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# Rock River

**Rock River and Tributaries Flood Risk Review Meeting  
Henry, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



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# Welcome, Greetings and Optimizing our time



- ▶ **First, a personal welcome**
- ▶ **“Hi My Name is: \_\_\_\_\_ and I represent \_\_\_\_\_”**
- ▶ **A meeting in two parts**
- ▶ **Using the “Chat” window**
- ▶ **Break out groups for real dialog, questions and specific review**



# Pre-meeting survey



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# Introductions



## ▶ ISWS

- Glenn Heistand
- Mary Richardson
- Brian Chaille
- James Powell
- Diana Davisson
- Ryan Meekma
- Zoe Zaloudek
- Marni Law

## ▶ FEMA, Region 5

- Ken Hinterlong
- John Wethington
- Ashley Reimann

## ▶ FEMA, Regional Service Center (RSC)

- Roger Denick
- Stephanie Nurre

## ▶ IDNR-OWR

- Loren Wobig
- Steve Altman
- Liana Winsauer
- Marilyn Sucoe

## ▶ USACE

- Kaileigh Scott
- John Burant



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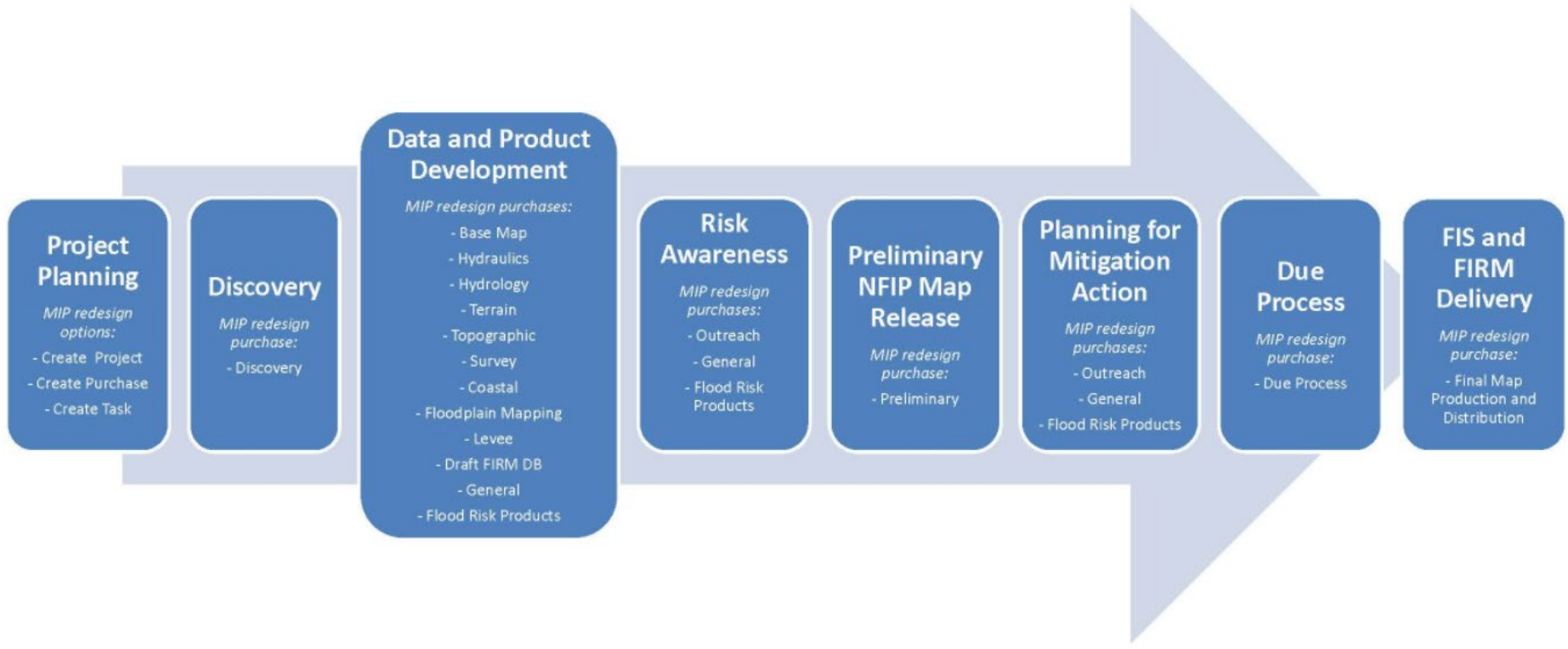
# Goals



- ▶ **Collaborate to continue to build resilience and develop secure assets along and including the Rock River. **Please comment on the webmap!****
- ▶ **Review and understand the current and updated flood hazard assessment and floodway analysis**
- ▶ **Dialog with community officials and floodplain managers on their comments and technical data**
- ▶ **Develop a path forward**



# FEMA National Objectives





## Part 1

Welcome and Introduction  
 Motivated  
 Project History, Methodology and  
 Results  
 Propose a path forward  
 Break



## Part 2

**Breakout in Topical Dialog Groups**  
 Levee Discussion  
 Floodway and Technical Discussion  
 Using the Web Map to Make Comments  
 Topic of Your Choice?

# Motivated



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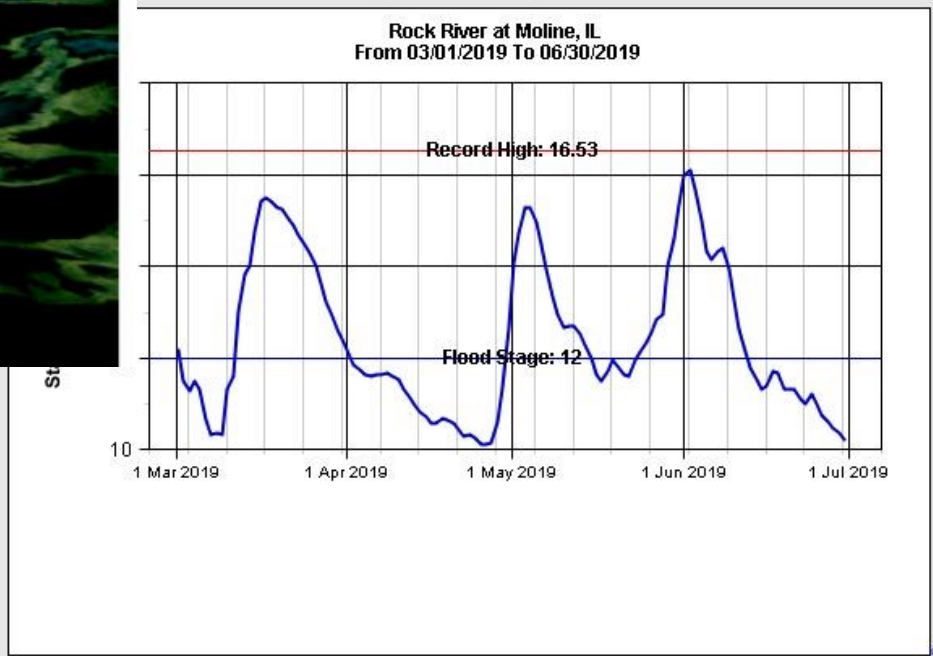
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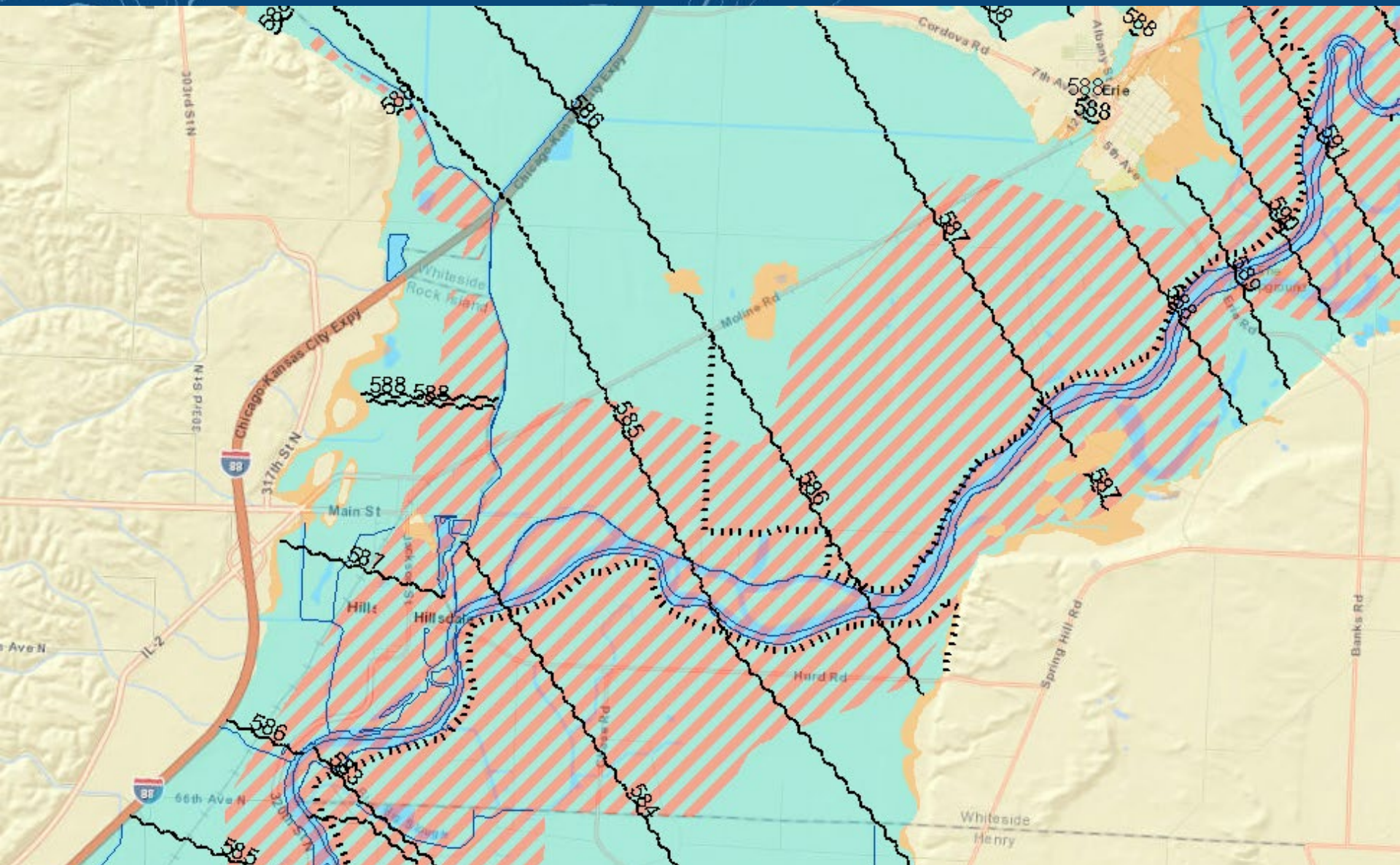
Rock River at Moline, IL  
(06:00 Central)



