



Economic Ecology

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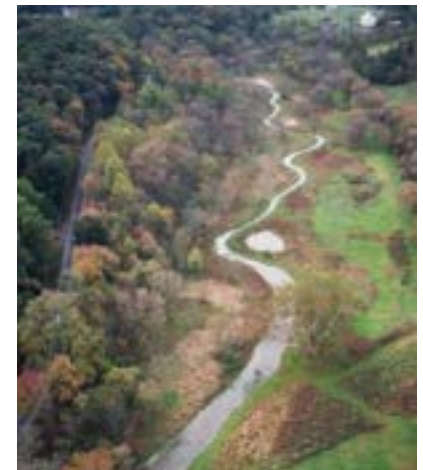
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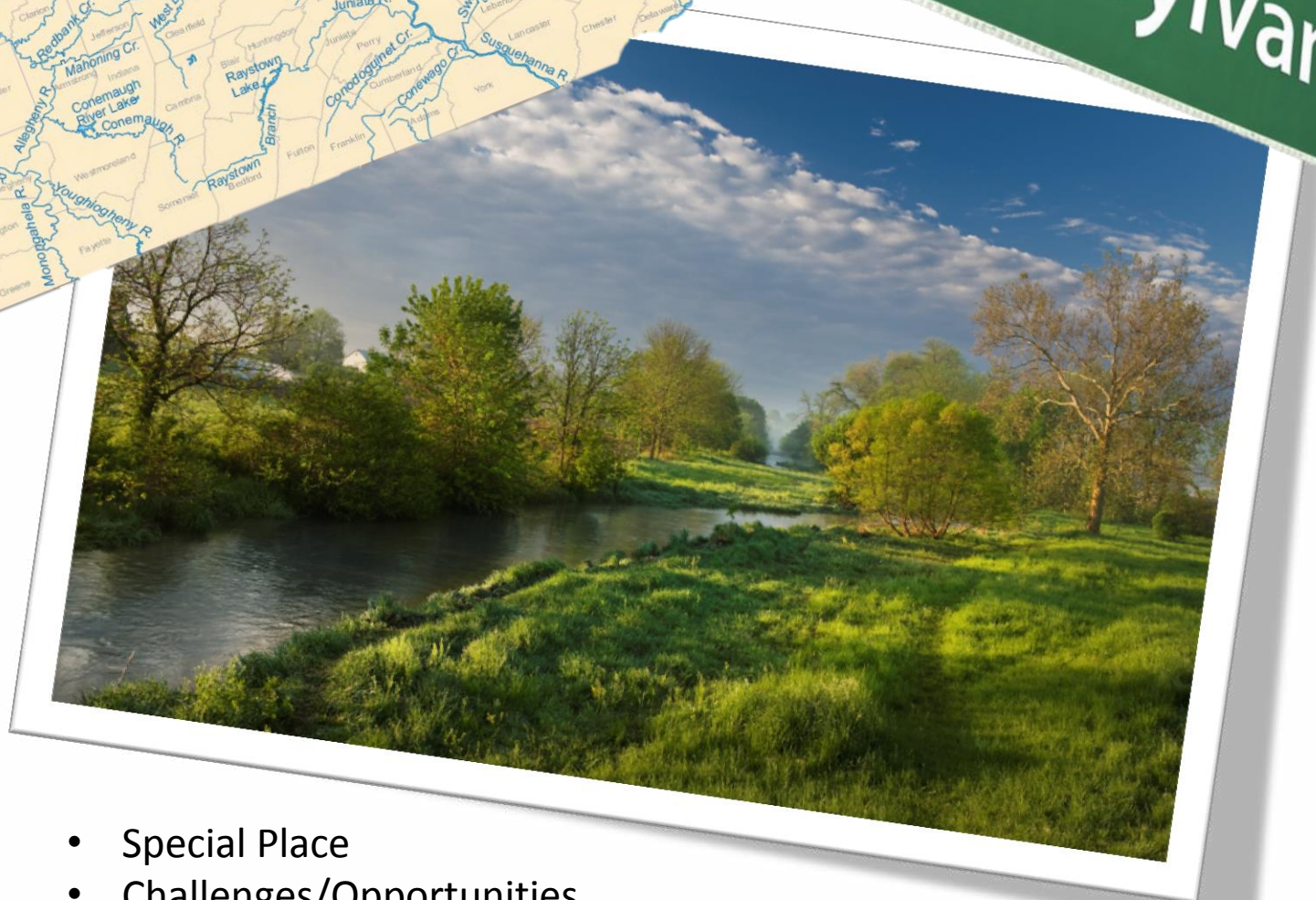
Applied Ecological Restoration – Experiential Learning

(Mark Gutshall)



LandStudies Background – 26 Years





- Special Place
- Challenges/Opportunities

Principles of Economic Ecology:

Emphasis on the Floodplain



What is Economic Ecology

Regulatory Drivers

Planning Obstacles in PA

A Regional Approach

Economic Ecology

- Maximizes both economic and environmental returns to solve water issues, such as flood reduction and pollutant removal, at a **regional scale**.
- Defined by ecological principles that are validated by engineering measurement and performance standards.
- Proactive rather than reactive, addressing the causes of problems not merely symptoms.
- Applied to stormwater, MS4, TMDL, and flooding.
- The outcome involves forming partnerships with government, public, nonprofit, and private organizations to share costs and increase benefits throughout a **region or watershed**.

“Either or” Mentality



verses



“Mutual Gain” Proposition



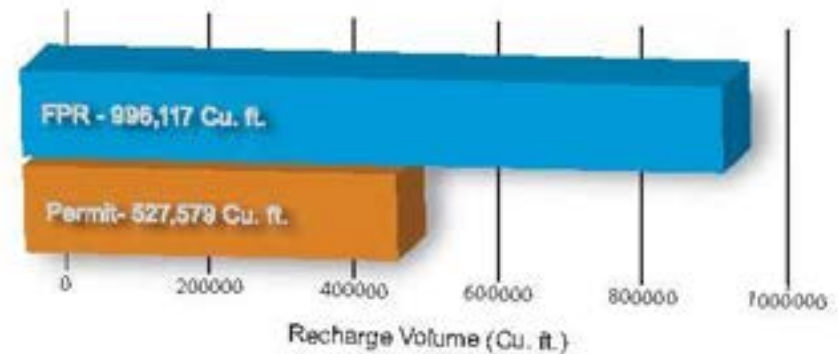
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“Game Changer”: Ecological Stability followed by Validation



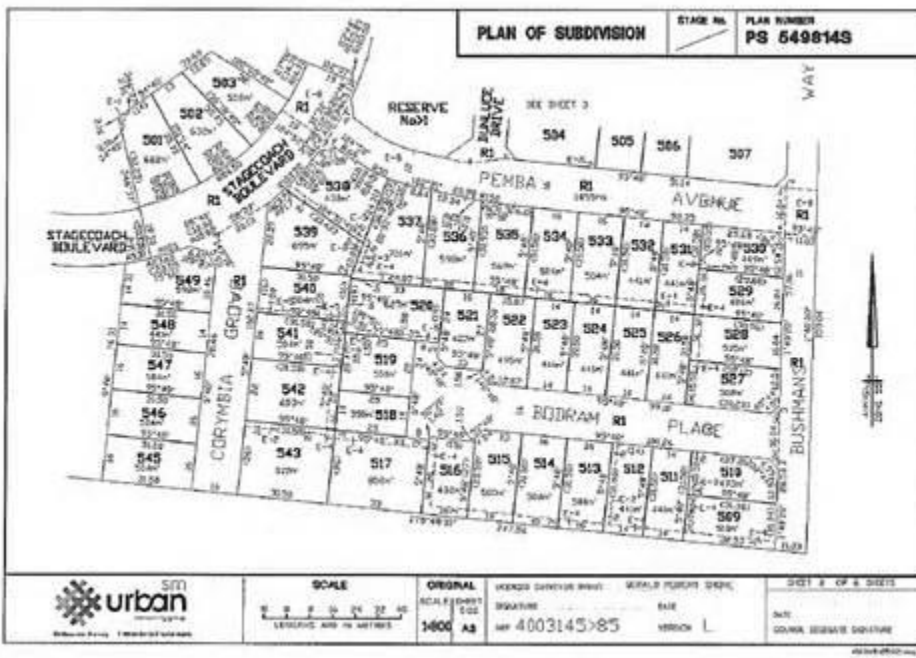
- **996,117 cubic feet** of recharge volume
- Total **reduction in pollutants:**
 - 1,010 lbs. of Nitrogen
 - 173 lbs. of Phosphorus
 - 124 tons of sediment
 - 248,000 lbs.
- SWM **Peak Flow Reduction:**
 - 588% reduction (site) for 2-year event
 - 83% reduction (watershed) for 2-year event



TMDL **BMP** **CBPRP**
MS4 **MCM**
HEC RAS

or
Flood Reduction
Pollutant Removal

Pennsylvania Planning Challenges & Opportunities



- Ordinances are recipe books that drive conventional development
- Comprehensive Plans are guidebooks
- Engineers/surveyors – conventional, pragmatic thinking

Planners can synthesize a variety of information including economics and ecology – bigger picture

Systems Based Approach

- Creating a sustainable, natural system and plant community provides long term benefits



Think Regionally “Beyond Your Footprint”



Economic Ecology



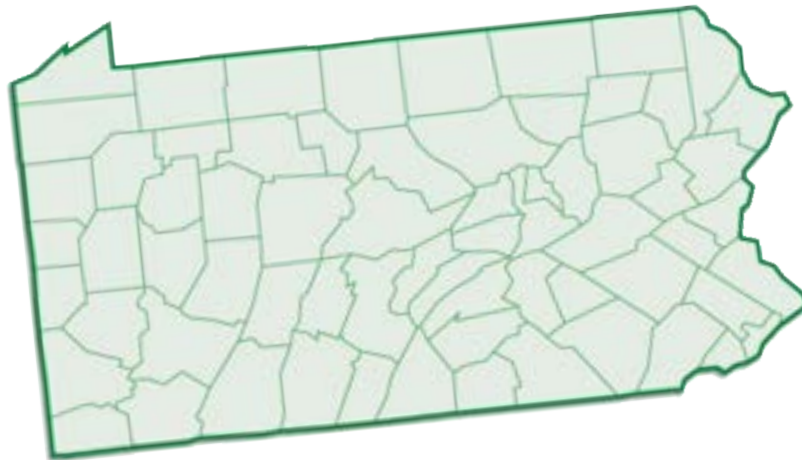
Pennsylvania Project Scale



Millions of
Development Sites



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Municipalities



67
Counties

Wastewater Evolution (Site to Regional) – Infrastructure Investment



Outhouse

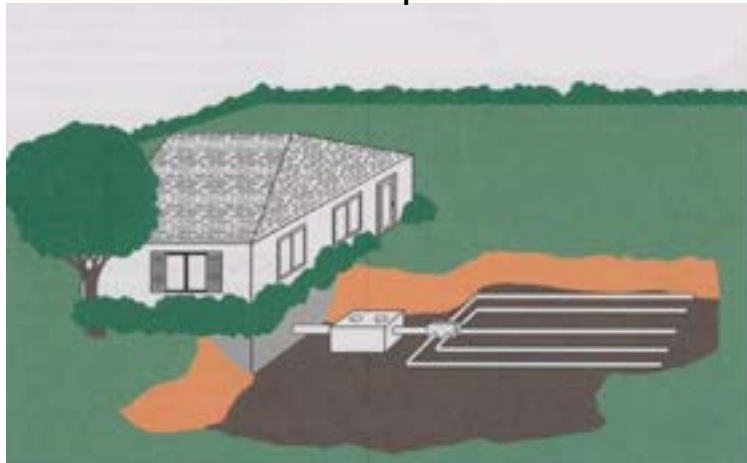


Large Multi Septic Field



Small Package Field

Individual Septic Field



Conventional Sewer Plant



Economic Ecology on a Regional Scale



**Conventional
Regional SWM
Basin**

**Floodplain
Restoration
with Regional
SWM Benefits**



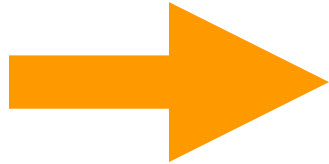
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Single Function



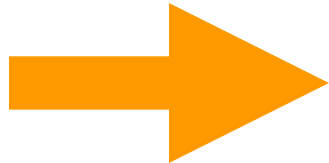
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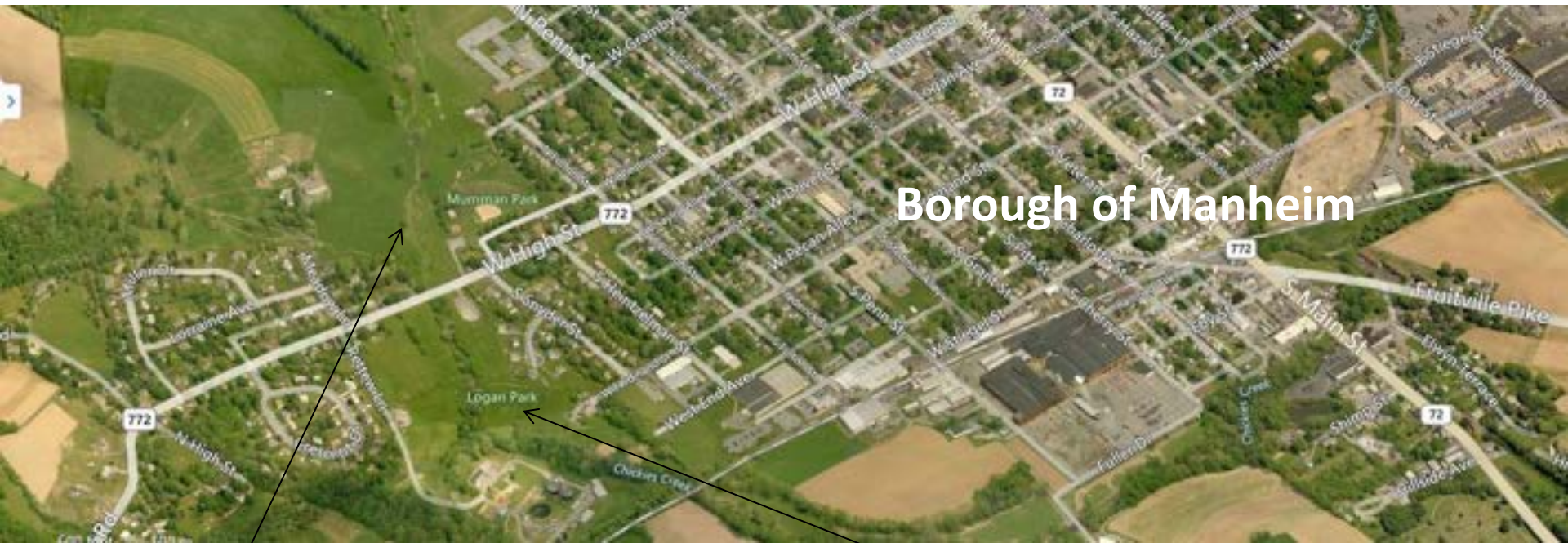
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Economic Ecology on a Regional Scale



Cost Effective – Value Proposition



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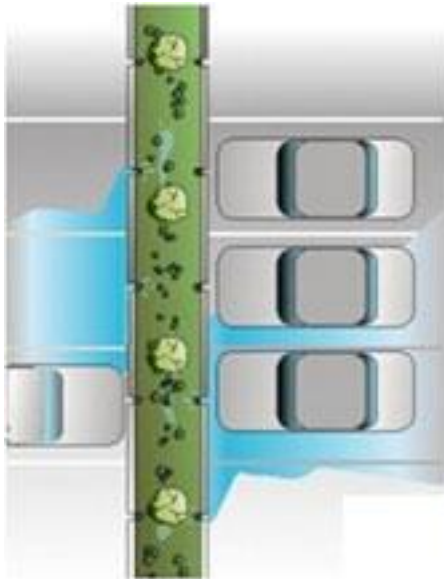
Grey Infrastructure



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Current Green Infrastructure Approach – Individual BMP's



What is missing

- Scale
- Context
- Planning Process – **The process dictates results!**



Wissahickon TMDL alternative

[Comments]

