



# CAMP MIAKONDA RESTORATION PROJECT

Partners for Clean Streams

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# CAMP MIAKONDA & OTTAWA RIVER RESTORATION



- ▶ \$1.36 Million GLRI grant from US EPA
  - ▶ 3 year duration
- ▶ Restore/enhance approx. 10 acres & approx. 30 acres associated wetlands.
- ▶ Reduce erosion & stream bank restoration from 1,200' adjacent Ottawa River
- ▶ Increase in-stream habitat for fish and macro invertebrates
- ▶ Increase diversity of in-water habitat for Lake Sawyer, allowing fish to winter over and encourage more active use of Lake Sawyer by Scouts
- ▶ Support educational use of wetland, lake, river, and upland habitat
- ▶ Contribute to BUI (Beneficial Use Impairment) goals and improvements for BUI 14 – Loss of Fish and Wildlife & BUI 3 – Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Habitat

# Draft Environmental Master Plan

Camp Miakonda  
5600 W Sylvania Ave  
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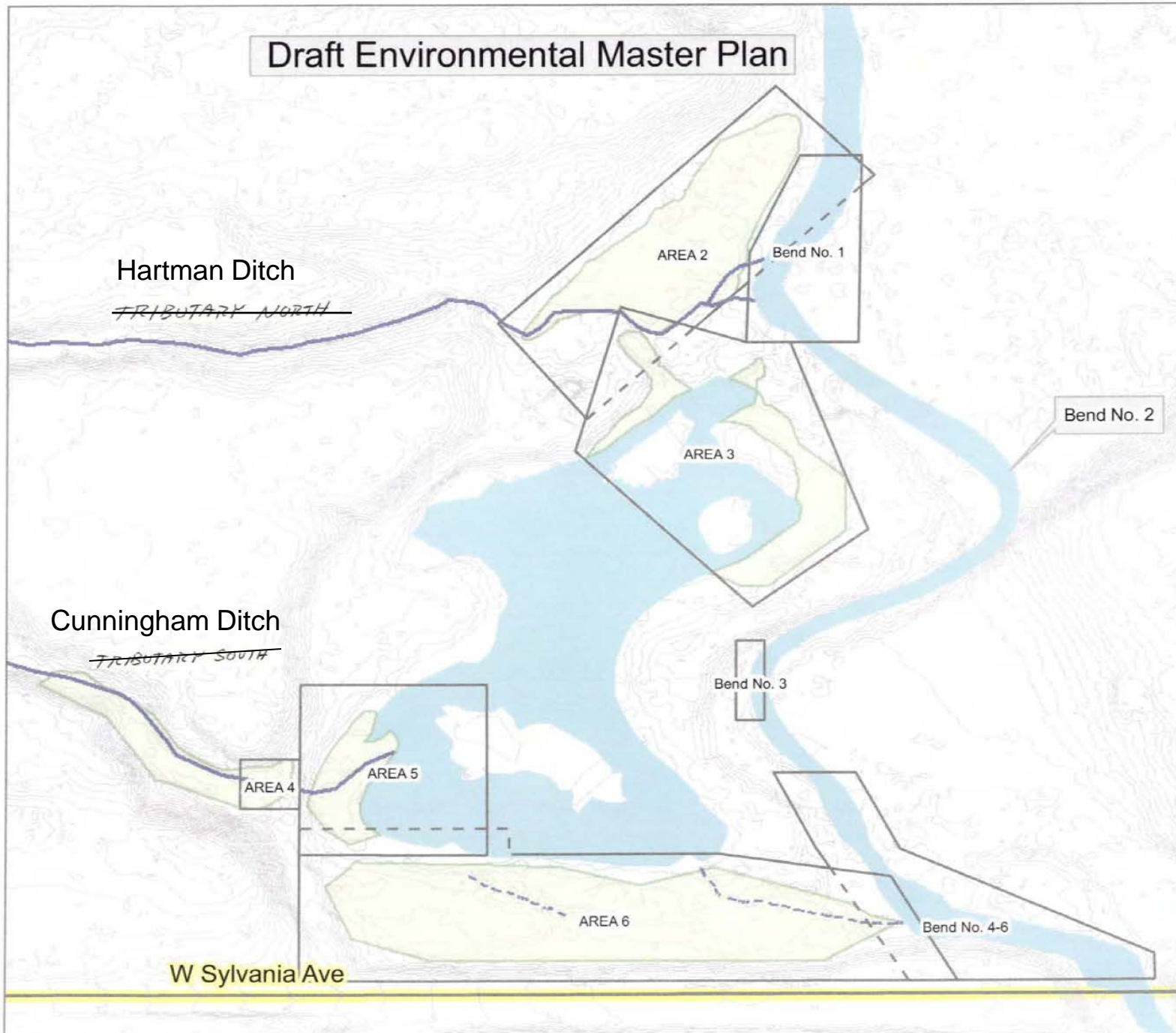


