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OVERVIEW OF TUTORIAL

This tutorial provides the basic procedure of linking a SWAT model and a MODFLOW model to provide a coupled surface-subsurface hydrologic model. The theory and procedures of coupling the two models is discussed, followed by a step-by-step process of the linking procedure within the context of an example watershed. Necessary files for linking the two models and running the coupled model accompany this document. These files include ArcGIS shapefiles and rasters, SWAT model input files, and MODFLOW input files. This documentation can assist with creating a coupled SWAT-MODFLOW model for a given watershed.

This documentation assumes that SWAT and MODFLOW models have already been constructed for the study area.

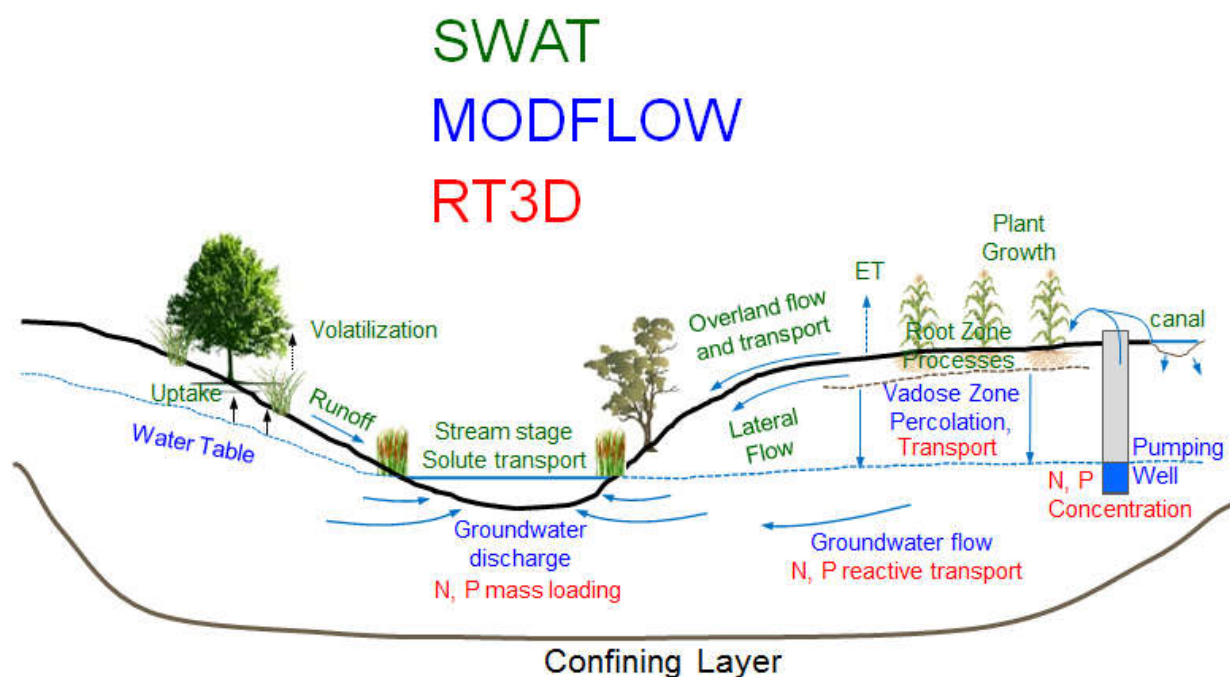
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1. OVERVIEW OF SWAT-MODFLOW

SWAT-MODFLOW is a new coupled hydrologic model that combines the land surface and stream hydrologic processes of SWAT and the groundwater hydrologic processes of MODFLOW to provide a comprehensive coupled hydrologic model for watershed systems. Transport of contaminants in this coupled system also can be simulated by including the RT3D (Reactive Transport in 3 Dimensions) model into the MODFLOW groundwater routines. The inclusion of RT3D is not documented in this tutorial (see Section 8 for more information).

The processes simulated by each model are shown in the following figure. Processes simulated by SWAT are shown with green text, those simulated MODFLOW in blue text, and those simulated by RT3D (if desired) in red text. SWAT performs operations for land surface hydrology, soil hydrology, and surface water hydrology; MODFLOW performs operations for groundwater hydrology and interactions between groundwater and surface water; and RT3D performs operations for solute transport in the aquifer and solute mass exchange between groundwater and surface water.



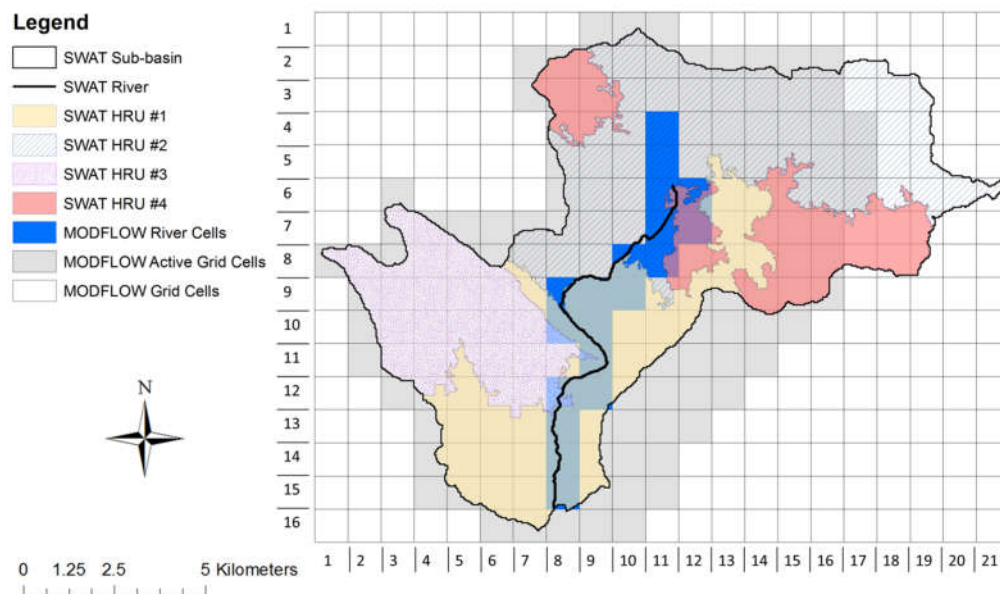
The remaining sections of this tutorial detail the code structure of SWAT-MODFLOW and the process for linking SWAT features (HRUs, subbasins) with MODFLOW grid cells. A new graphical user interface (SWATMOD-Prep) for facilitating the preparation of SWAT-MODFLOW simulations is described in Section 9. However, a detailed tutorial for SWATMOD-Prep has also been developed and is available on the SWAT-MODFLOW website (<http://swat.tamu.edu/software/swat-modflow/>).

2. OVERVIEW OF LINKING PROCEDURE

Running a coupled SWAT-MODFLOW model requires that values of state variables be passed (“mapped”) from the SWAT model to the MODFLOW model and from the MODFLOW model back to the SWAT model. The following state variables are passed between the two models:

- Soil deep percolation (from SWAT HRUs to MODFLOW grid cells)
- Subbasin stream stage (from SWAT subbasins to MODFLOW river cells)
- Groundwater discharge (from MODFLOW river cells to SWAT subbasins)
- Water table elevation (from MODFLOW grid cells to SWAT HRUs)

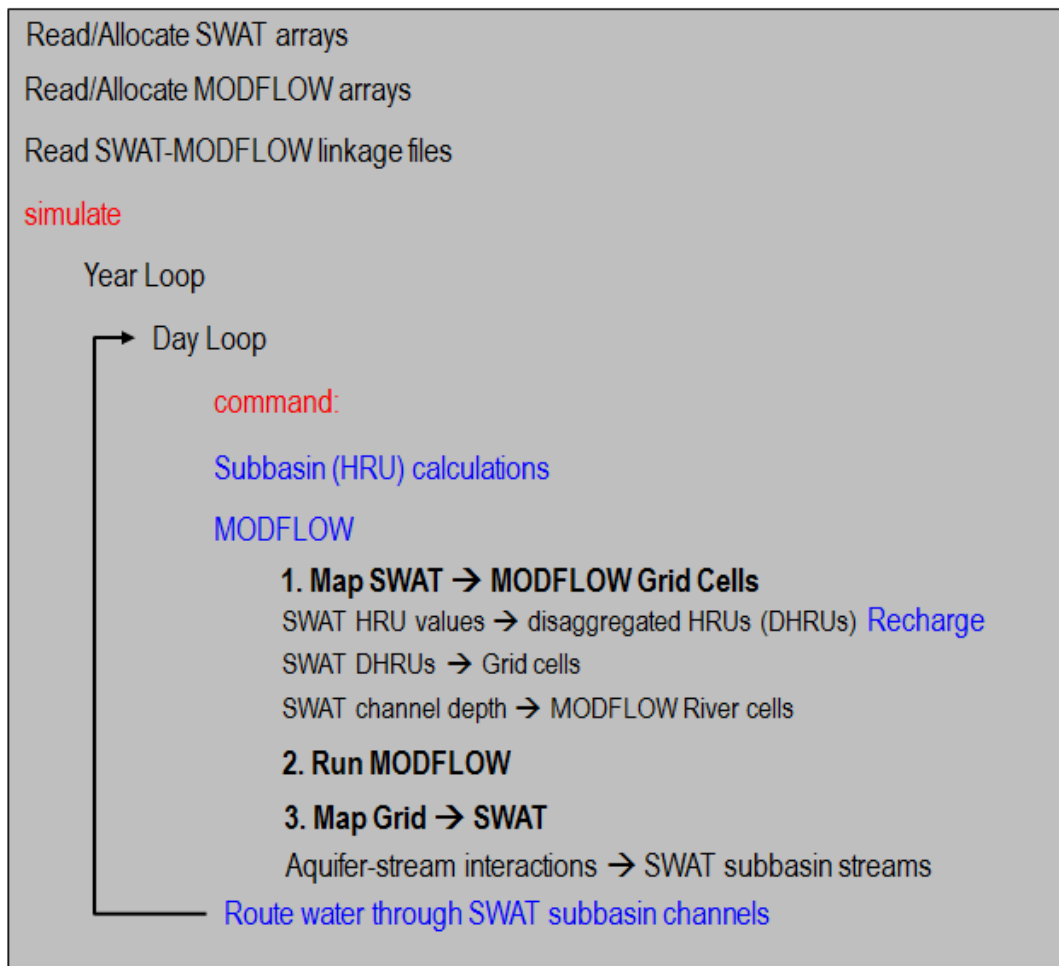
As SWAT HRUs do not have a designated geographic location, HRUs are disaggregated in pre-processing GIS routines. Disaggregation splits apart an HRU into individual polygons that have a specific geographic location. These Disaggregated HRUs (DHRUs) are then intersected with MODFLOW grid cells in order to pass variables between SWAT and MODFLOW. Also, MODFLOW River Cells, for which volumetric flow exchange rates between the aquifer and the stream are estimated, are intersected with SWAT subbasins for transferring groundwater return flow rates to the correct subbasin stream. The following figure shows a MODFLOW grid (16 rows, 21 columns) and a SWAT subbasin with 4 HRUs (each in a different color). HRU #4 can be split apart to create 3 DHRUs, each with a specific geographic location. These DHRUs then are intersected with the MODFLOW grid, with the resulting weighted areas used to pass information between SWAT and MODFLOW. The subbasin also contains 19 MODFLOW River Cells (shaded in blue). These River Cells will be linked with the subbasin, so that volumetric flow rates of groundwater return flows to the stream will be given to this subbasin in the watershed.



3. OVERVIEW OF SWAT-MODFLOW CODE STRUCTURE

Both SWAT and MODFLOW are written in the FORTRAN programming language. The MODFLOW model is called as a subroutine within the SWAT code. It replaces the original SWAT groundwater subroutines, and hence these subroutines are not active when MODFLOW is being used. By default, the MODFLOW model is called daily. However, any frequency can be specified in the *swatmf_link.txt* file (see next section). The following figure shows the structure of the code. Within the daily SWAT loop, all subbasins calculations are performed first, followed by mapping variables to the MODFLOW grid cell, running MODFLOW, and then mapping variables back to SWAT. Routing of surface return flow and groundwater return flow through the watershed stream network then can be performed for that day.

SWAT-MODFLOW Code Structure



4. CREATING THE SWAT-MODFLOW LINKAGE

The information required to link HRUs, DHRUs, SWAT subbasins, and MODFLOW grid cells is contained in 4 text files that are read in at the beginning of the SWAT-MODFLOW simulation. These text files are:

1. `swatmf_dhru2hru.txt` (relates HRUs to DHRUs)
2. `swatmf_dhru2grid.txt` (relates DHRUs to Grid Cells)
3. `swatmf_grid2dhru.txt` (relates Grid Cells to DHRUs)
4. `swatmf_river2grid.txt` (relates River Cells to Subbasins)

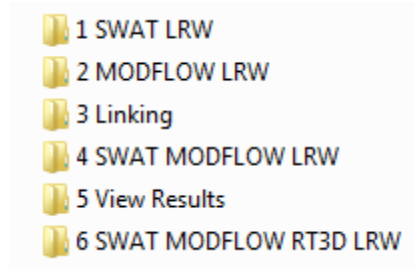
The linkage information is stored in memory during the simulation and used when variables are passed between the two models. The process of creating each of the 4 text files is as follows:

1. Perform basic intersection/extraction routines in a GIS
2. Prepare tables that contain results of the GIS routines
3. Run a FORTRAN program that creates the 4 SWAT-MODFLOW input files

This process is now described in more detail. Example tables and SWAT-MODFLOW input files are provided with this documentation.

4.1 LINKING PROCEDURE USING ARCGIS ROUTINES

This section describes the process to link SWAT features (HRUs, subbasins) with the MODFLOW grid cells. The files used in this process are contained in the folder “Workshop Materials\Example Simulation – LRW”, which contains all files necessary to create a SWAT-MODFLOW model for the Little River Watershed near Tifton, Georgia. The files are contained in the following 6 sub-folders:



- The 1st folder contains the SWAT model input files and the SWAT shape files (HRU, River, Subbasin).
- The 2nd folder contains the MODFLOW simulation input files
- The 3rd folder contains the 4 linking tables that will be created using GIS routines. **These files are placed here for your convenience. The process of creating these files is described in this section.**
- The 4th folder contains files necessary for running a SWAT-MODFLOW simulation
- The 5th folder contains files for viewing results of a SWAT-MODFLOW simulation
- The 6th folder contains files for running a SWAT-MODFLOW-RT3D simulation

In the following procedures, the following two symbols are use frequently:



: Left click



: Right click

4.1.1 Linkage between HRUs and Disaggregated HRUs (DHRUs)

File to create: **hru_dhu**. This file has the following structure:

At the top of the file:

Number of DHRUs

Number of HRUs

Then, the following columns:

dhru_id: ID of DHRU (sequential numbering)

dhru_area: Spatial Area (m²) of the DHRU

hru_id: ID of the HRU from which the DHRU originates

subbasin: ID of the Subbasin

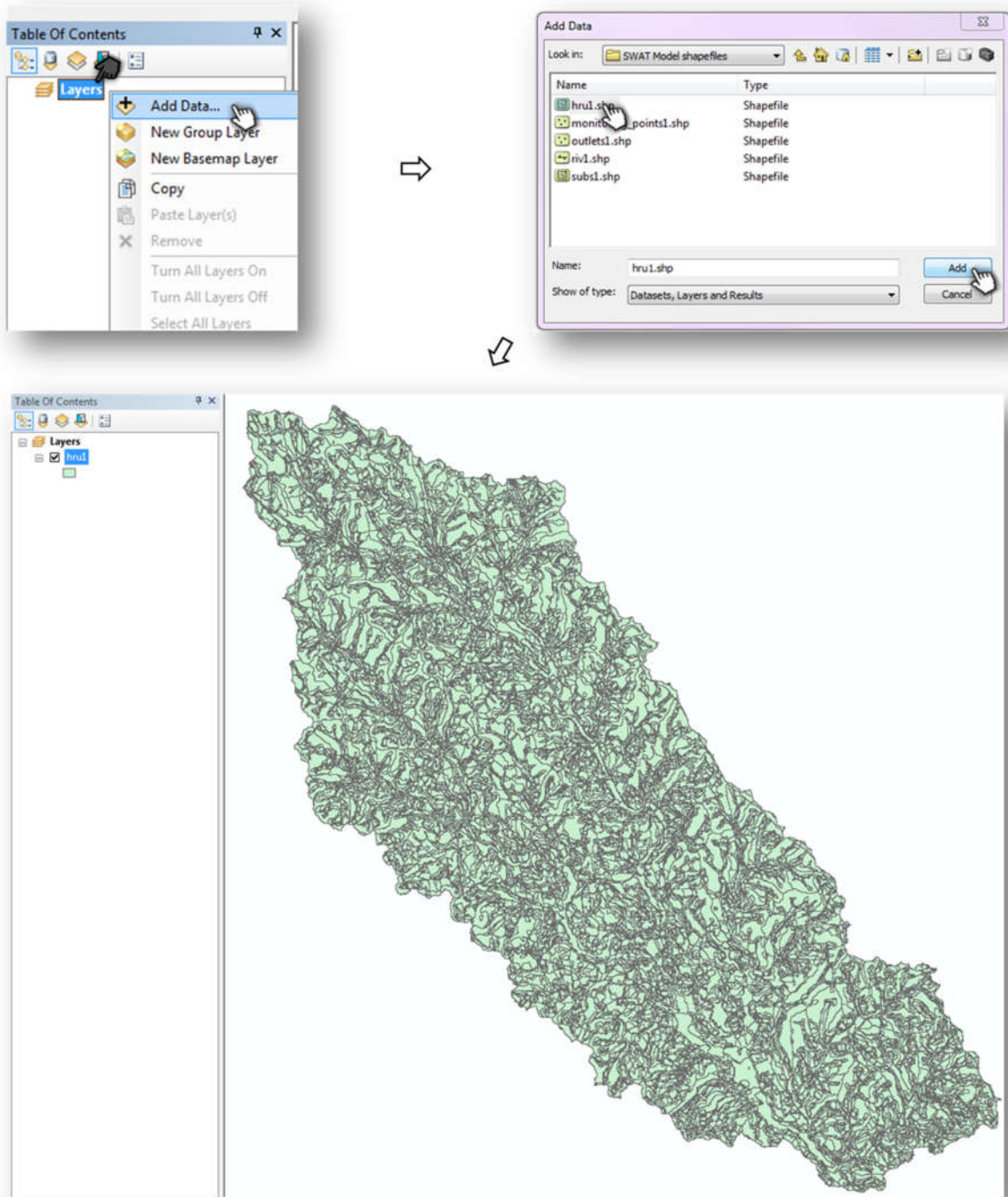
hru_area: Spatial area (m²) of the original HRU

For example:

1	27396				
2	6233				
3	dhru_id	dhru_area	hru_id	subbasin	hru_area
4	1	9000	1	1	153900
5	2	900	1	1	153900
6	3	900	1	1	153900
7	4	900	1	1	153900
8	5	45900	1	1	153900
9	6	89100	1	1	153900
10	7	7200	1	1	153900
11	8	900	2	1	7200
12	9	900	2	1	7200
13	10	900	2	1	7200
14	11	900	2	1	7200
15	12	1800	2	1	7200
16	13	1800	2	1	7200
17	14	54000	3	1	791100
18	15	423000	3	1	791100
19	16	900	3	1	791100
20	17	900	3	1	791100
21	18	63900	3	1	791100
22	19	5400	3	1	791100
23	20	1800	3	1	791100
24	21	900	3	1	791100
25	22	900	3	1	791100
26	23	900	3	1	791100
27	24	900	3	1	791100
28	25	225900	3	1	791100
29	26	1800	3	1	791100
30	27	9900	3	1	791100
31	28	2700	4	1	2700

1. Begin with HRU shapefile (no thresholds)

① Import the “hru1” shapefile (1 SWAT LRW folder) into ArcMap



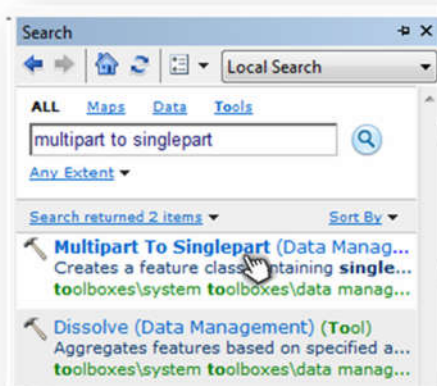
② Add the spatial area (m²) of the HRUs in the “hru_area” field

The process involves several steps in a GIS application:

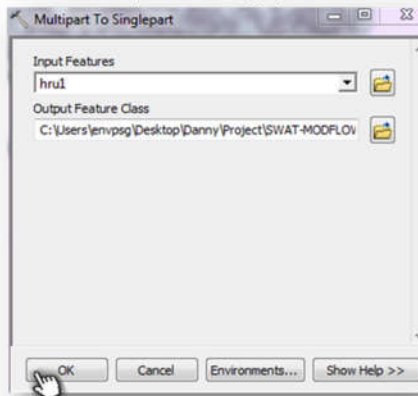
- Open Attribute Table:** In the Table of Contents, right-click the 'hru' layer and select 'Open Attribute Table'.
- Table View:** The attribute table for 'hru1' is displayed with columns: FID, Shape, OBJECTID, HRU_ID, and HRU_GIS.
- Add Field:** Click the 'Add Field...' button in the attribute table toolbar.
- Add Field Dialog:** Set the Name to 'hru_area' and the Type to 'Float'.
- Table View:** The new 'hru_area' column is added to the attribute table, with all values currently set to 0.
- Calculate Geometry:** Click the 'Calculate Geometry...' button in the attribute table toolbar.
- Calculate Geometry Dialog:** Set the Property to 'Area' and the Units to 'Square Meters [sq m]'. Select 'Use coordinate system of the data source'.
- Final Table View:** The 'hru_area' column is now populated with the calculated area for each HRU, with values ranging from 1800 to 153900.