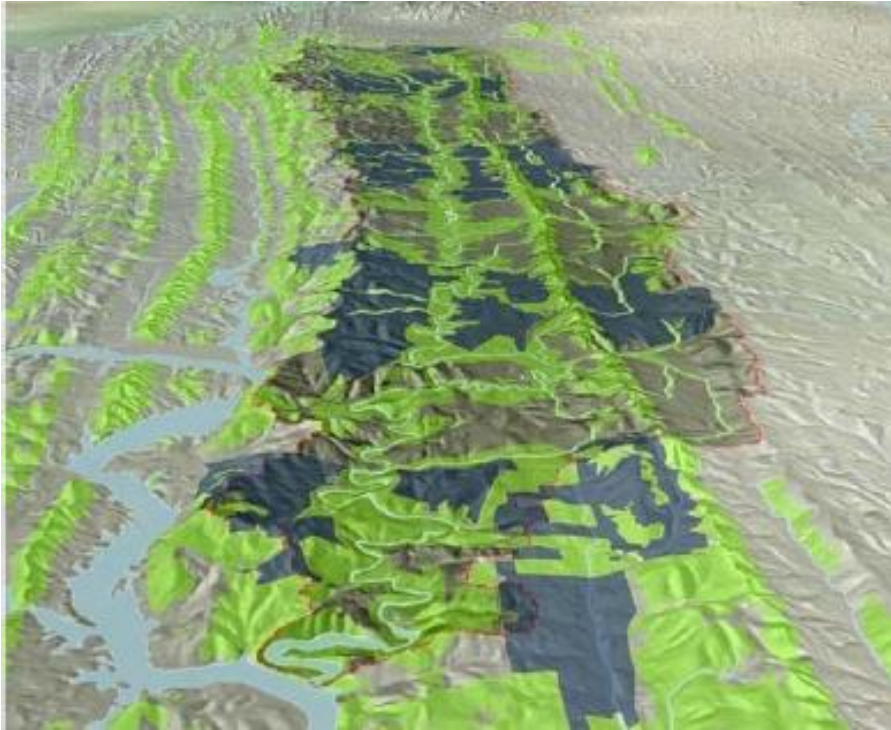
Framing the issue:

- *We all share in the responsibility to find a way to address the Wissahickon's WQ problems.*
- *Our water quality problems are difficult because: 1) They push our science, our engineering, and our public policy to the limits of what can be done; and 2) ecology, engineering, and public policy are three disciplines that don't integrate neatly or easily with one another.*
- *Around the country, there is no single conventional way in which ecology, engineering, and public policy are woven together to make solutions to water quality problems in rivers and streams. It's done differently in different places.*
- *Federal and State law provide room for stakeholder-led processes.*

Integrated Water Resource Planning



Green Infrastructure



Green Infrastructure Corridors in green Urbanized

Proposed Park and Soft Transit System



Green Infrastructure



Green Infrastructure



Green Infrastructure

Pollutant Reduction

over 7,800 tons of sediment
over 8,930 pounds of phosphorus
over 26,080 pounds of nitrogen

Flood Reduction

950 LF of Stream Channel Restored

Wetland Creation

1.0 Acres

Maintenance Reduction

Replaced 3.0 acres of managed turf

Habitat Creation

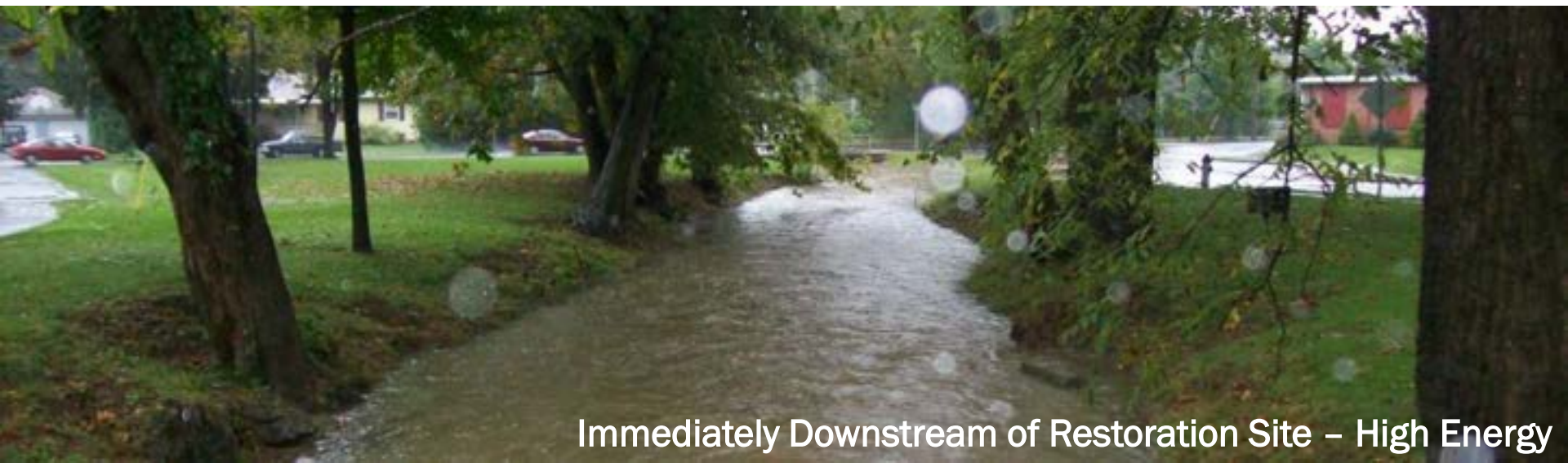
Over 2,000 Native herbaceous plugs
200 Native trees/shrubs







Restoration Site – Low Energy

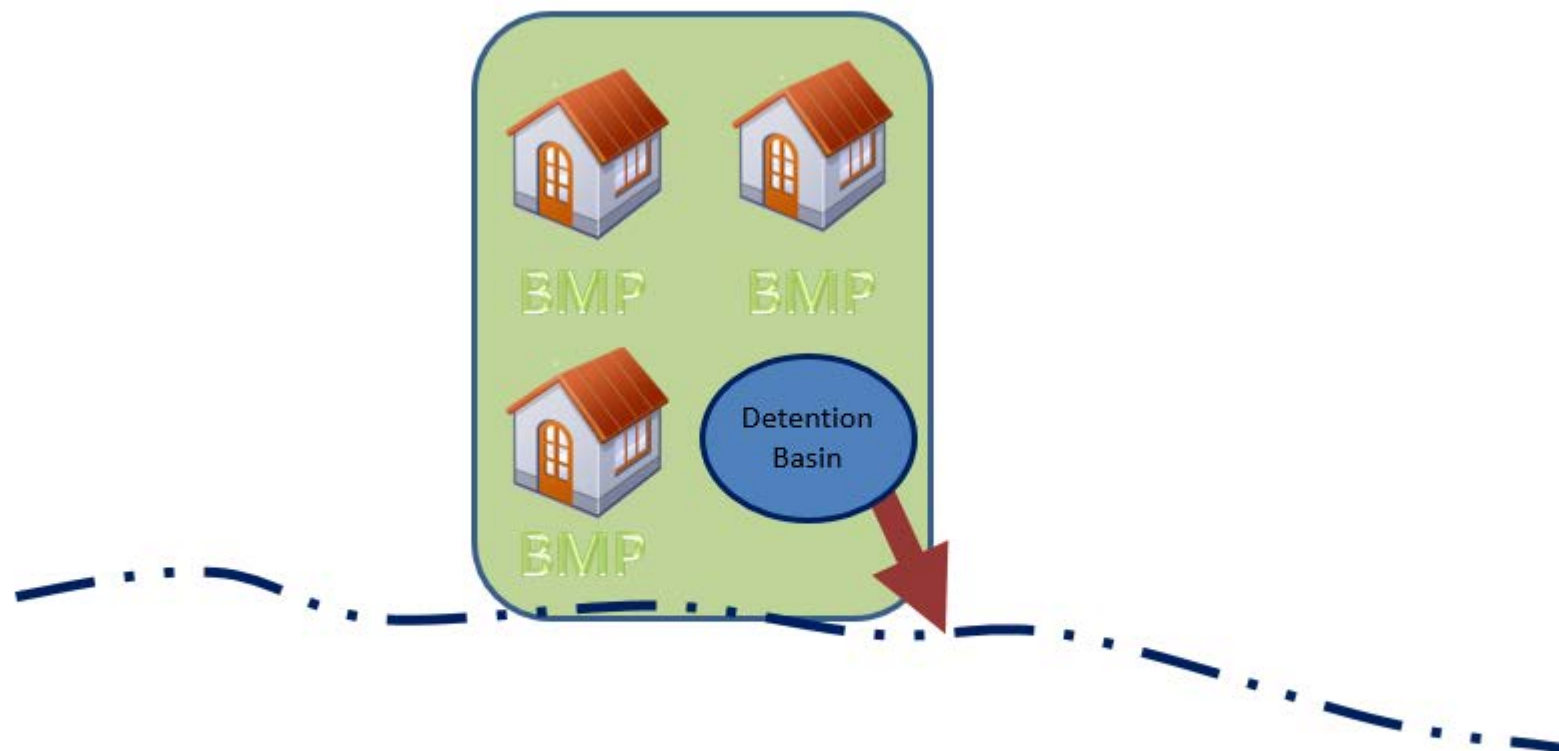


Immediately Downstream of Restoration Site – High Energy

Offsetting

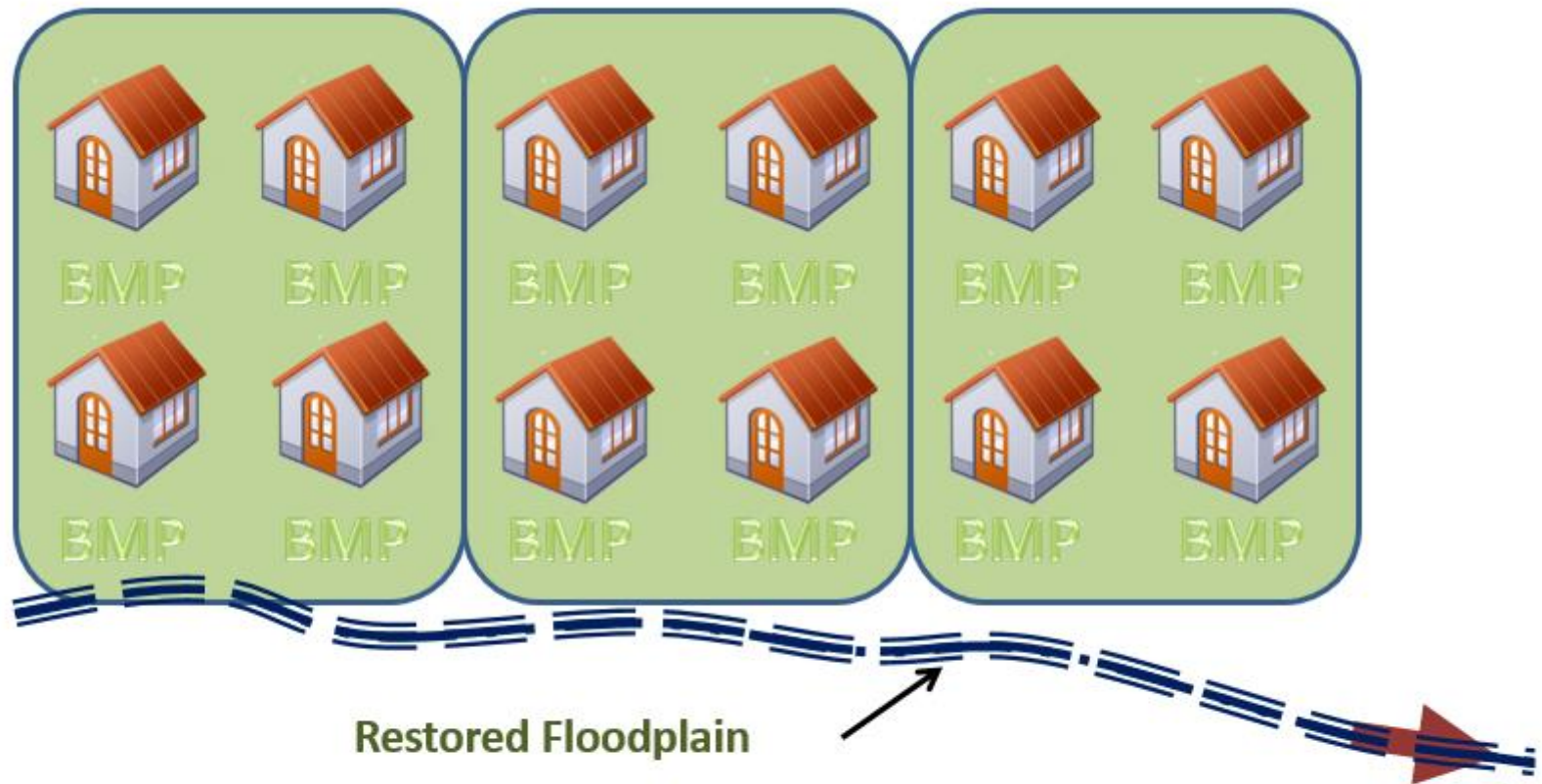


Conventional Stormwater Management Process



- **Peak Rate Requirement:** Post Development Peak Flows must be $\leq$ Pre-Development Peak Flows
- **Volume Requirement:** Manage 2-yr/ 24-hr volume difference
- **Water Quality Requirement:** Provide Water Quality BMPs

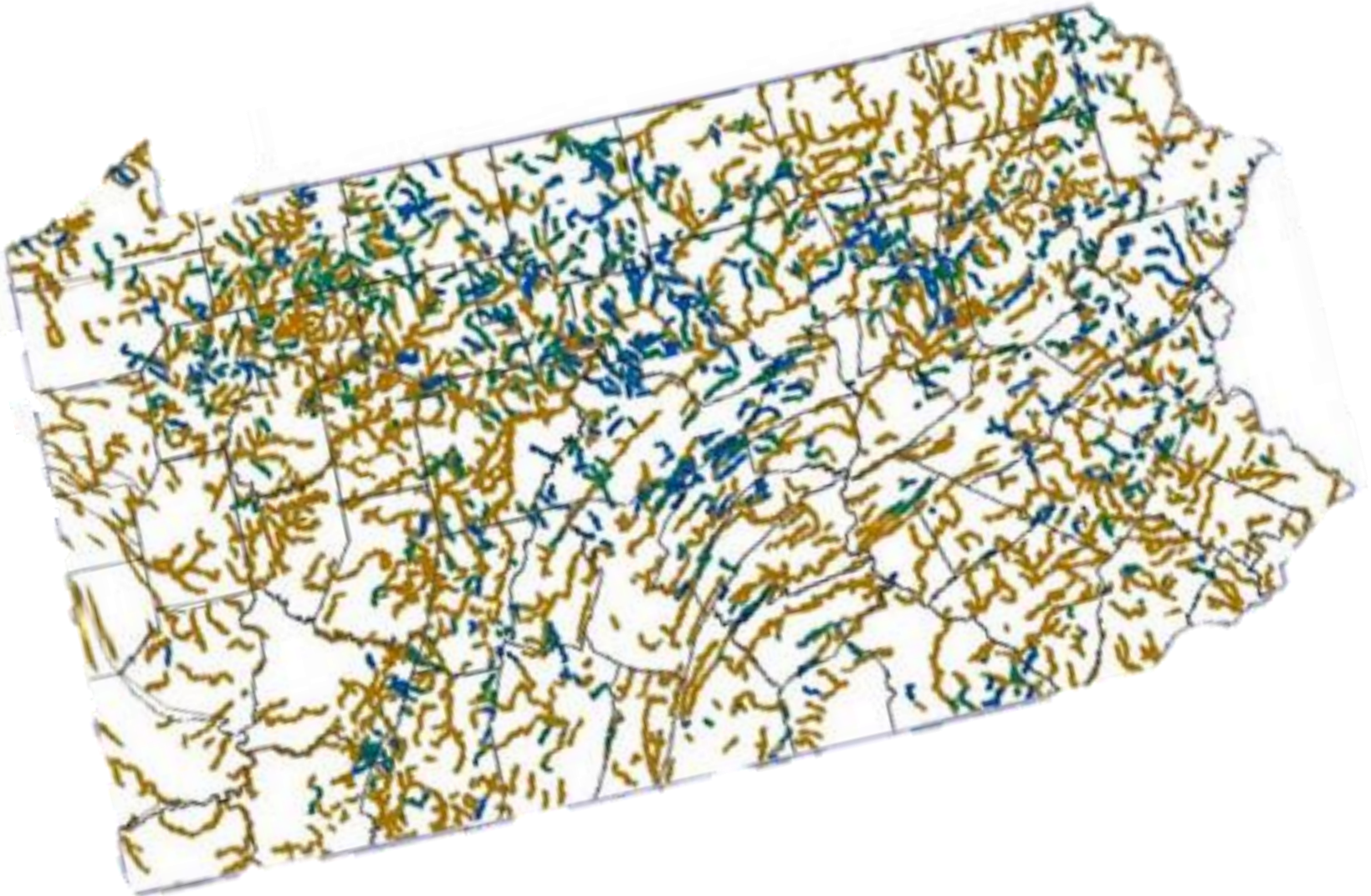
Stormwater Management with Floodplain Restoration



