

Handling and Mitigation of a Flood Event

- before, during and after

Bjørg Lirhus Ree Driftsavdelinga Voss herad void for sterke opplevingar

Voss herad Voss Municipality

- Area: 2042 km²
- 16 211 inhabitants









Transport hub in the region:	
European road	91 km 86 km
County road	195 km
Municipal road Private road	310 km 686 km





Climate change allowance 40 %

- West coastal climate
- East inland climate
- Vossevangen 5,8 °C / 1330 millimeters/year



Figur 5. Klimautvikling 1900-2017 med gjennomsnittsdata for Vestlandet, data fra yr.no. Temperatur i rødt og nedbør i blått, trendlinjer er glattet over 10 år.

NVE report 44/2019

VESENTLEG AUKE	
Ekstrem nedbør	Det er venta vesentleg auke i episodar med kraftig nedbør både i intensitet og førekomst. Dette vil også føre til meir overvatn
Regnflom.	Det er venta fleire og større regnflaumar, og i mindre bekkar og elver må ein vente ei auke i flaumvassføringa
Jord-, flom- og sørpeskred	Auka fare som følgje av auka nedbørmengder
Stormflo	Som følgje av havnivåstiging er det venta auke i stormflonivåa



— 2 år — 5 år — 10 år — 20 år — 25 år — 50 år — 100 år — 200 år

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CLIMATE IN NORWAY 2100



Figure 4.5 Percentage change in the 200-year flood for medium (RCP4.5) and high (RCP8.5) emissions. Green indicates a reduction and blue an increase in flood magnitude.



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- There have always been large floods in the Vosso River System
- Lowering of overflow 2 times, 1865/66 and in 1999/2000
- Flood hazard map in 2006. Building limit line into the municipal master plan: All new buildings must be positioned above maximum flood level. Exception: Parking basements, storage areas etc.
- Trial Vosso Evanger
- Damage flood 2014 (considered to be a 700 800 year flood according to old flood zone map)
- High flood again in 2015. An eye-opener this will happen more often in the future.
- New flood calculation resulted in a new maximum flood level for Voss and Evanger (2015)
- New flood hazard map in 2020.
- High flood in 2020,
- New damage flood in 2022. The climate add-on is already here.







62.5 Bulken (Lake Vangsvatnet)

Established January 1892

Vannføring, versjon 1 🛗 Whole serie 🔗 Day



25-75 percentile - Middle flood - 5 years flood - 50 years flood









Oct. 28 2014

10 TORSDAG JERNBANEN 500-ÅRSFLAUMEN



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TORSDAG JERNBANEN 500-ÅRSFLAUMEN

«Flåmsbanen»

14 LAURDAG SAMFERDSEL 500-ÅRSFLAUMEN Jobbar på spreng heile døgeret – toget går måndag

Flood damage costs estimated at 450 mill. 2014 NOK **Offentlege bygg/anlegg**

- Vossevangen, Vassverk
- Diverse pumpestasjoner avløp
- Voss idrettshall
- Voss ungdomshus
- Heradshuset på Evanger
- Tintrabrua
- Rongavegen
- E16 ved Skorve
- Jernbanen ved Evanger

Kva er skadd? **Private bygg/ anlegg**

- Park Hotell
- Fleischers motell
- Minigolfen
- Kunstgrasbanar
- Forretningsbygg Voss sentrum
- Bustadhus sentrum
- Bustadhus Evanger sentrum
- Butikk/verkstad Evanger
- Nortura sitt anlegg Evanger
- Bustader i Elvegata, Haugamoen, langs Vosso

Våt helg.

men ikkie problemvê

- Fredheim
- Denja; Vossafår, Meieriet
- Butikkar og bygg i sentrum

https://publikasjoner.nve.no/rapport/2016/rapport2016_36.pdf





















Flood and landslide warning service

Highest danger level per day





- Use weather forecast and flood warning from NVE and MET
- Varsom.no
- Sildre.nve.no
- Xgeo.no



NVEs farevarsel for flom og jordskred samt observasjoner fredag 11. november 2022. Illutrstrasjon NVE.