0 140 280 Feet


- Streams
- Swales
- Wetlands



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Buffalo District







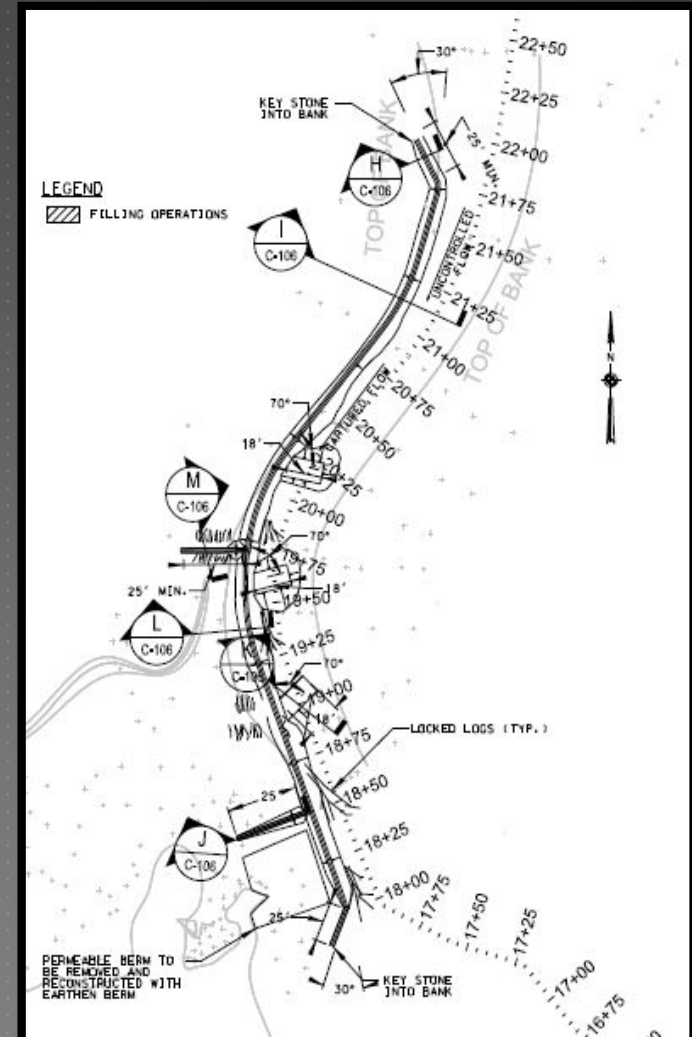
Reach #1 – Looking DS

OTTAWA RIVER BEND #1 – CAMP MIAKONDA



## Ottawa River Draft Plans

- ▶ Identified as a priority item from Inventory Plan.
- ▶ Stream bank stabilization & erosion control methods.
  - ▶ Bank erosion on Lake Saywer side were rapidly decreasing the amount of land between the two bodies of water.
- ▶ Numerous “Derrick” improvements.
  - ▶ Longitudinal Peaked Stone Toe Protection (LPSTP)
  - ▶ Bendway Weirs
  - ▶ Locked Logs
  - ▶ Live Siltation & Living Dykes





- ▶ Floodplain bench used as haul road.
  - ▶ Bench did not used to exist.
  - ▶ Notice point bar.
- ▶ Pipe below is draining Lake Sawyer – shut off valve; silt curtain.

