

USACE Water Resources Missions and Initiatives

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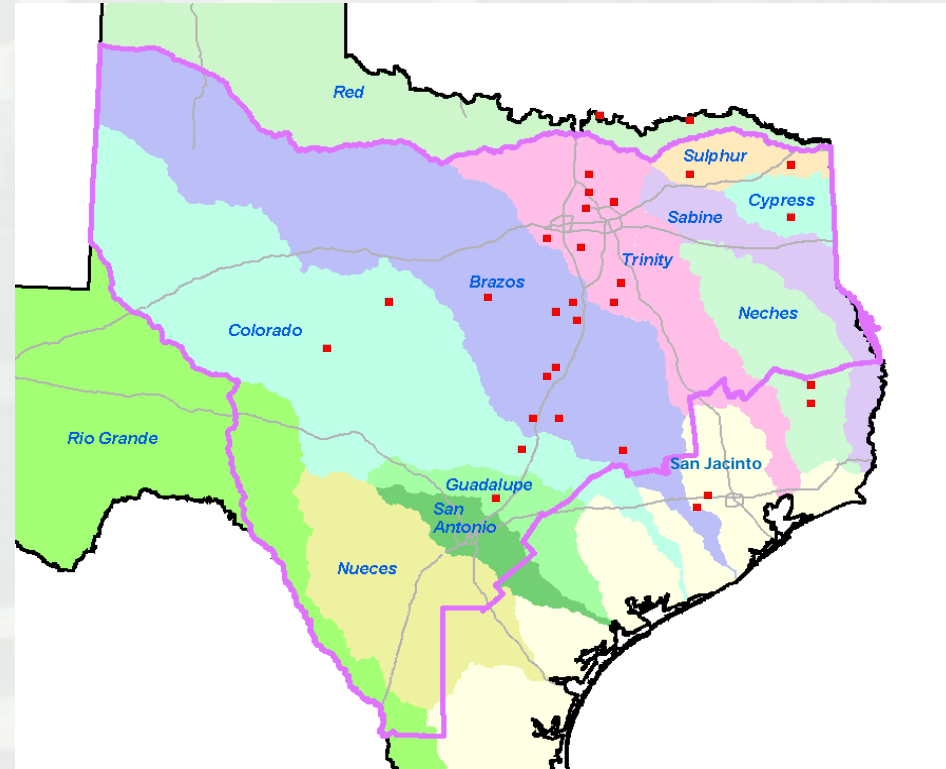
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Statewide Reservoir Development Background

- Planned/constructed dams 111/32
 - 1st - Marshall Ford Dam (Lake Travis) 1942
 - Last – Cooper (Jim Chapman Reservoir) 1991
- Multi-purpose
 - Flood control, water supply, hydropower, environmental, recreation, navigation
- Critical to the early development of Texas
- Significant federal economic contribution
- 8.8 M ac-ft conservation storage
 - 20% - 25% surface water supply
- 15.9 M ac-ft flood storage in 31 federal dams
- Costs (2013)
 - Construction - \$8.2 billion
 - Benefits - \$76 billion (flood only)
 - B/C ratio – 9.3
- Annual recreation visits – 22 M



Reservoir Development

Dallas and Waco Floods



1908 Carrollton, TX



19XX Waco, TX



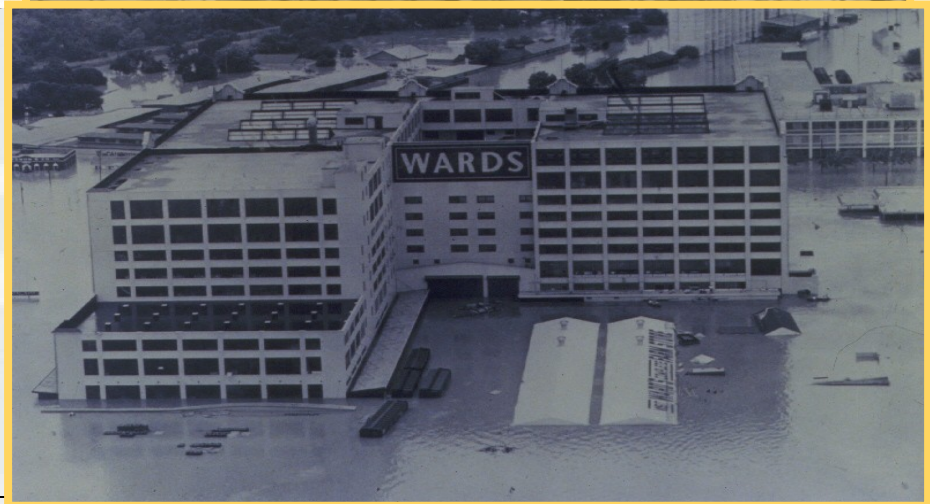
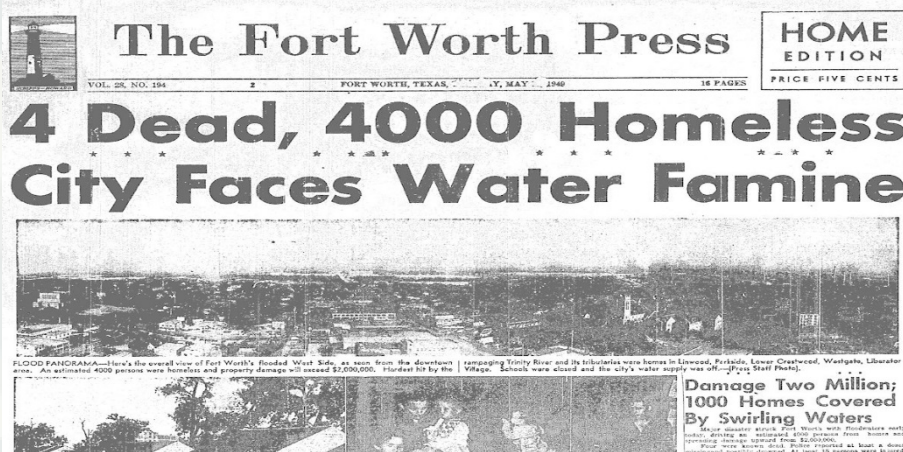
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1942 Dallas, TX