Preparedness in the Municipality

- Proactive and Reactive Damage Control during Flooding Events

Yellow level

- Proactive damage control (culverts, stream and drainage system, spill water)
- monitoring the situation closely (varsom, xgeo sildre, met)

Orange level

- Proactive damage control (culverts, stream and drainage system, spill water)
 - SMS warning to the public if necessary
 - monitoring the situation closely (varsom, xgeo sildre, met)
- The municipal crisis management team (KKL) is called in
- Red level
 - municipal crisis management team is active







Drainage system with self cleaning grates

Vos herad During the Flood

- Safeguard as much valuables as possible
- Drain water secure water supply
- Keep track of closed roads etc, and assist fire/rescue/police
- All crew available called out to assist
- Emergency plans Evacuation?
- Monitoring flood plains registering flood levels













After the 2014 Flood

- Municipal master plan new building limit lines
- Mapping of critical hights in the city centre
- Mapping of critical points in the waterways
- Spot possible improvement
 - Water treatment plant
 - Erosion protection
 - Installation of non-return valves
 - Reconstruction of destroyed infrastructure

Flood Preventing Project NVE FlomRisk – Voss herad pilot project







Tilbakeslog i avlapssystemet. Huset til venstre har ikke tilbakeslagsventil, og får kjelleren oversventt. Huset til høyere har installert tilbakeslagsventil, og unngår dermed vannväsasik i kjelleren.









After Flood 2022

- Evaluation of the flood event
- Vossa Climate 2030
 - «Strategy' for climate adaption»
- Review of VossaROS (2023)
- Scenario 3: «Evanger under water»
- Identfy improvement possibilities for buildings and infrastructure
 - Financial support to prevent future damage
- Review of the municipal master plan 2024- 2035.
 - increased focus on flooding and storm water

What can we do better next time ...





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Tecnical Solutions

- permanent flood protection installations and pumping stations
- flood tunnels



Flomtunneler - VIV



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Or Adapt to the Climate?

Can natural based solutions solve some of our challenges with storm water and small, steep drainage areas?

- Improvement of stream courses
- Re-opening streams
- Reestablishment of wetlands
- Vegetation as protection against landslides
- Permeable cover in urban areas
- Surface water





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Project: «Nature Based Solutions to Future Floods» - assigned NORCE, start Sept. 2023



Work in Progress

- Preparedness ROS
- Mitigation during a flood event, how to handle the situation
- 1-2 year perspective: What can we do to minimize the damage in the event of a new flood?
- 2-5 year perspective: Local solutions that protect valuables and minimize damage
- 5-10 year perspective: The longer perspective – where are we going?
 - Flood tunnels, local solutions





NVE



Pilot project NVE - early warning







Prognose

Resultat



Challenges for the Municipality

- Conflicts of Interest:

- Electricity production protected watershed transmission of water to alternative watersheds
- Nature conservation area soil protection protection of cultural heritage
- Biological diversity fish agriculture
- Fishing, hunting, outdoor life river sports extreme sports
- Preparedness life and health cruzial infrastucture closed roads broken
- Ecconomic interests how own the problem and who is going to pay?
- Municipal responsibilities private interests construction/buildings –
- Existing buildings the insurance companies have larger influence(and incentive) to induce a change, than the municipalities (financial motives/incentives)?







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Questions

- What risk are the society willing to take?
- Should some areas be given up?
- What part should NVE/national authorities play, and what should the municipalities be expected to manage themselves? Are the roles clear, or do we need changes in this matter?
- Should there be a standard plan or guidelines for how municipalities should act in the case of larger flood challenges, and how to adjust to a future, changed climate?
- How likely is it, that we manage to land projects that cost billions?



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