

IMPROVING FLOODPLAIN ACCURACY WITH A COMBINED 1D/2D MODEL

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Presentation Outline

1. Project Overview – Buffalo Creek, Wheeling, IL
2. Recap of Previous Modeling Approach
3. Updated Modeling Approach
4. 2D Split Flow Model Area
5. Additional Considerations
6. Sensitivity Analysis
7. 2D Modeling Summary
8. Next Steps

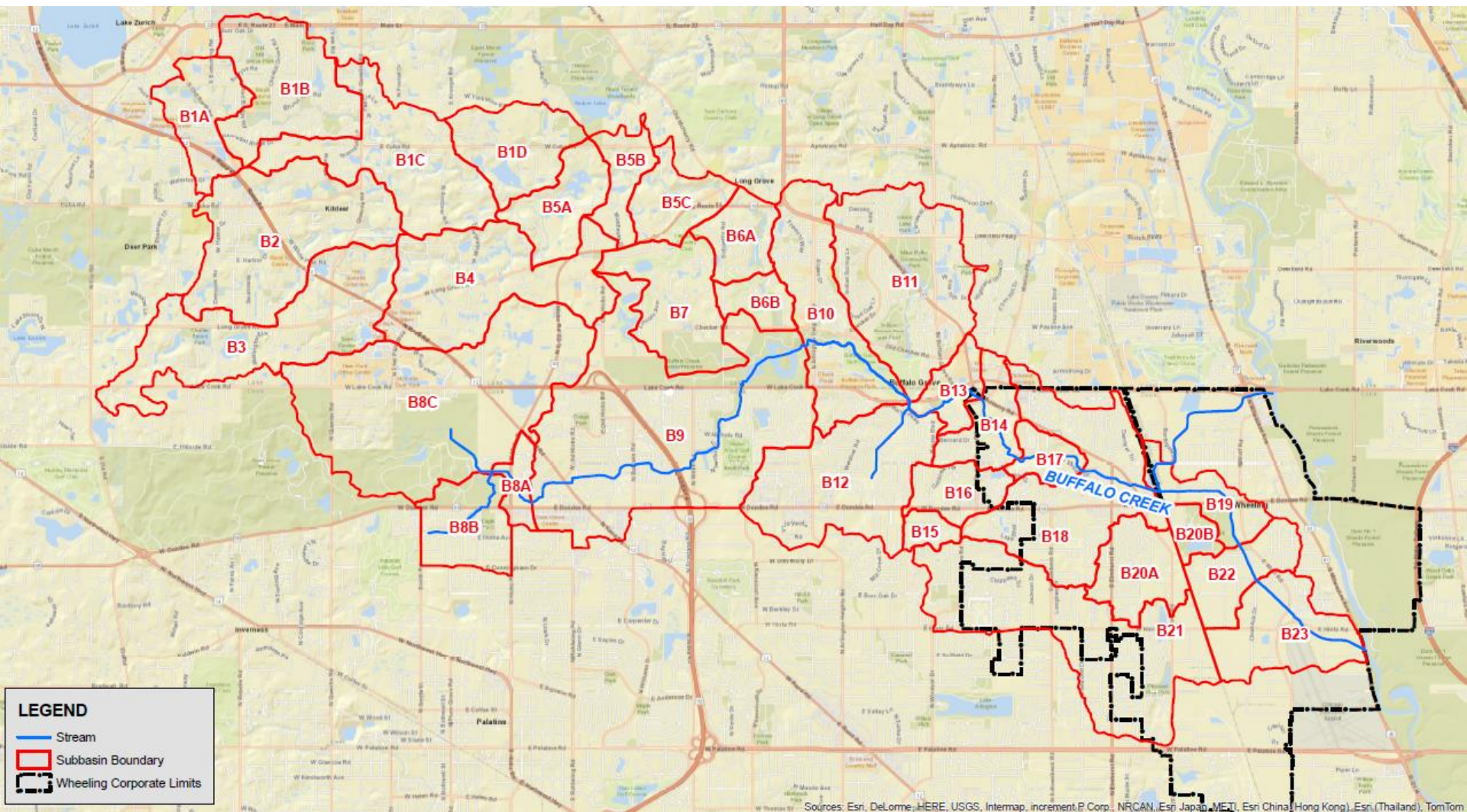


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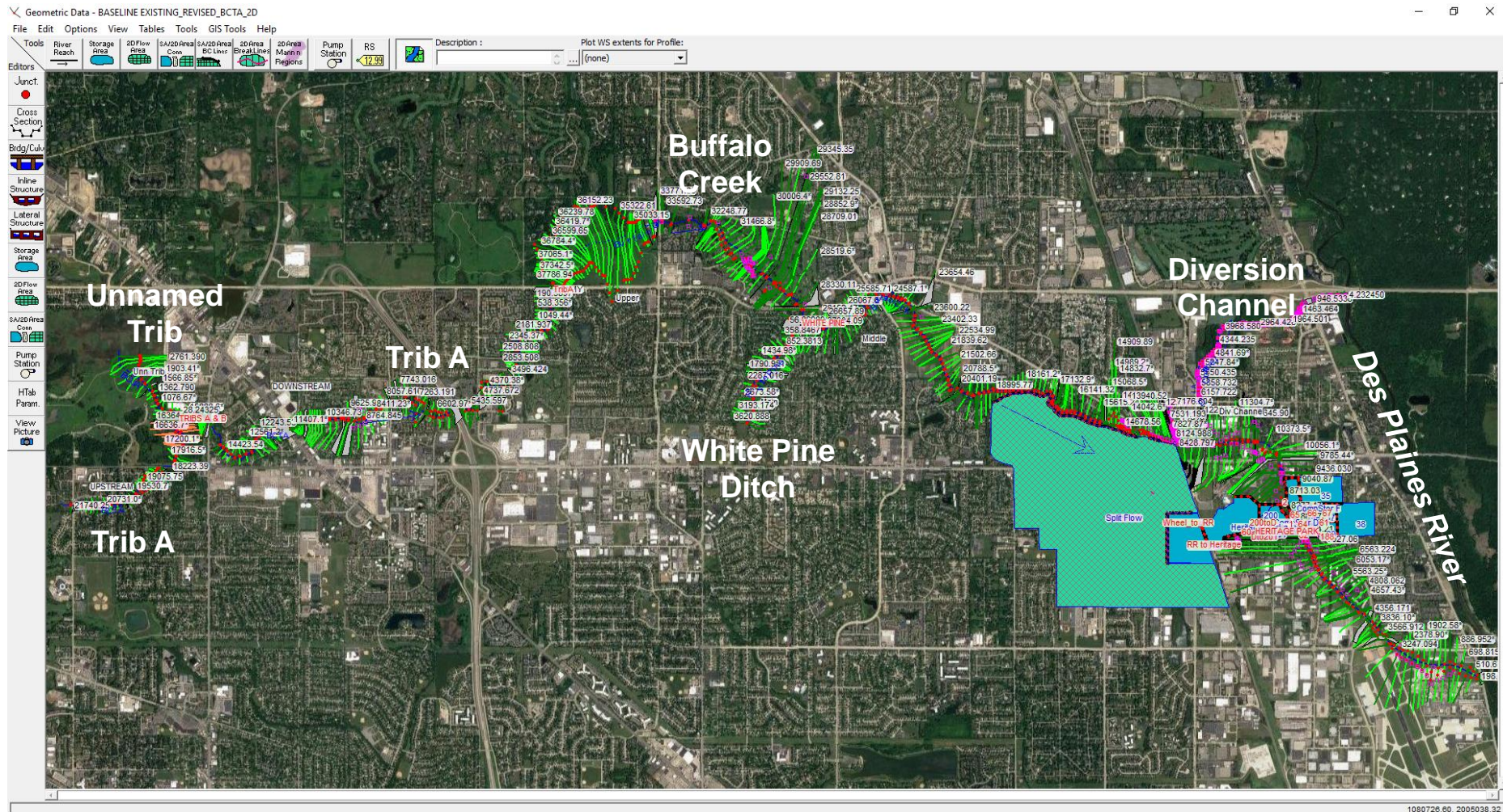
History of Buffalo Creek Floodplain

- Original analysis and mapping effective in 1981
- 2008 PMR
- Conveyance floodway agreement
- 2011 MWRD Lower Des Plaines Detailed Watershed Plan
- Current LOMR request was identified as #1 project in 2015 Wheeling Stormwater Master Plan

