



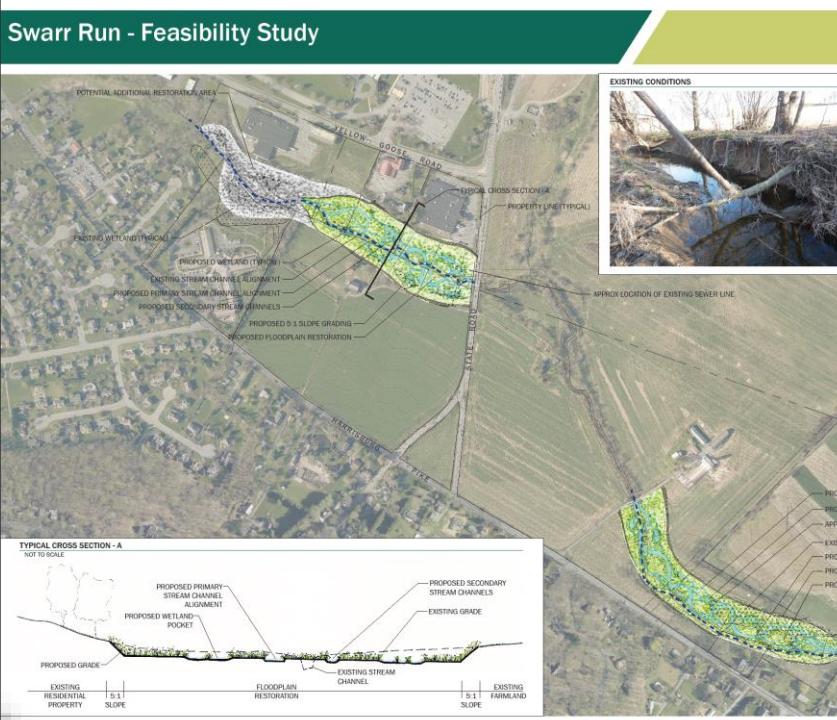
Swarr Run Floodplain Restoration

Mid-Atlantic Wetlands Workgroup

November 15, 2023

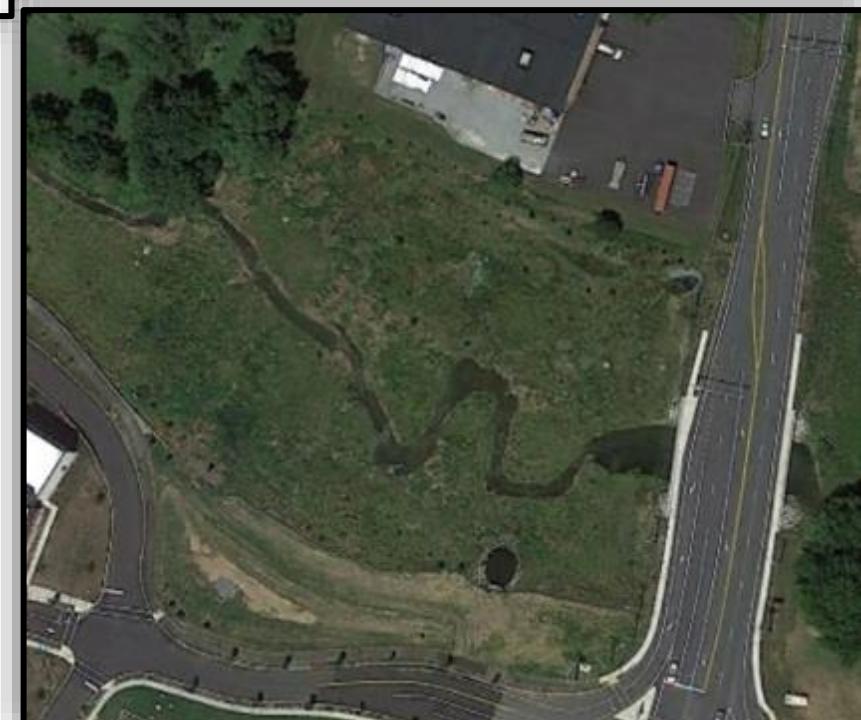
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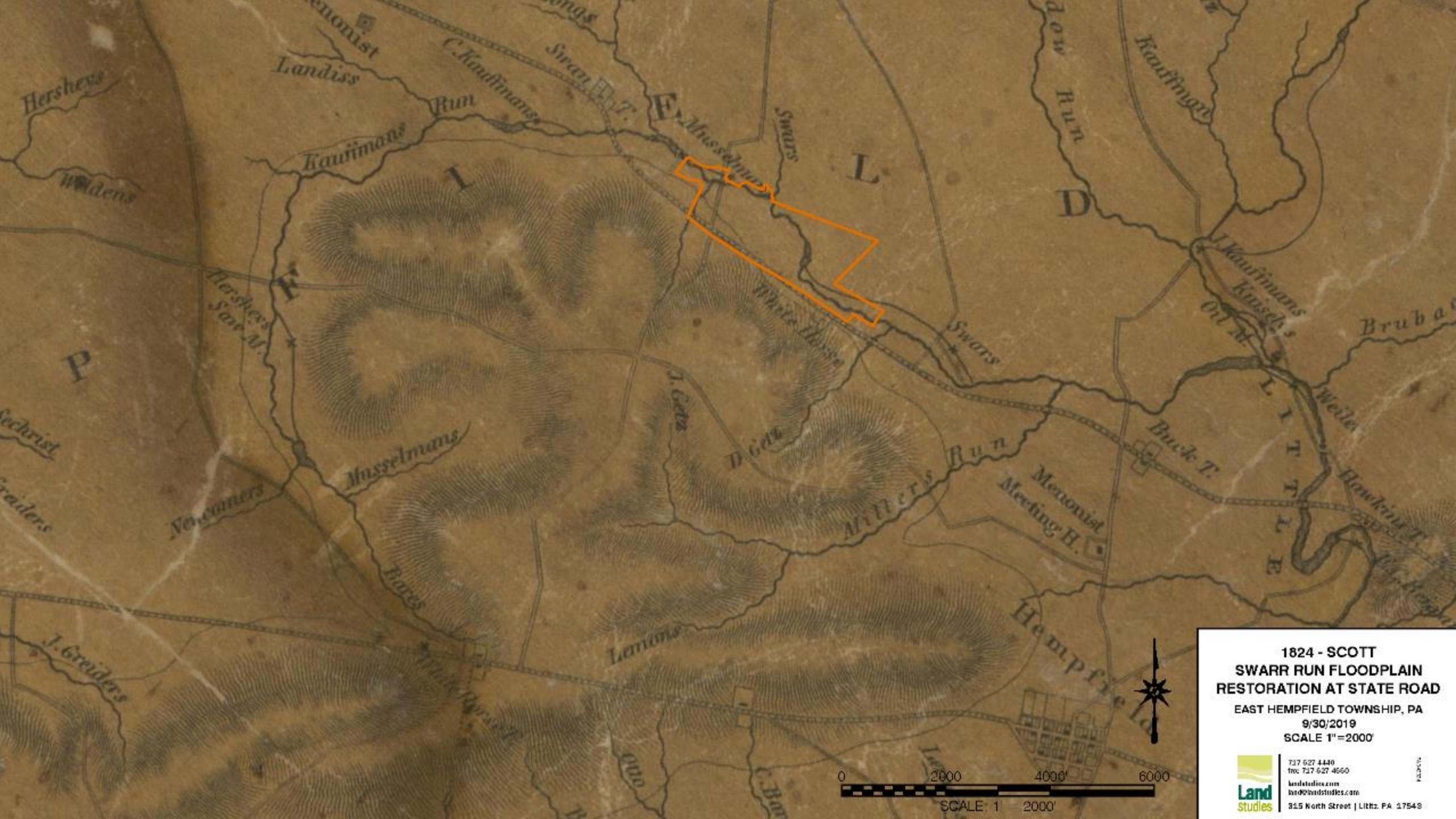


