Fairfield Run - Watershed Parameters

- Contour Interval = 10’
- D. A. = 120 acres
- Forest (green) = 45 acres
- Residential, 1/3 acre lots (yellow) = 50 acres
- Commercial/Institutional (orange) = 25 acres
- Tsf, L = 300 feet, n=0.24 (dense grass), s = 20’/300’ = 0.067 ft/ft
- Tsc, L = 1000 feet, unpaved, s = 100’/1000’ = 0.10 ft/ft
- Tch, L = 3100 ft, V = 8 fps

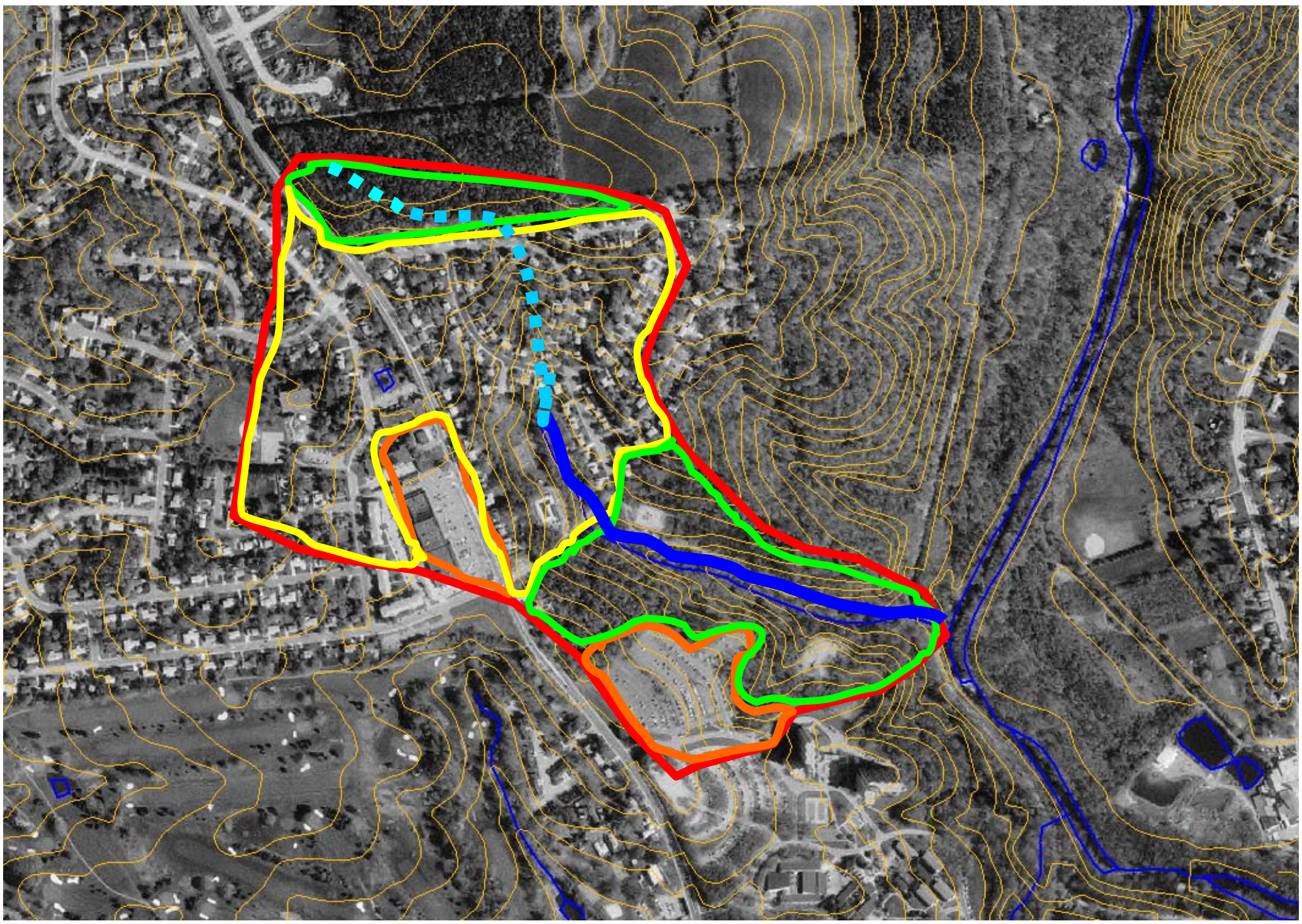

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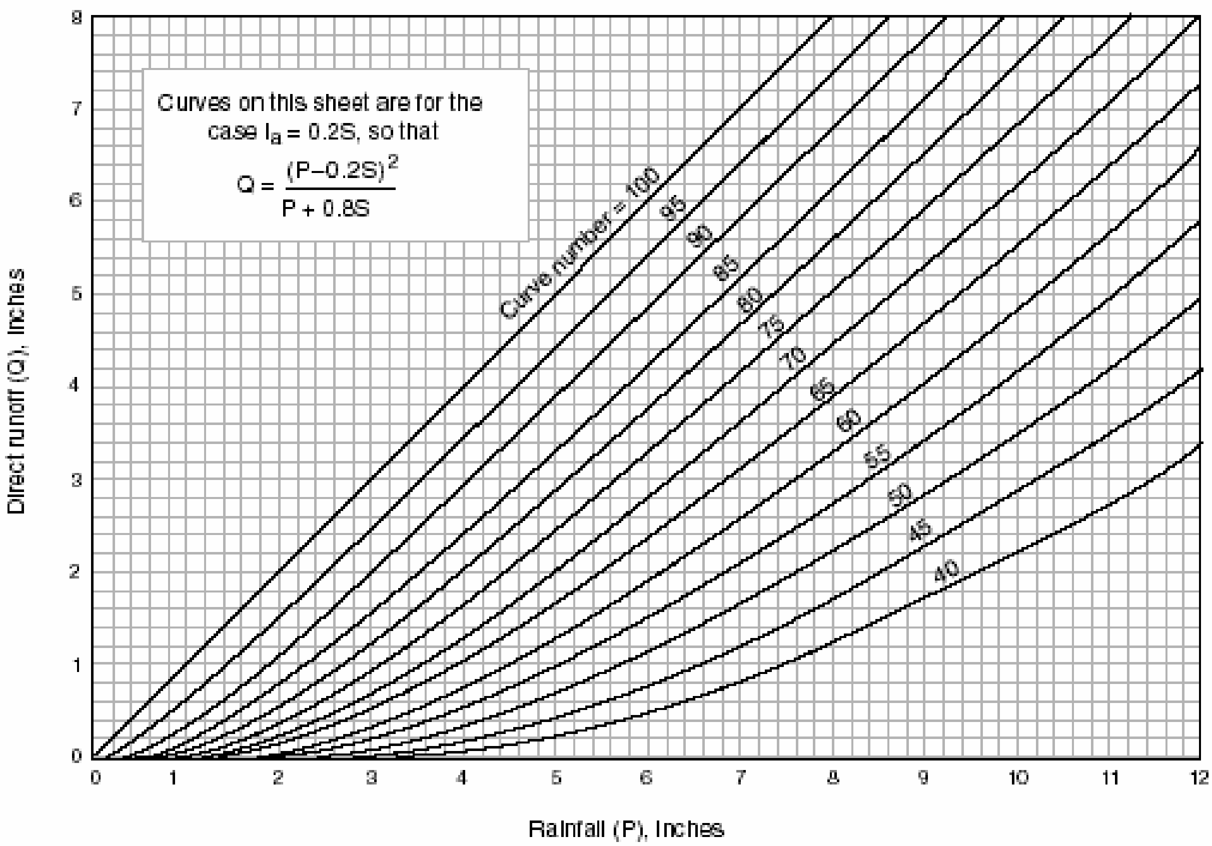
Figure 2-1 Solution of runoff equation.



Cover type

Table 2-2 addresses most cover types, such as vegetation, bare soil, and impervious surfaces. There are a number of methods for determining cover type. The most common are field reconnaissance, aerial photographs, and land use maps.

Treatment

Treatment is a cover type modifier (used only in table 2-2b) to describe the management of cultivated agricultural lands. It includes mechanical practices, such as contouring and terracing, and management practices, such as crop rotations and reduced or no tillage.

Hydrologic condition

Hydrologic condition indicates the effects of cover type and treatment on infiltration and runoff and is generally estimated from density of plant and residue cover on sample areas. *Good* hydrologic condition indicates that the soil usually has a low runoff potential for that specific hydrologic soil group, cover type, and treatment. Some factors to consider in estimating the effect of cover on infiltration and runoff are (a) canopy or density of lawns, crops, or other vegetative areas; (b) amount of year-round cover; (c) amount of grass or close-seeded legumes in rotations; (d) percent of residue cover; and (e) degree of surface roughness.

