



# Blue Wave Engineering

Flagstaff Weighted Curve Number Research

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# Purpose

- Analyze the effectiveness of TR-55 curve numbers for residential district by the lot size.
- Attempt to pinpoint the cause of unforeseen localized flooding within some urbanized areas in the City of Flagstaff.



*Figure 1: Overland Flow [1]*

# Client

City of Flagstaff Stormwater Division

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*Figure 2: City of Flagstaff Badge [2]*

# Scope Change

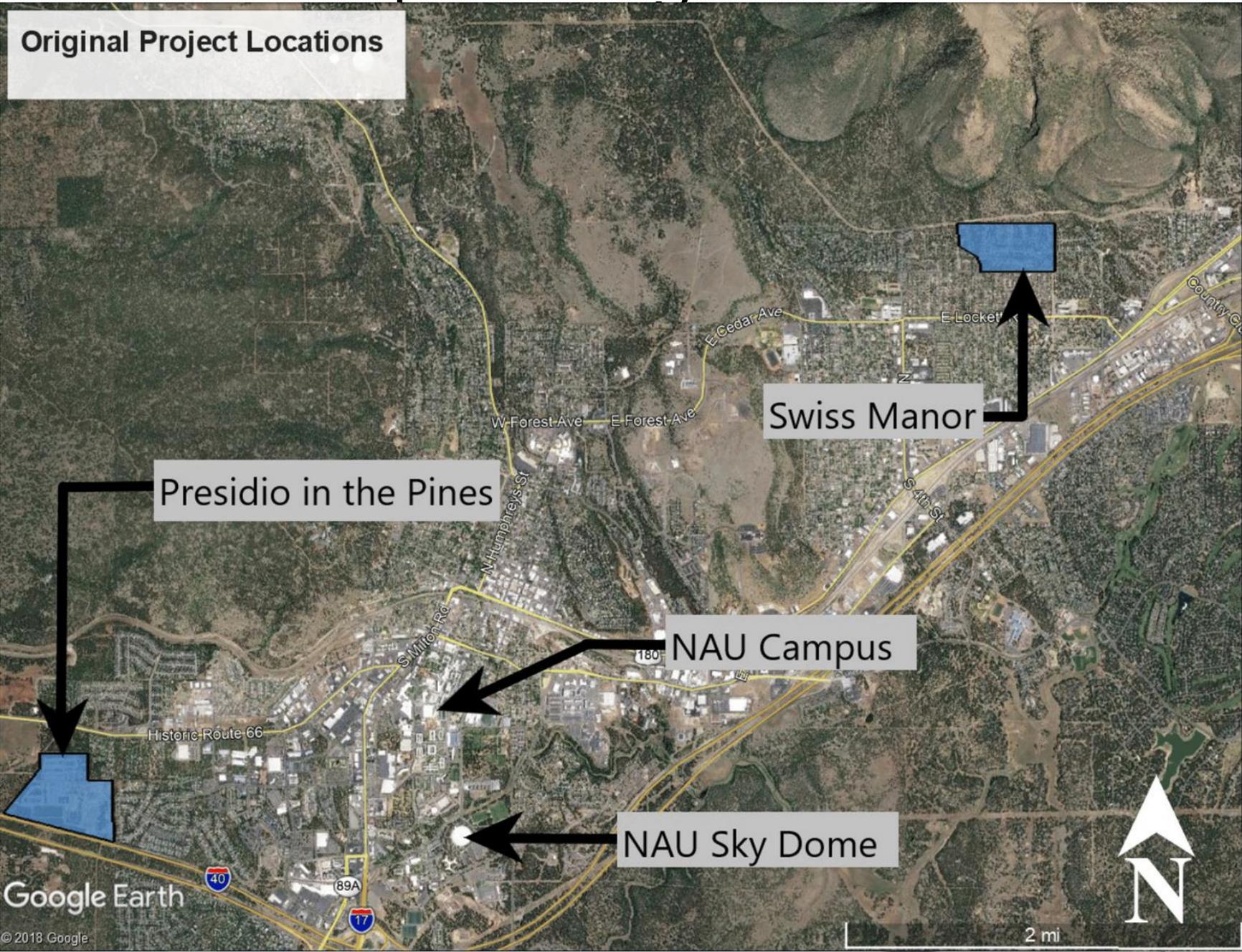
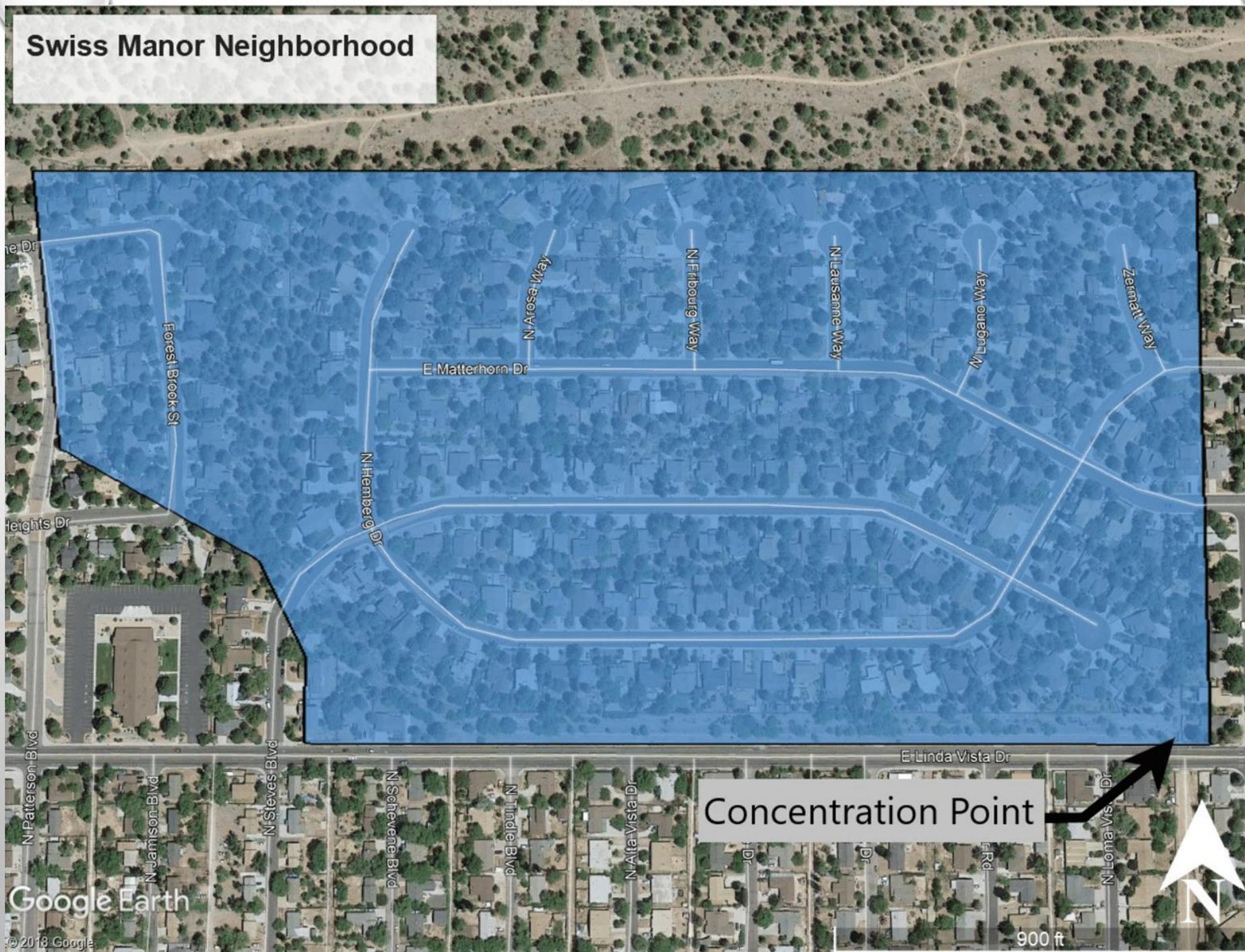