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# Erie/Hillsdale Effective FIRM



# Special Flood Hazard Area

The FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (**SFHA**) zone type designation is related to the method and level of hydraulic analysis performed.

Riverine hydraulic analysis typically results in SFHA designation as **Zone A** or **Zone AE**, based on the analysis level deemed appropriate for the study area.

<p><b>Zone A</b></p>	<p>Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event.</p> <p><b>NO Base Flood Elevations are shown.</b></p>
<p><b>Zone AE</b></p>	<p>Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event.</p> <p><b>Base Flood Elevations ARE shown.</b></p>

The Base Flood Elevation (**BFE**) is the elevation of surface water resulting from a flood that has a 1% chance of equaling or exceeding that level in any given year.



# Floodway and Storage

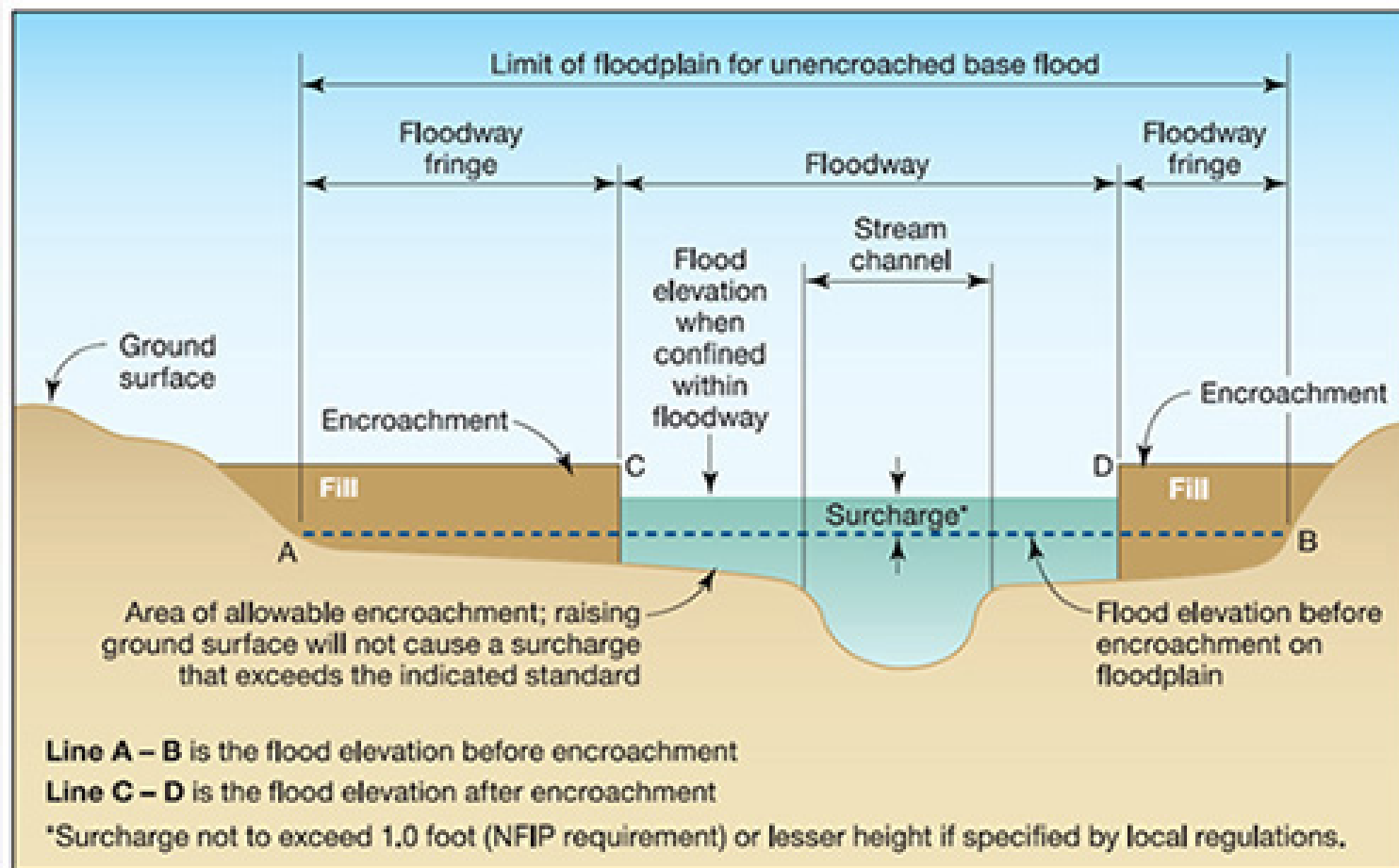


Figure 2-3. Typical riverine floodplain cross section



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# Project History, Methodology and Results



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# History - Rock River Floodplain Analysis (Rock Island, Henry and Whiteside County)

COOPERATING  
TECHNICAL  
PARTNERS

2009  
Field Visit



2011  
Flood Risk  
Review



2012  
OWR submittal  
with revisions  
based on FRR  
data



2014  
OWR  
submittal  
with unsteady  
state floodway

2014  
OWR approval  
of hydrology



2018-19  
Re-boot: Zone  
A Tributaries  
OWR submittal  
revised with  
Added Data



