

Introduction & Hypothesis

My project focused on determining the potential runoff created during storm events across Williamson County, TX. My primary objective was to create runoffs map for 10-year, 50-year, 100-year, and 500-year storm events. For this project, I utilized the Curve Number method of runoff calculation as exhibited by the authors of this article¹. The common projection used was Albers WGS 1984.

Data Collection

- To get started, I need the following datasets:
- a DEM of Williamson County,
- a layer displaying soil variations across the county
- a landcover raster covering the county
- a shapefile for the county itself

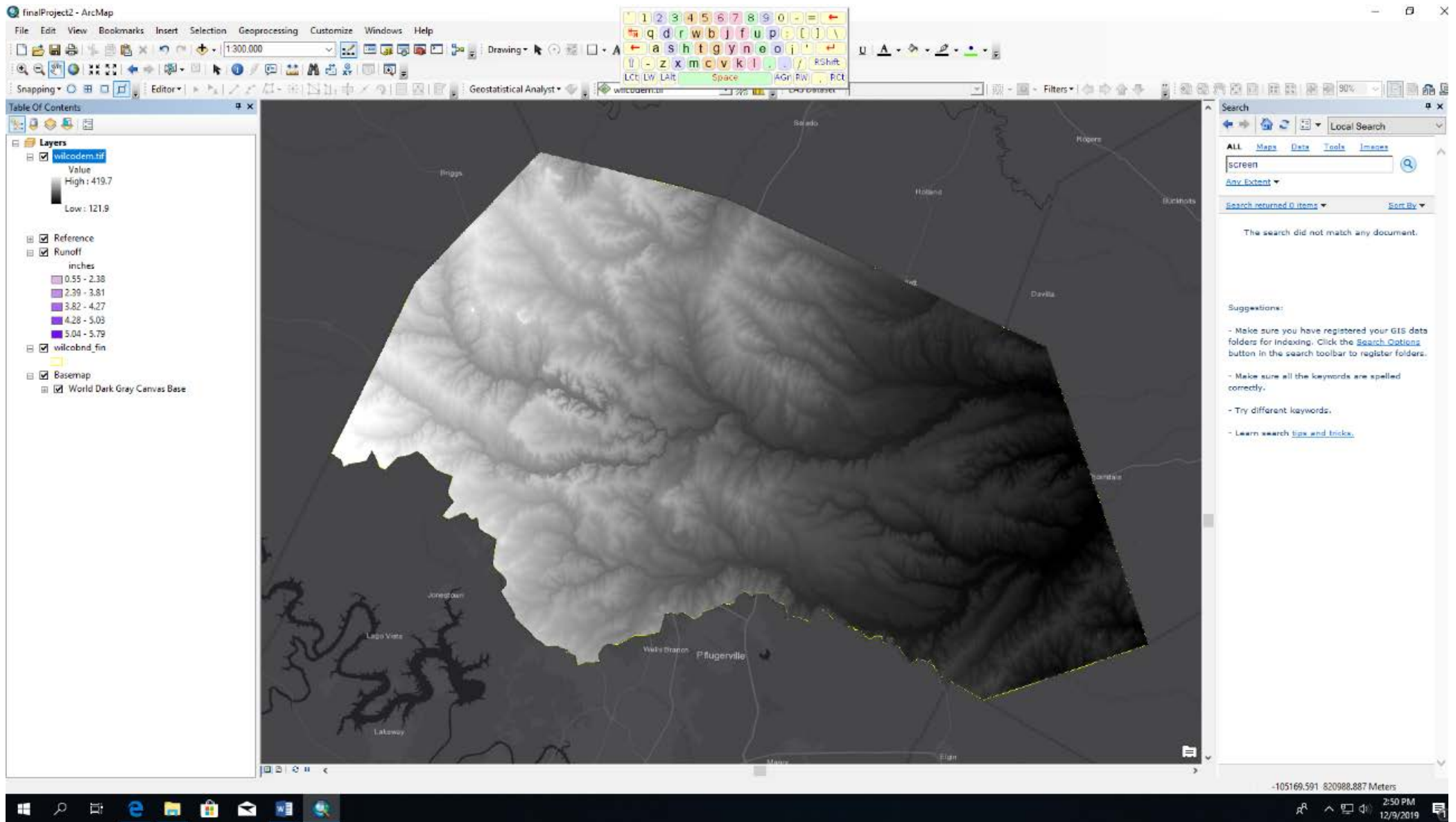
A 10x10m resolution DEM from the USGS 2013 National Elevation Dataset, covering the West Austin & East Llano quadrangles, and a 30x30m resolution landcover raster from the USGS 2016 National Landcover Database were both retrieved from the TNRIS DataHub².

The soil data was retrieved from the NRCS Web Soil Survey³.

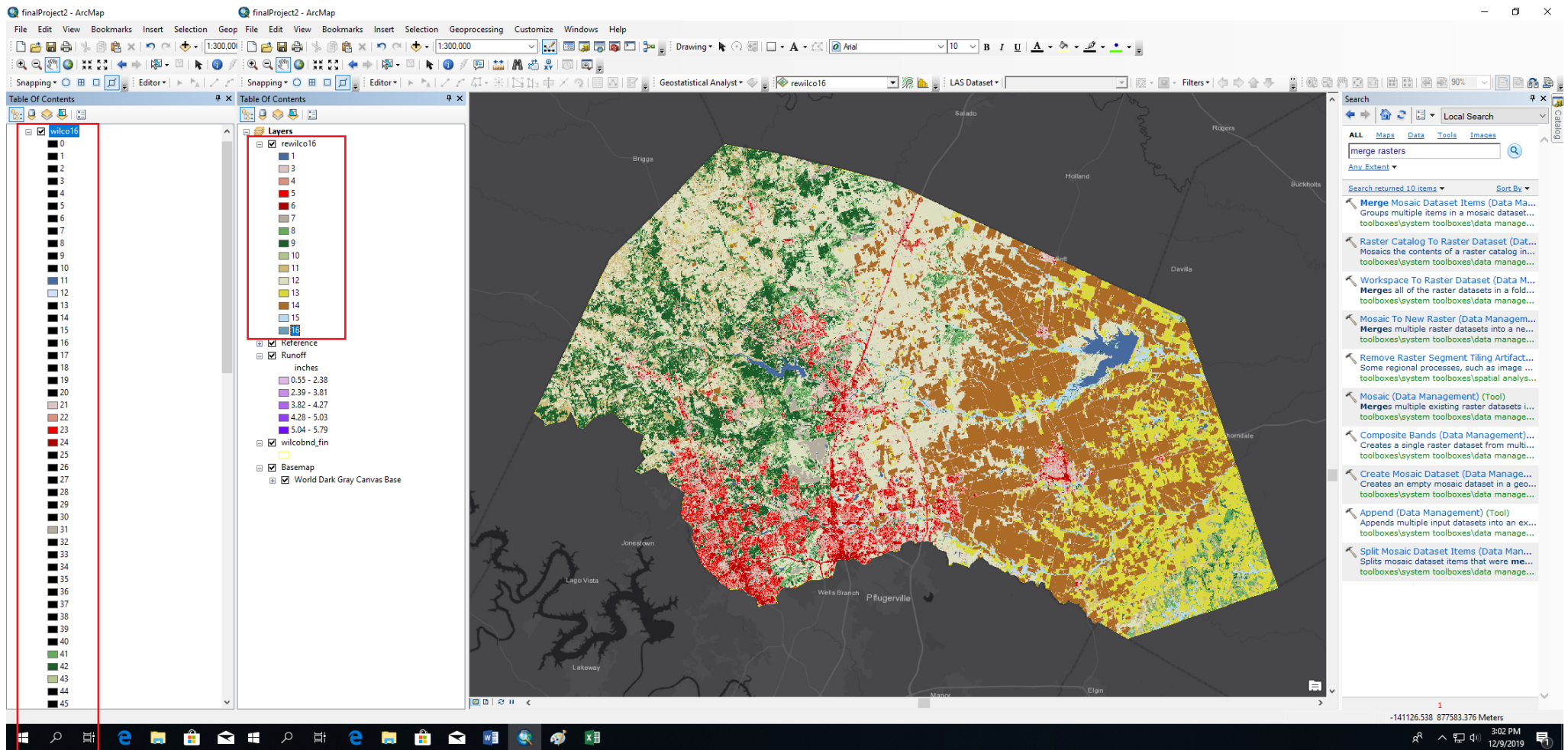
The county shapefile was retrieved from the Williamson County GIS data page⁴.

