



Trinity River Authority of Texas
Enriching the Trinity basin as a resource for Texans

Evaluation of Adopted SB3 Flow Standards for the Trinity River

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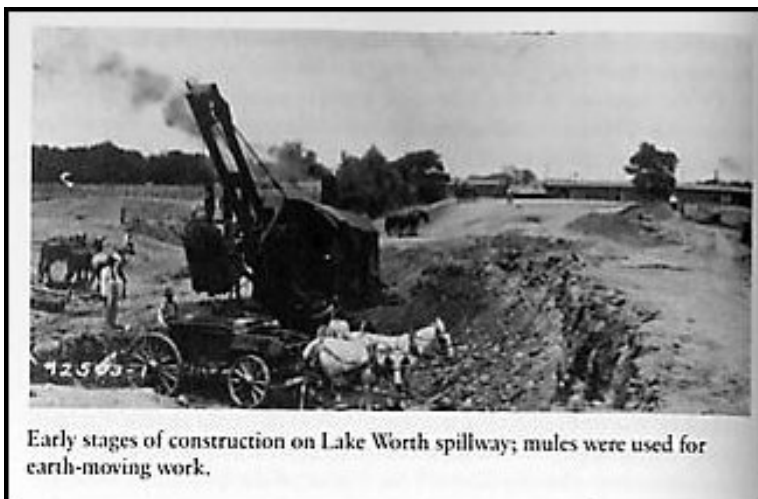
Most beautiful spot on the Trinity River?

Dallas SS WWTP

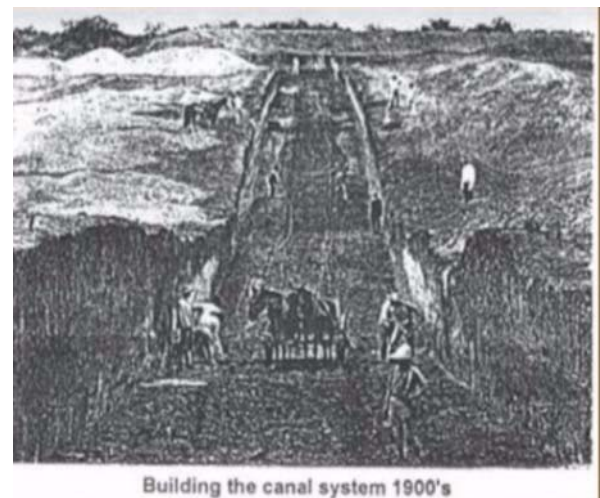


Environmental Flows & Water Planning

- Early 1900's – Legislature began addressing water resource management and development
 - 1904 – Constitutional amendment authorizing first public development projects
 - 1905 – Authorized drainage districts
 - 1913 – Irrigation Act created Texas Board of Water Engineers & Centralized Procedures for Water Rights
 - 1917 – Authorized what later became known as River Authorities



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Building the canal system 1900's

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Environmental Flows & Water Planning

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Average Annual Precipitation
(in inches) 1961-1990



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Environmental Flows & Water Planning

- Early-Mid 1950's – Drought of Record
- Mid-Late 1950's -- Formal Water Planning Begins
- 1957 – Texas Water Resource Planning Act
 - Created the TWDB
- 1961 – First Formal Plan:
 - A Plan for Meeting the 1980 Water Requirements for Texas
 - Top Down
- Mid 1990's -- **Bottom Up Planning**
- SB1, 1997 – **Regional Water Planning**

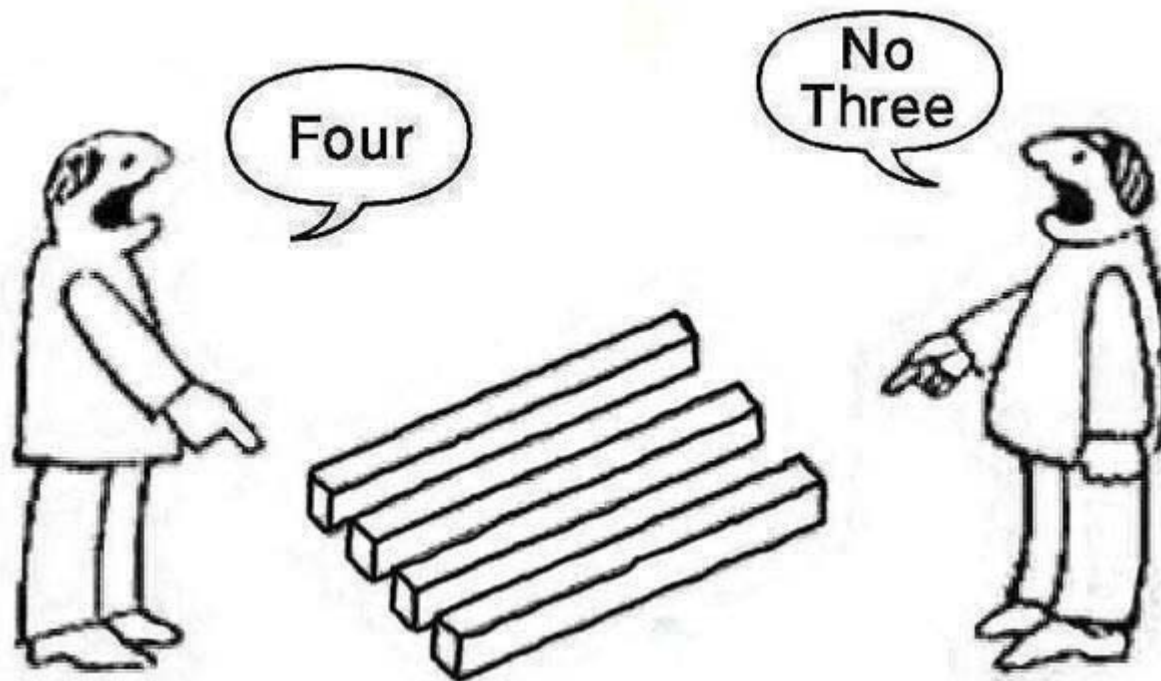


Environmental Flows & Water Planning

- Concern that water demands could negatively affect instream flows
 - SB2, 2001 – **Collect Data**
 - assess how much water rivers need to maintain a “sound ecological environment”
 - TIFP – TCEQ, TPWD, TWDB
 - SB3, 2007 – **Existing Data**
 - Senate Bill 3 was designed to be an accelerated, stakeholder-driven, scientific and consensus-based process to establish environmental flow recommendations

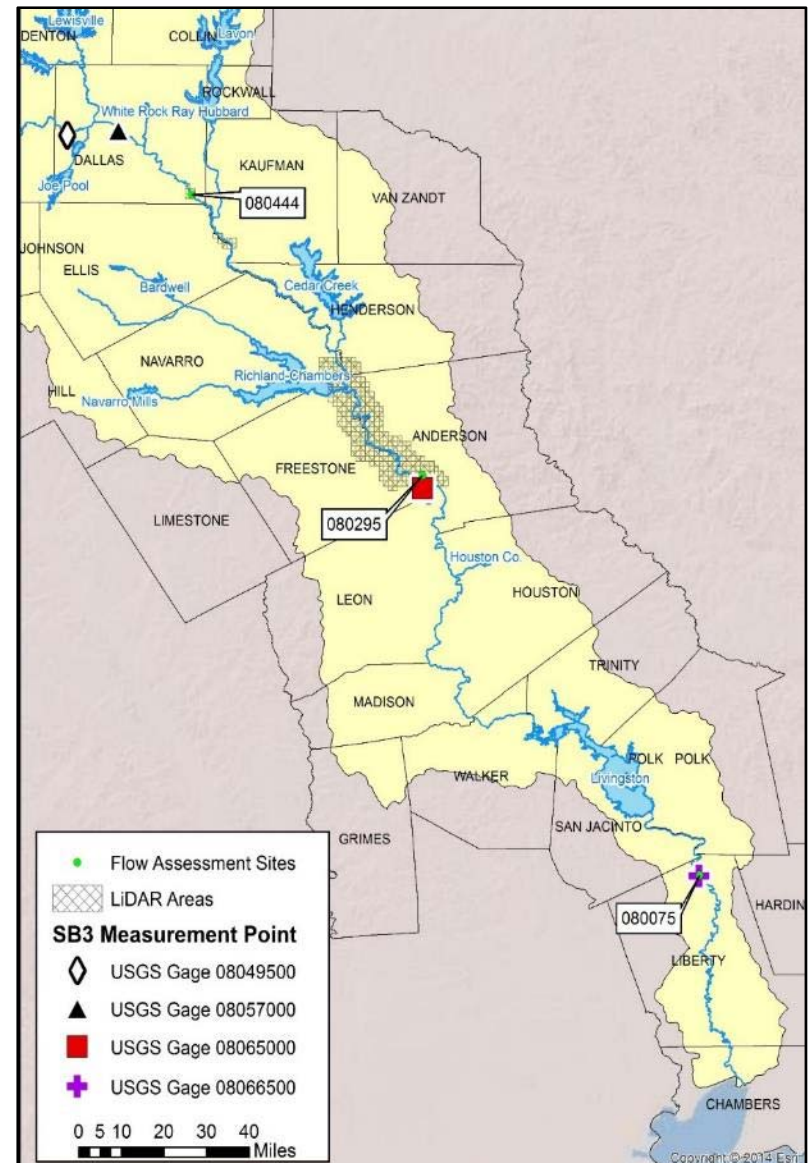
SB3 – E. Flows in the Trinity Basin

- Trinity and San Jacinto BBASC 2008 – 2010
- Adopted April 2011



Environmental Flows Validation

- SB3 Flow standards at 4 locations in the Trinity River:
 - USGS Gages:
 - Grand Prairie
 - Dallas (444 surrogate)
 - Oakwood
 - Romayor
- **Focus on Pulse Flows**



