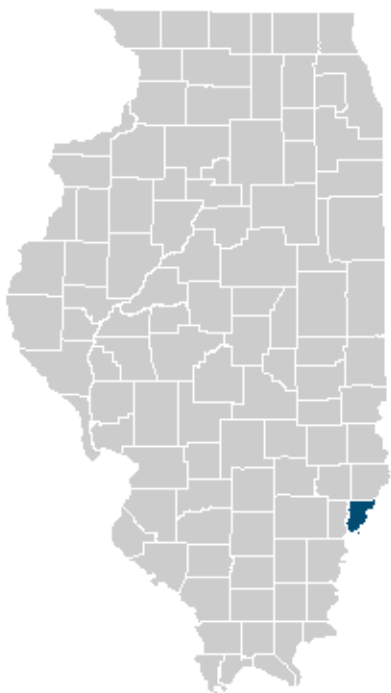


FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

AND INCORPORATED AREAS

COMMUNITY NAME	COMMUNITY NUMBER
ALLENDALE, VILLAGE OF*	171348
BELLMONT, VILLAGE OF*	171349
KEENSBURG, VILLAGE OF*	171350
MOUNT CARMEL, CITY OF	170672
WABASH COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS	170938

*No Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified

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Wabash River	04-08 P
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Published Separately

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY REPORT WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SECTION 1.0 – INTRODUCTION

1.1 The National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a voluntary Federal program that enables property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. This insurance is designed to provide an alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods.

For decades, the national response to flood disasters was generally limited to constructing flood-control works such as dams, levees, sea-walls, and the like, and providing disaster relief to flood victims. This approach did not reduce losses nor did it discourage unwise development. In some instances, it may have actually encouraged additional development. To compound the problem, the public generally could not buy flood coverage from insurance companies, and building techniques to reduce flood damage were often overlooked.

In the face of mounting flood losses and escalating costs of disaster relief to the general taxpayers, the U.S. Congress created the NFIP. The intent was to reduce future flood damage through community floodplain management ordinances, and provide protection for property owners against potential losses through an insurance mechanism that requires a premium to be paid for the protection.

The U.S. Congress established the NFIP on August 1, 1968, with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The NFIP was broadened and modified with the passage of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and other legislative measures. It was further modified by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 and the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004. The NFIP is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal Government. If a community adopts and enforces floodplain management regulations to reduce future flood risks to new construction and substantially improved structures in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), the Federal Government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. The community's floodplain management regulations must meet or exceed criteria established in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60, *Criteria for Land Management and Use*.

SFHAs are delineated on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Under the NFIP, buildings that were built before the flood hazard was identified on the community's FIRMs are generally referred to as "Pre-FIRM" buildings. When the NFIP was created, the U.S. Congress recognized that insurance for Pre-FIRM buildings would be prohibitively expensive if the premiums were not subsidized by the Federal Government. Congress also recognized that most of these floodprone buildings were built

by individuals who did not have sufficient knowledge of the flood hazard to make informed decisions. The NFIP requires that full actuarial rates reflecting the complete flood risk be charged on all buildings constructed or substantially improved on or after the effective date of the initial FIRM for the community or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later. These buildings are generally referred to as “Post-FIRM” buildings.

1.2 Purpose of this Flood Insurance Study Report

This Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report revises and updates information on the existence and severity of flood hazards for the study area. The studies described in this report developed flood hazard data to assist communities in efforts to implement sound floodplain management.

In some states or communities, floodplain management criteria or regulations may exist that are more restrictive than the minimum Federal requirements. Contact your State NFIP Coordinator to ensure that any higher State standards are included in the community’s regulations.

1.3 Jurisdictions Included in the Flood Insurance Study Project

This FIS Report covers the entire geographic area of Wabash County, Illinois.

The jurisdictions that are included in this project area, along with the Community Identification Number (CID) for each community and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC-8) sub-basins affecting each, are shown in Table 1. The FIRM panel numbers that affect each community are listed. If the flood hazard data for the community is not included in this FIS Report, the location of that data is identified.

Jurisdictions that have no identified SFHAs as of the effective date of this study are indicated in the table. Changed conditions in these communities (such as urbanization or annexation) or the availability of new scientific or technical data about flood hazards could make it necessary to determine SFHAs in these jurisdictions in the future.

Table 1: Listing of NFIP Jurisdictions

Community	CID	HUC-8 Sub-Basin(s)	Located on FIRM Panel(s)	If Not Included, Location of Flood Hazard Data
Allendale, Village of ¹	171348	05120113	17185C0065D	
Bellmont, Village of ¹	171349	05120113	17185C0100D	
Keensburg, Village of ¹	171350	05120113	17185C0180D	
Mount Carmel, City of	170672	05120113	17185C0109D 17185C0110D 17185C0116D 17185C0117D 17185C0118D 17185C0119D 17185C0136D 17185C0138D	

¹ No Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified

Table 1: Listing of NFIP Jurisdictions (continued)

Community	CID	HUC-8 Sub-Basin(s)	Located on FIRM Panel(s)	If Not Included, Location of Flood Hazard Data
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	170938	05120113	17185C0025D 17185C0050C ² 17185C0055D 17185C0060D 17185C0065D 17185C0070D 17185C0100D 17185C0107D 17185C0109D 17185C0110D 17185C0116D 17185C0117D 17185C0118D 17185C0119D 17185C0125D 17185C0130D 17185C0135D 17185C0136D 17185C0155D 17185C0160D 17185C0162D 17185C0165D 17185C0166D 17185C0170D 17185C0180D 17185C0185D 17185C0190D 17185C0205D	

¹ No Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified

² Panel Not Printed

1.4 Considerations for using this Flood Insurance Study Report

The NFIP encourages State and local governments to implement sound floodplain management programs. To assist in this endeavor, each FIS Report provides floodplain data, which may include a combination of the following: 10-, 4-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2-percent annual chance flood elevations (the 1-percent-annual-chance flood elevation is also referred to as the Base Flood Elevation (BFE)); delineations of the 1-percent-annual-chance and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplains; and 1-percent-annual-chance floodway. This information is presented on the FIRM and/or in many components of the FIS Report, including Flood Profiles, Floodway Data tables, Summary of Non-Coastal Stillwater Elevations tables, and Coastal Transect Parameters tables (not all components may be provided for a specific FIS).

This section presents important considerations for using the information contained in this FIS Report and the FIRM, including changes in format and content. Figures 1, 2, and 3 present information that applies to using the FIRM with the FIS Report.

- Part or all of this FIS Report may be revised and republished at any time. In

addition, part of this FIS Report may be revised by a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), which does not involve republication or redistribution of the FIS Report. Refer to Section 6.5 of this FIS Report for information about the process to revise the FIS Report and/or FIRM.

It is, therefore, the responsibility of the user to consult with community officials by contacting the community repository to obtain the most current FIS Report components. Communities participating in the NFIP have established repositories of flood hazard data for floodplain management and flood insurance purposes. Community map repository addresses are provided in Table 30, "Map Repositories," within this FIS Report.

- New FIS Reports are frequently developed for multiple communities, such as entire counties. A countywide FIS Report incorporates previous FIS Reports for individual communities and the unincorporated area of the county (if not jurisdictional) into a single document and supersedes those documents for the purposes of the NFIP.

The initial Countywide FIS Report for Wabash County became effective on December 16, 2011. Refer to Table 27 for information about subsequent revisions to the FIRMs.

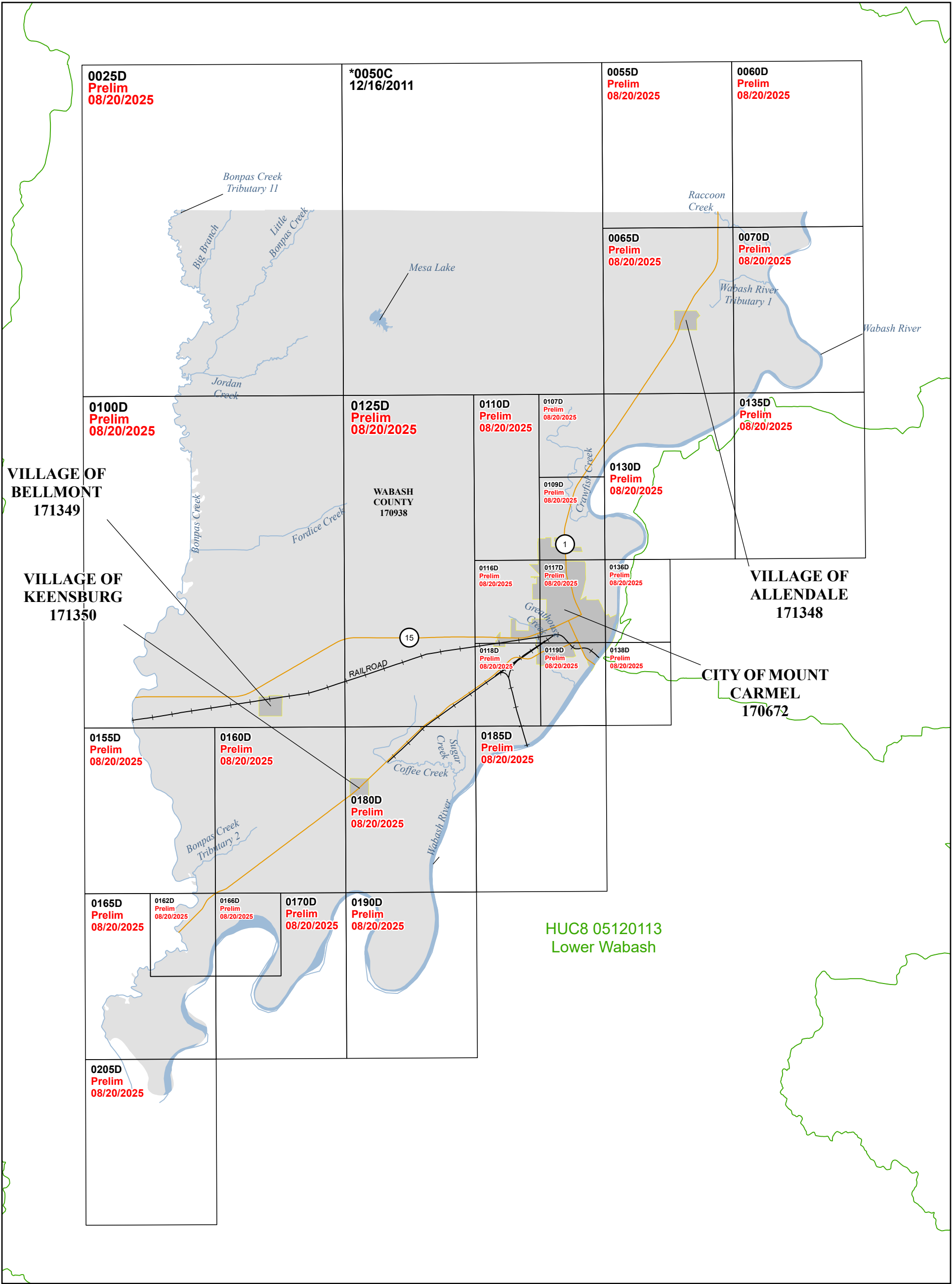
- The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Visit the FEMA Web site at www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/rules-legislation/community-rating-system or contact your appropriate FEMA Regional Office for more information about this program.
- FEMA does not design, build, inspect, operate, maintain, or certify levees. FEMA is responsible for accurately identifying flood hazards and communicating those hazards and risks to affected stakeholders. FEMA has identified one or more levee systems in this jurisdiction summarized in Table 8 of this FIS Report. For FEMA to accredit the identified levee systems, the levee systems must meet the criteria of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Section 65.10 (44 CFR 65.10), titled "Mapping of Areas Protected by Levee Systems."

Information on the levee systems in this jurisdiction can be obtained from the USACE National Levee Database (<https://levees.sec.usace.army.mil/>). For additional information, the user should contact the appropriate jurisdiction floodplain administrator and the levee owner or sponsor.

- The U.S. Survey Foot was deprecated on December 31, 2022, in favor of the International Foot (referred to as foot). It may still be necessary to use U.S. Survey Feet for legacy data or for new data collected in locations which have not yet adopted the International Foot convention. The U.S. Survey Foot will not be supported in the modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS).
- FEMA has developed a *Guide to Flood Maps* (FEMA 258) and online tutorials to assist users in accessing the information contained on the FIRM. These include how to read panels and step-by-step instructions to obtain specific information. To obtain this guide and other assistance in using the FIRM, visit the FEMA Web site at www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tutorials.

The FIRM Index in Figure 1 shows the overall FIRM panel layout within Wabash County, and also displays the panel number and effective date for each FIRM panel in the county. Other information shown on the FIRM Index includes community boundaries, flooding sources, watershed boundaries, and USGS HUC-8 codes.

Figure 1: FIRM Index



1 inch = 13,032 feet 1:156,382

0 5,000 10,000 20,000 30,000 feet

Map Projection:
NAD 1983 StatePlane Illinois East FIPS 1201 Feet
Vertical Datum: NAVD88


THE INFORMATION DEPICTED ON THIS MAP AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN DIGITAL FORMAT AT
[HTTPS://MSC.FEMA.GOV](https://MSC.FEMA.GOV)

SEE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP INDEX

WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANELS PRINTED:
0025, 0055, 0060, 0065, 0070, 0100, 0107, 0109, 0110, 0116, 0117, 0118, 0119, 0125, 0130, 0135, 0136, 0138, 0155, 0160, 0162, 0165, 0166, 0170, 0180, 0185, 0190, 0205


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* PANEL NOT PRINTED - NO SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Each FIRM panel may contain specific notes to the user that provide additional information regarding the flood hazard data shown on that map. However, the FIRM panel does not contain enough space to show all the notes that may be relevant in helping to better understand the information on the panel. Figure 2 contains the full list of these notes.

Figure 2: FIRM Notes to Users

NOTES TO USERS

For information and questions about this Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), available products associated with this FIRM including historic versions of this FIRM, how to order products, or the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center website at msc.fema.gov. Available products may include previously issued Letters of Map Change, a Flood Insurance Study Report, and/or digital versions of this map. Many of these products can be ordered or obtained directly from the website. Users may determine the current map date for each FIRM panel by visiting the FEMA Flood Map Service Center website or by calling the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange.

Communities annexing land on adjacent FIRM panels must obtain a current copy of the adjacent panel as well as the current FIRM Index. These may be ordered directly from the Flood Map Service Center at the number listed above.

For community and countywide map dates, refer to Table 27 in this FIS Report.

