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3-D Ecosystem Design Corridor Optimization and Construction for Risk Reduction of Ecosystem Restoration Projects"

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Presentation Outline

Introductions - RiverSHARED

1 -History and Definition 3-D

2 -MCDA and Optimization Tools

3 -RISK and Construction

4 -Beyond Current Restoration

Questions & Answers

Introductions

Who are we?

Why are we here?

Are we sharing and communicating with others?

- As an Industry Stream Restoration is in the Teenage years?
- Standards are needed for maturity in the industry?
- How do you get people to accept Standards or Rules?



Teenagers

Introductions – How did you raise or wish you raised your teenager?

- Love → Sharing
- Be an example
- Allow them to have a decision
- Listening to their concerns

Former Design Philosophy

- Connect Goals and Objectives with Design Parameters
- Understand the System – Geomorphic and Watershed Assessment
- Quantify the Risk and Uncertainty
- Restoration to set the Trajectory of Stabilization
- Work with materials on site
- Optimize the design – 3D design
- The Answer is in the River – Fieldwork
- Training and Education – Internal, Clients and Public
- Is this a Philosophy or a list of Tools?

Not Bad ... BUT, we can do better

Comparison of Philosophy and Tools

A theory or attitude held by a person or organization that acts as a guiding principle for behavior:

Philosophy

(Humans think Truth is found through)

- Nihilism – Nothing
- Existentialism – Anti-Horror
- Stoicism – Acceptance
- Hedonism – Pleasure
- Marxism – Anti-capitalist
- Positivism – Logic
- Taoism – Humility
- Rationalism – Reason
- Relativism – Perspective
- Buddhism – Suffering

Tools

(Humans use to carry out a particular function)

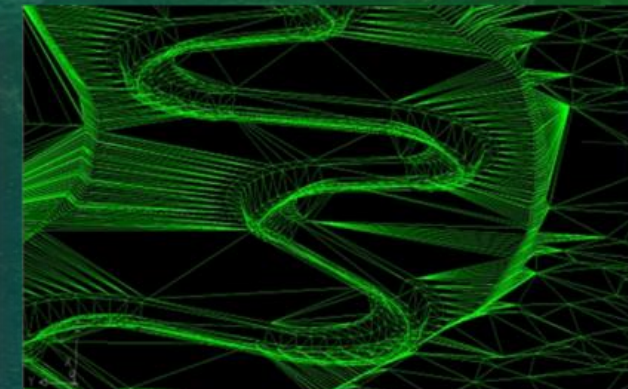
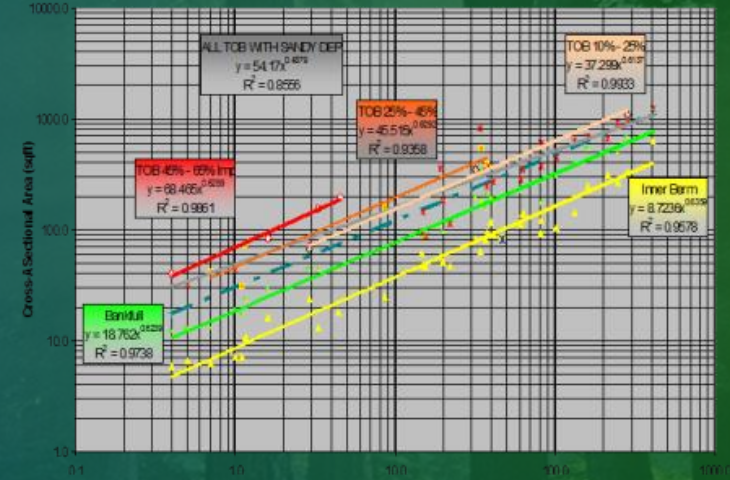
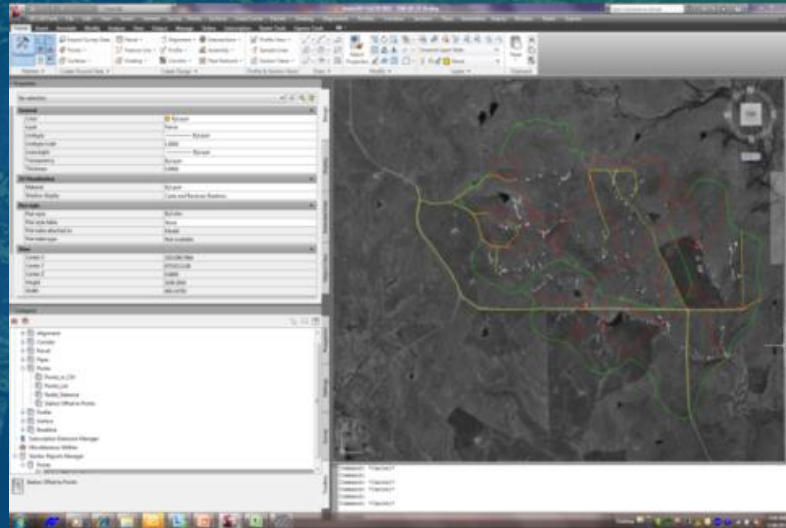
- Stage Zero Restoration
- Hay Bale Grade Control Structures
- Fly Links Ecosystem Sport
- AutoCAD 3-D design
- Beaver Dam Analogs
- Ground Based Lidar
- Functional Assessment
- Stream Quantification Tool
- Survey Grade GPS
- Innovative In-channel Structures

S.H.A.R.E.D. Philosophy

- **S**hare knowledge with humility.
- **H**ave patience and discernment for innovation.
- **A**dvocate excellence.
- **R**espect the risk and uncertainty in river systems.
- **E**mpower, challenge and question.
- **D**ocument and learn from unexpected results.

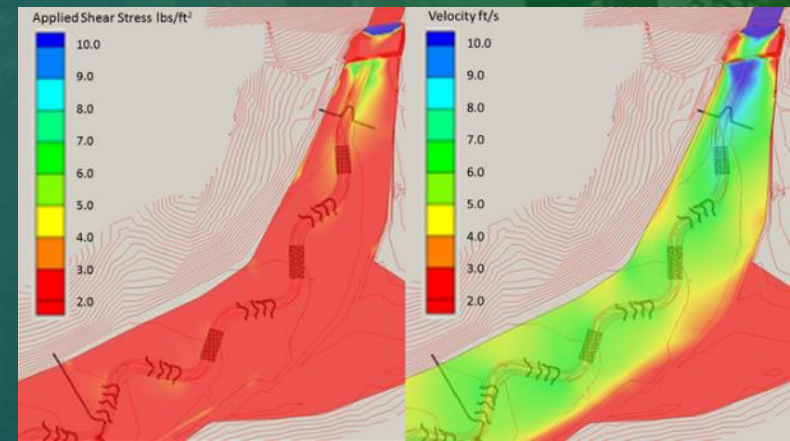
Share knowledge with humility

- Trade secrets are not good for maturing an industry, our understanding of river processes have come as a result of many other's sharing their knowledge and not keeping trade secrets.



Have patience and discernment for innovation

- Innovation is great but, we must not rush innovation or lose sight of the established processes that have led to the innovation.



Advocate excellence

Stay commitment to excellence and define excellence on all project.
Strive to promote excellence throughout the profession

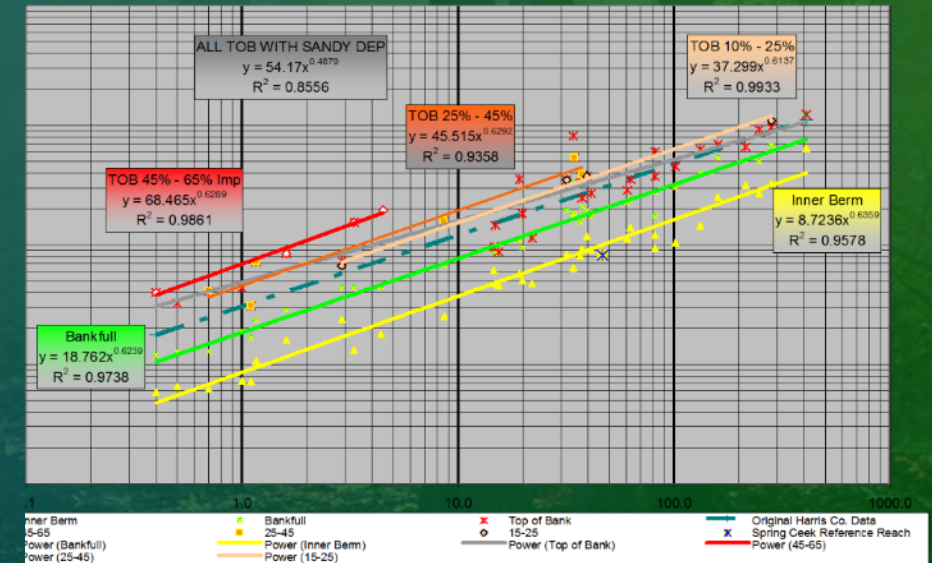


Concept Option Description	Stream Stability GOAL			Water Quality GOAL				Buffer GOAL			Linear Feet of Proposed Project	Required Fill (yd3)	Fill cost (\$10/yd3)	Preliminary Cost Estimate of Proposed Project	UNIT COST	MCDA Matrix Score	MCDA RANKING
	Stop in-stream headcutting	Self-sustaining, natural, stable stream	Stream and floodplain manage shear stresses	Improve water quality and habitat of stream	Reduce sediment deposition and supply	Improve floodplain functions of water storage and habitat	SW control feature in watershed	Improve riparian buffer	Improve riparian habitat, and aesthetics								
Tie into wetland floodplain as long as possible step down channel gradually; Higher slope at top, lower slope at bottom	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1170	6000	\$60,000	\$ 1,330,000.00	\$ 1,136.75	12	3
Option #1	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	6000	\$60,000	\$ 1,330,000.00	\$ 1,136.75	12	3
Tie into wetland floodplain as long as possible step down channel gradually; More-or-less consistent slope	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	7000	\$70,000	\$ 1,340,000.00	\$ 1,145.30	10	1
Option #2	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	7000	\$70,000	\$ 1,340,000.00	\$ 1,145.30	10	1
Stay very high and flat coming out of the wetland	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	10000	\$100,000	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 1,128.21	10	1
Option #3	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	10000	\$100,000	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 1,128.21	10	1
Lower in Wetland and then inbetween 1 and 2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	6500	\$65,000	\$ 1,335,000.00	\$ 1,141.03	12	3
Option #4	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1170	6500	\$65,000	\$ 1,335,000.00	\$ 1,141.03	12	3
Option #5	2	3	4	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1170	500	\$5,000	\$ 1,270,000.00	\$ 1,085.47	19	6
60% Design as drafted	2	3	4	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1170	500	\$5,000	\$ 1,270,000.00	\$ 1,085.47	19	6
Option #6	2	2	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1170	6000	\$60,000	\$ 1,330,000.00	\$ 1,136.75	16	5
30% Design as drafted	2	2	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1170	6000	\$60,000	\$ 1,330,000.00	\$ 1,136.75	16	5



Respect the risk and uncertainty in river systems

- Rivers are complex, the more learned about riverine/riparian systems the more that is appreciated about the complexity of these systems. Innovation and modeling can be great tools, but the answers are still in the science and observation of the river.



Empower, challenge and question

- Empower others by encouraging them to question and challenge the design and geomorphic assumptions as well as conclusions. Others include, clients, design team, reviewers, regulators, grandmothers and others.



Document and learn from unexpected results

- Rivers are complex systems that have a high degree of uncertainty and sometimes our remedial alternatives produce unexpected results. Sometimes our results are very unexpected. Document uncertainty and learn from unexpected results so that we may have a better understanding of why the unexpected result has occurred.



Revival

- Share with Others
- Creating Forums
- Build a Community
- Provide Cooperative Value for the Community
- Building Trust in the Community
- Community and Industry Relationships
- Develop Industrial Standards and Frameworks
- Improve the Resources
- Strengthen Community and Industry
- Share with Others

S.H.A.R.E.D. Philosophy

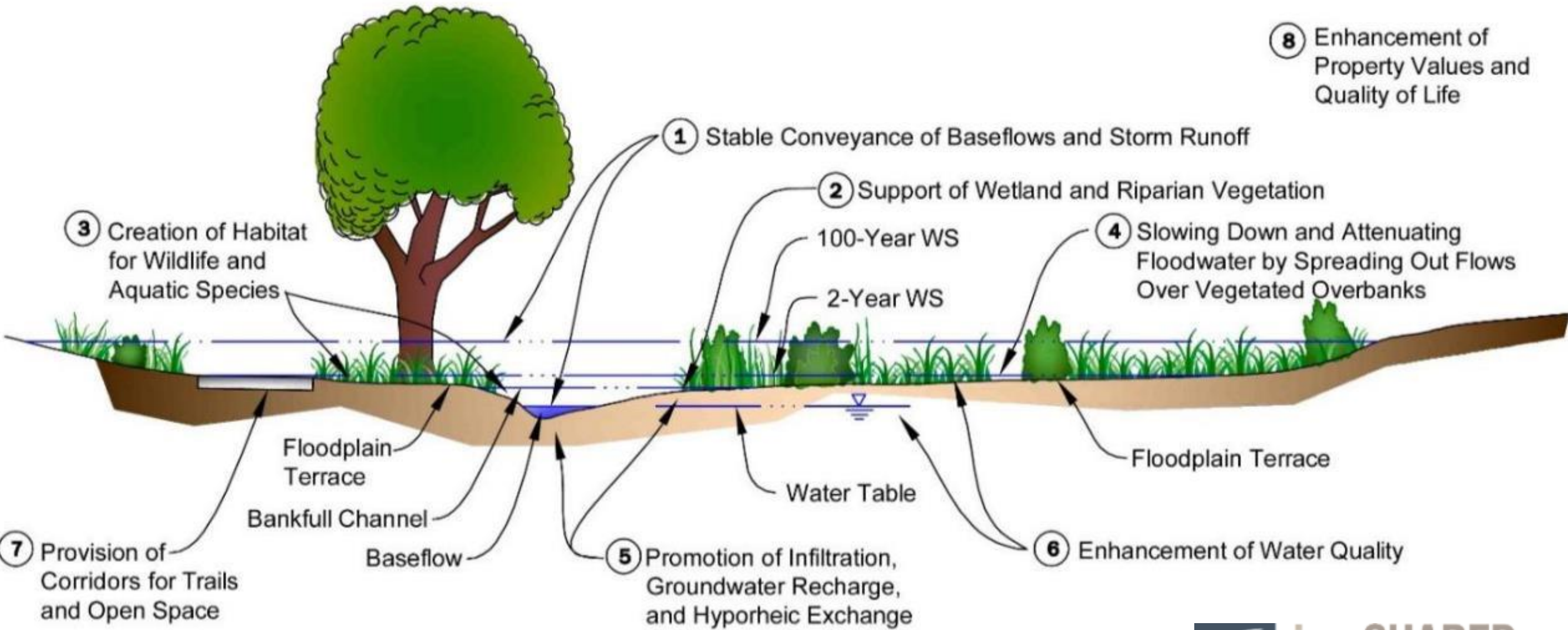
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Stream Restoration?

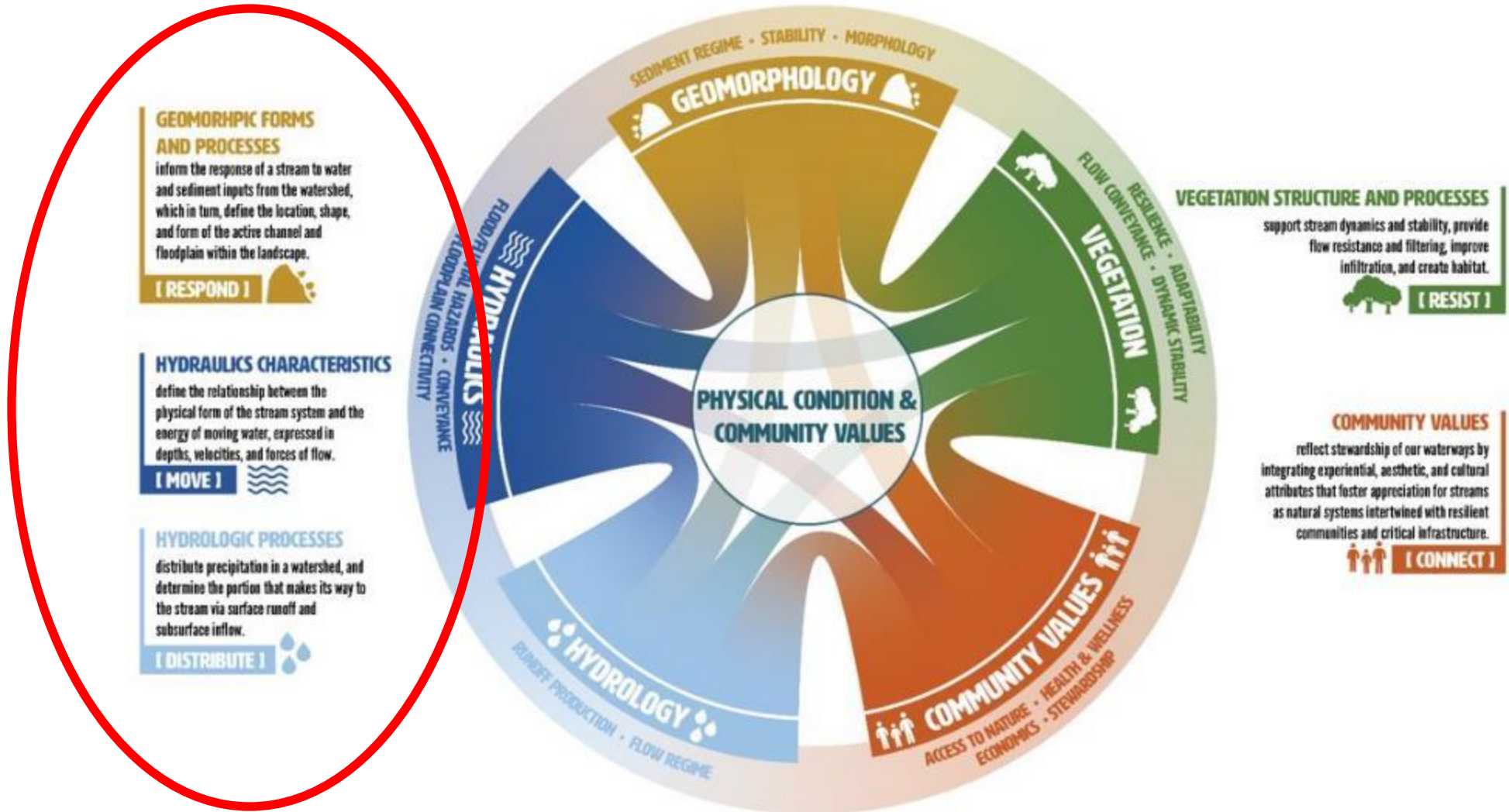
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 - Ecosystem Restoration
 - Corridor Restoration

