

# Flood Planning & Preliminary Design Services for South St. Vrain Creek Restoration at Hall Ranch **Presentation to Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee**

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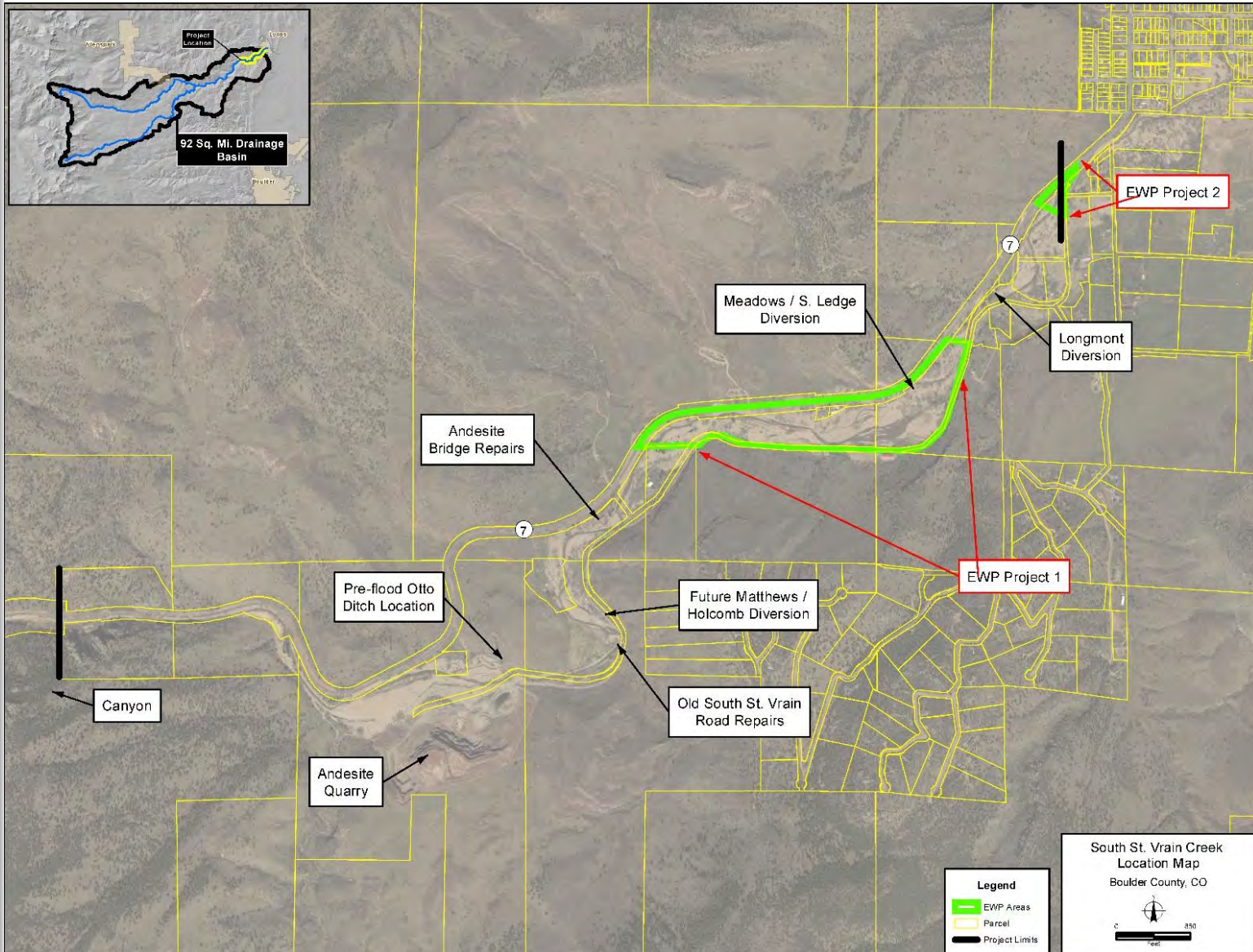
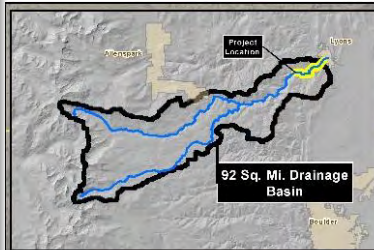


# Introductions

- 🏗️ Introduction
- 🏗️ History of project
- 🏗️ Planning area: 3.2 Mile Reach from Canyon to Bridge
- 🏗️ Project sponsors and funding: DOLA/BCPOS
  - 30% Report and Designs
  - EWP Eligible Construction
- 🏗️ Project website
  - Information and comment
  - [www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org/ssv](http://www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org/ssv)





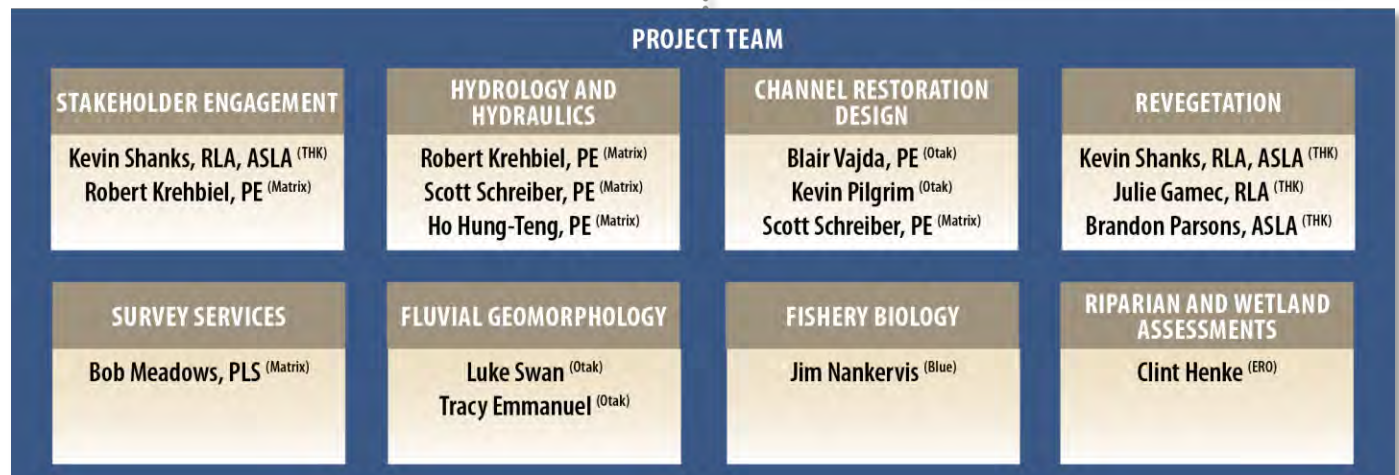
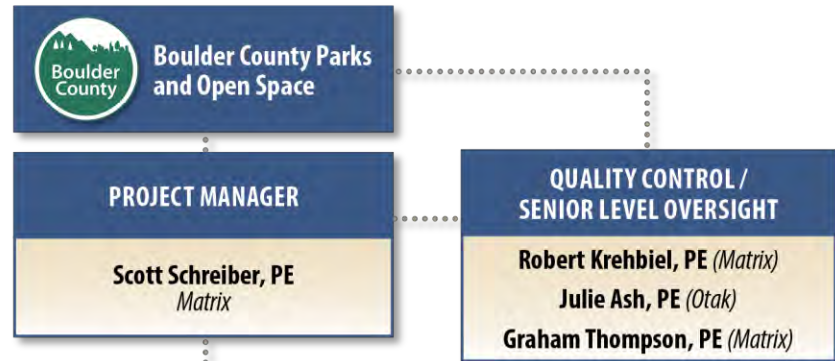


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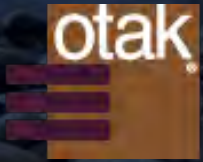


# Project Schedule



## Design schedule

- Notice to proceed: May 2016
- Alternative analysis: June 2016
- Preferred alternative: July 2016
- 30% design: September 2016
- EWP Permitting and 80% Design: Fall/Winter 2016
- EWP Construction: Winter/Spring 2017





# Public Engagement



## Extensive Public Engagement

- South St. Vrain Working Group – May 11
- St. Vrain Creek Coalition – May 25, June 29, July 20, and August 17
- General Public Meetings (Lyons) – May 24 and June 30
- Individual Land Owner Meetings – June 22
- Public Preferred Alternative Site Tour – July 28
- Various on-line comments, phone calls, and field visits



## Comments since 2013





# Pre Flood Aerial: 2012







# Post Flood Aerial: 2013







# Post Flood Aerial: 2014







# Post Flood Aerial: 2015



Google earth

Imagery Date: 10/9/2015 40°12'04.43" N 105°17'56.62" W elev: 5559 ft eye alt: 6463 ft





# Pre Flood Aerial: 2012







# Post Flood Aerial: 2013







# Post Flood Aerial: 2014







# Post Flood Aerial: 2015



Google earth

Imagery Date: 10/9/2015 40°12'35.59" N 105°16'59.30" W elev: 5424 ft eye alt: 6343 ft





# Pre Flood Aerial: 2012



Google earth

Imagery Date: 10/7/2012 40°12'51.89" N 105°16'24.20" W elev: 5405 ft eye alt: 6014 ft





# Post Flood Aerial: 2013







# Post Flood Aerial: 2014







# Post Flood Aerial: 2015

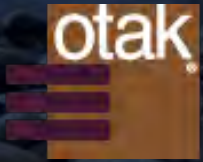






# Project Goals Statement

- Provide a conceptual design for the entire South Saint Vrain Creek project area that restores and improves the channel and surrounding floodplain areas to a safe, natural, resilient, functioning, and ecologically rich habitat. This project will use qualitative research, quantitative data, and community input to inform resilient design that shall utilize natural system principles and onsite materials to expedite recovery from the 2013 floods and set up for better performance in future flood events. Components to meet goals include incorporating natural channel diversity and character, re-establishing floodplain benches for lateral connectivity, reducing longitudinal connectivity constraints, improving flow conveyance and sediment transport to maintain environmental values, promote naturally functioning stream processes, protect public and private infrastructure, improve public safety, repair unstable erosion scars in high-risk areas, and revegetate denuded areas.





# Decision Making Process

South St. Vrain Creek Restoration at Hall Ranch Decision Making Process:

## Project Goals



### Parks & Open Space

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## Core Values

### Community

- Communicates with the residents
- Incorporate residents needs in alternative analysis
- Be mindful of impact of property value
- Consider the affects work will have downstream
- Consider recreational opportunities
- Increase aesthetic appeal
- Consider existing water rights
- Minimize impact to cultural and historic features

### Resiliency

- Improve "Creek Conveyance"
- Provide smarter infrastructure solutions
- Improve creek stability
- Reduce risk to critical infrastructure
- Restore natural ecosystem process
- Reconnect the floodplain

### Safety

- Reduce the impacts to private property
- Reduce potential flood risk
- Make public safety top priority

### Environment

- Assess existing environmental conditions
- Reduce sedimentation in general
- Improve wildlife habitat (banking opportunities)
- Increased channel capacity to accommodate future flooding
- Work with natural systems
- Improve fish passage and habitat
- Remove and recycle onsite materials
- Avoid highly-engineered solutions
- Re-establish natural condition of the channel and adjacent stream bank
- Increase revegetation efforts
- Concerned about movement of potential debris both short and long term
- Concerned about ground water and the rise in the creek bed elevation
- Concerned about interim berm condition along creek
- Consider new 100 year hydrologic volumes

### Implementation

- Work with existing project initiatives and ongoing projects
- Find funding for future implementation
- Include fiscally responsible costs
- Continue longterm planning for future projects
- Meet the goals for EWP funding
- Consider elements of the master plan
- Be consistent with land use regulations and management
- Consider phasing

### Schedule

- Prioritize strategies as critical, necessary or desired

## Prioritization Criteria

1. Protect critical public and private infrastructure?
2. Avoids negative impacts to downstream infrastructure, channel and stormwater systems?
3. Improves aesthetics to the creek corridor?
4. Consider recreation where allowed?