Figure 3: Scope Change Map [3]

# Swiss Manor Neighborhood



Concentration Point

Figure 4: Swiss Manor Urban Residential Area [3]

# Site Investigation

Table 1: Web Soil Survey Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Percent of Area of Interest
3	Baldy stony loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes	34.6
3A	Baldy stony loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	1.4
4	Baldy rock outcrop association, 15 to 60 percent	10.2
8	Paymaster family fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	3.4
13	Lynx loam, 0 to 2 percent	0.1
14	Daze fine sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes	0
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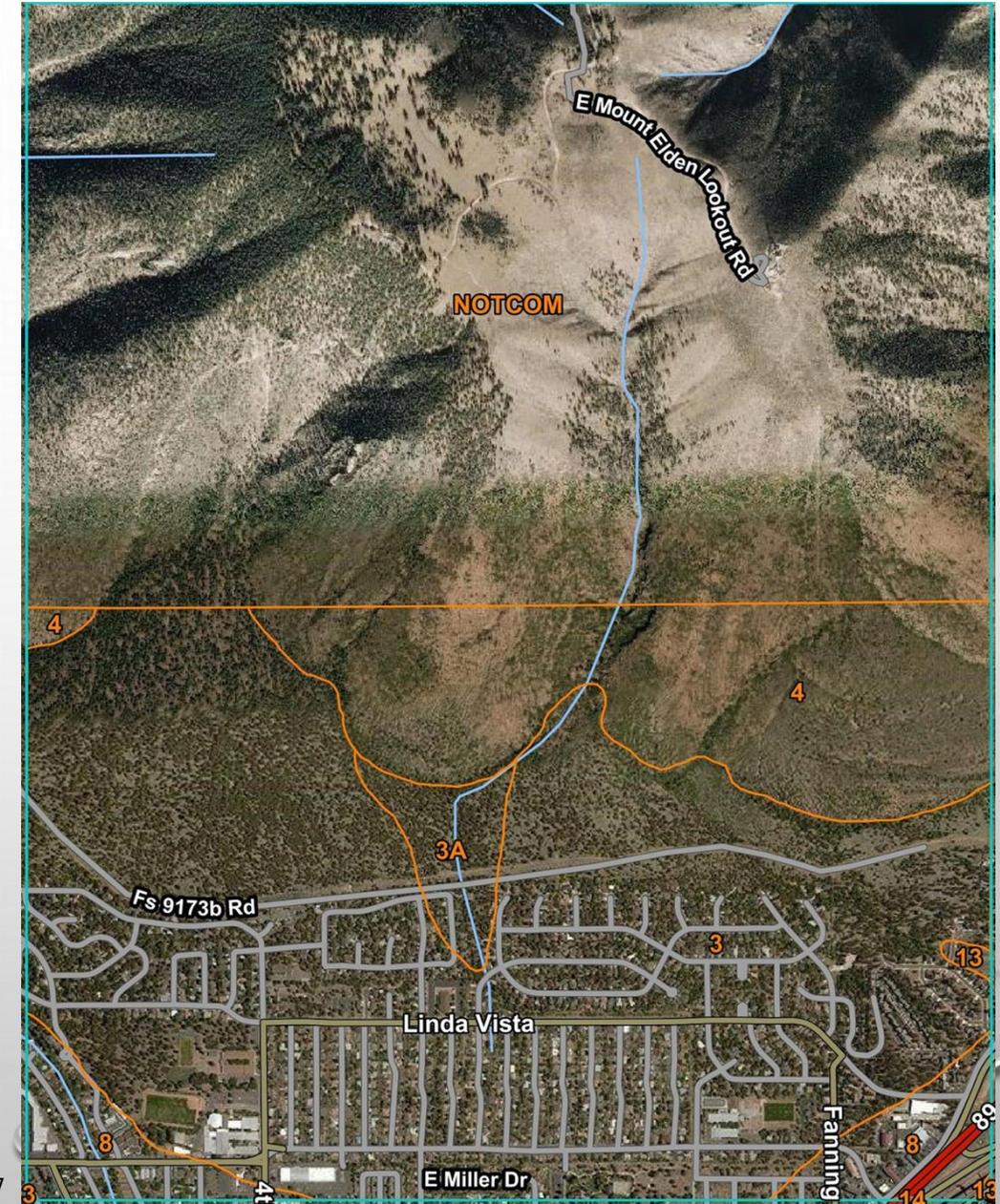


Figure 5: Web Soil Survey Map [4]

