

# **City of Frontenac Dear Creek Flood Protection Study 2022**



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# Agenda

- ❖ Introduction/Study Driver
- ❖ Focus Area/Issues
- ❖ Modeling
- ❖ Floodproofing
- ❖ New Development
- ❖ Alternative Evaluation





## **Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School Tennis Courts**

**Cloudburst  
on  
August 9, 2020**

**12:45 AM to 1:45 AM**

**0.56 to 5.3 Inches**





**Grassi Video Footage**



# Floating Dumpster





## Damage and Debris





4,400 Acres

Olive Blvd.

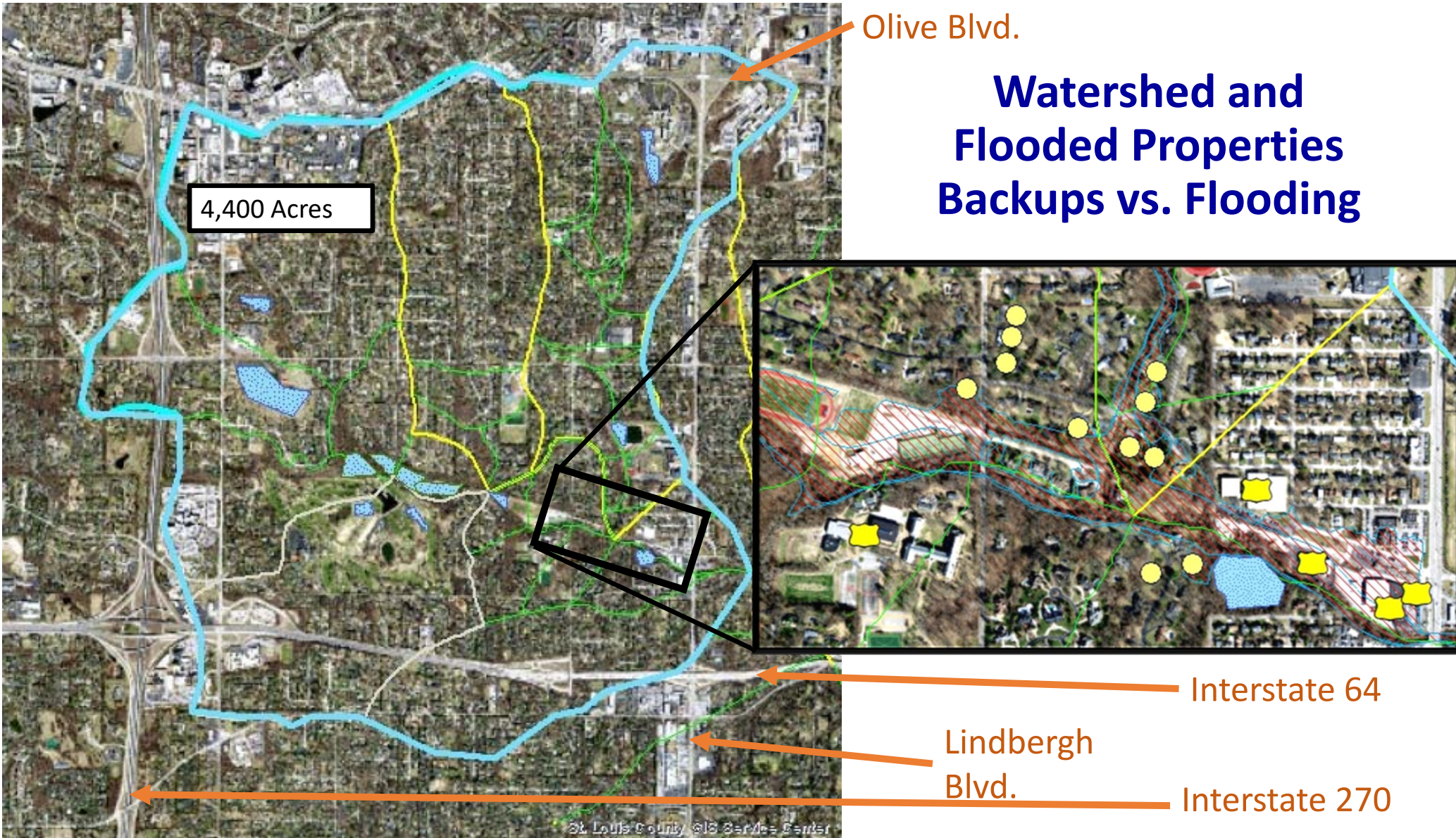
## Watershed and Flooded Properties Backups vs. Flooding

Interstate 64

Lindbergh  
Blvd.

