

Log Drop Evaluations at Timbers Creek and Rock Creek

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Executive Summary

The Mile High Flood District (District), formerly the Urban Drainage Flood Control District (UDFCD), is committed to advancing the practice of science, engineering, and management of watersheds and streams through research, innovation, and education. The installation of engineered drop structures on streams is a common practice to stabilize the vertical profile of an unstable stream reach. Typically, drop structures are constructed of sculpted concrete, grouted boulders, or mixed rock to mimic natural riffles. The District has pursued two pilot projects along Timbers Creek (Douglas County) and Rock Creek (Boulder County) utilizing natural logs as the primary drop structure. The initial project on Timbers Creek was documented in *Case Study – Log Drop Structures for UDFCD* by CH2M Hill (now Jacobs) in 2011; see **Appendix F**. That case study establishes a basis for the concept of log drops and provides considerations from both design and construction perspectives.

This report is indented to be a living document with periodic updates for the District. The document history table and the executive summary will be updated with each revision. The original Rock Creek and Timbers Creek reports have been grouped together in this document to capture lessons learned from both projects related to the design and installation of log drops within the District's service area.

A. <u>Timbers Creek Updates</u>

July 26, 2021 – Log Drop Evaluation

In 2021, an evaluation was performed to determine the health and performance of the log drop structure after a decade in use. The cedar logs have performed well with no signs of decay, damage, or other failure modes. Riparian and wetland vegetation have established throughout the drop structure, supporting water quality, reducing water velocity, and minimizing erosion. The outer bark on the logs is no longer present, leaving the inner wood fully exposed. The outer bark was primarily left on during installation for aesthetic reasons and was never expected to remain. The downstream-most log in the structure is completely covered by sedimentation and vegetative cover. The structure appears to be performing well. In the future, it is recommended that the outer bark be removed from those sections of the logs that are to be buried and/or tied into a hard, engineered feature such as grouted boulders. As noted in the report, the grout was installed over the outer bark and as the outer bark has deteriorated with time, a small gap between the grout and the inner wood is evident at Log #5's northern connection to the grouted boulders.

JULY 18, 2013 – Repair of Flood Damage

In 2013, repairs to the log drop structure were completed in response to flood damage incurred during 2012, which was soon after construction before vegetation had fully established. The logs and their anchors were in good condition and were not modified. The repairs focused on channel bottom erosion prevention. The outer log bark had partially deteriorated at this time.

AUGUST 25, 2010 – Final Walkthrough of Original Design and Construction

In 2010, construction of the pilot project at Timbers Creek using cedar logs was completed, and a final walkthrough was performed. The outer log bark was left on the logs for aesthetics. The logs were anchored in place with buried concrete blocks and chains. The logs delivered to the site for installation were significantly larger than the design diameter and required cutting the bottom of the log with a chain saw to achieve the appropriate crest height. In the future, it is recommended that a tighter minimum and a maximum allowable log diameter be defined in the project specifications.

B. Rock Creek Updates

SEPTMEBR 13, 2019 – Log Drop Evaluation

In 2019, an evaluation was performed to determine the health and performance of the log drop structures after nearly a decade in use. All three species of tree have performed well with no significant signs of decay, damage, or other failure modes.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 – Colorado 2013 Floods

In 2013, major floods along the Colorado Front Range occurred. The improvements on Rock Creek remained intact and no damage was discovered.

FALL 2012 – Seepage Control

In 2012, it was found that some of the creek flow was being conveyed under the log drops, passing through the compacted native material and rock mixture that was provided for seepage control. The seepage control improvements included the installation of a geotextile fabric anchored to the upstream face of the logs and buried under clay material, and the District's newly developed void-filled riprap mixture was placed upstream.

NOVEMBER 2011 – Final Walkthrough of Original Design and Construction

In 2011, construction of the log drop pilot project at Rock Creek was completed, and a final walkthrough was performed. The installations included log drops using pine, cottonwood, and cedar logs ranging in diameter from 18" to 30". During construction, the contractor placed the buoyancy anchors too low in relation to the variable log diameters and used rock shims to install the logs at the correct elevation. In the future, the contractor should account for each log's specific diameter prior to installing foundation components.



SECTION 1 – TIMBERS CREEK

1. Introduction

The intent of this report is to evaluate the performance of an engineered drop structure containing six natural log drops within Timbers Creek in Douglas County, CO after nearly a decade in operation. This drop structure represents the first such installation by the District. These structures were installed in the Winter of 2010 to address vertical instability issues of the creek and were repaired in the Winter of 2013 to correct flood damage. The project reach is bounded by Fox Sparrow Road on the west and Sage Thrasher Road on the east.

Timbers Creek is a sandy ephemeral stream in The Pinery, Colorado approximately 30 miles southeast of downtown Denver. The creek is utilized as a greenspace and hiking path for the surrounding single-family residential developments and is home to abundant wildlife.



Figure 1: Vicinity Map of Project Area



Figure 2: Drop Structure Locations

2. History

2.1 2010 Timbers Creek Channel Improvements

In 2010, Timbers Creek was chosen as the District's first pilot project area to explore the efficacy of natural logs in an engineered stream drop structure, see Figures 3 & 4. The channel was eroding both laterally and vertically, requiring stabilization. The design incorporated six cedar logs with a design diameter of 18-inches, with Log #1 at the downstream end of the structure and Log #6 is at the upstream end. If found to be resilient and effective, log drop structures could prove to be fiscally and environmentally beneficial in future stream restoration projects.

The logs were attached to concrete anchors for buoyancy resistance and the ends were buried under soil, with the channel bottom forming a traditional trapezoidal shape. Standard soil riprap was used upstream, downstream, and on the sides of the drop structure (see Figure 3). Cobbles were added to the soil riprap to provide a more natural cobble appearance. The upstream and downstream logs incorporated sheetpile with a concrete cap, which were integrated into the concrete anchors. Please refer to the 2011 Case Study, found in **Appendix F**, for additional information including the basis for the concept, a summary of design elements, a summary of construction efforts, and recommendations for future log drop structure installations.

2.2 2013 Repairs to Flood Damage

In 2012, the project site received flood damage before vegetation could be established in the very sandy soils. The logs themselves were not damaged nor undermined, but there was significant scour and riprap transportation. In response, the site was repaired in 2013. The areas between logs were filled with 4-foot boulders, grouted to two-thirds the height of the boulder to allow for sediment deposition and vegetation. The four interior logs received sheetpile to provide additional seepage protection. The low flow channel was lined with grouted boulder walls as well (see Figure 4). Due to the dry, sandy nature of Timbers Creek, revegetation of the channel was a challenge and it took several growing seasons to properly establish.



Figure 3: Original Design

Figure 4: Post Flood Repairs

3. 2021 Log Drop Evaluation

An evaluation of the log drops was conducted to investigate the physical integrity of the logs and the stability of the stream's vertical profile. Photos of the log drops are included in **Appendix A**.

Vegetation and Wildlife

Riparian and wetland vegetation has firmly established within the limits of the log drop structure as well as the immediate areas. A variety of grasses fill the spaces in the grouted boulder channel bottom between Log #5 and Log #2, and cattails cover the channel bottom from Log #2 to the downstream tie-in to the natural channel bottom, covering Log #1. Please see Photos G.1 - G.4 as well as **Appendix B**.

Wildlife is supported in this space in a number of ways. Several micropools have formed throughout the log-drop structure supporting mosquito larvae, brown snails, and leeches. A variety of predatory bird species were observed in the area with non-predatory bird species seeking shelter in the cattails. Additionally, a number of deer were observed, and the Jacobs team stumbled across a bedding site where a young fawn was startled by our presence. The design has also unintentionally created game trails where the concrete headers exist; vegetation has difficulty establishing itself here and animal signs were abundant.

Log Integrity

The site visit revealed that each log has held up well with no significant evidence of biodegradation, debris impact damage, insect infestation, or fungal growth. The ephemeral nature of the stream was an early concern for the logs as it was unclear how the seasonal dry-wet cycles would affect the logs. The effects of Ultra-Violet (UV) radiation, or sun-burn, on the logs should be considered in future evaluations, however there is no evidence to suggest this is an issue at the present time. Typically sun-burn is a concern for living trees as it can lead to insect infestation and fungal growth, which are elements already under consideration.

The logs used on this project had the outer bark intact upon installation, however most of the outer bark has since eroded away. The inner wood that remains appears to be in good condition. There is evidence that suggests minor debris impact damage (i.e. small dents in the wood) was sustained at Log #4 and Log #5, see photos 4.4 and 5.5, however the damage appears to be insufficient to have facilitated further complications to the logs' condition.

The physical integrity of each log was tested by mechanical sounding with a rubber mallet. Mechanical sounding is a well-established forestry method of tapping a tree trunk with a wooden or rubber mallet to listen for the tell-tale drumming response indicating an interior hollow. No such hollows were detected.

Channel Stability - Vertical Profile

The original design and construction intended for a 0.5% slope within the limits of the log drop structure with a downstream tie-in to the proposed natural channel bottom with a design slope of 1.0%. However, it was noted that Log #1 is covered by sediment deposition and wetland growth (cattails), forming a completely new slope that is nearly level with the top of Log #2. Please see **Appendix B** for a comparison. It is unclear if this is evidence of the channel downstream of the drop structure naturally establishing a stable channel slope, or simply an instance of sediment transport and deposition that has self-propagated with the establishment of dense vegetation. For the moment stability appears to have been achieved in this stream bed, which was the original goal of this rehabilitation project.

Notable Observations

The interface between the logs and the grouted boulder channel edging appear to be in good condition throughout the structure. However, the north end of Log #5, as seen in photos 5.1 and 5.5, shows evidence of a small gap in the grout. The grout was installed over the outer bark and as the outer bark has deteriorated with time, a gap between the grout and the inner wood is evident.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

The Timbers Creek log drop structure has proven to be successful and resilient after nearly a decade. As a pilot project, a few hurdles were expected and indeed encountered as evidenced by the revegetation challenges, 2012 flood, and subsequent repairs. The channel in the vicinity of the structure appears to be stable and well vegetated. The following recommendations and lessons learned based on this evaluation are provided for consideration during future projects using log drops as well as on-going care of this drop structure.

- Cedar was chosen for its natural decay resistance and it has proven to be successful over the course of a decade. Future observation is recommended to determine the applicable engineering life-span of this tree species. At this time cedar remains a desirable species for this application if it can be sourced at the appropriate diameter and length for a given project.
- Logs can be obtained in a milled form with the outer bark removed, or in their native form with the outer bark intact. The outer bark provides some natural and aesthetic values. If it is determined that the outer bark should remain, it is recommended that the outer bark be removed from those sections of the logs that are to be buried and/or tied into a hard, engineered feature such as grouted boulders. This work should be done on-site by the contractor. This course of action serves to minimize issues encountered at the interface.
 - Action For Log #5 it is advised that a crew remove the remaining outer bark from the grout interface and seal the annular gap that has formed with additional grout or an appropriate sealant.
- Grouted boulders can be effective in certain applications as channel bottoms and channel edging as evidenced by this project. To support desirable sedimentation and vegetation establishment in the channel bottom application, the grout should be limited to two-thirds or three-quarters of the boulder height to provide a space for this natural action.
- As indicated in the 2011 case study, the logs delivered to the site in the original design were significantly larger than the design diameter and required cutting with a chain saw to achieve the appropriate crest height. We recommend identifying a minimum and a maximum allowable log diameter in the project specifications.
- The channel slope between Log #2 and Log #1 appears to have found a natural stable condition with the aggradation of sediment and establishment of vegetation, see **Appendix B**. We recommend that, for the moment, the vegetation be left alone as channel stability has been achieved and an ecosystem has established. At the same time, we recommend continued observation and evaluation of the vegetation advancement as it relates to stream stability and function within the drop structure.
- Consideration should be given in future designs to facilitate the development of features that support the local ecosystem. Though the sedimentation and vegetation were largely part of the design intent, the establishment of game trails, animal shelter, and micropools were coincidental. Designing for these elements would improve the interface between the built and natural spaces.



