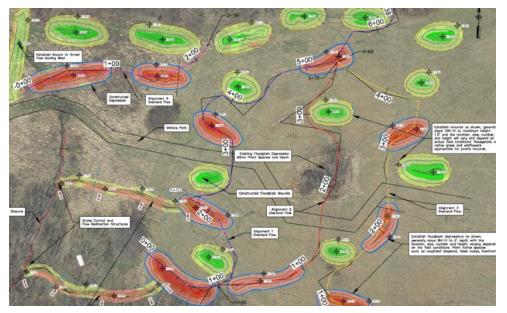
# **CONCEPT PLAN REPORT**

# AN ECOLOGICALLY-BASED STORMWATER BMP

# FOR THE JOSH BROWN PROPERTY, WEST FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER WATERSHED



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# INTRODUCTION



Figure 1. Google Earth image of project site and surrounding landscape

This report describes a plan for an ecologically-based Best Management Practice (BMP) to treat urban stormwater runoff from an existing residential neighborhood. The project will be implemented on land adjacent to the West Fork of the White River (West Fork), in Fayetteville, AR. The BMP design and implementation is a project of the Beaver Watershed Alliance (Alliance) supported by the Walton Family Foundation. Bio x Design and the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) collaborated to develop this plan.

It is the mission of the Alliance to protect, enhance, and sustain the high quality of water in Beaver Lake and its tributaries. Implementation of voluntary best management practices, education, and outreach are key activities in support of this goal.

For this project, the Alliance is working with a local landowner and an existing residential neighborhood in east Fayetteville. Stormwater collected from the neighborhood is deposited via a large concrete outfall pipe onto private agricultural land. It flows across a hay meadow and eventually enters the West Fork. The West Fork is tributary to the White River, and thus

ultimately contributes to Beaver Lake. Beaver Lake is the water supply for over 550,000 people in Northwest Arkansas, now 1 in 5 Arkansans.

The stormwater treatment plan involves sculpting an existing hay meadow and shallow ditch into a mound-and-swale topography modeled on naturally occurring prairie landscapes of Northwest Arkansas. This new topography will spread and slow the water flowing across the site. This will create extended contact time for the stormwater with site vegetation, reducing sediment and nutrient supplied down gradient. Slower and less channelized flow will reduce stormwater velocities and rejuvenate and protect existing riparian vegetation along the West Fork. Another component of the treatment system is to enhance the channel that has formed from the stormwater outfall. Currently, a head-cut is moving through the channel, but is arrested at a section where tree roots have slowed further incision. Rock structures will be used to hold the channel grade through this section. The structures will also be used to redirect flow at the bankfull elevation to increase treatment of the stormwater through the prairie mound-swale system. Removal of non-native shrubs and planting of native species along the channel and throughout the site will enhance the overall ecology of the site.

A suite of education and outreach activities are also planned. An informational meeting with the residents of the area was held prior to design development, and additional outreach and educational activities are currently underway, including workshops for residents of the subdivision on site and surrounding residents to further learn about low impact development techniques and this specific project.

As development in Northwest Arkansas continues to expand, appropriate treatment of stormwater has become increasingly important. The Alliance intends this project to be a demonstration of possibilities for creative, ecologically-based stormwater management that will be useful for other existing and future developments adjacent to riparian areas and floodplains in the watershed.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

The subject property is a 60-acre parcel owned by Mr. Josh Brown. The site is under a conservation easement with the Ozark Land Trust (OLT). The site is located in eastern Fayetteville (Figure 2), zoned for agriculture, and subject to the City's floodplain requirements The site receives stormwater runoff from an existing residential neighborhood that lies between Highway 16 (Huntsville Road) and the West Fork of the White River (Figure 3).



Figure 2. Project Location

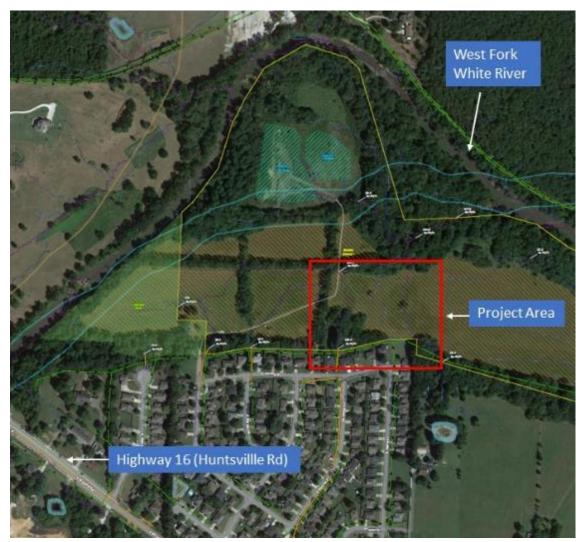


Figure 3. Project site in context

Several stormwater outfalls from the neighborhood exit onto the site; this project will address outfall from the largest of these (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Stormwater outfall. (Photo: Patterson).

