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# FLOOD HAZARD STUDY LITTLE CALFPASTURE RIVER AND GRASSY RUN AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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Miller Memorial Baptist Church, west of Little Calfpasture River on State Route 811. .



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To: All Interested Agencies and Organizations

Enclosed for your information and use is a copy of the recently completed "Flood Hazard Study, Little Calfpasture River and Grassy Run, Augusta County, Virginia." This study was made at the request of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors and Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District through the State Water Control Board, Bureau of Water Control Management (SWCB). The request was made in accordance with the SWCB's January 1979 Joint Coordination Agreement with the Soil Conservation Service.

This study was carried out under the authority of Section 6 of Public Law 83-566, in accordance with Executive Order 11988, and House Document No. 465, 89th Congress, 2nd Session, especially Recommendation 9(c), "Regulation of Land Use." The purpose of the study is to make flood hazard and land use information available to the local government and citizens in order to encourage land use appropriate to the degree of hazard involved.

The Soil Conservation Service's objective in developing this technical data is to help reduce present and potential flood damages through wise use of flood plain lands, thereby improving the health, safety, economy, and environmental conditions of the community.

Sincerely,

N. Chimwood

State Conservationist

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#### FOREWORD

The Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, prepared the information in this flood hazard study report. The Virginia State Water Control Board, the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District; and Augusta County cooperated in the development of the report. Augusta County paid the printing and finishing costs for the report.

The flood hazard and land use information should serve as a technical base for flood plain management programs. State and local government, as well as the public, will benefit from increased knowledge of flood hazards on Little Calfpasture River. A program to minimize future flood damages can be developed from this information.

Describing the legal aspects and methods of conducting management programs is not within the scope of this report. However, some general recommendations are included.

We thank the many people who contributed information for the study. We also thank the landowners who gave permission for field surveys and photographs of their land.

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#### FLOOD HAZARD STUDY LITTLE CALFPASTURE RIVER -- GRASSY RUN AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

#### Introduction

The purpose of this flood hazard study is to define the flood plain and identify potential flood losses. The report will be used to develop and implement a flood plain management program for Little Calfpasture River and Grassy Run, its tributary. Local officials will prescribe and assure compliance with regulations to minimize loss of life and property damage from future floods. Section 872.0 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (reference 1) sets certain criteria for construction in flood plains. This study provides data needed to comply with these requirements.

#### Involved Organizations and Responsibilities

The Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District (District) and the Augusta County Board of Supervisors (County) applied for the flood hazard study. The State Water Control Board (Board) received the application and requested the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) to conduct this study. SCS prepared a plan of study describing the study area, location, scope, responsibilities, estimated costs, funding arrangements, and tentative schedules. This plan of study was reviewed by the District, County, and Bureau and approved on January 1, 1976.

SCS had responsibility for implementing the technical phases of the study, preparing maps and drawings, and printing the report. The County provided available information on the study area and obtained permission for field surveys. The County also paid all expenses in connection with printing and finishing. The County and District will hold public meetings and provide necessary publicity to implement a flood plain management program. The Board and SCS will provide assistance to assure prompt and effective use of the study findings by the County.

#### Authorities

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The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture participated in this study under the following authorities:

Section 6, Public Law 83-566, as amended -- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954

Recommendation 9(c), House Document No. 465, 89th Congress, 2nd Session

Executive Order 11998, May 24, 1977

U. S. Department of Agriculture Secretary's Memorandums 1606 and 1607, November 7, 1966

Executive Order 11988, January 25, 1978

State statutes and directives of the Governor of Virginia authorize Board, District, and County involvement in flood hazard surveys and related studies. This study was performed in accordance with a Joint Coordination Agreement for Flood Hazard Analyses between the State Water Control Board and the Soil Conservation Service, dated March 1972.

#### Description of Study Area

#### Upstream Drainage Area

The Little Calfpasture River drainage area comprises 54.8 square miles above the Rockbridge-Augusta county line (fig. 1). The watershed is part of the Maury River subbasin of the James River. The James River is in the Mid-Atlantic Region, as designated by the Water Resources Council. The USGS Hydrologic Unit code number for the area is 02080202.

