

Des Moines River Environmental Flows: Inundation mapping below Lake Red Rock

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Des Moines River flood inundation modeling

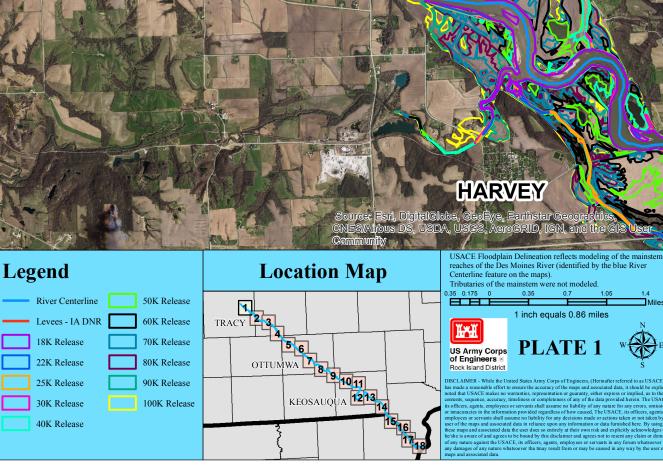
One of the discussion points that arose in an Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan workshop held in 2016 was interest in increasing connectivity between the Des Moines River below Red Rock Dam and existing floodplain features such as oxbows and other out-of-bank low lying areas. While the Corps has no easements or rights to purposefully inundate lands that are outside of the banks of the Des Moines River (as associated with maximum objective flows from Lake Red Rock), many floodplain features would have been inundated during high flows historically and would have provided environmental benefits such as habitat provision. Increased connectivity was viewed as an environmental opportunity because other agencies or non-government organizations may be able to acquire easements to restore some of those natural processes.

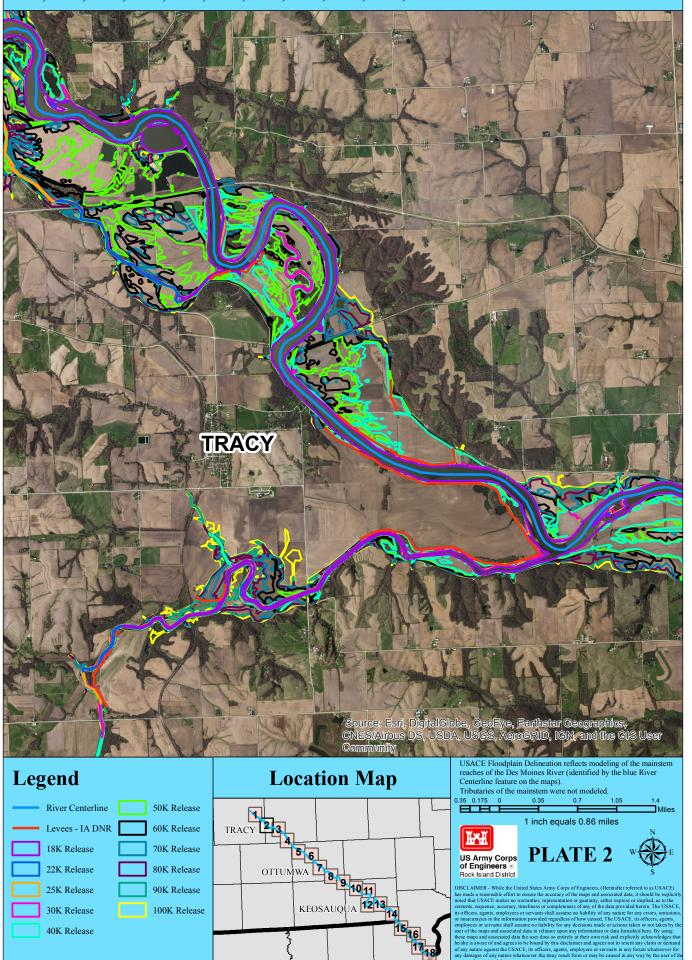
To determine where and how much flow would be necessary to engage a range of floodplain features a series of downstream inundation maps (Plates 1-18) were created based on a series of river flows between 18,000 and 100,000 cubic feet per second (cfs).

