

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE'S CITY-WIDE DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN FOR GOPHER BRANCH AND TURNER BRANCH**

**WHEREAS**, the "City-Wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher Branch and Turner Branch" (the Plan) provides comprehensive, updated technical data for the management of the Gopher Branch and Turner Branch watersheds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan addresses existing flooding, erosion, and sedimentation problems within the watershed and provides planning alternatives and design concepts to help alleviate potential flood damages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan provides the City of Grand Prairie with the necessary updated drainage information to coordinate future development according to the City's drainage requirements to help minimize existing and potential flood damages within the Gopher Branch and Turner Branch watersheds; and

**WHEREAS**, any revisions to the floodplain and the floodways identified in these studies shall also include ultimate development conditions and shall be for the whole creek as determined in these studies and not for portions of it to ensure that there are no downstream adverse effects; required submittals to FEMA shall be for the whole creek (as determined in these studies) and not for portions of it; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations of this report shall be incorporated for all future development as well as CIP budget considerations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:**

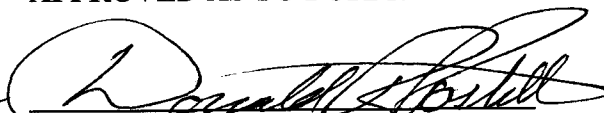
**SECTION 1.** THAT the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, having developed the "City-Wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher Branch and Turner Branch" to cost-effectively manage flood or storm waters within budgeting constraints, approves and adopts the "City-Wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher Branch and Turner Branch" thereby setting the standard for future drainage master plans, addressing existing flooding problems and providing planning recommendation, alternatives and design concepts for future development, to include CIP as well as possible developer participation projects.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.**

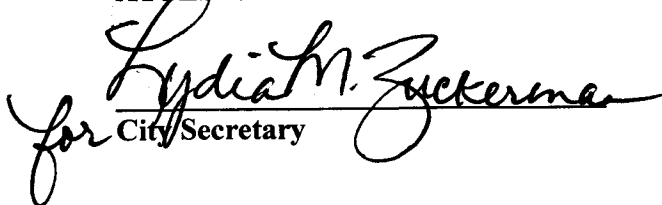
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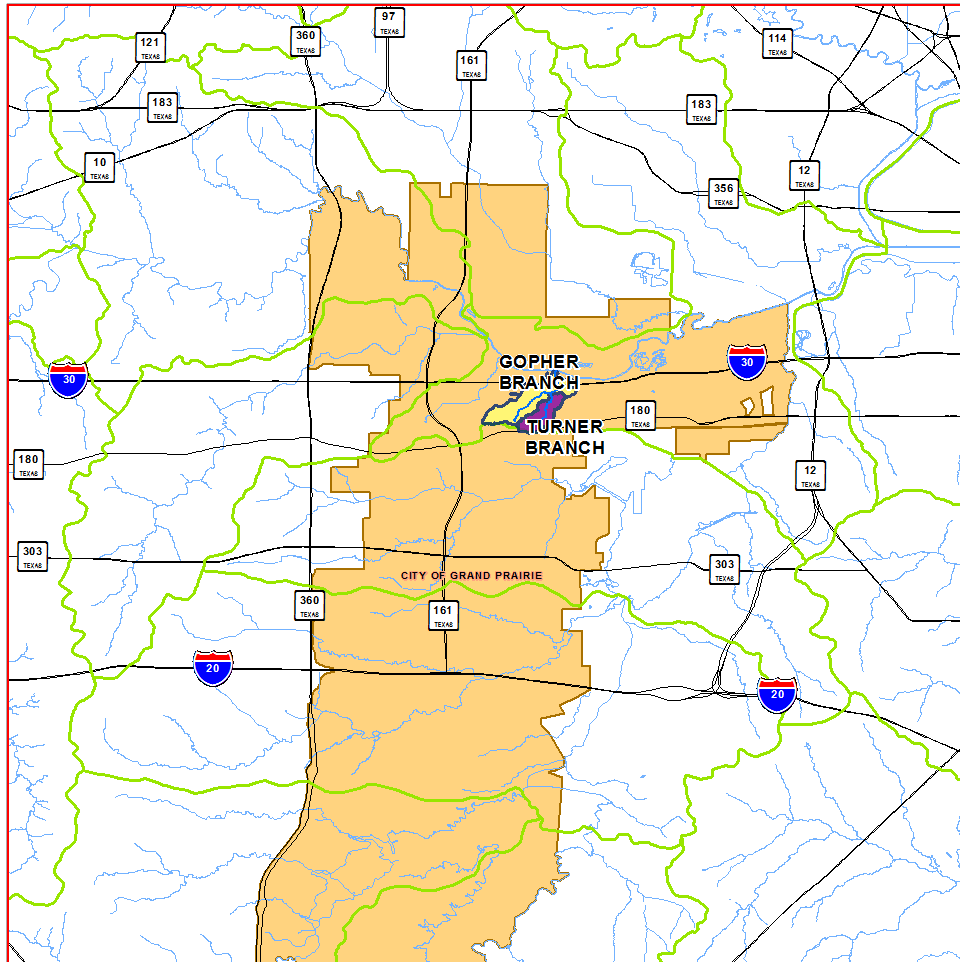
  
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**ATTEST:**

  
for City Secretary



# Gopher Branch and Turner Branch City-Wide Drainage Master Plan

City of Grand Prairie

March 2016





March 23, 2016  
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**Re: City-wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher and Turner Branch (Y#0948)  
Final Report**

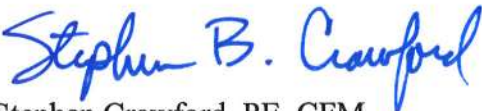
Dear Mr. Khavari and Ms. Griffin:

Transmitted herewith is the Final Report for the City-wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher and Turner Branch (Y#0948), including technical data and exhibits. This report compiles existing and newly developed technical data for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed into a single comprehensive document. The report also includes a CD-ROM containing HEC-HMS hydrologic models, HEC-RAS hydraulic models, PDFs, and GIS data for City review and use.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the CWDMP for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

Sincerely,

HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
Stephen Crawford, PE, CFM  
Vice President



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City-Wide Drainage Master Plan (CWDMP) for Gopher and Turner Branch provides comprehensive, updated technical data for the management of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed and storm water infrastructure. This report addresses flood dangers and erosion problems within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed and provides planning alternatives and design concepts to help alleviate potential damages to local residents and City infrastructure. The information presented in this report will provide the City of Grand Prairie with the necessary updated drainage information to coordinate future development and help minimize existing and potential flood damages within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. This study is in compliance with the requirements set forth in the "City-wide Drainage Master Plan Roadmap." The City Council of Grand Prairie passed Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ approving this study on \_\_\_\_\_.