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- Corridor Design

Functions and Characteristics of Natural Stream Corridors

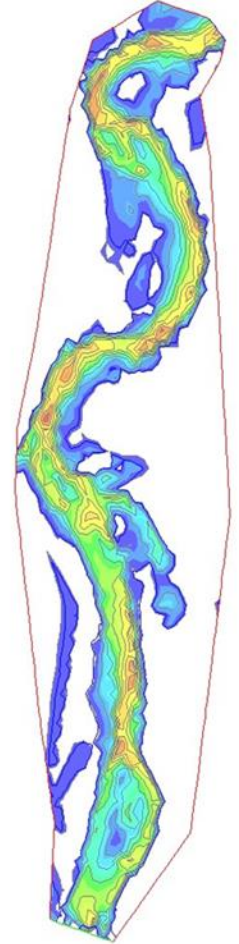
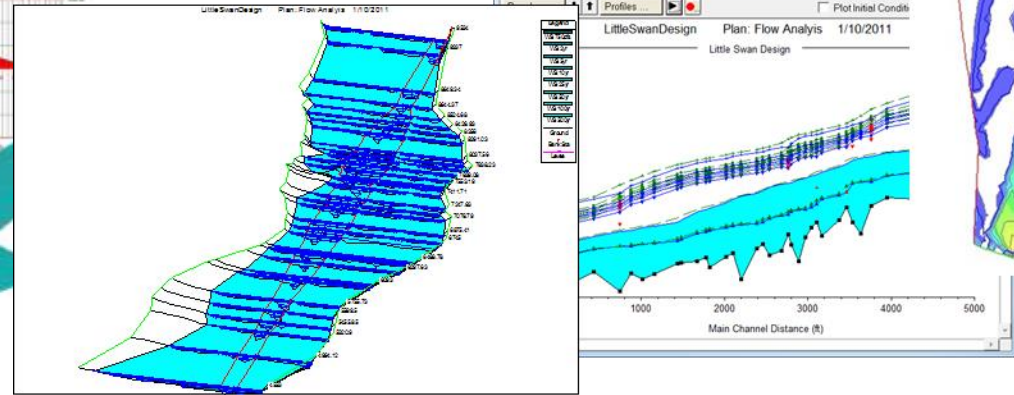
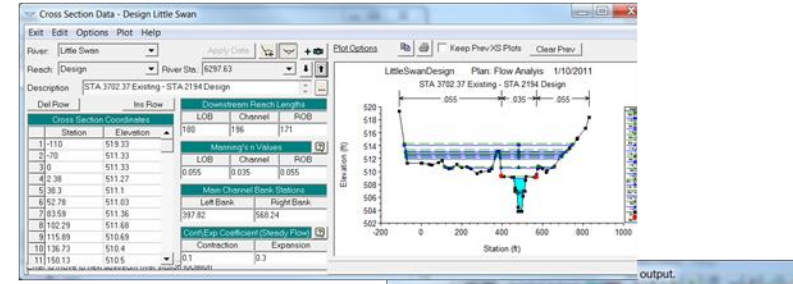
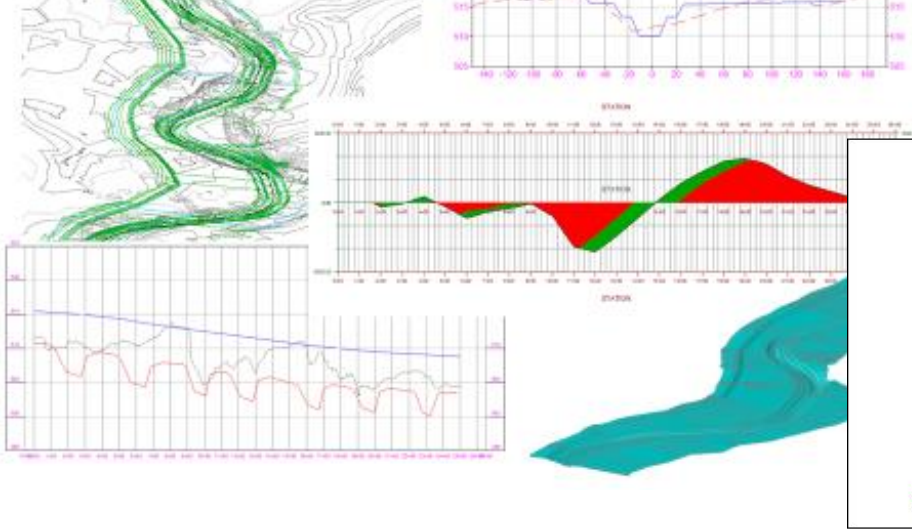
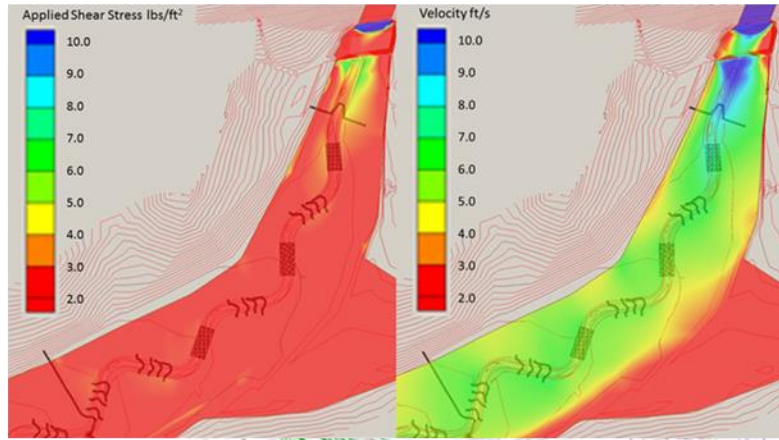


THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF URBAN STREAM FUNCTION



Colors represent each of the five elements of urban stream function and maintenance. Colored bands reflect the connections between these elements and that each element influences, and is influenced by, the other elements.

•3-D Ecosystem Corridor Design Process



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Base Mapping Geomorphic Assessment



Base Mapping

Geomorphic Assessment

- Shows current condition of the project
- Compares current condition to previous years
- Shows how stream is functioning
- Shows trends and direction
- Allows for Calculation of Variables

Base Mapping Existing Surface

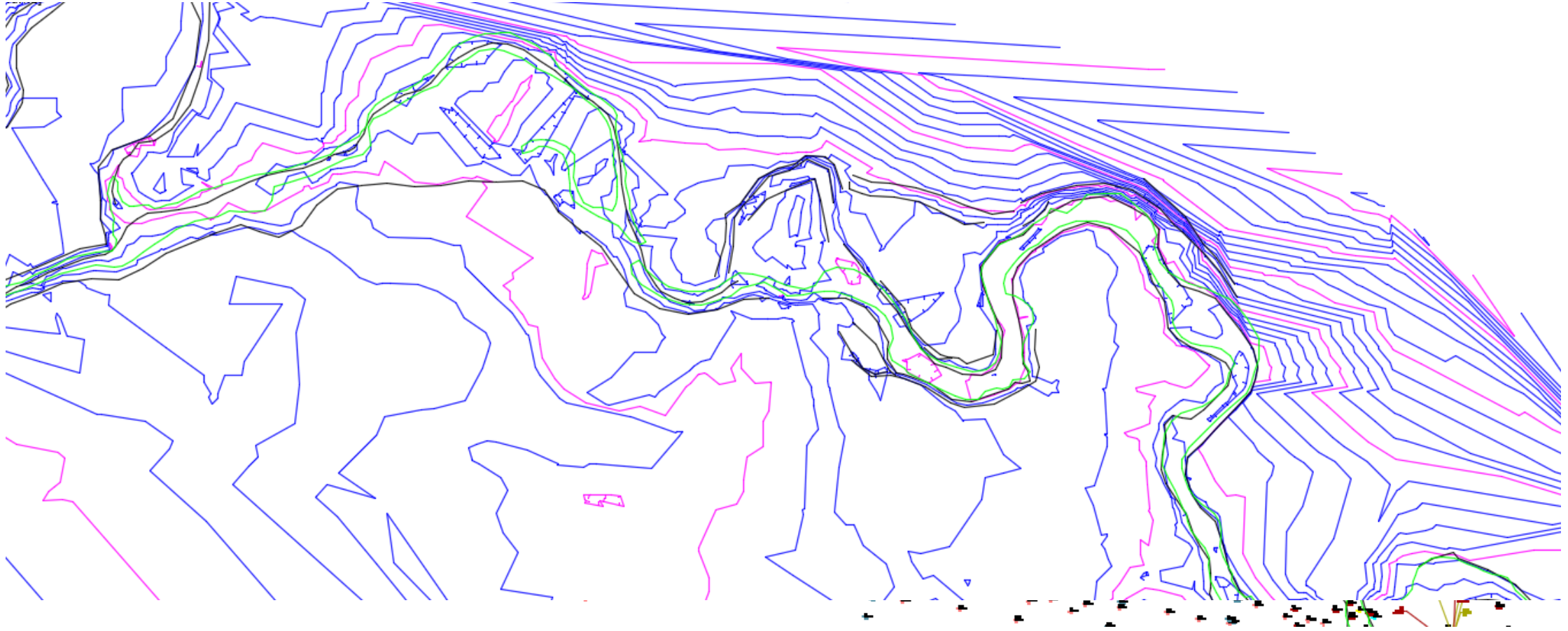
- Collect Breaklines
- Collect Ground Shots
- Use Geomorphic Data
 - Build a 3D Surface for Existing Conditions
 - Used for Design



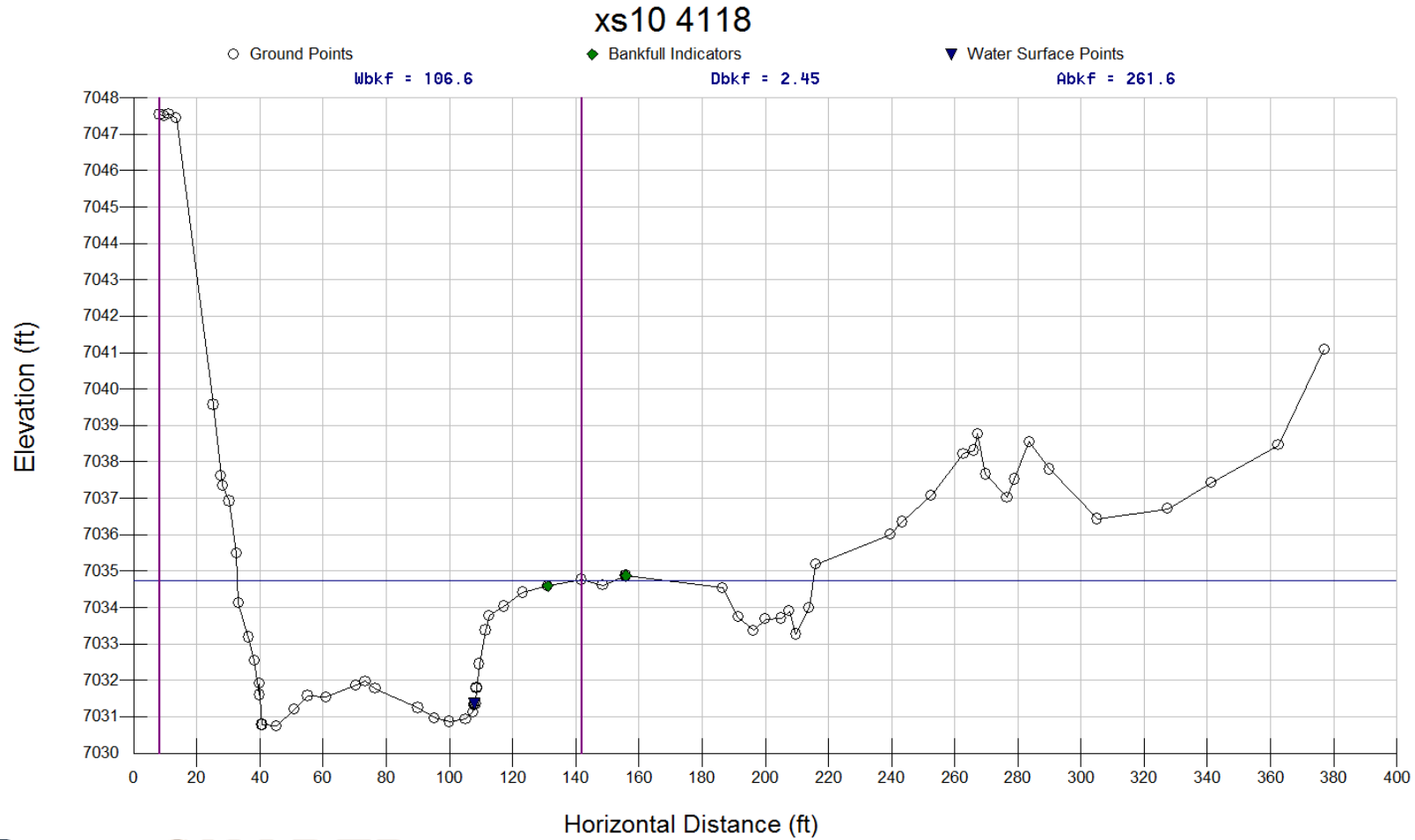
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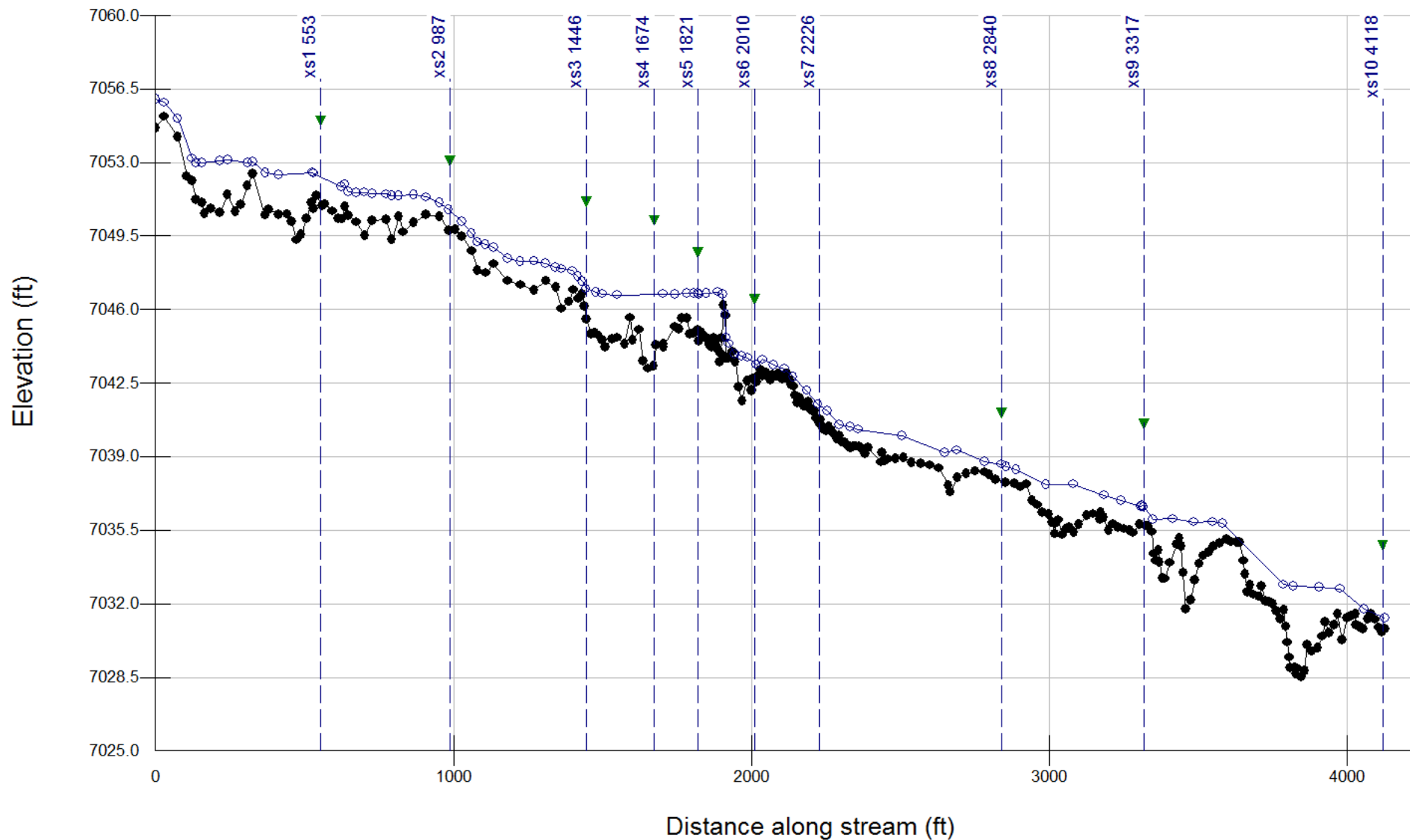
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3-D Survey Data

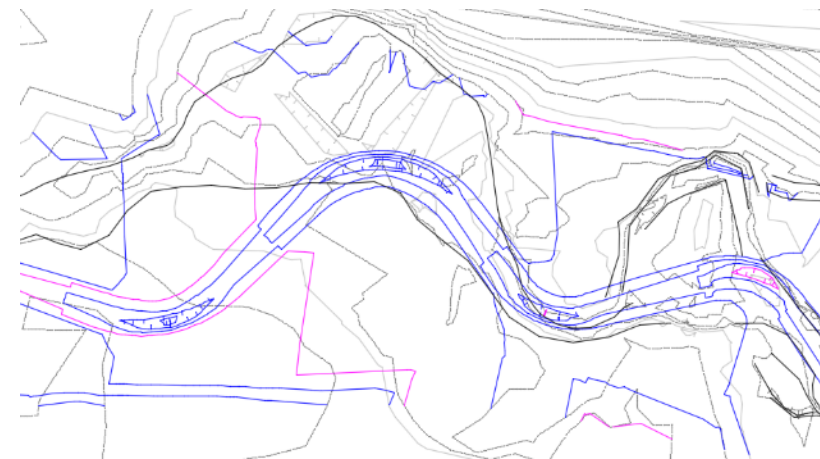
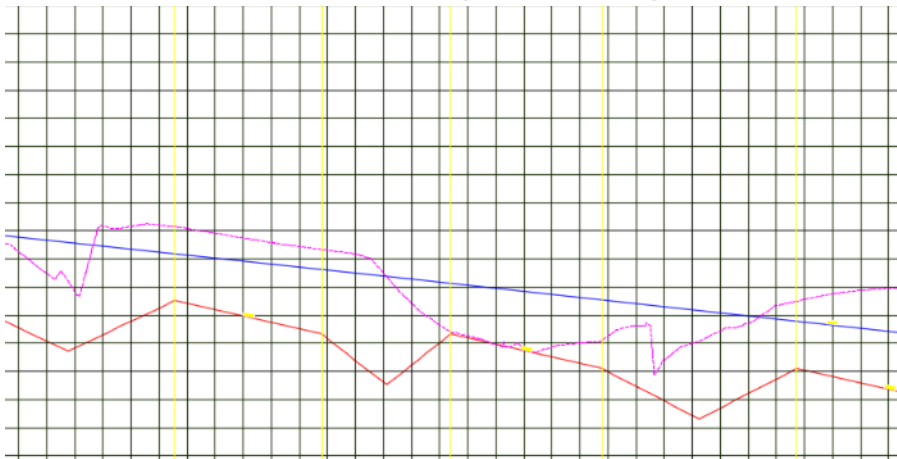
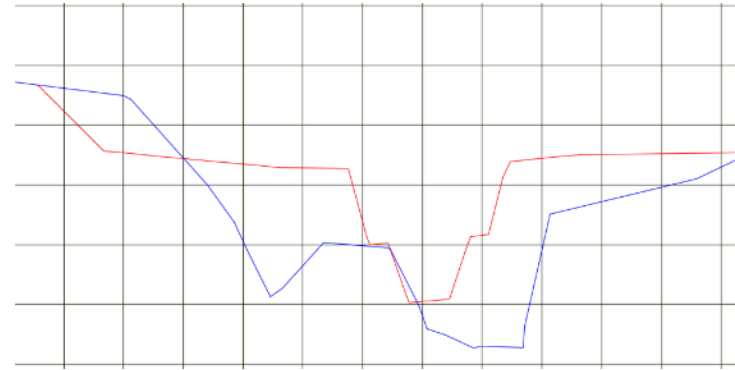


Bear River - Existing Conditions Profile

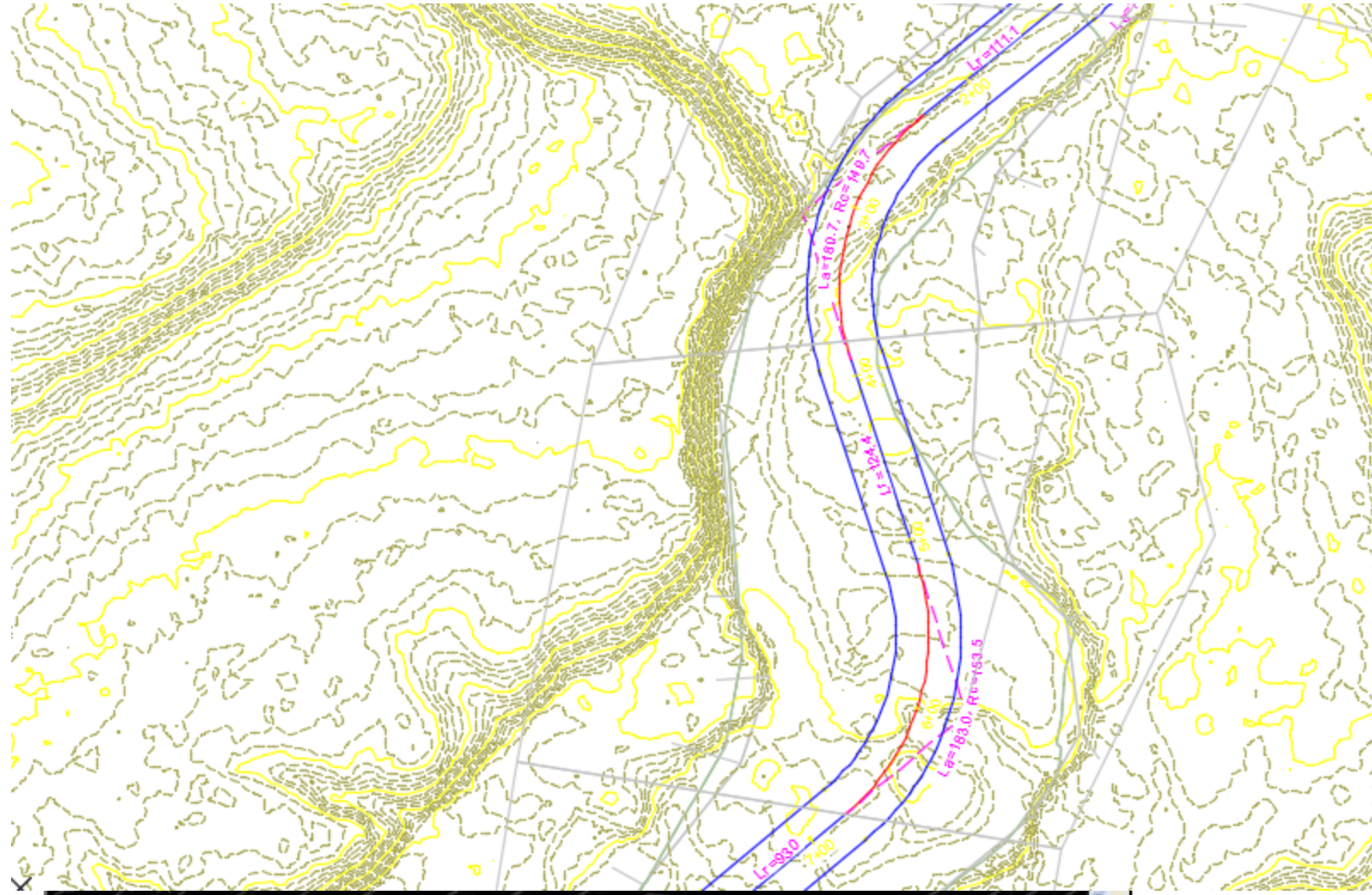


3-D Design Process

- Existing Base
- Create Alignment (1D)
- Apply Typical Cross-Sections (1D)
- Create Profile (2D)
- Create Surface from Breaklines (3D)
- Still Meeting Design Criteria



3-D Design



3-D Design

Civil 3D Stream Breaklines Program (Version 4.0)

Instructions for This Sheet: Please enter known dimensions for Riffle and Pool Cross Sections
Use the button "Press to Calculate Area" to initiate the iterative calculation.