Reservoir Development

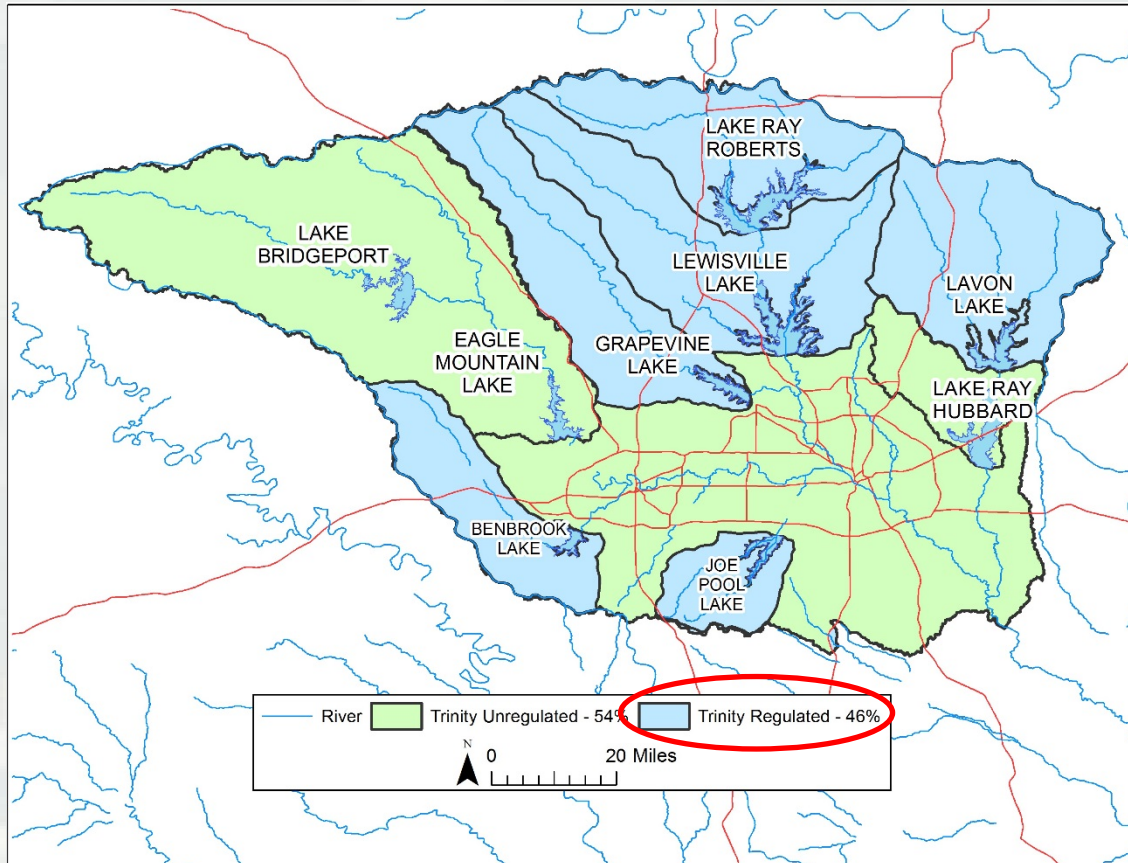
1949 Fort Worth Flood



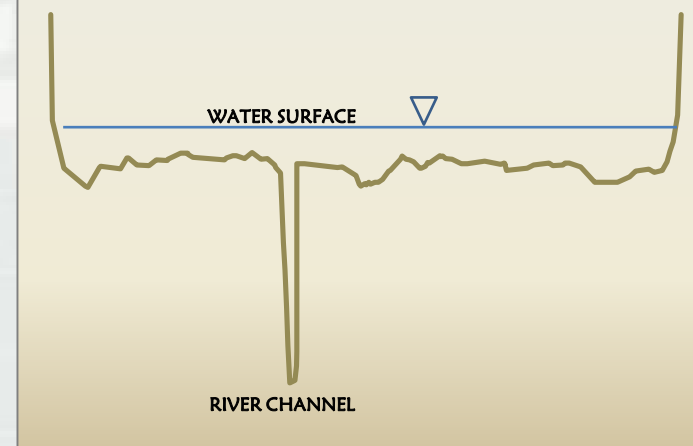
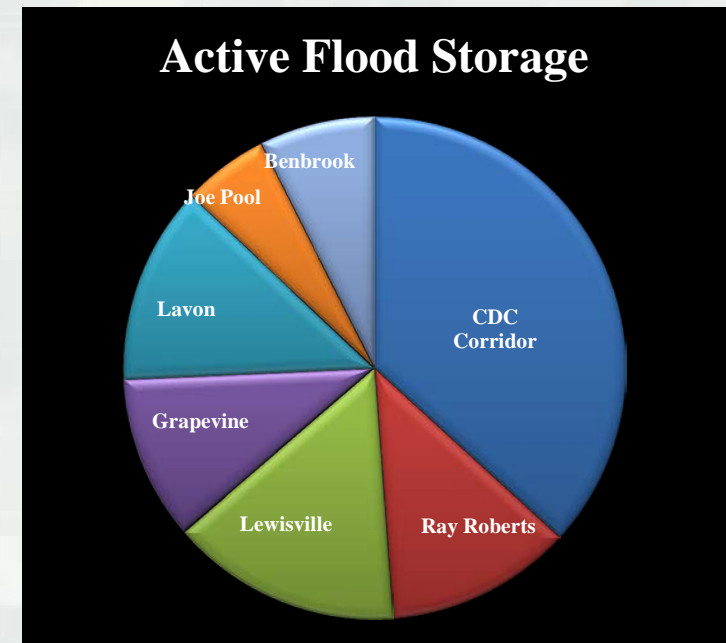
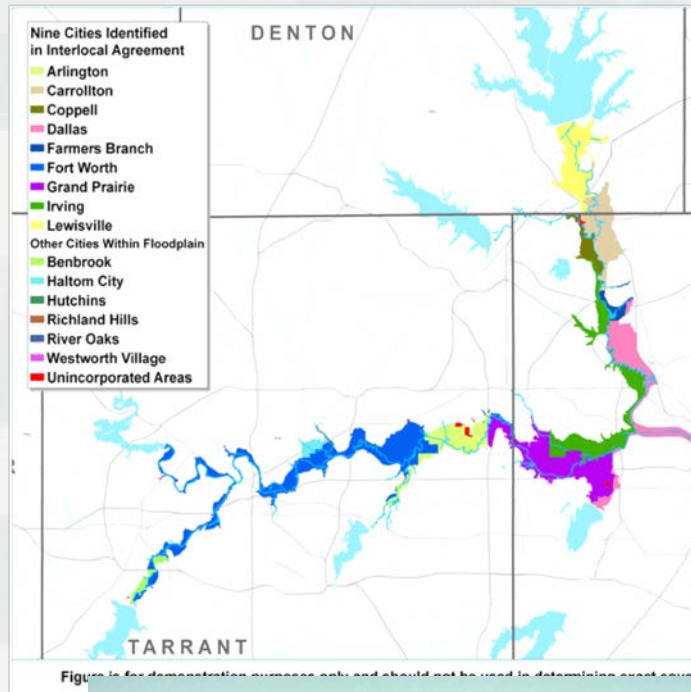
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Dallas-Fort Worth - Flood Control and Water Supply System