To determine if flood insurance is available in the community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.

PRELIMINARY FIS REPORT: FEMA maintains information about map features, such as street locations and names, in or near designated flood hazard areas. Requests to revise information in or near designated flood hazard areas may be provided to FEMA during the community review period, at the final Consultation Coordination Officer's meeting, or during the statutory 90-day appeal period. Approved requests for changes will be shown on the final printed FIRM.

The map is for use in administering the NFIP. It may not identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from local drainage sources of small size. Consult the community map repository to find updated or additional flood hazard information.

BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS: For more detailed information in areas where Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) and/or floodways have been determined, consult the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data and/or Summary of Non-Coastal Stillwater Elevations tables within this FIS Report. Use the flood elevation data within the FIS Report in conjunction with the FIRM for construction and/or floodplain management.

Figure 2. FIRM Notes to Users

FLOODWAY INFORMATION: Boundaries of the floodways were computed at cross sections and interpolated between cross sections. The floodways were based on hydraulic considerations with regard to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Floodway widths and other pertinent floodway data are provided in the FIS Report for this jurisdiction.

FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE INFORMATION: Certain areas not in Special Flood Hazard Areas may have reduced flood hazards due to flood control structures. Refer to Section 4.3 "Dams and Other Flood Hazard Reduction Measures" of this FIS Report for information on flood control structures for this jurisdiction.

PROJECTION INFORMATION: The projection used in the preparation of the map was State Plane Transverse Mercator, Illinois East Zone 1201. The horizontal datum was the North American Datum of 1983 NAD83 (2011), GRS1980 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, projection or State Plane zones used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight positional differences in map features across jurisdiction boundaries. These differences do not affect the accuracy of the FIRM.

ELEVATION DATUM: Flood elevations on the FIRM are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88). These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same vertical datum. For information regarding conversion between the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at www.ngs.noaa.gov.

Local vertical monuments may have been used to create the map. To obtain current monument information, please contact the appropriate local community listed in Table 30 of this FIS Report.

BASE MAP INFORMATION: Base map information shown on the FIRM was provided in digital format by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The basemap shown is the USGS National Map: Orthoimagery. Last refreshed October 2020. For information about base maps, refer to Section 6.2 "Base Map" in this FIS Report.

The map reflects more detailed and up-to-date stream channel configurations than those shown on the previous FIRM for this jurisdiction. The floodplains and floodways that were transferred from the previous FIRM may have been adjusted to conform to these new stream channel configurations. As a result, the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data tables may reflect stream channel distances that differ from what is shown on the map.

Corporate limits shown on the map are based on the best data available at the time of publication. Because changes due to annexations or de-annexations may have occurred after the map was published, map users should contact appropriate community officials to verify current corporate limit locations.

NOTES FOR FIRM INDEX

REVISIONS TO INDEX: As new studies are performed and FIRM panels are updated within Wabash County, Illinois, corresponding revisions to the FIRM Index will be incorporated within the FIS Report to reflect the effective dates of those panels. Please refer to Table 27 of this FIS Report to determine the most recent FIRM revision date for each community. The most recent FIRM panel effective date will correspond to the most recent index date.

Figure 2. FIRM Notes to Users

SPECIAL NOTES FOR SPECIFIC FIRM PANELS

This Notes to Users section was created specifically for Wabash County, Illinois, effective TBD.

NON-ACCREDITED LEVEE SYSTEM: This panel contains a levee system that has not been accredited and is therefore not recognized as reducing the 1-percent-annual-chance flood hazard.

FLOOD RISK REPORT: A Flood Risk Report (FRR) may be available for many of the flooding sources and communities referenced in this FIS Report. The FRR is provided to increase public awareness of flood risk by helping communities identify the areas within their jurisdictions that have the greatest risks. Although non-regulatory, the information provided within the FRR can assist communities in assessing and evaluating mitigation opportunities to reduce these risks. It can also be used by communities developing or updating flood risk mitigation plans. These plans allow communities to identify and evaluate opportunities to reduce potential loss of life and property. However, the FRR is not intended to be the final authoritative source of all flood risk data for a project area; rather, it should be used with other data sources to paint a comprehensive picture of flood risk.

Each FIRM panel contains an abbreviated legend for the features shown on the maps. However, the FIRM panel does not contain enough space to show the legend for all map features. Figure 3 shows the full legend of all map features. Note that not all of these features may appear on the FIRM panels in Wabash County.

Figure 3: Map Legend for FIRM

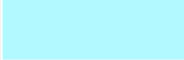

<p>SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS: The 1% annual chance flood, also known as the base flood or 100-year flood, has a 1% chance of happening or being exceeded each year. Special Flood Hazard Areas are subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. The Base Flood Elevation is the water surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood. The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights. See note for specific types. If the floodway is too narrow to be shown, a note is shown.</p>	
	Special Flood Hazard Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood (Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V and VE)
Zone A	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance floodplains. No base (1% annual chance) flood elevations (BFEs) or depths are shown within this zone.
Zone AE	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance floodplains. Base flood elevations derived from the hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone.
Zone AH	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 1% annual chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. Whole-foot BFEs derived from the hydraulic analyses are shown at selected intervals within this zone.
Zone AO	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 1% annual chance shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. Average whole-foot depths derived from the hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone.
Zone AR	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to areas that were formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.
Zone A99	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to areas of the 1% annual chance floodplain that will be protected by a Federal flood protection system where construction has reached specified statutory milestones. No base flood elevations or flood depths are shown within this zone.
Zone V	The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance coastal floodplains that have additional hazards associated with storm waves. Base flood elevations are not shown within this zone.
Zone VE	Zone VE is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance coastal floodplains that have additional hazards associated with storm waves. Base flood elevations derived from the coastal analyses are shown within this zone as static whole-foot elevations that apply throughout the zone.
	Regulatory Floodway determined in Zone AE.

Figure 3: Map Legend for FIRM





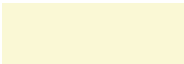








OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD	
	Shaded Zone X: Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood hazards and areas of 1% annual chance flood hazards with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile.
	Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard – Zone X: The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance floodplains that are determined based on future-conditions hydrology. No base flood elevations or flood depths are shown within this zone.
	Area with Reduced Flood Hazard due to Accredited or Provisionally Accredited Levee System: Area is shown as reduced flood hazard from the 1-percent-annual-chance or greater flood by a levee system. Overtopping or failure of any levee system is possible.
	Area with Undetermined Flood Hazard due to Non-Accredited Levee System: Analysis and mapping procedures for non-accredited levee systems were applied resulting in a flood insurance rate zone where flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.
OTHER AREAS	
	Zone D (Areas of Undetermined Flood Hazard): The flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to unstudied areas where flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">NO SCREEN</div>	Unshaded Zone X: Areas of minimal flood hazard.
FLOOD HAZARD AND OTHER BOUNDARY LINES	
<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;">  (ortho) </div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;">  (vector) </div>	Flood Zone Boundary (white line on ortho-photography-based mapping; gray line on vector-based mapping)
	Limit of Study
	Jurisdiction Boundary
	Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA): Indicates the inland limit of the area affected by waves greater than 1.5 feet
GENERAL STRUCTURES	
<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;">  <i>Aqueduct</i> <i>Channel</i> <i>Culvert</i> <i>Storm Sewer</i> </div>	Channel, Culvert, Aqueduct, or Storm Sewer
<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;">  <i>Dam</i> <i>Jetty</i> <i>Weir</i> </div>	Dam, Jetty, Weir
	Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

Figure 3: Map Legend for FIRM

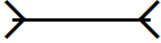

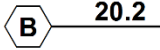


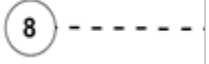













	Bridge
REFERENCE MARKERS	
	River mile Markers
CROSS SECTION & TRANSECT INFORMATION	
	Lettered Cross Section with Regulatory Water Surface Elevation (BFE)
	Numbered Cross Section with Regulatory Water Surface Elevation (BFE)
	Unlettered Cross Section with Regulatory Water Surface Elevation (BFE)
	Coastal Transect
	Profile Baseline: Indicates the modeled flow path of a stream and is shown on FIRM panels for all valid studies with profiles or otherwise established base flood elevation.
	Coastal Transect Baseline: Used in the coastal flood hazard model to represent the 0.0-foot elevation contour and the starting point for the transect and the measuring point for the coastal mapping.
	Base Flood Elevation Line
ZONE AE (EL 16)	Static Base Flood Elevation value (shown under zone label)
ZONE AO (DEPTH 2)	Zone designation with Depth
ZONE AO (DEPTH 2) (VEL 15 FPS)	Zone designation with Depth and Velocity
BASE MAP FEATURES	
	River, Stream or Other Hydrographic Feature
	Interstate Highway
	U.S. Highway
	State Highway
	County Highway

Figure 3: Map Legend for FIRM

MAPLE LANE 	Street, Road, Avenue Name, or Private Drive if shown on Flood Profile
 RAILROAD	Railroad
	Horizontal Reference Grid Line
	Horizontal Reference Grid Ticks
	Secondary Grid Crosshairs
Land Grant	Name of Land Grant
7	Section Number
R. 43 W. T. 22 N.	Range, Township Number
⁴² 76 ^{000m} E	Horizontal Reference Grid Coordinates (UTM)
365000 FT	Horizontal Reference Grid Coordinates (State Plane)
80° 16' 52.5"	Corner Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)

SECTION 2.0 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

2.1 Floodplain Boundaries

To provide a national standard without regional discrimination, the 1-percent-annual-chance (100-year) flood has been adopted by FEMA as the base flood for floodplain management purposes. The 0.2-percent-annual-chance (500-year) flood is employed to indicate additional areas of flood hazard in the community.

Each flooding source included in the project scope has been studied and mapped using professional engineering and mapping methodologies that were agreed upon by FEMA and Wabash County as appropriate to the risk level. Flood risk is evaluated based on factors such as known flood hazards and projected impact on the built environment. Engineering analyses were performed for each studied flooding source to calculate its 1-percent-annual-chance flood elevations; elevations corresponding to other floods (e.g. 10-, 4-, 2-, 0.2-percent annual chance, etc.) may have also been computed for certain flooding sources. Engineering models and methods are described in detail in Section 5.0 of this FIS Report. The modeled elevations at cross sections were used to delineate the floodplain boundaries on the FIRM; between cross sections, the boundaries were interpolated using elevation data from various sources. More information on specific mapping methods is provided in Section 6.0 of this FIS Report.

Depending on the accuracy of available topographic data (Table 22), study methodologies employed (Section 5.0), and flood risk, certain flooding sources may be mapped to show both the 1-percent and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries, regulatory water surface elevations (BFEs), and/or a regulatory floodway. Similarly, other flooding sources may be mapped to show only the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary on the FIRM, without published water surface elevations. In cases where the 1-percent and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries are close together, only the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary is shown on the FIRM. Figure 3, “Map Legend for FIRM”, describes the flood zones that are used on the FIRMs to account for the varying levels of flood risk that exist along flooding sources within the project area. Table 2 and Table 3 indicate the flood zone designations for each flooding source and each community within Wabash County, respectively.

Table 2, “Flooding Sources Included in this FIS Report,” lists each flooding source, including its study limits, affected communities, mapped zone on the FIRM, and the completion date of its engineering analysis from which the flood elevations on the FIRM and in the FIS Report were derived. Descriptions and dates for the latest hydrologic and hydraulic analyses of the flooding sources are shown in Table 12. Floodplain boundaries for these flooding sources are shown on the FIRM (published separately) using the symbology described in Figure 3. On the map, the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain corresponds to the SFHAs. The 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain shows areas that, although out of the regulatory floodplain, are still subject to flood hazards.

Small areas within the floodplain boundaries may lie above the flood elevations but cannot be shown due to limitations of the map scale and/or lack of detailed topographic data. The procedures to remove these areas from the SFHA are described in Section 6.5 of this FIS Report.

Table 2: Flooding Sources Included in this FIS Report

Flooding Source	Community	Downstream Limit	Upstream Limit	HUC-8 Sub-Basin(s)	Length (mi) (streams or coastlines)	Floodway (Y/N)	Zone shown on FIRM	Date of Analysis
Big Branch	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 13,075 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Approximately 1,510 feet upstream of County Highway 6 / County Road 300 E / Approximately 230 feet upstream of Wabash County and Richland County Boundary)	05120113	2.5	N	A	2022
Bonpas Creek	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Approximately 8,747 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 490 feet downstream of County Road 200 N)	Approximately 200,588 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (At Wabash County and Richland County Boundary)	05120113	36.3	N	A	2022
Bonpas Creek Tributary 11	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 3,269 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Approximately 2,270 feet upstream of Wabash County and Richland County Boundary)	05120113	0.6	N	A	2022
Bonpas Creek Tributary 2	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 12,875 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Just downstream of County Road 400 E)	05120113	2.4	N	A	2022
Coffee Creek	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 33,275 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 1,520 feet upstream of County Road 1120 N)	05120113	6.3	N	A	2022

Table 2: Flooding Sources Included in this FIS Report (continued)

Flooding Source	Community	Downstream Limit	Upstream Limit	HUC-8 Sub-Basin(s)	Length (mi) (streams or coastlines)	Floodway (Y/N)	Zone shown on FIRM	Date of Analysis
Fordice Creek	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 24,682 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Approximately 4,775 feet upstream of County Road 1610 N)	05120113	4.7	N	A	2022
Greathouse Creek	Mount Carmel, City of; Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 15,396 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 4,850 feet upstream of Illinois Route 15)	05120113	2.9	Y	AE	2022
Jordan Creek	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Little Bonpas Creek	Approximately 20,735 feet upstream of confluence with Little Bonpas Creek (Approximately 1,915 feet upstream of Wabash 20 Avenue)	05120113	3.9	N	A	2022
Little Bonpas Creek	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 35,853 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (At Wabash County and Lawrence County Boundary / County Road 2400 N)	05120113	6.8	N	A	2022
Raccoon Creek	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 24,301 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 4,800 feet upstream of Wabash County and Lawrence County Boundary)	05120113	4.6	N	A	2022
Wabash River	Mount Carmel, City of; Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Approximately 49.3 miles upstream of confluence with Ohio River (Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of Interstate 64)	Approximately 96.9 miles upstream of confluence with Ohio River (Just upstream of Wabash County and Lawrence County Boundary)	05120113	47.5	Y	AE	2022

Table 2: Flooding Sources Included in this FIS Report (continued)