5. Benefits larger area of creek corridor?
6. Re-establishes floodplain connectivity?
7. Restores affected areas of the South St. Vrain Creek channel and surrounding areas to stable, resilient and ecologically rich habitats?
8. Reduces future recovery time?
9. Improves conveyance of sediment?

10. Reduce flood risk to the public and residents by providing long term solutions that increase resiliency?

11. Natural ecosystem processes restored?
12. Protects or improves existing habitat and significant ecological resources?
13. Incorporates locally available materials and environmentally friendly processes?
14. Protects and improves water quality and the geomorphology of the creek?

15. Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provides the best value for their life-cycle, function and purpose?
16. Can be supported by current land use regulations or revised land use regulations?
17. Provides funding, partnering and collaboration opportunities by meeting multiple stakeholder objectives?

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Comments/Concerns



Core Values



Project Goals



Prioritization Criteria





# Prioritization Criteria

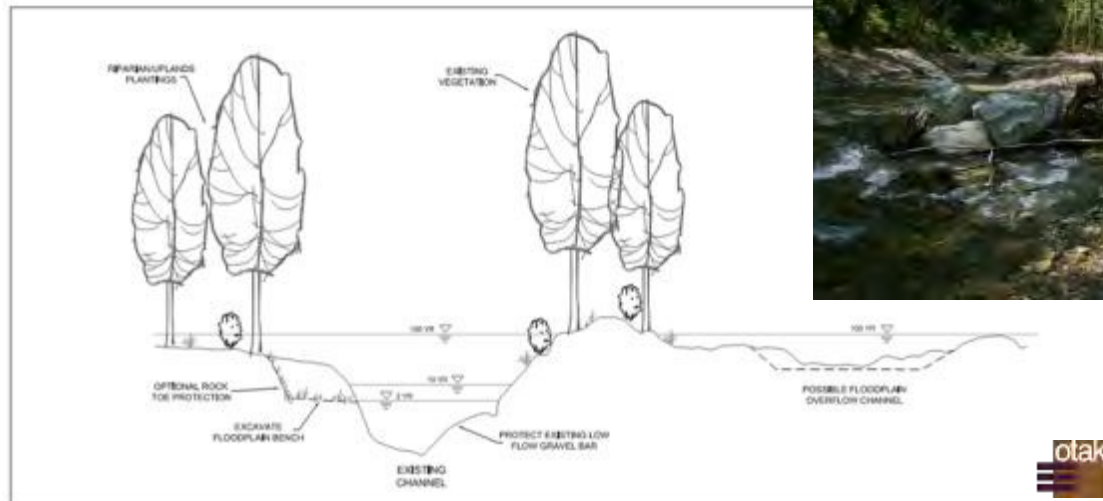
| SOUTH ST. VRAIN CREEK RESTORATION AT HALL RANCH DECISION MATRIX - FOR THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE                            |                 |  |   |  |  |  | 7/12/2016 |
|--|-----------------|--|---|--|--|--|-----------|
| ID   | Critical Issues | Prioritization Criteria  | Alternatives Evaluation   |  |  |  |           |
|  |                 |  | Floodplain Connectivity   | Channel Complexity   | Revegetation   | Infrastructure Protection  |           |
| Prioritization Criteria  |                 |  |   |  |  |  |           |
| 1  | Community       | Protect critical public and private infrastructure?  | The best way to increase flood volume and reduce flood energy throughout the system. Note: Detention ponds can not provide enough volume to mitigate flood impacts. Water rights are needed to detain water. Detention ponds would fill full of sediment. There is physically not enough room to detain the appropriate amount of water needed. | Can provide some channel stability.  | Once vegetation is established can provide some flood plain stability.   | Can provide immediate site specific protection to infrastructure. No system wide mitigation.   |           |
| 2  | Community       | Avoids negative impacts to downstream infrastructure, channel and storm water systems?   | Returns the river corridor to a more natural channel condition with minimal downstream impacts.   | Minimal downstream negative impacts.   | Minimal downstream negative impacts.   | While the technique might provide protection for the immediate element of infrastructure being protected, the technique can cause negative impacts downstream. |           |
| 3  | Community       | Improves aesthetics to the creek corridor?   | Returns the river corridor to a more natural channel condition. Time needed for naturalization of vegetation.   | Improves the aesthetics of the channel.  | Jump starts revegetation of the entire river corridor.   | Most techniques appear engineered.   |           |
| 4  | Community       | Consider recreation where allowed? <sup>(1)</sup>  | Improves the quality of the recreational experience.  | Provides instream structures that could act as a recreational amenity to kayakers and fishermen. | Improves the quality of the recreational experience.   | Recreational objectives could be included with infrastructure protection.  |           |
| 5  | Resiliency      | Benefits larger area of creek corridor?  | Benefits the larger creek corridor by jump starting the natural systems.  | Benefits the channel by moderating sediment load.  | Benefits the larger creek corridor but without floodplain connectivity the results will be diminished.   | Very site specific benefits at the point where the improvement is made.  |           |
| 6  | Resiliency      | Re-establishes floodplain connectivity?  | Yes. Floodplain connectivity is the most holistic approach to re-establish a functioning floodplain.  | Yes. Channel complexity would contribute to inundation of floodplain benches.                    | Yes. Revegetation provides roughness to slow floodwater down and establishes long lasting ecosystem benefits.  | No.  |           |
| 7  | Resiliency      | Restores affected areas of the South St. Vrain Creek channel and surrounding areas to stable, resilient and ecologically rich habitats?    | Yes.  | Yes.   | Jump starts terrestrial and riparian habitat.  | Makes certain reaches more stable.   |           |
| 8  | Resiliency      | Reduces future recovery time?  | Jump starts the natural systems of the corridor most holistic approach.   | Not a holistic approach, focuses on channel.   | Not a holistic approach. Some established vegetation, soil structure and seedbanks would survive a flood event and secondary succession would occur. | Not a holistic approach. Infrastructure protection would protect existing features and reduce future work needed after a flood event.                          |           |
| 9  | Resiliency      | Moderates conveyance of sediment?  | Yes for the entire reach.   | Yes for the entire reach.  | Traps sediment during a flood and minimizes erosion.   | Could be part of the strategy at diversions, bridges and culverts.   |           |
| 10   | Safety          | Reduce flood risk to the public and residents by providing long term solutions that increase resiliency?                                   | Increases flood storage volume and reduces flood energy throughout the system.  | Provides some creek channel resiliency.  | Once allowed to mature the vegetation provides some resistance to future floods.   | Hardened points are created in the corridor not always resilient.  |           |
| 11   | Environment     | Natural ecosystem processes restored?  | Most holistic approach.   | Partial approach, not all ecosystems addressed.  | Partial approach, not all ecosystems addressed.  | Least holistic approach.   |           |
| 12   | Environment     | Protects or improves existing habitat and significant ecological resources?  | Improves both terrestrial and aquatic habitat.  | Improves aquatic habitat.  | Improves terrestrial and riparian habitat.   | Not the focus of infrastructure protection techniques.   |           |
| 13   | Environment     | Incorporates locally available materials and environmentally friendly processes?   | Not a differentiator. All alternatives can incorporate locally available materials and environmentally friendly processes.  |  |  |  |           |
| 14   | Environment     | Protects and improves water quality and the geomorphology of the creek?  | Protects geomorphology and jump starts natural systems of the creek.  | Protects geomorphology and jump starts natural systems of the creek.                             | Reduces erosion.   | Reduces erosion in site specific areas.  |           |
| 15   | Implementation  | Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provides the best value for their lifecycle, function and purpose? | Because it jump starts the corridor's natural systems it is the best value for their life-cycle.  | Reasonable to construct and jump starts natural system of the creek.                             | Without regrading, the revegetation effort will have diminished results.   | Protects infrastructure but requires on-going maintenance.   |           |
| 16   | Implementation  | Can be supported by current land use regulations or revised land use regulations?  | Not a differentiator. All alternatives can be supported by the current land use regulations.  |  |  |  |           |
| 17   | Implementation  | Provides funding, partnering and collaboration opportunities by meeting multiple stakeholder objectives?                                   | Not a differentiator. There are opportunities with all alternatives for partnering.   |  |  |  |           |
| Notes:   |                 |  |   |  |  |  |           |
| Definitions:<br>Fair - What is thought to be right acceptable<br>Better - Higher in quality<br>Best - Better than all others in quality or value |                 |  |   |  |  |  |           |



Alternatives evaluated in matrices to determine most effect (preferred) alternative



# Alternative: Floodplain Connectivity



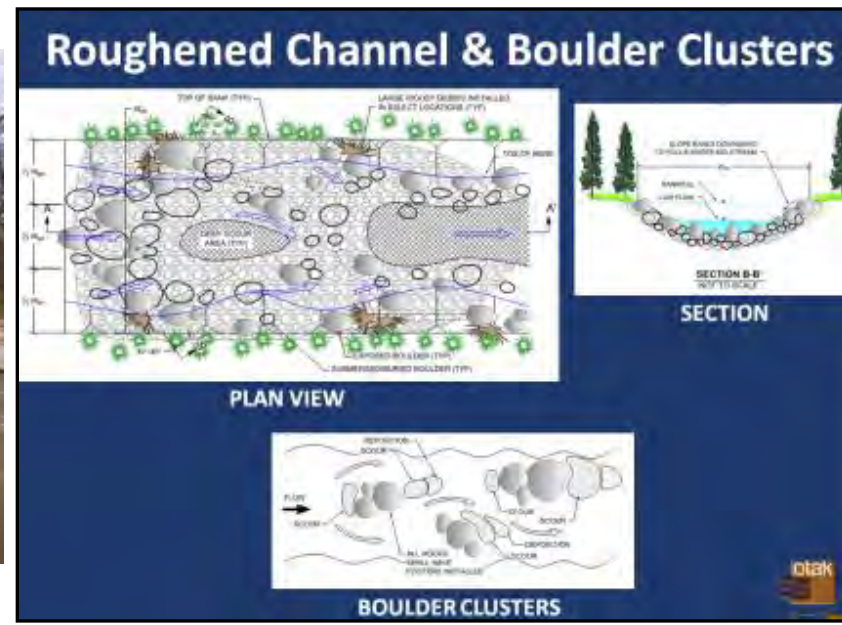
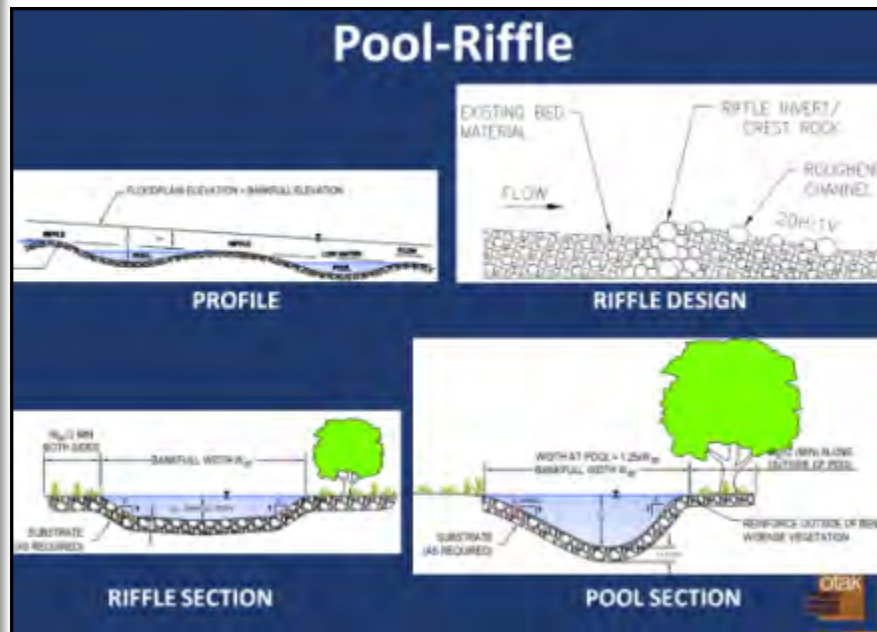
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# Alternative: Revegetation

