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When Manholes Go Missing:

Stream Solutions for Municipal Sanitary Systems

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Purpose

How do you evaluate stream/asset conflicts?

When is stream restoration the best protection option?



Outline

1. Asset protection benefits
2. Identification and prioritization of stream/asset conflicts
3. Mitigation measures
4. Pros and cons
5. Recommendations



1. Asset protection benefits

What's an asset?

Linear assets

sanitary sewer

water mains

gas lines

electric lines

fiber optic cable

overhead towers

fencing

storm drains

Non-linear assets

access roads

parking areas

floodwalls

buildings

tanks

equipment

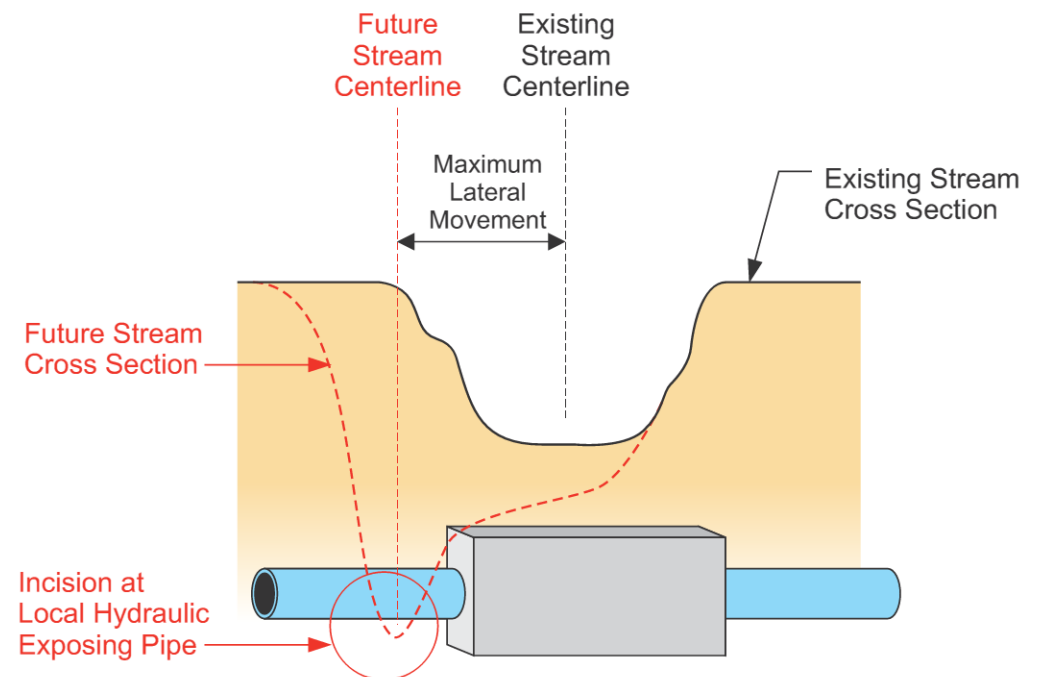
Asset protection benefits

Infiltration and exfiltration (I/E), what's the big deal?