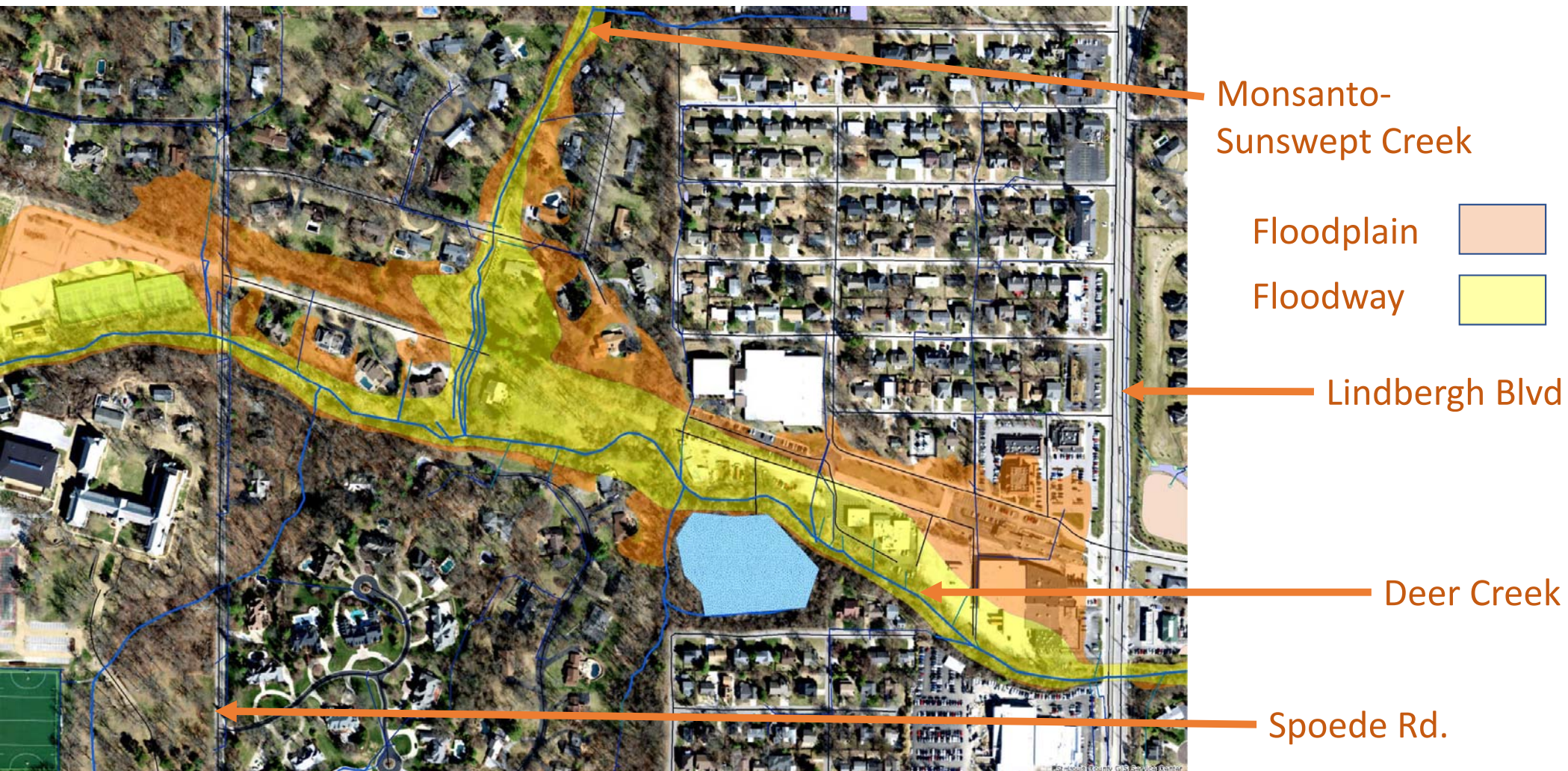
Interstate 270

St. Louis County GIS Service Center





# Published Floodplain and Floodway





**Detention**

**Levee**

**What can be  
done?**

**Flood-  
proofing**

**Bridge  
Modification**

# Study Approach

- ❖ Literature Review
- ❖ **Modeling**
- ❖ **Floodproofing Alternatives**
- ❖ Stakeholder Meetings
- ❖ Conclusions





# Modeling

- ❖ Choosing the Right Storm
- ❖ Model Verification
- ❖ Detention
- ❖ Bridge Modification
- ❖ Levee



# Design Storm Considerations

- ❖ Water Volume
- ❖ Account for Variable Intensity
- ❖ Account for Storm Movement





# 24-Hour Synthetic Storm VS. Cloudburst Storm



## ❖ 24-Hour Synthetic Storm

- Contains Cloudburst and Longer Synoptic Storm
- Produces Flow Volume of  $8.5 \times 10^7$
- Peak Rainfall Intensity is at Noon with High Water at 1PM

## ❖ Cloudburst Storm

- Produces Flow Volume of  $5.06 \times 10^7$ , 40% Less
- Peak Rainfall Intensity 12:05 & 12:20/High Water at 12:53
- Can Account for Variable Intensity and Storm Movement