- Devastating floods, 1908, 1942, 1949
- 6 multi-purpose reservoirs
- 2 federal levee systems
- DFW Flood Control System
 - ▶ \$79 billion in damages prevented
 - ▶ \$2 - \$3 billion annually
- Water supply system
 - ▶ 7 million served
- Total cost \$2.5 billion



Seventh Flood Control Reservoir – CDC Regulatory Program



Full floodplain conveyance and storage

Background on Flooding

■ Nationally

- ▶ Flooding is leading cause of natural disasters
- ▶ \$8 billion per year
- ▶ 82 deaths per year



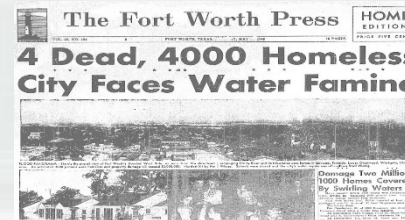
■ Texas

- ▶ \$850 million in 2015
- ▶ 48 deaths in 2015
- ▶ 29 deaths 2nd quarter 2016
- ▶ \$190 B, Hurricane Harvey



Flooding Impacts

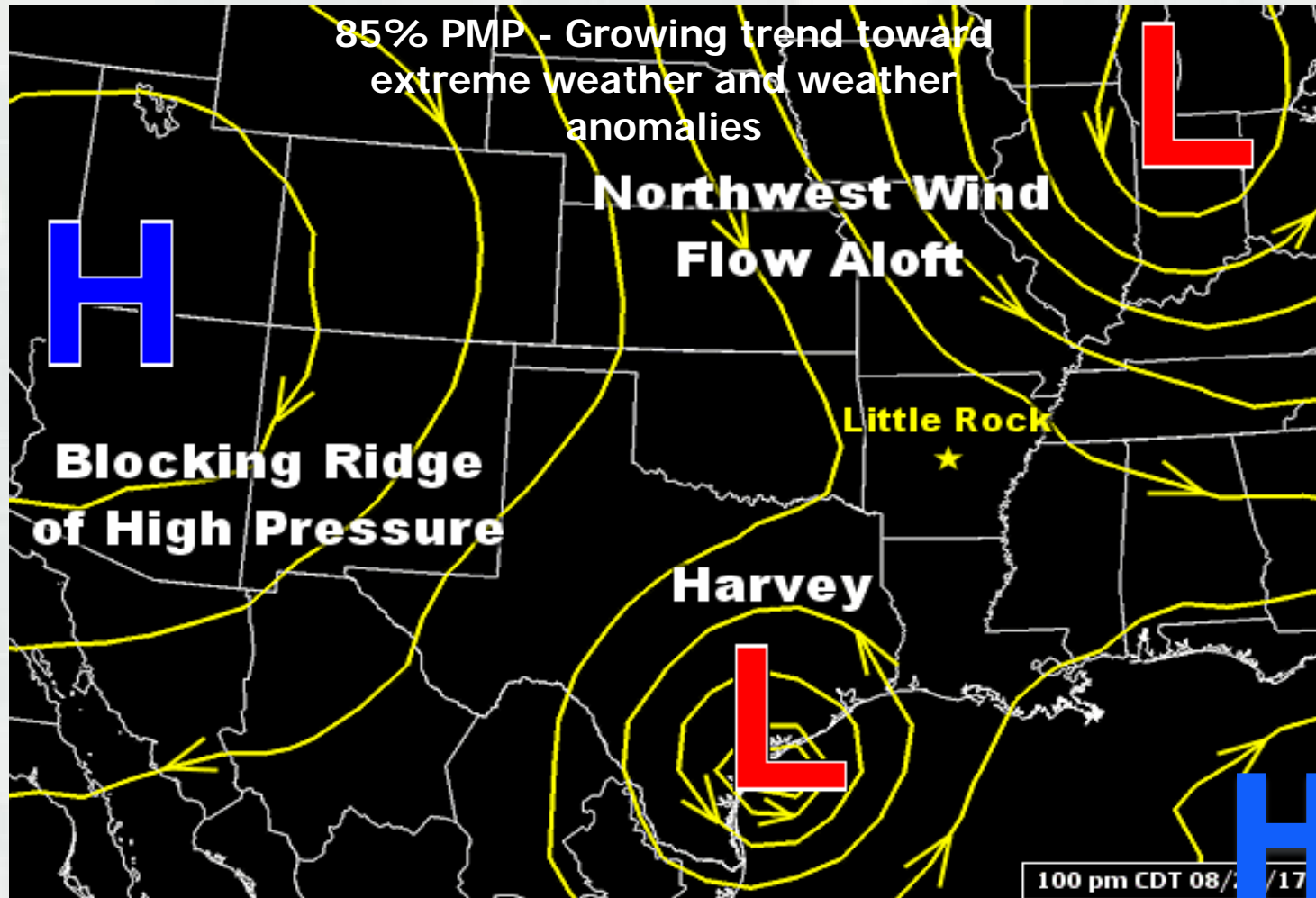
- Lives
- Transportation
- Water systems
- Sanitary sewer systems



