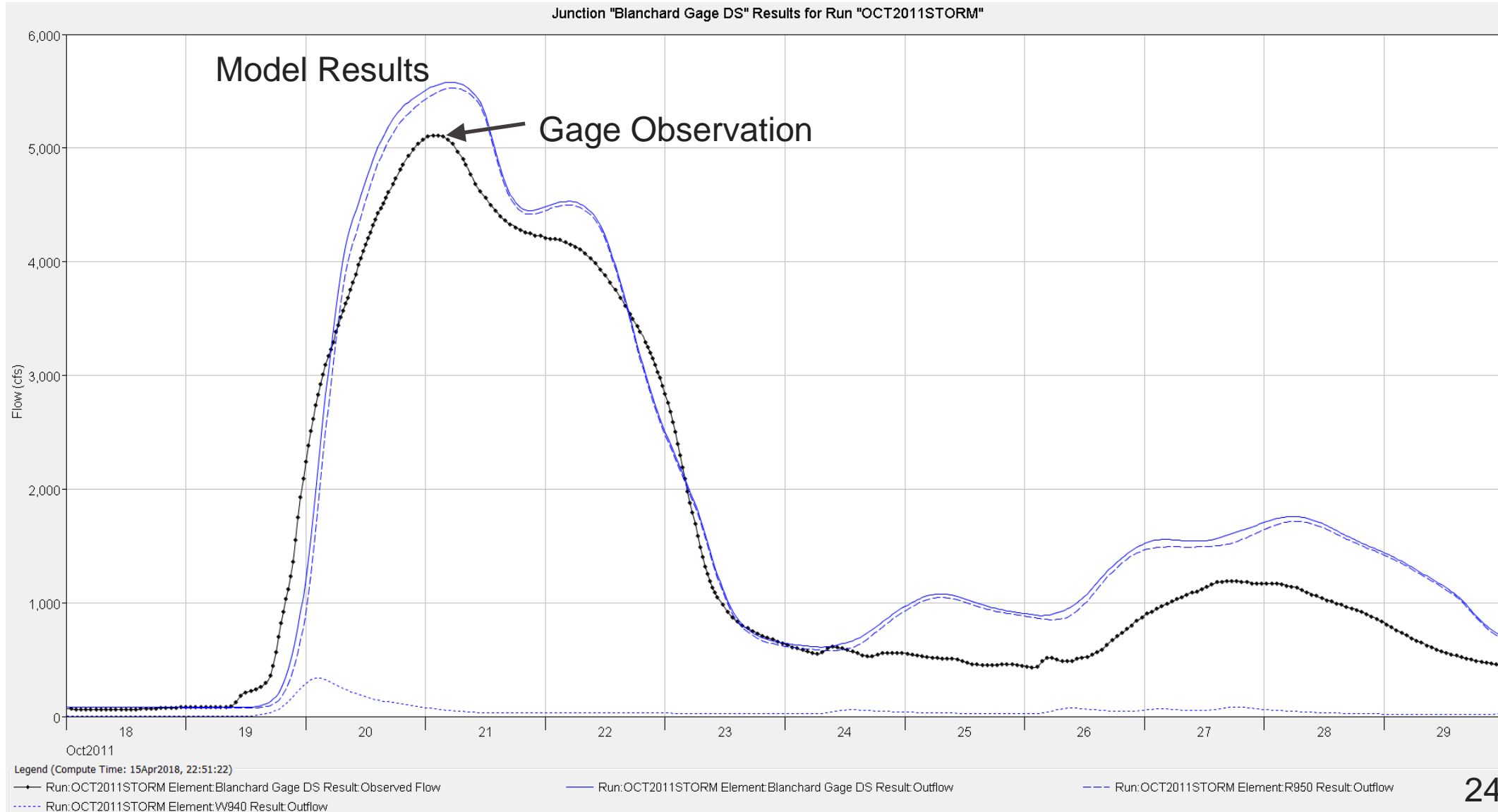
Gridded Historic Storms  
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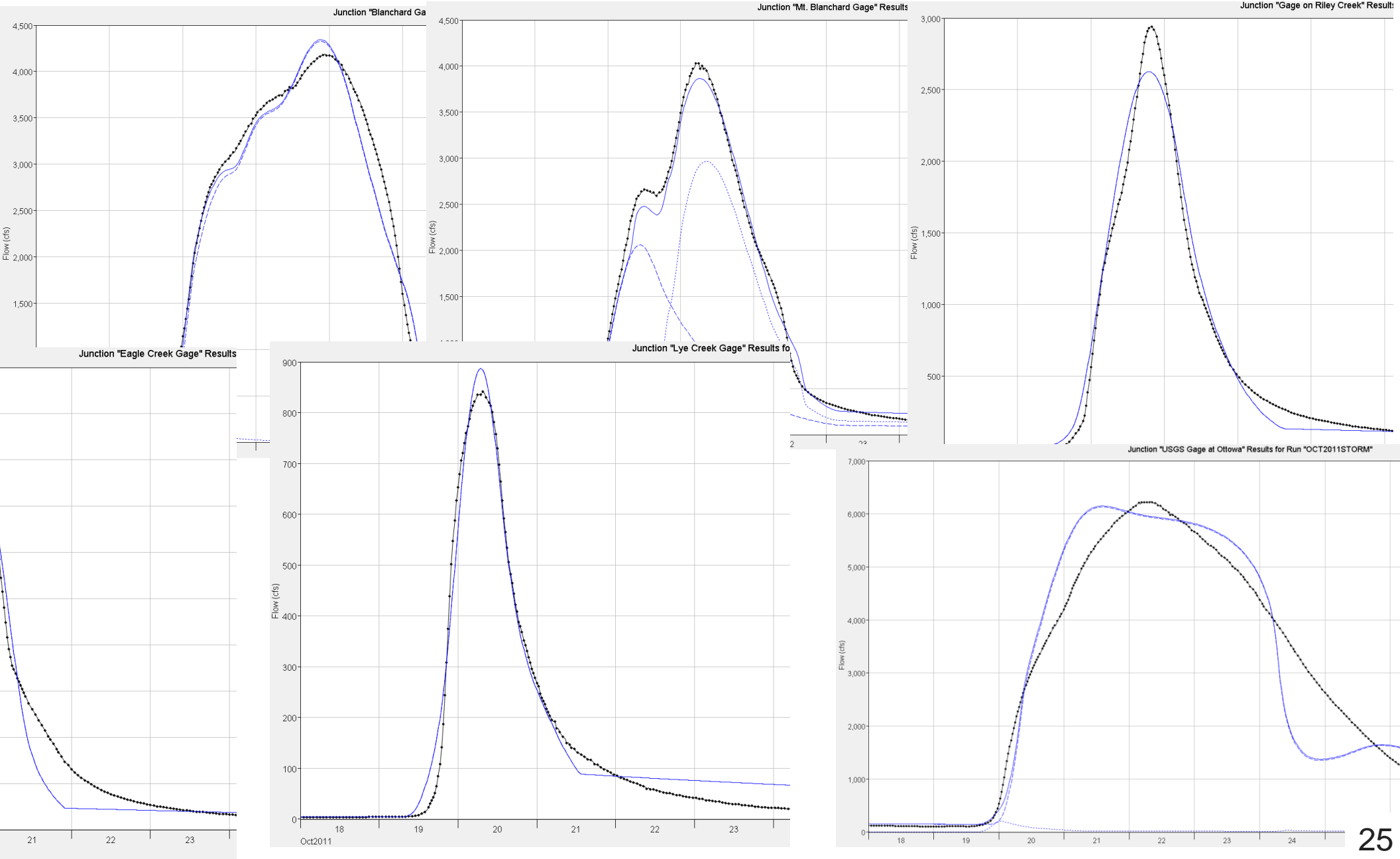
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HEC-HMS  
Model





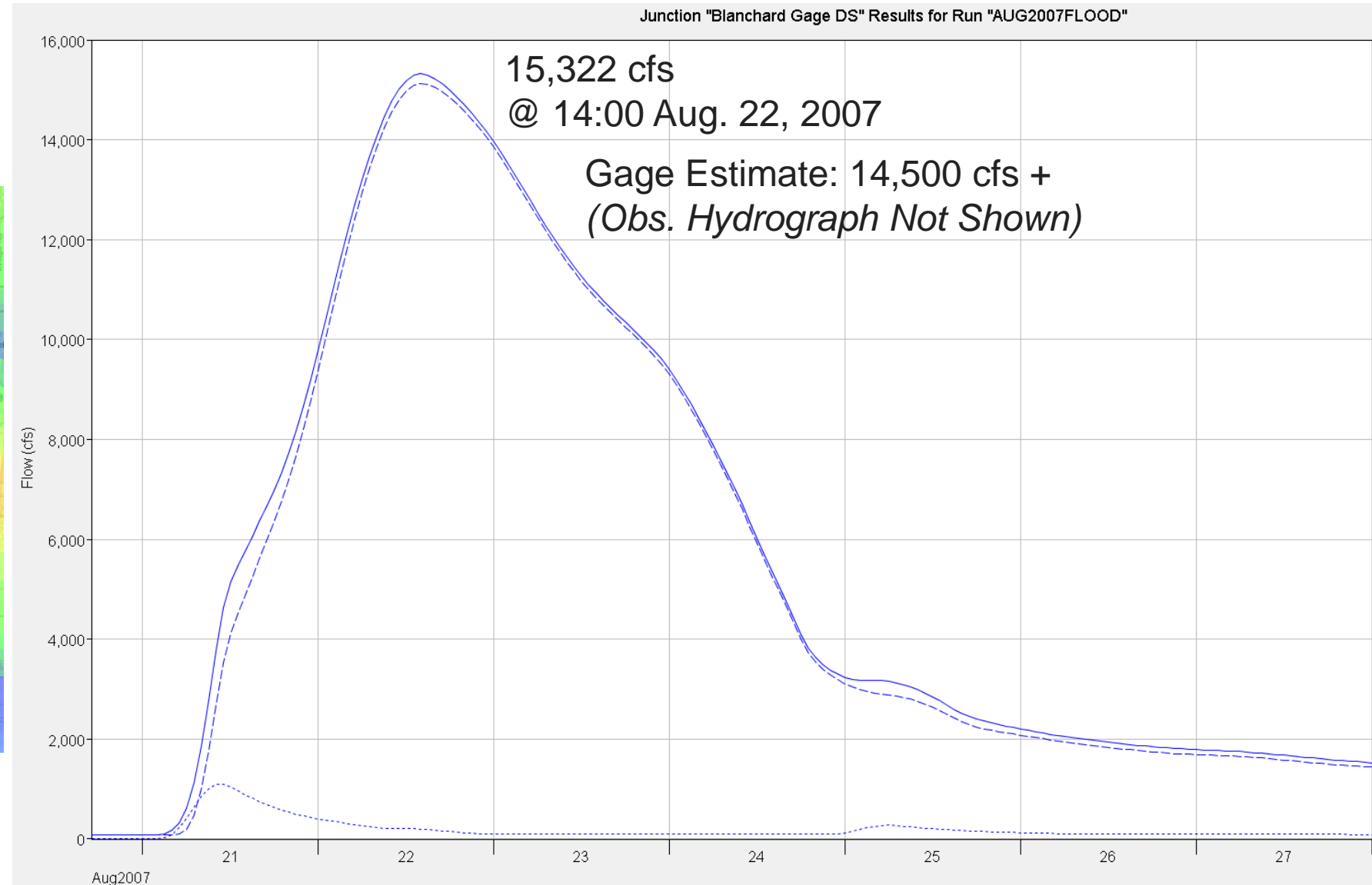
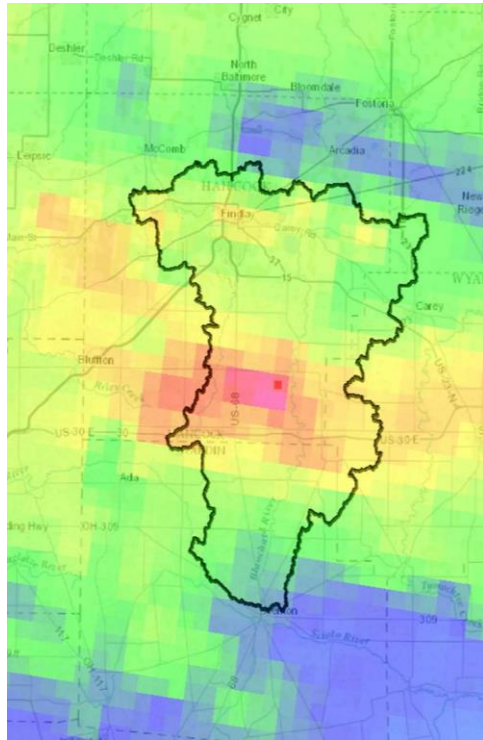
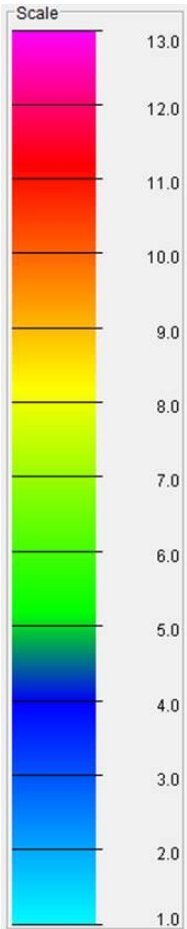
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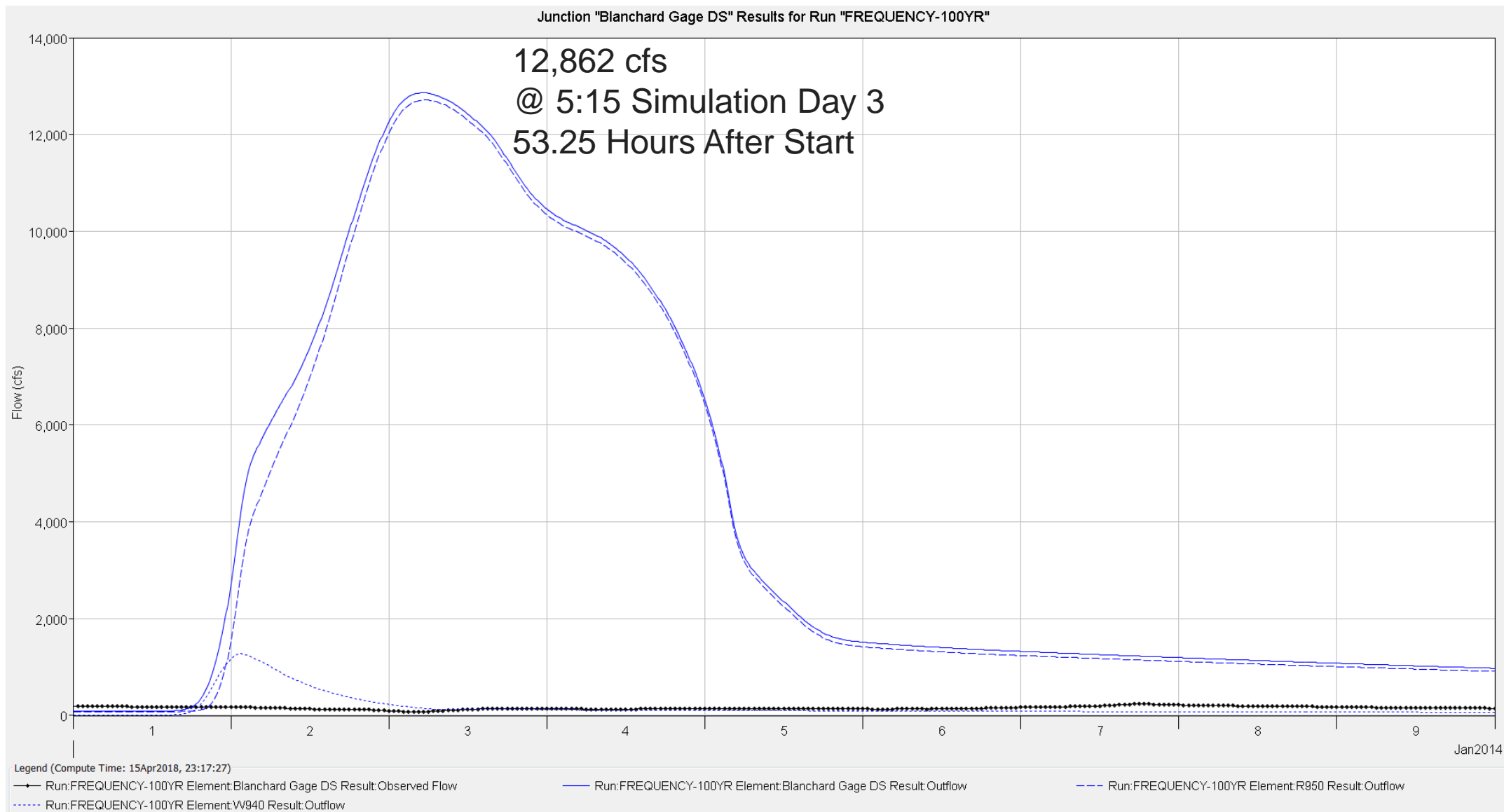
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# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event

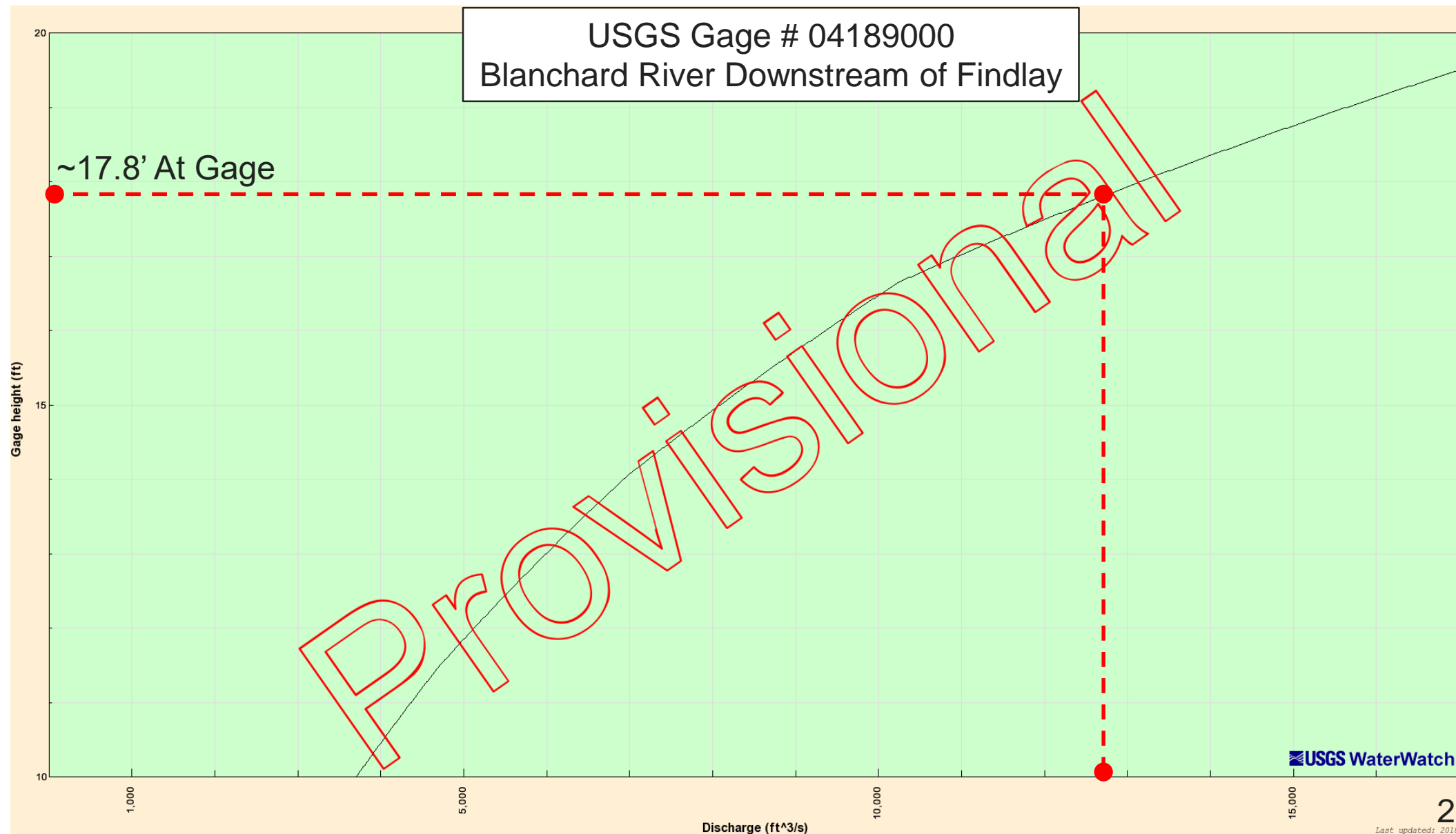
## HEC-HMS Frequency Storm



# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event

HEC-HMS Frequency Storm = 12,862 cfs

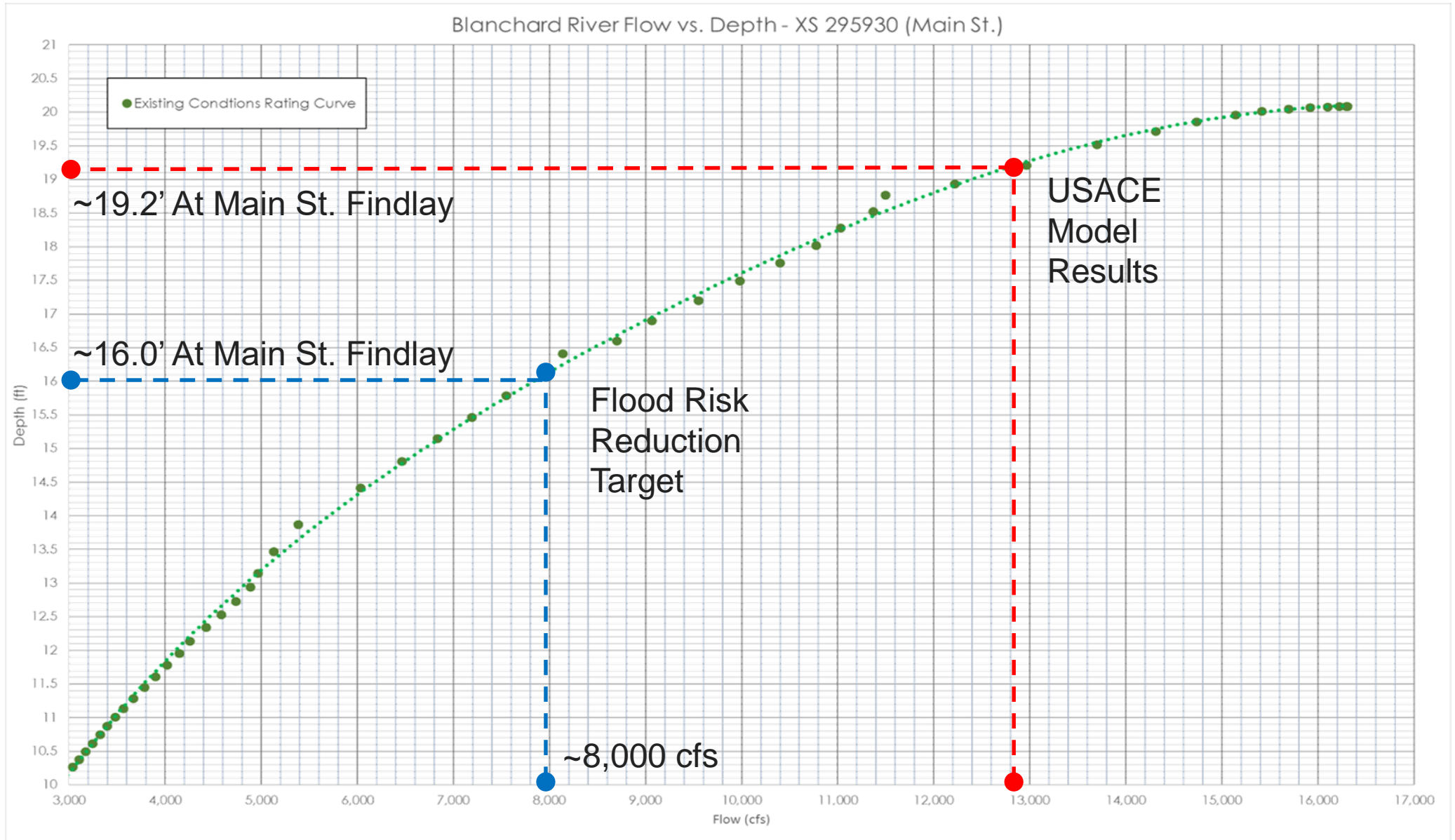
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# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event