The watershed is in the Southern Appalachian Ridges and Valleys physiographic province. Soils are formed primarily from sandstone and shale. Some of the prominent soils are Berks, Hazleton, and Craigsville.1/ Elevations range from about 1,400 feet above sea level to 3,000 feet. Normal annual precipitation is about 40 inches. Normal annual snowfall is 19 inches which is the equivalent of about 1.7 inches of rainfall. The average January temperature is 34 degrees F. and average July temperature is 73 degrees.

Forest occupies about 80 percent of the drainage area. The woodland lies primarily on the steep to very steep slopes of Great North Mountain. About 12 percent, on the more moderate slopes of the valley area, is used for general farming. The Town of Craigsville, the community of Augusta Springs, and other miscellaneous uses comprise about 8 percent of the watershed.

#### Flood Plains

The main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and State Route 42 parallel the Little Calfpasture River, then cross the river and its Grassy Run tributary at the Town of Craigsville. The railroad provided convenient transportation for Craigsville and Augusta Springs, a popular summer resort in the early 1900's. More recently the highway has allowed local residents to commute to jobs and marketing centers in nearby communities. Many residences and commercial structures built along the railroad and highway -and in the flood plains of these streams -- are still in use.

Land use in the Little Calfpasture River flood plain is about 40 percent cropland, 30 percent idle brushland and woods, and 16 percent pasture. Residences (primarily in Augusta Springs), businesses, farmsteads, and other miscellaneous uses account for the remaining 14 percent. Other than flooding, the principal soil limitation is the cobble and gravelly depositions on much of the idle brushland.

1/ Soil survey data is available at the SCS Augusta County Field Office, Staunton, Virginia.



The flood plains of Little Calfpasture River, Grassy Run and short reaches of several small tributaries in Craigsville were studied. These flood plains are all in urban or residential types of development except for several small brushy and wooded areas. Flood flows are restricted and diverted by numerous bridges and culverts.

A total of 12.2 stream miles was studied. This included 8.2 miles of Little Calfpasture River from the Augusta-Rockbridge county line up to Montgomery Run; 1.6 miles of Grassy Run from Little Calfpasture up to the vicinity of State Route 687; 0.7 miles of Staples Hollow from its confluence with Grassy Run up to the Craigsville corporate boundary; 0.7 miles of Sulphur Spring Hollow from Grassy Run up to the town limits; 0.4 miles of Stuples Hollow from Grassy Run to the town limits; and 0.6 miles of Taylor Hollow from Grassy Run up to the town boundary.

#### Flood History

Major floods on the Little Calfpasture River have been associated with tropical storms. Steep mountains in the area contribute to erratic rainfall patterns. Local residents report that the largest flood on the Little Calfpasture occurred in June 1949. No gage records were available on the streams studied; the estimate of an 80-year frequency was based on several casual recollections as to the depth and extent of flooding. It was estimated that about 320 acres of cropland were inundated and that about 30 homes and other structures suffered slight to severe damage. No lives were lost, but there was one report of children being carried from a school which was surrounded by floodwaters. Similar reports indicate that the second largest flood, in 1955, was much less extensive and damaging than that of 1949.

Flooding on Grassy Run and its tributaries usually has resulted from intense thunderstorm activity. Excess rainfall concentrates quickly on the steep slopes; flood stages rise rapidly and fall just as quickly. Buildings on sites subjected repeatedly to hazardous depths and velocities 2/ have been removed or abandoned; others in less hazardous locations have been partially floodproofed. Flood damage to road fills, businesses and other structures in the flood plains is generally slight to moderate. Long time residents indicated that floods have occurred from early spring to late fall, but in no predictable pattern as to frequency and season. There were no recollections of one particular flood causing unusually severe damage.

#### Flood Potential

#### Present Conditions

On the Little Calfpasture River, agricultural damage would accrue on about 360 acres of pasture and cropland during extreme floods. Depths of flooding on these areas would average about two feet, and velocities about three feet per second. Figure 2 shows potential stages of a typical section.

2/ A hazardous condition is considered to exist if: the depth in feet times the velocity in feet per second exceeds seven; or the depth exceeds three feet; or the velocity exceeds 12 feet per second.



Figure 2. Potential flood stages at State Route 683 crossing of Little Calfpasture River.



Figure 3. Potential flood stages at State Route 601 crossing of Little Calfpasture River at Augusta Springs.

