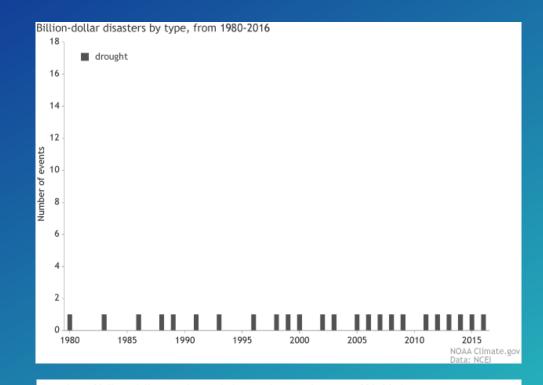


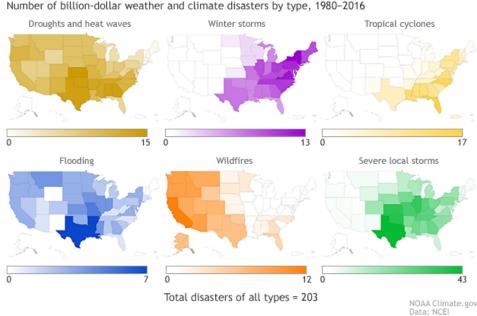
Using the National Water Model to Inform Flood Preparedness and Response

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Impacts of Flooding

- Most common cause of weather related fatalities in 2016
- 4 separate billion-dollar inland flood events during 2016
 - Caused over 15 billion in damage
- Higher frequency of billion-dollar inland flood events in recent years
- Flooding can also be related to tropical cyclones and severe storms





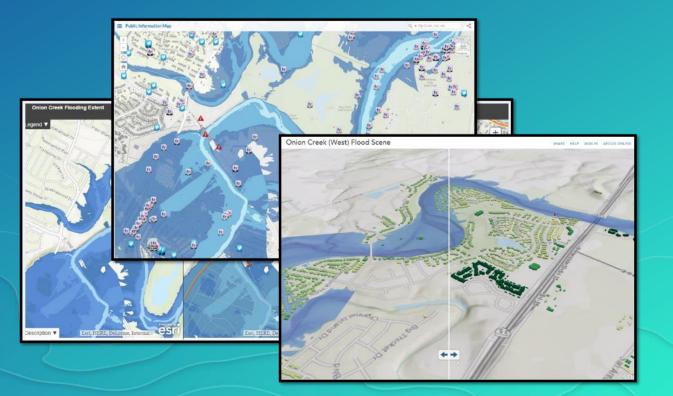
100 Year Flood Zones

- National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) data presents flood risk information
- Risk information from Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) data
- 1% annual exceedance probability flood



Actionable Information for Responders

- When might flooding occur?
- What areas might be affected by flooding?
- What areas should be targeted for preliminary damage assessment?

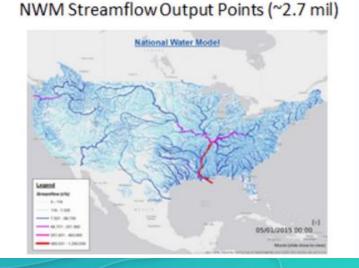


The National Water Model

What is the National Water Model?

- Simulates observed and forecasted streamflow
- Four different models:
 - Analysis and assimilation: snapshot of current hydrologic conditions
 - Short-Range: 18-hour deterministic (single value) forecast
 - Medium-Range: 10-day deterministic (single value) forecast
 - Long-Range: 30-day ensemble forecast





