# Early Flood Detection System



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# What Does Early Flood Detection Mean?

 Monitoring water levels in the Black River Watershed using field sensors that communicate electronically

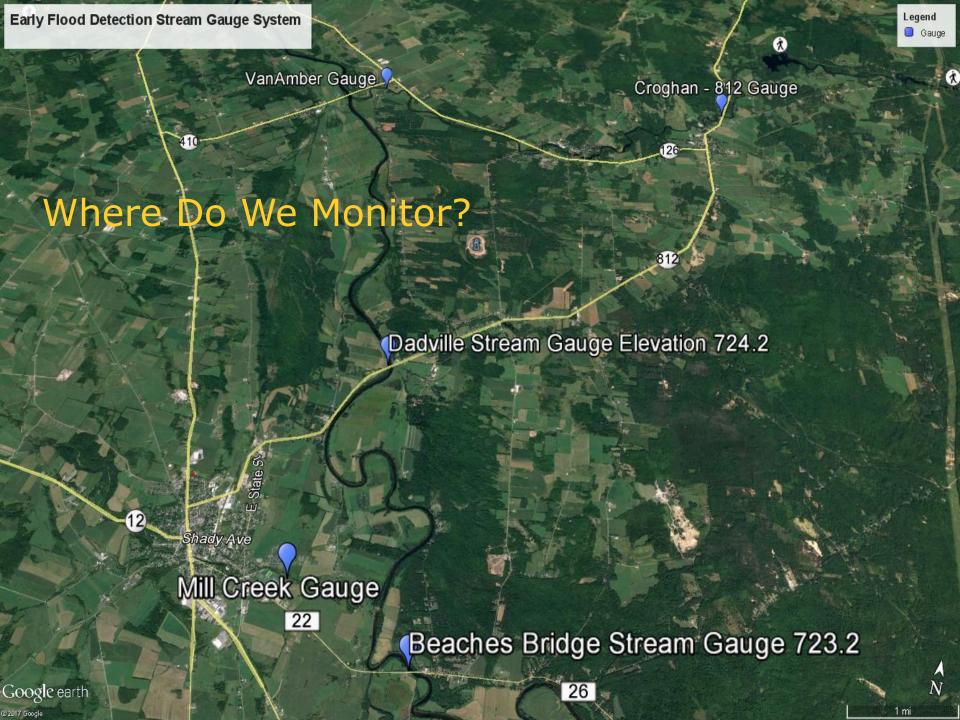
 Data is sent via radio to a computer system and sent to the website

 Information is tracked and river level status discussed with EM Committee

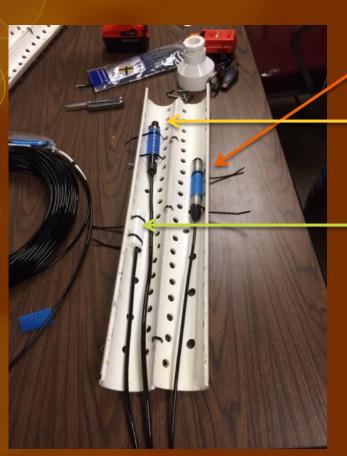


# **Emergency Management Team**

- Lewis County
  - Director of Emergency Management
  - Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Planning Department
  - Cornell Cooperative Extension
  - Highway Department



# What Are We Monitoring?



- Water Level and Temp (Pressure Transducer)
- Turbidity or a measure of how turbid the water is (Optic Sensor)
- Conductivity