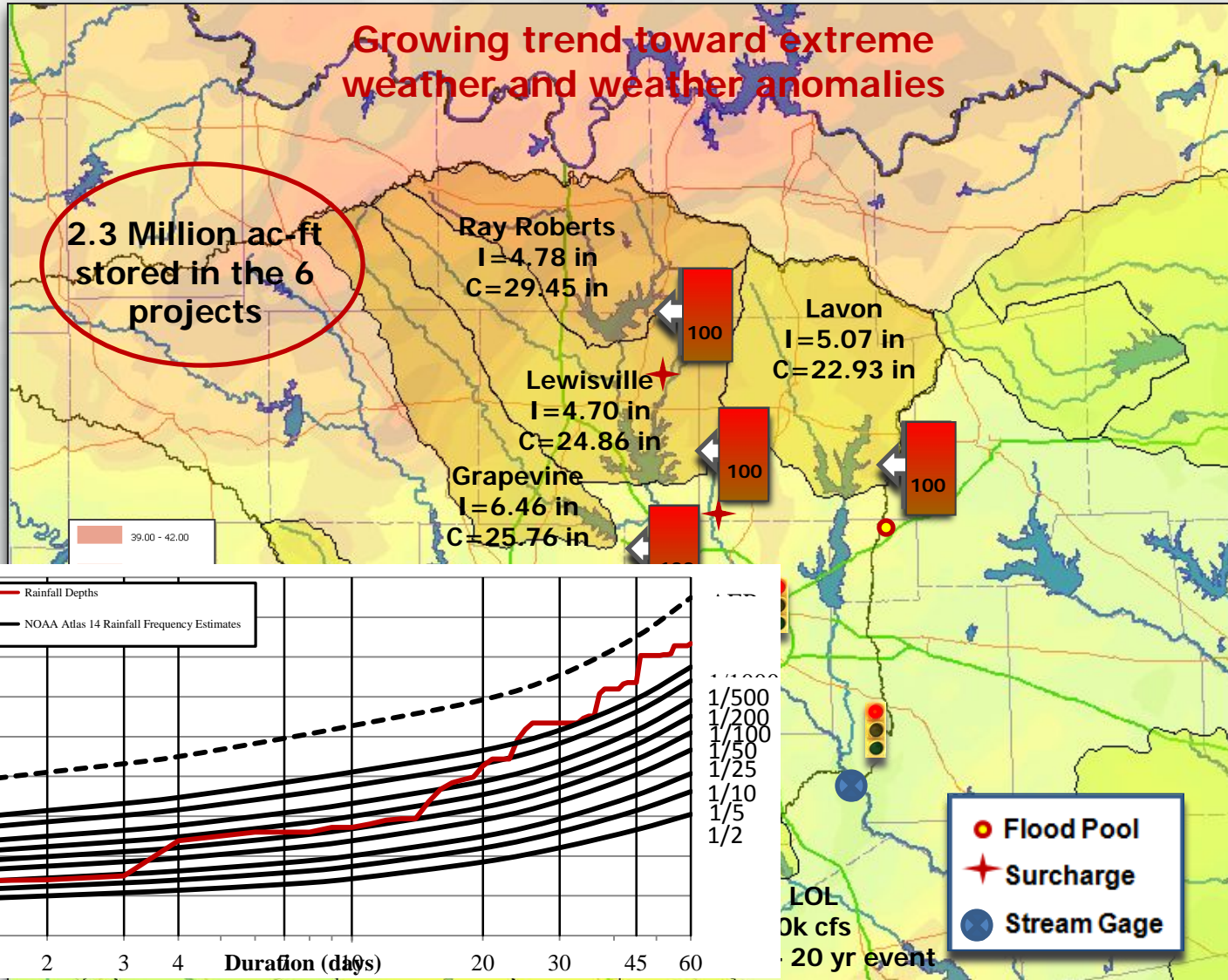
Hurricane Harvey



Harvey Weather Patterns



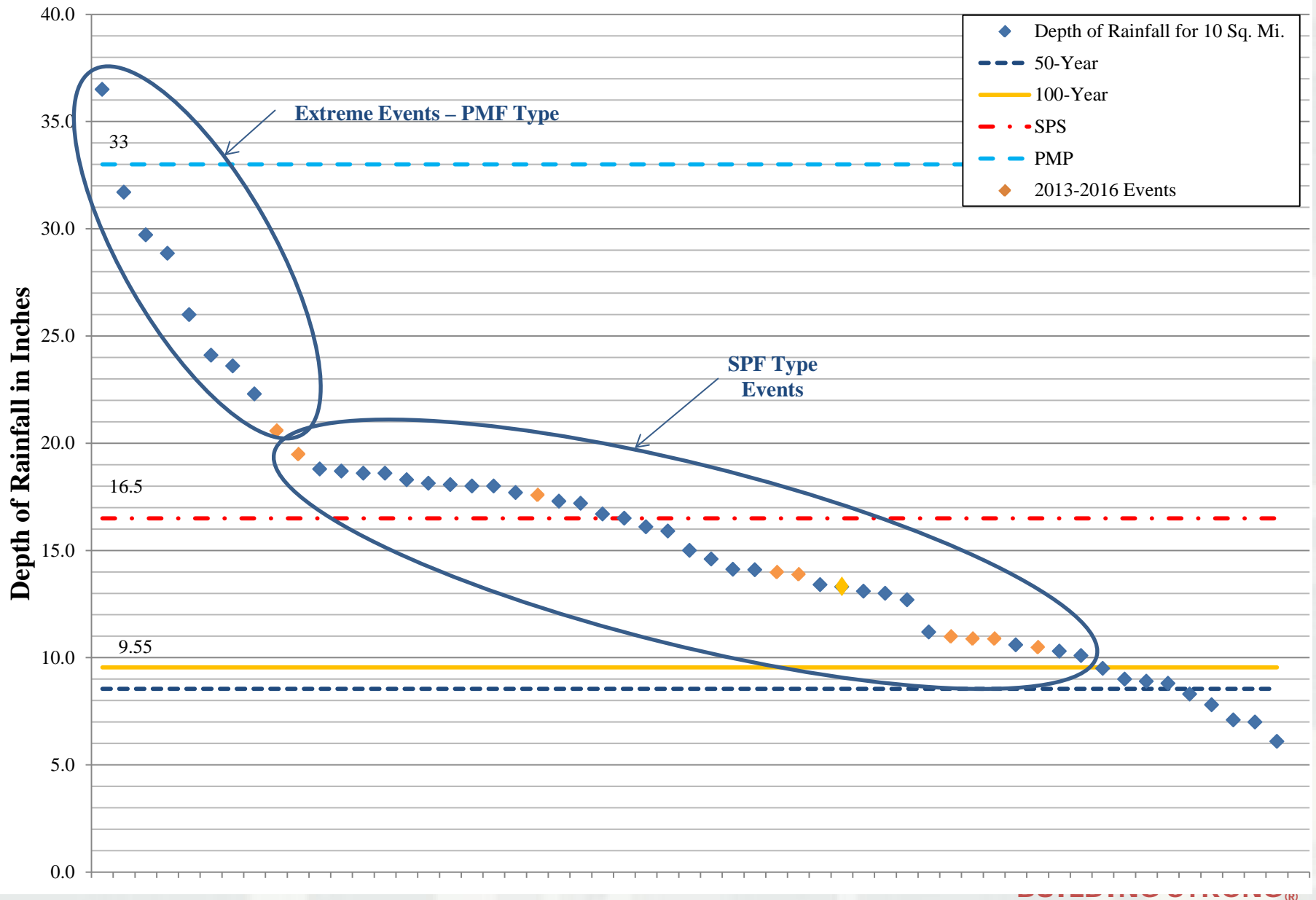
May-June 2015 Flooding



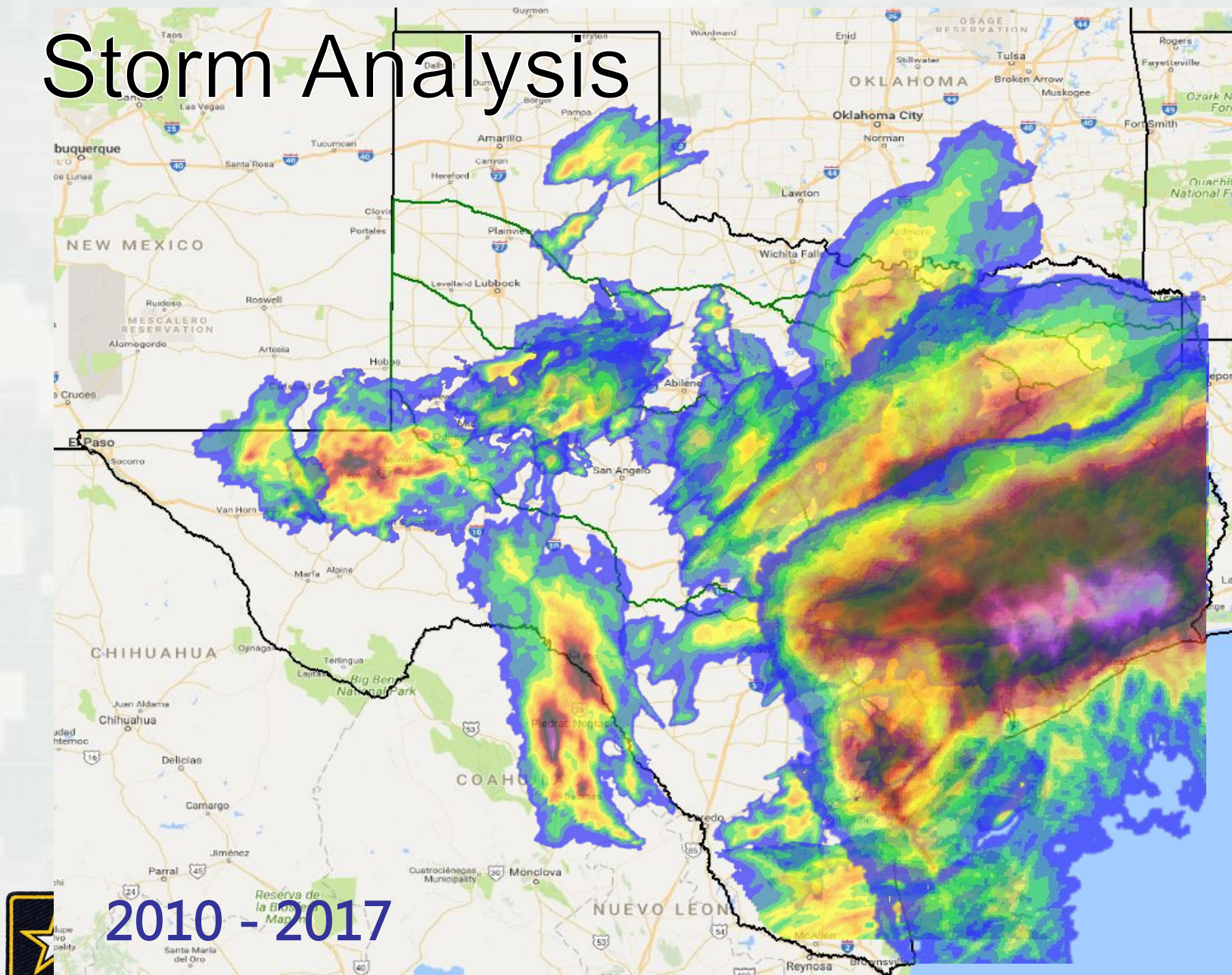
*Pool percent taken on the last day

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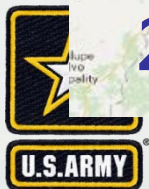
24 Hour Rainfall for 10 Sq. Mi.



Storm Analysis



2010 - 2017



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Interagency Flood Risk Management (InFRM)



FEMA

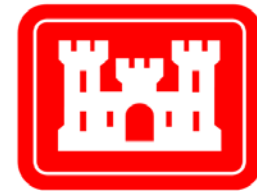
Support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards



To provide reliable, impartial, timely information that is needed to understand the Nation's water resources.



Provide the best weather, water, and climate forecasts through international cooperation on hydro-meteorological observations, data exchange, modeling, research, and technology development; and to provide global leadership in setting meteorological standards and building partnerships to save lives and protect property.