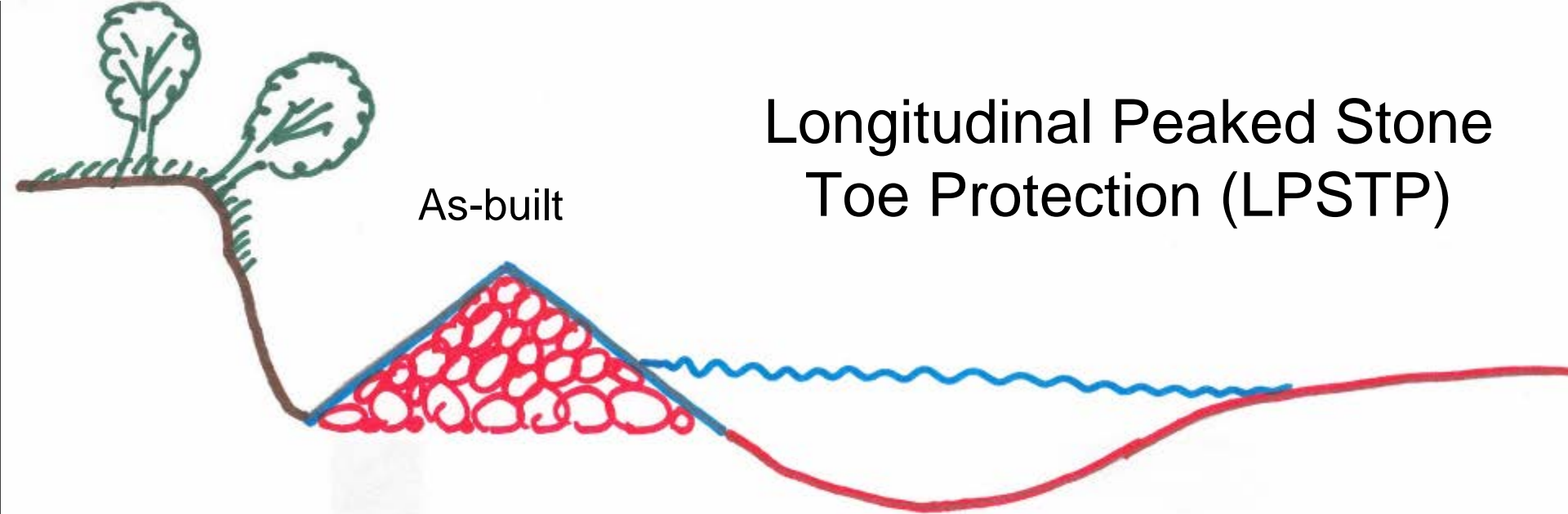
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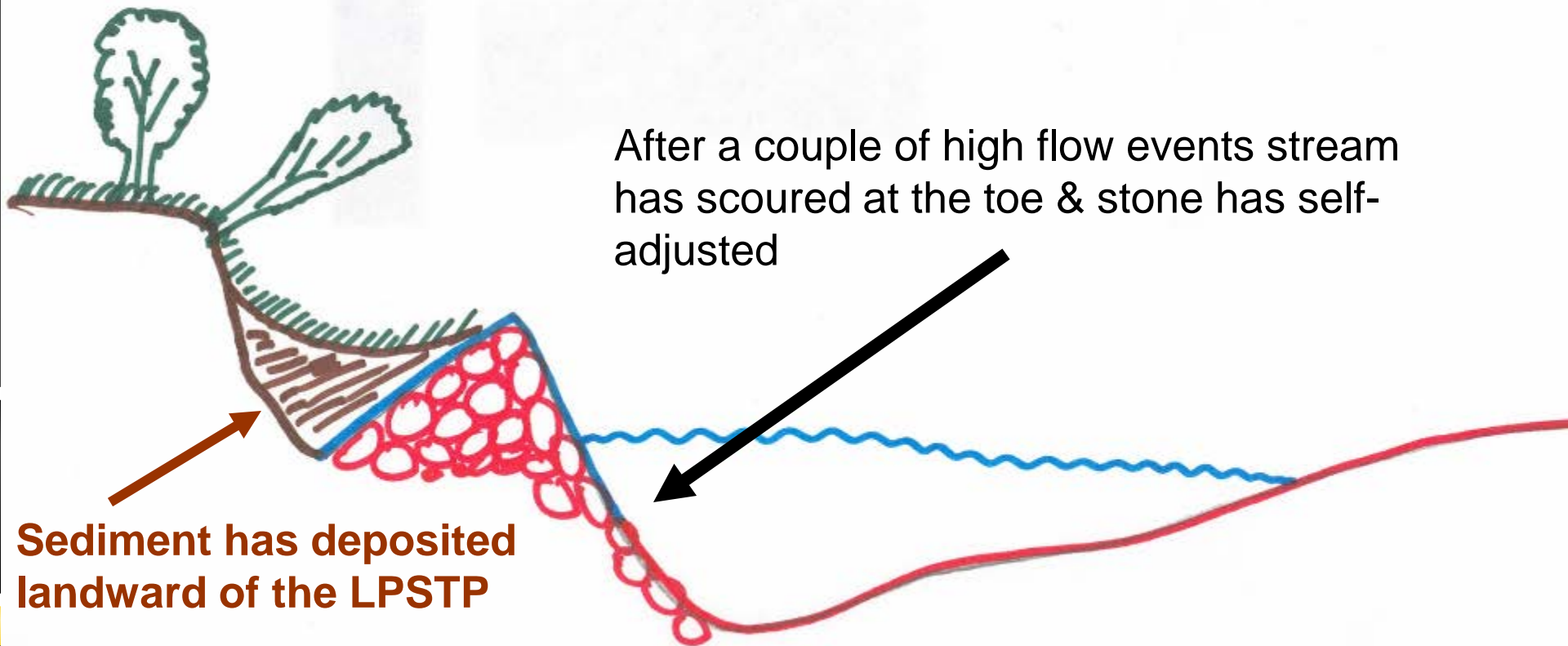