SB3 Adopted Flow Standards

8049500				8049500					
Grand Prairie				Dallas					
Season	Subsistence cfs	Base cfs	Pulse cfs		Season	Subsistence cfs	Base cfs	Pulse cfs	
Winter	19 cfs	45 cfs	Trigger	300 cfs	Winter	26 cfs	50 cfs	Trigger	700 cfs
			Volume	3,500 af				Volume	3,500 af
			Duration	4 days				Days	3 days
Spring	25 cfs	45 cfs	Trigger	1,200 cfs	Spring	37 cfs	70 cfs	Trigger	4,000 cfs
			Volume	8,000 af				Volume	40,000 af
			Days	8 days				Days	9 days
Summer	21 cfs	35 cfs	Trigger	300 cfs	Summer	22 cfs	40 cfs	Trigger	1,000 cfs
			Volume	1,800 af				Volume	8,500 af
			Days	3 days				Days	5 days
Fall	21 cfs	35 cfs	Trigger	300 cfs	Fall	15 cfs	50 cfs	Trigger	1,000 cfs
			Volume	1,800 af				Volume	8,500 af
			Days	3 days				Days	5 days
8065000				8066500					
Oakwood				Romayor					
Season	Subsistence cfs	Base cfs	Pulse cfs		Season	Subsistence cfs	Base cfs	Pulse cfs	
Winter	120 cfs	340 cfs	Trigger	3,000 cfs	Winter	495 cfs	875 cfs	Trigger	8,000 cfs
			Volume	18,000 af				Volume	80,000 af
			Days	5 days				Days	7 days
Spring	160 cfs	450 cfs	Trigger	7,000 cfs	Spring	200 cfs	575 cfs	Trigger	10,000 cfs
			Volume	130,000 af				Volume	150,000 af
			Days	11 days				Days	9 days
Summer	75 cfs	250 cfs	Trigger	2,500 cfs	Summer	230 cfs	625 cfs	Trigger	4,000 cfs
			Volume	23,000 af				Volume	60,000 af
			Days	5 days				Days	5 days
Fall	100 cfs	250 cfs	Trigger	3,000 cfs	Fall	230 cfs	625 cfs	Trigger	4,000 cfs
			Volume	18,000 af				Volume	60,000 af
			Days	5 days				Days	5 days

Priority Date: 15 May, 2011

Project Goal and Tasks

Goal:

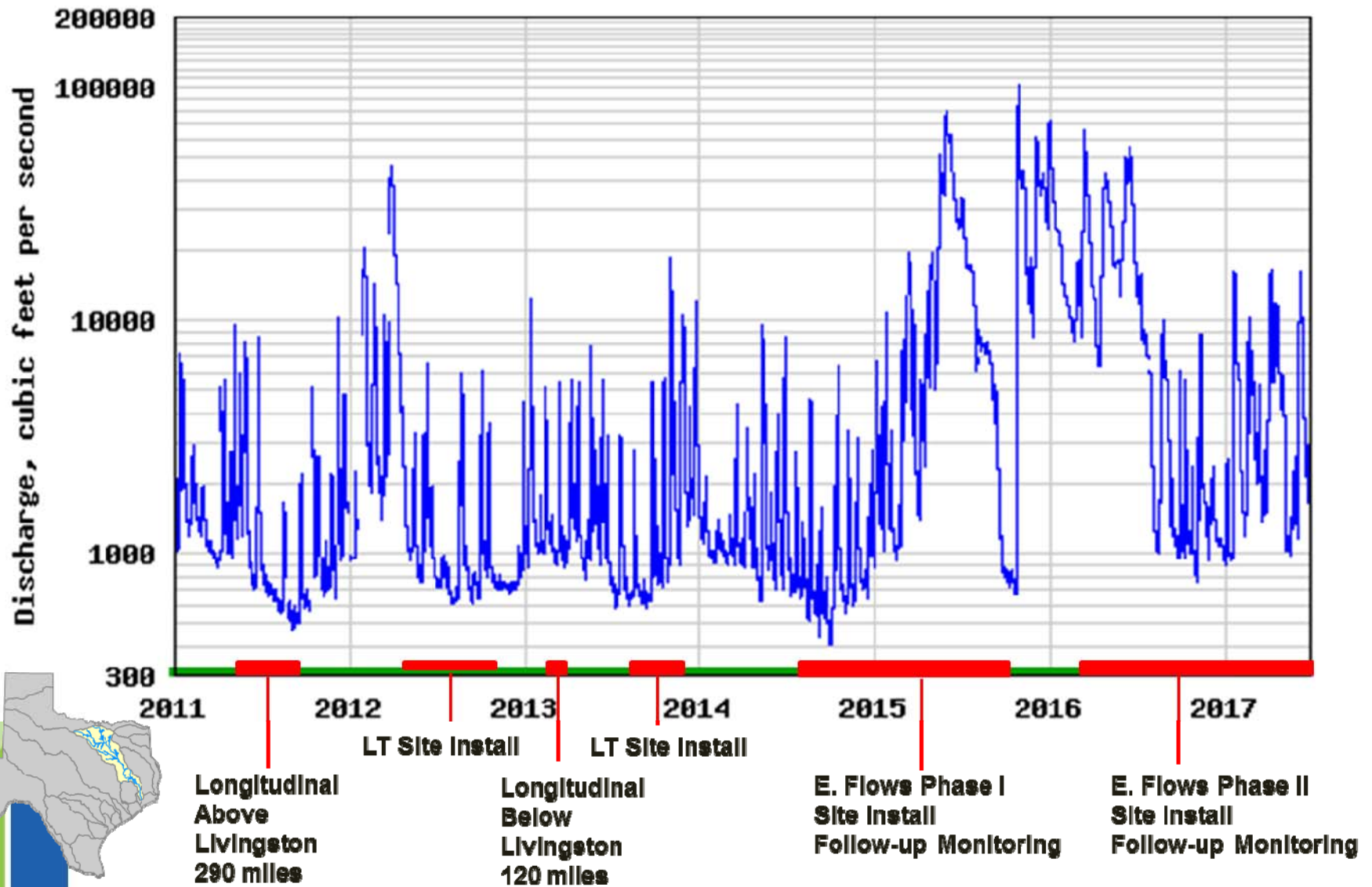
Use data to assess the instream physical and ecological functions of the SB3 Flow Standards.

Tasks:

1. Reconnaissance
2. Study Design
3. Field Work
4. Data Processing
5. Data Analysis
6. Reporting
7. Data Archiving
8. Information Dissemination



Background



Field Work

2011 & 2013 Longitudinal (435 miles)



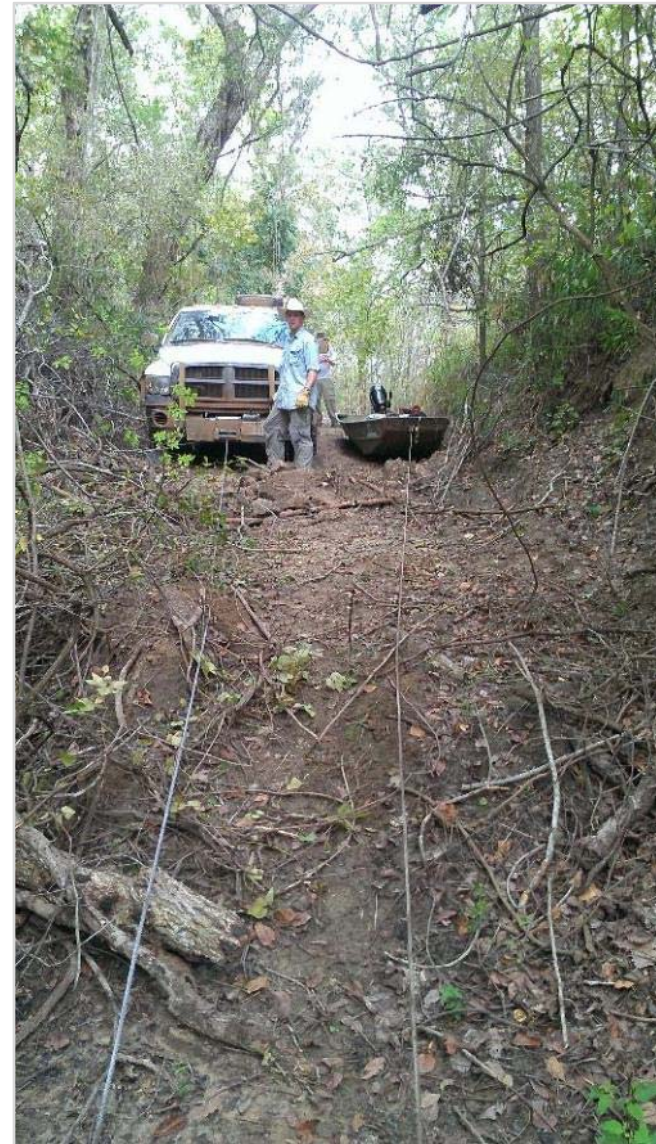
Field Work

2012 Supplemental Biological



Field Work

E. Flow Validation, Phase I & II



Hardened Bench Marks (LB and RB)

