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# **BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM - BREAK FLOOD ANALYSIS**

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DAM-BREAK FLOOD ANALYSIS

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This report presents the findings of a dam-break flood analysis performed for the Buffumville Lake Dam, an existing Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project, which is located near Oxford, Massachusetts. The dam is situated on Little River approximately one and three-quarter miles upstream of the confluence of Little River with the French River. Included in this report is a description of the pertinent features of the dam, the procedure used for the analysis, the assumed dam-break conditions and resulting effects on downstream flooded areas, and the effects of varying conditions (sensitivity tests) on the resulting downstream flood. This study was not performed because of any known likelihood of a dam-break at Buffumville Lake Dam. Its purpose is to provide quantitative information for emergency planning use in accordance with Corps of Engineers Regulations (ER 1130-2-419).

2. PROCEDURE

The Buffumville Lake dam-break analysis was made using the HEC version of the "National Weather Service Dam-Break Flood Forecasting Computer Model", developed by D.L. Fread, Research Hydrologist, Office of Hydrology, National Weather Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Input for the model consisted of: (a) storage characteristics of the reservoir, (b) selected geometry and duration of the breach development, (c) hydraulic inflows, (d) hydraulic roughness coefficients, and (e) active and inactive flow regions. Based on the input data, the model computes the dam-break outflow hydrograph and routes it downstream. Dynamic unsteady flow routing is performed by a "honing" iterative process governed by the requirements of both the principles of conservation of mass and momentum. The analysis provides output on the attenuation of the flood hydrograph, resulting flood stages, and timing of the flood wave as it progresses downstream.

The approach used in this hypothetical dam-break analysis was first to apply the model using a selected set of conditions thought to be reasonably possible in a failure situation. The flood resulting from this analysis is

termed the Base Flood Condition. Because any one of the major variables used in the model (initial pool elevation, antecedent riverflow, time of breach development, breach width, Manning's "n"), could in fact have different values occurring in different combinations from those used in the Base Flood determination, sensitivity analysis were employed to determine the effects that changed values of these parameters have upon the resulting flood wave.

Calibration of the model was accomplished by comparing computed stage-discharge relationships with those known to exist during the August 1955 flood at various locations along the river reach being modeled (i.e., at dams, stream flow gages, high watermarks, etc.).

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA

- a. General: The study area extends from Buffumville Lake Dam, downstream along the Little River to its confluence with the French River near Oxford, MA, down the French River to its confluence with the Quinebaug River above Putnam, CT and down the Quinebaug River to the U.S.G.S. gage below Putnam. The total study reach distance is 19.2 miles. Along the study reach, the drainage area increases from 26.5 square miles at Buffumville Lake Dam to 331 square miles at the U.S.G.S. gage below Putnam. The study reach has no major tributaries but there are several minor tributaries including Mill Brook on the French River above Webster and Little River on the Quinebaug River below Putnam. The main purpose of Buffumville Lake Dam, in conjunction with the upstream system of reservoirs, is to provide flood protection for the local communities along the French River and Quinebaug River. A map of the Thames River Basin showing the location of Buffumville Lake Dam is shown on Plate 1.
- b. Buffumville Lake Dam: This dam is located in the Town of Charlton, MA. The Corps of Engineers constructed the dam as a multi-purpose project, and placed it in operation in 1958. Flood control and recreational activities are provided by the dam and impounded lake. The project is 1 of 6 flood control reservoirs in the Quinebaug River Watershed and Thames River Basin which were built by the Corps of Engineers. Buffumville Lake Dam is a rolled earthfill embankment having a length of 3,255 feet, a maximum height of 66 feet (a photo of the structure is shown

on Plate 2). Top width of the dam is 20 feet and the side slope is 1V on 2H on upstream and downstream faces. The General Plan and Outlet Works (profile and sections) are shown on Plates 3 and 4 respectively. When filled to spillway crest elevation, 524 feet, the reservoir has a total capacity of 12,720 acre-feet, equivalent to 9.02 inches of runoff from the 26.5 square mile drainage area. The reservoir length, at spillway crest, formed by this 530 acre pool is 3 miles. A recreation pool of 200 acre-feet at an elevation of 492.5 feet NGVD is permanently maintained. Other pertinent data is listed in Table 1.

- c. Downstream Valley: The study reach which consist of the Little River, French River and the Quinebaug River travel though four communities prior to reaching the limit of study below Putnam, CT. The communities are Webster, MA, North Grosvenor Dale, CT, Grosvenor Dale, CT., all on the French River, and Putnam, CT. on the Quinebaug River. Little River is a narrow waterway, dropping 30 feet in its 1.75 mile course from Buffumville Lake Dam to the French River. Its width averages 25 feet. The floodplain of the Little River is wide, typically 500 to 1000 feet. The French River normally is 60 feet wide but can be up to 750 feet wide. The French River floodplain is generally 1000 feet wide but can widen to 3000 feet. The French River drops 160 feet in the 14.5 mile course of the study reach. The majority of the drop occurs at dams. The Quinebaug River, in the study reach, is typically 200 feet wide with a wide floodplain, up to 2000 feet. The Quinebaug River, between the French River and U.S.G.S. gage is controlled by 3 dams with a total drop of 70 feet of which approximately 60 feet occurs at the 3 dams.

Eleven dams are located on Little River, French River and Quinebaug River in the study reach. They are: Gordan Dam, Dudley Woolen Co. Dam, American Woolen Co. Dam, Webster Record Co. Dam, Wilsonville Dam, Cluett-Peabody Co. Dam, Upper Belding Co. Dam, Consol Bleaching Co. Dam, Bel-Hem Dam, Quinebaug Valley Cold Storage Co. Dam and Cargil Dam.

The following is a brief description of the dams in downstream order. This information has been taken from the Corps of Engineers Inventory of Dams and Phase I Inspection Reports. This information has not been field verified.

TABLE 1  
BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM  
PERTINENT DATA

**LOCATION:** Little River, Oxford, MA.

**DRAINAGE AREA:** 26.5 square miles

**RESERVOIR:** Outlet works intake (Invert) 481.5 feet NGVD  
Recreational Pool: 492 feet NGVD  
Flood Control Pool (Spillway Crest): 524 feet NGVD

**DAM:** Type : Rolled earth fill with rock protection  
Length: 3255 feet  
Top width: 20 feet  
Top Elevation: 539 Feet NGVD  
Maximum Height: 66 feet

**SPILLWAY:** Type: Concrete, ogee weir  
Length: 220 feet  
Crest Elevation: 524 feet NGVD  
Surcharge: 10.3 feet  
Capacity: 29,800 cfs

**OUTLET WORKS:** Type: Three, rectangular concrete conduits  
Length: 44 feet  
Gates: Number 3  
Size: 3' x 4.5'  
Normal Regulated Maximum Flow: 350 cfs  
Maximum Capacity at Spillway Crest: 1820 cfs

- (1) Gordon Dam: This structure is located 1/2 mile from Buffumville Lake Dam on the Little River and has a top elevation of approximately 479 feet NGVD. It is a masonry block structure with a hydraulic height of 15 feet and a spillway length of 65 feet. Buffum Pond is impounded by this structure with a significant but unknown volume.
- (2) Dudley Wooden Co. Dam: This dam is located 5.8 miles below Buffumville Lake Dam on the French River, in Webster, MA. It is also a masonry block structure with a hydraulic height of 12 feet and a spillway length of 225 feet. No significant storage is maintained by this dam.
- (3) American Wooden Co. Dam: This dam, also known as South Village Pond Dam is 6.5 miles below Buffumville Lake Dam on the French River, in Webster, MA. It has a concrete ogee spillway with a height of 20 feet and a spillway length of 125 feet. It has no significant storage capacity.
- (4) Webster Record Co. Dam: This dam is located 9.2 miles below Buffumville Lake Dam on the French River. It is masonry block structure with a height of 15 feet and a spillway length of 150 feet. No significant storage is impounded by this dam.
- (5) Wilsonville Dam: This dam, also known as Lagers Pond Dam, is 10.2 miles below Buffumville Lake dam on the French River. The dam is constructed of stone masonry and is 12 feet high with a spillway length of 150 feet. It is a run-of-the-river facility and has no significant storage.
- (6) Cluett-Peabody Co. Dam: This dam, also known as North Grosvenordale Pond Dam is located 11.6 miles below Buffumville Lake Dam on the French River in North Grosvenor Dale, CT. It is a composite masonry and earth dam, with a height of 22 feet and a spillway length of 200 feet. The dam impounds 840 acre-feet when water elevation is at top of dam.

- (7) Upper Belding Co. Dam: This dam is located 13.5 miles below Buffumville Lake Dam on the French River in North Grosvenor Dale, CT. It is a granite block structure 15 feet high with a spillway length of 110 feet. The dam impounds no significant amount of storage.
- (8) Consol-Bleaching Co. Dam: This dam, also known as Mechanicsville Dam, is located 16 miles below Buffumville Lake Dam on the French River in Mechanicsville, CT, just above the Quinebaug River confluence. This dam is a composite masonry and earth dam 18 feet high with a spillway length of 300 feet. It has no significant storage capacity.
- (9) Belding Hemingway Co. Dam: Located in Putnam, CT, about 17.9 miles downstream from Buffumville Lake Dam, this masonry stone gravity structure is about 200 feet long and 12 feet high. The overflow type spillway is about 150 feet long with an abandoned powerhouse on the right bank. Spillway capacity is 7300 cfs with water at the top of the abutments. The dam has a drainage area of 289 square miles and a maximum storage capacity of approximately 287 acre-feet.
- (10) Quinebaug Valley Cold Storage: Located in Putnam, CT, about 18.2 miles downstream from Buffumville Lake Dam, this masonry stone, gravity structure is 150 feet long and has a maximum height of 16 feet. A hydroelectric powerhouse on the right bank is presently being rehabilitated. The dam has a 290 square mile drainage area and a maximum spillway discharge of 8900 cfs occurs when water is at the top of abutment.
- (11) Cargill Dam: Located in Putnam CT, 19.0 miles downstream from Buffumville Lake Dam. It is a concrete structure, equipped with a Bascule gate to control flow over its 150 foot long spillway. The structure has a maximum height of 23 feet, a spillway capacity of 36,000 cfs, and a maximum storage capacity of 129 acre-feet. The drainage area of the dam is 291 square miles.

4. ASSUMED DAM-BREAK CONDITIONS

- a. General: The magnitude of a flood resulting from the hypothetical failure of Buffumville Lake Dam is a function of many different parameters including size of breach, initial pool level and storage, rate of breach formation, channel and overbank roughness, and antecedent flow conditions. Engineering assumptions of conditions which could be reasonably expected to exist prior to a failure of Buffumville Lake Dam, were used in the base flood analysis as presented below:
- (1) Initial Pool Level - Buffumville Lake Dam: Water surface at spillway crest elevation: 524 feet NGVD indicating 100% use of available flood control storage.
  - (2) Reservoir Inflow: Actual August 1955 (flood of record) riverflow, 7700 cfs.
  - (3) Breach Invert: 482 feet NGVD.
  - (4) Breach Base Width: 200 feet, trapezodial side slopes 1V:.5H.
  - (5) Time to Complete Formation of Breach: 1 hour.
  - (6) Downstream Channel Roughness: Mannings's "n" = .030 to .100.
  - (7) Pre-Breach Flow- Little River: A constant discharge of 1800 cfs from Buffumville Lake Dam, equivalent to the maximum outlet works capacity of the pool at spillway crest, was selected for this study to provide computational stability in the numerical simulation technique. Actual releases equivalent to the nondamaging channel capacity of 350 cfs are normally made. (This difference in flow would have little effect on dam failure flood wave elevations).
- b. Selected Base Flood: Antecedent flow conditions on the Little River, French River and the Quinebaug River were selected to equal the recurring August 1955 record flood flows as modified by the existing system of Corps of Engineers flood control reservoirs in the Quinebaug River Watershed. Specifically, model input data for inflow into Buffumville Lake consisted of the recessional side of the August 1955 flood hydrograph. This was then routed through the reservoir assuming the

pool was already filled to spillway crest level during the rising side of the same hydrograph. The initial and peak inflow rate just prior to the beginning of failure was equal to 7700 cfs and outflow from Buffumville Lake Dam's regulating gates was assumed to be a constant 1800 cfs. Peak inflows to the study reach below Buffumville Lake Dam include 525 cfs at the confluence with the French River and 3100 cfs as local inflow in the town of Webster, 3600 cfs as local inflow at mouth of French River, 2300 cfs at the confluence with the Quinebaug River. The adopted initial antecedent flows and the comparative experienced 1955 discharges, as applicable, are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

	<u>FLOWS</u>	
	<u>ADOPTED</u> <u>ANTECEDENT</u>	<u>EXPERIENCED</u> <u>AUGUST 1955</u>
Buffumville Outflow	1,800	7,700
At Confluence with French River	2,325	11,000
At Webster	4,900	14,000
At Putnam	12,400	48,000

5. RESULTS

The resulting peak stage flood profile and the areal extent of inundation for the base flood conditions are shown on Plate 6 through 9. Timing of the peak stage and leading edge of the flood wave are also indicated on the plan and profile. Peak discharge throughout the study reach associated with the development of the peak stage profile along with discharge and stage hydrographs for three stations downstream from Buffumville Lake Dam are shown on Plate 10. The three stations are located .05, 2.96 and 18.54 miles downstream of the dam.

