

A photograph of a flooded street in Hancock County, with buildings and trees in the background. The water is murky and reflects the overcast sky. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

# Hancock County Flood Risk Reduction Program Update

April 26, 2017

# Introductions

Scott Peyton: Stantec Project Manager

Steve Wilson: MWCD Project Manager

Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson, & Timothy Bechtol:  
Hancock County Commissioners

Township Trustees

Adam Hoff: Stantec Assistant Project Manager



# Maumee Watershed Conservancy District

- Represents 15 Counties in Northwest Ohio
- Political subdivision of the State
- Oversees water management, including flood risk reduction
- Established under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6101

# Agenda

Project Overview

Stantec's Work

- Gap Analysis
- Project Refinements
- Project Alternatives
- Benefits & Impacts Summary
- Opinions of Probable Cost
- Stantec's Recommendation

Path Forward

Questions



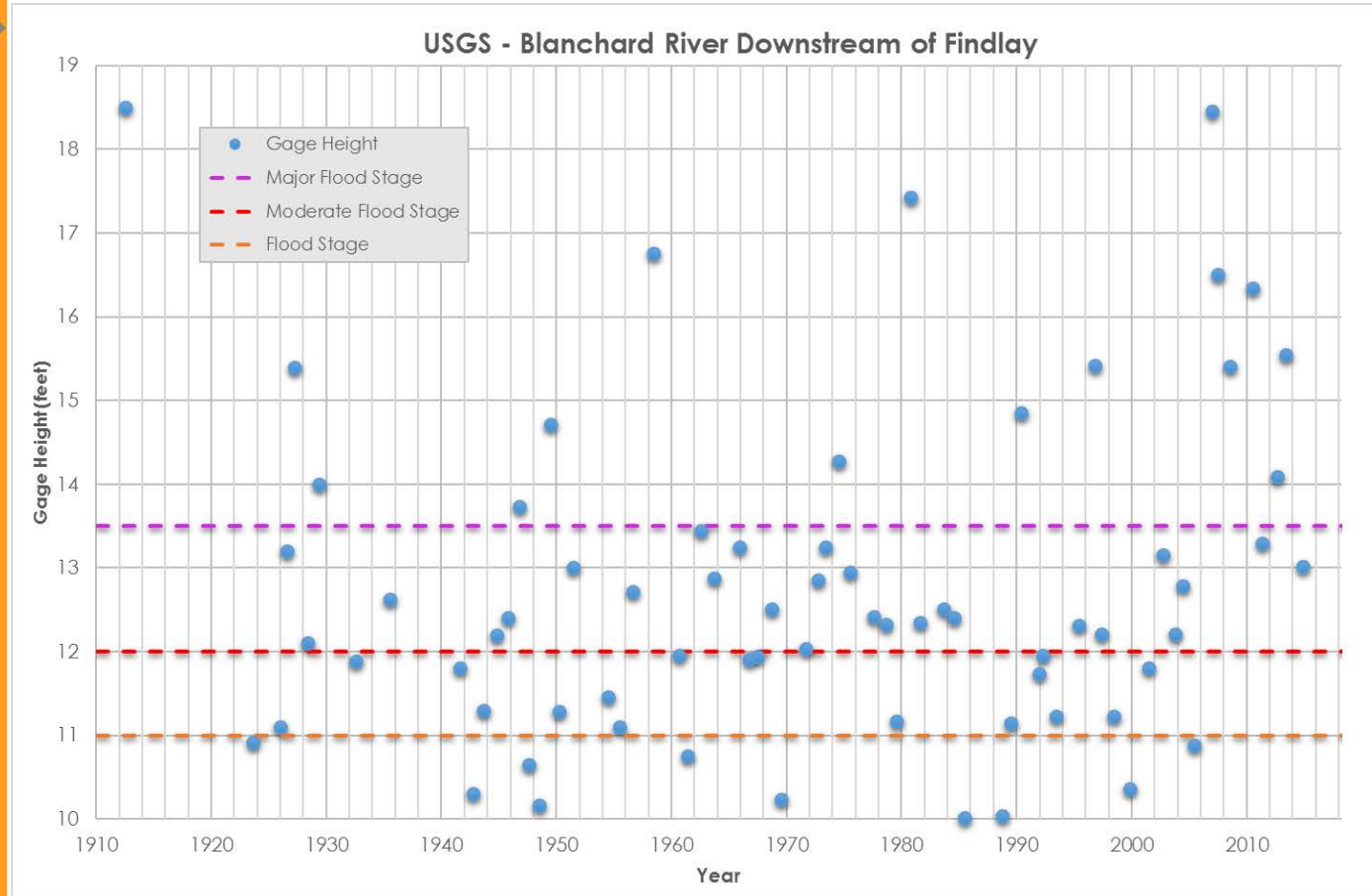
Blanchard St. Bridge

# Project Overview



# Our Challenge

Larger floods  
have occurred  
more frequently





# August 2015 Recommended Plan

## USACE Buffalo District



## Western Diversion of Eagle Creek

# USACE Opinion of Probable Cost

Eagle Creek Flows

25-year 3,000 cfs

50-year 3,500 cfs

100-year 4,050 cfs

500-year 5,400 cfs



25-Year Channel Sizing Estimates		
01	Lands & Damages	\$ 6,580,000
02	Relocations	\$ 14,590,000
06	Fish & Wildlife	\$ 1,758,000
08	Roads, Railroads Bridges	\$ 2,657,000
09	Channels and Canals	\$ 34,587,000
15	Floodway Control & Diversion Structure	\$ 8,708,000
18	Cultural Resource Preservation	\$ 692,000
30	Planning, Engineering & Design	\$ 8,182,000
31	Construction Management	\$ 3,149,000
	First Costs	\$ 80,903,000
	Interest during construction	\$ 5,671,000
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 86,574,000</b>

**About \$20 million allocated for new bridges and roads**  
**Includes 27.5% Contingency**



## Preliminary Scope

### Complete

- Analyze the USACE Feasibility Report to understand their findings and recommend changes to the Corps' Plan
- Perform surveys and geotechnical explorations
- Determine preferred channel alignment

### ***Not yet Authorized***

- *Prepare property acquisition plan and legal descriptions*
- *Prepare final design and construction plans*
- *Prepare necessary documents to secure regulatory permits*

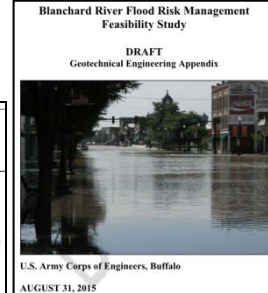
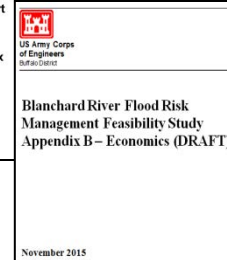
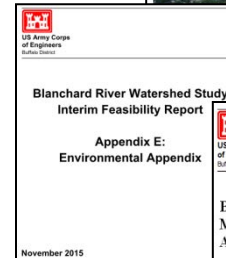
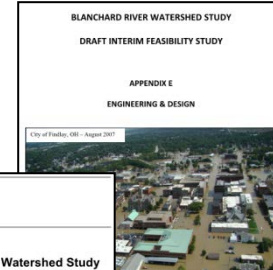
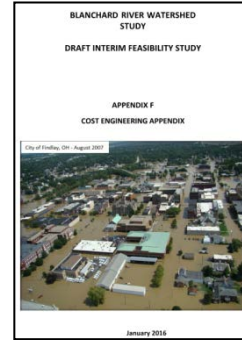
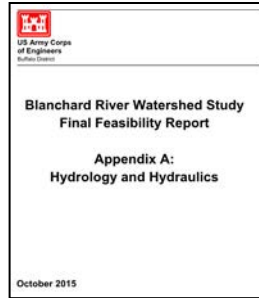
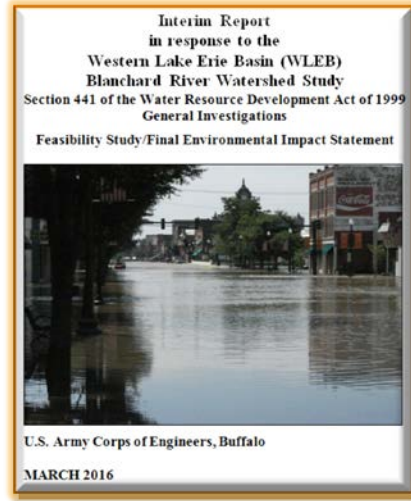
# Gap Analysis

## Data Reviewed

- Reports
- Digital Files:  
USACE
- Public Data:  
USGS, ODOT, others

## Project Components

- Hydrology & Hydraulics
- Geotechnical
- Transportation
- Cost
- Economics
- Design
- Environmental



## 4 Key Gaps

### Design and Engineering

Federally driven project objective

### Cost and Economics

BCR less than 1.0

### Hydrology & Hydraulics (H&H)

Risk based evaluation needed

Conflicting results between USACE  
model and report

Revised  
Project  
Objective

Lower the 1% ACE event water surface elevation at Main Street and other major egress routes to permit passage of emergency response vehicles (6" -9" maximum water depth)

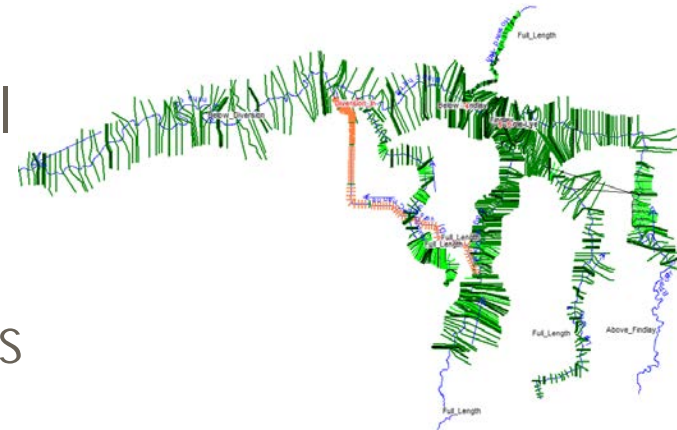
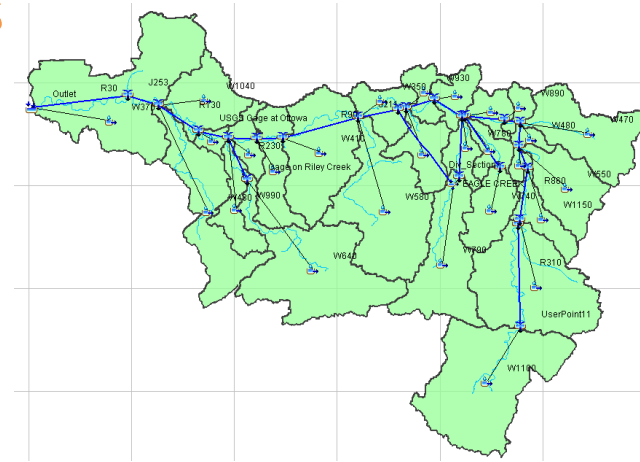
## Costs and Economics (BCR)

- Additional (non-federal) benefits include:
  - Road closures
  - Business losses
  - Lost income/wages
  - Temporary relocation/reoccupation costs
  - Agricultural benefits and losses
  - Others
    - Utility damages, debris removal costs, location benefits, intensification benefits, employment benefits.



## Hydrology & Hydraulics

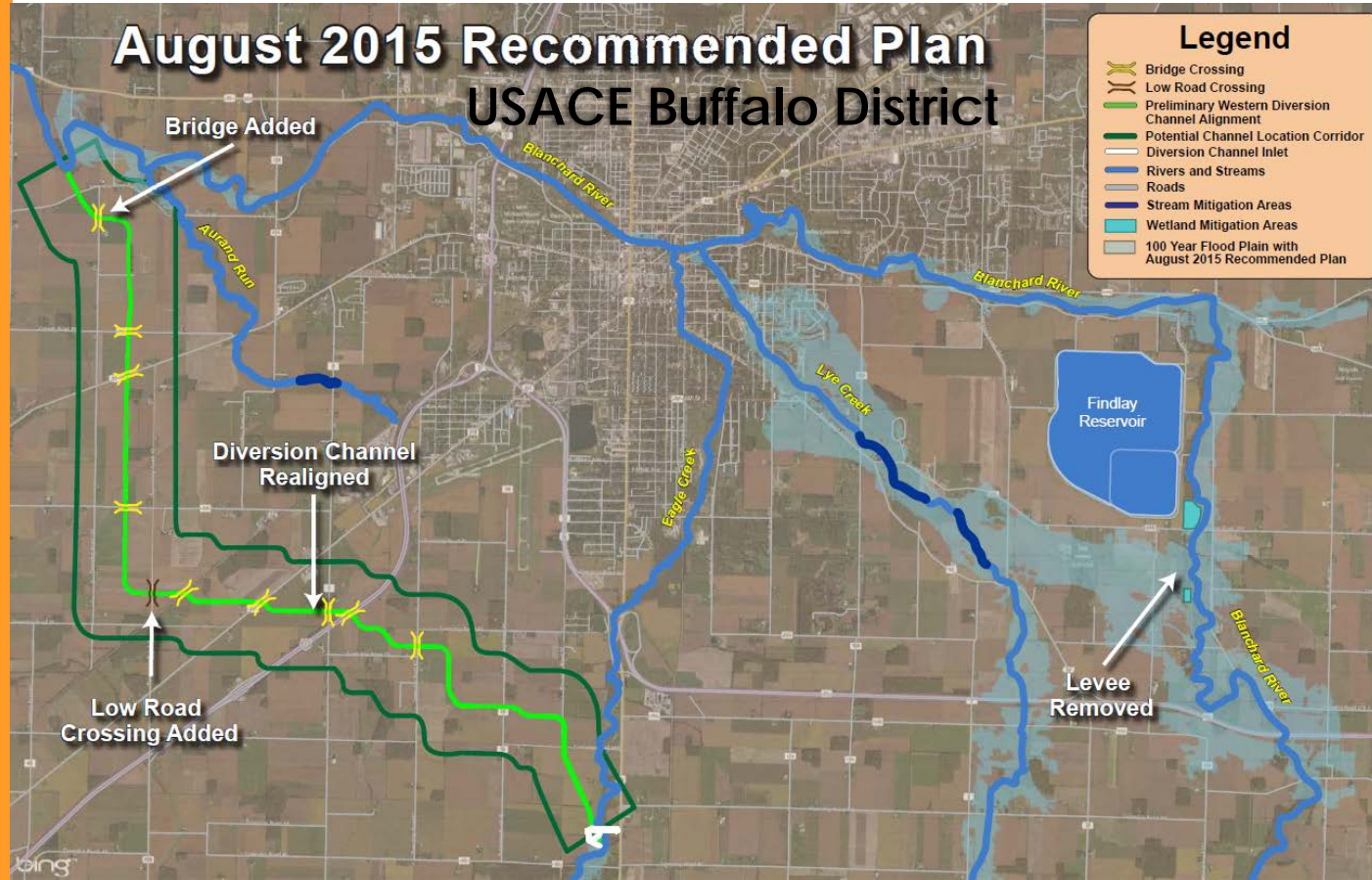
- 15 Alternatives
- Hydrologic & Hydraulic Models
- Methodology & Model Results
- Reviewed Historical Storms and Additional Hypothetical Events



# Concept Design Analysis

## Diversion Channel Refinement

Size  
Alignment  
Profile  
Inlet Location



## Preliminary Recommendations

- **This Alternative is Feasible**
- Relocate entrance and reduce channel length
- At-grade intersection with Aurand Run
- Refine profile
  - Reduce overall excavation & waste
  - Reduce rock excavation
- Update Capacity from 25-year to 100-year flows



Why  
Alternatives?