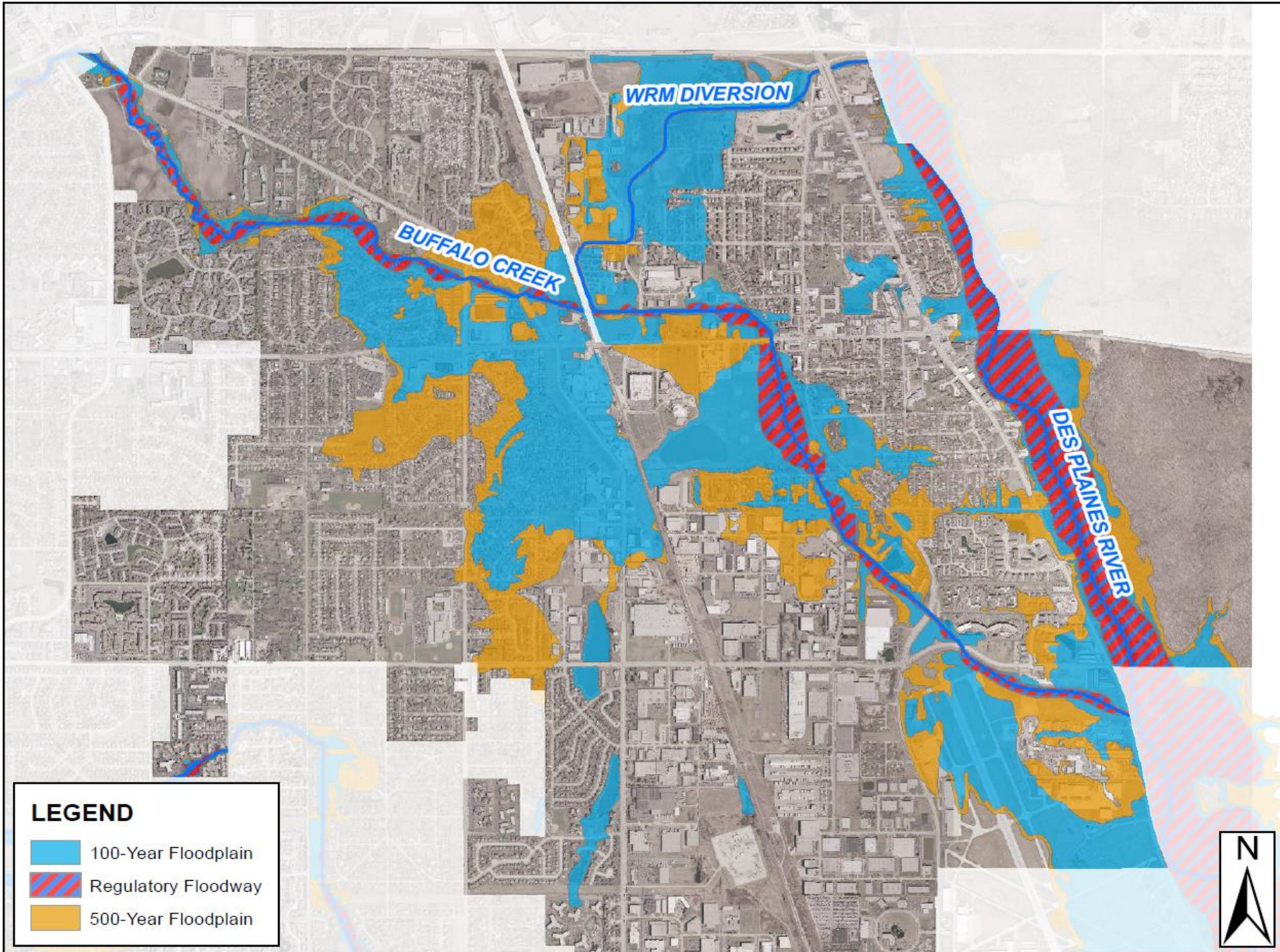
Buffalo Creek Drainage Area

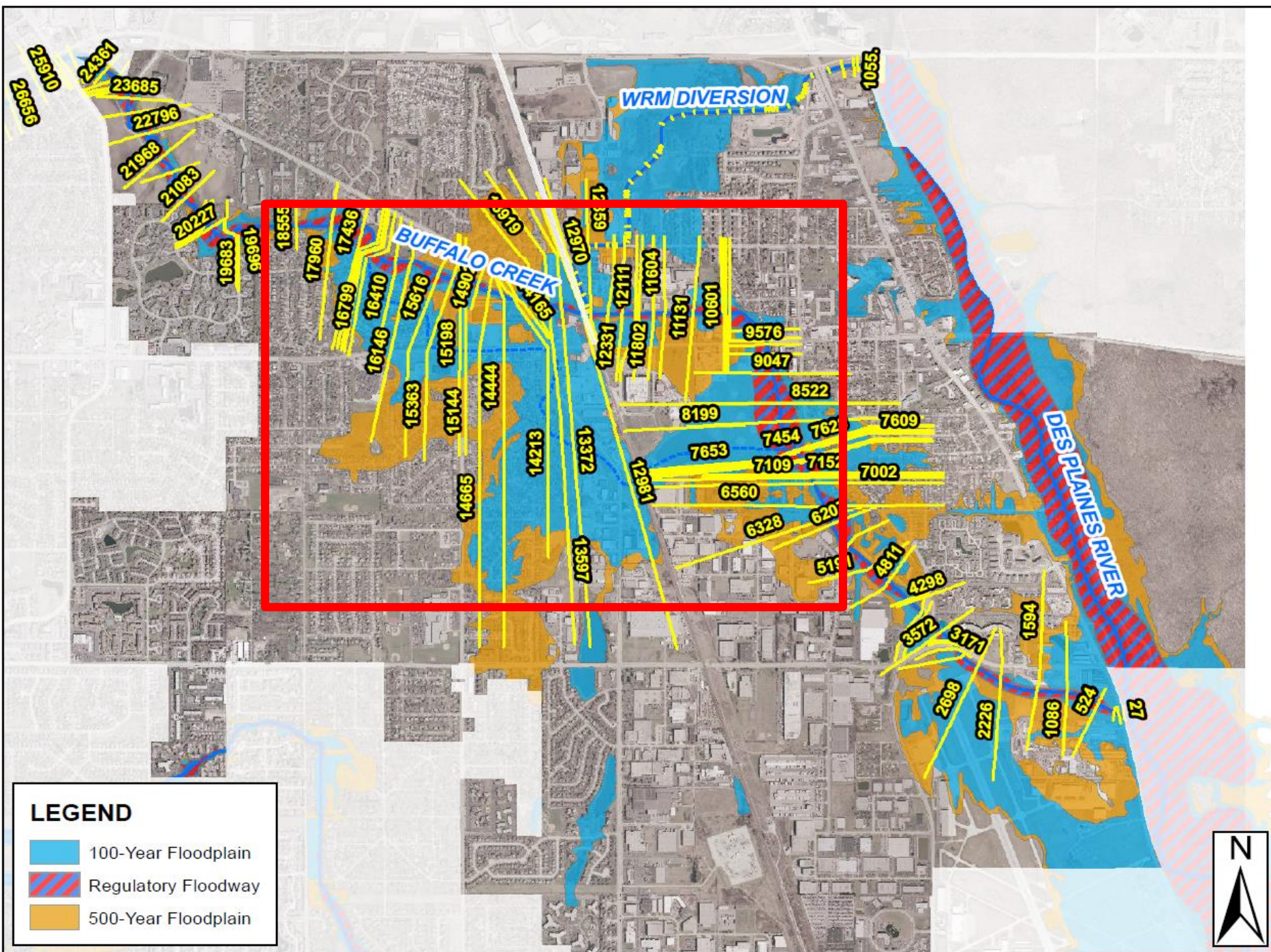


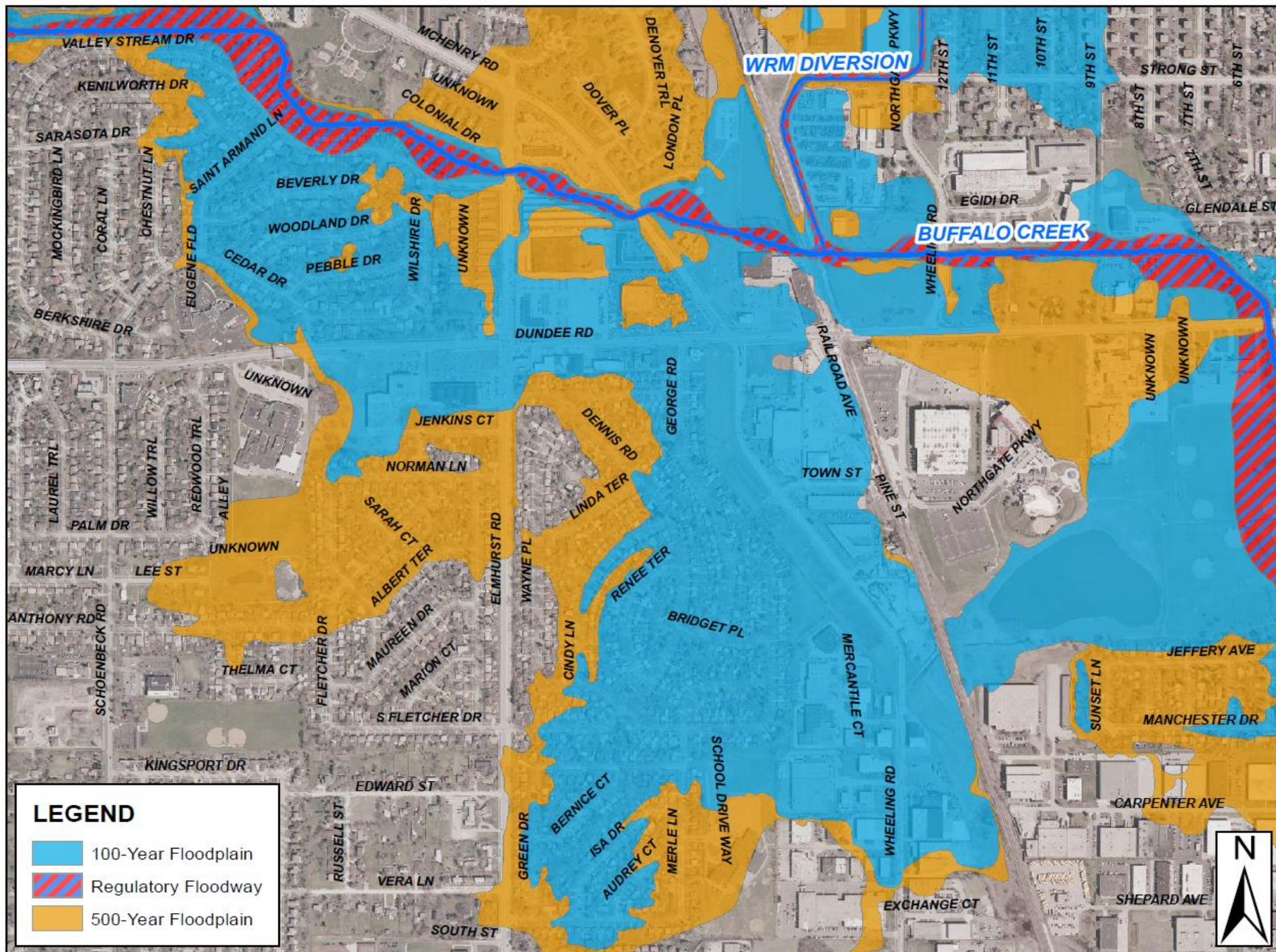
Buffalo Creek HEC-RAS Model Schematic



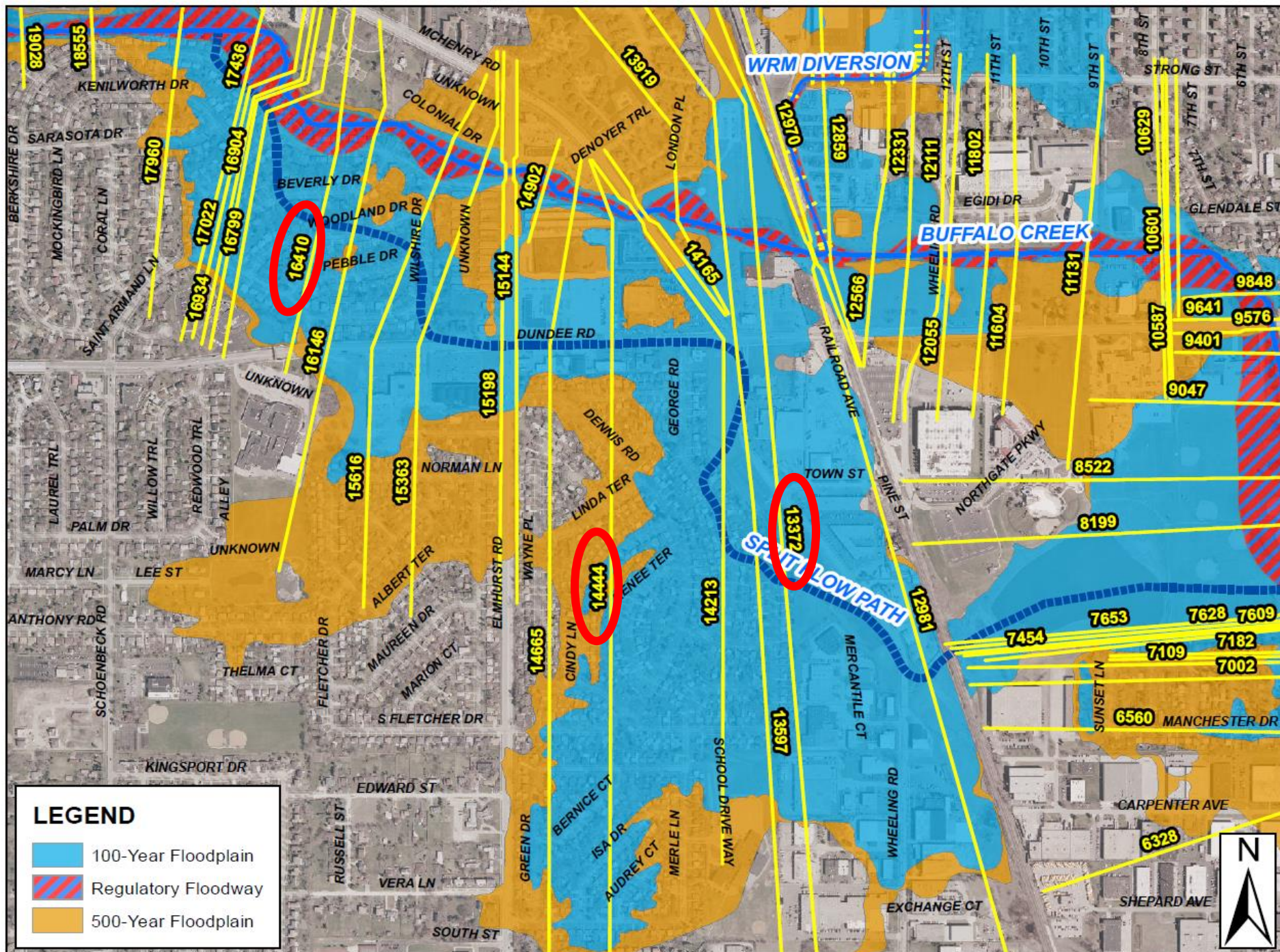
- 6 independent reaches modeled
- 15 miles of total stream length

