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the dredging equation, solved.

What the Muck!?

Removing the Mystery from the Muck

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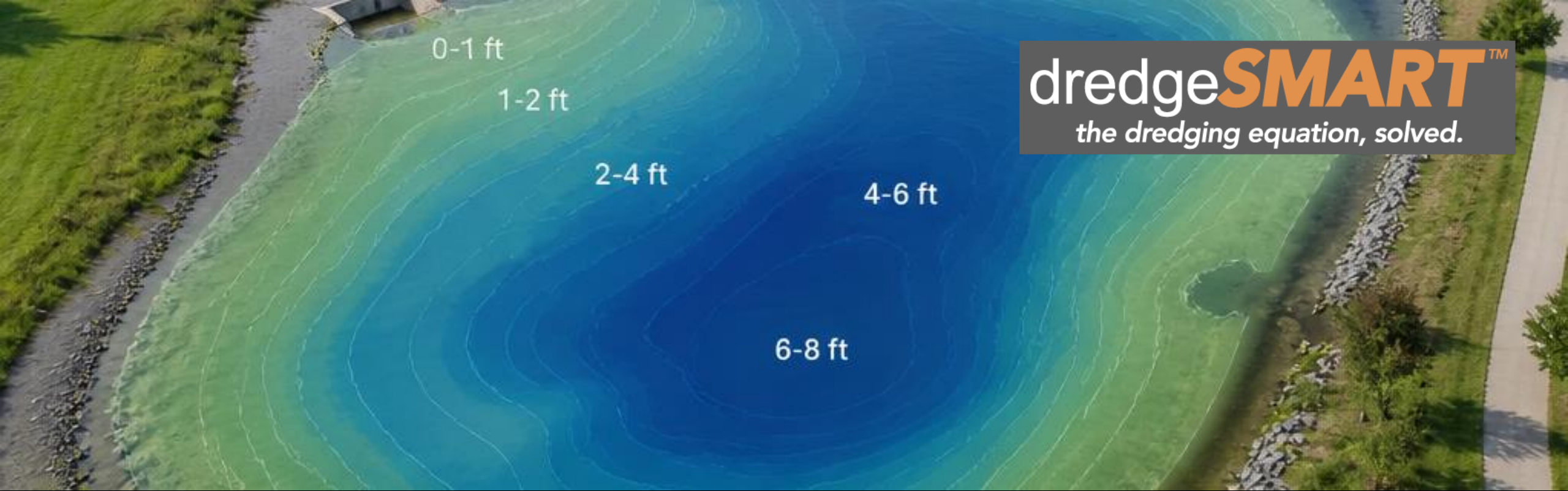


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Pond**Cure**





The Hidden Liability Beneath The Surface

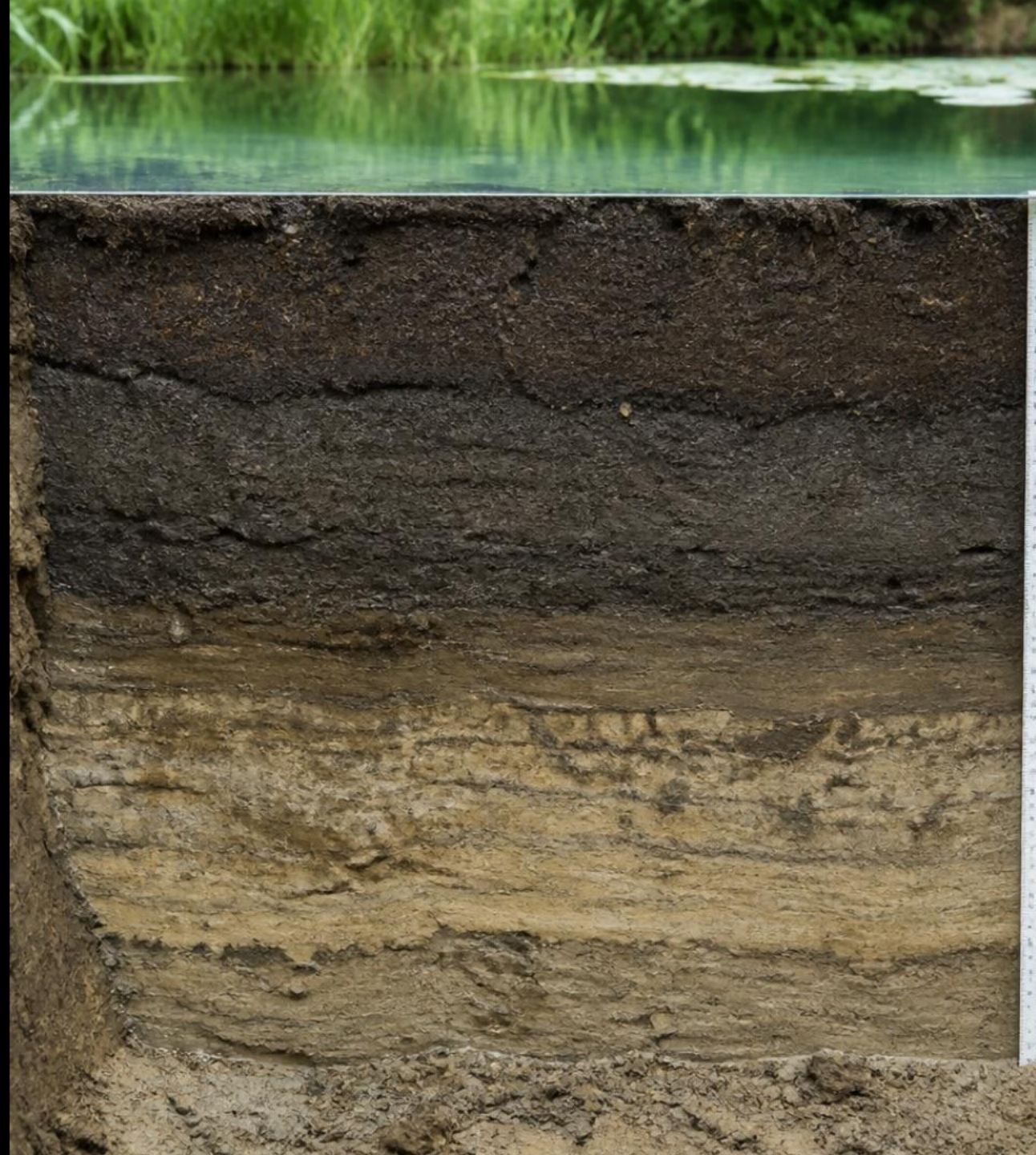
Why Every HOA Will Eventually Dredge — and Why Most Are Financially Unprepared