2020  
IDNR-OWR  
Concurrence  
+ Meredosia +  
Zone A  
Tributaries



2021  
Flood Risk  
Review



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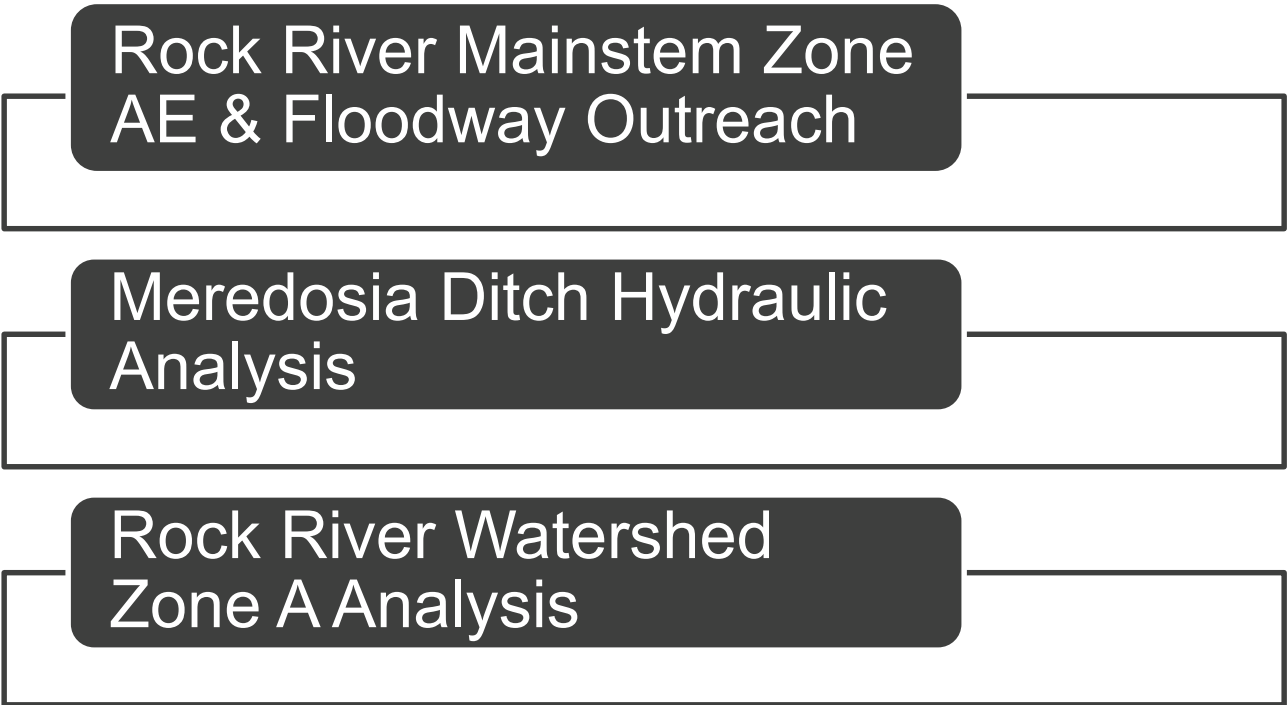
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# 2021 Flood Risk Review of FFY17 FEMA Rock River Projects





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**Rock River Mainstem Zone  
AE & Floodway Outreach**

Meredosia Ditch Hydraulic  
Analysis

Rock River Watershed Zone  
A Analysis



# Rock River – 2014 & 2019 Analysis



2014

OWR submittal  
with unsteady  
state floodway

2018-19

Re-boot: Zone  
A Tributaries  
OWR submittal  
revised with  
Added Data

- ▶ **Stream gage based hydrologic analysis of observed records of 89 to 55 years, plus HEC-HMS analysis to verify and fill in, ISWS**
- ▶ **Unsteady hydraulic HEC-RAS model, USACE**
- ▶ **Model calibration: very close agreement with the 2002 event**
- ▶ **Two profiles (natural valley and constricted) to represent risk at levees and allow for calibration of historical events**
- ▶ **Unsteady state floodway - including floodway in storage areas based on volume**
- ▶ **Additional data: 50 acres filled at I-80 & I-88 and a BNSF siding built since 2018.**



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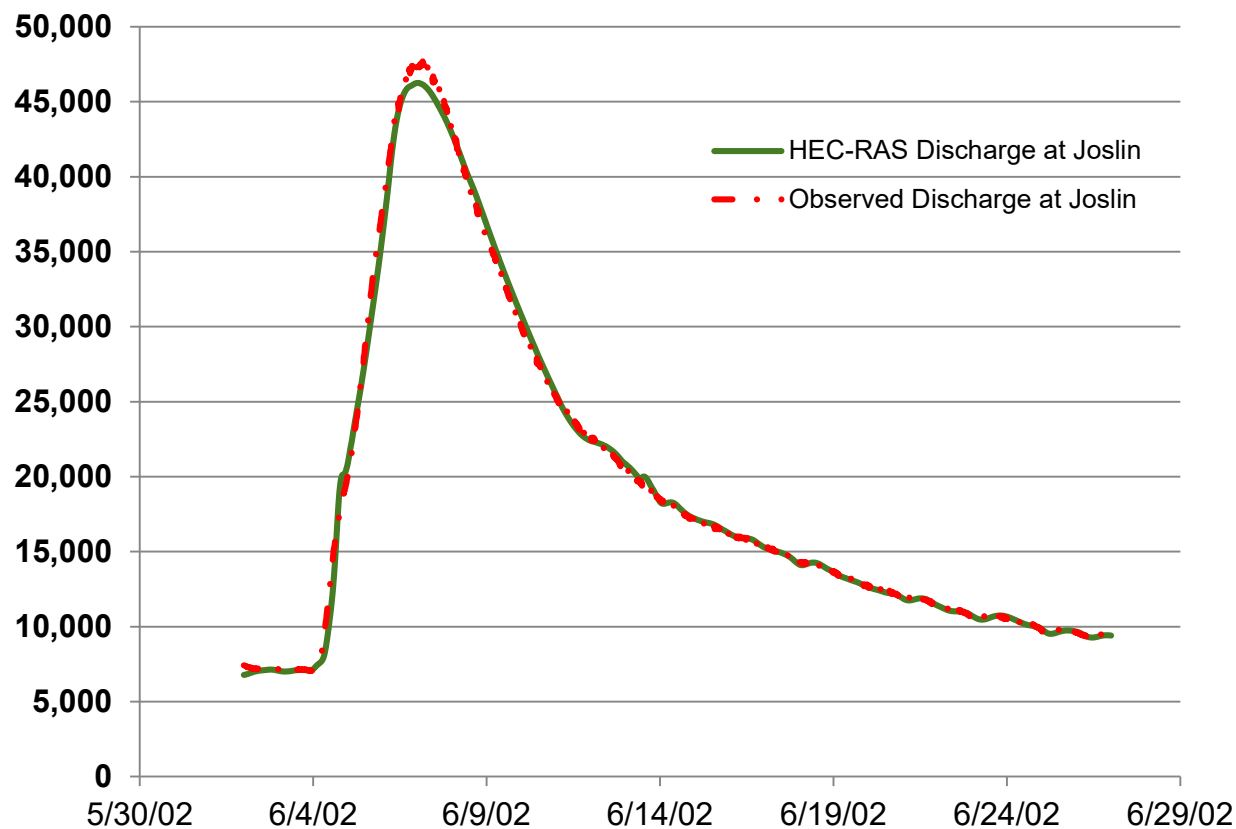
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# Rock River Hydrology

