

# Introduction to HEC-RAS

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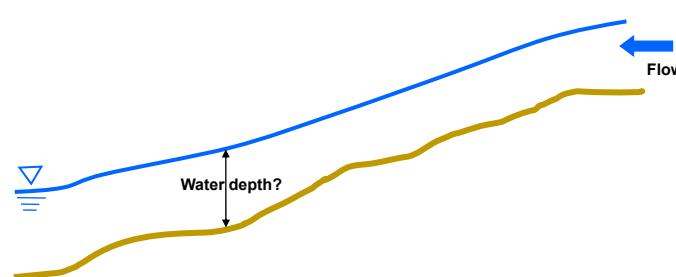
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## HEC-RAS

- 1D/2D hydraulics program
- Compute water surface profiles from channel geometry and flow
- Steady and Unsteady Flow
- Sediment Transport
- Water Temperature
- Water Quality



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## Type and Scale of Applications

- Types of Studies
  - Initial screening and reconnaissance studies
  - Detailed Investigations and alternative evaluations
  - Design Studies
  - Real-time forecasting
- Spatial Scale of Application
  - Very small urban areas with small drainage systems
  - Moderate-size river systems with natural and constructed channels
  - Large-scale river systems
- Time Scale of Applications
  - Peak flow profiles
  - Single event simulations
  - Long term simulations

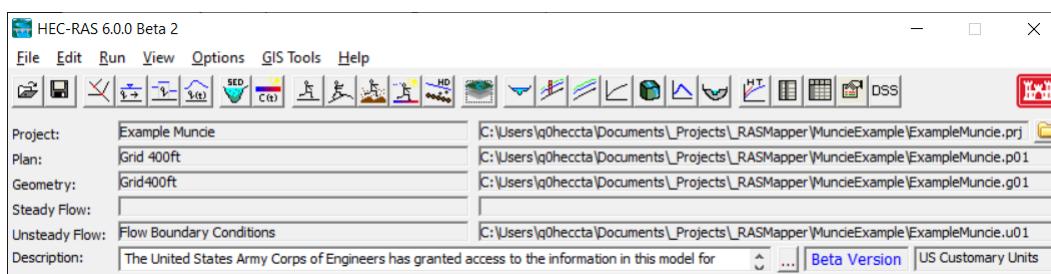
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## HEC-RAS

- HEC-RAS interface helps orchestrate the model development, simulation, and analysis of results.

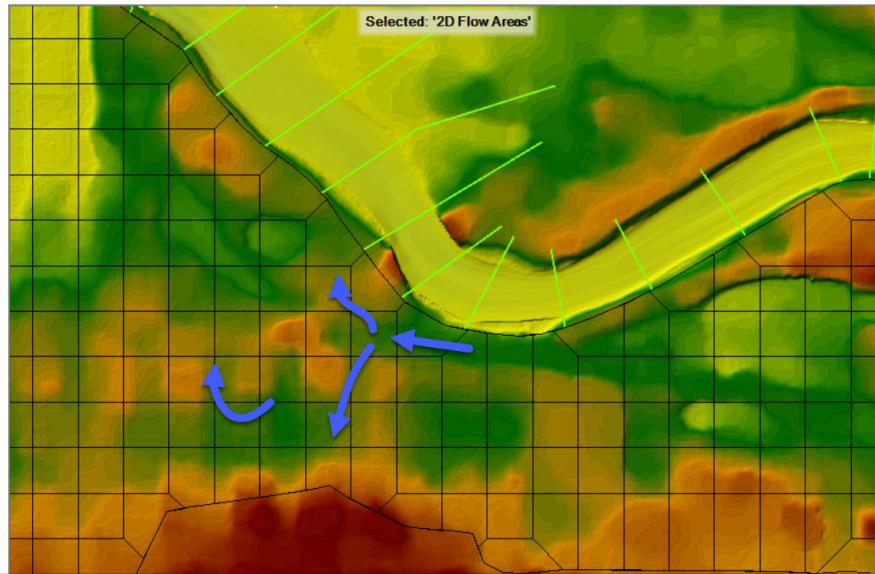


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## Modeling in 1D or 2D?



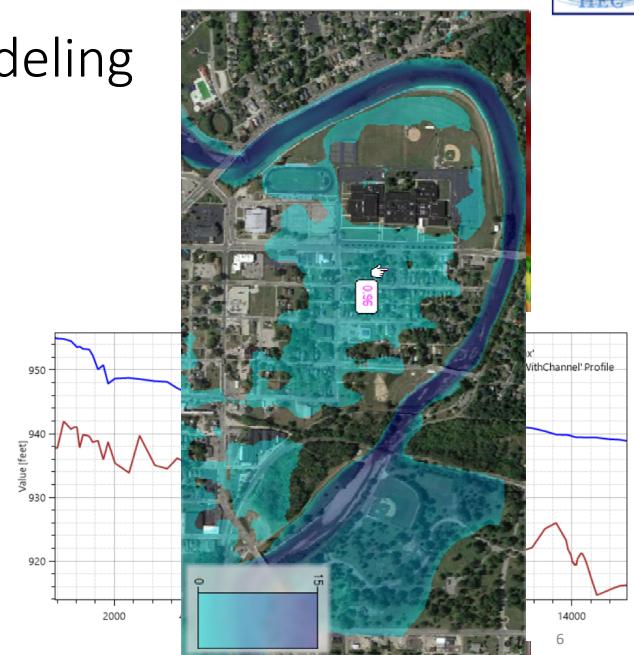
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## Steps in Hydraulic Modeling

- Develop Geometric Data
  - Input survey information
  - Create data using GIS methods
  - Add hydraulic structures
- Enter flow data
  - Steady flow or Unsteady flow
- Perform the computations
- View Results
- Map Results for Analysis



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## Geometric Data

- Cross Sections
- Detailed Bridge Analysis
- Detailed Culvert Analysis (9 shapes)
- Inline Structures (Dams, weirs, drop structure, natural drops)
- Lateral Structures (Levees, diversion, natural lateral overflow)
- Storage Areas (Reservoirs, lakes, ponding areas, interior area inside a levee)
- 2D Flow Areas
- Hydraulic Connections
- Rating Curves
- Pump Stations
- Extensive data import and export

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### Geometric Data Editor - Schematic