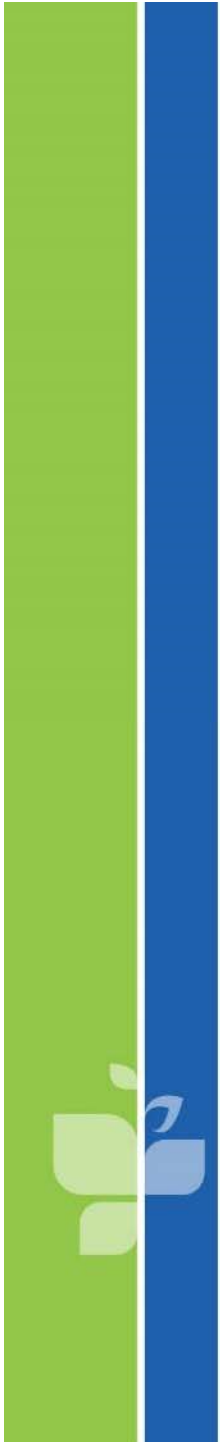


Survey Grade RTK GPS Data



Survey Grade Topo and Bathymetry





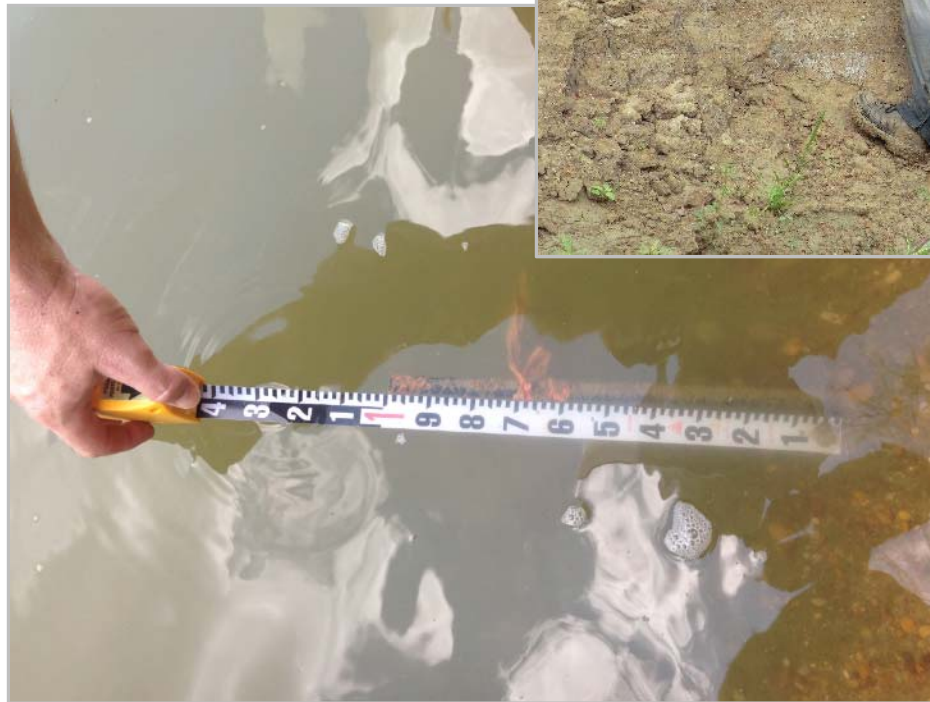
Bathymetry



Sediment Samples



Installation / Monitoring of Bank Pins



Riparian Survey



Pressure Transducer Installation



Water Quality



Field Photographs



080444 – Relic USACE Lock



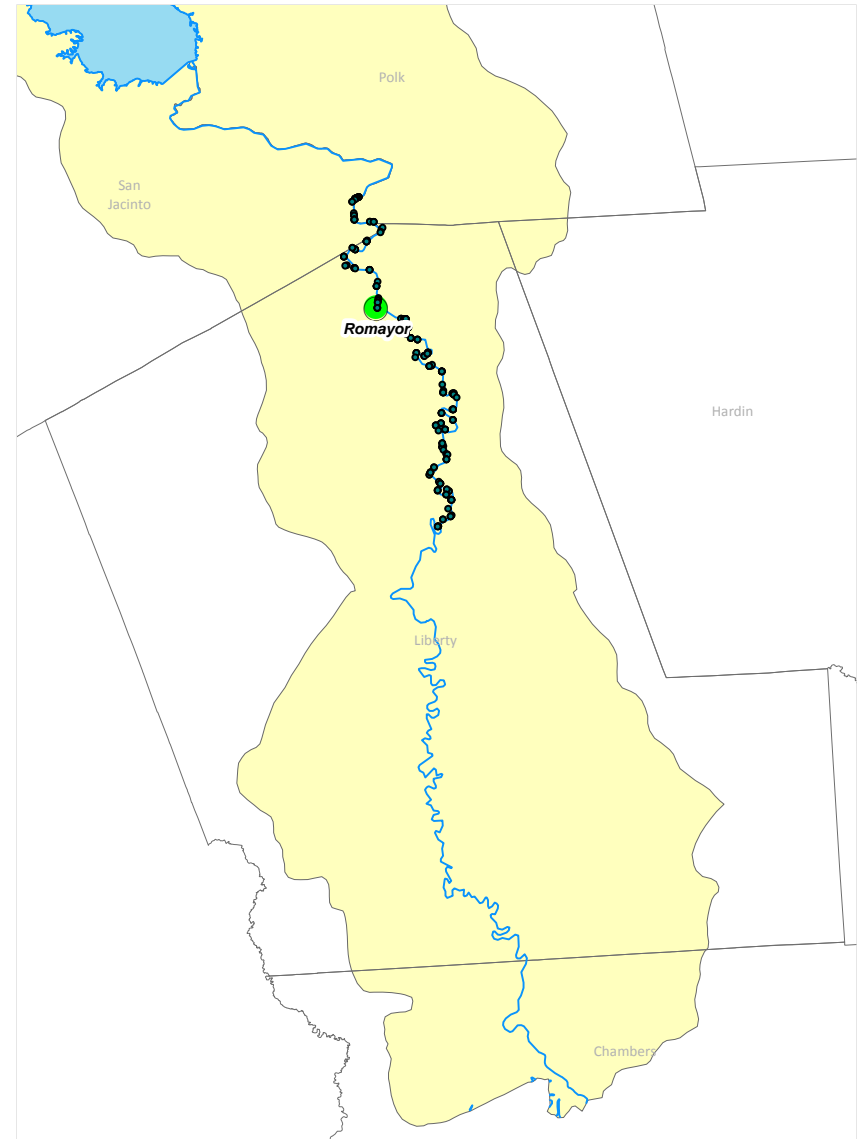
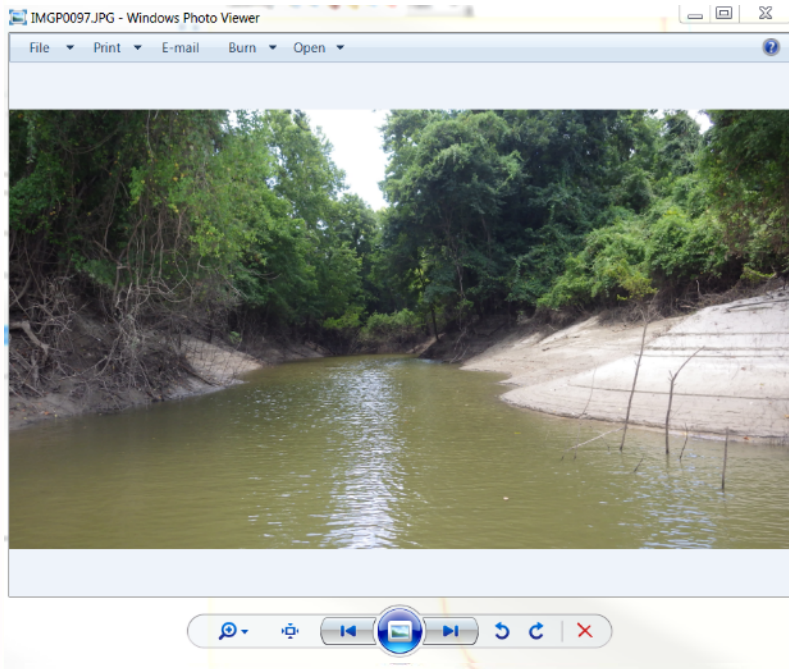
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Automated Game Camera Installation

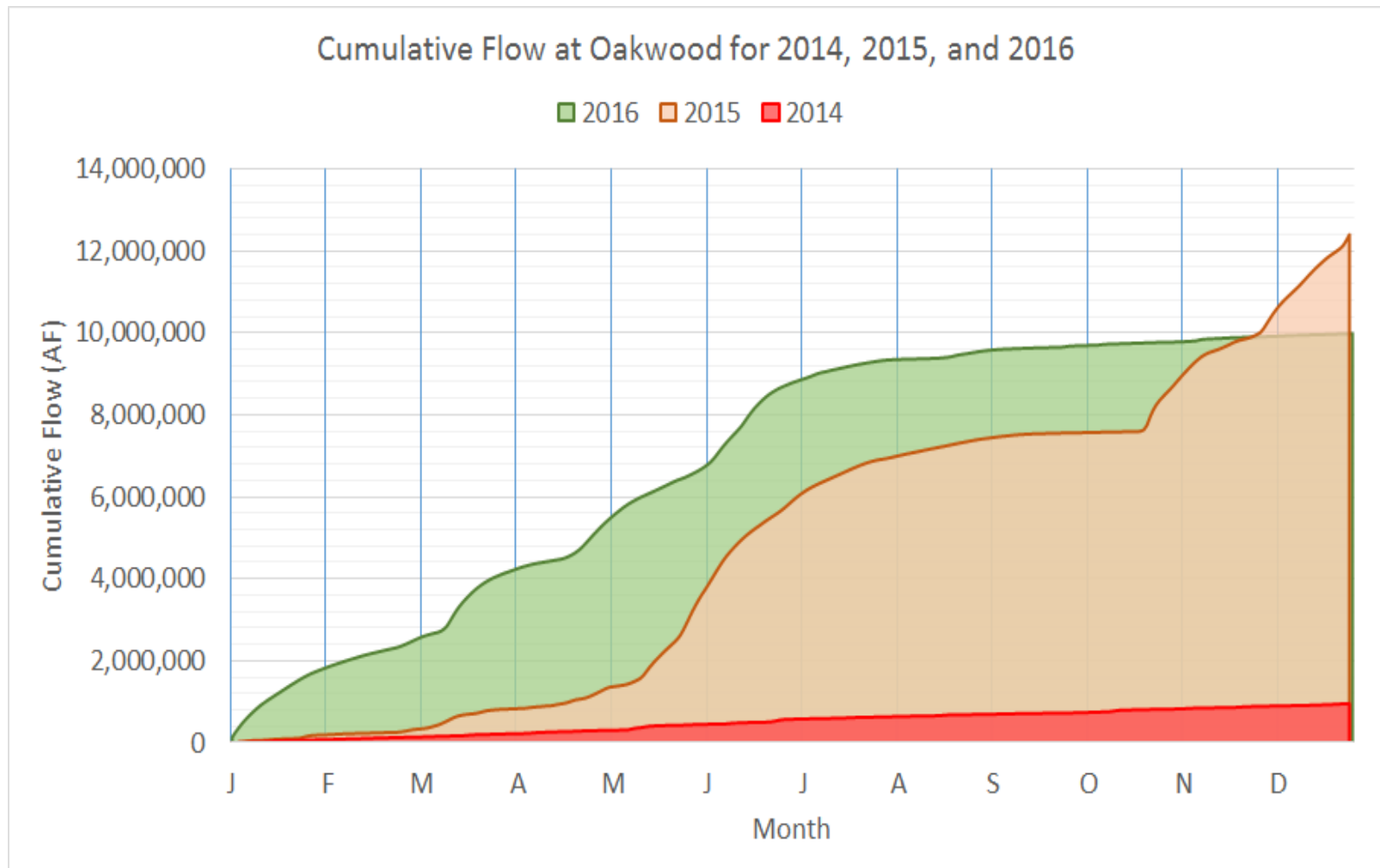


Linear Survey



Dealing with Reality

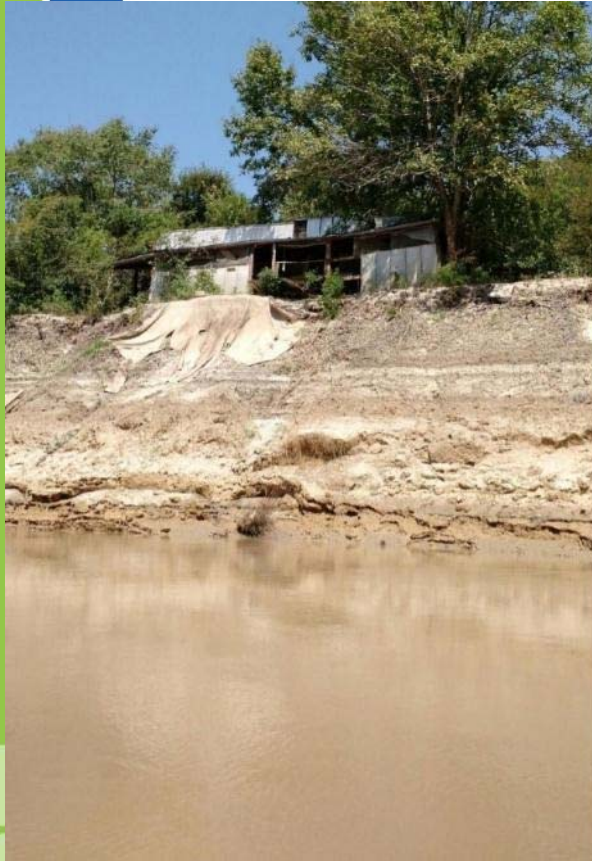
- Flooding and high releases in 2015 & 2016