Infiltration costs money

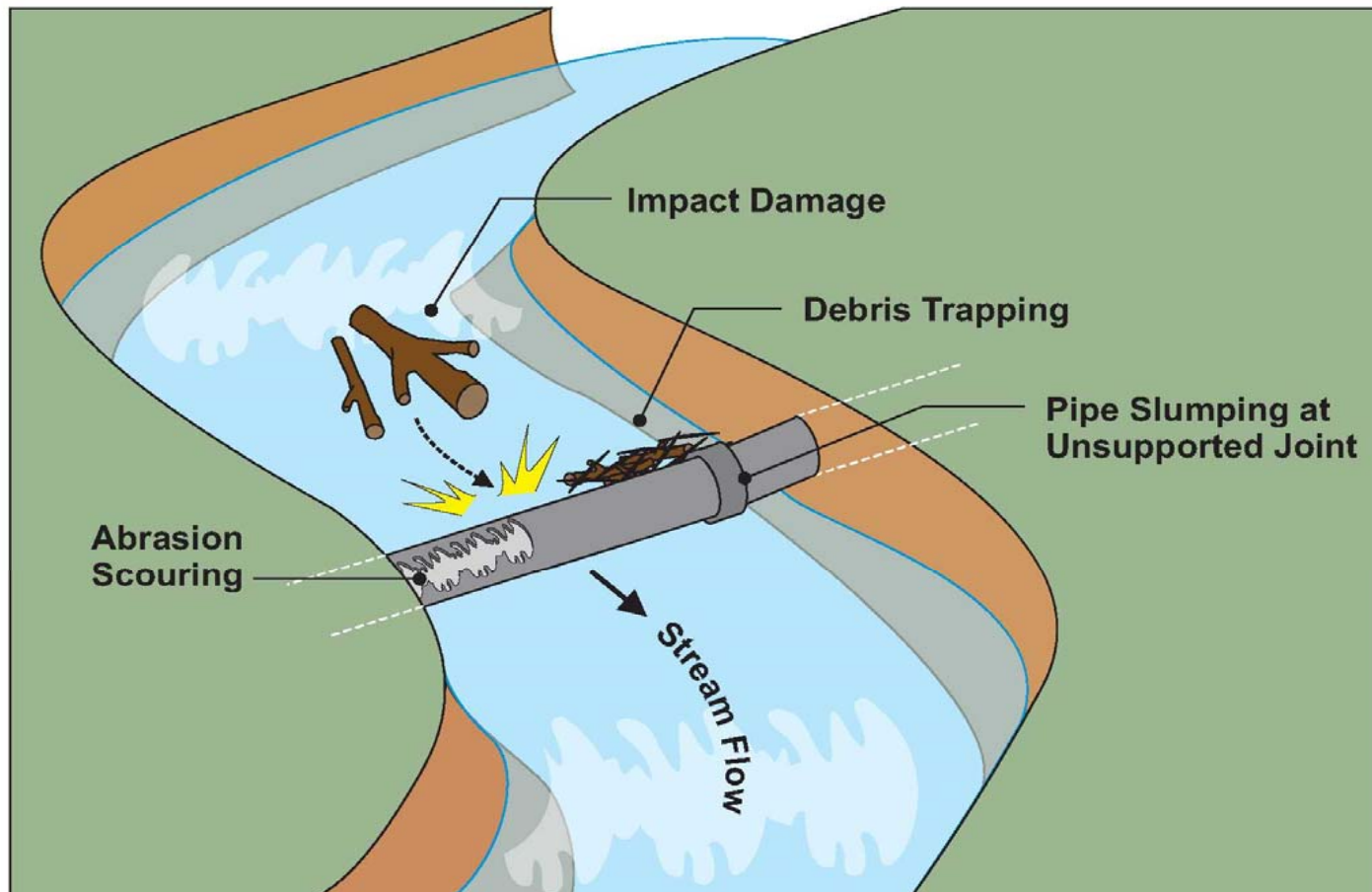
Exfiltration costs the environment

Asset exposures within streams represent extreme dangers of I/E



Asset protection benefits

Asset exposure risk



Asset protection benefits

Design life

Materials: brick, reinforced concrete, vitrified clay, iron and steel, PVC, HDPE

Factors affecting design life vary: chemistry, loading, temperature, flow rate, construction methods, soil characteristics, to name a few

Estimates of design life vary, but generally range between 50 and 100 years

How old is your system?



2. Identifying and prioritizing conflicts

How do we know we have problems?

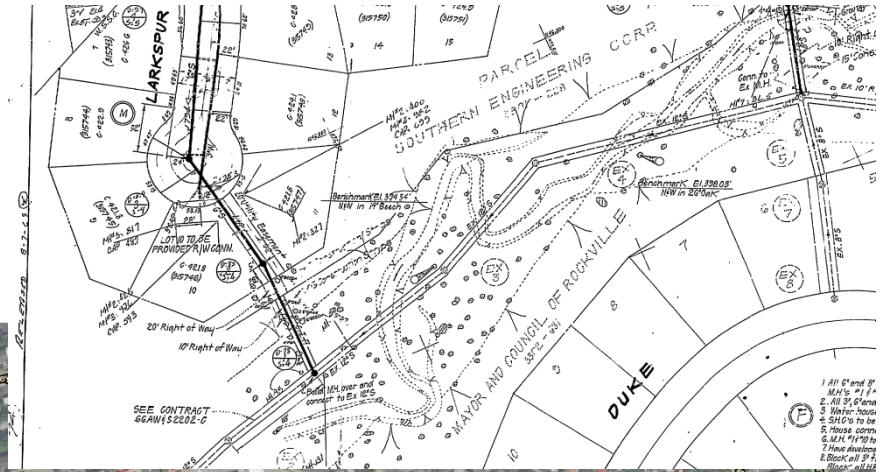
- Maintenance and inspection records
- Service forecasts and longevity assessments
- Third-party notification
- Legal and regulatory action