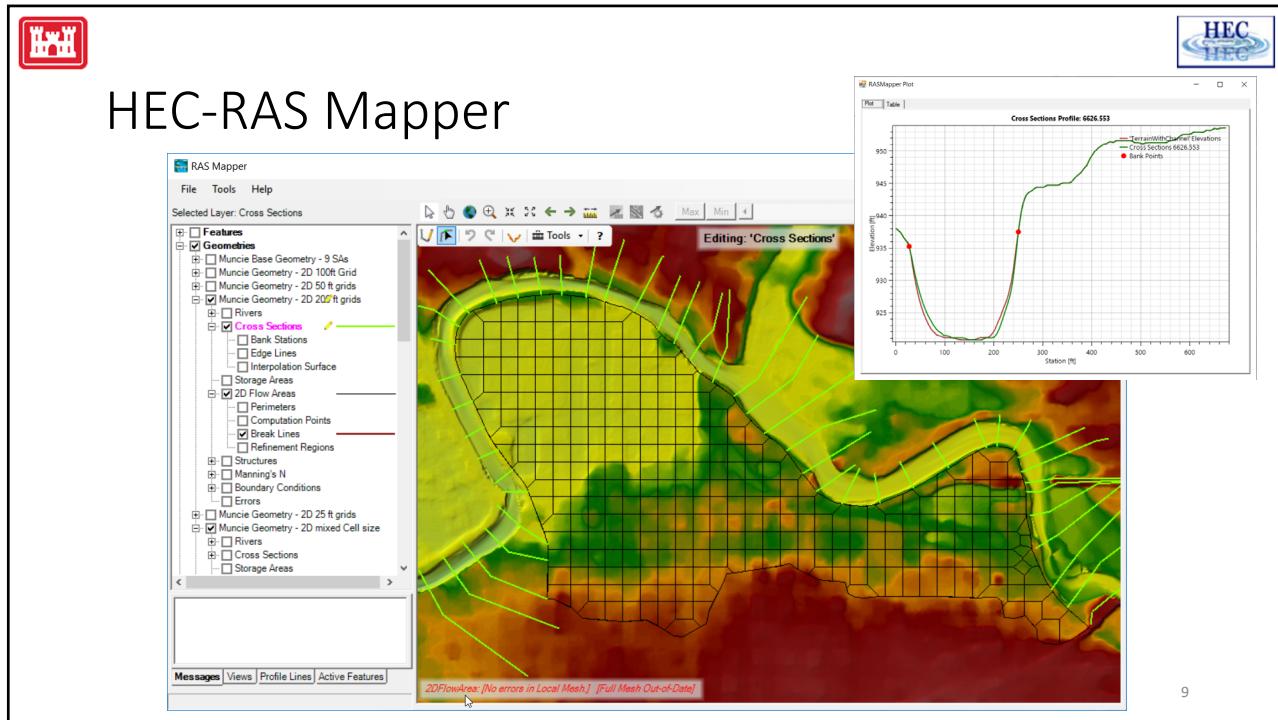
The screenshot shows the Geometric Data - Existing GIS Data for Dam Break application window. The main interface features a map view of a river reach with various geometric features highlighted in green. A legend on the left identifies these features: Junct., Cross Section, Bridg/Culv., Inline Structure, Lateral Structure, Storage Area, Storage area Conn., Pump Station, HTab Param., and View Picture. A toolbar at the top includes icons for River Reach, Storage Area, S.A. Conn., Pump Station, RS, and a status bar showing '12.99'. Below the map is a 'Cross Section Data - Imported CS Data - Bridges' table:

Row	Element	Element Type	Length	Width	Area	Perimeter
1	10	Bridge	34.51	0.00	0.00	108.27
2	14	Bridge	30.94	0.00	0.00	92.00
3	14.49	Bridge	30.94	0.00	0.00	92.00
4	14.5	Bridge	30.94	0.00	0.00	92.00
5	146.73	Bridge	30.17	0.00	0.00	92.00
6	166.99	Bridge	30.84	0.00	0.00	92.00
7	170.0	Bridge	30.84	0.00	0.00	92.00
8	181.98	Bridge	30.21	0.00	0.00	92.00
9	213.73	Bridge	30.72	0.00	0.00	92.00
10	213.73	Bridge	30.26	0.00	0.00	92.00
11	216.62	Bridge	30.84	0.00	0.00	92.00

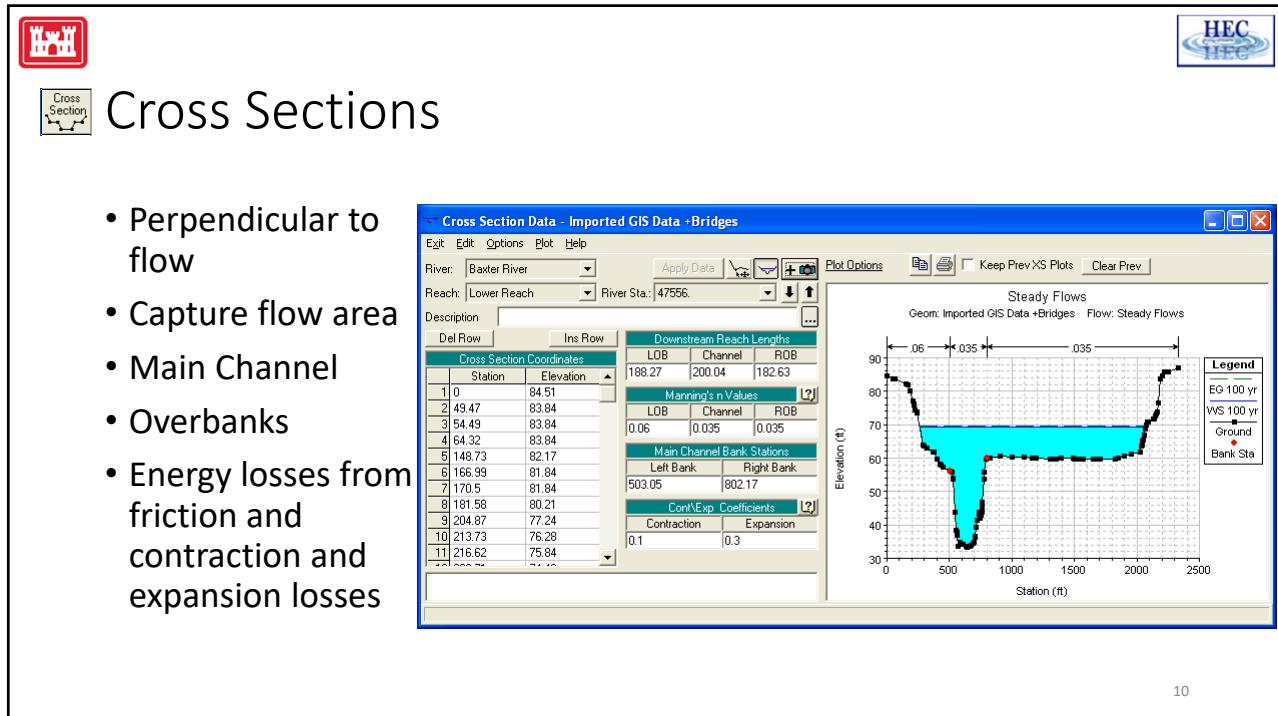
To the right of the map is a 'Plot Options' dialog box containing a graph of water surface elevation versus station (ft). The graph shows a sharp drop in elevation around station 1000 ft, followed by a rise and then a gradual decline towards station 2000 ft.

