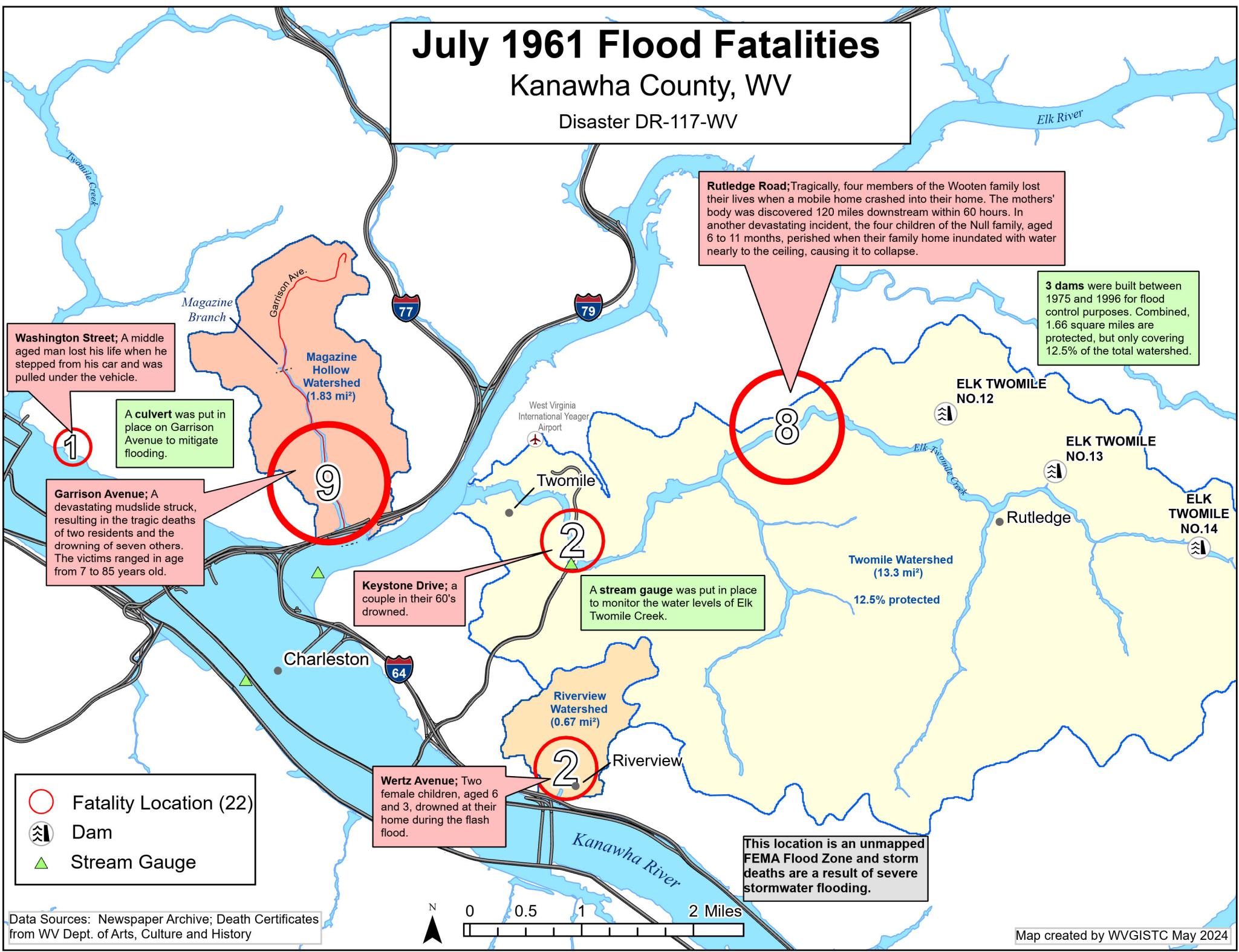


July 1961 Flood Fatalities

Kanawha County, WV

Disaster DR-117-WV



Washington Street; A middle aged man lost his life when he stepped from his car and was pulled under the vehicle.

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A culvert was put in place on Garrison Avenue to mitigate flooding.

Garrison Avenue; A devastating mudslide struck, resulting in the tragic deaths of two residents and the drowning of seven others. The victims ranged in age from 7 to 85 years old.

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Keystone Drive; a couple in their 60's drowned.

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A stream gauge was put in place to monitor the water levels of Elk Twomile Creek.

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Wertz Avenue; Two female children, aged 6 and 3, drowned at their home during the flash flood.

Rutledge Road; Tragically, four members of the Wooten family lost their lives when a mobile home crashed into their home. The mothers' body was discovered 120 miles downstream within 60 hours. In another devastating incident, the four children of the Null family, aged 6 to 11 months, perished when their family home inundated with water nearly to the ceiling, causing it to collapse.

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3 dams were built between 1975 and 1996 for flood control purposes. Combined, 1.66 square miles are protected, but only covering 12.5% of the total watershed.

ELK TWOMILE NO.12

ELK TWOMILE NO.13

ELK TWOMILE NO.14

Twomile Watershed (13.3 mi²)

12.5% protected

Riverview Watershed (0.67 mi²)

This location is an unmapped FEMA Flood Zone and storm deaths are a result of severe stormwater flooding.

- Fatality Location (22)
- ⚡ Dam
- ▲ Stream Gauge

Data Sources: Newspaper Archive; Death Certificates from WV Dept. of Arts, Culture and History



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