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# **Rough River Dam Safety Assurance Project**

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# **Presentation Outline**

- **Tangled Web of Intangibles**
- **Brief Project Overview and History**
- **Dam Safety Assurance Project**
- **Consequences of Dam Failure**
- **Project Status and Conclusions**



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# Objective

**“Our emphasis continues to be public safety  
and to minimize public inconvenience.”**



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# Reality

**“Our emphasis continues to be public safety and to minimize public inconvenience.”**

**“You can please half of the people some of the time, and some of the people half of the time, but all of the people none of the time.”**



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# **Stakeholders**

- **Project Operations Personnel**
- **State Resort Park and Golf Course**
- **State Highway Department**
- **Old Grist Mill at Green Farm Resort**
- **Politicians, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce**
- **Local Residents and Recreational Visitors**
- **Old Time Fiddlers Contest**
- **Environmental Activists**





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## Project Overview





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# Overview of Dam

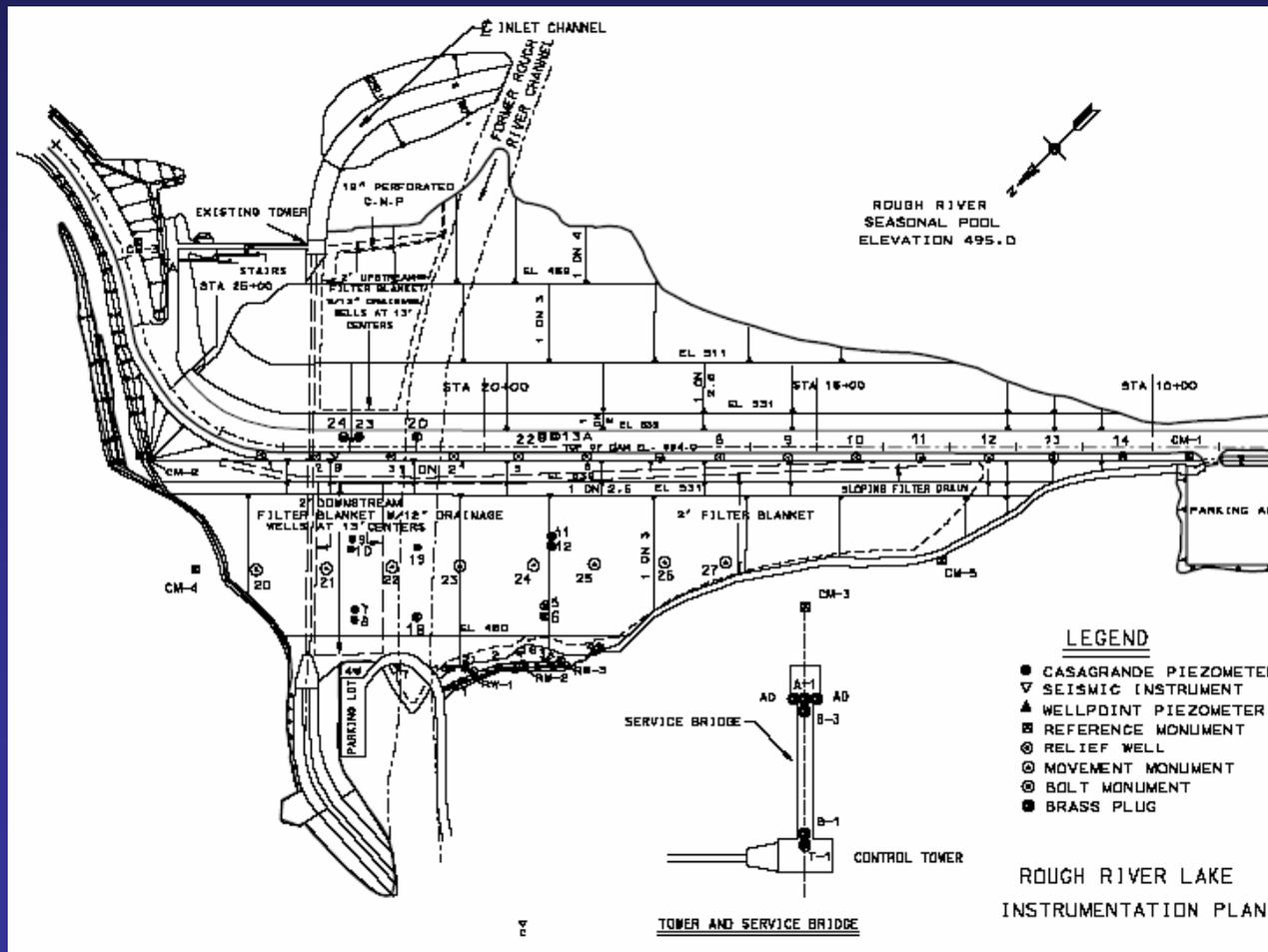




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## Instrumentation Plan







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## Existing Slopes





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# Project History

- **1955: Construction begins**
- **1957: Extensive damage to outlet bucket and channel during flood releases**
- **1958: Construction complete**
- **1960: Complete flood control operational**
- **1971: First Periodic Inspection; erosion and damages noted to channel and apron**
- **1975: Damage to apron**



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# Project History (cont.)

- **1979: Extensive erosion damage to channel and apron; deep scour hole**
- **1984: Severe apron and channel damage (88 CY)**
- **1985: Apron undermining and erosion**
- **1989: Record pool; two apron repairs (28+ CY)**
- **1991: Two apron repairs (13 CY and 6 CY)**
- **1993: Apron damage**



