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ON CROSSWICKS CREEK FROM
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PREFACE

This report contains information on the extent, depth and frequency of flooding on Crosswicks Creek. It is intended to provide the basic data essential for proper development and maximum use of flood plains in a manner consistent with the flood hazard involved.

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

The land adjoining a watercourse is subject to flooding from overbank flow. Development of the flood-plain areas has often taken place without consideration of the flood threat, either because it was unknown or there was insufficient information for reasonable estimates of the risk involved in such development.

This report presents information on the extent, depth, and frequency of floods on Crosswicks Creek. The analysis presents specific information on the floodway and flood hazard area floods as adopted by New Jersey and described in "Flood Hazard Report No. 1, Delineation of Flood Hazard Areas" by Anderson-Nichols & Co. Inc., Consultant (1967). The information was based on records since 1940 for the stream-gaging station at Extonville, peak discharge records collected since 1967 at New Egypt, cross-sectional data which was utilized for computation of flood profiles by step-backwater analysis as described by Bailey and Ray (1966), and other technical data

bearing upon the recurrence and size of floods, including tidal flooding in the lower reach of the study area.

This information is intended as an aid to the state and local governmental agencies for planning and regulating the use of the areas subject to inundation. Recommendations for land use, or limitations thereof, are not made in this report. Suggestions and criteria for land use may be found in Dola (1961); White (1961); American Society of Civil Engineers Task Force on Flood Plain Regulations (1962); Goddard (1963); and Bue (1967).

Location and Description of the Area

The area covered by this report (see plate 1) consists of the lowlands along Crosswicks Creek from its mouth to the head of Oakford Lake just above New Egypt, a distance of 124,600 ft (23.6 miles). Communities located on and near the stream are New Egypt, Crosswicks, Groveville, Bordentown, Yardville and White Horse.

Crosswicks Creek lies entirely in the Coastal Plain which is composed of a series of gently seaward dipping beds of clay, silt, sand, and gravel. Below the Coastal Plain sediments, dense, relatively impermeable metamorphic rocks form the basement complex. The thickness of the sediments in the study area ranges from about 200 feet at Bordentown to about 1,100 feet at New Egypt.

The Crosswicks Creek basin is a region of low relief, with an occasional rise such as Taylor Mountain, southwest of New Egypt.

The drainage area above New Egypt is relatively flat and a large percentage of the upper basin consists of lakes and swamps. From New Egypt to head of tide (between Crosswicks and Groveville), Crosswicks Creek flows north and west in a valley 40 to 60 ft deep, and with an average slope of about 3 ft per mile. The slope is relatively flat in the tide-affected reach from Groveville to the Delaware River, with large overflow plains.

The Flood Plain

Upstream of U.S. Highway 130, the normal channel of Crosswicks Creek is bordered by a flood plain of low, relatively flat land which is inundated at least once a year on the average. The width of this flood plain varies between 200 and 1,500 ft, with the narrower areas generally lying in the upper reaches between New Egypt and Extonville. Below U.S. Highway 130, the reach is affected by tidal and(or) fluvial flooding from the Delaware River, and the flood plain is extremely wide; up to a half mile in some places.

Most of the flood plain is used for farming, pasture land or is undeveloped, with the exception of the areas around the communities mentioned previously. The only significant industry now located on the flood plain is the Anchor Thread Company on Crosswicks Creek in Groveville. Hamilton Township Sewage Treatment Plant is located on Crosswicks Creek downstream of U.S. Highway 206. In addition, the Bordentown Pumping Station is on Crosswicks Creek in White Horse.

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Mean annual, floodway, and flood hazard area floods were determined as described in the "New Jersey Flood Hazard Report No. 1, Delineation of Flood Hazard Areas" by Anderson-Nichols & Co., Inc., Consultant (1967) which refers to use of Water Resources Circular 13 by D. M. Thomas (1964). The method outlined in these two reports is a regionalized approach to the determination of the flood discharges at ungaged sites. However, since continuous records of streamflow have been collected since 1940 on Crosswicks Creek at Extonville and peak discharges since 1967 were determined at New Egypt, these data were utilized for a better determination of the floods as explained later under "Determination of Floodway and Flood Hazard Area Floods." Profiles of the floods along the selected reach were computed by the step-backwater method, described by Bailey and Ray (1966). Field data collected for the computations on an electronic computer were cross sections of the channel at intervals along the reach to a common datum, and values of the roughness coefficient. Rating curves which defined the stage-discharge relations at Extonville and New Egypt were used as checks of the computed elevations for the selected floods.

Profiles were computed with initial conditions in the lower or tide affected reach as follows:

1. A mean annual flood on Crosswicks Creek superimposed on a 100-year recurrence interval stage of 16.5 feet above mean sea level of the Delaware River at the mouth of Crosswicks Creek.

2. The floodway flood on Crosswicks Creek superimposed on a mean spring high tide stage of 8.5 feet above mean sea level of the Delaware River at the mouth of Crosswicks Creek.

3. The flood hazard flood on Crosswicks Creek superimposed on a mean spring high tide stage of 8.5 feet above mean sea level of the Delaware River at the mouth of Crosswicks Creek.

The final step was the preparation of the flood-inundation map showing the areas inundated by the floodway and flood hazard area floods. This map was prepared on the basis of the profile for the particular flood, plotting the extent of inundation at each cross section, and delineating between cross sections by interpolation between contours. The profile used for the flood hazard area inundation was whichever was higher as determined by steps 1 and 3 above.

Data Available

Continuous record is available for the station, Crosswicks Creek at Extonville, from August 1940 to October 1951 and October 1952 to the current time. In addition, a crest-stage gage to record flood peaks was installed on Crosswicks Creek at New Egypt in November 1967 (see plate 1 for locations of these stations).

A flood frequency curve computed by the log-Pearson Type III method (Water Resources Council, 1967) was available for the Extonville site. This method was adopted as the base or standard method for computing flood frequencies by the Water Resources

Council and member Federal agencies in 1967. Correlation of peak discharges at New Egypt with corresponding peak discharges at the Extonville gage was available for analysis.

The stage-frequency curve shown in figure 3 represents a combination of tidal and(or) fluvial flooding at the mouth of Crosswicks Creek. This curve was developed from a curve presented by the U.S. Corps of Engineers (House Document No. 348, 1964), and other flood data. It is essentially tidal at the lower end and fluvial at the upper end.

Since the basin is sparsely populated, little information was available as to flood-crest elevations for past floods. The few historical flood elevations that were obtained are shown in table 1. The highest flood known on Crosswicks Creek upstream from head of tide is that of September 1938, and the highest flooding in the tidal reach is that of August 1955.

Cross sections were run at intervals of 800 to 1,000 feet along Crosswicks Creek from U.S. Highway 206 at Bordentown to the head of Oakford Lake above New Egypt. In addition, roughness values for Manning's "n" for each cross section and sub-reach were selected. The above data constituted the required input for the step-backwater computer program. The collection of bridge and dam data was included in the field survey (table 2).

