



# Safe Conveyance of Rare Storm Events

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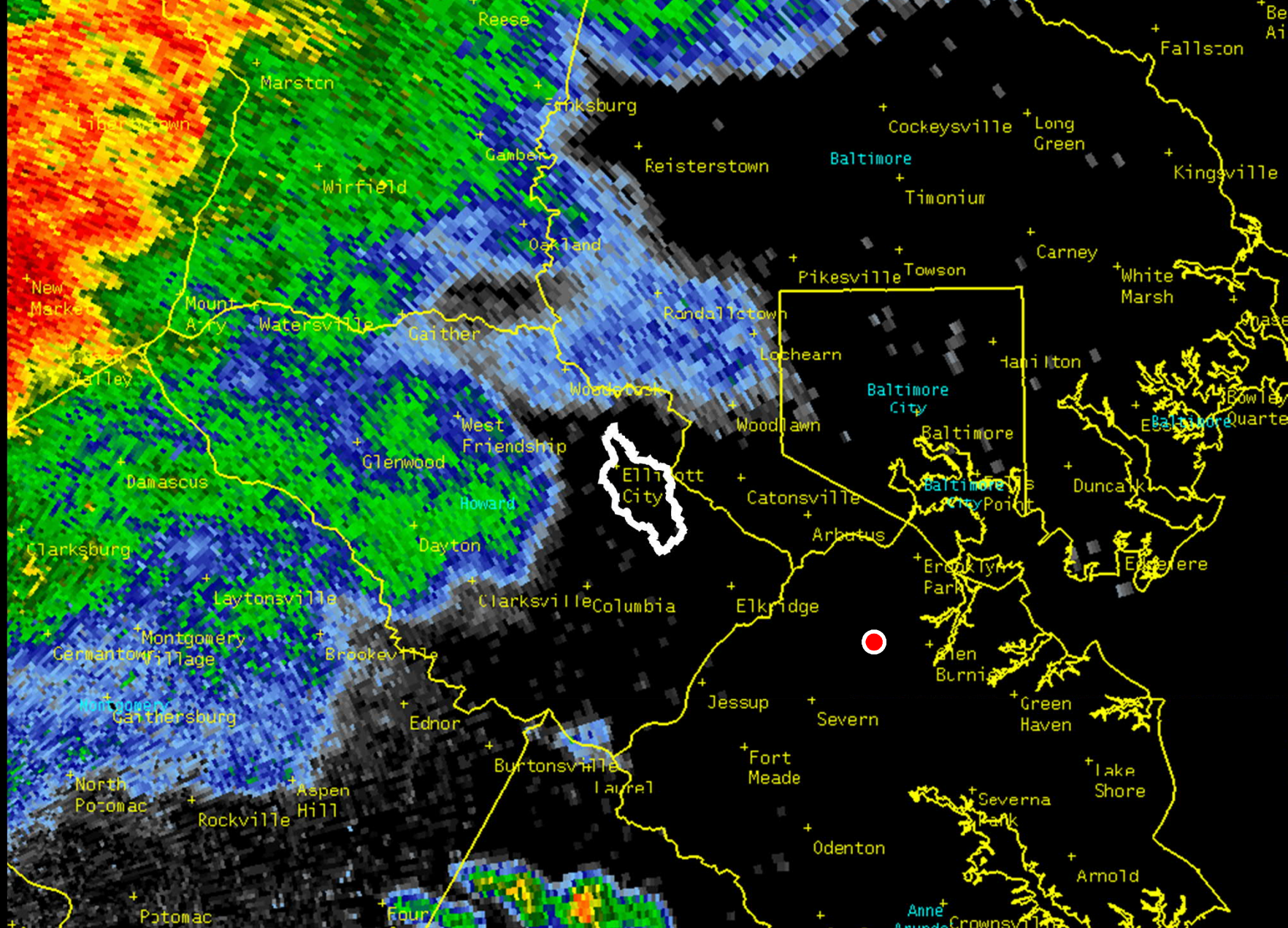


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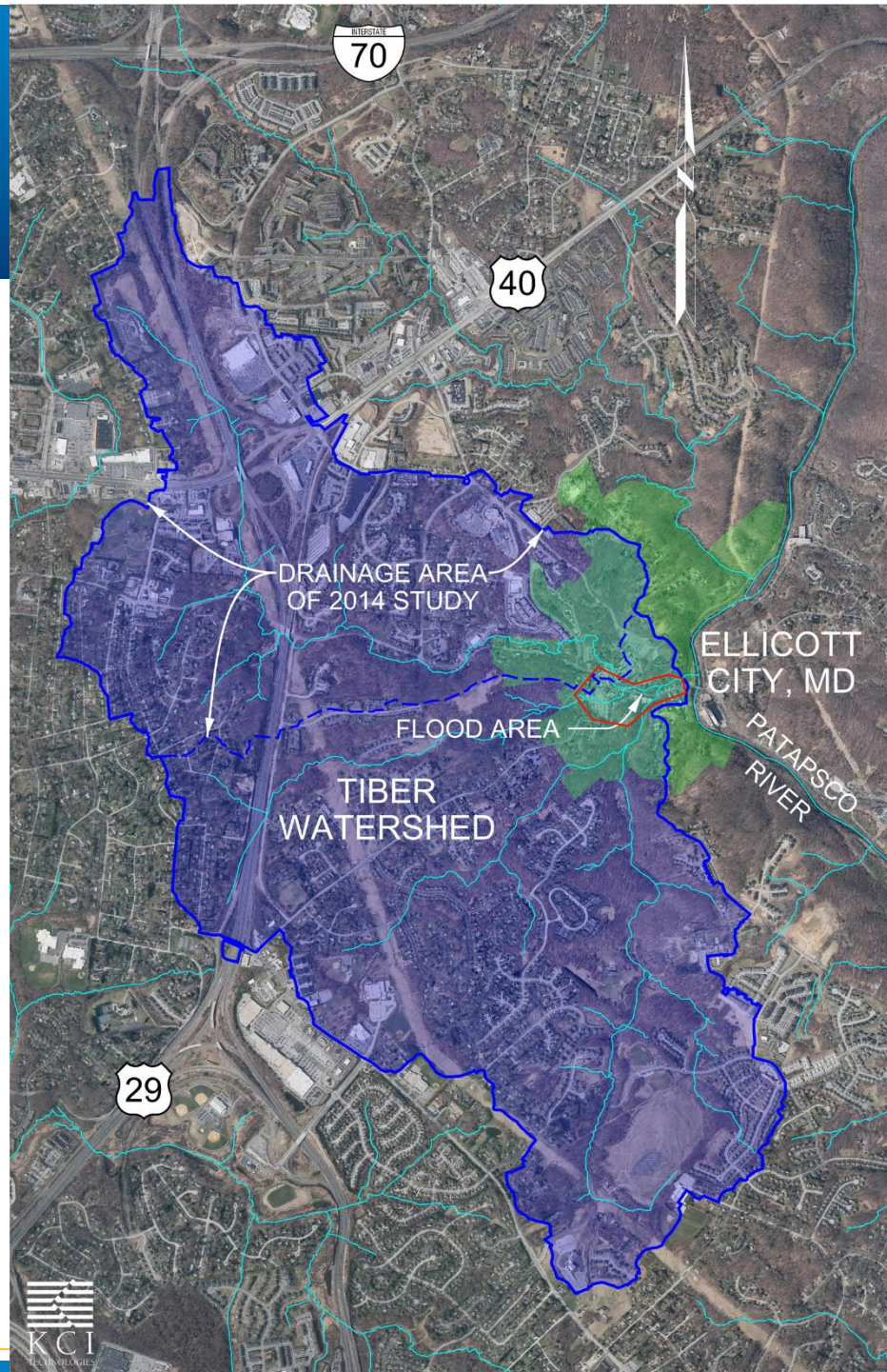
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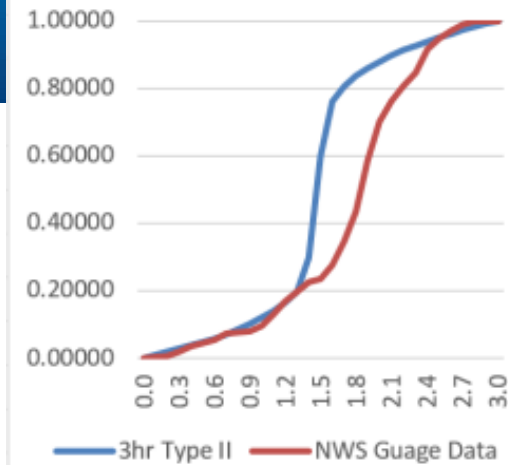
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3-hour Type II vs NWS  
Rain Gauge Data



Duration	Maximum Rainfall in Duration	Time of Occurrence
1 minute	0.20"	7:52 pm – 7:53 pm
5 minutes	0.80"	7:50 pm – 7:55 pm
10 minutes	1.44"	7:50 pm – 8:00 pm
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20 minutes	2.44"	7:44 pm – 8:04 pm
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Information obtained via National Weather Service from Ellicott City (ELYM2) rain gauge which reports in 0.04" increments.



**PDS-based precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches)<sup>1</sup>**

Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)									
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500	1000
5-min	0.344 (0.312-0.379)	0.412 (0.373-0.453)	0.489 (0.443-0.539)	0.545 (0.493-0.601)	0.616 (0.553-0.679)	0.668 (0.598-0.738)	0.720 (0.641-0.797)	0.769 (0.680-0.854)	0.831 (0.727-0.927)	0.878 (0.763-0.961)
10-min	0.549 (0.498-0.605)	0.658 (0.596-0.725)	0.783 (0.709-0.863)	0.872 (0.788-0.961)	0.982 (0.882-1.08)	1.06 (0.952-1.18)	1.14 (1.02-1.27)	1.22 (1.08-1.35)	1.31 (1.15-1.47)	1.38 (1.20-1.55)
15-min	0.687 (0.623-0.756)	0.827 (0.750-0.912)	0.991 (0.897-1.09)	1.10 (0.997-1.22)	1.25 (1.12-1.37)	1.35 (1.21-1.49)	1.45 (1.29-1.60)	1.54 (1.36-1.71)	1.65 (1.45-1.85)	1.74 (1.51-1.95)
30-min	0.942 (0.854-1.04)	1.14 (1.03-1.26)	1.41 (1.27-1.55)	1.60 (1.45-1.76)	1.84 (1.66-2.03)	2.03 (1.81-2.24)	2.21 (1.97-2.45)	2.39 (2.12-2.66)	2.63 (2.30-2.94)	2.81 (2.44-3.15)
60-min	1.17 (1.06-1.29)	1.43 (1.30-1.58)	1.80 (1.63-1.99)	2.08 (1.88-2.29)	2.46 (2.20-2.71)	2.75 (2.46-3.04)	3.05 (2.71-3.38)	3.36 (2.97-3.73)	3.78 (3.31-4.21)	4.10 (3.57-4.61)
2-hr	1.41 (1.27-1.55)	1.71 (1.55-1.89)	2.17 (1.96-2.39)	2.52 (2.27-2.77)	3.01 (2.70-3.32)	3.42 (3.05-3.77)	3.85 (3.40-4.25)	4.29 (3.77-4.76)	4.93 (4.28-5.50)	5.45 (4.68-6.12)
3-hr	1.51 (1.37-1.67)	1.84 (1.66-2.03)	2.33 (2.10-2.57)	2.71 (2.44-3.00)	3.27 (2.92-3.61)	3.73 (3.31-4.12)	4.21 (3.71-4.66)	4.72 (4.12-5.25)	5.46 (4.70-6.10)	6.07 (5.16-6.82)
6-hr	1.88 (1.71-2.08)	2.27 (2.07-2.52)	2.87 (2.60-3.18)	3.36 (3.03-3.72)	4.09 (3.66-4.53)	4.71 (4.17-5.22)	5.39 (4.73-5.98)	6.13 (5.31-6.82)	7.21 (6.14-8.09)	8.13 (6.84-9.17)
12-hr	2.30 (2.07-2.59)	2.78 (2.50-3.13)	3.54 (3.17-3.98)	4.18 (3.73-4.70)	5.17 (4.56-5.80)	6.04 (5.28-6.78)	7.01 (6.04-7.88)	8.10 (6.89-9.14)	9.77 (8.11-11.1)	11.2 (9.15-12.8)
24-hr	2.65 (2.44-2.93)	3.21 (2.95-3.54)	4.12 (3.78-4.54)	4.93 (4.50-5.41)	6.17 (5.58-6.74)	7.27 (6.52-7.91)	8.52 (7.57-9.23)	9.93 (8.72-10.7)	12.1 (10.5-13.1)	14.0 (11.9-15.1)
2-day	3.08 (2.82-3.38)	3.72 (3.40-4.09)	4.76 (4.36-5.24)	5.66 (5.16-6.22)	7.01 (6.35-7.69)	8.19 (7.38-8.97)	9.51 (8.48-10.4)	11.0 (9.69-12.0)	13.2 (11.5-14.4)	15.1 (12.9-16.5)
3-day	3.24 (2.97-3.57)	3.92 (3.59-4.32)	5.02 (4.59-5.53)	5.96 (5.43-6.55)	7.37 (6.67-8.09)	8.61 (7.74-9.42)	9.98 (8.90-10.9)	11.5 (10.2-12.6)	13.8 (12.0-15.1)	15.8 (13.6-17.3)
4-day	3.41 (3.12-3.76)	4.12 (3.77-4.55)	5.27 (4.82-5.81)	6.25 (5.70-6.88)	7.73 (7.00-8.48)	9.02 (8.11-9.88)	10.5 (9.31-11.4)	12.1 (10.6-13.2)	14.5 (12.6-15.8)	16.5 (14.2-18.1)
7-day	3.97 (3.65-4.34)	4.78 (4.40-5.23)	6.04 (5.55-6.61)	7.12 (6.52-7.78)	8.74 (7.95-9.52)	10.1 (9.16-11.0)	11.7 (10.5-12.7)	13.4 (11.9-14.5)	15.9 (14.0-17.4)	18.1 (15.7-19.7)
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60-day	11.4 (10.7-12.0)	13.4 (12.6-14.1)	15.4 (14.6-16.3)	17.0 (16.0-18.0)	19.0 (17.9-20.1)	20.6 (19.3-21.8)	22.0 (20.6-23.3)	23.4 (21.9-24.8)	25.2 (23.4-26.7)	26.4 (24.5-28.1)

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Location information

Name: Ellicott City, Maryland, USA  
 Latitude: 39.2667°  
 Longitude: -76.7978°  
 Elevation: 173.96 ft

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# Site 1 – Residential Subdivision



- 100.2 acre Drainage Area
- Residential Regional Quantity Management Facility
- Composite RCN to Facility: 72.2
- Total Impervious: 25.7 acres (25.7%)
- Riser/Barrel
- No Emergency Spillway



# Site 2 – Commercial/Industrial



- 45.5 acre Drainage Area
- Commercial & industrial land uses to regional Quantity Management Facility
- Composite RCN to Facility: 86.0
- Total Impervious: 25.1 acres (55.2%)
- Surface sand filter
- Earthen Emergency Spillway



# Site 3 – Urban



- 203.5 acre Drainage Area
- Dense urban land uses to regional quantity management facility
- Composite RCN to Facility: 79.4
- Total Impervious: 92.5 acres (45.5%)
- Weir wall outlet structure



# Findings



Site	10-year 24-hr NOAA C	10-year 24-hr Type II	10-year Difference (%)	100-year 24-hr NOAA C	100-year 24-hr Type II	100-year Difference (%)	3-hr Ellicott City	100-year Difference NOAA C (%)	100-year Difference Type II (%)
1	105.2	141.2	134%	405.1	449.4	111%	424.8	105%	95%
2	26.9	27.8	103%	165.8	196.5	119%	180.4	109%	92%
3	191.7	223	116%	820	1026.7	125%	904.8	110%	88%

# Lesson Learned



Rare Storms do not necessarily exceed normal design parameters.

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2-day	3.08 (2.82-3.38)	3.72 (3.40-4.09)	4.76 (4.36-5.24)	5.66 (5.16-6.22)	7.01 (6.35-7.69)	8.19 (7.38-8.97)	9.51 (8.48-10.4)	11.0 (9.69-12.0)	13.2 (11.5-14.4)	15.1 (12.9-16.5)
3-day	3.24 (2.97-3.57)	3.92 (3.59-4.32)	5.02 (4.59-5.53)	5.96 (5.43-6.55)	7.37 (6.67-8.09)	8.61 (7.74-9.42)	9.98 (8.90-10.9)	11.5 (10.2-12.6)	13.8 (12.0-15.1)	15.8 (13.6-17.3)
4-day	3.41 (3.12-3.76)	4.12 (3.77-4.55)	5.27 (4.82-5.81)	6.25 (5.70-6.88)	7.73 (7.00-8.48)	9.02 (8.11-9.88)	10.5 (9.31-11.4)	12.1 (10.6-13.2)	14.5 (12.6-15.8)	16.5 (14.2-18.1)
7-day	3.97 (3.65-4.34)	4.78 (4.40-5.23)	6.04 (5.55-6.61)	7.12 (6.52-7.78)	8.74 (7.95-9.52)	10.1 (9.16-11.0)	11.7 (10.5-12.7)	13.4 (11.9-14.5)	15.9 (14.0-17.4)	18.1 (15.7-19.7)
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20-day	6.12 (5.72-6.58)	7.28 (6.80-7.83)	8.80 (8.21-9.46)	10.0 (9.34-10.8)	11.8 (10.9-12.6)	13.2 (12.2-14.1)	14.6 (13.4-15.7)	16.1 (14.7-17.3)	18.2 (16.5-19.6)	19.8 (17.9-21.4)
30-day	7.56 (7.09-8.10)	8.95 (8.39-9.59)	10.6 (9.97-11.4)	12.0 (11.2-12.8)	13.9 (12.9-14.9)	15.4 (14.3-16.4)	16.9 (15.7-18.1)	18.5 (17.0-19.8)	20.6 (18.9-22.1)	22.3 (20.3-24.0)
45-day	9.54 (8.98-10.1)	11.2 (10.6-11.9)	13.1 (12.4-14.0)	14.6 (13.7-15.5)	16.5 (15.5-17.6)	18.0 (16.9-19.1)	19.4 (18.2-20.7)	20.8 (19.4-22.2)	22.7 (21.0-24.2)	24.0 (22.2-25.7)
60-day	11.4 (10.7-12.0)	13.4 (12.6-14.1)	15.4 (14.6-16.3)	17.0 (16.0-18.0)	19.0 (17.9-20.1)	20.6 (19.3-21.8)	22.0 (20.6-23.3)	23.4 (21.9-24.8)	25.2 (23.4-26.7)	26.4 (24.5-28.1)

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# Design Thoughts



## Inundation Waterways

- Considering where water will go when drainage systems fail.



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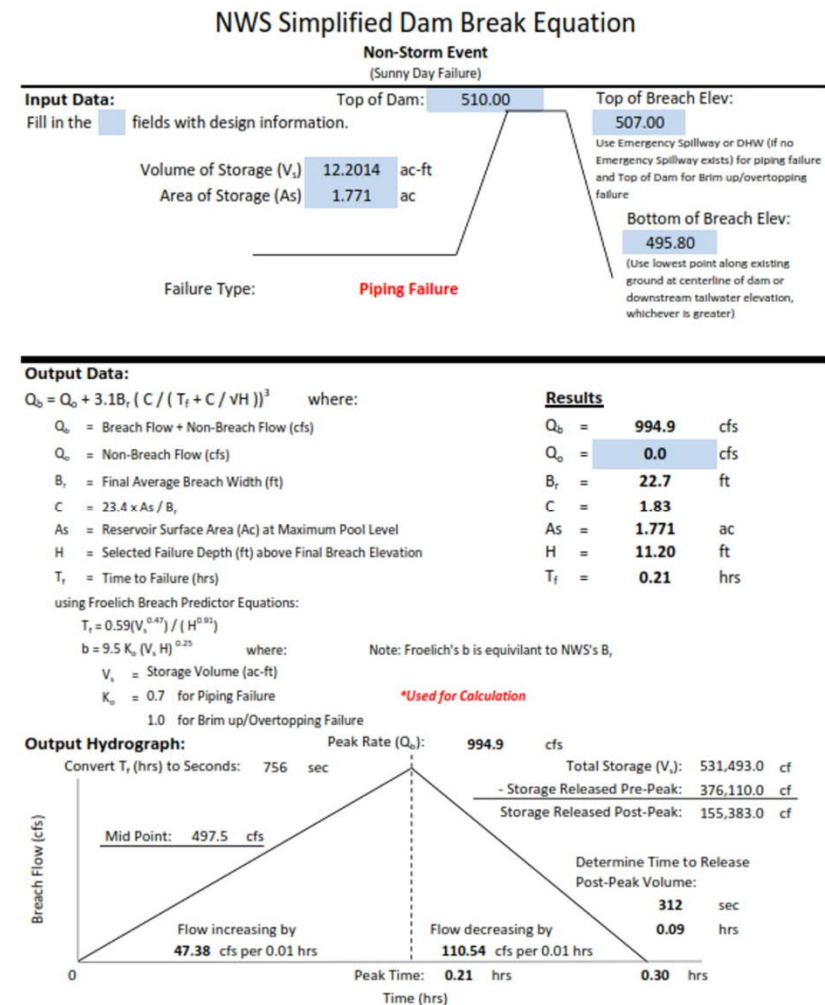


## Brim-up Dam Breach Analysis

- Design condition worse case scenario
- NWS Simplified Dam Breach Equation used to produce hydrograph

NWS Simplified Dam Break Equation using Froelich's Time to Failure factor and Breach Width

$$Q_b = Q_0 + 3.1 \left[ 9.5 \times K_0 (V_s \times H)^{0.25} \right] \times \left[ \frac{\left[ \frac{23.4 \times A_s}{9.5 \times K_0 (V_s \times H)^{0.25}} \right]}{\left[ \frac{0.59(V_s^{0.47})}{(H^{0.91})} \right] + \left[ \frac{23.4 \times A_s}{9.5 \times K_0 (V_s \times H)^{0.25}} \right]} \right]^3$$

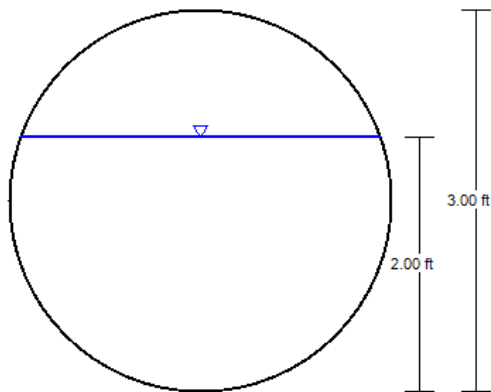


# Design Thoughts



## Increase Slopes

- Pipe conduits



30" RCCP @ 80% full						
Slope	cfs	% Increase				
0.50%	28.35					
0.60%	31.05	110%				
0.70%	33.54	118%	108%			
0.80%	35.86	126%	115%	107%		
0.90%	38.03	134%	122%	113%	106%	
1%	40.09	141%	129%	120%	112%	105%

36" RCCP @ 80% full						
Slope	cfs	% Increase				
0.50%	46.1					
0.60%	50.5	110%				
0.70%	54.54	118%	108%			
0.80%	58.31	126%	115%	107%		
0.90%	61.85	134%	122%	113%	106%	
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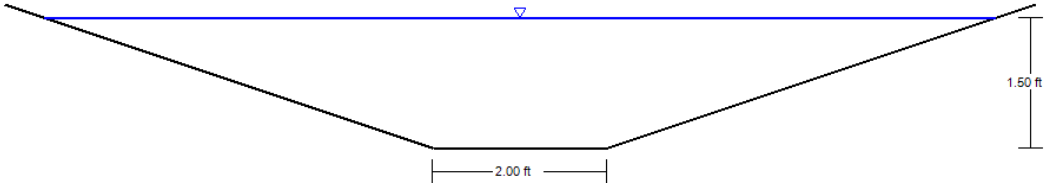
240 Linear Feet of Pipe			30" RCCP @ 80% full		36" RCCP @ 80% full		Difference	
Slope	Invert	Change	cfs	Est Cost	cfs	Est Cost	cfs	Est Cost
0.50%	-1.2	0.00'	28.35		46.10		17.75	
0.70%	-1.68	0.48'	33.54	\$17,280	54.54	\$22,800	21.00	\$5,520
0.90%	-2.16	0.98'/0.48'	38.03		61.85		23.82	

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- Channels



2' trapezoidal channel 18" depth with 3:1 sideslopes (n=0.030)

<u>Slope</u>	<u>cfs</u>	<u>% Increase</u>				
2.00%	61.23					
2.10%	62.74	102%				
2.20%	64.21	105%	102%			
2.30%	65.66	107%	105%	102%		
2.50%	68.45	112%	109%	107%	104%	
3.00%	74.99	122%	120%	117%	114%	110%

240 Linear Feet of Channel			2' Channel	3' Channel	Difference
<u>Slope</u>	<u>Invert</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>cfs</u>	<u>cfs</u>	<u>cfs</u>
2.00%	-4.80	0.00'	61.23	73.51	12.28
2.20%	-5.28	0.48'	64.21	77.1	12.89
2.50%	-6.00	1.20'/0.72'	68.45	82.19	13.74



# Questions?



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