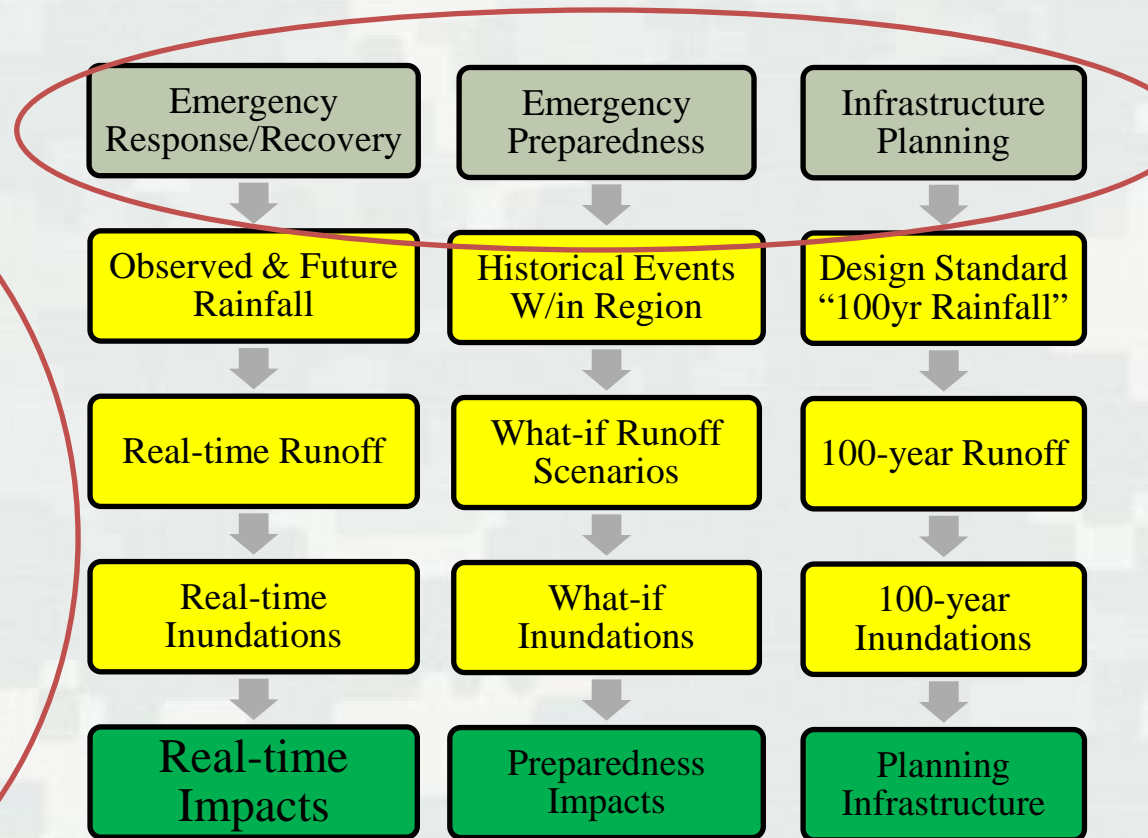
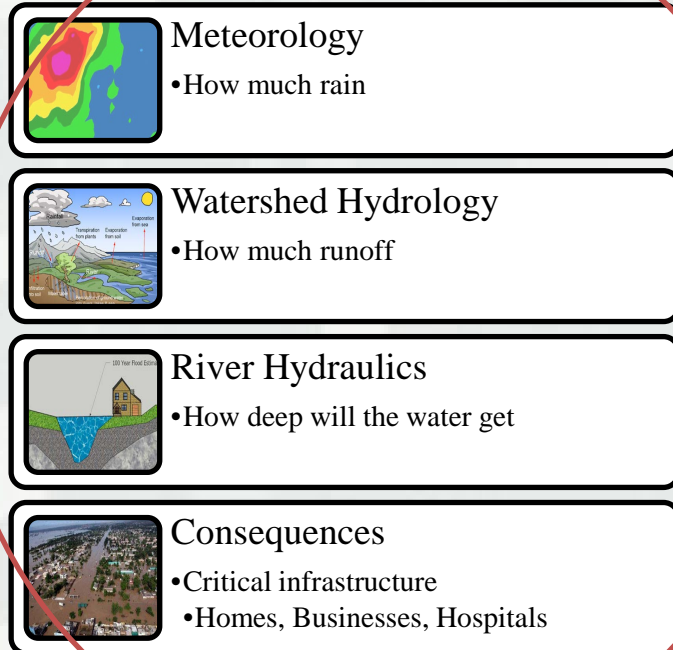


Deliver vital public and military engineering services; partnering in peace and war to strengthen our Nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters.

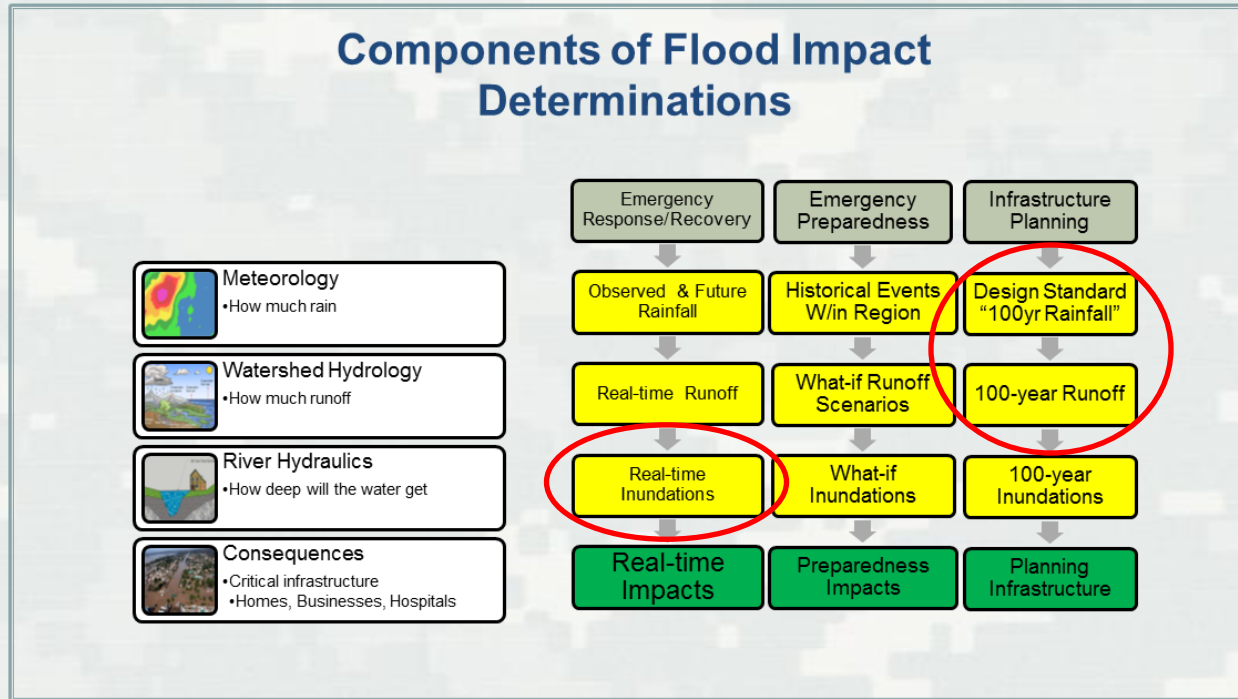


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Components of Flood Impact Determinations