A base map (plate 1) prepared from the U.S. Geological Survey 7 1/2 minute topographic maps (Trenton East, 1957; Allentown, 1957; New Egypt, 1957) at a scale of 1:24,000 with a contour interval of 10 feet was used to define the areal extent of flooding. Twelve of the available cross sections were used to further illustrate the areal extent of flooding (figs. 5-8).

Stream stationing used in this report is the distance, in feet, measured above the mouth along the centerline of the stream. Measurements for stationing were obtained from U.S. Geological Survey maps and from transit-stadia field plots.

Vertical control was established using bench mark data furnished by the New Jersey Geodetic Control Survey, Mercer County, and Burlington County. Bench marks and other reference marks used for vertical control are listed in table 3. Elevations used in this report are given in feet above mean sea level.

Determination of Floodway and Flood Hazard Area Floods

New Jersey floodway and flood hazard area design floods are used by the State of New Jersey for planning purposes and control of encroachments on the stream channel.

As defined in the report by Anderson-Nichols Co., Inc., Consultant (1967) the New Jersey Floodway Design and New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Design Floods are as follows:

Floodway - The channel and portions of the adjacent floodplain necessary to preserve the natural regimen of a stream for the reasonable passage of the floodway design flood.

Flood Hazard Area - The floodway and any additional portions of the floodplain inundated by the flood hazard area design flood.

The magnitude of the floodway and flood hazard area floods were determined by procedures described in the New Jersey Flood Hazard Report No. 1 with reference to curves and relations as given in the New Jersey Water Resources Circular No. 13. First, the mean annual flood is determined for the particular site on the stream from the drainage area vs mean annual flood curve (for sites with 2 percent of area as lakes and swamps) for the region in which the stream flows. The mean annual flood is then adjusted by a factor determined from a curve of adjustment factor vs lake and swamps area, in percent of drainage area. The floodway and flood hazard area floods are then determined by applying appropriate multiples to the adjusted mean annual flood. The frequency curve for the site is then prepared by the method described in New Jersey Water Resources Circular No. 13.

Crosswicks Creek basin is close to a poorly defined boundary between different flood-frequencies and hydrologic areas, as outlined in Water Resources Circular 13. Therefore, frequency curves were prepared for Crosswicks Creek at Extonville (drainage area 83.6 sq mi) both by using Area 3 and Region C curves, as recommended by the reference report, and by using Area 2 and Region B curves. These two frequency curves were then compared to the frequency curve based on the measured annual flood discharges at the Extonville station and computed by the log-Pearson Type III method (fig. 1). This comparison indicated that the mean

annual flood and the applicable multiples to determine the floodway and flood hazard area floods were better based on the Area 2 and Region B curves for most of the study area (from head of tide to the mouth of Lahaway Creek, a major tributary at station 100,000).

However, the use of the Area 2 and Region B curves for the flood computations at the New Egypt site gives results that are low based on the actual peak discharge data collected at the crest-stage gage. The mean annual flood adjustment factor for the large percentage of area of lakes and swamps above New Egypt, as determined from the given relationship, may need further study to give better results or it may be that the river reach upstream from the mouth of Lahaway Creek may be in a different hydrologic area. Due to these uncertainties, a separate analysis was made for this relatively short reach with a 25 percent increase in drainage area from the upstream to downstream ends of the reach. The mean annual flood discharge for Crosswicks Creek at New Egypt was determined from the relation of the peak discharges recorded at New Egypt to the corresponding peak discharges at the Extonville station. Mean annual flood discharges for other sites in the reach from mouth of Lahaway Creek to head of Oakford Lake were determined by multiplying the New Egypt mean annual flood by the drainage area ratio. The floodway and flood hazard area floods were then determined by applying the same multiples as for sites downstream from Lahaway Creek. Thus the actual flood data collected at Extonville and New Egypt were given major weight in the analysis.

The mean annual, floodway, and flood hazard area flood discharges thus computed are given for bridge and dam sites on Crosswicks Creek in table 1.

From the Area 2, Region B frequency curve for the Extonville station (fig. 1) the recurrence interval for the floodway flood is about 60 years and the flood hazard area flood is approximately 180 years. The recurrence intervals for these two floods are approximately the same at other sites along the river including the New Egypt site as given in figure 2.

Flood Profiles

Profiles for the flood hazard flood, floodway flood, and mean annual flood are shown in figure 4. These profiles were defined by computations utilizing cross sectional data in the step-backwater computer program. The thalweg data was obtained from field surveys at each cross section in the study.

The highest water surface profile between stations 0 to 33,000 feet represents the flood elevation which would result from the simultaneous occurrence of a 100-year frequency backwater effect from the Delaware River (16.5 ft) and a Crosswicks Creek mean annual flood discharge of 2,800 cubic feet per second. The flood plain in this six mile reach is very wide (especially below U.S. Route 130) and it can be seen from the profile that the mean annual flood is quickly dissipated in the high conveyance capacity of the channel downstream from the head of tide. The mean annual flood is affected

by backwater from tides up to the New Jersey Turnpike at station 44,000. If the flood hazard flood had been superimposed on the same high tide, the water surface elevation up to the Turnpike would have been slightly higher. This condition, however, was not delineated as the probability of these two extreme events occurring at the same time is very remote.

The slope of the water surface profiles of the mean annual, floodway, and flood hazard floods conform very nearly to average slope of the streambed in the reach which is not tide affected. An exception to this is the abrupt changes which are shown at most bridges, indicating the difference in upstream and downstream water surface elevations. The drops through the bridges represent backwater at the upstream side caused when the hydraulic characteristics of the bridge openings control the upstream water surface elevation. The water surface below the bridge is controlled by the hydraulics of the downstream channel. The actual amount of fall at bridges was computed by indirect methods utilizing bridge geometry collected in field surveys and applicable discharges.

The degree of control exercised by the bridge under normal conditions is dependent on discharge and channel conditions downstream of the bridge. Accumulations of debris or channel enlargement or fill could significantly alter the drop in water surface through the bridge, and may also affect the areal extent of flooding upstream of the bridge.

USE OF FREQUENCY AND FLOOD PROFILES

The primary use of the flood data in this report is to determine the areal extent and depth of flooding that would occur during the floodway design and flood hazard design floods.

Important secondary uses are (1) to determine the areal extent of a flood of a specific frequency, and (2) to estimate the depth of flooding at a specific location for a given frequency.

When dealing with the frequency and profile relations applied to practical problems at a specific location, elevation of that point in feet above mean sea level will be required. These elevations should be obtained by differential leveling and should be referenced to mean sea level, datum of 1929, which is equivalent to the New Jersey Geodetic Control Survey datum. The list of bench marks and reference marks in table 3 may prove to be helpful as a starting point for leveling work.

Areal Extent of Flooding

The areas inundated by the floodway and flood hazard floods are shown on plate 1. The flood boundaries delineated along tributary streams represent the areas inundated by backwater from the floodway and flood hazard floods on Crosswicks Creek. More extensive flooding on these tributary streams could occur as a result of heavy local thunderstorms on the tributary basin and would have a different frequency and profile.