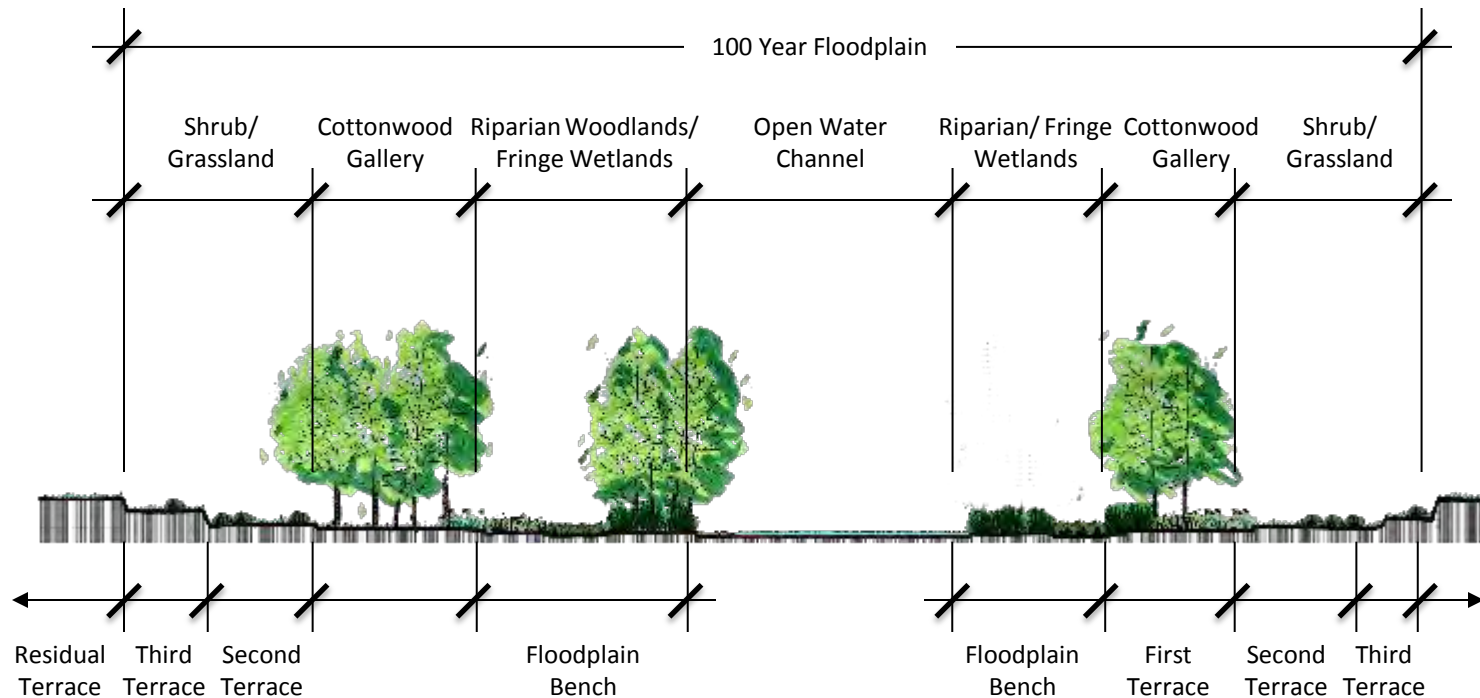
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Wetland/Riparian Bench



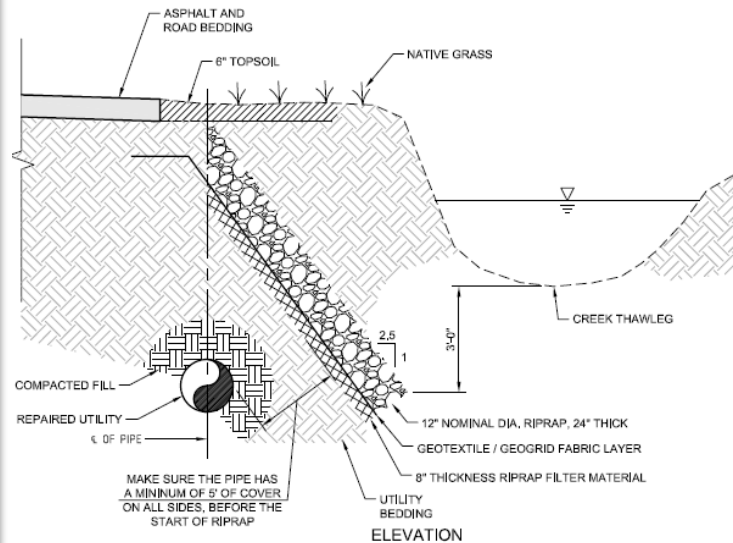
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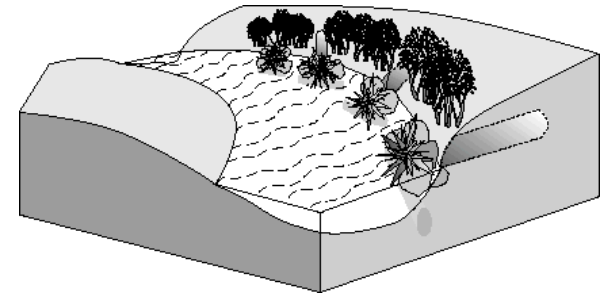




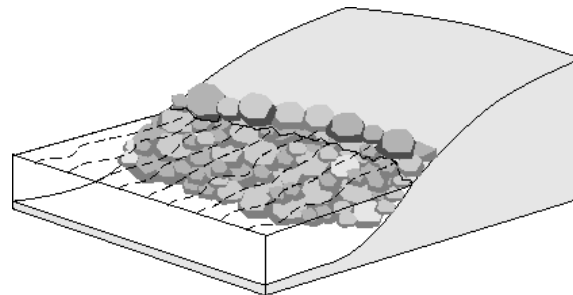
# Alternative: Infrastructure Protection



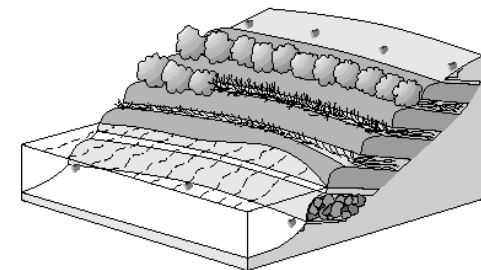
Utility Armoring



Root Wad Stabilization



Boulder Toe Protection



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# Additional Design Aspects Evaluated

Existing infrastructure aspects investigated to provide future recommendations

## Old St Vrain Road Bridge

- Required capacity and road overtopping

## Longmont Diversion

- Relocation of diversion and floodplain conveyance

## South Ledge/Meadows Ditch

- Sedimentation issues

## Woody Vegetation Management







# Geomorphology

## ■ Geomorphic Assessment

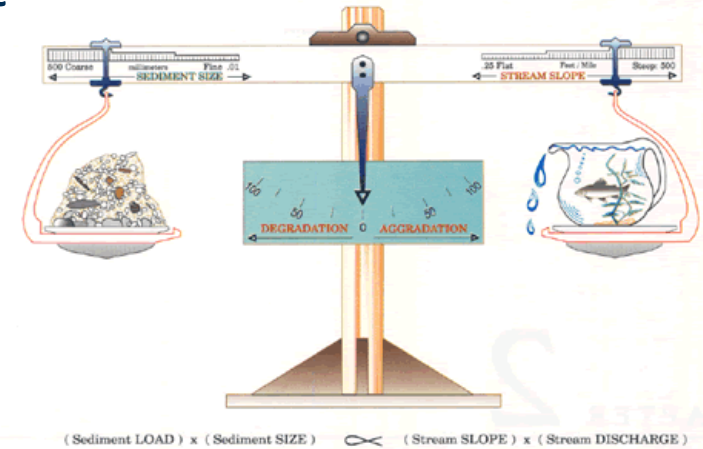
- Data Review
- Desktop Analysis
- Field Assessment

## ■ Sediment Transport

- Stability Analyses
- Trajectory determination
- Structure design

## ■ What questions are we trying to answer?

- What are prevailing processes and how do we use them to achieve the project goals?
- What is the channel trajectory and what does that mean for the project goals?
- Is the channel stable? Is the design stable?





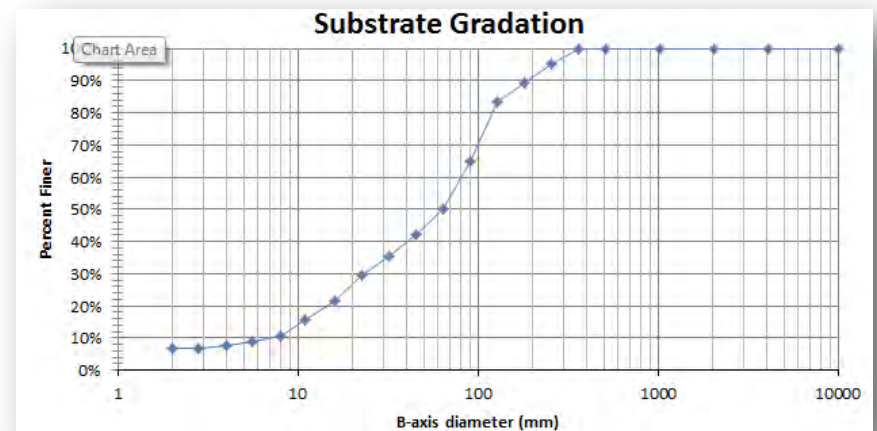




# Geomorphology - Assessment



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# Geomorphology - Assessment

## River Styles

### Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley (PCAV)

#### Properties:

The majority of the reaches in the study area are classified under this stream style. They occupy the transition from the canyons through the hogbacks to the alluvial plain landscape units. Slopes are steep, but milder than the confined reaches (observed slopes ranged from 0.3% to 2.1%). As a result of this relative steepness, relative lack of confinement, and position downstream of confined reaches directly coupled with hillslope sediment supplies, these reaches exhibit the most geomorphic response to floods. Because these reaches experienced the most geomorphic change, many channels of this style are still evolving in response to the floods. In some cases, channels are beginning to narrow and some side channels are slowly filling in with sediment. Nevertheless, a large amount of unstable sediment ranging from sand to cobble material exists in the banks and floodplains of these reaches and will continue to be a net sediment supply to downstream reaches for some time.