SECTION 2 – ROCK CREEK

1. Introduction

The intent of this white paper is to evaluate the performance of five natural log drop structures and two sculpted concrete log drop structures located within Rock Creek in the Town of Superior, CO. These structures were installed in the Winter of 2011 to address vertical instability issues of the creek and this evaluation was conducted in 2019/2020. The project reach is bounded by West Flatiron Crossing Drive on the east and Autrey Park on the West, and is within an open space area for public use that includes the Autrey Dog Park, Superior Skate Park, Superior Bike Park, Superior Yard Waste Recycling Facility, and the Superior Wastewater Treatment Plant.

2. History

2.1 2011 Rock Creek Channel Improvements

In 2011, Rock Creek was chosen as another pilot project area to explore alternative, natural, and resilient log drop structure options. The design incorporates five natural logs drops using on-site logs and imported logs to aid in determining the resiliency of the different species. Two sculpted concrete log drop structures were constructed to simulate natural log drops but be more durable with a longer life span. If found to be resilient and durable, natural log drops could prove to be fiscally and environmentally beneficial in future stream restoration projects.

The seven drop structures are shown in **Figure 1**, including Drop 1 and Drop 7 constructed with sculpted concrete and Drops 2 through 6 constructed with natural logs.

Figure 1: Drop Structure Locations



The five natural log drop structures consist of cottonwood, pine, and cedar logs. These three log types were selected based on the differences related to local availability, wood density, and anticipated longevity due to biodegradation. As noted in the 2011 Case Study, logs have the following approximate densities:

- Cedar: 20 to 24 pounds per cubic foot (pcf)
- Pine: 25 to 44 pcf
- Cottonwood: 30 pcf
- Ash: 40 pcf
- Oak: 40 to 60 pcf

It is also known that cottonwood trees typically have a soft inner core or hollow trunk, which could lead to a shorter lifespan. However, cottonwood trees are very common in Colorado and could provide a cost effective and natural solution for log drops as opposed to importing logs from the Colorado mountains or from out of state.

Consideration also needs to be given to importing logs due to invasive species such as the pine beetle and emerald ash borer.

The two sculpted concrete log drop structures were constructed by Colorado Hardscapes using cast-in-place concrete with concrete stamps to mimic cottonwood tree bark, and were colored and stained to match the natural tree colors. The furthest upstream drop, Drop 7, also serves as a flow splitting structure, allowing high flows in the creek to be conveyed by the right overbank of the creek parallel to Drop 1 to Drop 6. This was a design feature to allow the preservation of many large trees along the corridor while stabilizing the creek and decreasing the erosive forces in the low flow channel during high flows. **Table 1** summarizes the seven log drops and the diameters represent the average diameter for the section of log to be exposed in the creek, not the buried sections. **Appendix D** includes photos of each drop structure.

Table 1: Log Drop Summary

Log Drop:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Material	Concrete	Cottonwood	Pine	Cedar	Cedar	Cedar	Concrete
Diameter	30″	24″	18″	18″	18″	24″	30″

The natural log drops on Rock Creek were stabilized using concrete anchors to resist buoyancy forces. It was known at the time that steel cable with duck bill anchors or other methods could be used in the future as an alternative approach, but a more robust approach was selected for this pilot project.

After construction was completed in the Winter of 2011, record drawings were developed in January of 2012 to summarize the as-built conditions. The log drop structure related plan, profile, and detailed drawings from the Rock Creek Channel Improvements Project are included in **Appendix E**.

2.2 2012 Log Drop Revisions and 2013 Floods

After construction, the flows in Rock Creek started to flow underneath the logs at some of the natural log drops. The original construction included compacted soil riprap upstream and downstream of the drops. The cause of the flow traveling under some of the logs is not known, but a couple of scenarios are possible. The first is that the natural soil material was piped out of the soil riprap mixture, allowing the creek flows to travel through the voids in the riprap. The second scenario may be that the logs were not placed on adequately compacted soil riprap subgrade. During construction it was found that the contractor placed the buoyancy anchors too low, and rock shimming was used to place the logs on the anchors. Thus, the subgrade below the logs may not have been ideal.

Keeping the logs saturated is a goal of the project to decrease the biodegradation processes that could lead to log deterioration over time. In order to bring the flow back to the surface and over the logs, geotextile fabric was anchored to the upstream face of the log and buried under clay material. The District's newly developed "void-filled riprap" mixture was placed upstream of the logs. The result was the flows returned to the surface and over the tops of the logs.

In September of 2013, major floods along the Colorado Front Range occurred. The floods caused significant damage on many streams in northern Colorado, but the improvements on Rock Creek remained intact and no major damage occurred.

3. 2019 Log Drop Evaluation

A log drop evaluation was conducted to investigate the physical integrity of the logs and the stability of the stream's vertical profile. The site visit was conducted in September of 2019 and the evaluation of survey data was completed in 2020. Photos of the log drops as seen in 2019 are included in **Appendix D**.

Log Integrity

The site visit revealed that each log has held up well with no significant evidence of biodegradation or deterioration. The physical integrity of each log was tested by applying point pressure with a steel rod. At each log, healthy resistance was met with less than approximately 1/8-inch of give. The flows in Rock Creek are traveling over each of the logs. The channel banks adjacent to the drops are well vegetated and no signs of log movement were seen. The exposed log lengths, as measured between the adjoining boulders, were collected due to a lack of as-built data and the dimensions are in-line with the design and can be used for monitoring in the future; see **Table 2**.

Table 2: Exposed Log Length in Creek Channel

Log Drop:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Exposed Log Length	n/a	8′	8′	8′	7′	8′	n/a

The pine and cedar log drops are performing well and the log integrity appears strong. The log drop to monitor more closely is Drop 2, which used a cottonwood log. Due to the irregular shape of the log, during low-flow conditions a portion of the log is exposed to the air and can dry out. This can accelerate the biodegradation activity and could decrease the longevity of the log. As part of this pilot project, it was known that cottonwood logs are more susceptible to biodegradation and the center of the trunk is often hollow. The fact that part of the log will experience wetting and drying cycles will be informative to determine if the longevity of the log is compromised. Jacobs recommends that this drop be monitored more closely to determine if it experiences deterioration faster than the other logs. This information will be especially important since cottonwood trees would be the most likely species to be used by the District on future projects.

Vertical Profile Stability

The vertical profile of the channel was stabilized through the construction of the seven log drop structures. The vertical channel stability was measured as part of this assessment by capturing four vertical survey points at each log drop (upstream of the log, log crest, toe below the log, and downstream of the log) and compared to the asbuilt elevations. The upstream and downstream measurements were located between 15 and 20 feet away from the drops to attempt to avoid local sediment aggradation or degradation immediately adjacent to the drops.

A direct comparison to as-built conditions is not possible because the exact log elevations were not captured in the as-built drawings. However, the logs were installed per the design drawings as best as possible given the nonuniformity of the logs and typical creek construction practices. The changes in channel elevation from construction in 2011 to this assessment in are presented below in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Change in Channel Elevation

Survey Point Location:	Upstream of Drop (inches)	Log Crest (inches)	Log Toe (inches)	Downstream of Drop (inches)
Drop 1	-10.5	3.9	14.4	8.6
Drop 2	3.10	7.3	9.20	5.8
Drop 3	-11.8	5.2	-1.10	3.0
Drop 4	0.20	8.0	3.70	-3.0
Drop 5	3.50	7.6	9.40	3.0
Drop 6	4.00	4.3	7.20	6.3
Drop 7	17.5	4.5	7.10	6.5

The results show that the current channel profile is typically within 3 inches to 12 inches of the as-built profile. The minor differences are assumed to be consistent with natural geomorphic process and movement of sediments during low and high flows. The consistency in the profile after having experienced the flood flows in 2013 is another sign that the log drops and flow splitting structure performed well. It is noted that Drop 7 at the upstream end of the project was constructed with a crest elevation that would intentionally cause sedimentation upstream of the crest. It is also noted that Drop 1 was shifted approximately 5 feet to the northeast during construction. Overall, the logs are performing well, the channel profile has remained intact, and no items of concern are noted.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

The Rock Creek log drop structures have proven to be successful and resilient after nearly a decade, including resiliency to the 2013 floods. The presence of minor scour and sedimentation upstream and downstream of the drop structures is noted but the overall profile of the creek has not significantly changed since the post-construction conditions. The following recommendations and lessons learned based on this pilot project are provided for consideration during future projects using logs:

- All three species of the natural logs are performing well. The cottonwood log showed slight signs of flexing during testing, but this could be due to the hollow core of the trunk at the time of construction or due to the drying and wetting cycles that are occurring on a portion of the log. Future observation is recommended to determine the useful life of each log type, which can then be compared to the sculpted concrete log drops and other types of drops constructed by the District.
- Flow cutoff measures should be included in design and construction to ensure flows are conveyed over the tops of the logs. Cutoff measures could include well graded void-filled rock, clay fill, geotextile fabrics, or other methods. At a minimum, a geotextile cutoff securely fastened to the upstream side of the log and buried below the channel invert and banks is recommended.
- There is a maximum practical log length that is able to be obtained from natural logs, due the changing diameter of the tree trunk. Thus, there is a maximum stream width that can be addressed through the use of only one log to not have to contend with seams between multiple logs. Ensuring that adequate log length is buried into the bank is important to make sure the log is not laterally bypassed by creek flows.
- Log buoyancy must be considered to make sure that logs are not mobilized during high flows. The concrete anchors in this project proved to work well in the 2013 floods and to date. Alternative methods such as steel cable and duck bill anchors could be considered but would need to be sized appropriately for the buoyancy forces and soil conditions.
- The sculpted concrete log drops have functioned well and mimic the natural cottonwood trees very well. However, given the cost of these structures, they would be best used in areas where the public would benefit from the unique and artistic features of the logs. These logs could create excellent nature-play areas.
- The logs on Rock Creek should continue to be monitored to determine the ultimate longevity and durability of the logs.
- The District should consider the use of logs on additional projects and continue to refine design and construction procedures based on lessons learned from each project.





Appendix A. Timbers Creek Photos



GENERAL SITE PHOTOS







Photo G.2



Photo G.3



Photo G.4



Photo G.5



Photo G.6



LOG DROP 1

No Photos. Log Drop 1 has been completely covered by sediment and wetland vegetation.



