

Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item(s) Request Form

Date: 8/19/2026 Weekly Agenda Date: 8/25/2026

Elected Official / Department Head / Citizen: Dan Heissel

Wording for Agenda Item: **a. Public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery Applica**
b. Approve the draft Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment
c. Approval of resolution authorizing the Community Development Block Grant application

Action Required:

Approve Ordinance ☐ Approve Resolution ☒ Approve Motion ☒

Hold Public Hearing ☒ Informational ☐ Attachments ☒

Set Time _____

Reviewed by County Attorney's Office ☐

Background & Financial Impact:

The Woodbury County Conservation Board is seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery grant through Iowa EDA. The project will stabilize banks of the Little Sioux River within Little Sioux Park that were impacted by 2024 flooding. The application will request 100% of the funds needed to complete the project. The estimated project cost is \$496,580.

Recommendation:

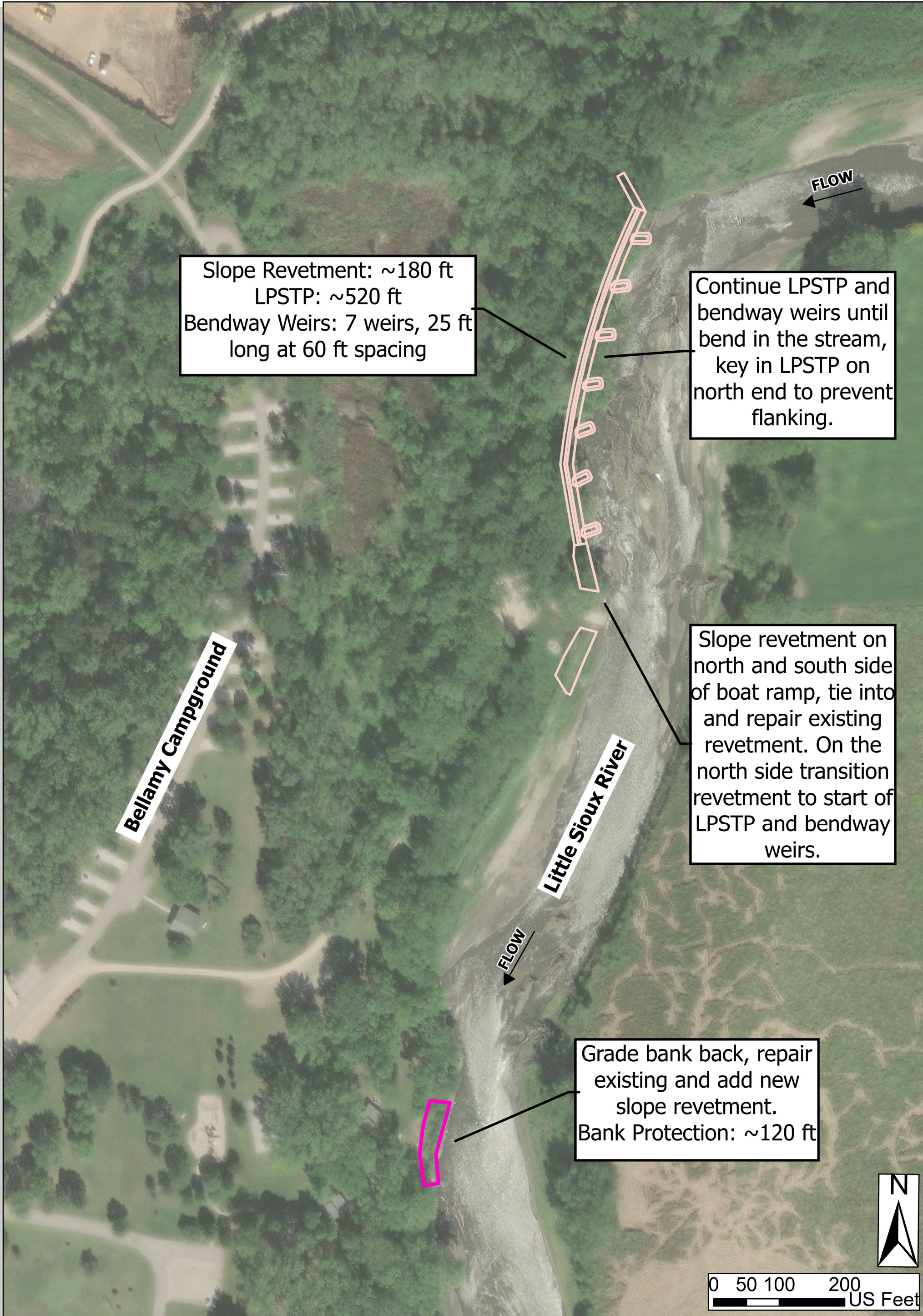
- Approval of the draft Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment.
- Approval of a resolution authorizing submission of the Community Development Block Grant application by the Woodbury County Conservation Board.

Approved by Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSES

1. Conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed activities. **Upload a copy of the public notice and minutes with the application. The minutes of the hearing must reflect that the hearing included a review of the following:**

- How the need for the activities was identified.
 - The 2024 flood event caused significant erosion and destabilization of the Little Sioux River riverbank within Little Sioux Park. The erosion has resulted in loss and displacement of bank material, degradation of riparian habitat, and impacts to public access and nearby park infrastructure. The affected reach requires a coordinated stabilization system rather than isolated repairs. The preliminary concept includes a combination of longitudinal peaked stone toe protection (LPSTP), slope revetment, bendway weirs, live pole plantings, and bank shaping. These measures are intended to address both the hydraulic forces acting on the bank and the resulting slope instability. LPSTP protects the toe of the bank from scour, while bendway weirs help redirect higher-velocity flow away from the eroding bank. Vegetative stabilization and bank shaping then allow the upper bank to revegetate and become more stable over time. Sediment deposition will occur behind the LPSTP and between the bendway weirs, which will eventually vegetate, creating an even more resilient system over time.
- How the proposed activities will be funded and the sources of funds.
 - The proposed activities will be funded entirely through CDBG-DR funding.
- The date the application will be submitted.
 - The application will be submitted on or before September 16, 2026.
- The requested amount of federal funds.
 - The requested amount of federal funds will be \$496,200 for the proposed project.
- The estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low-and moderate-income persons.
 - It is estimated that 43.1 percent of Woodbury County residents are low and moderate income persons and the project will benefit these residents.
- Where the proposed activities will be conducted.
 - The proposed activities will be conducted along the banks of the Little Sioux Park, outside Correctionville, IA. The site improvements will take place north of the boat ramp access at the Little Sioux Park.
- Plans to minimize displacement and the unit of general local government's antidisplacement and relocation plans required under § 570.488.
 - Though no residential displacement is anticipated during or after the activities of the proposed project, Woodbury County's Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistant Plan is in place to guide efforts if needed.
- Plans to assist persons actually displaced.
 - Displacement of individuals is not anticipated in connection with this project.
- The nature of the proposed activities.
 - The improvements will stabilize the banks of the Little Sioux River, reduce stormwater erosion, and enhance protection against natural disasters.



