

HOW TO REVIEW 2D MODELS AND WHAT TO SUBMIT IN CLIENT SUBMITTALS

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POLL QUESTION

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT A 2D MODEL IS?
(YES OR NO)**

**HAVE YOU EVER CREATED OR
REVIEWED A 2D MODEL?
(YES OR NO)**

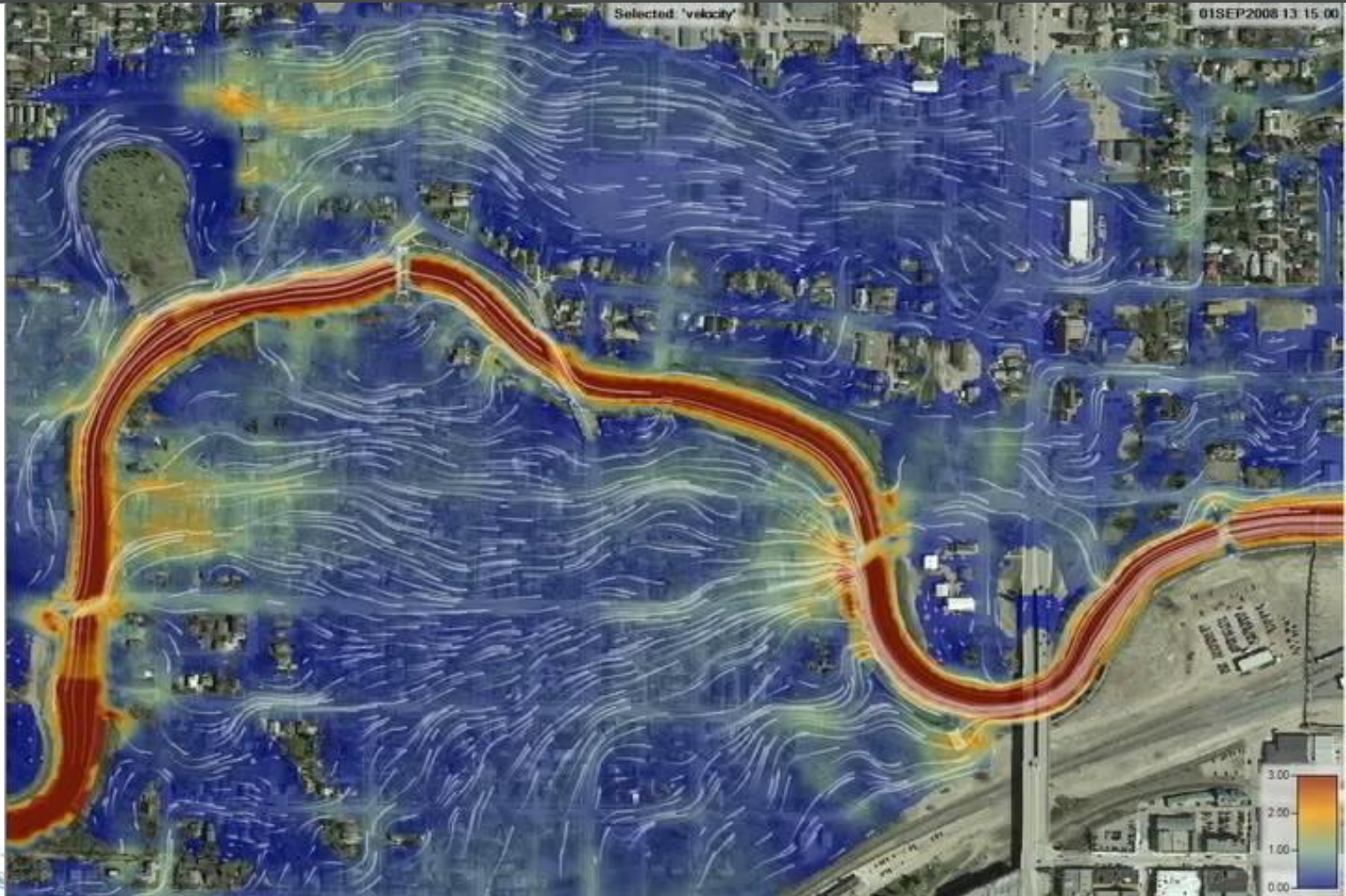
The good news about computers is that they do what you tell them to do. The bad news is that they do what you tell them to do.

-Ted Nelson

Presentation Overview

- Crash Course in 2D Modeling
- 2D Guidelines
- How to Review 2D Models
- What to Submit to Clients
- Questions

Crash Course in 2D Modeling



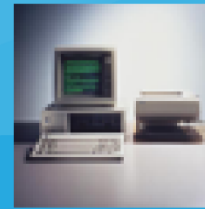
Modeling History Timeline

Experimentation and understanding of more complex fluid processes (turbulence, advection-diffusion, etc.)

1900

Free-surface flow governing equations

Due to computational limitations, 1D models are applied broadly with the advent of PC.



1940

Development of numerical models with the advent of computing

1960

GPU's
Cloud Computing

1990

Advances in computing allow for broad use of more complex codes which better reflect governing equations (i.e., 1D/2D, 2D, 3D)

2017



Future of Modeling “Video Games for Adults”

Retail Price

Video Card \$1,500

Game Rig \$30,000



RTX 3090 GAMING X TRIO 24G PCI Express
4.0 Video Card

Condition: **New** | Ticker: NVDA-MSGR3DB | **100% Authentic**

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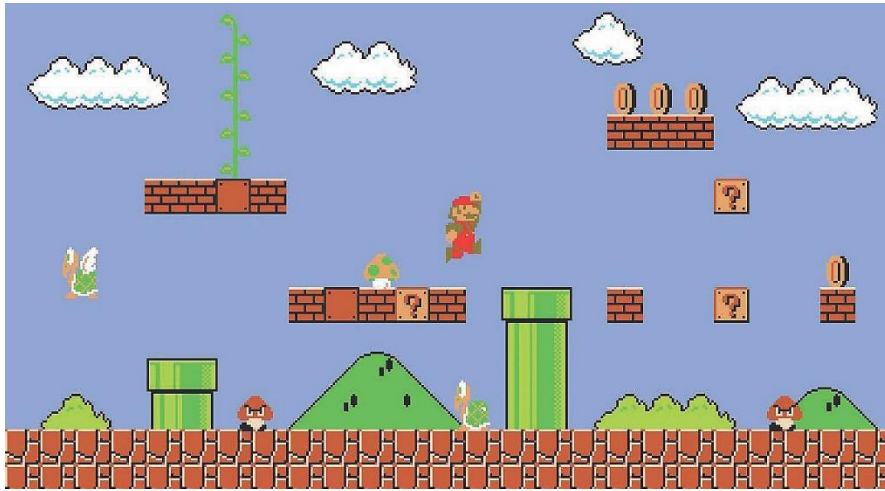
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What do you do for
work? I play video
games

Video Games for Adults

1D Modeling



2D Modeling



Video Games for Adults

3D Modeling



Is that Hunter
our “Cruise
Director”
taking a
swim!!

Different Types of Equations

- Physical Modeling
- 3-D Navier Stokes Equations
- 2-D Saint Venant Equations
 - Approximation of NSE using depth-averaging
- 1-D Saint Venant Equation
 - Approximation of 2-D SVE using width-averaging
- Backwater curves (i.e., steady flow)
 - Approximation of 1-D SVE by ignoring time terms
- Uniform flow (i.e., Manning's equation)
- All models are simplifications of complex processes!!
No model can represent all processes accurately.