Photo 2.1

Photo 2.2



Photo 2.3

Photo 2.4









Photo 3.2



Photo 3.3



Photo 3.4









Photo 4.2



Photo 4.3



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Photo 5.3



Photo 5.4



Photo 5.5





Photo 6.1



Photo 6.2



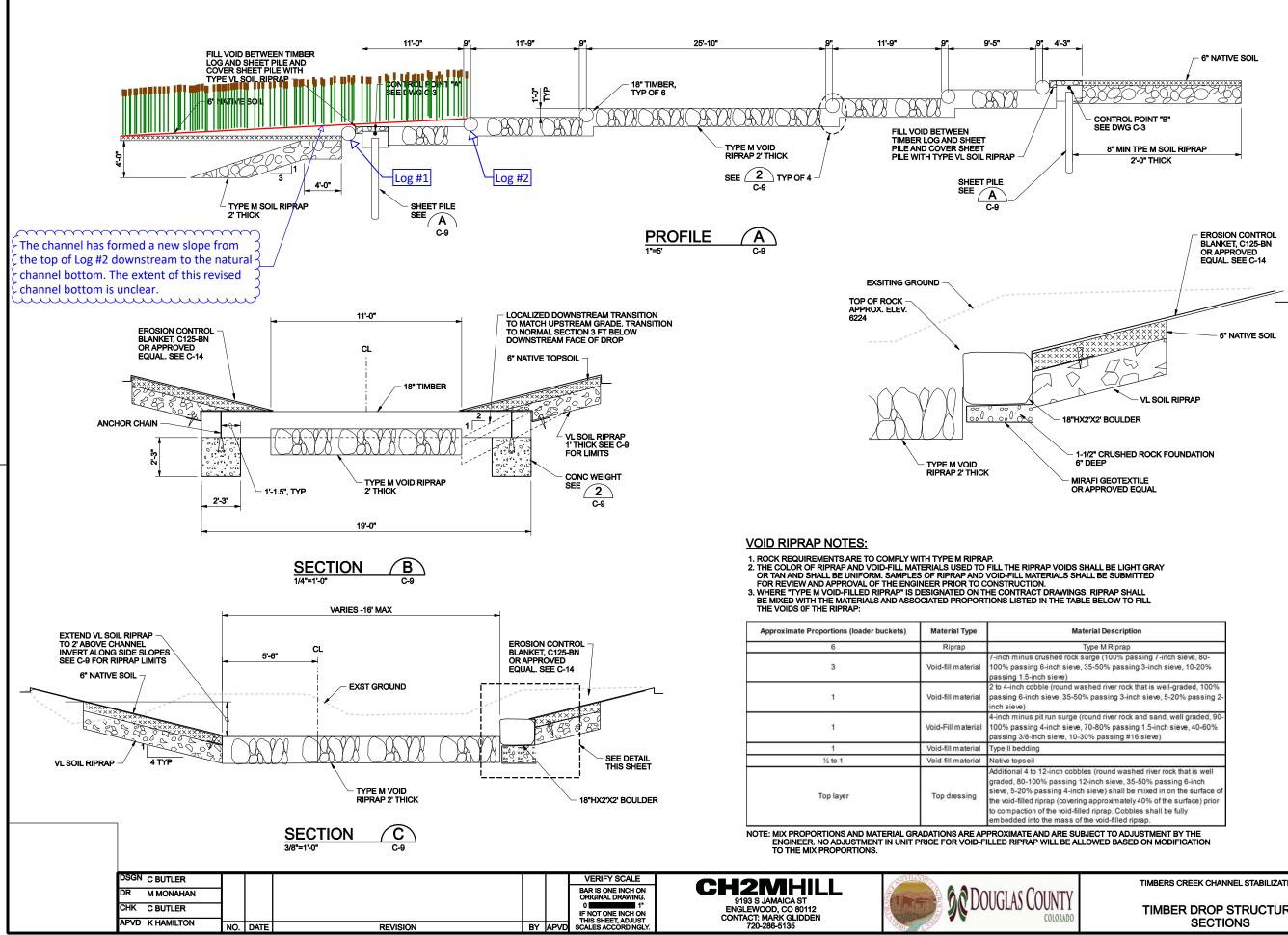
Photo 6.3



Photo 6.4



Appendix B. Timbers Creek Channel Bottom Exhibit



Description	
1 Riprap	
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% passing 3-inch sieve, 10-20%	
iver rock that is well-graded, 100	%
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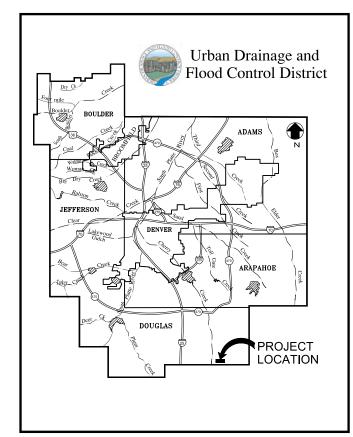




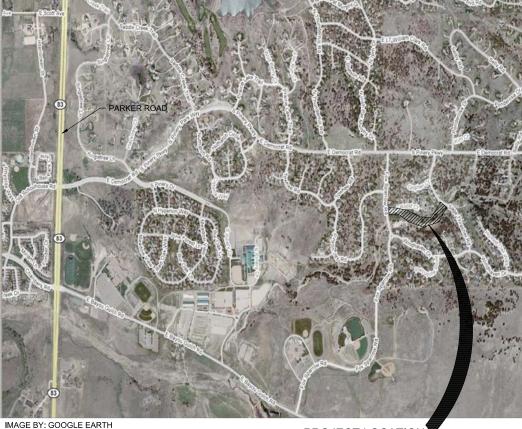
Appendix C. Timbers Creek As-Builts (2014)

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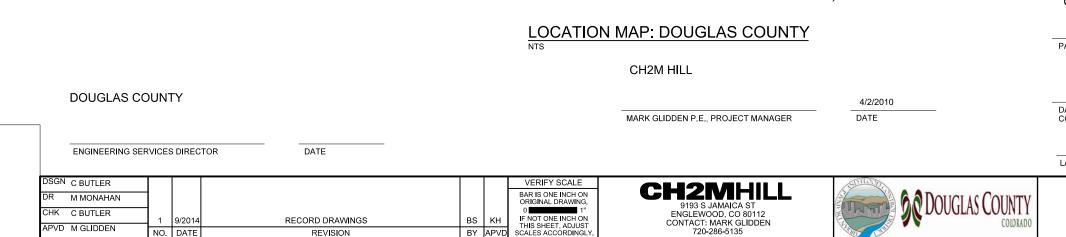
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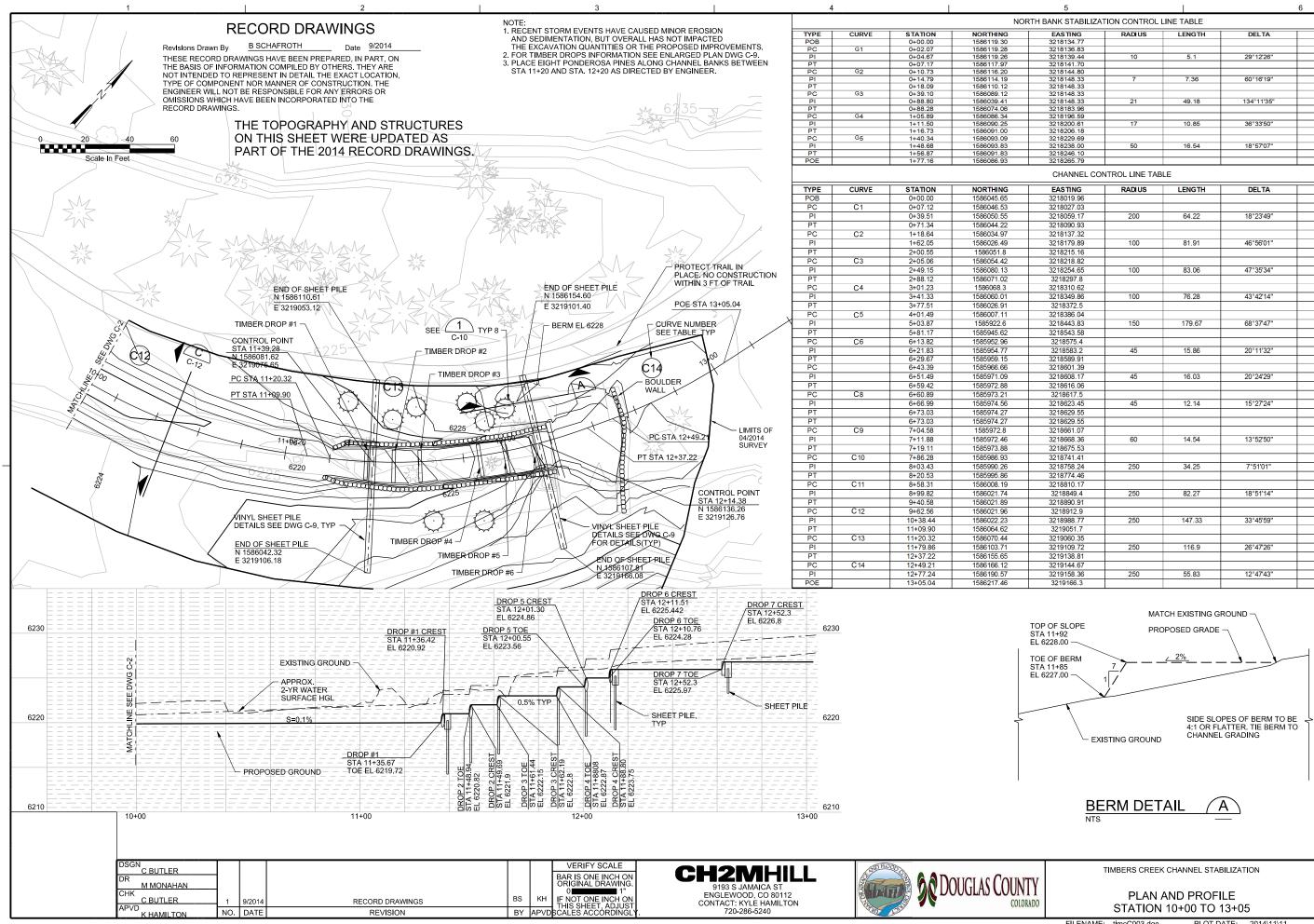
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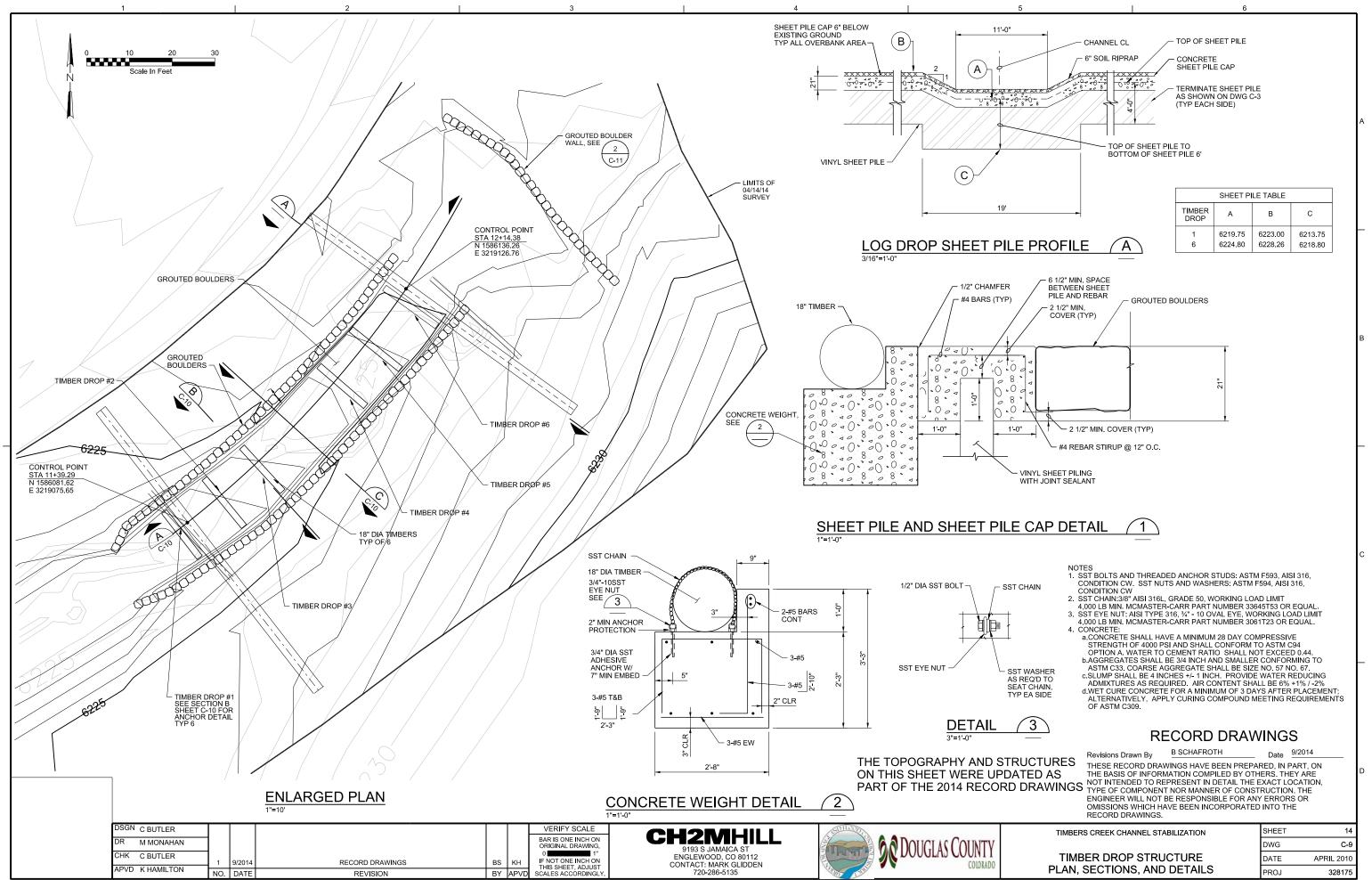
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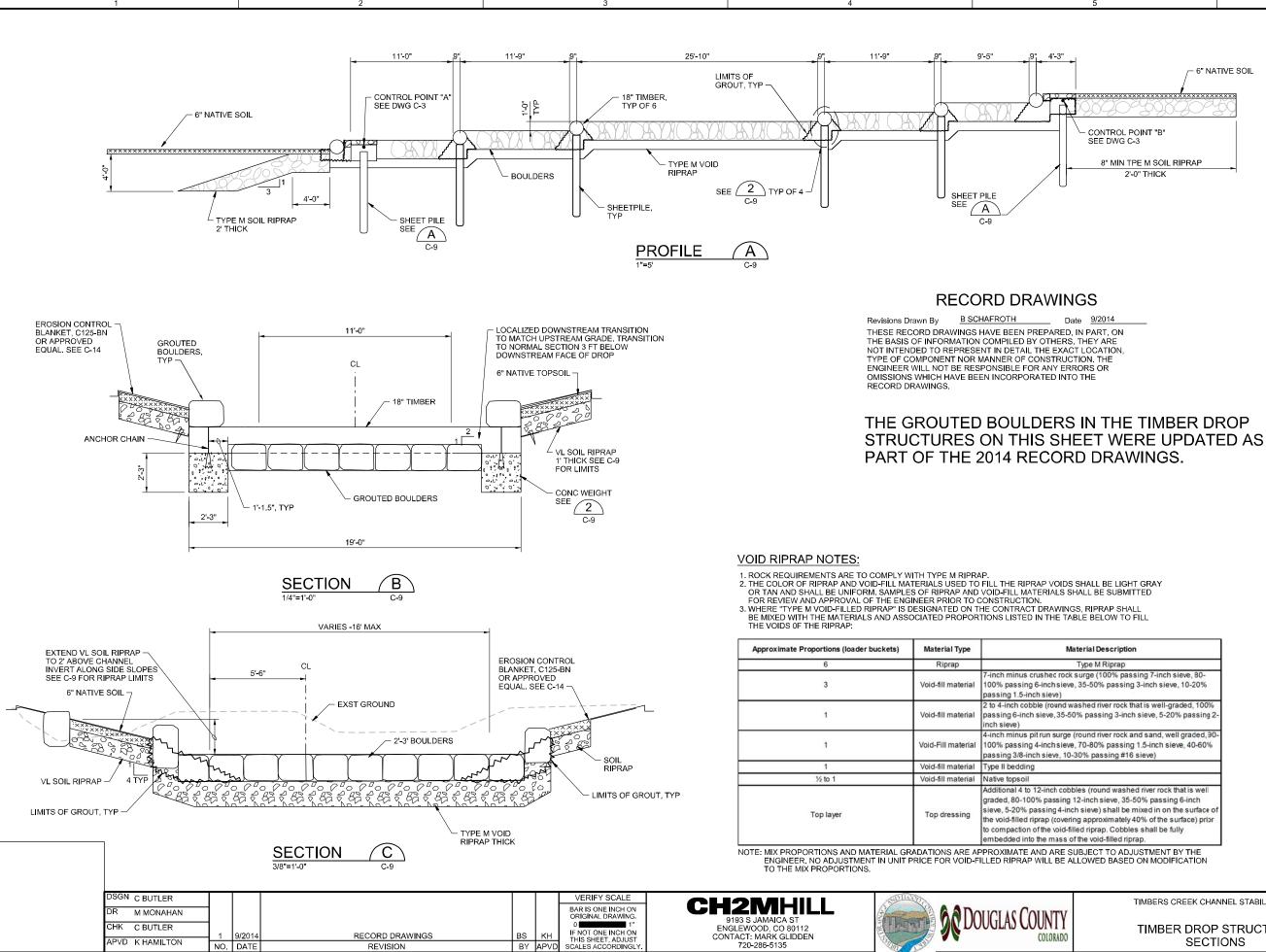
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/ Riprap
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Appendix D. Rock Creek Photos



