#### Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention Training

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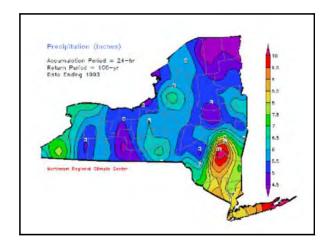
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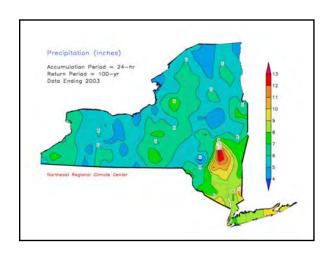
#### Overview

- Precipitation
- Stream Mechanics
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- Stream Instability
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- Avulsion
- Flood Response
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- Work Methods
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- De-watering
- Questions

# **Precipitation**

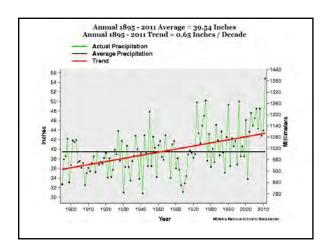
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#### Catskill Climate (Precipitation)

- High rainfall compared to rest of state
- Climate change causes increasing precipitation levels and variability (more extremes)
  - Streams are adjusting to increase flows
- Difficult to predict local severity of forecasted rain event

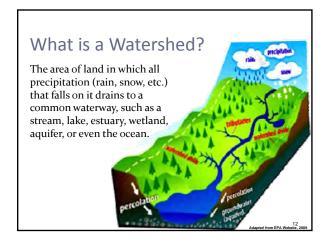






**Stream Mechanics** 

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- Properly size itself to transport water and sediment
- Maintain its dimension, pattern and profile



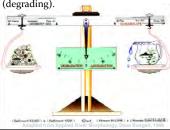
#### Streams Move More Than Water

- As water moves over the land it picks up sediment, forming the stream channel
- Streams create and maintain their shape and size themselves, a result of:
  - Volume of water
  - · Amount of sediment
  - Type of sediment



#### Sediment Balance

• Streams are said to be in equilibrium when the volume of water is enough to transport the available sediment without building up the channel (aggrading) or cutting down the channel (degrading).



# Sediment Balance Based on their ability to transport sediment, streams adjust their: Shape Slope • Size

#### Sediment Balance

- Shear Stress
  - Measure of the force that makes the sediment move

    - \* The steeper the stream the greater the stress

Need to take these factors into account

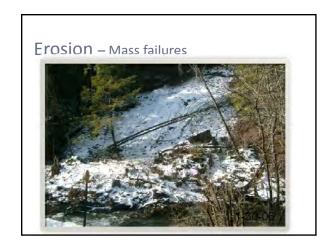
#### How does the sediment stay in balance?

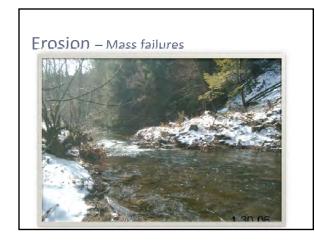
- Erosion:
  - The wearing away of rocks, sediment and soils by the action of water, wind or a glacier.
  - Degradation
- Deposition:
  - The accumulation or laying down of matter by a natural process.
  - Aggradation

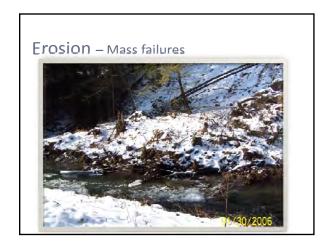
# **Examples of Erosion**

- Streambank
- Mass Failures
- Lateral Migration
- Hoof shear
- Bedrock weathering



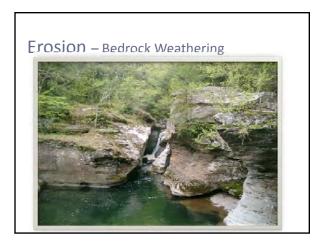












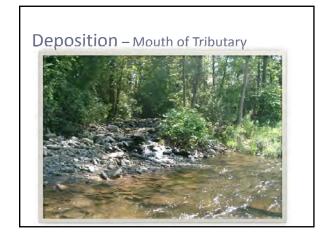
# Examples of Deposition Center bar Transverse bar Side bar Point bar Mouth of tributary Undersized Hydraulic Structure On the floodplain