The peak dam-break discharge from Buffumville Lake Dam is 141,600 cfs producing a rise of approximately 22 feet above the pre-breach river depth at a point .05 miles downstream from the dam. From Buffumville Lake Dam to the Little River confluence with the French River, a distance of 1.80 miles, the peak flow would attenuate to 82,300 cfs and the

depth of flow on the Little River at this location would be approximately 22 feet above pre-breach river stage.

At a distance of 2.96 miles, below Buffumville Lake Dam, the peak flow would attenuate to 56,600 cfs and the rise over pre-breach stage would be 18 feet. At a distance of 18.54 miles, in Putnam, CT, the wave would alternate to a flow of 37,700 cfs with an attendant maximum rise over pre-breach stage of 4 feet. Most of the attenuation of the flood wave occurs in the first four miles below Buffumville Lake Dam.

The dam-break analysis was terminated at the U.S.G.S. gage below Putnam, CT. The water surface elevation produced from the dam-break flow analysis, at the gage, was lower than that experienced in the August 1955 flood.

## 6. SENSITIVITY TESTS

In addition to the analysis under the assumed dam-break conditions, subsequent studies were made to determine the sensitivity of certain selected parameters on the resulting downstream flood. Following are the variables considered:

- a. Breach Width: The breach width was set at 200 feet for the base flood analysis. For sensitivity testing, two additional cases were analyzed with breach widths of 100 and 400 feet. As shown by comparative profile on plate 11, the 100 foot breach resulted in a flood stage 6 feet lower than the base flood at the dam, this difference reduces to 1 foot by the 9.1 mile point. The 400 foot breach width had a flood stage 4 feet higher than the base flood at the dam, this difference reduced to less than a 1 foot by mile 1.80.
- b. Antecedent Flow: A sensitivity analysis was made assuming a moderate river flow or 1200 cfs on the French River as an antecedent flow and the resulting comparative flood stage is shown on plate 12. The moderate antecedent flow dam-break stage is 1 to 2 feet lower than the base flood throughout the study reach.
- c. Duration of Dam-Break: Though the selected duration for the failure time was 1 hour, runs were also made for failure times of 1/2, 3 and 5 hours. The relative effects of the three additional failure times on downstream flood profiles are illustrated on plate 13.

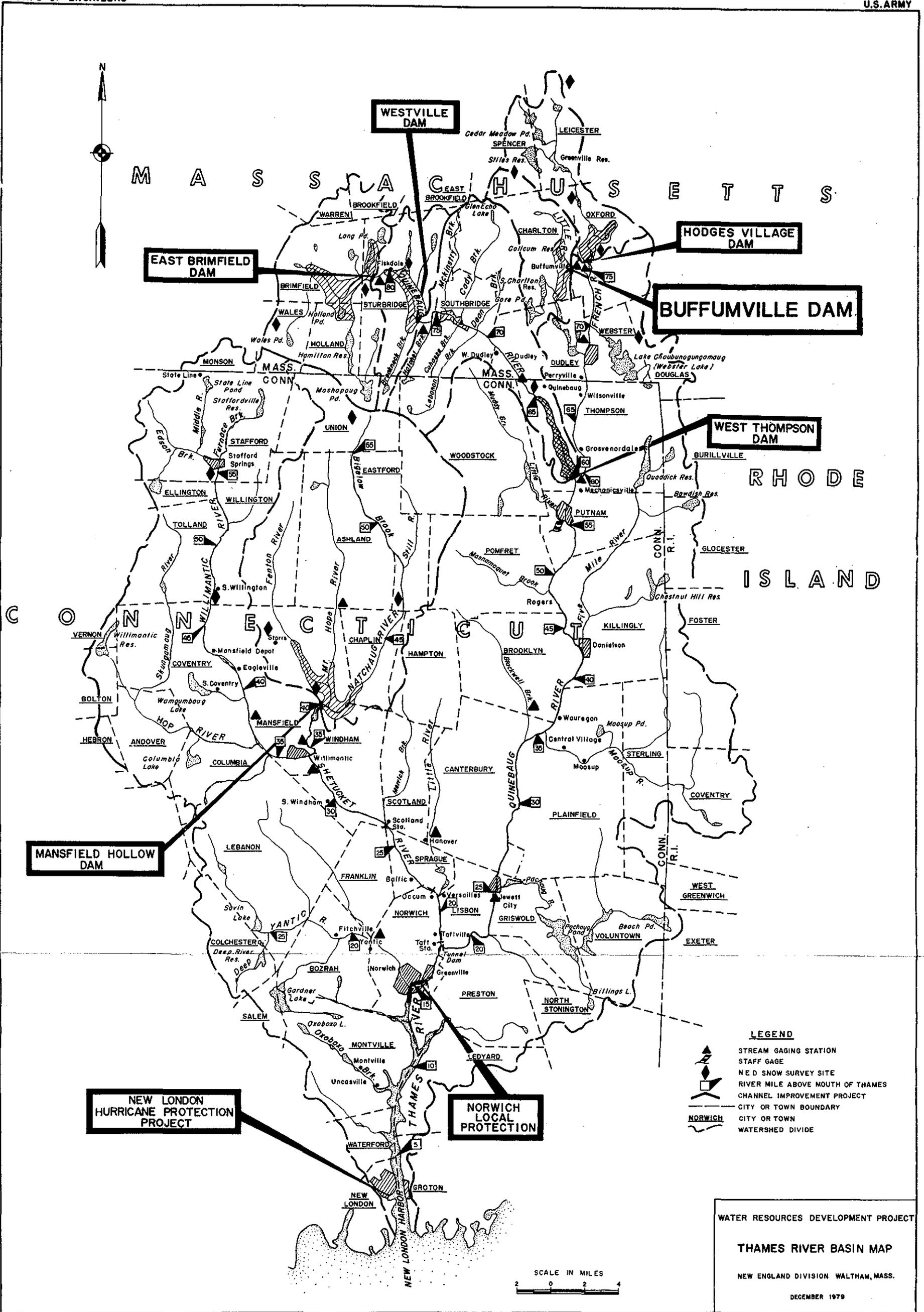
The 1/2 hour failure time had only a slightly higher stage, typically 1 to 2 feet throughout the study reach. The 3 hour failure time had a flood stage 5 feet lower at the dam, reduced to about 2 feet at mile 6.51. The 5 hour failure time had a flood stage 9 feet lower at the dam, than the base flood; this difference reduced to a 4 feet at mile 6.51.

- d. Initial Pool Level: While a full reservoir condition (spillway crest 524.0 feet N.G.V.D., 12,720 acre-feet) was assumed for the base flood, a test of sensitivity of the dam-break flood to initial pool level was made assuming a on half-full pool condition (elevation 512.0 feet N.G.V.D. 6100 acre-feet). The difference was significant, 6 feet lower below the dam, expanding to 8 feet at mile 6.51. Comparative water surface profiles are shown on plate 14.
- e. Channel Roughness: Manning's "n" sensitivity tests were made to determine their effects on downstream flood attenuation, resulting stages and timing. Tests were made with the Manning's "n" 20 percent less and 20 percent greater than the base flood. Increasing the channel roughness resulted in slower progression downstream and decreasing the channel roughness resulted in a faster progression downstream. The stage for the high Manning's "n" was slightly higher than the base flood for the first 7 miles. From mile 7 to the limit of study, the base flood then had the higher stage. The reason for this is the flood wave associated with high Manning's "n" had significantly more attenuation the first 7 miles because of the higher stages than the base flood's flood wave. Low Manning's "n" had the opposite effect - lower stages than the base flood above mile 7 and higher stages below that point. Plate 15 compares water surface profiles.
- f. Downstream Dams Failure: There are numerous dams on the Little French and Quinebaug Rivers. The first and third dams, Gordam Dam at mile 0.48 and American Woolen Co. Dam at mile 6.51, were selected for failure because of their proximity to Buffumville Lake Dam. In the event of a major dam-break at Buffumville Lake Dam, under fullpool conditions, these dams could be seriously damaged or fail. The base flood assumed all dams remained intact and operated properly. For purposes of this test both dams were assumed to fail just prior to peak flow conditions. The subsequent increase in stage was substantial, a 7 foot rise at

mile 6.51. Plate 16 shows the comparative water surface profiles.

## 7. DISCUSSION

The dam-break analysis for Buffumville Lake Dam was based on the engineering application of certain laws of physics, considering the physical characteristics of the project and downstream channel, and conditions of failure. Due to the highly unpredictable nature of a dam-break and the ensuing sequence of events, the results of this study should not be viewed as exact but only as an approximate quantification of the dam-break flood potential. for purposes of analysis, downstream conditions are assumed to remain constant and no allowance is made for possible enlargement or relocation of the river channel due to scour or the temporary damming effect all of which could affect, to some extent, the resulting magnitude and timing of flooding downstream.