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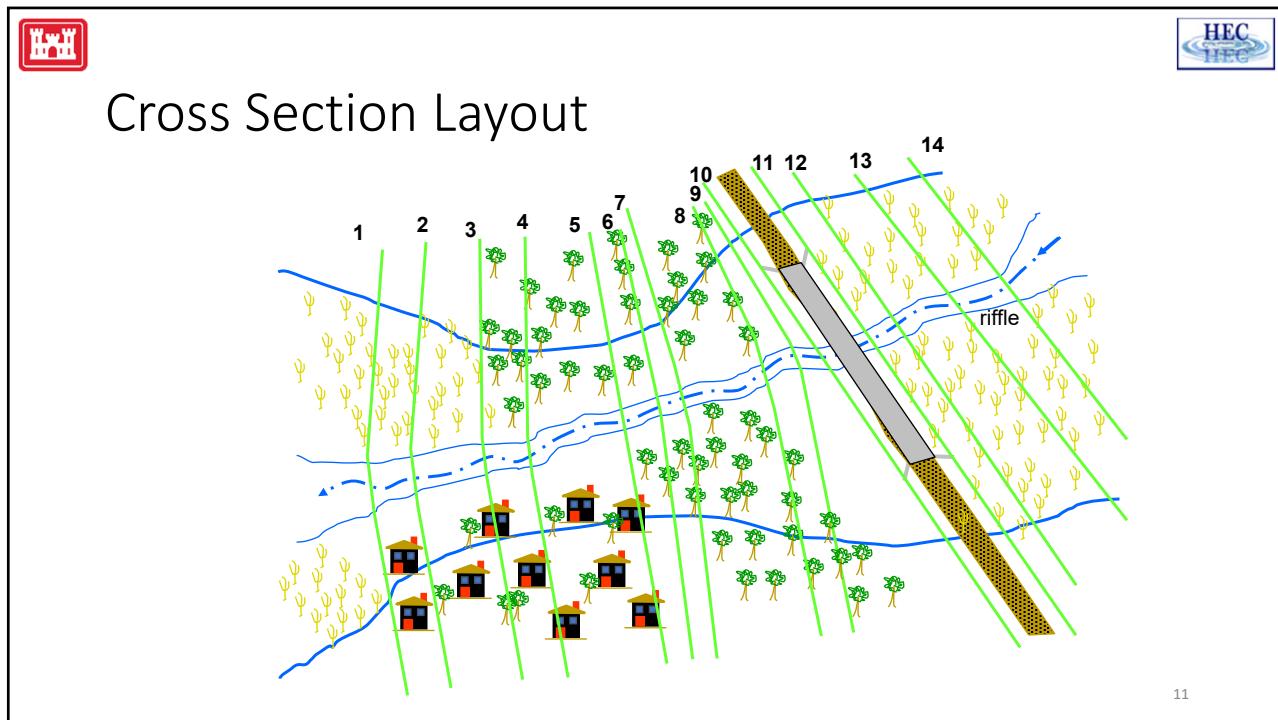
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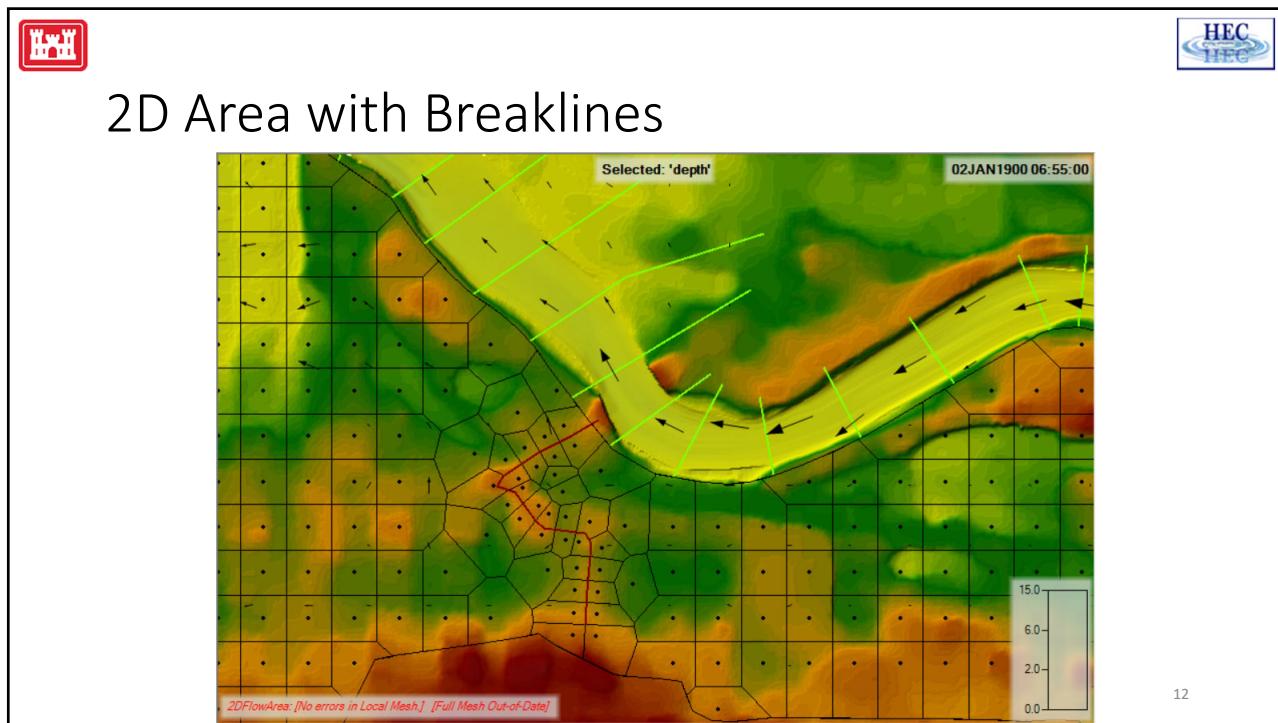
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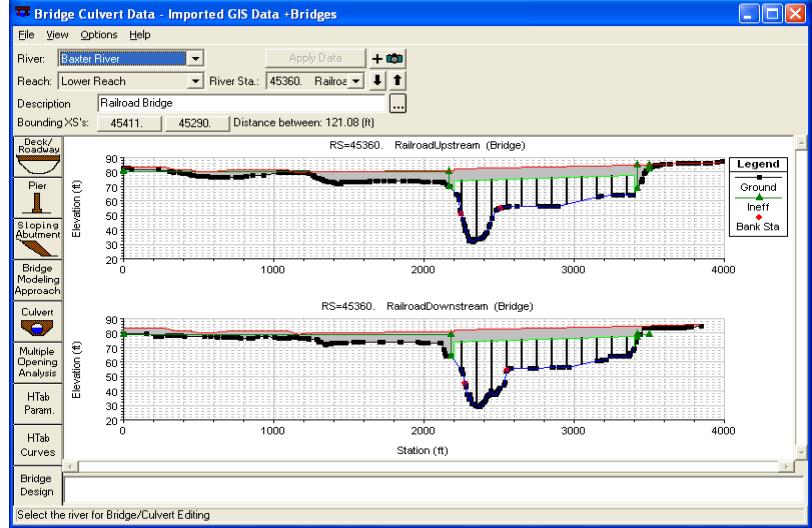