• Point Bar





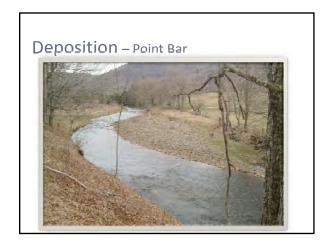


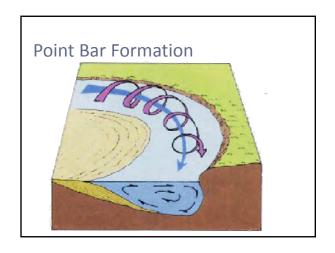








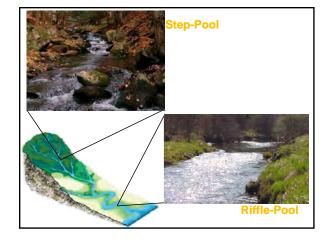


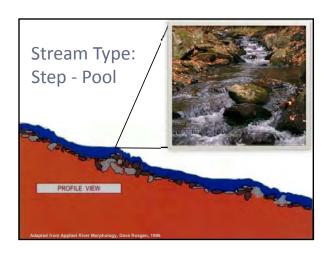


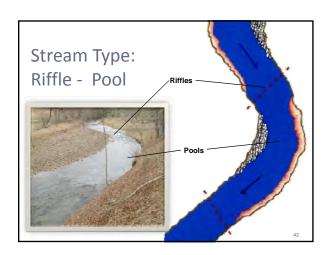
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# Two Main Stream Types

- **Step Pool Sequence** streams are usually found in the headwaters or on steep slopes
- **Riffle Pool Sequence -** streams are usually found in the broad valleys and on flat slopes







# **Floodplains**

#### Floodplain Definition

The floodplain is the area bordering a stream, constructed by the river and inundated during periods of high flow.



#### Flood Stage

When volume of water is such that the stream cannot contain the



#### Floodplain Function

- Energy dissipation during flooding events
  - Velocity and energy decreases
- Lowers flood peaks due to storage and infiltration
  - Water released more slowly downstream
- Provide a place for debris and sediment to be deposited
  - Natural process of topsoil formation

#### Floodplain Function - Cont.

- · Reduce the flood stage (height of flood water)
- Traps fine sediments
  - Keeps that material out of the bed
  - Provides a growth medium
  - Better vegetation stabilizes the floodplain

Ouleout Creek near Franklin, NY - 2006

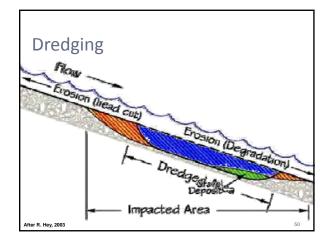


# Stream Instability

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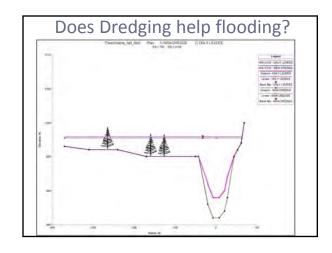
# How do streams become unstable?

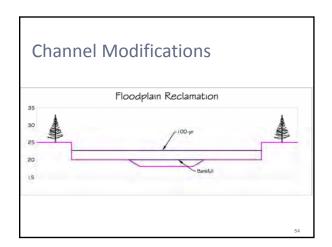
- Dredging
- Channel Straightening
- Berms
- Disconnecting floodplain from the channel
- Development on the Floodplain

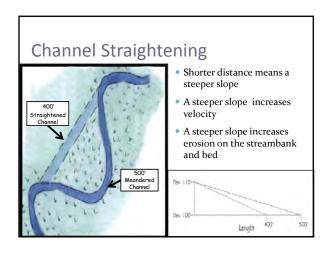










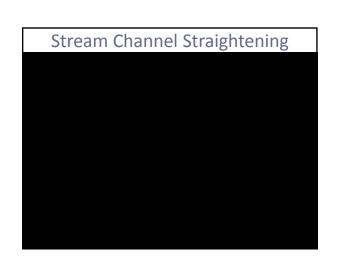


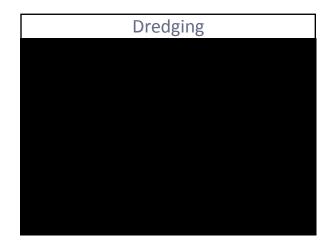




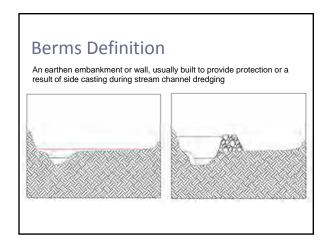










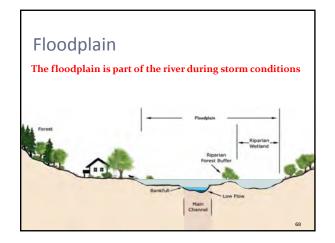


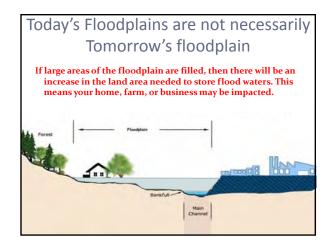








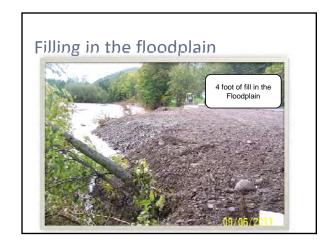


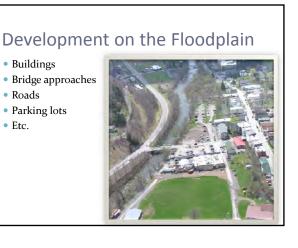




Buildings

• Roads • Parking lots • Etc.





