

# Overview of the Automatic Overland Flow Delineation Tool (AOFD)

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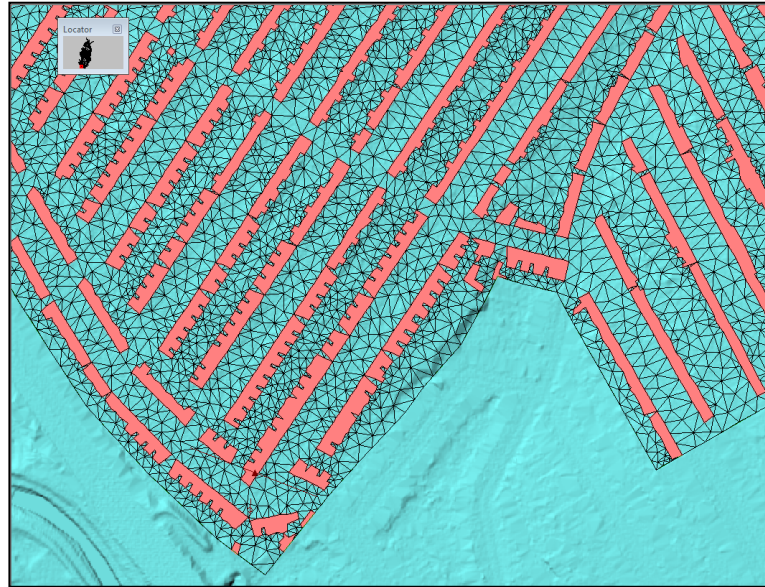
# Dual-drainage concept: Sewer Network + Overland Network

(Djordjević et al., 2005)

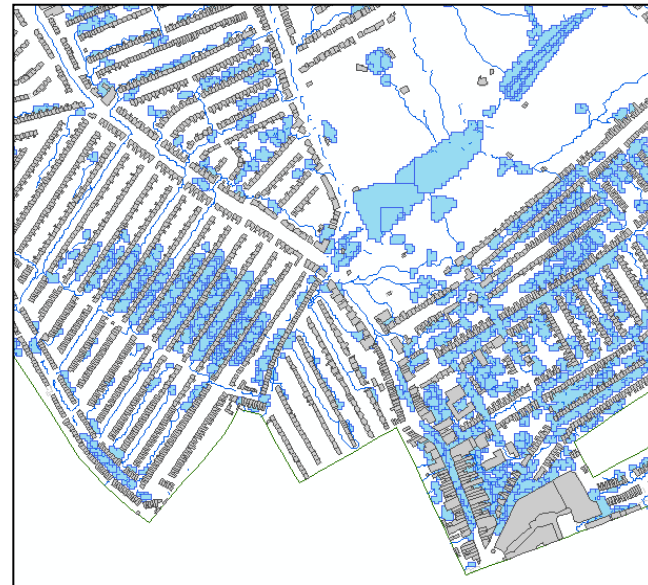
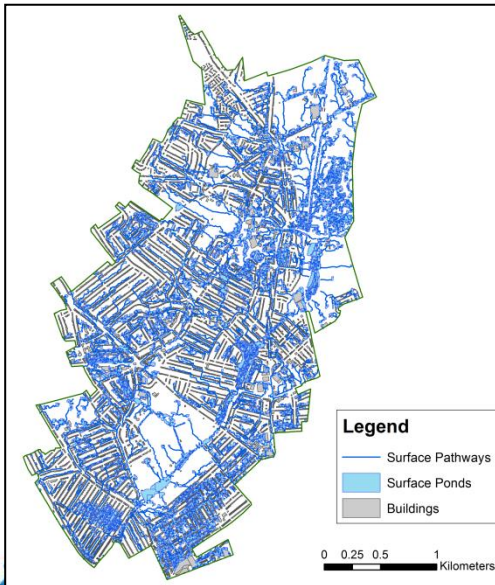
- **Sewer system** (manholes and pipes): 1D
- **Overland system** (depressions and flow paths): 1D or 2D:
  - ✓ **2D overland flow modelling:** Surface divided into small elements (squares or irregular triangles). **In general, long computational time, not suitable for real time forecasting.**
  - ✓ **1D overland flow modelling:** Overland system consists of **nodes** (ponds) and **links** (flow paths). It can be created manually or using the AOFD tool, based upon an accurate DEM (Digital Elevation Model) of the area. **Fast, suitable for real time applications.**



## 2D model of the surface



## 1D model of the surface

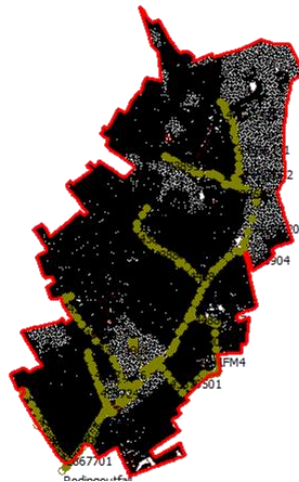




# HYBRID MODELS



1D Sewer  
Simulation



1D / 1D  
simulation

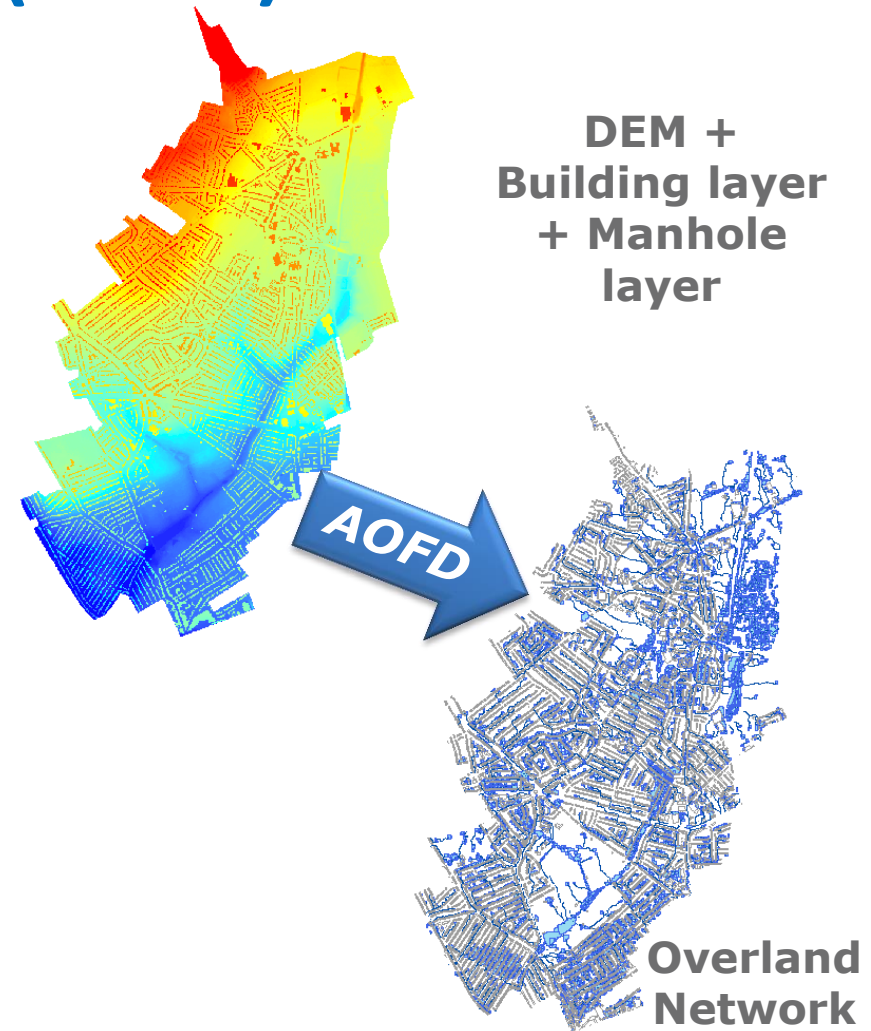
**HYBRID MODELS:**  
1D overland model in most part of the catchment with nested 2D overland model in areas more prone to flooding and where more detail is needed



