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STREAM RESTORATION DESIGN  
COMPONENTS OF THE BOIS D'ARC LAKE  
WATERSHED-SCALE ECOLOGICAL  
RESTORATION AND MITIGATION PROJECT

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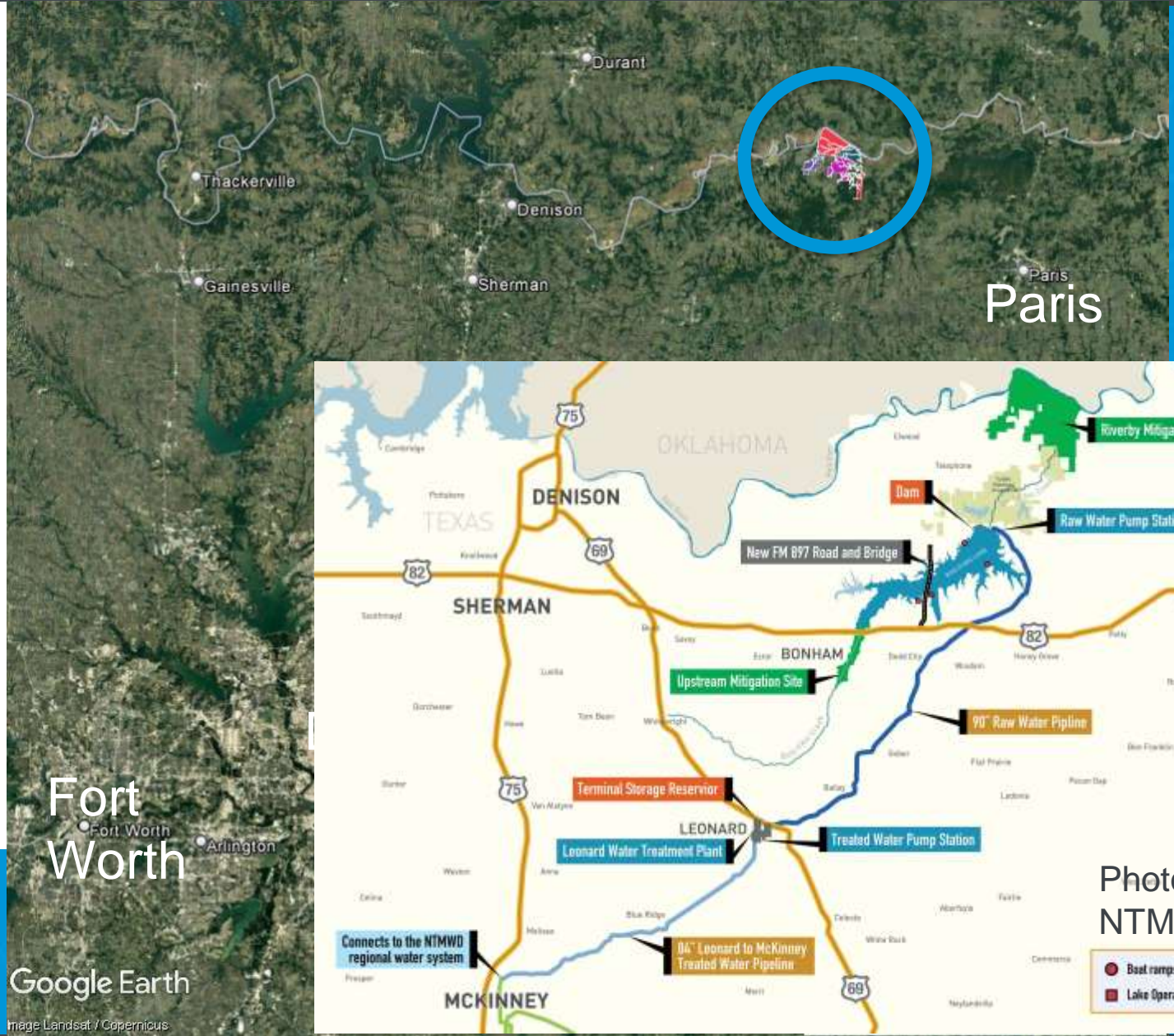


NORTH  
TEXAS  
MUNICIPAL  
WATER  
DISTRICT

The Bois d' Arc Lake Mitigation Project  
A Watershed Scale Ecological Restoration Project



LOCATION





## EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN NORTH TEXAS, INCLUDING BOIS D'ARC LAKE

There's nothing small about Bois d'Arc Lake, which is the first major water reservoir in Texas in 30 years. When completed, the lake will ensure a reliable water supply for today and tomorrow, a big ongoing boost to the local economy and big-time recreation for the entire region. Construction of this vital infrastructure is a huge undertaking and investment.

- 5.2M** CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH EXCAVATED AND MOVED TO BUILD THE DAM
- 90** FOOT-TALL, TWO-MILE-LONG DAM
- 1.3** MILE-LONG BRIDGE AND IMPROVEMENTS ON OVER 11 MILES OF ROADWAY
- 60** MILES OF PIPELINE TO PROVIDE DRINKING WATER TO NORTH TEXAS
- 110** FOOT-TALL INTAKE TOWER TO CAPTURE WATER FROM LAKE

WATER TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

BOIS D'ARC LAKE

The 26-square-mile Bois d'Arc Lake starts delivering drinking water to 80 North Texas communities in 2023. Visit [BoisdArcLake.org](http://BoisdArcLake.org) for more information.