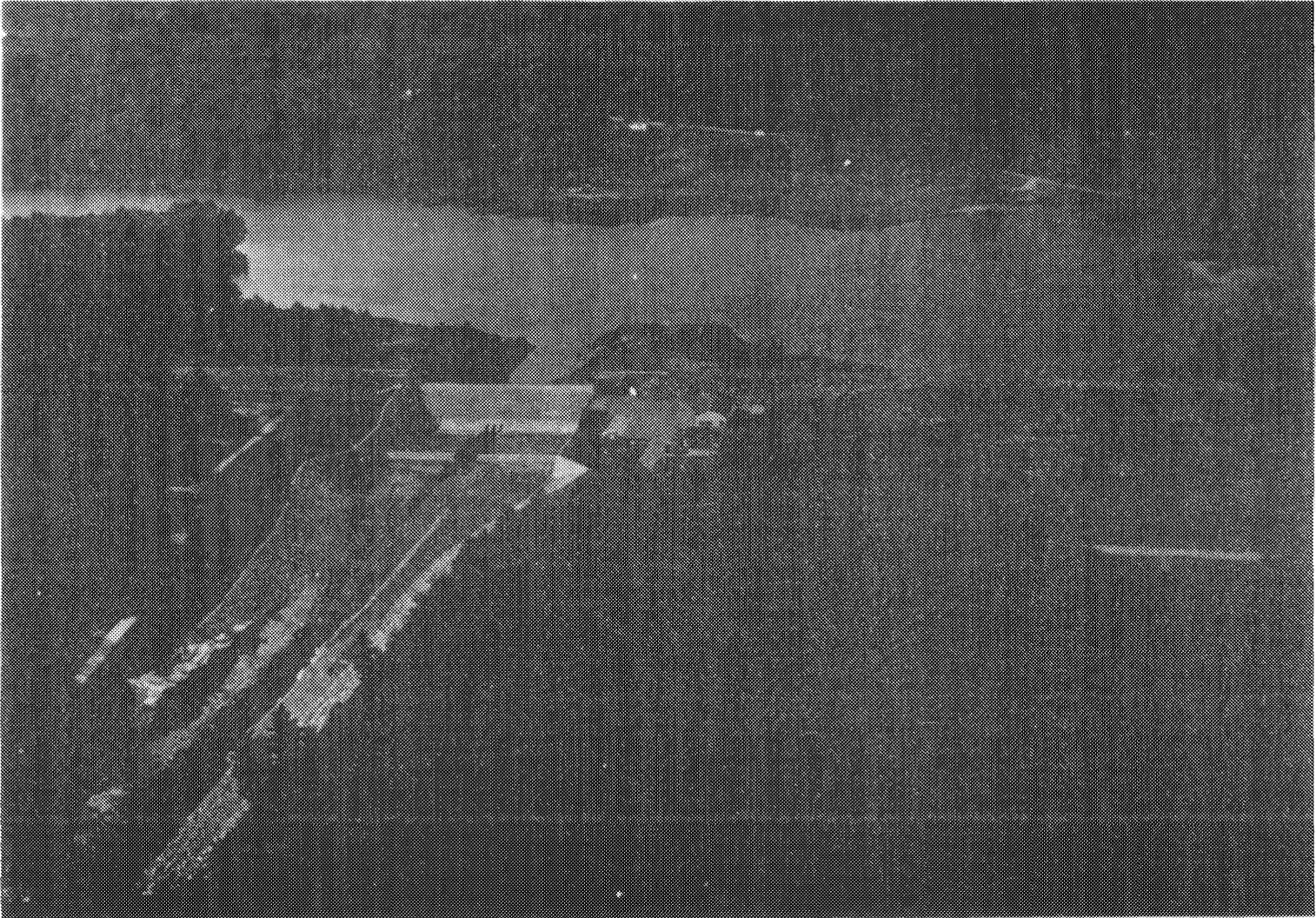


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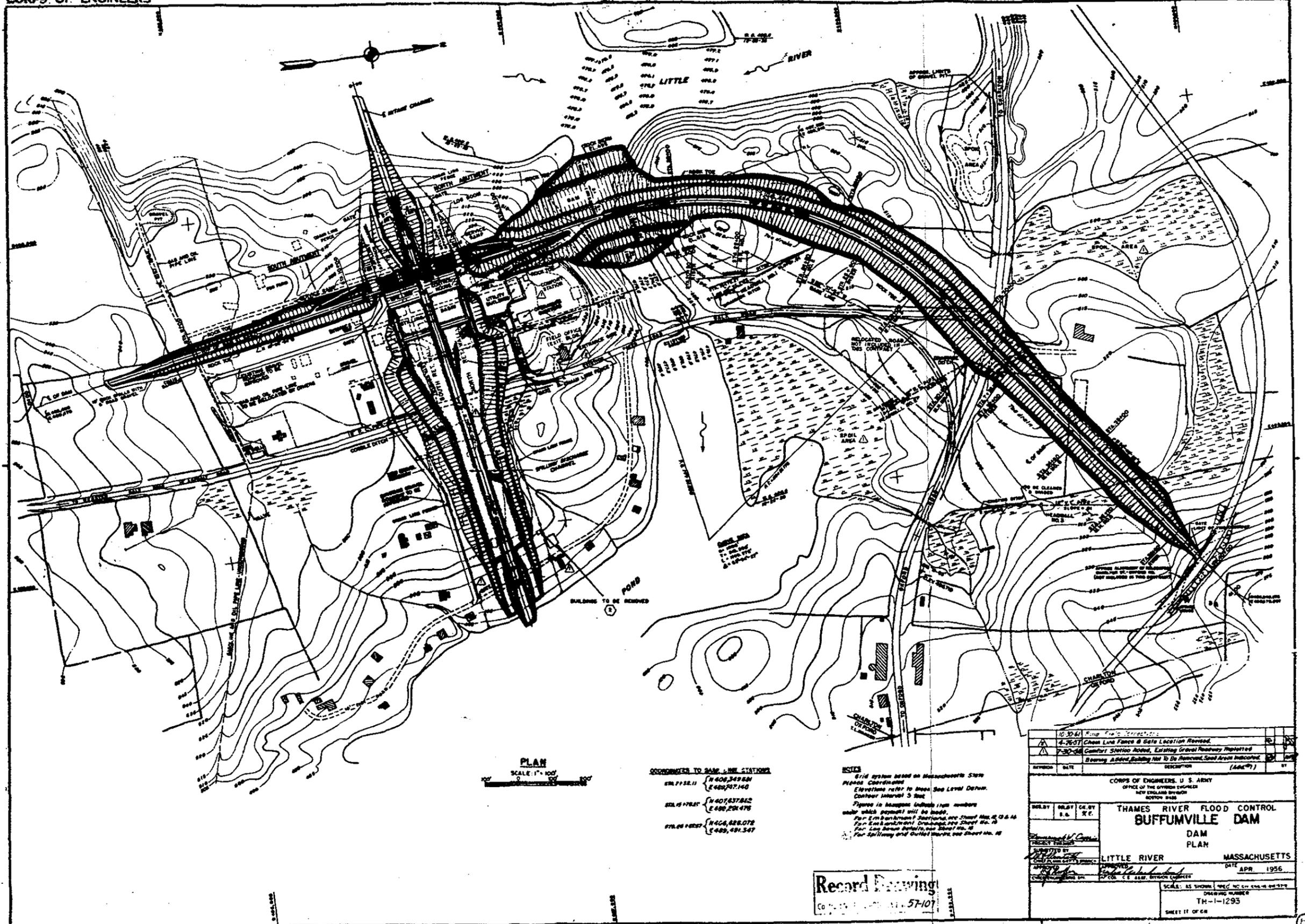
**THAMES RIVER BASIN MAP**

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VIEW OF BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM



**PLAN**  
SCALE: 1" = 100'

**COORDINATES TO DAM LINE STATIONS**

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	E 488,707.140
STA. 1+75.00	N 407,837.862
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**NOTES**

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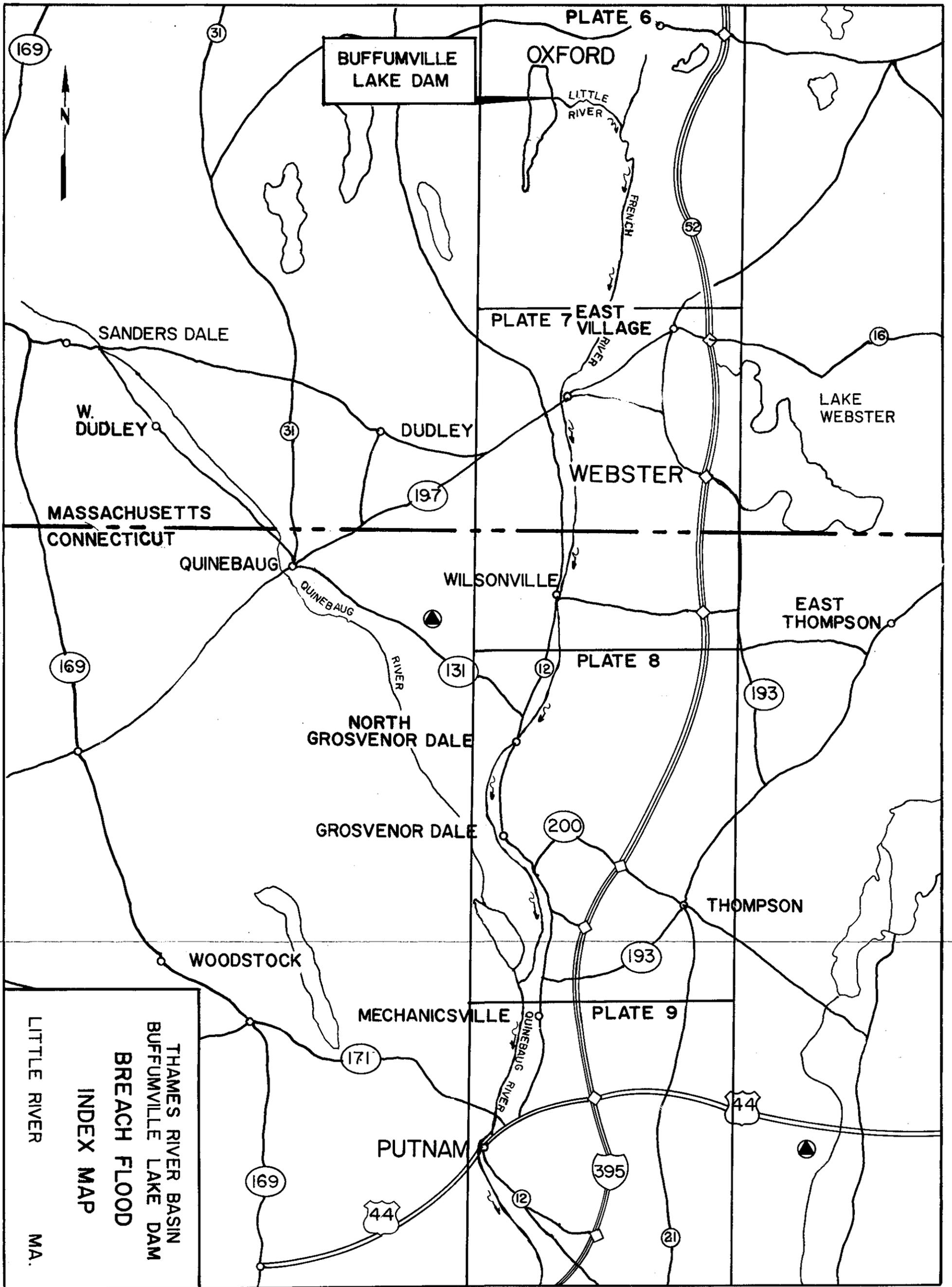
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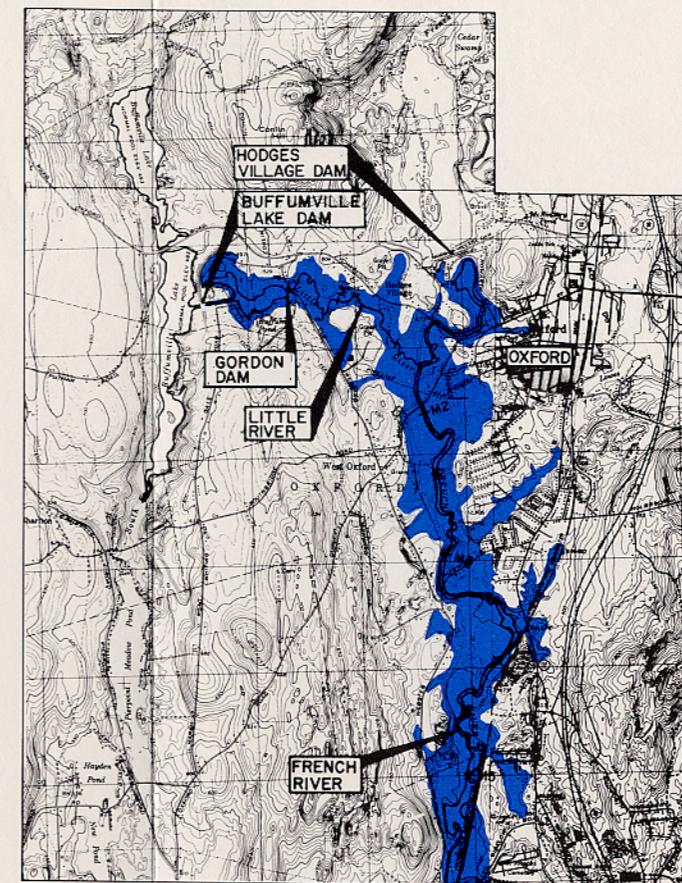
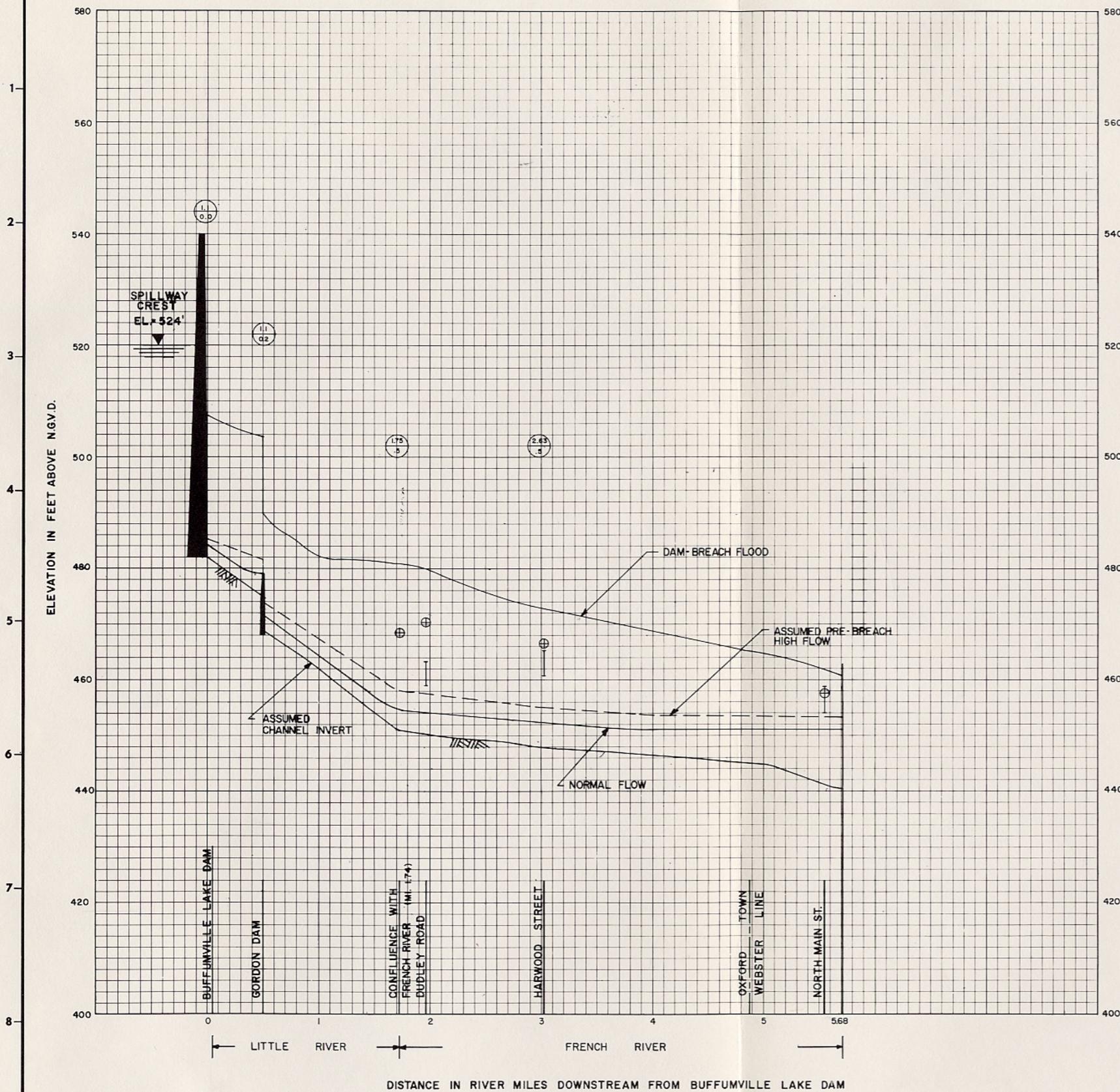
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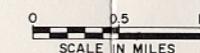


