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Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration: Apache and San Pedro Creeks Interim Design Update



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Part 1: Project Background

Rebecca Krug, Sr. Project Manager



Overview

Federal project partnership with US Army Corps of Engineers to restore channelized Westside Creeks and improve community connectivity.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

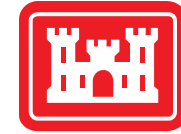


RESORATION MEASURES



Project Team

Federal Sponsor:



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Non-Federal Sponsor:



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Local Funding Partner:



Architect – Engineer:



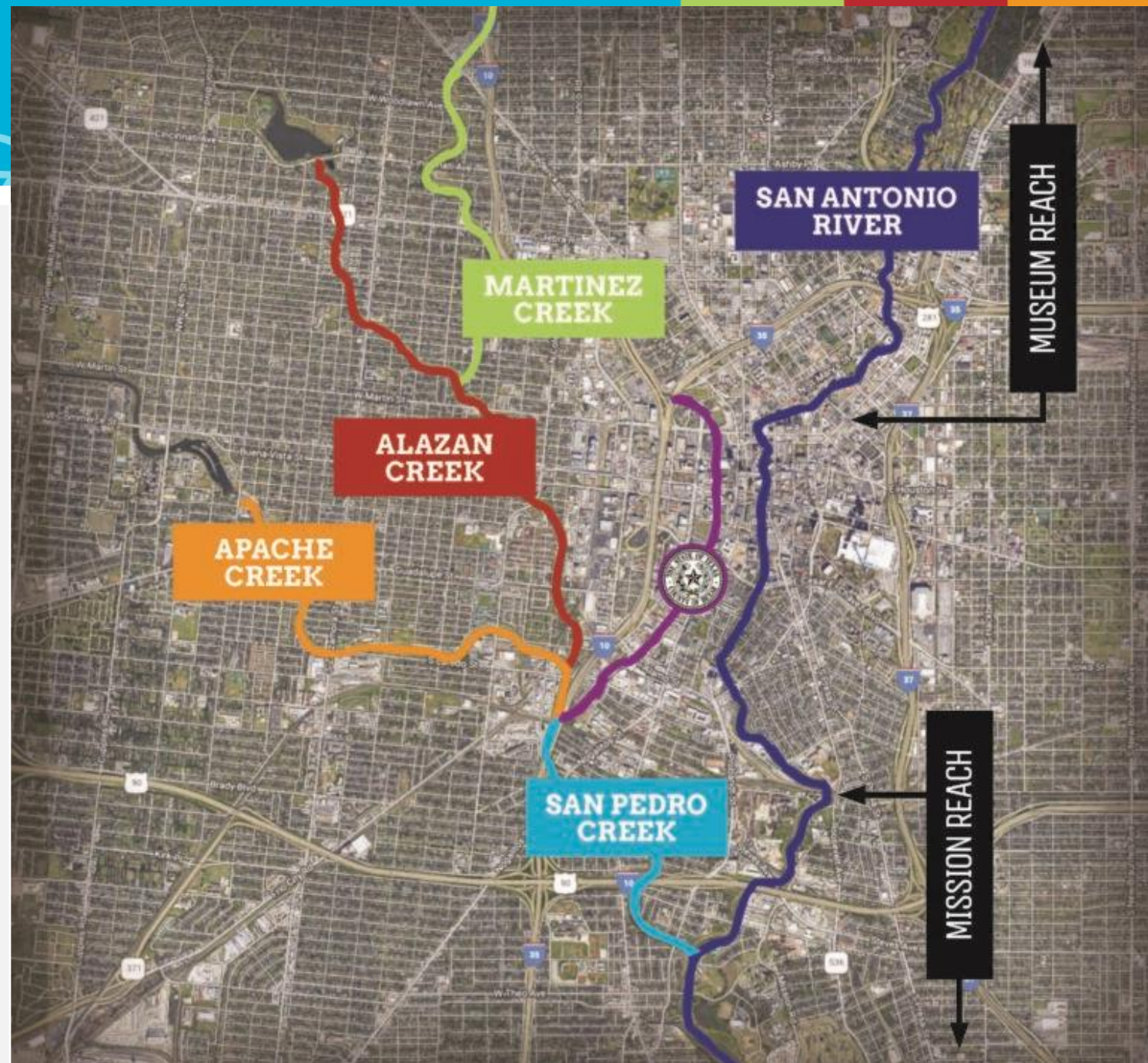
Background

- 2008 – Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee formed
- 2012 – Vision Plan
- 2014 – Feasibility Study
- Jan 2022 – USACE Announces \$75 million funding for the project
- Sept 2022 – SARA/USACE Partnership
 - Pre-design Activities Begin: Survey and Baseline Environmental Studies
- March 2023 – Design Phase Begins
 - Architect-Engineer: Michael Baker Intl. – Huitt Zollars JV
- July 2023 – Public Input Session
 - Recreation Features
- September 2023 – 35% Initial Design Milestone
- October 2024 – 65% Interim Design Milestone



Project Area

- **San Pedro Creek**
 - Project 2.4 Miles
- **Apache Creek**
 - Project Length = 2.6 miles
- **Alazán Creek**
 - Project Length = 4.0 Miles
- **Martinez Creek**
 - Project Length = 2.4 miles



Oversight Committee Organizations

Alazán Resident Council

Avenida Guadalupe

Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association

Bexar Audubon Society

Historic Westside Residents Association

Los Bexareños Genealogical Society

Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association

Opportunity Home San Antonio

Our Lady of the Lake University

Prosper West

Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association

River Aid San Antonio

San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation

San Antonio Conservation Society

San Antonio Independent School District

San Antonio Wheelmen

St. Mary's University

Student At-Large

TexasTejano.com

University of Texas at San Antonio

United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.

Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association

*The River Authority Board appointments committee organizations, the organizations select their member representatives



Part 2: Design Concept Overview

Danny Allen, Wildlife Biologist
Jeff Holba, Landscape Architect



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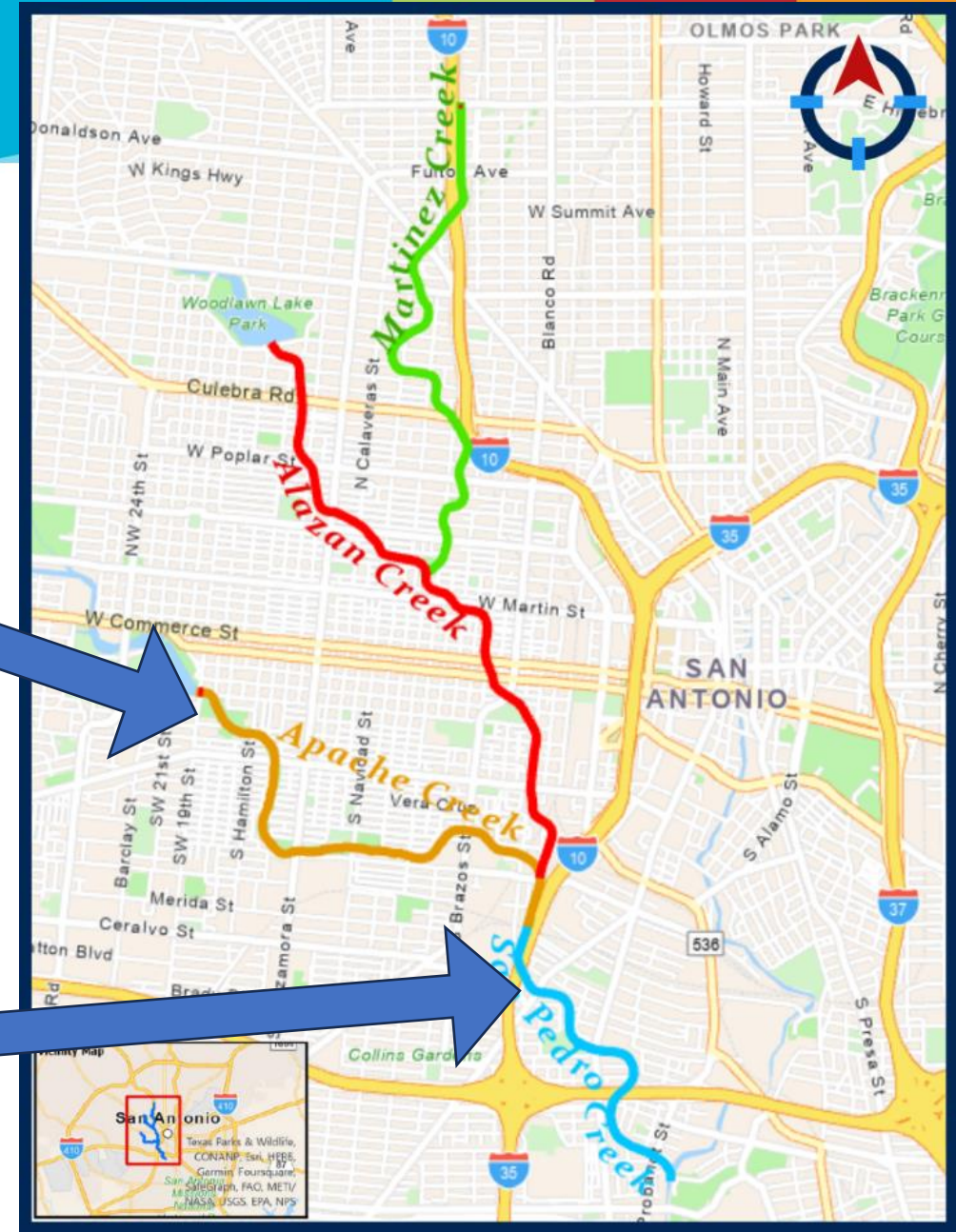
Design Overview

Apache Creek

- 2 acres Riparian Woody Vegetation
- 46.6 acres of Riparian Meadow
- 0.85 miles of pilot channel
- 18 pool-riffle complexes
- 18 slackwater areas

San Pedro Creek

- 5.5 acres of Riparian Woody Vegetation
- 28.7 acres of Riparian Meadow Vegetation
- 1.78 miles of pilot channel
- 26 pool-riffle complexes
- 25 slackwater areas