# When the floodplain is developed...

- More threat to life and property
- Velocity and energy increases
- Erosion increases
- More damage to infrastructure
- The flood stage downstream is higher
- Higher cost of flood damage
- Increased flood insurance

















# **Unstable Channels**

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# General Channel Responses to Instabilities

- Instability progresses <u>downstream</u> when there is a change in local sediment supply
  - Increased supply (landslide or gravel rich tributary) results in deposition downstream
  - Decreased supply (as from a dam or concrete or heavy stone lined channel) results in downstream erosion

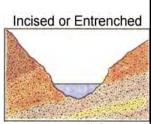
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# General Channel Responses to Instabilities

- Instability progresses <u>upstream</u> when there is a change in local channel form
  - An incised channel (dredged or severely down-cut) results in bed erosion upstream
     Usually in the form of a head-cut
  - An aggraded channel (as from a dam or overly wide) will result in deposition upstream

#### **Incised or Entrenched Channels**

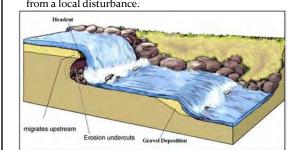
- Streams that cannot access their floodplain at the bankfull flow are said to be incised or entrenched
- Incised streams display high velocities & erosive forces during floods
- Incised streams are almost always unstable





#### **Headcut Definition**

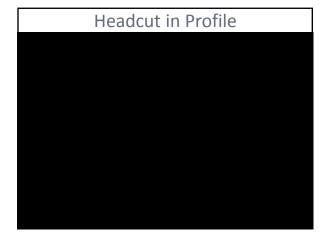
• Instability that progress <u>upstream</u> and <u>downstream</u> from a local disturbance.







Stream Table
Headcut





# **Avulsion**

#### **Avulsions Definition**

- Avulsions are where the stream is no longer in its original channel
- Is it ...
  - A threat to water quality?
  - A threat to property?
  - A better alignment?
- Is it possible to work with this new alignment?

#### **Avulsions**

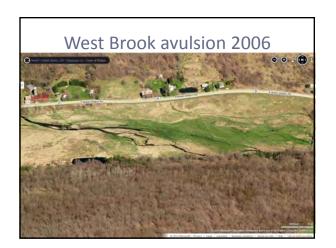
- Do NOT work if there is no immediate danger to property or necessary infrastructure
- Notify the municipality and local SWCD that there is an avulsion

**Avulsions** 

- Do work if property or infrastructure is in danger
- Ask for assistance from local SWCD or NYSDEC office
- If the repair must be made immediately
  - Bring the "new" bank up to the same elevation as the existing ground
  - · Armor with large rocks if any are available
  - Notify local SWCD or NYSDEC office of the repair immediately
- This repair will be temporary and will require careful monitoring









# **Flood Response**

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# Flood Response

- Immediate Priority Items
- High Priority Items
- Assessment
- Repair
- Documentation and Further Needs

#### **Immediate Priority**

• Immediate priority items are those facilities and infrastructure which need to be repaired and/or kept open in order that further recovery may be allowed to continue, or to prevent immediate loss of human life

#### **Immediate Priority Items**

- During or right after a flood some things must be done, including, but not necessarily limited to:
  - Opening clogged bridges
  - Opening closed roads
  - Keeping important installations functioning:
  - Power Plants
- Water Wells & Systems
- Fire Stations
- Sewage Treatment Plants &
- Rescue Centers
- Systems
- Hospitals

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#### Flood Repair

- "Emergencies" obvious problems
  - Bridges plugged
  - Roads severely damaged/closed
  - Buildings (especially inhabited buildings) endangered



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#### **High Priority Items**

- High priority items are those items that are necessary for the first part of the cleanup process
- This course concentrates on getting channels back into some acceptable condition
  - Open clogged channels
  - Put avulsed channels back in place
  - Stabilize actively eroding streambanks
  - Stabilize (even if only temporarily) landslides
  - Return the channel to a condition such that the natural processes of streams can begin to return it to its natural state.