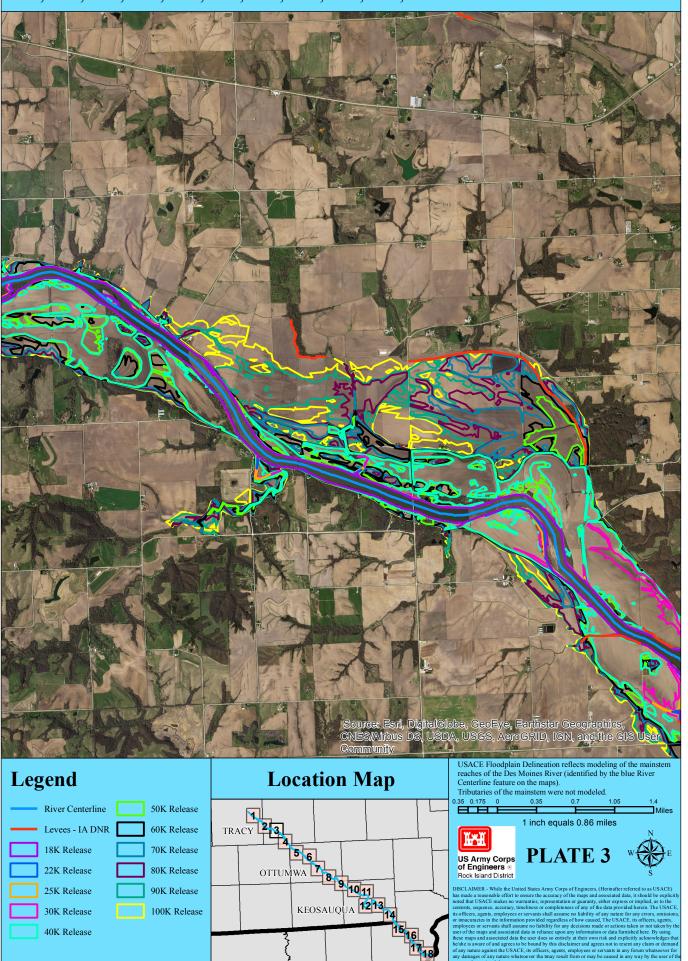
The SRP team utilized the one-dimensional modeling capabilities of HEC-RAS and elevations from a Light Detection and Ranging-based (LiDAR) dataset to determine inundation bands along the Des Moines River. Map results will allow water managers