Preprocessing

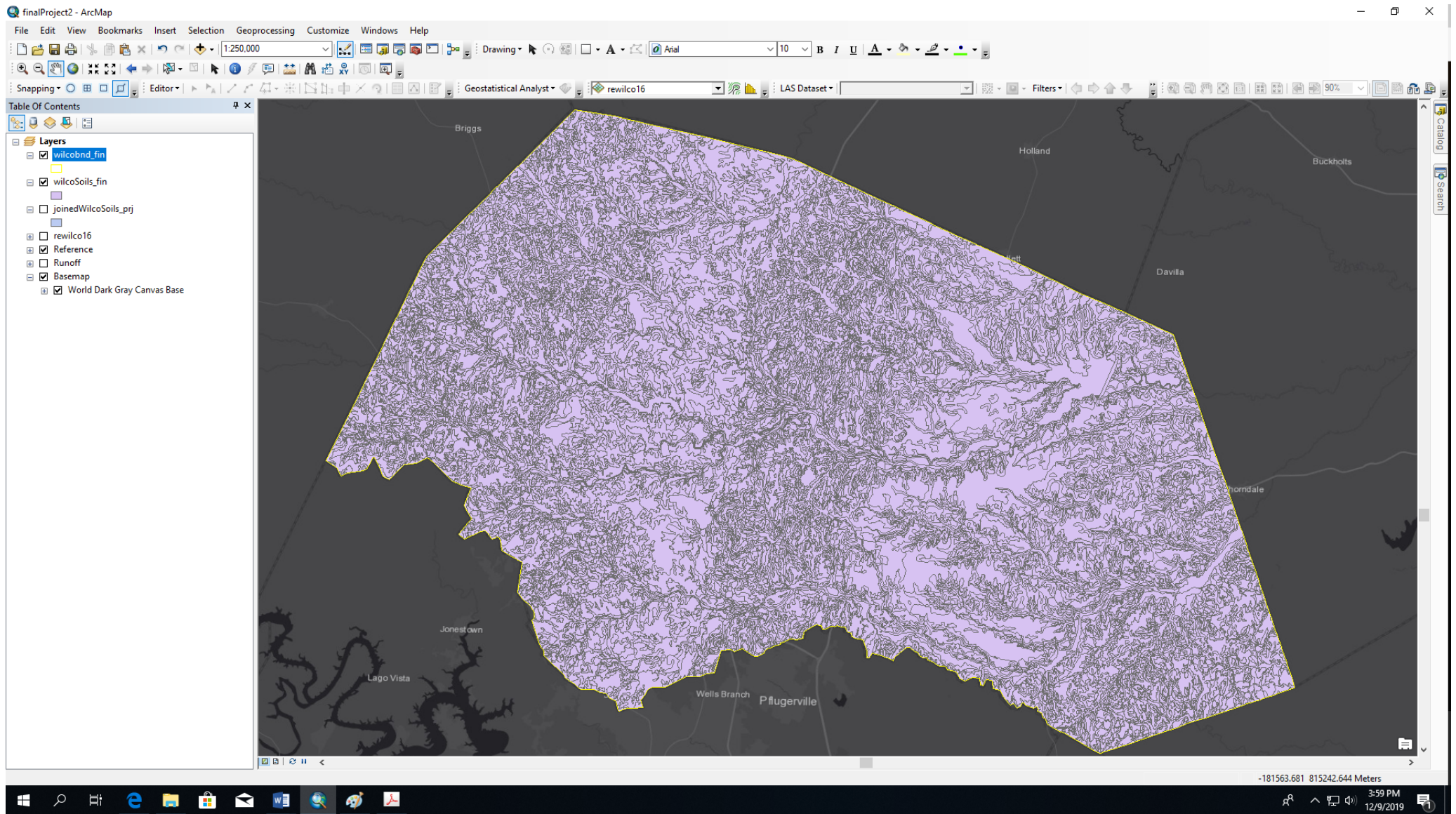
Each DEM had to be re-projected to the host projection, clipped to the county area they each covered, and the resulting clips mosaicked together using the Data Management – Mosaic tool.



The landcover raster was re-projected, clipped to the county area, and was reclassified to eliminate all no-data values from the symbology. The opposing classifications are boxed in red in the image below.

