

Stormwater Project Challenges: Lessons Learned from a Culvert Rehabilitation Project

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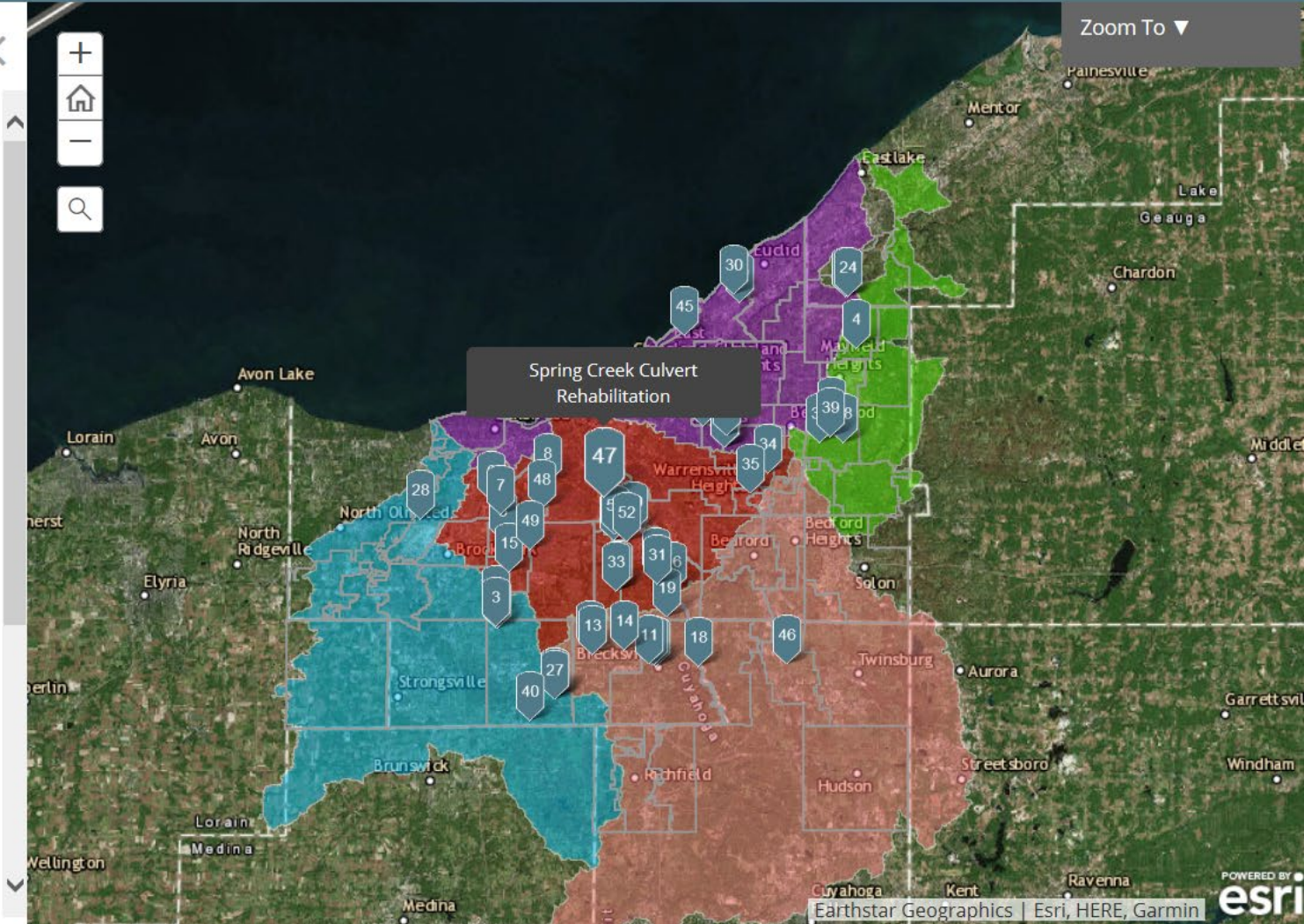


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- Design
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47 Spring Creek Culvert Rehabilitation



Project Name: Spring Creek Culvert Rehabilitation
Community: Cleveland
Watershed Team Leader: [J. Jowett](#)
Watershed: Cuyahoga River North
Subwatershed: Spring Creek
Summary: The project includes replacing and rehabilitating a 72-inch culvert within the