Creating Multi-Scale Temporal Map Services

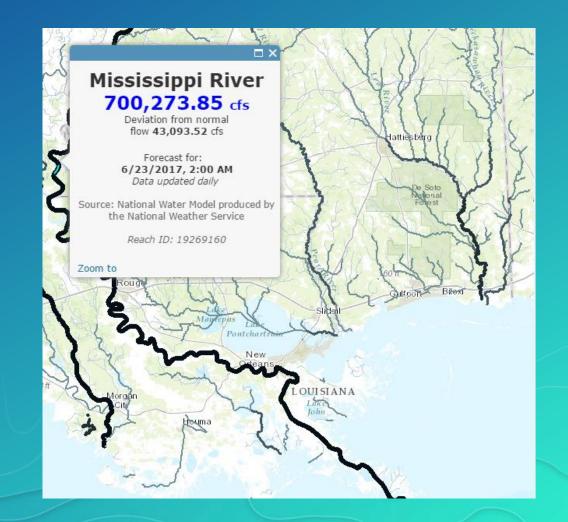
Multi-scale Temporal Map Services



- National Water Model map services in Living Atlas
 - National Water Model (Hourly Anomaly Forecast)
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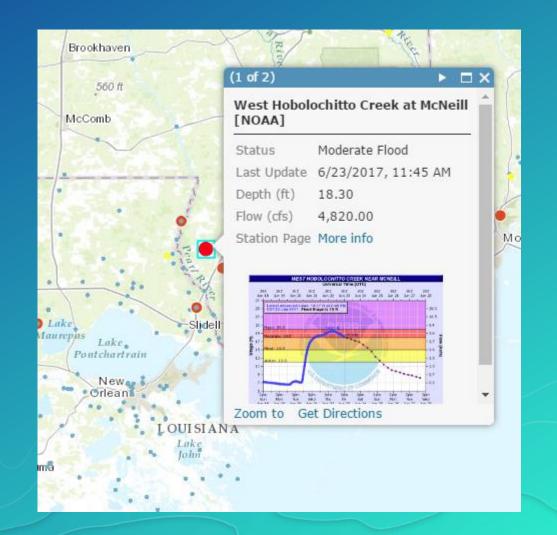
What does the National Water Model Layer tell you?

- Streamflow in cfs (cubic feet per second)
 - Volume of water per unit time
- Deviation from normal flow
- The above information for each forecast time



Stream Gauges

- Additional Esri Content Layer: Stream Gauges
- Streamguaging involves 3 steps:
 - Measuring stream stage the height of the water surface
 - The discharge measurement the quantity of water passing a location
 - The stage-discharge relation results in estimates
 of streamflow or discharge