Table 2-1 Runoff depth for selected CN's and rainfall amounts [1]

Rainfall	Runoff depth for curve number of—												
	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	98
	---inches---												
1.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.17	0.32	0.56	0.79
1.2	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.03	.07	.15	.27	.46	.74	.99
1.4	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.02	.06	.13	.24	.39	.61	.92	1.18
1.6	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.05	.11	.20	.34	.52	.76	1.11	1.38
1.8	.00	.00	.00	.00	.03	.09	.17	.29	.44	.65	.93	1.29	1.58
2.0	.00	.00	.00	.02	.06	.14	.24	.38	.56	.80	1.09	1.48	1.77
2.5	.00	.00	.02	.08	.17	.30	.46	.65	.89	1.18	1.53	1.96	2.27
3.0	.00	.02	.09	.19	.33	.51	.71	.96	1.25	1.59	1.98	2.45	2.77
3.5	.02	.08	.20	.35	.53	.75	1.01	1.30	1.64	2.02	2.45	2.94	3.27
4.0	.06	.18	.33	.53	.76	1.03	1.33	1.67	2.04	2.46	2.92	3.43	3.77
4.5	.14	.30	.50	.74	1.02	1.33	1.67	2.05	2.46	2.91	3.40	3.92	4.26
5.0	.24	.44	.69	.98	1.30	1.65	2.04	2.45	2.89	3.37	3.88	4.42	4.76
6.0	.50	.80	1.14	1.52	1.92	2.35	2.81	3.28	3.78	4.30	4.85	5.41	5.76
7.0	.84	1.24	1.68	2.12	2.60	3.10	3.62	4.15	4.69	5.25	5.82	6.41	6.76
8.0	1.25	1.74	2.25	2.78	3.33	3.89	4.46	5.04	5.63	6.21	6.81	7.40	7.76
9.0	1.71	2.29	2.88	3.49	4.10	4.72	5.33	5.95	6.57	7.18	7.79	8.40	8.76
10.0	2.23	2.89	3.56	4.23	4.90	5.56	6.22	6.88	7.52	8.16	8.78	9.40	9.76
11.0	2.78	3.52	4.26	5.00	5.72	6.43	7.13	7.81	8.48	9.13	9.77	10.39	10.76
12.0	3.38	4.19	5.00	5.79	6.56	7.32	8.05	8.76	9.45	10.11	10.76	11.39	11.76
13.0	4.00	4.89	5.76	6.61	7.42	8.21	8.98	9.71	10.42	11.10	11.76	12.39	12.76
14.0	4.65	5.62	6.55	7.44	8.30	9.12	9.91	10.67	11.39	12.08	12.75	13.39	13.76
15.0	5.33	6.36	7.35	8.29	9.19	10.04	10.85	11.63	12.37	13.07	13.74	14.39	14.76

[1] Interpolate the values shown to obtain runoff depths for CN's or rainfall amounts not shown.

Table 2-2a Runoff curve numbers for urban areas [1]

Cover description		Curve numbers for hydrologic soil group			
Cover type and hydrologic condition	Average percent impervious area [2]	A	B	C	D
Fully developed urban areas (vegetation established)					
Open space (lawns, parks, golf courses, cemeteries, etc.)[3]:					
Poor condition (grass cover < 50%)		68	79	86	89
Fair condition (grass cover 50% to 75%)		49	69	79	84
Good condition (grass cover > 75%)		39	61	74	80
Impervious areas:					
Paved parking lots, roofs, driveways, etc. (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Streets and roads:					
Paved; curbs and storm sewers (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Paved; open ditches (including right-of-way)		83	89	92	93
Gravel (including right-of-way)		76	85	89	91
Dirt (including right-of-way)		72	82	87	89
Western desert urban areas:					
Natural desert landscaping (pervious areas only) [4]		63	77	85	88
Artificial desert landscaping (impervious weed barrier, desert shrub with 1- to 2-inch sand or gravel mulch and basin borders)		96	96	96	96
Urban districts:					
Commercial and business	85	89	92	94	95
Industrial	72	81	88	91	93
Residential districts by average lot size:					
1/8 acre or less (town houses)	65	77	85	90	92
1/4 acre	38	61	75	83	87
1/3 acre	30	57	72	81	86
1/2 acre	25	54	70	80	85
1 acre	20	51	68	79	84
2 acres	12	46	65	77	82
Developing urban areas					
Newly graded areas (pervious areas only, no vegetation) [5]		77	86	91	94
Idle lands (CN's are determined using cover types similar to those in table 2-2c).					

1 Average runoff condition, and $I_a = 0.2S$.
2 The average percent impervious area shown was used to develop the composite CN's. Other assumptions are as follows: impervious areas are directly connected to the drainage system, impervious areas have a CN of 98, and pervious areas are considered equivalent to open space in good hydrologic condition. CN's for other combinations of conditions may be computed using figure 2-3 or 2-4.
3 CN's shown are equivalent to those of pasture. Composite CN's may be computed for other combinations of open space cover type.
4 Composite CN's for natural desert landscaping should be computed using figures 2-3 or 2-4 based on the impervious area percentage (CN = 98) and the pervious area CN. The pervious area CN's are assumed equivalent to desert shrub in poor hydrologic condition.
5 Composite CN's to use for the design of temporary measures during grading and construction should be computed using figure 2-3 or 2-4 based on the degree of development (impervious area percentage) and the CN's for the newly graded pervious areas.

Worksheet 2: Runoff curve number and runoff

Project	By	Date
Location	Checked	Date

Check one: ☐ Present ☐ Developed

1. Runoff curve number

Soil name and hydrologic group (appendix A)	Cover description (cover type, treatment, and hydrologic condition; percent impervious; unconnected/connected impervious area ratio)	CN [1/] Table 2-2	CN [1/] Figure 2-3	CN [1/] Figure 2-4	Area ☐ acres ☐ mi^2 ☐ %	Product of CN x area
				Totals ➡		

[1/] Use only one CN source per line

$$\text{CN (weighted)} = \frac{\text{total product}}{\text{total area}} = \underline{\hspace{3cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}};$$

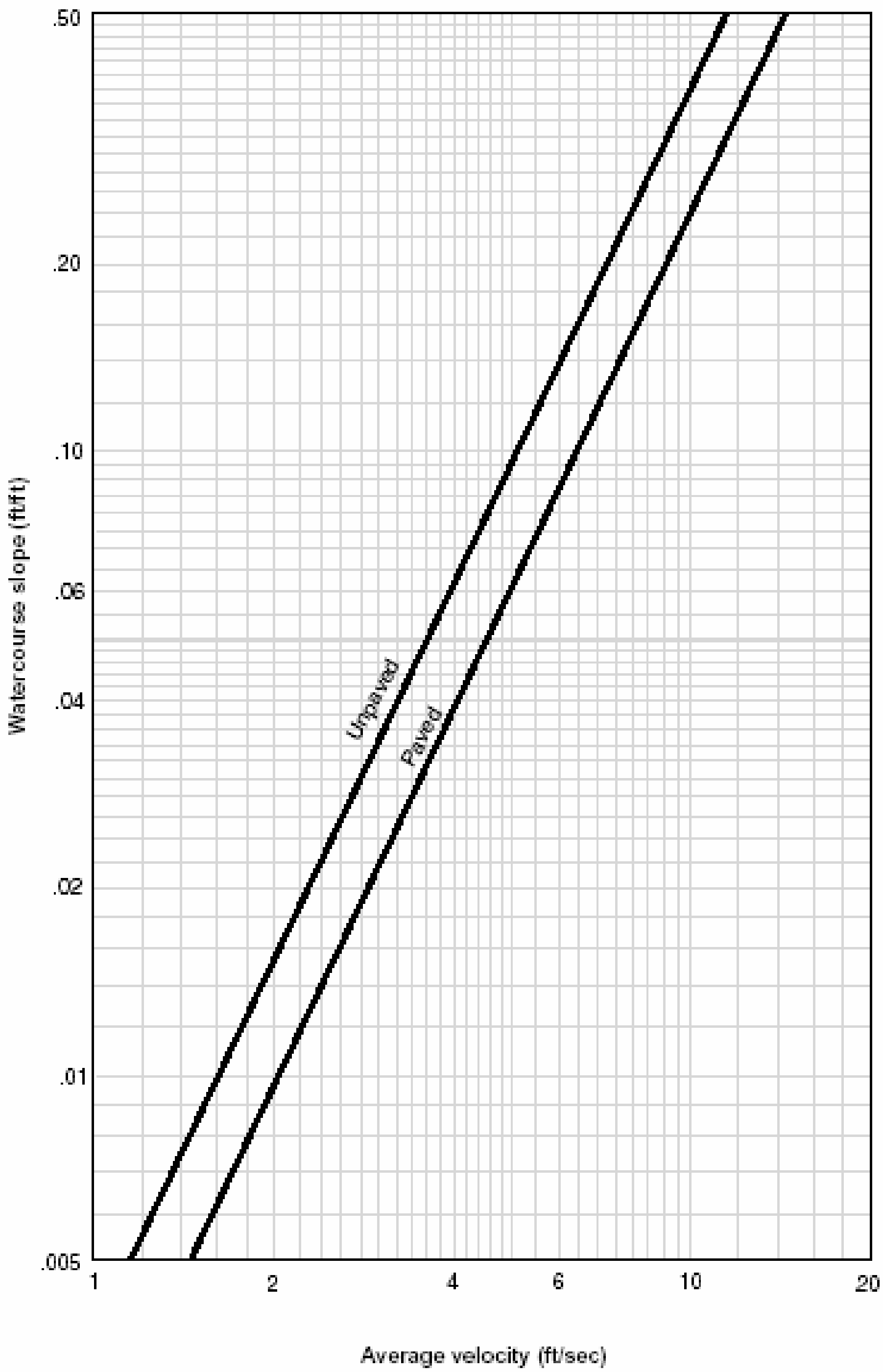
Use CN ➡ ☐

2. Runoff

		Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3
Frequency	yr			
Rainfall, P (24-hour)	in			
Runoff, Q	in			