The primary potential for flood damage on the Little Calfpasture is to 69 buildings in the flood plain. Forty-nine of the residences are located in Augusta Springs. Nine mobile homes, five small businesses, three barns, and three churches comprise the remainder of these structures. Fortunately, most of the buildings are located on the higher elevations of the flood plain where depths and velocities would be relatively low and slow. Figure 3 illustrates the extent and depths of flooding that can be expected in most of the built-up areas of Augusta Springs and Craigsville. About a dozen buildings would be subjected to hazardous depths and velocities during extreme flood conditions.

In Grassy Run and its tributary flood plains about 73 buildings would be subjected to damage during extreme floods. Most bridge openings and channels have been enlarged or realigned so that flood plain depths of three feet would rarely be exceeded even during the most severe floods. As on the Little Calfpasture, few buildings remain on sites subjected repeatedly to hazardous depths and velocities. Minor damage would be extensive, but severe damage would be limited.

The extent of flooding and type of damage along the streams in the study area are tabulated below. The 100-year and 500-year flood hazard areas are delineated in the photomaps in the appendix.

	Acres by flo	od frequency
Stream and type of damage	<u> 100-year</u>	<u>500-year</u>
Little Calfpasture River		
Pasture and cropland	360	380
Idle brushland	192	204
Residential and other miscellaneous	90	96
Subtotal	642	680
Grassy Run and tributaries		
Idle and woodland	11	12
Residential and other miscellaneous	92	102
	103	114
Total	745	794
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#### Future Conditions

No significant change in conditions affecting the rate and volume of flood runoff in the study area is expected within the next 15 to 20 years. Urban type development will continue on a relatively small portion of the upstream drainage area. However, continued progress is expected in controlling runoff and sediment from these developing areas (reference 2). Also, long established conservation programs on agricultural land will continue to off-set the effect of urban development. Implementation of the flood plain management program will prevent or regulate construction or encroachment that might increase the potential for flood damages in the flood plains.

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#### Use of Flood Hazard Exhibits

The technical data needed to prepare and implement the flood plain management program is in the appendix to this report. A procedure is outlined to determine flood elevations at any particular location. An index map shows the study area coverage of individual photomaps.

The 100 and 500-year flood areas and a proposed floodway are shown on flood hazard photomaps prepared from a semi-controlled mosaic. These photomaps should only be used to determine the approximate boundaries of the flood areas and the floodway. Dashed lines indicate reach segments where flood-way fringe encroachment inside the 100-year flood line might be allowed.

Flood profile plates provide elevations of the 100-year and 500-year floods at any location along the streams. The elevations and discharges of the 10, 50, 100, and 500-year floods at surveyed cross sections are shown in table A-1. Computed floodway dimensions and surcharge elevations at surveyed cross sections on Little Calfpasture River are shown in table A-2. The procedure, outlined on page A-1, can be used to determine flood profile elevations between cross sections. The minimum height of fill of the floodway fringe (where allowed) can be determined between cross sections by adding the allowable surcharge to the elevation determined for the 100-year flood profile.

Also included in the appendix is a list of benchmark elevations and locations and a glossary of terms. The basic data is on file in the office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service, 400 North Eighth Street, P. O. Box 10026, Richmond, Virginia 23240.

#### Limitations on Use of Data

The computed data for the floodway (table A-2) should be used only as a guide for further study to determine a designated or regulatory floodway. See additional discussion of the floodway included below in the section on flood plain management with particular reference to Grassy Run and its tributaries.

The flood elevations given in this report should be considered as minimum elevations. During floods, uprooted trees and other debris may collect on bridges and culverts and clog the channels. Such obstructions increase the depth and extent of flooding. Analyses were made without showing the effects of potential obstructions. Also, extremely rare events such as dam failure and climatic changes were not analyzed.

#### Flood Plain Management

#### Existing Programs

Augusta County has previously enacted the usual ordinances relating to zoning, subdivisions, sanitation utilities and similar developments. None of the ordinances provide specifically for regulation in the use and management of flood prone areas, but recent state legislation requires adoption of such regulations by localities. Also, a commitment to such constraints is now a prerequisite for federal funding under certain national programs which provide for assistance to localities to develop and implement flood plain management programs.

An amendment to the Virginia Statewide Building Code, adopted in 1977, (reference 1), imposes restrictions on new construction and flood proofing of existing structures below the 100-year flood elevation. Data in this report can be used to comply with this amendment.

The Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook (reference 2) was adopted in 1974. The handbook includes criteria for control of runoff and sediment, and for prompt revegetation of sites disturbed by earth-moving operations.