Identifying and prioritizing conflicts

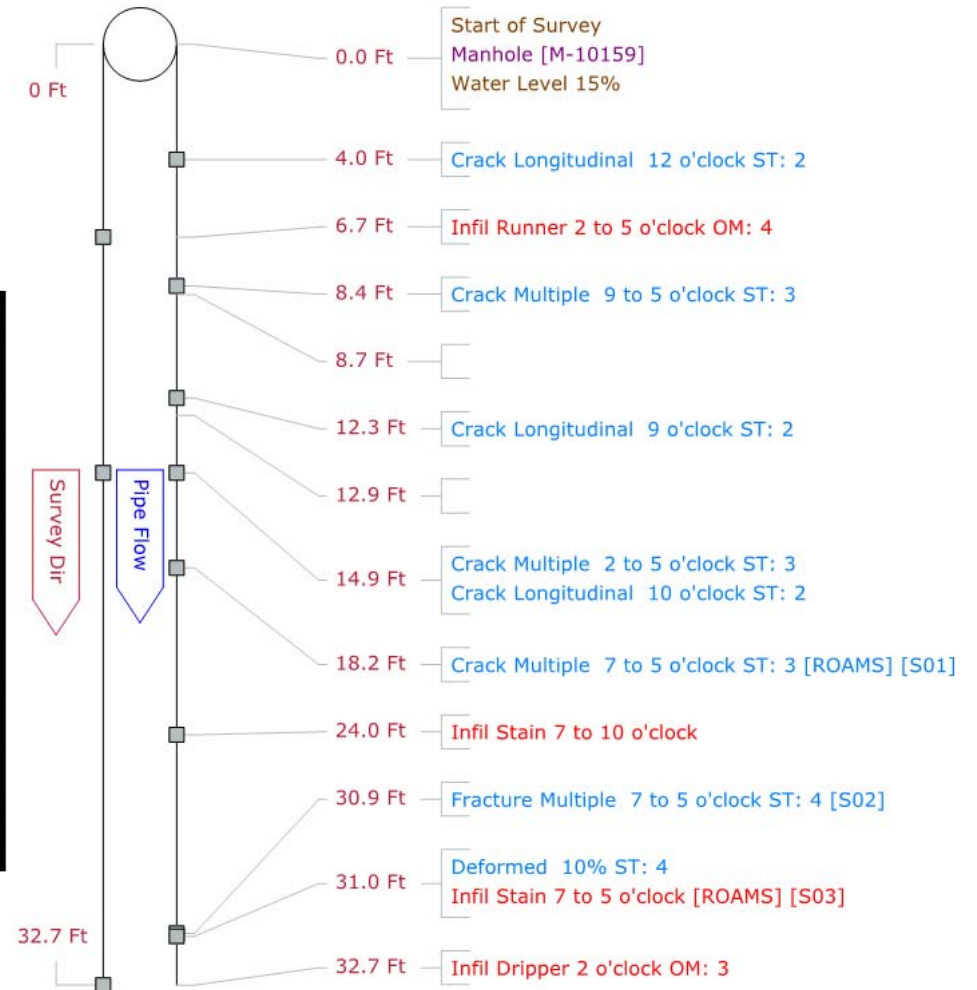
Identification approaches

- Records research
- Remote inspection
- Manual inspection



Identifying and prioritizing conflicts

Remote inspection



Identifying and prioritizing conflicts

Manual inspection: agency-based



CONDITION / CRITICALITY ASSESSMENT

Manhole	High	34.7
Stream	Mid	25.5
Priority	2	

Stream Criticality	High	7	4	1
	Mid	8	5	2
	Low	9	6	3
		Low	Mid	High
		Manhole Criticality		

MANHOLE INVENTORY INFORMATION

GIS ID	M-10196	
Date Inspected	9/10/2013	
Related Pipe Inspection	P-78475	
Did Manhole Require Further Examination?	Yes	
Frame/Cover Condition	Good	0
Adjacent Sinkhole	No	0
Odor	No	0
Damage (Inside)	None	0
Damage (Outside)	None	0
Leakage	No	0
Undermining of MH Support	Base Visible	10
Height of Exposed MH (H3)	4.1 feet	3
Distance to Closest Bank (L1)	0 feet	20
Manhole Score - Total and Normalized	33	34.7
Manhole Comments	Bottom of cover is partly broken off, exterior condition is good	

STREAM INVENTORY INFORMATION

Related Stream Inspection	P-78475	
Stream Name	Broad Branch	
Bank Material	Bedrock Outcrop and below	0
Max Bank Height/Bankfull Height	Low	0
Bank Angle	75	5
Stratification/Bank Layering	No Stratification	0
Bank Vegetation/Protection	Dense Vegetation/Roots	3
Thalweg Location	Adjacent to Erosion Bank	10
Bank Location	Outside of bend	10
Stream Score - Total and Normalized	28	25.5
Stream Comments	Bank needs filled	

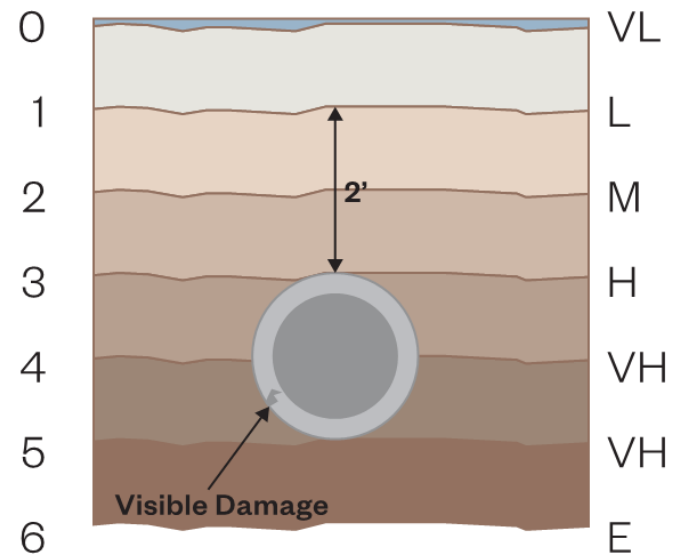
Identification and prioritization of conflicts

Manual inspection – linear assets

Score	Description	Risk
0	More than 2 feet of cover over the top of the pipe	Very Low
1	Less than 2 feet of cover, pipe/encasement is not exposed	Low
2	Less than 2 feet of cover, pipe /encasement is exposed	Medium
3	Less than one foot of cover, pipe/ encasement is exposed	High
4	Pipe/encasement is exposed to spring line of pipe	Very High
5	Pipe/encasement exposed to bottom of pipe/encasement	Very High
6	Observable deformation in exposed pipe/encasement	Extreme

Identifying and prioritizing conflicts

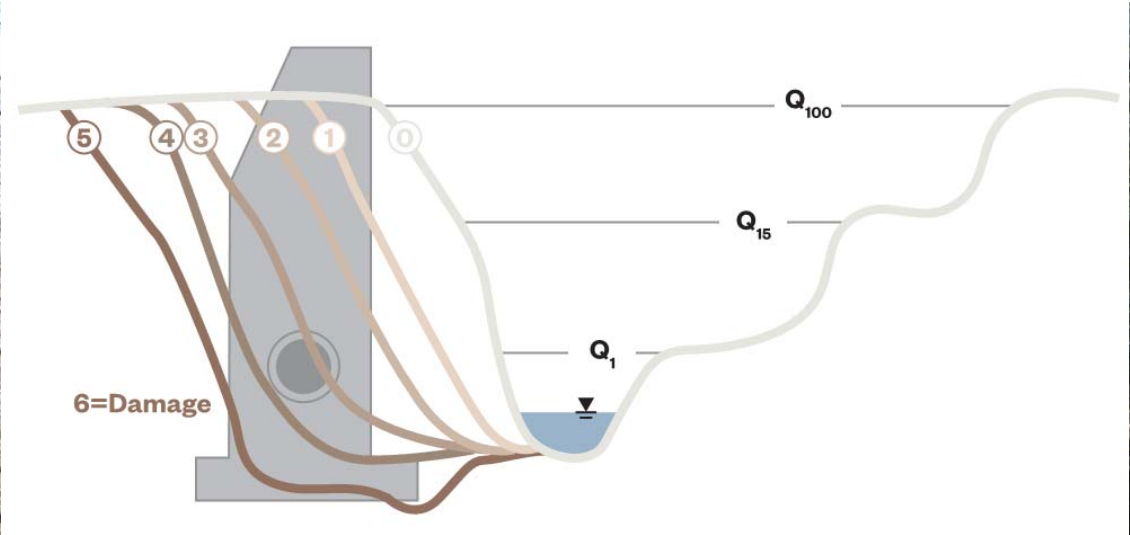
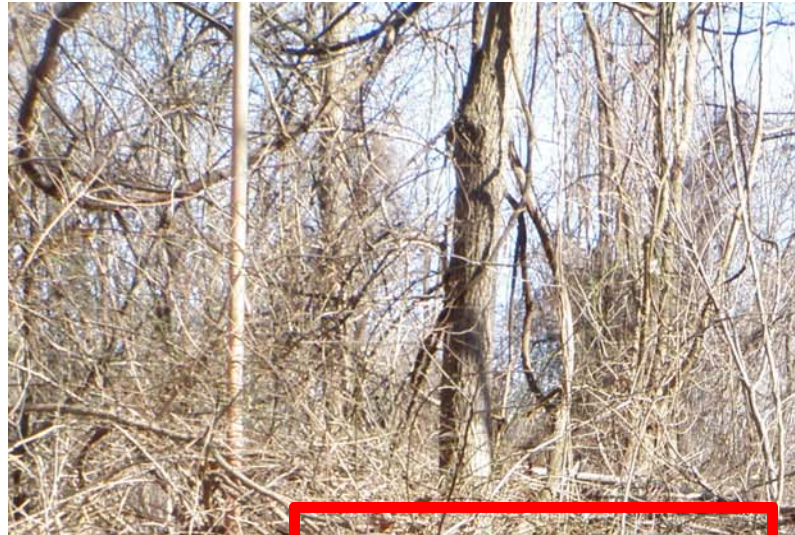
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Identifying and prioritizing conflicts

