

# EXHIBIT 18

## Hollywood Beach and Silver Strand Flood Depth Analysis

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Coastal Hazards and Sea Level Rise

Local Coastal Program Amendments

<p>County of Ventura Planning Commission Hearing Case No. PL20-0039 Exhibit 18 - Hollywood Beach and Silver Strand Flood Depth Analysis</p>
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# MEMORANDUM

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## Purpose

The purpose of this study is to evaluate future flood depths and support draft policies for updating the design flood elevation development standards for the Existing communities of Silver Strand and Hollywood by the Sea (Hollywood) in the unincorporated portions of Ventura County, CA.

## Methodology

### Datasets Used

#### Elevation Datasets

This study relied on the most recent and highest resolution publicly accessible digital elevation models (DEMs) for the region. The DEMs are a “bare ground” elevation, meaning that buildings and vegetation have been filtered from the elevation data. These included:

- 2018 USGS Lidar – Collected May – October 2018.
- 2016 USGS Lidar – Collected April – May 2016.

The vertical accuracy of these elevation models is approximately 4.5-8 inches at a 95% confidence level<sup>1</sup>. While the majority of elevations are within +/- 4 inches,

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<sup>1</sup> [https://noaa-nos-coastal-lidar-pds.s3.amazonaws.com/laz/geoid18/6259/supplemental/west\\_coast\\_2016\\_el\\_nino\\_m6259\\_lidar\\_report.pdf](https://noaa-nos-coastal-lidar-pds.s3.amazonaws.com/laz/geoid18/6259/supplemental/west_coast_2016_el_nino_m6259_lidar_report.pdf).  
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a very small number of elevations may differ by as much as 20 inches. For this study, errors in the elevation dataset were filtered, and two surveys were used to reduce the potential for errors in one dataset to bias the results.

### **Parcel Datasets**

This study relied on the same parcel dataset layer as was used in the Ventura County Resilient Coastal Adaptation Project assessment<sup>2</sup> and focused only on parcels in the Hollywood and Silver Strand neighborhoods of Ventura County. The County Assessor's table information reported as a part of this study includes the Assessor's parcel number (APN) and street address.

The parcel dataset underwent a quality assurance check by comparing the street addresses in the Assessor's parcel dataset with those in the County of Ventura address location points dataset, and any errors in the Assessor's parcel dataset street addresses were corrected on parcels with multiple addresses, typically on corner lots with multiple units, or when a lot's front multiple streets. In these cases, priority was given to the 'Situs' address listed in the assessor's parcel dataset.

Also note, the following parcel types were omitted from this analysis because they are unlikely to be developed: common parcels, right-of-way easements such as alleys and beach access corridors, and the County-owned parcels on the beach and in and around the harbor navigation channel.

### **Street Centerlines**

This study relied on the street centerlines provided by the County of Ventura ITSD-GIS Open Data Portal. These data included address ranges for each neighborhood block.

### **Assumptions**

- All elevation data are relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) and reported in feet.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://vcrma.org/en/vc-resilient-coastal-adaptation-project>

- Tidal data are relative to the Santa Monica tide gage station (NOAA Station ID 9410840).
- The flood scenario uses the highest astronomical tide (HAT) or “king tide” from the Santa Monica tide gage, reported as 7.13’ (NAVD88).
- The future sea level rise scenario was originally based on the 2018 OPC guidance, then was adjusted to align the 2024 guidance. The analysis for this study aligns with the 2024 intermediate-high scenario, measured as 6.8’ by 2120 with a zero baseline beginning in 2000.

The HAT and SLR intermediate scenario yielded a 2120 flood elevation of 14’.  $7.13' + 6.8' = 13.93'$  (*rounded up to 14'*)

### **Data Pre-Processing**

- 1) The digital elevation models (DEMs) were analyzed for any errors. These included any elevations that were outside of the normal range of expected values and could have been the result of LiDAR processing errors. Any elevation model errors were given null values.
- 2) All developable/redevelopable parcels within Hollywood and Silver Stand were selected.
- 3) All streets within Hollywood and Silver Stand were clipped by the neighborhood boundaries inside the County jurisdiction.