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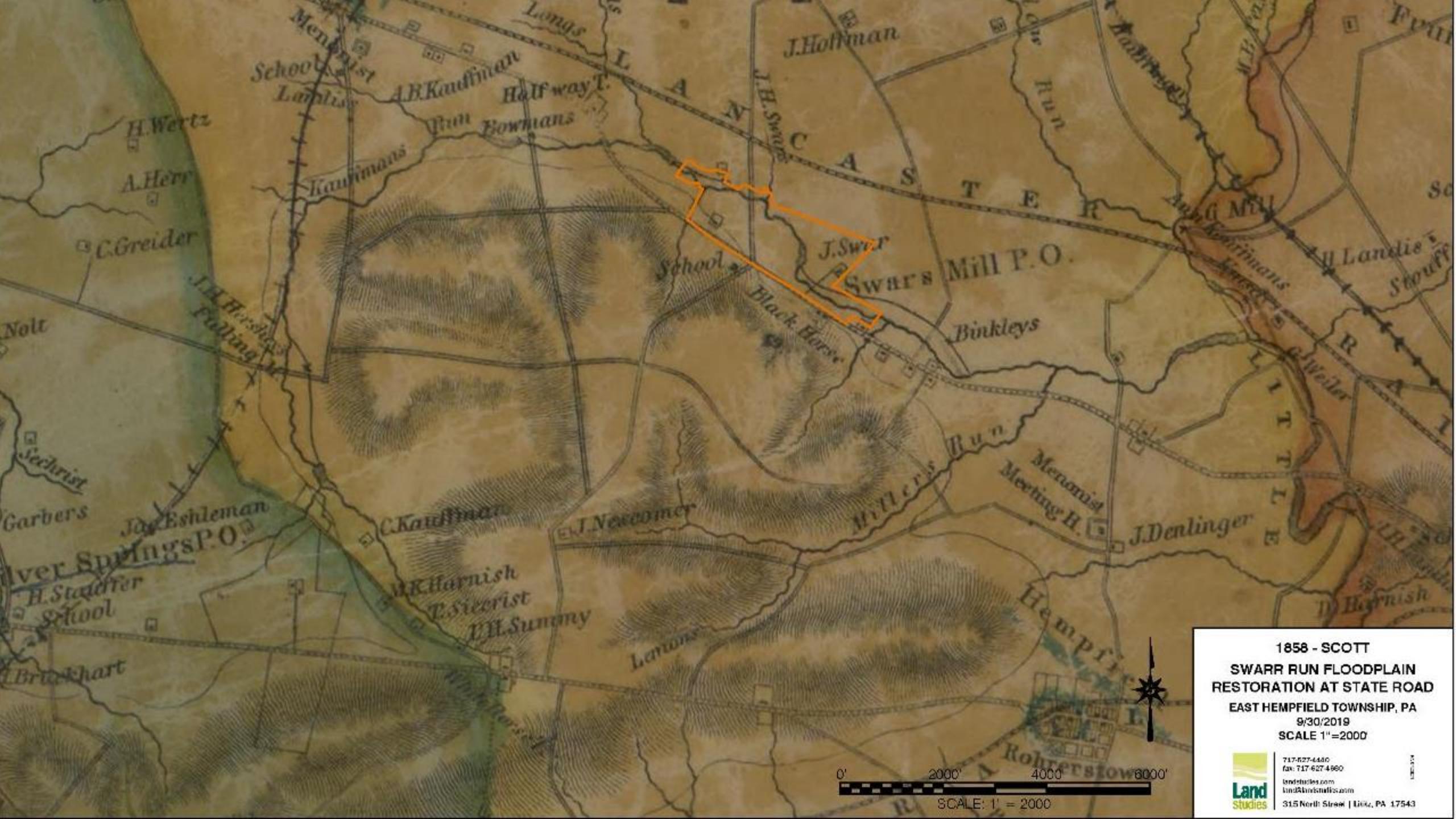
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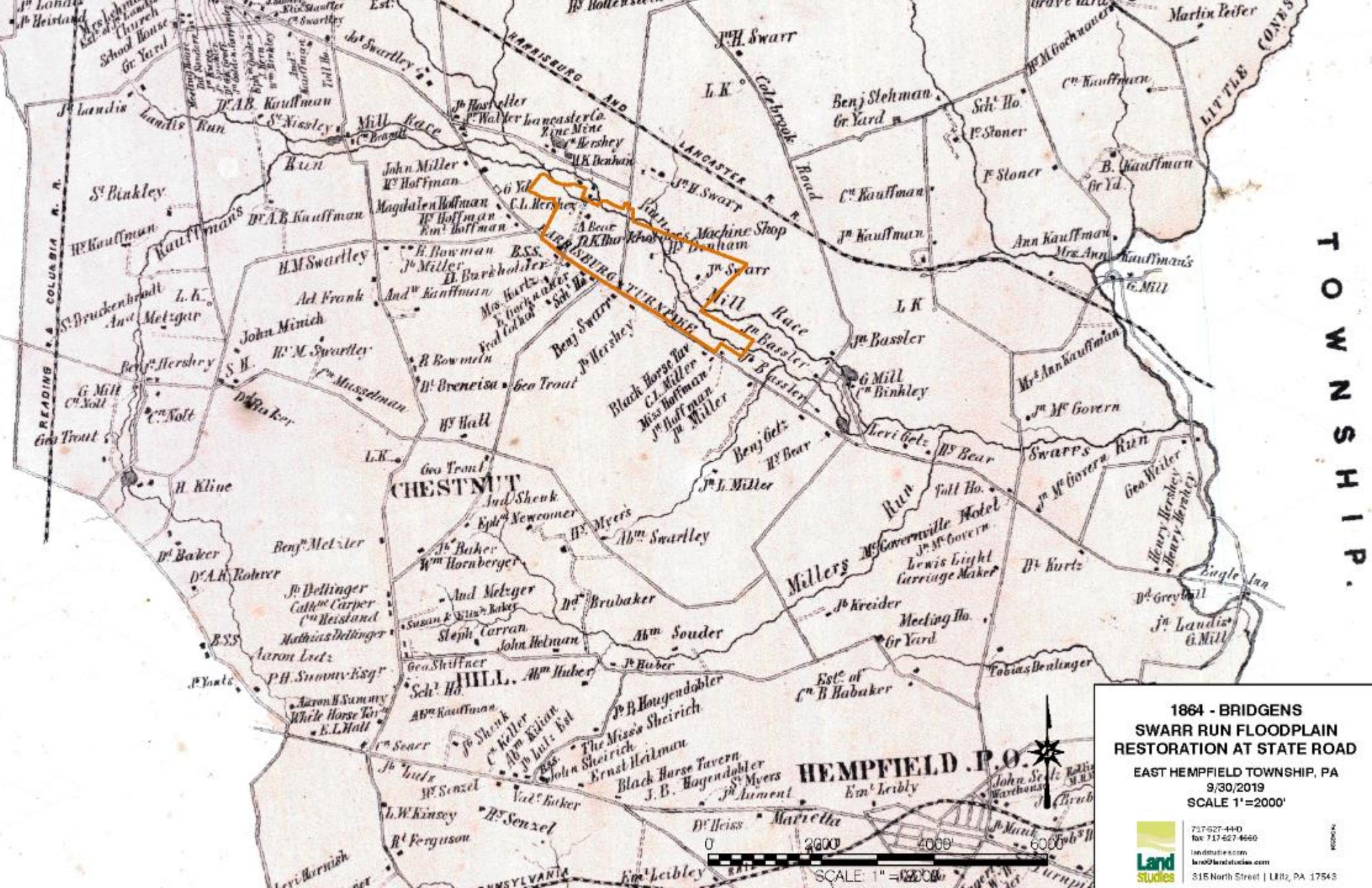