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Overview

- Existing Conditions
- Project Design
- Construction
- Lessons Learned

Existing Conditions

Project Location in Ohio



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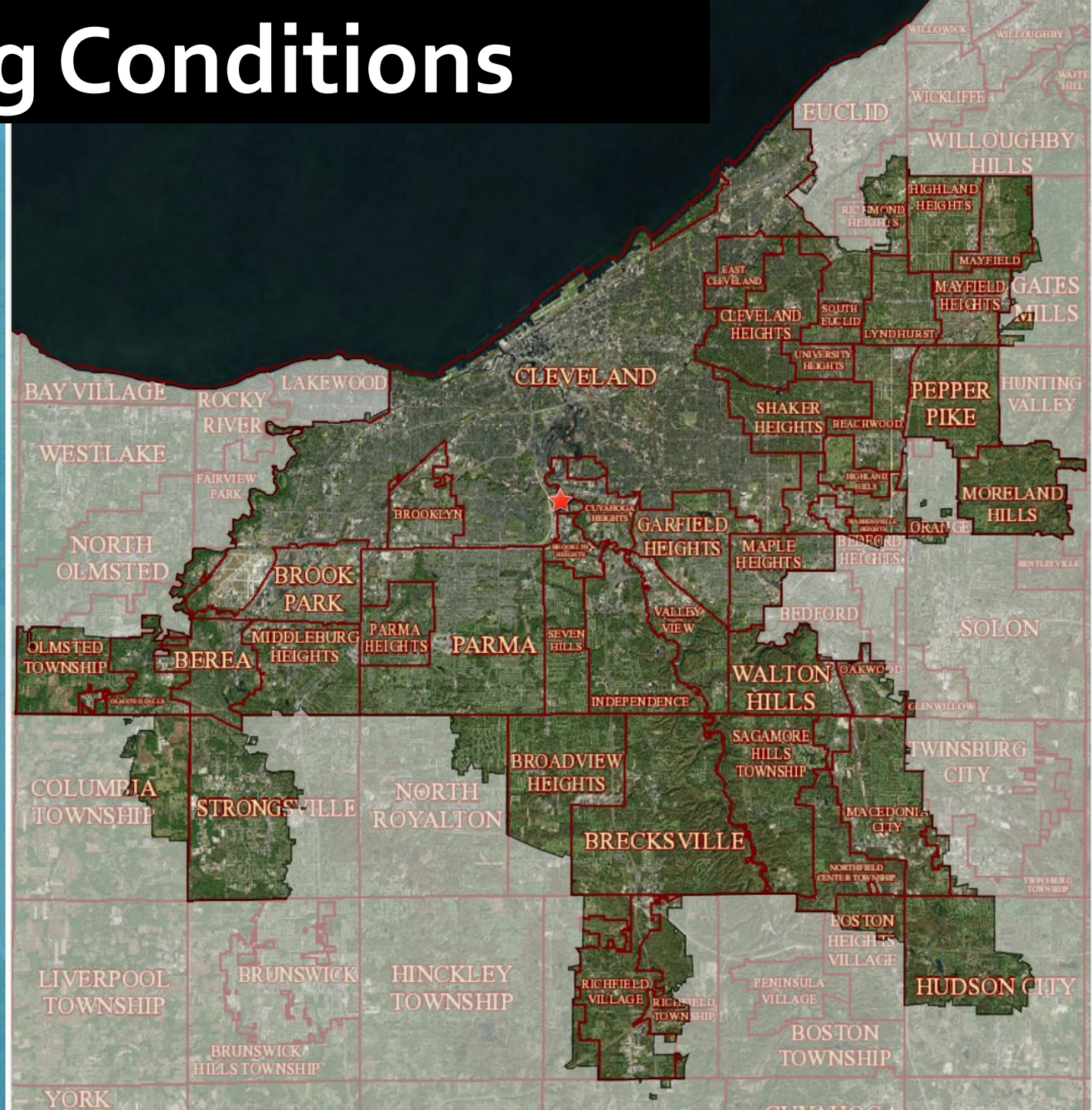
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Existing Conditions