## Remaining Problems to Solve

Conflicting Model/Reporting Results

Residual Risk of Project

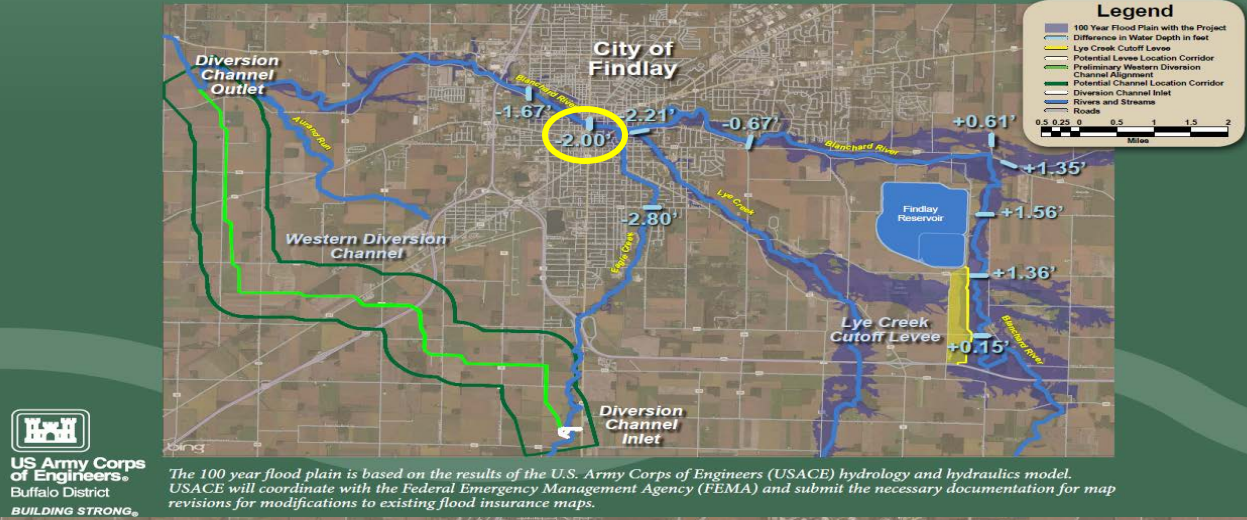
Double-Peaked Hydrograph



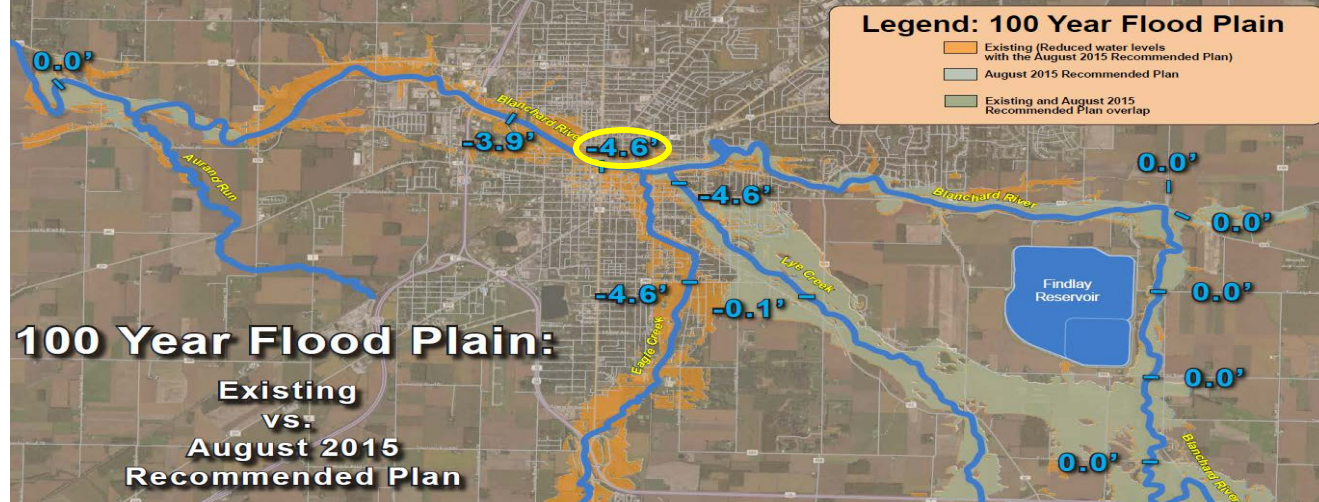
Conflicting  
Results

April 2015

## 100 Year Storm Event with Proposed Project



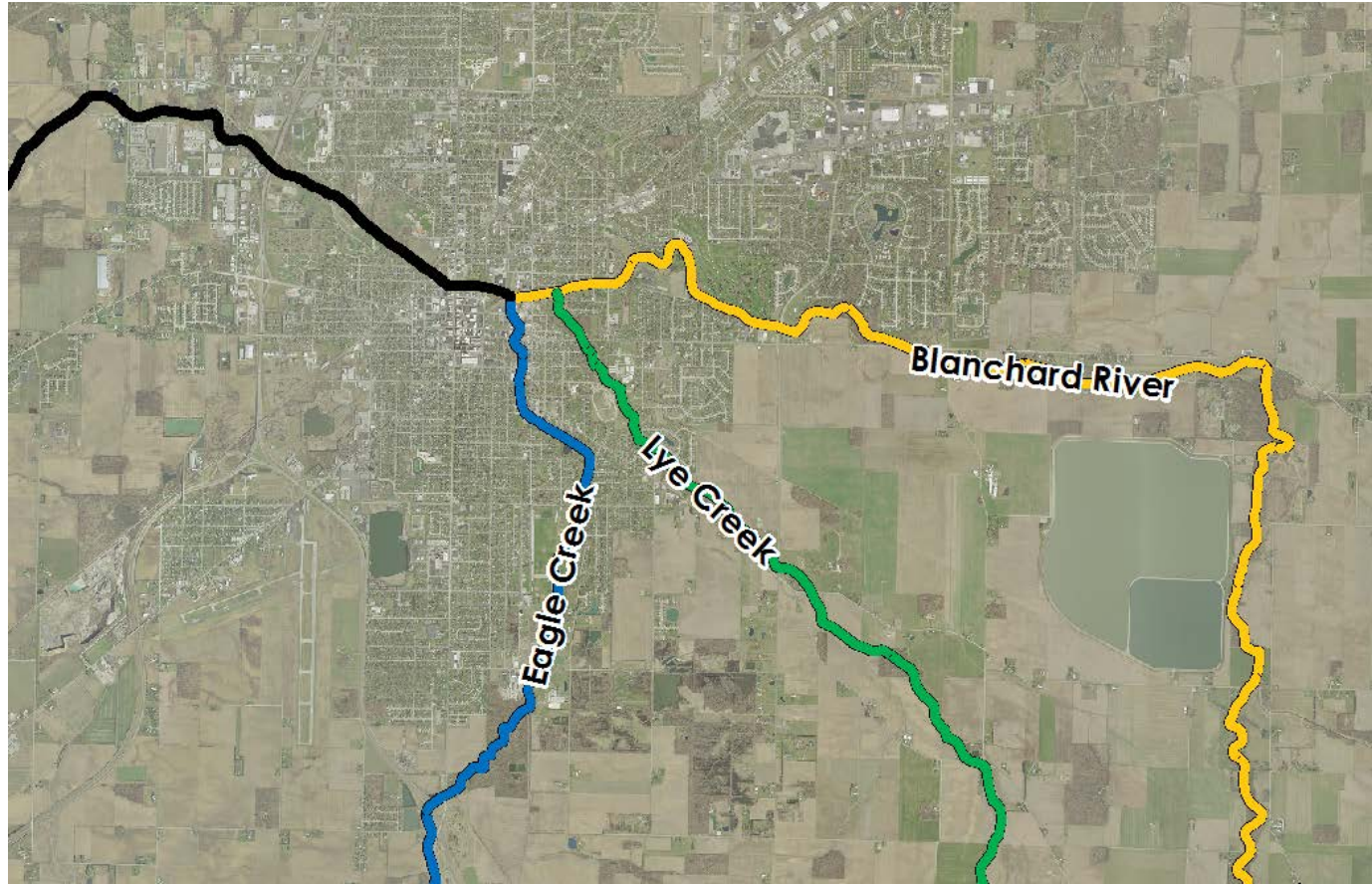
August 2015





Where does  
the water  
come from?

## Blanchard River – Eagle Creek – Lye Creek

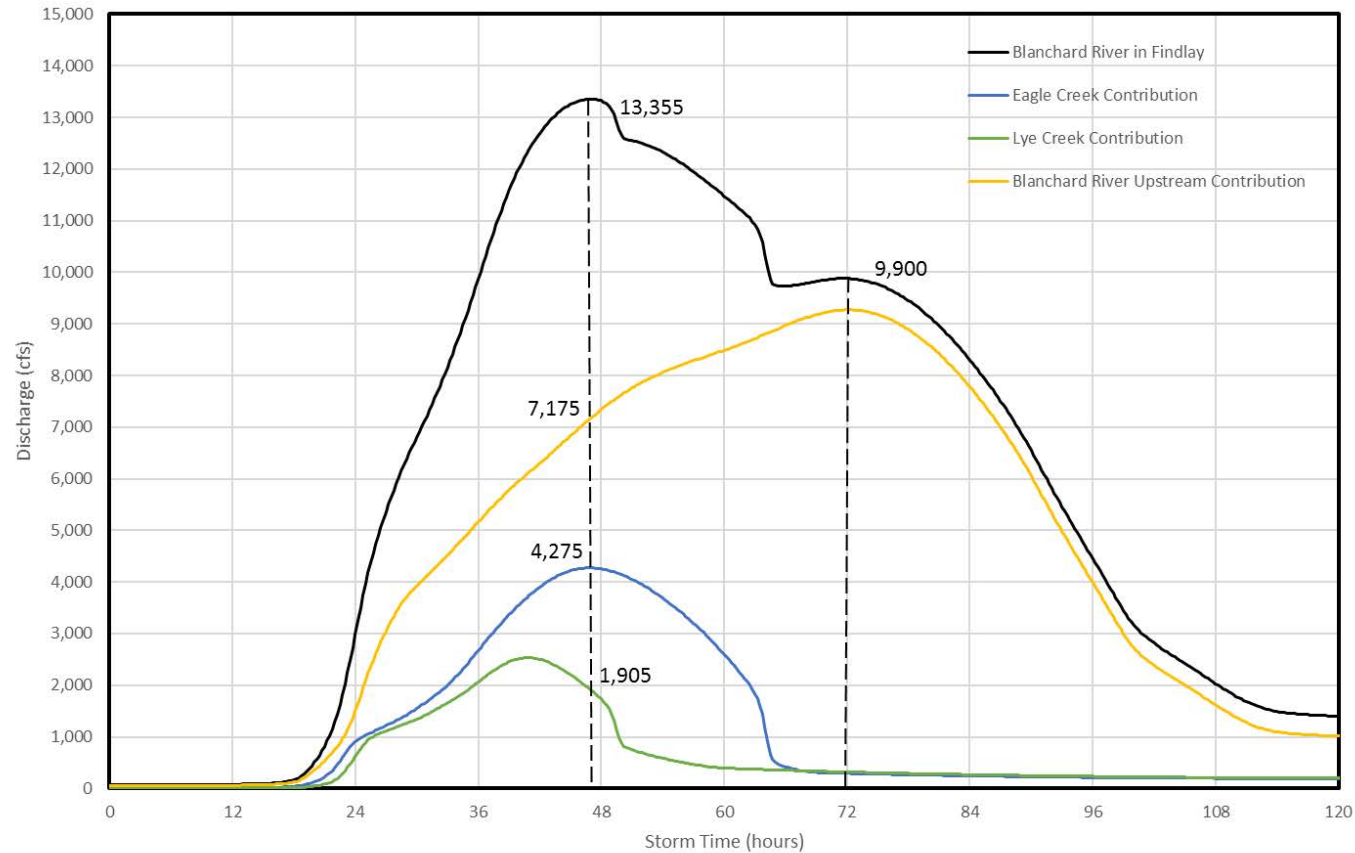


1% ACE

## USACE HEC-HMS

- Existing Conditions

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



1% ACE

USACE HEC-HMS

- Existing Conditions
- USACE Plan (Expected)