2. Apply the GIS operation "Multipart to Singlepart" to create the DHRU shape file

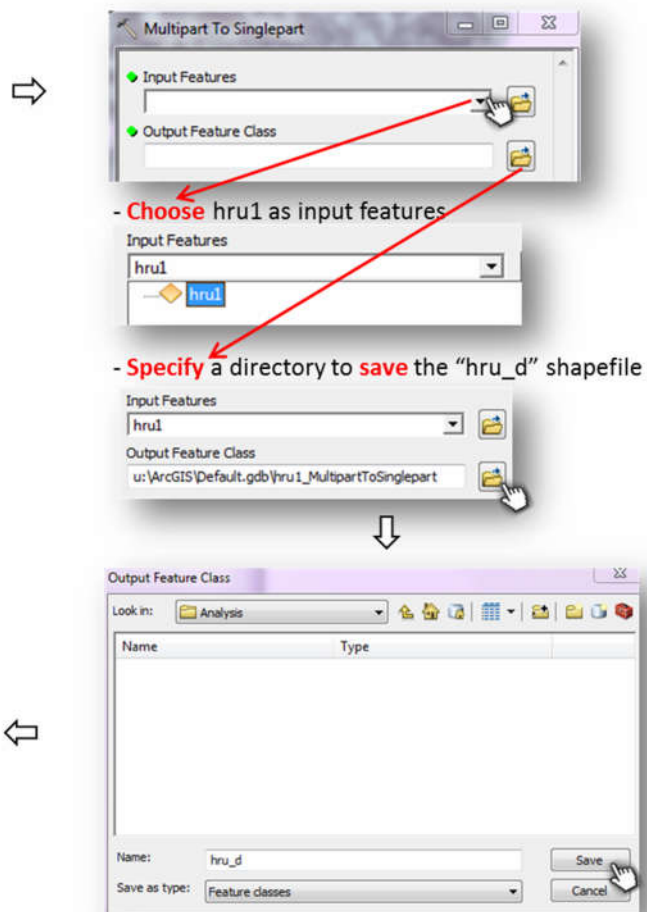
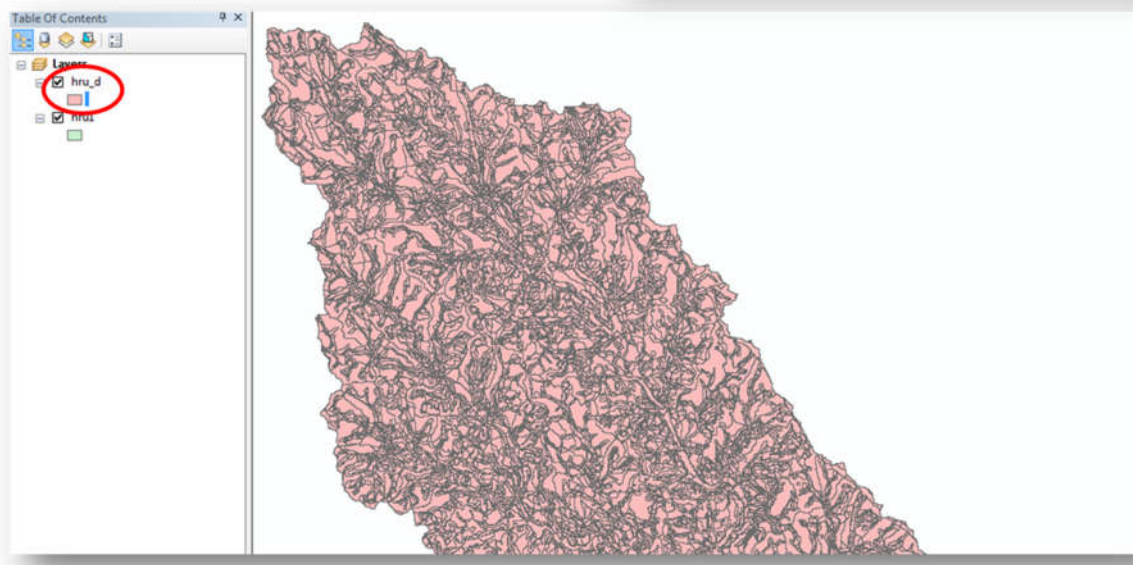
① Open "Multipart to Singlepart" tool



- Run "Multipart to Singlepart" tool

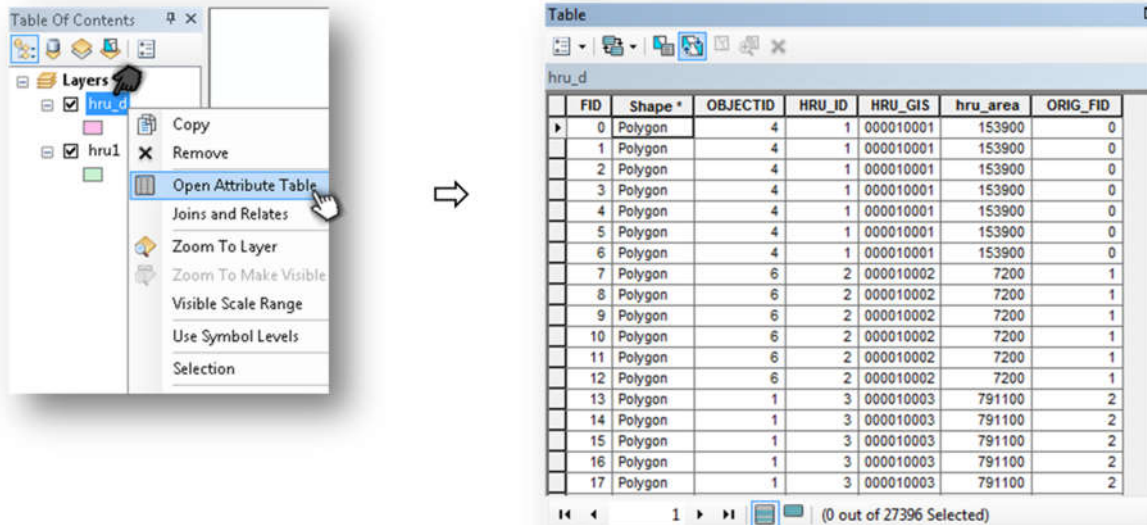


- The "hru_d" shapefile will be added.

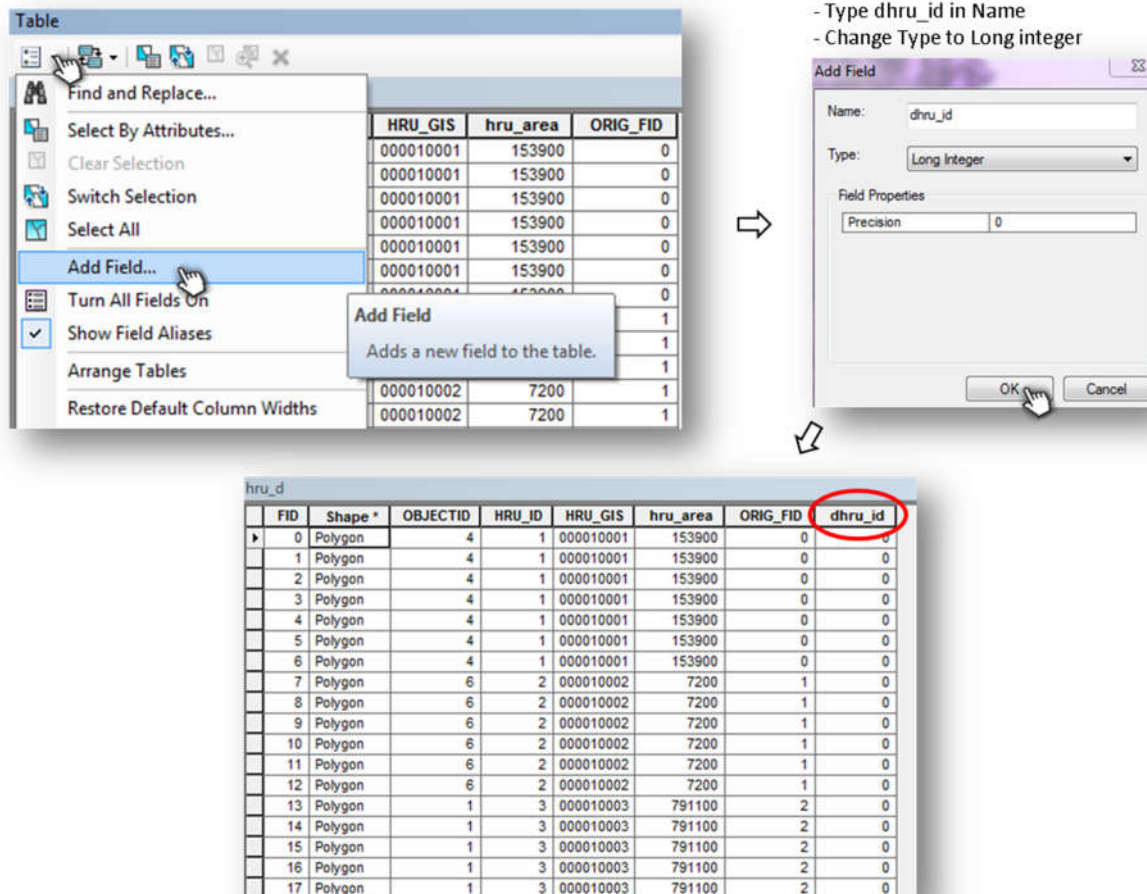


3. Get Area, unique ID, and subbasin for each DHRU

① Open the attribute table of the “hru_d” shapefile



② Create “dhru_id” field with long integer type



③ Create IDs for the DHRUs in a spreadsheet of Excel. *It is important that the HRUs are sorted by ID before providing IDs to each DHRU. This will be described in this step.*

- Check the number of DHRUs

FID	Shape *	OBJECTID	HRU_ID	HRU_GIS	hru_area	ORIG_FID	dhr_u_id
0	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
1	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
2	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
3	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
4	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
5	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
6	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
7	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
8	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
9	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
10	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
11	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
12	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
13	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
14	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
15	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
16	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
17	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
18	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
19	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
20	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
21	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
22	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0

- Create IDs of DHRU in a spreadsheet

	A
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

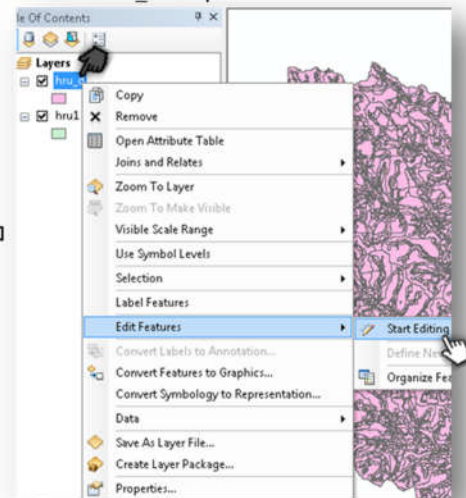
Copy IDs of DHRU

27386	27386
27387	27387
27388	27388
27389	27389
27390	27390
27391	27391
27392	27392
27393	27393
27394	27394
27395	27395
27396	27396

- Sort HRU_ID field in ascending order

FID	Shape *	OBJECTID	HRU_ID	HRU_GIS	hru_area	ORIG_FID	dhr_u_id
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3	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
4	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
5	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
6	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	0
7	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
8	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
9	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
10	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
11	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	0
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20	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
21	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0
22	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	0

- Edit the "hru_d" shapefile



- Paste the IDs of DHRU copied from the spreadsheet into "dhr_u_id" field

* First Check the attribute table of hru_dhr_u shapefile is sorted by HRU_ID

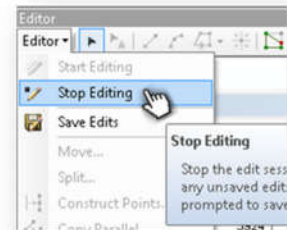
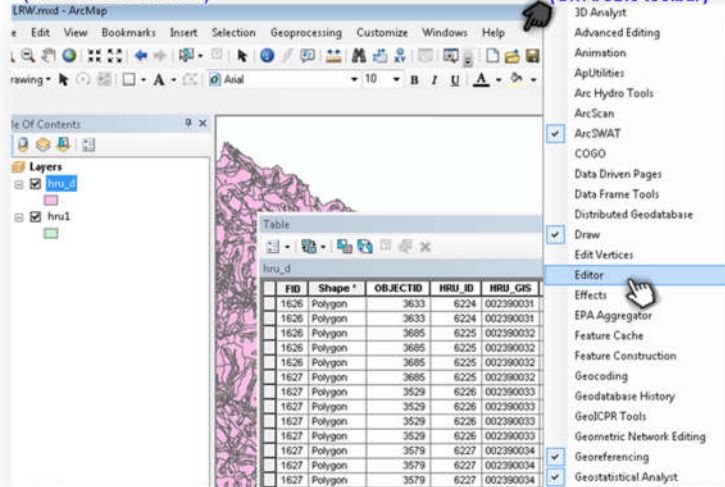
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1	000010001	153900	0	
1	000010001	153900	0	
1	000010001	153900	0	
1	000010001	153900	0	
1	000010001	153900	0	
2	000010002	7200	1	
2	000010002	7200	1	
2	000010002	7200	1	
2	000010002	7200	1	
2	000010002	7200	1	
2	000010002	7200	1	
3	000010003	791100	2	
3	000010003	791100	2	
3	000010003	791100	2	

FID	Shape *	OBJECTID	HRU_ID	HRU_GIS	hru_area	ORIG_FID	dhr_u_id
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2	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900		3
3	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900		4
4	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900		5
5	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900		6
6	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900		7
7	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200		8
8	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200		9
9	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200		10
10	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200		11
11	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200		12
12	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200		13
13	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100		14
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15	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100		16

1625	Polygon	3678	6231	002390038	9000	3919	27393
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1644	Polygon	3969	6232	002400001	900	3965	27395
1644	Polygon	3970	6233	002400002	18900	3965	27396

- Save the edited hru_d shapefile

(Activate Editor tool)



④ Create “dhru_area” field with float type

Table

Find and Replace...
Select By Attributes...
Clear Selection
Switch Selection
Select All
Add Field...
Turn All Fields On
Show Field Aliases
Arrange Tables
Restore Default Column Widths

HRU_GIS	hru_area	ORIG_FID
000010001	153900	0
000010001	153900	0
000010001	153900	0
000010001	153900	0
000010001	153900	0
000010001	153900	0
000010001	153900	0
000010002	7200	1
000010002	7200	1

Add Field
Adds a new field to the table.

Add Field

Name: dhru_area
Type: Float
Field Properties
Precision: 0
Scale: 0
OK Cancel

- Type dhru_area in Name
- Change Type to Float

hru_d

FID	Shape *	OBJECTID	HRU_ID	HRU_GIS	hru_area	ORIG_FID	dhru_id	dhru_area
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1	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	2	0
2	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	3	0
3	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	4	0
4	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	5	0
5	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	6	0
6	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	7	0
7	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	8	0

- Calculate the spatial areas (m²) of the DHRUs

dhru_id dhru_area

Sort Ascending
Sort Descending
Advanced Sorting...
Summarize...
Statistics...
Field Calculator...
Calculate Geometry...
Turn Field Off
Freeze/Unfreeze Co
Delete Field
Properties

Calculate Geometry

Property: Area
Coordinate System
Use coordinate system of the data source:
PCS: NAD 1983 Contiguous USA Albers
Use coordinate system of the data frame:
PCS: NAD 1983 Contiguous USA Albers
Units: Square Meters [sq m]
Calculate selected records only
About calculating geometry
OK Cancel

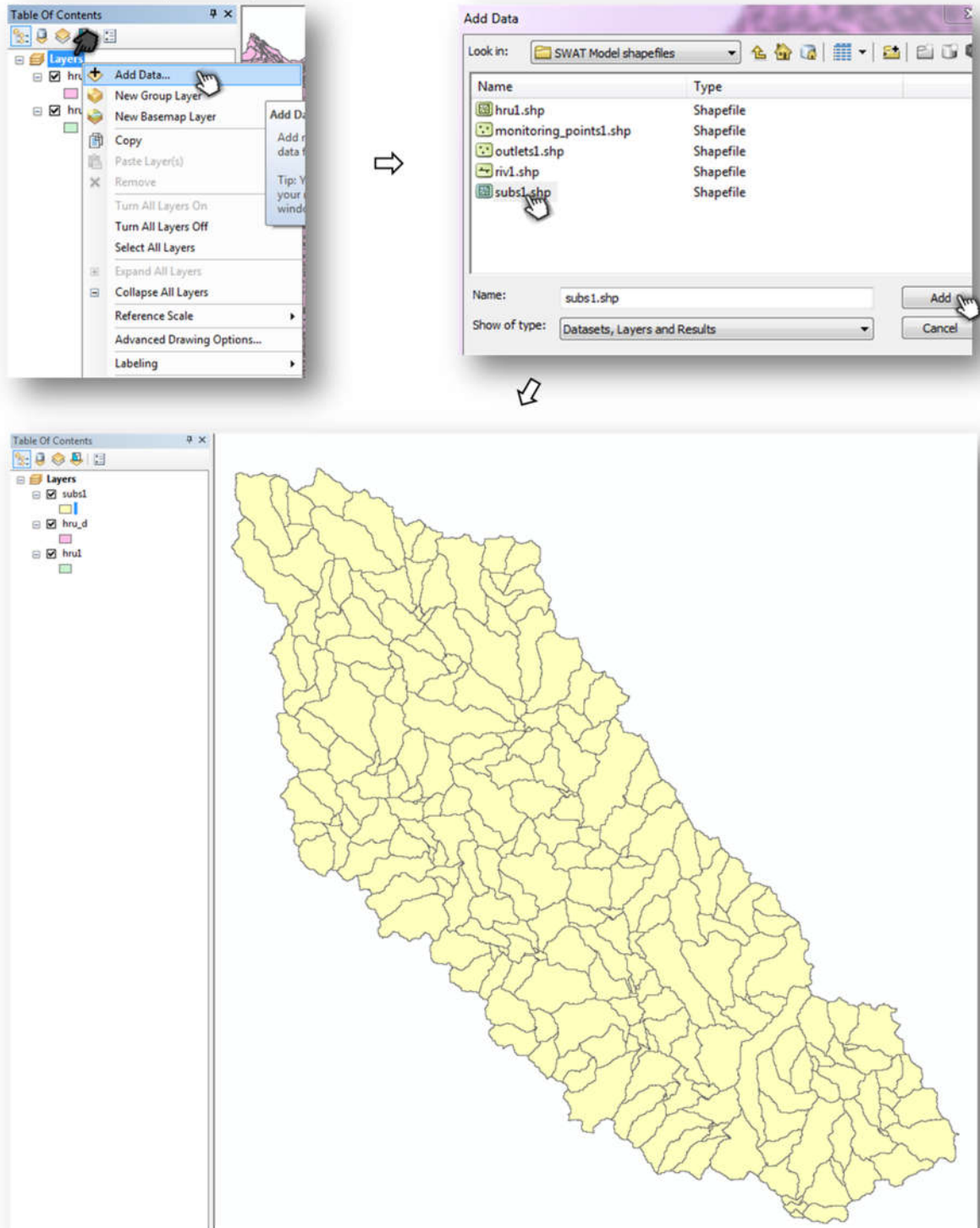
- Change Property to Area
- Change Unit to square meters

hru_d

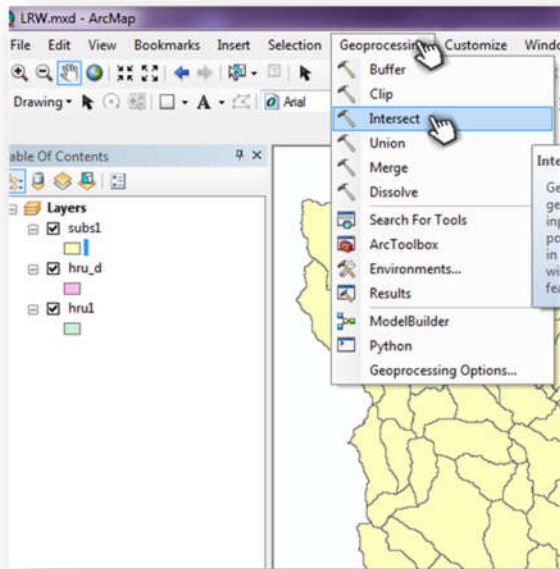
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2	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	3	900
3	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	4	900
4	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	5	45900
5	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	6	89100
6	Polygon	4	1	000010001	153900	0	7	7200
7	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	8	900
8	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	9	900
9	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	10	900
10	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	11	900
11	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	12	1800
12	Polygon	6	2	000010002	7200	1	13	1800
13	Polygon	1	3	000010003	791100	2	14	54000
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⑤ Intersect the “hru_d” with the “sub1” shapefile