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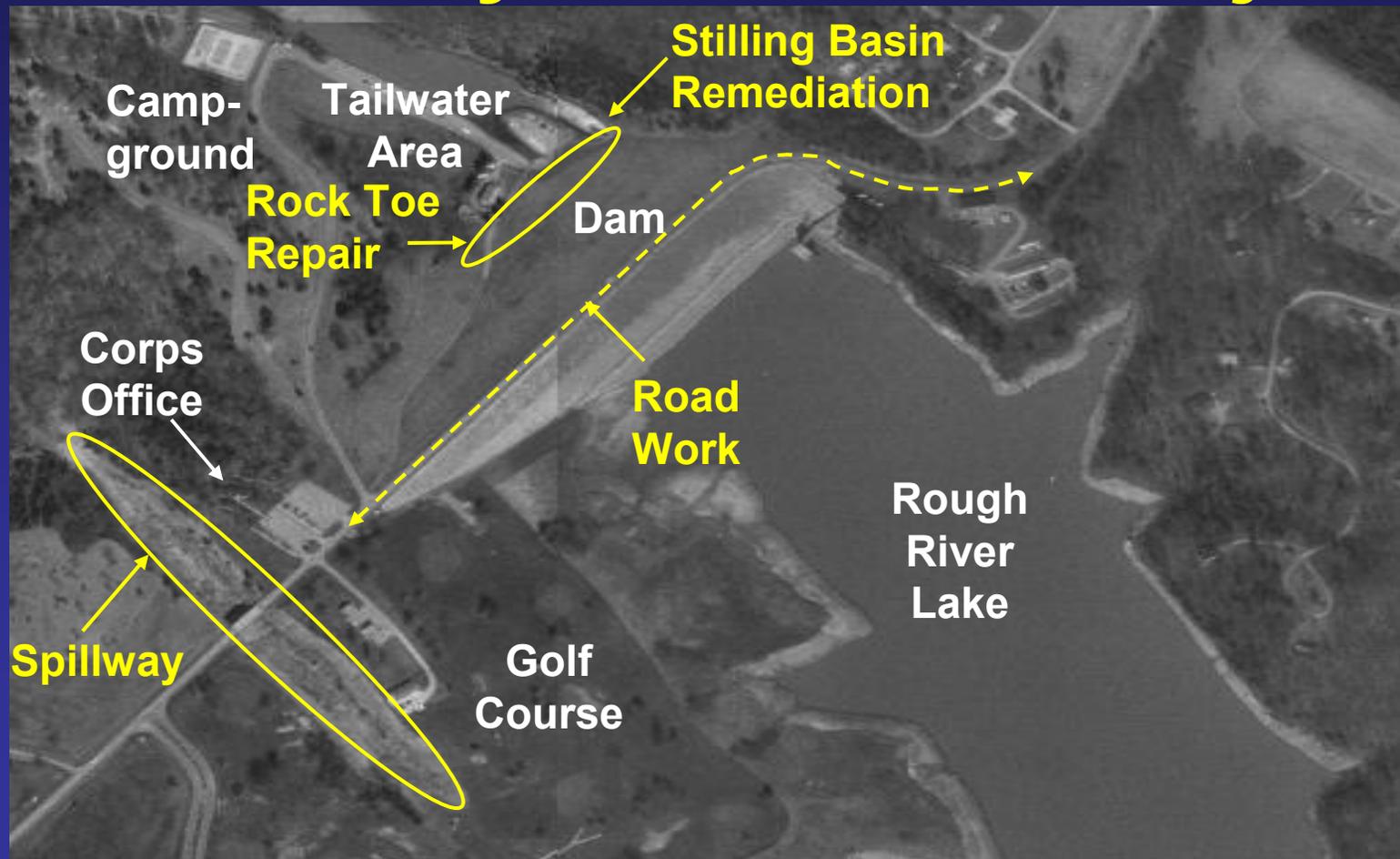
- **1998: Apron undermining and failure**
- **2002: Sinkhole on downstream slope**
- **2003: DSA geotechnical investigation**
- **2004: “Short-term” repairs to paved apron;  
DSAP Evaluation Report**



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# Dam Safety Assurance Project





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# Spillway Inadequacy



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# Existing Spillway



Looking Upstream  
from KY 79 Bridge



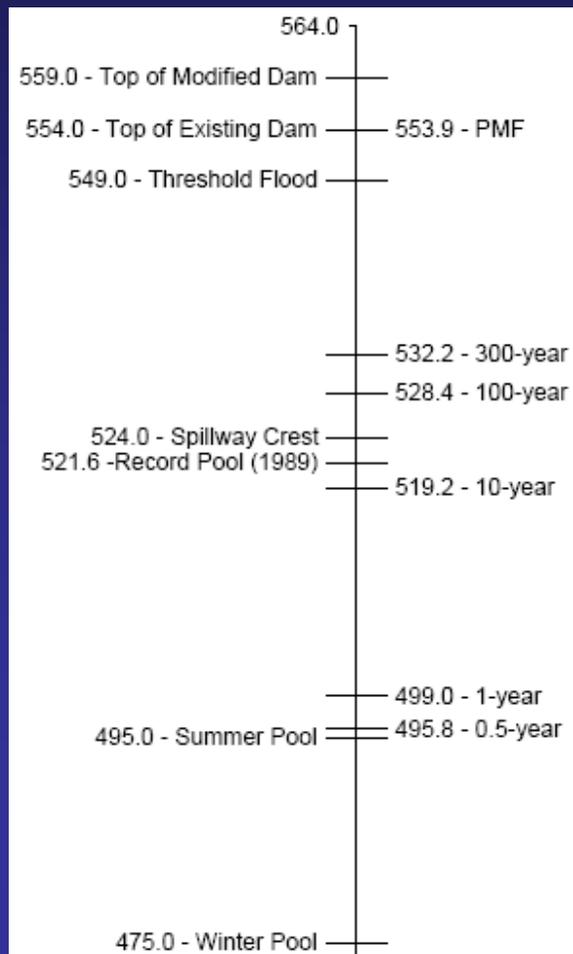
Looking Downstream  
at KY 79 Bridge



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# Pool Frequency Data



- **PMF Elevation = TOD**
- **Threshold Flood = 87% PMF**
- **Required Freeboard = 5 feet**
- **BSC = 100% PMF**
- **No spillway events to-date**
- **Record Pool = 521.6 feet**



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## Spillway Vicinity





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# Spillway Remediation: Options

- Widen spillway by 85 feet to left or right
- Deepen spillway by 20 feet; add gates
- Raise dam crest by 5 feet with earth fill, parapet wall, inflatable dam or other mechanical-gated structure, or a combination of these options



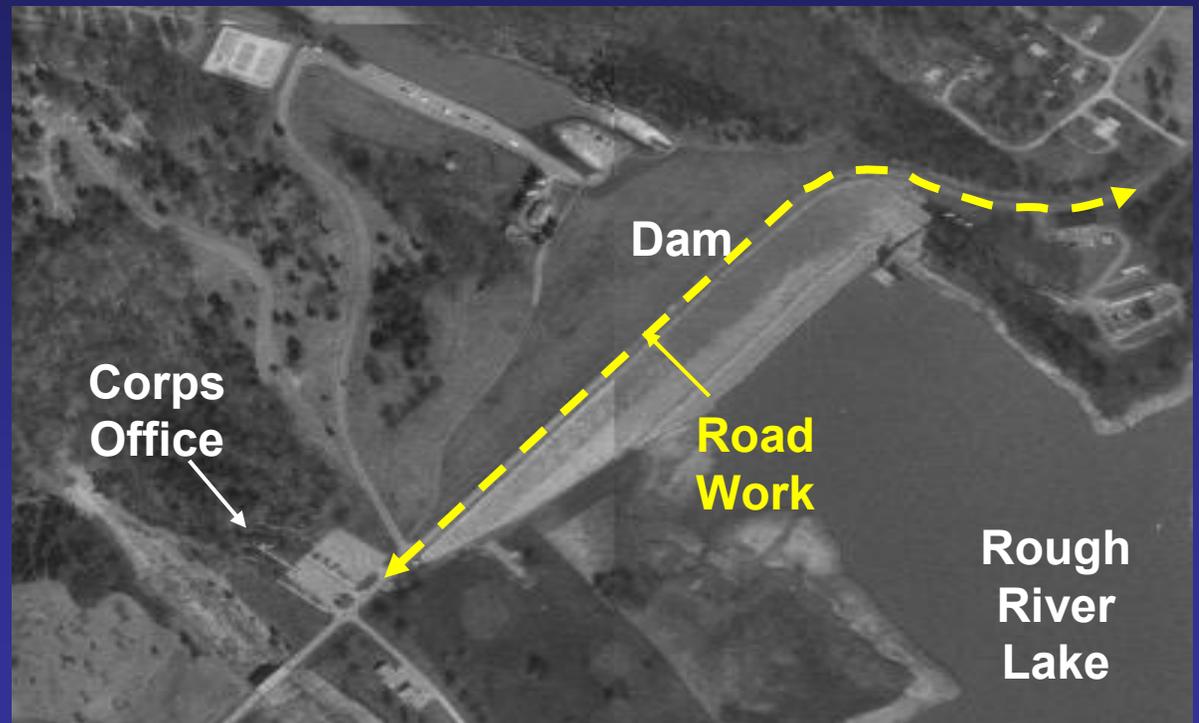
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# Spillway Remediation