More limiting assumptions

Increasing Computational ease

Conservation of Mass

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (hu)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (hv)}{\partial y} = \text{Sources} - \text{Sinks}$$

- $\frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$ is the rate of increase (or decrease) in water level, which for a fixed cell size is representative of the rate of change of volume of water contained in the cell
- $\frac{\partial (hu)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (hv)}{\partial y}$ is the spatial variation in inflow (or outflow) across the cell in the x and y directions
- **Sources** = Rainfall, Stormwater Outlets, or Pump Outlets
- **Sinks** = Pump Intakes, Infiltration, or Evaporation

Conservation of Momentum

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -g \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - c_f u + f_v$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -g \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + \mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) - c_f v - f_u$$

Where:

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}}_{\text{Local Acceleration}} + \underbrace{u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}_{\text{Advective Acceleration}} = \text{flow acceleration}$$

$$g \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \text{hydrostatic pressure gradient}$$

$$\mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = \text{turbulent (eddy) viscosity}$$

$c_f u = \text{bed friction}$

$f_v = \text{Coriolis acceleration}$

Different Types of Modeling

Steady flow 1-D

Seconds

Unsteady flow 1-D

Minutes

Sediment transport 1-D (event)

Minutes

Sediment transport 1-D (long-term)

Hours

Steady flow 2-D

Minutes/hours

Unsteady flow 2-D

Hours/days

Sediment transport 2-D

Hours/days

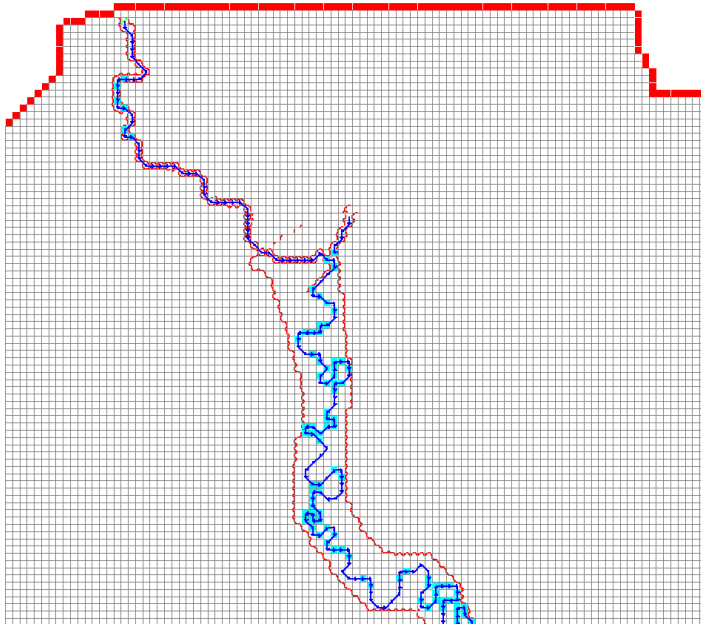
Unsteady flow 3-D

Days/weeks

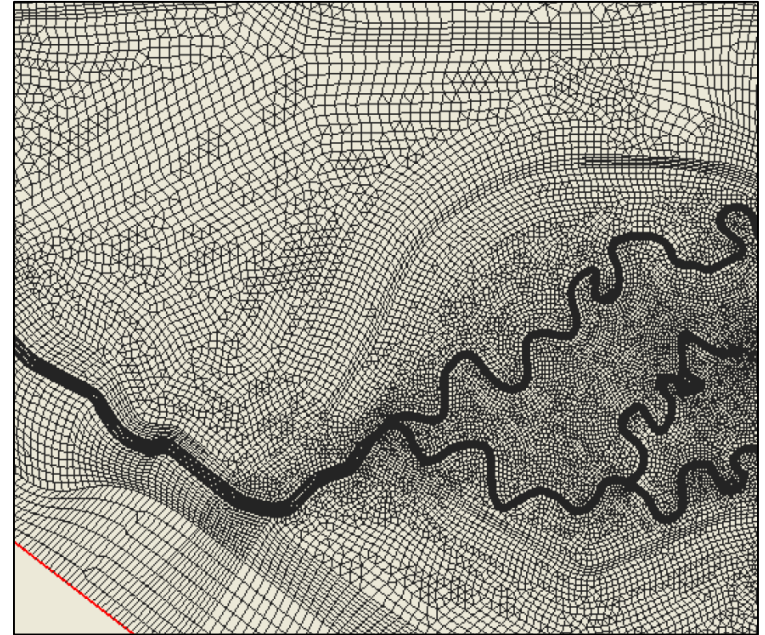


* 2D model costs can be similar to 1D depending on complexity

Types of Meshes



Finite Difference (Grid)



Finite Element/Volume
(Triangles/
Other Shapes)

Model	Discretization (FD, FE, FV)	Numerical Solution Scheme	Notes	Proprietary
AdH	FV	Various	Adaptive Mesh	No
FLO-2D	FD	Explicit	Hydrology	Yes
HEC-RAS	FV	Semi-Implicit	Captures cell-face topography	No
Mike Flood	FV and FD	Implicit	GPU Solver	Yes
RiverFlow2D	FE and FV	Explicit	GPU Solver	Yes
SRH-2D	FV	Implicit	Sediment Transport	No
XPSWMM/ TUFLOW	FV and FD	Implicit	Hydrology for the FD GPU Solver	Yes

Advantages/Disadvantages

2D Better Results

- Behind levee systems
- Bays and estuaries
- Braided streams
- Alluvial fans
- Abrupt bends
- Wide floodplains
- Applications where velocities are important (bridges)

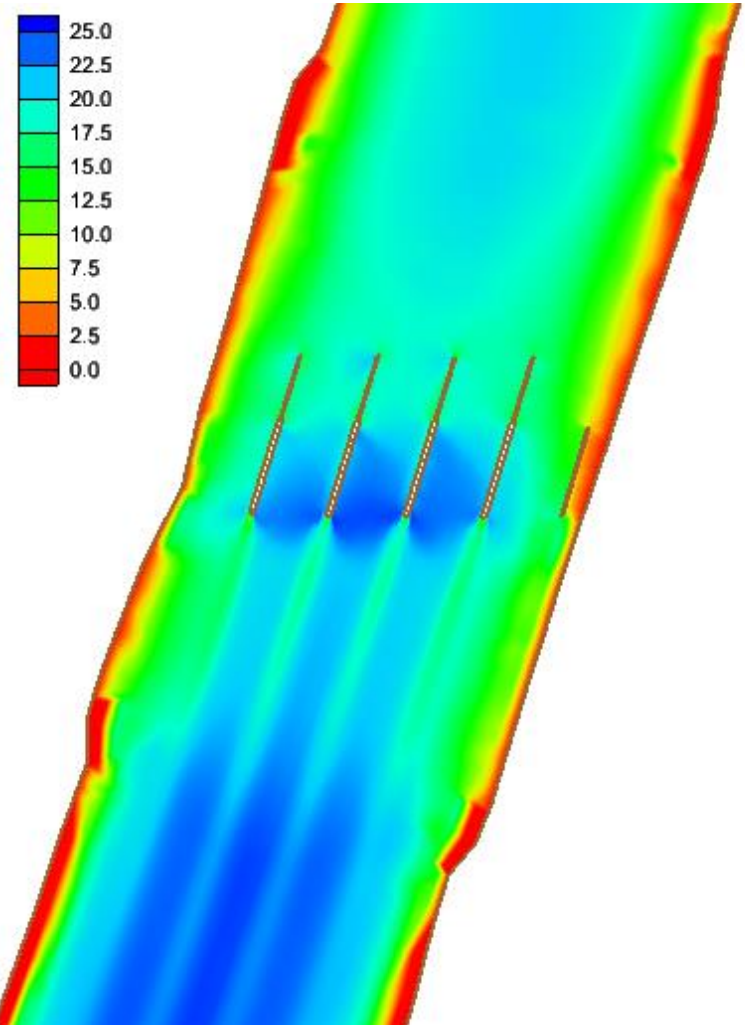
1D Better Results

- Rivers which dominant flow in one direction
- Steep stream highly gravity driven
- Large models (over 100 miles)
- No detailed data

