Developing a Statewide Hydraulic Modeling Tool



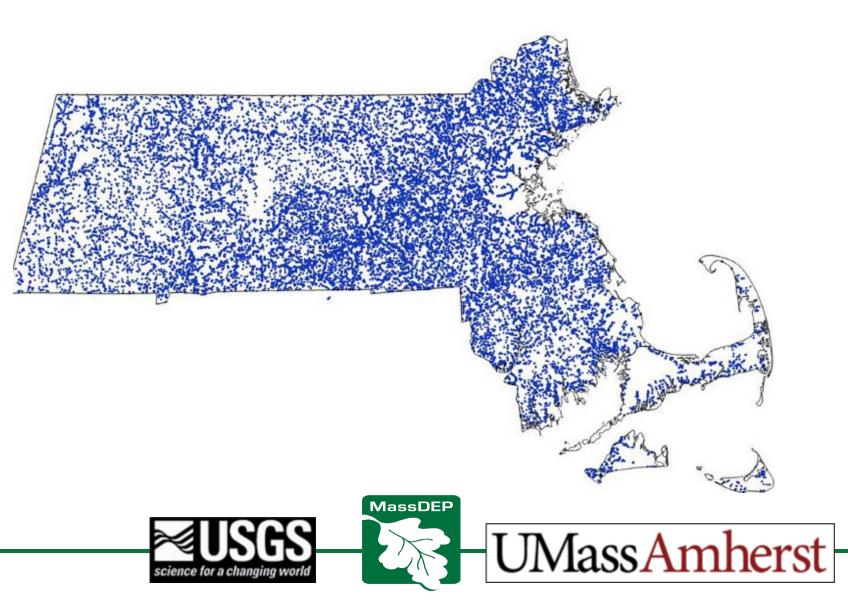


Agenda

- Massachusetts Regulations (310 CMR 10.00)
- Stream Crossing Standards
- Statewide Policy and Guidance under Development for Maximum Extent Practicable
- Statewide Hydraulic Modeling Tool Development



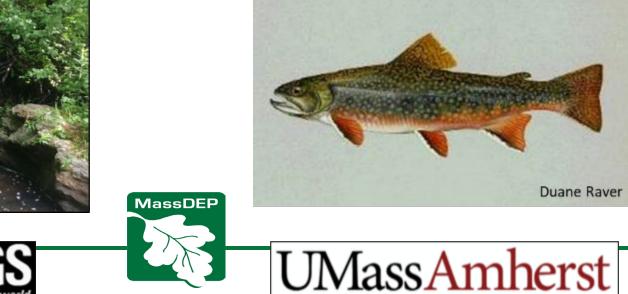
Thousands of culverts in MA, many undersized and need replacement over the next two decades





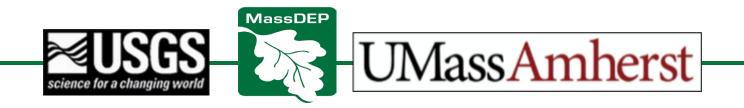
Poorly Designed Culverts Disrupt Aquatic Organism Passage

Undersized culverts create high water velocities, scour, and outlet drops that impede the upstream movements of fish and other aquatic organisms.

