



My question: Can we model the rainfall directly in HEC-RAS?





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Assigned 100-year excess rainfall as the input to HEC-RAS.













Snyder Unit Hydrograph Method

Calculate runoff using equations relating flow with these parameters:

- Rainfall (in.)
- Drainage Area (sq. mi.)
- Lag time (hr.)
- Peaking Coefficient
- Initial Loss (in.) (soil infiltration)
- Constant Loss (in/hr) (soil infiltration)

These parameters are now eliminated from the analysis.



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What about PCSWMM? What about StreamStats?



Calculate runoff using an equation relating flow with these parameters:

- Rainfall (in.)
- Drainage Area (sq. mi.)
- Initial Loss (in.) (soil infiltration)
- Constant Loss (in/hr) (soil infiltration)
- Watershed "Width" (PCSWMM computes from terrain)
- Watershed Slope (PCSWMM computes from terrain)
- Overland Manning's n
- Depression Storage

Watershed Delineation Tool (WDT)			? ×		
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ىر د	Delineation points layer:	Outfalls	- 🚺 🚥		
	Target discretization level:	2000 ac			
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StreamStats for Connecticut

Calculate peak runoff using equation with variables :

- Drainage Area (sq. mi.)
- Percentage of Soil C/D
- Rainfall (in.)







StreamStats: 200 cfs

PCSWMM: 610 cfs (Manning's n of 0.4 for overland flow)









StreamStats: 620 cfs

PCSWMM: 1,050 cfs (Manning's n of 0.4 for overland flow)





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Observations



- Peak flow from precipitation simulation tends to be higher.
- Time of peak flow from precipitation simulation tends to be earlier.
- Difference in simulations are lessened downstream of structures that cause significant obstructions (Interstate, Railroad).
- Precipitation simulation results in some of the runoff being stored in topographic low points.
- PCSWMM generates hydrograph with very few inputs, but Manning's n is difficult to assign and hydrograph does not show lag time.



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Questions?

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Info on Hydraulic Model



Table 6: Manning's n Values for Different Land Uses

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	Land Use	Manning's n	Land Use	Manning's n
	Stream	0.035	Developed	0.2
	Building	0.5	Turf and Grass	0.04
	Pavement	0.025	Other Grass	0.04
	Ag. Field	0.03	Deciduous Forest	0.1
	Water	0.035	Coniferous Forest	0.1
	Non-Forested Wetland	0.05	Barren	0.03
	Forested Wetland	0.08	Utility	0.1
	Tidal Wetland	0.08		
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Grid Cell size = 30 feet Terrain Resolution = 4 feet



Info on Watershed Sizes



- Indian River (0.9 square miles);
- Muddy Brook (2.7 square miles);
- New Creek (0.9 square miles);
- Poplar Plains Brook (1.1. square miles);

- Pussy Willow Brook (1.3 square miles);
- Silver Brook (1.1 square miles);
- Stony Brook (3.3 square miles); and
- Willow Brook (0.9 square miles).



March 2010 Storm



TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010



(http://www.westportnow.com/index.php)

Photo from March 30, 2010 during daylight. No exact time of photo.

Muddy Brook is Muddy—and Flooded



(http://cdn.westportnow.com/ee/images/uploads/muddybrook03301001pop.jpg) Westport's Muddy Brook was among waterways running over their banks today. This view is off of Hillandale Road in Westport's Greens Farms area. Westport has had almost 5 inches of rain since Sunday night. (CLICK TO ENLARGE) Ned Hardy for WestportNow.com

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Difference in WSEL = 1 ft







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