

#### Uplift of a Wet Weather Stream: Satisfying Regulatory Requirements Agawela Drive Stream Project Chattanooga, TN



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#### Permitting Process



#### Construction Techniques



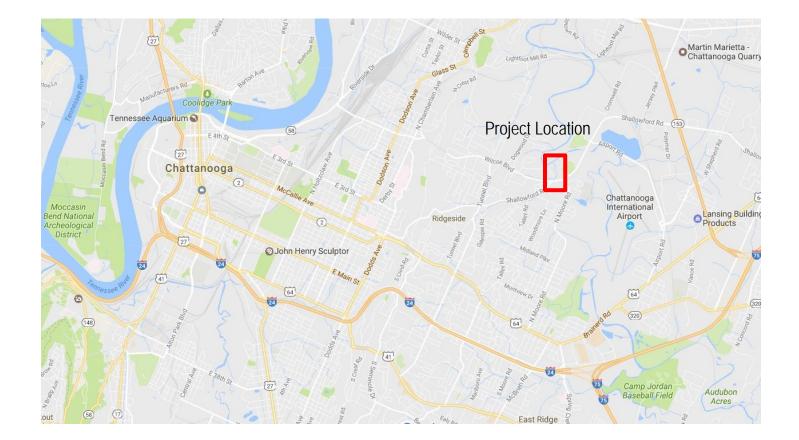
#### Lessons Learned

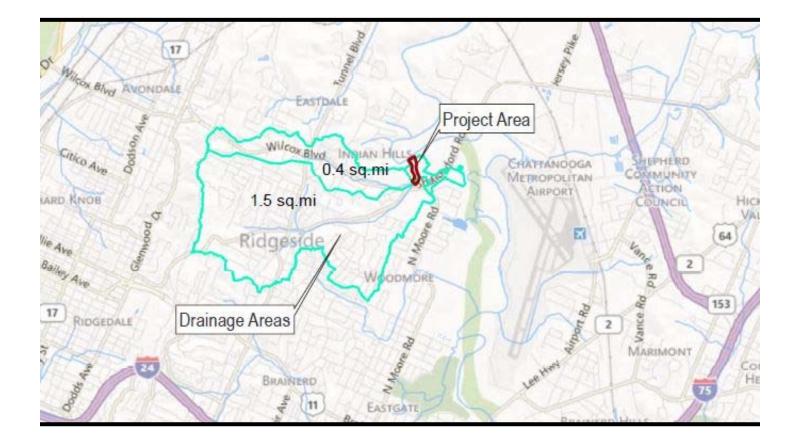
#### **Project Scope**

- CSO Consent Decree Program
- Supplemental Environmental Project
- Severely Entrenched Urbanized Stream
- Restoration/Stabilization of approx. 1,500 LF of stream using natural channel design principles
- Project Location:
  - Un-named tributary to South Chickamauga Creek







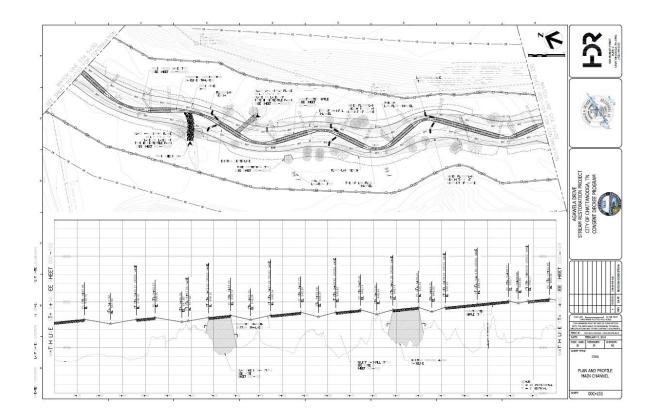


#### **Design Criteria**

- TMDL for Habitat Alteration and Sediment
- Establish a stable stream
- Raise stream to reconnect with floodplain
- Stabilize culvert at Agawela Dr.
- Utilize natural channel design principles as available within corridor
- Conservation Easements
- Fill slopes on both sides