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Little Sioux River Bank Stabilization Concept

Woodbury County, IA



ENGINEER'S PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COST**Little Sioux Park Bank Stabilization on Little Sioux River****Woodbury County, Iowa****JEO Project No. 252291.00***Date Prepared:**August 19, 2026***ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES**

Item #	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Little Sioux Park Bank Stabilization					
1.	Mobilization, Bonding, Insurance	LS	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
2.	Clearing and Grubbing	LS	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
3.	Seeding	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
4.	Rolled Erosion Control Product	SY	3,100	\$3.00	\$9,300
5.	Excavation, Established Quantity	CY	1,450	\$5.00	\$7,250
6.	Earthfill, Establish Quantity	CY	1,450	\$5.00	\$7,250
7.	Rock Riprap, Custom Quartzite Mix	TON	3,440	\$77.00	\$264,880
8.	Granular Bedding, 9"	TON	213	\$50.00	\$10,650
11.	Live Pole Plantings	EA	833	\$12.00	\$9,996
Construction Subtotal Base Bid					\$359,330
Contingency 20%					\$71,870
Total Opinion of Construction Cost					\$431,200
Engineering, Permitting, Construction Oversight					\$65,000
Total Opinion of Project Cost					\$496,200

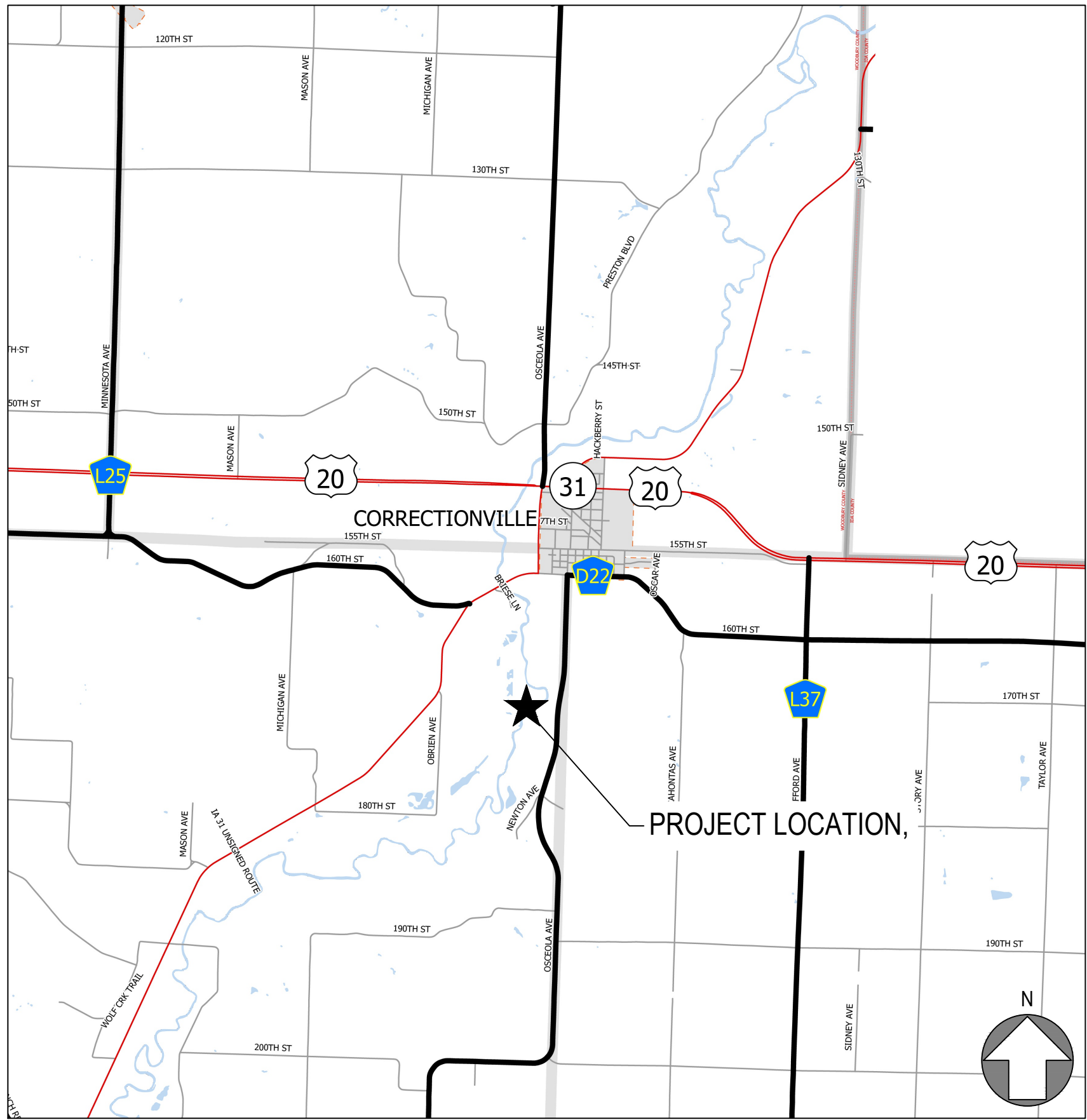
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LITTLE SIOUX PARK BANK STABILIZATION ON LITTLE SIOUX RIVER

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LOCATION MAP



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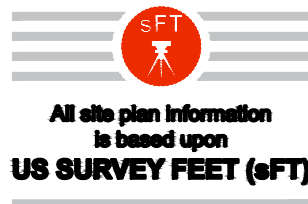


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COVER SHEET & LOCATION MAP

LINESTYLES	
ITEM	SYMBOL
BREAK LINE	
CABLE TELEVISION	
CABLE TELEVISION (NS)	
CENTERLINE OF ROAD	
CONTOUR MINOR (EX)	
CONTOUR MAJOR (EX)	
CONTOUR MINOR (EX,SCREENED)	
CONTOUR MAJOR (EX,SCREENED)	
CONTOUR MINOR (PR)	
CONTOUR MAJOR (PR)	
LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION	
ELECTRIC (OVHD)	
ELECTRIC (OVHD, NS)	
ELECTRIC (UGND)	
ELECTRIC (UGND, NS)	
FENCE (WOODEN)	
FENCE (WIRE OR UNKNOWN)	
FENCE (CHAINLINK)	
FENCE (SECURITY)	
FIBER OPTIC LINE	
FIBER OPTIC LINE (NS)	
FLOWLINE OR BREAKLINE	
GAS LINE	
GAS LINE (NS)	
GUARDRAIL	
PROPERTY BOUNDARY	
PROPERTY LOT LINES (PR)	
PROPERTY LINES (EX)	
PROPERTY LINES (NS)	
EXPANSION/KEYED JOINT	
LONGITUDINAL JOINT	
TRANSVERSE JOINT	
PAVEMENT JOINT (EX)	
PAVEMENT MARKING	
PAVEMENT REBAR	
RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE	
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY	
RAILROAD TRACKS	
RETAINING WALL	
SANITARY SEWER (EX)	
SANITARY SEWER (NS)	
SANITARY SEWER (PR)	
SAN SEWER FORCE MAIN (EX)	
SAN SEWER FORCE MAIN (PR)	
STORM SEWER OR CULVERT (EX)	
STORM SEWER OR CULVERT (NS)	
STORM SEWER OR CULVERT (PR)	
TELEPHONE LINE (UGND)	
TELEPHONE LINE (UGND,NS)	
TELEPHONE LINE (OVHD)	
TELEPHONE LINE (OVHD,NS)	
CROPLINE OR WETLAND	
TERRACE	
TREE MASS LINE (EX)	
TRAVELED WAY	
WATER (EX)	
WATER (NS)	
WATER (PR)	
FIRE SERVICE	
ABANDON	
REMOVAL	

COMMON HATCHING	
ITEM	HATCH
ASPHALT PAVEMENT (EX)	
CONCRETE PAVEMENT (EX)	
GRAVEL (EX)	
BRICK PAVEMENT (EX)	
ASPHALT PAVEMENT (PR)	
CONCRETE PAVEMENT (PR)	
CONCRETE SIDEWALK (PR)	
GRAVEL (PR)	
BRICK PAVEMENT (PR)	
RIP RAP	
SEEDING	
MATTING	
UNDISTURBED EARTH	
EARTH	
GRANULAR FILL	
SAND MORTAR, PLASTER	
CONCRETE	
BRICK	
CONCRETE BLOCK	
METAL	
BATT INSULATION	
RIGID INSULATION	
WOOD FRAMING	
WOOD FRAMING INTERRUPTED MEMBER	