## 2002 Calibration Discharge Hydrograph Comparison



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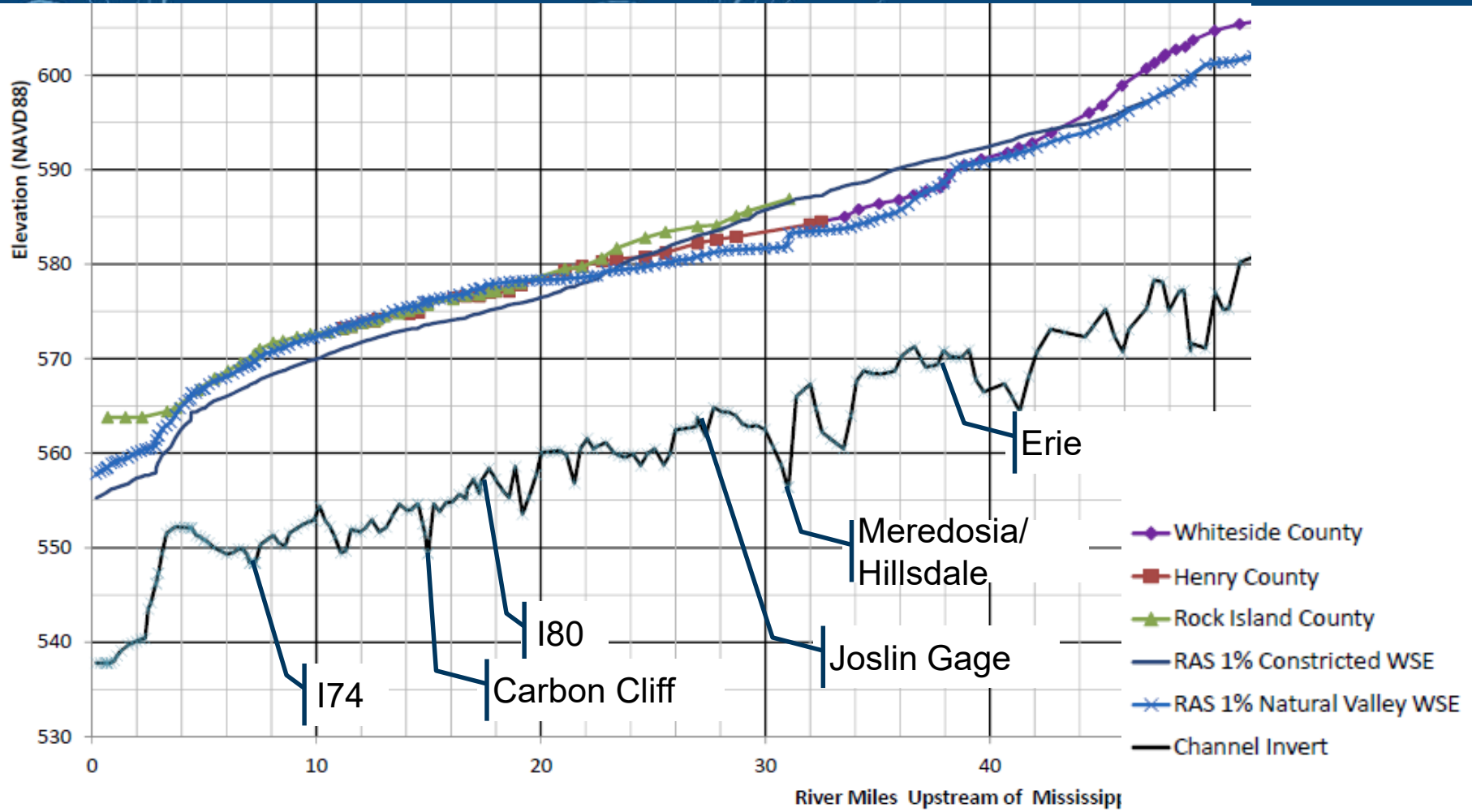
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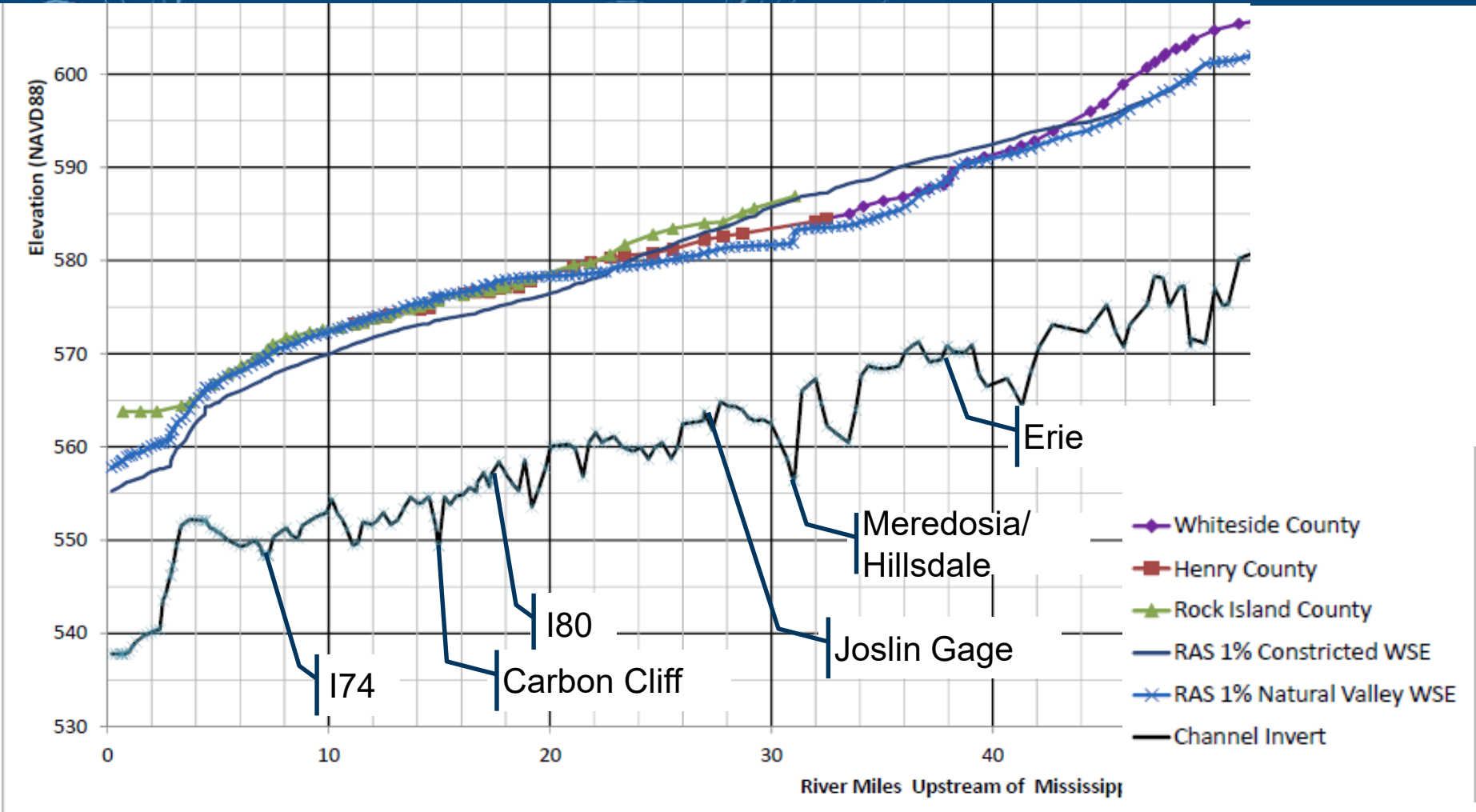
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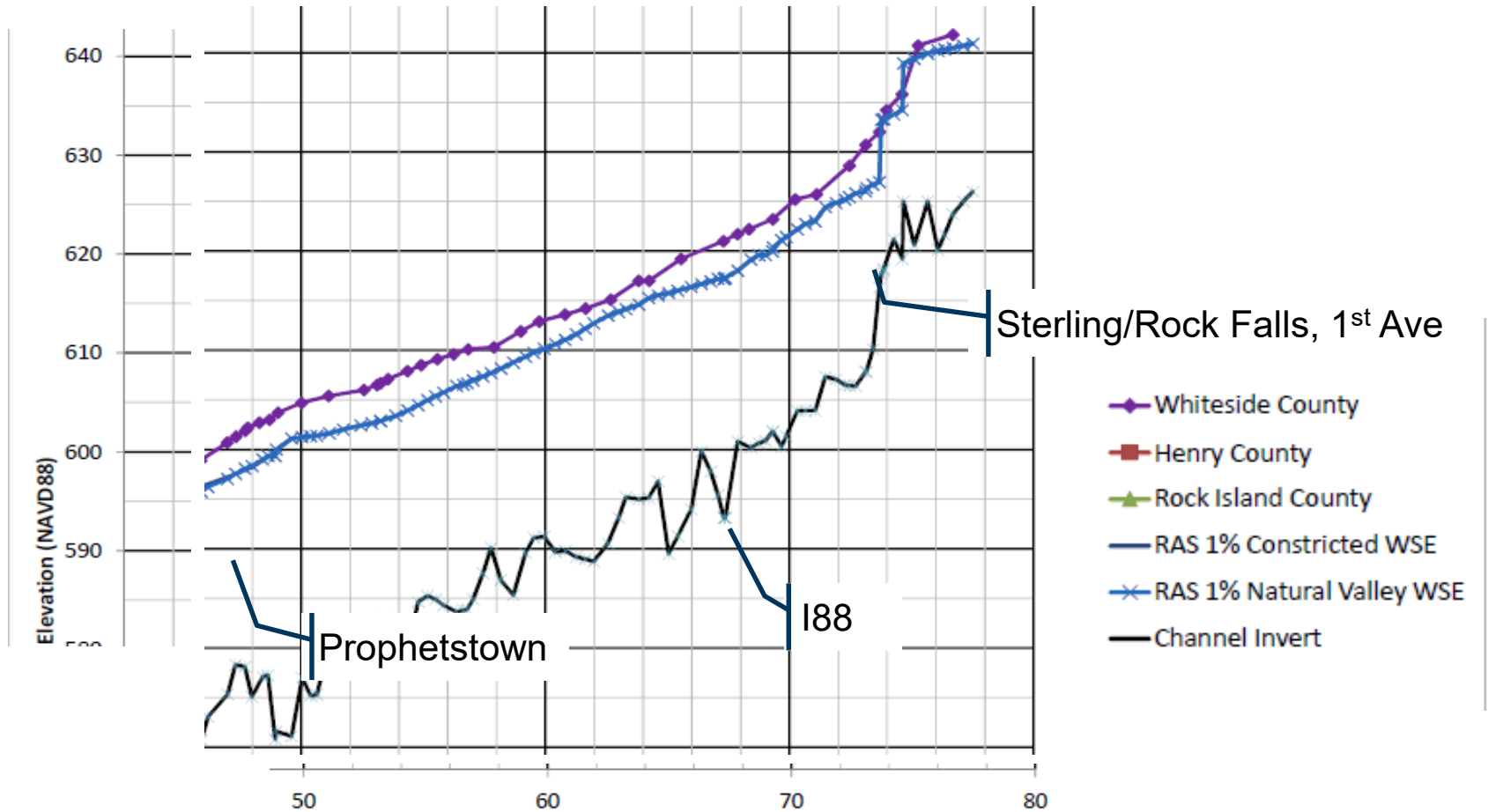
# 2014 Proposed Floodplain