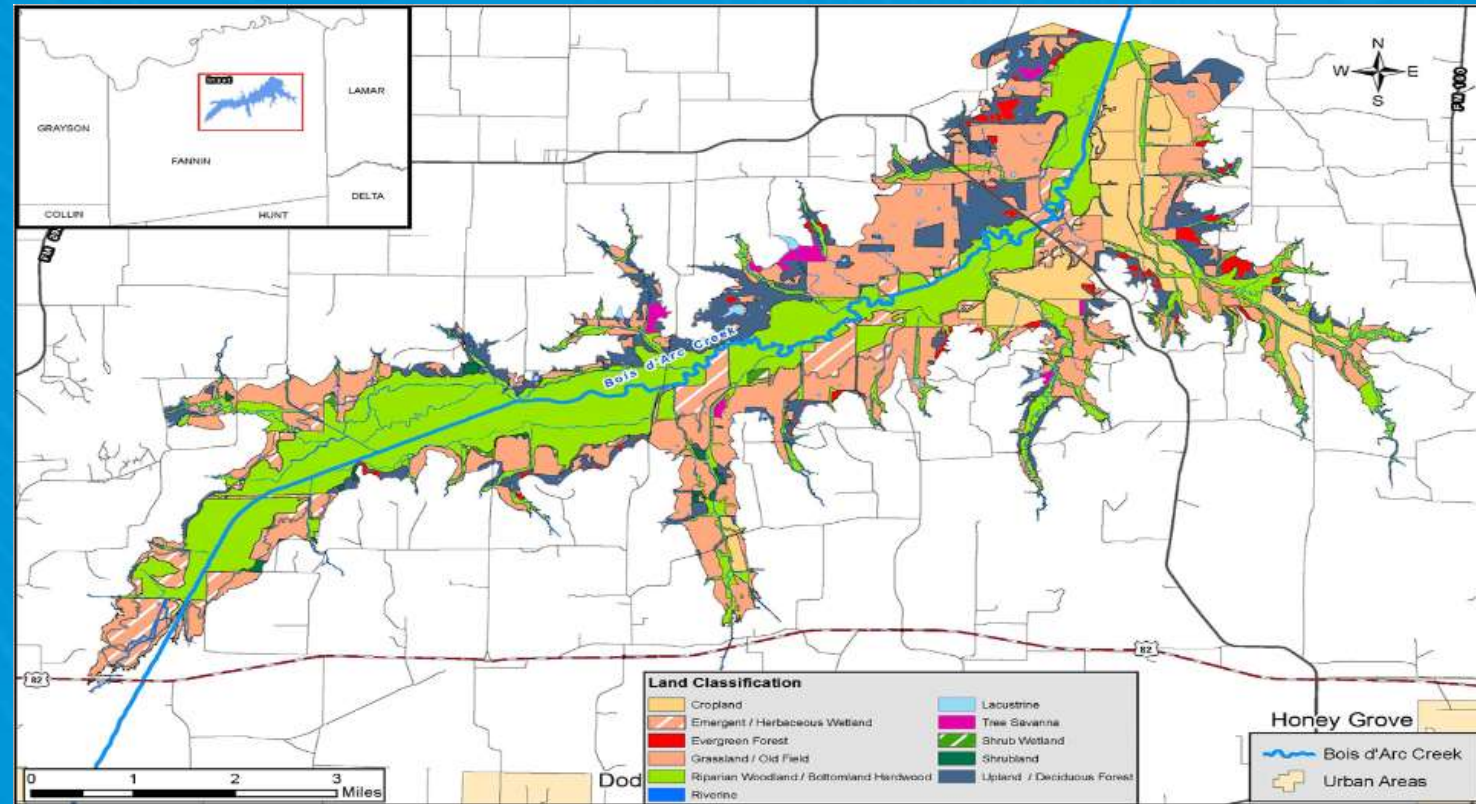
## Bois d'Arc Lake

- Owner & operator: NTMWD
- Surface Area: 16,641 acres
- Cost Estimate: \$1.6B
- First Reservoir in 30 years
- 10+ years of planning & permitting
- Permitting:
  - TCEQ TX Water Rights – received June 2015
  - USACE Section 404 – received Feb. 2018
- Construction began May 2018
- Water delivery expected in 2023