Hybrid  
1D/1D + 1D/2D

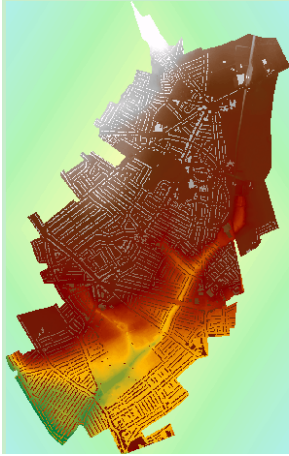
# Automatic Overland Flow Delineation (AOFD) Tool

- GIS tool which automatically analyses and generates 1D model of the overland network based on DEM
- Takes into account processes such as pond forming, flow through preferential pathways and surface drainage capacity
- Takes into account interactions with sewer system

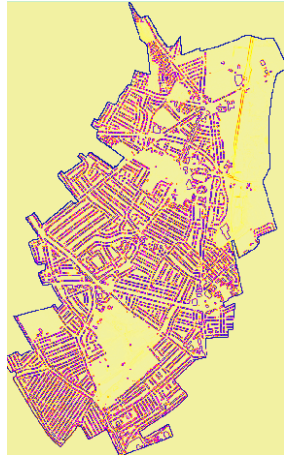


# Inputs of AOFD

**DEM**



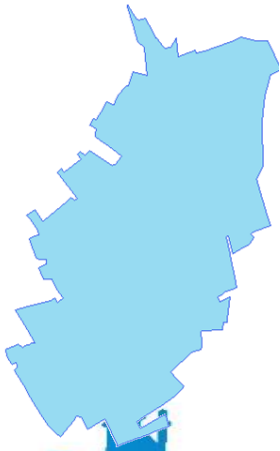
**Slope**



**Aspect**



**Boundary**



**Buildings**

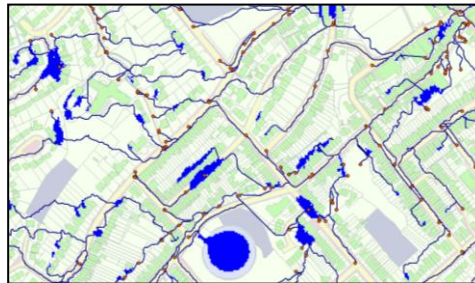


**Manholes**





- Set of shapefiles which contain the information about the elements that constitute the 1D model of the overland network:
  - Ponds (local depressions) = nodes with associated storage capacity
  - Flow pathways = links with computed geometry



- These files can be imported into several hydraulic simulation software and can be easily coupled with 1D models of the sewer system, thus allowing for the creation of 1D-1D dual drainage models

