

# GIS Tools & Technologies for Coastal Flood Studies

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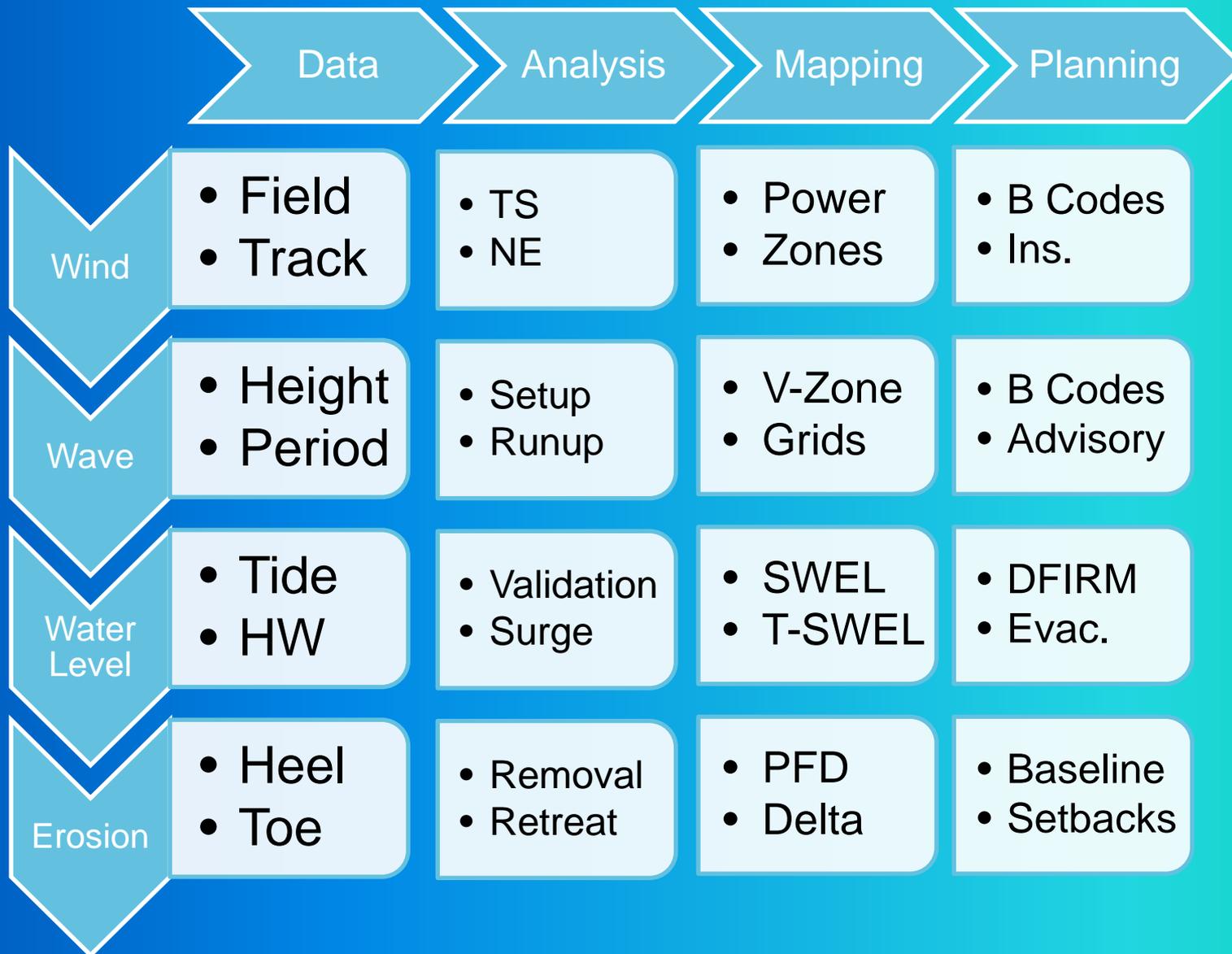
# GIS – The Backbone, Foundation, and Integration of it All?



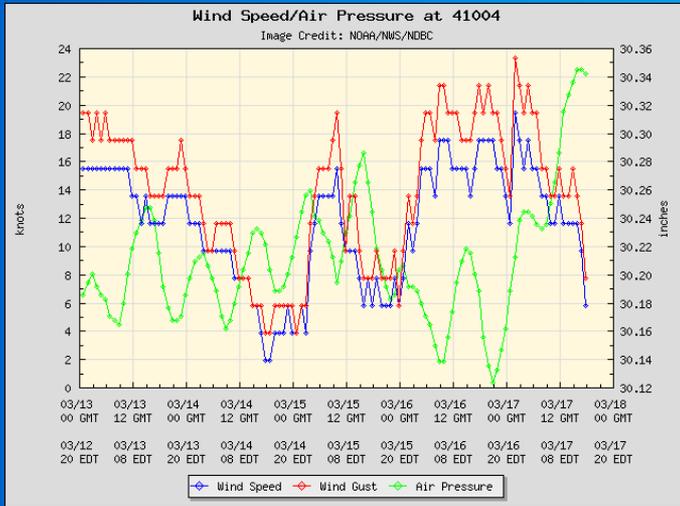
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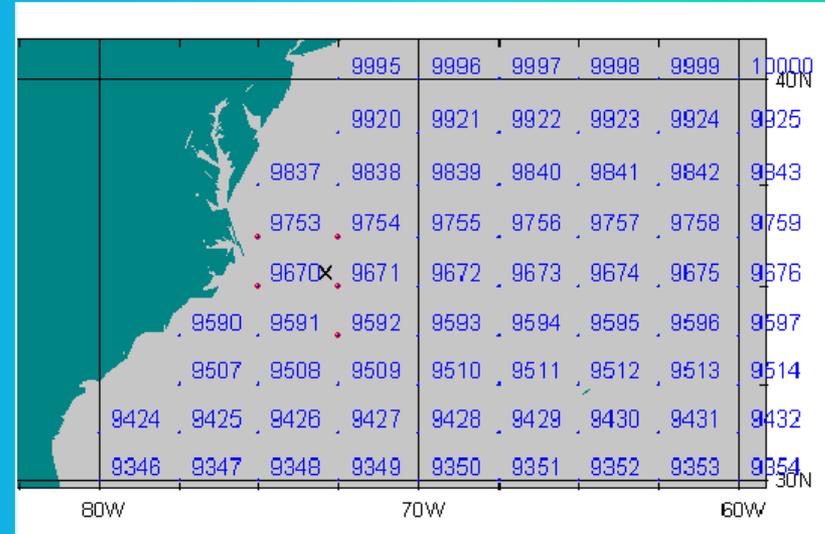
# GIS Supports Every Phase, Every Element, Every Deliverable....Everything!



# Data – Wind



Source: Oceanweather, Inc.

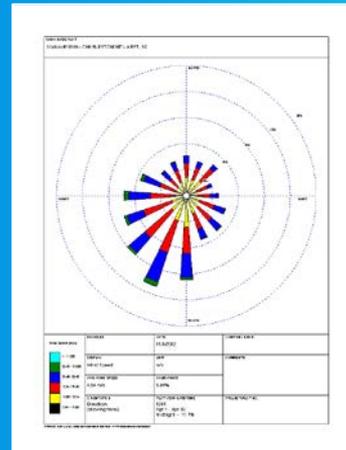


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## Historical & Hindcasted:

- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction
- Pressure
- (time series)

## Hindcasted Data Sets (OSMOSIS, Oceanweather, Inc.)

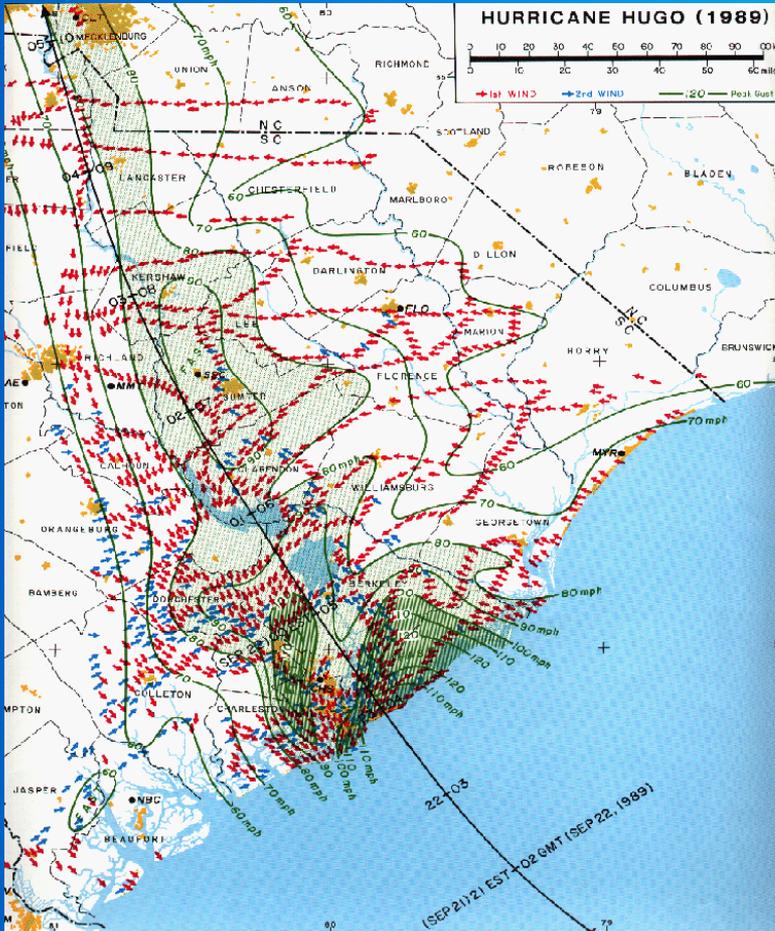


Source: USDA

## Wind Rose



# Analysis – Wind



Source: NHC NOAA

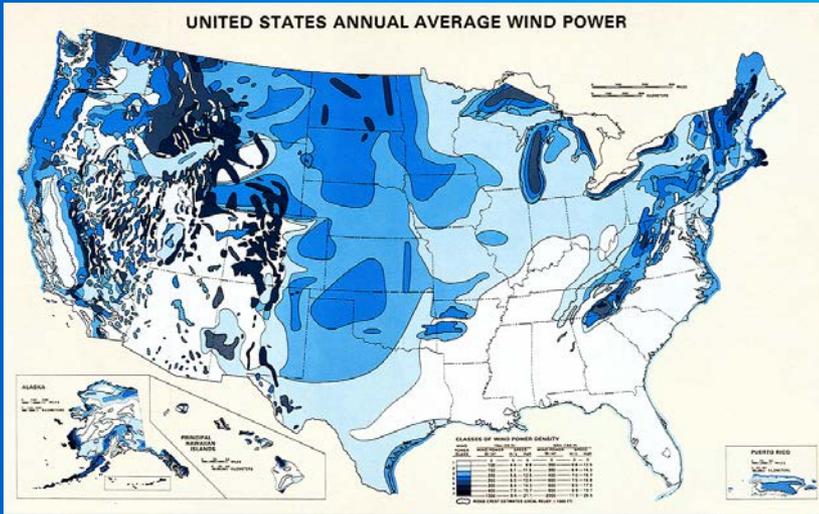
Five primary parameters of interest for coastal modeling reproduced from hindcasted time series per storm track:

- Central pressure deficit
- Radius to maximum wind speeds & direction
- Storm track heading
- Forward velocity
- Shoreline crossing point