Project Location Within NEORSD Service Area



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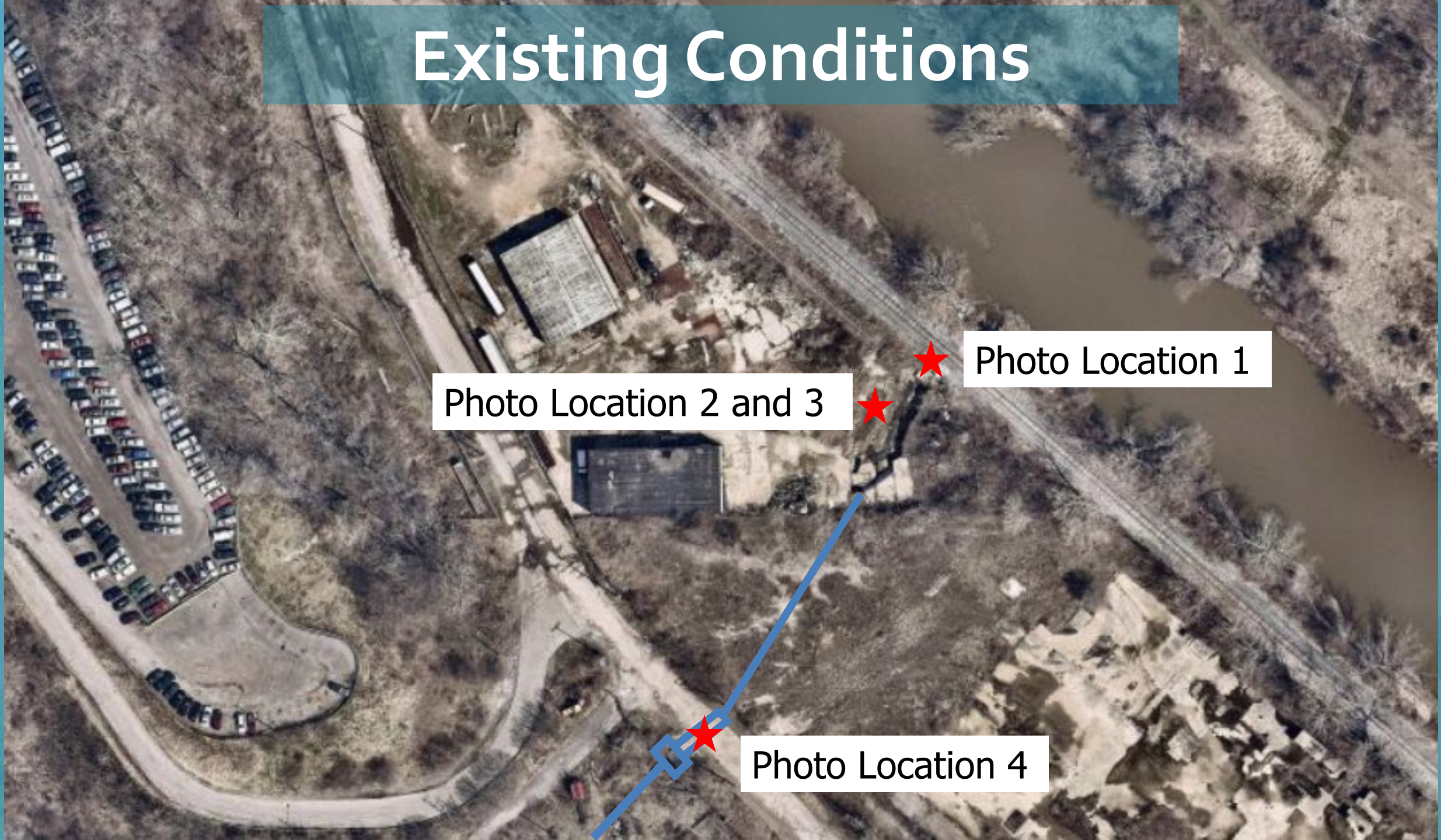