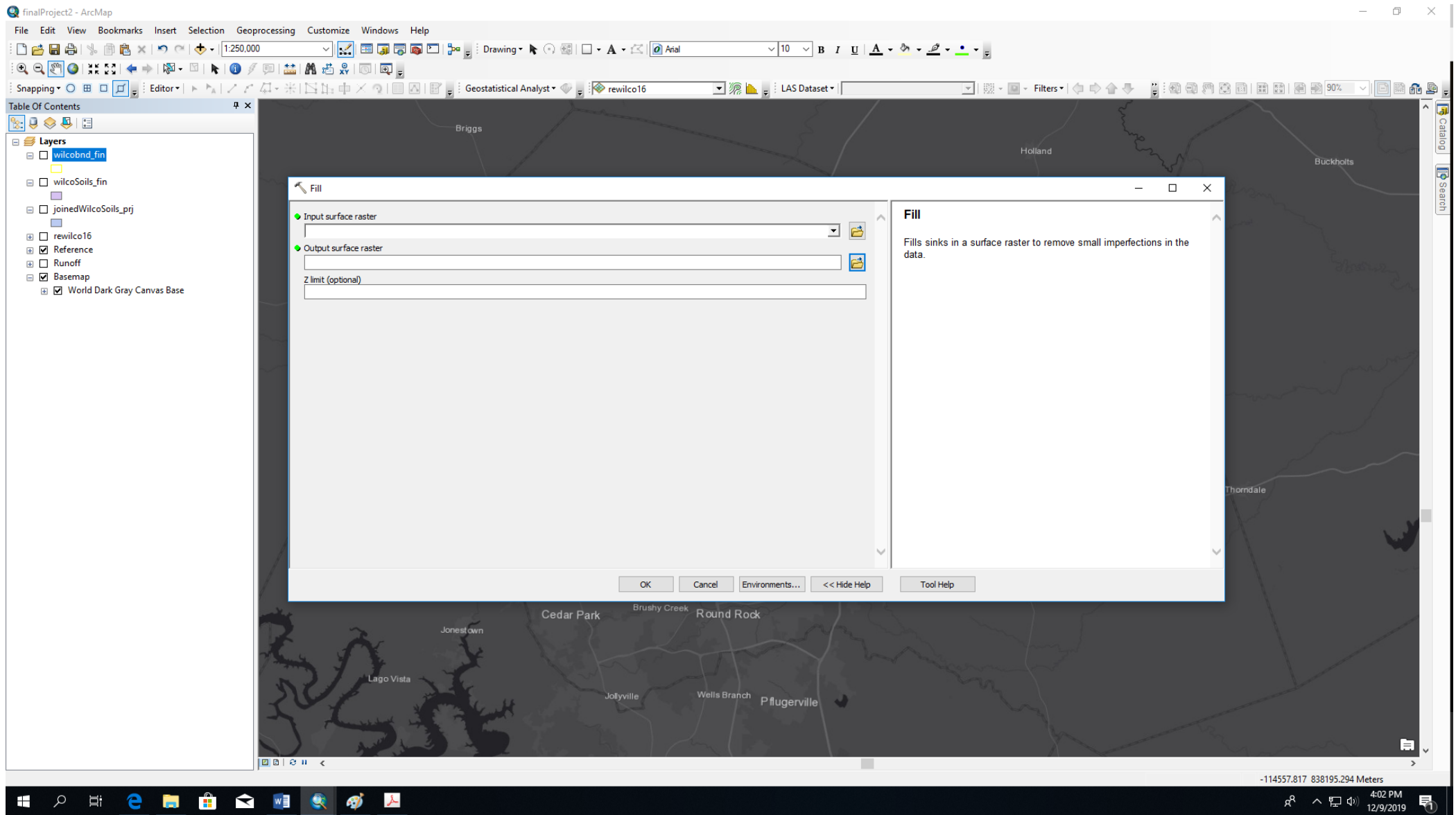


The soil data shapefile only needed reprojection.

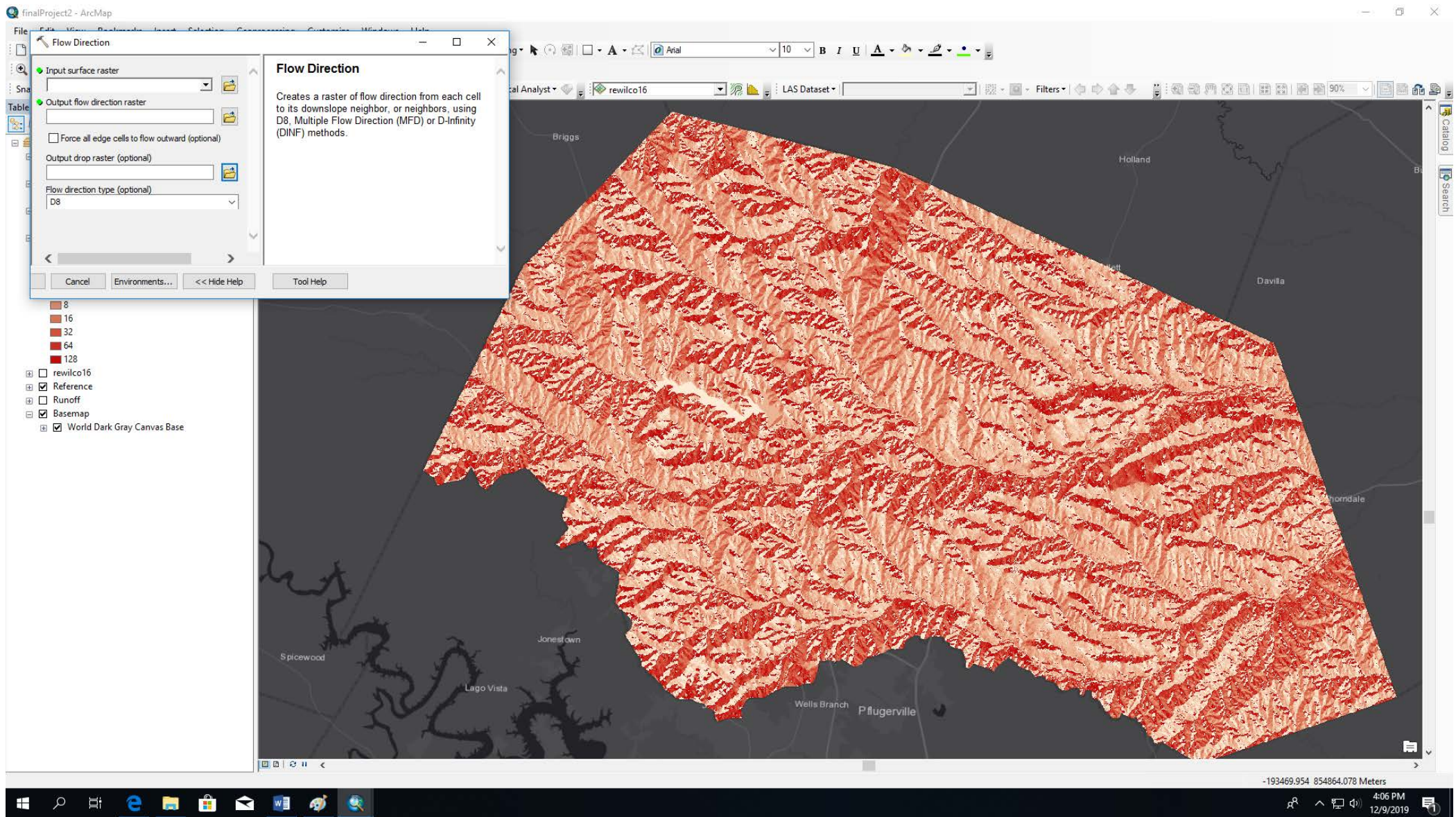


Analysis

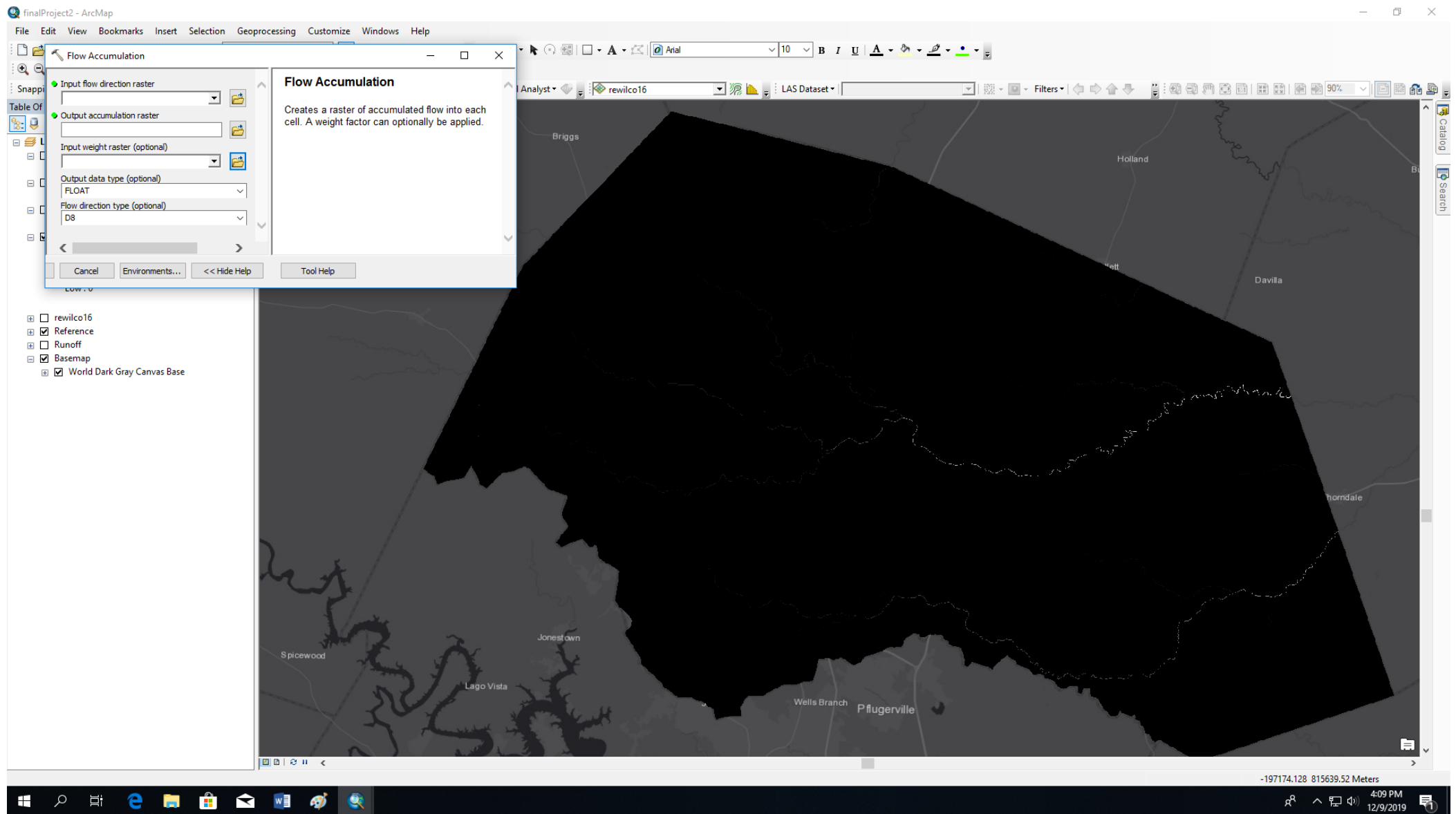
The mosaicked DEM was subjected to the Fill tool to remove any imperfections in the data.