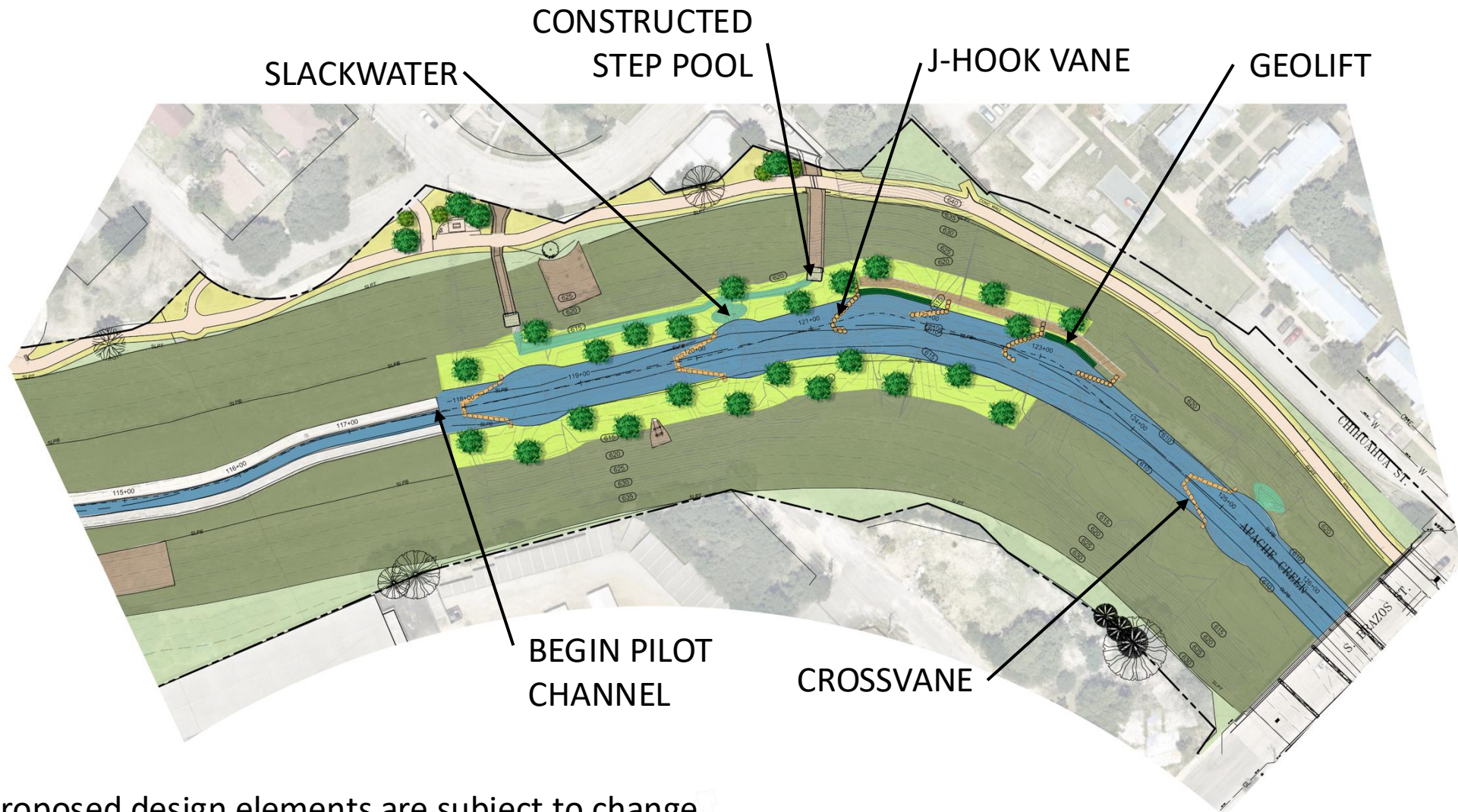


Apache Creek Design Considerations

- 1 railroad crossing
- 1 low water crossing
- 3 pedestrian bridge crossings
- 10 street bridge crossings
- Reinforced concrete banks
- Underground utilities

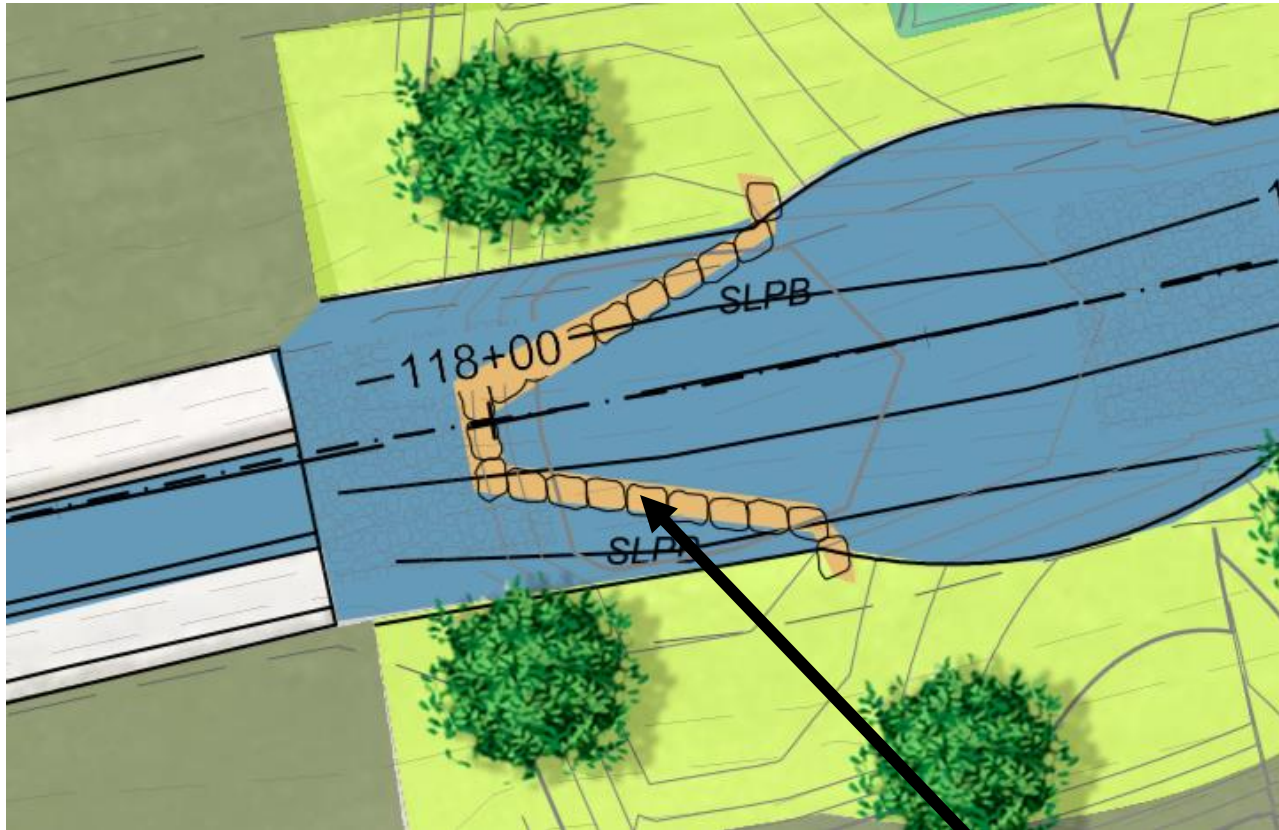


Proposed Apache Creek In-Stream Structures

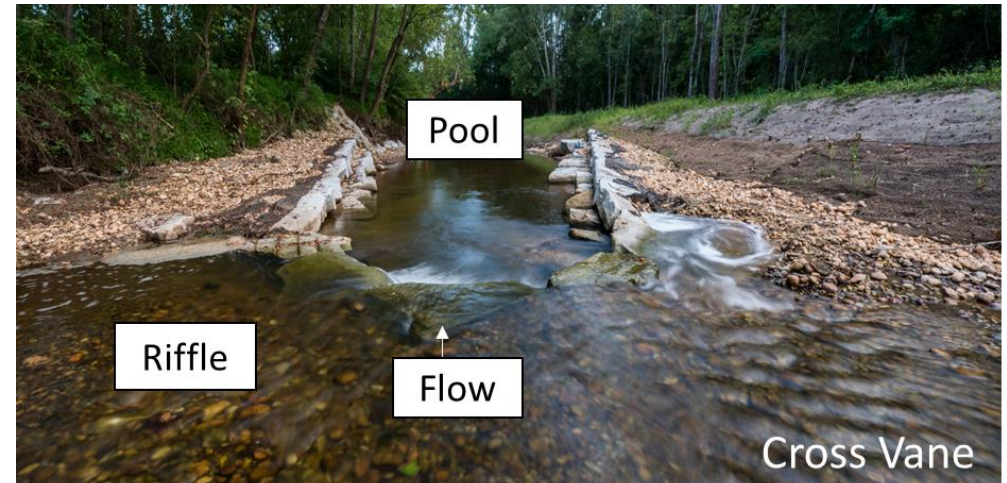
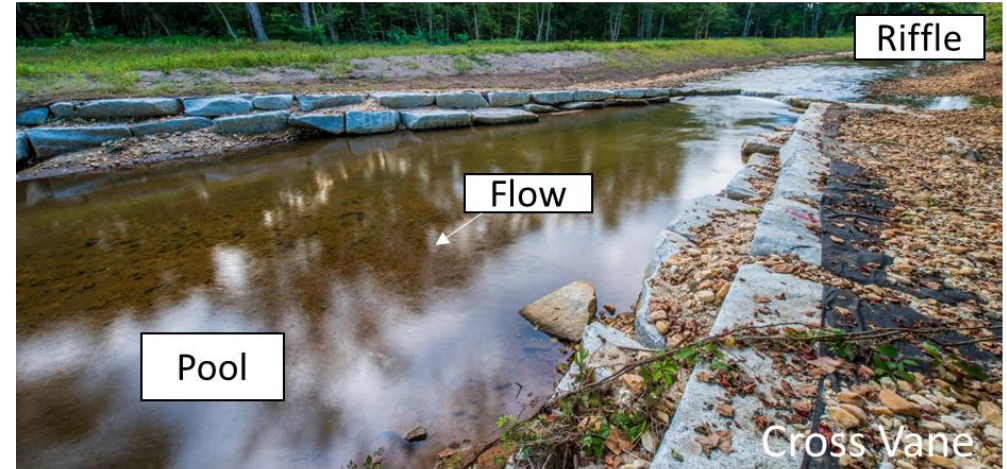


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Proposed Apache Creek Cross Vane

