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***Valley Park 100-Yr Flood Protection Project:  
Use of 'Engineered Fill'  
In the Item IV-B Levee Core***

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## St. Louis District and Location of Valley Park Project



- 10 rivers
- 5 lock & dam sites
- 5 Corps lakes
- 720 miles of levees
- 92 flood control systems
- 416 miles of navigable channel
- 70 pumping plants
- 162 recreation areas
- 1 hydropower dam

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## Location of Valley Park, MO.

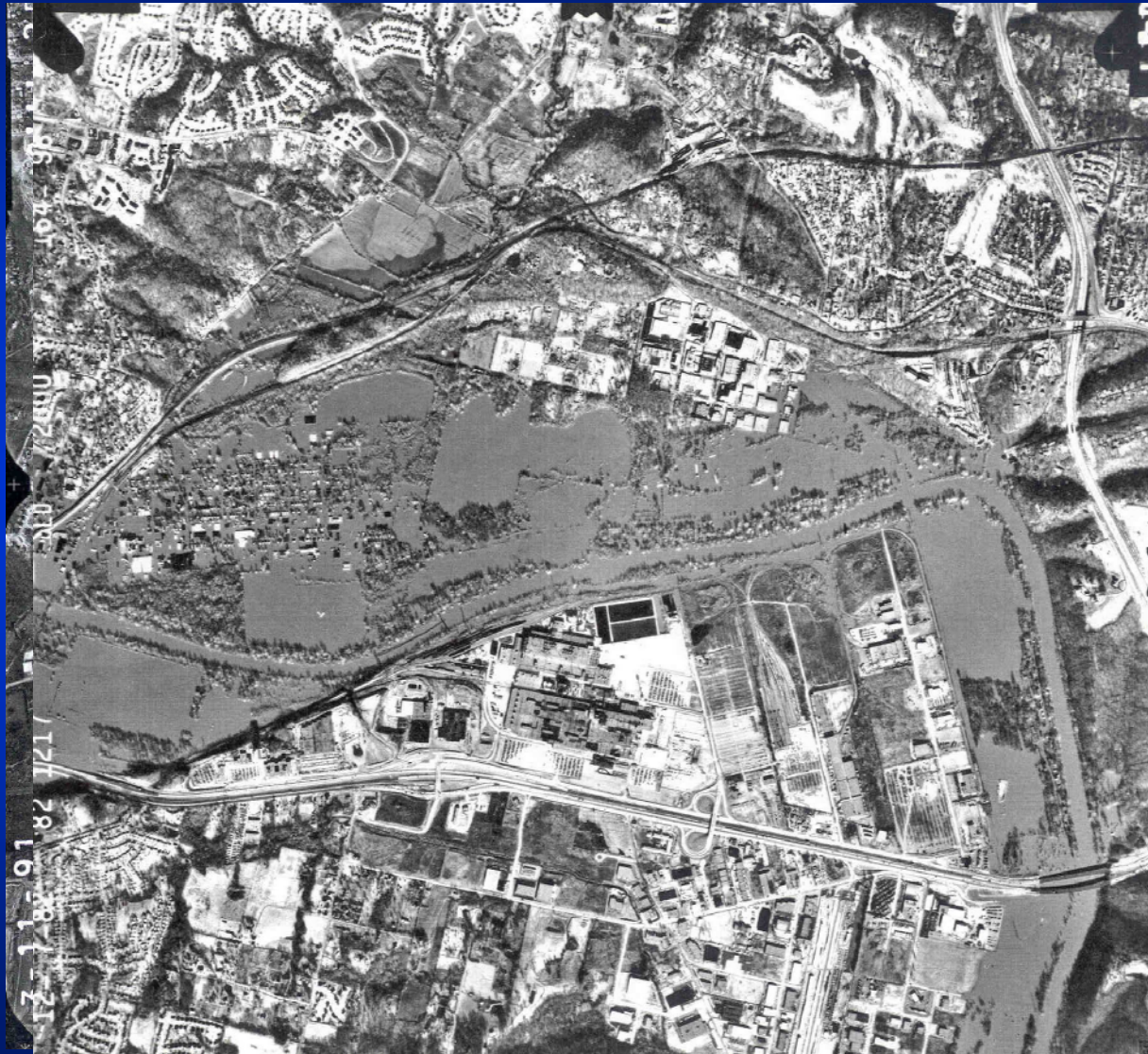


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## Extent of Flooding



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## Meramec River – 1982 Flood of Record



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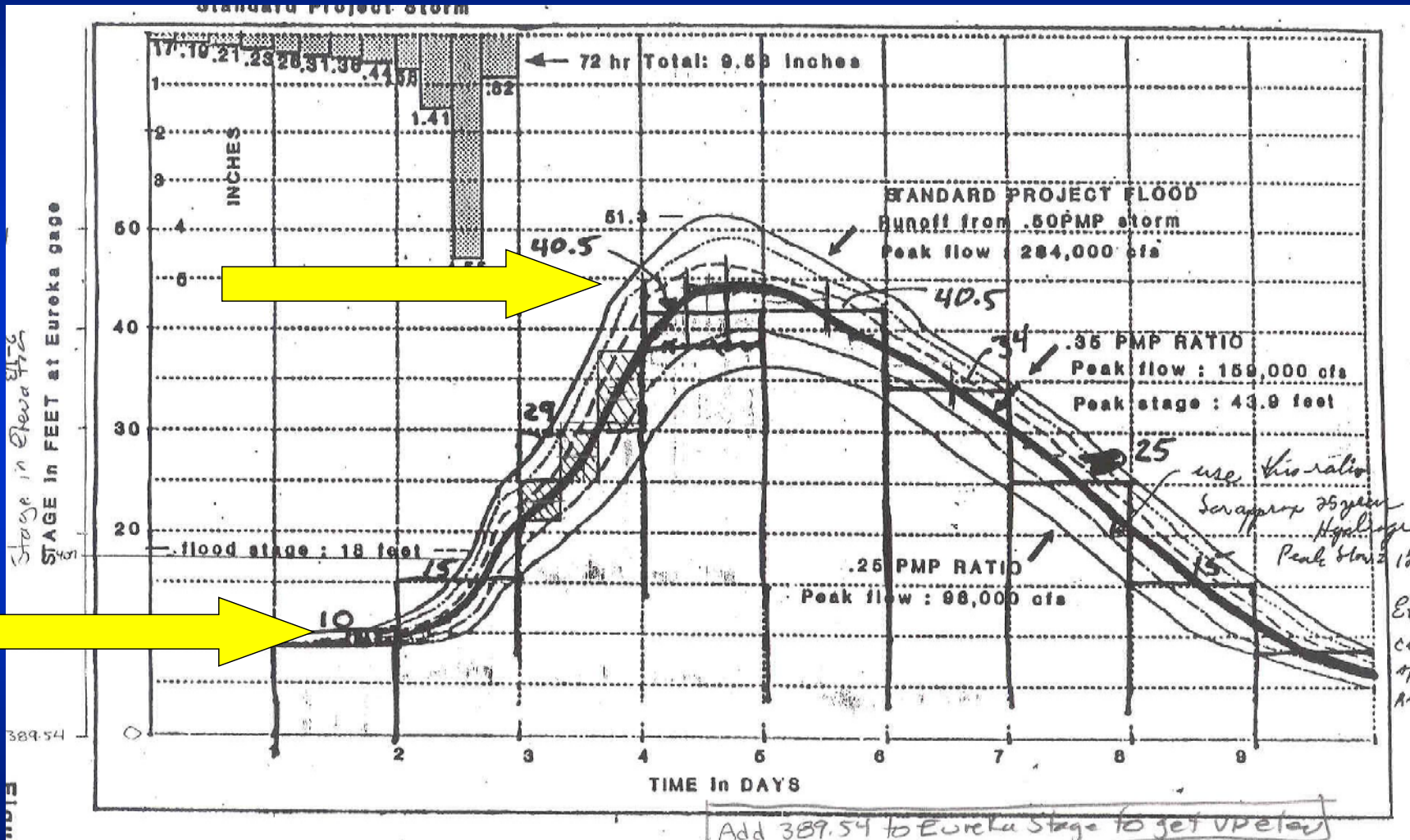
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# Stage Hydrograph

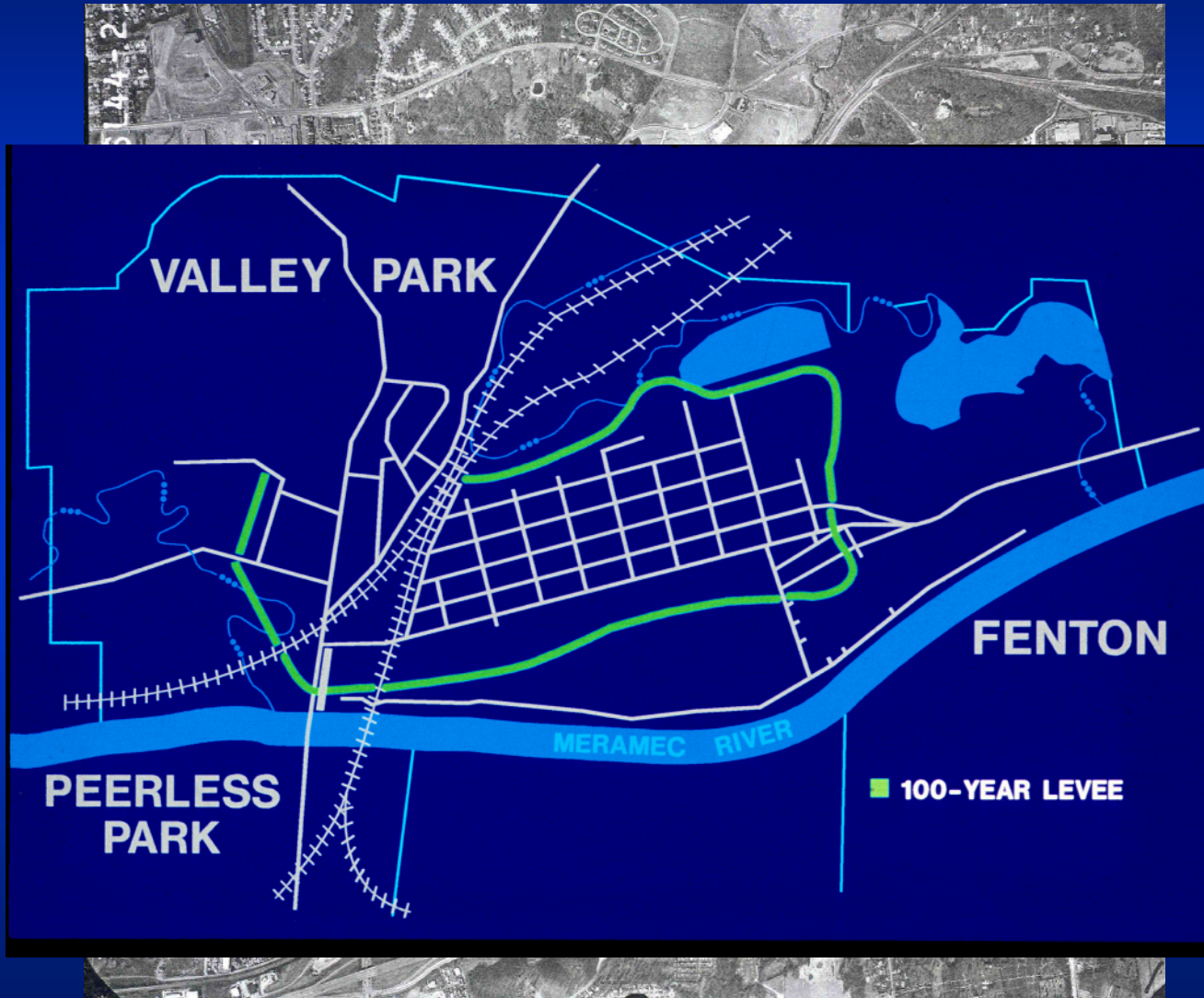






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## Alignment of 100-Yr Flood Protection Project.