# Impacts

16,641 acres of impacts to various habitats and streams

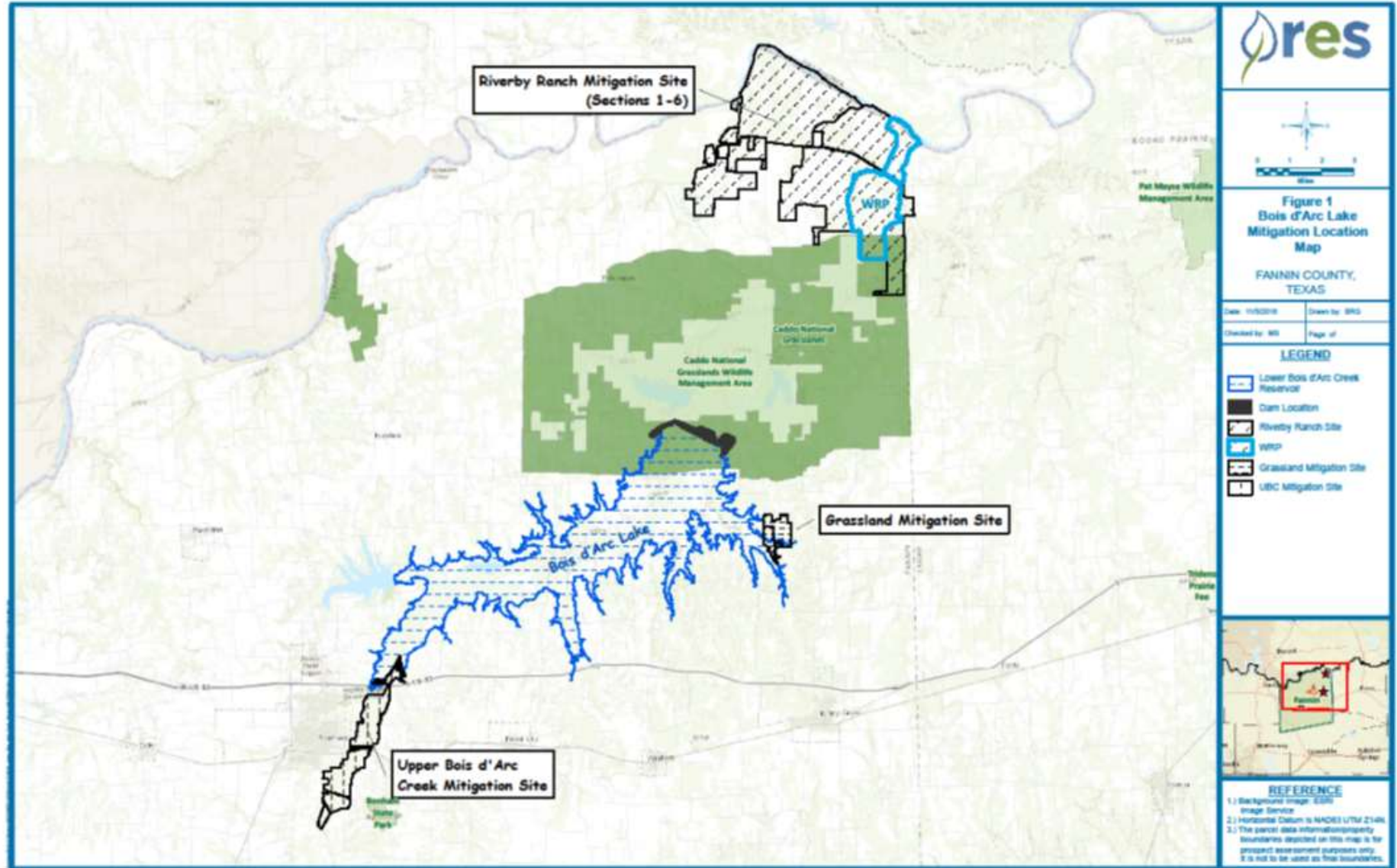


## Bois d'Arc Lake Mitigation

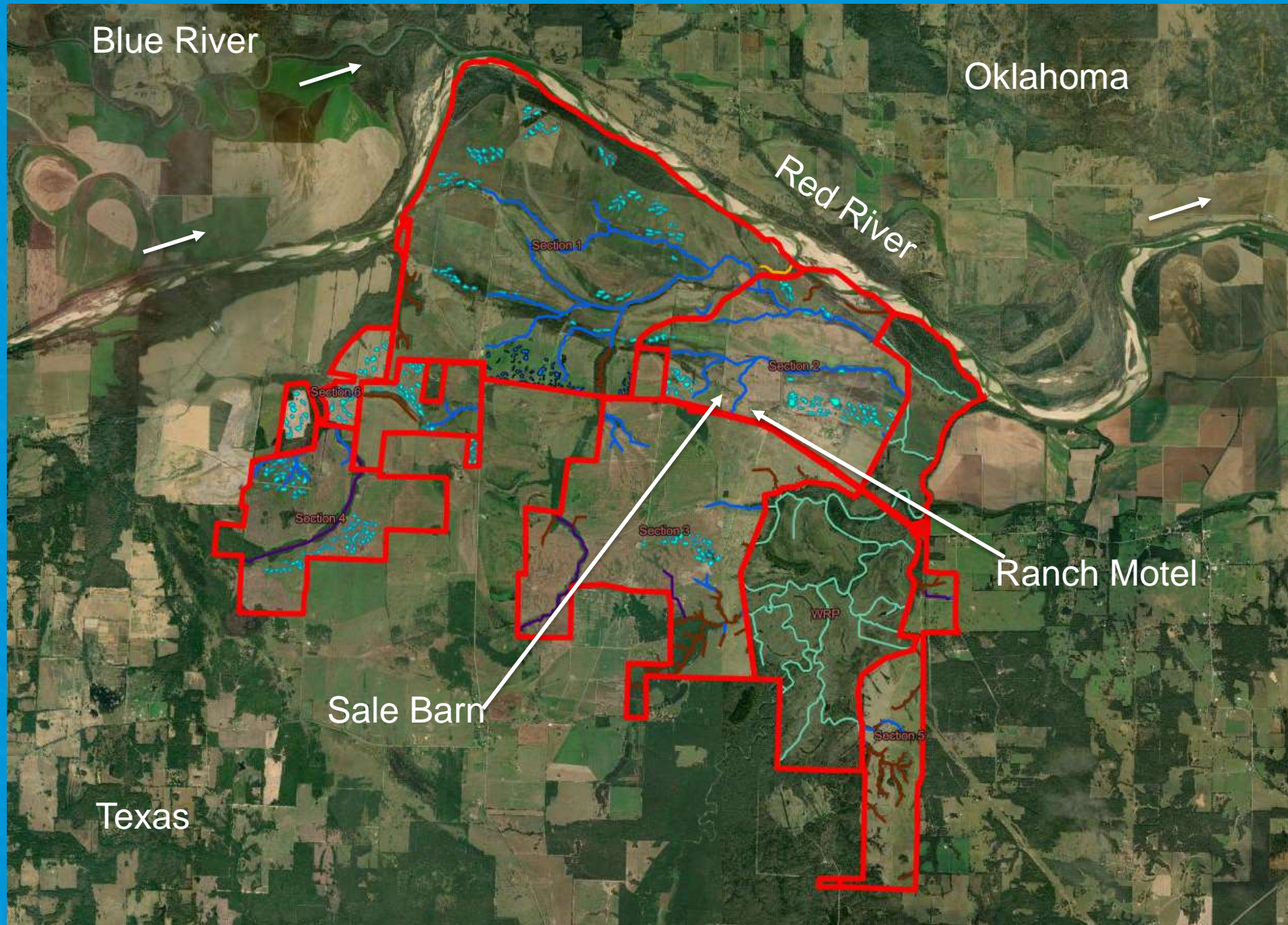
Restoration/enhancement of:

- **17,014 acres** (6,885 hectares) of aquatic & terrestrial habitats
  - Emergent wetland 2,477 acres (1,003 hectares)
  - Forested wetland 5,804 acres (2,349 hectares)
  - Scrub shrub wetland 149 acres (60 hectares)
  - Native grassland 3,281 acres (1,328 hectares)
  - Riparian woodland 1,376 acres (557 hectares)
  - Upland forest 1,234 acres (499 hectares)
  - WRP enhancement 2,693 acres (1,090 hectares)
- **69 miles** (110 km) of streams
  - Restoration 24 miles (38 km)
  - Enhancement 46 miles (74 km)