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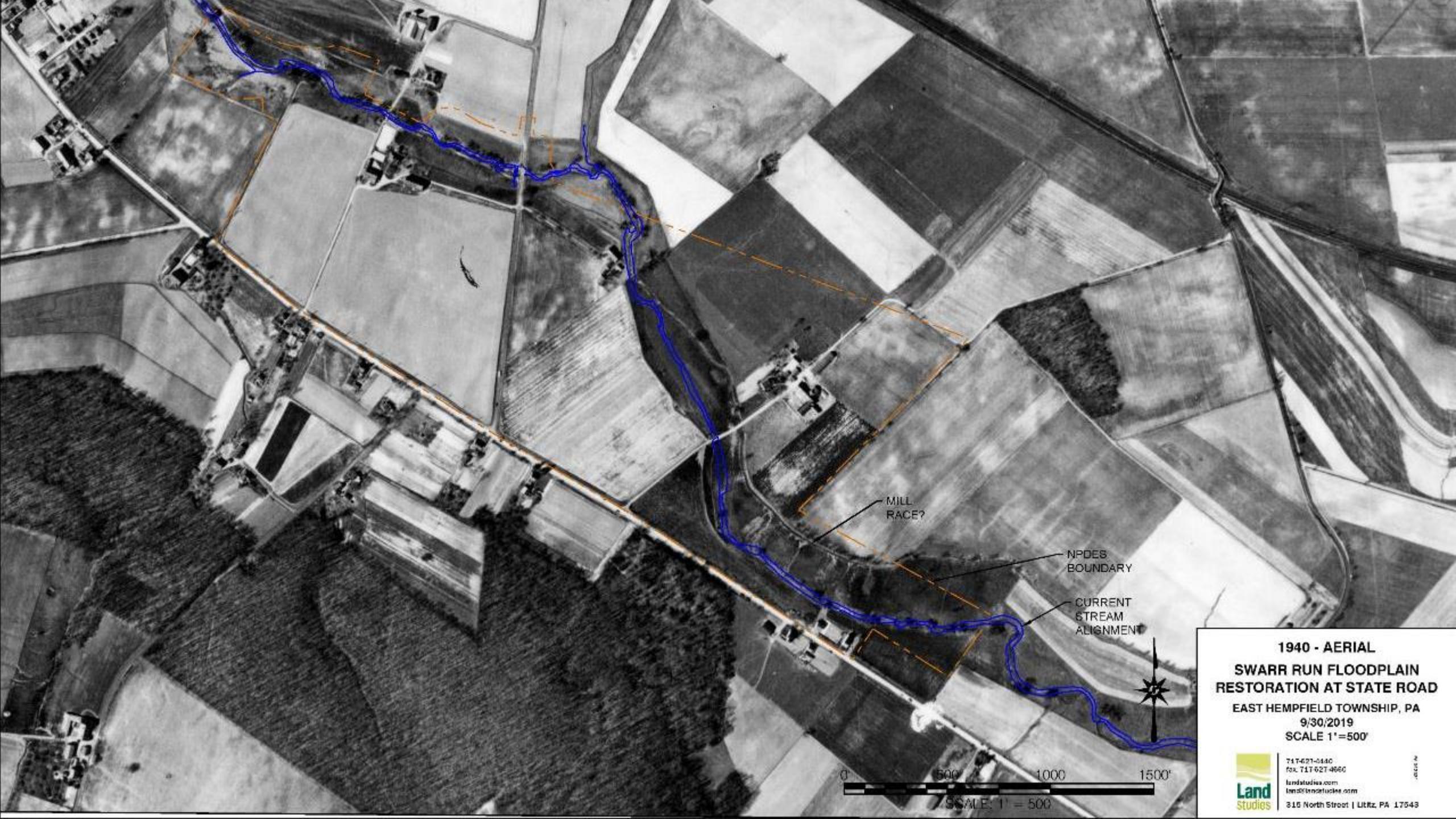