Flooding Source	Community	Downstream Limit	Upstream Limit	HUC-8 Sub-Basin(s)	Length (mi) (streams or coastlines)	Floodway (Y/N)	Zone shown on FIRM	Date of Analysis
Wabash River Tributary 1	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 13,204 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Just downstream of County Road 2140 N)	05120113	2.5	N	A	2022

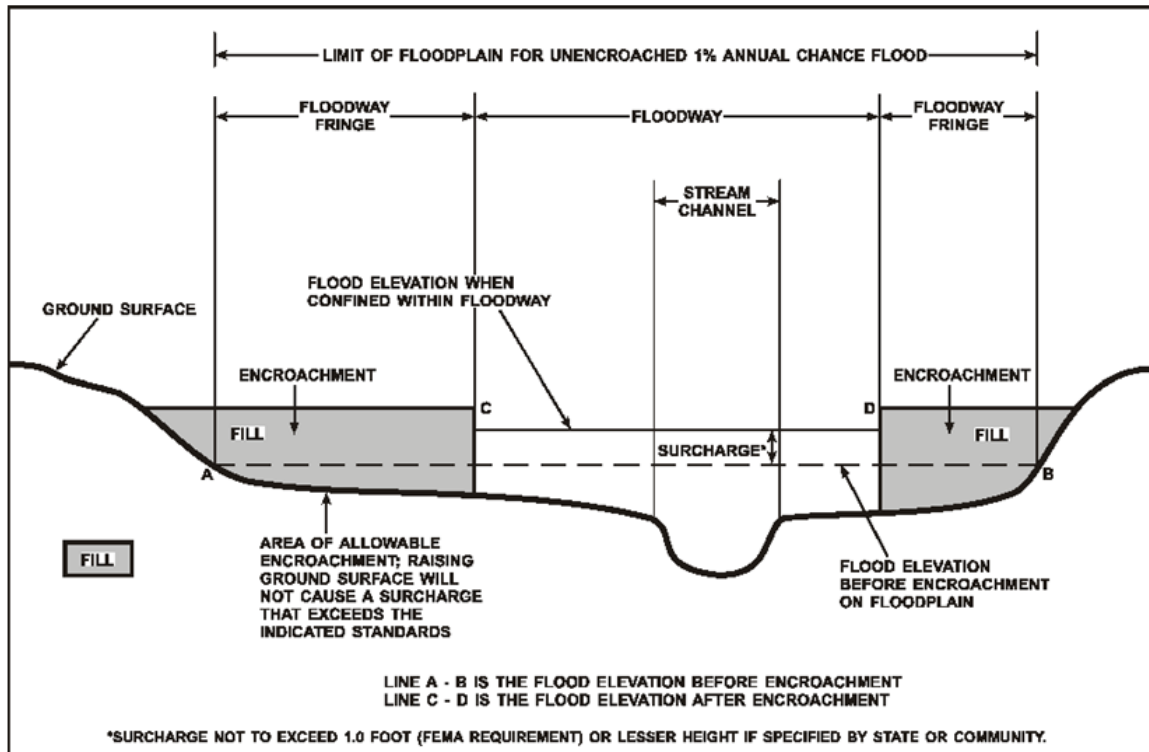
2.2 Floodways

Encroachment on floodplains, such as structures and fill, reduces flood-carrying capacity, increases flood heights and velocities, and increases flood hazards in areas beyond the encroachment itself. One aspect of floodplain management involves balancing the economic gain from floodplain development against the resulting increase in flood hazard.

For purposes of the NFIP, a floodway is used as a tool to assist local communities in balancing floodplain development against increasing flood hazard. With this approach, the area of the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain on a river is divided into a floodway and a floodway fringe based on hydraulic modeling. The floodway is the channel of a stream, plus any adjacent floodplain areas, that must be kept free of encroachment in order to carry the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. The floodway fringe is the area between the floodway and the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries where encroachment is permitted. The floodway must be wide enough so that the floodway fringe could be completely obstructed without increasing the water surface elevation of the 1-percent-annual-chance flood more than 1 foot at any point. Typical relationships between the floodway and the floodway fringe and their significance to floodplain development are shown in Figure 4.

To participate in the NFIP, Federal regulations require communities to limit increases caused by encroachment to 1.0 foot, provided that hazardous velocities are not produced. Regulations for the State of Illinois require communities in Wabash County to limit increases caused by encroachment to 0.1 foot, no more than a 10 percent reduction in floodplain volume, and no more than a 10 percent increase in average velocity. The floodways in this project are presented to local agencies as minimum standards that can be adopted directly or that can be used as a basis for additional floodway projects.

Figure 4: Floodway Schematic



Floodway widths presented in this FIS Report and on the FIRM were computed at cross sections. Between cross sections, the floodway boundaries were interpolated. For certain stream segments, floodways were adjusted so that the amount of floodwaters conveyed on each side of the floodplain would be reduced equally. The results of the floodway computations have been tabulated for selected cross sections and are shown in Table 23, "Floodway Data."

All floodways that were developed for this Flood Risk Project are shown on the FIRM using the symbology described in Figure 3. In cases where the floodway and 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries are either close together or collinear, only the floodway boundary has been shown on the FIRM. For information about the delineation of floodways on the FIRM, refer to Section 6.3.

2.3 Base Flood Elevations

The hydraulic characteristics of flooding sources were analyzed to provide estimates of the elevations of floods of the selected recurrence intervals. The BFE is the elevation of the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. These BFEs are most commonly rounded to the whole foot, as shown on the FIRM, but in certain circumstances or locations they may be rounded to 0.1 foot. Cross section lines shown on the FIRM may also be labeled with the BFE rounded to 0.1 foot. Whole-foot BFEs derived from engineering analyses that apply to coastal areas, areas of ponding, or other static areas with little elevation change may also be shown at selected intervals on the FIRM.

Cross sections with BFEs shown on the FIRM correspond to the cross sections shown in

the Floodway Data table and Flood Profiles in this FIS Report. For construction and/or floodplain management purposes, users are cautioned to use the flood elevation data presented in this FIS Report in conjunction with the data shown on the FIRM. For example, the user may use the FIRM to determine the stream station of a location of interest and then use the profile to determine the 1-percent annual chance elevation at that location. Because only selected cross sections may be shown on the FIRM for riverine areas, the profile should be used to obtain the flood elevation between mapped cross sections. Additionally, for riverine areas, whole-foot elevations shown on the FIRM may not exactly reflect the elevations derived from the hydraulic analyses; therefore, elevations obtained from the profile may more accurately reflect the results of the hydraulic analysis.

2.4 Non-Encroachment Zones

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

2.5 Coastal Flood Hazard Areas

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

2.5.1 Water Elevations and the Effects of Waves

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

Figure 5: Wave Runup Transect Schematic

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

2.5.2 Floodplain Boundaries and BFEs for Coastal Areas

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

2.5.3 Coastal High Hazard Areas

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

Figure 6: Coastal Transect Schematic

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

2.5.4 Limit of Moderate Wave Action

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

SECTION 3.0 – INSURANCE APPLICATIONS

3.1 National Flood Insurance Program Insurance Zones

For flood insurance applications, the FIRM designates flood insurance rate zones as described in Figure 3, “Map Legend for FIRM.” Flood insurance zone designations are assigned to flooding sources based on the results of the hydraulic or coastal analyses.

Insurance agents use the zones shown on the FIRM and depths and base flood elevations in this FIS Report in conjunction with information on structures and their contents to assign premium rates for flood insurance policies.

The 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary corresponds to the boundary of the areas of special flood hazards (e.g. Zones A, AE, V, VE, etc.), and the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary corresponds to the boundary of areas of additional flood hazards.

Table 3 lists the flood zones in Wabash County.

Table 3: Flood Zone Designations by Community

Community	Flood Zone(s)
Allendale, Village of	X
Bellmont, Village of	X
Keensburg, Village of	X
Mount Carmel, City of	AE, X
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	A, AE, X

SECTION 4.0 – AREA STUDIED

4.1 Basin Description

Table 4 contains a description of the characteristics of the HUC-8 sub-basins within which each community falls. The table includes the main flooding sources within each basin, a brief description of the basin, and its drainage area.

Table 4: Basin Characteristics

HUC-8 Sub-Basin Name	HUC-8 Sub-Basin Number	Primary Flooding Source	Description of Affected Area	Drainage Area (square miles)
Lower Wabash	05120113	Wabash River	All 227 square miles of Wabash County are covered by this watershed	1,300

4.2 Principal Flood Problems

Table 5 contains a description of the principal flood problems that have been noted for Wabash County by flooding source.

Table 5: Principal Flood Problems

Flooding Source	Description of Flood Problems
Bonpas Creek	Bonpas Creek is a tributary of the Wabash River that forms the western border of Wabash County and experiences flooding in the spring and summer due to snowmelt and excessive rainfall. Flooding from Bonpas Creek primarily affects Illinois State Route 15 and surrounding unincorporated areas of Wabash County (IEMA 2017a).
Wabash River	The Wabash River forms the eastern border of Wabash County and experiences flooding during significant storm events. The City of Mt. Carmel at the Wabash County border experienced several historic flooding events in recent years. The largest magnitude flooding at the Mt. Carmel, Illinois gage occurred in May of 2011 when the Wabash River crested at 34.02 feet (The Hometown Register 2011). Two additional floods with crests over 33 feet occurred in June of 2008 and January of 2005. Prior to these events, the last flood to reach a crest of 33 feet was in March of 1913 (IEMA 2017b).

Table 6 contains information about historic flood elevations in the communities within Wabash County.

Table 6: Historic Flooding Elevations

Flooding Source	Location	Historic Peak (Feet NAVD88)	Event Date	Approximate Recurrence Interval (years)	Source of Data
Wabash River	1575 ft upstream of IL Route 15	403	5/3/2011	144	USGS Gage 03377500

4.3 Dams and Other Flood Hazard Reduction Measures

Table 7 contains information about non-levee flood hazard reduction measures within Wabash County such as dams or jetties. Levee systems are addressed in Section 4.4 of this FIS Report.

Table 7: Dams and Other Flood Hazard Reduction Measures

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

4.4 Levee Systems

For purposes of the NFIP, FEMA only recognizes levee systems that meet, and continue to meet, minimum design, operation, and maintenance standards that are consistent with comprehensive floodplain management criteria. The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Section 65.10 (44 CFR 65.10) describes the information needed for FEMA to determine if a levee system reduces the flood hazard from the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. This information must be supplied to FEMA by the community or other party when a flood risk study or restudy is conducted, when FIRMs are revised, or upon FEMA request. FEMA reviews the information for the purpose of establishing the appropriate flood hazard zone.

Levee systems that are determined to reduce the hazard from the 1-percent-annual-chance flood are accredited by FEMA. FEMA can also grant provisional accreditation to a levee system that was previously accredited on an effective FIRM and for which FEMA is awaiting data and/or documentation to demonstrate compliance with 44 CFR 65.10. These levee systems are referred to as Provisionally Accredited Levees, or PALs. Provisional accreditation provides communities and levee owners with a specified timeframe to obtain the necessary data to confirm the levee system's accreditation status. Accredited levee systems and PALs are shown on the FIRM using the symbology shown in Figure 3. If the required information for a PAL is not submitted within the required timeframe, or if information indicates that a levee system no longer meets 44 CFR 65.10, FEMA will consider the levee system as non-accredited and issue an effective FIRM showing the levee-impacted area as a SFHA or Zone D.

FEMA coordinated with the USACE, the local communities, and other organizations to compile a list of levee systems that exist within Wabash County. Table 8, "Levee Systems," lists all accredited levee systems, PALs, and non-accredited levee systems shown on the FIRM for this FIS Report. Other categories of levees may also be included in the table. The Levee ID shown in this table may not match numbers based on other identification systems that were listed in previous FIS Reports. Levee systems identified in the table are displayed on the FIRM with notes to users to indicate their flood hazard mapping status.

Please note that the information presented in Table 8 is subject to change at any time. For that reason, the latest information regarding the levee systems presented in the table may be obtained by accessing the National Levee Database. For additional information, contact the levee owner/sponsor or the local community shown in Table 30.

Table 8: Levee Systems

Community(ies)	Flooding Source(s)	NLD Levee System ID	NLD Levee System Name	Levee System Status on Effective FIRM	FIRM Panel(s)	Levee Owner(s) / Sponsor(s)
Mount Carmel, City of; Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash River	3905000016	Mount Carmel Levee System	Non-Accredited	17185C0117D 17185C0119D 17185C0136D	City of Mount Carmel
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash River	1505000935	Schuhbend Levee	Non-Accredited	17185C0166D 17185C0170D	Undefined
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash River	3905000034	Rochester-McCleary's Bluff Levee System	Non-Accredited	17185C0160D 17185C0180D 17185C0190D	Rochester-McCleary's Bluff Levee Association
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash River	1505001105	Wabash Unincorporated Levee	Non-Accredited	17185C0165D	Undefined
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash River	1505001153	Wabash Unincorporated Levee 2	Non-Accredited	17185C0162D 17185C0165D	Undefined
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash River	1505001149	Wabash Unincorporated Levee 3	Non-Accredited	17185C0162D 17185C0165D	Undefined
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Bonpas Creek	1505001152	Wabash Unincorporated Levee 4	Non-Accredited	17185C0162D 17185C0165D	Undefined
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Little Bonpas Creek	1505001154	Wabash Unincorporated Levee 5	Non-Accredited	17185C0025D	Undefined

SECTION 5.0 – ENGINEERING METHODS

For the flooding sources in the community, standard hydrologic and hydraulic study methods were used to determine the flood hazard data required for this study. Flood events of a magnitude that are expected to be equaled or exceeded at least once on the average during any 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, or 500-year period (recurrence interval) have been selected as having special significance for floodplain management. These events, commonly termed the 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods, have a 10-, 4-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2-percent-annual-chance, respectively, of being equaled or exceeded during any year.

Although the recurrence interval represents the long-term, average period between floods of a specific magnitude, rare floods could occur at short intervals or even within the same year. The risk of experiencing a rare flood increases when periods greater than 1 year are considered. For example, the risk of having a flood that equals or exceeds the 100-year flood (1-percent chance of annual exceedance) during the term of a 30-year mortgage is approximately 26 percent (about 3 in 10); for any 90-year period, the risk increases to approximately 60 percent (6 in 10). The analyses reported herein reflect flooding potentials based on conditions existing in the community at the time of completion of this study. Maps and flood elevations will be amended periodically to reflect future changes.