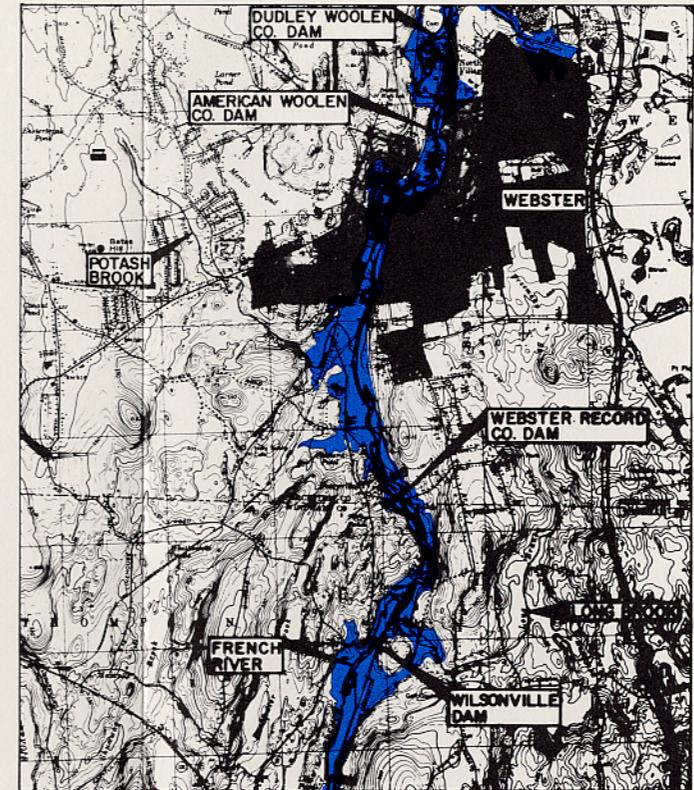
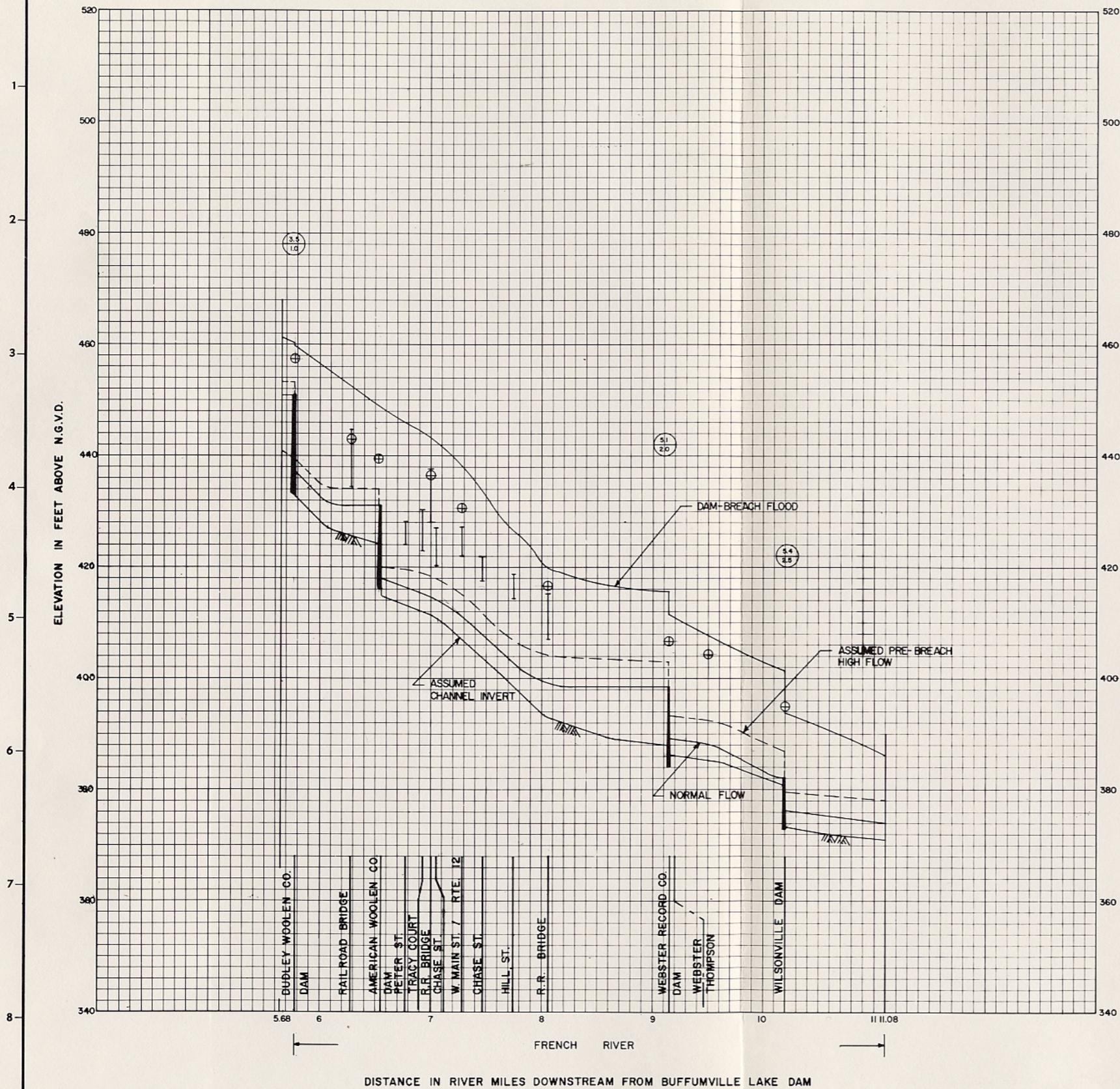
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FRENCH RIVER WATERSHED  
BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM BREACH FLOOD  
PLAN & PROFILE # 1





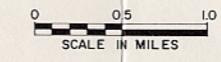
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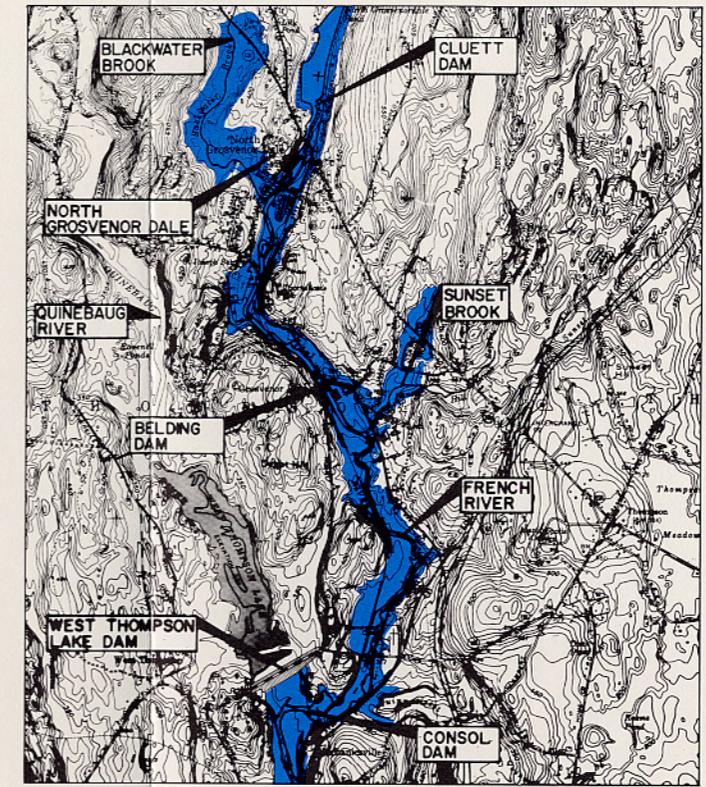
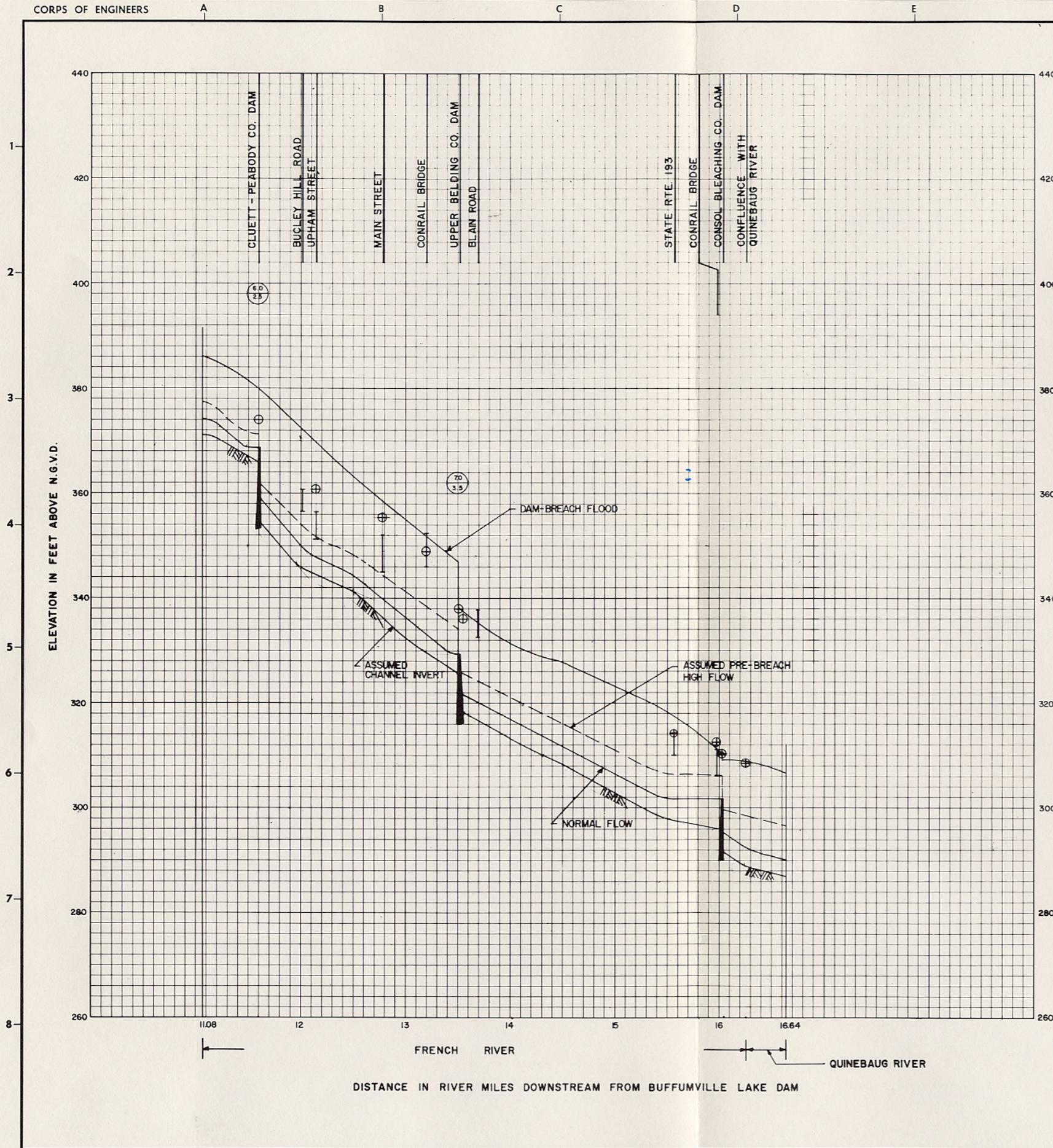
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**PLAN & PROFILE # 2**