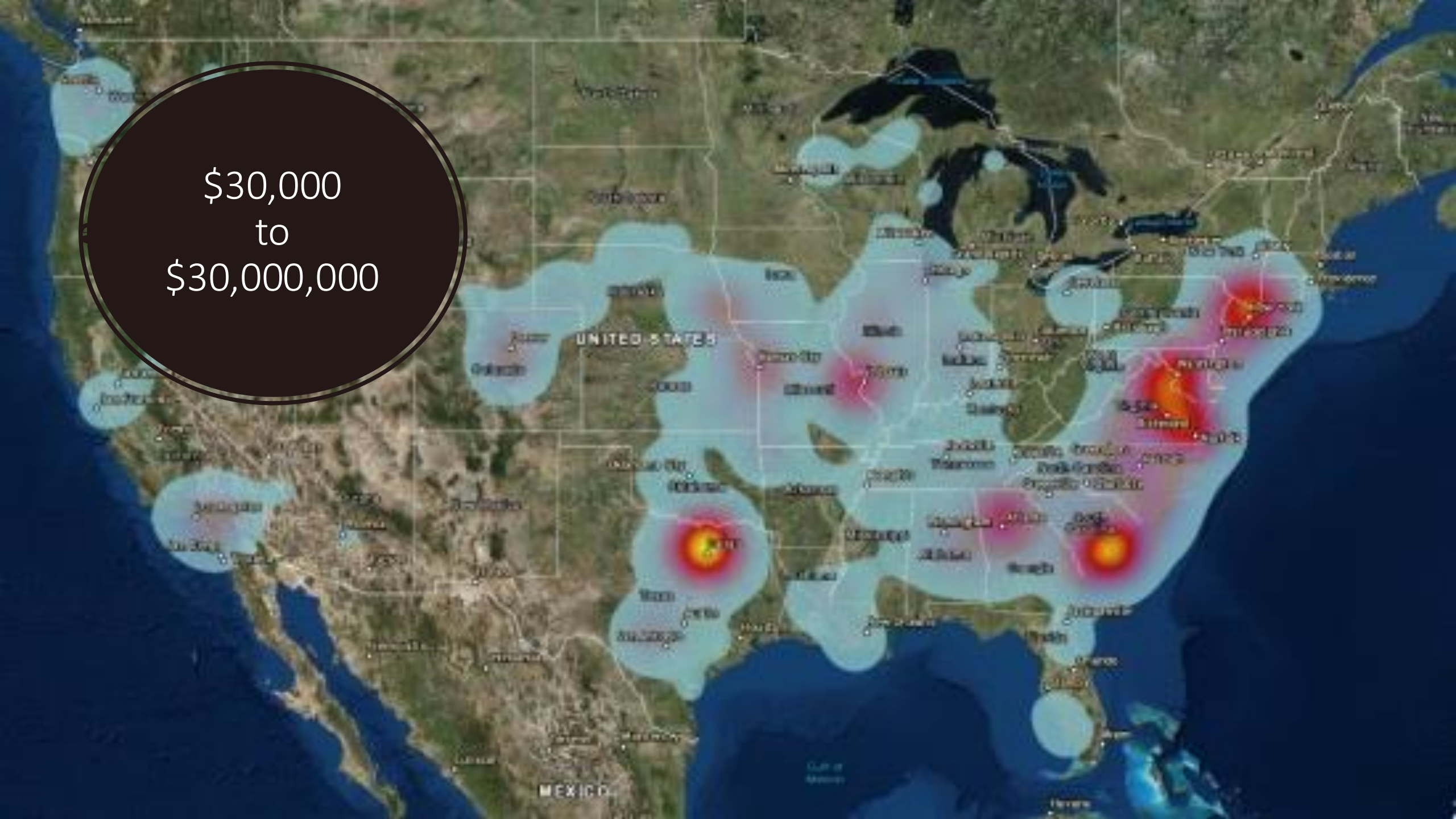
Process Overview

A Lifecycle of Gradual Accumulation

- **The Inevitable Process:** Every pond experiences a continuous, vertical accretion of sediment over time.
- **Capacity Reduction:** As the sediment floor rises, the total water storage volume decreases proportionally.
- **The Binary Reality:**
 - **Filling In:** The natural progression where organic and inorganic matter accumulates.
 - **Failing:** The eventual loss of hydrological utility as the pond depth diminishes.



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Teamwork Makes The Dream Work

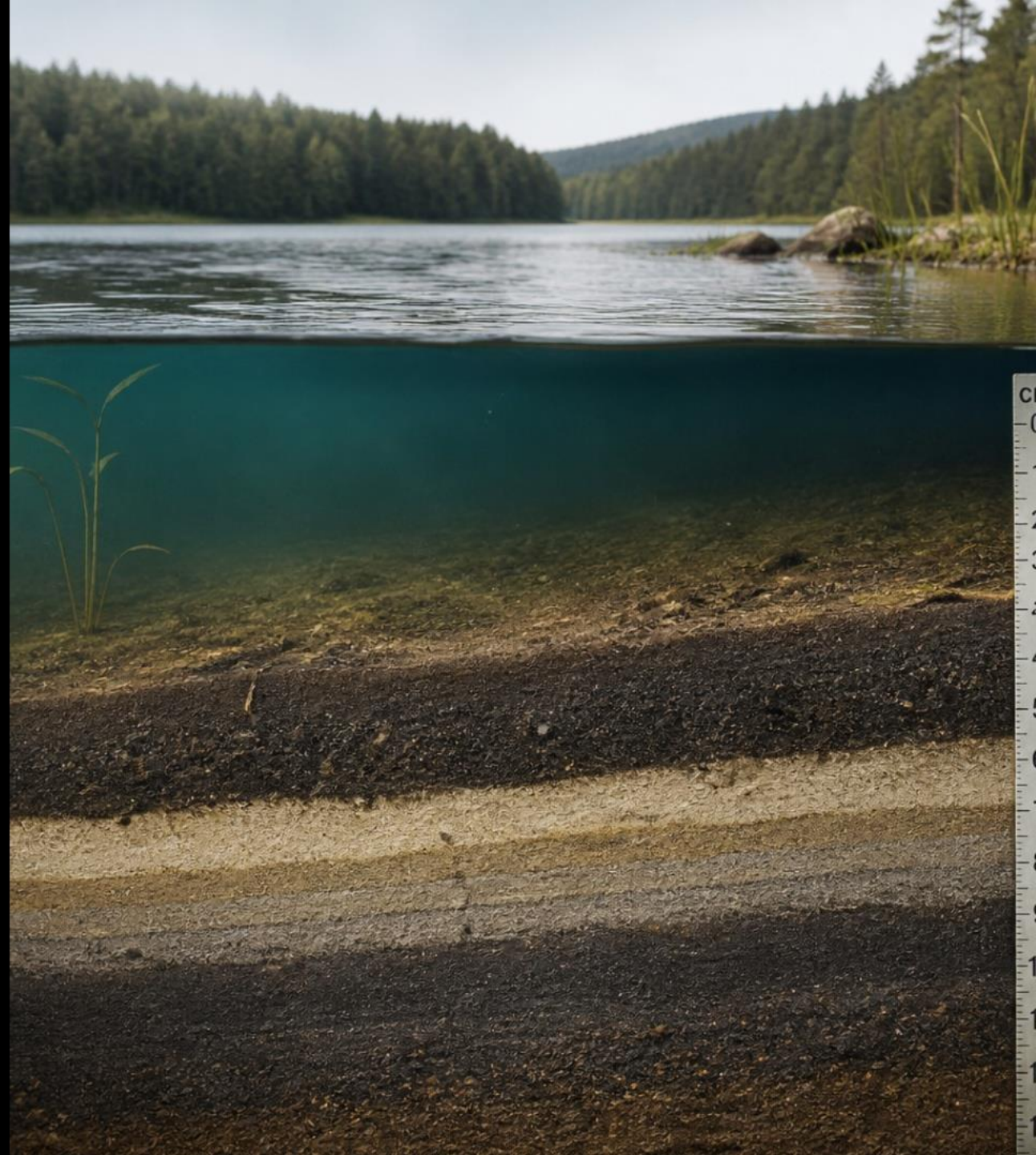
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- Hydrographers
- Surveyors
- Biologists
- Attorneys
- Geotechnical
- GIS/CAD Technical
- Robotics/Autonomy
- Laboratories
- Agencies
- Dredging Contractors
- General Contractors
- Project Administration



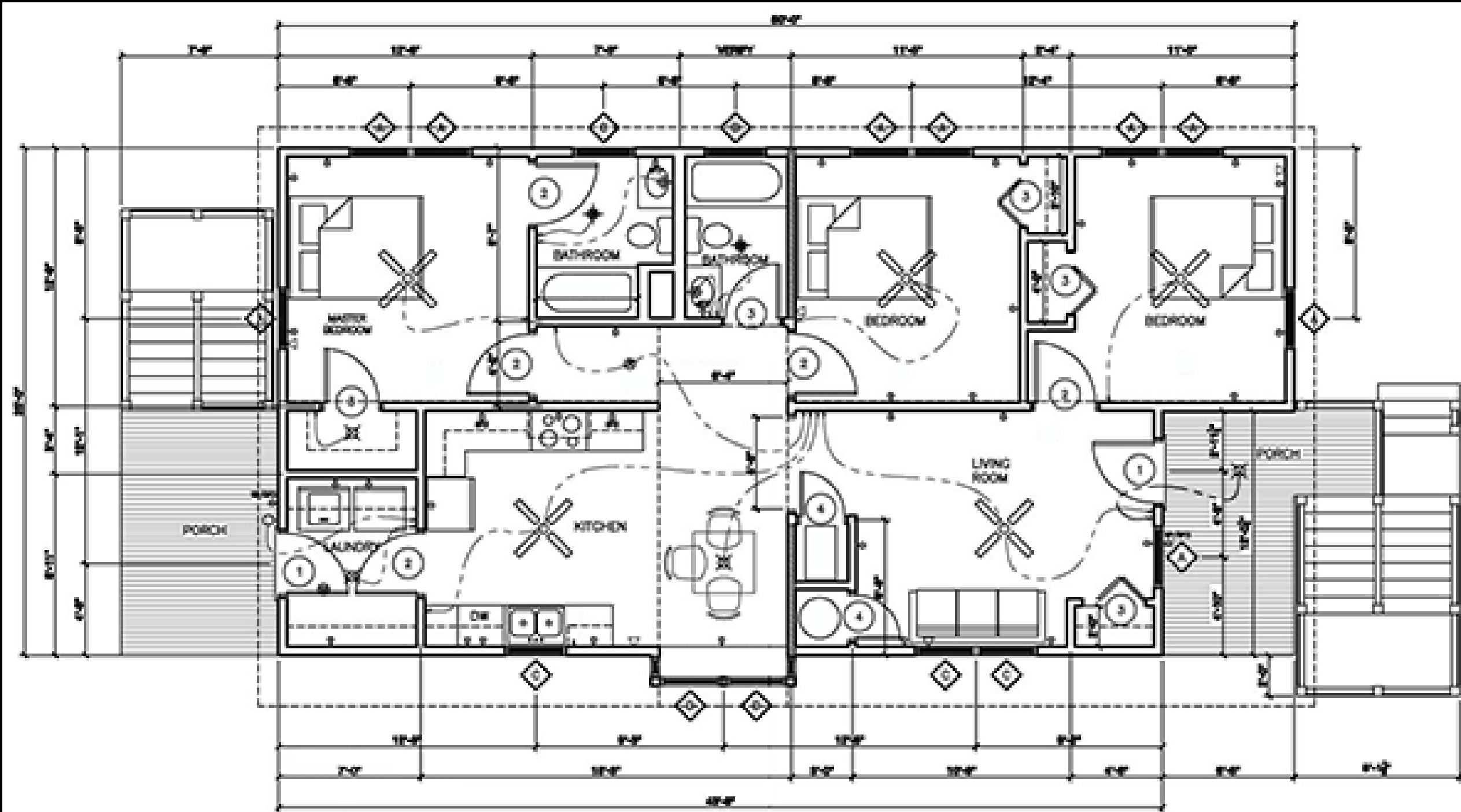
DEFINING
DREDGING
SUCCESS

The Invisible Asset

- **Beyond the Surface:** Standard visual inspections only capture the symptoms, not the root cause.
- **The Measurement Gap:** You cannot reserve-plan or optimize what you cannot objectively measure.
- **Strategic Imperative:** Transition from reactive visual assessment to proactive, data-driven telemetry.