HEC-HMS Frequency Storm = 12,862 cfs



# Conceptual Flood Risk Reduction Measures

## August 2015 Recommended Plan

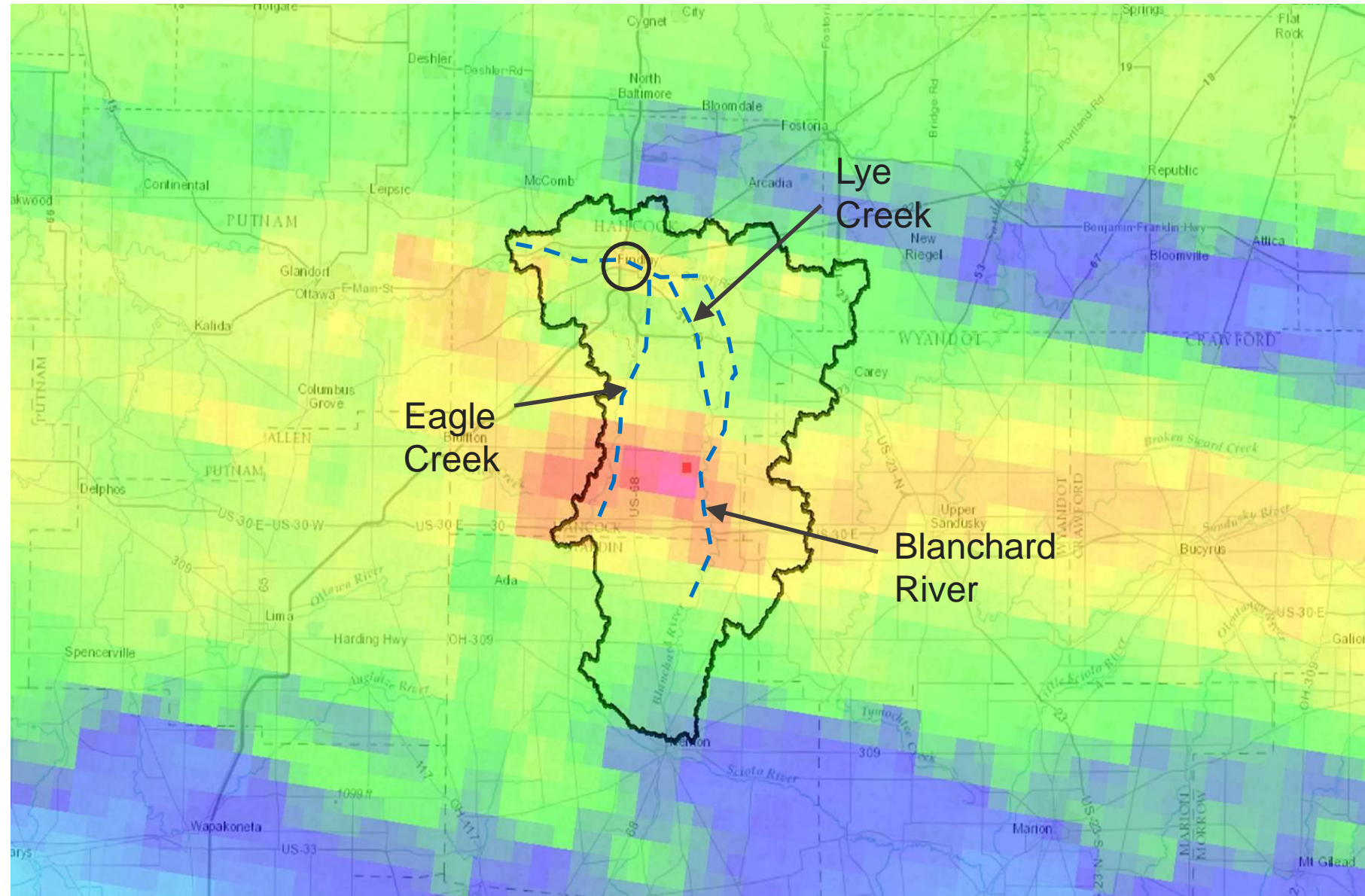
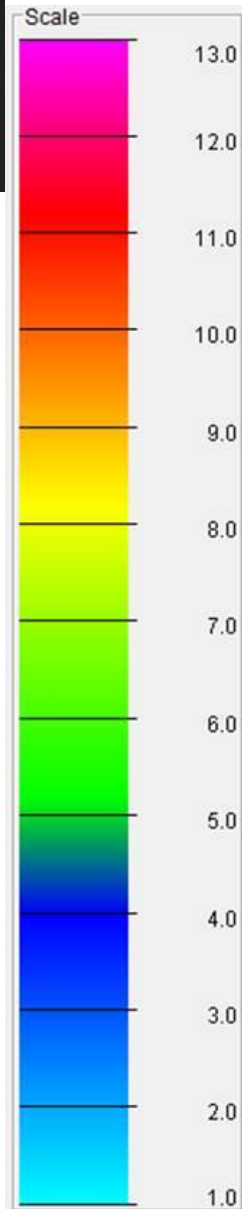
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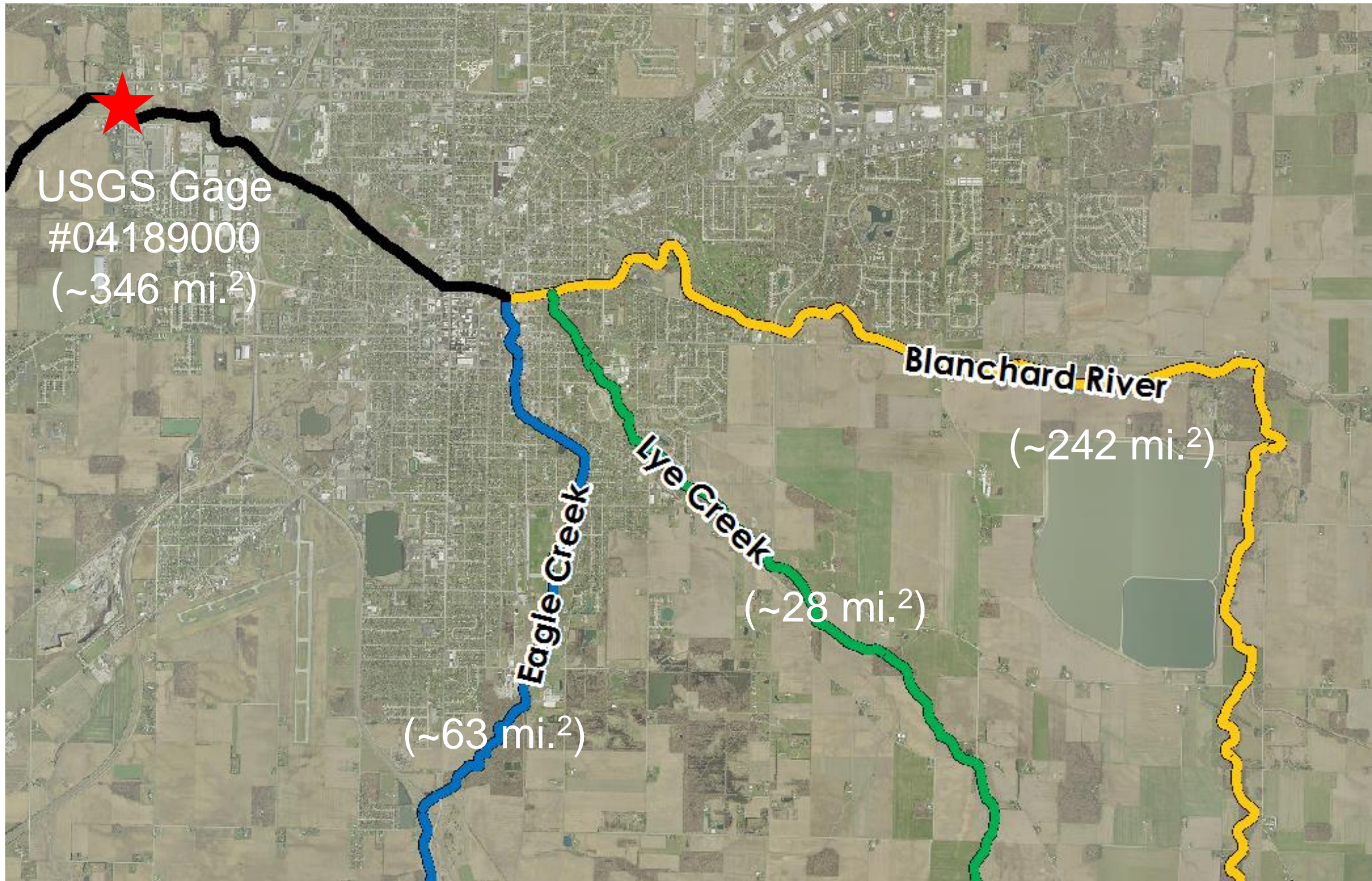
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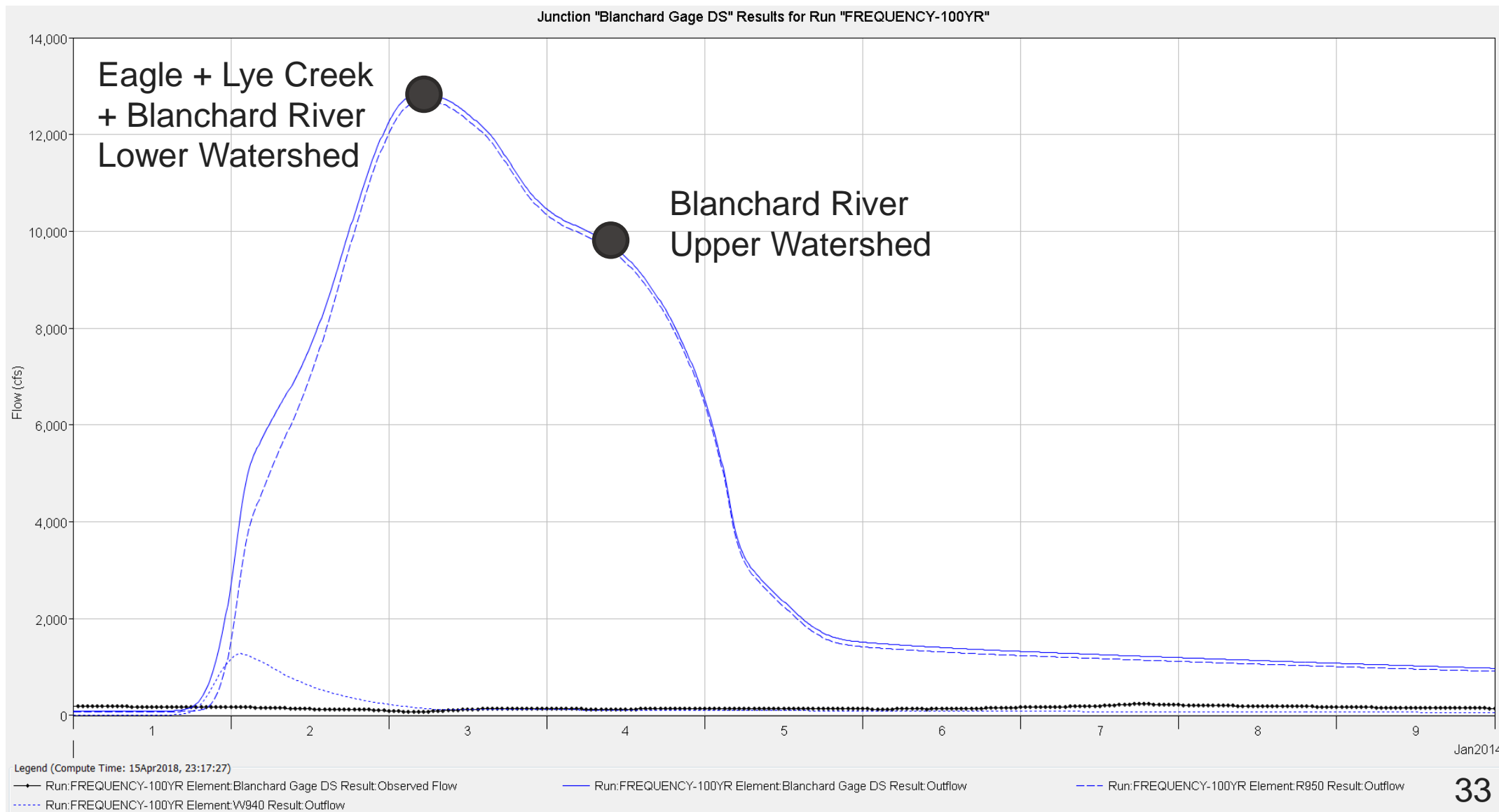
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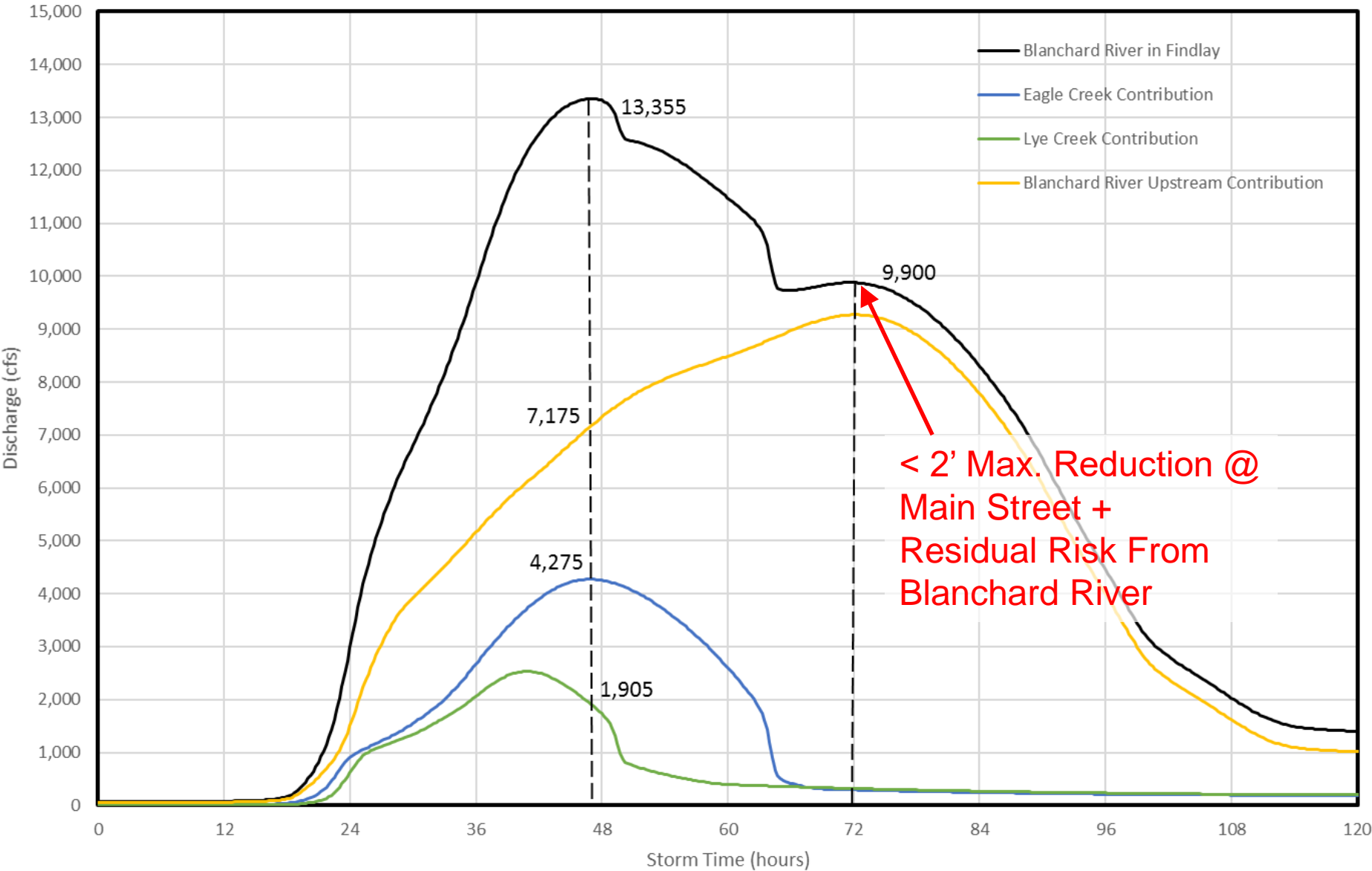


# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event

## HEC-HMS Frequency Storm



HEC-HMS -- Blanchard River in Findlay  
Existing Conditions  
100Yr, 24Hr = 5.26" SCS Type II



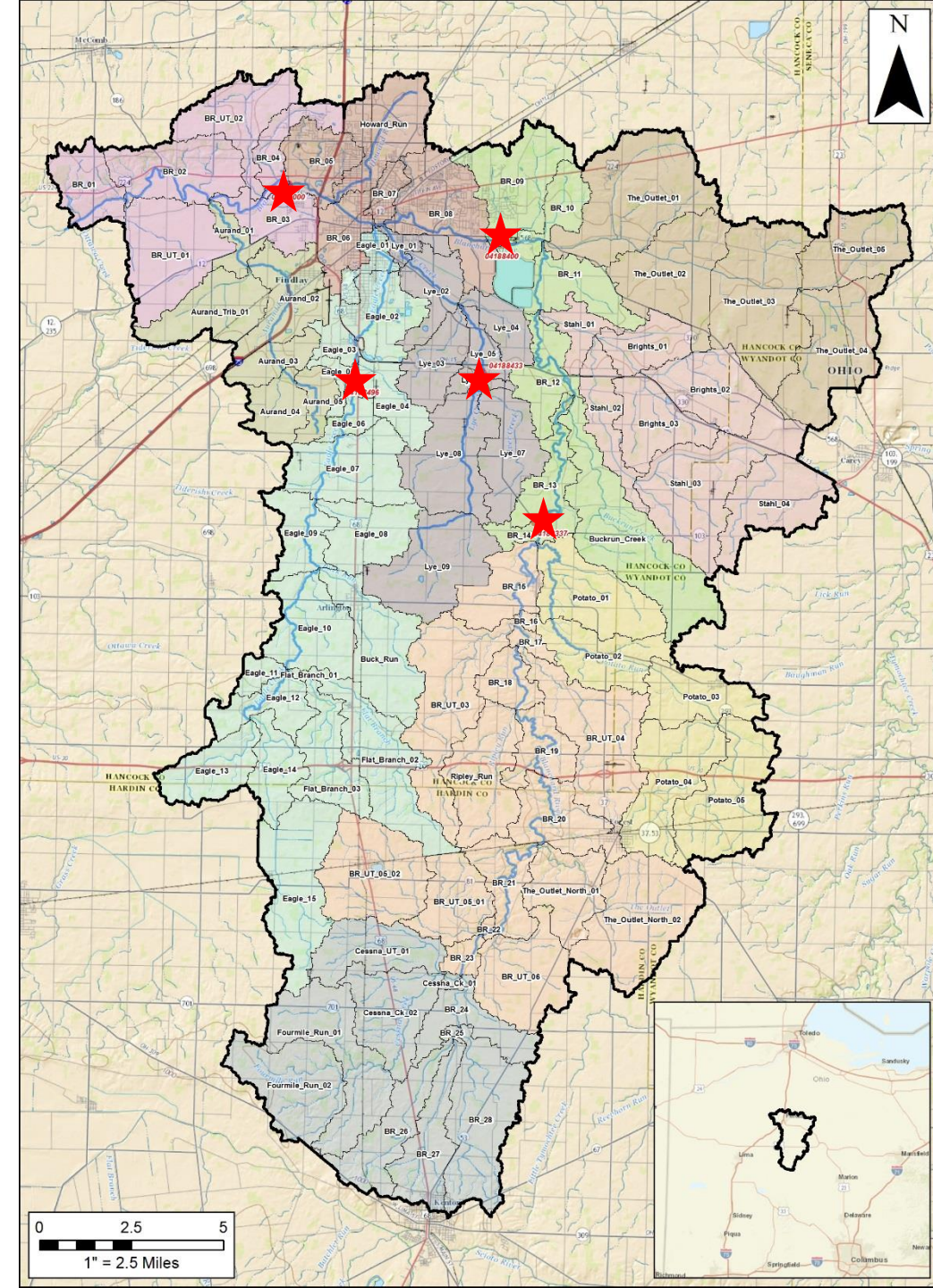
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Planning



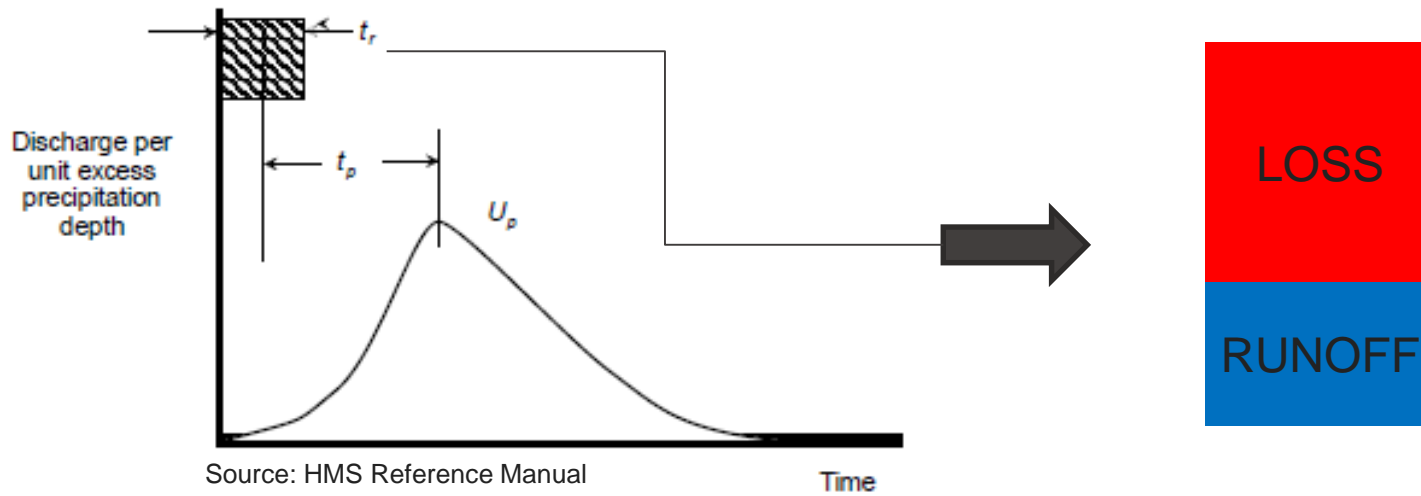
## Stantec Hydrologic Study

- Focused Area: 96 Subbasins
- 60 Reaches
- Gridded SCS CN Losses
- ModClark (Grid) Transform
- Recession Baseflow
- Mod-Puls + Lag Routing
- Additional Calibration
- Revised Input Storms
- Spatial & Temporal Variation
- Checked with Gage Analyses

Also Revisited  
Hydraulic Modeling



Precipitation  
Extraction  
Gridded  
SCS Curve  
Number



### SCS Loss Equations

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10$$

$$I_a = 0.2S$$

$$P_e = \frac{(P - I_a)^2}{P - I_a + S}$$

$$S = C_{Retention} \left[ \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \right]$$