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## Bridges

- More complicated way to account for floodplain changes
- Conveyance change
- Energy losses

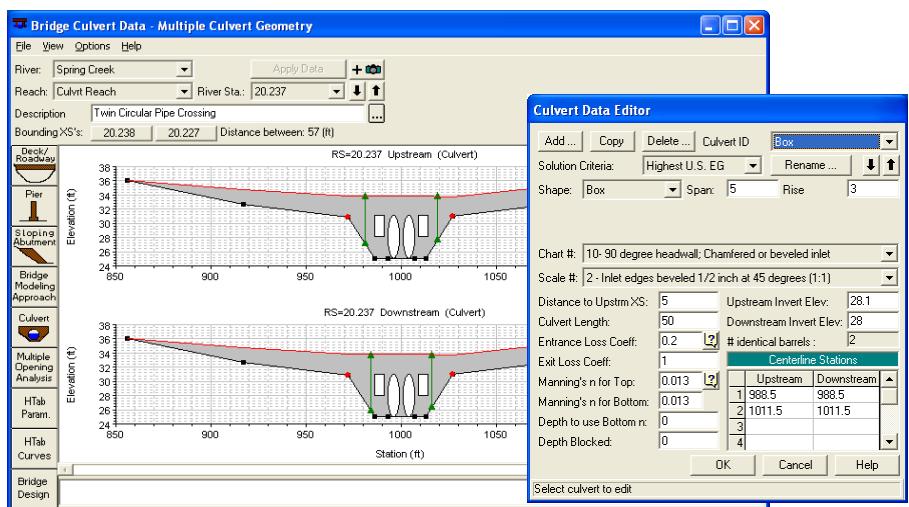


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## Culverts



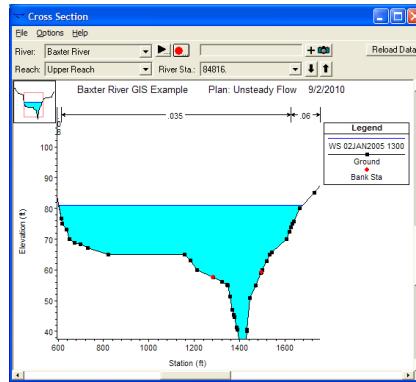
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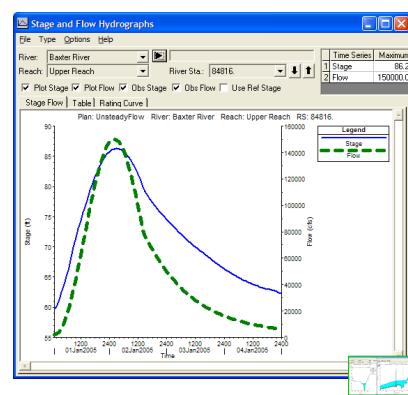


## Steady vs Unsteady Flow

- Steady = Constant flow



- Unsteady = Flow variation in time

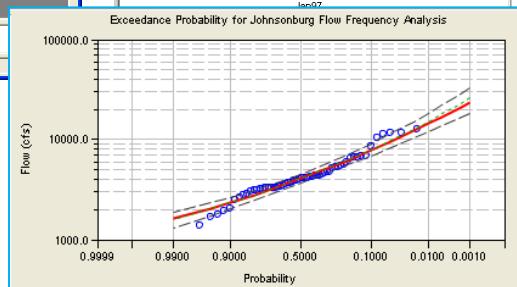
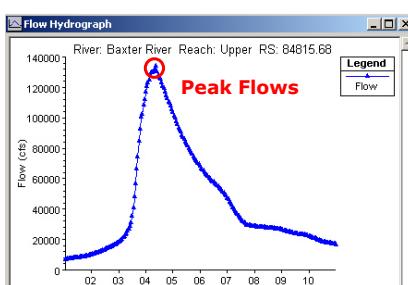
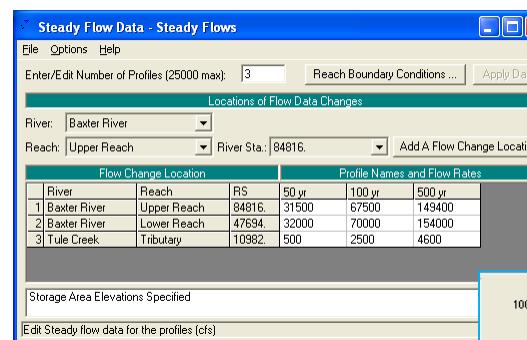


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## Steady Flow Data Editor



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The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is the 'Unsteady Flow Data - PMF Event from HMS' window, which contains a table of boundary conditions for the Bald Eagle Creek reach from Lock Haven at R.S. 137520. The table includes columns for River, Reach, R.S., and Boundary Condition Type. The right window is a 'DSS Plot' titled 'BALD EAGLE 40 FLOW PMF Inflow Hydrograph', showing a graph of flow in CFS over time from January 1 to January 4, 1999.

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The screenshot shows the 'Steady Flow Analysis' software interface. It includes fields for Plan (set to 'Press/Weir Method'), Geometry File (set to 'Beaver Cr. + Bridge - P/W'), Steady Flow File (set to 'Beaver Cr. - 3 Flows'), and Flow Regime (radio buttons for Subcritical, Supercritical, and Mixed, with Subcritical selected). A 'COMPUTE' button is at the bottom, and a note below it says 'Enter to compute water surface profiles'.