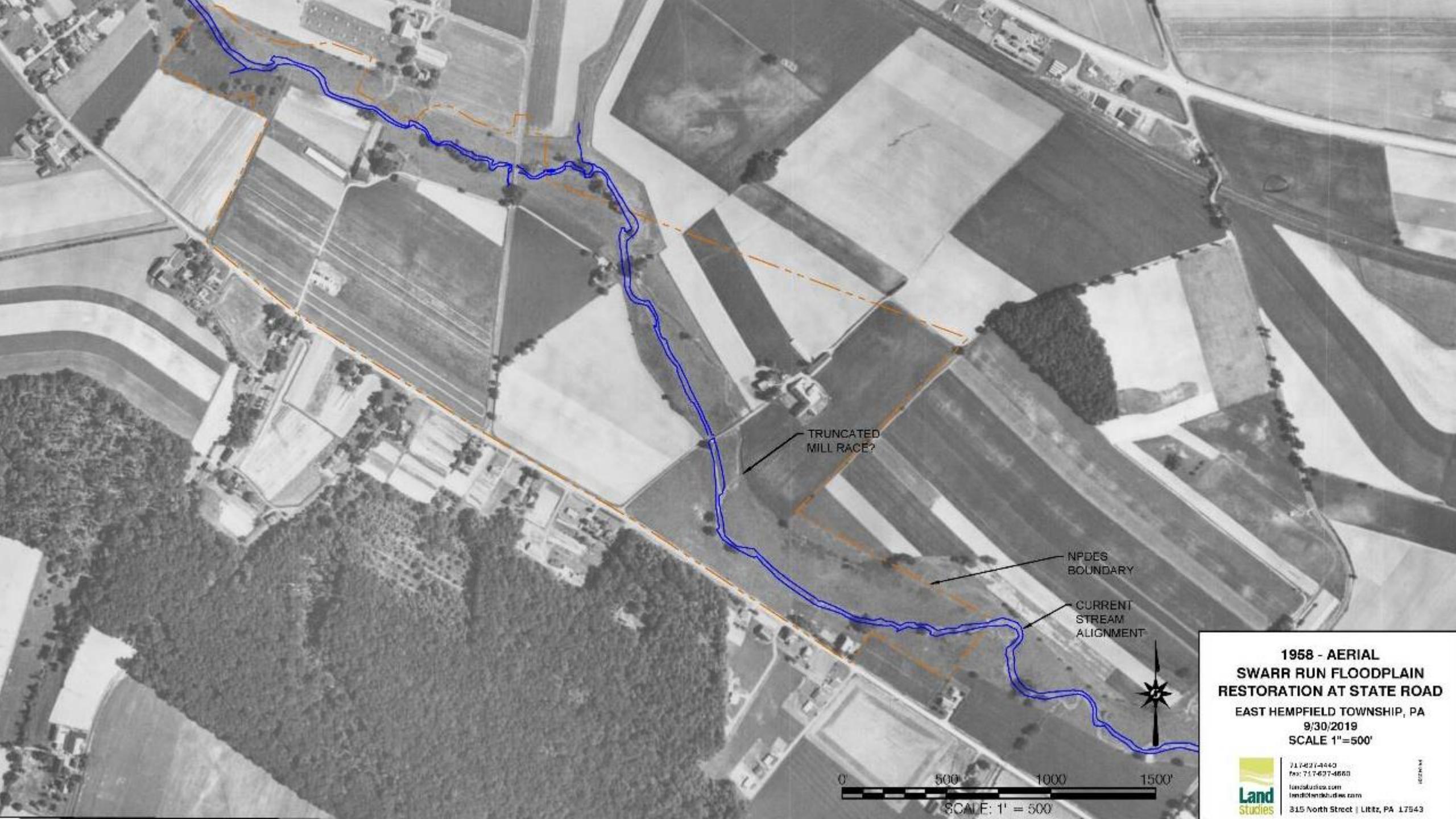
1864 - BRIDGENS
SWARR RUN FLOODPLAIN
RESTORATION AT STATE ROAD

EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP, PA

9/30/2019

SCALE 1'=2000'