Mr. Brown is managing the whole of his parcel as a privately owned bird sanctuary. An approximate 4.5-acre shallow wetland and mudflat habitat for shorebirds, aka "Shorebird Stopover," is currently under construction to the north of the stormwater project site, adjacent to the West Fork.



Figure 5. Bird Sanctuary

# Stormwater

WCRC conducted an analysis of the hydrology of the site and the contributing stormwater area to understand the volume and flows discharging to the site. The primary stormwater discharge to the project site has a drainage area of 39 acres (Figure 6) and includes pasture and farm properties south of Hwy 16 and the residential neighborhood north of the highway. The residential area includes a detention pond and a network of drainage pipes and inlets.

Flow is discharged during storm events from this drainage area through a 3 ft diameter reinforced concrete pipe. The pipe has a slope of 0.0095, and calculated max discharge and velocity of 70 cfs at 10 ft/s, respectively. Table 1 displays calculations for pipe flow. Discharge from the pipe flows to the north and discharges to a shallow ephemeral drainage that runs through the center of the Josh Brown property.

Full Capacity - Pipe Velocity and Discharge			
Diameter (ft)	3		
Slope	0.0095		
Manning's n	0.012		
Velocity (ft/s) (at maximum capacity)	10.0		
Q - Flow (ft <sup>3</sup> ) (maximum capacity)	70.4		

 Table 1. Pipe discharge and velocity calculations for the stormwater outlet.

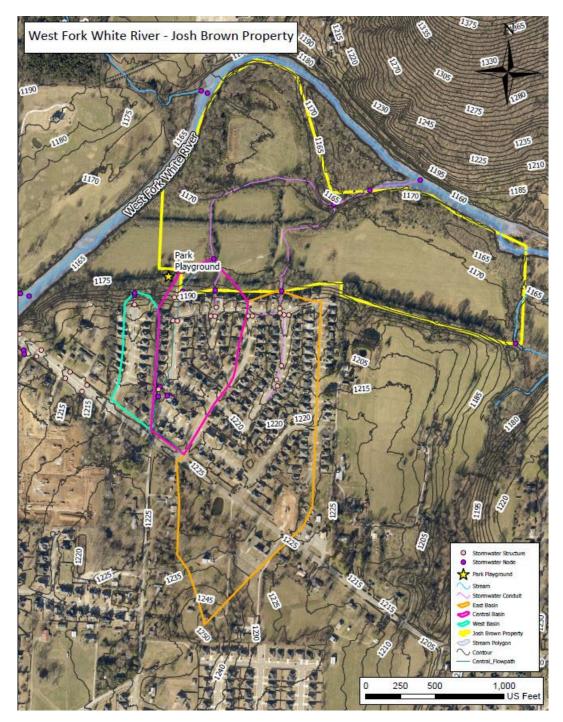


Figure 6. Stormwater basins in the project area. The area outlined in orange is the basin for the stormwater outfall to the project site.

# Vegetation

The existing vegetation in the project area and over much of the Brown parcel is non-native, cool season grasses. These grasses are mowed annually for hay. The parcel is transected by several linear treed areas, apparently old fencelines, though some also include shallow ephemeral drainage features (Figure 3).

Much of the site once supported native tallgrass prairie. US Government land surveys conducted in Washington County from 1831-1838 were analyzed by Miller (1972). Miller's maps record the project site property as "lowland prairie" with riparian vegetation along the West Fork.

Site reconnaissance and inventory of current vegetation conducted by Alliance staff, Nate Weston, Sr. Geospatial Ecologist, on October 25, 2022 revealed a significant number and diversity of native plant species that persist on the site and notes habitat types (see Appendix 2.) Examples of findings during the survey include:

- There is a large and healthy tangle of pipevine (*Aristolochia tomentosa*) growing along an old fence line on the western edge of the project area (Figure 7). Pipevine is a host plant for pipevine swallowtail (*Battus philenor*).
- Outside the project area to the north appears to be a small vestige of tallgrass prairie.
- A population of swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) was identified in this area.
- Along the northern edge of this prairie patch is a small stand of river cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*).



Figure 7 Pipevine, Aristilochia tomentosa on the edge of the treeline on the western edge of the project site (Photo: Patterson).