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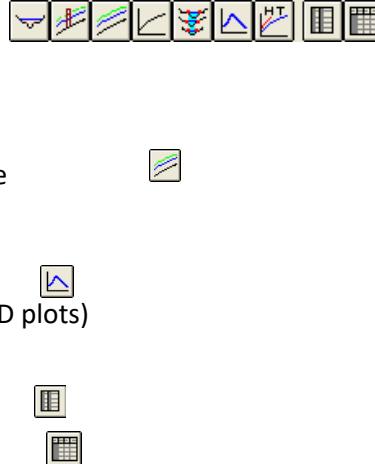
## Viewing Results

• Graphics

- Cross sections
- Water surface profiles
- Generic plots – Any variable in profile
- Rating Curves
- XYZ Plot
- Stage and flow hydrographs
- Animation – (cross section, profile, 3D plots)

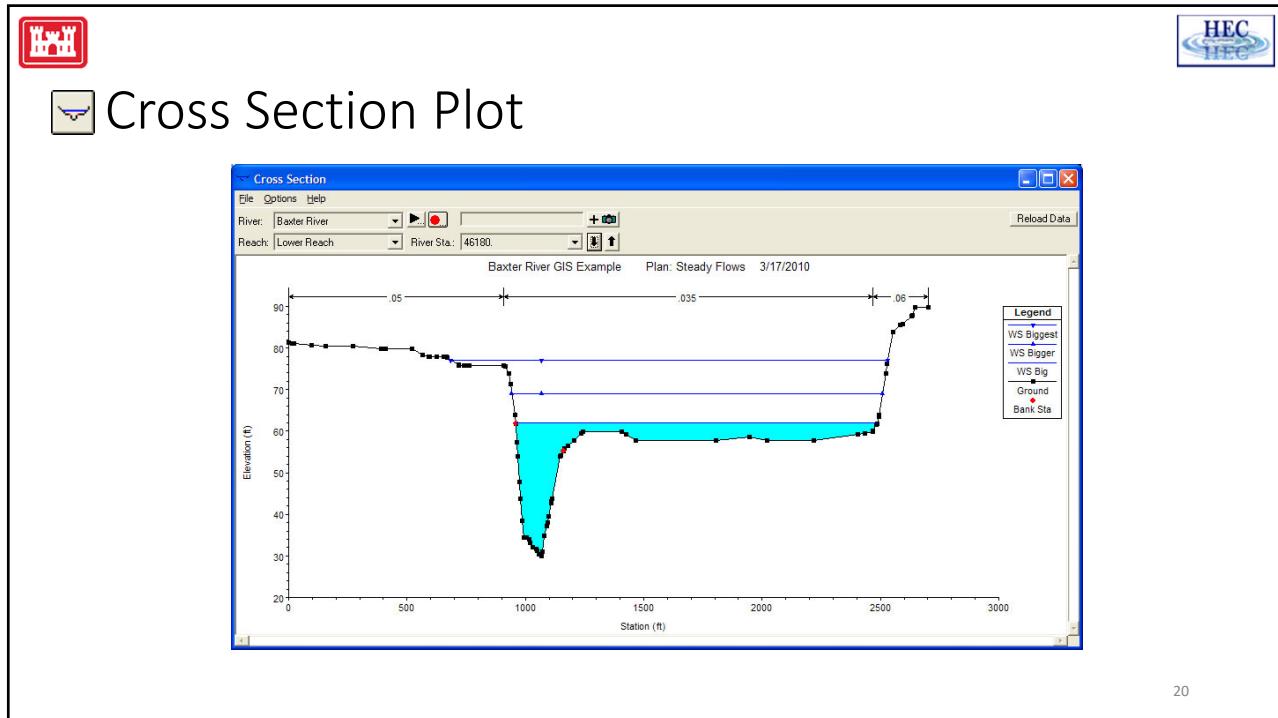
• Tabular Output

- Pre-defined detailed tables
- Pre-defined summary tables
- User-define output tables