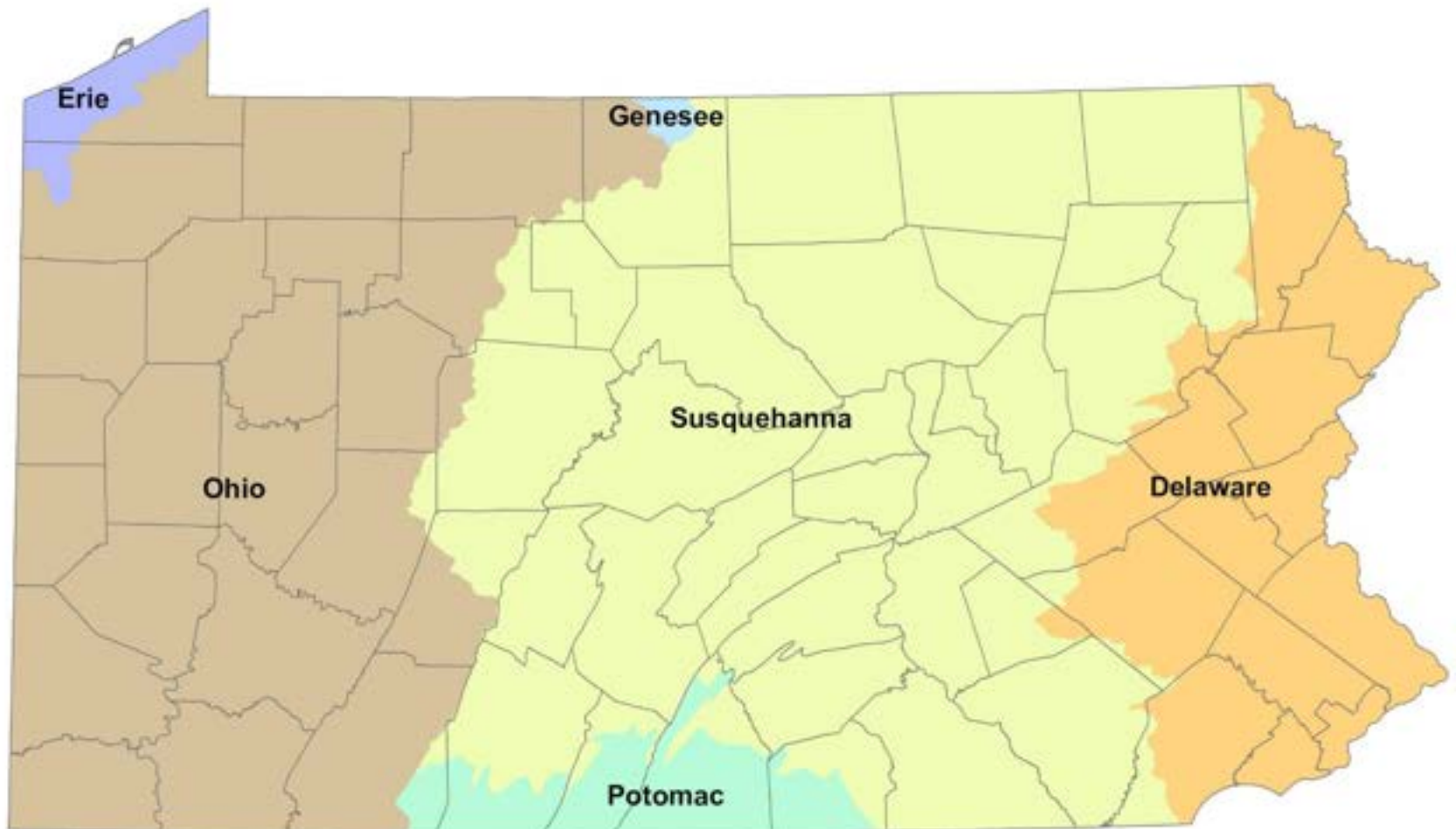
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Stream Corridors/Floodplains

Pennsylvania has over 80,000 miles of streams



River Basins



State Water Plan Principles

(Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, 2009)

“...Reestablishing natural stream corridors and floodplains through local stormwater management requirements could offer more environmentally friendly flood control options than concrete structures.”

“...Innovative stormwater management should be considered and incorporated as an important component of the overall flood mitigation plan.”

“Shifting from traditional stormwater management methods to designs and practices that also address channel alterations and degradation, runoff quality, dry-weather flow protection, and aquifer recharge requires an underlying change in how water resource professionals do business.”

Economic Ecological Values



- Preserve
- Protect
- Manage



- Efficient Land Use
- Maximize Density in Growth Areas

The Working Landscape (Functional Natural Systems)



- “Wasteland” – Least Valuable Real Estate
- Emphasis on Restoring Floodplain Functions
- Value Proposition and Opportunity Costs
- Habitat

The Working Landscape (Functional Natural Systems)



Managing Resources on a Regional Level

- Intra Disciplinary Respect vs. silo approach
- Dependence for Mutual Gain – Regional level



Unrealized Value Proposition for Communities
(County, State, Federal)

Focus is on Economics

Infrastructure – Resiliency and Capital Projects



- Bridges

- Roads



- Sewer Lines

- Sewer Plants

Systems Based Approach

Linear Highway Infrastructure



Floodplain Restoration



Regional Open Space Management - Community Based

- Ecological Parks
- Environmental Education
- Passive Recreation
- Linear Trails



Green Infrastructure Case Studies

Case Studies

- **Academic\ Research** (Big Spring Run)
- **Private Sector** (Rock Lititz\Landis Homes\Bedford Springs)
- **Municipal** (Butterfly Acres\New Street Park)
- **Residential** – Private Residence
- **Non-Profit** (Cocalico Creek Watershed Association)

Provide new information to make informed decisions - planning

Economic ecology is a new approach that could help guide
Planning decisions

Results From the Big Spring Run Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration and Monitoring Project

Prospects for Addressing Watershed Impairments Related to Legacy Sediment



Pennsylvania

Department of Environmental Protection

Pennsylvania Legacy Sediment Workgroup

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Academic and Government Research and Validation

PA DEP FINAL REPORT

BIG SPRING RUN NATURAL FLOODPLAIN, STREAM, AND RIPARIAN WETLAND - AQUATIC RESOURCE RESTORATION PROJECT MONITORING

2013

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Deliverables:

Deliverable 1: Quantify volumes of historic (legacy) sediment in stream corridor and associated nutrients in sediments. (Merritts/Walter/Rahnis/F&M Staff)

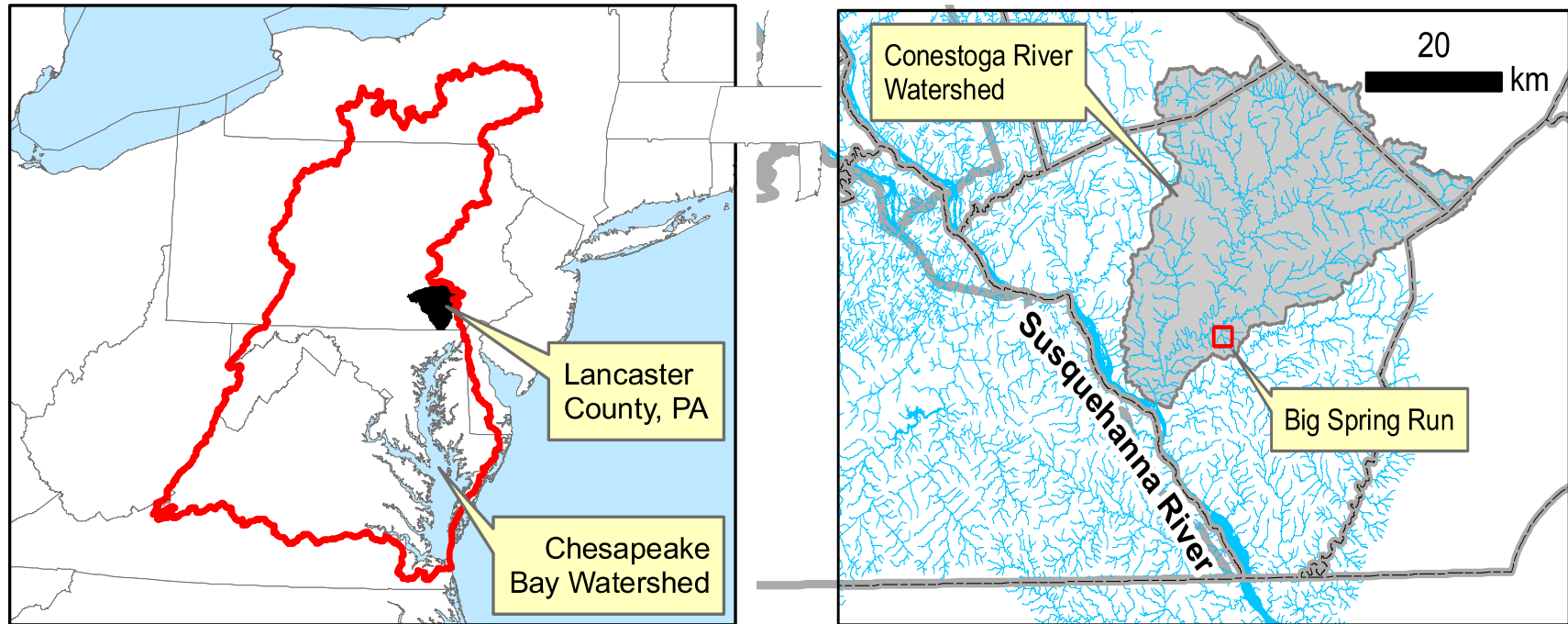
Deliverable 2: Monitor surface water and shallow ground water and quantify sediment and nutrient loads. (Galeone/Langland/Walter)

Deliverable 3: Identify sources of sediment (upland vs. stream corridor) in stream water via geochemical fingerprinting. (Gellis/Walter/Rahnis)

Deliverable 4: Quantify rates of stream bank erosion, stream corridor deposition, sediment storage in the stream corridor, and soil erosion from uplands (sediment budget) (Gellis/Merritts/Rahnis/F&M Staff)

Deliverable 5: Biological indicators of ecosystem services (Hilgartner/ Bowne/ Wallace)

Big Spring Run (BSR) Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration and Monitoring Project



Walter, et al., 2013 PA DEP Report

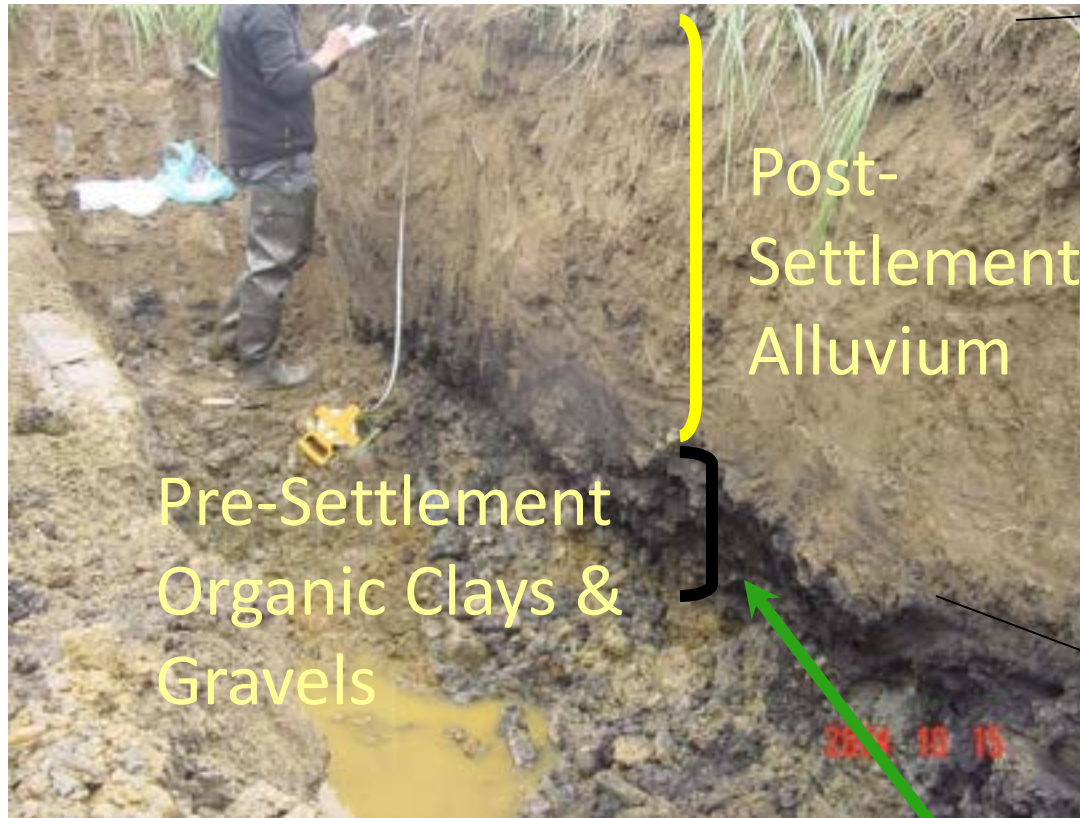
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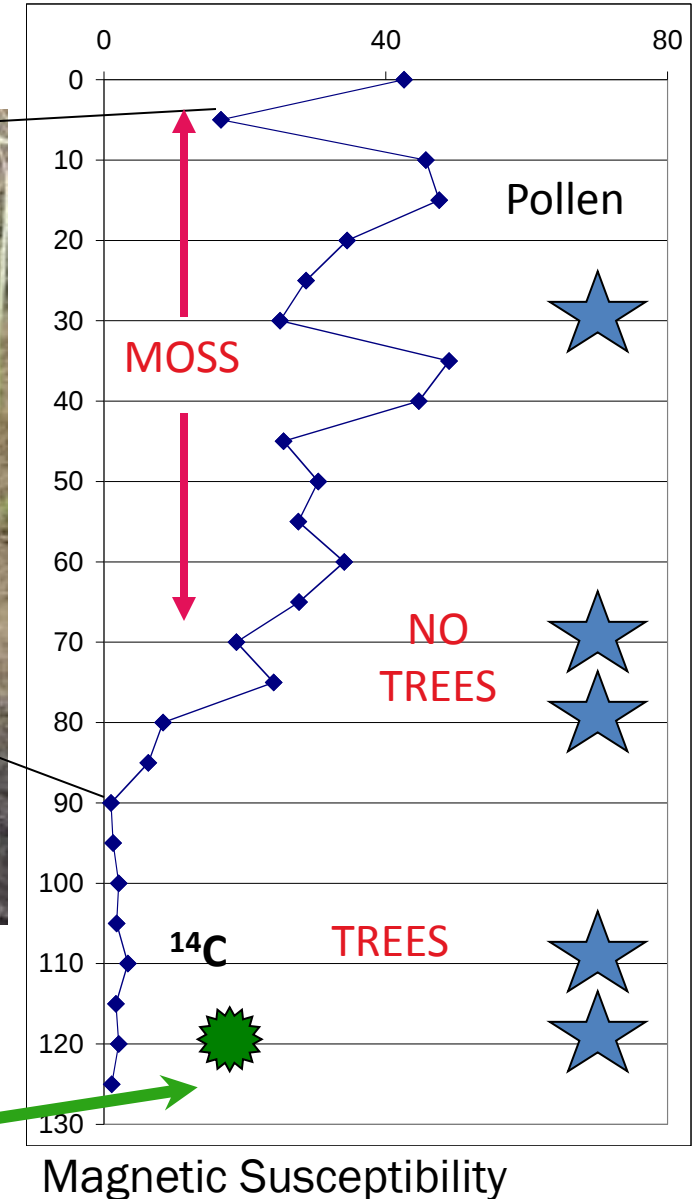
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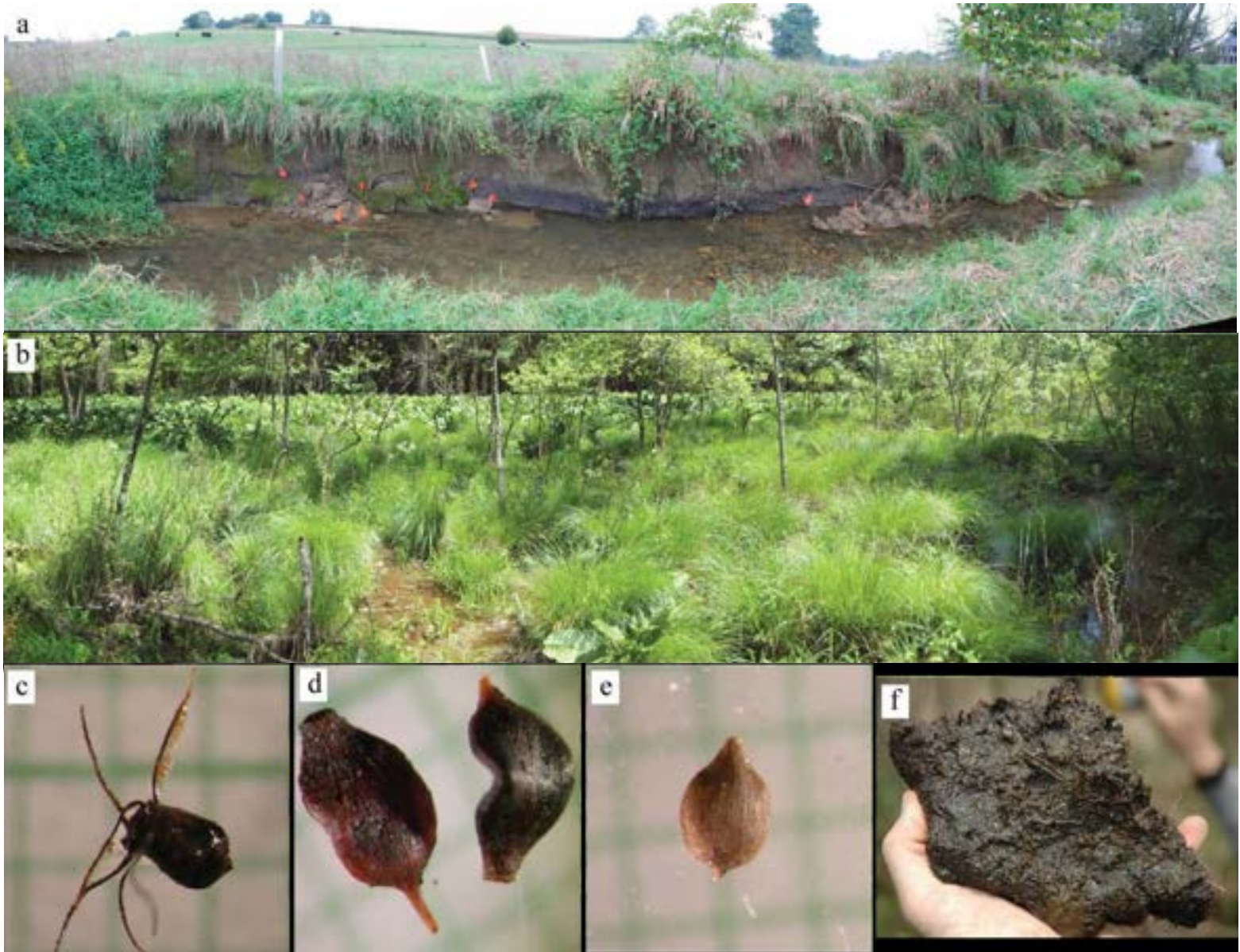