The areal extent of flooding of a specified frequency at any location along Crosswicks Creek can be found by determining the elevation for the flood of the particular frequency. This point may then be located by levels in the field or on the base map (plate 1) by interpolation between contours and(or) the elevations for the flood hazard and floodway floods at the particular location.

In the lower reach, affected by tidal and(or) fluvial backwater from the Delaware River, the elevation of the water surface for a specified frequency can be determined by reference to figure 3.

At the gaging station at Extonville, the elevation for a flood of a specified frequency may be determined by reference to the Area 2, Region B curve given in figure 1. For any other location, between Groveville Road and mouth of Lahaway Creek, the elevation for a 30-year recurrence interval flood, as an example, may be determined by the following procedure.

1. Locate the point of interest on the base map (plate 1) and determine the stream stationing which, for illustration, is station 80,000.

2. Refer to the water surface profiles (fig. 4). Note that the elevation for the 30-year flood will fall between the profiles for the mean annual flood (2.33-year frequency) and the floodway flood (60-year frequency, same as determined for site of Extonville station).

3. Refer to the Area 2, Region B curve given in figure 1.

For the Extonville site, we determine the elevations for the mean annual, 30-year frequency, and floodway floods as 34.5, 37.2, and 37.8 ft, respectively. We note the difference of 3.3 ft between the mean annual and floodway floods, and that the 30-year flood is 0.6 lower than the floodway flood.

4. Refer to figure 4. At station 80,000, we find that the difference between the elevations of 39.2 ft for the mean annual flood and 42.4 ft for the floodway flood is 3.2 ft, and thus the elevation of the 30-year flood is $42.4 - 0.6$ or 41.8 ft. Proportional ratios would be used if this difference was substantially greater or less than at the Extonville station. In this case, however, it is close enough to say that the desired elevation is 0.6 ft lower than the floodway flood.

The procedure would be the same for the reach upstream from the mouth of Lahaway except that the frequency curve for Crosswicks Creek at New Egypt (fig. 2) would be used.

Depth of Flooding

Twelve cross sections, figures 5-8, are shown in this report to illustrate the depth of flooding at selected sites on Crosswicks Creek. Flood hazard, floodway, and mean annual flood elevations determined from figure 4 are shown on these cross sections. For other sites along the stream, the depth of flooding can be determined by subtracting the ground elevation from the flood elevation. Ground

elevation can be determined from the topographic map (plate 1) or, preferably, from ground surveys. Flood elevations can be found from figure 4 for any location for which the distance above the mouth has been scaled from the map (plate 1).

LIMITATIONS

The flood data presented in this report can be used in land use planning, flood insurance studies, and efficient regulation of development in the Crosswicks Creek flood plain. However, the procedures recommended herein must be used with full knowledge of the limitations involved.

The term "recurrence interval" used in flood mapping studies is not meant to imply any regularity of occurrence. Floods occur on a very irregular basis with no advance warning. The term "recurrence interval" as used in flood-frequency studies is defined as the average interval of time within which a flood of a given magnitude will be equaled or exceeded once. For example, a flood having a recurrence interval of 25-years indicates that a flood of that magnitude will be equaled or exceeded, on the average, four times in 100 years.

Among the limitations is the accuracy of the higher recurrence intervals shown on figures 1 and 2. These frequency curves were based on regional relations defined by Thomas (1964) and on the basis of 28 years of record at Extonville and 3 years of record at

New Egypt. The hydrologic conditions of an area do not always remain constant. Changes in hydrologic characteristics of the stream may very well alter the flood-frequency relation. Increased urbanization will result in greater storm runoff and higher peak discharges. Channel improvements such as dredging or straightening as well as filling or building on the flood plain will have an altering effect on the flood profile. The construction of bridges and dams across the stream must also be considered as having potential for changing the flood profile.

Therefore, for structures built upon the flood plain, it would be prudent to provide a foot or two of extra elevation above that shown to be needed in this study. Extra allowance would especially be advisable for structures that are highly susceptible to flood damage and are difficult to flood proof or evacuate after warning.

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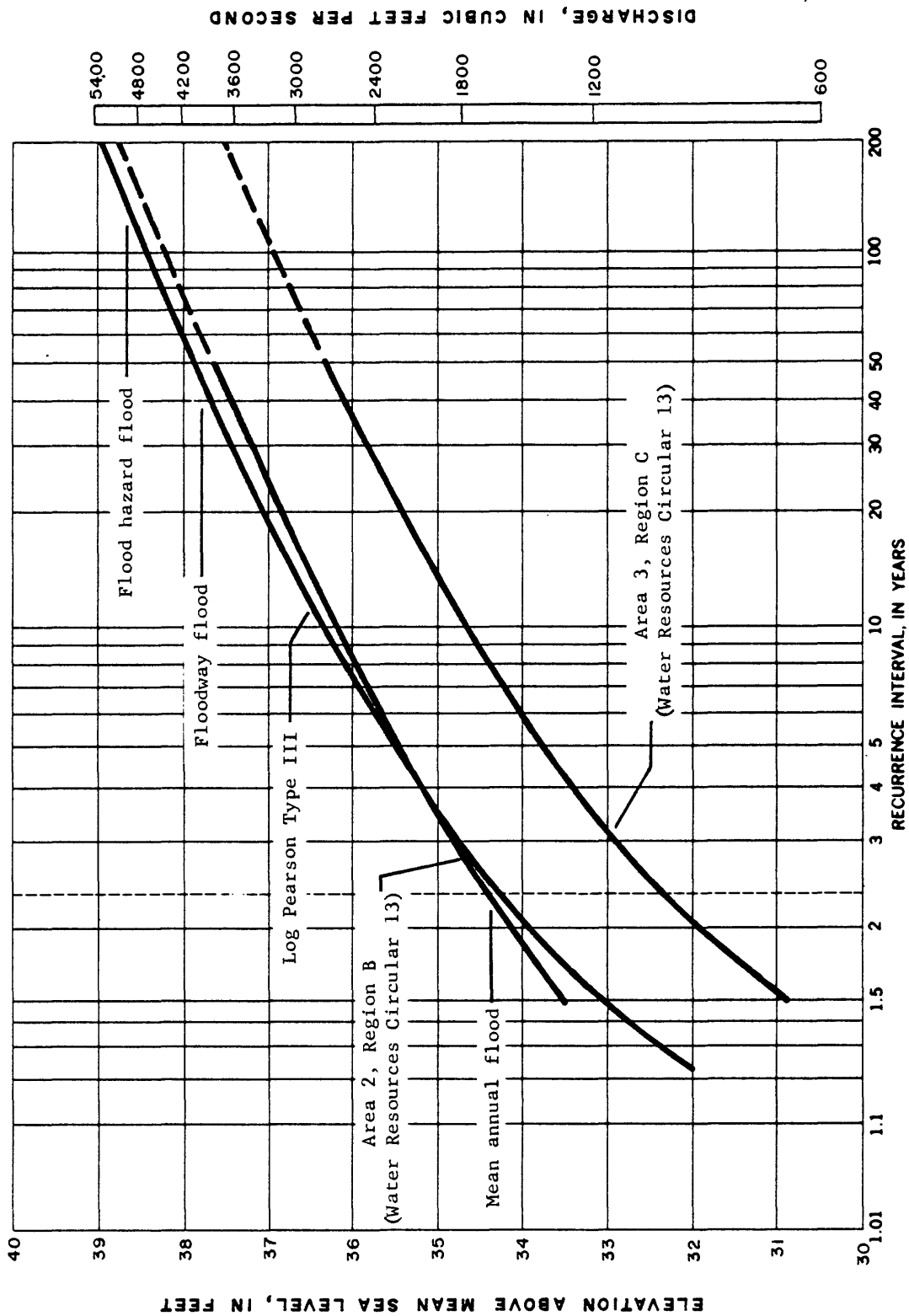


Figure 1.--Regionalized and Log Pearson Type III frequency curves for Crosswicks Creek at Extonville.