Potential Retention Scale Factor Added  
Varies by Subbasin

Initial Abstraction Ratio  
Can Vary By Subbasin &  
Antecedent Conditions

Additional  
Calibration  
Parameters

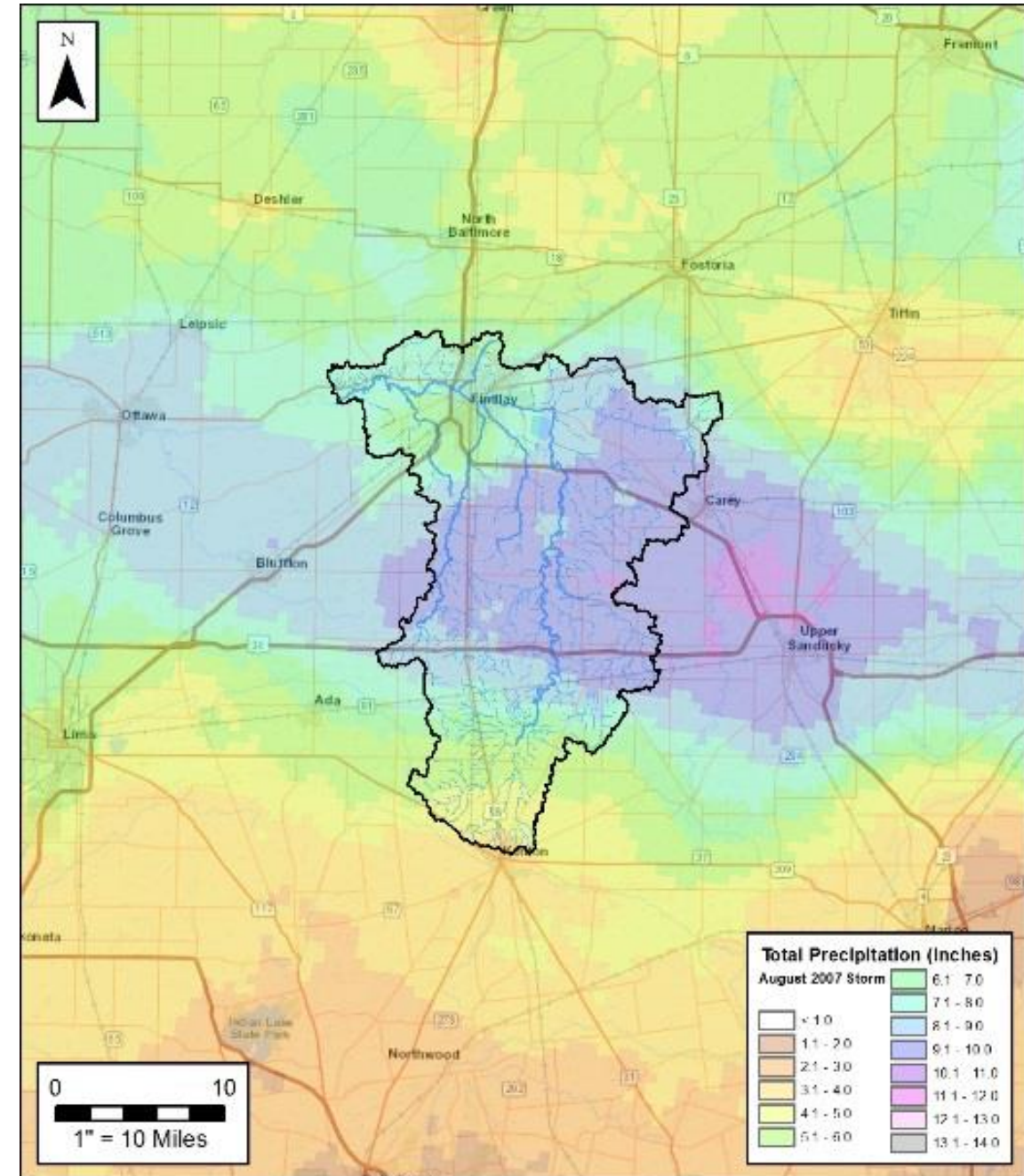
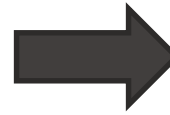
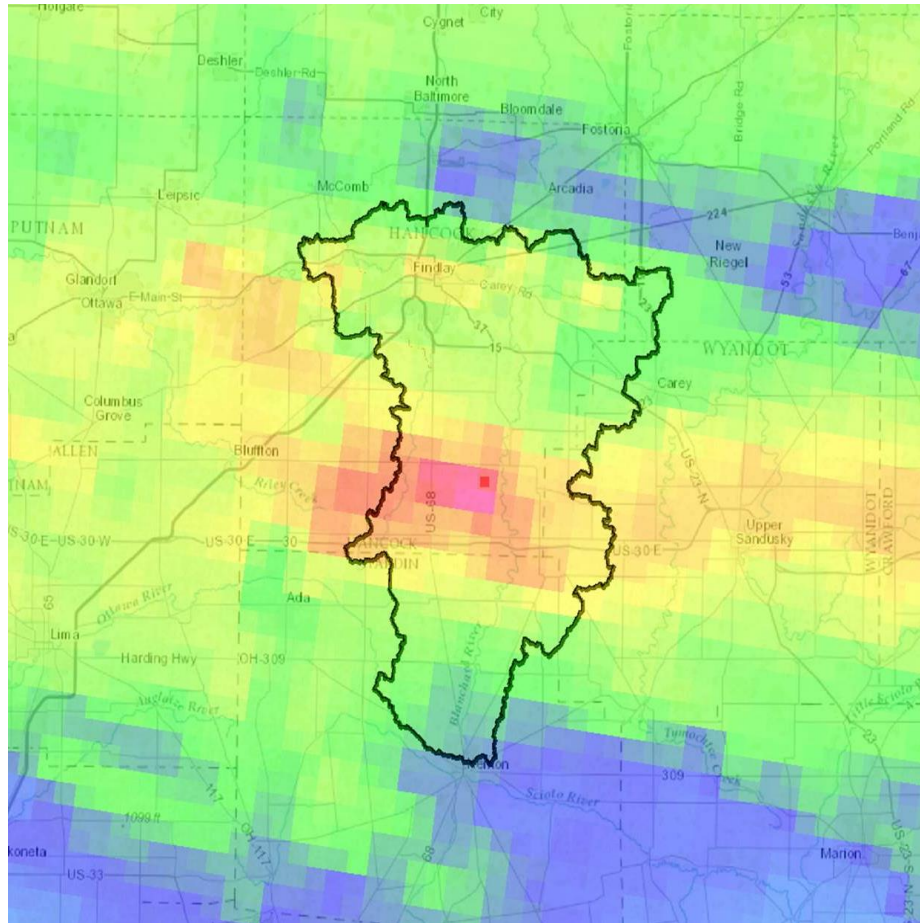
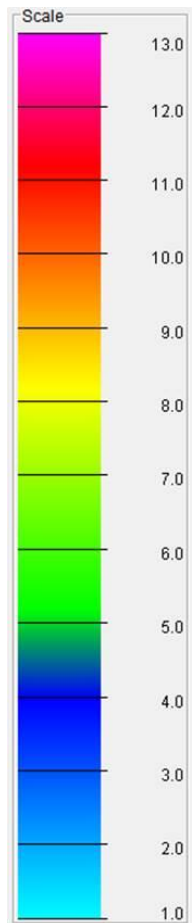


# Revised Radar Data

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Hydrology  
Study



Must Ground-Truth  
NEXRAD Data

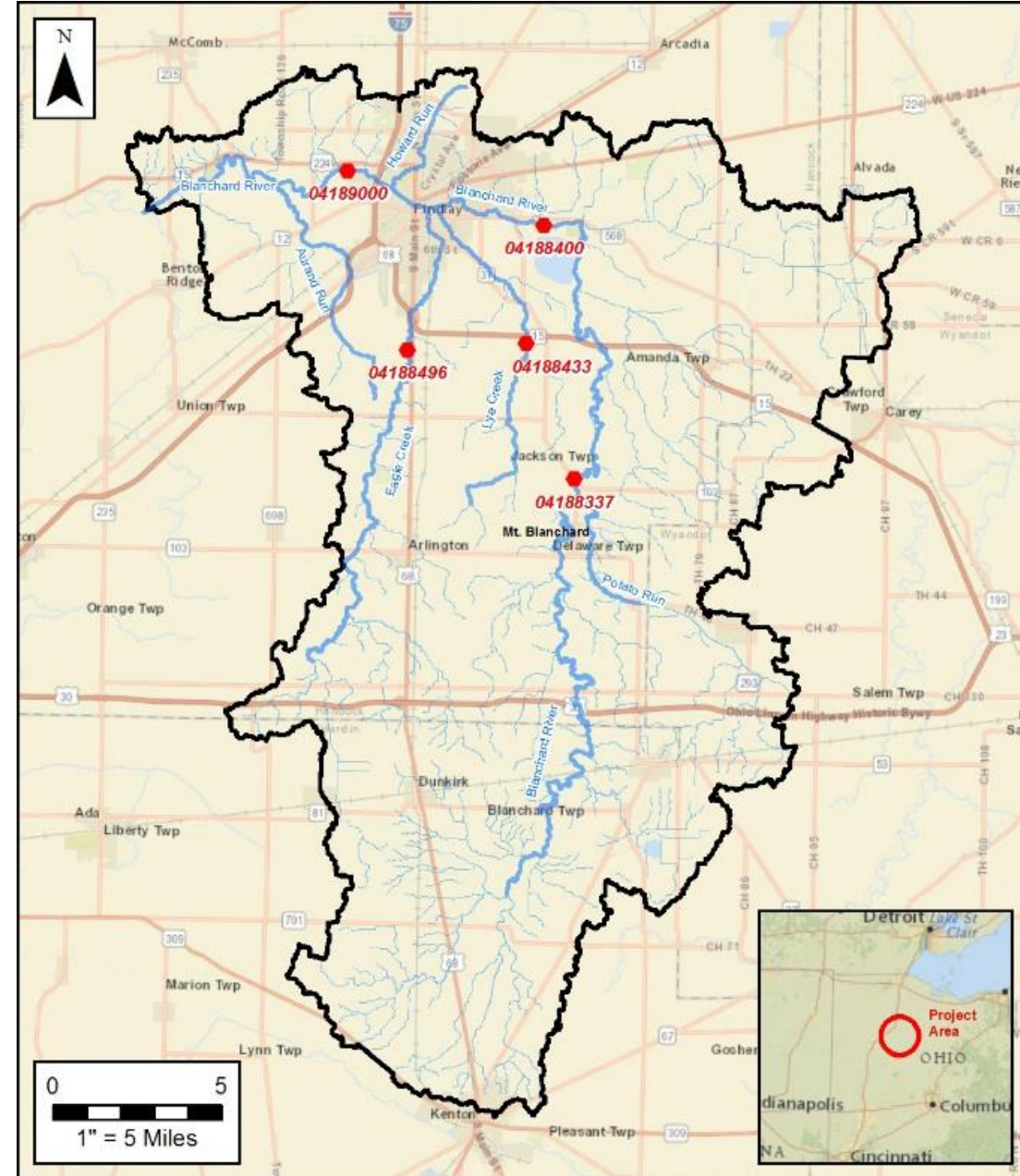
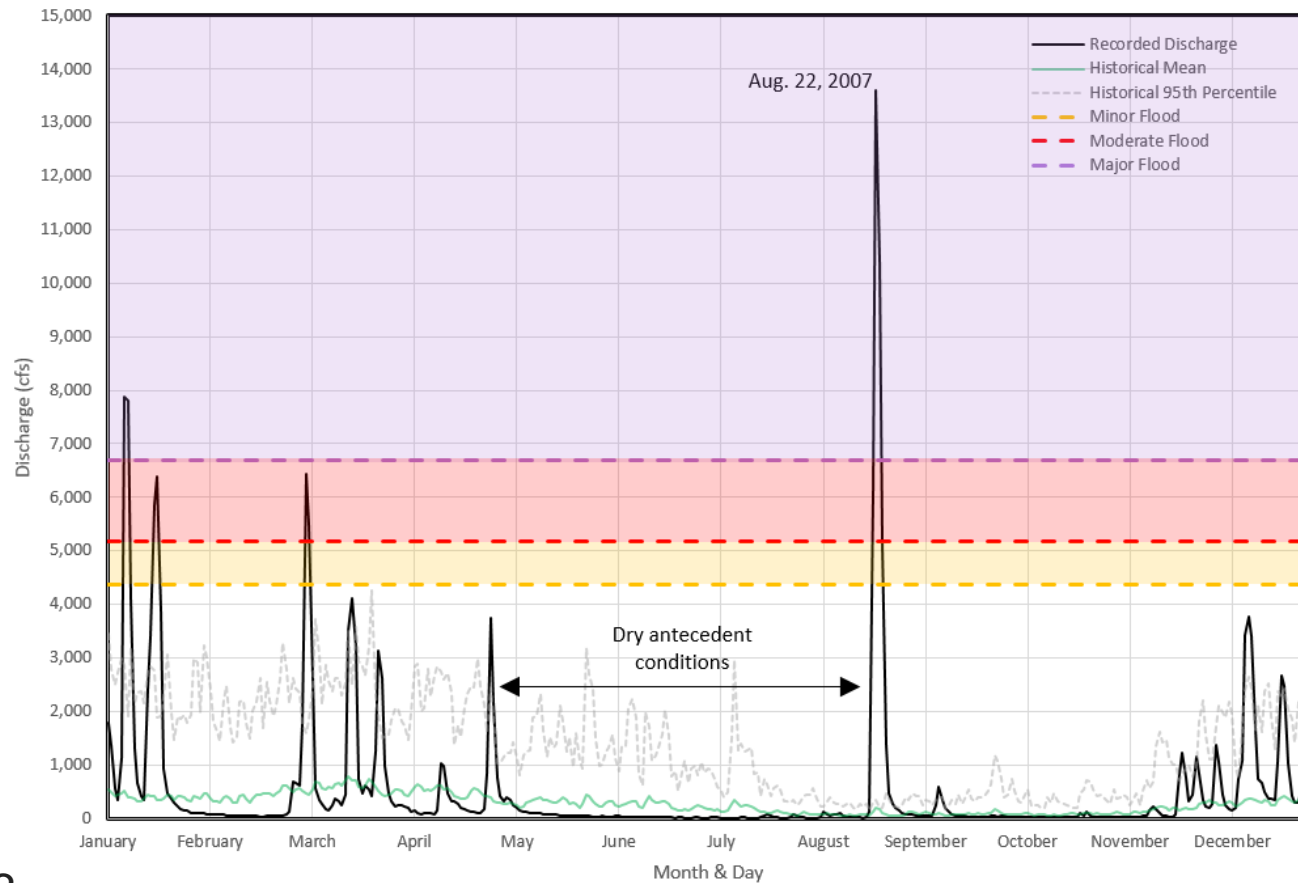




# Additional Calibration Event(s)

## Stantec Hydrology Study

USGS Gage 04189000  
Blanchard River DS of Findlay - 2007 Records



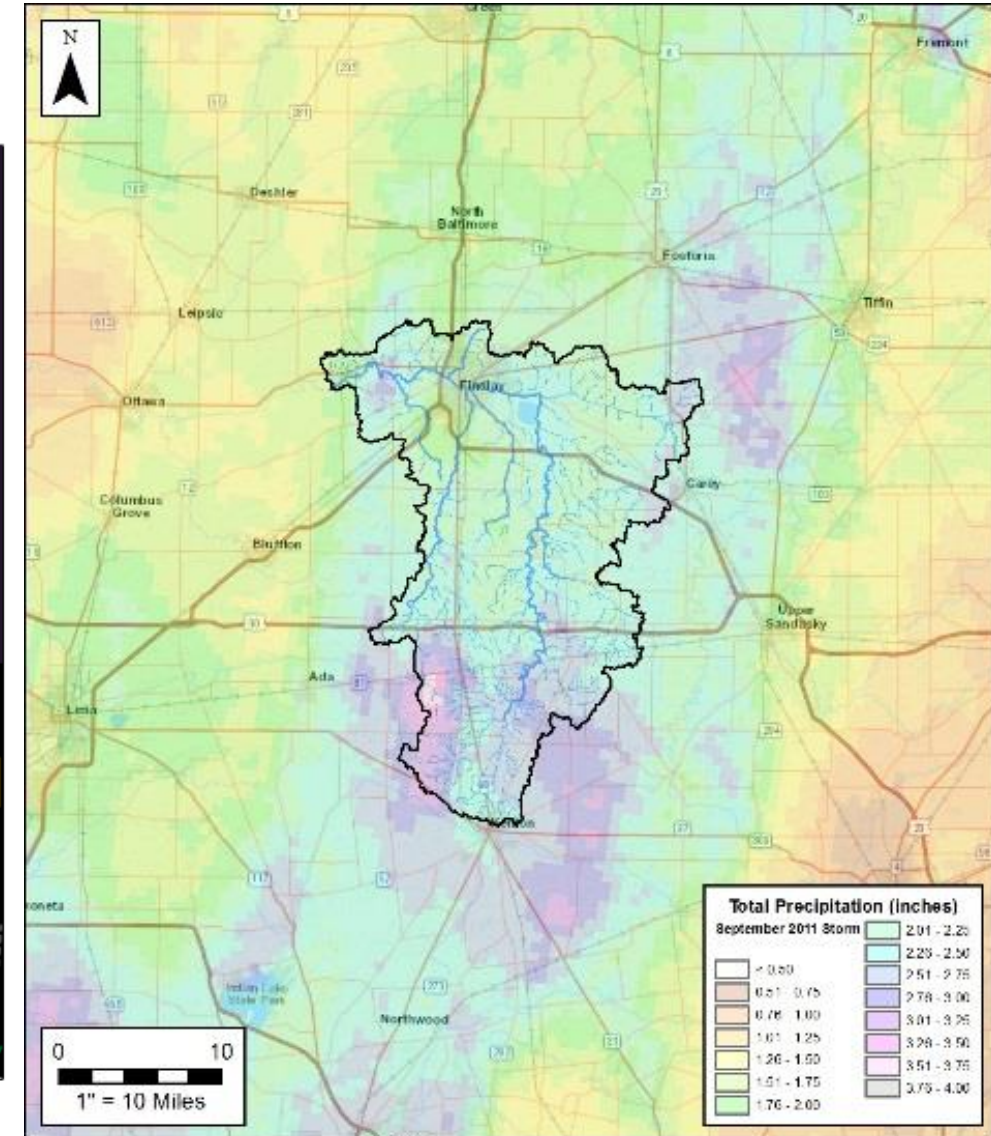
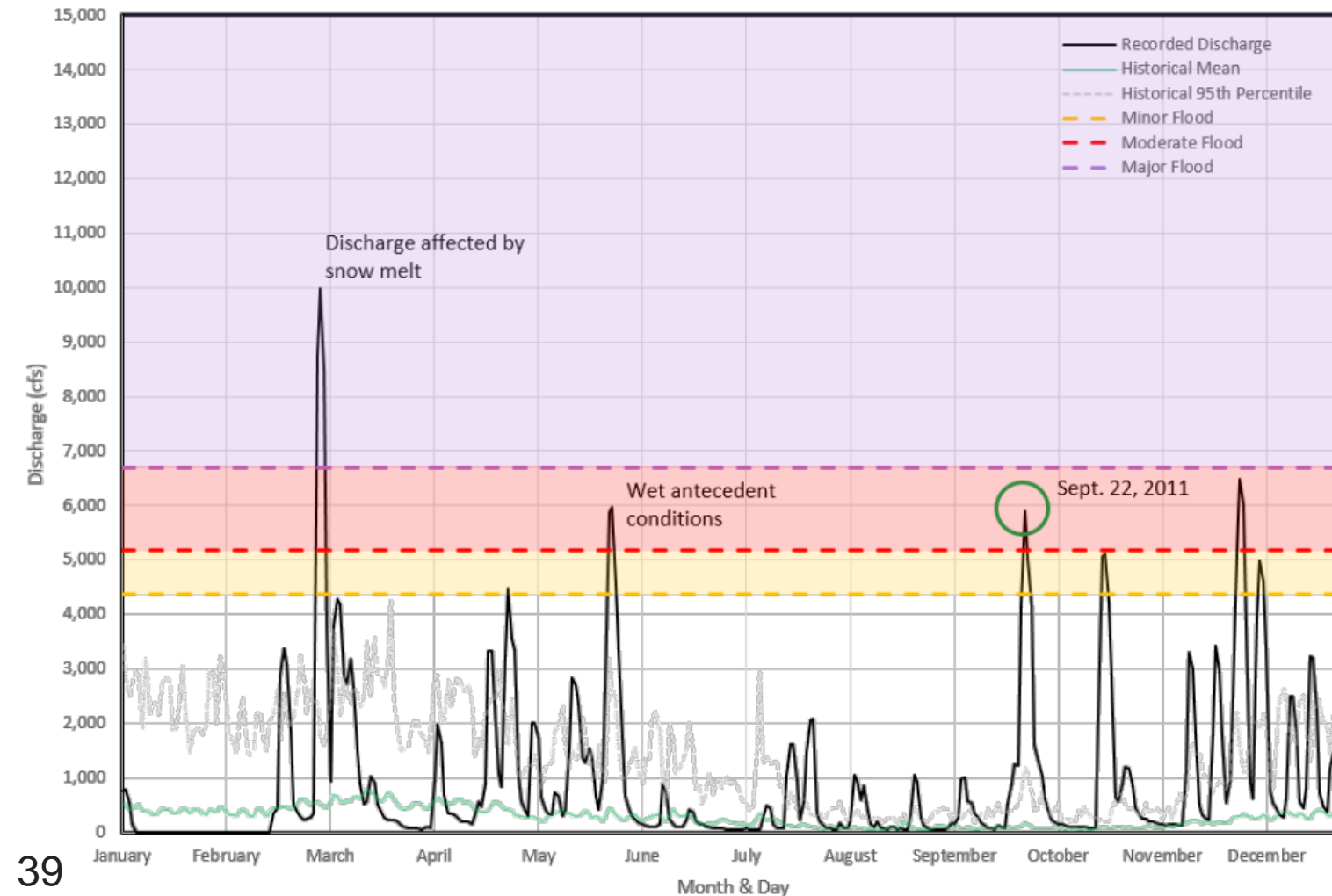