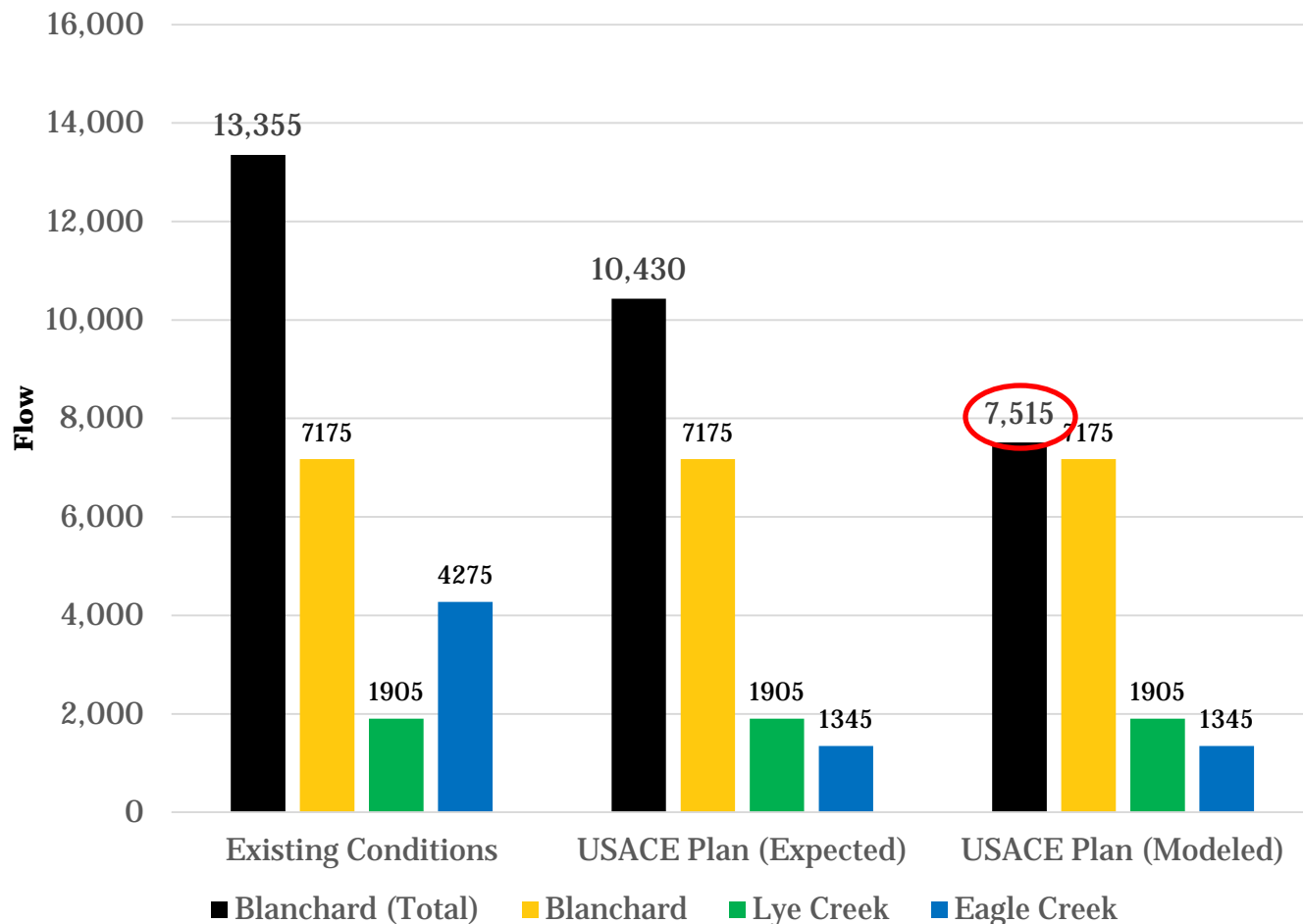
USACE HEC-RAS

- USACE Plan (Modeled)

**“The 4.6’ drop in WSE in downtown Findlay is based on a model run where the flow optimization feature did not properly converge on an internally consistent result.” - USACE**