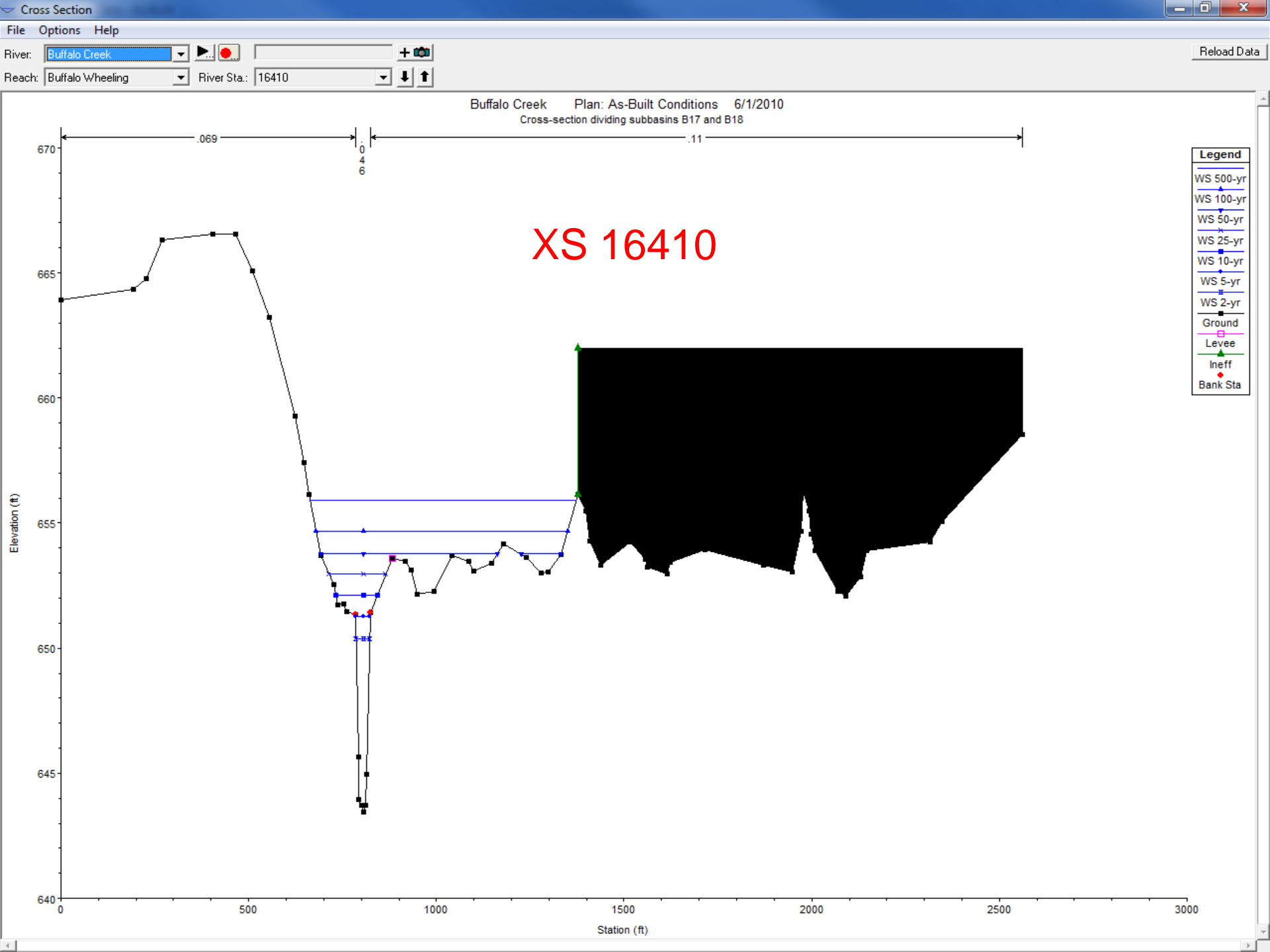


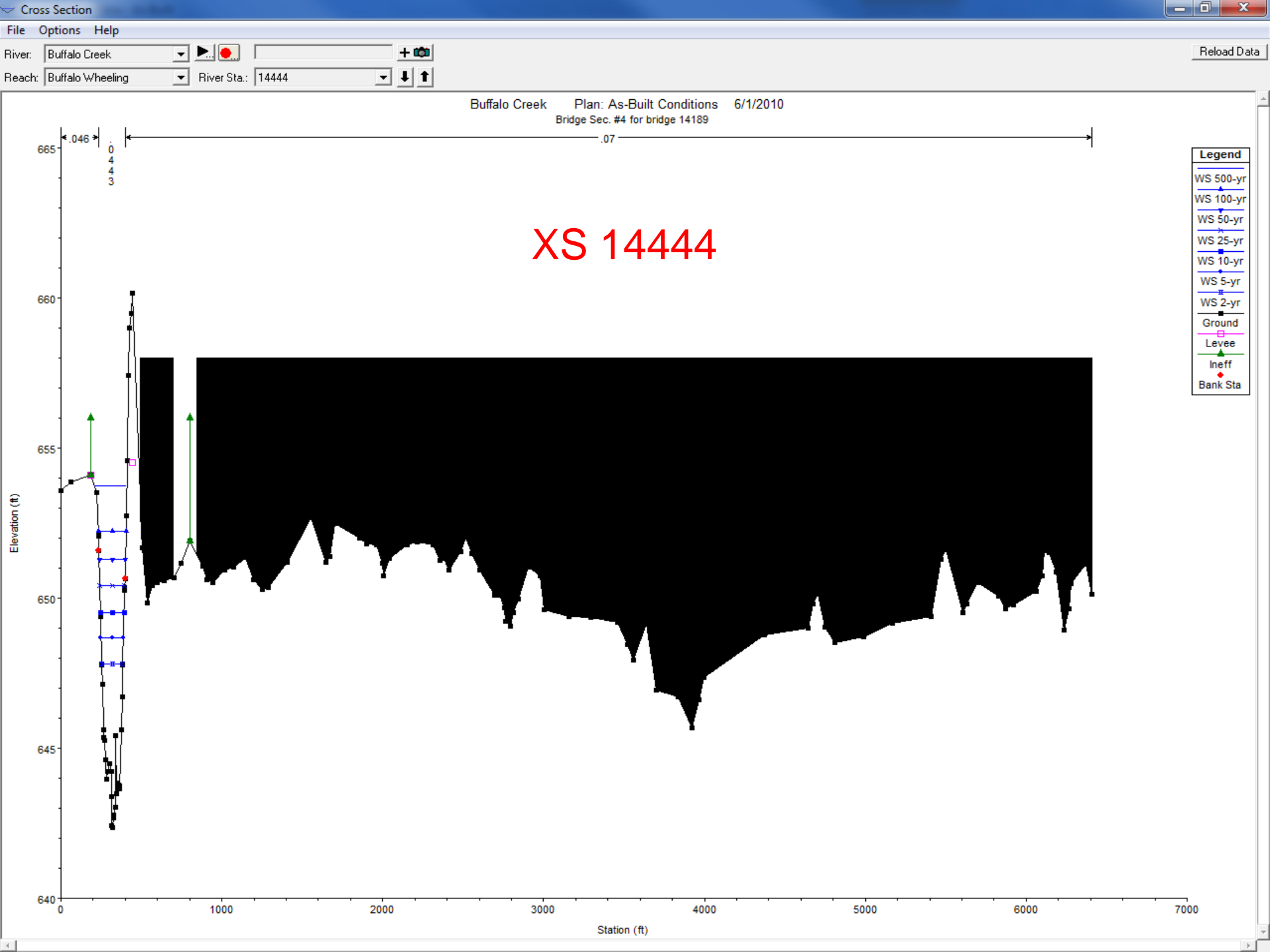


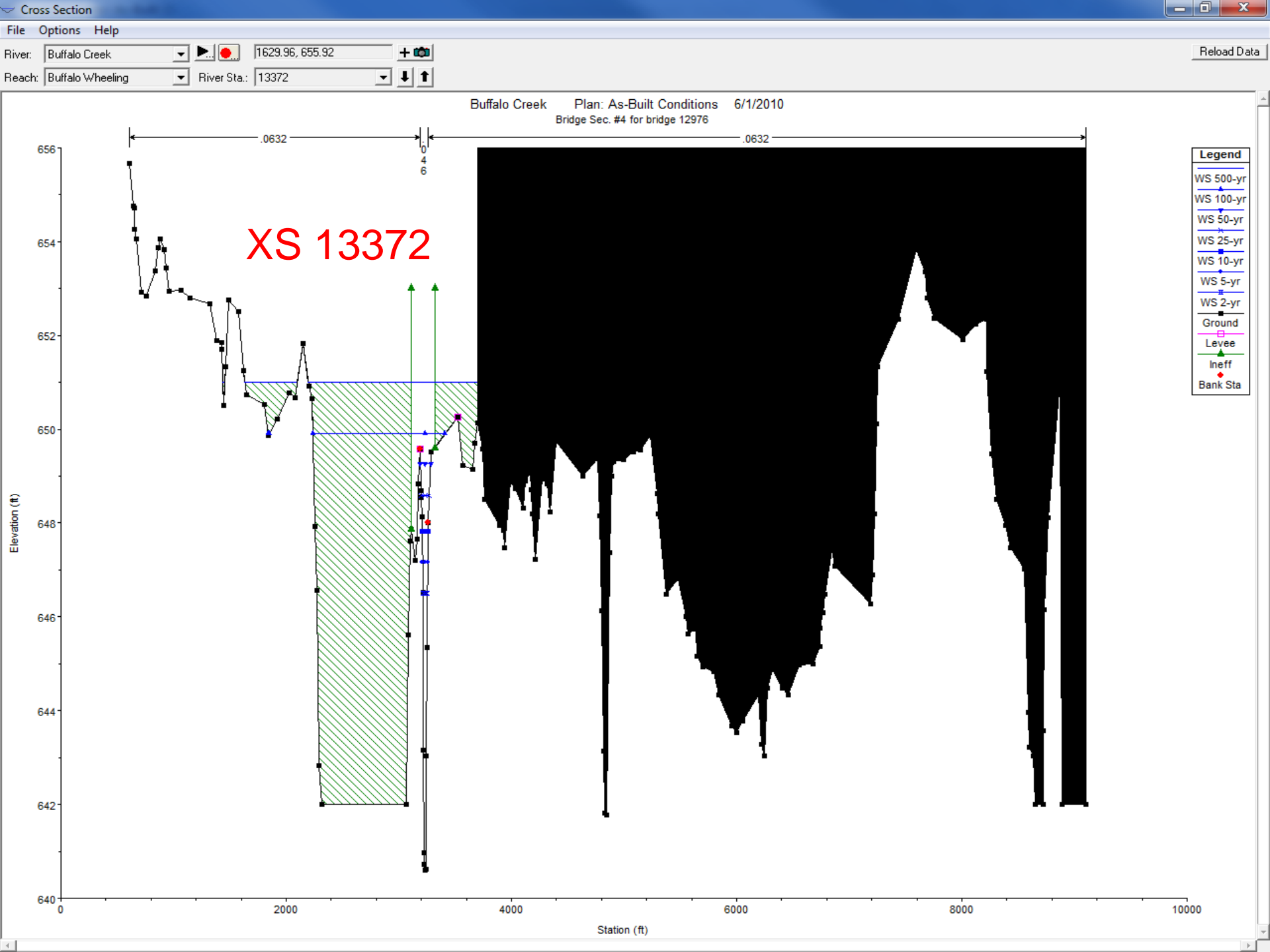












MWRD Detailed Watershed Plan (DWP)

- MWRD DWP for the Lower Des Plaines River completed in 2011.
- Developed updated HEC-HMS hydrologic models and unsteady HEC-RAS hydraulic models for the Des Plaines River and all major tributaries.
