

Updating Flood Maps *Issues, Options, and Considerations*

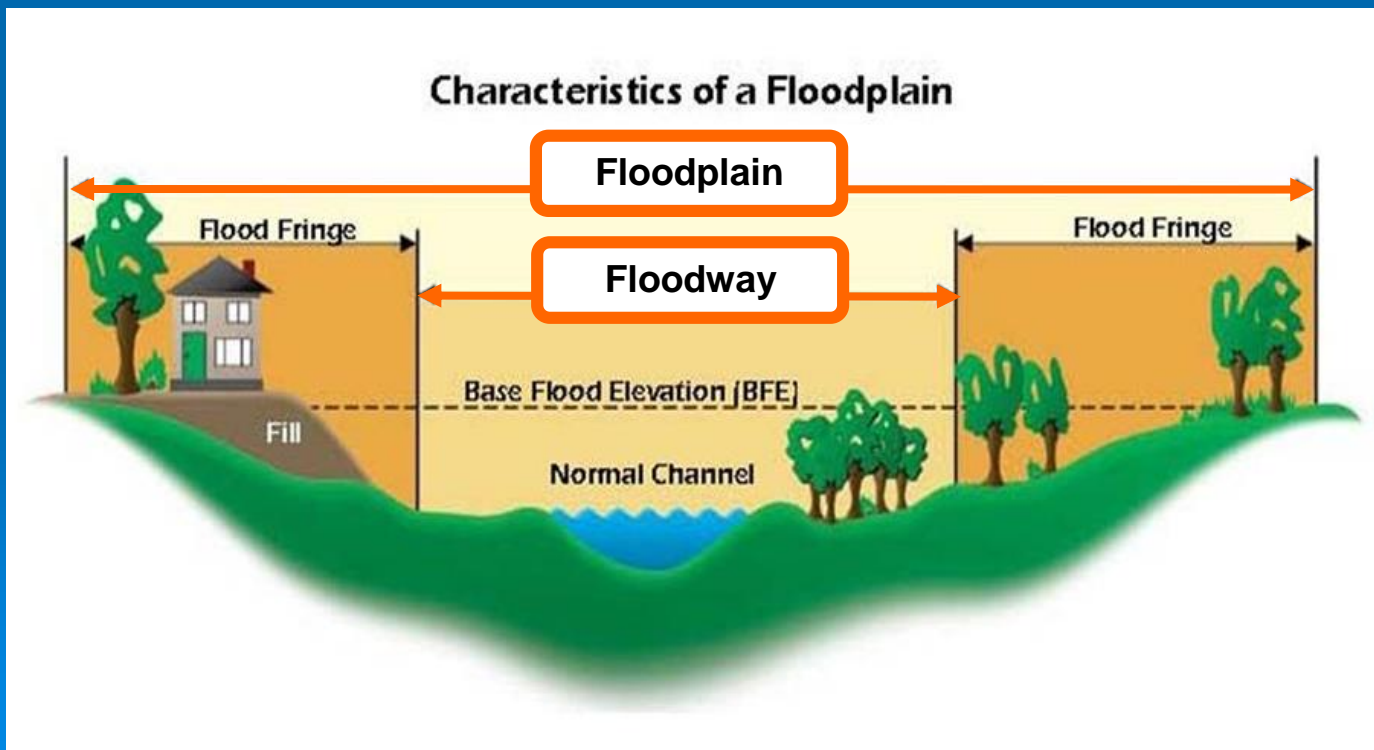


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National Flood Insurance Program

- Establishes minimum requirements
- Adopts Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)



The Regulated Floodplain Flood Insurance Rate Maps



Stormwater Master Planning

Purpose: To identify projects, programs, and policies that:

- (1) Reduce risks related to flooding, and
- (2) Mitigate the adverse impacts of stormwater on the natural environment.