# Precipitation Data

Table 6: City of Flagstaff Precipitation

Date	Time	Cumulative Depth (in)
8/28/2019	13:28:30	0.98
8/28/2019	13:30:47	1.02
8/28/2019	13:34:04	1.06
8/28/2019	13:35:02	1.1
8/28/2019	13:37:01	1.18
8/28/2019	13:38:01	1.22
8/28/2019	13:39:01	1.26
8/28/2019	13:40:18	1.3
8/28/2019	13:45:07	1.34
8/28/2019	13:55:11	1.42
8/28/2019	13:58:03	1.46
8/28/2019	13:59:03	1.5

Date	Time	Cumulative Depth (in)
8/28/2019	13:59:49	1.57
8/28/2019	14:00:49	1.61
8/28/2019	14:03:45	1.77
8/28/2019	14:04:45	1.81
8/28/2019	14:06:38	1.93
8/28/2019	14:07:38	1.97
8/28/2019	14:09:38	2.05
8/28/2019	14:11:38	2.13
8/28/2019	14:17:47	2.2
8/28/2019	14:20:27	2.24
8/28/2019	14:21:25	2.28
8/28/2019	14:22:18	2.36
8/28/2019	14:25:56	2.44

# Basin Delineation and Runoff Routing

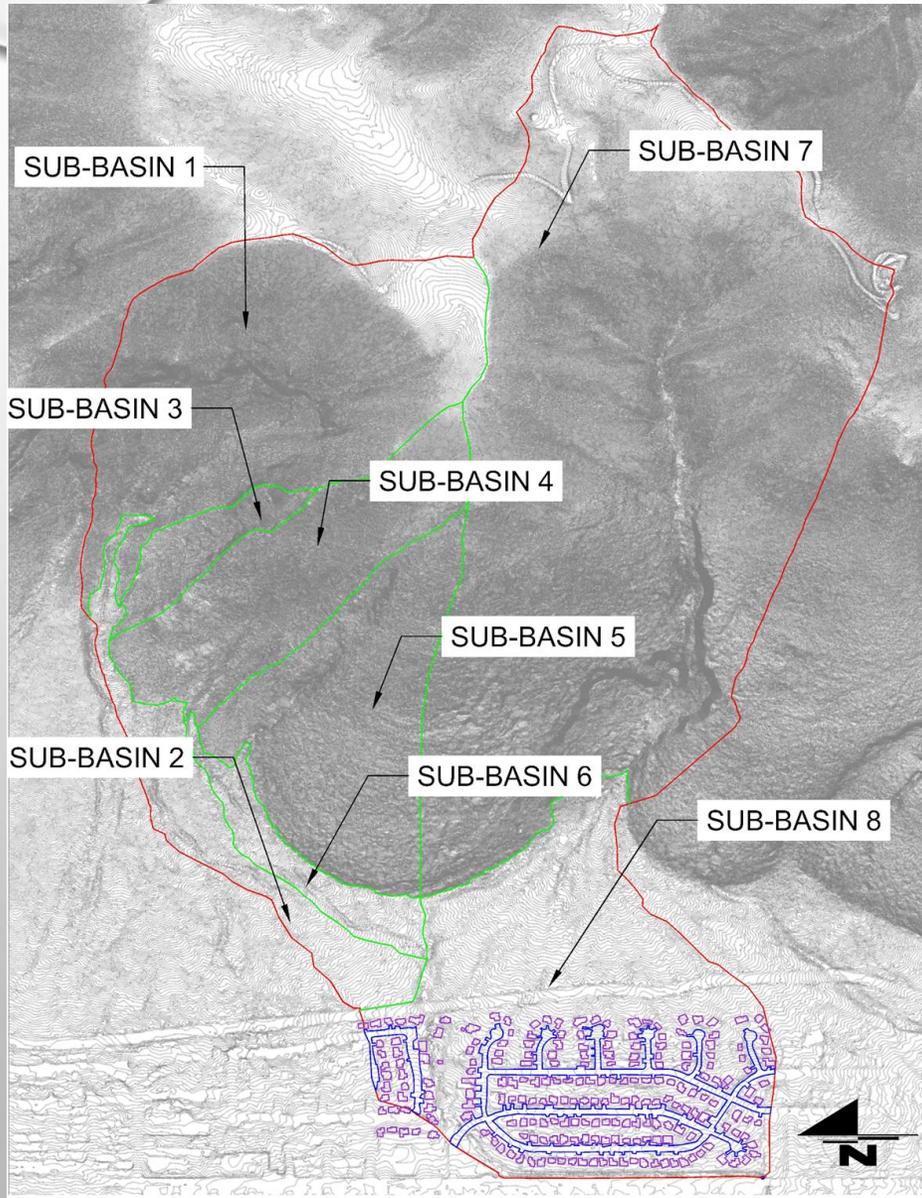


Figure 6: Delineation of Major Basin and Sub-Basins on Final Map

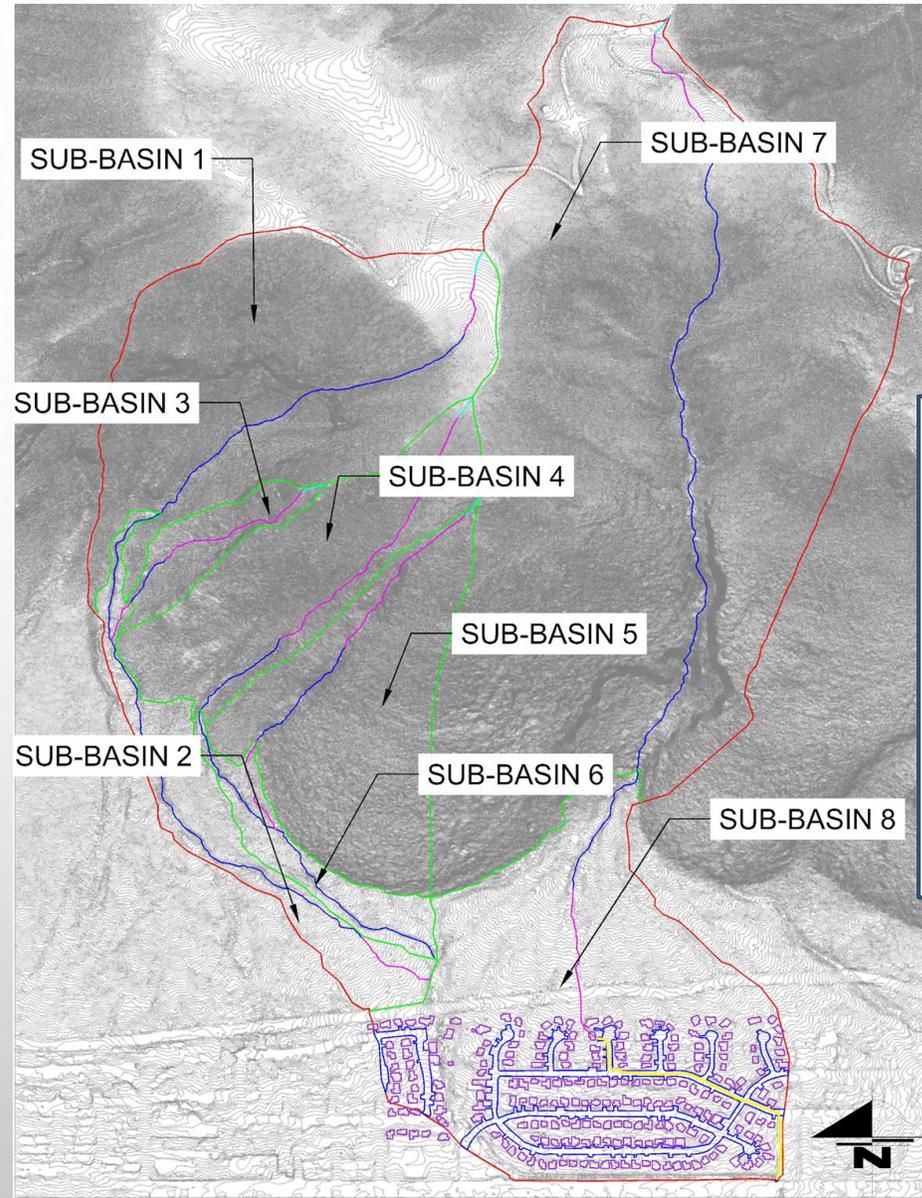


Figure 7: Time of Concentration Runoff Routing

### LEGEND

	MAJOR BASIN DELINEATION
	SUB-BASIN DELINEATION
	HOUSES
	STREET
	SHEET FLOW
	SHALLOW CONCENTRATED
	OPEN CHANNEL FLOW
	CURB FLOW

# Time of Concentration

*Table 2: Time of Concentration for Each Sub-Basin*

Time of Concentration and Lag Time Summary		
Sub-Basin	Time of Concentration (min)	Lag Time (min)
Sub-Basin 1	25	45
Sub-Basin 2	24	44
Sub-Basin 3	11	37
Sub-Basin 4	43	56
Sub-Basin 5	14	39
Sub-Basin 6	9	35
Sub-Basin 7	32	49
Sub-Basin 8	33	50

# Detailed Curve Number

Table 3: Example Land Use Weighted Curve Number Calculation

Parcel ID	Parcel Area (Acres)	House Area (Acres)	Percent of Area	Curve Number	Landscape Area (Acres)	Percent of Area	Landscape Type (Soil Type B)	Curve Number	Weighted Curve Number
