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## Sewershed and Overland Flow Route Delineation with Arc Hydro

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# Overview

Purpose

Data Requirements

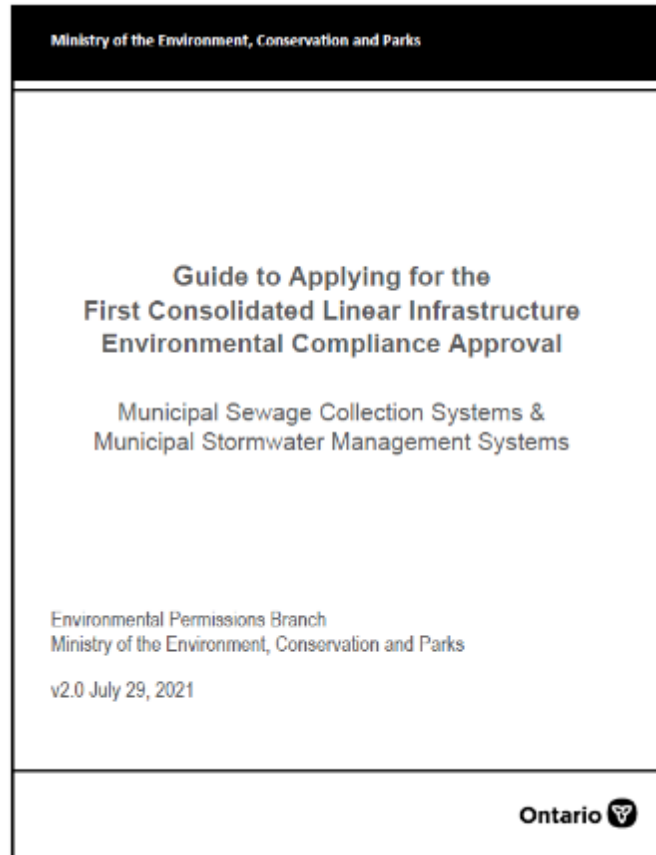
Methodology

Results

# Purpose

# CLI-ECA

- First consolidated linear infrastructure environmental compliance approval (CLI-ECA)



**Information Needed (i.e. SWM Ponds, Sewers, Swales)**

Location	Latitude and longitude or physical address (UTM coordinates can be provided in addition)
Watershed/Subwatershed	Lake Simcoe/Bunkers Creek
Receiver of discharge	to "BLANK" creek
<b>Outlet location</b>	Latitude. (UTM coordinates can be provided in addition)
<b>Catchment Area</b>	
Level of Treatment for	(70/80%) Long-term suspended solids removal, or specify if other treatment
Treatment for other contaminants, as required	phosphorus, water temperature
Level of Volume control	Local 90th percentile rainfall event or local water balance (X mm)
Design Storm	Quantity: X-yr storm; Quality: X-yr storm
Reference ECA(s)	If there is an existing ECA for the facility, it should be indicated here (e.g., 1234-5A6BCD)
Reference Works as part of treatment train	102-LID Bioretention Facility; ECA# if private works
Brief Description	Include model number if equipment is used (e.g. OGS/filters)*
Receive Emergency Sanitary Overflows	Y/N; briefly describe
Notes / Additional Information	Provide any additional information relevant to this facility not captured above

This is the information we planned to obtain with the study

**CVC Jurisdiction**

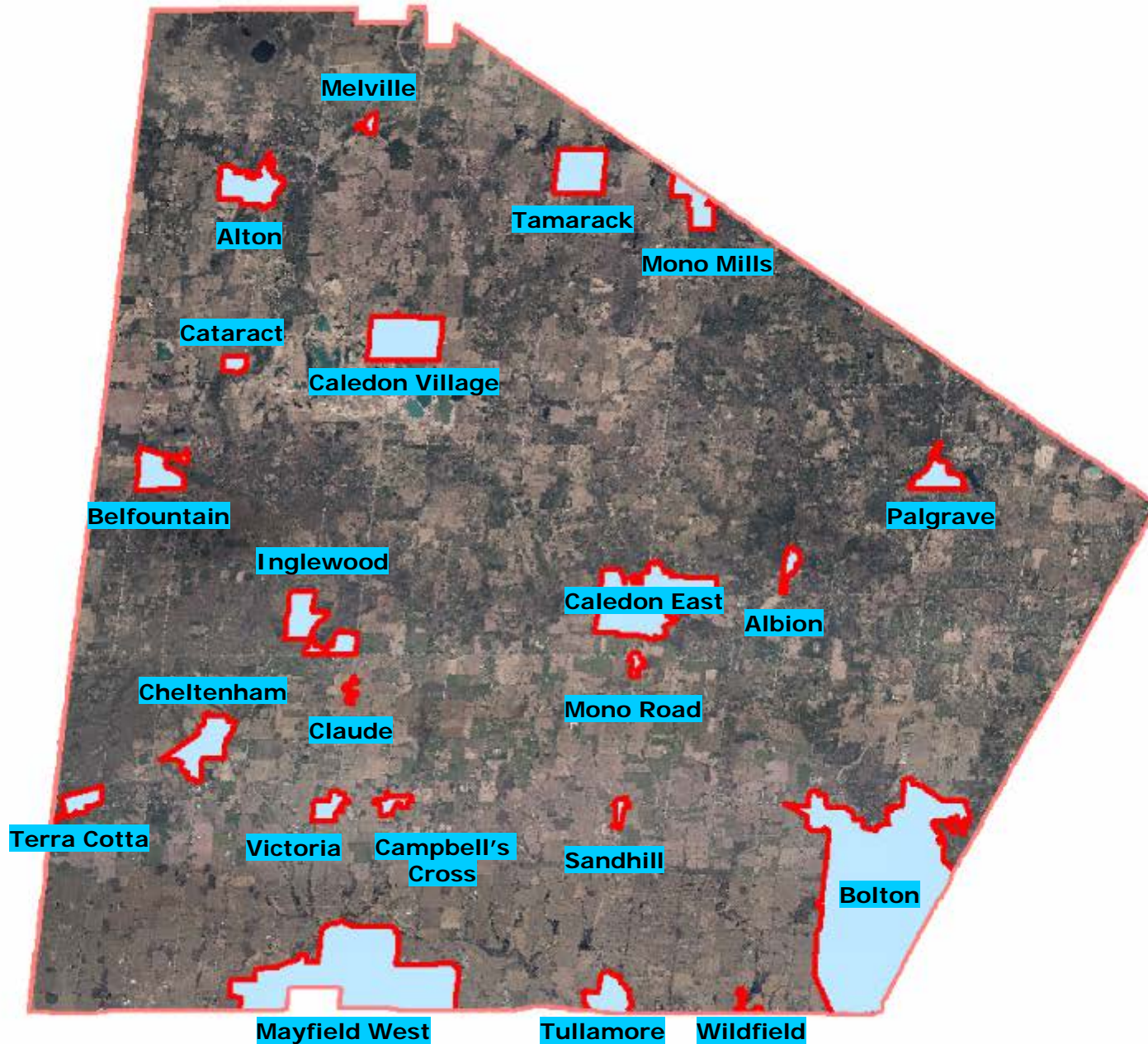
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- Alton
- Melville
- Terra Cotta
- Caledon Village
- Inglewood
- Cheltenham
- Cataract
- Belfountain
- Mono Road
- Claude

**TRCA Jurisdiction**

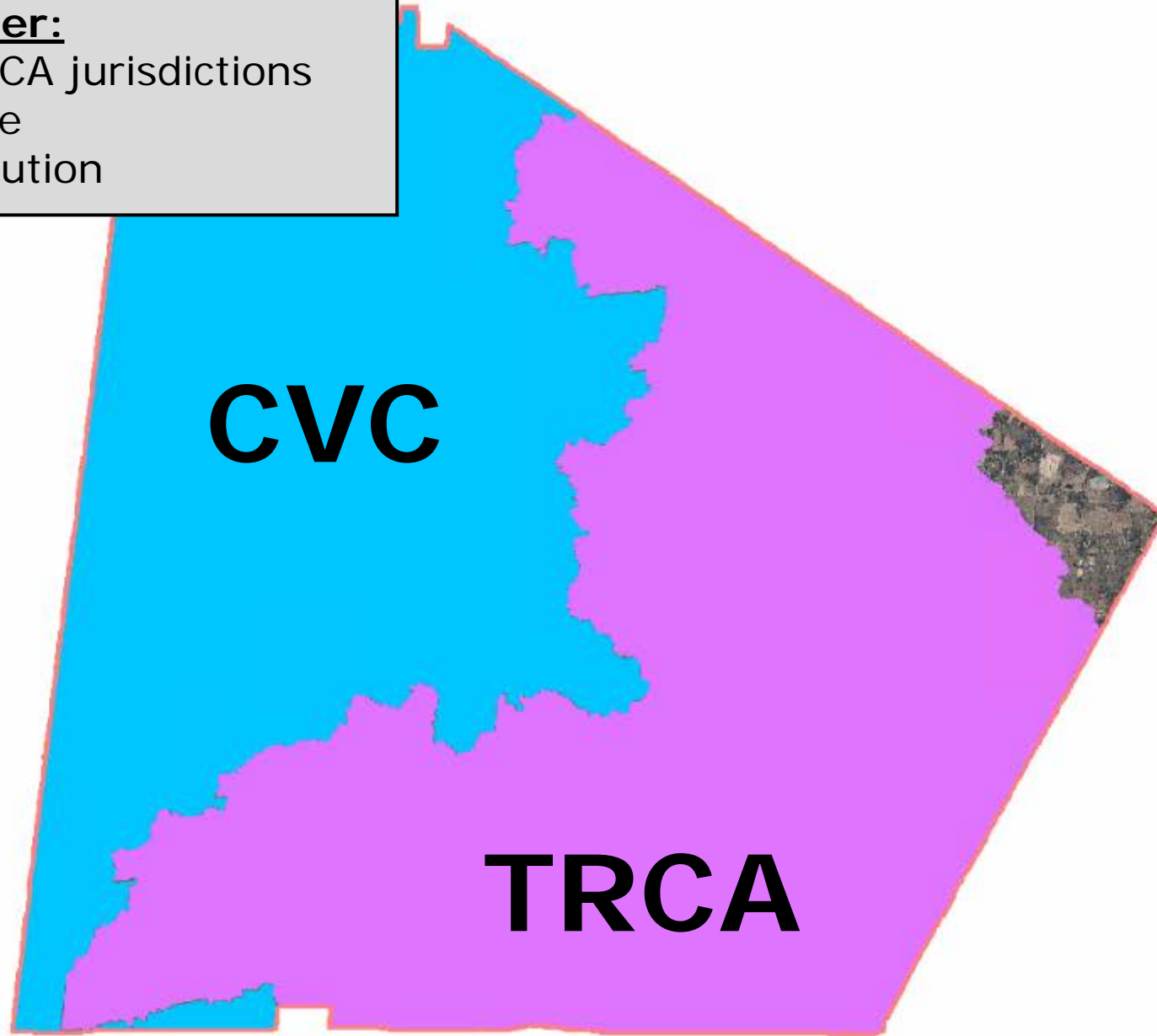
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- Caledon East
- Palgrave
- Bolton
- Mayfield West
- Campbell's Cross
- Tamarack
- Mono Mills
- Albion
- Victoria
- Wildfield
- Tullamore
- Sandhill



**Benefits of STEP Water:**

- Collaboration across CA jurisdictions
- Transfer of knowledge
- Efficient project execution





# Minor System Components



Curbs and Gutters



Pipes and Culverts



Swales/Ditches



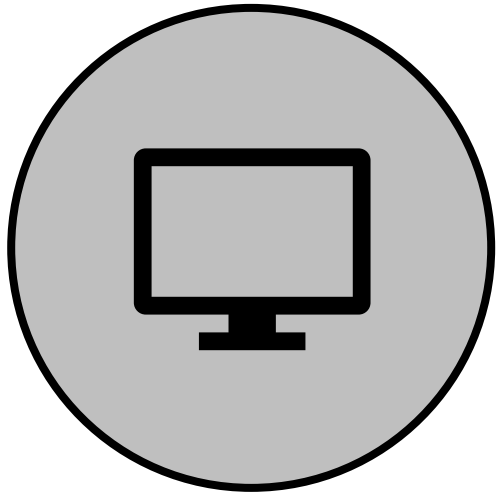
Catchbasins

# Major System Components



# Data Requirements

# Software Requirements



ArcMap

Arc Hydro (Extension)

Spatial Analyst License (ArcMap)

