

# Flood Inundation Mapping Projects



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# Outline

- Flood inundation projects in Kentucky
- Overview of general steps involved in flood inundation projects
- Closer look at the Frankfort, Kentucky flood inundation project


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# Flood Inundation Projects in Kentucky

Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Frankfort, Kentucky

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Prepared in cooperation with the City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Community Development Services

**Flood-Inundation Maps for an 8.9-Mile Reach of the South Fork Little River at Hopkinsville, Kentucky**

*Pamphlet to accompany  
Scientific Investigations Map 3242*


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Prepared in cooperation with City of Frankfort, Kentucky, Office of Emergency Management

**Flood-Inundation Maps for a 6.5-Mile Reach of the Kentucky River at Frankfort, Kentucky**



*Pamphlet to accompany  
Scientific Investigations Map 3278*

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<http://pubs.usgs.gov/sim/3278/>

# Flood Inundation Project Objectives

- **Develop** detailed libraries of flood inundation maps for a river reach of interest.
- **Use** the flood inundation maps in conjunction with the National Weather Service (NWS) Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service flood warning system to show predicted areas of flood inundation.
  - **Helps with** preplanning **flood response** and **early flood warning**
- **Provide** online portals for the public to view USGS flood inundation study information and interact with the flood inundation map libraries.
- **The flood inundation maps**, along with online information regarding current stages from USGS streamgauge and forecasted stages from the NWS, provide emergency management and local residents with **critical information for flood response activities**.

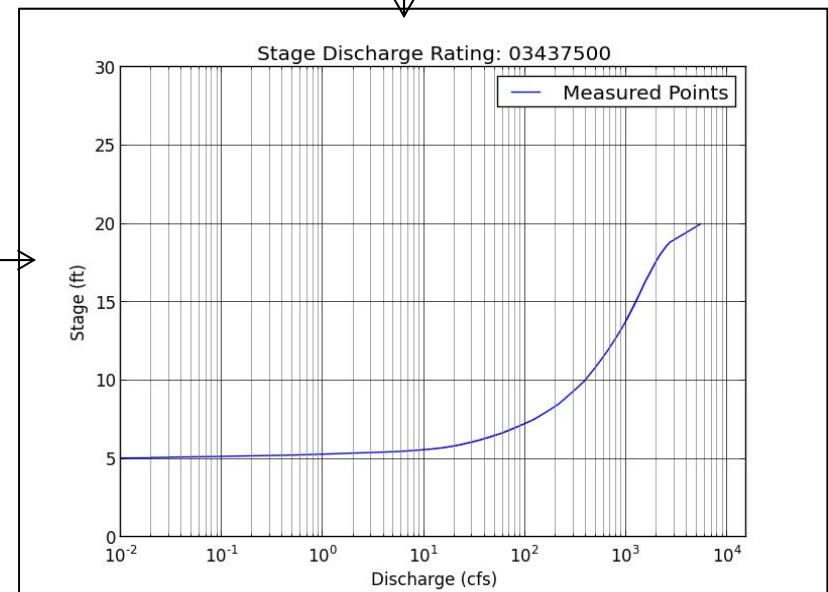
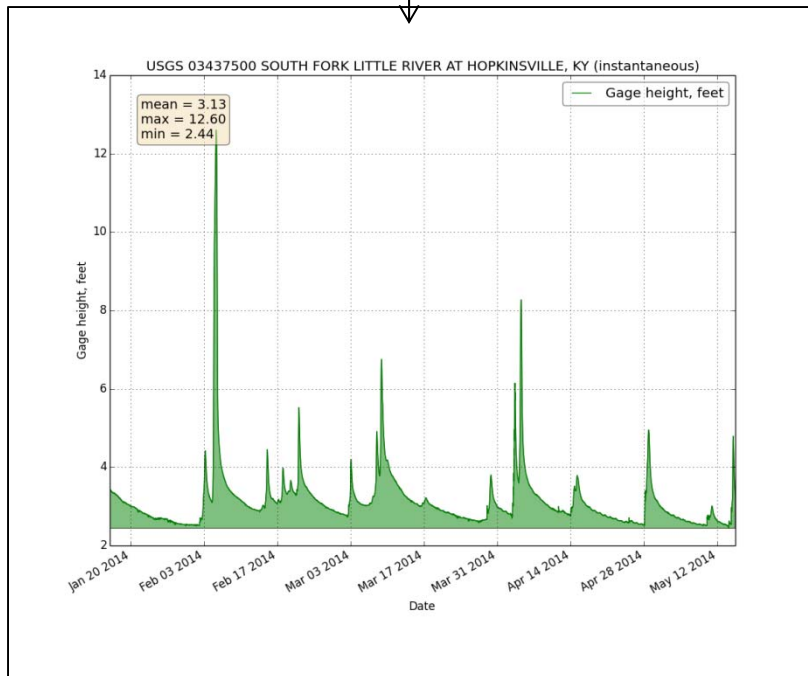
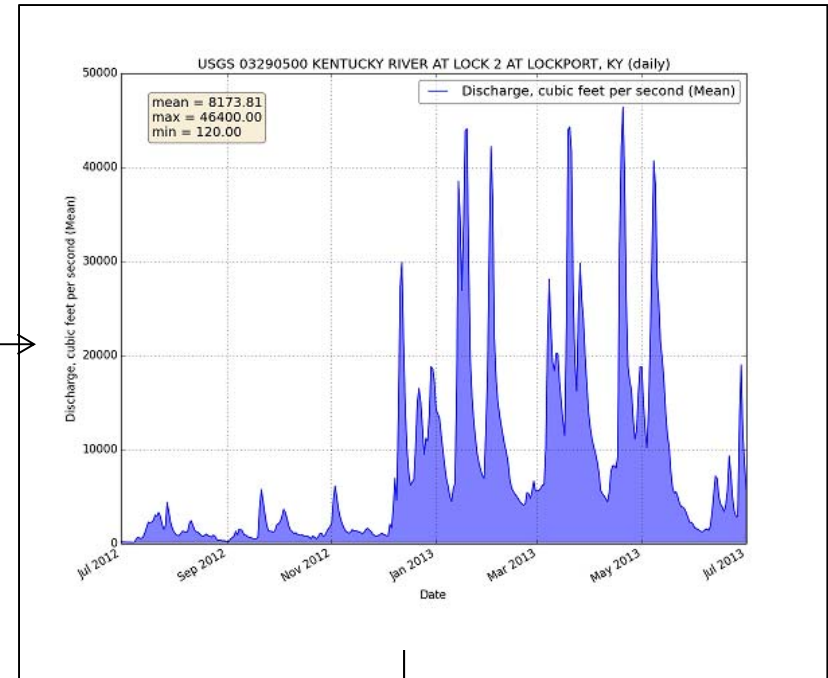
# Flood Inundation Project Phases