Tools & Technologies:  
OSMOSIS, Oceanweather, Inc.  
HURDAT, NOAA AOML



# Mapping – Wind



# Planning – Wind

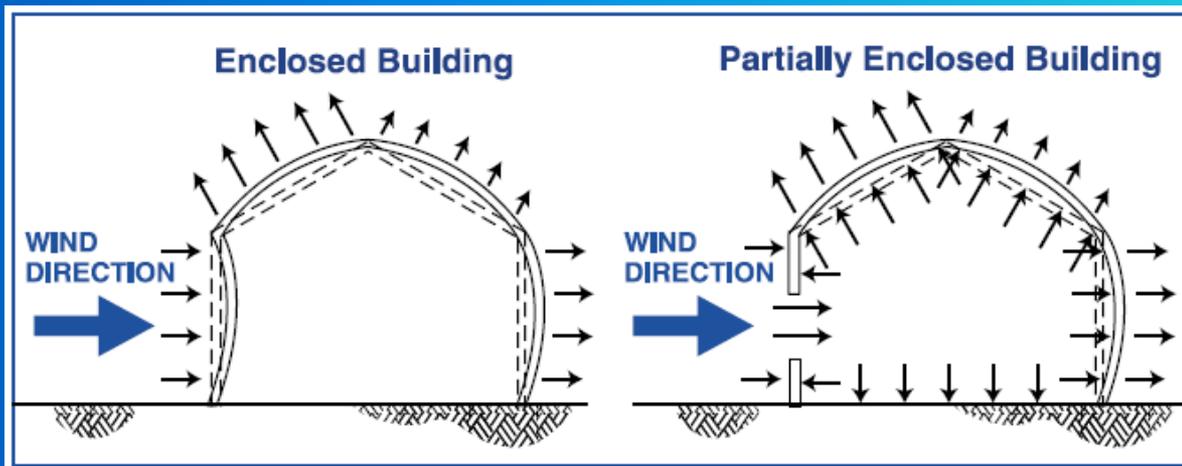
## Wind Load Determination Procedure

- STEP 1 Determine the wind speed from the map shown in [Figure 11-18](#), on pages 11-38 and 11-39. (More detailed maps for Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts are included in Figures 6.1a through 6.1c of ASCE 7-98.)
- STEP 2 Define the building as either open, partially enclosed, or enclosed.
- STEP 3 Determine the Exposure Category: A, B, C, or D (see ASCE 7-98).
- STEP 4 Determine the Importance Factor  $I$  and the topographical influence factor  $K_{zt}$ .
- STEP 5 Determine the velocity pressure at the appropriate mean roof height.
- STEP 6 Select appropriate internal and external pressure coefficients.
- STEP 7 Determine the design pressures (all pressures should be net pressure; use + to indicate inward-acting pressure and – to indicate outward-acting pressure).
- STEP 8 Apply the design pressure to the appropriate tributary area for the element or assembly under consideration.

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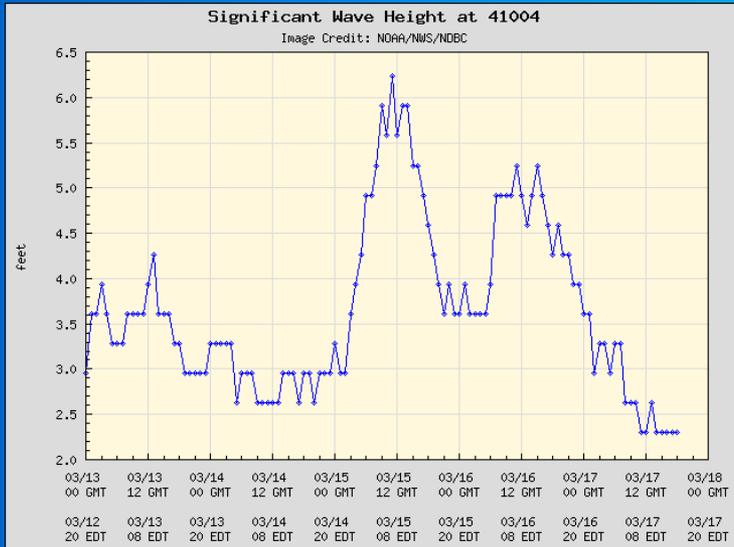


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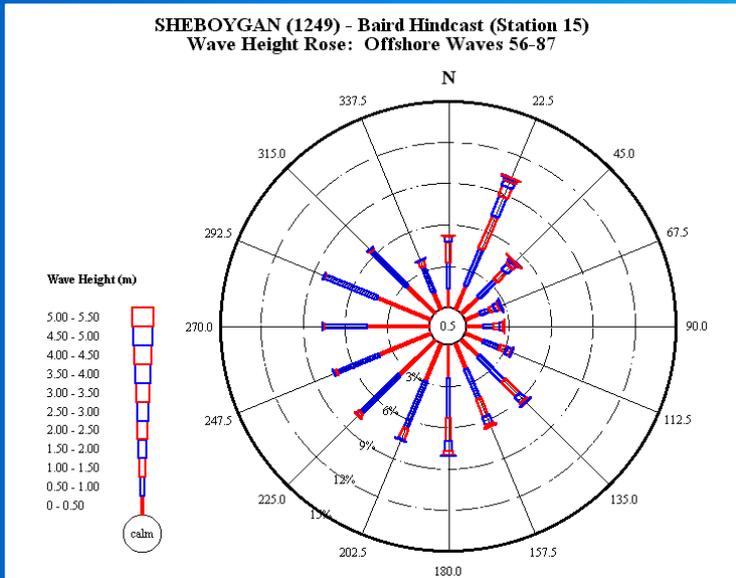
# Data – Wave



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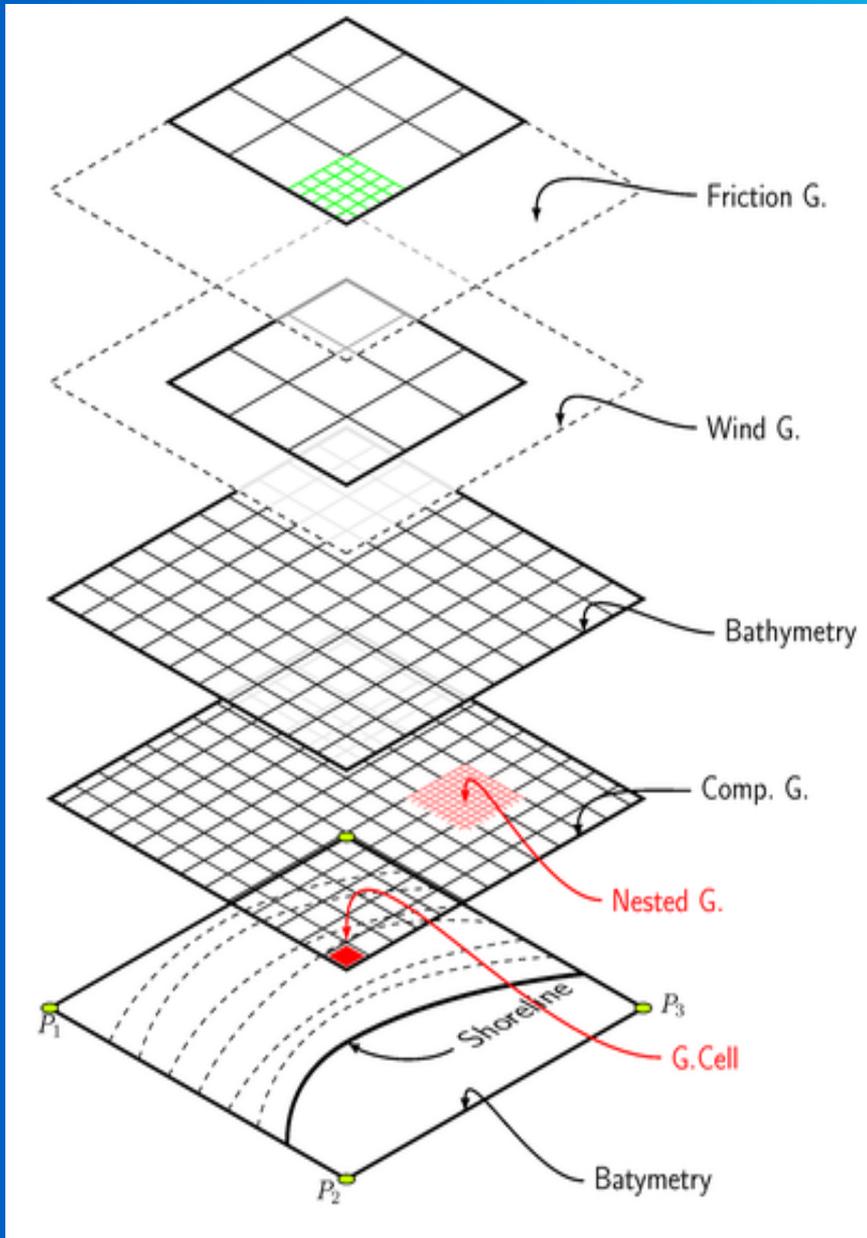
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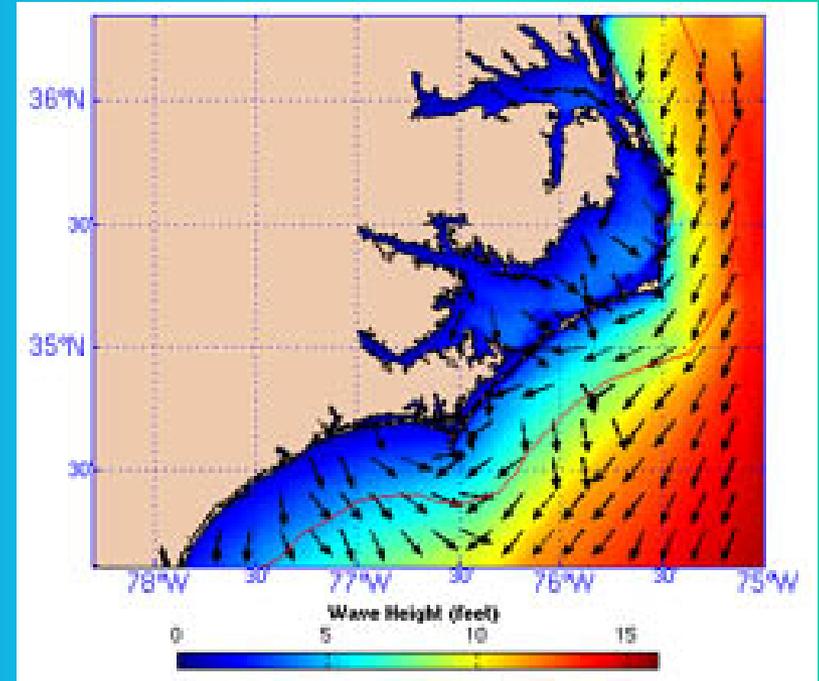
Source: USACE