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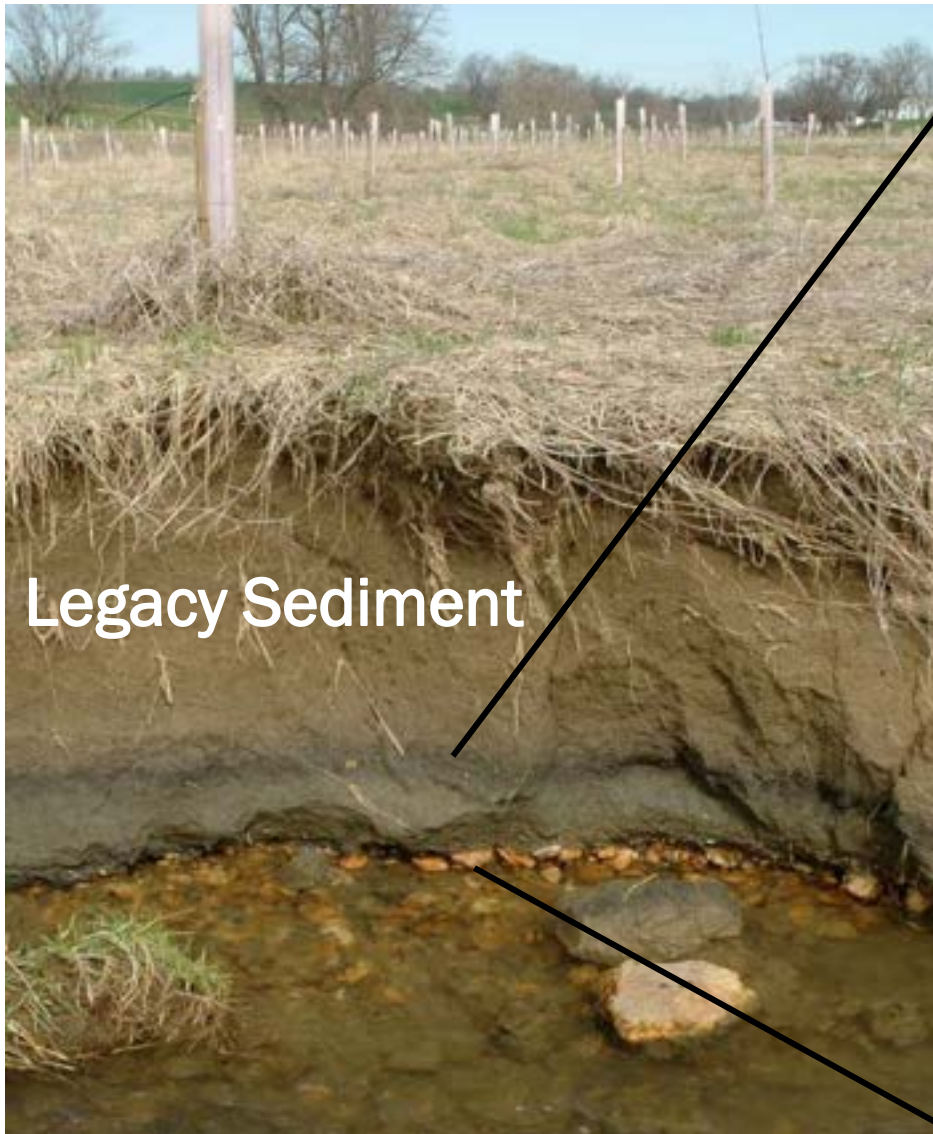


Calibrated ^{14}C Ages:
400-640 AD and 1270-1390 AD





Adapted from Merritts, et al. 2011



Hydric Soil ~ 12-18 inches



Basal Gravels 6-20 inch





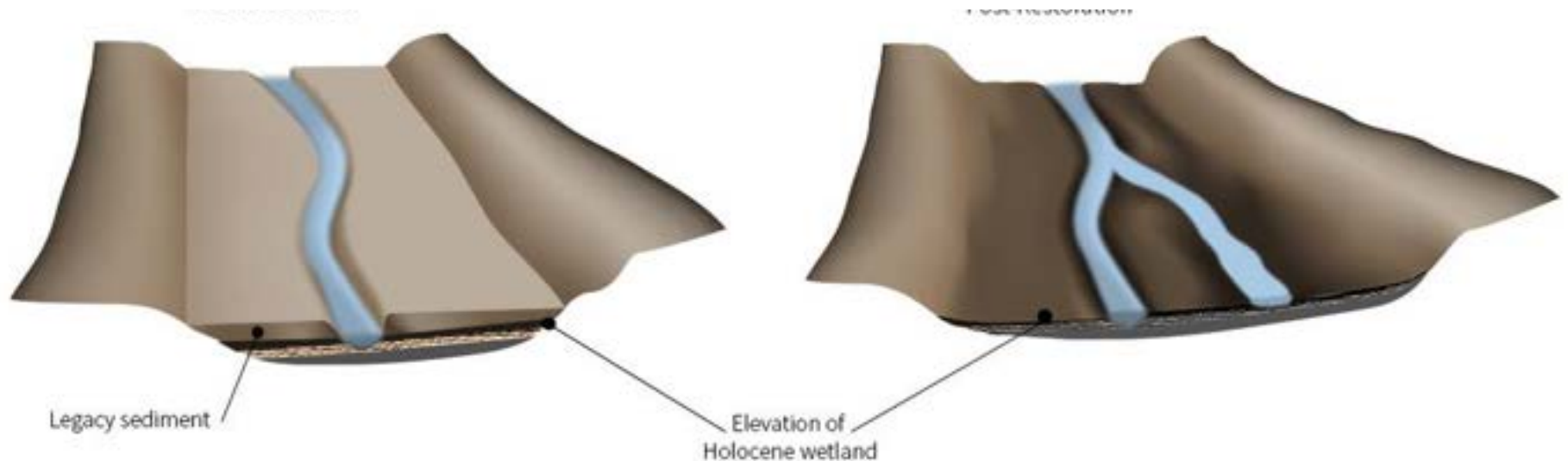
Station 015765195 Big Spring Run near Mylin Corners, PA

Restoration Goals

- Characteristics typical of the buried aquatic ecosystem provide reference conditions that were used to establish objectives
- Geologic, hydrologic, and ecological conditions prior to legacy sediment storage guided the engineering design and construction

Technical Criteria & Objectives

1. Removing legacy sediments re-establishes the valley bottom elevation of the pre-settlement floodplain, much of which remained in-tact.