Manual inspection – manholes

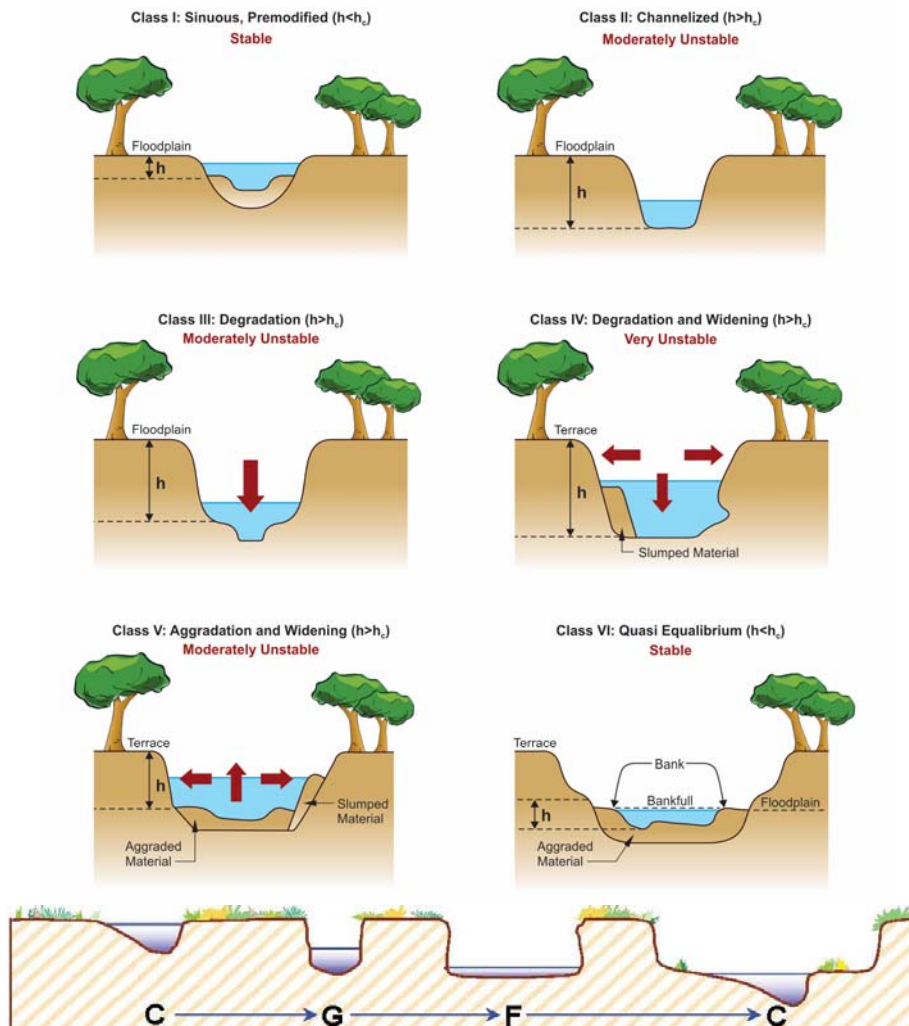
Score	Description	Risk
0	MH not at risk of exposure from runoff up to the Q100	Very Low
1	MH not at risk of exposure from runoff up to the Q15	Low
2	MH not at risk of exposure from runoff up to the Q1	Medium
3	MH is current exposed	High
4	Pipe(s) into or out of MH are exposed	Very High
5	Bottom of MH is visible	Very High
6	MH is markedly, visibly damaged or deformed	Extreme



4: very high MH

Assess stream type and stability

Stable or unstable



3. Mitigation measures

After assessing stream stability, consider:

1. Internal repair
2. External repair
3. Move (relocate) the asset
4. Move (manipulate) the stream (stream restoration)

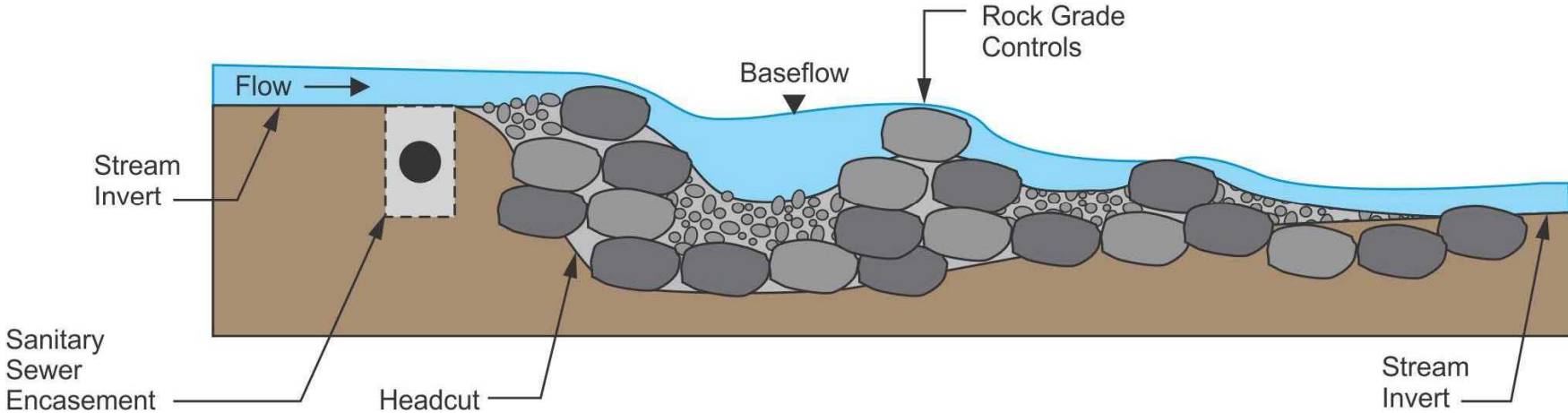
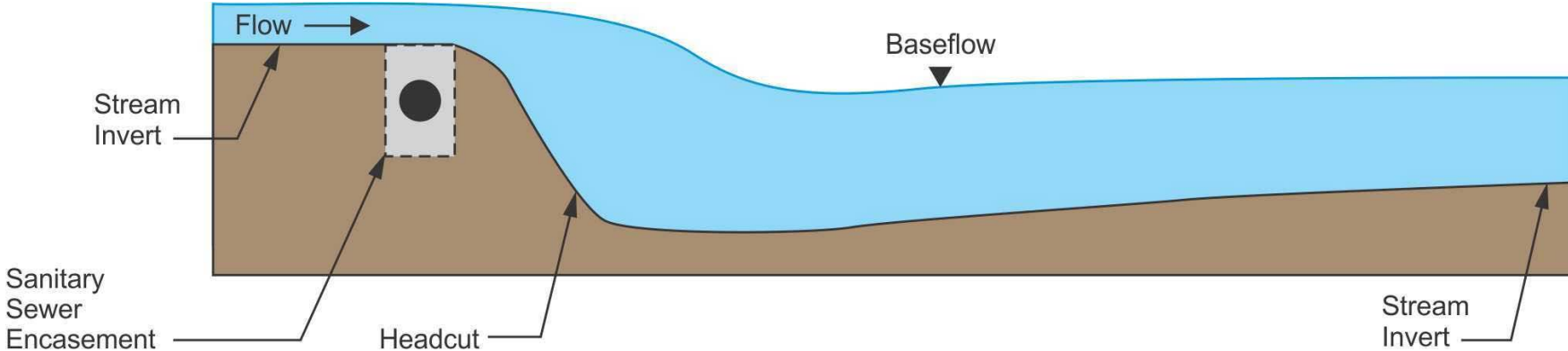
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Mitigation measures: external repair