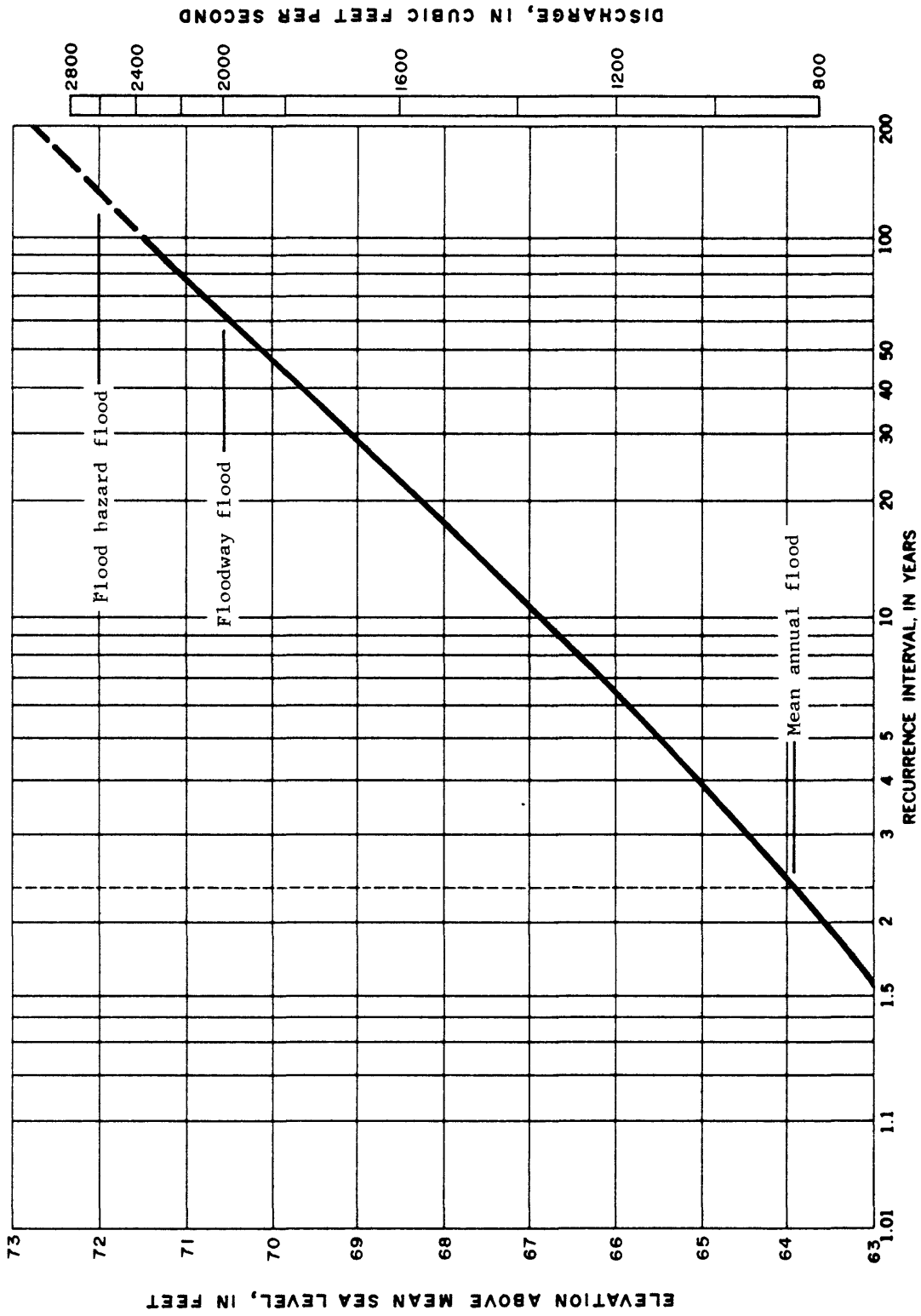


Figure 2.--Regionalized frequency curve for Crosswicks Creek at New Egypt.

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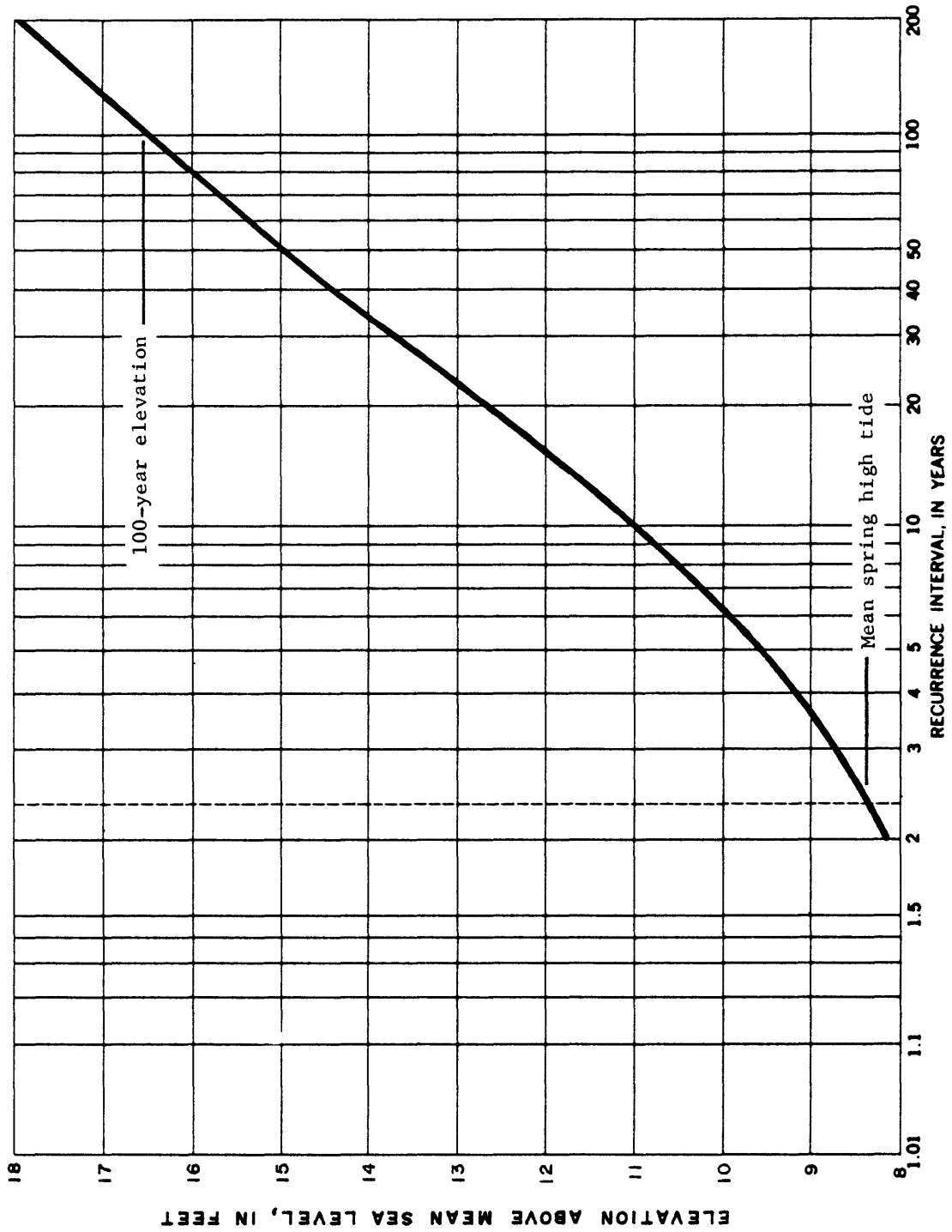