- Buffalo Creek modeling revealed “split-flow” condition that improved the accuracy of floodplain mapping through the Village.

MWRD DWP Model Schematic

Geometric Data - BASELINE EXISTING

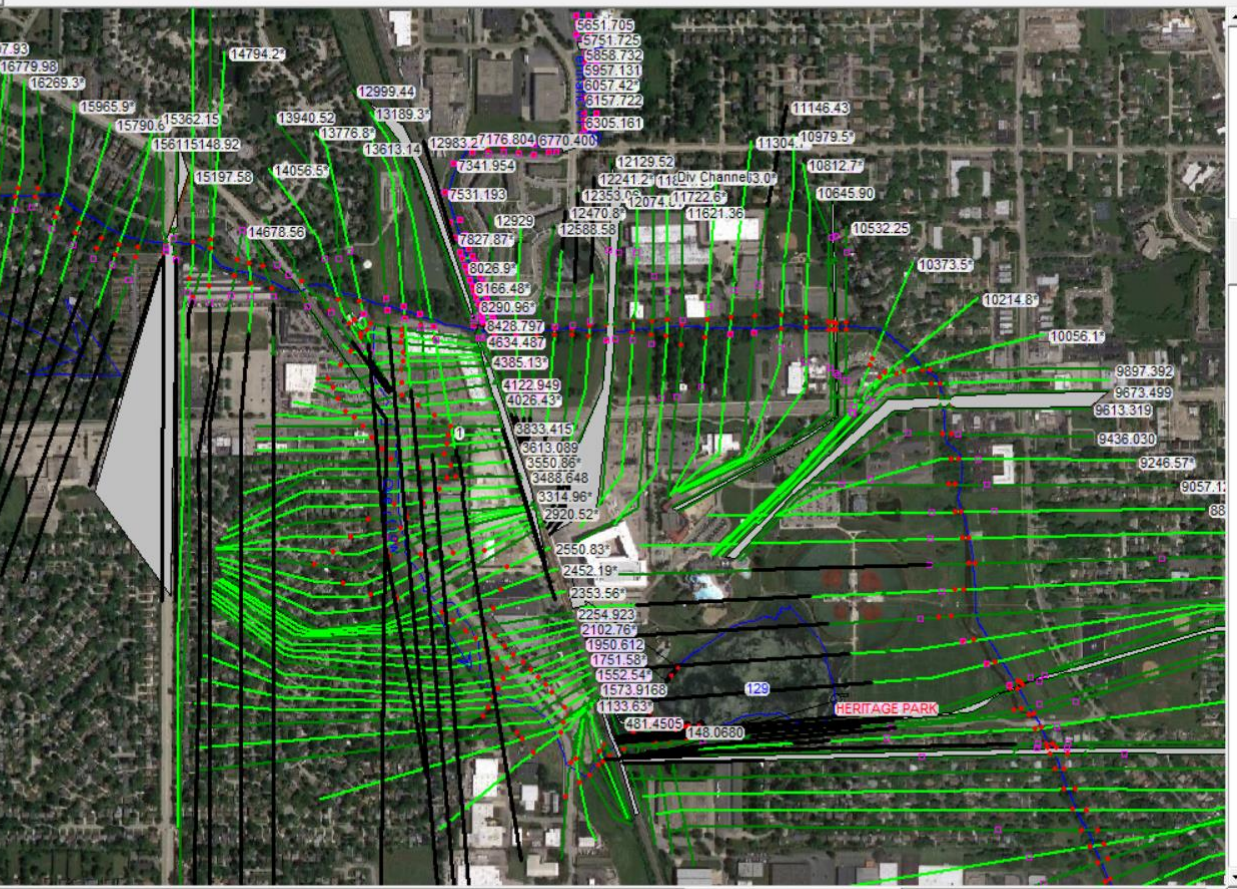
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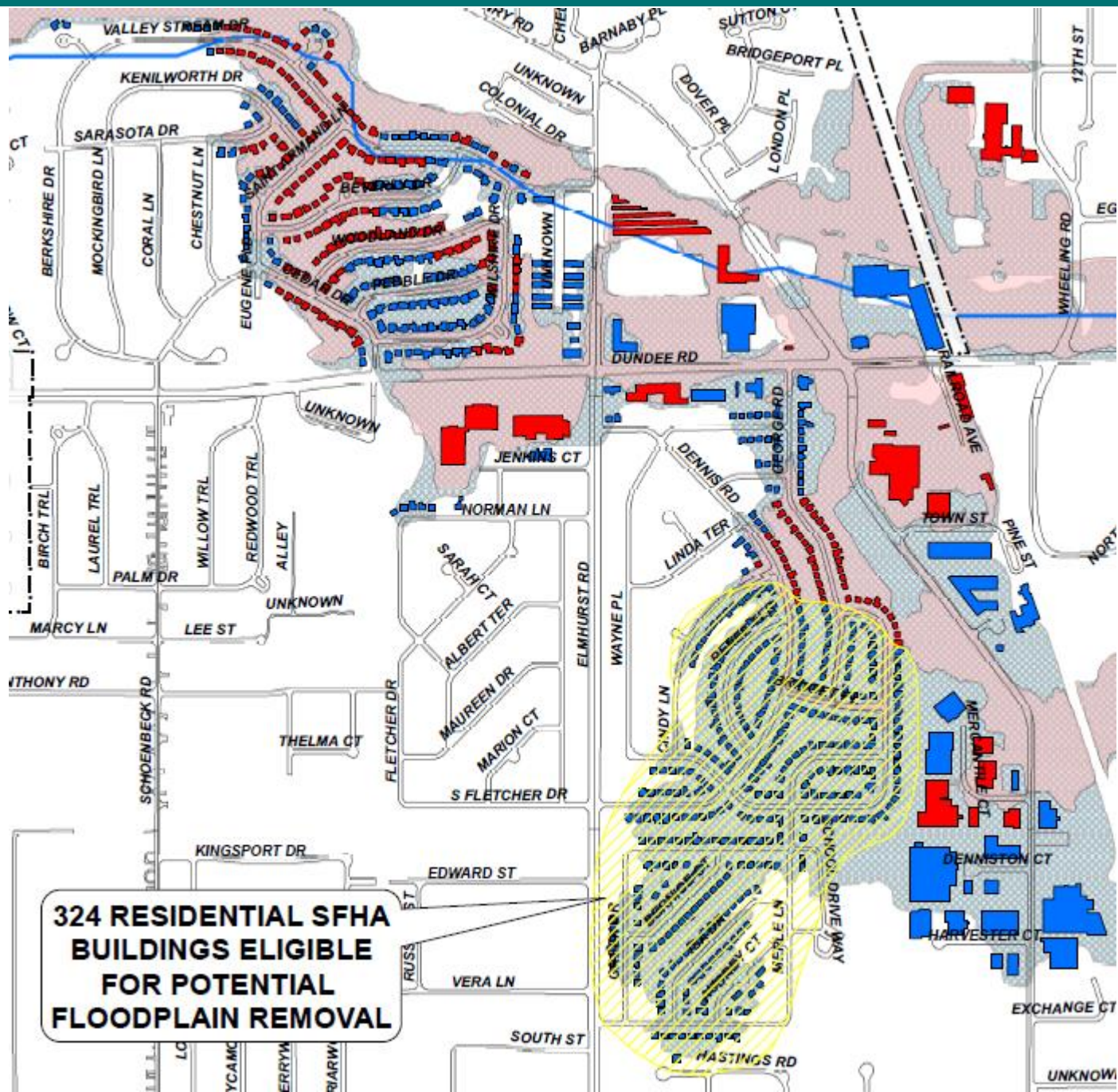
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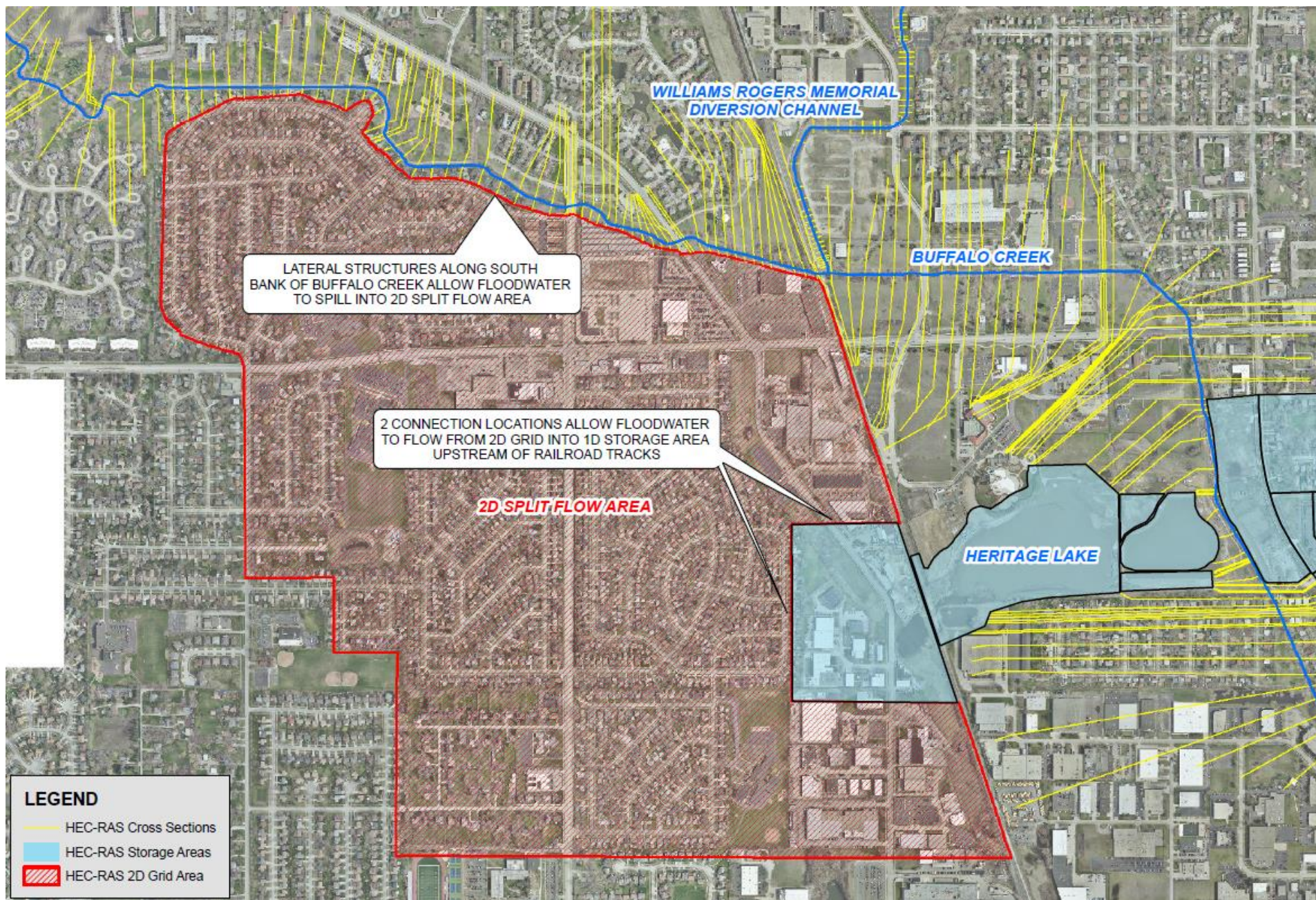