# September 2011 Calibration Event



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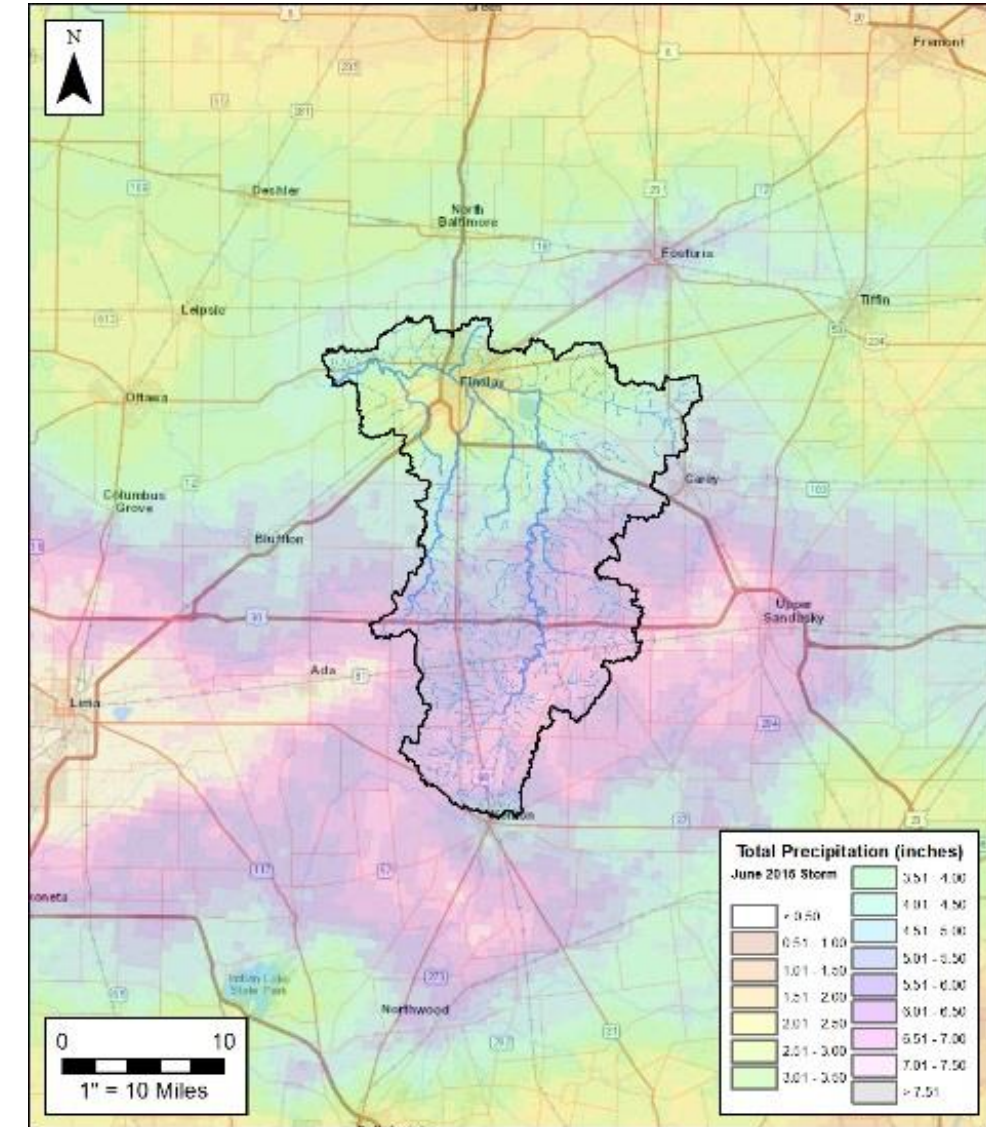
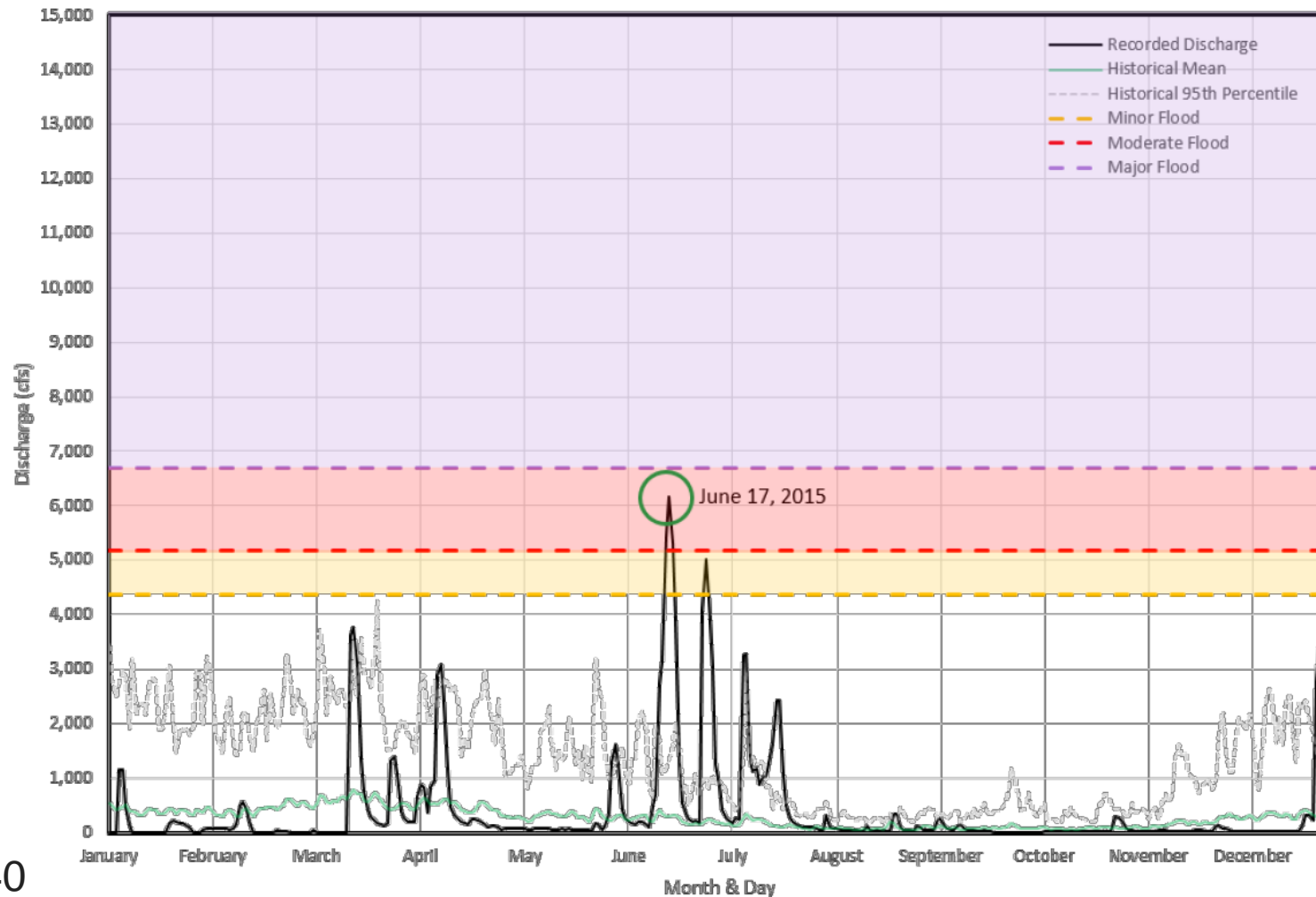


# June 2015 Calibration Event



Stantec  
Hydrology  
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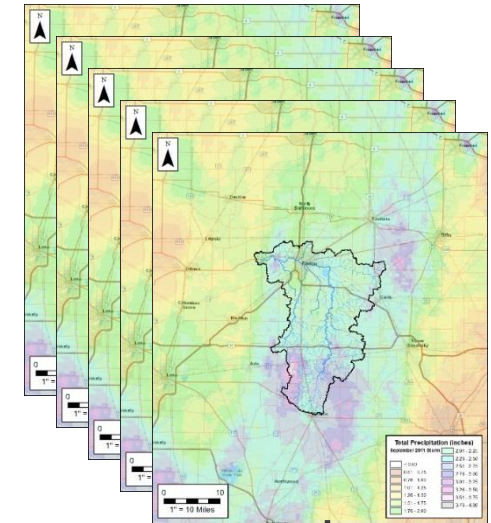
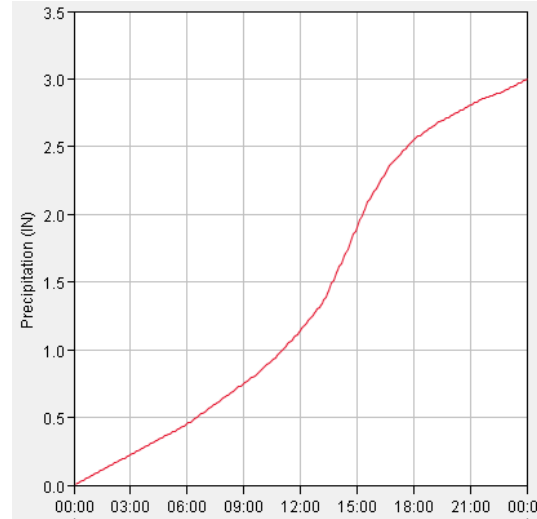
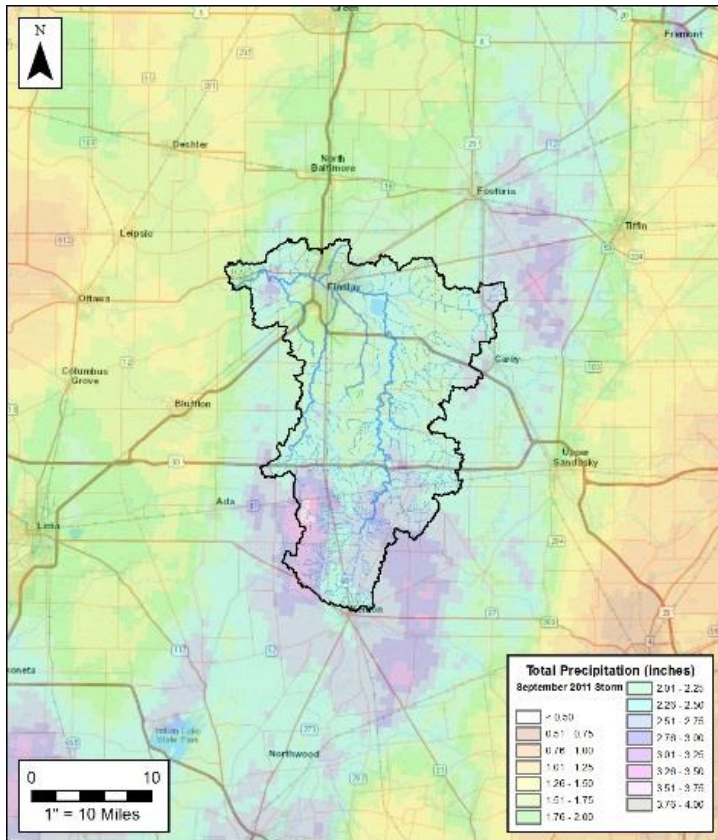


# Radar Data to HEC-HMS

Determine Temporal Pattern

Create Raster Grid  
for Each Time Step

Total Storm Precipitation



Create ASCII Grids

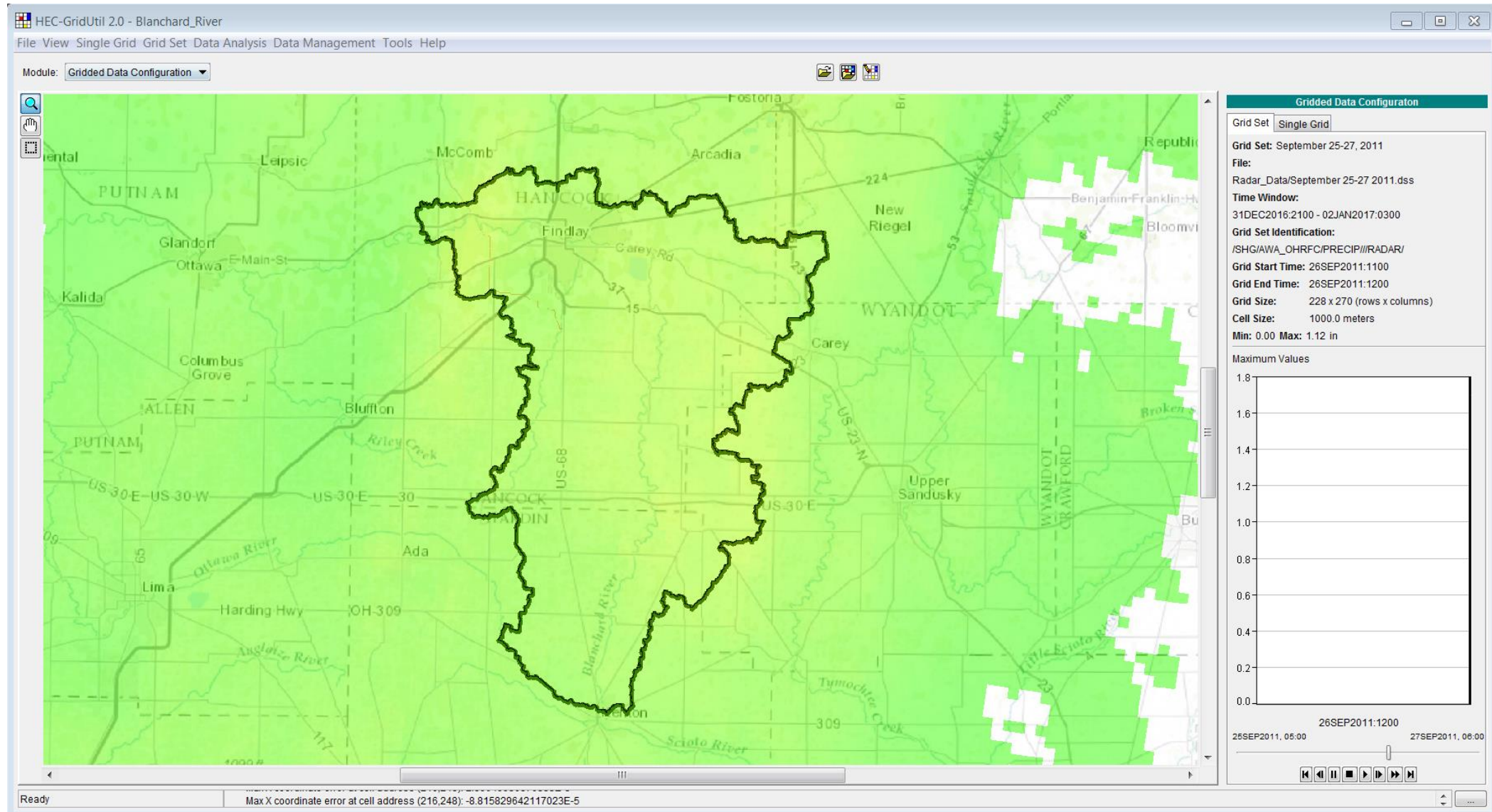
Re-project Each Grid  
If Needed

Assemble ASCII Grids in Correct  
Order Using Asc2DSSGrid Utility  
(Command Line Batch File)

Check Series  
w/ USACE  
HEC-GridUtil  
Software

# HEC-GridUtil

Stantec  
Hydrology  
Study

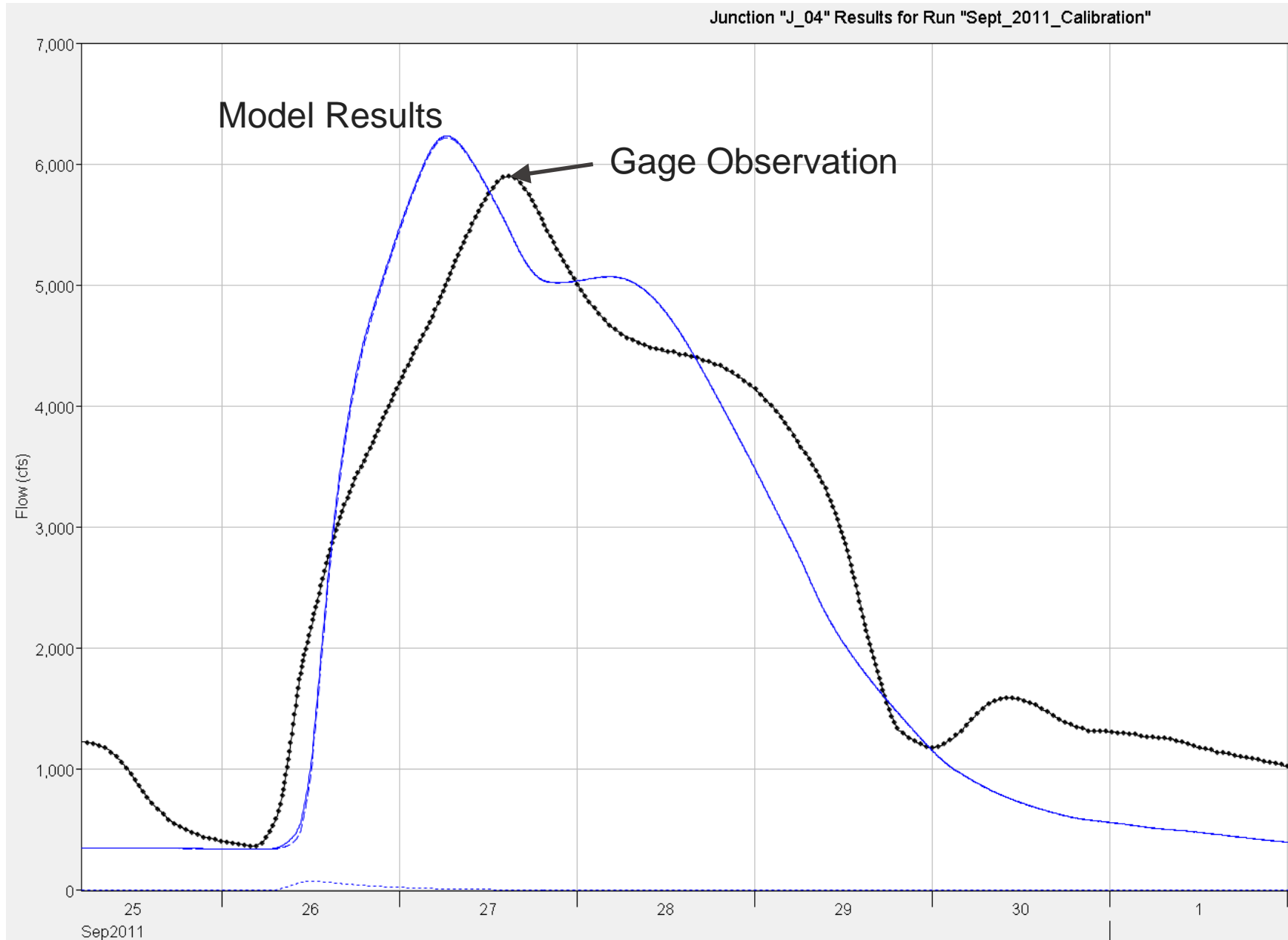




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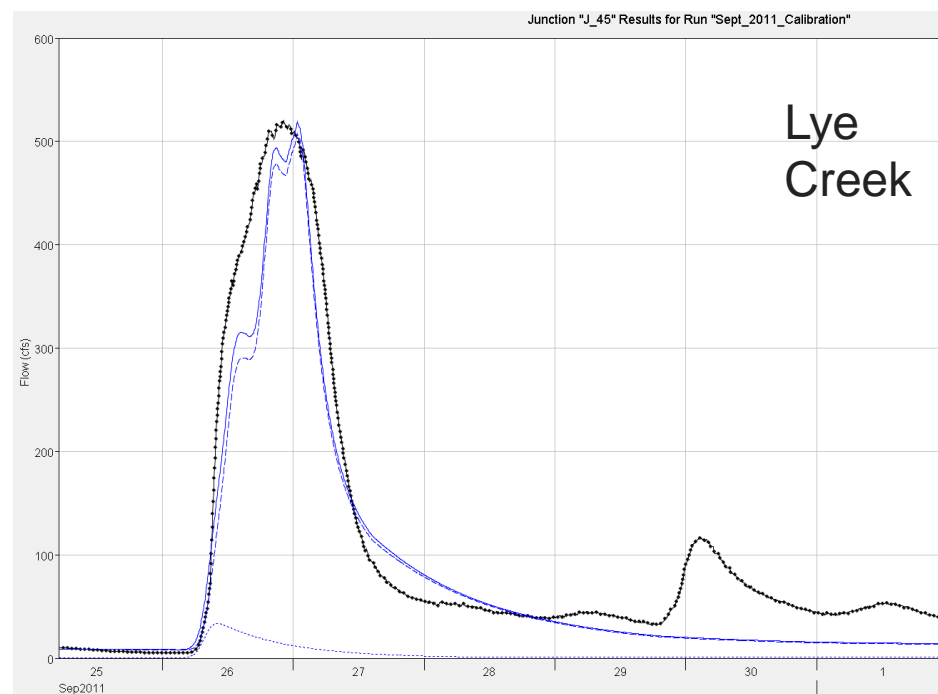
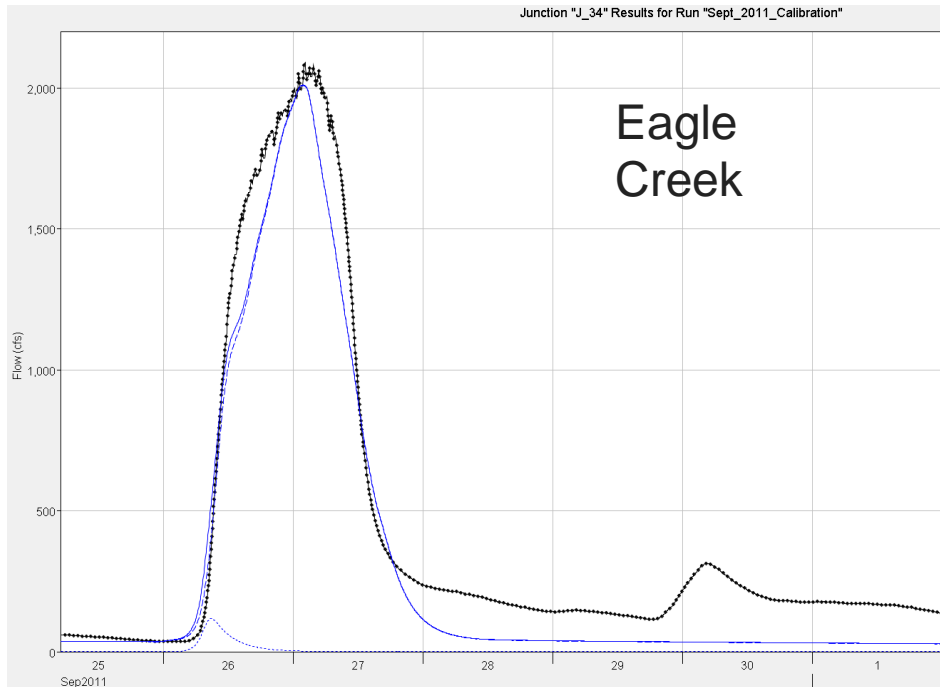
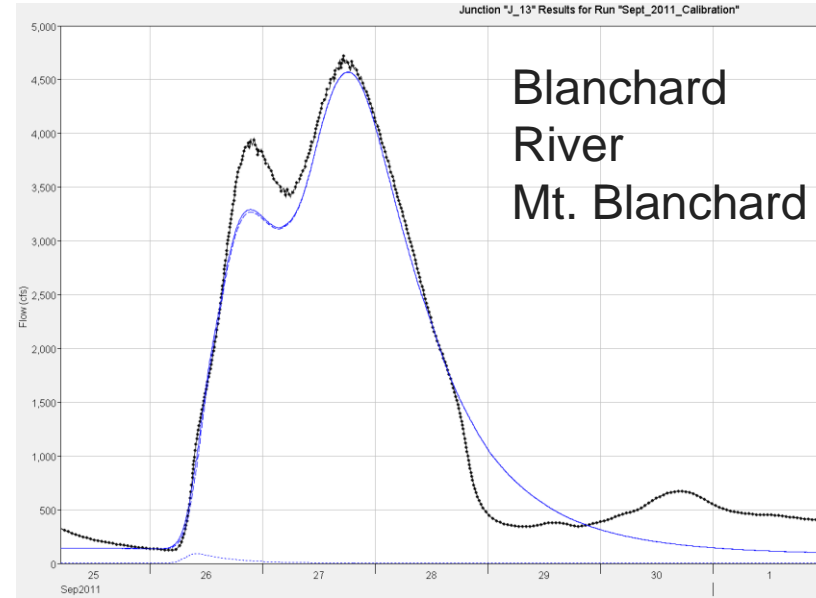
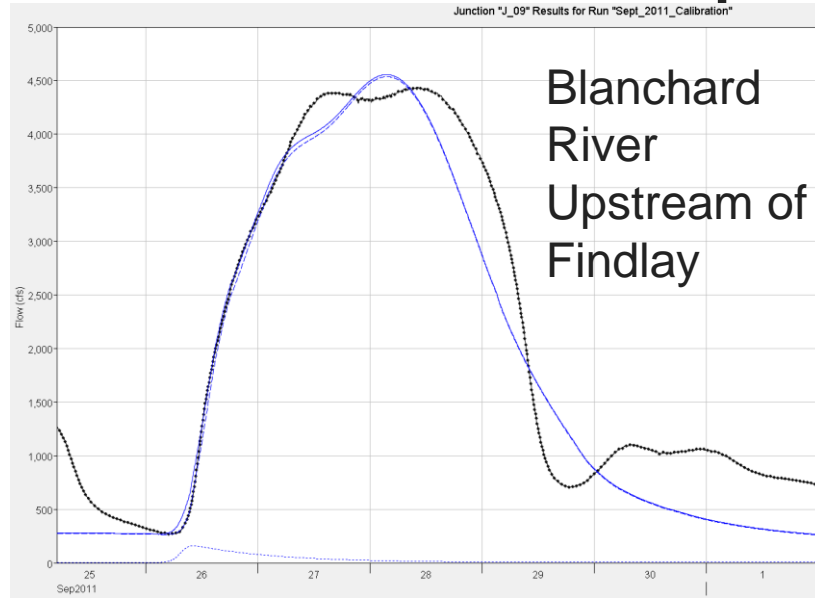
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Model