Accuracy

~~1-D = Less Accurate
2-D = More Accurate~~

- Accuracy is a product of sound engineering judgment and proper application of any model
- Complexity does not equal the best answer for your project

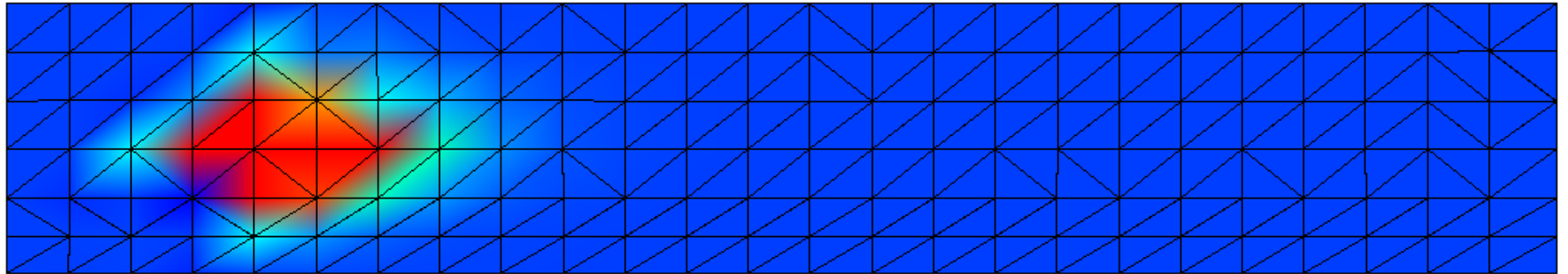


Examples









POLL QUESTION

WHAT REPRESENTS BED FRICTION

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -g \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - c_f u + f_v$$

A

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

B

$$g \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

C

$$\mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

D

$$c_f u$$

2D GUIDELINES



2D Guidelines Document

- Discussion of 2D Models
- Data Requirements
- 2D Modeling References
- Modeling and Mapping
- Model Review
- What to Submit for Review
- What to Submit to FEMA

Email me if you want a copy



Popular Guidance Documents



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Hydrologic Engineering Center

Modeler Application Guidance for Steady vs Unsteady, and 1D vs 2D vs 3D Hydraulic Modeling

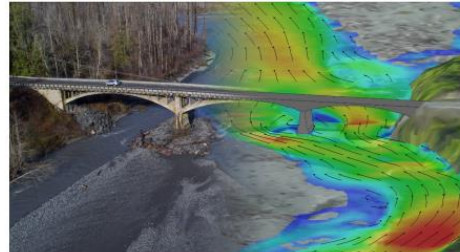
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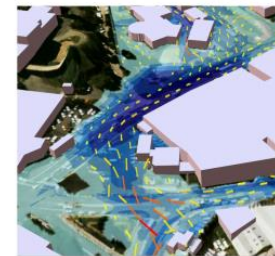
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Two-Dimensional Hydraulic Modeling for Highways in the River Environment Reference Document



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration



Australian Rainfall & Runoff

Revision Projects

PROJECT 15

Two Dimensional Modelling in
Urban and Rural floodplains

STAGE 1&2 REPORT

P15/S1/009

NOVEMBER 2012



2D MODELING 5-STEP REVIEW PROCESS

PREPARE FOR REVIEW



Arrange meeting with project manager and lead modeler

Define overall purpose

Who is the project for

What should be reviewed

Review schedule

QA/QC documentation requirements

Obtain software (if needed)

1

OBTAIN DATA



Report or summary

Model files

Hydrology

Terrain data

Imagery

Landuse

Structure data

Calibration

Other

2

INPUT REVIEW



Boundary conditions

Terrain

Geometry

Roughness

Model control inputs

Structures and storm drains

1D channels

Infiltration

Levees and walls

3

OUTPUT



Numerical health

Structures and storm drains

Infiltration

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Depths and velocities

Calibration

Plots/maps

4

QA/QC DOCUMENTATION



Ready for review

Independent review

Address comments

Make changes

Verification/backcheck

5

1. PREPARE FOR REVIEW

The “Getting up to Speed Phase” you need to gain an understanding of:

- Understand the Purpose of the Analysis

- Who is the Analyst?

- What is the level of Analysis and Audience?

- Do you have the right data?

- Am I a Disinterested Party?

- What elements are being reviewed?

- Is the time allowed sufficient?

- What is the intent of the review?

- DATA: What for?

- What level of Confidence (or Advance)

- Do I have Adequate Software to review (version number, known bugs or issues, etc...)



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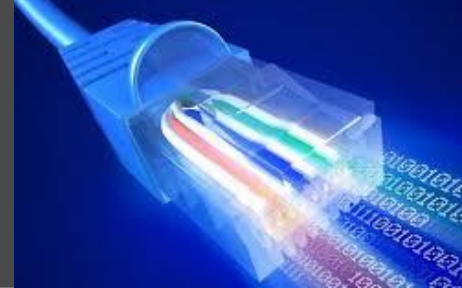
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Structures, Levees, and other Significant Model Elements:

- Engineering Drawings, or As-Builts (Hardcopy or Digital)
- Survey Data
- GIS or Database of Elements (Inlets, Outlets, Sizes and Inverts, etc...)
- Maintenance Records (Debris?)