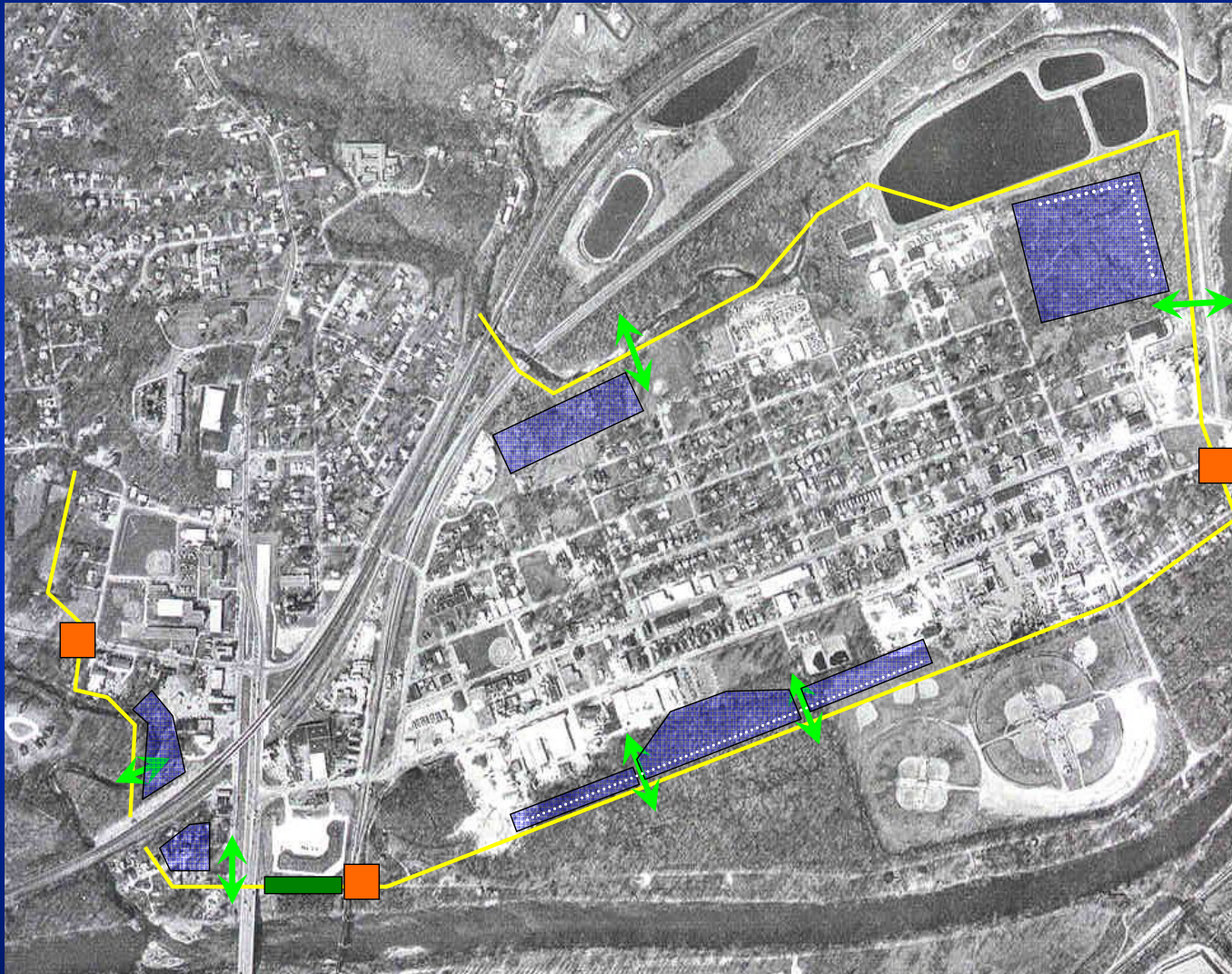
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## Details of the Valley Park Levee.



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## Design and Construction Challenges

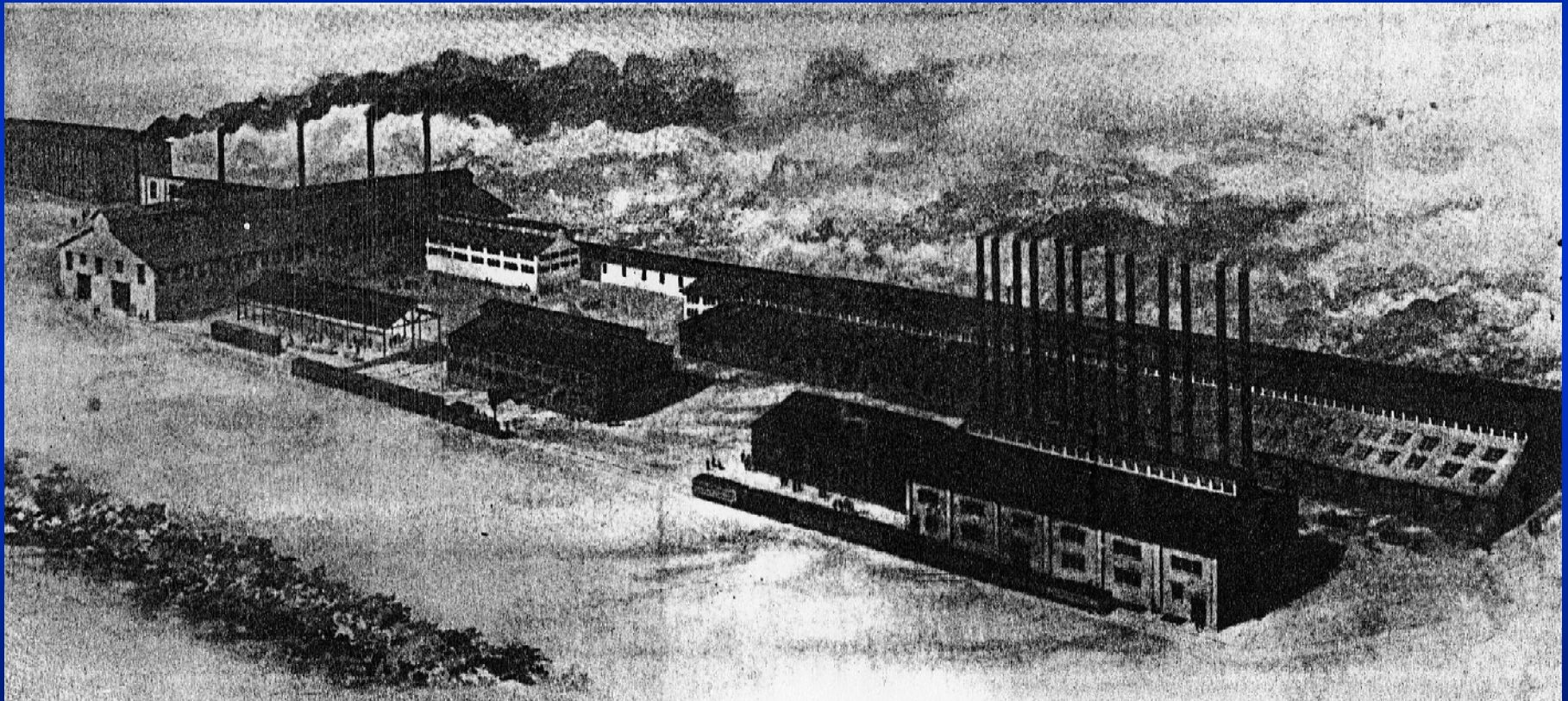
- Relocation of many aerial and buried utilities.
- Closure structures across arterial roads.
- Closure structure across active main line railroad.
- Crossing sewage treatment plant surge lagoon.
- Confusing real estate.
- Dealing with of buried hazardous and special wastes.
- TCE contamination in the groundwater.
- Two existing creek relocations/realignments.
- Stream bank, hardwood and wetland mitigation.
- Induced flooding in FEMA floodway.
- Glass Plant foundation ruins.