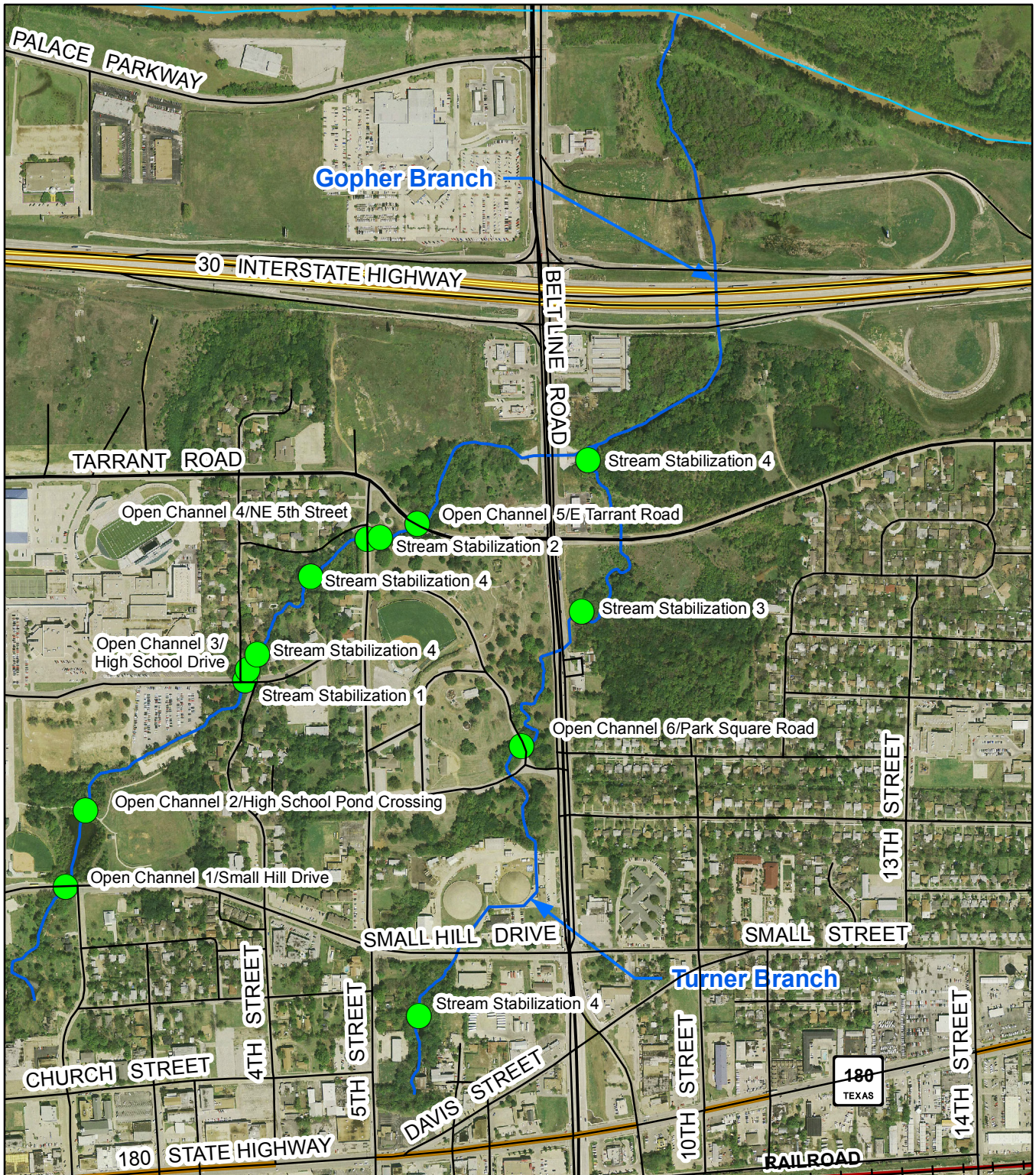
A total of fifteen (15) structures were identified within the existing 100-year floodplain in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. The majority of the watershed is currently developed, except for the areas to the immediate northeast and southeast of the Belt Line Road and Tarrant Road intersection, the area north of Tarrant Road near Walter Hill Drive, and the area west of Stadium Drive near Crescent Drive. While most of the watershed is developed, the watershed offers an opportunity for the City to plan future development in a way that will reduce flood losses, protect residents and infrastructure, improve water quality for Gopher and Turner Branch, and reduce unnecessary capital expenditures in the future. The stream and open channel alternatives included in this report are short-term Capital Improvement Projects. See the following pages for the summary of the prioritization rankings and a location map.

As development occurs, the Floodplain Workmaps and the Erosion Hazard Setbacks should be utilized to determine whether a site is in a high risk area for flooding, bank erosion or channel degradation. If so, then the developer should be alerted to the risk, and stream bank stability alternatives and mitigation should be considered.

Maintenance for storm drain outfalls were considered and issues were prioritized based on need of repair. Half recommends maintenance and continued inspection of the watershed on a regular basis to ensure the integrity of the drainage system.

This report is prepared as per the City of Grand Prairie's City-wide Master Drainage Master Plan Road Map dated August 2010 and is intended to be a living document that can be updated as additional information becomes available.

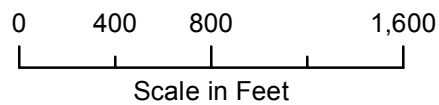




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**KEY TO FEATURES**

- Studied Stream
- Unstudied Stream
- CIP\_Locations
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad



Title **CIP Location Map**

Watershed **Gopher-Turner Branch** Figure **1**



## Capital Improvement Project Summary

Preliminary Short-Term & Long-Term Implementation

Rank	Stream	Capital Improvement Project	Short-Term/Long-Term	Public/Private	Probable Cost
<b>Stream and Open Channel Alternatives</b>					
1	Gopher Branch	Small Hill Drive	Short-Term	Public	\$224,200.00
2	Gopher Branch	High School Pond Crossing	Short-Term	Public	\$124,900.00
3	Gopher Branch	High School Drive	Short-Term	Public	\$265,400.00
4	Gopher Branch	NE 5th Street	Short-Term	Public	\$239,500.00
5	Gopher Branch	E Tarrant Road	Short-Term	Public	\$245,500.00
6	Turner Branch	Park Square Road	Short-Term	Public	\$238,000.00
<b>Stream Stability Alternatives</b>					
1	Gopher Branch	Stream Stabilization Downstream of High School Drive	Short-Term	Public	\$61,400.00
2	Gopher Branch	Stream Stabilization Downstream of North 5th Street	Short-Term	Public	\$56,200.00
3	Turner Branch	Stream Stabilization Downstream of Belt Line Road	Short-Term	Public	\$122,200.00
4	Gopher Branch and Turner Branch	Rock Chutes (Gopher Branch Stations 54+00, and 48+00 and Turner Branch Stations 44+00, and 1+00)	Short-Term	Public	\$189,500.00