Google Earth

# Data Requirements



DEM



Road Layer



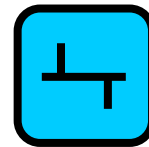
Storm Sewer Layers



Aerial Imagery



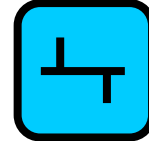
Property Lines



River Layers



Drainage Plans



Culvert layers



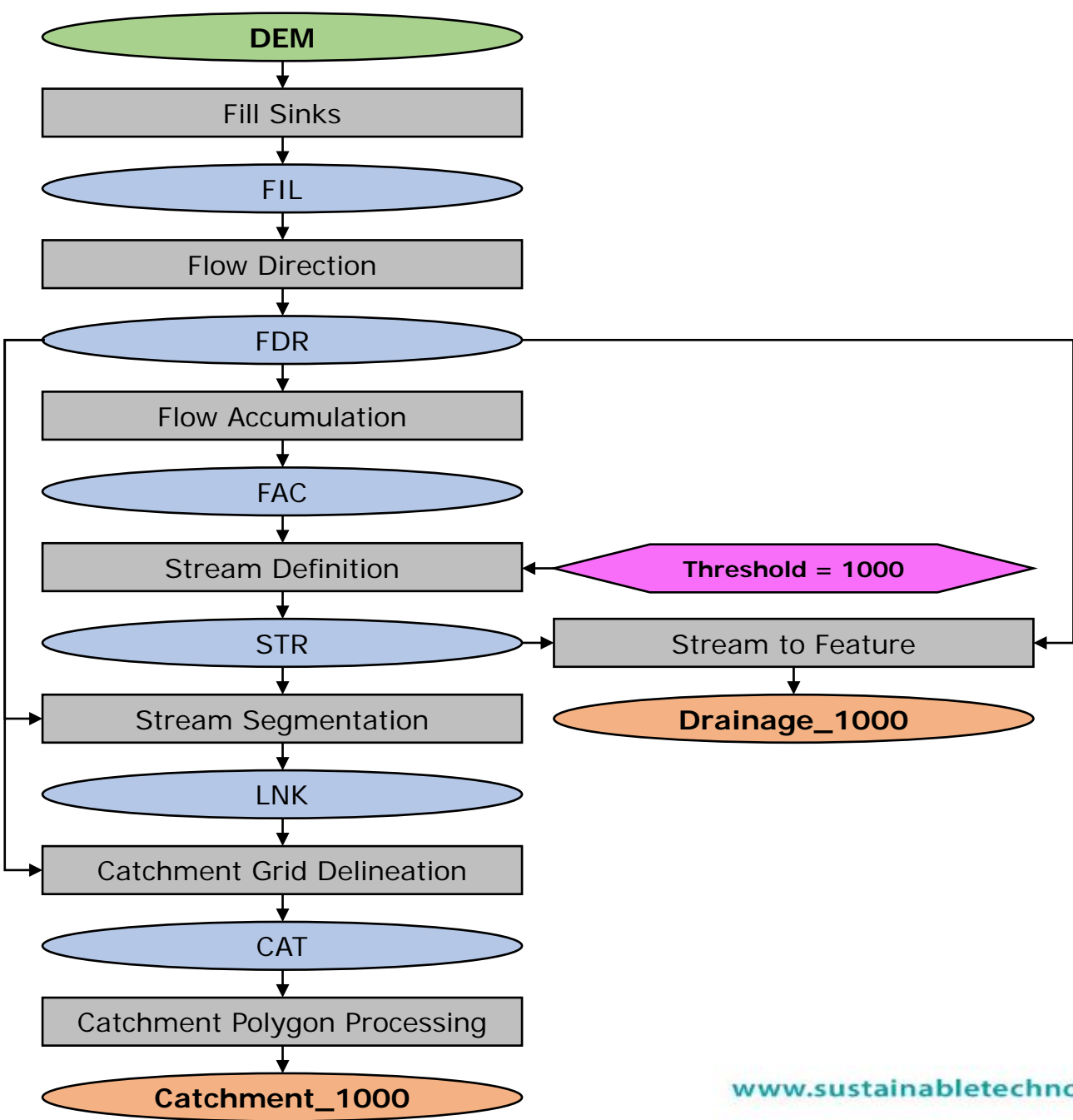
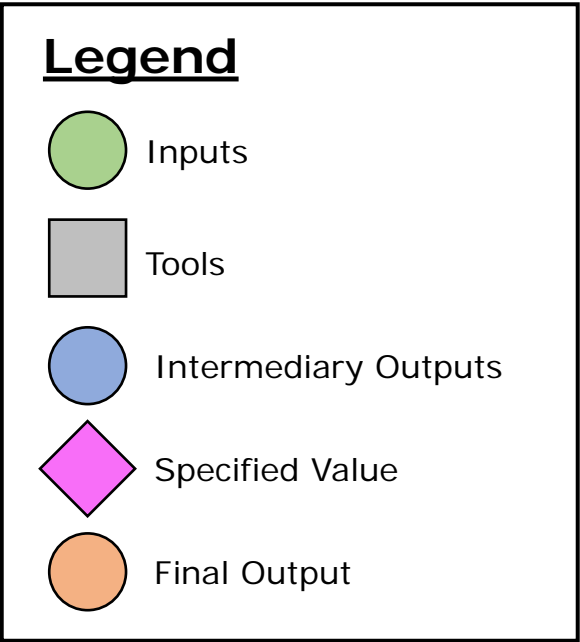
SWM Pond Layers

# Methodology

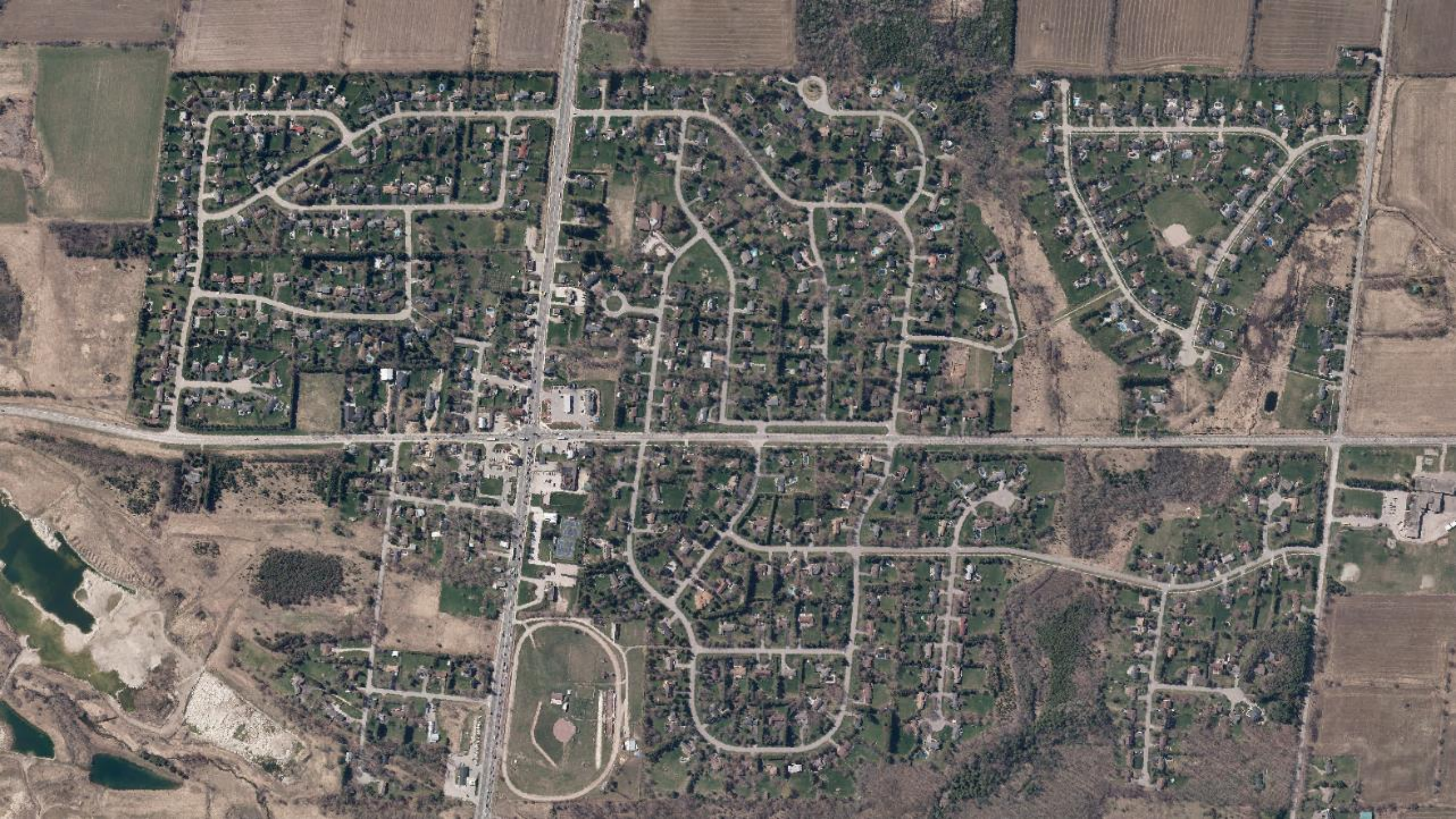
# Arc Hydro



- Arc Hydro uses DEM to identify overland flow routes
- Usually represents drainage from roads accurately
- Useful for delineating minor and major drainage patterns