Construct 3.5'  
tall parapet wall  
along upstream  
crest of dam to  
meet KDOH  
standards

Raise road  $\pm 1.5'$

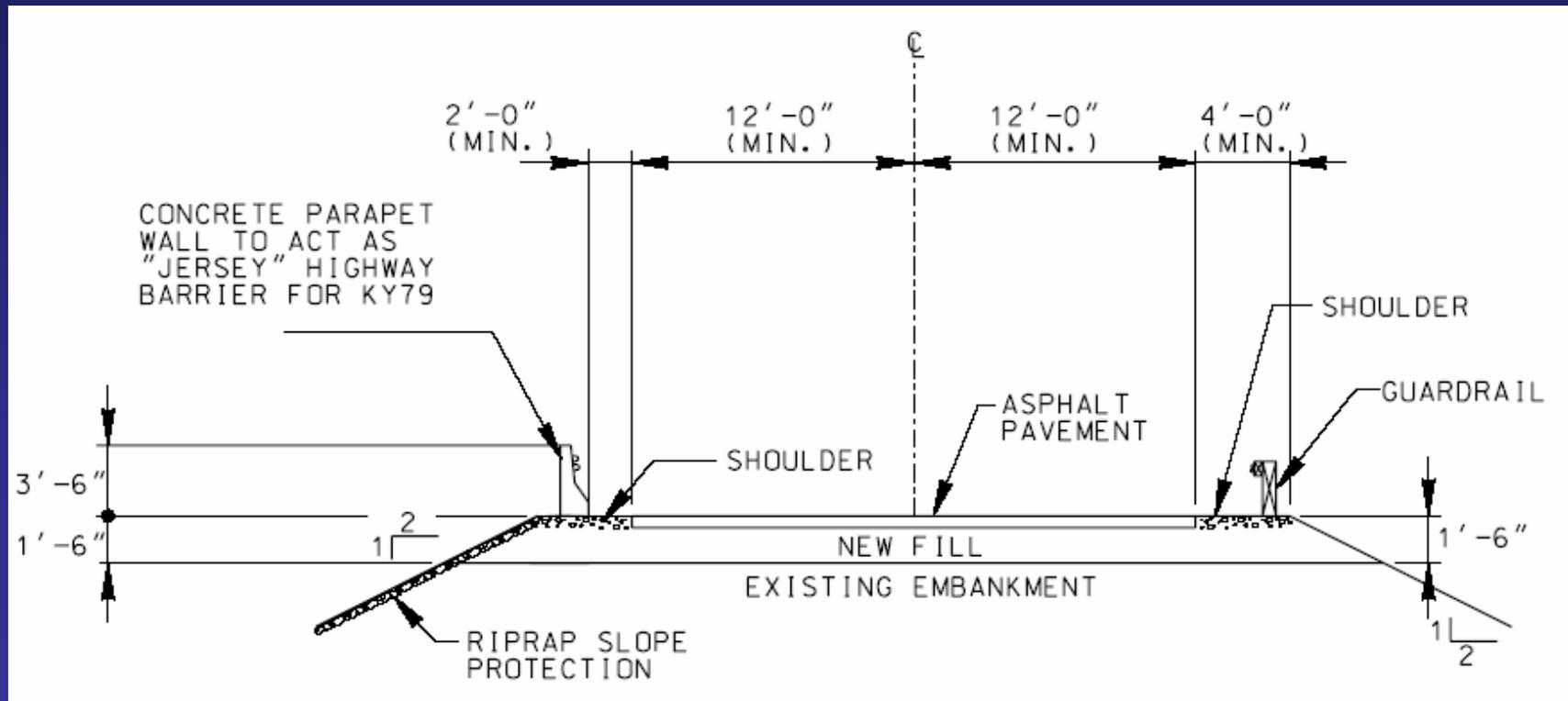




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# New Dam Crest Geometry





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# **Rock Toe Repair**



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# Sinkhole on Downstream Slope



## Remnants of Hurricane Isidore

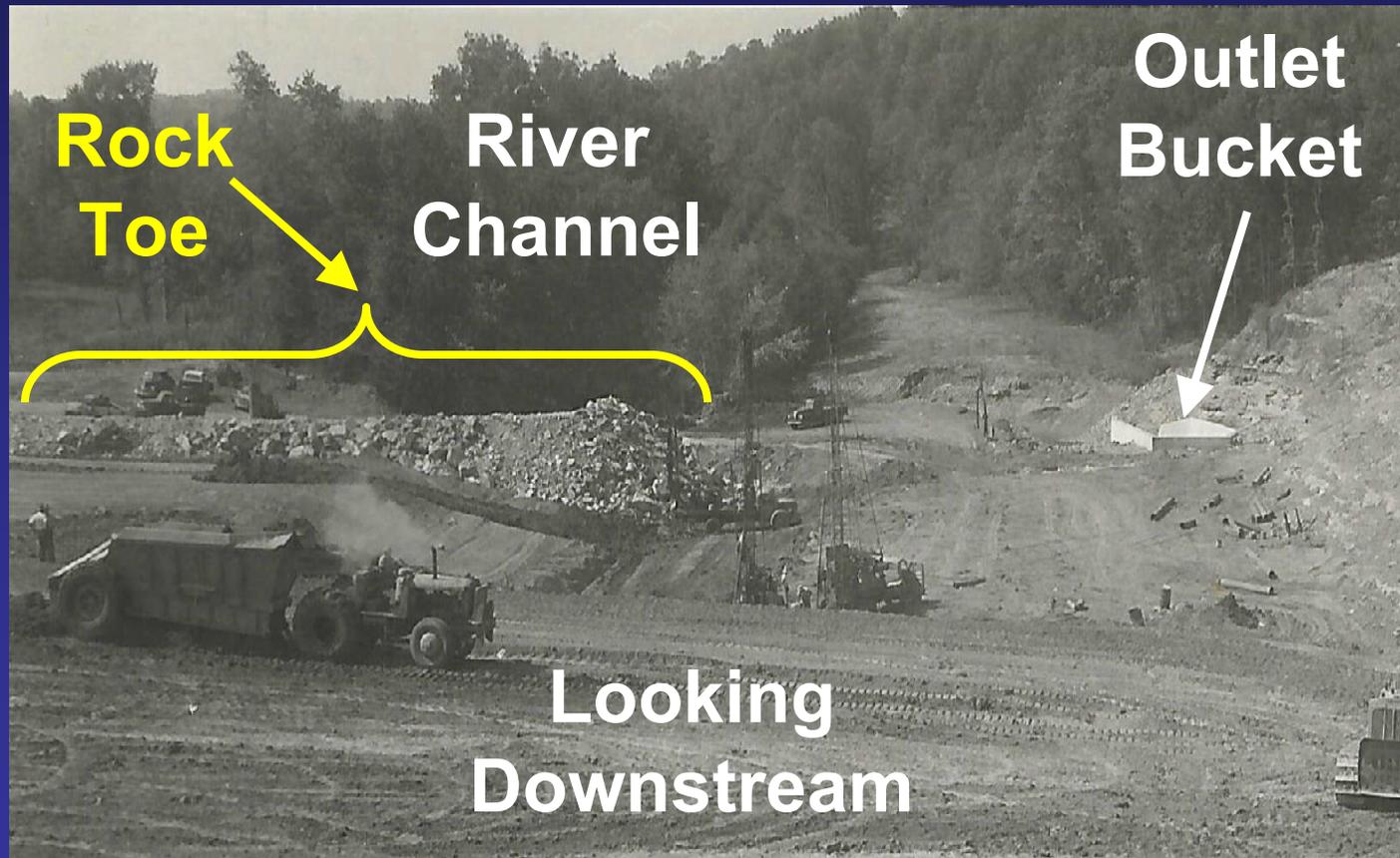
- September 2002
- 6.5 inches of rain in 24 hours



