



Online Tools for Streamflow Analysis and Flood Response

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Streamflow and Watershed Analysis

streamstats.usgs.gov

waterwatch.usgs.gov

Flood Response

water.usgs.gov/waternow

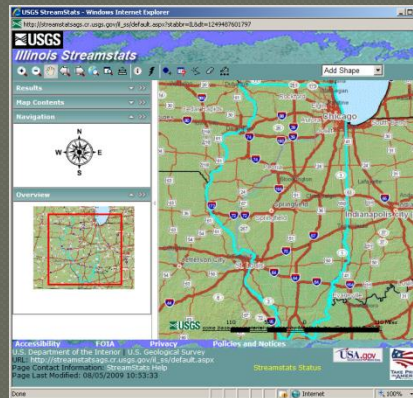
water.usgs.gov/wateralert

il.water.usgs.gov/gmaps/precip/

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StreamStats Web Application

- Provides published streamflow statistics and basin characteristics for gages.
- Computes basin characteristics for ungaged sites.
- Provides regression-based estimates of streamflow statistics for ungaged sites.



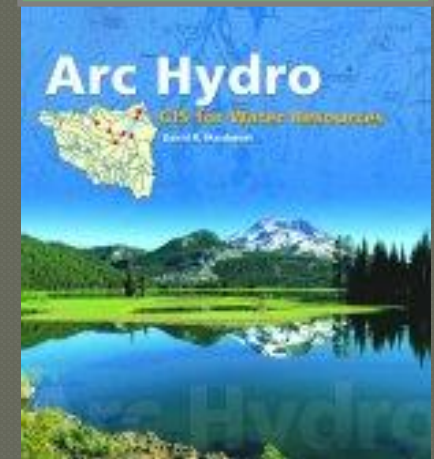
At a stream gage

Streamflow Statistics Database

At an ungaged location

NSS Calculation Program

GIS Database



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USGS StreamStats - Windows Internet Explorer

http://streamstatsags.cr.usgs.gov/il_ss/default.aspx?stabbr=il&dt=1362513762407

USGS Illinois StreamStats


Zoom To: 1:5,000,000

Results



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- IL@il_ss
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USA.gov TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA

AutoRefreshMap:2,0,5 Tue Mar 5 14:03:01 CST 2013/Tue Mar 5 14:03:53 CST 2013 70%



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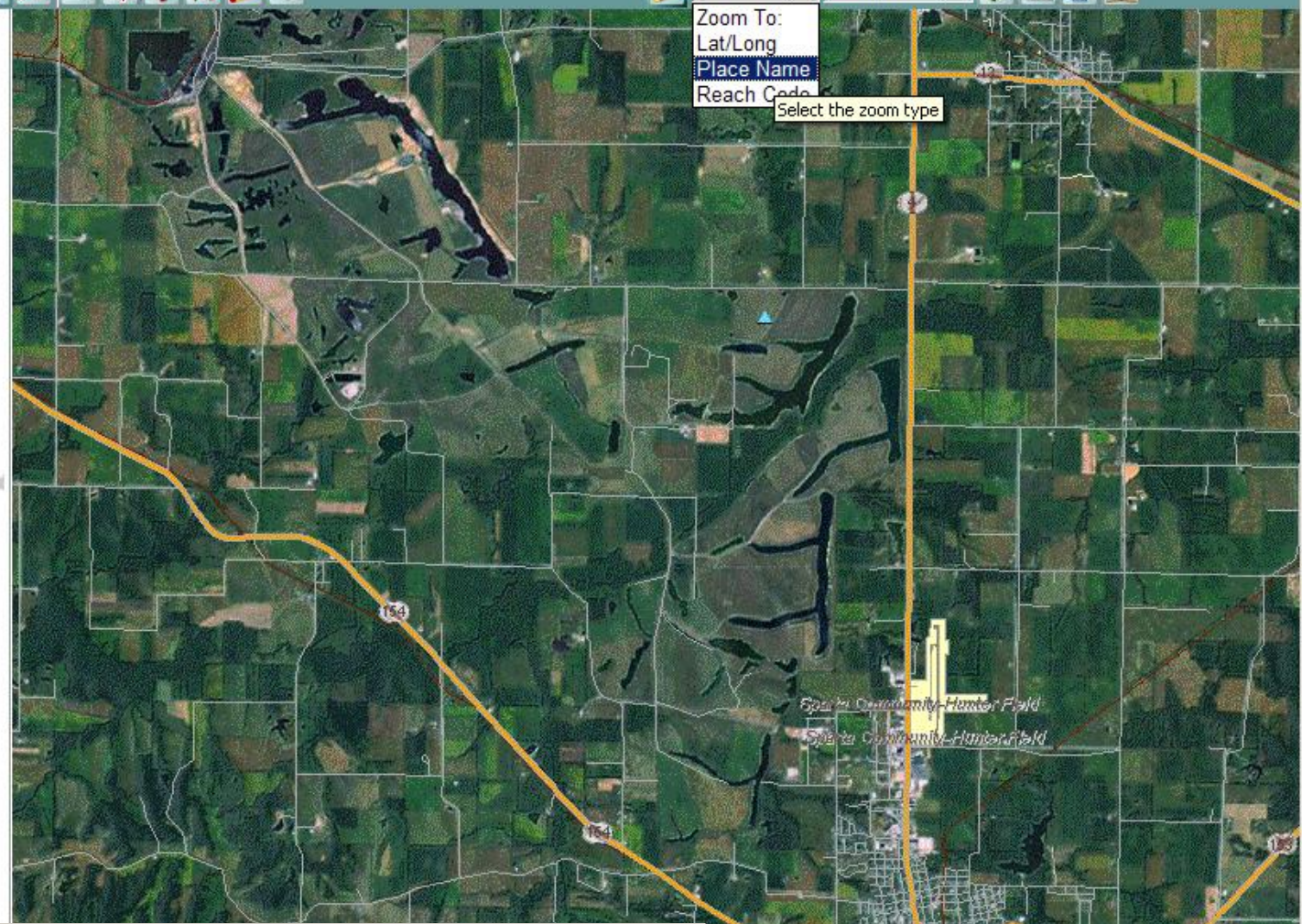
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GNIS Info Page - Windows Internet Explorer

Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) Query Results

There are 1 results matching your query.

Show in Viewer	ID	Feature Name	State	County	Feature Type	Latitude	Longitude
Zoom	418880	Sparta	IL	Randolph	Populated Place	38° 07' 23" N	089° 42' 06" W

GNIS Frequently Asked Questions



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Lat/Long: 1:96,000

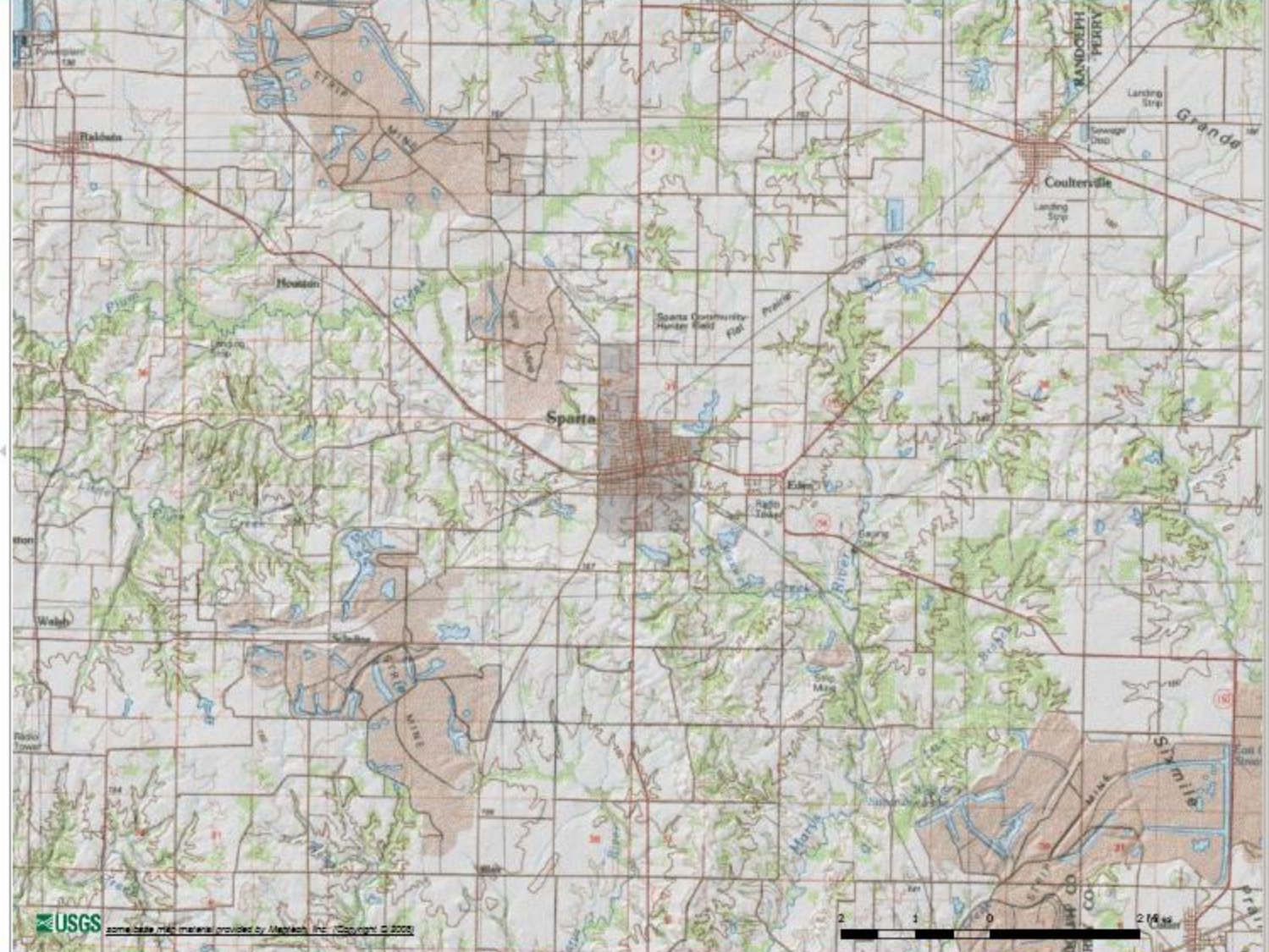
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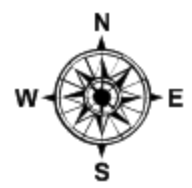


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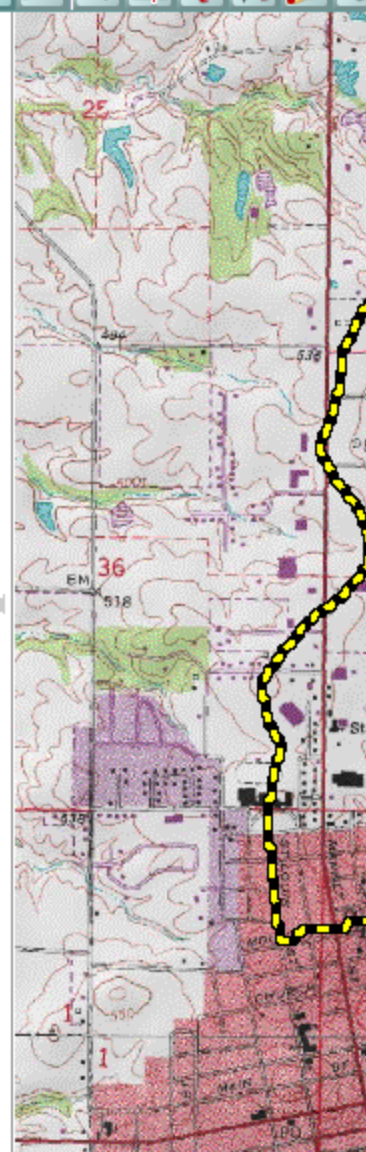
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Streamflow Statistics Report - Windows Internet Explorer

Streamstats Ungaged Site Report

Date: Tue Aug 17 2010 11:28:54 Mountain Daylight Time
 Site Location: Illinois
 NAD27 Latitude: 38.1288 (38 07 44)
 NAD27 Longitude: -89.6856 (-89 41 08)
 NAD83 Latitude: 38.1288 (38 07 44)
 NAD83 Longitude: -89.6857 (-89 41 08)
 Drainage Area: 2.91 mi2

Peak Flow Basin Characteristics

100% Region 4 AMS (2.91 mi2)

Parameter	Value	Regression Equation Valid Range	
		Min	Max
Drainage Area (square miles)	2.91	0.03	9554
Stream Slope 10 and 85 Method (feet per mi)	18.168	0.81	317
Basin Length ArcHydro Method (miles)	2.21	0.3	190

Peak Flow Streamflow Statistics

Statistic	Flow (ft ³ /s)	Prediction Error (percent)	Equivalent years of record	90-Percent Prediction Int	
				Minimum	Maximum
PK2	314	41	2.5	156	
PK5	584	42	3	288	
PK10	794	43	3.7	382	
PK25	1080	46	4.5	499	
PK50	1300	48	5	581	
PK100	1540	50	5.4	663	