1. DREDGING QUANTITIES TAKE OFF				
Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Assumptions / Notes
1.1	Dredge Area (Surface Area)	Acres	5.20	Surveyed surface area
1.2	Average Sediment Thickness	Feet	4.10	From bathymetric survey
1.3	Total Sediment Volume (In-Place)	CY	74,006	Acres x 43,560 SF x Avg. Depth / 27
1.4	Dredge Overdepth (15%)	CY	11,101	For grade tolerance and variability
1.5	TOTAL DREDGE VOLUME (LOOSE)	CY	85,107	In-place x 1.15 overdepth

2. COST ESTIMATE (DETAILED TAKE OFF)						
Item No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Notes / Assumptions
A. MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION						
A.1	Mobilization (Barge, Equipment, Crew)	LS	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	Includes tug, barge, equipment
A.2	Demobilization	LS	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	At completion of project
Subtotal A					\$70,000	
B. DREDGING OPERATIONS						
B.1	Hydraulic Dredging (Production)	CY	85,107	\$5.75	\$489,866	Includes labor, fuel, equipment
B.2	Pipeline / Booster Pumping	LS	1	\$60,000	\$60,000	Equipment and operation
B.3	Dewatering (Geotextile Tubes)	CY	102,128	\$1.85	\$189,941	Dewatered volume
Subtotal B					\$739,807	
C. DISPOSAL						
C.1	Disposal (Land Application Site)	CY	102,128	\$1.10	\$112,341	Haul, place, grading
Subtotal C					\$112,341	
D. SITE RESTORATION						
D.1	Grading / Final Cleanup	LS	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	Pond bottom and access areas
D.2	Erosion Control / Seeding	LS	1	\$18,000	\$18,000	Re-establish disturbed areas
Subtotal D					\$43,000	
E. PERMITTING & MONITORING						
E.1	Permitting (State / Local)	LS	1	\$12,000	\$12,000	Application & fees
E.2	Turbidity / Water Quality Monitoring	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000	During dredging operations
Subtotal E					\$22,000	
F. CONTINGENCY						
F.1	Contingency (15%)	LS	1	\$130,602	\$130,602	For unknowns and risks
Subtotal F					\$130,602	

PROJECT SUMMARY	
Total Dredge Volume (Loose)	85,107 CY
Dewatering Factor	20%
Total Dewatered Volume	102,128 CY
Estimated Project Cost	\$1,002,750
Cost Per Dewatered CY	\$9.81
Contingency	15%
OPINION OF PROBABLE COST	\$1,000,000

KEY ASSUMPTIONS
- Dredging method: Hydraulic - Dewatering method: Geotextile tubes - Disposal: Approved upland site within 20 miles - Working days: 40 days - Dewatering factor: 20% - Prices include labor, equipment, fuel - Does not include bypass pumping (if required) - Does not include tree removal or utility relocations (if required)

QUANTITY SUMMARY	
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Avg. Sediment Thickness	4.10 Feet
Total Volume (Loose)	85,107 CY
Dewatered Volume	102,128 CY

COST SUMMARY	
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DEFINING DREDGING SUCCESS

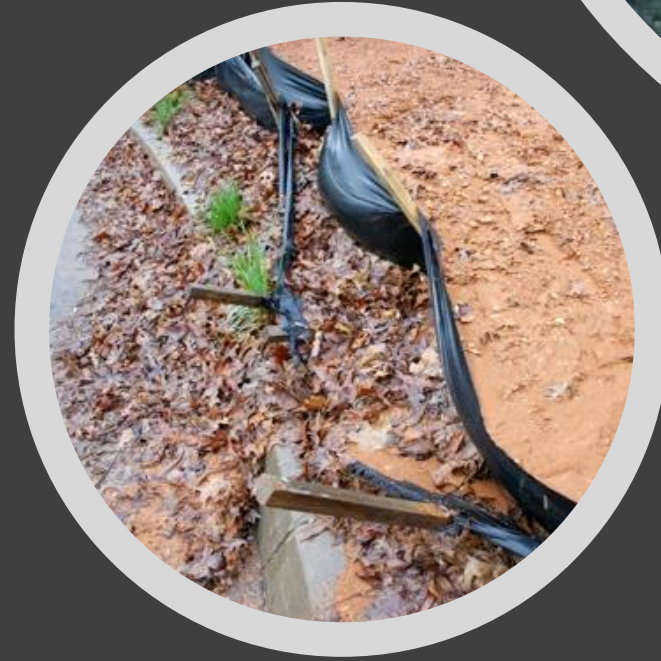
Questions to Ask Your Team When Considering A Dredging Project

- Why do we need to dredge?
- What symptoms are we trying to cure?
- What is our approximate budget to accomplish the project?
- When do we need to accomplish the project?
- Who do we need on our team?
- Who is in control of the project?
- Who will be our success advocate?
- By what measure will we define success?

How did we get here?

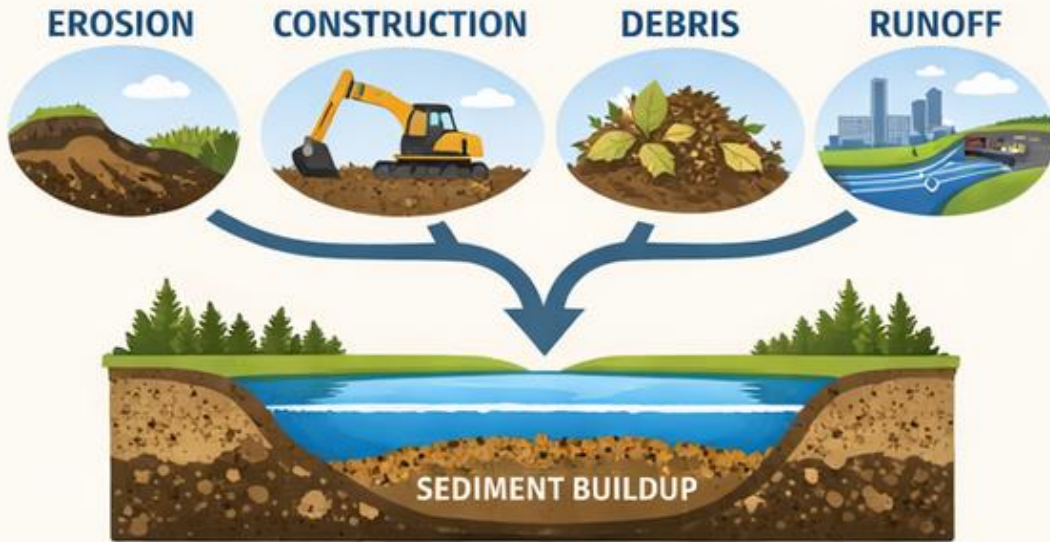
Sediment Loading

- Internal
- External
- Organic
- Inorganic



UNDERSTANDING POND SEDIMENTATION

Sediment Sources



Reduced Capacity & Infilling



Sediment Accumulation Over Time



Phase 1

Phase 2

Competitive & Comparative Bid Submittals

Phase 3

DEWATERING PROCESS

Phase 1: The Upper Pond will be drained and excavated first. Water will be pumped into the Middle Pond. Any storm water accumulation will be pumped into the Middle Pond.

Phase 2: The Middle Pond will be drained and excavated second. Water will be pumped from the Middle Pond to the Lower Pond. The Upper Pond will remain drained while the Middle Pond is excavated. This will allow for storage of potential storm water. Any nuisance water will be pumped into the Lower Pond.

Phase 3: The Lower Pond will be drained and excavated last. Water will be pumped downstream beyond the Lower Pond. The Upper and Middle Ponds will remain drained while the Lower Pond is excavated. This will allow for storage of potential storm water. Any nuisance water will be pumped downstream of the Lower Pond.

