



Eagle Lake, MS - Public Meeting – February 23, 2019



Valley Park, MS- Public Meeting – March 7, 2019



Holly Bluff, MS- Public Meeting – March 12, 2019



Rolling Fork, MS- Public Meeting – March 18, 2019

Public Meetings in Backwater Area

**Backwater Tour with Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith and
Region IV EPA Administrator Mary Walker
March 18, 2019**



**Backwater Tour with ASACW R.D. James
March 29, 2019**



Backwater Tours



"This project is of critical importance for the second congressional district of Mississippi. These issues of flooding have persisted over the years and has worsened as evidenced by the aftermath of a severe tornado storm that left approximately 500,000 acres of the Mississippi Delta under water just last month. The use of water pumps would essentially prevent flooding in the area by lifting excess rainfall runoff from the Yazoo backwater area and into the Mississippi River."

– **Congressman Bennie Thompson**



"The recent devastating flooding in the Mississippi Delta has demonstrated the critical importance of supporting better flood control infrastructure. The Yazoo backwater pumps are a commonsense solution to provide certainty to Mississippi farmers, residents, and property owners."

– **Senator Roger Wicker**

"Similar flooding has occurred not once, but ten separate times since the EPA in 2008 prohibited the Corps from completing the final aspects of a 78-year-old comprehensive flood control effort... We can all agree that decisions made in 2008 have not only failed to meet the intent with respect to the environment, wildlife and habitat but also placed a tremendous burden on the lives and properties of thousands of Mississippians."

– **Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith**





Governor Bryant with Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, R. D. James, this week in Washington

“The Army Corps of Engineers continues to support the installation of the pumps. They believe after seven different reviews and studies, that the pumps would have substantial impact in the flooding in the Mississippi Delta, and we have the total and complete support of the Corps of Engineers, and now that the review is beginning, I am extremely encouraged that the pumps in the Yazoo Backwater area may be installed.”

– Governor Phil Bryant



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Governor @PhilBryantMS and @MSEMA Executive Director Greg Michel met today at the White House with Rear Admiral Fears, Deputy Assistant to The President of the United States, on matters of #HomelandSecurity to discuss Delta Backwater #Flooding.

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@PhilBryantMS and @SenatorWicker calling for revival of Yazoo pumps project in the face of historic Yazoo Backwater flood. #mswx #msleg

Phil Bryant @PhilBryantMS
 Agreed. I have had very positive meetings and conversations with the @EPA. They should revisit the 2008 veto of the pumps. We need them now. twitter.com/senatorwicker/...