# Longitudinal Peaked Stone Toe Protection (LPSTP)

As-built




After a couple of high flow events stream  
has scoured at the toe & stone has self-  
adjusted



**Sediment has deposited  
landward of the LPSTP**



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- A photograph showing a river bend with a stone-lined bank. A yellow excavator is visible in the background on a dirt bank. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding trees. The foreground shows a dark, muddy area with some vegetation.
- ▶ LPSTP lining bend #1.
  - ▶ Upstream key back-filled.
  - ▶ Live siltation along key, behind LPSTP within the floodplain bench.



- ▶ Locked Log
- ▶ Pointed DS to encourage stream thalweg away from bank.
- ▶ Habitat creation from low velocity waters.

Reach #1 – Looking DS





- ▶ Bendway Weirs (3)
- ▶ Designed to encourage thalweg away from protected bank.
- ▶ Built into LPSTP for stabilization





- ▶ Multiple rows of live siltation; living dykes. Collect sediment and other materials at high flow.
- ▶ Living locked logs provide shade.
  - ▶ Various heights enable bank protection at high flow.





Reach #3 – Looking DS

OTTAWA RIVER BEND #3 – CAMP MIAKONDA



- ▶ Series of three Bendway Weirs, like bend #1.
- ▶ LPSTP lining the Ottawa.
- ▶ Note the clear point bar opposite the steep slopes.