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Stormwater Master Plan

1861

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1890

1964

1996

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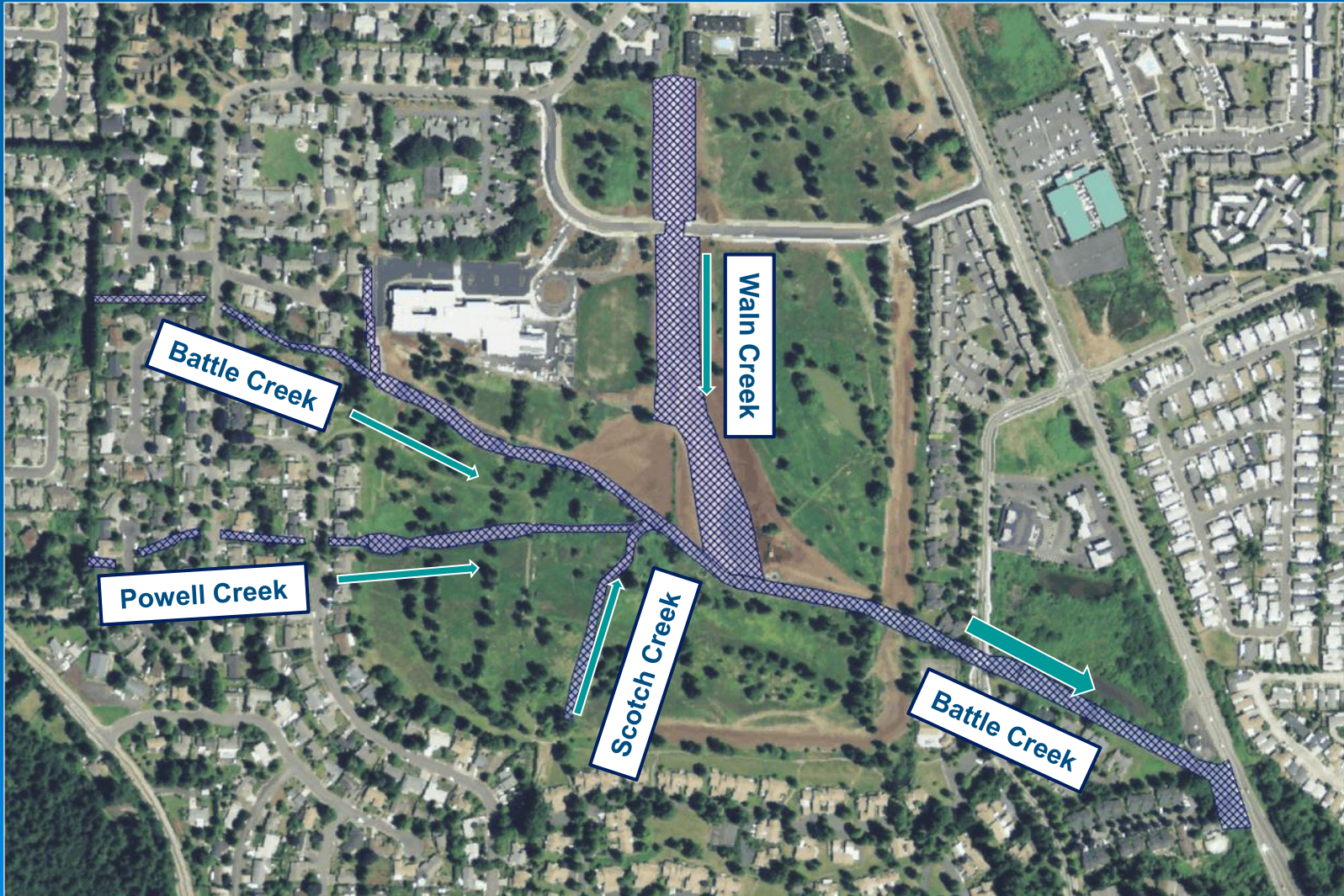
Stormwater Master Planning

Analyses: Evaluate the impacts of stormwater runoff under both current and future development conditions.

