

A scenic view of a wetland area. In the foreground, there's a stream with lily pads and water lilies. The middle ground is filled with tall grasses and reeds. In the background, there's a dense forest of trees under a bright sky.

INNOVATION AT WORK: INTEGRATING UPLANDS WITH SHORELINES

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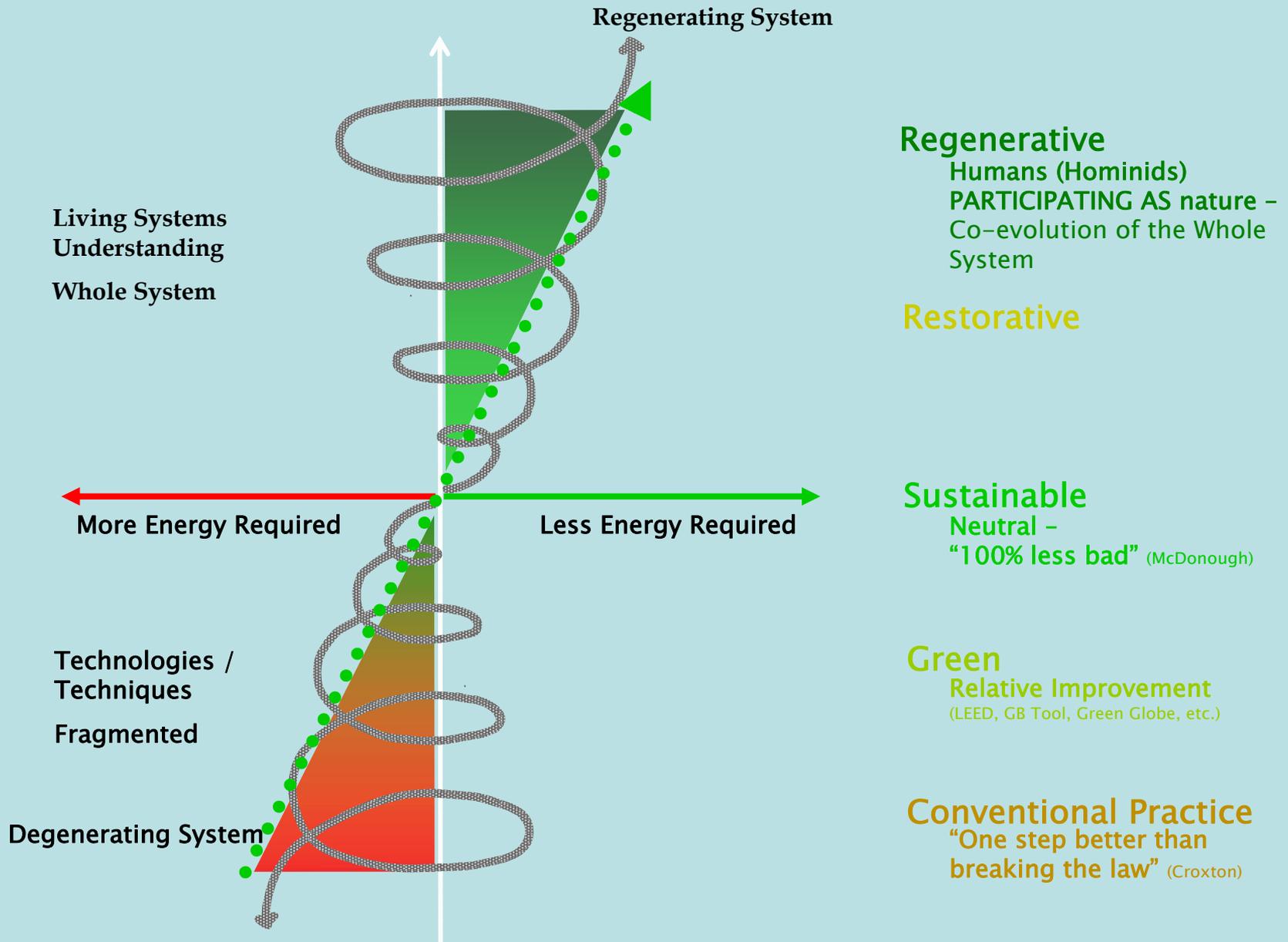
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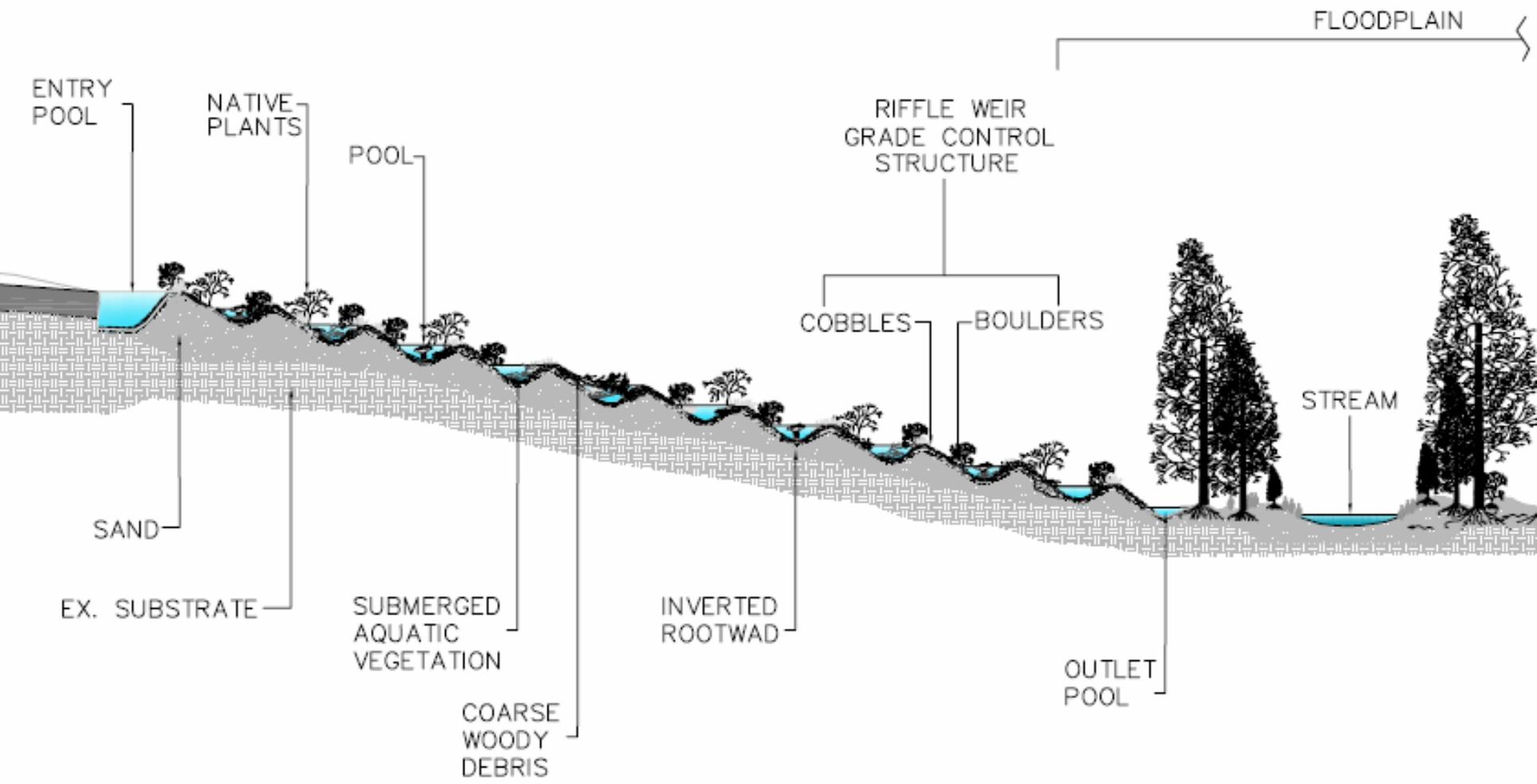
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Trajectory of Environmentally Responsible Design