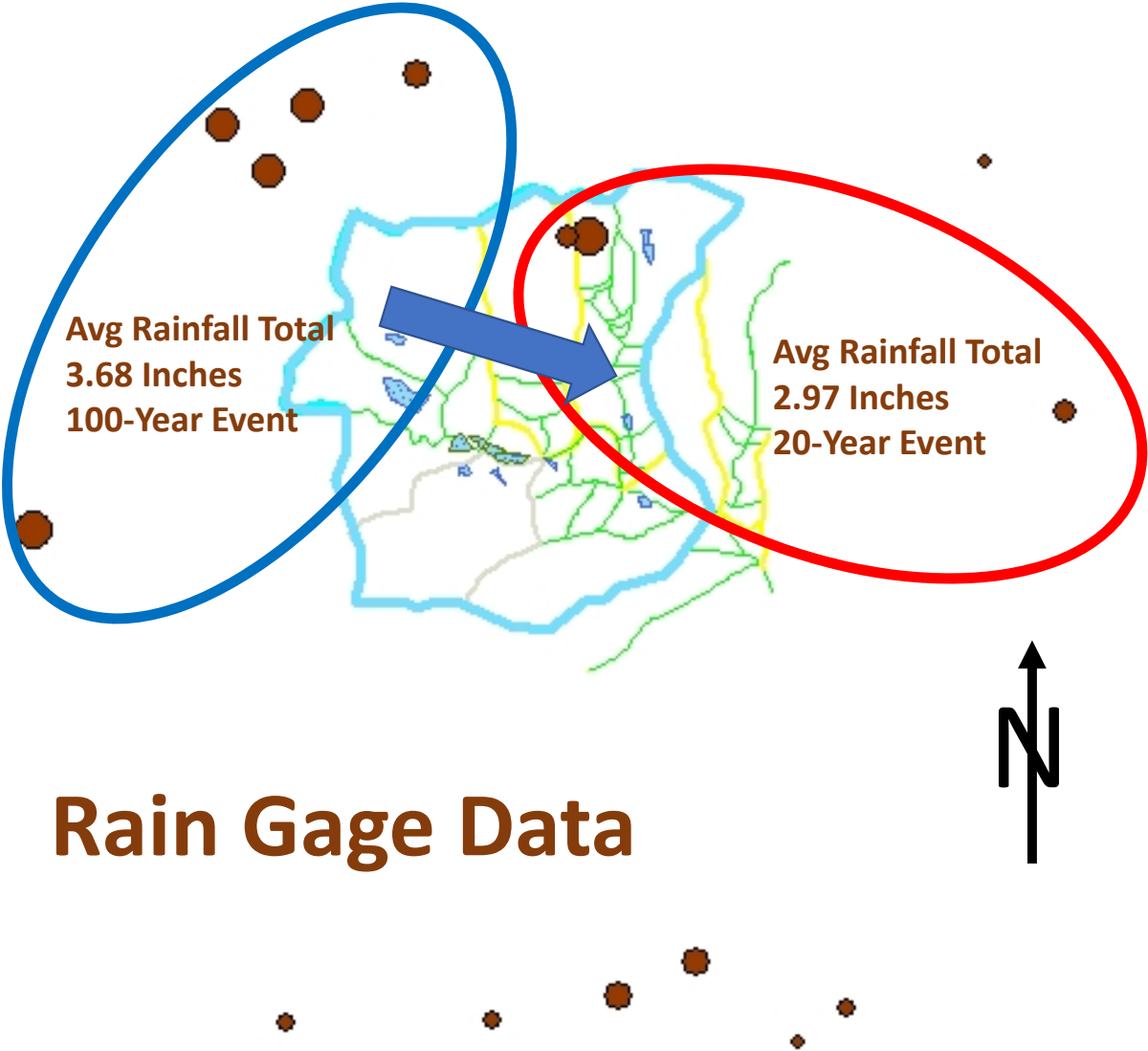




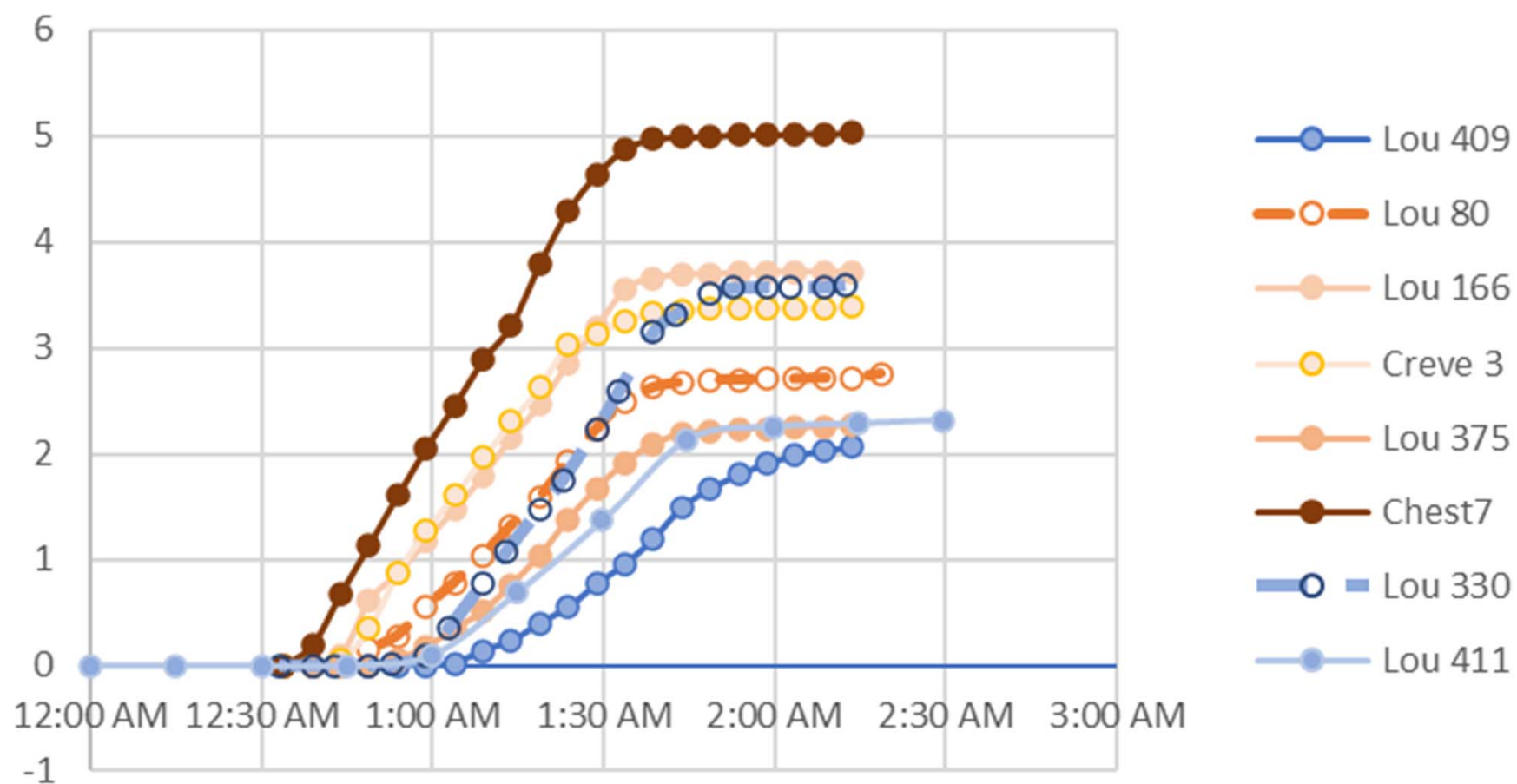
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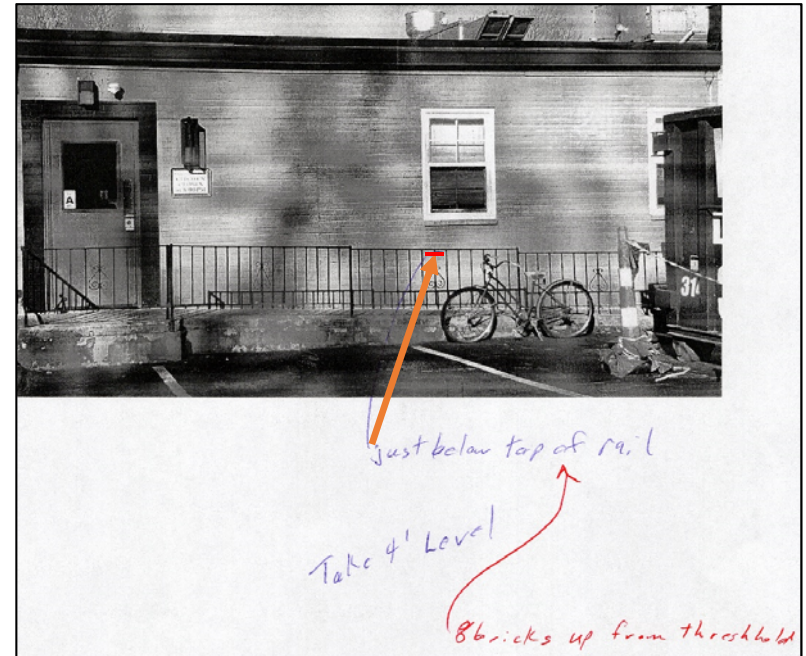
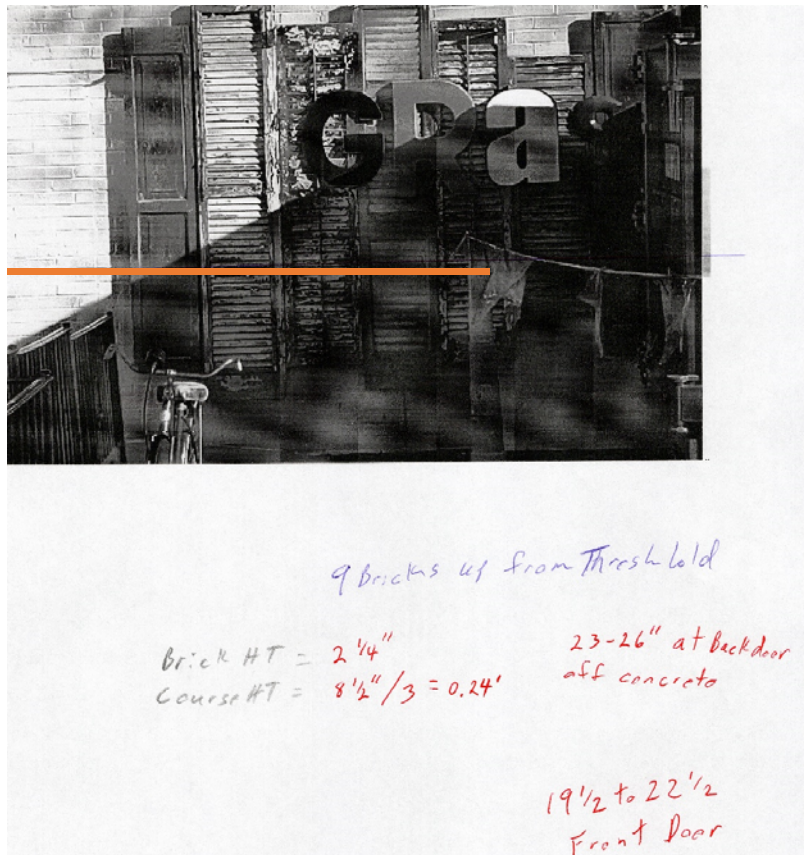
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- 0.57 - 1.04
- 1.05 - 1.73
- 1.74 - 1.98
- 1.99 - 2.10
- 2.11 - 2.32
- 2.33 - 2.47
- 2.48 - 2.56
- 2.57 - 2.62
- 2.63 - 2.68
- 2.69 - 2.96
- 2.97 - 3.58
- 3.59 - 4.00
- 4.01 - 4.12
- 4.13 - 5.30