UTILITIES	
ITEM	SYMBOL
STORM SEWER	
CURB INLET	
GRATE INLET	
CATCH BASIN	
STORM SEWER MANHOLE	
SANITARY	
CLEANOUT	
SEPTIC TANK	
SANITARY MANHOLE	
POWER, ELECTRICAL, LIGHT, AND TRAFFIC	
AIR CONDITIONING UNIT	
ANTENNA	
ANCHOR POLE/POST	
GUY POLE	
GUY WIRE ANCHOR	
ELECTRICAL HIGHLINE TOWER (METAL OR CONCRETE)	
POWER POLE (EXISTING)	
POWER POLE (PROPOSED)	
POWER (ELEC) PEDESTAL	
POWER (ELEC) PULL BOX OR MANHOLE	
POWER (ELEC) METER	
LIGHT POLE	
TRAFFIC SIGNAL	
TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX	
TELEVISION PEDESTAL	
TELEVISION MANHOLE	
WATER	
WATER MANHOLE	
WATER VALVE	
WATER SHUT OFF OR CURB STOP	
WELL	
WATER METER	
WATER METER PIT	
YARD HYDRANT	
WATER ELEVATION	
WATER TOWER	
FIRE HYDRANT (EXISTING)	
FIRE HYDRANT (PROPOSED)	
FIRE HYDRANT IN PROFILE	
WATER FITTINGS	
11- 1/4"	
22- 1/2"	
45°	
90°	
CROSS	
PLUG	
REDUCER	
TEE	
GAS	
GAS METER	
GAS MANHOLE	
GAS FILL PIPE	
GAS PUMP	
GAS VALVE	
GAS VENT	
TELEPHONE	
FIBER OPTICS PULL BOX	
TELEPHONE POLE	
TELEPHONE PULL BOX OR MANHOLE	
TELEPHONE PEDESTAL	
MISCELLANEOUS	
MANHOLE (NON-SPECIFIC)	
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK	
VALVE (NON-SPECIFIC)	

SITE & SIGNAGE	
ITEM	SYMBOL
SIGN	
BARRICADE	
CENTERLINE	
CENTER PIVOT	
COUNTY ROAD	
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY	
STATE HIGHWAY	
U.S. HIGHWAY	
GRAVE	
GUARD POST	
HANDICAP SYMBOL	
MAILBOX	
MILE MARKER POST	
PROPANE TANK	
RIGHT OF WAY MARKER	
RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNAL	
RAILROAD SWITCH	
SATELLITE TV DISH	
BUSH	
CONIFEROUS TREE	
DECIDUOUS TREE	
MARSHWETLAND	
TREE STUMP	

CONTROL & ELEVATION	
SYMBOL	ITEM
	BENCHMARK
	CONTROL POINT (NON-PROPERTY)
	GRID TICK
	MONUMENT FOUND (PROPERTY)
	MONUMENT SET
	TEMPORARY POINT
	TEST BORING
	POINT ELEVATION (EXISTING)
	POINT ELEVATION (PROPOSED)

EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL	
ITEM	SYMBOL
SILT FENCE	
INLET PROTECTION	
STRAW WATTLE CHECK	
STRAW BALE CHECK	
FLOW ARROW (PLAN)	

GENERAL	
ITEM	SYMBOL
PLAN REVISION	
NORTH ARROW	
GRAPHIC SCALE PLAN	
GRAPHIC SCALE PROFILE/ CROSS SECTION	
KEYNOTE OR TABULAR NOTE	
REFERENCED NOTE	
ELEVATION	
SECTION	
ENLARGED DETAIL	

ABBREVIATIONS	
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
BM	BENCHMARK
BW	BOTTOM OF WALL
CC	CENTER TO CENTER
CP	CONTROL POINT
DIA OR Ø	DIAMETER
EL OR ELEV	ELEVATION
EW	EACH WAY
EX	EXISTING
FL	FLOWLINE OR FLANGED END PIPE
FM	FORCEMAIN
FT	FOOT OR FEET
GR	GROUND
ID	INSIDE DIAMETER
LOC	LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
LT	LEFT
MAX	MAXIMUM
MIN	MINIMUM
NS	NOT SURVEYED
NTS	NOT TO SCALE
OC	ON CENTER
OD	OUTSIDE DIAMETER
PI	POINT OF INTERSECTION
PR	PROPOSED
PT	POINT OF TANGENCY
R	RADIUS OR RANGE
ROW OR R-O-W	RIGHT OF WAY
RR	RAILROAD
RT	RIGHT
STA	STATION (ALIGNMENT)
TC	TOP OF CURB OR TOP OF CONCRETE
TP	TOP OF PAVEMENT
TW	TOP OF WALL
TYP	TYPICAL

ABBREVIATIONS (PAY ITEMS)	
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
AC	ACRES (S)
CY	CUBIC YARD
EA	EACH
LF	LINEAL FEET
LS	LUMP SUM
SF	SQUARE FEET OR SILT FENCE
SY	SQUARE YARD
VF	VERTICAL FEET