Floods and High Flows



080295 – Overbanking Work



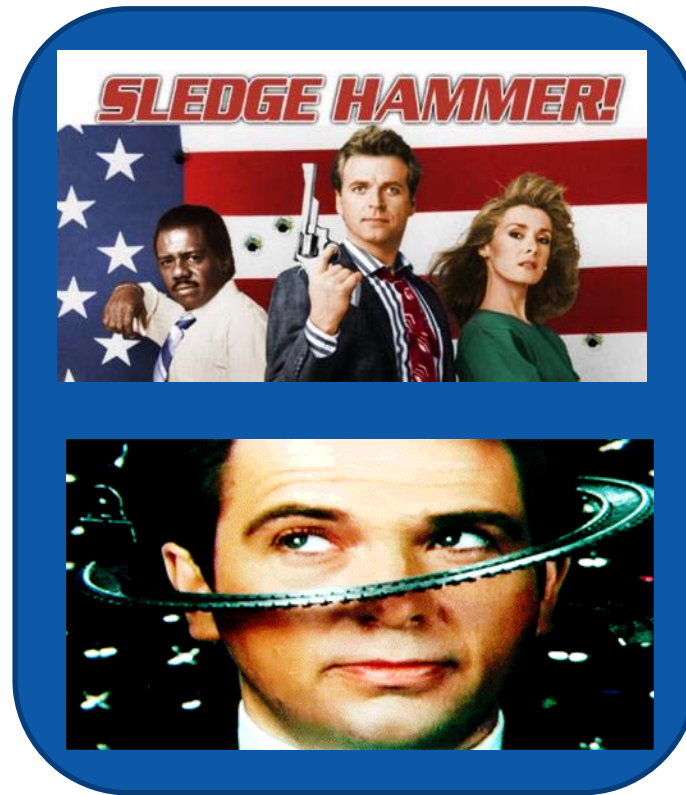
~7,000 cfs



~60,000 cfs

Processing and Analysis

Field Data



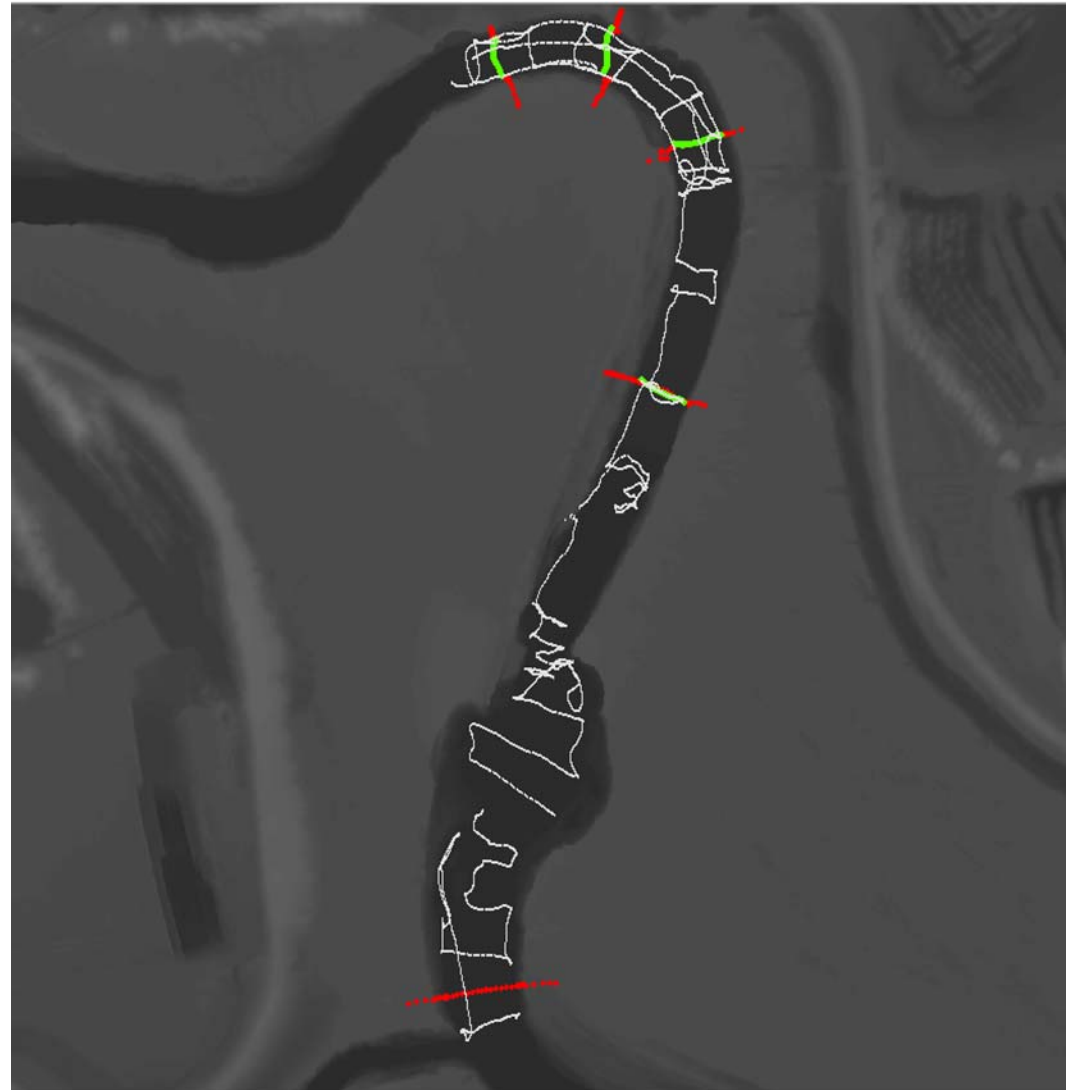
Information

Sediment Processing



Data Processing - Survey

- Bathymetry
 - M9
 - Wading rod
- Topography
 - RTK GPS
 - Total Station
- DTM
 - LiDAR
 - USGS Topo
 - USGS DEM