# Rainfall Depth (in) vs Time

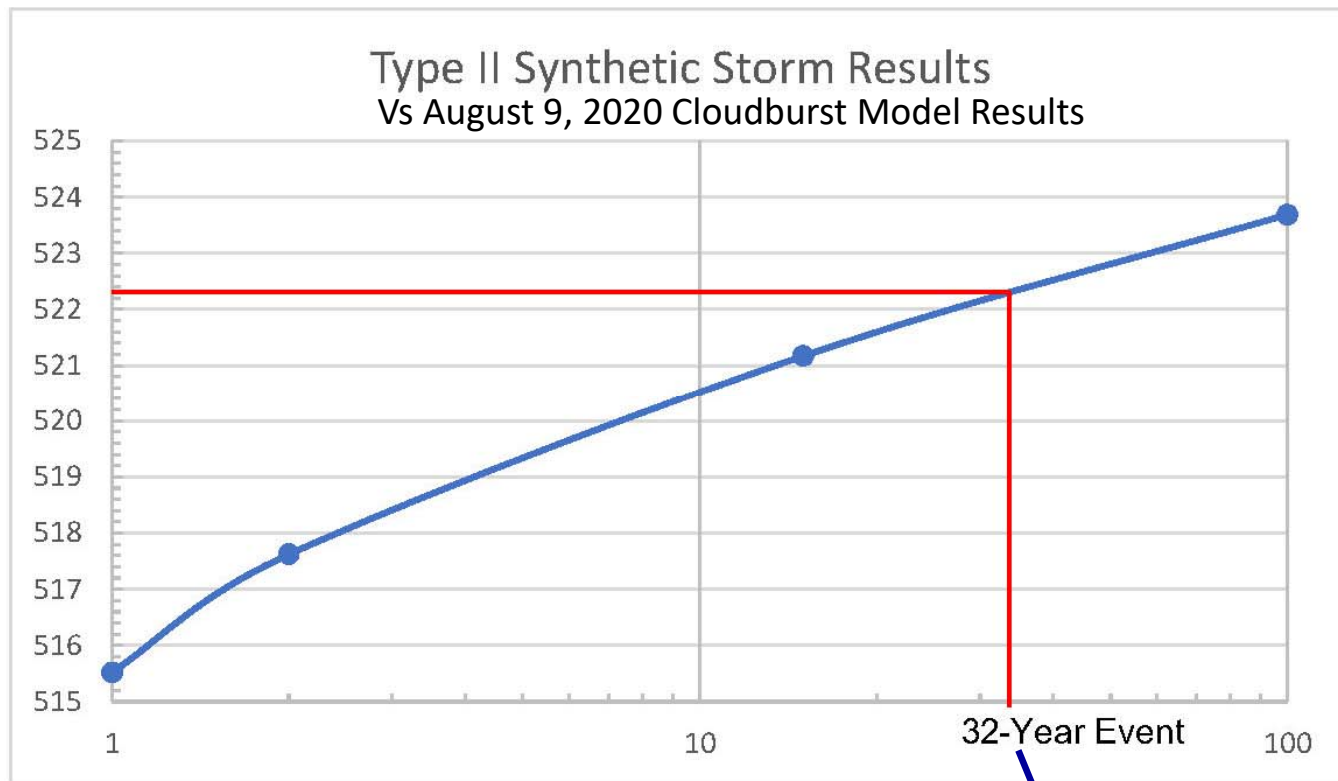


## Model Verification



Measured Flood Elevations  
Between 522.10 and 522.36  
Model Flood Elevation with  
2 Storm Analysis 522.31

Water  
Surface  
Elevations  
(Feet)



Flooding Return Period (Year)

Cloudburst





# Detention Goal for August 9, 2020 Storm

- ❖ Lowest Finished Floor Elevation of 520.17
- ❖ Set Goal Elevation at 520.00
- ❖ Flood Reduction of 2.31 feet

