

# SAMPLE FLOOD ANALYSIS REPORT

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# SITE SPECIFIC WEATHER ANALYSIS REPORT

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CASE REFERENCE: Arnold Ziffel  
123 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

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Report Completion Date: November 29, 2007  
Prepared for: Law Offices of Oliver Wendell Douglas  
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Attn: Oliver Wendell Douglas  
Case Reference: Arnold Ziffel  
Date of Incident / Loss: September 16, 1999  
Time of Incident / Loss: N / A  
Location of Loss / Incident: 123 Green Street,  
Mount Kisco, NY  
Type of Incident: Flood  
Scope: Determination of the weather and ground conditions for  
September 16, 1999.

## ABSTRACT

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Law Offices of Oliver Wendell Douglas has requested that CompuWeather's Forensic Meteorologists perform a site specific analysis of the weather conditions that occurred on September 17, 1999 for the location of 123 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY. CompuWeather researched all the available weather data from approved sources for the surrounding area, analyzed the information and interpreted the conditions that took place for the requested location during the period requested.

CompuWeather has determined that approximately 12.11 inches of rain fell on September 16, 1999 (period in question), in the vicinity of 123 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY (site of the incident).

## INTRODUCTION

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This report is based on a review of weather data recorded in the vicinity of 123 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY on September 16, 1999. In order to determine the weather conditions during the period in question, official copies of National Weather Service (NWS) data were studied.

The process employed to produce this weather analysis begins with verifying the point of loss and performing a rigorous search of all the available and relevant weather data within the local geographical area that the incident site falls within. Once this data has been analyzed, the data is interpreted to make the determination as to the weather that occurred at the exact incident site. Before delivery, this report has been quality controlled for accuracy by a meteorologist.

In addition, all meteorological data used to prepare this report is quality controlled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and can be certified. Data and meteorological reports taken by individuals or organizations not affiliated with the NOAA and the National Weather Service are not used in our practice.

**ANALYSIS OF THE GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE PERIOD  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1999.**

On September 16, 1999, precipitation in the form of rain occurred from 12 AM EDT (midnight) until just after 11 PM EDT. Rainfall was frequently moderate to heavy in intensity during the period 8 AM through about 9 PM EDT, and rainfall totaled approximately 12.11 inches for the day.

The normal rainfall for this date at this location is approximately 0.45 inch. As a result of this rainfall, exposed outdoor surfaces were wet with puddles and areas of standing water existing, along with some flooding conditions especially in low-lying and poor drainage locations. Substantial surface runoff of water would have occurred in some areas in which the local terrain and landscape allowed for this effect.

The New York City office of the National Weather Service had issued Flood Watches for this day, and at 12:08 PM EDT, a Flood Warning was issued for the afternoon and evening hours for an area which included all of Westchester County (county location of Mount Kisco). Due to rainfall which had totaled around 4 inches at this time, and to additional expected heavy rainfall, residents were warned to expect flooding of urban areas including streets and highways during the afternoon and evening.

The table below indicates the hourly rainfall (inches) between the hours of 8 AM and Midnight on September 16, 1999. The amounts shown represent the rain which fell during the 1 hour period ending at the indicated time.

<b>TIME</b>	<b>RAINFALL</b>
9AM	0.36
10AM	0.34
11AM	0.39
12PM	0.61
1PM	0.23
2PM	0.67
3PM	0.87
4PM	0.54

<b>TIME</b>	<b>RAINFALL</b>
5PM	1.10
6PM	0.63
7PM	1.38
8PM	1.28
9PM	0.67
10PM	0.19
11PM	0.02
12AM	*Trace