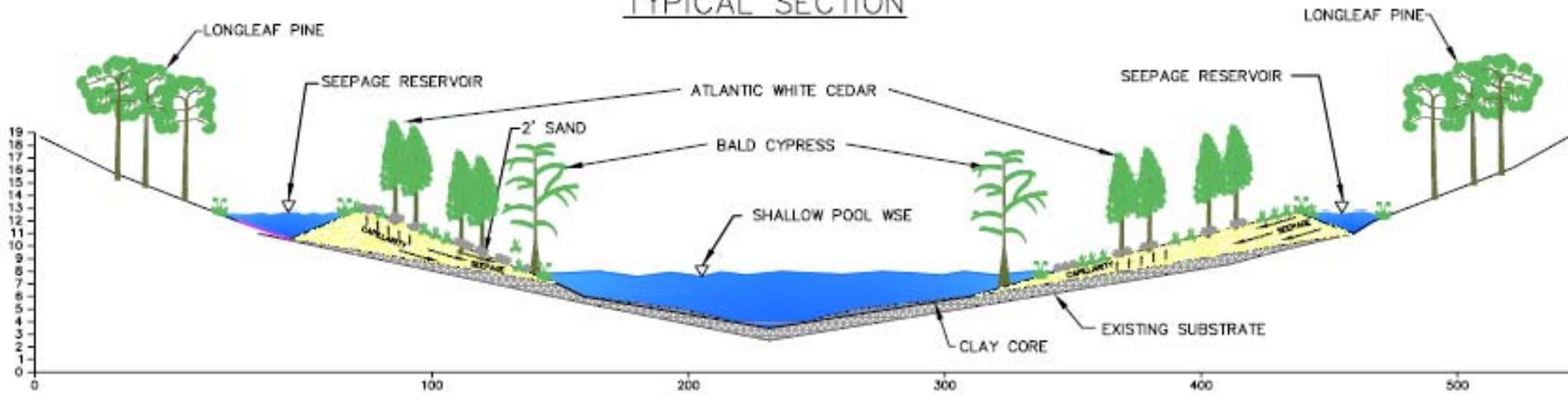
COASTAL PLAIN OUTFALL N.T.S.