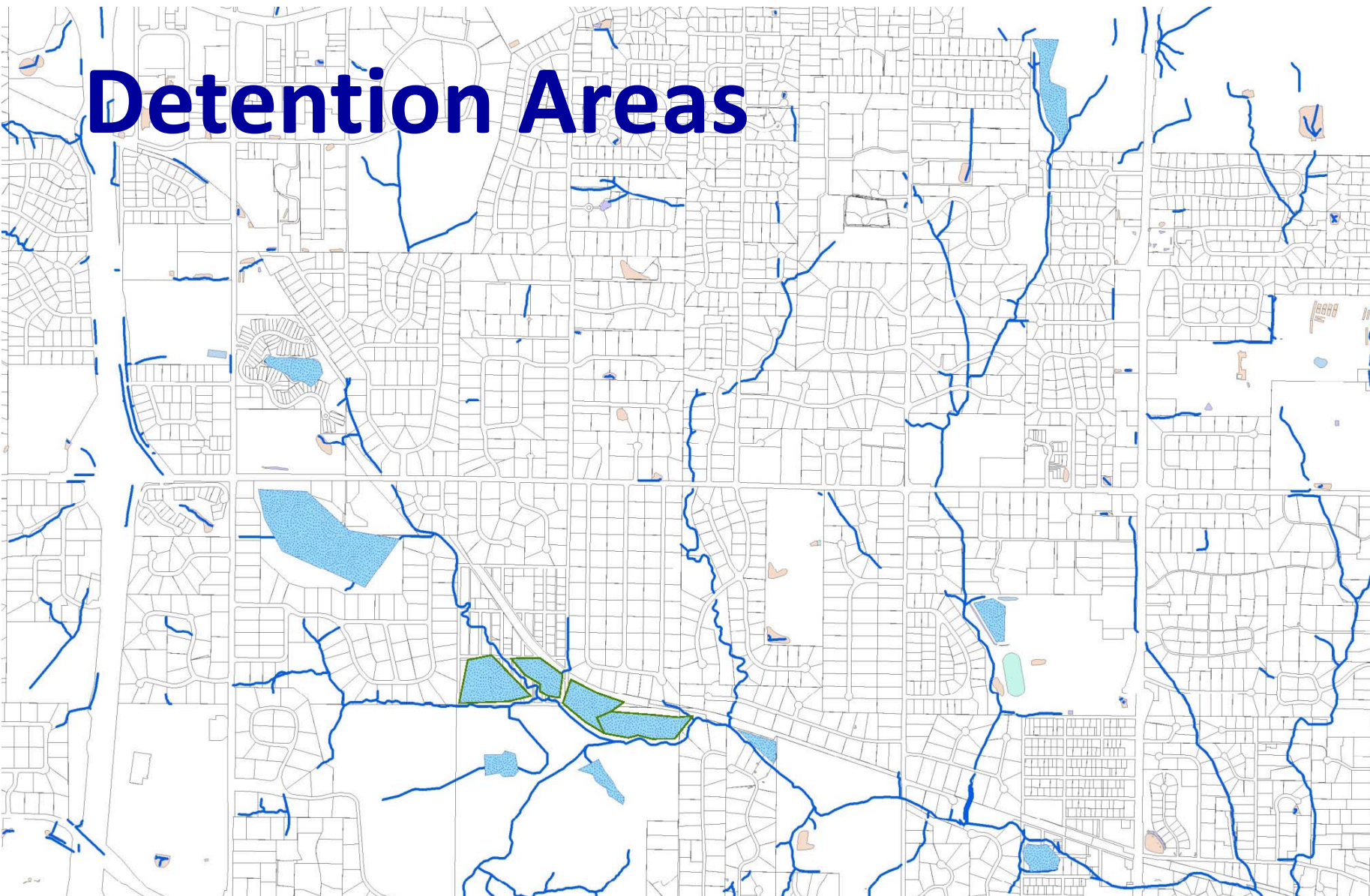


# Areas Considered for Detention

- ❖ Westchester Estates Lake, 22 Acres (Local)
- ❖ Chaminade, 3 Acres
- ❖ Old Quarry, 2.7 Acres
- ❖ Bluespring Ln., 1.5 Acres
- ❖ Carlyle Lake, 2.75 Acres (Local)
- ❖ Bayer Property, 6 Acres
- ❖ Westwood Country Club South, 3 and 4.5 Acres (Local)
- ❖ Westwood Country Club North, 4.6 and 6.2 Acres
- ❖ Malcolm Terrace Park , 7.1 and 3.5 Acres



# Detention Areas



## Flood Reduction Provided

→ 7 Simultaneous Locations Total 2.33 Feet

Site	Estimated Water Surface Elevation Reduction at Grassi's (ft)
→ Bayer	0.52
→ Chaminade	0.20
→ Quarry	0.53
→ Bluespring	0.13
Carlyle Lake	0.01
→ Westwood CC South	0.08
→ Malcom Terrace Park	0.59
→ Westwood CC North	0.90





# Bridge Modification

## ❖ Lindbergh Bridge

- Widening the bridge by 10 feet
- Widening the bridge by 10 feet and raising it 5 feet
  - Lowering WSE 0.06 feet at bridge, 0.00 feet at Grassi's

## ❖ Limited Protection (30 + Year Storm)

- No change in WSE



# Levee

## Lindbergh to 400 Feet Upstream of the Private Bridge

- ❖ Placed along top of Bank
- ❖ 1.51 Foot Rise at Grassi's
- ❖ 3.73 Foot Rise at the Private Bridge
- ❖ Rise further upstream to near Monsanto-Sunswept Creek



# Floodproofing Alternatives



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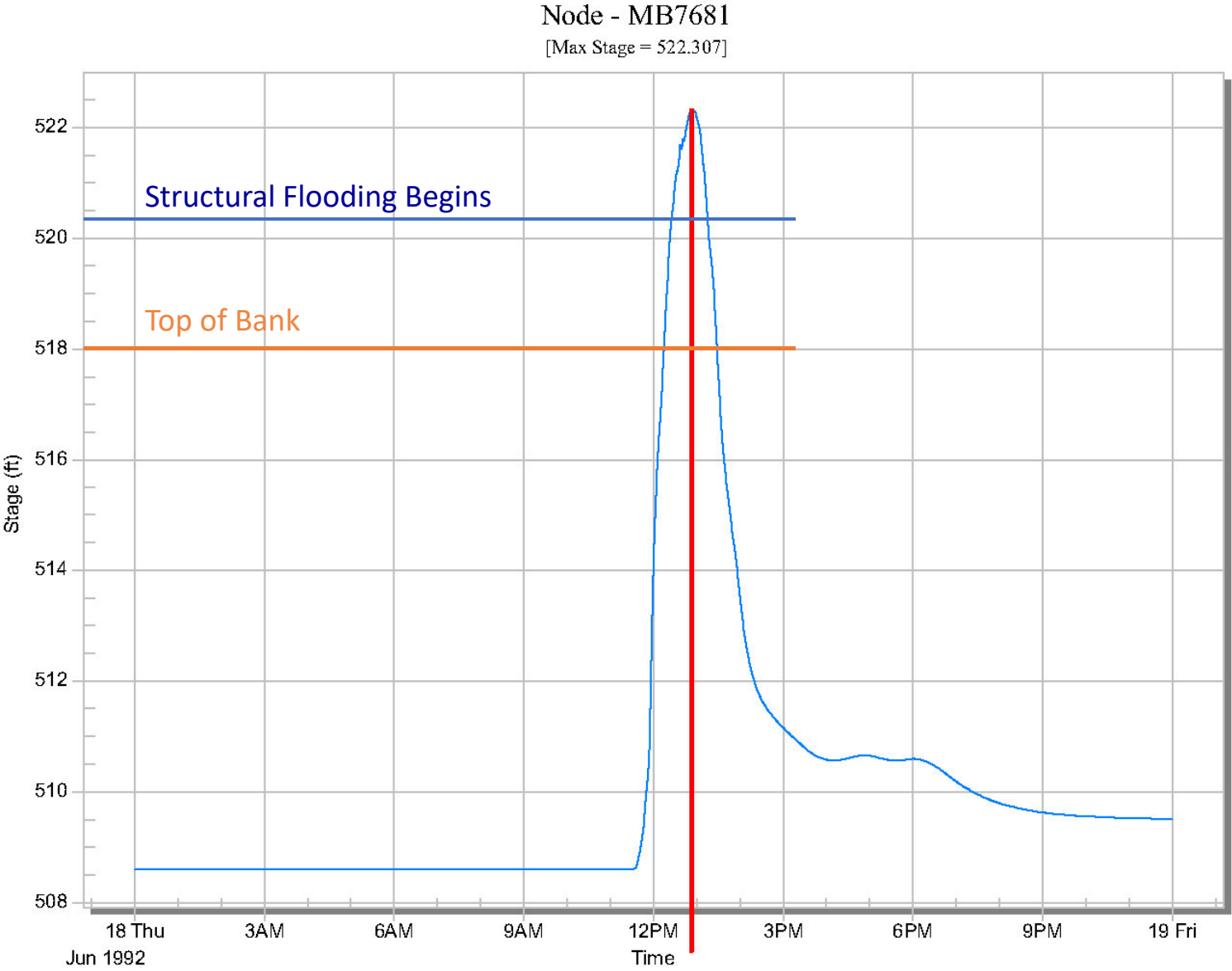
## ❖ Considerations