## Design Criteria Cont'd

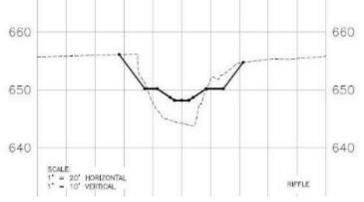
• Corridor constraints



#### **Design Elements**

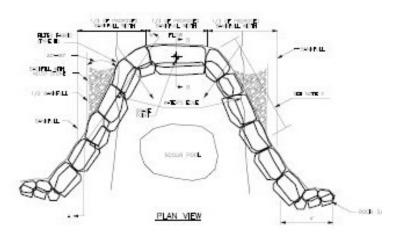
- Field Assessment and Analysis including:
  - Biological Surveys (Macro., Fish, Vegetation, Trees)
  - 。 Wetlands Determination
  - 。 Cultural Resources Survey
- Hydrologic Analysis
  - Total Drainage Area 1251 ac (1.9 sq. mi)
  - Calculated Bankfull Flow 70 cfs
- 50-feet Buffer Established for Conservation Easement

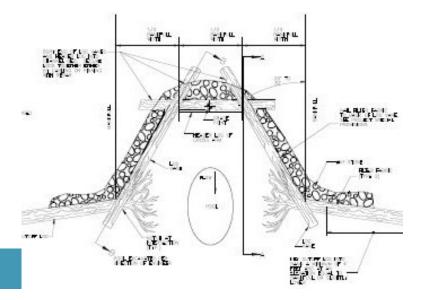


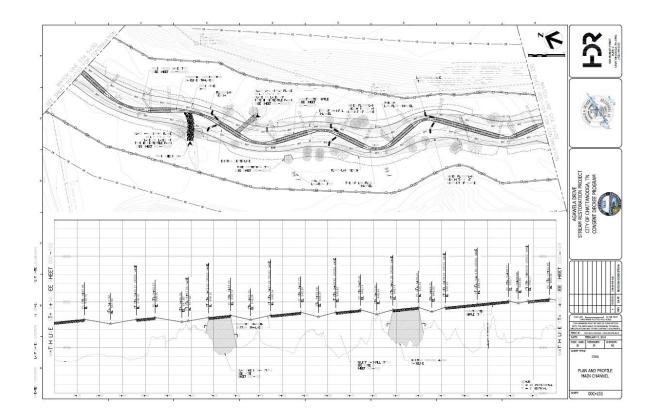


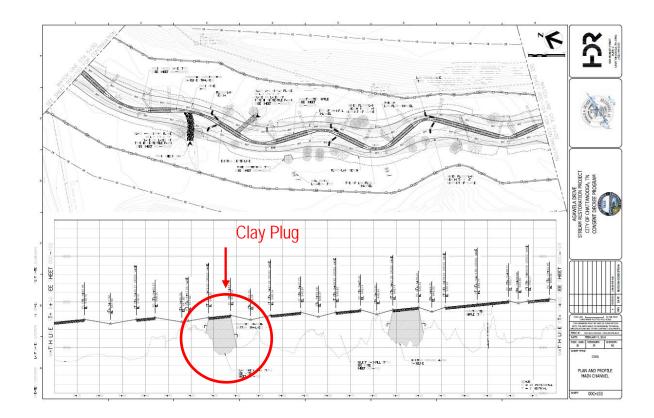
#### **Design Elements Cont'd**

- Install rip-rap armoring at upstream confluence locations
- Raise stream approx. 3 to 4 feet
- Install rock and log grade control structures
- Install pool downstream of grade control structure to dissipate energy
- Glide downstream of pool
- Rock riffle structures downstream of glide
- Coconut Fiber Matting & Coir Log
- 2300 trees, shrubs & live stakes









## Permitting

- TDEC Individual Aquatic Resource Alternation Permit (ARAP)
- TVA Section 26a
- USACE Section 10/Section 404
  - $_{\circ}~$  USFWS & TWRA
- Requires Annual Monitoring for 5 years
  - $_{\circ}\,$  Maintain base flow
  - Show functional uplift of aquatic/biological