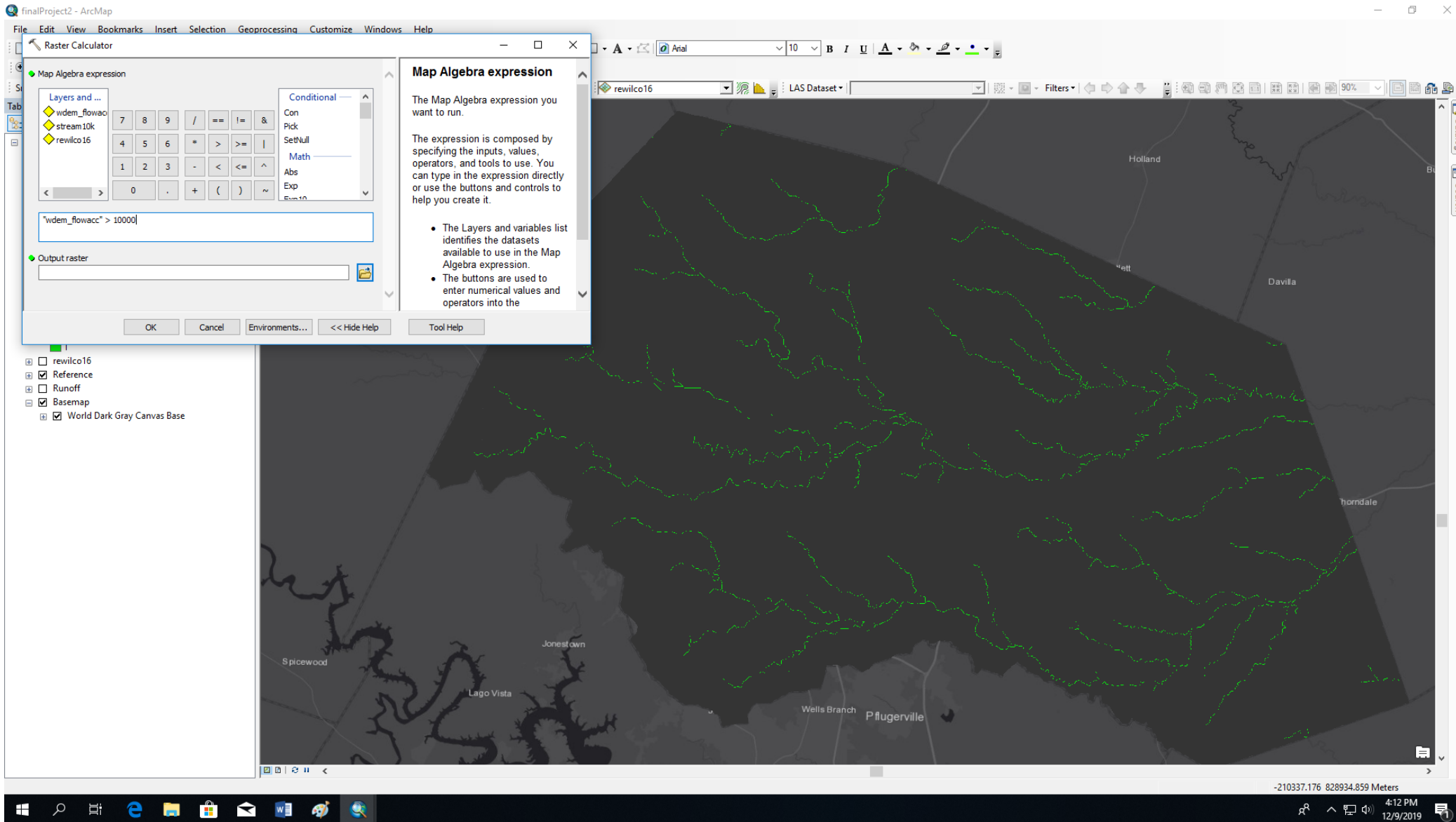
The DEM was then run through the Flow Direction to tool to assign a slope value and direction to each cell.