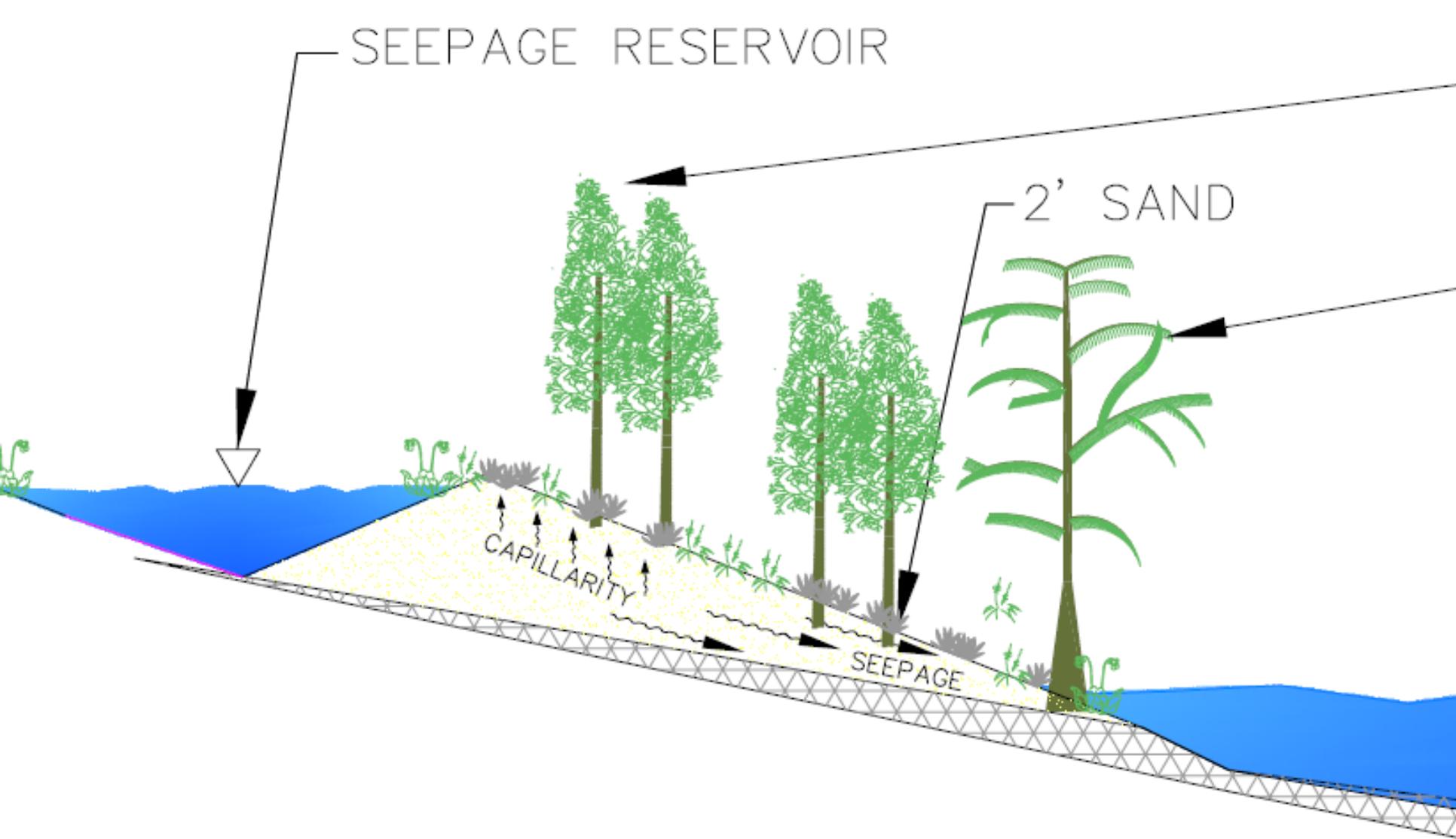
Stormwater outfalls

SEEPAGE WETLAND TYPICAL SECTION

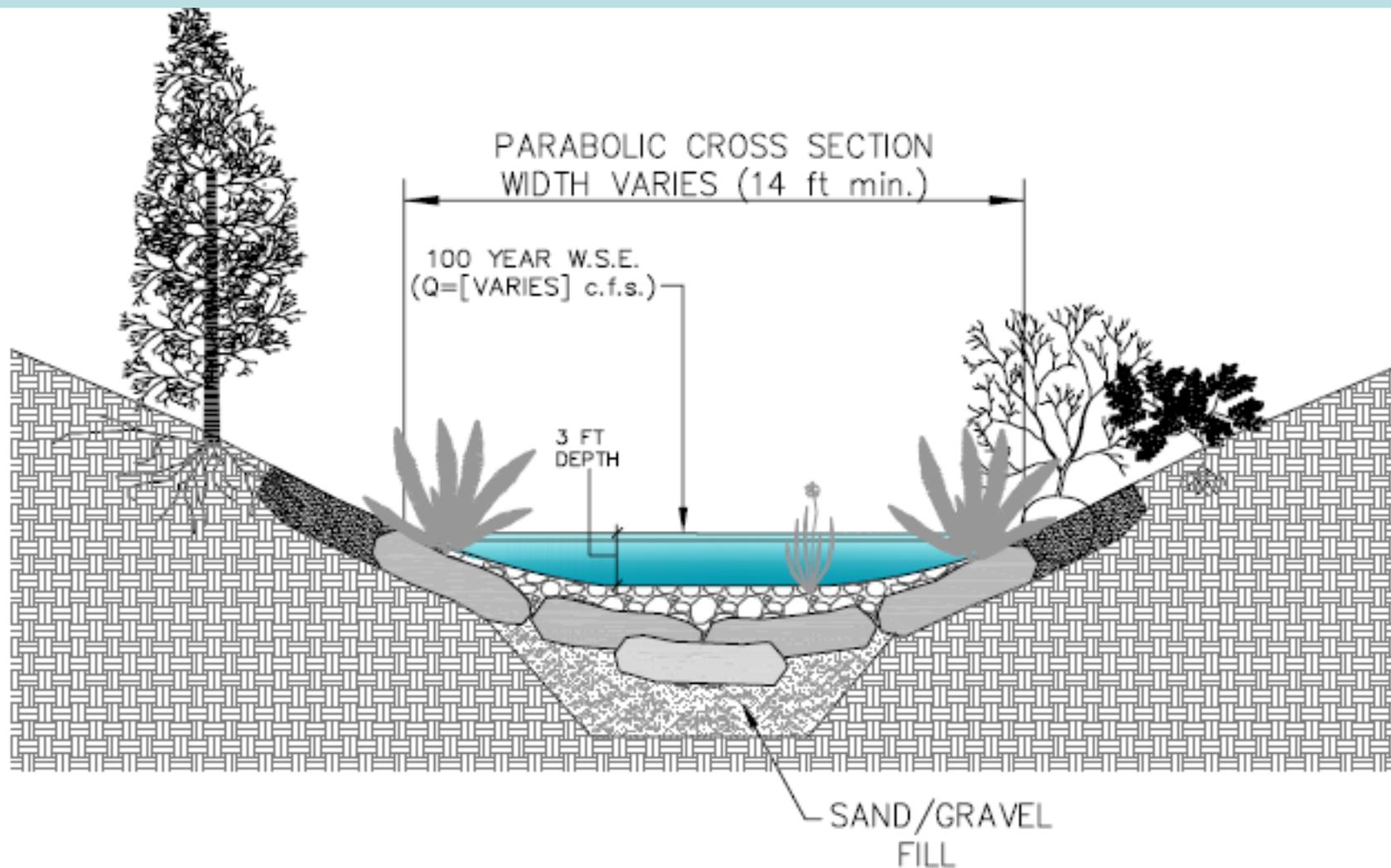


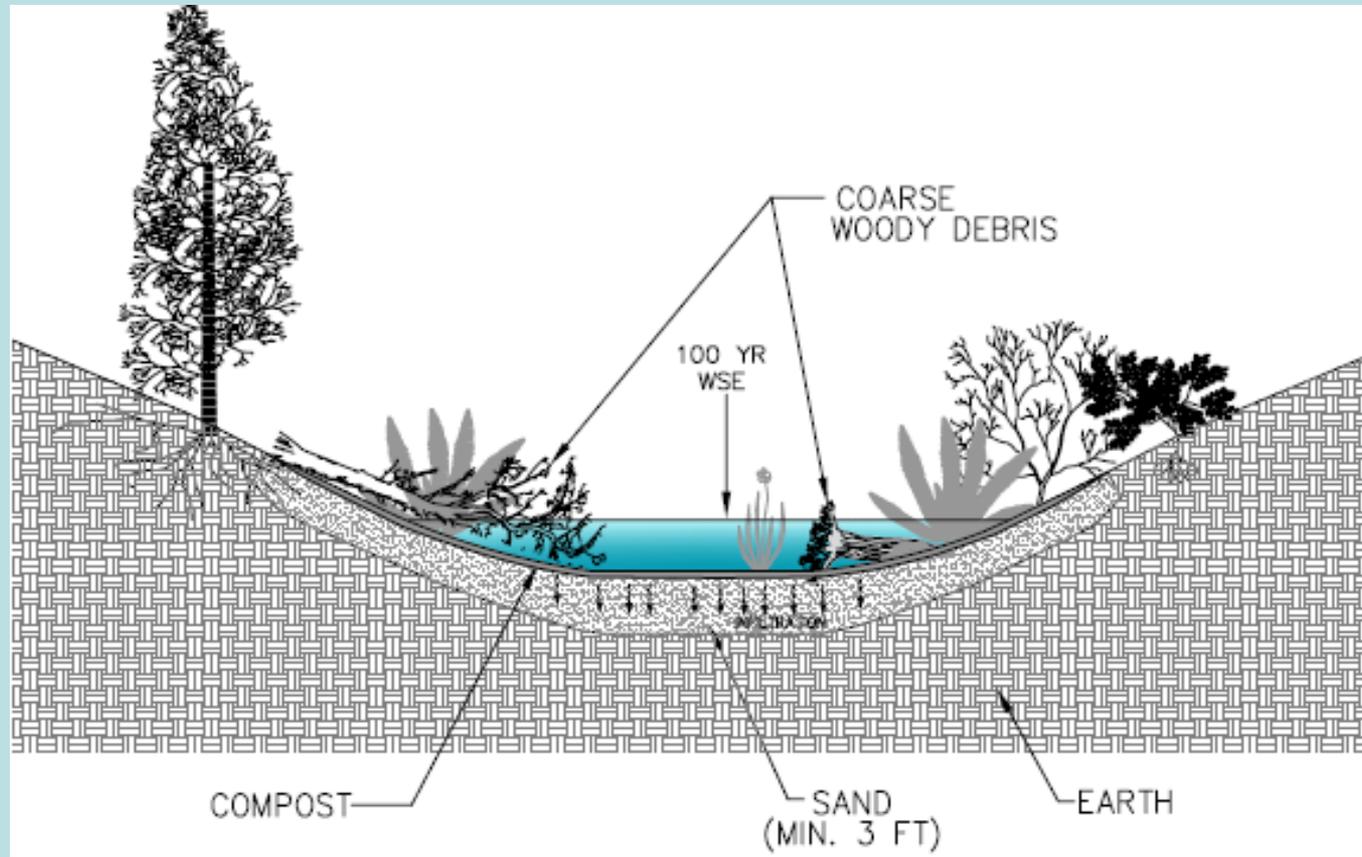
Denitrification and a host of other
TMDL-load reduction benefits