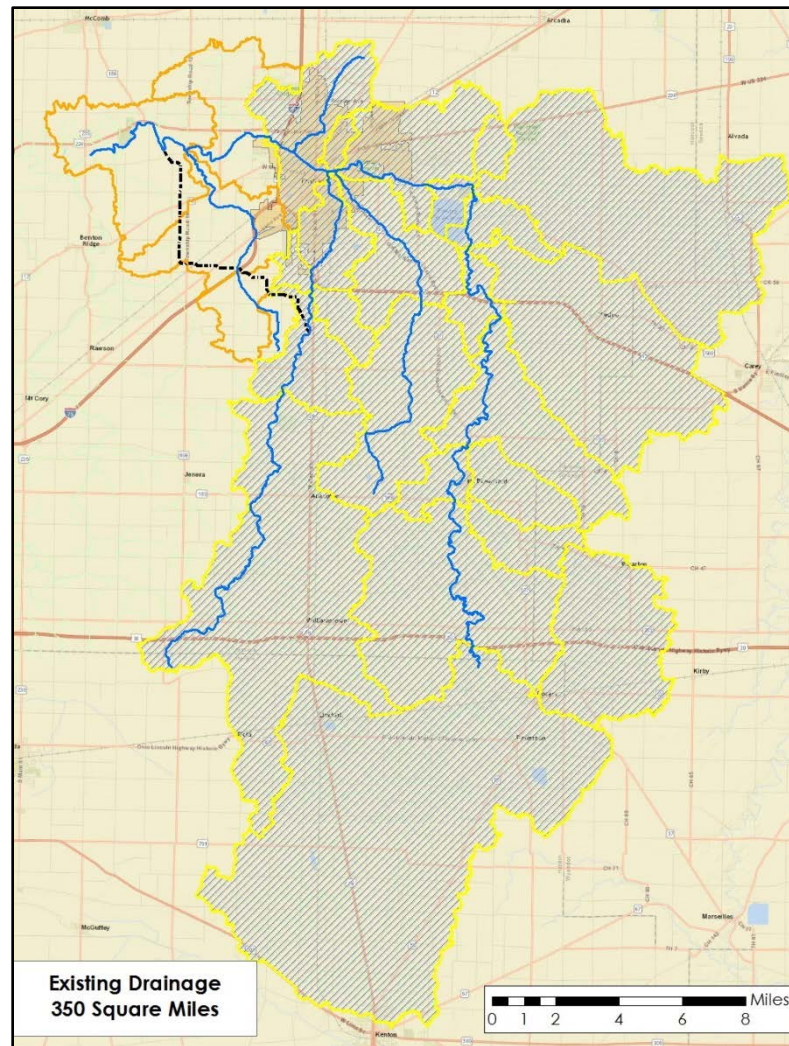


## USACE Model Flow Error



# Residual Risk

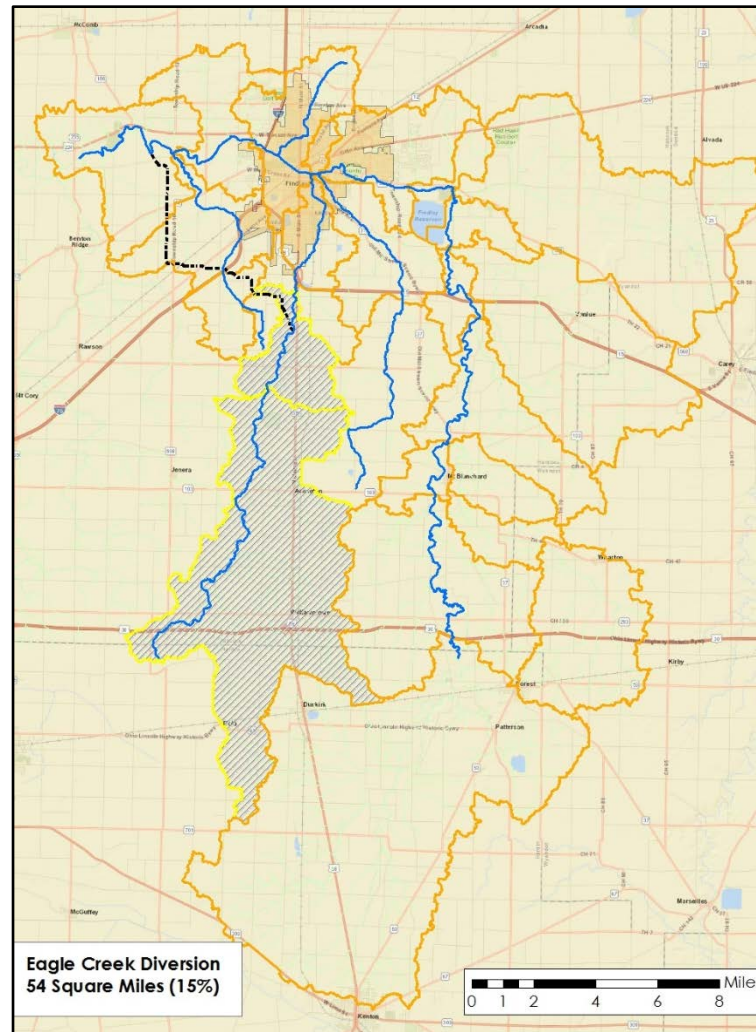
## The Blanchard River Watershed





# Residual Risk

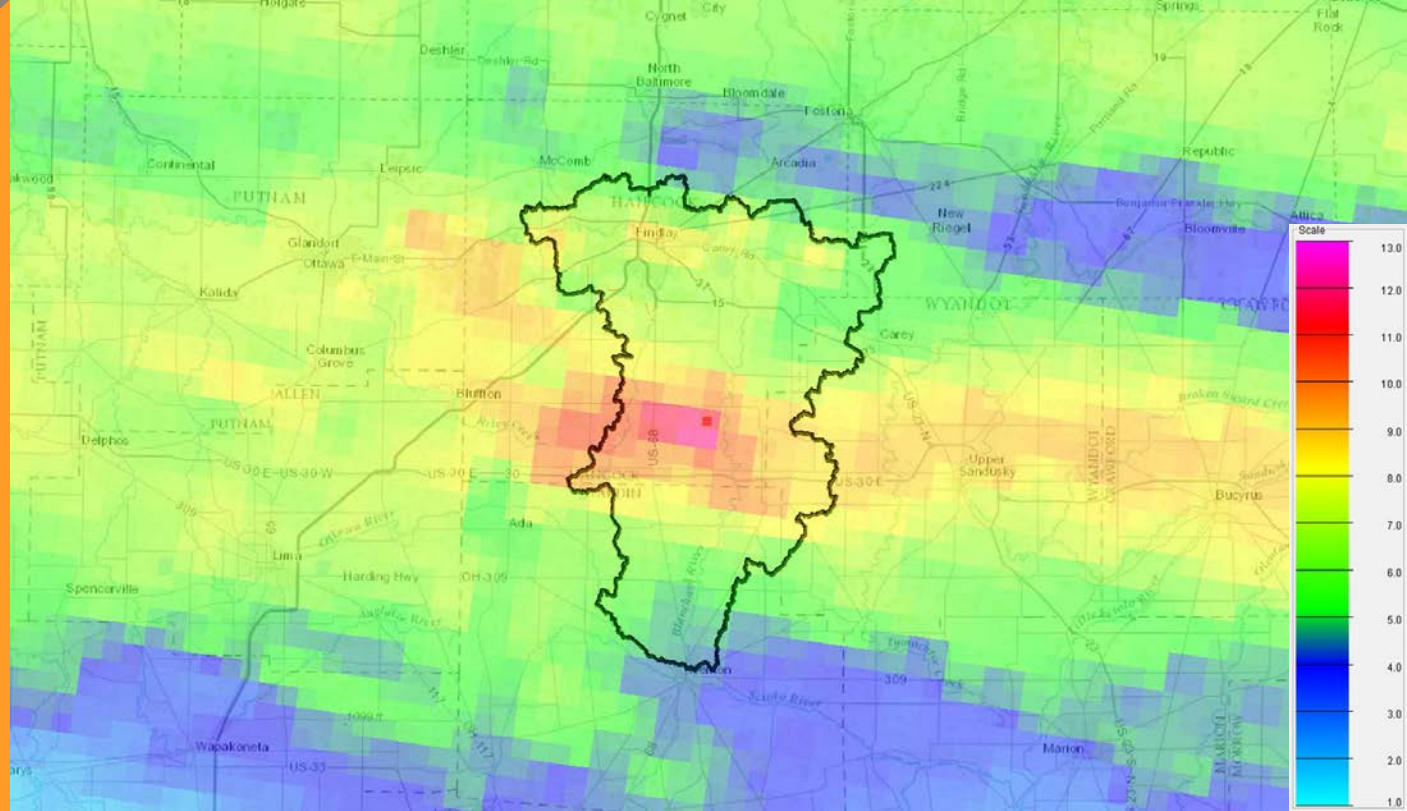
15% of  
Watershed  
Influenced





# Residual Risk

2007 Storm



# Alternatives

Concept  
Designs  
Reviewed

# Hydraulic Improvements

Remove Inline  
Riffles/Dams

Floodplain  
Bench Widening

Bridge  
Modifications





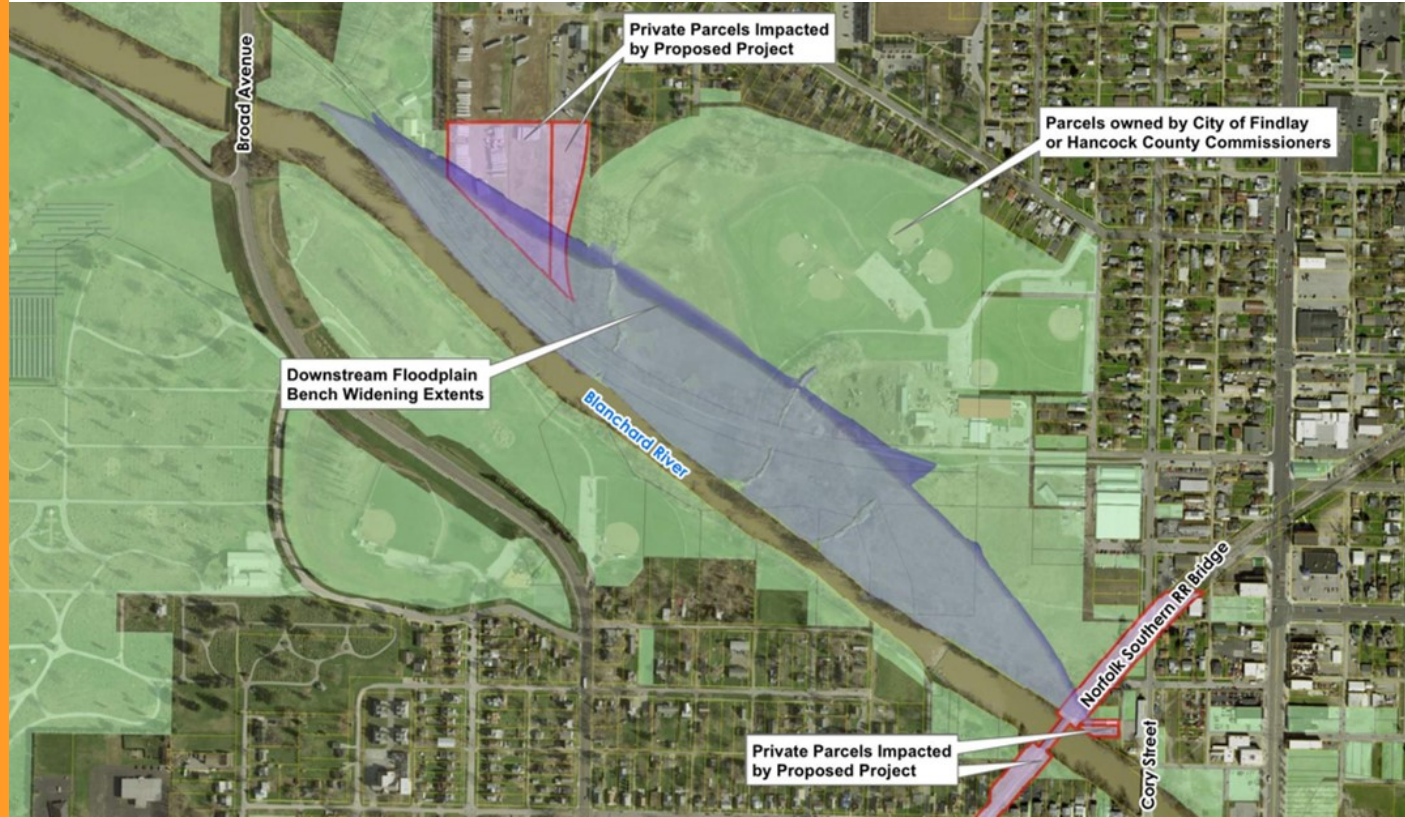
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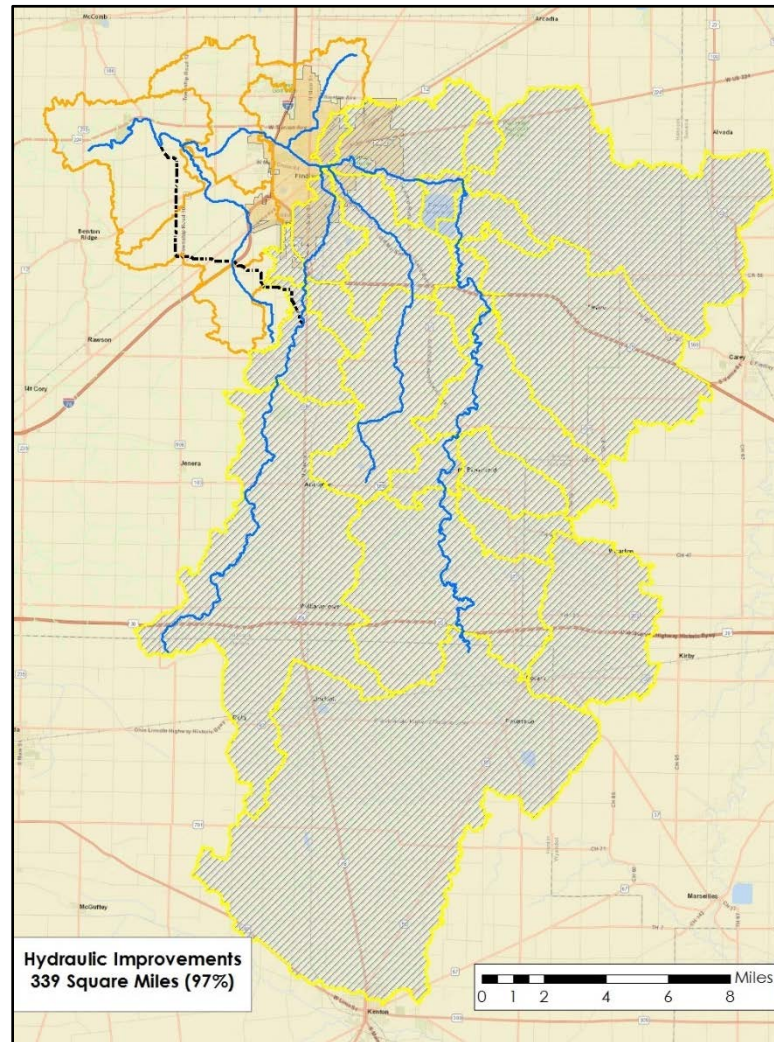
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Riffles/Dams