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## St. Louis Plate Glass Company Artists Rendering – Circa 1909

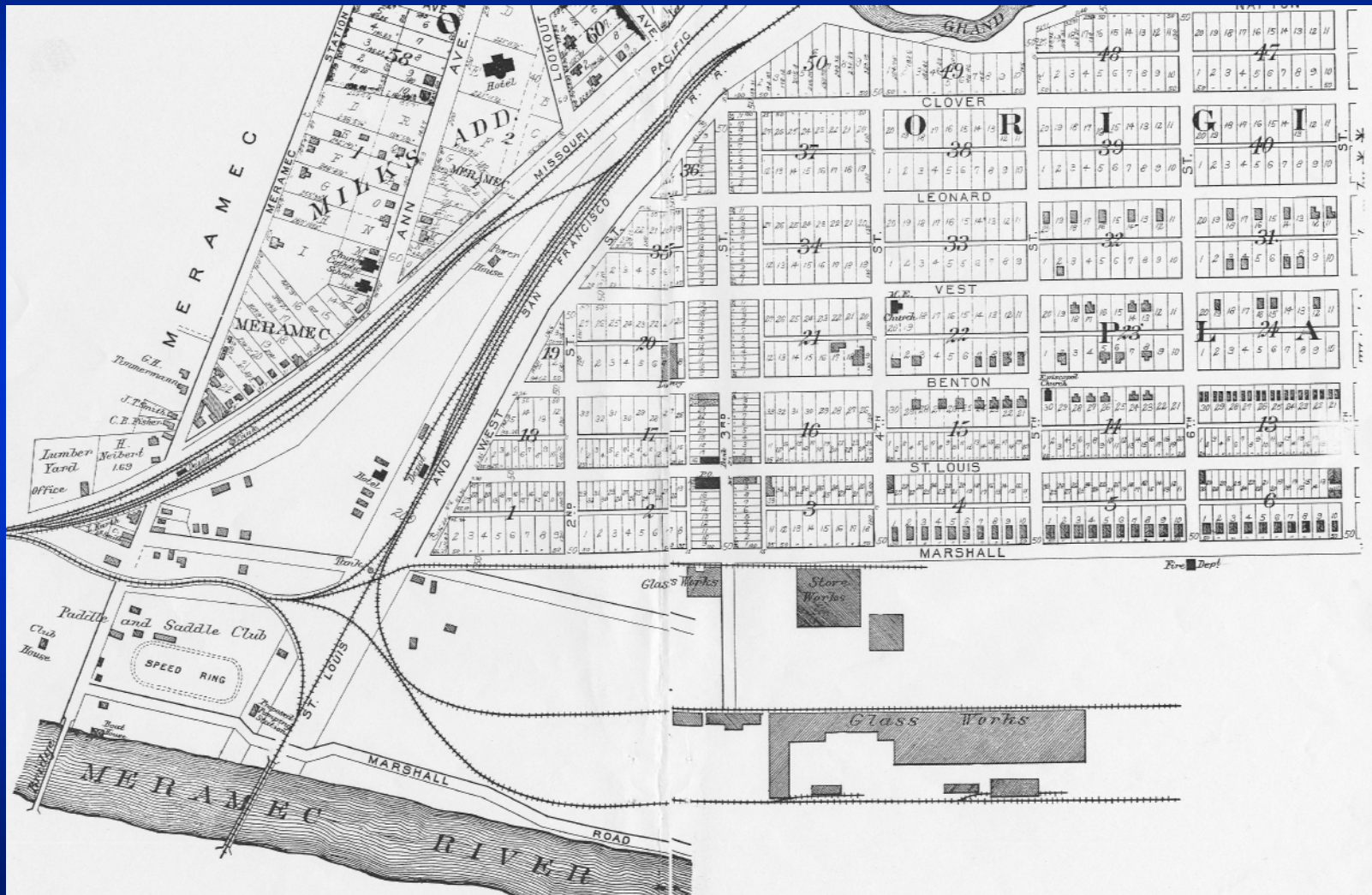


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# St. Louis Plate Glass Company Plant Location – Circa 1909



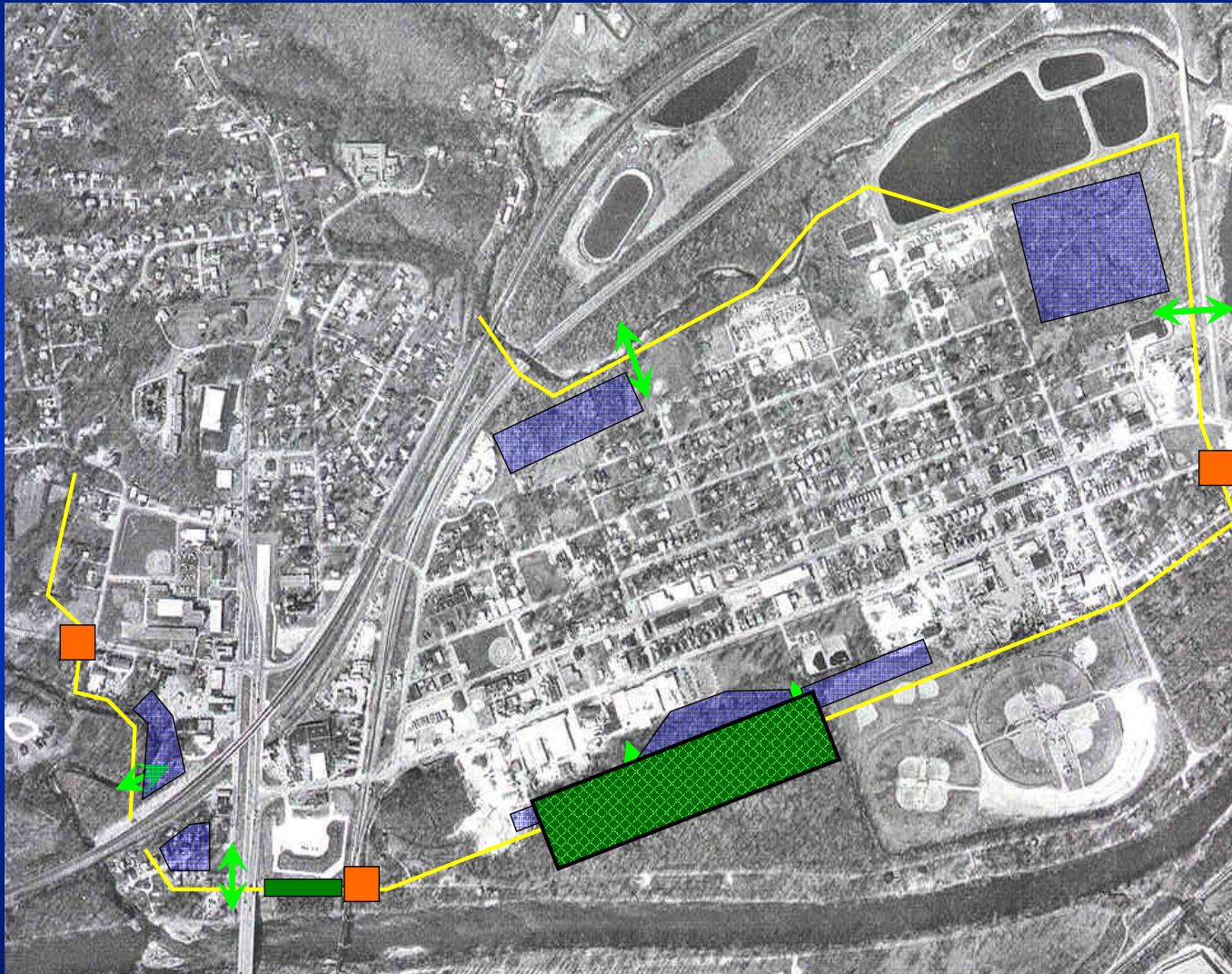
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## St. Louis Plate Glass Company Location With Respect to Levee Alignment



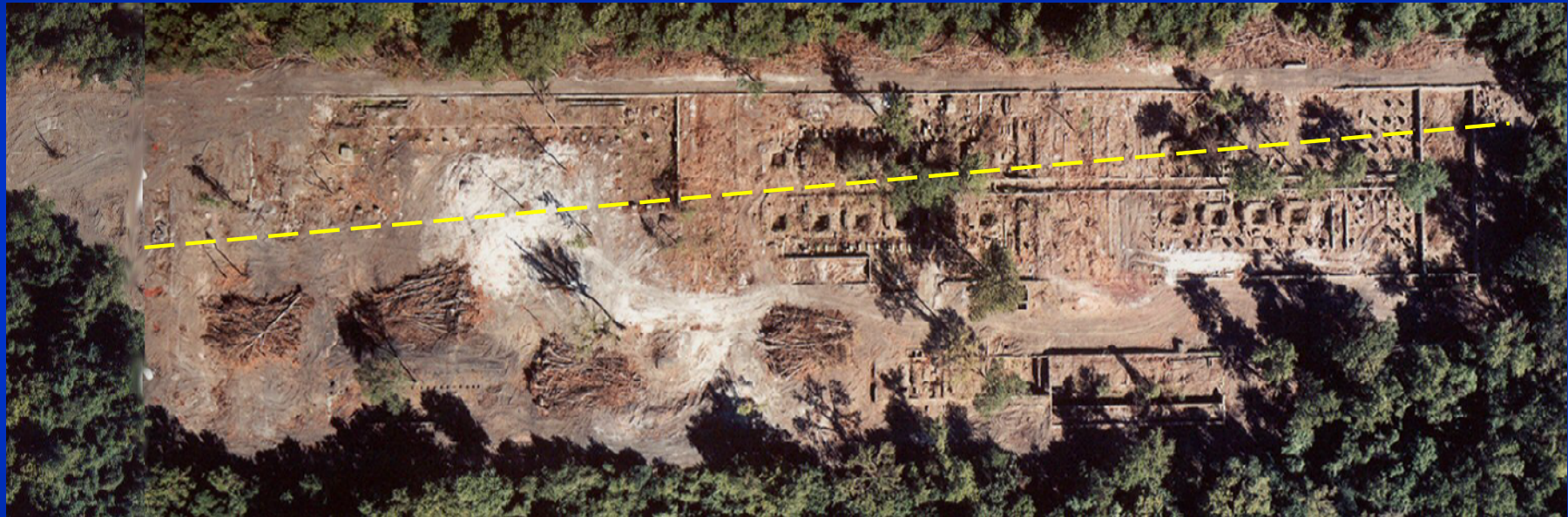
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## St. Louis Plate Glass Company Extent of Ruins



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# Glass Plant Conditions after 85 Years



