COMMISSION UPDATE

KANKAKEE RIVER

YELLOW RIVER

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BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 25, 2025

KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN AND YELLOW RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Scott D. Pelath, CFM Executive Director

KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN





MISSION

The Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission advances Northwest Indiana's safety, economic prosperity, and quality of its natural resources.

FORTY-YEAR WORK PLAN

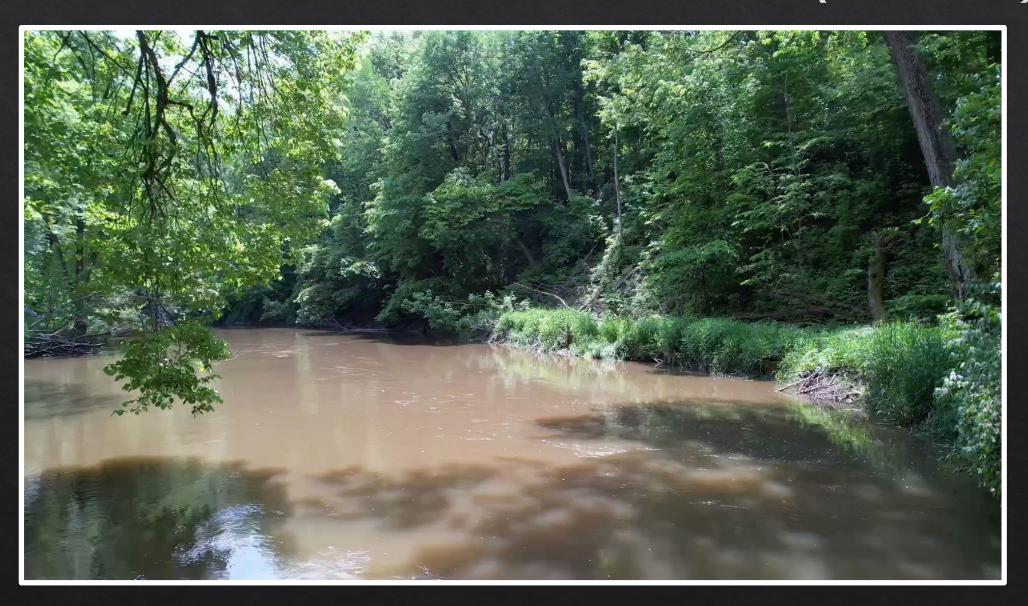
Active Management Recommendation		2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036	2038	2040	2042	2044	2046	2048	2050	2052	2054	2056	2058	2060
Yellow River Upstream Improvements	7									T	Т	Т	T			П		П	T	Т	T	
Kankakee Bank Stabilization Improvements	7																					
Zone-Specific Access and Logjam Management																						
Large Wood Removal along Yellow River at Kankak Fish and Wildlife Area	ee																					
Selective and Temporary Berm Maintenance																						
Strategic Berm Removal & Setback Berm Construction	7																					
Yellow River Downstream Improvements												П	П						П	П	\Box	
Bridge Removal / Replacement	7																					
Storage Areas to Offset Increased Runoff	7																					
Update Stormwater Ord. and Tech. Standards										Т							П	П				
Education, Outreach, and Implementation Progra Management	m																					
Develop Flood Response and Resilience Plans	7																			9		
Remove Infrastructure from Berm-Reliant Areas																						

CURRENT RIVER WORK

YELLOW RIVER RECONSTRUCTION, PHASE III

IN PROGRESS

MARSHALL COUNTY – 12th ROAD (BEFORE)



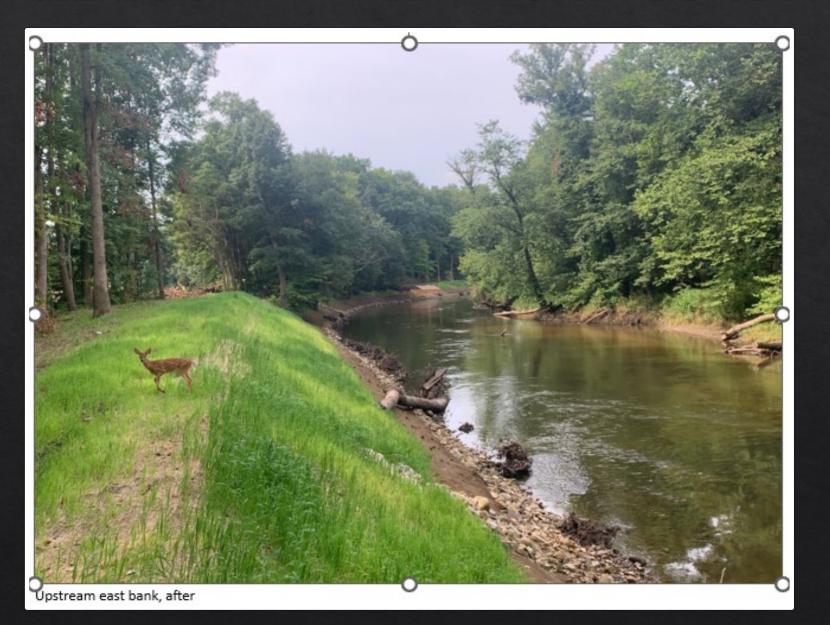
MARSHALL COUNTY – 12th ROAD CONSTRUCTION



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West of SR23 high bank, before