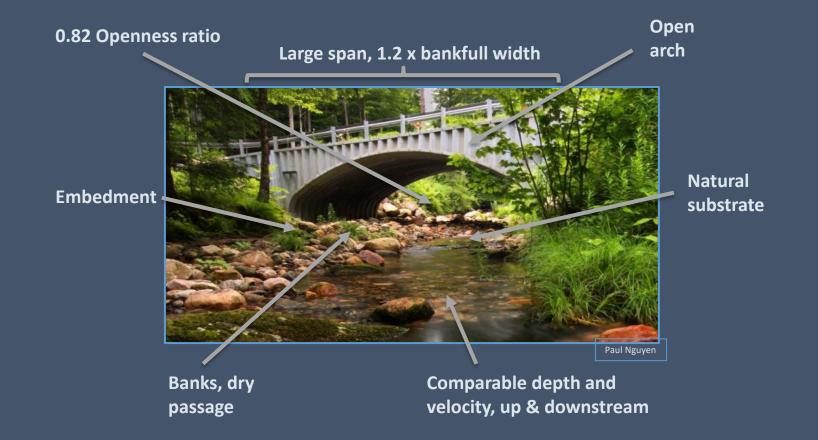


Massachusetts Stream Crossing Regulations

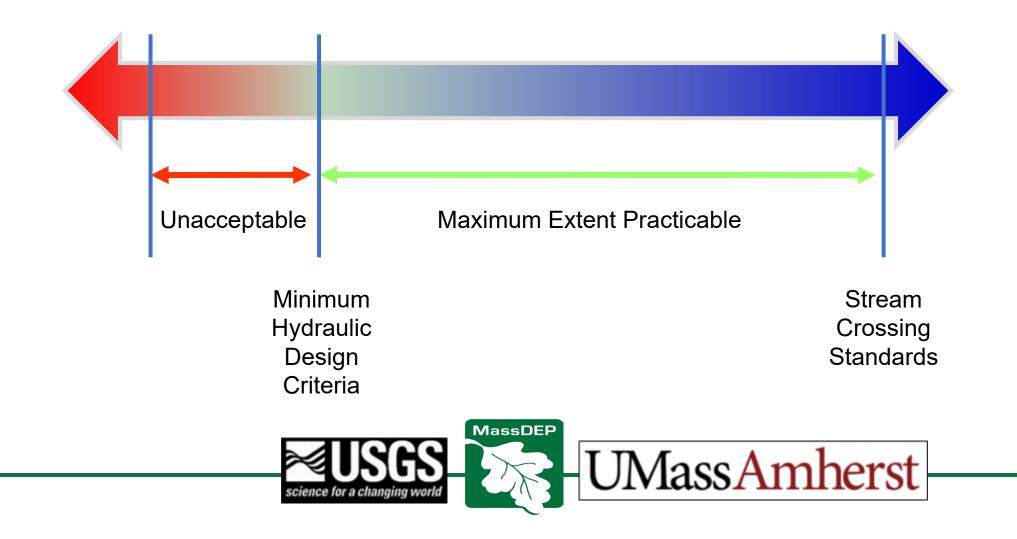
- New Stream Crossings 310 CMR 10.54(4)(a)6 & 10.56(4)(a)(5)
 - *Massachusetts River and Stream Crossing Standards* developed by the River and Stream Continuity Partnership
- Replacement Stream Crossings 310 CMR 10.53(8)(a)
 - Maximum Extent Practicable Standard requires evaluation of 12 metrics including engineering design constraints, stream stability, and cost.



Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards (SCS)



Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP)



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Hydraulic Design Flow Requirements

Highway Functional Classification	Hydraulic Design Flow
Interstate, or limited access highways	100-year
Rural principal arterial	50-year
Rural minor arterial	50-year
Rural collector, major	25-year
Rural collector, minor	10-year
Rural local road	10-year
Urban principal arterial	50-year
Urban minor arterial street	25-year
Urban collector street	10-year
Urban local street	10-year

MassDOT, 2013, LRFD Bridge Manual, Part I, Chapter 1, Table 1.3.4-1



Maximum Extent Practicable Cost-Benefit Analysis

- How much additional cost is "practicable"
 - Relative to crossings built to hydraulic design criteria
 - Based on
 - Habitat quality
 - Connectivity restoration potential
- Still Need to maximize aquatic organism passage when it is not physically possible to meet the Stream Crossing Standards, Examples:
 - Maximize crossing width
 - Rock or log weirs to backwater the outlet and/or reduce velocities
 - Roughened channel within the crossing structure to reduce velocities and ensure adequate water depth



Habitat Quality

- Biomap aquatic core
- Cold water fisheries resource
- Diadromous fish run (Mass F&W development)
- Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)
- Wild and scenic river

Highest Quality: two or more of the above categories apply

High Quality: one of the above categories apply

General Quality: All other stream and river segments



Connectivity Restoration Potential

Highest Restoration Potential: Top 5% of statewide Critical Linkages or top 10% of Coldwater Critical Linkages Effect scores for crossings on streams with a projected mean summer temperature ≤ 16C

Very High Restoration Potential: 5-10% of statewide Critical Linkages or top 10-20% of Coldwater Critical Linkages Effect scores for crossings on streams with a projected mean summer temperature ≤ 16C

High Restoration Potential: 10--20% of statewide Critical Linkages or top 20-30% of Coldwater Critical Linkages Effect scores for crossings on streams with a projected mean summer temperature ≤ 16C

Medium Restoration Potential: 20-25% of statewide Critical Linkages or top 30-40% of Coldwater Critical Linkages Effect scores for crossings on streams with a projected mean summer temperature ≤ 16C