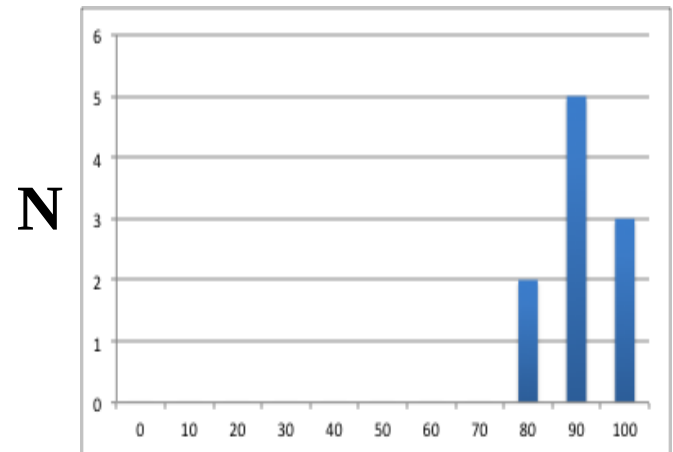


Post-restoration Sediment Deposition Characteristics



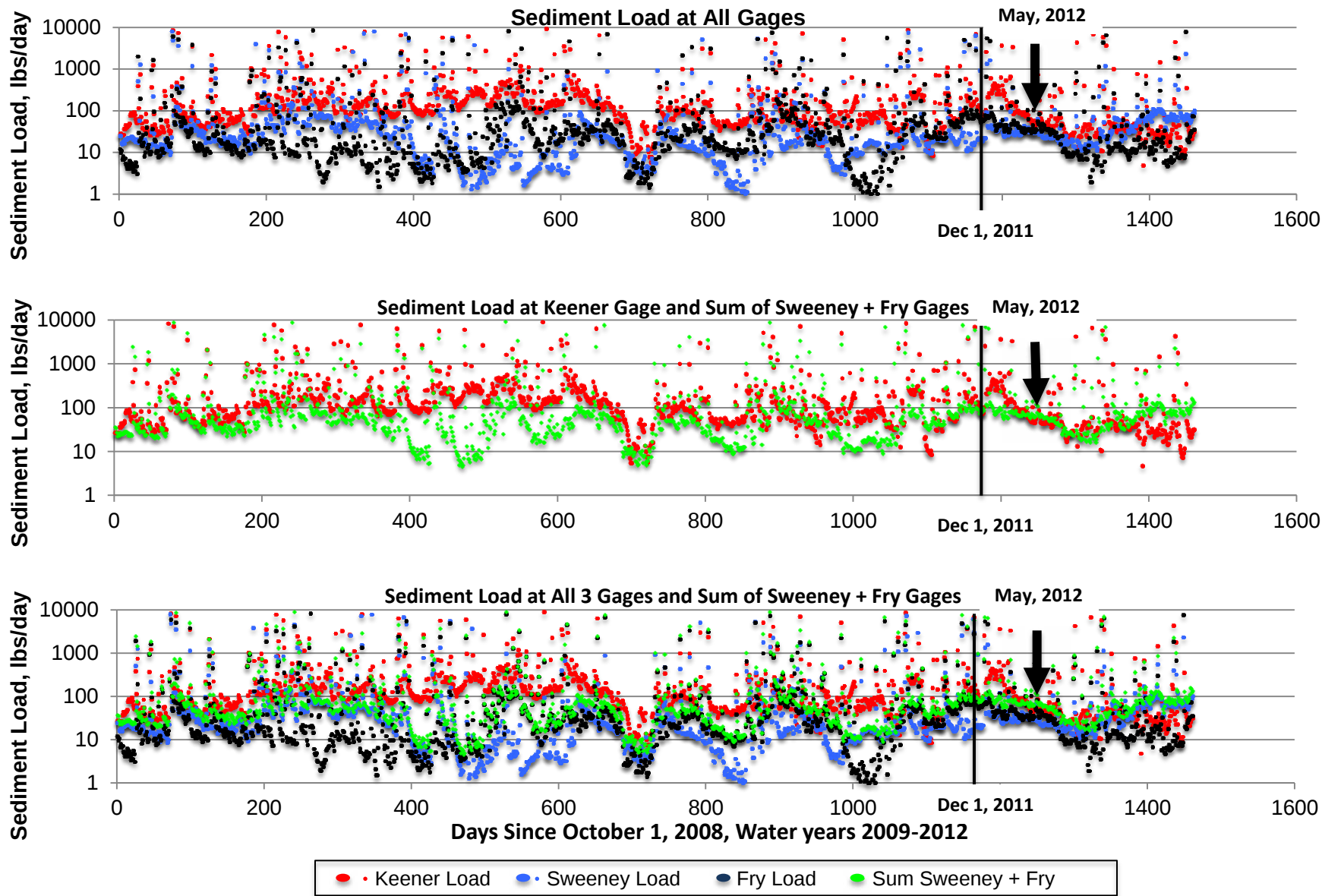
March 2012

Sediment on Tile Pad



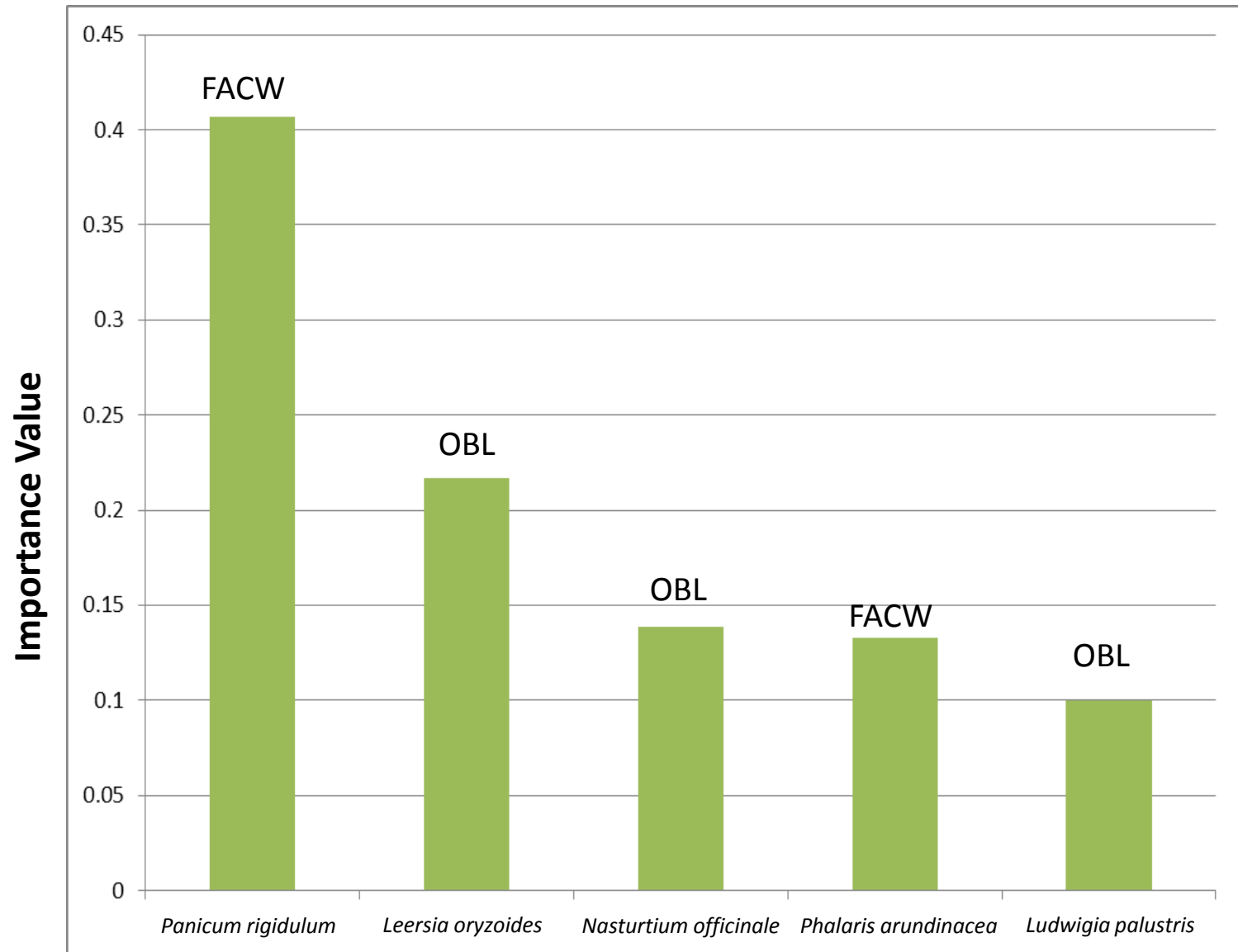
% Stream Bank

(origin is upstream bank erosion)



Daily suspended sediment loads from October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2012. Black line is end of construction, Dec 1, 2011. Black arrow is time of marked reduction in sediment load from restoration reach (May, 2012).

2012



Importance Value is the sum of relative percent cover and relative frequency for each species.

Big Spring Run Floodplain Restoration



April 2014 – ~ 2.5 years after construction



Courtesy Franklin & Marshall College

Big Spring Run, Lancaster County PA



Courtesy Telemonitor, Inc.

September 18, 2012 @ 3:30 PM

Post-Restoration

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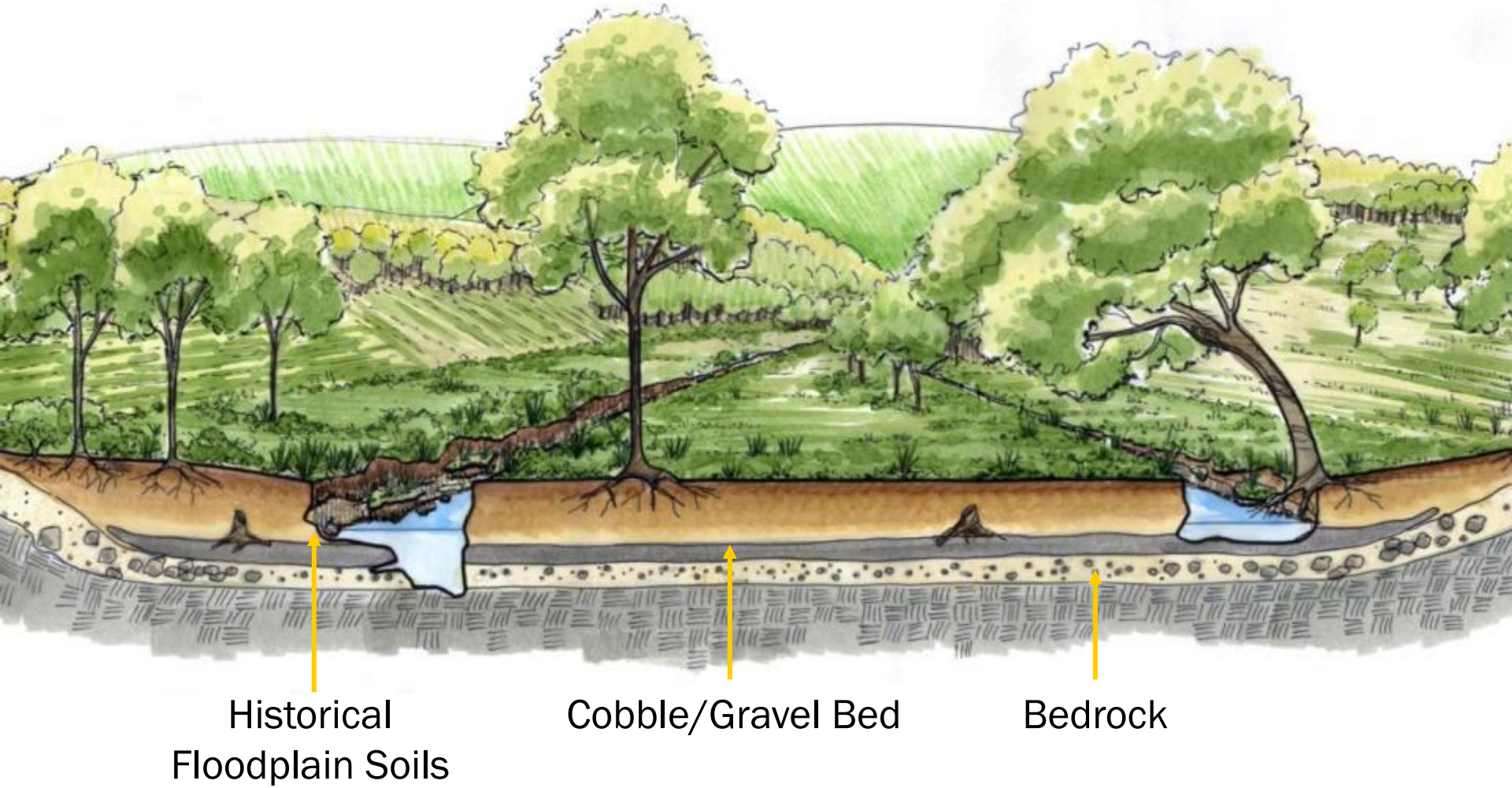


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Post-Restoration

Existing Conditions



Historical Floodplain



Roots extend
to groundwater

Floodplain Soils –
Shallow, Peaty,
Organic, & Porous

Cobble/Gravel Bed
(Groundwater)

Bedrock

Legacy sediment removed = 21,704 cy
(~21,955 tons)

Total phosphorus removed = ~50,498
lbs (2.3 lbs-P/ton)

Total nitrogen removed = ~63,669 lbs
(2.9 lbs-N/ton)

Reduction in sediment flux out of site =
109 tons/year

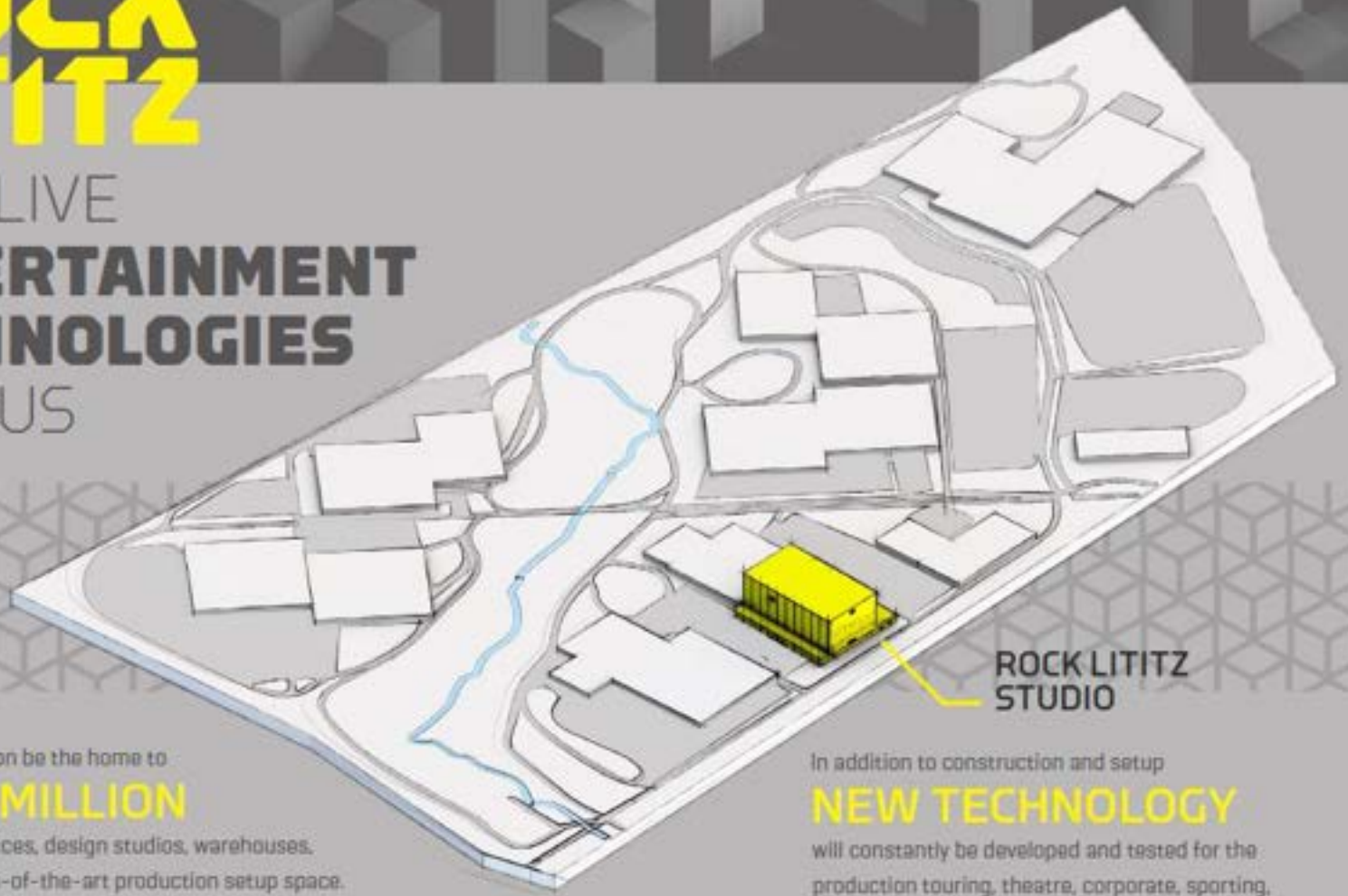
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- Sediment loading decreased 218 tons per year to 109 tons per year (94 tons/year was contributed to bank erosion prior to restoration)
- The source of the load of sediment from bank erosion within the restored reach no longer exists
- Post-restoration: increase in number of days the observed amount of sediment entering reach is greater than that measured downstream – deposition

ROCK LITITZ

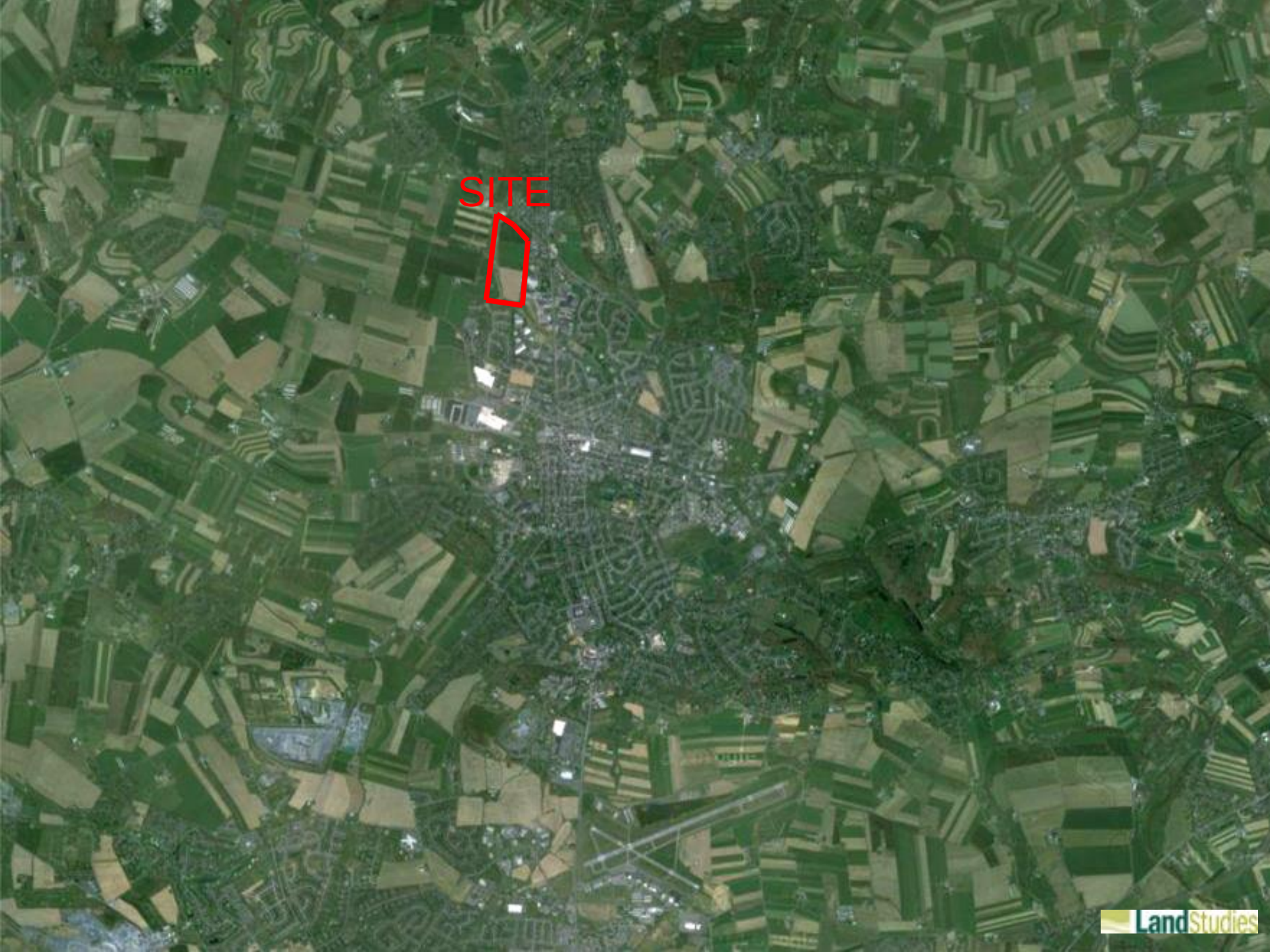
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**ENTERTAINMENT
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CAMPUS



ROCK LITITZ
STUDIO

Rock Lititz will soon be the home to
OVER 1 MILLION
square feet of offices, design studios, warehouses,
storage and state-of-the-art production setup space.

In addition to construction and setup
NEW TECHNOLOGY
will constantly be developed and tested for the
production touring, theatre, corporate, sporting,
film, and television markets.



