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Dubuque Stormwater Climate  
Action Plan

# Dubuque Stormwater Climate Action Plan

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# Agenda

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**Estimating  
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**Evaluate Impacts  
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# Our Client

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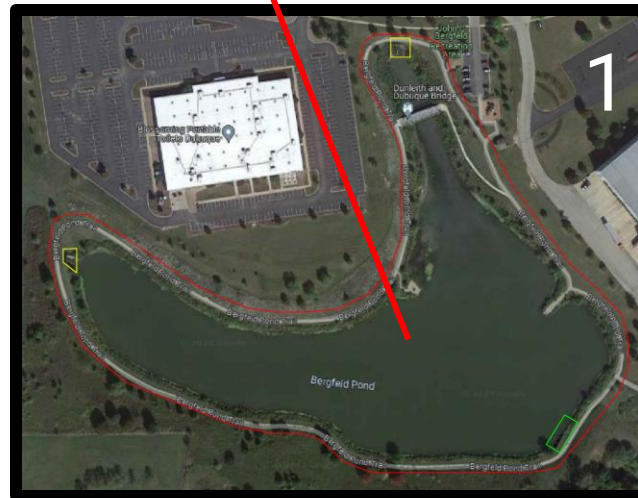
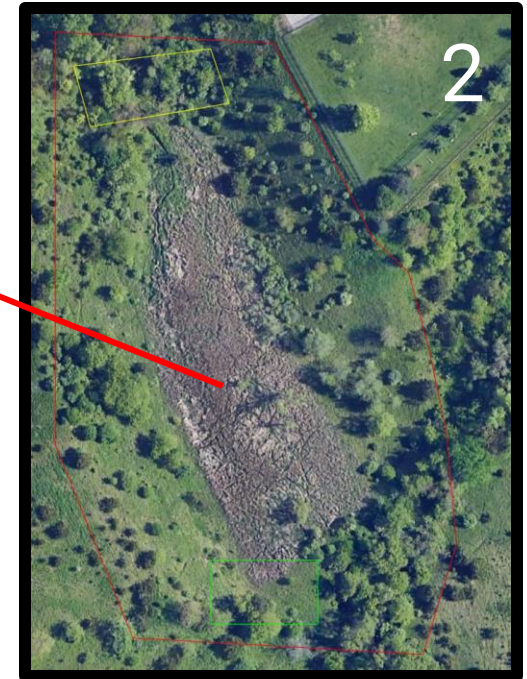
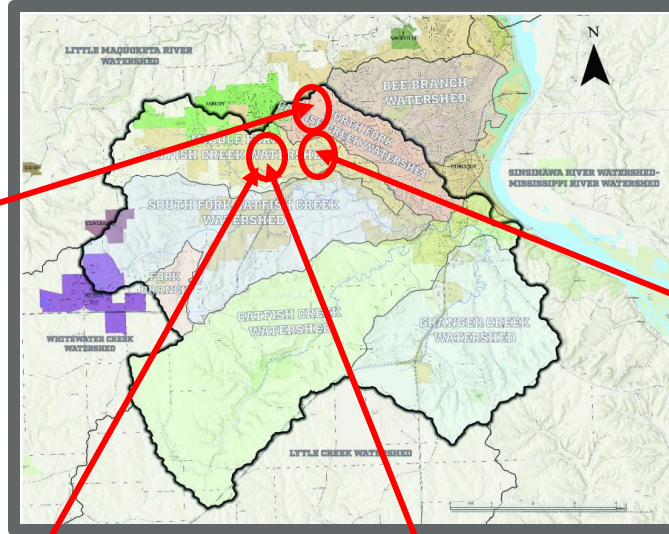
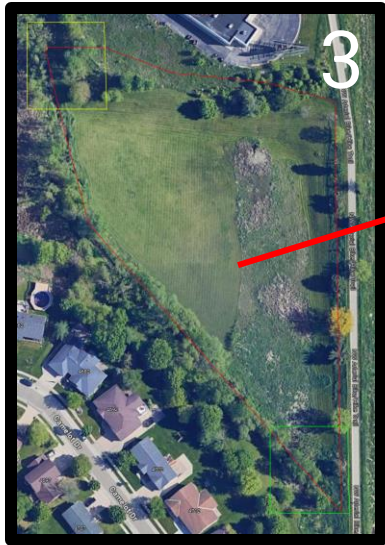
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# Test Basin Locations



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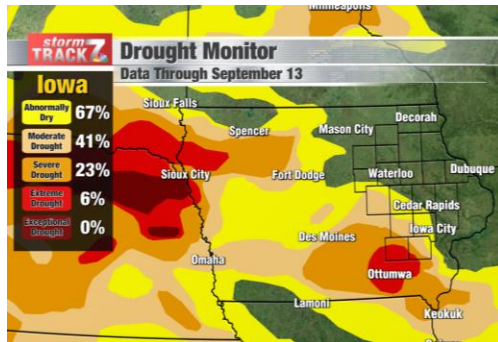


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# Stormwater Climate Action Plan Research



## Lower Rainfall Frequency

Droughts are becoming more prevalent.

Rainfall events are happening less often.



## Higher Rainfall Intensity

When it does rain, the storm has a higher intensity.

Storms are shorter.



## Less Total Annual Rainfall

Because it rains less and storms aren't as long, there is less annual rainfall.

