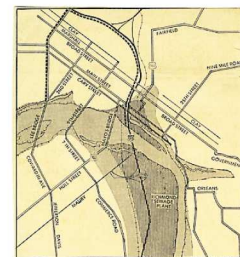
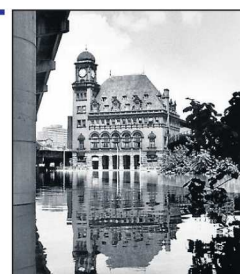


Local flooding

- James River (normal)
- Flooding (1969)
- Floodwall (finished in 1994)



The map at left shows the extent of flooding along the James River in Richmond following Camille. Based on a 1972 Richmond Times-Dispatch map that compared the Camille and Agnes floods, today's map shows some features that did not exist yet. Richmond's floodwall, completed in 1994 at a cost of \$143 million, is designed to protect up to a 41-foot level at the City Locks gauge. It would have blocked Camille's flooding, which topped out at 28.6 feet there.



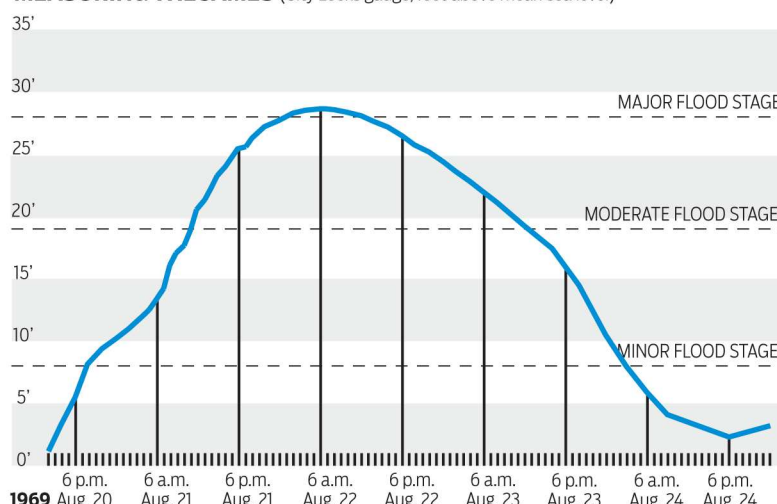
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Main Street Station.

Rising waters

The James River began rising in Richmond on Aug. 20, 1969, going from normal levels to major flood stage in 36 hours as Camille's rainfall ran downstream. Early on Aug. 22, the river topped out at 28.6 feet at the City Locks gauge, located at Great Shiplock Park. It ended up lower than initial predictions, and water receded over the next two days. In 1972, flooding from Tropical Storm Agnes set the modern record at 36.5 feet.

MEASURING THE JAMES (City Locks gauge, feet above mean sea level)



CRESTS