WEST OF SR 23 – BEFORE



West of SR 23 high bank, during



WEST OF SR 23 – DURING AND AFTER

STARKE COUNTY – SR 23 (2024)



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STARKE COUNTY – SR 23 *(2025)*



STARKE COUNTY – SR 23 (June 2025 "Before")

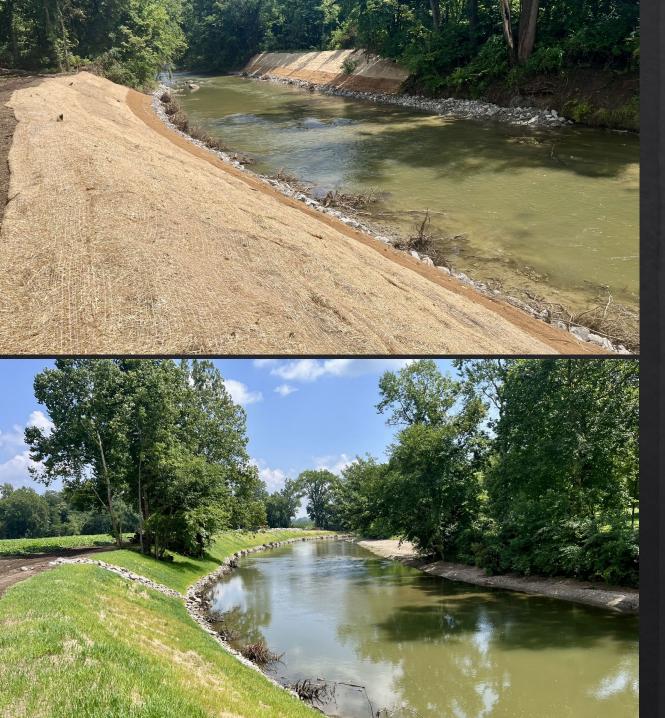


STARKE COUNTY – SR 23 (2025 Construction)



STARKE COUNTY – SR 23 (August 2025)





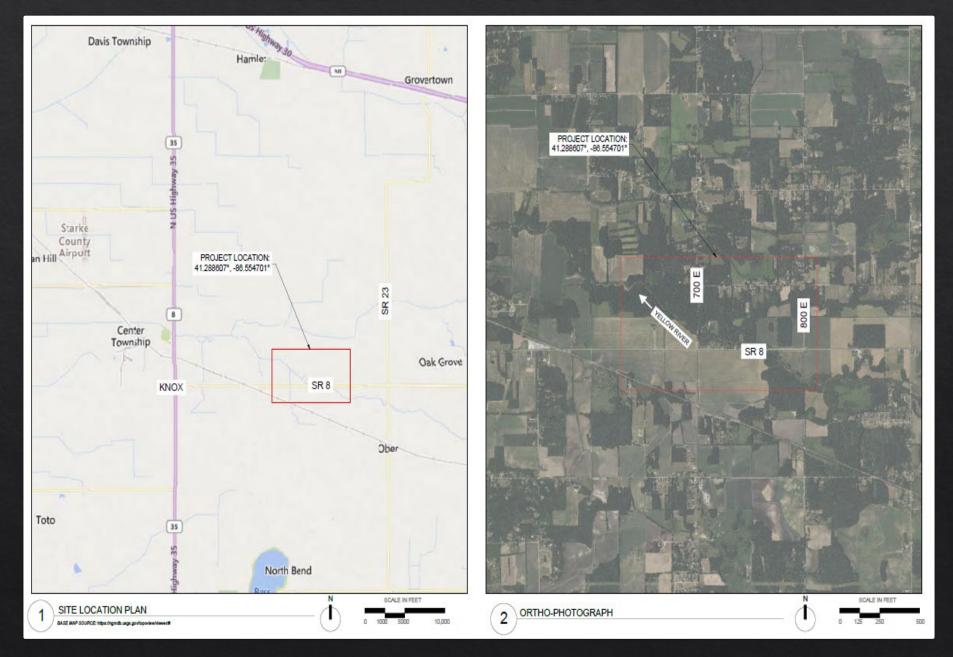
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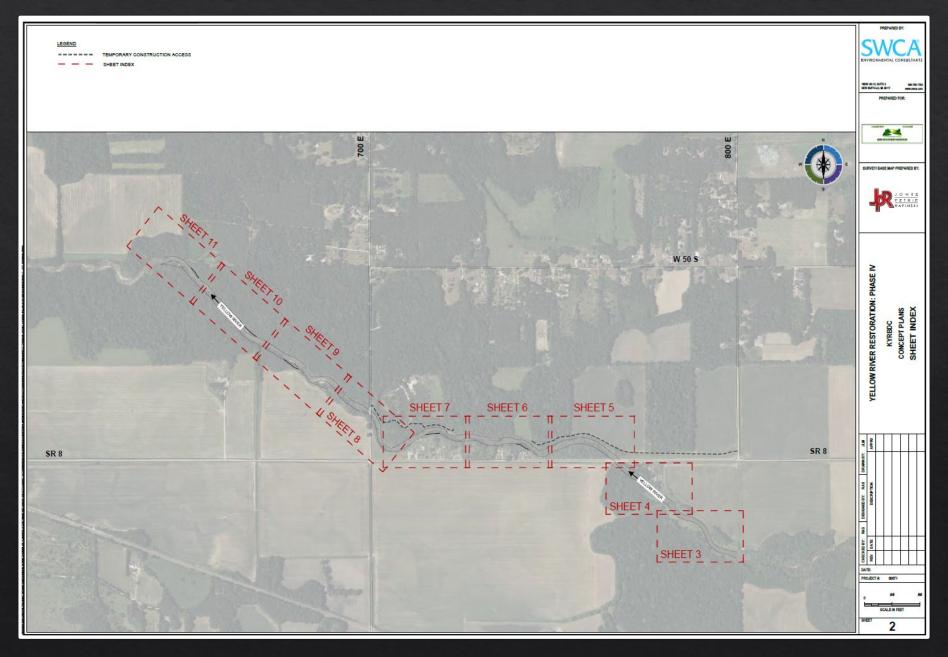
YELLOW RIVER RECONSTRUCTION, PHASE IV