RIFFILE X-Section	
Width/Depth	12
*Max Depth Ratio	1.5
Width	23.2
Depth	1.94
Bankfull Area	45
Riffle Side Slope	2 :1
% Low Flow Channel	30%
Low Flow Side Slopes	1 :1
Max depth	2.9
Drymain	1.586
Total Area 45.0 sqft	

POOL X-Section	
**Max Depth Ratio	2.4
Pool Max Depth	1.6
Point Bar Slopes	7 :1
***Width Ratio	1.2
Width of Pool	27.9
Point Bar Ratio	2.7
OPTIONAL POOL ADJUSTMENT	
Area of Pool	72.1
3rd Slope Pool	0 ft
4th Slope Pool	0 ft
5th Meander Bank pt	0.26 ft

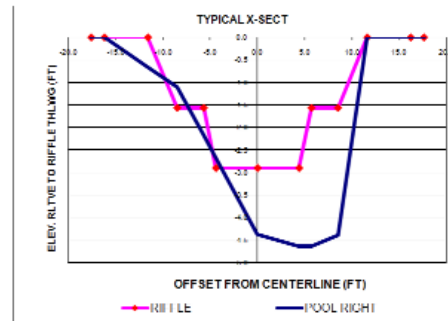
Press to Calculate Area

Verification of Calculations

OKAY The calculation of flow channel depth is okay

OKAY The calculation involving Lower Bankfull Area,

Slopes Riffle, and depth ratio is verified

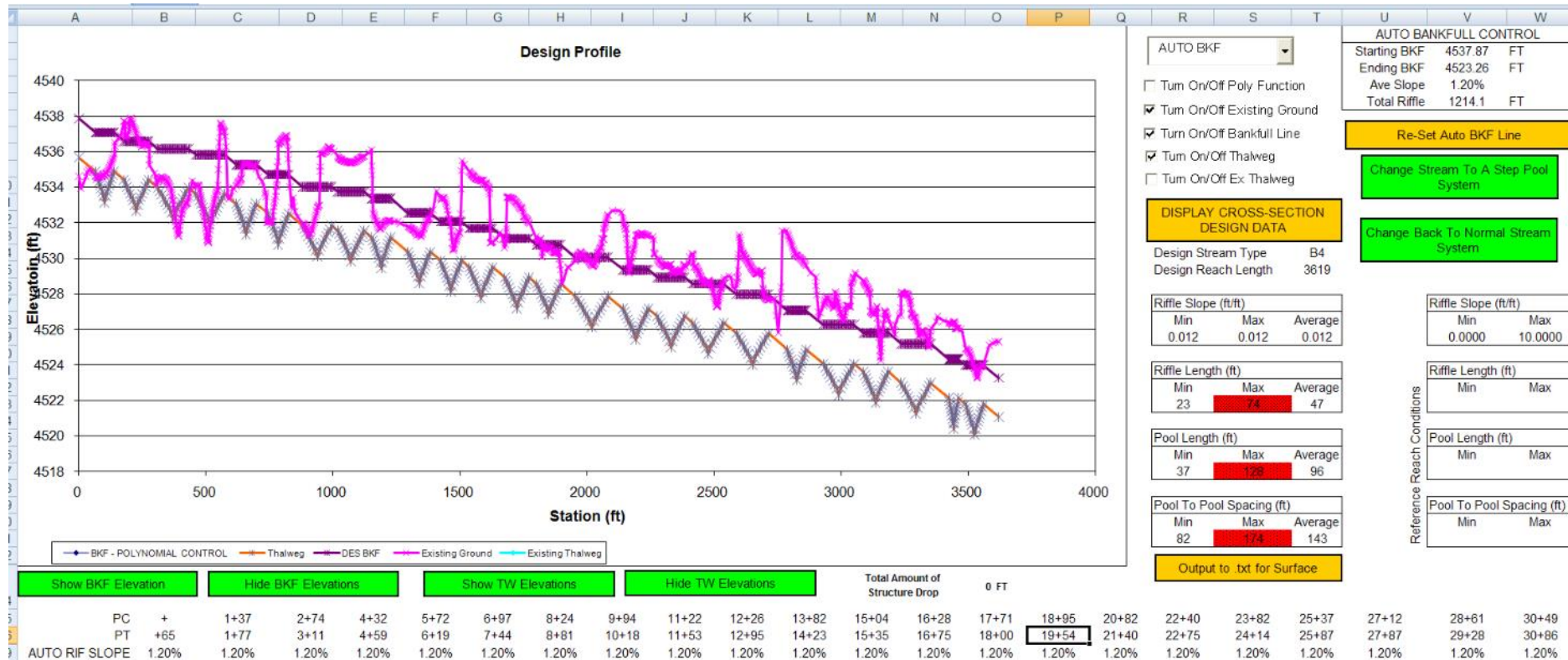


*equals Dmax/Dtkf
**equals Dpool/Dtkf
*** equals Wpool/Wtkf
Calc Q
Slope
Manning's n
Des Q

Floodplain Adjustment	
540.67	Slope Channel to Des Q
0.033	
0.035	
200	

Riffle Dimensions	Pool Dimensions	Run Dimensions	Glide Dimensions	Step Dimensions	
Channel Pattern	Sinuosity & Slope	Floodplain Dim.	Degree of Inclination	Facet Slopes	
Max Depth	Channel Materials	Channel Hydraulics	Comp. & Capacity	Bank Erosion	
Existing Reach Stream & Location: Cottonwood Creek, Montana					
Entry Number & Variable	Existing Reach	Proposed Design Reach	Reference Reach		
Riffle Dimensions	6 Riffle Width, ft (W_{Rd})	Mean: 39.3 Min: 35.7 Max: 42.9	Mean: 24.0 Min: 23.4 Max: 24.5	Mean: 29.4 Min: 27.7 Max: 31.1	
	7 Riffle Mean Depth, ft (d_{Rd})	Mean: 2.32 Min: 1.66 Max: 2.97	Mean: 1.46 Min: 1.43 Max: 1.50	Mean: 1.79 Min: 1.77 Max: 1.81	
	8 Riffle Width/Depth Ratio (W_{Rd}/d_{Rd})	Mean: 18.8 Min: 12.0 Max: 25.6	Mean: 16.4 Min: 15.7 Max: 17.2	Mean: 16.4 Min: 15.7 Max: 17.2	
	9 Riffle Cross-Sectional Area, ft ² (A_{Rd})	Mean: 88.6 Min: 71.0 Max: 106.3	Mean: 35.0	Mean: 52.8 Min: 49.1 Max: 56.4	
	10 Riffle Maximum Depth (d_{Rd1})	Mean: 2.91 Min: 2.57 Max: 3.24	Mean: 2.18 Min: 2.15 Max: 2.21	Mean: 2.67 Min: 2.63 Max: 2.71	
	11 Riffle Maximum Depth to Riffle Mean Depth (d_{Rd1}/d_{Rd})	Mean: 1.254 Min: 1.108 Max: 1.397	Mean: 1.492 Min: 1.469 Max: 1.514	Mean: 1.492 Min: 1.469 Max: 1.514	
	12 Width of Flood-Prone Area at Elevation of 2 * d_{Rd1} , ft (W_{FPA})	Mean: 144.0 Min: 107.0 Max: 182.0	Mean: 142.0 Min: 100.0 Max: 185.0	Mean: 242.5 Min: 185.0 Max: 360.0	
	13 Entrenchment Ratio (W_{FPA}/W_{Rd})	Mean: 3.7 Min: 2.7 Max: 4.6	Mean: 5.9 Min: 4.3 Max: 7.5	Mean: 8.2 Min: 6.3 Max: 11.6	
		Mean: 25.9	Mean: 19.4	Mean: 23.8	

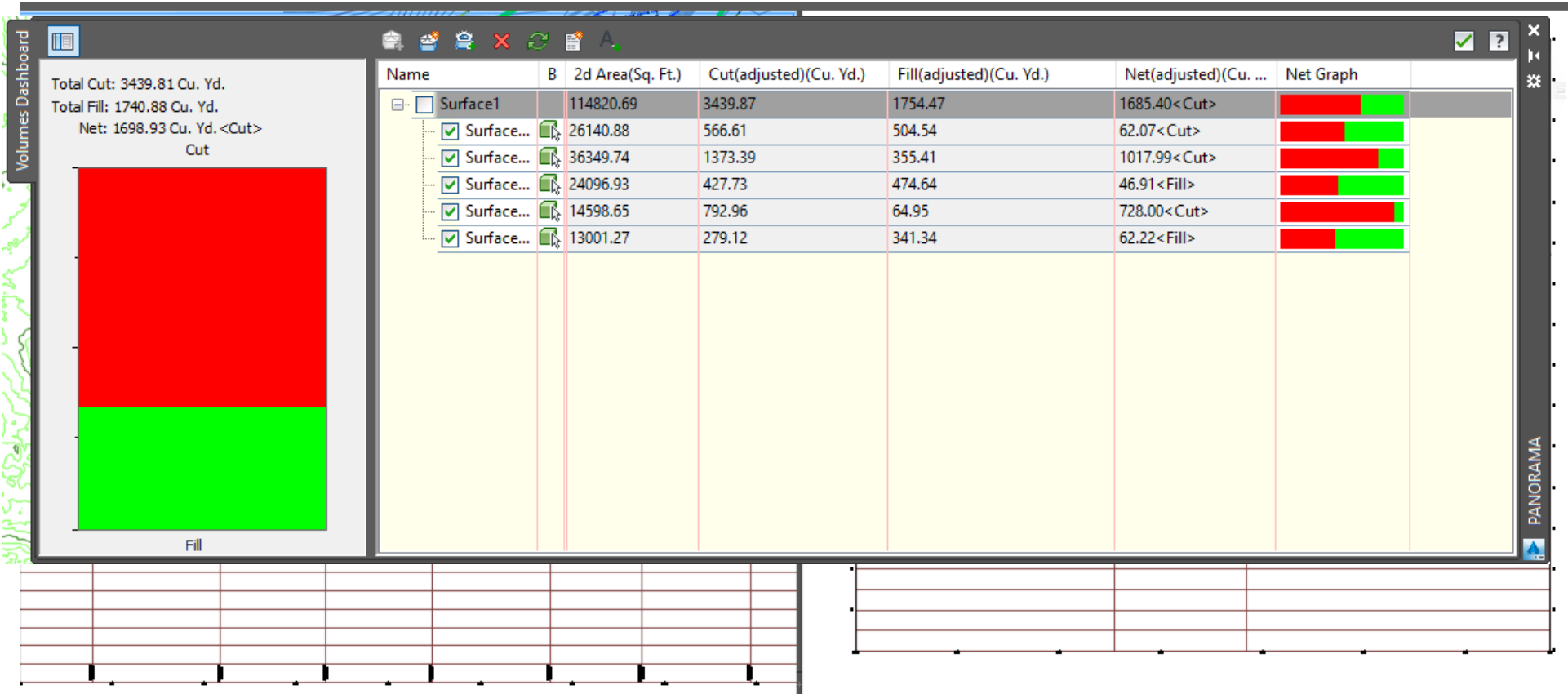
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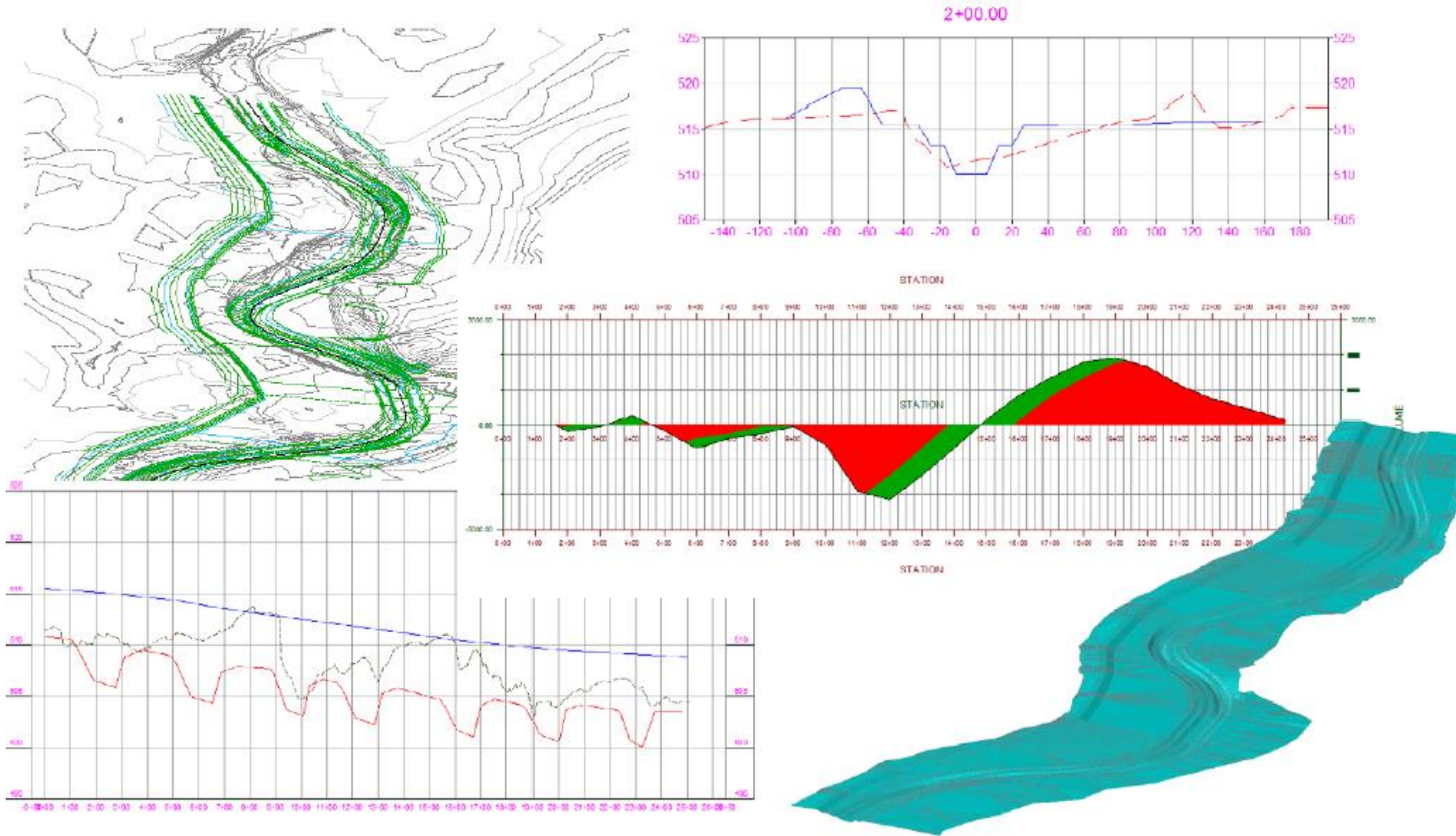
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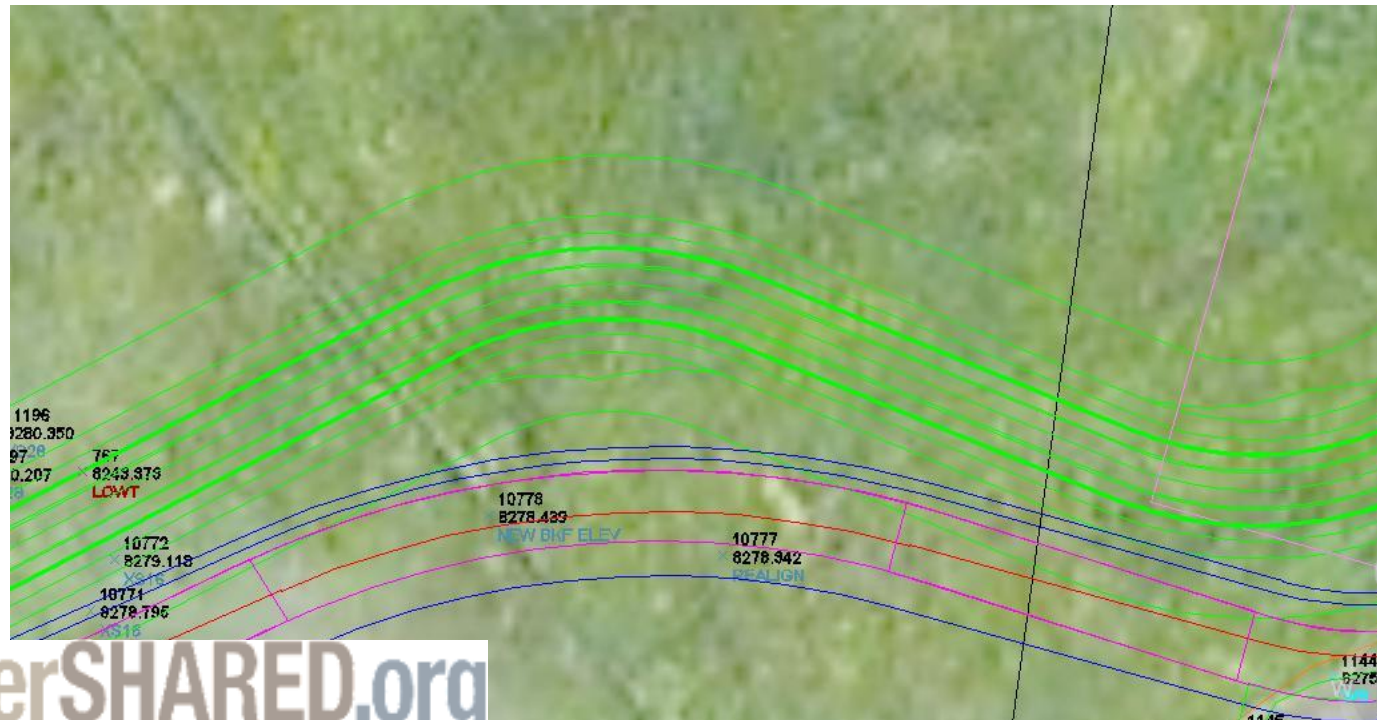


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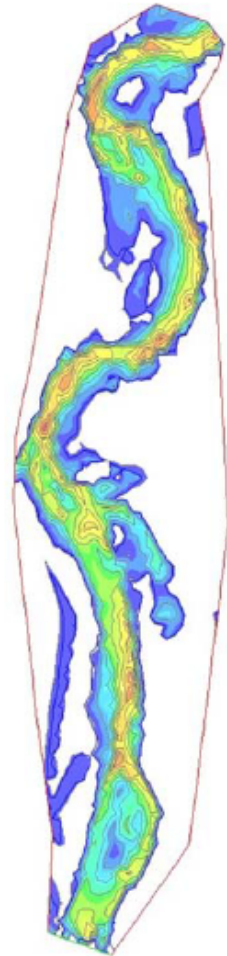
3-D Design

- 30% Design
 - Walk Site – Additional Data
 - Review - Material on Site? Constraints?
 - Re-Adjust Design



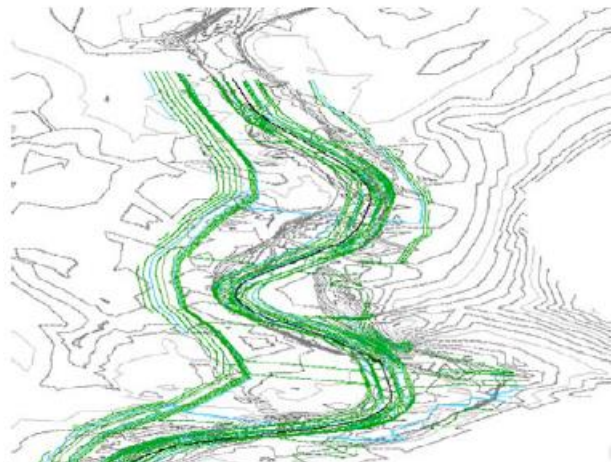
3-D Design

- Engineering to Check and Design
 - Sediment, Backwater, Velocity, & Shear Stress
- HEC-RAS Limitations
 - 1-D only
 - cannot model actual flow around bends, in constrictions, or other 2-D, 3-D flows
 - cannot model channel-floodplain interactions



3-D Design

Optimization



- Hydraulic Modeling is Not Limited
- Grading is a Major Construction Cost
- Easier to Create Design Revisions and Iterations
- Assist in Construction Stakeout
- GPS Guided Construction Equipment
- Local Balanced based on equipment and site conditions

- Good Check for On-site Stupidity During Construction

3-D Construction

- Limited Construction Stakes
- As-built Conditions Surveyed During Construction
- Efficient Digging



3-D Ecosystem Corridor Design vs. Ecosystem Restoration





What is Ecosystem Restoration?