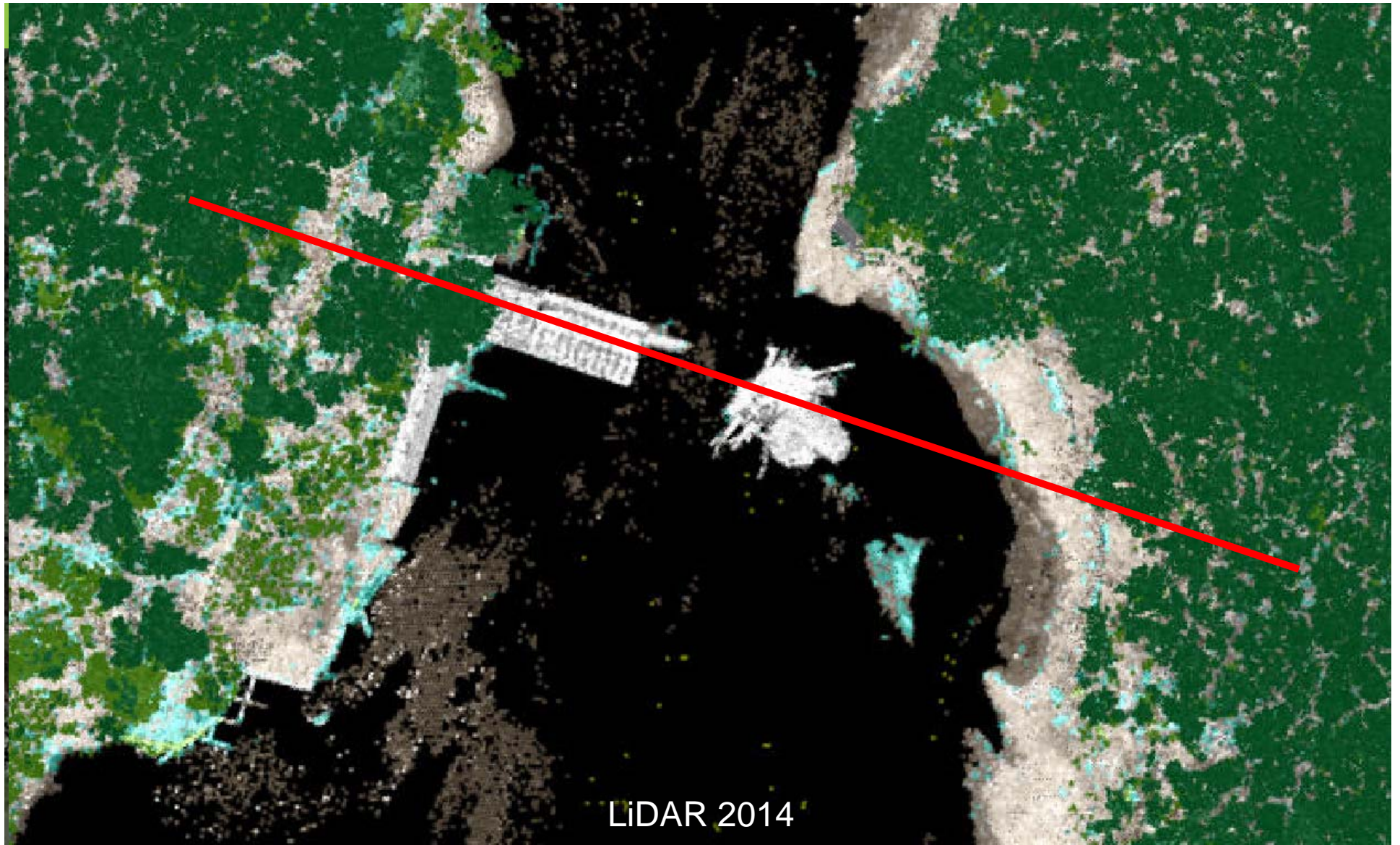




Example LiDAR
near RM 444

Google earth





LiDAR 2014

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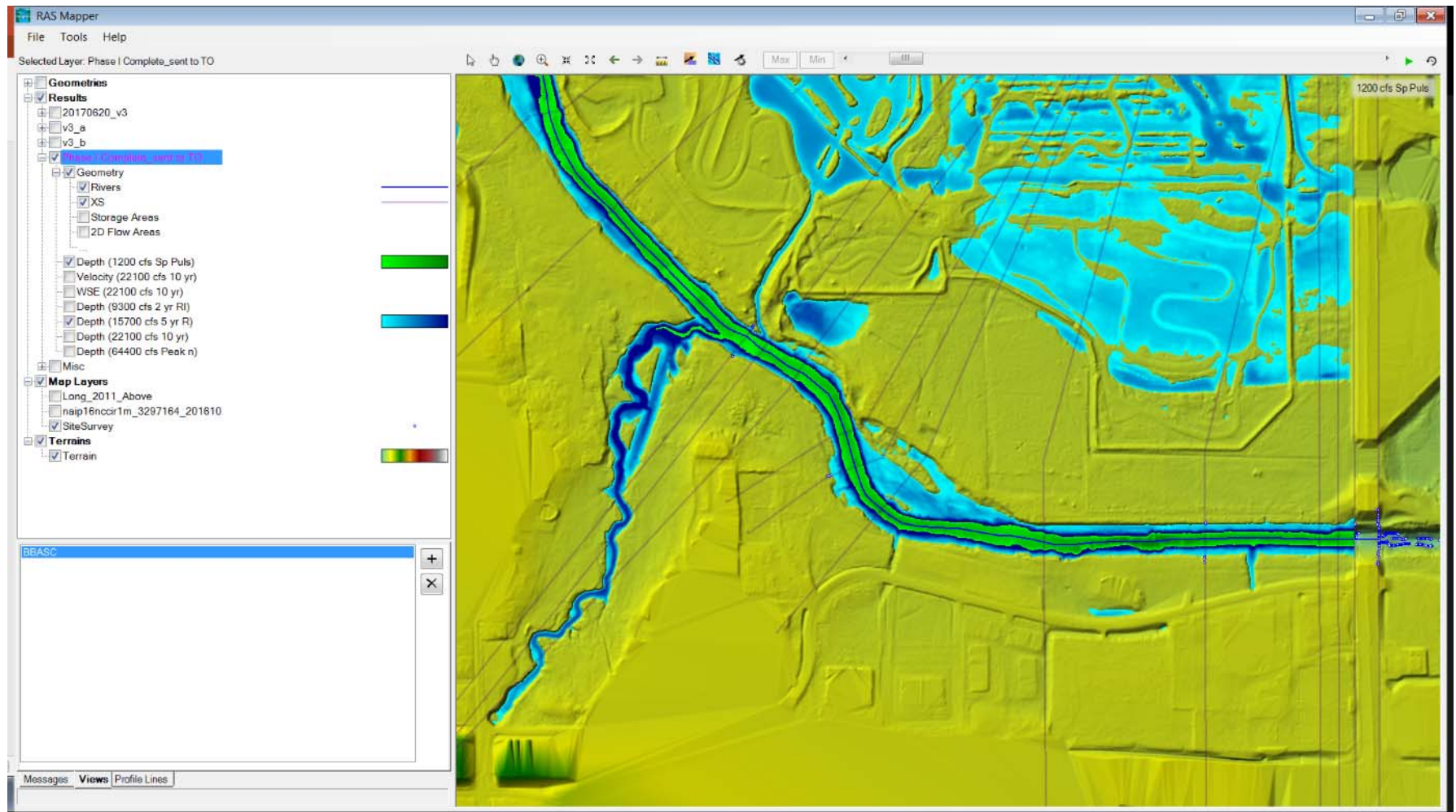
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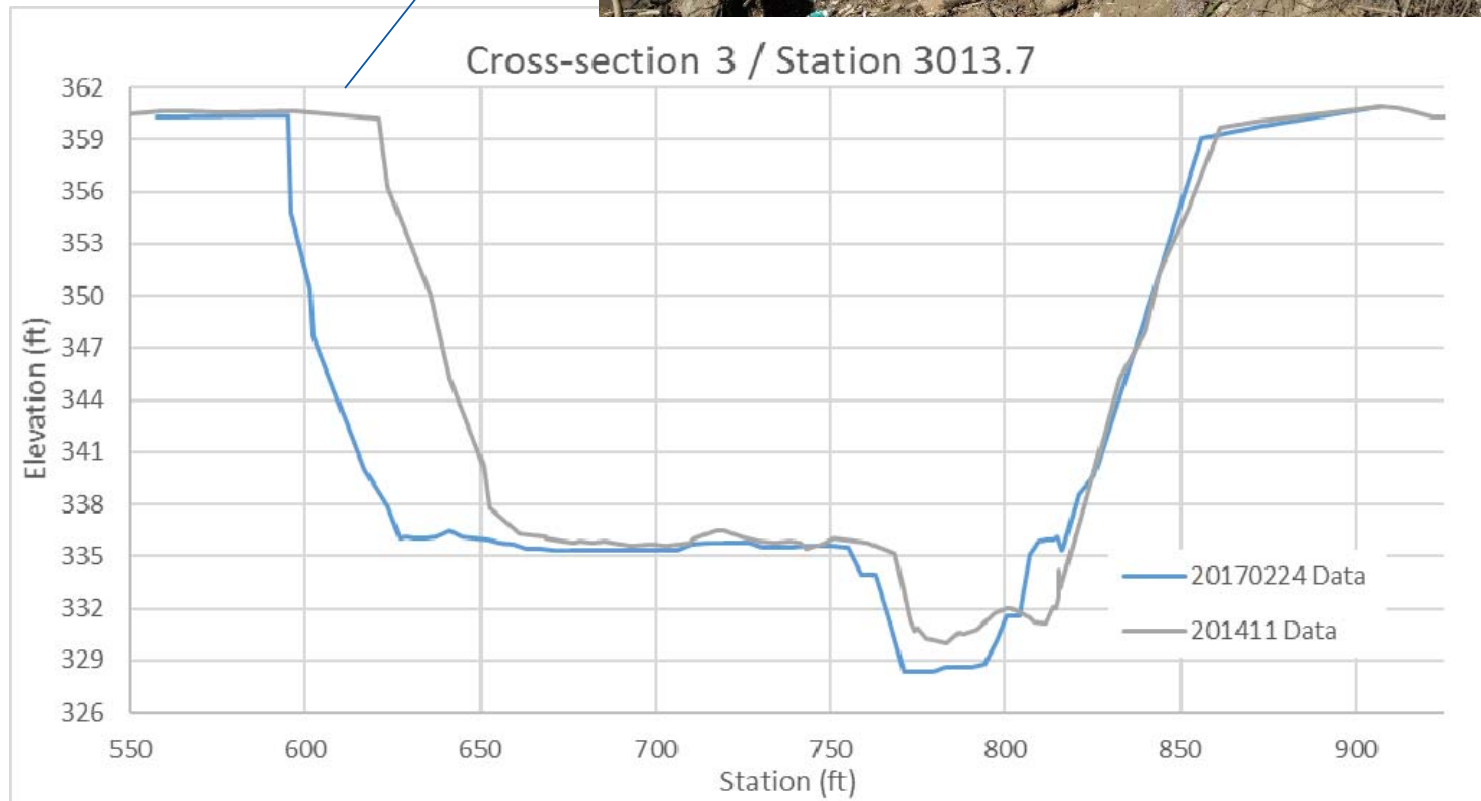
Modeling & Analysis