InFRM Initiatives

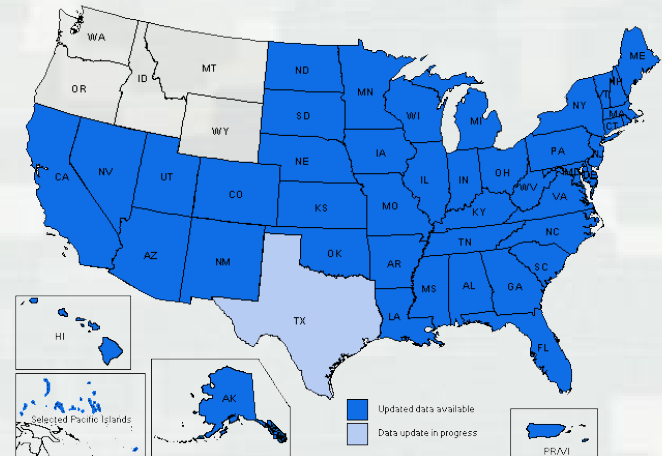


- NOAA Atlas 14
- Watershed Hydrology Assessments (WHA)
- Inundation Mapping

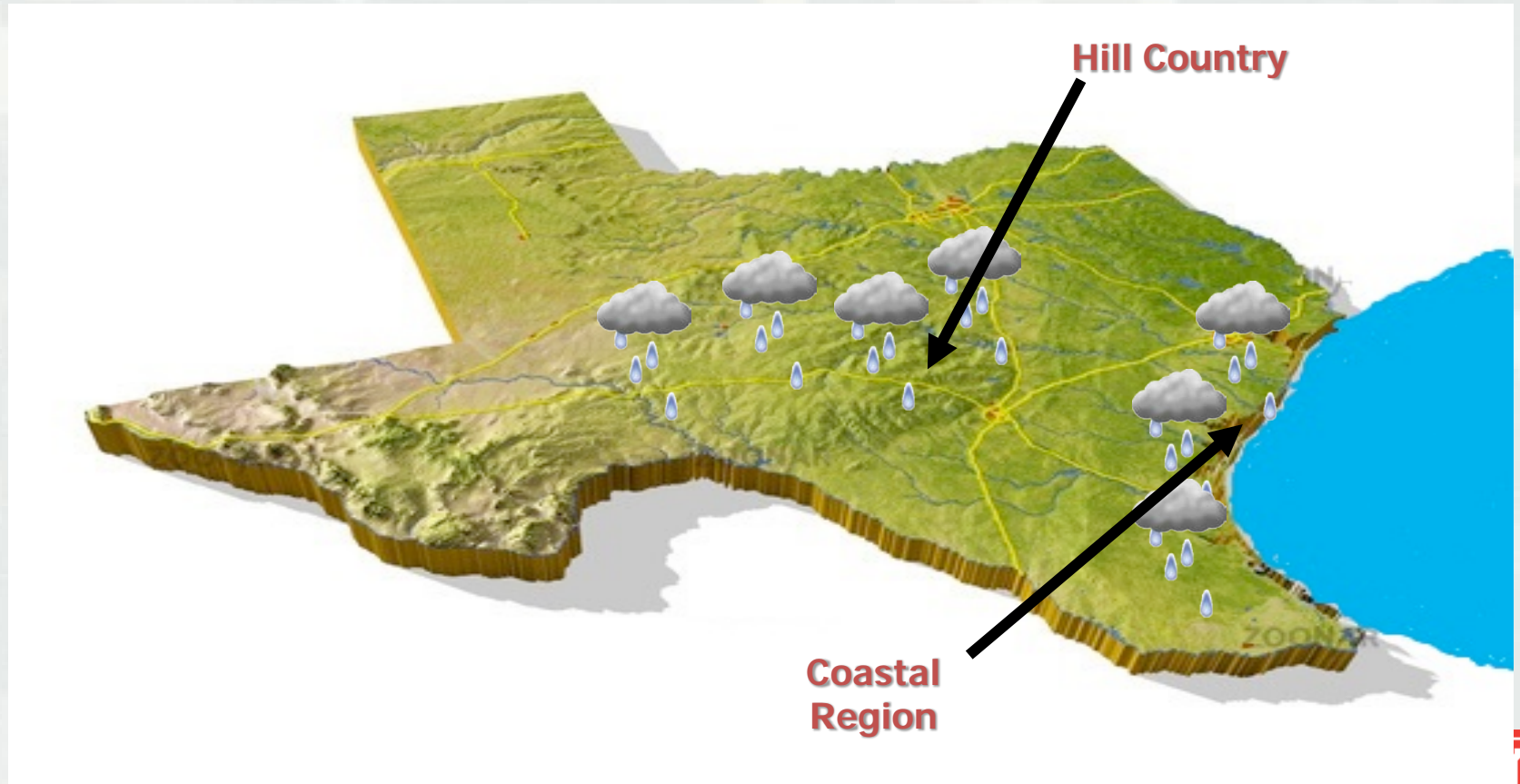


NOAA Atlas 14 for Texas

- What is it:
 - ▶ Precipitation frequency estimates
- What is it used for:
 - ▶ Better understanding of the risk from extreme precipitation events
 - ▶ Infrastructure design
 - ▶ Floodplain mapping (NFIP)
- Cost:
 - ▶ \$1.5 M
- Follow-on studies
 - ▶ \$3 M
 - ▶ Another method
 - ▶ Trends
 - ▶ Design storms