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## I. Introduction

**I. INTRODUCTION****A. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Half Associates would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of all City of Grand Prairie staff in preparation of the City-Wide Drainage Master Plan. In particular, the following individuals have provided invaluable input and assistance:

Romin Khavari – City Engineer

Stephanie Griffin – Floodplain Administrator

Chris Agnew – Storm Drainage Engineer

**B. PURPOSE OF STUDY**

This study is in compliance with the requirements set forth in the "City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map" (August 2010). The purpose of this City-Wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher and Turner Branch is to provide comprehensive, updated technical data for the management of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. This report addresses existing flooding, erosion, and sedimentation problems within the watershed and provides planning alternatives and design concepts to help alleviate potential flood damages. The information presented in this report will provide the City of Grand Prairie with the necessary updated drainage information to coordinate future development according to the City's drainage requirements (see Section I.C) and help minimize existing and potential flood damages within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

This report compiles existing and newly developed data for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed into one document. This report also provides a summary of the procedures used in the technical analyses, a summary of results, illustrative exhibits, and supporting technical data.

Specific objectives of this City-Wide Drainage Master Plan for the City of Grand Prairie, Texas for the management of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed include:

1. Compile pertinent existing engineering data and newly developed information into a comprehensive report to include: an up-to-date existing conditions and fully urbanized watershed (hereafter known as ultimate

conditions) and to delineate the ultimate 100-yr floodplain for Gopher and Turner Branch.

2. Prepare detailed descriptions of alternative improvement solutions (structural and non-structural) to help reduce or eliminate flooding problems for streams and open channels within the study watershed.
3. Perform a Channel Stability Assessment/Erosion Hazard Analysis to analyze factors influencing stream stability and formulate alternatives to help stabilize stream banks.
4. Evaluation of existing and future roadway crossings utilizing the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan.
5. Locate and provide detailed descriptions of dams/levees/detention, include table of existing drainage plan reviews, and include associated plans, photos, and descriptions of potential problems associated with these features.
6. Utilize the City's Storm Drain Outfall Assessment to provide detailed descriptions of locations where maintenance needs to occur.
7. Evaluate and Prioritize proposed alternative improvement projects and describe the methodology utilized to phase and implement the proposed alternative improvement projects.
8. Determine Short-Term and Long-Term Plan to prioritize proposed alternative improvement projects including benefit-cost analysis ratios.

**C. CITY ORDINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

As part of this City-wide Drainage Master Plan study, the City Drainage Design Manual and existing development requirements were reviewed to determine their adequacy to prevent future flooding issues. The Gopher and Turner Branch watershed is approximately 65% developed at this time and proper drainage and responsible development of the watershed will help prevent future flood damage and unnecessary capital improvement costs.

The City of Grand Prairie is especially progressive in their storm water management program. The City's Drainage Design Manual was updated as recently as June of 2015 and is intended to "...protect the general health, safety, and welfare of the public by reducing flooding potential, controlling excessive runoff, minimizing erosion and siltation problems, and eliminating damage to public facilities resulting from uncontrolled storm water runoff."

Articles 14 and 15 of the Unified Development Code, included in the City's Drainage Design Manual, contain the City ordinances for Drainage and Floodplain Management, respectively. Requirements include the elevation of new construction a minimum of one foot above the ultimate 100-year floodplain or two feet above the existing conditions floodplain, whichever is higher. Construction of detention basins is required when downstream facilities are not adequately sized to convey a design storm based on current City criteria for hydraulic capacity. Post project peak flows are not allowed to exceed the existing conditions peak flows unless sufficient downstream capacity above existing discharge conditions is available. When required, detention facilities are to be designed such that peak discharges or velocities are not increased when compared to pre-project conditions for the 2-, 10- and 100-year floods.

The City ordinances allow for responsible development of the watershed such that flood risks to future structures can be minimized. The ordinances also allow for protection of existing structures so that future development will not increase the flooding hazard in areas that do not have the capacity to convey increased flood discharges. Upon review of the City's Drainage Design Manual and existing development requirements, it has been determined that the requirements in combination with the technical data provided in this report are adequate to properly manage the watershed going forward.

#### **D. WATERSHED DESCRIPTION**

The Gopher and Turner Branch is located within the older part of the City of Grand Prairie and discharges into the West Fork Trinity River. The watershed is approximately 65% developed and is characterized by a mix of institutional, commercial, and residential use. This City-wide Drainage Master Plan will focus on the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed, which is located near the intersection of I.H. 30 and Belt Line Road. A detailed description of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed can be found in Section II.B of this report.

##### **1. Major Streams and Tributaries**

Turner Branch is a tributary of Gopher Branch. These watersheds do not contain any major tributaries. Table I-1 lists this stream's downstream limit, upstream limit, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designation, and length.

**Table I-1 – Study Streams**

<b>Stream Name</b>	<b>Downstream Limit</b>	<b>Upstream Limit</b>	<b>FEMA Designation</b>	<b>Length (ft)*</b>
Gopher and Turner Branch	Confluence with the West Fork Trinity River	2 <sup>nd</sup> Street and 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Zone AE	12,900
* Note: Length was taken from centerline data in GIS and are based on stream lengths within the city limits of Grand Prairie.				

## 2. Unique Attributes of Watershed

The most unique attribute of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed is the presence of Grand Prairie High School. The presence of Grand Prairie High School dictates much of the terrain in the watershed. Gopher Branch is the old path of the West Fork of the Trinity River before the Trinity River was straightened out.

The prominent features in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed are the major roadway crossings of Belt Line Road.

### E. PRINCIPAL FLOODING PROBLEMS

The City of Grand Prairie's floodplain management has helped prevent problems for much of the new development within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. Storm drain systems designed according to the standards detailed in the City's Drainage Criteria Manual have minimized drainage complaints to only a few localized areas. Some flooding issues exist in the upstream and middle portions of the watershed.

#### 1. Drainage Complaint Database

Halff Associates, Inc. obtained the latest information from the City of Grand Prairie's Drainage Complaint Database for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed from the City. Seventy-nine (79) drainage complaints at fifty-three (53) different locations have been filed with the City of Grand Prairie within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. There were two complaints coinciding with riverine flooding locations. Other complaints in the

watershed primarily involved storm drainage system performance or local flooding due to grading issues.