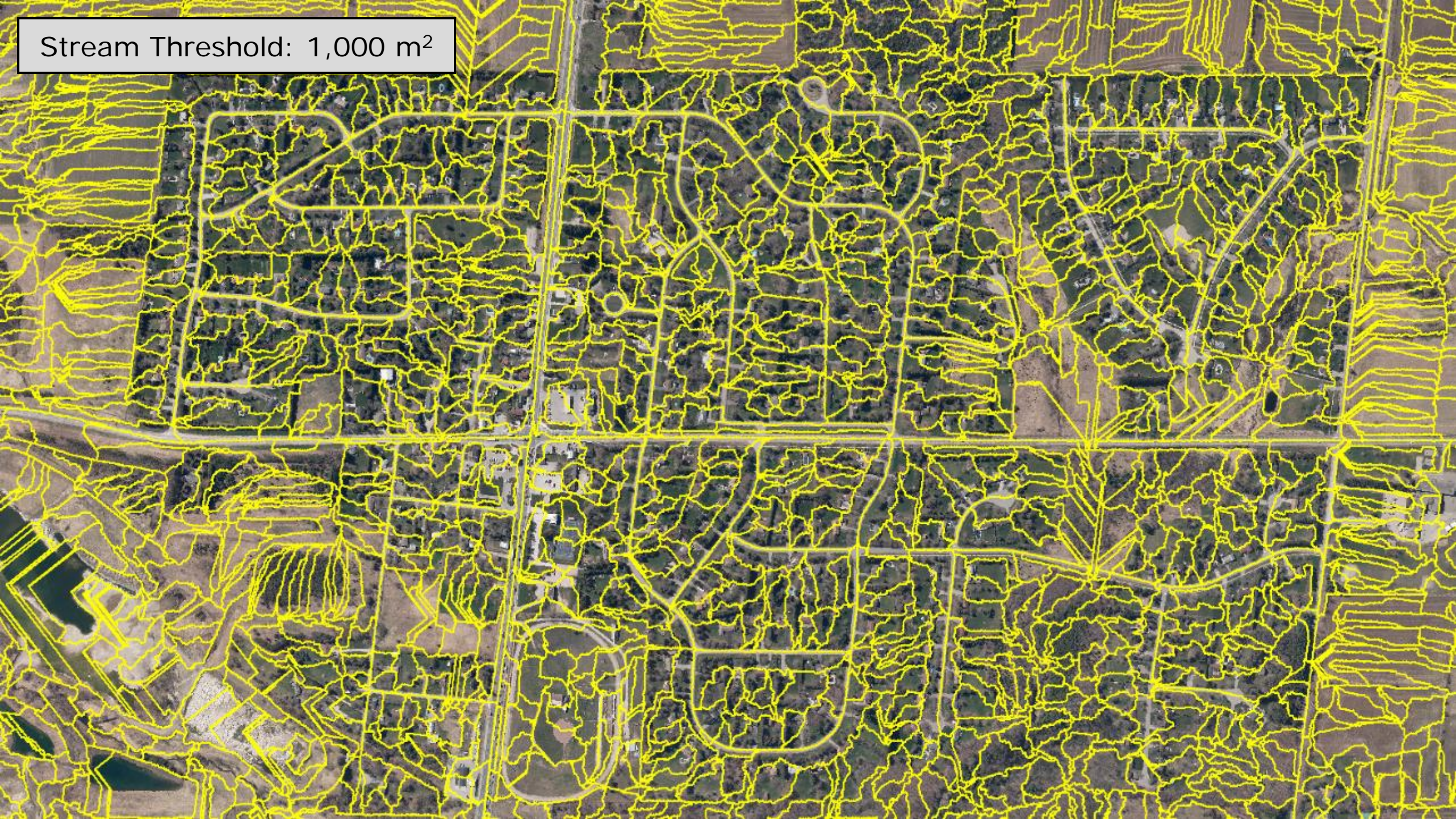




Stream Threshold: 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>




Stream Threshold: 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>



Stream Threshold: 100 m<sup>2</sup>

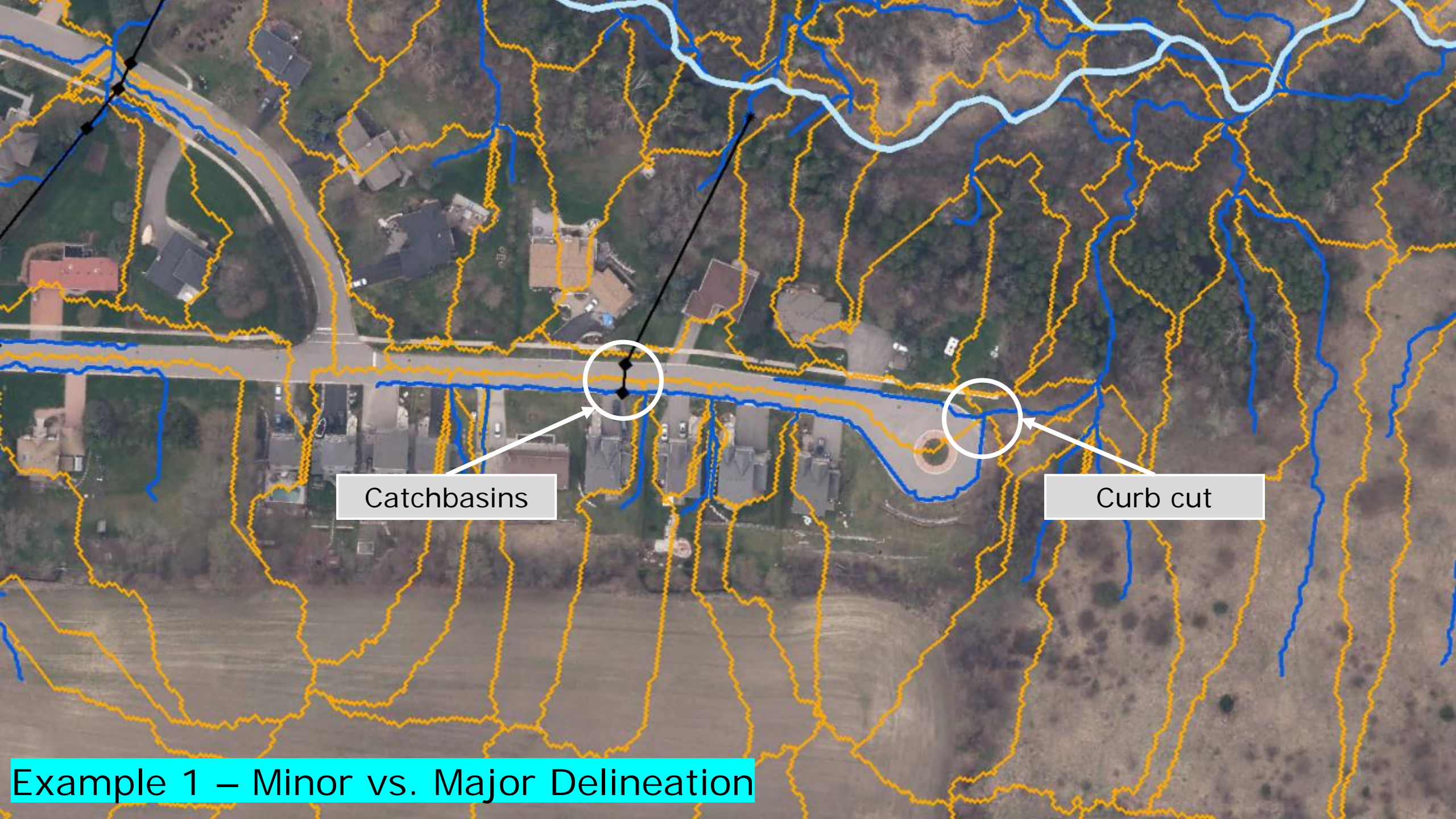




Arc Hydro helps visualize overland runoff patterns

The image is an aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood with a blue line representing a stream or road and a yellow dashed line representing a watershed boundary. White arrows indicate the direction of runoff, showing a complex pattern of flow. Two red circles highlight specific points where runoff paths converge or change direction. A black line with arrows at both ends connects these two red circles, indicating a specific flow path or a point of interest.

Culverts and sewers must be considered when identifying drainage routes for minor storms events.



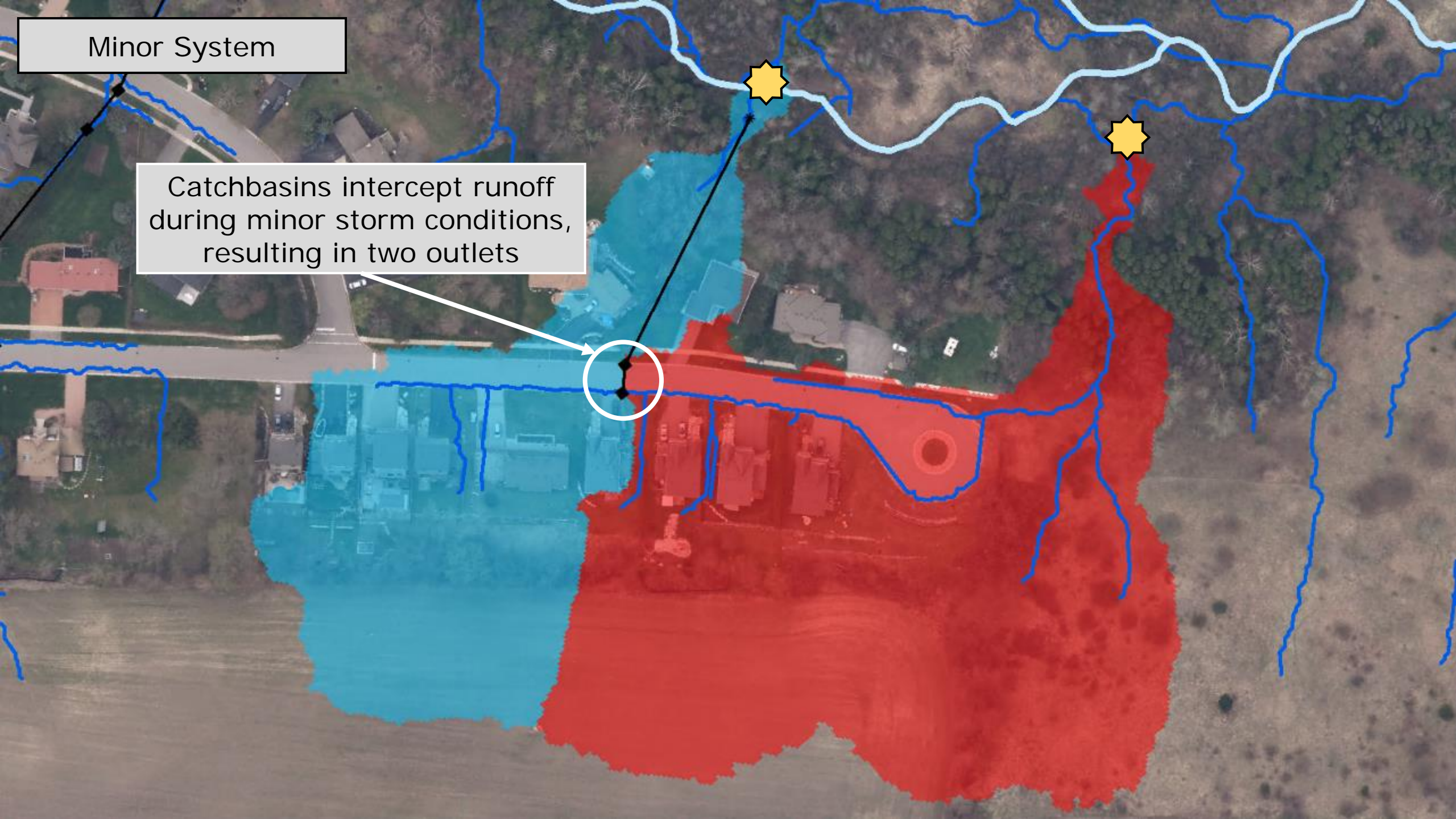
Catchbasins

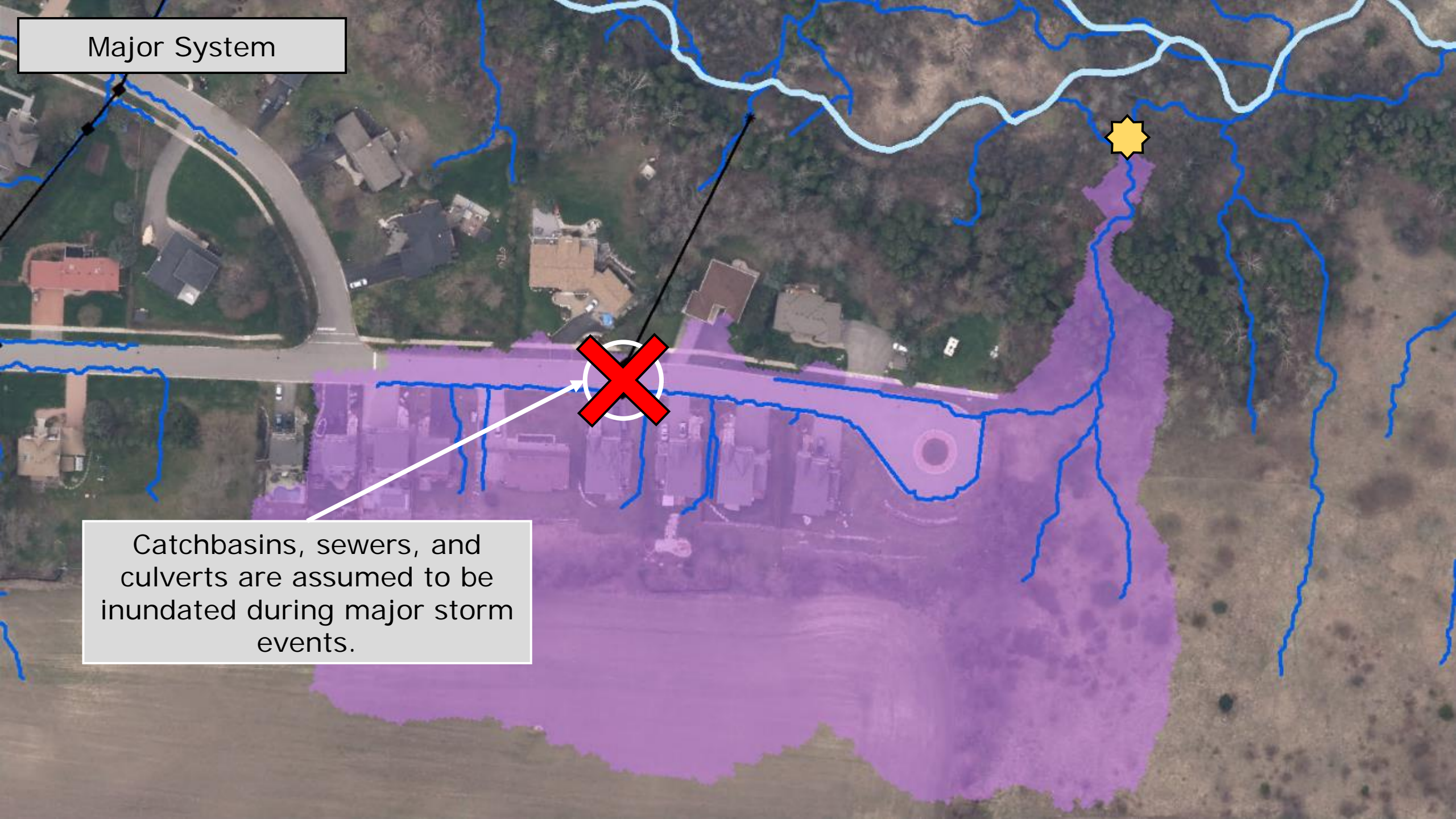
Curb cut

Example 1 – Minor vs. Major Delineation

Minor System

Catchbasins intercept runoff during minor storm conditions, resulting in two outlets