# STREAM AND WETLAND DESIGN – RIVERBY RANCH

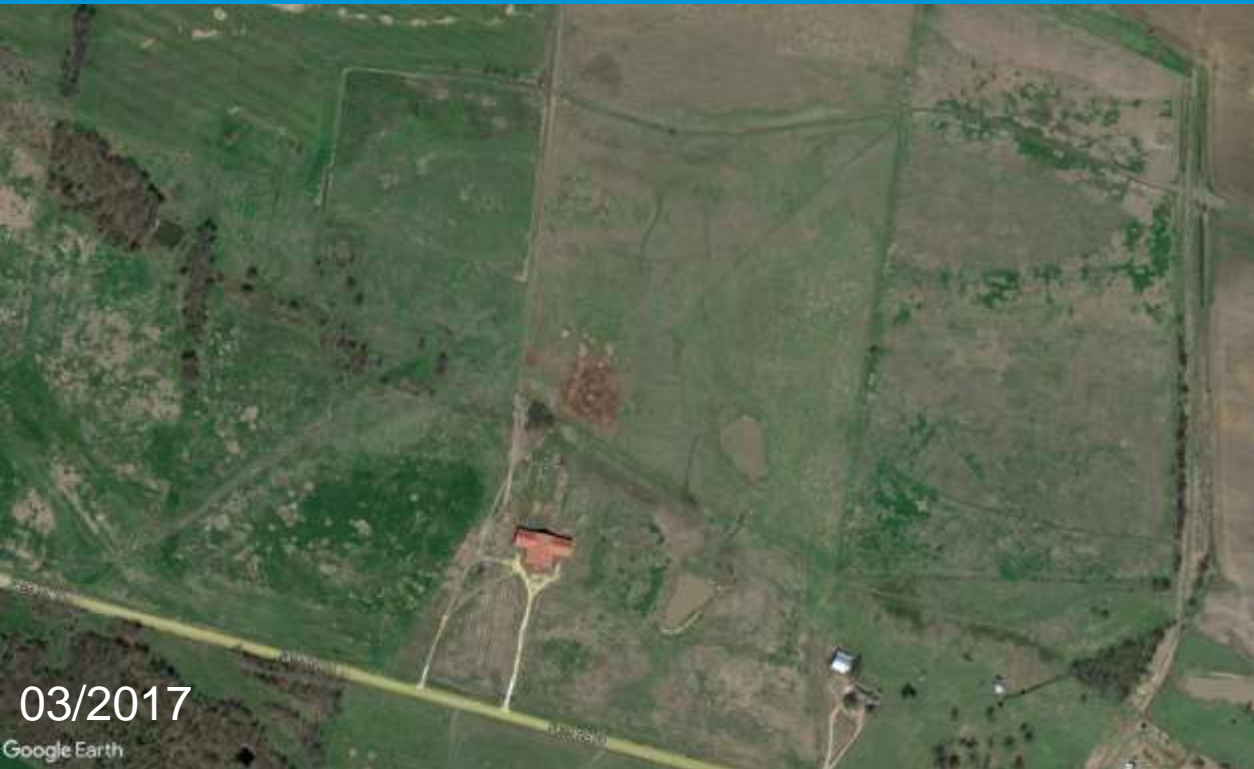


- Restored Stream
- Enhanced Stream
- Section Boundary
- Emergent Wetland
- Stream Enhancement in Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)



## DESIGN MILESTONE

- July 2018 – September 2018
  - 30% design
  - >55 miles of proposed stream restoration and enhancement
  - >800 pages stream design plan sets



- September 2018 – January 2021
  - 90% design and As-built
  - 69 miles of proposed stream restoration and enhancement
  - >350 pages stream restoration plan sets
  - >450 pages stream as-built plan sets