Capillarity from the seepage reservoir through the sand berm, and into the main channel



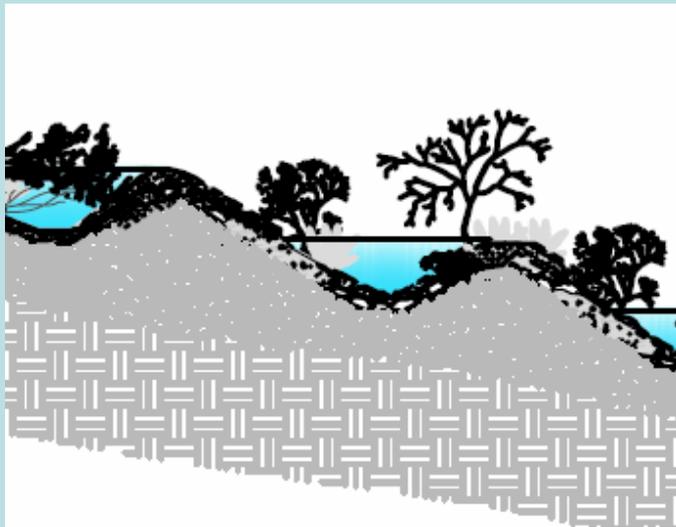


Weir construction –
Placement of footer boulders

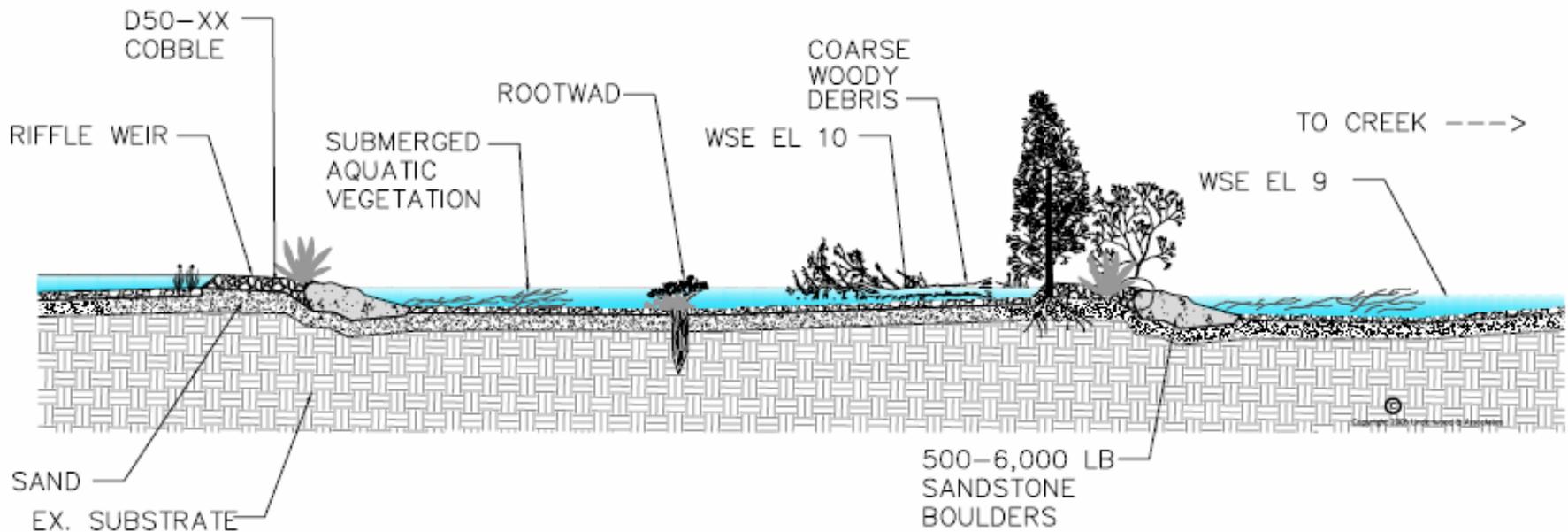


Lining the pool with sand
& cobble





Profile views of weirs and shallow aquatic beds





**Infiltration increases baseflow
and restores the natural geology**

A photograph of a stream with a large pile of sticks and branches blocking the water flow, mimicking a beaver dam. The water is murky and brown. The background is filled with dense green foliage and trees. In the foreground, there are some green plants with large leaves. A dark grey text box is in the upper right corner.

These systems are designed to mimic beaver dams

Shallow aquatic beds
separated by a weir



WHAT IS A LIVING SHORELINE?

A design and construction approach that stabilizes shorelines which seeks to mimic natural shorelines through ecological engineering.