**F. PERTINENT STUDY AND TECHNICAL DATA RELATED TO WATERSHED PRIOR TO GOPHER AND TURNER BRANCH MASTER PLAN PREPARATION**

**1. Existing Data**

- i. Watershed Technical Report – Freese & Nichols (Feb. 2005)
- ii. Gopher Branch Study – Carter and Burgess (2002)
- iii. Gopher/Turner Branch Study for Repairs at Belt Line Road – Halff Associates (2008)
- iv. City Wide Internal Storm Drain Master Plan Study – Halff Associates (2015)

Halff Associates was contracted in July 2013 by the City of Grand Prairie to analyze the limitations and deficiencies of the drainage system for portions of the remaining City watersheds, including: Alspaugh Branch, Cedar Creek, Johnson Creek, West Fork Trinity River areas, Gopher and Turner Branch, Gopher Branch/Turner Branch, Mountain Creek Lake areas, Bear Creek, and Dry Branch, through the use of detailed hydraulic analysis and to provide improvement recommendations that are effective both functionally and financially. The remaining City watersheds are located in the City of Grand Prairie. Analysis for this master plan was performed using the StormCAD v8i modeling package with available patches, and focused on the storm drain trunk lines (24” and larger) with limited open channel evaluation.

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## **II. Hydrologic Studies**

## II. HYDROLOGIC STUDIES

### A. GENERAL

Hydrologic analyses were conducted by Halff Associates for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. It is bordered by the Dalworth Creek basin to the west, West Fork Trinity River basin to the north and east, Henry Branch basin to the south, and Mountain Creek subbasin to the southeast. Gopher and Turner Branch is located within the Lower West Fork Trinity hydrologic region which is characterized by generally flat terrain and impermeable soils.

The USACE Hydrologic Engineering Center Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS, Version 3.5) was utilized to develop the following hydrologic scenarios:

1. Existing (2013) Land Use Conditions
2. Ultimate Land Use Conditions

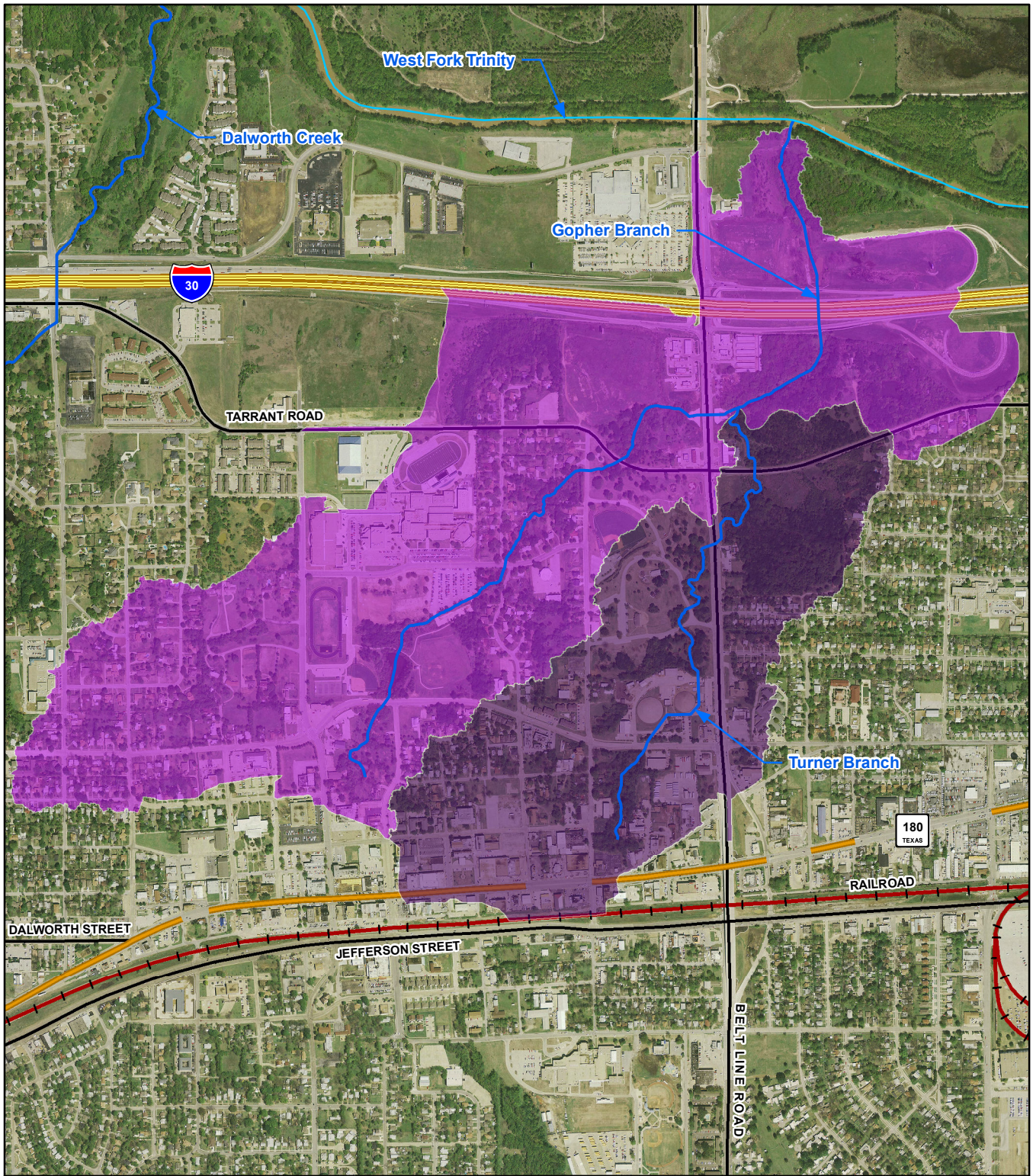
Significant rainfall events considered for the hydrologic model were the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100- and 500-year frequency floods. Detailed watershed delineation, existing and ultimate land use determinations, and the hydrologic soil coverage were used to develop the HEC-HMS hydrologic computer model for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. The City's Drainage Design Manual (June 2015) along with Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, Technical Release 55 (TR-55) Second Edition were used as guidelines for the new hydrologic analyses in 2013.

### B. WATERSHEDS

The following is a brief description of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

The Gopher and Turner Branch watershed is located between Interstate Highway 30 and Jefferson Boulevard along Belt Line Road in the northern portion of the City of Grand Prairie. For an overview of the watershed location and adjacent communities, refer to Figure II-1, Overall Watershed Map, located immediately after this page and in Appendix A. The total contributing watershed area draining to Gopher and Turner Branch is about 0.86 square miles or approximately 1,500 acres with an estimated affected population of 1,700 people (U.S. Census Bureau, 2010). Gopher Branch stretches 1.52 miles from its confluence with the West Fork Trinity River to just upstream of Small Hill Street. Turner Branch, a tributary of Gopher Branch, stretches 0.92 miles from its confluence with Gopher Branch to just downstream of E. Main Street.





