

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:00pm
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Ground Rules for Interaction with each other, staff, and the general public

- Rules may be reviewed periodically
- Practice mutual respect
 - Assume good intent and explain impact
 - Ask clarifying questions
 - If off course, interrupt and redirect
- Think, then A.C.T.
 - Alternatives – Identify all choices
 - Consequences – Project outcomes
 - Tell your story – Prepare your defense
- Ethics checks
 - Is it legal?
 - Is it in scope (Charter, ordinance, policy)?
 - Is it balanced?
- “ELMO” – Enough, Let’s Move On
 - Honor time limits
 - Be attentive, not repetitive
- Be open-minded to different solutions or ideas
 - Remarks must be relevant and appropriate to the discussion; stay on subject
 - Don’t leave with “silent disagreement”
 - Decisions agreed on by consensus when possible, majority when necessary
 - All decisions of Council are final
- No blame
 - Articulate expectations of each other
 - We all deeply care about the City in our own way
 - Debate issues, not personalities
- Electronics
 - No texting, email, or videogames during the meeting



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MEMO

TO: City Council
FROM: The Manager
DATE: October 31, 2025
SUBJECT: Packet Memo re: 11/5/2025 Council Meeting Agenda Items

The following notes apply to packet support materials for the Subject Council Meeting Agenda. Please note, this is a Special Meeting occurring on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00PM** in the City Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None at this time.

4(C) Authorize \$15,000 allocation for the adopt-a-storm-drain program

Following up on the Council's consensus approval of registering for the Adopt-a-Storm-Drain Program, I am recommending funding the 3-years commitment from the Brusa Trust (\$8,000 for the education-related materials) and \$7,000 from the Special Projects Fund.

4(D) Appoint Fred Pond as the Barre City representative to the regional bike share pilot program steering committee

After additional outreach, Fred Pond, resident of Wellington Street, has enthusiastically agreed to serve as the City's representative to the regional bike share pilot program steering committee. Fred has been connected with the program managers at CVRPC and this agenda item will formally approve his appointment.

4(E) Approve retroactive \$5,000 allocation from Brusa Trust to support SNAP benefits for children of Barre

There is no memo in the packet for this agenda item. As a result of the federal shutdown, SNAP benefits expired for over 1,900 Barre residents, including over 500 children. In an effort to supplement the efforts of service organizations, faith groups, and the state, the City pledged \$5,000 from the Brusa Trust to meet gaps in benefits. This pledge was contingent on need (i.e. if litigation to protect the program failed). As of preparation of the packet, the pledge has not been delivered. We are requesting retroactive approval from the City Council to allocate this pledge from the Brusa Trust, or to allow prospective use should the shutdown continue unresolved.

4(F) Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

While there are no materials in your packet, we have RFPs with deadlines between Friday and Tuesday. If we are able to score and review proposals, we anticipate seeking Council approval as necessary. Contract materials will be made available as soon as possible.

8(A) Flood Resiliency Plan – strategic riverbed maintenance (Gustin)

Roy Schiff, Principal Water Resources Engineer & Scientist at SLR Consulting, will discuss strategic riverbed maintenance efforts, benefits, and risks. The packet includes a presentation that Roy gave in Hardwick. A

Barre-specific presentation will be used at the Council meeting, but the packet materials provide the basics on the science behind river sedimentation management.

8(B) Update on implementation of public conduct ordinance

Chief Vail will provide the City Council with an operational update on implementation of the public conduct ordinance approved by the Council this summer.

8(C) Discuss creation of nuisance property ordinance

During initial conversations about a public conduct ordinance, the Council considered a draft that included a nuisance property provision. Due to complexity of the topic, the nuisance property provision was stripped out of the original proposal to allow the Council to consider the public conduct ordinance in smaller segments. The packet includes the nuisance property ordinance adopted last year by St. Albans. After speaking with our colleagues in St. Albans, we believe this ordinance may be a good fit for Barre City. The purpose of this agenda item is to review the St. Albans ordinance and get feedback from the City Council before we draft a Barre City-specific proposal for 1st Reading.

To be approved at the 11/05/2025 Council meeting.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, 6:00pm
IN PERSON LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall
6 N. Main St., Barre, VT

Item 1. Call to Order; 5:59 PM

Item 2. Adjustments to Agenda;

Remove item “8(C): Good Samaritan Haven update” from the agenda. Will be rescheduled for the 11/5/25 meeting.

Add update on 3squares/SNAP benefits due to end Nov. 1st.

Motion to approve the agenda dated October 28th, 2025, moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved by all.

Item 3. Visitors & Communications;

Liquor / Cannabis Control Boards;

Good Measure Brewing-Catering the Thunder Road employee appreciation banquet-Sat. Nov 8th.

Scott Kerner, President, introduced his company, products and excitement to offer this service in Barre City.

Motion to approve Liquor/Cannabis licensures moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved by all. Liquor & Cannabis Board closed.

Item 4. Consent Agenda;

A. Approval of Minutes- 10/21/25

B. Clerk’s Office Licenses & Permits

C. Place Good Beginnings on the 2026 Town Meeting Day ballot for \$1,000 in voter-approved assistance

D. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

Motion to authorize the approval of the Consent Agenda dated 10/21/2025 moved by Councilor Spaulding, Seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved by all.

Item 4a. Approve City Warrants;

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To be approved at the 11/05/2025 Council meeting.

- i. Approve week of 10/29/25

*Motion to approve City Warrants moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved. Approved * Councilor Spaulding abstained.*

Item 5. City Clerk Report;

Absentee ballots for the City Bond vote and the CVCC bond are still available on request. If you have not yet requested an absentee ballot you may contact the Clerk's office for them. We will mail ballots through Friday, Oct. 31st, but encourage voters to bring the ballot to the polls or drop it in one of our (2) drop boxes (drop boxes close at 4pm on Monday, November 3rd). To date, the Clerks office has mailed 396 absentee ballots.

A BCA (Board of Civil Authority) is holding a pre-election meeting on Thursday, October 30th at 6pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. Zoom information is on the warning posted online.

Item 6. Liquor / Cannabis Control Boards;

Previously addressed.

Motion to approve Liquor/Cannabis licensures moved by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____, approved by all. Liquor & Cannabis Board closed.

Item 7. City Managers Report;

We were expecting the first ice event at the BOR on November 1st, however the City is opening the ice to all on Halloween, Oct 31st. Costumes are encouraged, and please bring your own skates. The ice opens officially November 1st and the schedule is full.

Fred Pond, has been selected and has accepted the offer of spearheading the Bike Share pilot program which the City Council agreed to pledge \$10,000 toward. This nominee will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

The Head Works project engineering design report is at 60% completion, projecting a 90% completion soon and hopefully breaking ground in the spring of 2026.

Police promotions; Officers;

Jess Fecher was promoted to Corporal on June 15

Jacob Frey was promoted to Sergeant on Oct 26

Michael Reale was promoted to Corporal on Oct 26

To be approved at the 11/05/2025 Council meeting.

Also, two new dispatchers and three recruits have come onboard.

The upcoming elections are an important component to the growth of the city's housing crisis, and an affordable option for a new DPW campus.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov 5th at 6pm.

Item 8. New Business;

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A. Public Informational Hearing warned for 6:15PM: Special Election November 4, 2025

Treasurer & TIF Administrator, Carol Dawes outlined the two articles up for a vote on Nov. 4th

Article I – provides the City permission to use TIF funds to prepare the site for a 31 unit housing complex name Stevens Branch. The new housing is critical in the City, and the tax base will provide more tax revenue later.

Article II – Upgrades to the newly purchased DPW campus. The campus expense will cost \$120 per sq ft verses building new at \$500 per square foot. The building will house most of the Public Works fleet, offices and equipment. The savings potential for insurance and heating will be noticeable, and the extra space could possibly be rented out to neighboring communities for storage or used for a satellite location for some of their equipment.

A Q&A session was held and the hearing closed at 6:40pm.

B. Situation Table briefing

Scott Allen and Mike Botieri who have championed this model across the State in partnership with the Department of Public Safety to implement the "Situation Table," an innovative public safety response model that coordinates responses to residents who might be in need of multiple social services.

Accompanied by Tess Taylor as chair of the local Situation Table, described the process of how the rapid response for someone in crisis whether it is housing, mental health or substance abuse, the table would wrap around the individual de-escalating and following through with assistance to tailor to the needs. The Table tries to look upstream as a preventative measure, foreseeing needs or obstacles. The data gathered may be a great tool for future funding at local, state and federal levels, allowing expansion of services to many more.

C. 3 Squares/SNAP benefits briefing

Mayor Lauzon understands the importance of the 3 Squares (SNAP) program in our community. 23% of residents rely on food assistance. Of our 8304 community members, 1904 members will be affected by

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the shortfall set for November 1st, of which 531 are children under 18. The Mayor intends to meet with our Representative Teddy Waszazak for updates. The discussion at the State level is IF the State should try to fund this program from reserves set aside for this purpose and how seamless or how difficult the process would be. The EBT cards are federally funded and for the State to load funds will be complex. He promises to stay on top of the situation and share information as quickly as possible.

A bill in the Senate introduced “Fund SNAP”.

The State several other states and filed suit against the federal government in the Massachusetts District Court.

D. Discuss Neighborly Barre Committee proposal (Spaulding/Hilgartner)

Councilor Hilgartner proposed the creation of a committee with the purpose of being a steering committee that generates and initiates actions and events throughout the City to provide a more welcoming community for residents and visitors alike. The committee could partner with existing programs and committees, allowing the ability to branch out in conjunction with current and future events. Members could initiate tasks to beautify areas, create opportunities for community connections at a small neighborhood level or at a city wide level.

An interested resident, Ernie Drown suggested including Barre Town members also.

The Mayor and Manager asked Councilor Hilgartner to return to Council with a clear charge and seated members list. Councilor Hilgartner did say Tracie Lewis, Ernie Drown, Joanne Reynolds, Marjorie Strong and Councilor Hilgartner. Per city policy the Manager does have to advertise for openings and must have number of members and terms outlined.

E. Flood Resiliency Plan – Adopt a storm drain program (Gustin)

Tying in with the 3.2 Stormwater System Repair, Upsizing and Maintenance and simplified, community members would adopt a drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. The act of sweeping up, raking up or pick up the debris and/or trash allowing water to flow freely, makes it easy for communities to engage residents in watershed protection. Each participant is asked to enter data measuring the weight of debris for tracking purposes for the best successful outcome. This is a turnkey national program managed by Hamline University in Minnesota. The university sends reminders, allows data entry online and assist with all materials for education opportunities.

The data creates a map, that the city can use to identify problem areas.

Councilor Gustin asked the Council to sponsor the program with an initial fee of \$15,000 . This covers kits to be used, and education materials for local students and educators and a 3 year subscription.

Item 9. Upcoming Business;

Mayor Lauzon;

Hosting “On the Road” meetings

Round #2 for GR grants are approaching.

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Bond Vote op-ed will be frequent up until Nov 4th election.

Councilor Deering;

Update on the Conduct Ordinance

Councilor Hilgartner;

Extra Mile initiative; Nov 1st is the date-find someone who has gone the extra mile, and thank them for all the hard work.

Councilor Gustin;

Roy Schiff from SLR Consulting will have a presentation on River Sediment Maintenance. He will walk us through the science of it all.

Item 10. Round Table;

Mayor Lauzon;

Hoping to connect with local organization to see if they would be open to make the food shelves available on Sat and Sun, until funding can be uploaded to residents EBT cards.

Councilor Deering;

BYSA 7&8 grade football State Title game in next Saturday in Colchester.

Councilor Hilgartner;

Benefit concert at the Good Shepard Church Nov 8th at 4pm to raise funds for the warming shelter.

The memorial bench in the dog park has been relocated by the family.

Councilor Gustin;

After complex relationships with rain in the past, the current rain is welcome.

Councilor Spaulding;

Webinar- Bond informational forum- Aldrich Library-Oct 29th 4pm

The City Manager & TIF Administrator Carol Dawes will be outlining and answering questions for the City Bonds.

Jodi Emerson will be outlining and answering questions for the CVCC Bonds.

Hoping there is a list of places those who may need food this weekend is available somewhere.

Councilor Bergeron –

Halloween is Friday, please be cautious of Trick-or-Treaters. Slow down on the streets. Pedestrians , please carry flashlights or bright objects to help you be seen by drivers.

Councilor Routhier

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Governor Scott has the highest approval rating in the Nation.

Item 11 Executive Session – n/a

Item 12 Adjournment;

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved

Adjourned at 8:06 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 2025, at 6pm.

The open portions of the meeting were recorded on the video platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk



**Permit List to Council
for the period August 6 to October 31, 2025**

Street #	Street Name	Permit#	Permit Type	Work Description	Issue Date	Owner Name
131	S Main Street	E25-000114	Electrical Permit	EM-04870 Adding new circuits for grow lights and two humidifiers in Unit 6 of 135 S Main St building.	08/06/2025	Wall Street Investments
20	Gable Place	E25-000146	Electrical Permit	EM-04731. Re-work elevator machine room for current elevator code. State Fire Alarm System Permit #2233518 issued Aug. 6, 2025.	08/06/2025	Capstone Community Action Council, Inc.
3	James Street	E25-000145	Electrical Permit	EM-07640. Add new, dedicated small appliance circuits in kitchen of SFH.	08/06/2025	William G & Arlene A Robinson
7	Thurston Place	E25-000144	Electrical Permit	EM-07640. Upgrade service to 200 amp and install baseboard heat in SFH.	08/06/2025	Samantha Dickinson
147	Washington Street	B25-000073	Building Permit	Reconstruction of side porch in its entirety - 2 stories, new roof, same size, same location.	08/07/2025	Joshua A & Michelle M Gosselin
4	Cottage Street	E25-000147	Electrical Permit	EM-08401. Rewire new Kitchen and bathroom for Unit A.	08/07/2025	Kelman-Mageau Real Estate Holdings, LLC
350	Prospect Street	Z25-000037	Zoning Permit	Build a 12'x20' carport with 3 sides closed to the elements onto the northeast side of the home, and remove 2 windows for safety.	08/09/2025	Delina B Loati: Life Estate; Mark A Loati, Glenn A: Sue E King; Peter R & Beth M Massie
6	Avon Street	B25-000074	Building Permit	22'x22' addition on back gable end of house with finished concrete basement and two bedrooms above.	08/11/2025	Ethan D Copeland
64	Warren Street	E25-000148	Electrical Permit	EM-07880. Duplex property: Locate, Demo and rewire knob and tube and ungrounded lighting circuits in upstairs bedroom, office and kitchen; add light switching where possible.	08/11/2025	Grace Glynn
98	Smith Street	Z25-000024	Zoning Permit	Remove existing garage, build 10' X 20' shed with spray insulation, no excavations of footings needed.	08/12/2025	98 Smith Street LLC
49	Ayers Street	E25-000149	Electrical Permit	EM-01495. Replace electrical panel; wiring for new hot water heater.	08/13/2025	Sylvia J Rodemeyer & Amber Marsh
14	Third Street	Z25-000035	Zoning Permit	Replace existing 96 sf shed with new 120 sf shed on an 8'x15' base, 5 feet above ground level, with ramp, as proposed in application.	08/15/2025	David White
14	Third Street	F25-000024	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Replace existing 96 sf shed with new 120 sf shed on an 8'x15' base, 5 feet above ground level, with ramp, as proposed in application.	08/15/2025	David White
37	Granite Street	F25-000023	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Front porch renovation to include new decking, replacing support posts with 8x8 PT, floor joists and rim joists. No electrical work being performed. Flood resistant materials must be used.	08/15/2025	Kevin Dodge
53	Pleasant Street	Z25-000033	Zoning Permit	Updating electrical and removing wood stove. Replacing broken window pains, storm windows and doors. Replace a 1st floor window with a door. Repairing water damage with reinforced studs and replacing damaged sheet rock and insulation. Removing stairs to 2nd floor and blocking off to extend 1st floor bathroom. Closing off living room archway, adding closets to two rooms and turning a closet into a doorway on second floor. Removing broken pipes and moving/adding new kitchen connections.	08/15/2025	Blackview LLC
2	Cleveland Avenue	E25-000112	Electrical Permit	Adding heat pump thermostat wire.	08/19/2025	Edward Lindgren (LE)
130	Bailey Street	E25-000150	Electrical Permit	EM-05004. New electrical service and panel for new mobile home on lot.	08/20/2025	Adam P & Angela D Bisson
20	Gable Place	F25-000025	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Upgrade and modernize existing elevator. Refer to VTDEC Floodplain Manager guidance sheet.	08/20/2025	Capstone Community Action Council, Inc.