Buffalo Creek Re-mapping

- FEMA modeling: steady-state HEC-RAS model
- MWRD modeling: unsteady HEC-RAS modeling with a split flow condition through the Village
- Approximately 960 structures within FEMA 100-year regulatory floodplain in Village
- Approximately 300 structures shown within MWRD 100-year floodplain in Village
- **Possibly up to 660 structures may be removed from floodplain if additional refinements are included**

LOMR Request Modeling Approach

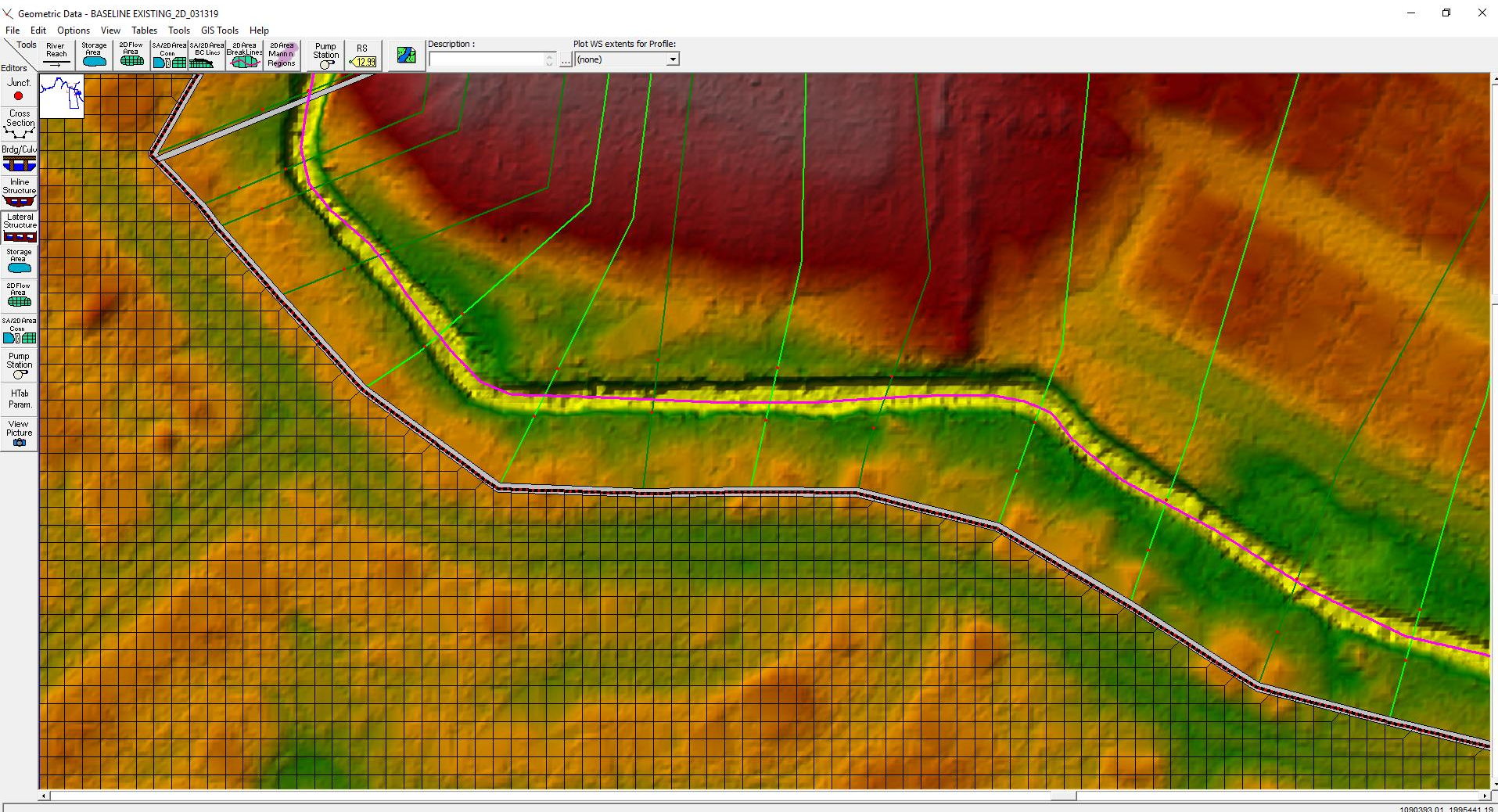
- Modeling approach for main channel:
 - Runoff hydrographs generated in HEC-HMS
 - Reach and storage routing performed in unsteady HEC-RAS model
 - Maximum flows from unsteady HEC-RAS model input in steady HEC-RAS model
 - Floodway computed with steady HEC-RAS model
- Split flow area modeled with unsteady 2D HEC-RAS model:
 - Overflow along south channel bank along Valley Stream Drive to Railroad modeled as lateral structures based on DTM
 - 2D area connected to storage area upstream of Railroad culvert crossing to Heritage Lake with SA/2D area connection