Other: All other crossings (below top 25% for Critical Linkages; below top 40% for Coldwater Critical Linkages)



Maximum Extent Practicable Cost Factors

Connectivity Restoration Potential	Highest Habitat Quality	High Habitat Quality	General Habitat Quality
Highest restoration potential	50% above baseline	30% above baseline	25% above baseline
Very high restoration potential	40% above baseline	25% above baseline	20% above baseline
High restoration potential	30% above baseline	20% above baseline	15% above baseline
Medium restoration potential	20% above baseline	15% above baseline	10% above baseline
Other	10% above baseline	10% above baseline	Baseline



MassDEP Draft Policy and UMass Guidance under Development

Wetlands Program Policy 22-02: Replacing Stream Crossings to the Maximum Extent Practicable

Wetlands Program Policy 22-02 (BWR/WP 22-2) This policy describes MassDEP's standards for stream crossing replacements and how to meet the maximum extent practicable standard pursuant 310 CMR 10.24(10) and 310 CMR 10.53(8).

Effective Date and Applicability

Effective Date: INSERT DATE

Program Applicability: municipal conservation commissions, MassDEP Wetlands staff, and applicants filing Notices of Intent to conduct activities in wetland resource areas and buffer zones

Supersedes Policy: None

Approved by: Stephanie Moura, Director, Wetlands and Waterways Division



Project Goals and Status

Goal:

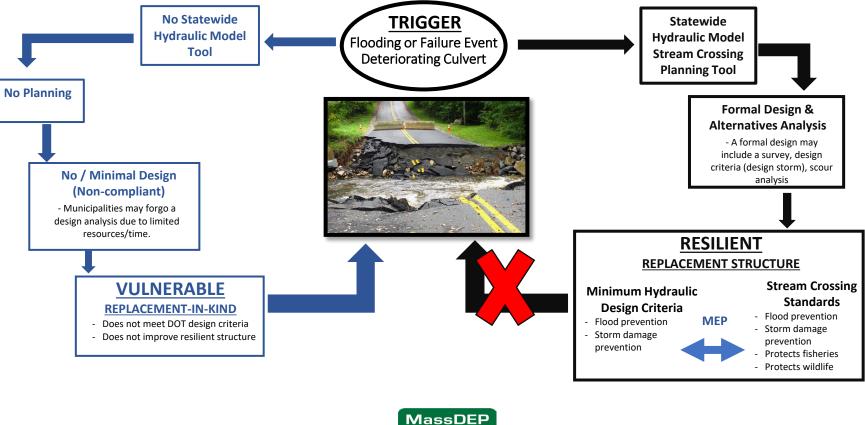
- Provide communities a preliminary design for small (<10') stream crossing infrastructure.
- Streamline permitting review in certain scenarios.

Status:

- Phase 1 Feasibility (7/19 9/22) USGS Geonarrative published
- Phase 2 (7/21 6/23) Pilot Watershed and MEP Guidance
- Phase 2A (7/22 6/24) Ground Comparison, Statewide Terrain Development, and Methodology Publication
- Phase 3 (5/23 6/25) Deerfield, lower Housatonic, and Hudson watersheds
- Phase 3A (7/23 6/25) Upper Housatonic and Westfield watersheds



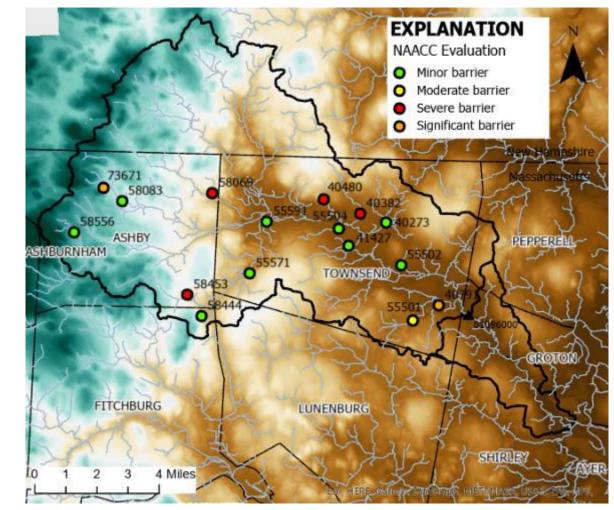
Statewide Hydraulic Model as a Stream Crossing Planning Tool