LOG DROP 1 – SCULPTED CONCRETE LOG DROP





LOG DROP 2 – NATURAL LOG DROP (Cottonwood)





LOG DROP 3 – NATURAL LOG DROP (Pine)





LOG DROP 4 – NATURAL LOG DROP (Cedar)





LOG DROP 5 – NATURAL LOG DROP (Cedar)





LOG DROP 6 – NATURAL LOG DROP (Cedar)







LOG DROP 7 – SCULPTED CONCRETE LOG DROP / FLOW SPLITTER (including artistic stump)

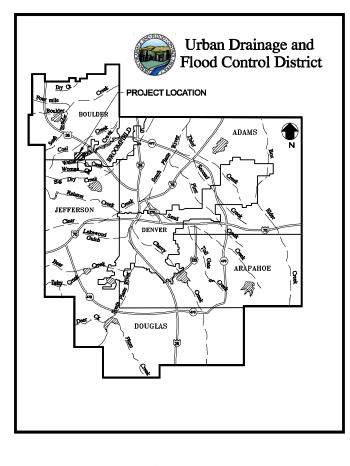




Appendix E. Rock Creek As-Builts (2012)

URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT **CONTRACT DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROCK CREEK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN** WEST FLATIRON CIRCLE AND SOUTH ROCK CREEK PARKWAY

JUNE 2011







LOCATION MAP: BOULDER COUNTY NTS SOURCE: GOOGLE EARTH

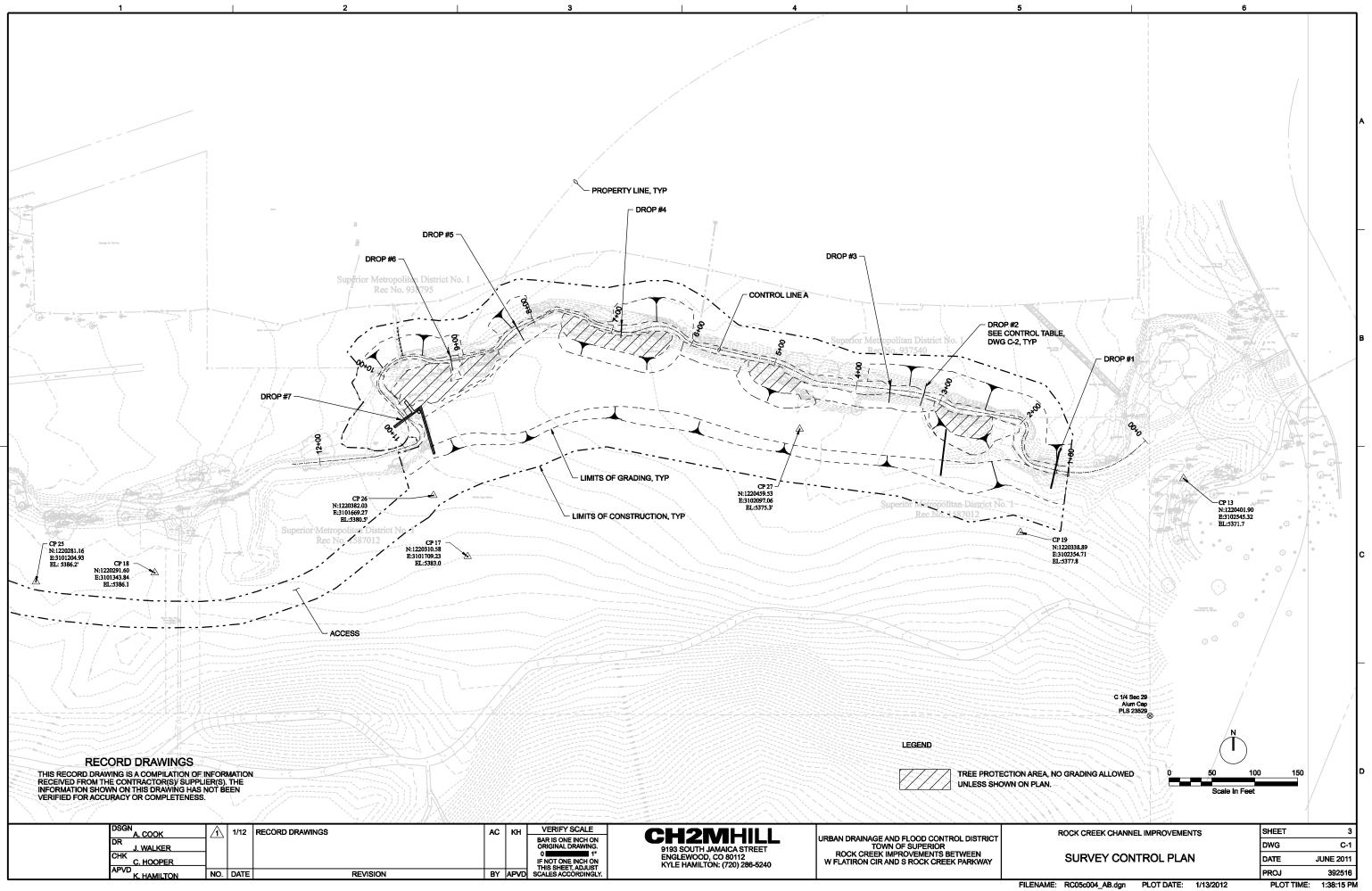
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URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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OWN OF SUPERIOR				
RECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ND UTILITIES, KURT KOWAR	DATE			
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ENIOR PROJECT MANAGER, KYLE HAMILTON	DATE			
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SURVEY CONTROL

- 1. SURVEY CONDUCTED BY GEOSURV INC. 2010.
- 2. PROJECT IS MODIFIED COLORADO STATE PLANE NORTH ZONE, SCALED FROM 0,0, NAD 83.
- 3. SCALE FACTOR = 0.999713798934
- 4. PROJECT BENCHMARK IS NGS KK1556 (Q 413) NAVD 88 = 5296.02
- 5. GENERAL GRADING TOLERANCE SHALL BE 0.2'. GRADING TOLERANCE FOR THE BOTTOM OF THE WETLAND AREA SHALL BE 0.1'.
- CONTROL LINE A CORRESPONDS TO THE CHANNEL INVERT AND PROFILES ON DWGS C-4 AND C-5. CONTROL LINE A DOES NOT REPRESENT THE CENTER OF THE CHANNEL BOTTOM, WHICH VARIES PER THE PLANS.
- 8. CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLETE AND VERIFY GRADING ELEVATIONS PRIOR TO MOBILIZATION BY THE RESTORATION CONTRACTOR.
- 9. CONSTRUCTION FENCE SHALL BE PLACED AROUND THE TREE PROTECTION AREAS AT THE TOP OF THE SLOPE.