- Add the “sub1” shapefile to layer

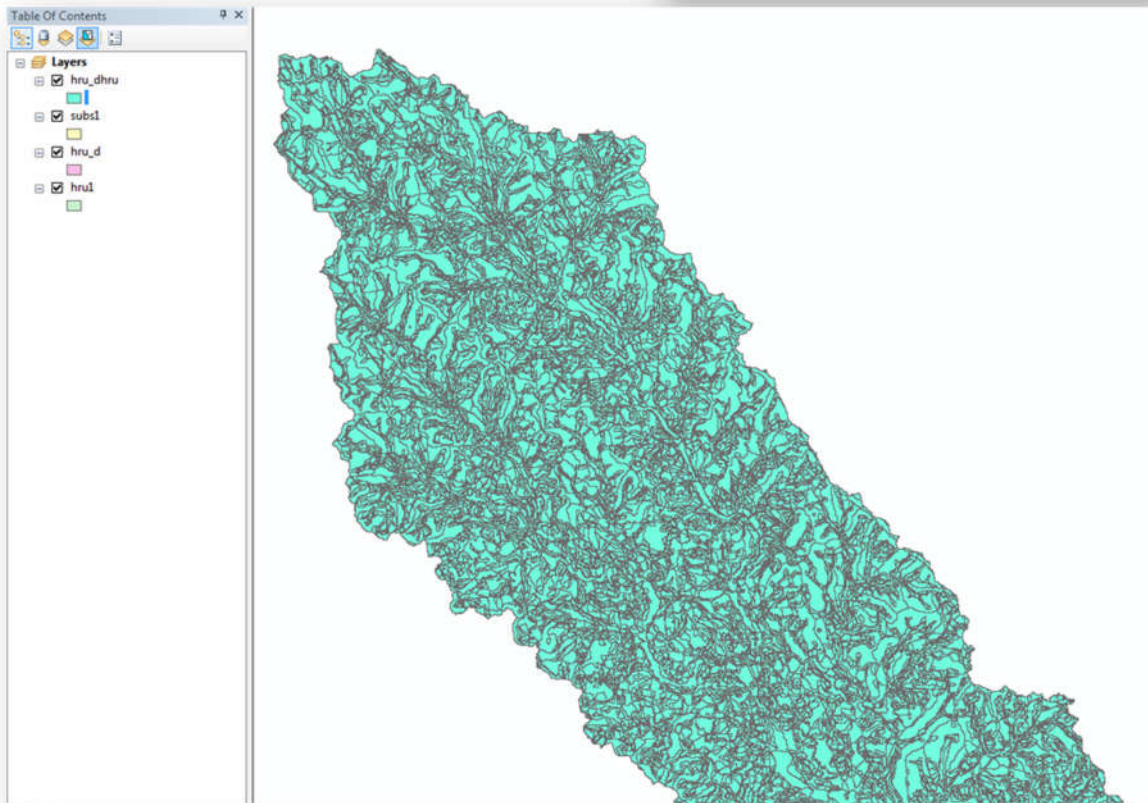
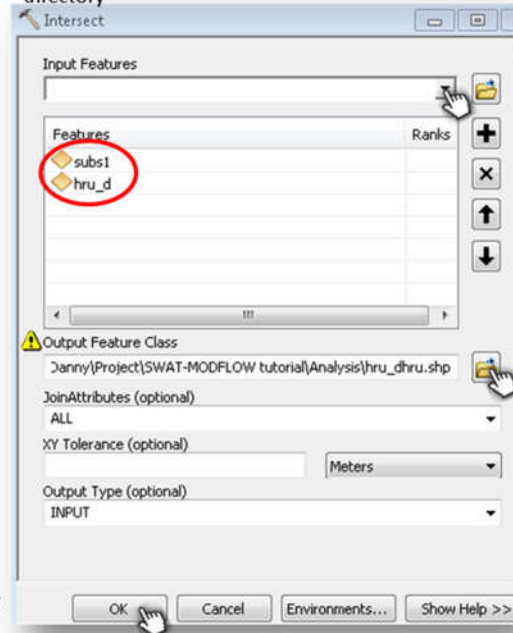


- Run Intersect tool



- Add the "sub1" and "hru_d" shapefiles in Input Features

- Specify the output feature class name (hru_dhru) and directory



⑥ Select only the necessary fields (You can either turn off or delete an unnecessary field)

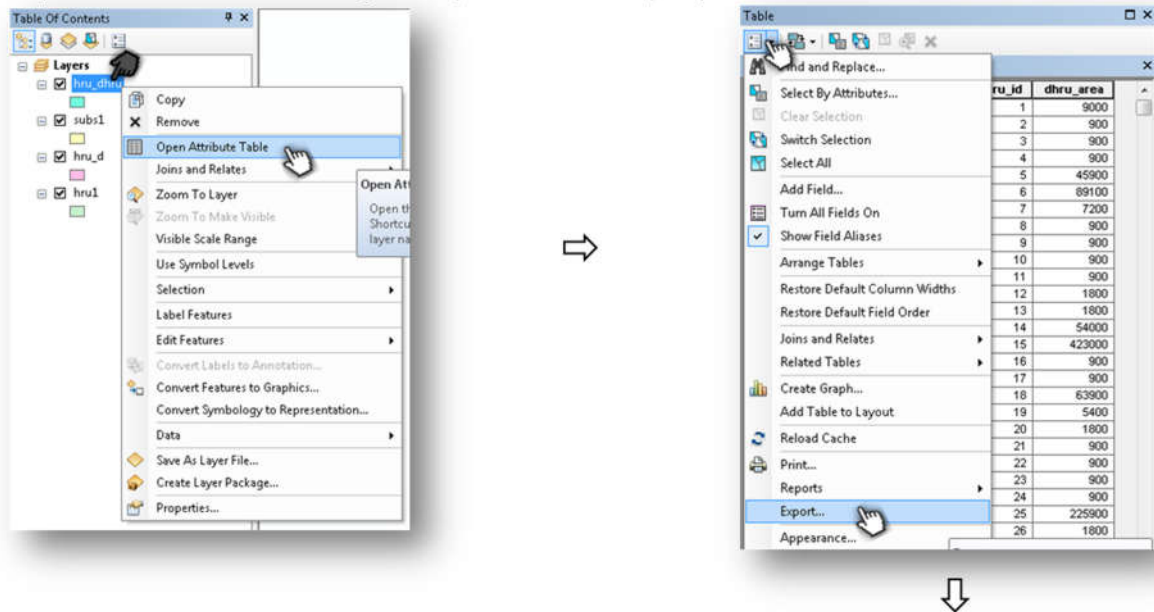
Check only Subbasin
HRU_ID
hru_area
dhru_id
dhru_area

Using these arrow buttons, you can change the order.

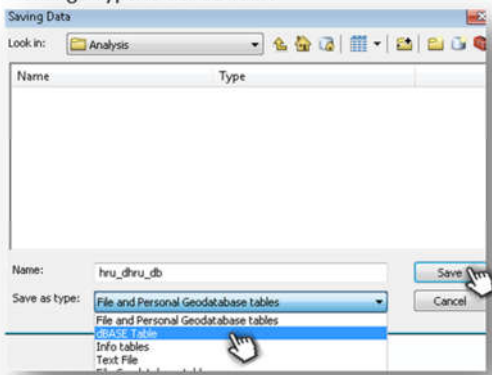
	Subbasin	HRU_ID	hru_area	dhru_id	dhru_area
1	1	1	153900	1	9000
1	1	1	153900	2	900
1	1	1	153900	3	900
1	1	1	153900	4	900
1	1	1	153900	5	45900
1	1	1	153900	6	89100
1	1	1	153900	7	7200
1	1	2	7200	8	900
1	1	2	7200	9	900
1	1	2	7200	10	900
1	1	2	7200	11	900
1	1	2	7200	12	1800
1	1	2	7200	13	1800
1	1	3	791100	14	54000
1	1	3	791100	15	423000
1	1	3	791100	16	900
1	1	3	791100	17	900
1	1	3	791100	18	63900
1	1	3	791100	19	5400
1	1	3	791100	20	1800
1	1	3	791100	21	900
1	1	3	791100	22	900

⑦ Provide text file: **hru_dhru** (This file is sorted by the HRU and DHRU IDs)

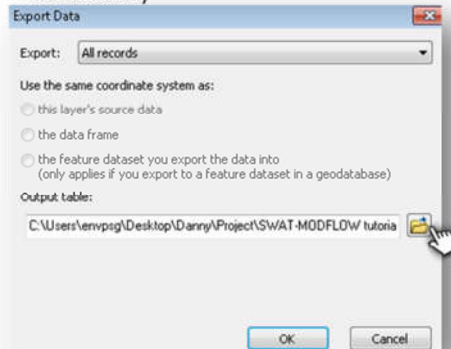
- Export the attribute table of the "hru_dhru" shapefile as dBASE table (*.dbf).



- Change Type to dBASE Table



- Specify the output table name (hru_dhru_db) and directory



- Open the "hru_dhru_db" file with Excel

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Subbasin	HRU_ID	hru_area	dhru_id	dhru_area
2	1	1	153900.000000000000	1	9000.000000000000
3	1	1	153900.000000000000	2	900.000000000000
4	1	1	153900.000000000000	3	900.000000000000
5	1	1	153900.000000000000	4	900.000000000000
6	1	1	153900.000000000000	5	45900.000000000000
7	1	1	153900.000000000000	6	89100.000000000000
8	1	1	153900.000000000000	7	7200.000000000000
9	1	2	7200.000000000000	8	900.000000000000
10	1	2	7200.000000000000	9	900.000000000000
11	1	2	7200.000000000000	10	900.000000000000

- Use Filter and Sort HRU_ID column in ascending order

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with columns A to F. Column A is 'Subbasin', B is 'HRU_ID', C is 'hru_area', D is 'dhru_id', and E is 'dhru_area'. A right-click context menu is open over column B, with the 'Filter' option selected. The 'Filter' submenu is also open, showing options like 'Filter by Selected Cell's Value', 'Filter by Selected Cell's Color', etc.

The screenshot shows the 'Sort' dialog box in Excel. The 'Sort by' dropdown is set to 'HRU_ID'. The 'Sort Order' is set to 'Smallest to Largest'. The 'Number Filters' section is expanded, showing a list of values with checkboxes next to them. The 'OK' button is highlighted.

The screenshot shows the Excel spreadsheet after sorting. The 'HRU_ID' column is now sorted in ascending order. The 'dhru_id' and 'dhru_area' columns are also visible.

- Change the order of the columns and correct the column names

- Insert two rows at the top of the spreadsheet and write the numbers of DHRUs in 1st and HRUs in 2nd row

- Reduce the number of digits after decimal point if desired

The screenshot shows the Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	27396				
2	6233				
3	dhru_id	dhru_area	hru_id	subbasin	hru_area
4	1	9000	1	1	153900
5	2	900	1	1	153900
6	3	900	1	1	153900
7	4	900	1	1	153900
8	5	45900	1	1	153900
9	6	89100	1	1	153900
10	7	7200	1	1	153900
11	8	900	2	1	7200
12	9	900	2	1	7200
13	10	900	2	1	7200
14	11	900	2	1	7200
15	12	1800	2	1	7200
16	13	1800	2	1	7200
17	14	54000	3	1	791100
18	15	423000	3	1	791100
19	16	900	3	1	791100
20	17	900	3	1	791100
21	18	63900	3	1	791100

- Save the spreadsheet as "hru_dhru" with text file format

The screenshot shows the 'Save As' dialog box in Excel. The 'File name' is 'hru_dhru' and the 'Save as type' is 'Text (Tab delimited) (*.txt)'.

The screenshot shows the content of the saved text file, which is a tab-delimited table with the same data as the Excel spreadsheet.

1	27396				
2	6233				
3	dhru_id	dhru_area	hru_id	subbasin	hru_area
4	1	9000	1	1	153900
5	2	900	1	1	153900
6	3	900	1	1	153900
7	4	900	1	1	153900
8	5	45900	1	1	153900
9	6	89100	1	1	153900
10	7	7200	1	1	153900
11	8	900	2	1	7200
12	9	900	2	1	7200
13	10	900	2	1	7200
14	11	900	2	1	7200
15	12	1800	2	1	7200
16	13	1800	2	1	7200
17	14	54000	3	1	791100
18	15	423000	3	1	791100
19	16	900	3	1	791100
20	17	900	3	1	791100
21	18	63900	3	1	791100
22	19	5400	3	1	791100
23	20	1800	3	1	791100
24	21	900	3	1	791100

4.1.2 Linkage between DHRUs and MODFLOW Grid cells

File to create: **dhru_grid**. This file has the following structure:

At the top of the file:

Number of lines with information (starting on Line 4)

Number of MODFLOW grid cells

Then, the following columns (sorted by *grid_id*, then by *dhru_id*):

grid_id: ID of the MODFLOW grid cell (only cells intersecting DHRUs)

grid_area: Spatial Area (m²) of the grid cell

dhru_id: ID of the DHRU

overlap_area: Overlap area (m²) between the cell and the DHRU

dhru_area: Spatial area (m²) of the DHRU

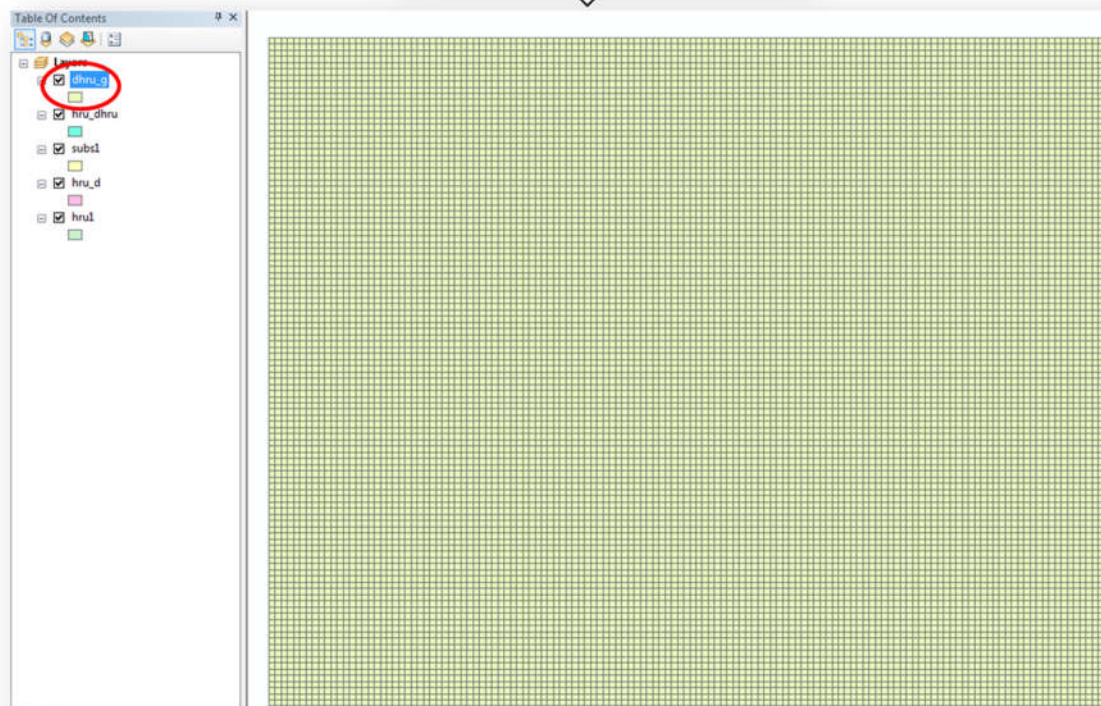
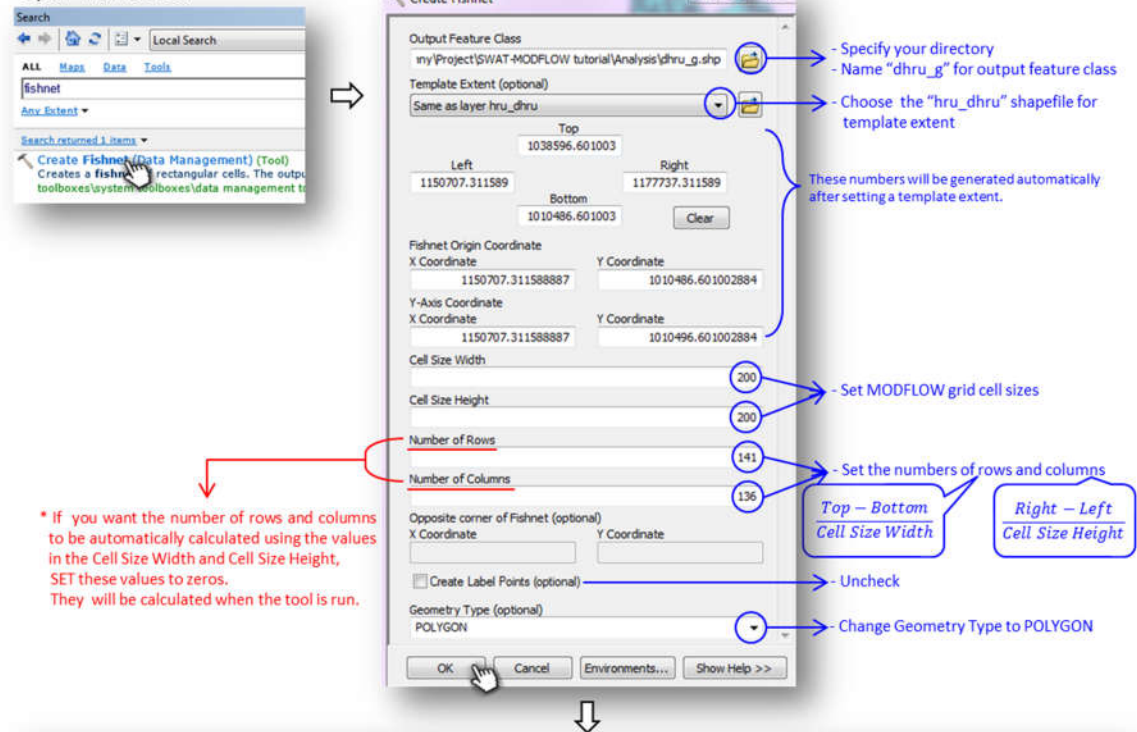
For example:

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1 61838
2 19176
3 grid_id grid_area dhru_id overlap_area dhru_area
4 16 40000 27 3000 9900
5 16 40000 58 600 900
6 16 40000 63 1900 31500
7 17 40000 7 6000 7200
8 17 40000 27 6900 9900
9 17 40000 57 800 4500
10 17 40000 58 300 900
11 17 40000 63 800 31500
12 18 40000 57 400 4500
13 137 40000 1158 5600 76500
14 138 40000 1158 25100 76500
15 138 40000 1182 4500 11700
16 139 40000 1158 8600 76500
17 139 40000 1159 3300 272700
18 139 40000 1368 4200 9000
19 140 40000 1159 1400 272700
20 141 40000 1159 8300 272700
21 142 40000 1148 900 900
22 142 40000 1159 21800 272700
23 142 40000 1261 300 53100
24 143 40000 1145 900 900
25 143 40000 1146 900 900
26 143 40000 1155 3200 68400
27 143 40000 1159 900 272700
28 143 40000 1261 1500 53100
29 144 40000 1147 2700 5400
30 144 40000 1155 400 68400
31 144 40000 1156 900 900
32 144 40000 1157 700 7200
33 144 40000 1163 900 6300
34 145 40000 2356 1800 200700
35 145 40000 1147 2700 5400
36 145 40000 1157 1700 7200
37 152 40000 63 1100 31500
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1. Create MODFLOW shapefile

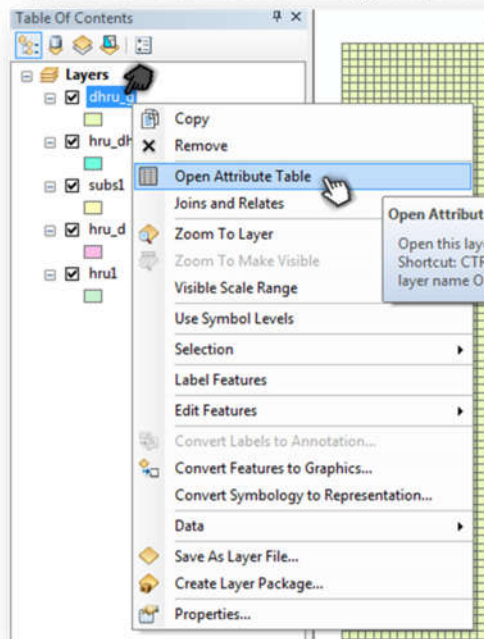
① Create a fishnet of rectangular cells as MODFLOW Grid cells