Figure 3.--Tidal and(or) fluvial frequency curve for Delaware River at mouth of Crosswicks Creek.

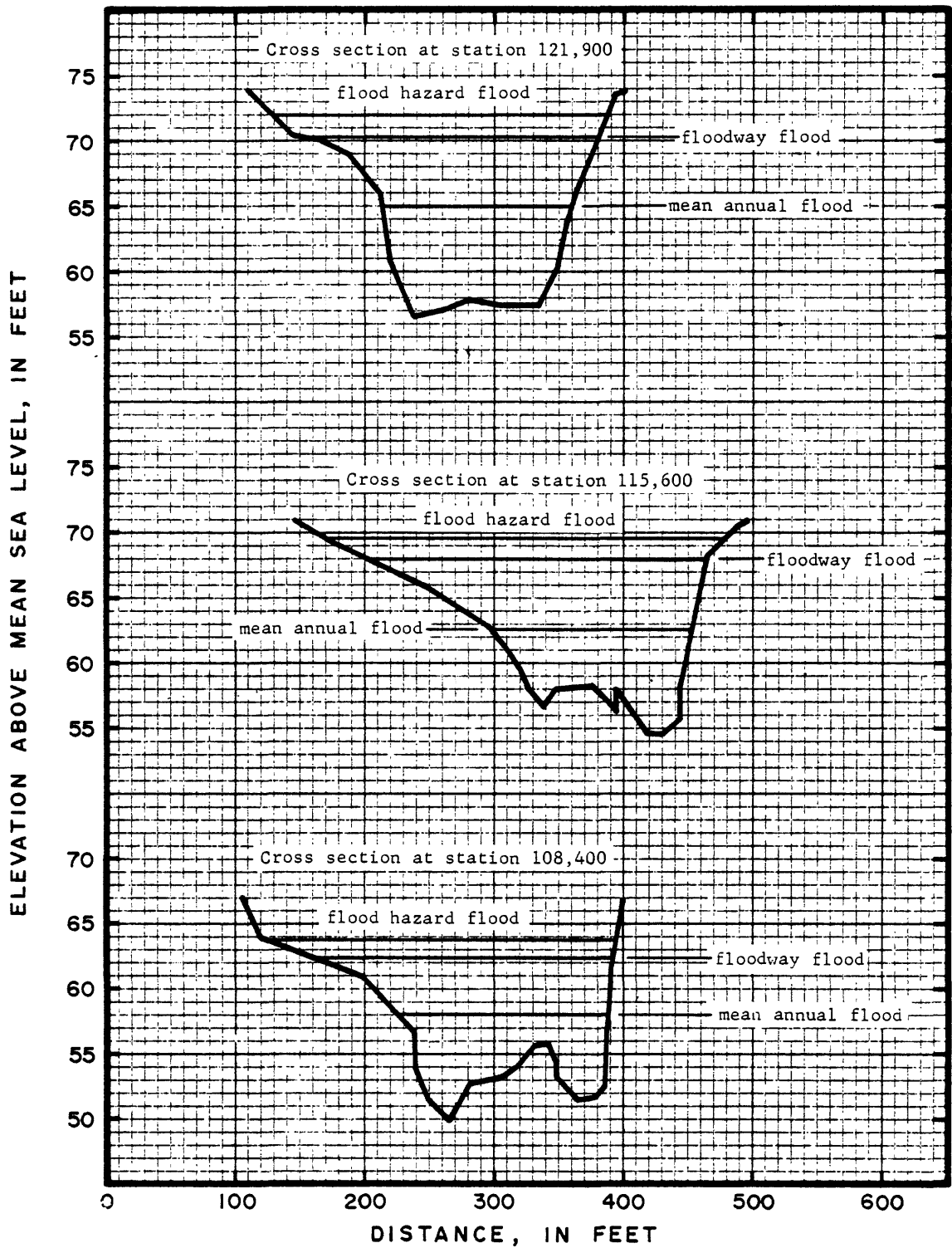


Figure 5.--Cross sections of Crosswicks Creek, looking downstream.