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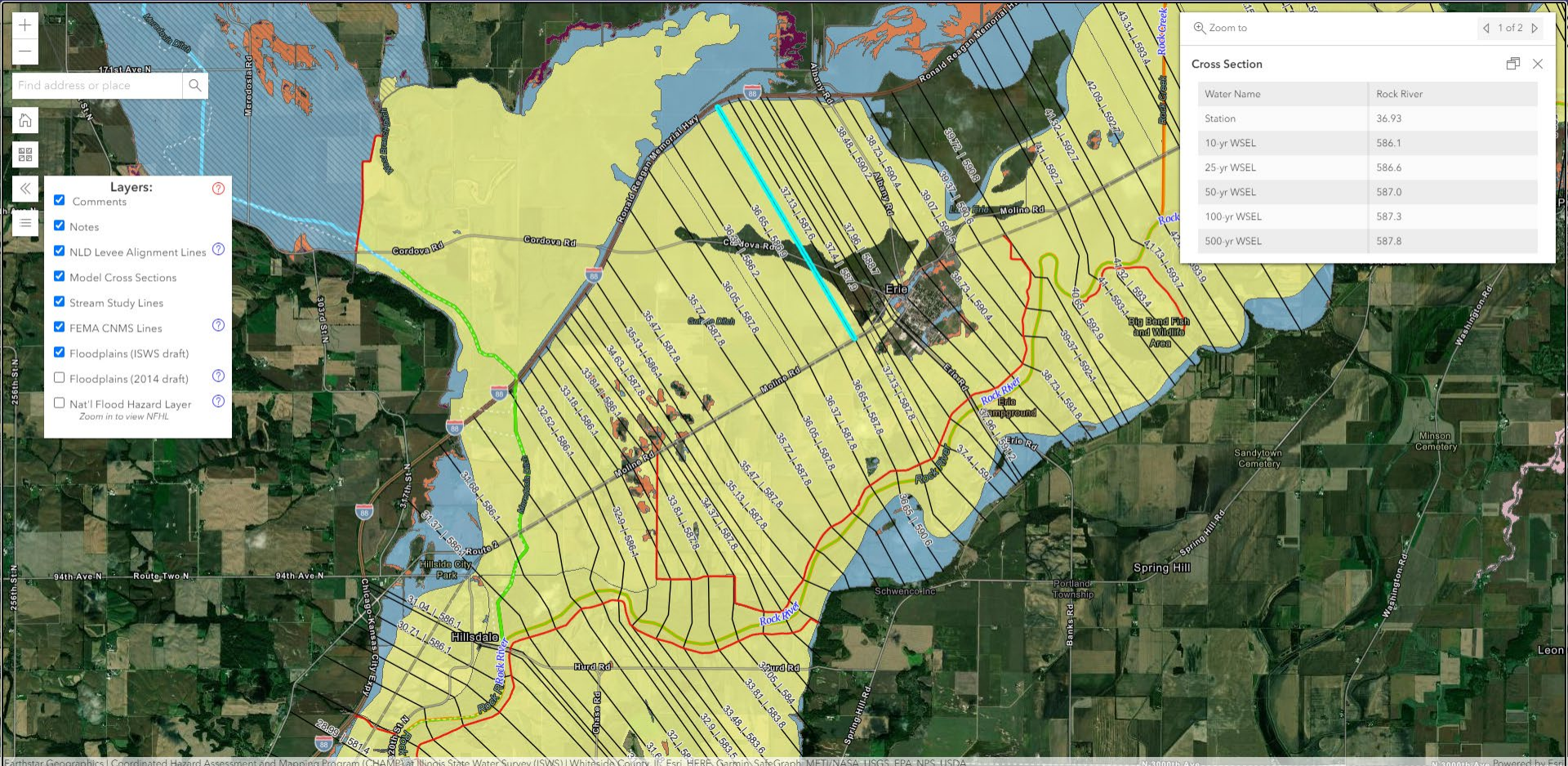
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# Natural Valley and Constricted Scenarios: Proposed BFE's



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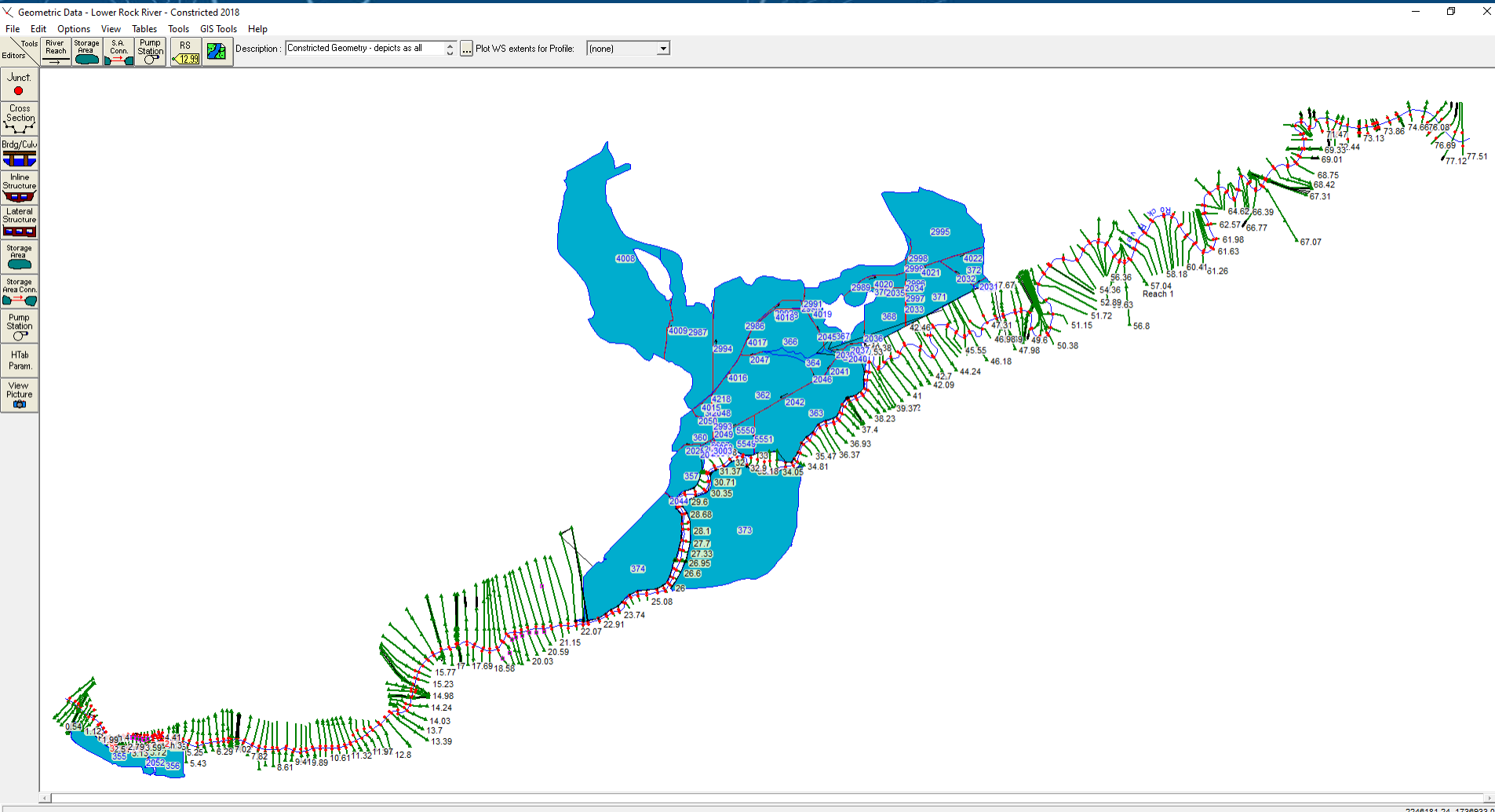