Existing Conditions

Photo Location 2 and 3

Photo Location 1

Photo Location 4



Existing Conditions

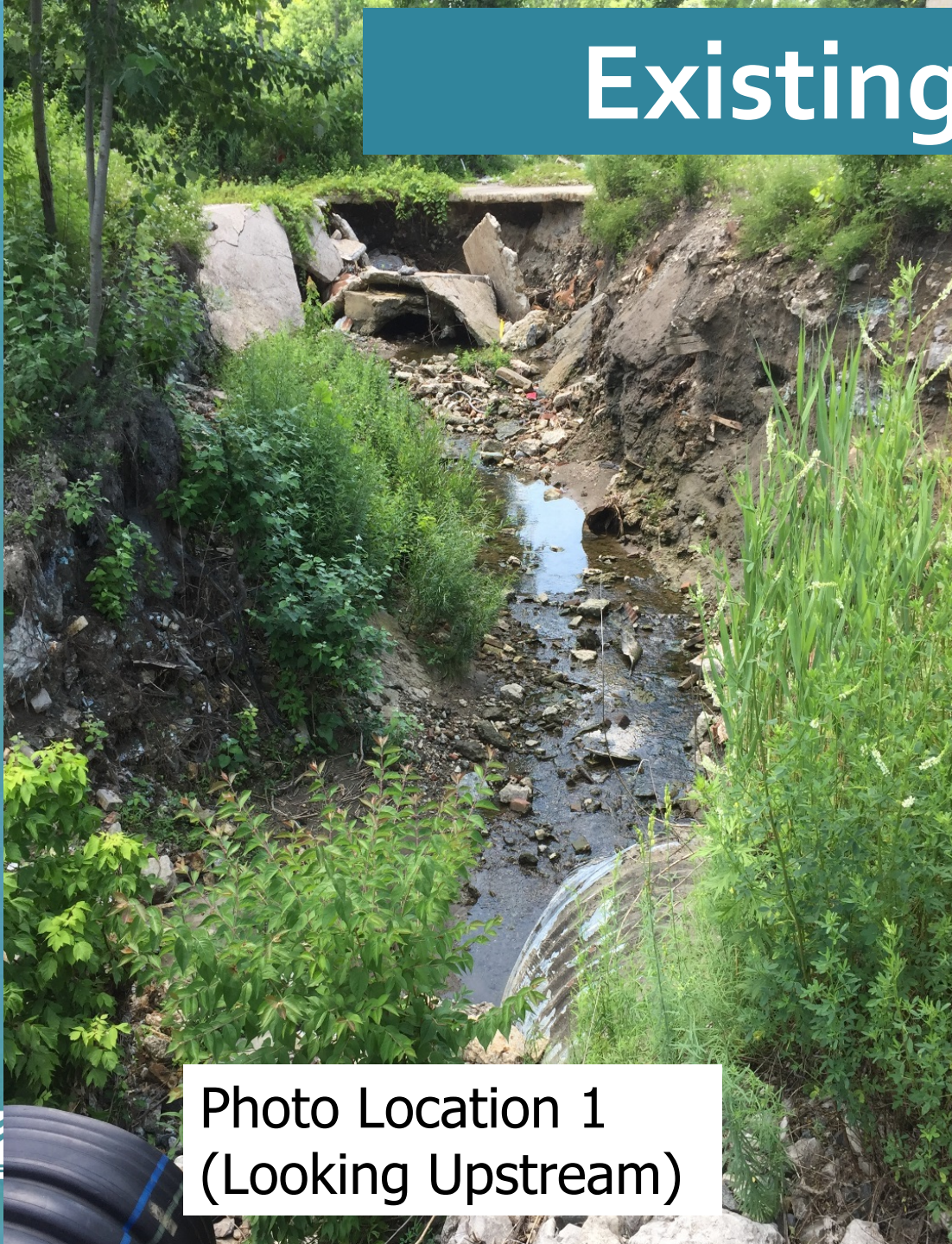


Photo Location 1
(Looking Upstream)