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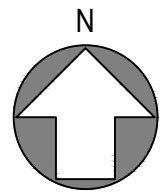
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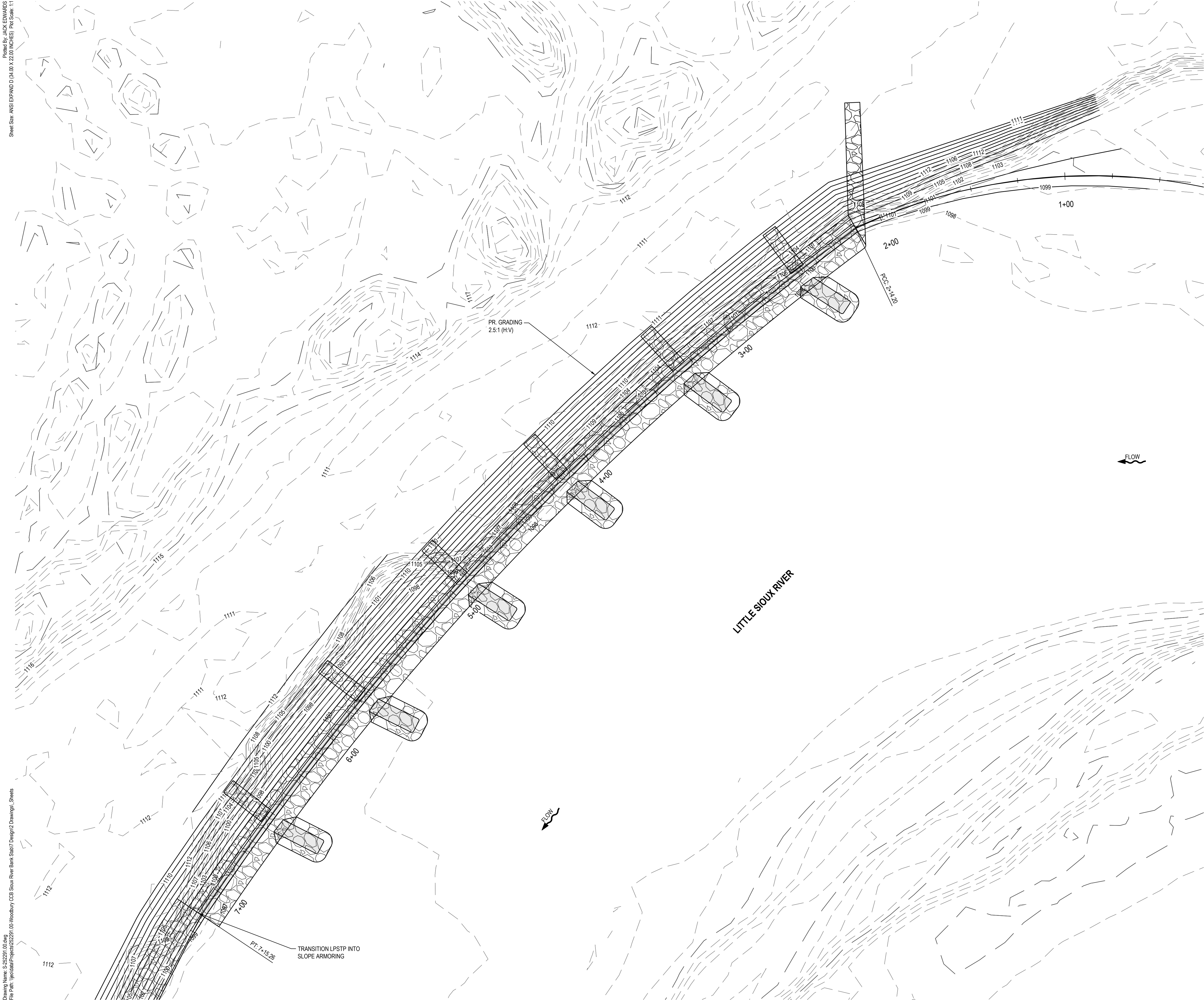
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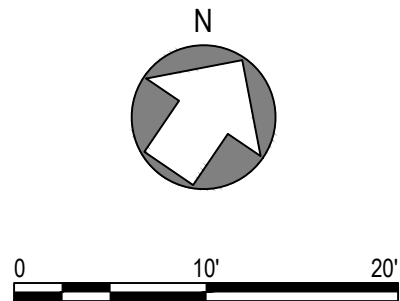
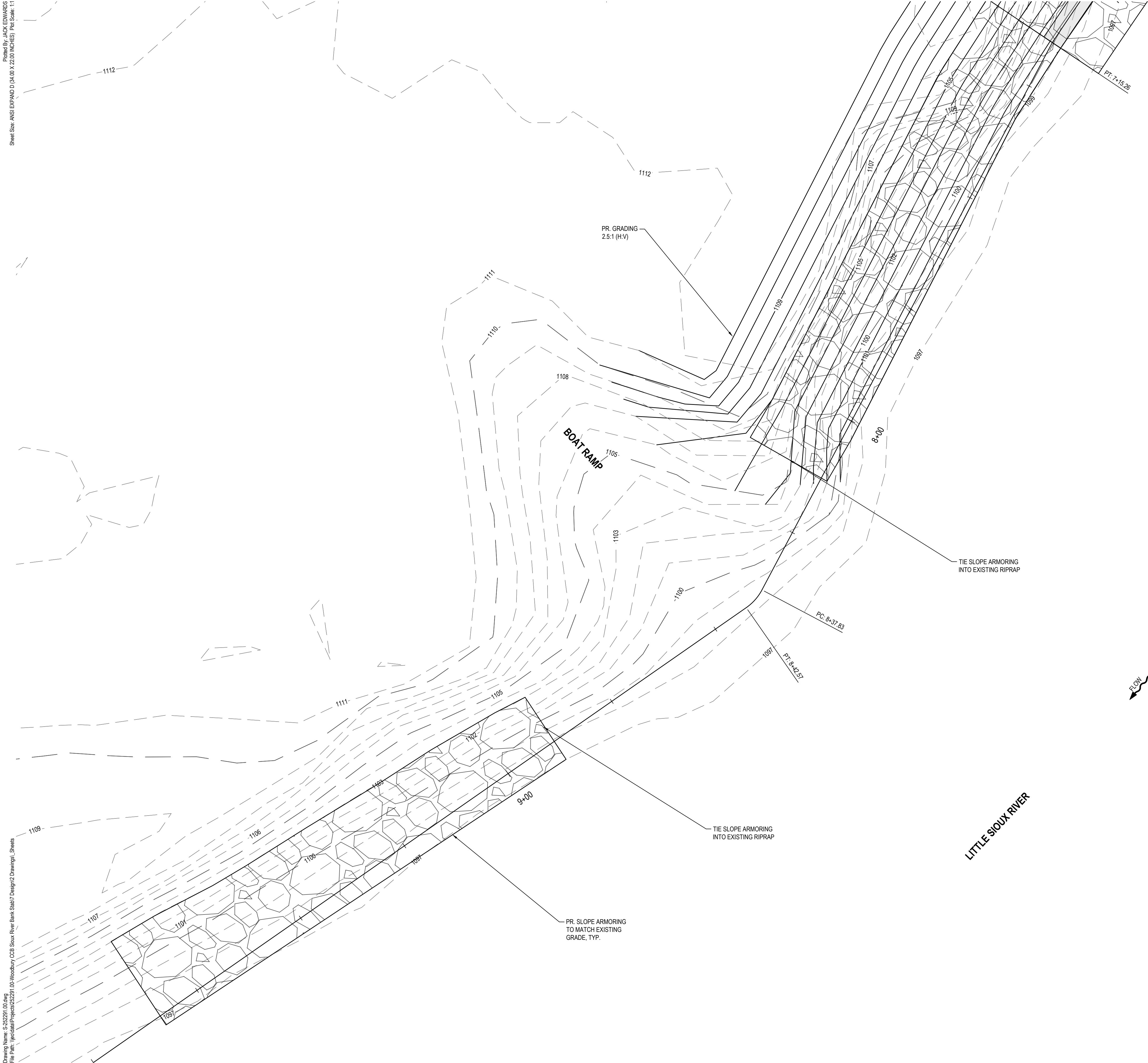