Water Pumping Pipes

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HUFFHINES PARK LAKE DREDGING PROJECT

CITY OF RICHARDSON CAPITAL PROJECTS

RICHARDSON, TEXAS

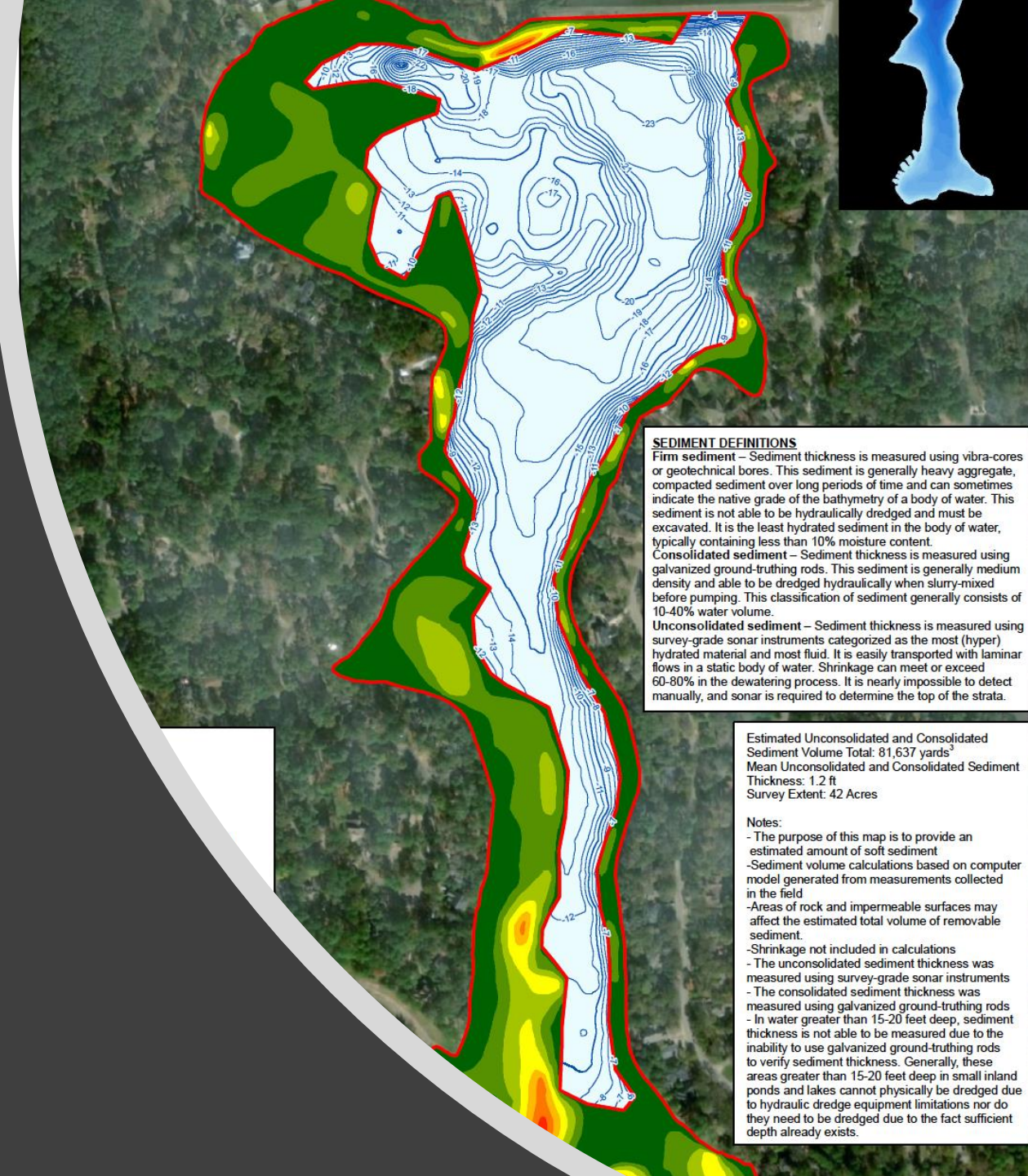
DEWATERING PLANS

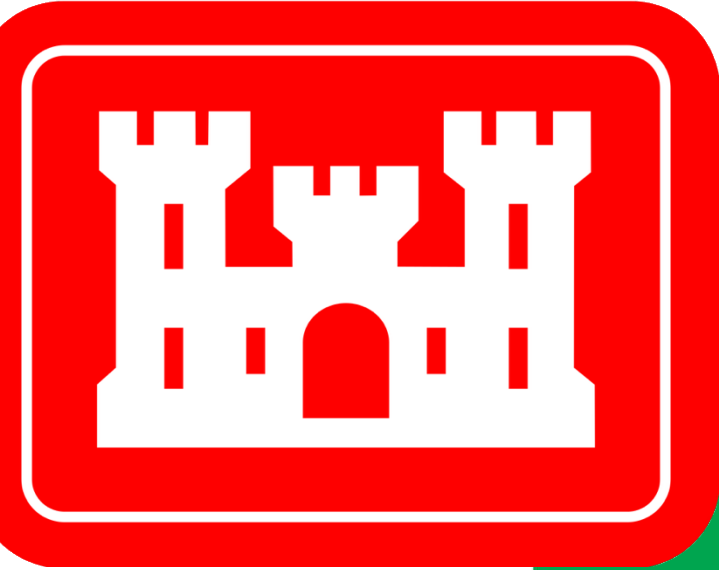
Legend

..... Water Pumping Pipes

Strategize

- Bathymetry/sediment
- Hydraulic dredging vs. excavation
- Accomplishing goals
- Surgical approach
- Unintended consequences
- Cost – benefit analysis
- Logistics
- Permitting