# Analysis – Wave



Source: TU Delft



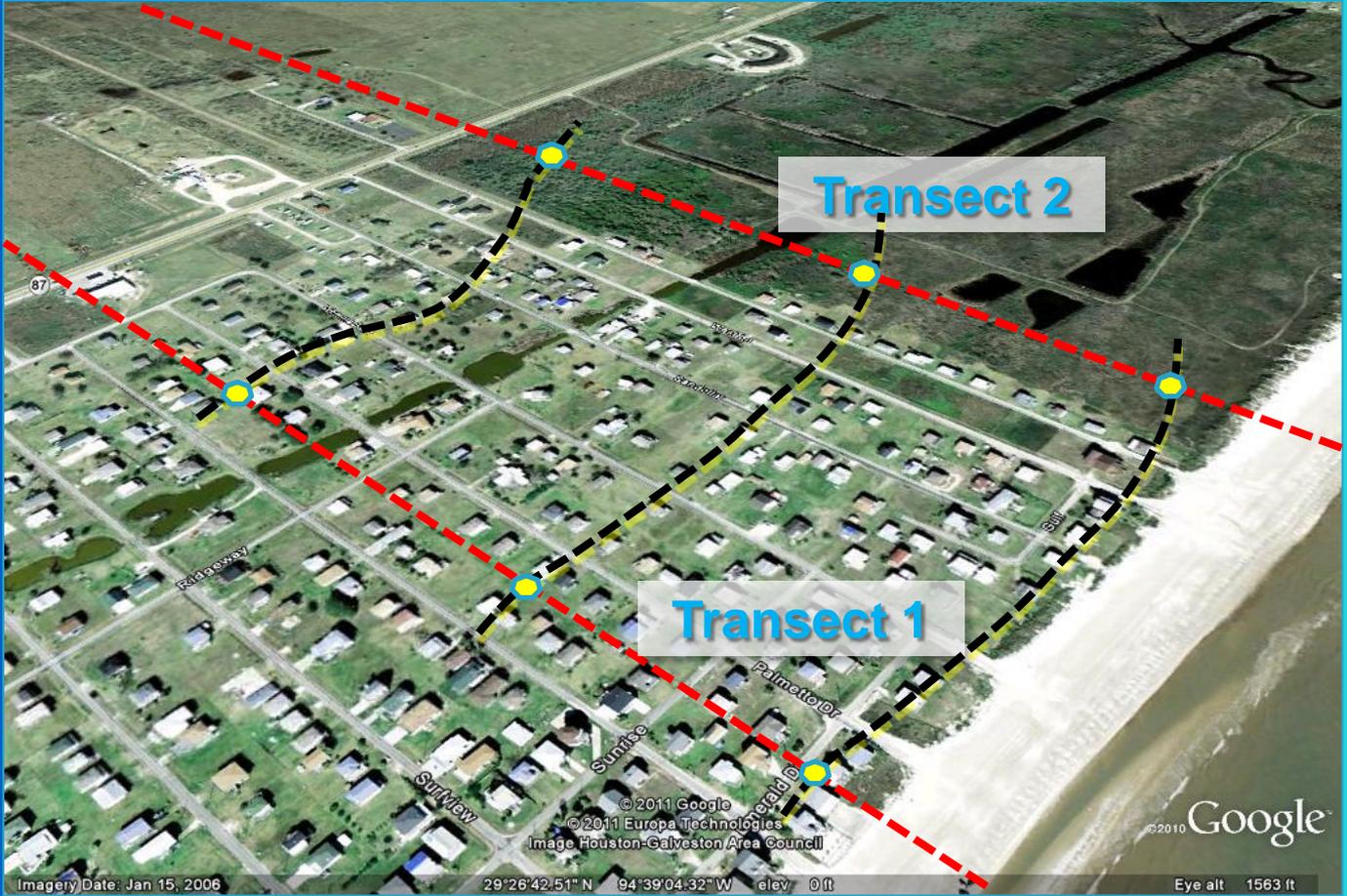
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Tools & Technologies:  
SWAN, TUDelft



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# Analysis – Wave



Source: Google & AECOM

Tools & Technologies:  
Coastal WISE  
CHAMP (integrated)



# Mapping – Wave



Source: FEMA



# Planning – Wave

September 9, 2008



September 15, 2008

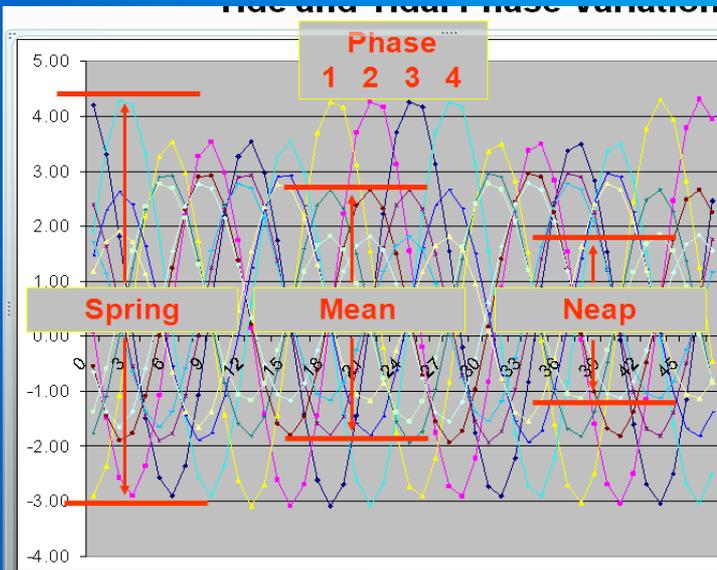


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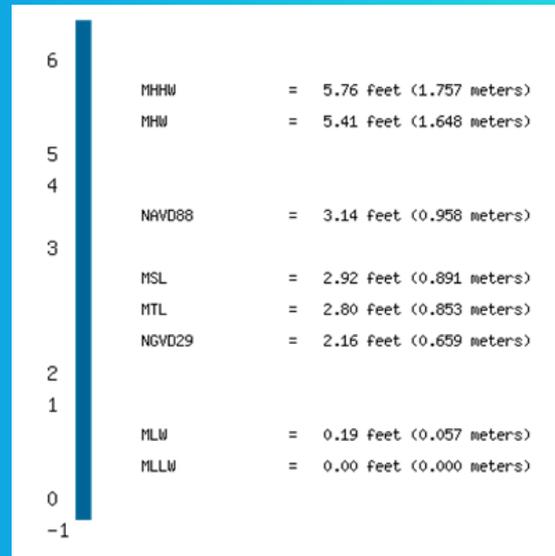


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# Data – Water Level



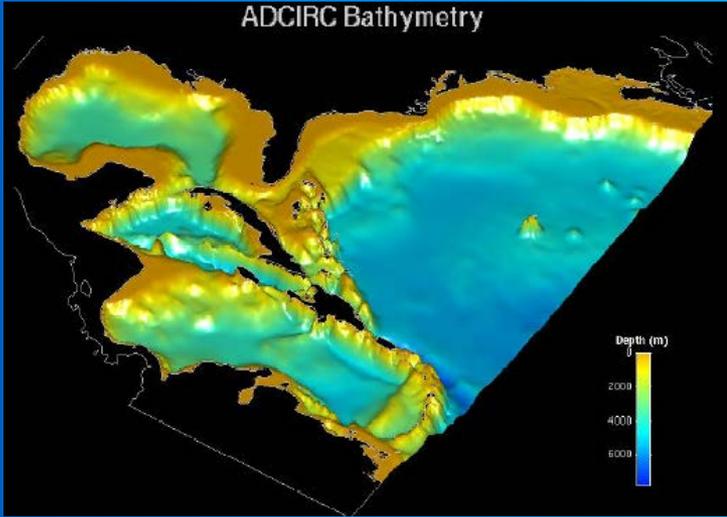
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Source: NOAA



# Analysis – Water Level



Source: UNC

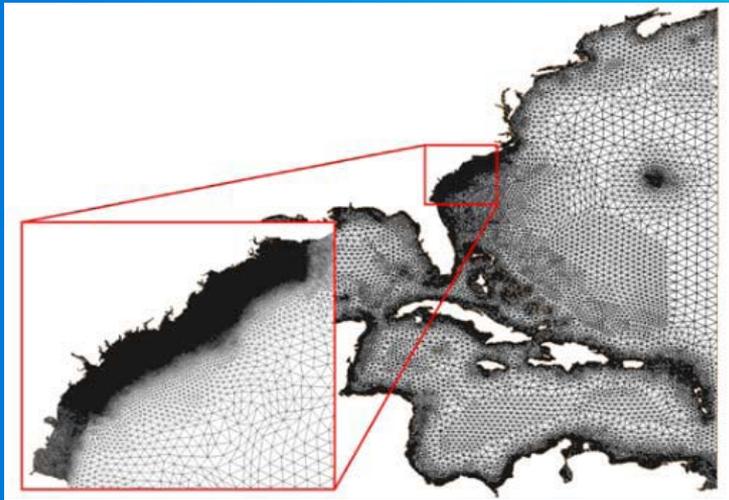
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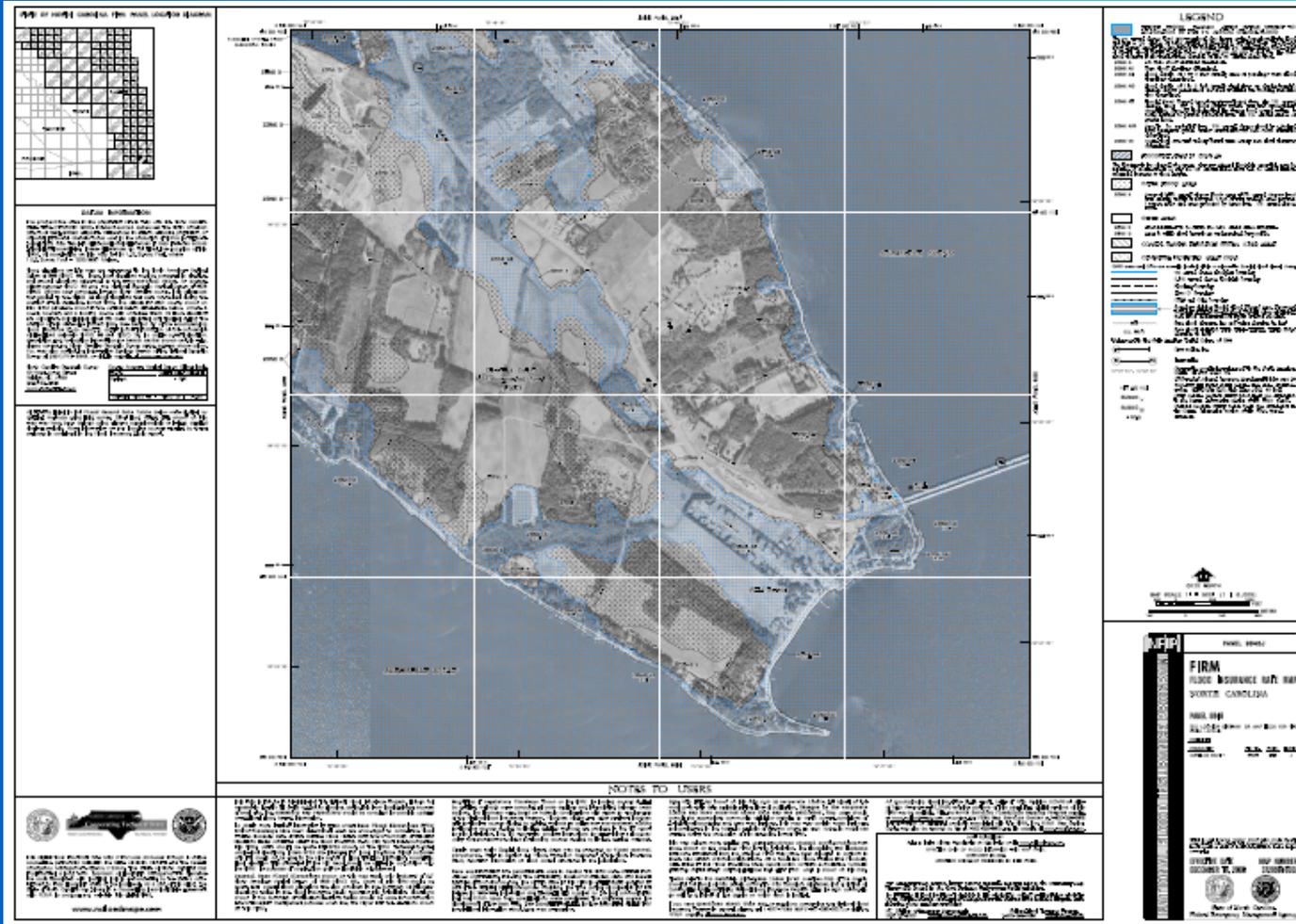
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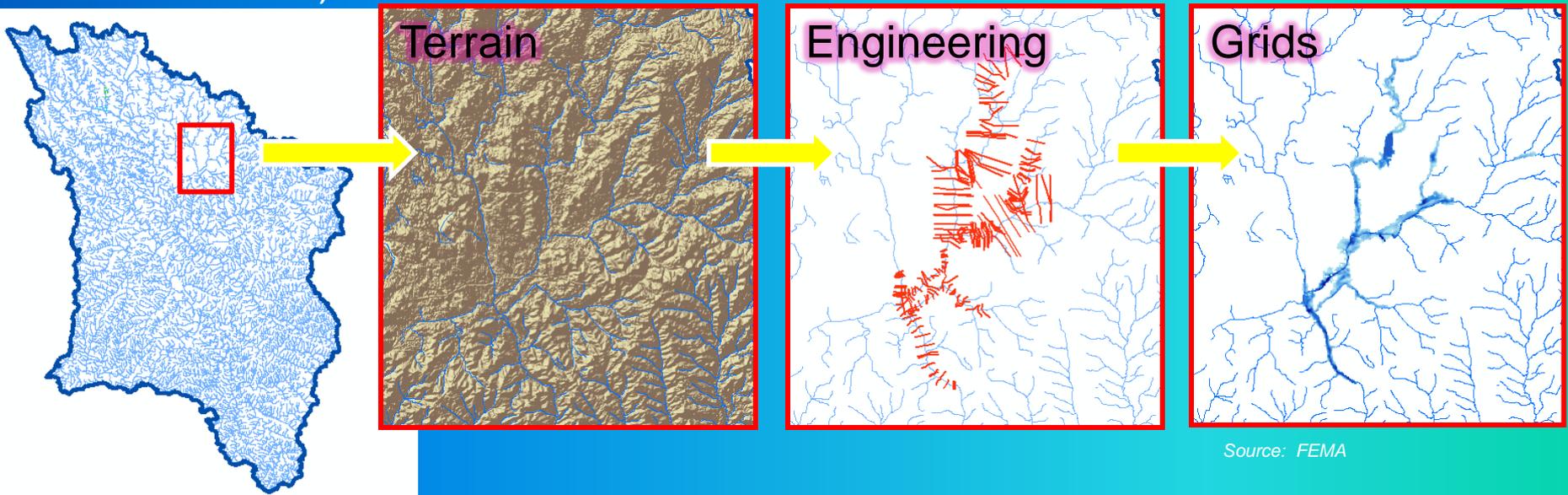