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131	S Main Street	F25-000026	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Adding new circuits for grow lights and two humidifiers in Unit 6 of 135 S Main St building. See attached State floodplain letter for recommendations	08/21/2025	Wall Street Investments
23	Jones Brothers Way	B25-000075	Building Permit	Business renovations - remove carpet, updating fire door closures.	08/25/2025	Choice Enterprises, LLC
53	Liberty Street	E25-000151	Electrical Permit	EJ-08269. GFCI outlet in kitchen and whole house surge protection for single family residence. AMENDMENT #1 08/27/2025: Added additional work per customer request	08/25/2025	Joseph T & Diana L Stone
6	Avon Street	Z25-000038	Zoning Permit	22'x22' addition on back gable end of house with finished concrete basement and two bedrooms above.	08/26/2025	Ethan D Copeland
19	Eastern Avenue	B25-000076	Building Permit	Replacement of existing porches in same location and same size.	08/27/2025	Campbell Irrevocable Trust , Trustees Brent Campbell & Bryan Campbell
377	N Main Street	E25-000152	Electrical Permit	EM-07817. Update soffit lighting to LED, and update sign lighting.	08/27/2025	Timberlake Associates LLP
106	Currier Street	B25-000082	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-34R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
23	Vine Street	B25-000081	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-29R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
23	River Street	B25-000080	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant FMAA-PJ-01-VT-2023-006	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
25	Oswald Street	B25-000079	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-34R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
36	Pike Street	B25-000077	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-15R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
44	Pike Street	B25-000078	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA buyout grant 4720-15R	09/02/2025	City of Barre, VT
15	Maple Grove Street	E25-000155	Electrical Permit	EM-07394. Adding smokes/COs and receptacles, upgrading to code in all units.	09/05/2025	Michael D Blouin & Linda Bizzozero Blouin, Trustees of the Trust
3	Elmore Street	E25-000153	Electrical Permit	EM-08401. Replacing non-grounding outlets with GFCI protection in all 3 units and common areas.	09/05/2025	159 Mill Street LLC
460	N Main Street	E25-000154	Electrical Permit	EM-02750. Crane Power.	09/05/2025	Buttura & Sons, Inc.
82	Maple Avenue	B25-000083	Building Permit	Replace rotten wood on back porch and add additional support beams and joists.	09/05/2025	Anne Barkalow
237	N Main Street	Z25-000039	Zoning Permit	Sign for new restaurant, in place of old restaurant sign, same size 2'x8'	09/06/2025	FGB Corp
0	Quarry Street	Z25-000040	Zoning Permit	Re-shaping of old sand pit and tree clearing with new driveway entrance to accommodate up to 9 dwelling units.	09/09/2025	Hebert Housing LLC
14	Foster Street	E25-000156	Electrical Permit	EJ-3515. Replace existing 200A 2-gang meter with a 200A meter/load center	09/09/2025	Donald Lamore



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90	Washington Street	E25-000157	Electrical Permit	EM-05833. Lighting upgrades and replacements throughout building.	09/09/2025	Planned Parenthood of Northern NE
16	Perrin Street	B25-000084	Building Permit	Installation of an 8'x10' shed on cinderblocks, no power. To be placed a minimum of four (4) feet from the rear and side property lines behind face of house.	09/10/2025	Curtis Lyford
30	Patterson Street	B25-000085	Building Permit	Repair front porch by removing existing guard rails, build new stairs, install new deck boards, replace roof support posts, as outlined in the application.	09/10/2025	Walter Ziske & Virginia Clark Ziske
14	Hill Street	E25-000158	Electrical Permit	Replace panel and breakers, adding outlets and receptacles throughout the home.	09/15/2025	Kevin Jarvis
136	N Main Street	E25-000161	Electrical Permit	EM-05858. Install outdoor receptacle for new city camera on rear of building facing Merchant's Row.	09/16/2025	KHC Properties, LLC
14	Hill Street	E25-000159	Electrical Permit	EJ-08269. New meter, service drop and new feeders.	09/16/2025	Kevin Jarvis
23	Jones Brothers Way	E25-000160	Electrical Permit	EM-07640. Removing and relocating switches for new LED lights and adding emergency exit lighting.	09/16/2025	Choice Enterprises, LLC
29	Fairview Street	E25-000163	Electrical Permit	EJ-03515. In garage, install 200A meter/load center, subpanel and GFCI receptacles.	09/16/2025	Christopher J Emmons & Bethany D Kendall
6	N Main Street	E25-000162	Electrical Permit	EM-05858. Install outdoor receptacle for new city camera on rear of building facing Merchant's Row.	09/16/2025	City of Barre
63	Woodland Drive	B25-000086	Building Permit	Installation of a 20-panel, 435W 8.7 KW DC rooftop solar PV system.	09/17/2025	Franklin Moormann & Yolande Allen-Moormann
63	Woodland Drive	E25-000164	Electrical Permit	EM-08209. Installation of a 20-panel, 8.7 KW DC rooftop solar PV system.	09/17/2025	Franklin Moormann & Yolande Allen-Moormann
24	Liberty Street	E25-000172	Electrical Permit	EM-04851 - adding smoke detectors/adding and replacing some GFCI's	09/22/2025	David P & Vicki A Roy Life Estate
33	Maplewood Avenue	E25-000166	Electrical Permit	EM-03280. Circuit for heat pump	09/22/2025	Steven & Claudia MacKenzie (LE)
91	Park Street	E25-000165	Electrical Permit	EM-04805. Raise attic boxes for insulation; add switch for bsmt: misc repairs	09/22/2025	Michael D Fraysier Estate
19	Warren Street	E25-000167	Electrical Permit	Removal of knob and tub wiring	09/23/2025	Dolsa Properties, LLC
6	Avon Street	E25-000169	Electrical Permit	Wiring 2 bedroom; 1 living room addition	09/23/2025	Ethan D Copeland
44	Lawrence Avenue	E25-000168	Electrical Permit	ES-01537 - New LP Furnace & Heat Pump	09/24/2025	Terry Alan Hosking, Trustee of the Terry Alan Hosking Trust
66	Country Way	B25-000088	Building Permit	After removal of old shed, construction new 14 X 26 shed. - replaces B21-000054	09/25/2025	Kendall E Welch III & Christina Singleton
15	Sixth Street	E25-000171	Electrical Permit	Installation of 13.34 KW Rooftop Solar Array . AMENDMENT NO. 1 installation of 12.76KW instead of 13.34KW	09/26/2025	Jesse Richard Smith & Sarah Diane



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15	Sixth Street	B25-000091	Building Permit	Installation 13.34 KW Rooftop solar array	09/26/2025	Jesse Richard Smith & Sarah Diane
71	Beckley Street	B25-000090	Building Permit	bldg wall to close off loft area, add window & interior door and demo 1 wall	09/26/2025	Kaitlyn LaPerle
71	Beckley Street	E25-000170	Electrical Permit	lights, outlets thermostat, refer to bldg permit for exact detail on renovation	09/26/2025	Kaitlyn LaPerle
46	Maple Avenue	E25-000173	Electrical Permit	EM-07640 Replace / repair and install smoke detectors per city inspection	09/30/2025	LLIRRET Enterprises, LLC
140	Railroad Street	E25-000175	Electrical Permit	EM-06293 All new electrical wiring, with new service new panels, outlets and lights	10/01/2025	Nicholas & Courtney Deblois
5	Brook Street	E25-000174	Electrical Permit	Re-wire 2 apartments for Lights, outlets, smoke detectors, & Thermostats.	10/01/2025	Jason A Mercure
28	S Main Street	E25-000176	Electrical Permit	bathroom fans	10/02/2025	LVE Properties LLC
7	Academy Street	E25-000177	Electrical Permit	EM-05396 Installation of Exit Signage and Emergency Lighting	10/02/2025	Hooker & Whitcomb Funeral Home
18	S Main Street	Z24-000073	Zoning Permit	Renovate the property to meet the office functional requirements. Address physical deficiencies noted in existing condition survey and visual investigation. Provide ADA access to building. Update walls/roof/foundation to meet VT CBES 2020 Energy Code. Enlarge parking area to accommodate as many vehicles as possible. 11/18/2024 DRB Approved the application as presented.	10/03/2025	David Lawrence
109	Brooklyn Street	E25-000180	Electrical Permit	Outside Lighting/inside & outside outlets, Attic Lights, AC/DC Smoke & CO2 Alarms	10/06/2025	Joel Parry
49	Country Way	B25-000093	Building Permit	New Porch with roof and 2 stairways and rails	10/06/2025	Megan Wolfe & Steven Manning
54	Spaulding Street	E25-000179	Electrical Permit	ES-01537(1) - Instill split heat pump system in church rectory	10/06/2025	Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont
13	Vine Street	E25-000181	Electrical Permit	EM-08209. Installation of rooftop solar panels - with electrical panels installed on outside of house. must be 1ft or more above first floor. Electrical Panel in basement cannot be moved.	10/08/2025	Kenny & Tina Peck
13	Vine Street	B25-000094	Building Permit	Installation of rooftop solar panels.	10/08/2025	Kenny & Tina Peck
19	Vine Street	B25-000092	Building Permit	Demolition of any structures - no rebuilding	10/08/2025	City of Barre
25	Scampini Square	B25-000096	Building Permit	Demolition and removal of structure(s) per FEMA Buyout Grant - 4720-29R	10/08/2025	City of Barre
48 & 50	Wellington Street	E25-000182	Electrical Permit	EM-06293 Run new circuits from electrical panel to unit 4 in building known as 48 Wellington.	10/09/2025	CAL Properties, LLC
9	Coolidge Street	E25-000183	Electrical Permit	Replacing 2-3 outside lights & 6 c02 & smoke detectors	10/10/2025	Michelle LaBarge & Patrick Burke



**Permit List to Council
for the period August 6 to October 31, 2025**

Street #	Street Name	Permit#	Permit Type	Work Description	Issue Date	Owner Name
140	Railroad Street	Z25-000041	Zoning Permit	Temporary 3ft x 5ft Banner	10/14/2025	Nicholas & Courtney Deblois
90	Merchant Street	Z25-000042	Zoning Permit	Change of Use for 1 bedroom on 1st floor as rental	10/15/2025	Jesse Palmer
13	East Street	Z25-000044	Zoning Permit	Return property to duplex - use 2nd & 3rd floor as apartment	10/16/2025	Edward & Nancy Benoit
29	Beckley Street	B25-000095	Building Permit	Replace and build new back deck (8x8) with (4x4) stairs, new railings and build lean-to over bulkhead. Lean-to is 2x8 shingled roof and 6X6 joist hangers	10/17/2025	John P & Cynthia C Hooker (LE)
25	S Main Street	B25-000089	Building Permit	Replacing the porch beam holding up roof & floor system adding new stairs & new rails	10/20/2025	Seventy Four South Main Limited Company
18	S Main Street	B25-000098	Building Permit	Renovations to the building to accommodate Turning Point Services	10/21/2025	David Lawrence
45	Merchant Street	E25-000185	Electrical Permit	EM06293 Replace 2 prong outlets, lights and wire kiln	10/21/2025	Berry Merchants LLC
49	Country Way	Z25-000045	Zoning Permit	49 Country Way	10/21/2025	Megan Wolfe & Steven Manning
79 & 81 & 83	S Main Street	E25-000184	Electrical Permit	new 6 gang meter socket	10/21/2025	Raymond Mikus & Karen Hinkle
19	College Street	E25-000187	Electrical Permit	EM-08401 Adding New Vanity light, power in bathroom	10/23/2025	Zachary Schmoll
23	Branch Street	E25-000189	Electrical Permit	EM08401 - Replacing all Washer Outlets with GFCI Protection	10/23/2025	Kent Bouchard
27	Berlin Street	B25-000099	Building Permit	Pour new slab & rebuild same. Garbage Room - Bldg new structure where org garage was, 14 x 16, 2x4 construction - Salt box roof, cement slab, 8ft garage door & 36in window door in front & w/ solar light. Roof over unit 5 porch will match to adjoining.	10/23/2025	Thad & Martha Blaisdell
27	Branch Street	E25-000190	Electrical Permit	EM-08401 Unit 1 GFCI Unit 2 Combo Detector in Hall Unit 3 GFCI Washer	10/23/2025	Kent Bouchard
34	Highland Avenue	E25-000188	Electrical Permit	EM08401 - Move existing dryer plug to adjacent wall in common area in basement.	10/23/2025	Mark McCabe
95	Seminary Street	E25-000186	Electrical Permit	EM-06369 Unit 4 Wire Apartment	10/23/2025	Lilbuddy Manor, LLC
105	Country Way	B25-000097	Building Permit	Replace existing 5x5 deck with 5x10 deck with small stairs	10/27/2025	Dianna Martel
21	Lawrence Avenue	B25-000101	Building Permit	Building a shed to replace shelter logic. will not have electricity or plumbing. Need for storage.	10/28/2025	Molly E Spaulding
99	Brooklyn Street	B25-000100	Building Permit	interior renovations to existing structure including removal of one non load bearing wall.	10/28/2025	Elizabeth Investing, LLC
99	Brooklyn Street	E25-000191	Electrical Permit	EJ-08103 - New Electrical System	10/28/2025	Elizabeth Investing, LLC



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31	Brook Street	E25-000192	Electrical Permit	EM-06930 - Upgrade to a 4 meter pac with disconnect, relocate 4 subpanels out of basement to first floor.	10/29/2025	Oliver Trombley
11	Paddock Street	B25-000102	Building Permit	Removal of mobile home currently at location	10/31/2025	Christopher S & Sara B Bylow
15	S Main Street	E25-000193	Electrical Permit	EM7817 Replace rotten conduits add monitor conduit outside.	10/31/2025	Joe Realty LC & Nova Enterprises LC
29	Beckley Street	F25-000027	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Replace and rebuild new back deck (8x8) w/ 4x4 railings, new stairs & lean-to roof over bulkhead.	10/31/2025	John P & Cynthia C Hooker (LE)
29	Beckley Street	Z25-000046	Zoning Permit	Replace and build new deck (8x8) with (4x4) stairs with railings and build lean-to over bulkhead.	10/31/2025	John P & Cynthia C Hooker (LE)



City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 11/5/25

Agenda Item No.: 4-C

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Authorize \$15,000 allocation for the adopt-a-storm-drain program

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT or PERSON: Councilor Gustin and the Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its October 28, 2025 meeting, the City Council provided consensus approval to register for the adopt-a-storm drain program sponsored by Hamline University in Minnesota. This is a turnkey program that encourages community engagement to remove debris from waterways. The program was considered as part of the City’s Flood Resiliency Plan.

A \$15,000 allocation would support the following:

- 3 years of program subscription;
- 50 bonus kits for residents; and
- 10 educator kits for resident science and data collection lessons.

If the program is successful, the \$1,000 annual fee would begin in 2029, and would be covered in the general fund at that point.

FUNDING SOURCE(S): \$15,000 to be allocated as follows: \$8,000 from the Brusa Trust to pay for the educational materials; and \$7,000 from the Special Projects Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Move to authorize a \$15,000 allocation for the adopt-a-storm-drain program.

Organization: Barre City VT
Population: 8,300
Date: 10/16/25
Budget Year: 2025

Contact: Amanda Gustin
Notes: Pricing estimate for first year. Yearly contracts start in January. We will prorate the annual fee to the quarter year for contracts starting mid-year.