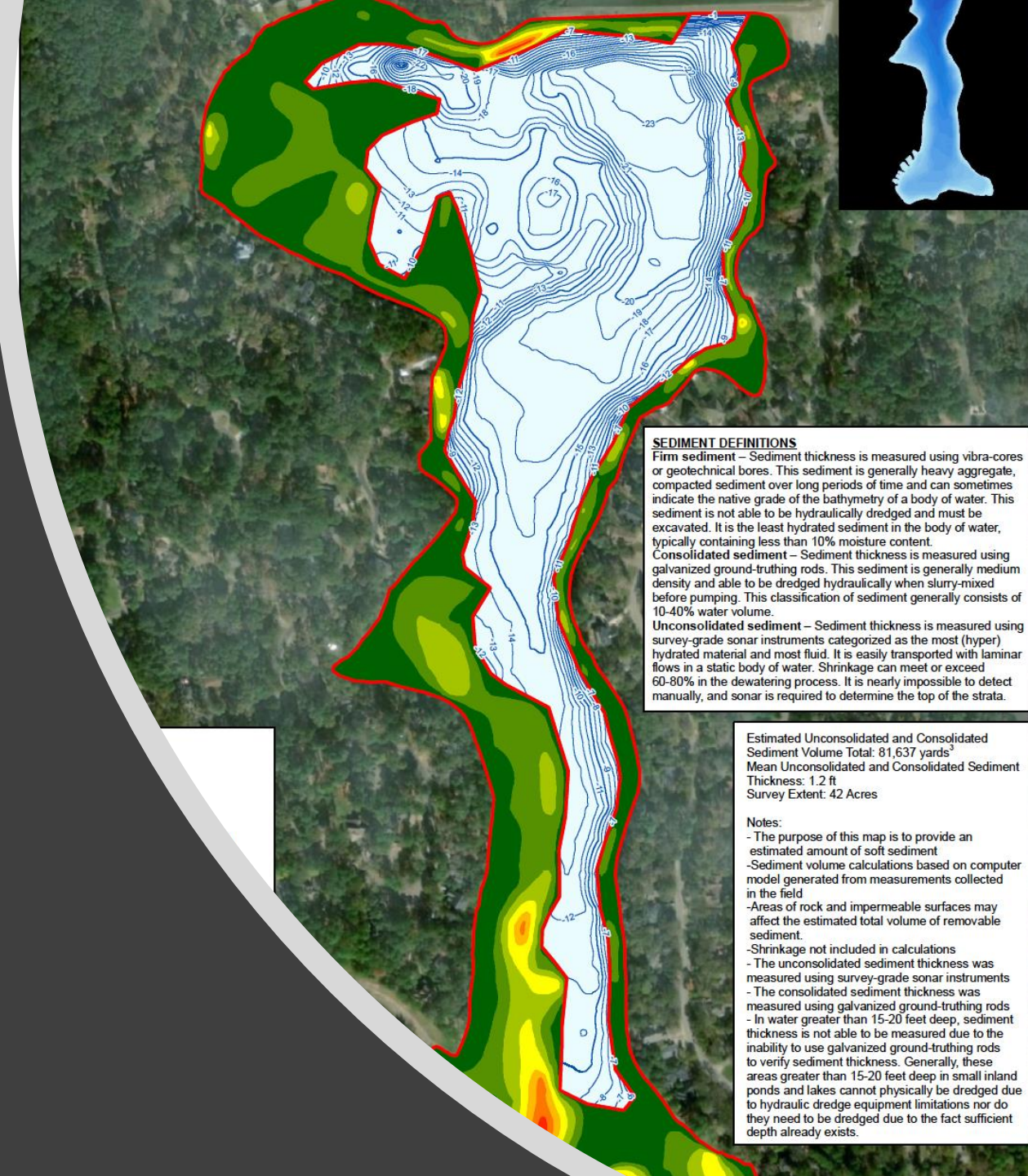


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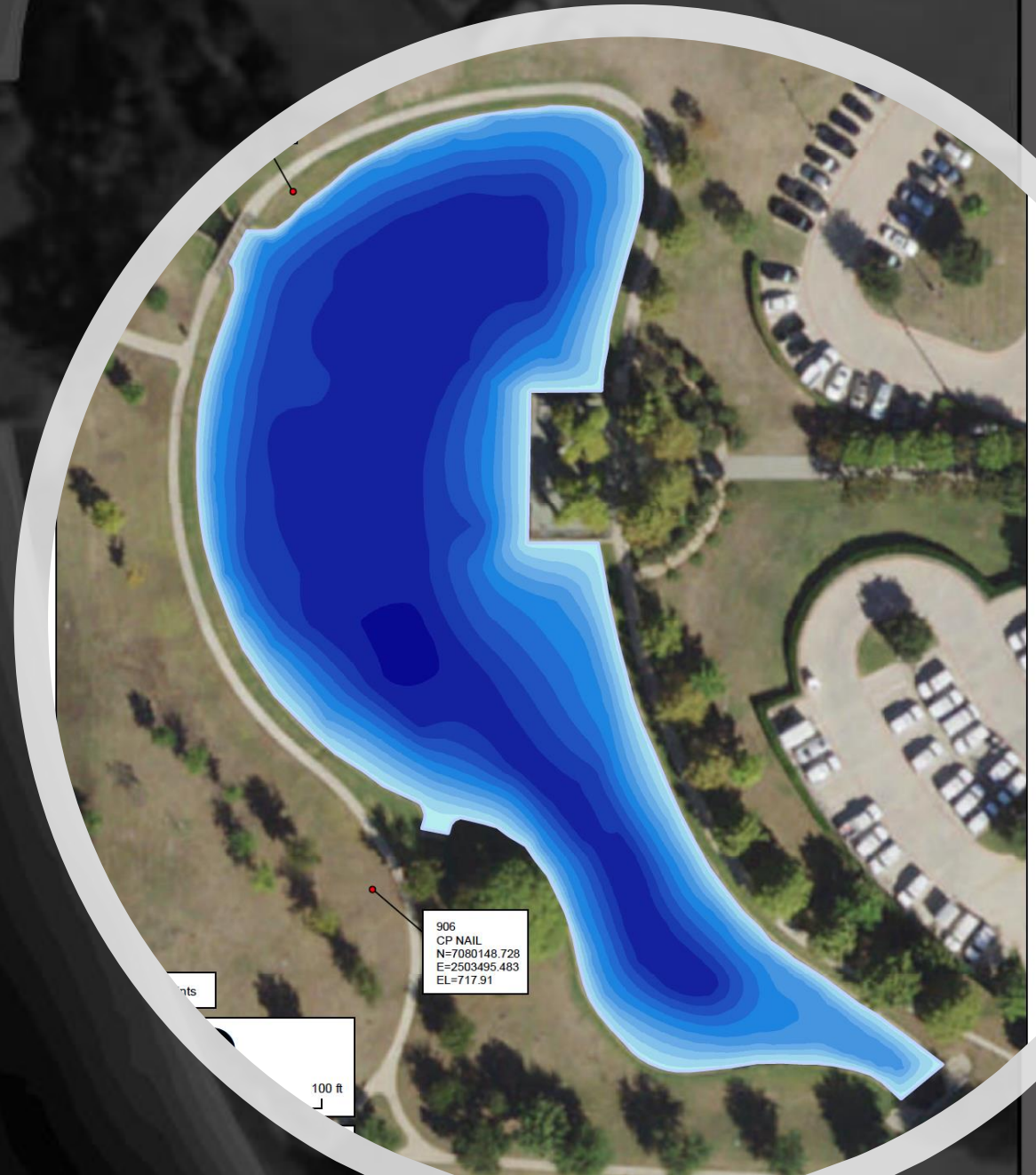


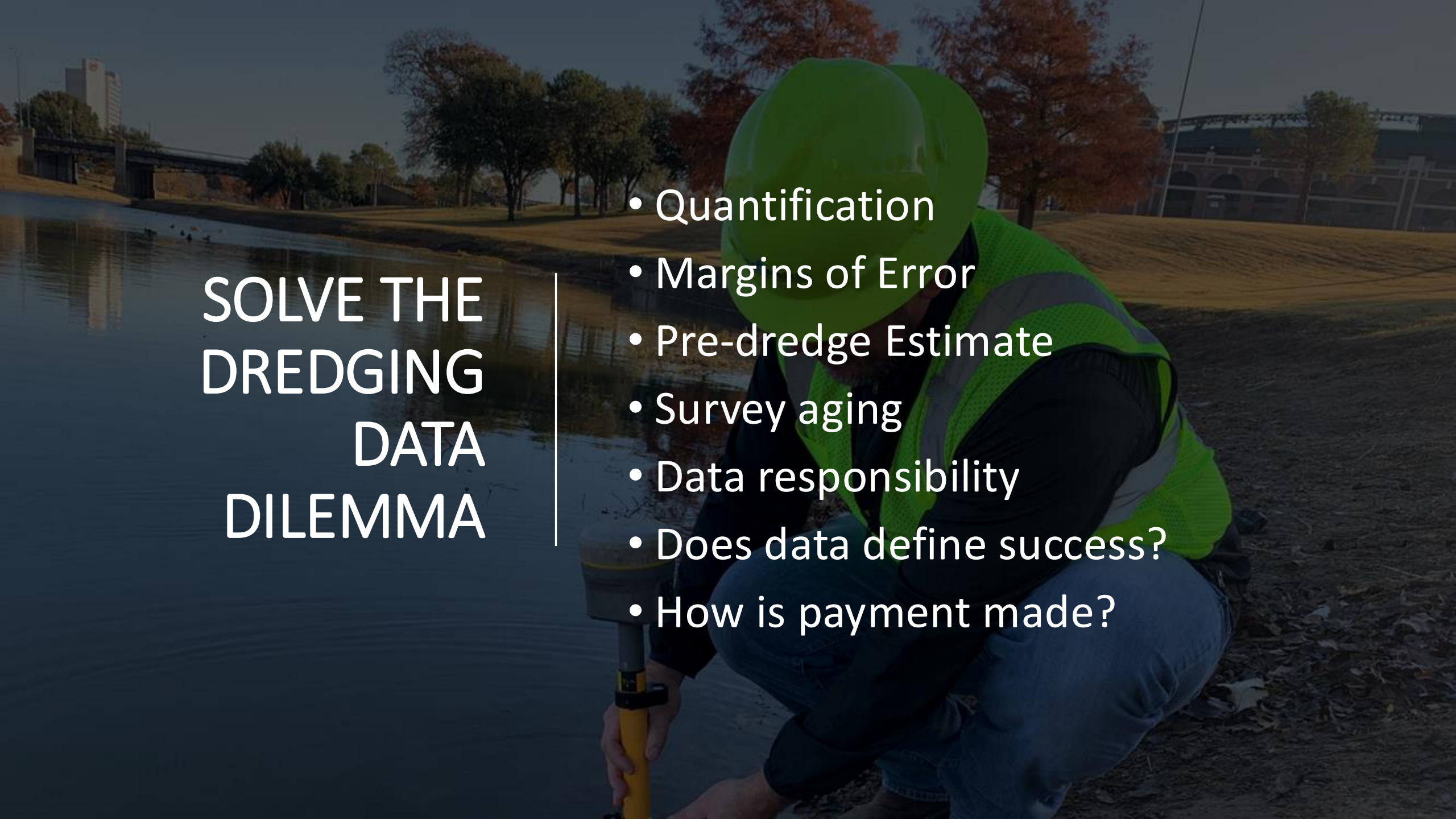
Creating an Opportunity for Comparable and Competitive Bid Submittals

- Planning is not left to the contractor
- Permitting and coordination is performed prior to RFP's
- Clear and concise plan set
- Leave nothing to contractor improvisation
- Fresh in situ data sets