SITE





SITE

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The site plan for the Rockledge Campus illustrates a layout of various buildings and parking areas. Key features include:

- Buildings:** POD 4 BLDG. 1, POD 4 BLDG. 2, POD 3, BUILDING POD 2, ROCK LITTLIZ SET-UP, FUTURE EXPANSION BLDG. 1D, FUTURE EXPANSION BLDG. 1E, CLAIR GLOBAL PHASE 1B, POD 1 ROCK LITTLIZ SET-UP BLDG. 1A, and POD 1 BLDG. 1C.
- Parking:** Multiple parking lots are distributed throughout the campus, including a large 'FUTURE EXPANSION AREA' on the right.
- Landscape:** The plan shows 'RESTORED FLOOD PLAIN & SWQ' (Shaded Wetland) areas, 'LANDSCAPE BUFFER', and 'EMERGENCY ACCESS' points.
- Infrastructure:** Roads include '100 FT. PPL R.O.W.', '200 FT. PPL R.O.W.', 'TOLL GATE ROAD', 'WATER LINE EXTENSION TO SITE', and 'ELLEN DRIVE'.
- Other Features:** A 'FUTURE CONNECTION TO WYNFIELD DR.' is indicated at the bottom left, and a 'LANDSCAPE BUFFER' is shown along the right edge.

NOTES:

- 1. PARKING REQUIREMENTS
- 2. BUILDING AREA
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 LandStudies

Stormwater Management Facility (site & regional) - 17 acres



Rock Lititz Floodplain Restoration





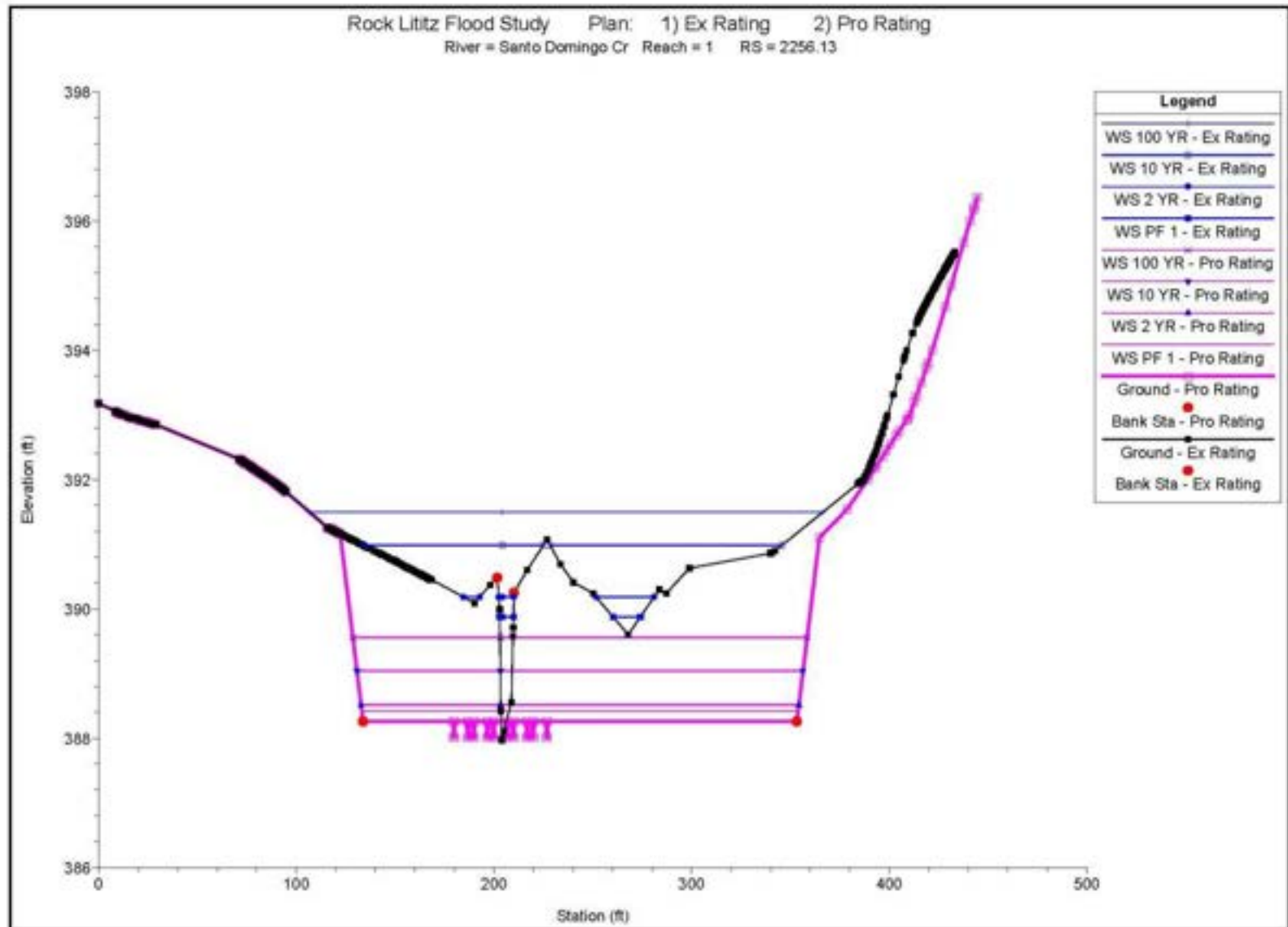




Gravel

From
Stream
Bed

Rock Lititz Floodplain Restoration



Rock Lititz Comparison of Pre & Post Restoration Flow Areas

Flow Rate (cfs)	Existing Flow Area (sf)	Proposed Flow Area (sf)
28.41	12.56	73.31
42.61	18.94	93.63
56.81	25.98	121.99
179.81	85.40	215.90
340.92	147.63	306.39
447.12	183.38	363.37
611.26	234.89	459.89
816.58	293.00	656.78

Peak Rate Control

Rock Lititz - Santo Domingo Floodplain Restoration

Peak Rate Summary Considering Full Masterplan Build-Out

Return Period	Existing @ Property Line (cfs)	Existing On-site (cfs)	Post Devel. @ Property Line (cfs)	% Reduction (Site)	Sub Watershed % Reduction (Total)
2-yr	49.78	7.01	8.57	588%	83%
5-yr	170.51	34.43	129.07	120%	24%
10-yr	342.48	72.35	309.29	46%	10%
25-yr	463.29	97.74	435.57	28%	6%
50-yr	657.70	136.60	638.65	14%	3%
100-yr	910.72	184.57	903.42	4%	1%

Rock Lititz Enhanced Infiltration Potential Summary

	Wetted Area at 2-yr flow rate (ac)	Average Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	Estimated 2-yr Floodplain Infiltration Rate (cfs)
Existing Condition	4.94	0.125	0.62
Restored Floodplain	16.61	1.875	31.41
Increase	11.67	1.75	30.79

Rock Lititz – Volume BMP Summary

	Volume Retained (cf)
Total Recharge Volume Outside of Floodplain	12,800
Floodplain Restoration	
Increased 2-year wetted area(sf)	513,139
Floodplain Restoration 2-yr Infiltration (from Hydrograph Diversion)	970,725
<i>Grand Total Recharge Volume</i>	983,525
<i>CG-1 Required Volume Reduction</i>	529,362

Note: This Volume is only for Phase 1A; Additional upland BMPS will be included with future phases

Rock Lititz – Worksheet 13

Worksheet 13 – Pollutant Reduction Through BMP Applications*									
*Fill this worksheet out for each BMP type with different pollutant removal efficiencies. Sum pollutant reduction achieved for all BMP types on final sheet.									
BMP Type: <u>Floodplain Restoration</u>									
Disturbed Area Controlled by this BMPs (AC): <u>96.29</u>									
Disturbed Area Controlled by this BMPs:									
		TSS		Nitrate-Nitrite					
	EMC (mg/l)	TP EMC (mg/l)	EMC (mg/l as N)	Cover (Acres)	Runoff Volume (AF)	TSS** (LBS)	TP** (LBS)	NO ₃ (LBS)	
Pervious Surfaces	Land Cover Classification								
	Forest	39	0.15	0.17					
	Meadow	47	0.19	0.3	17.21	0.44	55.84	0.23	0.36
	Fertilized Planting Area	55	1.34	0.73					
	Native Planting Area	55	0.4	0.33					
	Lawn, Low-Input	180	0.4	0.44	21.58	0.73	354.78	0.75	0.87
	Lawn, High-Input	180	2.22	1.46					
Impervious Surfaces	Golf Course Fairway/Green	305	1.07	1.84					
	Golf Course Athletic Field	200	1.07	1.01					
	RoofTop	21	0.13	0.32	28.75	6.87	589.53	2.41	5.94
	High Traffic Street/Highway	261	0.4	0.83					
	Medium Traffic Street	113	0.33	0.58					
	Low Traffic/Residential Street	86	0.36	0.47					
	Res. Driveway, Play Courts, etc.	60	0.46	0.47					
	High Traffic Parking Lot	120	0.39	0.6					
	Low Traffic Parking Lot	58	0.15	0.39	28.75	6.87	1075.84	2.78	7.23
TOTAL LOAD TO THIS BMP TYPE						1,876	6.2	14.4	
POLLUTANT REMOVAL EFFICIENCIES FROM APPENDIX A, STORMWATER MANUAL (%)									
POLLUTANT REDUCION ACHIEVED BY THIS BMP TYPE (LBS)						248,622	173.0	1009.8	
POLLUTANT REDUCTION ACHIEVED BY ALL BMP TYPES (LBS)									
REQUIRED REDUCTION from WS12 (LBS)									

*Pollutant Load = [EMC, mg/l] X [Volume, AF] X [2.7, Unit Conversion]

**TSS and TP calculations only required for projects not meeting CG1/CG2 or not controlling less than 90% of the disturbed area

Landis Homes Floodplain Restoration



Landis Homes Floodplain Restoration – Lititz, PA



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Landis Homes Floodplain Restoration









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No retrofits of basins or new basins – “eliminating the basins”

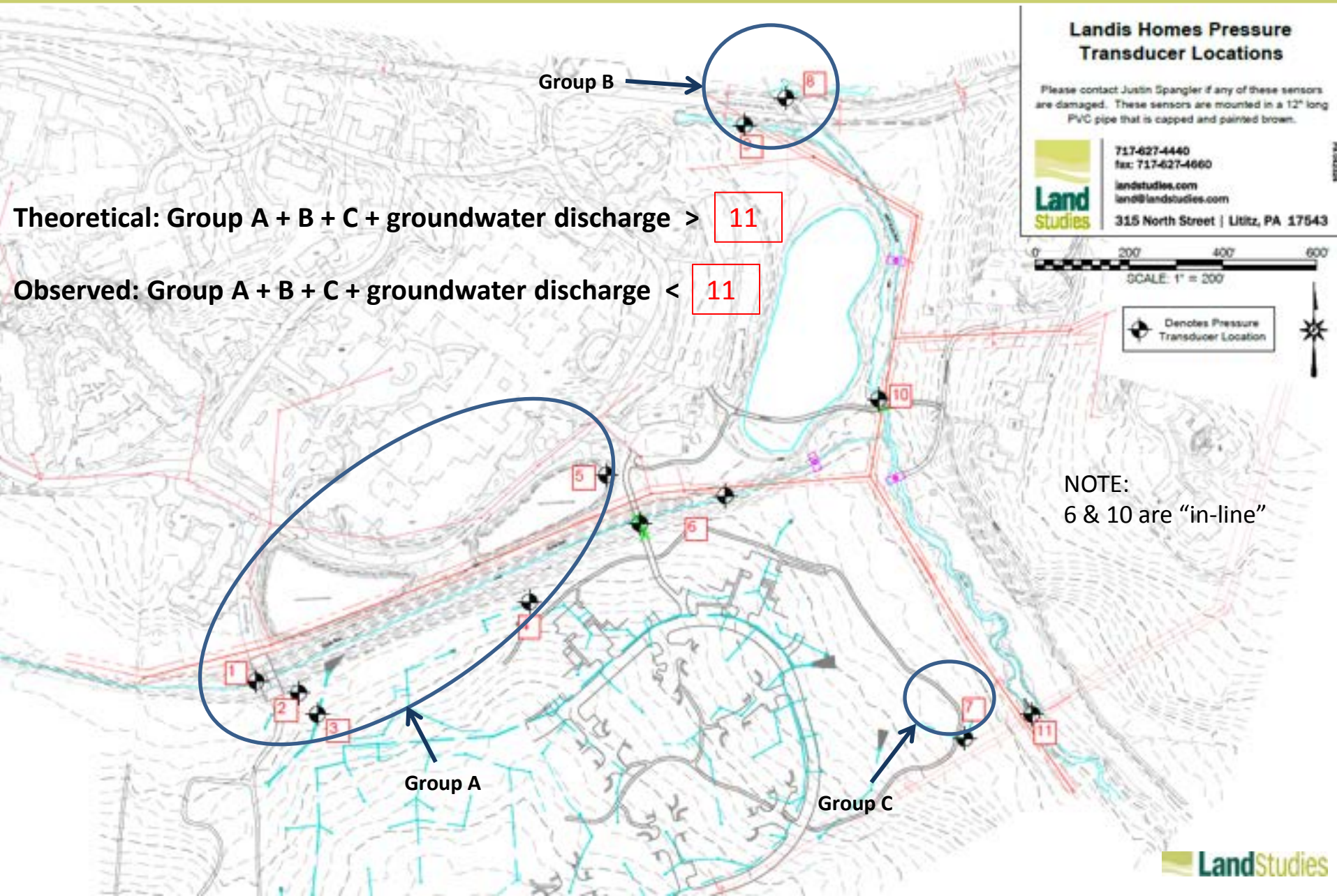


Data Monitoring

A Pressure Transducer called a Levelogger is used as a cost-effective solution for continuously measuring water level and temperature.