#### Assess the Stream Channels

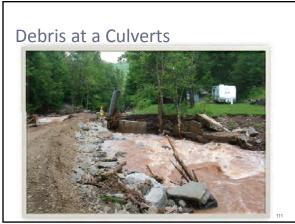
- To decide where to work and where not to work
- To decide where to work first
- To identify the equipment and work force that will be required
- To identify reaches that require technical assistance

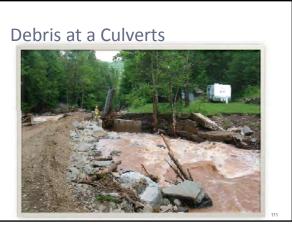
#### Where to Work - Channel Problems

- Actively eroding high banks
  - Eroding bank is heading toward infrastructure or homes
  - High sediment load from eroding bank
  - · Another "small flood" would "blow out" the bank
- Channel blocks
- Debris at culverts
- Undermined revetments
- Impaired channel capacity











#### **Undermined Revetment**

- Revetment may become undermined due to:
  - Improper installation depth
  - Stream downcutting



#### Where Not to Work

- The channel dimensions are ok, or there has been little damage
- Banks are stable
- The channel bottom is imbricated
  - The gravel is "shingled" and is difficult to move
  - Moving the gravel around loosens it and erosion at the reach and deposition downstream

# Caution – Steep Streams

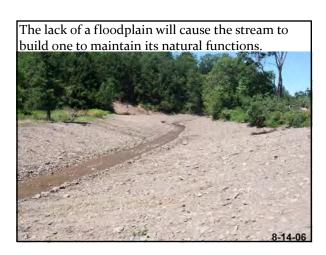
- If the slope is over 4% the stream *will* probably be a step-pool system
- If the slope is 2-4% it *could* be a step-pool system
- If debris jam, remove debris
- Don't try and clean the channel except for gravel material or logs at a debris jam

Would you work here?

• Single channel
• Meanders
• Floodplain

















#### Post-Flood Work

- Improper post-flood work can negatively affect:
  - Stream function
  - Stream stability
  - Aquatic habitat
  - Water quality
  - Local resources
- Improper post-flood work can add costs to future repair

# **Understanding Imbrication**

- As storm flows subside bed material overlap and become wedged together like shingles
- Caused by water velocity
- Materials are less mobile



#### **Understanding Imbrication**

Rearranging the bed & banks loosens the material and makes it more transportable



#### Post-Flood Problem Itemization Sheet

- This is located in **Appendix A** in Training Manual
- It lists problems commonly found after a flood
- Use a sheet for each stream reach
- Check off problems; add any notes/sketches that are necessary
- Customize the sheet to suit your needs
- Photos should be taken during the assessment

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#### Post-Flood Problem Itemization Sheet

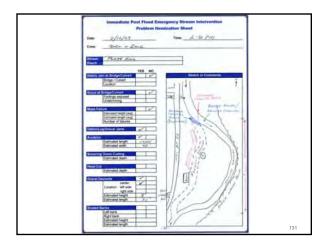
- The advantages to using the sheet are:
  - Identify the location, number & types of problems on each reach
  - Identify the most severely impacted reaches (keep in mind that some streams or reaches may not be impacted at all)
  - Prioritize work on the most severely impacted reaches
  - Determine manpower & equipment needs
  - Revision of priorities may be required throughout assessment period

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#### Post-Flood Problem Itemization Sheet

- The sheets can serve as a record:
  - That can document work done for state or federal reimbursement
  - This document can be attached to a permit application as additional information
  - To document work done under an emergency permit

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#### **Further Documentation**

- Recommended documentation during construction:
  - Before & After photos
  - Description of the work
  - Date
  - ❖ Time
  - Equipment
  - Material
  - & Labor Force

#### **Further Documentation**

- Post Construction Review
  - Was the work performed satisfactorily & completely, and meet the needs identified on the Post-Flood Problem Itemization Sheet?
- Contact local SWCD or NYSDEC offices for assistance with:
  - Vegetation
  - Structures
  - Long Term Monitoring

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#### **Channel Sizing**

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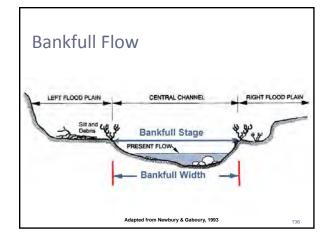
#### **Bankfull Flow**

Bankfull flow is the channel forming discharge

"The bankfull stage corresponds to the discharge at which the channel maintenance is most effective, that is, the discharge at which moving sediment, forming or removing bars, forming or changing bends and meanders, and generally doing the work that results in the average morphologic characteristics of the channel."

Dunne and Leopold, 1978

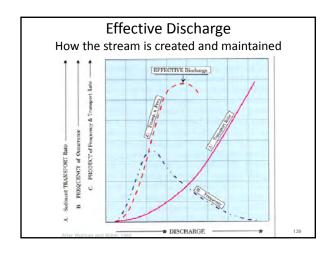
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#### Channel Forming Discharge

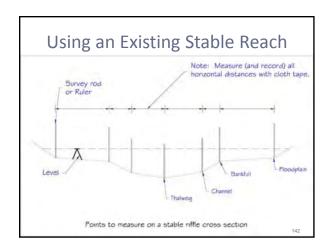
- Channel forming discharge, effective discharge, & bankfull all have the same meaning
- In Delaware County the channel forming discharge is approximately equal to the 1.5 year storm
- The regional curves that give information about the size of the channel are based on the bankfull or channel forming discharge