The Game Show

Add Tools









































Limiting Factors Analysis for a Successful River Restoration Project

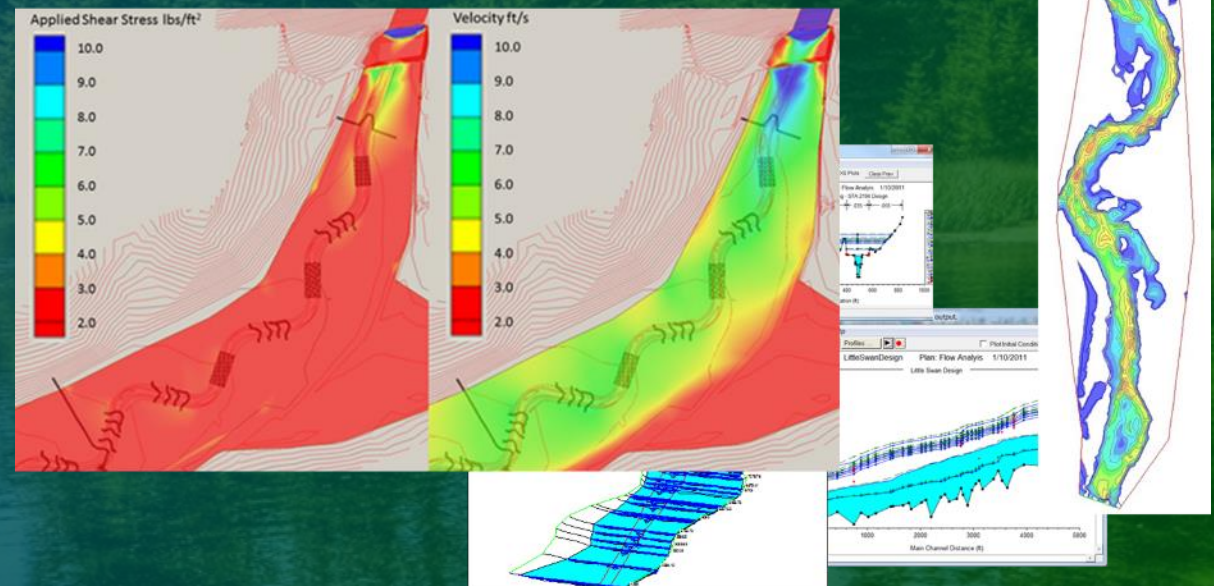
- Lack of Knowledge
- Lack of Communication
 - Mixed messages
 - Jargon
 - Personalities
 - Poor Documentation
 - Muddled messages
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 - Poor Documentation
 - Mute messages
 - Insecurities
 - Time

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Engineering Jargon

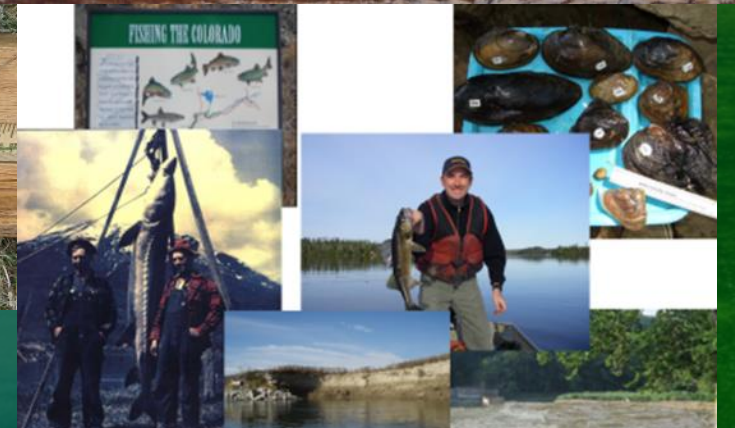
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- Bankfull
- Shear Stress
- Risk Analysis
- Unit Stream Power
- Radius of Curvature
- Meander Width Ratio
- Stream Type
- J-Hook
- Flood Recurrence
- Thalweg
- BEHI/NBS
- Reynolds – Near-bed
- NCD



Biological Jargon

- Jargon: Special words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group and are difficult for others to understand.
 - Nitrogenous Waste
 - Spawning Gravels
 - Chemical Treatment
 - Cottonwood Recruitment
 - Detritus
 - Invertebrates
 - Thalweg
 - Trophic Level
 - Drift
 - Riffle



MCDA Jargon

- Michigan Cannabis Development Association
- Maine Career Development Association
- Multnomah County District Attorney
- Military and Civil Defense Assets

- Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis
 - Goal: An overarching principle that guides decision making
 - Habitat Improvement
 - Objective: Are specific, measurable steps that can be taken to meet a goal.
 - 50% increase in pool depth to provide cover for fish
 - Criteria: Objective based variable scale as compared with other alternatives
 - Depth of pool cover post construction



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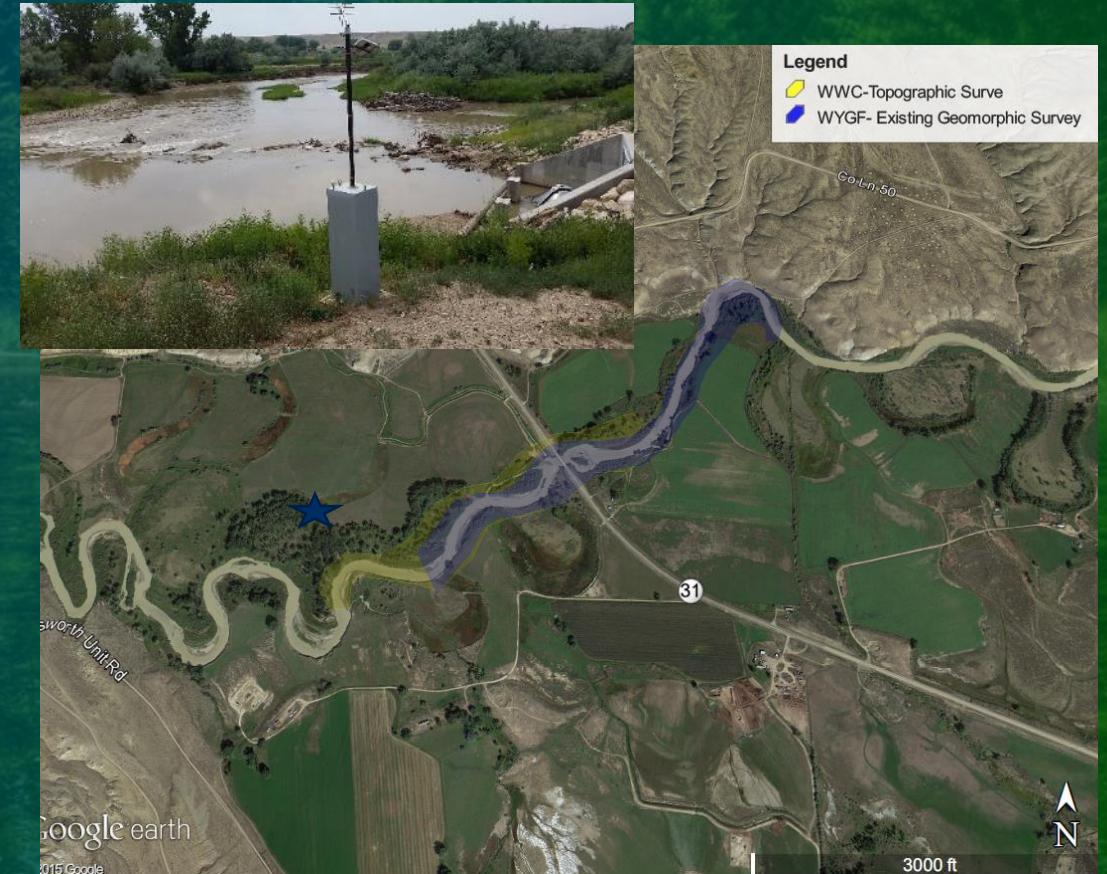
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Goals

1. Provide year-round fish passage at the Harmony Diversion site (except for when a call is placed on the river) for all species of fish that occupy the Nowood and Bighorn Rivers;
 - a. Specifically shovelnose sturgeon and sauger;
2. Provide reliable supply of irrigation water for ditch user at all discharges;
3. Design and construct an improved instream diversion that can divert the entire river if needed during a call and minimizes instream maintenance;
 - a. Designs can in no way compromise the integrity of the existing highway bridge that is upstream of the diversion site.
4. Improve transport of sediment and debris through diversion to avoid entry into headgate/screening structure;
5. Any design should be able to withstand significance ice flow events.

Objectives

1. Designs that leave the channel open and in a more natural state are preferred over designs that rely on a fish ladder to provide fish passage.
2. Designs must allow the landowner to take all flow (no more than 1-3 cfs can flow past the diversion) if the landowner has to put a call on the river.
3. If a fishway were to be considered: Fishway attraction flow of 2-4 ft/s within thalweg of channel and flow depths of 4 ft or more. Fishway passage velocity of 3-4 ft/s is preferred for shovelnose, but shovelnoses have negotiated velocities between 0.8 - 6.0 ft/s (White 2002).
4. New headgate structure and ISI cone shaped fish screens are designed for 40 cfs (20 cfs each screen). The irrigator holds senior water rights which can result in putting a call on the river, so Joyce can receive his water. The State Engineer requires him to divert all water from the river with only 1-3 cfs leaking through.
5. Somehow design an instream structure that will not be a complete dam or barrier. I feel that being in the fish passage program our goals are to remove dams, not to be constructing them. Maybe still look at using an Obermeyer weir. Construct a new structure that requires less maintenance and man hours for the landowner/irrigator.
6. Come up with a design that WYDOT will okay, since their bridge is about 55 ft upstream of the diversion site.



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Advocate excellence

- Use a Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) tool to define Excellence based on Goals and Objectives

Option	Concept Option Description	Low Flow Diversion	Fish Passage Concept	Fish Passage GOAL				Water Delivery and Reliability GOAL				LOW RISK GOAL			Morphology GOAL			Linear Feet of Proposed Project	Preliminary Cost Estimate of Proposed Project	UNIT COST	MCDA Matrix Score	MCDA RANKING	
				100% Fish Passage	Natural Looking Channel	Velocity Flows and Turbidity	Pushup Dam	% of the flow of Fall is	Limiting Turbidity	Pushup Dam	Intentional Sediment	Increase in Future	Reliability	Increase of Embanking	Upstream to Bridge	Process	Lat. Trial Bank Migration						Sustainable Sediment Transport Balance
				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1
Option #1	Concrete Dam with Bypass	Pushup Dam at Low Flow	Bypass Natural Channel	1	5	1	5	1	1	4	5	5	5	5	5	200	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	48	10			
Option #2	Natural Channel Design Dam with Large Step-Pools with Bypass	Pushup Dam at Low Flow at Designed Glide	Bypass Natural Channel	1	4	1	5	1	1	5	5	5	4	4	5	1000	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700.00	46	9			
Option #3	Natural Channel Design Channel Downstream	Pushup Dam at Low Flow at Designed Glide	Natural Channel Main Reach	1	2	1	4	1	1	4	4	4	4	2	3	5000	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 220.00	35	6			
Option #4	Natural Channel Design Channel Balance Profile Upstream and Downstream	Pushup Dam at Low Flow	Natural Channel Main Reach	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	1	2	3000	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 220.00	26	3			
Option #5	Change of Point of Diversion with Culvert under Bridge	Pushup Dam at Low Flow Upstream	Existing Channel	2	4	2	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	200	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	33	4			
Option #6	Culvert under Road ~700ft west of north of the Bridge	Pushup Dam at Low Flow Upstream	Existing Channel	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	200	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	25	2			
Option #7	Fabric Inflatable Dam with Bypass or Fishway	Fabric Dam at Low Flow	Fishway or Engineered Bypass	2	5	1	3	2	2	4	3	3	3	4	200	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	38	8				
Option #8	Do Nothing but Lower Fish Screens	Pushup Dam at Low Flow	Existing Channel	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	1	2	1	4	3	200	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 500.00	35	6			
Option #9	Do Nothing	Pushup Dam at Low Flow	Existing Channel	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	1	2	1	4	3	200	\$ -	\$ -	34	5			
Option #10	Replace Bridge in addition to Option 3 and Upstream Channel Adjustments	Pushup Dam at Low Flow		1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	200	\$ 2,600,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	18	1			

Criteria Weighting Factors

Options

Components of MCDA tool



Flooding to Downstream County Road	No Increase Risk		Water Quality GOAL				Buffer GOAL		MCDA Matrix Score	MCDA RANKING
	Dam Failure	Upstream flooding	Improve water quality and habitat of stream	Reduce sediment deposition and supply	Improve floodplain functions of water storage and habitat	SW control feature in watershed	Minimize impacts to wetland vegetation	Improve riparian buffer functions of stability, habitat, and aesthetics		
2	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1		
1	1	1	5	5	5	5	2	2	82	5
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#6

Document and learn from unexpected results

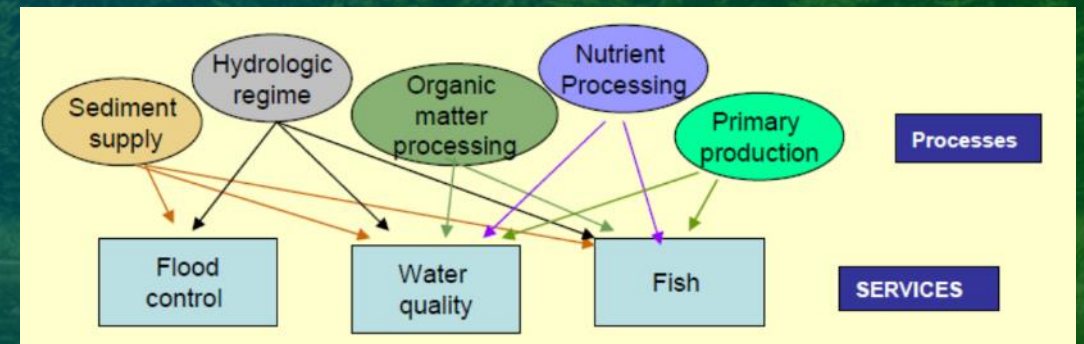
- Always define Goals and Objectives with stakeholders and allow for flexibility in the MCDA Documentation

Goals

1. Provide year-round fish passage at the Harmony Diversion site (except for when a call is placed on the river) for all species of fish that occupy the Nowood and Bighorn Rivers;
 - a. Specifically shovelnose sturgeon and sauger;
2. Provide reliable supply of irrigation water for ditch user at all discharges;
3. Design and construct an improved instream diversion that can divert the entire river if needed during a call and minimizes instream maintenance;
 - a. Designs can in no way compromise the integrity of the existing highway bridge that is upstream of the diversion site.
4. Improve transport of sediment and debris through diversion to avoid entry into headgate/screening structure;
5. Any design should be able to withstand significance ice flow events.

Objectives

1. Designs that leave the channel open and in a more natural state are preferred over designs that rely on a fish ladder to provide fish passage.
2. Designs must allow the landowner to take all flow (no more than 1-3 cfs can flow past the diversion) if the landowner has to put a call on the river.
3. If a fishway were to be considered: Fishway attraction flow of 2-4 ft/s within thalweg of channel and flow depths of 4 ft or more. Fishway passage velocity of 3-4 ft/s is preferred for shovelnose, but shovelnoses have negotiated velocities between 0.8 - 6.0 ft/s (White 2002).
4. New headgate structure and ISI cone shaped fish screens are designed for 40 cfs (20 cfs each screen). The irrigator holds senior water rights which can result in putting a call on the river, so Joyce can receive his water. The State Engineer requires him to divert all water from the river with only 1-3 cfs leaking through.
5. Somehow design an instream structure that will not be a complete dam or barrier. I feel that being in the fish passage program our goals are to remove dams, not to be constructing them. Maybe still look at using an Obermeyer weir. Construct a new structure that requires less maintenance and man hours for the landowner/irrigator.
6. Come up with a design that WYDOT will okay, since their bridge is about 55 ft upstream of the diversion site.

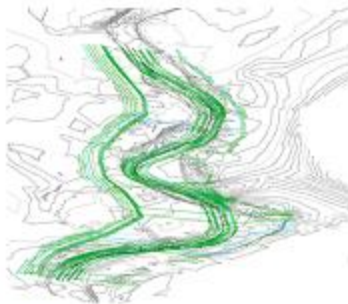


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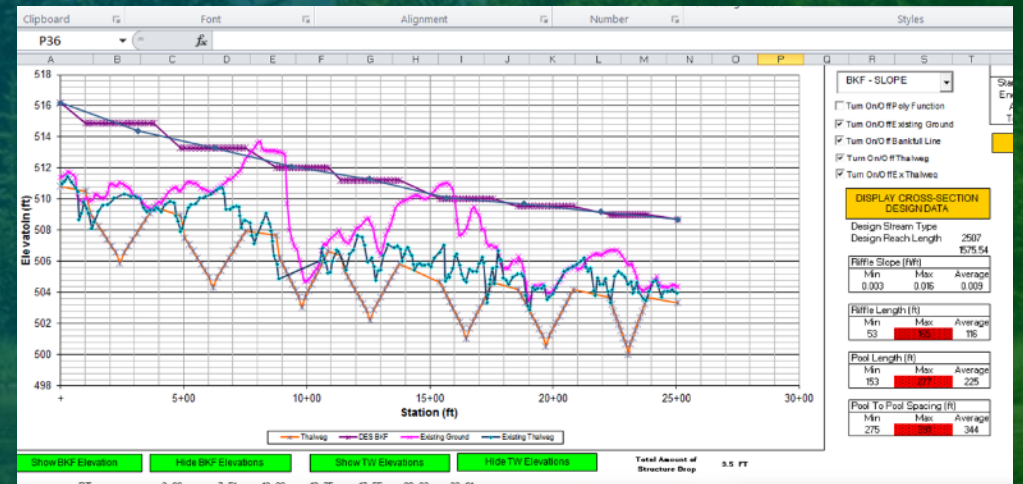
Advocate excellence

• 3-D Design Optimization based on MCDA and Goals and Objectives

Optimization



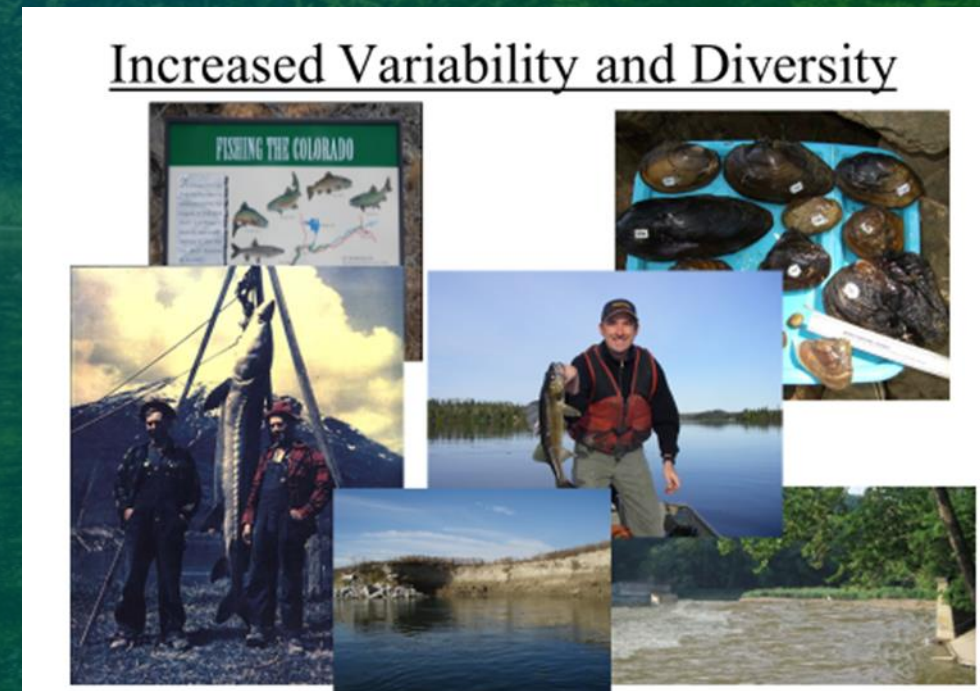
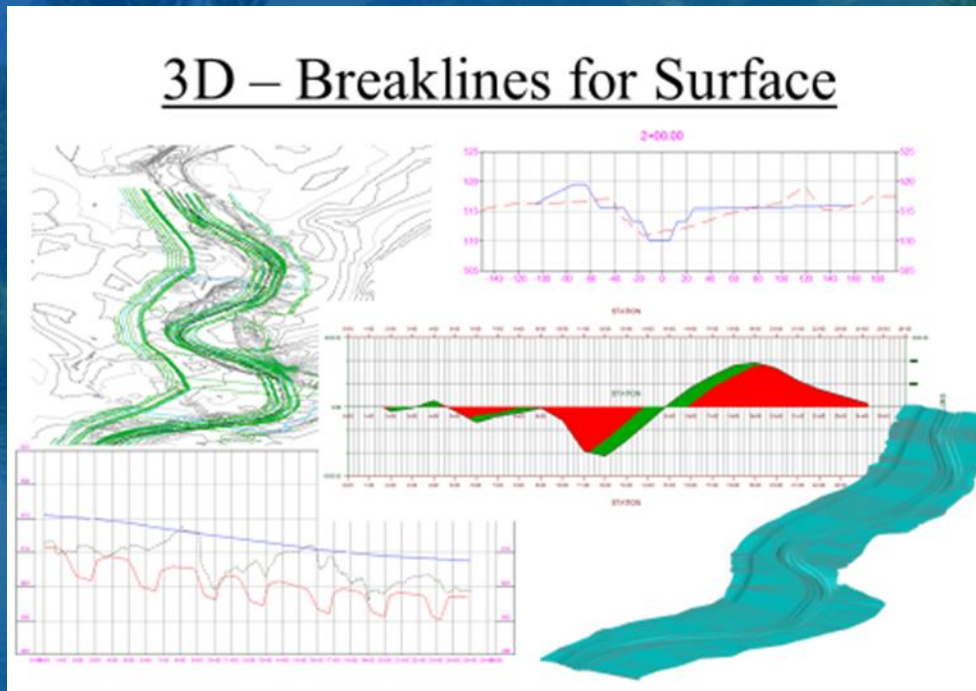
- Hydraulic Modeling is Not Limited
- Easier to Create Design Revisions and Iterations
- Assist in Construction Stakeout
- GPS Guided Construction Equipment
- Good Check for On-site Stupidity During Construction