- Inundation modeling



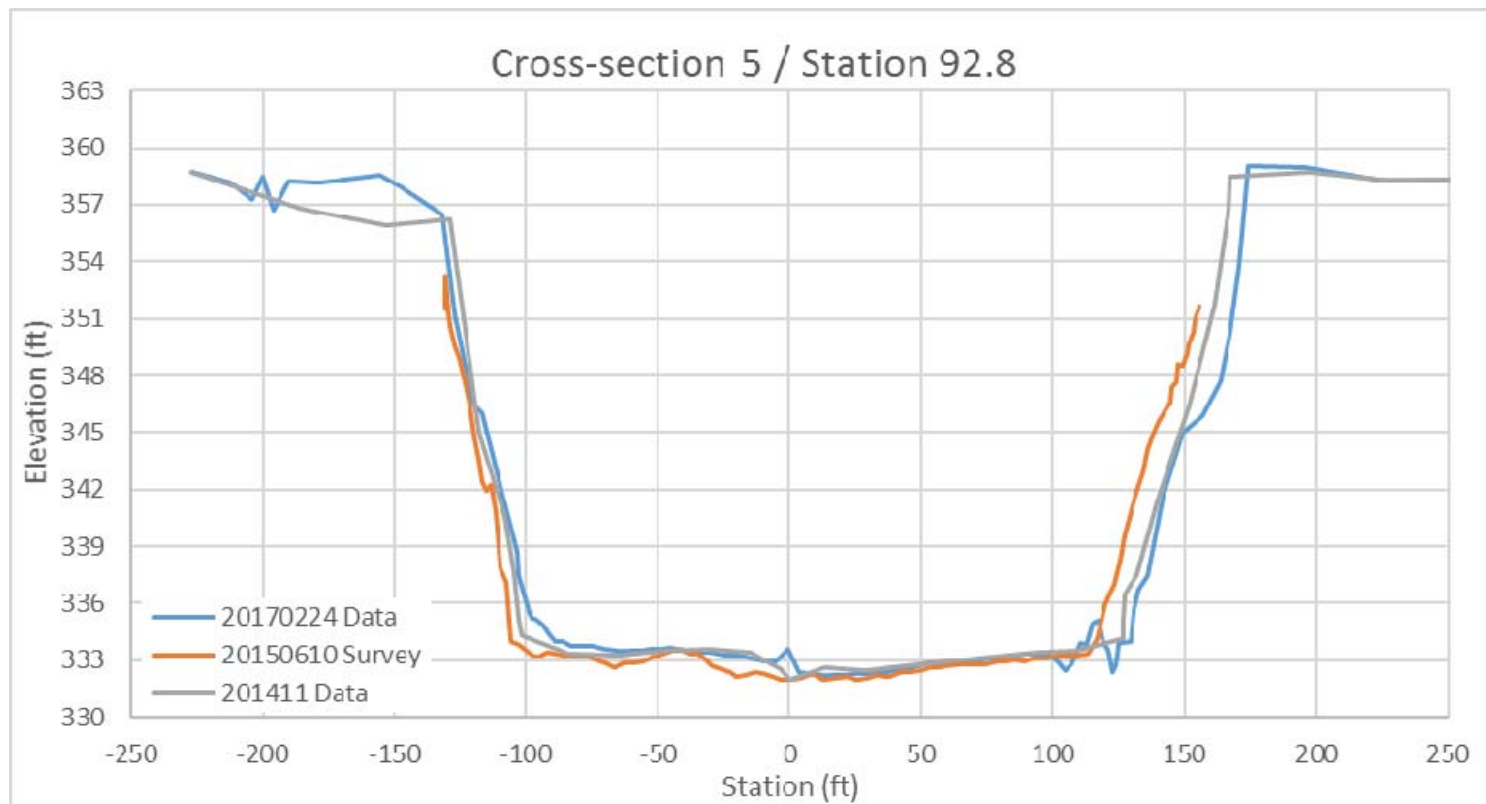
XS Migration

- River Mile 444 —

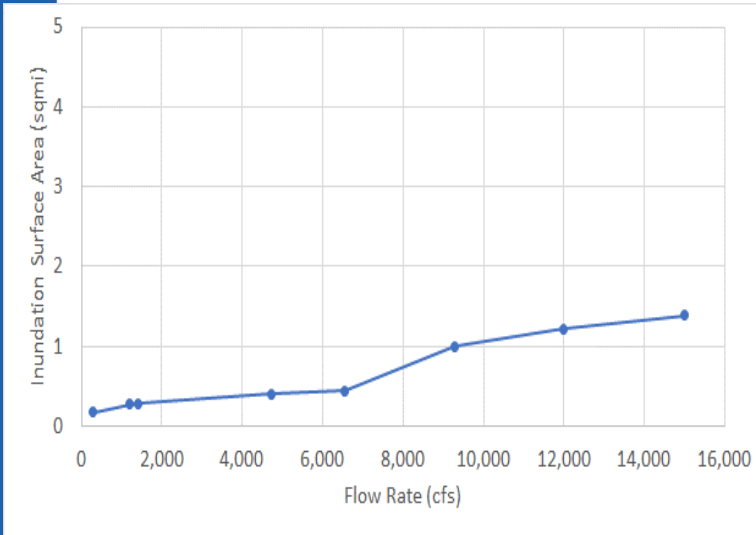


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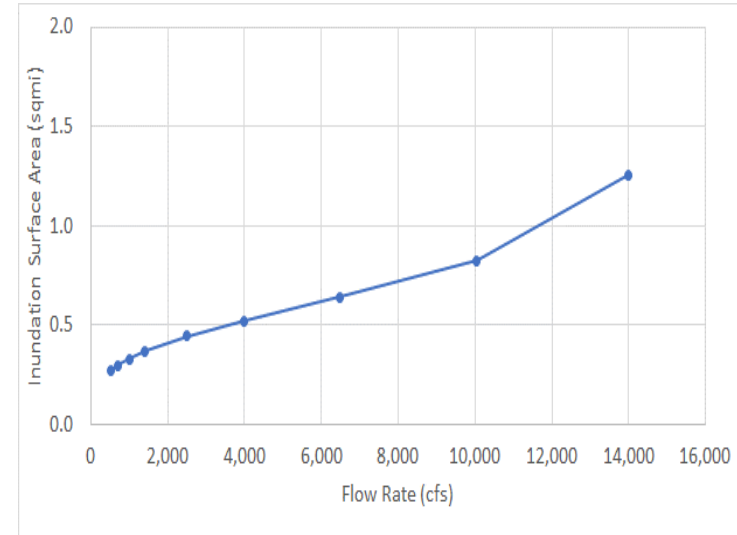
- River Mile 444 – Failed Lock Structure



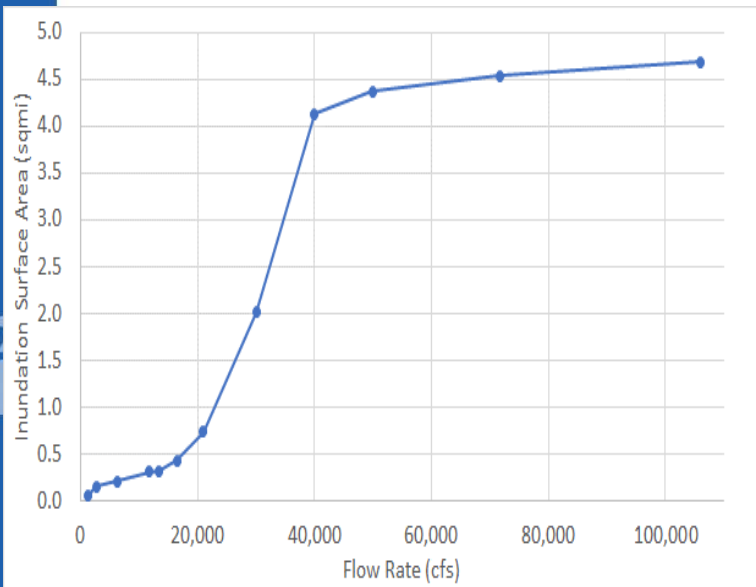
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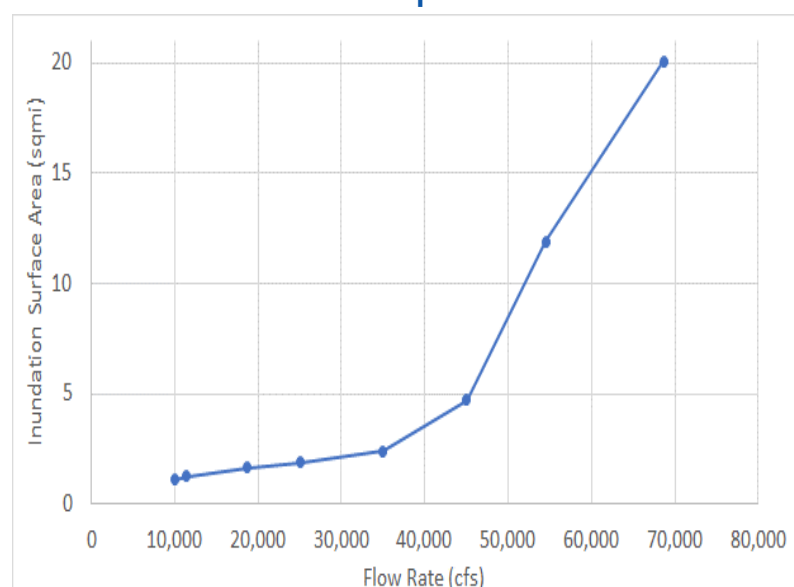
Grand Prairie



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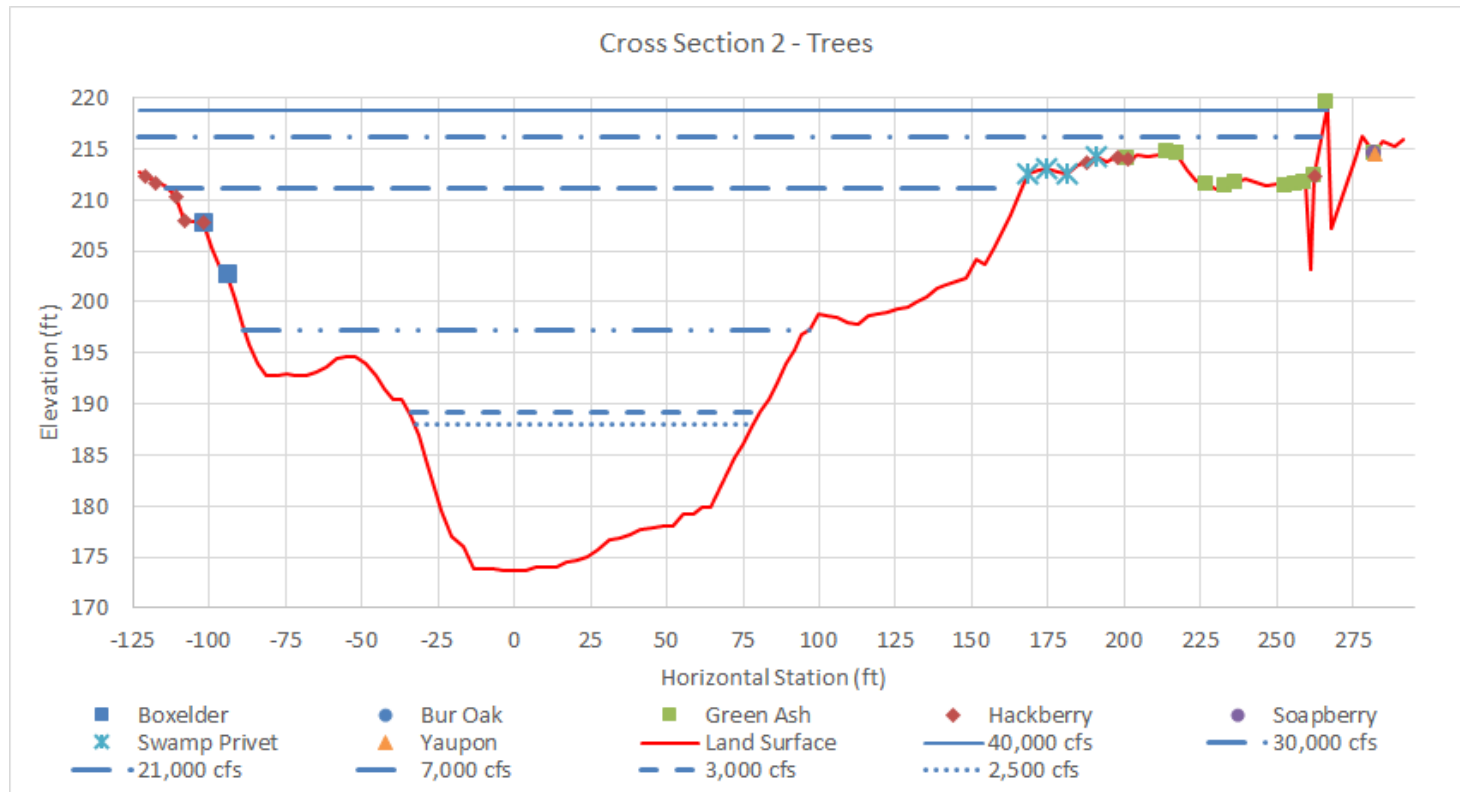
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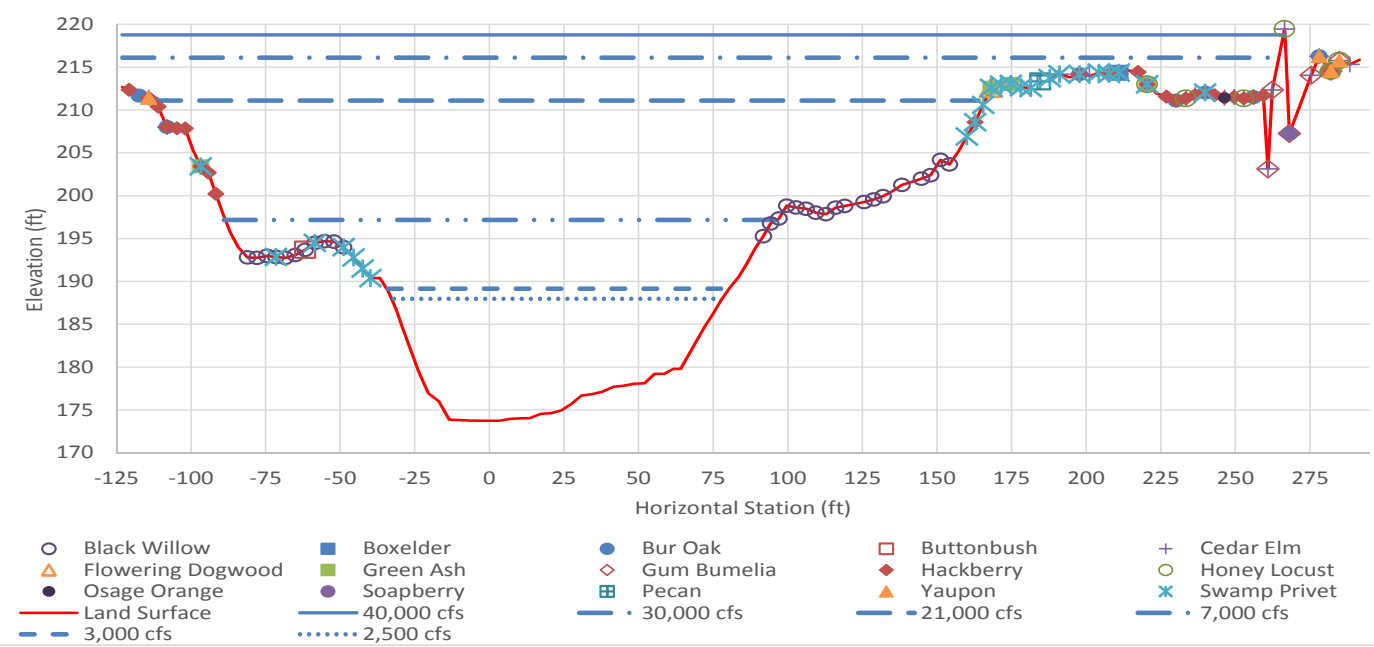
Romayor