Blanchard  
River  
Downstream of  
Findlay



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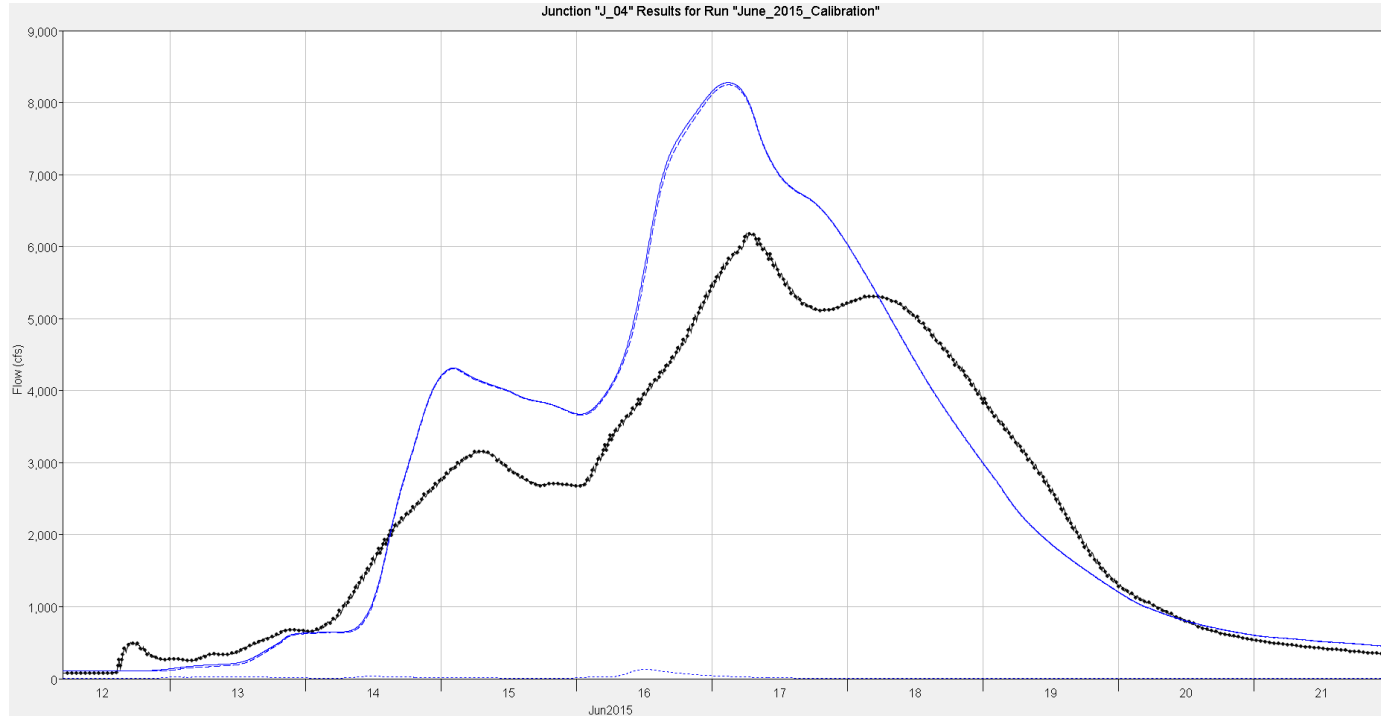
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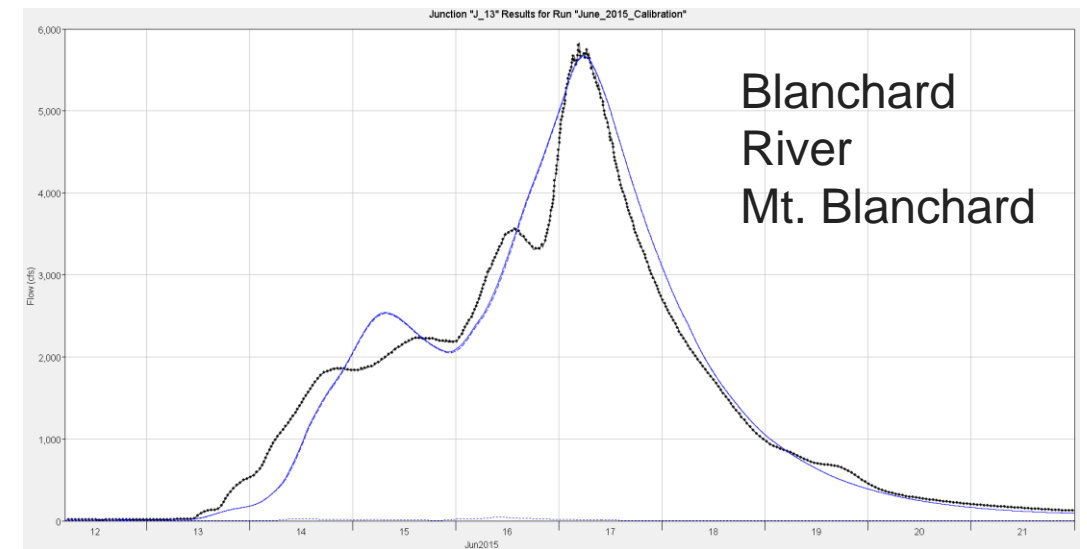
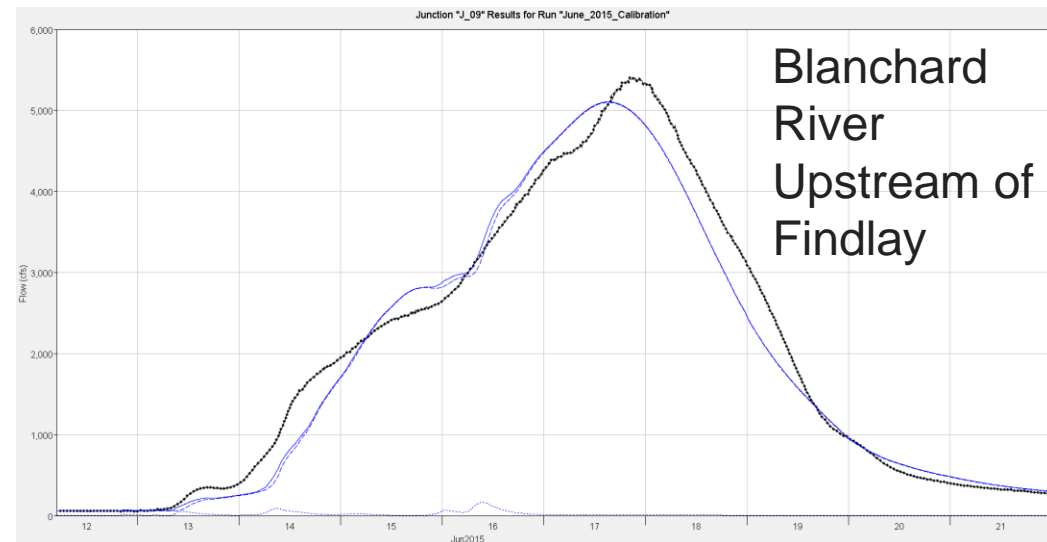


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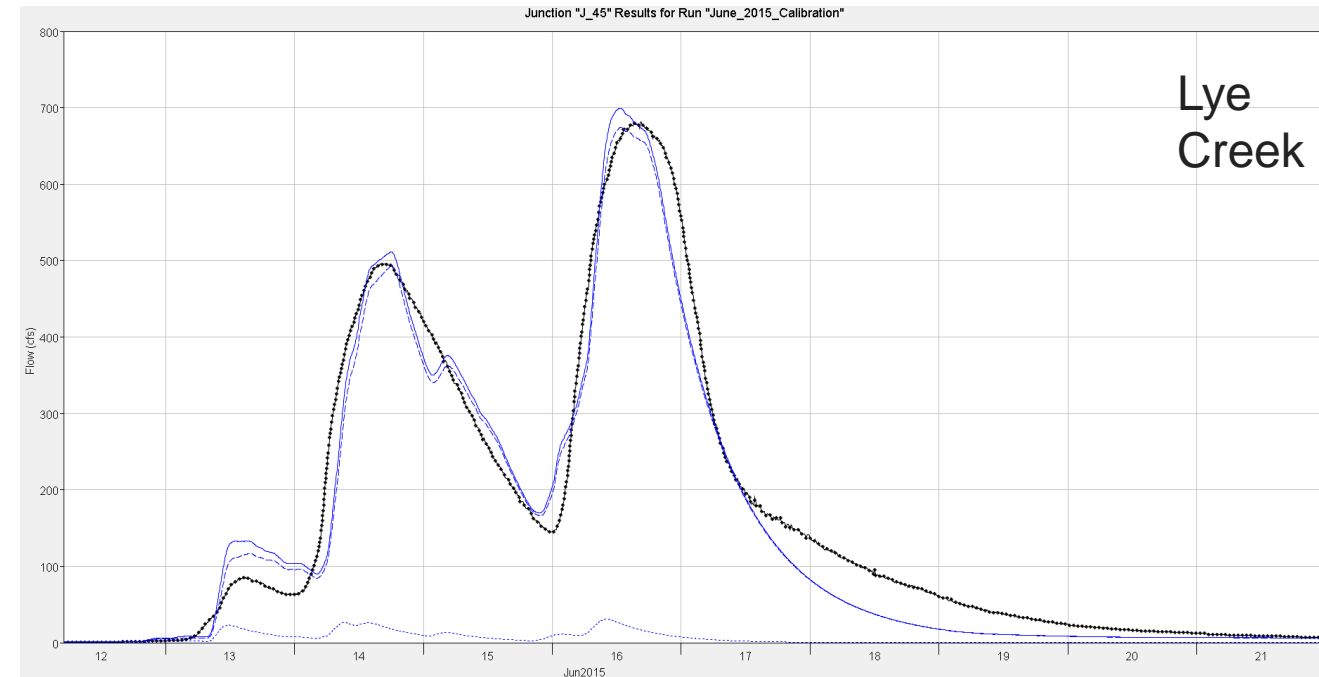
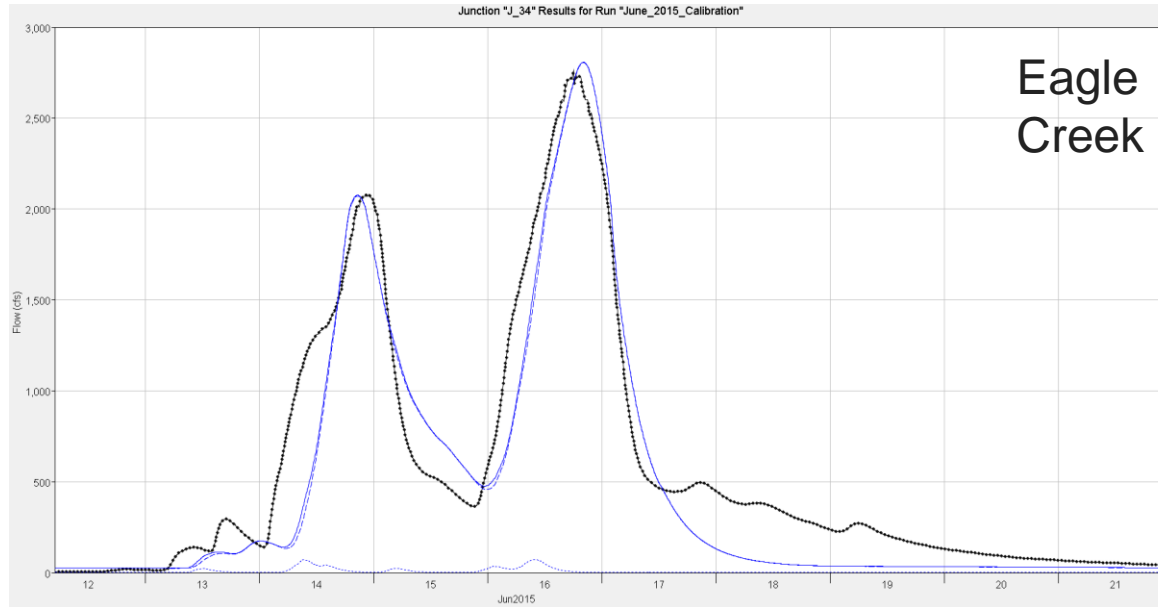


Blanchard  
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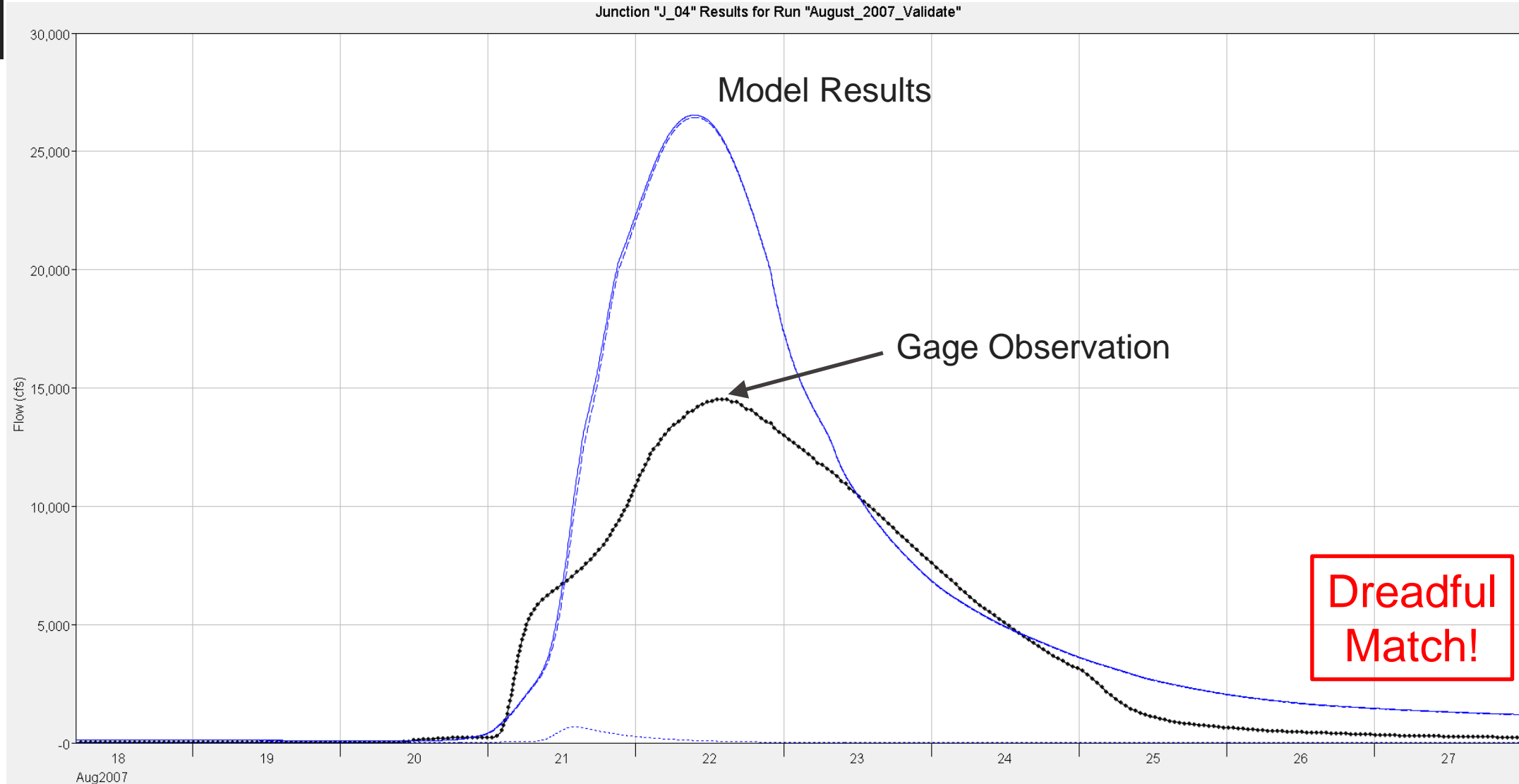




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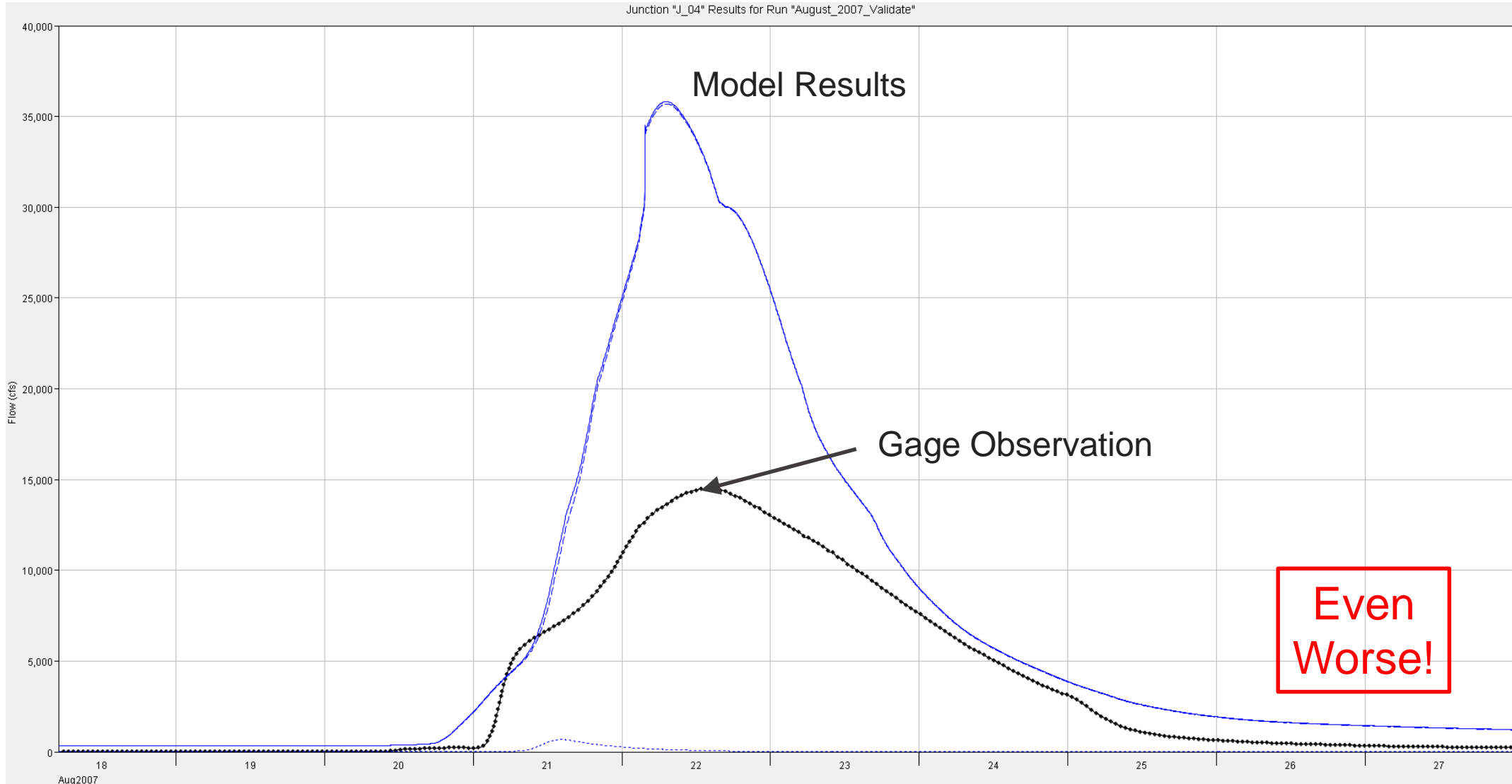
Blanchard  
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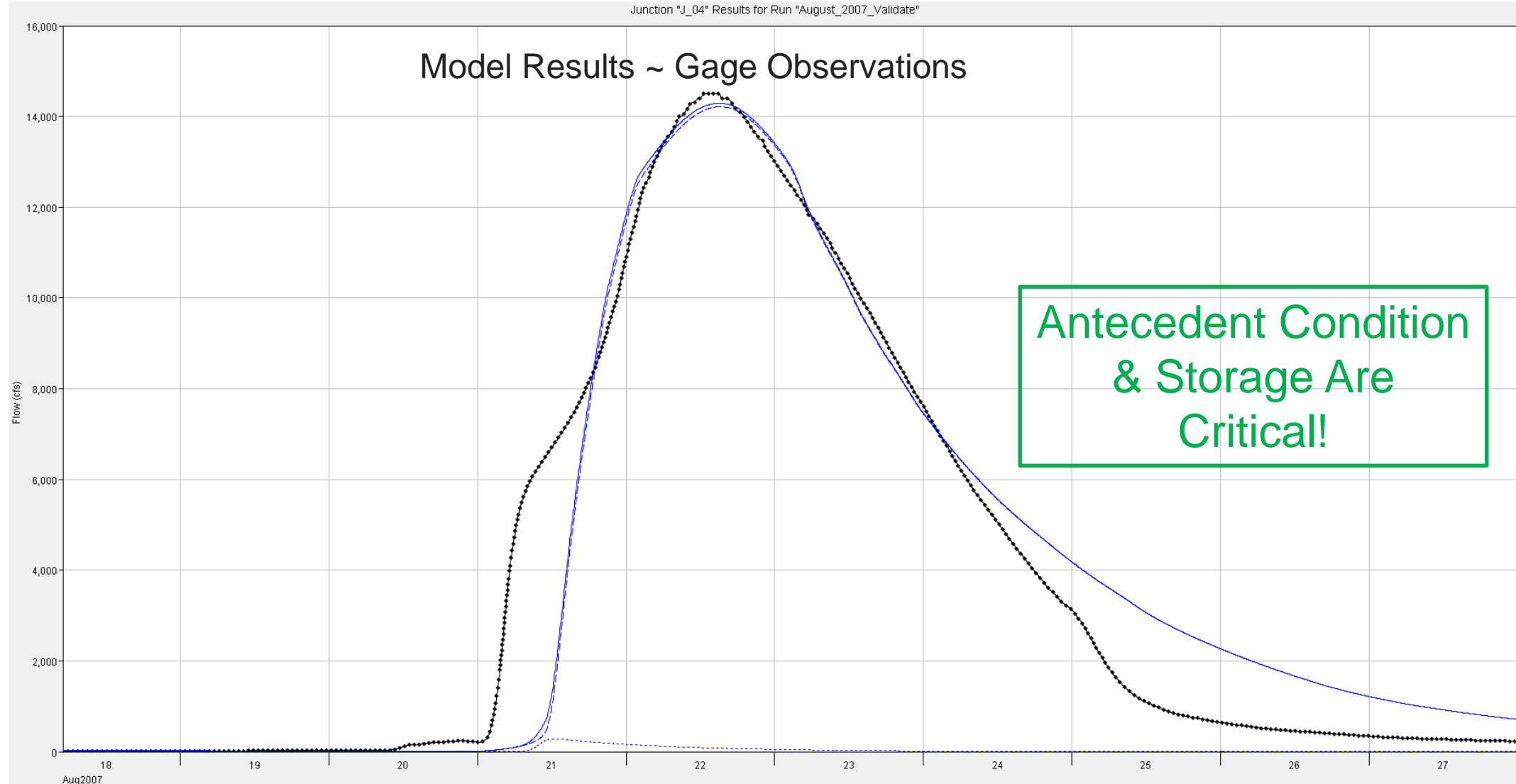


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Tweaked Antecedent Conditions + Subbasin Storage