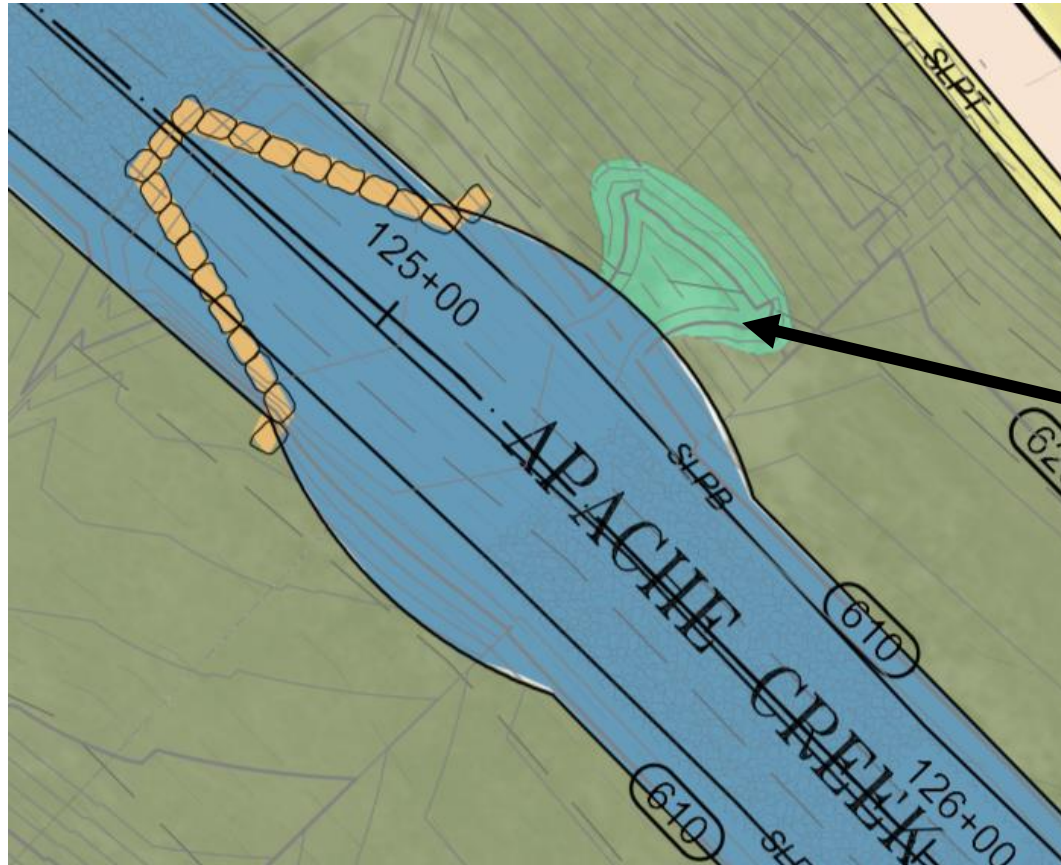


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Proposed Apache Creek Slackwater

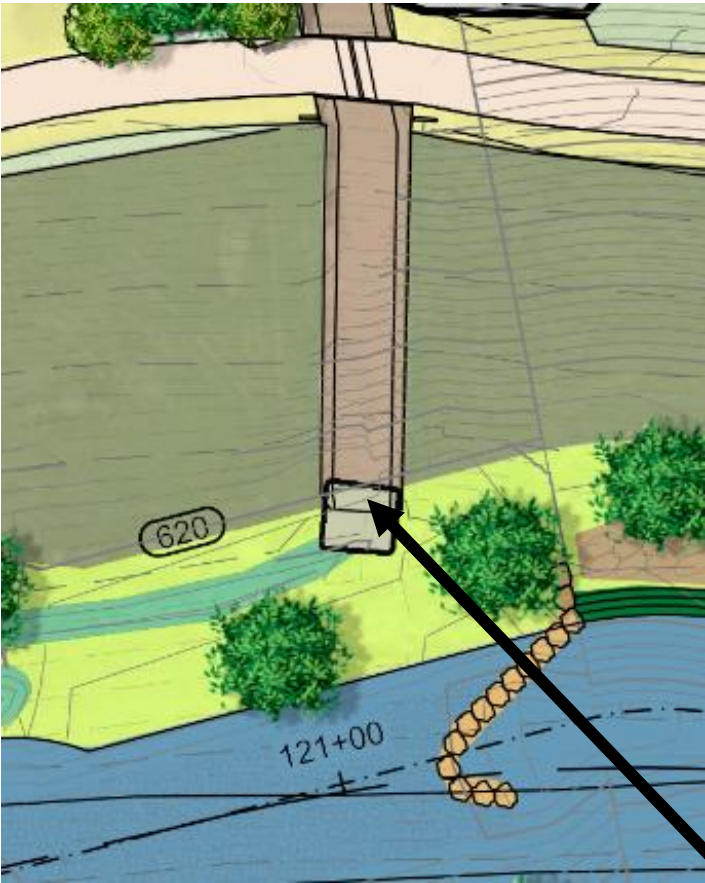


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Proposed Apache Creek Constructed Step Pool



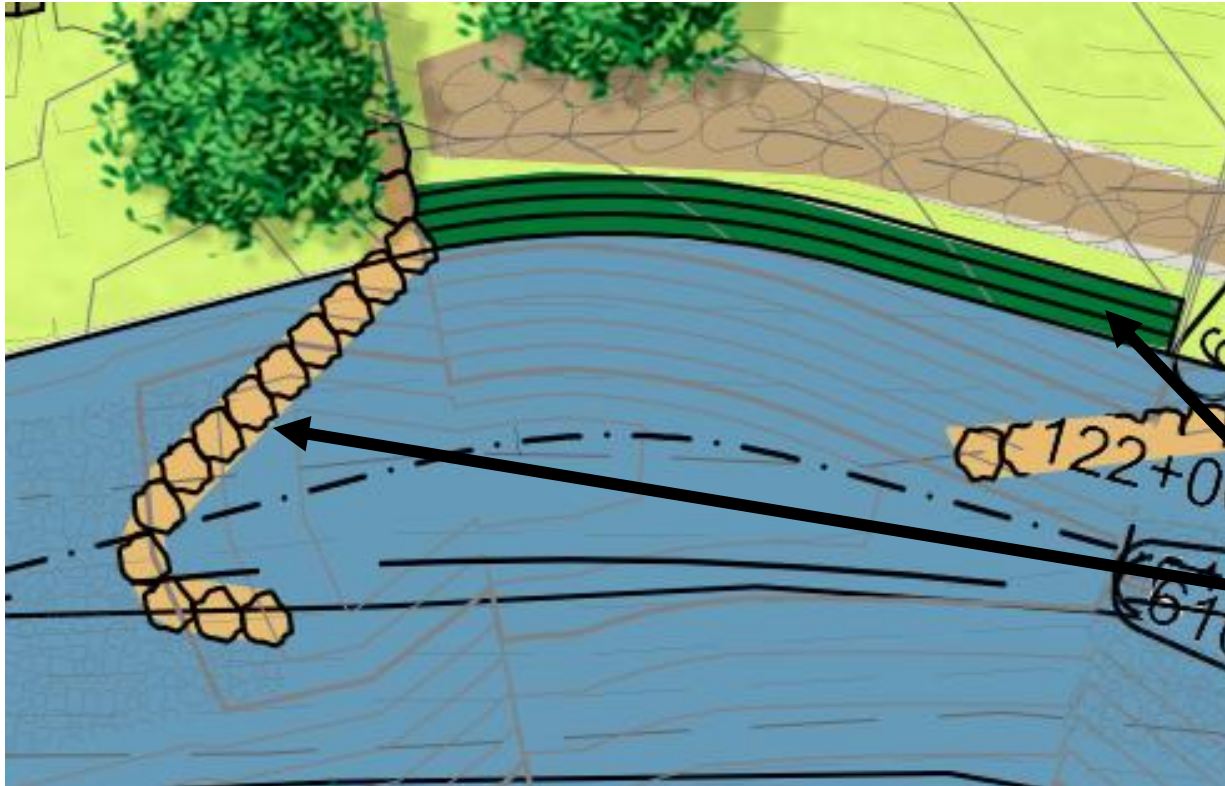
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STEP POOL



Figure 14. Example of Constructed Step Pools Using Native Central Texas Material (Limestone Blocks) at a Storm Sewer Outfall

CONSTRUCTED STEP POOL

Proposed Apache Creek Geolift/ J Hook vane



GEOLIFT

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Proposed Apache Creek Planting

RIPARIAN WOODY
VEGETATION
30 STEM/AC

NATIVE SHORT
GRASS MIX

NATIVE TALL
GRASS MIX

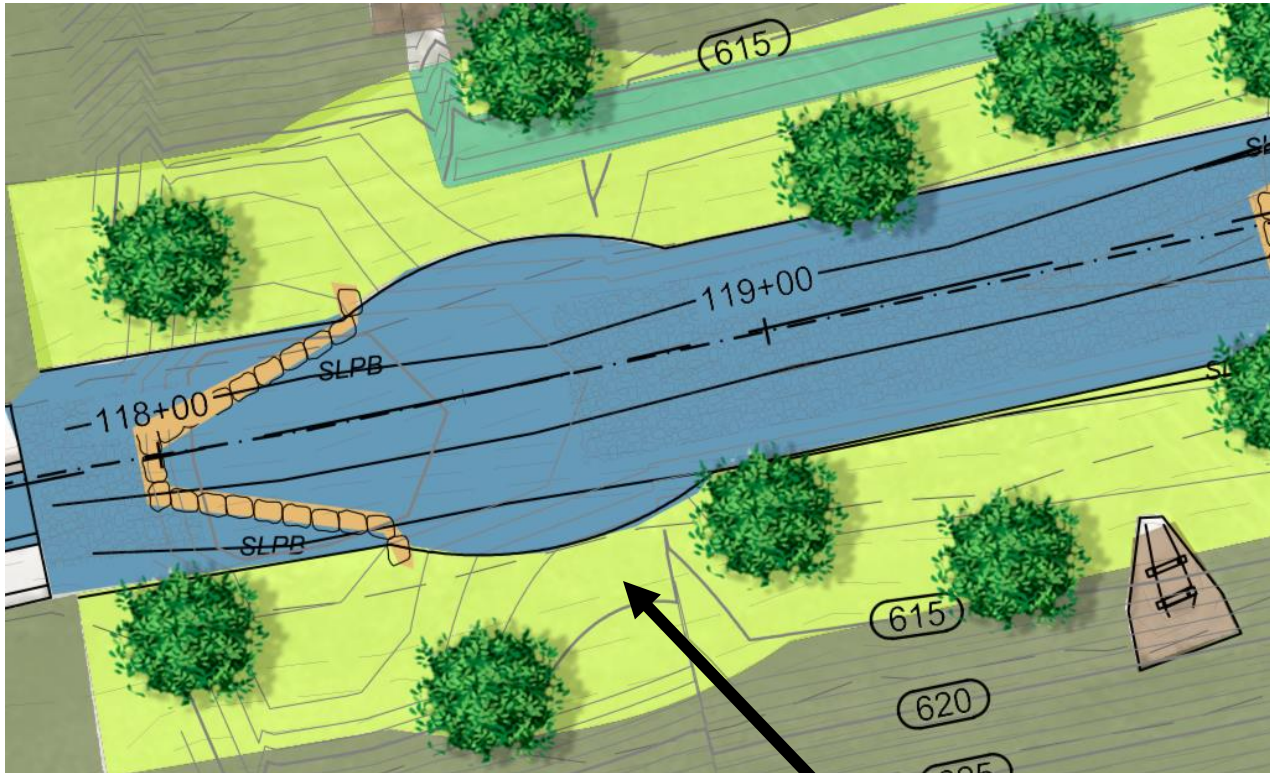
LEGEND

- RIPARIAN WOODY VEGETATION
30 STEMS/AC
- RIPARIAN MEADOW
TALL GRASS SEED MIX
- RIPARIAN MEADOW
SHORT GRASS SEED MIX
- 5' MOW STRIP
- SLACKWATER
- GEOLIFT