- **Phase 1** – Project Scoping and Planning
  - Site selection, modeling approach, and data collection
- **Phase 2A** – Hydraulic Analyses
  - Build and calibrate hydraulic model
- **Phase 2B** – Mapping
  - Create and submit map products to NWS and USGS Flood Inundation Mapping Program (FIMI)
- **Phase 3** – USGS Flood Inundation Mapping Science (FIMI) and NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) Web Implementation
  - Put maps on the Internet



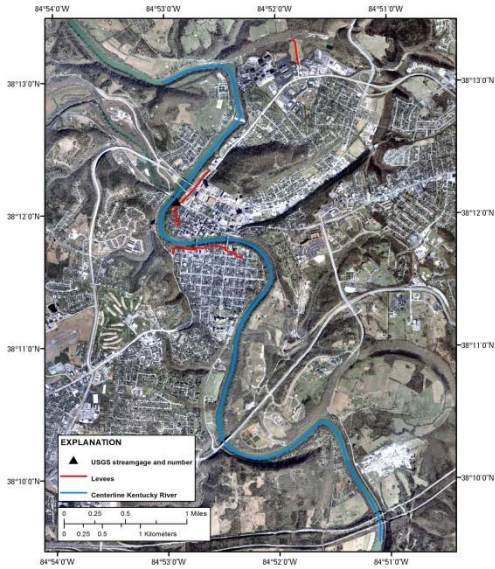
# USGS Streamgage

USGS streamgage(s) within study domain

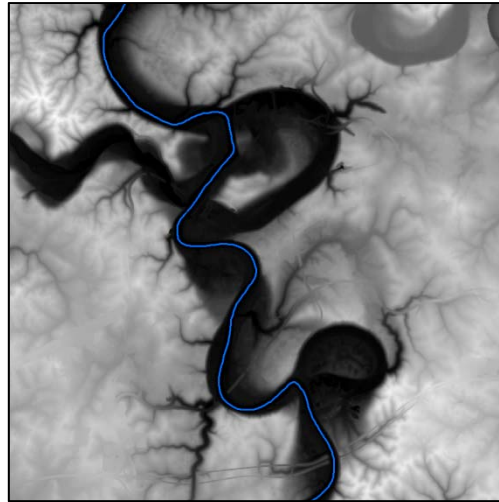


# Scoping/Approach, Data Collection, Modeling

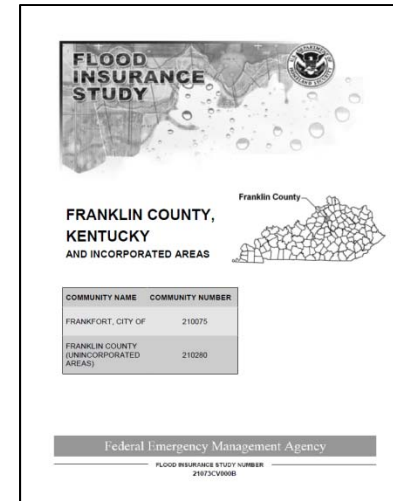
Study Area



Digital Terrain/Elevation Model



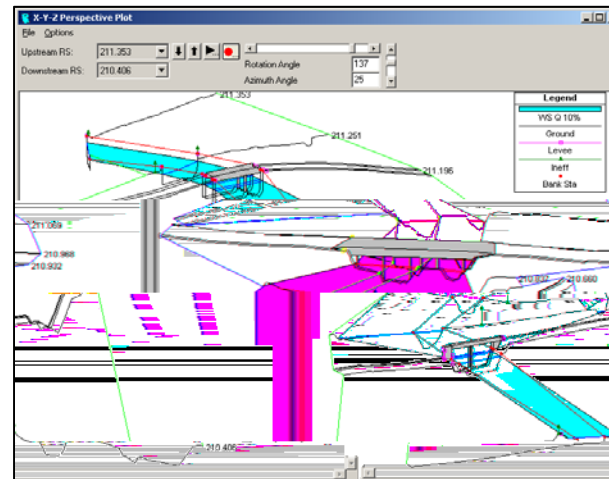