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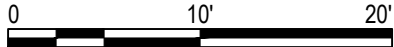
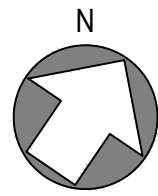
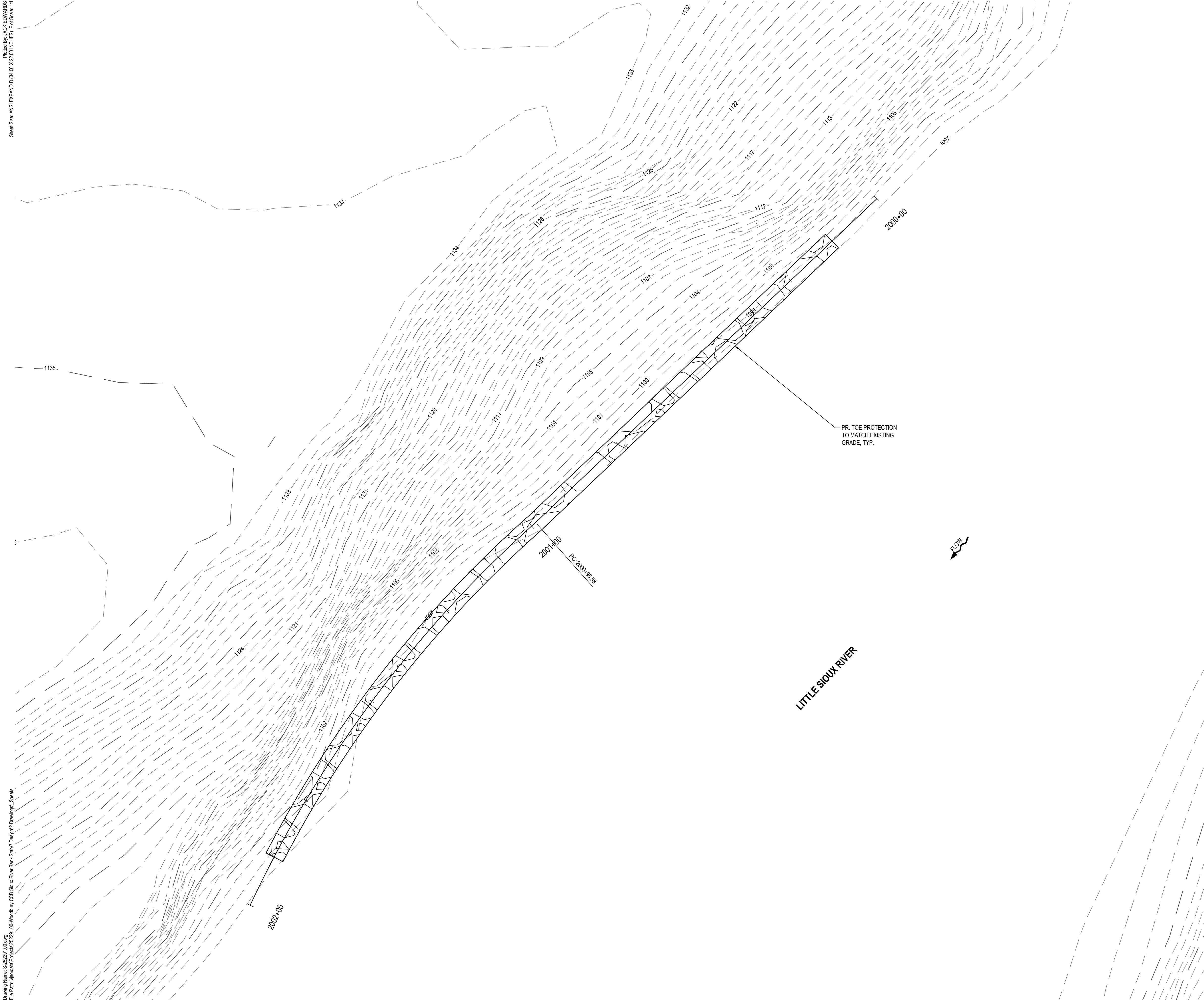
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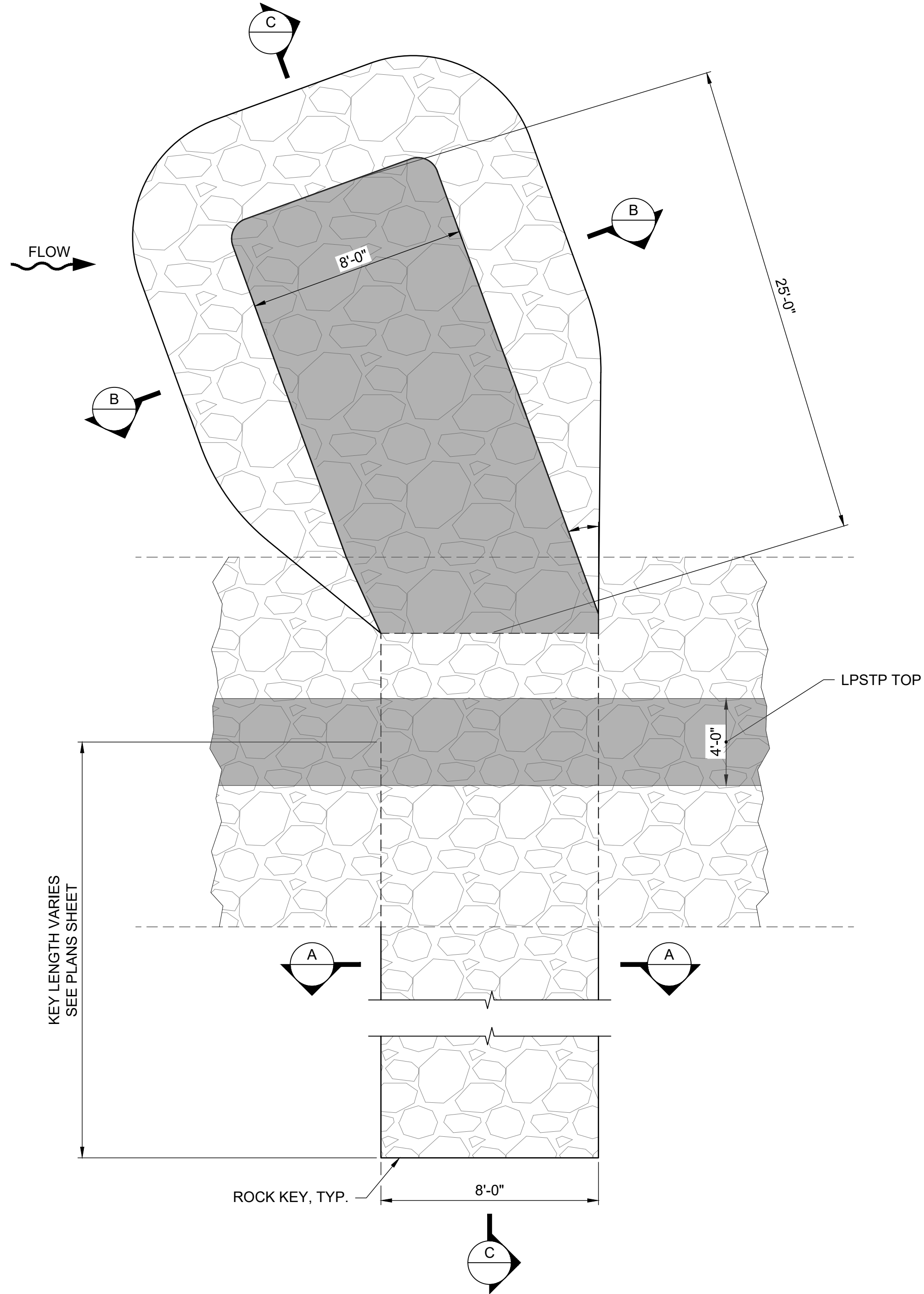
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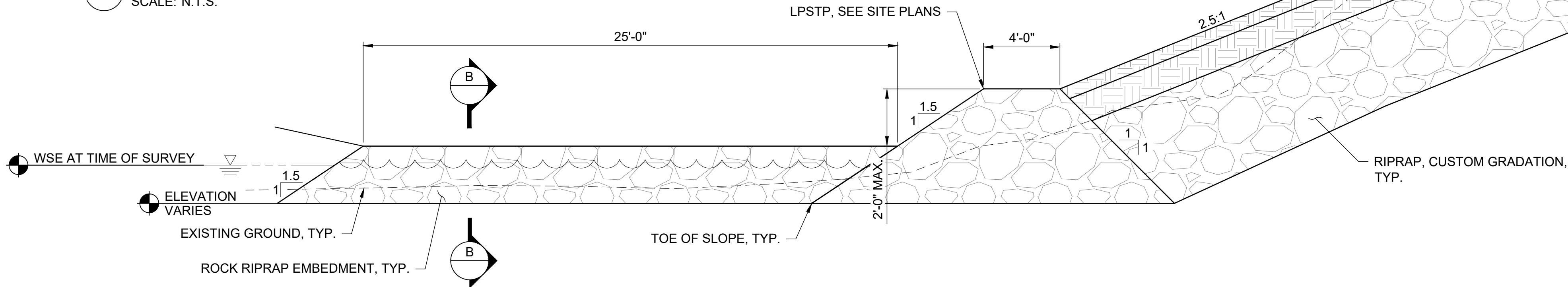