to better understand the impacts of river flows on stream and floodplain areas with high accuracy. There is potential to integrate map results with land ownership records to identify entities potentially impacted by high river flows. The information will prove useful to agency partners and TNC to identify potential floodplain easements or permissions that would enable environmental flow releases. Mapping products are datasets that can be easily queried to produce maps and information tables.

Maps have been shared with partners for further evaluation and prioritization of floodplain restoration potential. It is hoped the information will support investigation into environmental flows with a focus on floodplain interactions and identify possible easement acquisitions.

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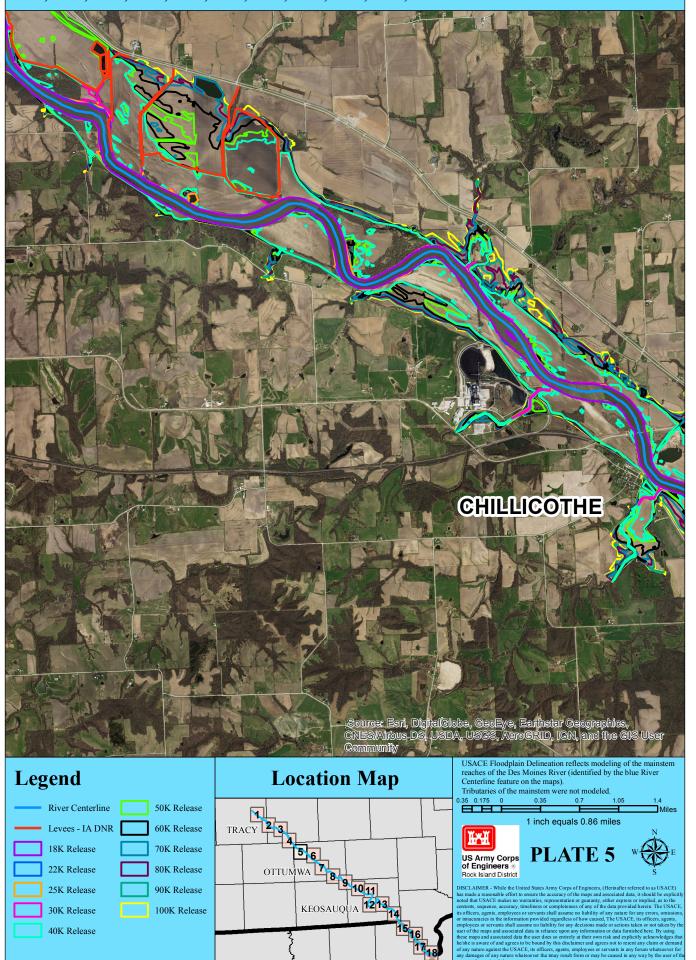