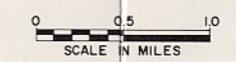


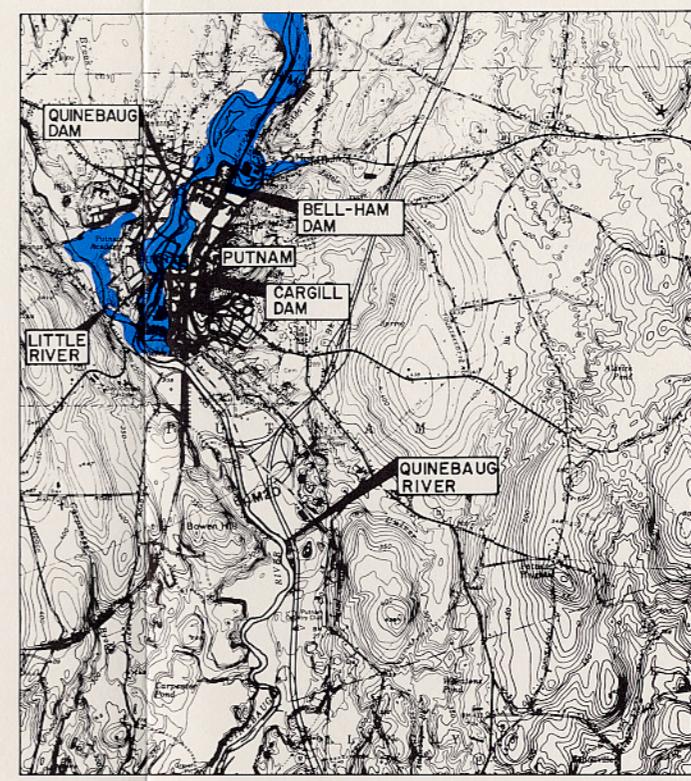
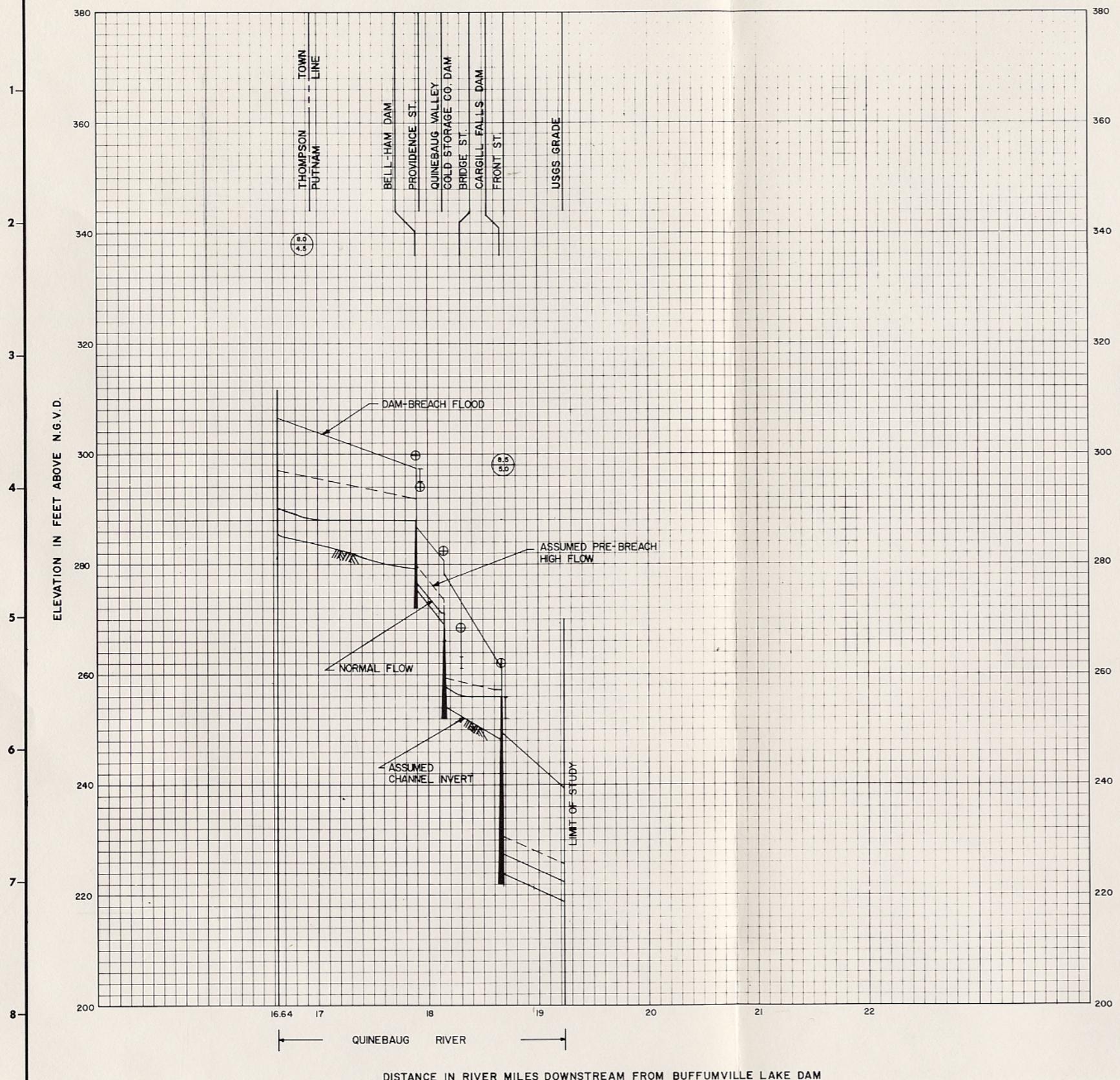