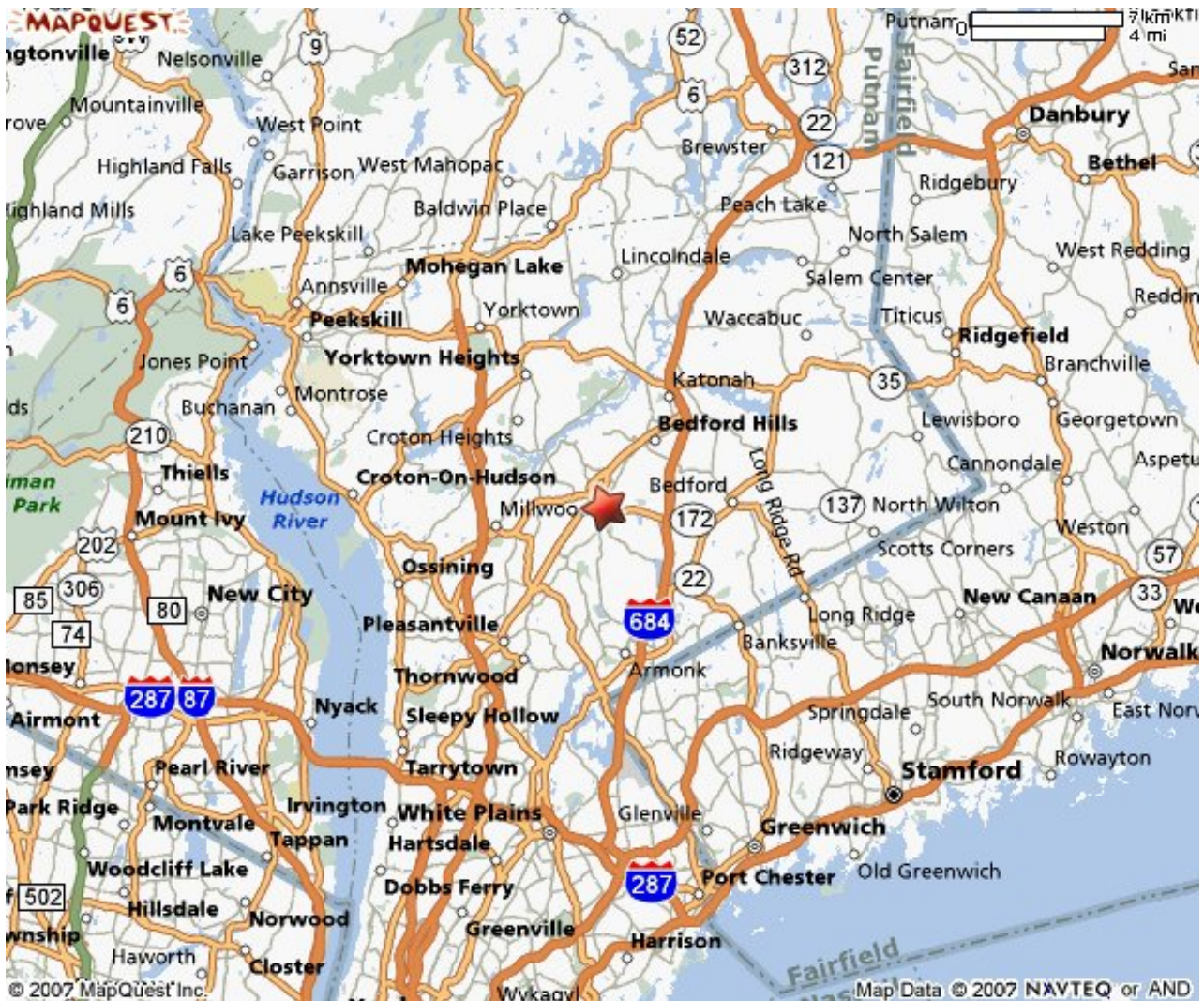
\* A Trace of rainfall denotes an amount of less than 0.01 inch.

The weather events that occurred on September 16, 1999 were a result of Hurricane Floyd, which moved up the U.S. East Coast and passed over central Long Island during the evening of September 16, 1999.

As a result of this rainfall, serious widespread urban, small stream, and river flooding occurred throughout Westchester County (the county location of Mount Kisco, NY).

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it can be stated with a reasonable degree of meteorological certainty, that on September 16, 1999 (date of the incident), approximately 12.11 inches of rain fell causing widespread urban, small stream and river flooding in the vicinity of 123 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY (site of the incident; see attached map). This rainfall was the result of Hurricane Floyd. In addition, a 24 hour rainfall event of this magnitude occurs on the average of less than once every 100 years.



## INFORMATION SOURCES & SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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The following is listing of data resources used by CompuWeather for Historical Weather Analysis:

- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Weather Service (NWS) hourly reporting stations
- National Weather Service special weather statements
- National Weather Service cooperative reporting station data
- National Weather Service climate summaries
- The September 1999 issue of the National Weather Service publication “Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena”,
- The National Weather Service publication “Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the United States”.

National Weather Service hourly reporting sites chosen for this study include:

### In New York:

- Westchester County Airport – White Plains

### In Connecticut:

- Danbury Municipal Airport

National Weather Service cooperative observers chosen for this study include:

### In New York:

- Yorktown Heights 1 W



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