# What is a Design Storm?

**HYPOTHETICAL  
RAINSTORM  
EVENT**

**HEC-RAS**



**HEC-HMS**



# Design Recommendation

## Iowa SUDAS Design Storm

24-hour 100-year storm

7.62 inches

0.32 inches/hour average



## Climate Change Adjusted Design Storm (CCADS)

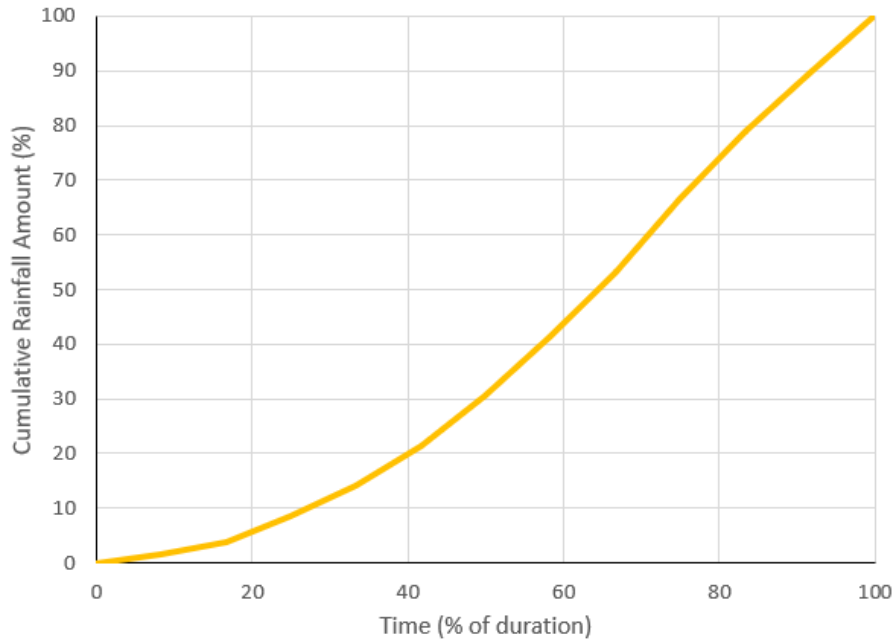
6-hour 100-year storm

5.98 inches

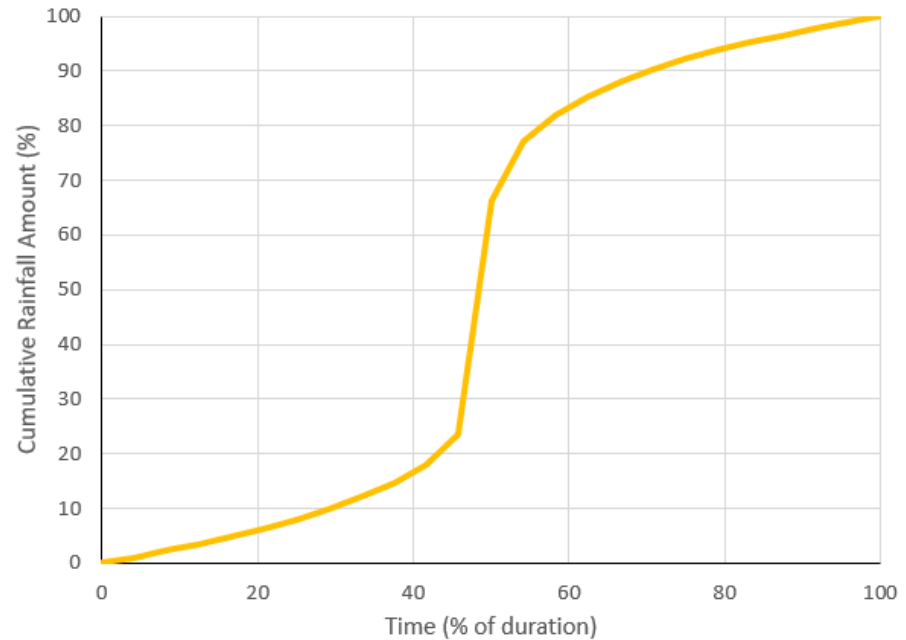
1.00 inches/hour average

# Comparison - Cumulative

Climate Change Adjusted Design Storm - Cumulative

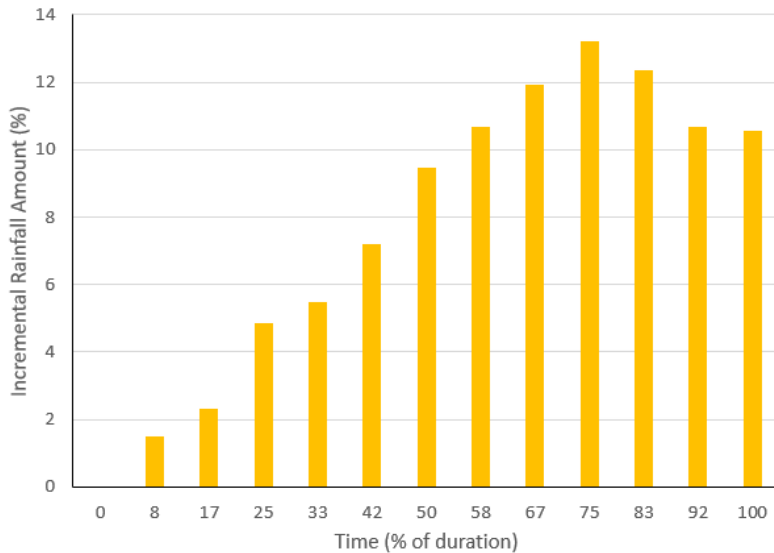


SUDAS SCS Type II Design Storm- Cumulative

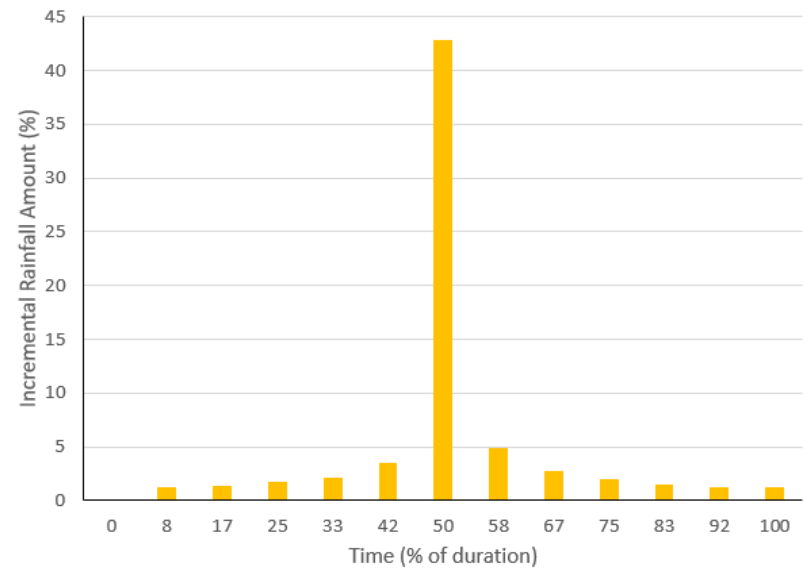


# Comparison - Incremental

Climate Change Adjusted Design Storm - Incremental



SUDAS SCS Type II Design Storm - Incremental



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# Project Scope

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**Gather → Estimate → Calculate → Evaluate → Recommend**

