

Heavy Rain and Flood Threat

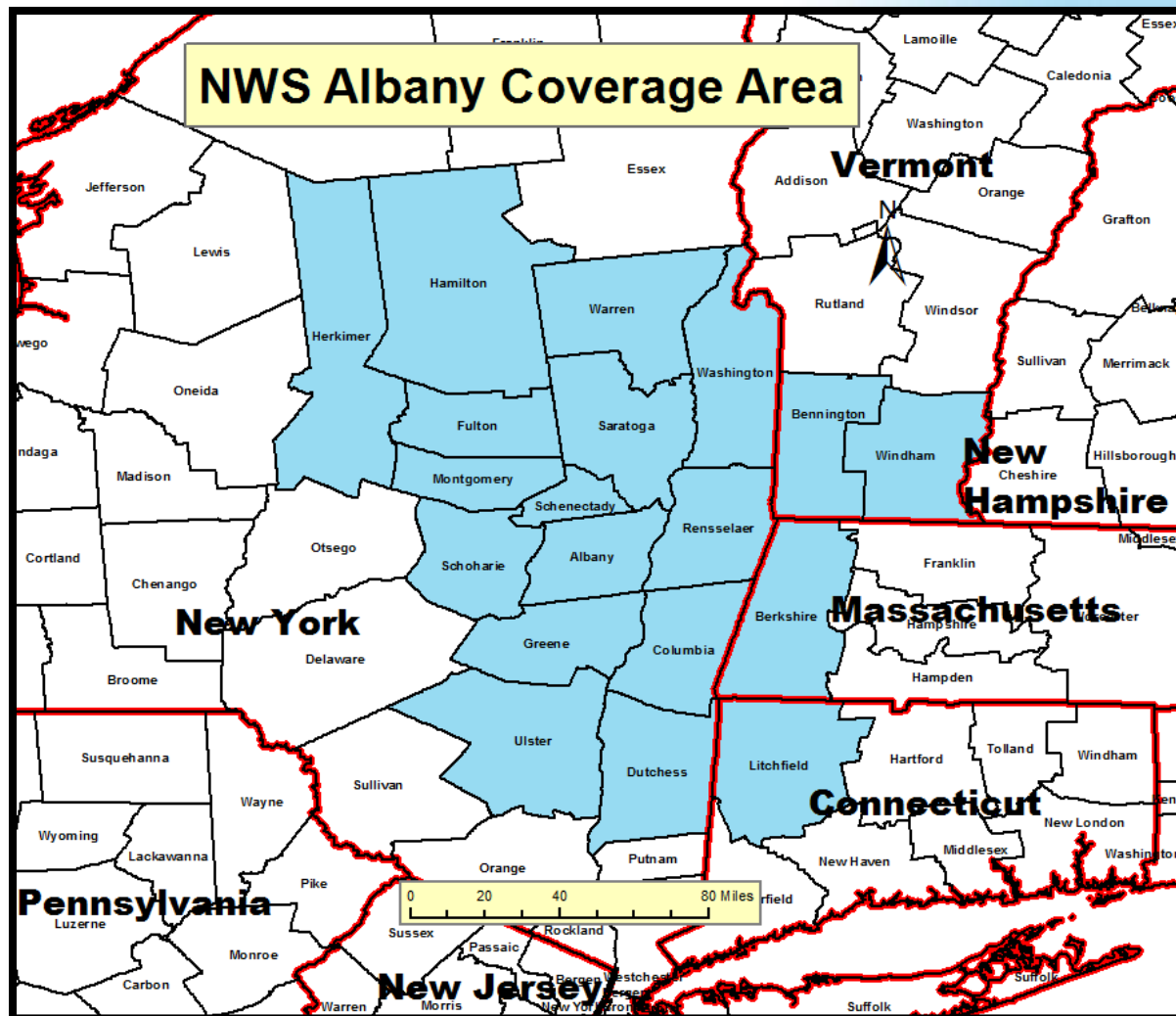
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**FLOODING AHEAD
TURN AROUND
DON'T DROWN**

What Has Changed?