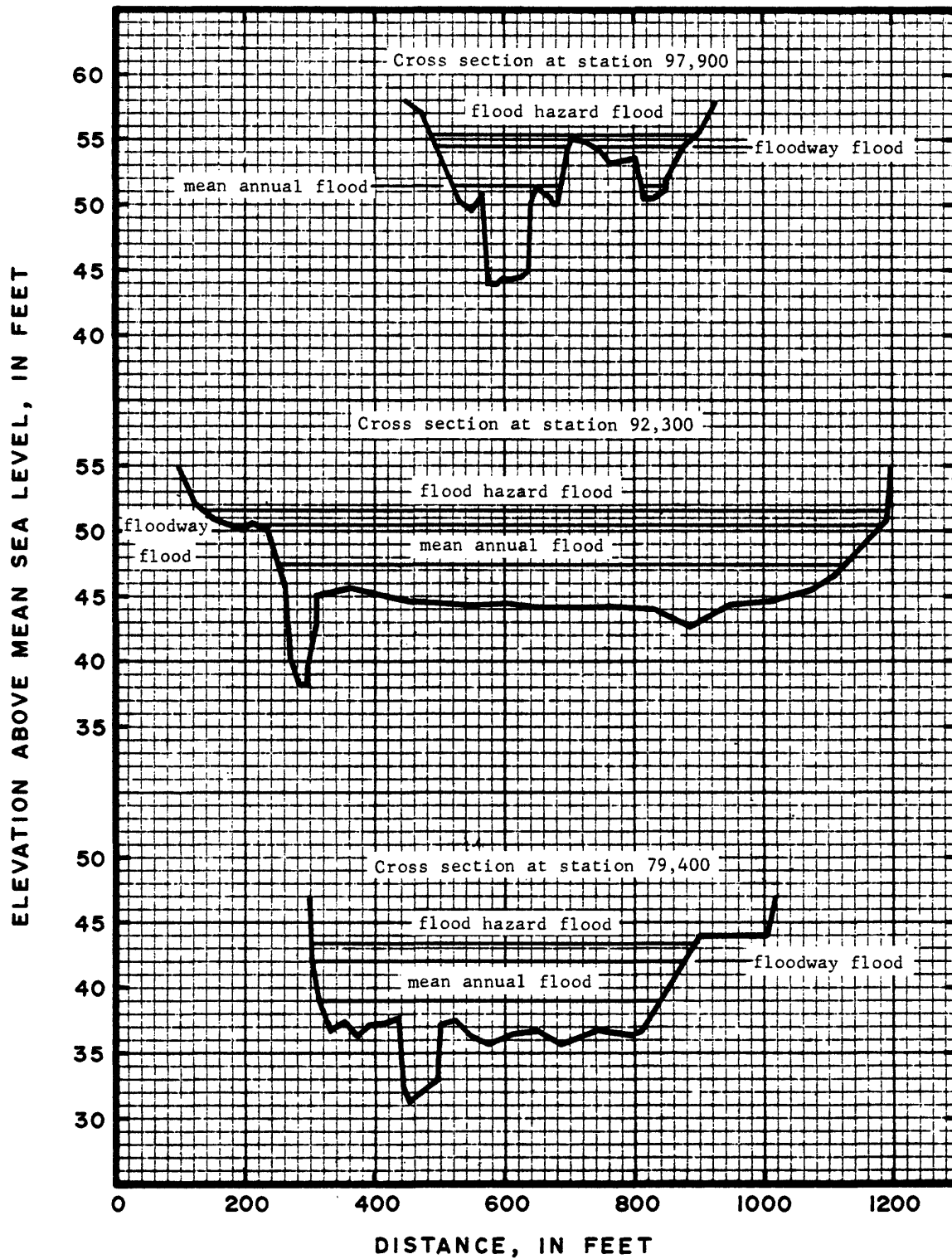


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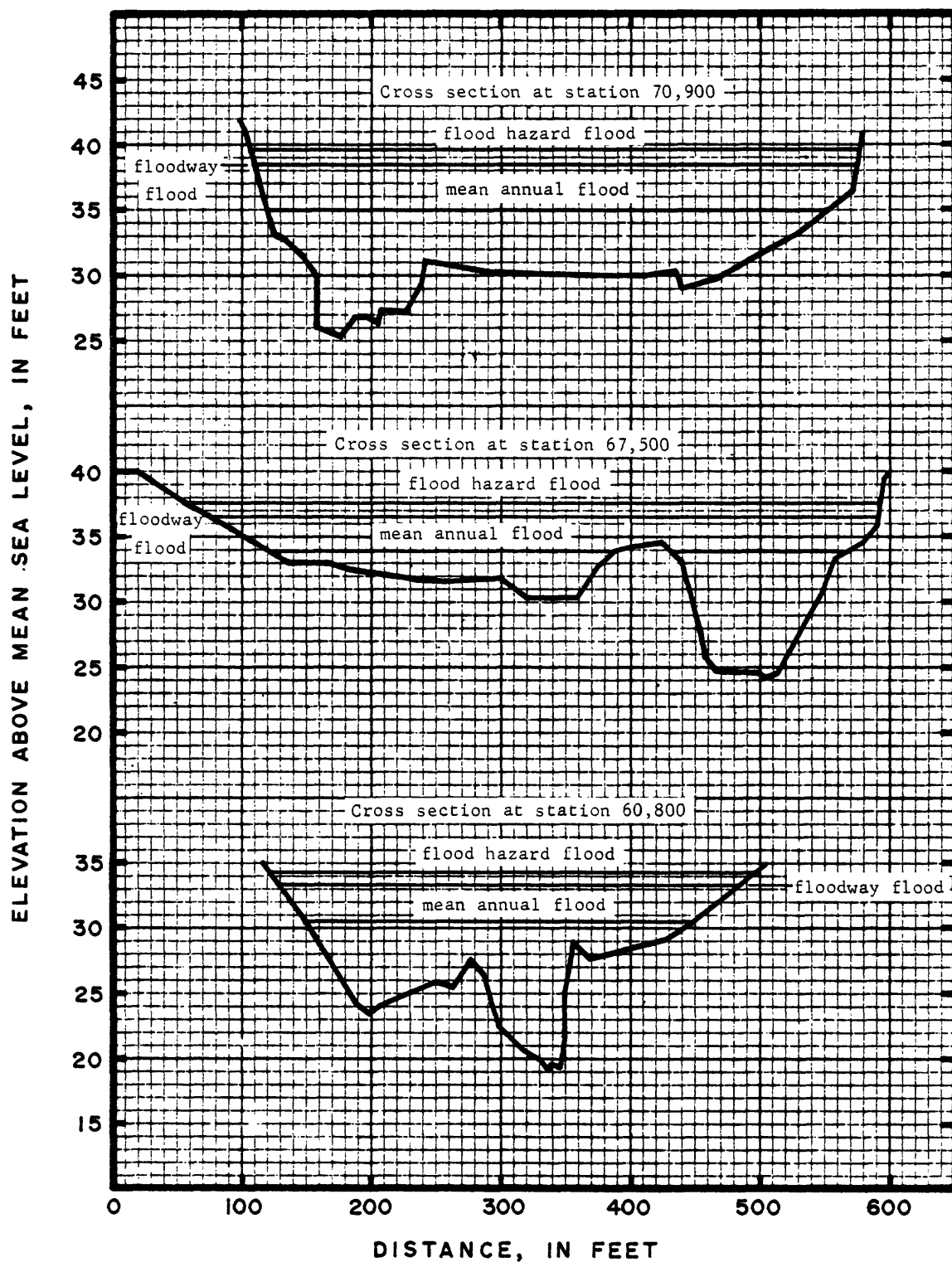