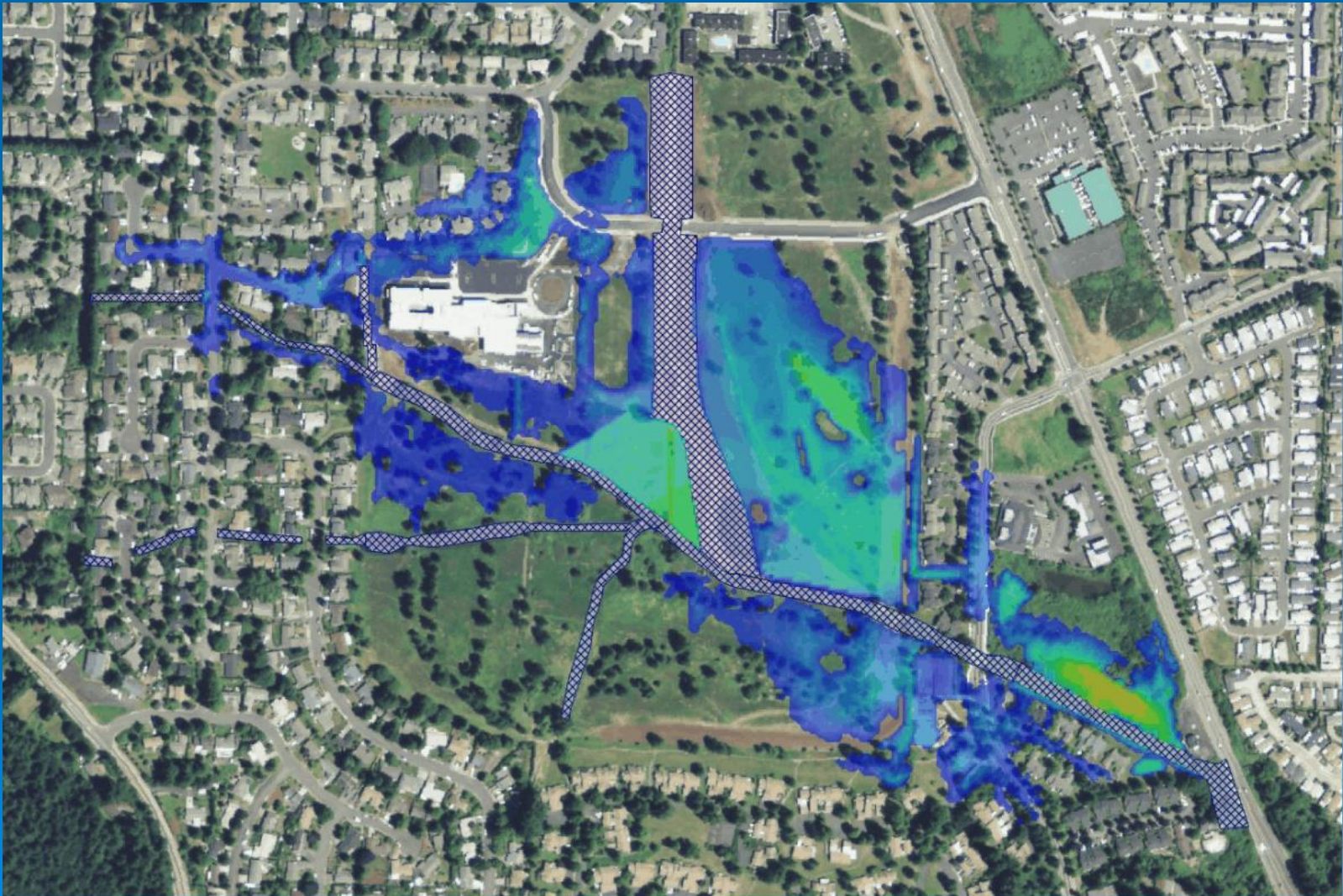
- Collect data/information
 - Rainfall, land use, soils, topography, stream gage, surveys, flood photos, etc.
- Develop the model
 - Compare model output to actual events
- Run computer simulations
 - Test scenarios, compare options



Stormwater Master Plan (Analysis)



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Issue:

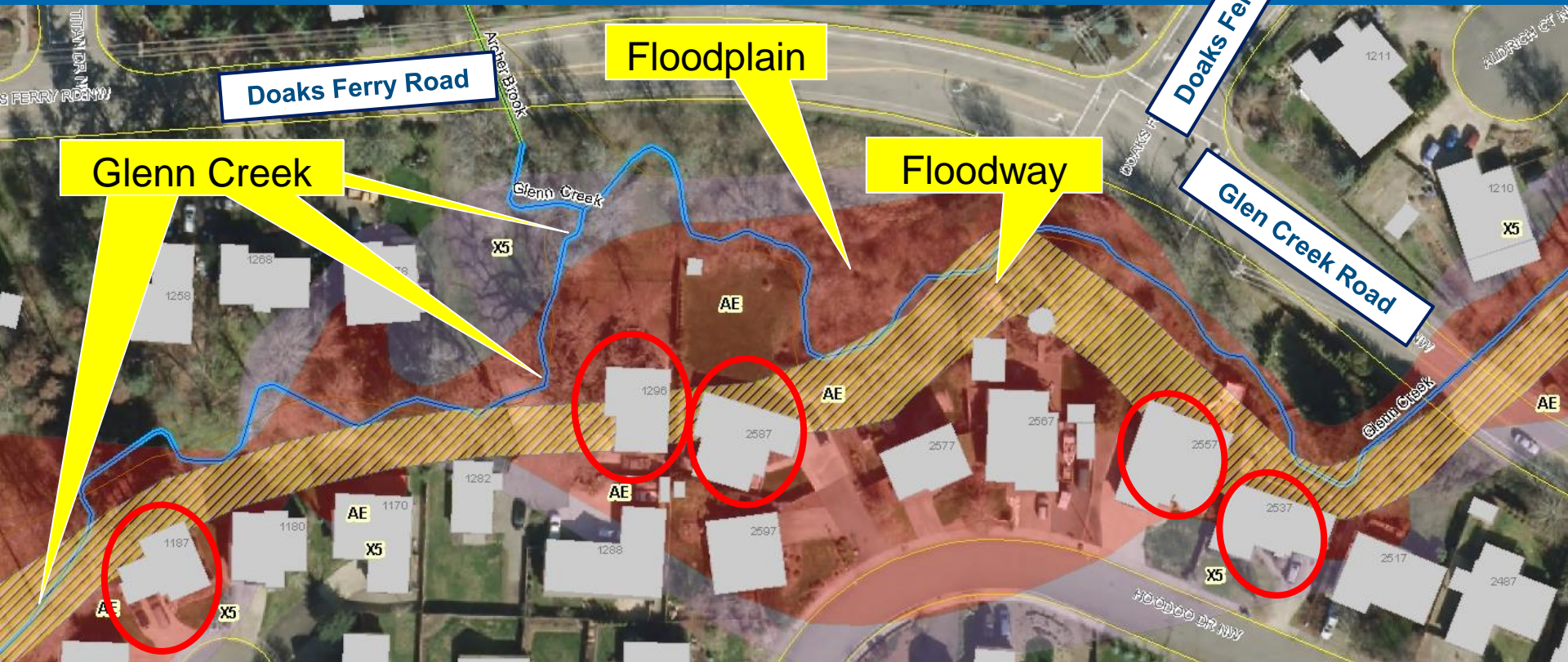
Given we have improved data and modeling methods,

Should we use the data and modeling to produce new Flood Insurance Rate Maps?

Three considerations....