#### Reaches:

SVC-03, SVC-04, SVC-05 / NSV-04, NSV-05, NSV-06 / SSV-03, SSV-04, SSV-05, SSV-06, SSV-07, SSV-08, SSV-09



### RIVER CHARACTERISTICS

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Valley Setting   | Partially confined. Observed confinement ratio ranging from 3 to 35   |
| Channel Planform | Meandering channel with low sinuosity, braided in some areas after flood. High flow, side channels present.   |
| Bed Morphology   | Typical: pool-riffle, boulder clusters, large wood jams and roughness elements; lateral and mid-channel bars<br>Observed: pool-riffle, plane bed, riffle-run, mid-channel/point/lateral bars, instream large wood |

### RIVER BEHAVIOR

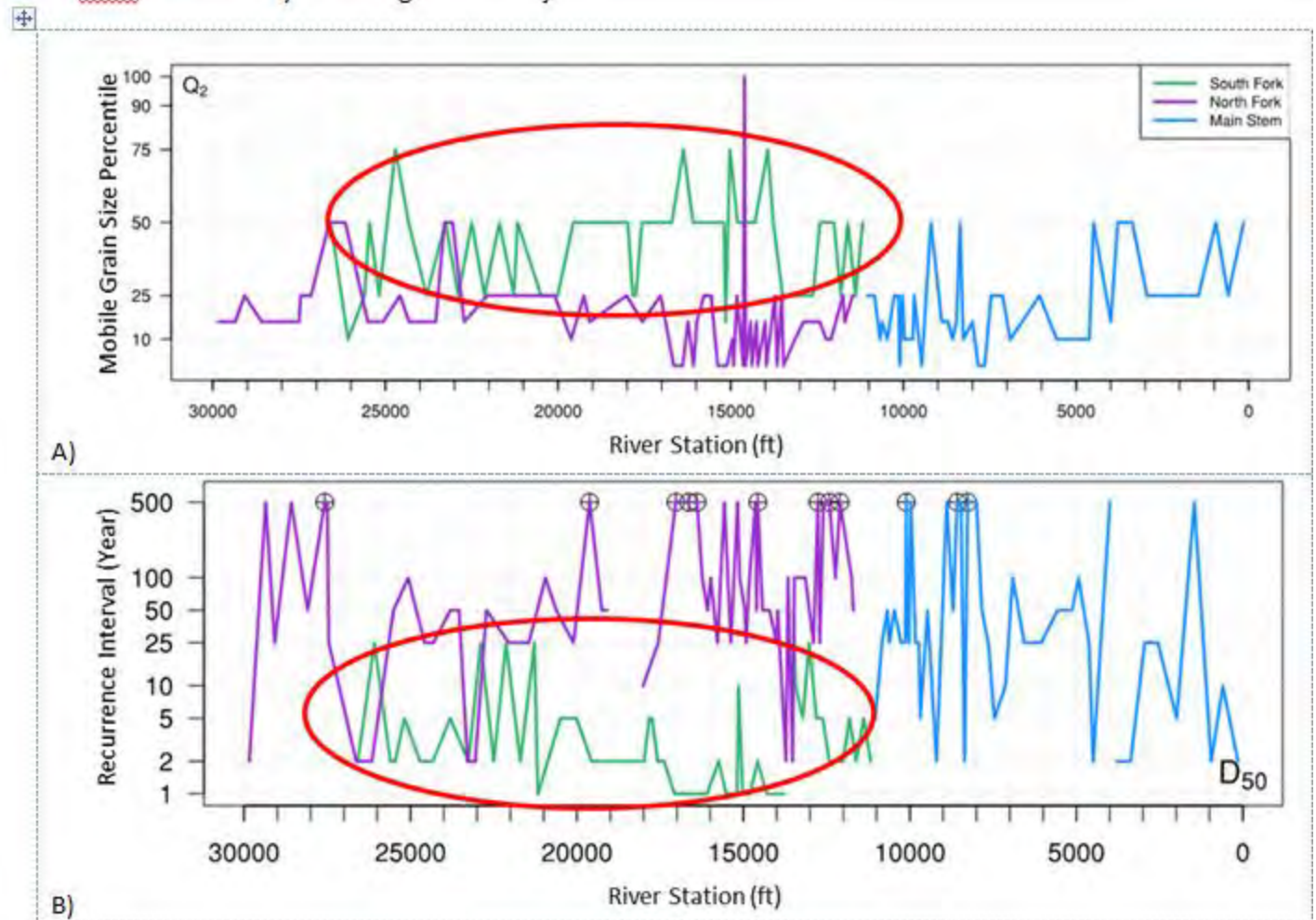
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|--------------------------------|---|
| Current Stream Evolution Stage | Majority of reaches are in the Aggradation and Widening stage, with a few in the Degradational stage and a few in the Quasi Equilibrium stage (post-restoration)  |
| Flood Response                 | Flood response ranged from channel widening throughout, downstream lateral migration of meander bends, channel avulsion, and braiding.  |
| Stage Behavior                 | Low flows are generally single thread with splits around mid-channel bars. Sediment is stored in bar complexes at the channel margin. Bankfull flows activate side channels and re-work in-channel bars. Large wood has significant influence on bank erosion and sediment accumulation. At flood stages, extremely high stream power values are generated before flows can spill into extensive floodplains, dissipating stream energy. Side channels are activated through inundation and channel avulsions will likely occur. Large wood is recruited into the channel as banks and terraces become undercut and may have significant influence over channel behavior as additional wood is racked up. |





# Geomorphology – Sediment Transport

## Base Bed Mobility

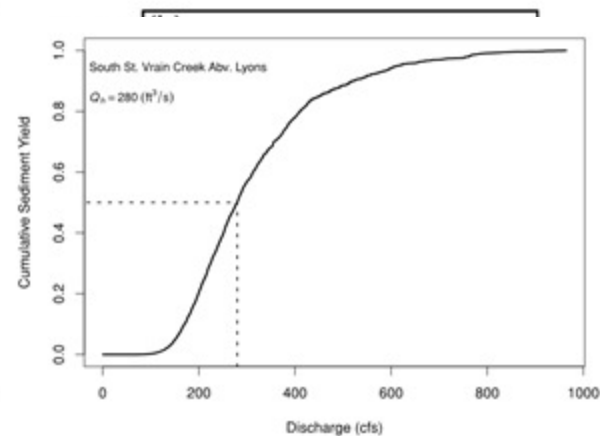
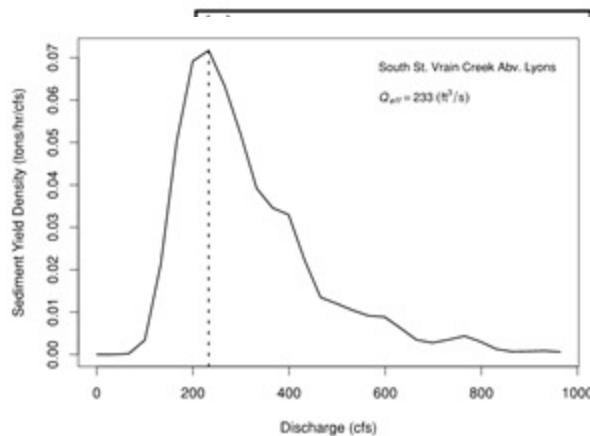




# Geomorphology – Sediment Transport

## Effective Discharge

- $Q_{eff}$  – flow that transports most sediment over time
- $Q_h$  – discharge associated with cumulative 50% of sediment yield







# Geomorphology – Sediment Transport

## 🏗️ Sediment Transport Capacity and Balance

### Stream Power

$$q_s = 4.610^{-7} \Omega^{1.75} D_{50}^{-0.56}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\omega^{1.5}}{R^{\frac{2}{3}}} \quad \omega = \frac{\rho g Q S}{b}$$

### • Meyer-Peter Muller

$$\left(\frac{k_r}{k_s}\right)^{1/2} \gamma R S = 0.047(\gamma_s - \gamma) d_m + 0.25 \left(\frac{\gamma}{g}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\gamma_s - \gamma}{\gamma_s}\right)^{2/3} g_s^{2/3}$$

Where:  $g_s$  = Unit sediment transport rate in weight/time/  
 $k_r$  = A roughness coefficient  
 $k_s$  = A roughness coefficient based on grains  
 $\gamma$  = Unit weight of water  
 $\gamma_s$  = Unit weight of the sediment  
 $g$  = Acceleration of gravity  
 $d_m$  = Median particle diameter  
 $R$  = Hydraulic radius  
 $S$  = Energy gradient



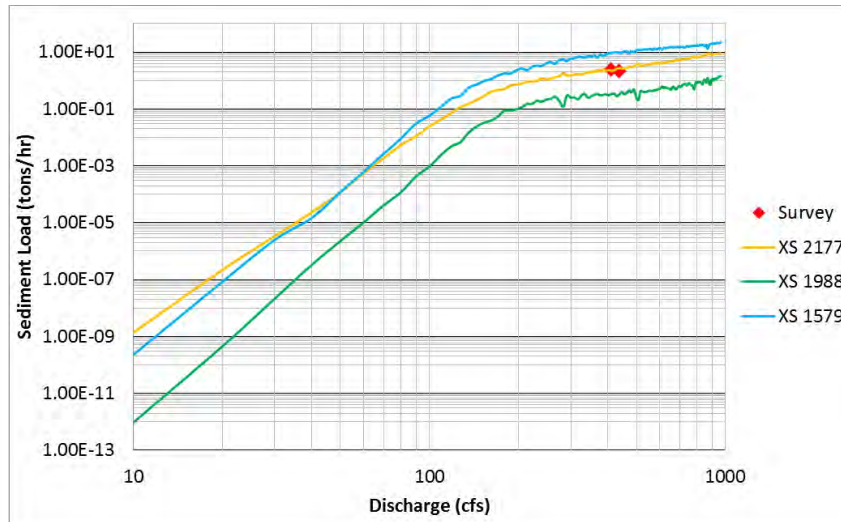
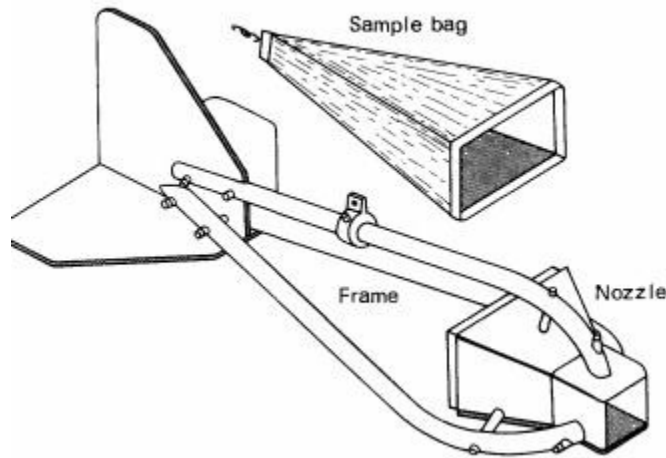
### Capacity-Supply Ratio (CSR)