Riparian Recruitment Analysis

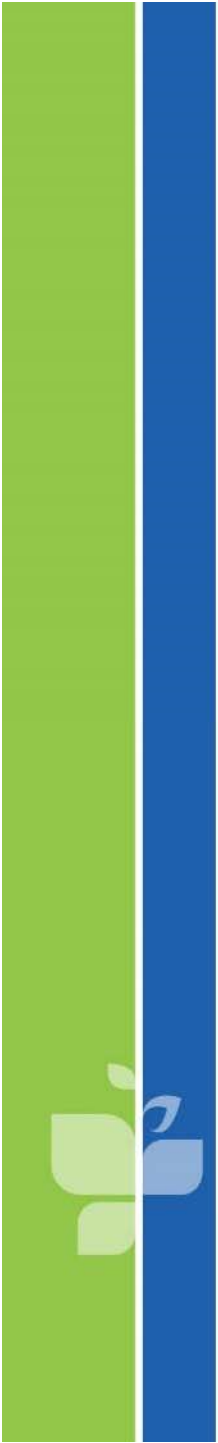
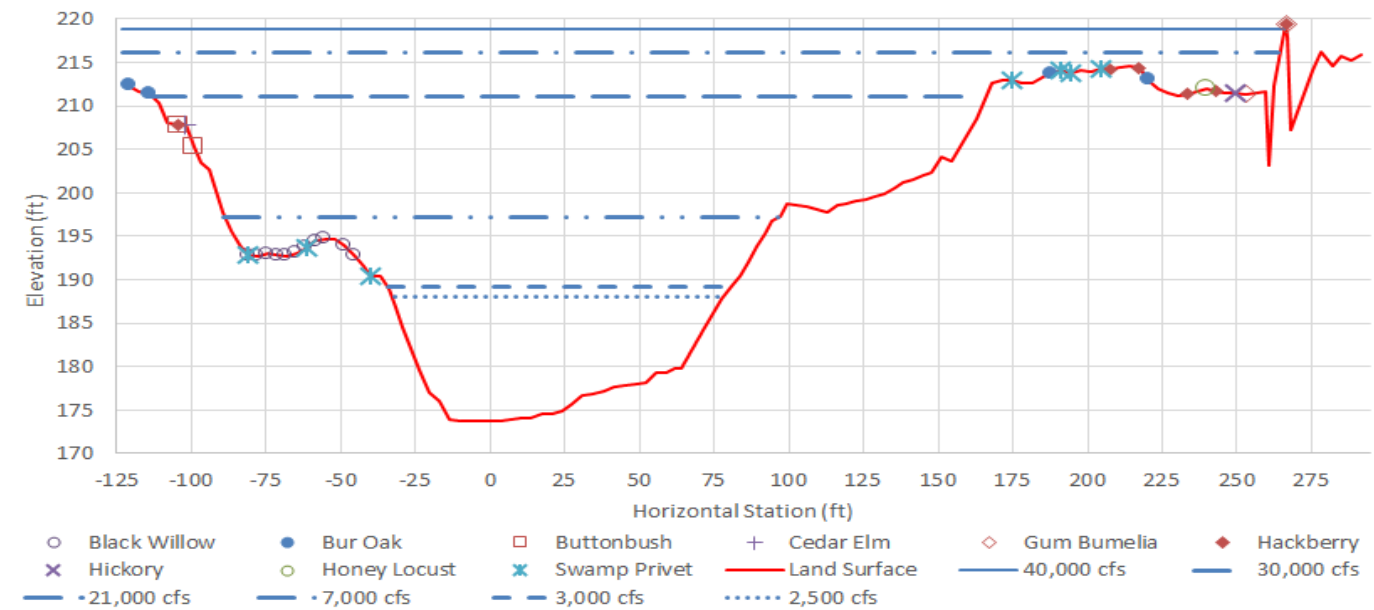
- Trees, Saplings, Seedlings at Oakwood



Cross Section 2 - Saplings



Cross Section 2 - Seedlings

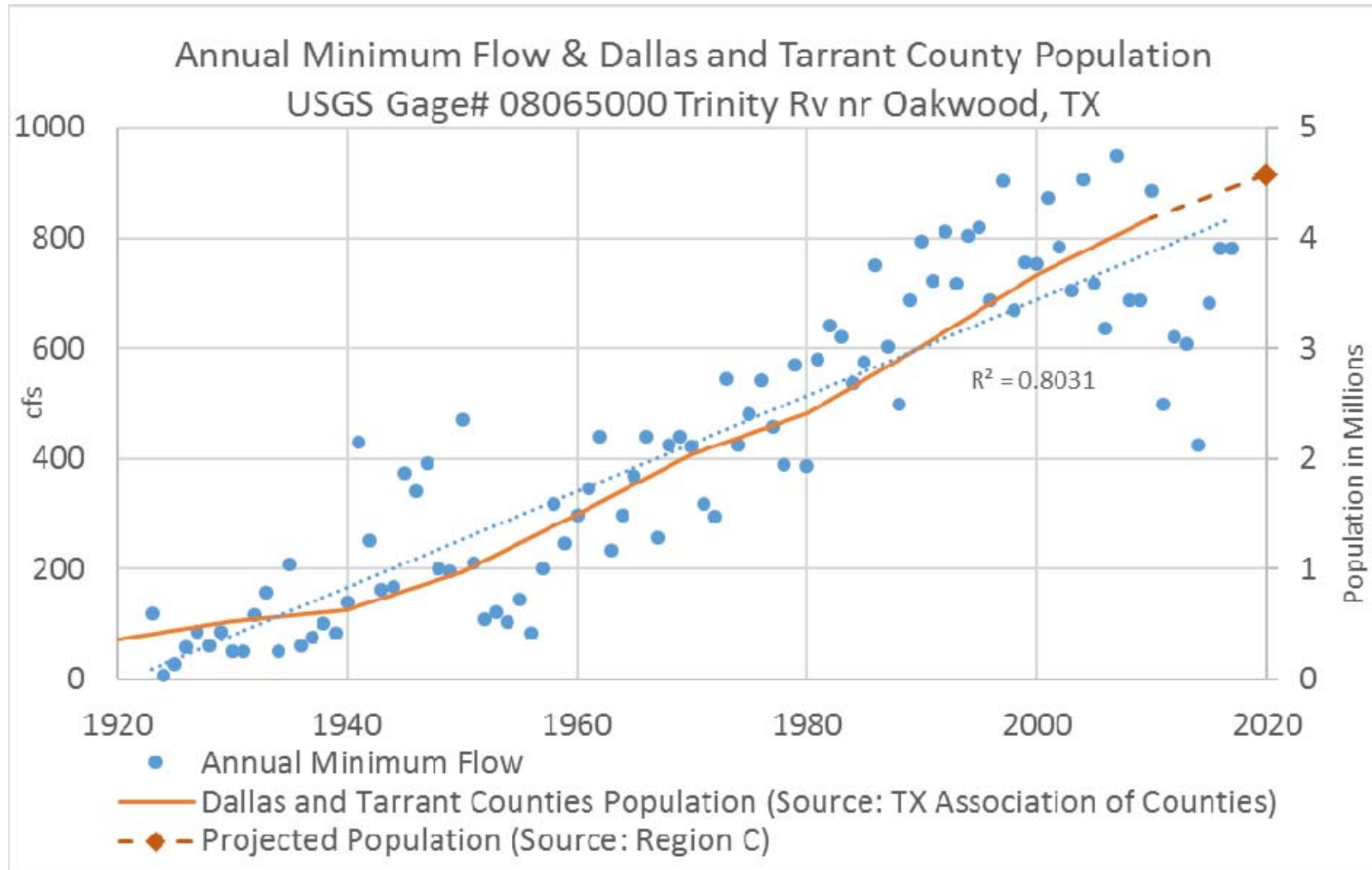


Riparian Analysis

- Many cores rotten from extended flooding in 2015/16



Baseflow Analysis



Water Rights Analysis (WAM)

	WAM CP 8WYGP				WAP CP 8TRDA				WAM CP 8TROA			
	USGS Gage 08049500 West Fork Trinity River at Grand Prairie, TX				USGS Gage 08057000 Trinity River at Dallas, TX				USGS Gage 08065000 Trinity River near Oakwood			
SB3 Base Flow (cfs)	45	45	35	35	50	70	40	50	340	450	250	260
Season	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F
Full Auth. NO Return Flows (Run 3)	75.4%	96.5%	80.7%	77.2%	86.0%	96.5%	91.2%	78.9%	94.7%	98.2%	89.5%	77.2%
Naturalized Flows	100.0%	100.0%	94.7%	89.5%	100.0%	100.0%	98.2%	93.0%	100.0%	100.0%	94.7%	91.2%
Run3 Compact Mod	100.0%	100.0%	98.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	96.5%