2655	0.21	0.044922	0.214	98	0.165078	0.786	Grass Cover < 50%	79	83
3799	0.34	0.079582	0.234	98	0.260418	0.766	Grass Cover 50% to 75%	69	76

Table 4: Percent Impervious for Urban Area

Percent Impervious Calculation	
Total Streets (ac)	28.9
Area of houses (ac)	9.0
Impervious Area (ac)	38.0
Basin Area (ac)	304.4
Percent Impervious	12.49%

Table 5: Sub-Basin 8 Curve Numbers for Weighted Curve Number

Curve Number Generation Summary		
Sub Basin	Area (acres)	Curve Number
8-Natural	223.3	53
8-Parcel	52.1	78
8- Road	28.992	98

# Curve Numbers

Table 6: TR-55 Approach Curve Numbers

Curve Numbers for TR-55 Approach			
Sub Basin	Area (acres)	Curve Number	Description
1	251.3	71	B, Mixed Conifer, Poor
2	69.6	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
3	28.7	71	B, Mixed Conifer, Poor
4	119.5	71	B, Mixed Conifer, Poor
5	149.0	71	B, Mixed Conifer, Poor
6	34.9	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
7	715.4	71	B, Mixed Conifer, Poor
8-Natural	223.3	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
8-Urban	81.1	75	B, 1/4 Acre Lots
<b>8- Total</b>	<b>304.4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>Basin 8 total weighted CN</b>

Table 7: Land Use Approach Curve Numbers

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8-Natural	223.3	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
8-Parcel	52.1	78	B, Based on Detailed Analysis
8- Road	29.0	98	B, Based on Detailed Analysis
<b>8- Total</b>	<b>304.4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Basin 8 total weighted CN</b>