### **Parcel Methods**

- 1) The parcel areas were used to determine a range of ground elevation statistics from the bare earth DEMs, these include the average, minimum, maximum, and range of elevation values for each parcel.
- 2) This process was run for both the 2018 and 2016 elevation datasets. The ‘current ground elevation’ determined for each parcel was based on the average of both the 2016 and 2018 elevation datasets. Given the limited data on the foundation for each structure, no attempt was made to determine finished floor elevations or different types of foundations.
- 3) To determine the ‘future flood depth’, the ‘current ground elevation’ was compared with the ‘2120 flood elevation’ of 14’. The difference between them can be considered a potential future flood depth during a king tide with 6.8 feet of sea level rise

- 4) Once compared, all properties were grouped by half-foot of flood depth ranges. All properties currently higher than 14' were reported as a 0 in the results because they would not be impacted by flooding based on the assumptions for this study.
- 5) Final results were mapped and reported in both decimal feet and feet/inches and include tables rounded up to both the nearest inch and 0.5 feet (6").

## **Street Methods**

- 1) The street centerlines were used to determine a range of elevation statistics from the digital elevation models, these include the average, minimum, maximum, and range of elevation values for each street and used to provide insights on policy options.
- 2) This process was run for both the 2018 and 2016 elevation datasets. The final elevation used for each street centerline was based on the average elevation of the centerline, relying on the average of both the 2016 and 2018 elevation data.
- 3) To determine the 'future flood depth', the 'current elevation' was compared with the '2120 flood elevation' of 14'.
- 4) Results are reported by depth of flooding by street segment (aka neighborhood blocks).

## **Results**

### **Parcels**

There are 1,802 parcels in the study area, including 565 in Hollywood (Figure 1) and 1,237 in Silver Strand (Figure 2). Of these parcels, 157 are currently above 14' NAVD88, with 77 in Hollywood (13.6% of all Hollywood parcels) and 80 in Silver Strand (6.5% of all Silver Strand parcels) (Table 1). On average, parcels in Silver Strand are lower in elevation than those in Hollywood, with an average elevation in Silver Strand of 10.75', and an average elevation in Hollywood of 12.94'. In general, the lowest-lying areas are clustered around the harbor mouth in both Silver Strand and Hollywood, and in Silver Strand between Hueneme Ave. and Burbank Ave., and Hollywood Ave. and Sawtelle Ave. (Figure 3).