# Mapping – Water Level



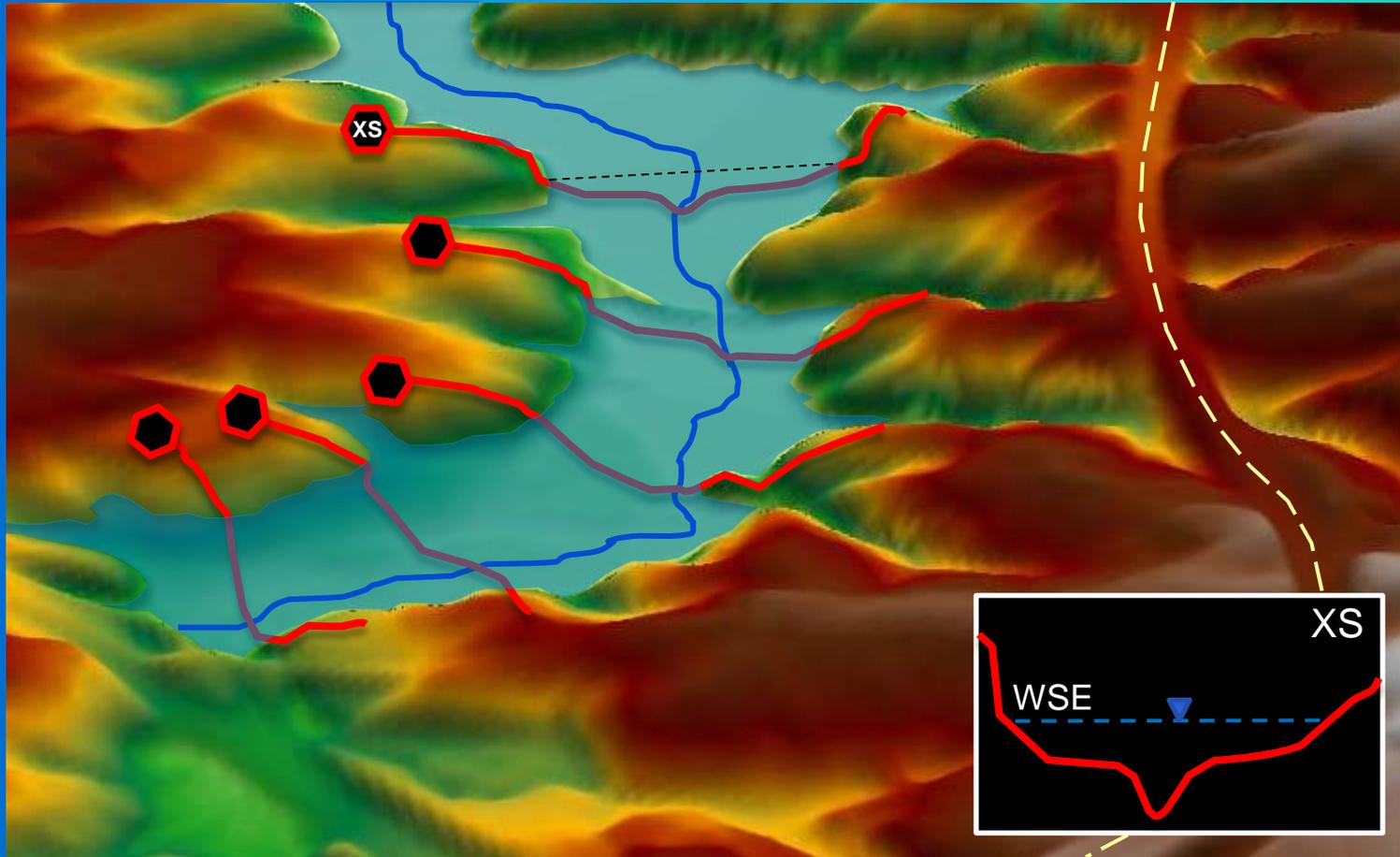
# Depth Grids - Introduction

- Reminders/takeaways from the Plenary
- What are the inputs for these grids?
  - Terrain data
  - Modeled Water Surface Elevations (i.e. engineering analysis is available)



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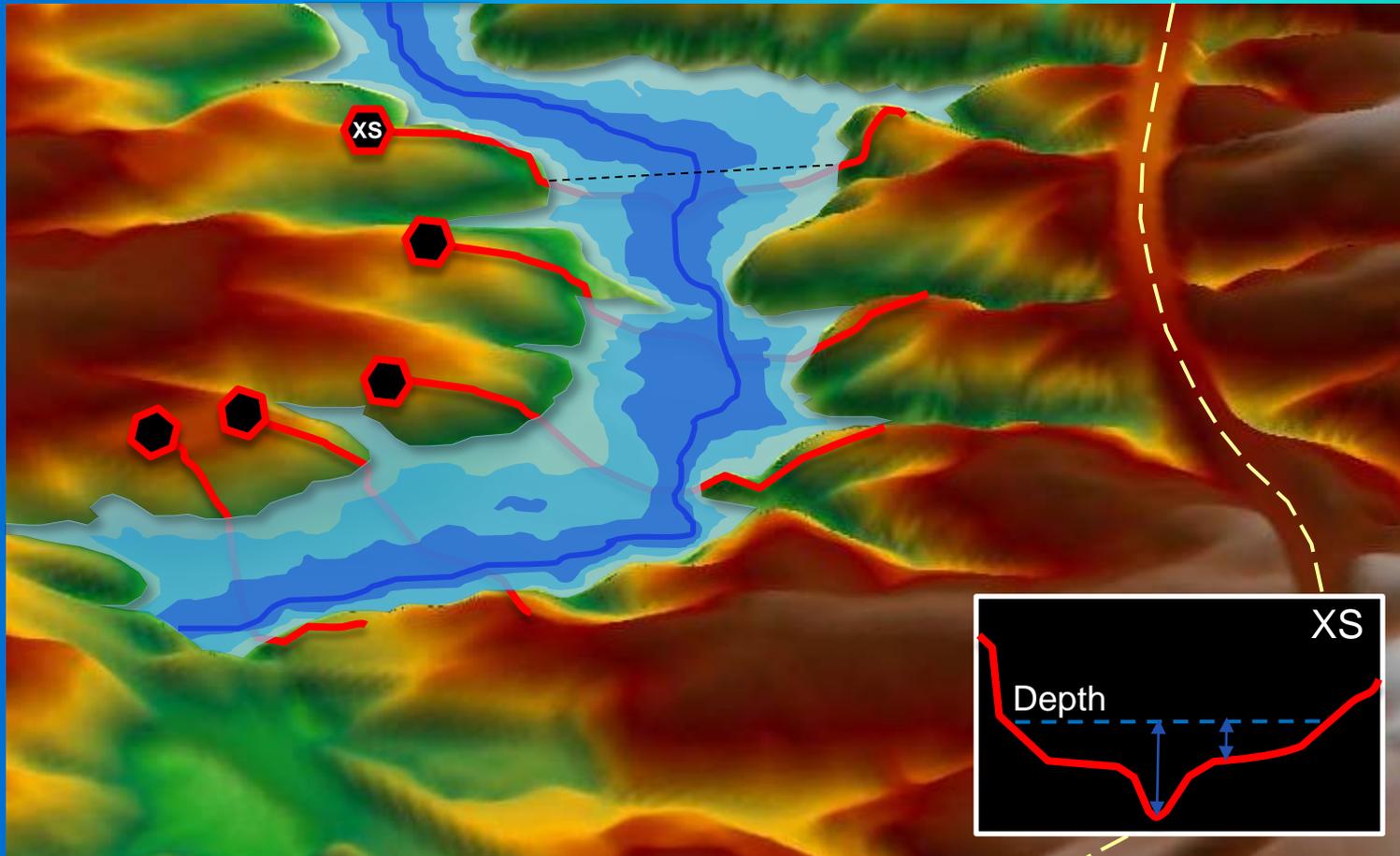
# Floodplain Boundary