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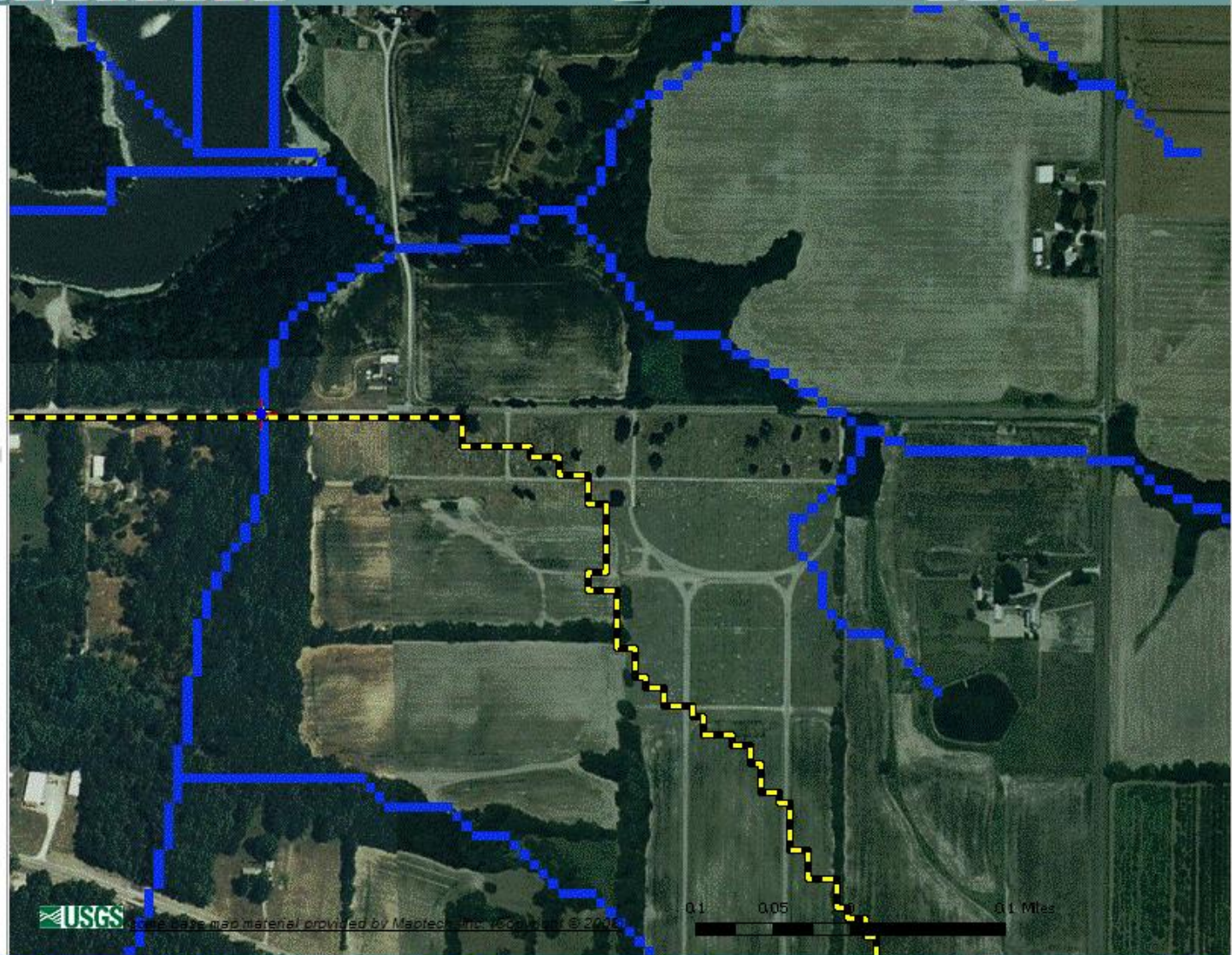
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- il_ss_base

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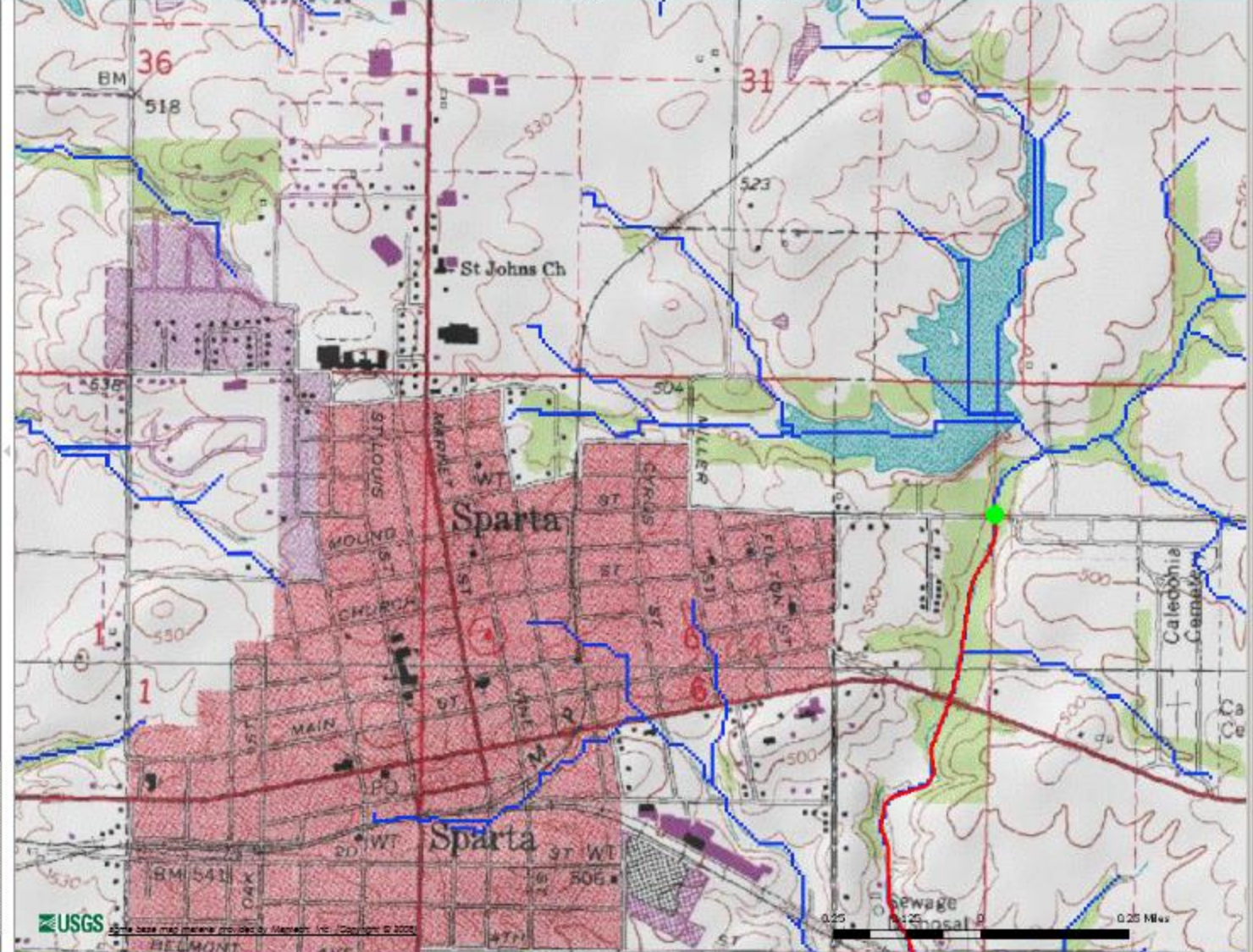


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Map navigation tools: Home, Back, Forward, Refresh, Print, etc. Lat/Long: 1:12,178

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- IL@_Ls (-56781.8534, 3997004.5947)
 - IL@_Ls (-56629.453, 3997106.1949)
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Navigation icons: Home, Back, Forward, Refresh, Print, etc.

Lat/Long: 1:97,424

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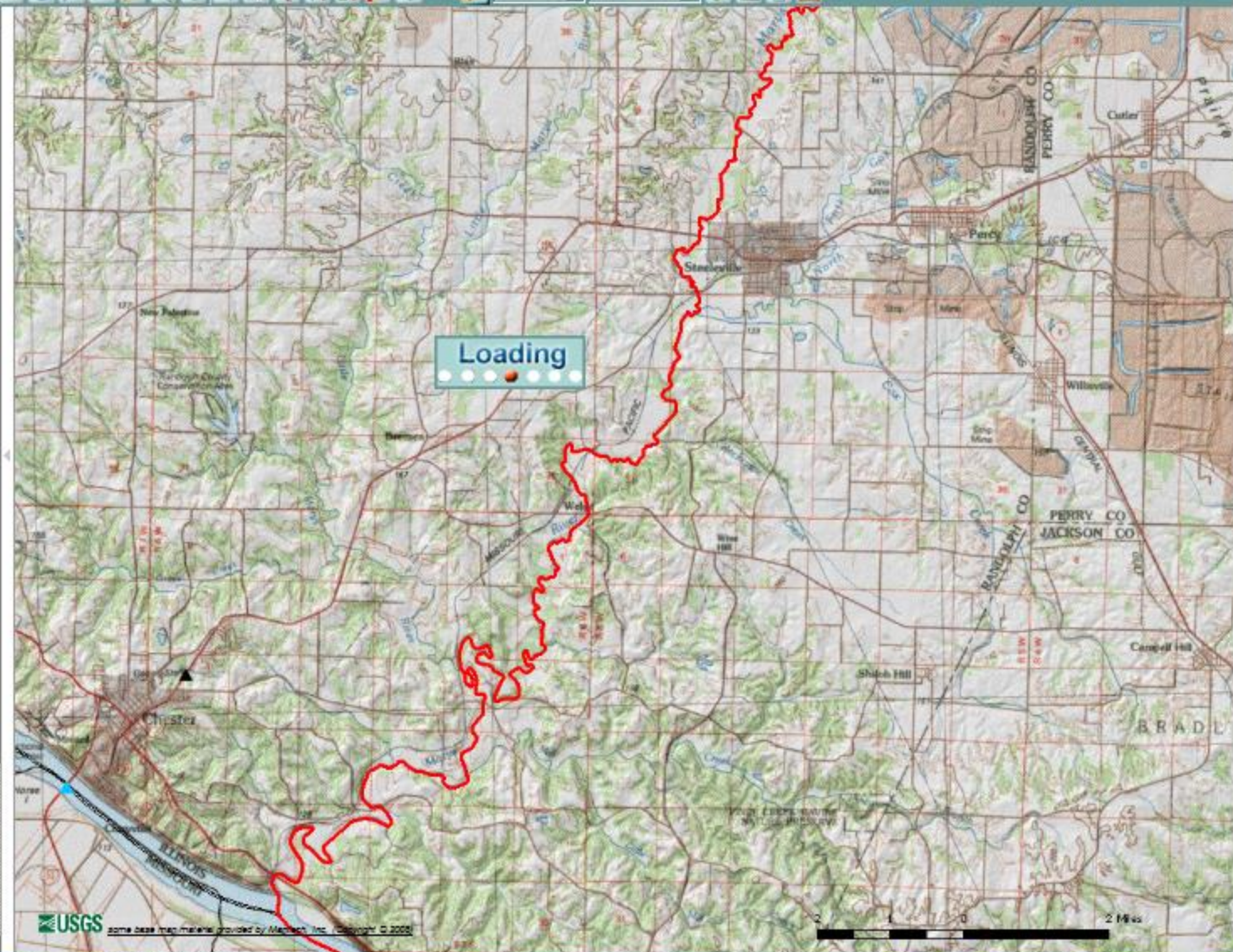
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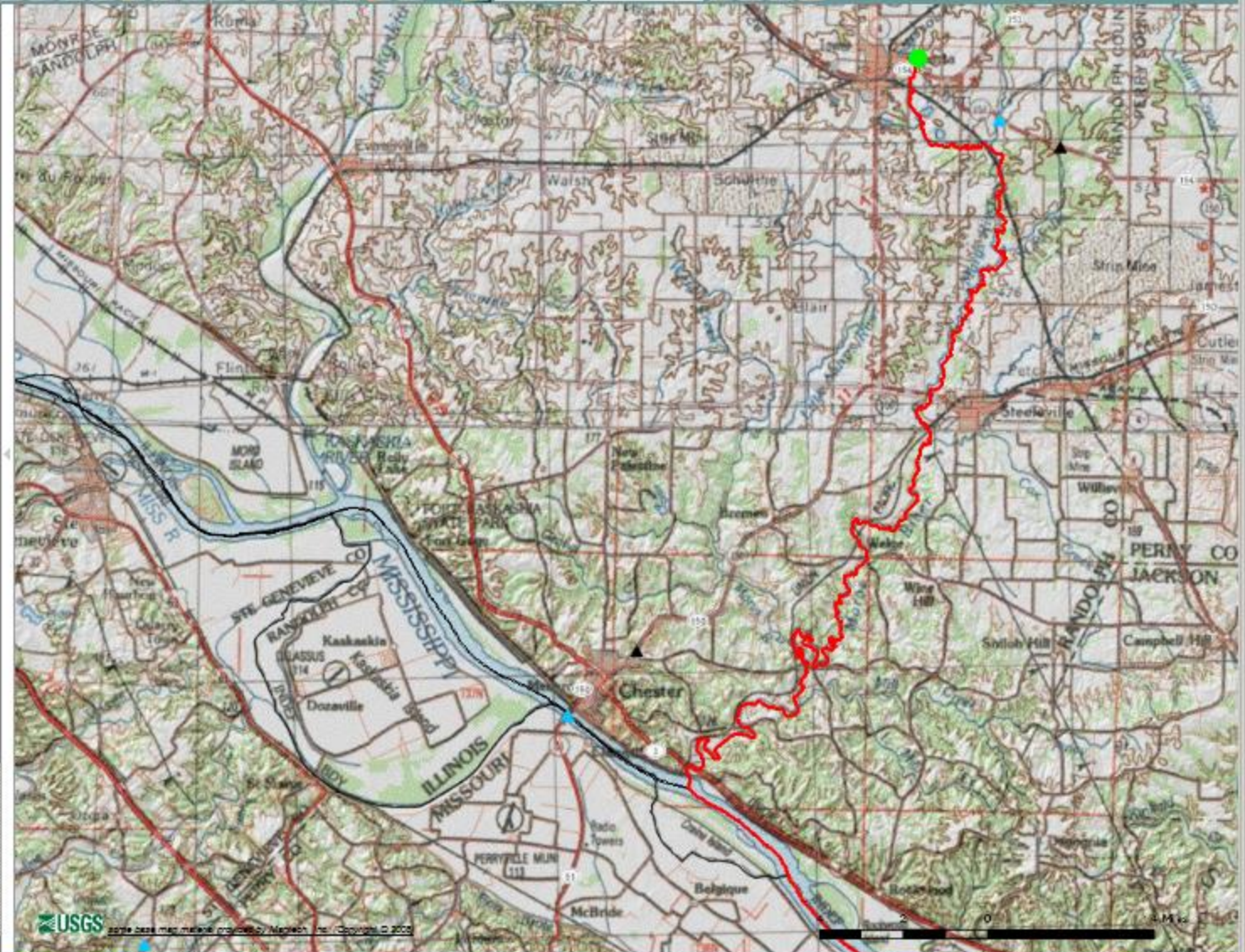
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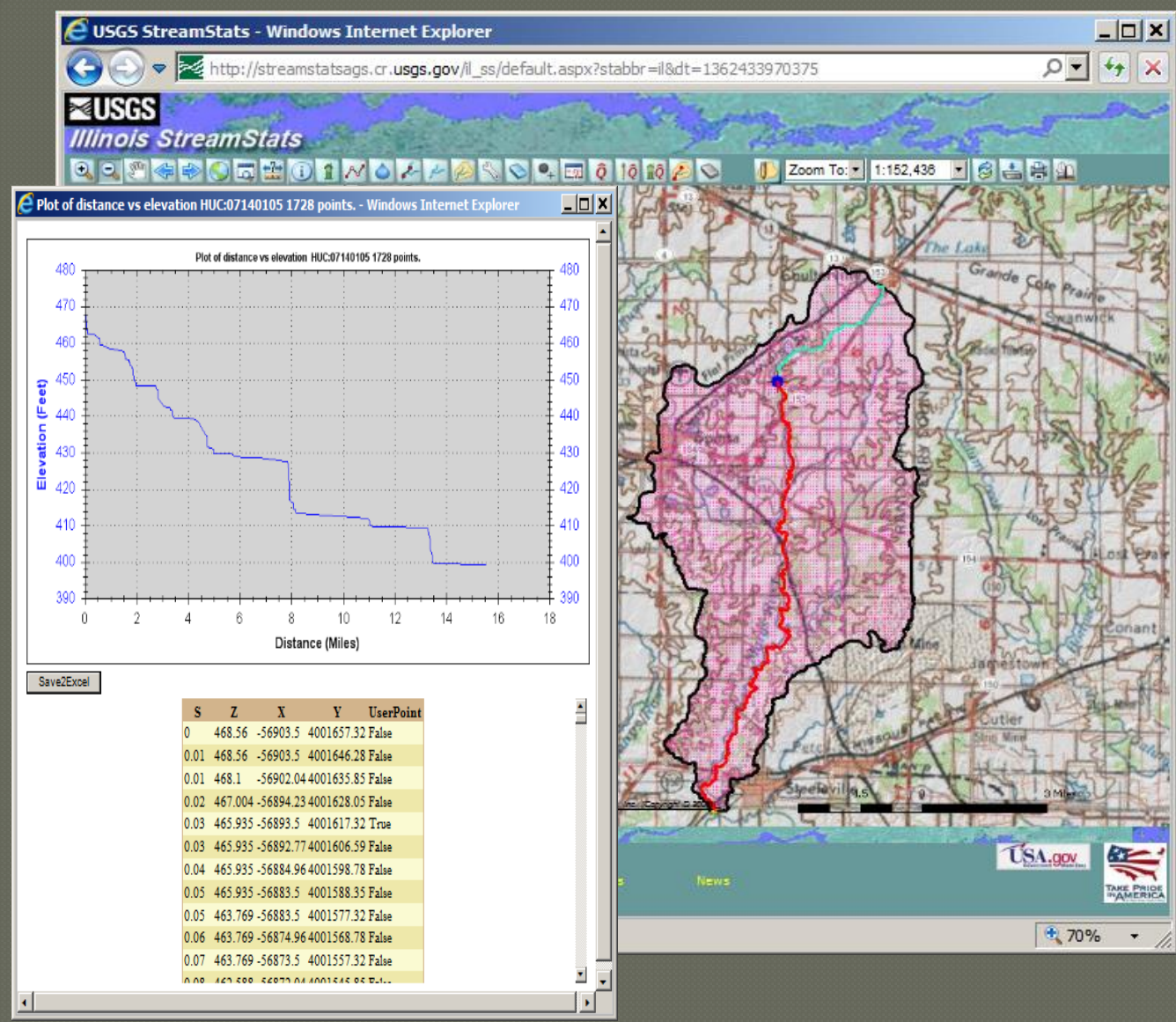
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Site Location: Illinois
NAD27 Latitude: 42.4661 (42 27 58)
NAD27 Longitude: -88.0089 (-88 00 32)
NAD83 Latitude: 42.4662 (42 27 58)
NAD83 Longitude: -88.0090 (-88 00 32)
Drainage Area: 20.79 mi2