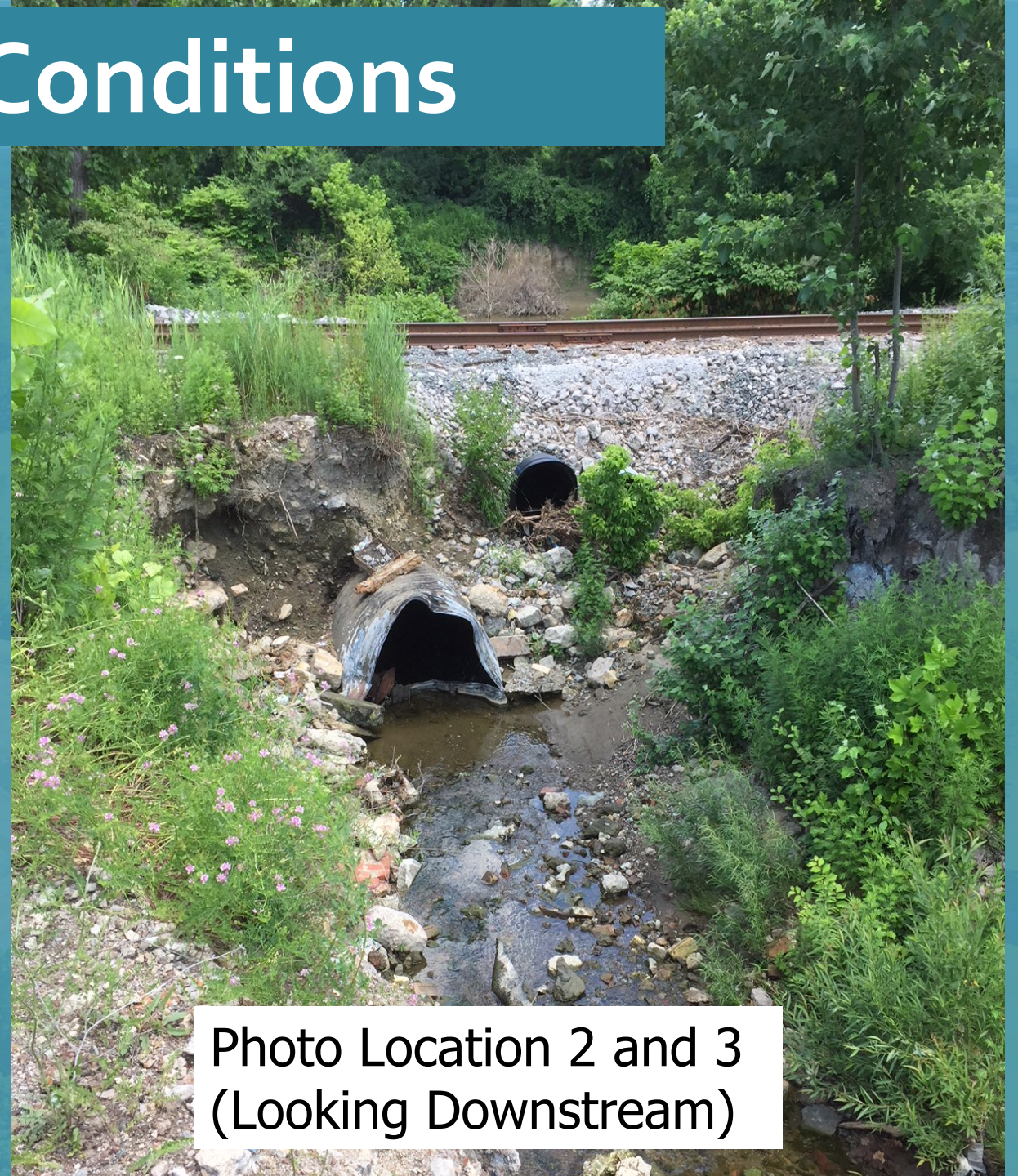


Photo Location 2 and 3
(Looking Downstream)