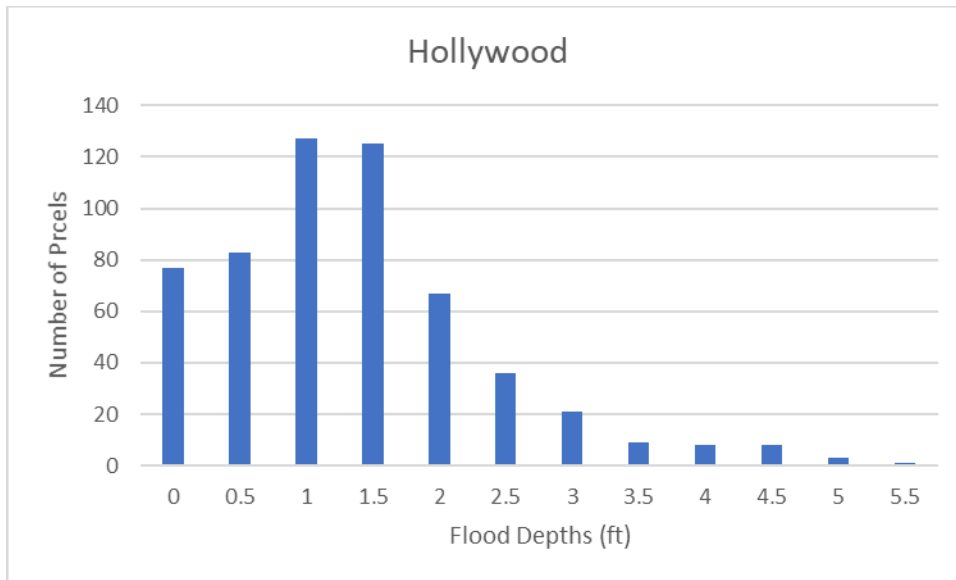


Figure 1. Histogram of Future (year 2120) Flood Depths by Parcels for Hollywood

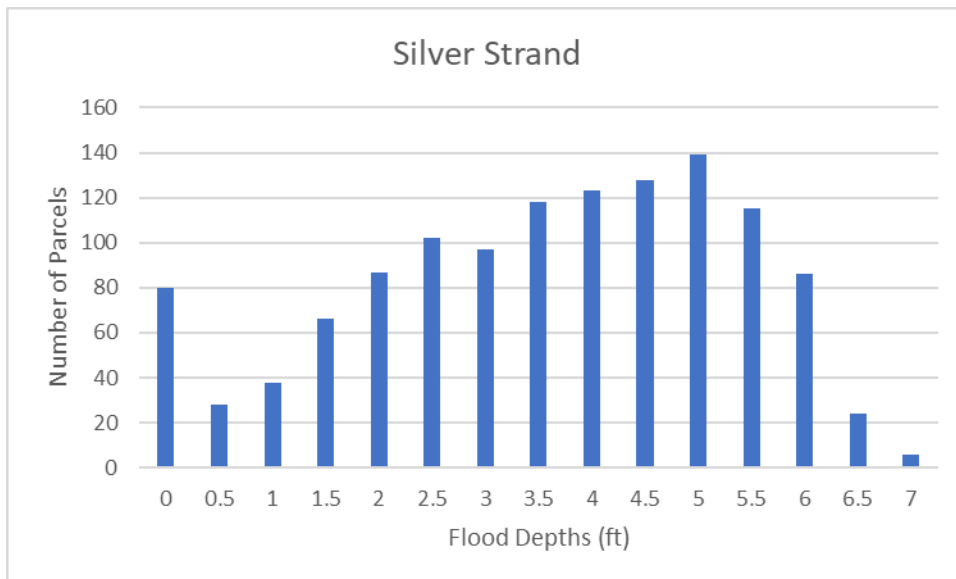


Figure 2. Histogram of Future (year 2120) Flood Depths by Parcels for Silver Strand

Table 1. Future (year 2120) Flood Depths by Parcel for the Study Area

<b>Future Flood Depths (ft)</b>	<b>Number of Parcels</b>	<b>Percentage of Parcels in Study Area</b>
0	157	8.7%
0.5	111	6.2%
1	165	9.2%
1.5	191	10.6%
2	154	8.5%
2.5	138	7.7%
3	118	6.5%
3.5	127	7.0%
4	131	7.3%
4.5	136	7.5%
5	142	7.9%
5.5	116	6.4%
6	86	4.8%
6.5	24	1.3%
7	6	0.3%

## Streets

The study area encompasses 52 streets, 15 in Hollywood, and 37 in Silver Strand. The average future flood depth for Hollywood is 2.4', and the average for Silver Strand is 4.1'. Generally, the street centerlines are ~1' lower than the average parcel elevations (Table 2).

Table 2. Future (year 2120) Flood Depths by Street in the Study Area

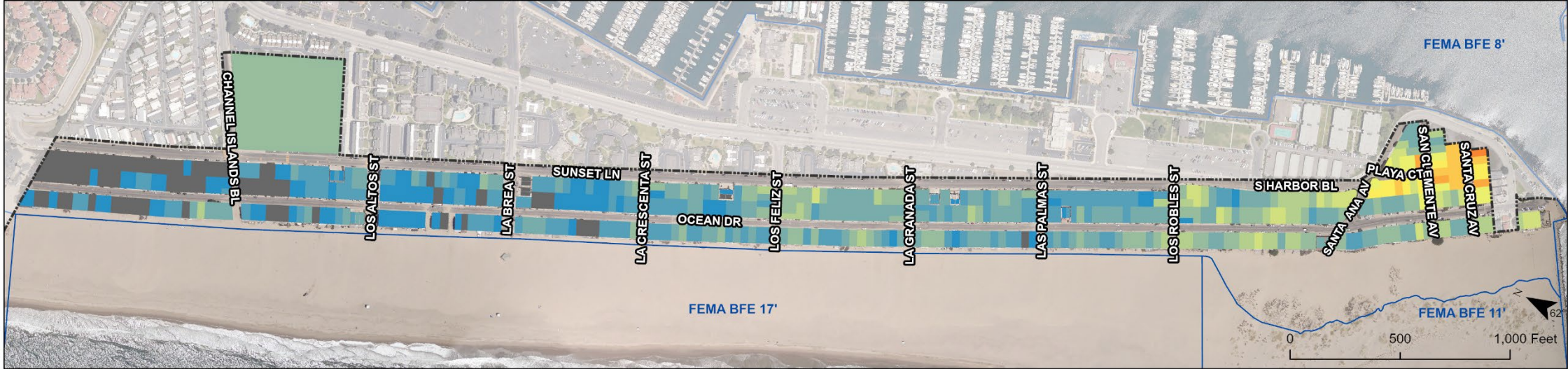
Street	Average Future Flood Depth (ft)	Street	Average Future Flood Depth (ft)
<b>All Hollywood Streets Average</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>All Silver Strand Streets Average</b>	<b>4.1</b>
ALBACORE WY	3.9	ANACAPA AV	3.5
CHANNEL ISLANDS BL	2.1	BARSDALE AV	2.7
E SIERRA DR	2.5	BURBANK AV	4.1
LA BREA ST	1.6	CAHUENGA DR	2.4
LA CRESCENTA ST	1.8	CAMARILLO AV	5.2
LA GRANADA ST	2.4	CHICO CT	6.9
LAS PALMAS ST	1.9	EAGLE ROCK AV	3.5
LOS ALTOS ST	1.3	FILLMORE AV	4.1
LOS FELIZ ST	2.5	GLENDALE AV	4.5
LOS ROBLES ST	2.7	HIGHLAND DR	5.0
OCEAN DR	1.8	HOLLYWOOD AV	4.3
PLAYA CT	5.0	HOLLYWOOD BL	2.5
S HARBOR BL	3.6	HUENEME AV	3.9
SAN CLEMENTE AV	3.5	ISLAND VIEW AV	2.2
SANTA ANA AV	2.7	LAKE SHORE DR	4.9
SANTA CRUZ AV	4.5	LAUREL CT	5.8
SUNSET LN	1.7	LOS ANGELES AV	5.5
		MALIBU AV	3.6
		MELROSE DR	4.6
		MOORPARK AV	4.6
		OCEAN DR	4.4
		OJAI AV	3.7
		OXNARD AV	4.1
		PANAMA DR	5.8
		PASADENA AV	3.8
		PIRU AV	4.5