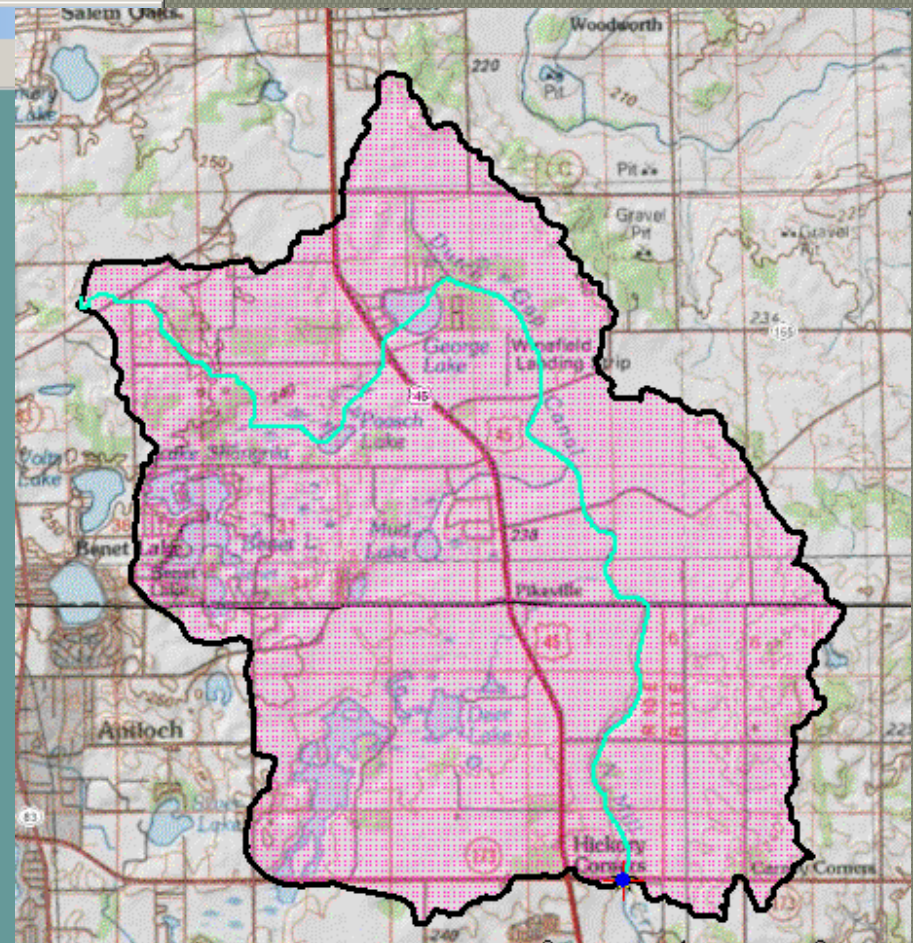
Peak Flow Basin Characteristics

100% Region 2 AMS (20.8 mi2)

Parameter	Value	Regression Equation Valid Range	
		Min	Max
Drainage Area (square miles)	20.8	0.03	9554
Stream Slope 10 and 85 Method (feet per mi)	7.680	0.81	317
Percent Open Water AND Herb Wetland (percent)	5.789	0	8

Peak Flow Streamflow Statistics

Statistic	Flow (ft ³ /s)	Prediction Error (percent)	Equivalent years of record	90-Percent Prediction Interval	
				Minimum	Maximum
PK2	326	40	2.6	171	623
PK5	513	41	3.1	268	983
PK10	639	42	3.8	326	1250
PK25	788	45	4.6	387	1600
PK50	901	47	5.2	429	1890
PK100	1000	49	5.6	461	2170
PK500	1240	55	6.2	525	2910



Navigation and zoom controls: back, forward, and zoom to 100%.

Basin Characteristic StreamStats Report Gage Weighted

Drainage Area	20.8	21.3		
Stream Slope	7.688	5.37		
%Water+5	10.789	10.15		
PK100	1,000	1,110	559	608



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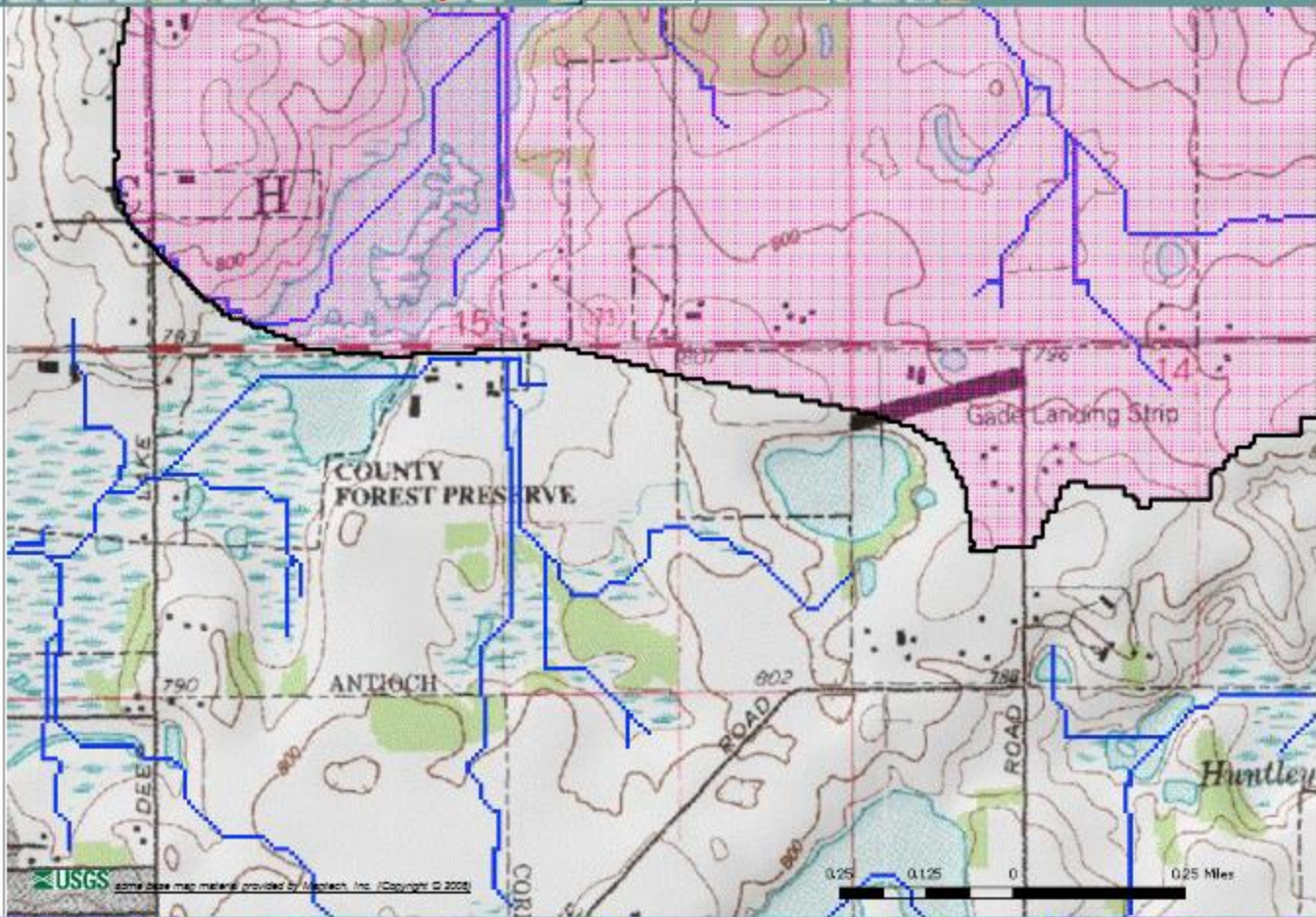
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Zoom To: 1:9,757