PERMIT APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED

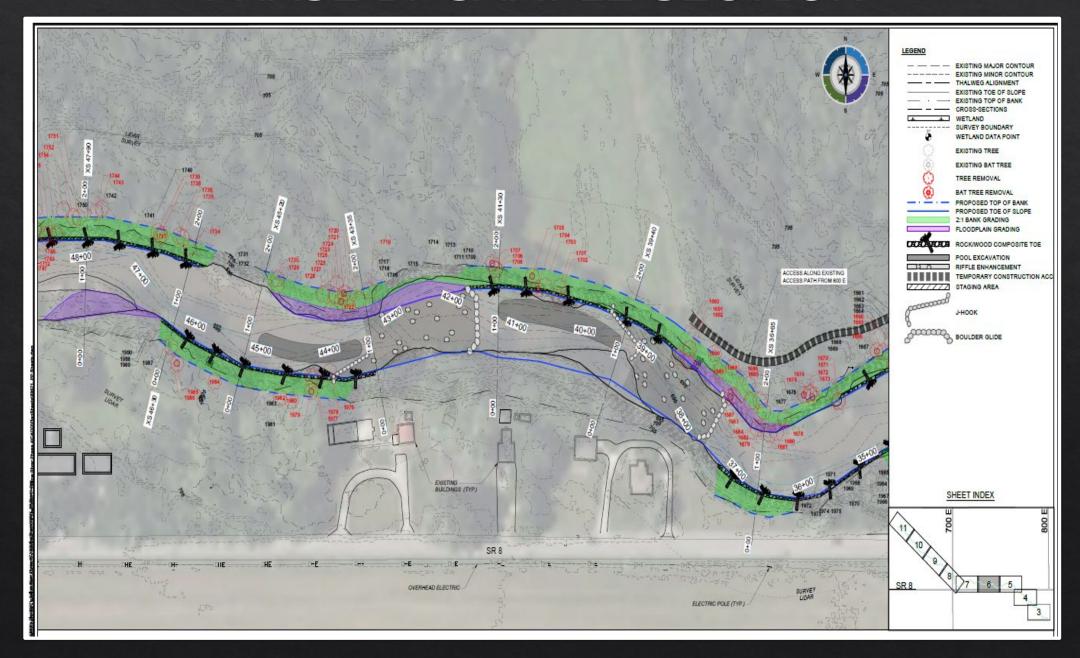
PHASE IV PROJECT AREA



PHASE IV SECTION – 1.9 miles



PHASE IV SAMPLE SECTION

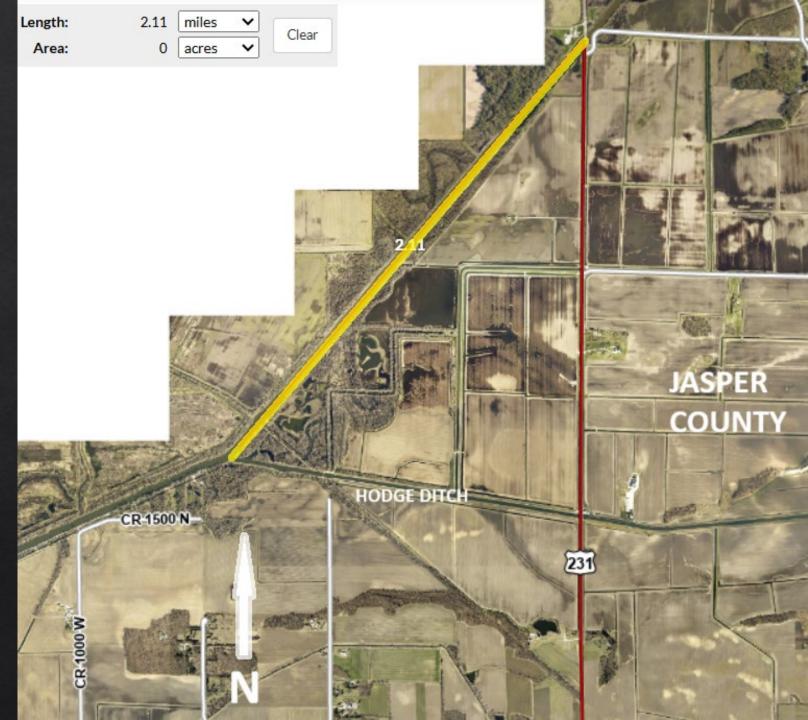


JASPER COUNTY BANK STABILIZATION

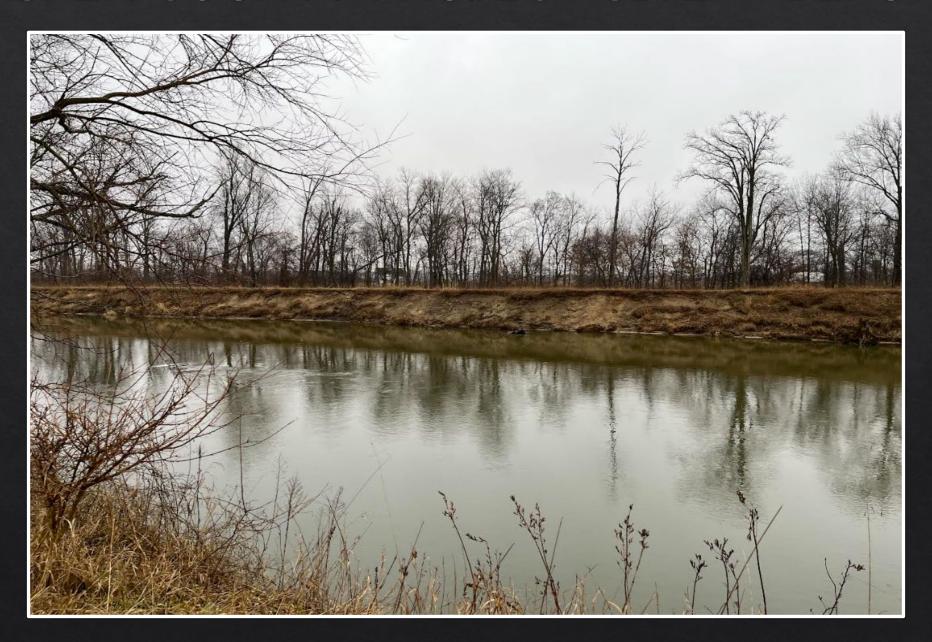