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# Areal Reduction Factors

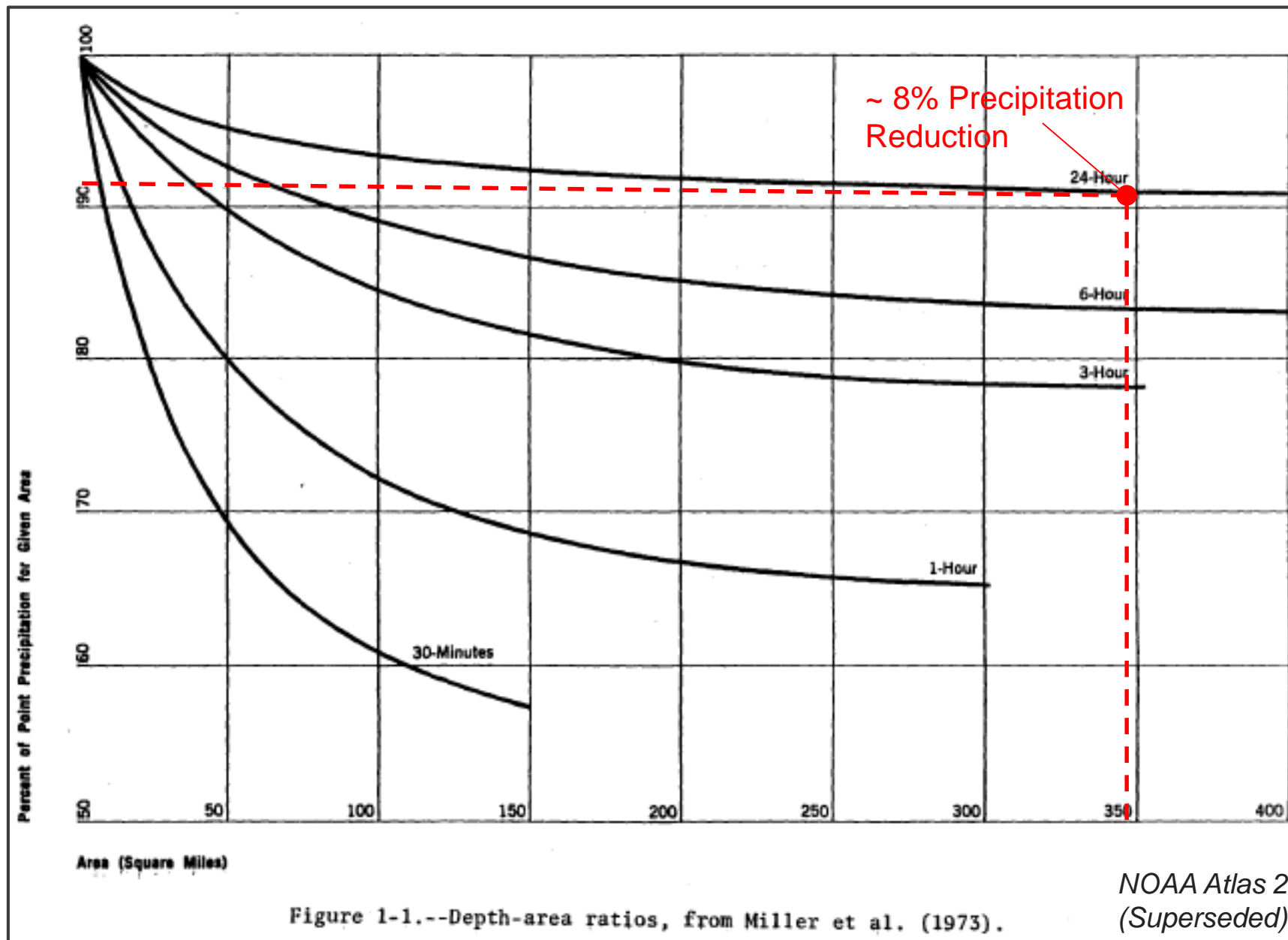
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## A Methodology for Point-to-Area Rainfall Frequency Ratios

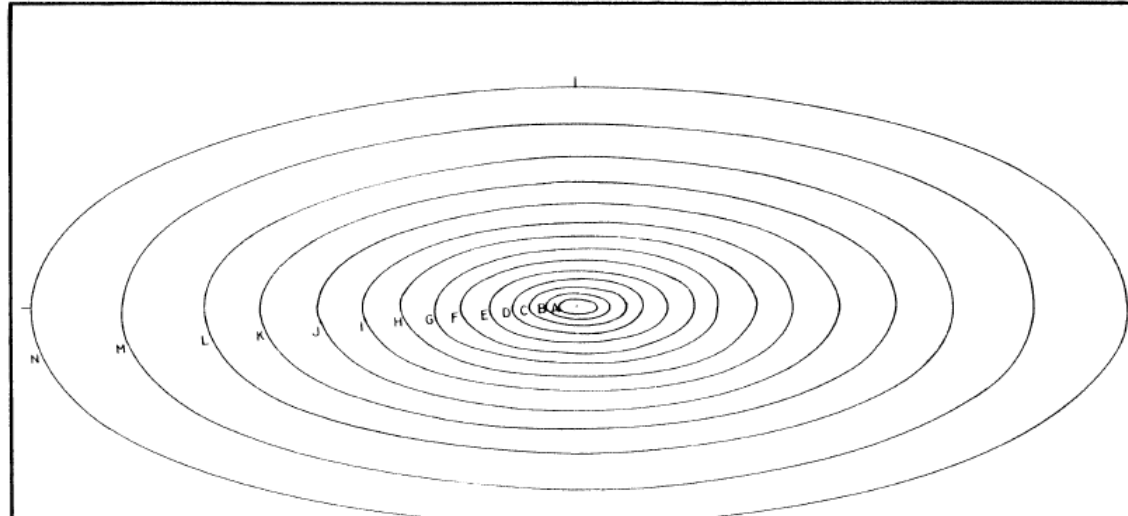
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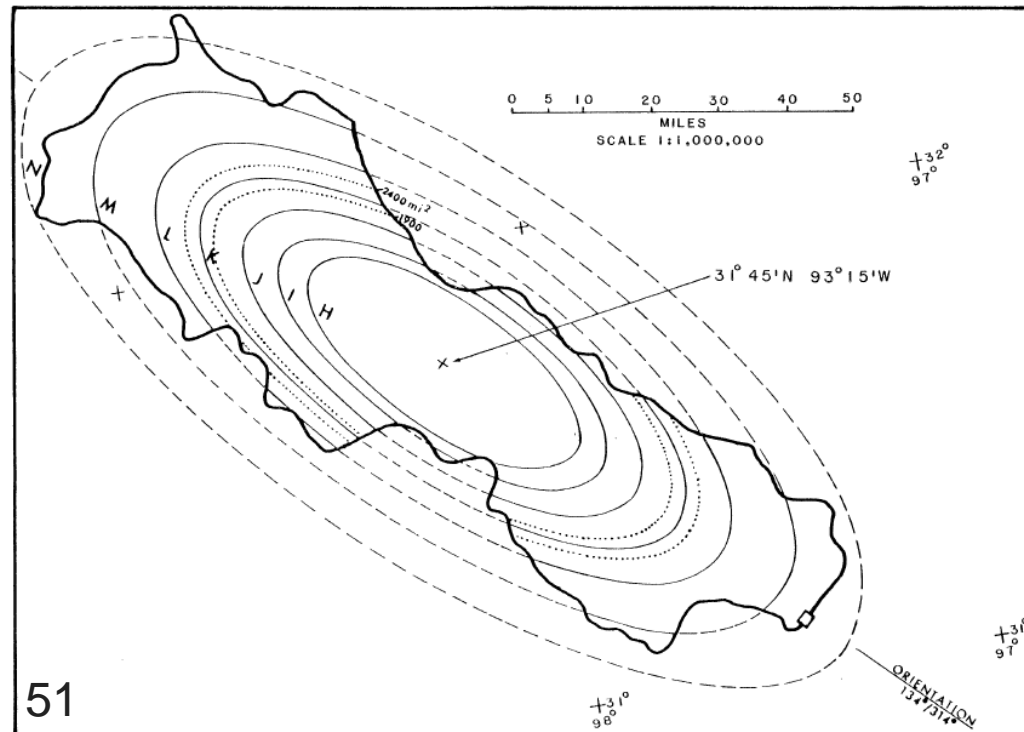




# Spatial Distribution



*"Hydrometeorological Report No. 52  
Application of Probable Maximum  
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United States East of the 105<sup>th</sup> Meridian"  
NOAA 1982*



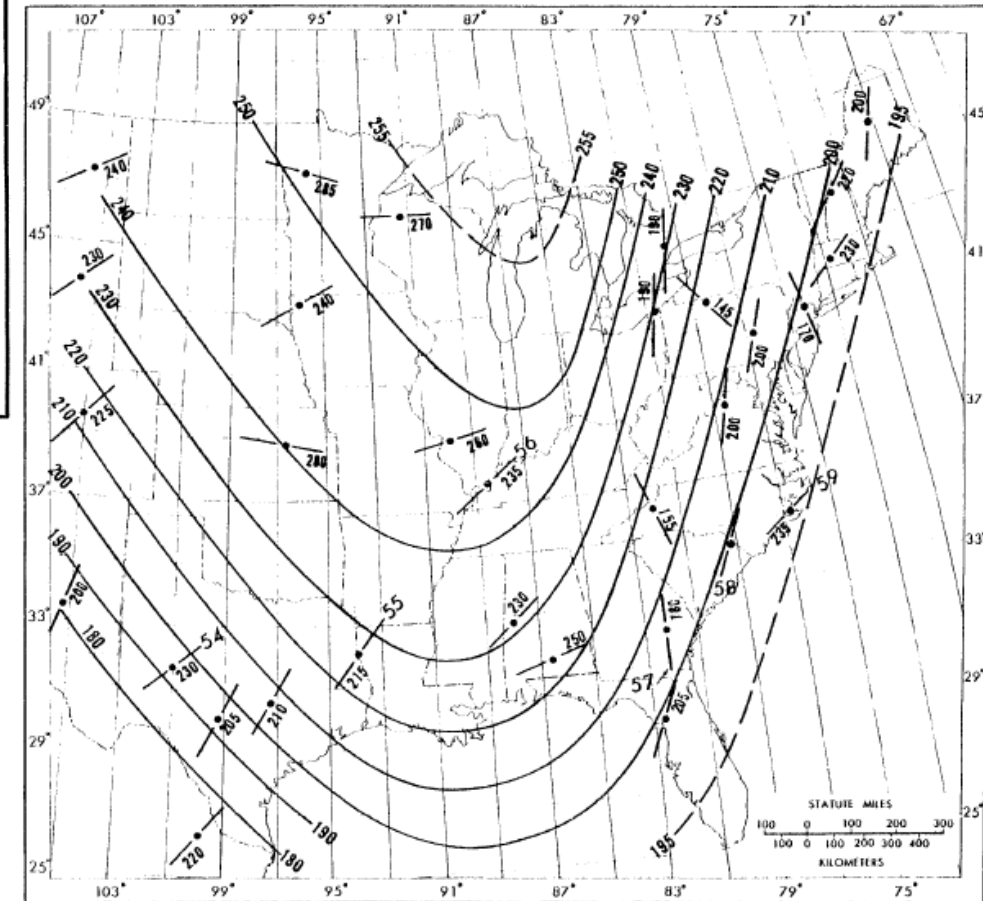
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A -	10 Mi <sup>2</sup>
B -	25
C -	50
D -	100
E -	175
F -	300
G -	450
H -	700
I -	1000
J -	1500
K -	2150
L -	3000
M -	4500
N -	6500

## ISOHYET AREAS NOT SHOWN

O -	10000 Mi <sup>2</sup>
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R -	40000
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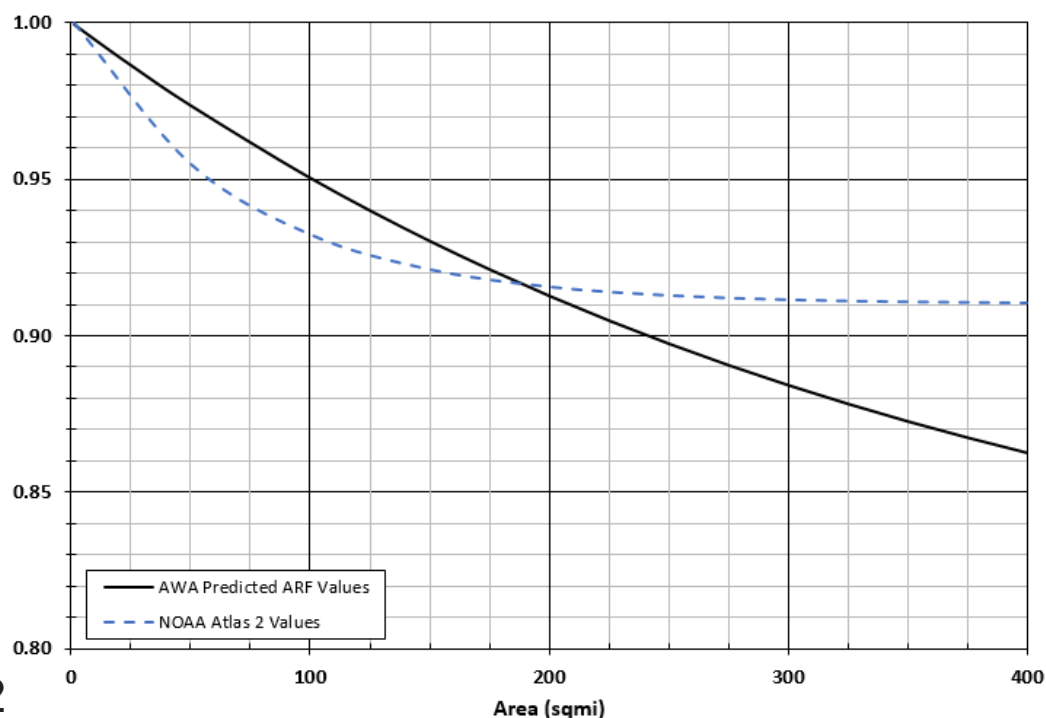
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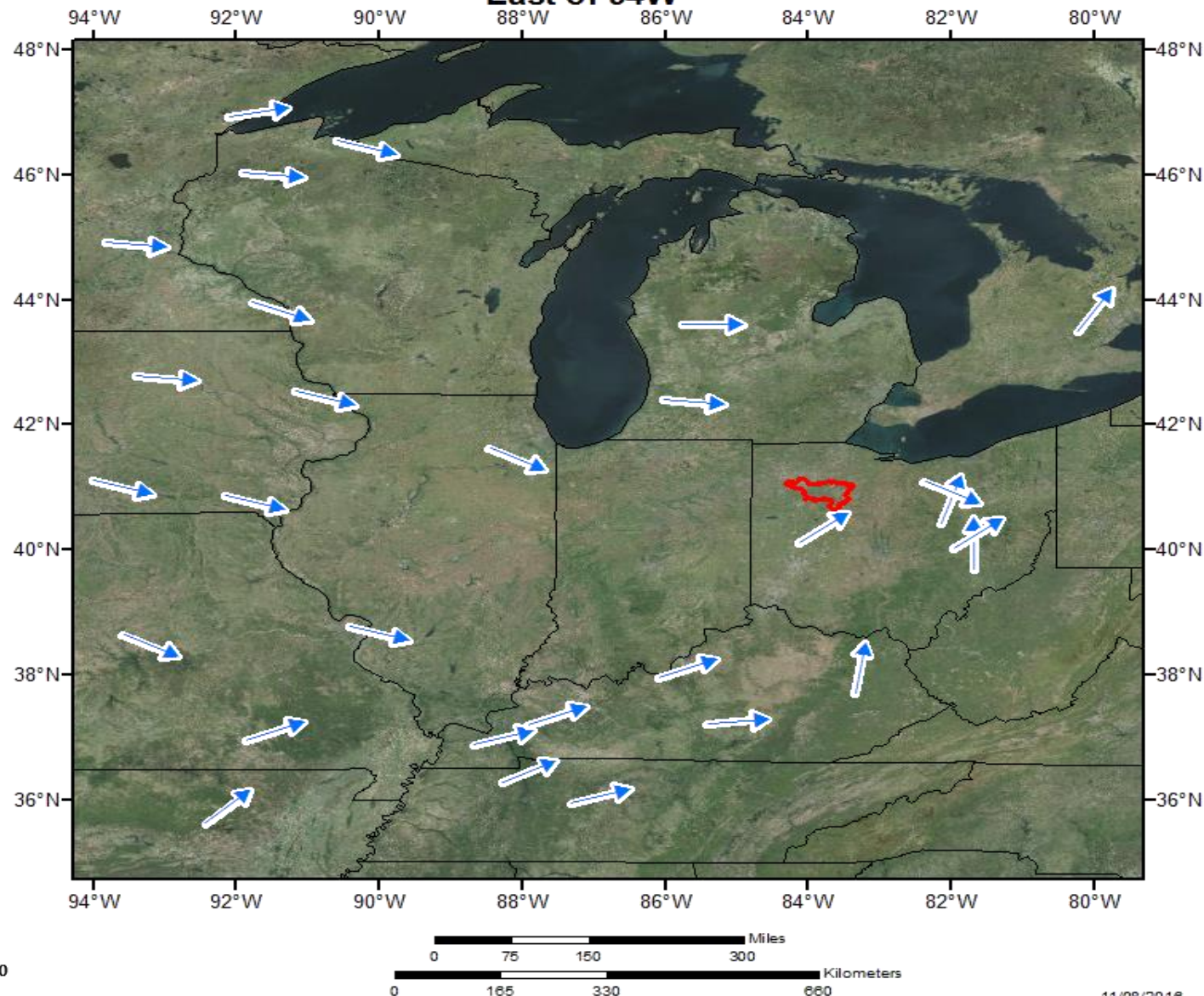
# Spatial Distribution



Areal Reduction Factors



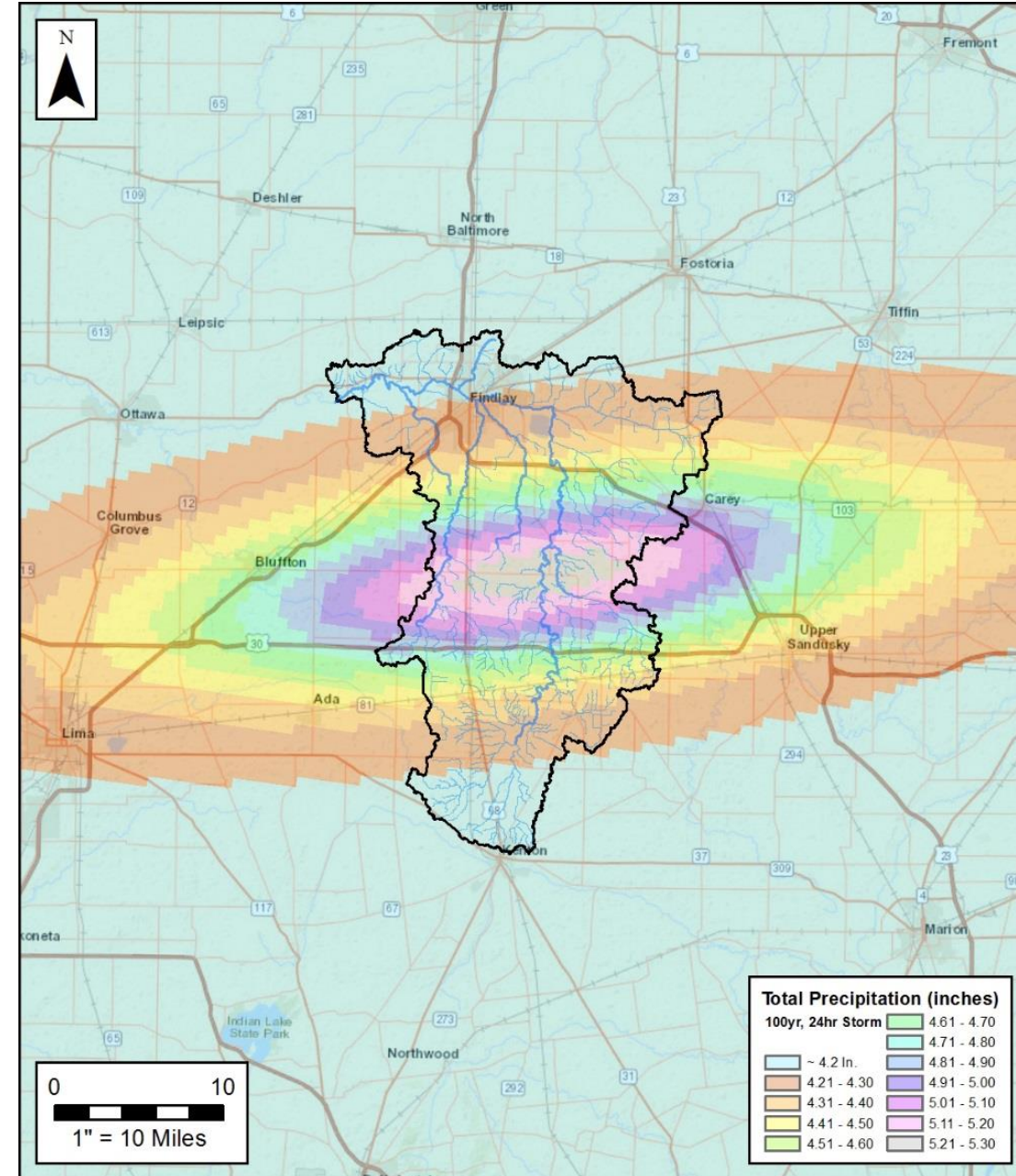
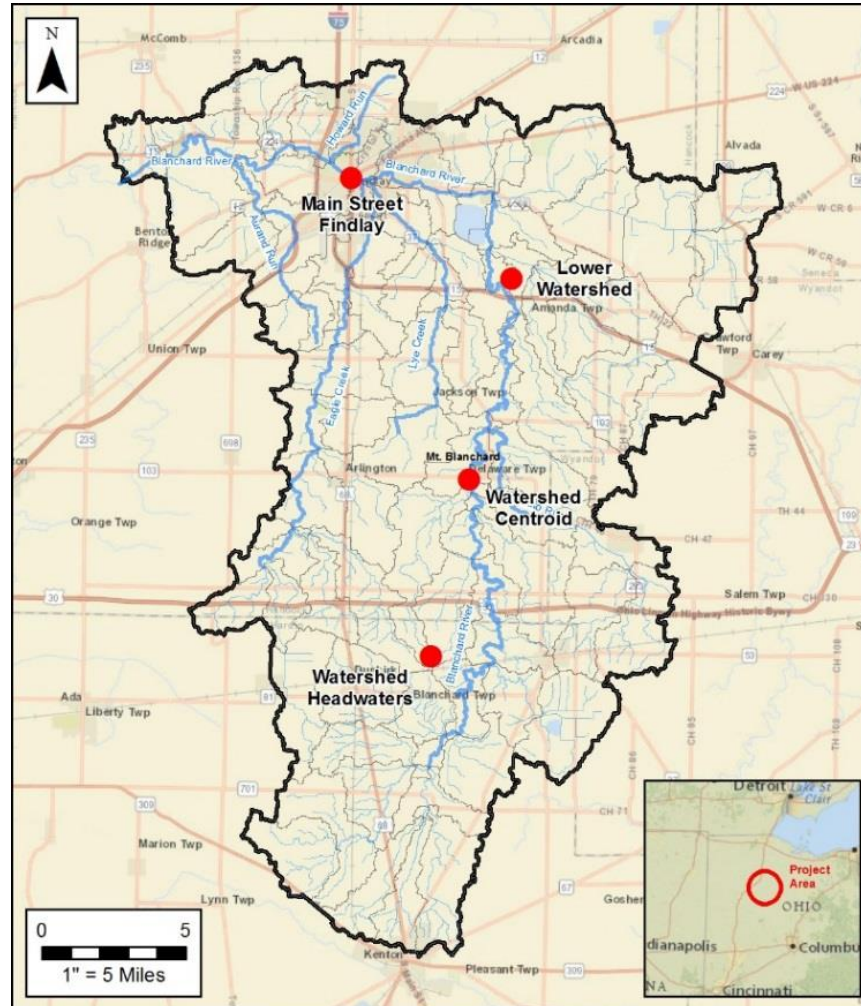
Eagle Creek Storm Orientations  
East of 94°W