LIVING SHORELINE

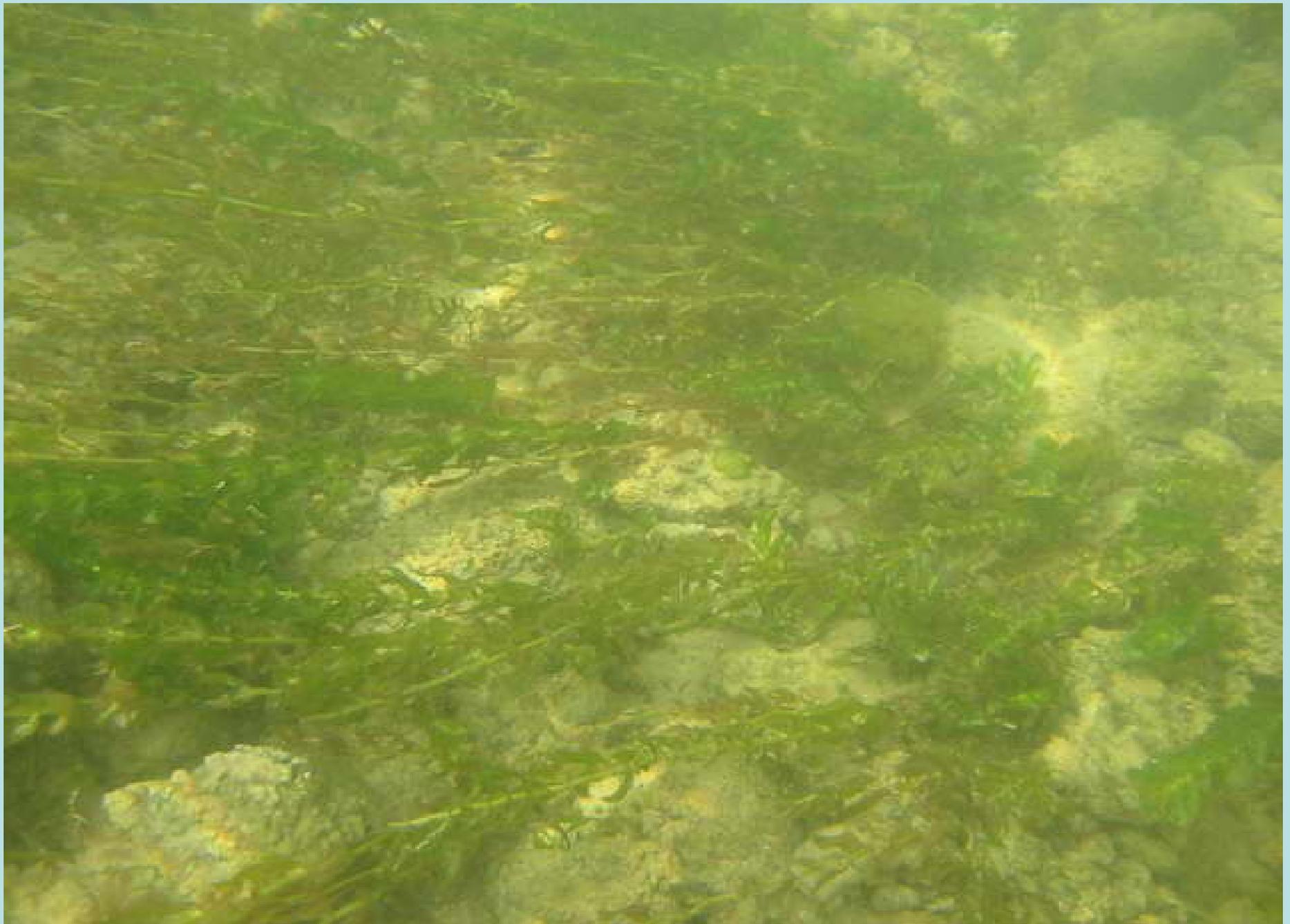
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- **Dynamic** – Seeks to replicate processes found in natural shorelines. Natural shorelines are not static They shift in response to the energies delivered to that particular location. They are designed to work with the energies in a given setting instead of armoring against them.
 - **3 Dimensional** consisting of lagoons, shallow aquatic beds, Tidal marsh, Beach strand tidal ponds or pools, non-tidal wetlands and forests. Seeks to integrate tidal and nontidal as well as terrestrial ecosystems.
 - **Natural** -uses natural materials native to the coastal plain including woody debris
 - **Biologically Diverse** re-establishes a complex natural, aesthetically pleasing, self-sustaining coastal ecosystem. The plants established on these sites should mimic natural coastal communities. Not a monoculture of Spartina.
 - **Integrates the adjacent landscape.** Shoreline Slope is set at less than 10% where possible so that waves are able to break on shoreline up to elevation 8. These projects Seek to incorporate adjacent sub-tidal, non-tidal and terrestrial landscapes.
 - **Maximizes Riparian Habitat**
Creates high value plant and wildlife habitat that is easily accessed by Bay organisms. Minimizes blockages and obstructions to wildlife. retains existing tree cover.
 - **Direct sediment transport-**
- **Static** - Designed to remain fixed in a position to armor against erosion
 - **Linier** -Generally follow the existing MHW line with a band of rock sand and Spartina
 - **Naturalistic** - Seeks to use natural material with a band rock sand and Spartina
 - **Green** – incorporates tidal marsh plantings
 - **Creates Planting Bed** - Constructed to create Spartina planting bed between MLW and + 3
 - **Presents opportunity for riparian habitat** - Includes a window (often itself armored) to allow intertidal flooding into Spartina plantings.
 - **Arrests Sediment Transport**









Habitat for Bay Organisms



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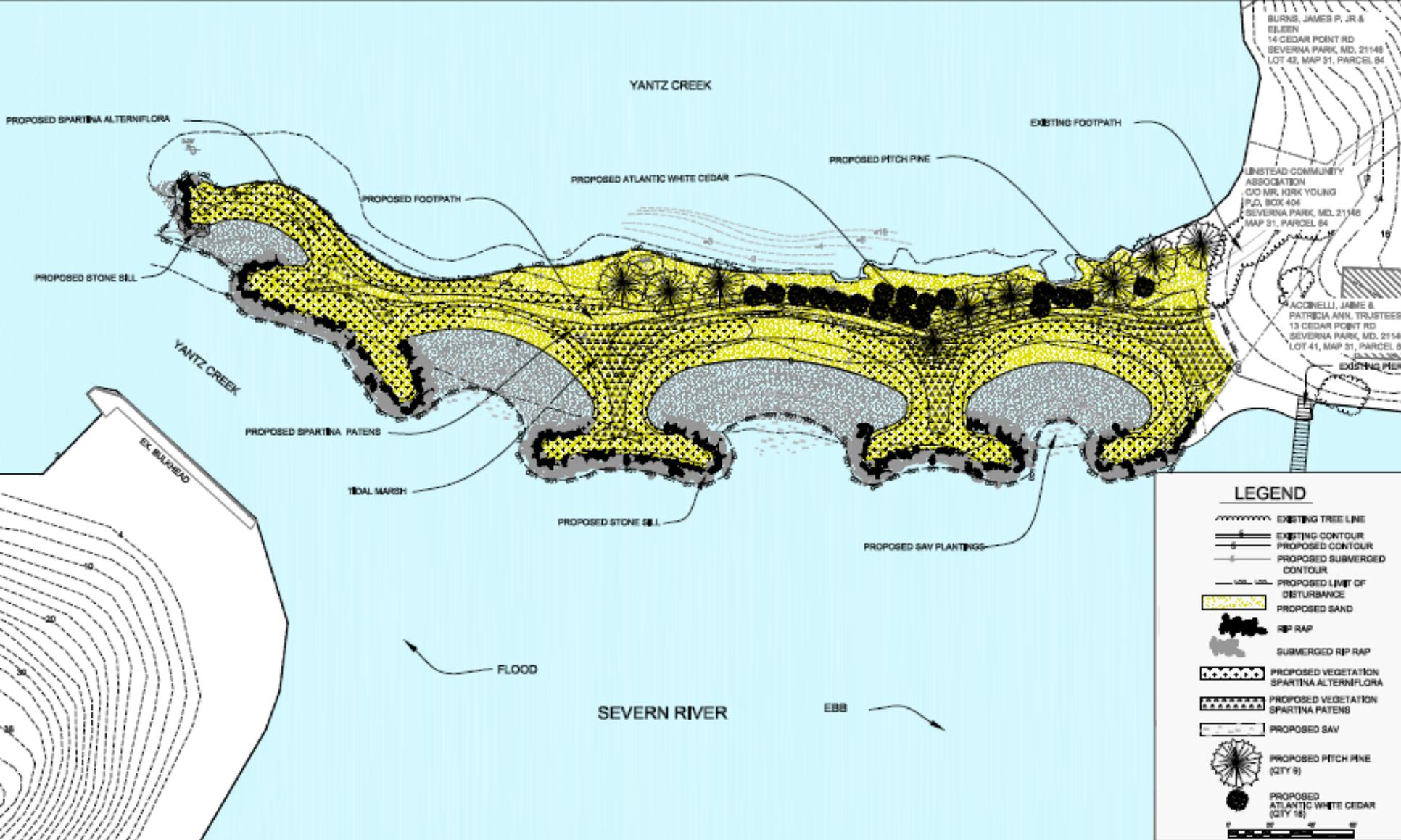