- A remnant prairie pool is located on the eastern side of the project area.
- In addition to willows, two native hawthorns (*Crataegus* spp.) were observed there. One of them may be a rare Washington hawthorn (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*). Definitive identification awaits confirmation.

Prairie pools are discussed in-depth in the following section.

# Prairie mounds

A prairie mound-and-swale topography was a frequent feature of naturally occurring tall grass prairie landscapes in Northwest Arkansas. Prairie mounds and swales are natural phenomena associated with North American prairies found west of the Mississippi River. Explanations for their creation are varied; the two most common are either (1) accumulation of wind-blown material during late-Holocene droughts (Seifert et al., 2009) or (2) through activity of ground dwelling animals (e.g., gopher) activities (Horwath & Johnson, 2006).

However, they were formed, prairie mounds are still seen in scattered locations in northwest Arkansas though many have been removed through farming and development. Mound topography may also be observed on aerial photography or satellite imagery, especially highresolution LIDAR. Figure 8 shows a LIDAR image with a persisting prairie mound landscape on the left, and where the mounds have been removed by farming on the right.

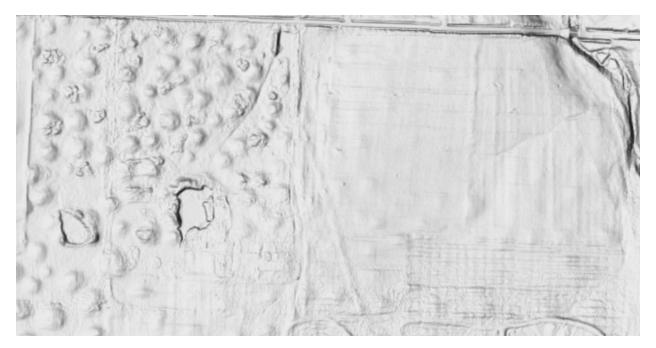


Figure 8. Northwest Arkansas prairie mound landscape on the left, and farmland where mounds have been removed on the right (Source: Weston, Beaver Watershed Alliance).

Figure 9 shows this topography in cross-section. The topographic variation helps support a diversity of native vegetation as different heights and depths of flooding support different plant species. Water tends to pool in the areas between these mounds (Figure 10), and in lower areas may support water-loving plants like rushes (*Juncus* spp.), marsh mallows (*Hisbiscus* spp.), and willows (*Salix* spp.). Conversely, dry-tolerant species like bluestems, sunflowers, and sumacs tend to occupy the mounds. Where swales are low enough to hold water for an extended period, these pools can support amphibian and reptile species that prefer wetter conditions, such as salamanders. This is the case in the one existing pool on site.

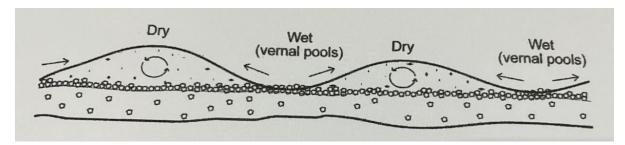


Figure 9. Typical prairie mound and swale topography (after Horwath & Johnson, 2006).



Figure 10. Grazed prairie mound landscape after a rain (Photo: Patterson).

# THE PLAN

The design plan for stormwater treatment modifications to the project site is shown in Figure 11. The plan has two main components—grade the site and replant with native species. In addition, the channel that has formed from the stormwater flow will be enhanced with rock structures that will also be used to direct some flow above bankfull to another section of swales and mounds. Other important components including education and outreach activities are also described below. A complete construction plan set is available in Appendix 4.

# Reconfigure site topography and plant native species

The site will be recontoured based upon a model of natural prairie mound and swale topography. Shallow excavations will create low-lying areas, and the soil removed will be used to create shallow mounds. The excavated swales will connect with each other to create very low slope reticulated flow paths across the site.

The created mounds will not rise more than one and one-half feet (1.5 ft) above the existing grade in their location (per agreement with the City of Fayetteville). Excavation of swales up to 2 feet in depth means it is likely that more material will be excavated than can be used in the mounds. If so, the extra material will be removed from the site. In this way, there will be no decrease in flood capacity of the site, and there will likely be a modest increase in flood capacity due to material removal.

The mounds and swales will be sculpted with very gentle slopes so that the owner can continue to mow them and make hay; though this will be limited to once a year to minimize impact to native plant and wildlife populations.

Based on this plan, there will be approximately 95,800 square feet of disturbance (2.2ac), or about 36% of the 6-acre site.