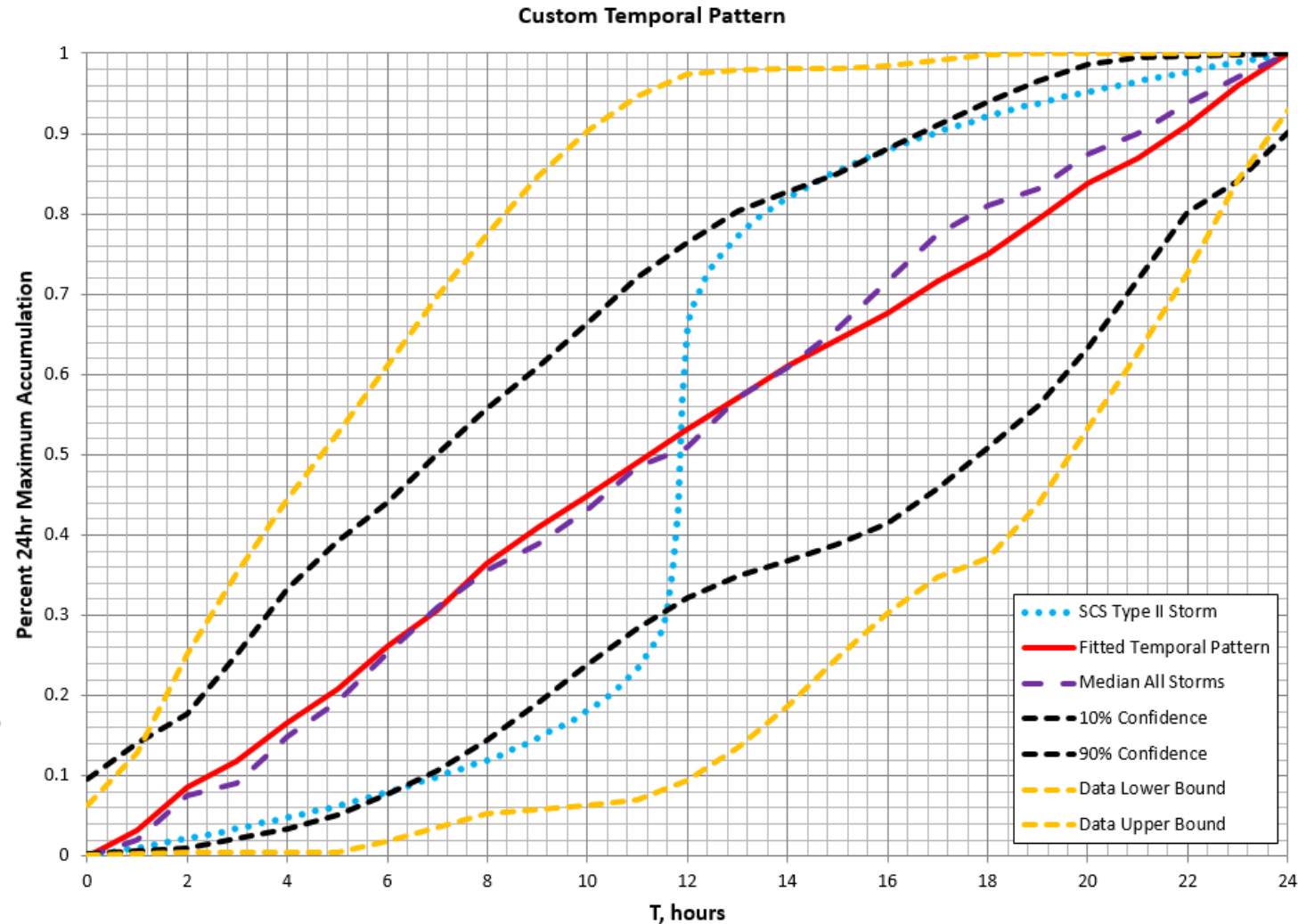
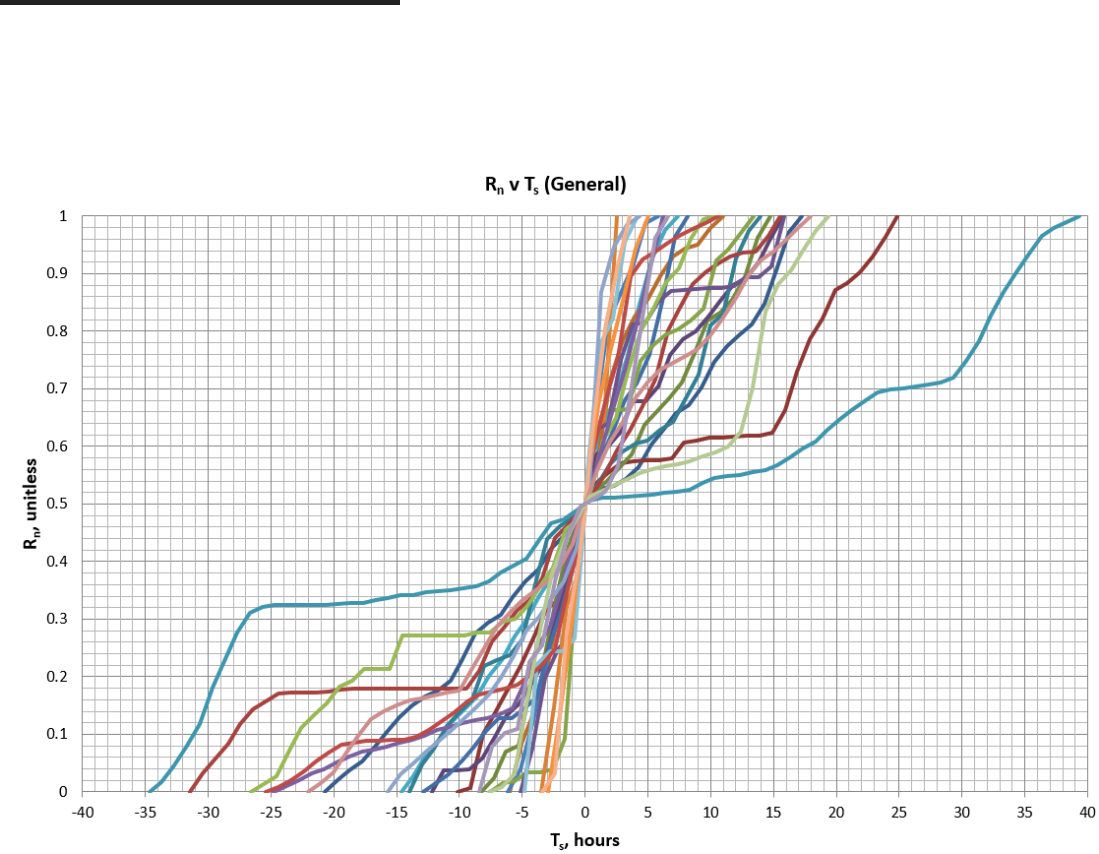


# Spatial Distribution

## – Custom Hypothetical Storm



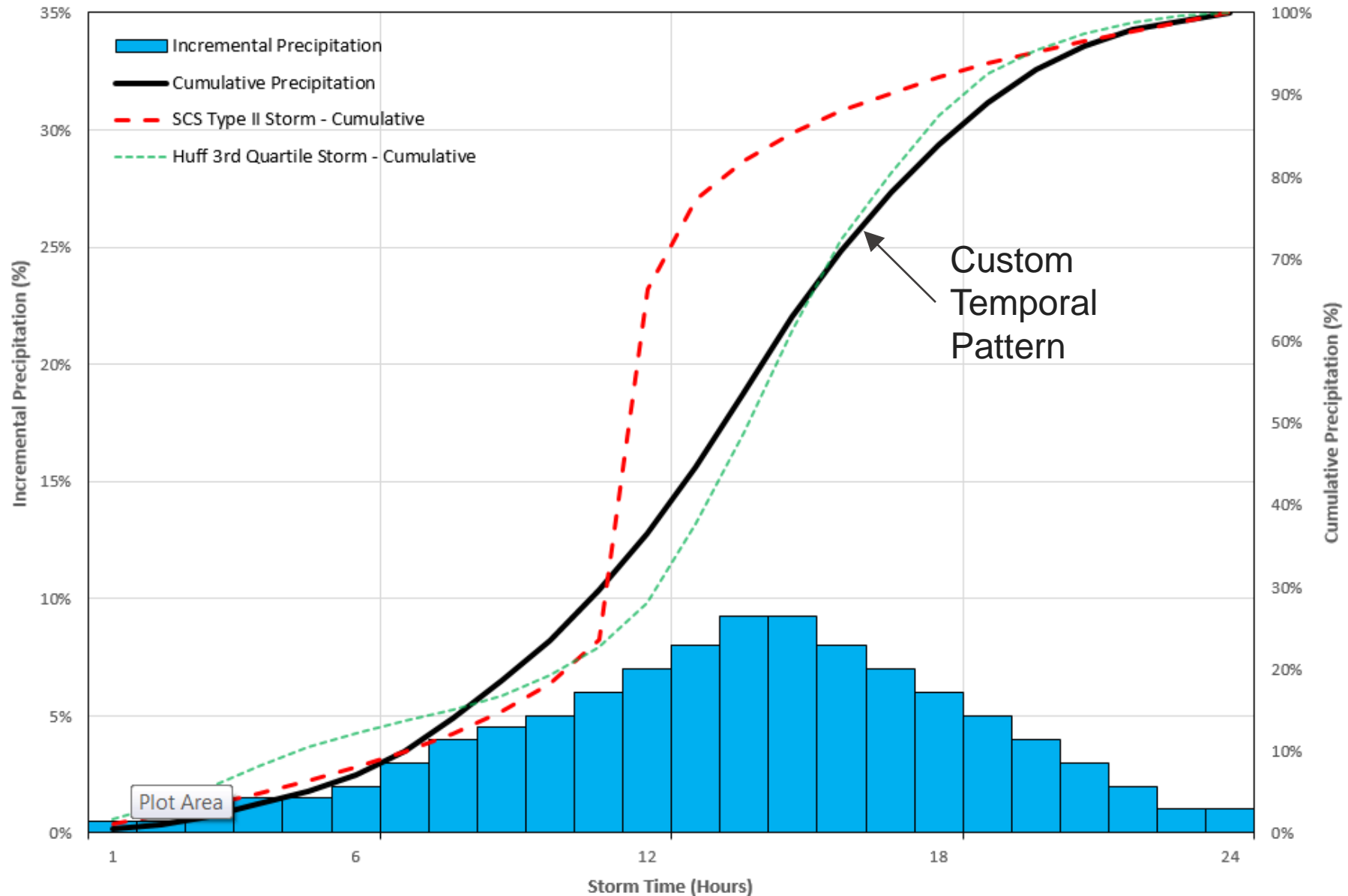
# Temporal Patterns





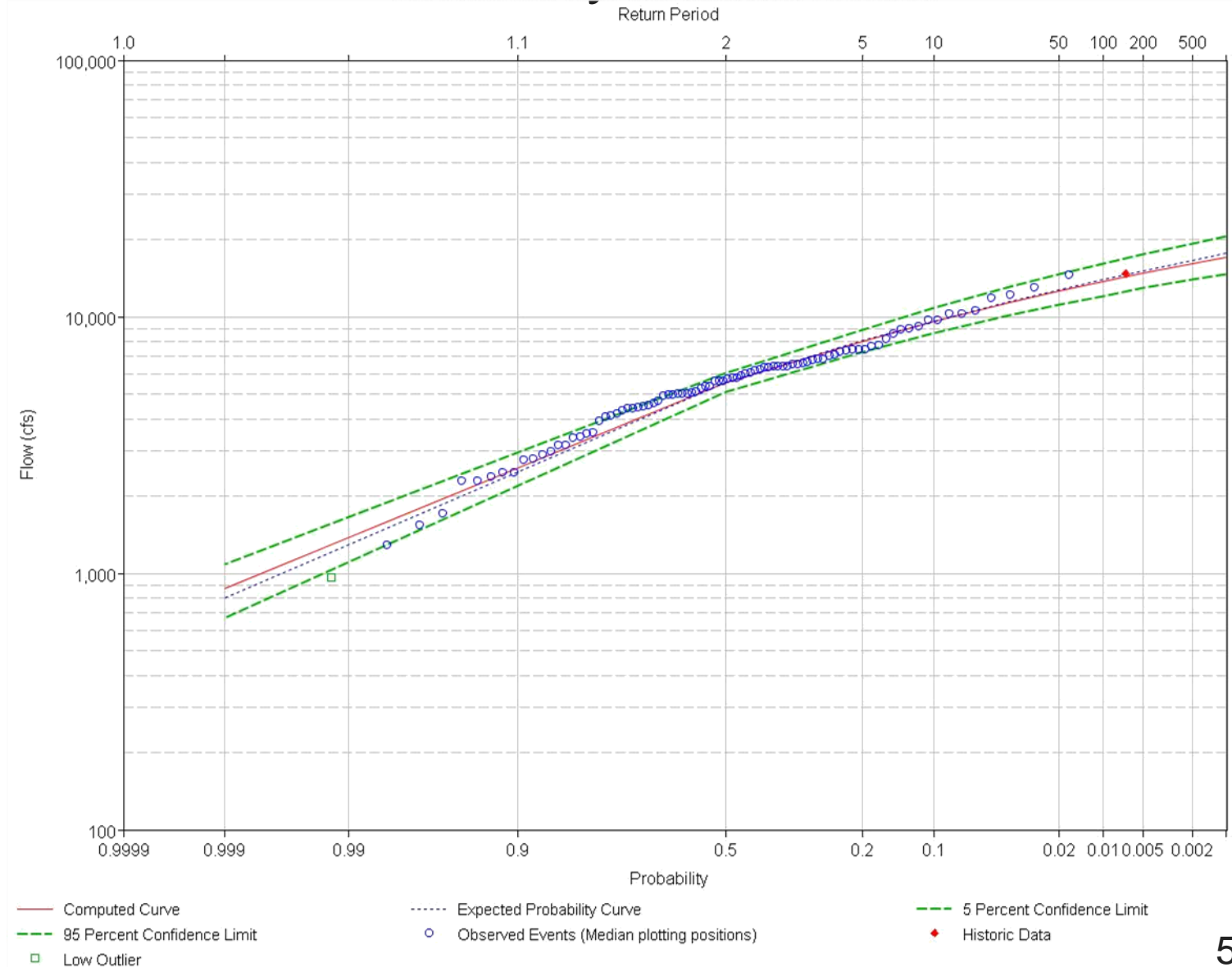
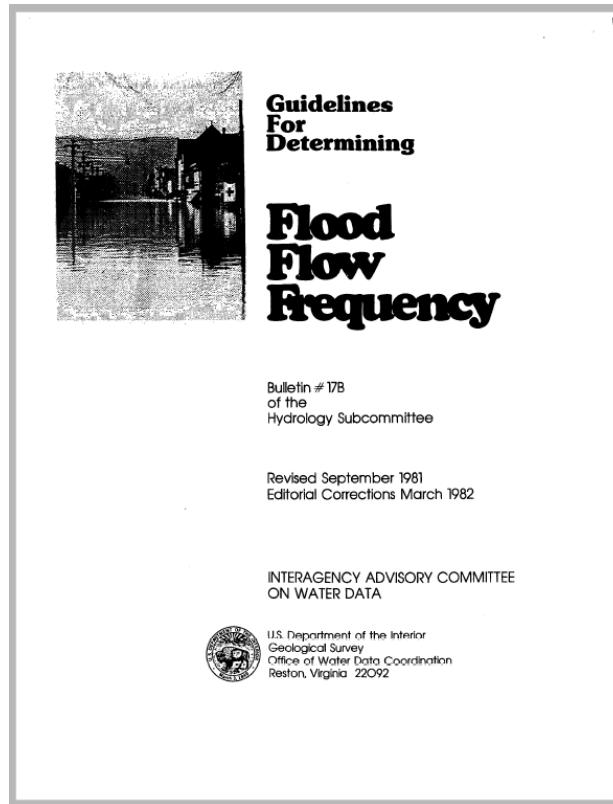
# Temporal Patterns

AWA Observed Temporal Pattern  
(24-Hour Duration)



# USGS Gage #04189000

## Blanchard River Downstream of Findlay





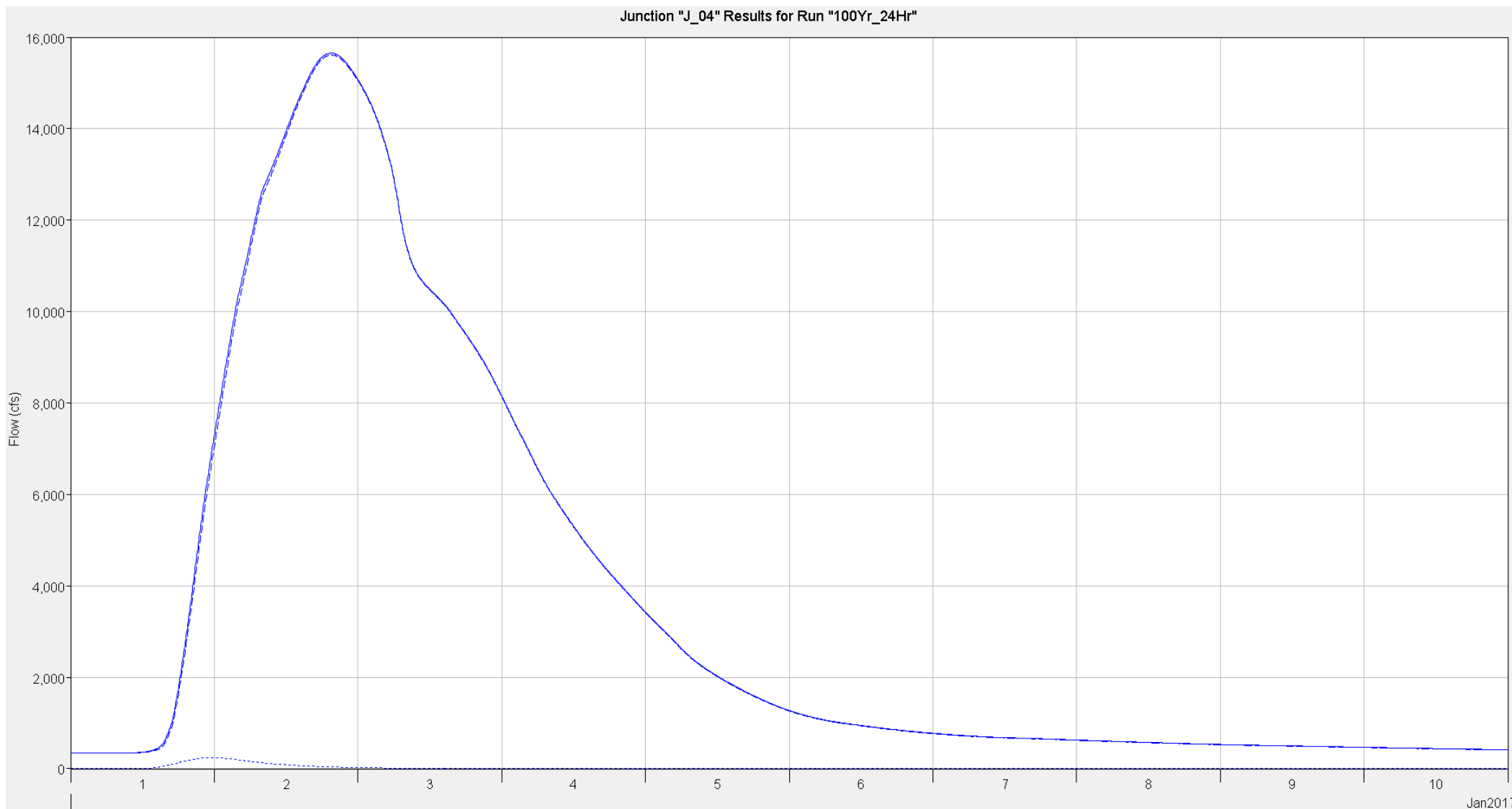
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## Blanchard River Downstream of Findlay

Percent Chance Exceedance	Average Recurrence Interval (years)	Computed Discharge (cfs)	Confidence Limits	
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0.1	1000	17,117	20,649	14,715
0.2	500	16,156	19,351	13,964
0.5	200	14,811	17,552	12,903
1.0	<b>100</b>	<b>13,727</b>	16,120	12,039
2.0	50	12,576	14,619	11,113
4.0	25	11,346	13,037	10,111
10.0	10	9,559	10,788	8,625
20.0	5	8,028	8,918	7,319
50.0	2	5,530	6,020	5,086
99.9	1	875	1,084	667

# Sept. 2011 Calibrated Geometry

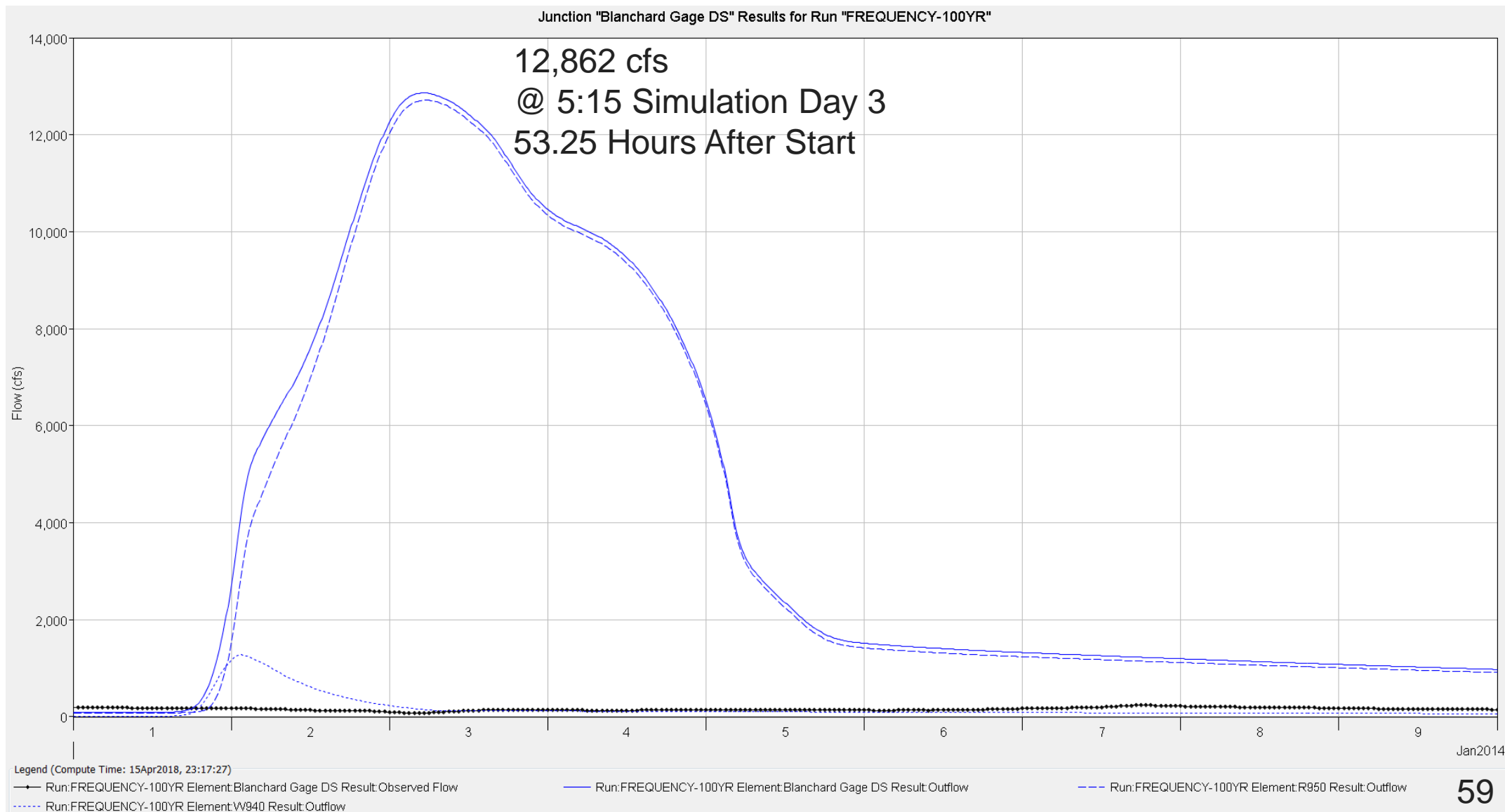
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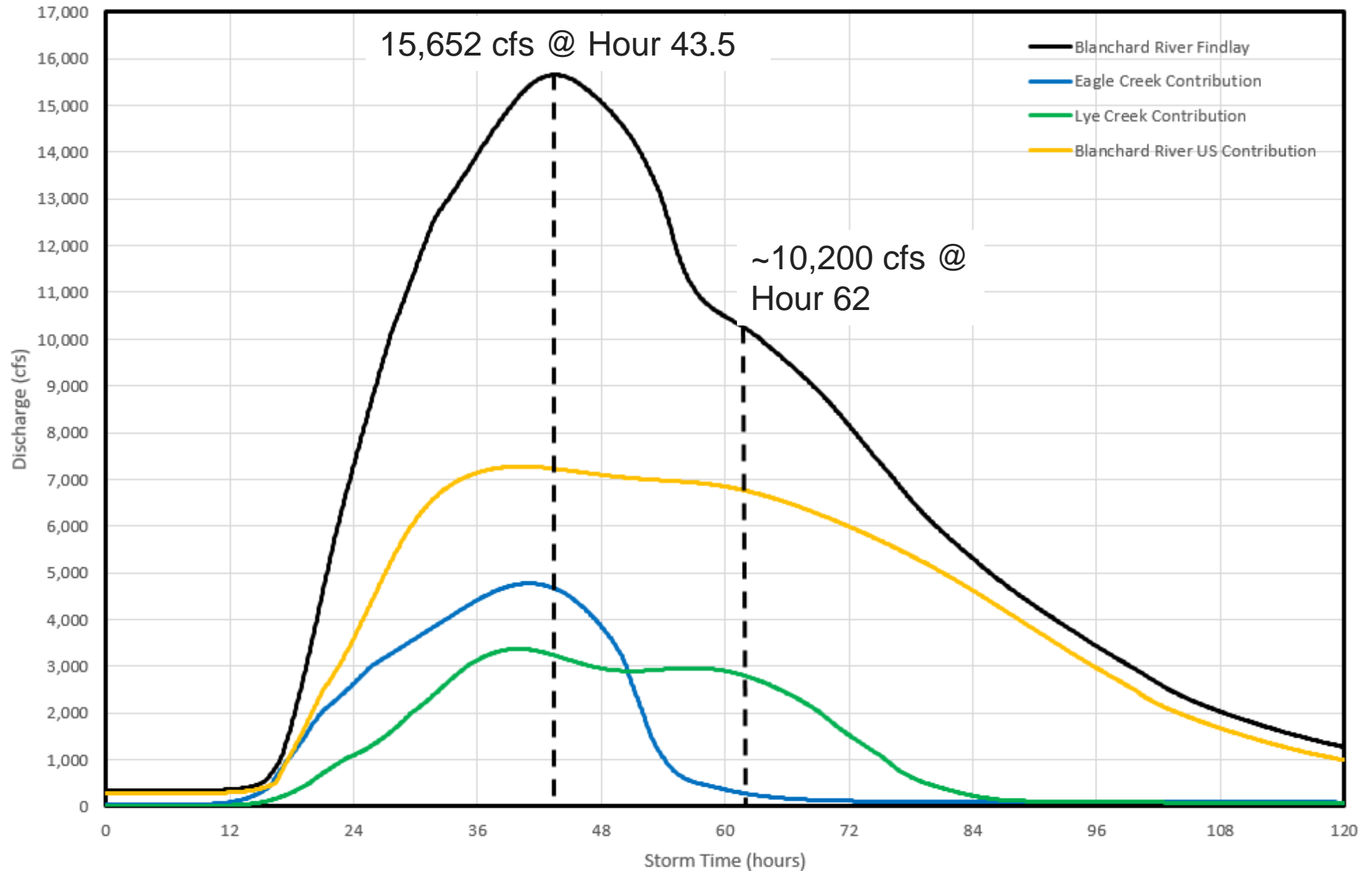
# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event