- Open "Fishnet" tool

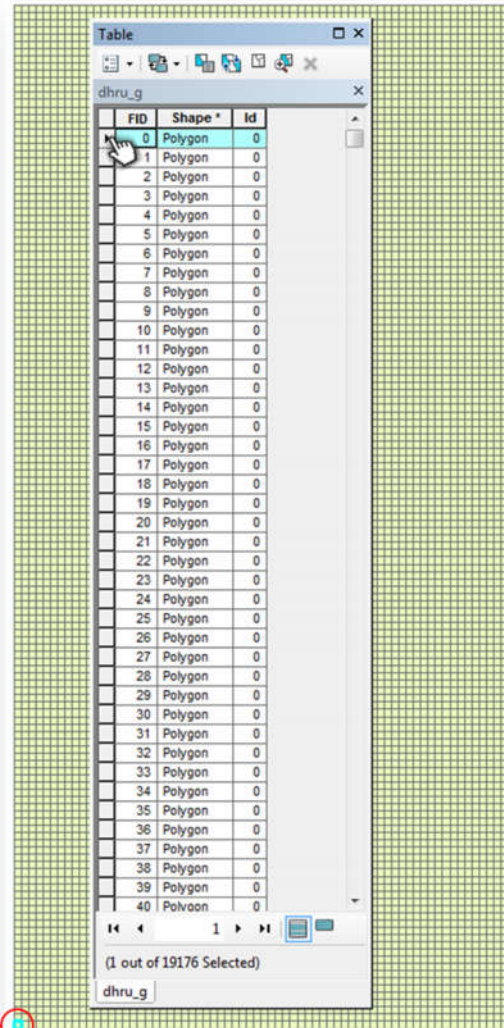


② Generate IDs of the MODFLOW grid cell (The origin of MODFLOW grid starts at upper left corner)

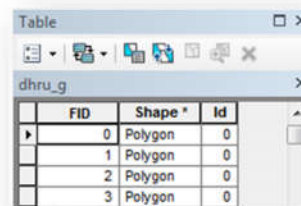
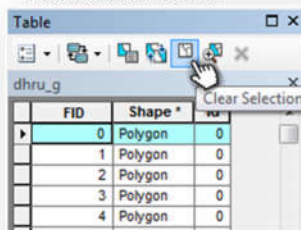
- Open the attribute table of the "dhru_g" shapefile



- Click "FID 0" and see where it starts

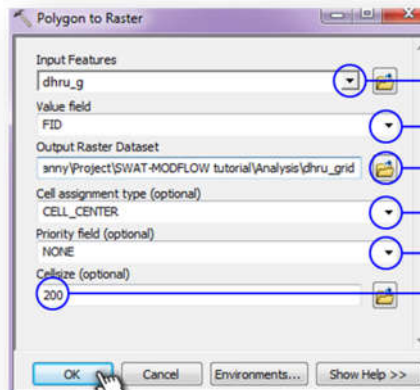
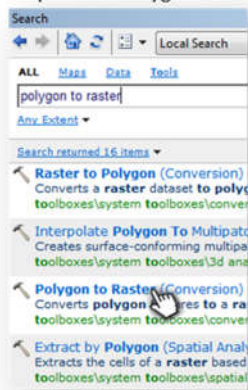


- Clear selected features

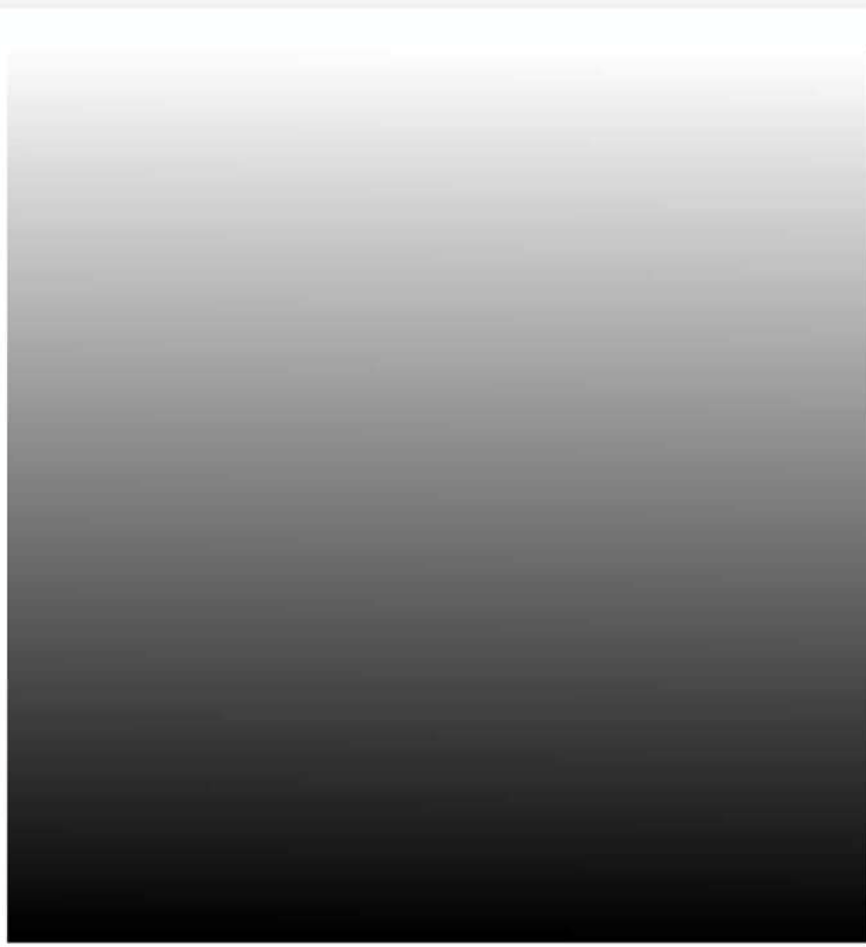
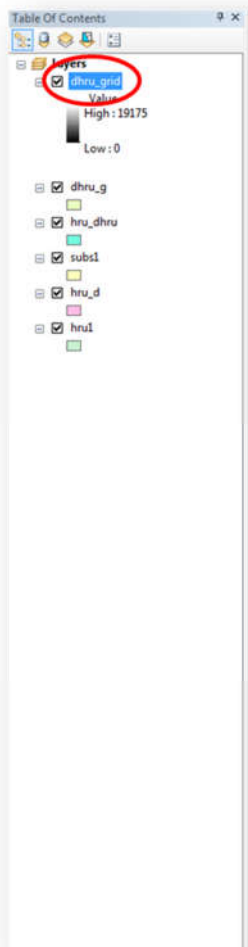


* The origin of the "dhru_g" shapefile starts at LOWER left corner

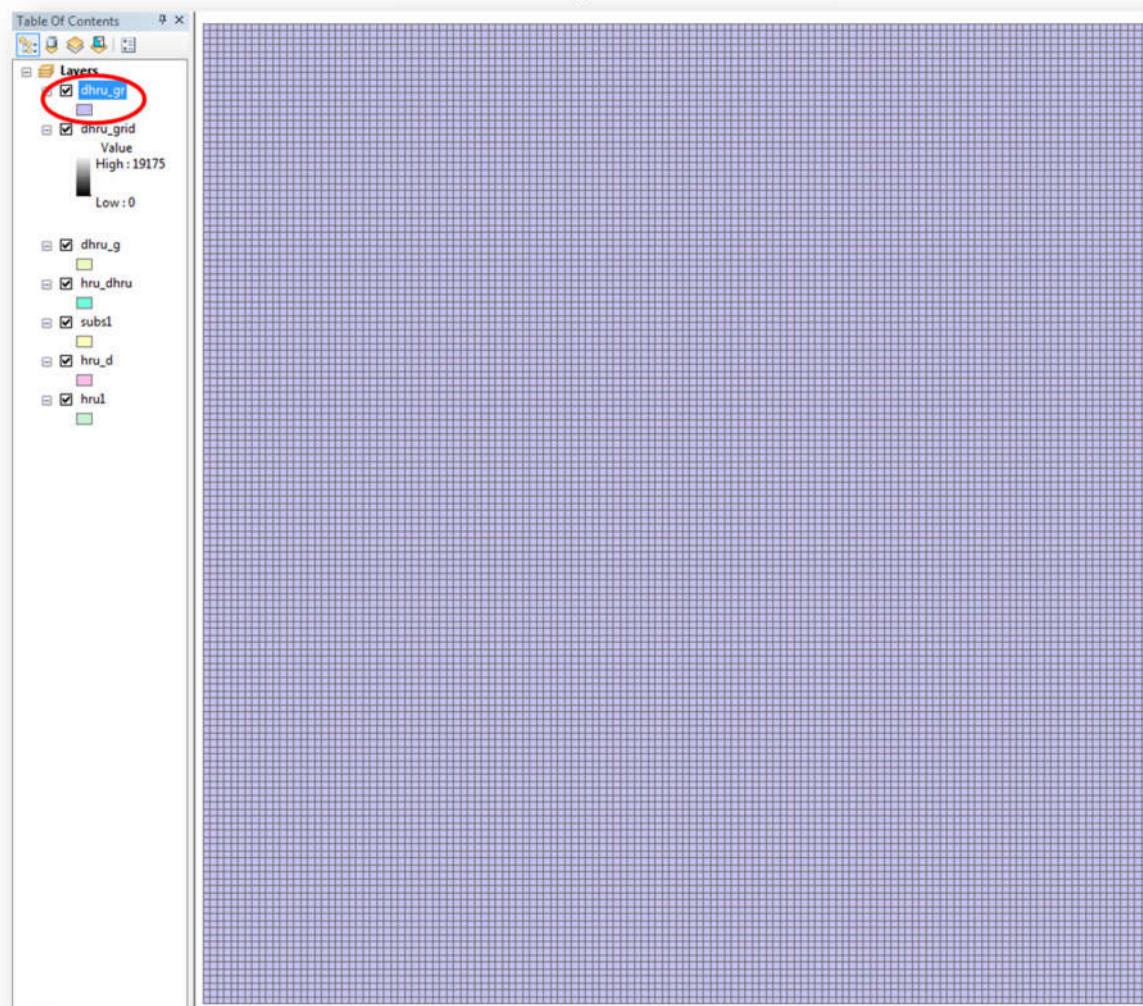
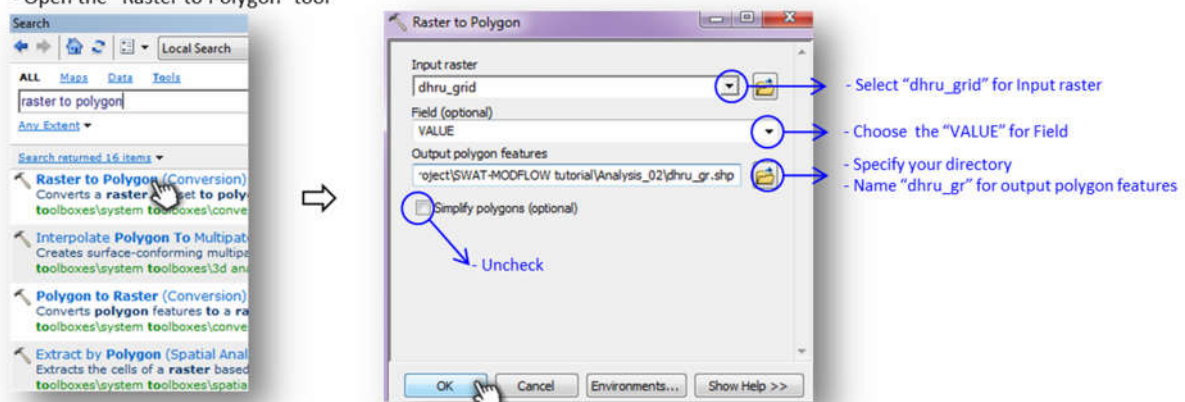
- Open the "Polygon to Raster" tool



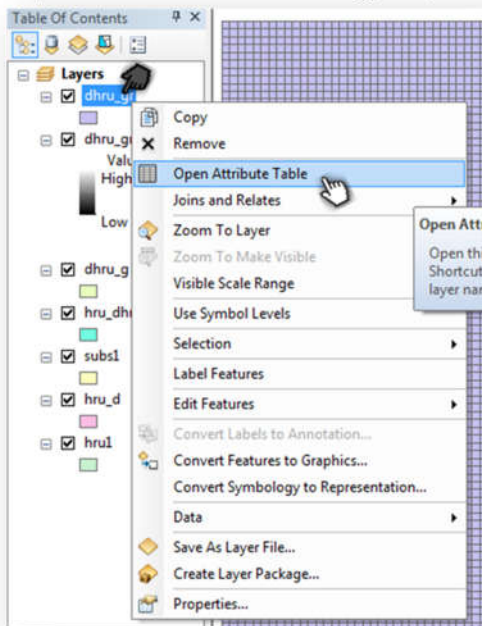
- Select "dhru_g" for Input Features
- Choose the "FID" for Value field
- Specify your directory
- Name "dhru_grid" for output Raster Dataset
- Select "CELL_CENTER"
- Select "NONE"
- Type your MODFLOW grid cell size



- Open the "Raster to Polygon" tool

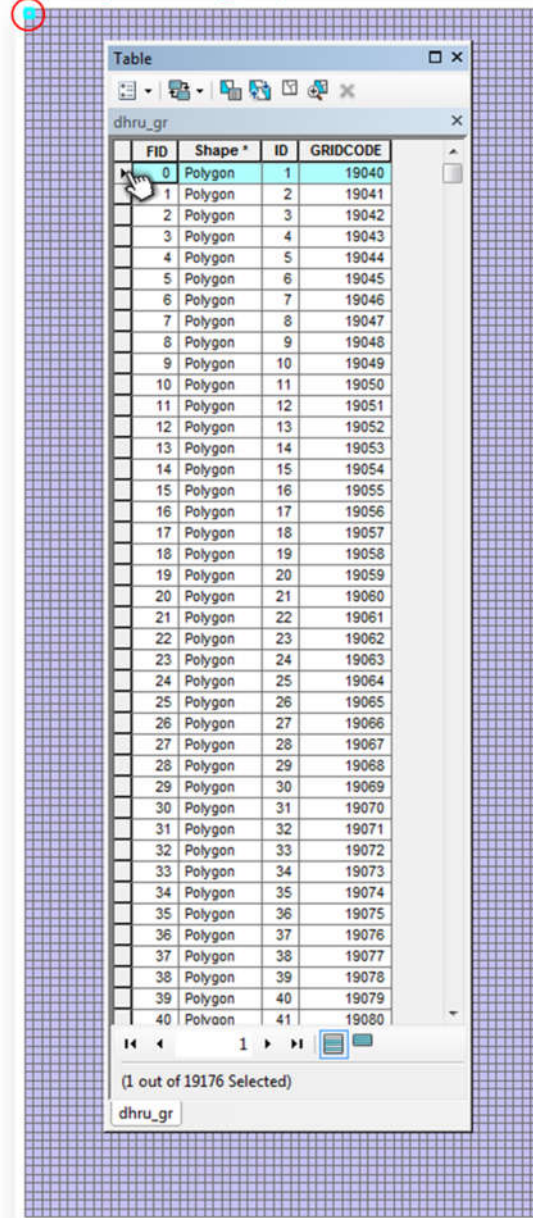


- Open the attribute table of the "dhru_gr" shapefile

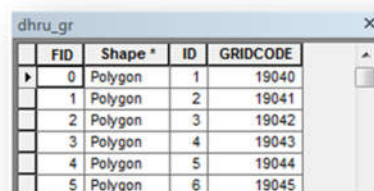
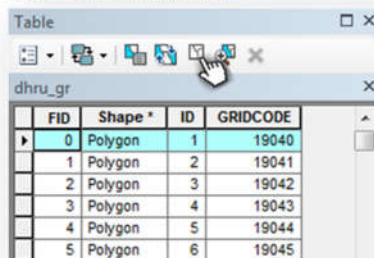


- Click "FID 0" and see where it starts

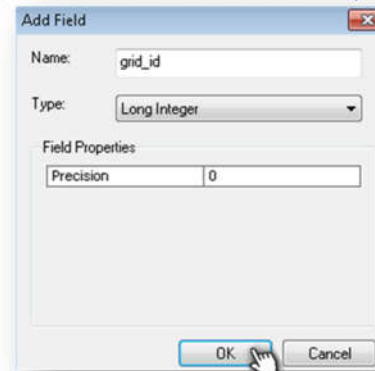
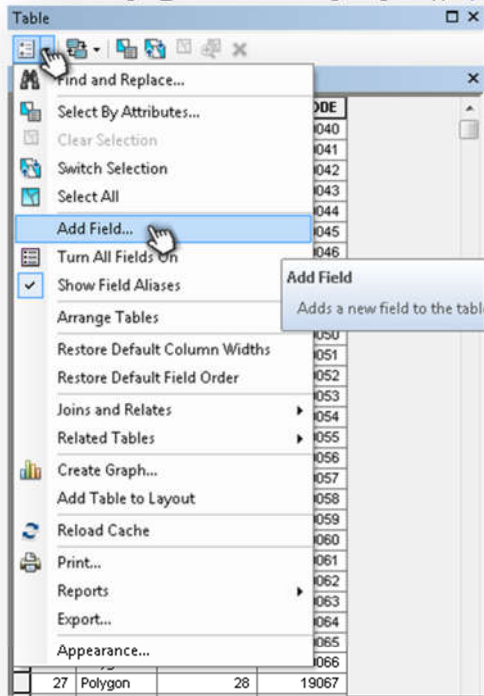
The origin of the "dhru_gr" shapefile starts at UPPER left corner



- Clear selected features



- Create the "grid_id" field with "long integer" type ("ID" field can be used for "grid_id" field and edit the field name in Excel)



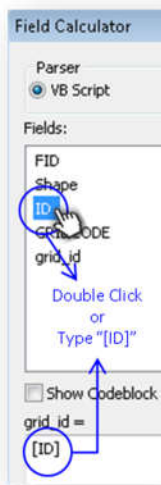
The screenshot shows the 'dhru_gr' table in ArcGIS. The 'grid_id' field has been added to the table, and its name is highlighted with a red box.

FID	Shape *	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id
0	Polygon	1	19040	0
1	Polygon	2	19041	0
2	Polygon	3	19042	0
3	Polygon	4	19043	0
4	Polygon	5	19044	0
5	Polygon	6	19045	0
6	Polygon	7	19046	0
7	Polygon	8	19047	0
8	Polygon	9	19048	0
9	Polygon	10	19049	0



The screenshot shows the 'dhru_gr' table in Excel. The 'grid_id' column is highlighted with a red box.