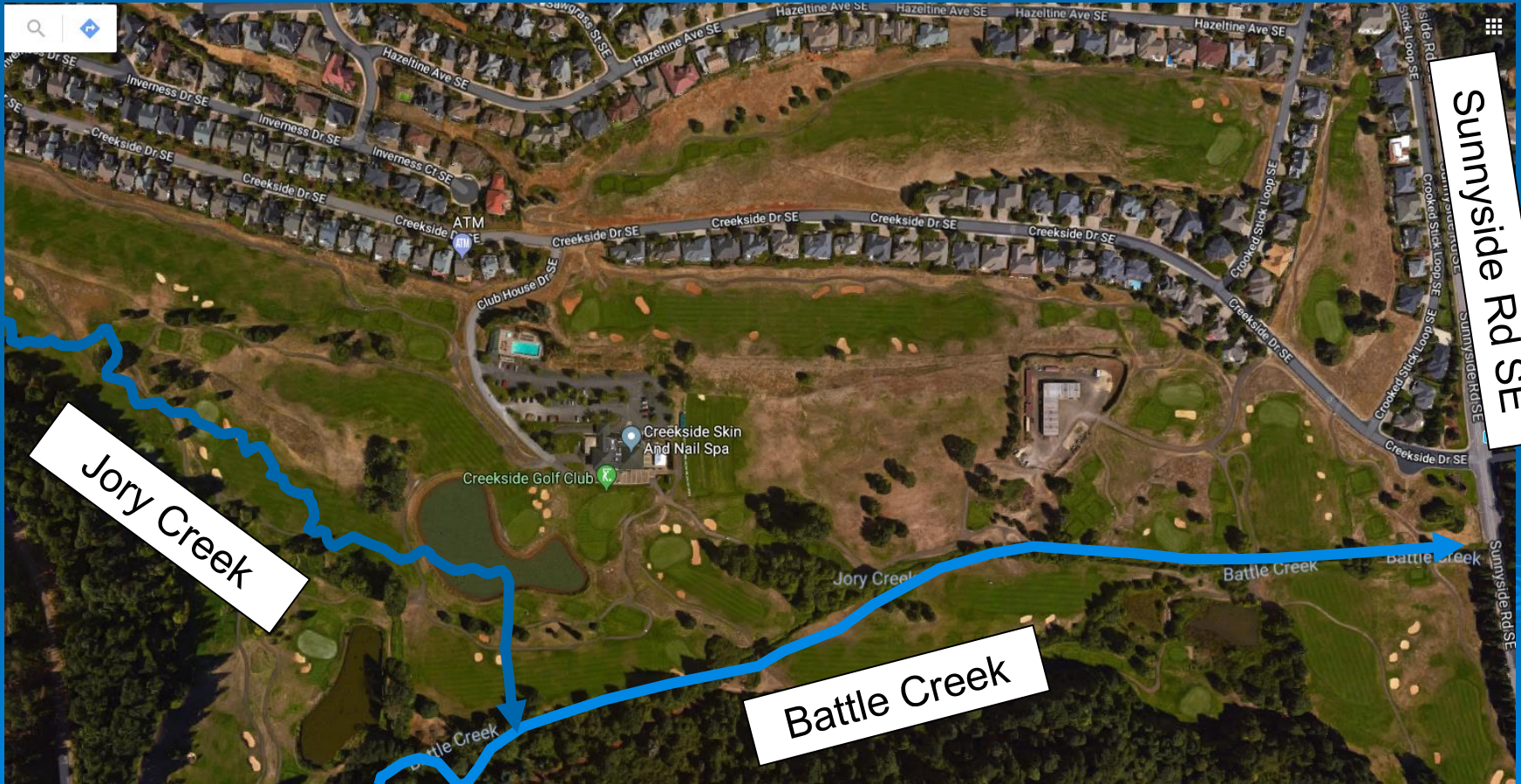
Consideration #1

Current Floodplain Maps are Flawed



Consideration #2

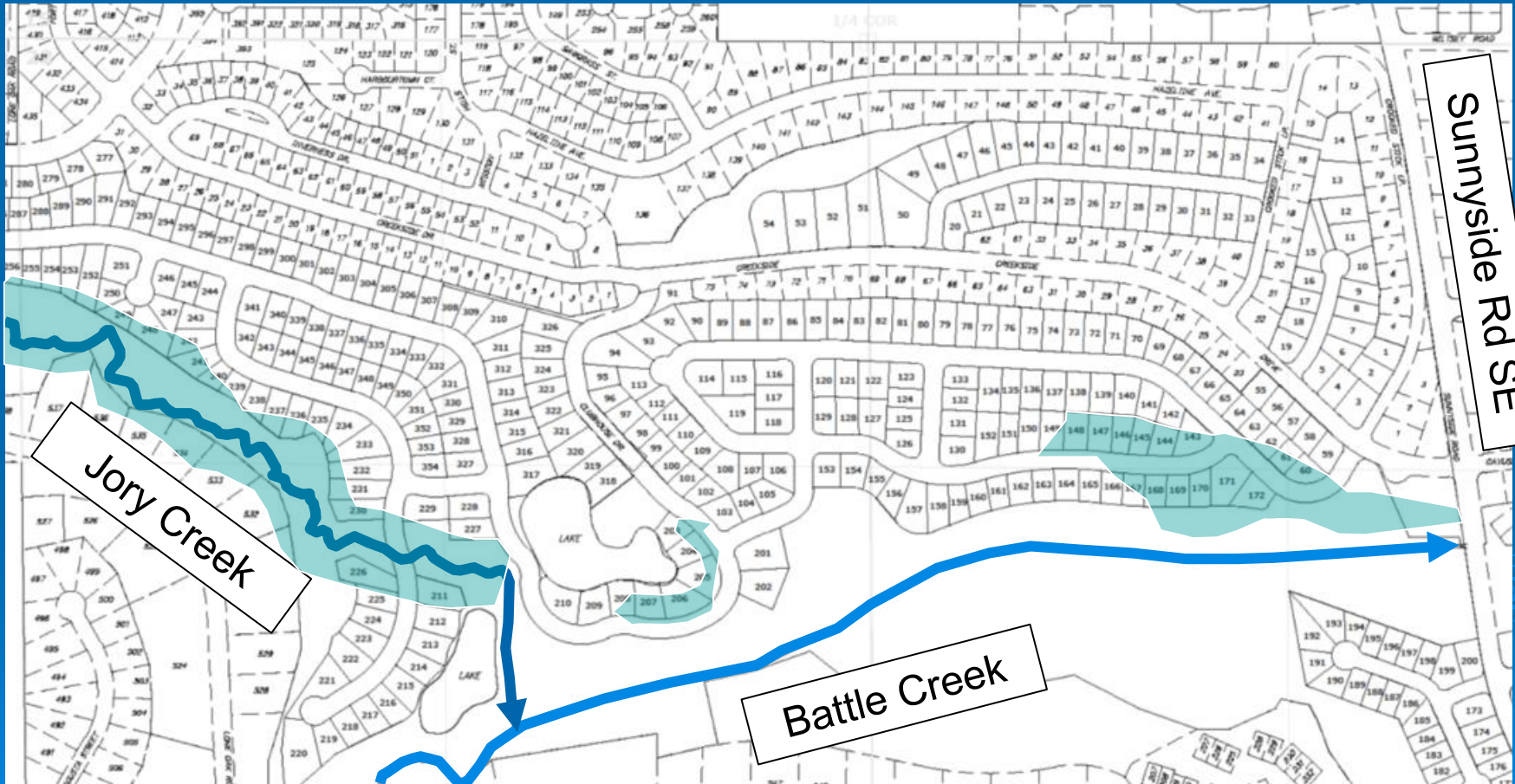
Impacts to development & property owners



