

Naturalized Stabilization Measures and Their Effectiveness

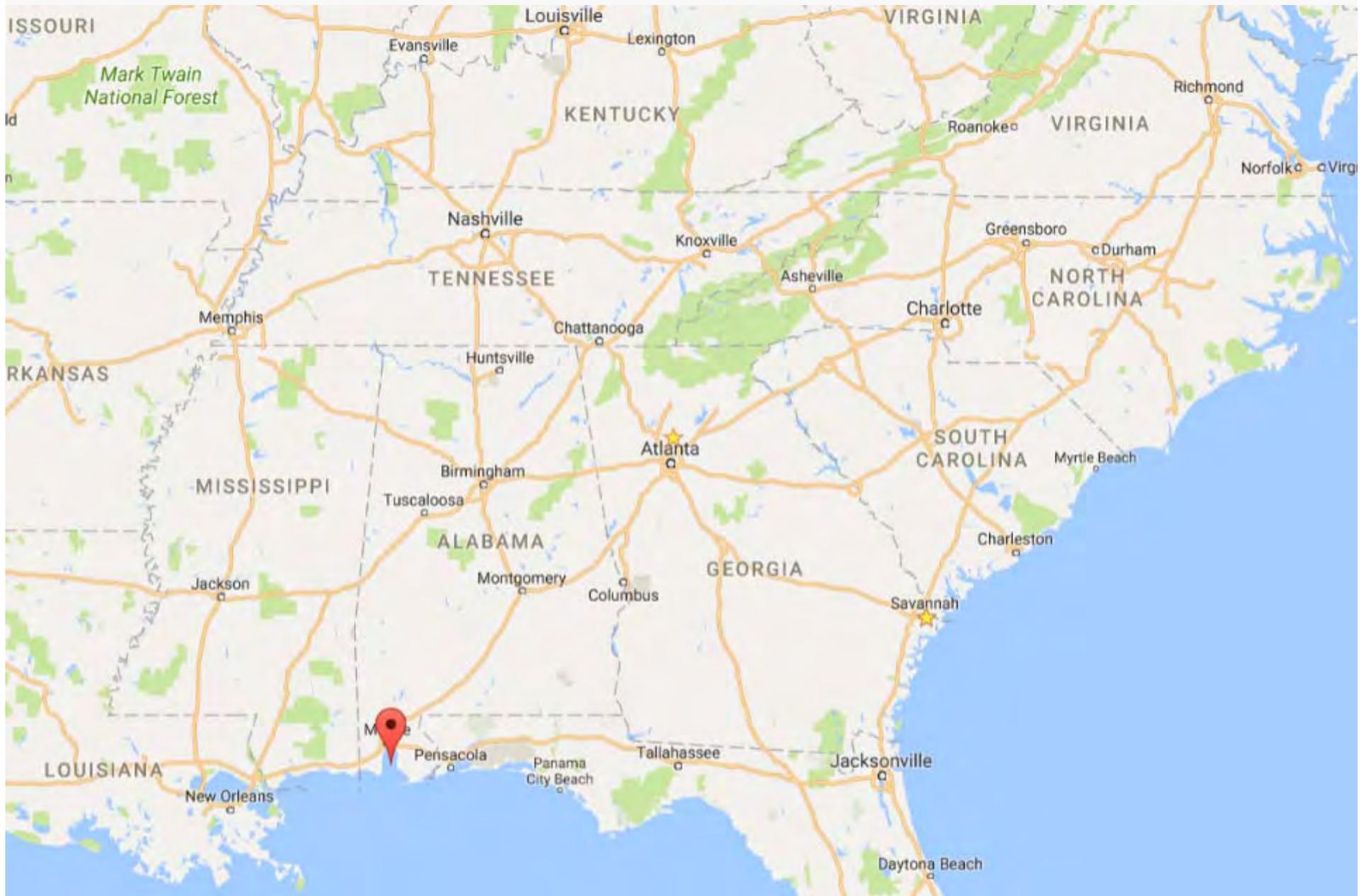
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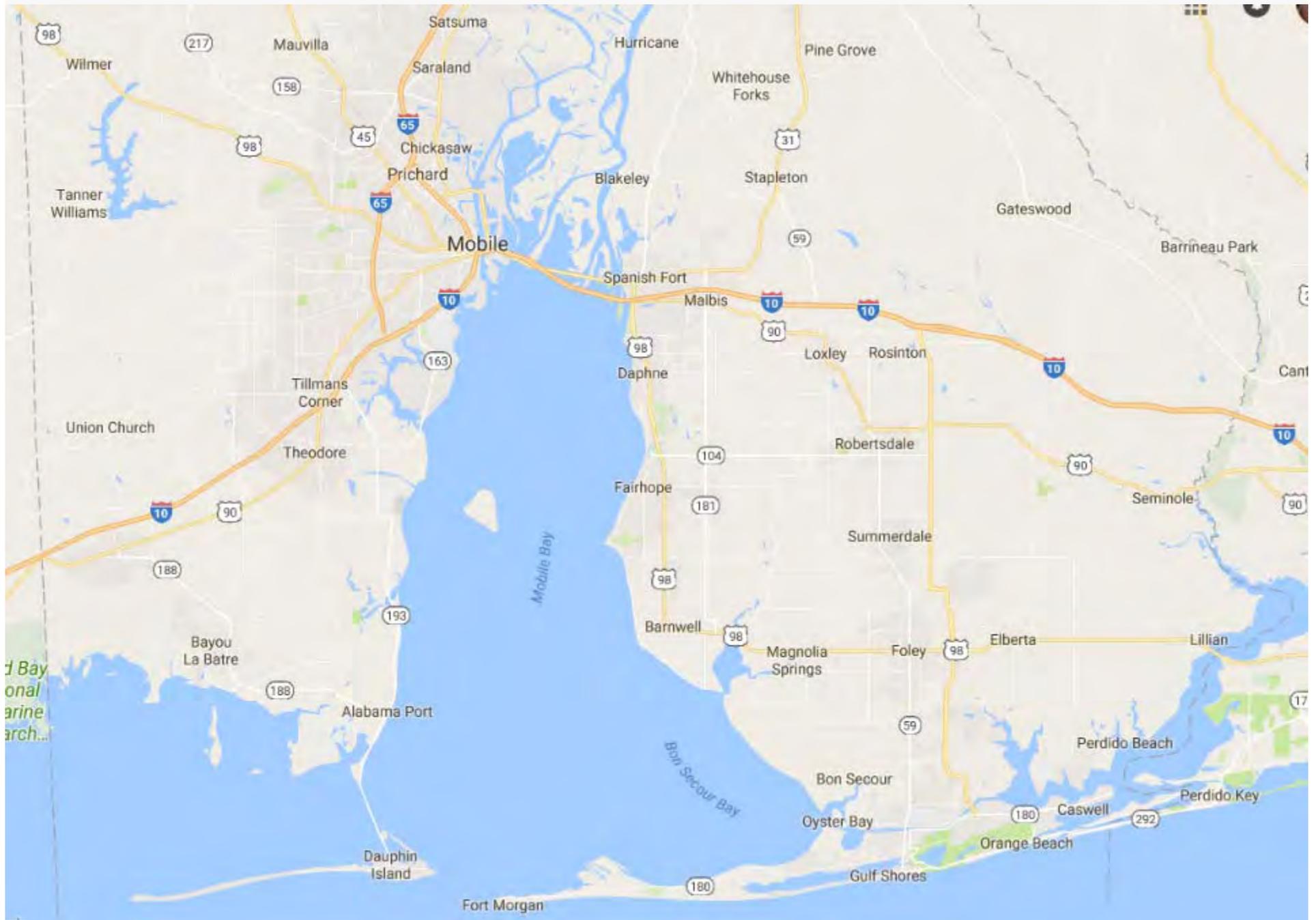
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POTENTIAL FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF SOIL LOSS