- Reach capacity/supply
- 1 is good



# Geomorphology – Sediment Transport

## Sediment Transport Capacity and Balance



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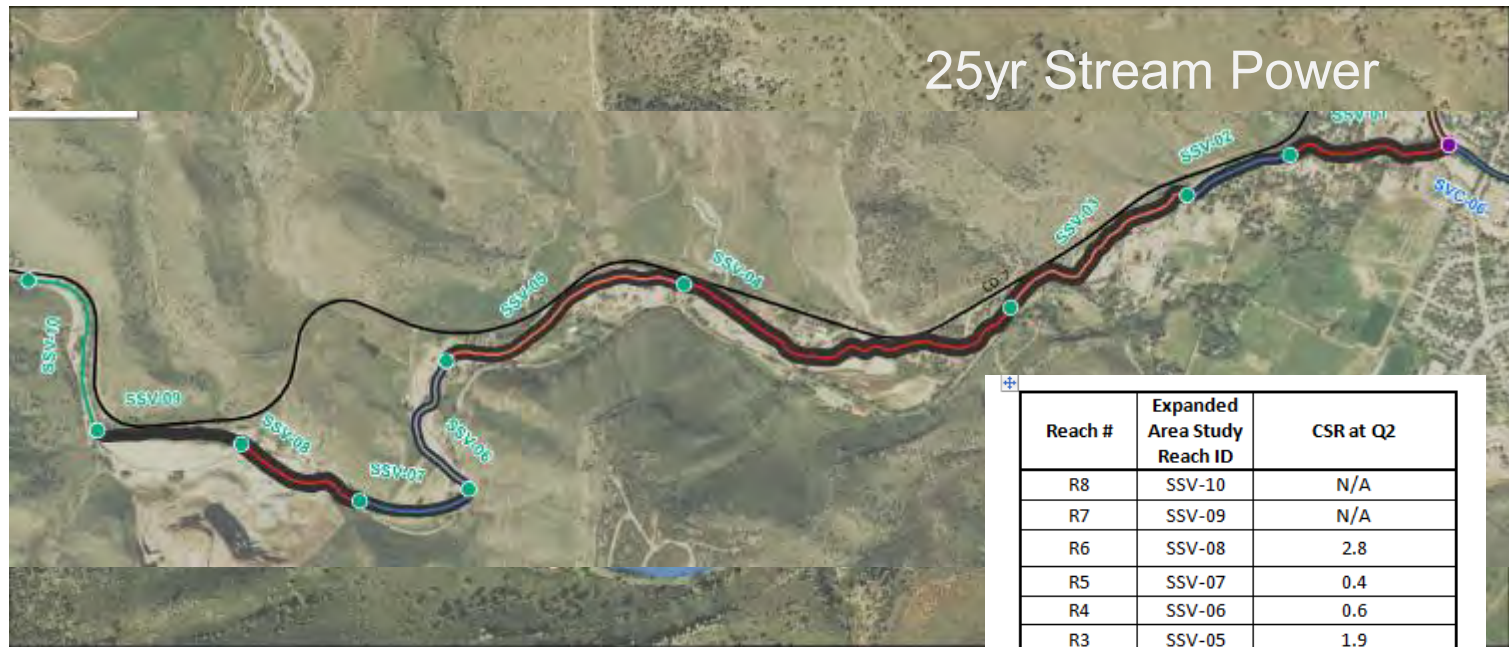
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# Geomorphology – Sediment Transport

## Sediment Transport Capacity and Balance



| Reach # | Expanded Area Study Reach ID | CSR at Q2 |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| R8      | SSV-10                       | N/A       |
| R7      | SSV-09                       | N/A       |
| R6      | SSV-08                       | 2.8       |
| R5      | SSV-07                       | 0.4       |
| R4      | SSV-06                       | 0.6       |
| R3      | SSV-05                       | 1.9       |
| R2      | SSV-04                       | 2.3       |
| R1      | SSV-03                       | 1.2       |
| -       | SSV-02                       | 0.2       |
| -       | SSV-01                       | 3.4       |



# Geomorphology - SEM

## Stream Evolution Model

| Reach # | Expanded Study Reach ID | River Style                         | Current Stream Evolution Stage <sup>a,b</sup> | Capacity/Supply Ratio @ Q <sub>2</sub> |          | Stream Evolution Trajectory <sup>a,b</sup>    |                                  |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------|---|----------------------------------|
|         |                         |                                     |   | Existing                               | Proposed | Existing                                      | Proposed                         |
| 8       | SSV-10                  | Confined Valley w/ FP pockets       | N/A   | -                                      | -        | N/A   | N/A                              |
| 7       | SSV-09                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 3 Degradation                           | -                                      | -        | Stage 4 Degradation and Widening              | Stage 6 Quasi Equilibrium        |
| 6       | SSV-08                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 5 Aggradation and Widening              | 2.8                                    | 1.5      | Stage 3 Degradation                           | Stage 4 Degradation and Widening |
| 5       | SSV-07                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 4 Degradation and Widening              | 0.38                                   | 0.4      | Stage 5 Aggradation and Widening              | Stage 6 Quasi Equilibrium        |
| 4       | SSV-06                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 5 Aggradation and Widening              | 0.59                                   | 1.0      | Stage 6 Quasi Equilibrium <sup>c</sup>        | Stage 6 Quasi Equilibrium        |
| 3       | SSV-05                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 4 Degradation and Widening              | 1.9                                    | 1.2      | Stage 5 Aggradation and Widening <sup>c</sup> | Stage 7 Laterally Active         |
| 2       | SSV-04                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 4 Degradation and Widening              | 2.3                                    | 1.3      | Stage 5 Aggradation and Widening <sup>c</sup> | Stage 7 Laterally Active         |
| 1       | SSV-03                  | Partially Confined, Alluvial Valley | Stage 5 Aggradation and Widening              | 1.2                                    | 1.2      | Stage 6 Quasi Equilibrium <sup>c</sup>        | Stage 3s Arrested Degradation    |

Notes: <sup>a</sup> Based on (Cluer & Thorne, 2013)

<sup>b</sup> N/A=stream evolution model not applicable (e.g., step-pool reaches do not necessarily follow the same disturbance model)

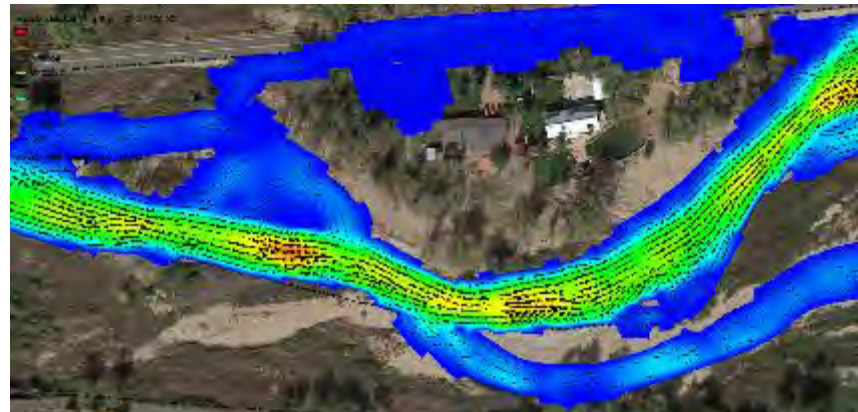
<sup>c</sup> Potential for reach to move into Stage 3 - Degradation





# Geomorphology - Summary

- Stream is generally featureless, over-widened and likely to degrade disconnecting further from the existing floodplain
- Restoration and Flood Mitigation Strategies:
  - Establish equilibrium channel geometries that promote/maintain floodplain connection
  - Control sediment supply with aggressive revegetation
  - Establish geomorphic complexity to manage sediment load, improve habitat






# Design Process

## Understand Hydraulics with Development of Design Models

- 1-D HEC-RAS
  - Regulatory floodplain modeling
- 2-D Sedimentation and River Hydraulics
  - Final design parameters and sediment transport

## Iterative Process

- EC Topography and Modeling
  - PC Grading and PC Modeling
  - Refine PC Topography
  - Verify Capacity-Supply Ratio
  - Structure and Revegetation Design
- 
- A diagram illustrating the iterative process. It consists of two blue curved arrows. The first arrow starts to the left of the list and points to the right, ending at the "PC Grading and PC Modeling" item. The second arrow starts to the right of the list and points to the left, ending at the "Refine PC Topography" item. This creates a loop between these two steps, indicating an iterative cycle.







# 30% Design

## Channel Geometry

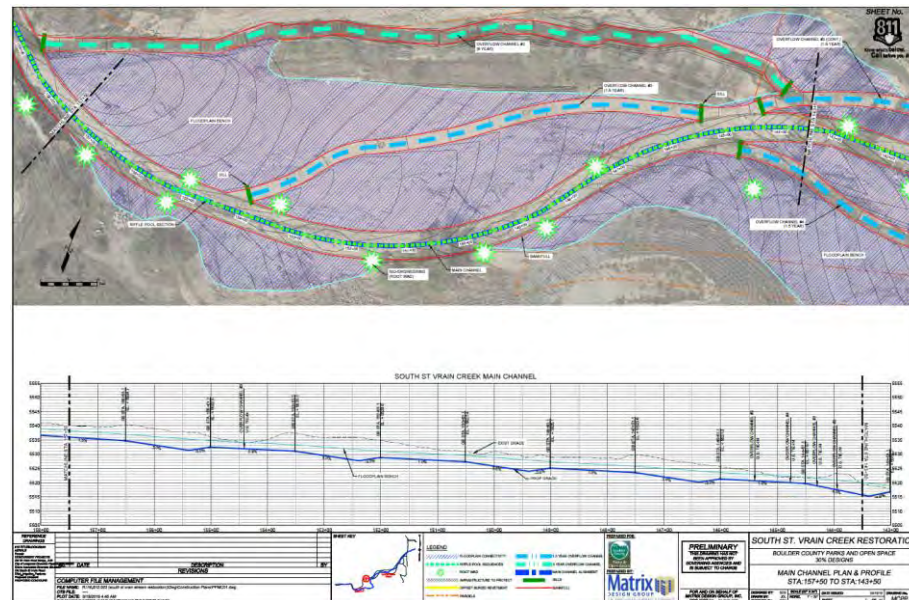
- Function of hydraulic geometry, and constraints

## Main Channel and Overflow Planform

- Pre-Flood or Existing Alignments

## Channel Profile

- Equilibrium bed slope analysis (0.8 – 2% range)

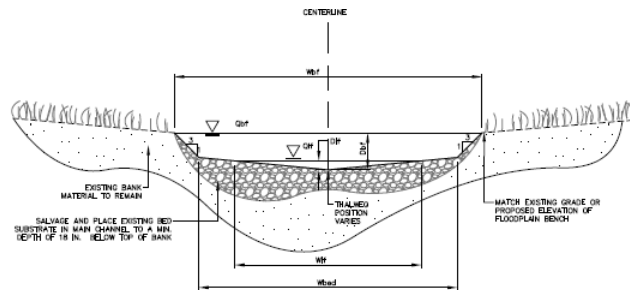




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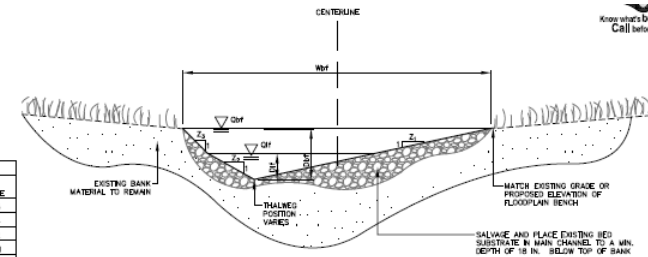
## Channel and Floodplain Dimensions