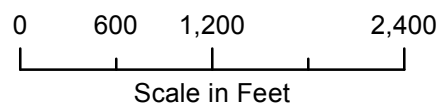
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**Overall Watershed Map**

Watershed

**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure

**II-1**



The watershed is currently about 65% urbanized, shown in Figure II-2, located immediately after this page and in Appendix A. The watershed is developed with residential housing, however at the the furthest upstream portion of the watershed there is some commercial development, and in the central portion of the watershed there is some institutional development. The central and lower watershed consists of some open space near Turner Park and downstream of Interstate Highway 30.

The Gopher and Turner Branch watershed was sub-divided into twenty (20) sub-basins. Sub-basin delineations were generated in ESRI's ArcGIS Version 10 based on the City of Grand Prairie 2009 Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) Terrain Data. Digital storm sewer lines supplied by the City of Grand Prairie, supported by current aerial photography, aided in the basin delineation process.

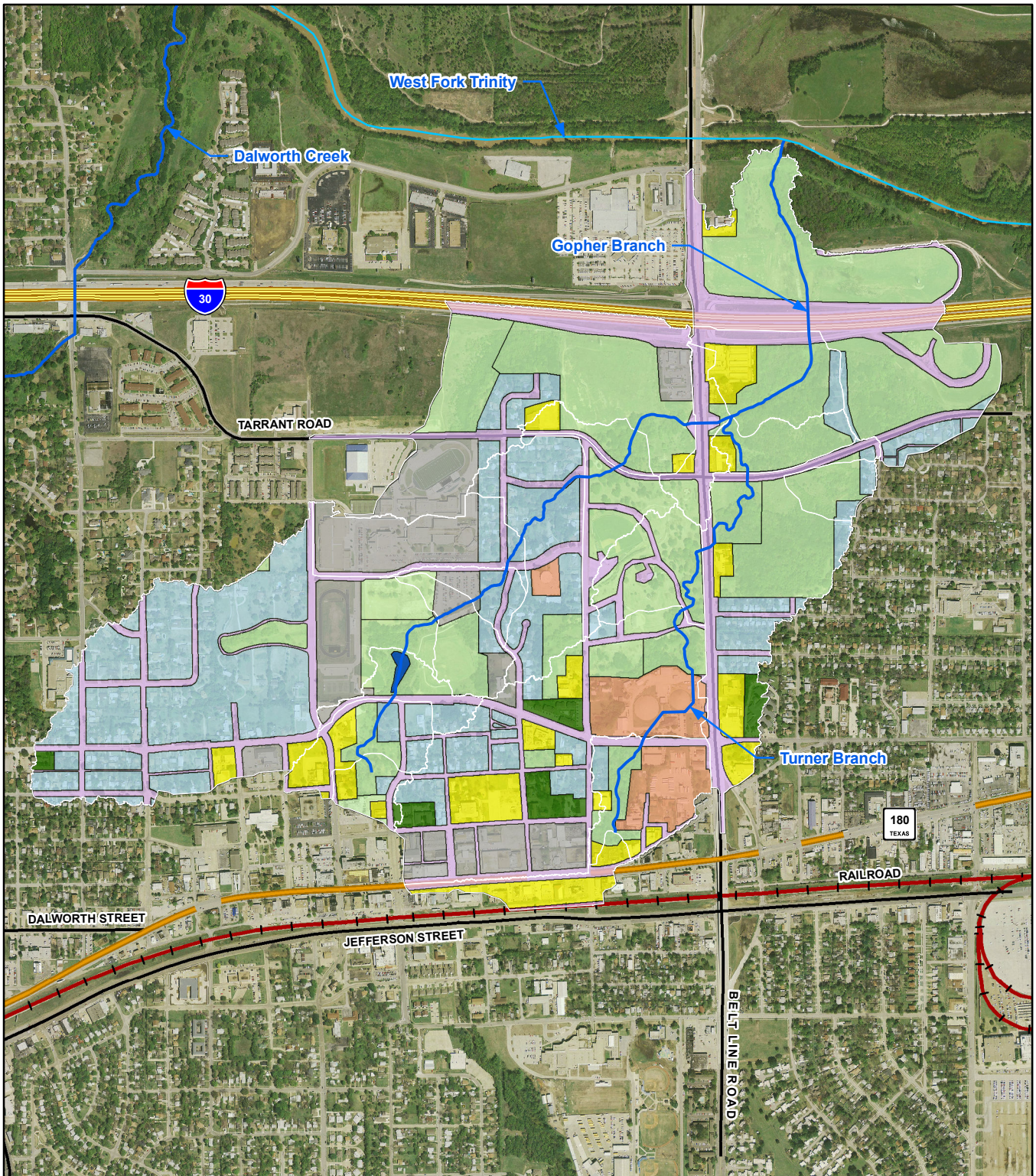
### **C. LAND USE**

Land usage for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed has been determined for both existing and ultimate conditions.

#### **1. Existing Land Use**

The Gopher and Turner Branch watershed existing land use was developed based on the 2013 City of Grand Prairie land use data and updated based on current aerial photography (2011). The Gopher and Turner Branch watershed is 65% developed with commercial, single family residential, multi-family residential, and institutional use. Figure II-2 shows the existing land use within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.





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**KEY TO FEATURES**

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|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Studied Stream   | Government | Drainage Areas     |
| Unstudied Stream | Commercial | Interstate Highway |
| Single Family    | Open Space | State Highway      |
| Multi-Family     | Water      | Major Road         |
| Industrial       | Impervious | Railroad           |