Floodplain  
Bench Widening

Bridge  
Modifications



# Percent of Watershed Influenced





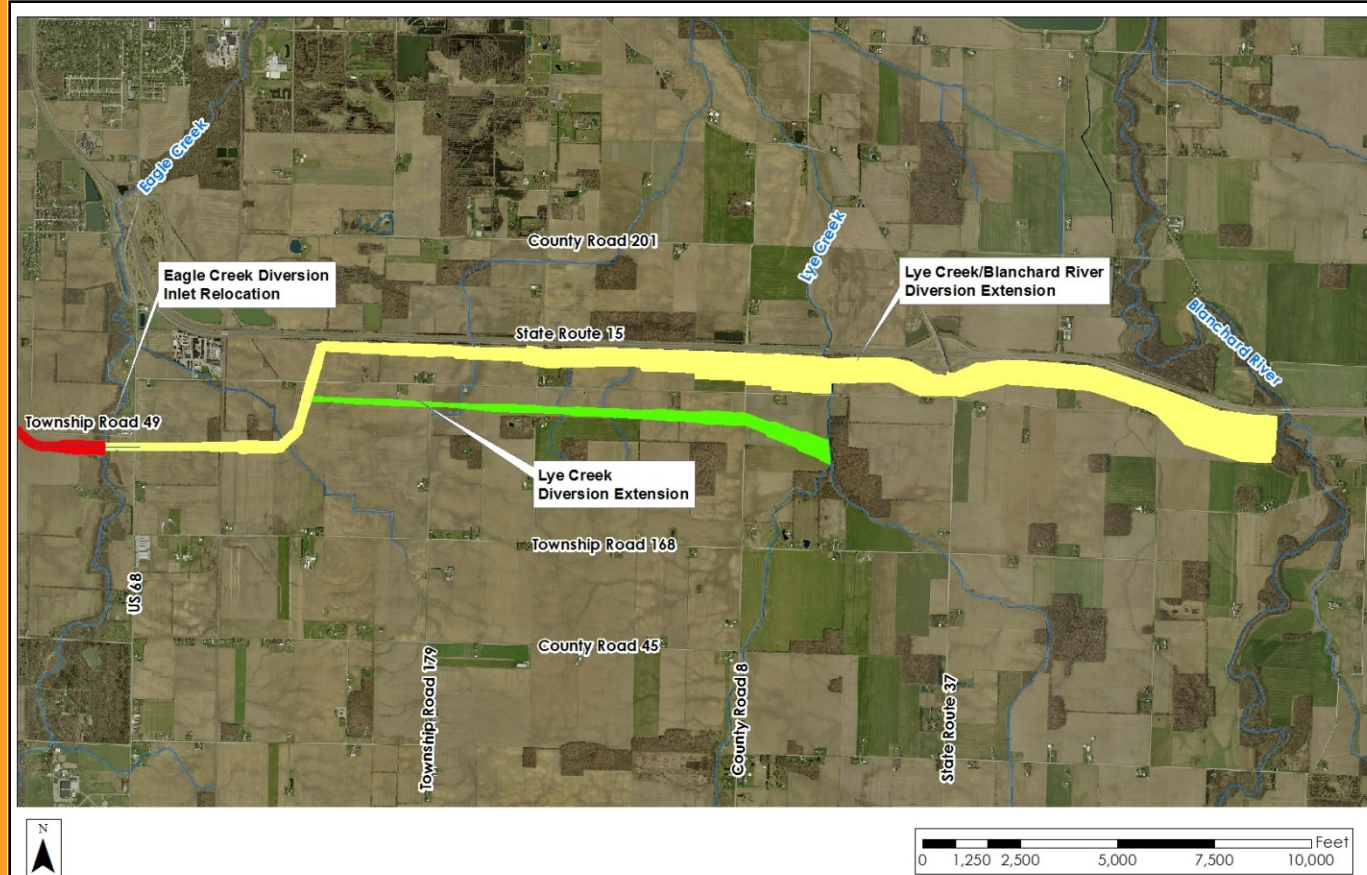
## Diversion Extension

Up to 1,200 ft wide

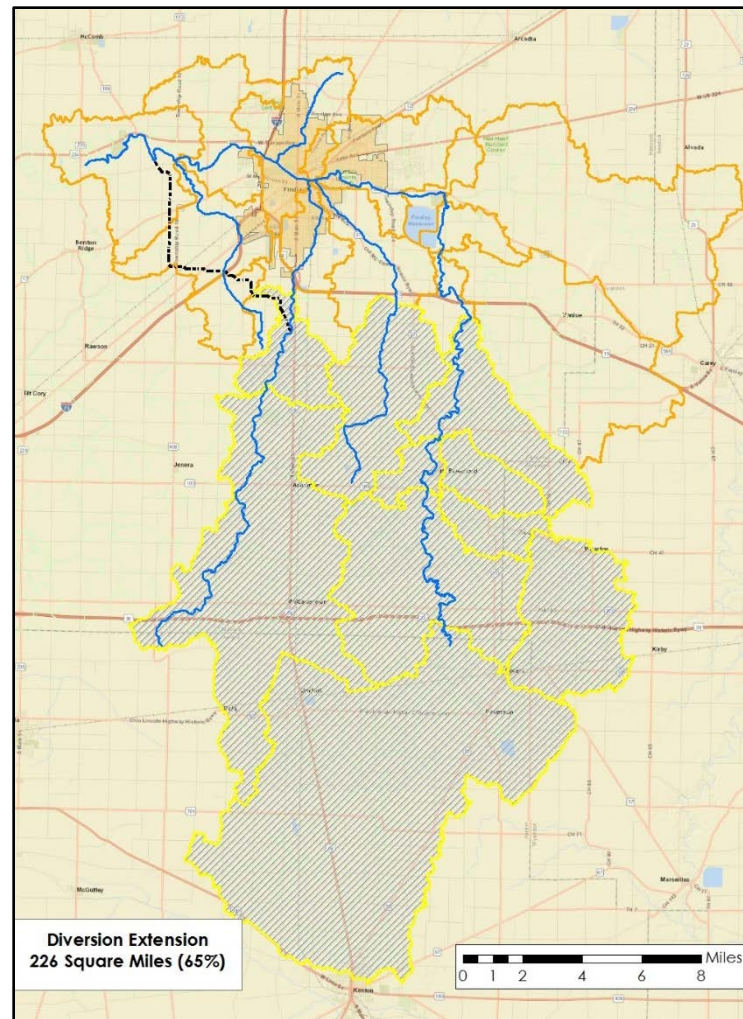
Between 2 and  
7 ft deep

14 New Bridges  
and 5 Cul-de-sacs

# Eagle to Lye to Blanchard

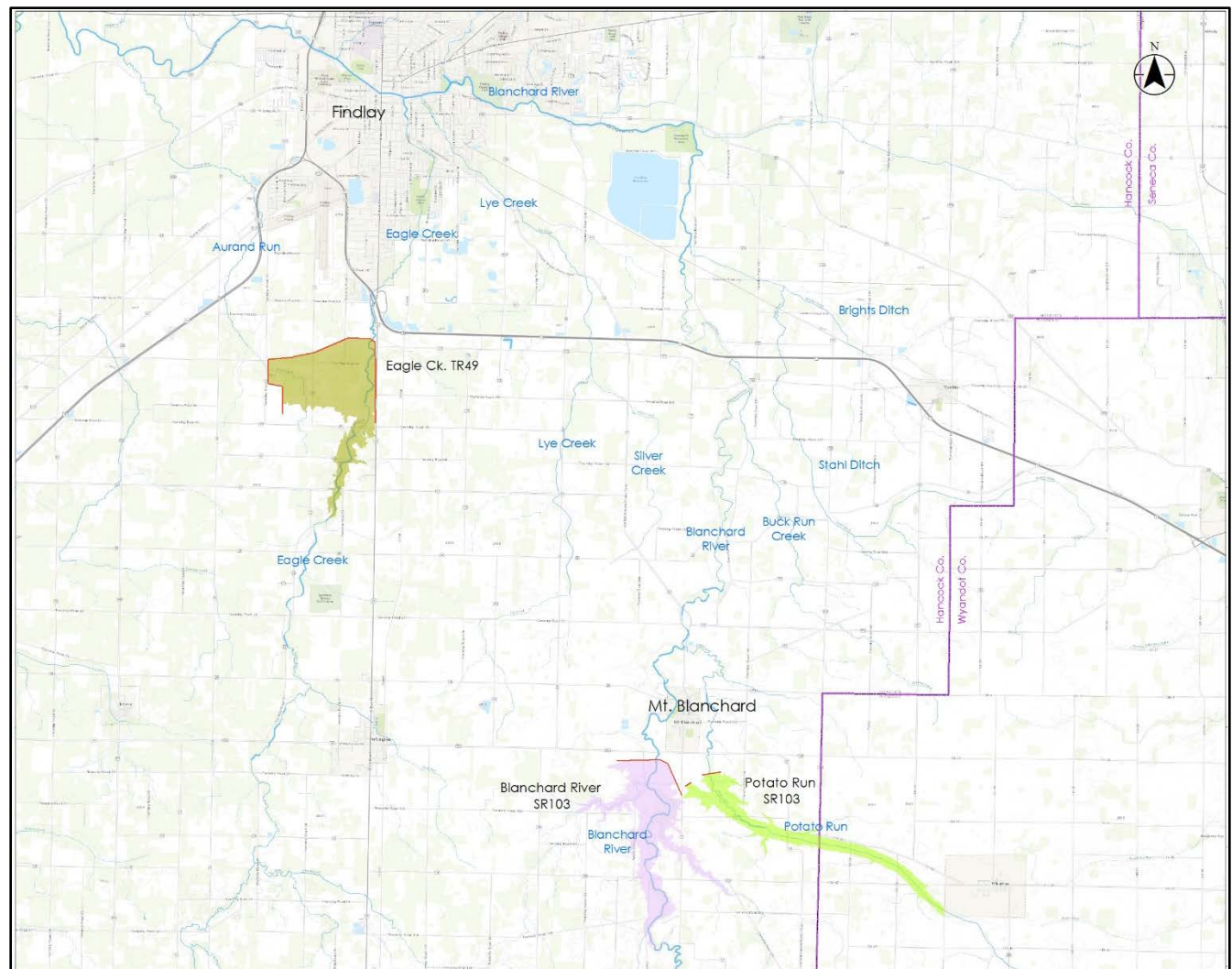


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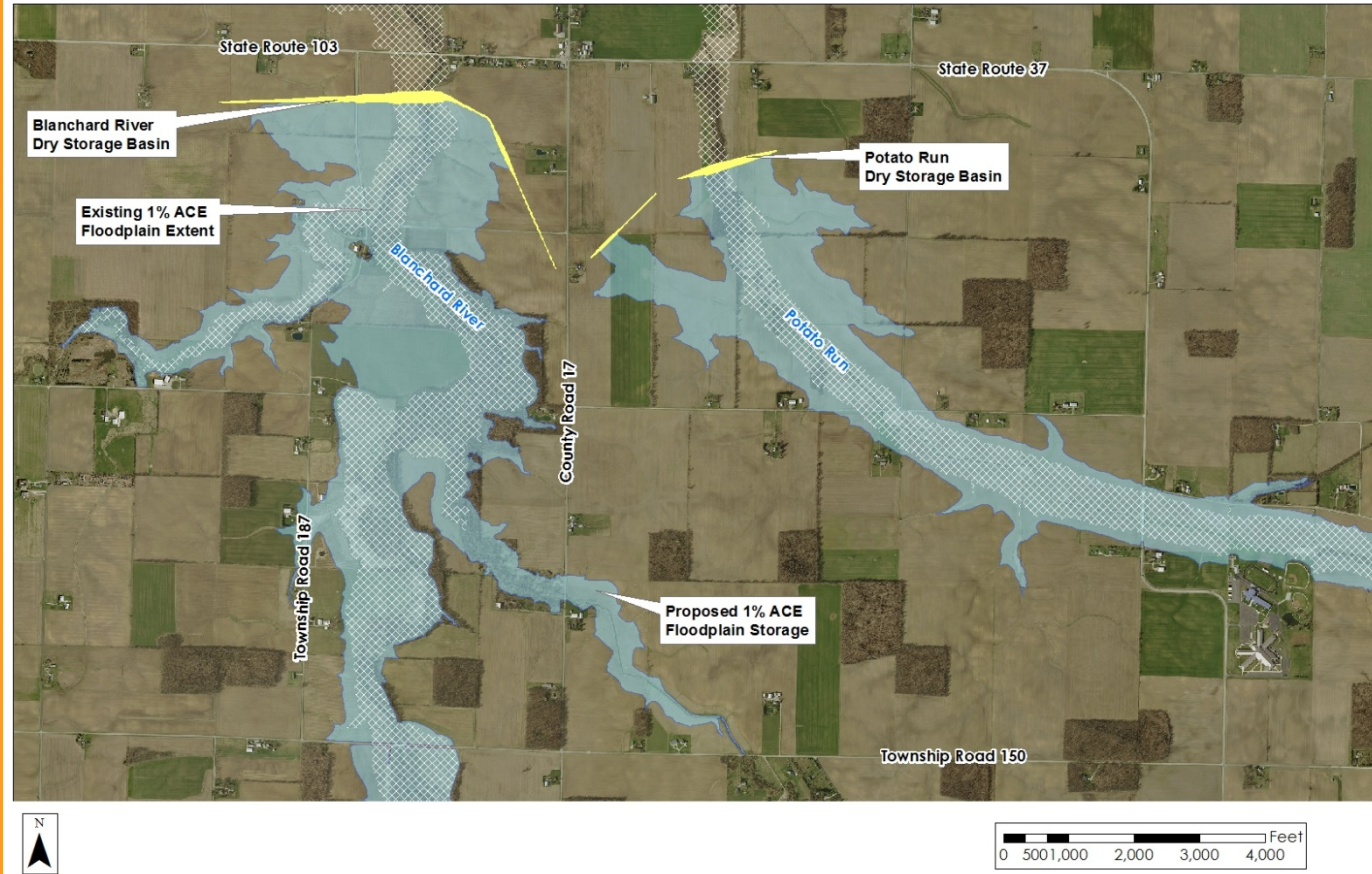


# Storage



## Storage

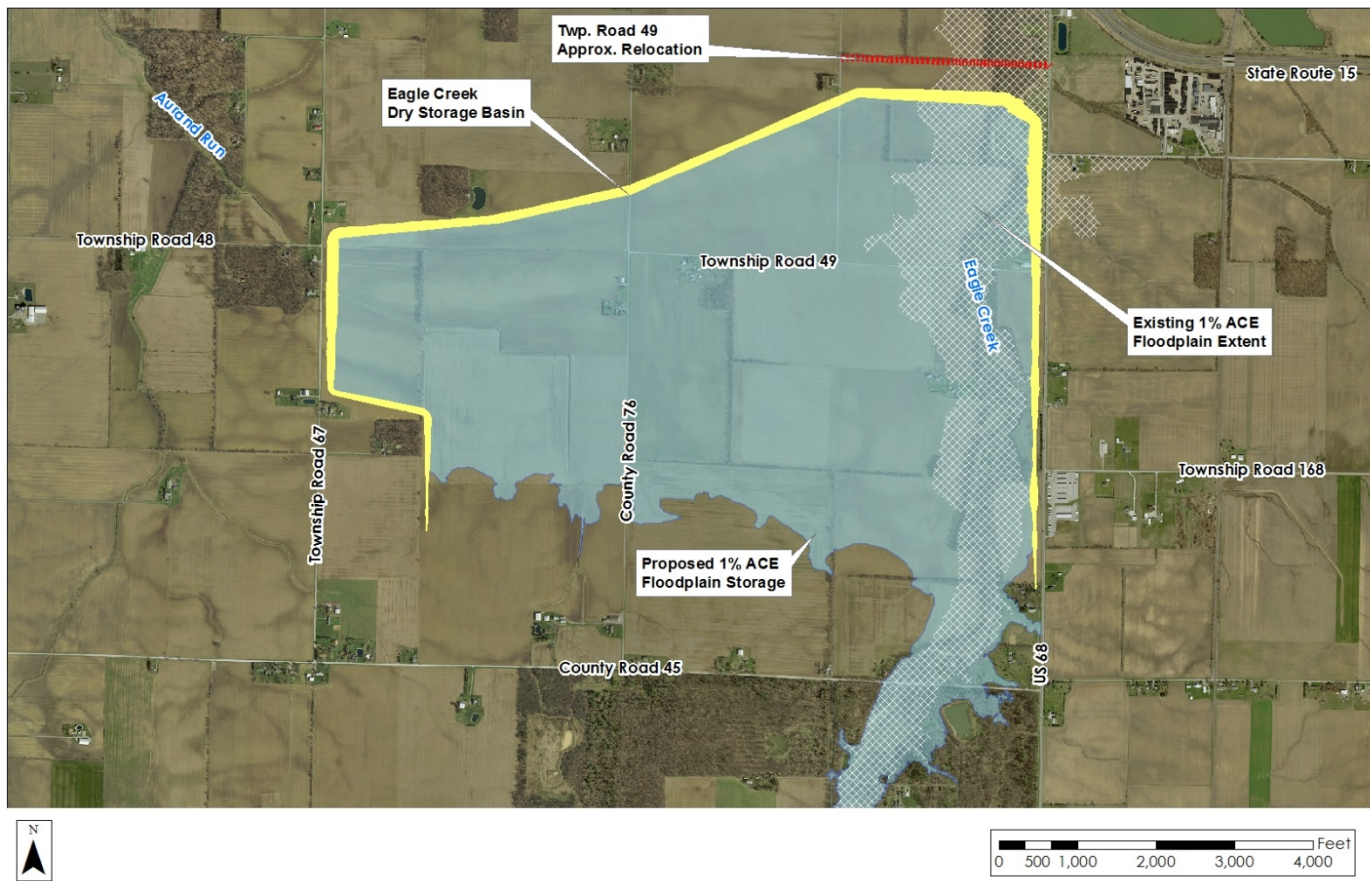
# Blanchard River & Potato Run at Mt. Blanchard