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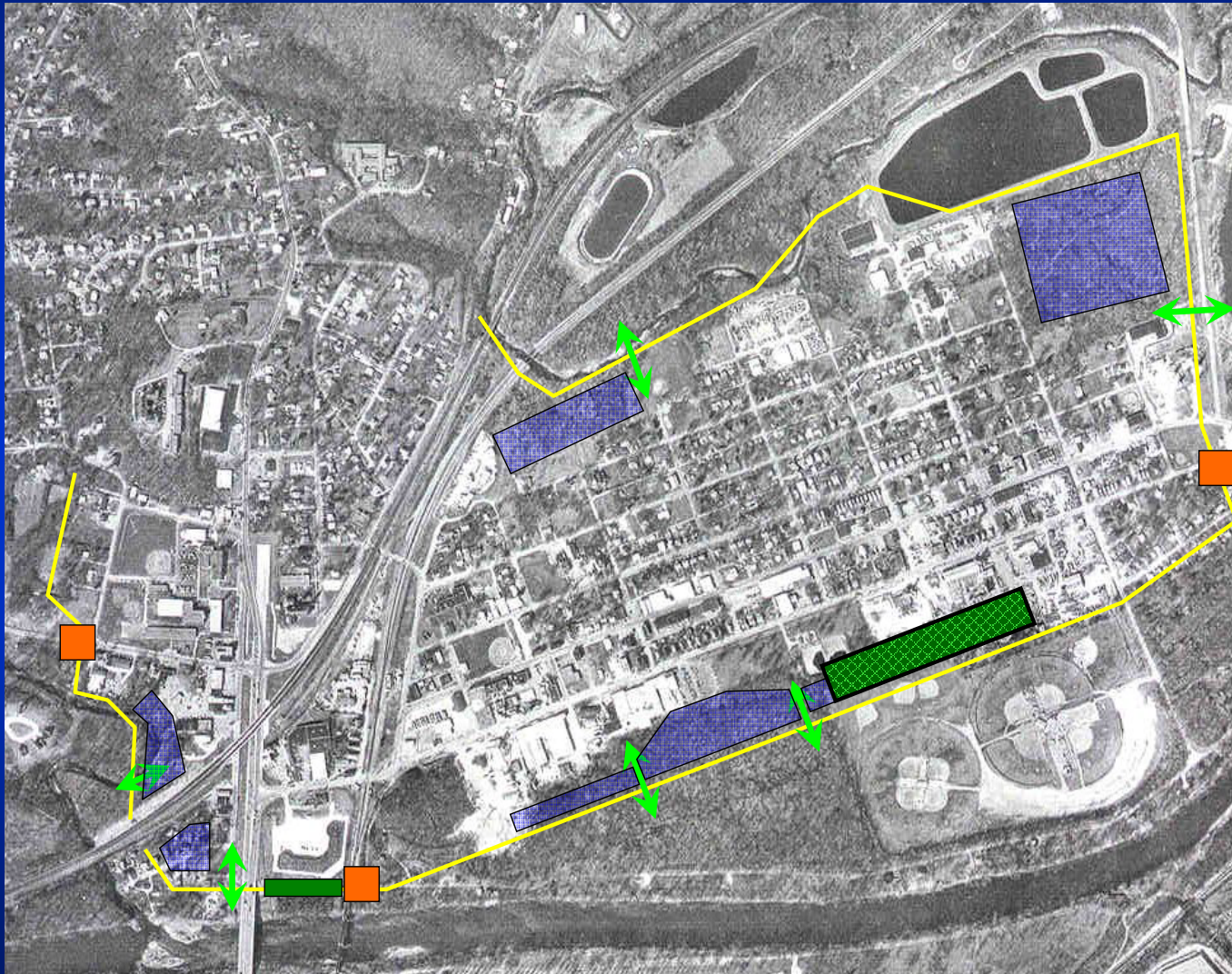
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## Absorbent Cotton Company Location With Respect to Levee Alignment



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## Absorbent Cotton Material



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## Absorbent Cotton Material



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## How to Deal With Waste Products? Haul Off-Site?

### ➤ Haul Off-Site

- Original Plan per 1993 Feature Design Memorandum
- Hauling and disposal costs have skyrocketed since 1983.
- MO Department of Natural Resources not satisfied with possible use of storage volume in local landfill.
- Have to replace volume with suitable off-site borrow.
- The St. Louis District estimated a total volume of 185,000 cu-yds of material.



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## How to Deal With Ruins? Leave In-Place and Realign Levee?

### ➤ Two Significant Restraints

- Levee alignment can't move riverside because FEMA floodway is near the existing riverside levee toe. Calculated levels of induced flooding upstream are unacceptable.
- Levee alignment can't move landside because existing development is in the way. Real estate costs to purchase industrial property makes this infeasible.





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## How to Deal With Ruins? Recycle and Reuse?

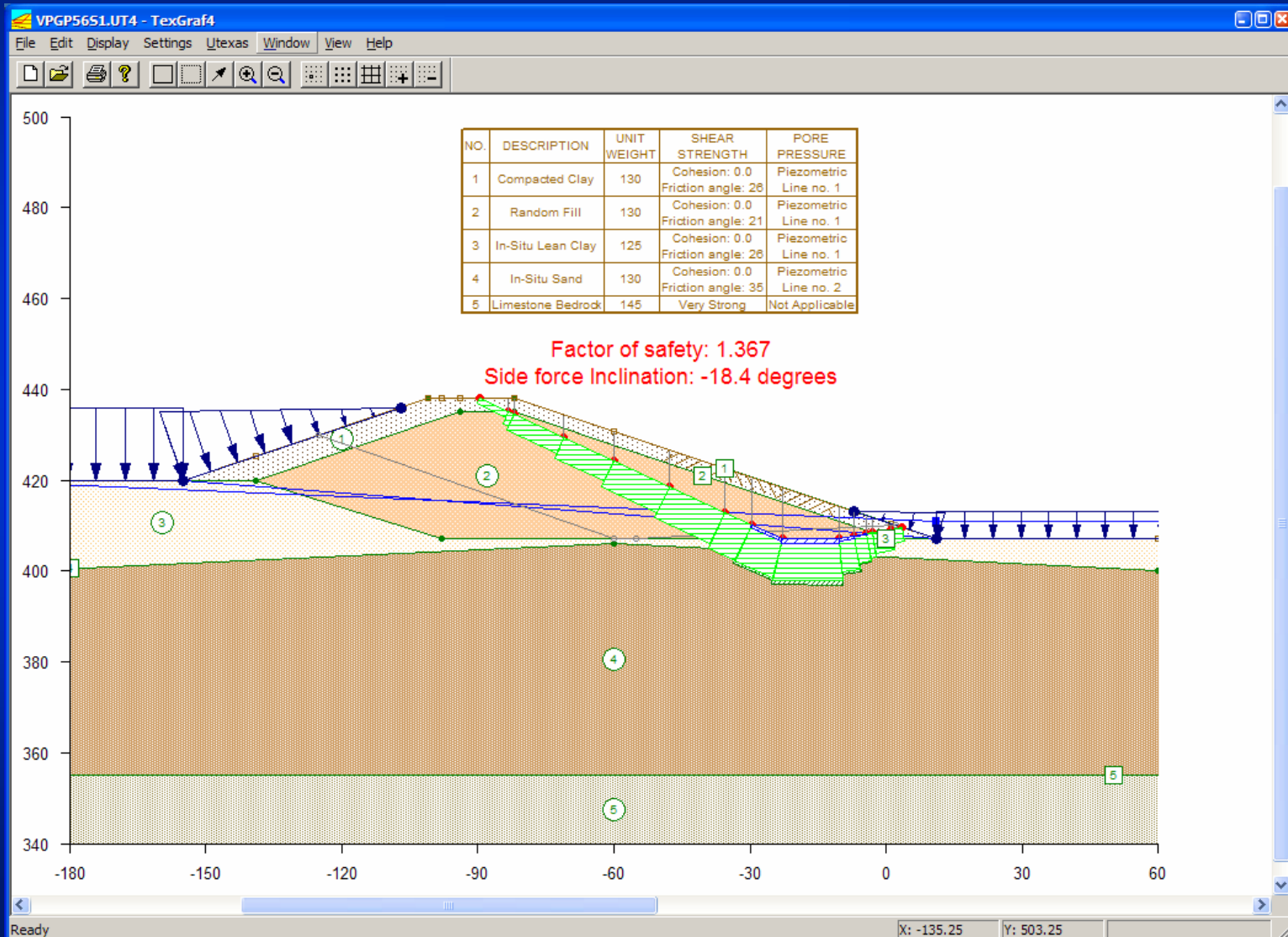
- **St. Louis District investigated crushing the concrete and blending it with two other waste products that were on-site.**
- **These waste products included:**
  - **Cinders and slag**
  - **Absorbant Cotton material.**
- **The District decided to explore crushing the concrete and blending it with the other two waste products.**
- **We called it ‘Engineered Fill’.**



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# Slope Stability Analyses of Engineered Fill Section.



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## Specifications for Engineered Fill

- **Concrete crushed to 4"(-) size.**
- **Initial Blending Ratios:**
  - **20% Crushed Concrete**
  - **65% Cinders/slag**
  - **15% Absorbent Cotton Materials.**
- **Test Fill Required Before Advancing to Production.**



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## Concrete Ruins – Initial Excavation



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# US Army Corps of Engineers **Concrete Ruins – Rock Hammer Reduction**



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# Concrete Ruins – Rock Hammer Reduction



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## Concrete Ruins - Crushing



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## Concrete Ruins - Crushing



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## Concrete Ruins – Crushing Movie



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## Concrete Ruins - Crushing



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## Cinder Excavation



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# Blending Operations Portable Package

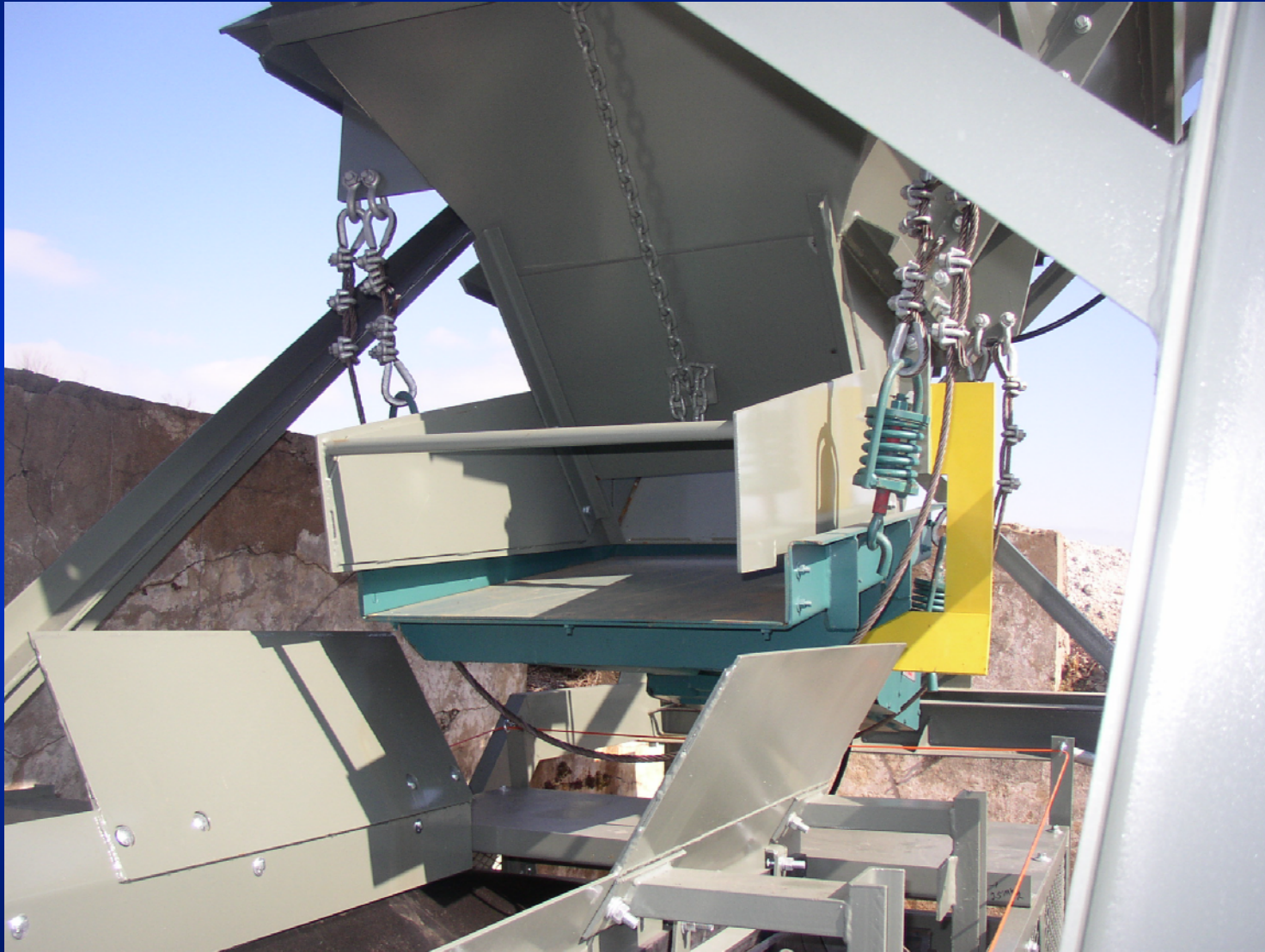


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## Blending Operations Three Individual Hoppers