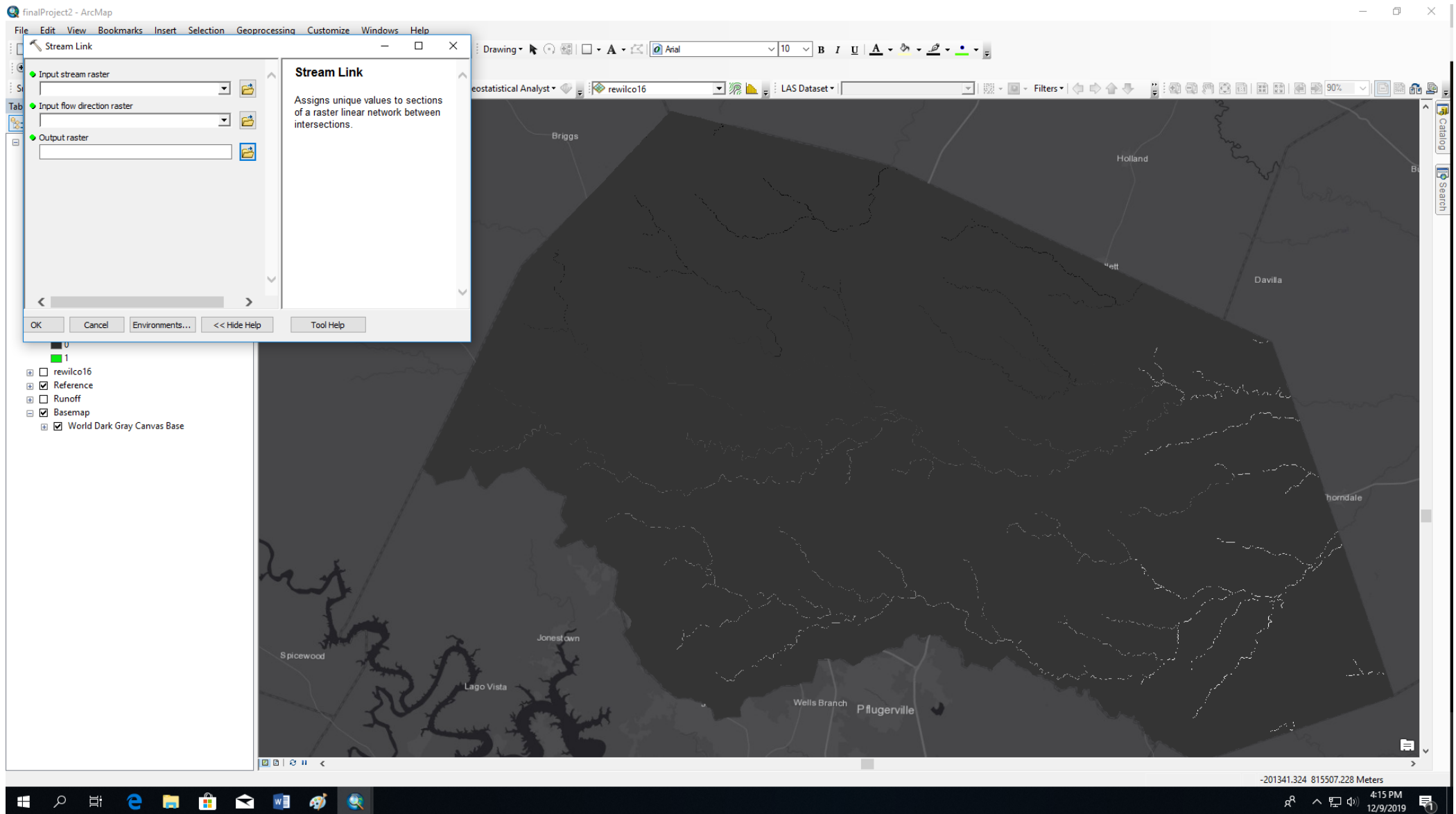


The resulting raster was then run through the Flow Accumulation tool then traced out probable stream paths based on the slope values.



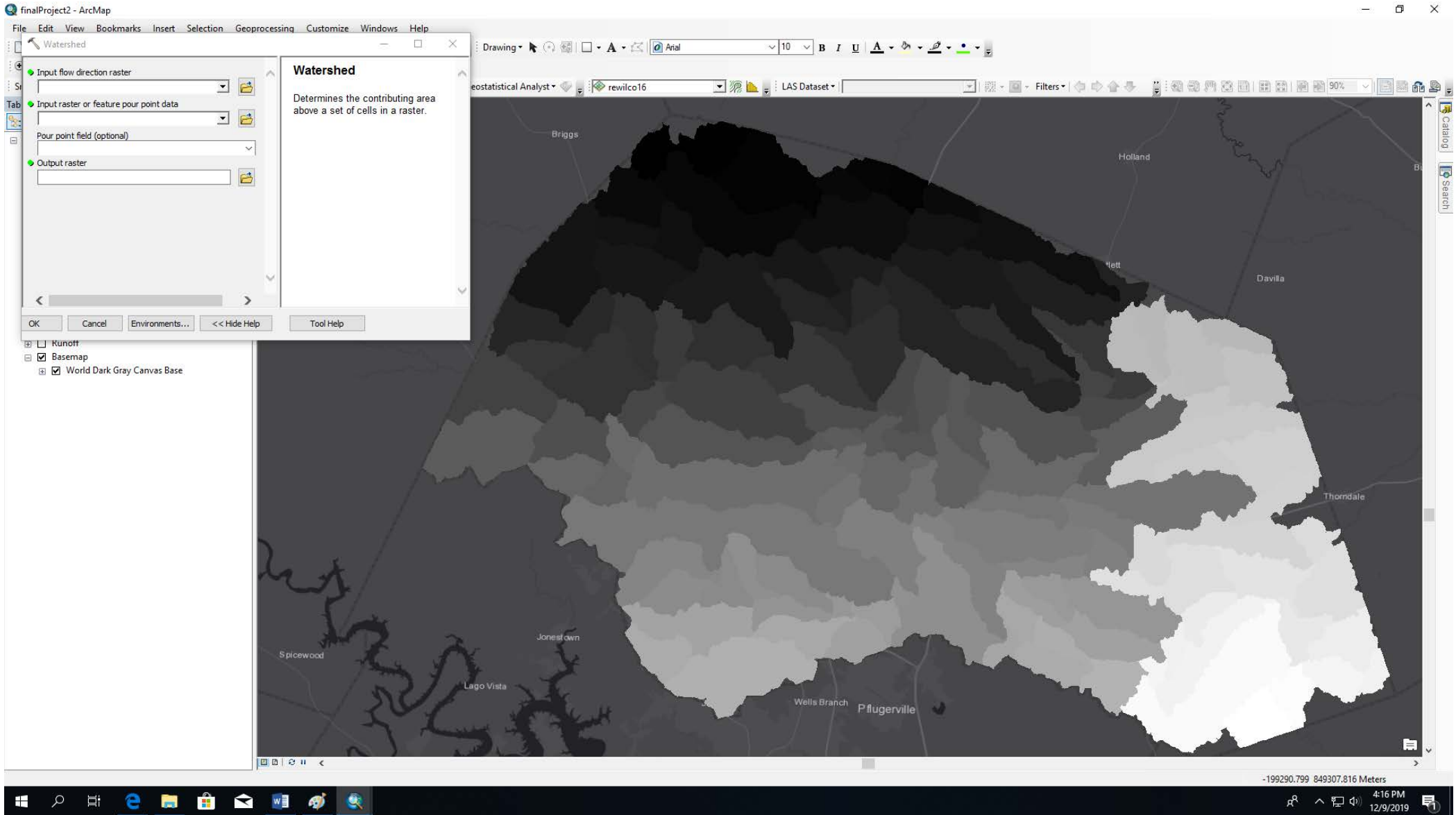
Streams were then delineated using the Raster Calculator. After some experimentation, only streams cells with a Flow Accumulation value of 10,000+ were selected for simplicity. The Stream Link tool then broke the streamlines into separate segments that would defined each catchment.