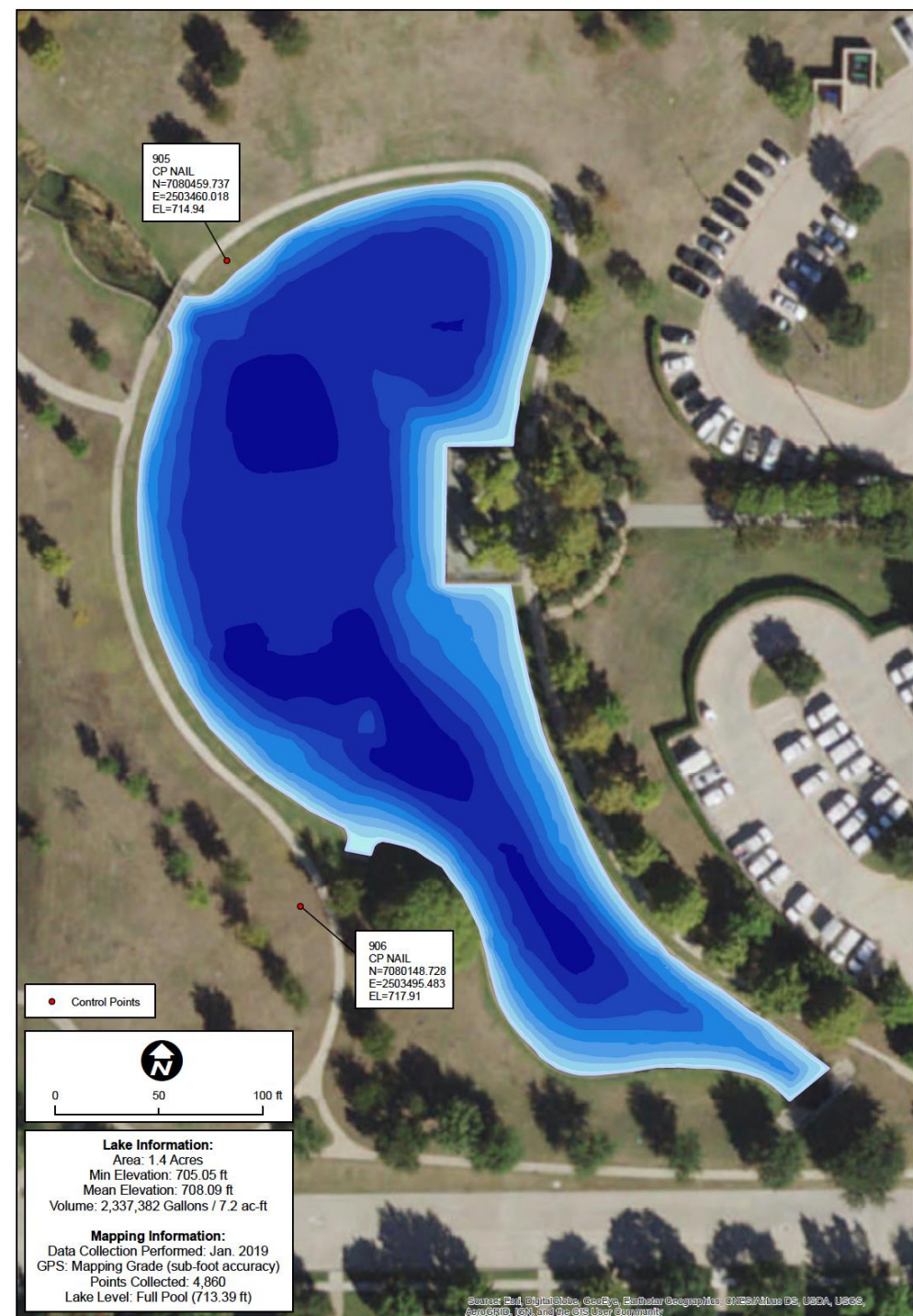
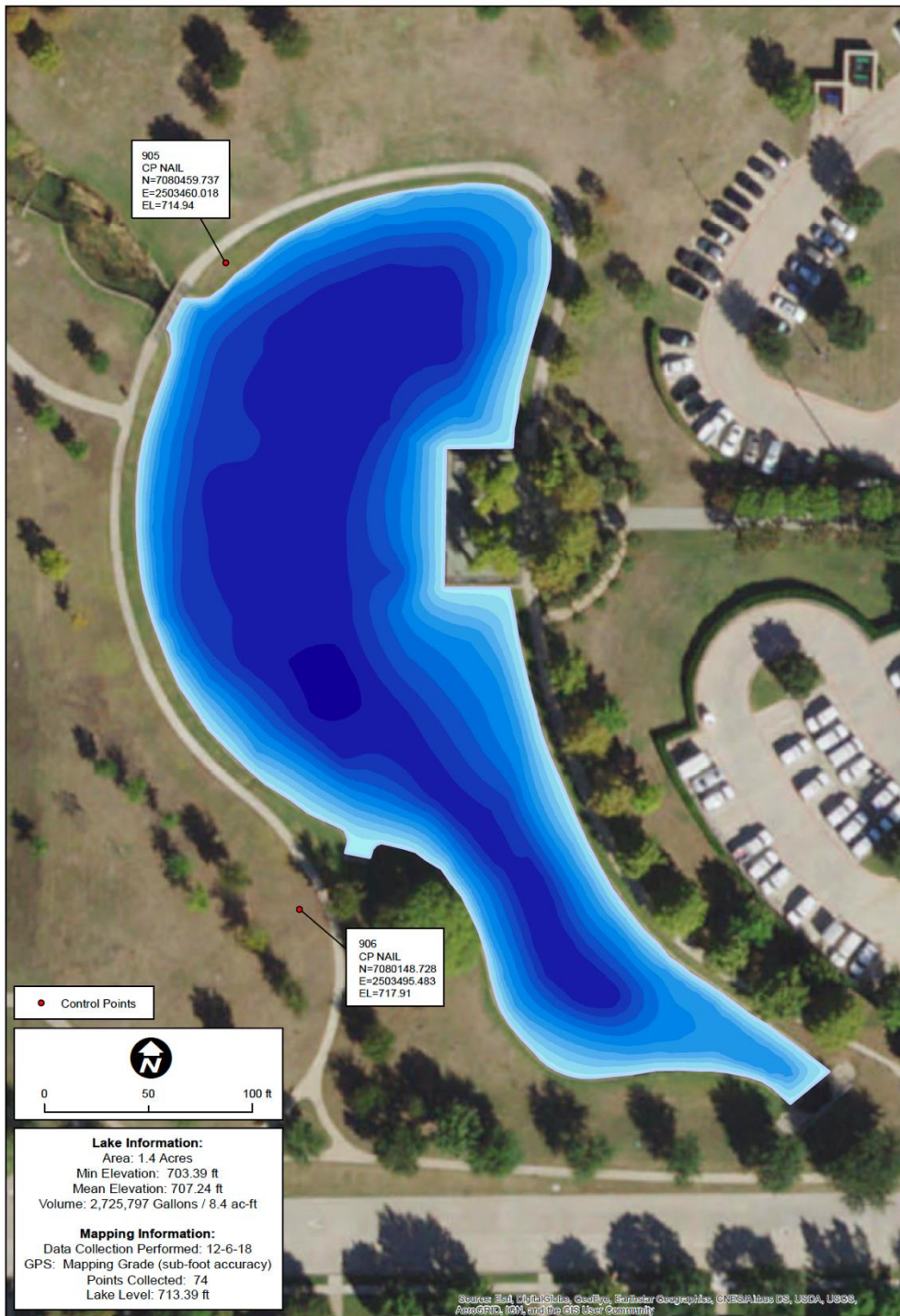
Data is Critical





SOLVE THE DREDGING DATA DILEMMA

- Quantification
- Margins of Error
- Pre-dredge Estimate
- Survey aging
- Data responsibility
- Does data define success?
- How is payment made?



NO SONAR

Lake Information:

Area: 1.4 Acres

Min Elevation: 703.39 ft ←

Mean Elevation: 707.24 ft ←

Volume: 2,725,797 Gallons / 8.4 ac-ft

Mapping Information:

Data Collection Performed: 12-6-18

GPS: Mapping Grade (sub-foot accuracy)

Points Collected: 74

Lake Level: 713.39 ft

SONAR

Lake Information:

Area: 1.4 Acres

Min Elevation: 705.05 ft ← - 1.66 ft

Mean Elevation: 708.09 ft ← - 0.85 ft

Volume: 2,337,382 Gallons / 7.2 ac-ft

-1.2 ac ft

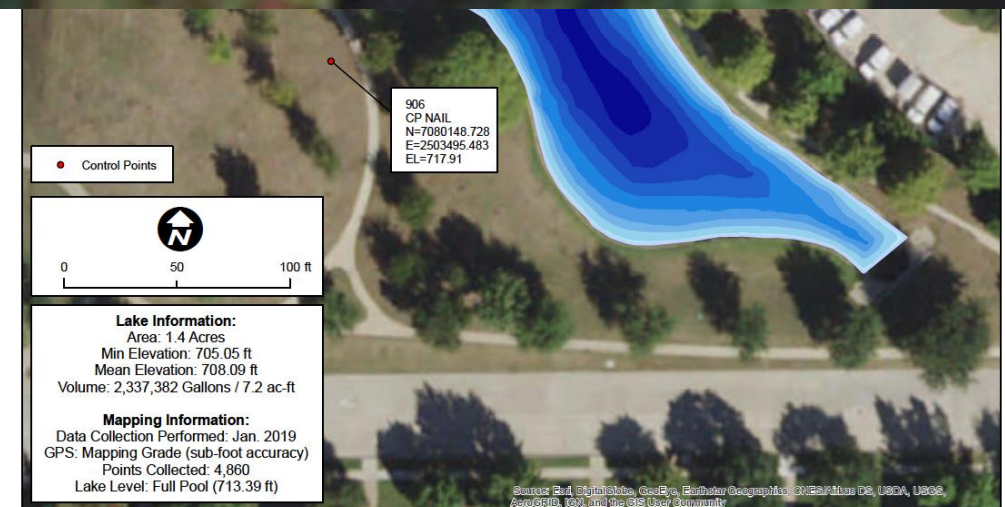
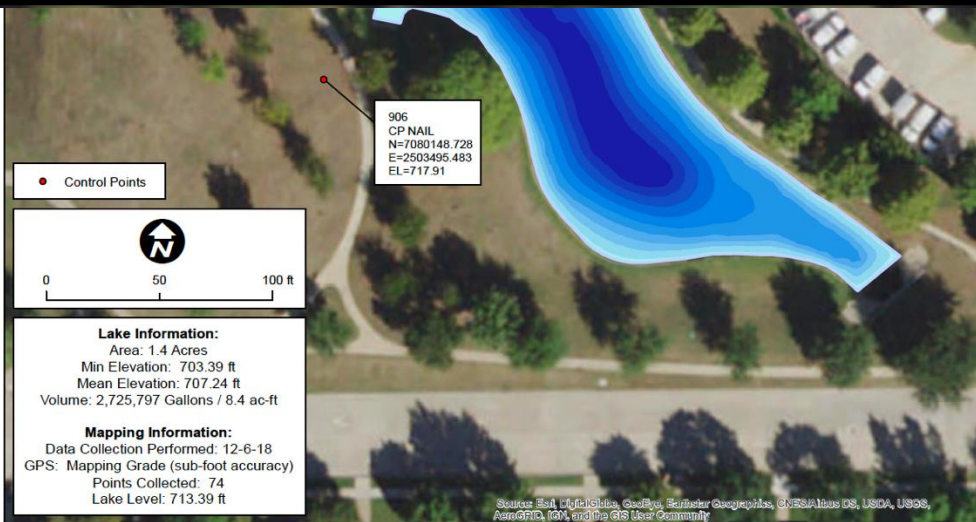
Mapping Information: - 391,000 gal