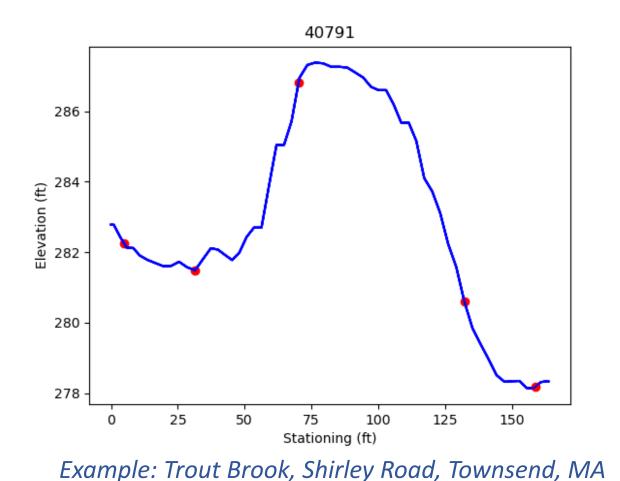
Pilot – Squannacook Watershed – North Central MA

- Field surveyed 16 stream crossing sites in Sept 2021
 - drainage area from 0.1 to 2.0 mi²
 - varied basin slope
 - stream crossing assessment of minor, moderate, or severe barrier)
- Remainder of stream crossings with no NAACC assessment were completed by UMass and the Nashua WS Association





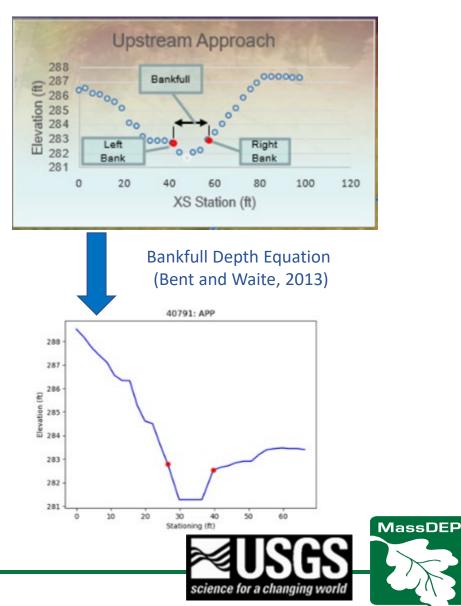
GIS Derived Elevation Data



- XSEC locations are selected along a profile from elevation changes and inflection points
- An inflection point algorithm is also used to determine embankment width and estimate culvert length
- Approach and exit XSEC are spaced from the structure faces by a certain number of bankfull widths

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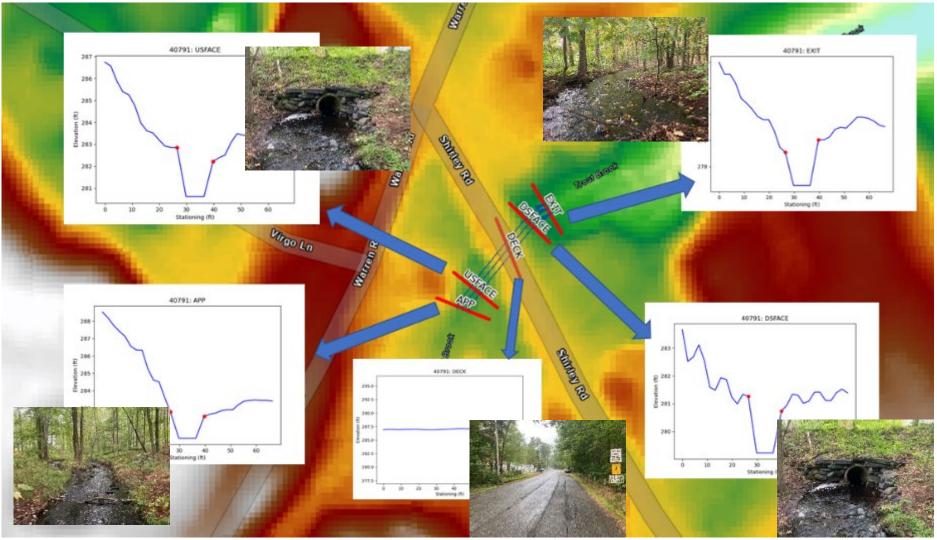
Burned Channel Geometry