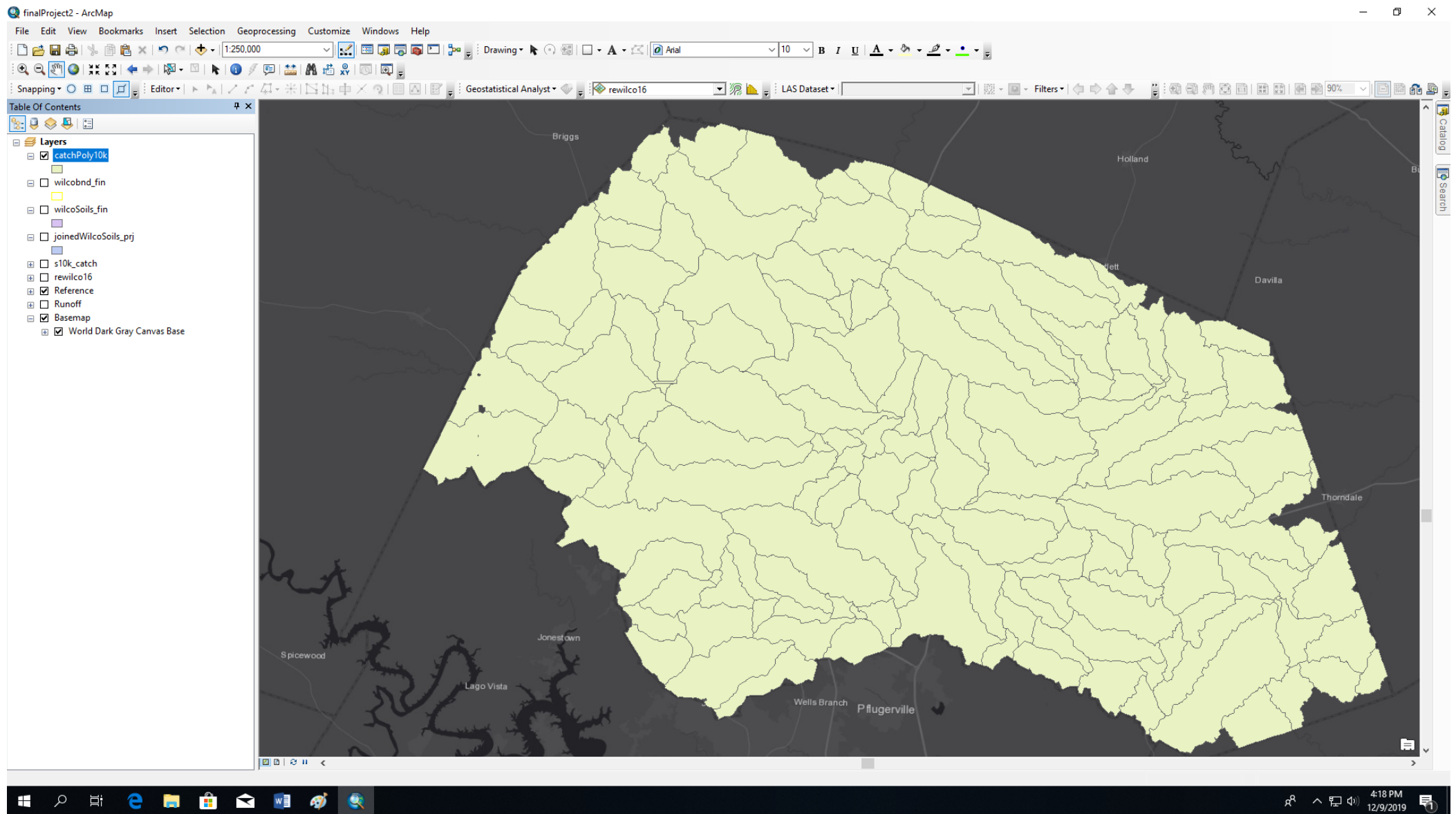




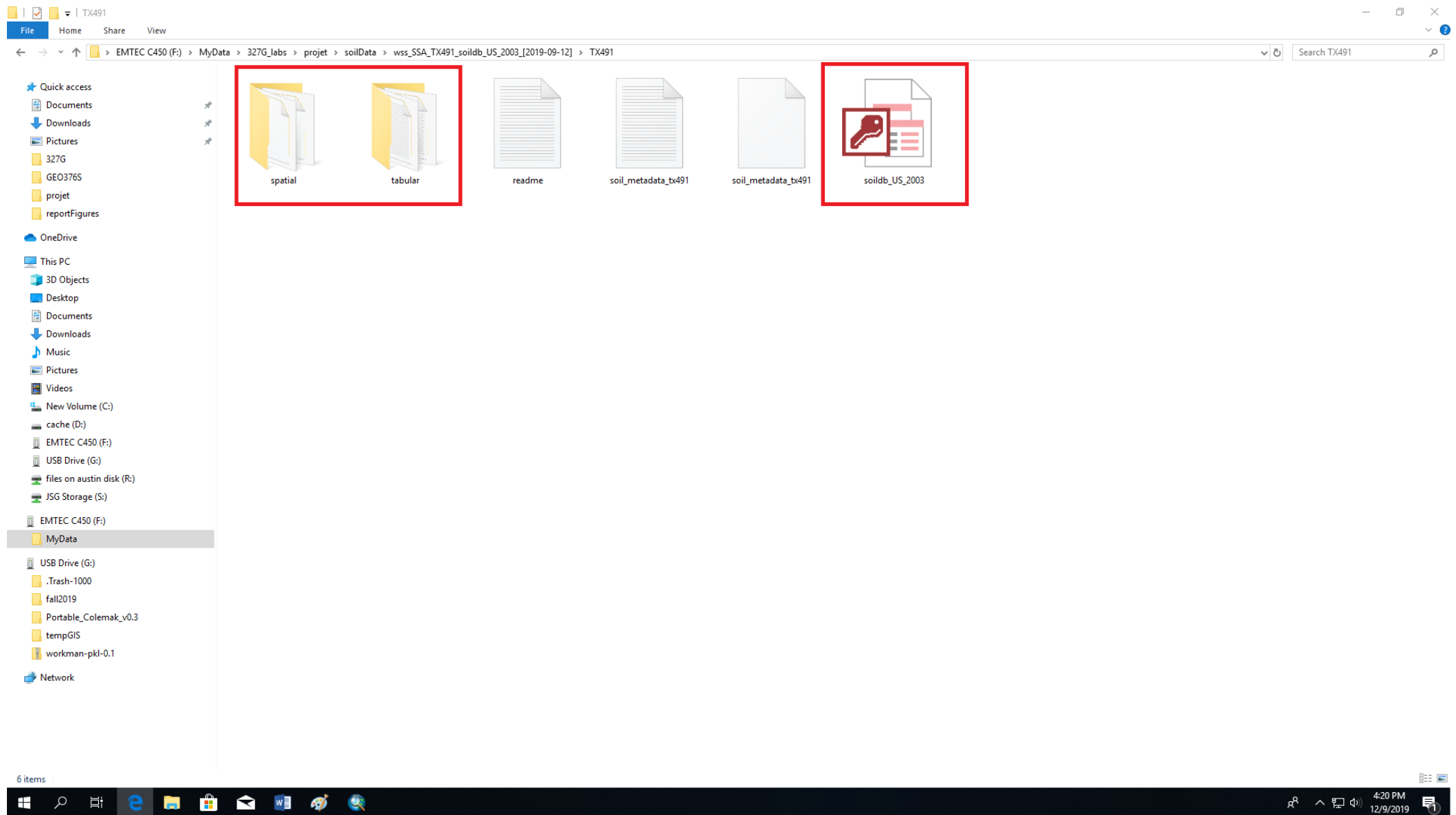
Finally, the resulting stream links raster was run through the Watershed tool was used to assign catchment areas (cell clusters) to each segment, which were converted to polygons using the Raster To Polygon tool.

Note that each of these steps used the default settings on each tool.





The soil data was split into tabular and spatial data. The tabular data had to be imported into a Microsoft Access database template that came with the download. To access it from within ArcMap, a custom add-in tool⁵ from the USDA had to be installed and registered. Within ArcMap, the new tool allowed for linking the imported tabular data with the accompanying shapefile. The resulting soil layer had to be then be re-projected.



With the catchments, landcover, and soil data in place, two tables were created using the Tabulate Area tool; one detailing the number of cells for each landcover type per catchment and other detailing the area of each soil type per catchment. An example is given below of the table for landcover:

The screenshot displays the ArcMap interface with the 'Tabulate Area' dialog box open. The dialog is configured with the following settings:

- Input raster or feature zone data: catchPoly10k
- Zone field: Id
- Input raster or feature class data: rewilco16
- Class field: VALUE
- Output table: \\austin.utexas.edu\disk\geoprofiles\default\jpb2934\My Documents\ArcGIS\
- Processing cell size (optional): F:\MyData\327G_labs\proj\rewilco16

The 'Tabulate Area' dialog box includes the following text: "Calculates cross-tabulated areas between two datasets and outputs a table."

The data table shown in the screenshot is as follows:

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This data was then exported to Excel. Once the data was sorted, runoff calculations were performed within Excel, resulting in the final data for import back into ArcMap. Precipitation data was retrieved from an official source for Austin, TX⁶. While curve numbers an equations were provided by the TR-55⁷ manual from the NRCS.