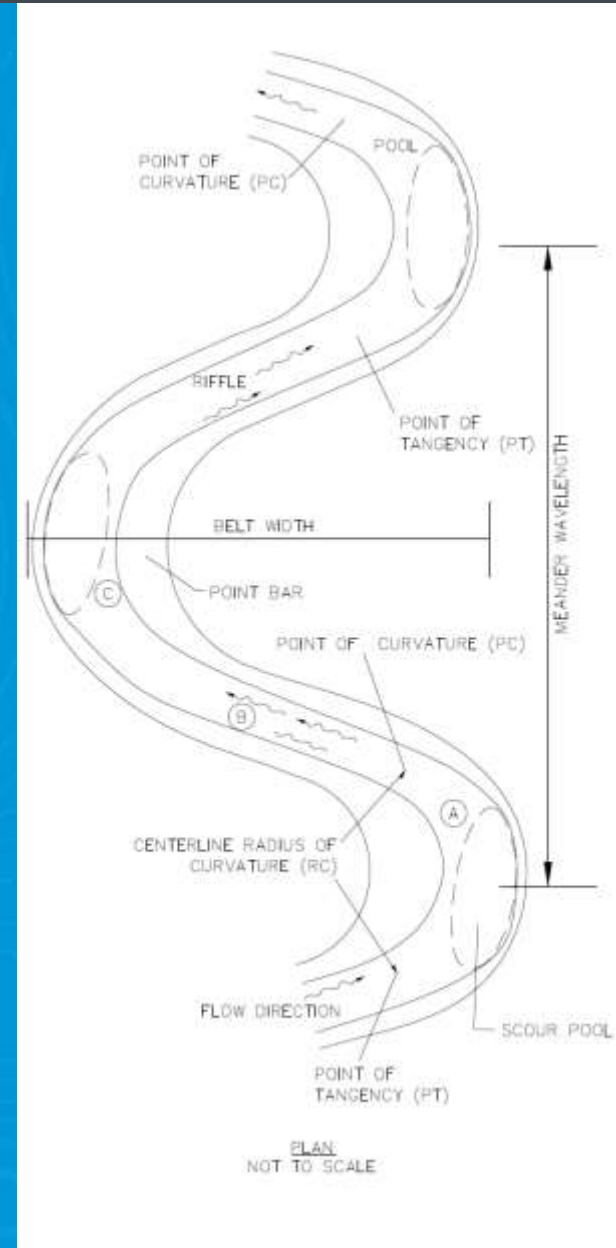
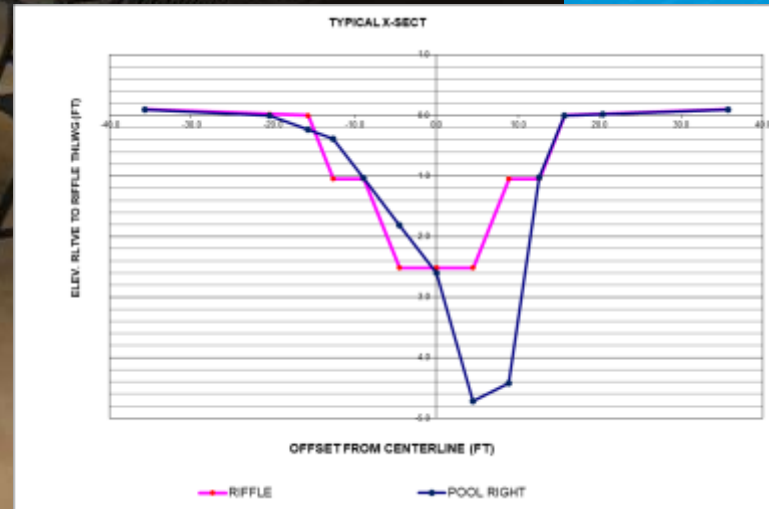
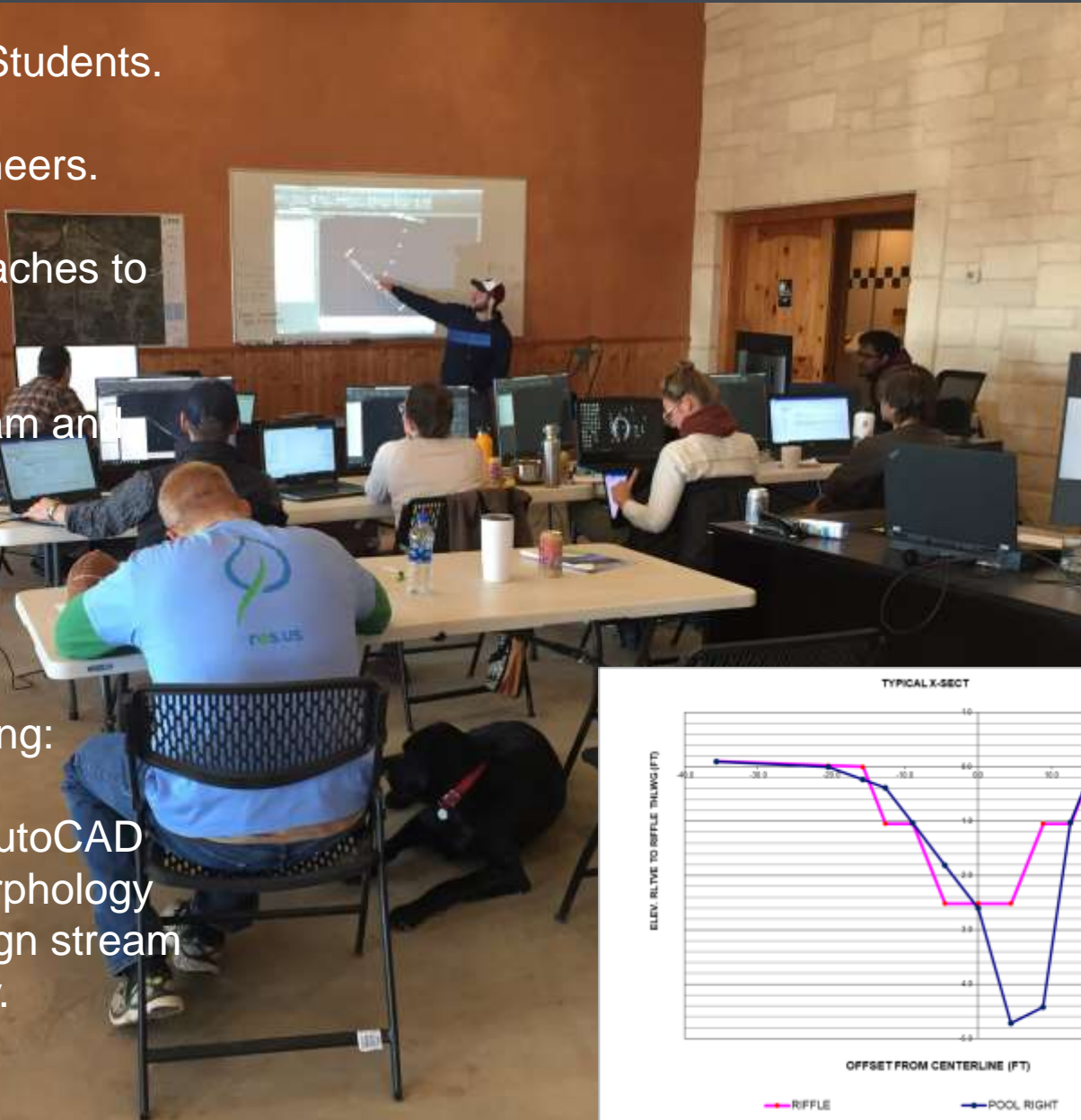


WILLOW BRANCH CREEK – AFTER CONSTRUCTION (SEPTEMBER 2020)