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## Blending Operations – Conveyor Belt



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## Blending Operations – Stacker



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## Blending Operations Crushed Concrete Load



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## Blending Operations – Cinder Load



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## Blending Operations - Stockpiling



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## Blending Operations



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## Blending Operations Top Load Into Trucks



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## Inspection Trench Completed



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## Engineered Fill -Test Fill



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## Absorbent Cotton Material



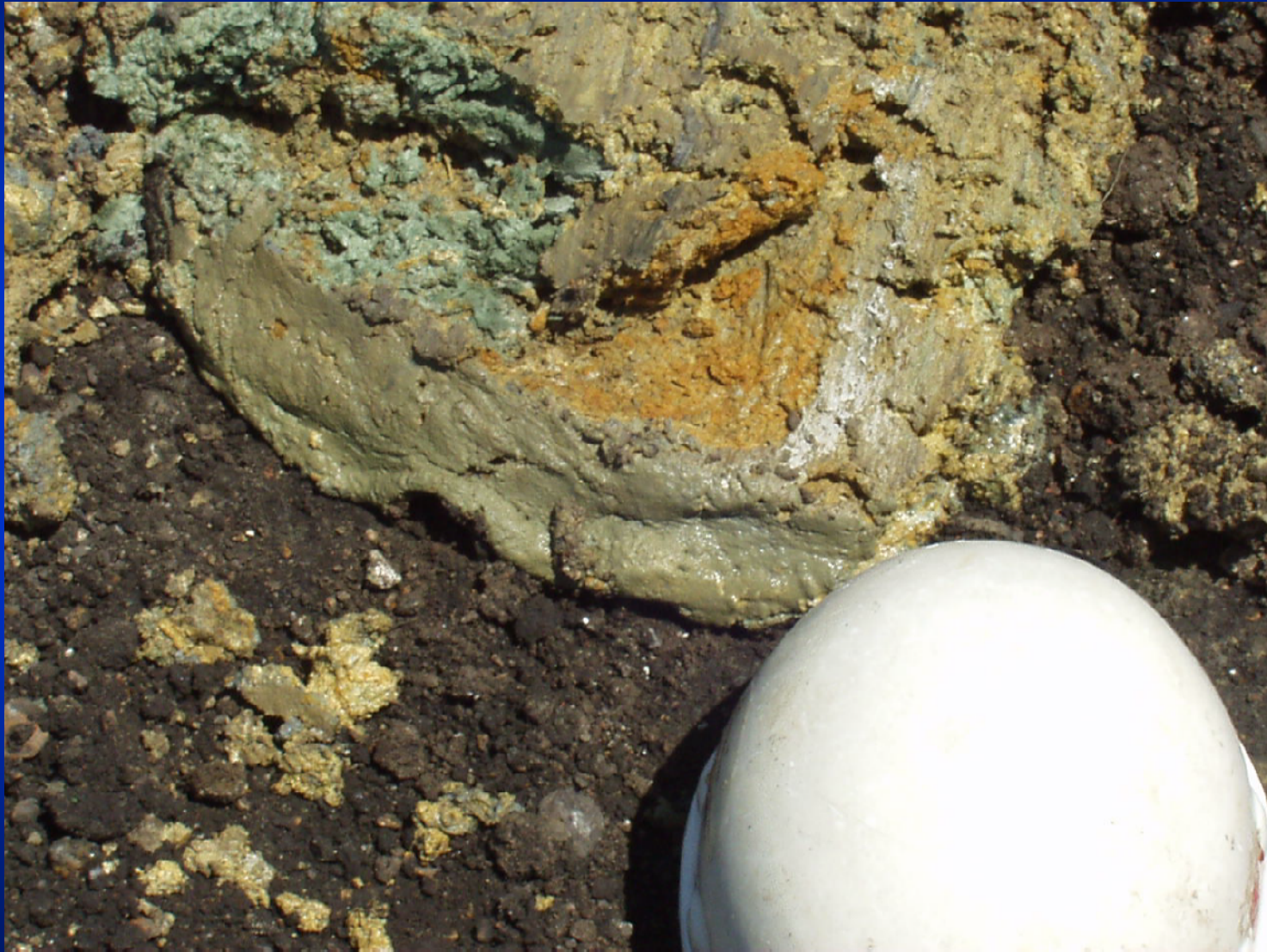
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## Absorbent Cotton Material



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## Absorbent Cotton - Spreading



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## Engineered Fill – Disking Test Fill



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## Engineered Fill – Compacting Test Fill



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## Test Fill Pumping Under Roller



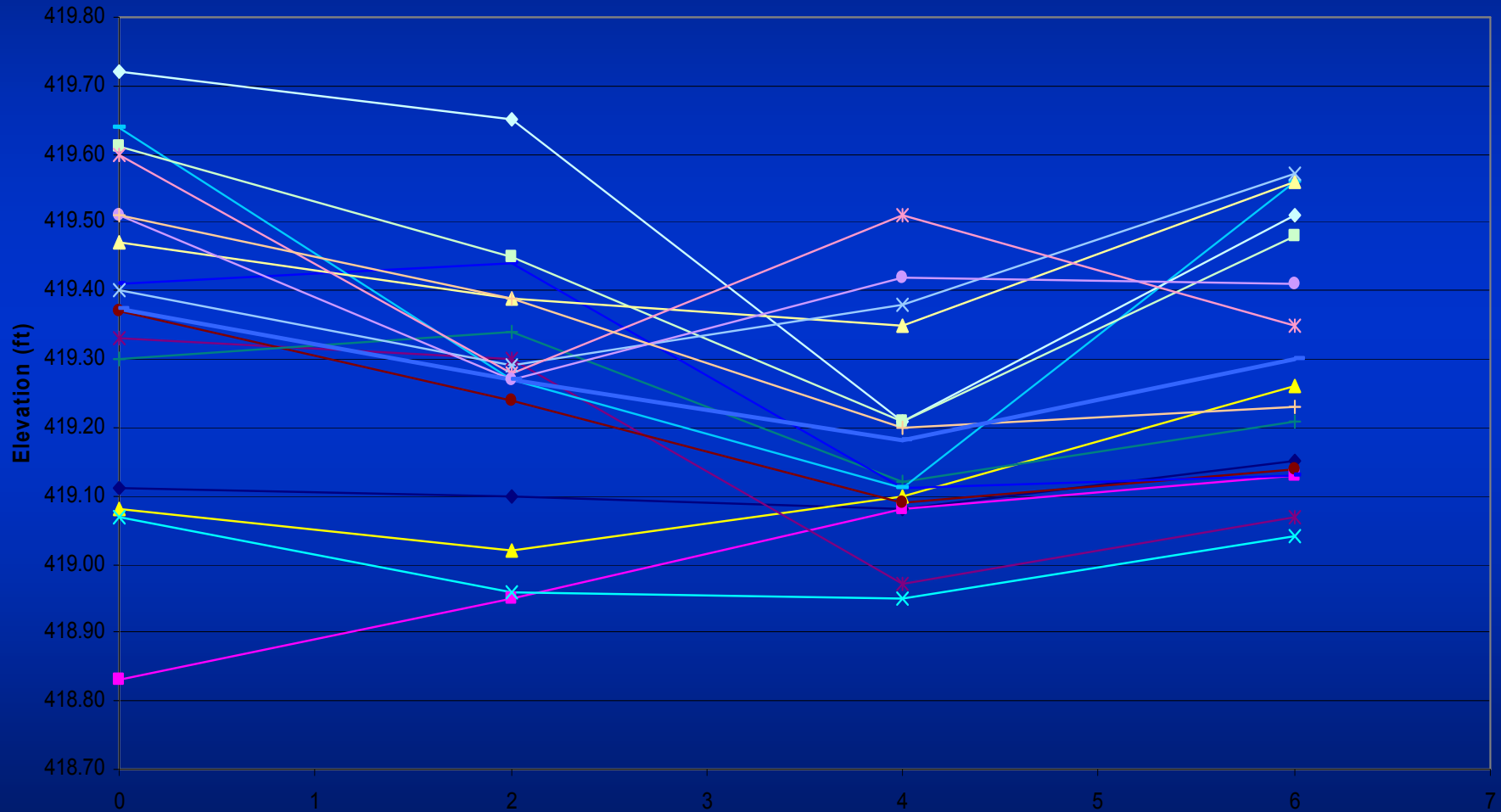
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## Engineered Fill Test Fill - 5<sup>th</sup> Lift Elevations vs Number of Passes