Source: FEMA

# Flood Depth Grid Development

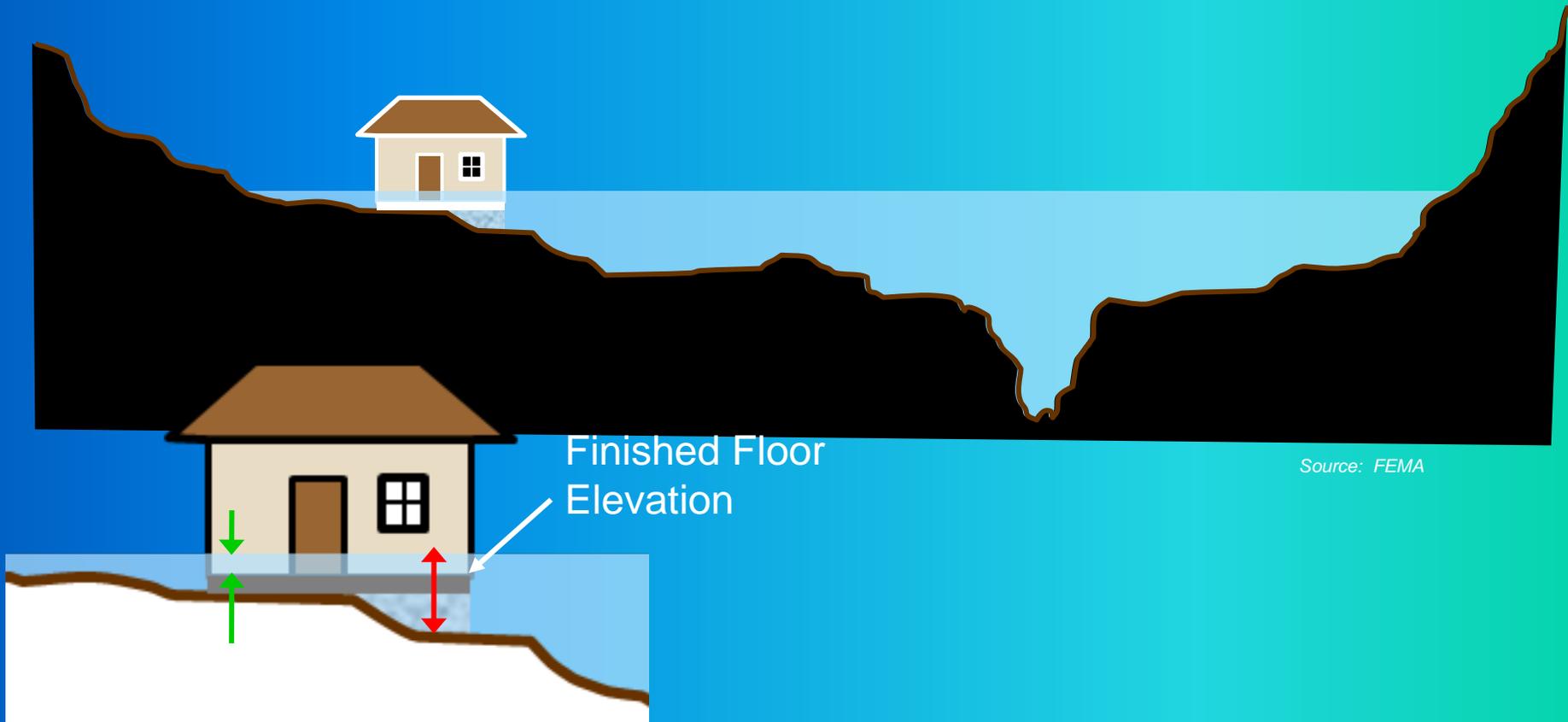
- Depth Grid Calculated as Difference between WSE and Ground



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# Flood Depth & Analysis Grids

- Awareness when using at specific buildings/structures



# Percent Chance of Flooding Grids

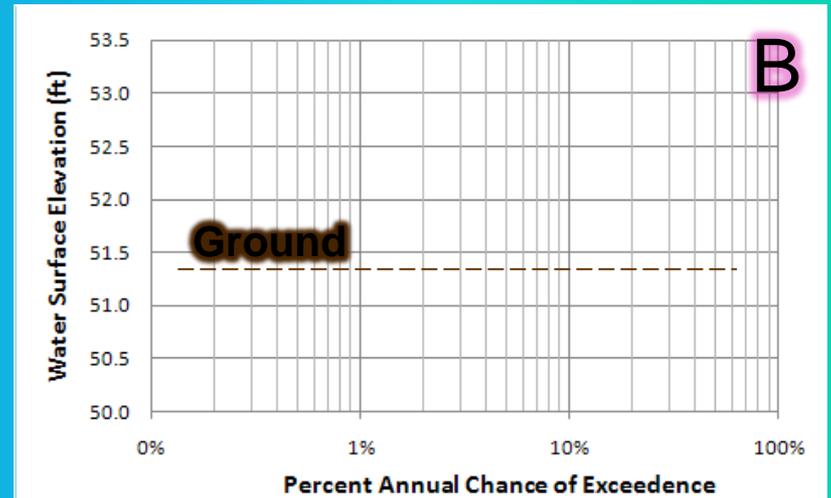
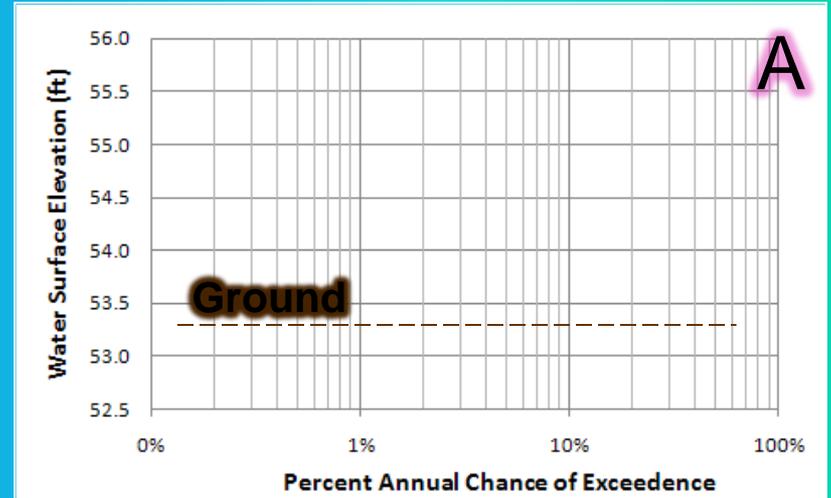
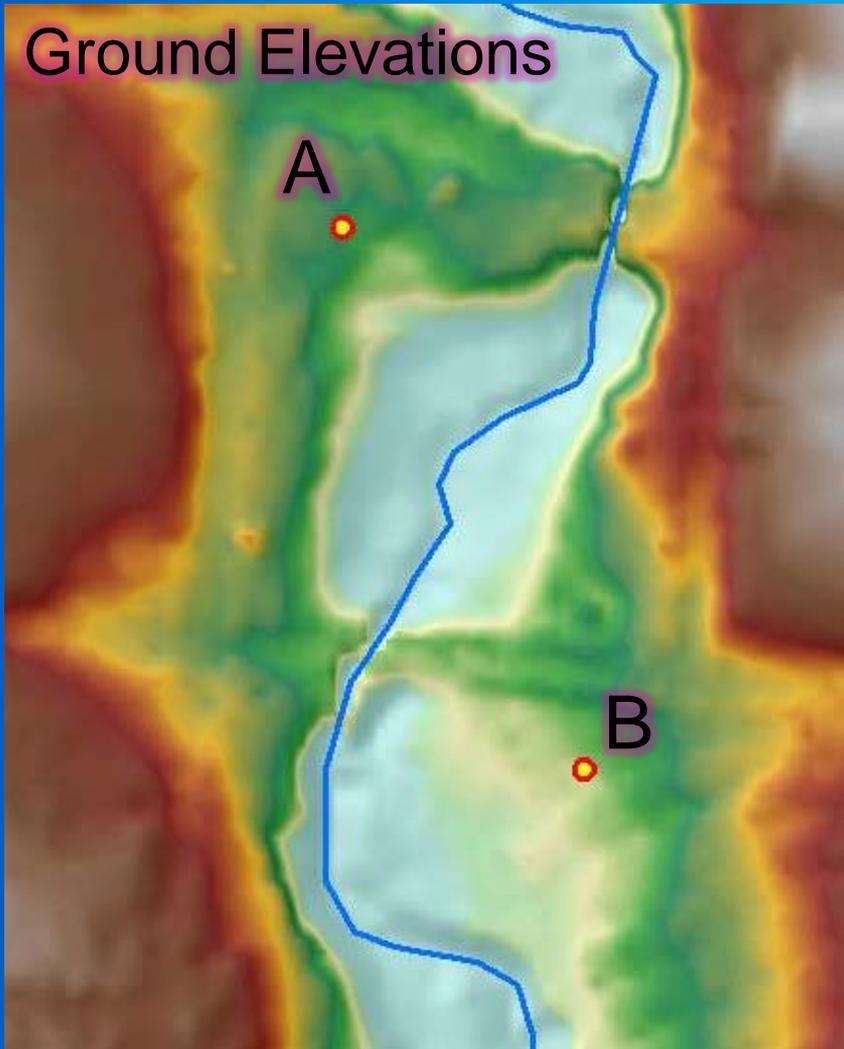
- Definition

- Digital datasets showing the percent chance of flooding (annual & 30-yr) at various locations within the mapped floodplain

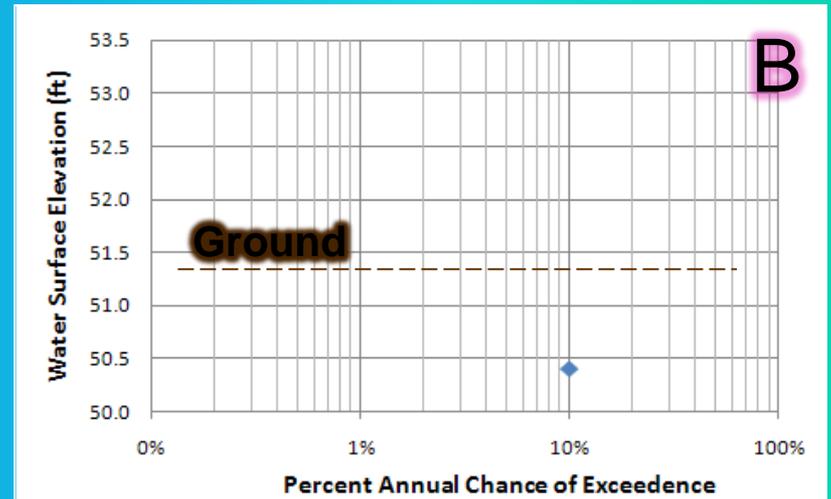
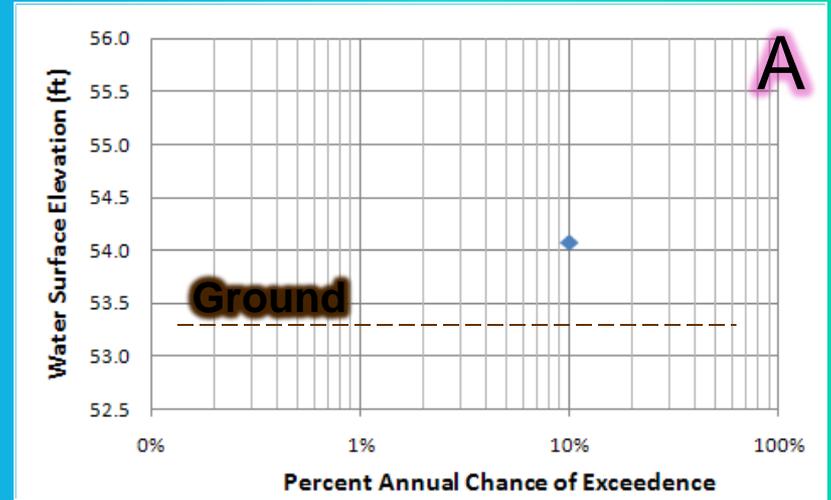
- Purpose