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Proposed Apache Creek Planting- Riparian Woody

At some locations along edge of creek



PROPOSED RIPARIAN WOODY
VEGETATION



RIPARIAN WOODY VEGETATION

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Proposed Apache Creek Planting- Native Tall Grass

Throughout areas as Riparian Meadow and at edge of creek
Mow strip is on either side of trail



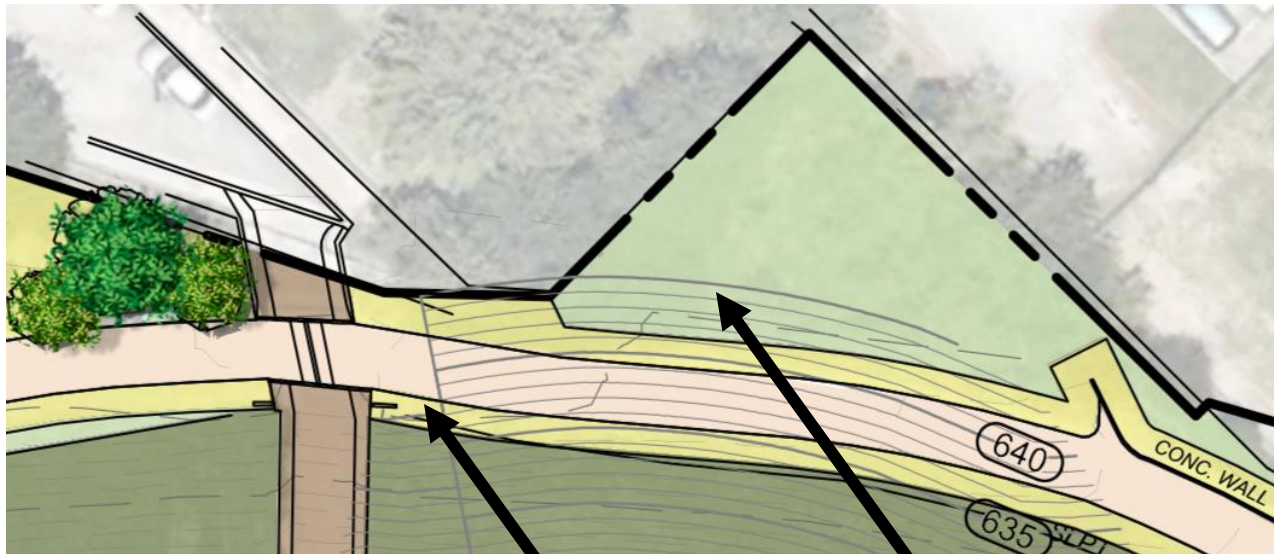
NATIVE TALL GRASS MIX

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Proposed Apache Creek Planting- Native Short Grass

At some locations along top of creek bank



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MOWSTRIP

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NATIVE SHORT
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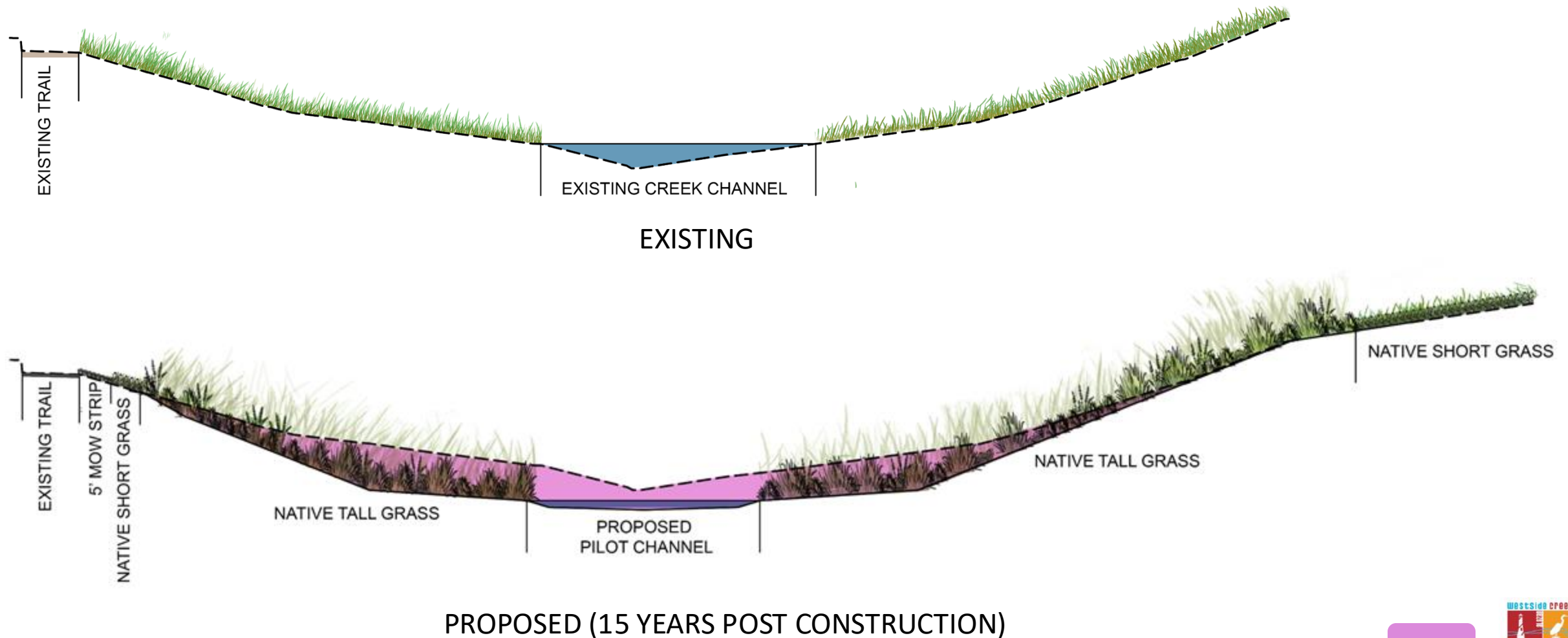
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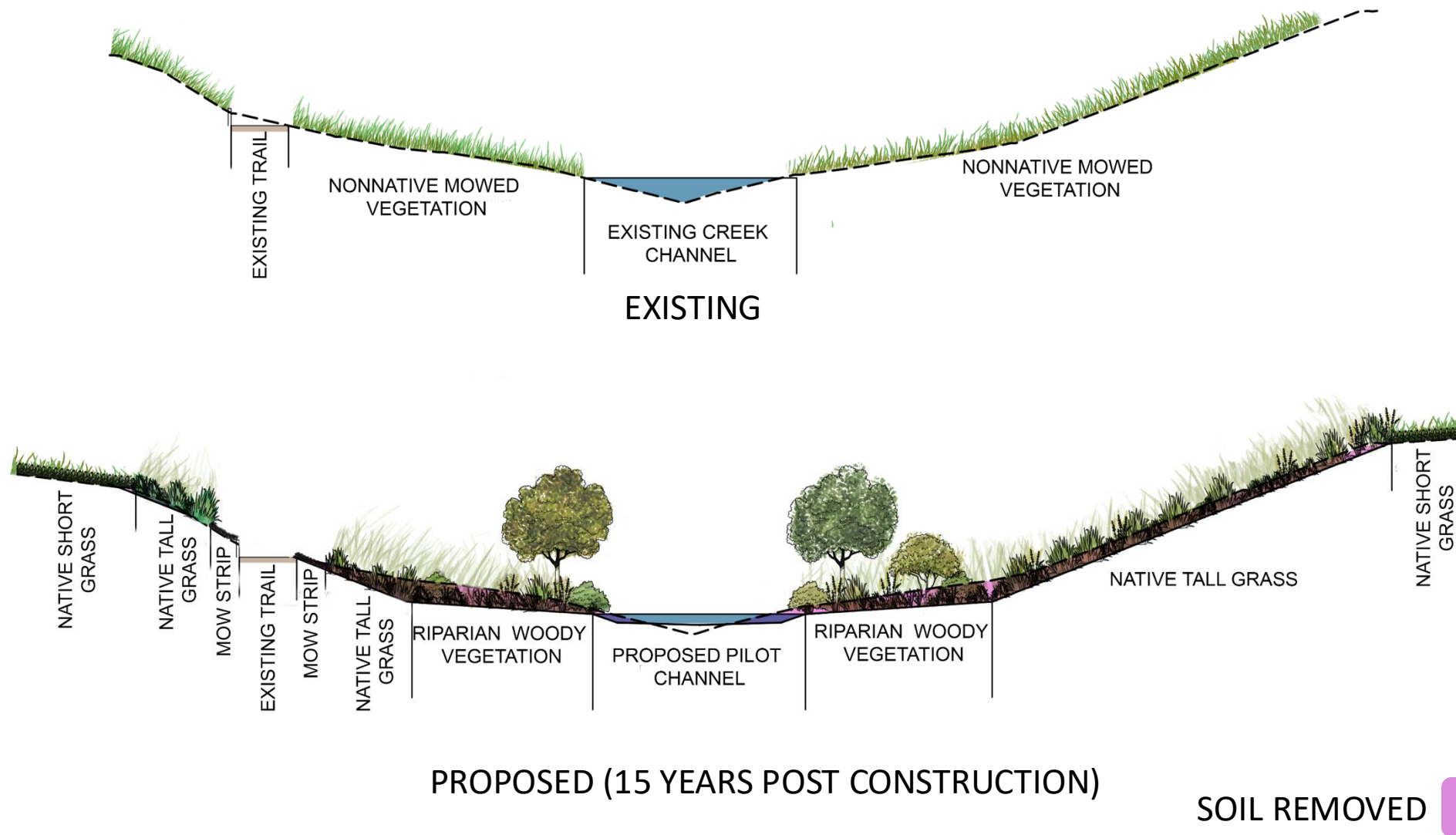
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Typical Apache Creek Sections