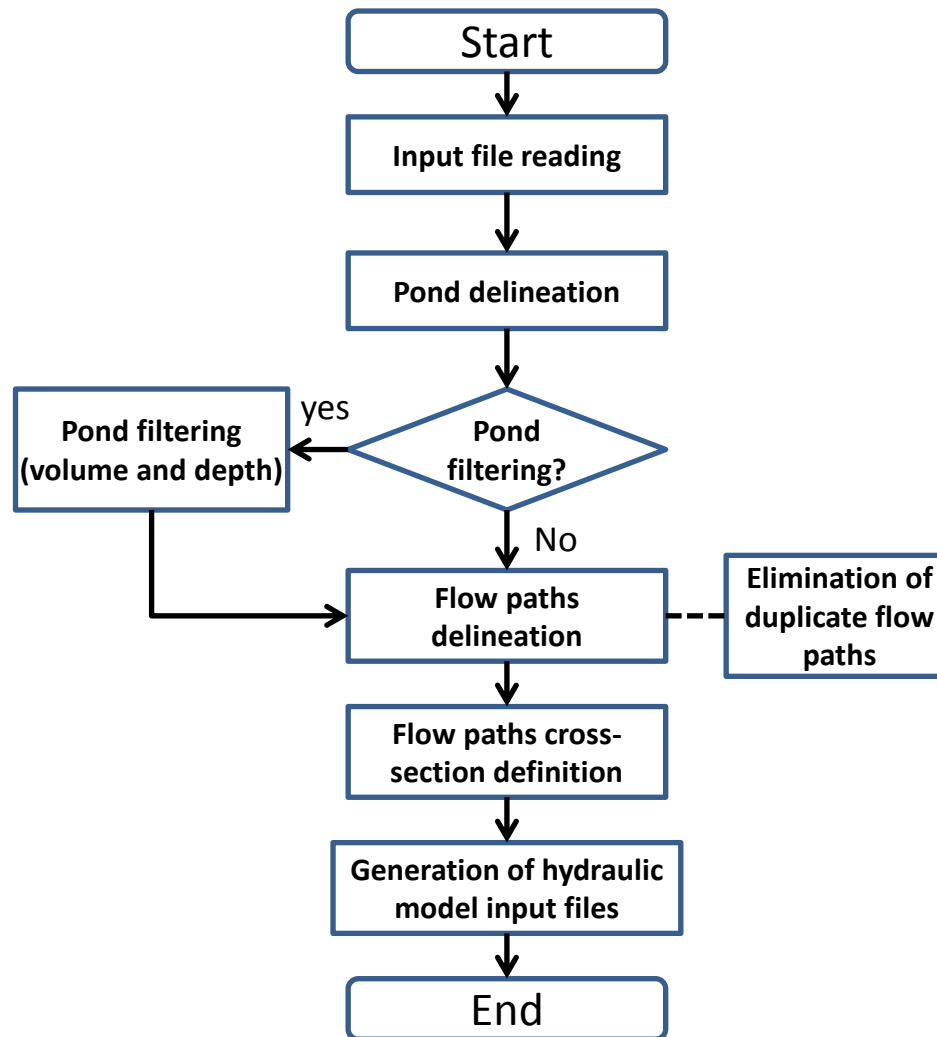


**AOFD is not a hydraulic  
simulation engine!**



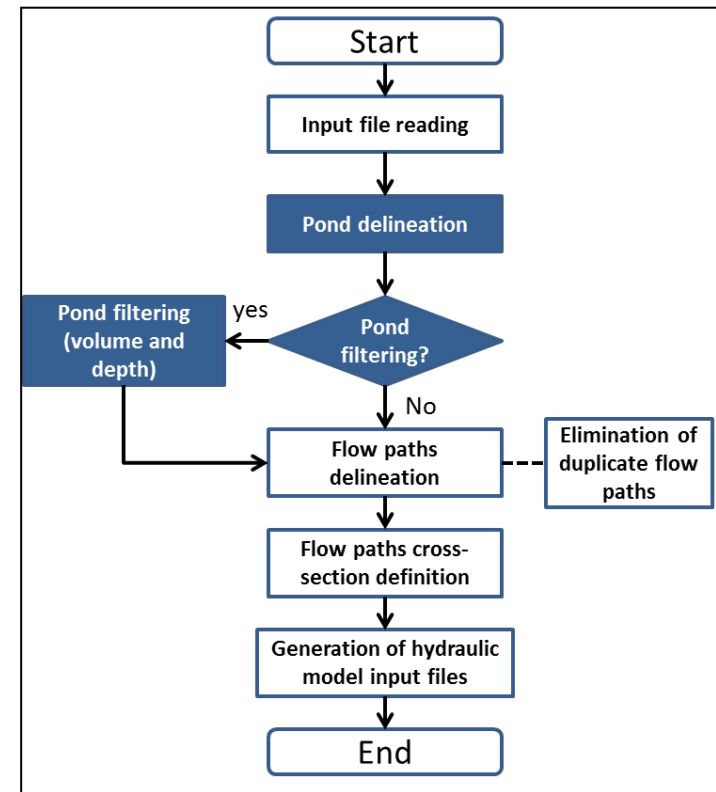
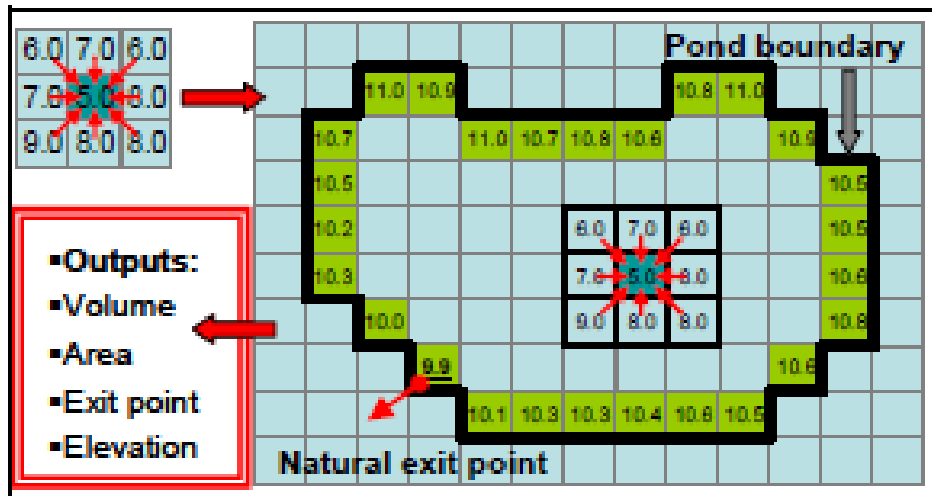


# AOFD Algorithm



# 1. Pond delineation:

- Identification of sinks
- Quantification of surface storage (depth-volume relationship)
- Determination of natural exit point of pond
- Based on DEM, using iterative “grow-up” method

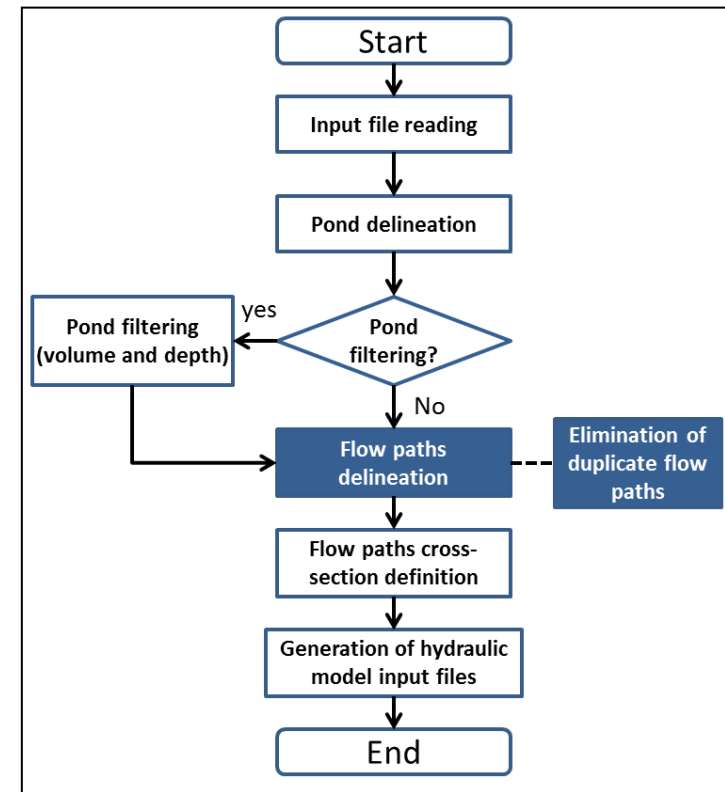
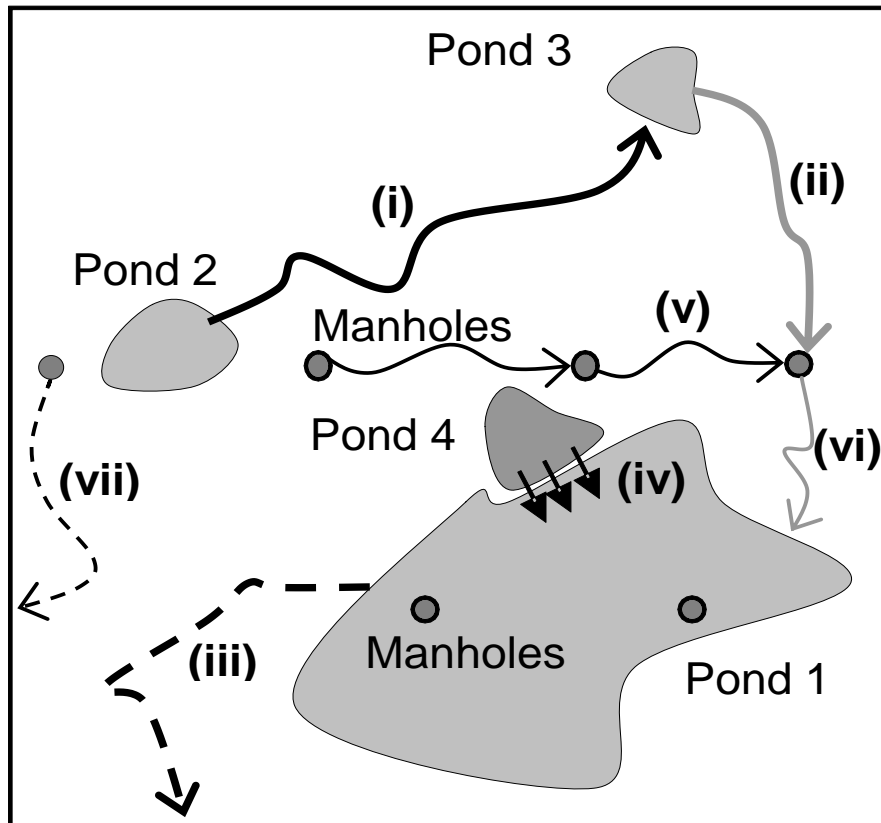