FEMA Flood Insurance Study



Bathymetry and/or survey data

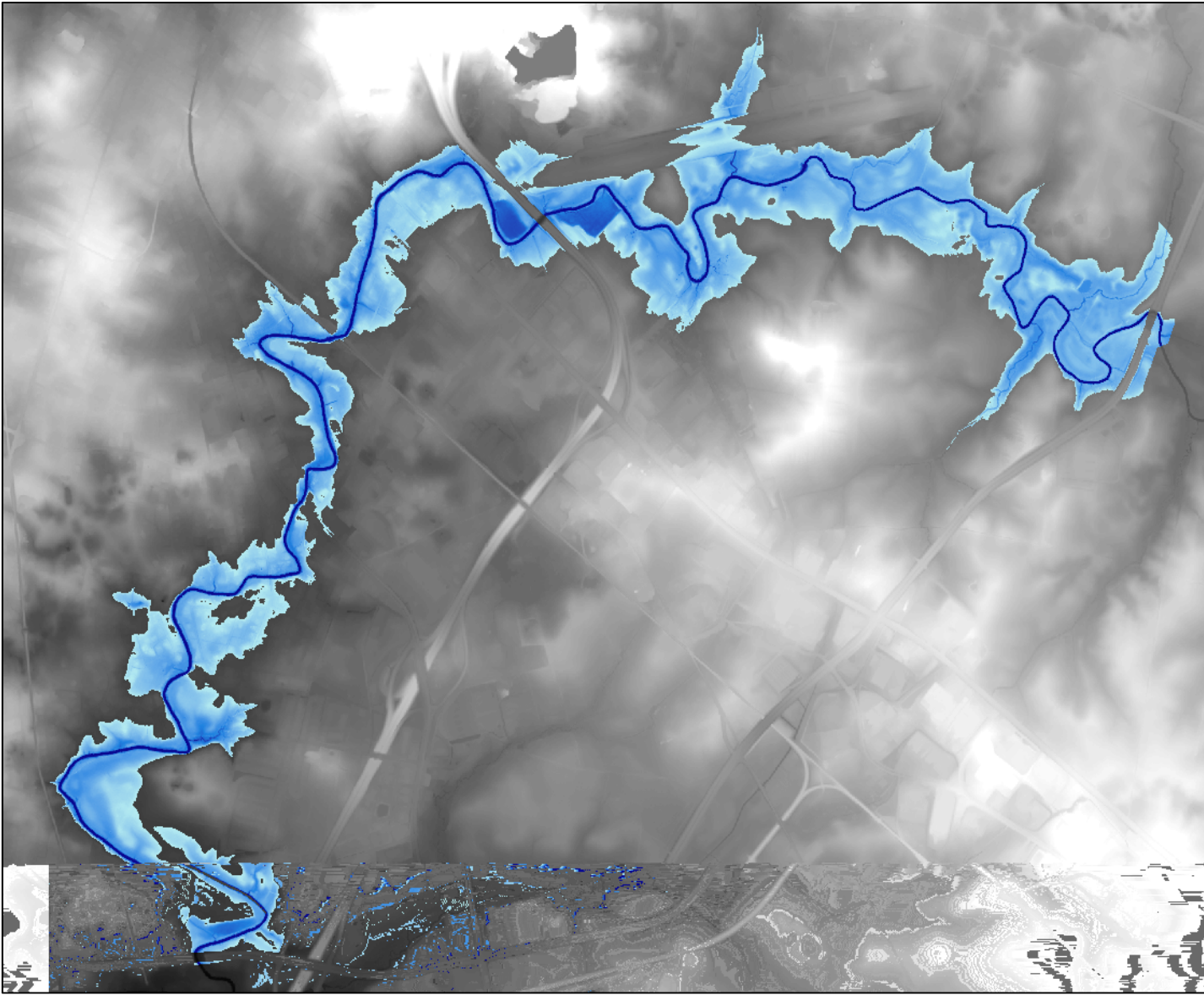


Hydraulic Model and Calibration





# Flood Inundation Depth Grid



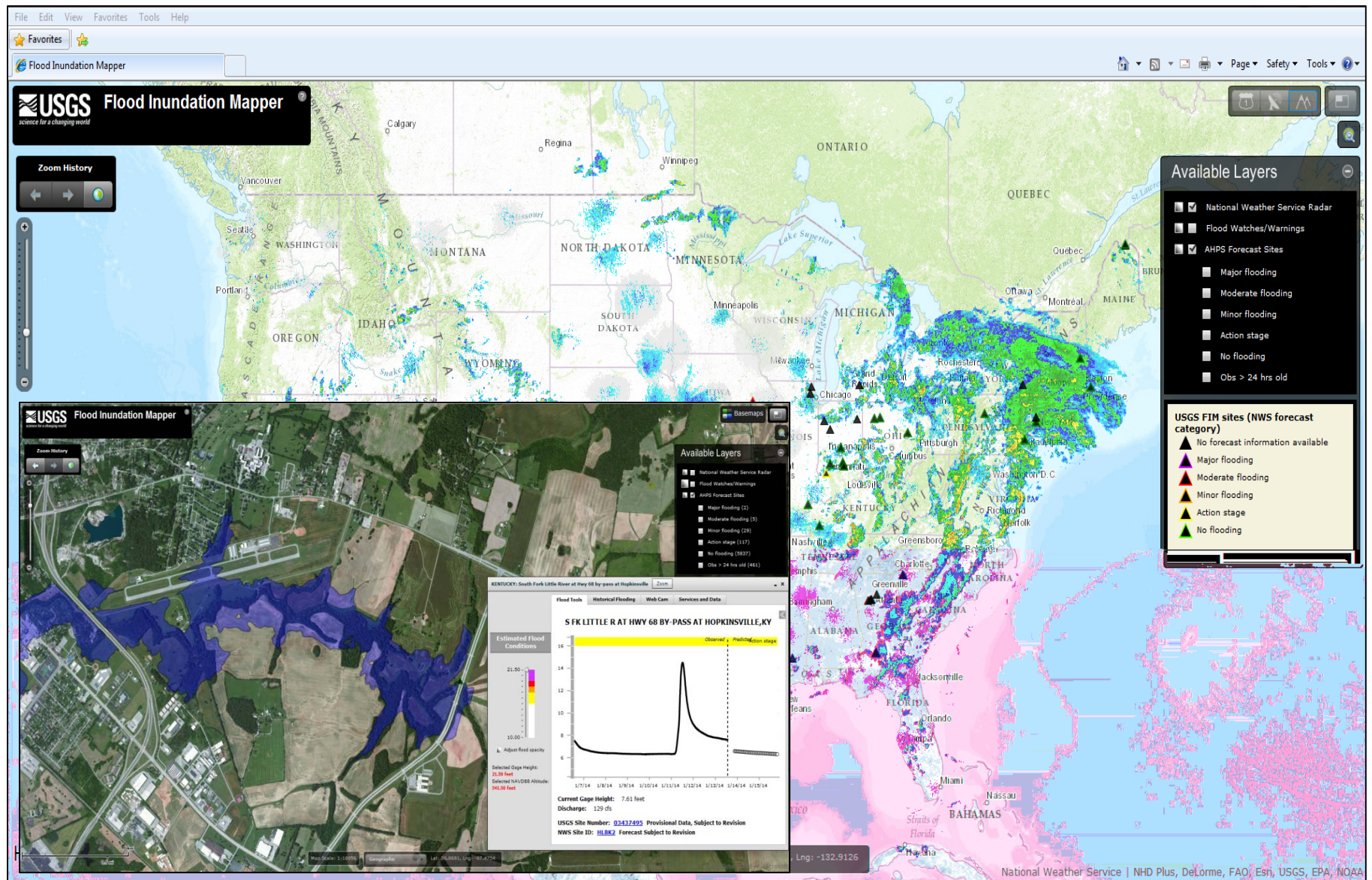








# Final Products – USGS Flood Inundation Mapper

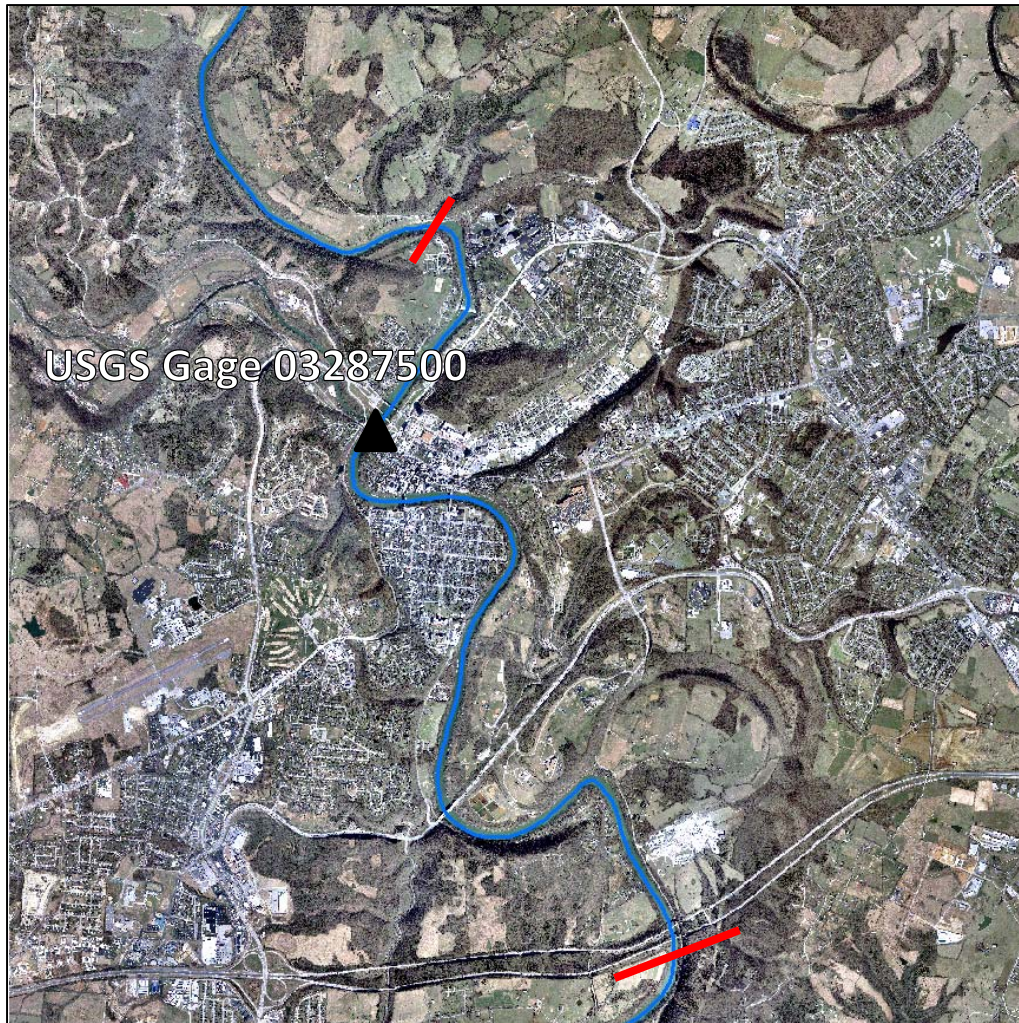


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# Frankfort, KY – Flood Inundation Project