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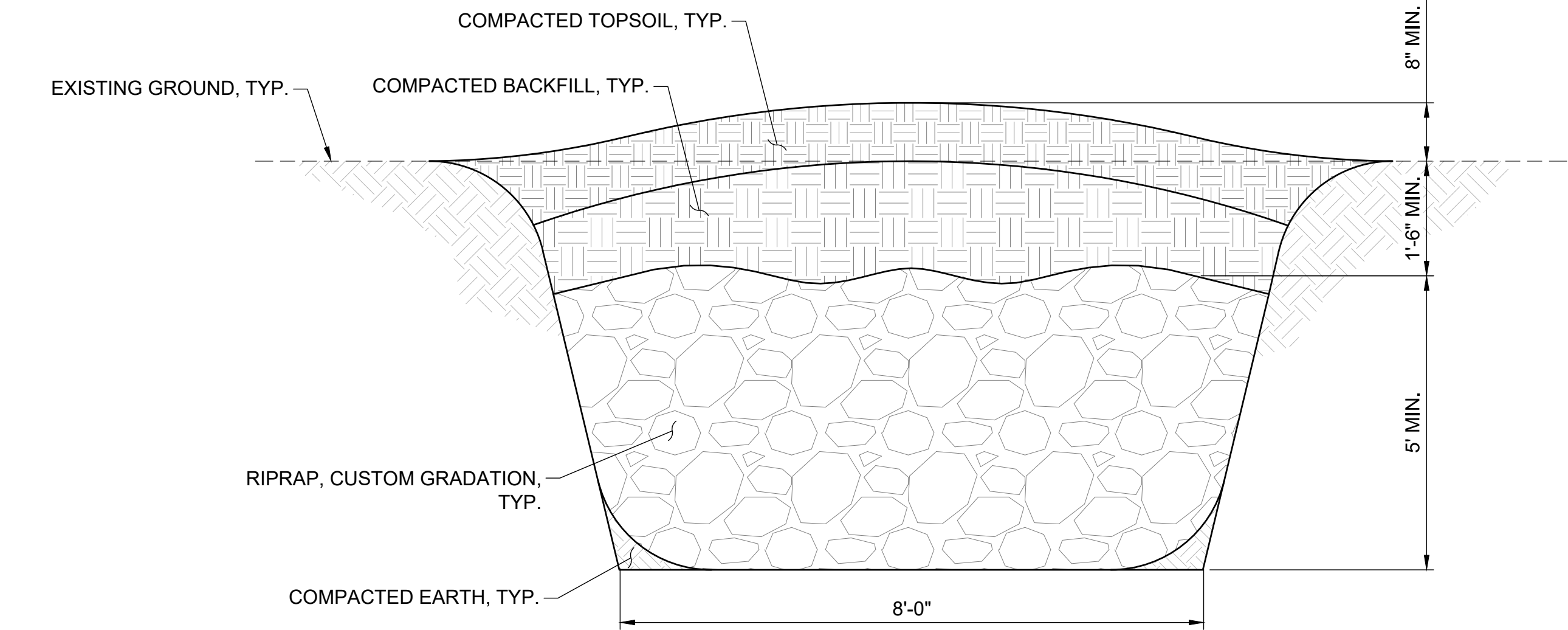
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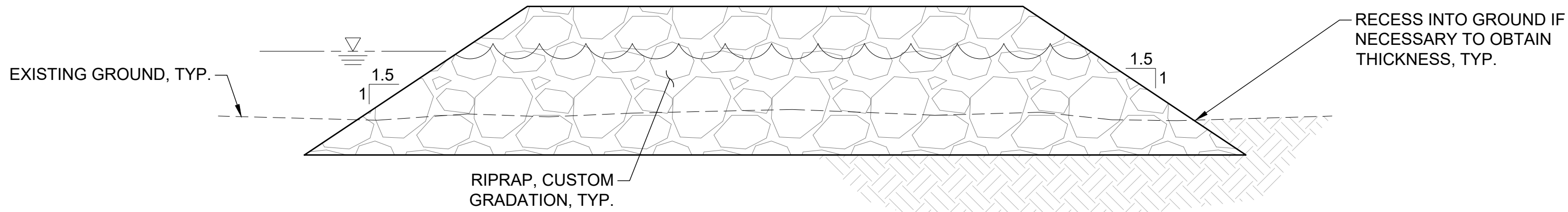
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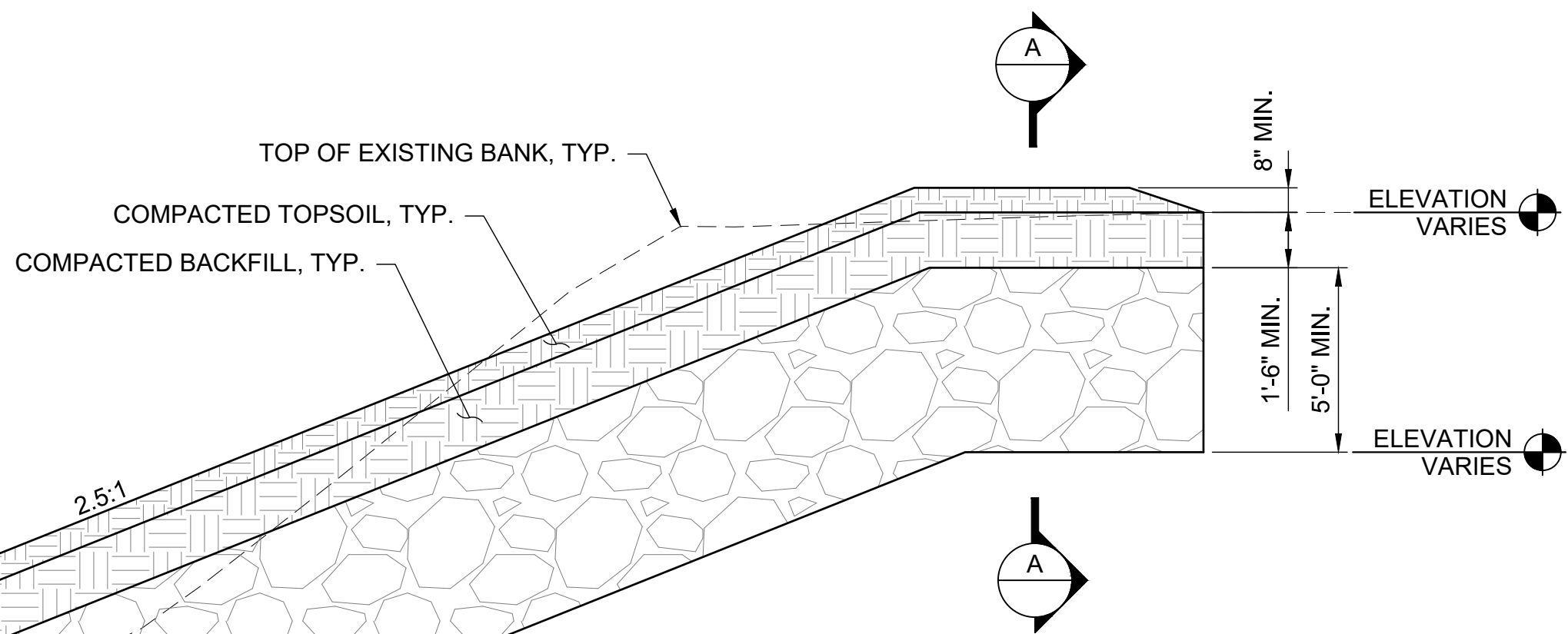