- Floodway Regulations: No Rise
- Cloud Bursts and Flash Flooding Response Time
  - Storm 1 Peak Intensity at 12:05 PM
  - Storm 2 Peak Intensity at 12:20 PM
  - Grassi's Peak Flow at 12:53 PM (30 to 50 minutes)





# Timing of Peak



# Floodproofing Alternatives

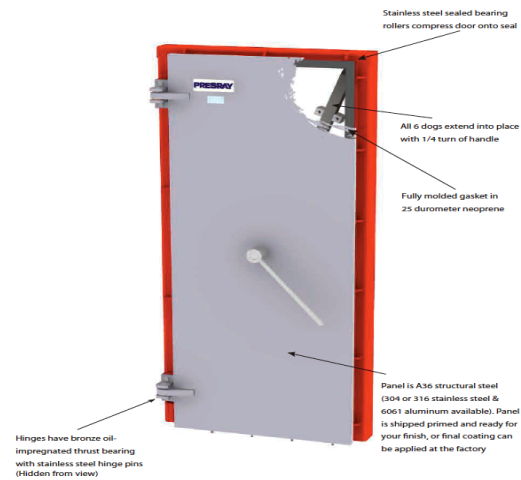
## ❖ Permanent Solutions

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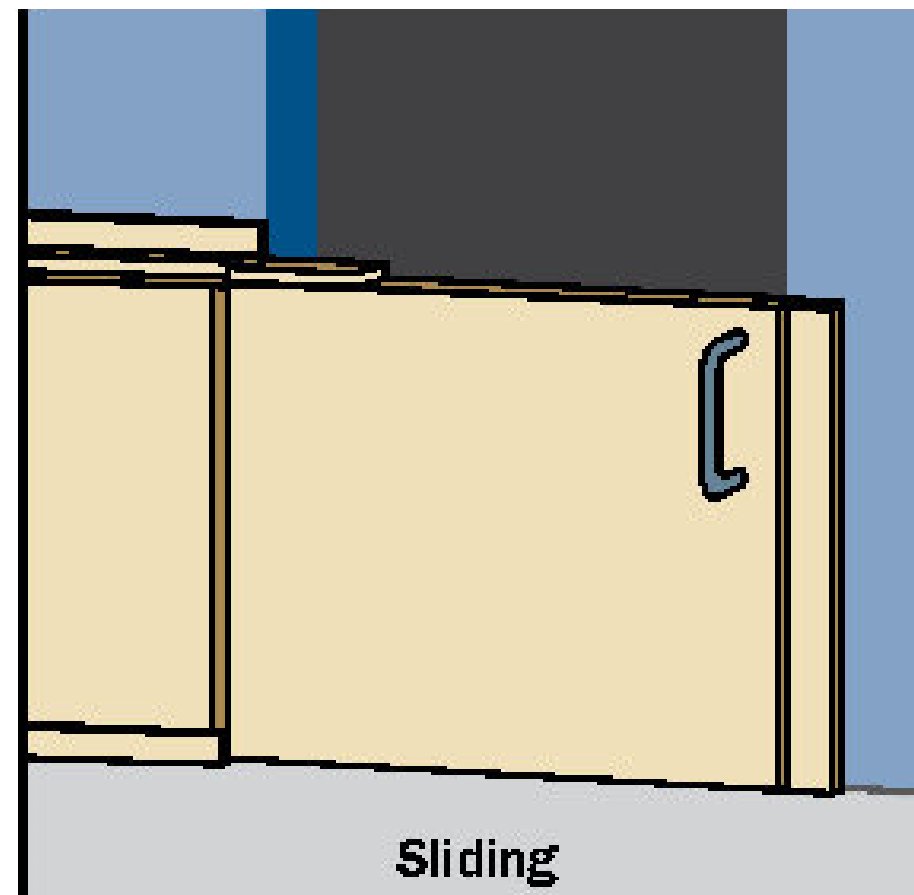
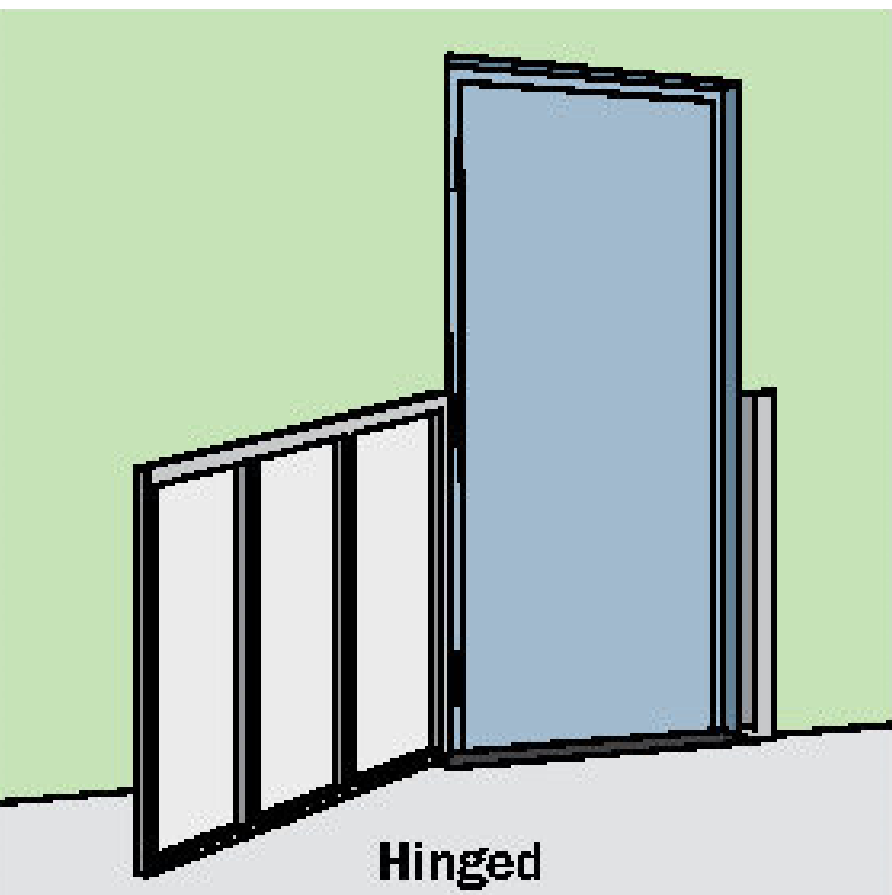
- Waterproof paint to exterior masonry type walls
- Water tight doors
- Hinged or Sliding
- Glass block/Window systems