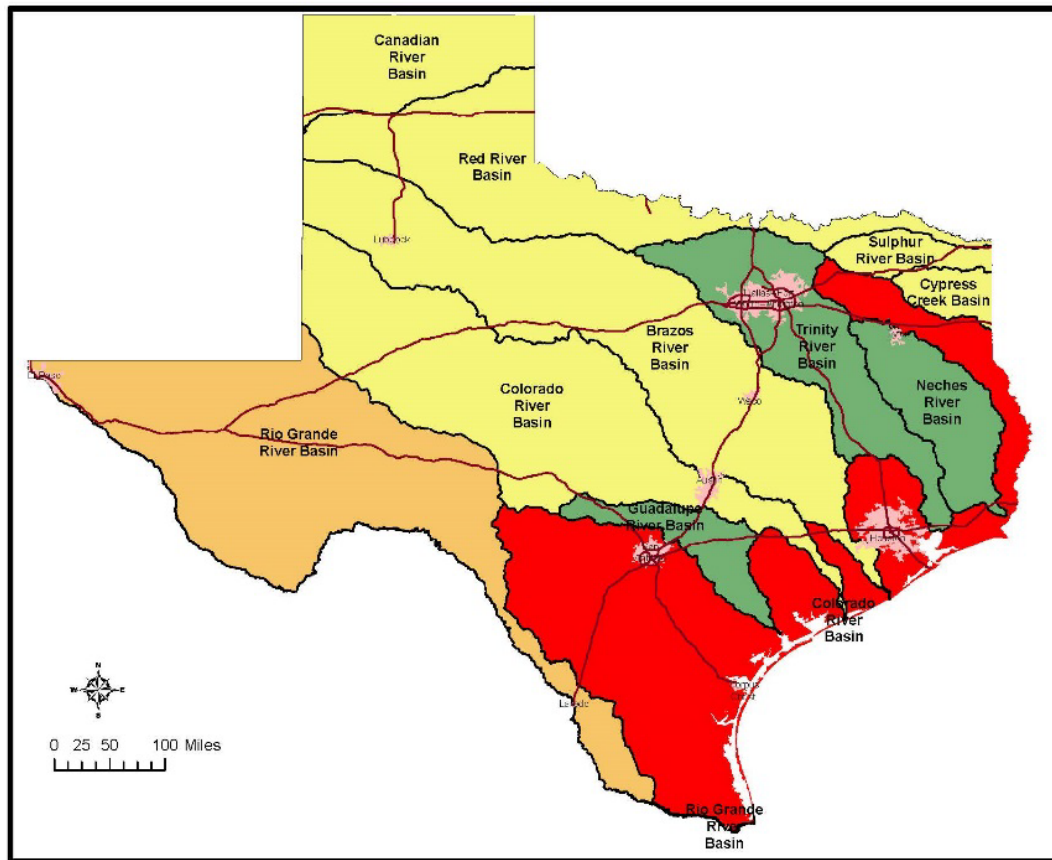
NOAA Atlas 14 Precipitation Changes



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InFRM Watershed Hydrology Assessments

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Basins Underway:

- Guadalupe
- Trinity
- Neches

Frequency Flows for Design & NFIP

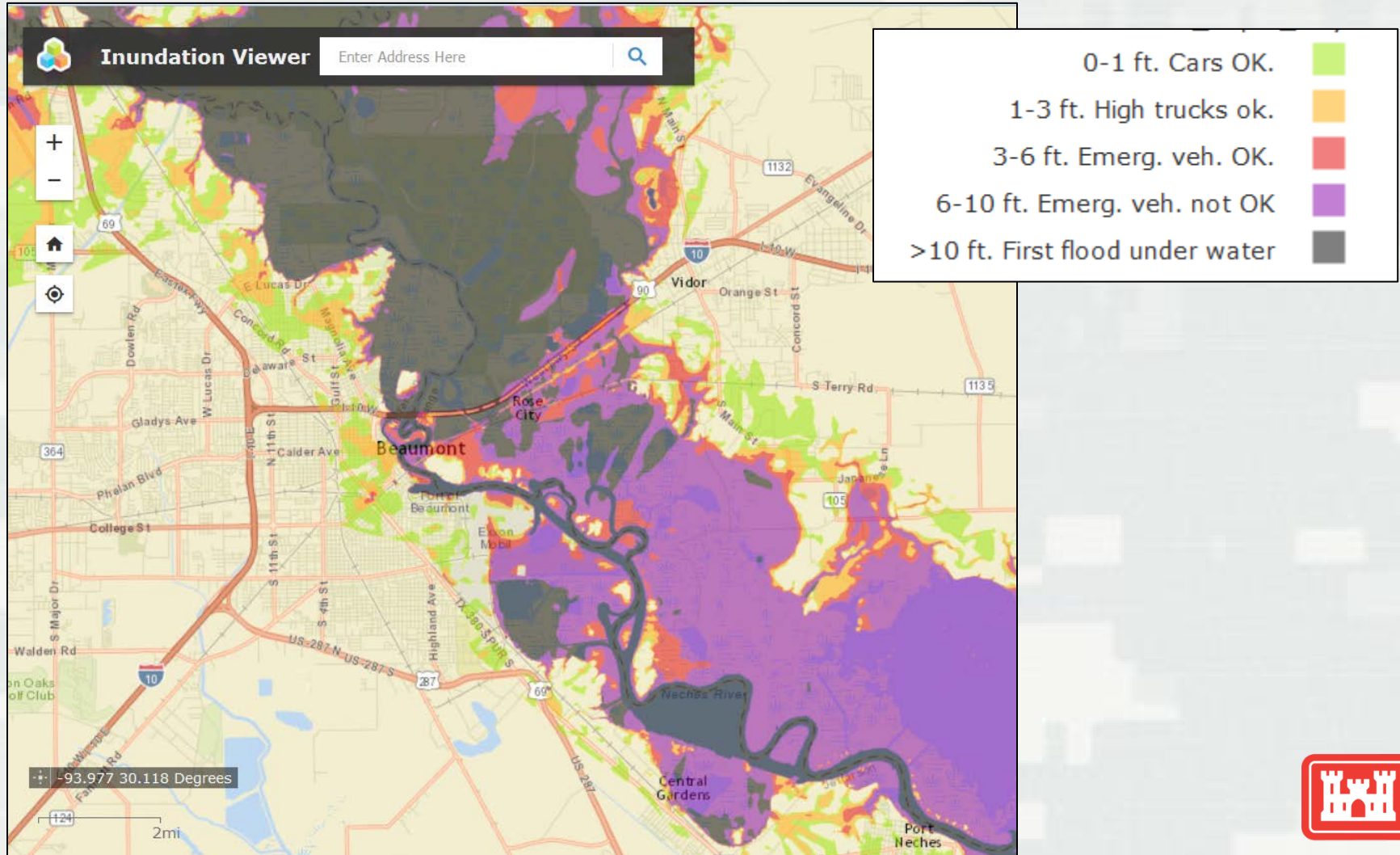
- 2-yr, 5-yr, 10-yr, 25-yr, 50-yr, 100-yr, 250-yr, 500-yr

\$2.4 Million Investment



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Inundation Mapping - Beaumont, TX



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What Can You Do?

- Better understand what is happening
- Higher standards - Freeboard
 - ▶ 2', 3' or more above the 1% exceedance or 100-year level
 - ▶ At or above the .2% exceedance or 500-year level
- NCTCOG, TFMA and USACE
 - ▶ Promoting higher standards
 - ▶ Promoting consistent stormwater, ordinances, court orders and management across DFW, across state?
- Why
 - ▶ Decrease risk
 - ▶ Decrease future losses and costs
 - ▶ Lower insurance premiums



Questions?



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