- Communication that the likelihood of flooding for someone living within the mapped floodplain may actually be higher than a “1% annual chance”, and that the flood hazard (and by extension, risk) varies within the mapped floodplain

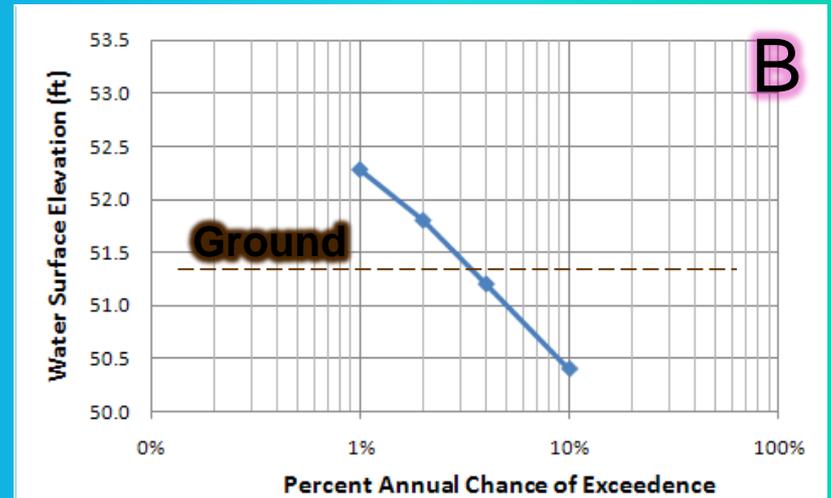
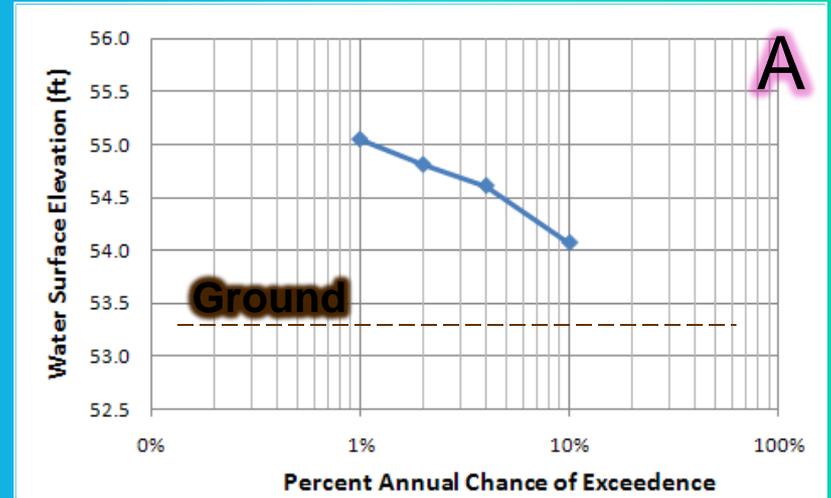
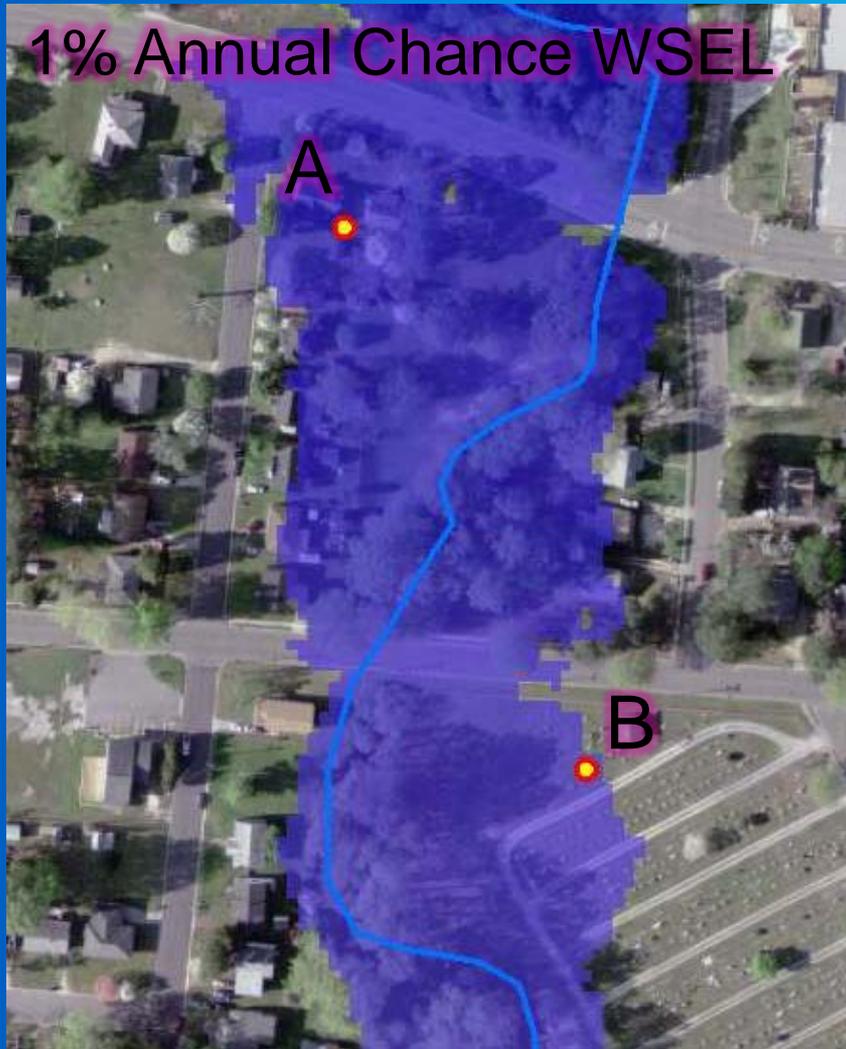
# Percent Annual Chance Grid Development Process