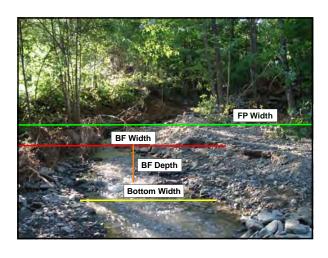


# Using an Existing Stable Reach

- Use of the tables may not be required
- A relatively undamaged reach may exist either upstream or downstream
- Measure the undamaged reach AT A RIFFLE & duplicate it in the damaged reach (draw a sketch)
  - Bankfull width and depth, floodplain width, bottom width, meander curve radius, and stream slope
- Call your local SWCD or NYSDEC office for assistance





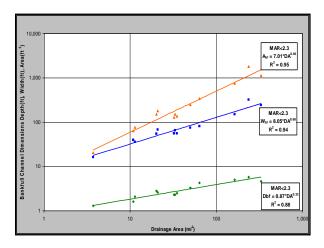




#### **Regional Curves**

- Based on USGS Data
- Information given is based on Drainage Area
- Represents the size & cross section of natural streams in this region
- Dimensions given Bankfull Dimensions
  - Cross sectional area
  - Bankfull top width
  - Average bankfull depth (mean depth)

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#### **Regional Curves**

- After a flood the channel dimensions have often been changed – too big or too small
- Sometimes it is difficult to determine the original size of the stream
- Use the Regional Curves to get reasonable bankfull dimensions

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#### **Regional Curves**

- Proper width and depth are important
- For hydraulics
  - Sized to carry the bankfull flow
  - Moves the proper size and amount of sediment
  - Avoids erosion
  - · Avoids deposition
- For the environment

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#### **Regional Curves**

• Channel dimensions and aquatic habitat





#### Find Bankfull Channel Dimensions

- Tables have been provided that give the suggested construction dimensions in the Training Manual
- You need to know
  - The drainage area at your site (square miles)
  - What basin you are in

#### What is a Drainage Area?

The drainage area is the area of the watershed that flows to the point that you are working.



#### Find Bankfull Channel Dimensions

- Drainage Area can be found:
  - Static maps for New York State are being developed
  - Streamstats New York:

http://water.usgs.gov/osw/streamstats/new\_york.html

- Instructions for use are on the left side of the webpage. Click on State Applications to access New York
  - \* See Appendix D for the version that is up and running now
- Streamstats New York will provide regional curve data that can be used with the tables provided to generate construction dimensions

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# **Classroom Examples**

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#### Classroom Example #1 (page 24)

- Flooding has occurred in Woodhull, NY in the south Branch of Tuscarora Creek and repair work is needed on a small stretch of stream. There is a bridge ¼ mile downstream of the affected area with a drainage area of 19.6 square miles.
- Find the following:
  - Bankfull width
  - Bankfull depth
  - Bankfull area
  - Floodplain width

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#### 1. Find the Drainage Area (D.A.)

- Drainage area at the bridge is 19.6 square miles
  - Use the appropriate Regional Bank-full Hydraulic Geometry Table from Appendix C
  - Use 20.0 square miles

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#### 2. Select the Proper Table (Appendix C)

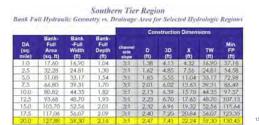
 There is a table for each of the Hydrologic Regions in New York State

• Woodhull is located in the Southern Tier Region



#### 3. Find the Construction Dimensions

- Enter the table at the correct D.A. in the left hand column
- Read across & note the construction dimensions



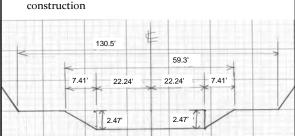
#### Answer to Example #1

- Bankfull width = 59.30 ft.
- Bankfull depth = 2.16 ft.
- Bankfull area = 127.88 ft.2
- Floodplain width (FP) = 130.45 ft.

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#### Classroom Example #1

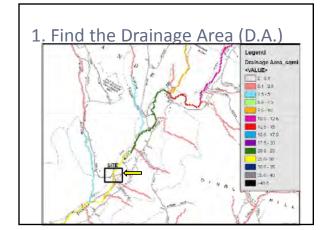
 It is highly recommended that you prepare a sketch of the proposed cross section to use during stake out & construction



#### Classroom Example #2 (page 25)

- Flooding has occurred in Andes, NY on a portion of the Tremper Kill stream near Wolf Hollow Road.
- Find the following:
  - Drainage Area
  - Construction Dimensions

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#### 1. Find the Drainage Area (D.A.) cont.