September 2025 Completion

PROJECT FOOTPRINT

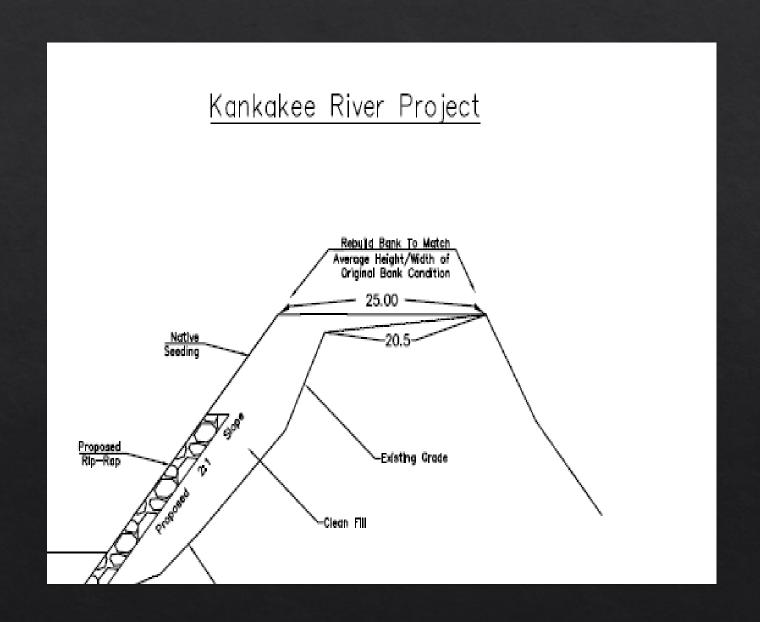




JASPER COUNTY PROJECT SITE -- BEFORE



JASPER COUNTY PROJECT CONCEPT



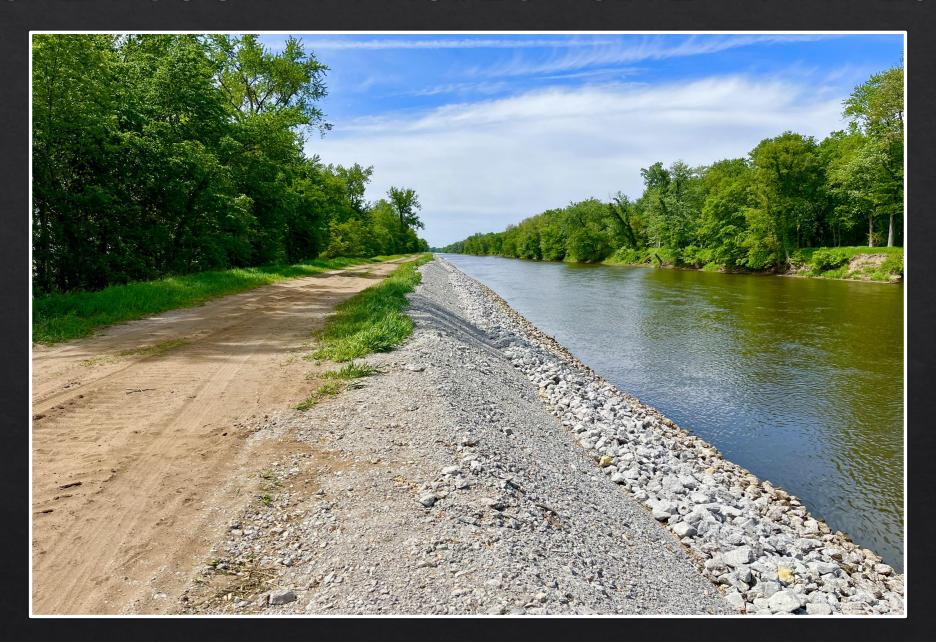
JASPER COUNTY PROJECT SITE – JAN. 2025



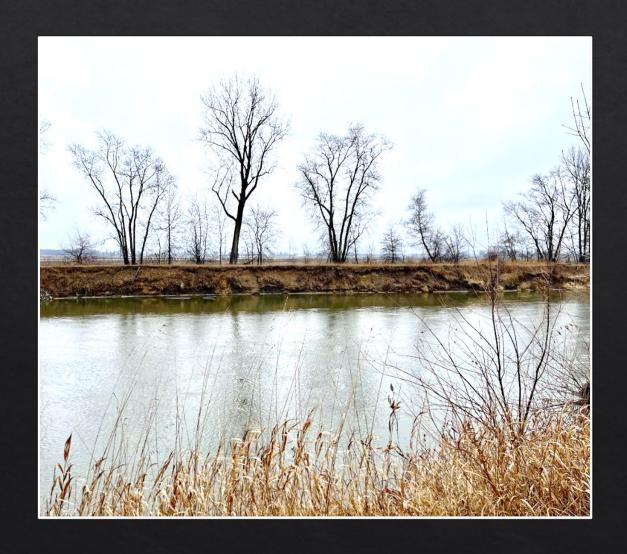