Highly Erosive Rainfall on Erodible Soils

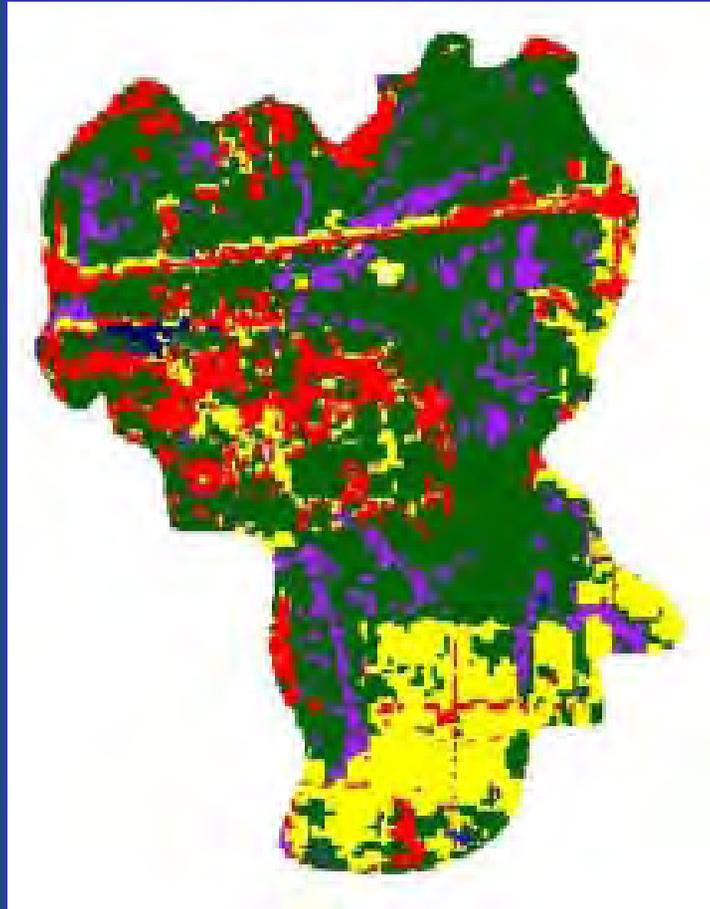
- R-Factor 650
- Fine sandy soils
- Steep slopes
- Soil detachment from both overland runoff and stream channel erosion
- Gully and Headcuts

“PRE” CROSS SECTION

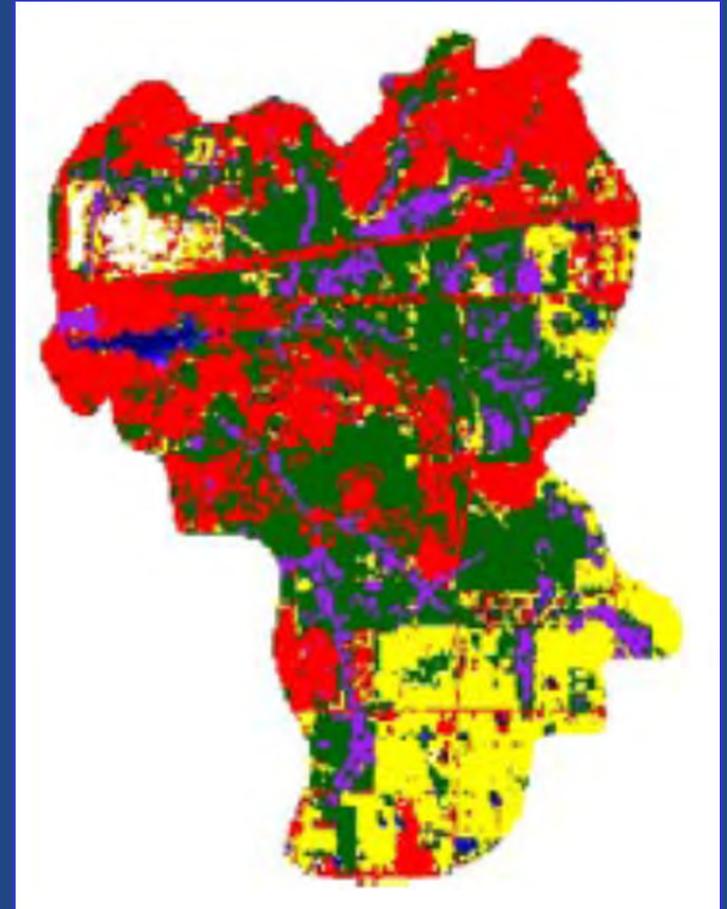


LAND USE AND LAND COVER CHANGES

1974



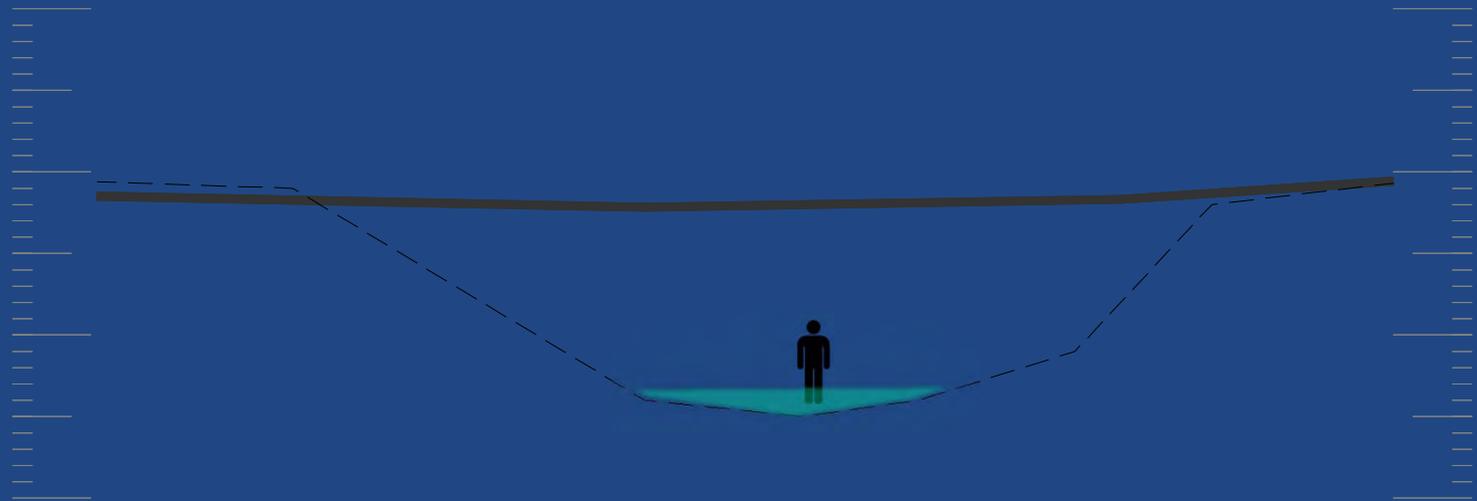
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CLEAN STRAIGHT STREAM