1958 - AERIAL
SWARR RUN FLOODPLAIN
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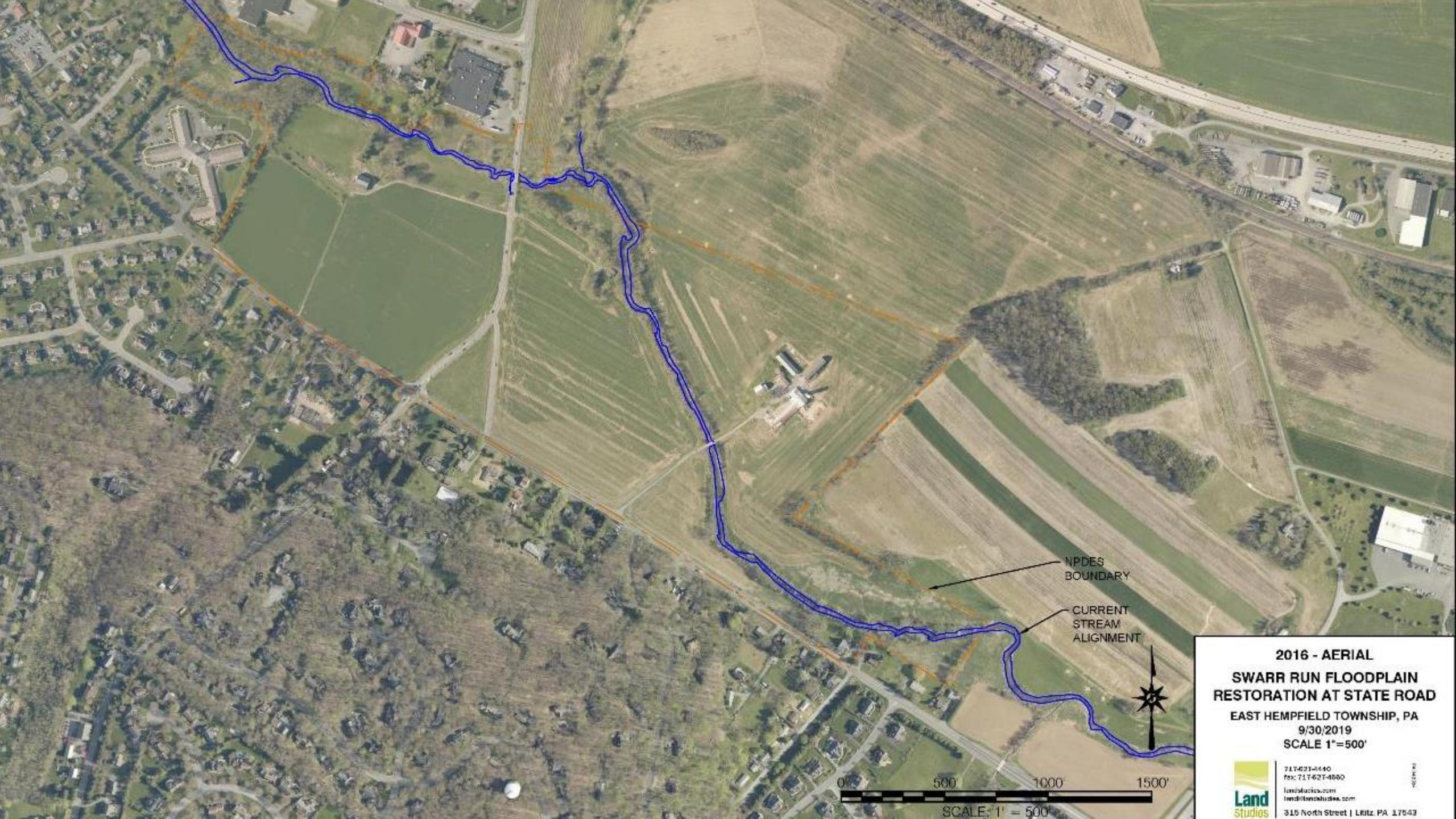
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2016 - AERIAL
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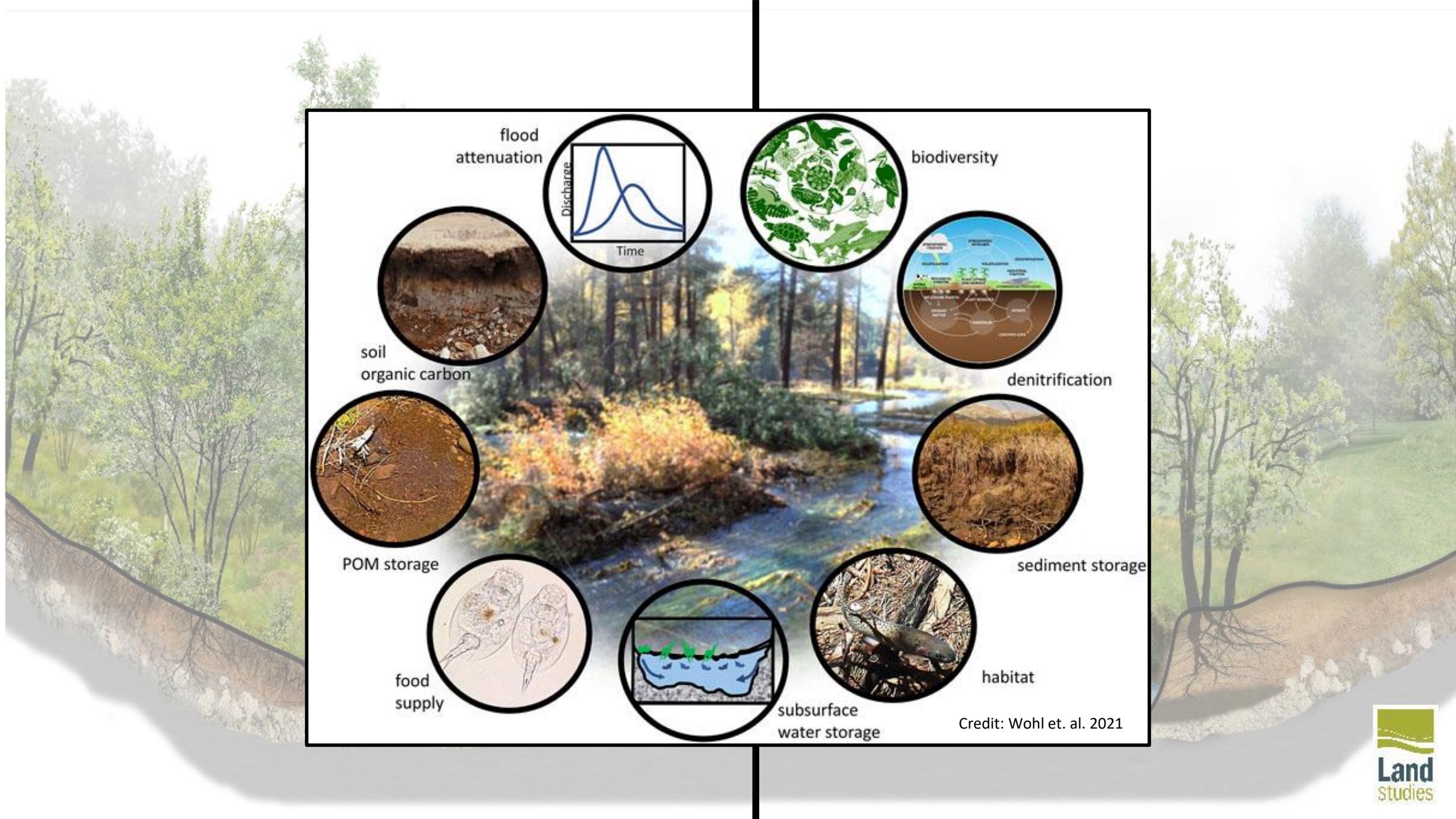
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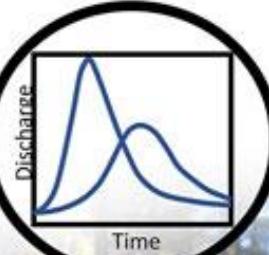
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attenuation