Above
Livingston
Average 99%

Below
Livingston
Average 96%

	SB3 Baseflow Targets at USGS Gage 08066500 Trinity River at Romayor, TX			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Region H Water Demands (yr)	875	1150	575	230
2020	953	1045	1159	806
2030	1176	1289	1430	994
2040	1265	1387	1539	1070
2050	1298	1424	1580	1098
2060	1315	1442	1600	1112
2070	1327	1456	1615	1122

Results Summary

Table 12. SB3 flow assessment - 080444 Dallas

Site 080444 – Dallas Assessment of SB3 Flow Standards				
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Subsistence				
	26 cfs	37 cfs	22 cfs	15 cfs
Flow is satisfied by existing or future water rights/return flow agreements*	Y 100%	Y 100%	Y 100%	Y 100%
SB2 WQ goals are met	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Base Flows				
	50 cfs	70 cfs	40 cfs	50 cfs
Flow is satisfied by existing or future water rights/return flow agreements*	Y 100%	Y 100%	Y 98.2%	Y 100%
SB2 WQ goals are met	N/a	DO – Y Temp – Y**	N/a	N/a
High Flow Pulses				
Trigger Duration	700 cfs 3 days	4,000 cfs 9 days	1,000 cfs 5 days	1,000 cfs 5 days
Sediment and Channel Maintenance				
Moves dominant sediment through riffles	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moves dominant sediment through pools	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moves dominant riffle sediments through pools	N	N	N	N
Riparian trees				
Inundates riparian tree species	N	N	N	N
Inundates 50% of the riparian area	N	N	N	N
Inundates too long	N	N	N	N
If no inundation, what flow would begin to inundate riparian area	14,000 cfs (5 recent events >= 5 days)***			
Connection to Floodplain				
On-channel backwater habitats	N	N	N	N
Off channel backwater (trib and gullies) (OCBW)	N	N	N	N
If no connection, what flow would begin to connect OCBW	7,000 cfs (16 recent events >= 5 days)***			
What flow is overbank?	n/a			
National Weather Service Flood Triggers	Not Available			
Notes:				
* - See Section 3.4 for additional information and methods, period of record, and reliability.				
** - goal may not be met in some backwater locations during portions of an unusually hot summer afternoon				
*** - For most recent 10 year period 2007-09-01 through 2017-08-31				

Instream Flow Studies - Perspective



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(More than you ever wanted to Know)

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Sediment

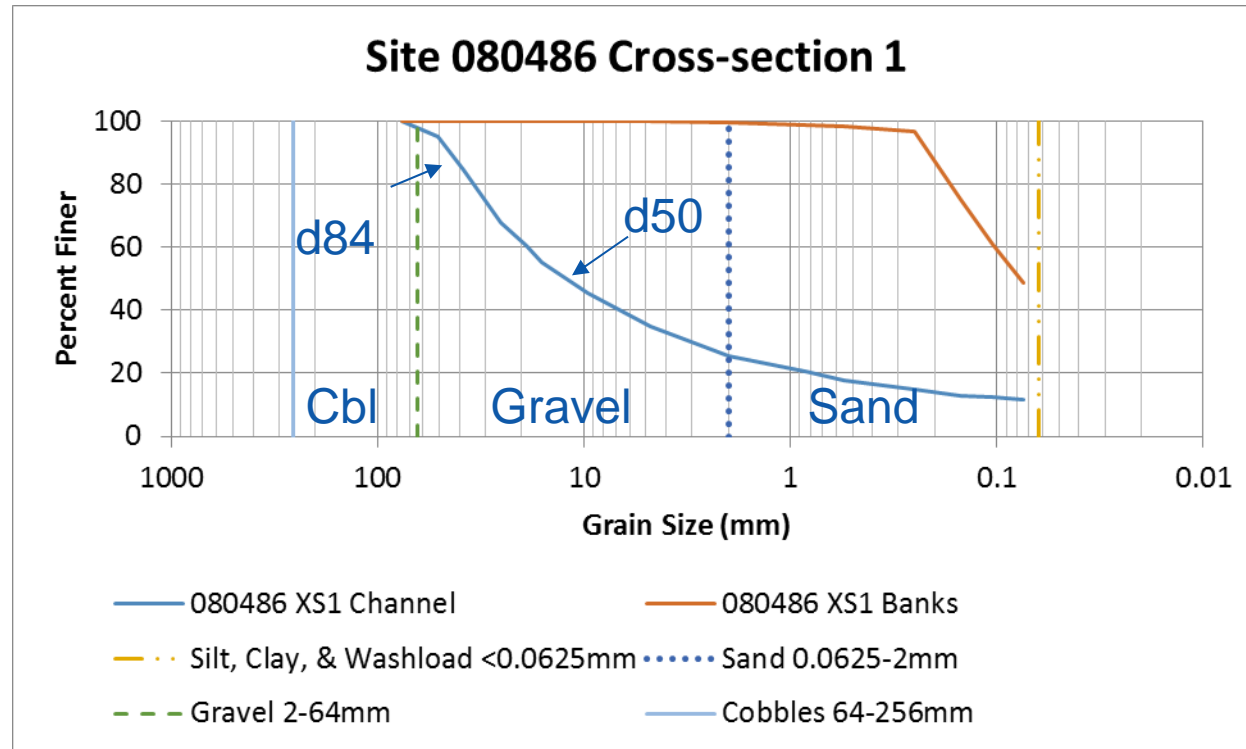


Table 1. Shear stress causing incipient motion

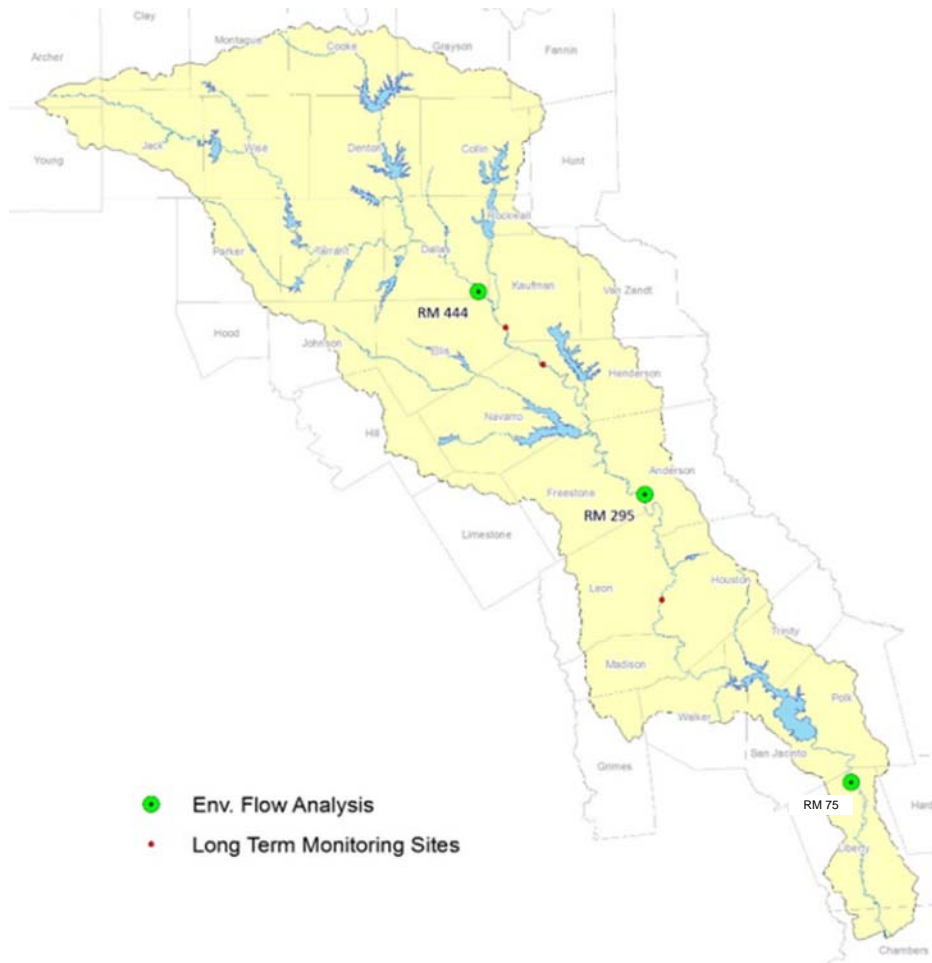
Shear stress (T) for transport of uniform sediments

Sediment	D (in)	T (lb/sf)	Note
<i>Cohesive compacted clay</i>		0.3	<i>e=0.40</i>
Medium silt	0.001	0.001	
Fine sand	0.005	0.003	
Coarse sand	0.02	0.006	
Fine gravel	0.16	0.06	
Medium gravel	0.3	0.12	
Coarse gravel	0.6	0.25	
Very coarse gravel	1.3	0.54	
Small cobble	2.5	1.1	
Large cobble	5	2.3	

Flow (cfs)	Channel shear stress (lb/sf) and transportable grain size					
	XS3 Downstream		XS2 Mid		XS1 Upstream - Riffle	
	Shear stress	Grain size	Shear stress	Grain size	Shear stress	Grain size
300	0.010	Coarse sand	0.040	Coarse sand	1.070	Vry crs grvl*
1200	0.040	Coarse sand	0.080	Fine grvl	0.260	Coarse grvl
1420	0.050	Coarse sand	0.090	Fine grvl	0.250	Coarse grvl
2010	0.070	Fine grvl	0.110	Fine grvl	0.240	Med grvl
4740	0.14	Med grvl	0.140	Med grvl	0.240	Med grvl
6560	0.17	Med grvl	0.140	Med grvl	0.240	Med grvl
9300	0.19	Med grvl	0.140	Med grvl	0.230	Med grvl
12000	0.2	Med grvl	0.140	Med grvl	0.210	Med grvl
15000	0.21	Med grvl	0.140	Med grvl	0.220	Med grvl

Note: * = erosion of compacted clay

Baseflow Analysis



- Unique basin – Large population in upper and lower
- Upper TR WQ Compact Early 1970s
 - NTMWD
 - Dallas
 - TRA
 - TRWD
- Return flow agreements
 - Protect Downstream **Senior Water Rights** and/or
 - Instream flows prior to SB3
 - SIMPLIFIED Water Rights/Agreements
 - Dallas 114,000 af/yr
 - NTMWD 32% of 63%
 - TRA 30%
 - TRWD 30%