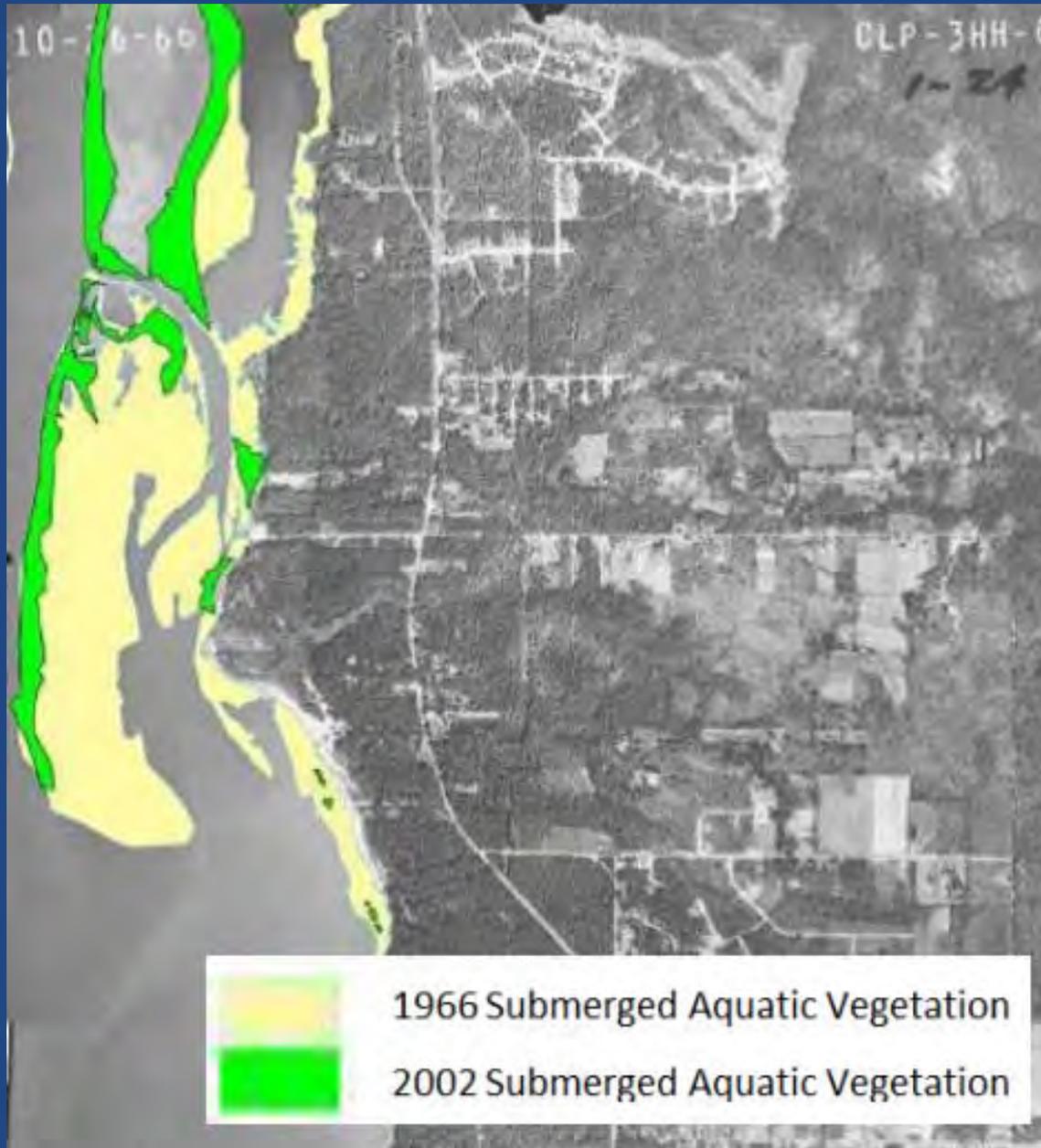
PRE-CONSTRUCTION CROSS SECTION







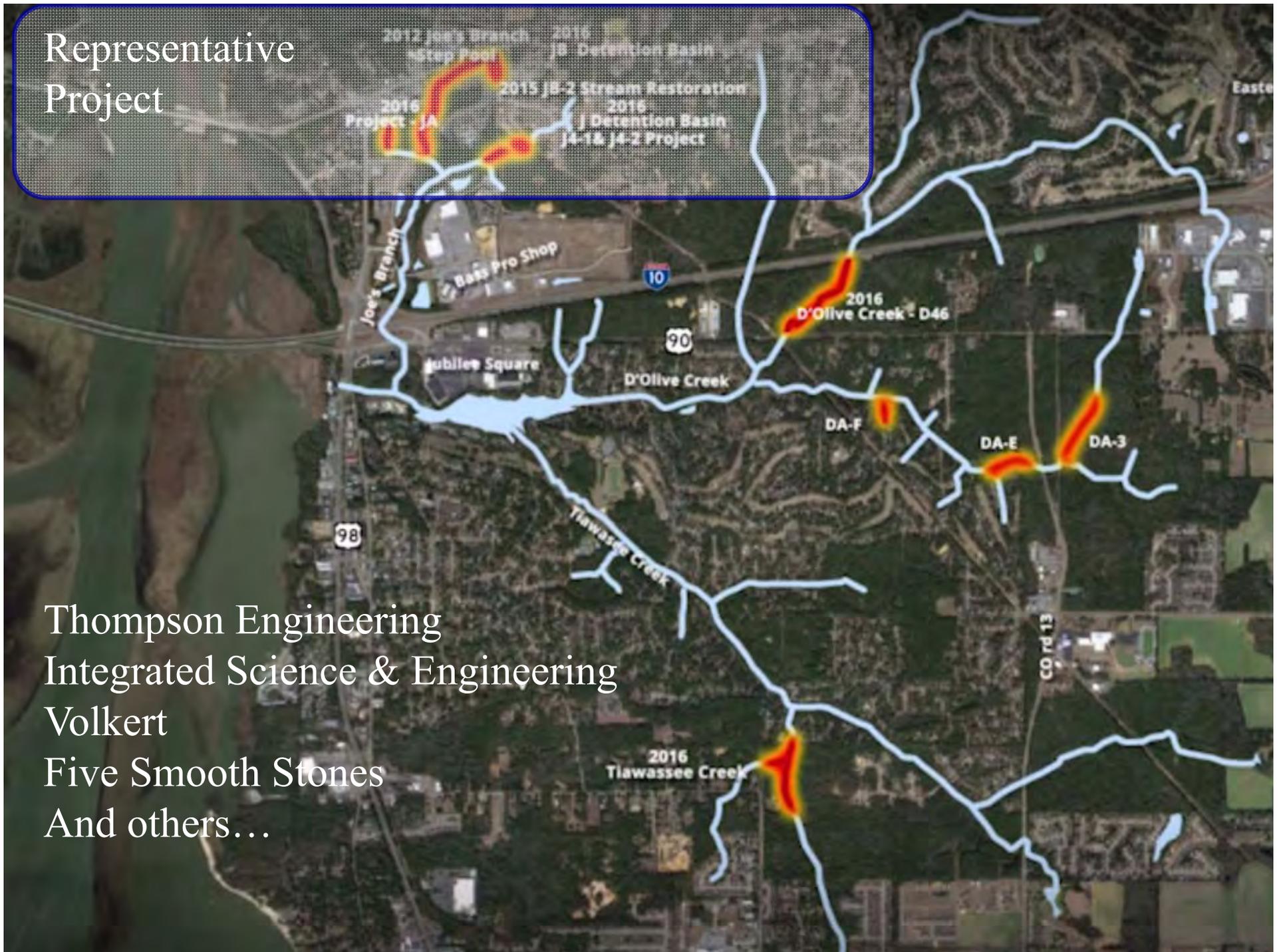




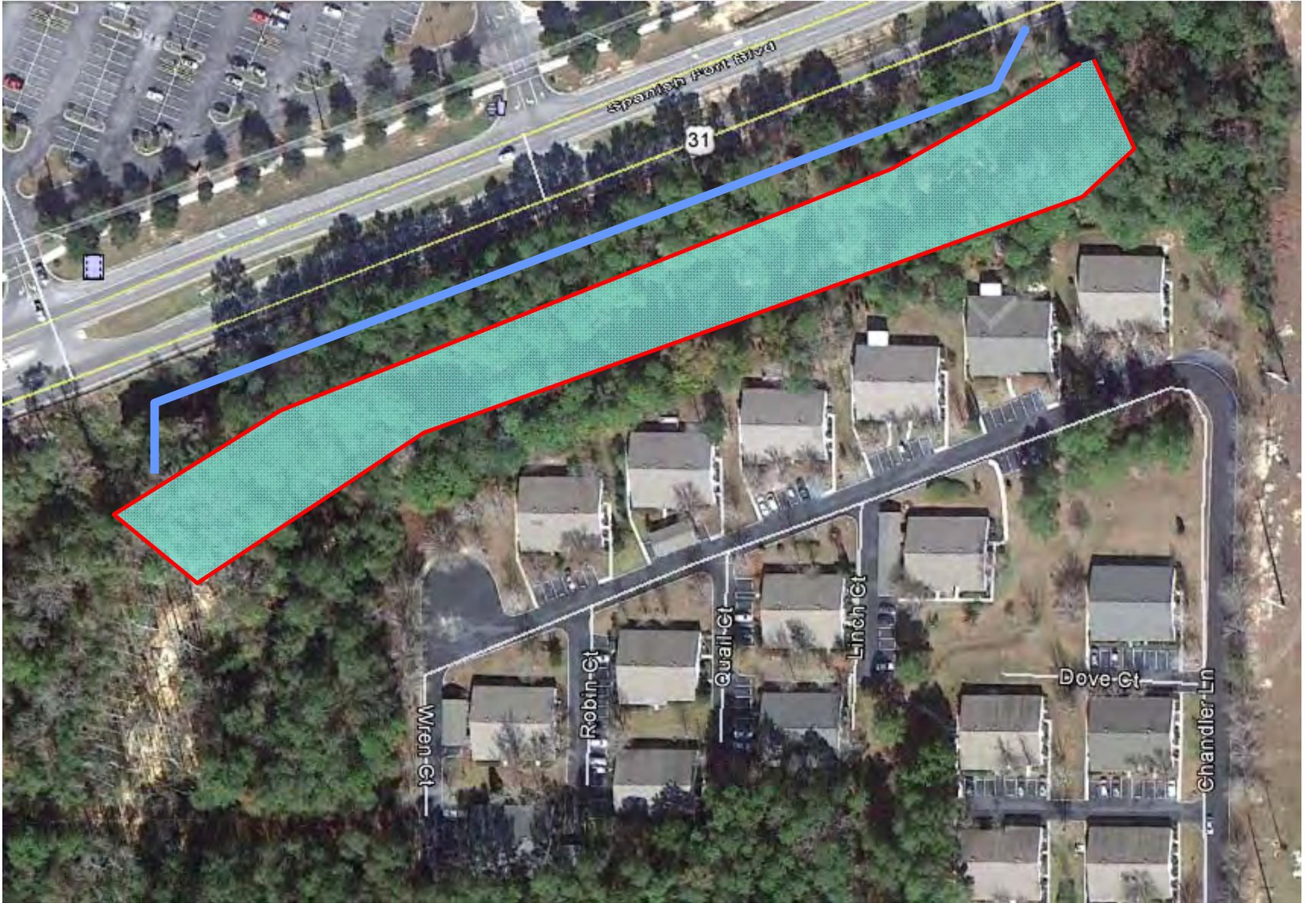
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Representative Project



Thompson Engineering
Integrated Science & Engineering
Volkert
Five Smooth Stones
And others...



- Hard construction techniques aren't always so hard.
- Connection to flood plain is more sustainable.
- Dissipates energy as opposed to moving/building it.



CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACH

- Step Pool Storm Conveyance System
- Coastal Outfall Structure
- Regenerative Step Pool System
- Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance

DESIGNED TO PROVIDE:

- Attenuation
- Energy Dissipation
- Treatment
- Safe Conveyance
- Aesthetics



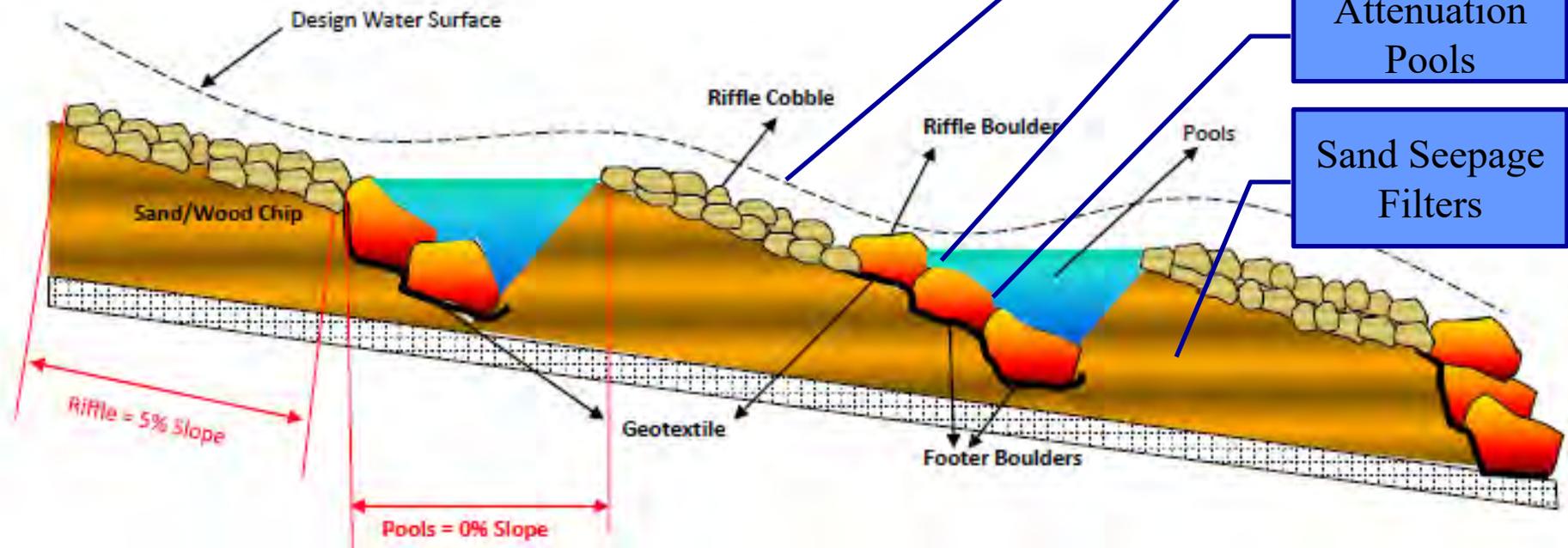
HOW DOES IT FUNCTION?

Open Channel

Conveyance Structures

Attenuation Pools

Sand Seepage Filters



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Open Channel

Conveyance Structures

Attenuation Pools

Sand Seepage Filters



BASIS OF DESIGN

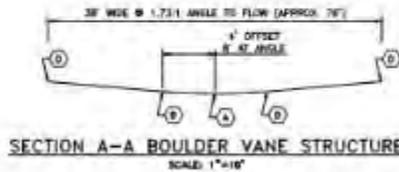
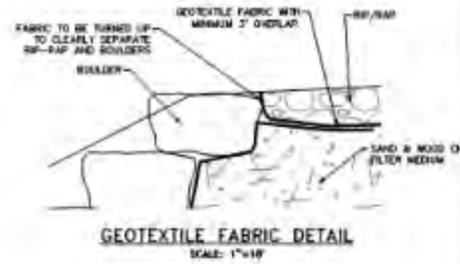
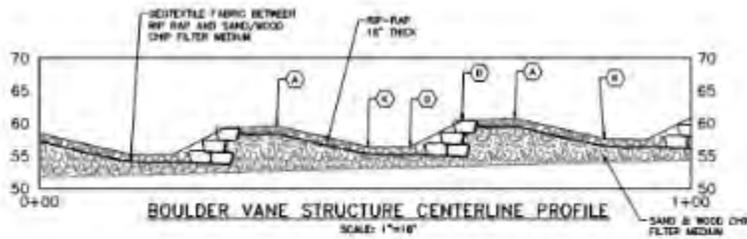
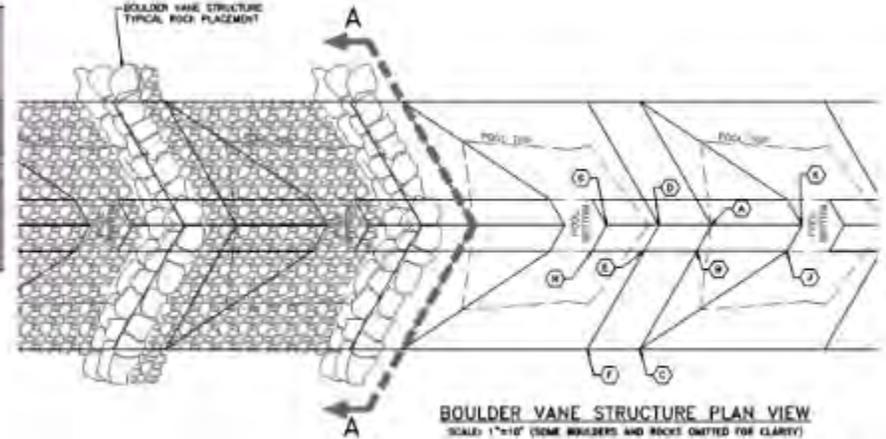
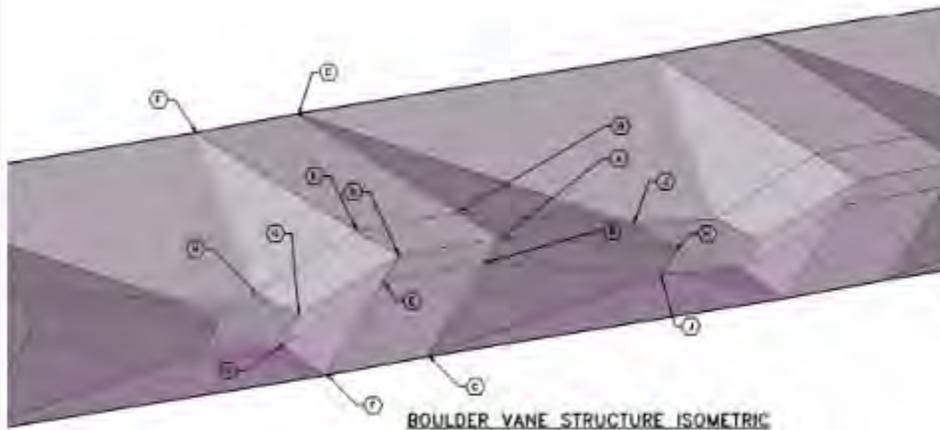
- Risk are hard to communicate
- Basis of Design
 - Design storm, shear stress, channel forming discharge, geomorphological reference?
- Joe's Branch Project 1 - Reinforced Channel – 100 year design storm
- Joe's Branch Project 2 – Shear Stress (based on reference storm)
- Joe's Branch 2015 Design J4-2 – Channel forming discharge reinforced
- Joe's Branch 2015 Design J4-1 – Reference reach (sort of)

