Storm Water Flood Modeling in the Sub- basin of Chennai Corporation, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India



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Types of Flooding (Geographically):

Riverine flooding



It happens when extreme rainfall attacks in a river basin (Mississippi, 1993; Miller, 1997; Changman, 1998; Li and Guo et al., 1999; NVE, 2000; Meade, 2002).

Urban flooding

It is triggered when surface runoff exceeds the capacity of drainage systems, which happens when heavy rainfall pours on sewers with the limited capacity, or even medium rainfall falls on poorly planned or operated drainage systems (Kamal and Rabbi, 1998; Arambepola, 2002).

Coastal flooding

It takes place when heavy rainfall on inland encounters storm surges from the sea (Miller, 1997; Barry, 1997; Smith and Ward, 1998; Parker1, 2000; Pilarczyk and Nuoi, 2002).



Definition of Urban Drainage Systems

Urban drainage systems are defined as physical facilities that collect, store, convey, and treat runoff in urban areas. These facilities normally include detention and retention facilities, streets, storm sewers, inlets, open channels, and special structures such as inlets, manholes, and energy dissipaters" (ASCE and WEF, 1992).

Why Urban Floods are increasing ?

Increase in Flood peak and storm water network designs are old (Design limitations)

Improper maintenance of storm water network (Carrying capacity)

Impact of Boundary Conditions (Confluence points/backwater/tides)

Changes in Landuse/cover (pervious to impervious)

Increase in rainfall Intensity(Climate change/variability)

Bridge designs across stream/drain

Layout new roads/colonies/railway tracks/Metros/changes in topography/interconnection of drains etc













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Otteri Nullah Urban Watershed (Administrative Zones)





Project Objectives:



- 1. Evaluation of existing storm water drainage network efficiency in the study area
- 2. To find out the inflow-outflow hydrograph at various outlets and the water surface profile along the storm water drains.
- 3. Feasibility of improvement of the existing storm water drainage network or to propose additional network to mitigate urban storm water flooding in the study area.
- 4. Dissemination of results of the project through workshops/ brain storming sessions/awareness programs with the help of NGO's/Govt., departments/Academic Institutions in the study area and elsewhere.





XP SWMM

(Stormwater and Wastewater Management Model)

XPSWMM used to develop link-node and spatially distributed models that are used for the analysis, design and simulation of storm and waste water system. It also models flow and pollutant in natural system including rivers, lakes, and floodplains with groundwater interaction.





Process of Storm to Sewer network Storm Hydrological model Catchment Hydraulic Sewer model



Modeling of Storm Sewer System



SWMM Model Structure



CONTRIBUTION IN PROJECT

Monitoring Network of Rain gauges and Water levels recorders

Digital Elevation Model (SOI Toposheet Bench Marks+ DGPS Survey Points+SRTM Data)

Descritization of study area into micro watersheds(86), nodes (121) and links (120)

Variations in Micro Watershed areas

Runoff coefficient against 2 yr return period rainfall in each Micro watershed

Comparison between hourly rainfall and water level data in the study area.

Comparison between observed and modeled stage at Anna Nagar (25th Oct. 2011)

Comparison between observed and modeled stage at Anna Nagar (4th Nov. 2011)

Comparison between observed and simulated water levels at Anna Nagar

Comparison between observed and simulated water levels at Basin Bridge

IDF curves for Chennai city at Nugambakkam (1980 to 2009)

24 hr Design Storms for various Return Periods

Runoff hydrographs of different micro watersheds against 2 year 24-Hr design storm

Water surface profile against 2 year return period 24hr design storm (existing L/P)

Water surface profile against 2 year return period 24hr design storm (proposed L/P)

Existing and Proposed C/S of Otteri Nuallah Drain

Water surface profile against 2 year return period 24hr design storm existing L/P at outlet)

Water surface profile against 2 year return period 24hr design storm (proposed L/P at outlet)

Flood peak at outfall, system inflow and out flow volume and percentage of error of existing and proposed L/P profile

Return	Peak (m³/s) at Outfall		System Inflow(m ³)		System Outflow(m ³)		%Error	
Period	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
2	25.63	54.43	3.5357*106	3.5353*106	3.5307*10 ⁶	3.5364*106	0.142	-0.030
5	33.08	64.82	5.4912*106	5.4906*106	5.4874*10 ⁶	5.4911*10 ⁶	0.069	-0.009
10	37.84	70.89	6.7995 *10 ⁶	6.7990*10 ⁶	6.7970*10 ⁶	6.7986*10 ⁶	0.036	0.006
25	44.14	77.13	8.5402*106	8.5395*106	8.5389*10 ⁶	8.5377*10 ⁶	0.015	0.002

2 year return period flooding at nodes with existing L/P

2 year return period flooding at nodes with proposed L/P

CONCLUSIONS

- Thirty years hourly rainfall data of Nungambakkam raingauge station has been collected from IMD and IDF curves have been developed.
- The existing drainage system without any blockage is verified with 2, 5, 10 and 25 years return period storm and found that the existing storm water drainage network in the basin is inadequate even to dispose 2 years return period design storm runoff.
- Proposed longitudinal profile of Otteri Nuallh drain by PWD, Chennai is incorporated in the model and verified. It was found that drainage system is adequate only two years return period storm runoff and rest of return period storms are causing flooding.
- The hydrographs at outfall of the sub basin has been developed for various return period design storms and this information is very useful for best management practices (BMP).

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Flow Routing Algorithms in SWMM5

Steady Flow

- simple hydrograph translation
- applicable only to branched networks

Kinematic Wave

- gravity force balanced by friction force
- attenuated & delayed outflow due to channel storage
- applicable only to branched networks

Dynamic Wave

- solves full St. Venant eqns.
- accounts for channel storage,
 backwater effects, pressurized flow, and
 reverse flow
- applicable to any network layout
- requires smaller time step

Flow Routing Algorithms in SWMM5

- Steady Flow Routing
 - Sums instantaneous sub-catchment runoff for all subcatchments upstream of the selected channel
- Kinematic Wave
 - Uniform, unsteady flow
 - No backwater, no surcharge, tree branch systems only
- Dynamic Wave
 - Non-uniform, unsteady flow
 - Backwater, surcharge, looped or parallel sewers, street routing of flooded sewer manholes