- On the map, the reach is coded **YELLOW**
- The key tells us that this is between 25-30 square miles
- Wolf Hollow road intersection is near the upper end of the reach – use 25 square miles

#### 2. Select the Proper Table (Appendix C)

- There is a table for each of the Hydrologic Regions in New York State
- Andes is located in the Catskill West Region



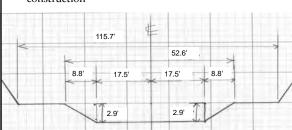
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25	16,3	15.0	1.1	3:1	1.35	4.8	2.7	15,0	33.0	
5	30.4	21.9	1.4	3:1	1.9	5.6	5.3	21.9	45,1	
7.5	43.6	27.3	1,3	3:1	21	6.2	7.4	27.3	60.0	
10	56.4	31.9	1,8	3:1	2.2	5.7	9.2	31.9	70.2	
12.5	58.9	35.0	1.9	301	24	7.2	10.9	36.0	79.3	
15	1.16	39.8	2,0	3:1	25	7.5	124	39.8	67.6	
17.5	93.0	43,3	2.2	361	2.6	7.9	13.8	43.3	95.3	
e20	104,5	45.6	2.3	3:1	2.7	8.2	15.1	46,6	102.3	
22.5	116.5	49.7	2.3	3:1.	2.8	8.5	16.3	49.7	109.2	
25	128.0	52.6	2.4	321	2.9	8.8	17.5	52.6	115.7	
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#### Classroom Example #2

 It is highly recommended that you prepare a sketch of the proposed cross section to use during stake out & construction



#### **Work Methods**

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#### **Limiting Gravel Removal**

- Do <u>NOT</u> remove gravel to such a depth that the channel is disconnected from the floodplain
- Do <u>NOT</u> remove point bars
  - Removing them may increase deposition & destabilize the system
  - If you think a point bar has grown too large ask for advice from local SWCD or NYSDEC

**Limiting Gravel Removal** 

- Generally, center bars & side bars can be safely removed
- Do **NOT** over excavate or over-widen
- If the center bars & side bars are <u>NOT</u> a product of the flood leave them alone. You have more important things to do

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# Reconnecting to the Floodplain

- The provided tables give you the dimension for the floodplain
- The elevation of the floodplain is at the bankfull elevation
- The channel is automatically reconnected to the floodplain
- If there is not enough room available for the recommended width, make the floodplain as wide as you can

Due to the lack of room, there is floodplain on one side of the channel only

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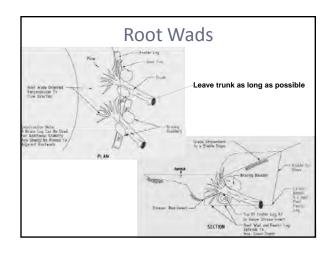






#### **Root Wads**

- Root wads can be used to stabilize the streambank
- Use debris trees that are conveniently located nearby
- The bottom of the root ball should be below the channel grade
- Brace with boulders or other large logs









# Vegetation

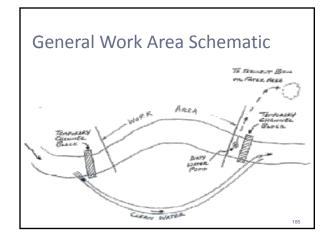
- Vegetation holds the streambanks together
- For emergency work, there is no time to plant trees and shrubs
- Grass will provide short term stability and prevent fine sediment runoff
- Seed and mulch or hydroseed (this will be a NYSDEC permit condition)

# Vegetation

- After repair if there is an absence of woody vegetation on the banks inform local SWCD, NYSDEC, and the local municipality
- A proper vegetation plan can be designed & implemented later

#### **De-watering** Graydon

# Must isolate the work area









#### Diversion – General Rules

- Place the barrier as close to the work area as possible without interfering with the operations
  - This maximizes area open to flow
- Plan the staging of your barrier minimize the number of times the barrier will have to be moved
- The ends of the barrier will have to tied in to the bank or placed high enough so that they cannot be outflanked by the water







#### **Pumping Around**

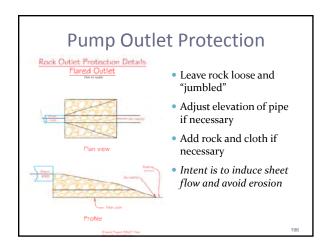
- Generally only done on small streams
  - Dave Post farm (DA = 3 mi<sup>2</sup>)
  - Planned on pumping 5 cfs
  - \*Actually pumped 15 cfs
- May be done on short term projects during known periods of low flow
  - Combination of bypass and pumping

Pump Size	Max Capacity CFS	Max Capacity GPM
2"	0.5	216
3"	0.7	300
4"	1.6	700
6"	4.5	2000
8"	7	3200
10"	7.8	3500
12"	10	4500

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#### **Pumping Around**

- Place the pipe outlet at a well vegetated area
- Construct the energy dissipater
- Check frequently to be sure that the device is working and that no erosion is occurring
- Clean water in sheet flow enters the stream only!