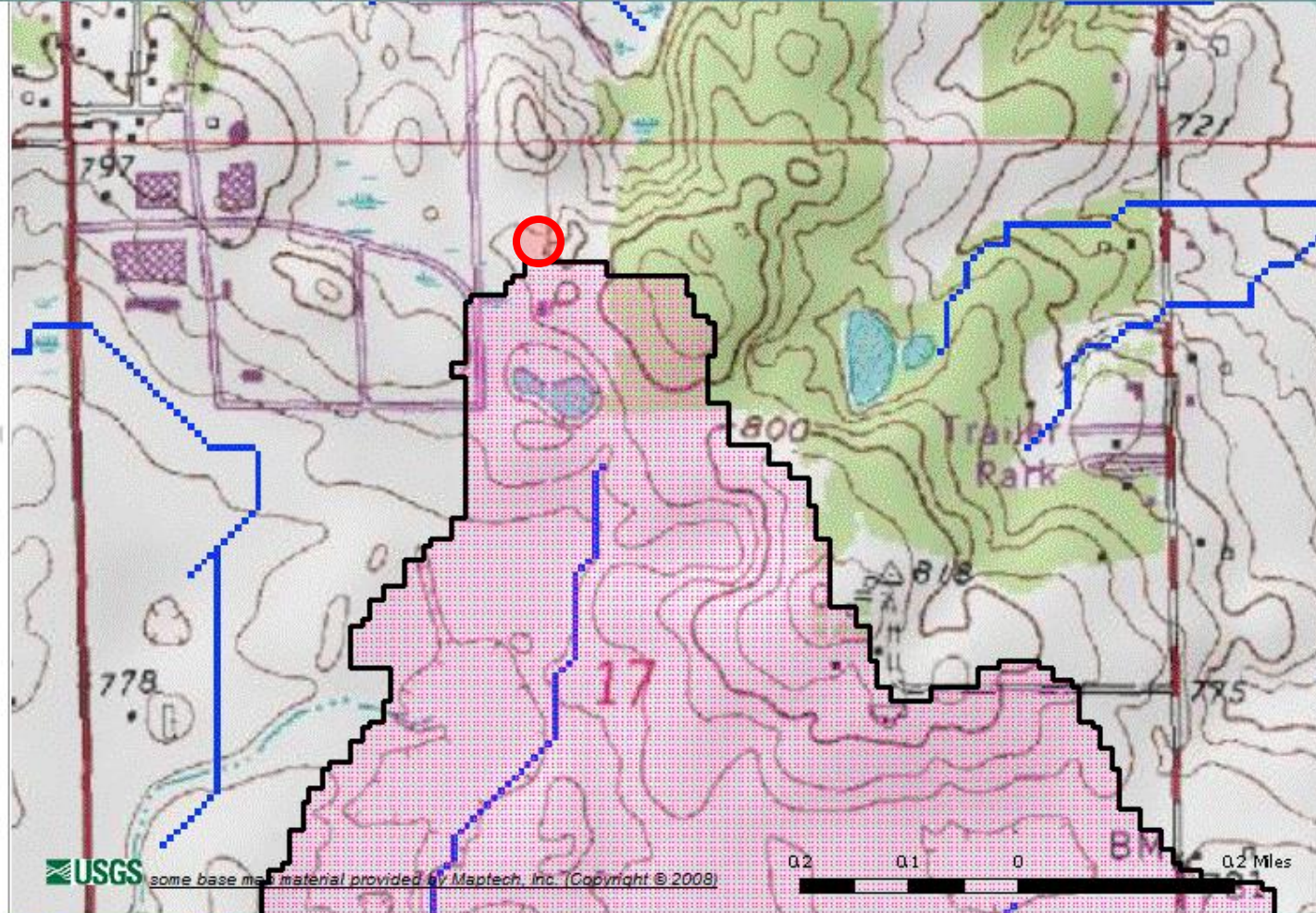
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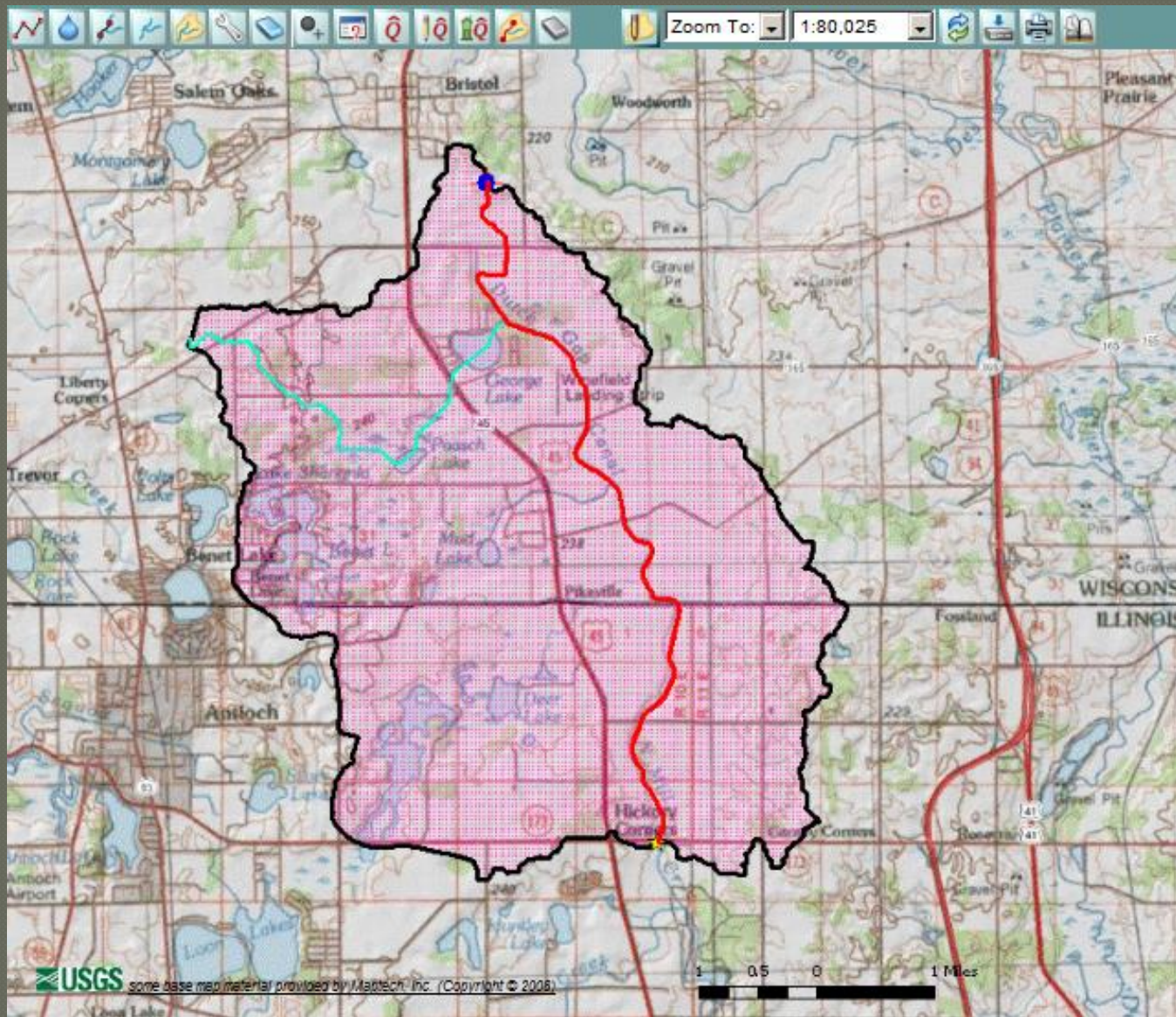
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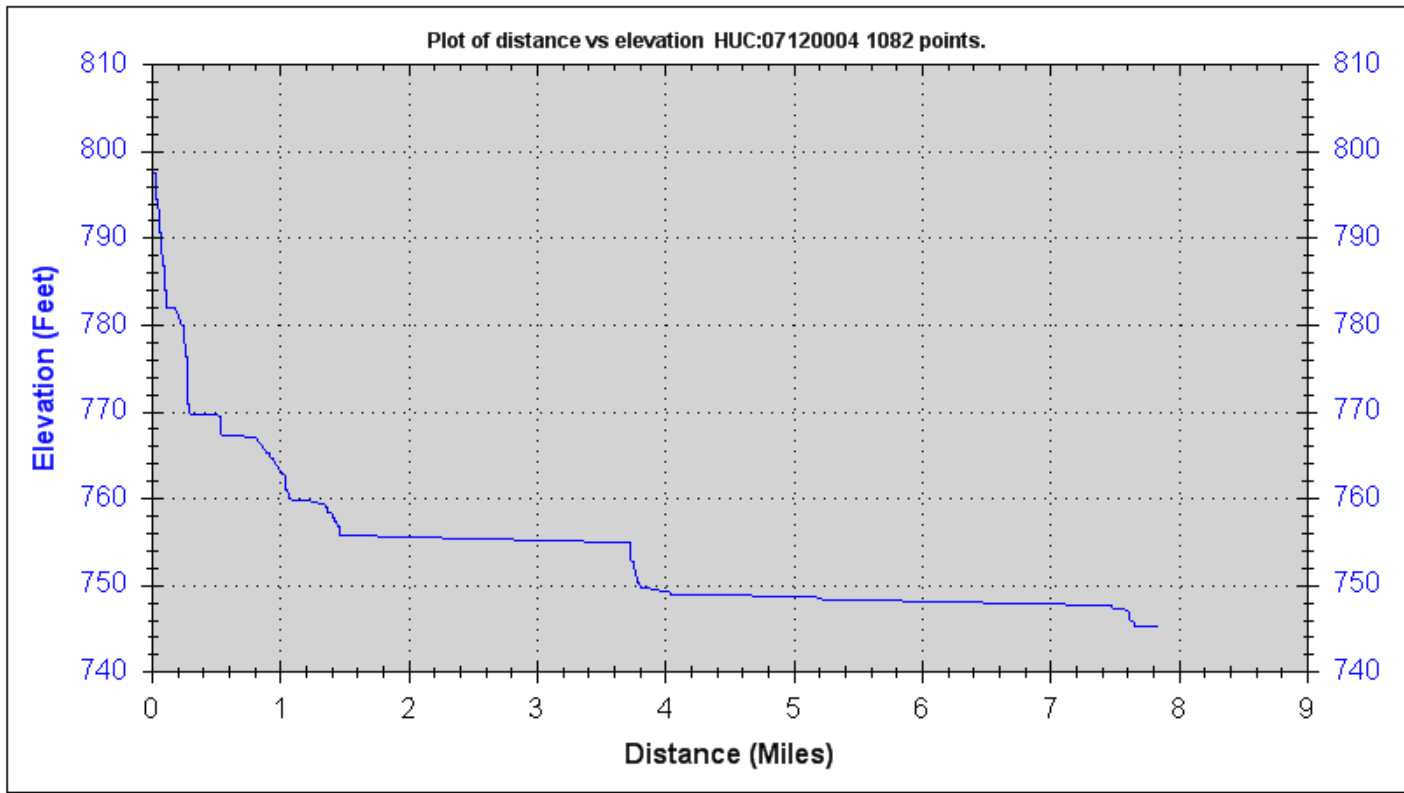
Map Contents ▲ >>

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Save2Excel

S	Z	X	Y	UserPoint
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0.01	797.611	78485.04	4493305.85	False
0.02	797.611	78476.5	4493297.32	False
0.02	797.611	78466.5	4493287.32	False
0.03	794.494	78456.5	4493277.32	False
0.04	794.494	78446.5	4493277.32	False
0.05	794.494	78436.5	4493277.32	False
0.05	790.787	78425.04	4493275.85	False
0.06	790.787	78416.5	4493267.32	False

Computing New Slope

Length is
7.83 miles

Total elevation
change is 52.36
ft.

85% 1.17 759.8
10% 7.05 747.8

$$11.96 / 5.8725 = 2.0368 \text{ ft/mi}$$

The effect of the new slope on peak flow quantile depends on the region.

Weighted peak flow quantiles will be computed using only streamgages within 50% and 150% of the drainage area of the selected site. The corrected method is reported on the Illinois StreamStats website.



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Flow Estimates Based on Flows at Nearby Streamgaging Stations

Date: Tue Oct 30 2012 11:49:02 Mountain Daylight Time
NAD27 Latitude: 42.4661 (42 27 58)
NAD27 Longitude: -88.0089 (-88 00 32)
NAD83 Latitude: 42.4662 (42 27 58)
NAD83 Longitude: -88.0090 (-88 00 32)
ReachCode: 07120004003447
Measure: 33.45
User-Selected Site Watershed Area, in square miles: 20.79
Use Regulated Station: No

Upstream Gage

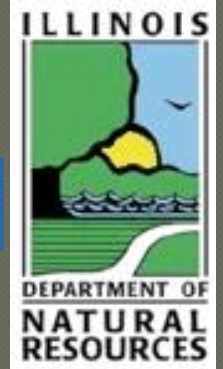
No records found.

Downstream Gage(s)

STATID	NAME	AREA (mi ²)	RATIO	ISREGULATED
05527900	NORTH MILL CREEK AT HICKORY CORNERS, IL	21.400	1.0293	NO
05527950	MILL CREEK AT OLD MILL CREEK, IL	60.900	2.9293	NO
05528000	DES PLAINES RIVER NEAR GURNEE, IL	232.000	11.1592	NO
05529000	DES PLAINES RIVER NEAR DES PLAINES, IL	360.000	17.3160	NO
05532500	DES PLAINES RIVER AT RIVERSIDE, IL	630.000	30.3030	YES
05533500	DES PLAINES RIVER AT LEMONT, IL	684.000	32.9004	NO
05538000	DES PLAINES RIVER AT JOLIET, IL	1503.00	72.2944	NO
05543500	ILLINOIS RIVER AT MARSEILLES, IL	8259.00	397.2583	NO



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NOTABLE

In the first four months of 2010, Illinois StreamStats (ILSS) had the third highest number of Web requests on the main national StreamStats server that hosts 13 states' Streamstats sites. ILSS statistics show 1,533 determinations of flow quantile estimates for this period. In the past, determining peak-discharge estimates for floods of various frequencies (flood quantiles) could take from hours to weeks, depending on the size of the watershed. Now the watershed delineation, basin characteristics extraction, and flood frequency computations can all be completed by "pointing and clicking." ILSS can be accessed at <http://streamstats.usgs.gov> and clicking on State Applications.