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# Rock Toe Construction

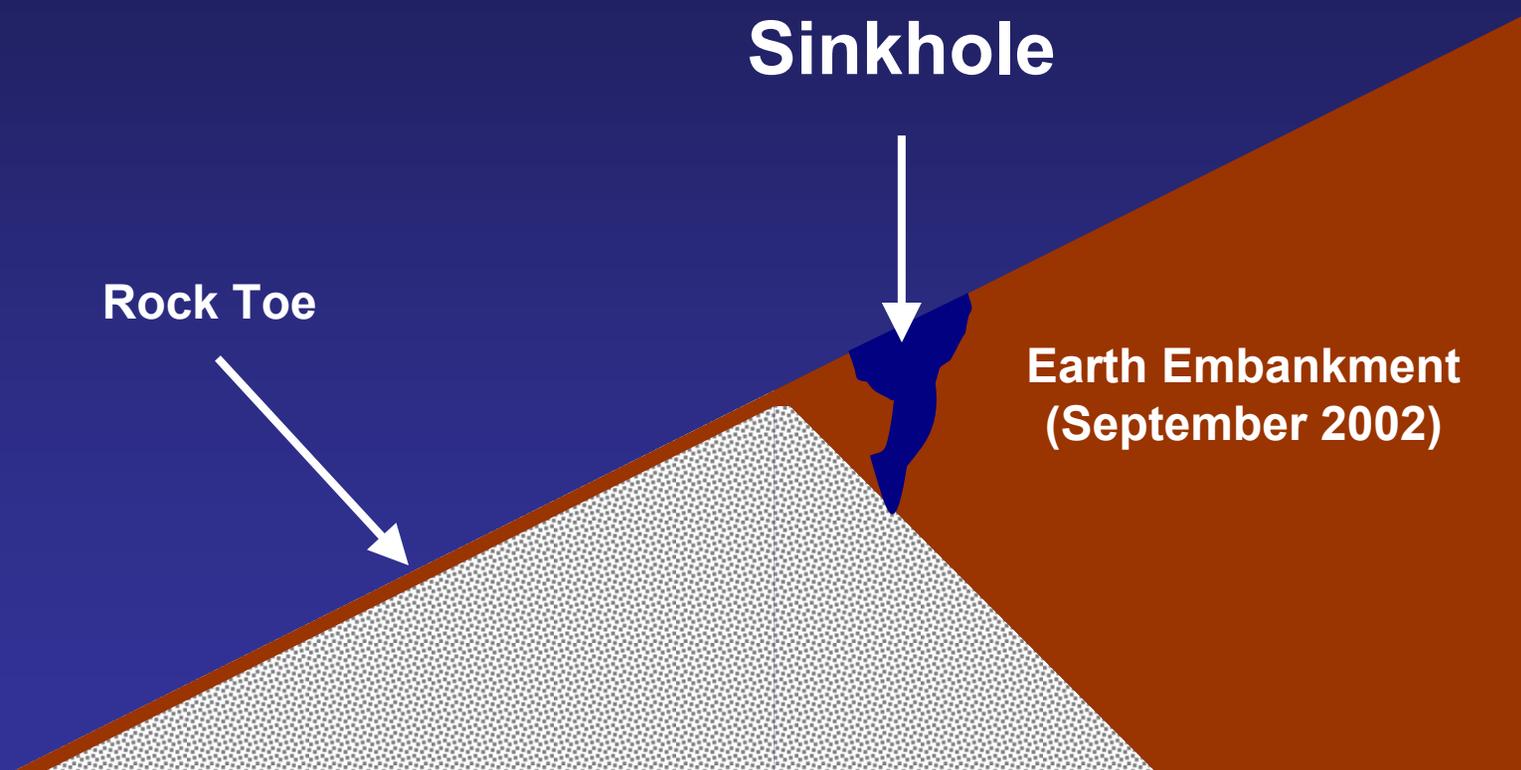




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# Sinkhole Development





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## Downstream Slope Condition

Rock Toe

Depressions

Outlet  
Bucket

Approx.  
Location of  
Sinkhole





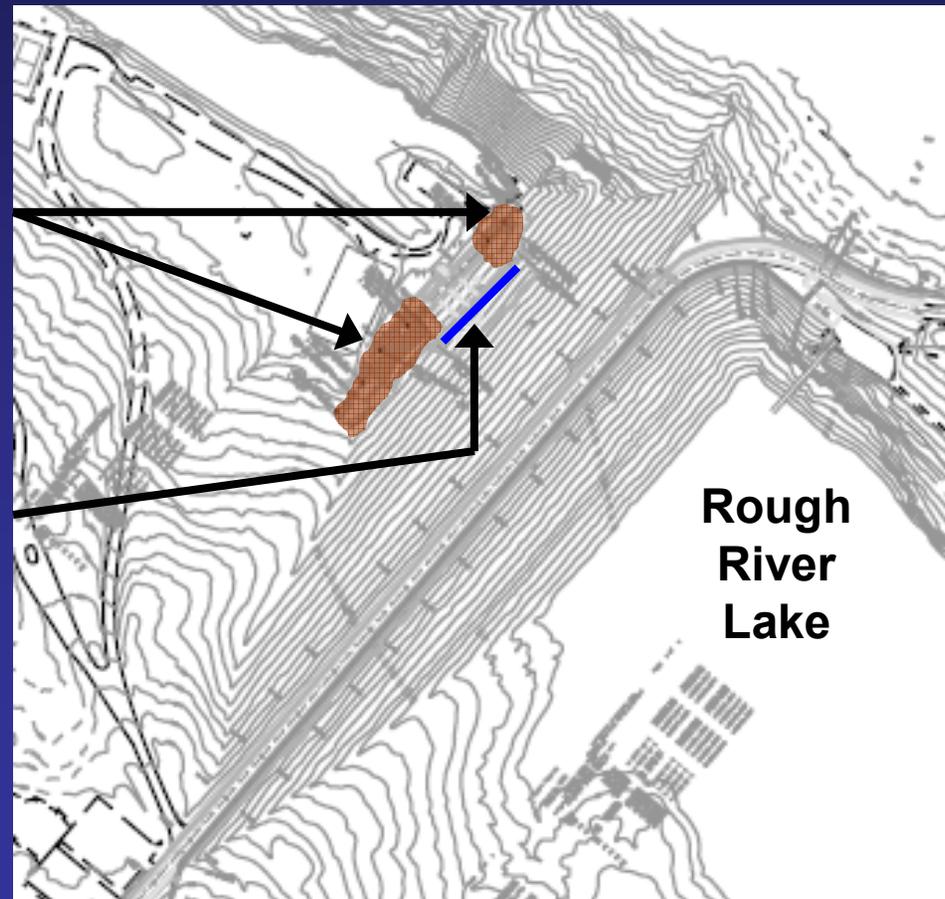
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# Rock Toe Repair