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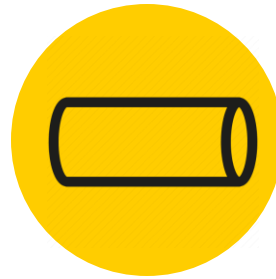
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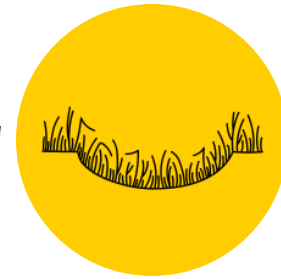
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**Option 1: Dam  
Modification**



**Option 2: Outlet  
Structure Redesign**



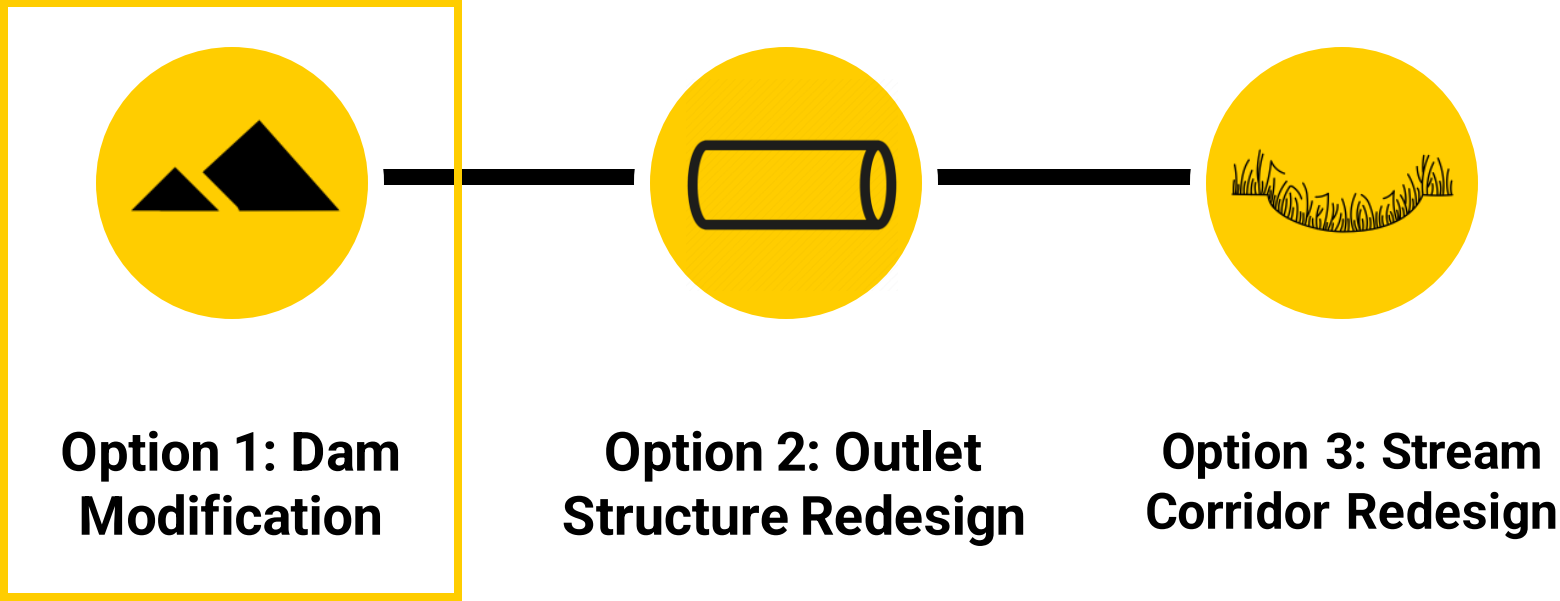
**Option 3: Stream  
Corridor Redesign**