DESIGN WORKFLOW

Part development (No SP50) Runoff Curve Number	RCN	61.00			Inter. curve for Storm Density - 165 lb/ft ³		
Pre-development discharge (cfs)	Q _{pre}	150.0	90.0	30.0	Cobble d50 size [inches]	Allowable Velocity (Supercritical) [ft/sec]	Allowable Velocity (Subcritical) [ft/sec]
Part development (No BMP) discharge (cfs)	Q _{part}	272.9	156.0	62.5	4	5.1	7.1
Total available length (ft)	L	700	Cascade Series (maximum 5 ft deep per row)				
Elevation drop over length (ft)	delta E	23.0	Duration (ft)	5	5.7	8.0	
Total Cascade Length for series (ft)	L _{total}	0.00	Duration Depth (ft)	6	6.3	8.7	
Cascade Slope (ft/ft)	Slope _{total}	0.50	Radius (ft)	7	6.8	9.4	
Water Depth (ft)	Depth	0.24	Duration	8	7.2	10.1	
Maximum Length of Riffle Channel/Wair (ft)	L _{max}	8.0	Duration	9	7.7	10.7	
Number of Riffles (ft)	N _{riffles}	24	Duration	10	8.1	11.3	
Number of Pools (ft)	N _{pools}	24	Duration	11	8.5	11.8	
Minimum required length of pool (ft)	L _{pool}	15	Duration	12	8.8	12.3	
Enter the minimum cobble diameter (ft)	d _{min}	1.00	Duration	15	9.3	13.8	
Minimum top width of SP50 riffle channel (ft)	W	32.0	Duration	18	10.8	15.1	
Maximum depth of SP50 riffle channel 10H:1V cross-section (ft)	D	2.0	#DIV/0!				
h _v : Minimum required design storm depth within the pool of the SP50 (ft)	h _v	2.4	ok				
Enter design pool depth (Maximum 3ft)	h _p	2.5	Subcritical ok Entrenchment does not meet 10H:1V cross-section requirement				
Check Riffle Side Slope, Max h _v : 10H:1V		1.9	Adequate conveyance of design storm				
Check the Froude Number to ensure subcritical flow conditions		1.0	Selected Cobble Size is Adequate for 100 year storm				
Channel Flow Area	A	4.95	Subcritical Flow is Predominant				
Riffle Channel Slope (ft/ft)	S	0.67	System Entrenched, widen section				
Flow Velocity (ft/sec)	V	0.24					
Riffle Channel Perimeter (ft)	P	20.3					

- Determine stable riffle size.
- Size for subcritical flow.
- Cascade sizing function of riffle.
- Determine energy dissipation requirements.
- Determine attenuation requirements.

FIT TO SITE



STEP POOL LAYOUT DIMENSIONS
USE PLAN, SECTION, AND PROFILE VIEWS FOR POINT LOCATIONS

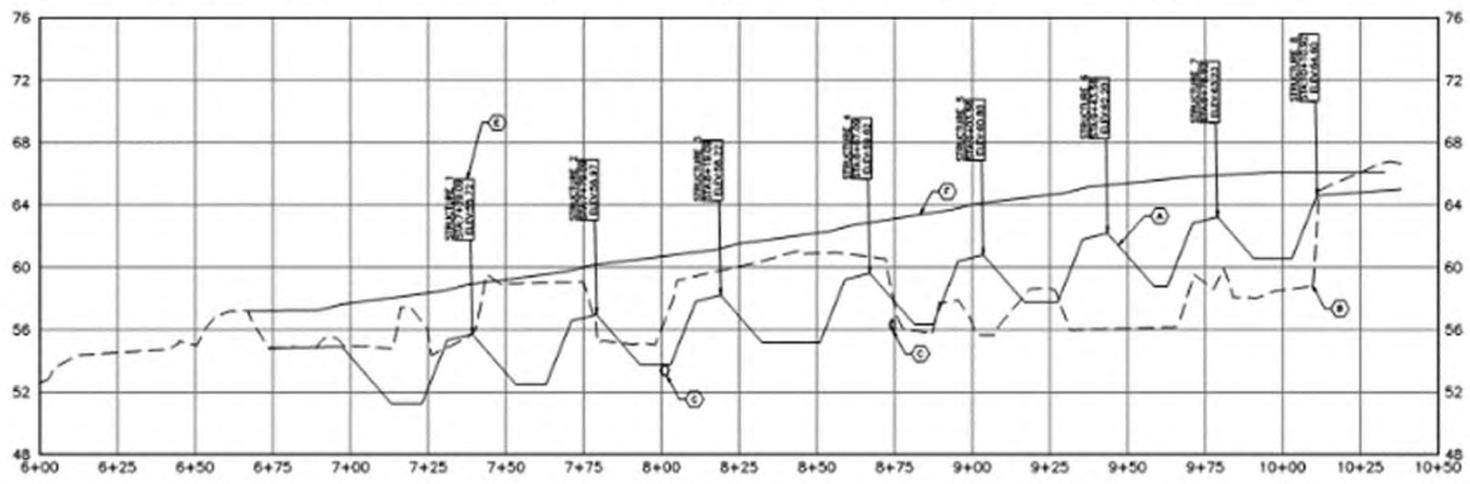
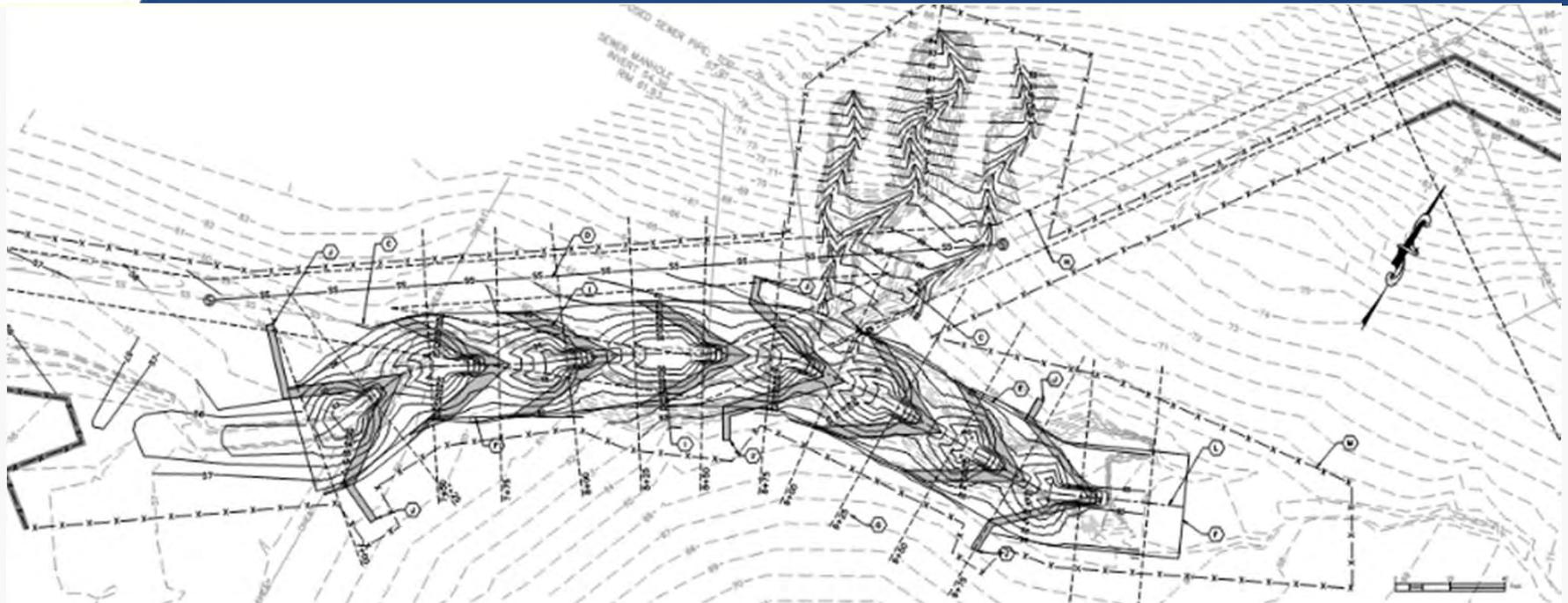
Point	Description	Station	Elevation
A	Top of RFP at Center	1+00	60.00
B	Top of RFP at 1/2 Offset	0+75	58.00
C	Top of RFP at 3/4 Offset	0+50	56.00
D	Top of RFP at 1/4 Offset	1+25	62.00
E	Top of RFP at 3/8 Offset	1+00	60.00
F	Top of RFP at 1/8 Offset	1+25	62.00
G	Bottom of Sand at Center	1+00	50.00
H	Bottom of Sand at 1/2 Offset	0+75	48.00
I	Bottom of Sand at 3/4 Offset	0+50	46.00
J	Bottom of Sand at 1/4 Offset	1+25	52.00
K	Bottom of Sand at 3/8 Offset	1+00	50.00
L	Bottom of Sand at 1/8 Offset	1+25	52.00