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- 3-D Design Optimization based on MCDA and Goals and Objectives



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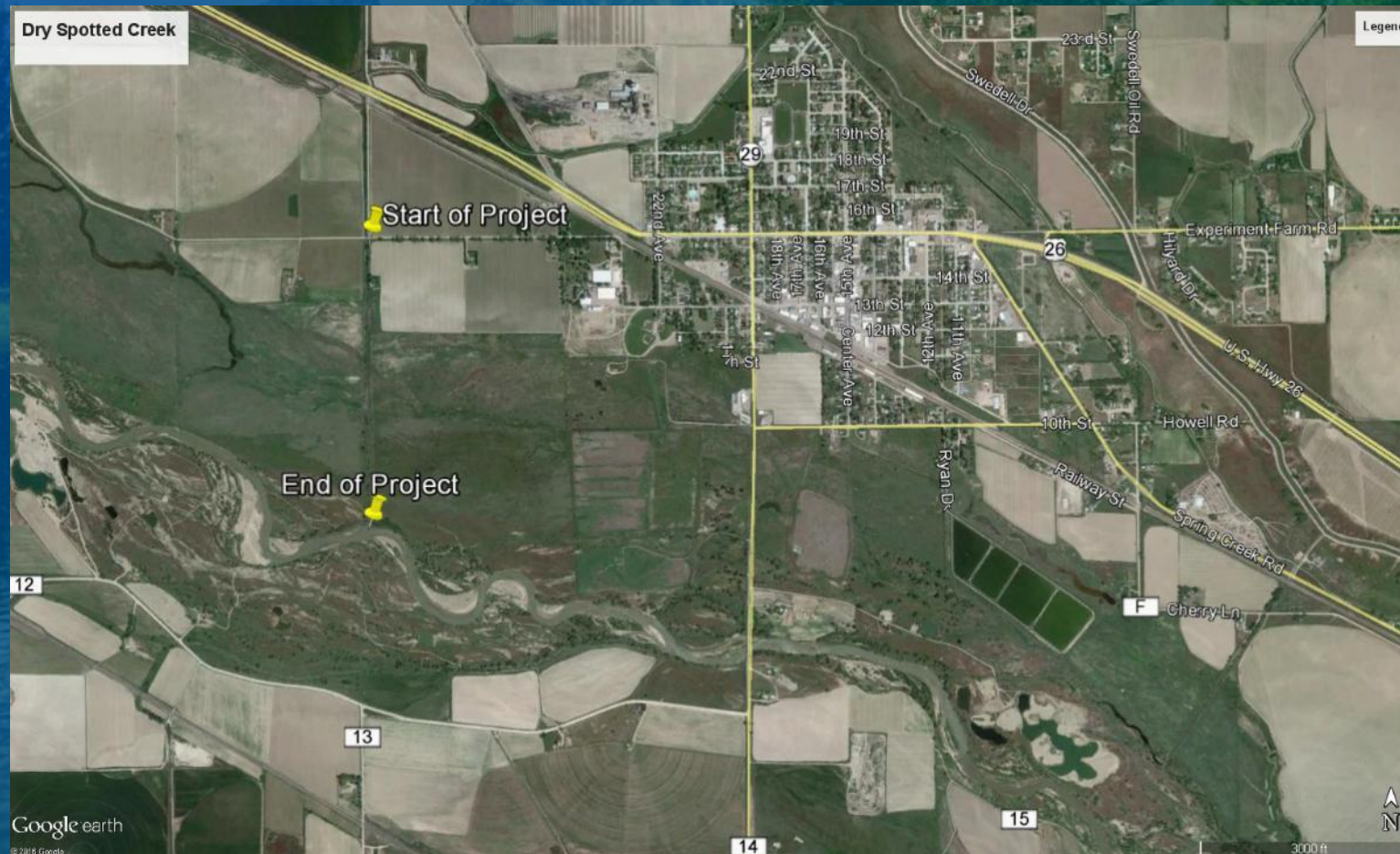
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3-D Design Optimization based on MCDA and Goals and Objectives

		Stream Stability GOAL			Water Quality GOAL				Buffer GOAL		Linear Feet of Proposed Project	Required Fill (yd3)	Fill cost (\$10/yd3)	Preliminary Cost Estimate of Proposed Project	UNIT COST	MCDA Matrix Score	MCDA RANKING
		Stop in-stream headcutting	Self-sustaining, natural, stable stream	Stream and floodplain manage shear stresses	Improve water quality and habitat of stream	Reduce sediment deposition and supply	Improve floodplain functions of water storage and habitat	SW control feature in watershed	Minimize impacts to wetland vegetation	Improve riparian buffer functions of stability, habitat, and aesthetics							
Concept	Option Description	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1							
Option #1	Tie into wetland floodplain as long as possible step down channel gradually; Higher slope at top, lower slope at bottom	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1170	6000	\$60,000	\$ 1,330,000.00	\$ 1,136.75	12	3
Option #2	Tie into wetland floodplain as long as possible step down channel gradually; More-or-less consistent slope	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1170	7000	\$70,000	\$ 1,340,000.00	\$ 1,145.30	10	1
Option #3	Stay very high and flat coming out of the wetland	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1170	10000	\$100,000	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 1,128.21	10	1
Option #4	Lower in Wetland and then in between 1 and 2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1170	6500	\$65,000	\$ 1,335,000.00	\$ 1,141.03	12	3
Option #5	60% Design as drafted	2	3	4	1	1	1	0	2	1	1170	500	\$5,000	\$ 1,270,000.00	\$ 1,085.47	19	6
Option #6	30% Design as drafted	2	2	3	1	1	2	0	2	1	1170	6000	\$60,000	\$ 1,330,000.00	\$ 1,136.75	16	5
Option #7	Do Nothing	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	3	4	1170	0	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	37	7

Example Project – Demonstration Coldwater Fishery

- Dry Spotted Creek, Mitchell NE Tributary to NPR



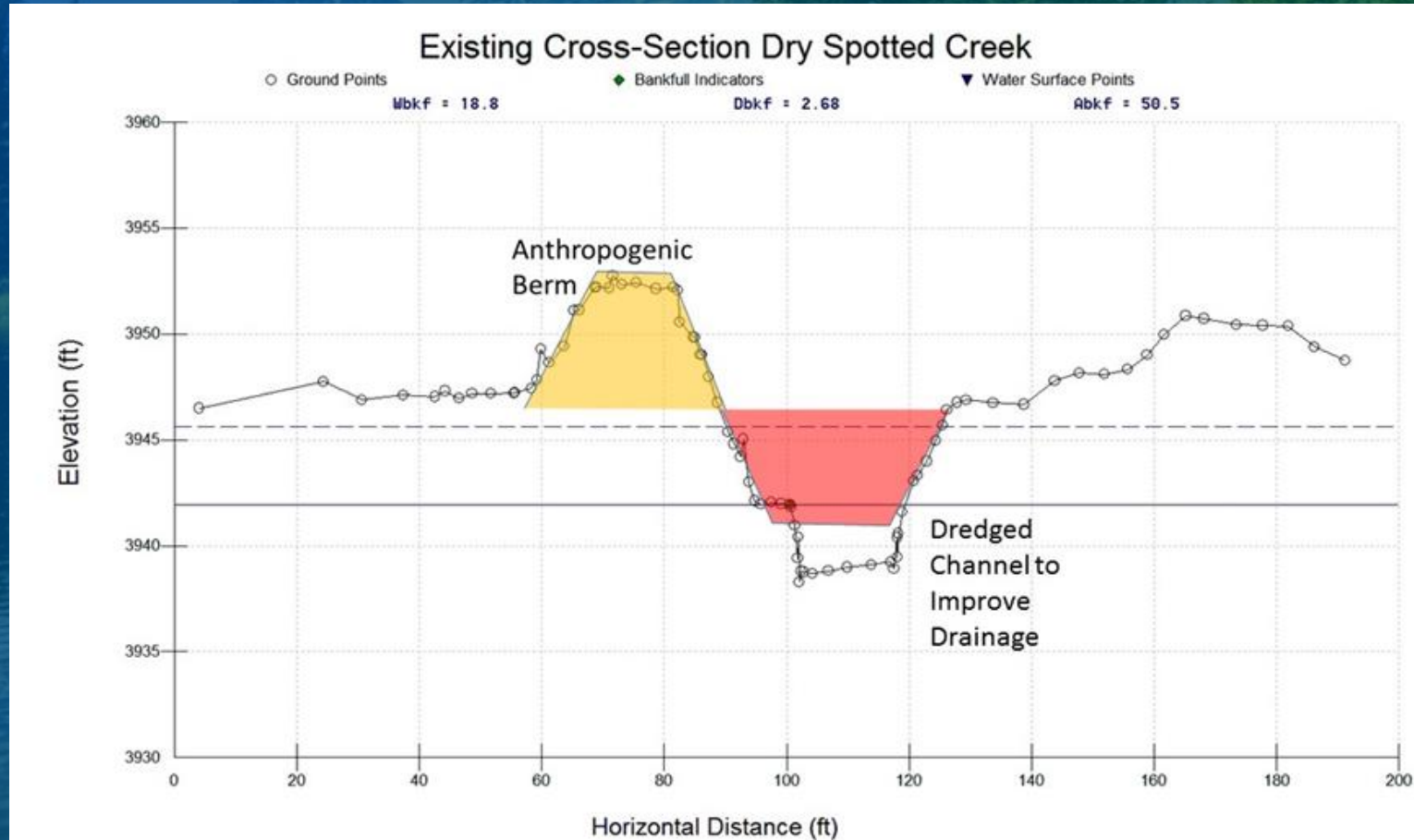
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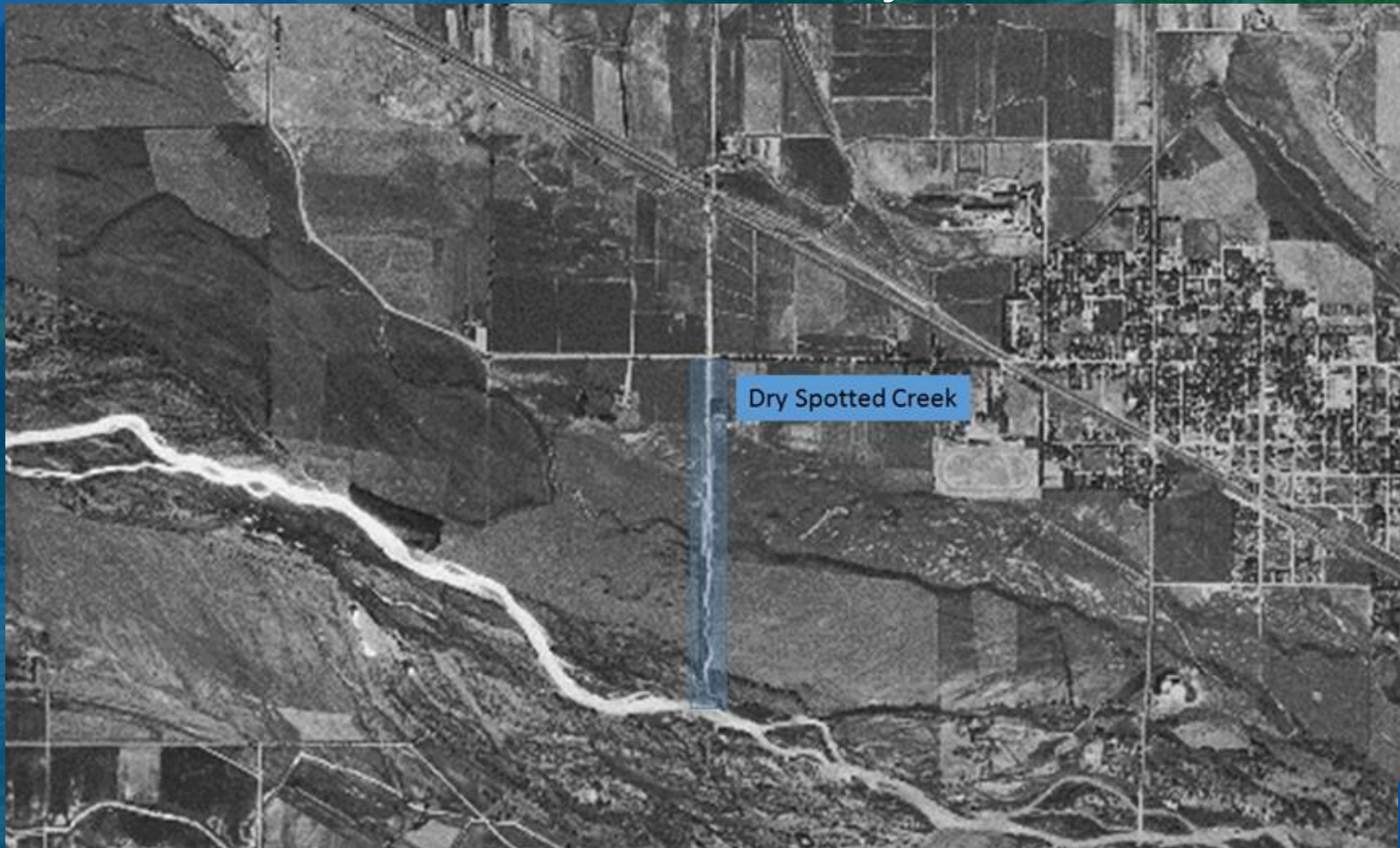
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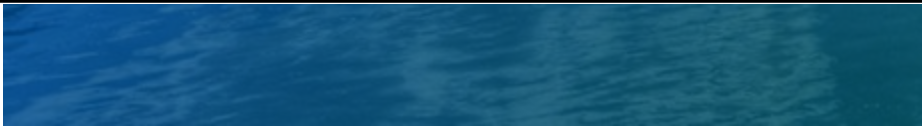
Example Goals

- Fisheries and Habitat Improvement for Salmonids Goal
- Drainage, Irrigation and Water Rights Goal
- Low Project RISK Goal
- Demonstration Project Goal
- Funding Goal
- Land Management and Conservation Goal
- River Morphology and Stability Goal

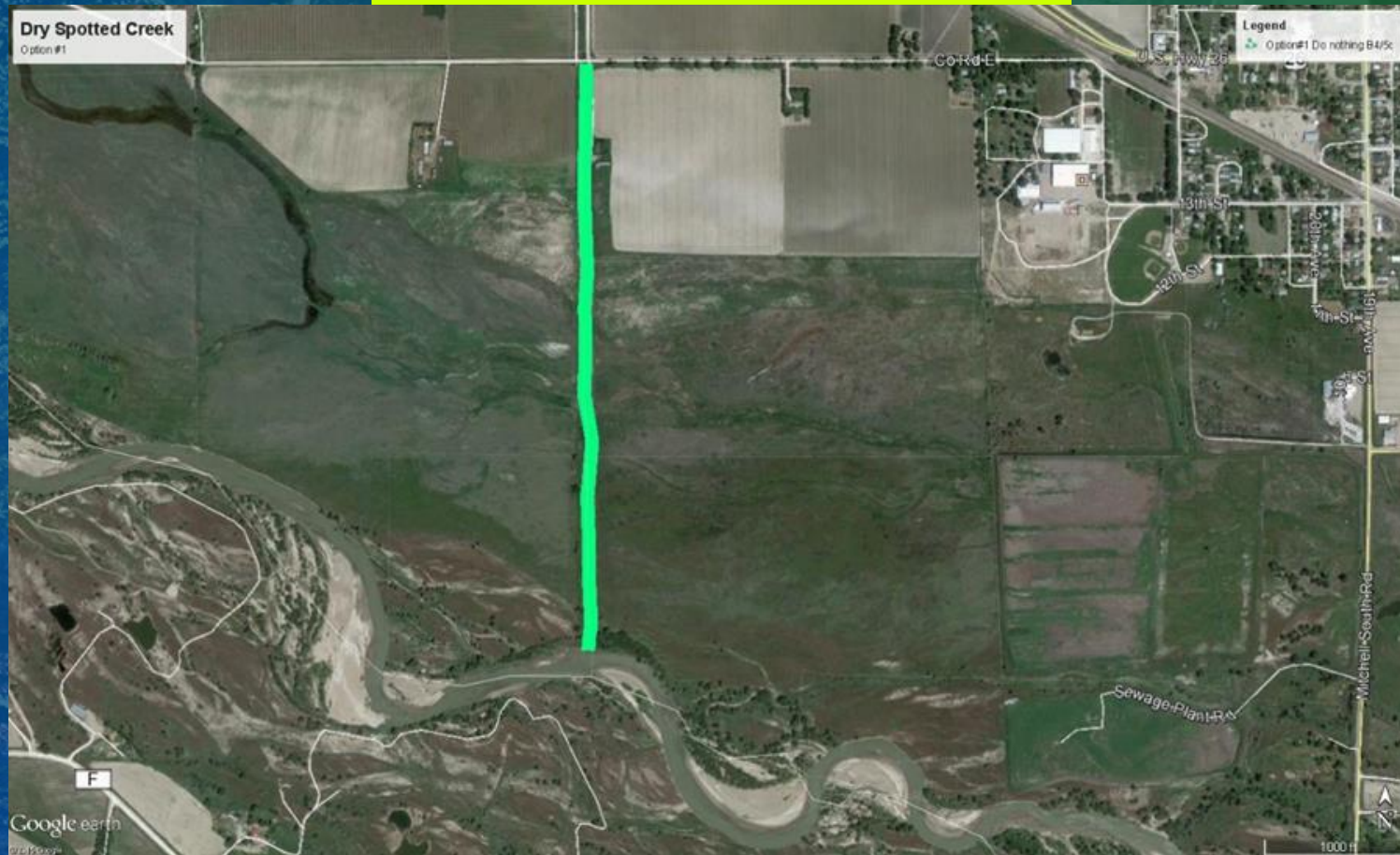
Fisheries and Habitat Improvement for Salmonids GOAL

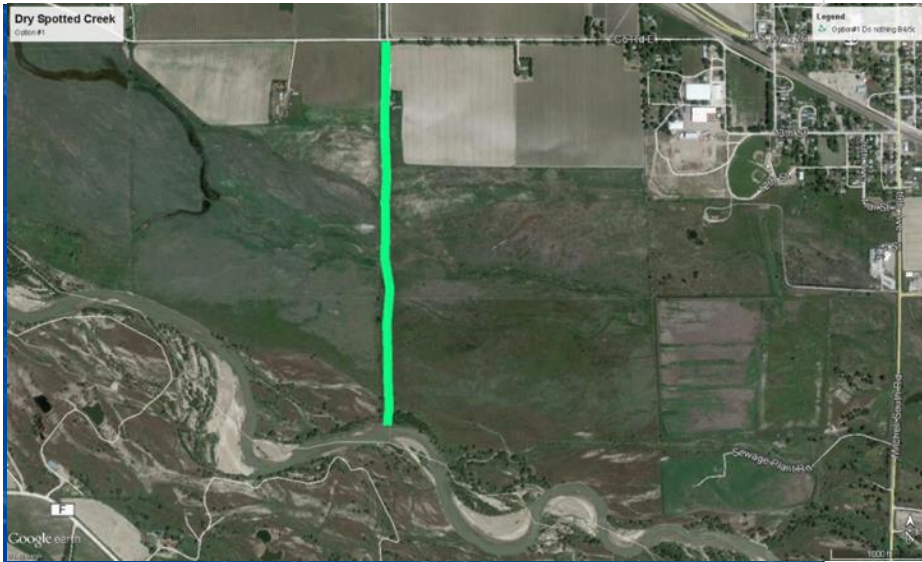
Groundwater Influenced Coldwater Fishery
Re-establish Riparian Wetlands through PRBE property
Establish Riparian Native Vegetation
Deep Sustainable Pools
Overhead Cover in-bank
Sustainable Spawning Gravels for Riffles 40-70mm
Connectivity to North Platte
Potential Barrier from North Platte
Coldwater Fishery
No additional Heating through in-line Ponds
Increased Fisheries Length