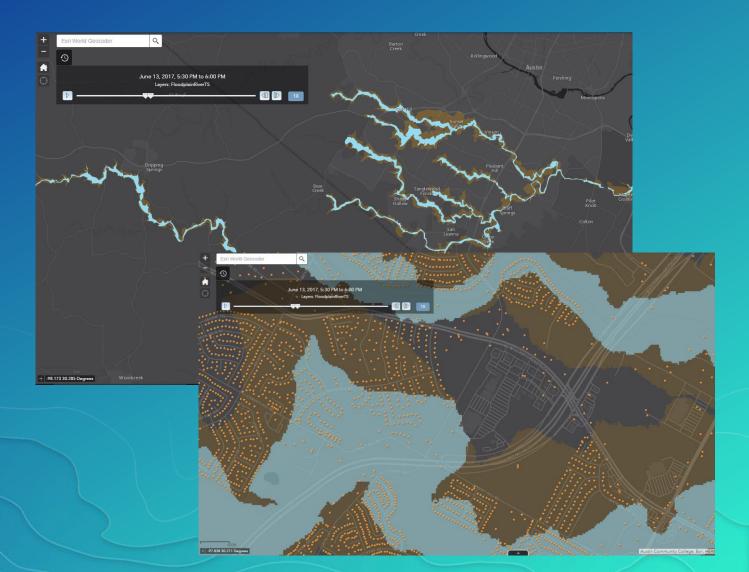


Flood Impacts

Calculating Impact with the National Water Model

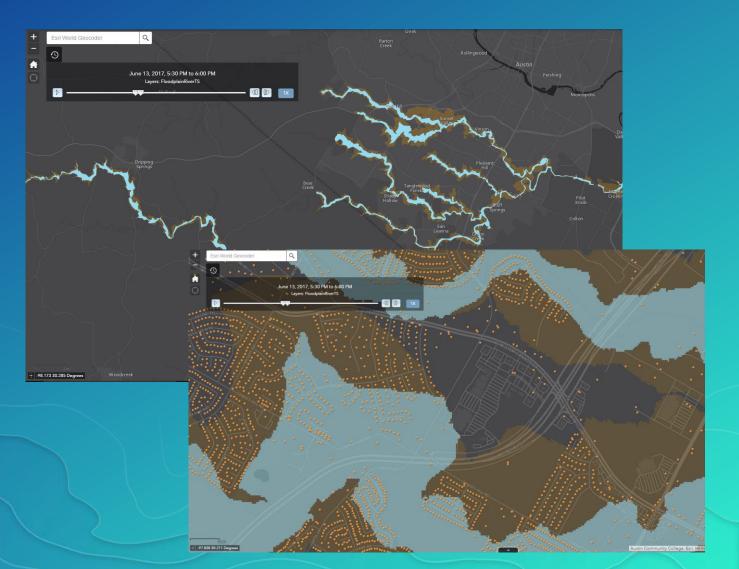
How can the National Water Model be Extended?

- What areas might be flooded, how deeply, and when?
- What infrastructure might be impacted by the flood and when?



Creating Multi-Scale Temporal Map Services

- Flooded Area
- Flood Depth
- Impacted Address Points
- Impacted Demographics



Applications

Using Flood Layers for Decision Making

Integration with EM Workflows

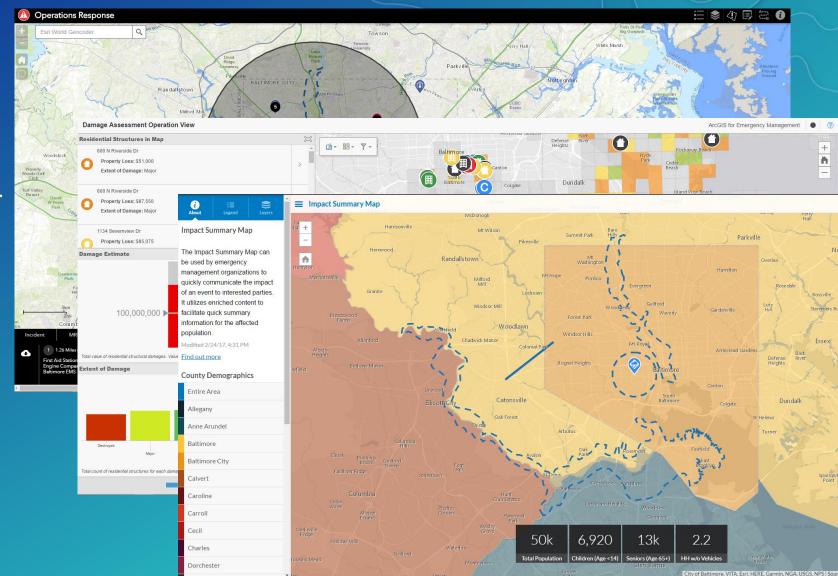
- Preparedness/ Mitigation
- Situation Awareness
- Damage Assessment





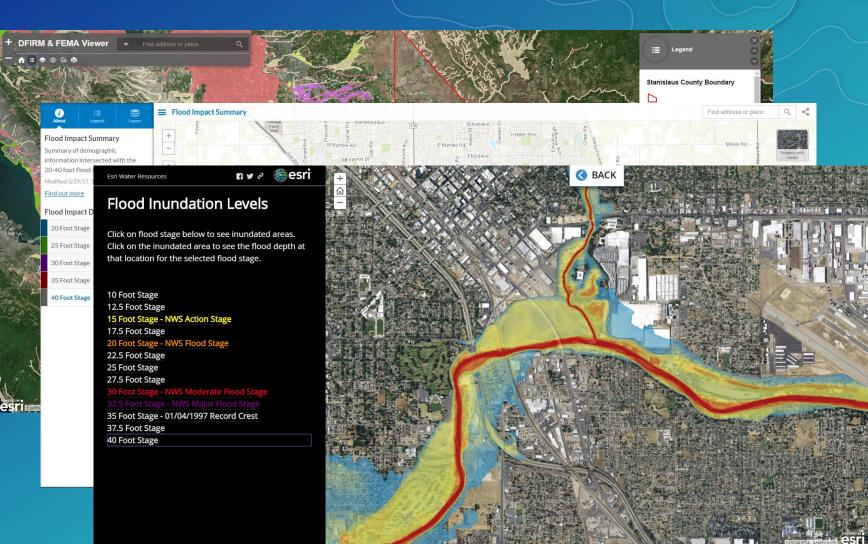
Integrate with Emergency Management Solutions

