In June 1972, tropical storms caused severe flooding in western New York and eastern New York. The flood was so severe that 30-foot levees were required to prevent the river valley from overtopping. Heights above flood levels were as much as twice the discharge of a 30-year flood. This flood, like those in the history of Salamanca, New York, caused extensive property damage in the valley. No detailed flood maps were made to show the area flooded in the valley. Maps of flooding show on the map were delineated by the U.S. Geological Survey from field surveys made immediately after the flood. The investigation was conducted in cooperation with the State of New York and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.