# Alternative Locations

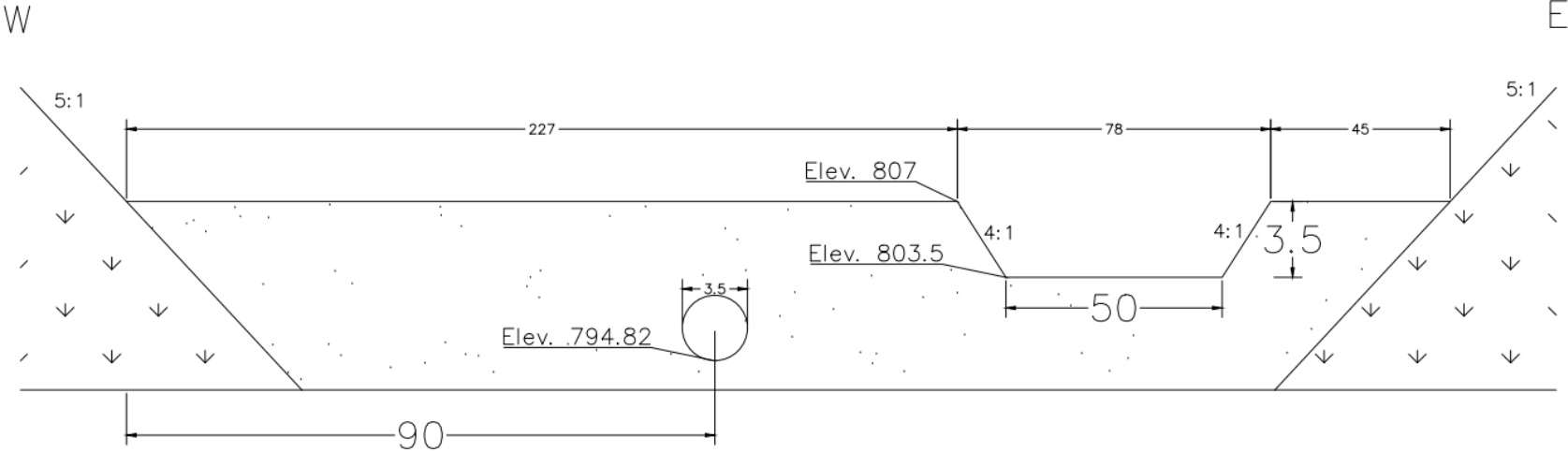




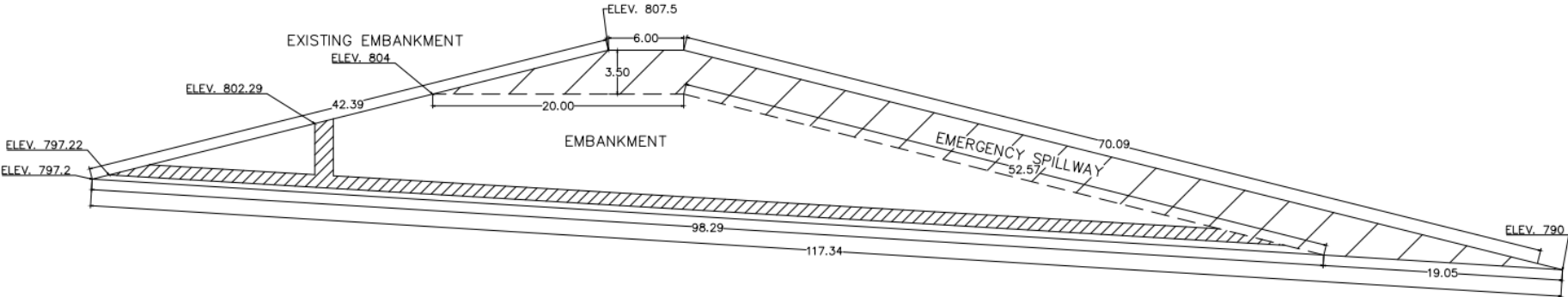
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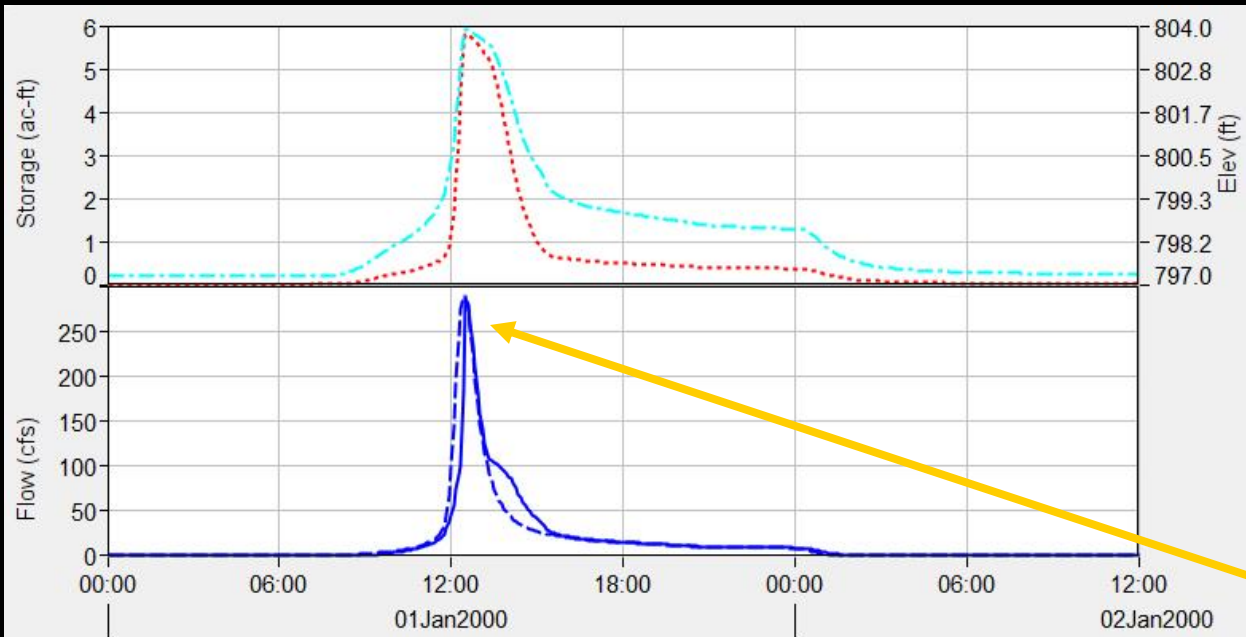


# Redesigned Dam Front View



# Redesigned Dam Profile





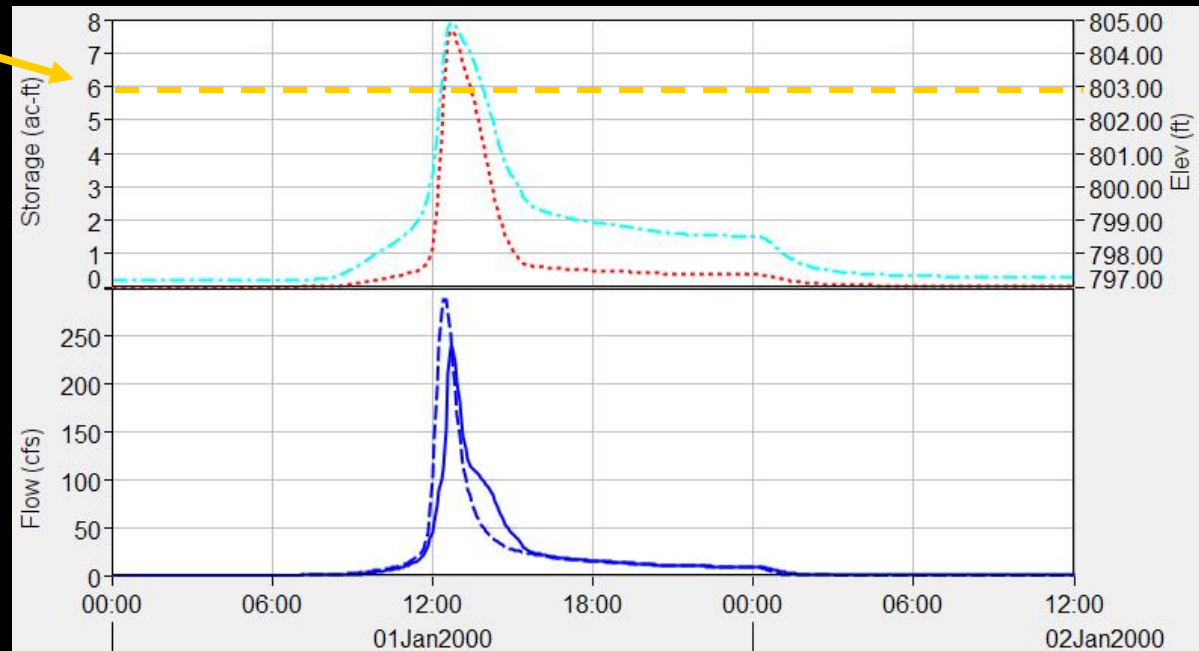
# Existing Basin Performance

- Run:CCADS Element:DIC2 Reservoir Result:Outflow
- - - Run:CCADS Element:DIC2 Reservoir Result:Combined Inflow
- ... Run:CCADS Element:DIC2 Reservoir Result:Storage
- · - · Run:CCADS Element:DIC2 Reservoir Result:Pool Elevation