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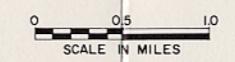
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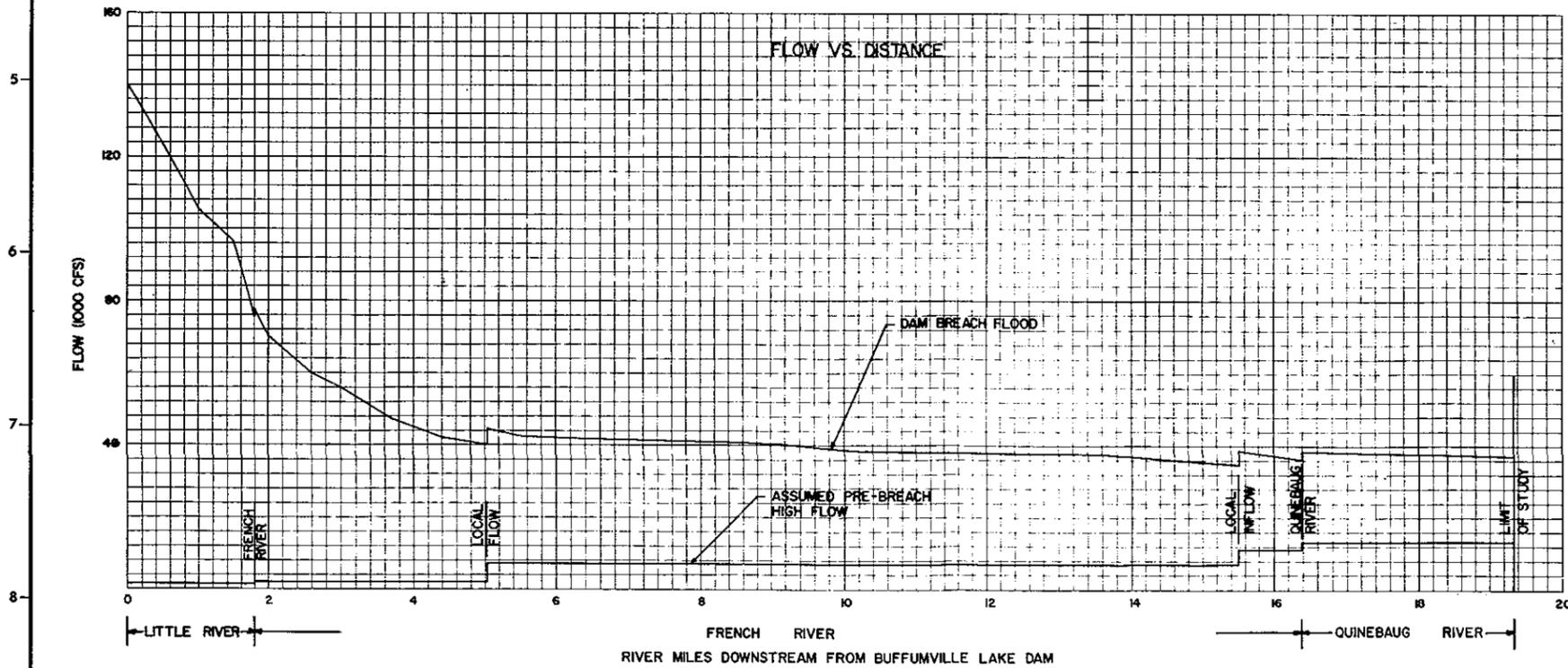
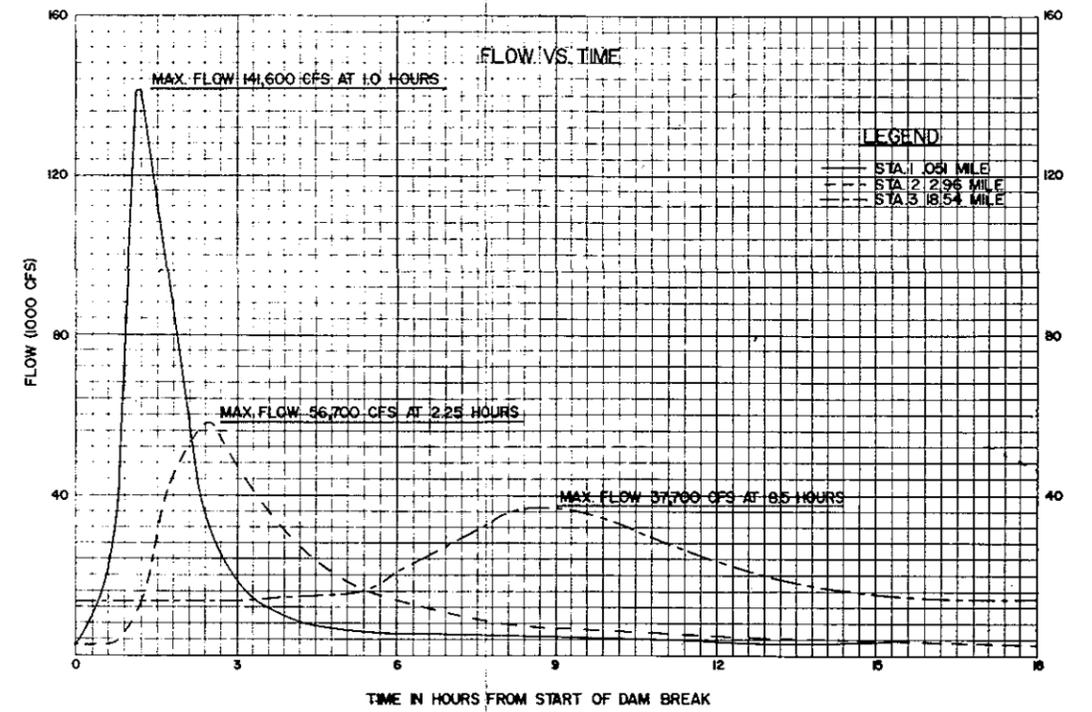
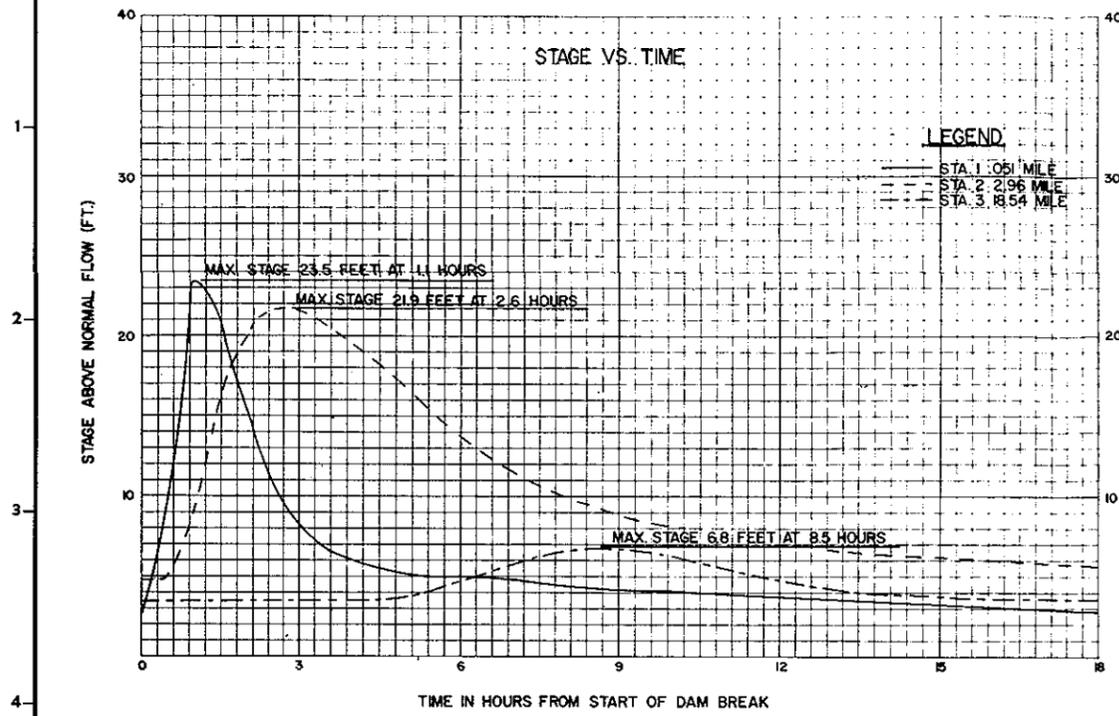
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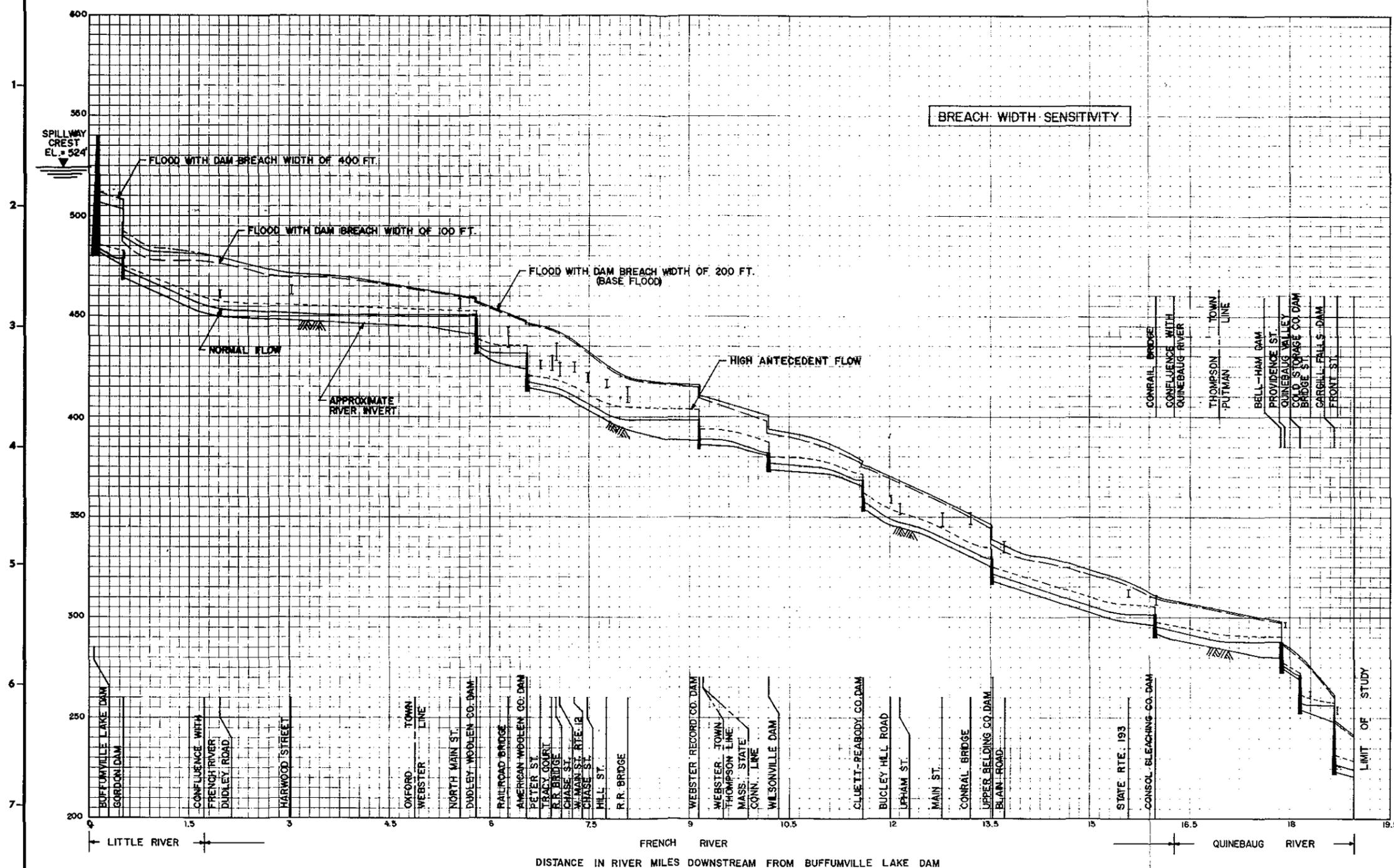
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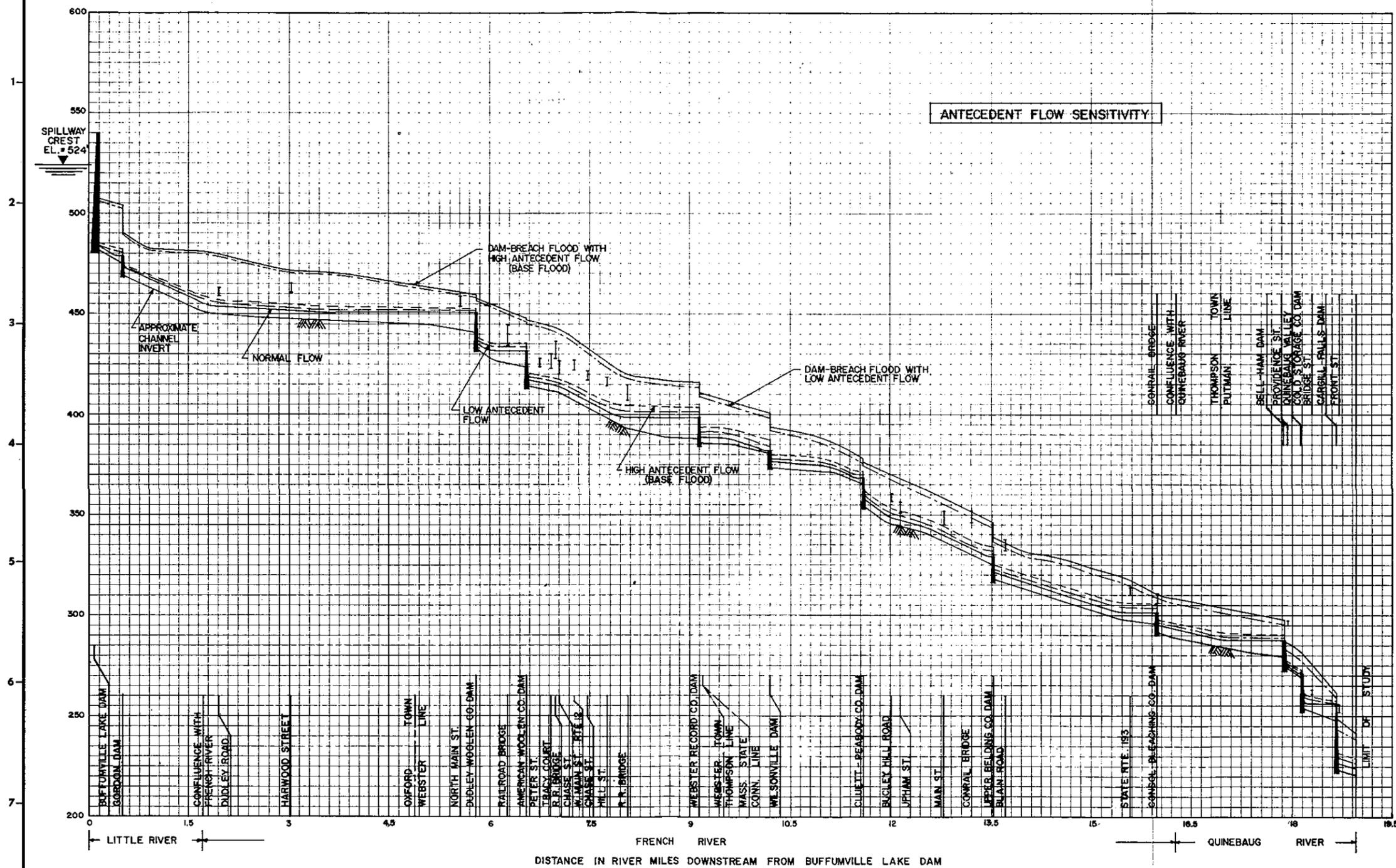
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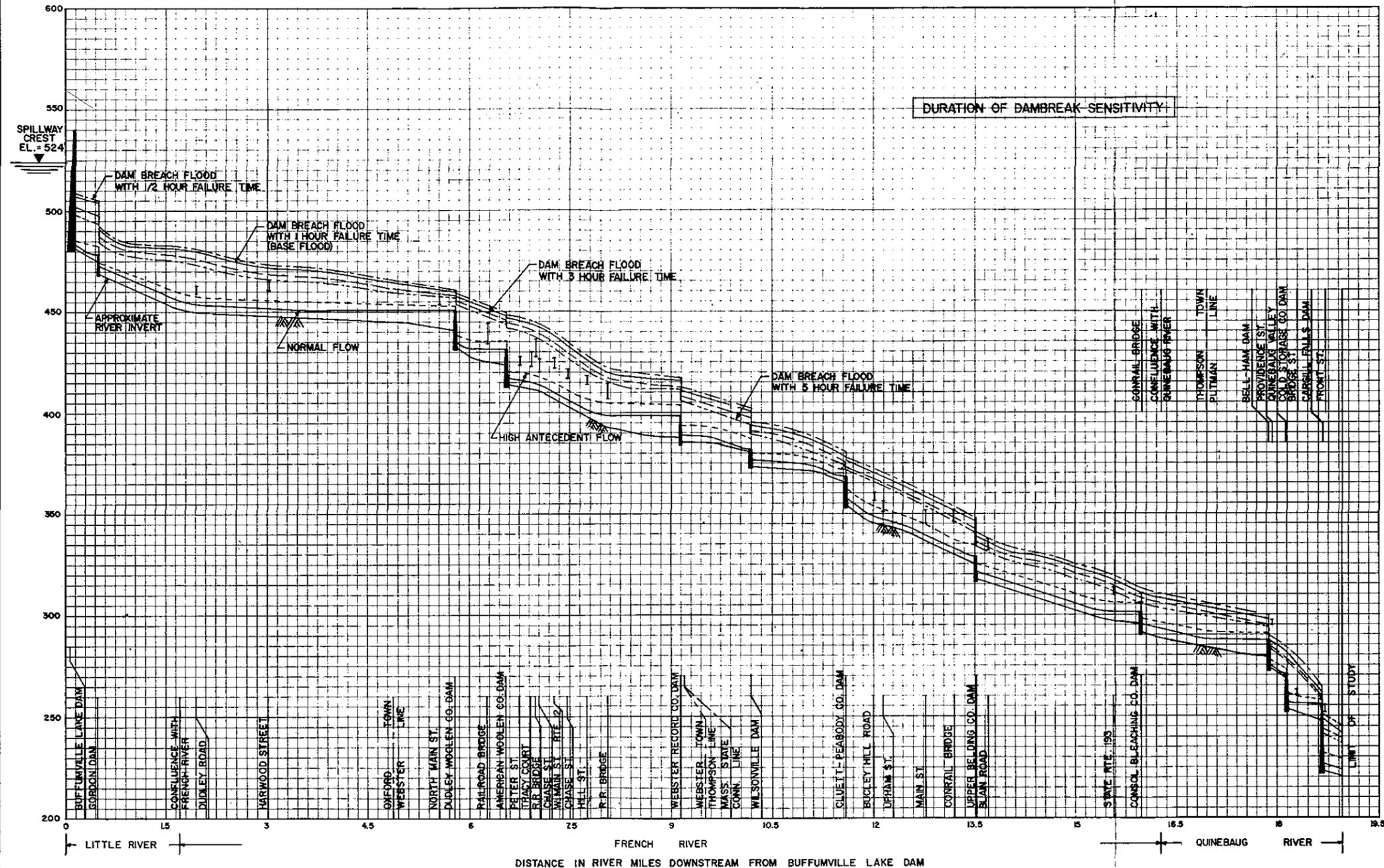
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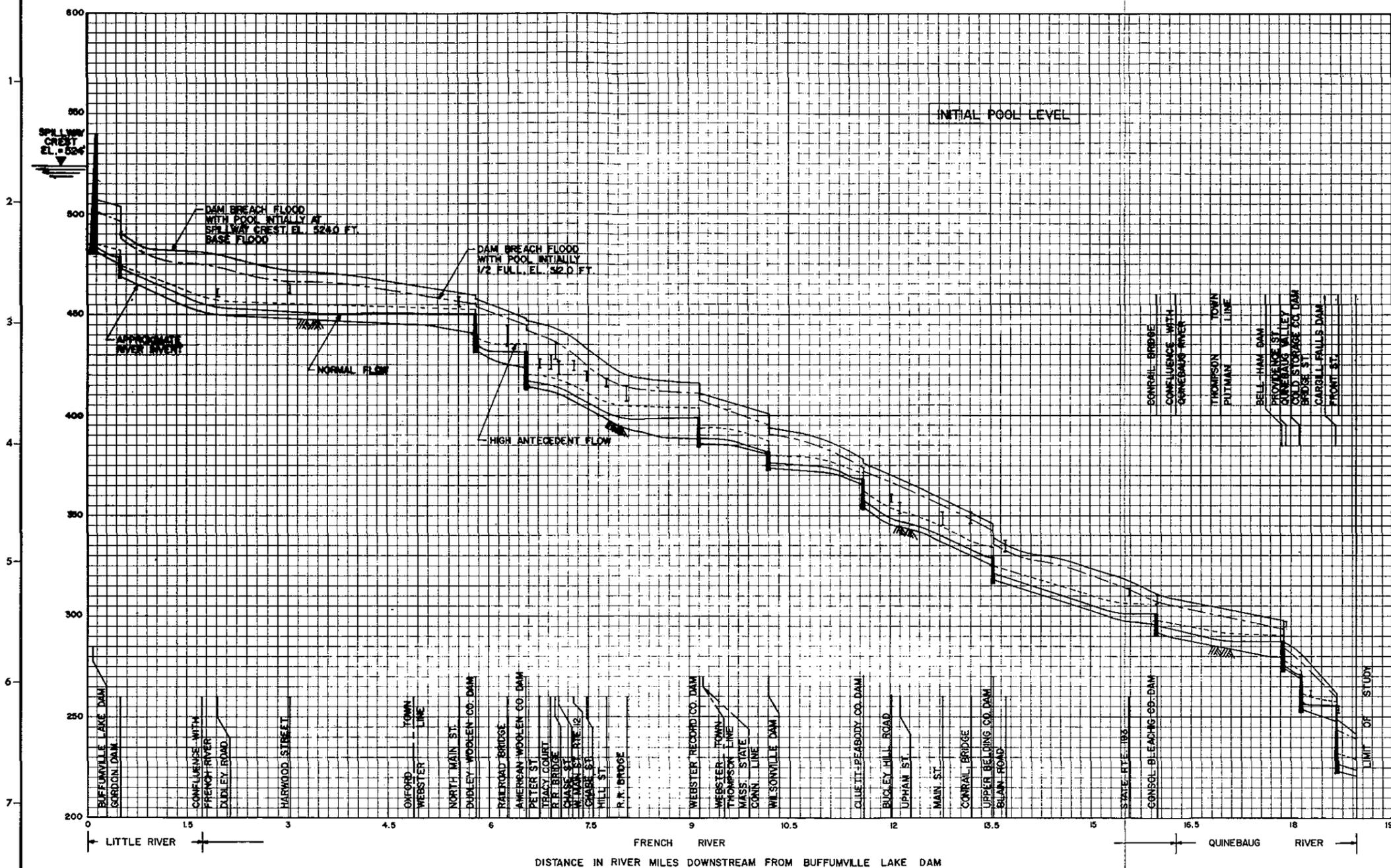