- Lidar does not capture channel geometry
- Bankfull Depth equations are used to approximate channel geometry by 'burning' in a new channel
- Currently using a trapezoid to approximate shape, plan to use a parabola for more realistic geometry. (Bjerklie and others, 2020)



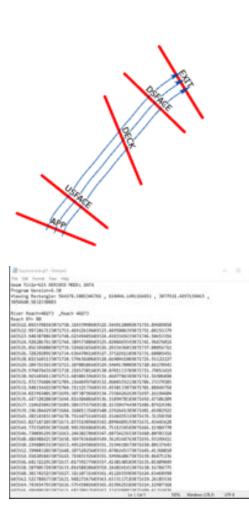
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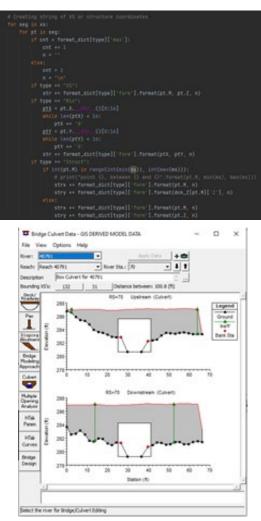


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Creation of Geometry File for HEC-RAS





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 Features created by automation script are broken down into points and translated into a HEC-RAS geometry file.

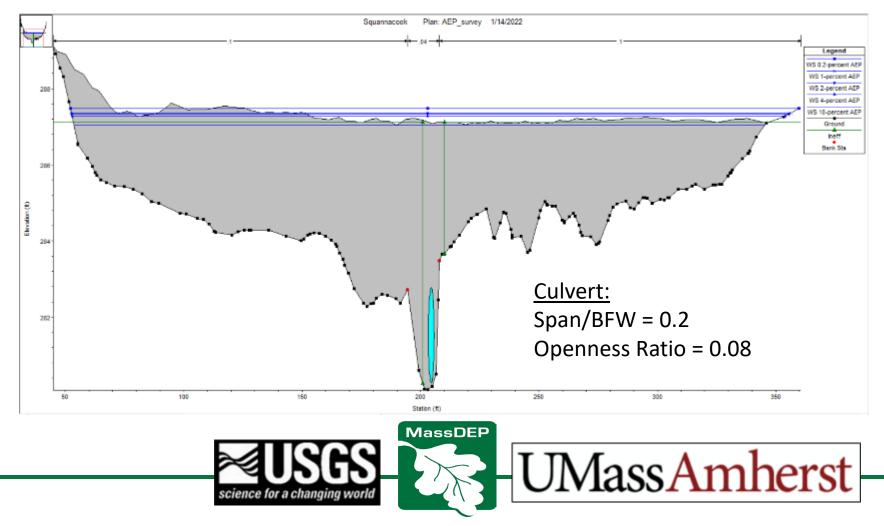
• Dimensions of initial structures derived from channel geometry using standards defined by the modeling team

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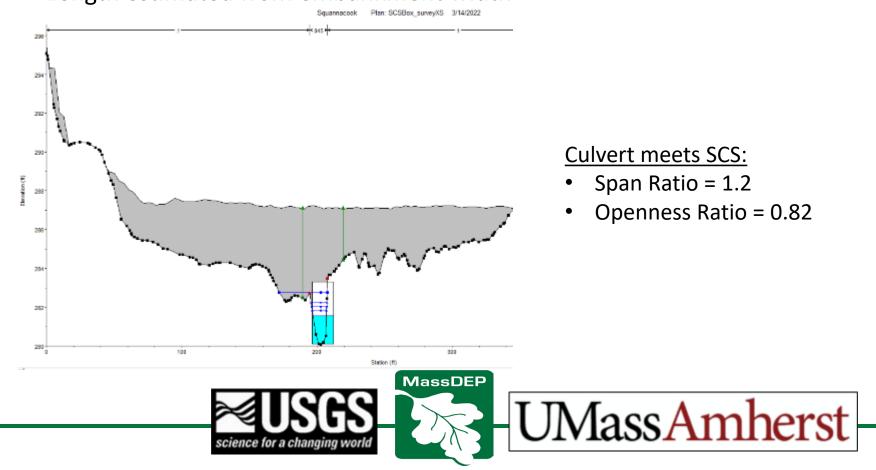
HEC-RAS Model for "Current" Culvert Design

- Culvert is a 2.5 ft diameter concrete pipe
- Current culvert design: weir flow for all flows except, the 10-percent AEP