Digital Image and Photo Files:

- Images: Geo-Referenced?
- Photos: Geo Located – Is there a drawing that shows where all photos were taken and what direction they were taken

2. OBTAINING DATA



Terrains: Information About the Data:

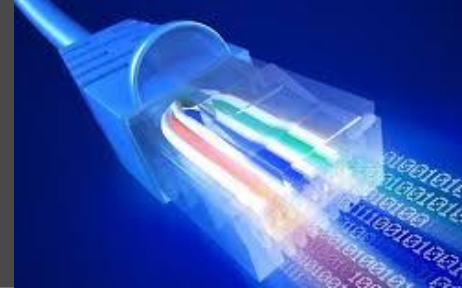
- Vertical Datum and Horizontal Projection for each data provided
- Accuracy of the data for each
- When/how was the data obtained
- Conditions at the time the data was obtained (water in channel)
- Metadata

Terrain Data – Basis of the Surface:

- RAW Data (direct survey data, LiDAR data point files)
- Final Terrain Basis
 - Description of the process used to develop this
 - Combination of sources,
 - What data was excluded and why?
 - Locations where adjustments were made



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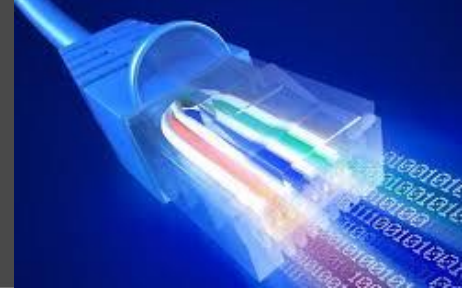
Sources of Runoff Data:

- Previously reviewed and Approved/Accepted Study and/or Model
- Locally accepted method or model
- Stream gage data?
- Stated Values? (assumed)

Hydrology – Reality Check other Resources:

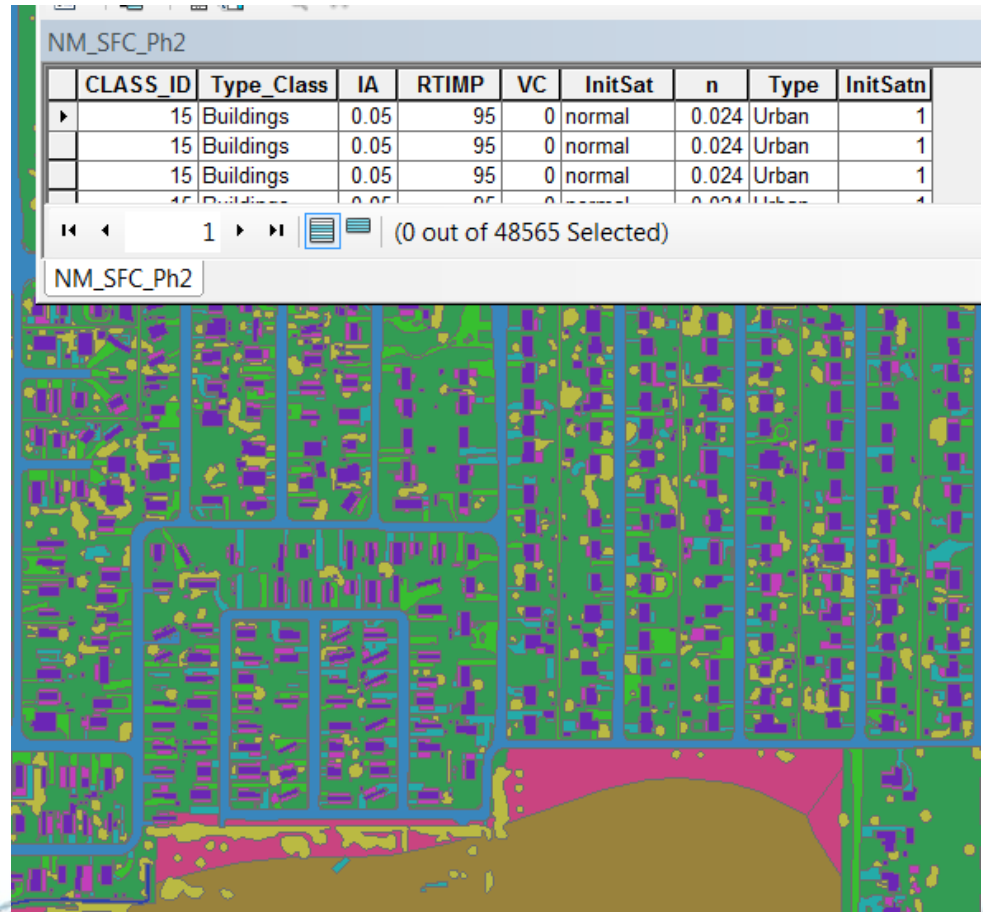
- Compare to FEMA FIS published rates?
- Compare to USGS regression equations
- Compare to NOAA Atlas
- Compare to historical known events or locally recorded information

2. OBTAINING DATA



Hydrology Data Sets:

- Soils Data
- Land cover, land use, vegetation type
- Infiltration potential
- Rainfall: Elevation varied, spatially varied



3. INPUT REVIEW

Boundary Conditions Verification:

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3. INPUT REVIEW



Terrain Review:

- Verify Horizontal Projection of all data sets
- Verify Vertical Datum of all data sets
- Verify accuracy of terrain
- Verify High/Low ground grade breaks were included
- Verify inverts of channels are ground not water or obstructed/interpolated
- Verify Seams of combined data do not include vertical changes
- Check final Terrain, vs. Raw data.
- Verify intended Terrain Modifications were incorporated into final model.



3. INPUT REVIEW



Model Geometry Decision Review:

- Does the model Geometry represent the Terrain well?
 - Are **elements** of appropriate size, shape & alignment to adequately describe the **terrain** and **water slope surface**? Is timing appropriate, and combined appropriately
 - Does the Geometry account for features like levees and embankments?
 - Does the Geometry account for flow restrictions such as walls or structures (if not accounted for by other means such as roughness)?
 - If variable element sizes are used, does the transition from small to large cells occur gradually?
- Was a sensitivity analysis for Element size performed?
 - Does making the element sizes smaller produce significantly different results?

3. INPUT REVIEW



Roughness Review:

- Details of how roughness is accounted for in the model
- References available: agency guidelines, other standard references
- Are values reasonable for the “purpose”, and within the range of published values
- If roughness is variable, check to see how model is adjusting those values during the run.
- Does roughness account for impediments (not accounted for in terrain)?



3. INPUT REVIEW



Model Control Variable Inputs Review:

- Different for each model environment, verify if appropriate values were used
 - Time Steps (if applicable)
 - Simulation duration cover the entire event
 - Output Interval
 - Depth for water movement (if rain on grid, should be smaller)
 - Vertical Tolerances, Flow rate Tolerances
 - Courant, etc (per software recommendations)
- Was sensitivity analysis performed for the Control Variables, and are inputs consistent with those findings?

HEC-RAS Unsteady Computation Options and Tolerances

General | 2D Flow Options | 1D/2D Options | Advanced Time Step Control | 1D Mixed Flow Options

Use Coriolis Effects (only when using the momentum equation)

Number of cores to use in 2D computations: All Available

	Parameter	(Default)
1	Theta (0.6-1.0):	1
2	Theta Warmup (0.6-1.0):	1
3	Water Surface Tolerance [max=0.2](ft)	0.01
4	Volume Tolerance (ft)	0.01
5	Maximum Iterations	20
6	Equation Set	Diffusion Wave
7	Initial Conditions Time (hrs)	
8	Initial Conditions Ramp Up Fraction (0-1)	0.1
9	Number of Time Slices (Integer Value)	1
10	Eddy Viscosity Transverse Mixing Coefficient	
11	Boundary Condition Volume Check	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Latitude for Coriolis (-90 to 90)	



3. INPUT REVIEW



Structures, Special Facilities and other embedded 1D Elements Input Review:

- Compare input values to data source (as-builts, GIS)

- Inverts, Slope, Rims, Size
- Location is correct spatially
- Modification data was included

- 1D Channels

- Cross Section Spacing is appropriate
- Roughness, reach lengths
- Trimmed and linked to 2D correctly



- Check that all structures were included, and no undocumented structures were added.