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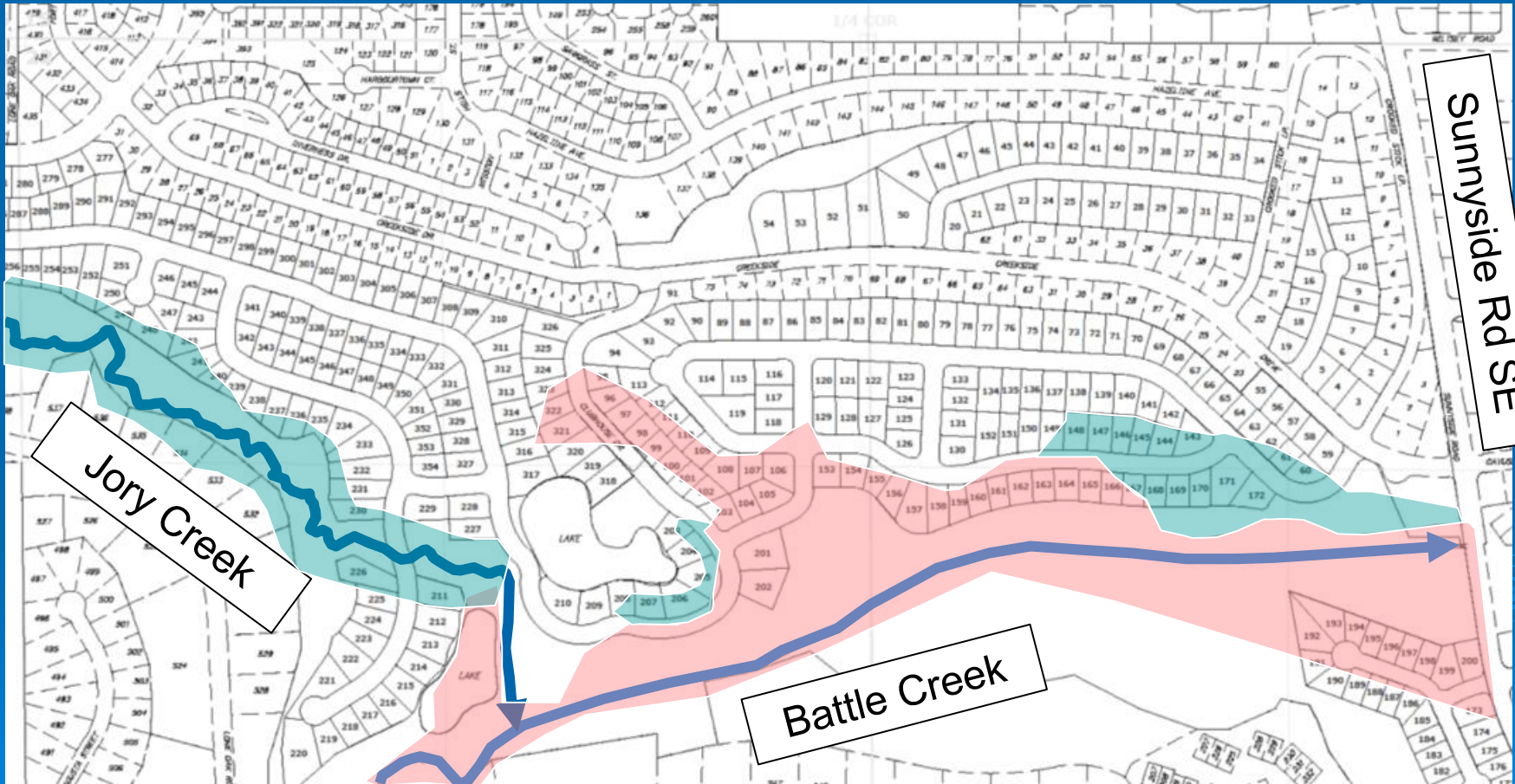
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