

Flood Event of 1/1/1976 - 1/4/1976

Appomattox

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Farmville	16.00	1/1/1976	16.53	5,410	Minor	Appomattox	Appomattox River	Cumberland	Prince Edward
Mattoax	21.00	1/4/1976	22.28	6,440	Minor	Appomattox	Appomattox River	Chesterfield	Amelia

James

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Lick Run	16.00	1/1/1976	16.40	25,600	Minor	James	James River	Botetourt	Botetourt
Palmyra	17.00	1/1/1976	18.99	13,200	Minor	James	Rivanna River	Fluvanna	Fluvanna
Richmond	12.00	1/2/1976	14.08	57,900	Minor	James	James River	Henrico	Independent City

Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Dawsonville	7.50	1/1/1976	8.94	4,900	Minor	Potomac	Seneca Creek	Montgomery	Montgomery
Great Cacapon	9.00	1/1/1976	13.83	17,000	Minor	Potomac	Cacapon River	Morgan	Morgan
Leesburg	12.00	1/1/1976	13.32	9,490	Minor	Potomac	Goose Creek	Loudoun	Loudoun
Martinsburg	10.00	1/1/1976	12.08	5,300	Minor	Potomac	Opequon Creek	Berkeley	Berkeley
Point of Rocks	16.00	1/2/1976	18.71	109,000	Minor	Potomac	Potomac River	Frederick	Frederick
Shepherdstown	15.00	1/2/1976	18.33	72,700	Moderate	Potomac	Potomac River	Jefferson	Jefferson

Springfield	15.00	1/1/1976	16.75	26,000	Minor	Potomac	South Branch Potomac River	Hampshire	Hampshire
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Rappahannock

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Remington	15.00	1/1/1976	15.10	11,200	Minor	Rappahannock	Rappahannock River	Fauquier	Fauquier

Weather Summary

A relatively strong low pressure system that originated over the Southeast moved northeastward into the Mid-Atlantic on New Year's Eve 1975. Heavy rain, amounting to 1.00 to 2.00 inches, fell on the 31st across much of Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. As a result, many rivers in the region rose above flood stage over the course of the first few days of 1976. Another front associated with a different low passed through the region on the 3rd, which caused the Appomattox River at Mattoax to flood before the rest of the rivers could return below flood stage.

Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 2 that occurred in Jan, 1976

First flood of 9 that occurred in 1976

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 13

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 12

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0