Augusta County has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program since 1974. Participating communities are required to regulate use and development of flood plains The program is administered by the Flood Insurance Administration (FIA) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In those communities participating in the HUD program, owners and occupiers of all buildings and mobile homes in the entire community are eligible to obtain flood insurance coverage. It is recommended that owners and occupants of such structures in or adjacent to the delineated flood hazard areas carry flood insurance on the structures. The bibliography includes several references (3, 4, 5, and 6) which discuss flood plain regulation and flood proofing measures.

#### Floodway

Encroachment on flood plains reduces the flood-carrying capacity, causes higher flood stages and increases the flood hazard beyond the encroachment itself. This seems to indicate that a simple solution to prevent increased losses from future floods would be to prohibit any additional encroachment or development in flood plains. This solution ignores economic efficiency factors which should be considered in developing a flood plain management program. The floodway concept allows the economic gain from flood plain development to be balanced against the increase in flood hazard.

The floodway is the channel plus any adjacent flood plain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 100-year flood may be carried without substantial increases in flood heights (see fig. 4). HUD standards, accepted in Virginia, limit such increases in flood heights to 1.0 foot provided that hazardous velocities are not produced. A close check of field conditions should be made to assure that the designated floodway is practical and manageable. Considerations other than hazardous velocities may indicate that no encroachment should be allowed on some flood plain reaches. No proposed floodway is shown on Grassy Run and its tributaries. SCS personnel will be available to assist local officials to make a thorough study of the complex field conditions to determine if a manageable floodway can be delineated.

#### Recommendations

The local sponsors will use the report and other such studies in the country to develop and implement a comprehensive flood plain management program.

- It is recommended that the sponsors:
- --review and update local ordinances as a sound basis for the program;
- --carry out public information activities stressing the need for and the community benefits of the program;
- --continue to emphasize the importance of proper land use and conservation treatment in reducing downstream flood hazards;
- --encourage owners and occupants of buildings and mobile homes within and adjacent to the delineated flood hazard areas to carry flood insurance on the structures and contents; and,
- --examine the feasibility of flood protection for Craigsville and Augusta Springs.



FLOODWAY SCHEMATIC

#### APPENDIX

This appendix provides the data needed to use this report. It is suggested that the reader review the section on Use of Flood Hazard Exhibits in the main body of this report.

The Flood Hazard Area photomaps can be used for decisions where precise elevations are not required; for example, a brief check of the appropriate photomap may indicate that a proposed building site is obviously in (or out) of the flood plain.

Included on the following pages are flood profiles and benchmark data. These two exhibits can be used with the photomaps to determine flood frequency elevations at any point along the streams in the study area, as follows:

- 1. From the point on the stream where the flood line is to be located, scale the distance along the stream to the nearest cross section on the appropriate photomap.
- 2. Scale the distance determined in Step 1 from the reference cross section back to the original stream station on the appropriate flood profile sheet, and read the elevation of the desired flood frequency line.
- 3. Transfer the elevation determined in Step 2 to the ground from the nearest established bench-mark.

If the point on the ground is at one of the surveyed cross sections, the elevation can be read directly from Table A-1.

Typical cross sections following the profile plates illustrate the procedure for transposing flood elevations to ground or to flood hazard area photomaps.

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## LEGEND

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500-year flood area

100-year flood area

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Surveyed cross section

Floodway boundary if not same as 100 year flood line

Note: Only one line shown where flood boundaries are close together. Boundaries shown may vary from location on ground.-See narrative on use of data.

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Note: Only one line shown where flood boundaries are close together. Boundaries shown may vary from location on ground. See narrative on use of data.

