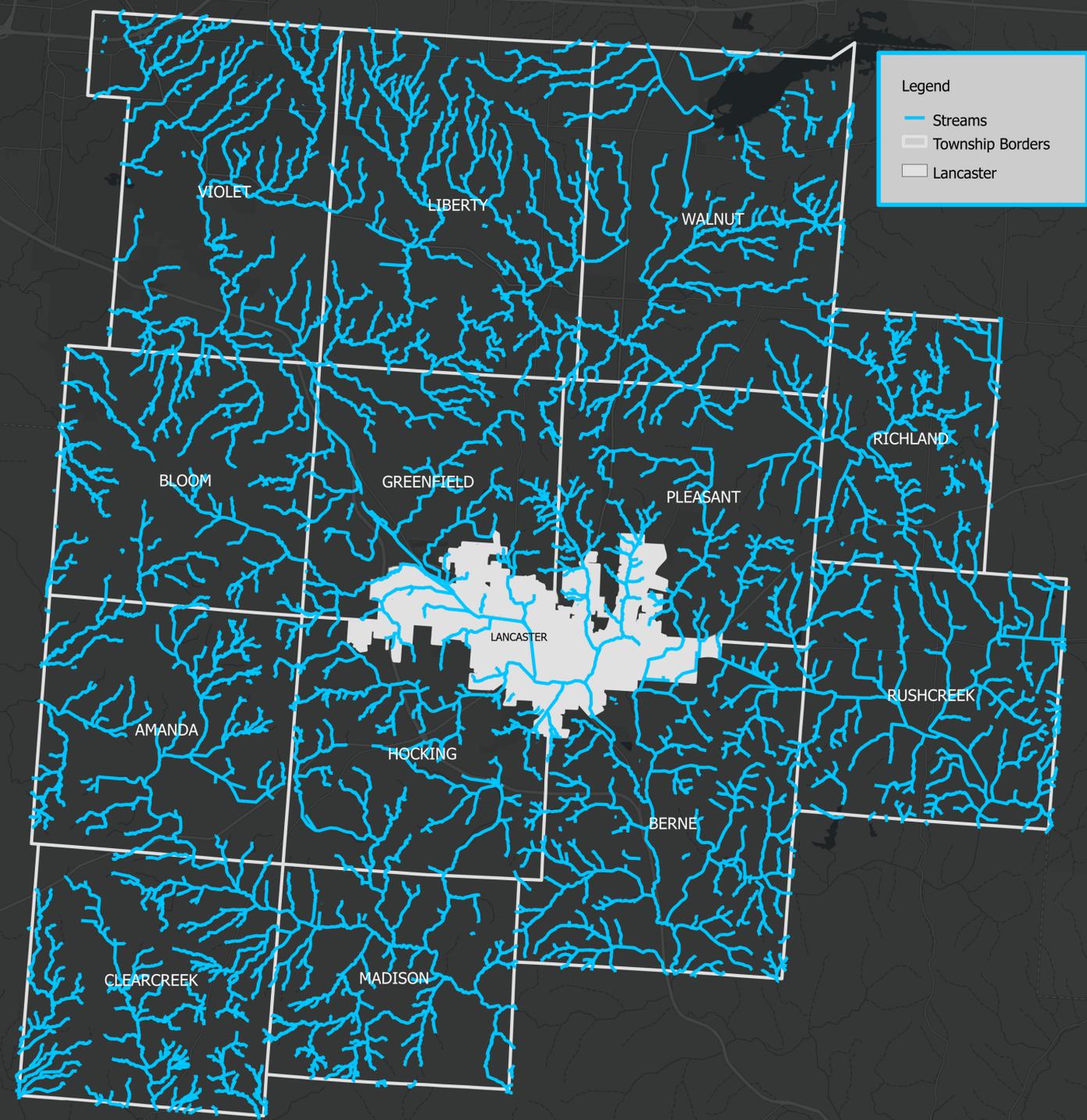
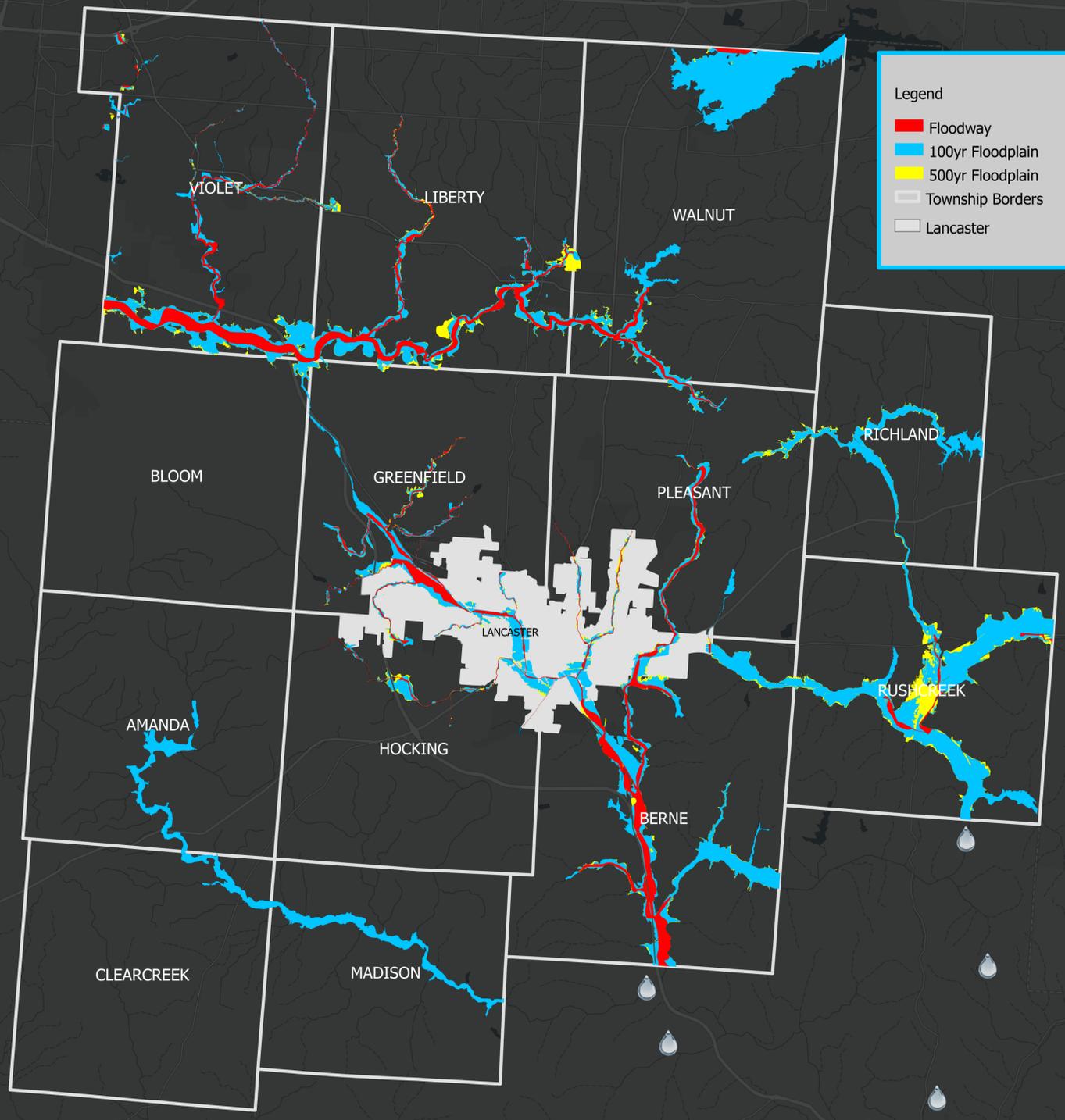


“A DECADE OF WATER: FLOOD HAZARD (2012) & STREAM CONDITIONS (2022) IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO”



Flooding is dangerous, but many injuries and deaths can be prevented by staying informed and acting early. Monitor weather updates, know flood-prone areas, prepare an emergency plan and kit, and be ready to evacuate before flooding begins. During and after a flood, move to higher ground, follow official warnings, avoid floodwaters and closed roads, and wait for the all-clear before returning. Even shallow moving water is deadly, 6 inches can knock you down, 12 inches can move a car, so always remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown. {FEMA Flood Hazard Areas are under Regional Planning Commission Jurisdiction}

Fairfield County, Ohio is home to approximately 36–37 named streams, including creeks, runs, forks, and other flowing watercourses, identified within regional geographic databases.

In Lancaster, March precipitation patterns indicate a seasonal transition toward increased rainfall. The probability of a wet day (≥ 0.04 inches) rises from 26% to 33% throughout the month. Rain-only events increase from 19% to 32%, while mixed precipitation and snowfall probabilities decline to near zero. Average 31-day accumulated rainfall increases from approximately 2.0 to 2.8 inches, reflecting a measurable upward trend in surface water input and stream flow contribution.