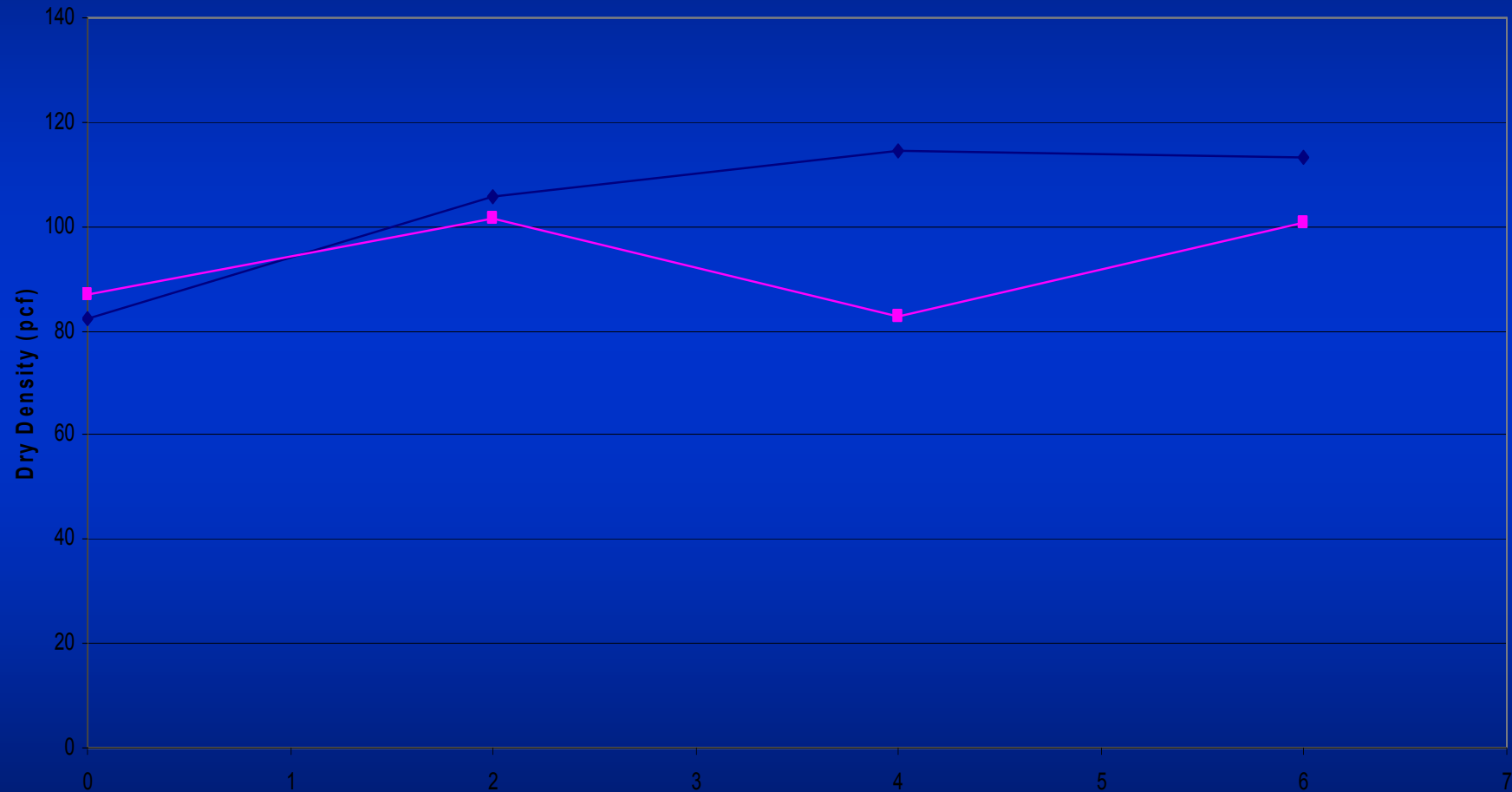
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## Engineered Fill Test Fill - 5<sup>th</sup> Lift Dry Density vs Number of Passes



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## Test Fill Inspection Trench



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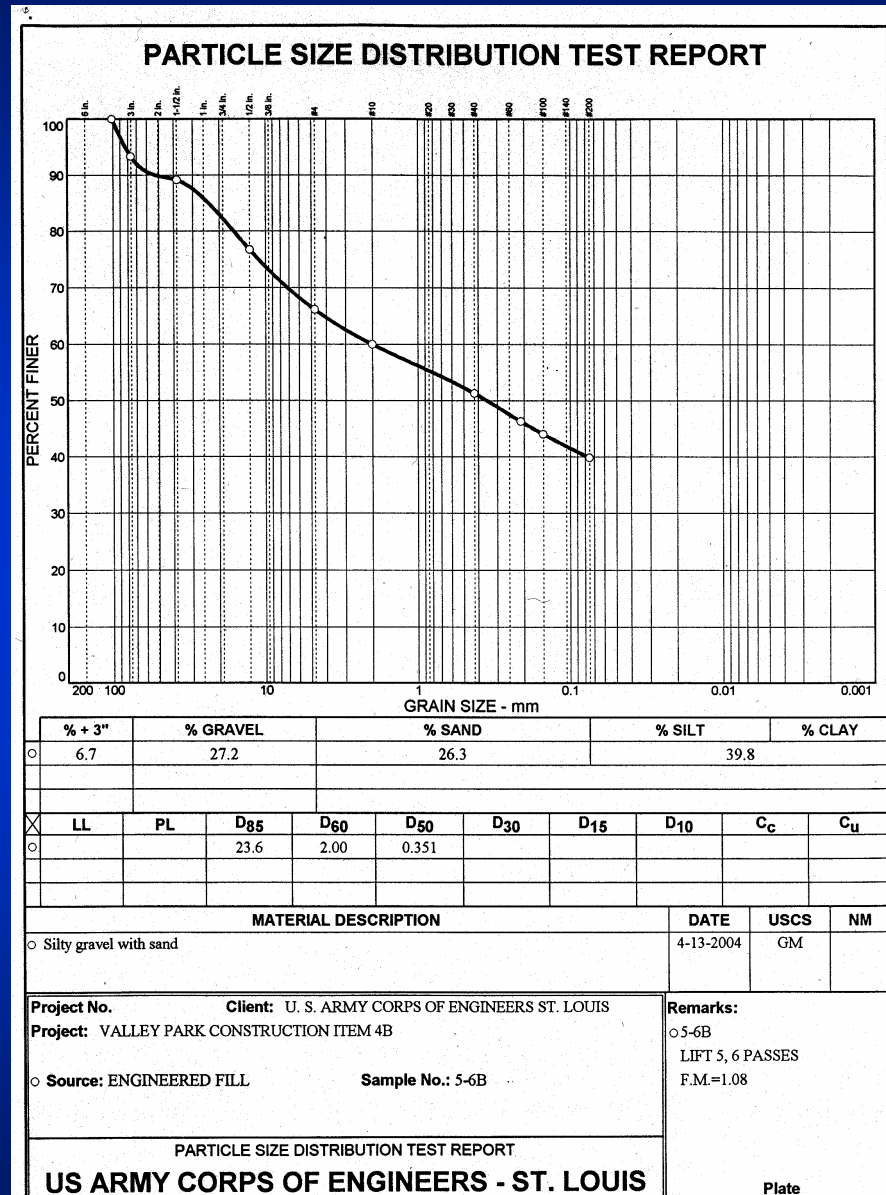
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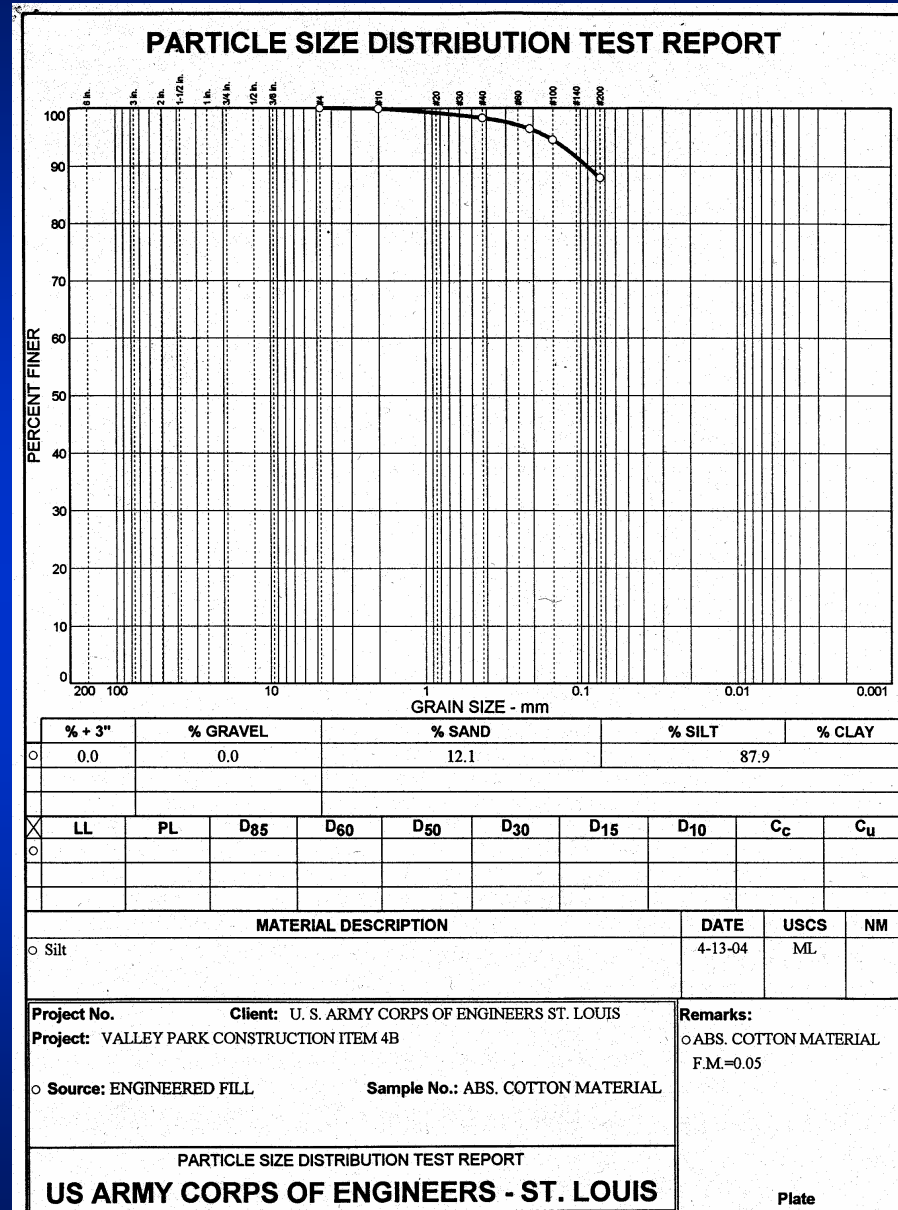