Link 1D/2D with Lateral Structures



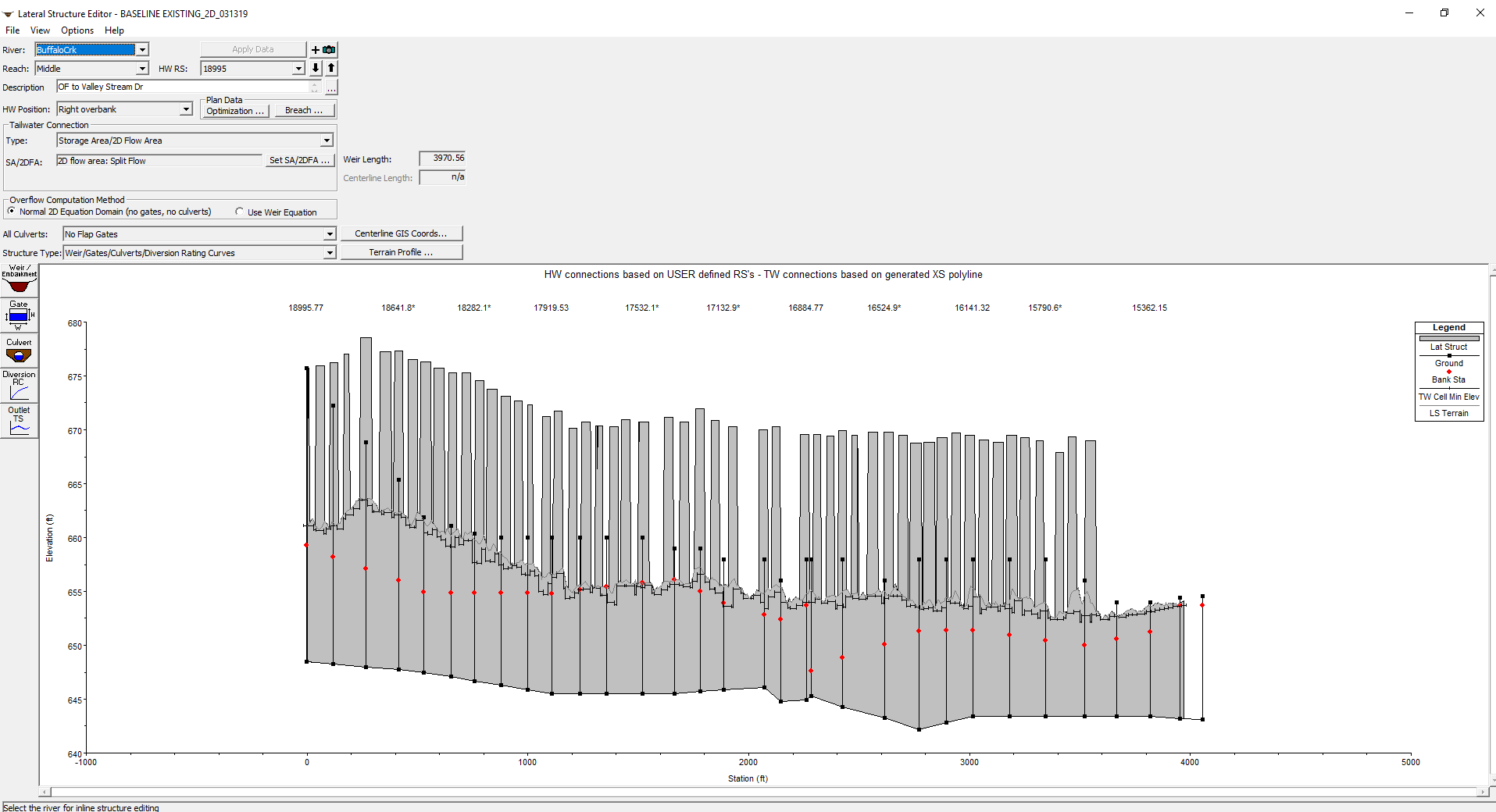
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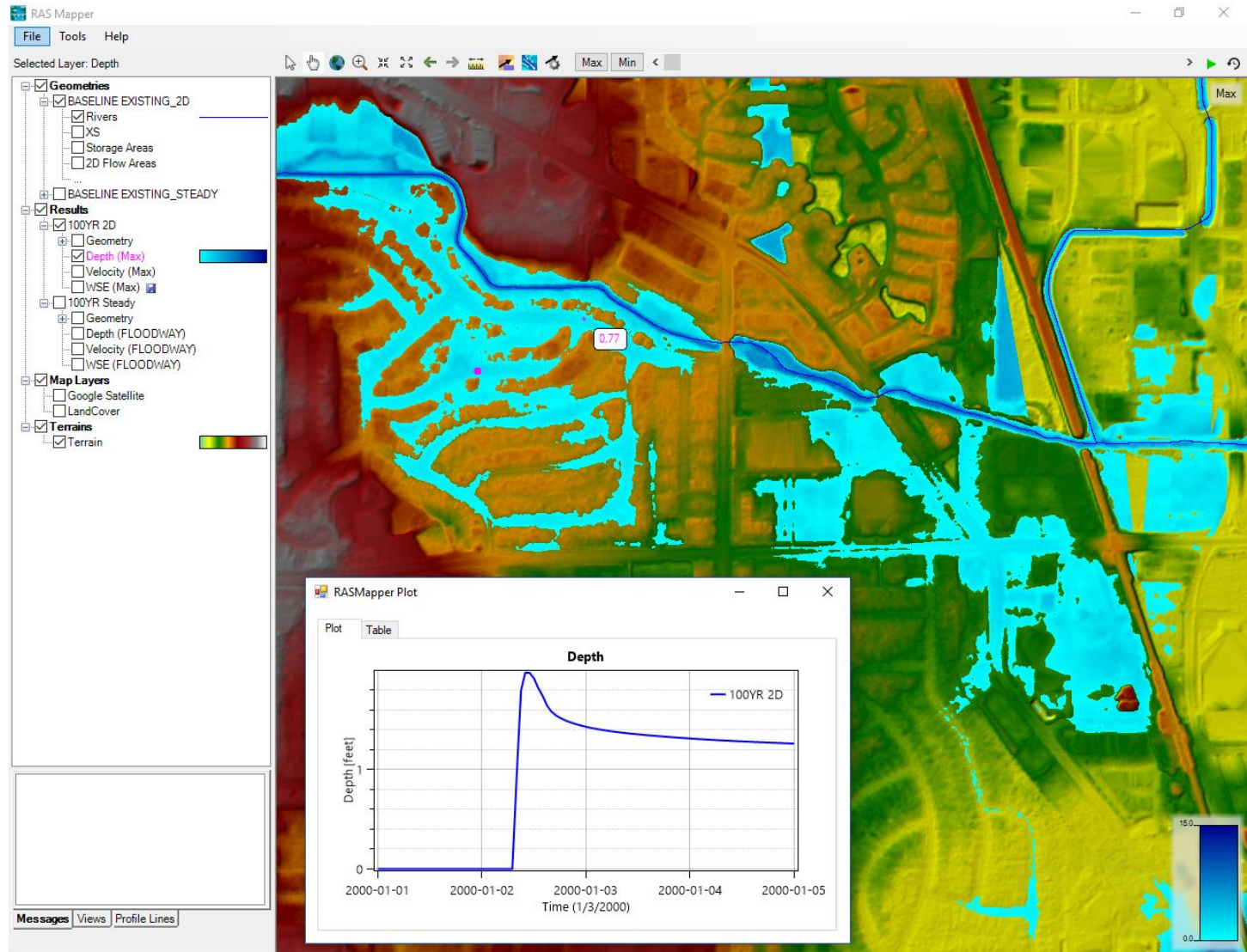
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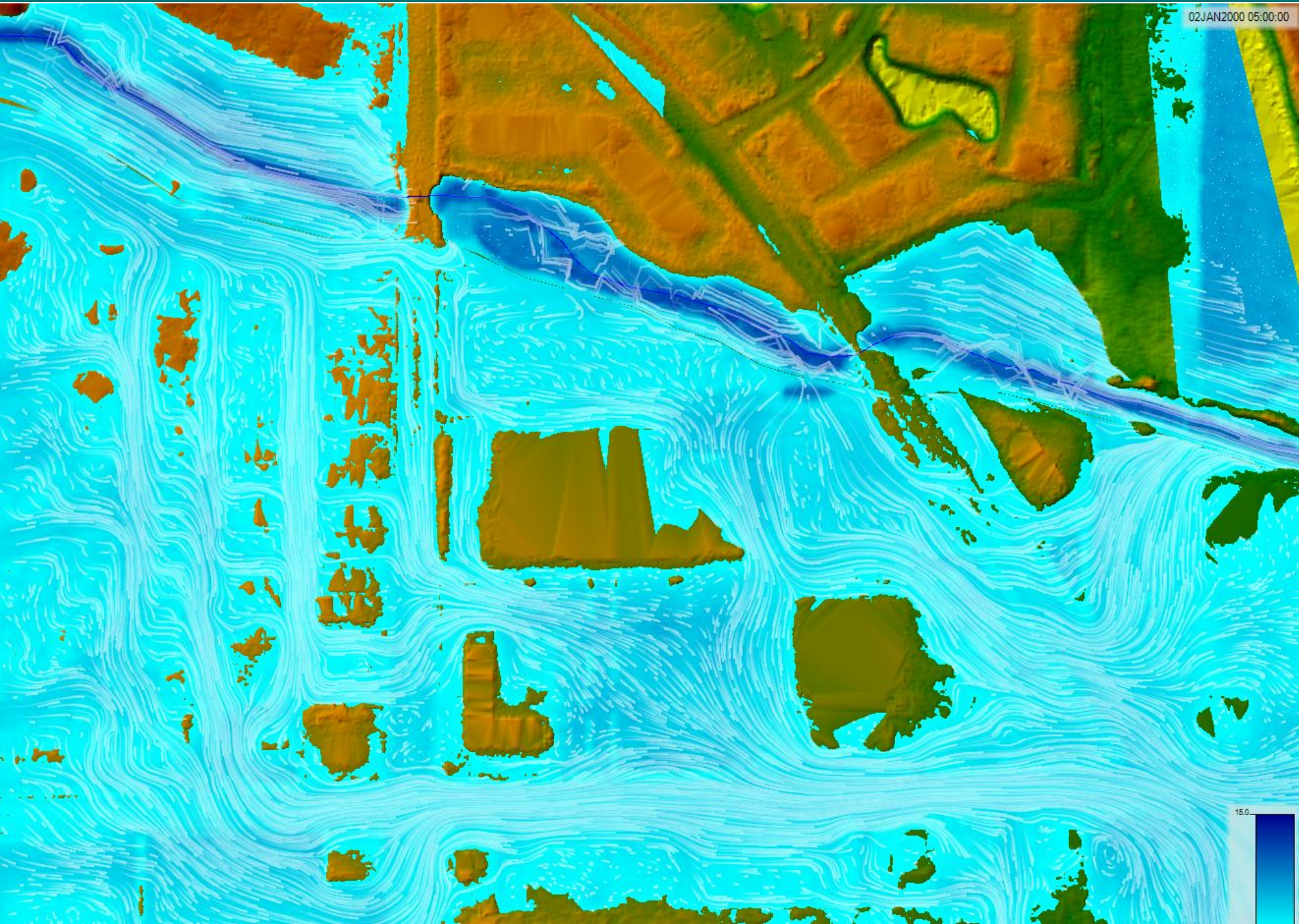
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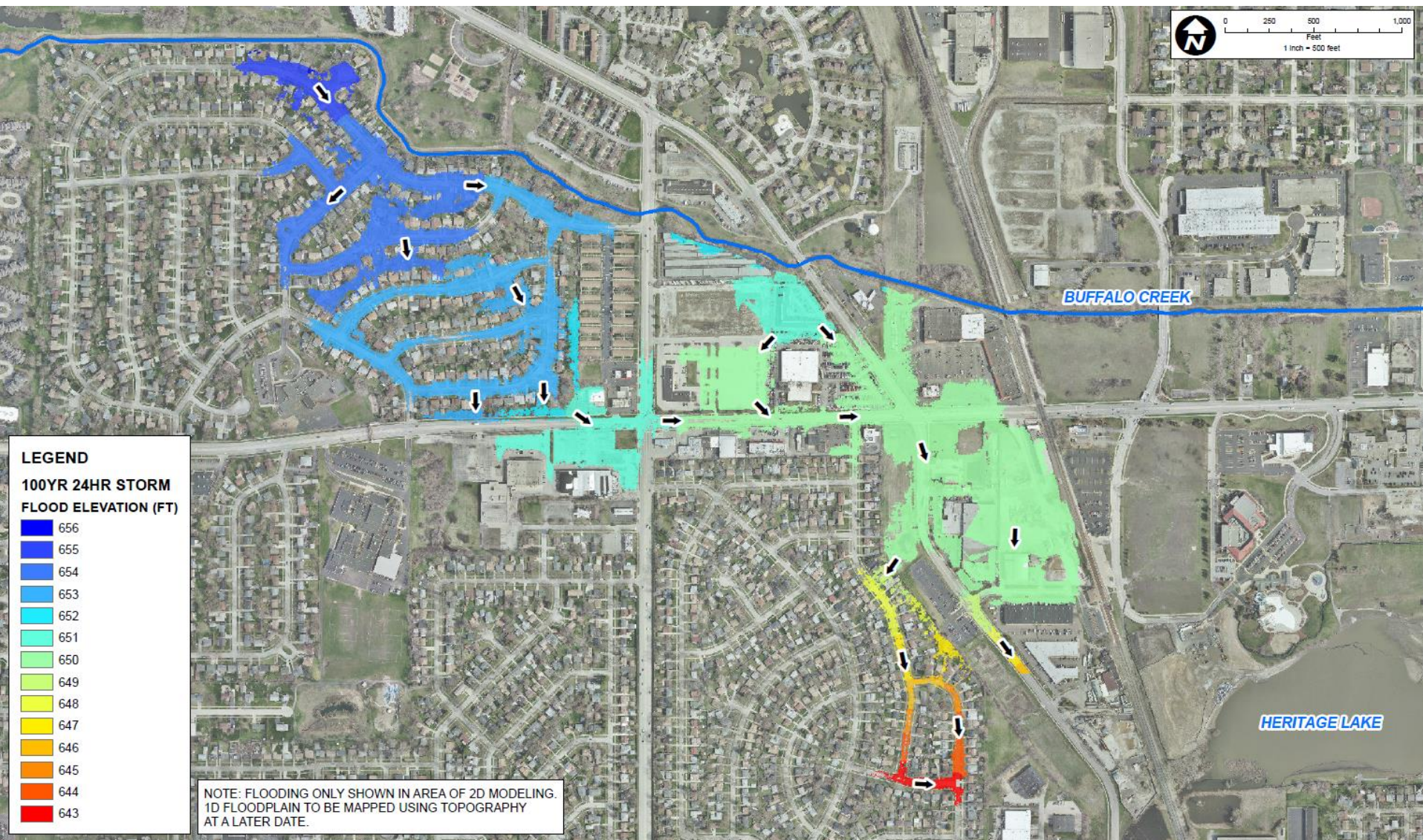