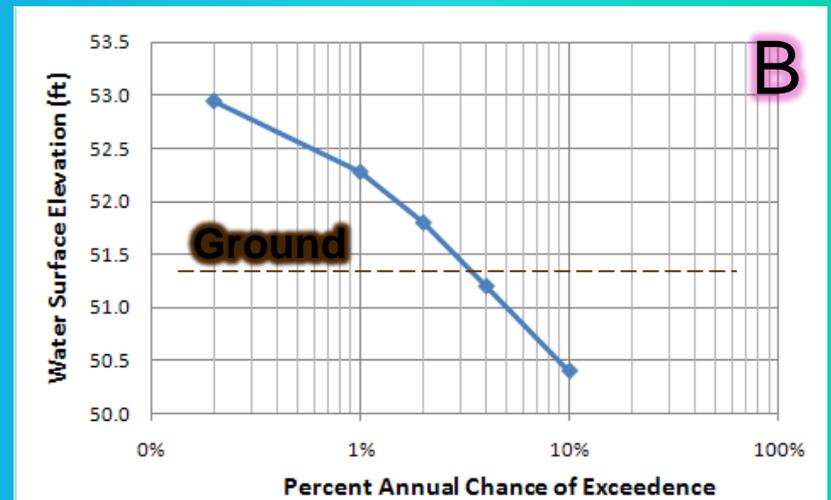
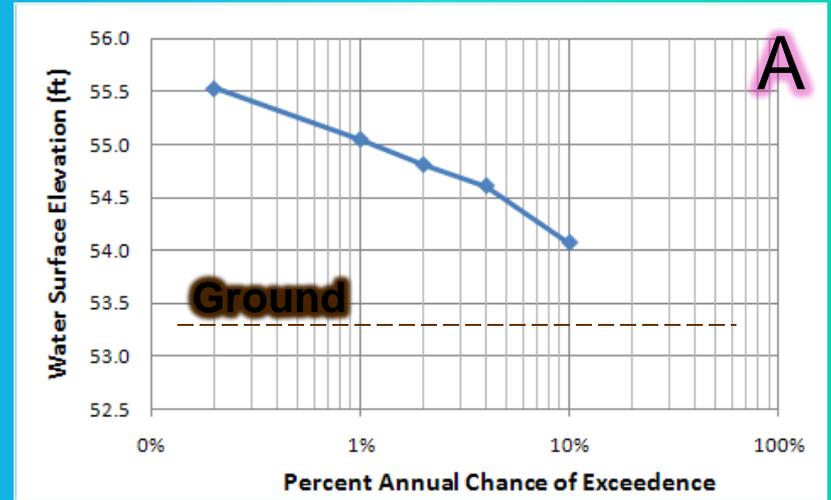
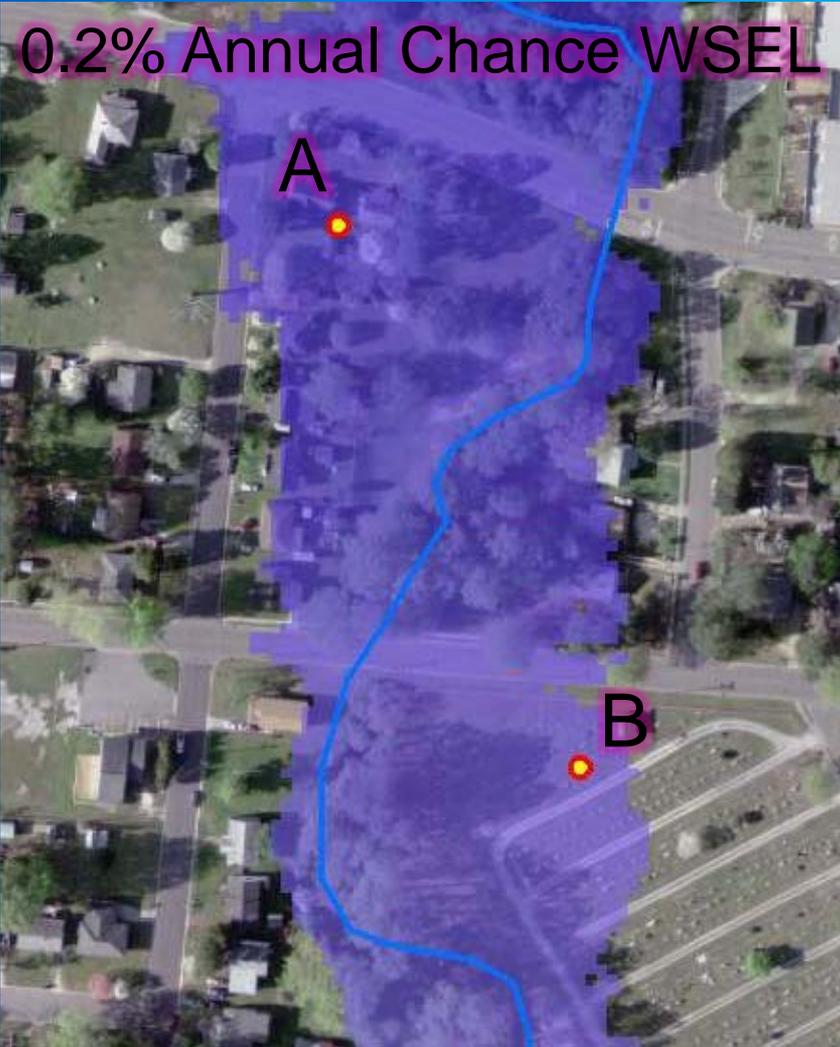
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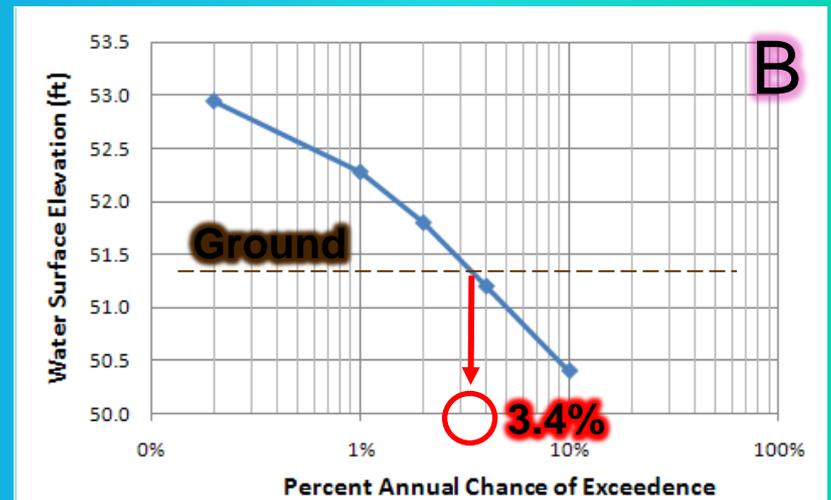
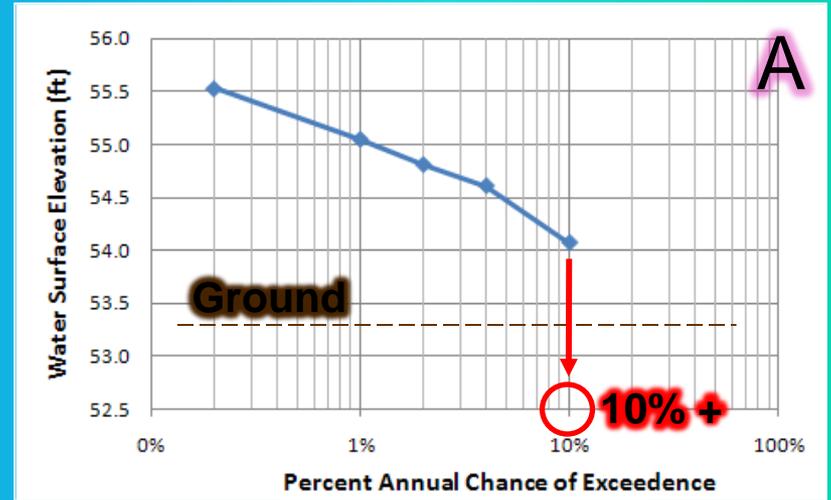
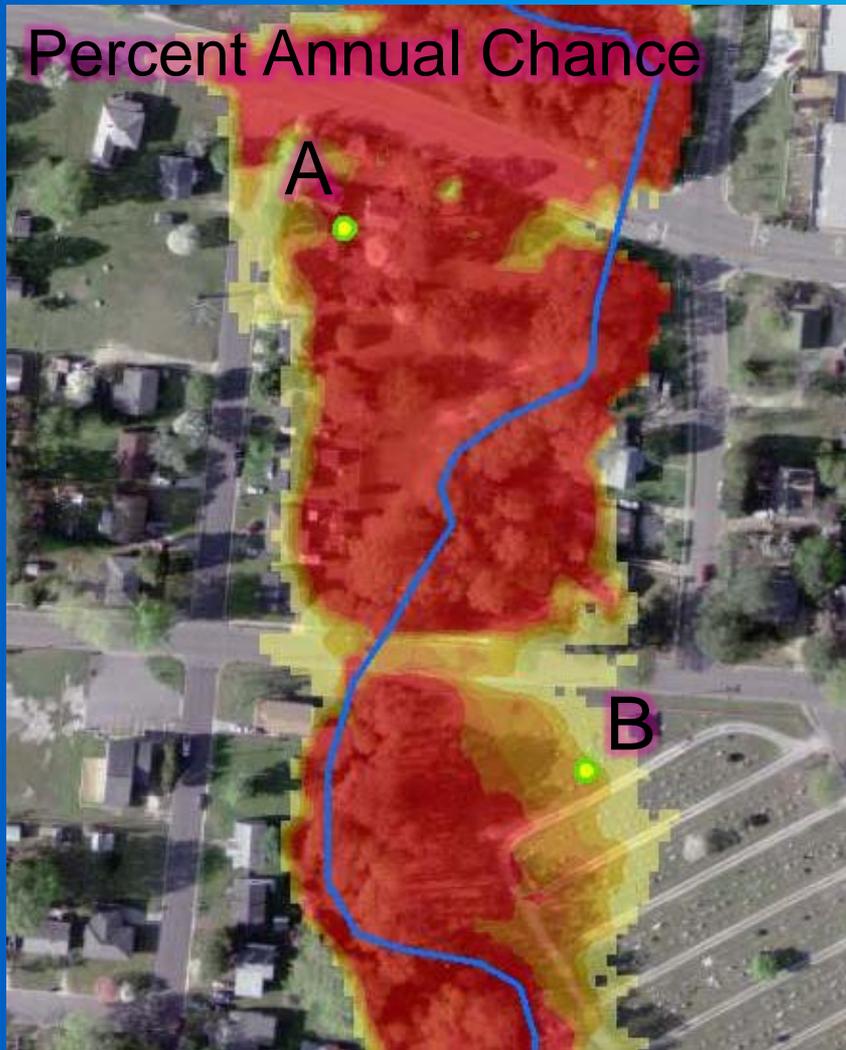
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# Percent Chance of Flooding over a 30-yr Period Grid

- What is the likelihood that a specific location will flood at least once during a 30-yr period?
- Using the Percent Annual Chance of Flooding Grid as an input, perform the following calculation:

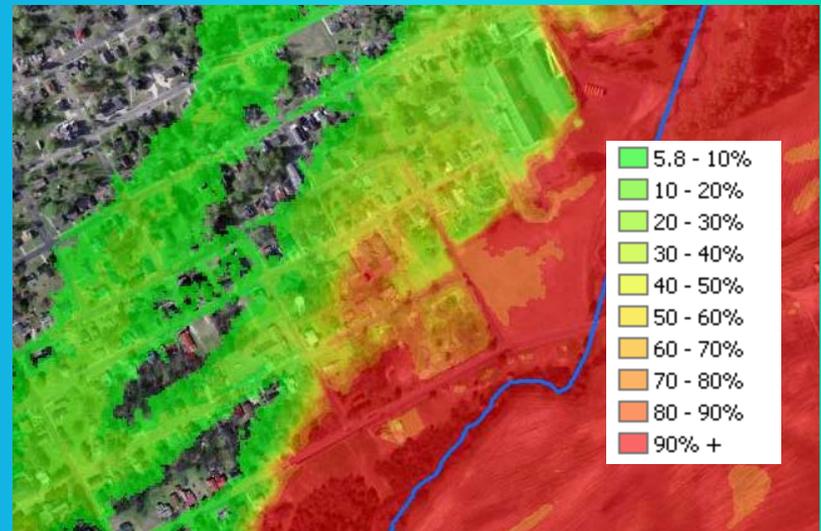
...where “p” = percent annual chance of flooding and “n” = 30

$$1 - (1-p)^n$$

Percent Annual Chance



Percent 30yr Chance



# Velocity Grids

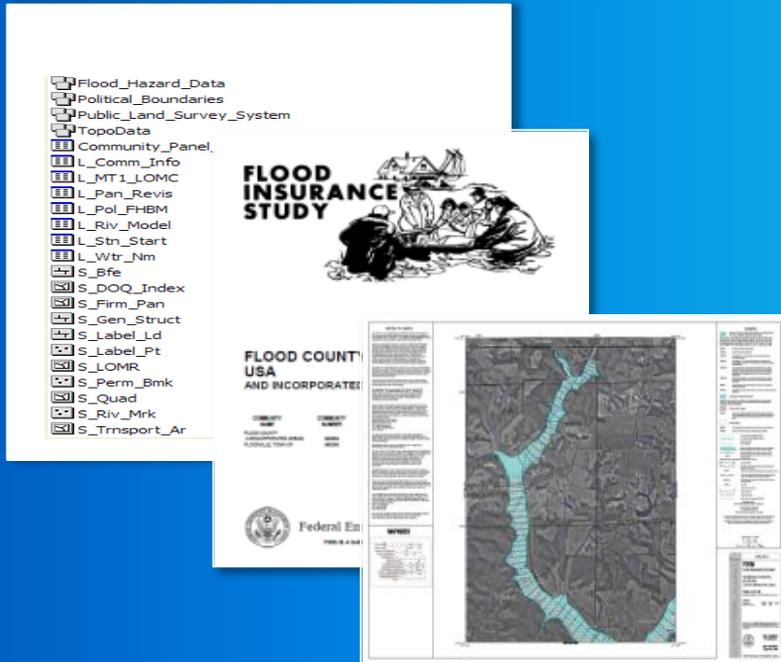
- Velocity Grids can be generated from the results of 1D models (HEC-RAS, etc.) or 2D models in riverine and coastal areas
- Can be combined with depth results ( $V * D$ ) to communicate impact on structures within the floodplain, assist with human maneuverability applications, help with foundation design, etc.



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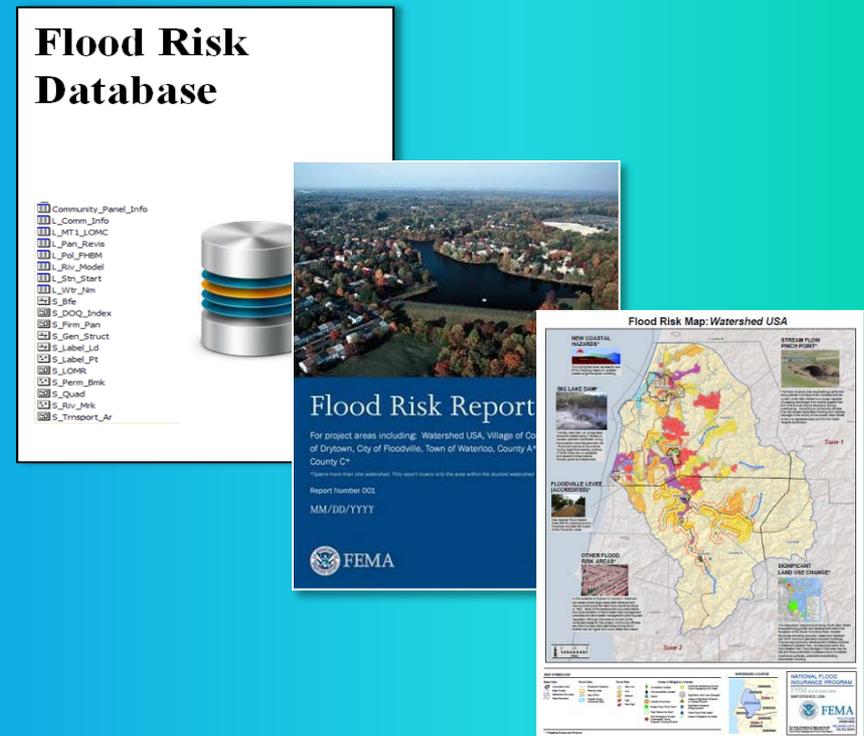
# Program Product Comparisons