Complete Repair:  
Excavate; place  
granular filter;  
replace earth fill

Partial Repair:  
Place cutoff wall;  
seal surface with  
granular filter

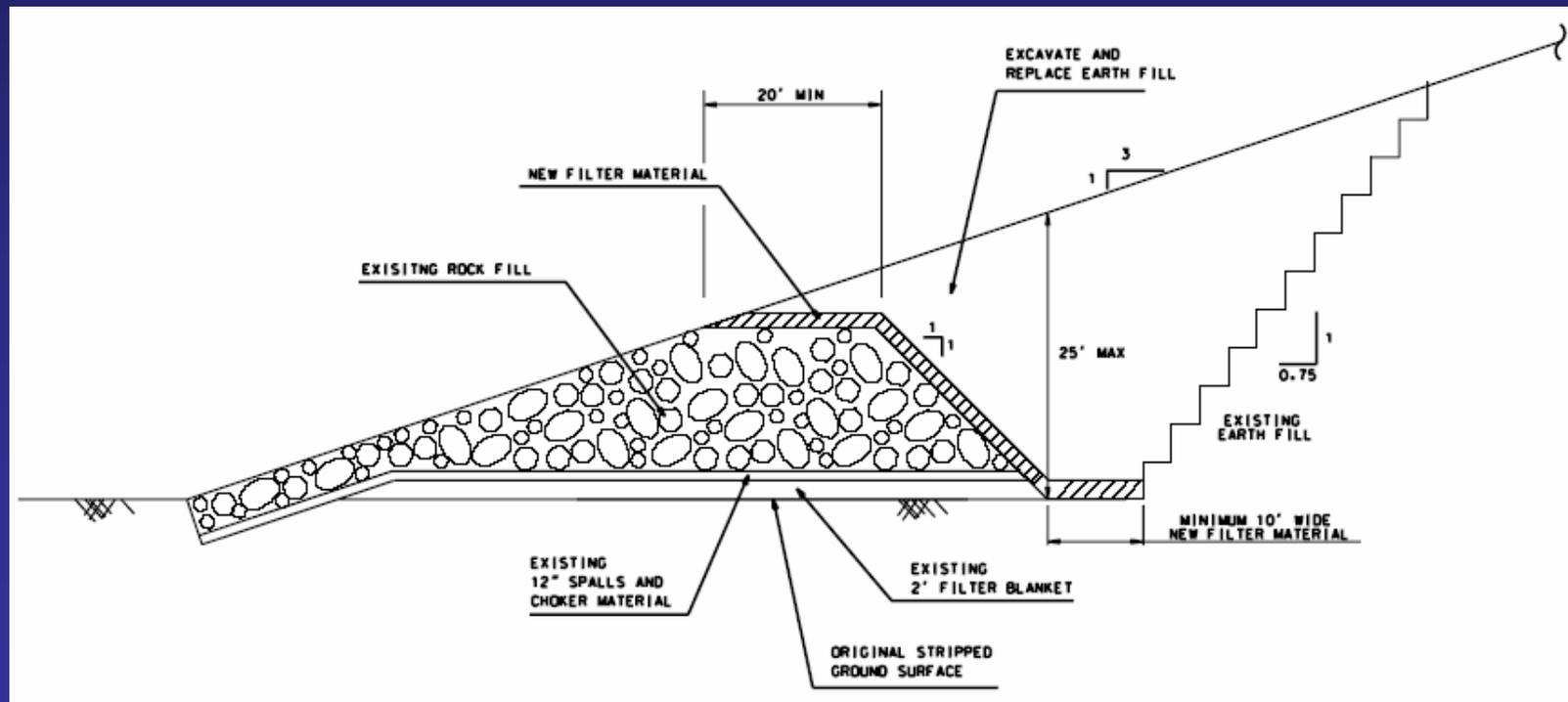




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# Complete Rock Toe Repair: Excavate, Repair, and Replace

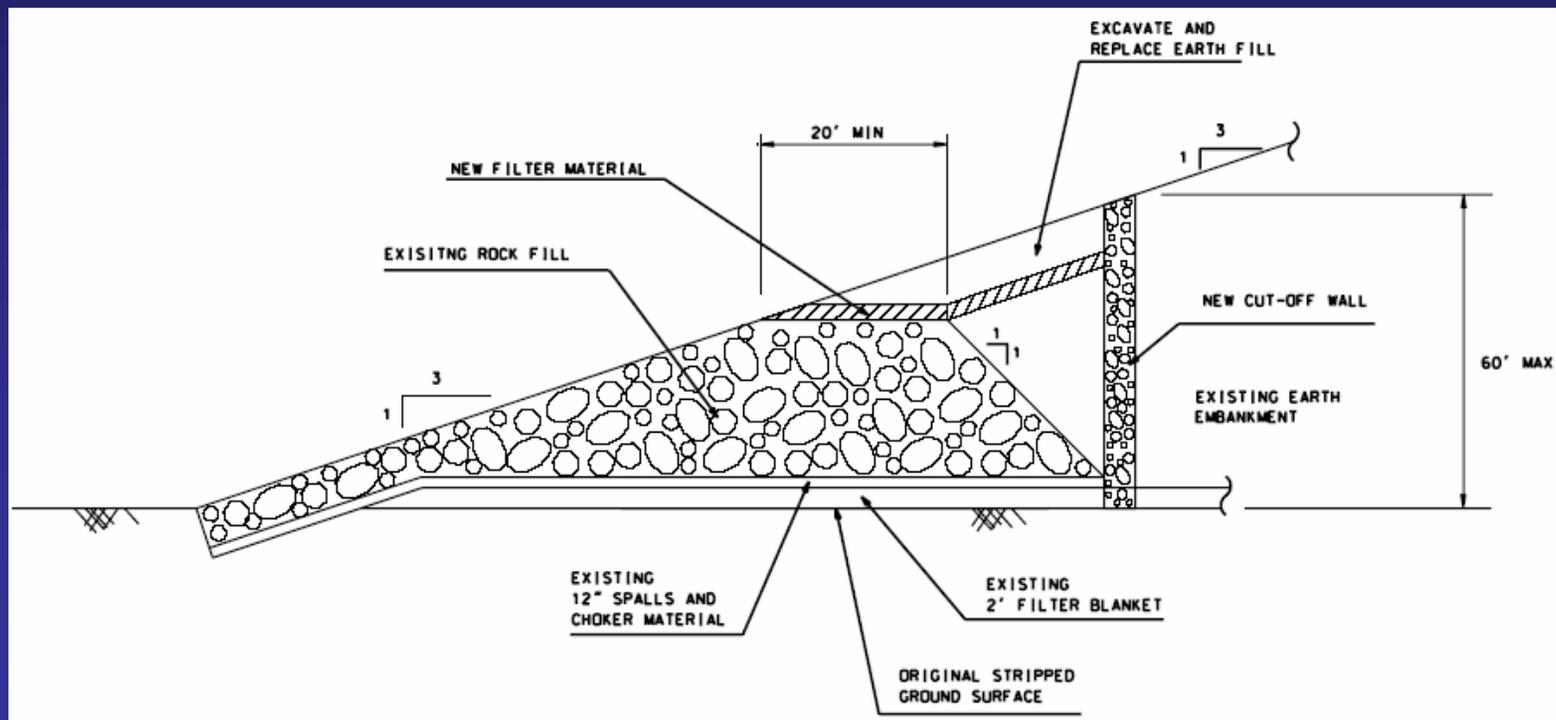




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# Partial Rock Toe Repair: Cutoff Wall; Seal Surface