In addition to these flood events, the “1-percent-plus”, or “1%+”, annual chance flood elevation has been modeled and included on the flood profile and/or in the FIRM database for certain flooding sources in this FIS Report. While not used for regulatory or insurance purposes, this flood event has been calculated to help illustrate the variability range that exists between the regulatory 1-percent-annual-chance flood elevation and a 1-percent-annual-chance elevation that has taken into account an additional amount of uncertainty in the flood discharges (thus, the 1% “plus”). For flooding sources whose discharges were estimated using regression equations, the 1%+ flood elevations are derived by taking the 1-percent-annual-chance flood discharges and increasing the modeled discharges by a percentage equal to the average predictive error for the regression equation. For flooding sources with gage- or rainfall-runoff-based discharge estimates, the upper 84-percent confidence limit of the discharges is used to compute the 1%+ flood elevations.

5.1 Hydrologic Analyses

Hydrologic analyses were carried out to establish the peak elevation-frequency relationships for floods of the selected recurrence intervals for each flooding source studied. Hydrologic analyses are typically performed at the watershed level. Depending on factors such as watershed size and shape, land use and urbanization, and natural or man-made storage, various models or methodologies may be applied. A summary of the hydrologic methods applied to develop the discharges used in the hydraulic analyses for each stream is provided in Table 12. Greater detail (including assumptions, analysis, and results) is available in the archived project documentation.

A summary of the discharges is provided in Table 9. Stream gage information is provided in Table 11.

Table 9: Summary of Discharges

Flooding Source	Location	Drainage Area (Square Miles)	Peak Discharge (CFS)				
			10% Annual Chance	4% Annual Chance	2% Annual Chance	1% Annual Chance	0.2% Annual Chance
Greathouse Creek	At confluence with Wabash River	8.5	2,458	3,021	3,431	3,846	4,730
Greathouse Creek	Approximately 100 feet upstream of 3rd Street / Illinois Route 1	7.0	2,184	2,625	2,941	3,299	4,061
Greathouse Creek	Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of Illinois Route 15	5.3	1,721	2,043	2,303	2,586	3,180
Wabash River	Approximately 2.2 miles upstream of the confluence of Crawfish Creek	13,721.0	87,500 ¹	99,900 ¹	108,400 ¹	116,400 ¹	133,400 ¹
Wabash River	Approximately 4,700 feet downstream of the confluence of Sugar Creek	13,161.0	100,300 ¹	115,400 ¹	125,600 ¹	135,200 ¹	155,300 ¹

¹ Decrease in discharge due to flat channel slope resulting in flow attenuation

Figure 7: Frequency Discharge-Drainage Area Curves

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

Table 10: Summary of Non-Coastal Stillwater Elevations

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

Table 11: Stream Gage Information used to Determine Discharges

Flooding Source	Gage Identifier	Agency that Maintains Gage	Site Name	Drainage Area (Square Miles)	Period of Record	
					From	To
Wabash River	03377500	USGS	WABASH RIVER AT MT. CARMEL, IL	28,635.0	10/1/1968	9/30/2015
Wabash River	03343000	USGS	WABASH RIVER AT VINCENNES, IN	13,706.0	10/1/1968	9/30/2015

5.2 Hydraulic Analyses

Analyses of the hydraulic characteristics of flooding from the sources studied were carried out to provide estimates of the elevations of floods of the selected recurrence intervals. Base flood elevations on the FIRM represent the elevations shown on the Flood Profiles and in the Floodway Data tables in the FIS Report. Rounded whole-foot elevations may be shown on the FIRM in coastal areas, areas of ponding, and other areas with static base flood elevations. These whole-foot elevations may not exactly reflect the elevations derived from the hydraulic analyses. For construction and/or floodplain management purposes, users are cautioned to use the flood elevation data presented in this FIS Report in conjunction with the data shown on the FIRM.

For streams for which hydraulic analyses were based on cross sections, locations of selected cross sections are shown on the Flood Profiles (Exhibit 1). For stream segments for which a floodway was computed (Section 6.3), selected cross sections are also listed in Table 23, "Floodway Data."

A summary of the methods used in hydraulic analyses performed for this project is provided in Table 12. Roughness coefficients are provided in Table 13. Roughness coefficients are values representing the frictional resistance water experiences when passing overland or through a channel. They are used in the calculations to determine water surface elevations. Greater detail (including assumptions, analysis, and results) is available in the archived project documentation.

Table 12: Summary of Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analyses

Flooding Source	Study Limits		Hydrologic Model or Method Used	Hydraulic Model or Method Used	Date Analyses Completed	Flood Zone on FIRM	Special Considerations
	Downstream Limit	Upstream Limit					
Big Branch	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 13,075 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Approximately 1,510 feet upstream of County Highway 6 / County Road 300 E / Approximately 230 feet upstream of Wabash County and Richland County Boundary)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural
Bonpas Creek	Approximately 8,747 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 490 feet downstream of County Road 200 N)	Approximately 200,588 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (At Wabash County and Richland County Boundary)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural (Downstream 39,689 feet of flooding effects are controlled by Wabash River)
Bonpas Creek Tributary 11	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 3,269 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Approximately 2,270 feet upstream of Wabash County and Richland County Boundary)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural
Bonpas Creek Tributary 2	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 12,875 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Just downstream of County Road 400 E)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural

Table 12: Summary of Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analyses (continued)

Flooding Source	Study Limits		Hydrologic Model or Method Used	Hydraulic Model or Method Used	Date Analyses Completed	Flood Zone on FIRM	Special Considerations
	Downstream Limit	Upstream Limit					
Coffee Creek	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 33,275 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 1,520 feet upstream of County Road 1120 N)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural (Downstream 19,485 feet are backwater effects from Wabash River)
Fordice Creek	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 24,682 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (Approximately 4,775 feet upstream of County Road 1610 N)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural
Greathouse Creek	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 15,396 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 4,850 feet upstream of Illinois Route 15)	HEC-HMS 3.0 and up (Dec 2005)	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	AE w/ Floodway	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; HEC-HMS v. 4.6.1, Bulletin 75
Jordan Creek	Confluence with Little Bonpas Creek	Approximately 20,735 feet upstream of confluence with Little Bonpas Creek (Approximately 1,915 feet upstream of Wabash 20 Avenue)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural
Little Bonpas Creek	Confluence with Bonpas Creek	Approximately 35,853 feet upstream of confluence with Bonpas Creek (At Wabash County and Lawrence County Boundary / County Road 2400 N)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural
Raccoon Creek	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 24,301 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Approximately 4,800 feet upstream of Wabash County and Lawrence County Boundary)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural (Downstream 17,365 feet are backwater effects from Wabash River)

Table 12: Summary of Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analyses (continued)

Flooding Source	Study Limits		Hydrologic Model or Method Used	Hydraulic Model or Method Used	Date Analyses Completed	Flood Zone on FIRM	Special Considerations
	Downstream Limit	Upstream Limit					
Wabash River	Approximately 49.3 miles upstream of confluence with Ohio River (Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of Interstate 64)	Approximately 96.9 miles upstream of confluence with Ohio River (Just upstream of Wabash County and Lawrence County Boundary)	HEC-SSP 1.1 (April 2009) and up	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	2/1/2022	AE w/ Floodway	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; HEC-SSP v. 2.0
Wabash River Tributary 1	Confluence with Wabash River	Approximately 13,204 feet upstream of confluence with Wabash River (Just downstream of County Road 2140 N)	Regression Equations	HEC-RAS 5.0 and up	4/21/2022	A	HEC-RAS v. 5.0.7, 1D Steady Flow; USGS StreamStats 2004, Rural (Downstream 5,846 feet are backwater effects from Wabash River)

Table 13: Roughness Coefficients

Flooding Source	Channel “n”	Overbank “n”
Big Branch	0.035	0.035-0.075
Bonpas Creek	0.035	0.035-0.075
Bonpas Creek Tributary 11	0.035-0.055	0.035-0.100
Bonpas Creek Tributary 2	0.035	0.035-0.075
Coffee Creek	0.035	0.035-0.075
Fordice Creek	0.035-0.045	0.035-0.075
Greathouse Creek	0.035-0.045	0.035-0.075
Jordan Creek	0.035	0.035-0.075
Little Bonpas Creek	0.035	0.035-0.075
Raccoon Creek	0.035-0.045	0.035-0.075
Wabash River	0.034	0.034-0.100
Wabash River Tributary 1	0.035-0.045	0.035-0.075

5.3 Coastal Analyses

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

Table 14: Summary of Coastal Analyses

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

5.3.1 Total Stillwater Elevations

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

Figure 8: 1% Annual Chance Total Stillwater Elevations for Coastal Areas

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

Table 15: Tide Gage Analysis Specifics

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

5.3.2 Waves

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

5.3.3 Coastal Erosion

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

5.3.4 Wave Hazard Analyses

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

Table 16: Coastal Transect Parameters

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

Figure 9: Transect Location Map

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

5.4 Alluvial Fan Analyses

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk Project.

Table 17: Summary of Alluvial Fan Analyses

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

Table 18: Results of Alluvial Fan Analyses

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

SECTION 6.0 – MAPPING METHODS

6.1 Vertical and Horizontal Control

All FIS Reports and FIRMs are referenced to a specific vertical datum. The vertical datum provides a starting point against which flood, ground, and structure elevations can be referenced and compared. Until recently, the standard vertical datum used for newly created or revised FIS Reports and FIRMs was the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29). With the completion of the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88), many FIS Reports and FIRMs are now prepared using NAVD88 as the referenced vertical datum.

Flood elevations shown in this FIS Report and on the FIRMs are referenced to NAVD88. These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same vertical datum. For information regarding conversion between NGVD29 and NAVD88 or other datum conversion, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at www.ngs.noaa.gov.

Temporary vertical monuments are often established during the preparation of a flood hazard analysis for the purpose of establishing local vertical control. Although these monuments are not shown on the FIRM, they may be found in the archived project documentation associated with the FIS Report and the FIRMs for this community. Interested individuals may contact FEMA to access these data.

To obtain current elevation, description, and/or location information for benchmarks in the area, please visit the NGS website at www.ngs.noaa.gov.

The datum conversion locations and values that were calculated for Wabash County are provided in Table 19.

Table 19: Countywide Vertical Datum Conversion

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

Table 20: Stream-Based Vertical Datum Conversion

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

6.2 Base Map

The FIRMs and FIS Report for this project have been produced in a digital format. The flood hazard information was converted to a Geographic Information System (GIS) format that meets FEMA's FIRM Database specifications and geographic information standards. This information is provided in a digital format so that it can be incorporated into a local GIS and be accessed more easily by the community. The FIRM Database includes most of the tabular information contained in the FIS Report in such a way that the data can be associated with pertinent spatial features. For example, the information contained in the Floodway Data table and Flood Profiles can be linked to the cross sections that are shown on the FIRMs. Additional information about the FIRM Database and its contents can be found

in FEMA's *Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping*, www.fema.gov/flood-maps/guidance-partners/guidelines-standards.

Base map information shown on the FIRM was derived from the sources described in Table 21.

Table 21: Base Map Sources

Data Type	Data Provider	Data Date	Data Scale	Data Description
2021 TIGER/Line Shapefiles	U.S. Census Bureau	October 2023	*	Spatial feature and attribute information for community boundaries and railroads
Illinois Counties	Illinois State Water Survey	October 25, 2024	1:24,000	County boundaries for Illinois Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps
Illinois Highway System	Illinois Department of Transportation	February 28, 2023	1:64,000	Spatial feature and attribute information for transportation features
Illinois Public Land Survey System	Illinois State Geological Survey	April 2003	1:62,500	Spatial feature and attribute information for Public Land Survey System sections
National Hydrography Dataset	U.S. Geological Survey	March 5, 2023	1:24,000	Spatial feature and attribute information for lakes and HUC-8 watershed boundaries
National Levee Database	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	August 9, 2024	*	Spatial and attribute information for levees, floodwalls, and closure structures
Stream Gages	U.S. Geological Survey	November 11, 2022	*	Spatial feature and attribute information for stream gages
USGS 7.5-Minute Series Topographic Maps	U.S. Geological Survey	1989	1:24,000	FIRM paneling scheme
USGS National Map: Orthoimagery	U.S. Geological Survey	October 2020	*	Orthoimagery for FIRM panels effective TBD

* Data not available

6.3 Floodplain and Floodway Delineation

The FIRM shows tints, screens, and symbols to indicate floodplains and floodways as well as the locations of selected cross sections used in the hydraulic analyses and floodway computations.

For riverine flooding sources, the mapped floodplain boundaries shown on the FIRM have been delineated using the flood elevations determined at each cross section; between cross sections, the boundaries were interpolated using the topographic elevation data described in Table 22.

In cases where the 1-percent and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries are

close together, only the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary has been shown. Small areas within the floodplain boundaries may lie above the flood elevations but cannot be shown due to limitations of the map scale and/or lack of detailed topographic data.

The floodway widths presented in this FIS Report and on the FIRM were computed for certain stream segments on the basis of equal conveyance reduction from each side of the floodplain. Floodway widths were computed at cross sections. Between cross sections, the floodway boundaries were interpolated. Table 2 indicates the flooding sources for which floodways have been determined. The results of the floodway computations for those flooding sources have been tabulated for selected cross sections and are shown in Table 23, "Floodway Data."

Table 22: Summary of Topographic Elevation Data used in Mapping

Community	Flooding Source	Source for Topographic Elevation Data			
		Description	Vertical Accuracy	Horizontal Accuracy	Citation
Wabash County	Big Branch, Bonpas Creek, Bonpas Creek Tributary 11, Bonpas Creek Tributary 2, Coffee Creek, Fordice Creek, Greathouse Creek, Jordan Creek, Little Bonpas Creek, Raccoon Creek, Wabash River, Wabash River Tributary 1	2011/2012 Digital Terrain Model (DTM) for Lower and Middle Wabash watersheds (resolution of 5 foot cell size)	0.576 feet at the 95th percentile	0.30 meters	ISWS 2019

BFEs shown at cross sections on the FIRM represent the 1-percent-annual-chance water surface elevations shown on the Flood Profiles and in the Floodway Data tables in the FIS Report.

Table 23: Floodway Data

LOCATION		FLOODWAY			1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD WATER SURFACE ELEVATION (FEET NAVD88)			
CROSS SECTION	DISTANCE ¹	WIDTH (FEET)	SECTION AREA (SQ. FEET)	MEAN VELOCITY (FEET/SEC)	REGULATORY	WITHOUT FLOODWAY	WITH FLOODWAY	INCREASE
A	6334	190	786	6.3	403.4	394.7 ²	394.7	0.0
B	6904	154	479	8.0	403.4	396.2 ²	396.2	0.0
C	7391	141	667	5.8	403.4	398.5 ²	398.6	0.1
D	7684	165	1,517	2.4	403.4	399.7 ²	399.8	0.1
E	8222	255	768	4.3	403.4	400.2 ²	400.3	0.1
F	9080	380	1,953	2.8	404.0	404.0	404.0	0.0
G	9478	295	1,362	2.4	404.3	404.3	404.3	0.0
H	9974	480	1,426	3.3	404.5	404.5	404.5	0.0
I	10270	360	1,879	1.8	405.6	405.6	405.6	0.0
J	10628	404	2,345	1.5	407.2	407.2	407.3	0.1
K	11252	344	1,919	1.6	407.3	407.3	407.4	0.1
L	13634	700	2,327	1.1	407.7	407.7	407.8	0.1
M	14392	715	1,849	1.3	407.9	407.9	407.9	0.0

¹ Feet above confluence with Wabash River

² Elevation computed without consideration of backwater effects

TABLE 23

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AND INCORPORATED AREAS

FLOODWAY DATA

FLOODING SOURCE: GREATHOUSE CREEK

Table 23: Floodway Data (continued)

LOCATION		FLOODWAY			1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD WATER SURFACE ELEVATION (FEET NAVD88)			
CROSS SECTION	DISTANCE ¹	WIDTH (FEET) ²	SECTION AREA (SQ. FEET)	MEAN VELOCITY (FEET/SEC)	REGULATORY	WITHOUT FLOODWAY	WITH FLOODWAY	INCREASE
50.335	50.335	30,711 / 5,465	247,280	1.2	385.1	385.1	385.1	0.0
51.863	51.863	43,342 / 13,836	239,343	1.4	385.4	385.4	385.5	0.1
55.882	55.882	47,296 / 6,343	246,122	1.9	388.1	388.1	388.2	0.1
60.67	60.67	34,553 / 7,328	152,373	2.3	391.7 ³ / 389.2 ⁴	391.7	391.7	0.0
66.747	66.747	37,800 / 18,427	86,021	3.6	394.5 ³ / 389.9 ⁴	394.5	394.6	0.1
70.27	70.27	29,921 / 9,901	105,046	2.9	397.6 ³ / 391.0 ⁴	397.6	397.6	0.0
71.78	71.78	27,829 / 4,633	78,342	3.9	398.6 ³ / 392.0 ⁴	398.6	398.6	0.0
73.29	73.29	28,663 / 3,542	115,620	2.7	400.2	400.2	400.2	0.0
74.827	74.827	16,989 / 4,384	113,427	3.7	401.3	401.3	401.4	0.1
75.104	75.104	17,426 / 4,885	120,263	3.7	401.9	401.9	402.0	0.1
76.303	76.303	23,662 / 4,626	108,598	3.0	403.0	403.0	403.1	0.1
77.708	77.708	28,239 / 1,324	87,563	3.5	404.1 ³ / 397.8 ⁴	404.1	404.1	0.0
77.893	77.893	29,100 / 1,159	82,259	4.0	404.2 ³ / 398.1 ⁴	404.2	404.3	0.1
78.039	78.039	28,550 / 676	353,153	2.7	405.0 ³ / 399.4 ⁴	405.0	405.1	0.1
78.704	78.704	29,660 / 1,612	379,672	1.8	405.5 ³ / 400.3 ⁴	405.5	405.5	0.0
79.78	79.78	6,800 / 3,687	95,083	0.8	405.8	405.8	405.8	0.0
84.43	84.43	17,400 / 840	244,832	0.4	406.0	406.0	406.0	0.0
87.02	87.02	9,169 / 1,868	91,791	1.3	406.2	406.2	406.2	0.0
88.59	88.59	6,133 / 1,951	61,074	1.9	406.6	406.6	406.7	0.1
91.31	91.31	7,400 / 6,647	100,647	1.2	407.7	407.7	407.8	0.1
93.361	93.361	11,200 / 733	40,478	2.9	408.5	408.5	408.6	0.1

¹ Miles above confluence with Ohio River

² Total floodway width / width within Wabash County

³ Elevation riverward of levee

⁴ Elevation landward of right bank levee system

TABLE 23	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND INCORPORATED AREAS	FLOODWAY DATA
		FLOODING SOURCE: WABASH RIVER

Table 23: Floodway Data (continued)

LOCATION		FLOODWAY			1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD WATER SURFACE ELEVATION (FEET NAVD88)			
CROSS SECTION	DISTANCE ¹	WIDTH (FEET) ²	SECTION AREA (SQ. FEET)	MEAN VELOCITY (FEET/SEC)	REGULATORY	WITHOUT FLOODWAY	WITH FLOODWAY	INCREASE
95.9	95.9	23,200 / 8,793	114,272	1.3	410.1	410.1	410.2	0.1

¹ Miles above confluence with Ohio River

² Total floodway width / width within Wabash County

TABLE 23	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND INCORPORATED AREAS	FLOODWAY DATA
		FLOODING SOURCE: WABASH RIVER

Table 24: Flood Hazard and Non-Encroachment Data for Selected Streams

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

6.4 Coastal Flood Hazard Mapping

This section is not applicable to this Flood Risk project.

Table 25: Summary of Coastal Transect Mapping Considerations

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

6.5 FIRM Revisions

This FIS Report and the FIRM are based on the most up-to-date information available to FEMA at the time of its publication; however, flood hazard conditions change over time. Communities or private parties may request flood map revisions at any time. Certain types of requests require submission of supporting data. FEMA may also initiate a revision. Revisions may take several forms, including Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-Fs), Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) (referred to collectively as Letters of Map Change (LOMCs)), Physical Map Revisions (PMRs), and FEMA-contracted restudies. These types of revisions are further described below. Some of these types of revisions do not result in the republishing of the FIS Report. To assure that any user is aware of all revisions, it is advisable to contact the community repository of flood-hazard data (shown in Table 30, “Map Repositories”).

6.5.1 Letters of Map Amendment

A LOMA is an official revision by letter to an effective NFIP map. A LOMA results from an administrative process that involves the review of scientific or technical data submitted by the owner or lessee of property who believes the property has incorrectly been included in a designated SFHA. A LOMA amends the currently effective FEMA map and establishes that a specific property is not located in a SFHA.

To obtain an application for a LOMA, visit www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone and download the form “MT-1 Application Forms and Instructions for Conditional and Final Letters of Map Amendment and Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill”. Visit the “Flood Map-Related Fees” section to determine the cost, if any, of applying for a LOMA.

FEMA offers a tutorial on how to apply for a LOMA. The LOMA Tutorial Series can be accessed at www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tutorials.

For more information about how to apply for a LOMA, call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

6.5.2 Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill

A LOMR-F is an official revision by letter to an effective NFIP map. A LOMR-F states FEMA’s determination concerning whether a structure or parcel has been elevated on fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, excluded from the SFHA.

Information about obtaining an application for a LOMR-F can be obtained in the same

manner as that for a LOMA, by visiting www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone for the “MT-1 Application Forms and Instructions for Conditional and Final Letters of Map Amendment and Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill” or by calling the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). Fees for applying for a LOMR-F, if any, are listed in the “Flood Map-Related Fees” section.

A tutorial for LOMR-F is available at www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tutorials.

6.5.3 Letters of Map Revision

A LOMR is an official revision to the currently effective FEMA map. It is used to change flood zones, floodplain and floodway delineations, flood elevations and planimetric features. All requests for LOMRs should be made to FEMA through the chief executive officer of the community, since it is the community that must adopt any changes and revisions to the map. If the request for a LOMR is not submitted through the chief executive officer of the community, evidence must be submitted that the community has been notified of the request.

To obtain an application for a LOMR, visit www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone and download the form “MT-2 Application Forms and Instructions for Conditional Letters of Map Revision and Letters of Map Revision”. Visit the “Flood Map-Related Fees” section to determine the cost of applying for a LOMR. For more information about how to apply for a LOMR, call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) to speak to a Map Specialist.

Previously issued mappable LOMCs (including LOMRs) that have been incorporated into the Wabash County FIRM are listed in Table 26.

Table 26: Incorporated Letters of Map Change

[Not applicable to this Flood Risk Project]

6.5.4 Physical Map Revisions

A Physical Map Revisions (PMR) is an official republication of a community's NFIP map to effect changes to base flood elevations, floodplain boundary delineations, regulatory floodways and planimetric features. These changes typically occur as a result of structural works or improvements, annexations resulting in additional flood hazard areas or correction to base flood elevations or SFHAs.

The community's chief executive officer must submit scientific and technical data to FEMA to support the request for a PMR. The data will be analyzed and the map will be revised if warranted. The community is provided with copies of the revised information and is afforded a review period. When the base flood elevations are changed, a 90-day appeal period is provided. A 6-month adoption period for formal approval of the revised map(s) is also provided.

For more information about the PMR process, please visit www.fema.gov and visit the Floods & Maps “Change Your Flood Zone Designation” section.

6.5.5 Contracted Restudies

The NFIP provides for a periodic review and restudy of flood hazards within a given

community. FEMA accomplishes this through a national watershed-based mapping needs assessment strategy, known as the Coordinated Needs Management Strategy (CNMS). The CNMS is used by FEMA to assign priorities and allocate funding for new flood hazard analyses used to update the FIS Report and FIRM. The goal of CNMS is to define the validity of the engineering study data within a mapped inventory. The CNMS is used to track the assessment process, document engineering gaps and their resolution, and aid in prioritization for using flood risk as a key factor for areas identified for flood map updates. Visit www.fema.gov to learn more about the CNMS or contact the FEMA Regional Office listed in Section 8 of this FIS Report.

6.5.6 Community Map History

The current FIRM presents flooding information for the entire geographic area of Wabash County. Previously, separate FIRMs, Flood Hazard Boundary Maps (FHBM) and/or Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFMs) may have been prepared for the incorporated communities and the unincorporated areas in the county that had identified SFHAs. Current and historical data relating to the maps prepared for the project area are presented in Table 27, “Community Map History.” A description of each of the column headings and the source of the date is also listed below.

- *Community Name* includes communities falling within the geographic area shown on the FIRM, including those that fall on the boundary line, nonparticipating communities, and communities with maps that have been rescinded. Communities with No Special Flood Hazards are indicated by a footnote. If all maps (FHBM, FBFM, and FIRM) were rescinded for a community, it is not listed in this table unless SFHAs have been identified in this community.
- *Initial Identification Date (First NFIP Map Published)* is the date of the first NFIP map that identified flood hazards in the community. If the FHBM has been converted to a FIRM, the initial FHBM date is shown. If the community has never been mapped, the upcoming effective date or “pending” (for Preliminary FIS Reports) is shown. If the community is listed in Table 27 but not identified on the map, the community is treated as if it were unmapped.
- *Initial FHBM Effective Date* is the effective date of the first FHBM. This date may be the same date as the Initial NFIP Map Date.
- *FHBM Revision Date(s)* is the date(s) that the FHBM was revised, if applicable.
- *Initial FIRM Effective Date* is the date of the first effective FIRM for the community.
- *FIRM Revision Date(s)* is the date(s) the FIRM was revised, if applicable. This is the revised date that is shown on the FIRM panel, if applicable. As countywide studies are completed or revised, each community listed should have its FIRM dates updated accordingly to reflect the date of the countywide study. Once the FIRMs exist in countywide format, as PMRs of FIRM panels within the county are completed, the FIRM Revision Dates in the table for each community affected by the PMR are updated with the date of the PMR, even if the PMR did not revise all the panels within that community.

The initial effective date for the Wabash County FIRMs in countywide format was 12/16/2011.

Table 27: Community Map History

Community Name	Initial Identification Date	Initial FHB M Effective Date	FHB M Revision Date(s)	Initial FIRM Effective Date	FIRM Revision Date(s)
Allendale, Village of ^{1, 2}	12/16/2011	N/A	N/A	12/16/2011	TBD
Bellmont, Village of ^{1, 2}	12/16/2011	N/A	N/A	12/16/2011	TBD
Keensburg, Village of ^{1, 2}	12/16/2011	N/A	N/A	12/16/2011	TBD
Mount Carmel, City of	3/15/1974	3/15/1974	4/2/1976	7/16/1980	TBD, 12/16/2011
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	11/3/1978	11/3/1978	N/A	2/15/1985	TBD, 12/16/2011

¹ No Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified

² This community did not have a FIRM prior to the first countywide FIRM for Wabash County

SECTION 7.0 – CONTRACTED STUDIES AND COMMUNITY COORDINATION

7.1 Contracted Studies

Table 28 provides a summary of the contracted studies, by flooding source, that are included in this FIS Report.

Table 28: Summary of Contracted Studies Included in this FIS Report

Flooding Source	FIS Report Dated	Contractor	Number	Work Completed Date	Affected Communities
Big Branch	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Bonpas Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Bonpas Creek Tributary 11	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Bonpas Creek Tributary 2	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Coffee Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Fordice Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Greathouse Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Mount Carmel, City of; Wabash County Unincorporated Areas

Table 28: Summary of Contracted Studies Included in this FIS Report (continued)

Flooding Source	FIS Report Dated	Contractor	Number	Work Completed Date	Affected Communities
Jordan Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Little Bonpas Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Raccoon Creek	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Wabash River	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	February 2022	Mount Carmel, City of; Wabash County Unincorporated Areas
Wabash River Tributary 1	Pending	Illinois State Water Survey	EMC-2018-CA-00010, ISWS18-03	April 2022	Wabash County Unincorporated Areas

7.2 Community Meetings

The dates of the community meetings held for this Flood Risk Project and previous Flood Risk Projects are shown in Table 29. These meetings may have previously been referred to by a variety of names (Community Coordination Officer (CCO), Scoping, Discovery, etc.), but all meetings represent opportunities for FEMA, community officials, study contractors, and other invited guests to discuss the planning for and results of the project.

Table 29: Community Meetings

Community	FIS Report Dated	Date of Meeting	Meeting Type	Attended By
Allendale, Village of	Pending	7/21/2011	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDOT, IN DNR, ISWS, U of I Extension, US House of Representatives, and US Senate
		5/13/2015	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IEMA, ISWS, and Wabash County Health Department
		3/17/2023	Flood Risk Review	ARC FEMA RSC, FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDNR-OWR, IN DNR, ISWS, and The Polis Center
		TBD	CCO	*
		TBD	Other	*
Bellmont, Village of	Pending	7/21/2011	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDOT, IN DNR, ISWS, U of I Extension, US House of Representatives, and US Senate
		5/13/2015	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IEMA, ISWS, and Wabash County Health Department
		3/17/2023	Flood Risk Review	ARC FEMA RSC, FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDNR-OWR, IN DNR, ISWS, and The Polis Center
		TBD	CCO	*
		TBD	Other	*
Keensburg, Village of	Pending	7/21/2011	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDOT, IN DNR, ISWS, U of I Extension, US House of Representatives, and US Senate
		5/13/2015	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IEMA, ISWS, and Wabash County Health Department
		3/17/2023	Flood Risk Review	ARC FEMA RSC, FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDNR-OWR, IN DNR, ISWS, and The Polis Center
		TBD	CCO	*
		TBD	Other	*

* To Be Determined

Table 29: Community Meetings (continued)

Community	FIS Report Dated	Date of Meeting	Meeting Type	Attended By
Mount Carmel, City of	Pending	7/21/2011	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDOT, IN DNR, ISWS, U of I Extension, US House of Representatives, US Senate, and the community
		5/13/2015	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IEMA, ISWS, Wabash County Health Department, and the community
		4/1/2021	Other	FEMA, IDNR-OWR, ISWS, STARR II FEMA RSC, USACE Louisville District, Wabash County Emergency Management Agency, and the community
		3/17/2023	Flood Risk Review	ARC FEMA RSC, FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDNR-OWR, IN DNR, ISWS, and The Polis Center
		TBD	CCO	*
		TBD	Other	*
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Pending	7/21/2011	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDOT, IN DNR, ISWS, U of I Extension, US House of Representatives, US Senate, and the community
		5/13/2015	Project Discovery	FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IEMA, ISWS, Wabash County Health Department, and the community
		4/1/2021	Other	FEMA, IDNR-OWR, ISWS, STARR II FEMA RSC, USACE Louisville District, and Wabash County Emergency Management Agency
		3/17/2023	Flood Risk Review	ARC FEMA RSC, FEMA, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, IDNR-OWR, IN DNR, ISWS, and The Polis Center
		TBD	CCO	*
		TBD	Other	*

* To Be Determined

SECTION 8.0 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information concerning the pertinent data used in the preparation of this FIS Report can be obtained by submitting an order with any required payment to the FEMA Engineering Library. For more information on this process, see www.fema.gov.

The additional data that was used for this project includes the FIS Report and FIRM that were previously prepared for Wabash County and the City of Mount Carmel (FEMA 2011).

Table 30 is a list of the locations where FIRMs for Wabash County can be viewed. Please note that the maps at these locations are for reference only and are not for distribution. Also, please note that only the maps for the community listed in the table are available at that particular repository. A user may need to visit another repository to view maps from an adjacent community.

Table 30: Map Repositories

Community	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Allendale, Village of ¹	Village Hall, 308 East Main Street	Allendale	IL	62410
Bellmont, Village of ¹	Village Hall, 214 North Main Street	Bellmont	IL	62811
Keensburg, Village of ¹	Village Hall, 6333 3rd Street	Keensburg	IL	62852
Mount Carmel, City of	City Hall, 631 North Market Street	Mount Carmel	IL	62863
Wabash County Unincorporated Areas	Wabash County Courthouse, 401 North Market Street	Mount Carmel	IL	62863

¹ No Special Flood Hazard Areas Identified

The National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) dataset is a compilation of effective FIRM Databases and LOMCs. Together they create a GIS data layer for a State or Territory. The NFHL is updated as studies become effective and extracts are made available to the public monthly. NFHL data can be viewed or ordered from the website shown in Table 31.

Table 31 contains useful contact information regarding the FIS Report, the FIRM, and other relevant flood hazard and GIS data. In addition, information about the State NFIP Coordinator and GIS Coordinator is shown in this table. At the request of FEMA, each Governor has designated an agency of State or territorial government to coordinate that State's or territory's NFIP activities. These agencies often assist communities in developing and adopting necessary floodplain management measures. State GIS Coordinators are knowledgeable about the availability and location of State and local GIS data in their state.

Table 31: Additional Information

FEMA and the NFIP	
FEMA and FEMA Engineering Library website	www.fema.gov/flood-maps/products-tools/know-your-risk/engineers-surveyors-architects
NFIP website	www.fema.gov/flood-insurance
NFHL Dataset	msc.fema.gov
FEMA Region V	536 South Clark Street, 6 th Floor Chicago, IL 60605 (312) 408-5500
Other Federal Agencies	
USGS website	www.usgs.gov
Hydraulic Engineering Center website	www.hec.usace.army.mil
State Agencies and Organizations	
State NFIP Coordinator	Erin C. Conley Illinois Department of Natural Resources One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271 (217) 782-4428 erin.c.conley@illinois.gov
State GIS Coordinator	Mark Yacucci Illinois State Geological Survey 615 East Peabody Drive Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 265-0747 yacucci@illinois.edu

SECTION 9.0 – BIBLIOGRAPHY AND REFERENCES

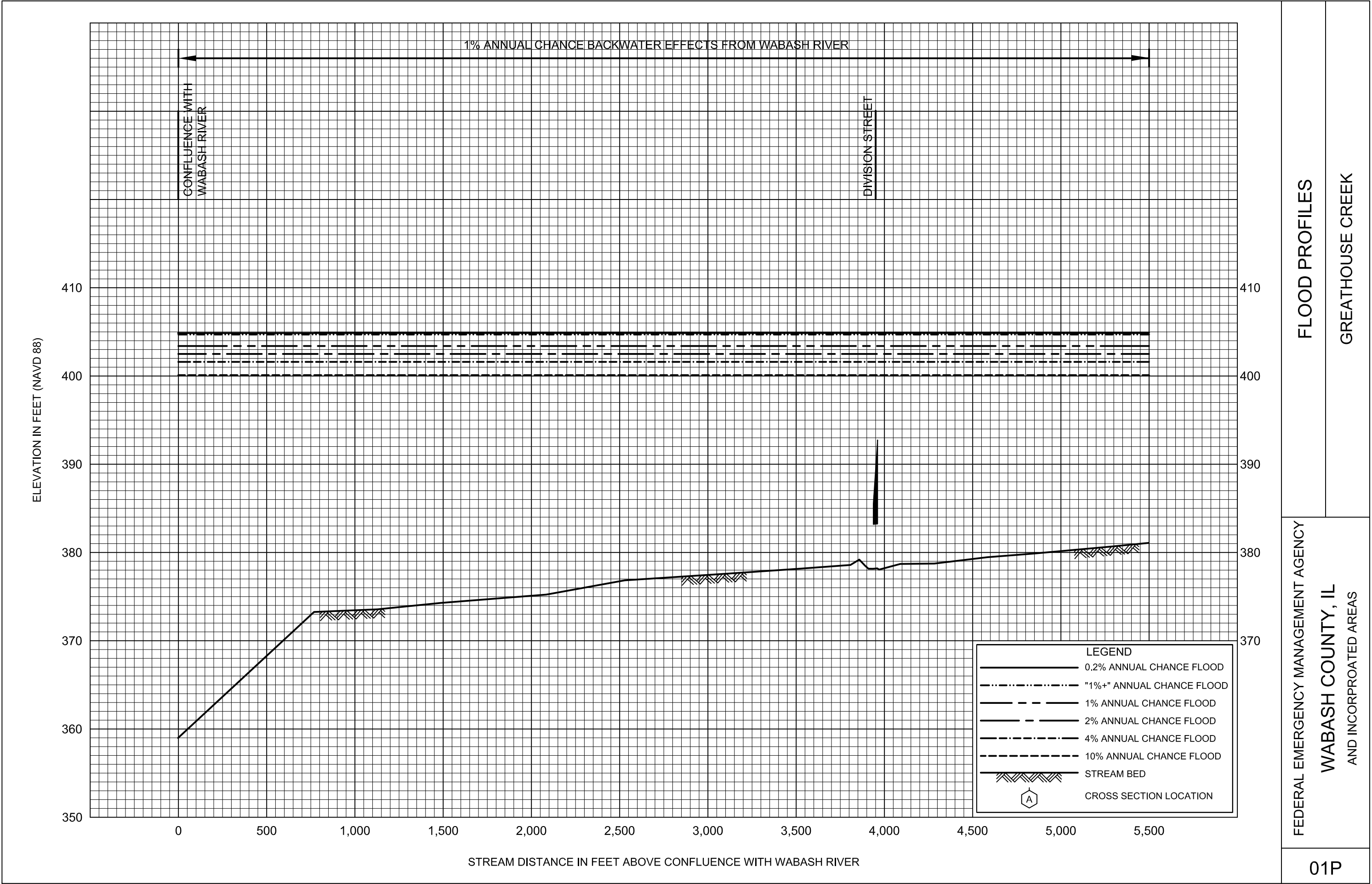
Table 32 includes sources used in the preparation of and cited in this FIS Report as well as additional studies that have been conducted in the study area.

Table 32: Bibliography and References

Citation in this FIS	Publisher/ Issuer	Publication Title, "Article," Volume, Number, etc.	Author/ Editor	Place of Publication	Publication Date / Date of Issuance	Link
FEMA 2011a	Federal Emergency Management Agency	<i>Flood Insurance Rate Map, Wabash County, Illinois, and Incorporated Areas</i>		Washington, DC	December 16, 2011	https://msc.fema.gov
FEMA 2011b	Federal Emergency Management Agency	<i>Flood Insurance Study, Wabash County, Illinois, and Incorporated Areas</i>		Washington, DC	December 16, 2011	https://msc.fema.gov
FEMA 2018	Federal Emergency Management Agency	<i>Analysis and Mapping Plan, City of Mt. Carmel Levee, Wabash County, Illinois</i>		Washington, DC	November 20, 2018	
Hometown Register 2011	The Hometown Register	<i>River Reaches Record</i>		Mt. Carmel, IL	May 4, 2011	https://www.hometownregister.com/news/local_news/river-reaches-record/article_313f1a74-edbf-5c64-8477-d42e885aa998.html
IDOT 2022	Illinois Department of Transportation	<i>Illinois Highway System</i>		Springfield, IL	February 28, 2023	https://idot.illinois.gov
IEMA 2017a	Illinois Emergency Management Agency	<i>Edwards County, Illinois, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>		Springfield, IL	June 13, 2017	https://iemaohs.illinois.gov
IEMA 2017b	Illinois Emergency Management Agency	<i>Wabash County, Illinois, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>		Springfield, IL	August 30, 2017	https://iemaohs.illinois.gov
ISGS 2003	Illinois State Geological Survey	<i>Illinois Public Land Survey System</i>		Champaign, IL	April 2003	https://clearinghouse.isgs.illinois.edu
ISWS 2019	Illinois State Water Survey	<i>2011/2012 Digital Terrain Model (DTM) for Lower and Middle Wabash watersheds</i>		Champaign, IL	October 1, 2019	
ISWS 2020	Illinois State Water Survey	<i>Illinois State Water Survey Bulletin 75: Precipitation Frequency Study for Illinois</i>		Champaign, IL	March 2020	http://hdl.handle.net/2142/106653
ISWS 2023a	Illinois State Water Survey	<i>Hydraulic Modeling and Floodplain Mapping for Wabash River</i>		Champaign, IL	April 2023	

Table 32: Bibliography and References (continued)

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ISWS 2023b	Illinois State Water Survey	<i>Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling and Floodplain Mapping for Tributaries to the Wabash River in the Middle and Lower Wabash HUC 8 Watersheds Southeastern Illinois</i>		Champaign, IL	August 2023	
ISWS 2024	Illinois State Water Survey	<i>Illinois Counties</i>		Champaign, IL	October 25, 2024	
USACE 2016	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Center	<i>HEC-RAS River Analysis System User's Manual</i>		Davis, CA	2016	https://www.hec.usace.army.mil
USACE 2018	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Center	<i>HEC-HMS version 4.3</i>		Davis, CA	September 2018	https://www.hec.usace.army.mil
USACE 2024	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<i>National Levee Database</i>		unknown	August 9, 2024	https://levees.sec.usace.army.mil
USCB 2023	U.S. Census Bureau	<i>2021 TIGER/Line Shapefiles</i>		Washington, DC	October 2023	https://www.census.gov
USGS 1989	U.S. Geological Survey	<i>USGS 7.5-Minute Series Topographic Maps</i>		Sioux Falls, SD	1989	https://nationalmap.gov
USGS 2004	U.S. Geological Survey	<i>Estimating Flood-Peak Discharge Magnitudes and Frequencies for Rural Streams in Illinois, Science Investigations Report 2004-5103</i>		Reston, VA	2004	https://doi.org/10.3133/sir20045103
USGS 2020	U.S. Geological Survey	<i>USGS National Map: Orthoimagery</i>		unknown	October 2020	https://nationalmap.gov
USGS 2022	U.S. Geological Survey	<i>Stream Gages</i>		Reston, VA	November 11, 2022	https://waterdata.usgs.gov
USGS 2023	U.S. Geological Survey	<i>National Hydrography Dataset</i>		Reston, VA	March 5, 2023	https://www.usgs.gov



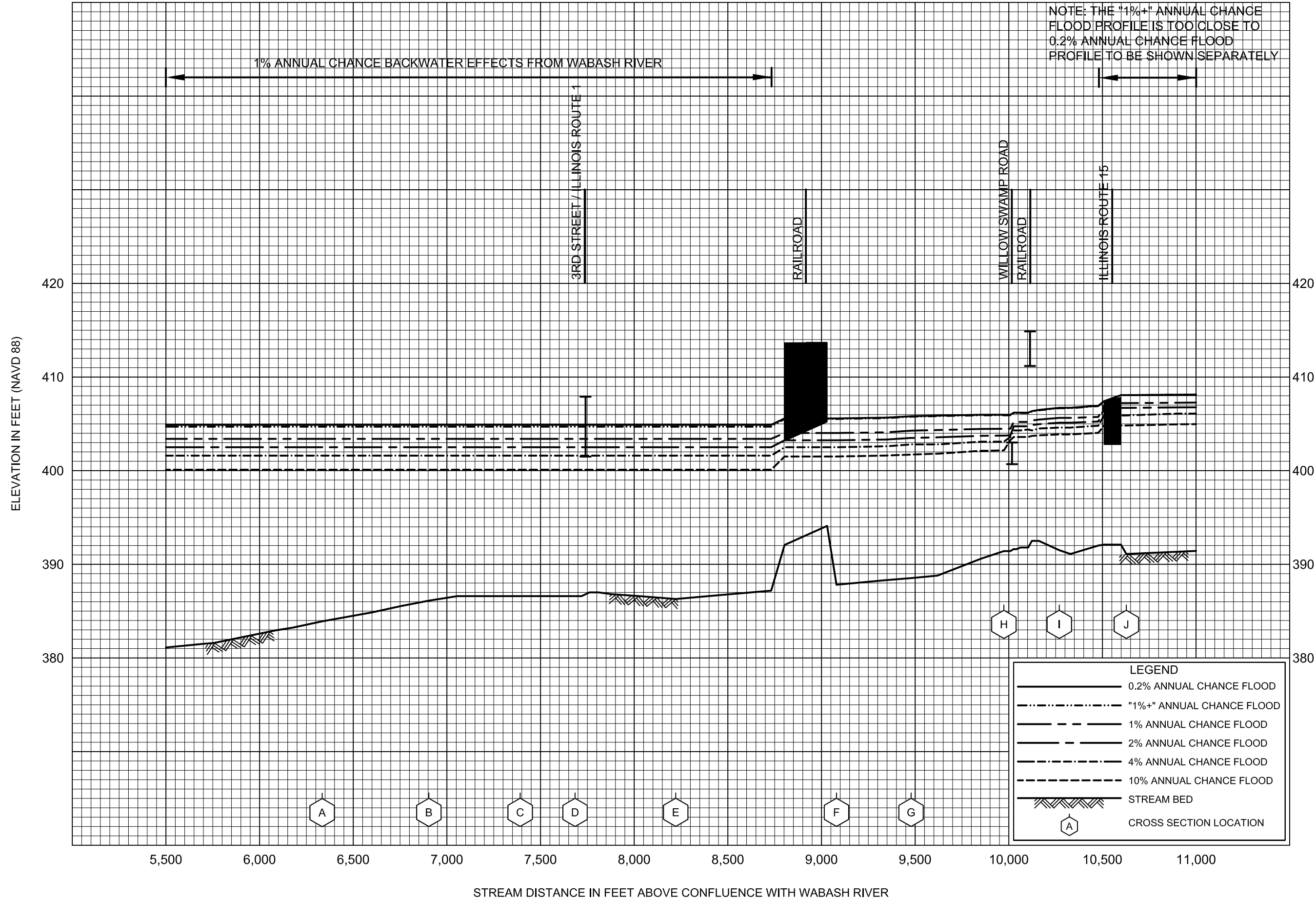
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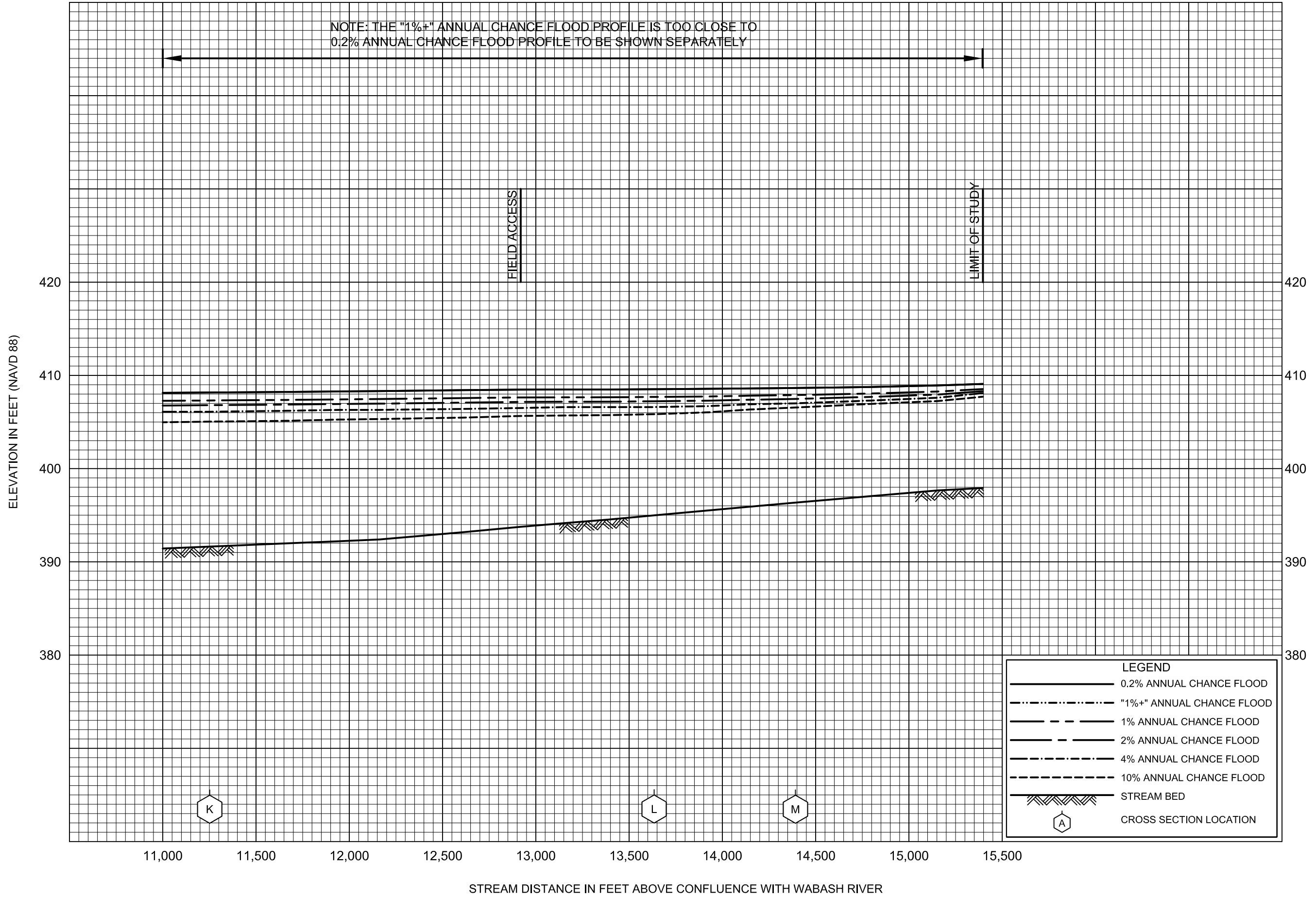
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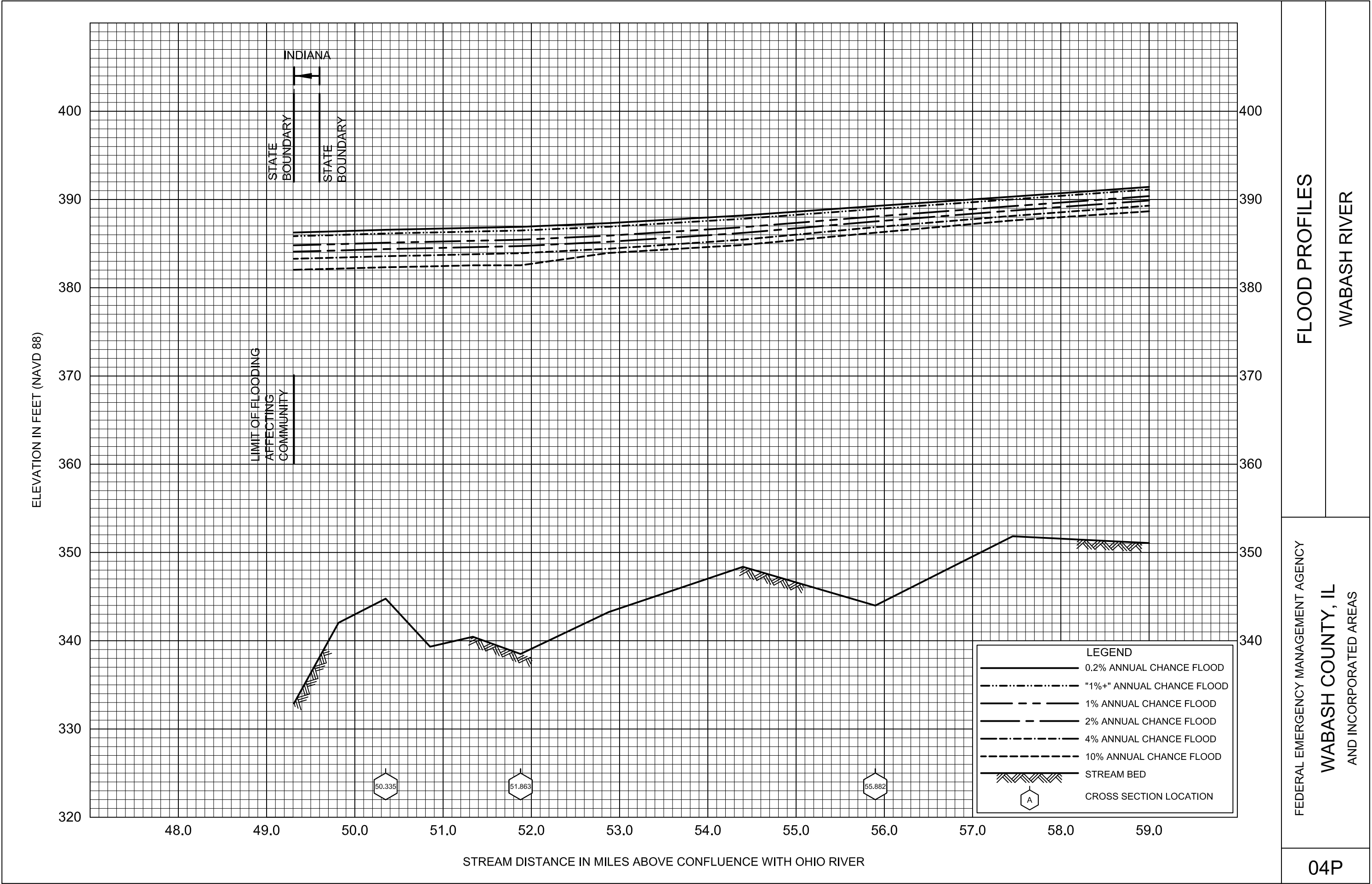
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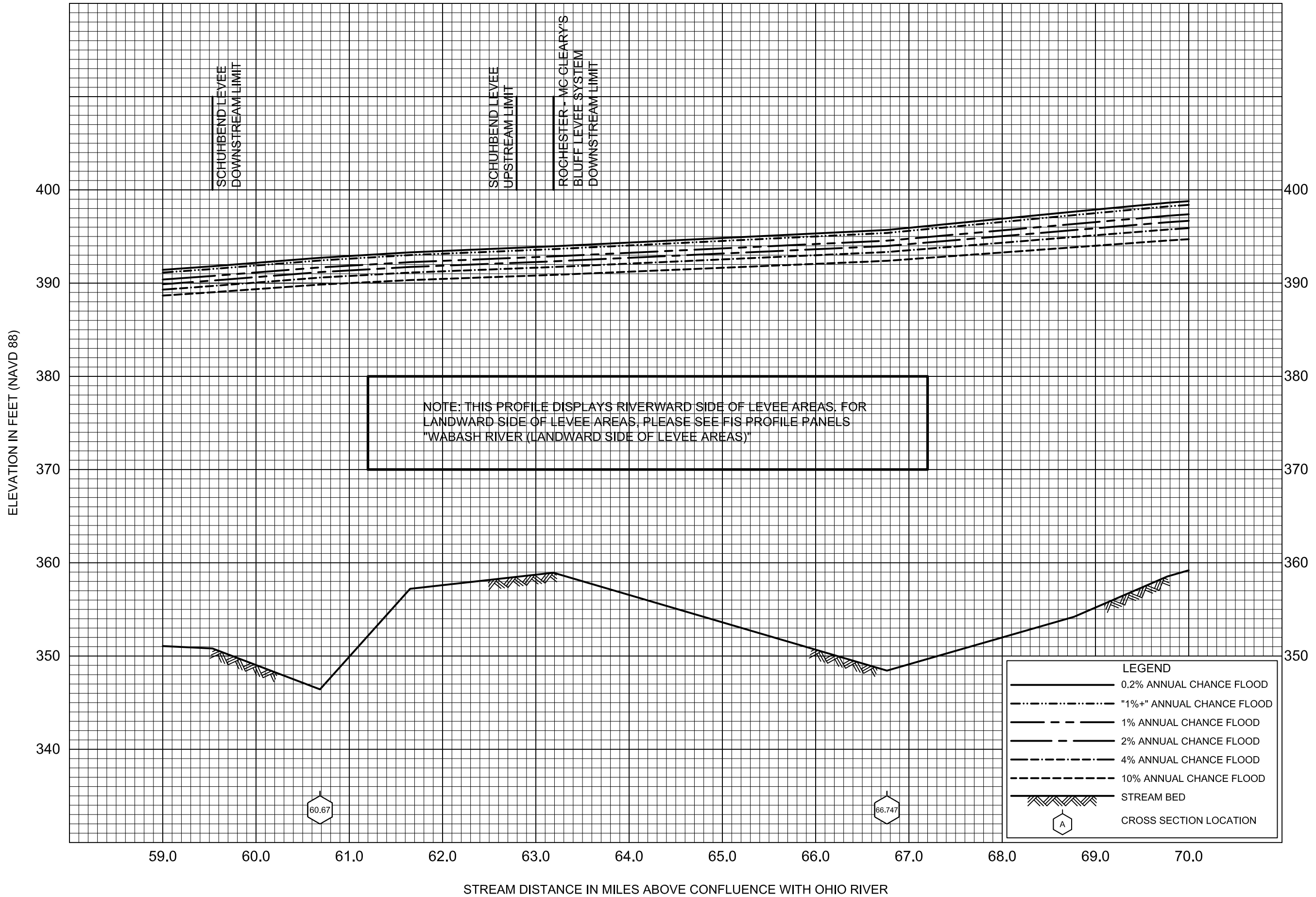
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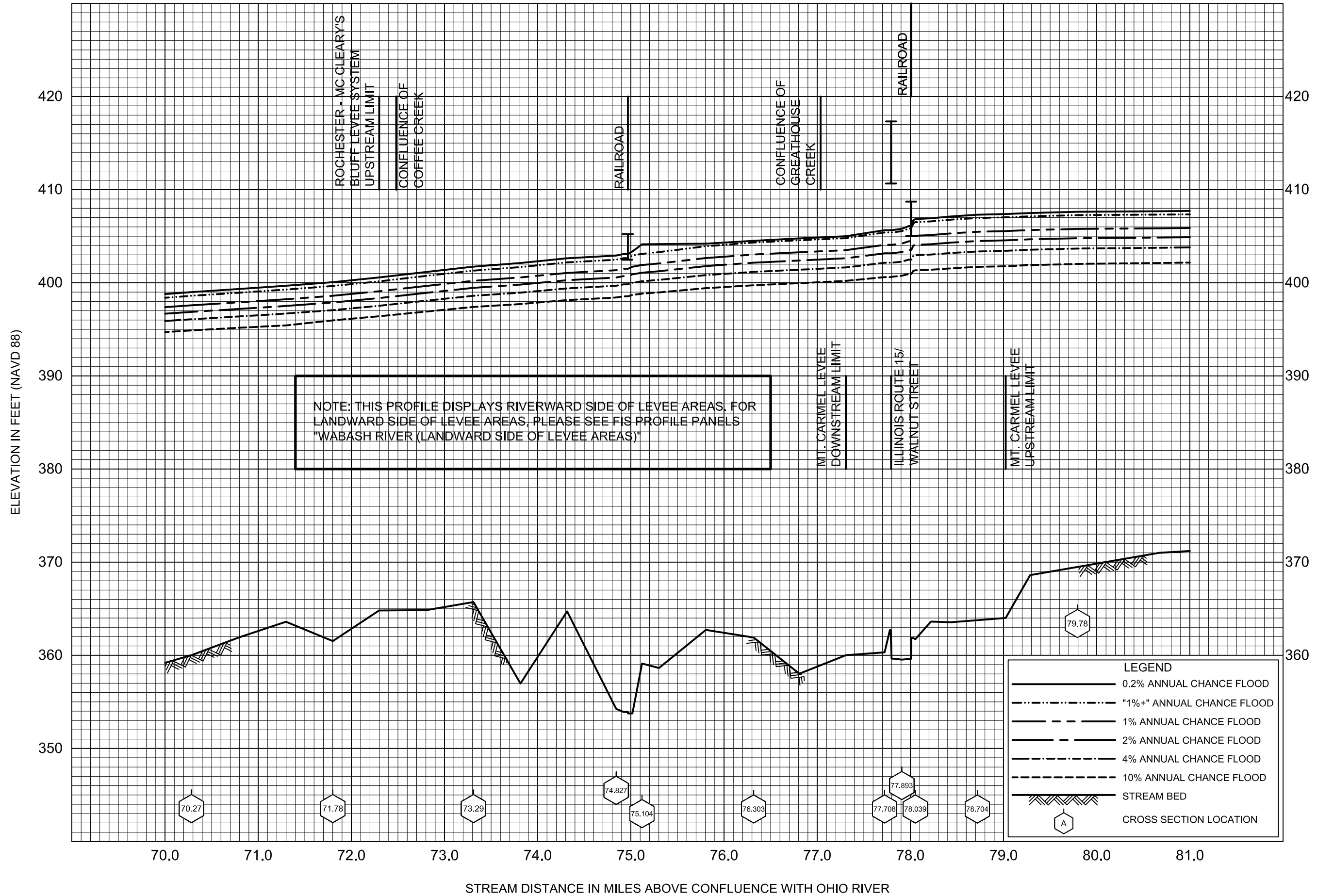