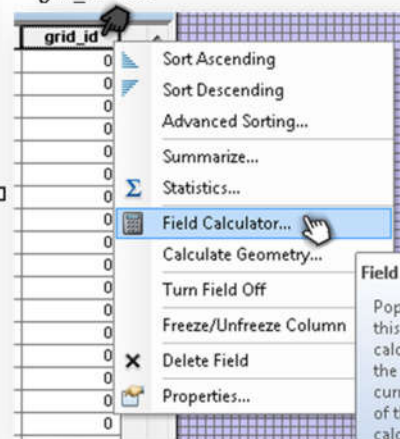
FID	Shape *	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id
0	Polygon	1	19040	1
1	Polygon	2	19041	2
2	Polygon	3	19042	3
3	Polygon	4	19043	4
4	Polygon	5	19044	5
5	Polygon	6	19045	6
6	Polygon	7	19046	7
7	Polygon	8	19047	8
8	Polygon	9	19048	9
9	Polygon	10	19049	10
10	Polygon	11	19050	11
11	Polygon	12	19051	12
12	Polygon	13	19052	13
13	Polygon	14	19053	14
14	Polygon	15	19054	15
15	Polygon	16	19055	16
16	Polygon	17	19056	17
17	Polygon	18	19057	18
18	Polygon	19	19058	19
19	Polygon	20	19059	20
20	Polygon	21	19060	21
21	Polygon	22	19061	22
22	Polygon	23	19062	23
23	Polygon	24	19063	24
24	Polygon	25	19064	25
25	Polygon	26	19065	26
26	Polygon	27	19066	27
27	Polygon	28	19067	28
28	Polygon	29	19068	29



then click "OK"

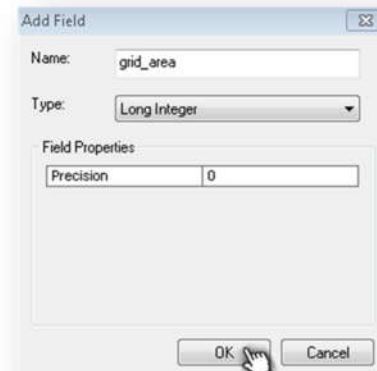
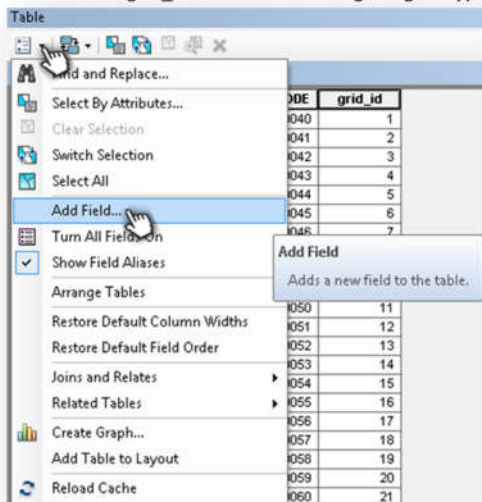


- Use Field Calculator to generate values for "grid_id" field



③ Calculate the spatial area of the grid cell

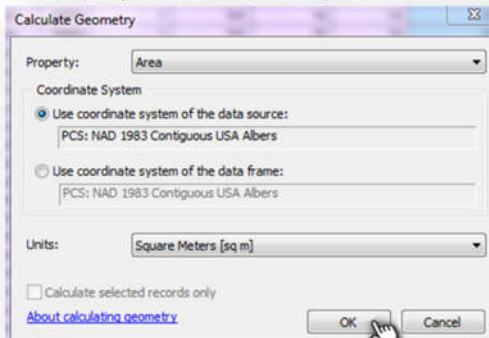
- Create the "grid_area" field with "long integer" type



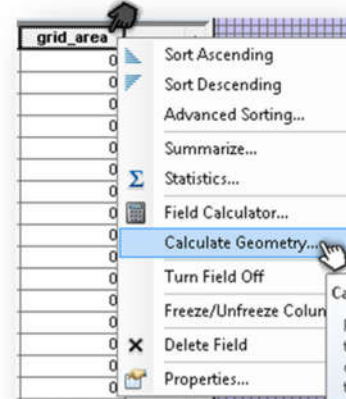
FID	Shape *	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id	grid_area
0	Polygon	1	19040	1	0
1	Polygon	2	19041	2	0
2	Polygon	3	19042	3	0
3	Polygon	4	19043	4	0
4	Polygon	5	19044	5	0
5	Polygon	6	19045	6	0
6	Polygon	7	19046	7	0
7	Polygon	8	19047	8	0



- Set Property to "Area" & Units "Square Meters"



- Calculate the spatial area of the grid cell for "grid_id" field

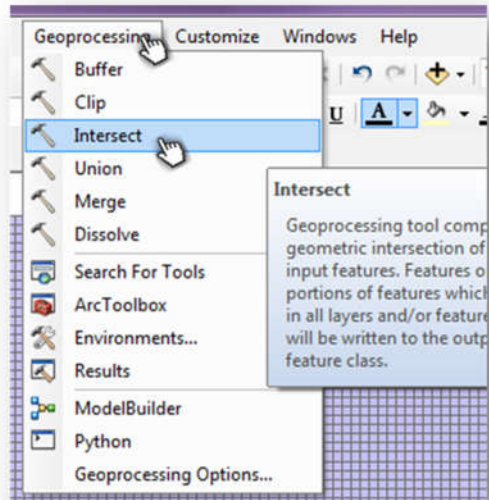


FID	Shape *	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id	grid_area
0	Polygon	1	19040	1	40000
1	Polygon	2	19041	2	40000
2	Polygon	3	19042	3	40000
3	Polygon	4	19043	4	40000
4	Polygon	5	19044	5	40000
5	Polygon	6	19045	6	40000
6	Polygon	7	19046	7	40000
7	Polygon	8	19047	8	40000
8	Polygon	9	19048	9	40000
9	Polygon	10	19049	10	40000
10	Polygon	11	19050	11	40000
11	Polygon	12	19051	12	40000
12	Polygon	13	19052	13	40000
13	Polygon	14	19053	14	40000
14	Polygon	15	19054	15	40000
15	Polygon	16	19055	16	40000
16	Polygon	17	19056	17	40000
17	Polygon	18	19057	18	40000
18	Polygon	19	19058	19	40000
19	Polygon	20	19059	20	40000

2. Intersect the “dhru_gr” shapefile with “hru_dhru” shapefile

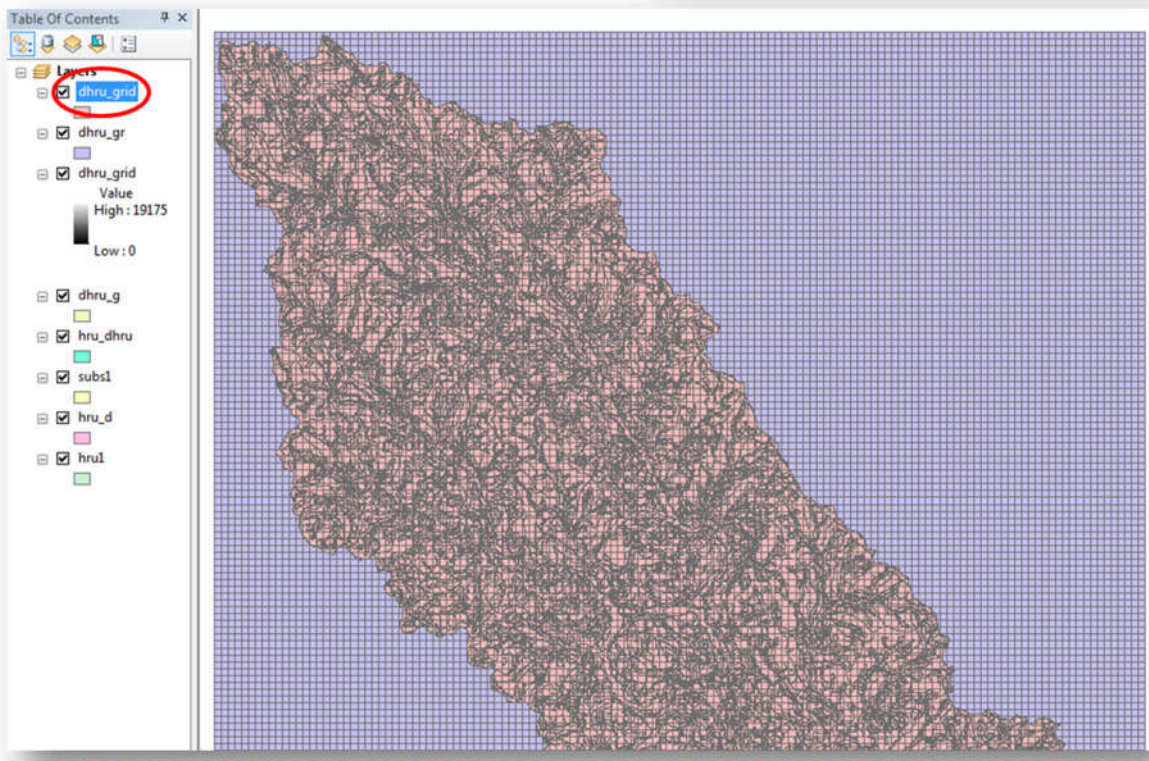
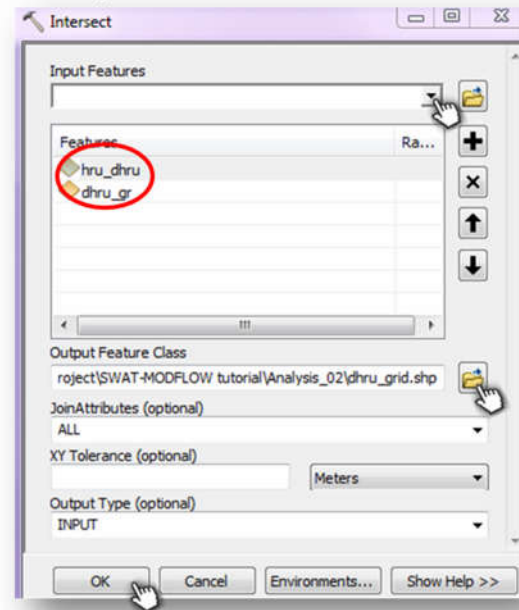
① Intersect the “dhru_gr” shapefile with “hru_dhru” shapefile

- Run Intersect tool



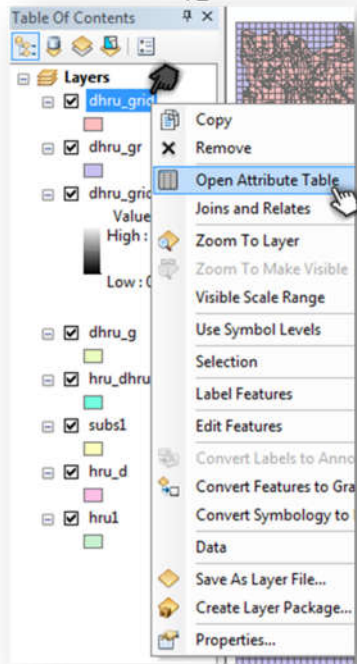
- Add the “hru_dhru” and “dhru_gr” shapefiles in Input Features

- Specify the output feature class name (dhru_grid) and directory

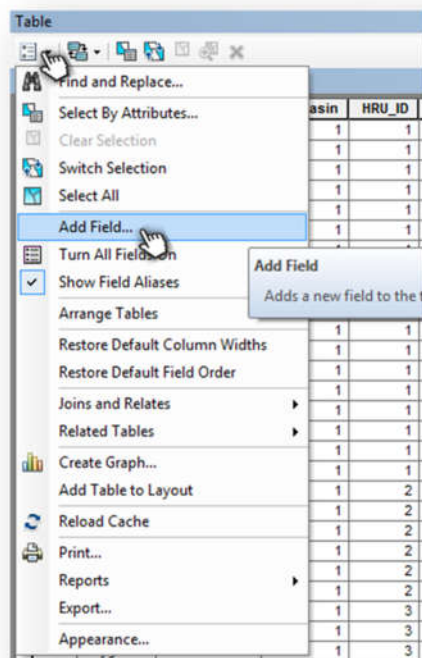


② Calculate the overlap area between Grid cells and DHRUs

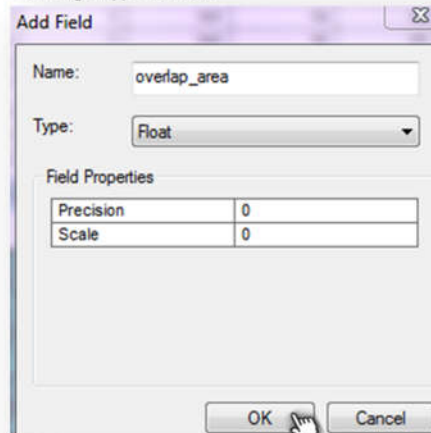
- Create the "overlap_area" field with the "Float" type



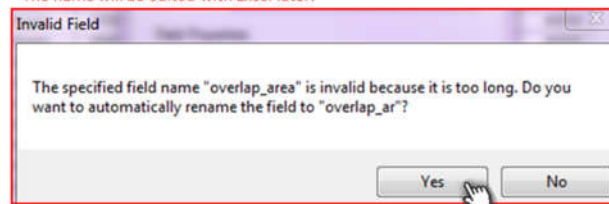
FID	Shape	FID_hru_dh	Subbasin	HURU_ID	hru_area	dhru_id	dhru_area	FID_dhru_g	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id	grid_area
0	Polygon	0	1	1	153900	1	9000	701	702	18381	702	40000
1	Polygon	0	1	1	153900	1	9000	837	838	18245	838	40000
2	Polygon	1	1	1	153900	2	900	701	702	18381	702	40000
3	Polygon	2	1	1	153900	3	900	701	702	18381	702	40000
4	Polygon	3	1	1	153900	4	900	559	560	18511	560	40000
5	Polygon	4	1	1	153900	5	45900	424	425	18648	425	40000
6	Polygon	4	1	1	153900	5	45900	425	426	18649	426	40000
7	Polygon	4	1	1	153900	5	45900	560	561	18512	561	40000
8	Polygon	4	1	1	153900	5	45900	561	562	18513	562	40000
9	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	290	291	18786	291	40000
10	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	291	292	18787	292	40000
11	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	426	427	18650	427	40000
12	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	427	428	18651	428	40000
13	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	428	429	18652	429	40000
14	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	564	565	18516	565	40000
15	Polygon	5	1	1	153900	6	89100	700	701	18380	701	40000
16	Polygon	6	1	1	153900	7	7200	18	17	19056	17	40000
17	Polygon	6	1	1	153900	7	7200	152	153	18920	153	40000
18	Polygon	7	1	2	7200	8	900	837	838	18245	838	40000
19	Polygon	8	1	2	7200	9	900	563	564	18515	564	40000
20	Polygon	9	1	2	7200	10	900	426	427	18650	427	40000
21	Polygon	10	1	2	7200	11	900	290	291	18786	291	40000
22	Polygon	11	1	2	7200	12	1800	290	291	18786	291	40000
23	Polygon	12	1	2	7200	13	1800	152	153	18920	153	40000
24	Polygon	13	1	3	791100	14	54000	972	973	18108	973	40000
25	Polygon	13	1	3	791100	14	54000	1107	110	17971	1108	40000
26	Polygon	13	1	3	791100	14	54000	1108	110	17972	1109	40000
27	Polygon	13	1	3	791100	14	54000	1243	124	17835	1244	40000
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30	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	563	564	18515	564	40000
31	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	693	694	18373	694	40000
32	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	694	695	18374	695	40000
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35	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	697	698	18377	698	40000
36	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	698	699	18378	699	40000
37	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	699	700	18379	700	40000
38	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	700	701	18380	701	40000
39	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	830	831	18238	831	40000
40	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	831	832	18239	832	40000
41	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	832	833	18240	833	40000
42	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	833	834	18241	834	40000
43	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	834	835	18242	835	40000
44	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	835	836	18243	836	40000
45	Polygon	14	1	3	791100	15	423000	836	837	18244	837	40000



- Type "overlap_area" in Name
- Change Type to Float



* Warning will be shown as the following figure. Click "Yes".
The name will be edited with Excel later.



- Calculate the overlap area between Grid cells and DRHUs

	grid_id	grid_area	overlap_ar
1	702	40000	0
5	838	40000	0
1	702	40000	0
1	702	40000	0
1	560	40000	0
8	425	40000	0
9	426	40000	0
2	561	40000	0
3	562	40000	0
5	291	40000	0
7	292	40000	0
0	427	40000	0
1	428	40000	0
2	429	40000	0
5	565	40000	0
0	701	40000	0
5	17	40000	0

- Set Property to "Area" & Units "Square Meters"

Calculate Geometry

Property: **Area**

Coordinate System

☒ Use coordinate system of the data source:
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☐ Use coordinate system of the data frame:
PCS: NAD 1983 Contiguous USA Albers

Units: **Square Meters [sq m]**

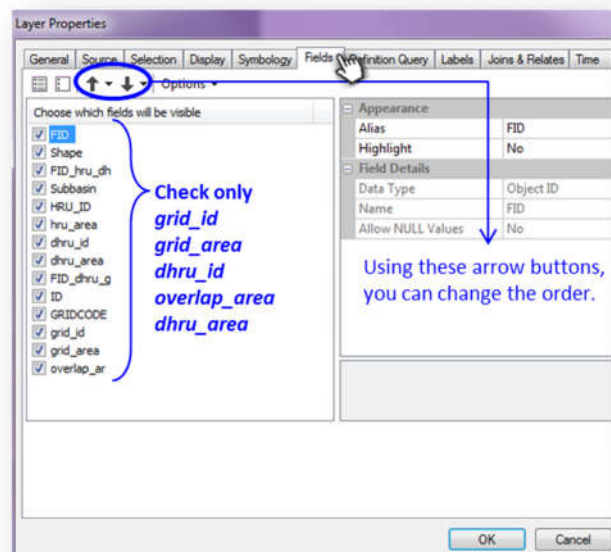
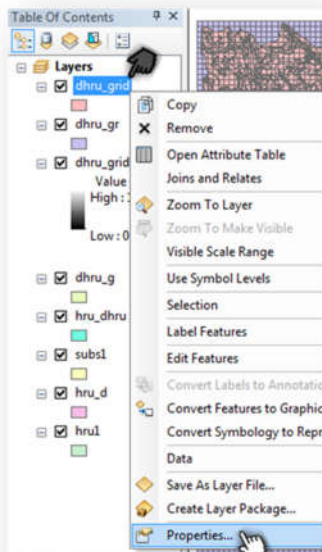
☐ Calculate selected records only

[About calculating geometry](#)

OK Cancel

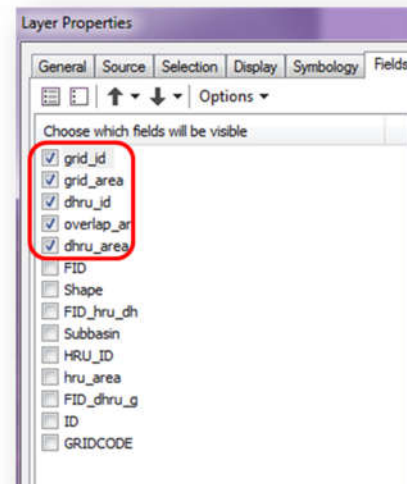
Subbasin	HRU_ID	hru_area	dhru_id	dhru_area	FID_dhru_g	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id	grid_area	overlap_ar
1	1	153900	1	9000	701	702	18381	702	40000	4500
1	1	153900	1	9000	837	838	18245	838	40000	4500
1	1	153900	2	900	701	702	18381	702	40000	900
1	1	153900	3	900	701	702	18381	702	40000	900
1	1	153900	4	900	559	560	18511	560	40000	900
1	1	153900	5	45900	424	425	18648	425	40000	9800
1	1	153900	5	45900	425	426	18649	426	40000	10900
1	1	153900	5	45900	560	561	18512	561	40000	15100
1	1	153900	5	45900	561	562	18513	562	40000	10100
1	1	153900	6	89100	290	291	18786	291	40000	16500
1	1	153900	6	89100	291	292	18787	292	40000	3300
1	1	153900	6	89100	426	427	18650	427	40000	7200
1	1	153900	6	89100	427	428	18651	428	40000	30300
1	1	153900	6	89100	428	429	18652	429	40000	14400
1	1	153900	6	89100	564	565	18516	565	40000	16800
1	1	153900	6	89100	700	701	18380	701	40000	600
1	1	153900	7	7200	16	17	19056	17	40000	6000
1	1	153900	7	7200	152	153	18920	153	40000	1200
1	2	7200	8	900	837	838	18245	838	40000	900
1	2	7200	9	900	563	564	18515	564	40000	900
1	2	7200	10	900	426	427	18650	427	40000	900
1	2	7200	11	900	290	291	18786	291	40000	900
1	2	7200	12	1800	290	291	18786	291	40000	1800
1	2	7200	13	1800	152	153	18920	153	40000	1800
1	3	791100	14	54000	972	973	18108	973	40000	6600
1	3	791100	14	54000	1107	110	17971	1108	40000	2400
1	3	791100	14	54000	1108	110	17972	1109	40000	24300
1	3	791100	14	54000	1243	124	17835	1244	40000	5100
1	3	791100	14	54000	1244	124	17836	1245	40000	15600
1	3	791100	15	423000	562	563	18514	563	40000	1700
1	3	791100	15	423000	563	564	18515	564	40000	2200
1	3	791100	15	423000	693	694	18373	694	40000	2400
1	3	791100	15	423000	694	695	18374	695	40000	14700
1	3	791100	15	423000	695	696	18375	696	40000	14100
1	3	791100	15	423000	696	697	18376	697	40000	1200
1	3	791100	15	423000	697	698	18377	698	40000	4500
1	3	791100	15	423000	698	699	18378	699	40000	35500
1	3	791100	15	423000	699	700	18379	700	40000	34700
1	3	791100	15	423000	700	701	18380	701	40000	8700
1	3	791100	15	423000	830	831	18238	831	40000	9900
1	3	791100	15	423000	831	832	18239	832	40000	38400
1	3	791100	15	423000	832	833	18240	833	40000	35600

③ Select only the necessary fields (You can either turn off or delete an unnecessary field)



dhru_grid

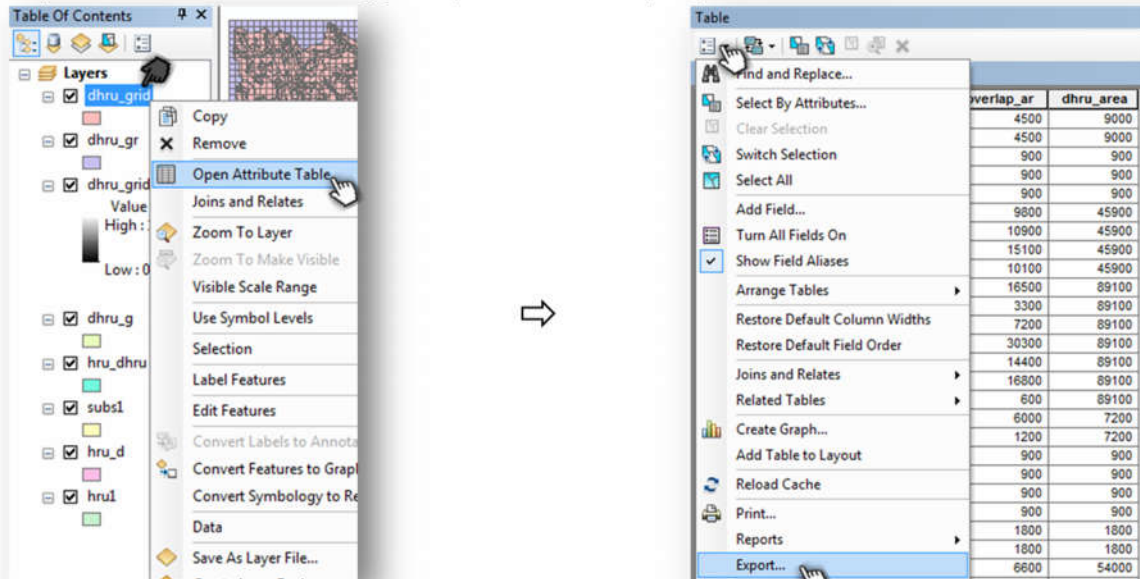
	grid_id	grid_area	dhru_id	overlap_ar	dhru_area
▶	702	40000	1	4500	9000
	838	40000	1	4500	9000
	702	40000	2	900	900
	702	40000	3	900	900
	560	40000	4	900	900
	425	40000	5	9800	45900
	426	40000	5	10900	45900
	561	40000	5	15100	45900
	562	40000	5	10100	45900
	291	40000	6	16500	89100
	292	40000	6	3300	89100
	427	40000	6	7200	89100
	428	40000	6	30300	89100
	429	40000	6	14400	89100
	565	40000	6	16800	89100
	701	40000	6	600	89100
	17	40000	7	6000	7200
	153	40000	7	1200	7200
	838	40000	8	900	900
	564	40000	9	900	900
	427	40000	10	900	900
	291	40000	11	900	900
	291	40000	12	1800	1800
	153	40000	13	1800	1800
	973	40000	14	6600	54000
	1108	40000	14	2400	54000
	1109	40000	14	24300	54000
	1244	40000	14	5100	54000
	1245	40000	14	15600	54000
	563	40000	15	1700	423000
	564	40000	15	2200	423000



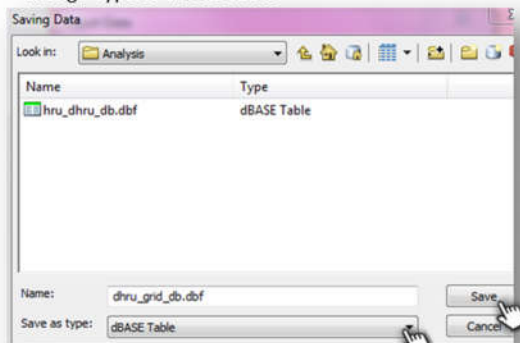
Then, click OK.