Existing Conditions

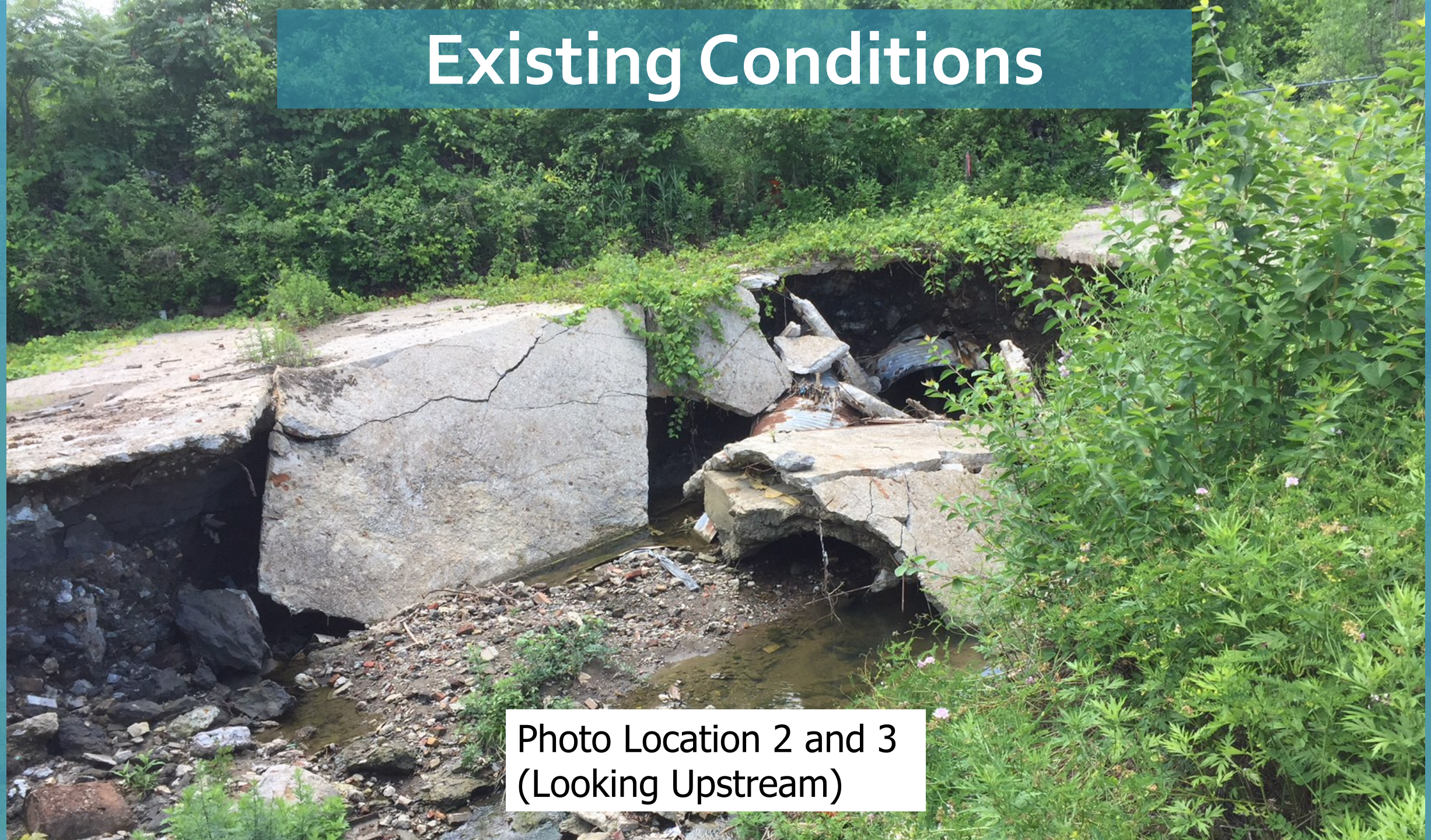


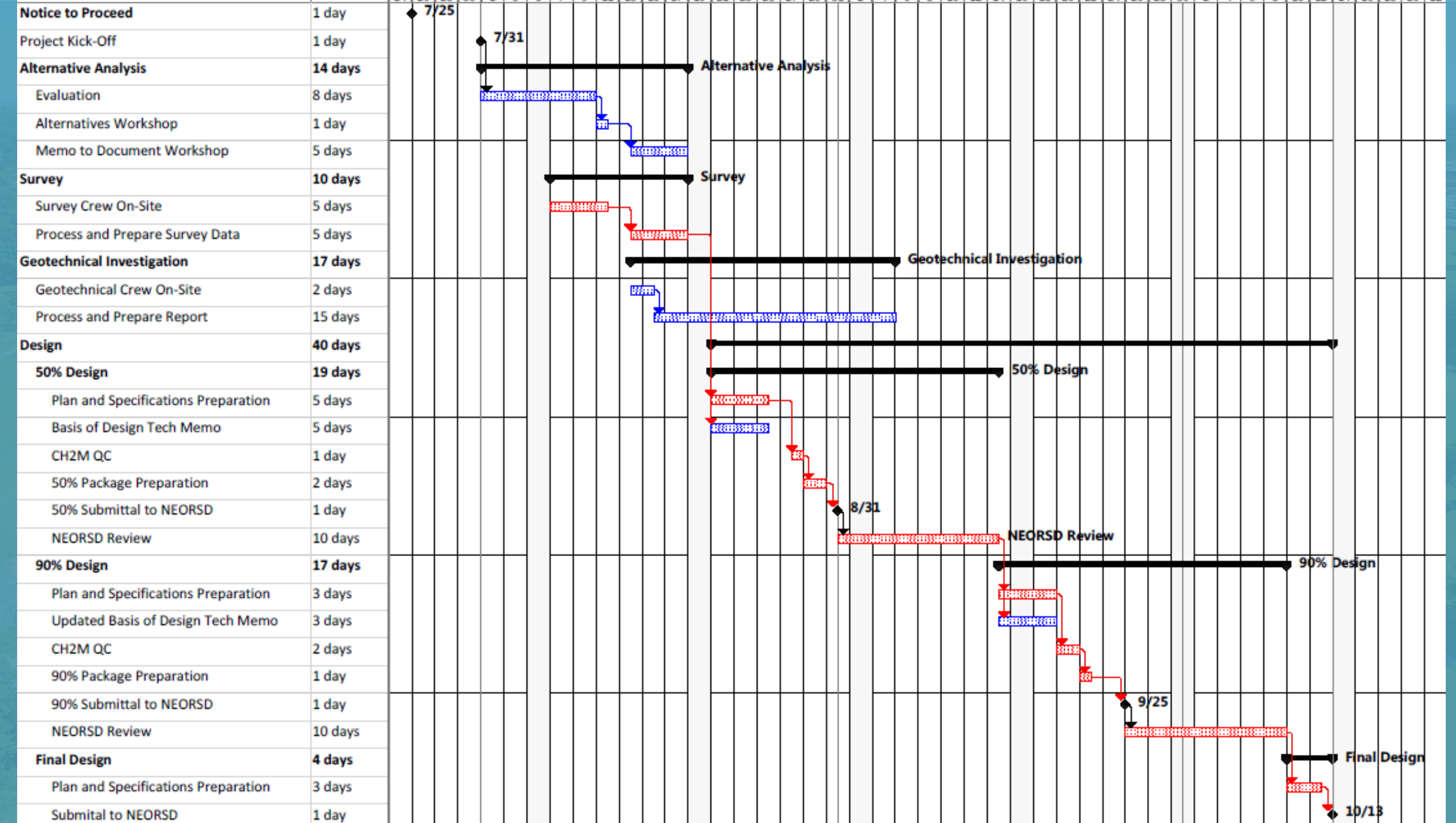
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