Reach #3 – Looking DS





► Bendway Weir is “choked” with smaller stones.

- Give Scouts fishing access for the first time.
- Steps dug into the bank.

► Thalweg clearly visible.

Reach #3 – Looking @ BW






## Reach #3 – Looking US

- ▶ DS LPSTP key (40 ft)
- ▶ Live siltation.
- ▶ Willow and dogwood poles placed in LPSTP.
  - ▶ Throughout river work.
  - ▶ Helps to lock in the rock.







Cunningham – Looking US

CUNNINGHAM DITCH – CAMP MIAKONDA



- ▶ Concrete pad was removed.
- ▶ Exposed pipe used to channel stream underground; removed.
- ▶ Exposed more of the existing “bowl” to create large pool for overflow.






- ▶ Series of “steps” were created; riffle > pool > riffle > pool.
  - ▶ Allows water to drop in elevation while slowing velocity.
  - ▶ Pools take the hit from water and absorb the energy.
  - ▶ Riffles help filter out and collect sediment & small debris.
- ▶ Plantings installed on either side.





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- ▶ Clear view of the bowl nestled around great looking existing architecture.
  - ▶ Already greening up – Scouts appreciated.
  - ▶ Second pool visible > riffle.





HARTMAN DITCH – CAMP MIAKONDA



## ► Erosion & sediment control methods.

- Stone bank protection
- Rock riffle; note sediment build up behind bridge.
- Coconut matting – planted.
- Damn removed.

Hartman – Looking US





- ▶ V-notch weirs installed.
- ▶ Angled downstream; sediment control.
- ▶ Keyed into banks - 10ft.
- ▶ Note additional bank protection – LPSTP.





- ▶ Hartman made an “awkward” turn into the existing culvert.
- ▶ Bank protection added, and used to help turn the stream.

Hartman – Looking DS





- ▶ Hartman was redirected into Lake Sawyer.
- ▶ A pre-cast concrete culvert was installed.
- ▶ Bank protection was added on both US & DS sides.

Hartman – Looking DS





# WETLAND “A” – CAMP MIAKONDA



- ▶ Reed canary grass sprayed and then removed along with 1ft of additional sod.
- ▶ Floating excavator used extensively – other equipment was positioned using stone pads.





- ▶ Note stone pad under standard excavator.
- ▶ Many standing dead trees remain due to our Nationwide Permit; potential Indiana Bat habitat.