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	Map	Plate	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.
X-Sec.	No.	No.	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	(ms1)
40	5	9	5780	1471.1	10080	1473.0	12080	1473.6	18300	1475.3
41	'n	9	5790	1467.0	10090	1468.6	12090	1469.3	18350	1470.5
42A	2	9	5800	1462.4	10100	1463.7	12100	1464.3	18400	1465.3
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44B	5	9	5800	1461.5	10100	1462.6	12100	1463.1	18400	1464.0
45A	2	6 & 7	7150	1455.3	12500	1456.9	15400	1457.5	23250	1458.9
	State	Route 683,	low road ]	L450.6, L.S	. 1454.5, 1	cop bridge	deck 1455.5			
47B	ŝ	7	7200	1454.7	12550	1456.3	15450	1456.9	23300	1458.3
48	5	7	7400	1445.7	12980	1447.4	15970	1448.2	24150	1450.3
49	5	7	7600	1439.7	13400	1442.7	16500	1444.1	25000	1447.1
Grass	y Run -	upper lim	it of study	7						
55	9	00	440	1585.4	780	1586.0	960	1586.3	1450	1586.9
56A	9	$\infty$	470	1568.5	840	1569.6	1025	1570.3	1530	1571.7
	State	Route 42,	low road 15	572.5, L.S.	1569.9, to	op bridge (	leck 1572.5			
58BA	9	$\infty$	475	1567.2	845	1567.8	1030	1568.1	1540	1568.6
	C&O Ra	ilroad, lov	w road 1565	5.0, L.S. 1	572.1, top	bridge de	ck 1575.3			
60B	9	00	480	1565.3	855	1566.1	1040	1566.4	1550	1567.1
61A	9	00	540	1555.6	930	1556.4	1140	1556.6	1670	1557.0
	State	Route 687,	low road ]	553.7, L.S	. 1554.9, 1	cop bridge	deck 1556.3			
63B	9	$\infty$	550	1554.3	950	1554.8	1160	1555.1	1700	1555.6
64	9	6	1000	1544.2	1700	1545.5	2100	1546.3	3200	1547.5
65	9	6	1000	1529.0	1700	1530.3	2100	1530.7	3200	1532.0
66	9	6	1350	1517.3	2400	1518.7	2900	1519.3	4400	1520.5
67A	9	6	1750	1510.0	3050	1512.4	3750	1513.5	5600	1516.0
	C&O Ra	ilroad, lov	w road 1525	.1, L.S. 1	521.7, top	bridge de	ck 1527.4			
69B	9	6	1750	1508.4	3050	1510.1	3750	1510.9	5600	1512.7
70	9	6	1760	1500.3	3060	1501.9	3800	1502.7	5650	1504.6

Table A-1 Frequency-discharge-elevations at surveyed cross sections on Little Calfpasture River,

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	Map	Plate	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.
-Sec.	No.	No.	(cfs)	<u>(ms1)</u>	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	(ms1)
aylor	Hollow	- upper li	mit of stı	ıdy						
121	9	15	275	1595.4	495	1595.9	610	1596.4	940	1597.1
122	9	15 & 16	310	1559.4	490	1559.7	680	1560.2	1040	1560.6
123A	9	16	330	1540.1	520	1540.4	720	1540.6	1095	1540.9
	State	Route 42,	low road	1539.5, L.S.	1540.5, t	cop bridge d	leck 1542.7			
125B	9	16	335	1538.1	525	1538.5	730	1538.8	1100	1539.2
126A	9	16	335	1529.6	525	1530.0	730	1530.3	1100	1530.6
127	Railr	oad Avenue	, low road	1 1527.8, L.S	. 1529.2,	top bridge	deck 1531.3	~		
128B	9	16	340	1528.3	530	1528.7	740	1529.2	1200	1529.5
129	9	16	420	1510.4	740	1512.4	890	1513.1	1320	1515.3
Stup16	as Hollc	w - upper	limit of :	study						
81	9	10	370	1634.7	670	1635.4	820	1535.5	1210	1636.2
82A	9	10	400	1582.5	705	1583.1	870	1583.4	1290	1583.9
	Madis	son Street,	low road	1581.6, top	of culver	t 1582.8				
84BA	9	11	400	1580.2	705	1580.9	870	1581.2	1290	1581.9
	Popla	ir Avenue,	low road	1581.6, top o	f culvert	1579.2				
86B	9	11	405	1576.5	710	1577.4	875	1577.6	1295	1578.4
87A	9	11	410	1556.7	720	1557.6	880	1558.0	1305	1558.9
	State	Route 42,	low road	1559.2, L.S.	1555.1, t	cop bridge d	leck 1557.3			
89BA	9	11	410	1553.7	720	1554.7	880	1555.0	1310	1555.7
	C&O F	Railroad, 1	ow road 1	553.6, L.S. 1	552.6, tol	p bridge dec	ik 1555.6			
91B	9	11	410	1549.6	720	1550.5	880	1550.7	1310	1551.2
92A	9	11	410	1547.0	720	1547.6	880	1547.9	1310	1548.9
	Railr	road Avenue	, low road	d 1545.7, L.S	. 1545.8,	top bridge	deck 1548.3	~		
94B	9	11	410	1545.0	720	1545.4	880	1547.0	1310	1548.5