# **Diversion or Pumping Around**

- No turbid water may leave the site
- Cause no erosion
- Check your operation often!
- If have any problems, stop and repair at once!

**Project Sites**Gale

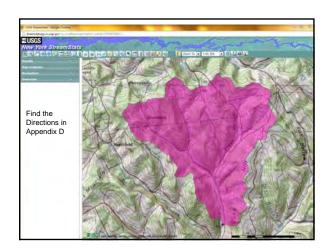
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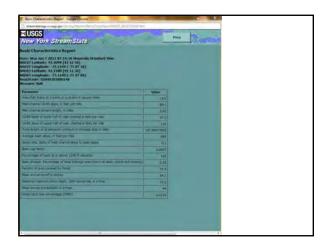
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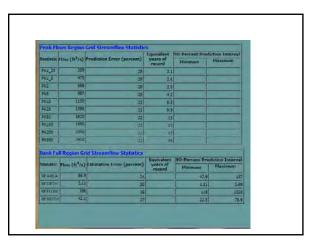


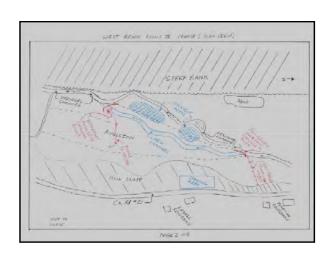


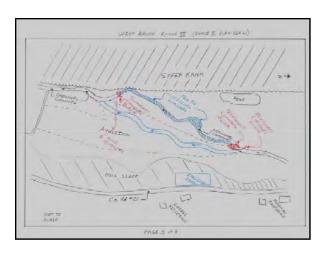


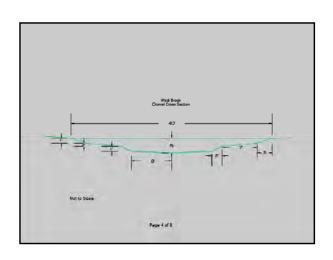






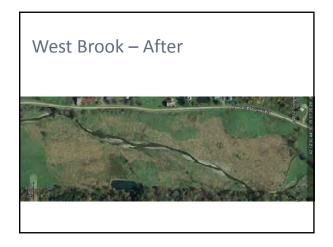






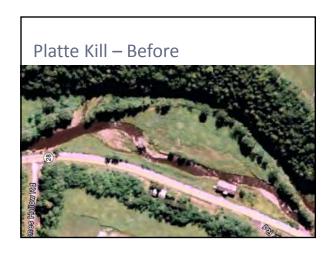






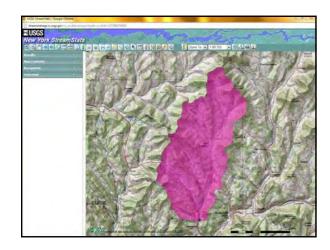


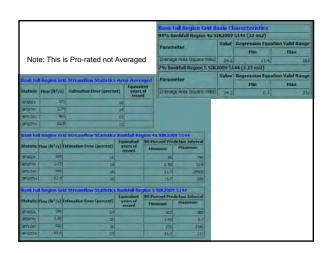


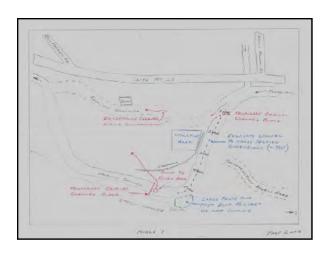


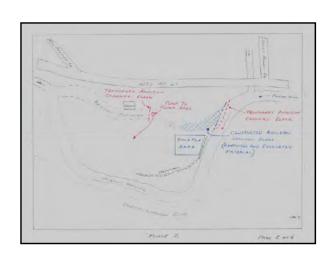


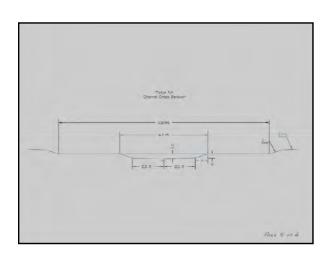












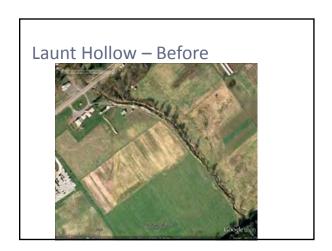






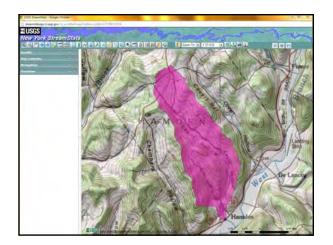


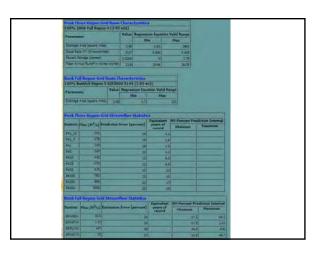


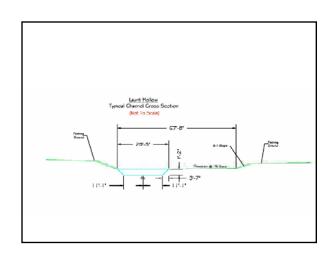
















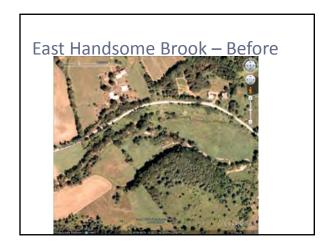






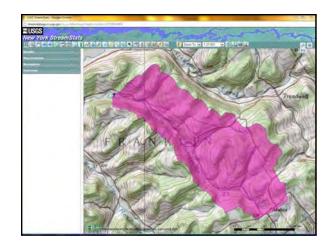




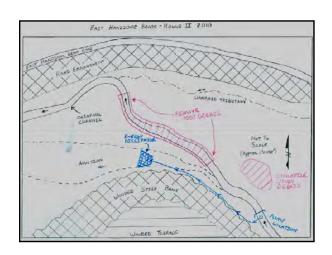


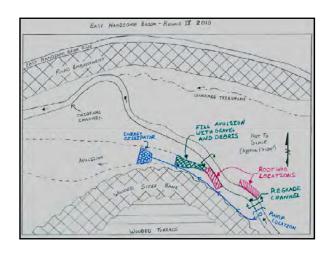


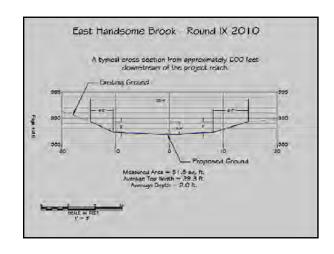


























# **Bioengineering Techniques**

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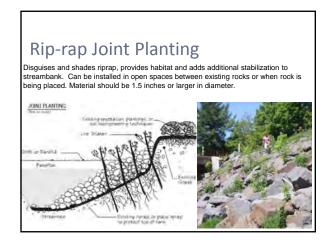