Study Area



1978 Flood



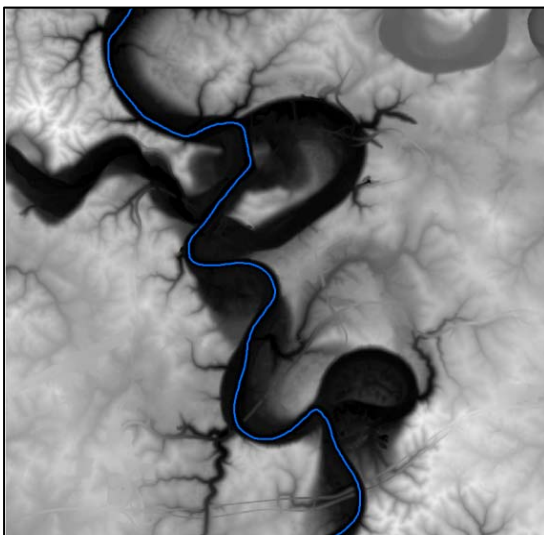
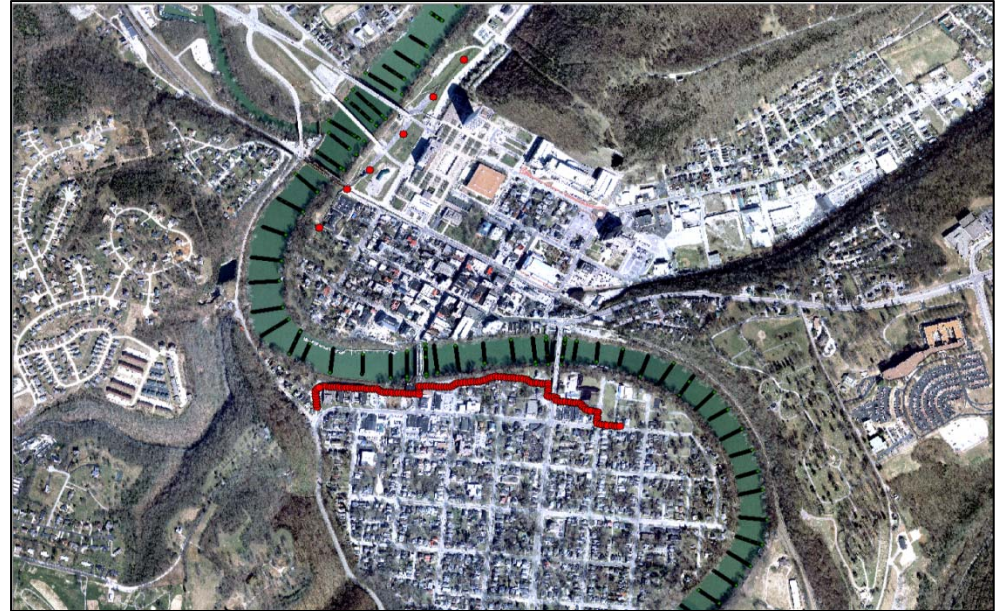


# Frankfort, Kentucky – Data Collection and Processing

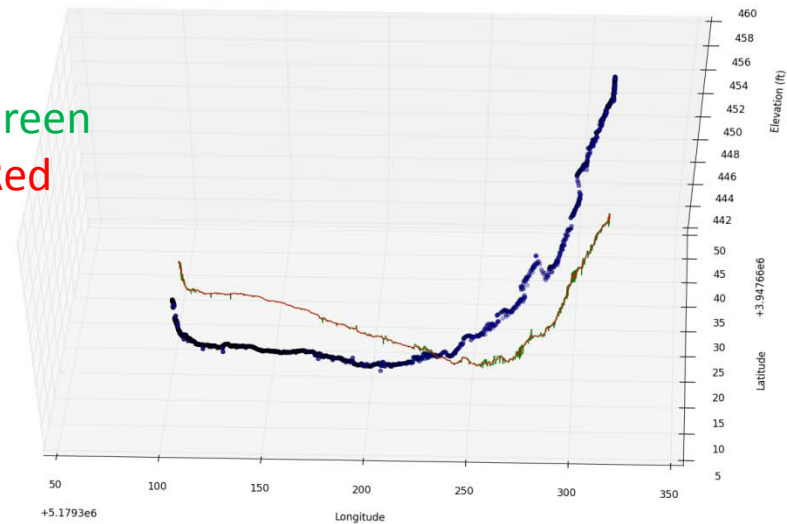
Raw bathymetry data



Processed bathymetry data and NLD data



Raw Points – Blue  
Projected Points – Green  
Smoothed Points - Red



# Frankfort, KY - Modeling Approach

	Stage (ft.)	Elevation (ft.) NAVD88
Highest inundation Stage:	52	513.58
Major Flood Stage:	40	501.58
Moderate Flood Stage:	35	496.58
Flood Stage:	31	492.58
Action Stage:	29	490.58
Lowest inundation Stage:	27	488.58
Gage 0 Datum:	0	461.58