Outflow/Inflow Ratio = 1:1

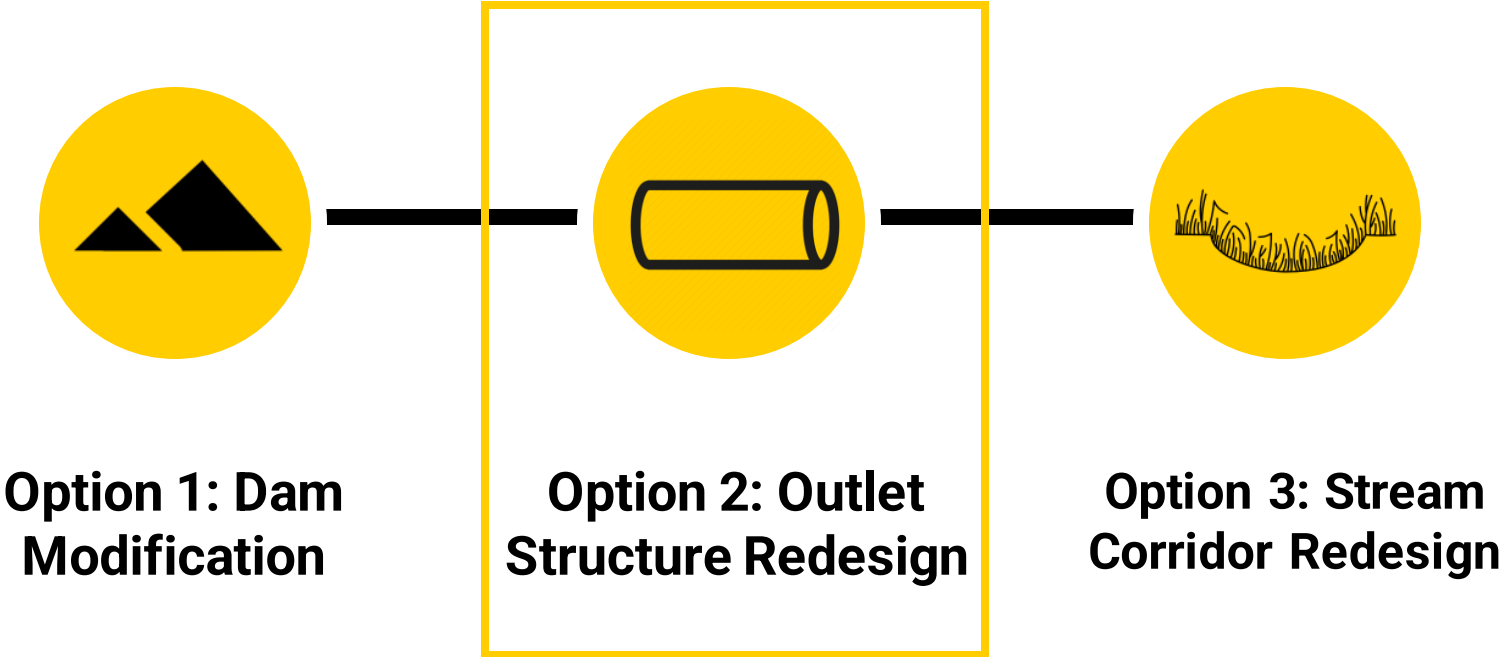
Original Storage Level

Embankment Height Increase with Emergency Spillway

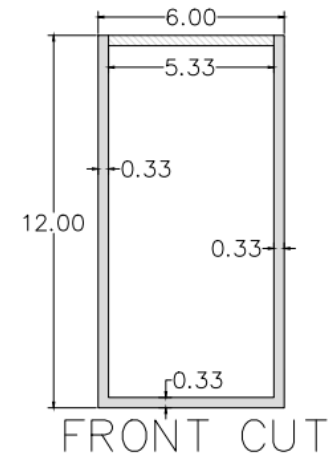
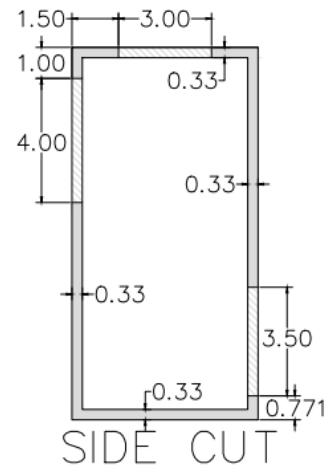
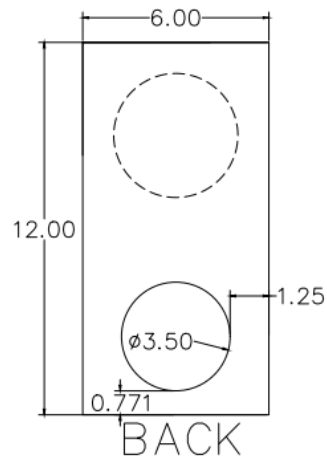
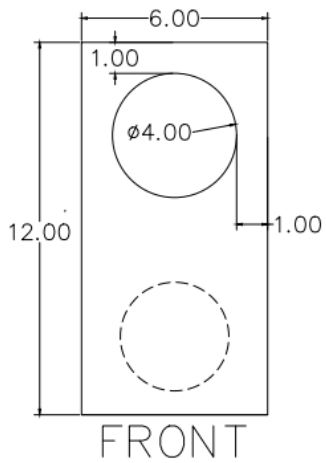
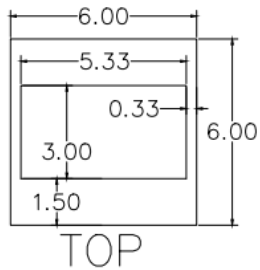