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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT
Characterizing Illinois Aggregates
 ICT coordinated its efforts, resources, and technical expertise to develop a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to address the sedimentation and erosion issues for highway construction and maintenance. The study used both laboratory and field procedures to develop aggregate hardness correlations with aggregate preparation methods and improve the truckload requirement curve to 100% Subgrade Stability status.
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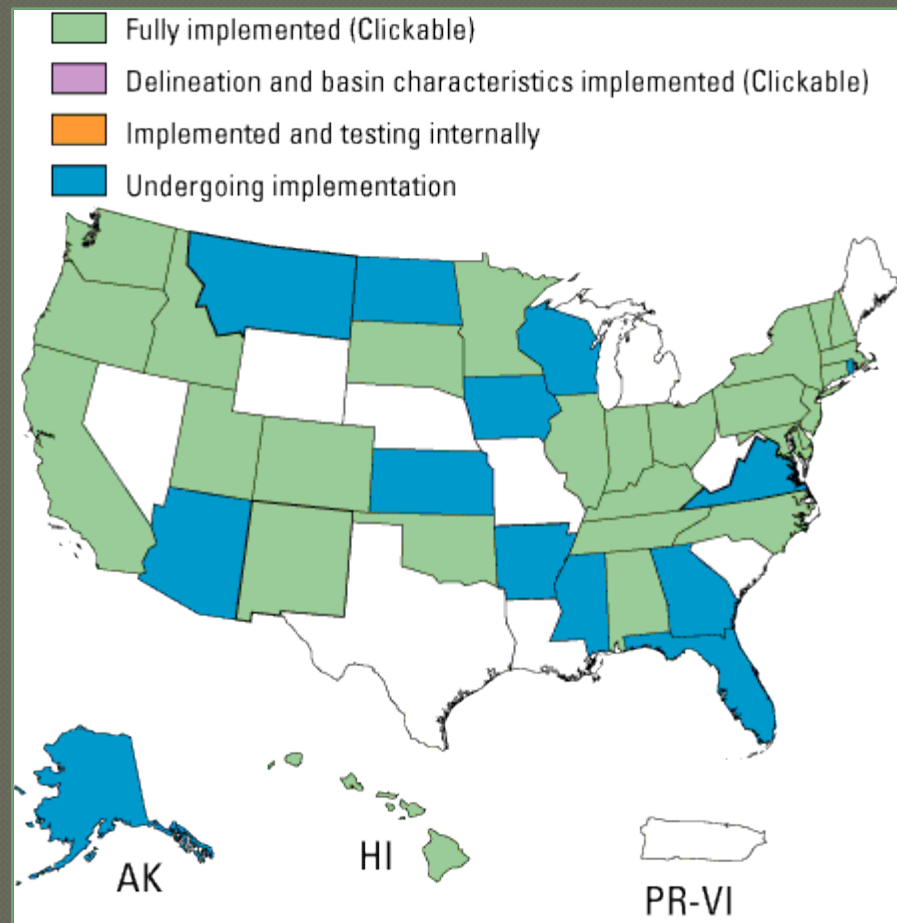
NEWS/EVENTS
 Research Ideas Due June 30; New Seeds Posted
 ATRU Hosts Civil/Environmental Conference
 ICT Participates in Project
 CTU Long-term Profitability Study
 Investigator Award for Safety (ICIS)
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 International Workshop on Energy and Environment in

StreamStats States Status

Since 2010:

- ~~22~~ 27 states up and running.
- ~~12~~ 13 additional states underway.
- National streamflow-gaging station statistics information.
- Peak flows most common statistics (only stat in IL/IN); low flows (e.g., 7Q10) and mean/median annual/monthly also common; FDCs relatively rare.
- Stay tuned for impervious area and possible urban update!



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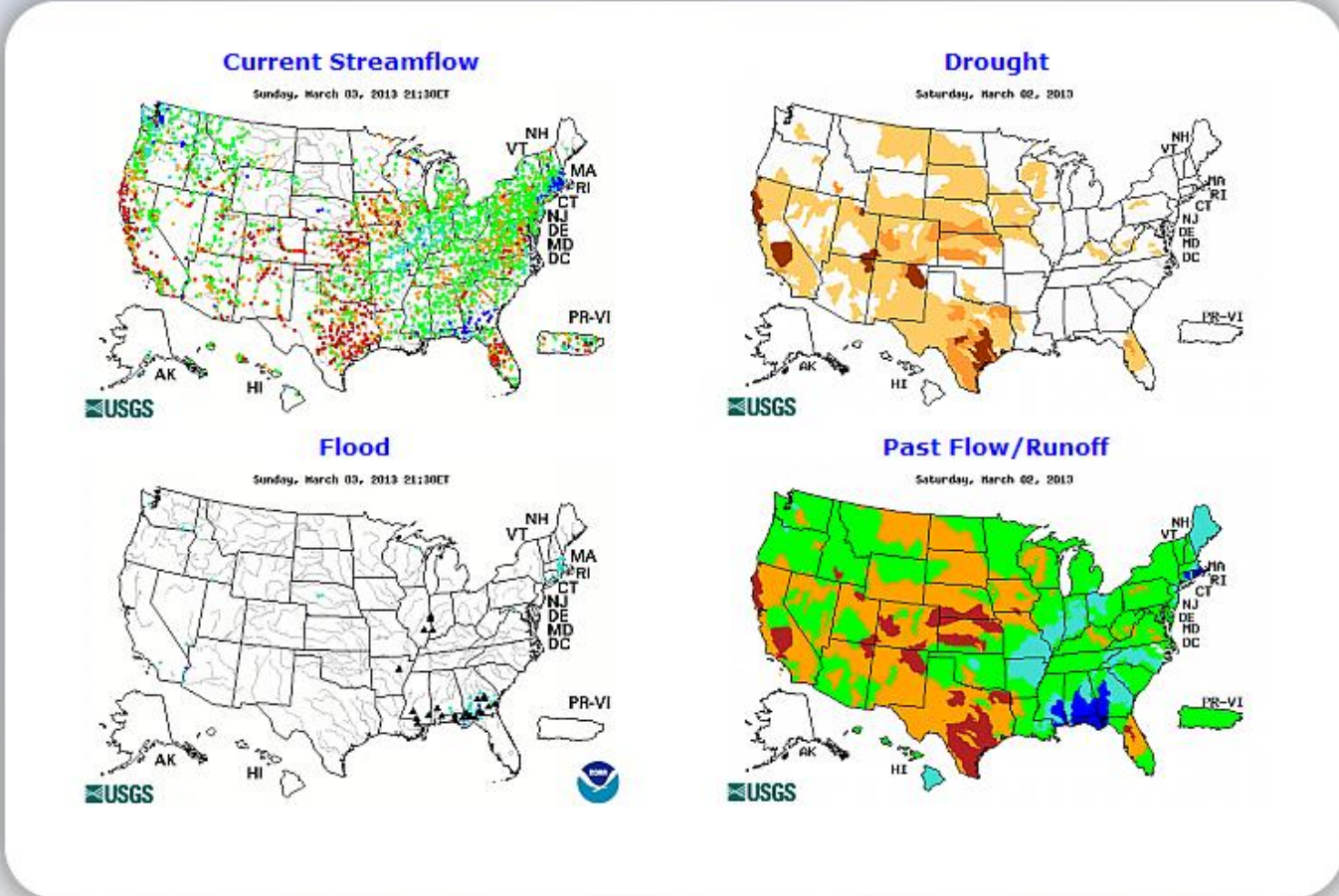
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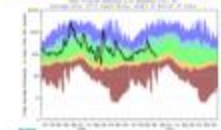
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Streamflow Conditions Map Builder



This builder is used to customize the streamflow conditions maps in size and color.

Duration Hydrograph Builder



The builder is used to present a time-history of streamflow for the past two years along with historical streamflow percentiles for individual streamgages.

State Google Map Builder



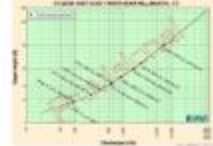
A Google Maps version of the streamflow conditions map can be created in users web sites.

Streamflow Map Animation Builder



This tool is to create a streamflow map animation for a time period for real-time streamflow and flood-and-high flow maps, respectively.

Rating Curve Builder



The rating curve builder is used to create a USGS streamflow rating curve. The rating table is from the USGS ratings depot. Field measurements can also be appended to the curve.

Hydrologic Unit Runoff Maps



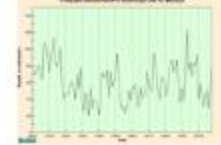
Hydrologic unit runoff and runoff condition maps since 1901 are available.

Flood Table Builder



This tool summarizes the flood and high flow conditions for a state or a region for a given time period. Tables and Google Maps are used to summarize conditions and to show locations, respectively.

Runoff Hydrograph



Monthly, quarterly, and annual HUC runoff time-series plots are available in a HUC area and a state.

Streamgage Statistics Retrieval Tool



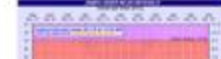
The "streamgage statistics" retrieval tool provides a list of basic summary statistics and duration graph for the selected streamgage, as computed from daily

Flood Tracking Chart



A URL is provided to create flood-tracking chart which shows current state, recent peak stage, historical highest peaks, and flood stage.

AHPS River Forecast



AHPS river forecast chart can be assessed by a USGS station

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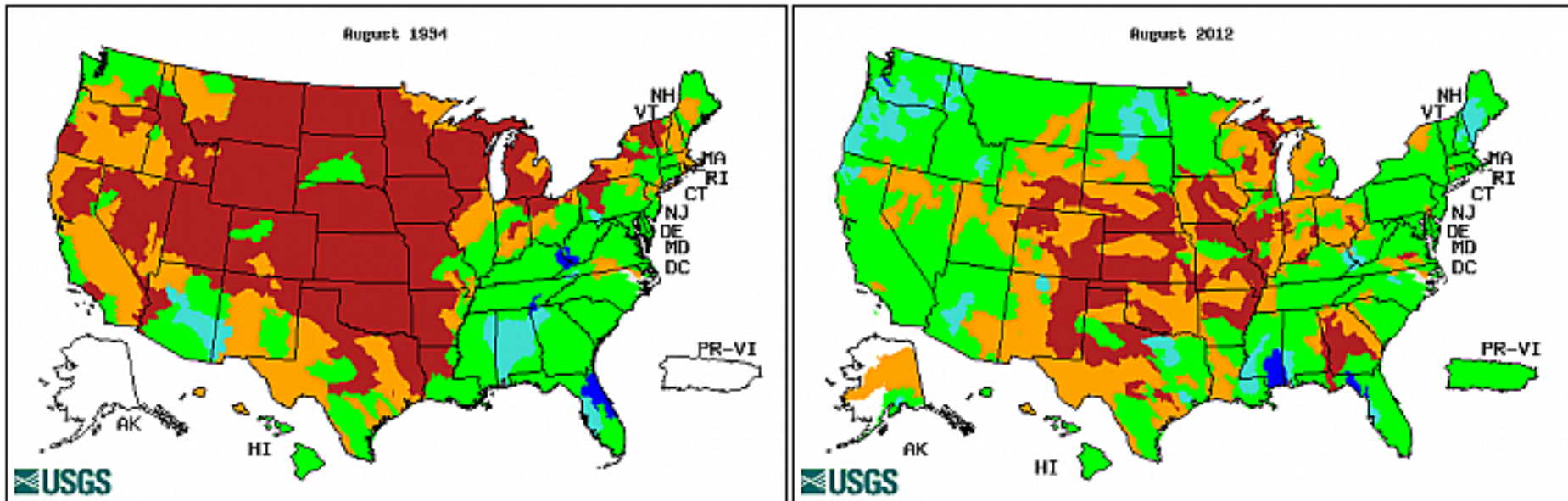


Comparison of Monthly Streamflow Maps

Geographic Area:
 Water Resource Region:
 Map Type:

Date (YYYYMM):

Date (YYYYMM):



Explanation - Percentile classes						
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

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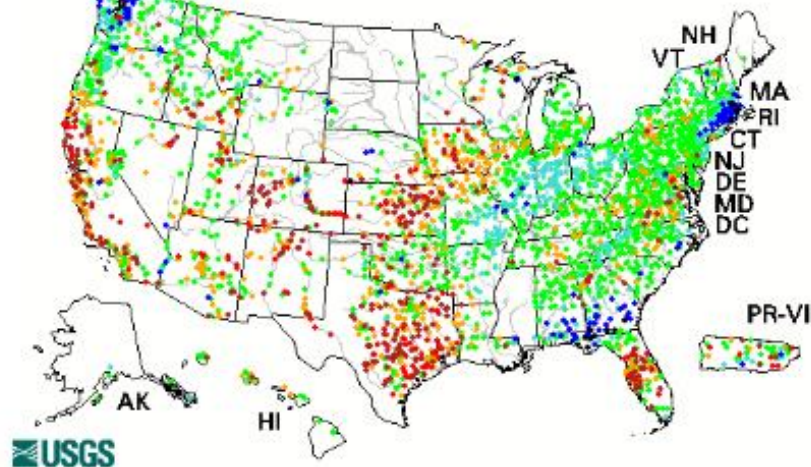
Choose one of the following options to view a map.