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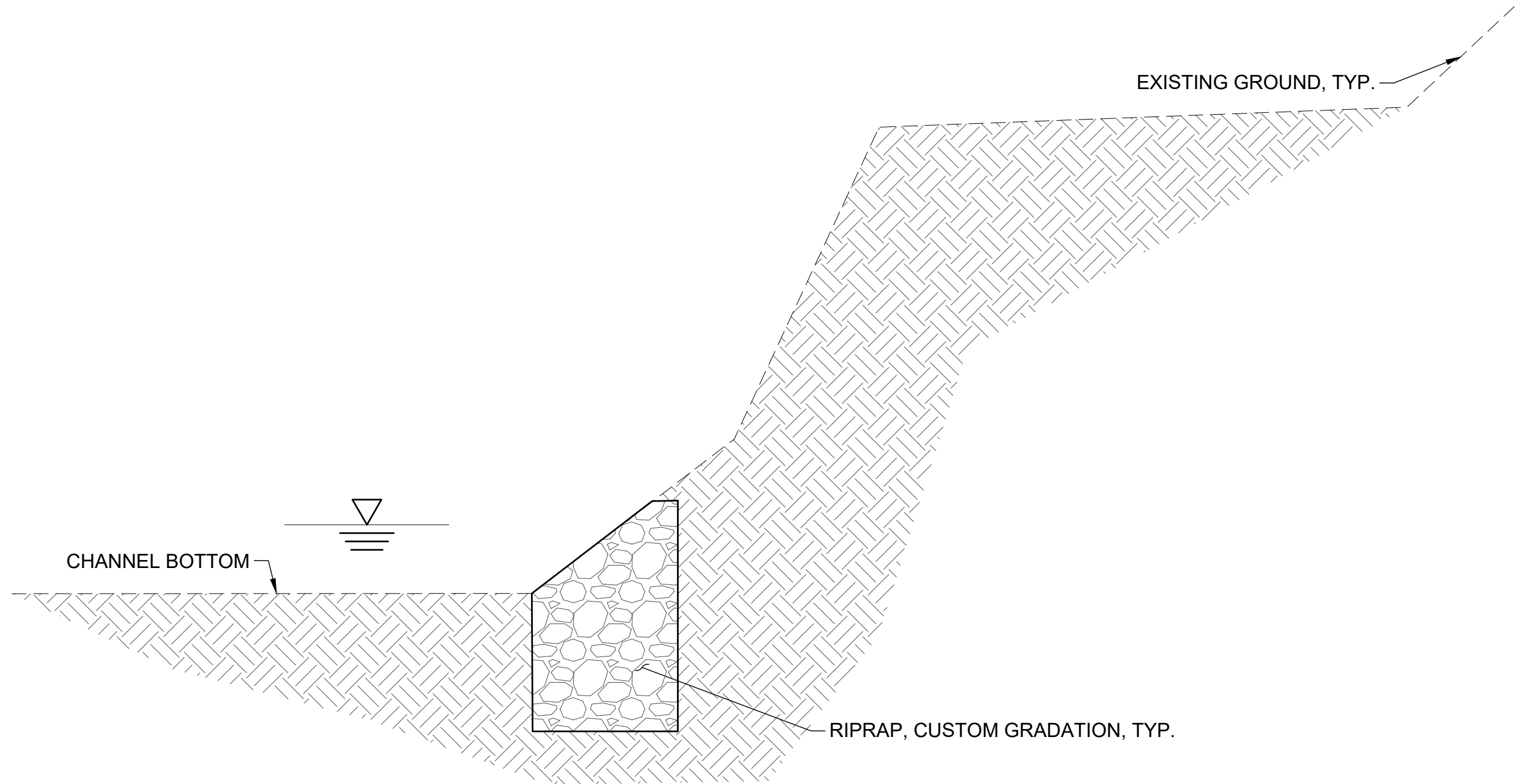
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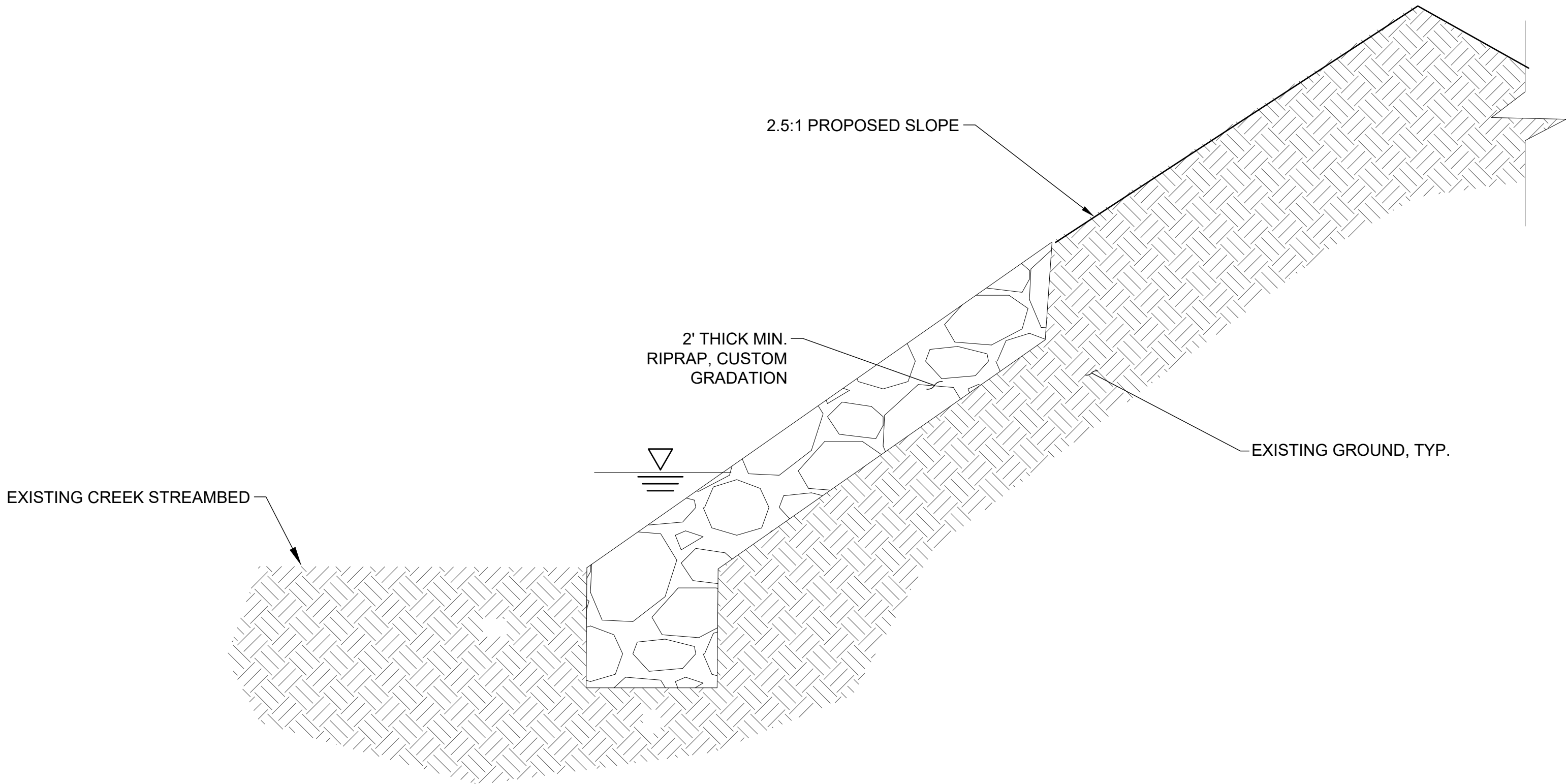
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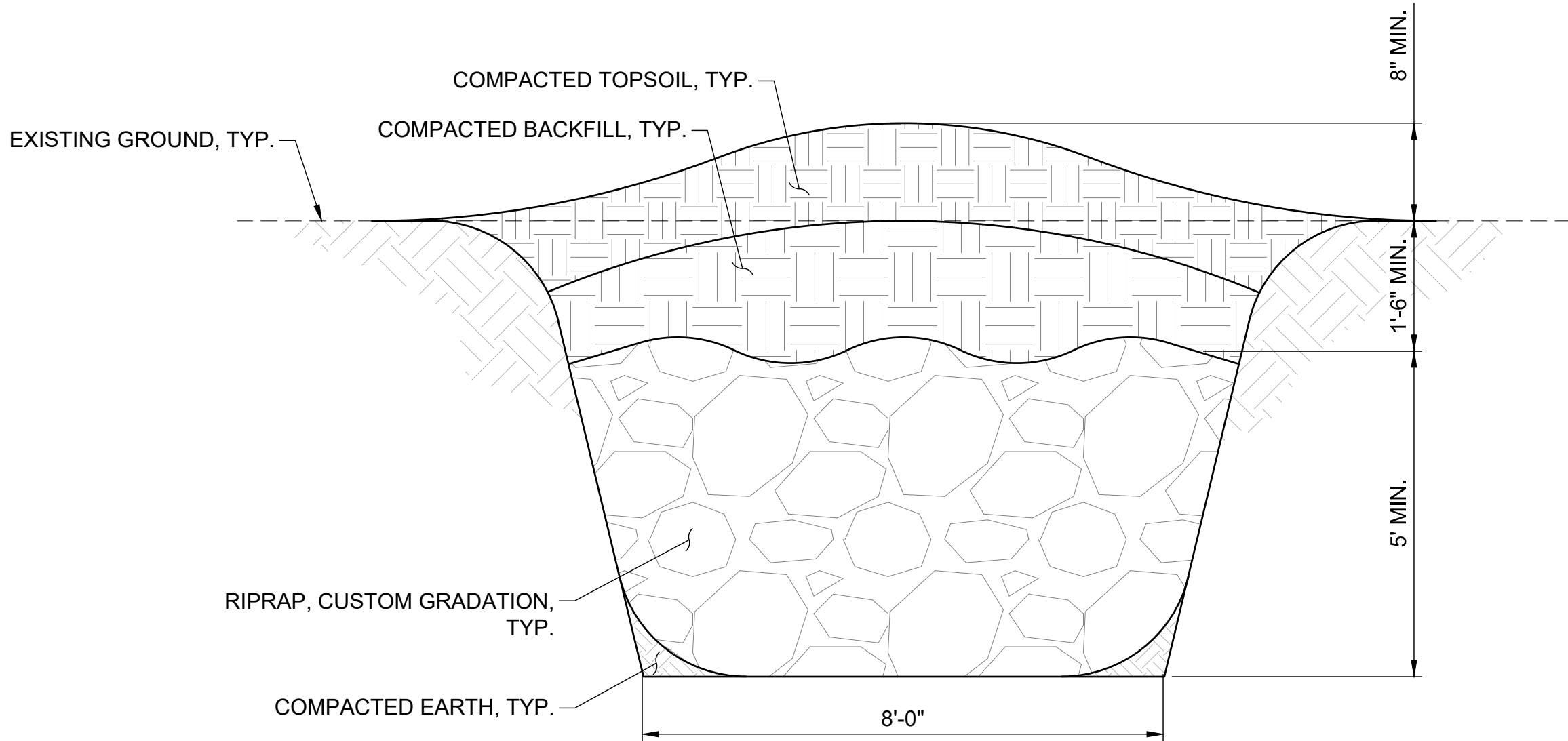
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION DETAILS

Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment

- Community Development and Housing Needs of LMI Persons

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1. Needs:

- a. A variety of housing options to maximize affordability and availability for residents of all income levels**
- b. Access to safe, high-quality housing for all residents in Woodbury County.**
- c. Homeownership**
- d. Opportunities for recreation to support residents' mental well-being, social connections, and physical activity**
- e. Cultural attractions based on unique assets of the county, such as natural and historical features, provides residents opportunities for education and cultural enrichment.**

2. How these needs were determined and why they are necessary: The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors discussed the issue during a public hearing on August 25th, 2026, including review of information from the Woodbury County Comprehensive Plan 2040, including:

- a. About 23% of Woodbury County households across all income ranges were paying over 30% of household income toward housing costs in 2020. High housing costs above the 30% threshold leave few funds for food, healthcare, and basic household supplies.
- b. Renters are much more likely to pay disproportionately high costs compared to their income compared to homeowners.
- c. At the beginning of 2020, the total number of homeless individuals in the region had increased by 20% from the previous year, and the effects of the pandemic have most likely exacerbated this trend. There are insufficient beds for the number of homeless individuals.
- d. Woodbury has a countywide poverty rate of 12.4% in 2020
- e. Woodbury County saw a 71% increase in housing costs between 2000 and 2020

3. Prioritization for each (high, medium, low) or possible action to complete them
 - a. A variety of housing options to maximize affordability and availability for residents of all income levels: **HIGH Priority**
 - b. Access to safe, high-quality housing for all residents in Woodbury County. **HIGH Priority**
 - c. Homeownership: **HIGH Priority**

Other Community Development and Housing Needs (for non-LMI residents)

1. Needs:
 - a. **Quality Housing that is safe, efficient, and reliable.**
 - b. **Preserve the rural character of the county**
 - c. **Economic Development**
 - d. **Quality of life improvements that contribute to Economic Development**
 - e. **Flood protections for prone communities, roadways, access points, and recreation centers.**
2. How these needs were determined and why they are necessary: Taking into account recent participation in and completion of the 2026 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in the context of the impacts of alternating extreme weather conditions (specifically drought and heavy rainfall), the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors discussed community housing and development needs during a public hearing on August 25th, 2026. Discussion included a review of information from the Woodbury County Comprehensive Plan 2040, including:
 - a. Age Woodbury County's housing stock: more than 53% of housing units were built prior to 1960, and roughly 76% of housing units were built prior to 1980. Older homes require maintenance and eventual replacement of aging materials and infrastructure.
 - b. Areas of concentrated poverty within Sioux City, where more than 20% of residents have income below the poverty level (Siouxland District Health, Health Needs Assessment, 2022-2024). Rural poverty: More than 1,000 rural Woodbury County residents were estimated in 2020 to be living in poverty.
 - c. A majority of job opportunities in the county are located in the Sioux City metro area, while rural residents living in small towns and unincorporated areas of the county must commute a long distance.

- d. The rural nature of the county is seen as a strength by residents
 - e. Woodbury County saw a 71% increase in housing costs between 2000 and 2020
3. Prioritization for each (high, medium, low) or possible action to complete them
- a. Need 1: Quality Housing that is safe, efficient, and reliable. **HIGH Priority**
 - b. Need 2: Preserve the rural character of the county **HIGH Priority**
 - c. Economic Development **HIGH** Priority

Planned or Potential Activities to address the Needs identified in 1 and 2 above

1. Water resource protection. Reduce contaminants in surface water runoff.

- a. Reduce nutrient loads entering waterways as non-point source pollution. Refer to the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

2. Coordinate disaster response, recovery, and resiliency efforts among jurisdictions, county, state, and federal agencies.

- a. Foster interagency agreements to bolster response and recovery to emergency and disaster events and encourage resource sharing.
- b. Work with State and Federal officials in preparation of and response to disaster declarations and subsequent disaster relief efforts.

3. Encourage resilient and passive development within 100-year floodplain areas.

- a. Work to ensure that developed areas within floodplains are safe and secure.
- b. Consider site plan design, best building practices, and federal standards when development within a floodplain occurs.

4. Support the County Emergency Management and Emergency Services Departments' missions to provide the most efficient services to Woodbury County and to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters.

5. Pursue mitigation-based projects to decrease or eliminate potential for damage or loss of property or life in river flooding situations.

- a. Focus on Big Sioux, Little Sioux rivers and related flood districts. Address risk assessments as referenced in the 2026 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan specific to impact area and region.
- b. Collaborate with other impacted counties and respective Emergency Management Agencies, County Boards, affected cities, Conservation Boards, Iowa DNR, Army Corps of Engineers, and Secondary Roads.

6. Support the recovery and resiliency of industries, businesses, and homes in the event of a natural or public health disaster.

- a. Promote available local, state, and federal resources for economic recovery from disasters.

7. **Habitat conservation. Preserve environmentally sensitive lands.**
 - a. Strengthen erosion control policies
 - b. Continue adding to the County's network of parks, trails, and campgrounds.
8. **Events and culture. Increase access to family-friendly activities and cultural opportunities in rural Woodbury County.**
 - a. Create and expand upon parks and recreation opportunities for rural residents
9. **Events and culture. Provide more opportunities for outdoor recreation activities.**
 - a. Maintain the current activities of the Woodbury County Conservation Board and support the expansion of their programming and scope of work.
 - b. Improve the functionality and visibility of county-owned river access points.
 - c. Prioritize water quality and river restoration initiatives. Identify funding opportunities for water quality improvement projects.
10. **A needs assessment survey for the Woodbury County Conservation Board conducted in 2025 concluded that future goals of the Conservation Board should include expanding high-demand amenities and prioritizing water quality and habitat protection, while minimizing tax increases. Recommended actions from this report include:**
 - a. Expand high demand recreational amenities, such as improvements to kayak launches and other water-based recreation features.
 - b. Strengthen conservation efforts, prioritizing water-quality projects such as bank stabilization, wetland improvement, and vegetative buffers.
11. **A variety of housing options to maximize affordability and availability for residents of all income levels**
 - a. Encourage flexibility in residential zoning to allow residents to meet housing needs with the construction of accessory dwelling units or home additions that can provide additional rental units and supplemental income, housing for extended family, or homecare arrangements for caretakers.

- b. Increase the quantity of high quality, affordable rental units by encouraging the development of a variety of multi-family housing options within incorporated cities that meet the diverse needs of residents of all ages.
- c. Increase the number of affordable housing units in Woodbury County.
- d. Encourage the development of upper story units above downtown store fronts to introduce additional housing variety in small towns.

12. Access to safe, high-quality housing for all residents in Woodbury County.

- a. Direct funding toward the provision of high-quality, affordable housing options for vulnerable populations: low-income residents, seniors, and residents with disabilities.
- b. Direct funding toward emergency shelters, housing, and social work services for homeless individuals living in the county.
- c. Connect residents with funding opportunities that provide financial assistance for housing rehab.

13. Homeownership:

- a. Connect residents with information and resources that aid in the purchase of homes, such as down payment assistance grants for first time or low-income residents, and low-cost financial counseling. Particular care should be taken to reach out to residents of color and immigrant communities with these opportunities, providing resources, information, and support in residents' native language when applicable.

14. Quality Housing is safe, efficient, and reliable.

- a. Provide rehabilitation assistance resources for homeowners living in historic or outdated structures.
- b. Target outreach to minority and under-resourced communities to ensure that information and resources are equitably distributed.
- c. Target outreach to homeowners that may be impacted by disasters, in need of septic system updates, lead abatement, or other immediate safety concerns.

15. Economic development

Follow recommendations as outlined in the Woodbury County Comprehensive Plan 2040, including but not limited to coordinating with regional priorities, maintain core industries, encourage diversification of economy in support of small businesses, enhance quality of

life and encourage healthy lifestyles, and ensure that economic opportunities are available to all residents, regardless of race, age, sex, religion, or ability.

Date assessment was prepared: 8/25/2026

Location where assessment was prepared: Woodbury County Courthouse, Sioux City, IA

Number of local residents participating: