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# **ComEd Flood Mitigation - Technology for Response**

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# ComEd Flood Mitigation Program

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# FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM

## ✓ Substation Flood Improvement Projects

- TDC 555 Glen Ellyn (constructed)
- TDC 557 Butterfield (constructed)
- TSS 69 North Chicago (constructed)
- TSS 192 Ridgeland (constructed)
- TSS 46 Des Plaines (engineering)
- TSS 153 Taylor Street (pending)

## ✓ V3FR System:

- TSS 46 Des Plaines (constructed)





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Typical Lift Station showing valving, pumps and discharge piping.



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✓ Innovative Design





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- ✓ Personnel access and completed liner





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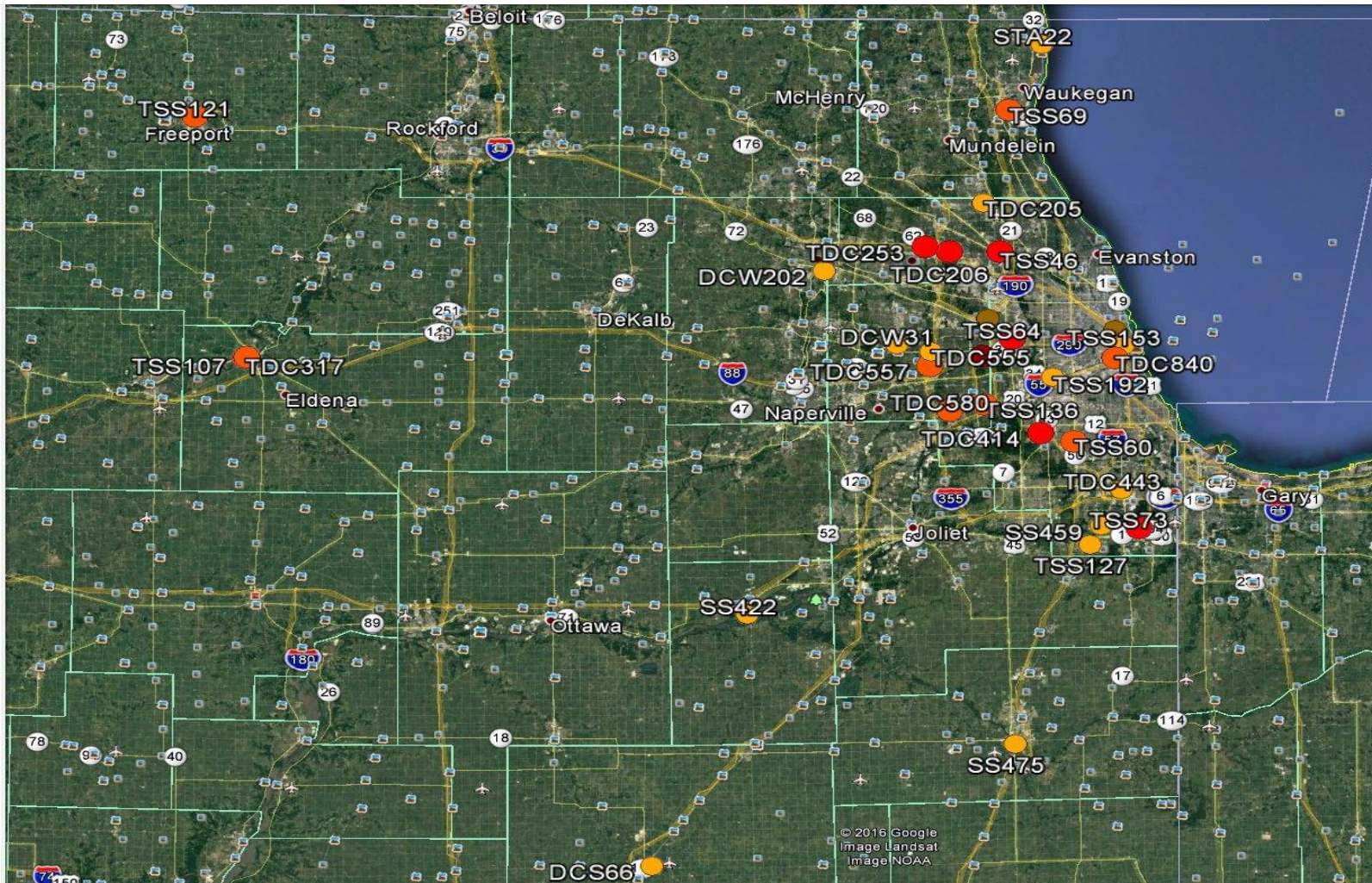
- ✓ Stanley Cup Storm  
June 2015





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## 30 Priority Stations (out of 810 total)

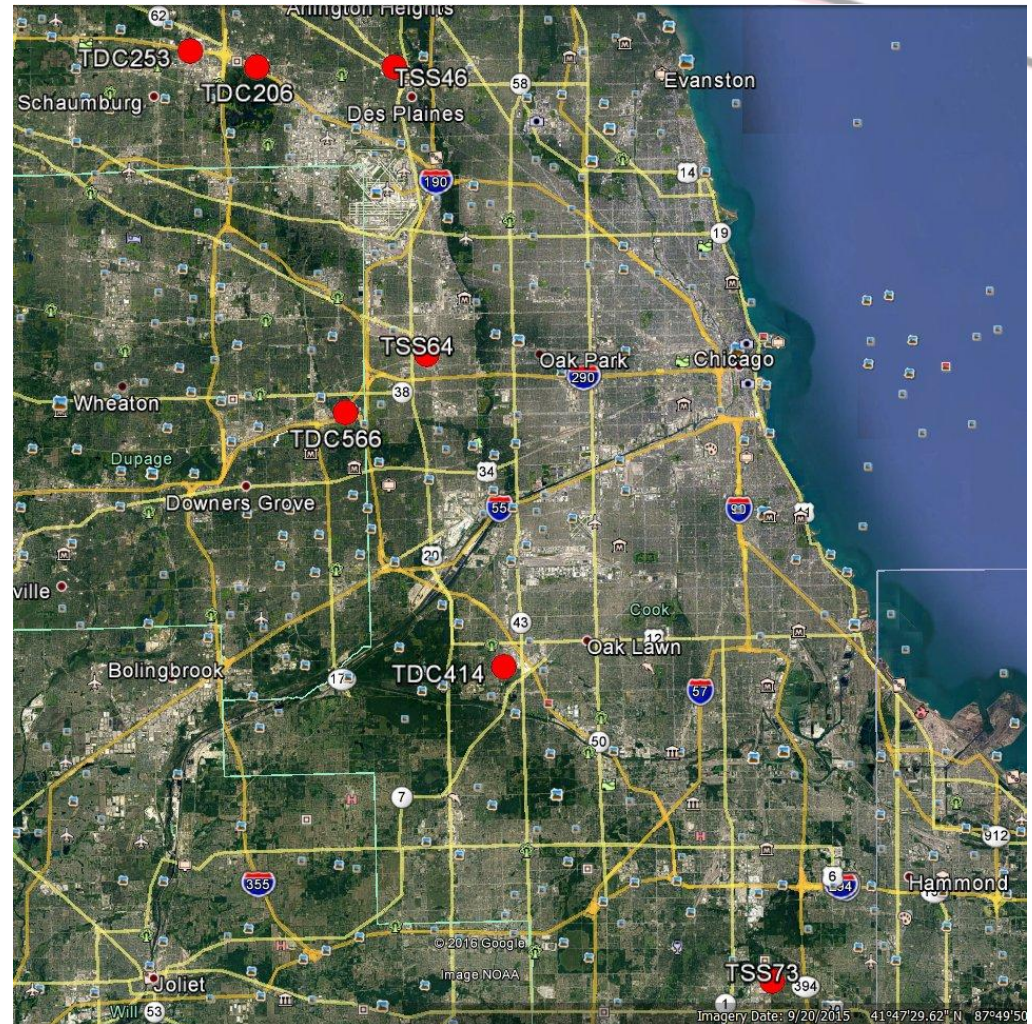




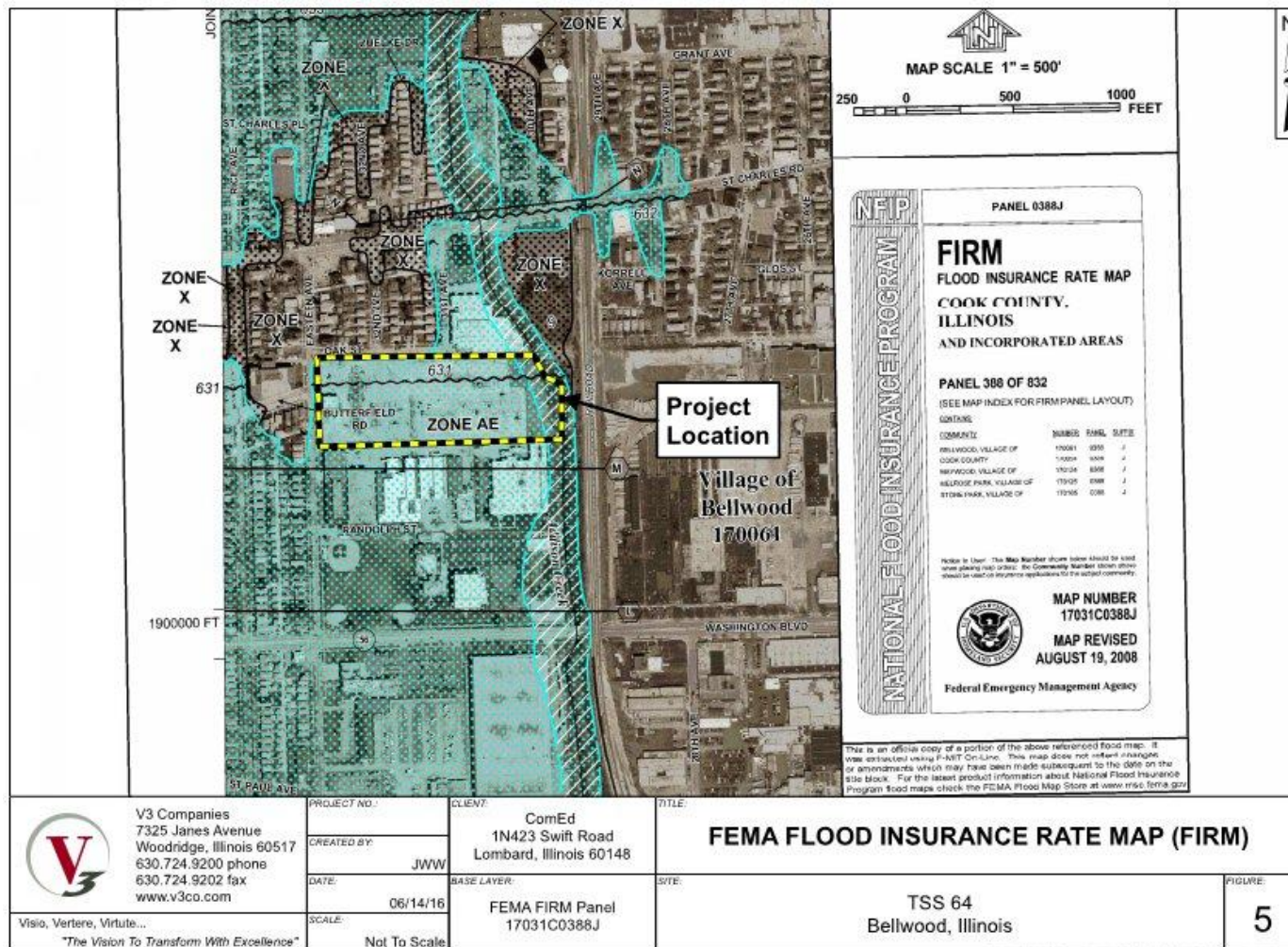
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## ✓ Severe Risk Stations

- TDC 414 Roberts Road (done)
- TSS 46 Des Plaines (ongoing)
- TSS 64 Bellwood
- TSS 73 Chicago Heights
- TDC 206 Rolling Meadows
- TDC 253 Schaumburg
- TDC 566 Oak Brook



# FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM



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## ESTIMATED STATION FLOOD PROOFING COSTS SEVERE FLOOD RISK STATIONS

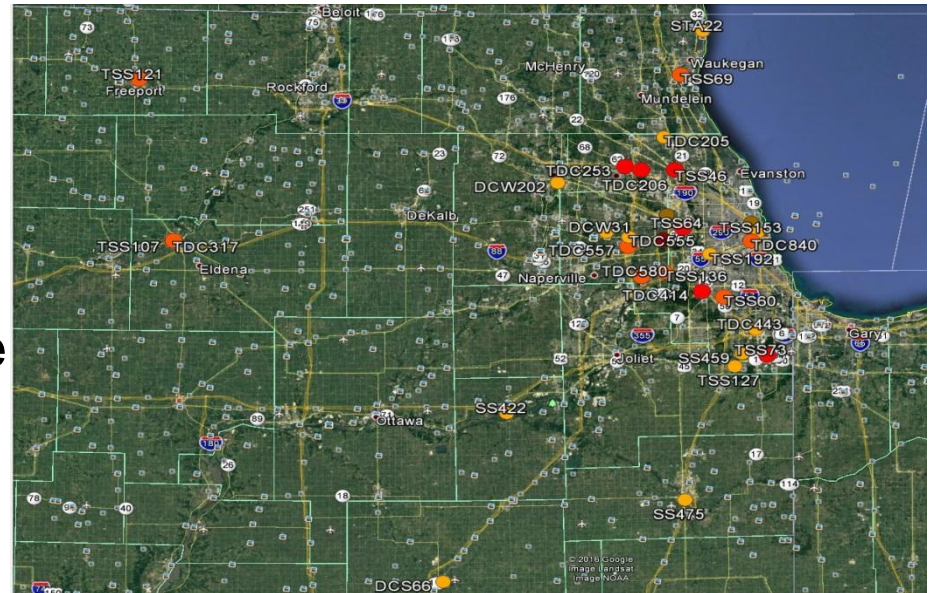
Site	Approximate Wall Height	Approximate Wall Length (ft)	Approximate Station Area (Ac)	Total Estimated Flood Proofing Costs
TSS 64 – Bellwood	8-9 feet	2700	8.5	\$4M - \$6M
TSS 73 – Chicago Heights	3-4 feet	1600	3.9	\$1M - \$2M
TDC 206 – Rolling Meadows	6-7 feet	1400	1.1	\$2M - \$3M
TDC 253 – Schaumburg	5-6 feet	1000	1.7	\$2M - \$3M
TDC 566 – Oak Brook	6-7 feet	1000	1.1	\$2M - \$3M

# FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM

## ✓ Very High & High Risk Stations

ComEd is implementing a Flood Risk Mitigation Program to recommend next steps toward achieving flood resiliency for all 30 of the stations identified as Severe, Very High and High Risk to flooding. Tasks such as feasibility, station recommendations, prioritization, and design and construction will be performed as part of this Flood Mitigation Program.

- Mitigate Flood Damages
- Cost Effective Solutions
- Technology for Forecasting
- Efficient Emergency Response
- Planned Expenditures

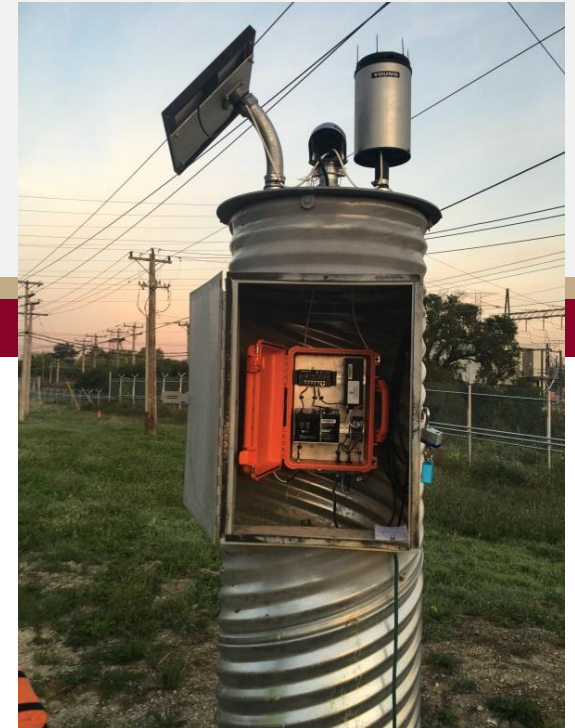
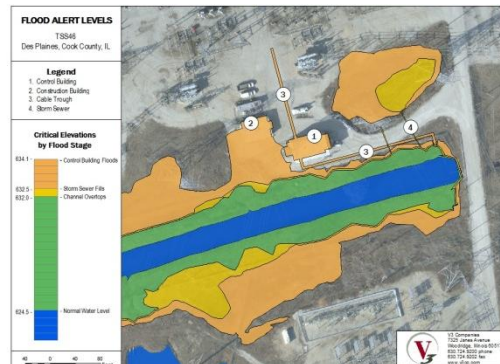
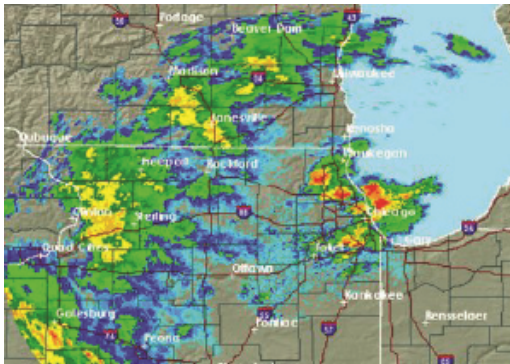




# V3 Flood Forecasting For Resiliency (V3FR)



Presented by:  
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# V3FR INTRODUCTION

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## ❖ What is Flood Resiliency?

The ability to respond proactively and with prioritization to protect vulnerable properties and assets during a flood event, and the capacity to recover quickly from disruptive flood waters.



# V3FR INTRODUCTION

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## ❖ V3FR System:

- ***Continuously calculates*** the likely peak flood elevation
- ***Determines Risk Levels*** at each location
- ***Forecasts timing*** of peak flood
- Assists with ***prioritization of resource deployment***
- ***Communicates advance warning*** of future flood risk event

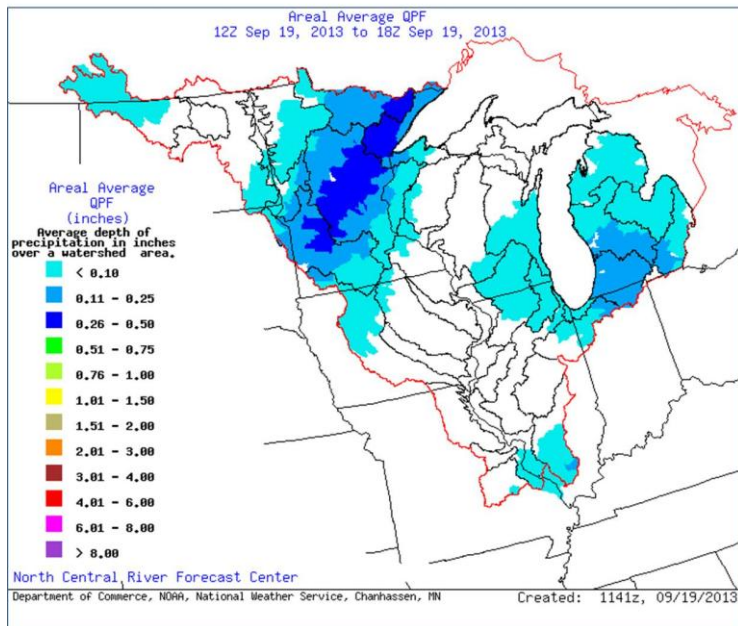
# STORM EVENT

STORM  
EVENT

START

DATA  
COLLECTION

## Incident Forecasting



FORECAST

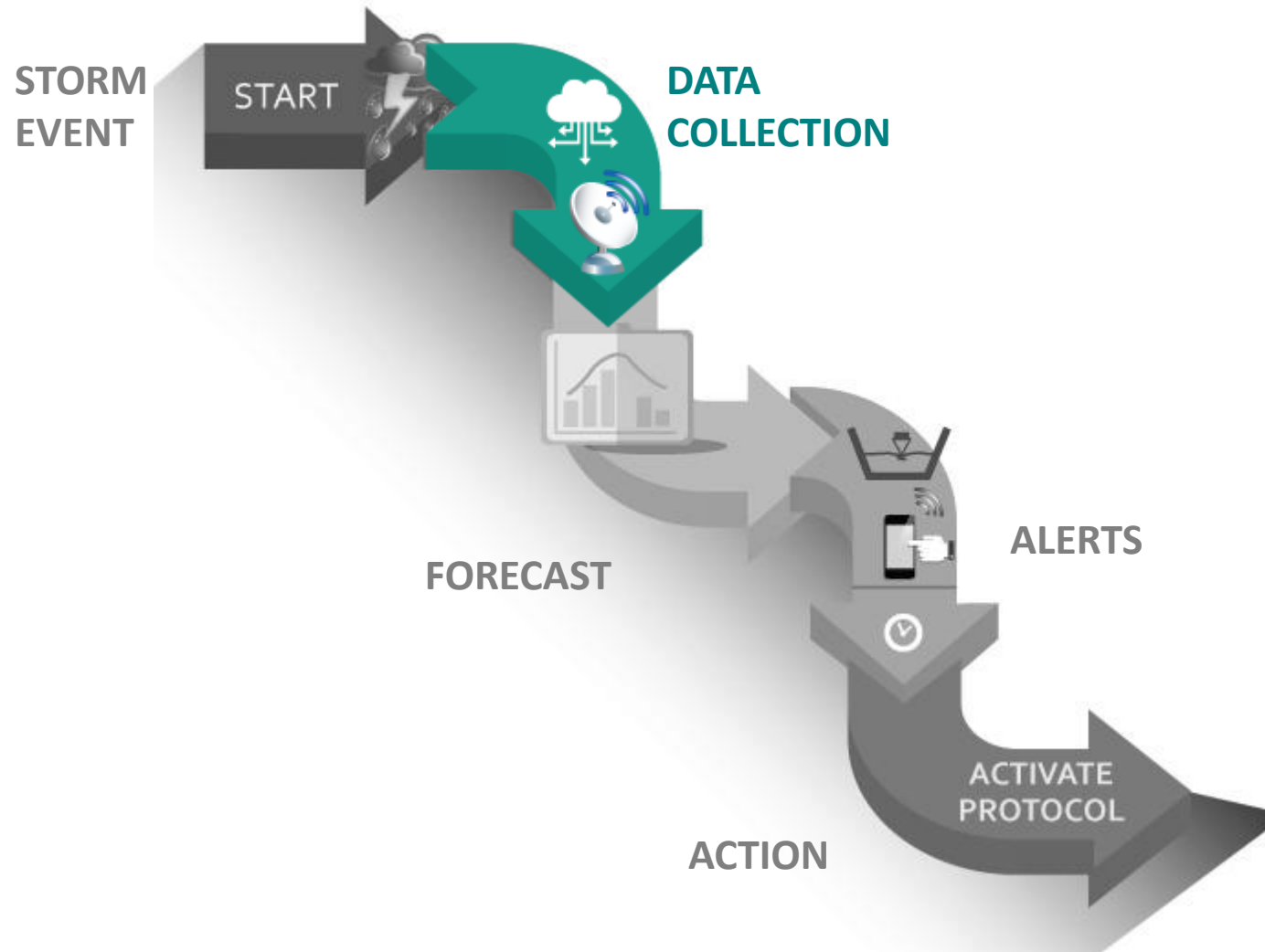
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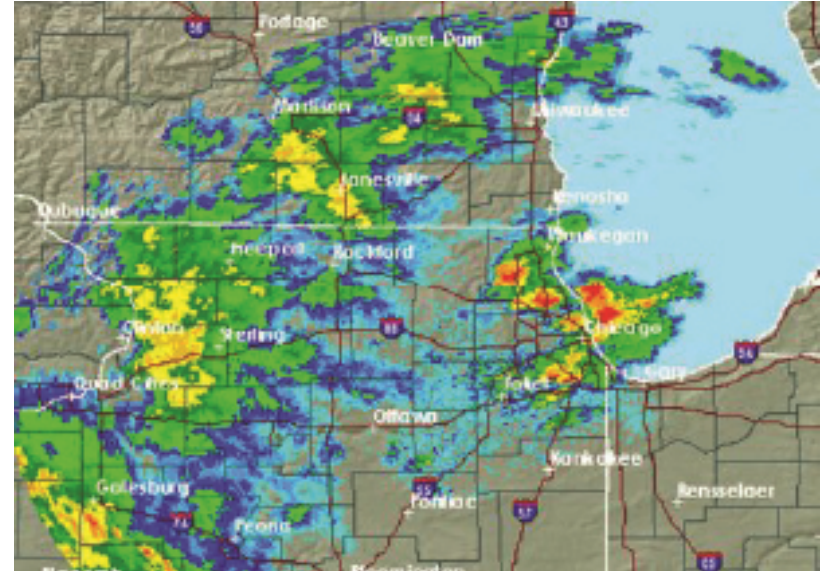
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## ❖ NOAA Weather Data

- Publicly available data
- Rainfall data is provided up to **48 hours in advance of storm**, and updated every 15 minutes.



## ❖ Real Time Weather Data

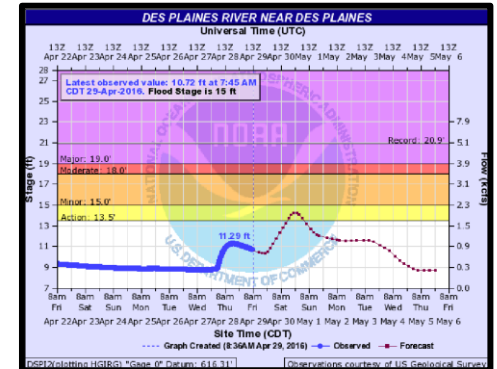




# DATA COLLECTION

## ❖ USGS Stream Gauge Data

- Data is provided at specific monitoring stations.
- V3 utilizes this watershed gauge data for calibration, correlation and calculation of potential flood due to actual storm events.



## ❖ V3FR Real Time Data

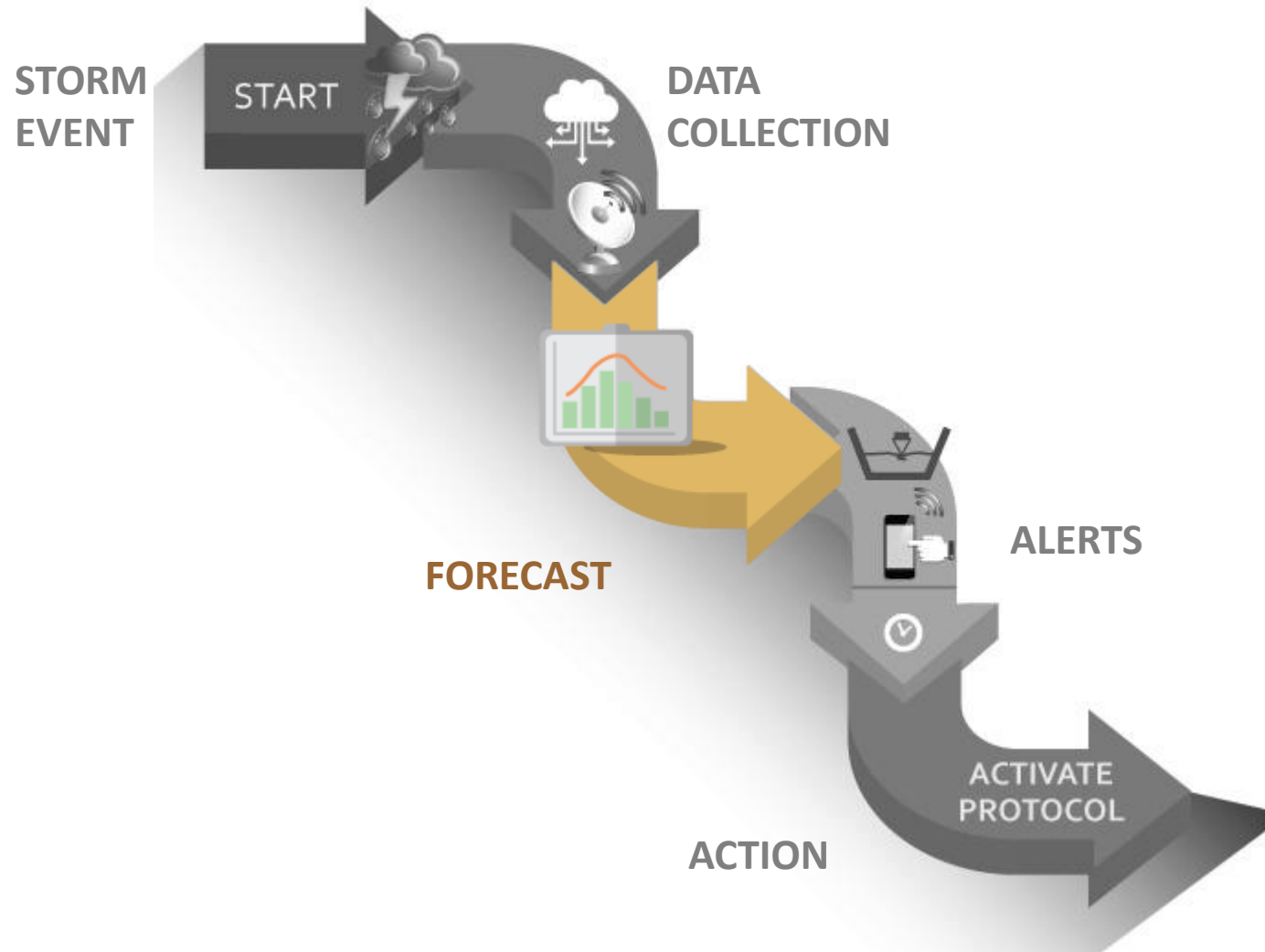
- V3FR Monitor senses **rainfall amounts** and **water level changes** at the site.



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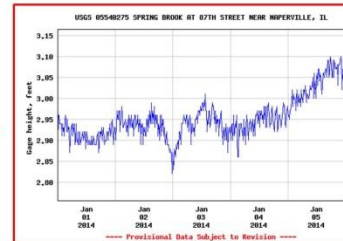
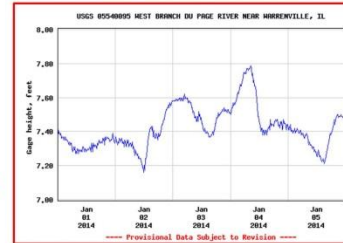
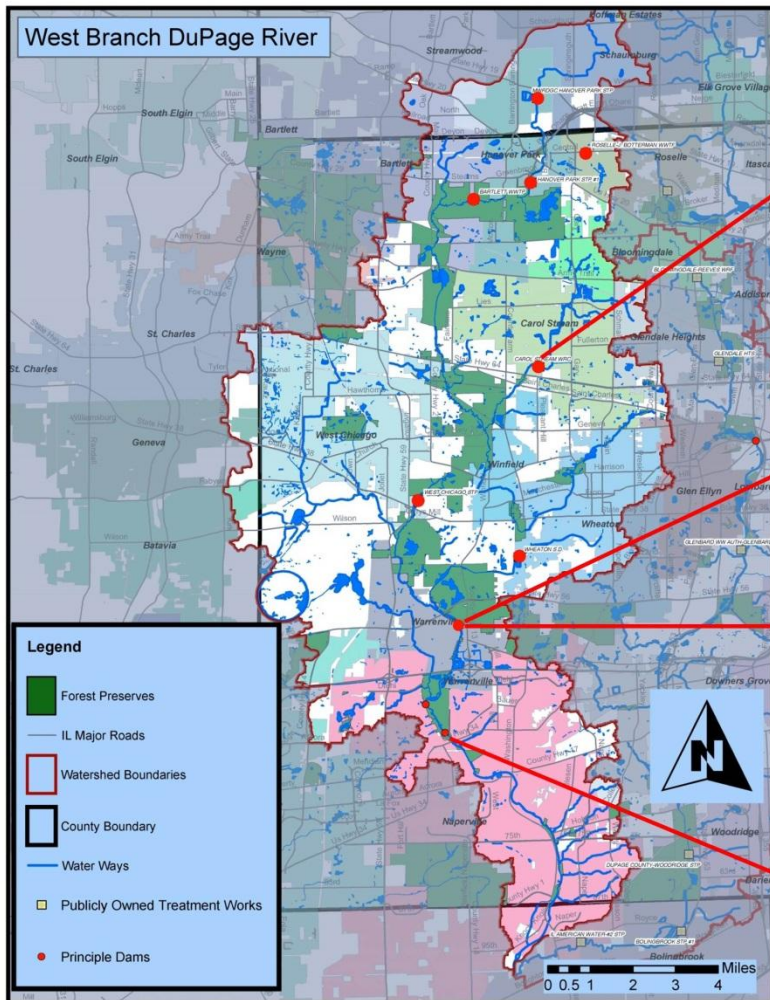


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- Predictive information and real-time data is fed through V3's proprietary model.
- Watershed characteristics, historic information and hydraulic system all determine forecasted outcome.
- A range of potential flood elevations is developed.


# FORECAST

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 Current weather

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 User Settings

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## TSS46 DES PLAINES

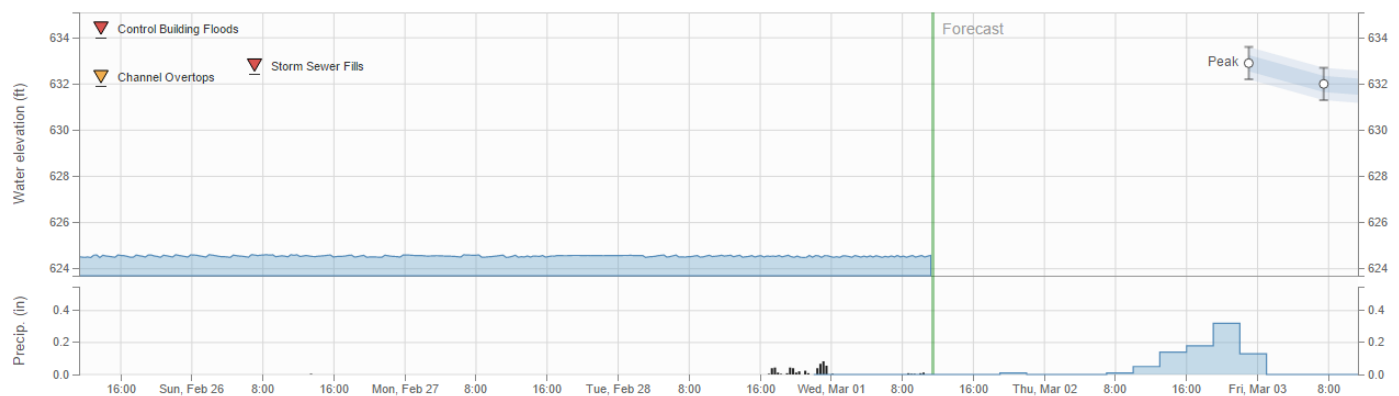
### CURRENT STATUS

Telemetry	current
Stage	Below Alert Stages
Forecast Peak	Storm Sewer Fills
Current Water Elevation	624.58'
Stage Below Bank	8.30'
24-Hour Precipitation	0.54"

### SITE INFORMATION

ID	TSS46
Latitude	42.0507
Longitude	-87.898
Sensor Elevation	623.70'
Bank Elevation	632.00'

### TELEMETRY





# ALERTS

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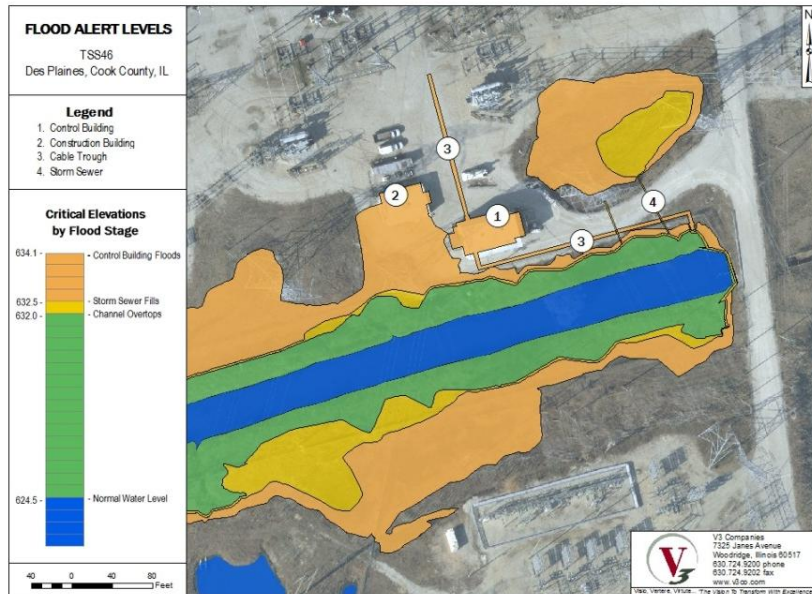
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## ❖ Flood Alerts

- Predictive and real-time alerts are created.
- Criteria is customized for each V3FR location.
- Alerts are evaluated regularly.