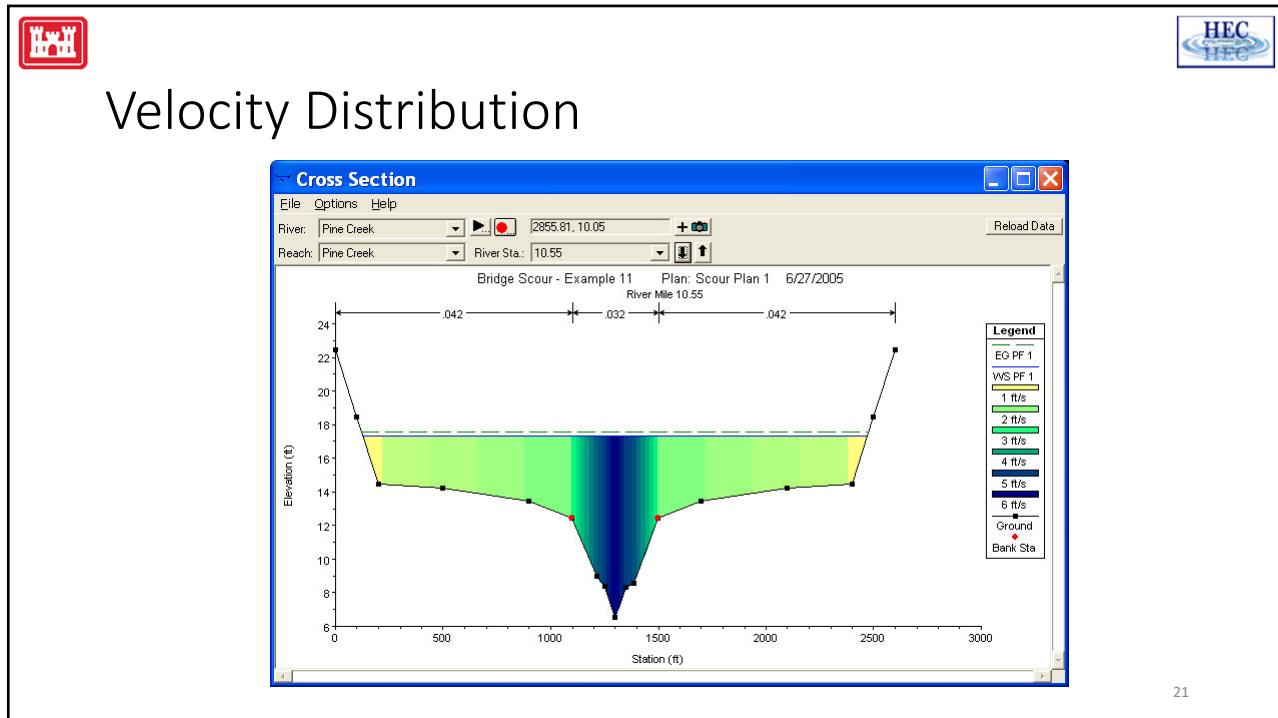


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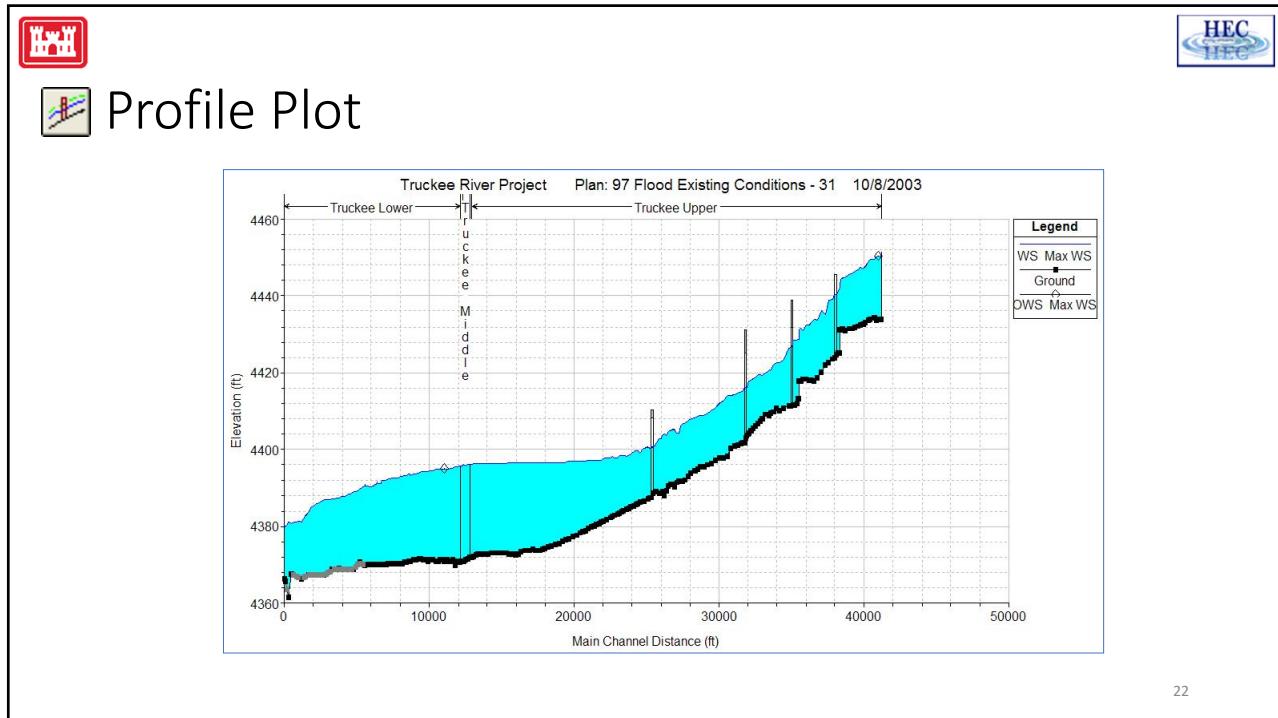
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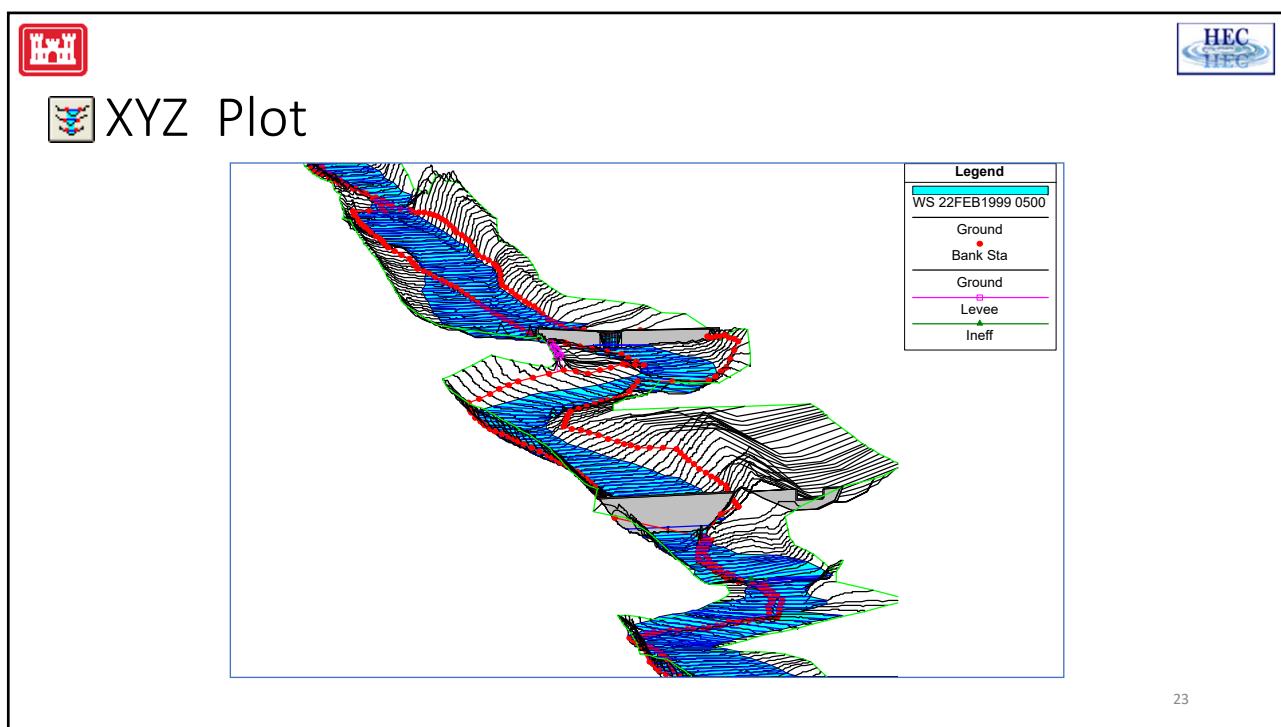
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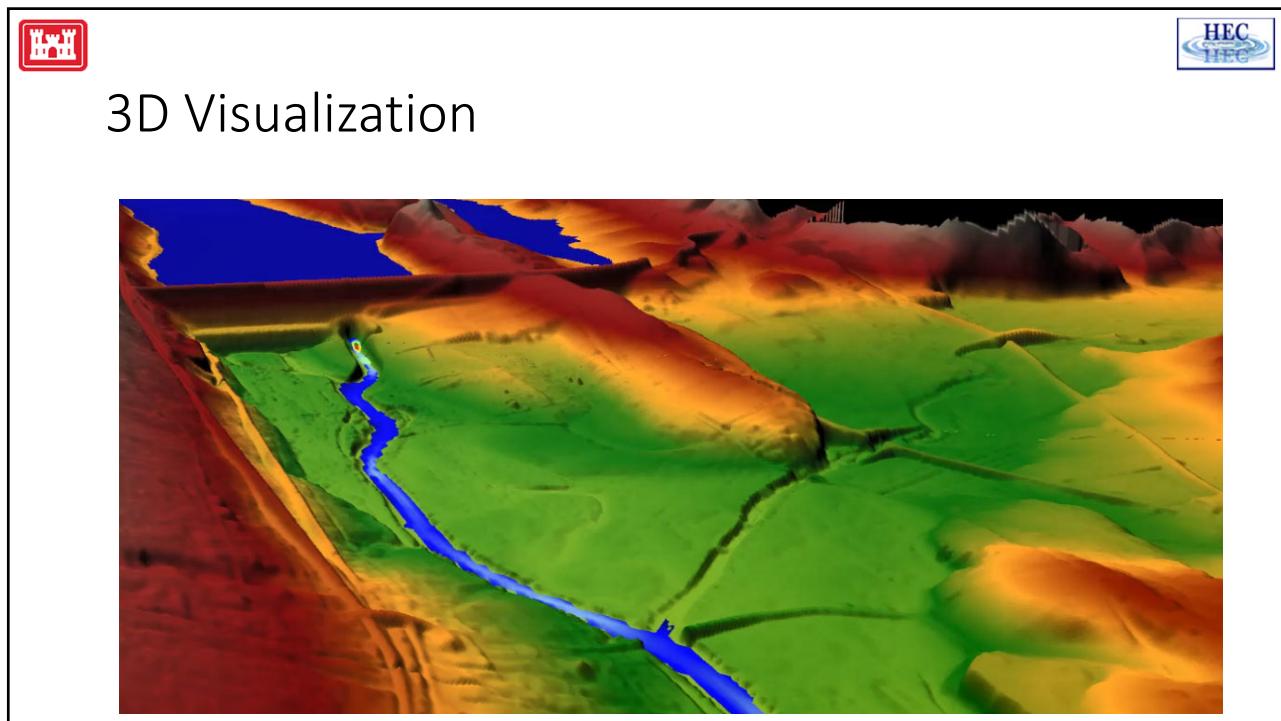
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## Summary Tabular Output