### Multi-Stage Channel

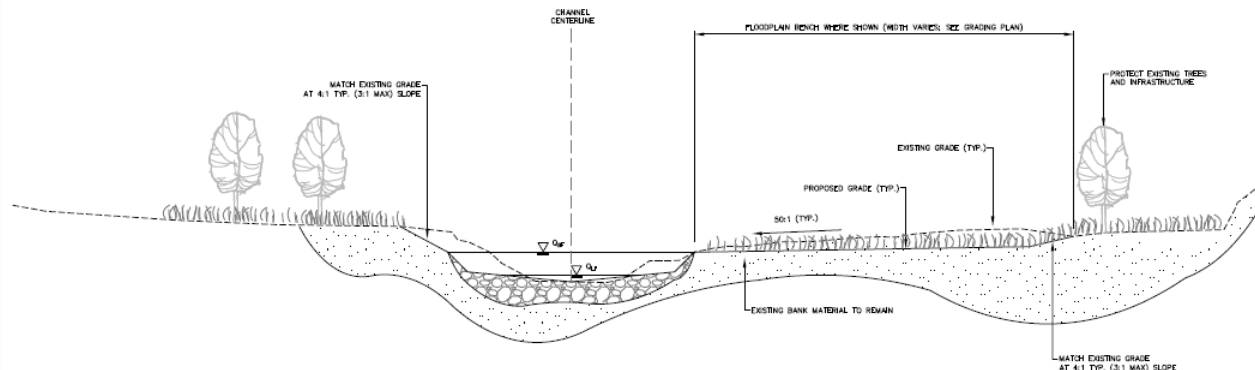


TYPICAL MAIN CHANNEL GRADING SECTION FOR STRAIGHT REACHES  
NOT TO SCALE

| REACH TYPE     | DIMENSION | NARROW | TYP. | WIDE |
|----------------|-----------|--------|------|------|
| STRAIGHT REACH | $W_{ch}$  | 40     | 48   | 55   |
|                | $W_{fp}$  | 31     | 38   | 44   |
|                | $W_{p}$   | 25     | 29   | 32   |
|                | $Q_{p1}$  | 2.5    | 2.25 | 2.1  |
|                | $Q_{p2}$  | 0.84   | 0.76 | 0.73 |
|                | $Q_{p3}$  | 15.5   | 19   | 22   |
| MEANDER REACH  | $W_{ch}$  | 40     | 48   | 55   |
|                | $W_{fp}$  | 4.4    | 4.0  | 3.6  |
|                | $Q_{p1}$  | 2.75   | 2.5  | 2.25 |
|                | $Q_{p2}$  | 8.2    | 8.3  | 10.8 |
|                | $Q_{p3}$  | 3      | 4    | 5    |
|                | $Q_{p4}$  | 2.5    | 3    | 3    |



TYPICAL MAIN CHANNEL GRADING SECTION FOR MEANDER REACHES  
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TYPICAL FLOODPLAIN GRADING SECTION  
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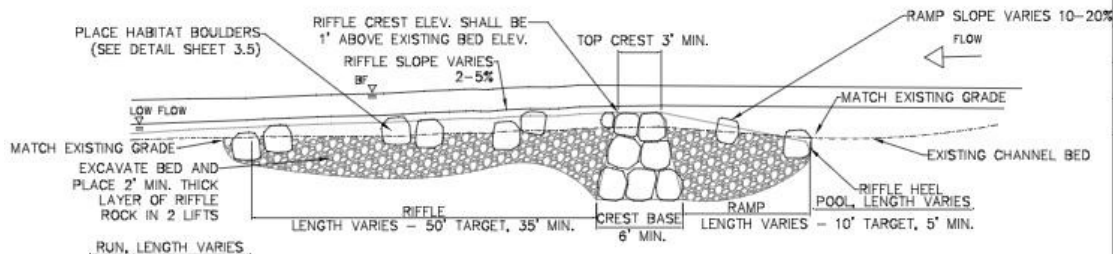
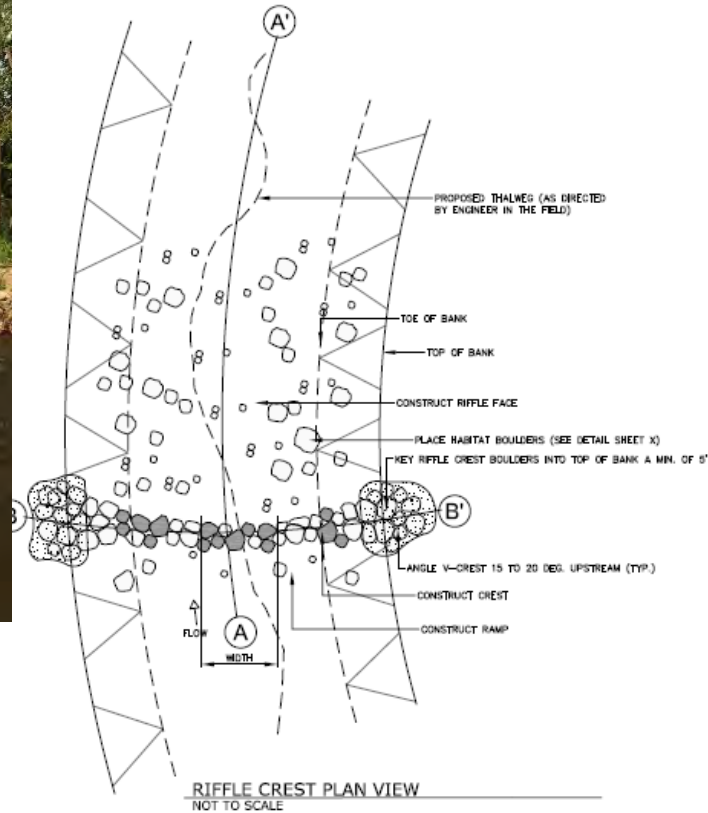
## 1.5 and 5 Year Overflow Channels

- Along Existing and/or Pre-Flood Channel Alignments to stretch implementation funds
- On Average 25' Bottom Width with Gentle Side Slopes
- Vegetation Lined and/or Stream Substrate





# Riffle Structure Design



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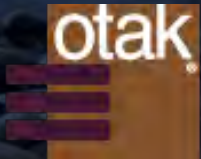


# Large Woody Material and Vegetation

🏗️ Geomorphic, Biologic and Ecologic Benefits

🏗️ Implementation Guidance

- Site Visit with Boulder County Emergency Management (OEM)
  - OEM Decision Process
  - Focused on hazard trees in the vicinity of infrastructure
- National Guidance Documents on the Design of Engineered Log Structures





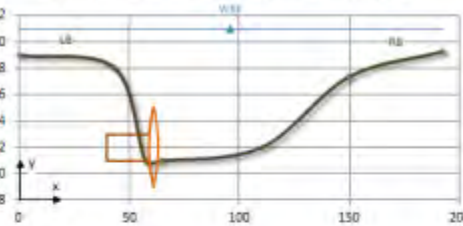
# Large Wood Structure Design

| Site ID   | Structure Type | Structure Position | Meander  | Station | $d_w$ (ft) | $R_w/V_{WP}$ | $W_{max}$ (ft/s) |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------|---------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Lower R2A | Rootwad        | Left bank          | Straight | 8+00    | 10.00      | 128.21       | 8.00             |

| Multi-Log Structures | Layer    | Log ID |
|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Key Log              | Large RV |        |

| Channel Geometry Coordinates |        |          |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Proposed                     | x (ft) | y (ft)   |
| Fldpin LB                    | 0.00   | 5,309.00 |
| Top LB                       | 43.16  | 5,308.05 |
| Toe LB                       | 57.16  | 5,301.05 |
| Thalweg                      | 65.00  | 5,301.00 |
| Toe RB                       | 110.09 | 5,302.00 |
| Top RB                       | 149.66 | 5,307.37 |
| Fldpin RB                    | 192.38 | 5,309.29 |

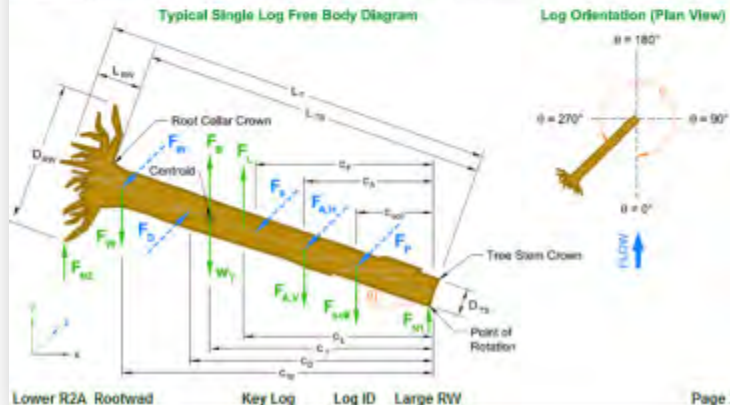
Proposed Cross-Section and Structure Geometry (Looking D/S)



| Wood Species        | Rootwad | $L_T$ (ft) | $D_{T1}$ (ft) | $L_{WV}$ (ft) | $D_{WV}$ (ft) | $T_{T2}$ (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> ) | $T_{WV}$ (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> ) |
|---------------------|---------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cottonwood, Eastern | Yes     | 30.0       | 2.00          | 3.00          | 6.00          | 28.0                           | 50.0                           |

| Structure Geometry | $\theta$ (deg) | $\beta$ (deg) | Define Fixed Point  | $x_T$ (ft) | $y_T$ (ft) | $y_{Tmin}$ (ft) | $y_{Tmax}$ (ft) | $A_{TP}$ (ft <sup>2</sup> ) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
|                    | 45.0           | 0.0           | Root collar: Bottom | 59.00      | 5,301.00   | 5,299.00        | 5,305.00        | 25.63                       |

| Soils      | Material           | $\gamma_s$ (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $\gamma'_s$ (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $\phi$ (deg) | Soil Class | $L_{Tmax}$ (ft) | $d_{0.05}$ (ft) | $d_{avg}$ (ft) |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Stream Bed | Very coarse gravel | 131.2                            | 61.7                              | 40.0         | 5          | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00           |
| Bank       | Gravel/sand        | 111.7                            | 69.5                              | 39.0         | 5          | 18.89           | 5.13            | 3.17           |



Lower R2A Rootwad Key Log Log ID Large RV Page 2

Vertical Force Analysis

Net Buoyancy Force

| Wood     | $V_{T_1}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $V_{WV}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $V_T$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $W_T$ (lb) | $F_B$ (lb) |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| ↑WSE     | 0.0                          | 0.0                         | 0.0                      | 0          | 0          |
| ↓WS↑Thw  | 84.8                         | 25.5                        | 110.3                    | 3,083      | 6,882      |
| ↓Thalweg | 0.0                          | 7.2                         | 7.2                      | 361        | 450        |
| Total    | 84.8                         | 32.7                        | 117.5                    | 3,444      | 7,332      |

Lift Force

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| $C_{LT}$   | 0.00 |
| $F_L$ (lb) | 0    |