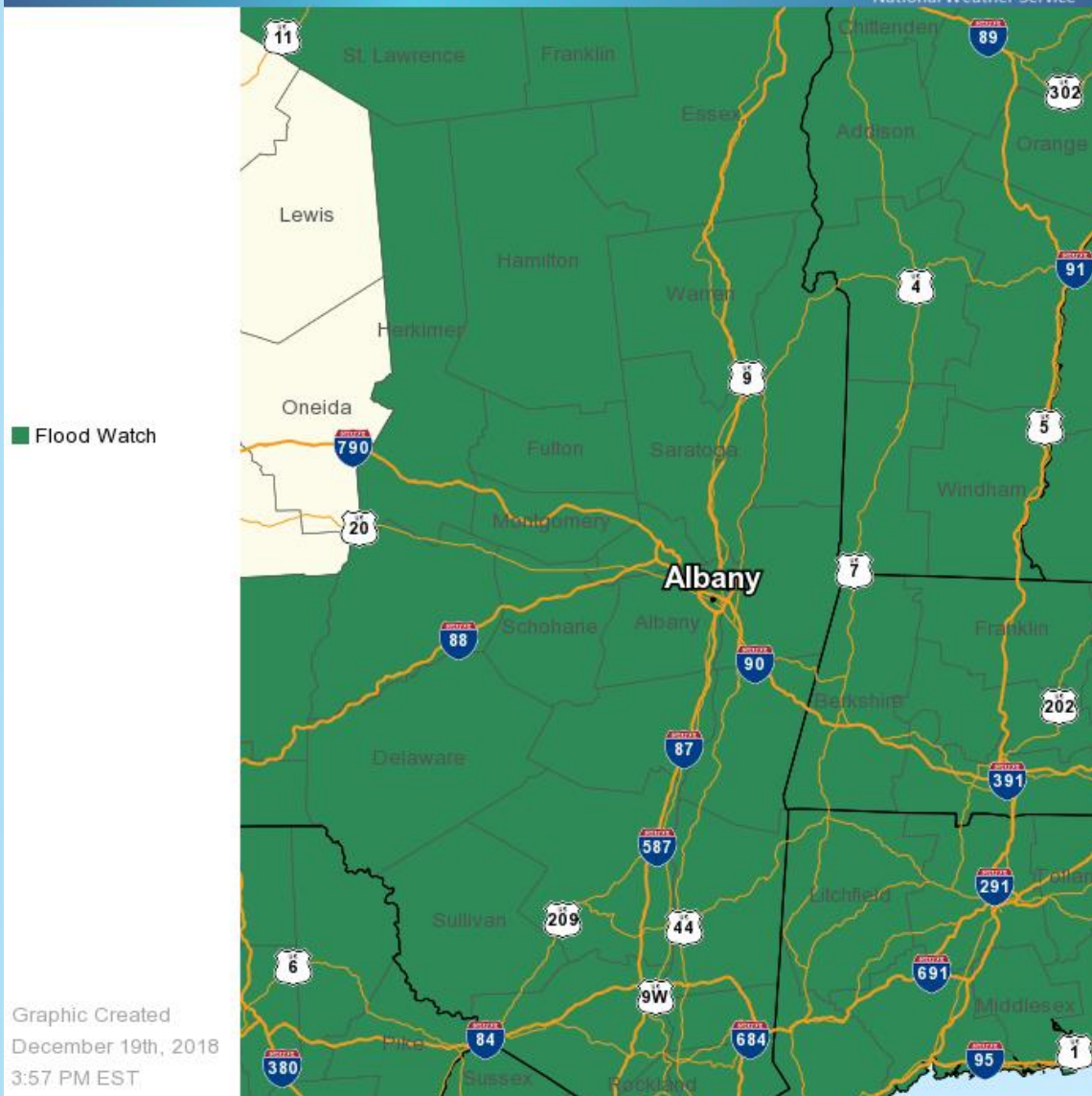
- ✓ Flood Watch issued for eastern New York and western New England



Main Points

Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Urban/ Poor Drainage Flooding 	Flooding of creeks, streams, urban areas, and poor drainage areas. Water may cover roads, especially in low lying areas.	Eastern New York and western New England	Thursday night into Friday night
River Flooding 	Minor flooding is forecast along several area rivers. Roads and structures near these rivers may flood.	Eastern New York and western New England	Friday into Saturday
Strong Wind 	Downed tree limbs, possibly resulting in isolated power outages.	Mainly above 2000' elevation in eastern New York and western New England	Late Thursday night into Friday evening