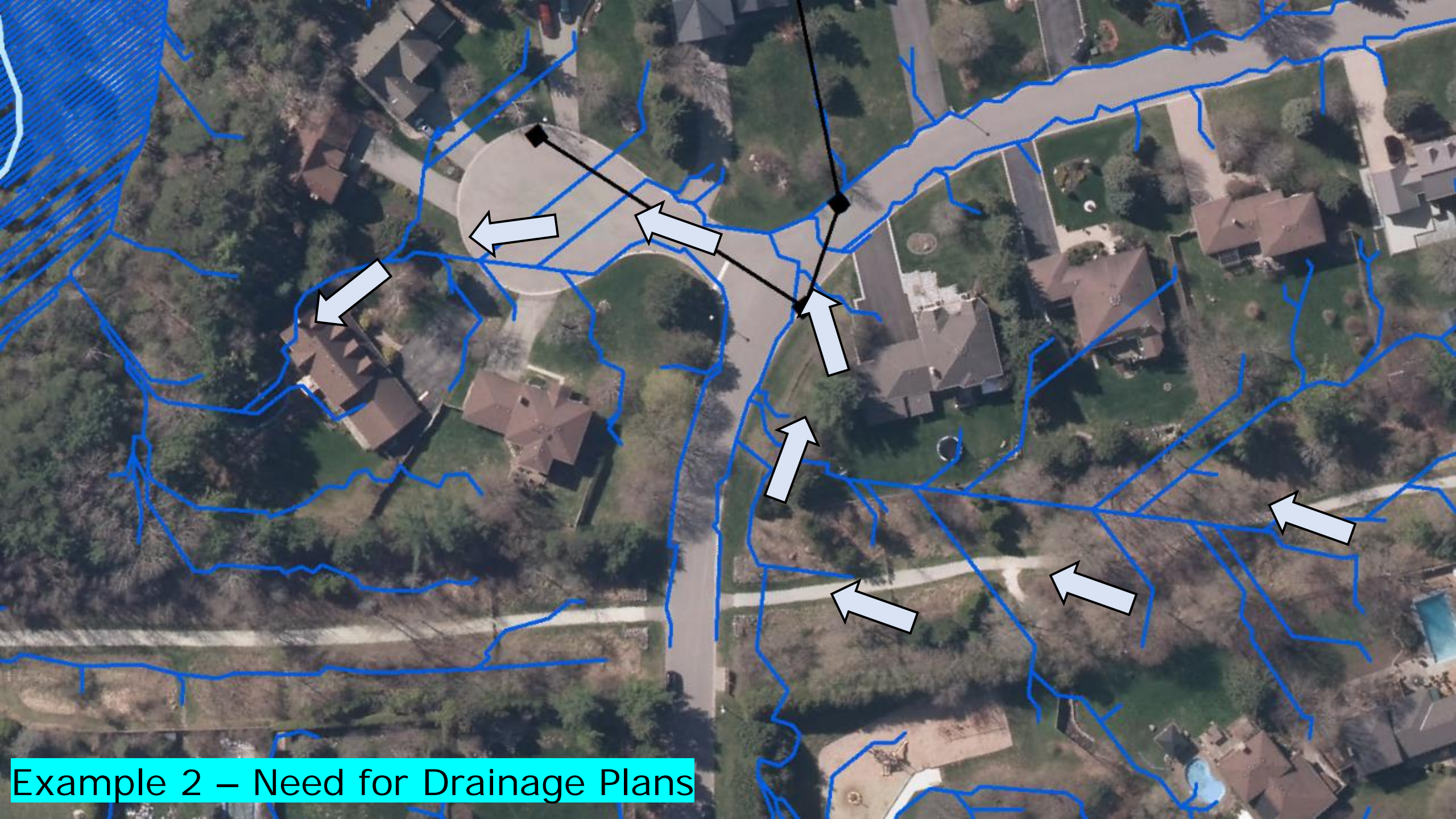




Major System

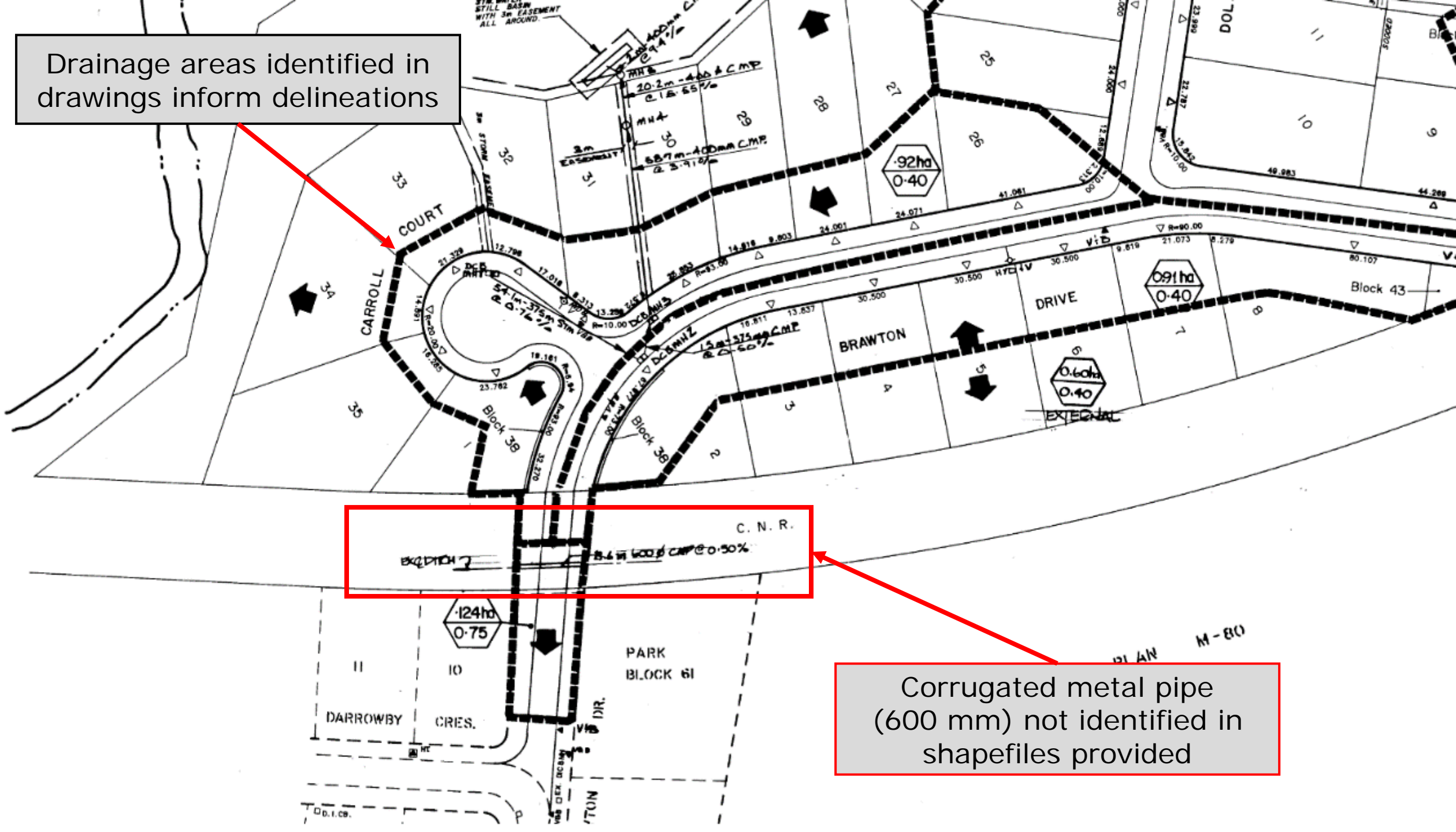
Catchbasins, sewers, and culverts are assumed to be inundated during major storm events.





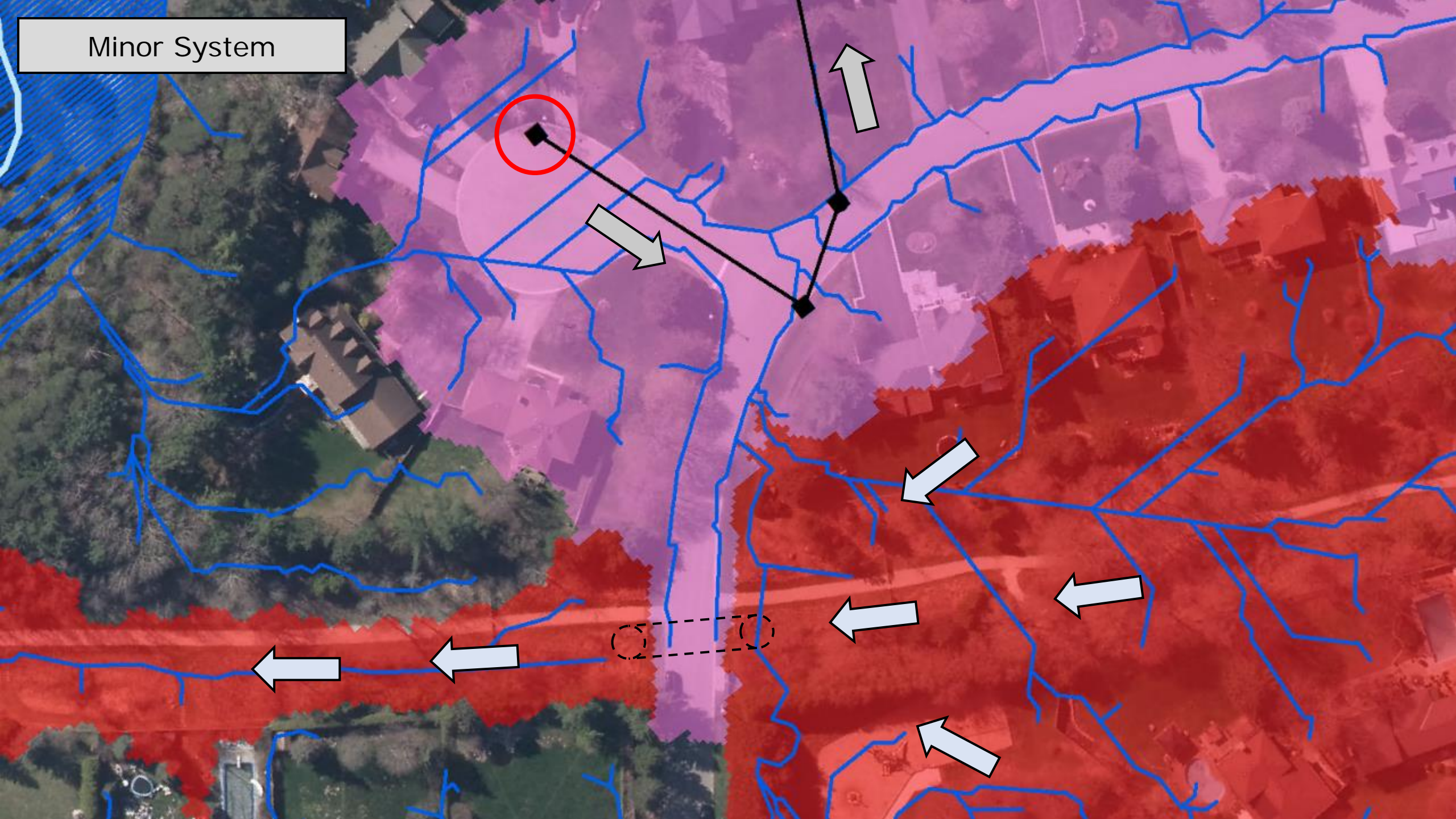
Example 2 – Need for Drainage Plans

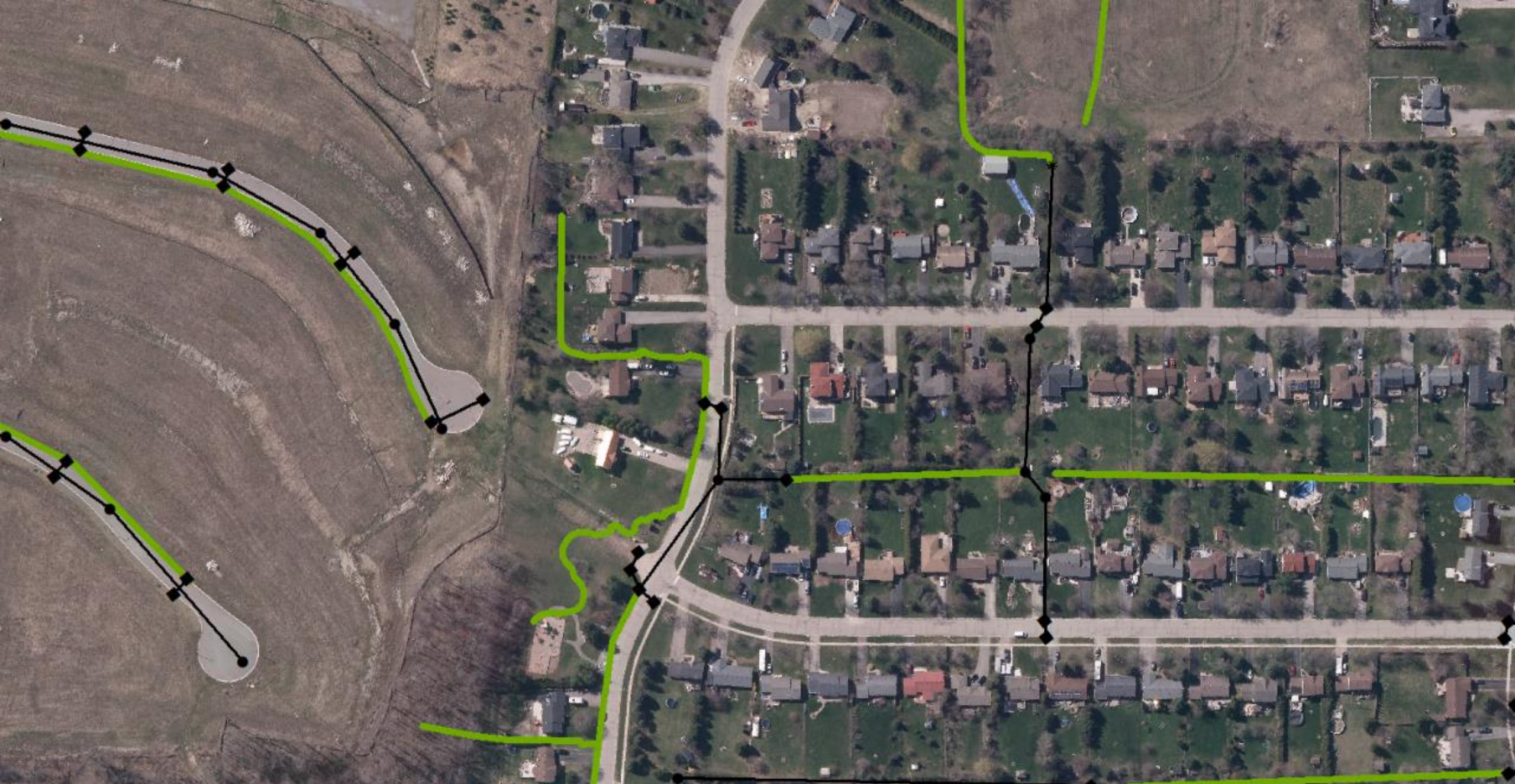
Drainage areas identified in drawings inform delineations