Item description	Quantity	Unit	Amt	Cost	Notes
ONE TIME SET UP FEES					
Program Set Up					
Set-up Fee: GIS Data	1		\$700	\$700.00	Adds city, watersheds, subwatersheds, and storm drain data to the system.
Set-up Fee: Website Customization	1		\$500	\$500.00	Adds city to the website, includes creating admin accounts in Nova. Additional Website customization at \$250/hour
Set-up Fee: Graphic Design	1		\$600	\$600.00	Custom welcome letter, up to 4 signs with local wording. Additional work at \$125/hour
Program Set Up Subtotal				\$1,800.00	
ANNUAL FEES					
Program Management and Implementation					
Site License: Annual Membership year 1	8,300	people	\$0.077	\$639.10	Standard rate for a city. Includes technical application, support, and access to our branded outreach materials
Summary Evaluation and Report year 1	5	hours	\$50.00	\$250.00	We will compile a year end report for you to use.
Site License: Annual Membership year 1	8,300	people	\$0.077	\$639.10	Standard rate for a city. Includes technical application, support, and access to our branded outreach materials
Summary Evaluation and Report year 1	5	hours	\$50.00	\$250.00	We will compile a year end report for you to use.
Site License: Annual Membership year 1	8,300	people	\$0.077	\$639.10	Standard rate for a city. Includes technical application, support, and access to our branded outreach materials
Summary Evaluation and Report year 1	5	hours	\$50.00	\$250.00	We will compile a year end report for you to use.
Program Management and Implementation Subtotal				\$2,667.30	
Direct Participant Support					
Coroplast Signs and Stakes	50	pieces	\$3.80	\$190.00	Lightweight coroplast sign and metal stake
Welcome Packets and Cards	50	pieces	\$2.15	\$107.50	Printed welcome packet includes envelope, welcome letter, and tip card
Sign Distribution	50	pieces	\$12.00	\$600.00	Postage and handling for welcome packet and signs
Direct Participant Support Subtotal				\$897.50	
<i>Additional welcome packets may be requested, at the rates listed above</i>					

Marketing/Outreach					
Collaboration with CGEE Social Media	0	hours	\$55.00	\$0.00	We can work with you to leverage our social media outreach program.
Consulting with CGEE Team	0	hours	\$85.00	\$0.00	We are available to assist in the critical outreach efforts
K-12 program materials	10	class-room kits	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	Teacher and classroom support materials, including data collection cards, pencils, and information sheets for students to take home to their families
K-12 program implementation	1	10 class-rooms	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	K-12 project management costs, teacher engagement and retention, and program evaluation and reporting.
Subtotal				\$8,000.00	
Total				\$13,364.80	
Administrative Fee 10%			10%	\$1,336.48	
GRAND TOTAL				\$14,701.28	



Volunteer Application Form

Full Name Fred Pond

Home address 29 Wellington Street

Barre City Resident? ☒ **YES**

E-mail Address [REDACTED]

Cell/Home Phone Number [REDACTED]

Position(s) you are applying for?

1. bike share pilot program steering committee member
- 2.
- 3.

Have you attended a meeting of the public bodies you are applying for? No

Please describe why you are interested in the positions you are applying for. Include any special skills or qualifications that may be beneficial for the position.

Avid cyclist and community transportation rider, locally on City Commuter & regionally to Burlington, St Johnsbury, other locations in Vermont (that require careful scheduling to achieve). I believe this is an opportunity to increase transportation options for Barre City residents and Montpelier, other community residents to come to Barre for work, school and pleasure.

By signing below you acknowledge that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of your ability, and you understand the City Council has the authority to remove members appointed to any City-created public bodies in accordance with the City Charter and Vermont State Statute, as applicable, for misrepresentation of any statement made on this application

Fred Pond

29 October 2025

Sign here (or type your name for an electronic submission)

Date

For City Manager's Office Use Only

Appointed? No

Term of Appointment: From

To

Roaring Branch
Bennington, VT
9/1/2011

To Dredge or Not to Dredge

Ripple Effect: Hardwick's
Watershed Forum -
Dredging

September 3, 2025

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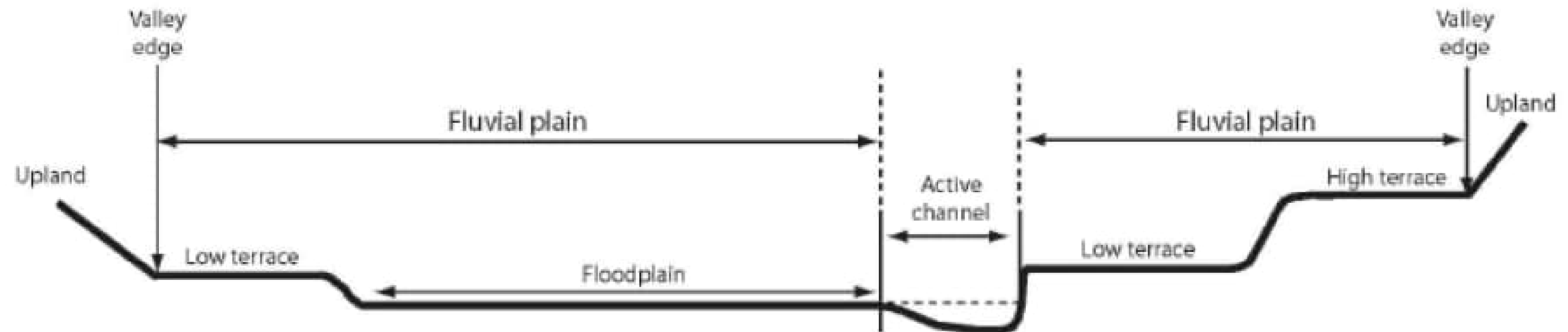


Key Points about Dredging

- Flood storage is really in the floodplain, not the channel. You cannot dredge your way out of flood risk or damages.
- Dredging leads to unstable channels that often impacts local and downstream property and infrastructure.
- Dredging is often followed by channel filling so requires ongoing maintenance and is not a long-term, widespread cost-effective solution for reducing flood risk.



Typical River Valley Cross Section



J. MacBroom, 2015



Floodplain v Channel Storage

The 100-year flood in the humid eastern United States is approximately four to six times the bankfull flood, and the floodplain system has to convey four to six bankfull flood equivalent units.

References	USGS ¹ B-T 1955	CT ² CHD 1960	Eastern US Leopold ³ 1964	Cone ⁴ USGS 1965	Statewide New York ⁵ MMI 2015	NY Catskills Region ⁶ MMI 2015	Deerfield River Basin ⁷ MMI 2014
Flow Frequency							
Mean Annual			0.35				
Bankfull	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
5 Year	1.3		1.7	1.4	2.0	2.0	
10 Year	1.65		2.1	1.85	2.5	2.4	
25 Year	2.3		3.3	2.7	3.6	3.7	
50 Year	2.9		4.3	3.7	3.9	4.1	
100 Year	3.7	3.7	5.0*	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.6**
200 Year	4.2*	5.0		7.2*	5.5	5.7	
500 Year	5.7*			12*	6.4	6.6	

*Interpolated

**Post Hurricane Irene

¹ A flood flow formula for Connecticut, USGS Circular 365, Bigwood & Thomas, 1955

² Connecticut Highway Department, 1960, *Drainage Manual*

³ Fluvial Processes in Geomorphology, Leopold, Wolman, and Miller, 1964

⁴ Connecticut Flood Flow Formula, figure, J.W. Cone, 1965

⁵ Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in New York, USGS SIR 2006-5112, Lumina

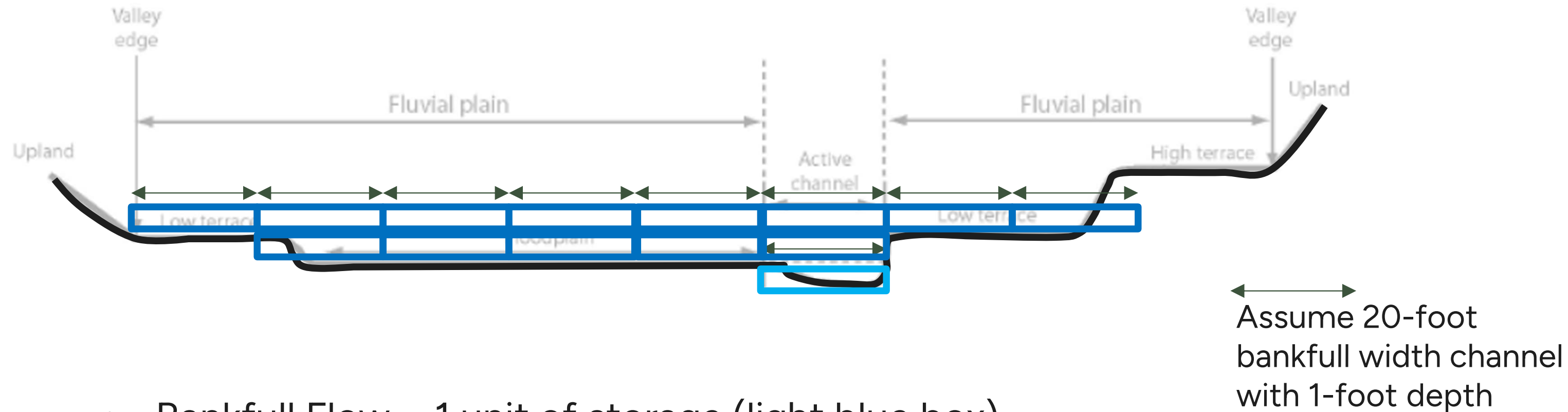
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⁷ Draft River Assessment Report, Deerfield River Basin, MMI, 2014

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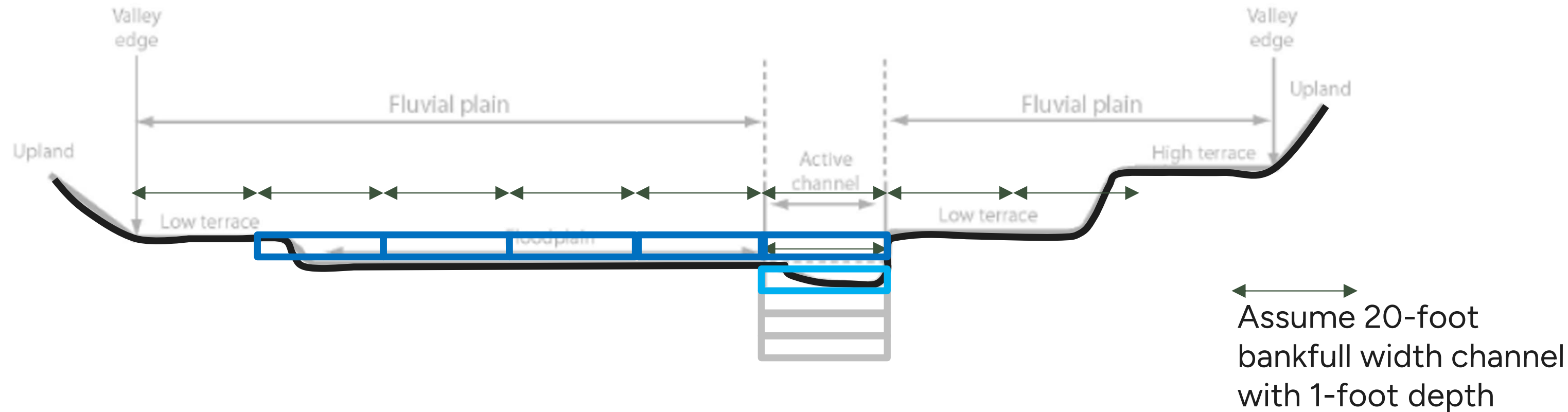
Flood Storage Sketch – No Dredging



- Bankfull Flow = 1 unit of storage (light blue box)
- 100-Year Flood Flow = 14 units of storage
- Flood velocity low due to spreading out on floodplain



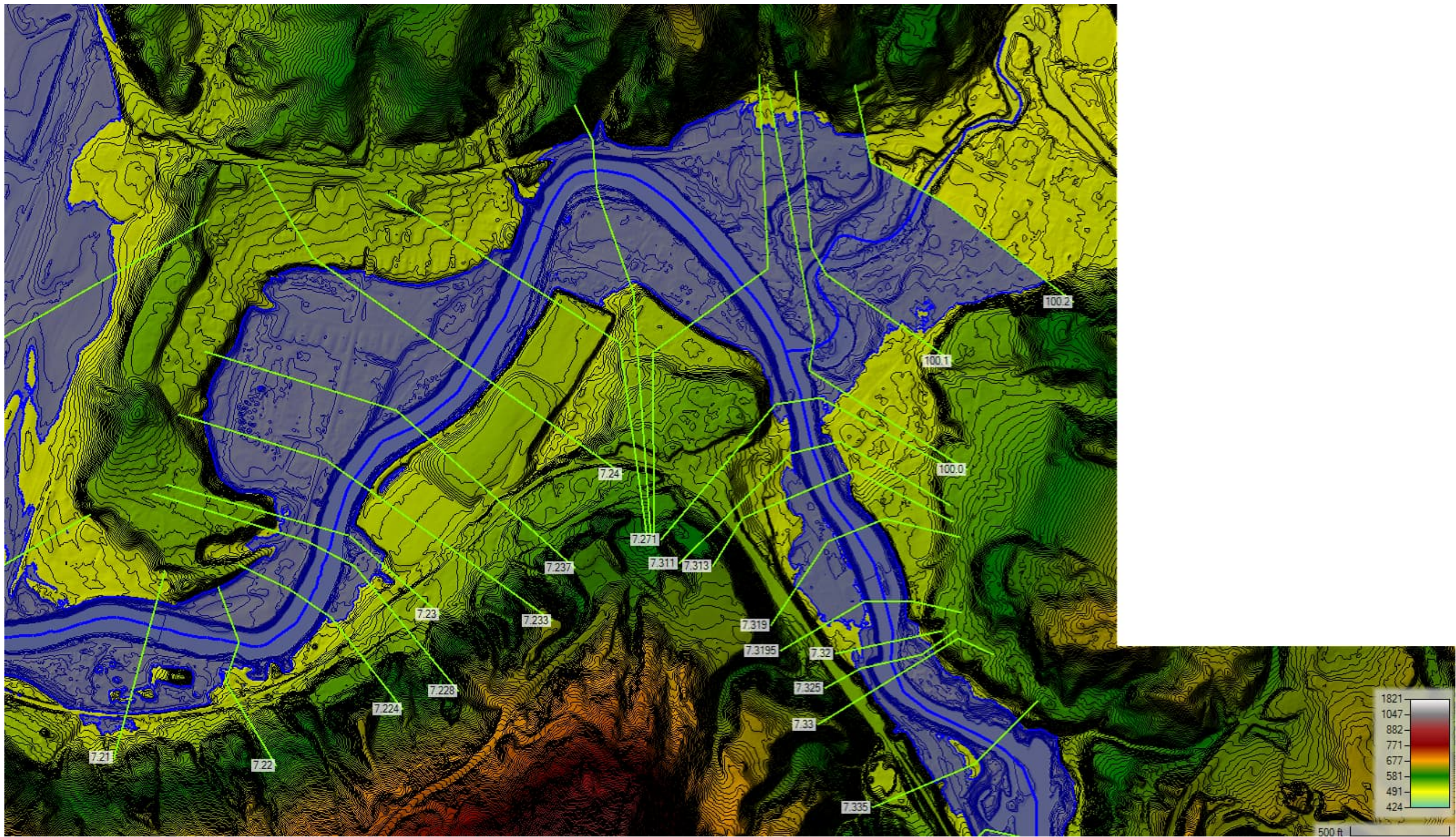
Flood Storage Sketch – With Dredging



- Bankfull Flow = 4 unit of storage (light blue box plus dredged gray boxes)
- Bankfull channel less stable due to confinement of flows and increased erosion
- 100-Year Flood Flow = 9 units of storage due to loss of floodplain access
- Flood velocity higher due to loss of floodplain flow and spreading out
- Less flood storage and higher flood velocity