Storage

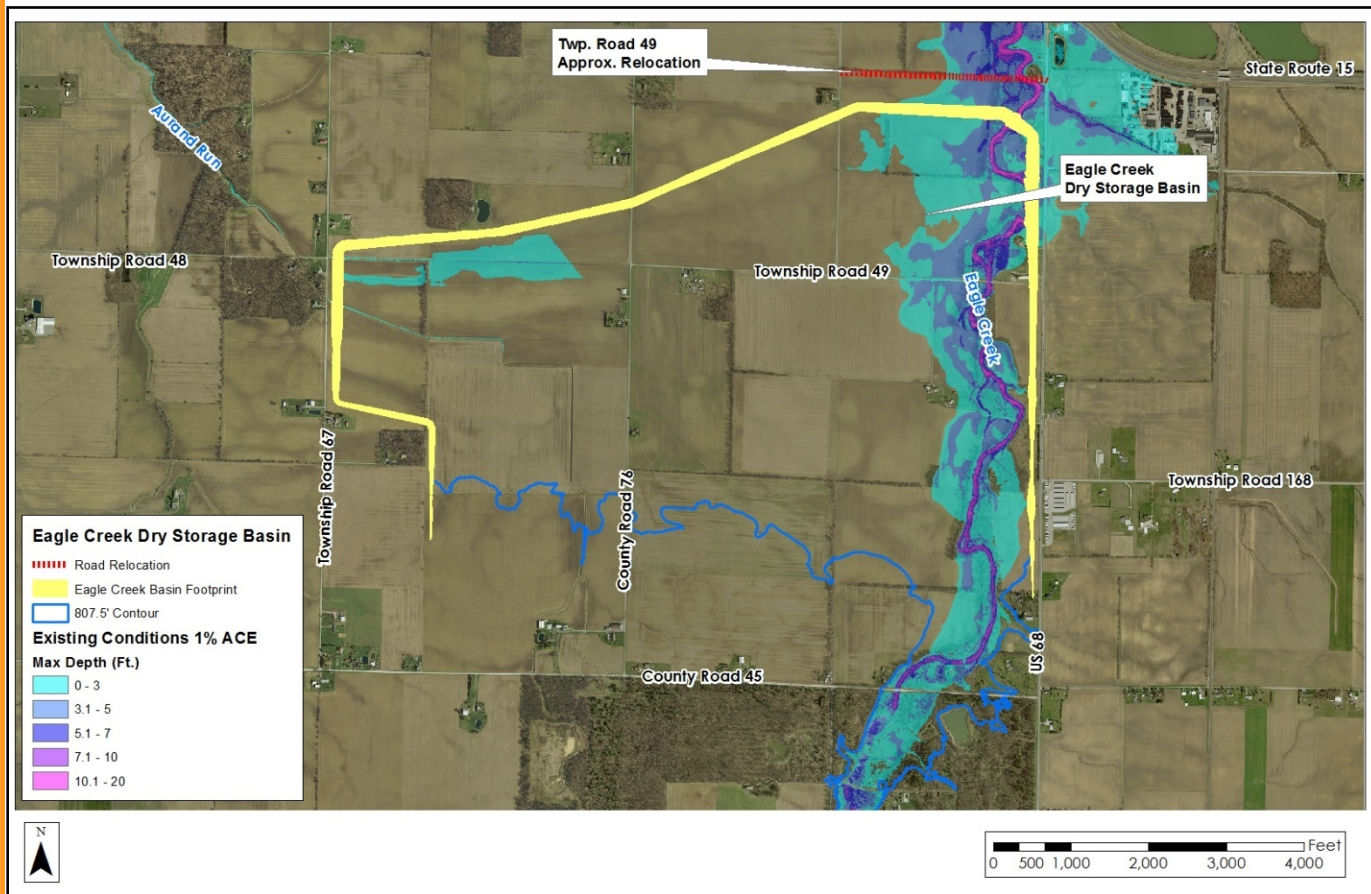
## Eagle Creek Dry Storage



# Eagle Creek Dry Storage

Existing  
Conditions

1% ACE event

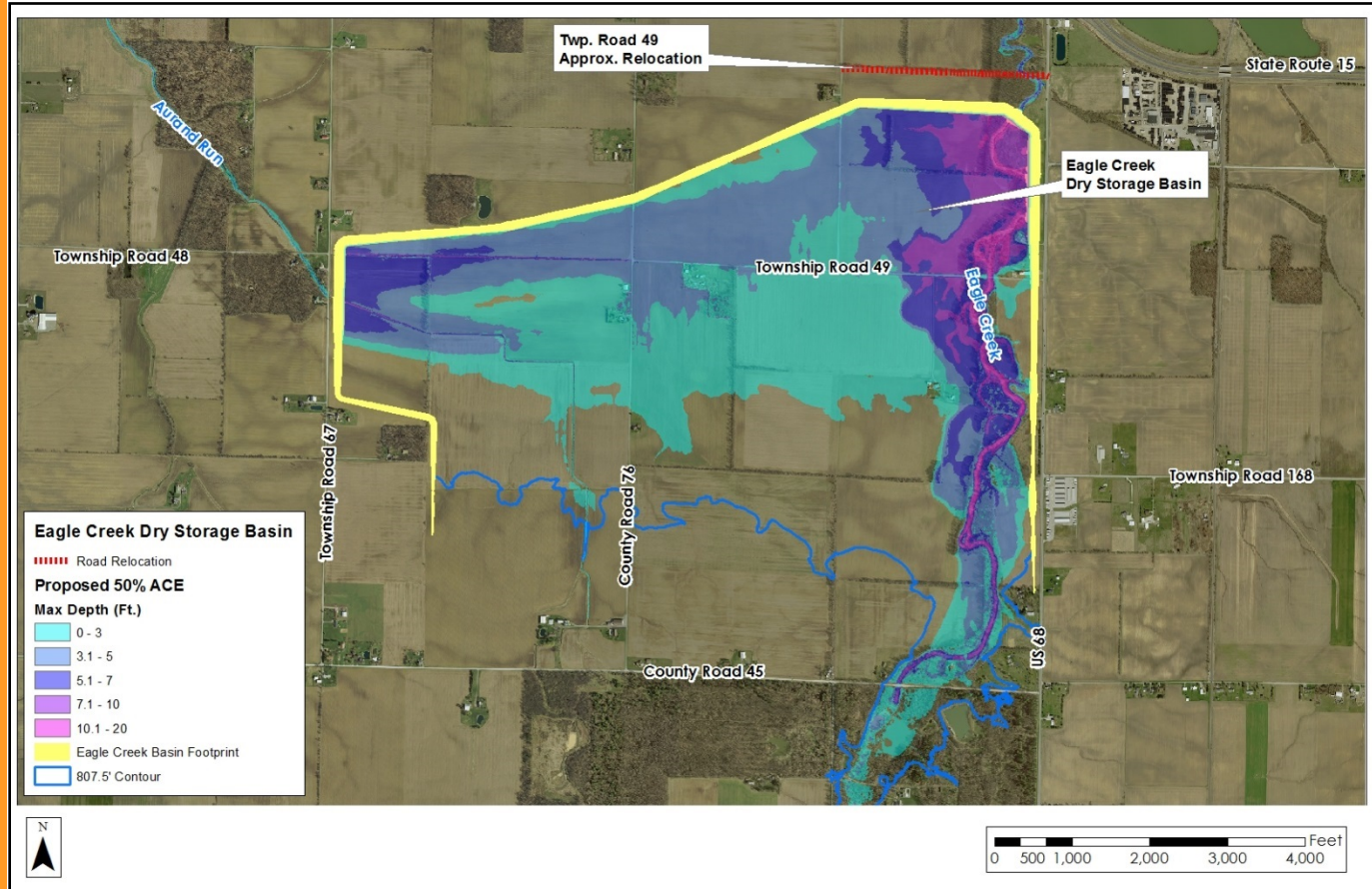




# Eagle Creek Dry Storage

Proposed  
Conditions

50% ACE event

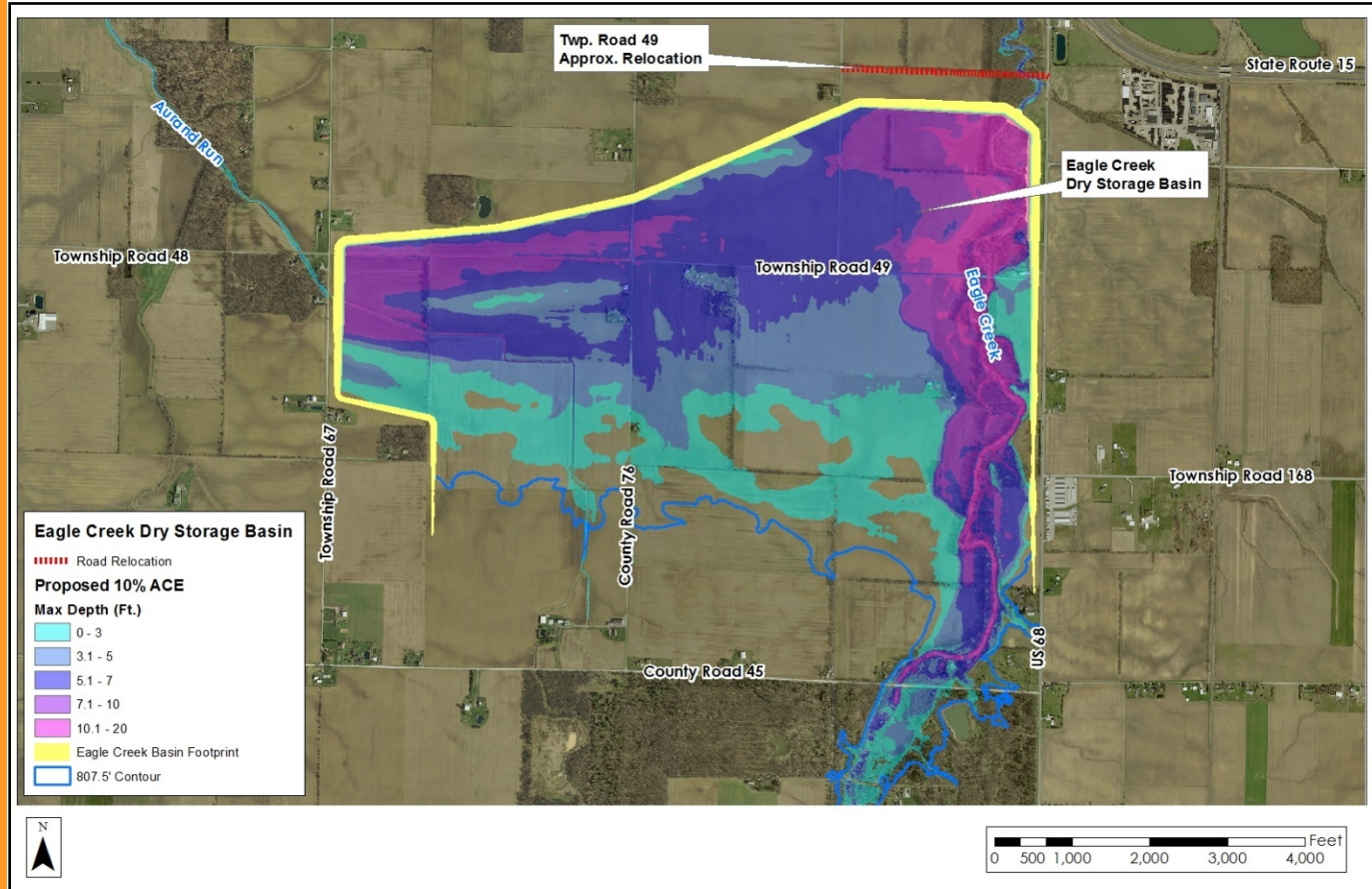




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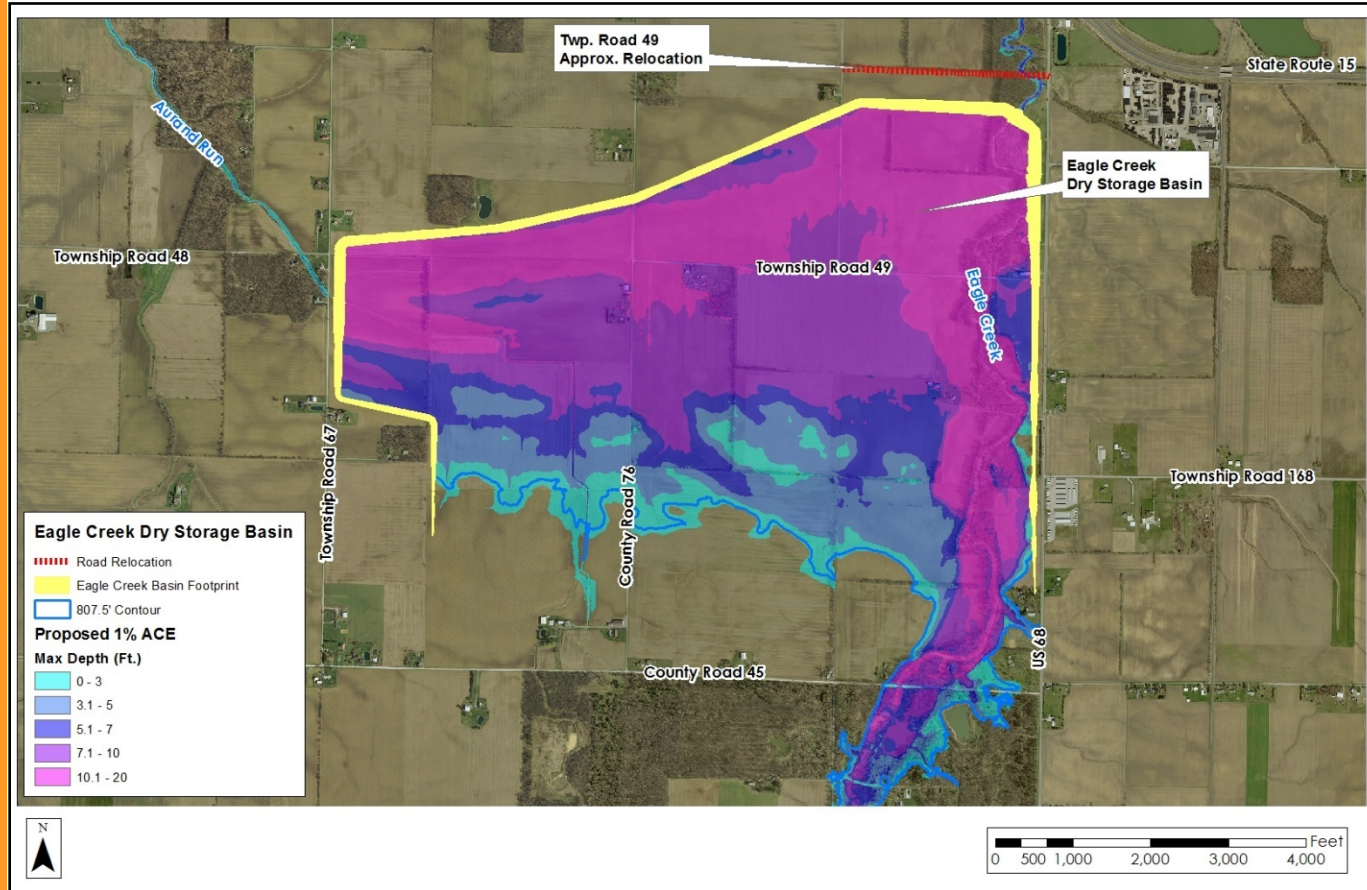
10% ACE event



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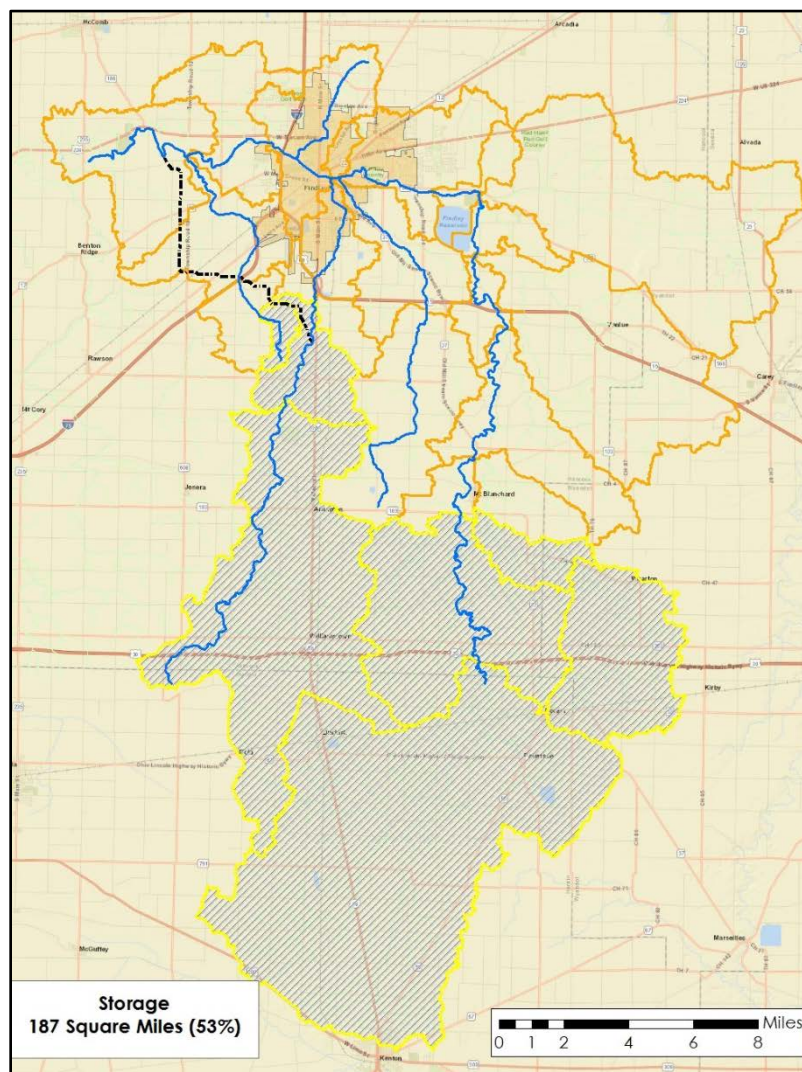
Proposed  
Conditions