## Pond filtering?

- It is advisable to remove small ponds
- User may define filtering threshold.

## 2. Pathway delineation

- Connection between nodes (ponds & manholes) is identified
- Based on DEM, using “rolling ball” algorithm

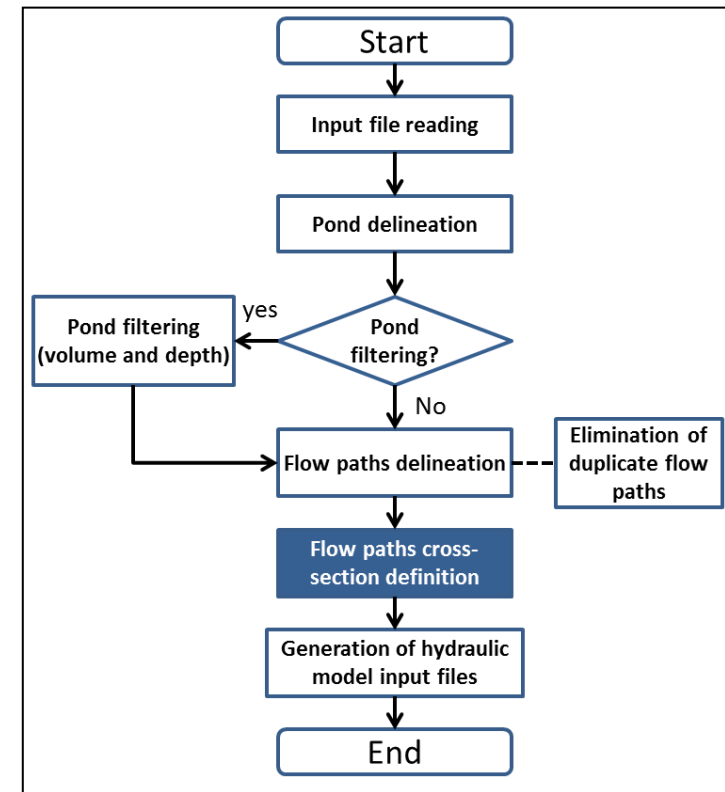
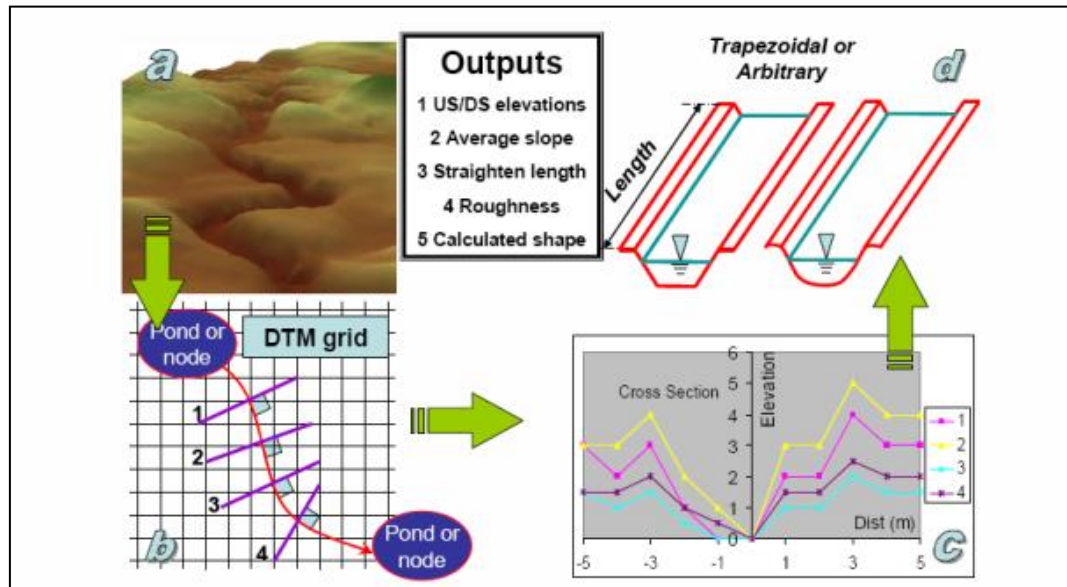


### Elimination of duplicates / merging of pathways:

If two or more pathways are closer than a given value (normally grid size), they are merged

### 3. Estimation of pathways' cross-section

- Geometry of the open channel (user can choose between trapezoidal and arbitray cross-section)
- Upstream/downstream elevations
- Actual length of the pathway
- Average slope