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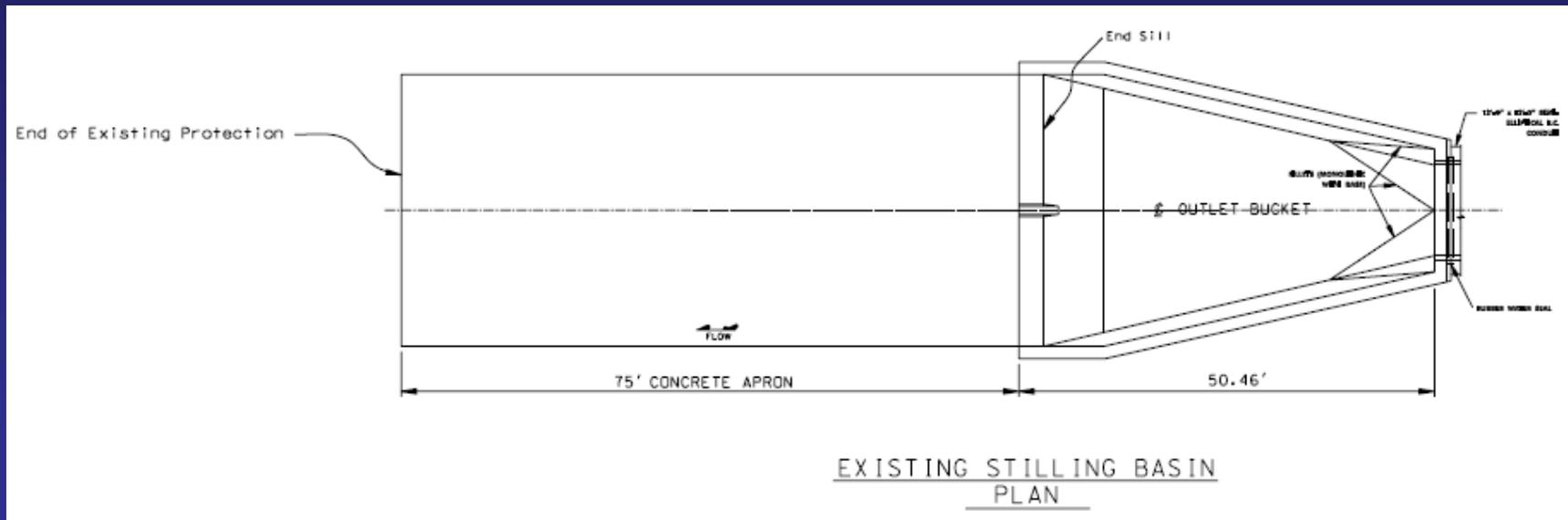
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## Plan of Existing Stilling Basin

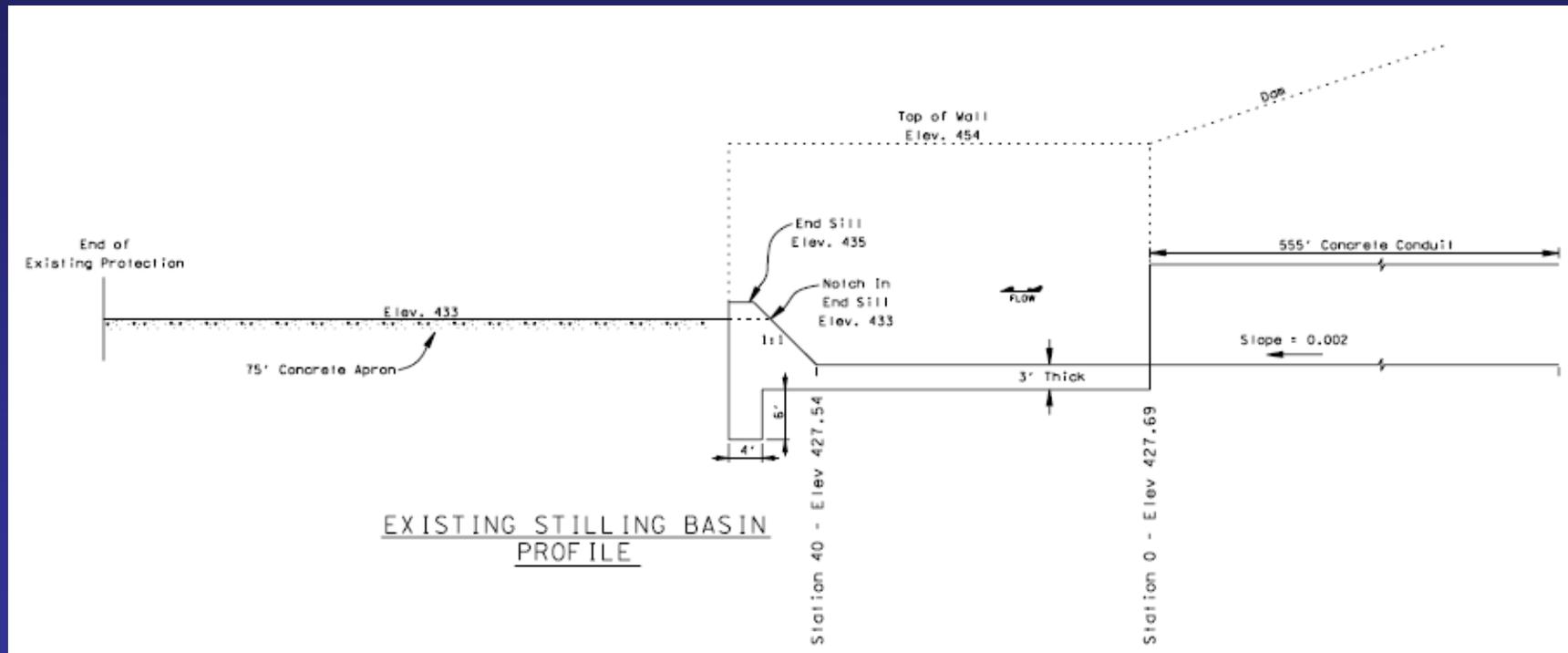




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## Profile of Existing Stilling Basin





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# Existing Stilling Basin



Note: Conduit nearly submerged with respect to tailwater



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# Existing Stilling Basin



Note: Discharge in photographs is 50% of required discharge for the design flood pool and 20% less than the maximum discharge for channel capacity.