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K2 Imported Data

Table with columns: K-Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO. Rows include 'Imported Data' and 'Curve Number * Area' with various numerical values.

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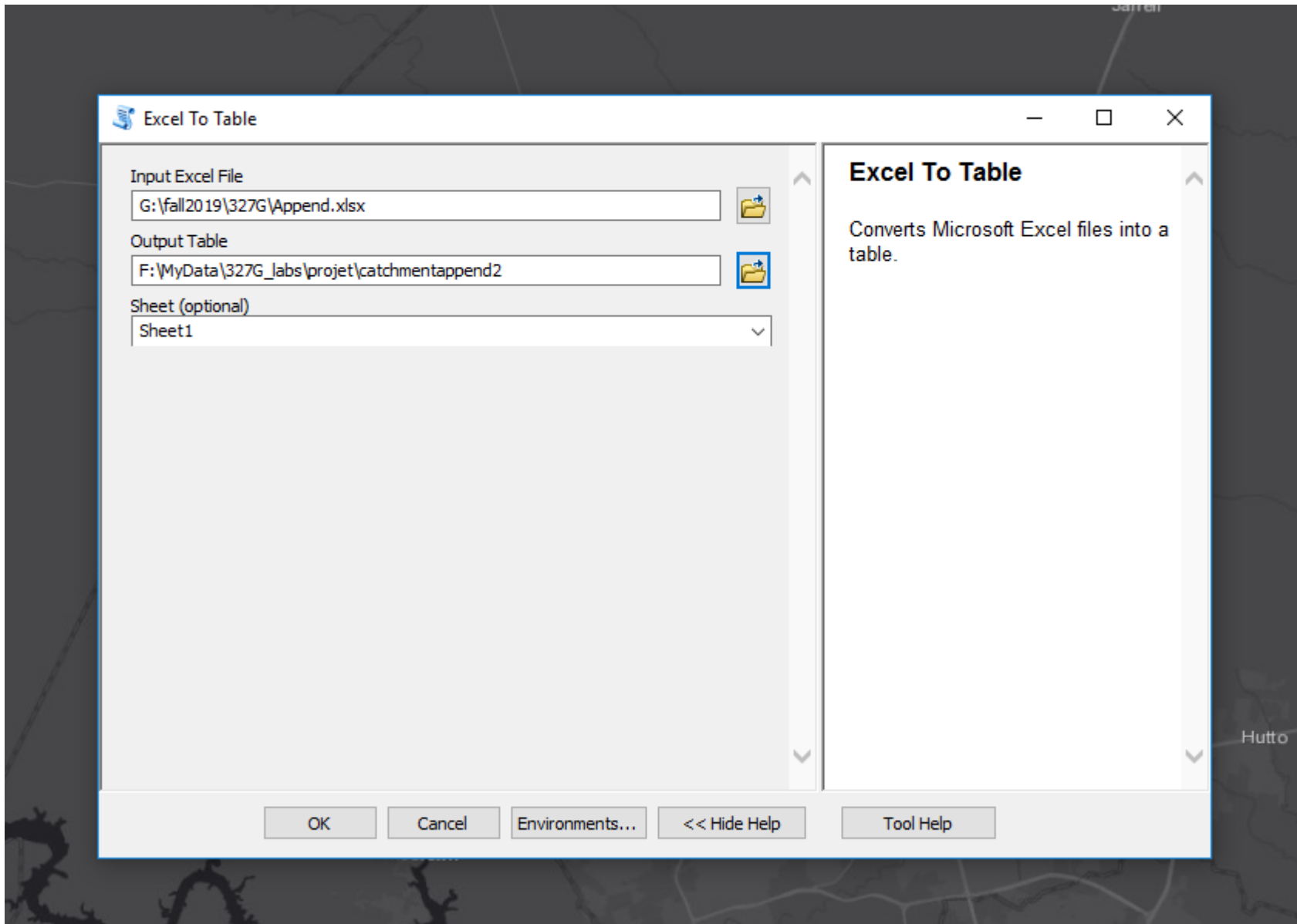
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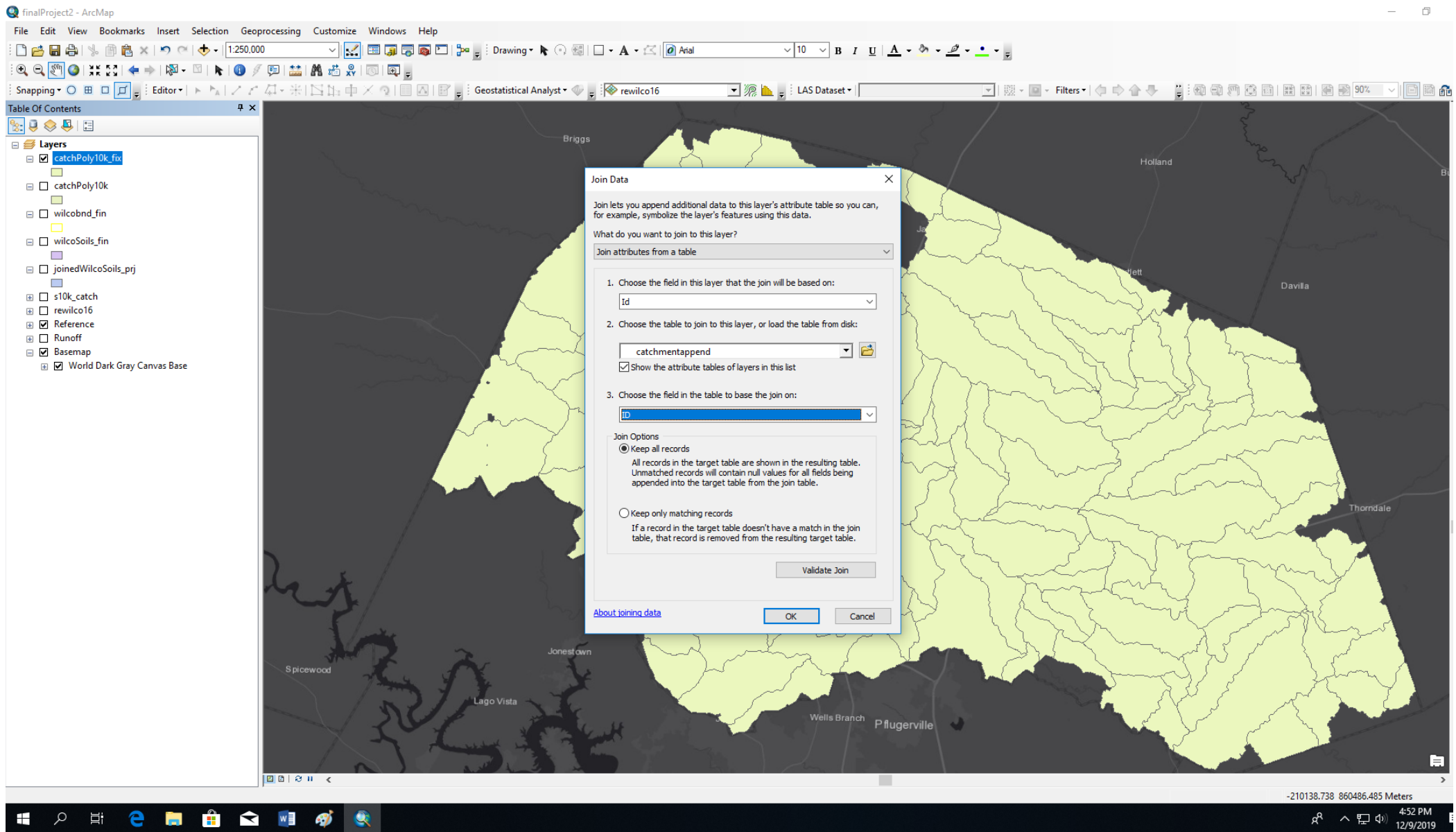
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2	A	B	C	D	NRCS Classifications Used				
3	Water	100	100	100	100				
4	OpenDev	39	61	74	80	<i>open space, good condition</i>			
5	LowDev	61	75	83	87	<i>residential districts (1/4 acre)</i>			
6	MedDev	89	92	94	95	<i>commercial and business</i>			
7	HighDev	98	98	98	98	<i>paved parking lots, roofs, and driveways</i>			
8	Barren	77	86	91	94	<i>bare soil</i>			
9	DecFor	30	55	70	77	<i>woods; good</i>			
10	EvgFor	30	55	70	77	<i>woods; good</i>			
11	MixFor	30	55	70	77	<i>woods; good</i>			
12	Scrub	30	48	65	73	<i>brush; good</i>			
13	Grass	39	61	74	80	<i>pasture/grassland/range; good</i>			
14	Pasture	39	61	74	80	<i>pasture/grassland/range; good</i>			
15	Crop	67	78	85	89	<i>Row crops; SR; good</i>			
16	WoodWet	100	100	100	100				
17	HerbWet	100	100	100	100				
18									