Data Collection Performed: Jan. 2019

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Points Collected: 4,860 +4,786

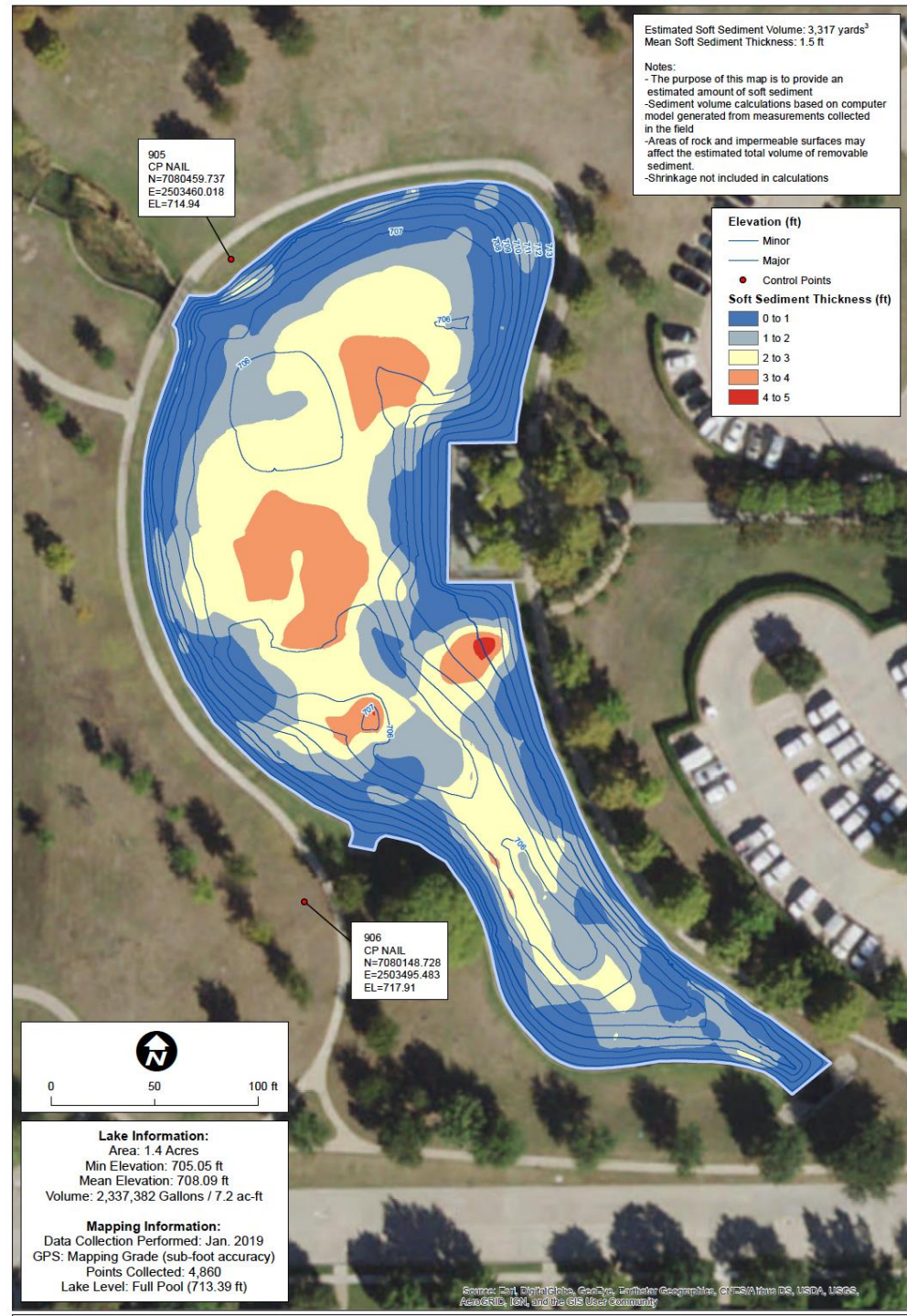
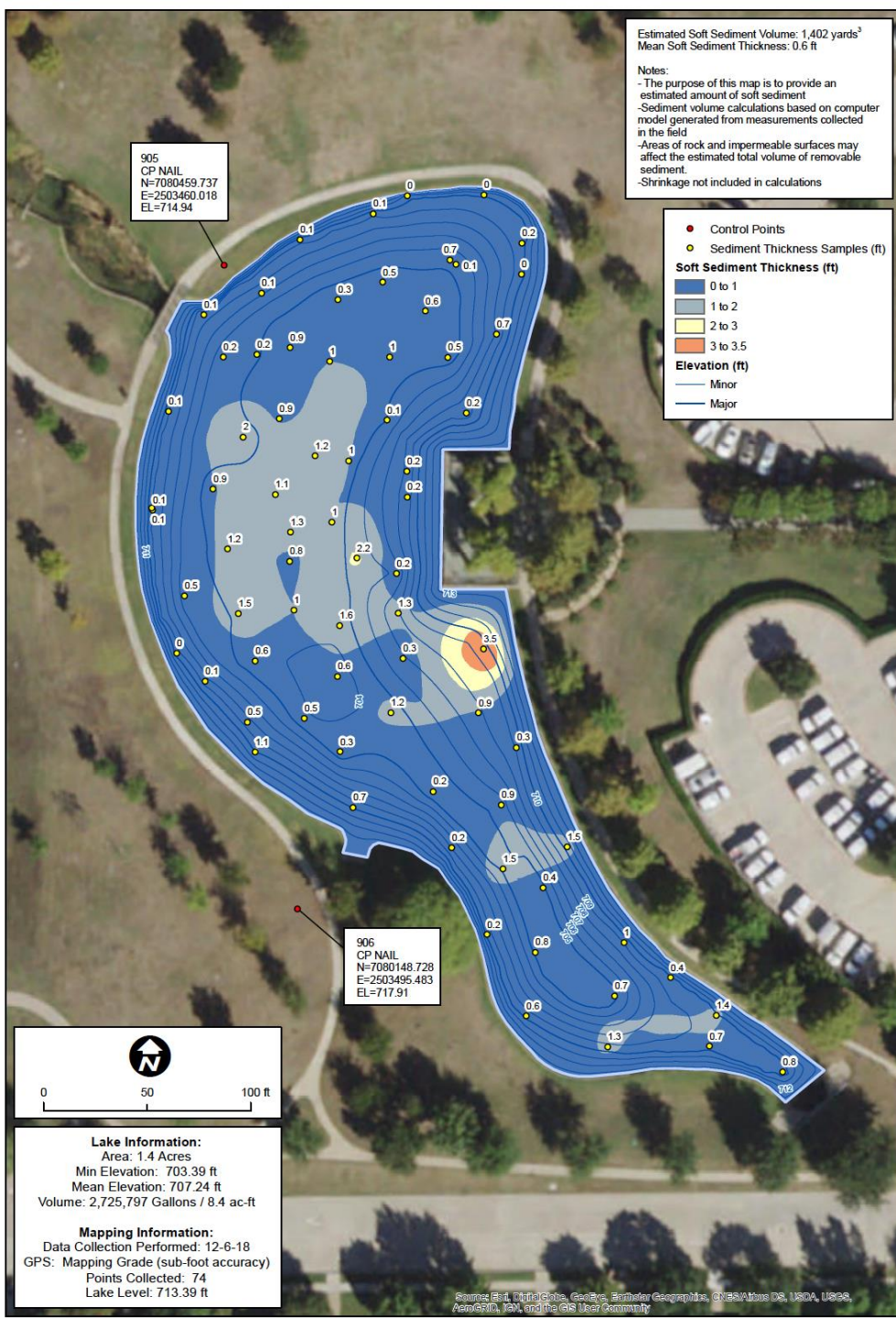
Lake Level: Full Pool (713.39 ft)



Topographic map showing elevation contours (ft) and a proposed building footprint. The map includes a legend for Elevation (ft) with Minor and Major contours. A data box indicates the following coordinates for a specific point (906):