(Use P and CN with table 2-1, figure 2-1, or equations 2-3 and 2-4)

Figure 3-1 Average velocities for estimating travel time for shallow concentrated flow



Sheet flow

Sheet flow is flow over plane surfaces. It usually occurs in the headwater of streams. With sheet flow, the friction value (Manning's n) is an effective roughness coefficient that includes the effect of raindrop impact; drag over the plane surface; obstacles such as litter, crop ridges, and rocks; and erosion and transportation of sediment. These n values are for very shallow flow depths of about 0.1 foot or so. Table 3-1 gives Manning's n values for sheet flow for various surface conditions.

Table 3-1 Roughness coefficients (Manning's n) for sheet flow

Surface description	n [1]
Smooth surfaces (concrete, asphalt, gravel, or bare soil)	0.011
Fallow (no residue)	0.05
Cultivated soils:	
Residue cover ≤20%	0.06
Residue cover >20%	0.17
Grass:	
Short grass prairie	0.15
Dense grasses [2]	0.24
Bermudagrass	0.41
Range (natural)	0.13
Woods: [3]	
Light underbrush	0.40
Dense underbrush	0.80

1 The n values are a composite of information compiled by Engman (1986).
2 Includes species such as weeping lovegrass, bluegrass, buffalo grass, blue grama grass, and native grass mixtures.
3 When selecting n , consider cover to a height of about 0.1 ft. This is the only part of the plant cover that will obstruct sheet flow.

For sheet flow of less than 300 feet, use Manning's kinematic solution (Overtop and Meadows 1976) to compute T_t:

$$T_t = \frac{0.007(nL)^{0.8}}{(P_2)^{0.5} s^{0.4}} \qquad \text{[eq. 3-3]}$$

where:

T_t = travel time (hr),
n = Manning's roughness coefficient (table 3-1)
L = flow length (ft)
P_2 = 2-year, 24-hour rainfall (in)
s = slope of hydraulic grade line (land slope, ft/ft)

This simplified form of the Manning's kinematic solution is based on the following: (1) shallow steady uniform flow, (2) constant intensity of rainfall excess (that part of a rain available for runoff), (3) rainfall duration of 24 hours, and (4) minor effect of infiltration on travel time. Rainfall depth can be obtained from appendix B.

Shallow concentrated flow

After a maximum of 300 feet, sheet flow usually becomes shallow concentrated flow. The average velocity for this flow can be determined from figure 3-1, in which average velocity is a function of watercourse slope and type of channel. For slopes less than 0.005 ft/ft, use equations given in appendix F for figure 3-1. Tillage can affect the direction of shallow concentrated flow. Flow may not always be directly down the watershed slope if tillage runs across the slope.

After determining average velocity in figure 3-1, use equation 3-1 to estimate travel time for the shallow concentrated flow segment.

Open channels

Open channels are assumed to begin where surveyed cross section information has been obtained, where channels are visible on aerial photographs, or where blue lines (indicating streams) appear on United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle sheets. Manning's equation or water surface profile information can be used to estimate average flow velocity. Average flow velocity is usually determined for bank-full elevation.

Worksheet 3: Time of Concentration (T_c) or travel time (T_t)

Project	By	Date
Location	Checked	Date

Check one: ☐ Present ☐ Developed

Check one: ☐ T_c ☐ T_t through subarea

Notes: Space for as many as two segments per flow type can be used for each worksheet.
Include a map, schematic, or description of flow segments.

Sheet flow (Applicable to Tc only)

Segment ID		
1. Surface description (table 3-1)		
2. Manning's roughness coefficient, n (table 3-1)		
3. Flow length, L (total L † 300 ft) .... ft		
4. Two-year 24-hour rainfall, P_2 .... in		
5. Land slope, s .... ft/ft		
6. $T_t = \dfrac{0.007\ (nL)^{0.8}}{P_2^{\ 0.5}\ s^{0.4}}$ Compute T_t .... hr	+	=

Shallow concentrated flow

Segment ID		
7. Surface description (paved or unpaved)		
8. Flow length, L ....ft		
9. Watercourse slope, s .... ft/ft		
10. Average velocity, V (figure 3-1) .... ft/s		
11. $T_t = \dfrac{L}{3600\ V}$ Compute Tt .... hr	+	=

Channel flow

Segment ID		
12. Cross sectional flow area, a .... ft^2		
13. Wetted perimeter, p_w .... ft		
14. Hydraulic radius, $r = \dfrac{a}{p_w}$ Compute r .... ft		
15 Channel slope, s .... ft/ft		
16. Manning's roughness coefficient, n		
17. $V = \dfrac{1.49\ r^{2/3}\ s^{1/2}}{n}$ Compute V ....ft/s		
18. Flow length, L .... ft		
19. $T_t = \dfrac{L}{3600\ V}$ Compute T_t .... hr	+	=

20. Watershed or subarea T_c or T_t (add T_t in steps 6, 11, and 19) .... Hr ☐

Chapter 4 Graphical Peak Discharge Method

This chapter presents the Graphical Peak Discharge method for computing peak discharge from rural and urban areas. The Graphical method was developed from hydrograph analyses using TR-20, "Computer Program for Project Formulation—Hydrology" (SCS 1983). The peak discharge equation used is:

$$q_p = q_u A_m Q F_p \qquad \text{[eq. 4-1]}$$

where:

q_p = peak discharge (cfs)
q_u = unit peak discharge (csm/in)
A_m = drainage area (mi^2)
Q = runoff (in)
F_p = pond and swamp adjustment factor

The input requirements for the Graphical method are as follows: (1) T_c (hr), (2) drainage area (mi^2), (3) appropriate rainfall distribution (I, IA, II, or III), (4) 24-hour rainfall (in), and (5) CN. If pond and swamp areas are spread throughout the watershed and are not considered in the T_c computation, an adjustment for pond and swamp areas is also needed.

Peak discharge computation

For a selected rainfall frequency, the 24-hour rainfall (P) is obtained from appendix B or more detailed local precipitation maps. CN and total runoff (Q) for the watershed are computed according to the methods outlined in chapter 2. The CN is used to determine the initial abstraction (I_a) from table 4-1. I_a / P is then computed.

If the computed I_a / P ratio is outside the range in exhibit 4 (4-I, 4-IA, 4-II, and 4-III) for the rainfall distribution of interest, then the limiting value should be used. If the ratio falls between the limiting values, use linear interpolation. Figure 4-1 illustrates the sensitivity of I_a / P to CN and P.

Peak discharge per square mile per inch of runoff (q_u) is obtained from exhibit 4-I, 4-IA, 4-II, or 4-III by using T_c (chapter 3), rainfall distribution type, and I_a / P ratio. The pond and swamp adjustment factor is obtained from table 4-2 (rounded to the nearest table value). Use worksheet 4 in appendix D to aid in computing the peak discharge using the Graphical method.