Time Period: Year: Month: Day: Help

Real-time < 2013 > < March > < 2 >

<< < 2013-03-02 > >> Map Type: Streamflow Map

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Explanation - Percentile classes

						
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High



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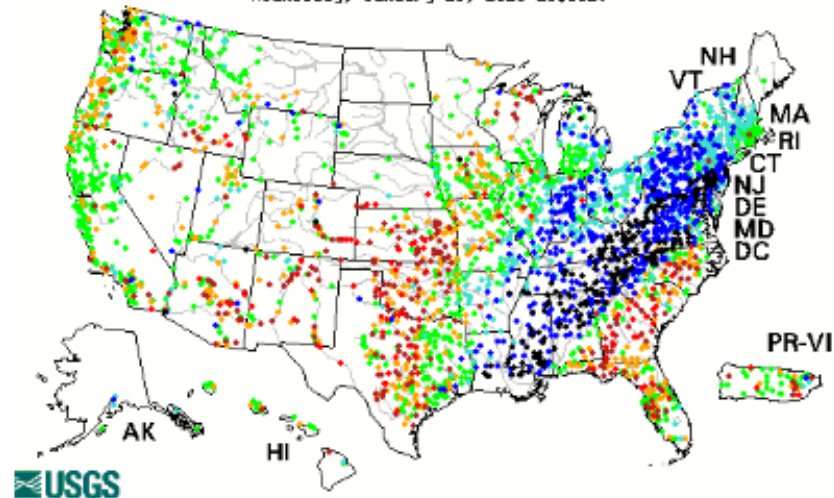
Streamflow Map Animation (United States)

(Warning: Building an animation longer than 365 days is not advised as it may cause the system to timeout)

Choose options to build a map animation

Begin: 2013 - January - 7 - End: 2013 - January - 20 - Interval(days): 1
 Map type: Real-time - Delay(secs): 0.5 - Loops: Continuous - Width: px

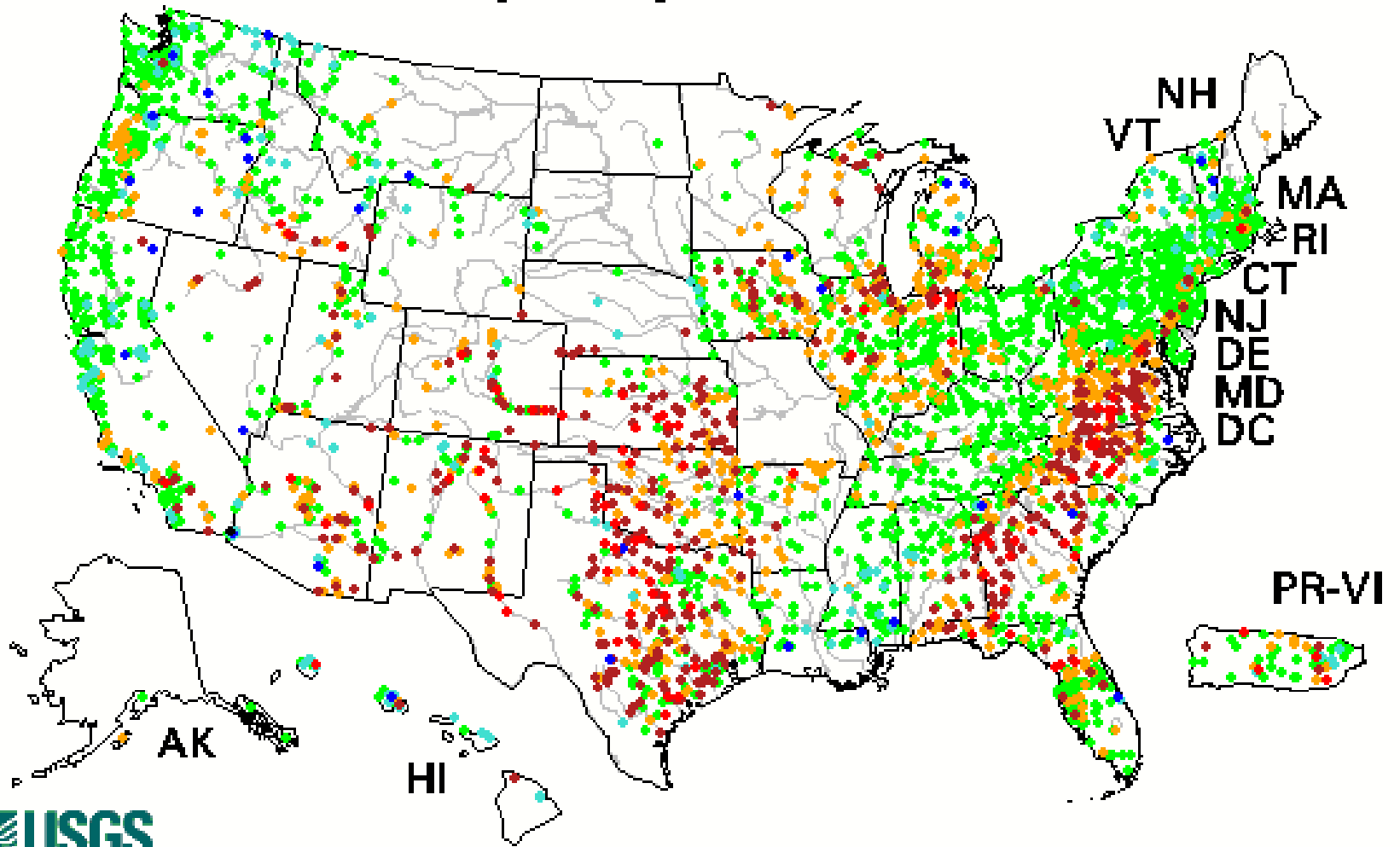
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Explanation - Percentile classes						
●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High

The data used to produce this map are **provisional** and have not been reviewed or edited. They may be subject to significant change.

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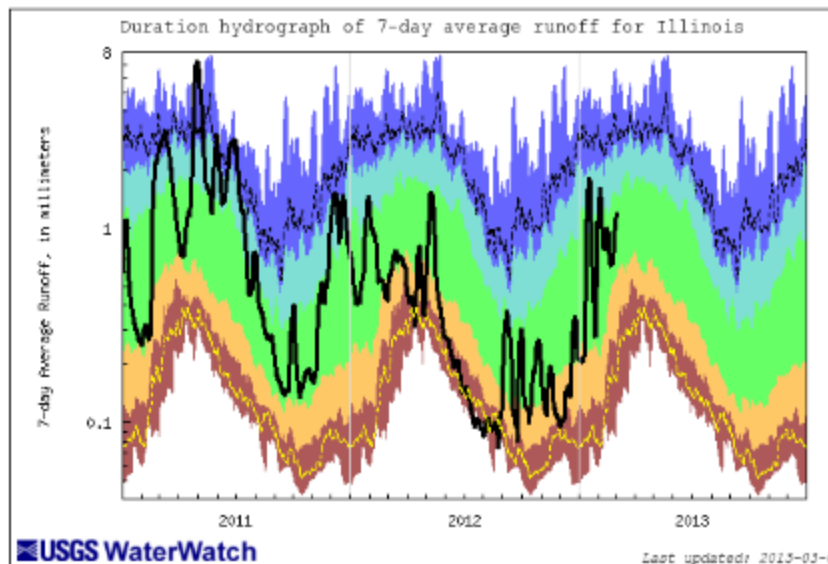


USGS Area-Based Runoff Duration Hydrograph Builder

State	Water Res. Region	Year	Runoff type	No. of years
Illinois		2013	7-day	3

Draw 5th and 95th percentiles as: Output:

For some streams, flow statistics may have been computed from mixed regulated and unregulated flows; this can affect depictions of flow conditions.



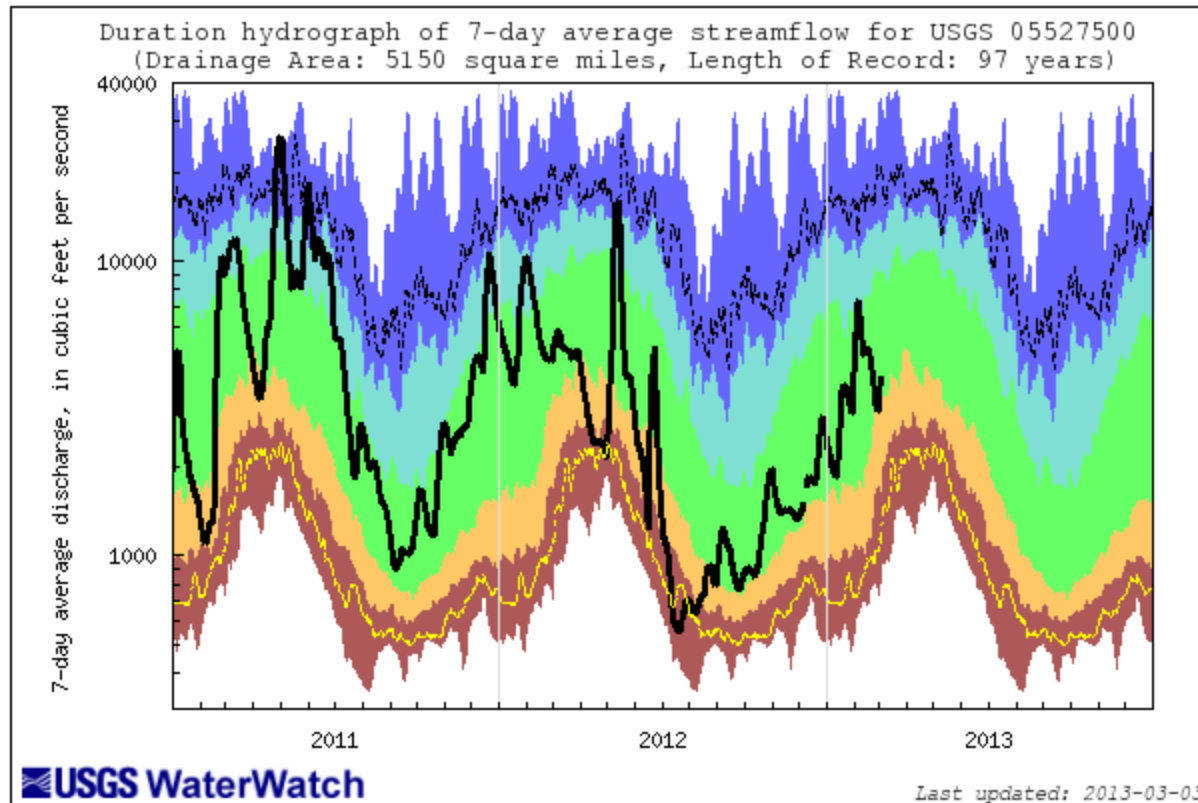
Explanation - Percentile classes						
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	100th percentile - highest
Much below Normal		Below Normal	Normal	Above Normal		Much above normal
						Runoff

USGS Streamflow Duration Hydrograph Builder

Site Number: Year: No. of years: Flow type:

Draw 5th and 95th percentiles as Output:

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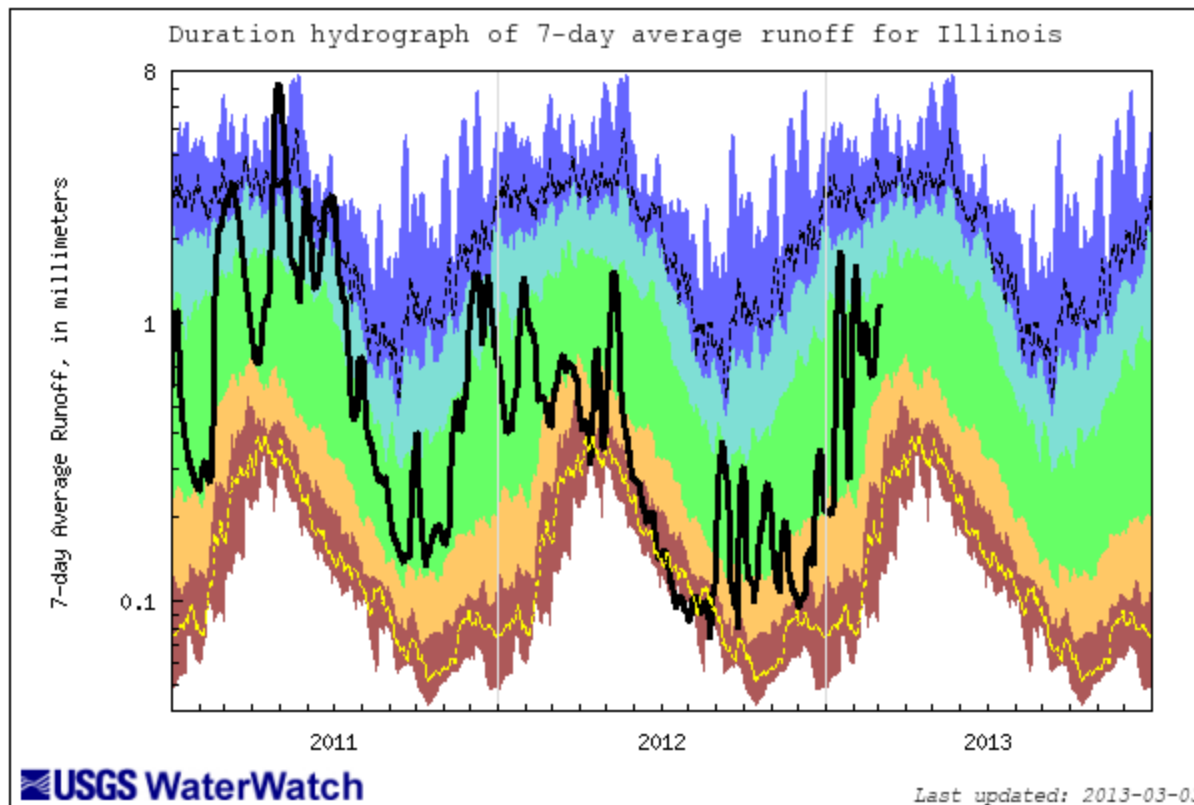


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USGS Area-Based Runoff Duration Hydrograph Builder

State	Water Res. Region	Year:	Runoff type:	No. of years:	GO
Illinois		2013	7-day	3	
Draw 5th and 95th percentiles as:		Line	Output: Hydrograph		

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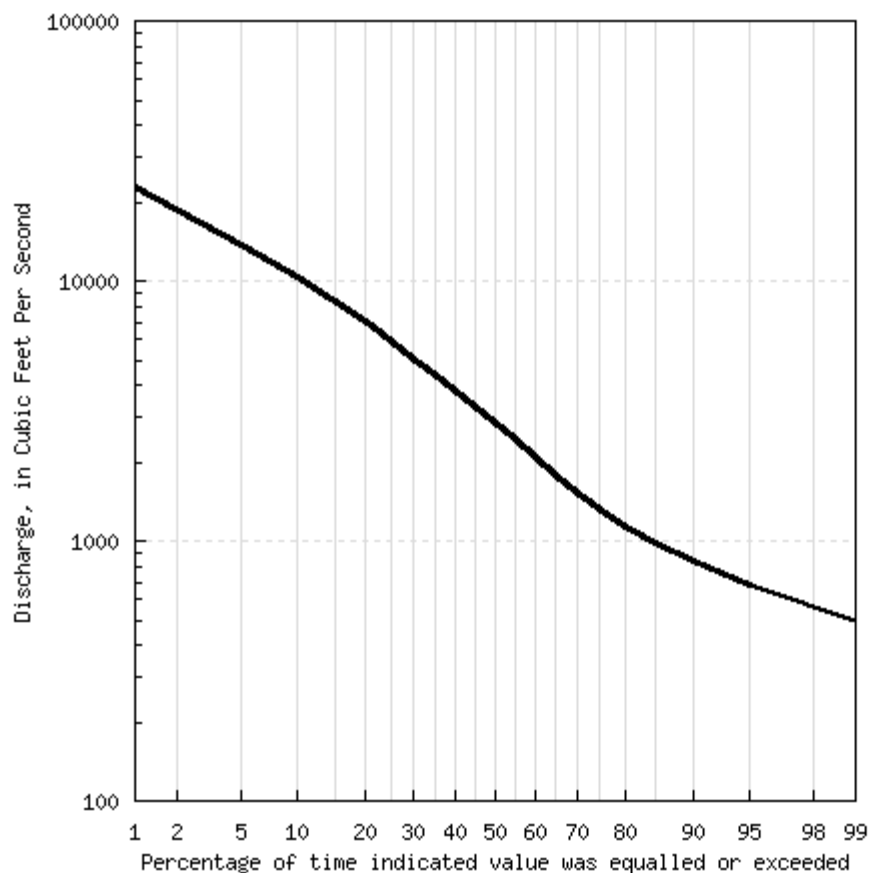
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lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile -highest
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Enter USGS streamgage site information such as a site number, a river name, or a county name, choose streamflow type, and then click "GO" to retrieve streamflow statistics and flow duration curve.