④ Provide text file: **dhru_grid** (This file is sorted by the “grid_id”, then by “dhru_id”)

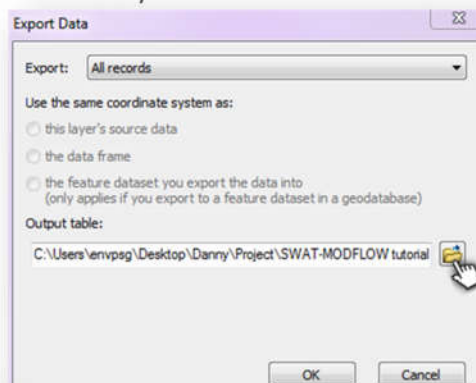
- Export the attribute table of the “dhru_grid” shapefile as dBASE table (*.dbf)



- Change Type to dBASE Table



- Specify the output table name (dhru_grid_db) and directory



- Open the “dhru_grid_db” file with Excel

	A	B	C	D	E
1	dhru_id	dhru_area	grid_id	grid_area	overlap_ar
2	1	9000.000000000000	838	40000	4500.000000000000
3	1	9000.000000000000	702	40000	4500.000000000000
4	2	900.000000000000	702	40000	900.000000000000
5	3	900.000000000000	702	40000	900.000000000000
6	4	900.000000000000	560	40000	900.000000000000
7	5	45900.000000000000	561	40000	15100.000000000000
8	5	45900.000000000000	562	40000	10100.000000000000
9	5	45900.000000000000	425	40000	9800.000000000000
10	5	45900.000000000000	426	40000	10900.000000000000
11	6	89100.000000000000	701	40000	600.000000000000
12	6	89100.000000000000	565	40000	16800.000000000000
13	6	89100.000000000000	427	40000	7200.000000000000
14	6	89100.000000000000	428	40000	30300.000000000000

- Use Filter and Sort the "grid_id" column in ascending order

The first screenshot shows a right-click context menu on the 'grid_id' column with the 'Filter' option selected. The second screenshot shows the 'Filter by Selected Cell's Values' dialog box with 'grid_id' selected. The third screenshot shows the 'Sort Smallest to Largest' option selected for the 'grid_id' column.

- Change the order of the columns and correct the column names
- Insert two rows at the top of the spreadsheet and write the number of lines with information (starting on Line 4) and number of MODFLOW grid cells
- Reduce the number of digits after decimal point if desired

- Save the spreadsheet as text file format

File name: dhru_grid
Save as type: Text (Tab delimited) (*.txt)

1	61838				
2	19176				
3	grid_id	grid_area	dhru_id	overlap_area	dhru_area
4	16	40000	27	3000	9900
5	16	40000	58	600	900
6	16	40000	63	1900	31500
7	17	40000	7	6000	7200
8	17	40000	27	6900	9900
9	17	40000	57	800	4500
10	17	40000	58	300	900
11	17	40000	63	800	31500
12	18	40000	57	400	4500
13	137	40000	1158	5600	76500
14	138	40000	1158	25100	76500
15	138	40000	1182	4500	11700
16	139	40000	1158	8600	76500
17	139	40000	1159	3300	272700
18	139	40000	1368	4200	9000
19	140	40000	1159	1400	272700
20	141	40000	1159	8300	272700
21	142	40000	1148	900	900
22	142	40000	1159	21800	272700
23	142	40000	1261	300	53100

4.1.3 Linkage between DHRUs and MODFLOW Grid cells (sorted by dhru_id)

File to create: **grid_dhru**. The same content as in **dhru_grid**, except sorted by *dhru_id*, then by *grid_id*. Also, the following information is needed at the beginning of the file:

At the top of the file:

Number of lines with information (starting on Line 6)

Number of DHRUs

Number of rows (in the MODFLOW grid)

Number of columns (in the MODFLOW grid)

For example:

```
1 61838
2 27396
3 141
4 136
5 grid_id grid_area dhru_id overlap_area dhru_area
6 702 40000 1 4500 9000
7 838 40000 1 4500 9000
8 702 40000 2 900 900
9 702 40000 3 900 900
10 560 40000 4 900 900
11 425 40000 5 9800 45900
12 426 40000 5 10900 45900
13 561 40000 5 15100 45900
14 562 40000 5 10100 45900
15 291 40000 6 16500 89100
16 292 40000 6 3300 89100
17 427 40000 6 7200 89100
18 428 40000 6 30300 89100
19 429 40000 6 14400 89100
20 565 40000 6 16800 89100
21 701 40000 6 600 89100
22 17 40000 7 6000 7200
23 153 40000 7 1200 7200
24 838 40000 8 900 900
25 564 40000 9 900 900
26 427 40000 10 900 900
27 291 40000 11 900 900
28 291 40000 12 1800 1800
29 153 40000 13 1800 1800
30 973 40000 14 6600 54000
31 1108 40000 14 2400 54000
32 1109 40000 14 24300 54000
33 1244 40000 14 5100 54000
34 1245 40000 14 15600 54000
35 563 40000 15 1700 423000
36 564 40000 15 2200 423000
37 694 40000 15 2400 423000
38 695 40000 15 14700 423000
39 696 40000 15 14100 423000
```


① Provide text file: **grid_dhru** (This file is sorted by the “dhru_id”, then by “grid_id”)

- Sort the “dhru_id” column in ascending order

	A	B	C	D	E
1	61838				
2	19176				
3	grid_id	grid_area	dhru_id	overlap_area	dhru_area
	Sort Smallest to Largest			3000	9900
	Sort Largest to Smallest			600	900
	Sort by Color			1900	31500
	Clear Filter From “dhru_id”			6000	7200
				6900	9900



- Insert two more rows above the row with the names of the columns

- Keep the value in 1st row, change the value to the number of DHRUs in 2nd row, add the number of rows (in the MODFLOW grid) in 3rd row, and the number of columns (in the MODFLOW grid) in 4th row.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	61838				
2	27396				
3	141				
4	136				
5	grid_id	grid_area	dhru_id	overlap_area	dhru_area
6	702	40000	1	4500	9000
7	838	40000	1	4500	9000
8	702	40000	2	900	900
9	702	40000	3	900	900
10	560	40000	4	900	900
11	425	40000	5	9800	45900
12	426	40000	5	10900	45900
13	561	40000	5	15100	45900
14	562	40000	5	10100	45900
15	291	40000	6	16500	89100
16	292	40000	6	3300	89100
17	427	40000	6	7200	89100
18	428	40000	6	30300	89100
19	429	40000	6	14400	89100
20	565	40000	6	16800	89100
21	701	40000	6	600	89100
22	17	40000	7	6000	7200
23	153	40000	7	1200	7200
24	838	40000	8	900	900
25	564	40000	9	900	900
26	427	40000	10	900	900
27	291	40000	11	900	900
28	291	40000	12	1800	1800
29	153	40000	13	1800	1800
30	973	40000	14	6600	54000
31	1108	40000	14	2400	54000
32	1109	40000	14	24300	54000
33	1244	40000	14	5100	54000
34	1245	40000	14	15600	54000



- Save the spreadsheet as the text file format

File name: **grid_dhru**
Save as type: **Text (Tab delimited) (*.txt)**

```

1 61838
2 27396
3 141
4 136
5 grid_id grid_area dhru_id overlap_area dhru_area
6 702 40000 1 4500 9000
7 838 40000 1 4500 9000
8 702 40000 2 900 900
9 702 40000 3 900 900
10 560 40000 4 900 900
11 425 40000 5 9800 45900
12 426 40000 5 10900 45900
13 561 40000 5 15100 45900
14 562 40000 5 10100 45900
15 291 40000 6 16500 89100
16 292 40000 6 3300 89100
17 427 40000 6 7200 89100
18 428 40000 6 30300 89100
19 429 40000 6 14400 89100
20 565 40000 6 16800 89100
21 701 40000 6 600 89100
22 17 40000 7 6000 7200
23 153 40000 7 1200 7200
24 838 40000 8 900 900
25 564 40000 9 900 900
26 427 40000 10 900 900
27 291 40000 11 900 900
28 291 40000 12 1800 1800
29 153 40000 13 1800 1800
30 973 40000 14 6600 54000
31 1108 40000 14 2400 54000
32 1109 40000 14 24300 54000
33 1244 40000 14 5100 54000
34 1245 40000 14 15600 54000

```


4.1.4 Linkage between MODFLOW River Cells and Subbasins

File to create: **river_grid**.

At the top of the file:

Number of lines with information (starting on Line 3)

Then, the following columns (sorted by grid column, then by grid row):

grid_id: ID of the MODFLOW grid cell

subbasin: ID of the Subbasin

rgrid_len: Length of the stream in the grid cell

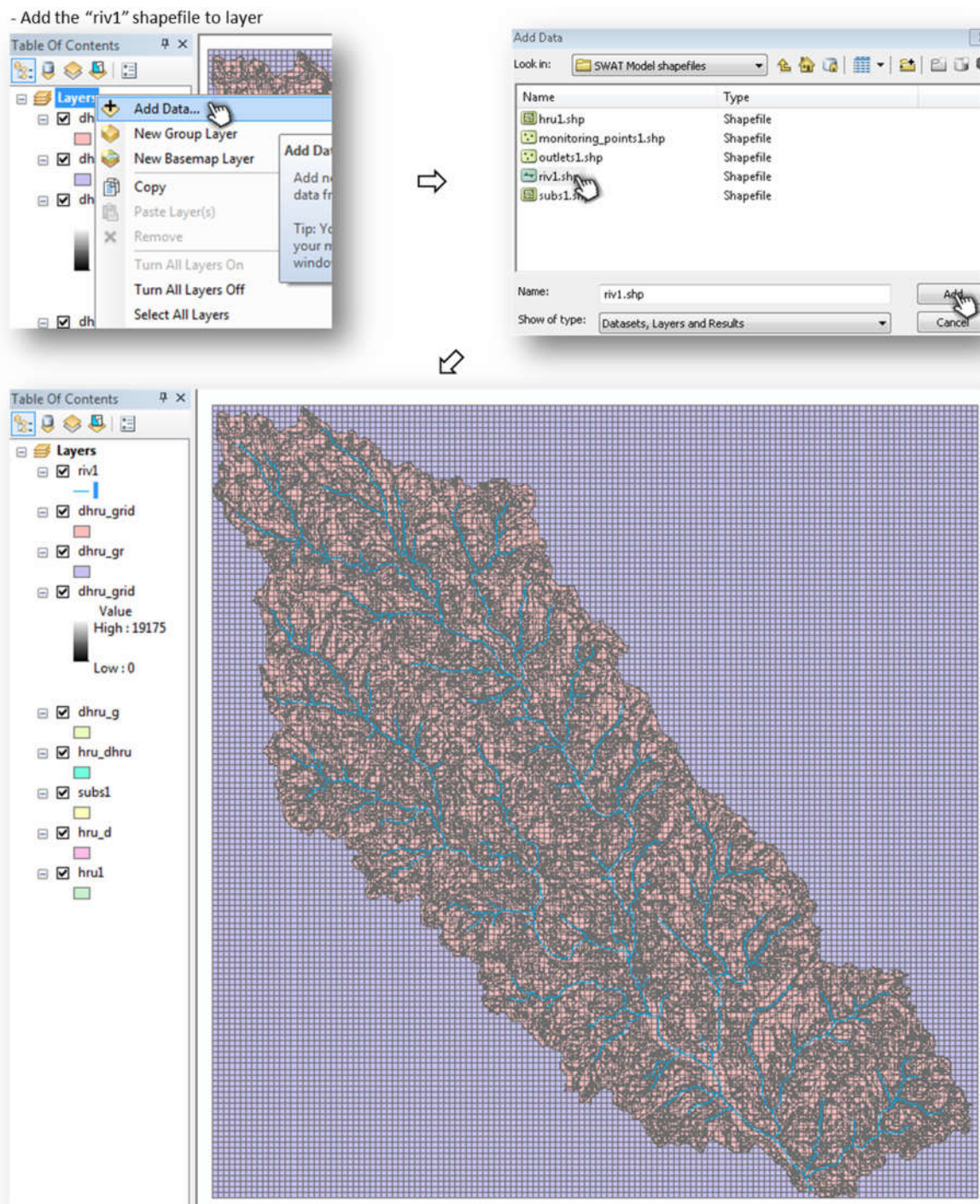
Note: the SWAT-MODFLOW code uses the *grid_id* of each cell to link with River Cells specified in the MODFLOW River package. The code matches this *grid_id* and the ID of the River Cells to provide groundwater return flow rates to the correct SWAT subbasin.

For example:

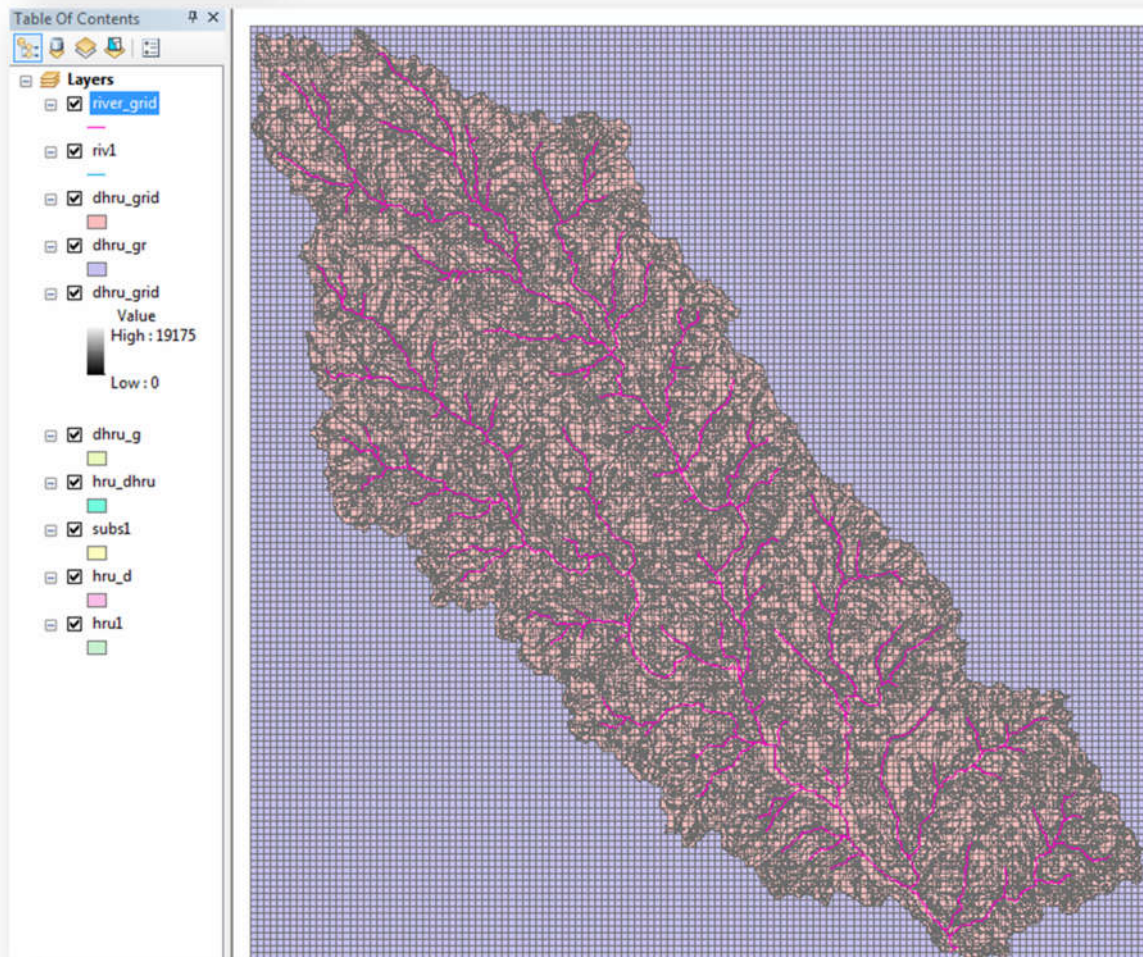
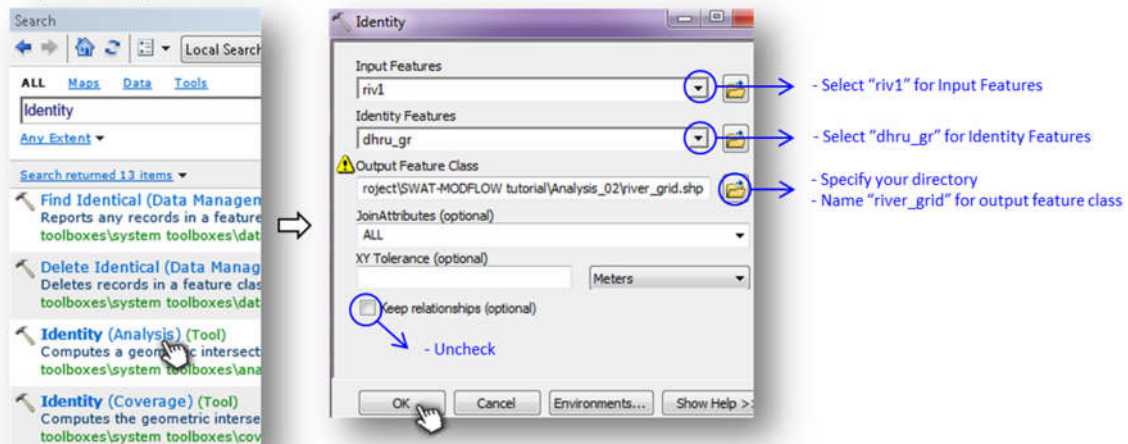
1	1921		
2	grid_id	subbasin	rgrid_len
3	564	1	197.782000000000
4	565	1	199.706000000000
5	701	1	203.137000000000
6	702	1	42.426400000000
7	820	9	7.071050000000
8	821	9	144.853000000000
9	838	1	123.640000000000
10	838	57	151.924000000000
11	957	9	100.711000000000
12	958	9	259.706000000000
13	974	57	40.355300000000
14	975	57	277.635000000000
15	976	57	102.782000000000
16	1094	9	28.284300000000
17	1095	9	287.990000000000
18	1096	9	14.142100000000
19	1098	17	153.640000000000
20	1112	57	215.208000000000
21	1113	57	114.853000000000
22	1232	9	257.990000000000
23	1234	17	245.563000000000
24	1249	57	173.137000000000
25	1250	57	245.563000000000
26	1251	57	102.071000000000
27	1368	9	60.355300000000
28	1369	9	217.279000000000
29	1371	49	35.355300000000
30	1371	25	55.000000000000
31	1371	17	282.635000000000
32	1372	25	119.853000000000

1. Compute SWAT stream network in the MODFLOW Grid

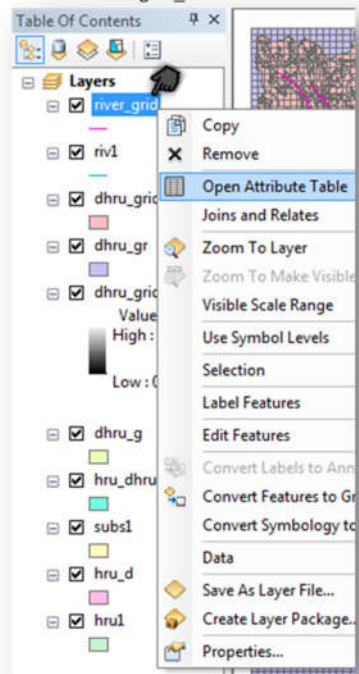
- ① Calculate each length of the stream in each grid cell



- Open "Identity" tool



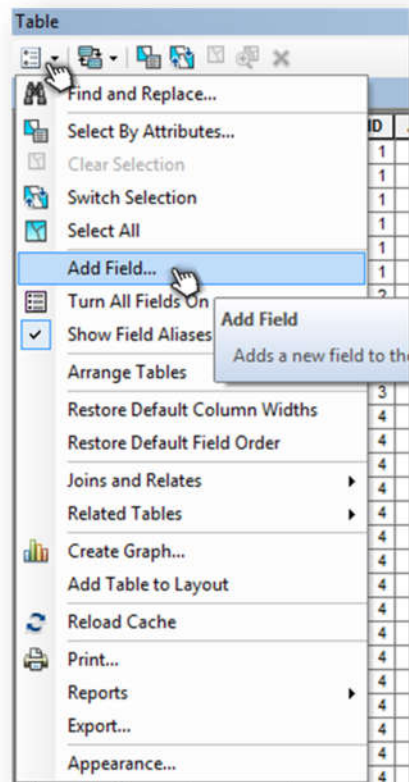
- Create the "rgrid_len" field with the "Float" type



river_grid

FID	Shape	FID_riv1	OBJECTID	ARCID	GRID_CODE	FROM_NODE	TO_NODE	Subbasin
0	Polyline	0	1	49	49	49	65	49
1	Polyline	0	1	49	49	49	65	49
2	Polyline	0	1	49	49	49	65	49
3	Polyline	0	1	49	49	49	65	49
4	Polyline	0	1	49	49	49	65	49
5	Polyline	0	1	49	49	49	65	49
6	Polyline	1	2	25	25	25	49	25
7	Polyline	1	2	25	25	25	49	25
8	Polyline	2	3	17	17	17	49	17
9	Polyline	2	3	17	17	17	49	17
10	Polyline	2	3	17	17	17	49	17
11	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
12	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
13	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
14	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
15	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
16	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
17	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
18	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
19	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
20	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
21	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
22	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
23	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
24	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
25	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
26	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
27	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
28	Polyline	3	4	9	9	9	65	9
29	Polyline	4	5	1	1	1	57	1
30	Polyline	4	5	1	1	1	57	1
31	Polyline	4	5	1	1	1	57	1

(0 out of 1921 Selected)

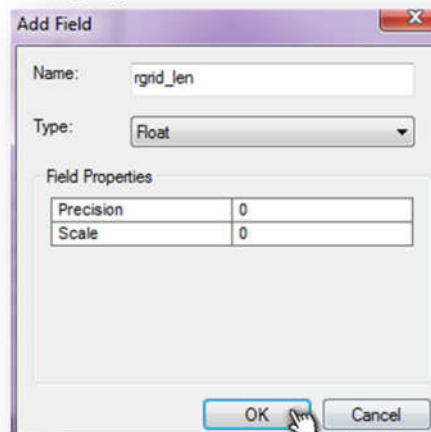


Table

- Find and Replace...
- Select By Attributes...
- Clear Selection
- Switch Selection
- Select All
- Add Field...
- Turn All Fields On
- Show Field Aliases
- Arrange Tables
- Restore Default Column Widths
- Restore Default Field Order
- Joins and Relates
- Related Tables
- Create Graph...
- Add Table to Layout
- Reload Cache
- Print...
- Reports
- Export...
- Appearance...

Add Field
Adds a new field to the table

- Type "rgrid_len" in Name
- Change Type to Float



Add Field

Name: rgrid_len

Type: Float

Field Properties

Precision	0
Scale	0

OK Cancel

- Calculate the length of the streams in each grid cell

grid_area	rgrid_len
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
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40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0
40000	0

- Set Property to "Length" & Units "Meters"

Calculate Geometry

Property: Length

Coordinate System

☒ Use coordinate system of the data source:
PCS: NAD 1983 Contiguous USA Albers

☐ Use coordinate system of the data frame:
PCS: NAD 1983 Contiguous USA Albers

Units: Meters [m]

☐ Calculate selected records only

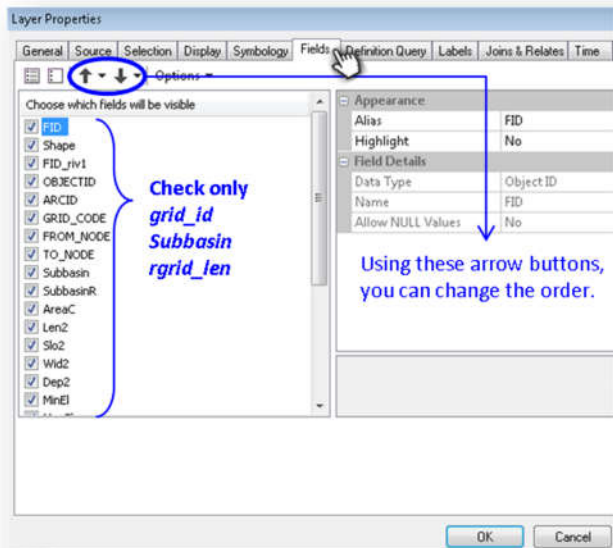
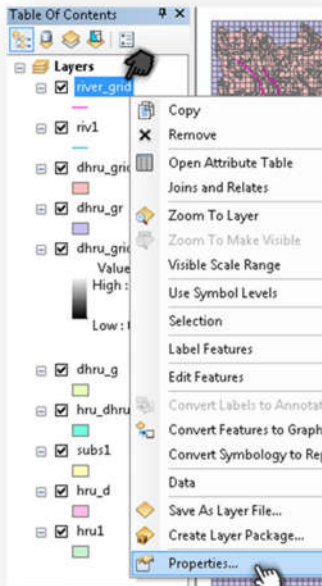
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OK Cancel

river_grid

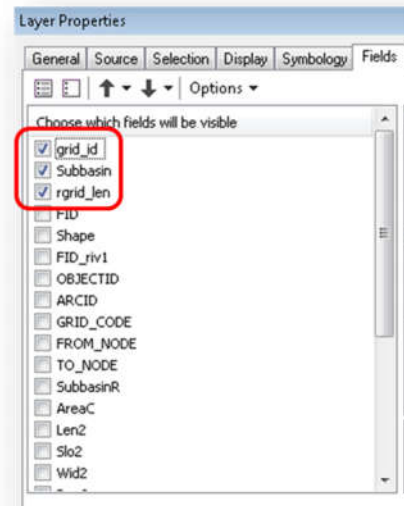
MinEI	MaxEI	Shape_Leng	HydroID	OutletID	FID_dhru_g	ID	GRIDCODE	grid_id	grid_area	rgrid_len
118.375839	124.356331	1163.969696	200001	100001	1370	137	17690	1371	40000	35.3553
118.375839	124.356331	1163.969696	200001	100001	1507	150	17555	1508	40000	281.777
118.375839	124.356331	1163.969696	200001	100001	1643	164	17419	1644	40000	212.426
118.375839	124.356331	1163.969696	200001	100001	1779	178	17283	1780	40000	247.635
118.375839	124.356331	1163.969696	200001	100001	1915	191	17147	1916	40000	220.711
118.375839	124.356331	1163.969696	200001	100001	2051	205	17011	2052	40000	166.066
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124.356331	124.82679	174.852814	200002	100002	1371	137	17691	1372	40000	119.853
124.356331	130.780838	681.837662	200003	100003	1097	109	17961	1098	40000	153.64
124.356331	130.780838	681.837662	200003	100003	1233	123	17825	1234	40000	245.563
124.356331	130.780838	681.837662	200003	100003	1370	137	17690	1371	40000	282.635
118.375839	130.102158	2644.629868	200004	100004	819	820	18227	820	40000	7.07104
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118.375839	130.102158	2644.629868	200004	100004	957	958	18093	958	40000	259.706
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118.375839	130.102158	2644.629868	200004	100004	1094	109	17958	1095	40000	287.99
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118.375839	130.102158	2644.629868	200004	100004	1367	136	17687	1368	40000	60.3553
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118.375839	130.102158	2644.629868	200004	100004	1641	164	17417	1642	40000	100.711
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106.066887	109.088539	1978.233765	200006	100006	3837	383	15261	3838	40000	195.208
106.066887	109.088539	1978.233765	200006	100006	3838	383	15262	3839	40000	244.497
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106.066887	109.088539	1978.233765	200006	100006	3977	397	15129	3978	40000	217.279
106.066887	109.088539	1978.233765	200006	100006	3978	397	15130	3979	40000	42.4264
106.066887	109.088539	1978.233765	200006	100006	4113	411	14993	4114	40000	88.2842

② Select only the necessary fields (You can either turn off or delete unnecessary fields)



river_grid

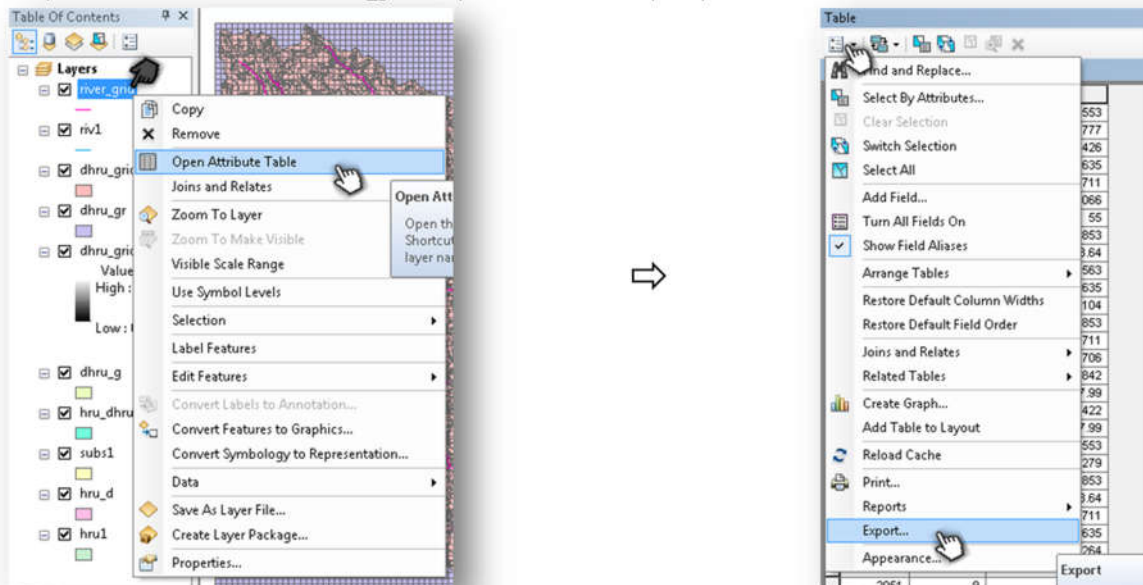
grid_id	Subbasin	rgrid_len
1371	49	35.3553
1508	49	281.777
1644	49	212.426
1780	49	247.635
1916	49	220.711
2052	49	166.066
1371	25	55
1372	25	119.853
1098	17	153.64
1234	17	245.563
1371	17	282.635
820	9	7.07104
821	9	144.853
957	9	100.711
958	9	259.706
1094	9	28.2842
1095	9	287.99
1096	9	14.1422
1232	9	257.99
1368	9	60.3553
1369	9	217.279
1505	9	224.853
1641	9	138.64
1642	9	100.711
1778	9	227.635
1779	9	92.4264
1915	9	231.066
2051	9	173.492
2052	9	77.4264
564	1	197.782
565	1	199.706
701	1	203.137
702	1	42.4264
838	1	123.64



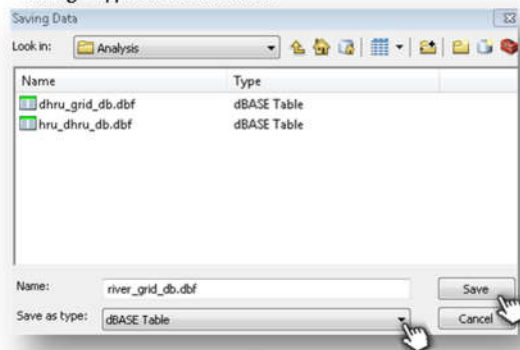
Then, click OK.

③ Provide text file: **river_grid**

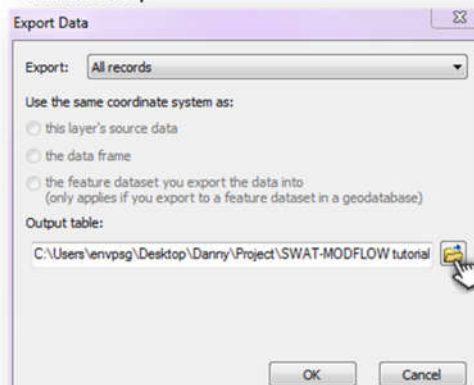
- Export the attribute table of the "river_grid" shapefile as dBASE table (*.dbf)



- Change Type to dBASE Table



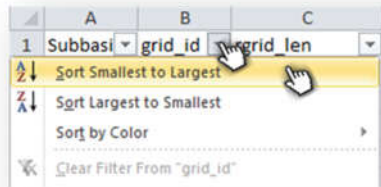
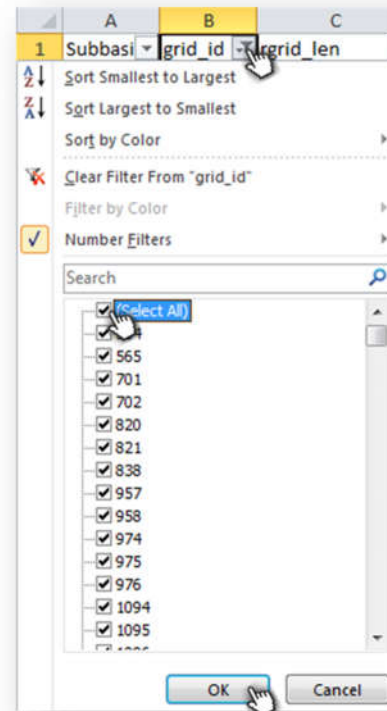
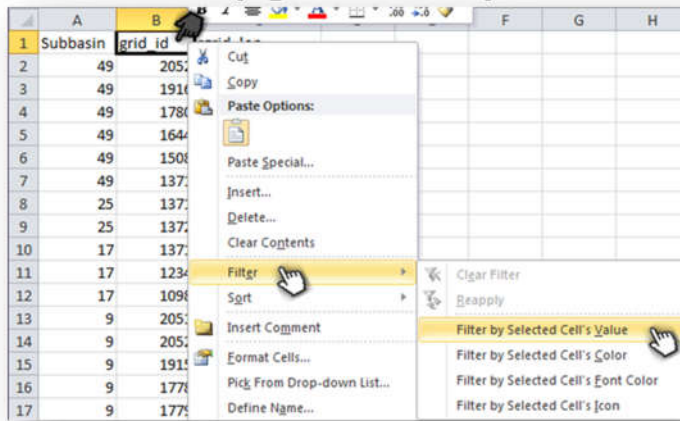
- Specify the output table name (river_grid_dbf) and directory



- Open the "river_grid_dbf" file with Excel

	A	B	C
1	Subbasin	grid_id	rgrid_len
2	49	2052	166.066000000000
3	49	1916	220.711000000000
4	49	1780	247.635000000000
5	49	1644	212.426000000000
6	49	1508	281.777000000000
7	49	1371	35.355300000000
8	25	1371	55.000000000000
9	25	1372	119.853000000000
10	17	1371	282.635000000000
11	17	1234	245.563000000000
12	17	1098	153.640000000000
13	9	2051	173.492000000000
14	9	2052	77.426400000000

- Use Filter and Sort the "grid_id" column in ascending order



- Change the order of the columns and correct the column names
- Insert one row at the top of the spreadsheet and write the number of lines with information (starting on Line 3)
- Reduce the number of digits after decimal point if desired



	A	B	C
1	1921		
2	grid_id	subbasin	rgrid_len
3	564	1	197.782000000000
4	565	1	199.706000000000
5	701	1	203.137000000000
6	702	1	42.426400000000
7	820	9	7.071050000000
8	821	9	144.853000000000
9	838	1	123.640000000000
10	838	57	151.924000000000
11	957	9	100.711000000000
12	958	9	259.706000000000
13	974	57	40.355300000000
14	975	57	277.635000000000
15	976	57	102.782000000000
16	1094	9	28.284300000000
17	1095	9	287.990000000000
18	1096	9	14.142100000000

- Save the spreadsheet as text file format

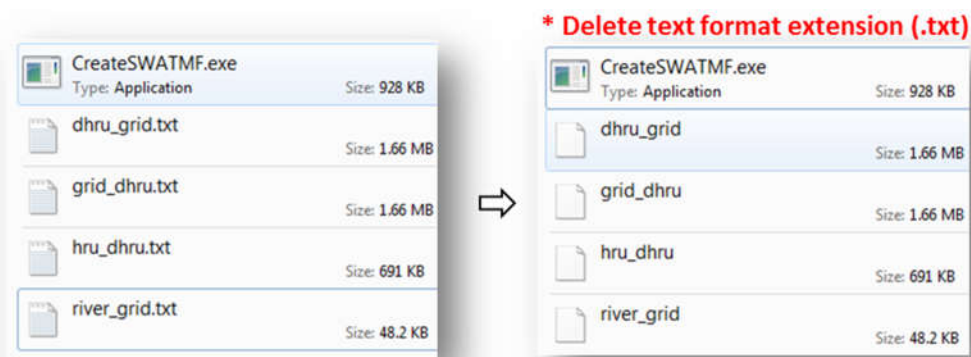


1	1921		
2	grid_id	subbasin	rgrid_len
3	564	1	197.782000000000
4	565	1	199.706000000000
5	701	1	203.137000000000
6	702	1	42.426400000000
7	820	9	7.071050000000
8	821	9	144.853000000000
9	838	1	123.640000000000
10	838	57	151.924000000000
11	957	9	100.711000000000
12	958	9	259.706000000000
13	974	57	40.355300000000
14	975	57	277.635000000000
15	976	57	102.782000000000
16	1094	9	28.284300000000
17	1095	9	287.990000000000
18	1096	9	14.142100000000
19	1098	17	153.640000000000
20	1112	57	215.208000000000
21	1113	57	114.853000000000
22	1232	9	257.990000000000
23	1234	17	245.563000000000
24	1249	57	173.137000000000
25	1250	57	245.563000000000
26	1251	57	102.071000000000
27	1368	9	60.355300000000
28	1369	9	217.279000000000
29	1371	49	35.355300000000
30	1371	25	55.000000000000
31	1371	17	282.635000000000
32	1372	25	119.853000000000
33	1387	57	267.279000000000

4.2 CREATE SWAT-MODFLOW INPUT FILES

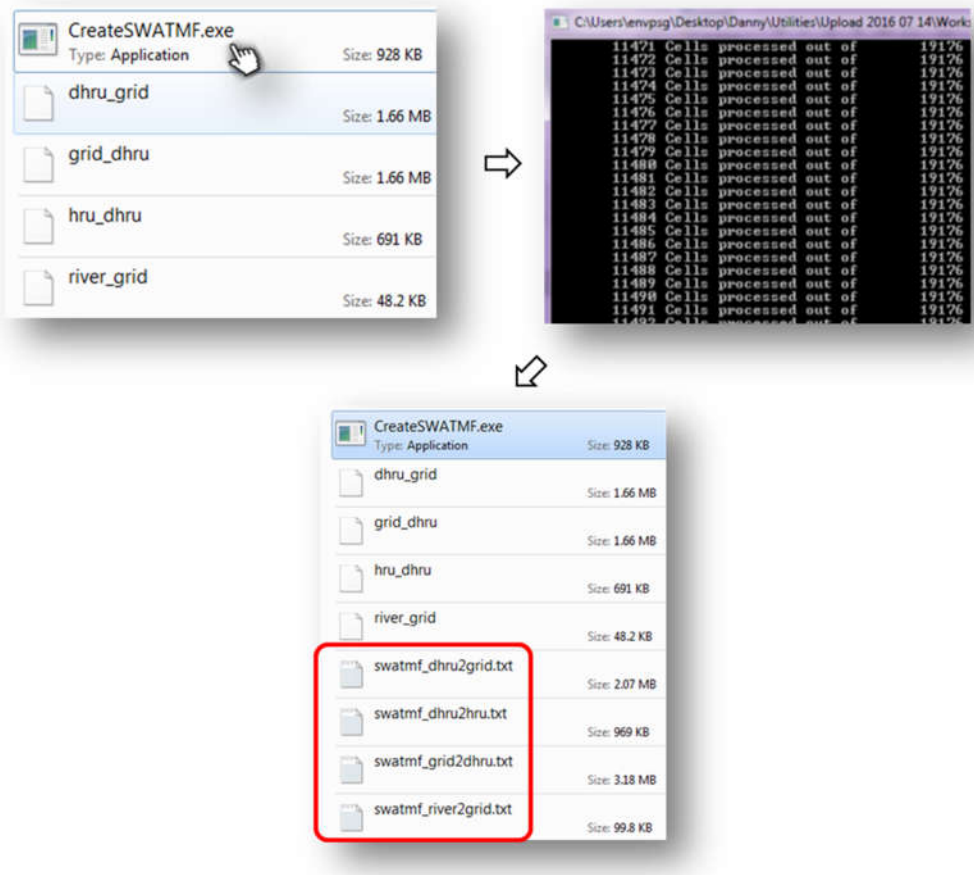
Now that the four linkage files have been created, the four SWAT-MODFLOW text input files can be created:

1. Place the [hru_dhru.txt](#), [dhru_grid.txt](#), [grid_dhru.txt](#), and [river_grid.txt](#) files into the folder with the *CreateSWATMF.exe* FORTRAN program. Before running, make sure that the .txt extensions are deleted for each of the files.