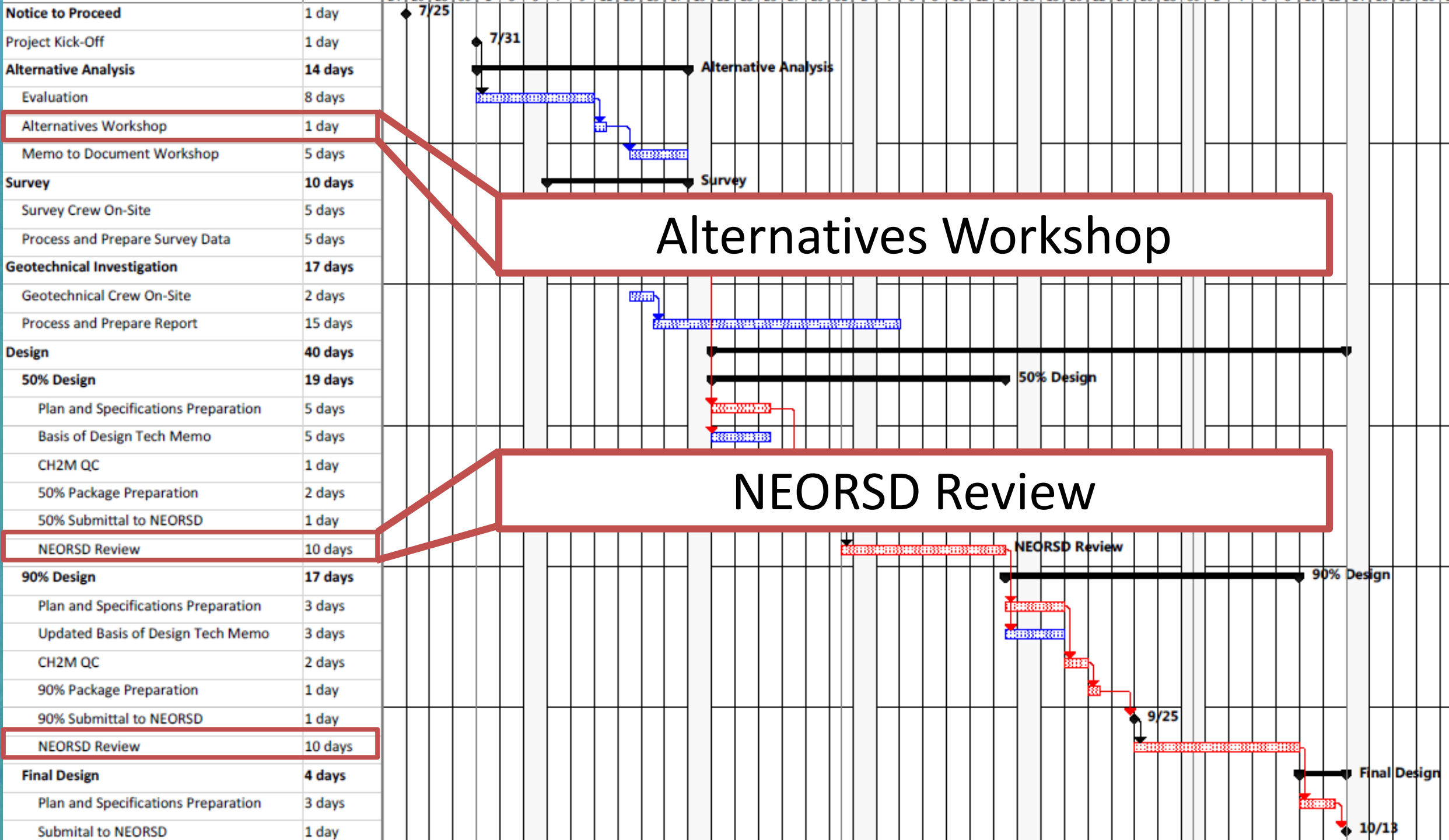
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Photo Location 4
(Looking Upstream)