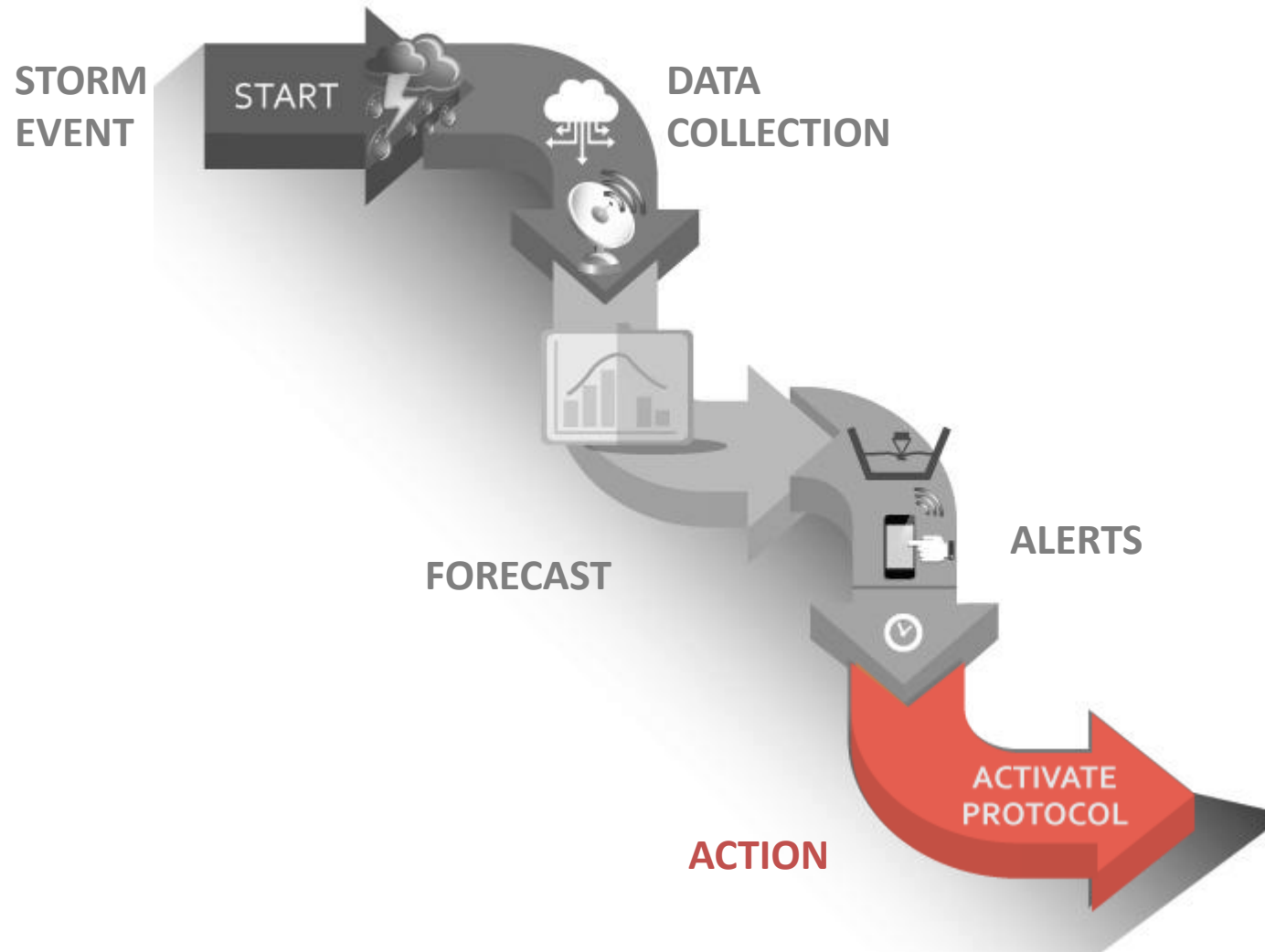
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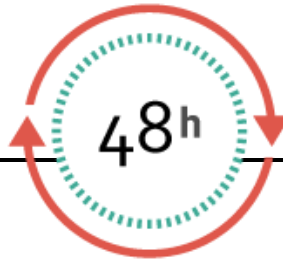
- Alerts are sent by SMS, email and phone.
- Key operational staff are notified up to 48 hours in advance of the storm event.
- Updates provide ***storm tracking and shifts in intensity*** and duration.
- Dashboard access allows ***full digest of V3FR locations***



# ACTION



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## ❖ Activate Client Specific Protocol

- *Timing and approximate water elevation* of flood is forecasted.
- *Prioritize response* based on severity at each location.
- For flood protected sites: ***Install flood gates, inflate bladders, etc.***
- For non-flood protected sites: Deliver sand and bags, ***construct temporary mitigation measures.***
- 48 hour **advance notice!**





# WHO BENEFITS FROM V3FR?

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## ❖ Vulnerable Assets or First Responders