**Mapping Interval (ft): 1.0**

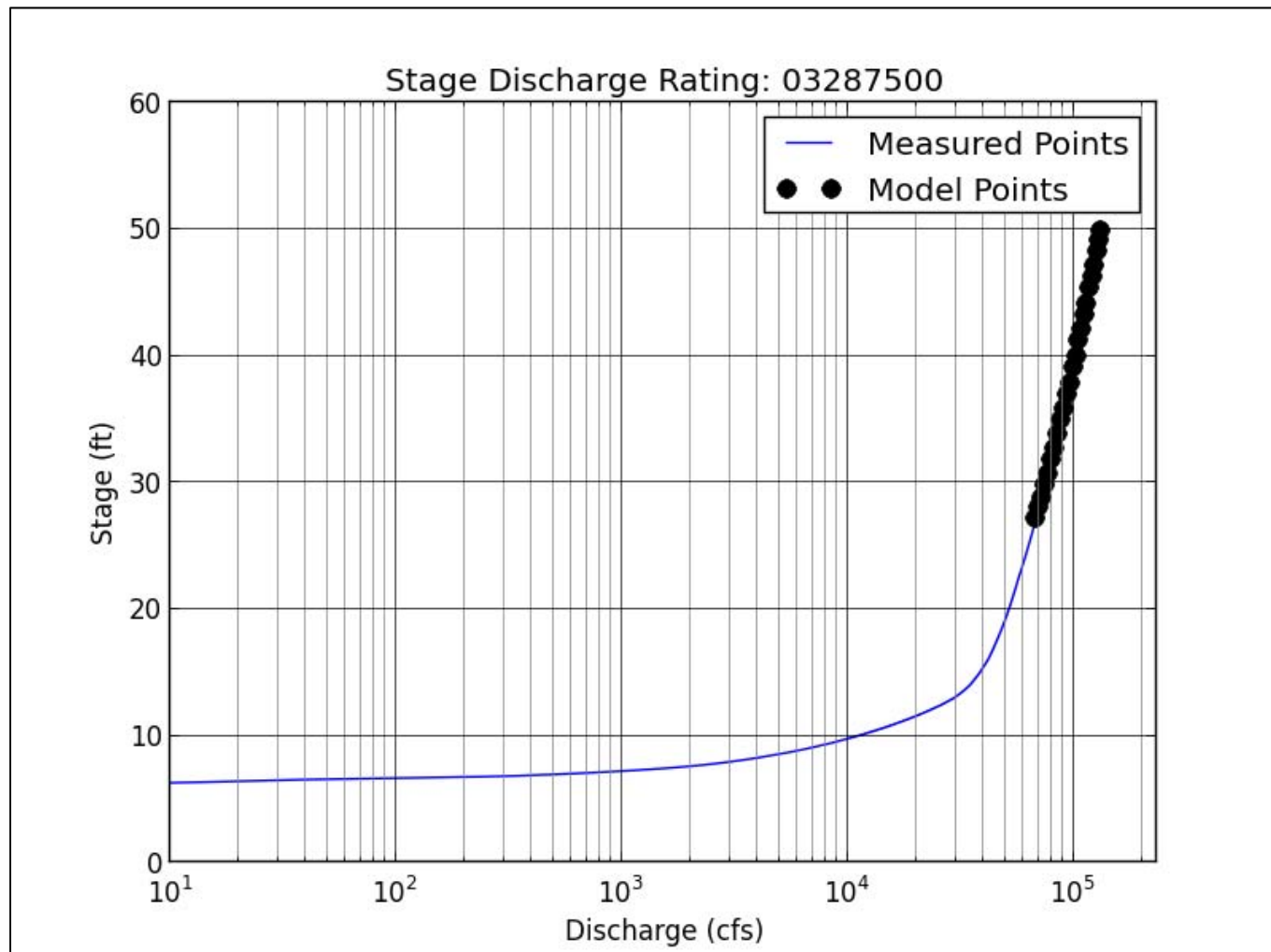
**List of Modeled Stages (ft): 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52**

**FEMA Elevations for 10, 2, 1, 0.2 % Flood:** 10% = 496.0 ft, 2% = 503.0 ft, 1% = 508.0 ft, 0.2% = 510.0 ft

# Frankfort, Kentucky - Model Calibration

## Stage Discharge Rating

- **Criteria: Water surface profiles are to be within +/- 0.5 ft. of the established USGS stage discharge rating.**