# Water Tight Doors



# Hinged or Sliding System





# Window Systems



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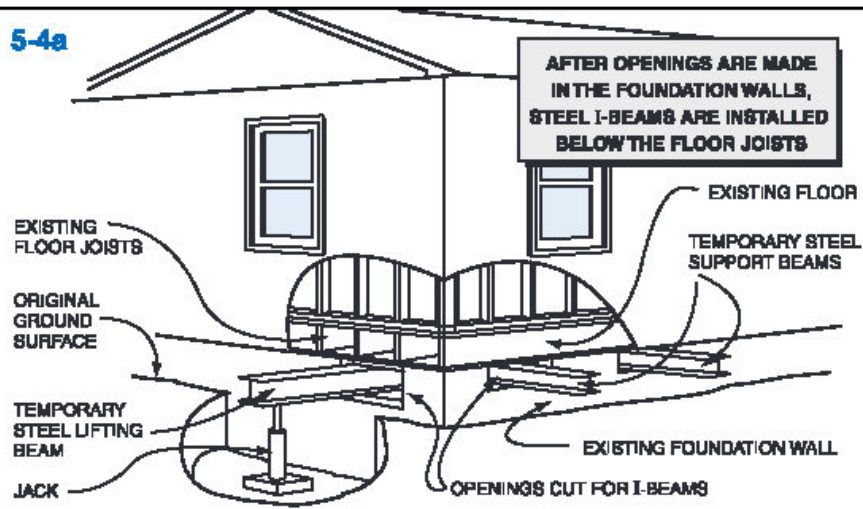
## ❖ Permanent Solutions