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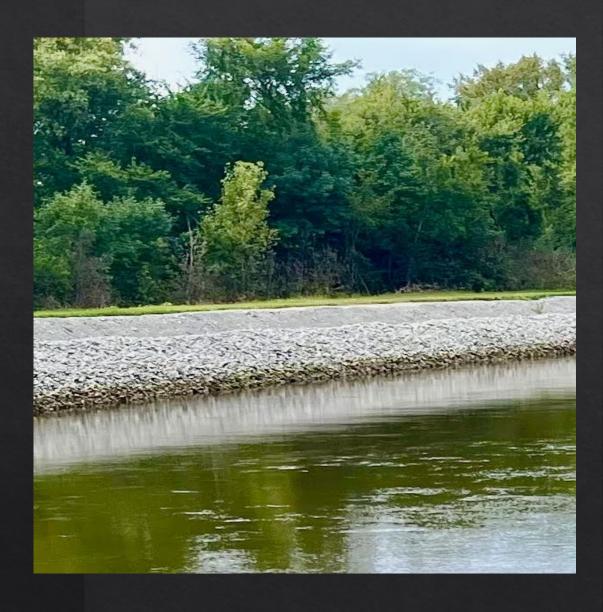


JASPER COUNTY PROJECT SITE – MAY 2025



JASPER COUNTY PROJECT SITE SEP. 2025 v. BEFORE





NEWTON COUNTY BANK RECONSTRUCTION PLANNING

AREA OF CONCERN IN NEWTON COUNTY

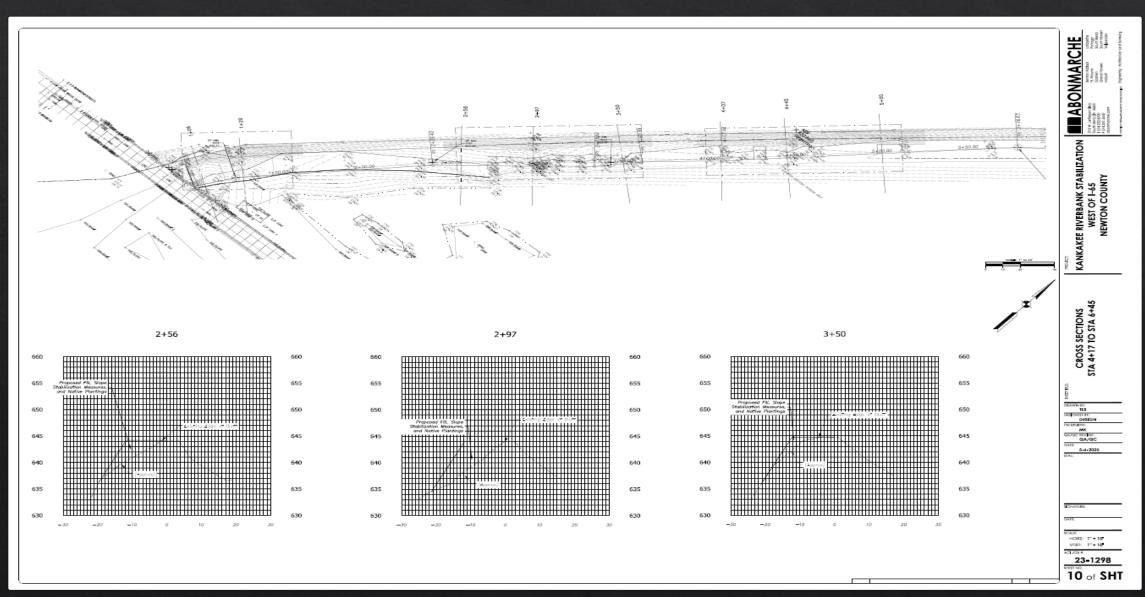




Location Map - Aerial Image

(not to scale)