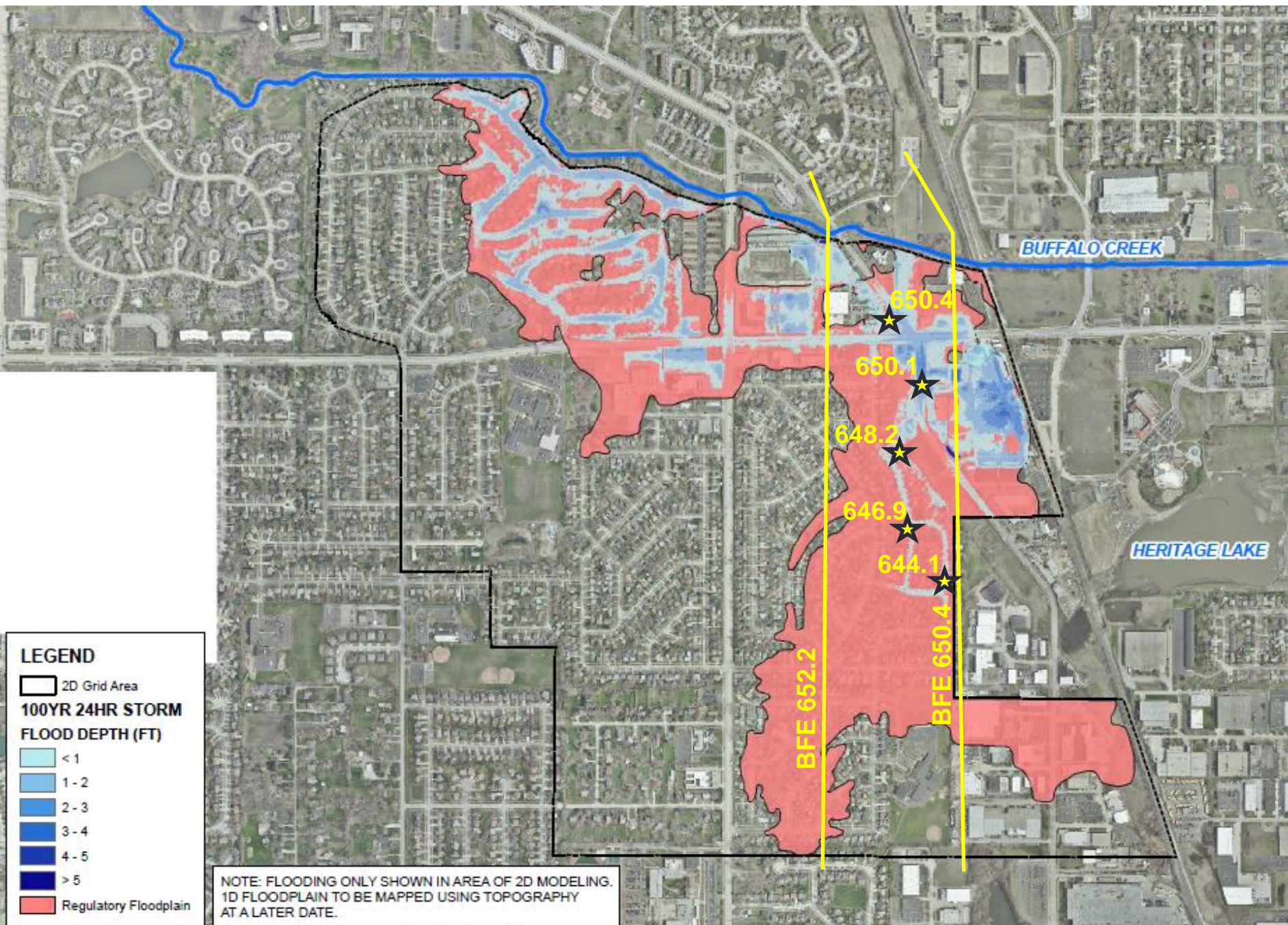
2D Results



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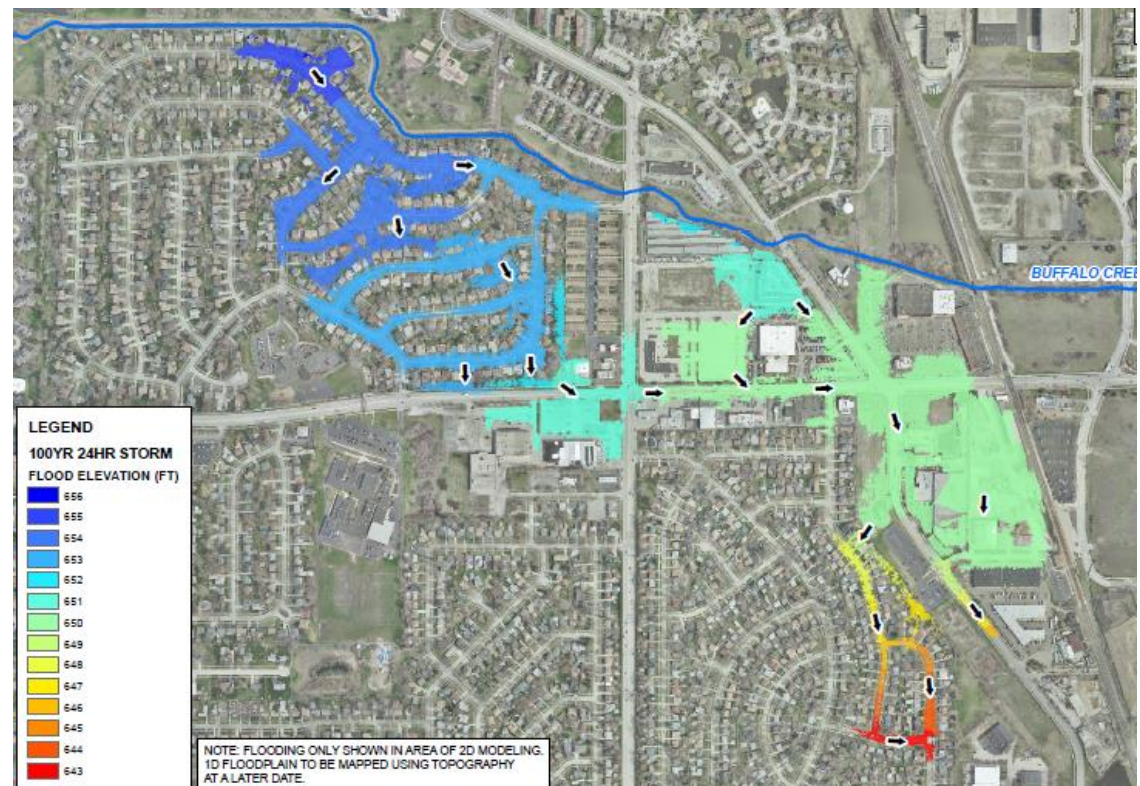






Additional Considerations

- Development of regulatory floodplain through the 2D split flow area
- Sensitivity analysis (next slide)
- How to model structures?
- Calibration data



Sensitivity Analysis

- Variable Manning's n versus averaged n value
 - Global $n = 0.04$; or $n = 0.02$ paved & $n = 0.05$ grass
- Diffusion Wave versus Full Momentum
- Cell size
- Time step
- Courant Number
- Theta value for 1D & 2D analysis
- Additional parameters?