1% ACE event





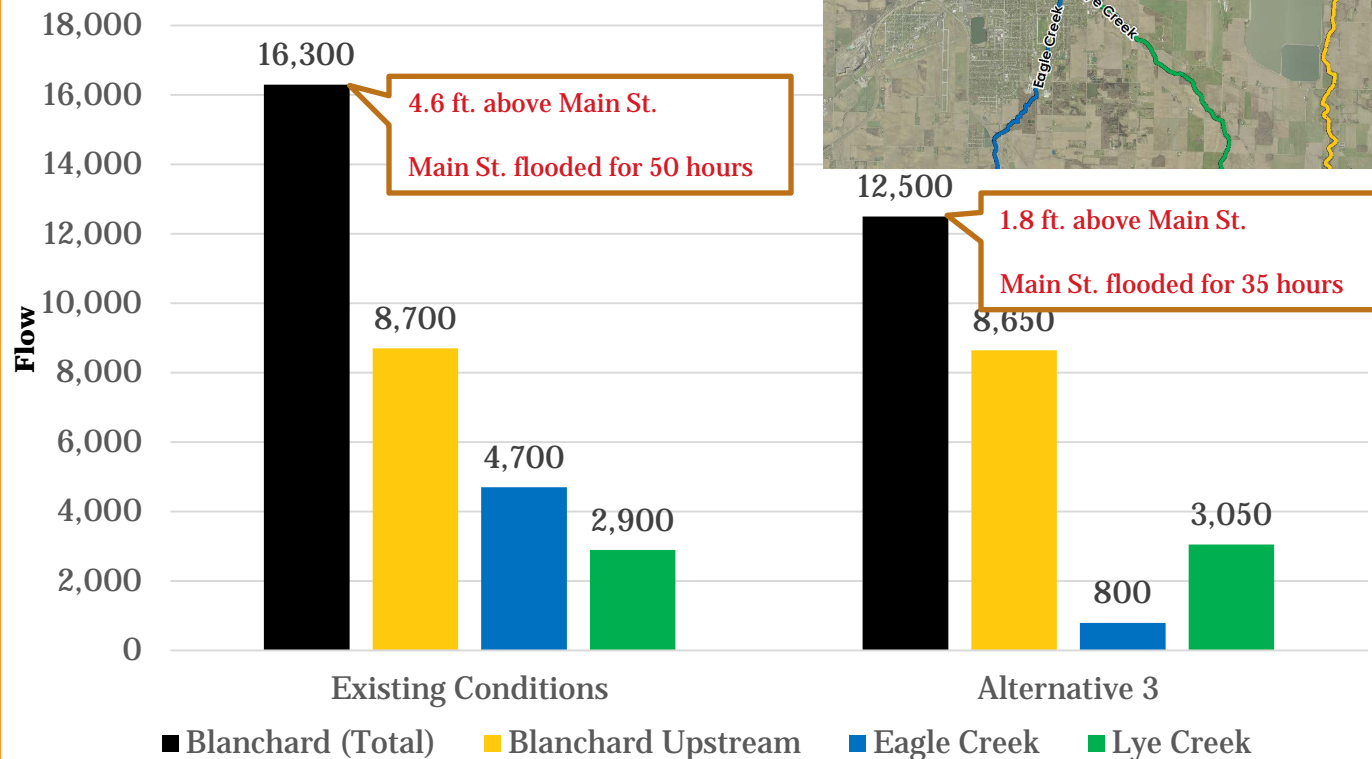
# Percent of Watershed Influenced



1% ACE  
100-Year, 24-Hour  
SCS Type II = 5.26"

Blanchard River  
in Findlay

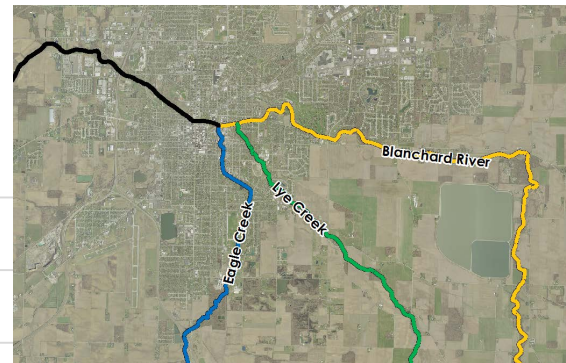
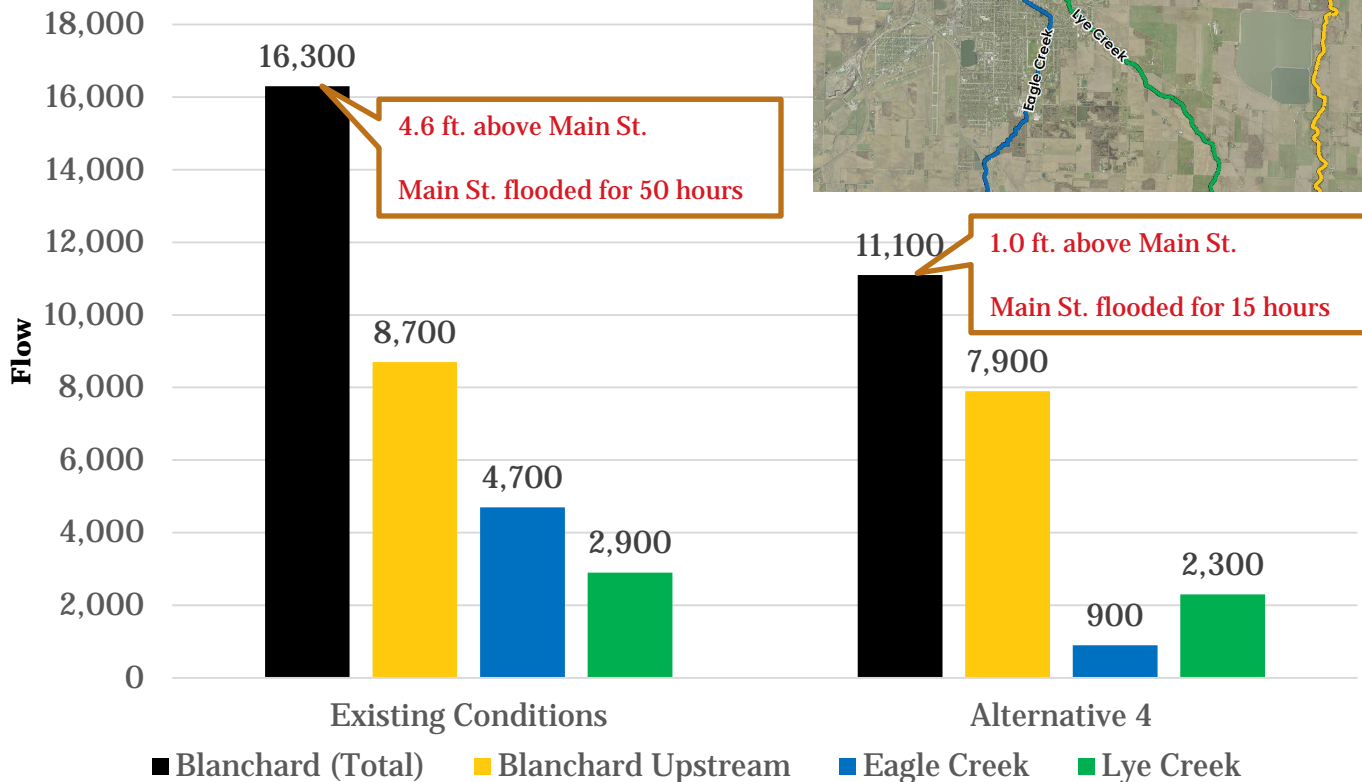
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## Blanchard River in Findlay

### Eagle Creek Storage + Blanchard R. and Potato Run Storage





## Opinions of Probable Cost

## Alternative Components

Alternative Option	Base Cost	Cost With Contingency
USACE Plan (25-Year Diversion of Eagle Creek)	<b>\$63,804,000</b>	<b>\$80,902,000</b>
Refined Diversion (100-Year Diversion of Eagle Creek)	\$81,300,000	\$105,690,000
Diversion Channel Extension (Eagle Creek to Blanchard River)	\$67,800,000	\$88,140,000
<b>Total Diversion Channel Extension</b>	<b>\$149,100,000</b>	<b>\$193,830,000</b>
Riffle/Inline Structures Removal	\$780,000	\$1,014,000
Floodplain Bench Widening and Railroad Bridge Modifications	\$14,500,000	\$18,850,000
<b>Total Hydraulic Improvements</b>	<b>\$15,280,000</b>	<b>\$19,864,000</b>
Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin	\$53,500,000	\$69,550,000
Blanchard River Dry Storage Basin	\$34,400,000	\$44,720,000
Potato Run Dry Storage Basin	\$19,700,000	\$25,610,000
<b>Total Storage</b>	<b>\$107,600,000</b>	<b>\$139,880,000</b>

Opinions of  
Probable Cost

Spatial Spread  
of Projects

Independent  
Projects that  
make up a  
Program

## Alternatives

Alternative	Base Cost	Cost With Contingency
Alternative 0 – Existing Conditions	--	--
Alternative 1 – USACE Plan (25-Year Diversion of Eagle Creek)	\$63,804,000	\$80,902,000
Alternative 2 – Blanchard River Modifications	\$15,280,000	\$19,864,000
Alternative 3 – Alt. 2 + Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin	\$68,780,000	\$89,414,000
Alternative 4 – Alt. 3 + Blanchard & Potato Dry Storage Basins	\$122,880,000	\$159,744,000

- Alternative 4 is Stantec's Recommended Plan
  - Hydraulic improvements
  - Eagle Creek dry storage basin
  - Blanchard River dry storage basin
  - Potato Run dry storage basin

# Benefits and Impacts Summary

Alternative	Modeled Scenario	Reduction in WSE at Main St (Feet)	Max Water Depth on Main St (Feet)	Duration Water is 6" Above Main St (Hours)	Total Acres Directly Impacted by Project Construction	Home Buyouts	New Bridges or Cul-De-Sacs	Acres Impacted Outside of Ex. Regulatory Floodplain	Acres Removed from Floodplain	Agricultural Acres Removed from Floodplain	Parcels Directly Impacted by Project Construction	Parcels Removed from Floodplain
0	Existing Conditions	n/a	4.6	50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	USACE Plan (25-Yr Diversion)	0.9	3.6	45	960	1	13	960	1,690	1,140	75	1,670
2	Blanchard R. Modifications	0.9	3.7	40	2	0	0	2	280	40	5	760
3	Blanchard R. + Eagle Cr. Storage	2.8	1.8	35	1,140	14	1	863	2,780	1,180	55	2,460
4	Blanchard R. + Eagle Cr. Storage + Blanchard & Potato Storage	3.6	1	15	2,430	19	2	1,514	5,060	2,850	135	2,850

Benefit / Impact Summary HEC-RAS Results (SCS Type II – NOAA Atlas 14 100-Year, 24-Hour event (5.26 inches) equally distributed across watershed)

# Hancock County Flood Risk Reduction Program: Benefit Cost Analysis

(STANTEC Project # 174316204)

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March 2017

## Opinion of Probable Construction Cost

Alternative Option	Base Cost	Cost With 30% Contingency
Riffle/Inline Structures Removal	\$780,000	\$1,014,000
Floodplain Bench Widening and Railroad Bridge Modifications	\$14,500,000	\$18,850,000
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## Operations and Maintenance Cost:

- Hydraulic Improvements - \$17,700 annually
  - Mowing, debris removal
- Dry Storage Basins - \$155,000 annually
  - Annual inspections, EAP updates, mowing, embankment repair, debris removal

# Benefit-Cost Analysis

- Structures & Content
- Motor Vehicles
- Transportation

## Program Schedule

- Environmental / Landuse

- RED Benefits/Damages Avoided:
  - Business Losses
    - Income, Clean-up, Emergency Plan
  - Environmental / Landuse



# Hydraulic Improvements

Costs / Benefits - NPV  
(Thousands of 2017 Dollars)

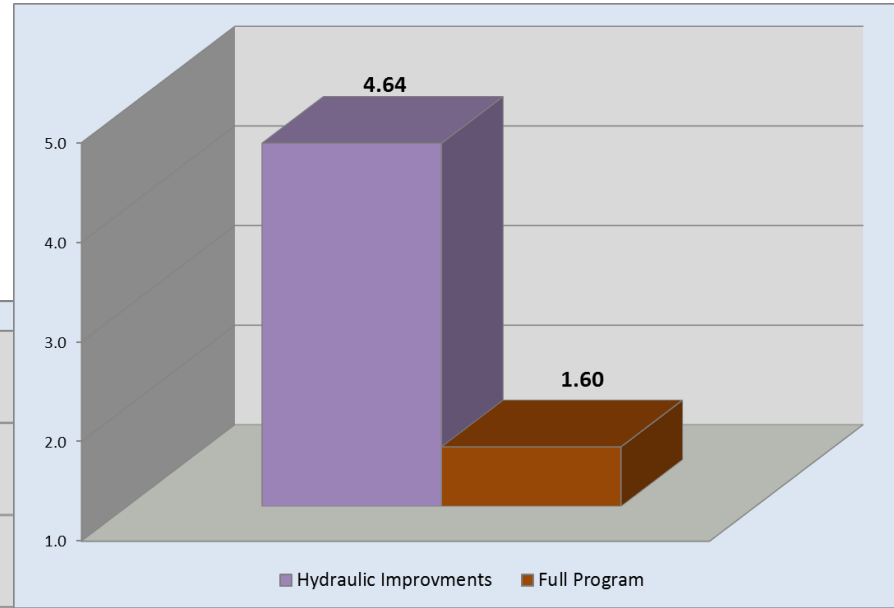
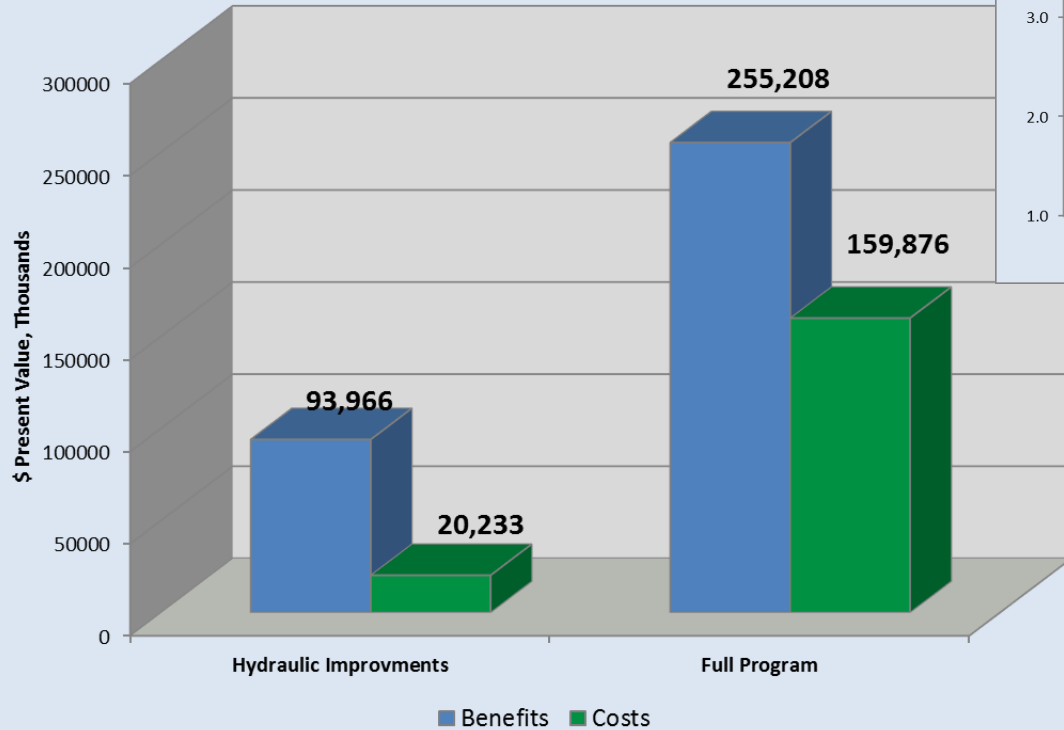
Category	Cost	Benefit	Benefit-Cost Ratio
Program Costs	\$20,233		
Structures (Residential)		\$33,896	
Structures (Business)		\$24,901	
Motor Vehicles		\$2,523	
Transportation		\$5,969	
Emergency Response		\$4,050	
NFIP Administrative Cost	5,969	\$5,698	
Business Losses (Income)		\$2,067	
Business Losses (Cleanup)		\$2,673	
Business Losses Emergency Plan		\$797	
Agricultural		\$163	
Environmental		\$11,229	
Total	\$20,233	\$93,966	4.64