# List of Bioengineering Techniques

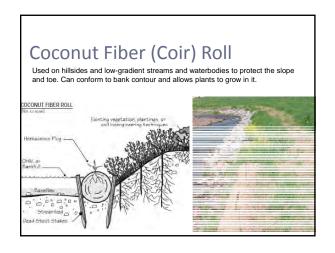
- Live Willow Stake
- Brush Mattress
- Rip-rap Joint Planting
- Brush Layering
- Coconut Fiber Roll
- Vegetated Geogrid
- Live Fascine
- Live Cribwall

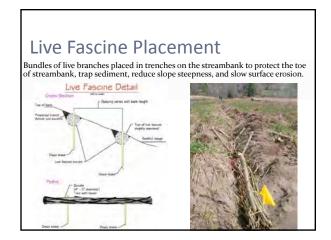
Multiple techniques are often used together to produce a final solution.

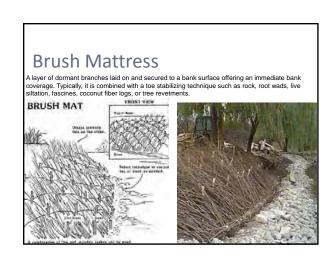
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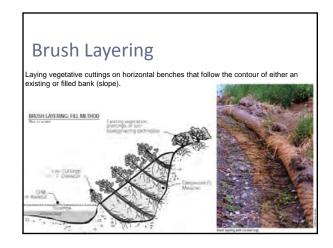
# Live Willow Stakes The placement of dormant woody plant cuttings into the bank as a method of stabilization by the root and above ground growth. Live Stake Detail Cross Section (Not to scale) Let stake supertainer, plantings or bot belong uniquitaries, plantings Let stake supertainer, planti

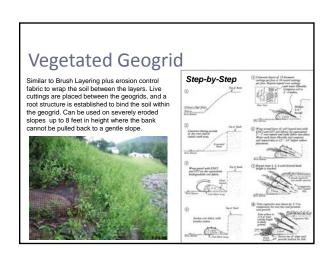




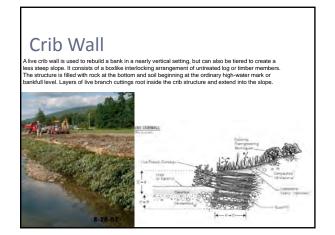












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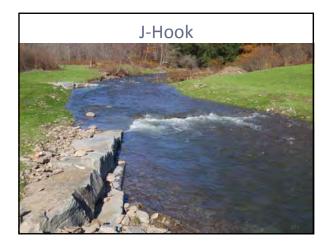
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- These structures are made of rocks or logs
  - Cross vanes
  - Straight vanesJ-hooks

  - Step-poolsHardened Riffles
- If you think you need to install one or more of these contact your local SWCD or NYSDEC office for assistance













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