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Alternatives Workshop

- Diverse Team
- Inspection Results
- Alternatives Matrix

Diverse Team

- From the District
 - Project Team
 - Stormwater Supervisors
 - Construction Supervisors
 - Legal Counsel
- Jacobs Design Team
- Brown and Caldwell's Inspection Team

Alternatives Matrix

Comparison Criteria	Alternative #1 – Railroad will make Repairs	Alternative #2 – Slip line	Alternative #3 – Spray on Liner	Best in Criteria
Removal or Reduction of Risk	Negative – Unknown when repairs will be made	Positive – Full structural repair	Positive – Full structural repair	2, 3
Improvement to RSS Flooding	Unknown	Neutral – Minimal reduction in flow area, improved hydraulics with new pipe.	Positive – Least reduction in flow area, improved hydraulics with new lining.	3
Construction Cost	Low - RR cover repairs?	High	Low	1, 3
Expected service life	Unknown	Positive – New pipe	Neutral – 30 years	2
Purchase, Environmental Abatement, & Demolition Cost	Positive – RR Responsibility	N/A	N/A	1
Implementation (Regulatory, Schedule, Stakeholders, etc.)	Positive – RR Responsibility	Negative - RR Permit, possible permit need for access on outfall side	Positive - RR Permit, can repair through MHs	1, 3
Risks	Negative -Pipe continues to deteriorate prior to repair made.	Negative – Additional risk working under railway.	Negative – Additional risk working under railway. Pipe must be properly prepper/cleaned to remove all loose debris prior to lining to prevent lining failure.	--
Constructability Limitations (Access, Staging, Hauling, Safety, etc.)	Positive – RR Responsibility	Negative – Larger staging area and access chamber.	Positive – Small footprint and access through manholes.	1, 3
Operation & Maintenance (Regular/Small Repairs)	Unknown	Positive – New pipe	Positive – Full repair	2, 3
Replacement & Renewal	Unknown	Positive – New pipe	Neutral – Shorter useful life	2, 3

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Benefits of Alternative Workshop

- An alternatives workshop can be a great tool to condense design schedule
- Allows all stakeholders to share their opinion

Project Design

- Pipe Rehabilitation
- Collapsed Section
- Railroad Property

Project Design

Pipe Rehabilitation – Geopolymer Lining:

- Consistent method of repair for multiple sections
- Minimal flow capacity reduction
- Structural integrity
- Low schedule impact



Project Design

Collapsed Section –
New Pipe:

- Soil Contamination
- Property Owner Approval
- Headwall



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Construction – Junction Chamber



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Construction - Geopolymer



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Construction – Fiberglass Pipe



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Construction - Headwall



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Lessons Learned

- Railroad / MCI
- Property Owner Coordination:
Easements, Debris, Laterals
- Contaminated Soils

Lesson Learned: Railroad / MCI



Lesson Learned: Property Issues

- The easement value negotiation process
- Current and future use of the property
- Construction Access
- Debris Stockpiles
- Lateral Connections



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Lesson Learned: Contaminated Soils



Lessons Learned Summary

- An alternatives workshop can be a great tool to condense design schedule
- However, don't underestimate the time and funds needed to handle multiple property owner requirements and site specific complications.

Questions?

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