Figure 4-1 Variation of I_a / P for P and CN

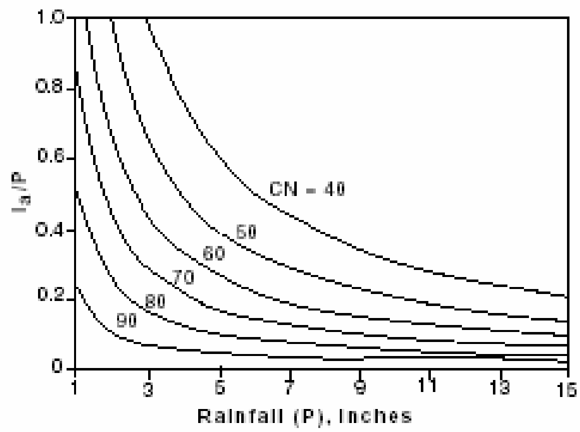


Table 4-1 I_a values for runoff curve numbers

Curve number	I_a (in)	Curve number	I_a (in)
40	3.000	70	0.857
41	2.878	71	0.817
42	2.762	72	0.778
43	2.651	73	0.740
44	2.545	74	0.703
45	2.444	75	0.667
46	2.348	76	0.632
47	2.255	77	0.597
48	2.167	78	0.564
49	2.082	79	0.532
50	2.000	80	0.500
51	1.922	81	0.469
52	1.846	82	0.439
53	1.774	83	0.410
54	1.704	84	0.381
55	1.636	85	0.353
56	1.571	86	0.326
57	1.509	87	0.299
58	1.448	88	0.273
59	1.390	89	0.247
60	1.333	90	0.222
61	1.279	91	0.198
62	1.226	92	0.174
63	1.175	93	0.151
64	1.125	94	0.128
65	1.077	95	0.105
66	1.030	96	0.083
67	0.985	97	0.062
68	0.941	98	0.041
69	0.899		

Worksheet 4: Graphical Peak Discharge method

Project	By	Date
Location	Checked	Date

Check one: ☐ Present ☐ Developed

1. Data

Drainage area .... A_m = ______________ mi^2 (acres/640)

Runoff curve number ....CN = ______________ (From worksheet 2)

Time of concentration ....T_c = ______________ hr (From worksheet 3)

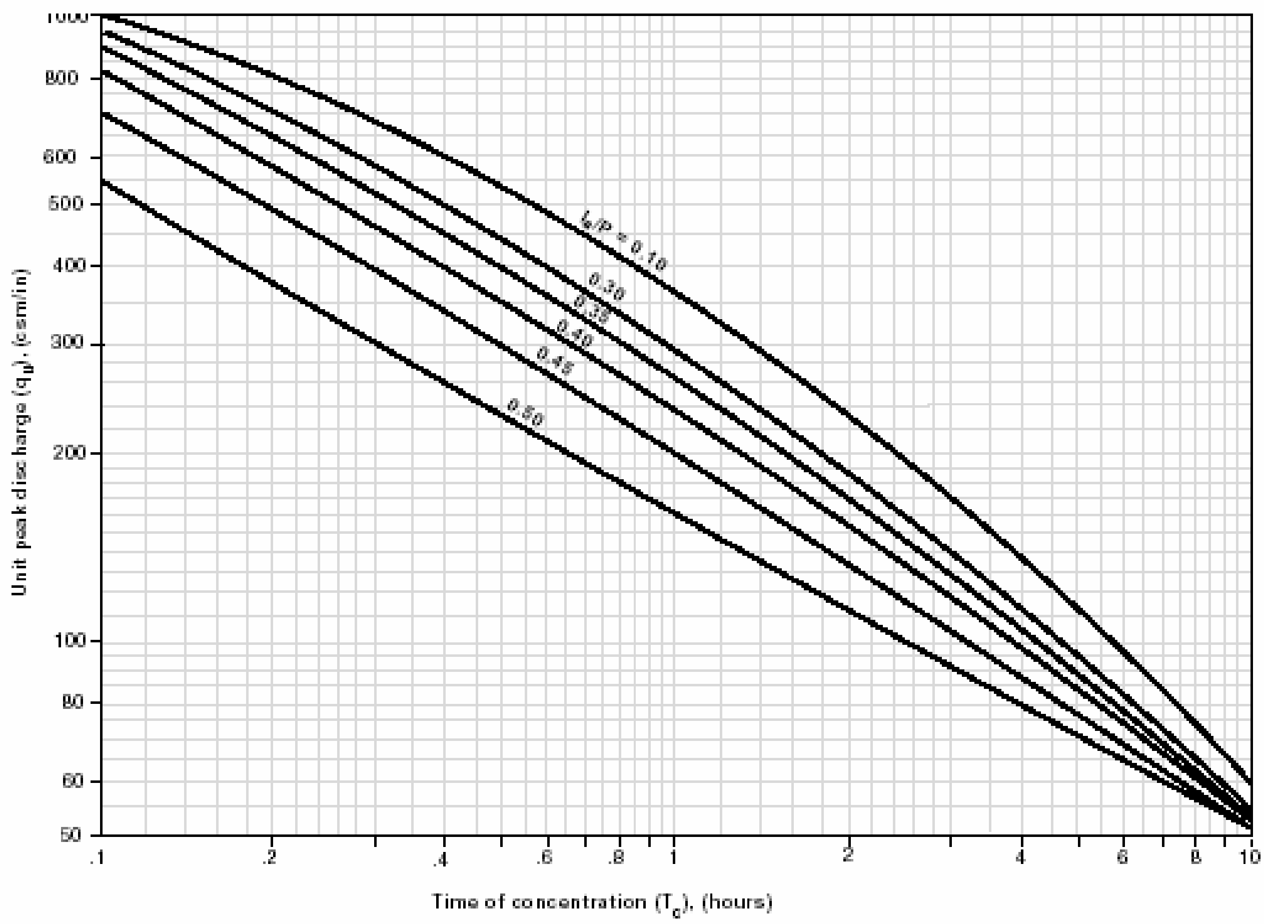
Rainfall distribution .... = ______________ (I, IA, II III)

Pond and swamp areas sprea
throughout watershed .... = ____________ percent of A_m (________ acres or mi^2 covered)

		Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3
2. Frequency	yr			
3. Rainfall, P (24-hour)	in			
4. Initial abstraction, I_a .... (Use CN with table 4-1)	in			
5. Compute I_a / P				
6. Unit peak discharge, q_u .... (Use T_c and I_a / P with exhibit 4– _____)	csm/in			
7. Runoff, Q .... (From worksheet 2) Figure 2-6	in			
8. Pond and swamp adjustment factor, F_p .... (Use percent pond and swamp area with table 4-2. Factor is 1.0 for zero percent pond ans swamp area.)				
9. Peak discharge, q_p	ft^3/s			

(Where $q_p = q_u A_m Q F_p$)

Exhibit 4-II Unit peal discharge (q_u) for NRCS (SCS) type II rainfall distribution



Worksheet 5a: Basic watershed data

Project	Location	By	Date
Check one: ☐ Present ☐ Developed	Frequency (yr)	Checked	Date

Subarea name	Drainage area A_m (mi^2)	Time of concen-tration T_c (hr)	Travel time through subarea T_t (hr)	Downstream subarea names	Travel time summation to outlet ΣT_t (hr)	24-hr rain-fall P (in)	Runoff curve number CN	Runoff Q (in)	A_mQ (mi^2—in)	Initial abstraction I_a (in)	I_a/P
		From worksheet 3					From worksheet 2			From table 5-1	

Worksheet 5b: Basic watershed data

Project	Location	By	Date
Check one: ☐ Present ☐ Developed	Frequency (yr)	Checked	Date

Subarea name	Basic watershed data used 1/				Select and enter hydrograph times in hours from exhibit 5-II 2/											
	Subarea T_c (hr)	ΣT_t to outlet (hr)	I_a/P	A_mQ (mi^2—in)												
					Discharges at selected hydrograph times 3/ (cfs)											
Composite hydrograph at outlet																

1/ Worksheet 5a. Rounded as needed for use with exhibit 5.
2/ Enter rainfall distribution type used.
3/ Hydrograph discharge for selected times is A_mQ multiplied by tabular discharge from appropriate exhibit 5.

Exhibit 5-II: Tabular hydrograph unit discharges (csm/in) for type II rainfall distribution—continued

HYDROGRAPH TIME (HOURS)