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Apache Creek Today



Apache Creek Proposed



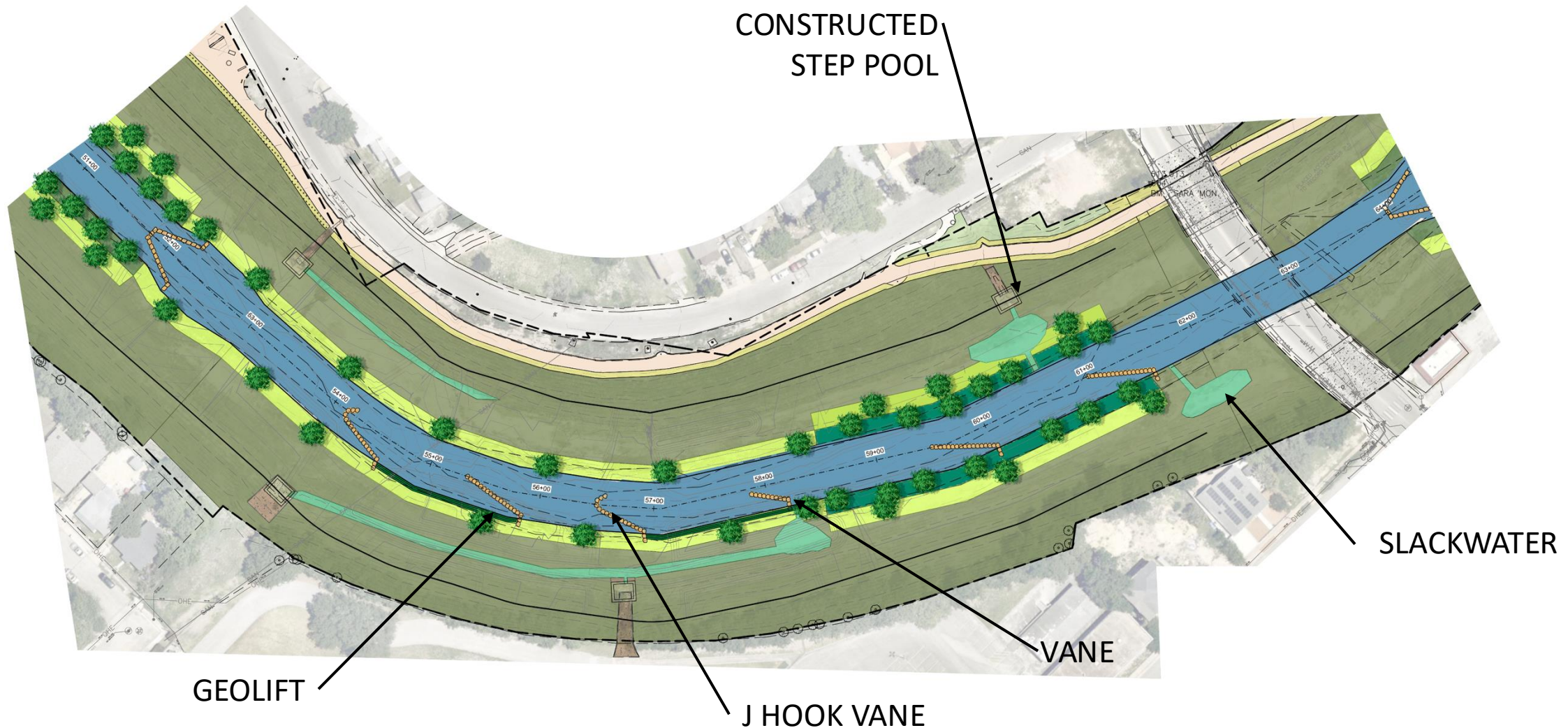
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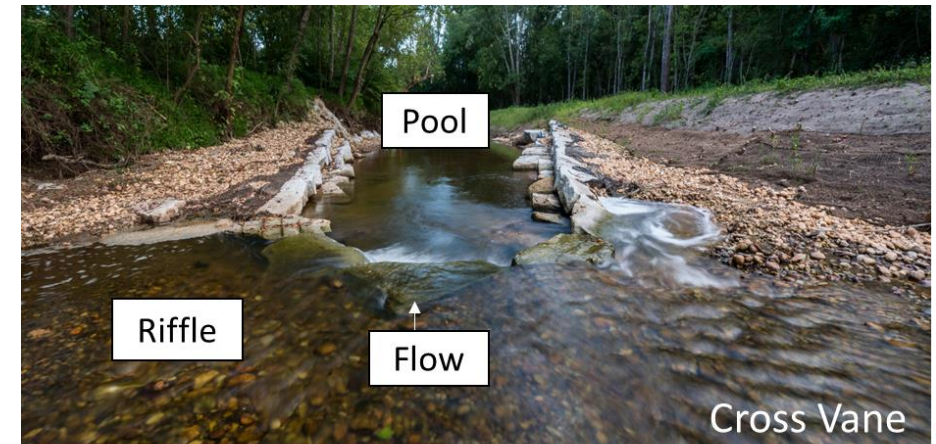
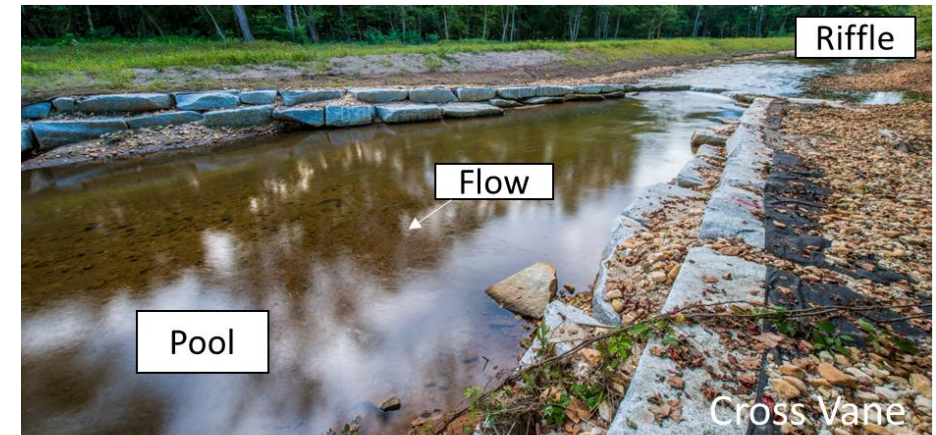
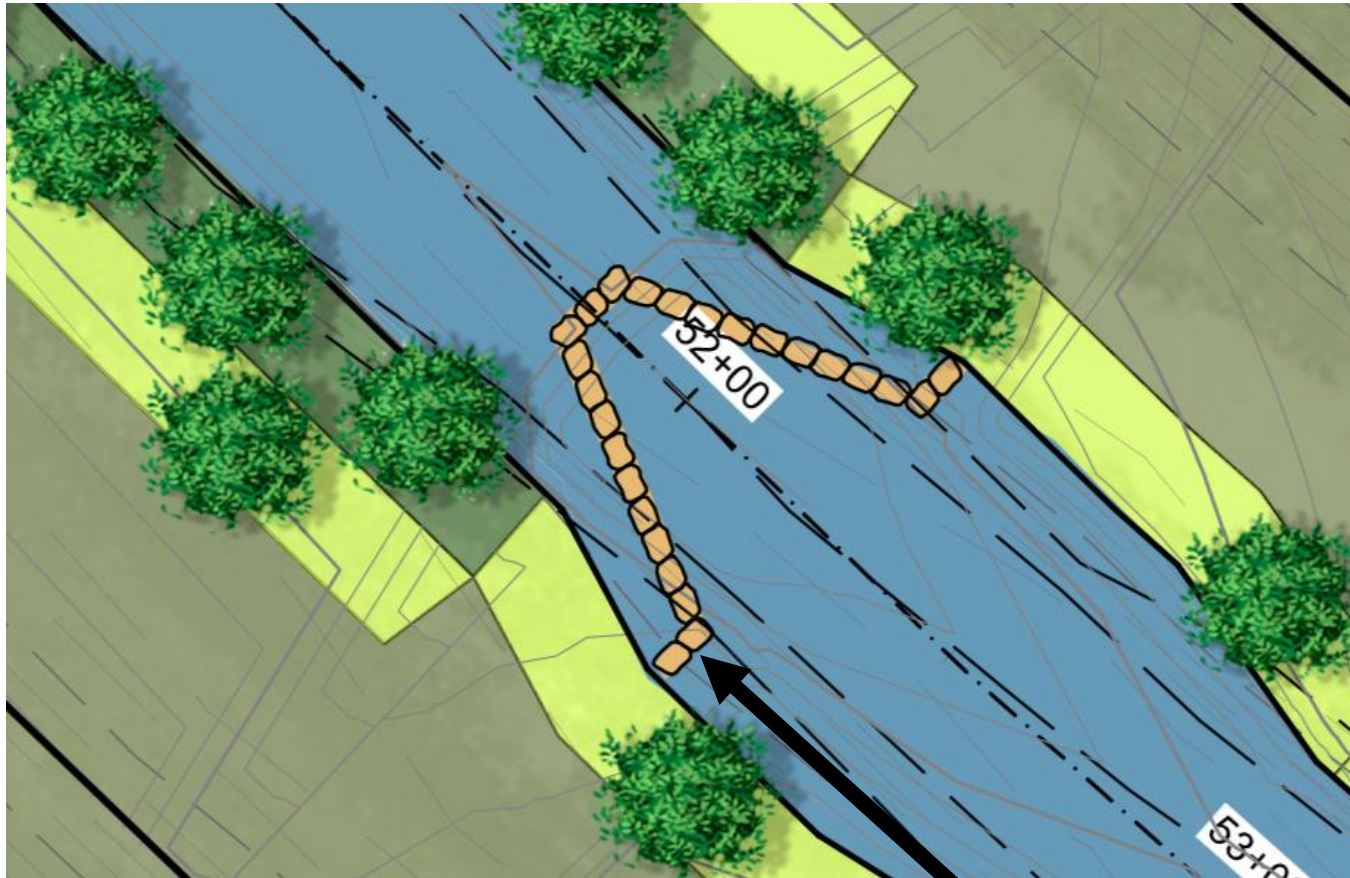


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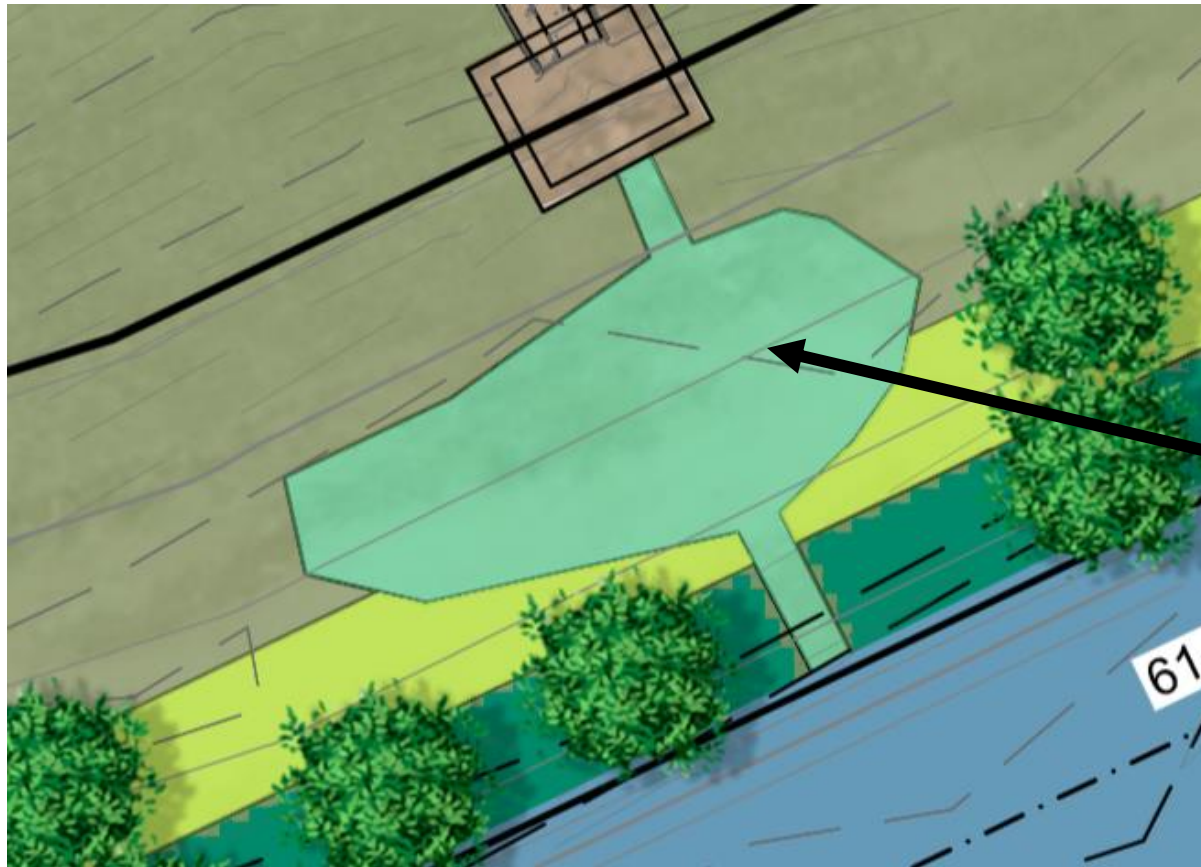
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Proposed San Pedro Creek Slackwater