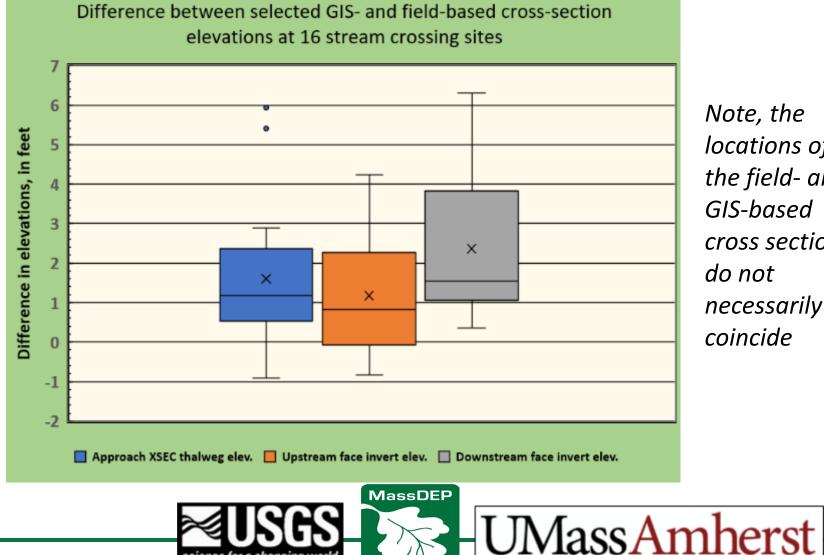


HEC-RAS Model for Preliminary Design

- Box (3-sided) culvert: span ratio = 1.2 x BFW, height = (0.82 x length)/span
- Natural bottom based on SCS
- Current culvert design with 10- to 0.2-percent AEP WSE
- Length estimated from embankment width

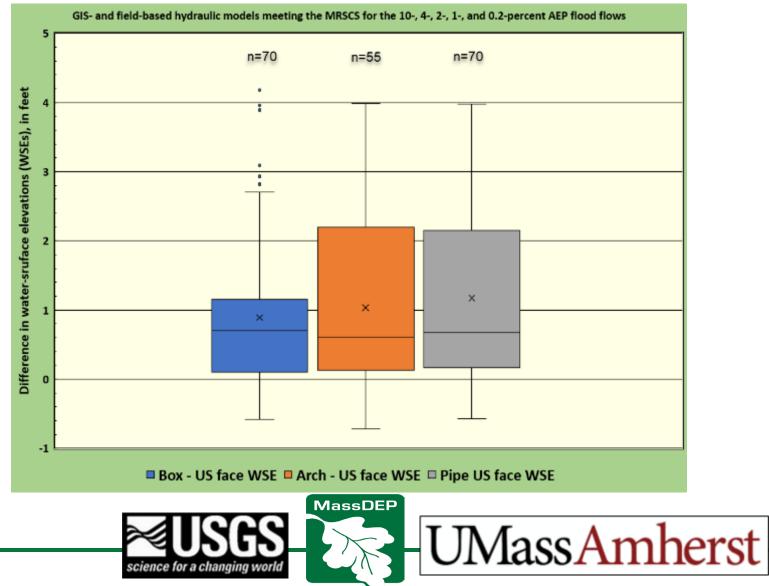


Comparison between GIS- and Field-Based Elevations



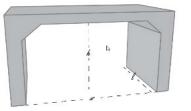
Note, the locations of the field- and GIS-based cross sections do not necessarily coincide

Comparison between Field- and GIS-Based Modeled WSEs

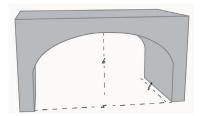


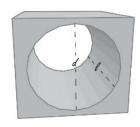
Comparison between Field- and GIS-Based Culvert Dimensions

- Box culvert (14 of 16 sites)
 - Median "span, height, and cross-sectional area" difference = 0.0 ft



- Conspan arch culvert (12 of 16 sites)
 - Median "span, height, and cross-sectional area" difference = 0.0 ft
- Pipe culvert (14 of 16 sites)
 - Median "diameter" difference = -1.0 ft
 - Median "cross-sectional area minus SCS embedded area" = -8.7 ft²