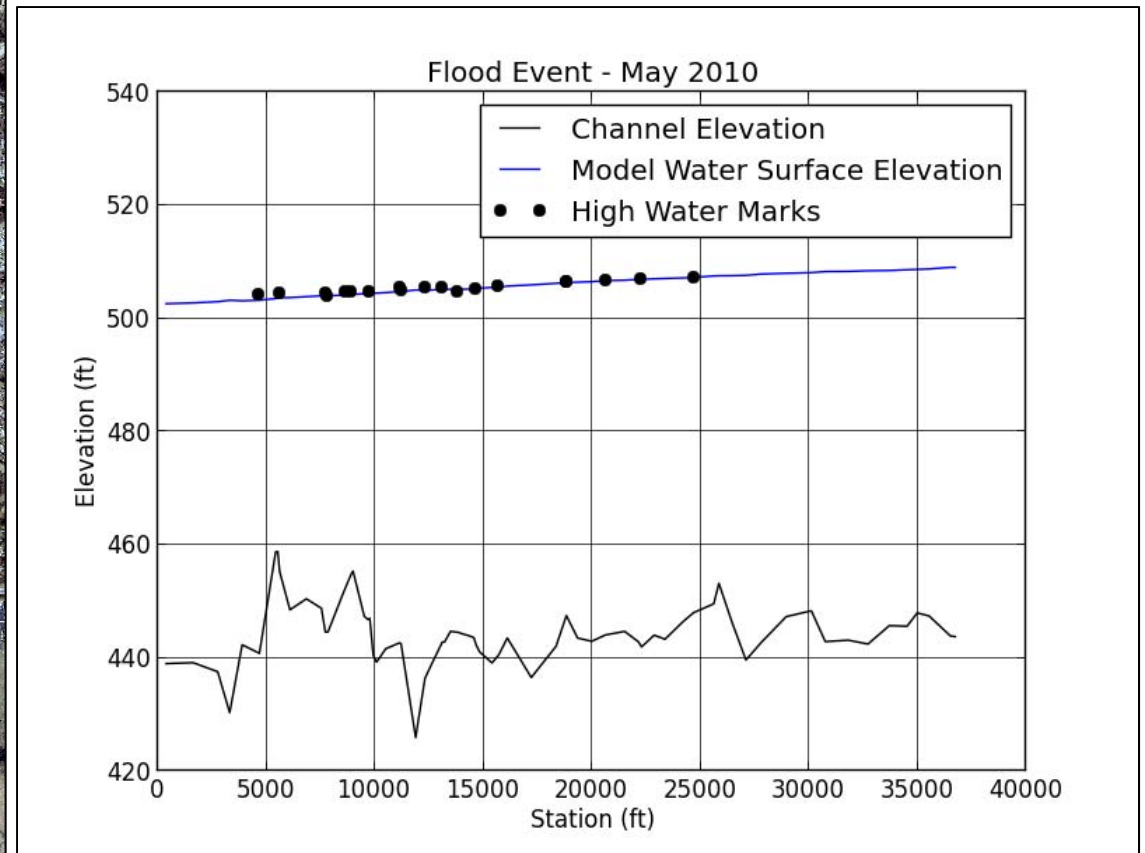
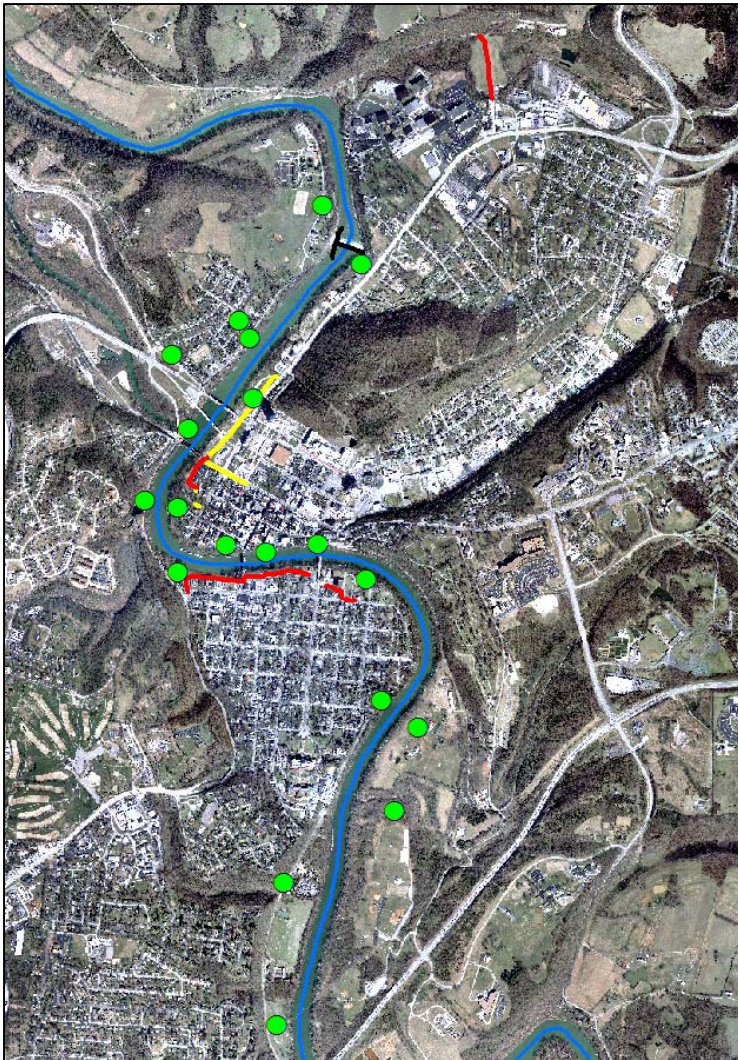




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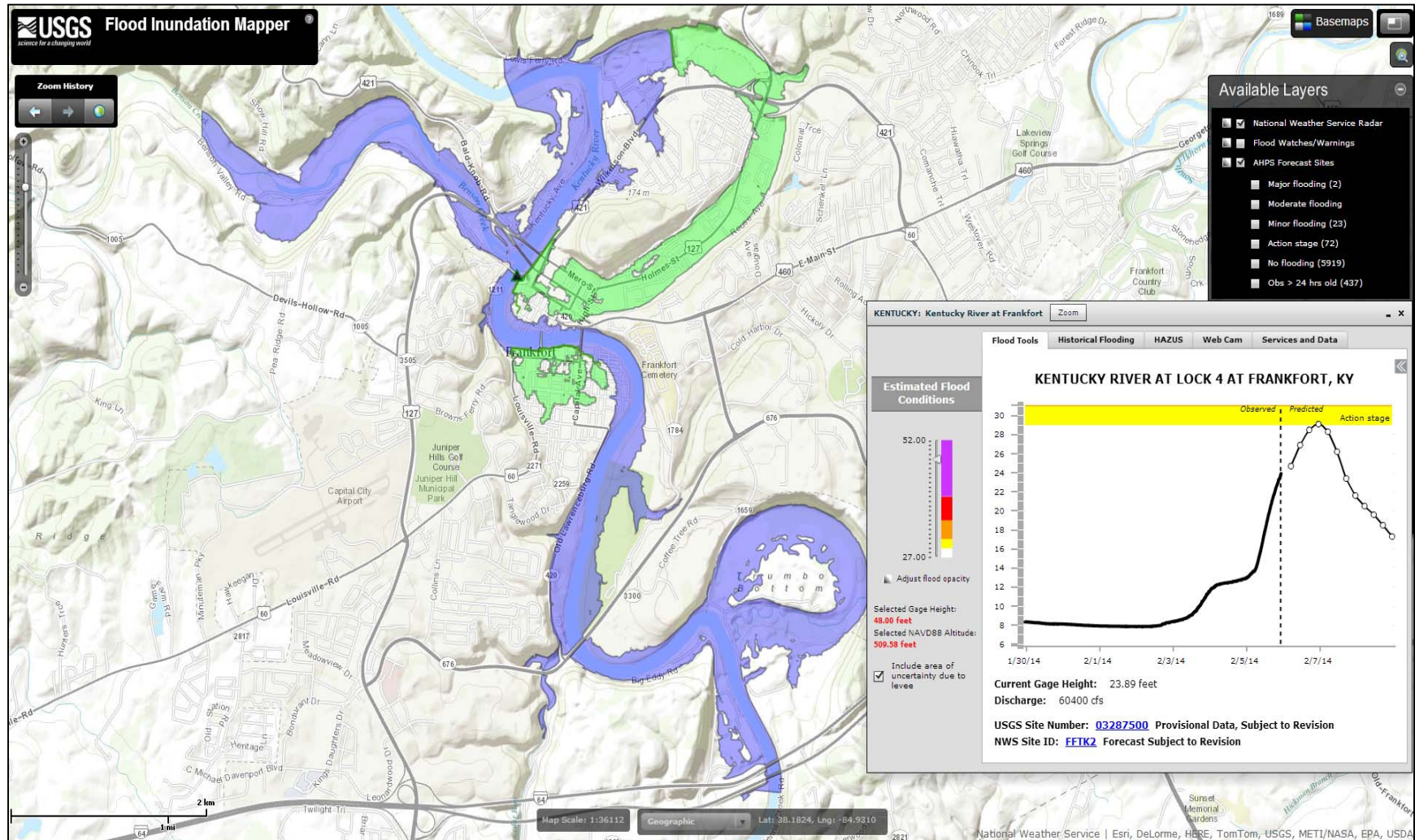
## 2010 Flood Event with High Water Marks