Corrugated metal pipe (600 mm) not identified in shapefiles provided

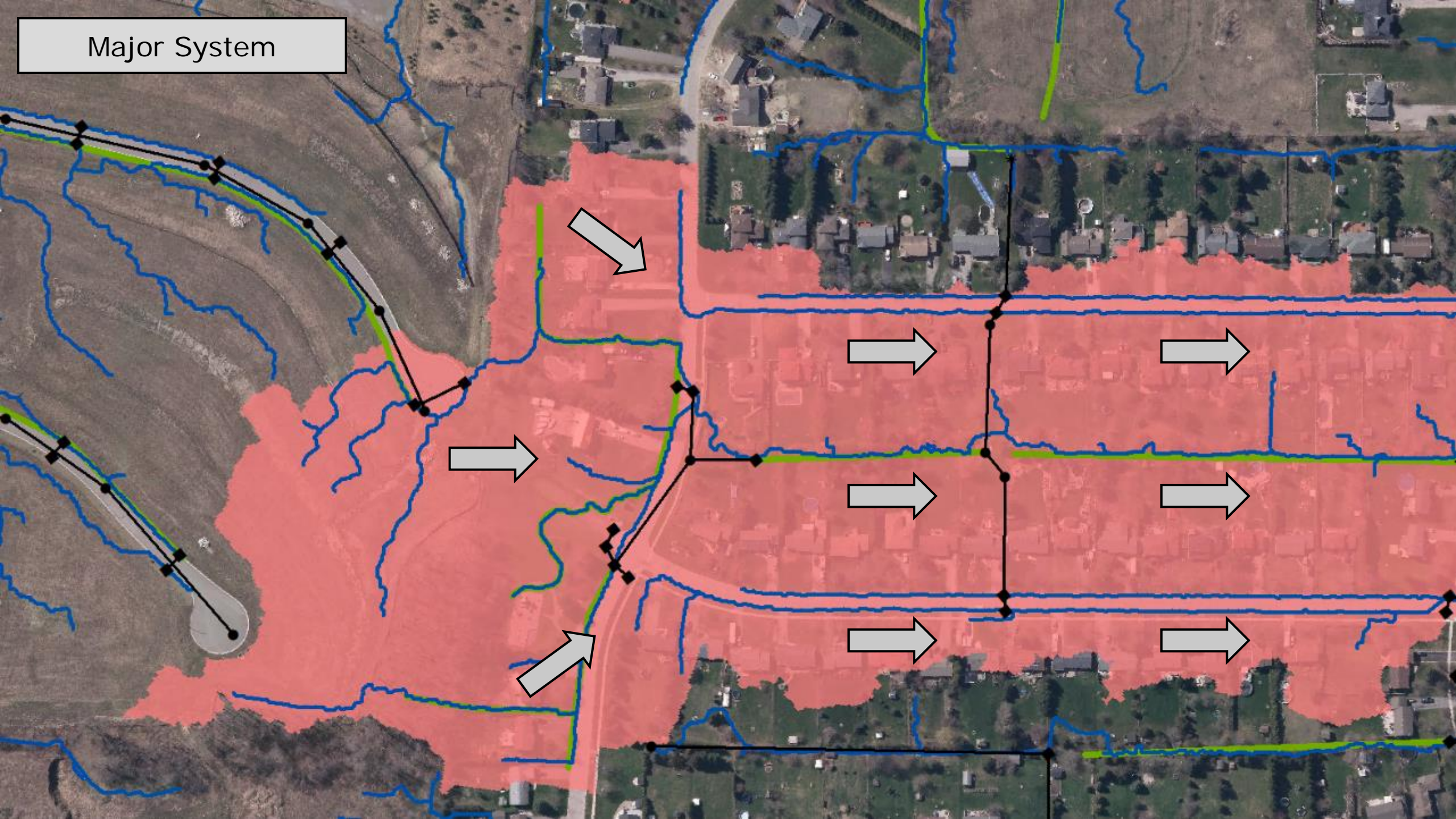
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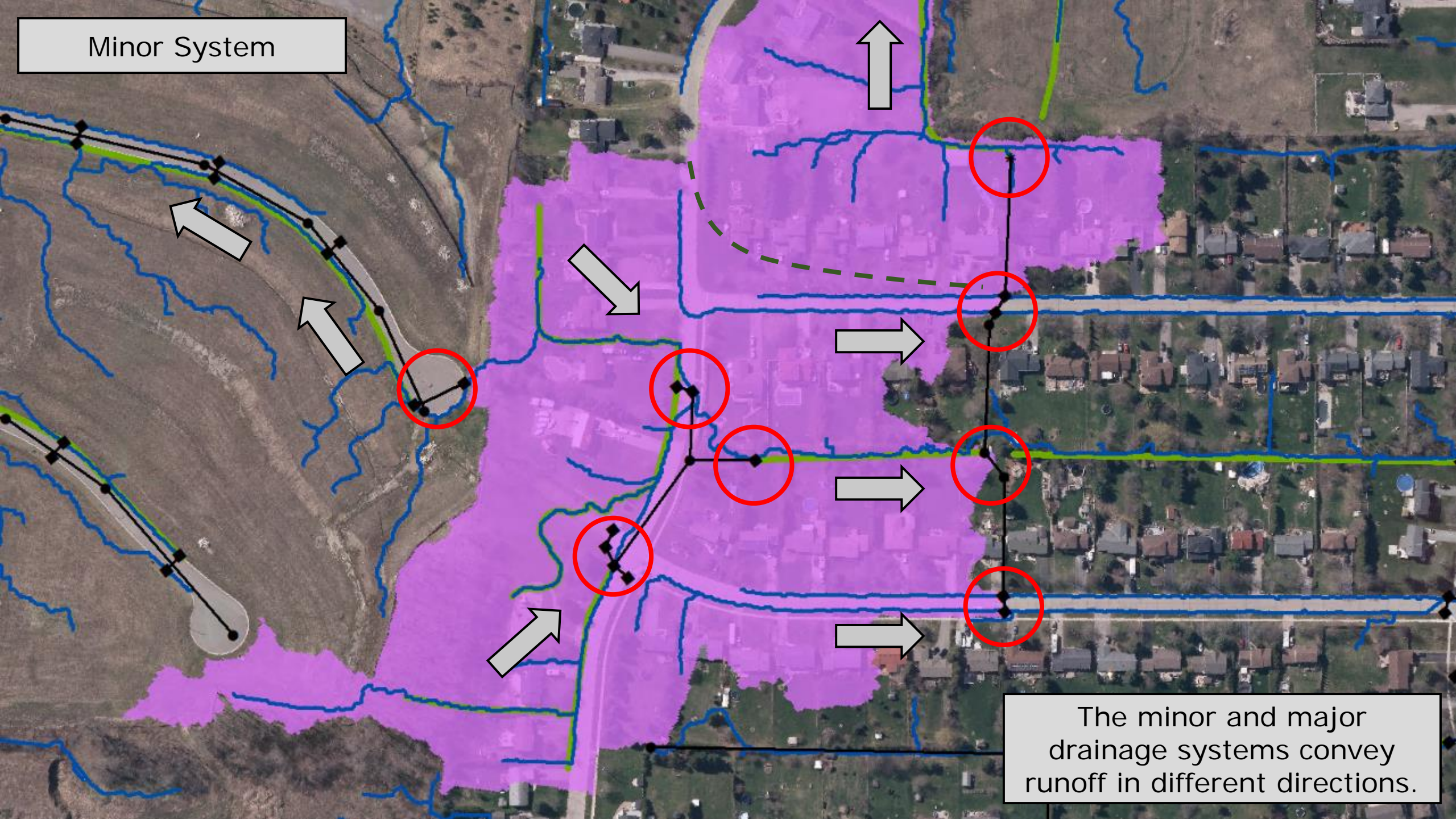


Example 3 – Changes in Flow Direction

Major System



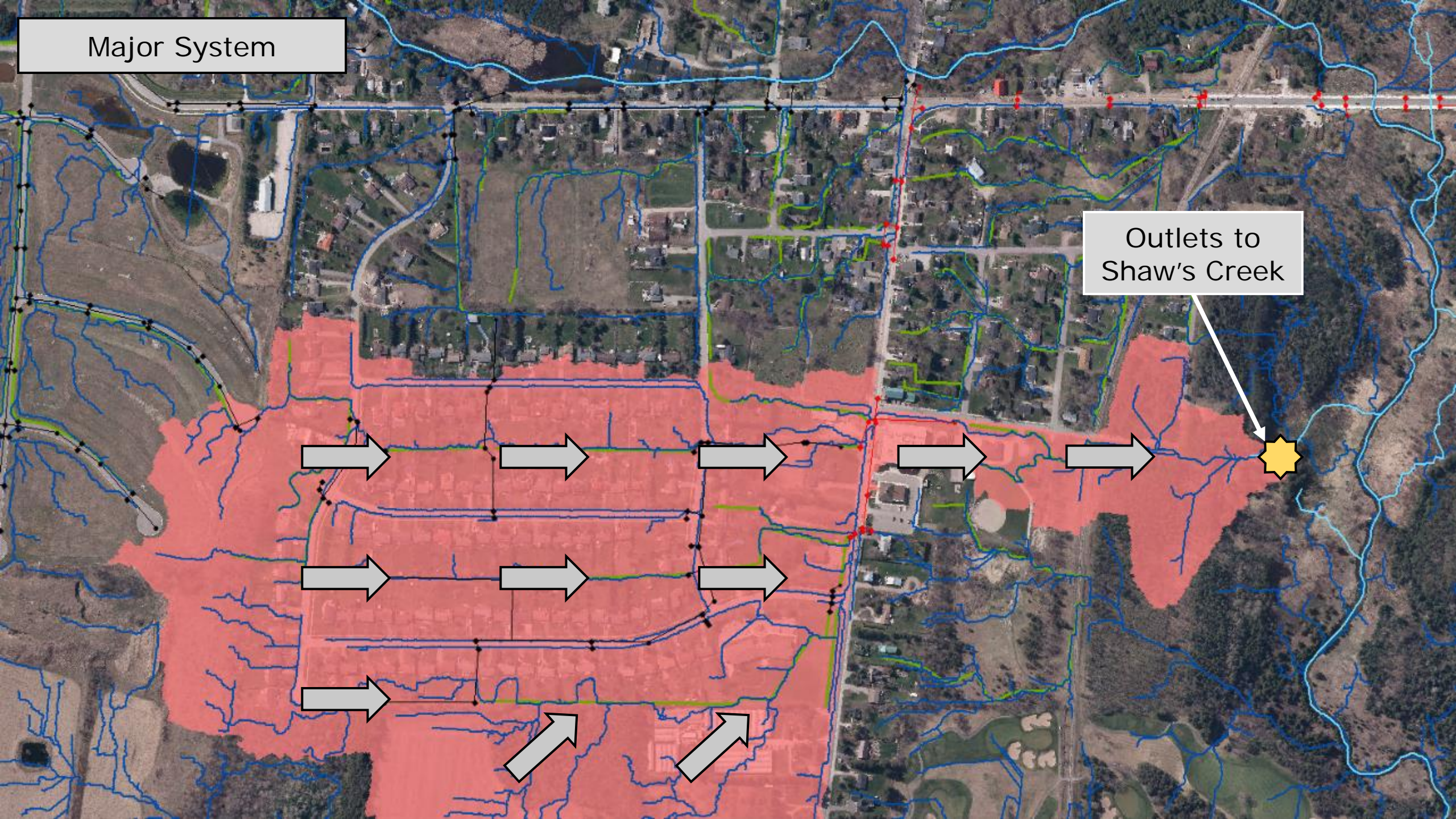
Minor System



The minor and major drainage systems convey runoff in different directions.

Major System

Outlets to Shaw's Creek

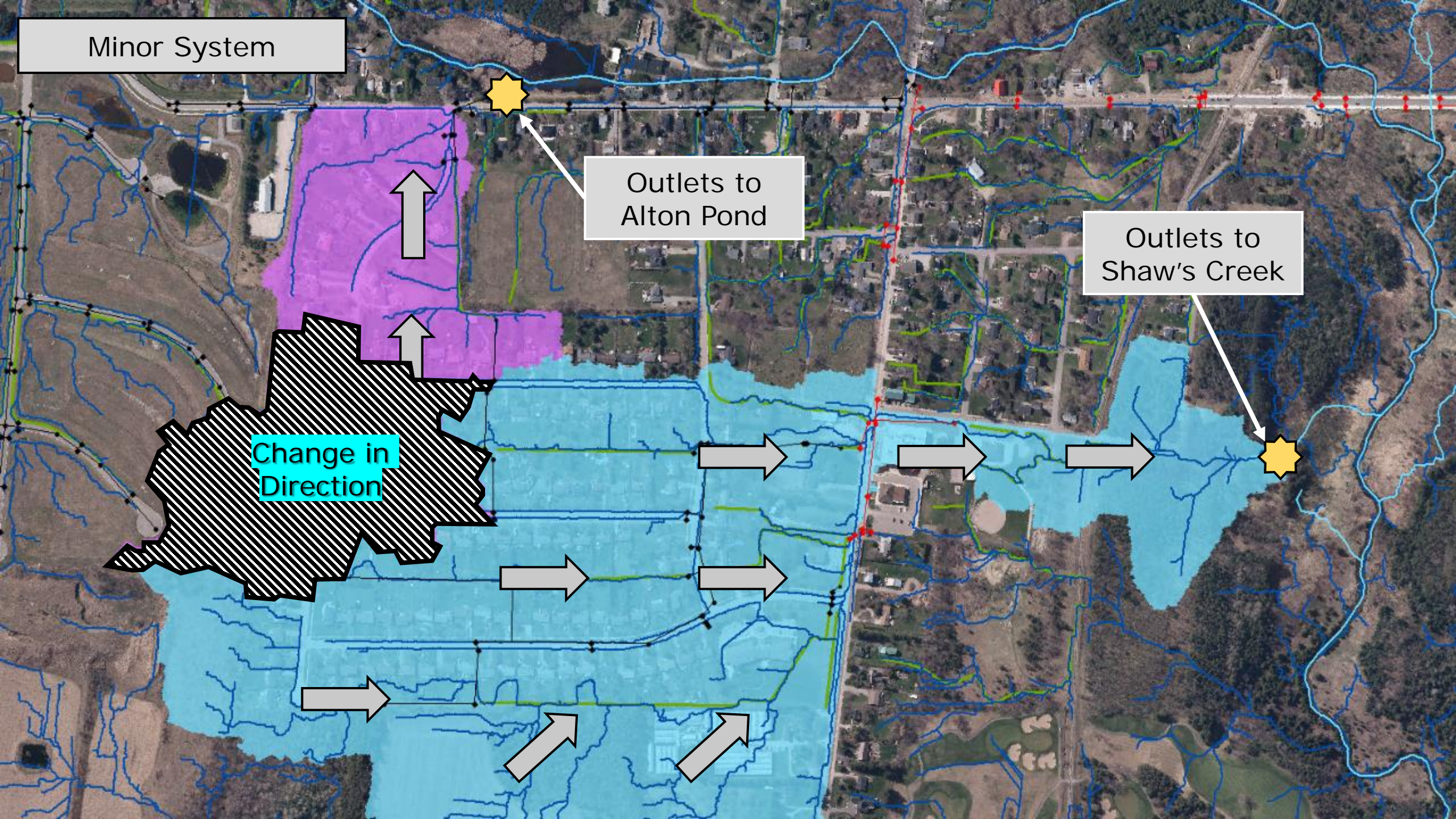


Minor System

Outlets to  
Alton Pond

Outlets to  
Shaw's Creek

Change in  
Direction







Geo-referencing drainage plans can help incorporate information from drawings into delineation.