Proposed Restoration Site

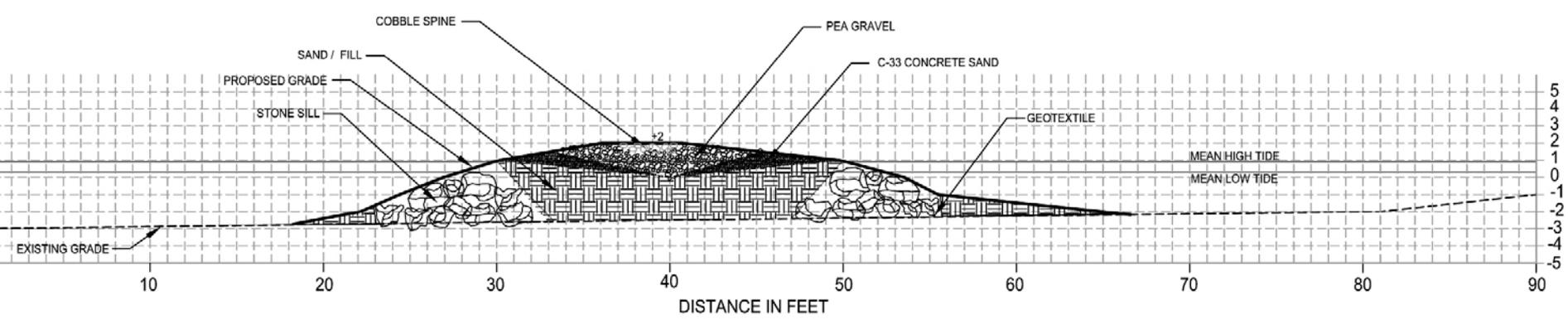
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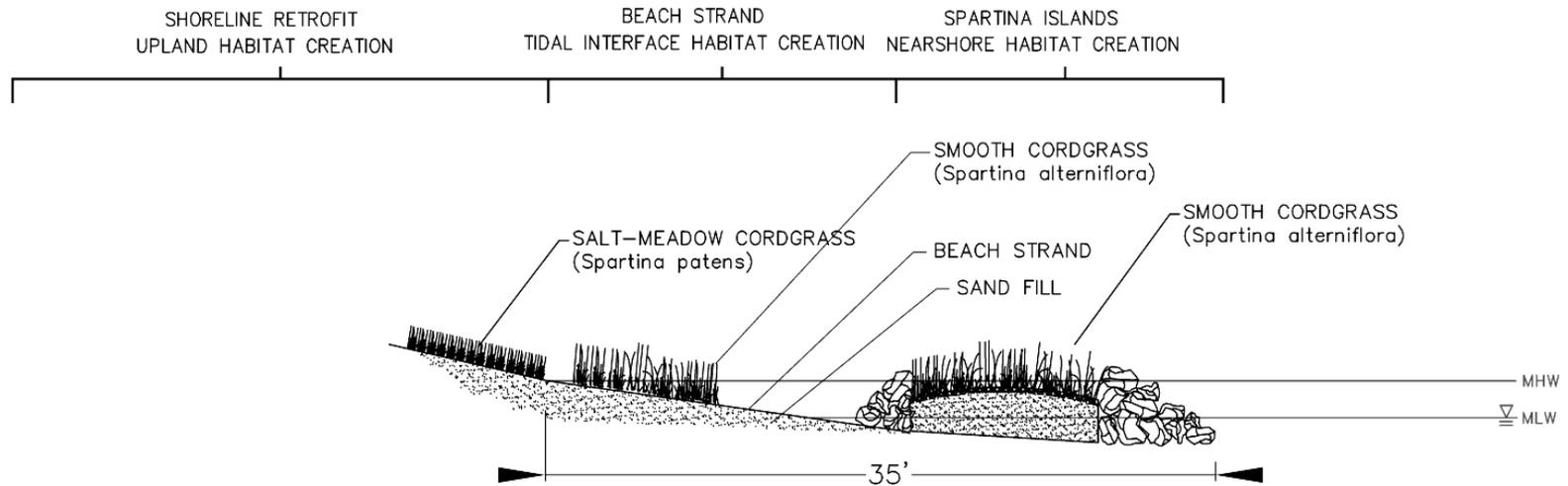
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Concept Restoration Plan