Fisheries and Habitat Improvement for Salmonids GOAL											
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Option #7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2
Option #8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Option #1 B—fencing and pathway enhancements



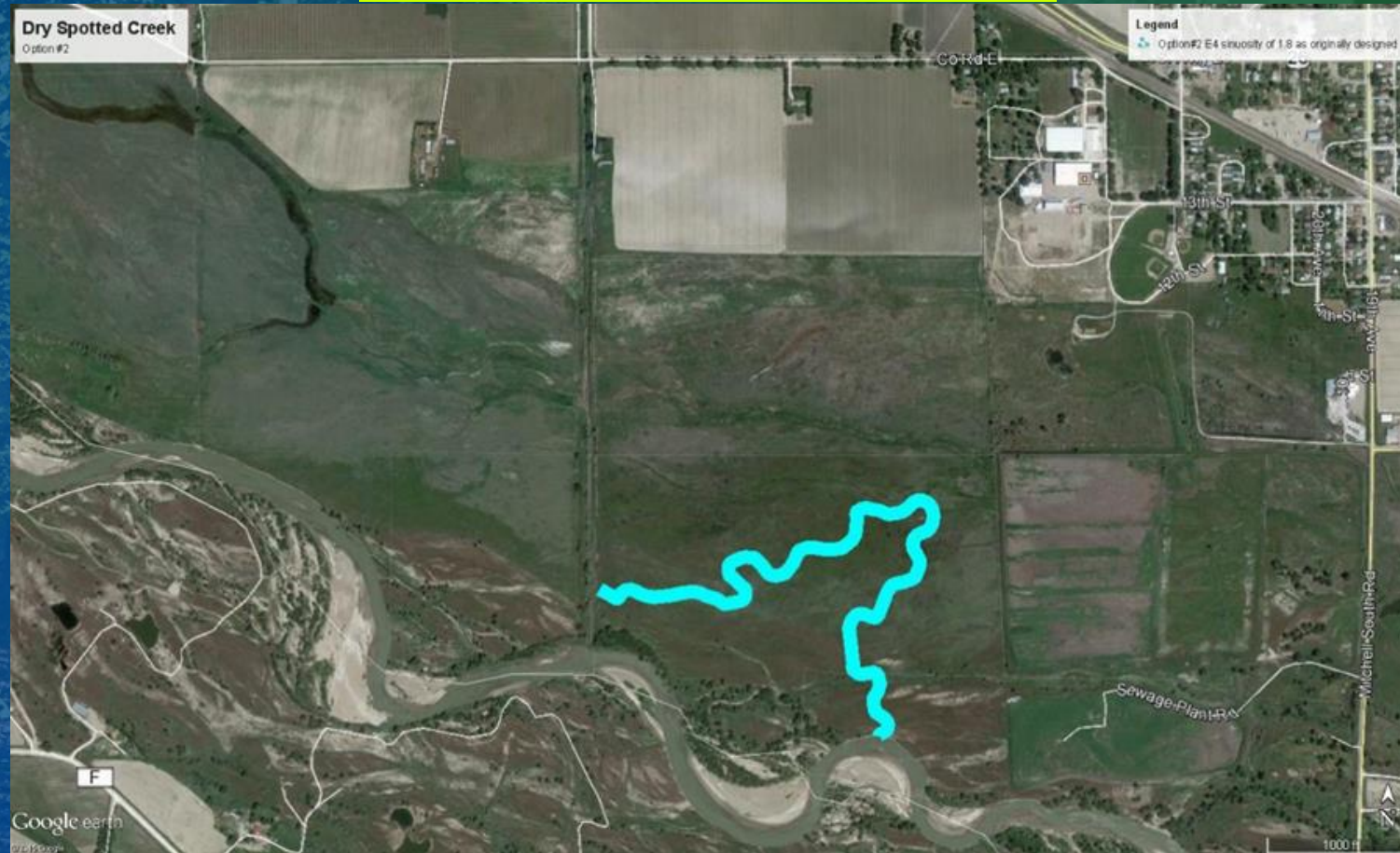


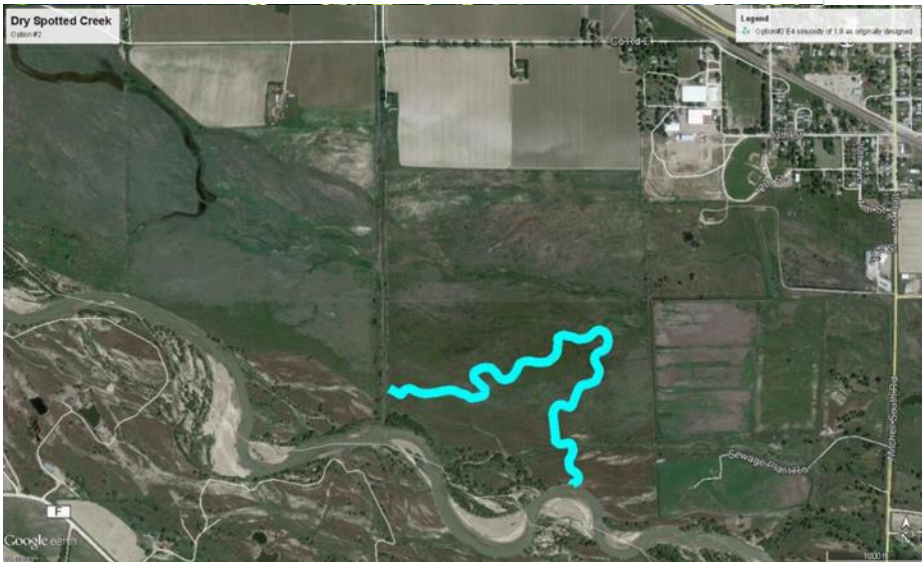
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Concept Option Description	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Option #1 Do nothing G4/5c and B4/5c with a sinuosity of 1.01	5	5	4	3	3	4	2	4	4	1	5
Option #1b Do nothing G4/5c and B4/5c with a sinuosity of 1.01 Trail Access, Fencing and Replanting	5	5	4	3	3	4	2	4	4	1	5
Option #2 Original DU Design - E4 sinuosity of 1.8 as originally designed	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	3	5	2
Option #3 E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	4	2
Option #4 sinuosity of 1.8 maximize head upstream Re-alignment	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	1
Option #5 C4/5 with sinuosity of 1.1 MINOR re-alignment within existing Ditch footprint	5	5	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	4
Option #6 Grade bankfull bench Inplace with no channel work B4/5c sinuosity 1.01 No Re-Alignment	5	5	3	3	3	4	2	4	4	1	5
Option #7 E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2
Option #8 Upstream C4/5 with bankfull bench and MINOR realignment 75% within existing Ditch FootPrint - Downstream E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Option #2—Original Client concept design minimum downstream head

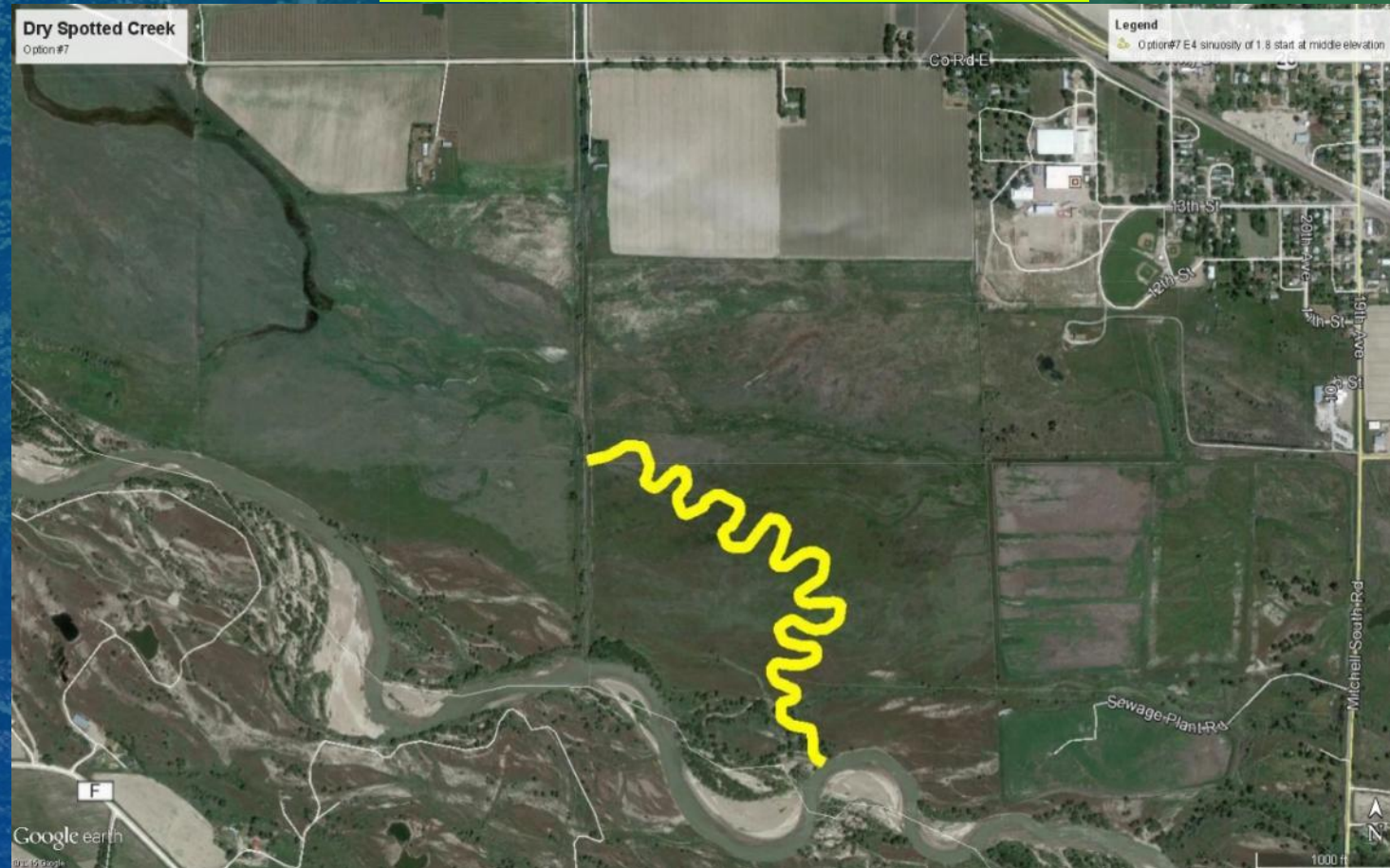




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Option #7	E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2
Option #8	Upstream C4/5 with bankfull bench and MINOR realignment 75% within existing Ditch FootPrint - Downstream E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



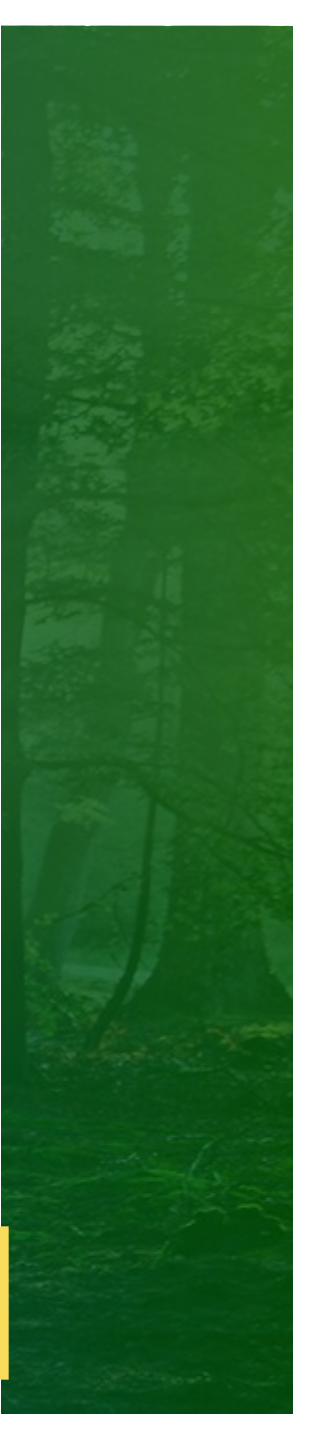
Option #7—priority I restoration and major re-alignment





Fisheries and Habitat Improvement for Salmonids GOAL

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Option #8 existing Ditch FootPrint - Downstream E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



	Concept Option Description	MCDA Matrix Score	MCDA RANKING
Option #1	Do nothing G4/5c and B4/5c with a sinuosity of 1.01	132	9
Option #1b	Do nothing G4/5c and B4/5c with a sinuosity of 1.01 Trail Access, Fencing and Replanting	114	8
Option #2	Original DU Design - E4 sinuosity of 1.8 as originally designed	90	5
Option #3	E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	85	4
Option #4	sinuosity of 1.8 maximize head upstream Re-alignment	82	3
Option #5	C4/5 with sinuosity of 1.1 MINOR re-alignment within existing Ditch footprint	93	6
Option #6	Grade bankfull bench Inplace with no channelwork B4/5c sinuosity 1.01 No Re-Alignment	107	7
Option #7	E4 sinuosity of 1.8 start at middle elevation	81	2
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MCDA - Consensus

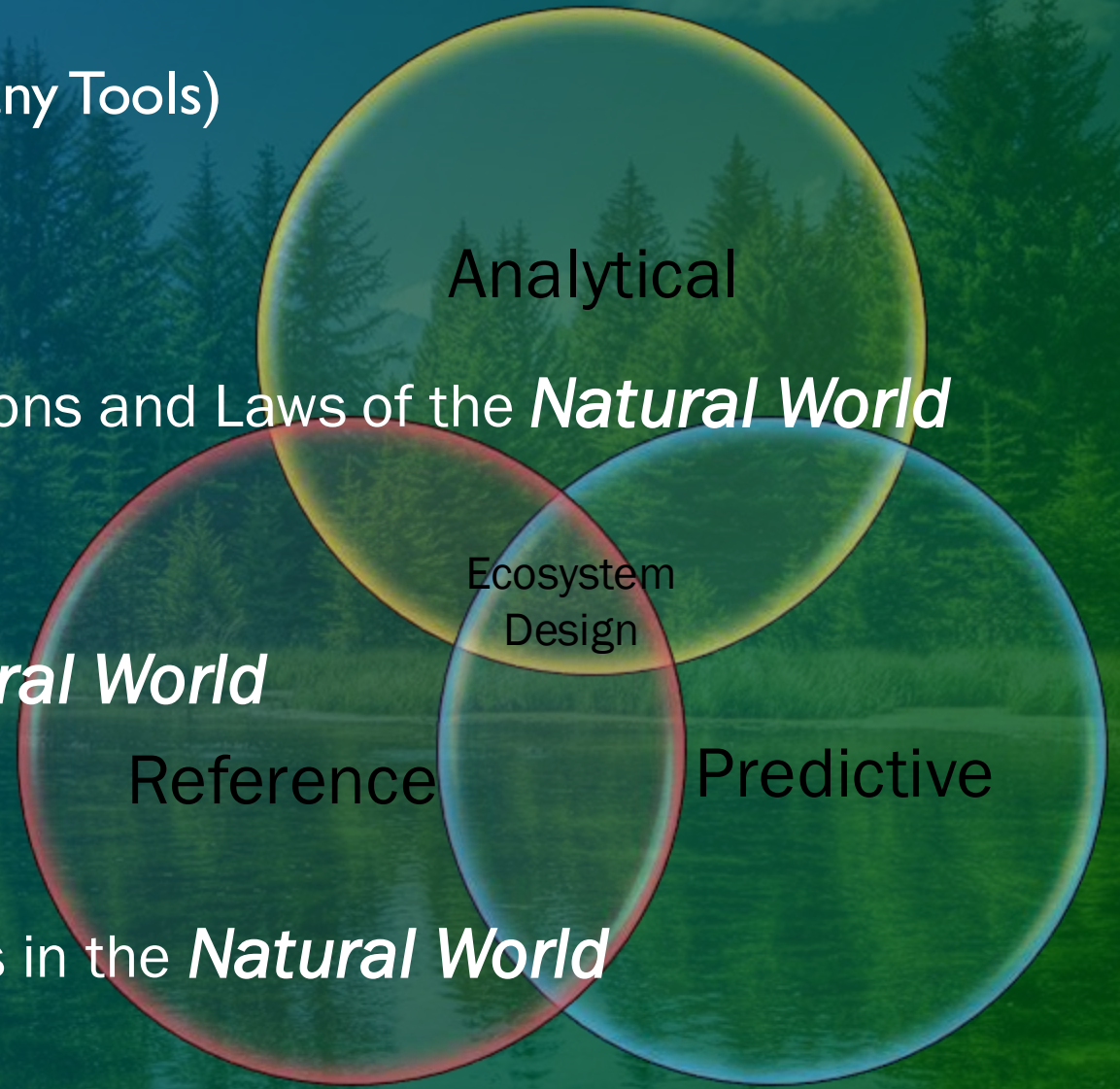
- 9 Alternatives (Included 3 design toolbox-philosophies) and ~ 35 tools
- 7 Goals
- 39 Objectives
- 18 Stakeholders
- One day to reach consensus
- Preferred Alternative was optimized with later design phases

3 Design Toolbox - Philosophies – Ecosystem Restoration

- Analytical Based Design
 - Understanding of *Scientific* Equations and Laws of the *Natural World*
- Reference Based Design
 - *Scientific* observation of the *Natural World*
- Predictive Based Design
 - *Scientific* prediction of interactions in the *Natural World*

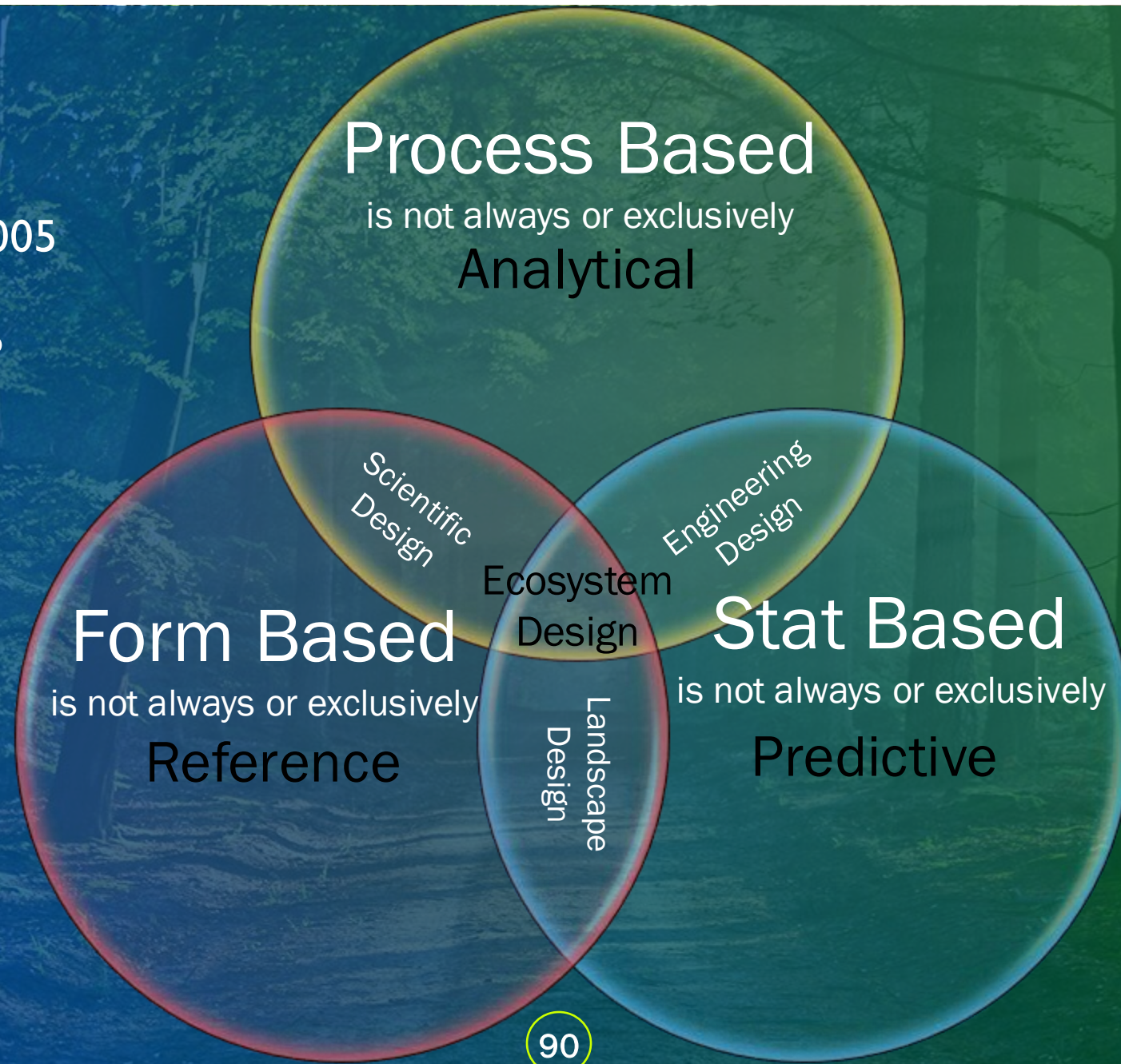
Ecosystem Design (Many Tools)