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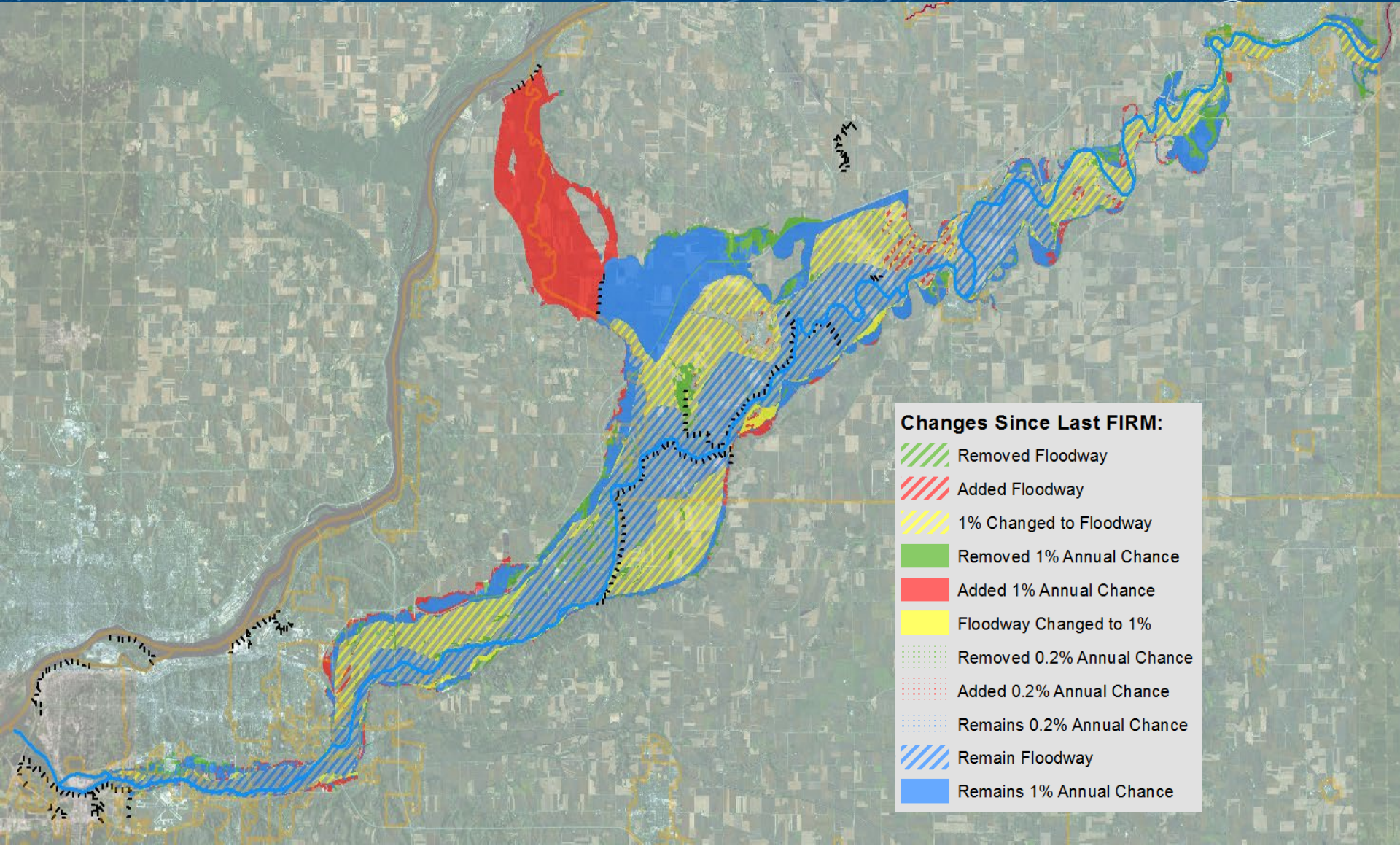
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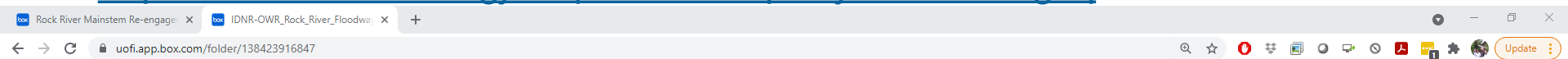
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# Box Share Site: Rock River Mainstem Re-engagement\_Mtg June 2018



<https://uofi.box.com/s/gjle8quzu2evra5piecj9hza2azkksq>



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IDNR-OWR\_Rock\_River\_Floodway\_amendment\_submittal

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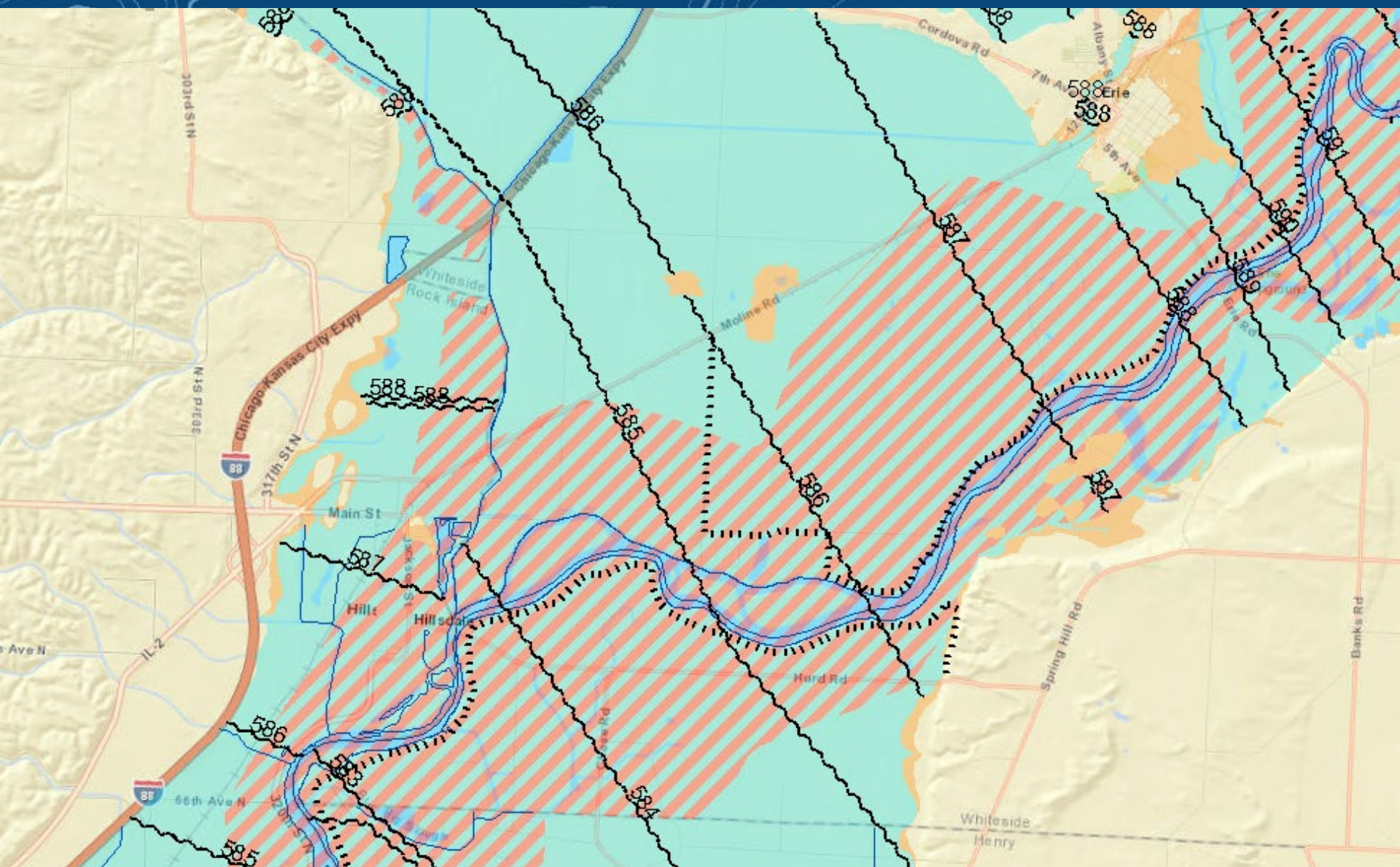
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# Meredosia Ditch Analysis