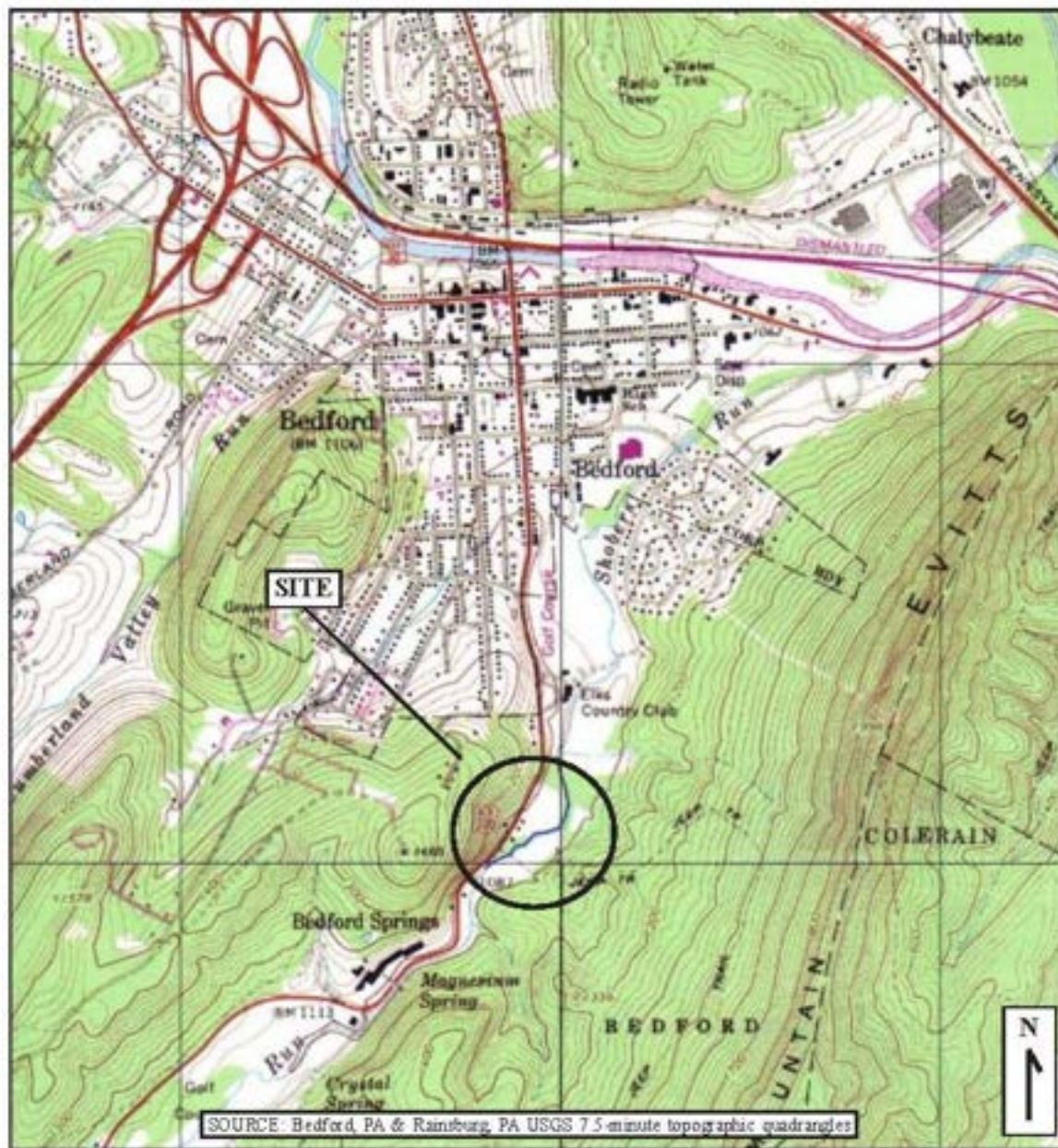
Infiltration Monitoring



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Shober's Run Restoration

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Concept Plan

Bedford Springs Resort

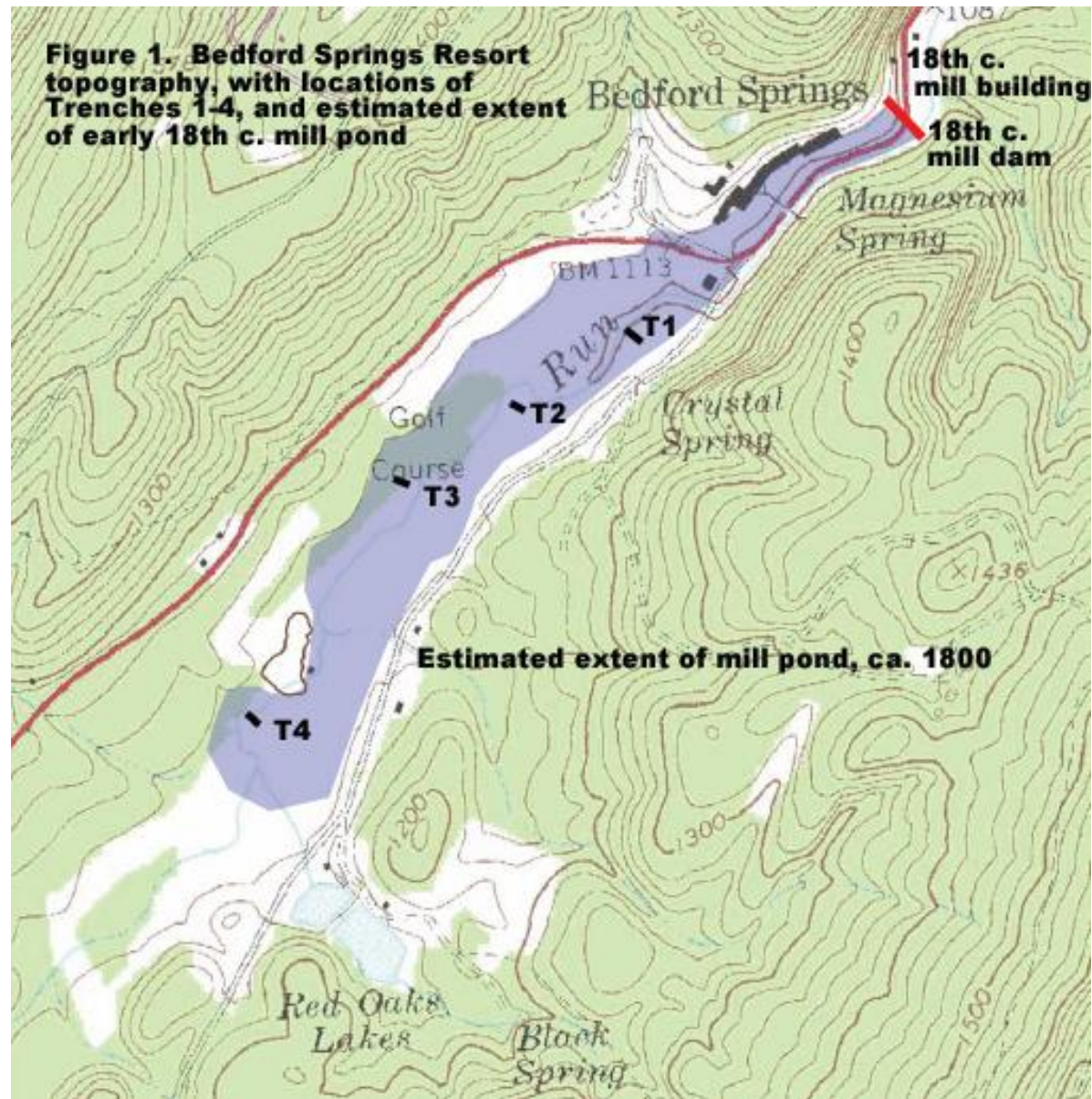
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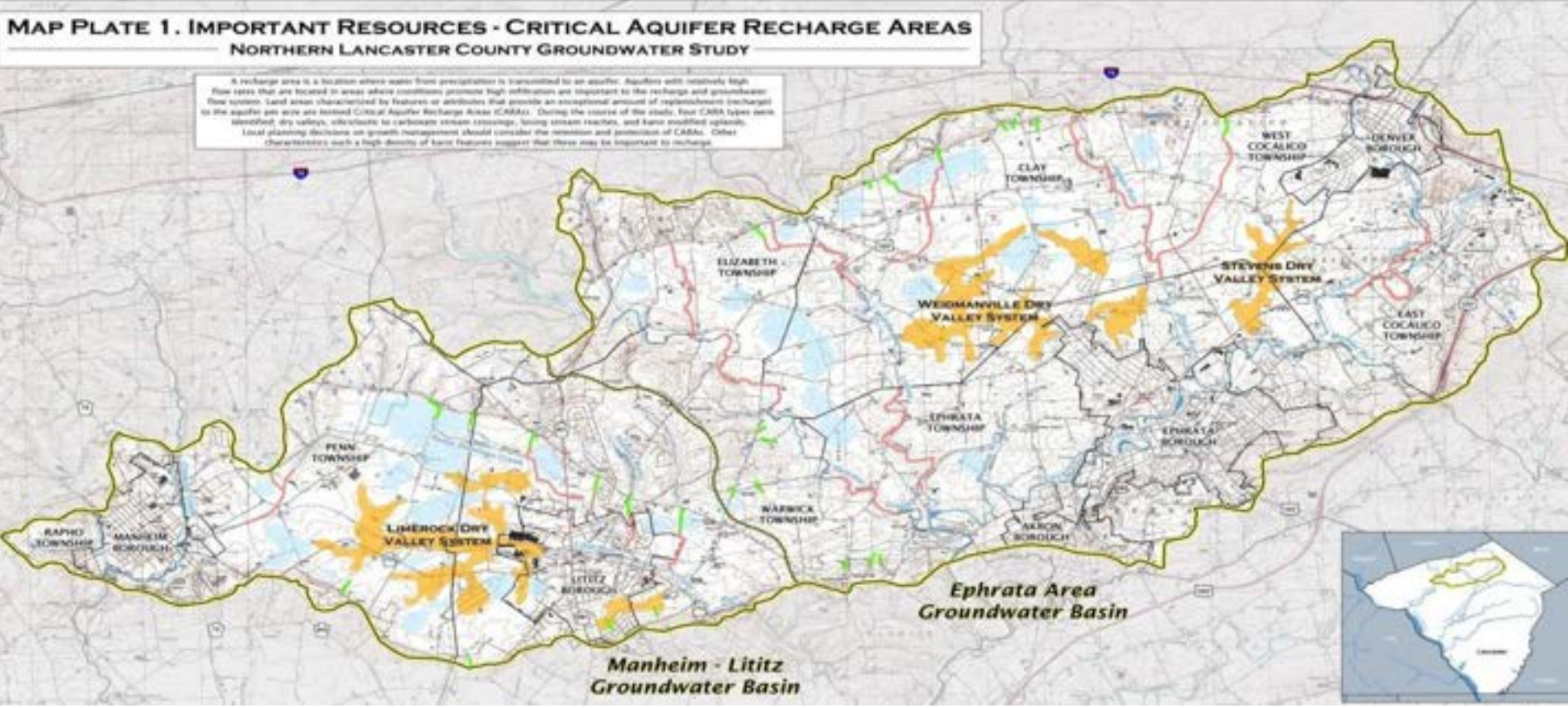
Bedford Springs Resort– Results Summary

- 6,800 linear feet of Shober's Run restored
- 80 foot minimum floodplain corridor created
- 10 acres of wetland created
- 70,000 cubic yards of legacy sediment removed

Butterfly Acres: Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) Restoration

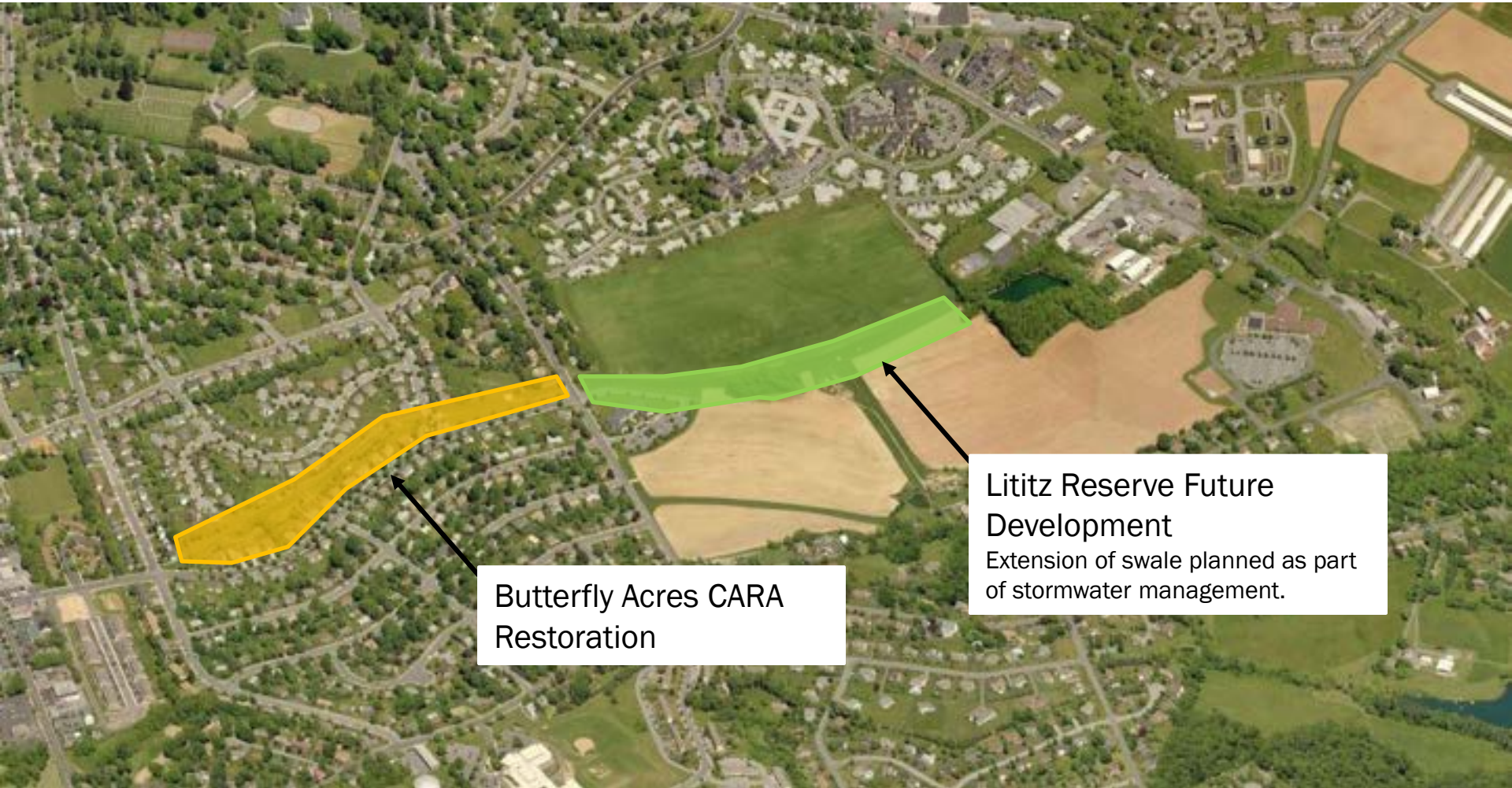
MAP PLATE 1. IMPORTANT RESOURCES - CRITICAL AQUIFER RECHARGE AREAS
NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY GROUNDWATER STUDY

A recharge area is a location where water from precipitation is transmitted to an aquifer. Aquifers with relatively high flow rates that are located in areas where conditions promote high infiltration are important to the recharge and groundwater flow system. Land areas characterized by features or attributes that provide an exceptional amount of replenishment (recharge) to the aquifer are called Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs). During the course of the study, four CARA types were identified: dry valleys, alluvial to carbonate stream crossings, living stream reaches, and karst modified uplands. Local planning decisions on growth management should consider the retention and protection of CARAs. Other characteristics such as a high density of karst features suggest that these may be important to recharge.



Lititz Run Watershed –

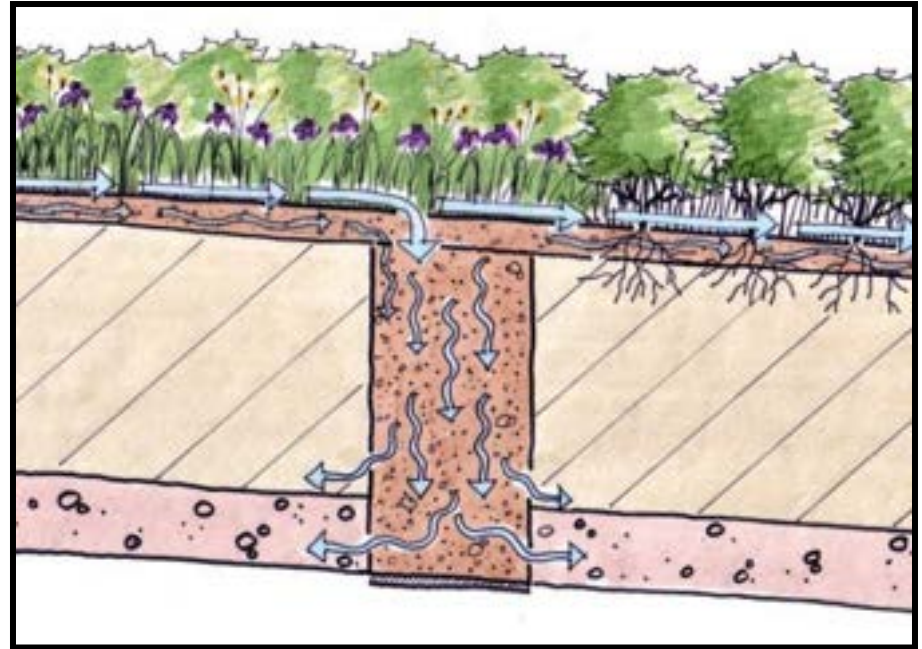
Butterfly Acres Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) Restoration



Butterfly Acres CARA
Restoration

Lititz Reserve Future
Development
Extension of swale planned as part
of stormwater management.

Lititz Run Watershed – Butterfly Acres CARA Restoration



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Lititz Run Watershed – Butterfly Acres CARA Restoration



Coreopsis tinctoria – Plains Coreopsis

Lititz Run Watershed – Butterfly Acres CARA Restoration



Quantifiable Results:

- 2,250 linear feet of drainage channel restored
- 2.85 acres of native plant bio-swale seeding

Construction dates:

Phase 1 – 2006

Phase 2 – 2007

Phase 3 – 2008

Phase 4 – 2010







Lititz Run Watershed – Butterfly Acres CARA Restoration



New Street Ecological Park- Nutrient Credit Trading Pilot Project

Lititz Run Watershed



New Street Ecological Park



New Street Ecological Park – *Before Construction*



New Street Ecological Park – *Before Construction*



The churning flood flow makes it easy to see why the stream banks are so eroded. The inability of the stream to release high flows onto the floodplain creates excessive energy in the channel itself.