The new data was saved in a separate file and converted to a table via the Excel To Table tool.



It was subsequently joined to the catchment layer where the newly appended data was used to create the runoff maps below.



Error

Some of the data was found to be lacking in the tabulated data for a number of minor and one major catchment. Due to time constraints, these catchments had to be removed in the analysis and all relevant map layers.

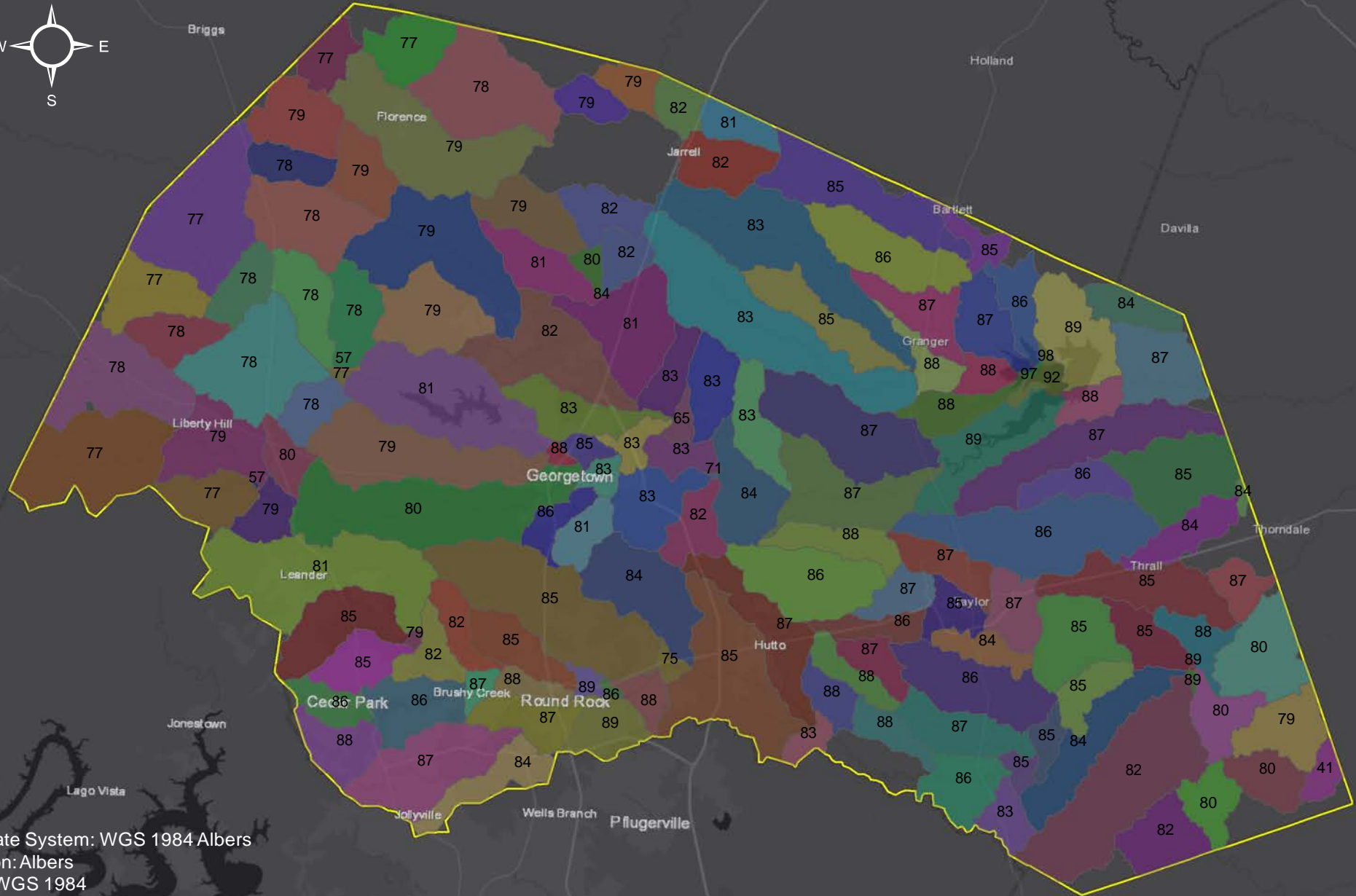
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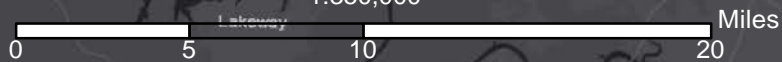
Composite Curve Numbers by Catchment for Williamson Co., TX

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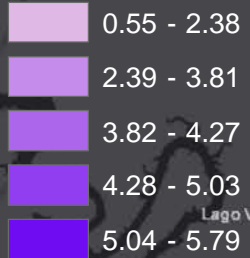


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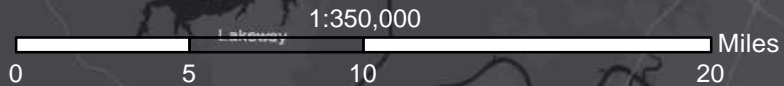
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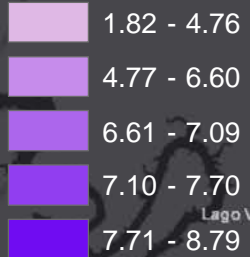


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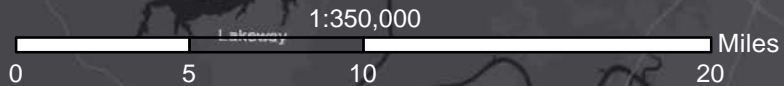
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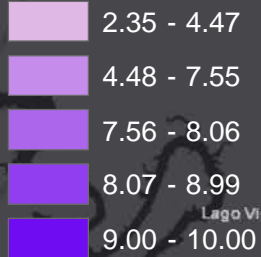


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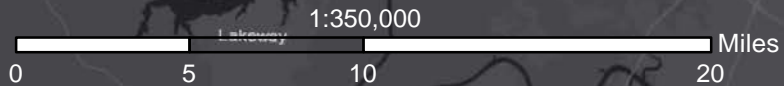
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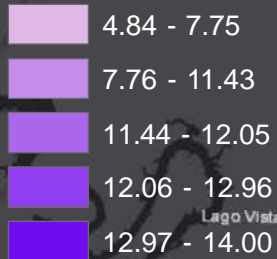


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