# Meredosia Ditch Analysis

## ► Hydrology

- No stream gage on Meredosia Ditch
- HEC-HMS Version 4.2.1 (Same model that was calibrated to gage data from the Rock River and tributaries)
- Bulletin 70 Rainfall, Huff Distributions
- Significant Storage due to the gated culverts at the Main Street pump station near Hillsdale.
- Result: The proposed peak discharge values based on the HEC-HMS model are lower than the effective peak streamflow values.

## ► Hydraulics

- HEC-RAS version 5.0.6 (Steady Flow)
- Topographic data same as Rock River
- Surveyed structures, supplemented by as-built plans and channel data interpolated between structures
- Normal Depth for downstream starting elevation
- Result: Meredosia Ditch water surface elevations are **lower** than the proposed analysis of the Rock River
- The Rock River analysis will establish BFE's and floodway limits and resolve the apparent discrepancy.



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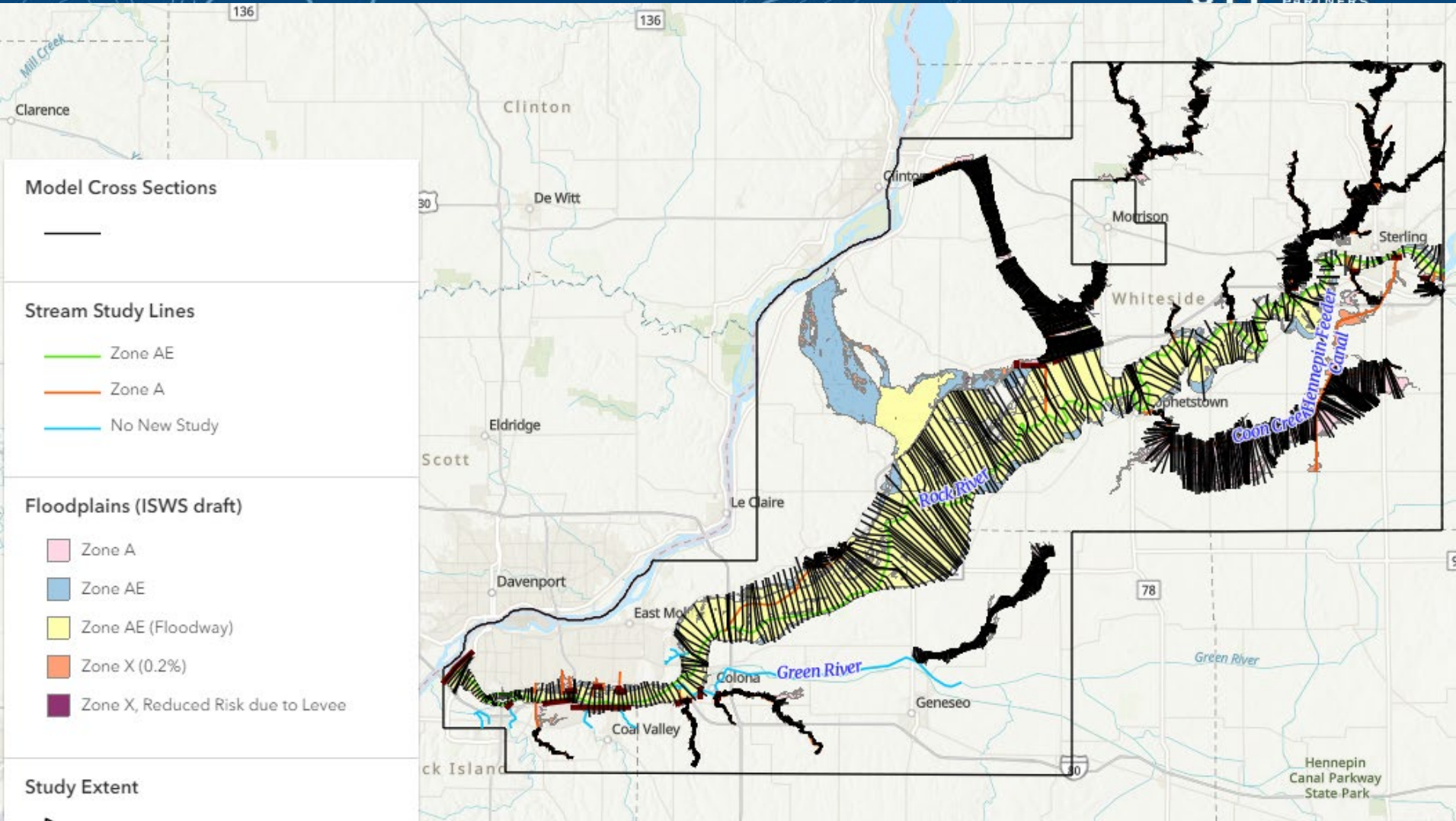
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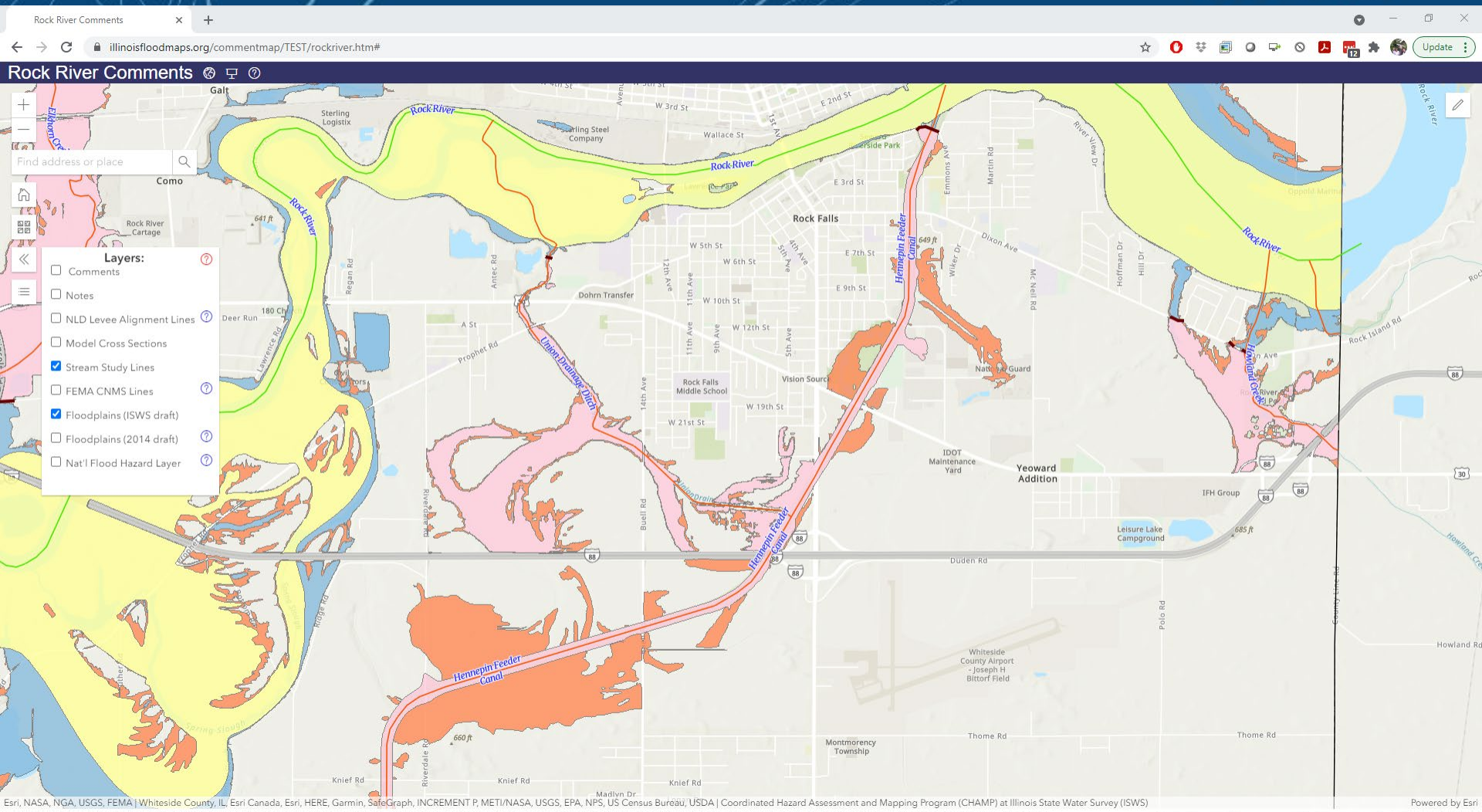
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# Zone A Models