DROP DETAILS

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DROP NO.	(MATERIAL	Ϊ	LOG DIAMETER	DROP HEIGHT	NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH (DIMENSION A)	SOUTH (DIMENSION B)	LOG LENGTH (DIMENSION C)
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3 /	7	PINE	7	18	0.99	4	6	8	12	28
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NOTE: SEE DWG C-8. \sim

DROP CONTROL TABLE

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3	1220517.93	3102203.96	1220490.09	3102201.03				
4	1220587.64	3101889.52	1220566.05	3101888.08				
5	1220587.47	3101761.75	1220562.85	3101775.09				
6	1220555.45	3101686.37	1220528.04	3101691.94				
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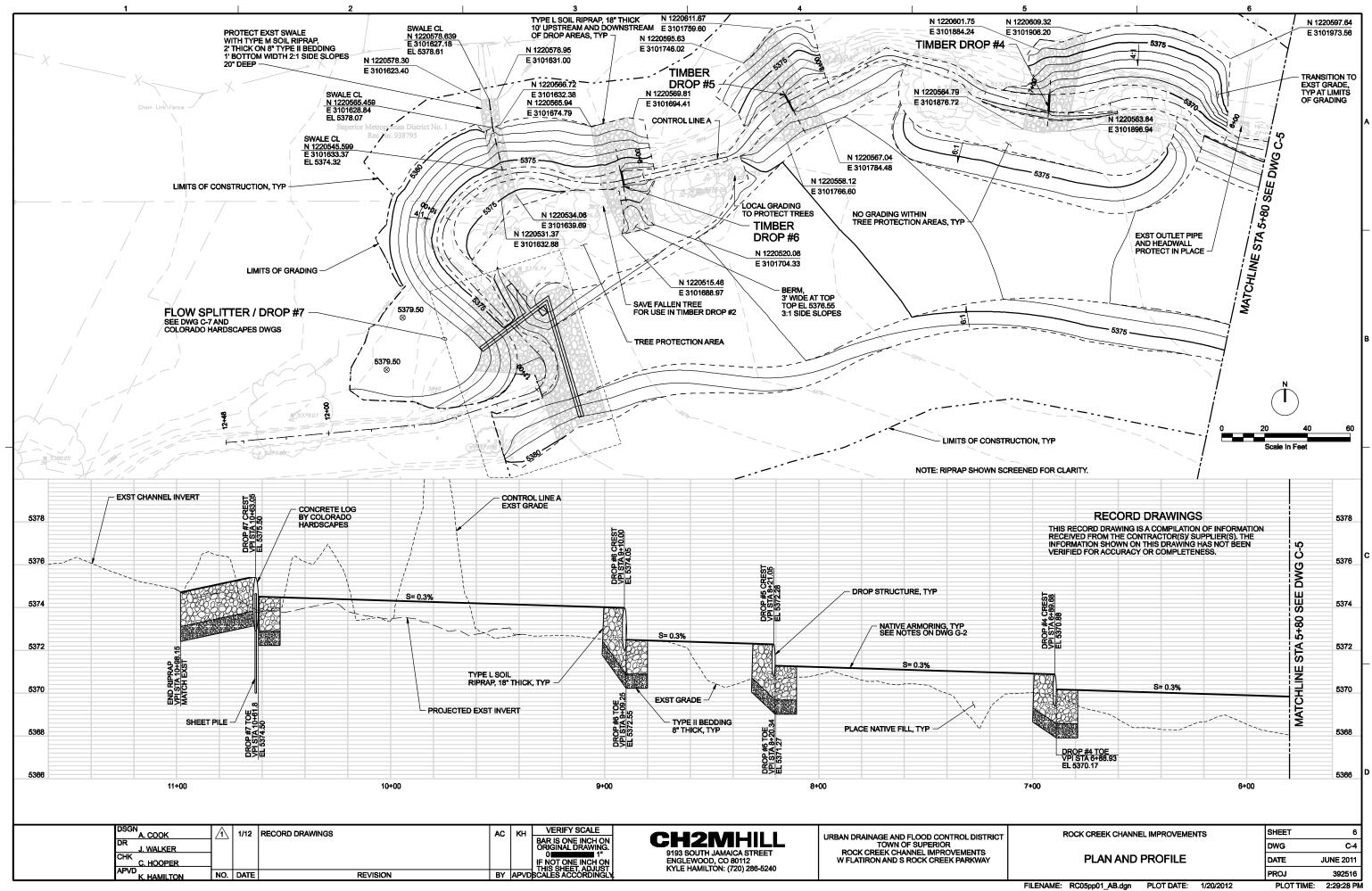
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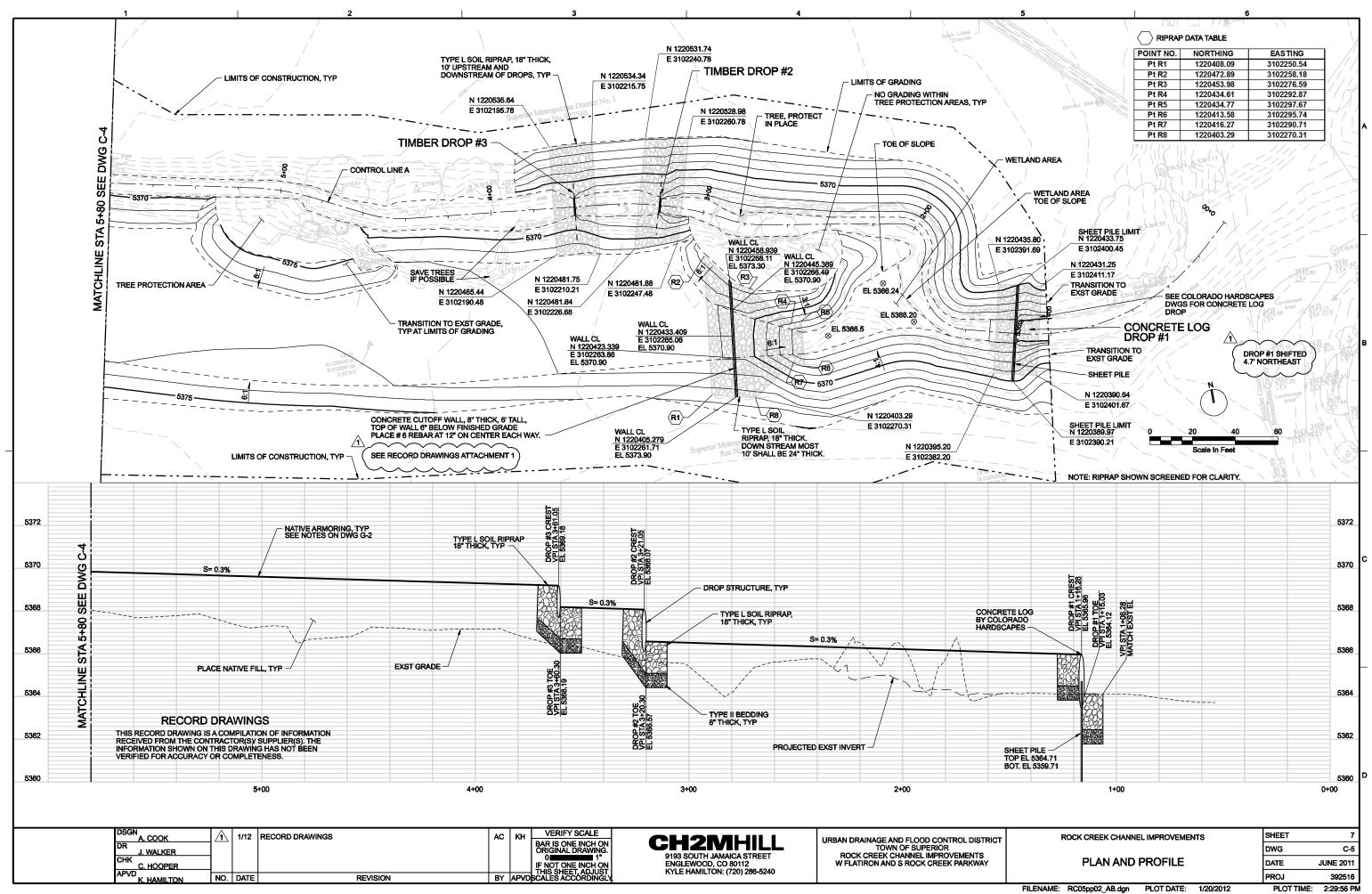
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12	1219292.79	3100509.98	5413.1	2" ALUM CAP
13	1220401.90	3102545.32	5371.7	SPIKE
14	1219348.21	3100376.24	5410.3	SPIKE
15	1219871.75	3101984.85	5439.9	2" ALUM CAP
17	1220310.58	3101709.23	5383.0	SPIKE
18	1220291.60	3101343.84	5386.1	SPIKE
19	1220338.89	3102354.71	5377.8	SPIKE
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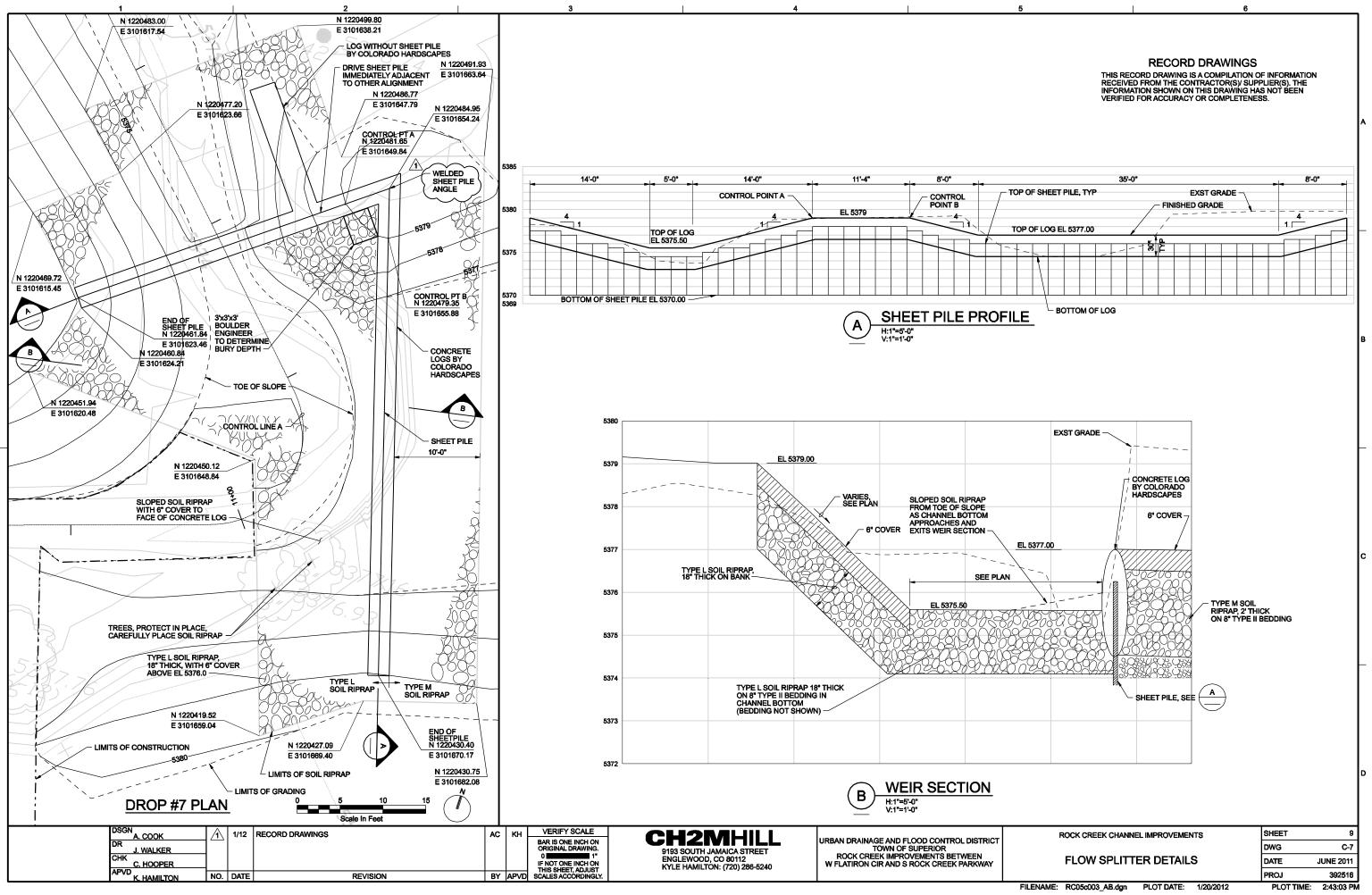
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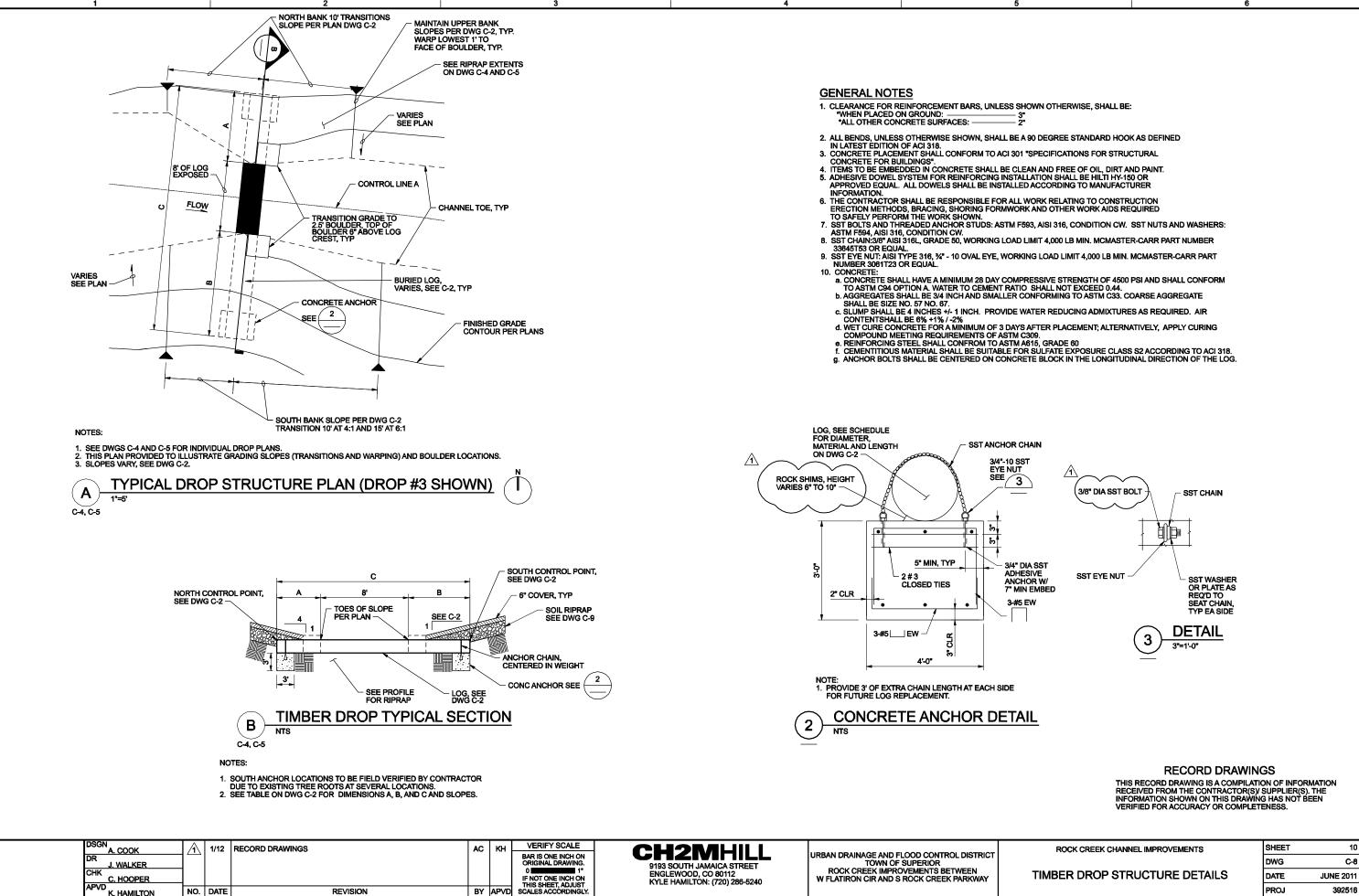
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Appendix F. Timbers Creek Case Study – Log Drop Structures (2011)

