

**Waterlines Express – Best Available Floodplain Layer**

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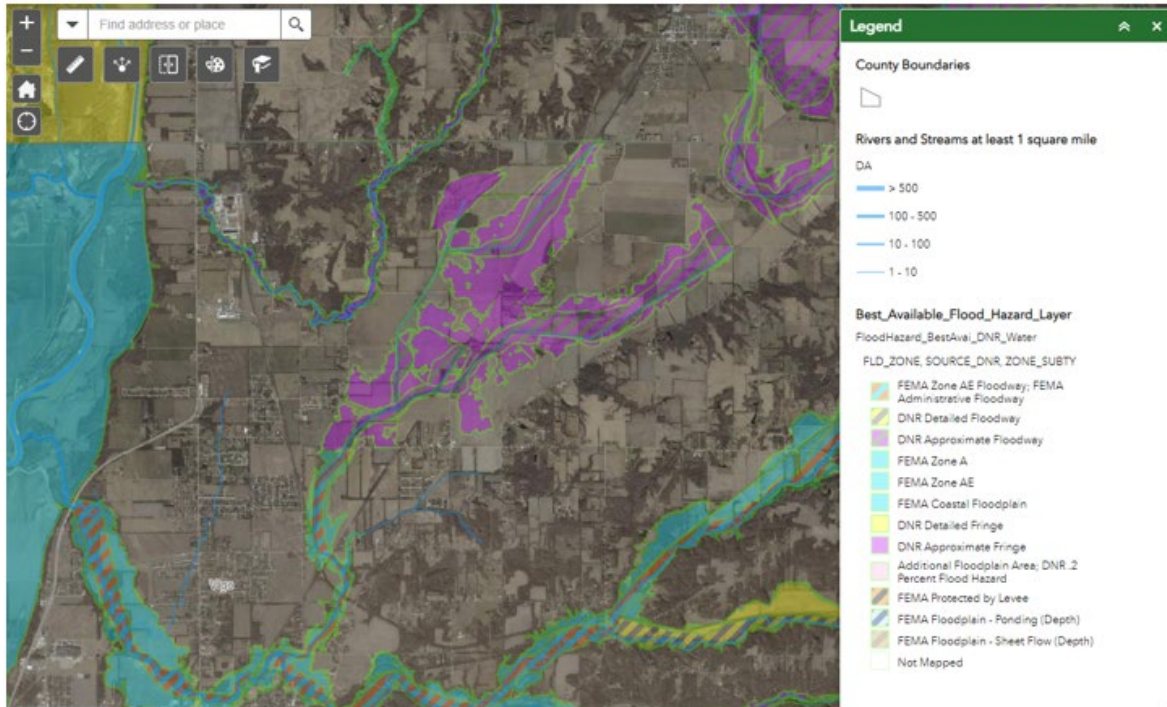
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**Best Available Floodplain Layer**

The Division of Water is continually expanding upon FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps with the state's Best Available Floodplain Layer (BAFL) to provide the residents of Indiana a more comprehensive picture of flood risk in the state. Through this initiative, the DNR has mapped more than 18,000 additional stream miles, with seven counties receiving updated floodplain data for stream sections last month. The studies are complete with Base Flood Elevations and Floodway data.

The public and local communities can easily access the expanded floodplain data through the [Indiana Floodplain Information Portal](#) (INFIP) or [Division of Water Online Resource Center](#) (DoWORC). Many counties also integrate the information directly into their county GIS data viewers. For those interested in staying current, the DNR recommends [subscribing to receive notifications](#) whenever new stream studies become available. Providing these data is an important way in which the DOW assists the public in making risk-informed decisions.

New stream studies are undertaken by request received through email at [water\\_inquiry@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:water_inquiry@dnr.IN.gov). After studies are made public, affected property owners are notified of any changes on their property. The DOW intends to continue providing BAFL data to FEMA for consideration to be incorporated into Flood Insurance Rate Maps during its map revision process.



This screenshot of a portion of Otter Creek and the Wabash River in Vigo County shows the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) from the Flood Insurance Rate Maps in the blue and red hash and the additional stretches of stream that have been modeled by the Division of Water in purple and yellow/black.

## **Division of Water Floodplain Mapping webpage update on Indiana Department of Natural Resources website**

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You requested to be notified when the webpage Division of Water Floodplain Mapping is updated on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website. The page has been updated. View at this link:

The month of October 2024 update for the Best Available Flood data has been completed. Data has been updated for the following counties, with specific updated stream(s) in parenthesis:

Marion	(Raybourn Ditch)
Monroe	(UNT Indian Creek)
Hamilton	(UNT Sand Creek)
Hancock	(Potts Ditch)
Kosciusko	(UNT Dausman Ditch)
Perry	(UNT Anderson River)
Vanderburgh	(Bayou Creek)

ArcGIS REST services:

[https://gisdata.in.gov/server/rest/services/DNR/Best\\_Available\\_Flood\\_Hazard\\_Layer/MapServer](https://gisdata.in.gov/server/rest/services/DNR/Best_Available_Flood_Hazard_Layer/MapServer)

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