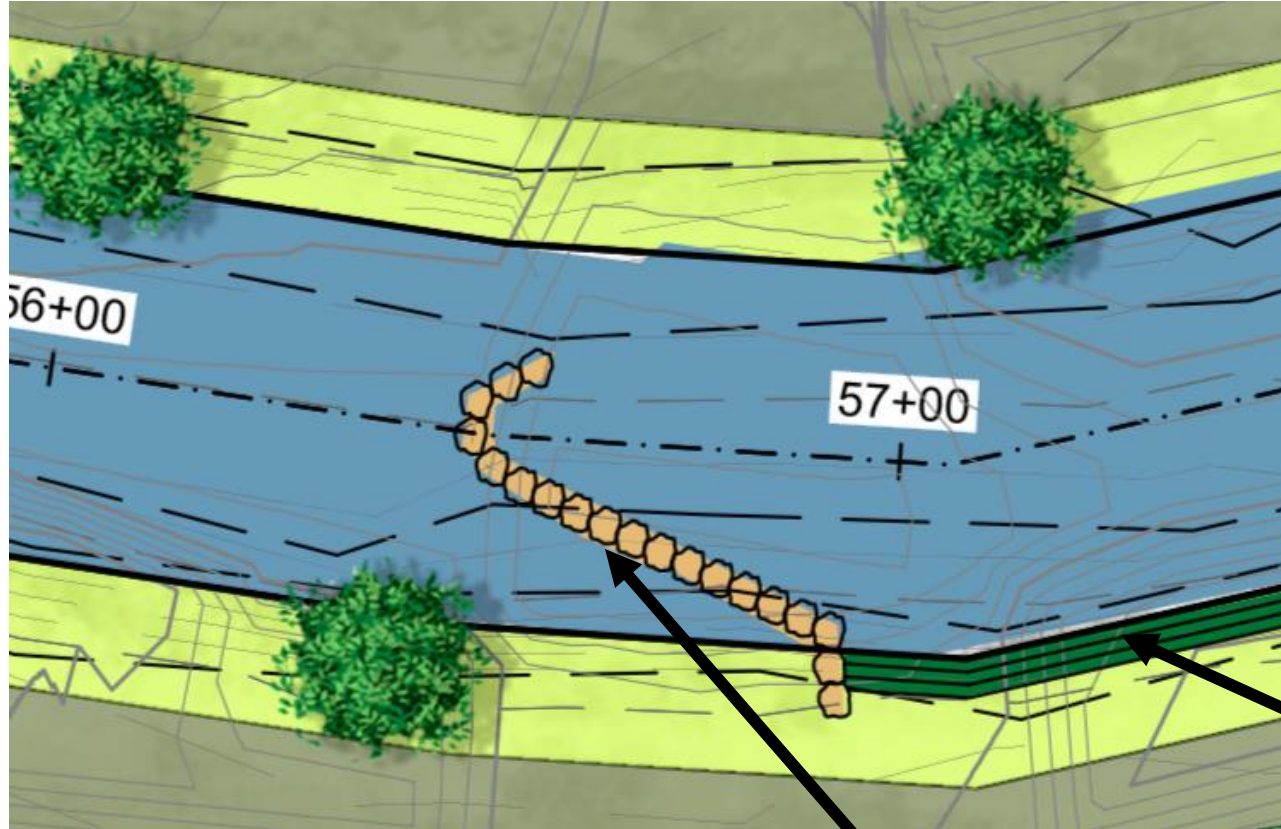
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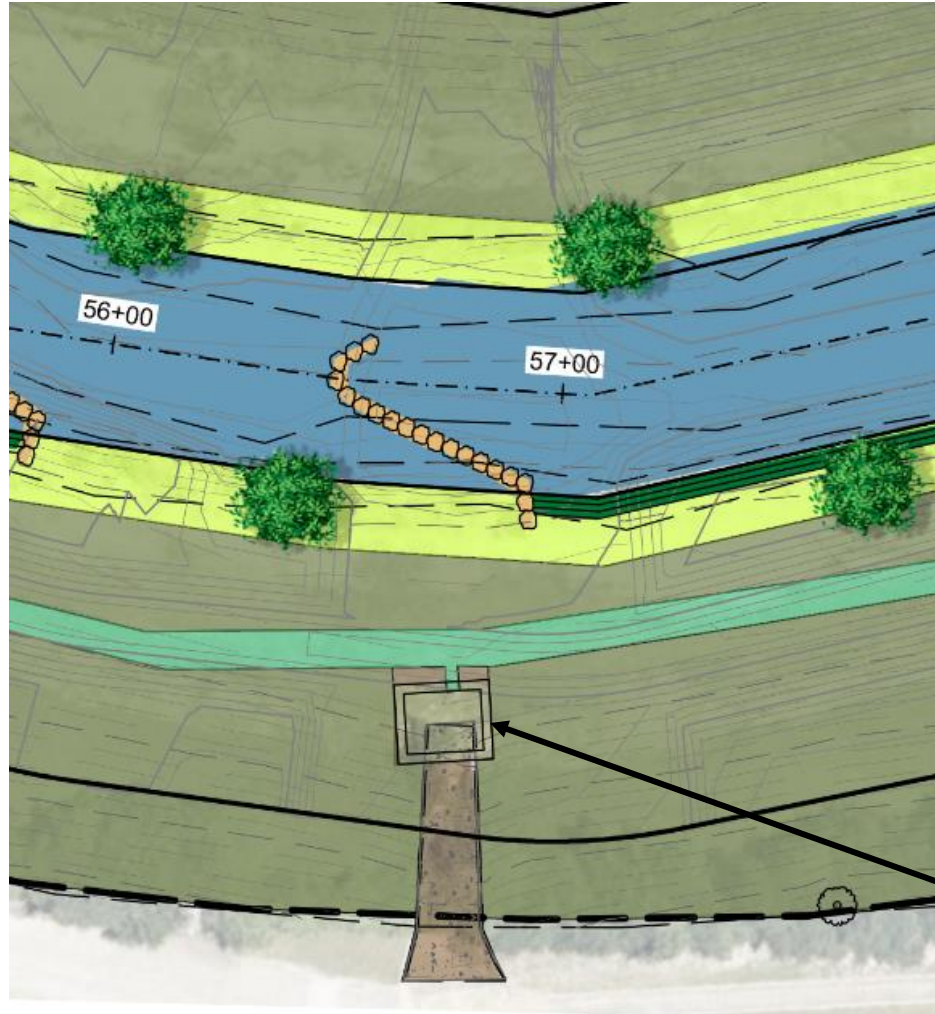