TRVL TIME (hr)	11.0	11.3	11.6	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.6	13.8	14.0	14.3	14.6	15.0	15.5	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	26.0
IA/P = 0.10														* * * TC = 1.0 HR * * *														IA/P = 0.10				
0.0	11	15	20	29	35	47	72	112	168	231	289	329	357	313	239	175	133	103	83	63	50	40	33	29	26	23	21	20	17	15	12	0
.10	10	13	17	24	27	33	42	62	95	144	202	260	306	340	293	222	165	126	98	72	56	43	35	30	27	24	22	20	18	15	12	0
.20	10	13	17	23	26	30	38	54	82	123	176	232	281	332	303	238	179	136	105	76	59	45	35	30	27	24	22	20	18	16	12	1
.30	9	12	16	22	24	28	35	48	70	105	152	205	256	323	310	254	193	146	113	81	61	46	36	31	27	24	22	20	18	16	12	1
.40	8	11	14	19	21	23	27	32	42	61	91	132	181	276	318	294	237	181	138	95	70	51	39	32	28	25	23	21	18	16	12	1
.50	8	10	13	18	20	22	25	30	38	53	78	114	159	253	311	300	251	195	149	102	74	53	40	33	29	25	23	21	18	16	12	1
.75	7	8	11	14	16	17	19	21	25	30	38	53	76	146	228	284	293	256	208	143	99	66	46	36	31	27	24	22	19	17	13	2
1.0	5	7	8	11	12	13	14	16	17	19	22	25	31	57	111	188	256	286	272	208	144	90	56	41	33	29	26	23	20	17	13	4
1.5	4	5	6	8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	22	33	59	107	171	231	268	235	157	88	56	41	33	29	25	21	18	14	8
2.0	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	12	15	19	27	44	78	157	231	252	167	96	59	42	34	29	23	20	15	11
2.5	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	10	12	15	19	27	58	120	214	241	159	94	59	42	34	26	21	16	11
3.0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	7	8	10	12	14	22	44	113	214	231	152	91	58	42	29	23	17	12
IA/P = 0.30														* * * TC = 1.0 HR * * *														IA/P = 0.30				
0.0	0	0	0	0	1	4	16	42	83	137	195	243	271	292	227	178	143	117	98	79	66	55	47	42	38	34	31	30	27	23	19	0
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.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	12	25	76	150	213	239	228	198	149	112	82	61	50	44	39	35	32	29	26	20	4
1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	15	51	113	182	226	234	197	150	104	72	56	47	42	38	34	30	27	20	7
1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	51	104	162	220	210	158	102	71	56	47	42	37	31	28	22	13
2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	20	49	121	187	209	152	100	70	55	47	41	34	29	23	17
2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	32	87	171	199	146	98	69	54	46	37	31	24	18
3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	62	158	192	151	103	73	56	41	34	26	18
IA/P = 0.50														* * * TC = 1.0 HR * * *														IA/P = 0.50				
0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	21	42	71	101	126	160	154	138	123	110	100	87	77	67	60	55	50	46	43	41	38	34	28	1
.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	15	33	58	87	134	156	149	134	120	108	93	82	71	62	57	52	47	44	42	38	34	28	1
.20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	12	26	48	74	123	153	153	137	123	111	95	84	72	63	57	52	47	44	42	38	34	28	1
.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	20	38	62	111	143	150	140	127	114	98	86	73	63	58	53	48	45	42	39	35	28	1
.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	16	31	75	120	145	148	137	123	106	91	77	66	59	54	49	45	43	39	35	29	2
.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	12	25	64	109	139	146	139	127	108	94	79	67	60	55	50	46	43	39	36	29	3
.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	12	39	78	115	136	140	134	117	101	84	70	62	56	51	47	44	40	36	29	4
1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	26	59	96	125	139	133	117	97	78	66	59	54	49	46	41	37	29	8
1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	26	54	86	123	133	119	95	77	66	59	54	49	43	39	31	17
2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	25	64	104	129	116	93	76	65	58	53	45	41	33	24
2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	34	84	125	117	96	78	66	59	49	43	35	27
3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	32	89	122	114	94	77	66	53	45	37	27

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Appendix A Hydrologic Soil Groups

Soils are classified into hydrologic soil groups (HSG's) to indicate the minimum rate of infiltration obtained for bare soil after prolonged wetting. The HSG's, which are A, B, C, and D, are one element used in determining runoff curve numbers (see chapter 2). For the convenience of TR-55 users, exhibit A-1 lists the HSG classification of United States soils.

The infiltration rate is the rate at which water enters the soil at the soil surface. It is controlled by surface conditions. HSG also indicates the transmission rate—the rate at which the water moves within the soil. This rate is controlled by the soil profile. Approximate numerical ranges for transmission rates shown in the HSG definitions were first published by Musgrave (USDA 1955). The four groups are defined by SCS soil scientists as follows:

Group A soils have low runoff potential and high infiltration rates even when thoroughly wetted. They consist chiefly of deep, well to excessively drained sand or gravel and have a high rate of water transmission (greater than 0.30 in/hr).

Group B soils have moderate infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted and consist chiefly of moderately deep to deep, moderately well to well drained soils with moderately fine to moderately coarse textures. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission (0.15-0.30 in/hr).

Group C soils have low infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted and consist chiefly of soils with a layer that impedes downward movement of water and soils with moderately fine to fine texture. These soils have a low rate of water transmission (0.05-0.15 in/hr).

Group D soils have high runoff potential. They have very low infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted and consist chiefly of clay soils with a high swelling potential, soils with a permanent high water table, soils with a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and shallow soils over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very low rate of water transmission (0-0.05 in/hr).

In exhibit A-1, some of the listed soils have an added modifier; for example, "Abrazo, gravelly." This refers to a gravelly phase of the Abrazo series that is found in SCS soil map legends.

Disturbed soil profiles

As a result of urbanization, the soil profile may be considerably altered and the listed group classification may no longer apply. In these circumstances, use the following to determine HSG according to the texture of the new surface soil, provided that significant compaction has not occurred (Brakensiek and Rawls 1983).

HSG	*Soil textures*
A	Sand, loamy sand, or sandy loam
B	Silt loam or loam
C	Sandy clay loam
D	Clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay, or clay

Drainage and group D soils

Some soils in the list are in group D because of a high water table that creates a drainage problem. Once these soils are effectively drained, they are placed in a different group. For example, Ackerman soil is classified as A/D. This indicates that the drained Ackerman soil is in group A and the undrained soil is in group D.

Exhibit 5-II: Tabular hydrograph unit discharges (csm/in) for type II rainfall distribution—continued

HYDROGRAPH TIME (HOURS)

TRVL TIME (hr)	11.0	11.3	11.6	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.6	13.8	14.0	14.3	14.6	15.0	15.5	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	26.0
IA/P = 0.10														* * * TC = 0.5 HR * * *														IA/P = 0.10				
0.0	17	23	32	57	94	170	308	467	529	507	402	297	226	140	96	74	61	53	47	41	36	32	29	26	23	21	20	19	16	14	12	0
.10	16	22	30	51	80	140	252	395	484	499	434	343	265	162	108	80	65	55	49	42	36	33	29	26	23	21	20	19	16	14	12	0
.20	14	19	25	38	47	69	116	207	332	434	477	449	378	238	149	101	77	62	53	45	39	34	30	27	24	22	20	19	17	14	12	0
.30	13	18	24	35	43	60	97	170	278	382	446	448	401	270	171	114	83	66	56	46	40	34	31	27	24	22	20	19	17	15	12	0
.40	12	15	21	29	33	40	53	83	141	233	332	408	434	361	243	157	107	79	64	51	43	36	32	28	25	22	21	20	17	15	12	0
.50	11	15	20	28	31	37	48	71	118	194	286	367	412	378	271	178	119	86	68	53	44	37	32	29	25	23	21	20	17	15	12	0
.75	9	11	14	19	21	24	27	31	37	49	74	118	182	319	374	328	244	169	117	76	56	43	35	31	28	25	22	21	18	16	12	1
1.0	7	9	12	16	17	19	21	24	27	32	40	55	83	188	309	359	322	245	172	102	68	49	38	32	29	26	23	21	19	16	12	1
1.5	5	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	17	19	21	23	27	43	89	175	269	322	309	225	140	77	49	38	32	29	25	23	20	17	13	5
2.0	3	4	6	7	8	8	9	10	10	11	12	14	15	18	23	35	65	123	202	297	280	181	88	52	39	33	29	26	21	19	14	10
2.5	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	12	15	18	24	36	66	150	244	278	171	87	52	39	33	29	23	20	15	11
3.0	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	8	9	11	13	16	20	37	86	198	263	182	96	56	40	33	26	21	16	11
IA/P = 0.30														* * * TC = 0.5 HR * * *														IA/P = 0.30				
0.0	0	0	0	1	9	53	157	314	433	439	379	299	237	159	118	95	81	71	65	56	50	46	42	38	34	31	30	28	25	22	19	0
.10	0	0	0	0	1	6	37	117	248	372	416	391	330	218	150	113	92	79	70	60	53	47	43	39	35	32	30	29	26	22	19	0
.20	0	0	0	0	1	4	26	87	194	313	382	388	349	244	167	122	97	82	72	62	54	48	43	39	35	32	30	29	26	22	19	0
.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	64	151	259	341	372	316	223	156	117	94	80	67	58	50	45	41	36	33	31	29	26	23	19	0
.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	47	116	211	298	354	328	245	172	127	100	83	69	59	51	45	41	37	33	31	29	26	23	19	0
.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	34	89	170	255	341	303	225	161	120	96	76	64	54	47	42	38	34	31	30	27	24	19	0
.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	14	41	89	152	270	305	268	207	155	118	87	70	57	48	44	39	35	32	30	27	24	19	0
1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	22	98	212	295	285	237	181	120	88	67	53	46	42	38	34	31	28	25	19	2
1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	95	183	249	265	217	152	96	66	53	46	41	37	34	30	26	20	8
2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	18	59	125	221	245	182	105	69	54	47	42	38	32	28	22	16
2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	21	84	174	230	172	103	69	54	46	42	34	30	23	18
3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	56	157	217	163	101	68	53	46	37	31	25	18
IA/P = 0.50														* * * TC = 0.5 HR * * *														IA/P = 0.50				
0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	89	170	217	229	200	179	144	119	104	93	85	78	70	64	59	55	51	46	43	41	40	36	32	28	0
.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	65	135	190	216	205	170	137	115	101	91	83	74	67	61	56	52	47	44	42	40	36	32	28	0
.20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	47	106	162	198	203	178	145	121	105	94	85	76	68	61	57	52	48	44	42	40	37	32	28	0
.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	34	82	135	177	194	168	139	117	102	92	80	71	63	58	54	49	45	43	41	37	33	28	0
.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	25	63	111	155	189	174	146	122	106	94	82	73	64	58	54	50	45	43	41	37	33	28	0
.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	48	90	133	184	177	152	128	110	97	84	74	65	59	55	50	45	43	41	38	33	28	0
.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	22	47	80	142	169	164	144	124	108	91	79	68	61	56	51	47	44	42	38	34	28	0
1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	11	51	112	155	166	154	134	109	91	76	65	59	54	49	45	43	39	35	28	2
1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	50	97	136	154	145	121	95	75	64	58	54	49	45	41	37	29	10
2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	47	86	134	146	125	94	75	64	58	53	49	42	39	31	21
2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	44	95	140	127	97	77	65	58	54	45	41	33	26
3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	29	86	135	122	95	76	65	58	49	43	35	27