biodiversity



soil
organic carbon



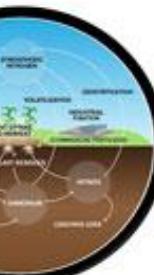
POM storage



food
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biodiversity



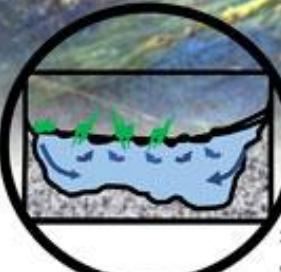
denitrification



sediment storage



habitat



subsurface
water storage

Credit: Wohl et. al. 2021

A photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, there's a wetland area with water and some debris. Behind it, a green tractor is working on the land, and further back, a yellow bulldozer and an excavator are clearing vegetation and dirt. A worker in a yellow vest stands near the bulldozer. In the background, there's a large white building and more trees.

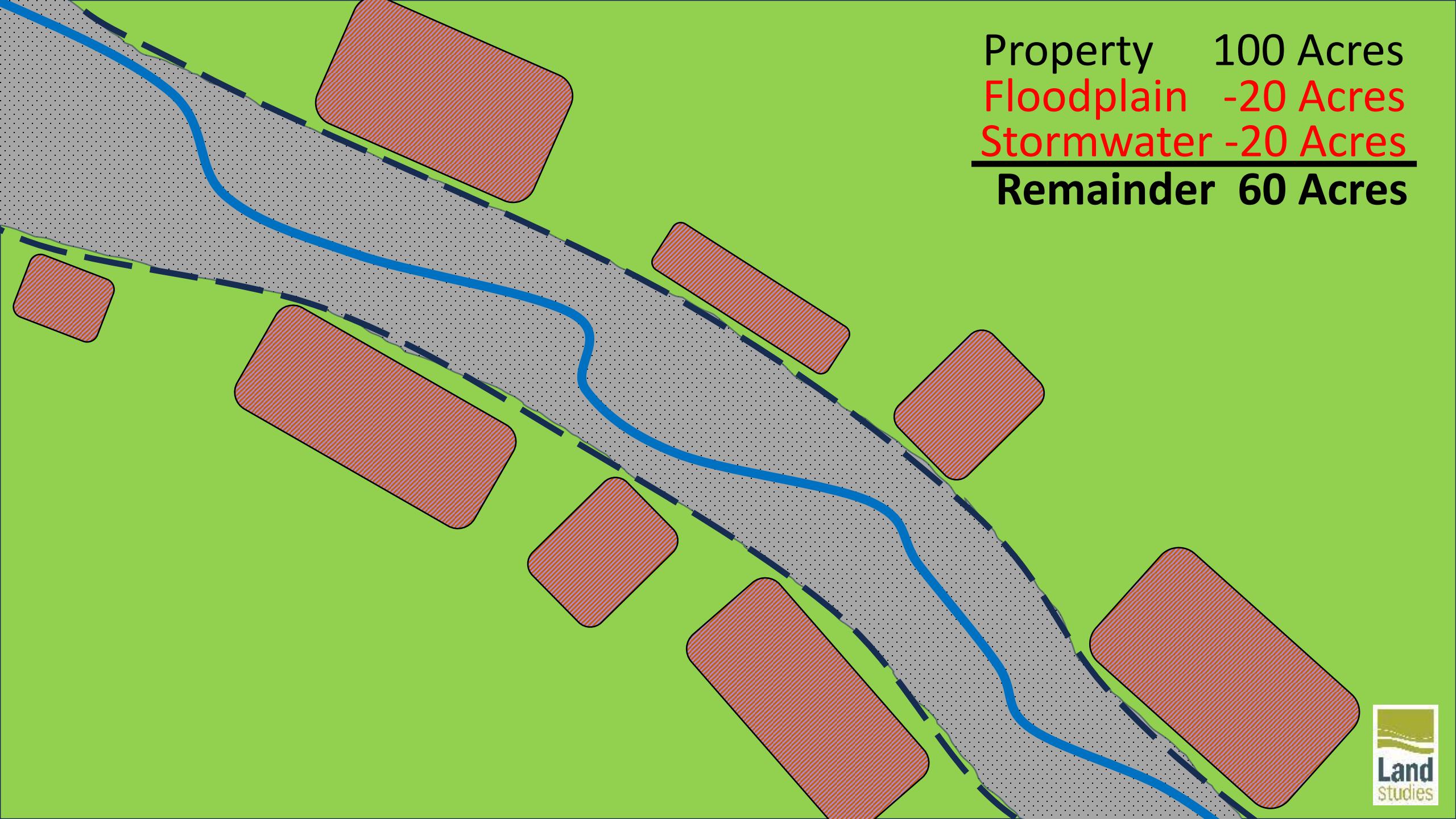
Development

vs

Wetlands



Development = Wetlands



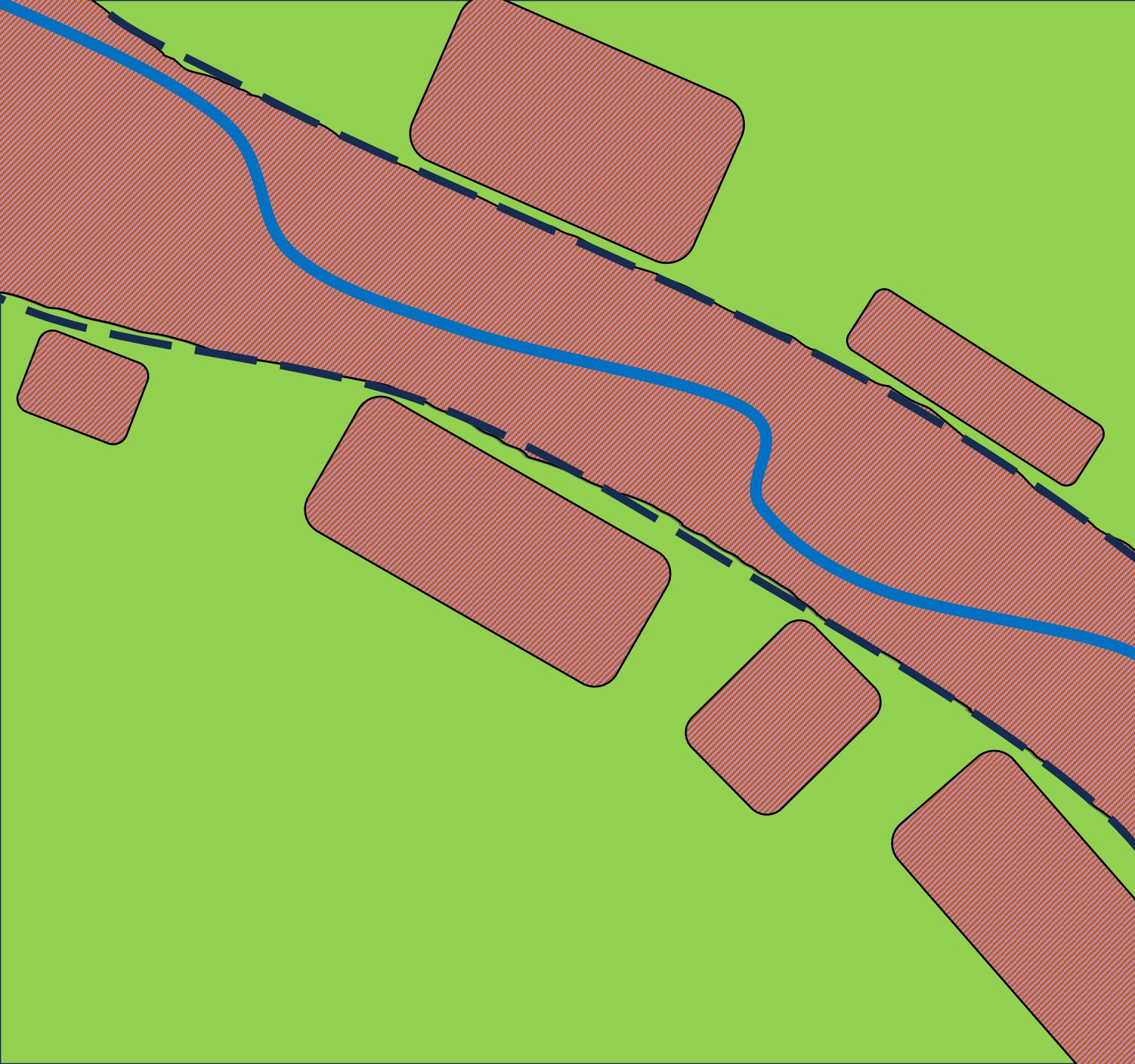
Property 100 Acres
Floodplain -20 Acres
Stormwater -20 Acres

Remainder 60 Acres



Phase I Annual Load:

- 327,417 lb Sediment
- 808 lb Nitrogen
- 126 lb Phosphorus



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Floodplain
Restoration -20 Acres

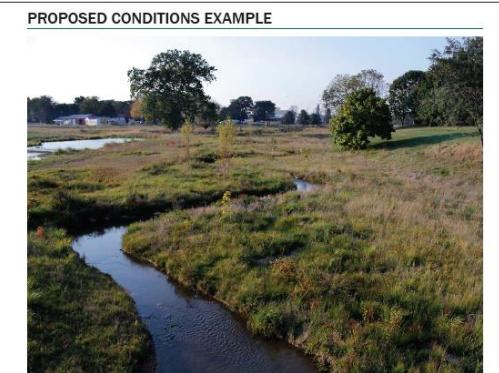
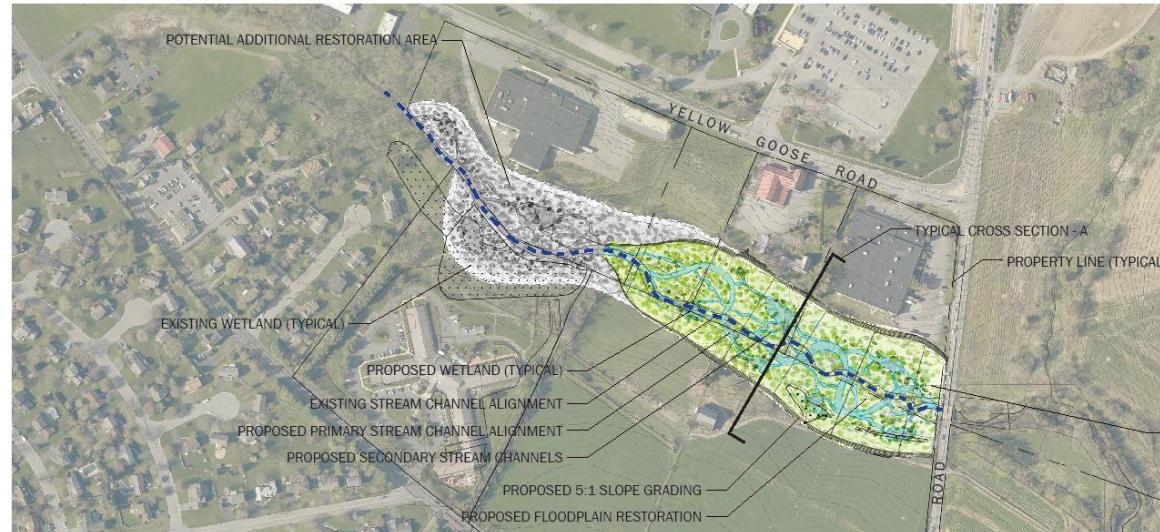
Remainder 80 Acres