# Results

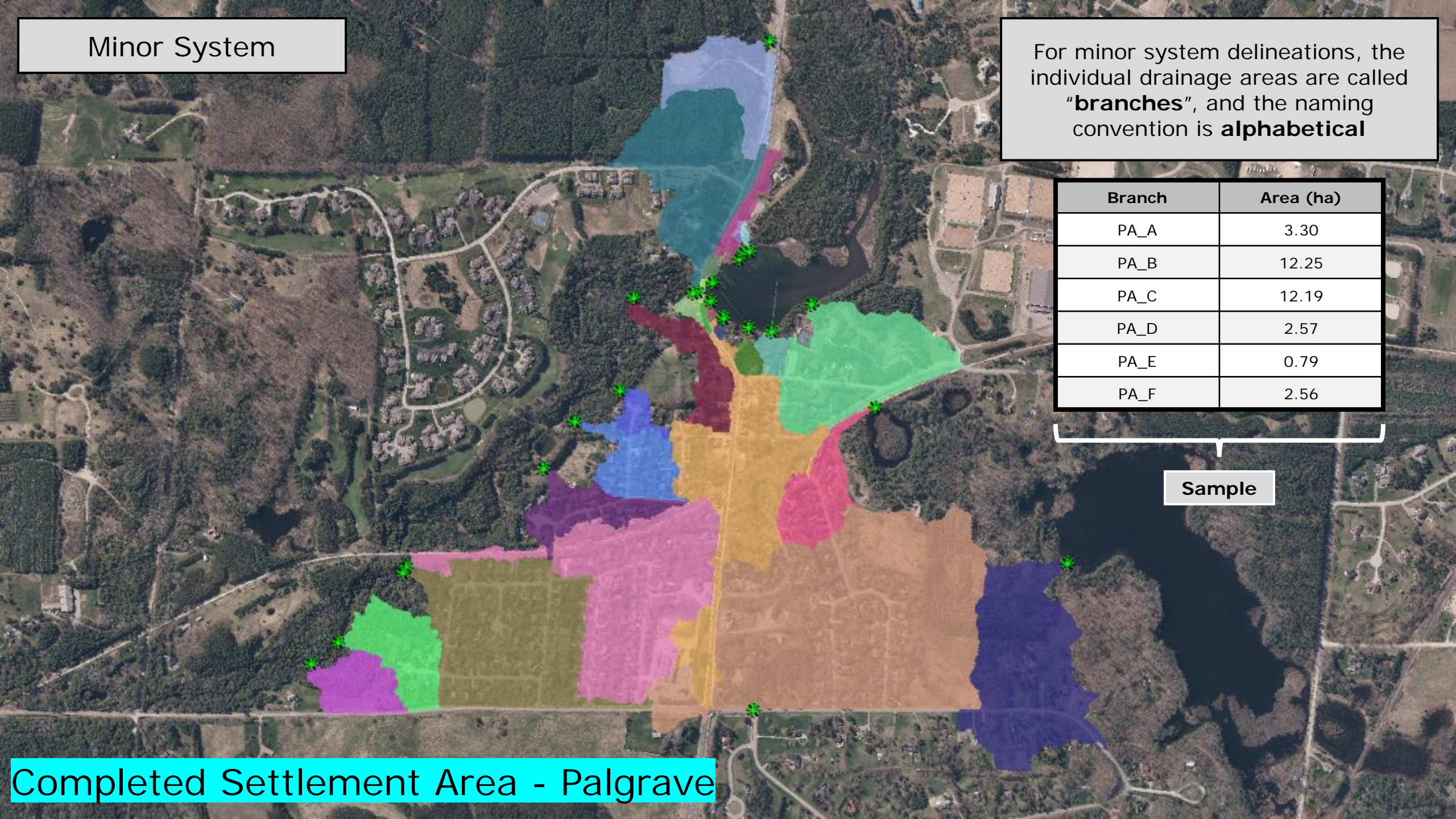
# Minor System

For minor system delineations, the individual drainage areas are called "**branches**", and the naming convention is **alphabetical**

Branch	Area (ha)
PA_A	3.30
PA_B	12.25
PA_C	12.19
PA_D	2.57
PA_E	0.79
PA_F	2.56

Sample

Completed Settlement Area - Palgrave

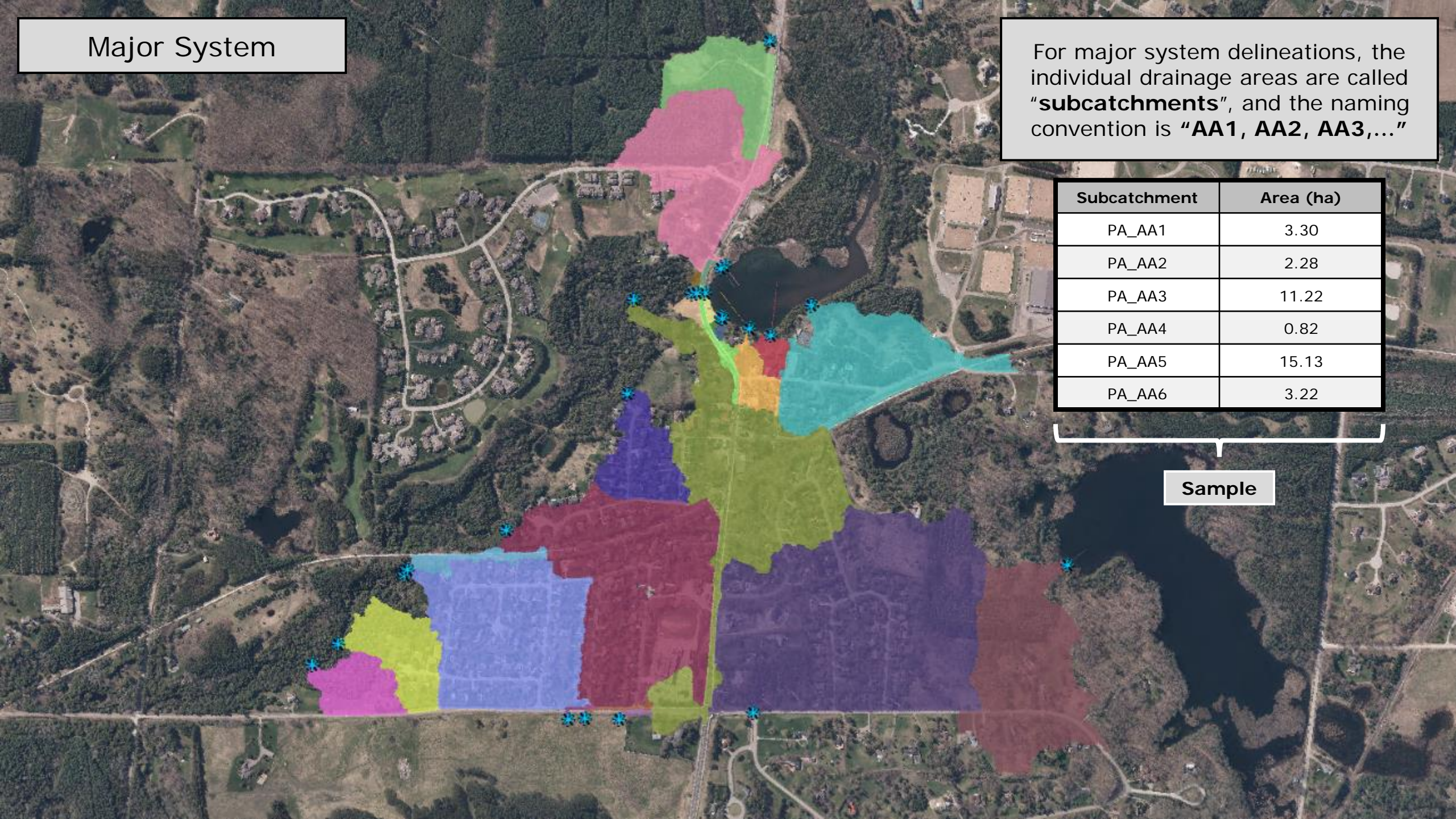


## Major System

For major system delineations, the individual drainage areas are called "**subcatchments**", and the naming convention is "**AA1, AA2, AA3,...**"

Subcatchment	Area (ha)
PA_AA1	3.30
PA_AA2	2.28
PA_AA3	11.22
PA_AA4	0.82
PA_AA5	15.13
PA_AA6	3.22

Sample



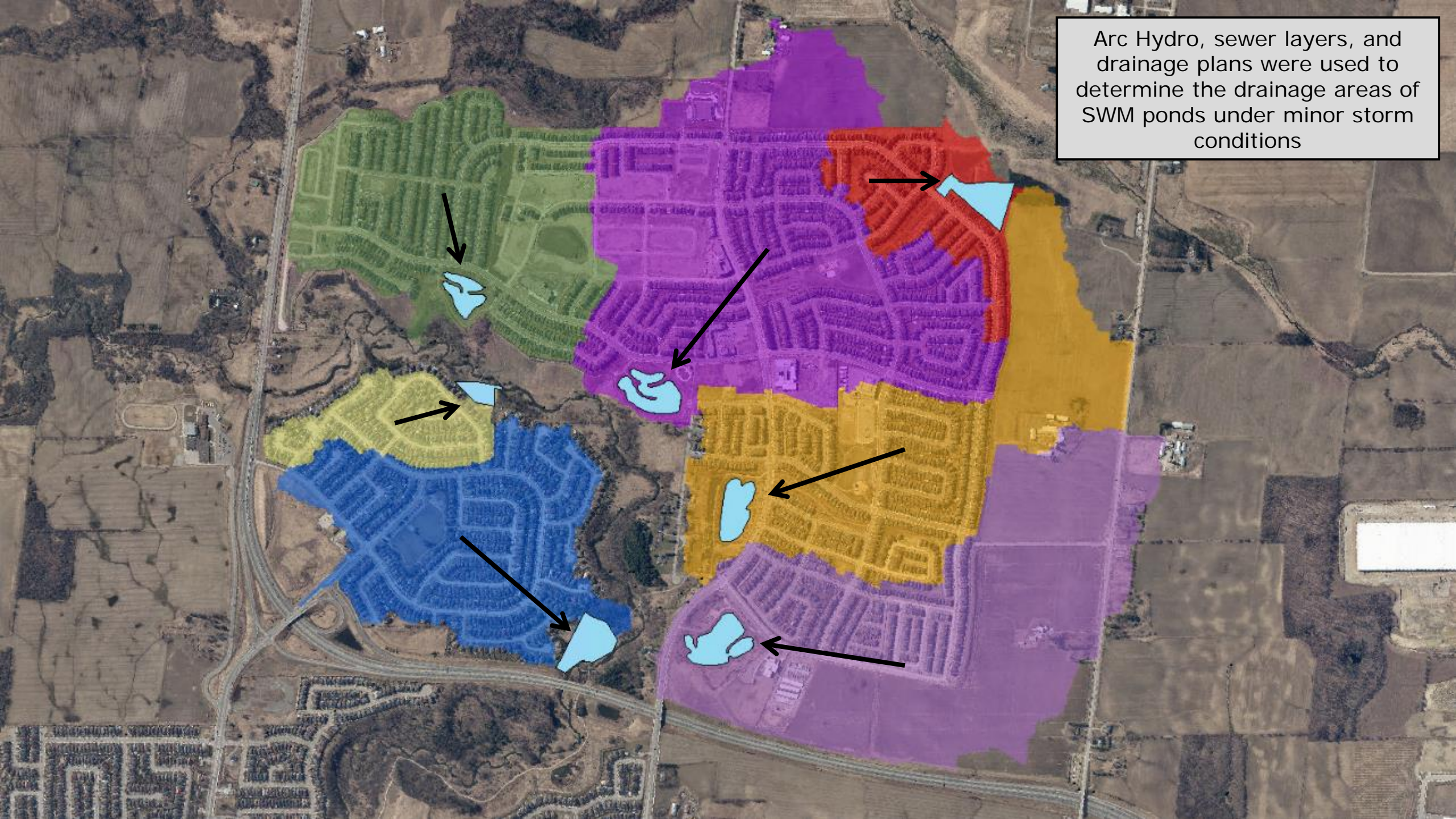
# Other Potential Outcomes

- SWM Master Plan Development
- Site Plan Applications and Building Permit Review
- Overland Flow Route Maintenance
- Investigating Drainage Complaints
- Points of Interest