- Residential
  - Fill in Basements
  - Raise Buildings
  - Glass Block Windows

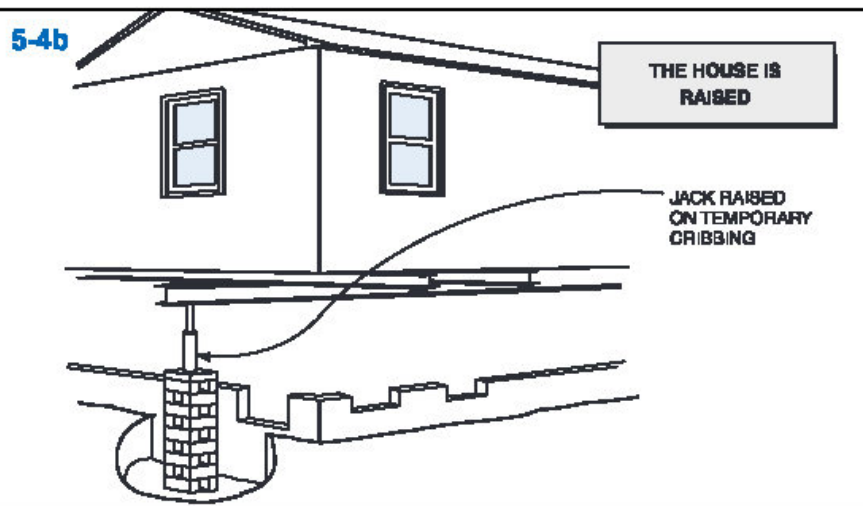


# Elevate Home

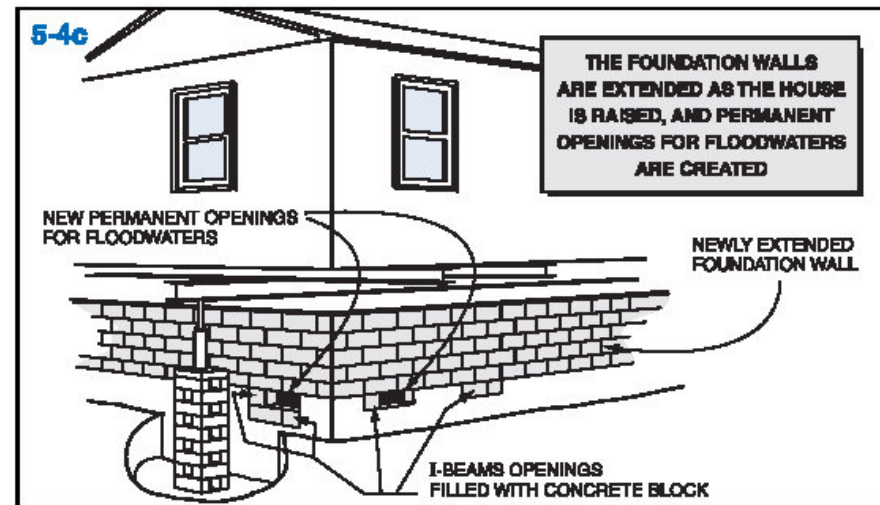
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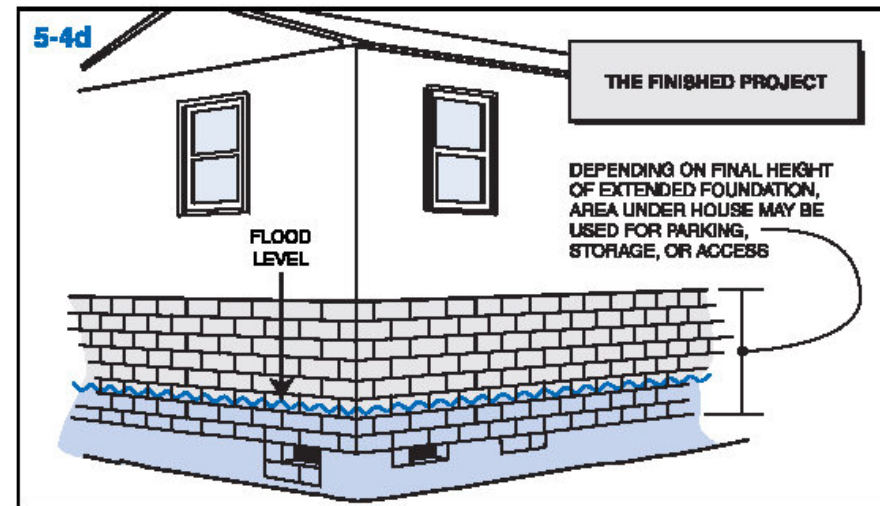
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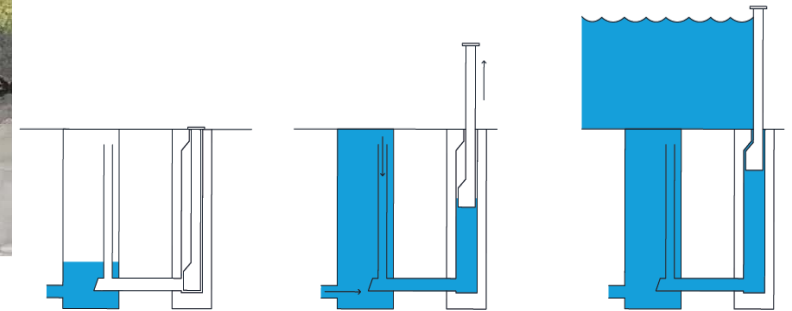
# Floodproofing Alternatives

## ❖ Passive Solutions

- Commercial
  - Horizontal
  - Vertical



# Passive Solutions Vertical



## **Resting Position**

In non-flood conditions, all operational parts are concealed in an underground basin.

## **Deployed Position**

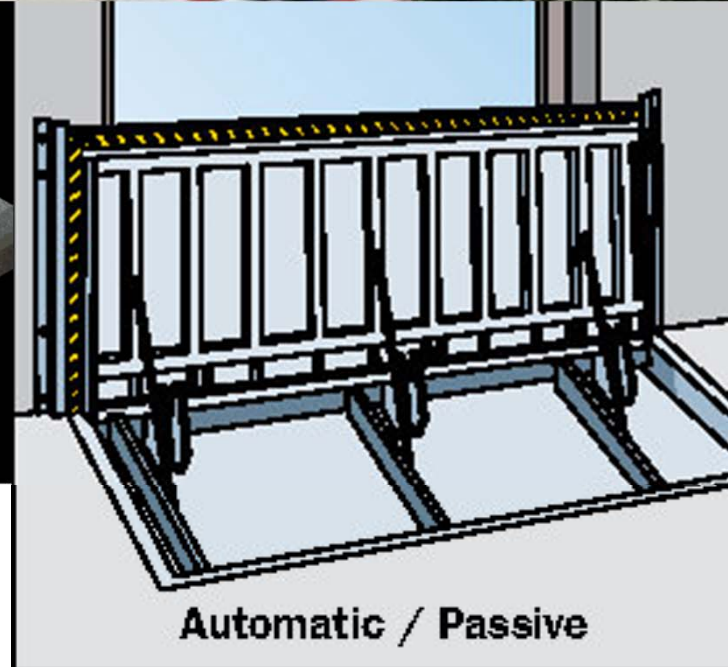
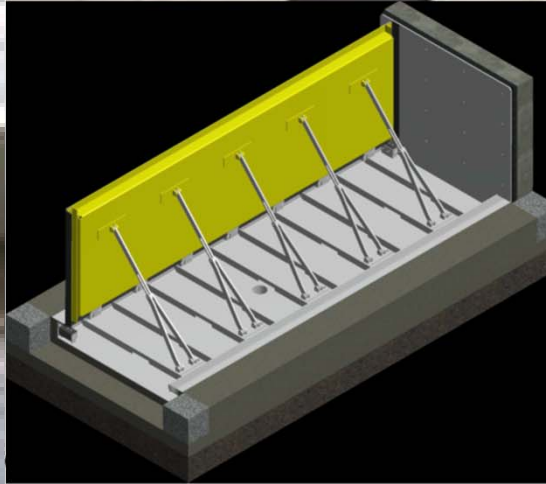
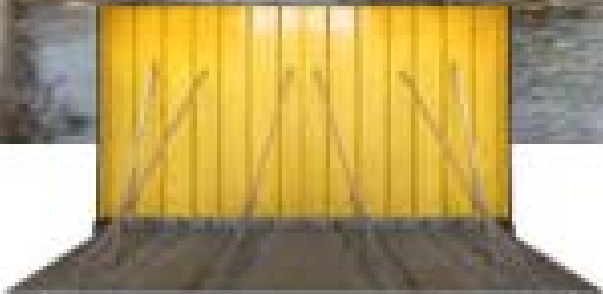
As floodwater rises to a predetermined level, an inlet pipe fills the basin, making the flood wall float up.

## **Fully Deployed**

When the basin is full, an angled support block locks the flood wall into position making it watertight.



## Passive Solutions Horizontal



# Evaluating Alternatives



# Detention

## ❖ Effective But Not Feasible

- Very Expensive
- 8 Different Areas to Negotiate Property Use
  - Only 2 in Frontenac

## ❖ Limited Protection (30 + Year Storm)



# Bridge Modification

## ❖ Ineffective

- Did not lower water surface at Grassi's

## ❖ Expensive



# Levee

- ❖ Modeled Option is Not Permittable
- ❖ Expensive





# Floodproofing

- ❖ Option Has Potential
- ❖ Depends on Property Owner Preferences/Needs
- ❖ Need to Evaluate Specific Solution/s For Each Building



# New Development

## ❖ Difficult in Floodplain/Floodway

- No-Rise Needed
  - Ordinance 506.300.P and 415.040.D
- Construction Requirements
  - Ordinance 415.040.A and 415.040.B

## ❖ Local Opposition



Thanks for your attention.  
Let's discuss.