Mitigation measures: external repair



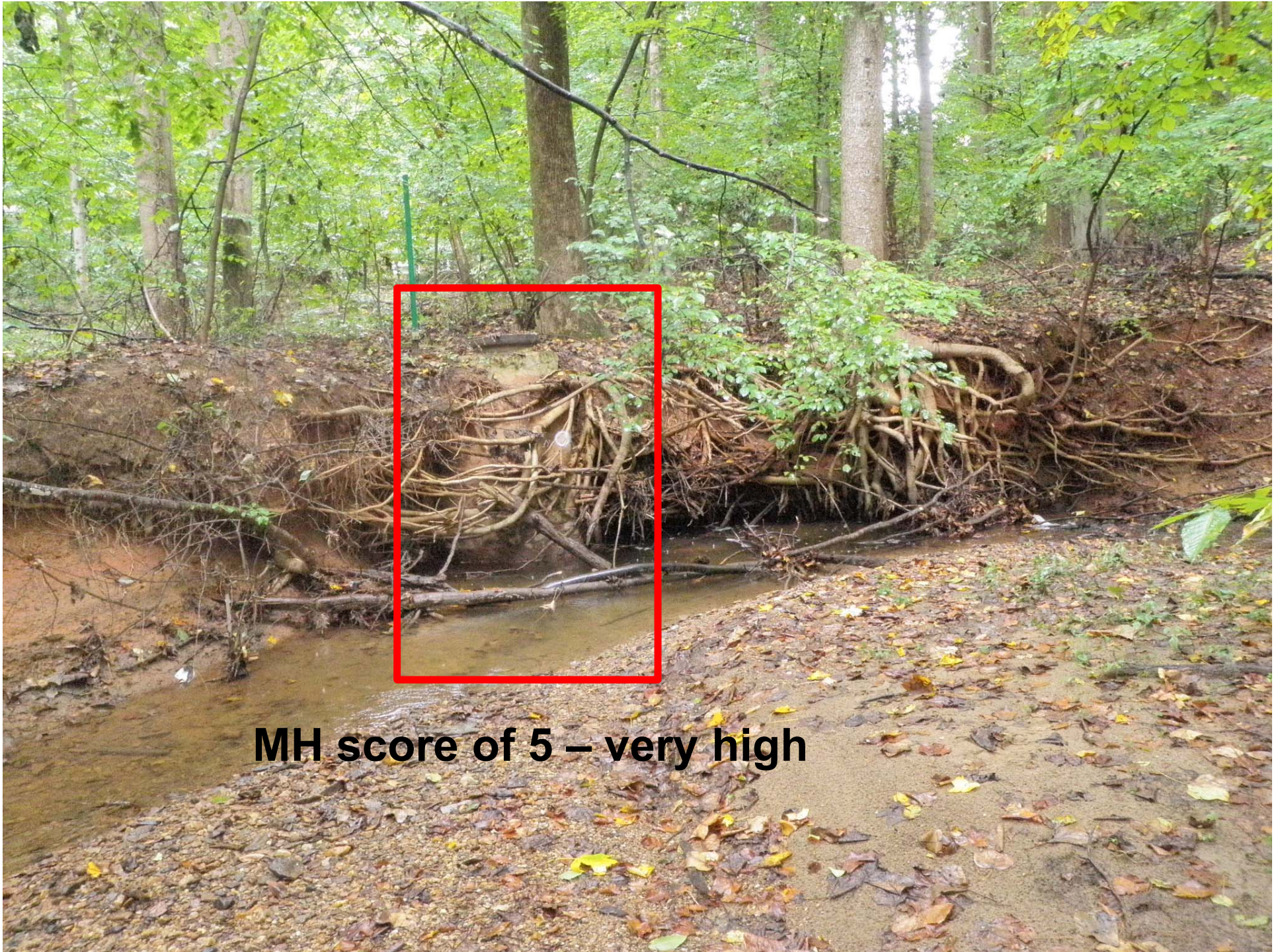
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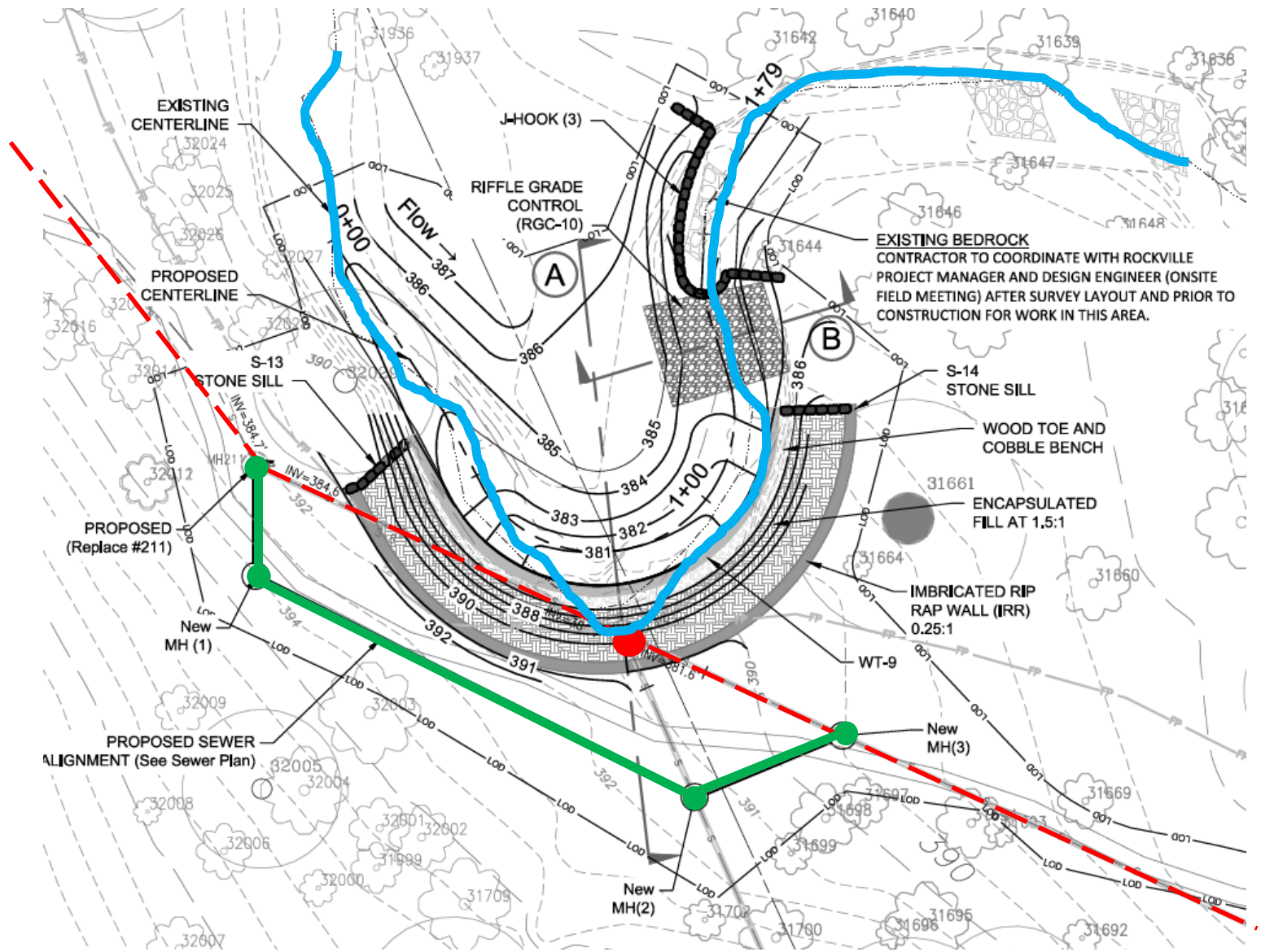






