Summit Medical Urban Stream Enhancement to Stabilize a Building: Knoxville, Tennessee

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Thanks

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- City of Knoxville
- Regulators
- Shamrock Environmental, Inc.
- S&ME Colleagues

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Knoxville's Grand Canyon

are the trees





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Profile Comparison 2001 to 2014





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Permitting Challenges

Two Agencies

- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Building Owner (Client) didn't create the problem, but they were forced to address it to preserve their building

Regulatory expectations

Additional Mitigation Requirements (> \$150,000 minimum)

National Flood Insurance Program "no-rise" required



No. 1 Pollutant Source in the City of Knoxville



But still a jurisdictional water...





NFIP



Engineering Challenges

Significant storm flow in an otherwise almost dry channel
No-Rise NFIP requirement
Geotechnical considerations
Regulatory opposition to riprap
Mitigation cost
Site covered in kudzu

Continued erosion of the bank!







Site Constraints

- Disruption to operations
- Repair of stormwater treatment basin
- Site access and logistics
- NFIP "no rise"

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Design

Survey

- Used existing from 2014
- Filled in with KGIS LiDAR
- Geotechnical Exploration
- Alternative Analyses
- Detailed Design

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Geotechnical Exploration

- Six Borings
- Lab Analysis
- Stability Analysis
- Alternatives
 - Soil Nails
 - Retaining Wall
 - Buttress
- Implemented a building monitoring program





Step Pool Option

Pros:

- Could possibly be considered for mitigation credit
- "Easy" no-rise

Cons:

- Cost
- Disruption from delivery of hundreds of truckloads of rock





Pipe Option 1

Pros:

- Channel stability concerns addressed
- Possible mitigation corridor downstream of pipe

Cons:

- Cost (3-72" dia. barrels due to no-rise considerations)
- Disruption from delivery of pipe
- Logistics of pipe placement





Pipe Option 2

Pros:

- Channel stability concerns addressed
- potential for mitigation credit downstream
- Less pipe required

Cons:

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- Cost still high
- Disruption from delivery of pipe and rock
- Logistics of material placement



TRM Option

Pros:

- Channel stability concerns addressed
- Potential for mitigation credit

Cons:

• Vulnerability during grow in





Components:

- Riprap stilling basin
- Tied Concrete Block Mat for steep section (Flexamat®)
- Stream enhancement reach
- Bio-retention basin receives mitigation credit
- Bionic soil enhancement medium/high performance hydraulic mulch (Profile ProFlex®)

Pros:

- Channel stability concerns
 addressed
- Full mitigation credit on site
- Minimize disruption from deliveries



Constructed Alternative



Engineering Challenges

20 calculations for hydrology, hydraulics, geotech, cost, erosion control, detention basins, rock sizing, mitigation credit, etc.



Bio-Retention Area

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French Drain



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Site Logistics





Stormwater Bypass





Lots of Precast





Unknown Conflicts





Landslide above Enhancement Reach



Delete French Drain





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First Deployment





Second Deployment





Third Deployment





Installing Anchors





Cross Plate Anchor





General View of Construction Sept. 18, 2019





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On Reflection

- A contractor experienced in this work is crucial.
- Alternative Project Delivery Option.
- An up-to-date survey would have been helpful.
- New technologies helped in achieving project goals.