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Floodplain Mapping

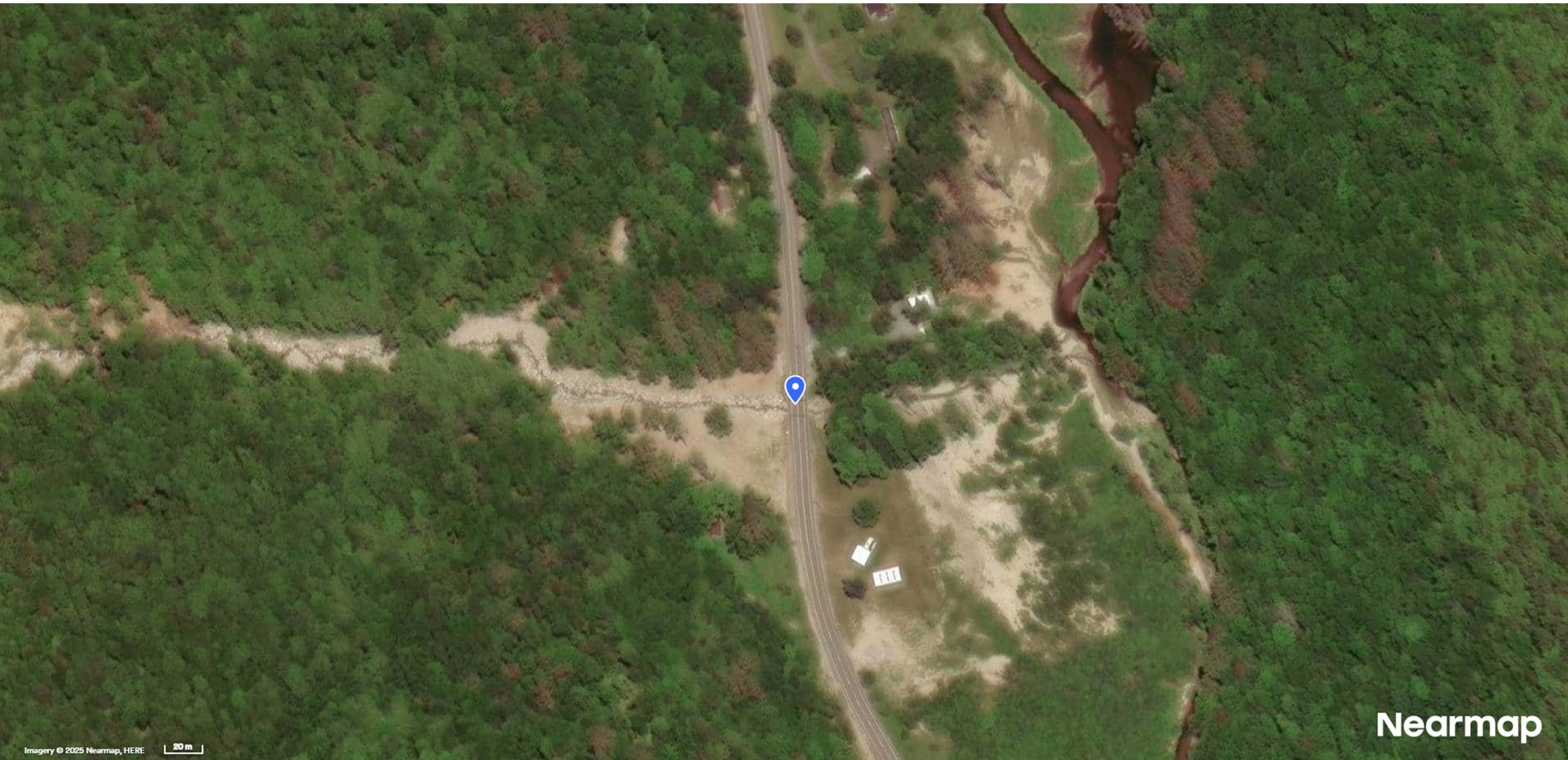




Places that Require Sediment Management

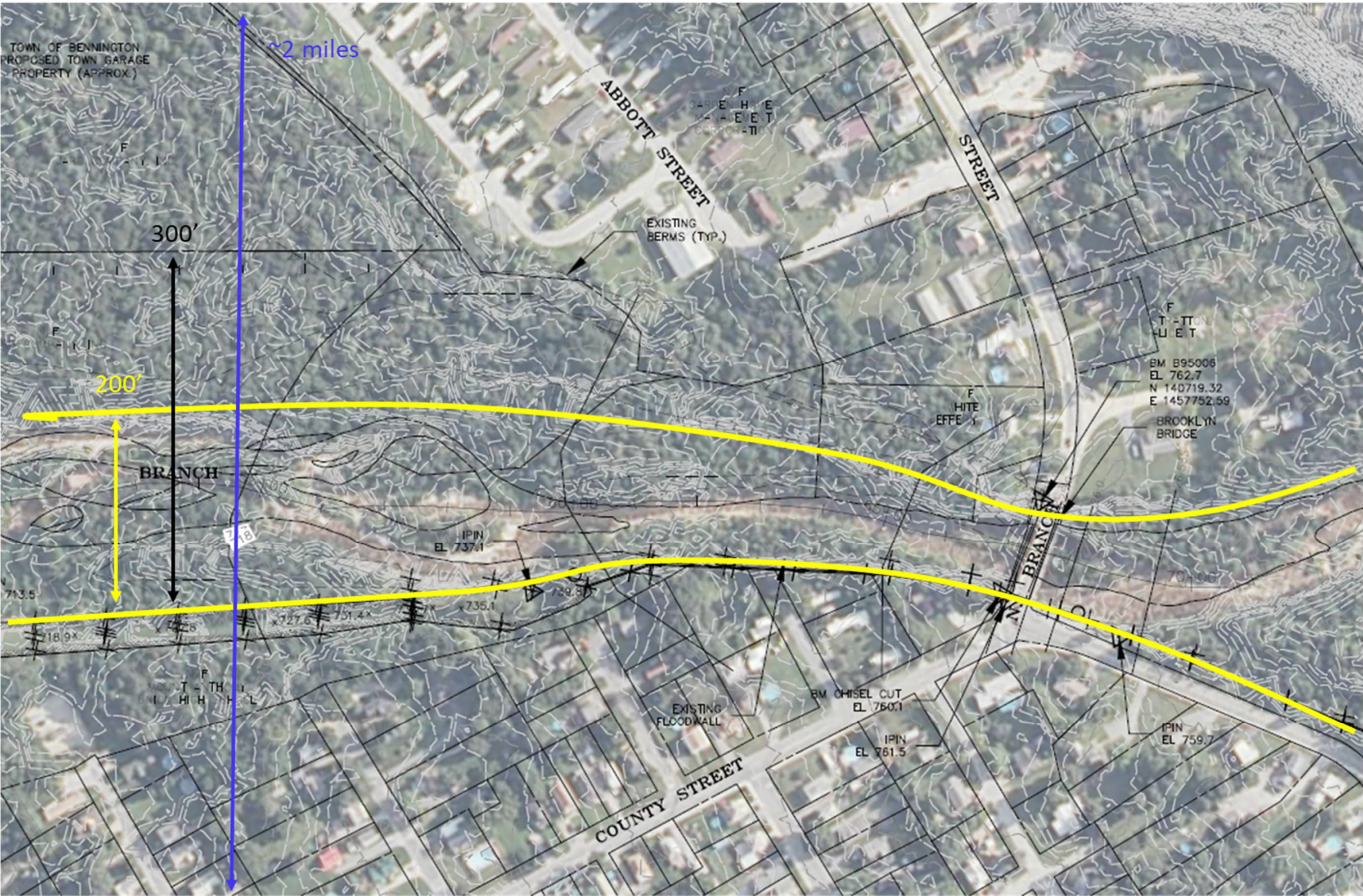
- Undersized bridges near breaks in valley slope on alluvial fans that will always be aggradational. (e.g., Park Street, Roaring Branch, Bennington)
- In the vicinity of homes and businesses on alluvial fans or near undersized bridges or culverts with high flood and erosion risk.
- When bridges, culverts, dams, or levees are knocked out of design compliance due to sediment buildup.

Alluvial Fans

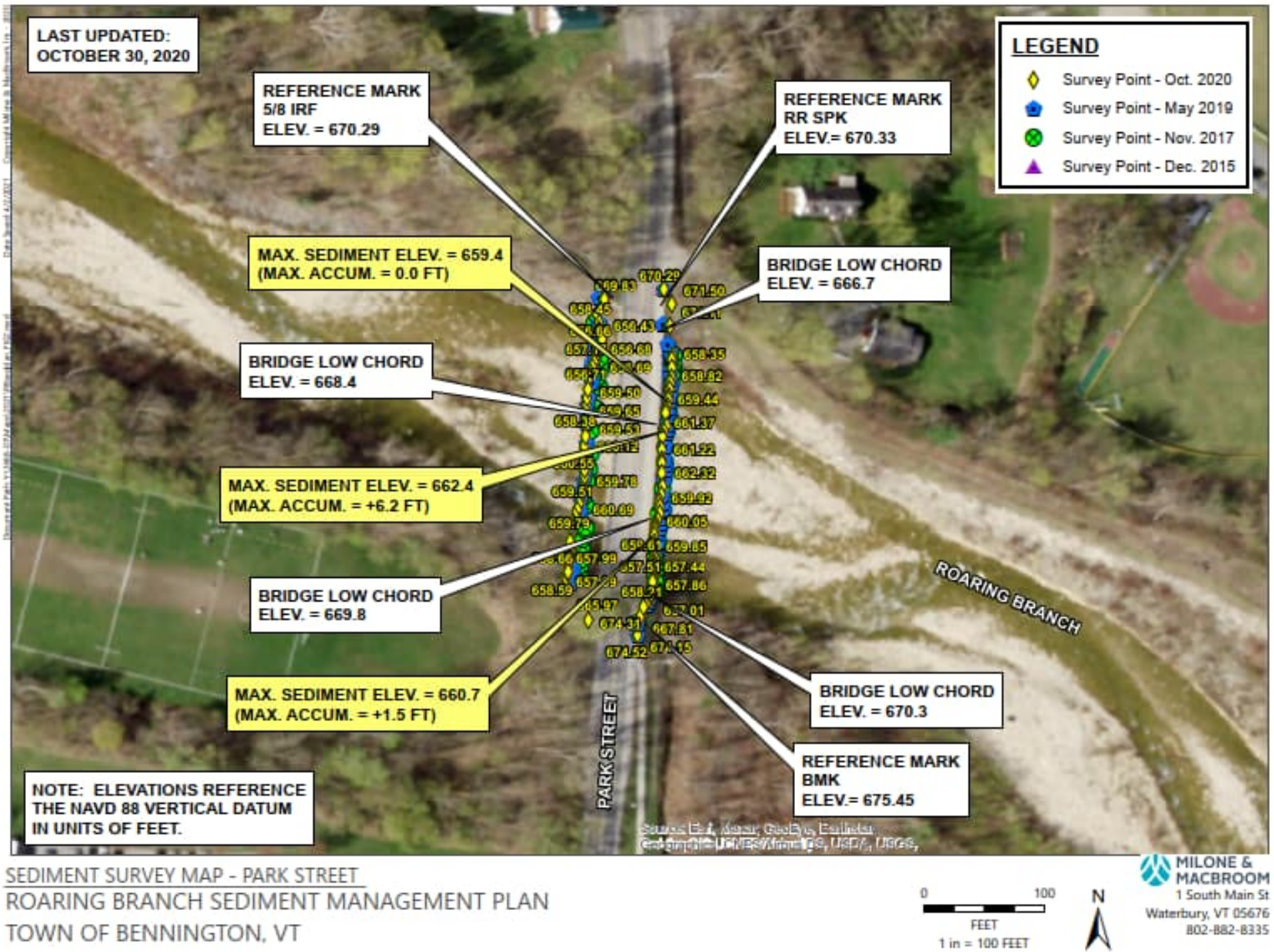


Nearmap

Alluvial Fans



Roaring Branch Sediment Management



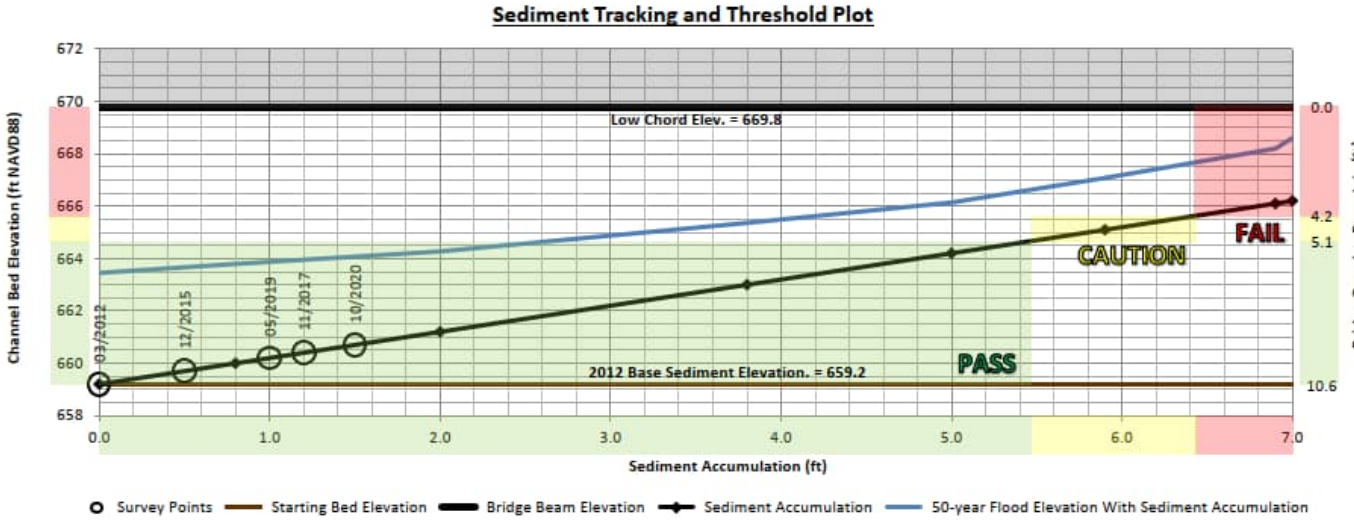
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Roaring Branch Sediment Management



Park Street Bridge South Opening
Sediment Monitoring Data
Roaring Branch Sediment Management Plan

Last Updated: Oct. 30, 2020

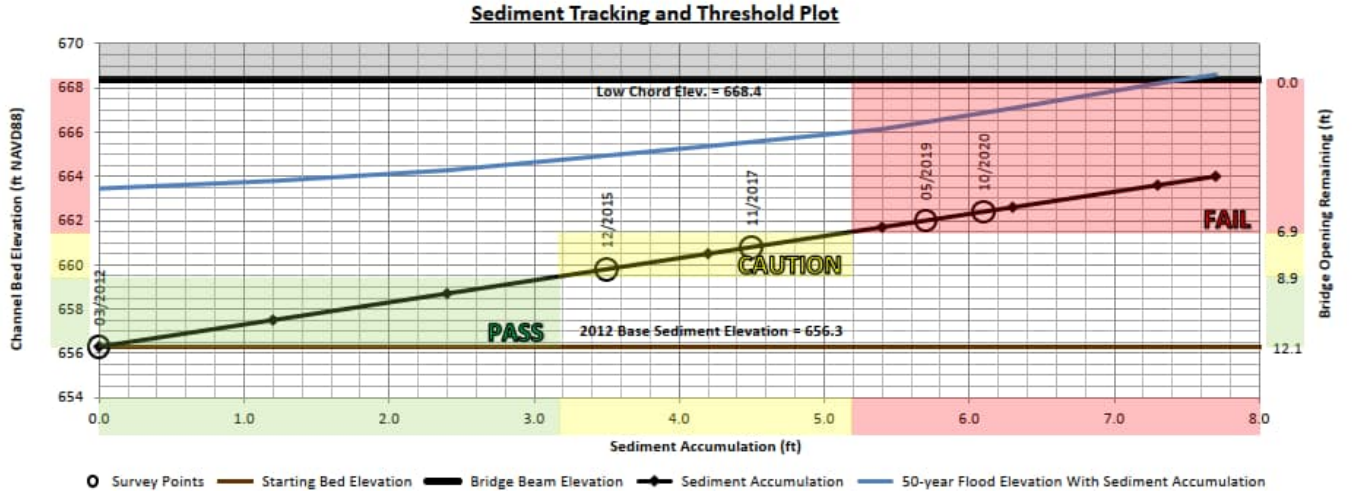


Observations

Date	Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Δ Sediment (ft) Since 2012	Notes
03/2012	659.2	0.0	2012 sediment baseline following recovery from Tropical Storm Irene.
12/2015	659.7	0.5	Sediment deposition has occurred. Normal flow (NF) channel moved to North & South openings from Center opening.
11/2017	660.4	1.2	Sediment deposition has occurred. NF channel moved to North & (primary) South openings from Center opening.
05/2019	660.2	1.0	Sediment erosion has occurred.
10/2020	660.7	1.5	Sediment deposition has occurred. Normal flow channel through South (primary) and North (secondary) spans.