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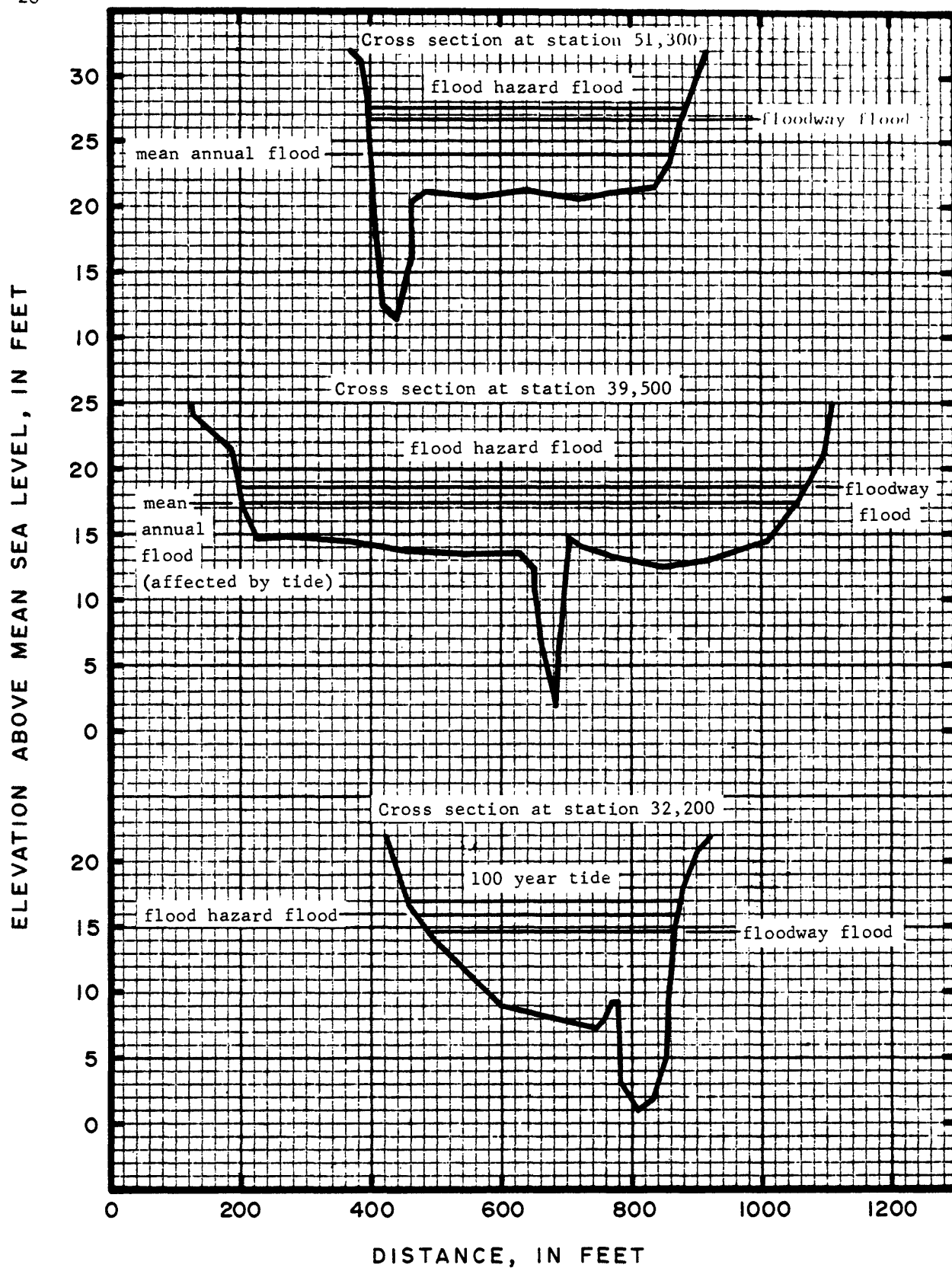


Figure 8.--Cross sections of Crosswicks Creek, looking downstream.

Table 1.--Flood-crest data for Crosswicks Creek

Site	Station (feet)	Mean annual flood		Floodway flood		Flood hazard flood		Sept. 22, 1938		Sept. 13, 1960	
		Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)
Oakford Lake Dam	upstream	64.8	850	70.4	2,000	72.0	2,600				
County Route 528	upstream	63.9	850	70.4	2,000	72.0	2,600				
	downstream	63.5		69.3		71.5		±68.8		±68.4	
Union Transportation (Railroad)	upstream	63.0	900	68.8	2,200	70.5	2,800				
	downstream	62.9		68.5		70.1					
County Route 537	upstream	59.3	950	64.0	2,300	65.6	2,900				
	downstream	59.1		63.6		65.2					
Arneytown Road	upstream	55.2	1,000	58.8	2,500	59.9	3,200				
	downstream	55.0		58.3		59.4					
Walnford Dam	upstream	44.1	1,600	47.2	3,800	48.6	4,800				
	downstream	43.9		47.1		48.5					
Crosswicks Waln- ford Road	upstream	43.8	1,600	47.0	3,800	48.4	4,800			±47.0	
	downstream	43.5		46.4		47.4					
Main Channel	upstream	43.8		47.0		48.4					
	downstream	43.5		46.4		47.4					
Ellisdale Road	upstream	36.0	1,700	39.8	4,000	41.0	5,000				
	downstream	35.8		39.3		40.2					
Gaging station	upstream	34.5	1,700	37.8	4,000	38.7	5,000	±37.9	4,100	36.9	3,200
Extonville Road	upstream	34.5	1,700	37.8	4,000	38.7	5,000				
	downstream	34.4		37.4		38.2					

Table 1.--Flood-crest data for Crosswicks Creek--Continued

Site	Station (feet)	Mean annual flood		Floodway flood		Flood hazard flood		Sept. 22, 1938		Sept. 13, 1960	
		Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)	Elevation (feet)	Discharge (cfs)
Iron Bridge Road upstream downstream	62,300	31.2 31.0	1,800	34.9 34.4	4,200	36.0 35.5	5,200				
Hamilton Square- Crosswicks Road upstream downstream	47,000	20.8 20.7	2,100	24.3 23.9	5,100	25.5 25.0	6,300				
Crosswicks Mill Dam upstream downstream	46,400	20.2 19.9	2,100	23.7 23.6	5,100	24.8 24.7	6,300				
New Jersey Turn- pike upstream downstream	43,900	19.5 18.9	2,200	23.1 21.4	5,200	24.4 22.5	6,600				
Main Street Groveville upstream downstream	33,700	- -	2,200	17.0 16.2	5,300	18.5 17.5	6,700	17.9			
U.S. Highway 130 upstream downstream	29,800	- -	2,200	12.3 11.5	5,300	13.2 12.3	6,700				
Penn Central (Railroad) upstream downstream	28,300	- -	2,800	11.2 10.0	6,800	12.2 10.5	8,500				
U.S. Highway 206 upstream downstream	18,200	- -	2,800	8.9 8.5	6,800	9.2 8.5	8,500				

a From information supplied by local residents.