## Traditional Regulatory Products



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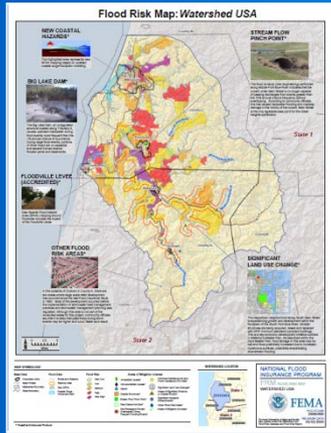
## Non-Regulatory Products



Traditional products are regulatory and subject to statutory due-process requirements

Risk MAP products are non-regulatory and are not subject to statutory due-process requirements

# Flood Risk Products Overview



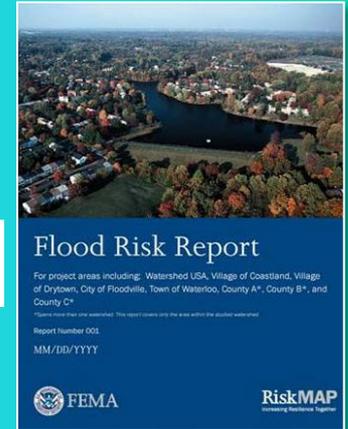
**Flood Risk Map**

**Flood Risk Assessment Data  
Flood Depth & Analysis Grids**

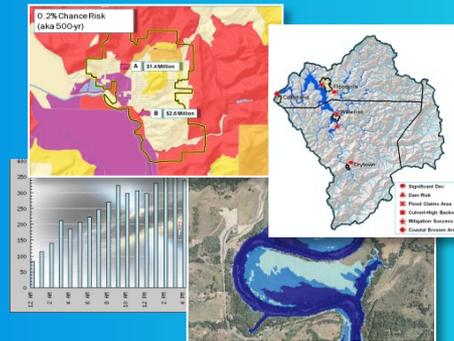
**Flood Risk  
Database**



**Changes Since Last FIRM Data  
Areas of Mitigation Interest**



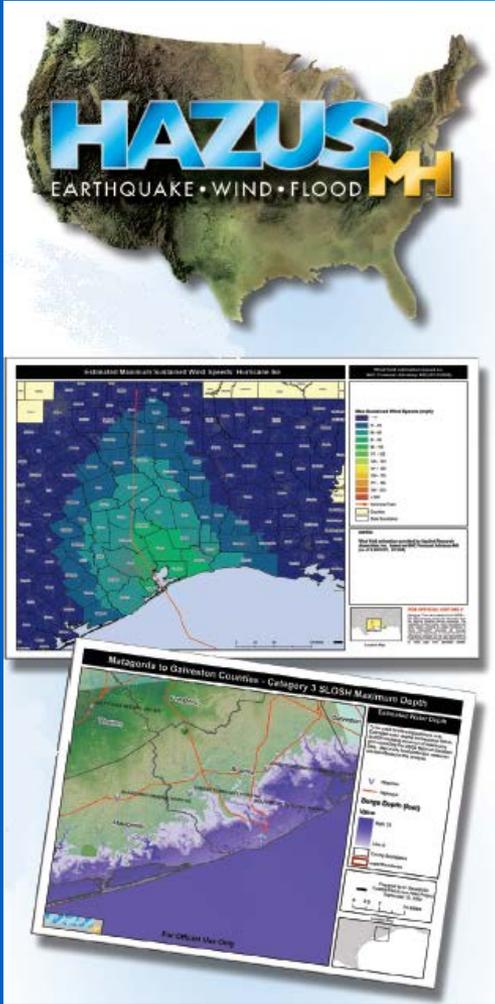
**Flood Risk Report**



**Ad-Hoc Flood Risk Analyses**

Source: FEMA

# Planning – Water Level



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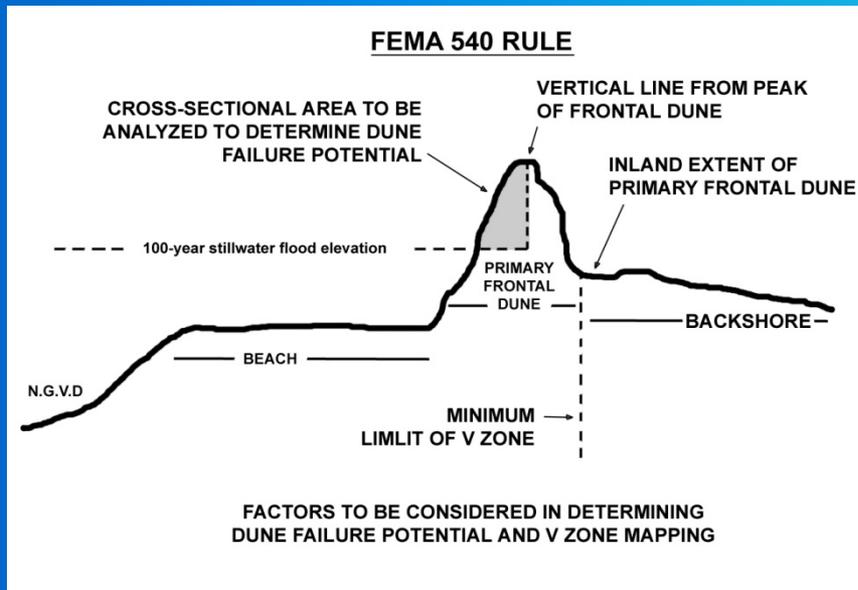
*GIS helps us to “see”, “tell”, and “hear” the story.*



# Erosion – Primary Frontal Dune



--- Heel  
--- Toe



Source: FEMA

# Field Reconnaissance



Source: AECOM

**Inspect** coastal modeling transects

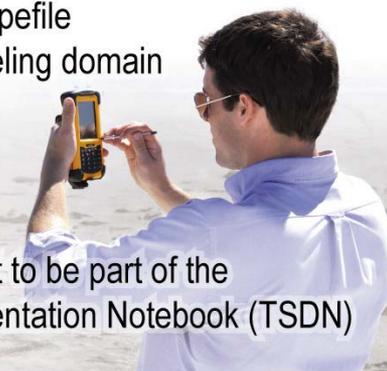
**Identify** specific field investigation target points

**Collect** landuse data using an internally designed set of data menus

**Develop** a landuse shapefile covering the entire modeling domain

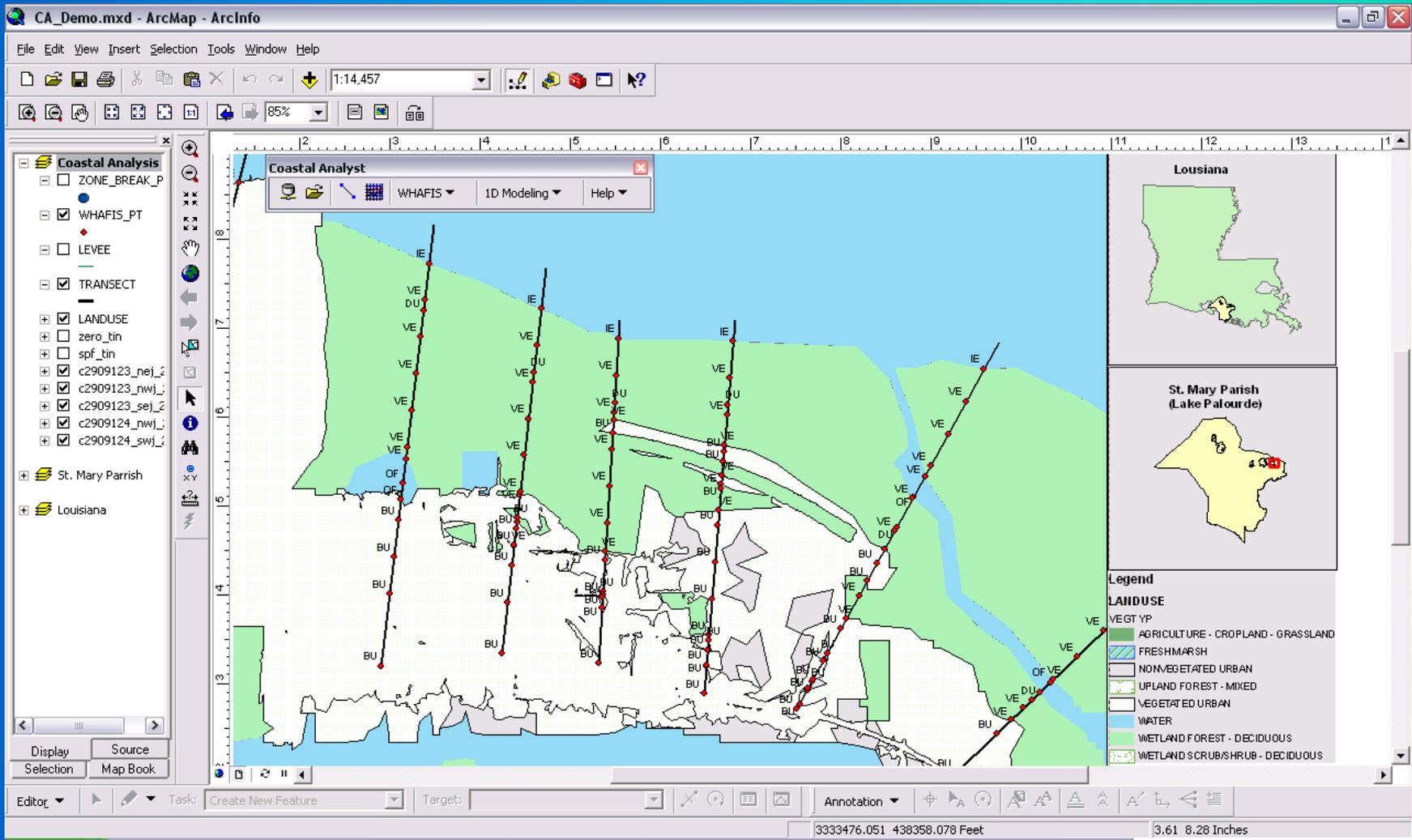
**Import** into the AECOM proprietary WISE model

**Generate** a field report to be part of the Technical Study Documentation Notebook (TSDN)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		Description	WHAFIS Card	Classification ID	Average	Average Height	Average Spacing	Drag coefficient
2	version		value	value2	value3	value4	value5	value6
3	2	Rigid Vegetation	VE	VE.A-1	0.75	30	5	1
4	2	Rigid Vegetation	VE	VE.A-2	1.5	30	5	1
5	2	Rigid Vegetation	VE	VE.A-3	2.5	30	5	1
6	2	Rigid Vegetation	VE	VE.B-1	0.75	30	10	1
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12	2	Rigid Vegetation	VE	VE.D-1	2	30	50	1
13	2	Rigid Vegetation	VE	VE.M-1	0.3	1	1.5	1
14	2	Saw Grass	VH	VH.A-1				
15	2	Salt Grass	VH	VH.A-2				
16	2	Black Grass	VH	VH.A-3				

# Coastal Flood Hazard Work Maps



Source: AECOM

# GIS Integration?

- All study phases & elements (i.e., wind, wave, water level, erosion).
- Data  
→ Analysis → Mapping → Planning
- Integrated with other geospatial tools & technologies through common share points and data formats (i.e, one tool's output feed's another's input).



# Thank You

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