# System Field Elements

Below Water Surface



Above Ground

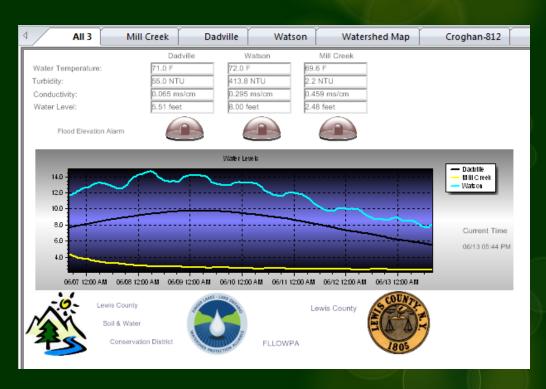


# System Office Elements

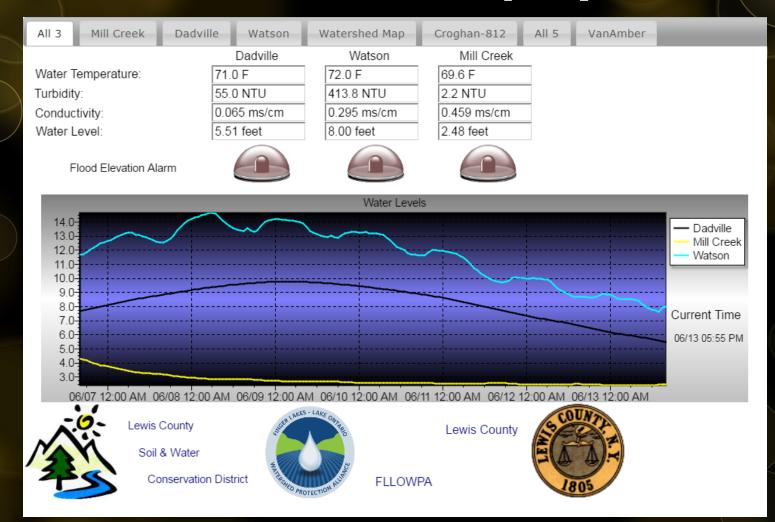
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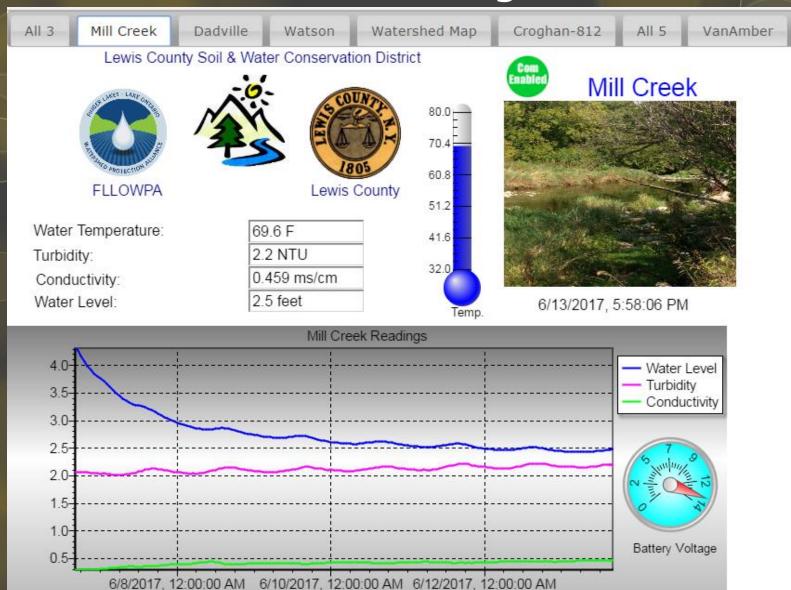
## Loggernet Software



# **Electronic Display**



# Individual Gauge Tab

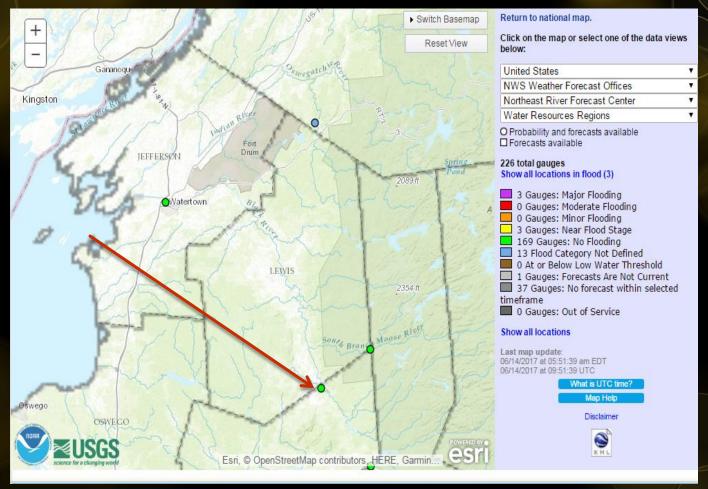


# Purpose For Monitoring Water Levels

- Public Safety
- Emergency Management Response
- Flood warning

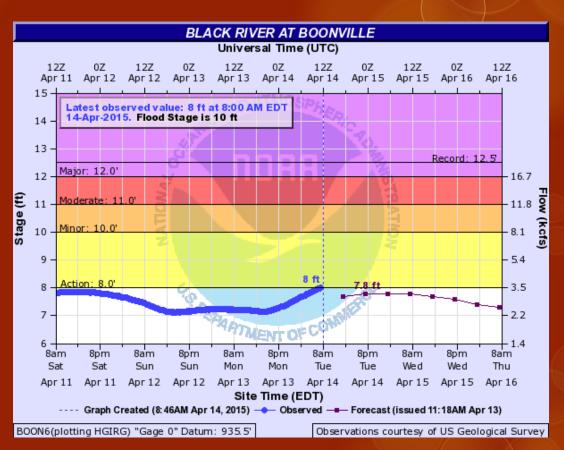


# No Current River Level Prediction Sites in Lewis County



# NOAA/National Weather Service River Prediction Center

- Only Stream gauges on the river are in Boonville and Watertown
- No river prediction sites in Lewis County



# How Can the System Benefit the Community

- ECONOMIC IMPACT
- AGRICULTURAL IMPACT
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



# Thank You Project Sponsors

#### **Lewis County**

Provided Training for Data Loggers Purchased Dedicated Computer with Battery Backup

### Assemblyman Blankenbush

Future Deer River Stream Gauge

#### Beaver River Advisory Council

VanAmber and Croghan 812 Stream Gauge Funding

# Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance

Base Funding for Stream Gauges and Staffing to Install Projects

### Hudson River Black River Regulating District

Funding for USGS to Develop Rating Curve for Dadville to Become River Prediction Center

# Questions

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