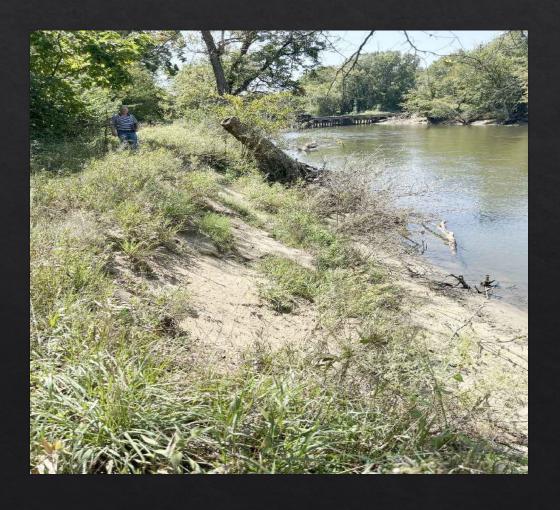
IMPROVEMENT NEAR 3I BRIDGE FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT

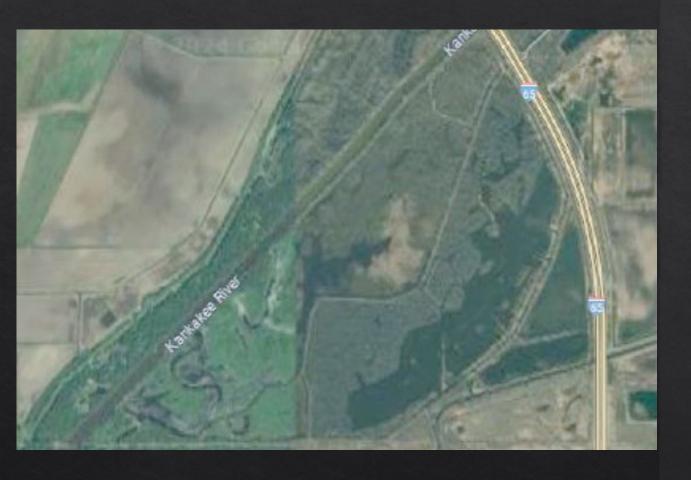






NEWTON COUNTY NEAR 3I BRIDGE (2024)