Site keywords: Flow:

Percentile values are shown to the right of the graph and exceedance probability values are on the x-axis. These terms are defined on the [percentile description](#) page.

USGS 05527500 KANKAKEE RIVER NEAR WILMINGTON, IL
Drainage Area: 5150 Square Miles, Length of Record: 95 Years



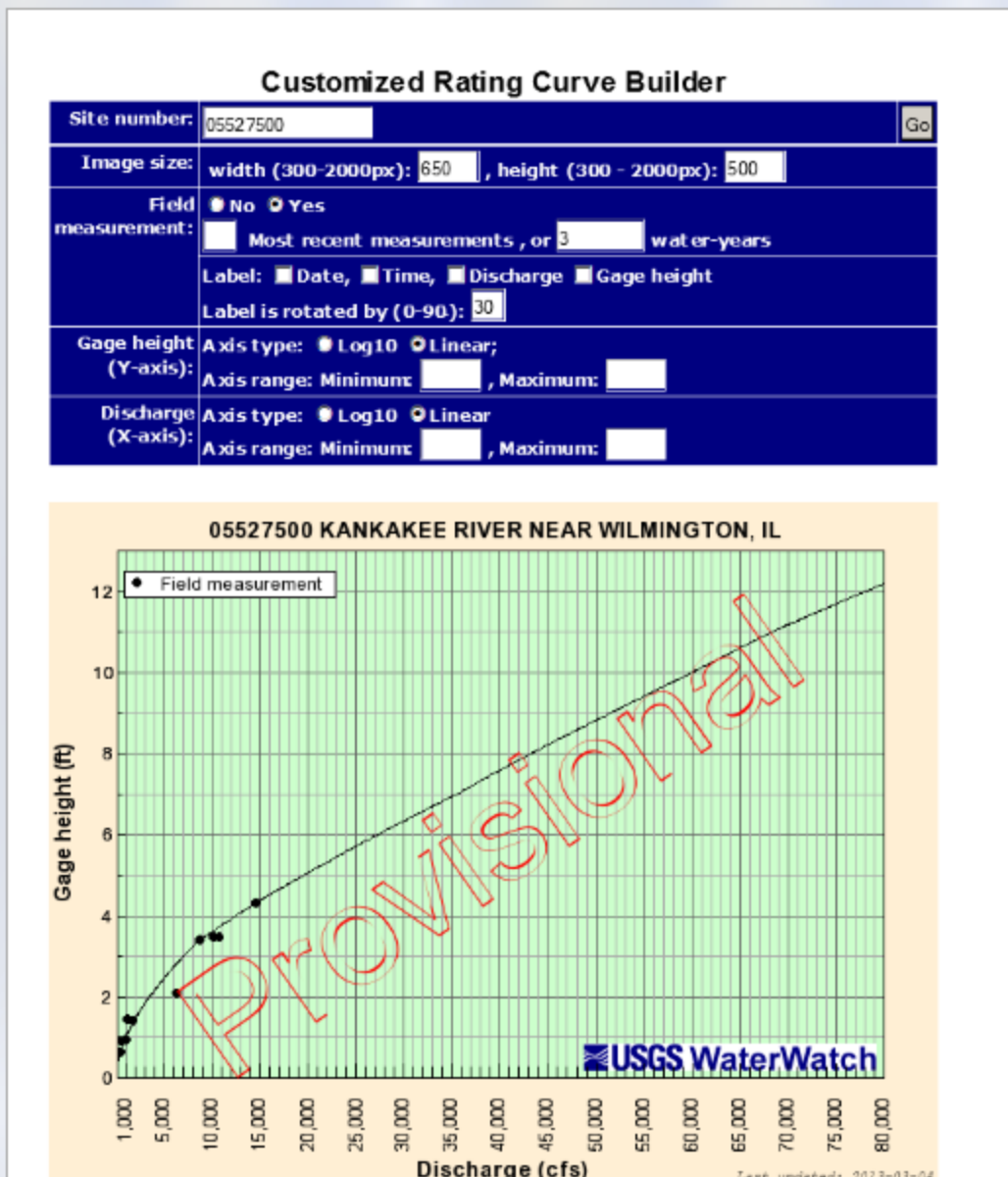
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p25: 1340.0
p50: 2880.0
p75: 5930.0
p90: 10500.0
p95: 14000.0
max: 55100.0



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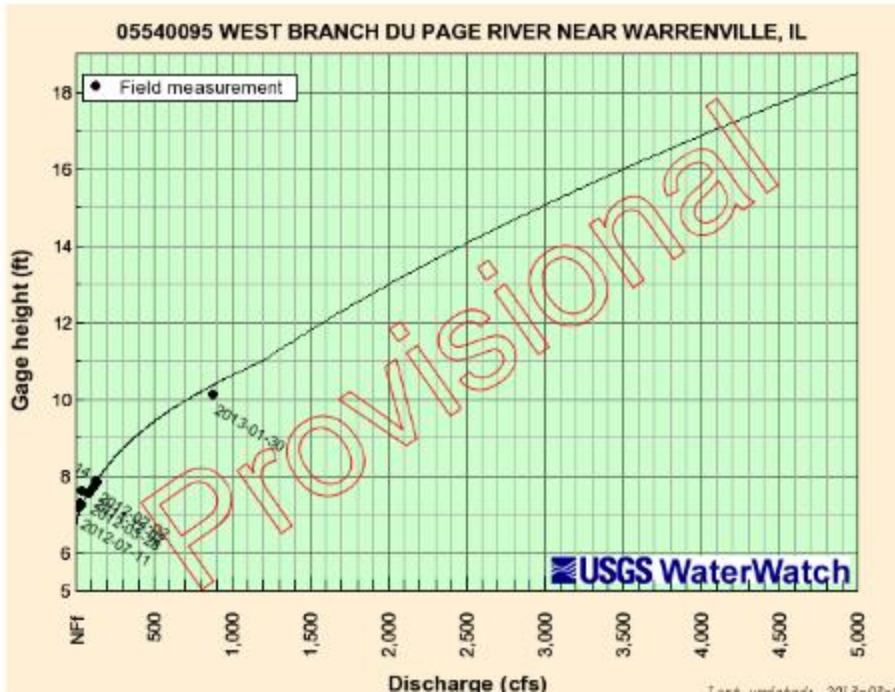
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Customized Rating Curve Builder

Site number:	<input type="text" value="05540095"/>	<input type="button" value="Go"/>
Image size:	width (300-2000px): <input type="text" value="650"/> , height (300 - 2000px): <input type="text" value="500"/>	
Field measurement:	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="10"/> Most recent measurements , or <input type="text"/> water-years Label: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date, <input type="checkbox"/> Time, <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Gage height Label is rotated by (0-90): <input type="text" value="30"/>	
Gage height (Y-axis):	Axis type: <input type="radio"/> Log10 <input type="radio"/> Linear; Axis range: Minimum: <input type="text"/> , Maximum: <input type="text"/>	
Discharge (X-axis):	Axis type: <input type="radio"/> Log10 <input type="radio"/> Linear Axis range: Minimum: <input type="text"/> , Maximum: <input type="text"/>	





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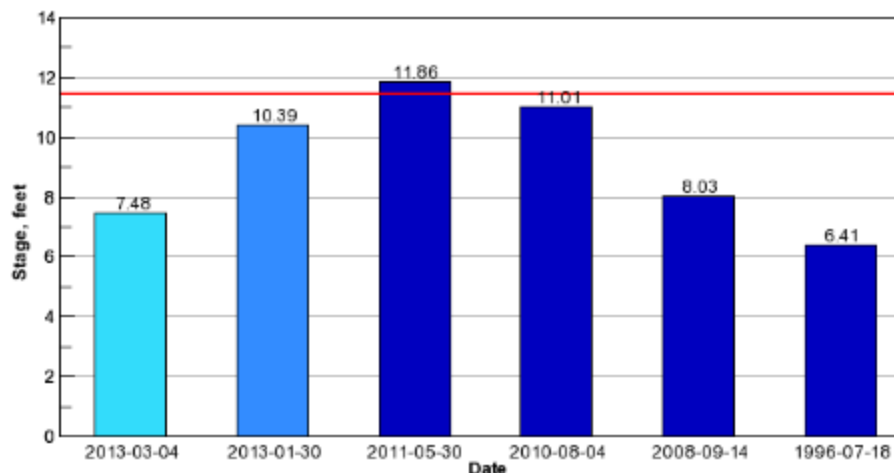
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Flood Tracking Chart Builder

Site number: Value type: Size:

05540095 WEST BRANCH DU PAGE RIVER NEAR WARRENVILLE, IL



- Current Stage 7.48 feet on 2013-03-04 10:15:00 (provisional)
- Recent Maximum Stage (previous 365 days) 10.39 feet on 2013-01-30 (provisional)
- Highest Recorded Peak Stages at Current Datum
- National Weather Service Flood Stage 11.5 feet

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Additional Information

- [USGS real-time streamflow data](#)
- [USGS peak streamflow](#)

WaterNow

- Get the current reading at streamgages, raingages, wells.
- If you know the parameters, you can put in, else you receive stage and discharge.

USGS WaterNow: On-demand current-conditions for water data directly to your mobile phone or ema - Windows Internet Explorer

http://water.usgs.gov/waternow/

Search USGS Water Sites:

WATER DATA FOR THE NATION

National Water Information System (NWIS)
View current and historical streamflow, groundwater level, and water-quality data

Data by State...

Data Discovery
For more data options, explore our data discovery tools.

Today's Water Conditions
View maps of current and historical conditions



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- Surface water quality

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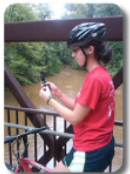
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USGS WaterNow – On-demand, current-conditions for water data directly to your mobile phone or email



Send an email or text message containing a USGS current-conditions gaging site number and quickly receive a reply with its most recent observation (s).

How to use WaterNow

- Text Message (SMS)**
Send a text message to WaterNow@usgs.gov containing the USGS Site Number of the gage you want to query (optionally add parameter codes to customize your query). You will receive a response within a few minutes. All query options are listed below:

Text Message Content	Action	Example (click to enlarge)
SiteNumber	Query for flow and/or stage (if available, otherwise returns a list of available parameters)	
SiteNumber parameter	Query for a specific parameter (parameter codes are 5 digits, leading zeros, if any, are required)	
SiteNumber parm1,parm2,...	Query multiple parameters (parameters must be separated by commas with no spaces)	
SiteNumber ?	Get list of available parameters	

- Email**
Send an email message to WaterNow@usgs.gov where either the Subject or the first line of the

Getting Started: What you need to know

- The USGS Site Number:**
This is a unique number that identifies a USGS gage or well site where you want to obtain data.
- The Parameter Code (optional):**
Needed only if you want other than the latest observations for flow (00060) and/or stage (00065), such as depth to water level (72019).

All data types are represented by their respective 5-digit parameter codes. Simply include the parameter code(s) of your choice in your email or text message.

Some commonly available parameters:

Streams, Springs	00060 Flow, ft/s	00065 Stage, ft
Wells	72019 Depth to water level, ft	72020 Water level elevation, ft NGVD
Lakes	00065 Stage, ft	72020 Water level elevation, ft NGVD
Water quality	00010 Water temperature, °C	00089 Specific conductance, µS/cm
	00000 Dissolved oxygen, mg/l	00400 pH

How to Obtain the Site Number and Parameter Code(s)

Start by locating your site of interest on the USGS [National Water Information System Mapper](#), and then follow these three steps (click images to enlarge):

- 1** Select a data type in the lower, left pane.
- 2** Zoom the map to your region of interest and select **Active Sites** with **Instantaneous data**.
- 3** Locate the site on the map and click it to see its **site number**. To see its available parameters, select the **Access Data** link.