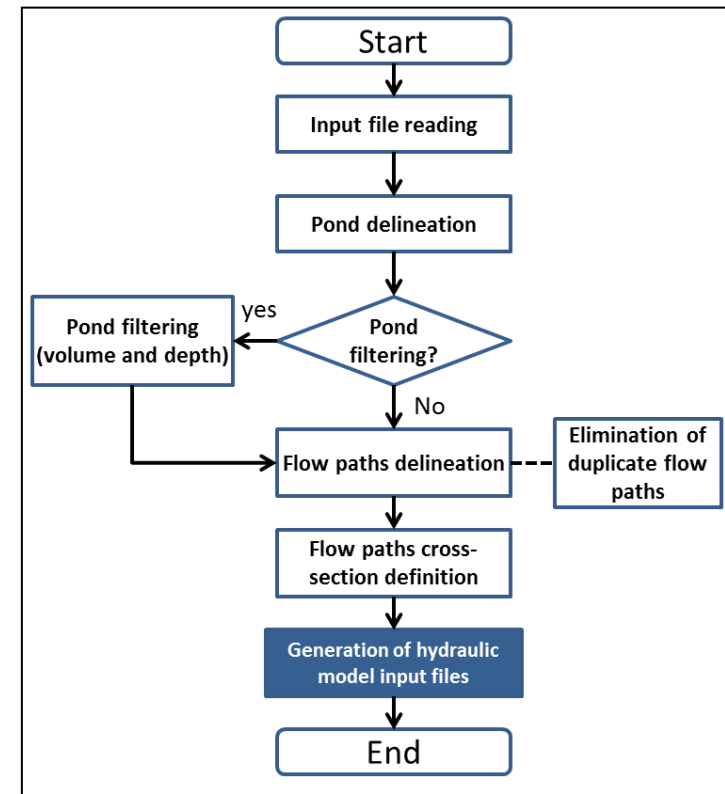
### Methodology:

- Equi-distant cross sections are drawn along each pathway
- Arbitrary shape: elevation at each offset distance from centre
- Trapezoidal shape: find geometry of trapezoid that fits  $H(m)-A(m^2)$  curve



## 4. Creation of surface flow network and generation of hydraulic model input files

- Parameters regarding interaction between sewer system and overland network are established by user
- Pathway roughness is assigned by user
- AOFD generates shapefiles of ponds and pathways



# 1D Overland Network of Cranbrook Catchment





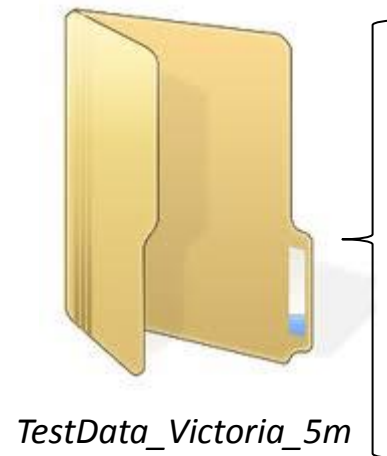
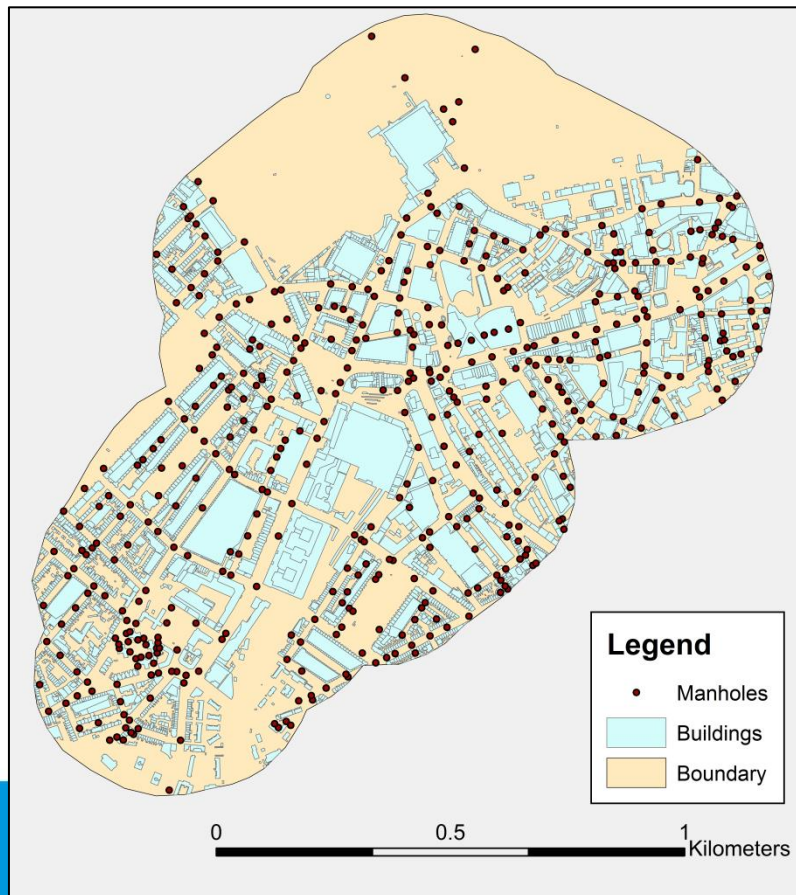
# Exercise

**Executing the AOFD tool and creating a  
1D1D dual-drainage model**

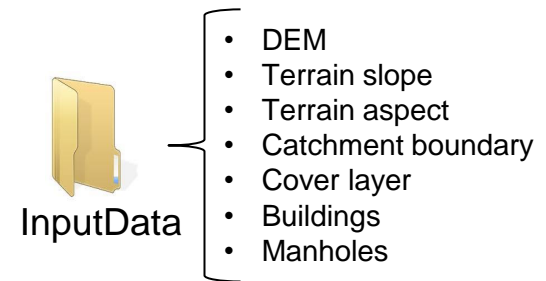


# STEP 1: Checking input data

- You have been provided with the following input dataset:



Project File: *VS5.pro*












## STEP 2: Launching the AOFD tool

- You have been provided with a folder that contains the AOFD software:

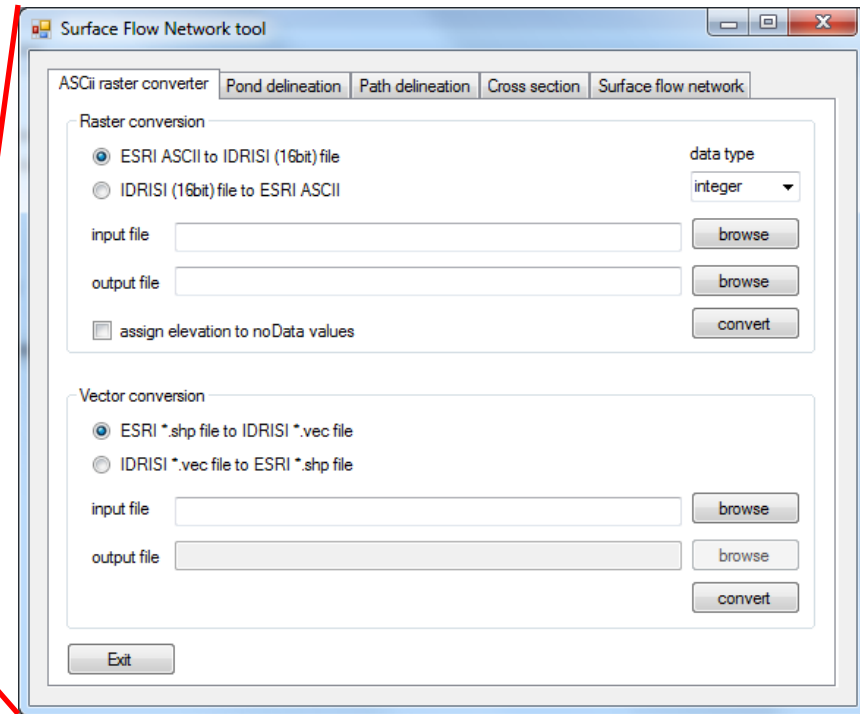


*SurfaceAnalysis*

 Conversion  
 CrossSection  
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 PathDel  
 pondDel  
 SIPSON