Case Study - Log Drop Structures

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Introduction

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) and CH2M HILL recently implemented a stream stabilization project using log (wood) grade control structures (log drops). The project is located on Timbers Creek in Douglas County, Colorado. This case study documents the basis for the concept, a summary of the design elements, a construction summary, and recommendations for future log drop installations.



Basis for Concept

Photo 1: Natural Log Drop, Frying Pan River, CO

UDFCD has been constructing grade control structures for stream stabilization purposes for many years. In decades past, concrete was often used. More recently, grade control structures have used grouted boulders, sculpted concrete, and fiberglass reinforced panels.

In nature, logs are used to create beaver dams, and fallen trees inadvertently serve several

purposes from drop structures in streams to small sediment traps on hill slopes. Manmade structures made from wood timbers have historically been used for various types of projects in and around water, including for fish habitat structures, flow redirection, grade control for fisheries purposes (spawning habitat), bridges and piers, docks, etc.

The concept for the timber drop structure was to build on these natural concepts and mimic a tree that has fallen across a stream, thereby becoming a grade control feature.

Design Elements

Timbers Creek is a sandy ephemeral stream. The channel was eroding both laterally and vertically, and stabilization was needed. Design elements typical of all UDFCD projects

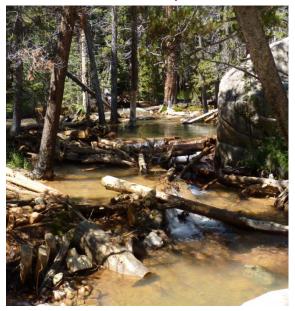


Photo 2: Natural Log Jam, S. Platte Tributary, CO

were determined, including flow rate, longitudinal slope, typical channel geometry, and erosion control methods. The difference between the existing longitudinal slope and the design slope resulted in the need for drop structures. During the planning stages of the Timbers Creek project, it was decided to use logs for some of the grade control elements of the project. Since this project would be the first of its kind, log drops were used for six feet of vertical grade control and sculpted concrete drops were used for the remainder of the grade control. Initially, a project goal was to have all drop structures be approximately 3 feet in height. This was applied to both the sculpted concrete drops and timber drops.

Drop Geometry

The initial geometry concepts were developed under the project assumption that drops would be approximately three feet in height. **Table 1** provides a summary of geometry options that were considered.

TABLE 1
Geometry Options

Option	Concept	Pros / Cons
1	Stack Logs Vertically	This geometry does not mimic nature very closely. Not desired due to safety concerns and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers desire to have sloped drop structures.
2	Overlapping Logs at a Set Angle	Allows flexibility with the invert slope along the drop, but creates some bank transition difficulties. There was a concern that a sloped bank interfacing with a series of sloped logs could create a weak interface. Boulders could be placed at the toe of the slope, but sliding of the boulders on the logs was also a concern.
3	Single Log Structure	Mimics nature well. Avoids sloped log geometry concerns, but increases the number of drops required.

The buoyancy resistance method, discussed previously, has an impact on the geometric options. By selecting the concrete anchor buoyancy resistance method, several geometry constraints were avoided. For example, if using boulders as buoyancy resistance, the number and size of boulders for each log would need to meet the requirements of the buoyancy calculations. It can become difficult to fit the number of needed boulders into the channel and bank geometry on top of the corresponding log. Having the ability to set the dimensions of the concrete anchor, such that the log and channel geometry did not need to change, was advantageous.

Several alternatives were investigated for Option 2, including using very flat slopes, and using boulders or additional logs for transition areas. After consideration of these options, Option 3 – Single Log Structure was selected for design. Thus the two three-feet high structures became six one-foot high structures.

Log Selection

Different types of wood vary in strength, hardness, stiffness, density, and resistance to decay. Although local trees, such as pine trees and cottonwood trees, may be readily available, cedar logs were selected for this project due to their decay resistance properties. Cedar is commonly used for outdoor purposes, such as for roof shingles, fence posts, and dock planks. The cedar logs were imported to the site. Cottonwoods trees are very fibrous and are known to rot more quickly than cedar or pine, and were not selected for this project. Decay resistance and longevity were determined to be the most improtant factors for log type selection, resulting in the selection of cedar logs instead of pine logs.

Logs can be obtained in a milled form with the bark removed, or in their native form with the bark intact. The bark provides some natural and aesthtic values. A milled log allows the log to meet tighter dimensional criteria. The logs used on this project had the bark intact.

The diameter of the logs were determined by the required drop heights and embedment into the channel invert. The length of logs was based on the creek width and embedment into the creek bank.

The density of the log impacts the buoynacy of the log. A denser wood would allow the buoyancy resistance system to be smaller. The following list shows the varying densities of wood:

- Cedar: 20 to 24 pounds per cubic foot (pcf)
- Pine: 25 to 44 pcf
- Cottonwood: 30 pcf
- Ash: 40 pcf
- Oak: 40 to 60 pcf

Buoyancy Resistance

A design factor associated with timber drops is the buoyancy of the timbers. Since these structures will be partially or fully submerged, the buoyancy effect needs to be countered. It is realized that beaver dams, natural logs jammed in rivers, and other similar occurrences do not have buoyancy resistant elements. However, the interlocking of beaver dam branches, the tree root ball that is still attached to a creek bank, and similar conditions provide some level of buoyancy resistance and stability to the natural structures. For this project, a conservative approach was taken that uses engineering principles and calculations to determine the density of the wood and buoyancy force acting upward on the logs.

The buoyancy resistance options that were considered, including pros and cons, are listed in **Table 2**. For all options, it was desired to have a simple way to remove the log from the buoyancy resistance system and replace it, if needed.

TABLE 2Buoyancy Resistance Options

Option	Buoyancy Resistance Method	Pros / Cons
1	Place Soil on Ends of Logs	Given a reasonable embedment length (the log into the channel bank), the weight of soil alone does not provide adequate buoyancy resistance.
2	Place a Boulder on Top of the Ends of the Logs	A project goal was to not use boulders, and attaching the boulder(s) to the log would be difficult. Also, the buoyancy resistance needed for each log can result in the need for more than one boulder, which can be geometrically difficult to place over the end of each log and secure.
3	Wrap Cable Around Log, Attach Cable Ends to Soil Anchors	This system is feasible; however, Timbers Creek is in very sandy, non-cohesive soil. To be conservative and due to soil conditions, the use of soil anchors was avoided.
4	Buried Concrete Anchors	By using concrete, the needed dimensions and corresponding buoyancy resistance could be provided. Standard concrete embeds allow flexibility for connecting the log to the concrete anchor. Depending on the final structure geometry, the concrete anchor could be a continuous block under several logs (similar to a footing) with embeds spaced as needed.

After considering the buoyancy options, Option 4 - Buried Concrete Anchors was selected for design. This approach provided conservatism and flexibility.

Buoyancy Resistance Calculations

After the type and size of logs and the associated anchoring system were determined, buoyancy resistance calculations were performed to address the buoyancy forces acting on those components. The buoyancy calculations addressed the following assumptions and factors:

- Density of water, and the assumption that the logs and concrete anchor are fully submerged by the design depth at the log.
- Density, dimensions, and depth of soil on each end of the log.
- Density, dimensions, and buoyancy force acting on the log.
- Density, dimensions, and buoyancy resistance force provided by the concrete anchor.
- Forces acting on each anchor bolt, chain, and other hardware.
- Application of appropriate factors of safety.

The results of the calculations are the dimension of the concrete anchor and dimensions of the anchoring hardware. All metal used was stainless steel.

Attaching the Log to the Anchor

The options for attaching the log to the concrete anchor included the following:

- Use an all-thread bolt placed through the log and secured with a washer and nut.
- Wrap steel cable around the log and secure it to the concrete anchor with an eye-bolt (or equivalent) and cable locks.
- Wrap steel chain around the log and secure it to the concrete anchor with removable chain links or bolts, washers, and nuts.

After considering these options, Option 3 – Steel Chain was selected. However, the other two options remain feasible.

Other Design Considerations

Sheet Pile

Similar to other drop structures, sheet pile can be incorporated into the drop structure in order to provide additional groundwater and head cut control (for both the invert and overbanks, as needed). It was decided that the upstream and downstream log drops would incorporate sheet pile, and the middle drops would not. The sheet pile and concrete sheet pile cap were integrated into the concrete anchors.