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Scale in Feet



Title

**Existing Land Use**

Watershed

**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure

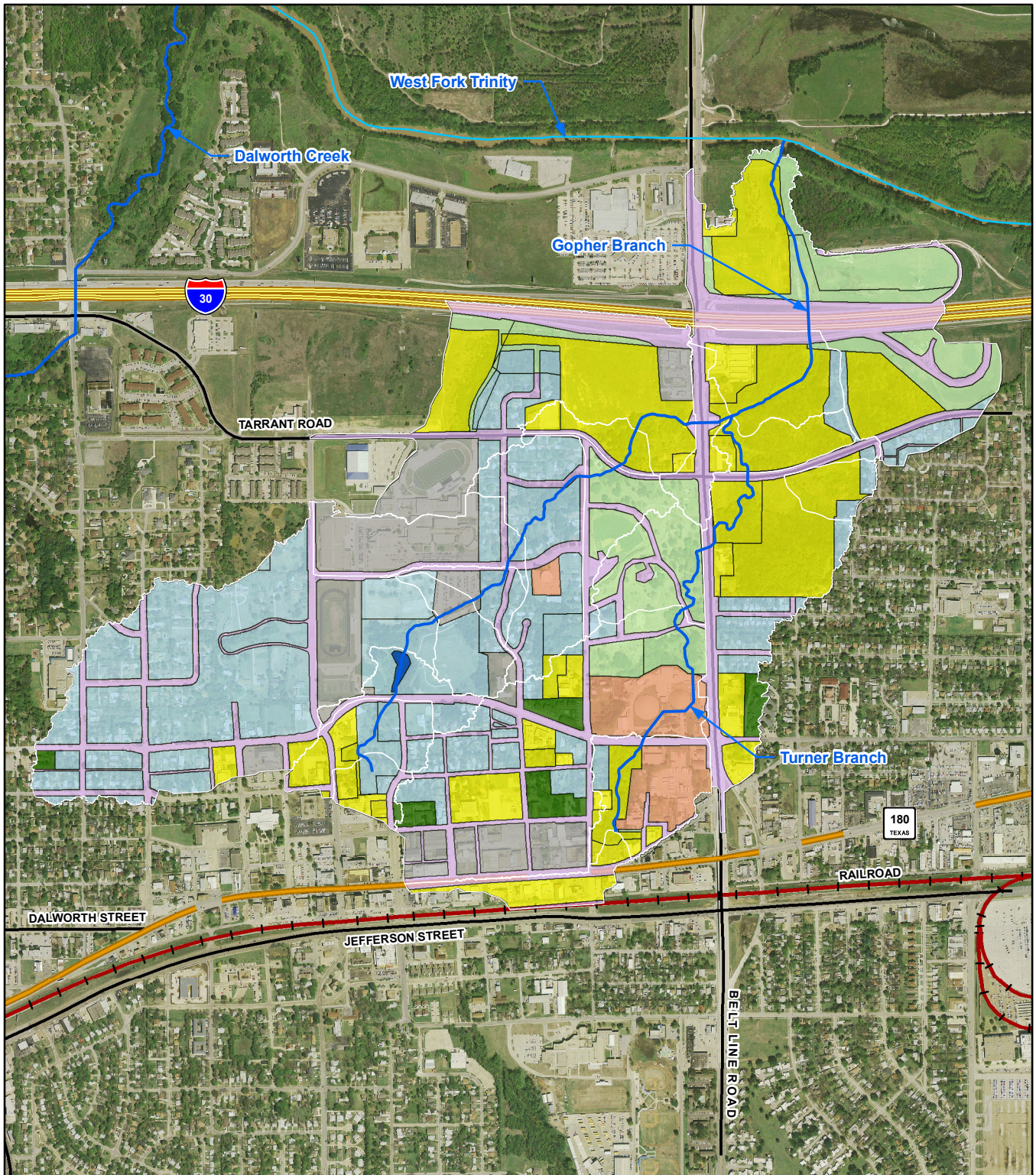
**II-2**



## **2. Ultimate Land Use**

Ultimate land use conditions were based on the City of Grand Prairie's future land use conditions shapefile. The City's future land use zoning was not revised unless current aerial photography indicated land use with a higher percent impervious than the future land use designation. In these cases, the future land use designation was changed to match existing conditions. Figure II-3, located immediately after this page and in Appendix A, shows the ultimate land use within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.





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**KEY TO FEATURES**

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|  | Single Family    |  | Open Space |  | State Highway      |
|  | Multi-Family     |  | Water      |  | Major Road         |
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**Ultimate Land Use**

Watershed

**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure

**II-3**



**D. IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE**

Percent impervious is a function of the various land uses within a watershed basin. The specific land uses and their corresponding percent impervious values are varied depending on the date each watershed was modeled. The percent impervious values for this study were obtained from the City's Drainage Design Manual (June 2015) Table 4.1a and Table 4.1c. A composite percentage of impervious area was computed for each sub-basin for both existing and ultimate conditions. The percent impervious values input into the HEC-HMS model represent the corresponding amount of existing or anticipated development. Table II-1 provides the specific land use classifications and the corresponding percent impervious values for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

**Table II-1 – Imperviousness for Land Use (2013 Study)**

<b>Land Use Description</b>	<b>Impervious (%) Condition</b>	<b>% Land Use in Watershed</b>
Single Family Residential	50%	23.1%
Open Space/Dedicated Park	0%	35.0%
Commercial/Business/Retail	85%	6.9%
Impervious	98%	19.1%
Utilities	40%	0%
Industrial	72%	4.0%
Multi-Family Residential	65%	1.7%
Institutional	72%	10.1%
Water	100%	0.1%

Note: Percent Impervious obtained from the City of Grand Prairie current Drainage Design Manual (June 2015) Table 4.1a and Table 4.1c.

**E. SOIL TYPES**

Soil information was obtained from the 2012 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) 2.2 data model for Dallas County. The watershed consists of soil types B, C, and D, but is predominately soil type D soils which is defined as clayey with slow infiltration rates and a high potential for runoff. Soil type B is defined as soils having some content of gravelly sand with moderate infiltration rates and a low/moderate runoff potential. Soil Type C is defined as soils having moderately fine to fine texture and slow infiltration rates. The hydrologic soils for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed are

illustrated in the Hydrologic Soils Map, Figure II-4, located immediately after this page and in Appendix A of this report.

The antecedent moisture condition (AMC) defines the soil moisture condition prior to a storm. AMC-II, average soil moisture conditions, was used for the purposes of this study.

#### **F. LOSS RATES**

The loss rate of rainfall, caused by evaporation, interception, depression, storage, and infiltration, is typically evaluated and subtracted from the rainfall to determine rainfall excess for each time increment of a storm. For this study, the NRCS (previously the Soil Conservation Service, (SCS)) Loss Rate Method was utilized to compute peak flood discharges based on land use, soil classification, and antecedent moisture conditions.

Baseline Curve Numbers (CN) were obtained from TR-55, Table 2.2c, for pasture, grassland, or range for AMC-II, average soil moisture conditions (See Appendix B). Curve Numbers were computed based on a composite percentage of soil types within each sub-basin. Group A soils were defined as having a CN of 39, Group B soils were defined as having a CN of 61, Group C soils were defined as having a CN of 74, and Group D soils were defined as having a CN of 80. Percent impervious values calculated based on land use were used in addition to Curve Numbers for hydrologic computations (Refer to Section II.D).