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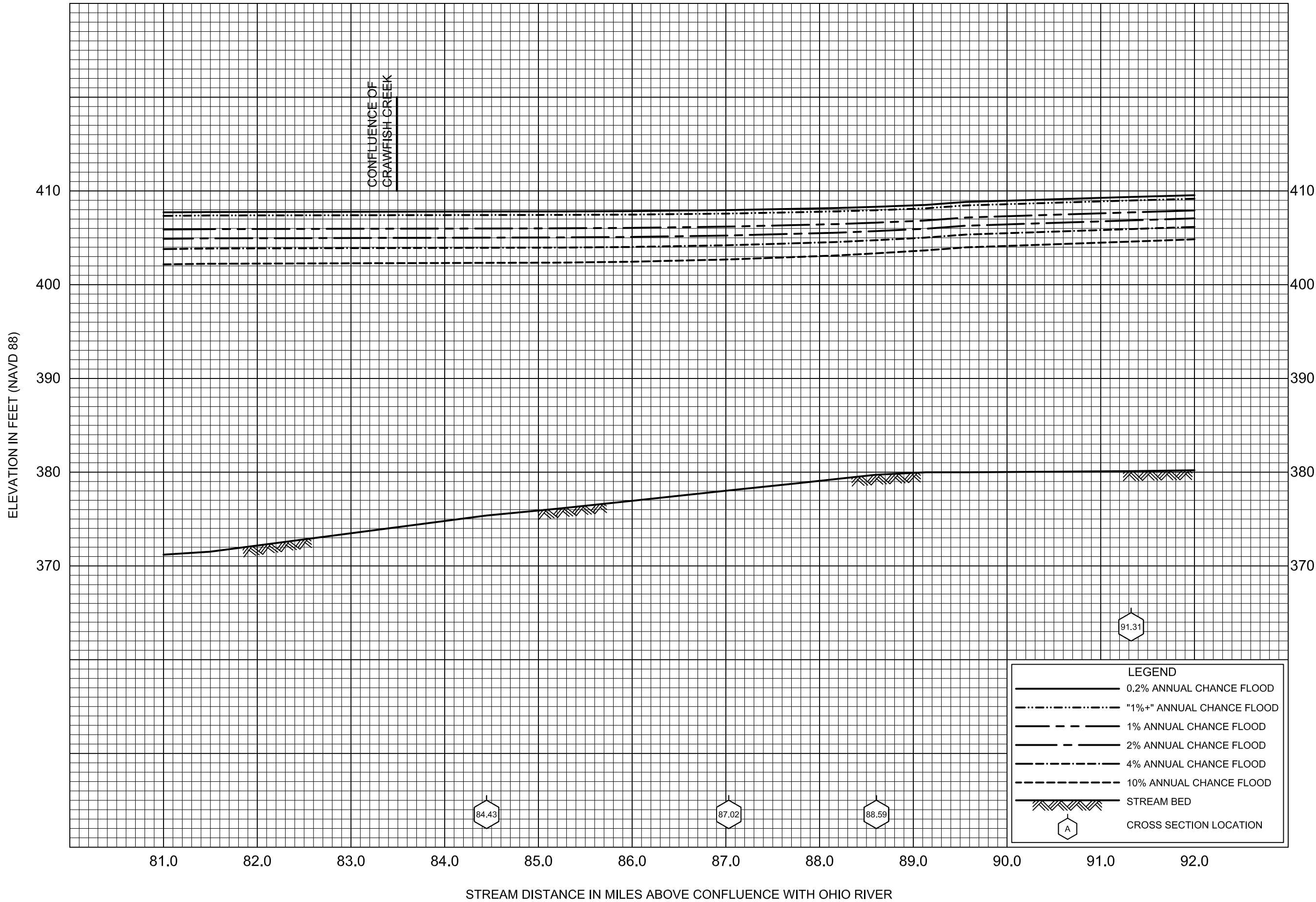
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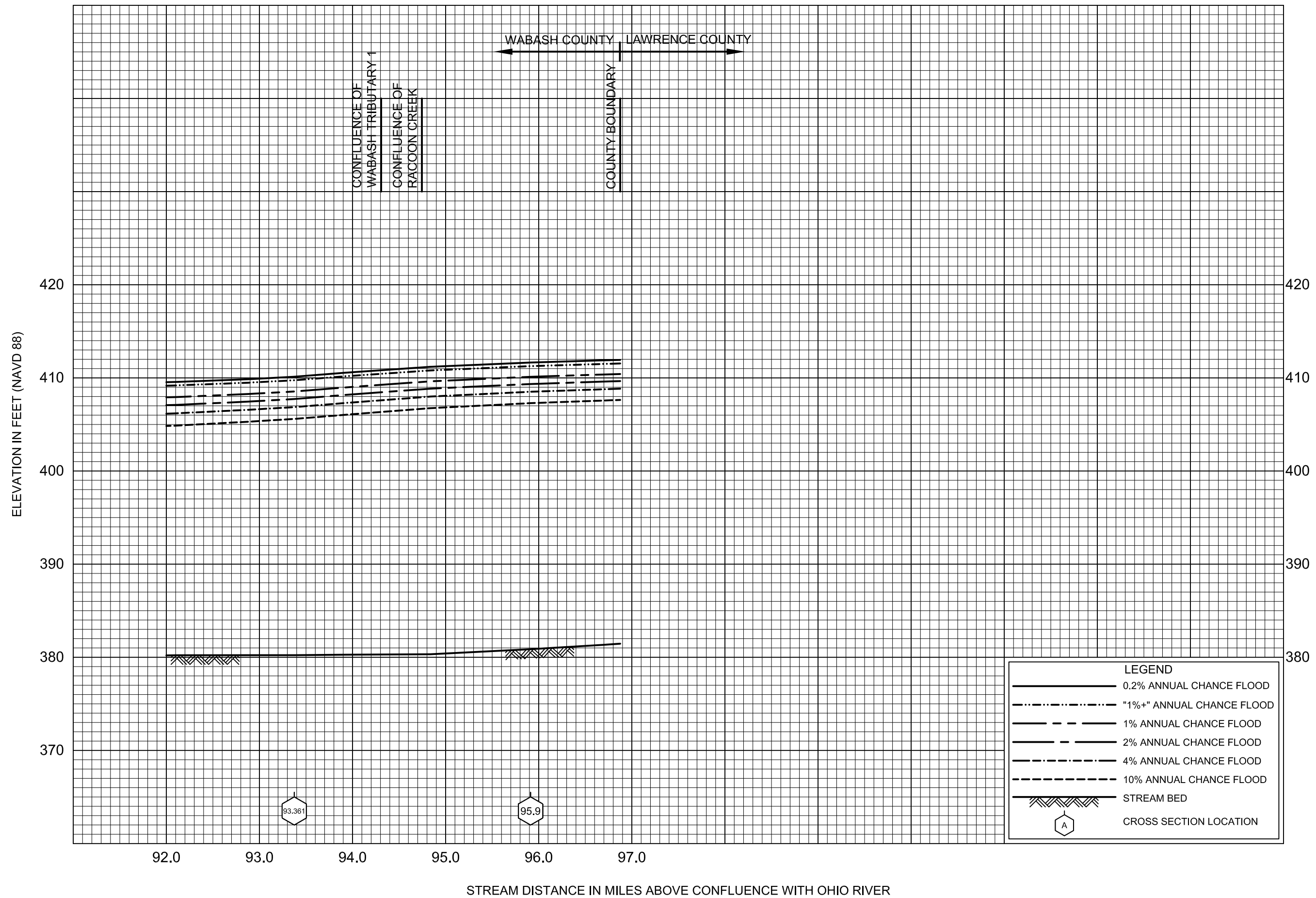


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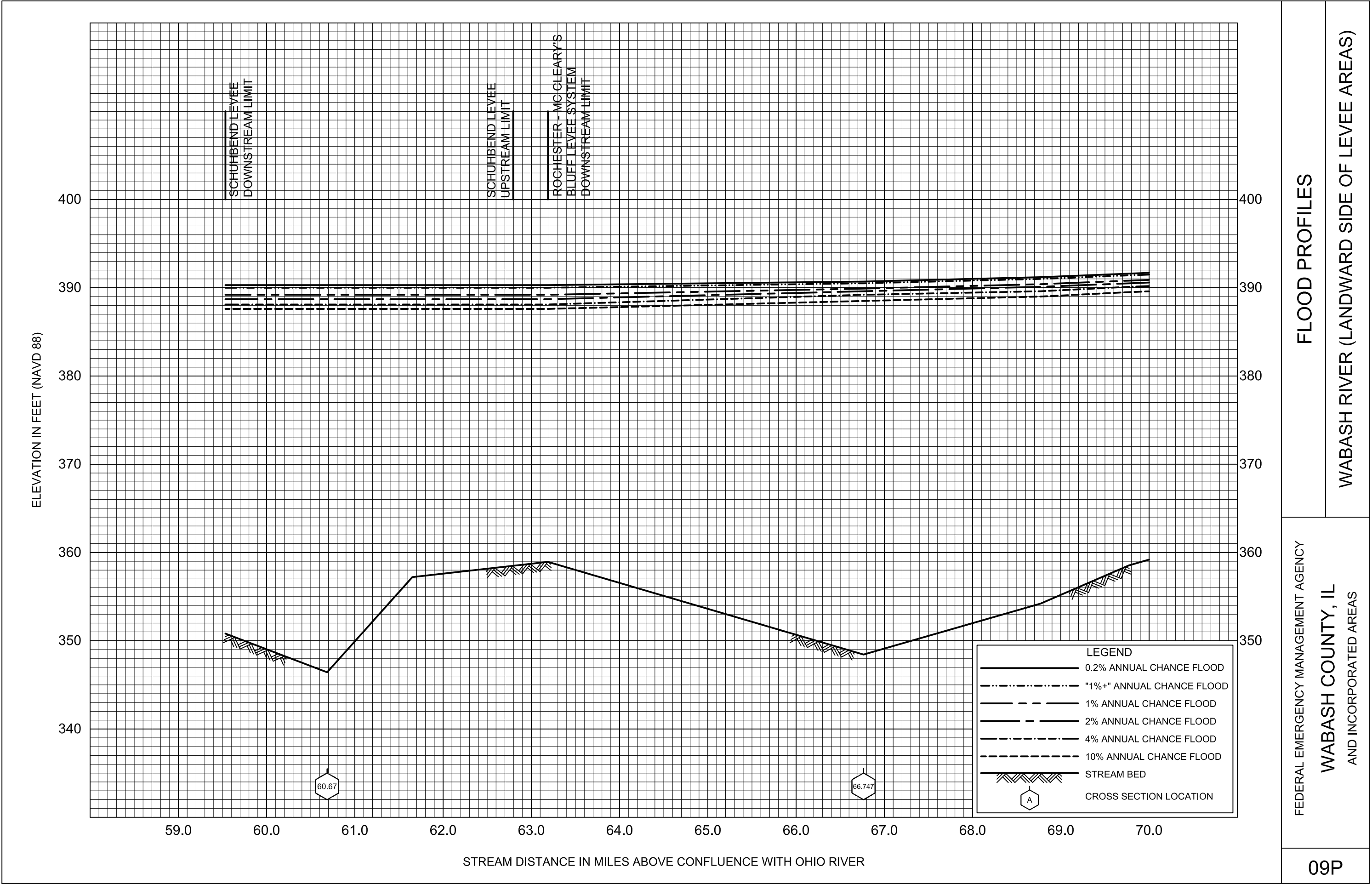
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