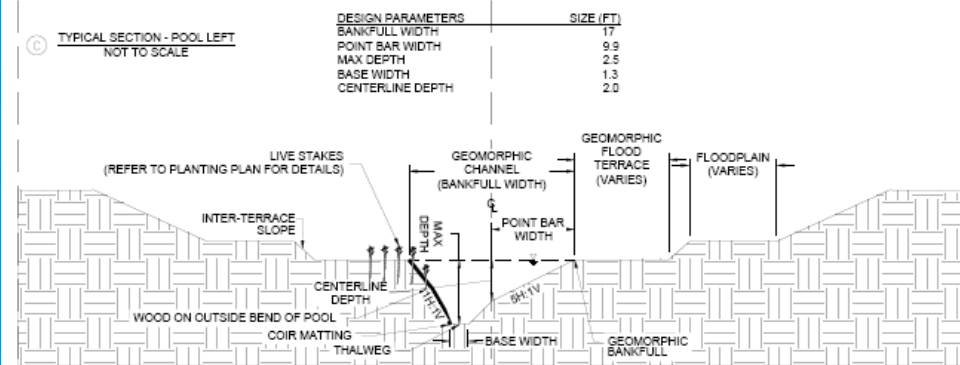
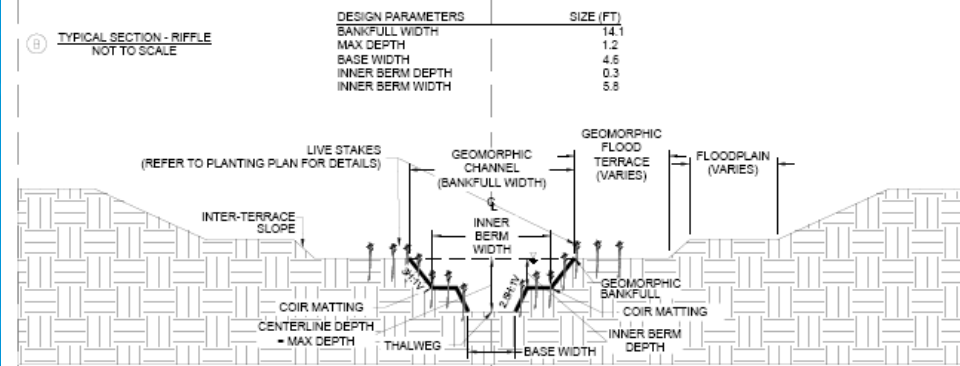
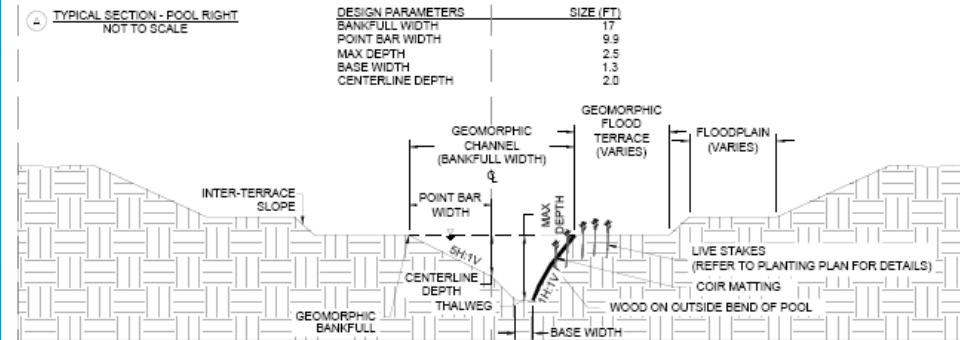


## STREAM DESIGN TRAINING CLASSES

- 3 Classes, >20 Students.
- 3-4 Senior Engineers.
- Real Project Reaches to Design.
- Breakline Program and Civil 3D
- 1~2 Week Training:  
From learning AutoCAD and stream geomorphology on first day to design stream reaches on last day.