Erosion Control at the Log Drops

Standard UDFCD buried soil riprap was used upstream, downstream, and on the sides of the drop structure. Cobbles were added to the soil riprap mix in order to provide a more natural cobble appearance. The voids of the riprap need to be chinked well in order to minimize piping potential below the log. The soil on the banks was seeded with a native seed mix and the surface was covered with erosion control blanket. Due to the dry, sandy nature of the channel, it was anticipated that revegetation of the channel would be difficult and may take several growing seasons.

Construction Summary

The following sections summarize the construction materials used, the installation procedures, and contractor feedback.

Materials and Equipment

The following materials and equipment were used for the installation of the log drops.

- Logs: Cedar (with bark), provided by united Wood Products, Longmont, Colorado.
- Chain: Stainless steel.
- Anchors: Stainless steel eye bolts, bolts, washers, and nuts.
- Concrete: 4,000 psi structural concrete.
- Major Equipment: Excavator, chain saw (for cutting timbers), and metal saw (for cutting chain).

Construction Sequencing

The following photos illustrate the construction elements and sequencing.



Photo 3: Place Sheet Pile and Form Cap



Photo 4: Place Concrete Cap



Photo 5: Form and Pour Concrete Anchor



Photo 6: Place Embeds in Wet Concrete



Photo 7: Notch Log for Level Crest



Photo 8: Place Log on Concrete Anchors



Photo 9: Cut Anchor Chain to Length



Photo 10: Prepare Anchoring Hardware



Photo 11: Attach Chain to Eye Bolt



Photo 12: Finished Log on Anchor with Chain



Photo 13: Install Next Log



Photo 14: Finish Grading and Place Riprap



Photo 15: Install Seed and Erosion Control



Photo 16: Completed Project

Construction Costs

The following costs, per log drop, were provided by the contractor:

Excavation/Set-up:	\$668
Concrete Anchor:	\$744
Anchor Chains:	\$350
Timber Log:	\$175 <u>5</u>
Total:	\$3,517

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

The contractor stated that construction of the log drops went well and no field modifications were made to the design. However, some lessons were learned throughout the project, as described below. Recommendations based on those lessons learned are identified for consideration during the next log drop project.

Log Diameter

The logs delivered to the site were larger than the design diameter and required cutting with a chain saw in order to provide the appropriate crest height.

Recommendation: Provide both a minimum and maximum allowable log diameter.

The large log diameters resulted in some of the logs being wider than the concrete anchor.

Recommendation: Adjust the anchor bolt locations to allow greater anchoring flexibility. However, if the logs delivered to the site are within the specified diameter, the existing anchor bolt locations are sufficient.

Concrete Anchor Geometry

When sheet pile doesn't need to be interconnected with the concrete anchor, the concrete anchor geometry can be simplified.

Recommendation: When no sheet pile is used, modify the concrete anchor to be a simple block shape.

Chain Tightening

The anchor chain is cut to length, but the exact chain length is limited by the size of the last chain link.

Recommendation: In order increase the tightness of the chain, consider adding a turnbuckle between the eye bolt and the chain. However, the chains used on this project were able to be connected tightly without a turnbuckle. Also, a small notch can be cut into the log to result in a very tight chain.

Project Location

It is recommended that the next installation be in a location that will allow comparison of the log structures in differing conditions, such as a site with a base flow and rockier soil. This will allow the logs to be tested in a continuously saturated environment with larger bed load and abrasive forces acting on the logs.

Log Type

It is recommended that the next installation include the use of a local cottonwood tree and / or pine tree in order to compare the longevity of readily available local logs with imported cedar logs.

Minimize the Use of Concrete Trucks

It is recommended that soil anchors be considered in lieu of the concrete anchors, if the soil conditions allow. The use of soil anchors would eliminate the need to bring concrete trucks on site, minimizing the impact to the project site. The effort required to install the soil anchors, including required equipment, would need to be considered.

Another recommendation is to use the concrete anchor blocks, but have the contractor form, pour, and place embeds off site. The anchors could then be brought to the site by the contractor, eliminating the need to have concrete trucks on site. It is anticipated that an excavator or other piece of equipment would be on site that could move the concrete blocks.

Limitations

This case study is for use by UDFCD only and should not be used as a design guide. Log drops are not an approved drop structure type at this time.

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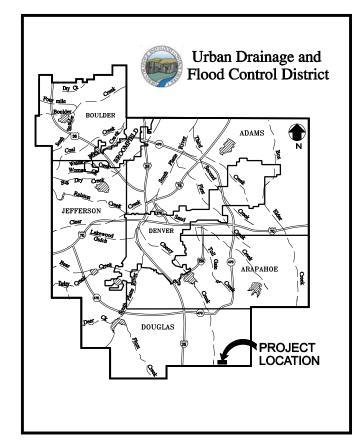
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• Attachment A: Relevant Construction Drawings