Implementation will include specific actions as shown on the construction plan, including:

- Stabilize the construction entrance
- Leave a path across the site for vehicle utility and property right-of-way access
- Consider reinforcing lowest areas of right-of-way vehicle access path with geocell
- Protect and do not disturb existing native vegetation, especially tree areas along west and north edges of project site

- Protect and do not disturb existing pool or its vegetation on the east edge of site
- Enhance stormwater channel with native vegetation and install two grade control structures to protect and reduce down-cutting and improve the ecology.
- Use structures to direct high flows to the east.
- Excavate prairie swales, generally sloping them 4H to 10H:1V. The location and heights may vary depending on the field conditions but will be in the same vein as shown in the construction drawing.
- Make use of existing contour flowlines to route water through swales
- Excavate three of these depressions more deeply to more closely emulate the existing prairie pool.
- Build mounds as shown, generally sloped 10H:1V. The location, size and height may vary depending on field conditions but will be in the same vein as shown in the plan.
- Revegetate mounds with native grass and prairie forbs appropriate for prairie mounds.
- Plant native wet prairie grasses, rushes, and sedges in low lying areas.
- Plant native species such as roughleaf dogwood, false indigo, hawthorn around the three deepest pools.
- Replant disturbed soil areas with native plant species to enhance overall biodiversity and habitat quality

# Permissions

The City of Fayetteville required a variance to allow construction of the prairie mounds. The variance was granted on April 10, 2023.

A grading permit application has been approved on July 5, 2023 following submittal to the City of Fayetteville.

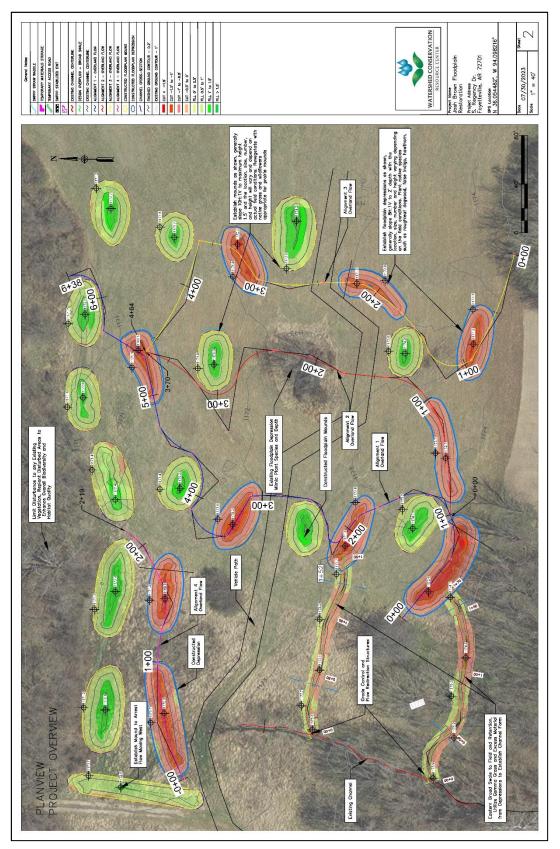


Figure 11. Design Plan for Urban Stormwater BMP

# Effectiveness

Table 2 shows discharge and volume calculations based on the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), which is now the Natural Resource Conservation Service's hydrologic model for a single event rainfall-runoff (USDA SCS, 1986) for various size storm events. This method allows for model development to estimate storm runoff volume, peak rate of discharge, and storage volume required for different storm intensities. The estimated percentage of volume retained is shown and acts as small detention ponds. This detention volume is compared to the Water Quality Volume (WQv) and Channel protection Volume (CPv), minimum standards utilized by the City of Fayetteville in categorizing stormwater control.

	SCS Method Results fo	or Various Storm Events	5		
Storm	Peak Flow	Volume	Volume Held		
yr	cfs	ft <sup>3</sup>	%		
1	68.9	273,240	4.8		
2	79.0	313,203	4.2		
10	122.3	488,621	3		
100	204.4	833,578	2		
	Estimated	Detention			
Detention Volume	WQv	CPv			
ft <sup>3</sup>	ft <sup>3</sup>	ft <sup>3</sup>			
13,196	97,722	245,473			

Table 2. Estimated detention volume & discharge comparisons.SCS volume, discharge, andpercentage held by design detention calculations for various size storm events, and the waterquality volume and channel protection volume for comparison.

This stormwater BMP project is intended to treat frequent, smaller flows. The project site is in the floodplain of the West Fork and as such at high flows will be flooded, precluding an opportunity for stormwater runoff enhancement under those conditions.