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# Consequences of No Stilling Basin Modification





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## Stilling Basin Remediation

ERDC 1:25-scale model study:

- Lengthen Basin: Move end sill  $\pm 90$  feet downstream and add baffle blocks
- Downstream Weir: Construct a weir downstream of the existing apron in conjunction with some channel armoring

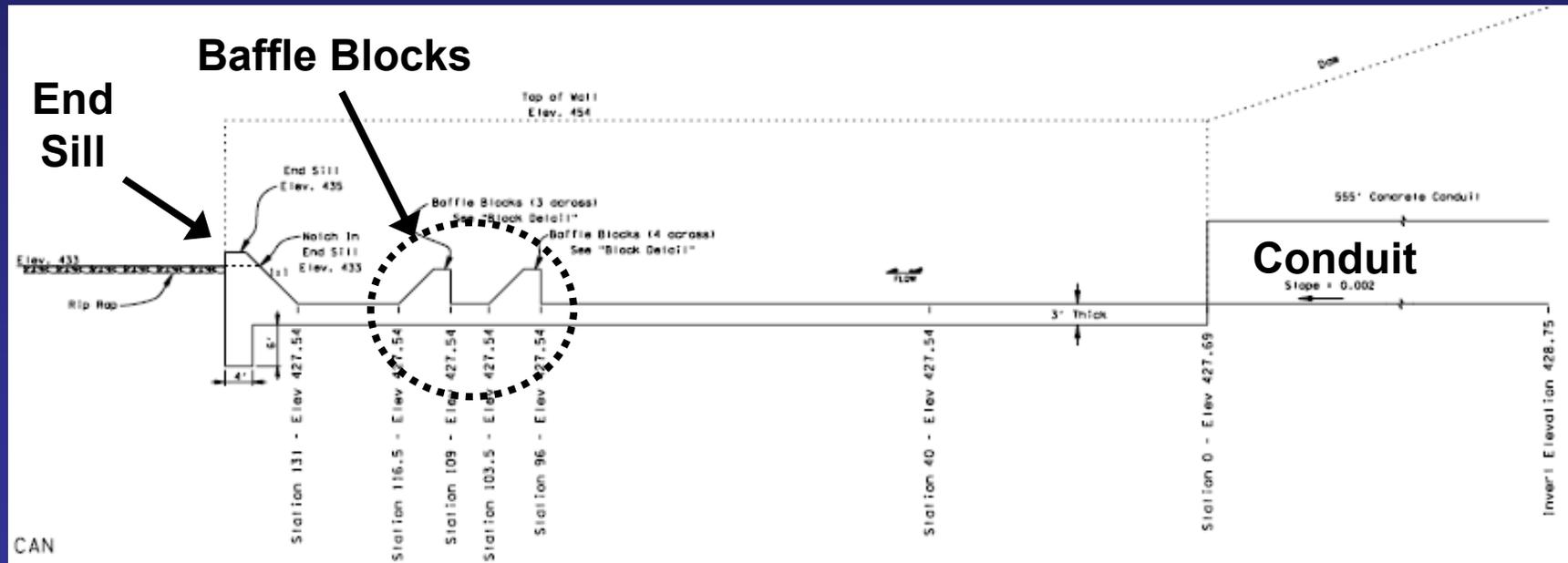




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# Conceptual Modification I: Lengthened Stilling Basin Profile

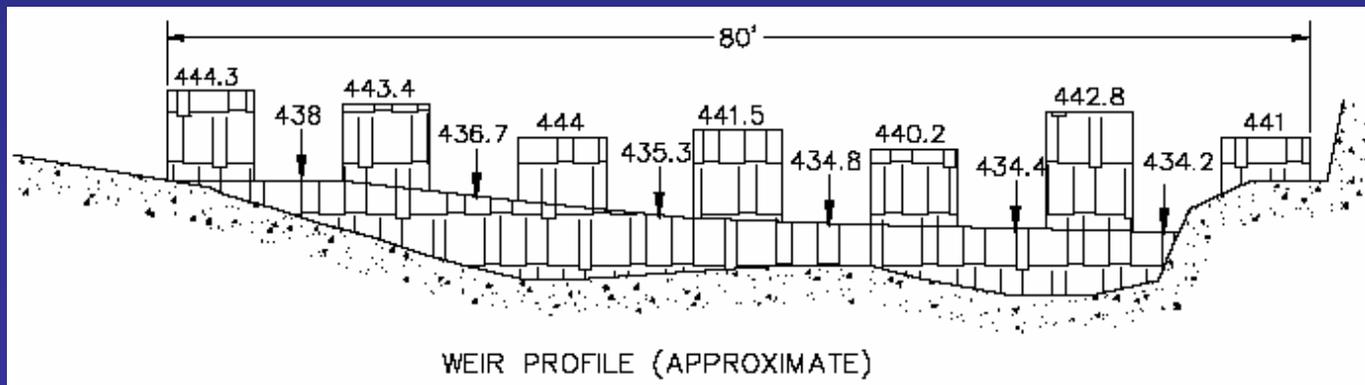
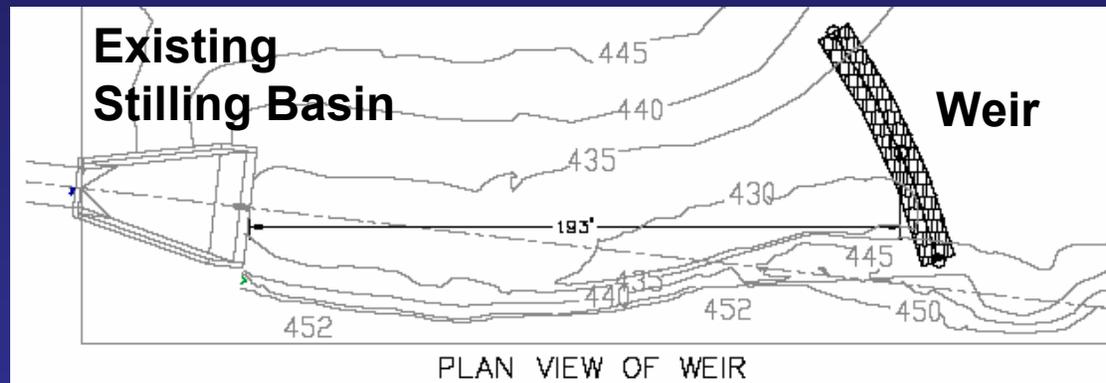




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## Conceptual Modification II: Construct Downstream Weir





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# Tailwater Improvements

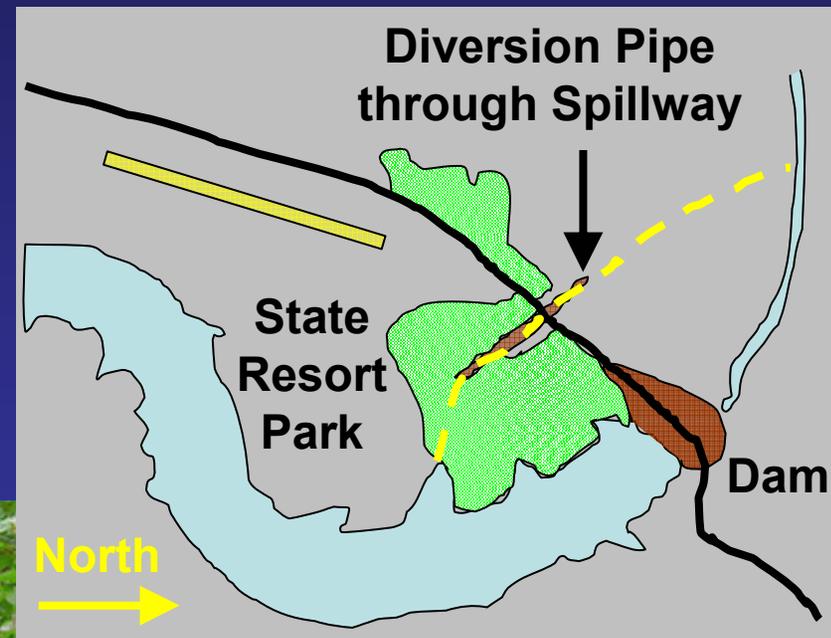
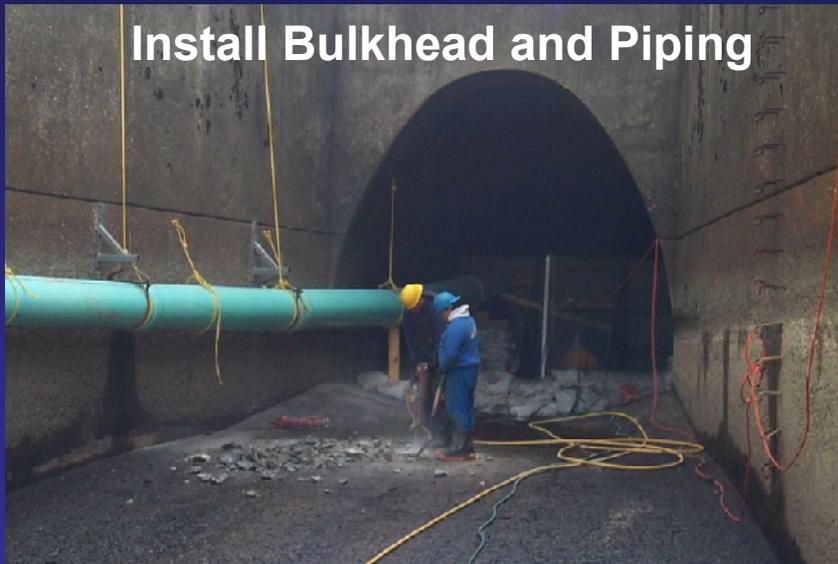
- **Raise grade of access road at toe of dam to prevent flooding during high tailwater**
- **Expand parking lot; provide turn-around**
- **Add fishing platform along river bank**
- **Construct ADA-accessible fishing platform along top of new stilling basin wall**