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TIMBERS CREEK CHANNEL STABILIZATION PROJECT



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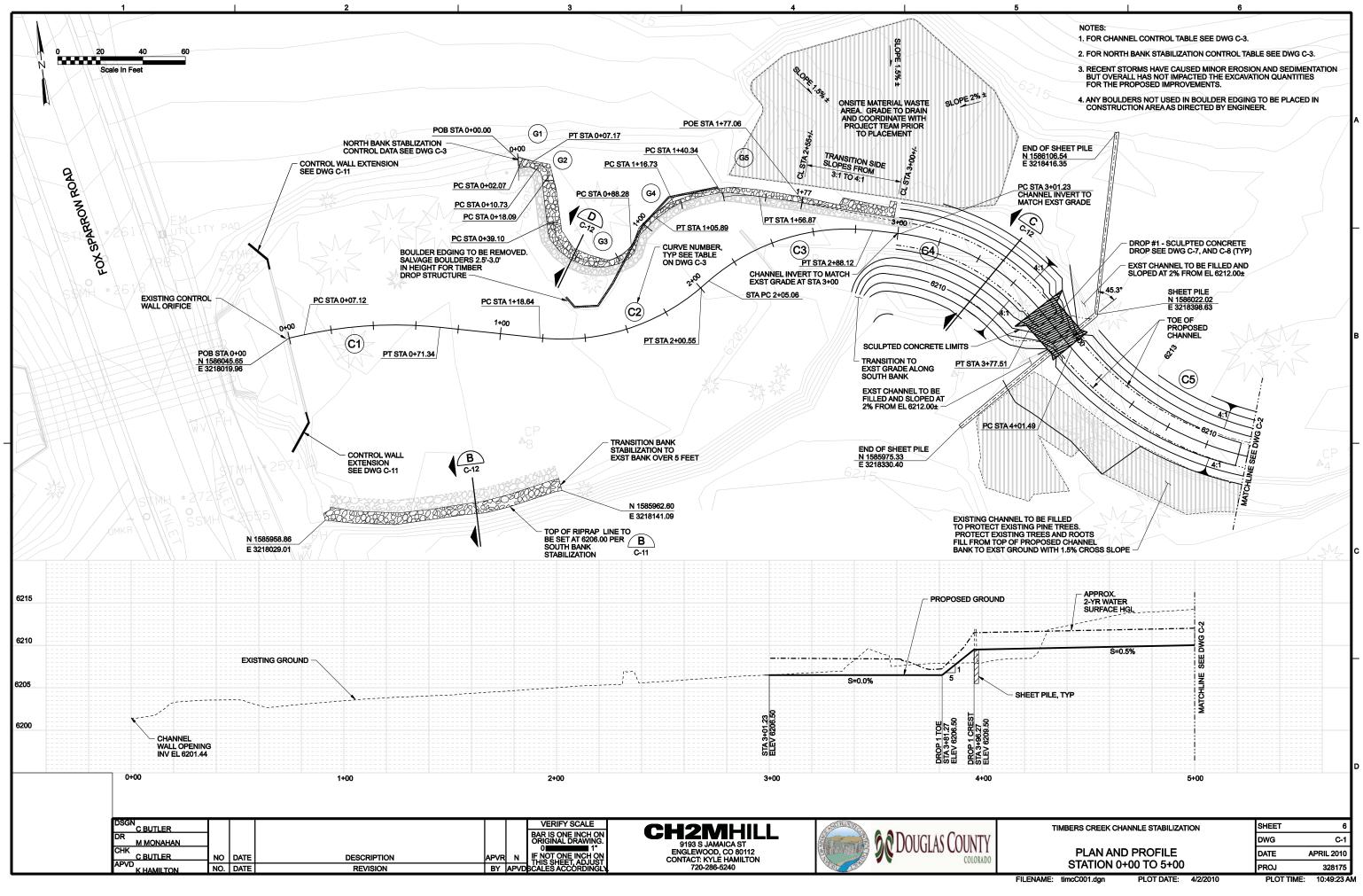
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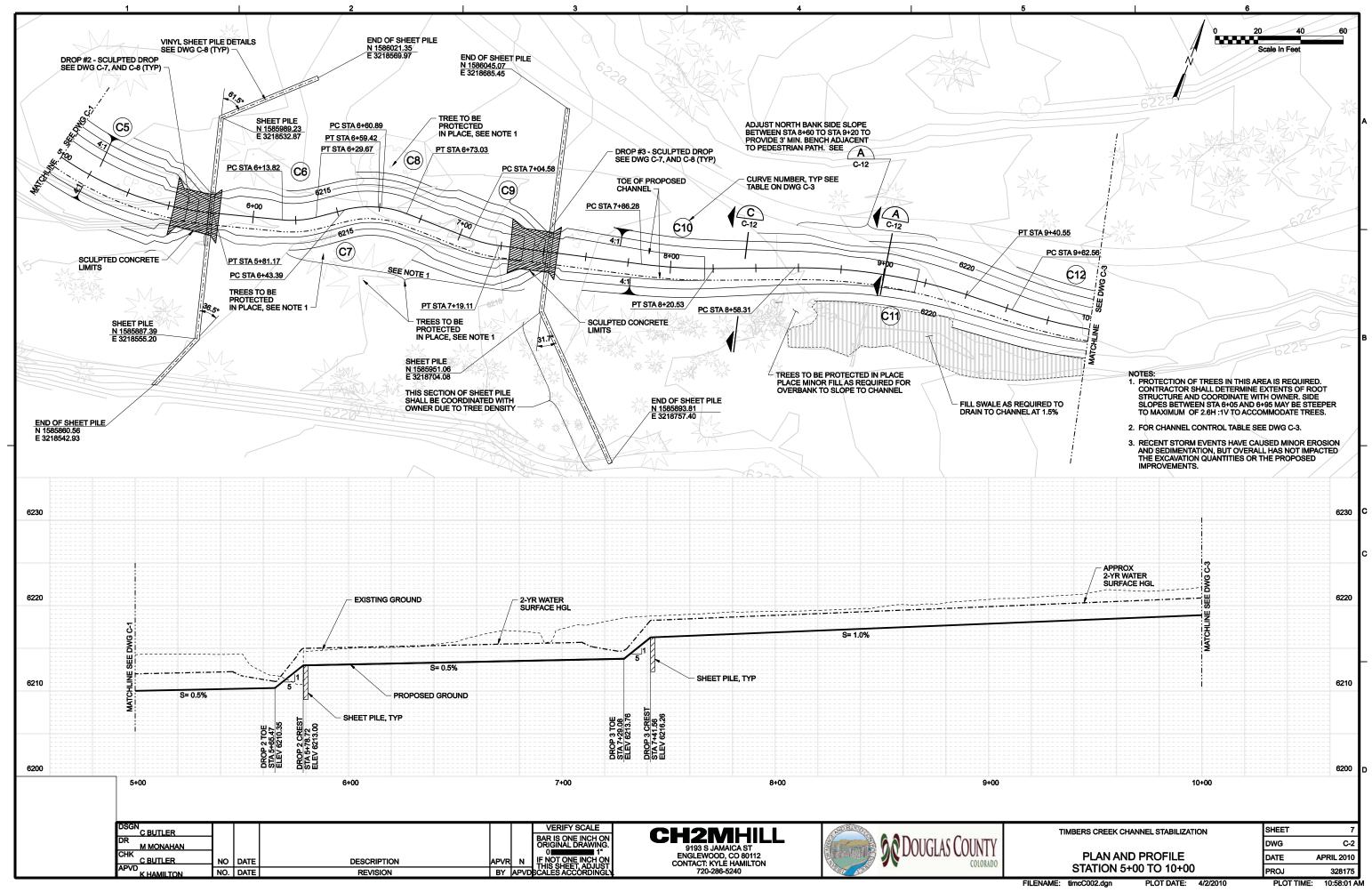
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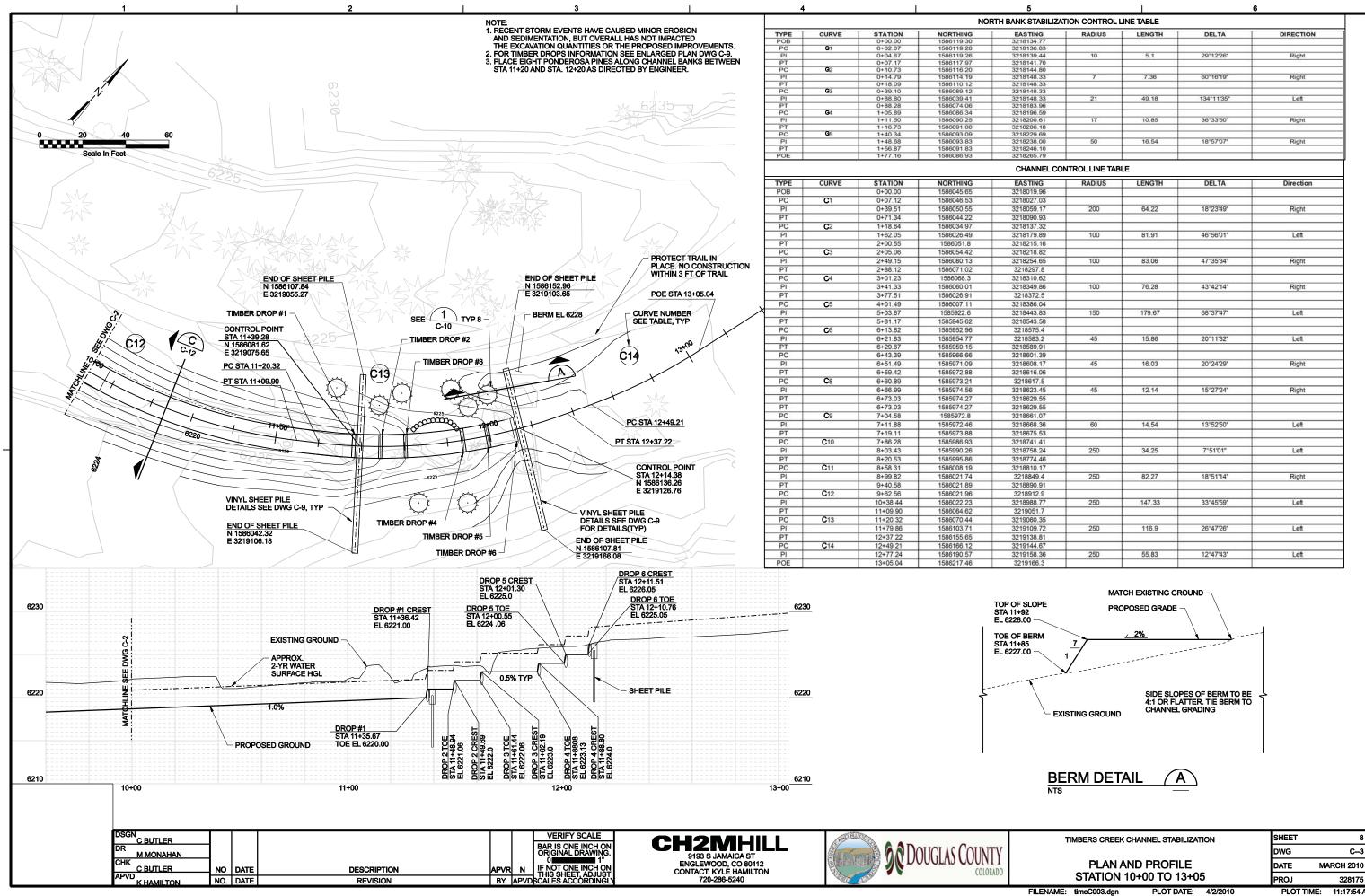
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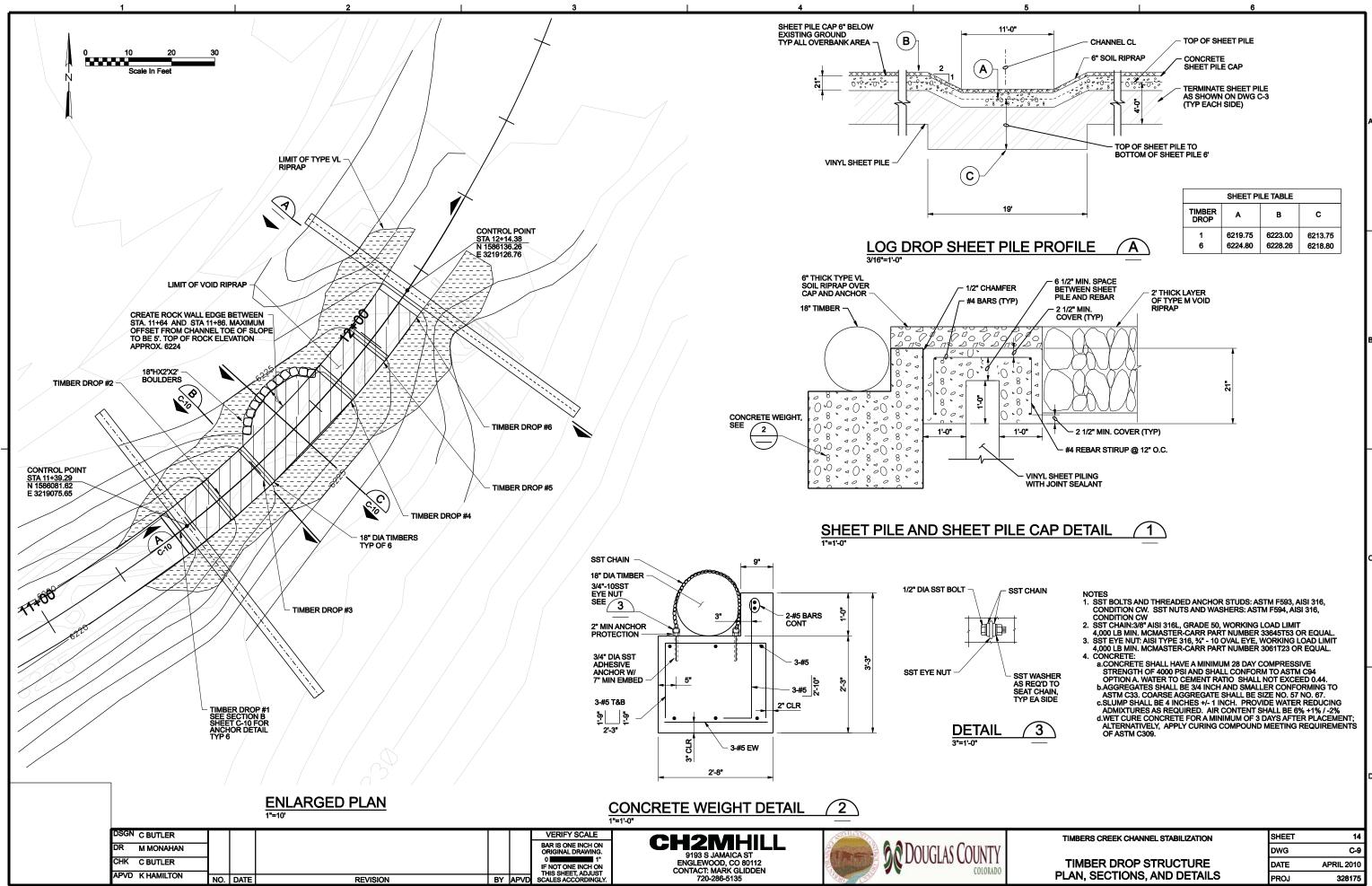






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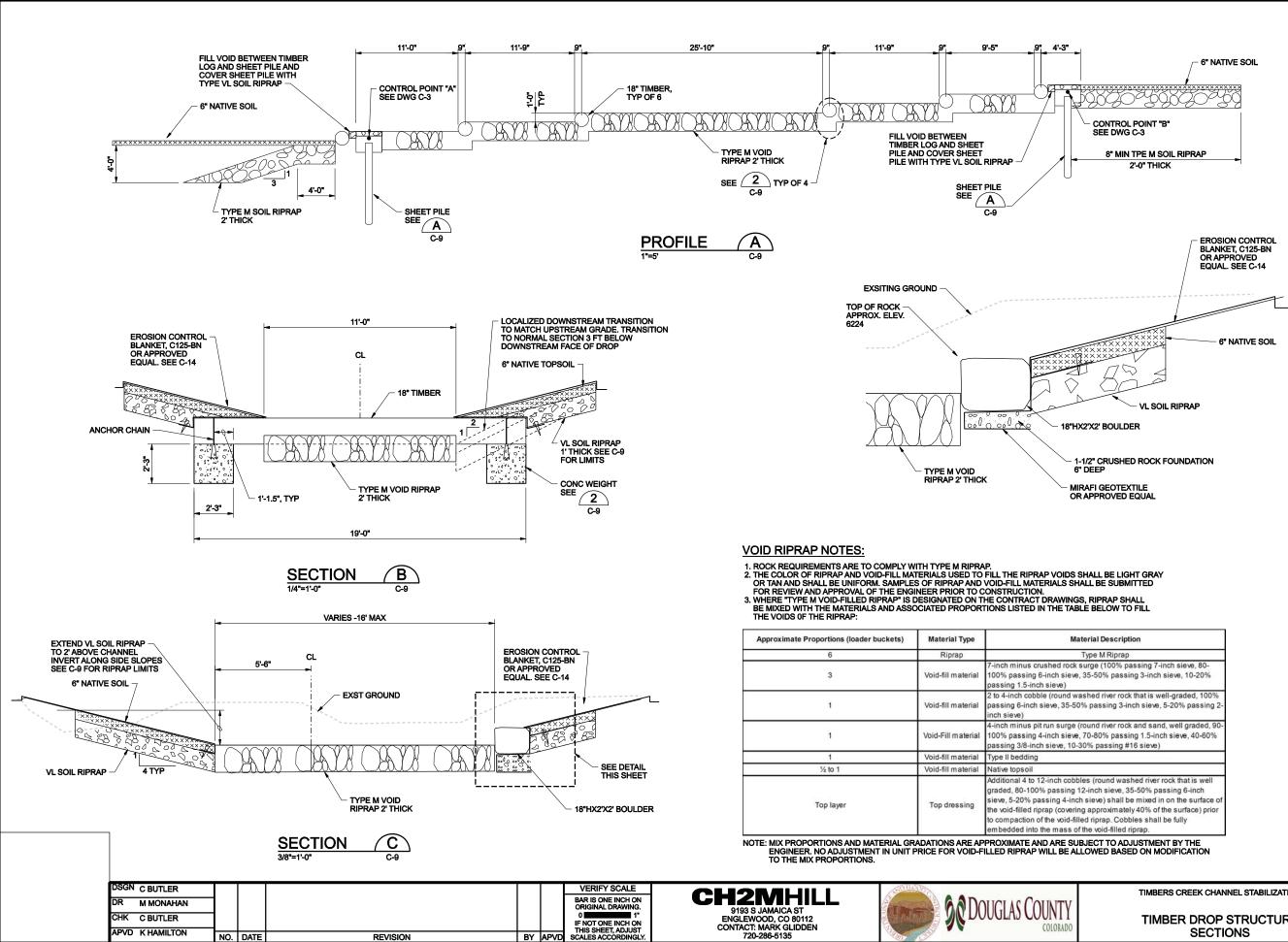
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