3. INPUT REVIEW



Infiltration:

- Verified if allowed for project “purpose” and per Agency requirements
- Review if method used, is being applied appropriately
- Verify inputs match the source data

Levees and Walls:

- Review Agency guidelines and requirements
- Verify locations are appropriate
 - Verify continuity, ending and starting points
 - Verify top elevations against source data

4. OUTPUT REVIEW

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4. OUTPUT REVIEW



WHAT CAN BE/NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED IS VERY DEPENDANT ON WHICH SOFTWARE IS BEING USED:

It is important in **ALL CASES** to review:

- **Primary Variable Results**

- Water Surface
- Velocity (x and y)

- **Secondary Variable Results**

- Depth
- Flow
- Depth-Velocity Relationships
- Fr – Froude Number

- Tertiary Variable Results:

- Output relating to the numerical health of the model (Cumulative and Incremental)
 - Mass/Volume Conservation
 - Time step variation or incrementing
 - Warnings/Errors noted

4. OUTPUT REVIEW



NUMERICAL HEALTH:

• Mass/Volume Balance Errors:

- (< 1% industry standard)

• High velocities

• Perched water surface elevations

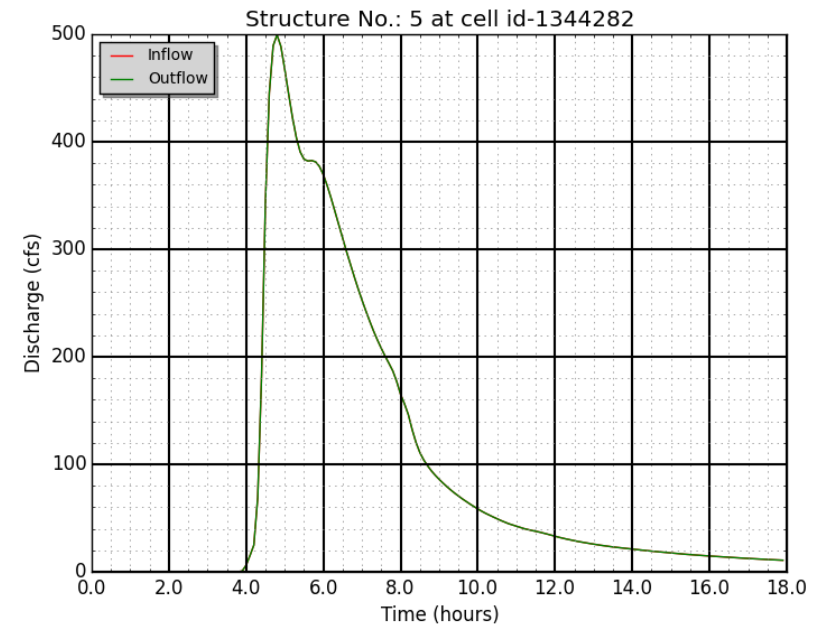
• Oscillations

• Time Step Variations

- May be a particular area of the model is causing this

• Fr – Froude Number

• Control variables approaching or exceeding range limits



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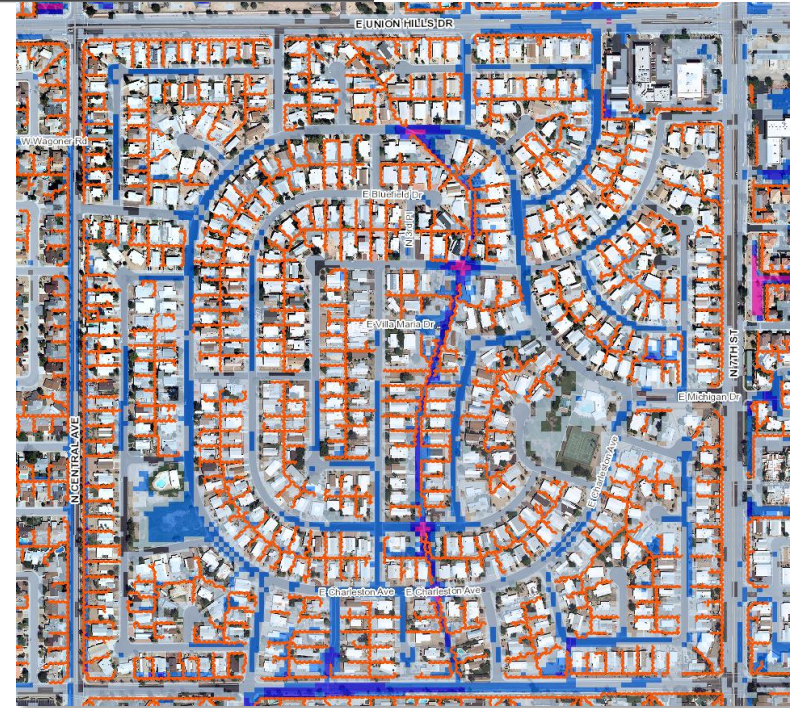
SPECIAL FEATURES:

• 1D Elements Pipes, Ditches, etc...:

- Do they carry any water? – Review hydrograph
- Are there oscillations?
- Depths and Velocities realistic?
- Do results make sense (hand calc)

• Levees and Walls

- Do they leak?
- Does water surface near them rise or fall suddenly?
- If overtopped, does overflow make sense for the available head and overtopping length?
- Are they safe for the head differential being modeled?





Impacts of walls

4. OUTPUT REVIEW



2D Areas:

•Flooding Extents:

- Does it make sense? High areas wet? Low areas dry?
- Unexplained sudden rise or lowering of water surface?

•Depths and Velocities:

- Are Velocities Reasonable?
 - Anything >12fps should be examined
- Are Velocity directions reasonable?

TOTAL MODEL:

•DOCUMENTATION, PLOTS and EXHIBITS:

- Do they match the final model results

RE-EXECUTE THE MODEL:

- Do your results match the results provided?

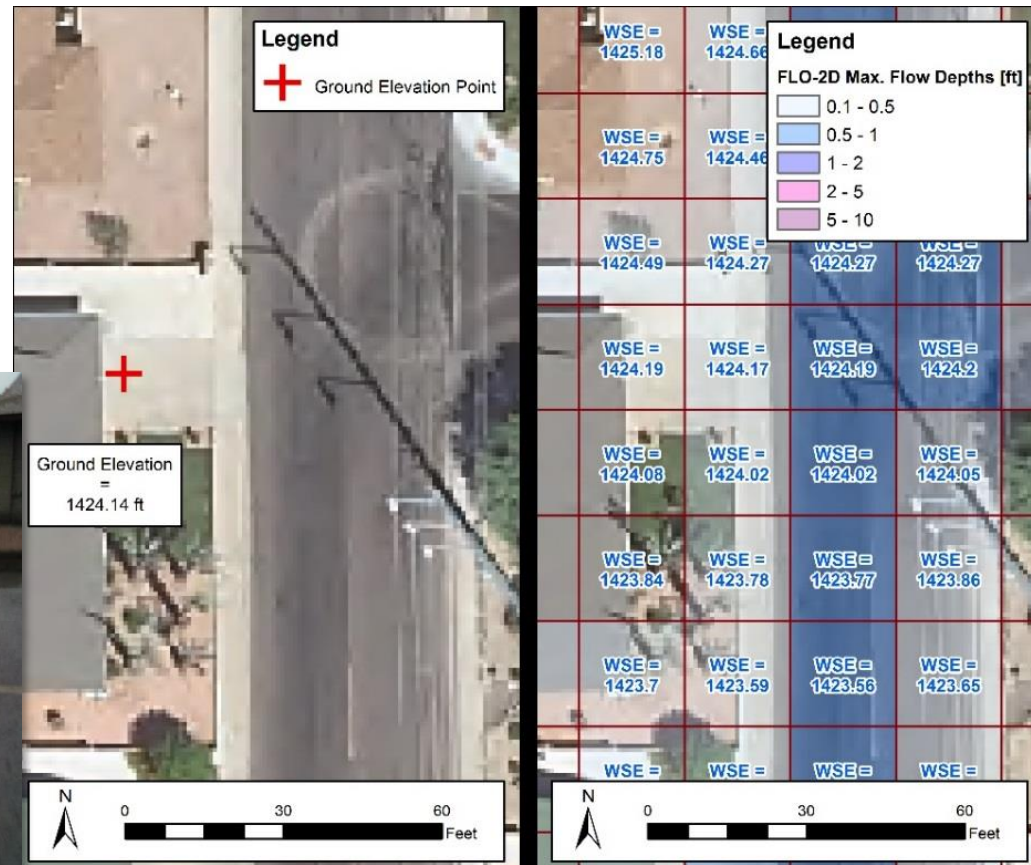
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- Calibration:

- Verify results against the data
- Do you agree that the results verify the model for the calibration event?

- August 2014 Storm





Before



After

5. QA/QC DOCUMENTATION OF THE REVIEW

WHO?

- Document who performed the review

Use a SYSTEM of

- As each step of the review is completed, the reviewer does not

- Reviewers correct errors
- Comments
- Provide a method for tracking errors
 - How all errors are tracked
 - How all errors are corrected
- Provide a method for tracking errors



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5. QA/QC DOCUMENTATION OF THE REVIEW



QA/QC - FLO-2D REVIEW CHECKLIST

Project Title:					
Project No.:		Project Task:		Date Submitted for Review:	
				Date of Review:	
Preparer Name:			Reviewer Name:		
Preparer Company:			Reviewer Company:		

Item No.	Hydraulic Model Review Item	Comments	Status	Response to Comments
1. Data Requirements				
1.1	FLO-2D model version documented?			
1.2	Vertical and horizontal datum of project provided?			
1.3	Topographic information provided (vertical and horizontal datum, what kind)? If multiple data sets are used, are the extents for each one known?			
1.4	Soil data information used documented and provided?			
1.5	Land use information documented and provided?			
1.6	Documentation on techniques and procedures provided?			
2. SUMMARY.OUT				
2.1	Check total rainfall volume.			
2.2	Check total inflow volume.			
2.3	Check percent infiltration. In general, should be 20-40% for heavily urbanized, 25-50% for urbanized, and 40-70% for natural of total rainfall.			
2.4	Verify that volume conservation errors are minimal.			
2.5	Verify that the file was written to completion.			
3. CONT.DAT				
3.1	Check the limiting Froude number setting (typically 0.9-0.95 unless in steep areas).			
3.2	Check that the Shallow n value is reasonable (typically 0.1-0.2, but it may be turned off for some project			
3.3	Verify that model run time is adequate (i.e., all TIMETOPEAK.OUT values < run time).			
3.4	Check to see if IBACKUP switch is turned off to increase model speed.			
3.5	Check that all required component switches are turned on.			
4. TOLER.DAT				
4.1	Check TOL value to make sure it is reasonable; if this is a hydrology model, it should be lowered to 0.03			
4.2	If rainfall model, check TOL and see if it correlates to IA. TOL should be subtracted from IA to avoid doubt			

Ask me if you want some of these

What are the Data needs to make this Happen?

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OBTAIN DATA 

- Report or summary
- Model files
- Hydrology
- Terrain data
- Imagery
- Landuse
- Structure data
- Calibration
- Other

2

INPUT REVIEW 

- Boundary conditions
- Terrain
- Geometry
- Roughness
- Model control inputs
- Structures and storm drains
- 1D channels
- Infiltration
- Levees and walls

3

OUTPUT 

- Numerical health
- Structures and storm drains
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- Levees and walls
- 1D Channels
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- Calibration
- Plots/maps

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QA/QC DOCUMENTATION 

- Ready for review
- Independent review
- Address comments
- Make changes
- Verification/backcheck

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Word of Caution



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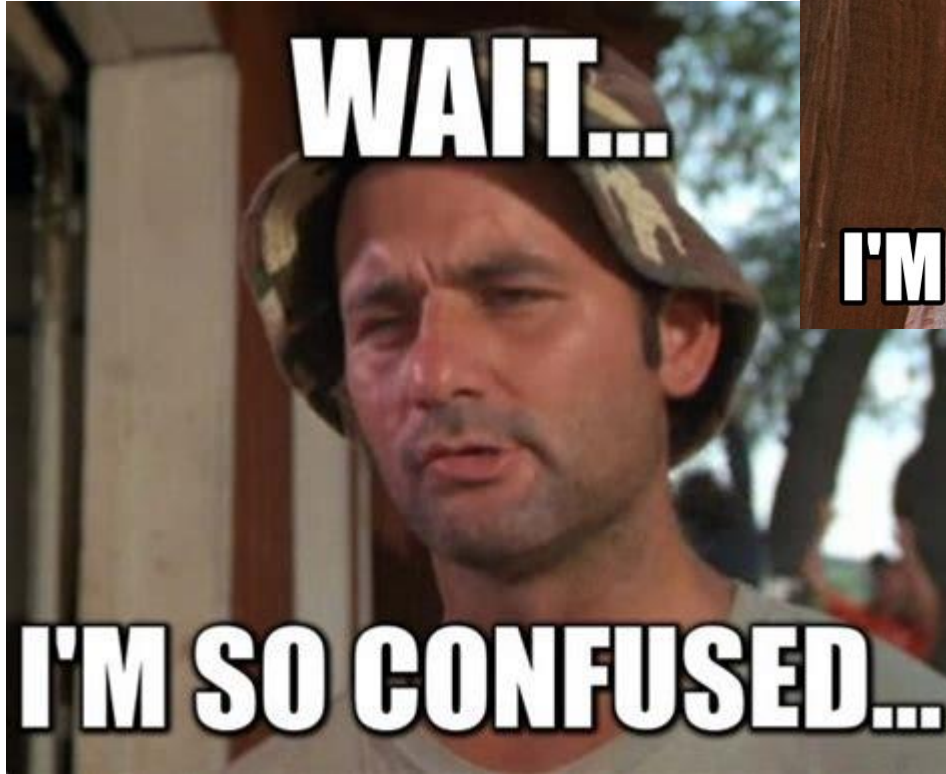
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START?**