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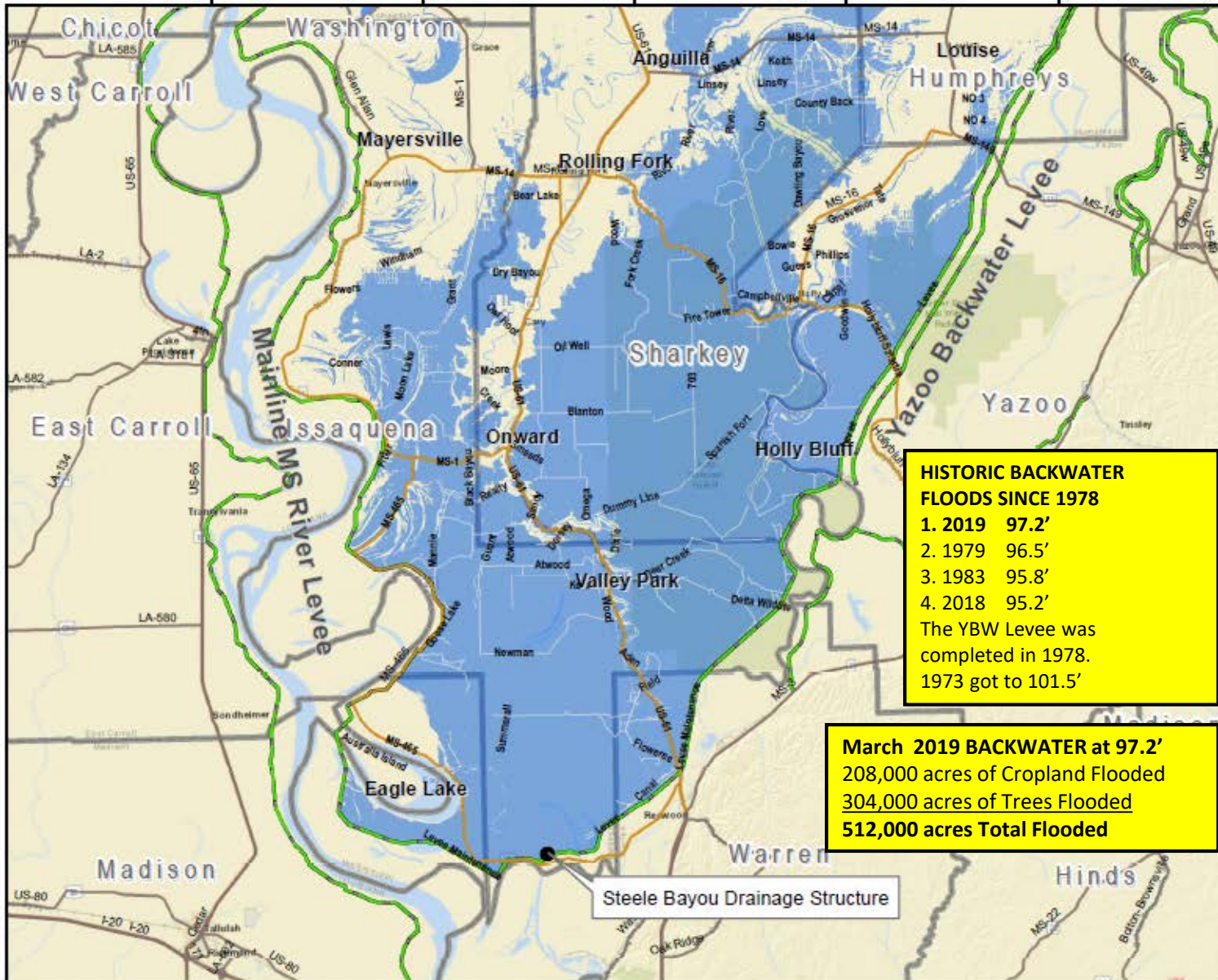


Yazoo Backwater Area Inundation Map

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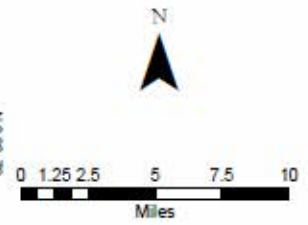
Mississippi Valley Division



Legend

- Major Roads
- Levee Centerlines
- Streets
- YBW EL - 96.5 ft

Total Acres Inundated at 96: 470,000
Total Acres Inundated at 97: 605,000



Disclaimer:
This map has been compiled using the best information available and is believed to be accurate; however, its preparation required many assumptions. Actual conditions during a flood event may vary from those assumed, so the accuracy cannot be guaranteed. The limits of flooding shown should only be a guideline for emergency planning and response action areas. Inundated areas will depend on specific flooding conditions and may differ from the areas shown on the map.

HISTORIC BACKWATER FLOODS SINCE 1978

1. 2019 97.2'
2. 1979 96.5'
3. 1983 95.8'
4. 2018 95.2'

The YBW Levee was completed in 1978. 1973 got to 101.5'

March 2019 BACKWATER at 97.2'
208,000 acres of Cropland Flooded
304,000 acres of Trees Flooded
512,000 acres Total Flooded

Steele Bayou Drainage Structure



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Yazoo Backwater Area Inundation Map With & Without Pump

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MAJOR ROADS/HIGHWAYS FLOODED BY BACKWATER IN MARCH 2019

- Hwy 465 near Hwy 1 Satartia Road
- Hwy 16 between Rolling Fork & Holly Bluff
- Hwy 465 near Eagle Lake Gin
- Low-Water Bridge Road
- Goose Lake Road
- Spanish Fort Road
- Blanton Road

If the Yazoo Backwater Pumps were in place – Instead of the Backwater reaching 97.2’ – the Pumps would have held it to 92.3’ - and no one in the Backwater would have to worry about highways being flooded, major roads being flooded, their homes being flooded, nor worry about building ring levees around their homes!