*SurfFlowNetwork.exe*



## STEP 3: Executing the AOFD tool



Surface Flow Network tool

ASCII raster converter Pond delineation Path delineation Cross section Surface flow network

project file D:\AOFD\_Runs\_VS\03\_Victoria\_5m\VS5.pro Browse

Delineation type

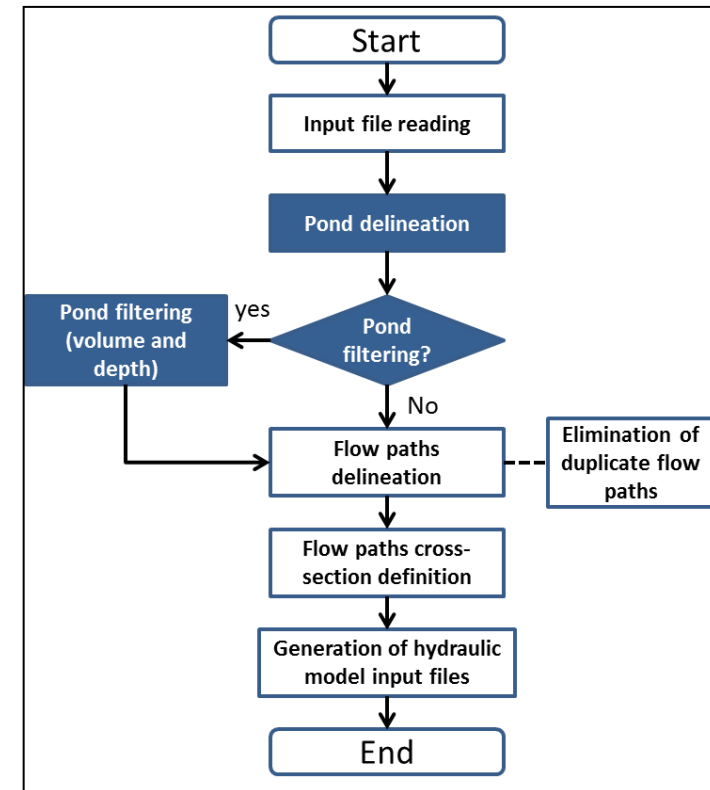
- ☐ entire DEM
- ☐ catchment boundary
- ☒ catchment boundary + sewer

Pond removal

- ☒ remove ponds
- volume (m3) 0 (0 - 5 m3)
- depth (m) 0 (0 - 0.2 m)
- ☒ remove ponds inside building polygons
- buildings file D:\AOFD\_Runs\_VS\03\_Victoria\_5m\InputData\build5.IMG Browse

Exit OK

## 1. Pond delineation



Results of pond filtering

No. Pond Removed/Total = 268/ 2957

Total Volume = 727790.253242000200000

Loss Volume = 228026.775827000000000

Loss = 31.331 %

OK

Surface Flow Network tool

ASCII raster converter Pond delineation Path delineation Cross section Surface flow network

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Delineation type

☐ pond links

☒ ponds and manholes linkage

Path delineation parameters

buffer radius (m) 40

number of iterations 50

☒ consider buildings in delineation

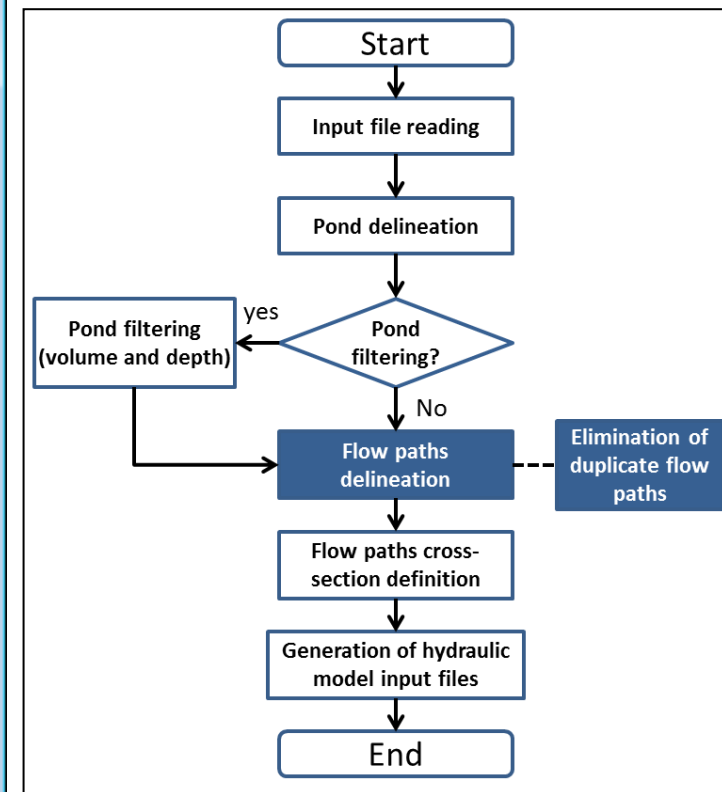
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Surface junction parameters

grid size for analysis (m) 5

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## 2. Flow path delineation





Surface Flow Network tool

ASCII raster converter | Pond delineation | Path delineation | **Cross section** | Surface flow network