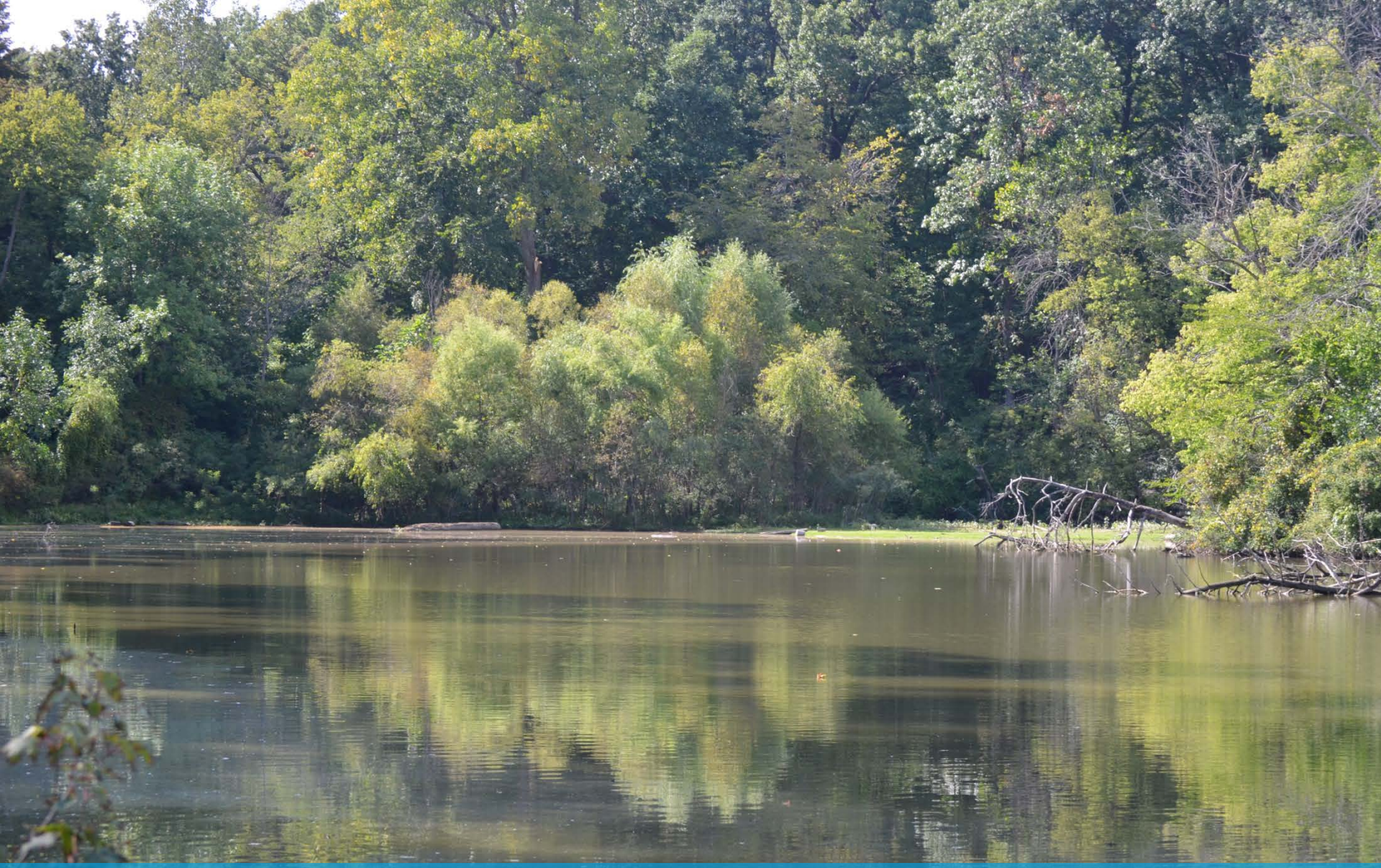




- ▶ With sod removed, wetland was significantly planted with high quality species.
- ▶ Hartman re-route visible.