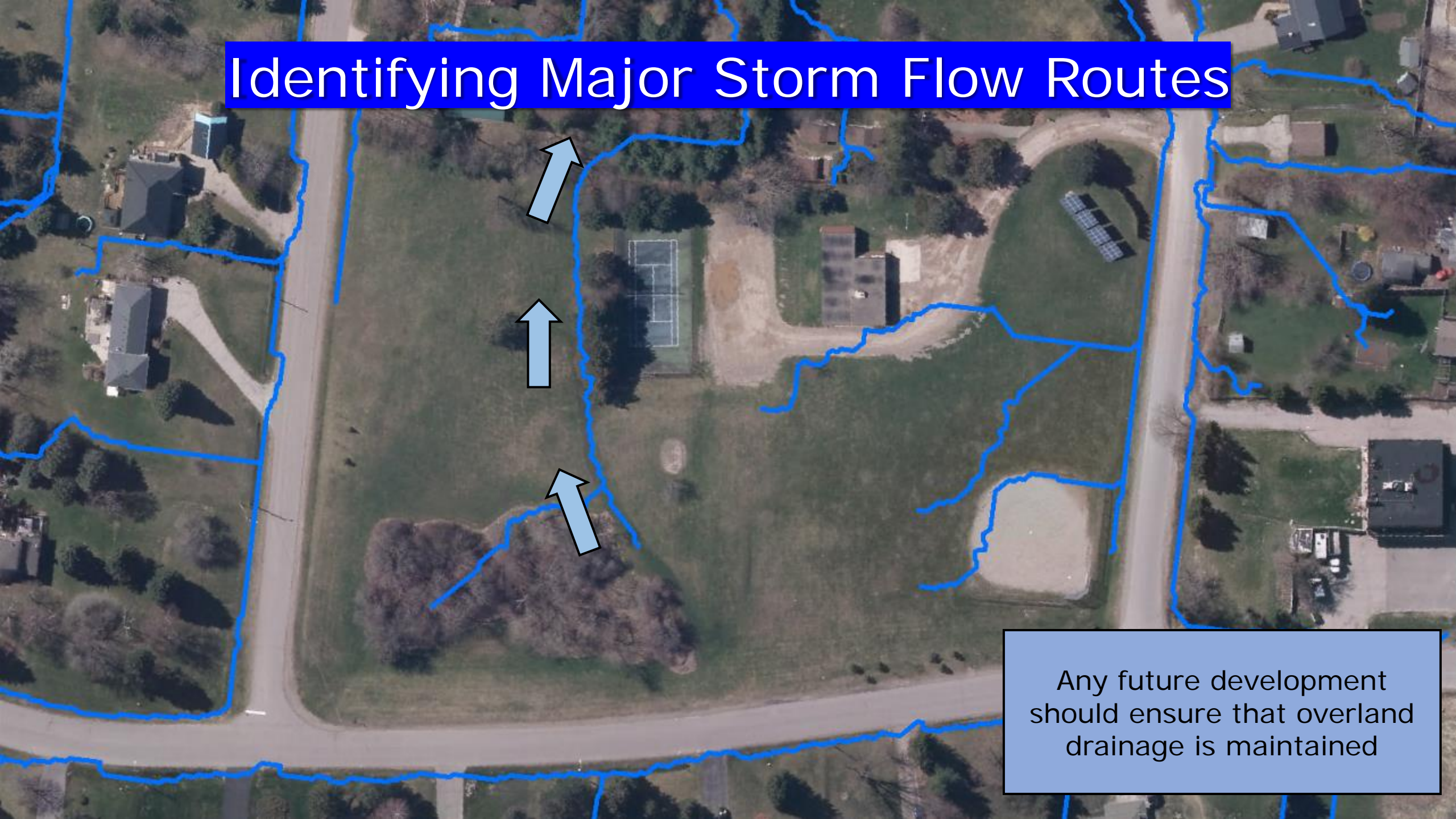


Pond Drainage Areas

Arc Hydro, sewer layers, and drainage plans were used to determine the drainage areas of SWM ponds under minor storm conditions



# Identifying Major Storm Flow Routes

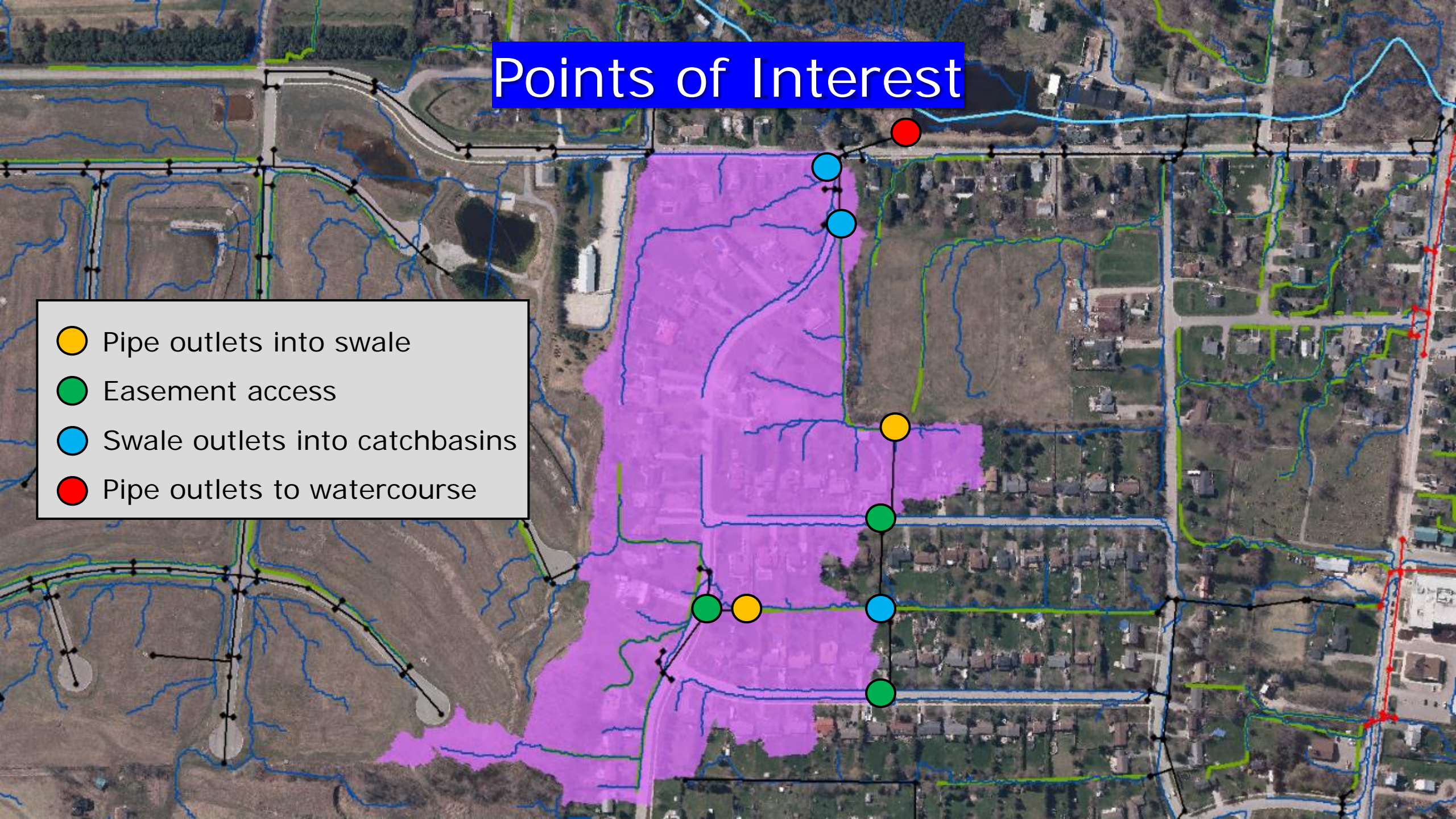


Any future development should ensure that overland drainage is maintained

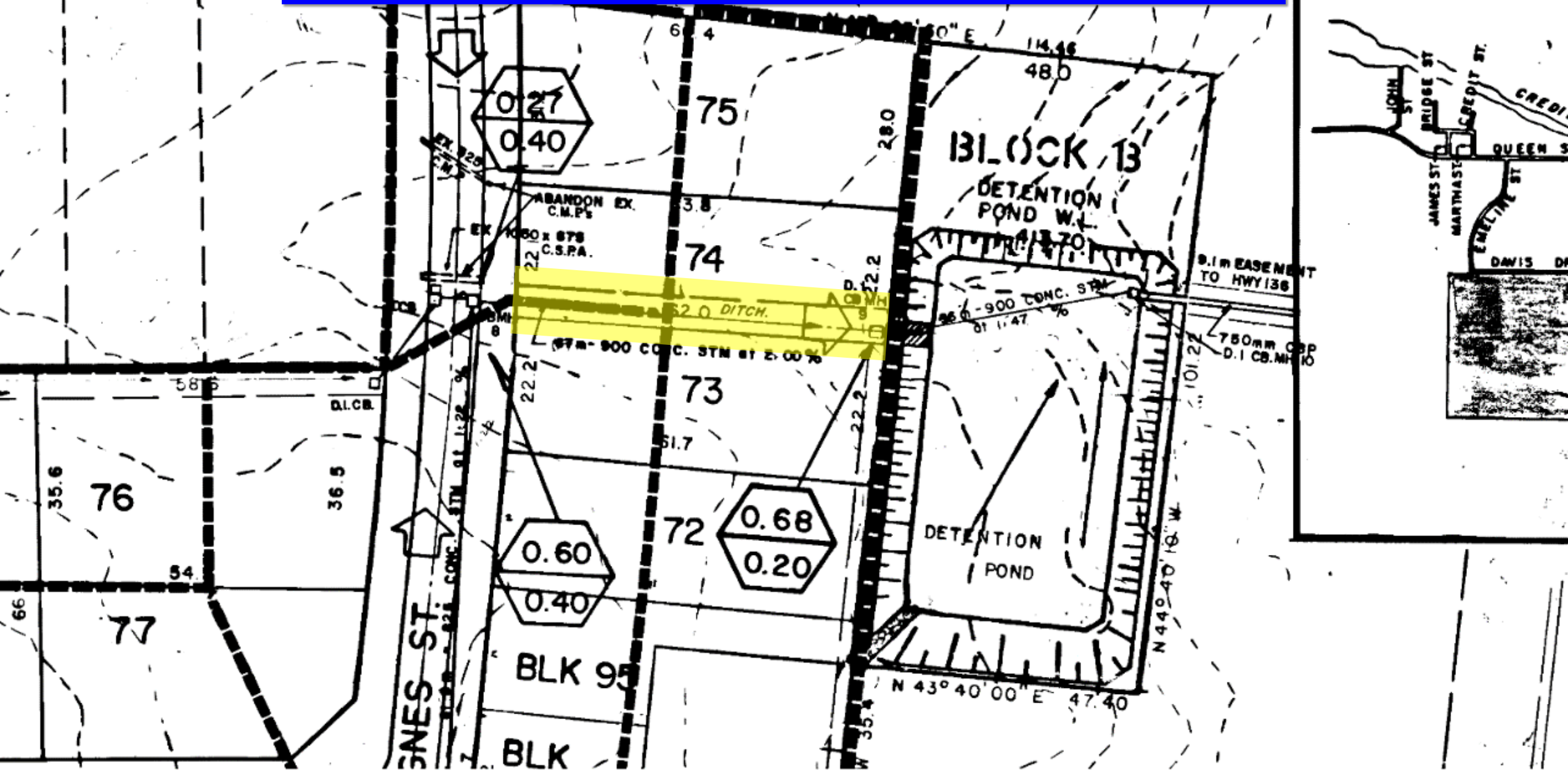


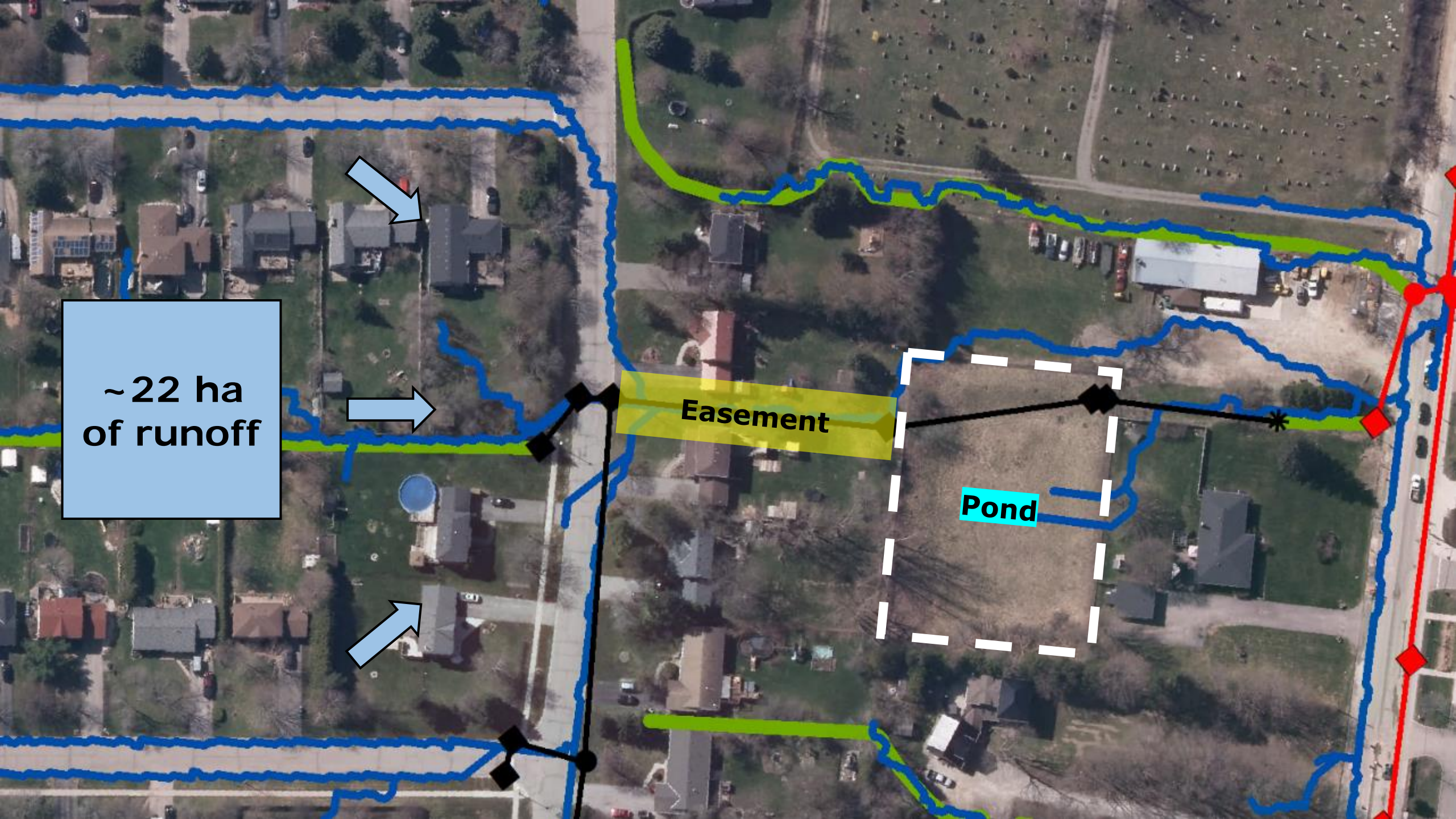
# Points of Interest

- Pipe outlets into swale
- Easement access
- Swale outlets into catchbasins
- Pipe outlets to watercourse