project file: D:\AQFD\_Runs\_VS\03\_Victoria\_5m\VS5.pro Browse

Estimation of channel geometry

longitudinal interval (m): 5

maximum depth (m): 5

minimum depth (m): 0.05

buffer radius (m): 15

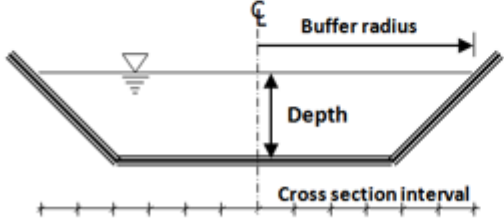
cross section interval (m): 5

Default trapezoidal channel

depth (m): 1.5

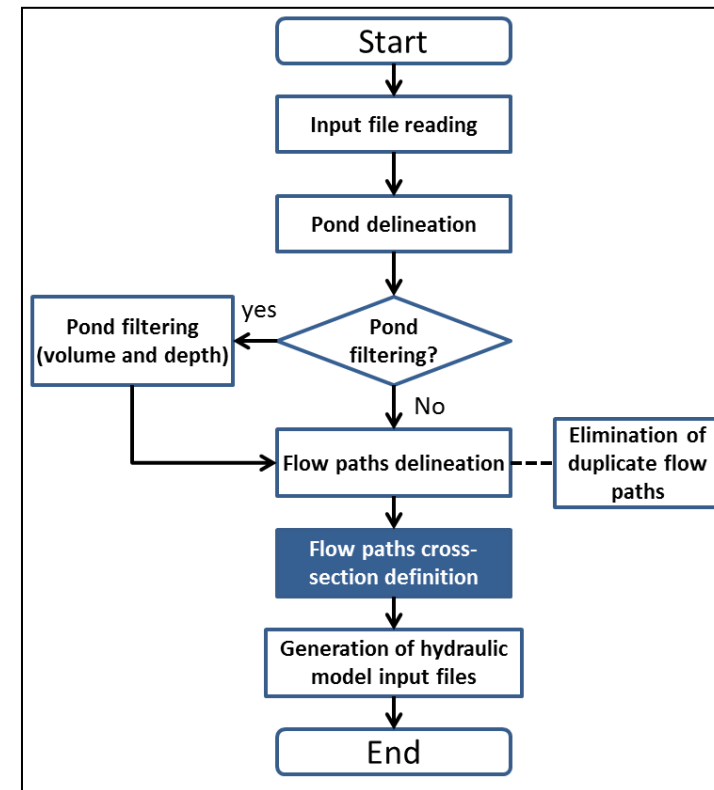
width (m): 10

1/slope: 1.0



Exit OK

### 3. Pathways' cross section



#### 4. Creation of surface flow network and generation of hydraulic model input files

The screenshot shows the 'Surface Flow Network tool' window with the 'Surface flow network' tab selected. The interface includes fields for project and manhole correspondence files, and sections for hydraulic characteristics, sewer interactions, and optional parameters.

**Surface Flow Network tool**

ASCII raster converter | Pond delineation | Path delineation | Cross section | **Surface flow network**

project file: D:\AQFD\_Runs\_VS\03\_Victoria\_5m\VS5.pro [Browse]

manhole correspondence file: D:\AQFD\_Runs\_VS\03\_Victoria\_5m\InputData\mar [Browse]

**Pathway hydraulic characteristics**

roughness coefficient: 20

**Sewer interactions (manholes to ponds)**

weir coefficient (m): 0.8

weir crest length (m): 1

**Optional parameters**

☒ consider optional parameters

ponds' extra elevation (m): 0.1

slope of pond's extra elevation (1/slope): 1

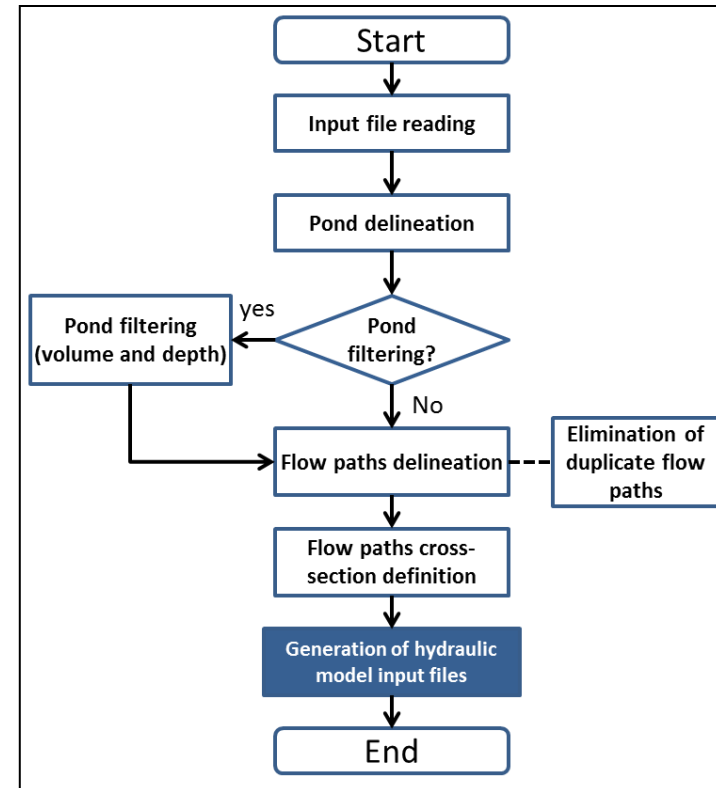
**Additional SIPSON parameters (pond to pond interactions)**

weir crest length (m): [ ]