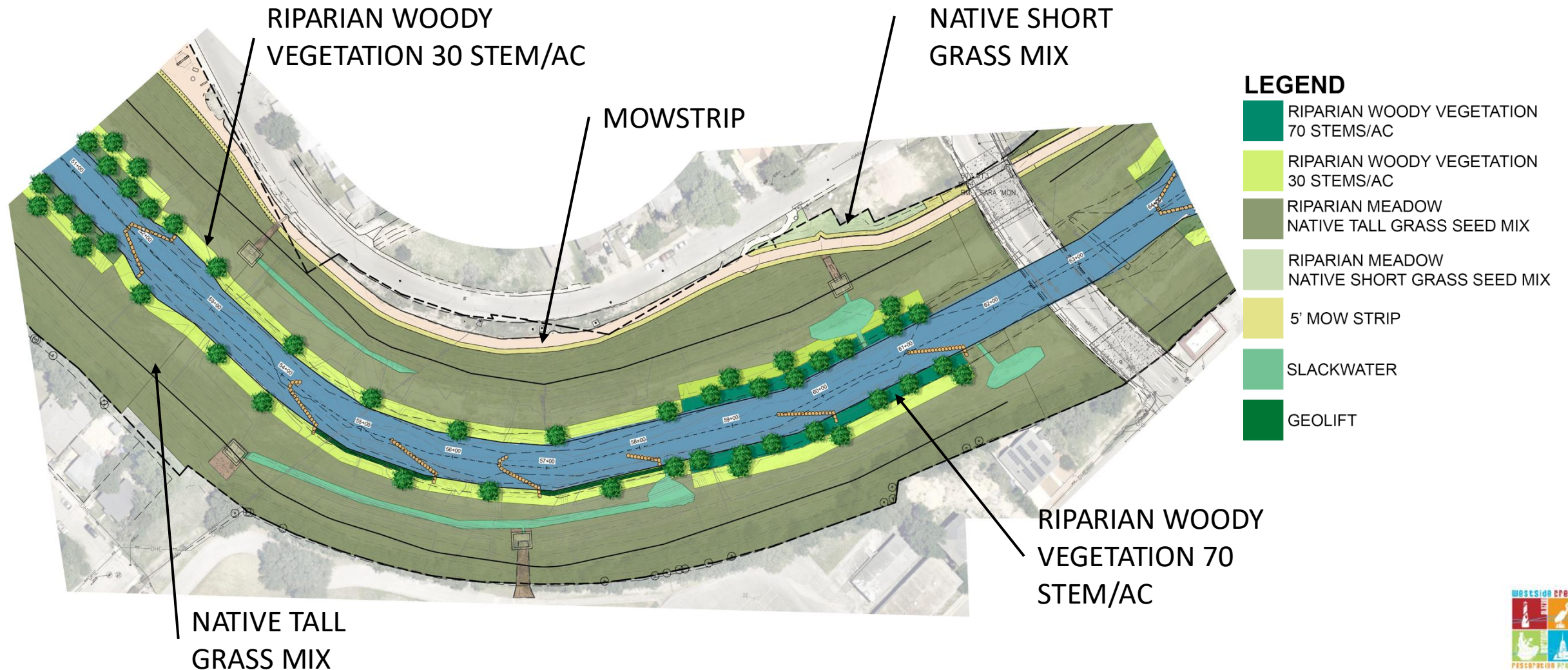
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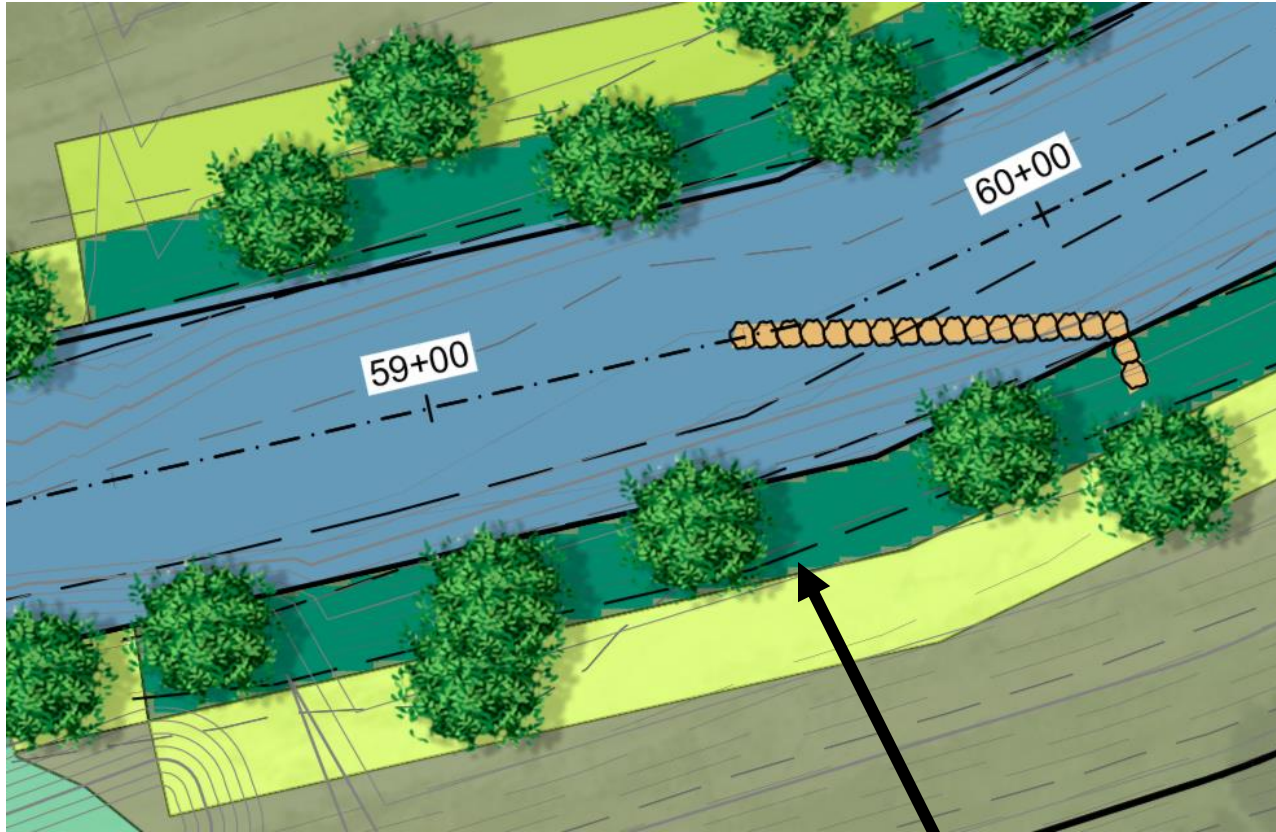
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Proposed San Pedro Creek Planting



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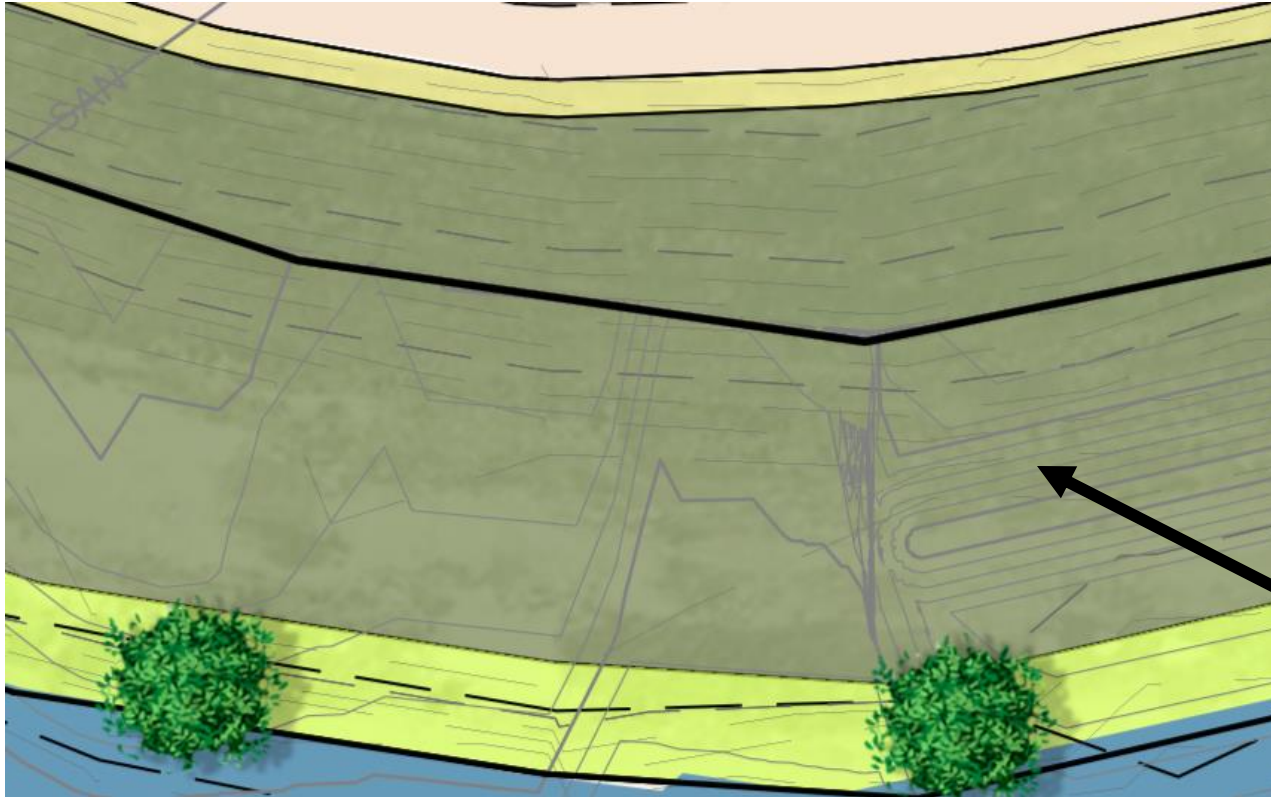
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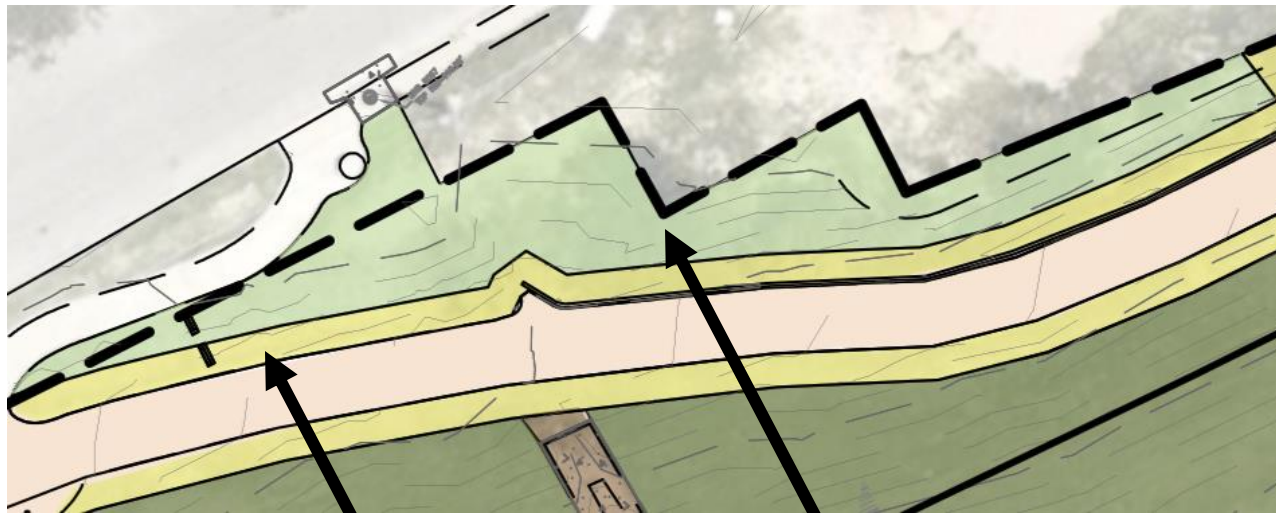
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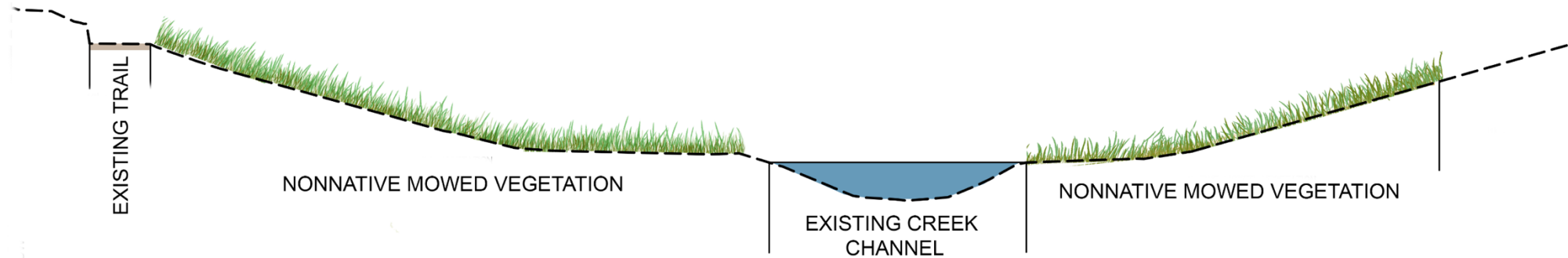
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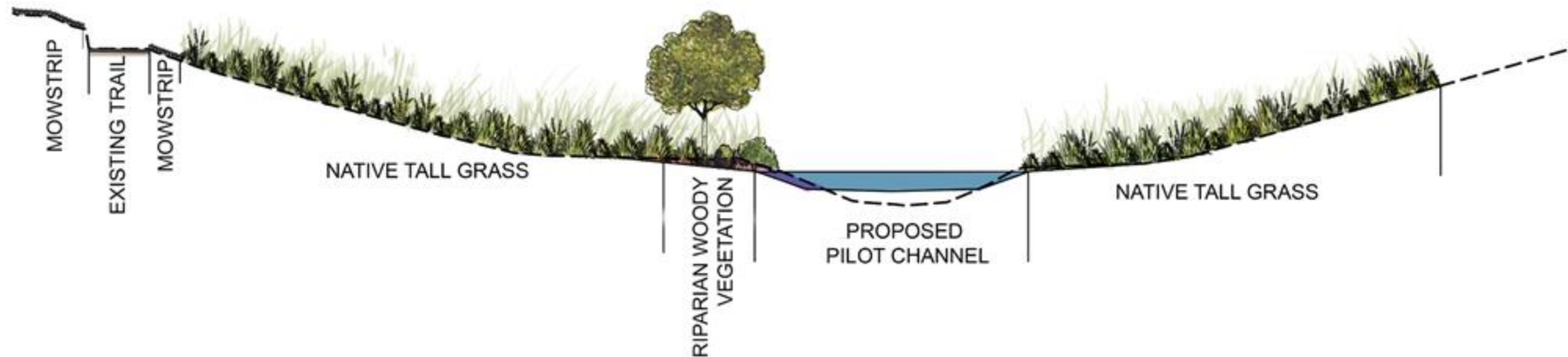
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Typical San Pedro Creek Sections