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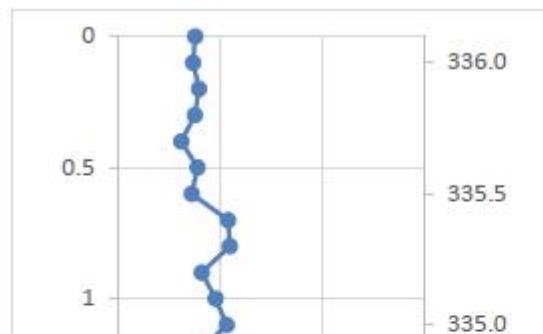
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Swarr Run - Feasibility Study



- Constructed in 2020 (Phase I)
- 17-acre project area
- 80,000 cubic yards of legacy sediment removed
- 3,489 linear feet of restoration
- 12.9 acres of Wetlands
 - 11.8 acres restored
 - 1.1 acres rehabilitated





95.4% calibrated interval

6652 JS1 Lancaster, PA. Trench 16+25: 4.7' Depth

Depth BGS (ft)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell)	Texture	Redox Color (Munsell)	Redox Abundance	Coarse Fragments
0.0-0.9	A	10 YR 4/4	Silt Loam	--	--	0%

Topsoil.

6653 JS2 Lancaster, PA. Trench 23+25: 3.5' Depth

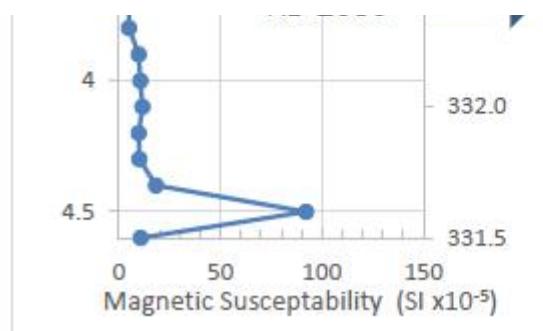
cal AD/BC	cal BP	p (%)
AD 685-750	1265-1200 BP	45.5
AD 760-780	1190-1170 BP	15.1
AD 785-875	1165-1075 BP	34.8

6654 JS3 Lancaster, PA. Trench 42+50: 4.2' Depth

1215-1055 BC	3165-3005 BP	95.4
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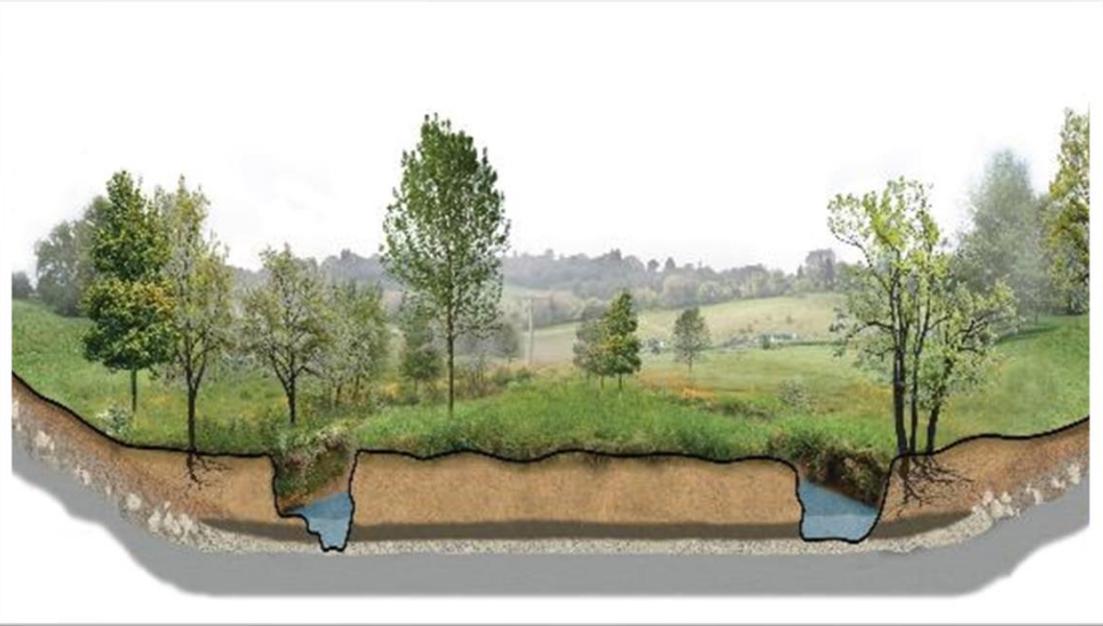
6655 JS4 Lancaster, PA. Trench 55+25: 2.2' Depth

AD 1525-1560	425-390 BP	27.4
AD 1630-1660	320-290 BP	68.0



3.5-4.7 -- -- Gravel -- -- 80%
Small sub-angular quartz basal gravels. Larger gravels interspersed. Some coarse sand, dark brown color.

Figure 13 - Soil Profile (Valley Station 23+25)



State Road – Study Point 1

Return Period	Pre (cfs)	Post (cfs)	Peak Reduction (%)
2-yr	231.20	223.55	-3.31%
5-yr	468.65	460.40	-1.76%
10-yr	721.46	713.10	-1.16%
25-yr	1161.12	1153.23	-0.68%
50-yr	1587.49	1580.58	-0.44%
100-yr	2098.54	2093.16	-0.26%









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