Frequency-discharge-elevations at surveyed cross sections on Little Calfpasture River,

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	Photo	Profile	10-y(	ear	50-ye	tar	100-ye	ar	500-ye	ar
	Map	Plate	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.	Disch.	Elev.
X-Sec.	No.	No.	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	(ms1)	(cfs)	<u>(ms1)</u>	(cfs)	(ms1)
Sulphur	. Sprin	gs Hollow -	. upper lir	nit of study						
101	9	12	250	1579.3	455	1580.1	560	1580.4	860	1581.0
102	9	12 & 13	410	1536.2	720	1537.0	890	1537.4	1310	1538.3
103A	9	13	410	1529.1	720	1530.5	890	1530.7	1310	1531.3
	State	Route 687,	low road	1530.0, L.S.	. 1529.4,	top bridge	deck 1530.	5		
105B	9	13	410	1527.5	720	1528.2	890	1528.5	1310	1522.8
	State	Route 42,	low road	L521.0, S.S.	1520.7, t	op bridge o	leck 1523.0			
108B	9	13	410	1520.5	720	1520.9	890	1521.3	1310	1521.9
109	9	13	410	1517.9	720	1519.0	890	1519.5	1310	1520.6
Stanlo	e Holl	ronnu - mo	1 i mit Of .	- + 11 d xz						
112 112	9	ом цррст 14	170	1593.4	305	1593.9	375	1594.0	560	1594.5
113	9	14	220	1558.3	385	1558.8	470	1559.2	720	1559.5

Table A-1 Frequency-discharge-elevations at surveyed cross sections on Little Calfpasture River,

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Floodway	Virginia.
Table A-2	

Flooding	Source		Floodway		Water	Base Flood Surface Elev	ration
	1/1		Section	Mean	With	Without	
Cross Section	Distanc <del>e'</del> (Ft.)	Width (Ft.)	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Velocity (F.P.S.)	Floodway (NGVD)	Floodway (NGVD)	Difference (Ft.)
Little Calfpastu	re River						
10	43,155	155	580	0.0	1685.6	1685.6	0.02/
11	41,210	405	890	6.0	1662.5	1661.5	1.0 ,
12	38,925	345	006	6.3	1635.6	1635.6	$0.0^{2}$
13A	38,515	436	1,820	3.4	1634.2	1633.2	1.0
15B	38,205	495	1,780	3.6	1632.5	1631.5	1.0
, 16	37,085	310	1,250	5.1	1623.2	1622.2	1.0
17	35,775	198	1,050	6.2	1613.0	1612.0	1.0
18	34,465	527	1,560	5.0	1600.6	1600.6	0.02/
19	32,800	566	1,380	5.7	1589.0	1589.0	$0.02^{/}$
20	30,975	382	1,480	5.7	1574.5	1573.5	1.0
21	29,200	504	2,050	4.2	1561.7	1560.7	1.0
22	27,625	412	1,970	4.5	1554.4	1553.4	1.0
23	26,175	454	1,610	5.8	1544.2	1544.2	0.02/
24	24,425	847	2,040	4.6	1535.3	1535.3	0.02/
25	22,155	498	2,610	3.7	1525.4	1524.4	1.0
26	20,635	215	1,950	5.1	1517.9	1516.9	1.0
27	19,710	291	2,010	4.9	1514.4	1513.4	1.0, ,
28A	19,095	122	1,160	8.6	1510.7	1510.7	$0.0\frac{2}{9}$
30B	18,935	527	1,600	6.2	1509.2	1509.2	$0.0\frac{2}{}$
31	18,370	279	1,560	6.4	1506.2	1506.2	0.02/
32A	17,600	429	2,470	4.0	1504.0	1503.0	1.0
34B	17,390	319	1,960	6.1	1503.0	1502.0	1.0, ,
36	16,550	316	1,940	6.2	1498.5	1498.5	0.02/
37	15,805	128	1,630	7.4	1496.9	1495.9	1.0
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Floodway data, Little Calfpasture River--Grassy Run Flood Hazard Study, Augusta County, Virginia--Continued. Table A-2