# Results of Sieve Analyses

## Engineered Fill Material



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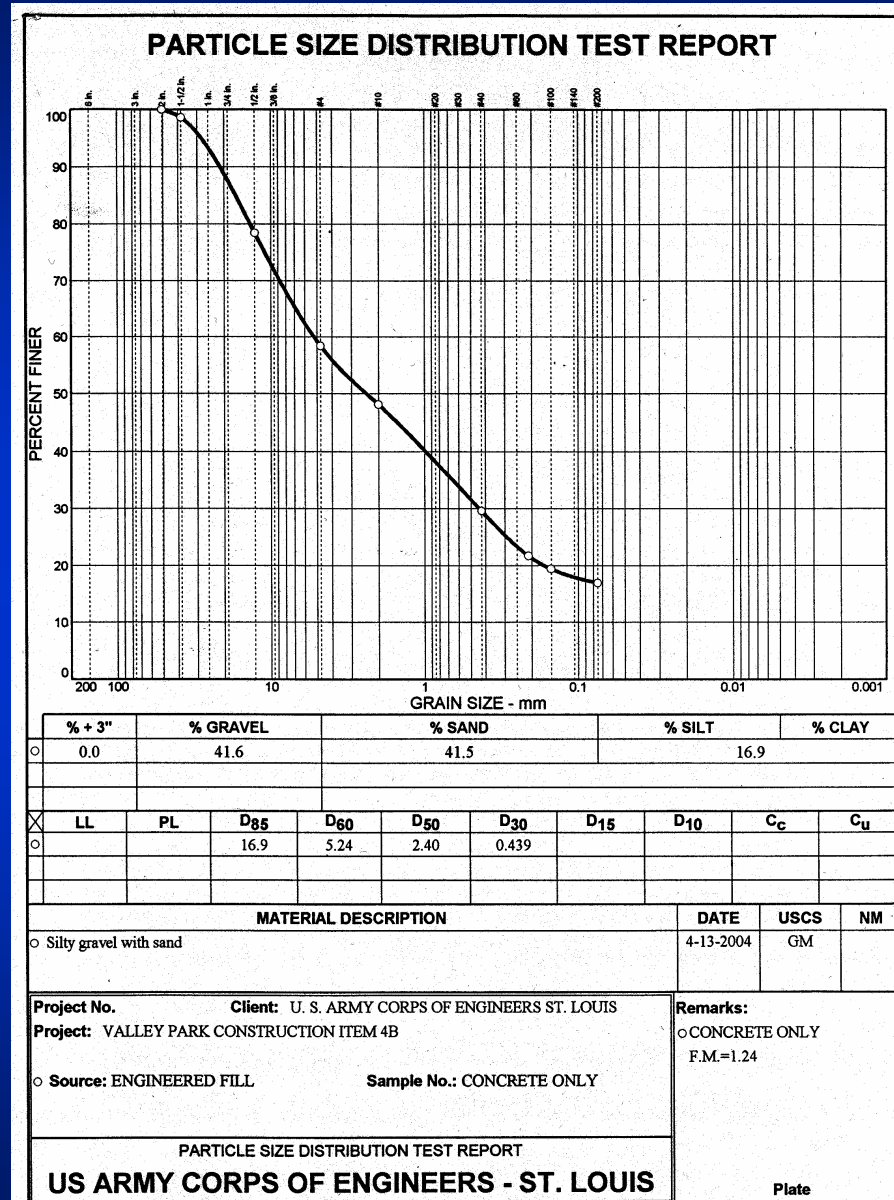
Results of  
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Absorbent  
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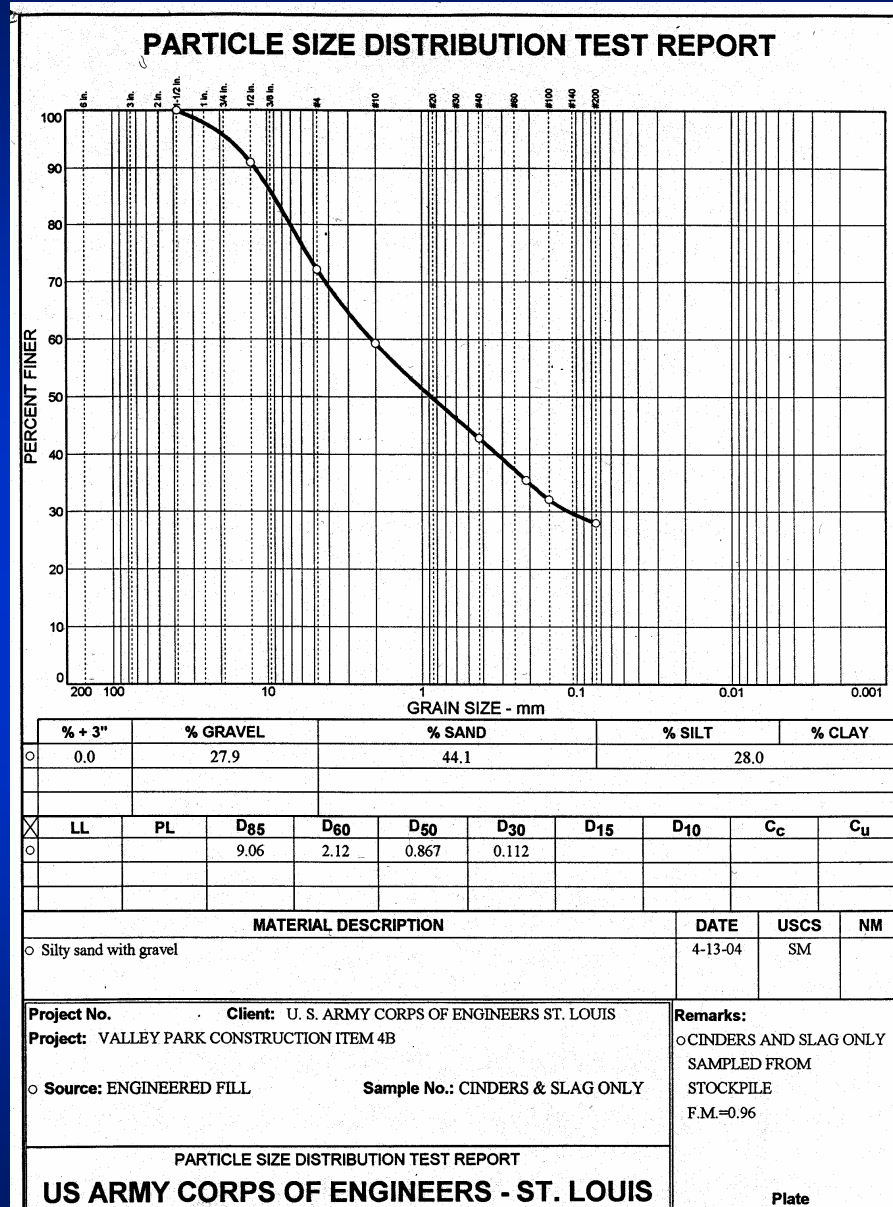


# Results of Sieve Analyses

# Crushed Concrete



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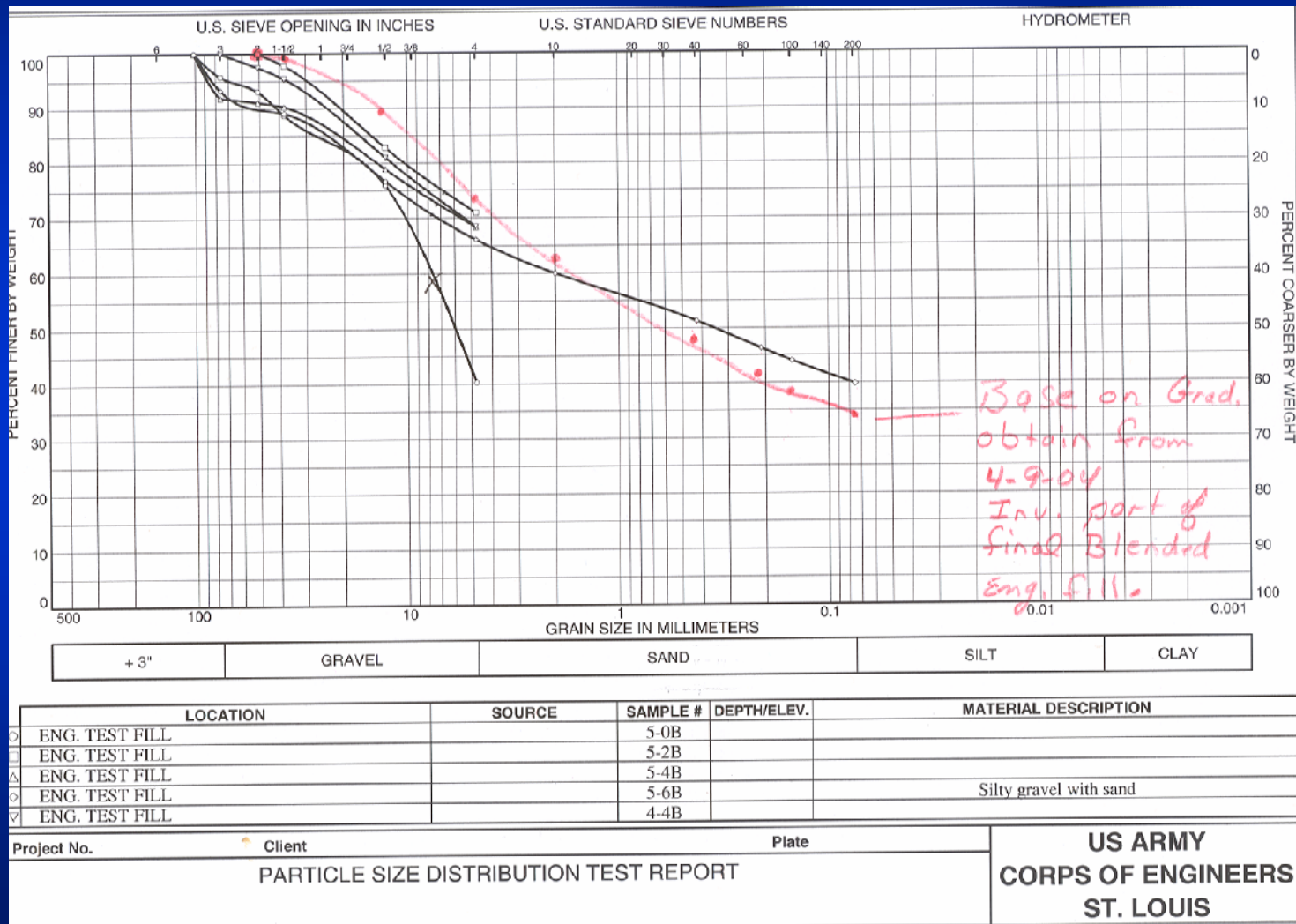
Cinders and  
Slag



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# Results of Sieve Analyses Measured Engineered Fill and Theoretical Computations