POTENTIAL TARGET FOOTPRINT



NEED: SAFELY REMOVE 3I BRIDGE DEBRIS DURING FLOOD EVENT



POTENTIAL STABILIZATION SITE -- PLYMOUTH



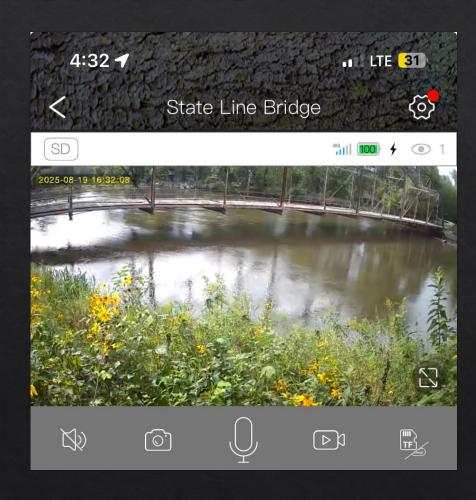






STATE LINE BRIDGE RELOCATION DNR permit granted USACE and IDEM permits pending

CURRENT CONDITION



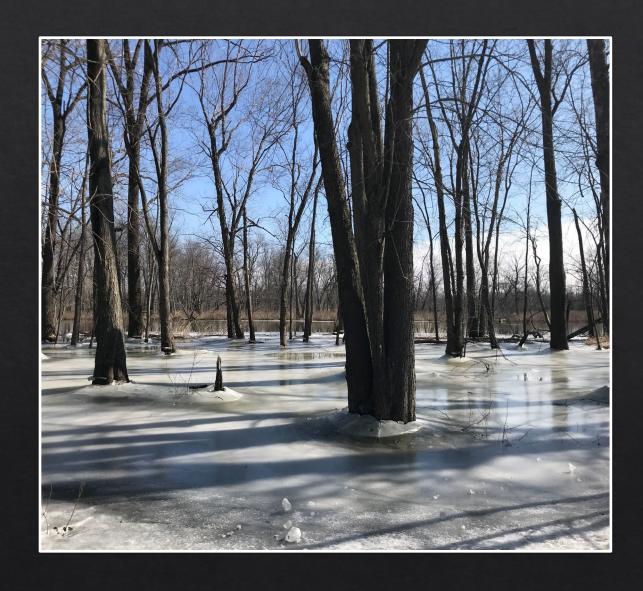


TYPICAL DEBRIS DURING HIGH WATER





BLOCKED BRIDGE ACCESS DURING HIGH WATER

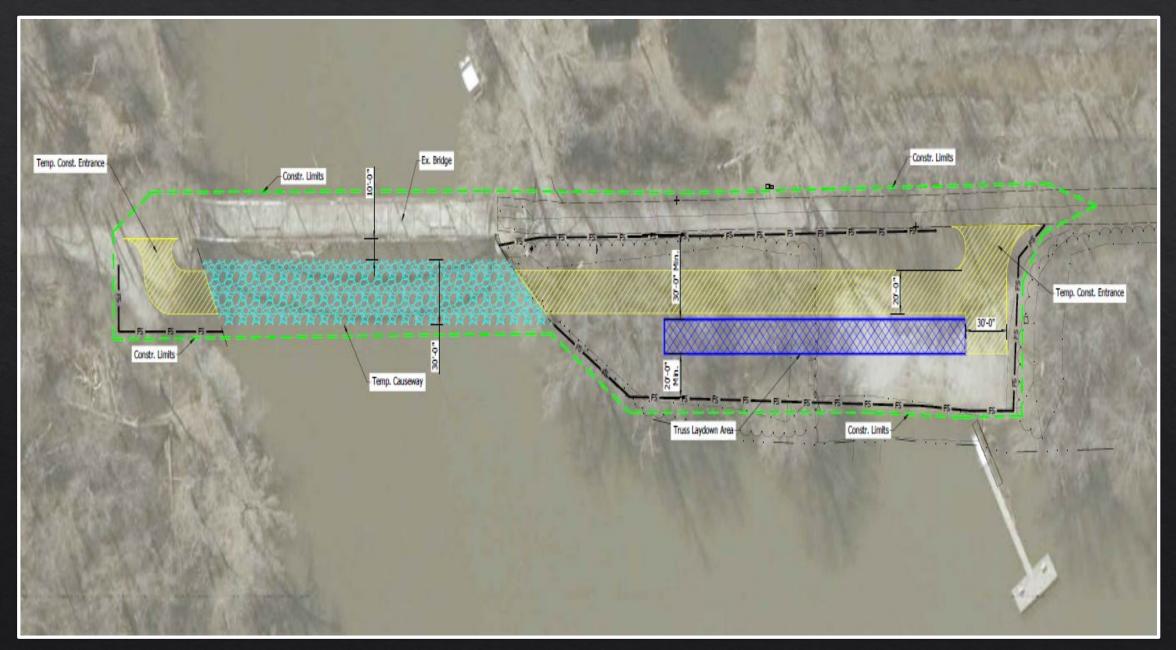




TENTATIVE BRIDGE REMOVAL PLANS



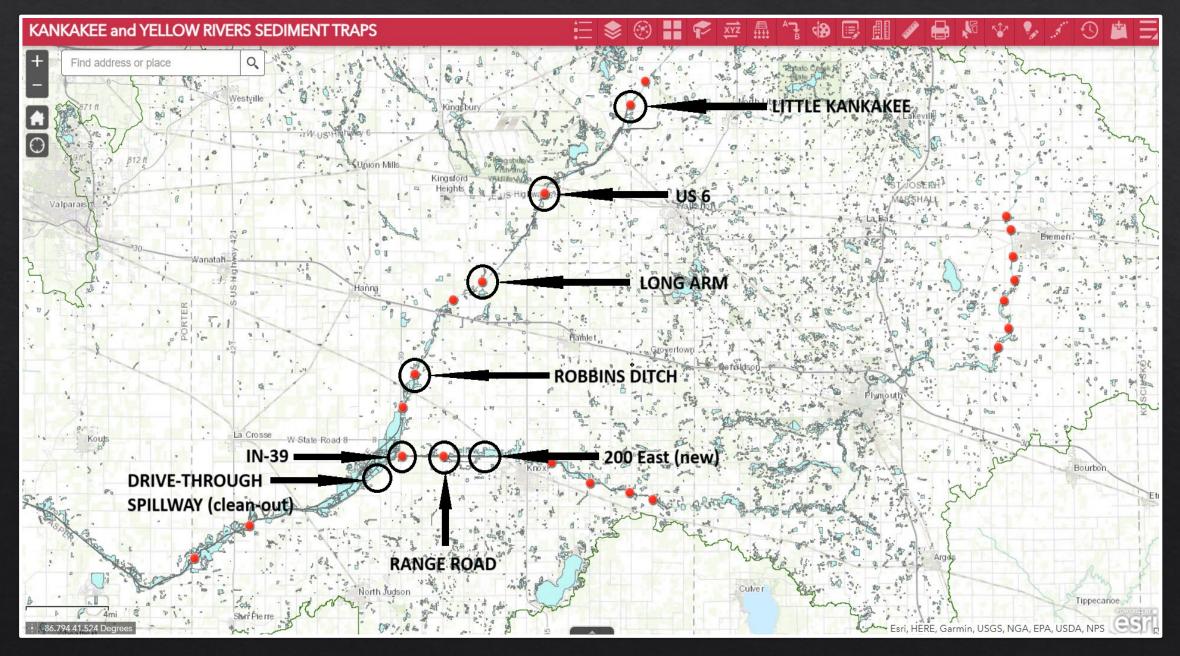
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POTENTIAL NEWTON COUNTY BANK RECONSTRUCTION