A – BEFORE PROJECT STARTS

B – BEGINNING OF PROJECT

C – MIDDLE OF PROJECT

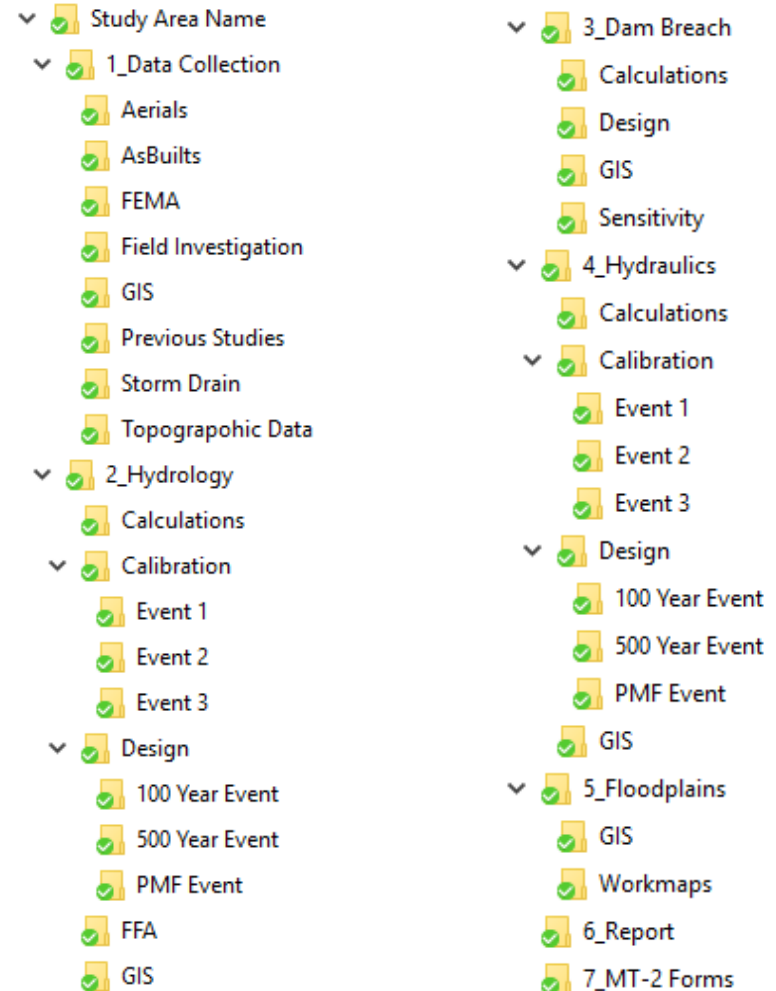
D – END OF PROJECT



WHAT SHOULD YOU SUBMIT?

Folder Structure

- Organized
- Readme File
- List of data being provided
- Don't make FEMA search through thousands of documents



Report

- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Section 1 Introduction
- Section 2 FEMA Forms
- Section 3 Survey and Mapping
- Section 4 Hydrology
- Section 5 Hydraulics
- Section 6 Erosion, Sediment Transport, and Geomorphic Analysis
- Section 7 Draft FIS Data
- Appendix A References
- Appendix B General Documentation and Correspondence
- Appendix C Survey Field Notes
- Appendix D Hydrologic Documentation
- Appendix E Hydraulic Documentation
- Appendix F Erosion, Sediment Transport, and Geomorphic Documentation
- Exhibit Maps

Data Collection and Correspondence

- As-builts
- Imagery
- Field notes
- Meeting notes
- Previous studies
- Effective FEMA Data



Model Files

- Correct model files
- Inputs
- Outputs
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Conditions
- Calibration

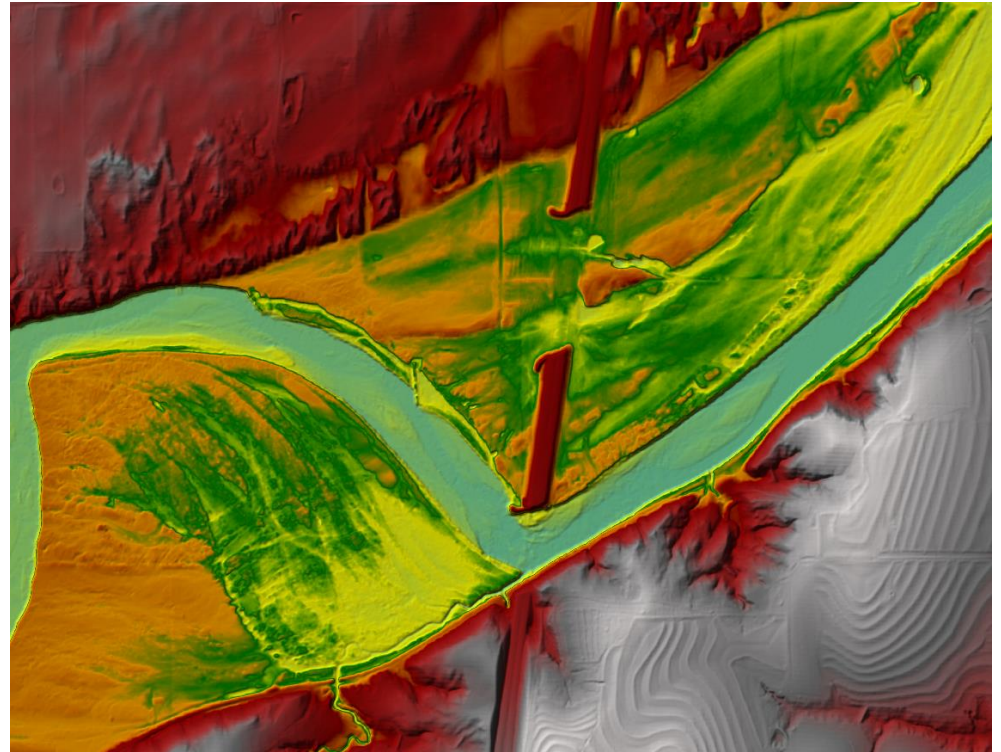
GIS Layers

- Floodplains
- Cross-sections
- BFE's
- Channel Streamline
- Levees
- Other useful data