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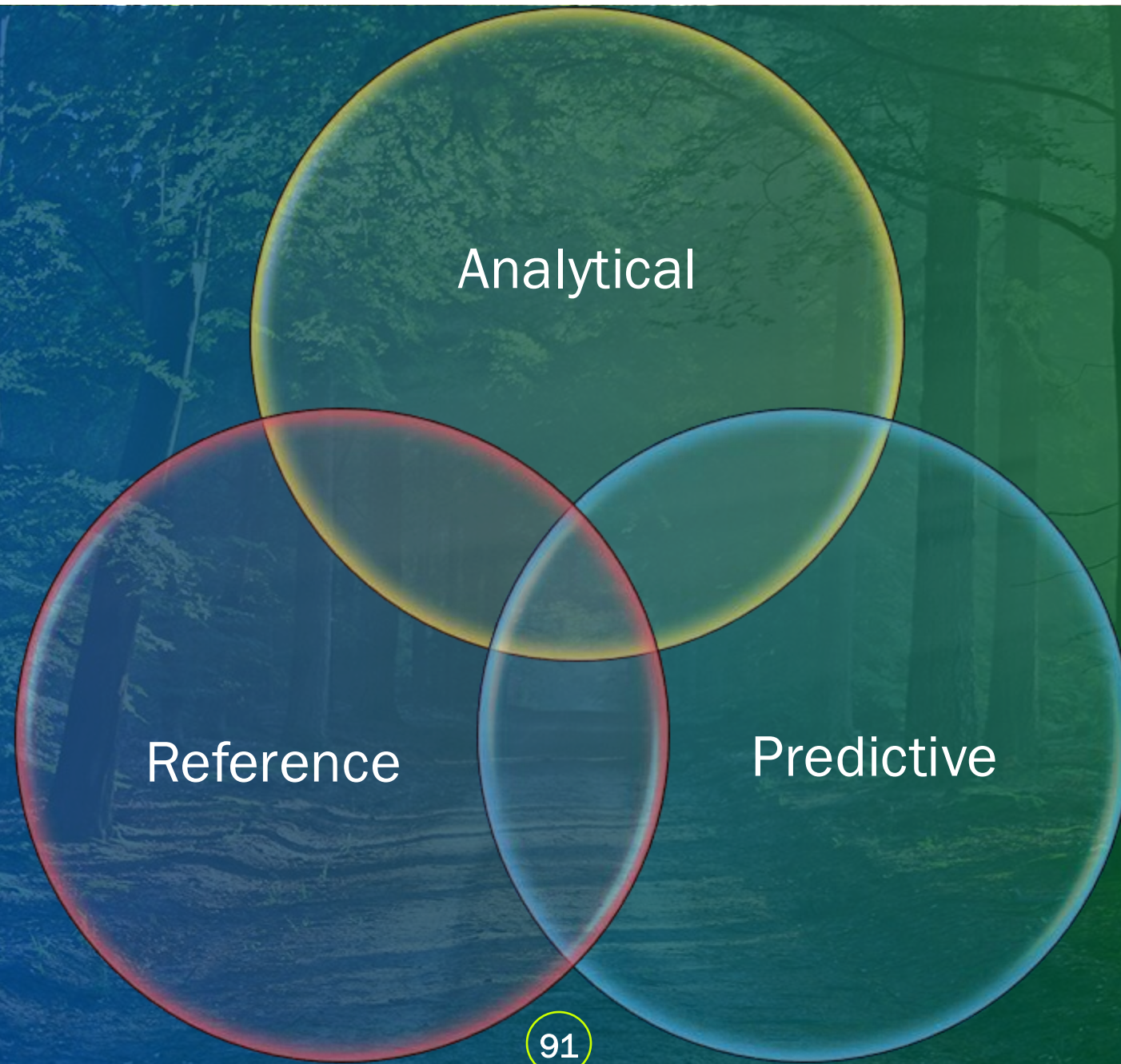


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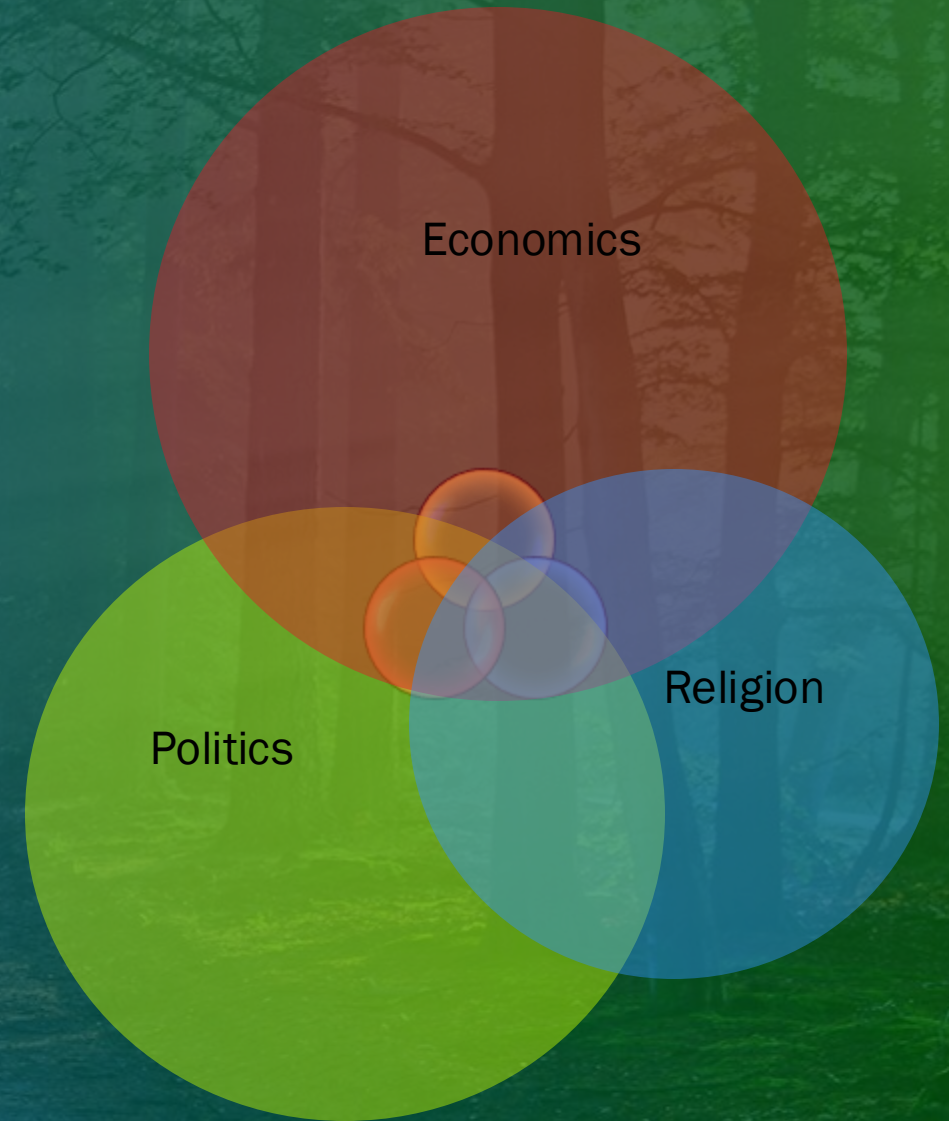
Motgomery, 1999
Bernhardt, et al, 2005
Kondolf, et al, 2006
Kasprak, et al, 2016



(Many Tools)
Class – Example
Bundling Tools



(Many Tools)
Class – Example
Parallel Universes (Scientific American, 2022)
Statement – “I Hate the Multiverse” LWF



Risky Business living in the Multiverse? What is RISK?

USACOE definition on risk analysis

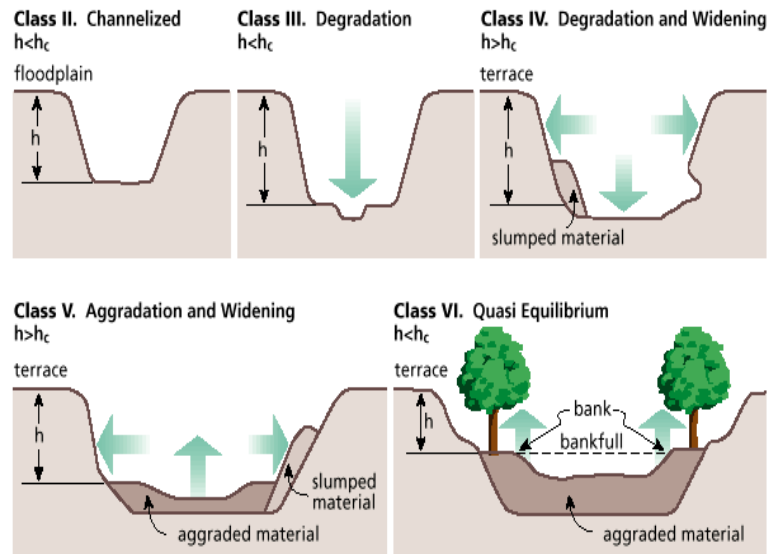
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Risk = Probability x Consequence



Risk of Channel Evolution?

► Similar response from both watershed and channel hydromodification



Simon's (1989) model of channel response in disturbed alluvial channels

Current Stormwater BMPs

We now attempt to correct hydromodification through structural stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the watershed.

- Silt Fences
- Hydromulching & Sodding
- Sediment Capture Ponds
- Regional and Onsite Detention/Retention
- Low Impact Development (LID) & Pre-Development Hydrology!!!

Sounds good...so what's the problem?

Problems with Current Stormwater BMPs

- ▶ Deal only with the watershed and not the channel
- ▶ Don't address in-channel processes or channel evolution in response to:
 - ▶ Past watershed hydromodification
 - ▶ Continued prescribed channel hydromodification of MS4 (drainage and flood control) channels
 - ▶ Increased channel instability from peak-flow stormwater detention
- ▶ Channel evolution is a major source of stream impairment

Probability of Upland/Hillslope vs. In-Channel Sediment Loads

- Sediment from stream channels account for as much as 85% of watershed sediment yields, and streambank retreat rates as high as 7.26 m/yr have been documented (Simon, A. et al, 2000)



200' long x 15' tall eroding failing/ retreating channel bank = **631,000** tons eroded during seven months, or:



X 42,000



1 acre x 5" erosion over 1-yr period = 670 cy x 1.1 tons/cy = **740** tons

What are some other Types of Risk?



Economics

Politics

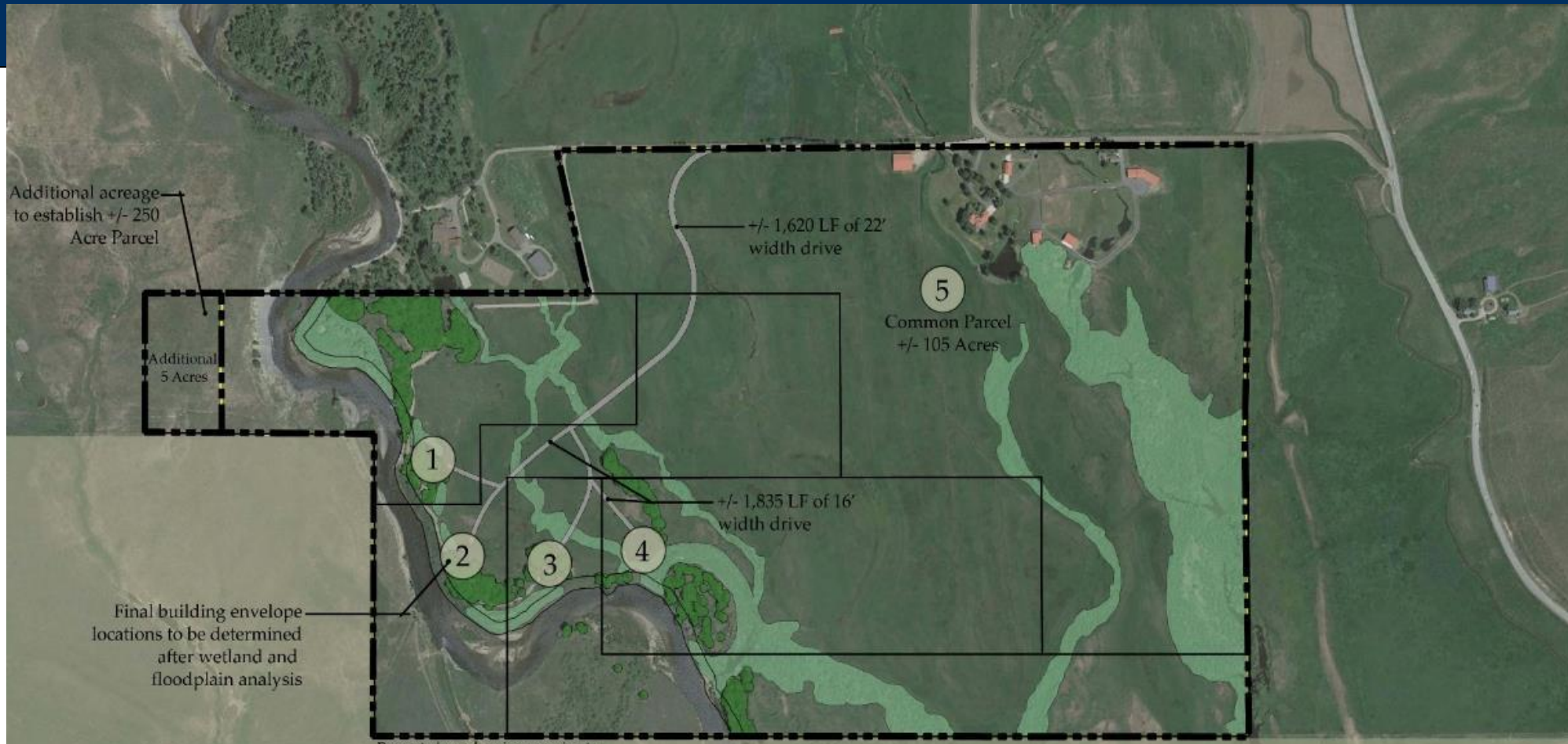
Religion

Can we keep risk and fear separated?

- Risk: Probability x Consequence
 - Analytical equation
- Fear: an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat

**Fear is the path to the dark side.
Fear leads to anger,
anger leads to hate,
hate leads to suffering.
~Yoda**

What are Types of Risk?



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Preferred Conceptual Site Plan
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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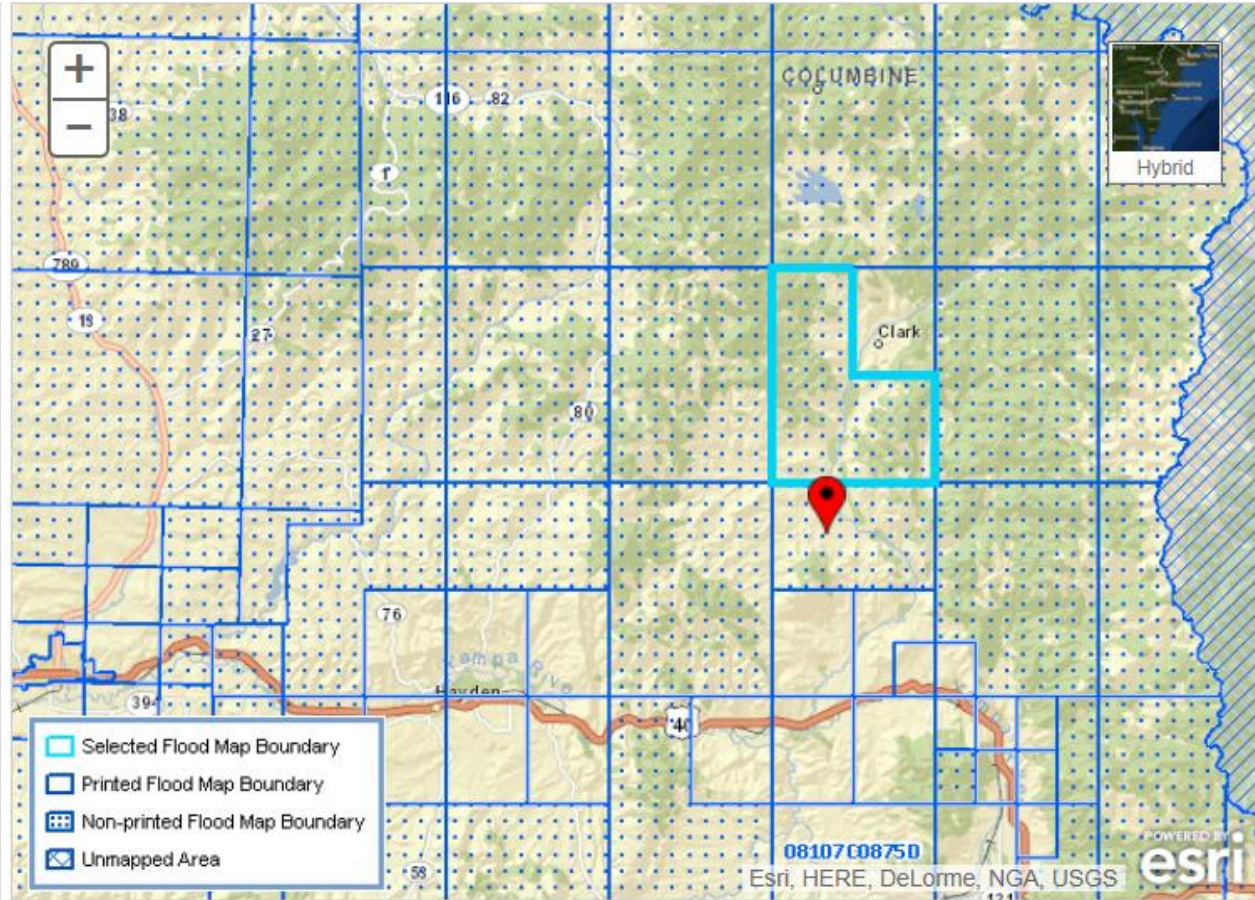



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Elk River Ranch


Home Site 1

Home Site 2

Home Site 3

Home Site 4



An aerial photograph of a river winding through a landscape. The river is highlighted with a red border, indicating areas of significant bank erosion. Several yellow pushpin markers are placed along the riverbank, labeled as 'Elk River Ranch', 'Home Site 1', 'Home Site 2', 'Home Site 3', and 'Home Site 4'. A black text box in the upper right provides context on erosion rates. The surrounding area includes green fields, some buildings, and a road.

Elk River Ranch

Bank Erosion > 10ft/yr
Ref Bank Erosion < 0.25 ft/yr

Home Site 1

Home Site 2

Home Site 3

Home Site 4

Construction Risk?