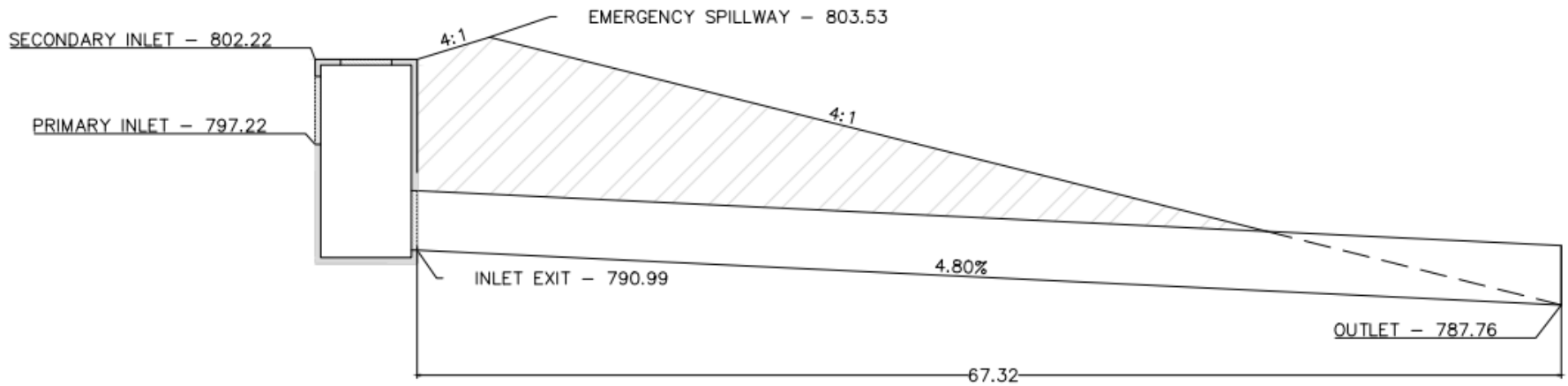
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# Outlet Structure Drawing

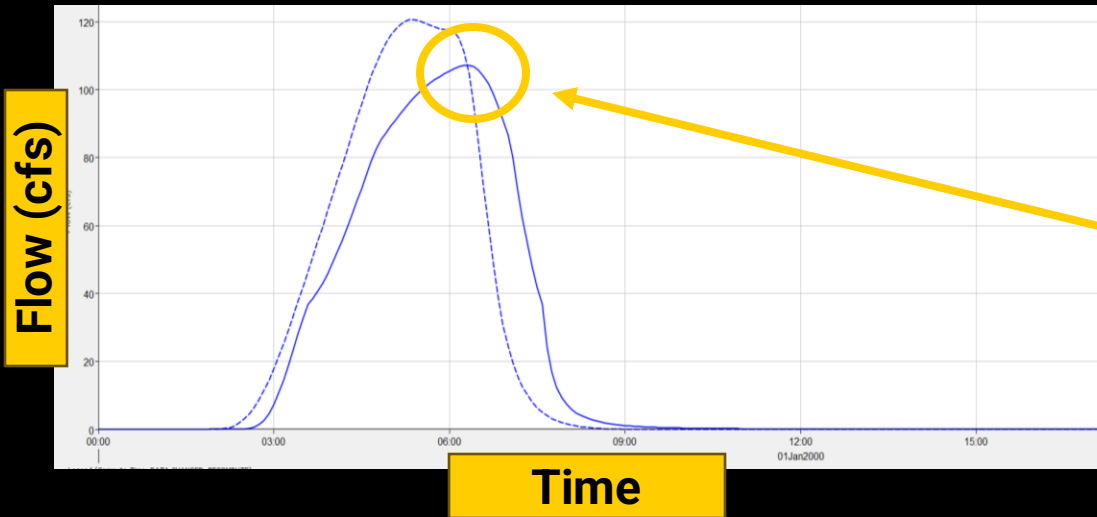


# Outlet Structure Profile



# Current Outlet Structure

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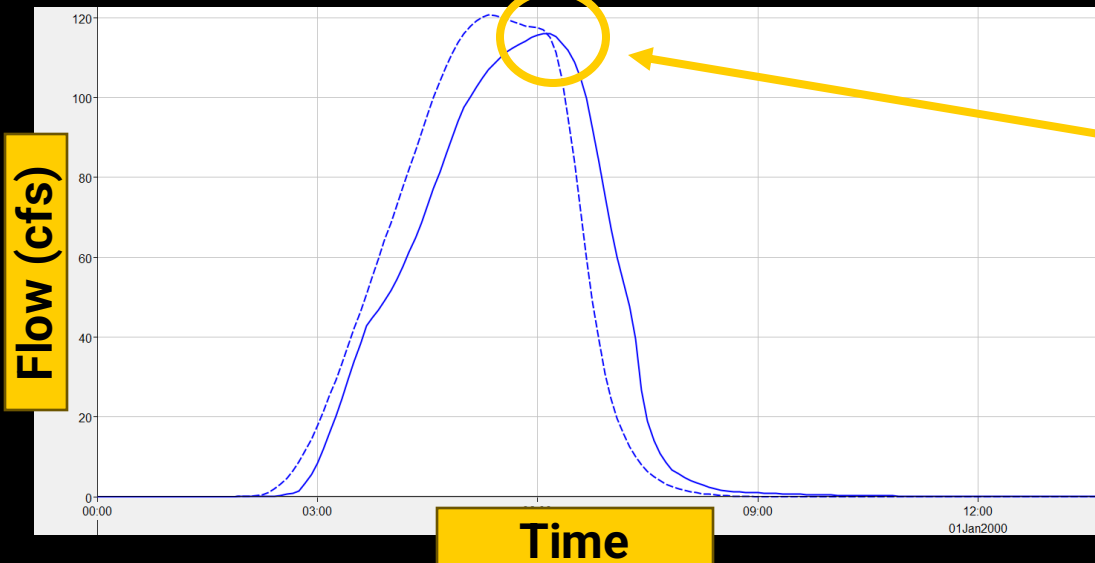


Lower peak discharge,  
higher peak  
elevation, emergency  
spillway activated

— Run:CCADS Element:DIC2 Reservoir Result:Outflow

- - - Run:CCADS Element:DIC2 Reservoir Result:Combined Inflow

# Redesigned Outlet Structure



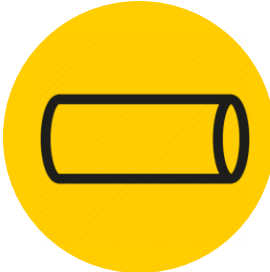
Higher peak  
discharge, lower  
peak elevation