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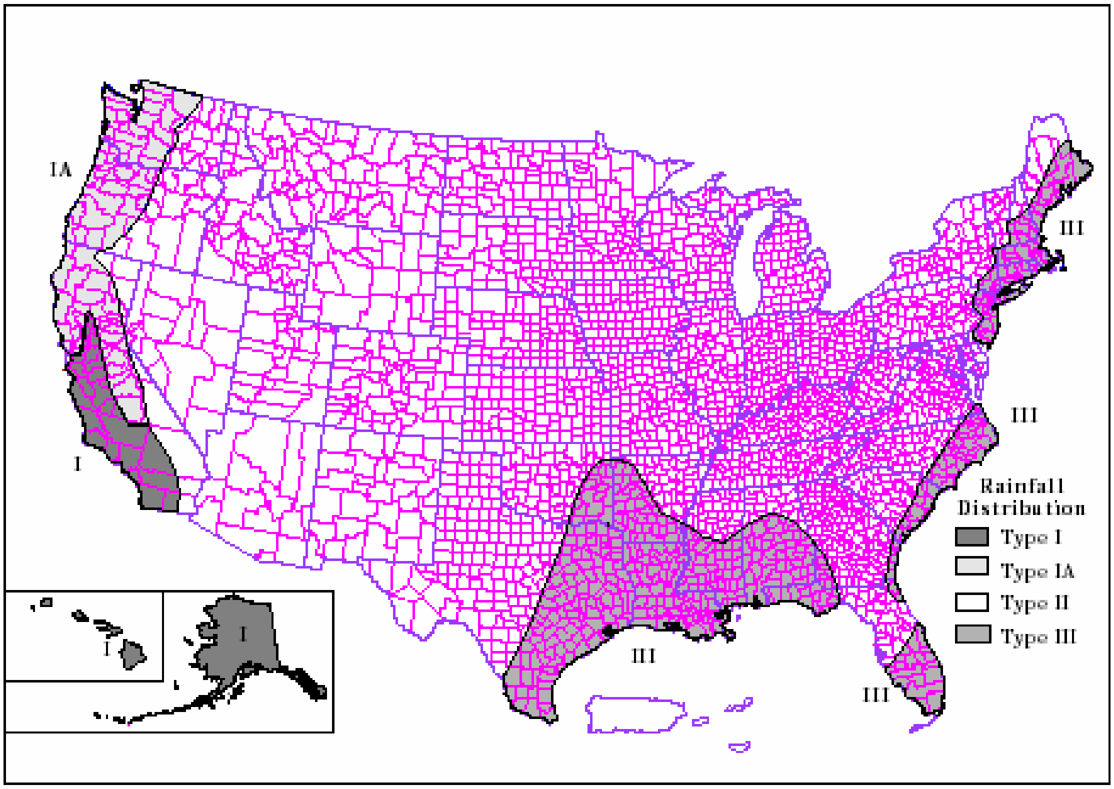
Exhibit A: Hydrologic Soil Groups for the United States

DISCOVERY	D
DISHNER	D
DISHNO	C
DISHPAN	C
DISTELL	C
DISWOOD	D
DITCHCAMP	C
DITHOD	B
DITNEY	C
DIVIDE	C
DIVISION	D
DIVOT	C
DIXALETA	D
DIXBORO	B
DIXIEJETT	B
DIXON	B
DIXONVILLE	C
DOANE	B
DOBALT	B
DOBBINS	C
DOBEL	D
DOBENT	C/D
DOBIE	B
DOBSON	D
DOCAS	B
DOCENA	C
DOCKLAKE	B
DOCPAR	B
DODD	D
DODES	B
DODGE	B
DODGECREEK	B
DODGEVILLE	C
DODSON	C
DODY	C/D
DOE	B
DOEL	C
DOGIECREEK	B
DOGLAKE	A
DOGMOUNTAIN	C
DOGTOOTH	D
DOGUE	C
DOKER	C
DOLBEE, Sandy Substratum	B
DOLBEE	C
DOLEKEI	B
DOLEN	B
DOLES	C
DOLLAR	C
DOLLARD	C
DOLLARHIDE	D
DOLLYCLARK	C
DOLMAN	C
DOLUS	C
DOME	B
DOMENGINE	C
DOMERIE	B
DOMEZ	B
DOMINGUEZ	C
DOMINSON	A
DOMKEY	B
DOMO	B
DOMPIER	C
DONA ANA	C
DONAHUE	C
DONALD	C
DONALDSON	C
DONEGAN	C
DONERAIL	C
DONICA	B
DONKEHILL	D
DONLONTON	C
DONNEL	B
DONNELSVILLE	B
DONNING	D
DONNYBROOK	D
DOOH	B
DOOLIN	D
DOONE	B
DORA	B/D
DORERTON	B
DORITTY	B
DORNA	B
DORNA, Thin	C
DOROSHIN	D
DOROTHEA	C
DOROVAN	D
DORRANCE	A
DORS	B
DORSET	B
DORVAL	A/D
DOSA	D
DOSAMIGOS	D
DOSEWALLIPS	D
DOSIE	C
DOSLOMAS	C
DOSS	D
DOSSMAN	B
DOTLAKE	D
DOTSERO	B
DOTSOLOT	D
DOTY	B
DOUBLEDIA	D
DOUBLEO	D
DOUCETTE	B
DOUDLE	B
DOUGAL	D
DOUGAN	C
DOUGCITY	B
DOUGCLIFF	D
DOUGHBOY	B
DOUGHERTY	A
DOUGHSPON	C
DOUGHTY	B
DOUGLAS	B
DOUHIDE	D
DOURO	B
DOUTHIT	B
DOWAGIAC	B
DOWDE	B
DOWELLTON	D
DOWNER	B
DOWNEY	B
DOWNEYGULCH	C
DOWNSOUTH	B
DOWNSVILLE	B
DOWPER	B
DOYLESTOWN	D
DOYN	D
DRAGSTON	C
DRAKE	B
DRAKESFLAT	B
DRAKESPEAK	B
DRAMMEN	A
DRANBURN	B
DRASCO	C
DRAX	B/C
DREKA	D
DRESDEN	B
DREWING	D
DREWSEY	B
DREWSGAP	C
DREXEL	B
DRIFTWOOD	C/D
DRIGGS	B
DRINO	C
DRIVER	C
DROEM	C
DROVAL	D
DRUM	B
DRURY	B
DRY LAKE	C
DRYADINE	C
DRYBED	B
DRYBUCK	B
DRYBURG	B
DRYCK	A
DRYDEN	B
DRYFALLS	B
DRYHOLLOW	B
DRYN	C
DUART	C
DUBACH	B
DUBAY	B
DUBBS	B
DUBBS, Flooded	C
DUBINA	C
DUBLON	B
DUCKABUSH	B
DUCKCLUB	C
DUCKHILL	D
DUCKSTON	A/D
DUELM	A
DUETTE	A
DUFFAU	B
DUFFERN	A
DUFFYMONT	C
DUFFYMONT, Dry	D
DUFUR	B
DUGGINS	D
DUGUESCLIN	D
DUGWAY	C
DUKES	A
DULA	D
DULAC	C
DULANDY	B
DULCE	D
DULEYLAKE	C
DULLAXE	B
DULLES	D
DUMAS	B
DUMFRIES	B
DUMONT	D
DUMPS, Tailings	B
DUNBAR	D
DUNBRIDGE	B
DUNC	C
DUNCANNON	B
DUNFORD	C
DUNGAN	B
DUNGENESS	B
DUNKIRK	B
DUNKLEBER	D
DUNLATOP	B
DUNMORE	B
DUNNBOT	B
DUNSMUIR	B
DUNSMUIR, Nongravelly	C
DUNTON	C
DUPLIN	C
DUPO	C
DUPREE	D
DURADOS	A
DURALDE	C
DURAND	B
DURANGO	B
DURANT	D
DURAZO	A
DURBIN	D
DURELLE	B
DURKEE	C
DURRSTEIN	D
DURSTON	C
DUSEN	B
DUSKPOINT	A
DUSLER	C
DUSON	C
DUSTON	A
DUSTY	B
DUTCHATT	B
DUTCHCANYON	B
DUTCHENRY	C
DUTCHFLAT	C
DUTCHJOHN	B
DUTEK	A
DUTTON	C
DUVAL	B
DUZEL	C
DWARF	D
DWORSHAK	B
DYE	D
DYERHILL	B
DYLAN	D
DYNAL	A
EACHUS	B
EAD	C
EAGAR	B
EAGLECAP	B
EAGLECONE	B
EAGLECREEK	B
EAGLELAKE	B
EAGLEPOINT	D
EAGLEROCK	C
EAGLESNEST	C
EAGLESON	C
EAGLESPRING	B
EAGLETON	D
EAGLEVIEW	A
EAGLEVILLE	D
EAGLEWING	B
EAGLEYE	D
EAGREEK	B
EAKIN	B
EALY	B
EAPA	B
EARLE	D
EARLMONT	C/D
EARP	B
EASBY	C
EASLEY	C
EASPUR	B
EAST LAKE	A
EASTABLE	B
EASTCHOP	A
EASTHAM	D
EASTPARK	D
EASTPINE	B
EASTWOOD	D
EASYCHAIR	B
EATONCREEK	D
EAUCLAIRE	A
EAUGALLIE	D
EBADLOW	B
EBAL	B
EBBERT	C/D
EBBING	C
EBBS	B
EBIC	D
EBODA	B
EBODA, Stony	C
EBRO	D
ECHAW	A
ECHETA	C
ECKERT	D
ECKHART	B
ECKLUND	B
ECKMAN	B
ECKRANT	D
ECKVOLL	B
ECLETO	D
ECLIPSE	B
ECOLA	C
ECON	B
ECONFINA	A
ECUR	B
EDA	A
EDALFRED	A
EDALGO	C
EDDINGS	B
EDDS	B
EDDY	C
EDEMAPS	C
EDENBOWER	D
EDENTON	C
EDENVALLEY	B
EDGAR	B
EDGEHILL	C
EDGELEY	C
EDGEMERE	D
EDGEWATER	C
EDGEWICK	C
EDGINGTON	C/D
EDINBURG	C/D
EDISTO	C
EDJOBE	C
EDMINSTER	D
EDMORE	D
EDMUNDSTON	B
EDOM	C
EDROY	D
EDSON	C
EDWARDS	B/D
EDWARDSVILLE	B/D
EDWIN	B
EELCOVE	D
EELWEIR	C
EENREED	B
EEP	C
EFFIE	C
EFFINGTON	C