# Zone A Models



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# Zone A Model Methodology

- ▶ **Hydrology is based on the current version of Stream Stats**
- ▶ **Hydraulic Models comply with FEMA Guidance on Base Level Engineering (BLE) Analyses and Mapping dated February 2018**

**Table 1: Hydraulic Analysis Options – Base Level Engineering**

Option	Cross Sections	Flow Paths (Left, Right and Channel)	Manning's "n" Values	Structures	Flood Zone
B	Auto-placed and hand adjusted or auto-placed by "intelligent" methods.	Reach lengths computed by offsetting stream centerline.	Overbanks from Land Use Land Cover (LULC) data, channel value estimated separately.	Not included; but cross sections placed appropriately for structure modeling.	A
C	Each section reviewed by engineers.	Reach lengths adjusted based on draft floodplain.	Overbanks LULC data, channel value estimated separately.	Included; structure data from national, state or other data source. Estimated based on topography and aerial photos for those not available	A

# Community Participation



- ▶ **Now is the time to review the draft floodplain mapping for your community!!!**
  - Who's affected?
  - Is the mapping reasonable and/or consistent with community's experience with flooding?
  - Make comments if something doesn't look right or make sense.
  - Provide data or information if it could support a change to the draft mapping
  - Ask questions!
  - **Only the Comments that you provide through the Web Map count as official comments! Please make your comments through the web map!**



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# Questions?



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# Webmap Results



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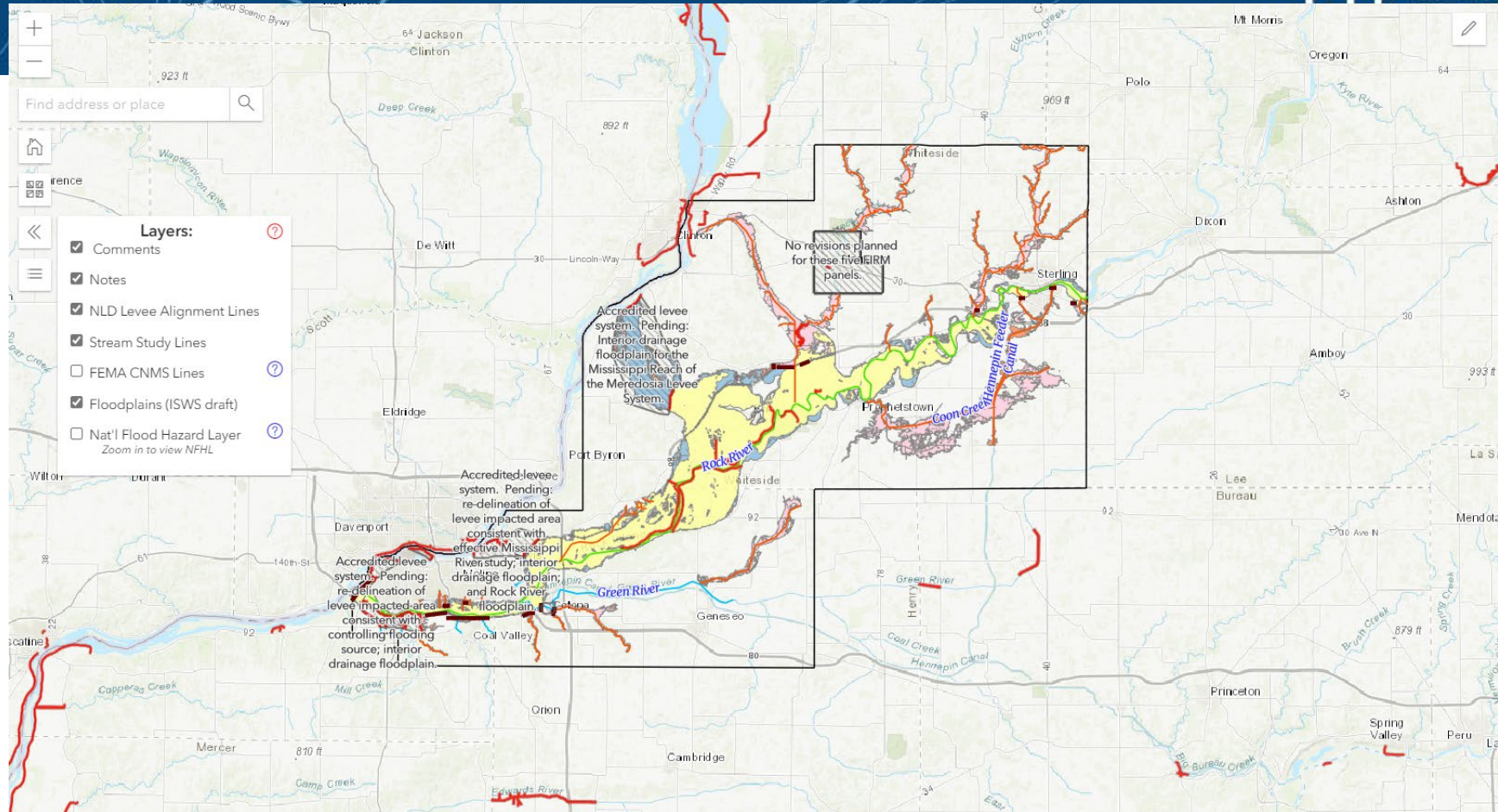
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# Web Map Demonstration



<https://www.illinoisfloodmaps.org/commentmap/rockriver.htm>

Login: watershed

Password: illinoisfloods!123



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# Web Map Demonstration



# Path Forward Discussion



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# Communication Plan for current FEMA project



- ▶ **Proposed Engineering Methods Notification Letters mailed 1/25/2018**
- ▶ **Project Re-engagement Meetings held 6/12/2018 in Rock Island and Sterling; included acceptance and follow-up of comments**
- ▶ **Flood Risk Review Meeting (Today)**
  - **Associated 30-day comment period starts today**
  - **Comment Period Ends COB Monday, 7/12/2021**
- ▶ **Comment resolution and follow-up as necessary**
- ▶ **ISWS & FEMA currently in discussions for the next project phase. Includes but not limited to:**
  - **Delineation of levee interior areas**
  - **Re-delineation of select Zone AE streams**
  - **Additional tributary data development in Rock Island County**



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# Schedule



- ▶ **Flood Risk Review Meeting (today)**
- ▶ **Comment discussion & resolution (Summer & Fall 2021)**
- ▶ **Proposed next phase work including completion of county specific FIRM databases. (To begin in 2022)**
- ▶ **Databases provided to each county for review and comment (TBD)**



# Community Risk Communication and Mitigation Resources



## **FEMA Floodsmart.gov:** <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>

- An official site of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- IDNR Acting NFIP State Coordinator: Marilyn Sucoe, P.E., CFM  
[Marilyn.Sucoe@Illinois.gov](mailto:Marilyn.Sucoe@Illinois.gov)

## **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning:**

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/hazard-mitigation-planning>

- Help with identifying disaster risks and vulnerabilities, and developing mitigation plans to break the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction.

## **FEMA Mitigation Ideas:**

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-mitigation-ideas\\_02-13-2013.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-mitigation-ideas_02-13-2013.pdf)

- A resource for reducing risk to natural hazards.



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# Post-meeting survey



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# Agenda



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