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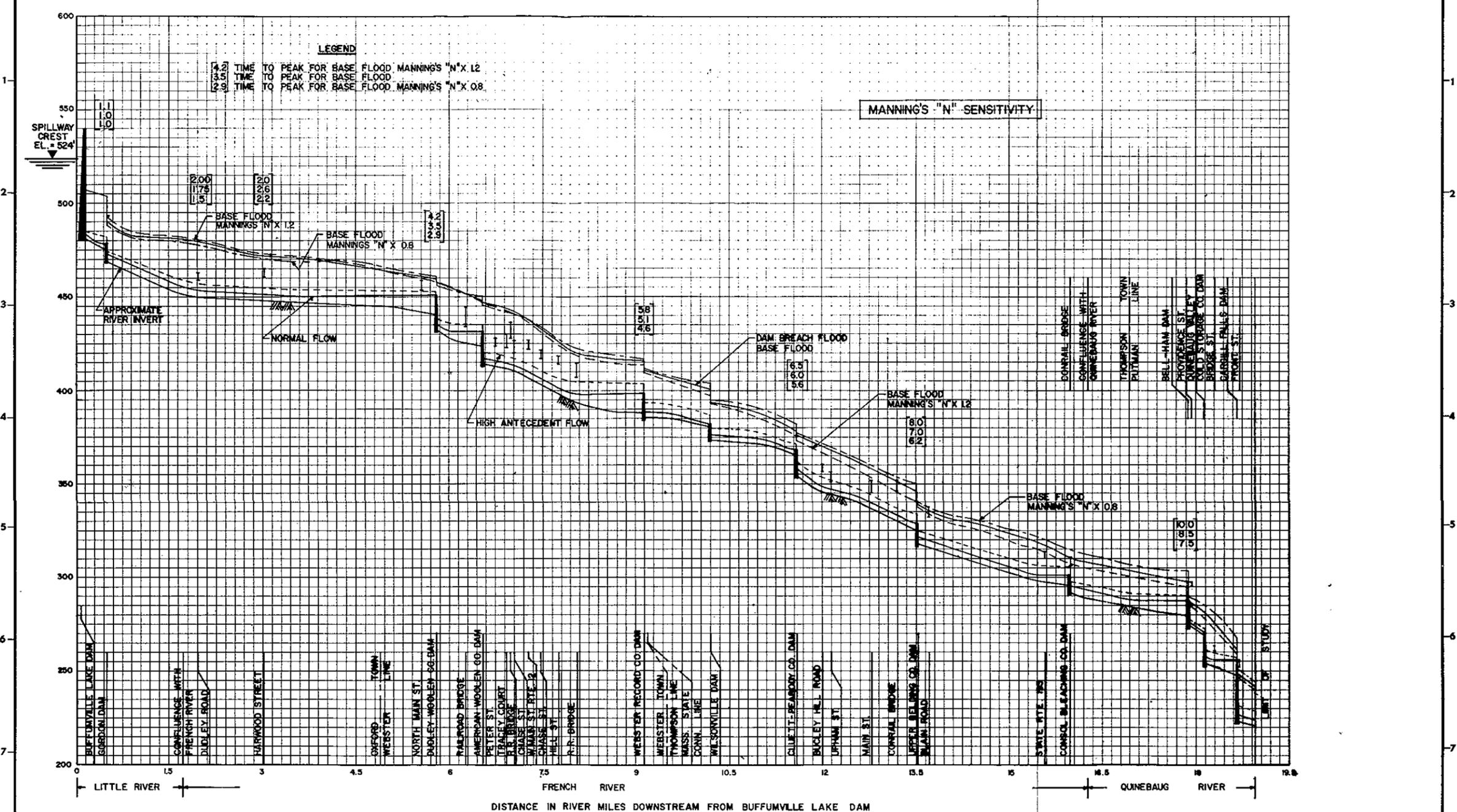


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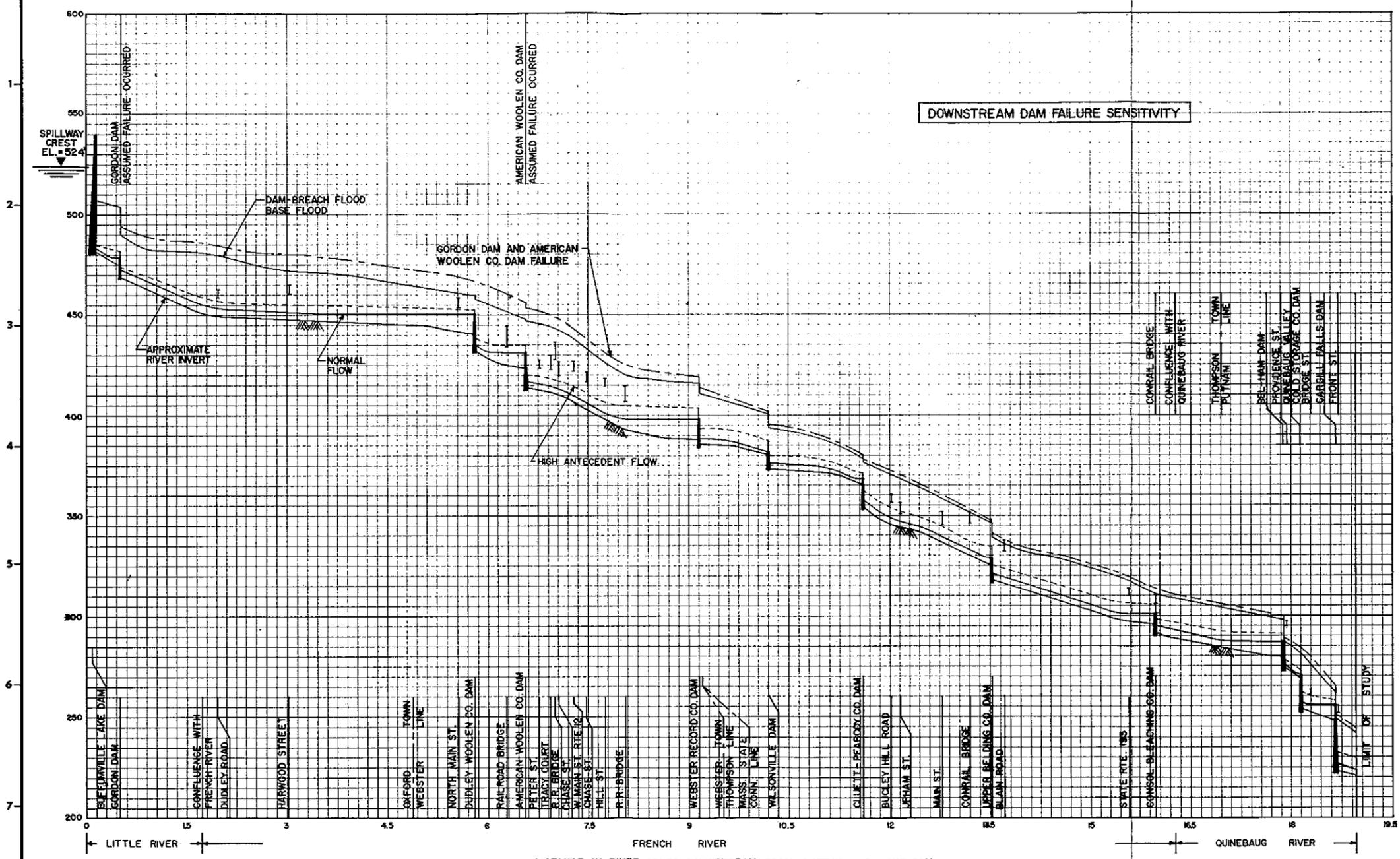
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DISTANCE IN RIVER MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM

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ID	BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM									
ID	LITTLE RIVER									
ID	G. MERCER									
ID	CV&P ENGS.									
ID	BOSTON,MA.									
IO	9	24	3							
IP	0	0								
IT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
QI	7710	6370	4930	3780	2970	2380	1940	1620		
SN	BUFFEMVILLE LAKE									
SE	524	518	512	506	500	494	488	482		
SA	530	460	395	330	270	214	162	0		
DN	BUFFUMVILLE LAKE DAM									
DD	539	524	0	524	5	.04	482			
DB	1	524	200	482	0.5					
DO	1820	825	0	6000						
DN	GORDAN DAM @ 0.48 MI.									
DD	500	479	0		20	.04				
DO	0	1000	0	0						
DN	AMERICAN WOOLEN CO. DAM @ 6.59 MI.									
DD	500	431	0		10	.04				
DO	0	600	0	0						
DN	WEBSTER RECORD CO. DAM @ 9.14 MI.									
DD	500	399	0		4	.04				
DO	0	600	0	0						
DN	WILSONVILLE DAM @ 10.19 MI.									
DD	500	382	0		4	.04				
DO	0	450	0	0						
DN	CLUETT-PEABODY CO. DAM @ 11.75 MI.									
DD	500	368	0		15	.04				
DO	0	1200	0	0						
DN	BELDING UPPER DAM @ 13.57 MI.									
DD	500	330	0		10	.04				
DO	0	700	0	0						
DN	BELDING LOWER DAM @ 17.88 MI.									
DD	500	287	0		2	.06				
DO	0	1070	0	0						
DN	CARGILL DAM @ 18.54 MI.									
DD	500	254	0		5	.04				
DO	0	2100	0	0						
RN	REACH 1 TO GORDAN DAM, 0.48 MI.									
RG	1	2								
RC	480.7	0	0.0	0.0						
XI	0.05						.10			
XE	482	490	500	505	510	520	530	540		
XC	20	500	800	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000		
XO	0	700	990	760	590	570	660	620		
NC	.030	.040	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080		
XI	0.48									
XE	475	479	480	490	500	510	520	530		

XC	100	312	420	675	1010	1232	1624	1890	
NC	.035	.040	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	.090	
RN	REACH 2+3 TO AMERICAN WOOLEN CO. DAM 6.51 MI								
RG	4	5	16						
RC	435.5	0	0.0	0.0					
XI	.48						.10		
XE	467	475	480	490	500	510	520	530	
XC	50	300	600	800	1100	1250	1510	1820	
NC	.030	.040	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	.090	
XI	0.92						.10		
XE	463	470	478	490	500	510	520	530	
XC	50	400	1000	1400	1800	2210	2850	3070	
XO	0	635	500	0	0	0	0	0	
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.055	.060	.070	.080	
XI	1.30						.10		
XE	457	465	470	480	490	500	510	520	
XC	50	670	1000	1230	1455	1570	1710	1980	
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	
XI	1.70						.10		
XE	453	460	470	480	490	500	510	520	
XC	50	700	1000	1500	2000	4090	4200	4480	
XO	0	1540	1630	1470	1920	0	0	0	
NC	.030	.040	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	
XI	1.80								
XE	451.0	457	464	468	472	480	490	500	
XC	50	200	682	1020	1070	1500	2500	3000	
XO	0	0	300	0	0	2610	1660	1000	
NC	.030	.035	.040	.050	.055	.060	.080	.090	
QN	1.80								
				FRENCH RIVER CONFLUENCE					
QL	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	
XI	2.05								
XE	450	455	459	463	467	470	480	490	
XC	50	120	180	230	370	495	1010	4880	
XO	0	0	0	0	0	0	2010	0	
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.070	.080	
XI	2.61								
XE	449.5	454	458	462	466	470	480	490	
XC	50	310	475	543	647	955	2000	3000	
XO	0	0	0	0	0	0	1220	1060	
NC	.030	.040	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	
XI	2.96								
XE	449	454	458	462	466	470	480	490	
XC	50	165	540	565	600	660	1500	3000	
XO	0	0	0	0	0	0	3540	2980	
NC	.030	.040	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	
XI	3.70								
XE	447	450	454	458	462	465	470	480	
XC	50	190	585	750	1000	1400	2500	3500	
XO	0	0	0	560	690	315	1090	920	
NC	.030	.035	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	
XI	4.38								
XE	446	449	453	457	461	465	470	480	
XC	50	130	405	520	585	765	1610	3120	
NC	.030	.035	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	
XI	4.85								

XE	445	449	453	457	461	465	470	480
XC	150	200	645	800	1110	1250	1800	2700
XO	125	200	200	125	140	80	400	0
NC	.030	.035	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080
XI	5.02							
XE	442	449	453	457	461	465	470	480
XC	60	205	700	900	1100	1300	1900	2825
XO	0	0	510	440	625	490	1150	3000
NC	.030	.040	.050	.055	.060	.065	.070	.080
QN	5.02							
QL	5100	4000	3550	3250	3100	2900	2750	2650
XI	5.57							
XE	439	446	451	456	461	465	470	480
XC	50	195	385	510	620	750	870	1660
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.070	.080
XI	5.90							
XE	436	447	451	454	457	460	470	480
XC	50	160	350	520	630	700	800	2400
XO	0	0	0	0	0	0	1200	0
NC	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080
XI	6.51							
XE	424	430	436	442	447	452	460	470
XC	40	160	320	480	610	710	1000	2500
XO	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	0
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.070	.080
RN	REACH 4 TO WEBSTER RECORD CO. DAM, 9.10 MI.							
RG	6							
RC	403.5	0	0.0	0.0				
XI	6.51							
XE	415	421	427	433	439	445	450	460
XC	30	70	150	340	540	560	570	1980
NC	.040	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100	.100
XI	7.06						.20	
XE	411	416	421	426	431	435	440	450
XC	30	80	135	200	300	400	945	1720
XO	0	0	0	224	390	480	200	0
NC	.040	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100	.100
XI	7.65						.20	
XE	401	407	413	419	425	430	440	450
XC	30	100	150	300	400	700	880	1300
XO	0	50	150	230	270	0	0	0
NC	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
XI	8.05							
XE	393	400	407	413	419	425	430	440
XC	25	100	150	400	900	1400	1820	1900
XO	0	40	0	445	680	350	0	0
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.065	.075
XI	8.65							
XE	389	397	404	411	418	425	430	440
XC	20	145	375	860	1280	1515	2650	2900
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.070	.080
XI	9.10							
XE	386	395	402	408	414	420	430	440
XC	35	145	280	600	745	825	1460	1520
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.070	.080

RN REACH 5 TO WILSONVILLE DAM, 10.20 MI.

RG	3							
RC	387.4	0	0.0	0.0				
XI	9.10							
XE	386	390	400	410	420	430	440	450
XC	50	175	400	700	1100	1300	1400	1800
XO	0	125	100	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100	.110
XI	9.62							
XE	384	390	400	410	420	430	440	450
XC	80	150	400	835	940	1100	1210	1470
XO	0	60	170	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100	.110
XI	10.20							
XE	378	390	400	410	420	430	440	450
XC	155	340	900	1900	2300	3100	3350	3400
XO	0	0	1220	910	670	0	0	0
NC	.030	.035	.055	.060	.065	.070	.080	.090

RN REACH 6 TO CLUETT-PEABODY CO. DAM, 11.60 MI.

RG	4							
RC	370.9	0	0.0	0.0				
XI	10.20							
XE	373	380	390	400	410	420	430	440
XC	75	200	550	900	1320	2270	3040	3510
XO	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0
NC	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
XI	10.61							
XE	372	380	390	400	410	420	430	440
XC	110	400	835	1460	1590	2200	2330	2510
XO	200	170	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
XI	11.18							
XE	370	380	390	400	410	420	430	440
XC	200	300	800	1600	1825	1970	2150	2340
XO	250	275	540	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.035	.040	.050	.055	.060	.065	.075	.085
XI	11.60							
XE	361	370	380	390	400	410	420	430
XC	100	250	600	1100	1300	1500	1700	1900
XO	0	250	300	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.030	.040	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080

RN REACH 7 TO UPPER BELDING DAM, 13.51 MI.

RG	3							
RC	334.1	0	0.0	0.0				
XI	11.60							
XE	353	360	370	380	390	400	410	420
XC	70	100	200	300	400	700	900	1100
NC	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
XI	12.51							
XE	339	344	350	360	370	380	390	400
XC	50	75	200	600	800	1000	1400	1720
XO	0	125	325	150	300	200	350	200
NC	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
XI	13.51							
XE	324	330	335	340	345	350	360	370

XC	50	140	250	310	360	445	900	1050
NC	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
RN REACH 8 TO BELDING LOWER DAM, 17.88 MI.								
RG	8							
RC	292.0	0	0.0	0.0				
XI	13.51							
XE	318	325	329	333	337	340	350	360
XC	50	150	200	310	451	700	850	1050
NC	.050	.055	.060	.065	.070	.075	.080	.100
XI	14.02							
XE	313	315	318	321	324	330	340	350
XC	45	130	300	725	750	1250	1650	2700
XO	0	0	130	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.030	.035	.045	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080
XI	14.50							
XE	308	311	314	317	321	325	330	340
XC	40	110	360	460	520	650	1650	2050
NC	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.055	.065	.075
XI	14.99							
XE	303	308	313	317	321	325	330	340
XC	50	100	200	680	865	930	1000	1050
NC	.030	.035	.040	.050	.055	.060	.070	.080
XI	15.43							
XE	298	304	310	315	320	325	330	340
XC	65	110	240	520	770	950	1750	1900
NC	.030	.030	.035	.040	.045	.050	.060	.070
QN	15.43							
LATERAL INFLOW								
QL	3600	3100	2000	1550	1250	1100	900	750
XI	16.04							
XE	296	300	310	320	330	340	350	360
XC	90	200	300	800	1150	2000	2500	2850
XO	0	200	200	0	0	0	0	0
NC	.040	.045	.050	.055	.065	.075	.080	.100
XI	16.35							
XE	288	295	300	305	310	330	350	400
XC	100	200	600	800	900	1800	2100	5000
XO	0	150	230	200	200	0	0	0
NC	.030	.035	.045	.060	.070	.080	.090	.100
QN	16.35							
QUINEBAUG RIVER CONFLUENCE								
QL	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300
XI	16.86							
XE	283	285	290	295	300	310	330	350
XC	50	100	300	550	600	650	1000	1300
NC	.030	.030	.035	.040	.055	.075	.090	.100
XI	17.88							
XE	279	285	290	295	300	310	330	350
XC	50	250	300	1250	2000	2000	2200	2800
XO	0	0	0	0	0	500	2000	2000
NC	.035	.040	.045	.055	.060	.070	.075	.100
RN REACH 9 TO CARGILL DAM, 18.54 MI.								
RG	3							
RC	257.2	0	0.0	0.0				
XI	17.88							
XE	275	280	290	300	310	320	330	350
XC	140	200	400	800	1000	1000	1000	1000

XO	0	0	0	0	0	200	700	2000
NC	.040	.060	.070	.070	.090	.090	.090	.100
XI	18.03							
XE	269	270	280	290	300	310	320	330
XC	140	300	600	1000	1200	1200	1500	1600
XO	0	0	0	0	500	1000	1000	1500
NC	.040	.060	.070	.070	.090	.090	.090	.100
XI	18.54							
XE	250	260	270	280	290	300	330	350
XC	100	300	1400	2000	2400	2500	2800	2800
XO	0	0	0	0	0	0	2000	3000
NC	.030	.040	.050	.070	.080	.090	.100	.100
RN	DUMMY REACH							
ZZ								