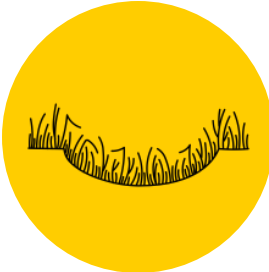
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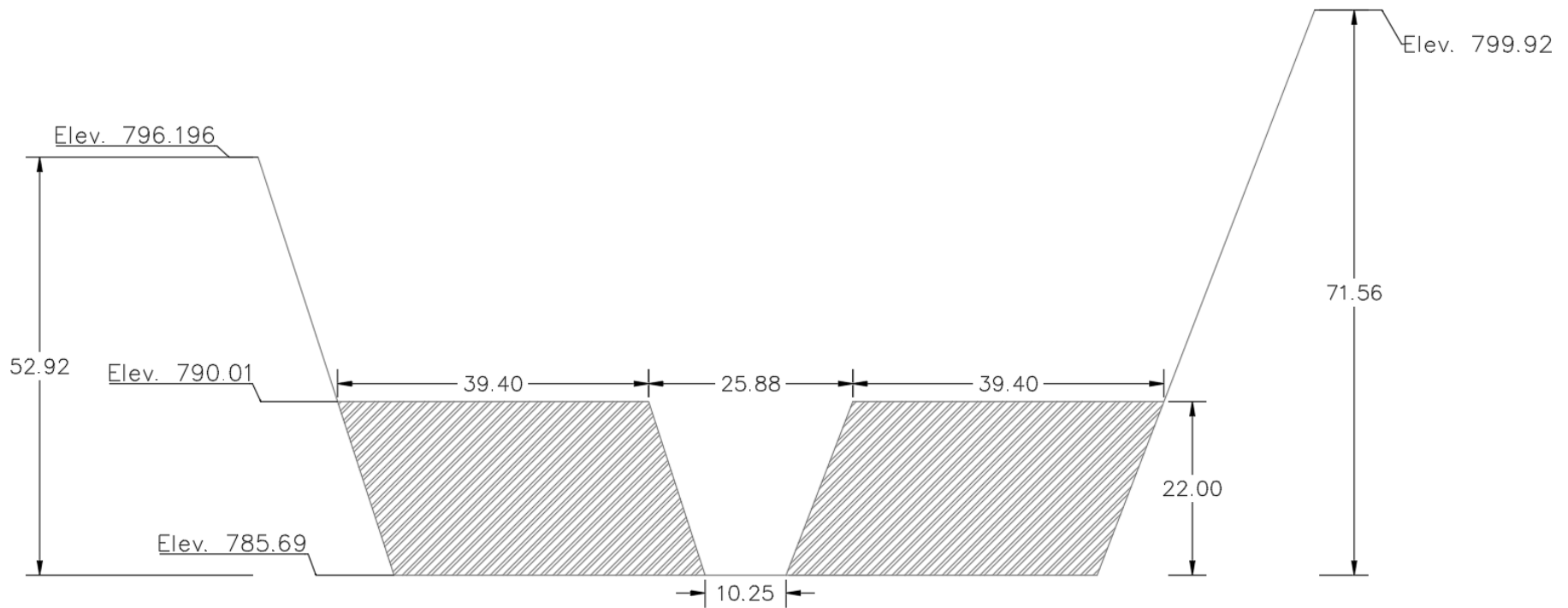


**Option 2: Outlet Structure Redesign**



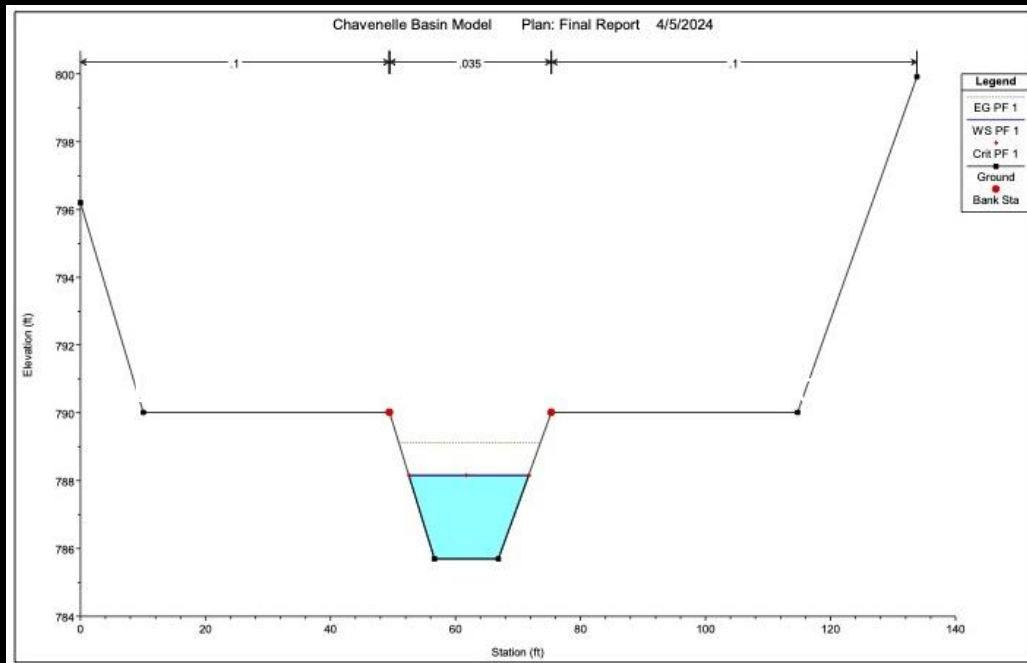
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# Channel Section



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## Downstream Reach Near Outfall