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Flooding	Source		Floodway		Water	Base Flood Surface Elev	vation
			Section	Mean	With	Without	
Cross Section	Distance <u>l</u> /	Width	Area	Velocity	Floodway	Floodway	Difference
	(Ft.)	(Ft.)	(Sq. Ft.)	(F.P.S.)	(NGVD)	(NGVD)	(Ft.)
Little Calfpast	ure River (continued						
38	13,740	596	2,130	5.6	1488.8	1488.8	$0.0^{\frac{2}{2}}$
39	11,480	473	2,870	4.2	1478.8	1477.8	1.0
40	9,920	250	2,000	6.0	1474.6	1473.6	1.0
41	8,595	279	1,920	6.3	1470.3	1469.3	1.0
42A	7,335	537	2,870	4.2	1465.3	1464.3	1.0
44B	7,140	502	2,630	4.6	1464.1	1463.1	1.0
45A	5,530	498	3,780	4.1	1458.5	1457.5	1.0
47B	5,365	399	2,960	5.2	1457.9	1456.9	1.0
48	2,100	1,058	4,800	3.3	1449.2	1448.2	1.0
49	0	255	3,110	5.3	1445.1	1444.1	1.0

 $\underline{1}/$  Distance in feet above Rockbridge-Augusta county line.  $\underline{2}/$  Encroachment would cause excessive velocities.

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#### Investigations and Analyses

The essential data required for this report were obtained from flood profiles developed for selected frequencies through the study area. Elevations from the flood profiles were transposed to the photomaps to outline the flood area limits. Technical procedures used are outlined in section 4 of the SCS National Engineering Handbook and other standard guides and texts.

Approximately 100 cross sections and 12 miles of bench levels were surveyed. Surveys are referenced to mean sea level elevation, National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929. Elevation reference marks (BM) are listed in table A-3 and shown on appropriate photomaps. Stage-discharge at surveyed cross sections was determined using the SCS computer program, WSP2 (reference 7).

The SCS TR-20 flood routing program was used to determine frequency discharge in the study area (reference 8). This procedure involved routing the runoff from a 24-hour rainfall for the selected frequency as published in U. S. Weather Bureau Technical Paper 40: 10-year, 5.1 inches; 50-year, 6.55 inches; 100-year, 7.2 inches; and 500-year (extrapolated), 8.5 inches. Estimates of rainfall-runoff factors were based on present land use conditions. The computed data was checked for reliability from analysis of the stream gage data in the general area. The U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) furnished their Water Resources Council Bulletin 17A analyses of these gages (reference 9). The USGS application of these procedures was discussed with them and used to make moderate adjustments in the TR-20 data.

Typical valley cross sections on page A-27 illustrate how flood profile elevations were transposed to flood area maps. Flood area boundaries were interpolated between surveyed cross sections and checked in the field.

The proposed floodway data was computed on the basis of equal conveyance reduction from each side of the flood plain. Encroachment was not proposed where hazardous velocities would be produced. Further studies are also suggested where other unmanageable conditions may result.

Table A-3	Benchmark	description	s, locations	and eler	vations,
	Little Cal	lfpasture Ri	ver, Augusta	County,	Virginia

BM	Photo Map	
No.	No.	Description, location and elevation
4	1	SCS TBM - An aluminum disk is in the base of power pole No. 89 at intersection of State Route 811 and 601 at Augusta Springs, Virginia. Elevation 1630.50
7	2	SCS TBM - A square is chiseled on top of guard rail on the downstream (southeast) corner of concrete bridge on State Route 811 in front of Miller Memorial Church. Elevation 1602.89
TT3T	3	USC&GS BM - 1.7 miles southwest of Augusta Springs along State Route 811 to junction with dirt road, 17 feet south- west of dirt road, at fence line in concrete post, a standard tablet stamped "TT3T 1942 1567." Elevation 1566.60
12	3	SCS TBM - A square is chiseled on concrete base of signal box on the west side of Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, approxi- mately 80 feet north near cross section 24 at farm lane across railroad track. Elevation 1539.65
RV408	4	USC&GS BM - At Fordwick, Augusta County, approximately 225 yards west of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway station at bridge No. 2431 over Little Calfpasture River and State Route 685, in top of the south end of a concrete back wall. A standard Monel-metal rivet. Elevation 1515.72
16	4	SCS TBM - A square chiseled on the upstream corner of the abutment of concrete bridge at State Route 684 crossing of the Little Calfpasture River, northwest of an abandoned cement plant. Elevation 1504.86
T-159	5	USC&GS BM - Approximately 2.1 miles southwest along State Route 684 from the post office at Fordwick, Augusta County, approximately 2.7 miles southwest of Estaline School, at the crossing of the Fordwick Cement Company Railroad over Little Calfpasture River in top of the west end of the abutment, and 85 feet northwest of State Route 684, near Little River Church. A standard disk stamped "T-159 1935." Elevation 1462.84
22	5	SCS TBM - A square is chiseled on the downstream southeast abutment of a steel bridge over Little Calfpasture River on State Route 683. Elevation 1454.75