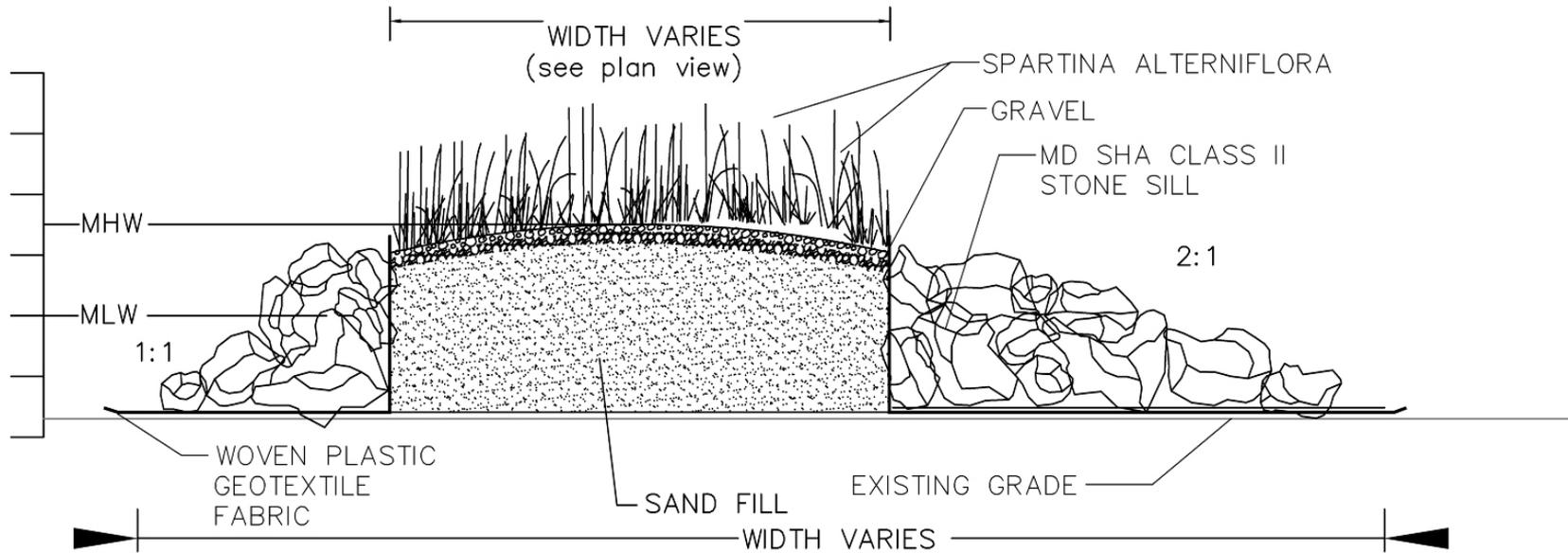


SHORELINE RESTORATION & HABITAT CREATION



DETAIL A-A
TYPICAL PLANTING PLAN

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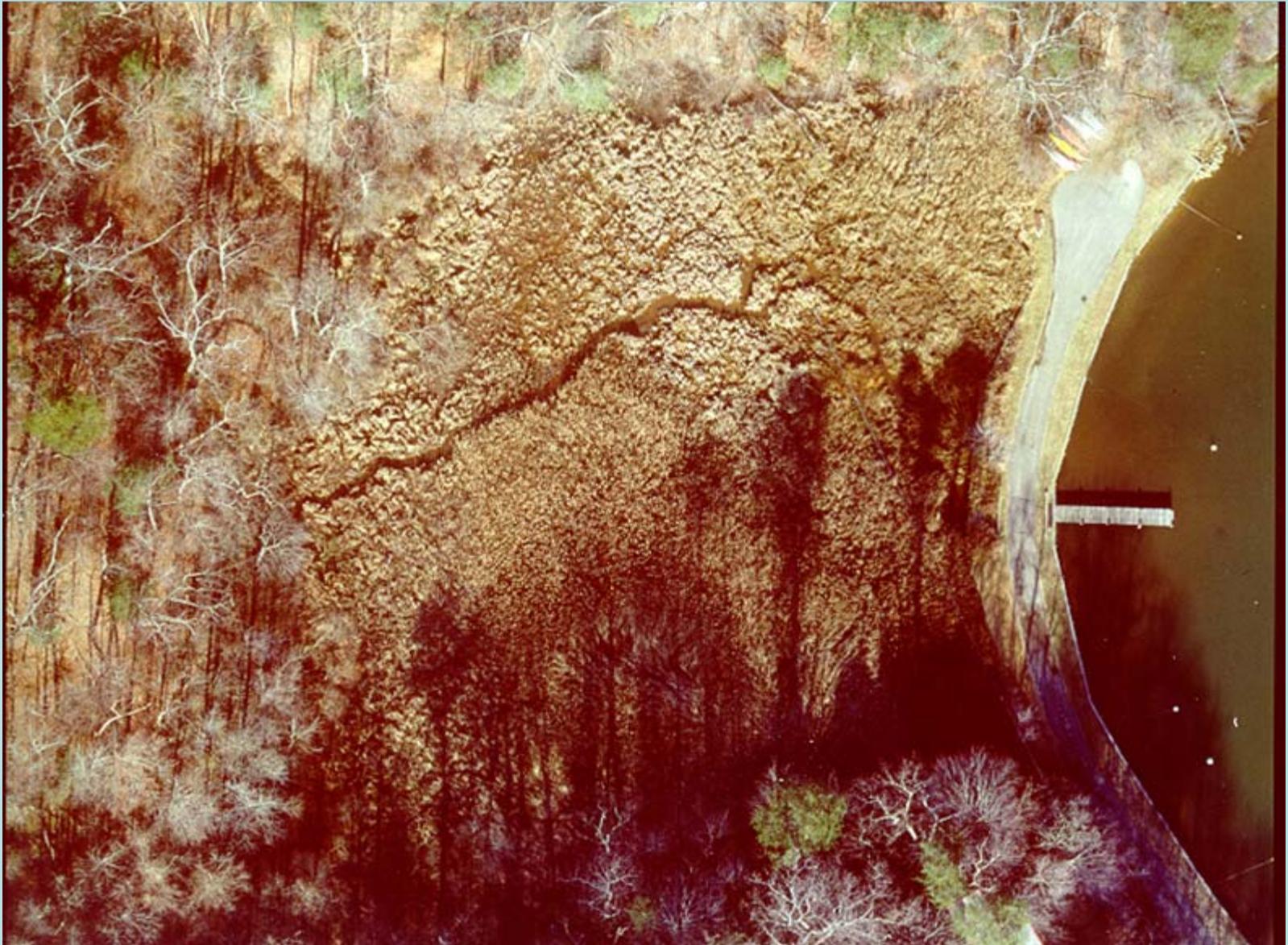
DETAIL A
TYPICAL HEADLAND BREAKWATER
CROSS SECTION