<http://water.usgs.gov/waternow>

WaterNow Example



WaterAlert

- Sends emails/texts based upon user pre-set thresholds
- Almost all real-time parameters
- Hourly or daily intervals
- Thresholds:
 - greater than
 - less than
 - between a range
 - outside a range

The screenshot shows the USGS WaterAlert website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays <http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert/>. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Instructions, Frequently asked questions (FAQ), Contact, and USGS Water home. A search bar is available for USGS Water Sites. The main content area includes a "USGS WaterAlert" heading, a description of the service, and a "SITE SELECTION" section. The "SITE SELECTION" section has a dropdown menu for "State or Territory" (listing Alabama through Florida) and a "Data Type" section with radio buttons for Surface Water, Groundwater, Water Quality, and Precipitation. A "Reset" and "Search" button are also present. On the right, a map of the United States shows the locations of various water collection sites. The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Local intranet | Protected Mode: Off" and a zoom level of 100%.



<http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert/>

WaterAlert Example

- Illinois
- Surface Water
- Zoom
- Select Gage

USGS WaterAlert - Windows Internet Explorer

http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert/

USGS WaterAlert

SITE SELECTION

State or Territory
(select one or more)

- Delaware
- Dist of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois**
- Indiana
- Iowa

Data Type

- Surface Water
- Groundwater
- Water Quality
- Precipitation

Search this selection

Reset Search

▲ streamflow site

Map Type

- Terrain
- Map
- Hybrid
- USGS

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Done Local intranet | Protected Mode: Off 100%

WaterAlert Example

The screenshot displays the USGS WaterAlert interface. On the left is a 'SITE SELECTION' panel with a dropdown menu for 'State or Territory' (Illinois is selected) and a 'Data Type' section with radio buttons for Surface Water, Groundwater, Water Quality, and Precipitation. A search bar and 'Reset'/'Search' buttons are at the bottom of the panel. The main area shows a map of the Warrenville, IL area with a callout box for site 05540095. The callout box contains the following information:

USGS Site Number: 05540095

WEST BRANCH DU PAGE RIVER NEAR WARRENVILLE, IL

As of 2013-03-04 11:15:00 CST

Discharge (cfs) = 62

Gage height (ft) = 7.48

[Subscribe](#)

The map shows the river flowing through Warrenville, IL, with nearby roads like I-55 and I-54, and landmarks like the Dupage County Airport and Forest Preserves.

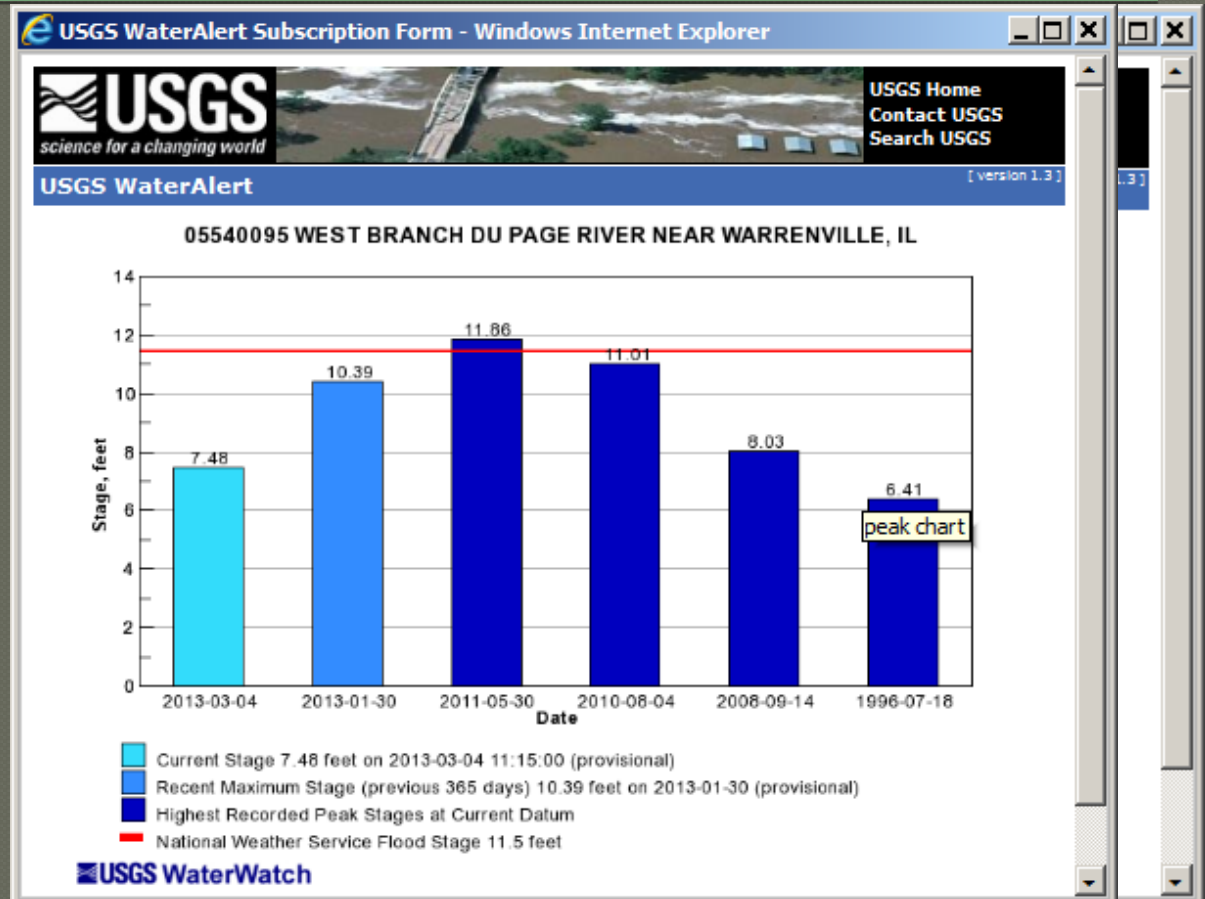
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WaterAlert Example

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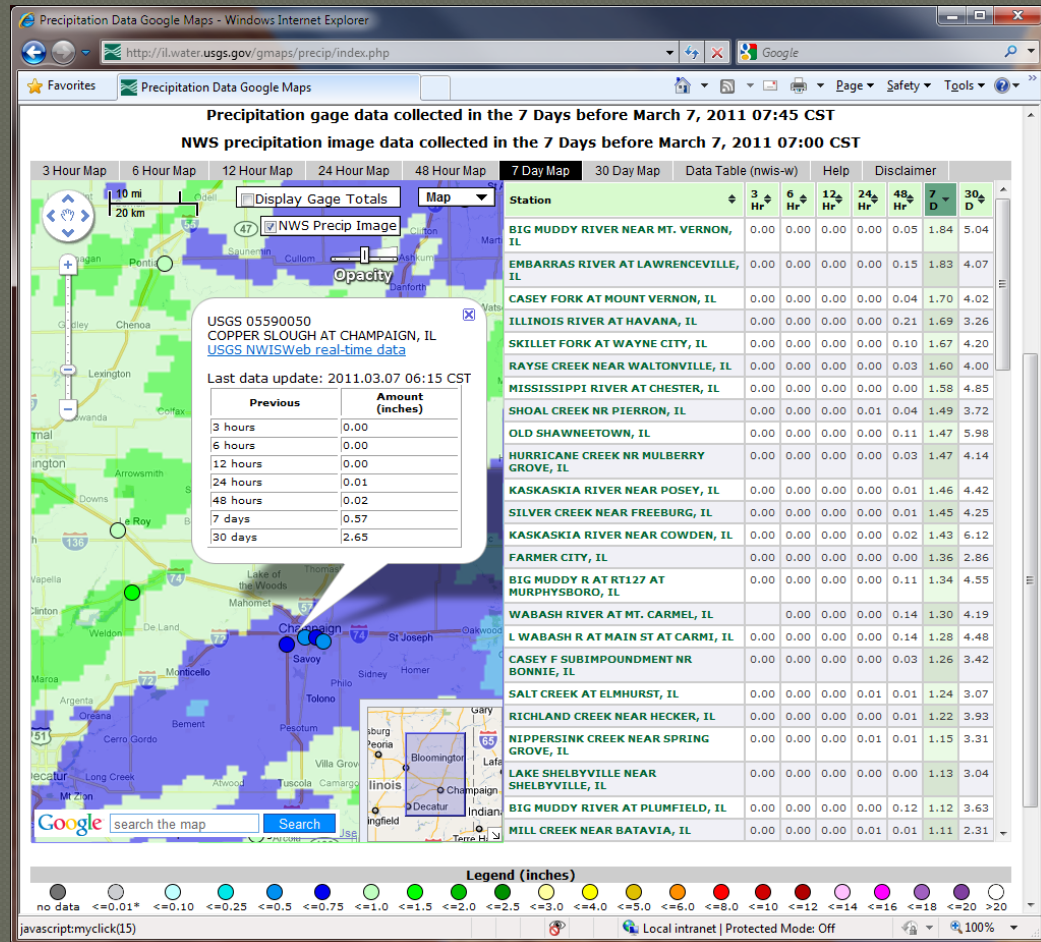
Illinois Precipitation Map

Near real-time data updates

3, 6, 12, 24, 48 hours
7, 14, 30 days

Includes NWS
NEXRAD maps
(similar color legend)

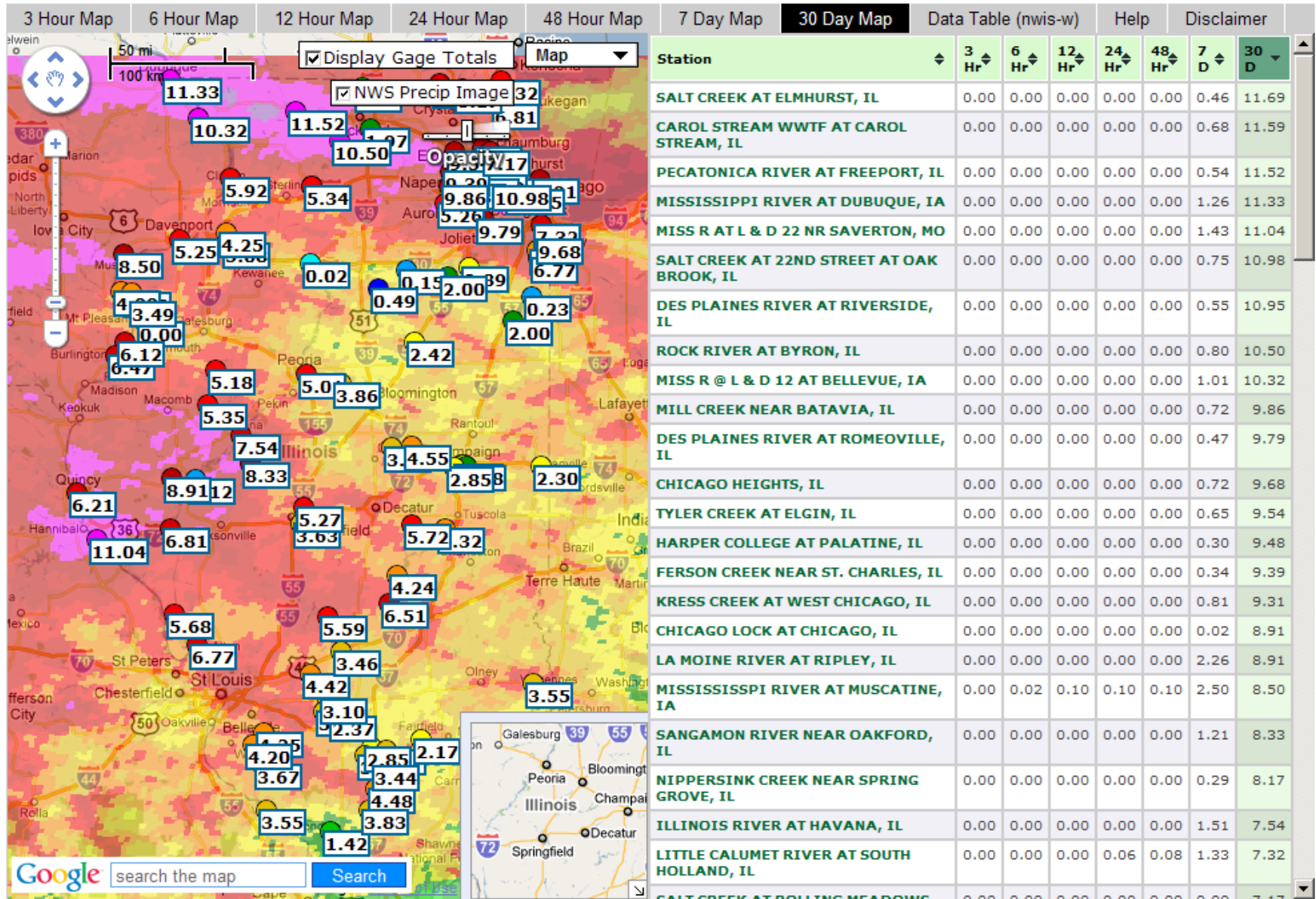
Sortable data table
linked to map



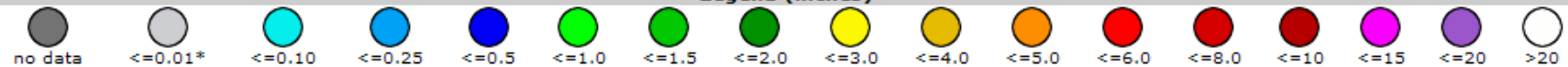
<http://il.water.usgs.gov/gmaps/precip/>

Precipitation gage data collected in the 30 Days before August 17, 2010 09:30 CST

NWS precipitation image data collected in the 30 Days before August 17, 2010 06:00 CST



Legend (inches)



Streamflow and Watershed Analysis

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Flood Response

Illinois rainfall map

<http://il.water.usgs.gov/gmaps/precip/>

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