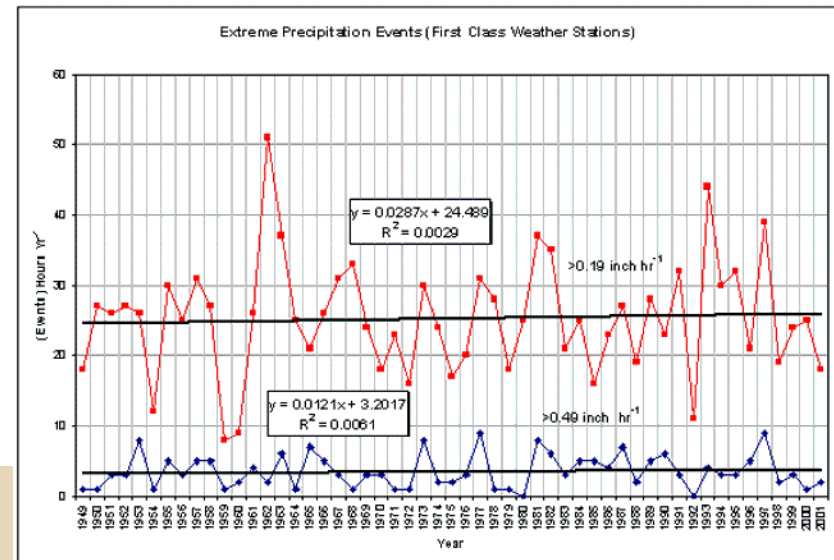
- Vulnerable assets at risk to flood loss, such as stations, buildings, quarries, etc.
- Municipality, agency, utility or business that has flood response deployment responsibility.
- Mitigate or prevent damages.
- Minimize emergency costs.
- Improve resiliency.



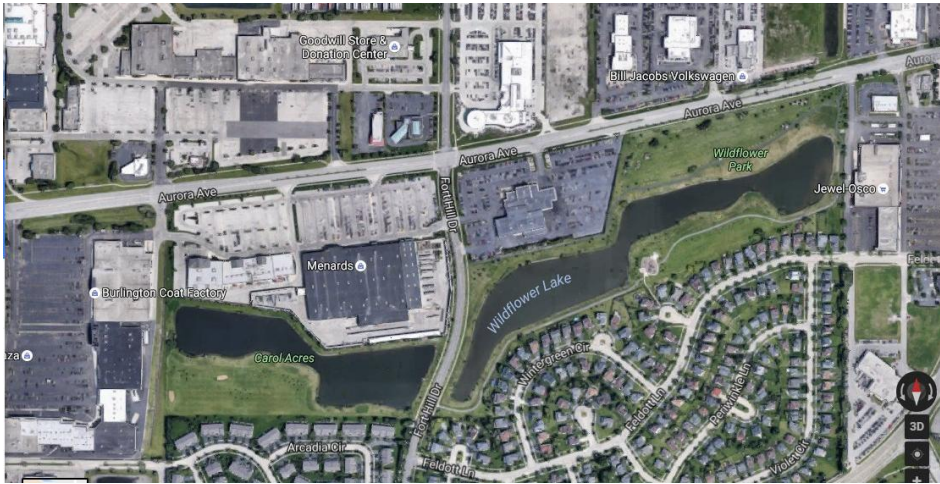
# CHANGE?

## ❖ Climate & Watershed Change

- V3FR is continuously learning.
- V3FR forecasting ***evolves with the change in climate*** and ***adjusts to the intensity of recent storm events*** and the outcome of those ***discharges from the watershed***.
- Climate model costs not necessary.
- Watershed changes incorporated.



# Integrated Stormwater Management



- ***Proactively*** integrate existing stormwater assets
- ***Active control*** of pumps or valves during storm event
- Decreased damages to problem areas at a ***fraction of the cost***

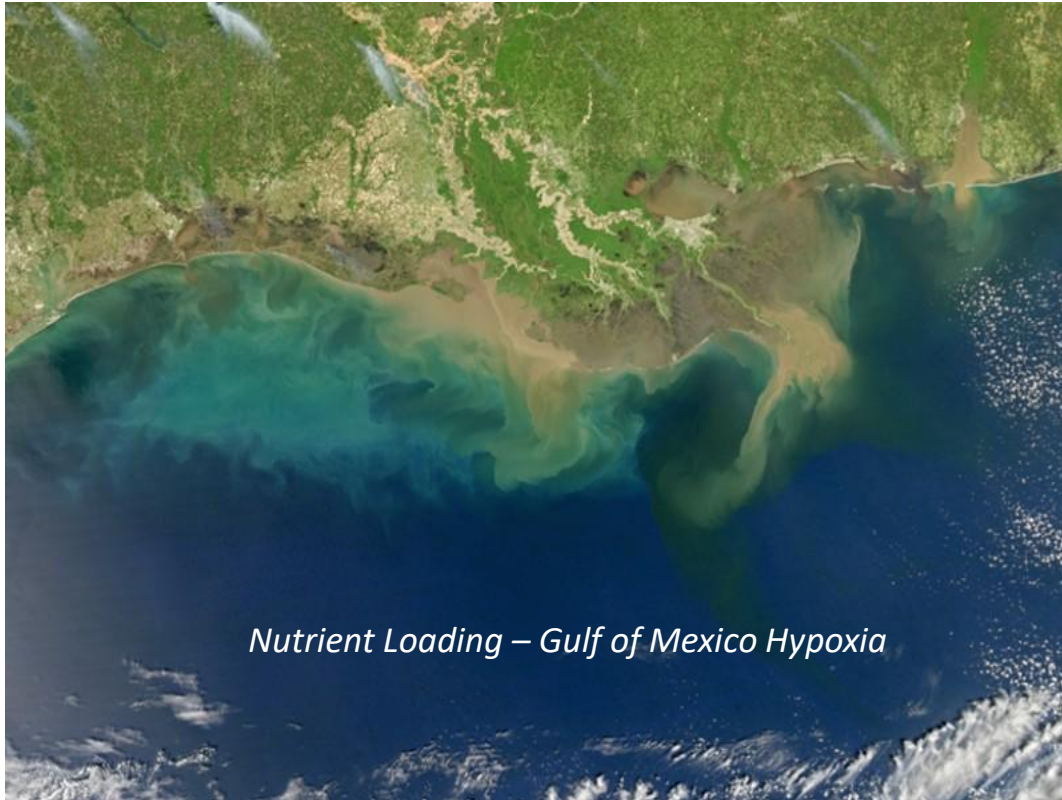




# ADDITIONAL USES OF V3FR:

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## Enhanced Water Quality



- Reduce sediment and nutrients during first flush
- Achieve up to 100% of retention volumes
- Pollutants drop out
- Healthy receiving waters
- Pollutant reduction can be tracked with monitoring

# Questions



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