Calculations of effectiveness in treatment wetlands and detention basins assume all the water entering a basin spends the same designed amount of time in the basin. However, these calculations frequently overestimate treatment because flow through the system develops preferential flow paths. This is known as short-circuiting. In an interesting modeling study examining the ability of different surface topographies to reduce short-circuiting the authors found that a set of "islands" in the basin were the best at improving hydraulic performance (Guzman, 2018). The topography of basins with islands closely resembles the prairie mound topography planned for this project. We expect therefore that the project topography will be highly effective at its intended purpose of slowing and treating stormwater inflow. Estimated sediment and nutrient removal was determined utilizing a compendium of studies measuring effectiveness of nutrient and sediment removal. BMP effectiveness can be variable dependent on a number of factors including; the local hydrology, geology, soil types, incoming pollutant concentrations, volume of runoff reduced through the system, and BMP design. Given the multitude of design factors employed here, such as, native vegetation, short circuiting reduction, low flowpath slope, and geometry and shape of the features, it is the designer's intent to achieve maximum effectiveness. Therefore, estimates here utilize the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile removal efficiency determined in the study. This being the case, estimated Total suspended Solids reductions are 88%, estimated Total Nitrogen reductions are 41%, and estimated Total Phosphorous reductions are 76% (Fraley-McNeal, et al., 2007). Another study measured the removal efficiency of a constructed wetland for sediment over 18 years of monitoring with yearly average removal efficiency of 39% (Krzeminska et al., 2023).

# Invasive plant removal

Invasive plant removal at the project site was conducted from 12/7 - 12/22, 2022. Non-native shrubs including bush honeysuckle were removed from approximately one acre surrounding the stormwater outfall. A mini excavator was used to remove entire plants including the roots. Invasive plants were also removed along the old fencelines surrounding the area where the swales and mounds will be constructed for a total of 2 acres. If needed, WCRC will work with the Alliance to engage volunteers to conduct follow-up treatment in the future.

# Trash

Consideration was given to constructing a trash rack to collect trash entering the site with stormwater. Even simple racks are expensive and require regular maintenance to not clog and inhibit stormwater flow. A local Boy Scout troop has indicated a willingness to periodically pick up trash at the site. They have already done so once. Therefore, no trash rack is included in the plan. The City of Fayetteville has indicated a willingness to forgo fees for trash disposal, but that agreement has not been formalized.

# Education and outreach

The Alliance will engage neighbors and the wider community in educational events addressing source water protection and riparian rejuvenation. The first neighborhood meeting was held on October 11, 2022. Approximately 20 neighbors attended. Discussions points included:

- the nature and importance of riparian areas for water quality and wildlife
- native and invasive plant management and the relation of these to water quality improvements
- proposed plans for stormwater BMP design on the Josh Brown property

The Alliance followed up with all attendees at this meeting via email and mailed letters. These generated at least one one-on-one meeting with neighboring homeowner. This homeowner is working on adding native plants and rain barrels to their property as a result.

On April 15, the Alliance organized a site visit with a group of Boy Scouts. Approximately 50 Scouts and adults accompanying them picked up trash and had fun finding and identifying bones and other fun things on the site.

# NEXT STEPS

The next steps in the project will be to:

- The WCRC will initiate construction of the project in August 2023.
- Education and outreach activities will continue with a second workshop planned for June. This will be a follow-up to the first meeting with all who attended invited and will also be opened and advertised to the general public. This workshop will focus on ways urban and suburban landowners can improve their property with water-smart BMPs such as native plantings, rain gardens, bioswales, no-mow zones, etc. There will also be an update on the Josh Brown project.

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# APPENDICES

#### **APPENDIX 1 –** SITE SURVEY AND STORMWATER CALCULATIONS

An analysis of the hydrology of the site and the contributing stormwater area was conducted to better understand the volume and flows discharging to the site. The primary stormwater discharge to the project site has a drainage area of 39 acres, and includes pasture and farm properties south of Hwy 16 and an existing residential neighborhood north of the highway. The residential area includes a detention pond and a network of drainage pipes and inlets.

Analysis was conducted in GIS of the flowpath, slope, and time of concentration for sheet flow, shallow concentrated flow, and open channel flow. The drainage area was segmented into different land uses and hydrologic soil groups to develop a curve number to account for the amount of infiltration in a given storm. Precipitation data was utilized for the Fayetteville area typical 24 hour storm events. The drainage network for this area was downloaded from the city of Fayetteville's GIS to facilitate this analysis.