**Profile Output Table - Standard Table 1**

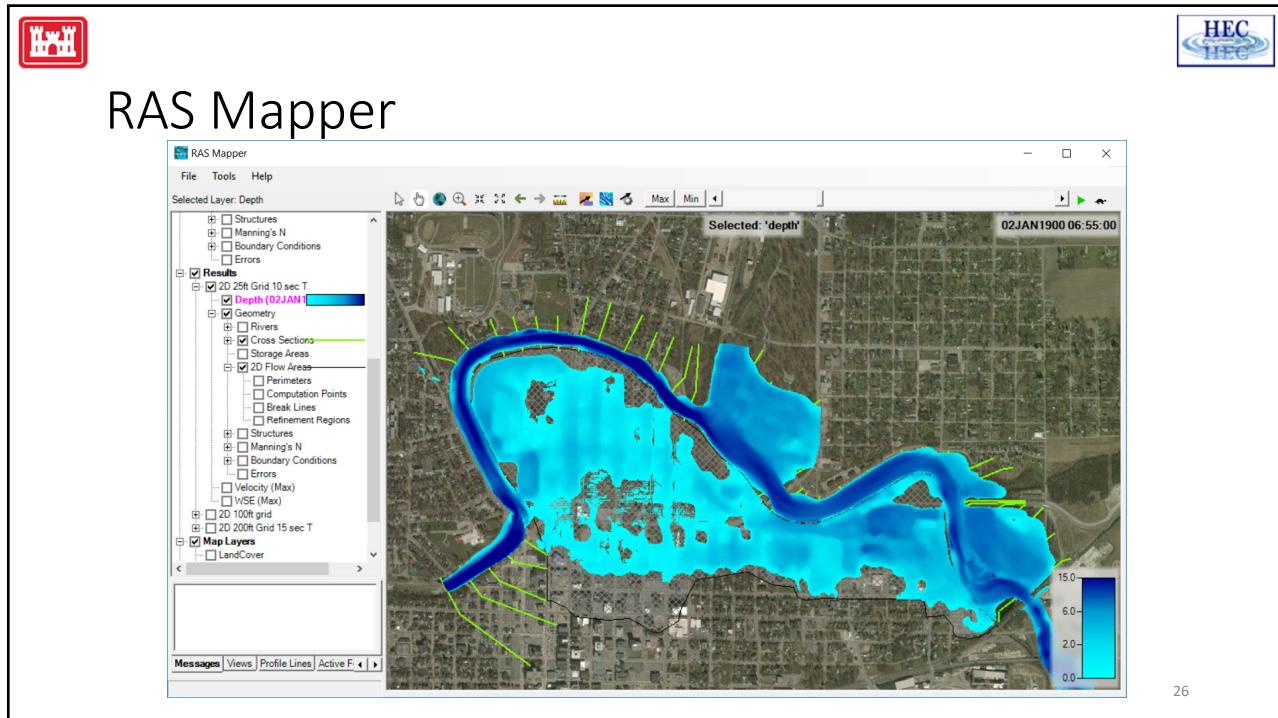
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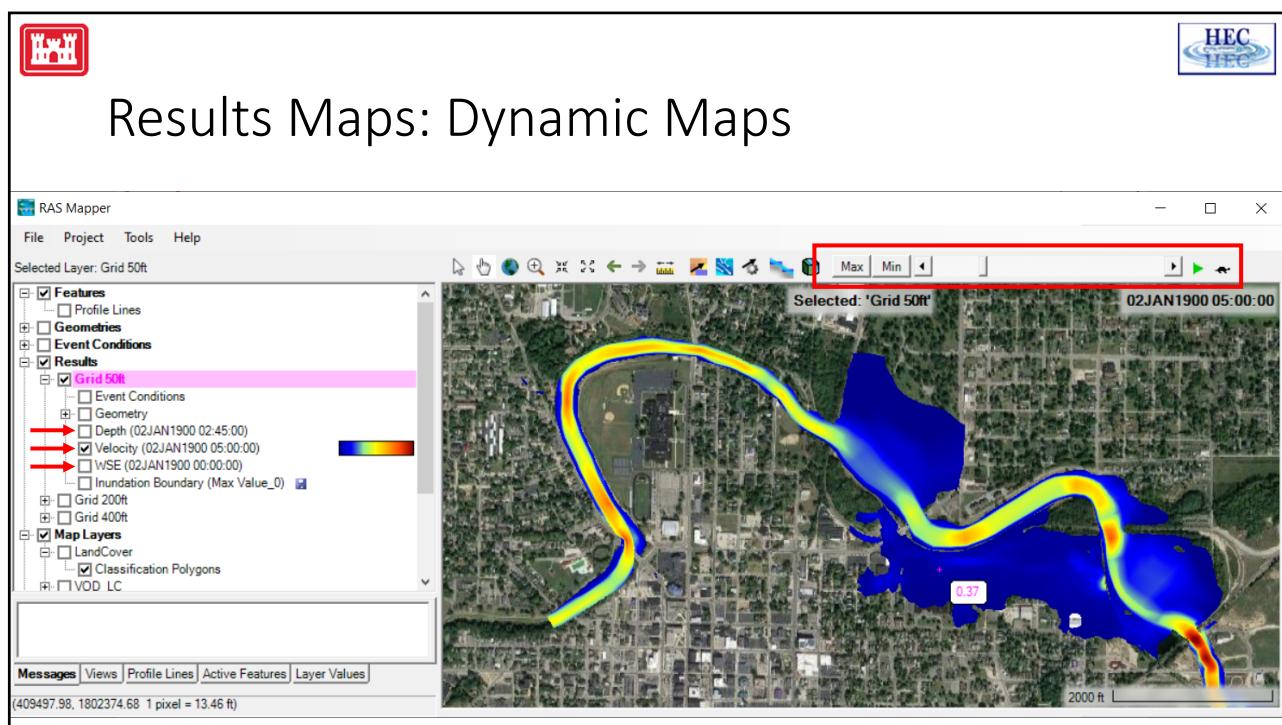
HEC-RAS Plan: Unsteady River: Beaver Creek Reach: Kentwood Prof: Max W/S Reload Data