Vertical Force Balance

|                   |       |   |
|-------------------|-------|---|
| $F_B$ (lb)        | 7,332 | ↑ |
| $F_L$ (lb)        | 0     |   |
| $W_T$ (lb)        | 3,444 | ↓ |
| $F_{BOI}$ (lb)    | 8,275 | ↓ |
| $F_{WV}$ (lb)     | 0     |   |
| $F_{AV}$ (lb)     | 0     |   |
| $\Sigma F_V$ (lb) | 4,386 | ↓ |
| $FS_V$            | 1.60  | ✓ |

Soil Ballast Force

| Soil  | $V_{dry}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $V_{sat}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $V_{soil}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $F_{col}$ (lb) |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Bed   | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 0.0                           | 0              |
| Bank  | 0.0                          | 119.0                        | 119.0                         | 8,275          |
| Total | 0.0                          | 119.0                        | 119.0                         | 8,275          |

| Horizontal Force Analysis |          |            |               |           |            |                          |        |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Drag Force                |          |            |               |           |            | Horizontal Force Balance |        |  |  |
| $A_{TP} / A_{WV}$         | $F_{TL}$ | $C_{DL}$   | $C_{VP}$      | $C_{D^*}$ | $F_D$ (lb) | $F_D$ (lb)               | 1,900  |  |  |
| 0.02                      | 1.00     | 1.12       | 0.03          | 1.19      | 1,900      | $F_P$ (lb)               | 18,185 |  |  |
| Passive Soil Pressure     |          |            |               |           |            | $F_F$ (lb)               | 3,583  |  |  |
| Soil                      | $K_p$    | $F_P$ (lb) | $L_{TP}$ (ft) | $\mu$     | $F_F$ (lb) | $F_{WV,H}$ (lb)          | 0      |  |  |
| Bed                       | 4.60     | 0          | 7.63          | 0.84      | 877        | $F_{AH}$ (lb)            | 0      |  |  |
| Bank                      | 4.40     | 18,185     | 24.37         | 0.81      | 2,706      | $\Sigma F_H$ (lb)        | 19,868 |  |  |
| Total                     | -        | 18,185     | 32.00         | -         | 3,583      | $F_{SH}$                 | 11.46  |  |  |

| Moment Force Balance             |                     |                     |                            |                        |                           |                      |                     |         |   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| Driving Moment                   |                     |                     | Resisting Moment Centroids |                        |                           | Moment Force Balance |                     |         |   |
| C <sub>TB</sub> (ft)             | C <sub>L</sub> (ft) | C <sub>D</sub> (ft) | C <sub>TW</sub> (ft)       | C <sub>SOIL</sub> (ft) | C <sub>F&amp;H</sub> (ft) | C <sub>p</sub> (ft)  | M <sub>s</sub> (lb) | 180,729 |  |
| 18.3                             | 0.0                 | 24.5                | 18.3                       | 9.4                    | 15.0                      | 12.5                 | M <sub>r</sub> (lb) | 487,498 |   |
| *Distances are from the stem tip |                     |                     | Point of Rotation:         |                        | Stem Tip                  |                      | F <sub>SM</sub>     | 2.70    |  |

| Anchor Forces                 |                               |                  |                               |                                |                    |                   |                   |                     |                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Additional Soil Ballast       |                               |                  |                               |                                | Mechanical Anchors |                   |                   |                     |                     |
| $V_{Asdt}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $V_{Aswt}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $C_{Asoll}$ (ft) | $F_{A,Vsol}$ (lb/ft)          | $F_{A,HP}$ (lb/ft)             | Type               | $C_{Am}$ (ft)     | Soils             | $F_{Am}$ (lb/ft)    |                     |
|                               |                               |                  | 0                             | 0                              |                    |                   |                   | 0                   |                     |
|                               |                               |                  |                               |                                |                    |                   |                   | 0                   |                     |
| Boulder Ballast               |                               |                  |                               |                                |                    |                   |                   |                     |                     |
| Position                      | $D_t$ (ft)                    | $C_{dt}$ (ft)    | $V_{r,dn}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $V_{r,wet}$ (ft <sup>3</sup> ) | $W_r$ (lb/ft)      | $F_{L,r}$ (lb/ft) | $F_{D,r}$ (lb/ft) | $F_{A,V,r}$ (lb/ft) | $F_{A,H,r}$ (lb/ft) |
|                               |                               |                  |                               |                                |                    |                   |                   | 0                   | 0                   |
|                               |                               |                  |                               |                                |                    |                   |                   | 0                   | 0                   |
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Lower R2A Rootwad Key Log Log ID Large RV Page 3

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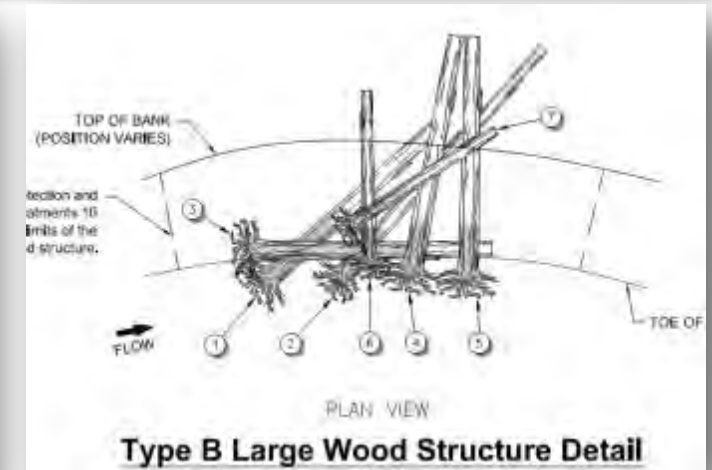
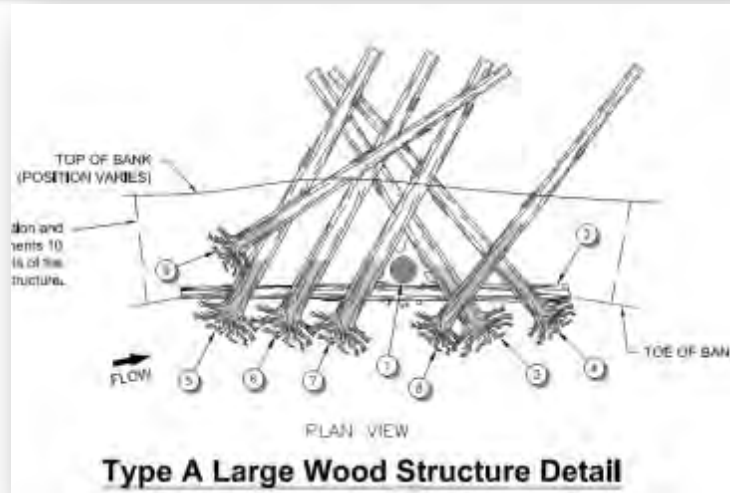
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# Large Wood Structure Design



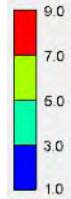
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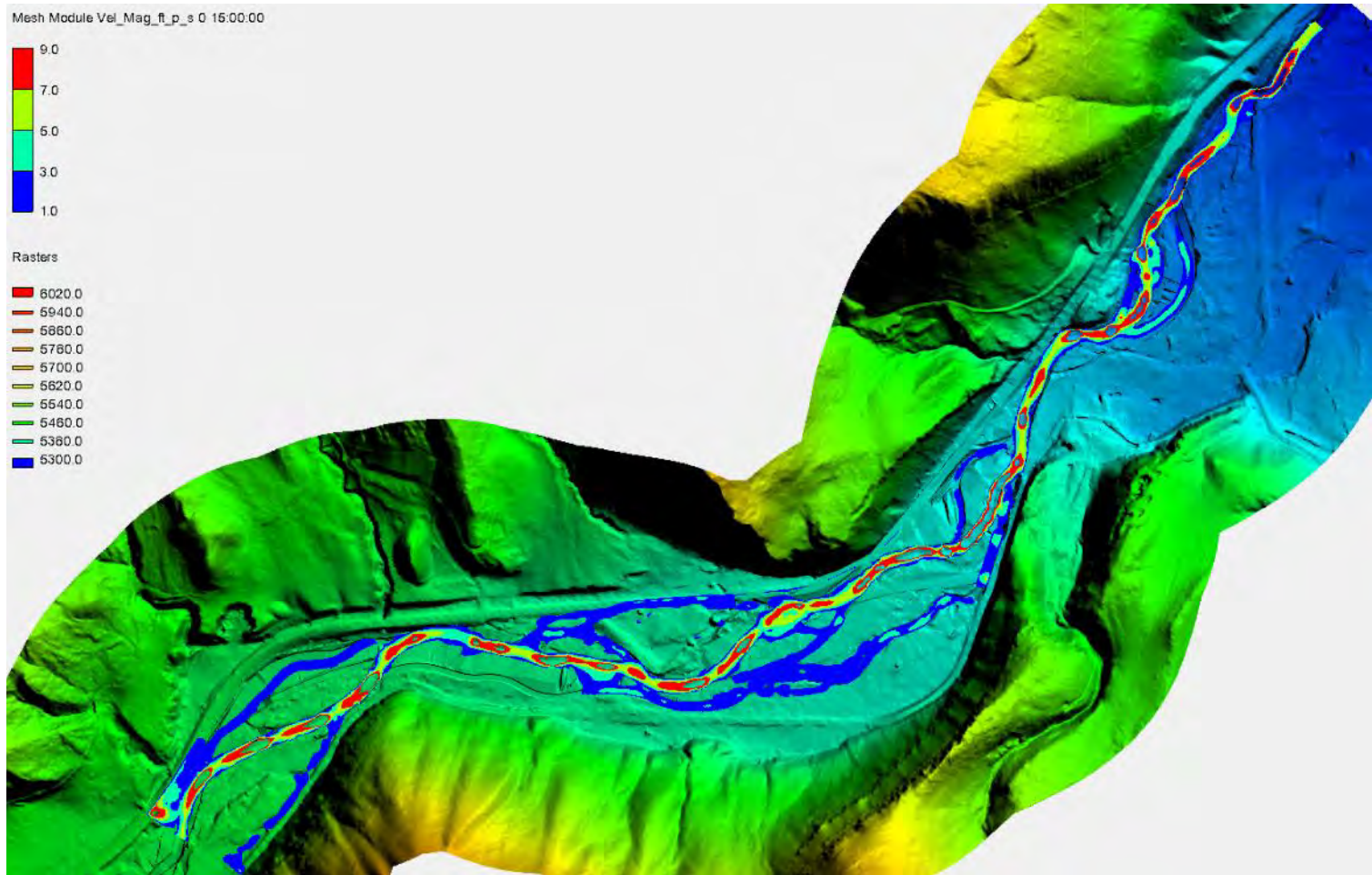


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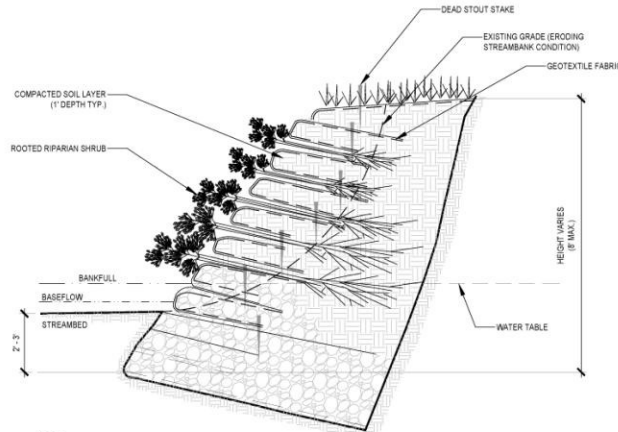
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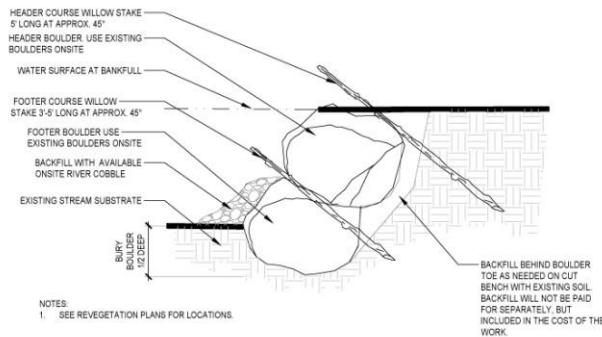
# Bank Stabilization



- NOTES:
1. INTEGRATE STAKE PLANTING TECHNIQUES DURING ROCK PLACEMENT TO ENSURE CONTACT WITH NATIVE GROUND.
  2. PLACE SOIL FILL AROUND CUTTINGS AND WATER IN IF NEEDED.
  3. ASSUME 15 STAKES PER LINEAR FOOT OF VEGETATED REINFORCED SOIL SLOPES.