Table 2 shows discharge and volume calculations based on SCS methods (USDA SCS, 1986) for various size storm events. A percentage of volume is shown that is captured as part of the design within the detention ponds. Detention pond volume was calculated based on a design 3-dimensional surface created in civil 3d. This is compared to the Water Quality Volume (WQv) and Channel protection Volume (CPv) minimum standards utilized by the City of Fayetteville in categorizing stormwater control.

Additional bankfull discharge estimates were conducted for the ephemeral channel collecting runoff from this watershed, shown in the following table. Survey topo data, plotted cross-sections, and the channel longitudinal profile are displayed below as well.

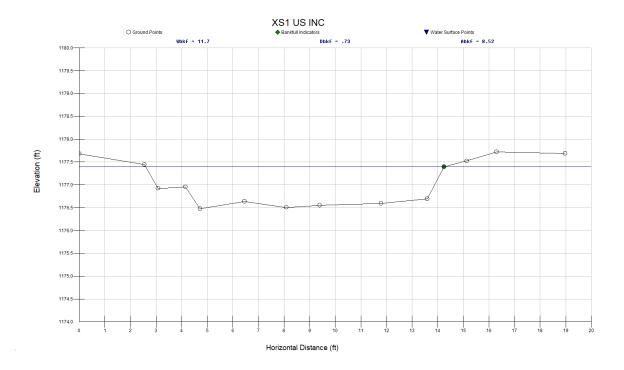


Survey Profile

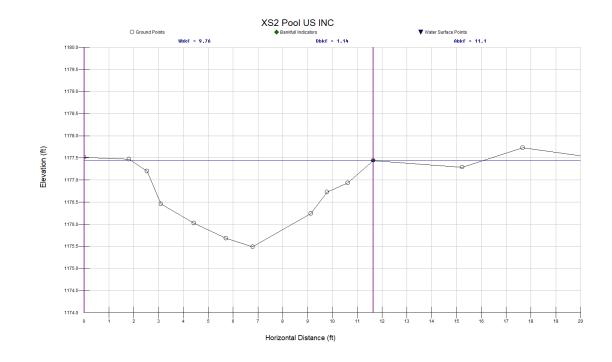


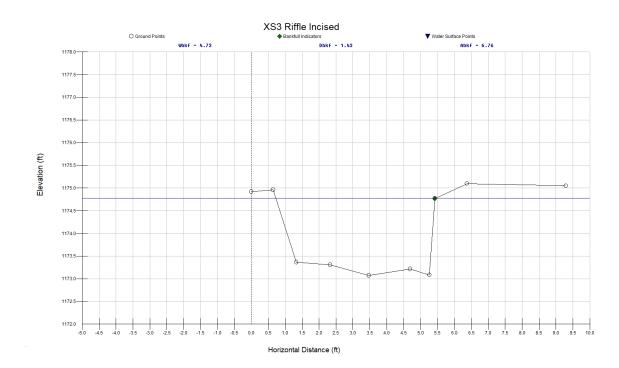
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Elevation









Bankfull VELOCITY & DISCHARGE Estimates								
Stream: East Basin Loca			Location:	n: Reach - Reach 1				
Date:	10/20/22 Stre	eam Type:	B3c	Valley	Valley Type: VIII			
Observers:				HUC:				
INPUT VARIABLES				OUTP	UT VARIA	ABLES		
	Riffle Cross- onal AREA	8.52	A <sub>bkf</sub> (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Bankfull F	Riffle Mear	DEPTH	0.73	d <sub>bkf</sub> (ft)
Bankfull	Riffle WIDTH	11.69	W <sub>bkf</sub> (ft)	Wetted PERMIMETER ~ (2 * d <sub>bkf</sub> ) + W <sub>bkf</sub>		12.38	W <sub>p</sub> (ft)	
D <sub>84</sub>	at Riffle	70.00	<b>Dia.</b> (mm)	D <sub>84</sub> (mm) / 304.8		0.23	<b>D</b> <sub>84</sub> (ft)	
Bankf	ull SLOPE	0.0209	S <sub>bkf</sub> (ft / ft)	Hydraulic RADIUS A <sub>bkf</sub> / W <sub>p</sub>		0.69	R (ft)	
Gravitation	nal Acceleration	32.2	g (ft/sec <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Roughness R(ft) / D <sub>84</sub> (ft)		3.00	R / D <sub>84</sub>	
Drair	nage Area	0.061	DA (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Shear Velocity u* = (gRS) <sup>½</sup>		0.681	<b>u*</b> (ft/sec)	
ESTIMATION METHODS		Bankfull VELOCITY		Bankfull DISCHARGE				
1. Friction Factor	$/ Relative \mu = 12.83 \pm 5.66 * 1.00 / R / D_{\odot} + 1.11 *$			3.76	ft / sec	32.05	cfs	
<b>2.</b> Roughness Coefficient: a) Manning's <i>n</i> from Friction Factor / Relative Roughness (Figs. 2-18, 2-19) $u = 1.49 * R^{23} * S^{1/2} / n$ $n = 0.0406$			4.13	ft / sec	35.15	cfs		
<b>2.</b> Roughness Coefficient: $u = 1.49^{*}R^{23} * S^{12}/n$ b) Manning's <i>n</i> from Stream Type (Fig. 2-20) $n = 0.0557$ <b>3.01</b>			3.01	ft / sec	25.62	cfs		
2. Roughness Coefficient: $u = 1.49^* R^{2/3} * S^{1/2} / n$ c) Manning's <i>n</i> from Jarrett (USGS): $n = 0.39^* S^{0.38} * R^{-0.16}$ Note: This equation is applicable to steep, step/pool, high boundary			1.76	ft / sec	15.00	cfs		
roughness, cobble- and boulder-dominated stream systems; i.e., <i>n</i> = 0.095 for Stream Types A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3, C2 & E3								
3. Other Methods (Hey, Darcy-Weisbach, Chezy C, etc.)           Darcy-Weisbach (Hey)			4.17	ft / sec	35.49	cfs		