MH score of 5 – very high

Mitigation measures: move the asset





Mitigation measures: stream restoration

Stream restoration defined as modifying plan, dimension and profile



Mitigation measures

They are not exclusive; some common pairings

Internal + external

Internal + stream restoration

Asset relocation + external



Mitigation measures: restoration and external





4. Pros and cons

Snapshot

Method	Pros	Cons
Internal	Very minor impact, uses old asset as protection	Need good access; may not fully address issue
External	Less time, less money	Poor longevity; probable geofluvial impact
Relocation	Longevity	Capacity and engineering constraints
Restoration	Best aesthetics, perception and ecological uplift	Expense, risk

Pros and cons

Good, fair, poor

Stream is ...
stable unstable

Method	Time	Money	Ecology	Perception	Risk / Longevity	Risk / Longevity
Internal	good	fair	good	good	poor - fair	poor
External	fair	good	poor - fair	fair - good	poor - fair	poor
Relocation	fair	varies	good	good	good	fair - good
Restoration	poor	poor	good	good	good	good



5. Recommendations

Decision steps, assuming known stream/asset non-emergency conflict(s)

1. Determine asset remaining life (50 – 100 years)
2. Review planned system upgrades
3. Determine long-term stream stability
4. Is a short-term fix (external) adequate?
5. Look into internal repair and asset relocation
6. Look into stream restoration
7. Use multiple approaches when possible

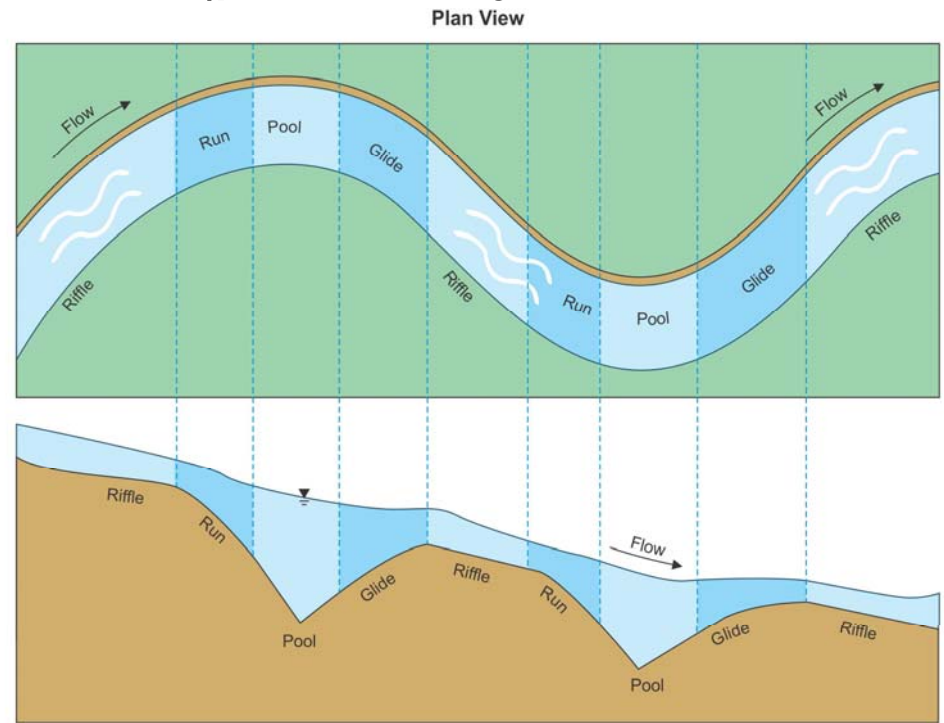
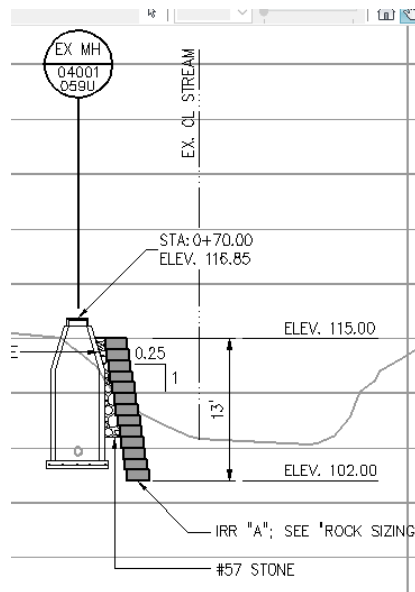
“We’re not in the stream restoration business.”



Recommendations

Pursue stream restoration (plan, dimension, profile) design if:

1. Two meander wavelengths
2. Acceptable stream valley width
3. Appropriate vertical tie-ins (particularly downstream)



Stream Facets

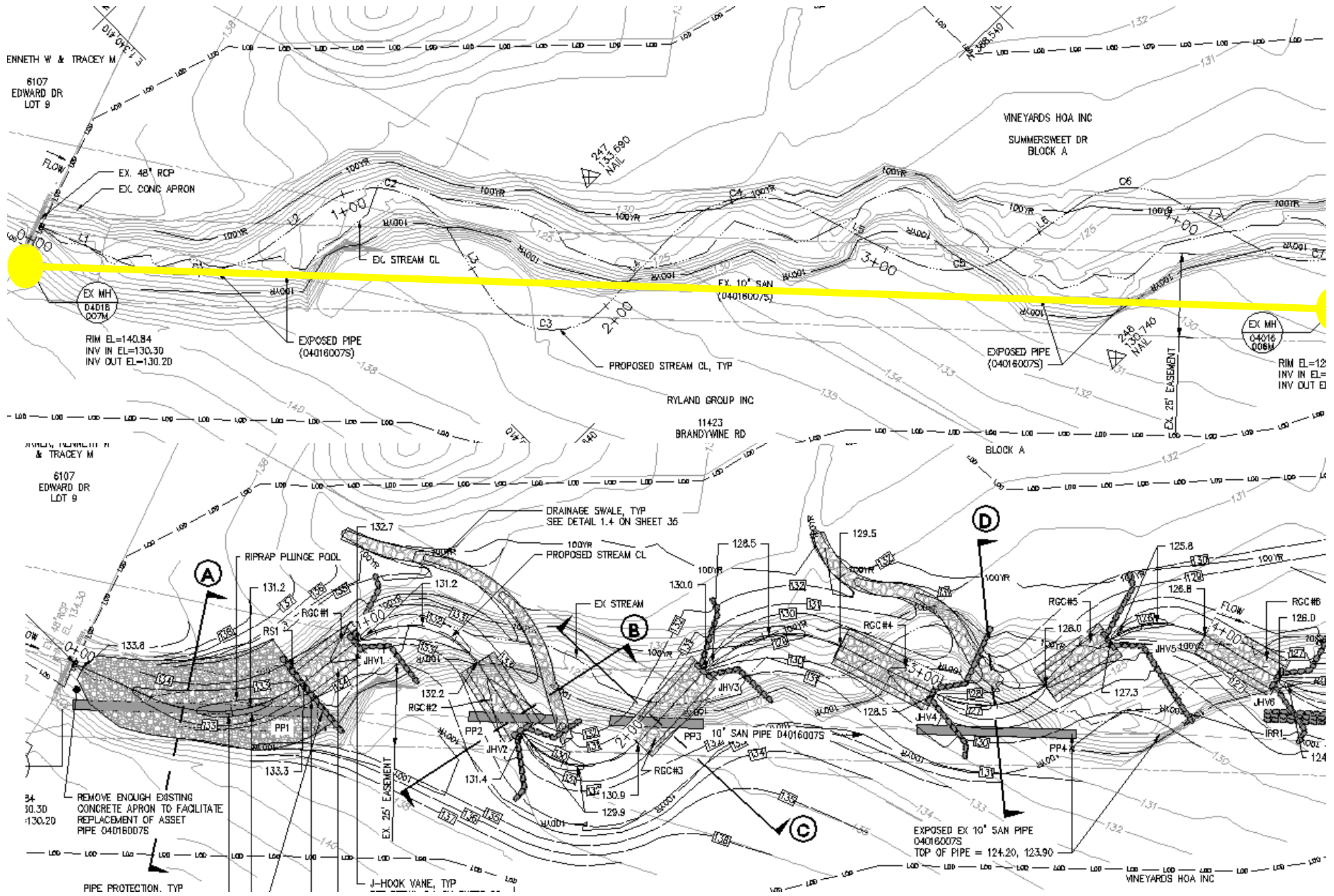
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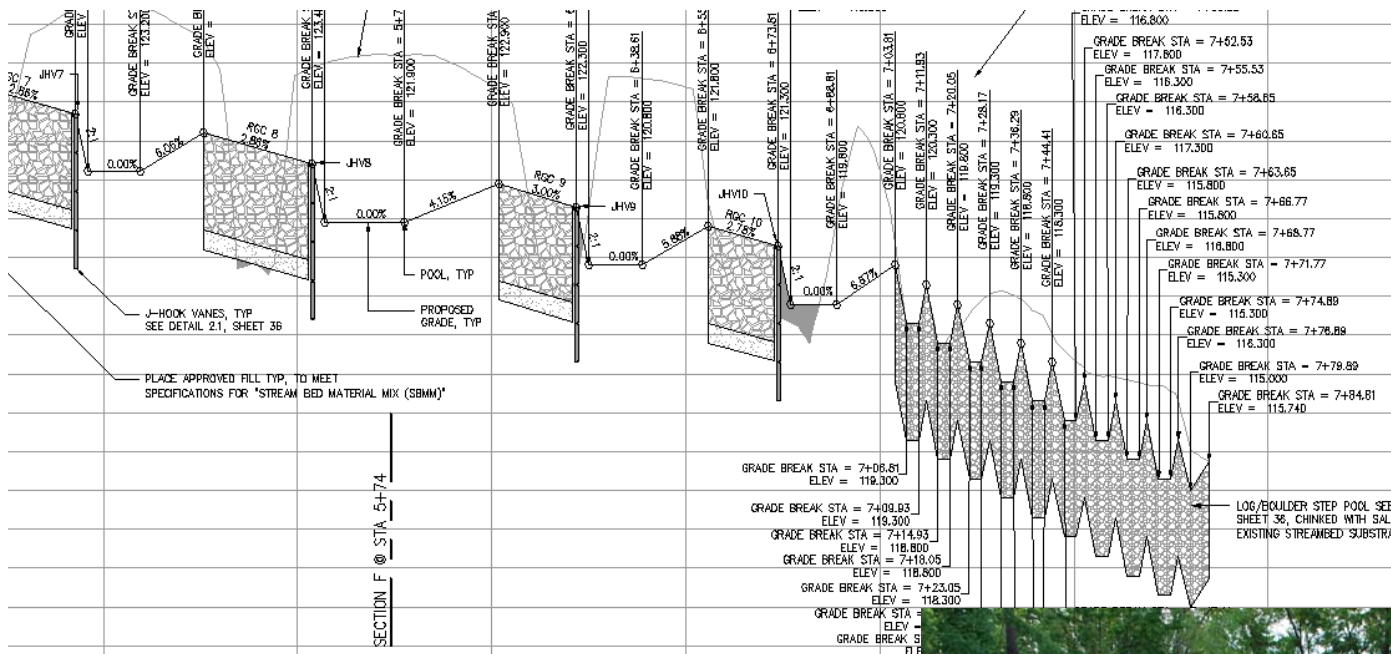
Pursue stream restoration (plan, dimension, profile) design if:

1. Cover is key (> 1' min)
2. Cross linear assets at riffles
3. Protect linear assets with downstream grade control
4. Protect manholes by distance from stream; use bank protection at meanders if necessary

“Cross it, (grade) control it - run it, restore it”







Piscataway Creek, Maryland

Breakdown of internal, external, relocation and restoration; 77 assets

Method	#	Percent
Internal	73	95%
External	51	66%
Relocation	4	5%
Restoration	22	29%

Thank you

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