Park Street Bridge Center Opening
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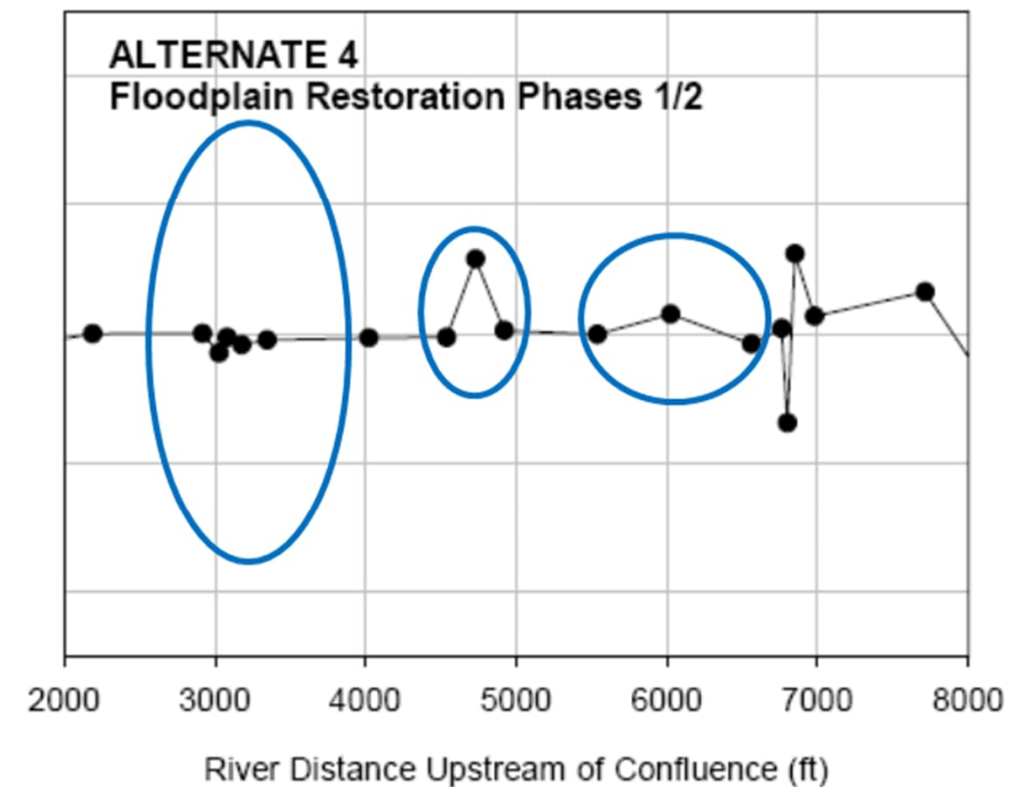
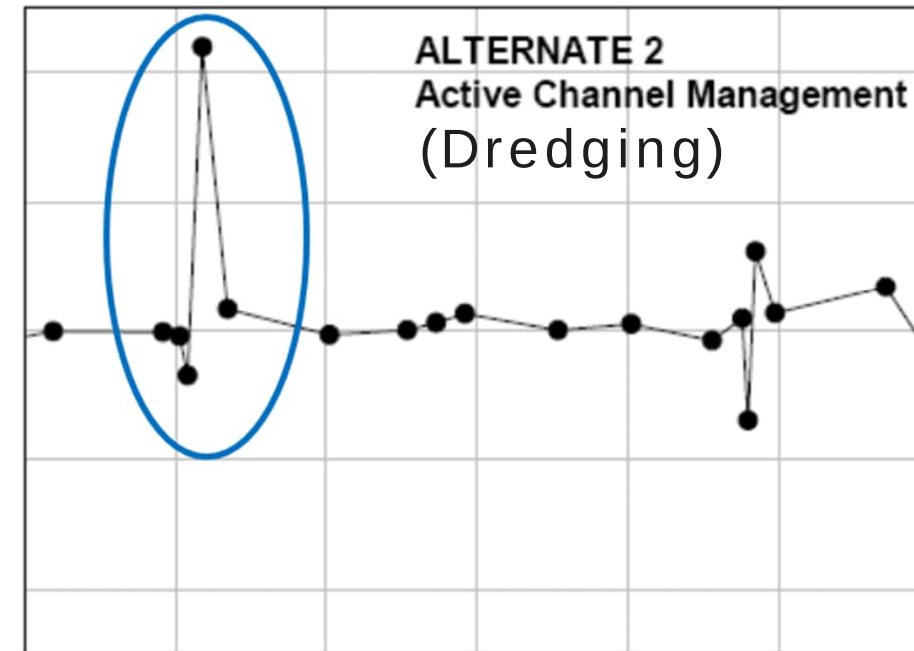
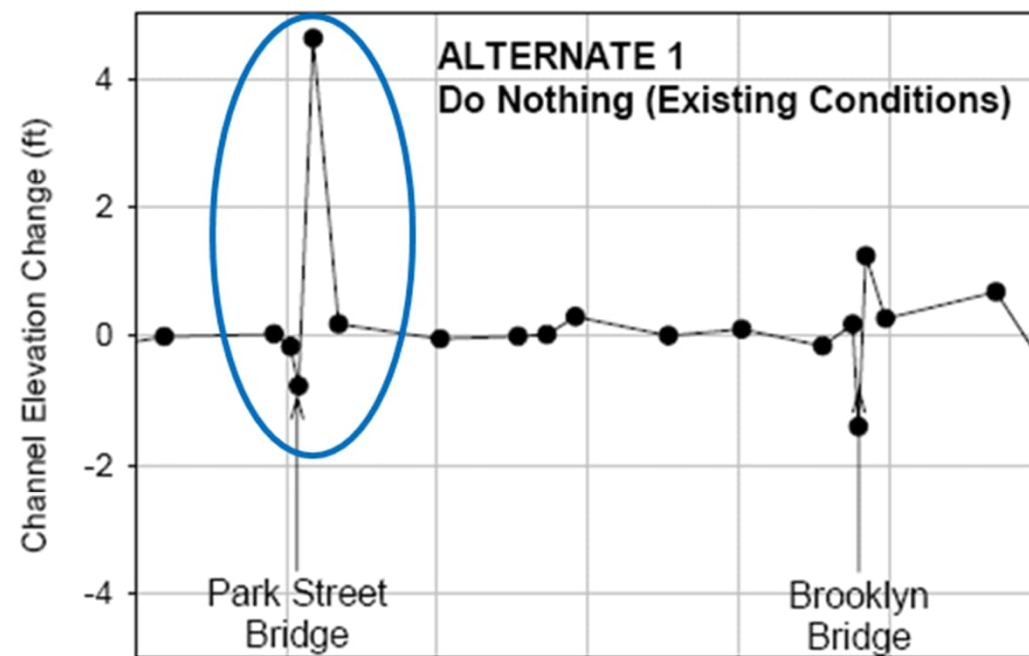
Observations

Date	Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Δ Sediment (ft) Since 2012	Notes
03/2012	656.3	0	2012 sediment baseline following recovery from Tropical Storm Irene.
12/2015	659.8	3.5	Sediment deposition has occurred. Normal flow (NF) channel moved to North & South openings from Center opening.
11/2017	660.8	4.5	Sediment deposition has occurred via bar building. NF channel continuing to move to North & South openings.
05/2019	662.0	5.7	Sediment deposition has occurred.
10/2020	662.4	6.1	Sediment deposition has occurred in Center span and around bridge piers.



Roaring Branch Sediment Transport Analysis

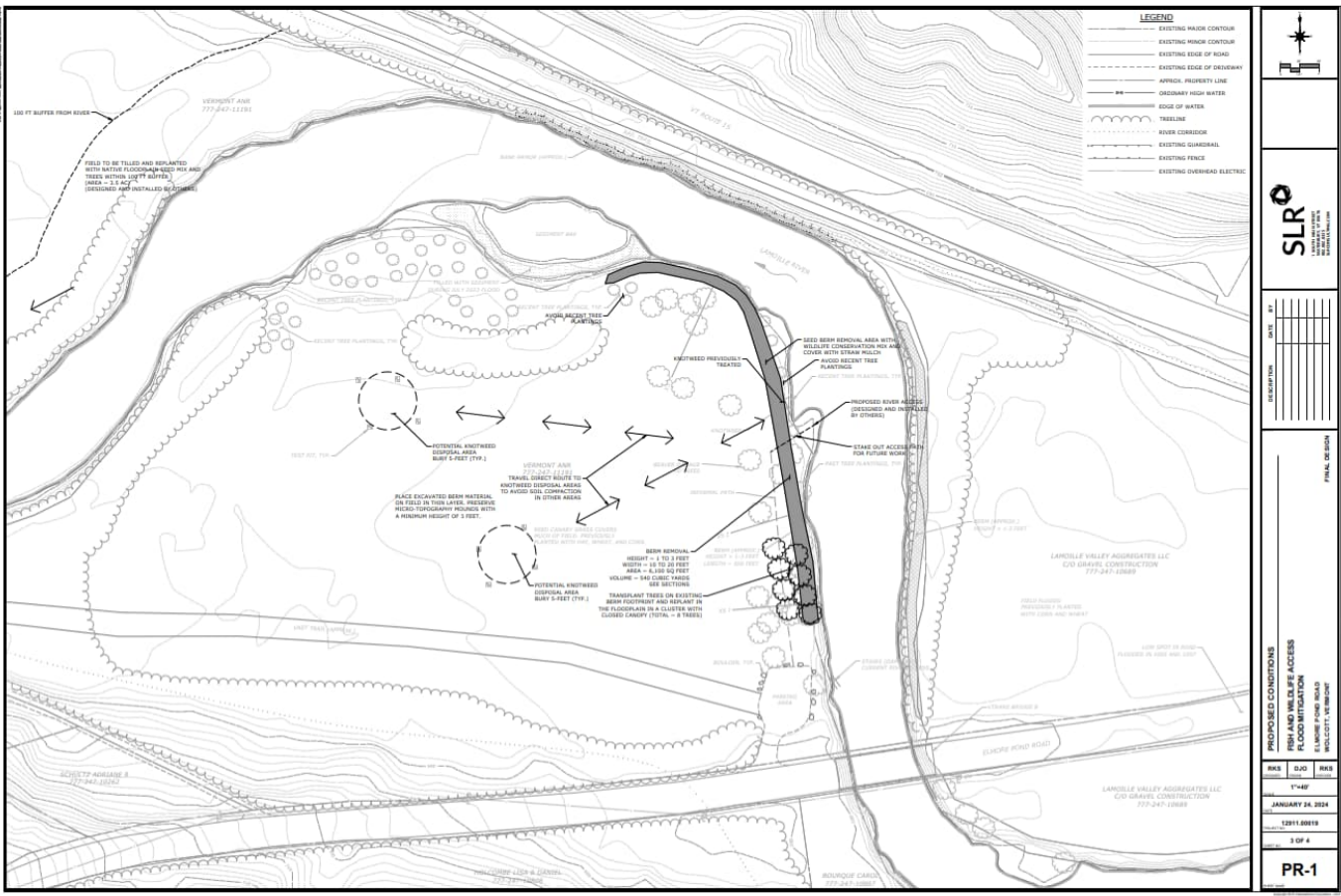
- Total Power decreases range 100-700 W/m² (948 to 167)
- Flood velocity decreases 1-4 feet per second
- Flood depth decreases 0.2-1.0 feet



Roaring Branch Floodplain Restoration

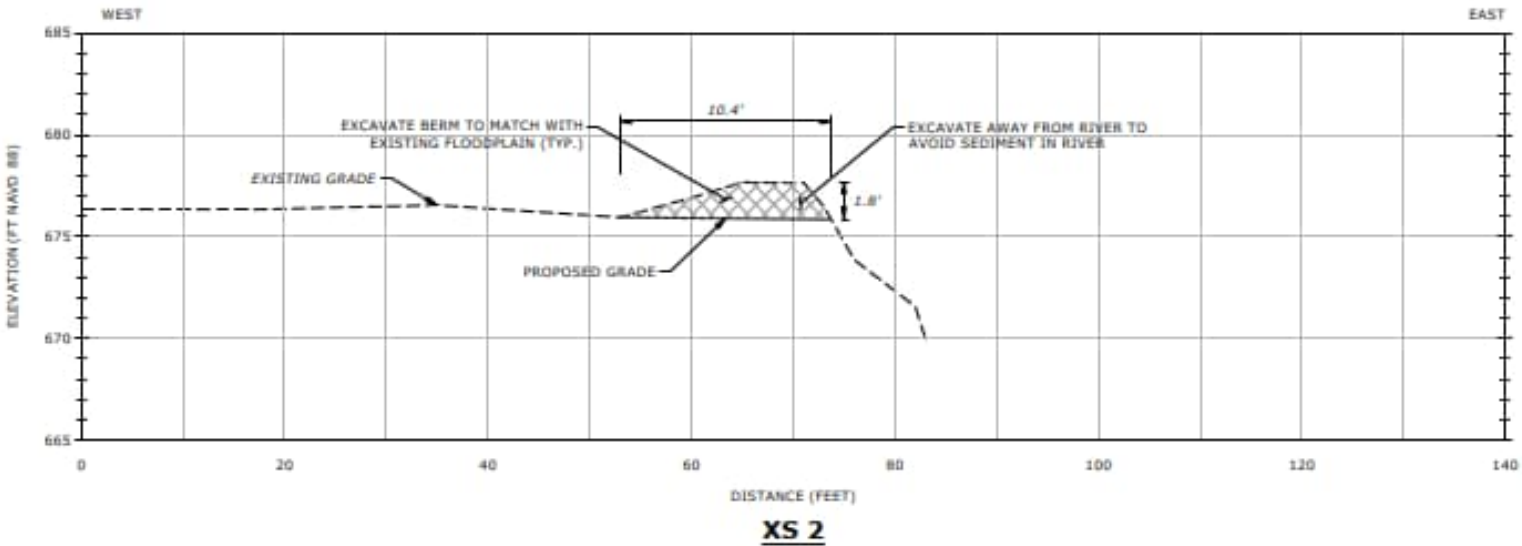


Elmore Pond Road, Flood Mitigation, Wolcott

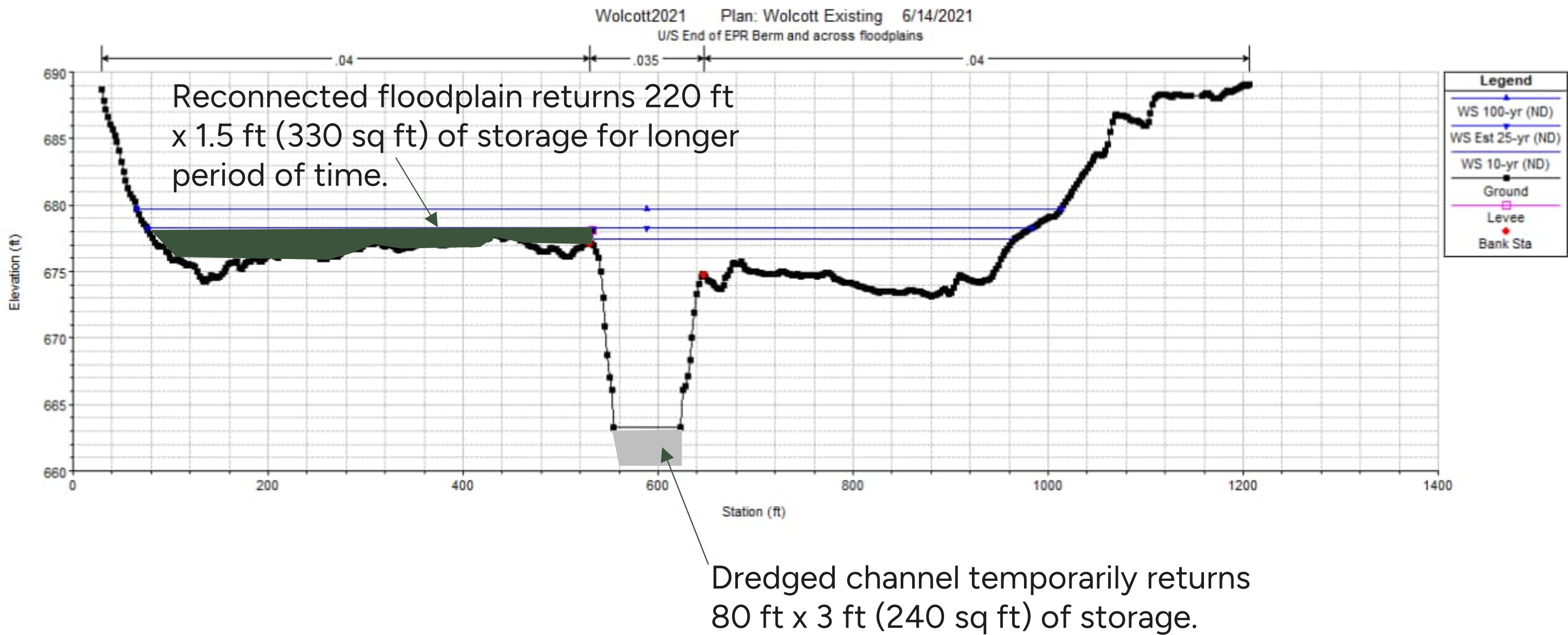


Removal of Berm

- Reconnect floodplain
- Water can spread out
- Revegetate to slow water



Elmore Pond Road, Flood Mitigation, Wolcott



Elmore Pond Road, Flood Mitigation, Wolcott



PRE-CONSTRUCTION



POST-CONSTRUCTION



Whetstone Brook Floodplain Restoration (Kikitta Ahki)