- **Criteria: Water surface profiles are to be within  $\pm 1.0$  ft. of the measured high water marks.**



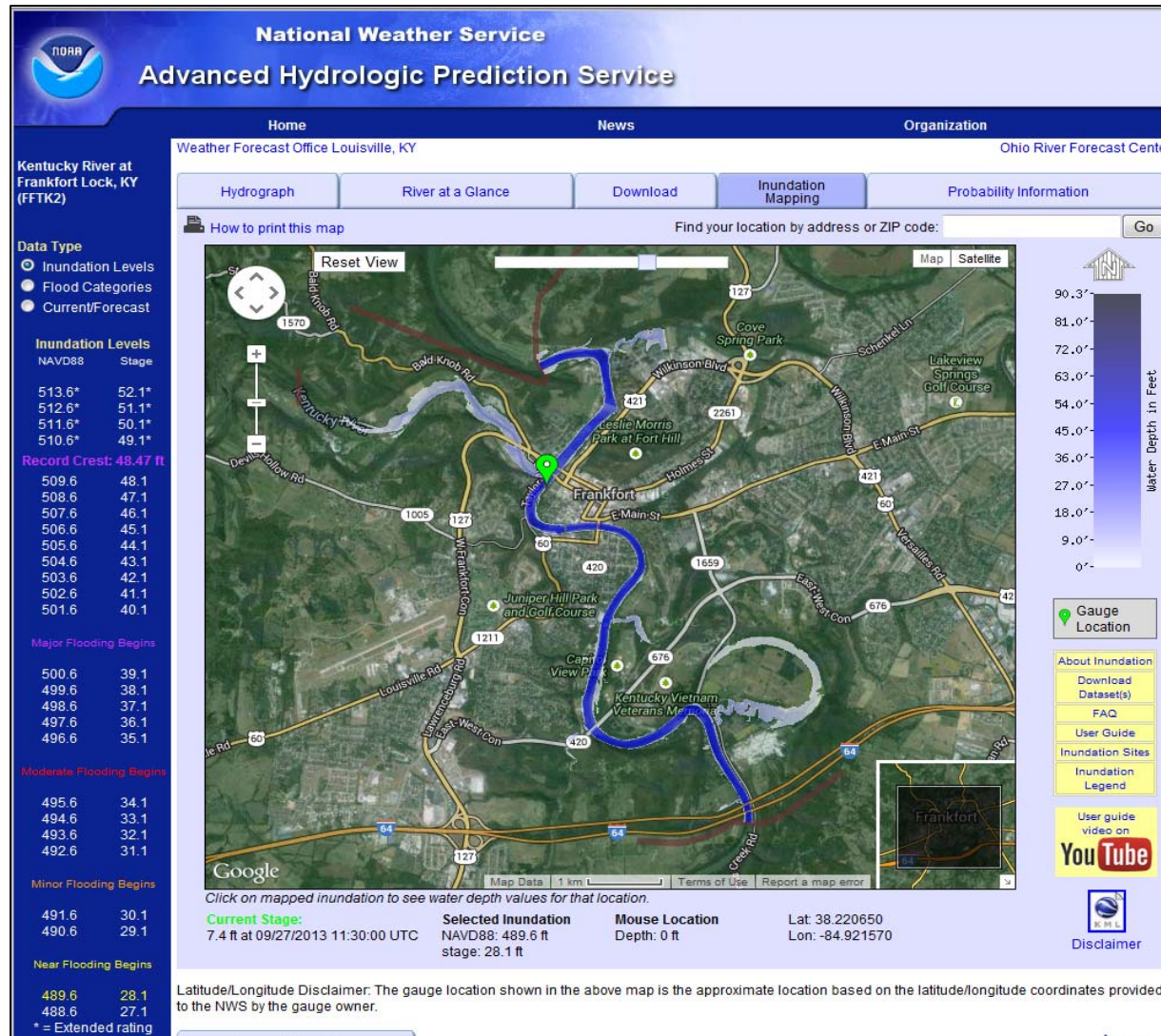


# Phases 2B – 3: Frankfort, KY Web Implementation USGS Flood Inundation Mapper



<http://wim.usgs.gov/FIMI/FloodInundationMapper.html>

# Frankfort, Kentucky - NWS Flood Inundation Mapper



[http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/inundation/inundation\\_google.php?g\\_datatype=depth&wfo=lmk&gage=fftk2](http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/inundation/inundation_google.php?g_datatype=depth&wfo=lmk&gage=fftk2)



# Questions?