# Basin Model

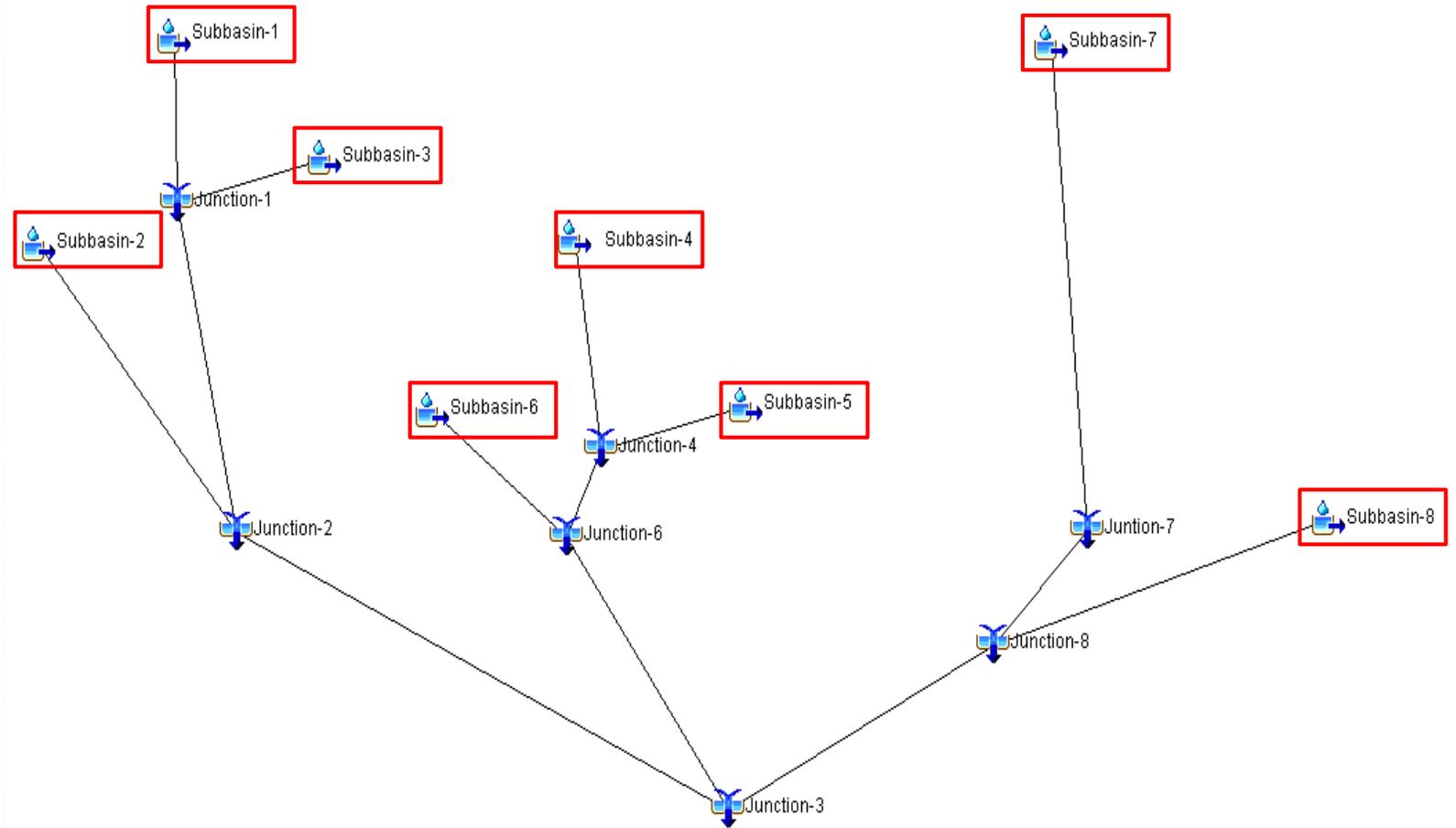
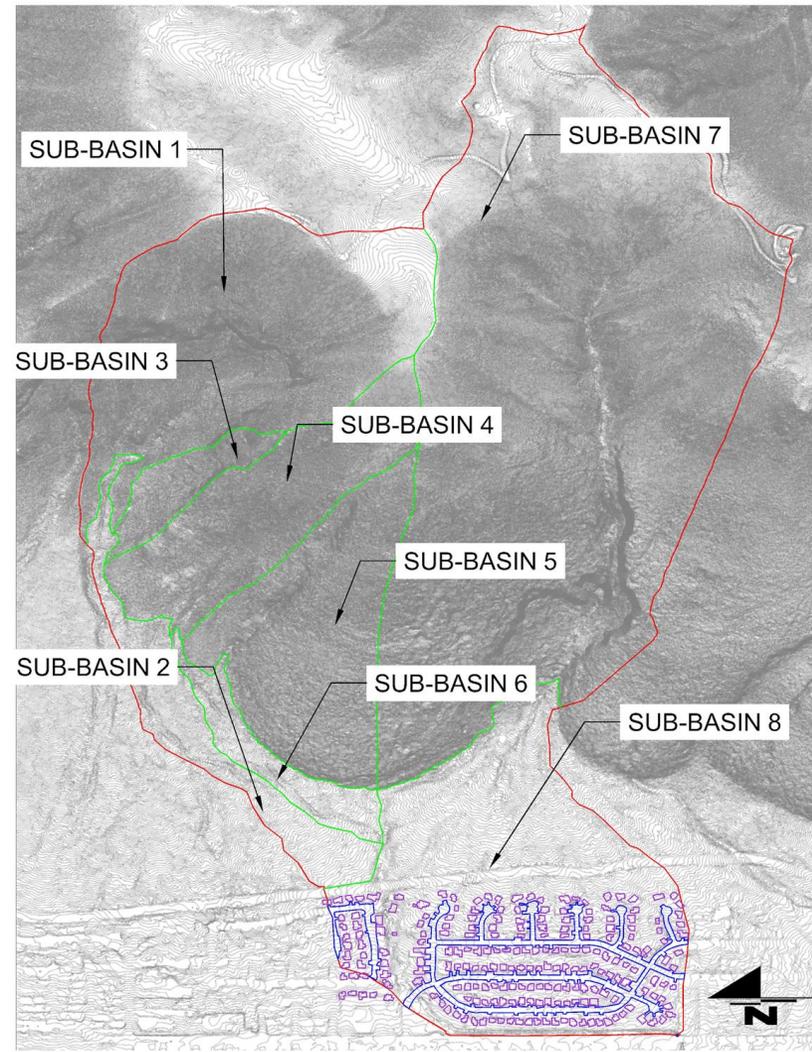