Table 2.--Flood data for bridges across Crosswicks Creek

Site	Station (feet)	Elevation above mean sea level, in feet					
		Thalweg	Low steel	Bridge floor	Low point of road approach	Low water Dec. 30, 1968	Floodway flood
Oakford Lake Dam	upstream	118,000	55.1	-	61.6	-	70.4
County Route 528	upstream	117,600	54.1	63.6	-	58.5	70.4
	downstream		53.5	-	70.3	-	69.3
Union Transportation (Railroad)	upstream	116,300	54.0	71.4	73.5	-	68.8
	downstream		54.1	-	-	58.2	68.5
County Route 537	upstream	110,200	50.5	66.5	70.0	55.0	64.0
	downstream		49.9	66.5	-	-	63.6
Arneytown Road	upstream	103,000	45.1	58.7	60.0	-	58.8
	downstream		45.0	58.5	-	49.7	58.3
Walnford Dam	upstream	87,200	38.0	-	40.7	41.0	47.2
	downstream		35.0	-	-	-	47.1
Crosswicks- Walnford Road							
Bypass Channel	upstream	86,800	39.8	45.8	47.0	-	47.0
	downstream		39.5	45.8	-	-	46.4
Main Channel	upstream	86,800	33.1	45.3	48.3	-	47.0
	downstream		31.3	45.3	-	38.3	46.4
Ellisdale Road	upstream	73,800	26.0	38.2	39.7	-	39.8
	downstream		24.3	38.2	-	30.4	39.3

Table 2.--Flood data for bridges across Crosswicks Creek--Continued

Site	Station (feet)	Elevation above mean sea level, in feet					
		Thalweg	Low steel	Bridge floor	Low point of road approach	Low water Dec. 30, 1968	Floodway flood
Gaging station	68,800	24.7	-	a27.0	-	27.7	37.8
Extonville Road	68,750	20.9 22.7	36.4 36.2	37.7 -	36.8 -	26.7 -	37.8 37.4
Iron Bridge Road	62,300	- 17.6	35.6 35.7	37.0 -	34.5 -	- 23.8	34.9 34.4
Hamilton Square- Crosswicks Road	47,000	- 9.0	- 28.7	35.9 -	35.9 -	- 18.1	24.3 23.9
Crosswicks Mill Dam	46,400	11.7 -	- -	a17.5 -	- -	18.1 12.8	23.7 23.6
New Jersey Turnpike	43,900	- 8.6	- -	- -	- -	- -	23.1 21.4
Main Street Groveville	33,700	1.8 1.1	17.0 17.0	19.1 -	15.5 -	5.1 -	17.0 16.2
U.S. Highway 130	29,800	-2.2 0.2	13.3 13.2	17.8 -	17.8 -	- 3.3	12.3 11.5
Penn Central (Railroad)	28,300	- -2.5	- 33.2	- 41.6	- 41.6	- -	11.2 10.0
U.S. Highway 206	18,200	- -3.9	11.4 12.3	16.0 -	15.6 -	1.7 -	8.9 8.5

a Dam crest elevation.

Table 3.--Mean sea level reference points

Distance upstream of mouth, in feet	Description	Elevation above mean sea level, in feet
	<u>Crosswicks Creek</u>	
118,000	A chiseled square on the top corner of the upstream left bank abutment of Oakford Lake dam in New Egypt.....	63.46
117,600	N.J.G.C.S. RV 5822.--A standard monel metal rivet on the downstream side of the County Route 528 bridge (Main St, New Egypt) over Crosswicks Creek, one foot to right of the left end of the bridge.....	70.542
	N.J.G.C.S. Monument 3296.--A standard U.S.C. & G.S. & S.S. disk, set in concrete, on the east side of Evergreen Road, about 150 ft north of the north curb of Fort Avenue, in front of the Norman Bright warehouse in New Egypt.....	67.724
116,300	The head of the first bolt from the upstream right bank end of, and through the top of the 6" x 6" wooden curbing on the Union Transportation railroad bridge over Crosswicks Creek in New Egypt.....	73.81
	N.J.G.C.S. Monument 3295.--A standard U.S.C. & G.S. & S.S. disk, set in concrete, on the west side of the Allentown-New Egypt road, about 0.25 mile south of County Route 537.....	105.496
110,200	The downstream right corner of the eleventh vertical steel guardrail post from the upstream left bank end of the County Route 537 bridge over Crosswicks Creek...	72.89
	N.J.G.C.S. RV 6206.--A standard monel metal rivet in the northwest corner of a concrete culvert headwall on the west side of the Allentown-New Egypt road, 0.39 mile north of County Route 537.....	81.021

Distance upstream of mouth, in feet	Description	Elevation above mean sea level, in feet
	<u>Crosswicks Creek--Continued</u>	
103,000	The top of the end of the threaded portion of the one inch diameter bolt through the concrete bridge beam and steel plate (below road level) at the downstream right bank end of the Hornerstown-Arneytown road bridge over Crosswicks Creek.....	59.30
	N.J.G.C.S. RV 6203.--A standard monel metal rivet set in the top of the concrete head-wall of the northerly of two culverts on the west side of the New Egypt-Allentown road 0.23 mile south of Monmouth County Highway 27.....	65.462
	N.J.G.C.S. Monument 3291.--A standard U.S.C. & G.S. & S.S. disk, set in concrete on the east side of County Route 539 about 380 feet south of the dirt road to Walnford....	121.399
87,200	A railroad spike on the south side of the road at Walnford about 50 feet east of the old mill building and upstream of the dam.....	50.42
86,800	The downstream left corner of the concrete bridge beam at the downstream right bank end of the truss bridge over Crosswicks Creek at Walnford.....	46.11
73,800	The top of the nut on the bolt through the right end of the tie rod on the downstream side of the Ellisdale Road bridge over Crosswicks Creek.....	38.81

Table 3.--Mean sea level reference points--Continued

Distance upstream of mouth, in feet	Description	Elevation above mean sea level, in feet
<u>Crosswicks Creek--Continued</u>		
68,700	A standard U.S.G.S. gaging station reference mark tablet, set in concrete, about 35 feet from the downstream right corner of the gage house in line with the front of the house and on the upstream right bank side of the Extonville Road.....	33.08
62,200	WPA Riparian Survey Bench Mark.--A chiseled cross on the downstream left bank abutment on the bridge seat of the Iron Bridge over Crosswicks Creek.....	35.61
47,000	Burlington County Monument 28.--A chiseled cross on the top of the upstream left bank end of the bridge over Crosswicks Creek at Crosswicks.....	36.04
46,400	The top of the upstream corner of the downstream left bank main dam abutment on Crosswicks Creek at Crosswicks.....	21.69
33,700	The top of the downstream left bank end of the curved steel angle iron at road level on the bridge over Crosswicks Creek at Groveville.....	19.77
29,700	A chiseled square on the top of the downstream left bank wingwall at the upstream left corner the U.S. Highway 130 bridge over Crosswicks Creek.....	17.85
18,200	The top downstream left corner of the drop inlet at the upstream right bank end of the U.S. Highway 206 bridge over Crosswicks Creek. (Labeled as "BM 32" by unknown persons.)	16.530

Distance upstream of mouth, in feet	Description	Elevation above mean sea level, in feet
18,200	<u>Crosswicks Creek--Continued</u> N.J.G.C.S. Monument 11189.--A standard N.J.G.C.S. disk, set in concrete, 6" be- low the ground, in the center island of U.S. Highway 206 just north of Crosswicks Creek.....	16.937