Figure B-2 Approximate geographic boundaries for NRCS (SCS) rainfall distributions



Rainfall data sources

This section lists the most current 24-hour rainfall data published by the National Weather Service (NWS) for various parts of the country. Because NWS Technical Paper 40 (TP-40) is out of print, the 24-hour rainfall maps for areas east of the 105th meridian are included here as figures B-3 through B-8. For the area generally west of the 105th meridian, TP-40 has been superseded by NOAA Atlas 2, the Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the Western United States, published by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

East of 105th meridian

Hershfield, D.M. 1961. Rainfall frequency atlas of the United States for durations from 30 minutes to 24 hours and return periods from 1 to 100 years. U.S. Dept. Commerce, Weather Bur. Tech. Pap. No. 40. Washington, DC. 155 p.

West of 105th meridian

Miller, J.F., R.H. Frederick, and R.J. Tracey. 1973. Precipitation-frequency atlas of the Western United States. Vol. I Montana; Vol. II, Wyoming; Vol III, Colorado; Vol. IV, New Mexico; Vol V, Idaho; Vol. VI, Utah; Vol. VII, Nevada; Vol. VIII, Arizona; Vol. IX, Washington; Vol. X, Oregon; Vol. XI, California. U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Weather Service, NOAA Atlas 2. Silver Spring, MD.

Alaska

Miller, John F. 1963. Probable maximum precipitation and rainfall-frequency data for Alaska for areas to 400 square miles, durations to 24 hours and return periods from 1 to 100 years. U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Weather Bur. Tech. Pap. No. 47. Washington, DC. 69 p.

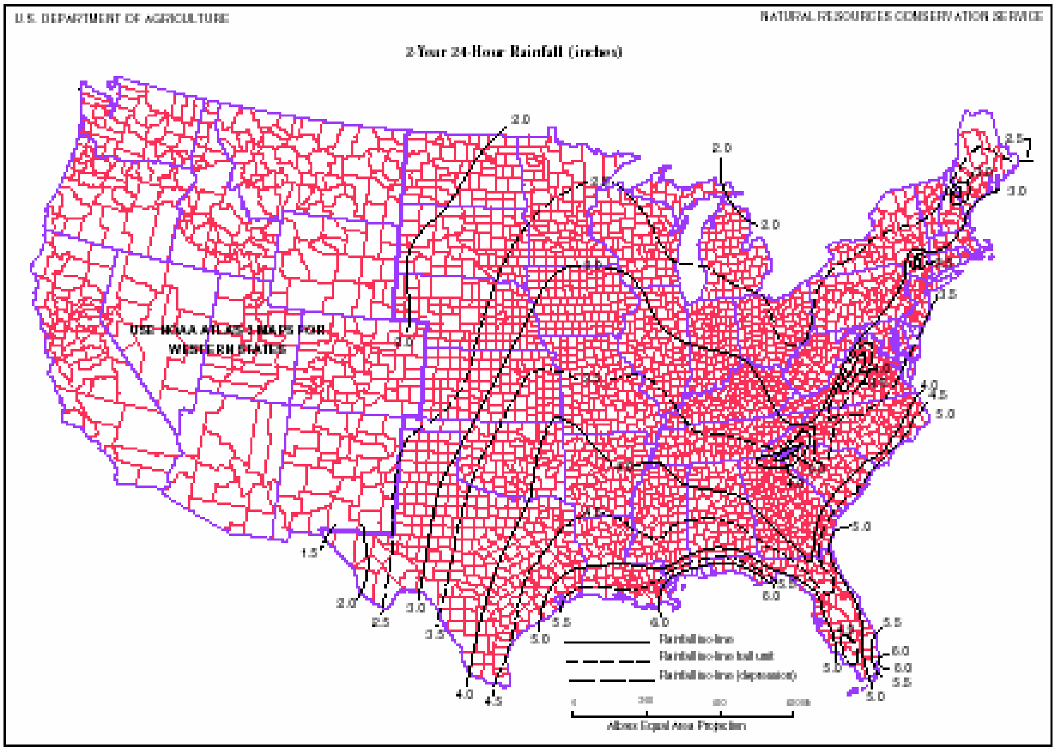
Hawaii

Weather Bureau. 1962. Rainfall-frequency atlas of the Hawaiian Islands for areas to 200 square miles, durations to 24 hours and return periods from 1 to 100 years. U.S. Dept. Commerce, Weather Bur. Tech. Pap. No. 43. Washington, DC. 60 p.

Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

Weather Bureau. 1961. Generalized estimates of probable maximum precipitation and rainfall-frequency data for Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands for areas to 400 square miles, durations to 24 hours, and return periods from 1 to 100 years. U.S. Dept. Commerce, Weather Bur. Tech. Pap. No. 42. Washington, DC. 94 P.

Figure B-3 2-year, 24-hr rainfall



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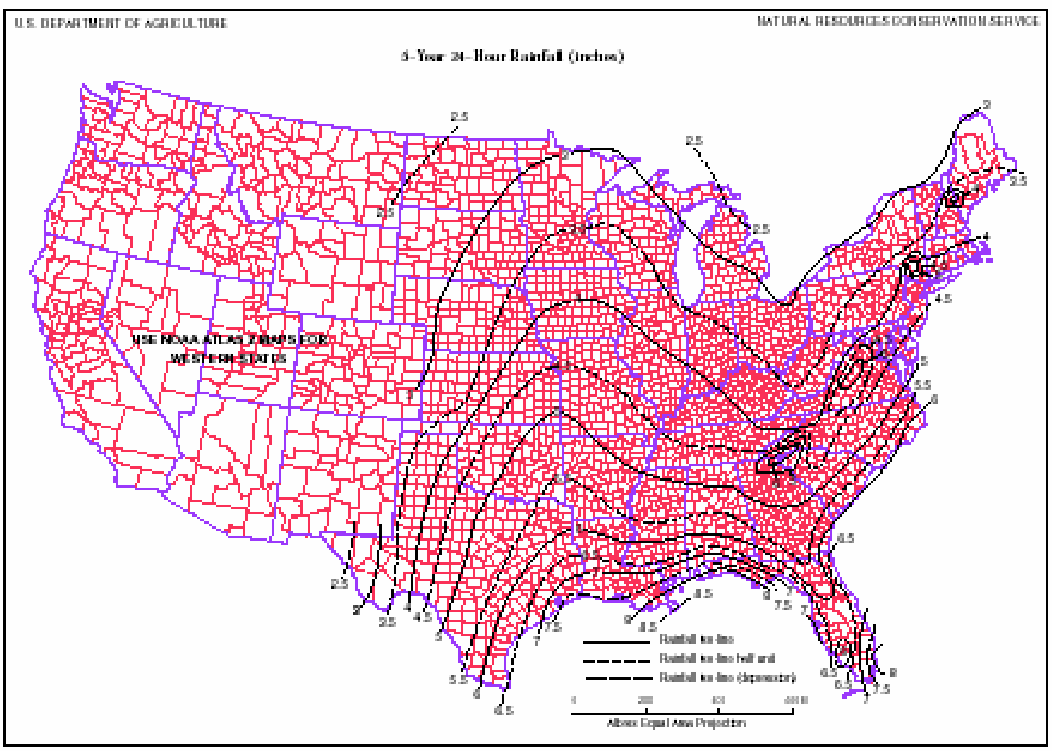