Figure 8: Sub-Basin Layout from HEC-HMS Model

# Hydrograph Results

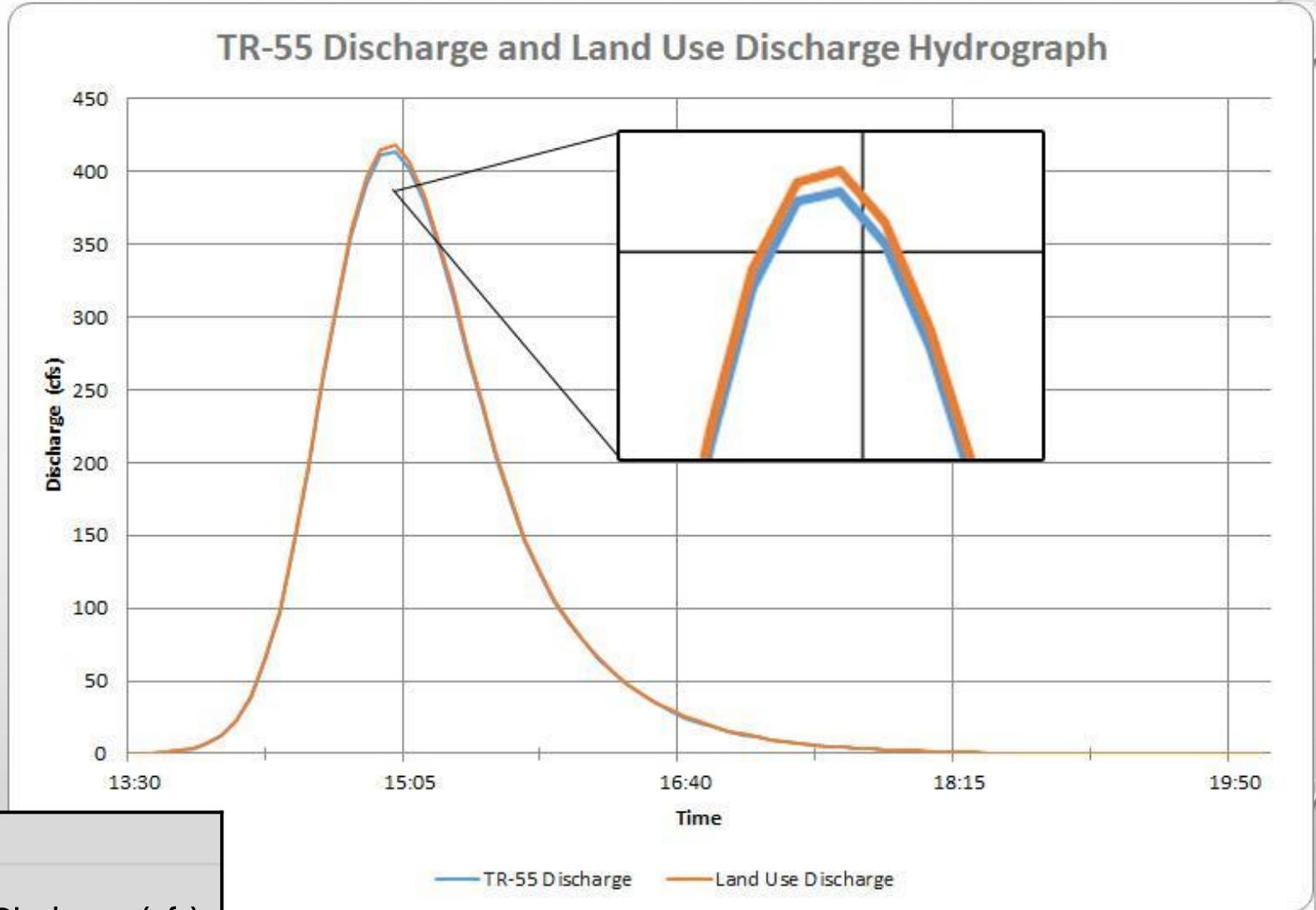


Table 8: HEC-HMS Model Discharge

HEC-HMS Discharge Results	
TR-55 Peak Discharge (cfs)	Land Use Peak Discharge (cfs)
413.2	417.9

Figure 9: Hydrograph Result of TR-55 and Land Use Discharge

# Results

Table 9: TR-55 Increased Development Area Curve

TR-55 Increased Development Area Altered Curve Numbers			
Sub Basin	Area (acres)	Curve Number	Description
8-Nat	104.448	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
8-Urban	200	75	B, 1/4 Acre Lots
<b>8- Total</b>	<b>304.448</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Basin 8 total weighted CN</b>

Table 10: Land Use Increase Development Area Curve Numbers

Land Use Increased Development Area Altered Curve Numbers			
Sub Basin	Area (acres)	Curve Number	Description
8-Natural	104.4483	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
8-Parcel	128.531	78	B, Based on Detailed Analysis
8- Road	71.4687	98	B, Based on Detailed Analysis
<b>8- Total</b>	<b>304.448</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Basin 8 total weighted CN</b>

Table 11: Increased Development Peak Discharges

Increased Development Area Simulation	
TR-55 Peak Discharge (cfs)	Land Use Peak Discharge (cfs)
426.9	443.4