The initial abstraction (IA) for all watersheds was computed for AMC-II, average soil conditions using the following equation from TR-55:

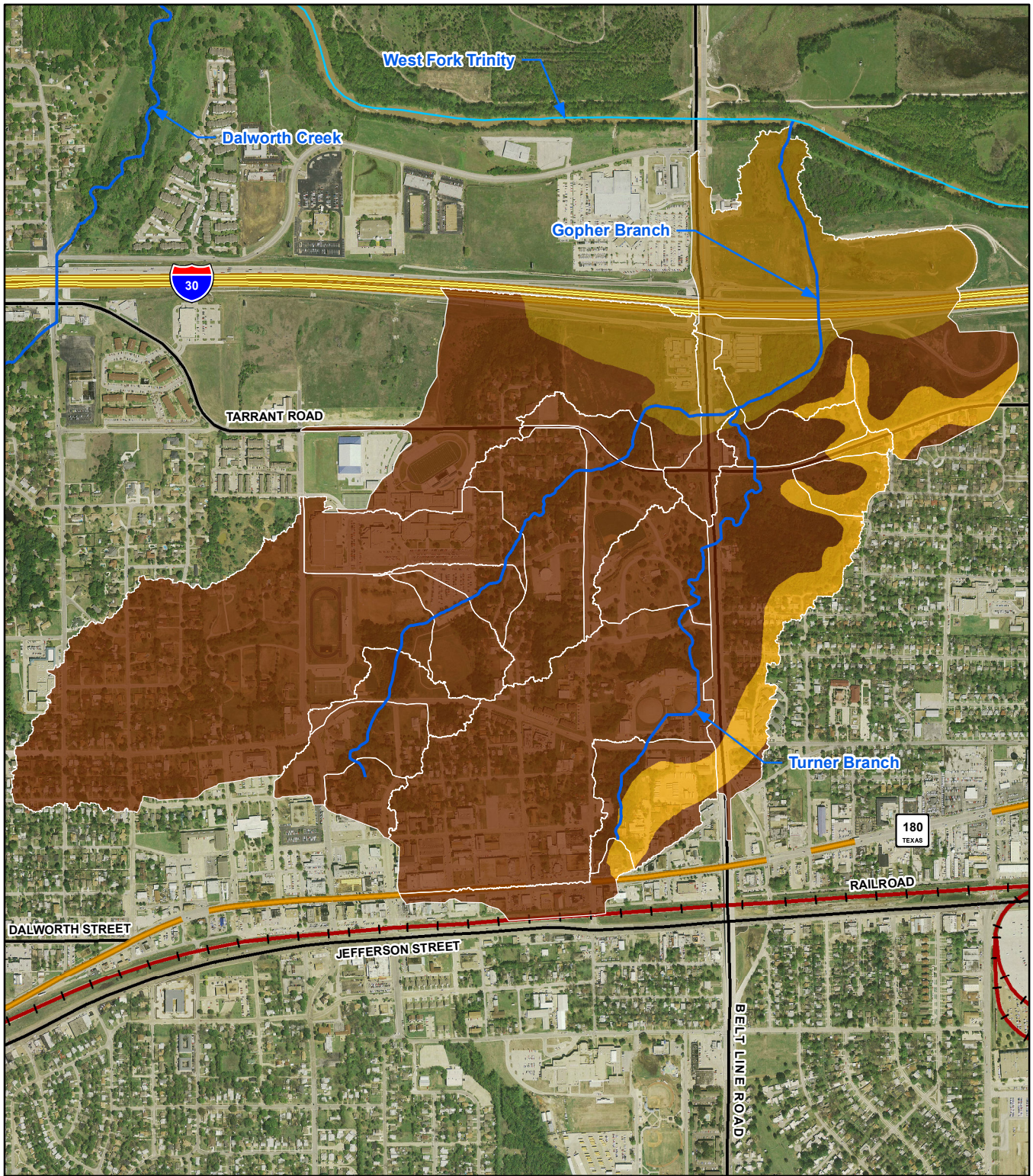
$$IA = 0.2 \left( \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \right)$$

A summary of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed Curve Numbers, percent impervious values and initial abstractions is included in Appendix B.

#### **G. SYNTHETIC UNIT HYDROGRAPH METHOD**

The unit hydrograph technique is used to transform rainfall excess to sub-basin runoff. The NRCS Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph method was utilized to compute lag times for each sub-basin to determine runoff hydrographs. Existing time of concentration was computed based on TR-55 methodology. Travel times for channel flow were based on velocities from the hydraulic model.

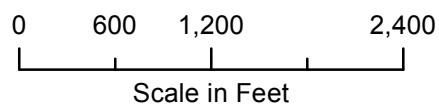




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**KEY TO FEATURES**

- Soil Group B
- Soil Group C
- Soil Group D
- Studied Stream
- Unstudied Stream
- Gopher Creek Drainage Areas
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad



Title **Hydrologic Soils Map**

Watershed **Gopher-Turner Branch** Figure **II-4**



Computed lag times for the NRCS Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph method used the following equation:

$$t_p = 0.6 * \text{time of concentration}$$

Time of concentration was computed separately for existing and ultimate conditions. Both were computed separately for existing and ultimate conditions. Both were based on TR-55 methodology for overland flow (sheet flow and shallow concentrated flow) and with Manning’s equation to compute travel times through the underground storm sewer system. Overland flow length was limited based on existing and ultimate land use conditions. Overland flow was limited to 100 feet for undeveloped and residential land use and 50 feet for industrial/commercial land use.

**H. RAINFALL**

The standard 24-hour duration storm event, for watersheds larger than 500 acres (0.78 square miles), was utilized to established rainfall parameters. Point rainfall depths were obtained from the City’s Drainage Design Manual (June 2015), Table 5.4, for five minute to twenty-four hour duration rainfall events. The rainfall data is summarized in Table II-2 below.

**Table II-2 - Rainfall Depth / Duration for Grand Prairie**

Return Period (years)	Point Rainfall Depths (inches)							
	5-min	15-min	1-hr	2-hr	3-hr	6-hr	12-hr	24-hr
2 yr	0.49	1.04	1.85	2.22	2.45	2.91	3.45	3.95
5 yr	0.57	1.22	2.45	3.00	3.30	3.90	4.70	5.40
10 yr	0.63	1.36	2.86	3.55	3.85	4.65	5.50	6.40
25 yr	0.73	1.56	3.35	4.15	4.55	5.45	6.50	7.50
50 yr	0.80	1.71	3.82	4.65	5.15	6.20	7.35	8.52
100 yr	0.87	1.87	4.25	5.20	5.70	6.92	8.40	9.55
500 yr	1.00	2.20	5.40	6.60	7.40	8.80	10.50	12.00

Ref: City of Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual (June 2015) Table 5.4

**I. FLOOD ROUTING**

The Modified Puls routing method was utilized for reaches modeled in HEC-RAS. The routing was used to establish storage-outflow relationships from steady-flow water surface profiles using the HEC-RAS hydraulic analyses. Storage-outflow relationships were determined for existing channel and floodplain conditions.