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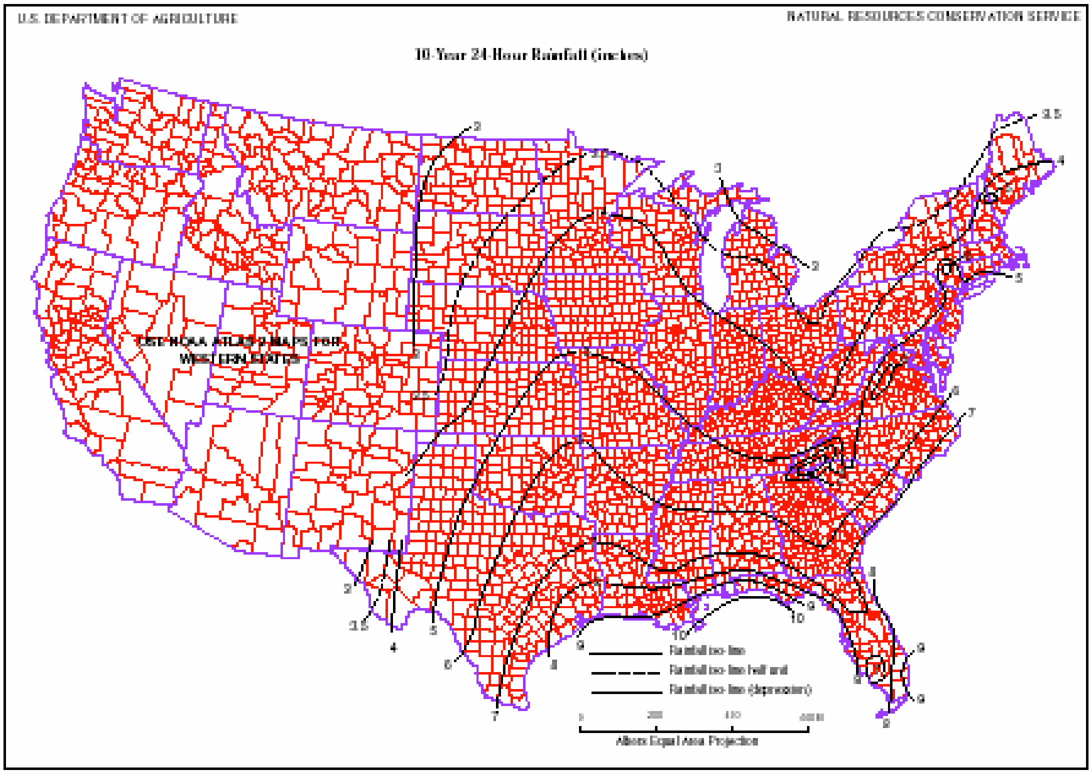

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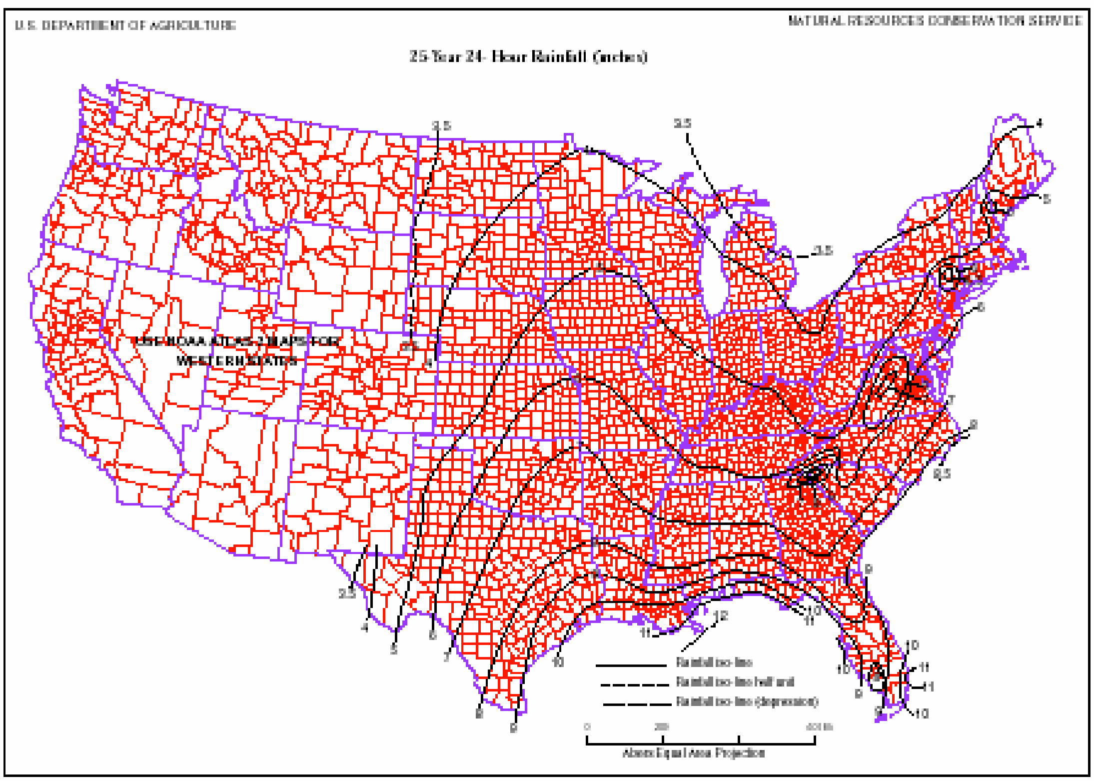

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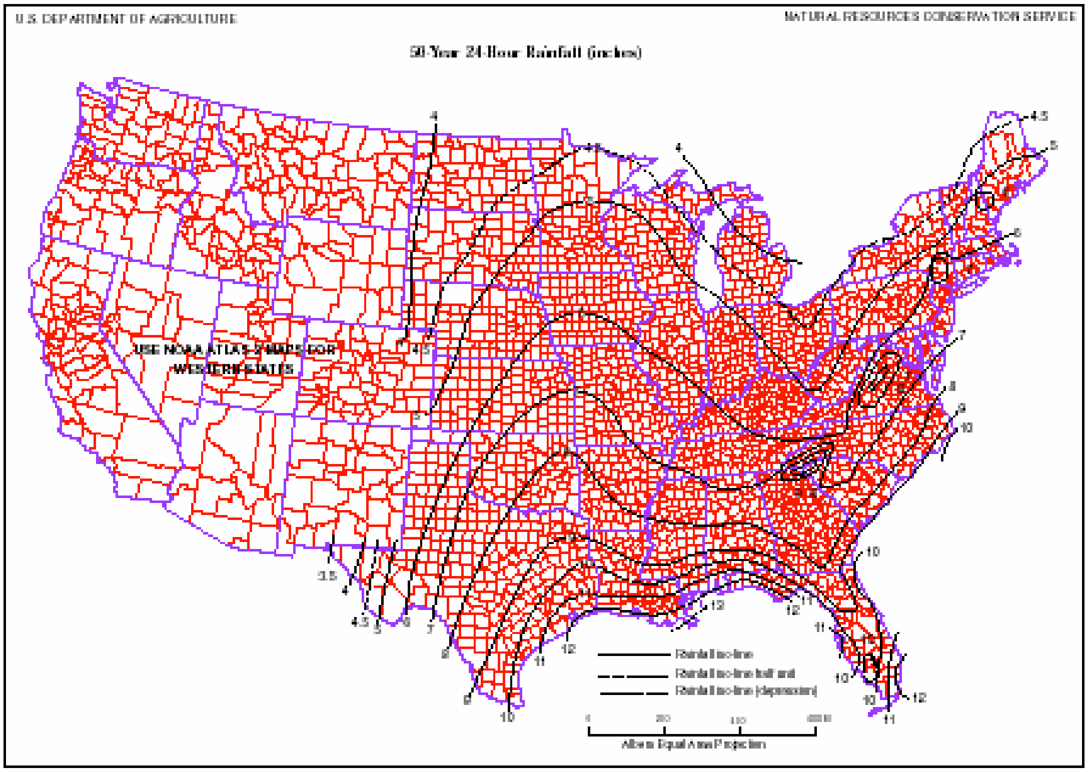

Figure B-8 100-year, 24-hour rainfall