# Overland Flow Route Maintenance





~ 22 ha  
of runoff

Easement

Pond



Blocking this overland flow route could cause significant drainage issues

# Significant Surface Inlet Inspections



Catchbasin covered with apples

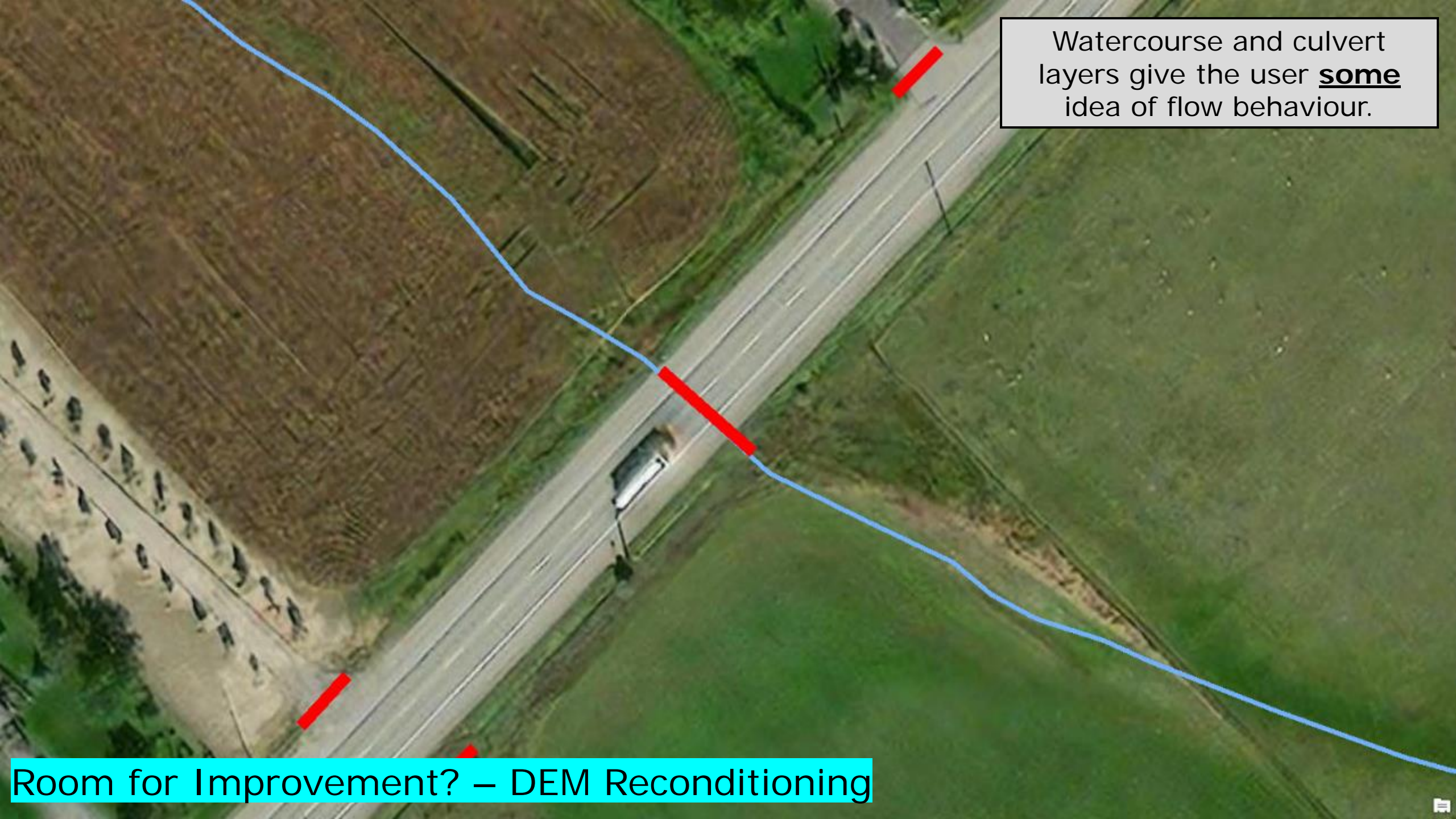


Catchbasin covered with filter fabric



Catchbasin choked with watercress

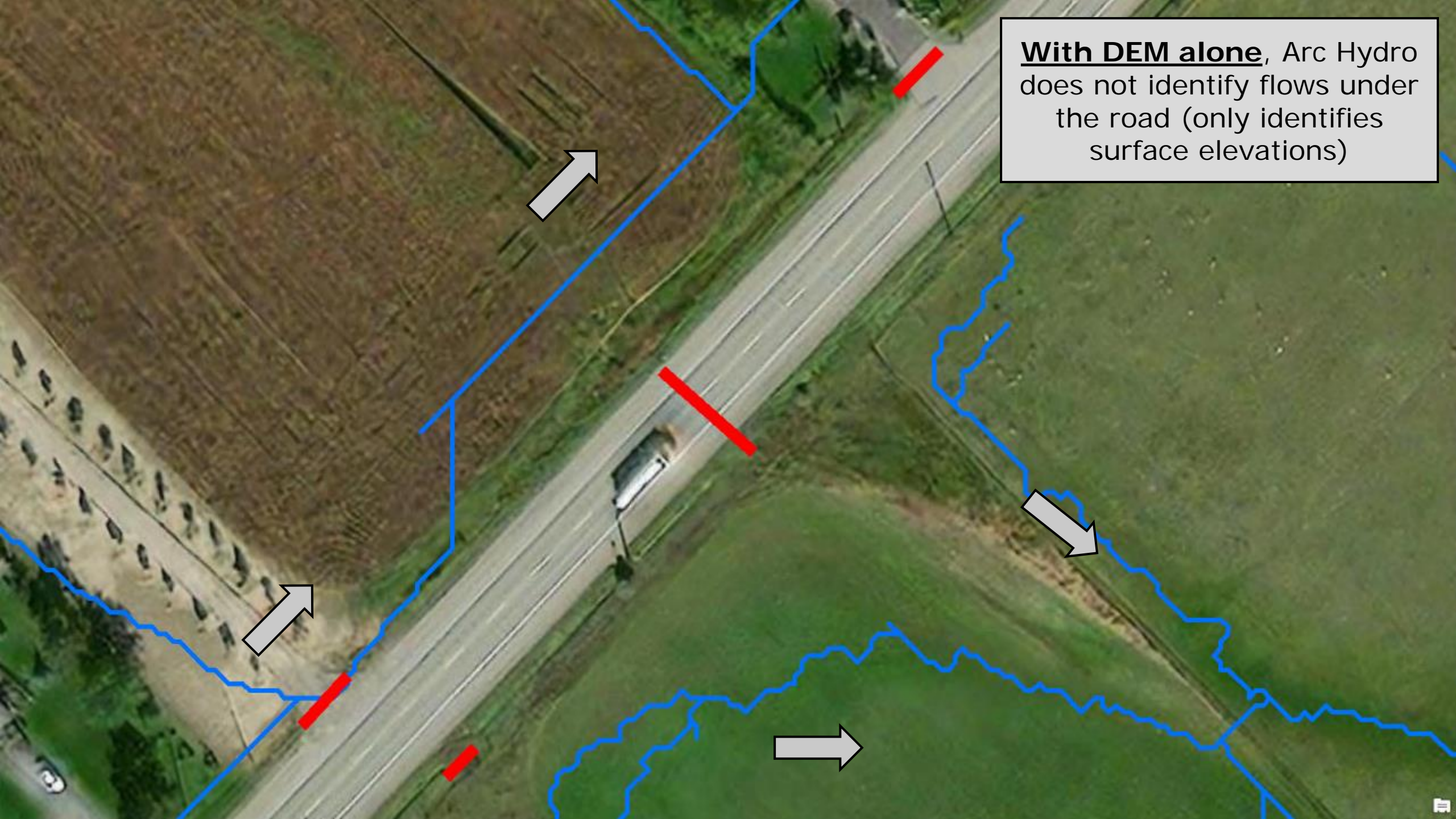
# Other Considerations



Watercourse and culvert layers give the user some idea of flow behaviour.

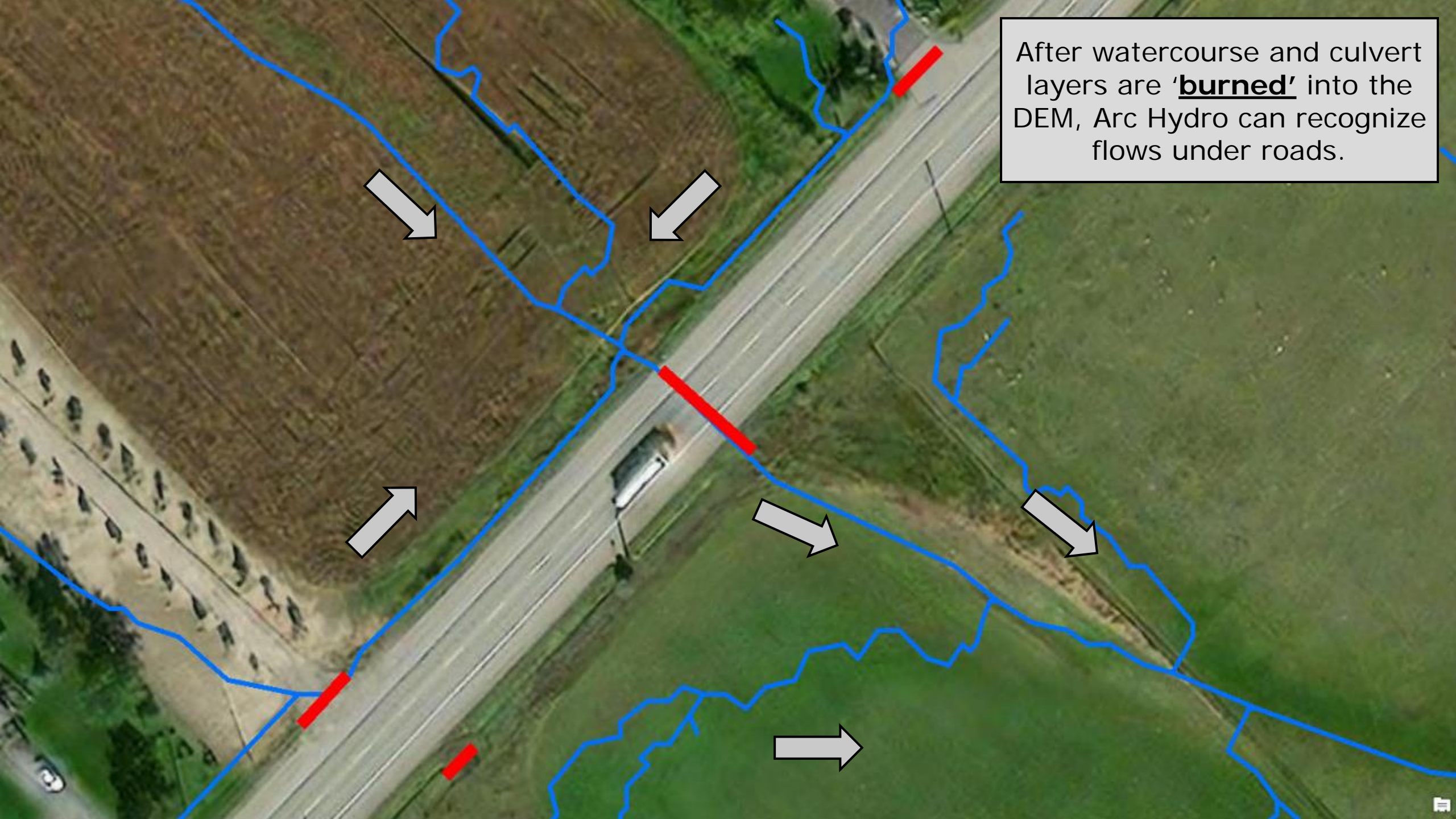
Room for Improvement? – DEM Reconditioning

**With DEM alone**, Arc Hydro does not identify flows under the road (only identifies surface elevations)





After watercourse and culvert layers are 'burned' into the DEM, Arc Hydro can recognize flows under roads.



# Thank You

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