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## Construction Water Control





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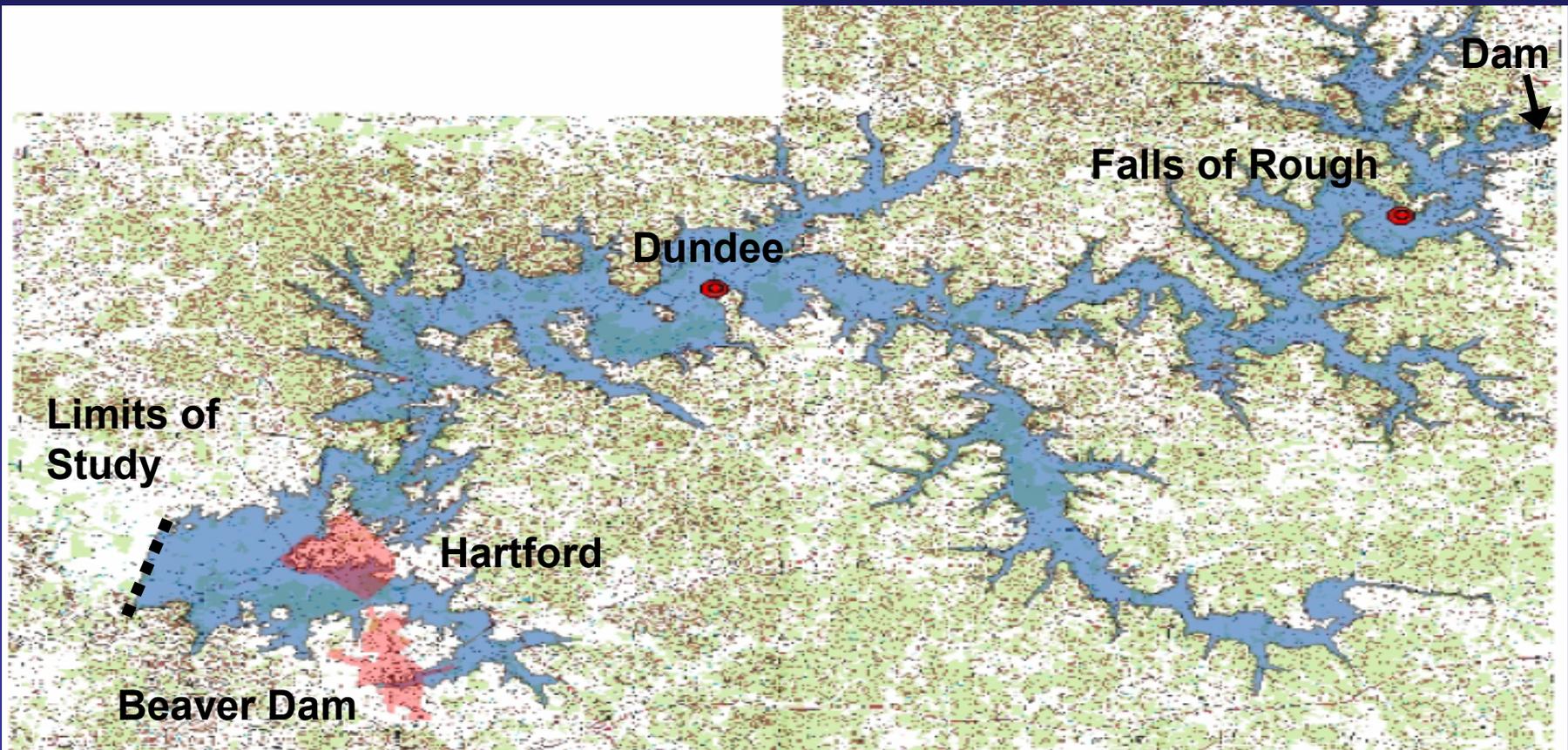
# **Consequences**



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# PMF Dam Break Inundation





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## Economic Losses with Dam Failure

Immediate urban flood damage	\$19.8M
Annual flood control benefits lost	\$ 4.5M
Annual recreation benefits lost	<u>\$ 8.3M</u>
Total annual benefits lost	\$12.8M



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## Economic Losses with Dam Failure (cont.)

Original construction cost	<u>\$ 2.4M</u>
Dam replacement	\$20.5M
Rebuild Lafayette Golf Course	\$ 2.0M



## Economic Losses with Dam Failure (cont.)

- Loss of water supply:

Grayson County	25,000
<u>Breckinridge County</u>	<u>19,200</u>
Total Population	44,200
- Agricultural losses: 28,600 total crop acres
- Environmental/ecological losses



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# Human Consequences with Dam Failure

	Population at Risk (PAR)	Loss of Life (LOL)
Permanent	1,258	5 (1 to 11)
<u>Transient</u>	<u>6,750</u>	<u>28 (5 to 56)</u>
Total	8,008	33 (6 to 67)



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# Project Schedule

**Design  
Complete**

**Award  
Contract**

**Construction  
Complete**

**Spillway and Rock Toe Remediation:**

**Sep. 2005**

**Dec. 2005**

**Oct. 2006**

**Stilling Basin Remediation:**

**Mar. 2006**

**Aug. 2006**

**Mar. 2007**



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# Project Funding

<b>FY 2005 CG/Wedge: Model Study, Design</b>	<b>\$0.5M</b>
<b>FY 2006 CG: Construction, S&amp;A, EDC</b>	<b>\$2.2M</b>
<b>FY 2007 CG: Construction, S&amp;A, EDC</b>	<b>\$2.0M</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.7M</b>



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# **Conclusions**

**“Our emphasis continues to be public safety and to minimize public inconvenience.”**

- **Common Sense**
- **Courtesy**
- **Communication,  
communication,  
communication**



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# Questions?

