



Historic Floodplain & Settlement Patterns
 The historic floodplain is very different than the contemporary floodway. A historic map that was hand drawn on linen has been screened over a re-sampled infrared aerial photo of the study area. At the time the linen map was made, very few people lived on the floodplain and the principle human activities in the study area were farming and hunting. Notice the tight cluster of lines in the middle of the map -- that was the extent of the city of Albuquerque. In the aerial photo, the lightest green areas are turf lawns, middle greens are juvenile crops and darker greens are trees. All of the area is within the contemporary Albuquerque metropolitan area.