NOT TO SCALE

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



HIDDEN POND











Fish passage & habitat restoration









WINDY HILL

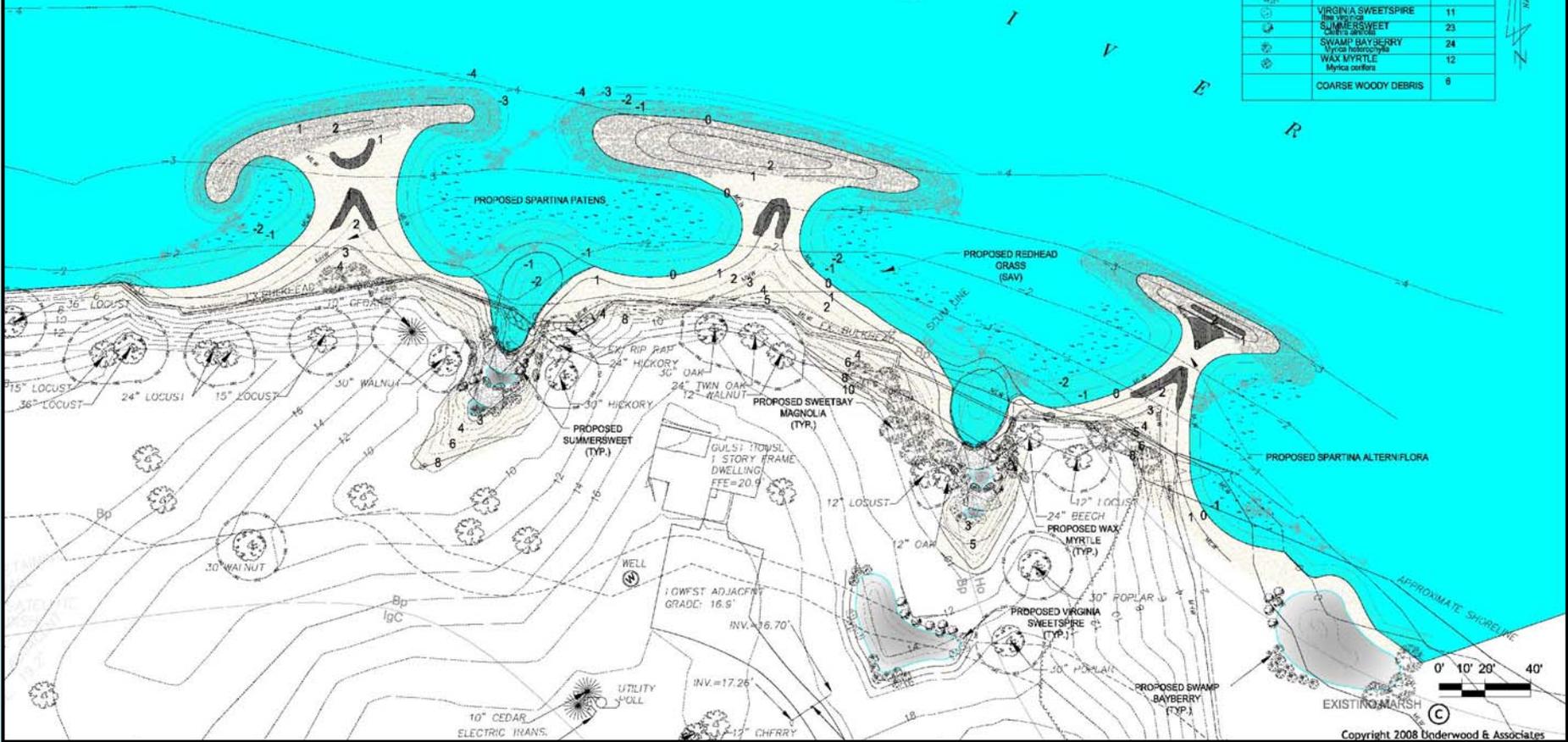
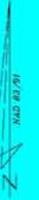
THE EVOLUTION OF DESIGN



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LEGEND		
SYMBOL	NAME	QTY
	SPARTINA ALTERNIFLORA	9,576 PLUGS
	SPARTINA PATENS	1,794 PLUGS
	REDHEAD GRASS <i>Spartina patens</i>	6,057 PLUGS
	SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	16
	VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	11
	SUMMERSWEET <i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	23
	SWAMP BAYBERRY <i>Myrica heterophylla</i>	24
	WAX MYRTLE <i>Myrica cerifera</i>	12
	COARSE WOODY DEBRIS	6



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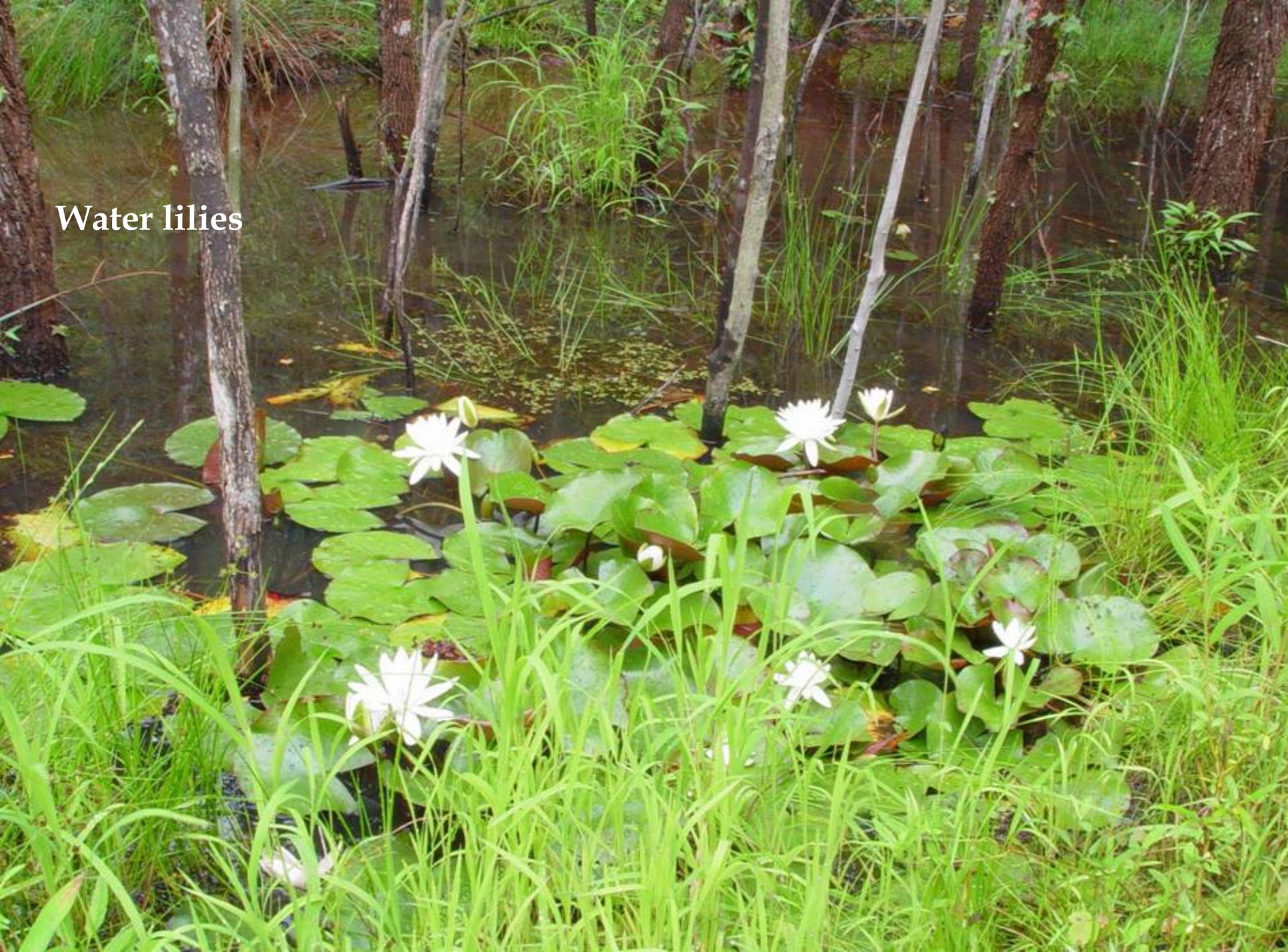
**Atlantic
White Cedar**

**Native Species
Planting**



**Restoration of reconnected
floodplain wetlands**

Water lilies



Coarse, woody debris placed throughout the system



A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a large tree trunk. The trunk is heavily covered in bright green moss, which is the primary focus of the image. The bark is dark and textured, with the moss growing in thick, uneven layers. The tree's branches and green leaves form a dense canopy at the top, set against a clear, bright blue sky. The perspective is from the base of the tree, looking straight up.

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