2022



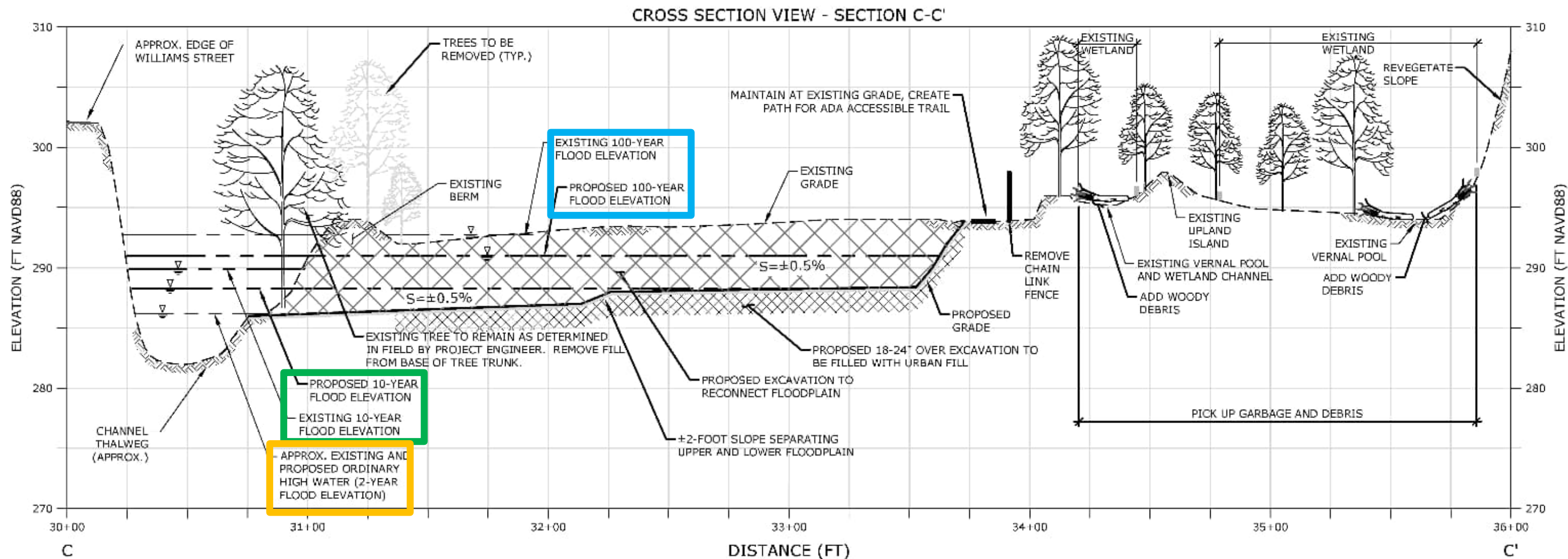
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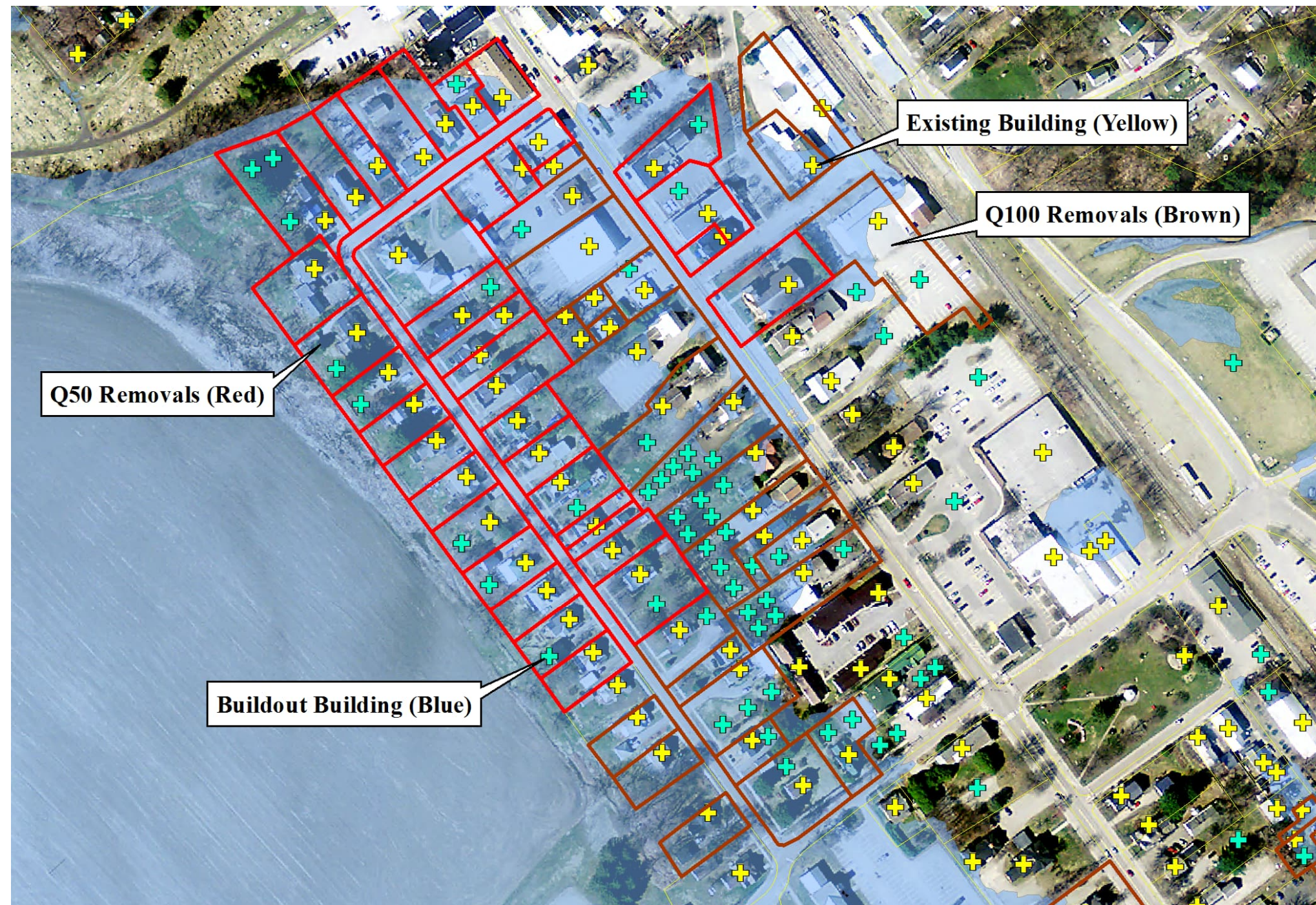
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Whetstone Brook Floodplain Restoration (Kikitta Ahki)

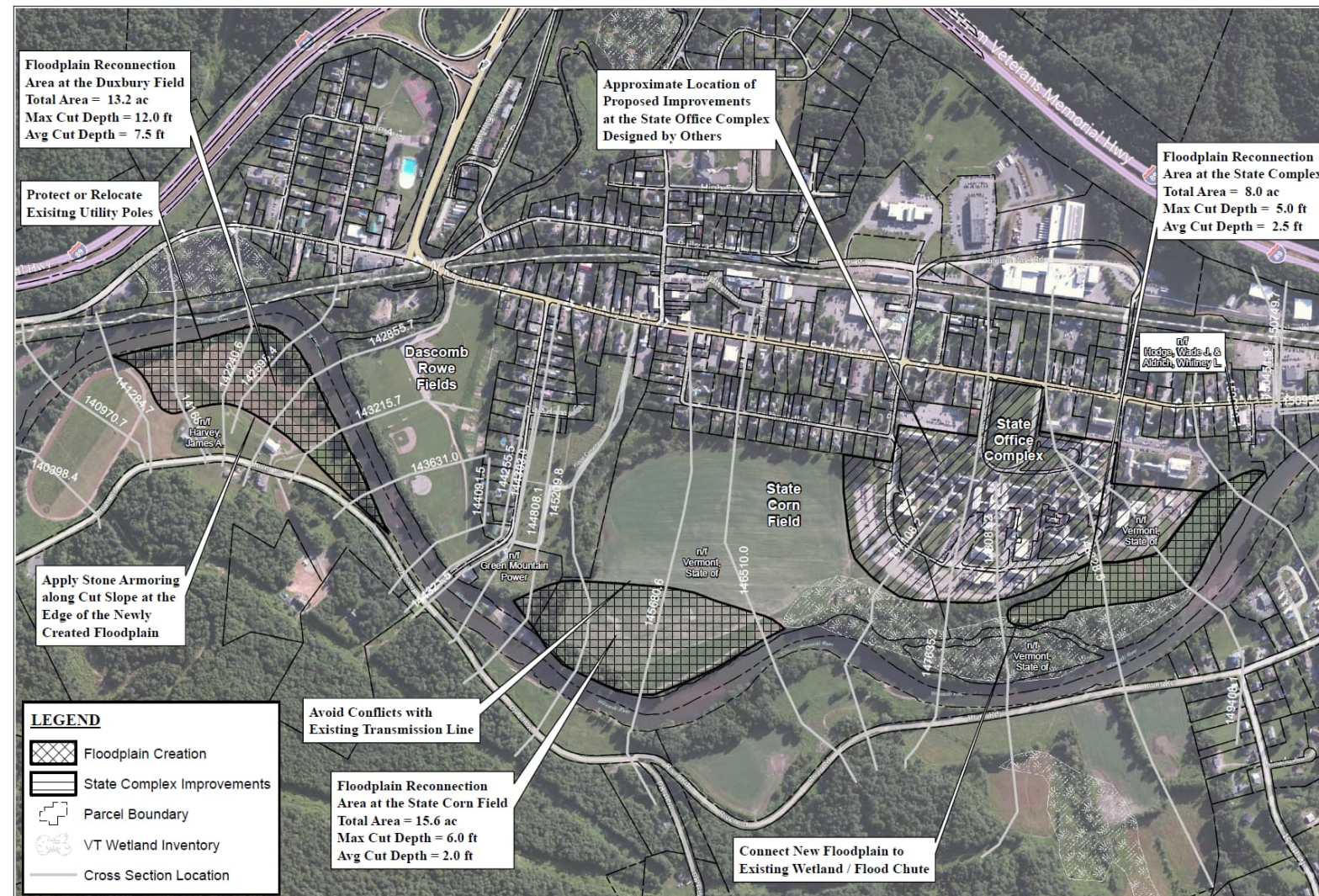


Floodplain Economics



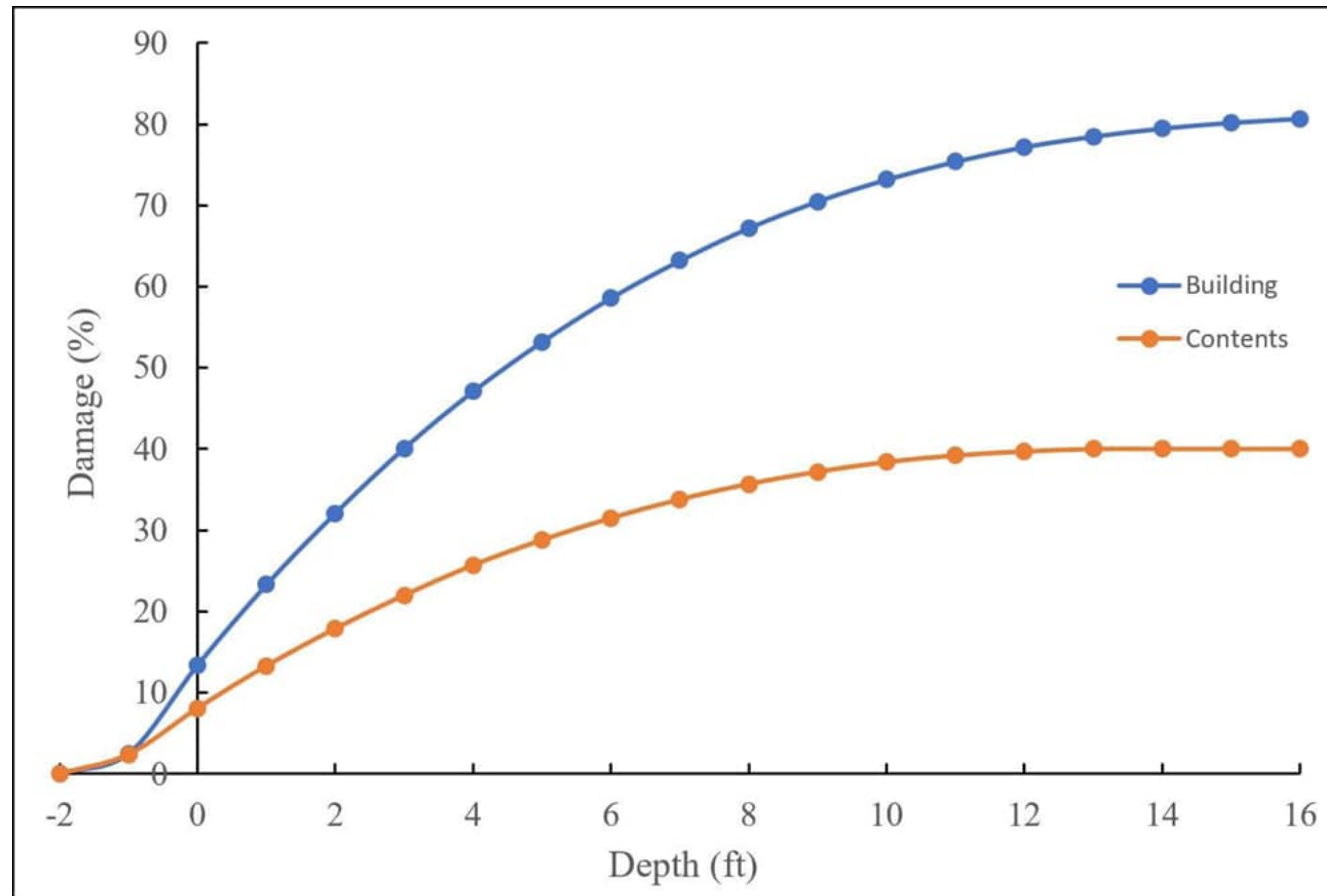


Floodplain Economics



- \$51 to \$41 thousand reduction in annualized damages
- \$2.6 million reduction in simulated damages for a single large flood

Depth-Damage Curves



(FEMA, 2013)

Floodplain Economics



FEMA

MITIGATION POLICY – FP-108-024-01

Table I: Annual Estimated Monetary Benefits per Acre per Year

Environmental Benefit	Green Open Space	Riparian
Aesthetic Value	\$1,623	\$582
Air Quality	\$204	\$215
Biological Control	--	\$164
Climate Regulation	\$13	\$204
Erosion Control	\$65	\$11,447
Flood Hazard Reduction	--	\$4,007
Food Provisioning	--	\$609
Habitat	--	\$835
Pollination	\$290	--
Recreation/Tourism	\$5,365	\$15,178
Storm Water Retention	\$293	--
Water Filtration	--	\$4,252
Total Estimated Benefits	\$7,853	\$37,493

III. POLICY STATEMENT:

FEMA will allow the inclusion of environmental benefits in benefit-cost analyses (BCA) to determine cost effectiveness of acquisition projects.

IV. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to identify and quantify the types of environmental benefits that FEMA will consider in the BCA for acquisition projects.