3-D Construction

GPS Technology



3-D Construction



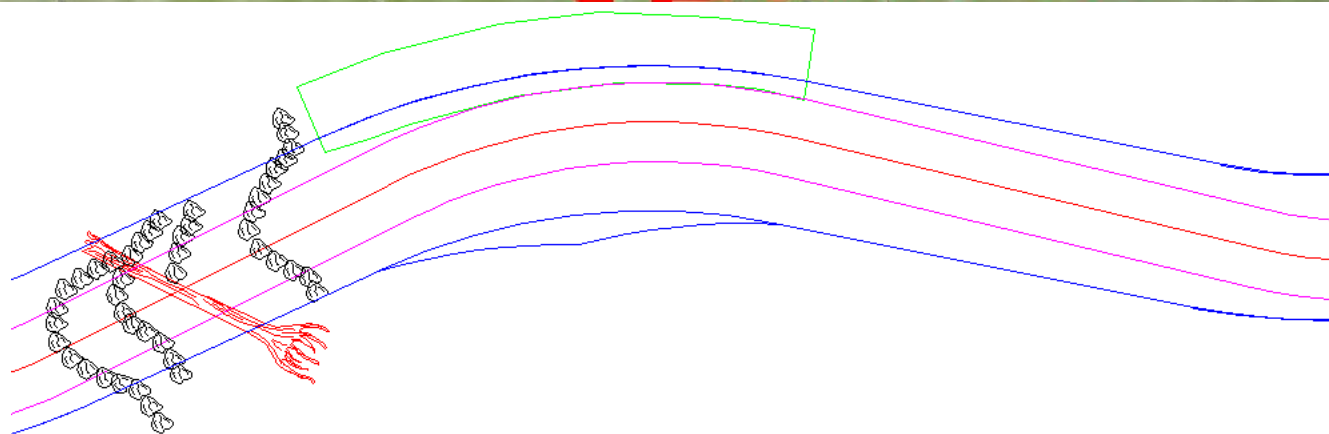
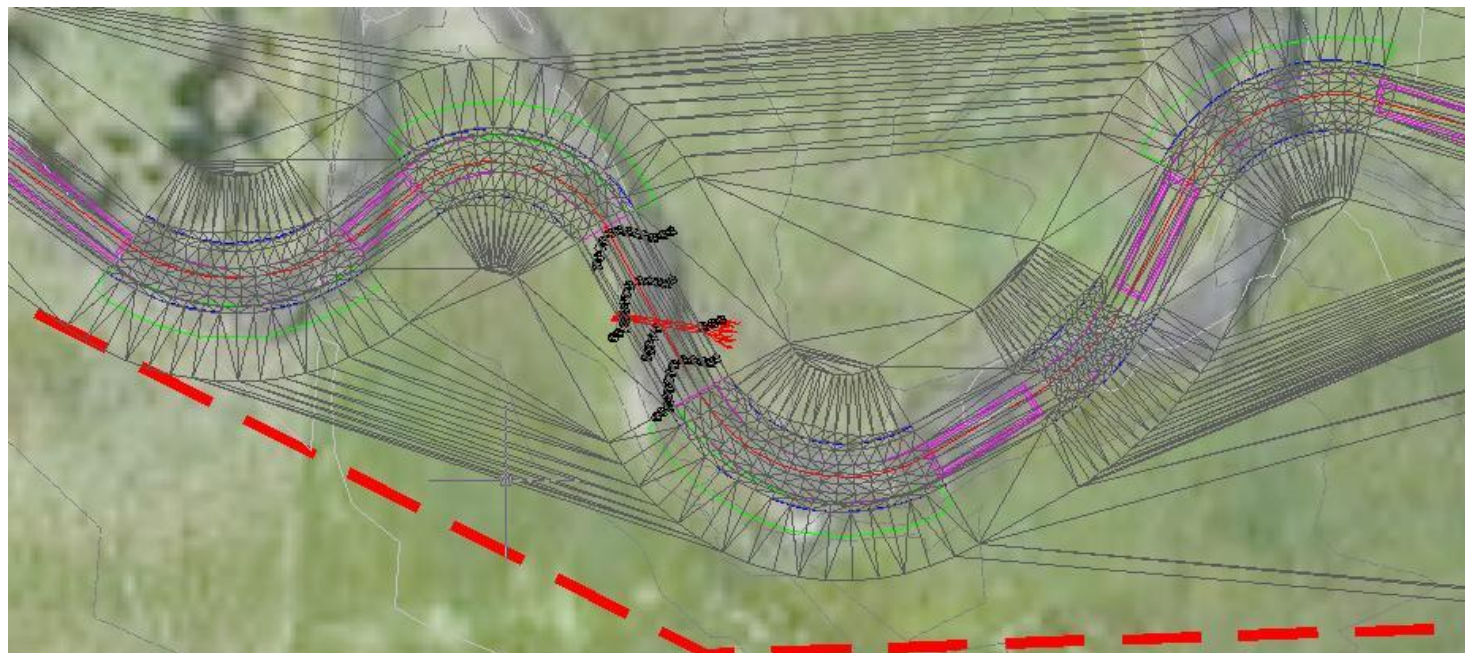
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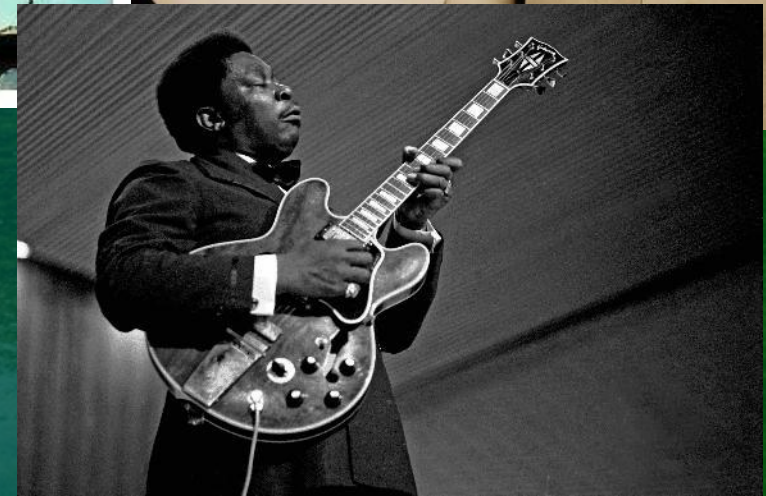
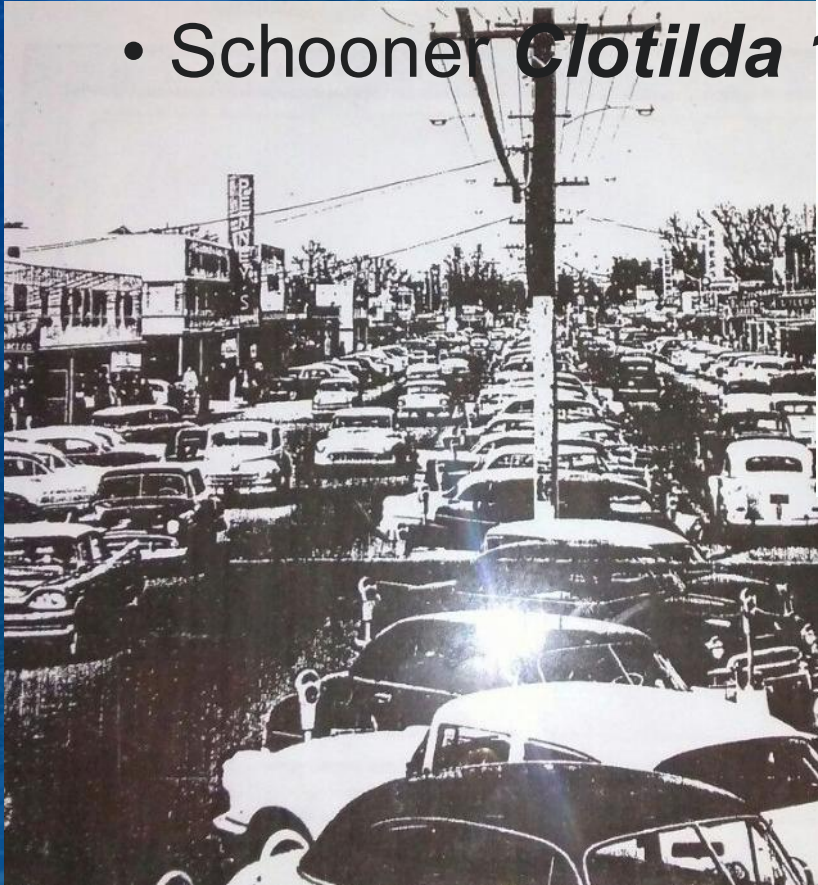


Toulmin Springs Soul Revival – Prichard Alabama

- *Storytime, Data*
- *Questions and Answer via Zoom*
- *Tools and MCDA (Group Work Excel and Google Earth Needed)*
- *Group Presentations with description of toolbox*

Prichard Alabama 1960 post WWII

- *Est. 1925 from Africatown*
- Schooner **Clotilda** 1860



Prichard Alabama 2017

- <https://247wallst.com/special-report/2019/02/04/worst-cities-to-live-in/9/>
- Top 50 Worst Cities to Live in the USA
- Likely Prichard would rank higher than 12th in 2023



Source: Michael Rivera / Wikimedia Commons

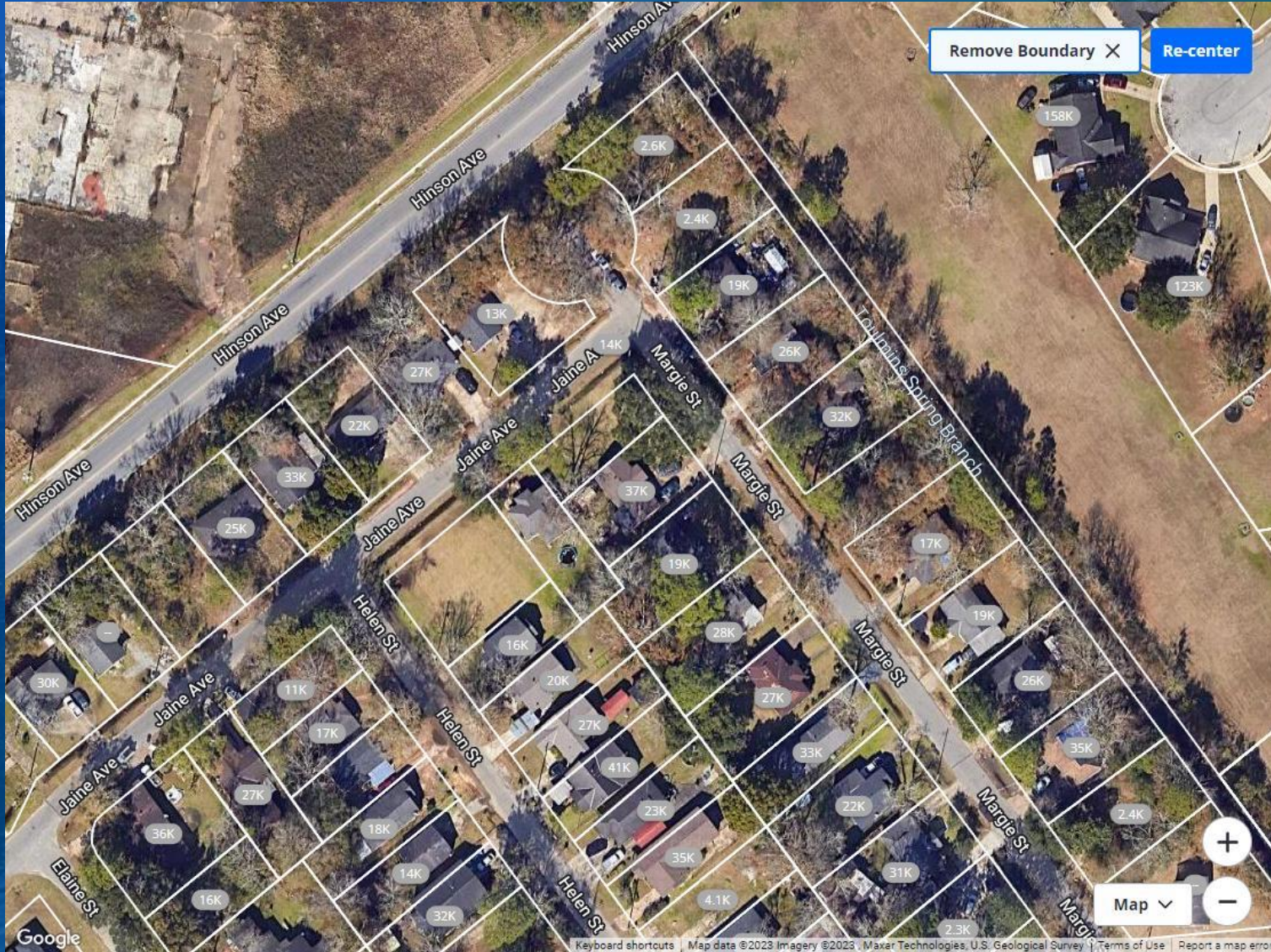
12. Prichard, Alabama

- > **Population:** 22,063
- > **Poverty rate:** 35.1% (top 10%)
- > **2017 violent crimes per 100,000 people:** 1,826 (top 10%)
- > **Median home value:** \$67,400 (bottom 10%)

Over the past five years, the number of jobs in Prichard, Alabama has decreased by nearly 17%, one of the highest rates of job losses anywhere in the country. Over the same period, employment climbed 6.1% nationwide.

Prichard, near Mobile in southern Alabama, has a median annual household income of \$25,818 — less than half of the U.S. median. Prichard, like many other low income areas on this list, is losing residents. In the last five years, Prichard's population dropped by 3.4%.

Prichard Alabama 2023



Prichard AL Real Estate & Homes For Sale

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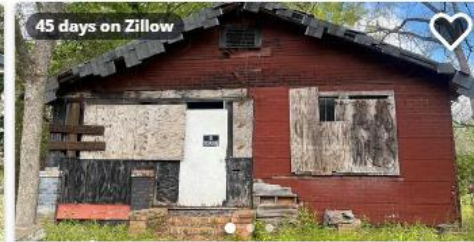
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\$155,000

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2508 Berkley Ave, Mobile, AL 36617
IXL REAL ESTATE LLC



\$20,000

1 bd | 1 ba | 1,829 sqft - House for sale
806 Reynolds Ave, Prichard, AL 36610
KELLER WILLIAMS MOBILE



\$37,500

2 bds | 3 ba | 1,240 sqft - Foreclosure
1207 Clara Ave, Prichard, AL 36610
THE CUMMINGS COMPANY LLC

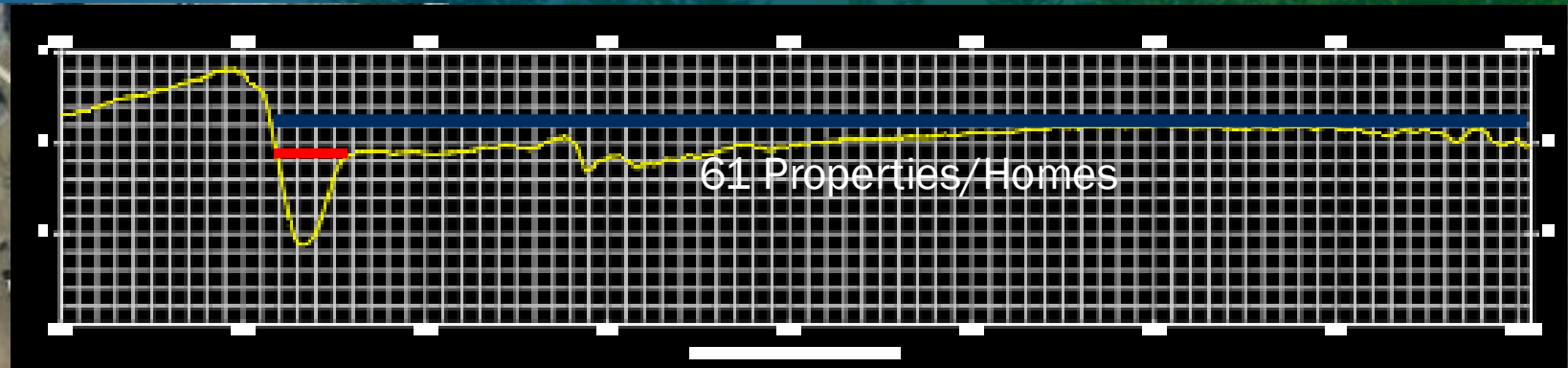
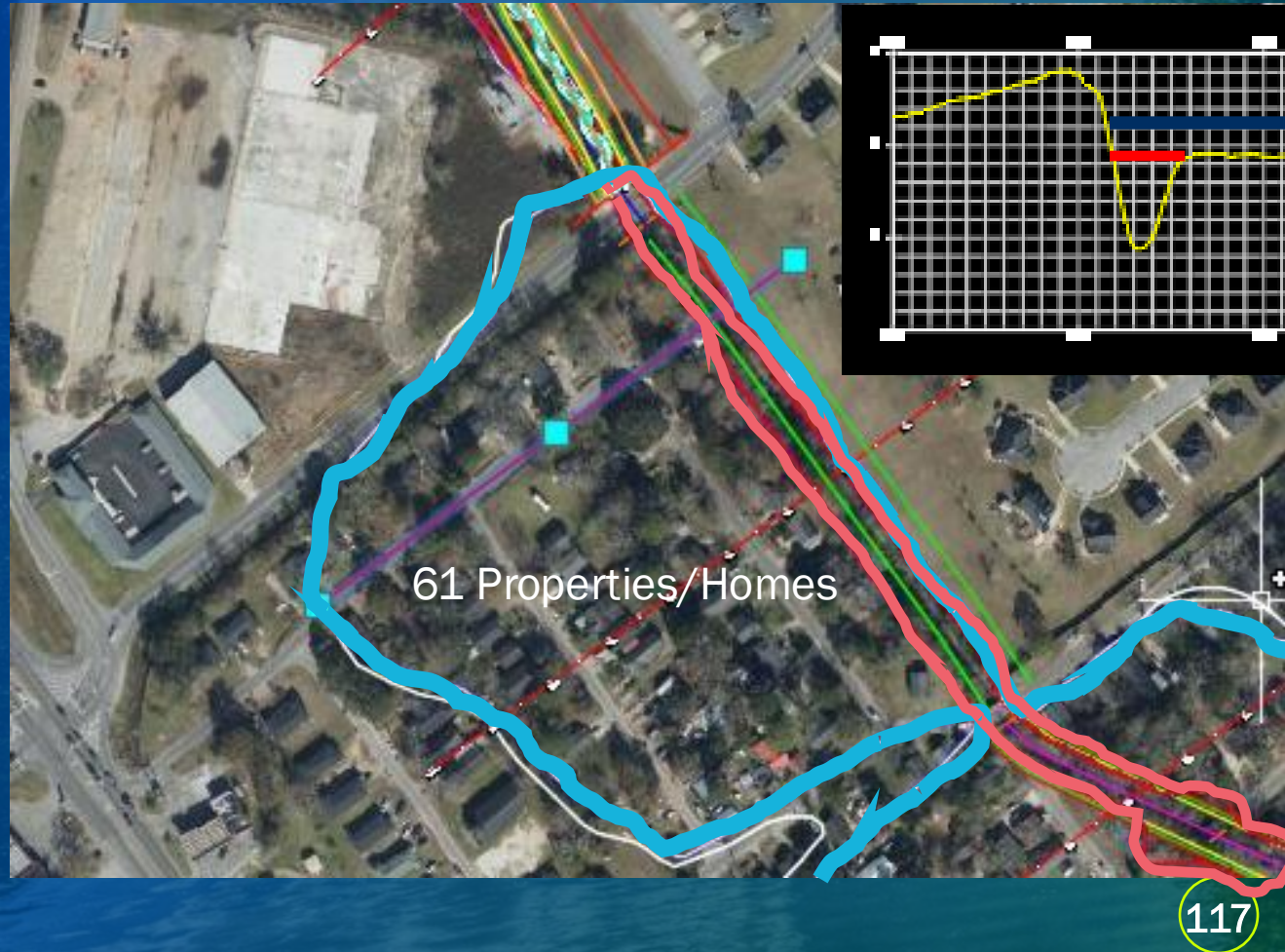


\$38,000

3 bds | 1 ba | 1,032 sqft - House for sale
621 Seminary St, Prichard, AL 36610
RE/MAX REALTY PROFESSIONALS



Data Toulmin Springs -FEMA



What could be done?
Toulmin Springs is a
“Problem”

Why are these Tools being used for Ecosystem Restoration?

- They are relatively good to set a system on the Trajectory of Ecosystem Restoration – **They work**
- They are relatively simple to set a system on the Trajectory of Ecosystem Restoration – **I understand them**
- They provide me with credit for my effort/involvement – **They are mine**
- Other Potentials

- Mental Health Recovery
- Community Revival

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”

Jesus

“If we have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants”

Isaac Newton

“Truth without Humility would be an arrogant caricature”

M.K. Gandhi

Mental Health – Hope and Humility





Fishing Links Ecosystem Sport -Tool



- Demonstration of ecosystem function
- 3-hr journey at defined location
- Promote native species
- Digital applications
- Connect to wonderment and awe

3-D Ecosystem Restoration Toolboxes

Need to be organized for the job and sometimes we need new tools

Thoughts should allow us to stay child-like and be amazed by Truth

Dreams can be a reflection to honor the Truth

Questions ?

- Empowerment of Others
- Sharing Knowledge with Kindness
- Be a part of the solution don't just Go to Conferences
- Mentorship and Apprenticeship
- Courage to share to build the industry
- Natural Channel Systems Conference - The Natural Channel Initiative is to manage our watercourses to be naturally functional, dynamically stable, healthy, productive, sustainable
- June 10-12

THANK YOU!



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Workshop 4 – 3-D Process Based Natural Corridor Design

Facilitated by: David Bidelspach, 5 Smooth Stones Restoration, PLLC

David Bidelspach (P.E., P.Eng.) is a Design Engineer and Partner at 5 Smooth Stones Restoration, PLLC. He has been recognized as a 3-D River Restoration specialist with a broad range of experience restoring damaged ecosystems.

Mr. Bidelspach's academic and research background includes University, Government, Engineering Consultant and Equipment Operator, where he has provided assessment, design, and construction oversight services on many restoration projects.

Teaching professional training courses related to river assessment, restoration design, and construction for over 20 years, Mr. Bidelspach is passionate about sharing the gift of ecosystem restoration with the next generations. He also worked for nine years as the river restoration technical leader for Stantec Consulting.

He has been involved in more than 150 river restoration/channel stabilization projects in 32 states, 7 Canadian Provinces/Territories, Costa Rica and Ecuador. He has been blessed to be tagging along with the teaching of Fluvial Geomorphology and Stream Restoration Sciences since 2002.



Fee: \$200+ HST

Time: Wednesday June 10, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday June 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday June 12 9:00 a.m. to noon

Where: Peter George Centre for Living and Learning (PCGLL) Room TBA

Limited to 40 Participants

Requirements: Participants will need a laptop and stationery items (notebook and pen/pencil)

Included:

- Parking on campus for the day(s)
- Wednesday Buffet Lunch
- Thursday Breakfast (coffee, tea and pastries)
- Thursday Bowed Lunch
- Friday Breakfast (coffee, tea and pastries)

Course Outline:

Wednesday p.m.: 3-D Ecosystem Corridor Design – History and Current Tools

- Welcome
- What is Ecosystem Corridor Design (Breakout Groups)
- Ancient Reference Based Channel Design
- Classical Fluvial Geomorphology
- Bankfull Flow and Natural Channel Design
- Beyond or Beneath Channel Forming
- Corridor Restoration with Stormwater BMPs
- Introduction Ancaster Creek on McMaster University Campus (Potential Site Visit)
- Why – 3-D Ecosystem Corridor Design or Restoration (Breakout Groups)

Thursday a.m.: 3-D Process Based Natural Corridor Design (PB-NCD) Optimization Tools

- Goals and Objectives – Ancaster Creek



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