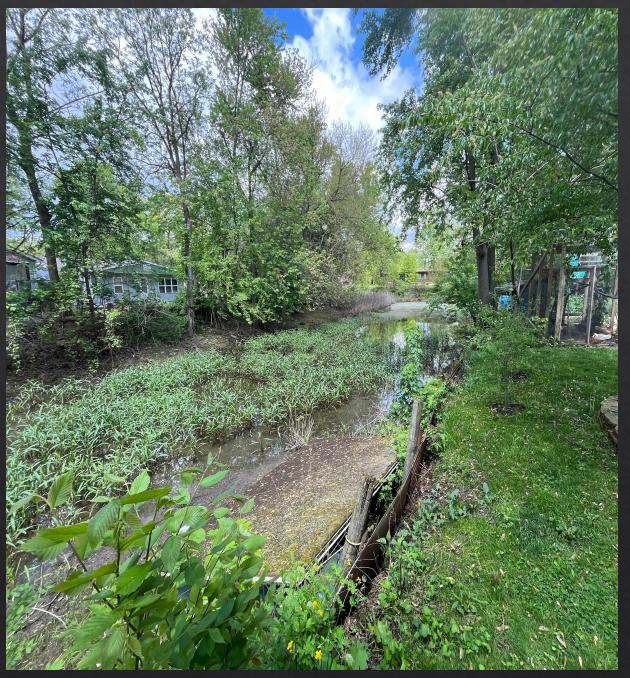
SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT

SEDIMENT TRAPS MAINTAINED SINCE 2020



PROPOSED REMOVAL AT SHADY SHORES BAYOU





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1954 Photo



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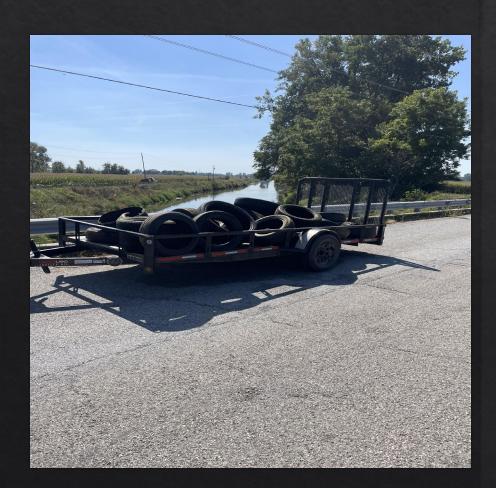


1954 Photo



CHANNEL MAINTENANCE (New Situations!)

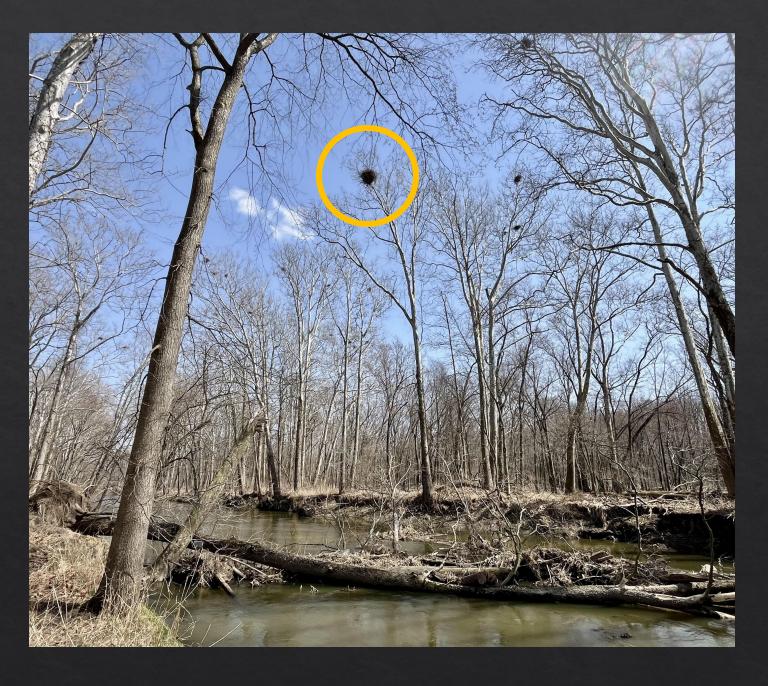
REMOVED 43 NEWLY DUMPED TIRES FROM KANKAKEE





PERMIT OBTAINED FOR LOGJAM UNDER BALD EAGLE NEST

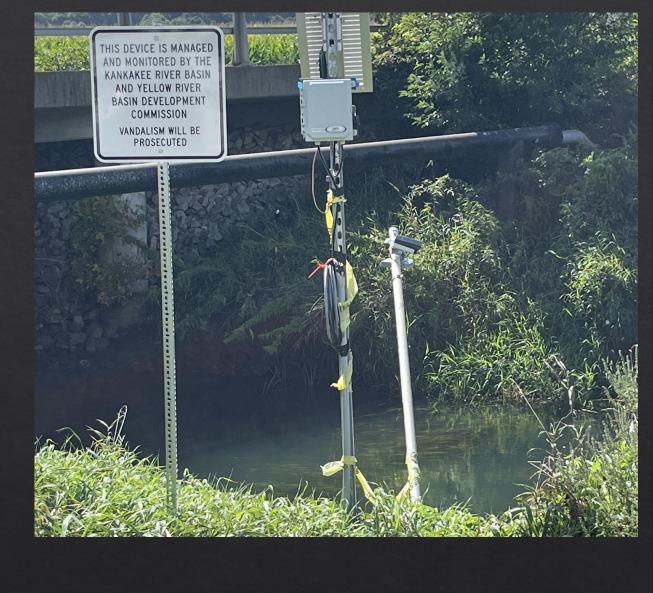




NEW RIVER GAUGE AT KANKAKEE'S OFFICIAL BEGINNING

CRUMSTOWN HIGHWAY IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY





QUESTIONS?

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