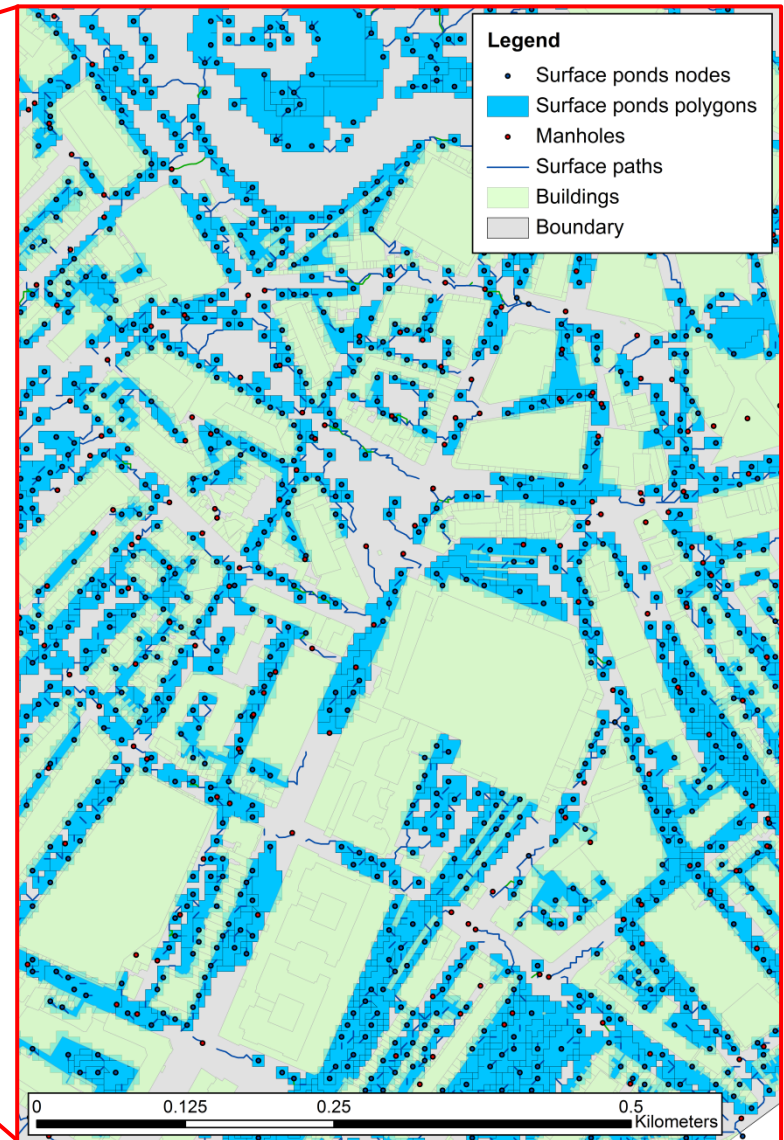
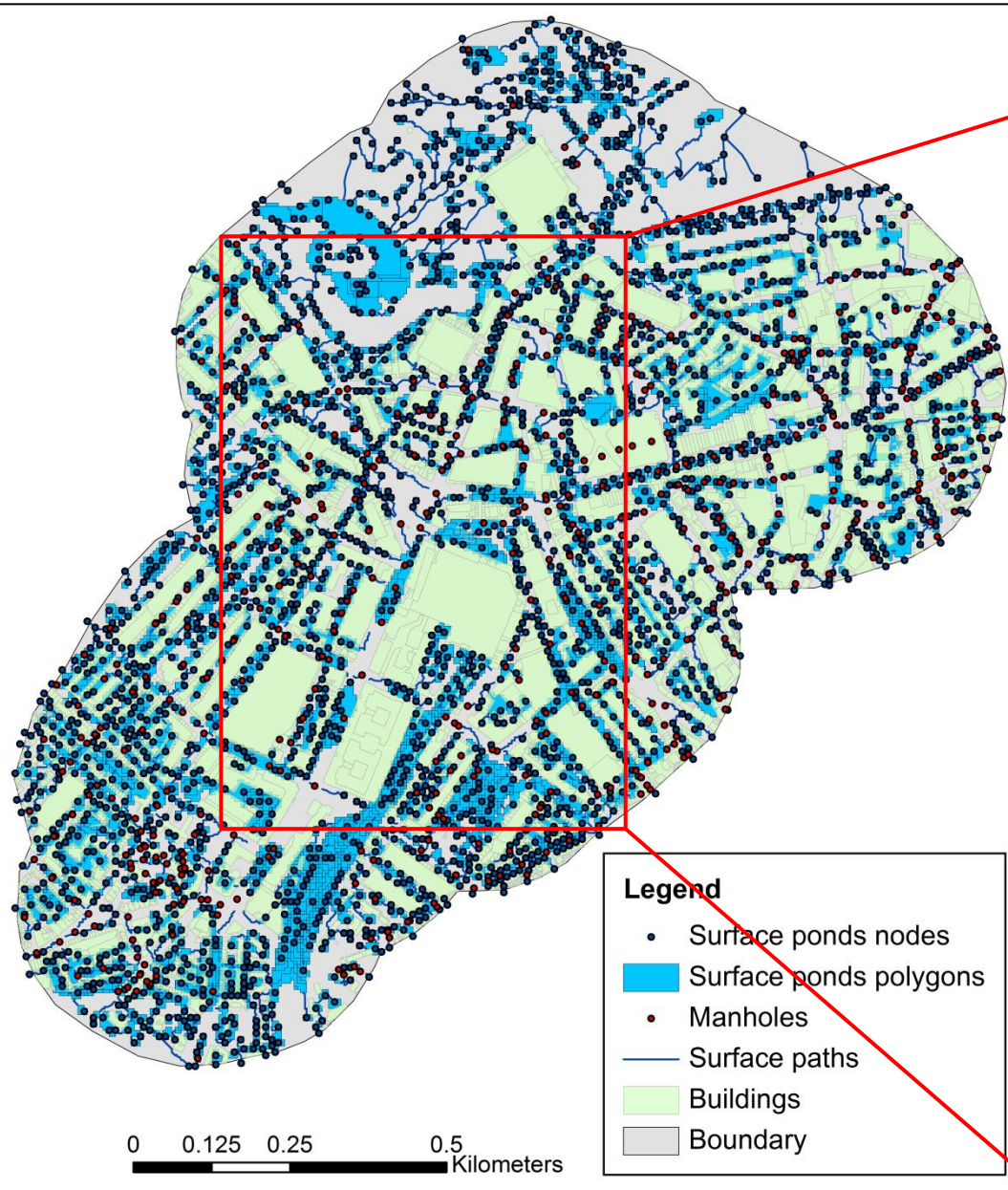
min weir crest height (m): [ ]

☐ use irregular cross section

[Exit] [SIPSON] [InfoWorks]



# AOFD output files (in DSD folder)



# STEP 4: Importing AOFD output files into InfoWorks CS

- i. Open and checkout the model of the sewer network
- ii. Open the Data Import Centre (under the Network menu)
- iii. Import the output files of the AOFD tool taking into account the tables and corresponding object fields
- iv. Checks and manual editing is needed (e.g. to remove lose paths and make sure the connection with the sewer system is correct).

Open Data Import Centre

Table To Import Data Into: Node

Flag Behaviour: ☐ Import flags from data source  
Otherwise, set flag on imported fields to:   
Flag when Default Value is used:

Data Source:   
Source Type: ArcView Shape File Feature:   
File: D:\AOFD\_Runs\_V5\03\_Victoria\_5m\DSD\Sur ...

Script File (optional):  ... Reload

Units Behaviour: User

Field Mapping Configuration: Load Config... Save Config... Clear Config Auto-Map

Object Fields	Import Fields	Default Values
Node ID	NODE_ID	
Node Type	NODE_TYPE	
System Type	SYS_TYPE	
Asset ID		
Ground Level	GROUND_LEV	
Flood Level	FLOOD_LEV	
Chamber Floor Level		
Chamber Roof Level		
Chamber Plan Area		
Shaft Plan Area		

Updating and Delete Options:   
☒ Prompt ☐ Merge ☐ Update based on asset ID   
☐ Overwrite ☐ Ignore ☐ Only update existing objects   
☐ Delete missing objects

☐ Use auto-name option for generated nodes  
☐ Import multi-parts

Import Close





# Limitations of 1D overland flow models

- Data preparation and model setup is time-consuming
- 1D model of the surface may be inaccurate in areas with multi-directional flow paths (i.e. flat areas and areas where expected flow depths are high)
- Visualisation – this can be improved by post-processing data
- As any other models, 1D1D models need calibration (especially of manholes and gullies, the parameters of which determine the volume of water that is exchanged between the surface and sewer system)

