

# Statewide Flood Risk Assessment Model

Flood Model	Description
Software	<b>Hazus</b> (FEMA's GIS-based natural hazard software)
Utilities	FEMA's <b>Open Hazus Flood Loss Utility</b> , customized scripts, property search tools
Flood Event	Riverine Hazus Level-2 Detailed Analysis for <b>1% annual chance (100-YR) flood</b>
Depth Grids	Model-backed, 1% annual chance <b>depth grids</b> supplemented with Hazus depth grid
Building Stock	Enhanced <b>building stock</b> (User Defined Facilities) for estimated 98,315 primary structures
Building Attributes:  Tax Assessment Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.4 million <b>property tax parcels</b> (Tax Year 2025)</li><li>186 Assessment Land Use Codes classified to <b>33 Hazus Specific Occupancy Classes</b> and further generalized to Residential / Non-Residential categories</li><li>8 Assessment Basement categories classified to <b>7 Hazus Foundation Types</b> and First Floor Height values</li><li><b>User-Defined Modified Values</b> override Assessment Default Values (occupancy, foundation, first floor height, building year, building value, area) for (1) blank attribute values, (2) one-to-many, parcel-structure relationships, and (3) tax map identifier issues such as parcel geometry misalignments or assessment attributed in different parcel</li></ul>
Key Reference Layers	Key reference layers for building inventory: <b>E-911 addresses</b> , leaf-off <b>aerial imagery</b>
Building ID	Unique <b>Building Identifier</b> (GIS parcel ID + Address No.) assigned to each structure
Geographic Scales	Statewide, 11 Regions, 55 counties, 284 communities (229 incorporated places and 55 unincorporated areas), 33 watersheds, 463 named streams, and 298K parcels and 98K primary structures in high-risk flood zones
Risk Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Property-Level Assessment Tools:</b> WV Flood Tool's RiskMAP View, WV Risk Explorer's Building-Level Assessment Tools</li><li><b>Aggregate-Level Assessment Tools:</b> WV Risk Explorer's Maps and Reports</li><li><b>Other Tools:</b> Flood Visualizations, Dashboards, Hazard Library, Data Download</li></ul>