Reach	River Sta	Profile	O Total (cfs)	Min Ch El (ft)	W.S. Elev (ft)	Crit W.S. (ft)	E.G. Elev (ft)	E.G. Slope (ft/ft)	Vel Chnl (ft/s)	Flow Area (sq ft)	Top Width (ft)	Froude # Chnl
Kentwood	5.39	Max W/S	13996.17	209.90	219.85		220.18	0.002570	7.42	6331.47	1855.91	0.46
Kentwood	5.9325*	Max W/S	13992.26	208.67	219.28		219.63	0.002459	7.03	6362.24	1819.58	0.45
Kentwood	5.875*	Max W/S	13986.51	207.45	218.79		219.10	0.002096	6.37	6703.48	1784.99	0.42
Kentwood	5.8175*	Max W/S	13983.76	206.23	218.40		218.64	0.001567	5.50	7421.29	1755.34	0.36
Kentwood	5.76	Max W/S	13981.22	205.00	218.14		218.30	0.001058	4.58	8524.62	1732.38	0.30
Kentwood	5.71*	Max W/S	13979.01	204.80	217.97		218.11	0.000983	4.57	8596.28	1800.36	0.27
Kentwood	5.66*	Max W/S	13978.72	204.60	217.84		217.95	0.000790	4.65	8680.50	1868.11	0.26
Kentwood	5.61	Max W/S	13977.01	204.40	217.73		217.79	0.000681	4.39	8786.53	1932.07	0.23
Kentwood	5.55333*	Max W/S	13976.91	204.23	217.63		217.70	0.000591	4.30	8780.18	1952.55	0.23
Kentwood	5.49666*	Max W/S	13976.74	204.07	217.53		217.62	0.000549	4.26	8733.22	1907.18	0.22
Kentwood	5.44	Max W/S	13976.49	203.90	217.44		217.54	0.000494	4.14	8615.68	1844.11	0.22
Kentwood	5.41	Max W/S	13975.87	202.70	216.79	212.23	217.40	0.001534	6.57	7795.38	1841.45	0.37
Kentwood	5.4	Highway 143										
		Bridge										
Kentwood	5.39	Max W/S	13970.40	202.70	215.53		216.33	0.002445	7.56	6481.47	1695.13	0.46
Kentwood	5.34*	Max W/S	13970.08	202.75	215.41		215.56	0.001007	4.67	6329.81	1665.20	0.29
Kentwood	5.29	Max W/S	13968.39	202.80	215.20		215.31	0.000960	4.11	5797.61	1619.80	0.27
Kentwood	5.23666*	Max W/S	13966.93	201.83	214.90		215.03	0.001191	5.12	6093.02	1652.62	0.31
Kentwood	5.18333*	Max W/S	13965.64	200.87	214.46		214.69	0.001706	6.65	5800.47	1675.41	0.37
Kentwood	5.13	Max W/S	13963.72	199.90	213.83		214.14	0.001883	7.41	5809.88	1683.71	0.40
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Kentwood	5.04333*	Max W/S	13962.91	199.90	213.02		213.28	0.001781	6.30	6689.60	1883.69	0.38
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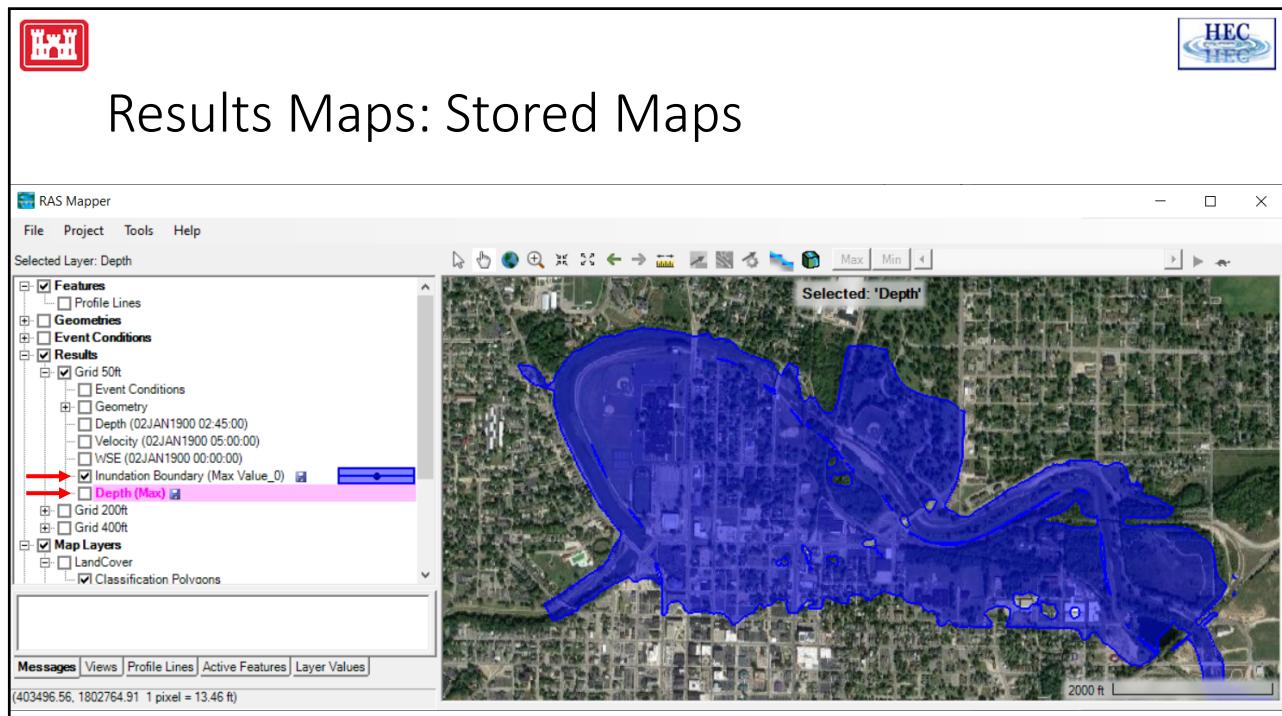
Total flow in cross section.

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• Map Type  
• Profile  
• Mode (Dynamic or Stored)

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Relationship	Conf.	Stage, ft	Flow, cfs
Populus Recruitment - 6.0 cm Recession	n/a	523.2	341
Salix Recruitment - 4.0 cm Recession	n/a	522.5	155
Tamarix Recruitment - 6.0 cm Recession	n/a	522.2	90
Mean flow post-release - April 2006	n/a	521.8	
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