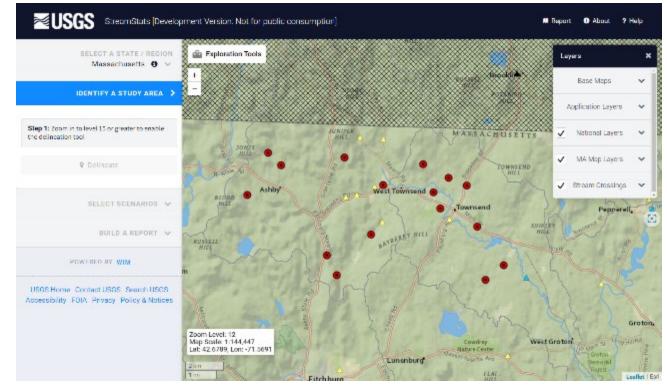




USGS StreamStats Hydraulic Modeling Tool Web Application

Information presented:

- Site location
- North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC)
- Aquatic habitat quality, stream connectivity restoration potential, and Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) scores
- MassDOT highway functional classification and hydraulic design flow
- USGS peakflow and bankfull channel geometry equations
- Preliminary 3-sided box and conspan arch, and pipe culvert dimensions and relation to Mass SCS

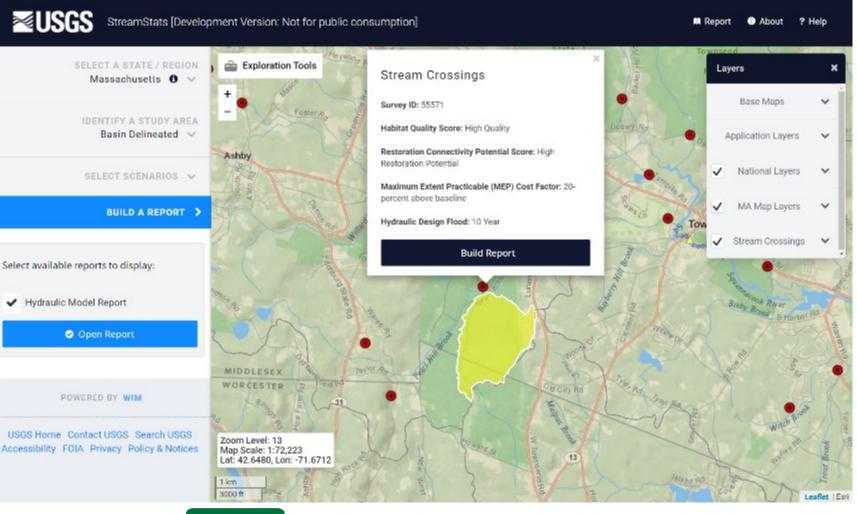


StreamStats: https://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss/

SHM Web Application: <u>https://dev.streamstats.usgs.gov/ma-culverts/</u> *SHM will be on public StreamStats this summer/fall



- Click on your stream crossing of interest
- Tool draws drainage area to that stream crossing and builds report
- Click on blue "Open Report" button on left to view report





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• User can enter a report title and add comments

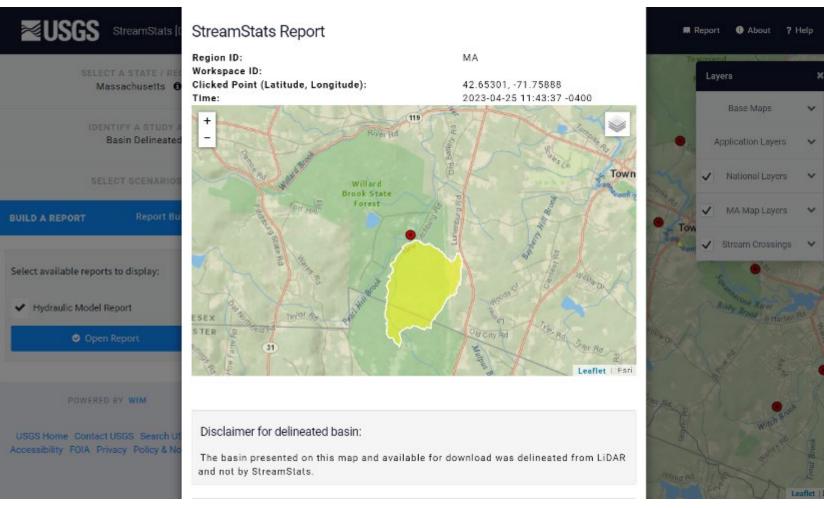
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- Latitude and longitude of location
- User can zoom in and out on the map
- Drainage basin boundary is delineated from highresolution elevation data derived from lidar