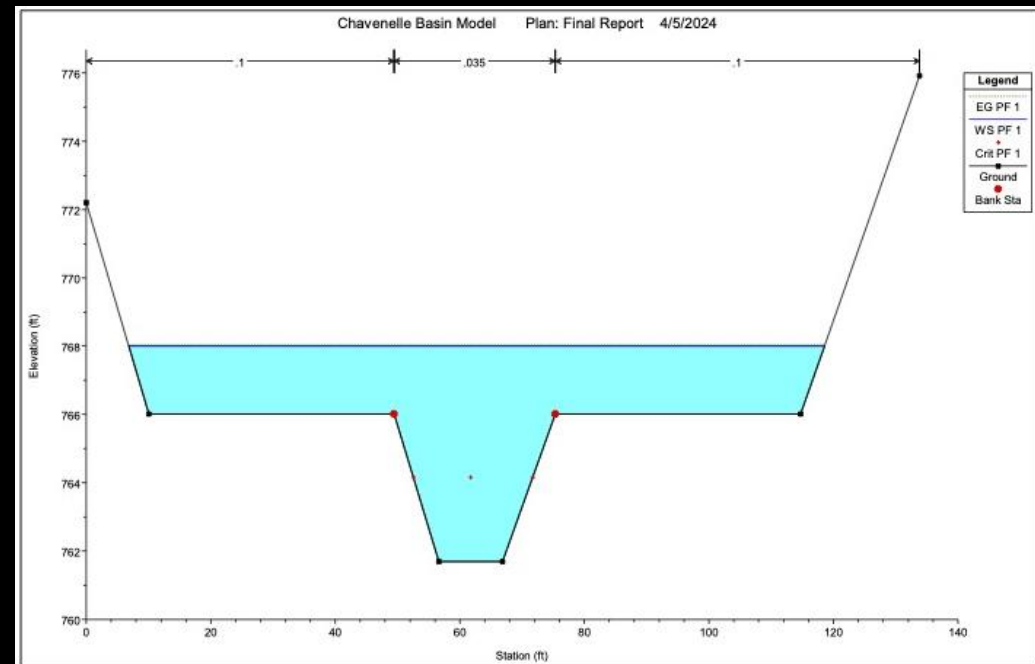


**Roughness: +5.4%**

**Area: +76.4%**

**Velocity: -55.1%**

**Downstream Reach Near Middle  
Fork Catfish Creek**

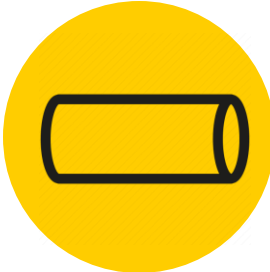


# Develop Adaptation Options



**Option 1: Dam Modification**

**\$213,600**



**Option 2: Outlet Structure Redesign**

**\$181,750**



**Option 3: Stream Corridor Redesign**

**\$220,750**

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# Case Study

Test Basins		Required Storage (acre-ft)		Available Storage Used (%)		Peak Inflow (cfs)		Peak Discharge (cfs)	
Basin #	Drainage Area (acres)	Iowa SUDAS	CCADS	Iowa SUDAS	CCADS	Iowa SUDAS	CCADS	Iowa SUDAS	CCADS
Basin 1	2656.0	38.0	49.0	73.8%	95.2%	1764.7	2665.3	1763.1	2653.7
Basin 2	115.2	5.8	5.4	111.5%	103.8%	288.7	120.6	285.7	117.6
Basin 3	358.4	71.1	69.1	84.7%	82.3%	806.2	391.8	158.9	153.5
Basin 4	864.0	8.9	13.4	54.0%	81.3%	467.1	886.2	466.7	882.8

# Data Extrapolation

Drainage Area	Average Available Storage Used	Average Change in Peak Flows from SUDAS Design Storm to CCADS
Less than 500 acres	Iowa SUDAS: 98.1% <hr/> Climate Change Adjusted Design Storm: 93.1%	Inflow Change: -54.8% <hr/> Outflow Change: -31.1%
Greater than 500 acres	Iowa SUDAS: 63.9% <hr/> Climate Change Adjusted Design Storm: 88.2%	Inflow Change: +70.4% <hr/> Outflow Change: +69.8%



# Action Plan

Action	Description	Frequency
<b>Detention Basin Model</b>	Phase 1: Test all basins with Climate Change Adjusted Design Storm. Phase 2: Monitor design storm prediction.	Initially Significant Change in Climate Predictions
<b>Land Cover Study</b>	Evaluate the land cover changes and calculate new curve numbers within the watershed.	10 years OR Significant Land Development
<b>Inspection: Upstream and Downstream</b>	Integrity inspection of reaches upstream and downstream of the detention basin.	10 years OR Heavy Rainfall Event (>1 in/hr for at least 1 hr)
<b>Inspection: Field</b>	Field inspection of the basin and hydraulic structure.	5 years
<b>Maintenance: Structural</b>	Address erosion and hydraulic structure issues.	Late Summer - Annual
<b>Maintenance: Debris</b>	Seasonal cleanup of debris at the basin.	Early Spring and Late Fall - Semiannual
<b>Amend Design Standards</b>	Amend storm sewer design standards to require an overland route capable of conveying the 500-year event.	Initially

# Maintenance – Debris

## Early Spring and Late Fall





# Maintenance – Debris

Early Spring and Late Fall

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# Maintenance – Structural

Late Summer

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# Inspection (Basin)

Every 5 years

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# Inspection - Upstream and Downstream

Every 10 years OR Heavy Rainfall Event (1.0 inch/hour for at least one hour)

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# Land Cover Study

10 years OR Significant Land Development

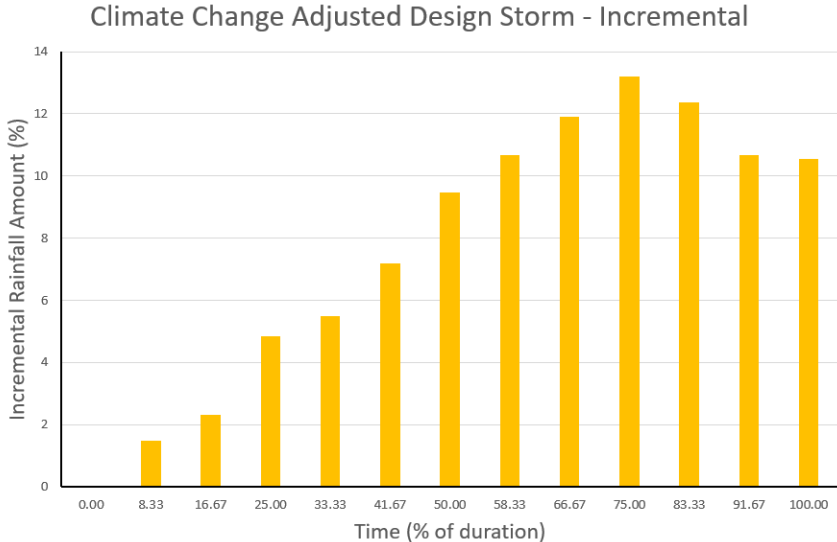
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# Detention Basin Model

Initially OR Significant Change in Climate Predictions



Phase 1



Phase 2

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# Questions?

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