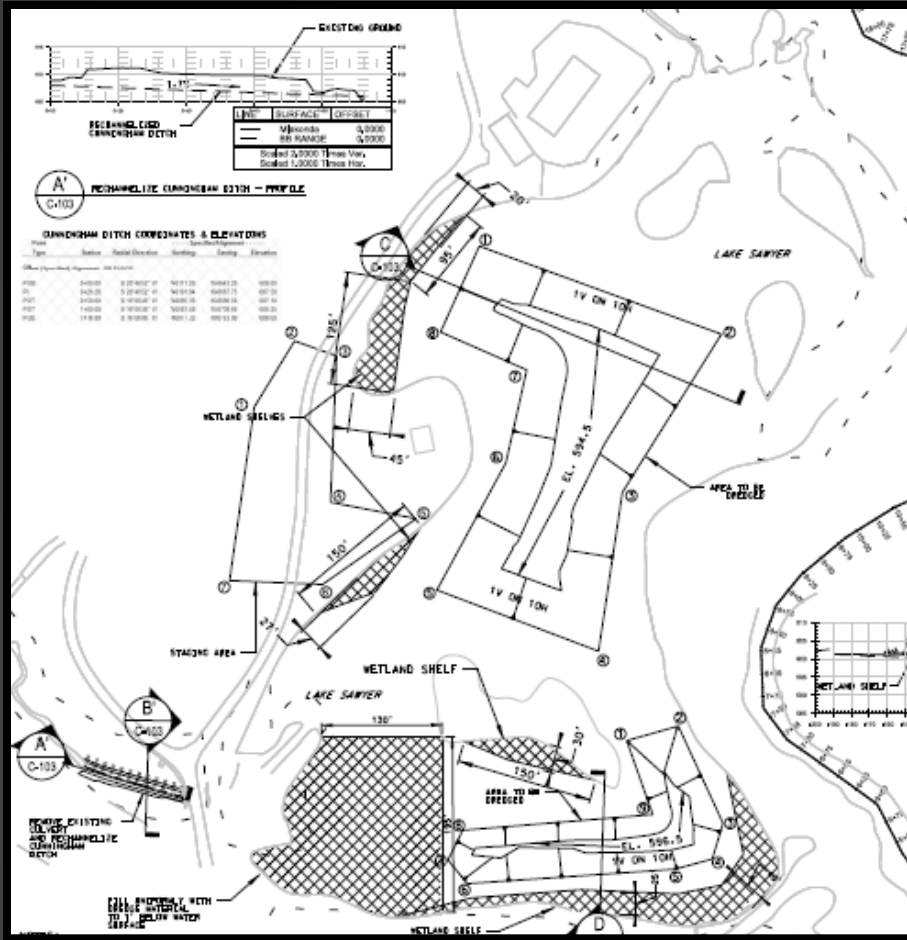




LAKE SAWYER – CAMP MIAKONDA



# Lake Sawyer Draft Plans



- ▶ Hand-dug lake 70 years ago as WPA project.
- ▶ Ottawa floods frequently into the lake.
  - ▶ 2ft deep across.
  - ▶ Cherie walked across it.
- ▶ Wetland shelves to be installed.
- ▶ Excavated locations determined.



- ▶ Excavator with thumb placed concrete debris along excavated area for road stability.
- ▶ Fortunately we struck hard ground several thousand cubic yards later.





- ▶ Drainage channels were kept lower than road.
  - ▶ As water seeped through the muck, pumps removed it.
- ▶ Pumps continually worked 24hrs/ day.





- ▶ The “pit” was dug for excavated materials to de-water.
- ▶ Material was then taken off site for disposal.
  - ▶ Quarry hole.

## Lake Sawyer – The Pit





- ▶ Excavated areas were sloped to discourage settling.
- ▶ Over 10,000 cubic yards of the sediment were removed.

Lake Sawyer





- ▶ We wanted a way for Lake Sawyer to empty into the Ottawa at high flow.
- ▶ Important piece to get right; multiple iterations.
- ▶ Stone riffle > pool > river
- ▶ End of riffle angled into pool so water doesn't scour under structure.

## Lake Sawyer – Outflow Channel





- ▶ 5 large armor stones opposite outflow channel.
- ▶ Block large debris from floating into road & channel.
- ▶ Note: several wetland benches visible. Small excavated lake area.





- ▶ Numerous wetland shelves were created around the lake.
- ▶ Shelves act as filters and sediment controls.
- ▶ The floating excavator was useful in shelf creation.

## Lake Sawyer – Wetland Shelf





## Lake Sawyer – Wetland Shelf

- ▶ Crews had to get creative for shelf plantings; foam board walkways.
- ▶ Nearly 26,000 plants were installed throughout the project.
  - ▶ Not including seed!





## What's Next?

- Monitoring, assessment, & evaluations continue through next year.
- Expand educational opportunities for Boy Scouts and the public.
  - Informational signage/kiosks.
  - Program expansion & cooperation.
- Create and present the BSA with a management plan.
  - Little time commitment is necessary.
- Adaptive management: plant survivability, structure maintenance, invasive species management.