Table II: Green Open Space and Riparian Benefits Allowed in the BCA Toolkit

Land Use	Total Estimated Benefits	Total Estimated Benefits (projected for 100 years with 7 percent discount rate)
Green Open Space	\$7,853 per acre per year	\$2.57 per square foot
Riparian	\$37,493 per acre per year	\$12.29 per square foot

(FEMA, 2013)

Thank You

(Lars Gange & [Mansfield Heliflight](#), August 31, 2011)

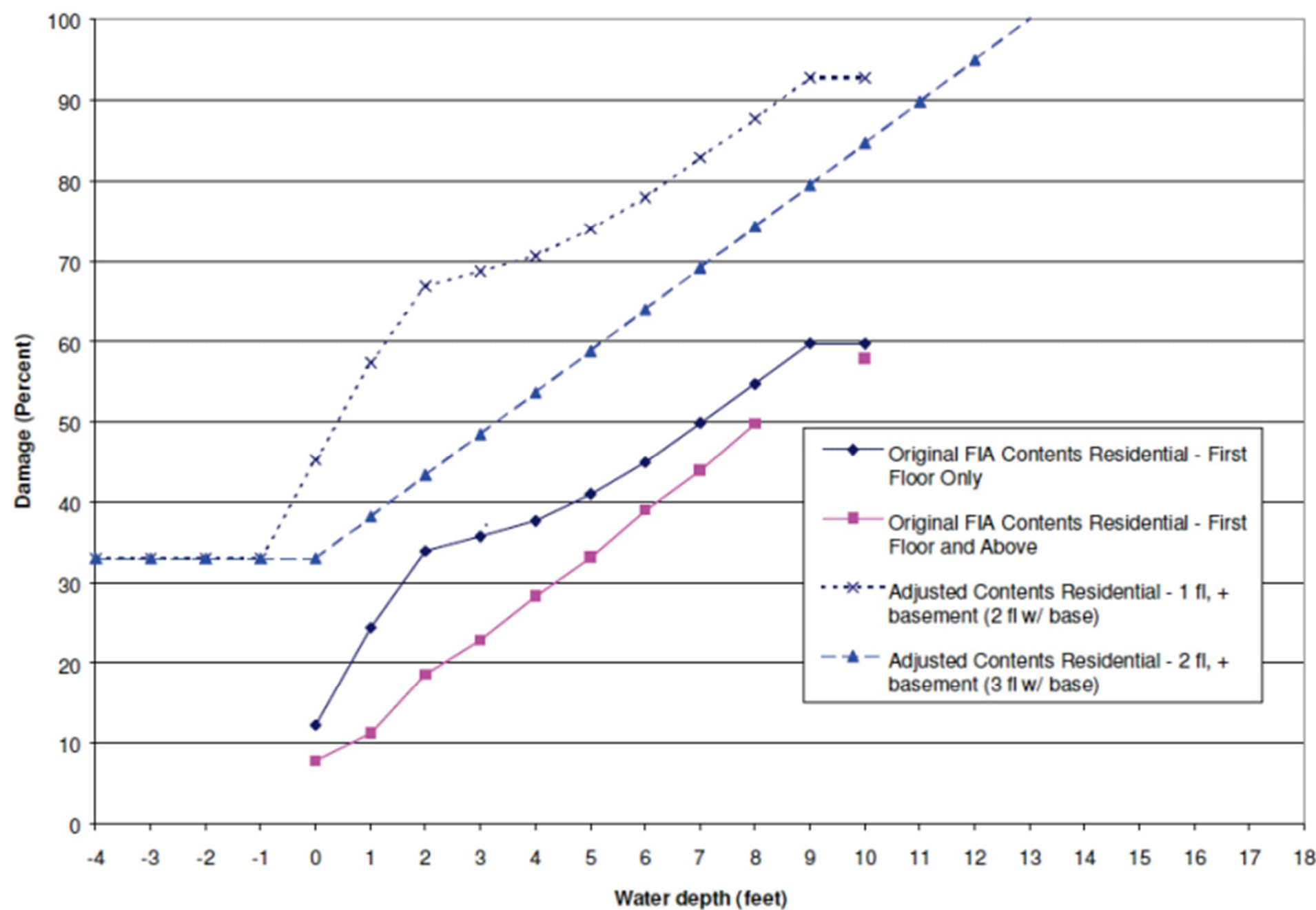


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Extra Slides



Depth-Damage Curves



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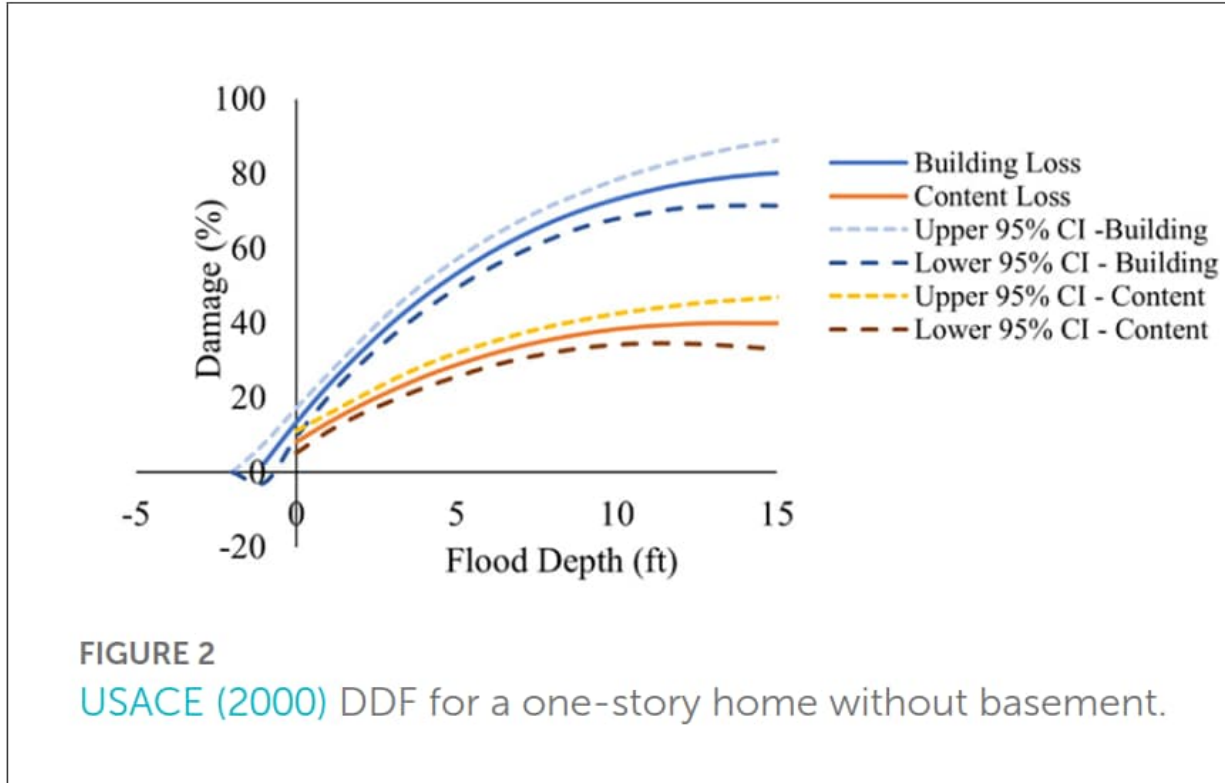


FIGURE 2
USACE (2000) DDF for a one-story home without basement.

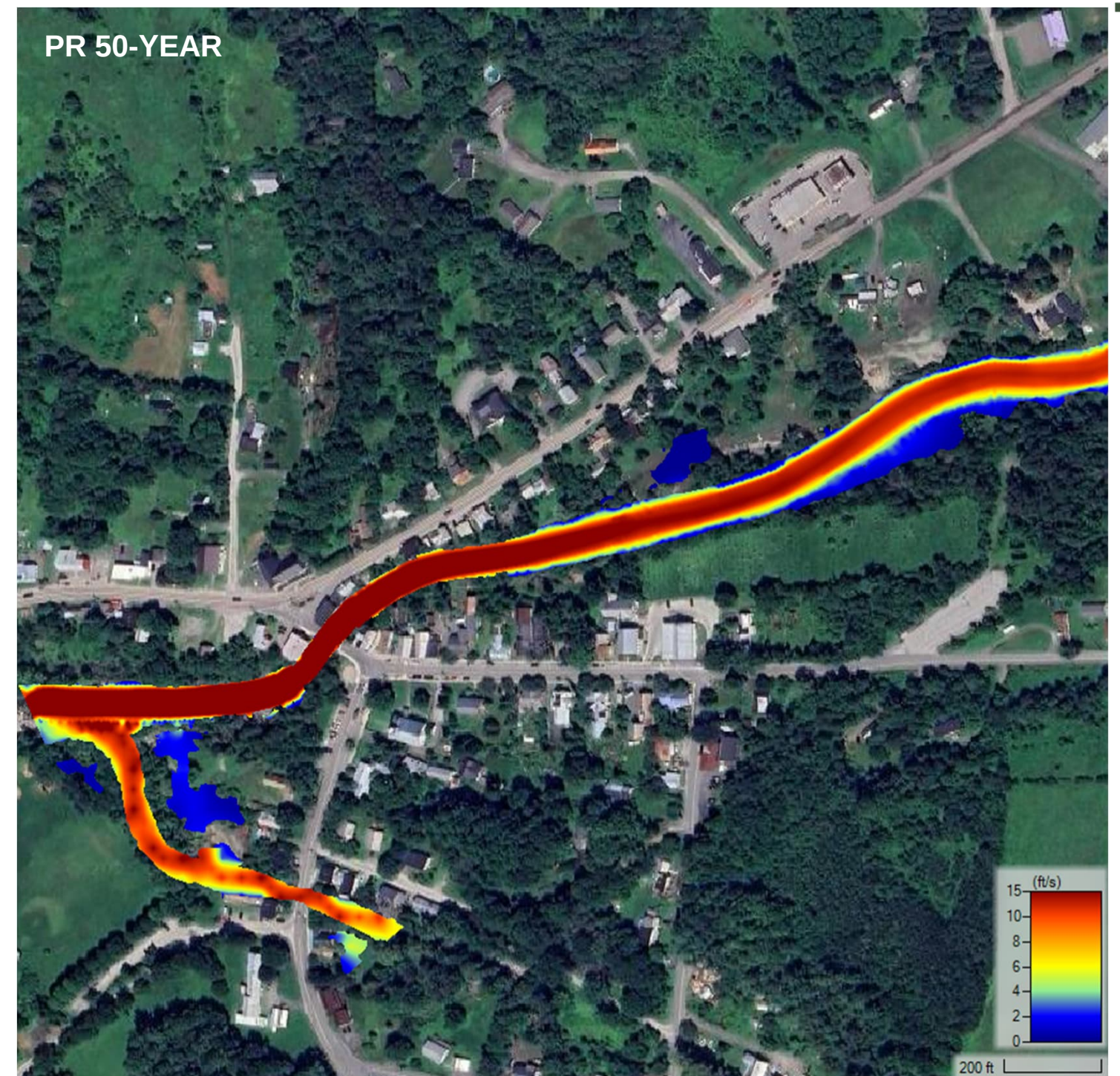
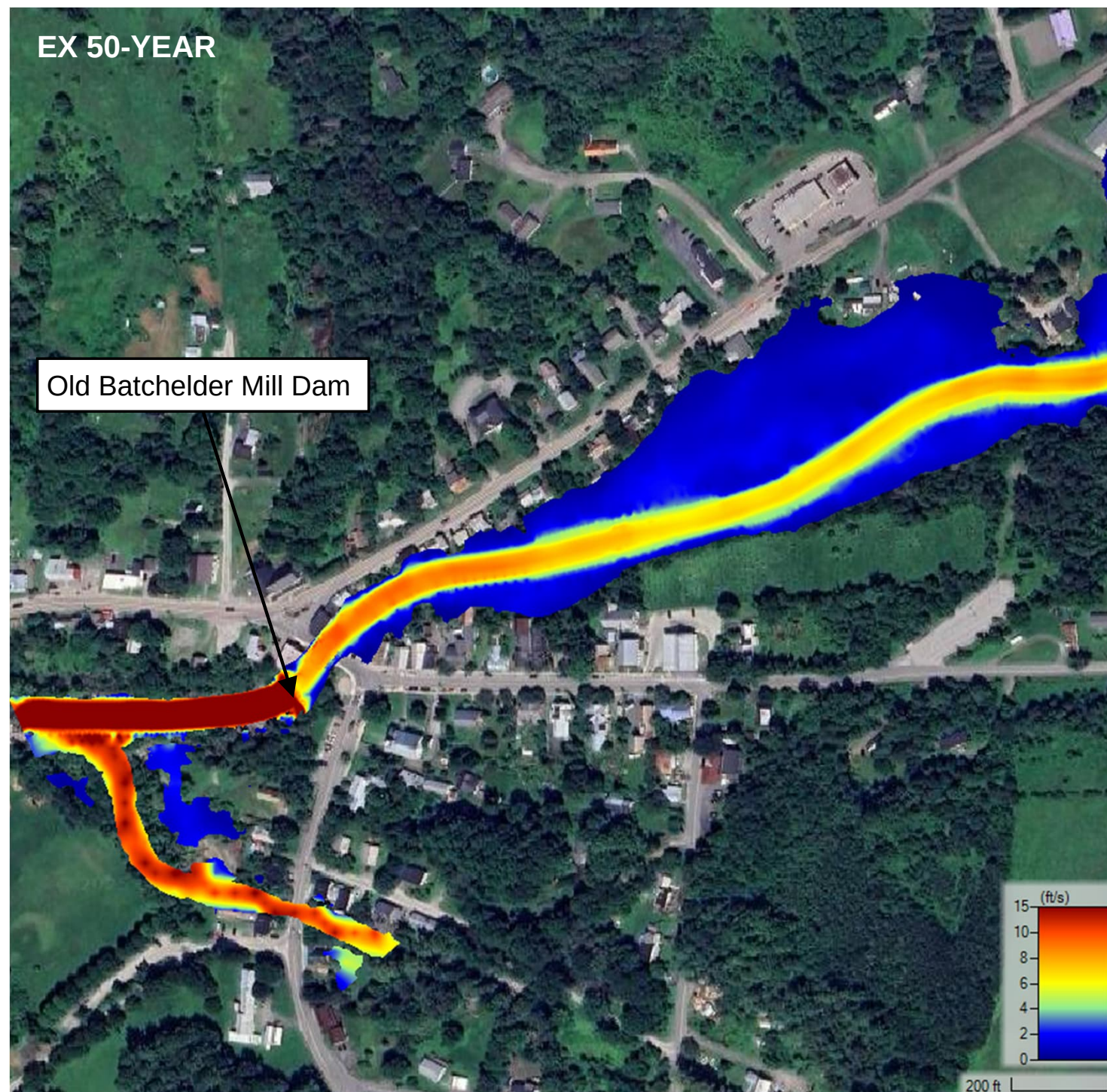
Dog River Floodplain Restoration – Northfield



- Remove 7 damaged homes
- Remove 9,000 CY of fill in floodplain & lower land 4 feet over 3 acres
- Remove berm
- Plant restored floodplain with native vegetation



Dog Floodplain
Northfield, VT
Photo by Isaac Maddox-
White
11/13/2017



WATER VELOCITIES IN VILLAGE UPSTREAM OF
DAM

50-YEAR:	EX ~7-10 FT/S	PR ~14-22 FT/S
100-YEAR:	EX ~7-11 FT/S	PR ~15-24 FT/S
500-YEAR:	EX ~7-13 FT/S	PR ~17-27 FT/S

Dimensionless Flood Water Depth to Bankfull Depth Ratio

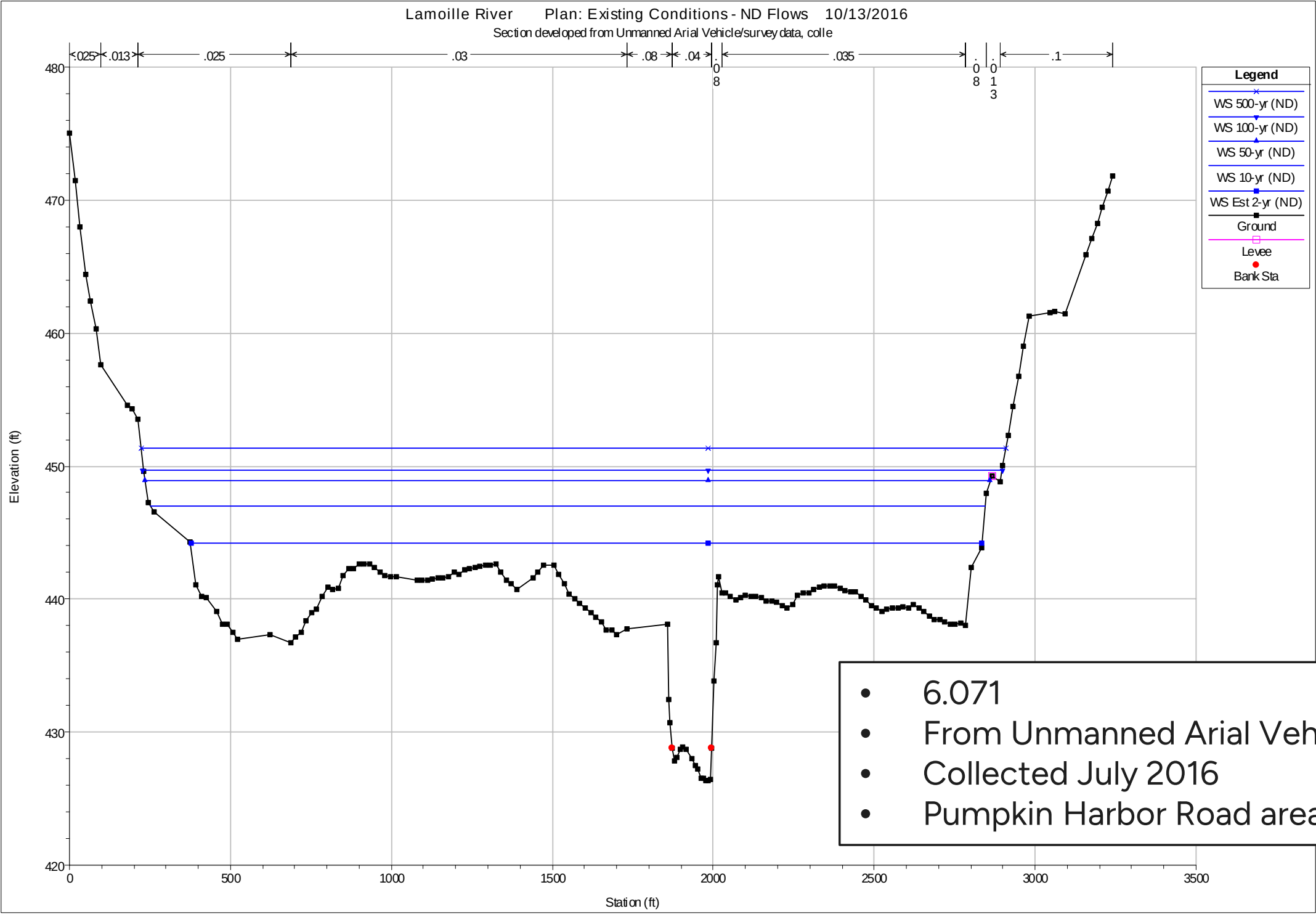


Flow Event	Eastern U.S. ¹	Idaho ²	Puget Sound Area ³	Red River Valley ⁴
Mean Annual	0.35			
Bankfull Flood	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
5 Year	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.7
10 Year	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.0
25 Year	1.6			
50 Year	1.8	1.4	1.7	2.4
100 Year	2.0*	1.5	1.8	2.5
200 Year				