- CP NAIL
- N=7060148.728
- E=2503496.483
- EL=717.91

Manifests itself in inaccurate sediment volumes



Estimated Soft Sediment Volume: 1,402 yards³
Mean Soft Sediment Thickness: 0.6 ft

Notes:

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- Shrinkage not included in calculations

- Control Points
- Sediment Thickness Samples (ft)

Soft Sediment Thickness (ft)

- 0 to 1
- 1 to 2
- 2 to 3
- 3 to 3.5

Elevation (ft)

- Minor
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1,915 cu yds

Estimated Soft Sediment Volume: 3,317 yards³
Mean Soft Sediment Thickness: 1.5 ft

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Elevation (ft)

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- Major
- Control Points

Soft Sediment Thickness (ft)

- 0 to 1
- 1 to 2
- 2 to 3
- 3 to 4
- 4 to 5

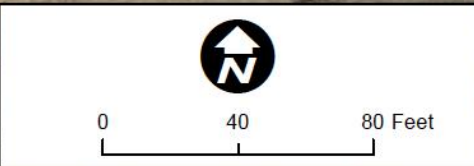
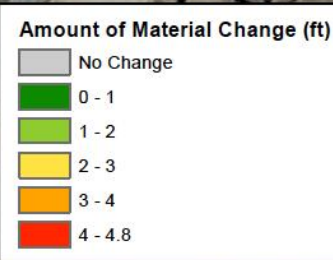
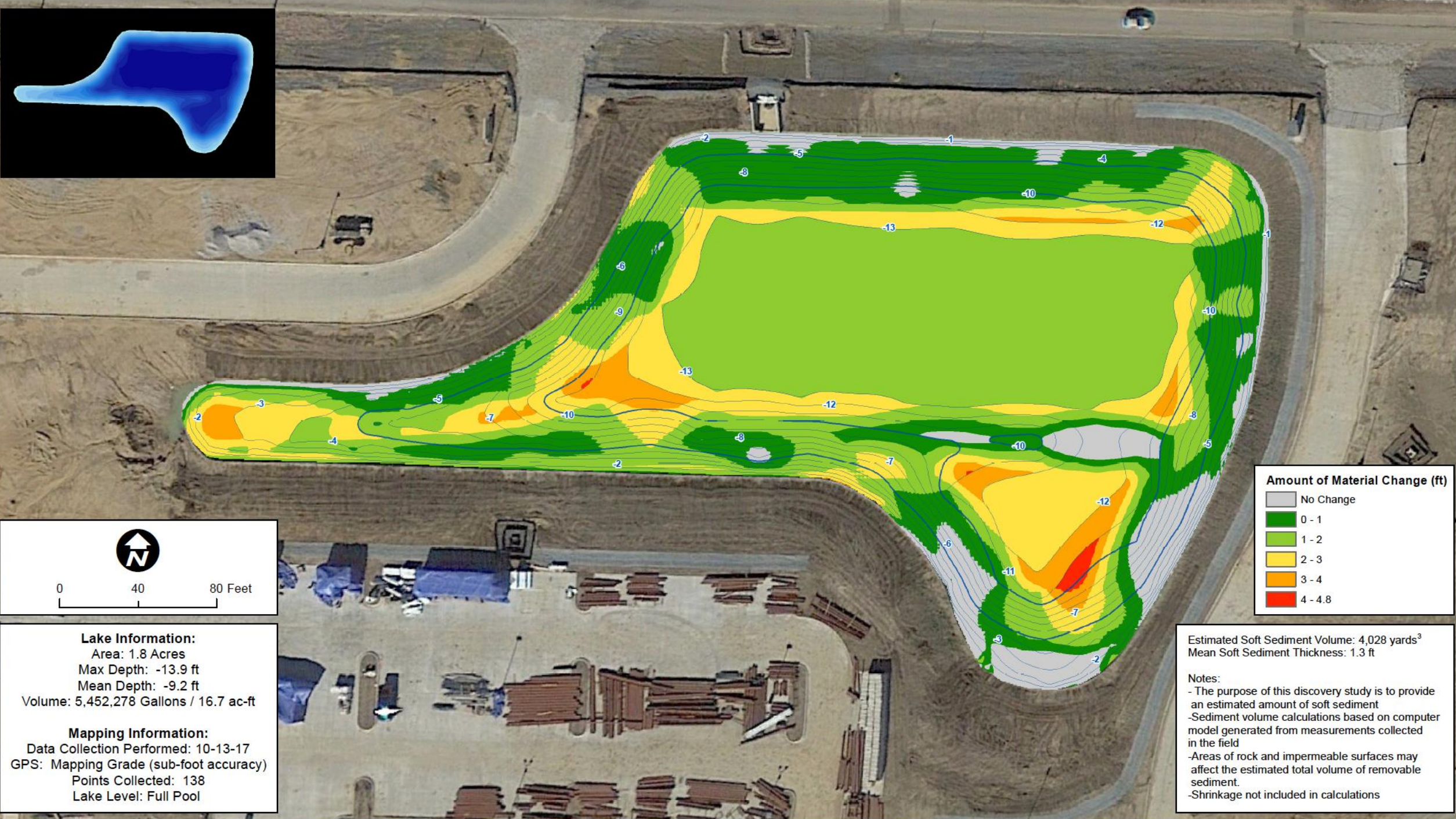
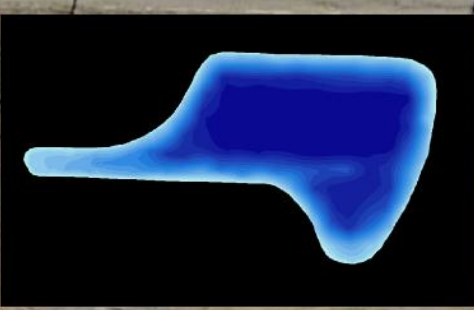
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Lake Information:
Area: 1.8 Acres
Max Depth: -13.9 ft
Mean Depth: -9.2 ft
Volume: 5,452,278 Gallons / 16.7 ac-ft

Mapping Information:
Data Collection Performed: 10-13-17
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Points Collected: 138
Lake Level: Full Pool

Estimated Soft Sediment Volume: 4,028 yards³
Mean Soft Sediment Thickness: 1.3 ft

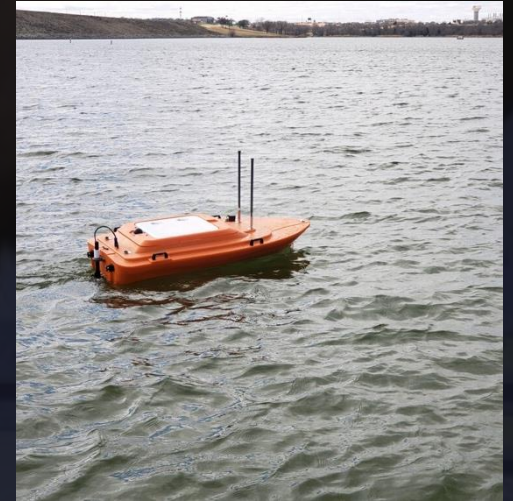
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A scenic view of a park with a lake, trees, and people walking. In the foreground, a man and a woman are walking on a paved path, pushing a stroller. The man is wearing a black t-shirt and shorts, and the woman is wearing a red tank top and black shorts. They are walking towards the right. In the background, there is a large body of water, likely a lake or river. On the opposite bank, there are several white boats with green accents, including a small ferry or tugboat. A small white building is also visible on the bank. The background is filled with lush green trees and a clear blue sky. A large black circle with a white border is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the word "Accomplish" in white text.

Accomplish

Monitor



IN-PROJECT

- PROGRESS and POST-DREDGE Surveys

POST-PROJECT

- Bathymetry only
- Autonomous
- Reduced cost
- Real time decision making

Pond Overview

Blue Haven

Springfield, IL Added on: 11/11/2026

Next Action: Sediment Removal

Area
2.5 Acres

Capacity
3,118,500.85 gal

Sediment
High

Erosion
Moderate

Risk Profile
Medium

Survey

Download Report 12/12/2025

- Main Survey
- Historical Survey
- Erosion Heat Map
- Shoreline Change Analysis
- Aquatic Vegetation Map

Water Levels

Depth	Current Volume
Mean Depth 4.31 ft	2.49M gal
Max Depth 9.2 ft	7.52 ac-ft

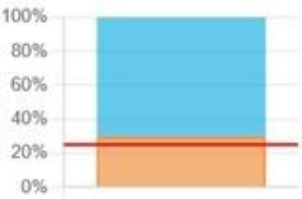
Hard Pan

Depth	Current Volume
Mean Depth 6.19 ft	3.51M gal
Max Depth 13.2 ft	10.78 ac-ft

Sediment

Sediment Thickness
Mean Thickness 1.88 ft
Max Thickness 5.22 ft

Pond Composition
Sediment Level 30%
Action Threshold 25%



Recommend Actions

- Sediment removal urgent - current capacity at 70% (below threshold)
- Next survey due in 14 days - schedule appointment



Maintain





Getting ahead of the curve

- FEASIBILITY: Discover the options
- ENGINEER: Plan the path
- RFQ: Who can take the journey
- RFP: Who can deliver success
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT: Ensuring success
- MONITOR: Post-project data streams
- MAINTAIN: Perform smaller tasks, more often

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