Terrain











- Raw data
- Final terrain
- Datums
- Certification of data













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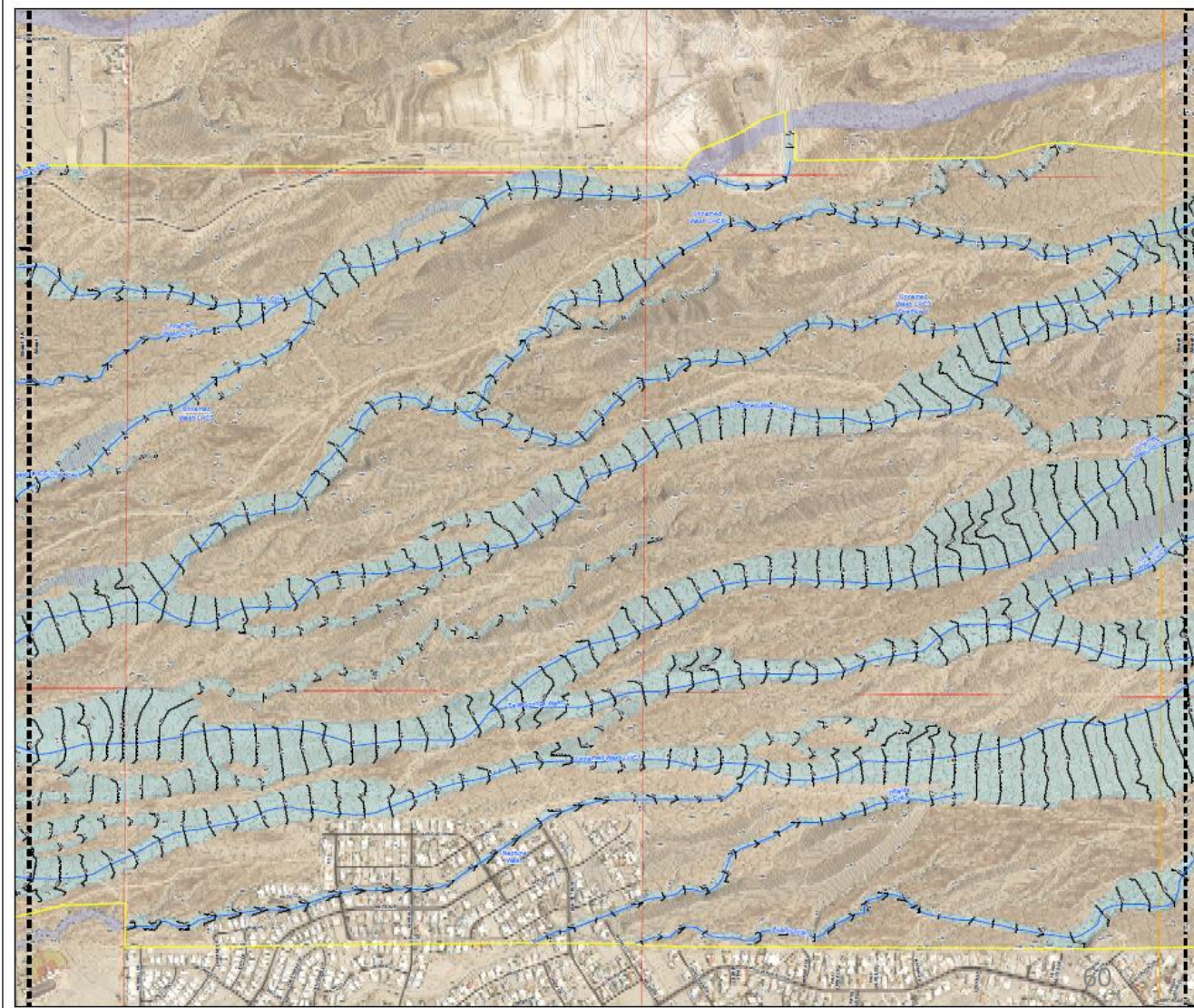
Workmap

Legend

-  Base Flood Elevation
-  Sheet Matchline
-  Stream Centerline
-  Limit of Study
-  Township-Range
-  Section Lines
-  Index Contours
-  Intermediate Contours
-  Streets
-  Effective FEMA SFHA

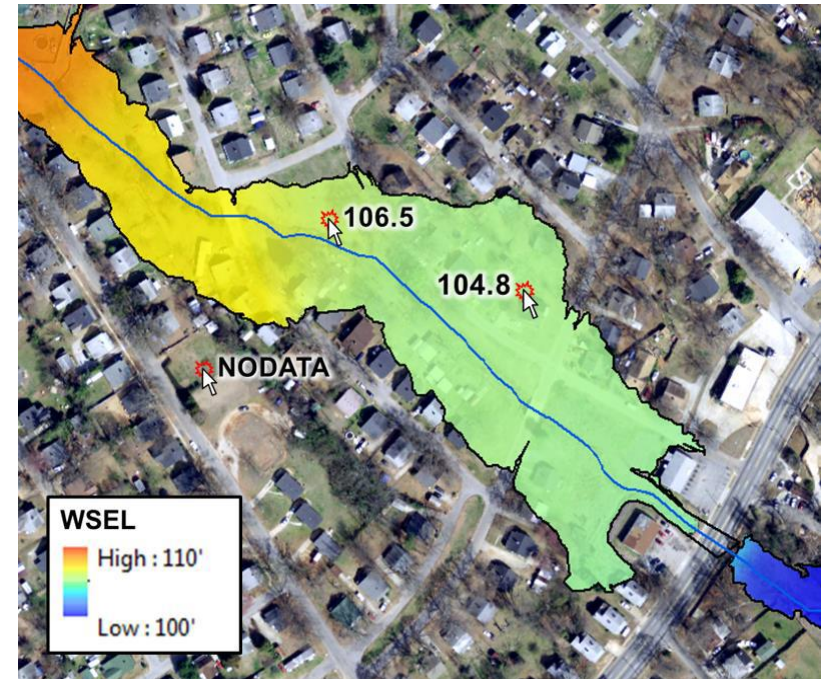
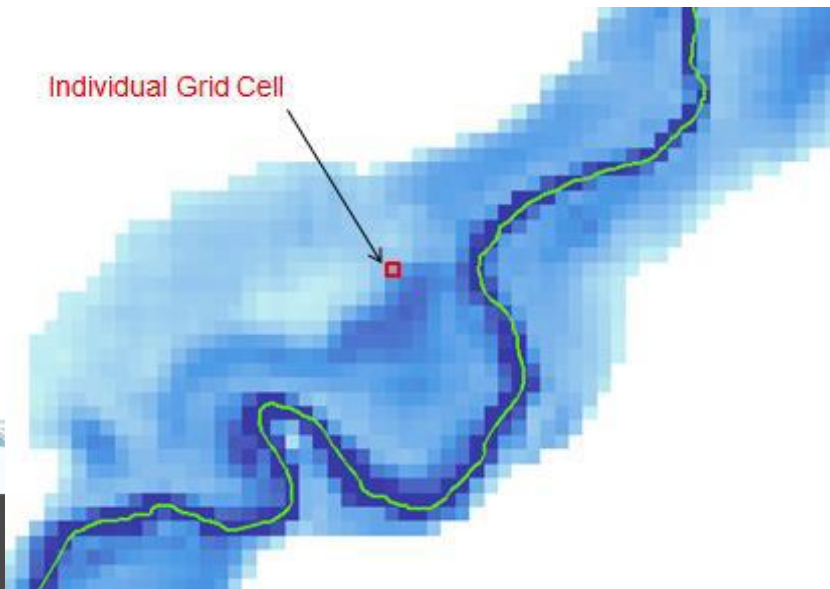
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|  | AE |  | AO, Depth 2 |
|  | AO, Depth 1 & Vel 3 |  | AO, Depth 2 & Vel 6 |
|  | AO, Depth 1 & Vel 4 |  | AO, Depth 2 & Vel 10 |
|  | AO, Depth 1 & Vel 6 |  | AO, Depth 3 & Vel 10 |
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|  | Shaded Zone X (500-year) | | |



Analysis Grids

- Depth Grids
- Water Surface Grids
- Velocity Grids
- See FEMA Guidance



Questions

**Congratulations. You made it through
my presentation and 2020**



Property or Factor	1D Modeling	2D Modeling
Flow Direction	Prescribed (streamwise)	Computed
Tranverse Velocity and Momentum	Neglected	Computed
Vertical Velocity and Momentum	Neglected	Neglected
Velocity Averaged	XS Area	Depth at a Point
Transverse Velocity Distribution	Porportioanal to Conveyance	Computed
Tranverse Variations in Water Surface	Neglected	Computed
Vertical Variations	Neglected	Neglected

2D Guidelines Categories

- Pre-Modeling Guidelines
 - Planning
- Modeling Guidelines
 - User Manuals
 - Best Management Practices
- Post-Modeling Guidelines
 - Deliverables



Flood Severity/Hazard Grid (Optional)

- Depth * Velocity
- Different methods
 - USBR
 - Australia
 - FLO-2D
- See FEMA Guidance