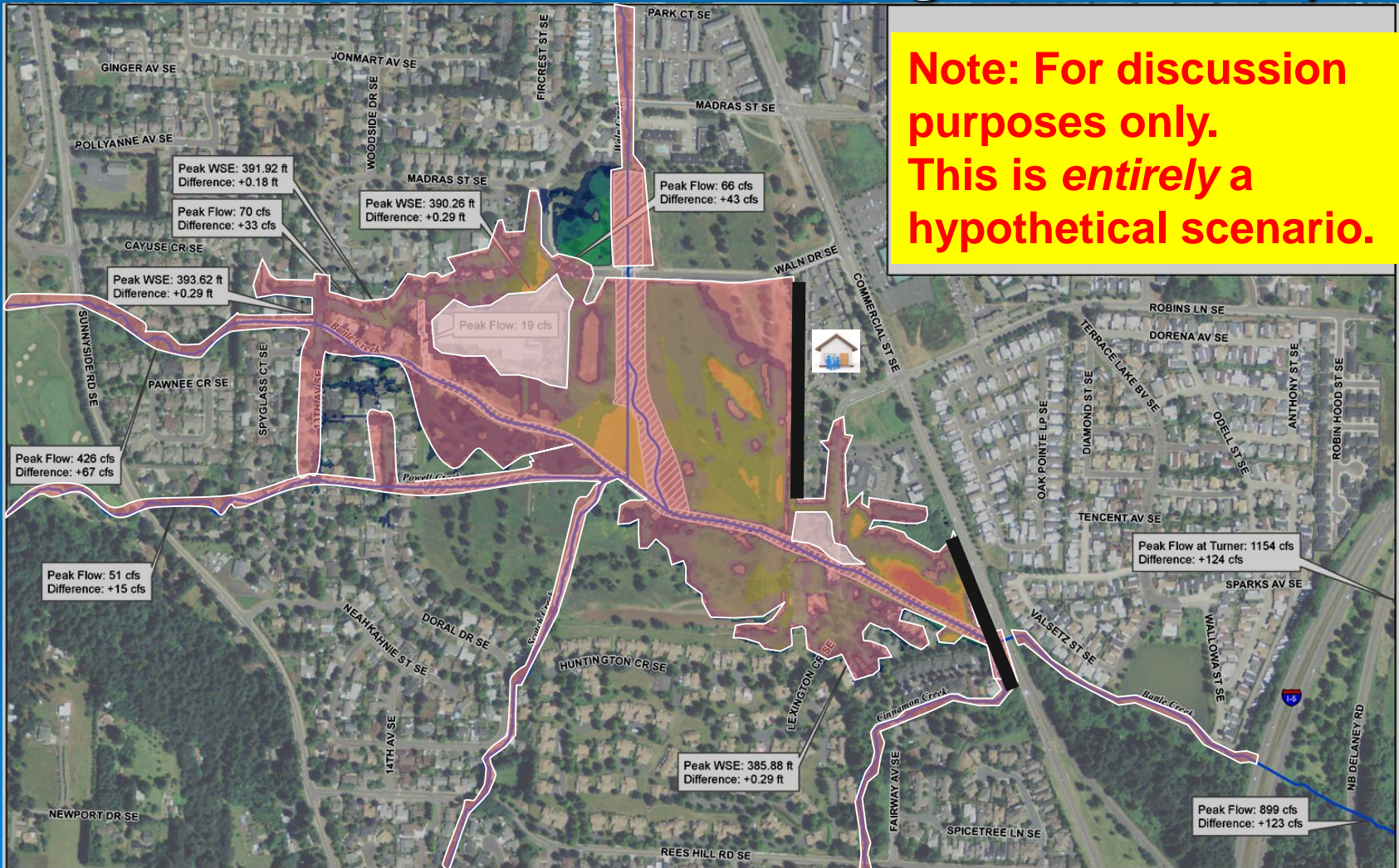
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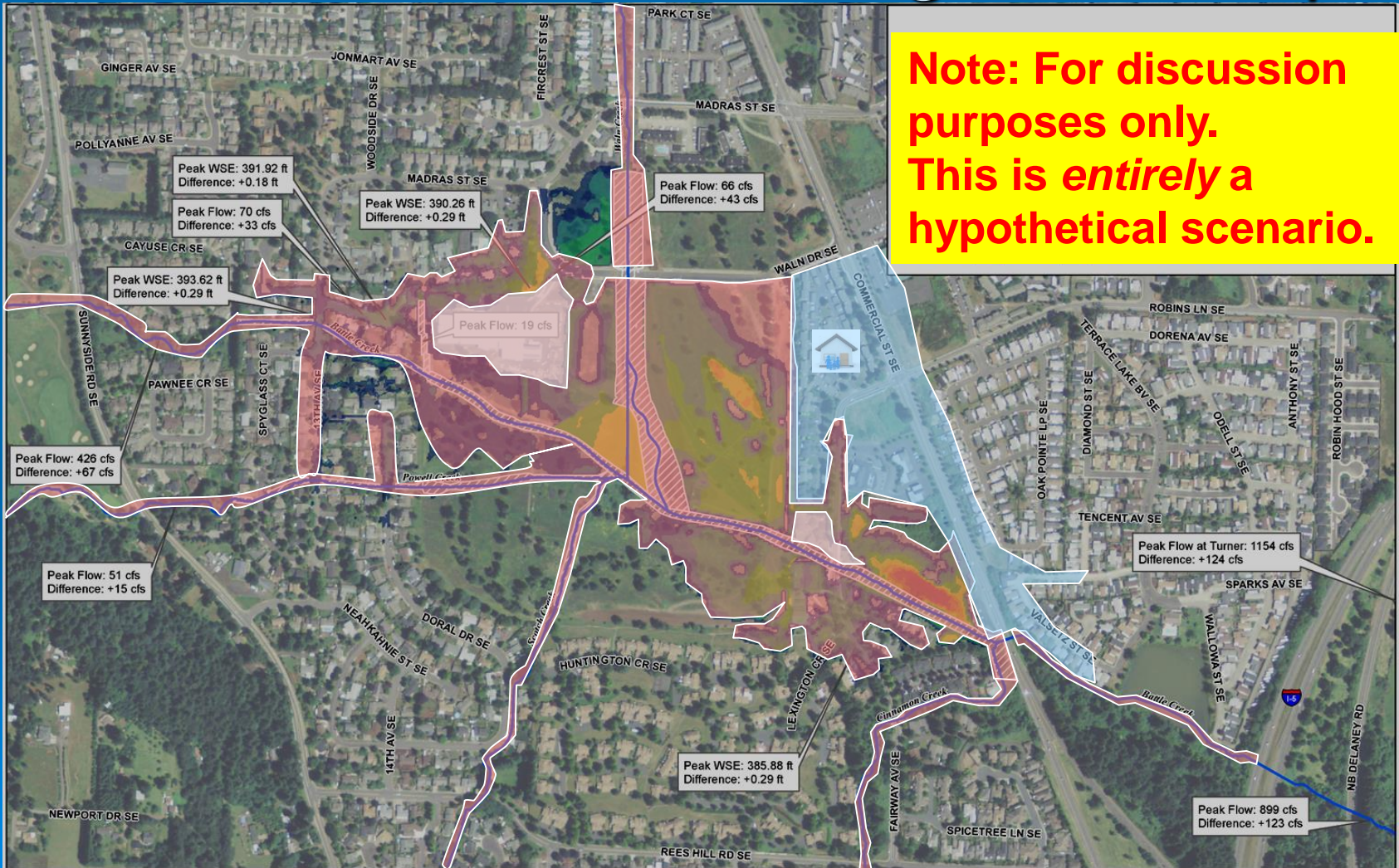
Consideration #3

