NCEM Flood Mitigation Studies and Dam Water Level Monitoring and Alerts

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Overview

- 2-D Rain-on-Grid Flood Mitigation Studies
 - Background
 - Modeling methods and assumptions and output
 - Flood mitigation studies and online viewer
- Dam-Rainfall Runoff Modeling
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 - Modeling methods and assumptions and output
 - DamWatch





Background – 2D Flood Mitigation Studies



Existing Riverine Flood Studies (~28,000 miles)





Background – 2D Flood Mitigation Studies

Northampton-Gates Currituck Hertford Granville Camden adkin Forsyth erquimans Franklin Guilford Orange Bert Pasquotank NashEdgecombe Alamance Durbam aldwell Alexande Tyrrell Martin Wake 10 5 0 Washington Randolph Chatham Wilson Burke Catav Dare Eastern Band Cherol towan Pitt Johnston Lincoln Greene Beaufort Cabarrus Hyde Montgomery hertord Harnett Stanly ClevelandGaston Moore Wayne Lenoir Craven **Mecklenburg** Pamlico Cumberland Jones AnsonRichmond Hoke Sampson Duplin Union Scotland Carteret Onslow Bladen Robeson Pender Columbus New Hanover Brunswick

Unstudied Streams (~76,000 miles)





New Flood Studies and Building Level Risk Assessments for Unstudied Streams (12,723 square miles/11,135 stream miles)





2-D Modeling Rainfall Losses

- HEC-HMS or Spreadsheet
- Direct Hyetograph Development
- Losses SCS CN Method
- Rainfall NOAA Atlas 14, SCS Type II or III storm
 - 20, 10, 4, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.2, 0.01% events
 - 1% plus Upper band of the 95% CI of rainfall
 - Climate Runs assumed 10, 20, and 30% increase of 100-year rainfall depth for climate run
- Areal reduction factor not applied. DA size was limited to smaller areas to reduce need for ARF







2-D Modeling Hydrology and Hydraulics

- HEC-RAS 2-D Rain-on-Grid
- Hyetographs applied directly to mesh including losses based on CN methodologies
- Terrain
 - Latest QL2 LIDAR data
 - Bridges Embankment only bridge deck already removed from terrain
 - Culverts Hydro-corrected for DA > 1sq mi using NCDOT culvert inventory







Terrain Data Hydro-corrected









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HEC-RAS 2-D Mesh Geometry – City of Greeneville Watershed (0302010304)





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Manning's Roughness (n)

• National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) 2016

NLCD	Normal N Value	Range of n Values	Land Cover
11	0.03	0.025-0.05	Open Water
21	0.04	0.03-0.05	Developed, Open Space
22	0.1	0.08-0.12	Developed, Low Intensity
23	0.12	0.06-0.14	Developed Medium Intensity
24	0.15	0.12-0.20	Developed, High Intensity
31	0.03	0.023-0.03	Barren Land (Rock/Sand/Clay)
41	0.13	0.10-0.16	Deciduous Forest
42	0.13	0.10-0.16	Evergreen Forest
43	0.13	0.10-0.16	Mixed Forest
52	0.1	0.07-0.16	Shrub/Scrub
71	0.045	0.025-0.05	Grassland/Herbaceous
81	0.06	0.025-0.06	Pasture/Hay
82	0.06	0.025-0.06	Cultivated Crops
90	0.12	0.045-0.15	Woody Wetlands
95	0.08	0.05-0.085	Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands





Model Validation

- Run model simulation based on Hurricane Matthew rainfall to validate the 2D rain-on-grid model
 - Modeled Hurricane Matthew water surface elevations (WSEL) are examined at High Water Mark (HWM) and gage locations with a target of being within 1 foot of the modeled versus observed WSEL
 - NFIP Claims, Public Assistance and Individual Assistance structural impact data points were analyzed. The impact data points that had attributes indicating potential flood damage were assessed with a goal of greater than 50% of these structures falling within the modeled Hurricane Matthew inundation area.





Legend - CNMS Unmapped Streams City of Greenville Watershed Depth 1pct 0.000999451 - 0.5 0.5 - 1 1.000000001 - 1.5 1.50000001 - 2 2.00000001 - 5.757949792 5.757949793 - 6.997908327 6.997908328 - 8.326435328 8.326435329 - 10.18637313 10.18637314 - 12.48915327 12.48915328 - 22.58595848 Ν 1,000 Feet 1 inch = 1,000 feet

City of Greenville Watershed 2-D Modeling Flood Extents (10-ft DEM) – Raw Output





City of Greenville Watershed 2-D Modeling Flood Extents – ½ Square Mile Drainage Area







City of Greenville Watershed 2-D Modeling Flood Extents – 1/4 Square Mile Drainage Area







City of Greenville Watershed 2-D Modeling Flood Extents – Depth > 1-ft







City of Greenville Watershed 2-D Modeling Flood Extents – Depth > 1-ft and Polygons > 15,000 sqft







HB200 Flood Mitigation Studies

- Flood Risk Assessment Building-level flood damage assessments for all return periods
- Non-structural building mitigation strategies Evaluated for all structures
- Areas of mitigation interest identified by structures with highest cost-to-benefit ratio based damages based on 30 and 50-year time period
- Data will be shared through a new GIS web application for non-regulatory products
- Mapping will not be published on regulatory DFIRMs





Rainfall-Runoff Modeling Overtopping Analysis for Dam Alerts





Background

- NCDEQ Overtopping analysis in 2018-2019 – Approximately 268 dams in the Neuse and Lumber River Basins
- Goal is to see the amount of rainfall required to overtop a dam and cause possible dam failure
- 25, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000year return periods
- Site selection
 - Structural height >25-ft
 - Maximum storage > 50 ac-ft







Dam Overtopping Methodology

- Data Collection
- Watershed Delineation
- Reservoir stage-storage and spillway rating curves
- Watershed Parameters and Rainfall
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic Overtopping Analysis





Data Collection

- Dam "as-builts" or dam surveys
 - Dam Safety where available
 - Field survey for dams with insufficient data to model
- Landuse Latest 2016 National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD)
- Soils NRCS Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO)
- Terrain NCEM QL1 or QL2 LIDAR







Watershed Delineation

Creeson Lake Dam (FORSY-157)

- NCEM 3-10-ft LIDAR • DEM
- ArcHydro •
- **Outlet Immediately** • downstream of dam









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Longest Flow Path





Stage-Storage Curves

- ArcHydro
 - Terrain Morphology
 - Start at Normal Pool
 - 0.5-ft elevation interval

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Spillway Rating Curves

- ArcHydro
 - 0.5-ft intervals
 - Normal pool to several feet above top of dam
 - Spreadsheet for primary and secondary spillway rating curves





Watershed Parameters

- Lag Time SCS watershed lag method
- Infiltration losses SCS Composite Curve Number (CN)
- Precipitation NOAA Atlas 14







Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling

- HEC-HMS
 - Single watershed, single reservoir
- Loss Method SCS CN
- Transform SCS Unit Hydrograph and Lag Time
- Baseflow none
- Precipitation SCS type II or III storm
- 24-hour simulation longer for larger watershed





Overtopping Analysis Results







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EMAP

State and Locally Owned Dam Gauge Sites





Dam Alert Application

- Purchased DamWatch from US Engineering
- Cloud based application
- Active alerts for dams based on forecast and observed rainfall and overtopping analyses results or gauges readings at dams
- DamWatch Data
 - 555 total overtopping analyses
 - 130 water level sensors
 - Dam breach analyses boundaries
 - USGS and NCEM stream gauges