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- Site information
- Basin characteristics used to solve the Massachusetts peakflow and bankfull channel geometry equations
- User can hover over the black button next to the parameter name to get a description

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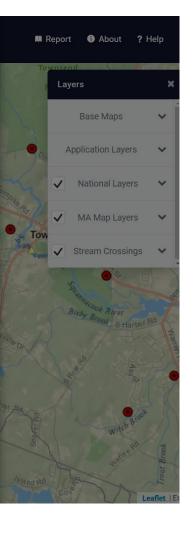
North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, 2021, NAACC Data Center: website accessed August 3, 2021 at https://naacc.org/naacc_data_center_home.cfm.

Basin Characteristics

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Drainage Area 🚯	0.85	Square Miles
Mean Basin Elevation 1	613	Feet
Percent Storage from NLCD2006	5.76	Percent
Mean Basin Slope from 10m DEM	7.539	Percent

Basin Characteristics Citations

Drainage area determine from digital elevation models derived from lidar data (Massachusetts







Culvert Replacement Report

- Stream Habitat and Connectivity Characteristics
- Habitat Quality and **Restoration Connectivity Potential Scores**
- Maximum Extent ${}^{\bullet}$ Practicable (MEP) Cost

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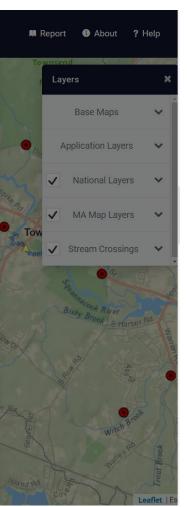
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- MassDOT roadway classification and associated hydraulic design flood
- USGS Massachusetts peakflow recurrence interval and magnitude

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- USGS Massachusetts • peakflow recurrence interval and magnitude
- USGS Massachusetts • bankfull width, mean depth, and cross-sectional area

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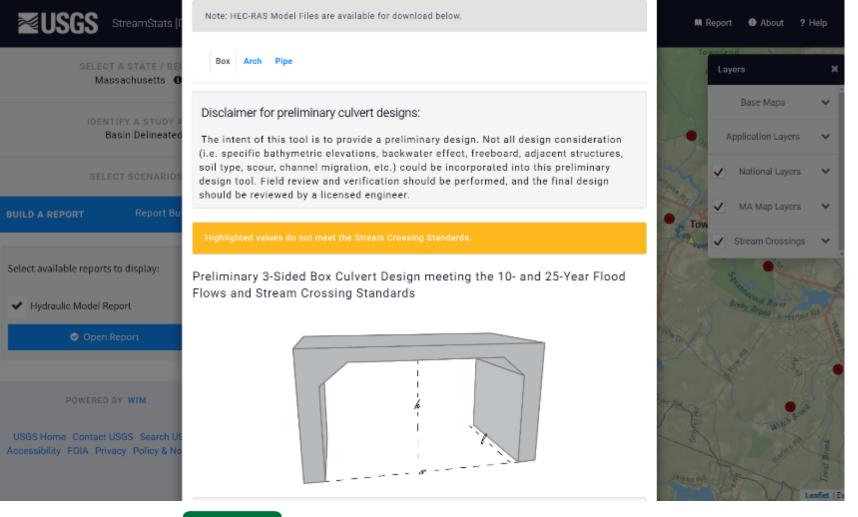
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Culvert Replacement Report

- User can select culvert design: Box, Arch, or Pipe
- This example will be for a 3-side box
- Preliminary culvert designs to convey the 10and 25-yr flood flow with no backwater and to meet the Stream Crossing Standards







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- Culvert information: span, height, diameter, length, XSEC area, material, invert and road deck elevations, and maximum recurrence interval flood flow passed without flowing over the road deck
- Stream Crossing Standard results

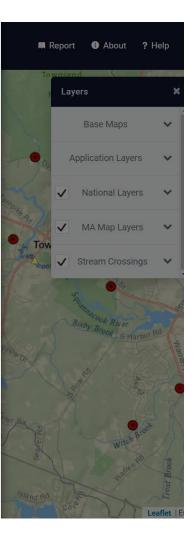
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Culvert Replacement Report

- User can print the report
- User can download the HEC-RAS hydraulic modeling files (input and output files) associated with this stream crossing and culvert design

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