FEMA Rules for Determining the Floodplain



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Options

Redefining the Floodplain

1. Do Not Update Flood Maps
 - Publish Stormwater Master Plan (incl. 100-year inundation)
 - Wait for FEMA to update
2. Update Flood Maps per FEMA (Remove berms)
 - Regulate as Interim until FEMA adopts maps
 - Submit to FEMA for adoption
3. Update Flood Maps per City (Retain berms)
 - Regulate as Interim until FEMA updates maps
 - Submit to FEMA for information only

Recommendation

The data and modeling methods developed for the *Stormwater Master Plan* should be used to update the floodplain maps in Salem.

1. Determine floodplains using best professional judgement regarding if embankments should be credited for reducing risks of flooding.
2. The new floodplain maps will be promulgated locally as Interim Flood Hazard Areas and will be regulated as such by the City.
3. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be notified of locally promulgated floodplains.
4. The City will not submit the new floodplain maps for official adoption by FEMA.

How could this affect you?

[Once the analysis is completed]

➤ If you are in a floodplain:

You will remain in the floodplain

- Existing floodplains are unaffected by the City-produced maps

➤ If you are near a floodplain

You might be placed in the floodplain

- You may be required to obtain flood insurance
- The value of your property might be affected

➤ If you are developing/purchasing property near the floodplain:

- You will know whether the property is in the floodplain

Discussion