Structure	Station						
1	0+00	0+25	0+50	0+75	1+00	1+25	1+50
2	0+00	0+25	0+50	0+75	1+00	1+25	1+50
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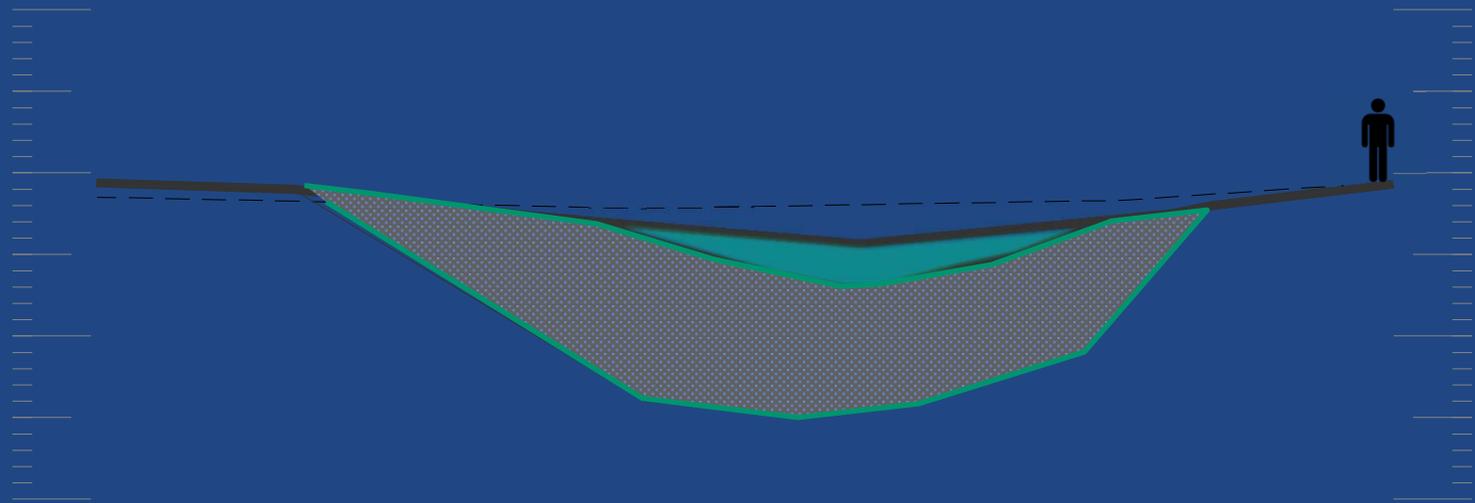
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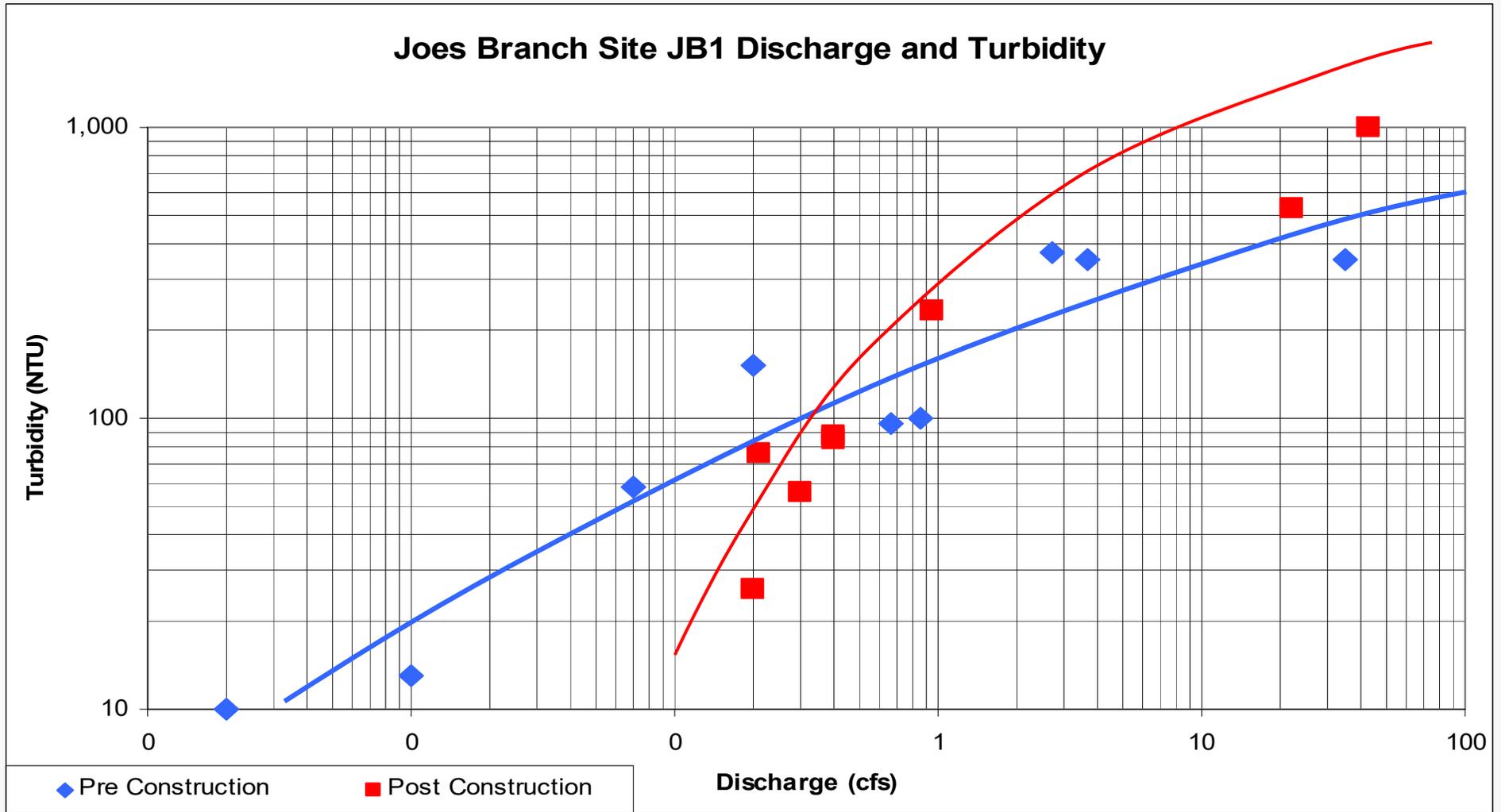
POST-CONSTRUCTION CROSS SECTION