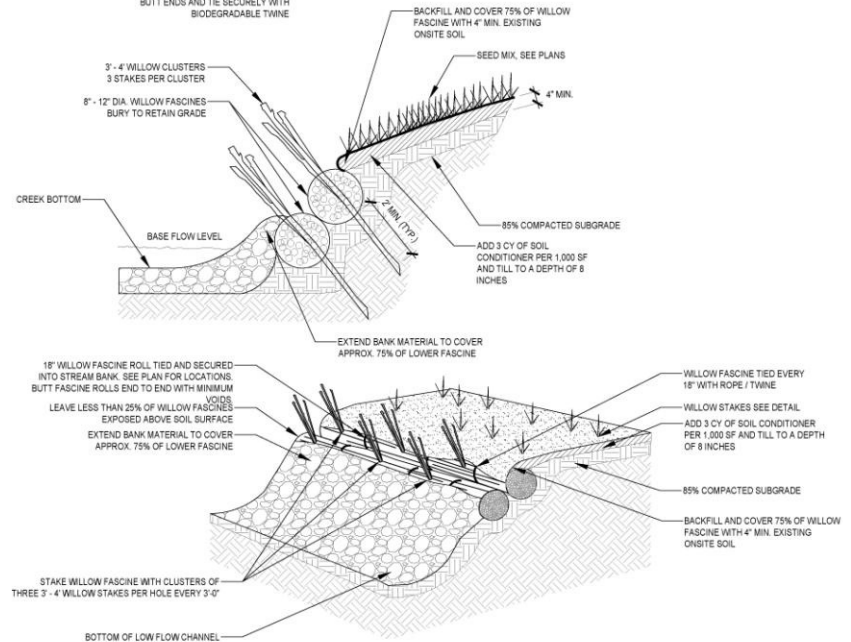
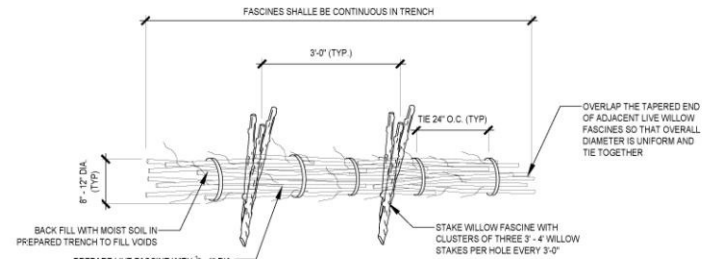
## VEGETATED REINFORCED SOIL SLOPES

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## BOULDER TOE WILLow PLANTING

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- NOTES:
1. MAKE CLEAN CUTS AND DO NOT DAMAGE STAKES OR SPLIT ENDS.
  2. DURING INSTALLATION USE A PILOT BAR IN FIRM SOILS.
  3. TAMP THE SOIL AROUND THE STAKE / OR BACK FILL WITH MUD SLURRY.
  4. COLLECT WILLows FROM ONSITE TO CONSTRUCT WILLow FASCINES.

## LIVE WILLow FASCINE

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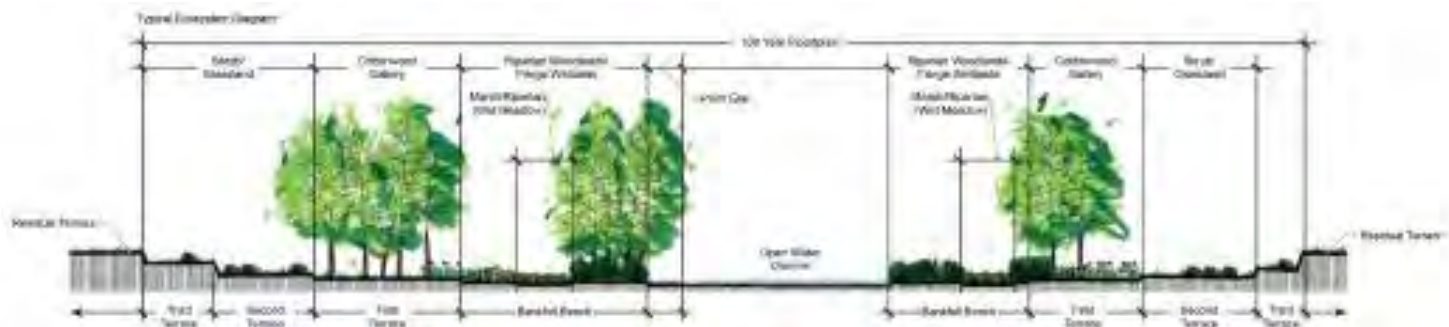






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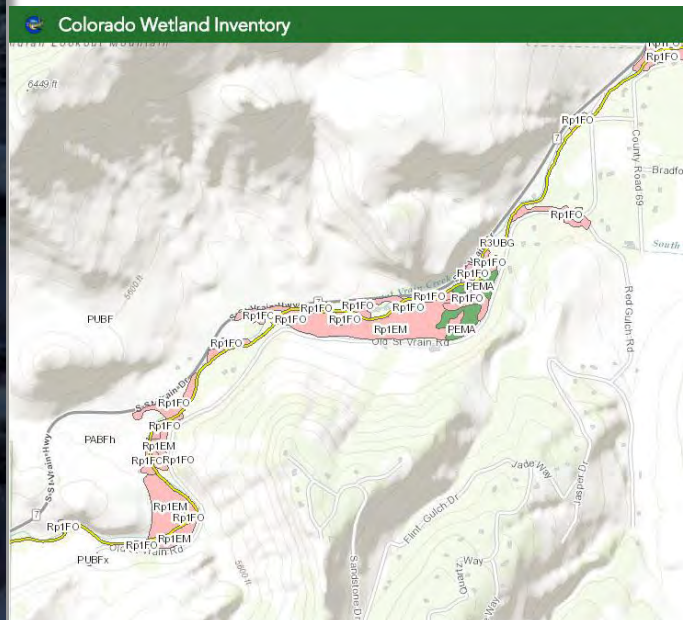
- 🏗️ Preserve Existing Vegetation
- 🏗️ Planting Diversity Based Upon Proximity to Water Table (Iterative Design Process)
- 🏗️ Match existing plant species and ecosystem types to historical character and onsite conditions.





# Revegetation Assessment

- 🏠 Evaluate onsite plant communities
- 🏠 Utilize State and National Resources
  - National Wetland Inventory Wetlands Mapper
  - Colorado Wetland Inventory Mapping Tool
  - The CNHP Field Guide to Wetland and Riparian Plant Associates



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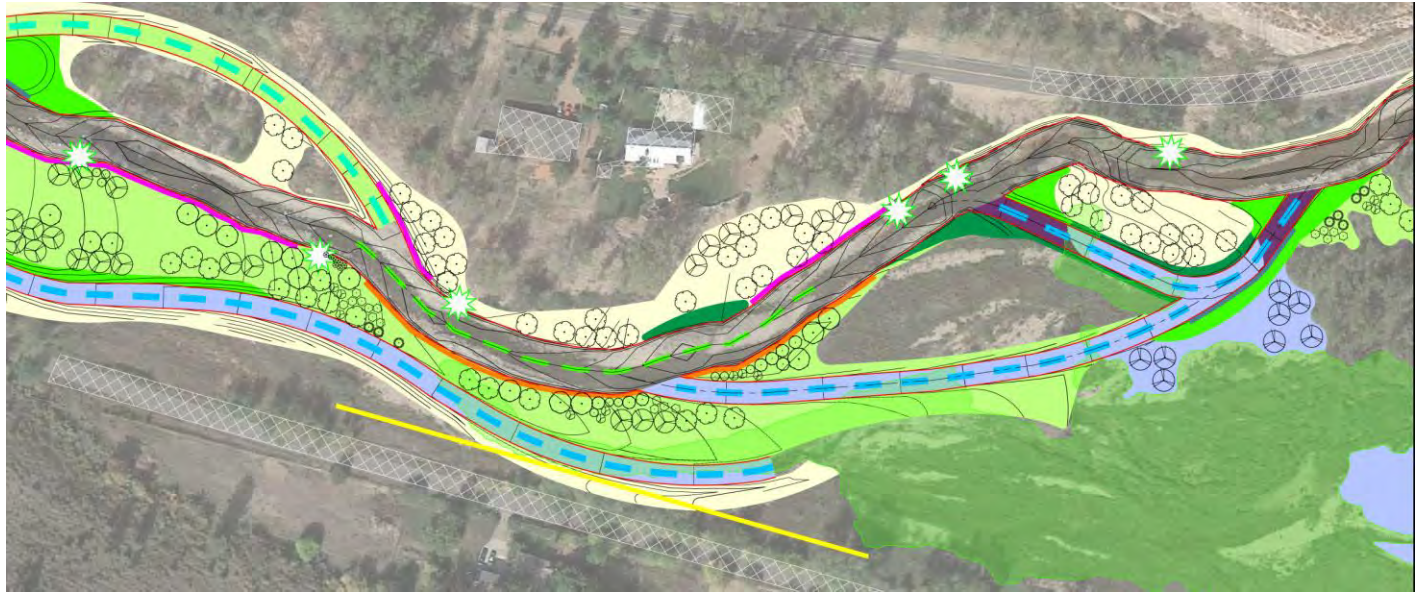




# Revegetation Recommendations

🏠 Re-establish upland, riparian, wetland environments through:

- Seeding (Riparian and Upland)
- Perennial Tubelings
- Wetland Sod
- Tree and Shrub Plantings
- Willow Staking



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# Revegetation Results



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# 30% Design Plans and Report

## Posted to Boulder County Project Website

- <http://www.bouldercounty.org/ssv>

## 30% Design Plans

- 62 Sheets
  - Plan and Profile of Main and Overflow Channels
  - Channel Design Details
  - Revegetation Plans
  - Revegetation and Bio-Engineering Details
  - Additional Planning Elements

## 30% Preliminary Basis of Design Report

- 299 Pages





## Next Steps



### 80% Design Drawings

- Working with EWP and Boulder County  
Currently to contract for additional services



### Permitting

- 404 CWA, Floodplain, Land Use, Stormwater



### Construction

- Bid Support
- Construction Oversight and Closeout