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Table A-3 Benchmark descriptions, locations and elevations, Little Calfpasture River, Augusta County, Virginia

	Photo	
BM	Map	
No.	No.	Description, location and elevation
Along	Grassy I	Run and tributaries
27	6	SCS TBM - A square is chiseled on the downstream end of con- crete bridge over Grassy Run on State Route 42, west of Craigsville, Augusta County, Virginia. Elevation 1572.50
35	6	SCS TBM — A square is chiseled on the southwest corner of bridge on the downstream side at crossing of State Route 42 over Sulphur Spring Hollow. Elevation 1523.13
36	6	VDH BM – 0.5 mile northeast of Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad station along Railroad Avenue to intersection with State Route 42, a chiseled square is on center of concrete base of stop sign. Elevation 1543.84
44	6	SCS TBM - A square is chiseled on the retaining wall on the upstream (northwest) corner of bridge at State Route 684 crossing of Taylor Run, approximately 80 feet northwest of Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad bridge over State Route 684 and Grassy Run. Elevation 1510.76

#### Glossary of Terms

- backwater. High water caused by downstream obstruction or restriction, or by high stage on an intersecting stream.
- BM. Benchmark of established elevation.
- cfs. Cubic feet per second a unit of discharge that is equal to the flow of one cubic foot per second past a given point.
- cross section. Shape and dimensions of a channel and valley perpendicular to the line of flow.
- elev.-bridge deck. Elevation of a roadway across a bridge or culvert.
- elev.-low beam. Elevation of lowest structural "beam" that limits the height of the bridge opening; or may indicate the top of a culvert opening.
- <u>elev.-low road.</u> Elevation of low point on a roadway approaching or crossing a bridge or culvert - shown only if lower than <u>elev.-bridge</u> deck at a particular road section.
- flood. An overflow of lands not normally covered by water: a temporary increase in streamflow or stage; or the discharge causing the overflow or temporary increase.
- flood frequency. An expression of how often a flood of given magnitude can be expected.

Examples:

<u>10-year frequency flood</u>. The flood which can be expected or exceeded on an average once in 10 years; and which would have a 10 percent chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year.

- <u>100-year frequency flood.</u> ....one percent chance ...in any given year.
- flood peak or peak discharge. Highest discharge attained during a flood.
- flood plain or flood-prone area. Lands adjoining a stream (or other body of water) which has been or may be covered with water.
- flood profile or profile. A plotted or imaginary line defining the highest water surface elevations along a stream during a particular flood.

flood prone area. See flood plain.

flood routing. Computation of the changes in the rise and fall in streamflow as a flood moves downstream. The results provide hydrographs of discharge versus time at given points on the stream.

- frequency-discharge curve. A plotted line showing the recurrent interval (or flood frequency) of discharges at a stream gage, surveyed cross section, or other station along stream. (Used with a <u>stage-discharge curve</u> to determine the high water elevations resulting from selected flood discharges at that station on the stream.)
- hydrograph. A curve showing the rise and fall of flood discharge with respect to time at a specific station on the stream.
- land use. Classification of type of vegetation or other surface cover conditions on a watershed - used (with a similar classification of soils) to indicate the rate and volume of flood runoff.
- NGVD. National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929, same as mean sea level.
- peak discharge or flood peak. The highest rate of runoff (discharge)
  attained during a flood.
- profile. See flood profile.
- <u>runoff.</u> That portion of the total storm rainfall flowing across the ground or other surface and contributing to the flood discharge.
- stage-discharge curve. A plotted curve showing elevations resulting from a range of discharges at a surveyed cross section, stream gage, or other point on a stream.
- TBM. Temporary benchmark.
- watershed. A drainage area which collects and transmits runoff to the outlet of the drainage basin.

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