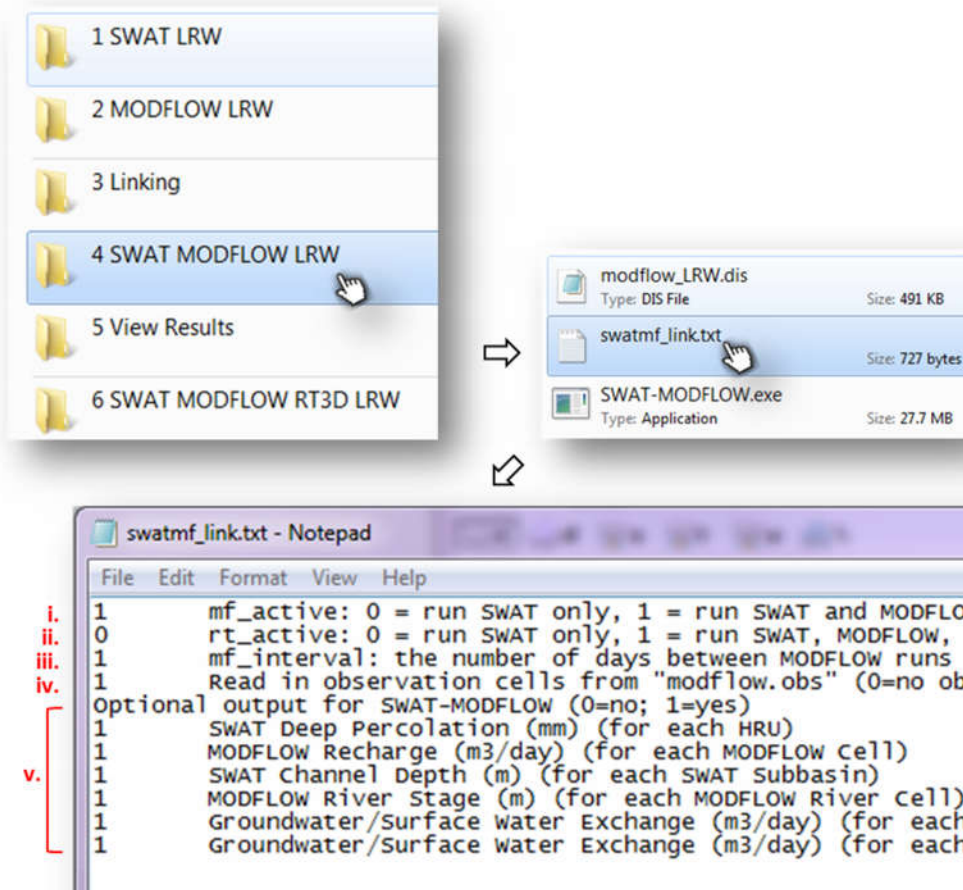
2. Run *CreateSWATMF.exe*. Even for large watersheds with thousands of HRUs and MODFLOW grid cells, this program should only take 10-30 seconds to run. This will create the following files:

- swatmf_dhru2hru.txt
- swatmf_dhru2grid.txt
- swatmf_grid2dhru.txt
- swatmf_river2grid.txt



3. Create the **swatmf_link.txt** file (see example file in the “Example Simulation - LRW\4 SWAT MODFLOW LRW” folder). This text file contains basic information for the SWAT-MODFLOW simulation:

- i. Flag for including MODFLOW (0 or 1)
- ii. Flag for including RT3D (0 or 1) (for RT3D linkage, see Section 8)
- iii. Frequency of MODFLOW runs (# of days between MODFLOW calls)
- iv. Flag for reading observation cells (observation file was created). If desired, a modflow.obs file can be created. This file contains indices (I,J,K) for grid cells for which groundwater head data will be output for each time step. **An example file is located in the “Example Simulation - LRW\2 MODFLOW LRW\MODFLOW model” folder.**
- v. Flags for optional model output (0 or 1)



5. RUNNING THE SWAT-MODFLOW SIMULATION

5.1 Place the following files in the folder containing the original SWAT model:

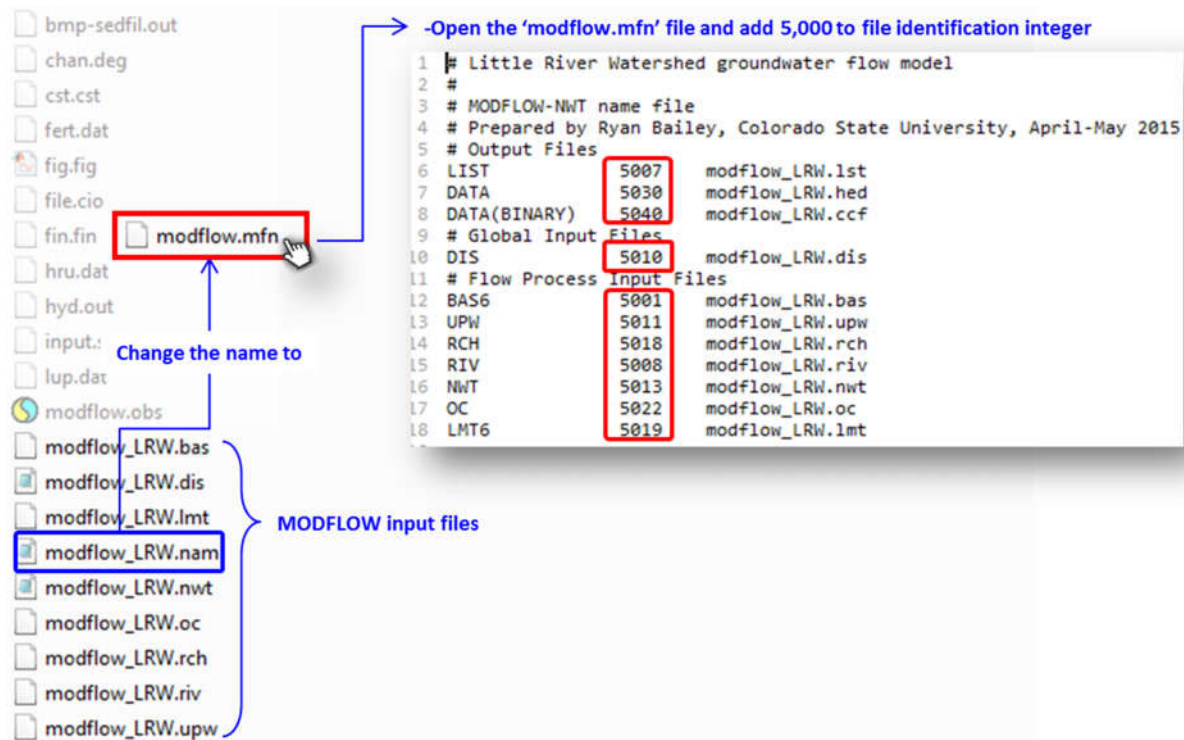
- **MODFLOW input files.** Be sure to set your MODFLOW model to transient mode within the discretization file (*.dis):

modflow_LRW.dis

MODFLOW input files

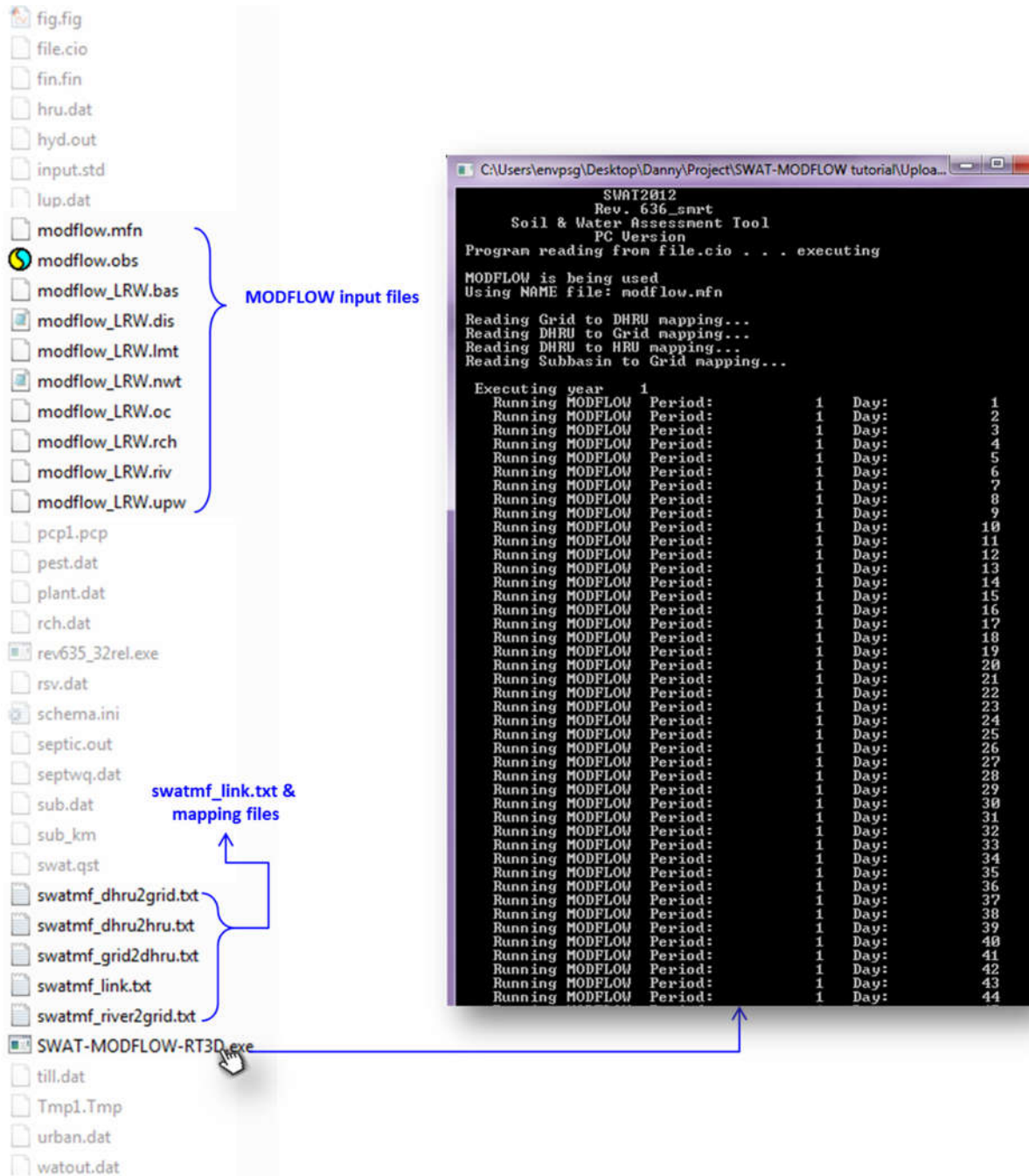
* The stress period should be set to a transient state (TR).

- **MODFLOW name file** (change name to **modflow.mfn**). Within the name file, add 5,000 to each file identification integer. This is done so that file integers do not conflict with SWAT input/output files.



- swatmf_link.txt
- Mapping files:
 - swatmf_dhru2hru.txt
 - swatmf_dhru2grid.txt
 - swatmf_grid2dhru.txt
 - swatmf_river2grid.txt

5.2 Run *SWAT_MODFLOW.exe* (rather than the original SWAT executable)

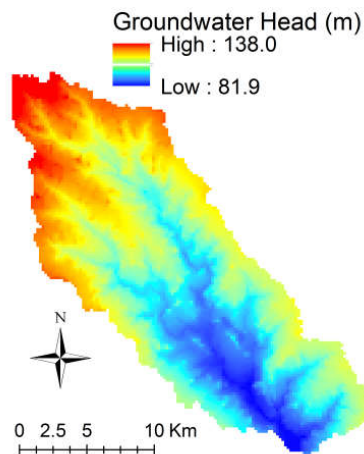


6. VIEWING RESULTS

The SWAT-MODFLOW simulation will produce several primary output files and, if selected in the *Simulation* tab, up to 6 additional output files:

modflow.hed

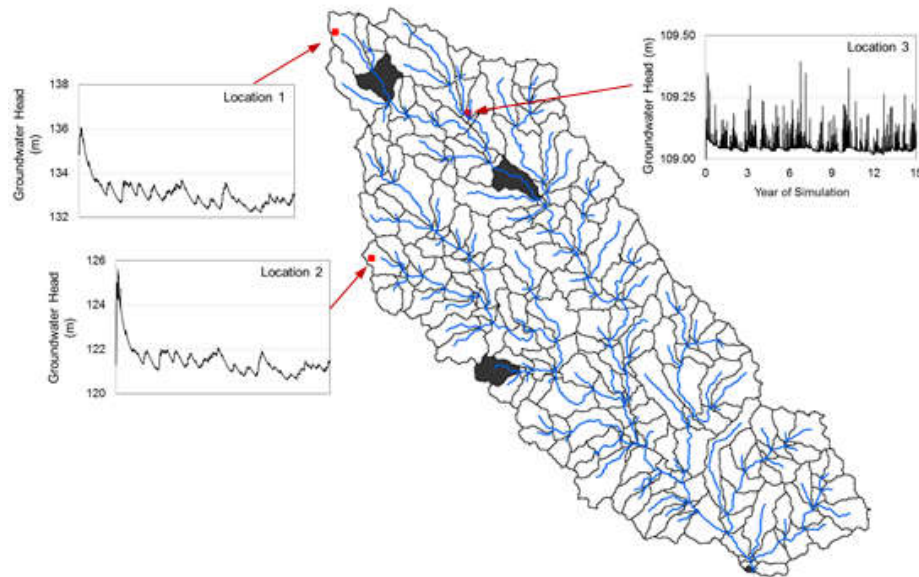
This file contains the calculated groundwater hydraulic head for each MODFLOW grid cell, for each specified time step of the simulation (the time steps at which values will be written are specified in the modflow.oc file). For each output time, there is a header line (time step, stress period), followed by the hydraulic head values written by row and column. No-data values (i.e. cells outside of the watershed boundary) are represented by “-999.0”.



swatmf_out_MF_obs

Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the groundwater hydraulic head of the observation cells specified in “modflow.obs”, for each MODFLOW time step. For each time step, the head values for each observation cell are printed on a single line, in the same order as the cells listed in “modflow.obs”. These results can be used to create time series of hydraulic head for locations within the aquifer:



swatmf_out_SWAT_recharge

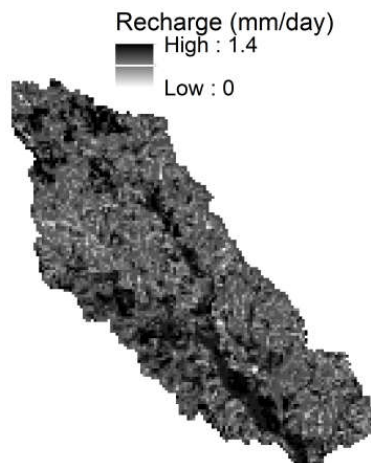
Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the depth (mm) of deep percolation (= recharge to MODFLOW) calculated for each HRU, for each day of the simulation. Following the header line (“SWAT deep percolation (mm) (for each HRU)”), the deep percolation values for each HRU (beginning with HRU #1) are written for the first day, followed by a blank line, followed by the values for the next day, etc.

swatmf_out_MF_recharge

Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the volumetric flow rate of recharge (m^3/day) of recharge provided to each MODFLOW grid cell, for each day of the simulation. The values are written in a 2D format according to the number of rows and columns in the MODFLOW grid. These values can be displayed as raster datasets in GIS to display the recharge to the water table:



swatmf_out_SWAT_channel

Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the channel depth (m) for each sub-basin channel, for each day of the simulation. For each day, the depths are written on a single line, with the depth for sub-basin #1 in the first column, depth for sub-basin #2 in the second column, etc. up to the last sub-basin.

swatmf_out_MF_riverstage

Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the river stage (= channel depth) (m) for each MODFLOW river cell, for each day of the simulation. These values are obtained from the sub-basin channel depths computed by SWAT. Output from consecutive days is separated by a blank line.

swatmf_out_SWAT_gwsw

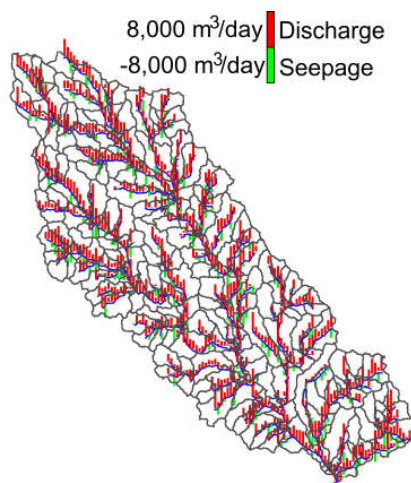
Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the volumetric exchange rates (m^3/day) between the stream network and the aquifer for each SWAT sub-basin (numbered consecutively), for each day of the simulation. Positive values signify groundwater flow to the channel, whereas negative values signify stream seepage to the aquifer. Output from consecutive days is separated by a blank line.

swatmf_out_MF_gwsw

Created only if flag is set in swatmf_link.txt

This file contains the volumetric exchange rate (m^3/day) between the stream network and the aquifer for each MODFLOW River cell (numbered consecutively), for each day of the simulation. Negative values signify groundwater flow to the channel (MODFLOW treats the aquifer as the control volume, and water leaving the aquifer is denoted by a negative value), whereas positive values signify stream seepage to the aquifer (i.e. a source to the aquifer). Output from consecutive days is separated by a blank line.



7. WATERSHED WATER BALANCE IN SWAT-MODFLOW

For standard SWAT model simulations, the *output.std* file contains daily-averaged depths for the principal water balance variables in the watershed (e.g. rainfall, surface runoff, groundwater flow to streams, etc.). The *output.std* file for the SWAT-MODFLOW simulations has the same general format as the original SWAT model, but with several key additions that provide more information regarding groundwater and groundwater-surface water interactions. These additions are summarized as follows:

Variables in original SWAT simulations

PREC:	Rainfall in the watershed
SURQ:	Surface runoff to streams
LATQ:	Lateral flow to streams
GWQ:	Groundwater flow to streams (using original SWAT groundwater module)
PERCO LATE:	Deep percolation (recharge) to groundwater
TILE Q:	Tile drain flow to streams
SW:	Total soil water contained in the watershed
WATER YIELD:	Total water added to streams (= SURQ + LATQ + GWQ + TILE Q)

New Variables (and changes to original variables) in SWAT-MODFLOW simulations

GWQ:	Groundwater flow to streams (as calculated by the River package in MODFLOW)
SWGW:	Seepage from streams to the aquifer (as calculated by the River package in MODFLOW)
GW:	Total groundwater contained in the watershed
WATER YIELD:	Total water added to streams (= SURQ + LATQ + GWQ – SWGW + TILE Q) (notice that this takes into account the water that leaves the stream and seeps into the aquifer)

8. WATER QUALITY USING SWAT-MODFLOW-RT3D

SWAT-MODFLOW can also be used in conjunction with the RT3D (Reactive Transport in 3 Dimensions) model to simulate the reactive transport of solutes through the aquifer system and the solute mass exchange between the aquifer and the stream network. RT3D is called as a subroutine within the MODFLOW code during each groundwater flow time step. RT3D uses the same finite difference grid as MODFLOW.

In the current version of the code, Nitrate (NO_3) is included as a groundwater solute. Nitrate mass in deep percolation water as simulated for each SWAT HRU is passed to RT3D grid cells using the same HRU-Cell mapping procedures as described in the previous sections of this tutorial. MODFLOW provides the cell-by-cell flow rates for each grid cell, and then RT3D calculates the cell-by-cell NO_3 concentration in the aquifer and the NO_3 mass loading from the aquifer to the stream network. Using the River Cell – Subbasin linking procedure as described in Section 2.1.4, the NO_3 mass loading from the aquifer to the stream is provided to the correct sub-basin, which then can be routed through the watershed streams using the SWAT N-routing algorithms.

If solute transport with RT3D is desired, the “rt_active” flag in the `swatmf_link.txt` input file must be set to “1”. There are also several RT3D input files required. **These files are not described in this tutorial. If the user desires to use RT3D, please contact Dr. Ryan Bailey at Colorado State University for help in setting up a SWAT-MODFLOW-RT3D model.**

9. SWATMOD-PREP: GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE FOR CREATING SWAT-MODFLOW SIMULATIONS

SWATMOD-Prep is a graphical user interface that facilitates the linkage of SWAT and MODFLOW simulations to run a coupled SWAT-MODFLOW simulation. The executable for installing SWATMOD-Prep on a PC and an accompanying tutorial using the Little River Watershed dataset are provided on the SWAT-MODFLOW website (<http://swat.tamu.edu/software/swat-modflow/>).



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