ROOSEVELT BL	4.5
ROSSMORE DR	4.4
SAN FERNANDO AV	3.0
SAN NICOLAS AV	4.1
SANTA MONICA AV	5.9
SANTA MONICA DR	4.1
SANTA PAULA AV	4.0
SANTA ROSA AV	5.4
SAWTELLE AV	3.3
SIMI AV	4.2
SUNSET DR	5.3
TUJUNGA AV	2.4
VAN NUYS AV	5.2
VENTURA AV	4.6

FUTURE FLOOD DEPTHS BY PARCEL FOR HOLLYWOOD AND SILVER STRAND  
VENTURA COUNTY, CA

Hollywood



Silver Strand

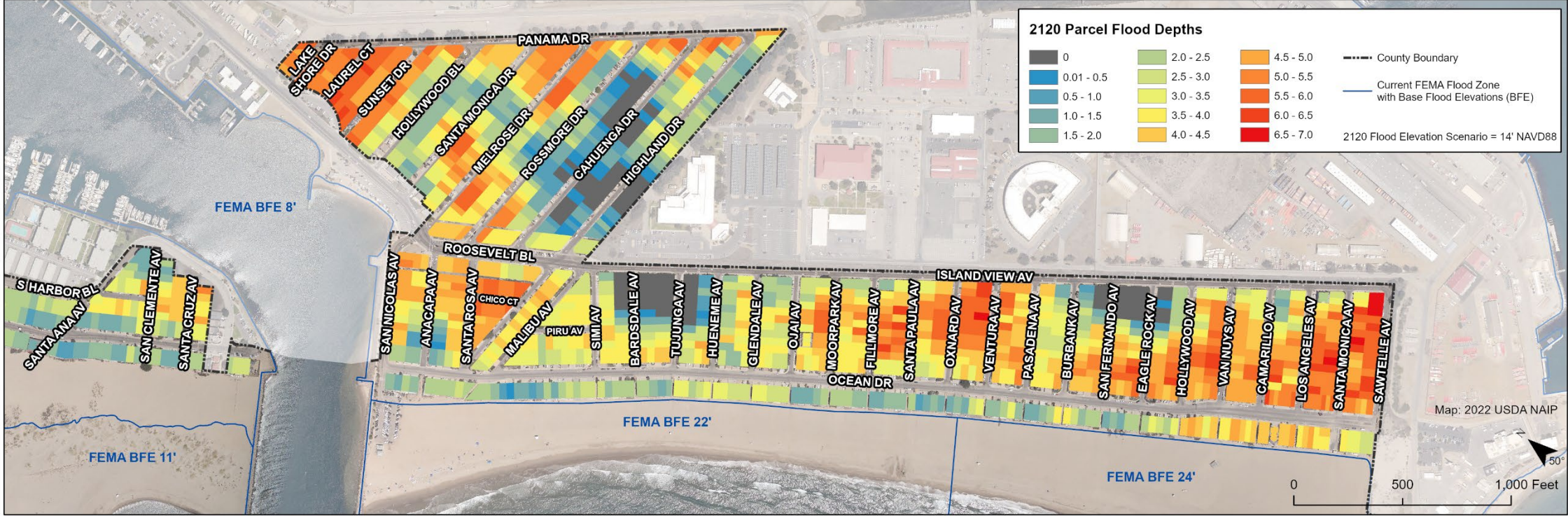


Figure 3. Future Flood Depths by Parcel for Hollywood and Silver Strand



## Data Dictionary

This section provides a description of the columns in the table deliverable.