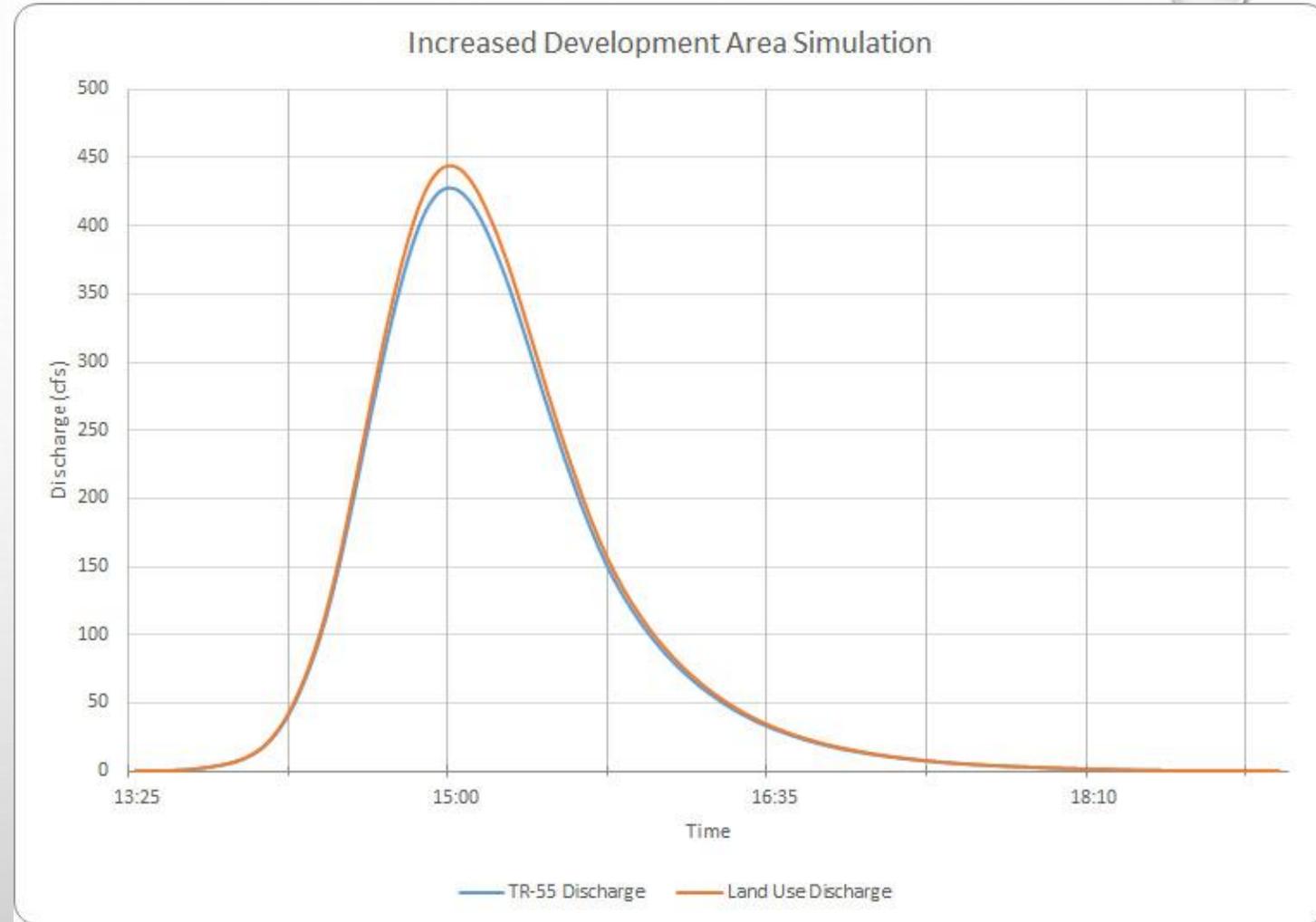


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Table 12: Increased Development and Home Size Curve

Sub Basin	Area (acres)	Curve Number	Description
8-Natural	104.4483	53	B, Mixed Conifer, Fair
8-Parcel	128.531	81	B, Based on Altered Detailed Analysis
8- Road	71.4687	98	B, Based on Detailed Analysis
<b>8- Total</b>	<b>304.448</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Basin 8 total weighted CN</b>

Table 13: Increased Development and Home Discharges

## Increased Development and Home Size Area Simulation

TR-55 Peak Discharge (cfs)	Land Use Peak Discharge (cfs)
430.5	449.5

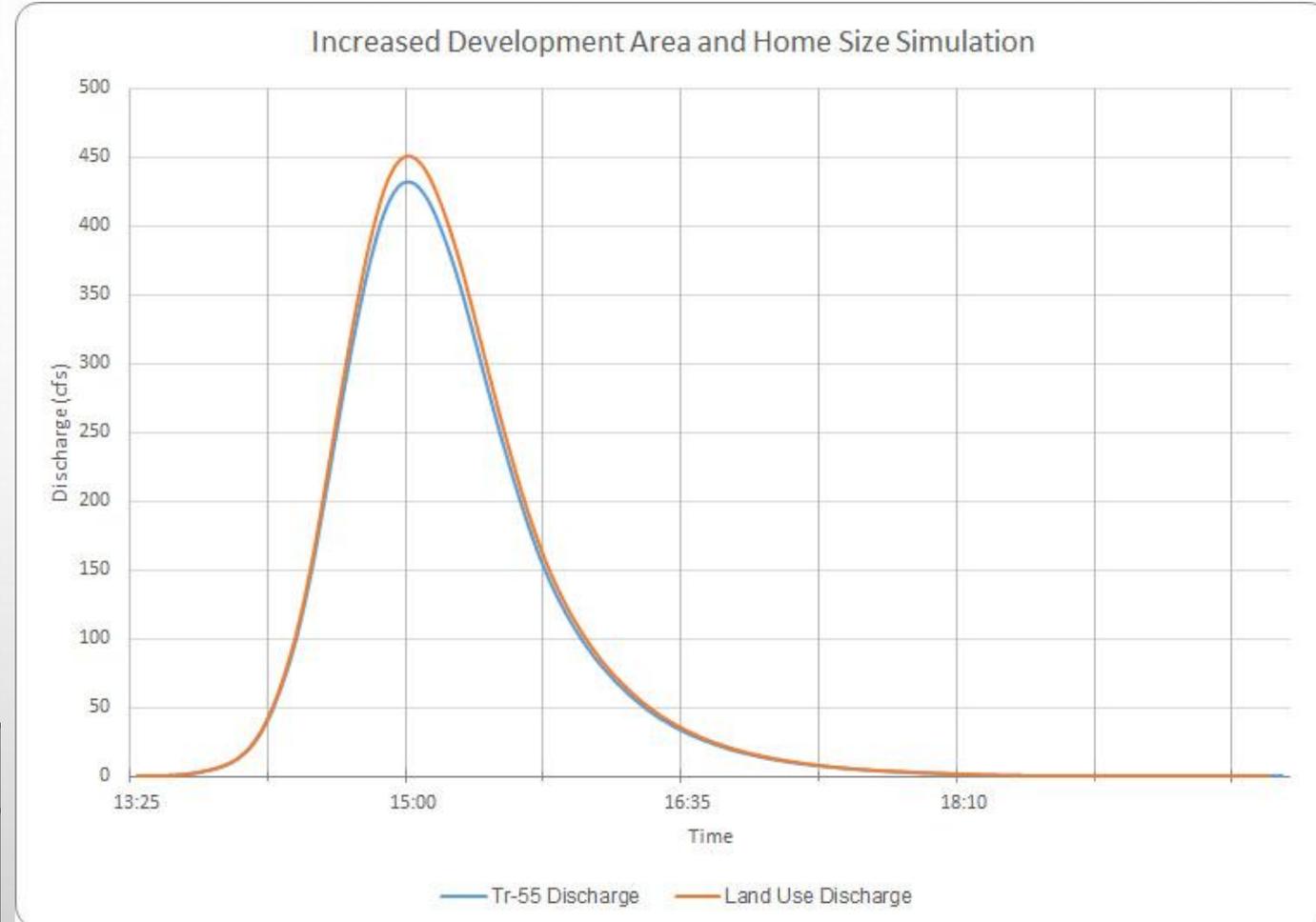


Figure 11: Increased Home Size Model Discharge Results

# Economic Impacts

- New development regulation changes
- Flooding may still occur because curve numbers are not the source
- Property damage
- Future simulations will be an additional cost to citizens