## HEC-HMS Frequency Storm



# Blanchard River in Findlay, Ohio

## 100-Year, 24-Hour Storm = 5.26" Custom Spatial / Temporal Patterns



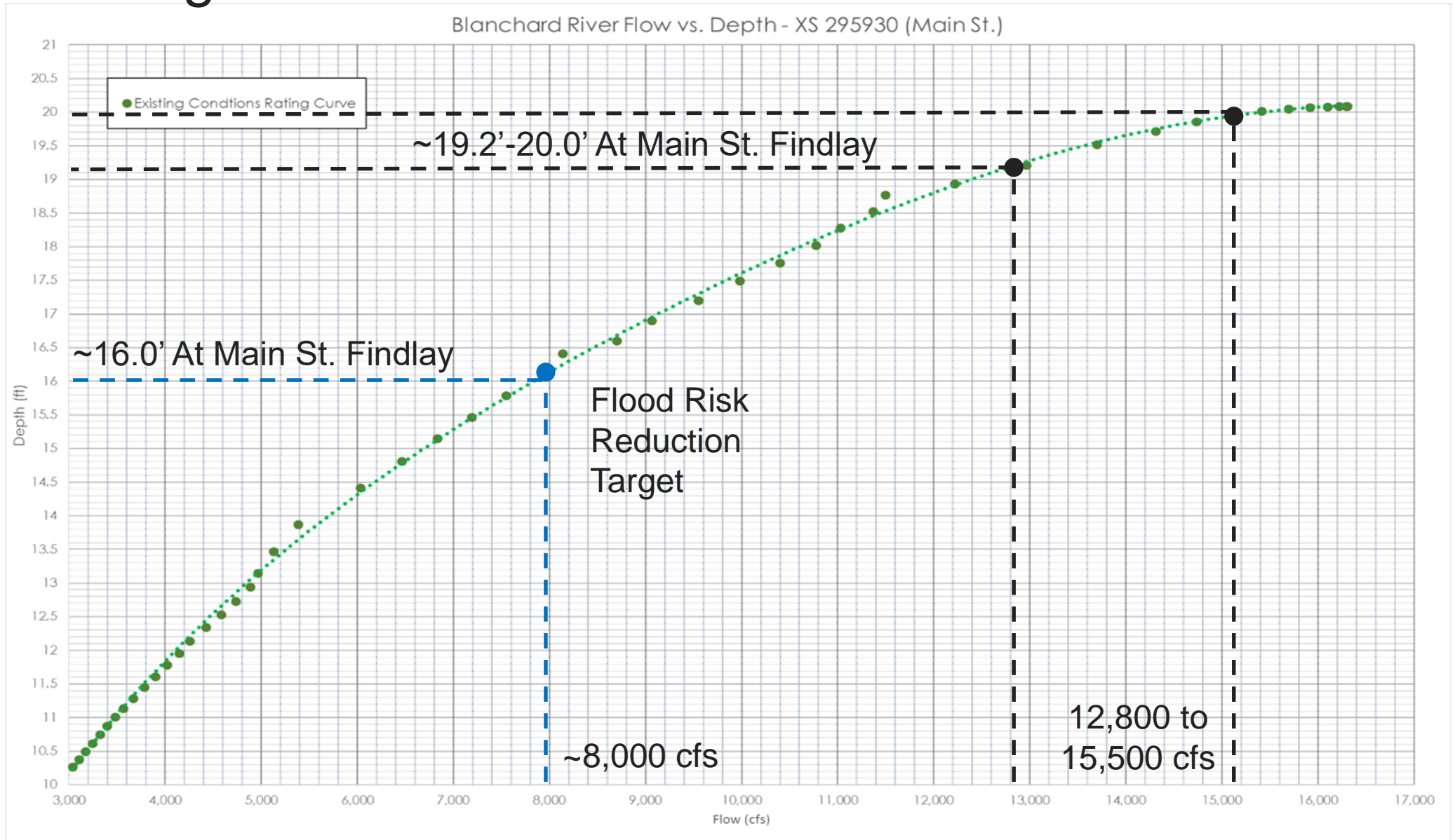


# Recommendation #1 – Channel Modifications



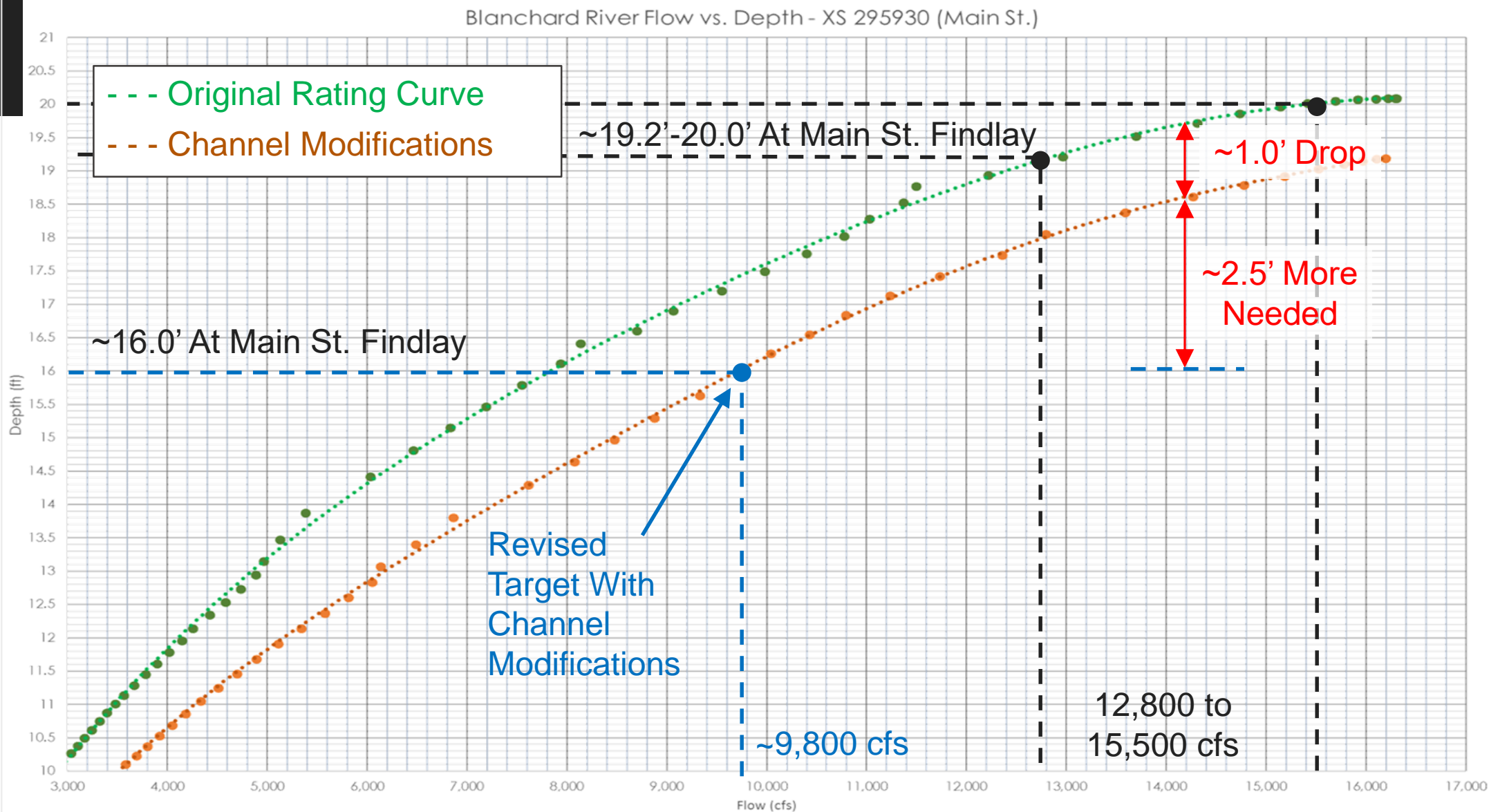


# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event Existing Conditions



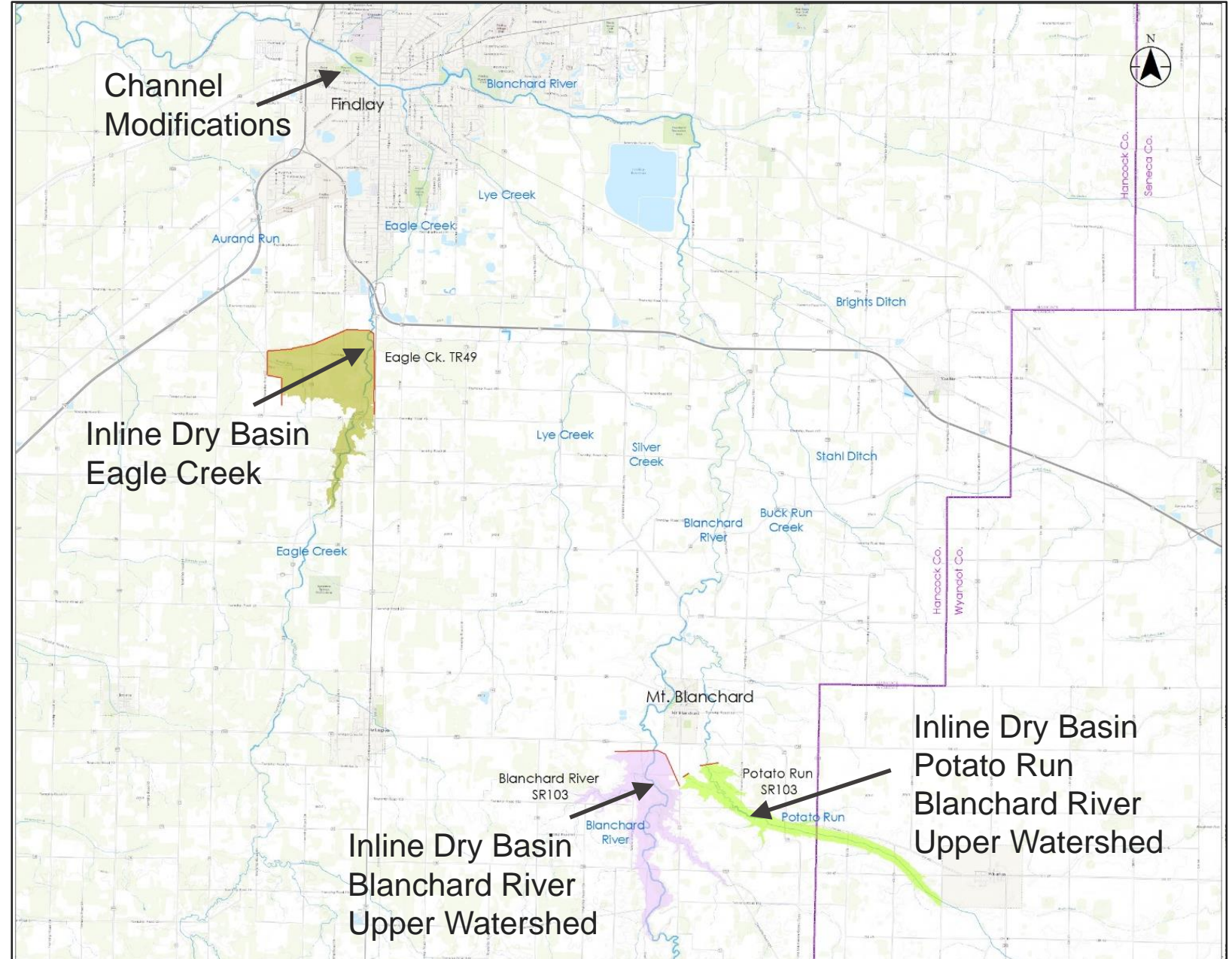


# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event With Channel Modifications



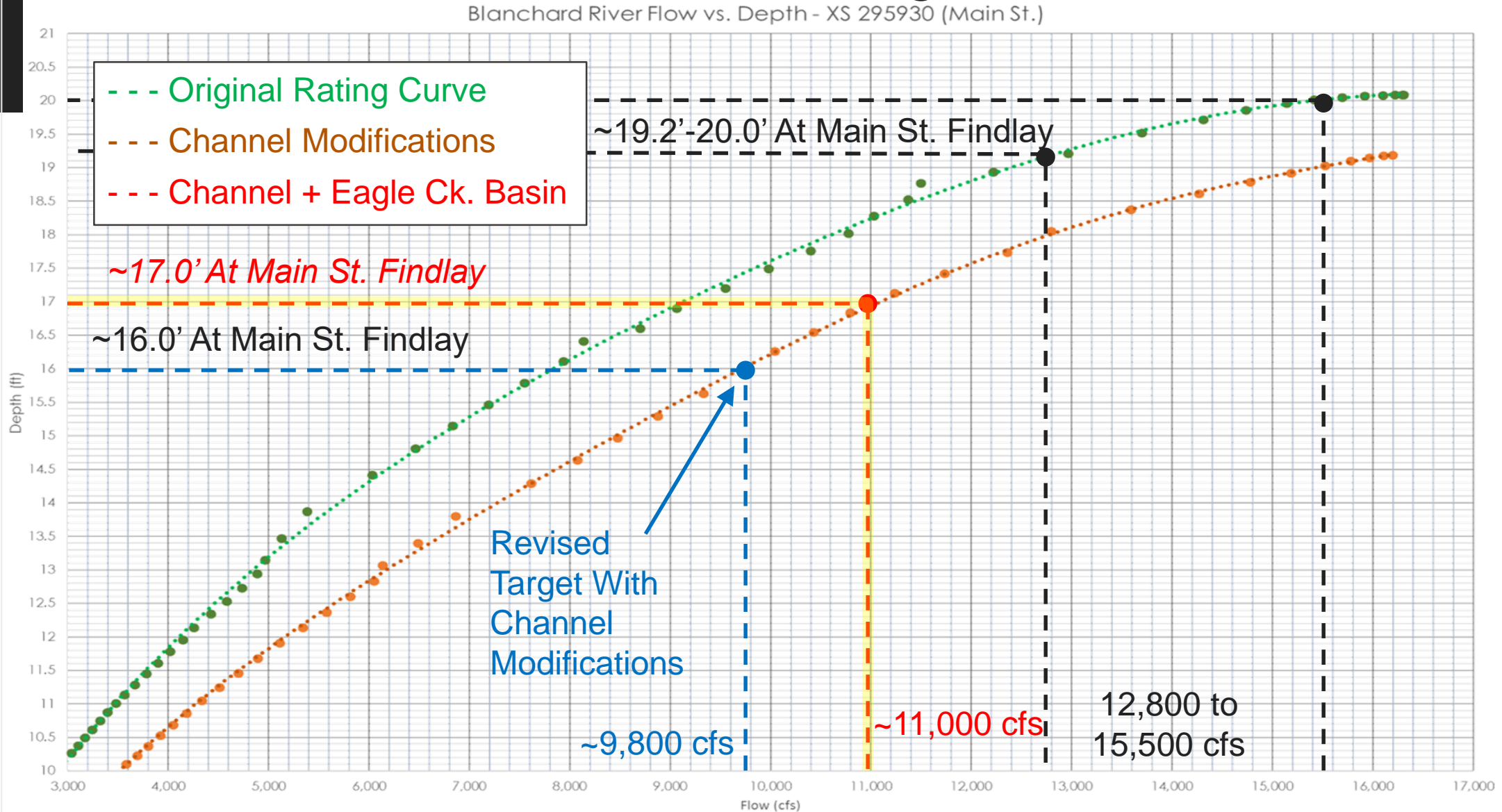
# Other Flood Risk Reduction Measures

CONCEPTUAL  
FOR DISCUSSION  
PURPOSES ONLY

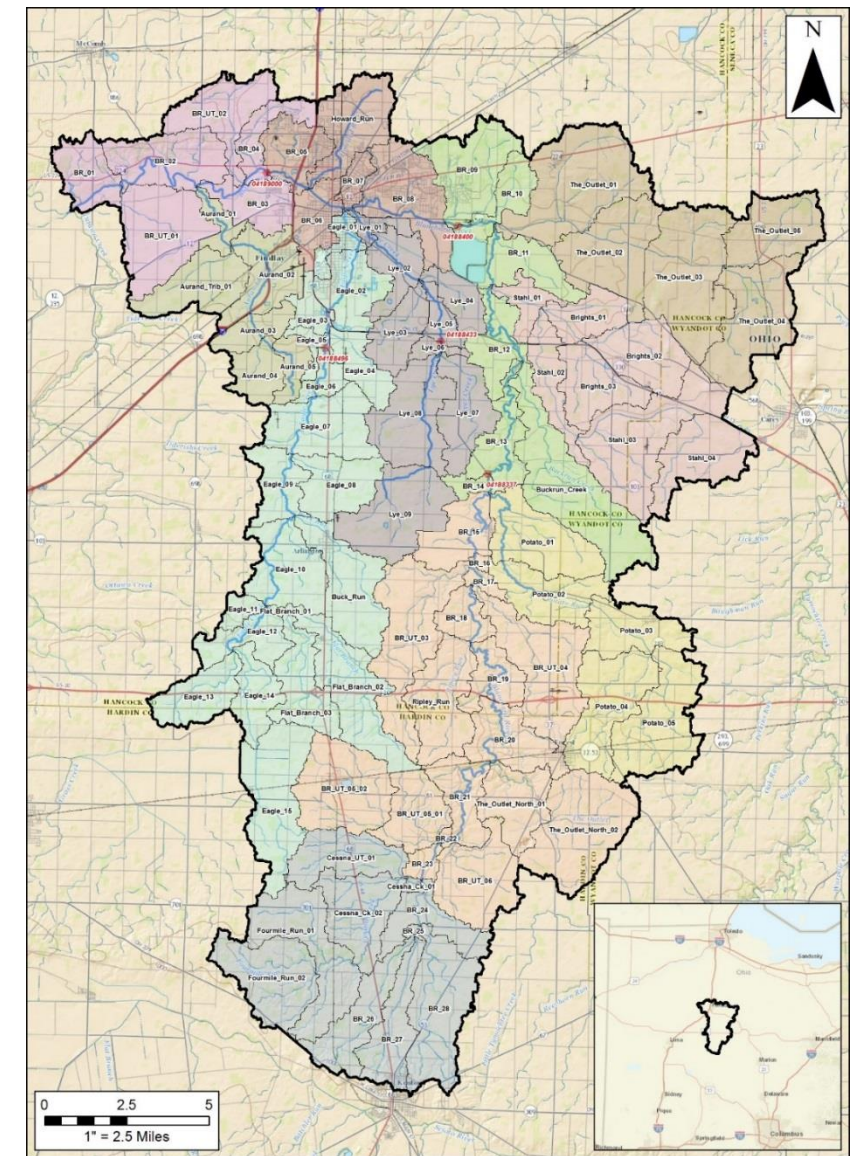
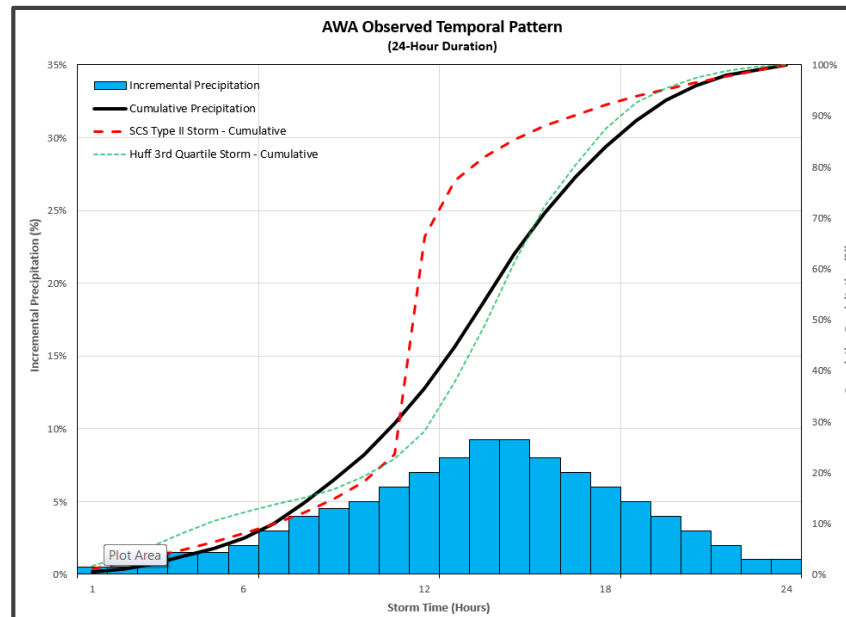
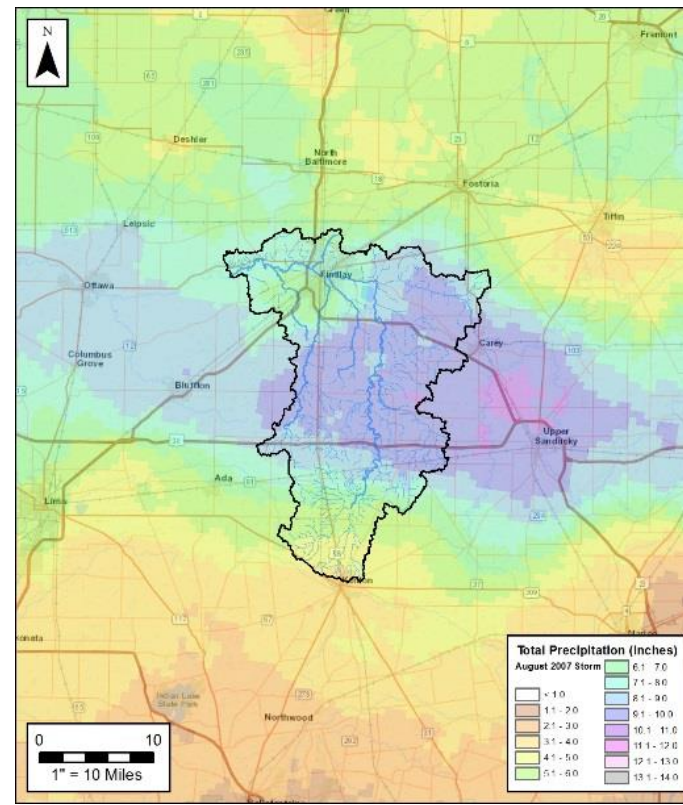




# 1% Annual Chance (100-Year) Flood Event With Channel Modifications + Eagle Creek Basin



# Questions? Comments?



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