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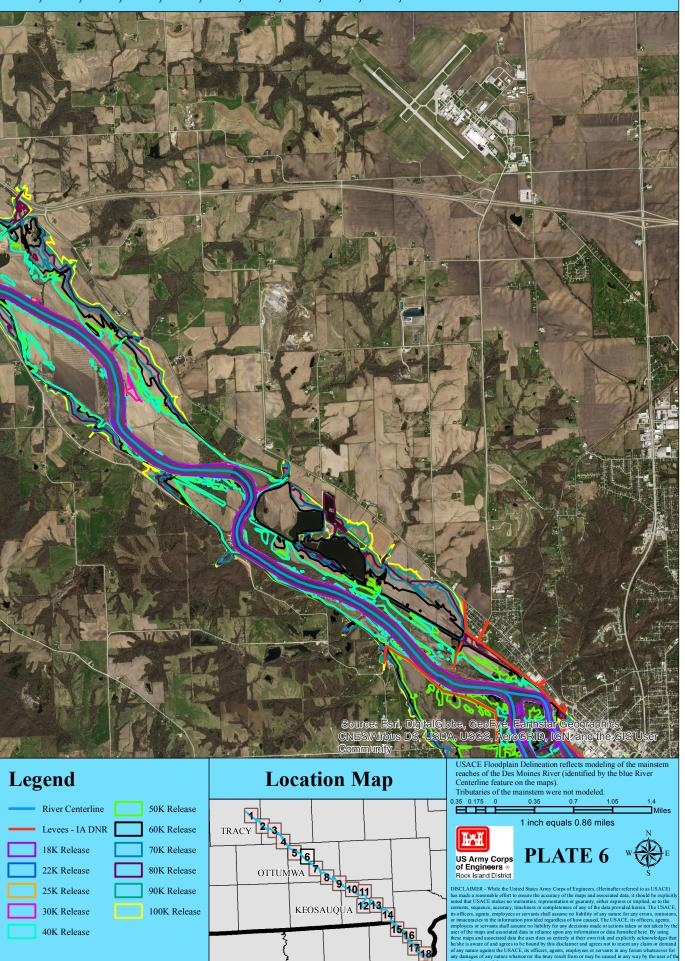
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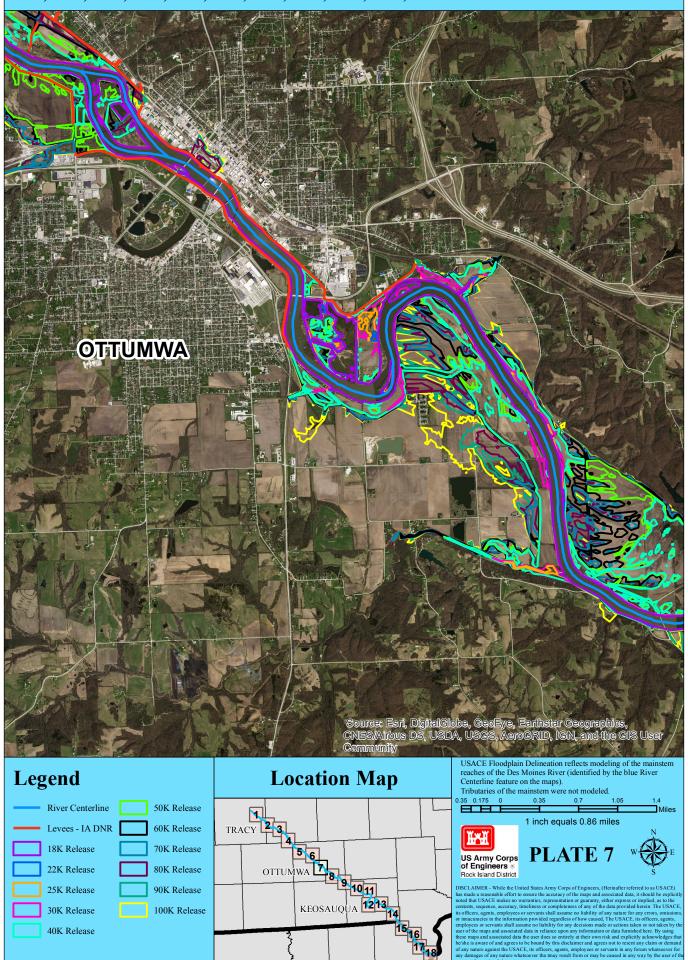
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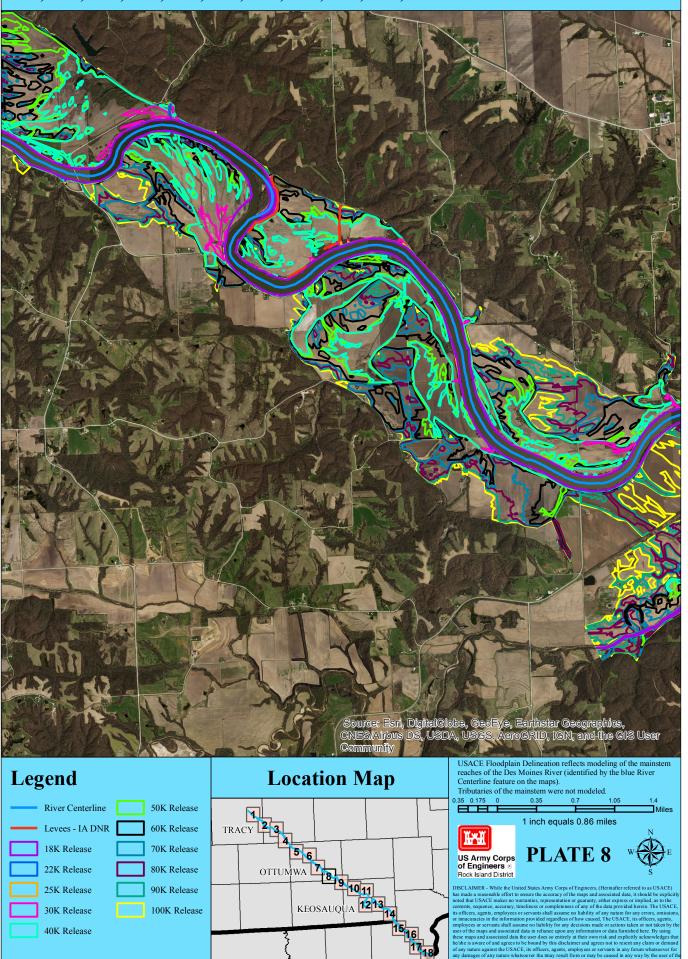