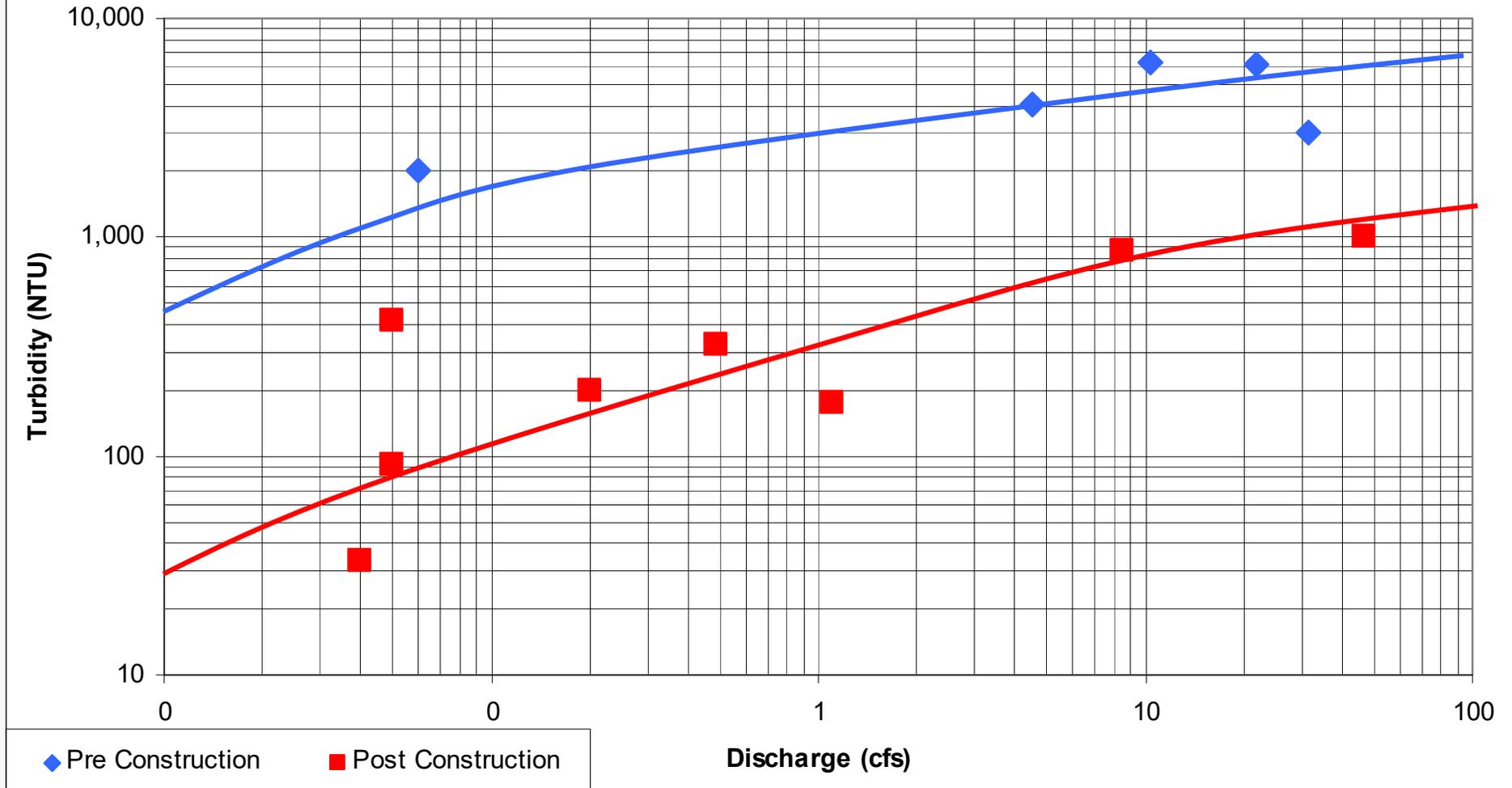


Joes Branch Site JB1 Discharge and Turbidity



Site JB1 Upstream Pre- and Post-Construction
Turbidity and Discharge

Joies Branch Site JB6 Discharge and Turbidity



Site JB6 Downstream Pre- and Post-Construction
Turbidity and Discharge

SEDIMENT LOAD REDUCTIONS

Post-Phase I Sediment Load Impacts

- Suspended sediment was reduced 97%
- Bed sediment was reduced 72%
- Total sediment was reduced 90%

Post-Phase II Sediment Load Impacts

- Suspended sediment was reduced 99%
- Bed sediment was reduced 96%
- Total sediment was reduced 99%



Marlon Cook
Cook Hydrogeology, LLC.

LESSONS LEARNED

Typical construction mindset doesn't work.

- Contractors
- Designers
- Standard Specifications & Documents
- Inspectors



LESSONS LEARNED

- Few contractors (and therefore bidders) have previous experience.



LESSONS LEARNED

Larger pools have unique design considerations.











THANKS!

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