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Flooding in Delaware River Basin from Ida (Sept. 2, 2021 Update)

The remnants of Ida have exited the Delaware River Basin, but the flood threat remains for the mainstem Delaware River and its tributaries.

Some rivers and streams throughout the Delaware River Basin are still rising and are not expected to crest (reach the highest level for this event) until later today or Friday morning. Some have already crested, but impacts are still being felt. It will take time for waterways to recede.

A large portion of the Delaware River Basin saw anywhere from three to ten+ inches of rain on September 1, 2021; see graphic below. As with any high intensity rainfall event, flash flooding on tributaries, small streams and flood-prone, low-lying and/or urban areas occurred. This was a major hydrologic and flood event.

Current Situation (September 2, 2021)

MAJOR, MODERATE and MINOR flooding is happening or anticipated at many Delaware River Basin flood forecast locations as the result of precipitation from Ida.

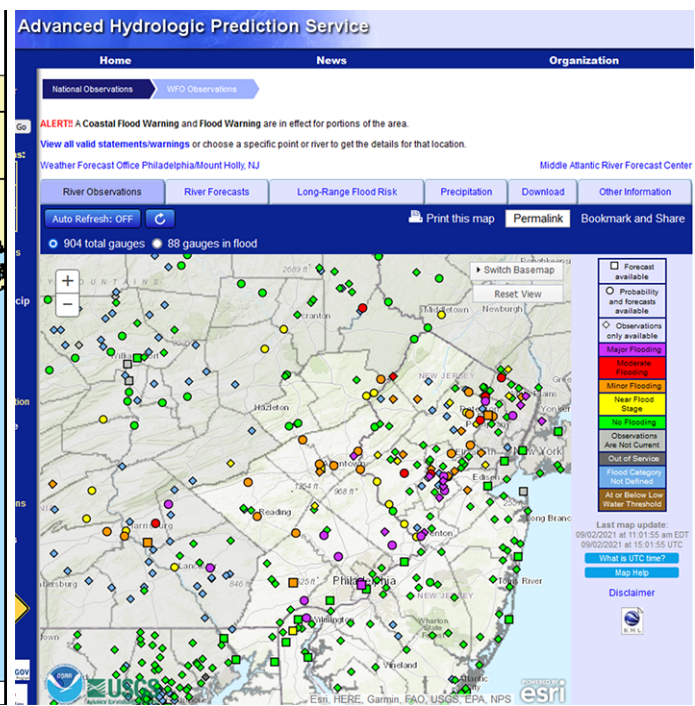
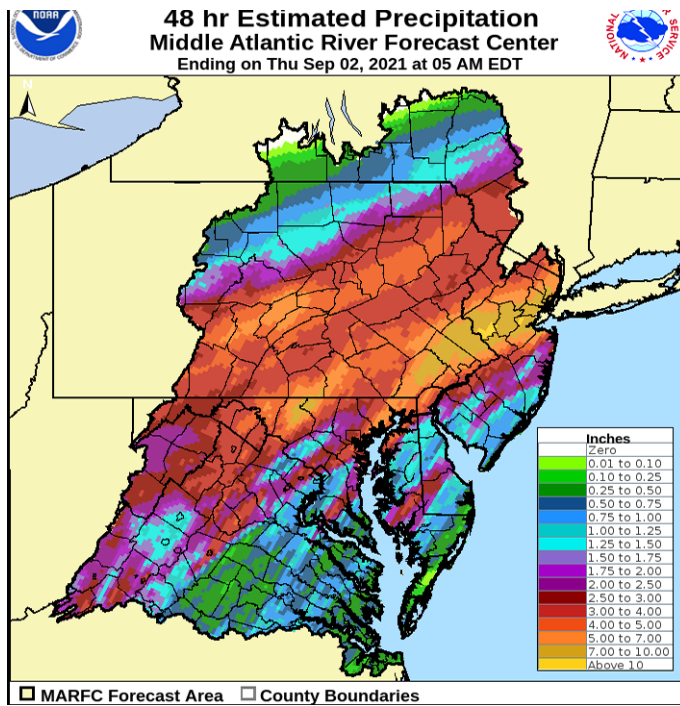
Real-time flood information and flood forecasts are from the National Weather Service (NWS). Visit <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=phi> to view detailed real-time & forecasted information. The forecasts listed below are current as of this morning (Sept. 2) and are anticipated to be updated every 6-12 hours.

Locations in the Delaware River Basin that are currently flooding or anticipated to reach flood stage include:

- Schuylkill River: **MAJOR FLOODING** is occurring from Norristown to Philadelphia and below Fairmount Dam. **MODERATE FLOODING** occurred at Berne, PA. **MINOR FLOODING** is occurring at Pottstown, PA and Reading, PA.
- Mainstem Delaware River: **MODERATE FLOODING** is predicted at Easton, Riegelsville, Frenchtown and Stockton. **MINOR FLOODING** is predicted for New Hope - Lambertville, Washington Crossing and Trenton. Action Stage is predicted at Belvidere and Tock's Island.
- Lower Basin Tributaries: **MAJOR FLOODING** is occurring on the Brandywine and Christina Rivers and the Neshaminy, Perkiomen and Assunpink Creeks. **MODERATE FLOODING** was seen on the White Clay Creek.
- Lehigh River: Locations along the main stem Lehigh River reached **MAJOR FLOOD** stage (Glendon), **MODERATE FLOOD** stage (Walnutport) and **MINOR FLOOD** stage (Bethlehem). All appear to be receding as of this morning.
- Bush Kill & Brodhead Creeks: Bush Kill at Shoemakers reached **MINOR FLOOD** stage and is receding. **MINOR FLOODING** occurred along the Brodhead Creek.
- Upper Basin: **MODERATE FLOODING** is occurring on the Lackawaxen River at Hawley. The Neversink River at Godeffroy is currently in Action Stage but is receding. All other flood forecast locations in the upper basin are not experiencing flooding nor are forecasted to reach flood stage.

Please Note:

- The information provided herein was developed by the NWS and Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center.
- All forecasts are subject to change, including predicted stage and crest timing.
- We recommend everyone keep a close eye on real-time information from the NWS, local TV, radio, apps – however you get your weather info.
- Please be on alert for rising water levels and follow instructions of state, county or local emergency management, first responders, or law enforcement personnel. Please note that the DRBC does not issue flood forecasts, advisories or flood warnings, nor do we issue flood evacuations.
- Please do not travel on flooded roadways. Turn around, don't drown!
- The DRBC will continue to monitor flood information from the National Weather Service. If forecasts change drastically from what is mentioned here, we will provide another update. Stay tuned for a full event summary sometime next week.



Useful Links

- NWS Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center: <https://www.weather.gov/marfc>
- NWS Mt. Holly: <https://www.weather.gov/phi>
- NWS Binghamton: <https://www.weather.gov/bgm>
- NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM): <http://www.ready.nj.gov/>
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA): <https://www.pema.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA): <https://dema.delaware.gov/>
- NWS Flood Stage Definitions: <https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/terminology>
- DRBC Flood Portal: <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/flood/portal-flood.html>

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