### Parcels

**OBJECTID**

A unique ID used by ArcGIS

**APN**

From County Assessors

**APN\_SUFFIX**

From County Assessors

**APN10**

From County Assessors

**SITUS\_NR**

From County Assessors

**SITUS\_DIRECTION**

From County Assessors

**SITUS\_STREET**

From County Assessors

**SITUS\_TYPE**

From County Assessors

**SITUS\_COMBINED**

A concatenation of SITUS\_STREET and SITUS\_TYPE

**SITUS\_UNIT**

From County Assessors

**SITUS\_FULL**

From County Assessors

**FIRST\_ROW**

Indicates that the parcel is located along the first row of oceanfront homes

**FEMA\_VE\_BFE**

Indicates the FEMA VE (wave run-up velocity) base flood elevation in feet (Panel and effective date?)

**HAT\_PLS\_SLR**

The future flood scenario elevation (highest astronomical tide + future SLR elevation)

**NEIGHBORHOOD**

Hollywood or Silver Strand

**MEAN\_2016\_2018\_EL\_FT**

Average parcel ground elevation from the USGS 2016 and 2018 digital elevation models

**EL\_DIF\_DECIMAL**

Flood depth - the difference between the average parcel elevation and the future flood scenario elevation

**EL\_DIF\_UP\_ONE\_IN\_REPORT\_FT\_IN**

Flood depth - The difference between the average parcel elevation and the future flood scenario elevation rounded up to the nearest inch and reported in ft/in (‘/’)

**EL\_DIF\_UP\_HALF\_FOOT\_DECIMAL**

Flood depth - The difference between the average parcel elevation and the future flood scenario elevation rounded up to the nearest half foot and reported as a decimal

**EL\_DIF\_UP\_HALF\_FOOT\_REPORT\_FT\_IN**

Flood depth - The difference between the average parcel elevation and the future flood scenario elevation rounded up to the nearest half foot and reported in ft/in (‘/’)

**Streets**

**OBJECTID**

A unique ID used by ArcGIS

**CID**

From County Street Centerline Data

**L\_ADD\_FROM**

From County Street Centerline Data

**L\_ADD\_TO**

From County Street Centerline Data

**R\_ADD\_FROM**

From County Street Centerline Data

**R\_ADD\_TO**

From County Street Centerline Data

**LRANGE**

From County Street Centerline Data

**RRANGE**

From County Street Centerline Data

**ADDRESS\_RA**

From County Street Centerline Data

**PRE\_DIR**

From County Street Centerline Data

**STR\_NAME**

From County Street Centerline Data

**STR\_NAME\_A**

From County Street Centerline Data

**STR\_SUF**

From County Street Centerline Data

**FULL\_NAME**

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**ROAD\_TYPE**

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**DESCRIPTIO**

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**LEFTJURISD**

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**RIGHTJURIS**

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**BAR\_F\_T**

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**BAR\_T\_F**

From County Street Centerline Data

**ZIP\_CODE**

From County Street Centerline Data

**CITY\_NAME**

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**COUNTY\_NAM**

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**COMMUNITY\_**

From County Street Centerline Data

**COMMUNITY**

From County Street Centerline Data

**L\_ZIP R\_ZIP L\_CITY**

From County Street Centerline Data

**R\_CITY**

From County Street Centerline Data

**Shape\_Length**

Length of the street centerline segment in feet

**MEAN\_2016\_2018\_EL\_FT**

Average street centerline segment elevation from the USGS 2016 and 2018 digital elevation models

**EL\_DIF\_DECIMAL**

Flood depth average - The difference between the average street centerline segment elevation and the future flood scenario elevation (14') reported as a decimal

**MEAN\_MIN\_2018\_2018\_FT**

Minimum flood depth - The minimum street centerline segment elevation from the mean of the USGS 2016 and 2018 digital elevation models

**MEAN\_MAX\_2018\_2018\_FT**

The maximum flood depth - The maximum street centerline segment elevation from the mean of the USGS 2016 and 2018 digital elevation models

**MEAN\_RANGE\_2016\_2018\_FT**

The range of flood depths - Represented as a number between the min and the max (see above) of flood depths for each street centerline segment.