# **Project Timeline**

Design NTP
General NWP Application
General NWP Denied by TDEC
Revised & Resubmitted for Individual Permit
Received Approved ARAP
Discussions with TDEC regarding mitigation
Bid Opening

Construction Start
In-Stream Work Complete
Plantings (Trees, Shrubs, Live Stakes)
Final Completion

Jan 2014 Feb 2015 Aug 2015 Calendar Year 2015 March 2016 June 2016 Sept. 2016

Jan 2013

Dec 2

Feb 2017 March 2017

#### Construction

- Bidding
  - Minimum Quals (2 projects, each >500LF, >1000SY of planting, 4 Rock/2 Log Structures)
  - o Curl Construction & Excavating
    - 1% over Engineer's Estimate
  - Unknown to City
  - Performed very well
- Subcontractors:
  - Backwater Environmental: in-stream structures
  - Reed Landscaping: Trees, Shrubs, Live Stakes
- Bid Cost: \$889k
- Actual Cost: \$767k



#### **Construction Cont'd**

- Timeline
  - $_{\circ}~$  NTP: June 2016
  - In-stream Work: July thru Sept 2016
  - $_{\circ}~$  Plantings: Feb 2017
- In-stream completed without pump around system
  - Recall the drought conditions in fall/winter 2016
  - Very few in-stream flow events during construction



#### **Raising Stream to Grade**

- Utilized on-site soil where available
- Imported clay material for plugs and for general site fill
- Compaction tested to 95% proctor
- Clear and Grub
  - $_{\circ}~$  Stock pile trees to mulch
  - 。 Save hardwood trees for structures
- Install fill to grade
- Cut and shape channel







#### Rock Grade Control Structures

- Rock material granite from nearby quarry
- 3' x 3' x 2' (on average)
- Stacked two high
- Geotextile underlayment
- Stone backfill
- Excavator with thumb and GPS





#### Log Grade Control Structures

- Utilized on-site timber
- 12" to 18" in diameter
- Hardwood
- Stacked two high
- Attached with rebar & cable straps
- Geotextile underlayment
- Stone backfill
- Excavator with thumb and GPS





## **Riffle Structures**

- Installed upstream of grade control structures
- Header stones 2' diameter/square
- Filler stones 15" to 18"
- Smaller stone Class A-3 Riprap
- Geotextile underlayment
- Stone backfill
- Excavator with thumb and GPS



## **Coir Matting & Coir Logs**

- Coir matting installed in flow channel
- Wrapped under coir log
- Held down with stakes
- Established vegetation locks in matting
- Coir logs placed at each of runs and riffles
- 12" diameter logs





#### **Tree & Shrub Planting**

- 2300 Live Stakes
   Along low flow channel
- 2270 3 gallon containerized trees/shrubs
- 75 1.5" caliper ball & burlap trees
- Species
  - Live Stakes Tag Alder, Silky Dogwood, Silky Willow and Elderberry
  - Ball & Burlap/Containerized Red Maple, River Birch, Water Oak, Black Walnut, Sycamore, Silver Maple, Sugarberry, Willow Oak



# Tree & Shrub Planting Cont'd

- Containerized Species
  - Tag Alder
  - 。 Bottonbush
  - 。 Silky Dogwood
  - o Possumhaw
  - o Spicebush
  - Southern Arrowwood
  - American Beautyberry
  - o Ironwood
  - $_{\circ}~$  Flowering Dogwood
  - Which Hazel



#### What did we learn....

- It's never too early to coordinate with regulators on permits
  - $_{\circ}~$  Ask the right questions & reconfirm your discussions
- Time construction for planting in dormant season (Nov 15 thru March 15 in Chattanooga)
- Excavator with GPS makes life easy
- Awarded City of Chattanooga, Sustainability Award for 2017
- Stream restoration and stream stabilization combined can make for a successful project



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**Questions?** 