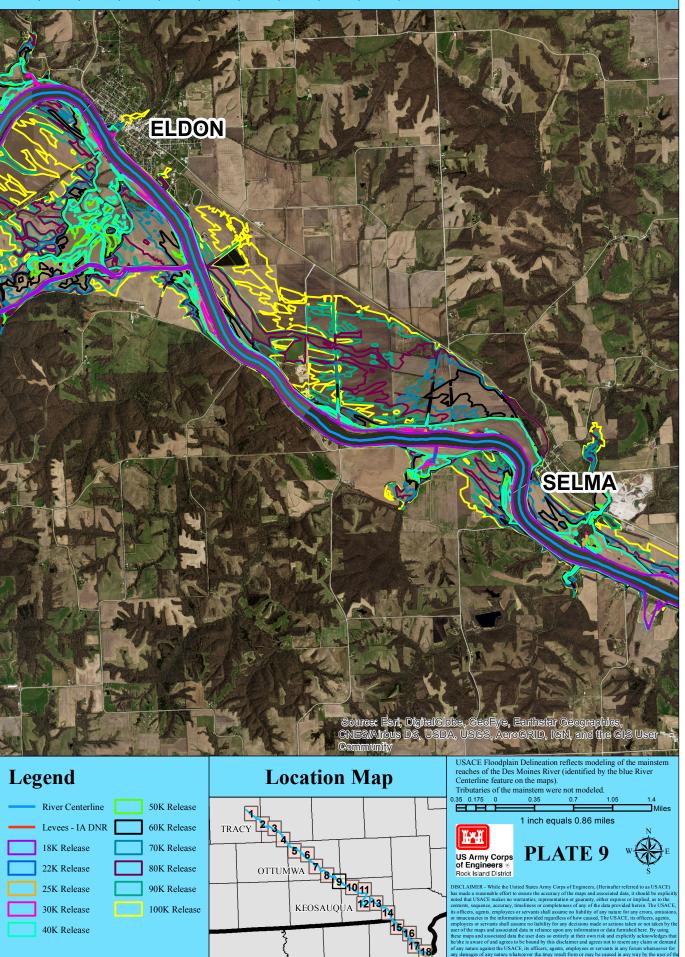
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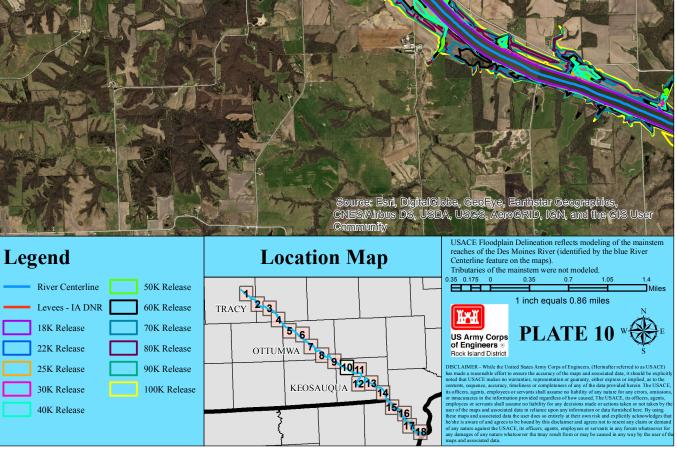


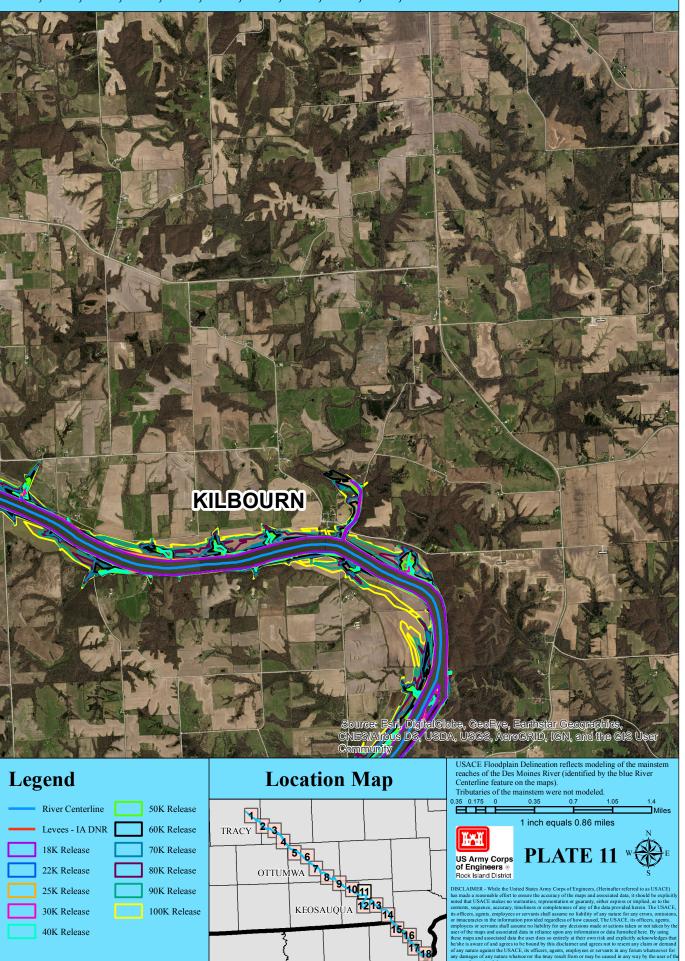


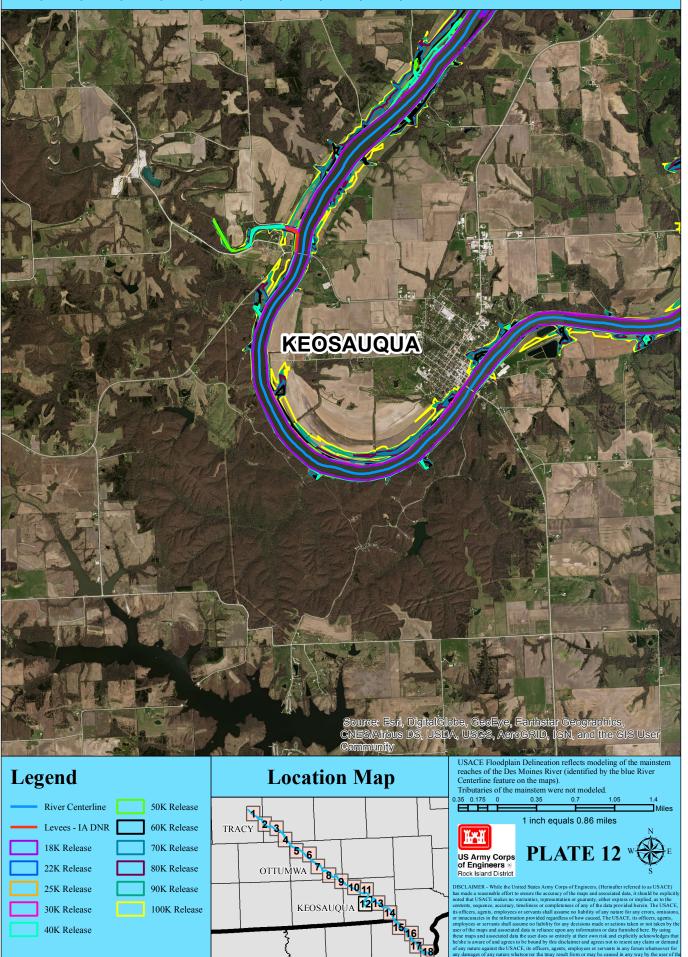




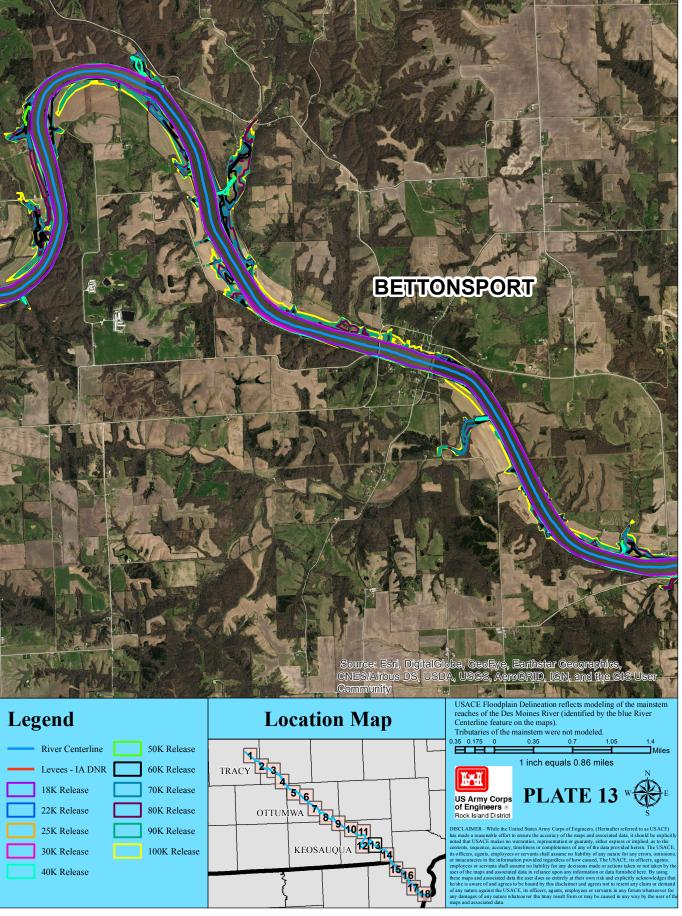
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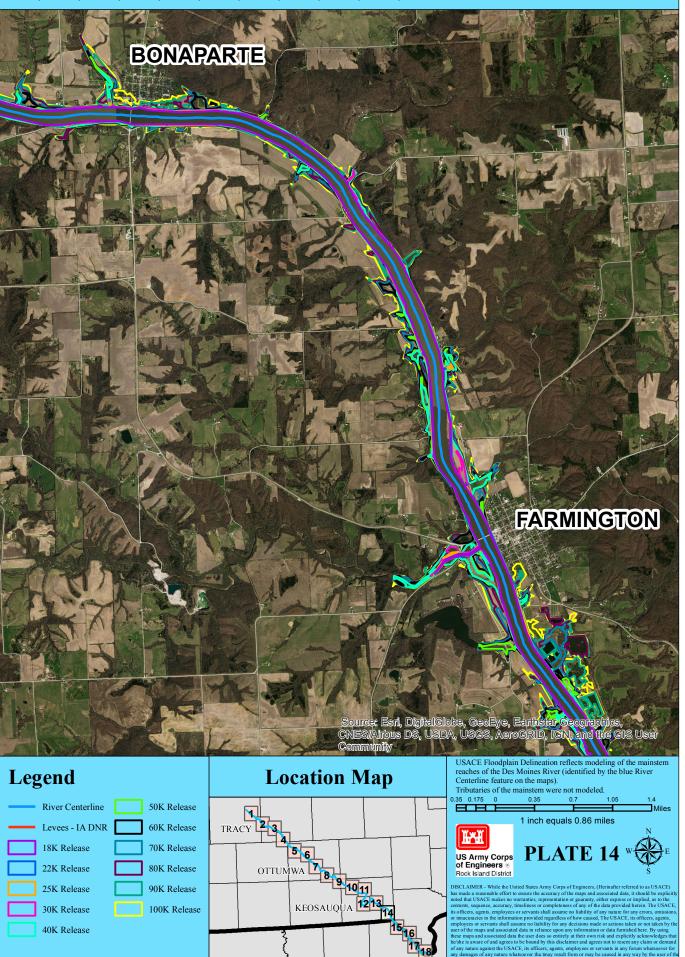


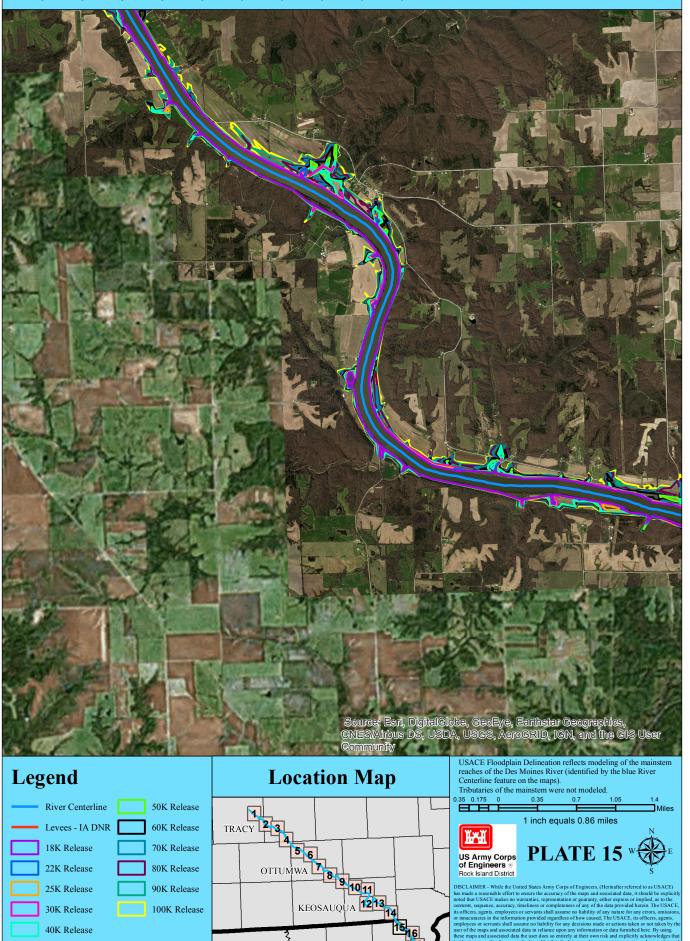


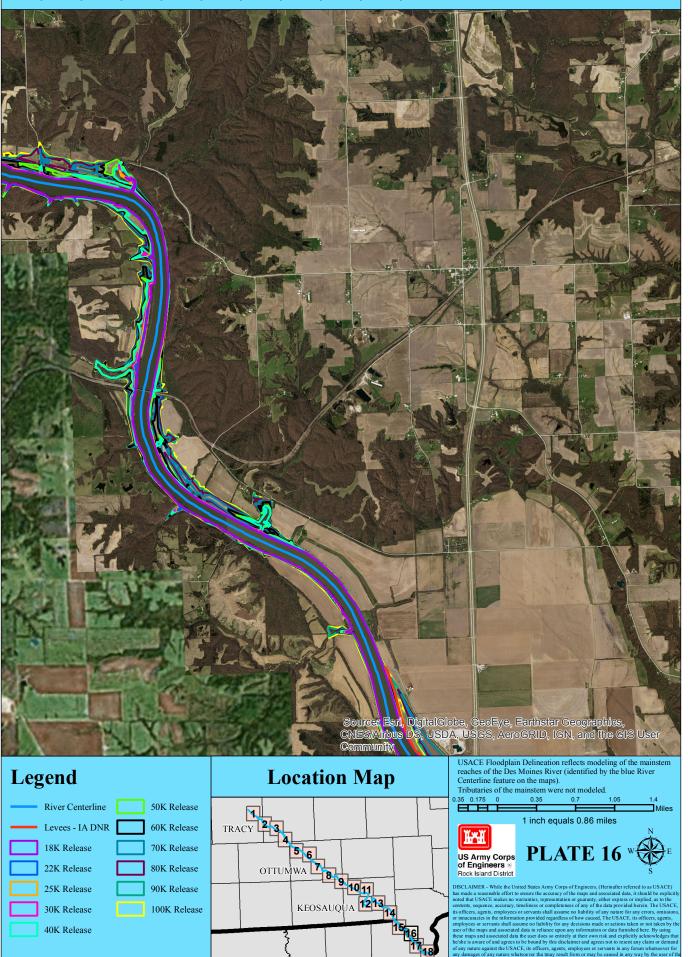


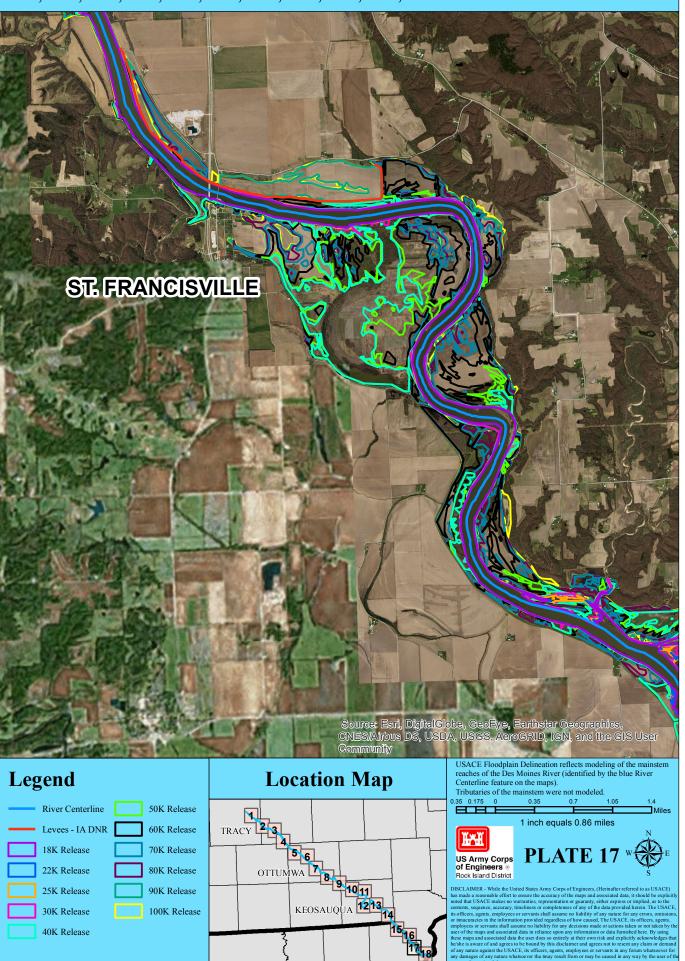
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