The man is standing on the new, more historically accurate and natural floodplain elevation. Behind him is the old floodplain, created by sedimentation that occurred within the past century or two.



New Street Ecological Park – *After Restoration*

Removed from the watershed:

- over 7,800 tons of sediment
- over 8,930 pounds of phosphorus
- over 26,080 pounds of nitrogen



Santo Domingo Creek- New Street Ecological Park

-Small Storm Event

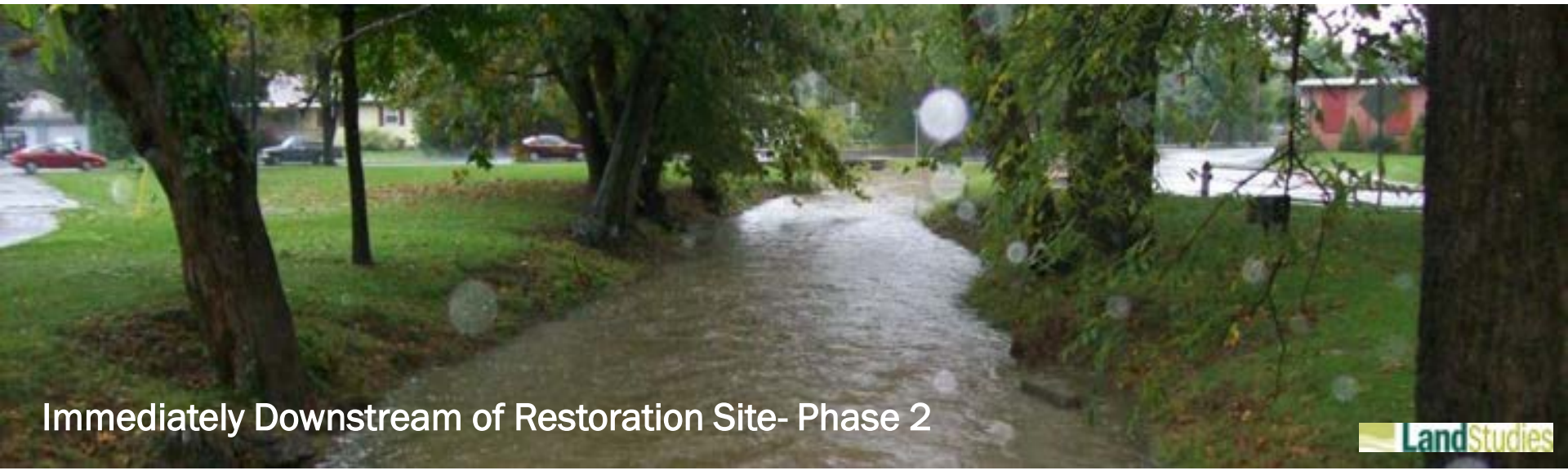


New Street Ecological Park-Flood Flow

4.74" inches of rainfall Sept. 30, 2011



Restoration Site



Immediately Downstream of Restoration Site- Phase 2

New Street Ecological Park



Site Characteristics

NEW STREET ECOLOGICAL PARK

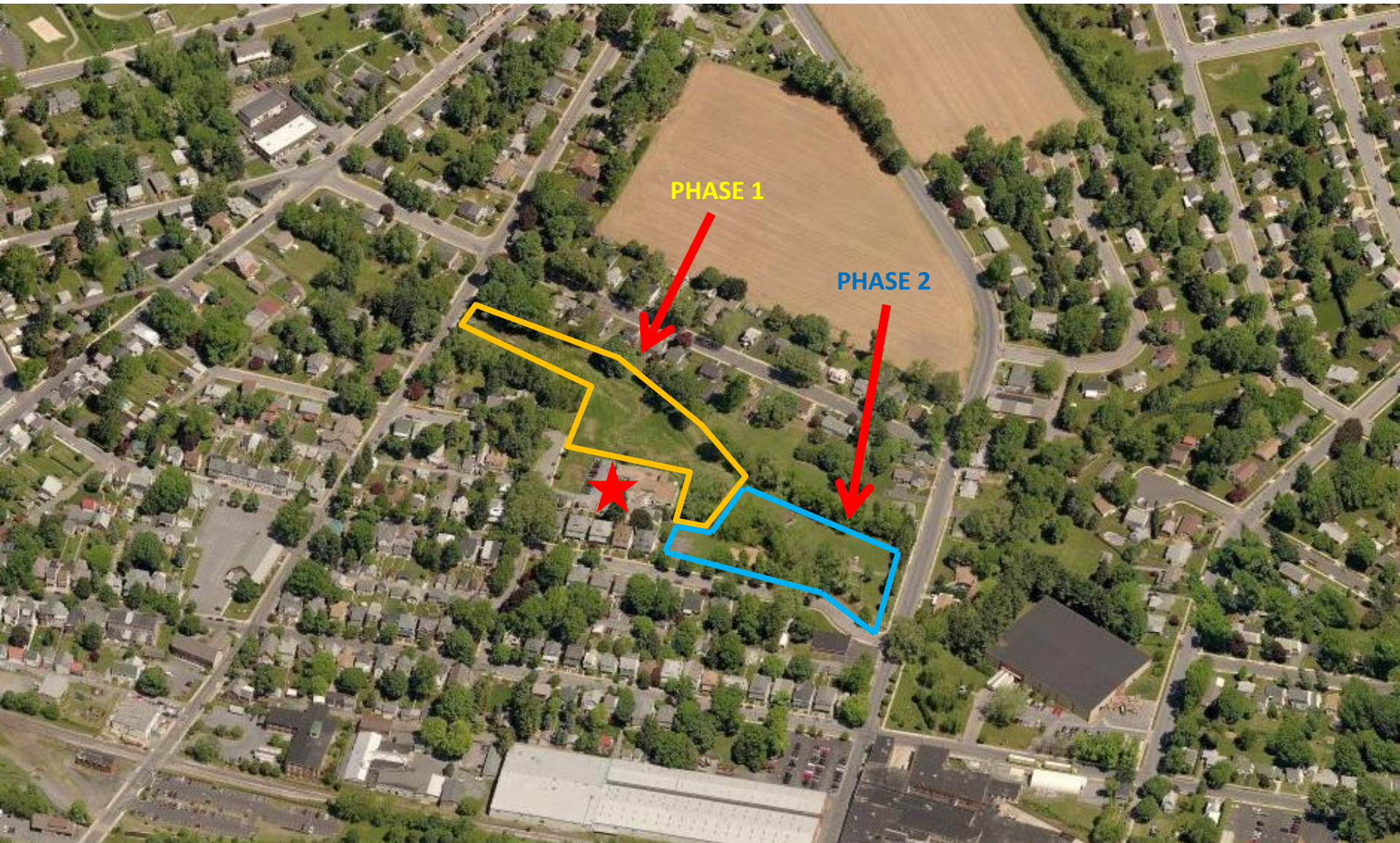
- Existing municipal-owned park in Lititz, PA
- Dated facilities, eroding streambanks, continuous threats to infrastructure in “dense” residential area
- Ecological development opportunities:
 - Innovative stormwater management (via Floodplain Restoration-FPR)
 - Improved water quality through restoration
 - Regulatory compliance (MS4 Permit)
 - Stream restoration and stabilization
 - Through FPR: Increased flood storage...reduced flood peak rates
- Economic and community development opportunities (as a result of initial ecological focus):
 - Improved park facilities
 - Transportation corridor protection
 - Residential and commercial corridor protection (flooding)
 - Desired aesthetic enhancements
 - Return on investment



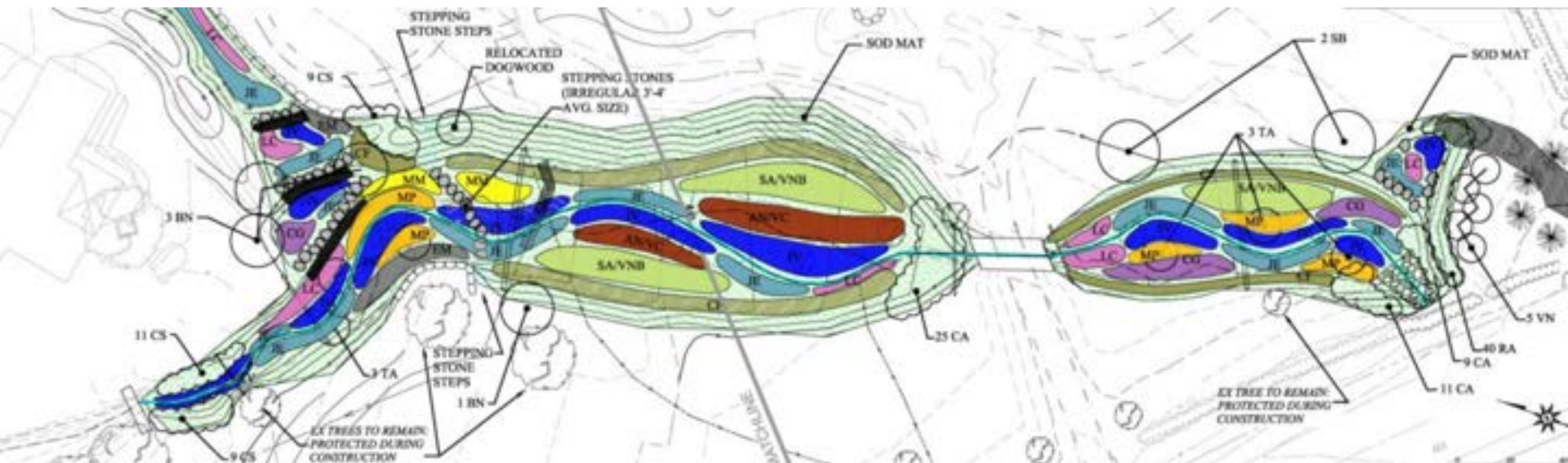
New Street Ecological Park – Phase 2 (2015)



New Street Ecological Park, Lititz, PA



Private Residence





September 2011 Storms – 18”+ in 2 week period



Early October 2011

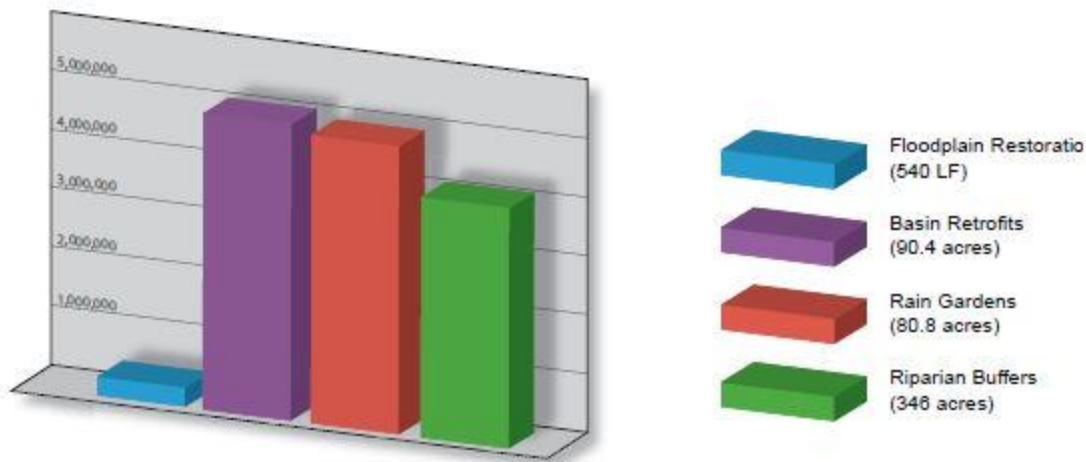


Cocalico Watershed Association – BMP Effectiveness

The cost-effectiveness data shows that not all BMPs are created equal:

To reduce sediment loads by 100,000 pounds in the Cocalico Creek watershed **using floodplain restoration it would cost about \$329,000.**

To achieve the same result **using basin retrofits, rain gardens, or riparian buffers, the cost rises sharply: \$5.25 million, \$5.09 million, and \$4.24 million respectively.**



*New Street Park floodplain restoration
(during construction, 2005)*

UAJA
Treatment
Plant

Installed
pipe

State
College

Drinking
water wells

Recharge and
Augmentation



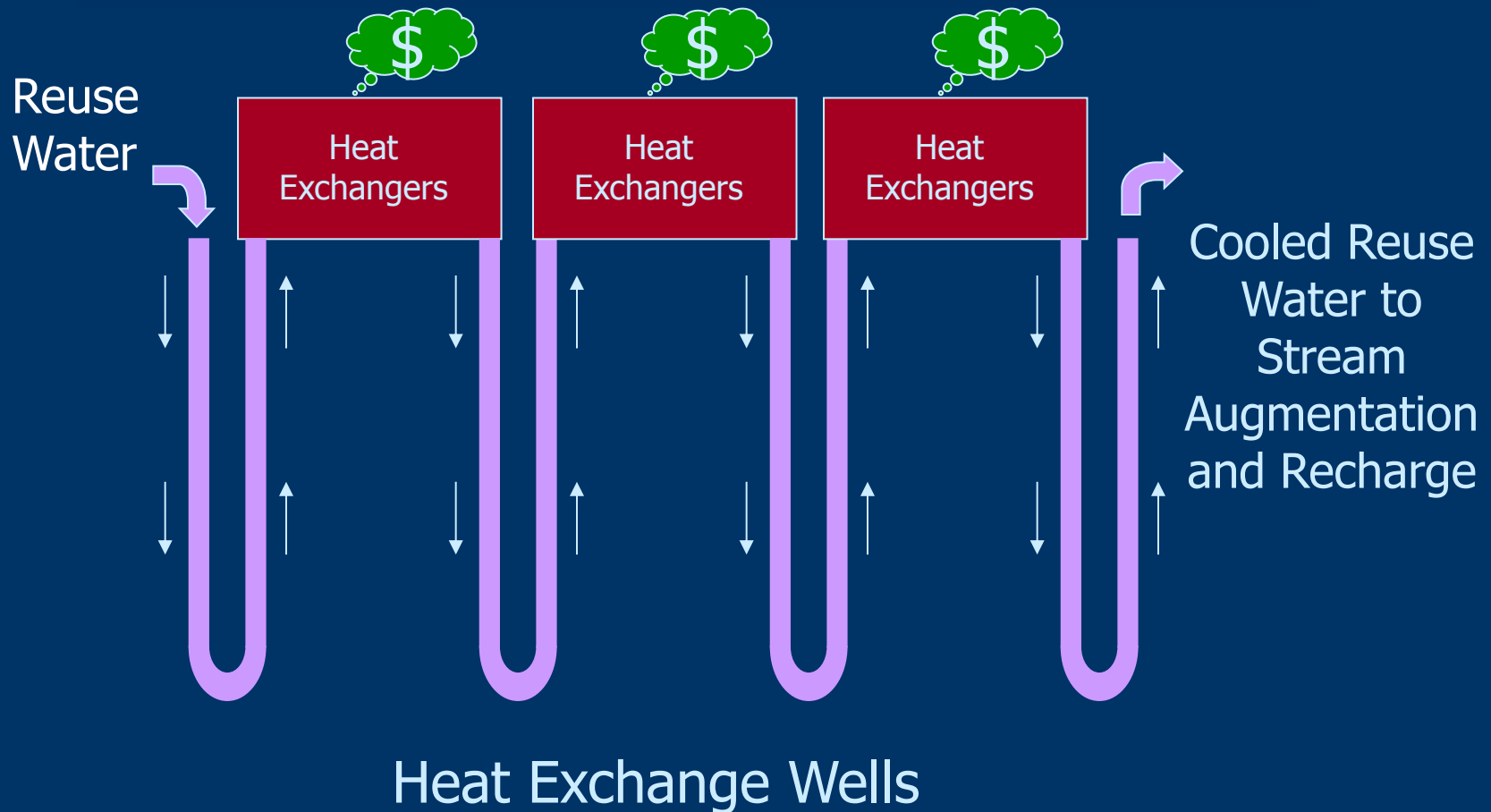
UAJA Beneficial Reuse Project



Wastewater purified through Micro-filtration and Reverse Osmosis used to augment Slab Cabin Run and recharge the drinking water aquifer

- Up to 3 million gallons per day
- Moves water seven miles upstream
- Provide energy benefit to region
- Restore Slab Cabin Run to historical conditions

Geothermal On A Grand Scale



Heat exchangers proposed for industrial and commercial use along the reuse water transmission main