## APPENDIX 2 - PLANT SURVEY DATA

**Scientific Name** 

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# Family Acanthaceae Adoxaceae Alliaceae Anacardiaceae Apiaceae Apiaceae Apocynaceae Apocynaceae Apocynaceae Aristolochiaceae Asteraceae Brassicaceae Brassicaceae Brassicaceae Brassicaceae Cannabaceae Cannabaceae Caprifoliaceae Caprifoliaceae Caprifoliaceae Carvophyllaceae Celastraceae Cyperaceae Cyperaceae Cyperaceae Cyperaceae Fabaceae Fabaceae Fabaceae Fabaceae

Ruellia humilis Sambucus canadensis Allium canadense Toxicondendron radicans Cicuta maculata Daucus carota\*\* Apocynum cannabinum Asclepias incarnata ssp incarnata (S2) Gonolobus suberosus Aristolochia tomentosa Ambrosia trifida^ Elephantopus carolinianus Leucanthemum vulgare Rudbeckia laciniata var. laciniata Solidago gigantea Symphyotrichum lanceolatum Symphyotrichum pilosum var. pilosum Verbesina alternifolia Vernonia baldwinii Rudbeckia triloba var. triloba Alliaria petiolata\*\* Barbarea vulgaris\* Cardamine hirsuta Lepidium virginicum Celtis laevigata **Celtis occidentalis** Lonicera japonica\*\* Lonicera mackii\*\* Symphoricarpos orbiculatus Stellaria media Euonymus fortunei\*\* Carex frankii

Carex vulpinoidea Cyperus echinatus Cyperus strigosus Albizia julibrissin\*\* Cercis canadensis Gledistia tricanthos Trifolium repens\* **Common Name** 

hairy wild petunia elderberry wild onion poison-ivy water-hemlock Queen Anne's-lace dogbane swamp milkweed anglepod pipe-vine giant ragweed Carolina elephant's-foot ox-eye daisy wild goldenglow tall goldenrod tall white aster white heath aster yellow-ironweed western ironnweed brown-eyed Susan garlic mustard yellow-rocket hairy bittercress Virginia pepper-grass sugarberry hackberry Japanese honeysuckle bush honeysuckle coral-berry common chickweed winter-creeper Frank's sedge fox sedge globe flatsedge false nutsedge silk-tree Eastern redbud honey locust white clover

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Quercus macrocarpa Quercus shumardii Quercus velutina Carya alba Carya illinoinensis Juncus effusus Lamium purpureum Sida spinosa Cocculus carolinus Maclura pomifera Morus alba\*\* Morus rubra Ligustrum sinense\*\*

Passiflora incarnata Phytolacca americana var. americana^ Plantago lanceolata\* Platanus occidentalis Andropogon virginicus var. virginicus Arundinaria gigantea Cinna arundinacea

# Cynodon dactylon\*\*

Danthonia spicata Elymus spp. Leersia oryzoides Paspalum floridanum Phleum pratense\* Sorghastrum nutans

