

Floods Caused by Tropical Systems: Potomac River at Hancock

Latitude: 39.698

Period of Record: 1889-Present

Longitude: -78.178

Flood Stage: 30 ft

Last Flood: 9/8/1996

Number of Floods: 13

Date of Crest	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Remarks
11/6/1985	41.20	207,000	Hurricane Juan produced more than 1 inch of rain in VA with more than 7 inches reported in higher elevations. A coastal low pressure system produced an additional 1-7 inches of rain and caused widespread major flooding in Virginia and Maryland.
10/16/1942	36.63	155,000	The remnants of the eighth tropical storm of the year produced torrential rains and caused the worst river flooding in the history of Virginia.
9/8/1996	35.81	148,000	Hurricane Fran produced up to 16 inches of rain in the western part of Virginia and up to 7 inches in the Juniata Basin in Pennsylvania. Fran was the worst flood even to hit Maryland since Hurricane Hazel and the January 1996 Flood.
8/19/1955	32.40	123,000	Hurricane Diane made landfall 5 days after Hurricane Connie. Hurricane Diane produced several inches of rain with locally heavier amounts of 10 to 20 inches.
6/23/1972	30.79	112,000	Hurricane Agnes made landfall again over southeastern New York on June 22 and moved westward into Pennsylvania. Rainfall totals from June 20-25 range from 2-3 inches in the Upper Potomac to 18 inches near Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Drainage Area: 4064 sq mi

Tropical information before 1940 is limited.

County of Gage: Washington

Gage Datum: 383.68 ft MSL

Potomac Basin

County of Forecast Point: Washington