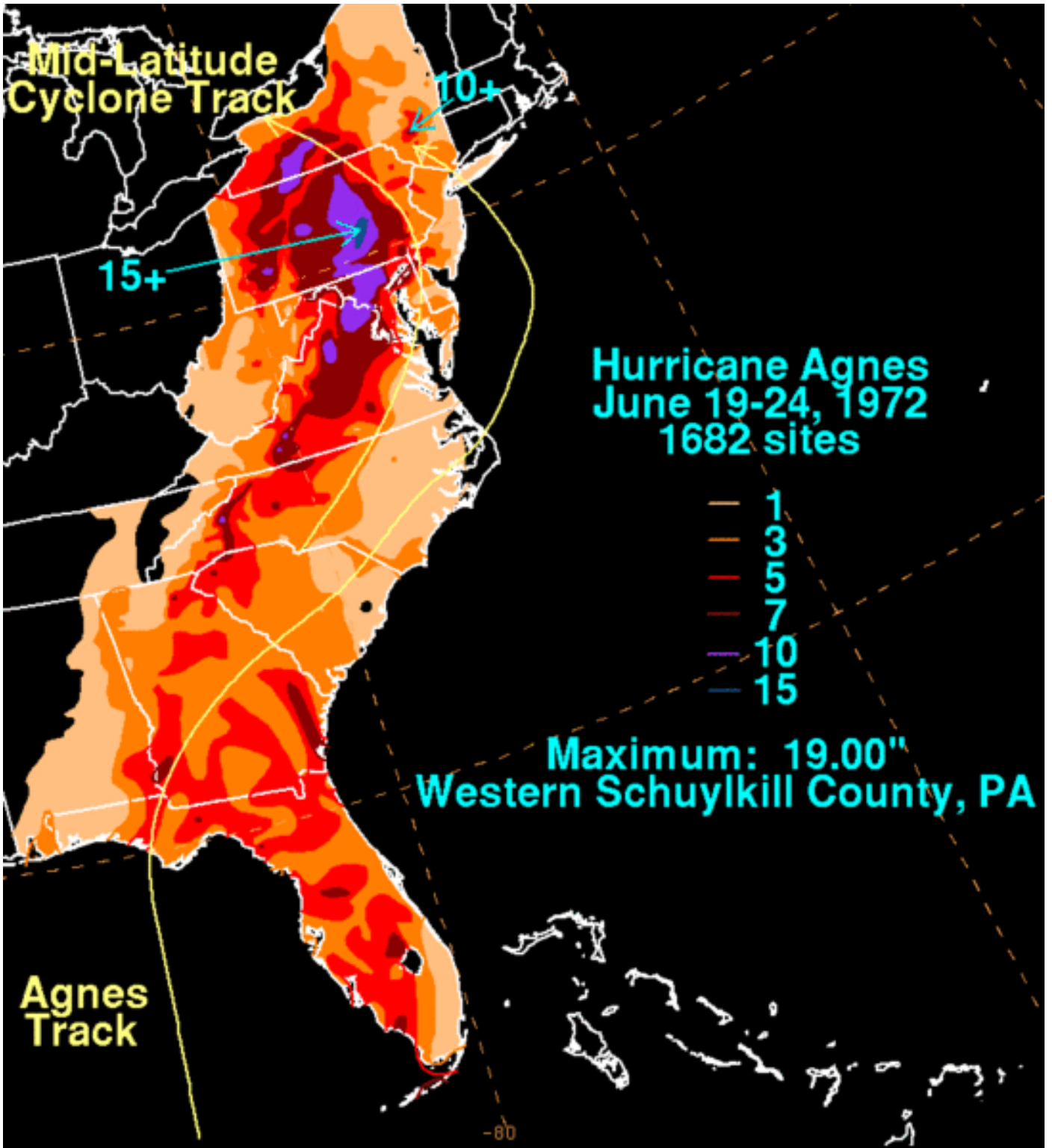


June 1972 Tropical Storm Agnes

June 21, 1972, Tropical Storm Agnes: Agnes produced devastating floods in Virginia: 16 inches of rain dropped on Fairfax County. In Richmond, the water supply, sewage-treatment, electric and gas plants were inundated. Sixteen people died in Virginia, and damage was estimated at \$222 million.

In Richmond, four people drowned after their car plunged into the swollen James River. [26] A train bound for Washington D.C. stopped due to flooding in Richmond, which temporarily stranded 537 passengers.[27] The Peak Creek in western Virginia overflowed its banks, flooding a low-income housing area of Pulaski, Virginia with water up to rooftops.[28] At the height of the flooding, over 600 miles (970 km) of highways were submerged, resulting in \$14.8 million (1972 USD) in damage to roads in the state. Severe damage also occurred to sewer and water facilities, totaling to \$34.5 million (1972 USD).[29] 95 houses were destroyed and 4,393 others were damaged, while 125 mobile homes were destroyed and another were significantly affected. Additionally, 205 small businesses were either damage or destroyed. Overall, flooding was described as "the worst in 50 years".[26] In Virginia alone, 13 fatalities and \$125.9 million (1972 USD) in losses were reported.





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