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## Drilling Hole for Pressuremeter



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## Drilling Hole for Pressuremeter



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## Menard Style Pressuremeter



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## Pressuremeter Control Panel



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## Some Pressuremeter Damage



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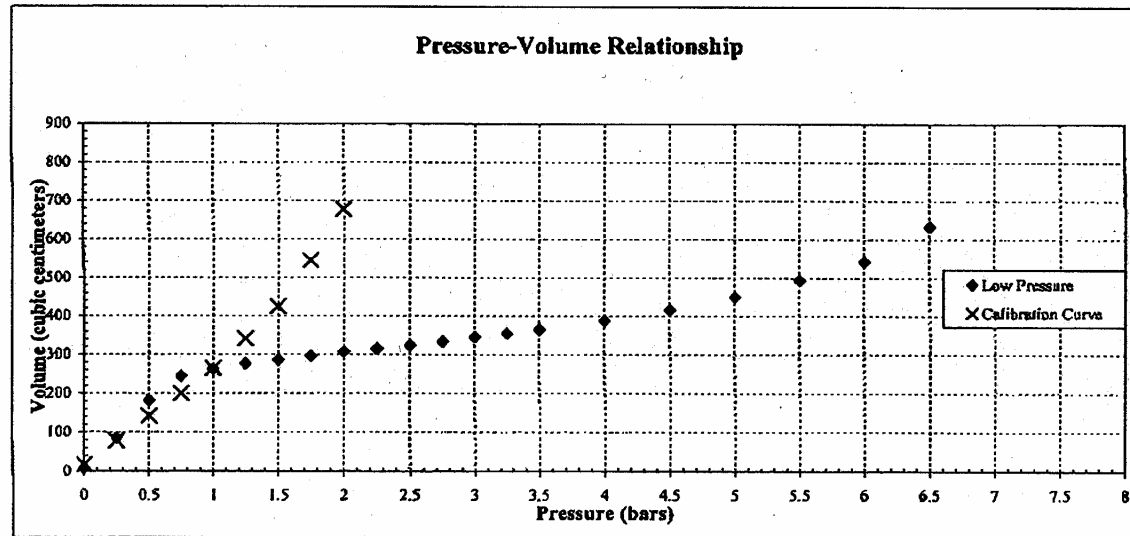
# Typical Menard Pressuremeter Results



## PRESSUREMETER TEST RESULTS

Project Description:	Valley Park Floodwall	Date:	6/15/2004
Project Number:		Page:	1 of 1
Client:	Brotcke Well & Pump	Approved By:	JS
Boring No:	PMT-2	Surface Elevation:	426.9 ft
Depth:	4 ft	Test Elevation:	422.9 ft
Sample Description:	Engineered Fill; Crushed Concrete and Bricks, Slag, Cinders and Fibrous Cotton Residue		
Project Stationing:	Station 46+62		

Pressure Increment (bars)	60 Sec. Reading (cc)
0	8
0.25	84
0.5	182
0.75	244
1	263
1.25	277
1.5	286
1.75	297
2	307
2.25	315
2.5	324
2.75	334
3	346
3.25	355
3.5	366
4	388
4.5	416
5	450
5.5	493
6	542
6.5	633



Modulus, $E_m$	65 bars	Limit Pressure, $p_l$	4.8 bars
	136 ksf		10.1 ksf
Pressure Increment for $E_m$ , (bars)	1	P900	7 bars
Volume Increment for $E_m$ , (cc)	263	$P_1$ , # 2-Probe #4	2.3 bars
	307	Undrained Shear Strength, $S_u$	0.7 bars
			1.4 ksf





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# Menard Pressuremeter Results in Weak Layer



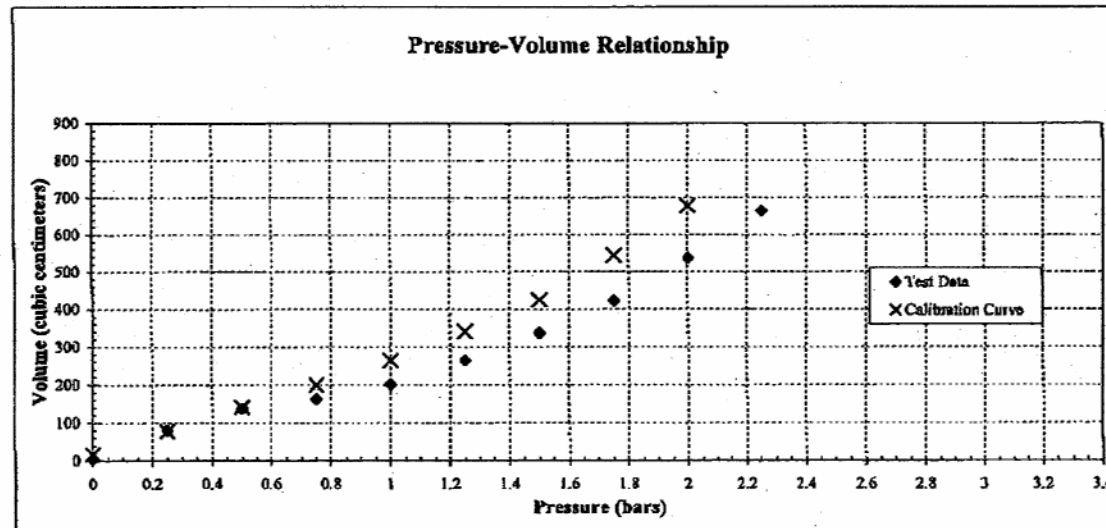
## PRESSUREMETER TEST RESULTS

Project Description: Valley Park Floodwall  
 Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Client: Brotcke Well & Pump

Boring No: PMT-2  
 Depth: 6 ft  
 Sample Description: Engineered Fill; Crushed Concrete and Bricks, Slag, Cinders and Fibrous Cotton Residue  
 Project Stationing: Station 46+62

Date: 6/15/2004  
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 Approved By: JS

Pressure Increment (bars)	60 Sec. Reading (cc)
0	5
0.25	80
0.5	138
0.75	163
1	202
1.25	265
1.5	338
1.75	423
2	538
2.25	665



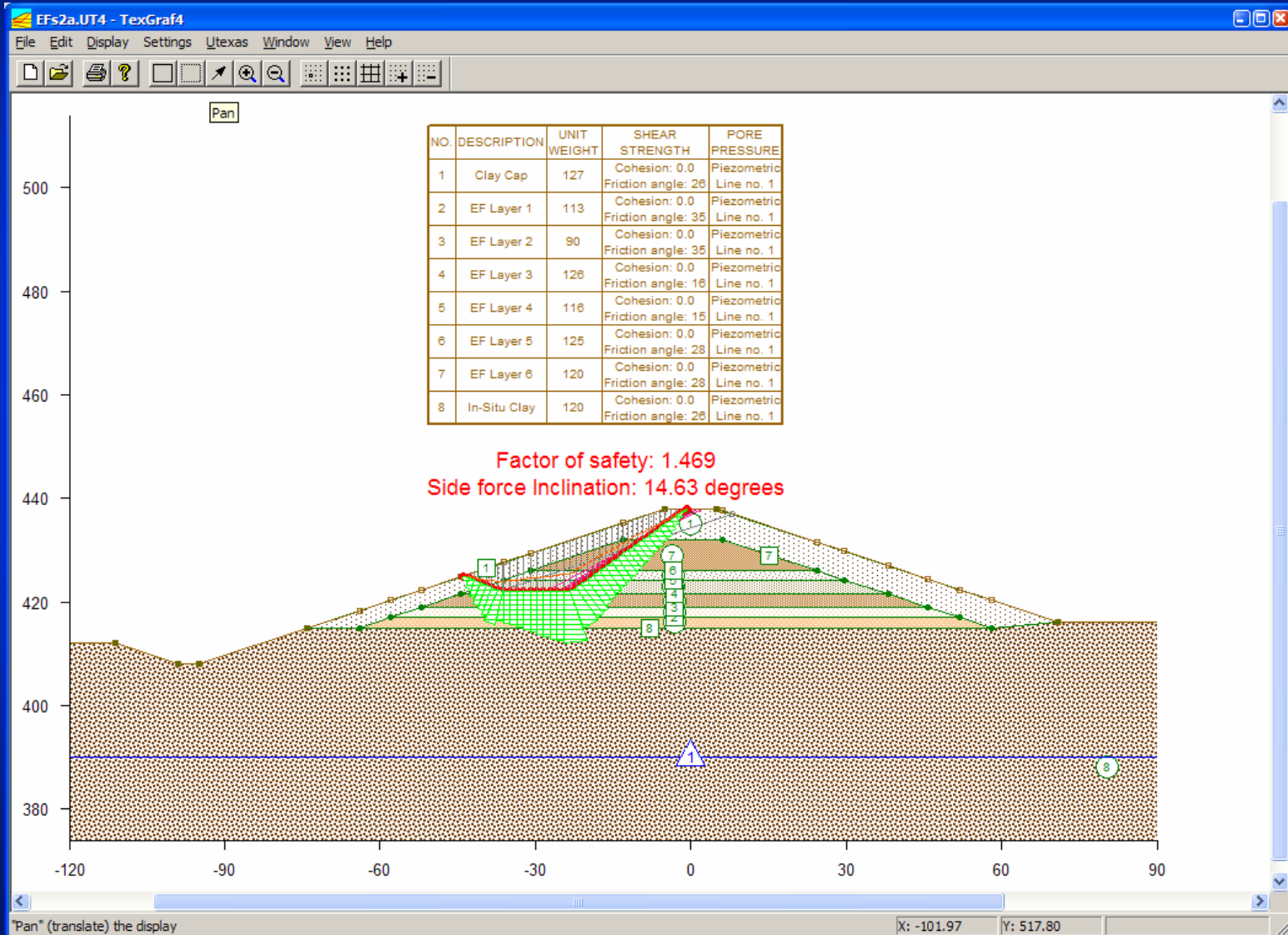
Modulus, $E_m$	<u>20 bars</u>	Limit Pressure, $p_l$	<u>0.4 bars</u>
	<u>42 ksf</u>		<u>0.8 ksf</u>
Pressure Increment for $E_m$ , (bars)	<u>0.5</u>	$P_{900}$	<u>2.5 bars</u>
Volume Increment for $E_m$ , (cc)	<u>138</u>	$P_{11}$ , # 2-Probe #4	<u>2.3 bars</u>
	<u>202</u>	Undrained Shear Strength, $S_u$	<u>0.1 bars</u>
			<u>0.2 ksf</u>





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# Stability Analyses Using Pressuremeter Results.



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## Completed Section of Engineered Fill



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## Completed Levee Section



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## Flood Control Project Dedication



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