# Environmental Impacts

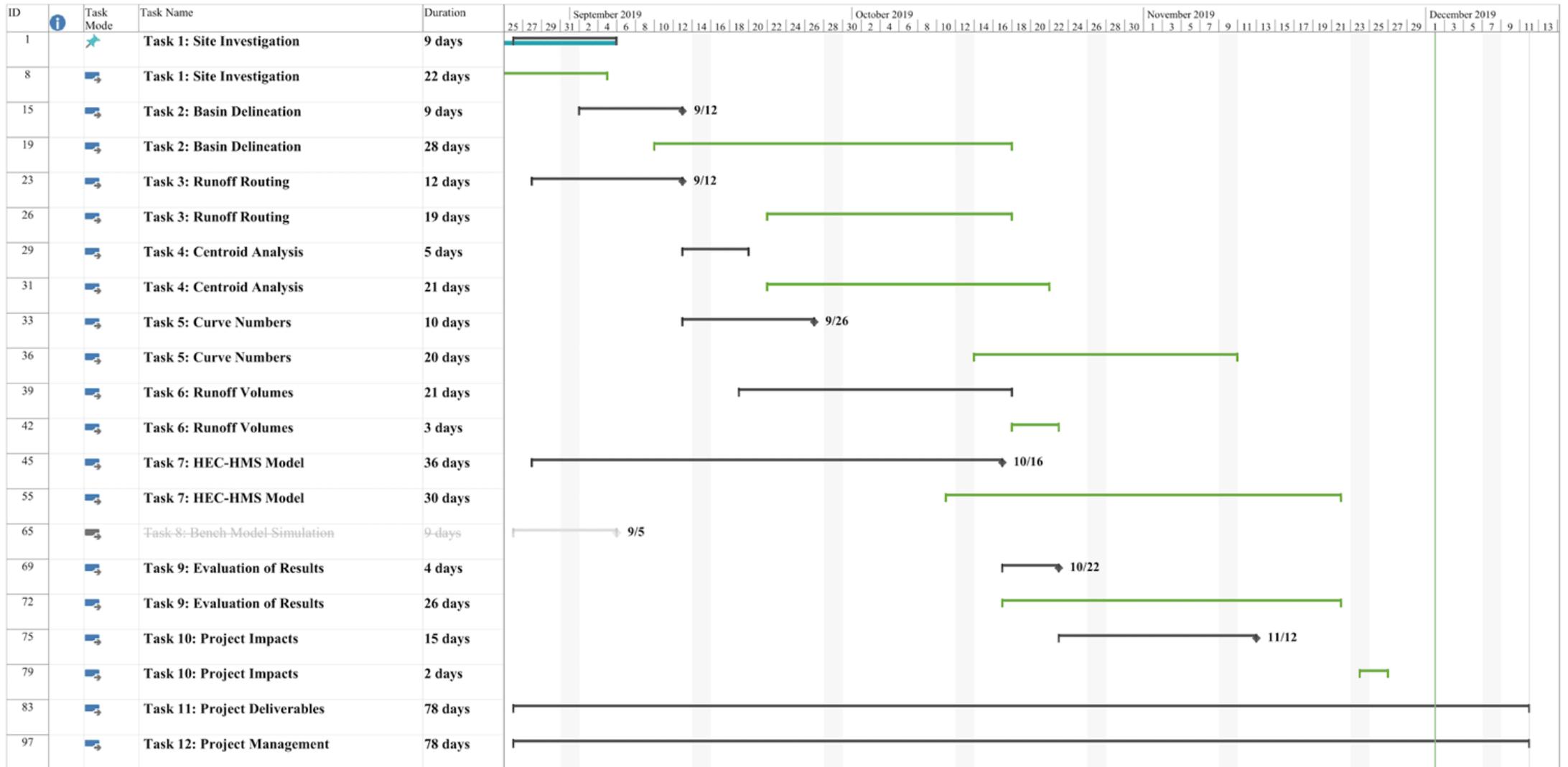
- Flooding
- Erosion and carrying contaminated water
- Wildlife displacement and harm from contaminated waters
- Use of extra material to protect or repair houses

# Social Impacts

- Higher cost of developments mean higher cost of homes
- No desire to move into a flooding hazard area

# Recommendations for Future Simulations

- Select a location with a smaller contributing watershed.
- Select a location with a majority of developed Area.
- Perform a soil survey of Mt. Elden to accurately determine soil type.
- The location should have stage data available above and below the urbanized area to allow for comparison against real world conditions.
- Several large storm events with accurate and better resolution of data.



Project: Capstone GANT  
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Task		Project Summary		Manual Task		Start-only		Deadline	
Split		Inactive Task		Duration-only		Finish-only		Progress	
Milestone		Inactive Milestone		Manual Summary Rollup		External Tasks		Manual Progress	
Summary		Inactive Summary		Manual Summary		External Milestone			

# Summary of Engineering Cost

Table 14: Comparison of Staffing Hours

Tasks	Proposed					Actual				
	SENG	ENG	EIT	AA	Total	SENG	ENG	EIT	AA	Total
Task 1: Site Investigation	1	8	35	0	44	2	0	31.5	0	33.5
Task 2: Basin Delineation	0	7	21	0	28	2	10	51.5	0	63.5
Task 3: Runoff Routing	0	14	13	0	27	3	10	24	0	37
Task 4: Centroid Analysis	0	2	6	0	8	0	3	4	0	7
Task 5: Curve Numbers	2	6	22	0	30	7	9	30.5	0	46.5
Task 6: Runoff Volumes	2	11	48	0	61	0	0	0	0	0
Task 7: HEC-HMS Model	1	7	21	0	29	3	10	17.5	0	30.5
Task 8: Bench Model Simulation	1	10	26	0	37	0	0	0	0	0
Task 9: Evaluation of Results	8	16	24	0	48	0	8	9	0	17
Task 10: Project Impacts	6	30	0	0	36	0	4	0	0	4
Task 11: Project Deliverables	30	33	91	11	165	6	11	68	2	87
Task 12: Project Management	118	179	0	26	323	8.5	6.5	62.5	7	84.5
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>298.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>410.5</b>

# Summary of Engineering Cost

*Table 15: Estimated Cost of Engineering Services*

Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost
SENG	HR	169	\$160	\$27,040
ENG	HR	323	\$110	\$35,530
EIT	HR	307	\$60	\$18,420
AA	HR	37	\$50	\$1,850
Bench Model Supplies	LS	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$83,840</b>

*Table 16: Actual Cost of Engineering Services*

Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost
SENG	HR	31.5	\$160	\$5,040
ENG	HR	71.5	\$110	\$7,865
EIT	HR	298.5	\$60	\$17,910
AA	HR	9	\$50	\$450
Bench Model Supplies	LS	0	\$1,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$31,265</b>

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