Flood Watches Warnings and Advisories



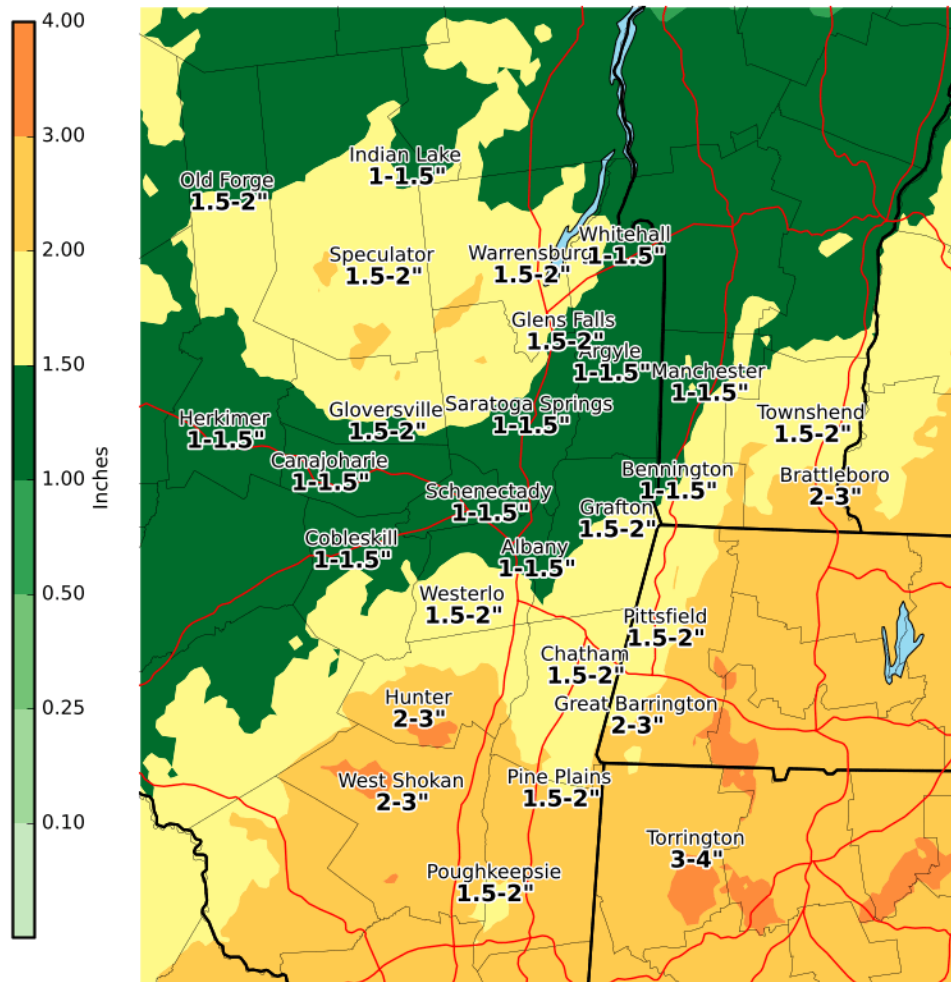
**Headlines as of
Wednesday
afternoon:**

Flood Watch

In effect Thursday
night into Friday night
for all of eastern New
York and western
New England

Rain Forecast

Valid: Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning



Forecast Rainfall

- ✓ Valid Thursday night through Saturday morning
- ✓ Rainfall rates of 1–2.5" expected, locally higher