# Full Program

## Costs / Benefits - NPV (Thousands of 2017 Dollars)

Category	Cost	Benefit	Benefit-Cost Ratio
Program Costs	\$159,876		
Structures (Residential)		\$107,450	
Structures (Business)		\$42,867	
Motor Vehicles		\$5,388	
Transportation		\$8,992	
Emergency Response		\$6,419	
NFIP Administrative Cost		\$18,311	
Business Losses (Income)		\$3,276	
Business Losses (Cleanup)		\$3,153	
Business Losses Emergency Plan		\$1,277	
Agricultural		\$368	
Environmental		\$57,707	
Total	\$159,876	\$255,208	1.60

# Benefit-Cost Analysis



Benefit-Cost Ratio

Benefits / Costs - NPV  
(Thousands of 2017 Dollars)

Economics

Public Policy

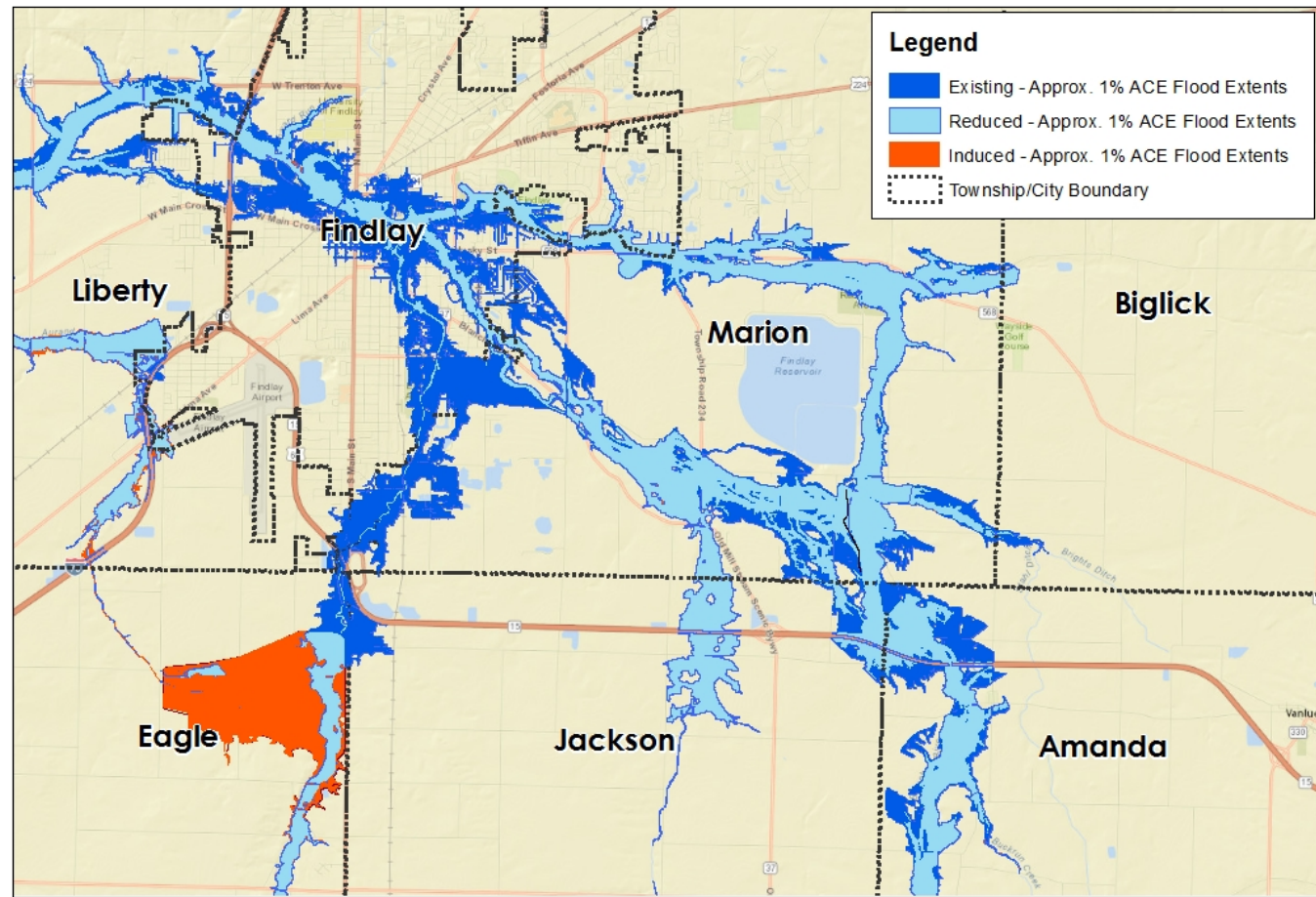
Planning

**Jack  
Faucett  
Associates**



# 1% ACE Flood

Blanchard &  
Potato Storage  
+  
Eagle Creek  
Storage  
+  
Hydraulic  
Improvements





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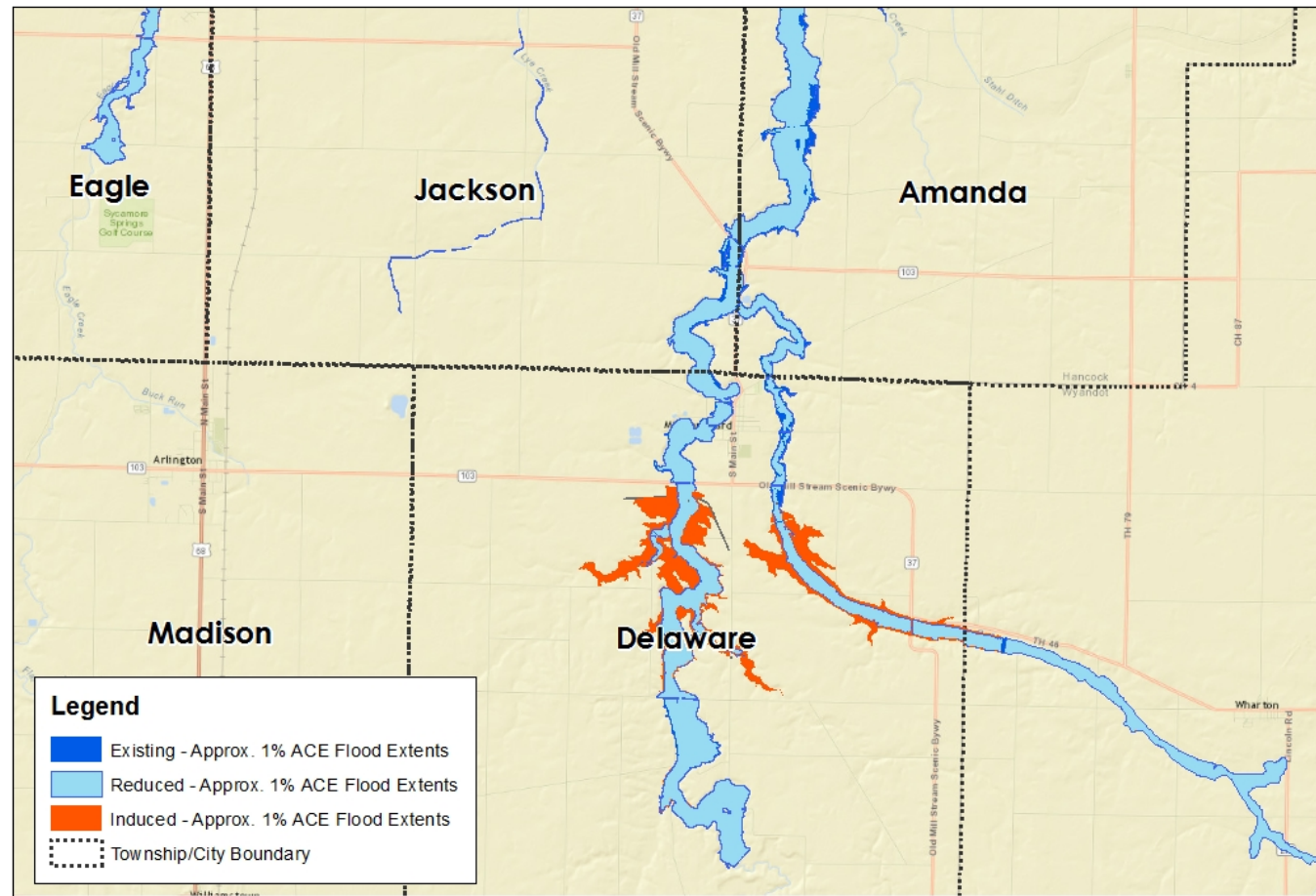
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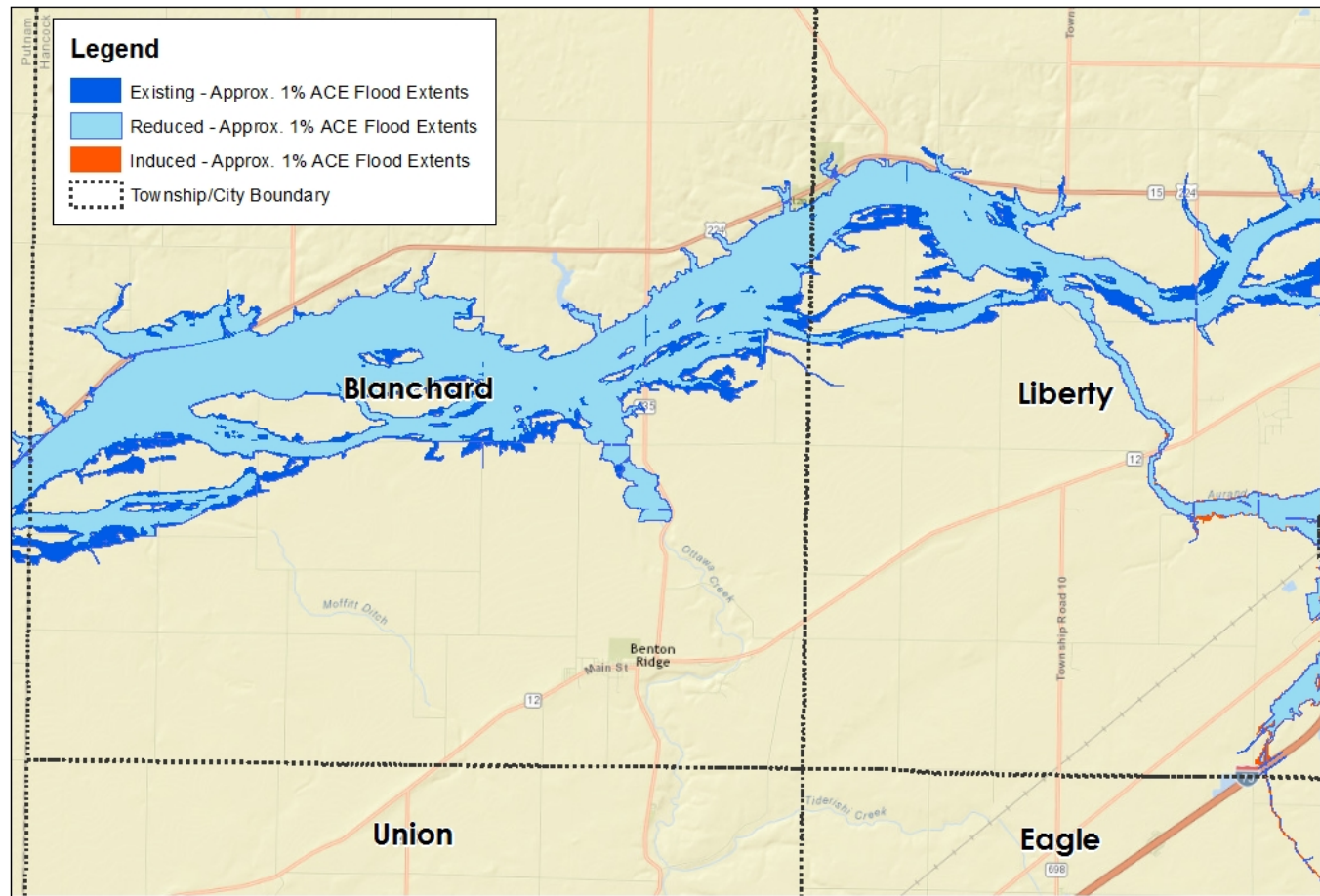
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## Path Forward

- Community Review and Consider Options
  - Open Houses at City and Township Level
- MWCD Board & Conservancy Court May 2017
  - Likely Authorize Hydraulic Improvements
  - Will take Proof of Concept under Advisement
- MWCD Update Official Plan
  - Court will review Stantec report to determine the additional information needed to amend the District's official plan

## Questions

[www.HancockCountyFlooding.com](http://www.HancockCountyFlooding.com)

### Hancock County Flood Risk Reduction Program Report

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