#### Sorghum halepense\*\*

Tridens flavus var. flavus Phlox paniculata Fallopia scandens Persicaria sp. Rumex crispus\* Clematis terniflora\* Ranunculus hispidus Crataegus cf. phaenopyrum Geum canadense Prunus monsoniana Prunus serotina Pyrus calleryana\*\* Rosa multiflora\* Populus deltoides Salix nigra^ Phoradendron leucarpum Acer negundo

bur oak Shumard oak black oak mockernut hickory pecan soft rush purple dead-nettle prickly sida Carolina snailseed osage-orange white mulberry red mulberry Chinese privet purple passion flower pokeweed **English plantain** American sycamore broomsedge river cane stout wood-reed Bermuda grass poverty oat grass wild rye rice cut grass Florida paspalum **Timothy grass** Indian grass Johnson grass purple-top tridens perennial phlox climbing false buckwheat smartweed curly dock sweet autumn virgin's-bower swamp buttercup Hawthorn white avens wild goose plum black cherry callery pear multiflora rose cottonwood black willow mistletoe box elder

Sapindaceae Acer rubrum Sapindaceae Acer saccharimum Smilacaceae Smilax bona-nox Solanaceae Physalis sp. Solanaceae Solanum carolinense Ulmus alata Ulmaceae Ulmaceae Ulmus americana Ulmaceae Ulmus rubra Violaceae Viola sororia Violaceae Viola striata Vitaceae Vitis vulpina

red maple silver maple saw greenbrier groundcherry Carolina horsenettle winged elm American elm slippery elm blue violet cream violet fox grape

## Notations:

- \* indicates non-native species
- \*\* indicates non-native invasive species

^ indicates native species that can be considered invasive in some habitats

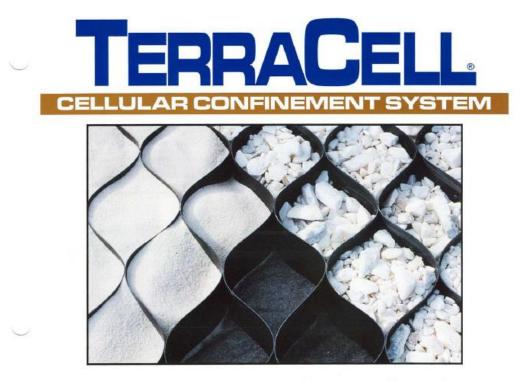
Bold () indicates tracked species (state rank)



Vegetation zones in project area.

## **APPENDIX 3 –** GEOCELL

To stabilize and protect wet crossings on the right-of-way vehicle route, use geocells and gravel, similar to this.

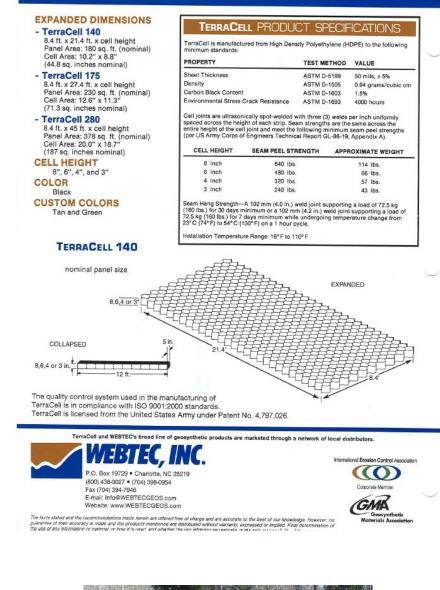


**TerraCell** is an innovative geosynthetic product providing solutions for difficult stabilization, erosion control, slope and retaining wall challenges. TerraCell, generically referred to as a "geocell," confines native or select fill materials and is the integral component of a cellular confinement system.

TerraCell is a lightweight, flexible mat made of high density polyethylene strips. These strips are ultrasonically bonded together to form an extremely strong, honeycomb configuration. A variety of fill materials can be placed within the TerraCell system: soil, sand, aggregate, concrete, etc. The use of TerraCell and the appropriate fill material create numerous opportunities for versatile and economical solutions for many applications including:

- GROUND STABILIZATION
- STREAM CROSSINGS
- SLOPE EROSION CONTROL
- CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL
- RETAINING WALLS
- EMBANKMENTS

To satisfy the application, TerraCell is available in various heights and three different cell sizes: TerraCell 140 (small), TerraCell 175 (intermediate) and TerraCell 280 (large). It can be supplied in solid wall or perforated (to allow flow between cells) styles. Holes can be made in TerraCell to facilitate a tendoning system for some applications. TerraCell can be manufactured into custom sizes for specific requirements (i.e.; retaining wall fascia).





Geocell stream crossing, Lake Wister, OK (Photo: Patterson).

#### APPENDIX 4 - CONSTRUCTION DRAWING SET

