In June 1972, tropical storm Agnes caused severe flooding in Pennsylvania and New York. The floods on many major streams were the highest since the river valleys were settled. Flooding extended west to the Alleghenies and north to the shores of Lake Ontario. In southern New York, large areas were submerged for more than 100 days. The flooding destroyed many properties. Levels of all of the Finger Lakes were higher than any previously recorded, and extensive flooding of suburban properties resulted.

The extent of flooding shown on the map was delineated by the U.S. Geological Survey from aerial photography and limited field work.

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