- Impact Summary App
- Damage Assessment App
- Public Information App
- Situation Awareness Viewer
- Incident Briefing
- Incident Status Dashboard



Use Flood Specific Solutions

- DFIRM Viewer
- Flood Impact Summary
- Flood Response Planner
- Flood Inundation Viewer



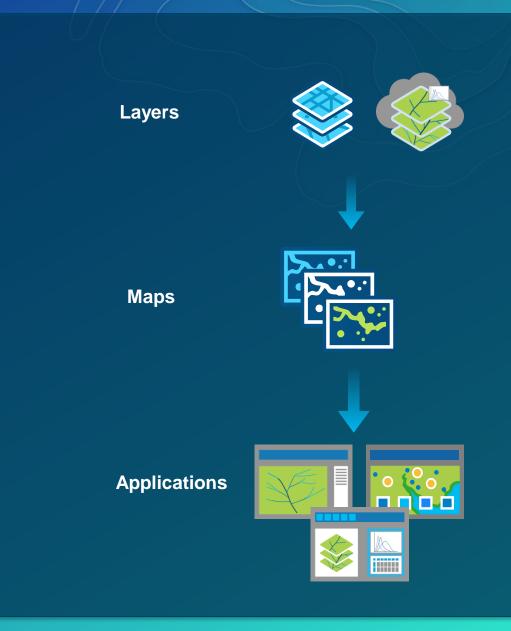
Summary

Steps Forward

Getting Started

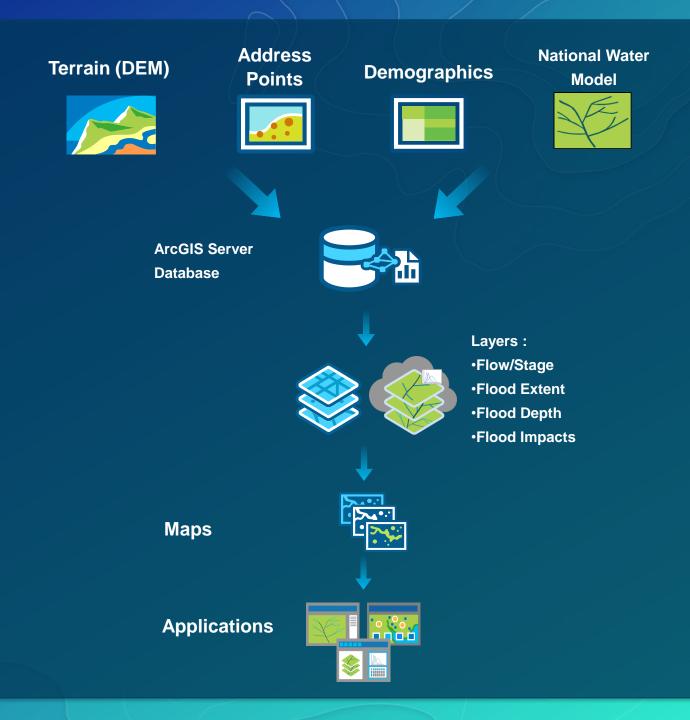
• Services:

- National Water Model Services
- Flood Gauge Service
- Solutions Applications
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Additional Components

- National Water Model
- Terrain Model (DEM)
- Address Points
- Demographic Information
- ArcGIS Enterprise or ArcGIS
 Server



Summary

- Now have real time river/stream conditions and forecasts
- Can be used to determine areas at risk of being flooded
- New information drives more informed response