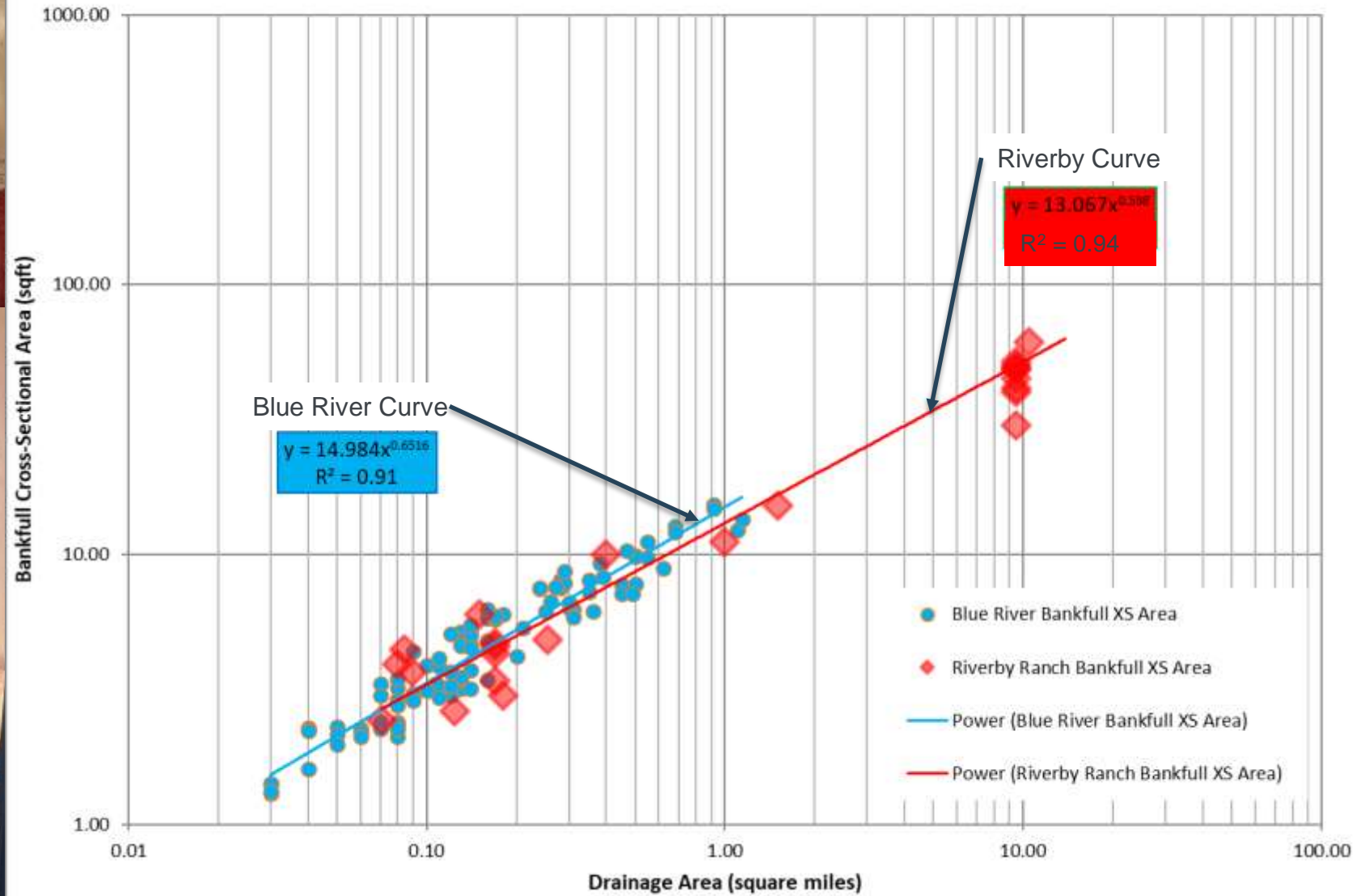


# STREAM DESIGN USING AUTOCAD





### Mini Regional Curve - Blue River Watershed & Riverby Watershed







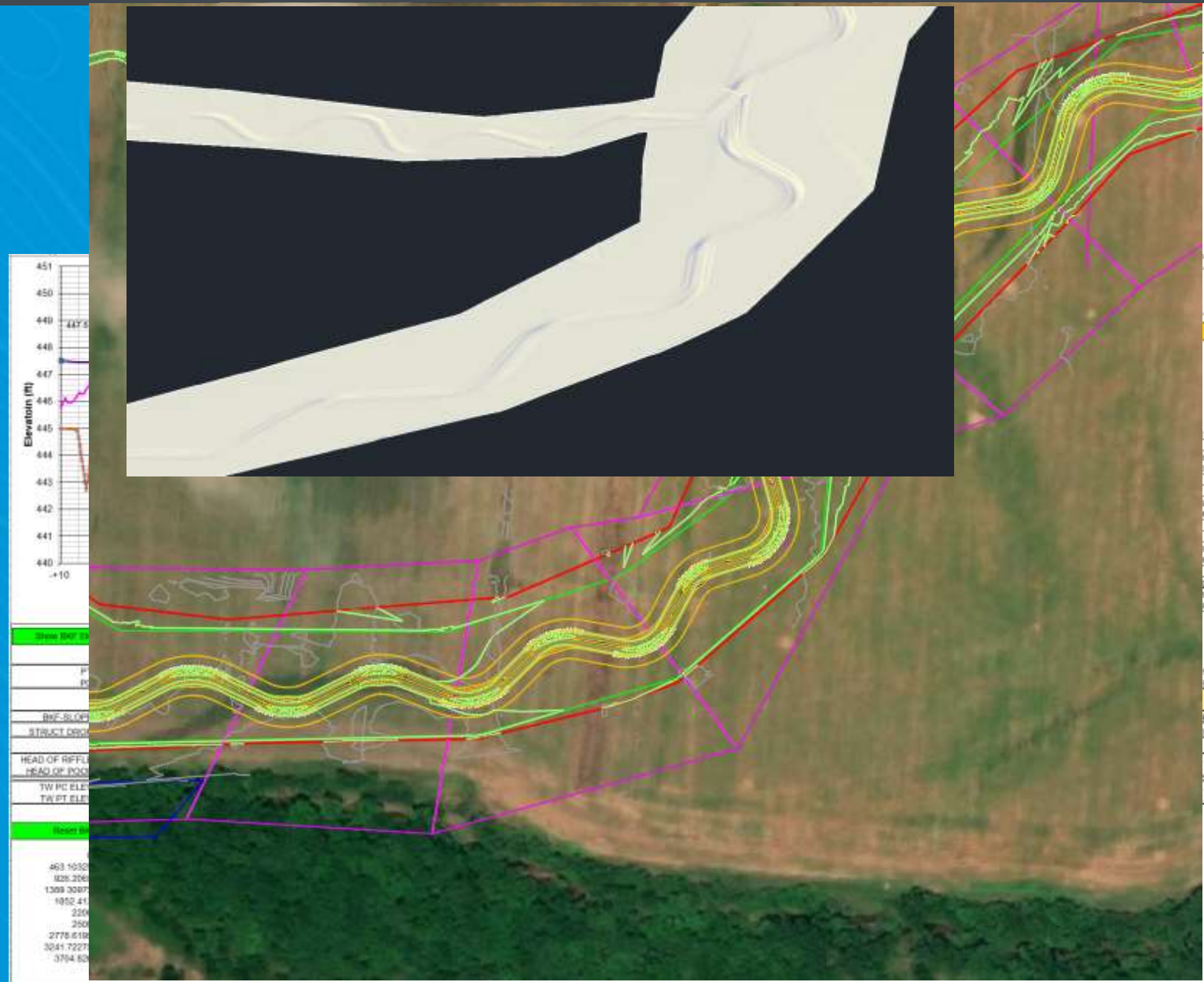
EXISTING PROJECT SITE STUDY



# GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MEASUREMENT



- Design alignment
- "Breakline" Program
- AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Cut/fill volume
  - Total earthwork volume
  - Every 400 ft segment earthwork volume
- Evaluate design and adjust for optimization
- Each iteration is ~20 minutes
- Field verify design with GPS



# STREAM STRUCTURES

## Bank Stabilization Structures

Structure Type	Reach Slope	BKF Width					
		6-10 ft	10-15 ft	15-20 ft	20-30 ft	30-35 ft	35-50 ft
Hay Bale Toe (L.F.)	<0.15%						
	0.15% - 0.3%						
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Coir Single Lifts (L.F.)	<0.15%						
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Wood Toe (L.F.)	<0.15%						
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Log J-Hook (Each)	<0.15%						
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Hay Bale Toe