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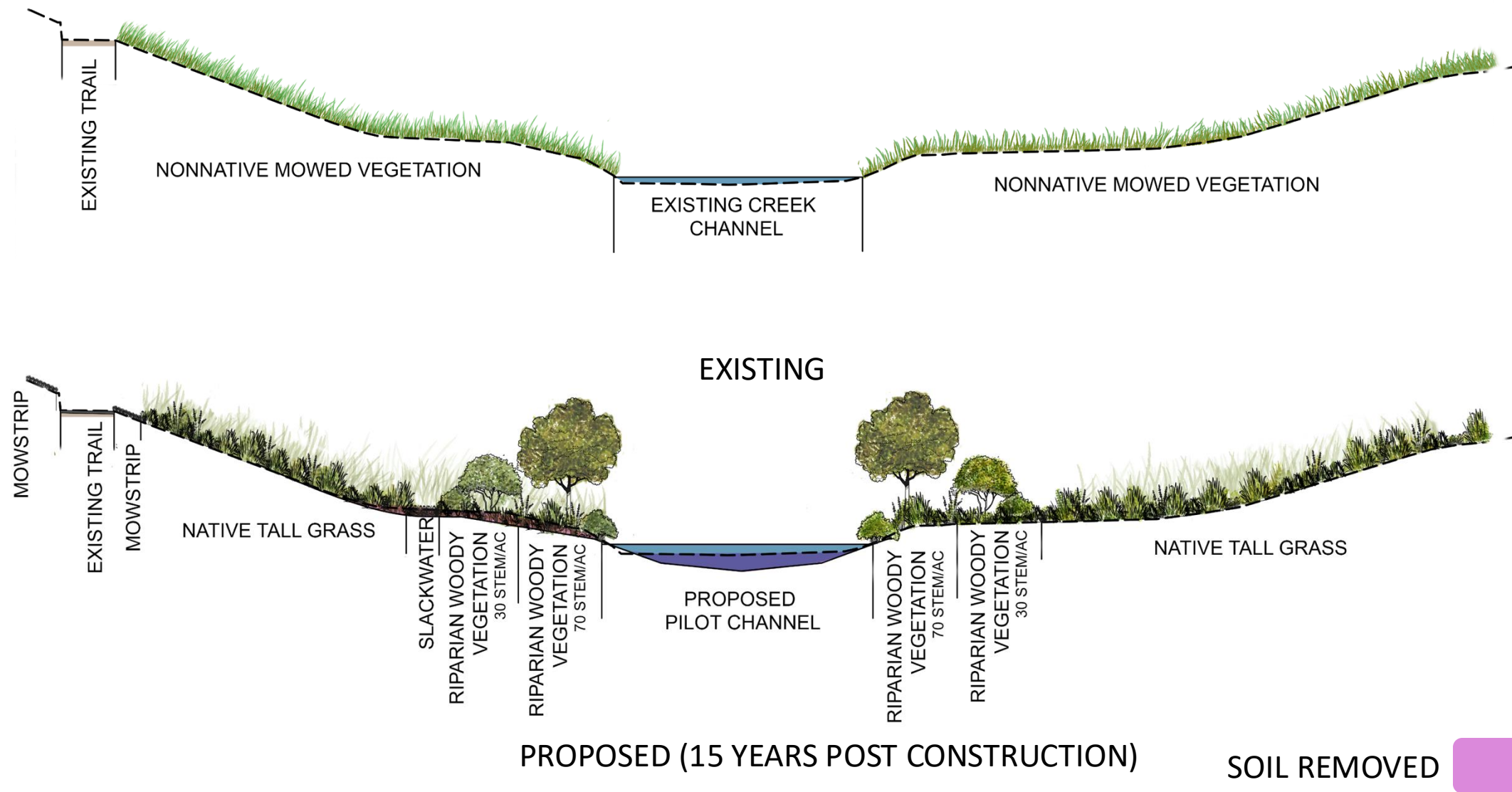
PROPOSED (15 YEARS POST CONSTRUCTION)

SOIL REMOVED



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San Pedro Creek Today



San Pedro Creek Proposed



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Vegetation Value

Food for wildlife:

Nectar, foliage, pollen, seeds, nuts, fruits, etc.



Shelter for wildlife

Vegetation Value



Soil and creek bank
stabilization

Shading

Filtration for water
quality

Higher tolerance of heat,
drought, and flooding



Vegetation Growth Over Time



Recreation Amenities

- Interpretive and wayfinding signs
- Shade structures
- Benches
- Water fountains
- Picnic tables
- Trash receptacles



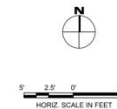
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Proposed Amenity Layout: Rest Area



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Future Opportunities

- Trailheads
- Scenic Overlook



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Part 3: Look Ahead

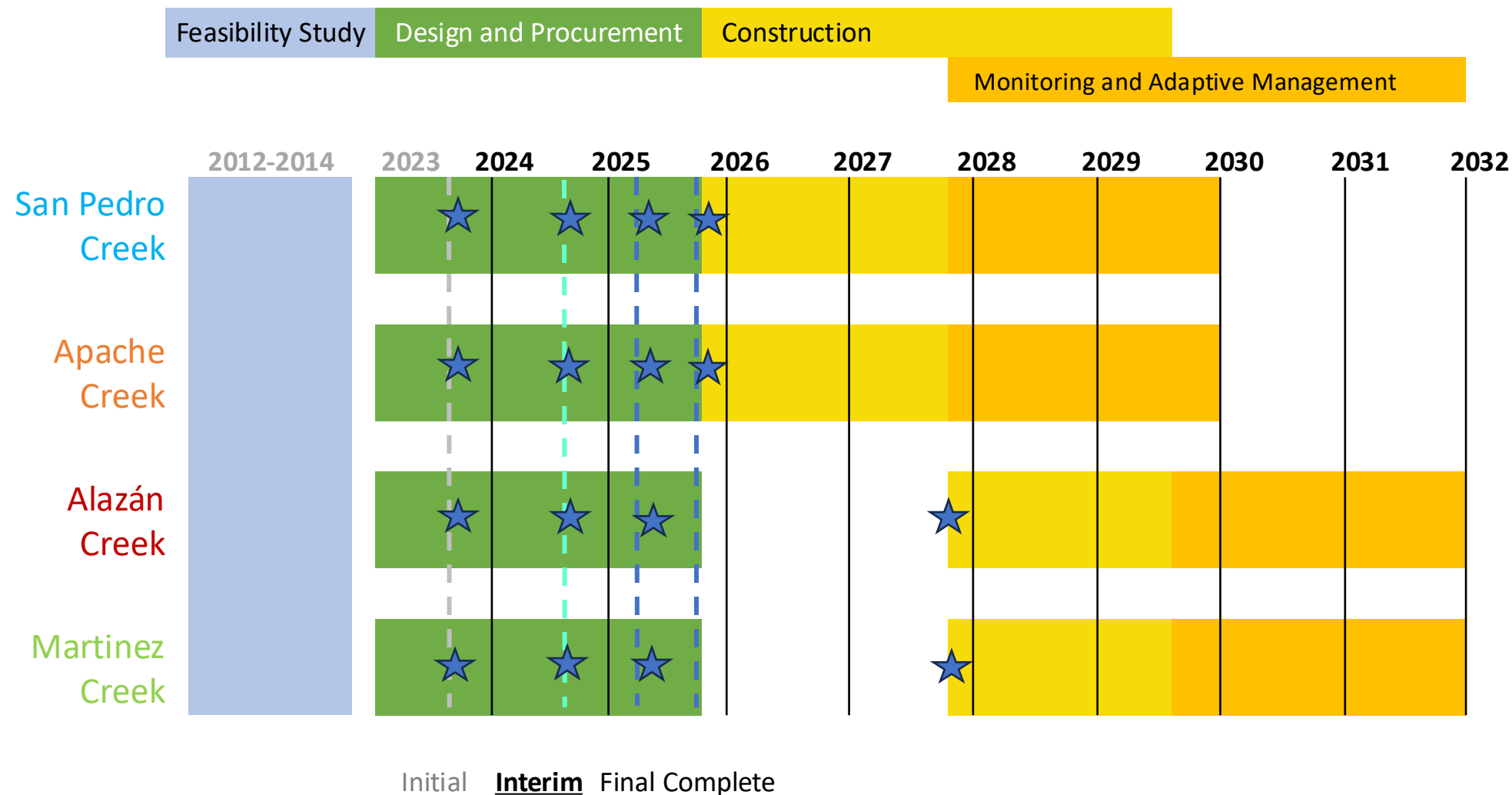
Zia Burns, Program Manager

Andrew Park, Program Manager



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Proposed Schedule*



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★ Public Engagement

NEPA Overview and Partnerships

Cultural

- Surveys (Architectural and Archeological) of base area completed
- Inclusive consulting with 16 parties
- Draft report expected in Fall of 2024
- Additional survey and analysis will be required with betterments

Environmental

- Continue coordination with stakeholders and application of federal, state, and local regulations.

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Join Us This Week

You're invited to the following project community events:

Alazán and Martinez Presentation

Wednesday, 10/9

6-7:30 PM

Alazán Apache Courts, 1011 Brazos St.



Open House - All Creeks

Thursday, 10/10

2-5 PM

Bazan Library, 2200 W. Commerce St.



Thank you!

Please join us at the poster boards

Refreshments provided

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