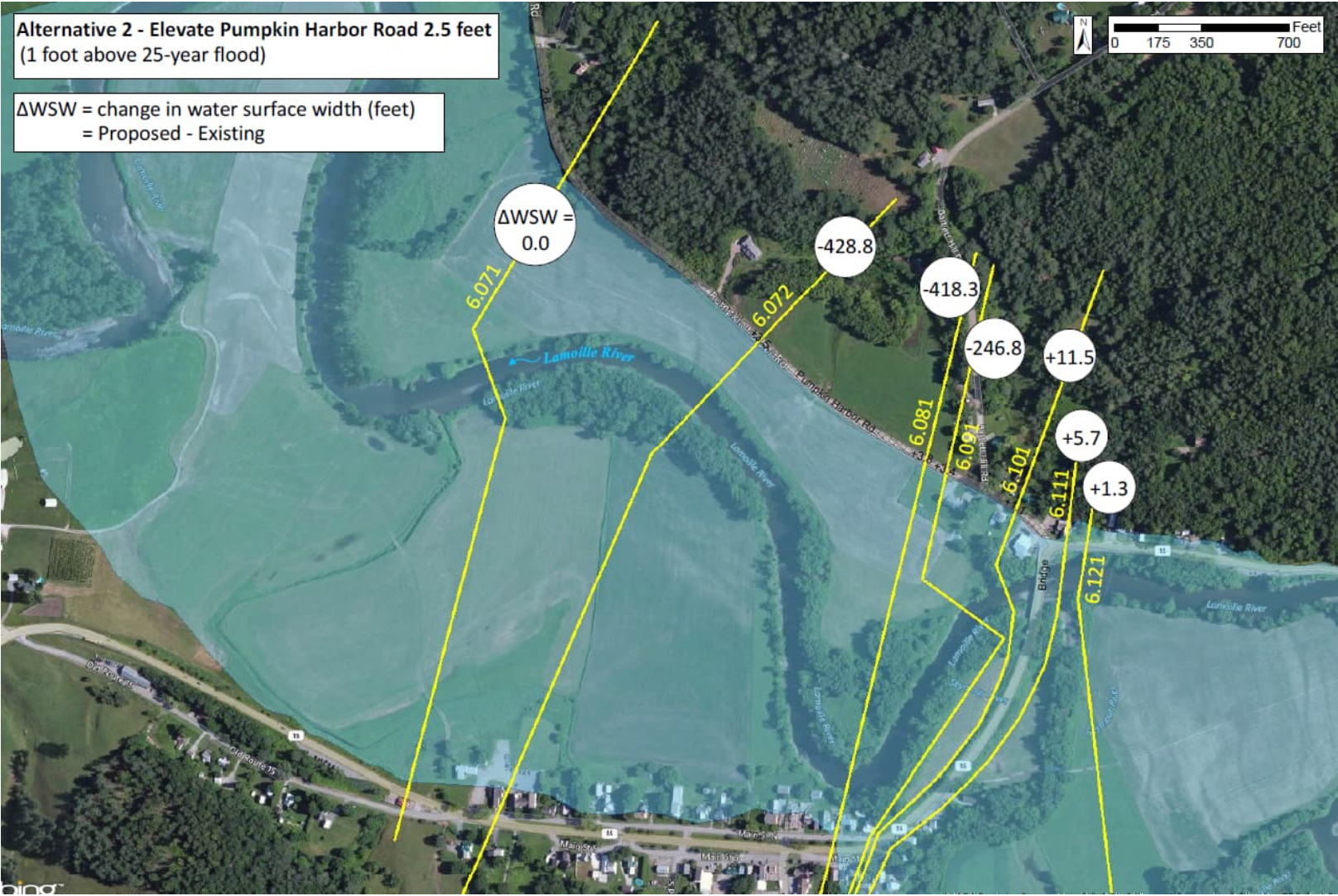
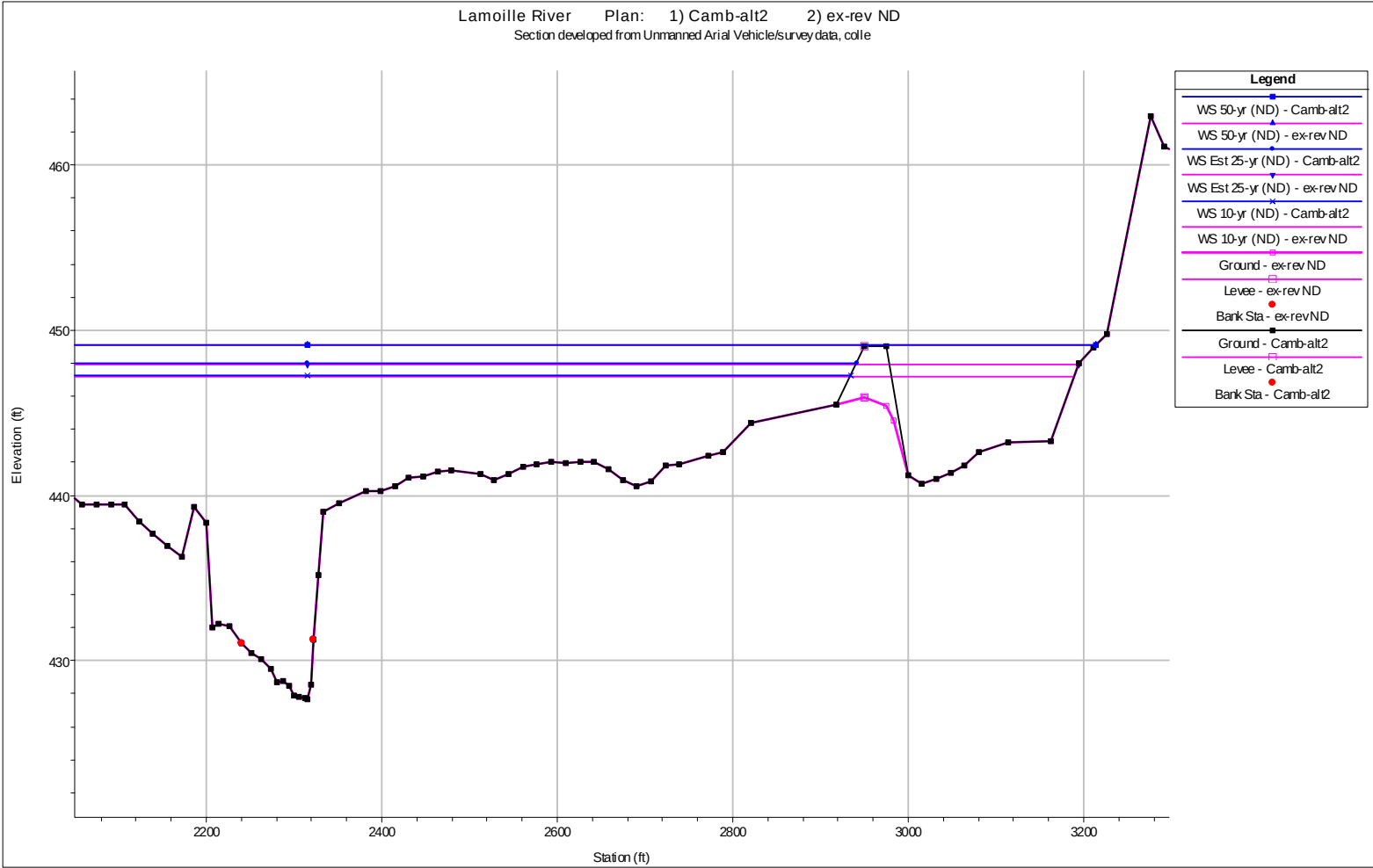
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¹ Leopold, 1964
² Emmett, USGS, Prof. Paper 870a, 1975
³ Dunne and Leopold, 1978
⁴ Padmanabhan, 2010

River Cross Section



Pumpkin Harbor Road, Cambridge



- Explored raising the road surface
- Evaluated changes in velocity, floodplain extent, water surface elevation
- Balance positive benefits and possible impacts

Agenda Item 8-C

November 5, 2025

CHAPTER 8

Public Nuisance Properties

SECTIONS

- 2200. Authority
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2200. Authority

This Ordinance is adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Albans pursuant to authority set forth in Chapters 59 and 61 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, including specifically 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291(13), (14), and (15) and § 18 (2) and (6) of the St. Albans City Charter.

2201. Statement of Findings and Purpose

The St. Albans City Council finds and declares as follows:

- 1) Properties where the police are repeatedly called for disorderly conduct, assault, larceny investigations, robbery investigations, prostitution, sex trafficking, illicit drug use, noise, and disturbance of the peace are public nuisances that threaten the public health, safety, and/or welfare;
- 2) Vermont law authorizes the City to define what constitutes a public nuisance and to provide procedures and take actions for its abatement or removal as the public health, safety, or welfare may require;

- 3) The St. Albans City Council therefore finds that public nuisance properties as herein defined threaten the public health, safety, and/or welfare and has developed this ordinance to take actions for the abatement and removal of the nuisance.

2202. Definitions

- 1) Public Nuisance Property means a rental unit(s) that has received three or more criminal citations within a 90 – day period or a civil violation of the City’s Fire Protection and Prevention Ordinance or Public Health and Safety Ordinance.

An act that is related to domestic violence against a tenant or occupant shall not qualify as nuisance activity.

- 2) Nuisance Activity means activities described in section 2202 (1) of this ordinance.
- 3) Property owner means the person(s) in whom is vested title to the property.
- 4) Person means any natural person, corporation, municipality, non-profit, the State of Vermont or any department or subdivision of the State, unincorporated association, or other legal entity.
- 5) Adjoiners means an adjoining property owner without regard for divisions based on a public or private right of way.

2203. Procedure for Addressing Public Nuisance Properties (PNPs)

- 1) The Fire Chief or Fire Marshal shall serve as the City’s enforcement officer for Public Nuisance Properties.
- 2) If the enforcement officer believes nuisance activities are occurring that could qualify the property as PNP, the officer shall notify in writing, the property owner listed on the rental registry.
- 3) If the enforcement officer believes a property has become a PNP, the officer shall notify the property owner and request a meeting to address the conditions that led to the determination of a public nuisance property. Such notification shall be in writing and shall delineate the specific conditions that the City seeks to be remediated. The meeting shall occur within 10 calendar days of the notice unless extended by the enforcement officer.

- 4) At the meeting, the enforcement officer and the property owner shall seek to develop a written Nuisance Abatement Plan. If a mutually agreeable plan is agreed to, the performance of the plan shall become part of the enforcement record for the property.

Nuisance Abatement Plans shall be reasonable under the circumstances and structured to be fully implemented within 45 days.

- 5) If a mutually agreeable plan of abatement is not agreed to, or if the property owner does not respond to request for a meeting, the enforcement officer must refer the matter to the City Council for a Public Nuisance Property Hearing.

2204. Public Nuisance Property Hearing

- 1) The City Council shall hold a PNP Hearing upon referral by the enforcement officer or appeal by the property owner. The property owner, tenants, and adjoining owners shall receive at least 14 days written notice of the hearing. Said notice shall delineate the specific nuisance activity in detail. The hearing shall be a quasi-judicial hearing. The enforcement officer, property owner, tenants, and adjoining owners shall have an opportunity to be heard, may be represented by counsel, and provide witnesses and experts as necessary. The City shall have the burden of proving the allegations by a preponderance of the evidence. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council shall issue a decision in writing.
- 2) The City Council's decision may provide for any combination of the following:
 - a) Order property owner to perform necessary building or property repairs and maintenance, add additional lighting, add security cameras, add limited access security system, limit access to common areas, or issue no trespass notices as needed.
 - b) Order property owner to initiate eviction proceedings.
 - c) Fine the property owner up to \$800 per incident day for non-compliance with conditions of Nuisance Abatement Plan and/or City Council decision. The Council may utilize, but is not limited to the following factors in making its determination as to the amount of the fine: 1) disturbance of neighbors; 2) recurrence of loud and obnoxious noises; 3) actions or lack of actions taken by the

property owner; 4) whether the problem at the property was repeated or continuous; 5) magnitude or severity of the health hazards created at the property and its adverse impacts on the health and welfare of residents, neighbors and visitors of the City; 6) cost of the city investigating and correcting or attempting to correct the public nuisance; 7) ongoing violations of the Rental Registry Program and/or the Public Health and Safety Ordinance.

- d) Declare the unit and/or property a public nuisance under Section 2108 (5)(a) of this ordinance and direct the enforcement officer to revoke the certificate of habitability for the property under the Rental Registry Program. Such revocation may be appealed to Superior Court pursuant to the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure.
- e) When it finds that a violation has occurred the City Council's decision may be enforced pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a.

2205. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.



City of Barre, Vermont

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ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 11/5/25**

Agenda Item No. 8-D

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Authorize creation of Neighborly Barre Committee

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT/PERSON: Councilor Hilgartner and Councilor Spaulding

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Neighborly Barre Initiative was presented to City Council on June 17th and included Neighbor Patrollers, Neighborly Neighbors, Fixed Resource People, Friendship Bench Volunteers, Neighborly Barre Educators and Friendly Neighbors (see attached for original proposal).

Councilor Hilgartner and Councilor Spaulding had a strategy meeting to brainstorm ways to move forward with the central *concept* of the BNI — that community issues are collective issues and respond best to collaborative approaches, while supporting downtown businesses, getting more people engaged and making Barre a welcoming, neighborly place for everyone. Based on the revised idea of the Neighborly Barre Initiative, we are asking the Council to appoint and charge a Neighborly Barre Committee, which will generate ideas and enthusiasm for volunteer-driven efforts to create community, build connections and engagement among residents, and boost simple projects (like picking litter, or "adopting" a bus stop) to beautify and care for our physical spaces. The Committee's role will be to generate ideas that provide opportunities for folks of all ages to come together to model the type of community we want to be; to collaborate with other organizations or committees (eg. the Barre Partnership, the River Access people, etc.) when projects overlap; and to encourage resident engagement in the City, its people, and its businesses and organizations.

We have a few people who are willing to serve on the committee, including Joanne Reynolds, Marjorie Strong, Ernie Drown and Tracie Lewis. Beth Hilgartner would like to serve as the council liason. The committee would consist of 5 members, with two members having 1 year terms that expire in 2026 and three members having 2 year terms that expire in 2027, and then 2 year terms for every member after the first one year terms expire.

Some of the ideas for projects include "adopt a bus stop" (a small team of volunteers who find ways to make bus stops clean, comfortable, welcoming, and pretty); potluck in the park (a chance for neighbors to gather and share fellowship); cider/baked goods give aways using food prepared and served by school kids; collaborating with downtown businesses and the Barre Partnership to craft a "pay it forward" model that provides a safe mechanism for neighbors to help others with immediate small needs; facilitating the formation of litter pick up groups, walking groups, etc. that bring people together and into our downtown; chalk art and other temporary/seasonal beautification efforts. There are, of course, many other possibilities.

EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING SOURCE: NONE

ATTACHMENT: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Move to approve the creation of a new committee, the Neighborly Barre Committee, with the charge to beautify, build connections and create community in Barre City.