1D Unsteady Modeling Parameters

HEC-RAS Unsteady Computation Options and Tolerances

General (1D Options) | 2D Flow Options | 1D/2D Options

Unsteady Flow Options

Theta [implicit weighting factor] (0.6-1.0):	1	Number of warm up time steps (0 - 100,000):	0
Theta for warm up [implicit weighting factor] (0.6-1.0):	1	Time step during warm up period (hrs):	0
Water surface calculation tolerance [max=0.2](ft):	0.02	Minimum time step for time slicing (hrs):	0
Storage Area elevation tolerance [max=0.2](ft):	0.05	Maximum number of time slices:	20
Flow calculation tolerance [optional] (cfs):		Lateral Structure flow stability factor (1.0-3.0):	3
Max error in water surface solution (Abort Tolerance)(ft):	100	Inline Structure flow stability factor (1.0-3.0):	3
Maximum number of iterations (0-40):	20	Weir flow submergence decay exponent (1.0-3.0):	3
Maximum iterations without improvement (0-40):		Gate flow submergence decay exponent (1.0-3.0):	3
		DSS Messaging Level (1 to 10, Default = 4)	4

Geometry Preprocessor Options

Family of Rating Curves for Internal Boundaries

☒ Use existing internal boundary tables when possible.

☐ Recompute at all internal boundaries

1D Equation Solver

☒ Skyline/Gaussian (Default: Faster for dendritic systems)

☐ Pardiso (Optional: May be faster for large interconnected systems)

Number of cores to use with Pardiso solver: All Available

OK Cancel Defaults ...

Parameters shown are default for discussion purposes

2D Modeling Parameters

HEC-RAS Unsteady Computation Options and Tolerances

General (1D Options) | **2D Flow Options** | 1D/2D Options

☐ Use Coriolis Effects (only when using the momentum equation)

Number of cores to use in 2D computations:

	Parameter	(Default)	Split Flow
1	Theta (0.6-1.0):	1	1
2	Theta Warmup (0.6-1.0):	1	1
3	Water Surface Tolerance [max=0.2](ft)	0.01	0.01
4	Volume Tolerance (ft)	0.01	0.01
5	Maximum Iterations	20	20
6	Equation Set	Diffusion Wave	Diffusion Wave
7	Initial Conditions Time (hrs)		
8	Initial Conditions Ramp Up Fraction (0-1)	0.1	0.1
9	Number of Time Slices (Integer Value)	2	2
10	Eddy Viscosity Transverse Mixing Coefficient		
11	Boundary Condition Volume Check	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Latitude for Coriolis (-90 to 90)		

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2D Modeling Parameters

HEC-RAS Unsteady Computation Options and Tolerances

General (1D Options) | 2D Flow Options | 1D/2D Options

Maximum iterations between 1D and 2D (0=off, 1 to 20):	0
Water surface tolerance (ft):	0.01
Flow Tolerance (%)	0.1
Minimum flow tolerance (cfs):	1

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Modeling Structures

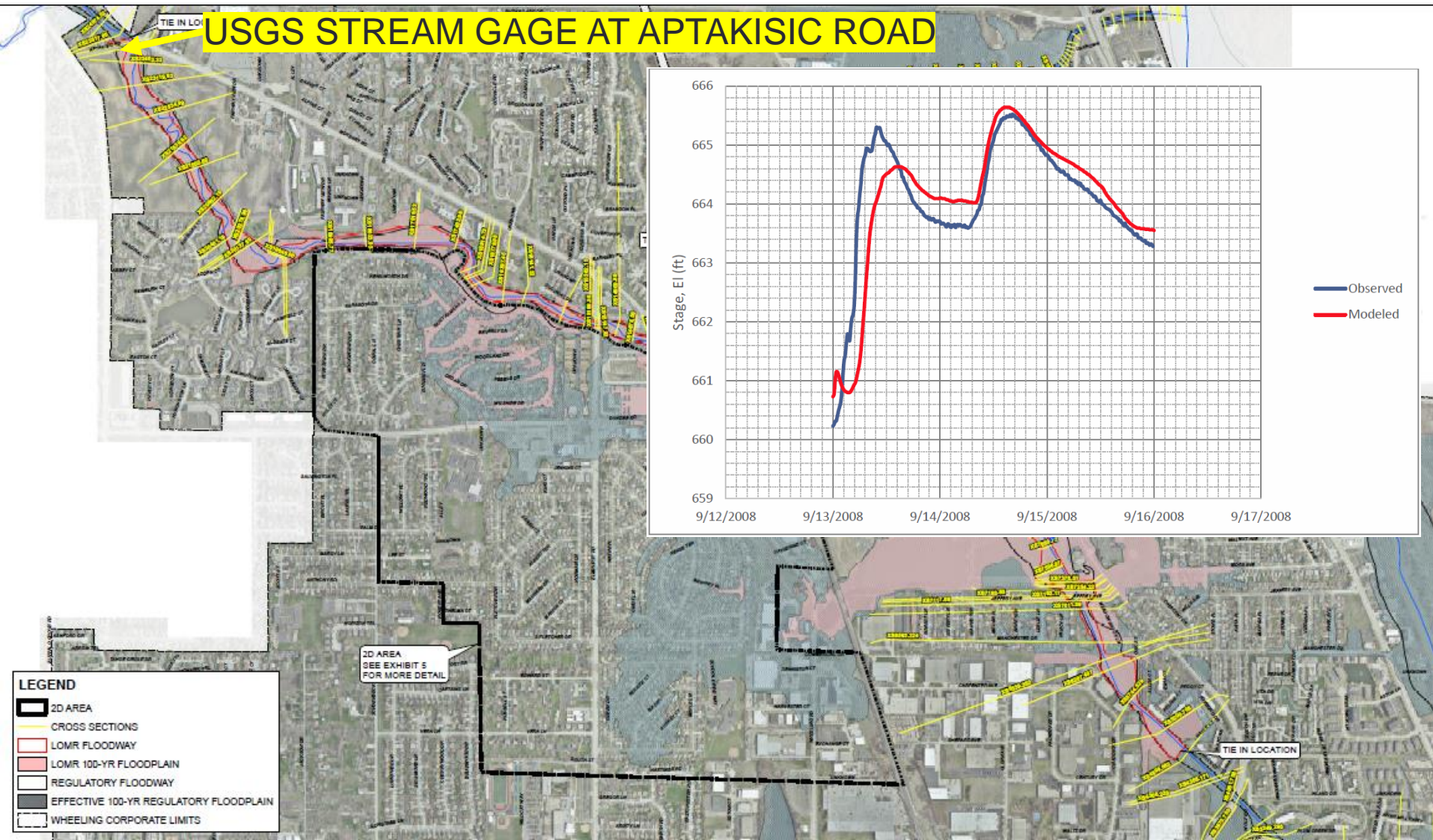


Structures built in to DTM



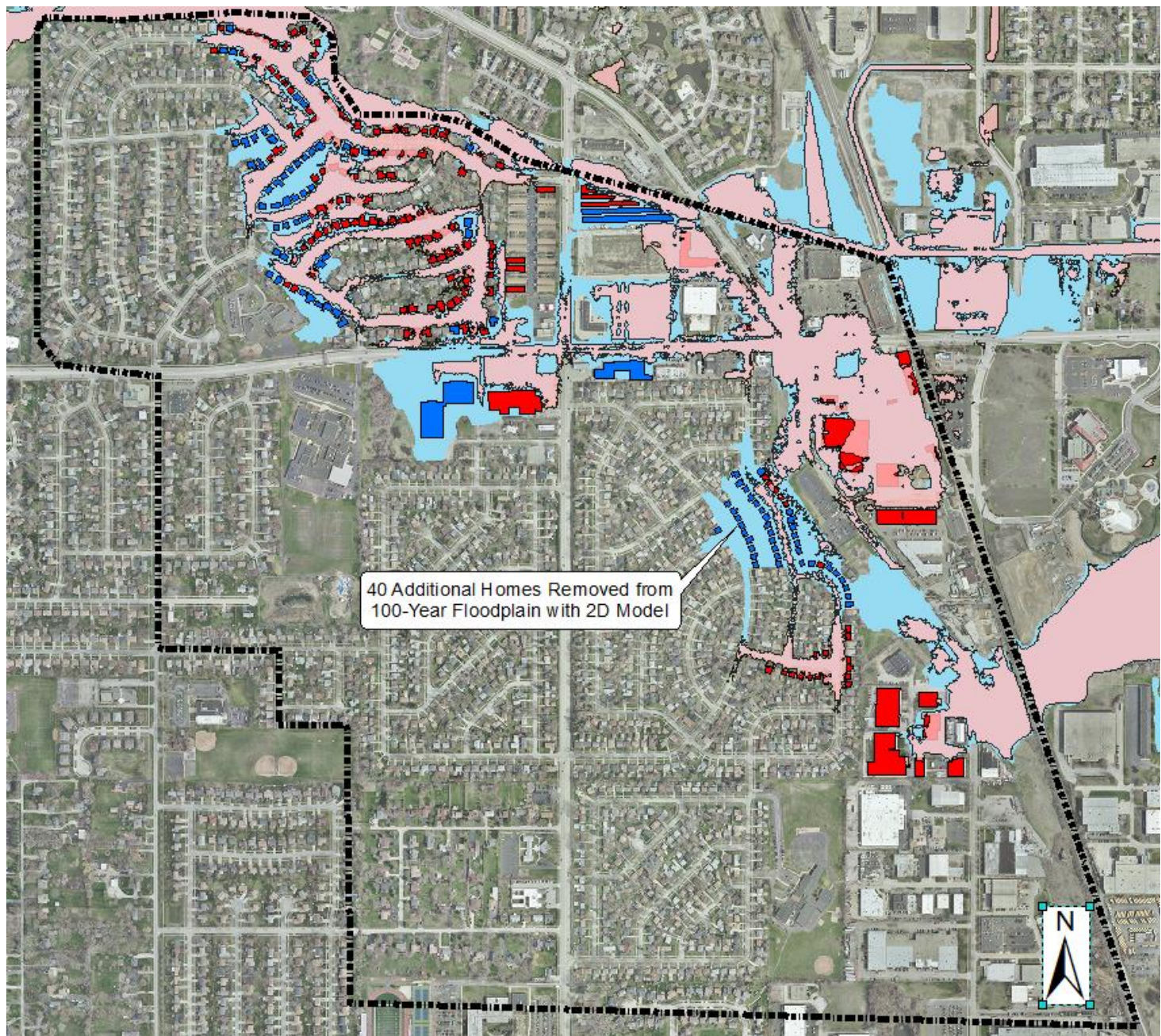
Structures accounted for in land use

Calibration



2D Summary

- 20-foot grid size
- 12 second timestep
- 1D Theta = 0.9; 2D Theta = 0.8 (Range 0.6 – 1)
- Land use – 3 types
 - Structures
 - Grass
 - Pavement
- Lateral Structure flow stability factor = 2.0 (Range 1.0 – 3.0)
- 100-year, 24-hour storm model volume error = 0.57%



Thank you

Questions?