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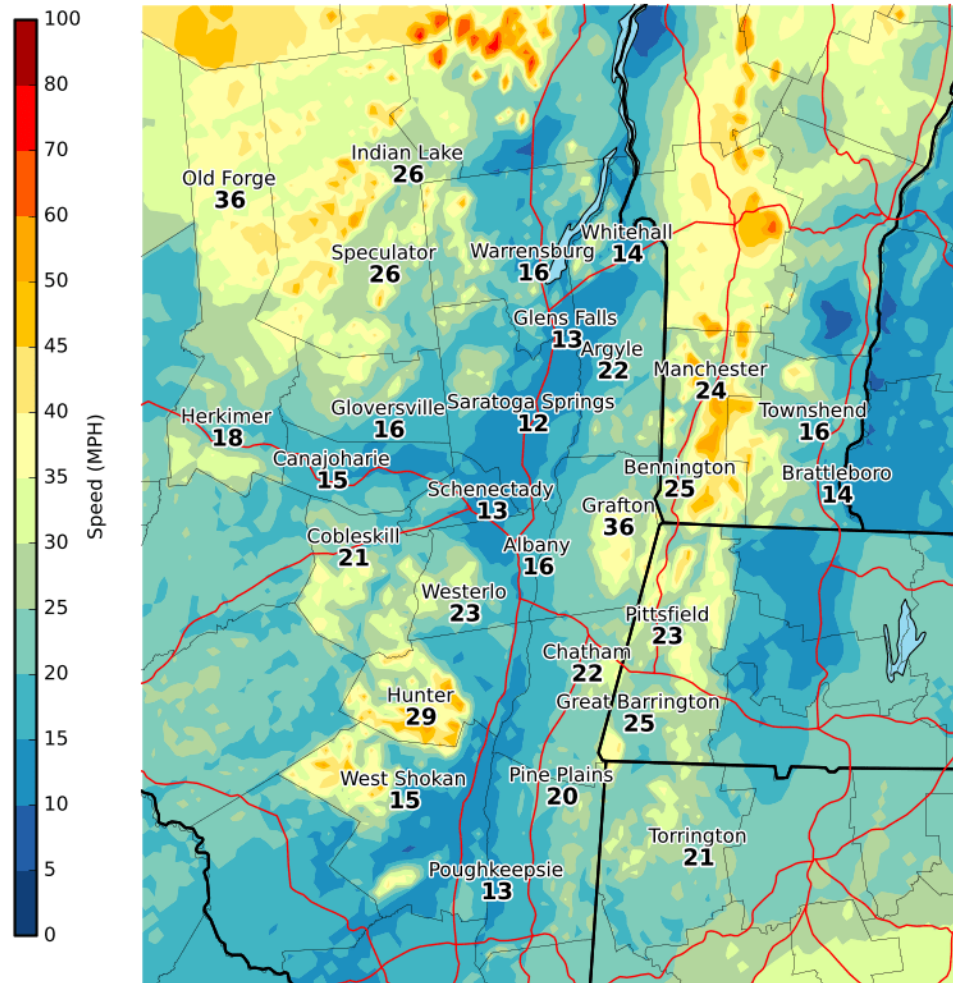
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Maximum Wind Gusts

Valid: Thursday night through Friday evening



Forecast Wind Gusts

- ✓ Strongest winds expected late Thursday night into Friday evening
- ✓ Winds could gust to 50 mph across the higher terrain mainly above 2000'