Sod Transplants



Log J-Hook



Wood Toe

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## Grade Control Structures

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Hay Bale Riffle



Boulder Constructed Riffle



Gravel Augmented Riffle



Log/Boulder Constructed Riffle

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Log Constructed Riffle

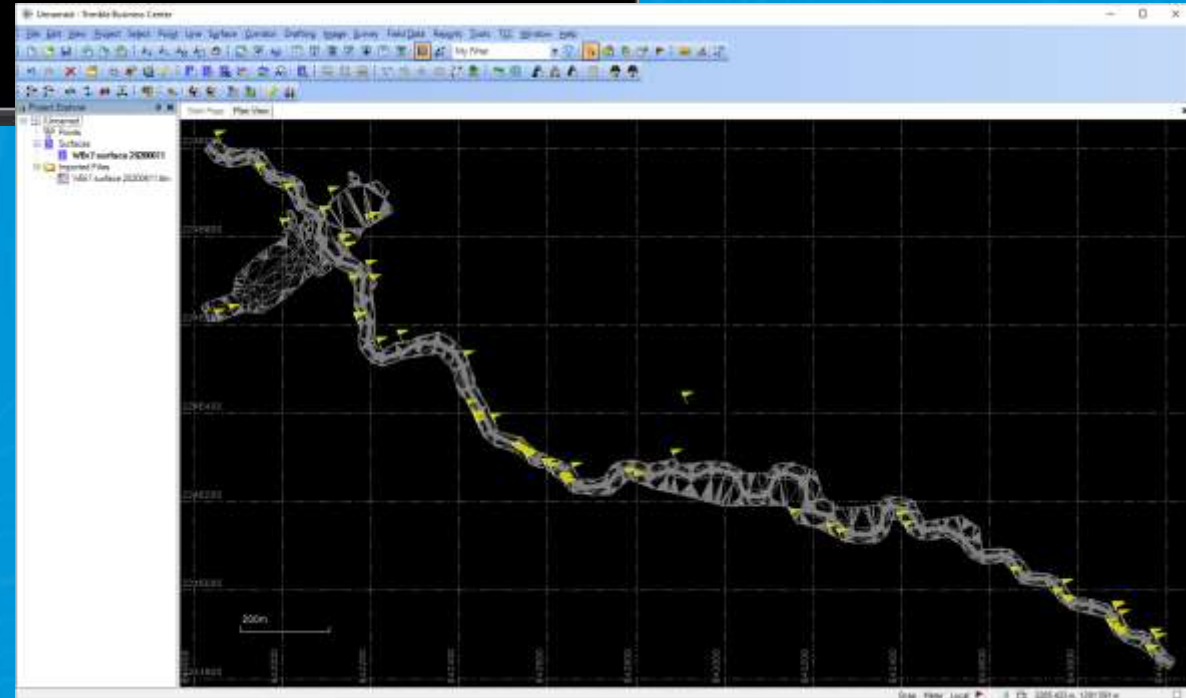
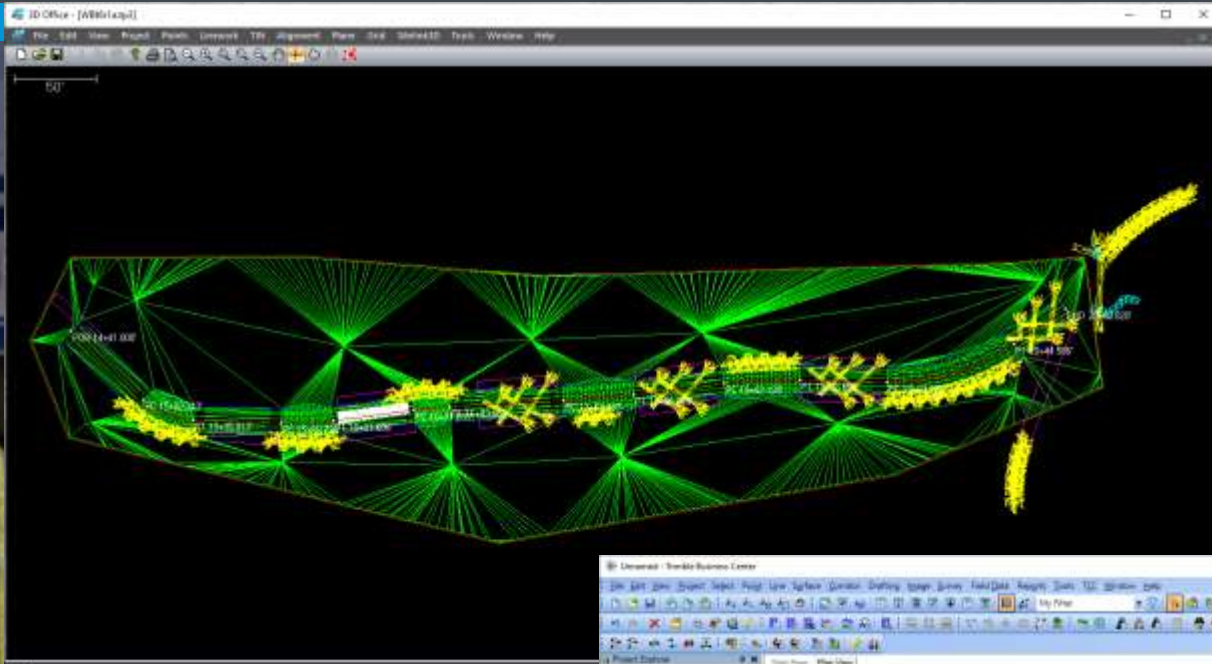
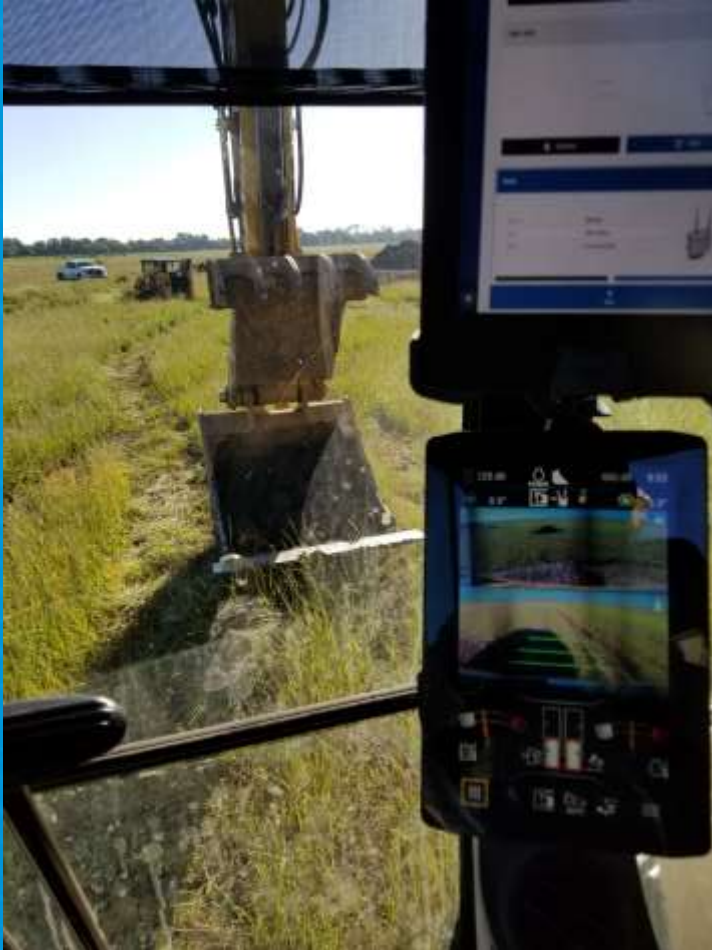


Log Constructed Riffle



Log Sill

# STREAM CONSTRUCTION WITH MACHINE FILES



# STREAM CONSTRUCTION







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THANK YOU!



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RAGSDALE CREEK – DURING CONSTRUCTION (MARCH 2019)