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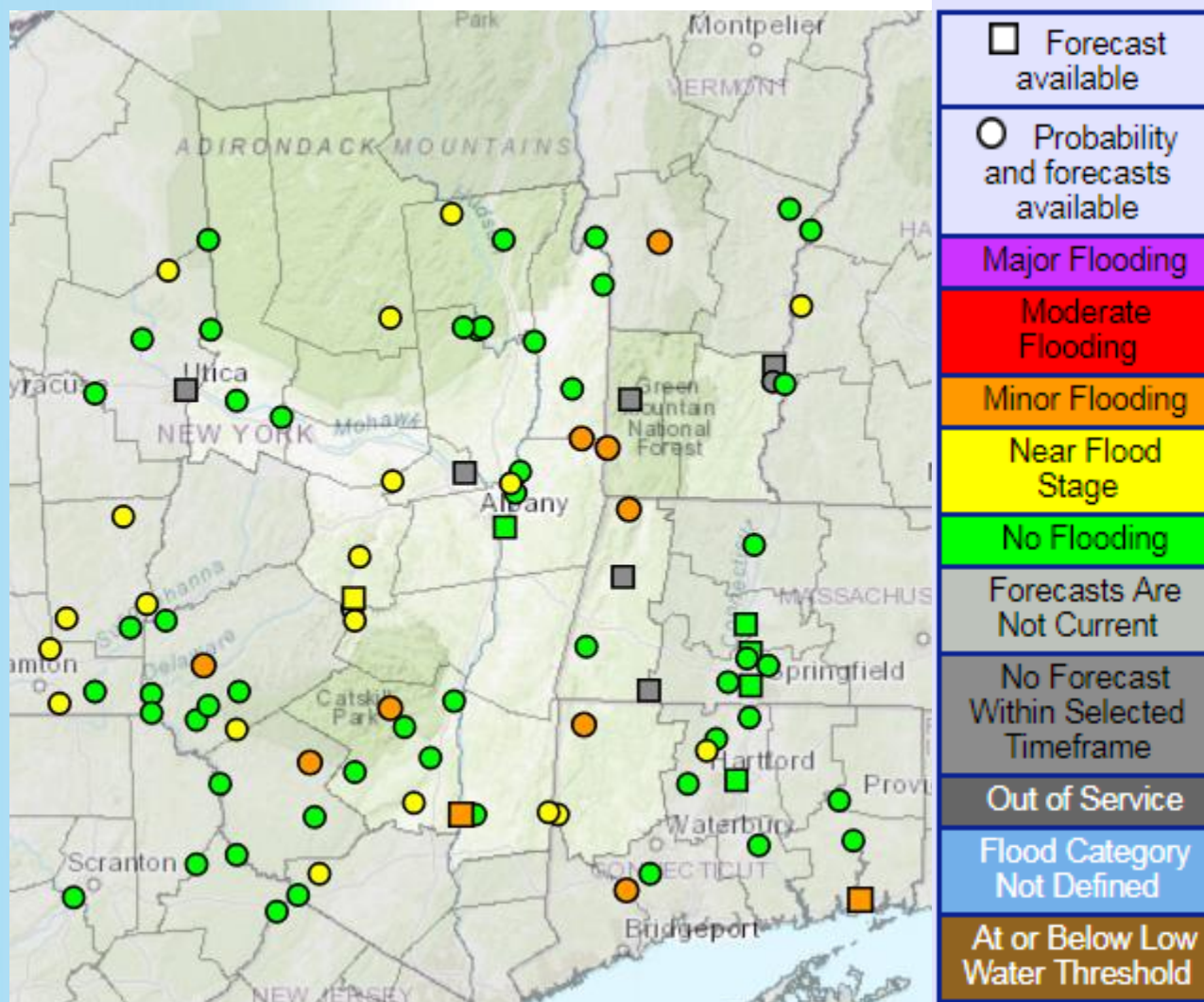
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River Forecasts:

- ✓ Minor flooding forecast beginning Friday
- ✓ Rivers cresting Friday into Saturday
- ✓ Find the most up to date forecasts and observations at:

water.weather.gov/ahps2/forecasts.php?wfo=aly

Event Summary

- ✓ A low pressure system will bring widespread moderate to locally heavy rainfall to eastern New York and western New England Thursday night into Friday night. Rainfall amounts are expected to range from 1 to 2.5 inches, locally higher across the southeastern-facing slopes of the Catskills, Greens, and Berkshires. This rainfall, combined with high-elevation snowmelt, may result in minor river flooding and urban/poor drainage flooding. River flooding may persist into Saturday.
- ✓ Windy conditions are expected across the higher terrain, especially above 2000' elevation. Wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph are possible.
- ✓ There is a slight chance of thunderstorms Friday afternoon.
- ✓ Confidence is moderate for flooding and low for high winds.

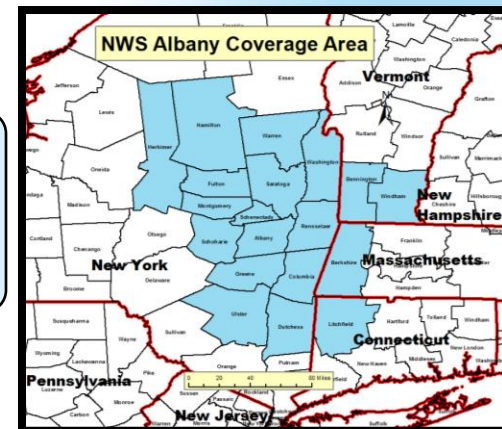
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