**J. DETENTION & DIVERSIONS**

There were no detention ponds identified in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

There were no diversions identified or modeled in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

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## **III. Hydraulic Studies**

### III. HYDRAULIC STUDIES

#### A. HYDRAULIC ANALYSES

Halff Associates developed detailed hydraulic models using existing and ultimate conditions hydrology for Gopher and Turner Branch using the City of Grand Prairie LiDAR data (2009), aerial digital photography (2013), field surveys, and field observations.

The locations of hydraulic cross-sections for the Gopher and Turner Branch study are displayed on the Floodplain Workmaps in the Figures section of this report. Channel roughness factors (Manning's "n" values) were assigned on the basis of field inspections of floodplain areas and aerial orthophotos. All elevations are measured from the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88).

Computed peak discharges from each stream's HEC-HMS model for the existing 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year and ultimate 100-year frequency floods were included in the hydraulics model. The hydraulic results, including computed water surface elevations and profiles, are also discussed in Section IV.B – Hydraulic Study Results.

Bridge and culvert data was input to the hydraulic models for Small Hill Drive, the sidewalk crossing on Grand Prairie ISD property, two parking lot drive crossings, High School Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, one foot bridge, East Tarrant Road, one set of field culverts, Belt Line Road, Small Hill Drive, Park Square South Road, West Park Square Road based on survey data. Expansion and contraction coefficients of 0.3 and 0.5 were applied upstream and downstream of structures or other abrupt changes in floodplain width where it was appropriate. Ineffective flow areas were entered upstream and downstream of structures to account for loss of conveyance due to the structures. Ineffective flow limits were also used in situations where there was storage without conveyance. Normal depth was used as the starting boundary condition for the hydraulic model.

A floodway model was developed as a part of this Gopher and Turner Branch study. The model was optimized with the maximum encroachment that would not cause a rise of 1-foot or greater at any point along the stream.

A DVD containing copies of all hydraulic computer models, GIS shapefiles, and figures used in preparation of this report is included in Appendix J.

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## **IV. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study Results**

**IV. HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC STUDY RESULTS**

**A. HYDROLOGIC STUDY RESULTS**

This section of the City-wide Drainage Master Plan for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed compiles the results of the detailed hydrologic computer model. Hydrologic parameter data for all sub-basins modeled in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed is included in Appendix B.

A detailed HEC-HMS hydrologic computer model has been prepared for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. The existing and ultimate land use conditions were analyzed with channel flood routing data based on existing channels and bridges. Table IV-1 contains available peak flood discharge information for existing and ultimate conditions at key locations along Gopher and Turner Branch for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year flood frequencies.

**Table IV-1 – Summary of Discharges for Gopher and Turner Branch**

Stream Name	Flooding Source and Approximate Location	Cross Section ID	Basin Area (sq. mi.)	2-Year Storm Event	5-Year Storm Event	10-Year Storm Event	25-Year Storm Event	50-Year Storm Event	100-Year Storm Event		500-Year Storm Event
				Existing	Existing	Existing	Existing	Existing	Existing	Ultimate	Existing
Gopher Branch	At confluence with West Fork Trinity River	646	0.86	850	1200	1350	1500	1650	1850	1900	2200
	At Interstate 30	1977	0.74	800	1100	1300	1450	1600	1700	1800	2100
	At confluence with Turner Branch	2769	0.71	750	1100	1300	1450	1600	1750	1800	2100
	At Belt Line Road	3186	0.43	475	700	850	950	1000	1100	1100	1350
	At Tarrant Road	4186	0.32	350	500	600	650	700	800	800	1200
	At Small Hill Street	7354	0.03	50	50	75	100	100	125	125	150
Turner Branch	At confluence with Gopher Branch	307	0.27	275	375	450	550	600	650	700	800
	At Tarrant Road	749	0.25	250	325	375	425	475	500	550	650
	At Belt Line Road	1776	0.18	175	200	200	225	250	250	250	300
	At Small Hill Street	4103	0.04	75	100	100	125	150	150	175	200

\*Note: Crossings are discussed in detail in Section VII

**B. HYDRAULIC STUDY RESULTS**

This section of the City-wide Drainage Master Plan for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed compiles the results of the detailed hydraulic computer model.

The computed peak flood discharges from Gopher and Turner Branch were used in the HEC-RAS hydraulic model to compute existing water surface elevations for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year flood frequencies and ultimate water surface elevations for the 100-year flood frequency. 100-year water surface elevations increased on average by two

tenths of a foot between existing and ultimate conditions for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

The HEC-RAS hydraulic computer model for Gopher and Turner Branch and the City of Grand Prairie LiDAR data (2009) were used to delineate the existing conditions 100-year floodplain (Refer to the Floodplain Workmaps in Appendix A of this report). A DVD included in Appendix J contains the hydraulic model and mapping shapefiles developed as part of this report. Flood profiles are included in Appendix B of this report. The water surface elevations for the existing 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year frequency events and the ultimate 100-year frequency event are shown for all profiles.

**C. QUALITY ASSURANCE / QUALITY CONTROL**

Quality assurance / quality control for the hydrologic and hydraulic studies was performed by Halff Associates, Inc. as part of the City of Grand Prairie – Y#0948 FEMA FY12 CTP Project. Storm events were added to the models during the preparation of this report and were also reviewed by Halff Associates, Inc.

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## **V. Floodplain Mapping**



## V. FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

### A. OVERVIEW

Halff Associates re-mapped the existing 100-year and 500-year floodplain for Gopher and Turner Branch as part of the FY 2012 City of Grand Prairie Cooperating Technical Partners Flood Study. The floodplains are connected through bridges whether the bridge is overtopped or not per FEMA Mapping guidance. The profile should be referenced to determine if a bridge is overtopped as the mapping will always be connected. The floodplains through culverts were delineated based on the modeled conditions through the culvert. If the culvert is not overtopped, the floodplain will be disconnected on either side of the culvert. Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) along Gopher and Turner Branch were generated based on the HEC-RAS model output data. The BFEs were finalized per the FEMA Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners, Appendix C, dated November 2009. Floodways were delineated for Gopher and Turner Branch as part of the CTP study. The results of the CTP Risk Map project were submitted to FEMA in January 2014. Refer to the following pages and Appendix A for Floodplain Workmaps of Gopher and Turner Branch, a map of affected FEMA panels, and current effective FEMA panels. Note that only two FEMA FIRM panels have been included, while four are revised. The current effective mapping is contained on these two panels, while the new mapping developed by the City of Grand Prairie in the FY 2012 City of Grand Prairie Cooperating Technical Partners Flood Study extends into two new panels. Floodplain shapefiles are included on the DVD in Appendix J.



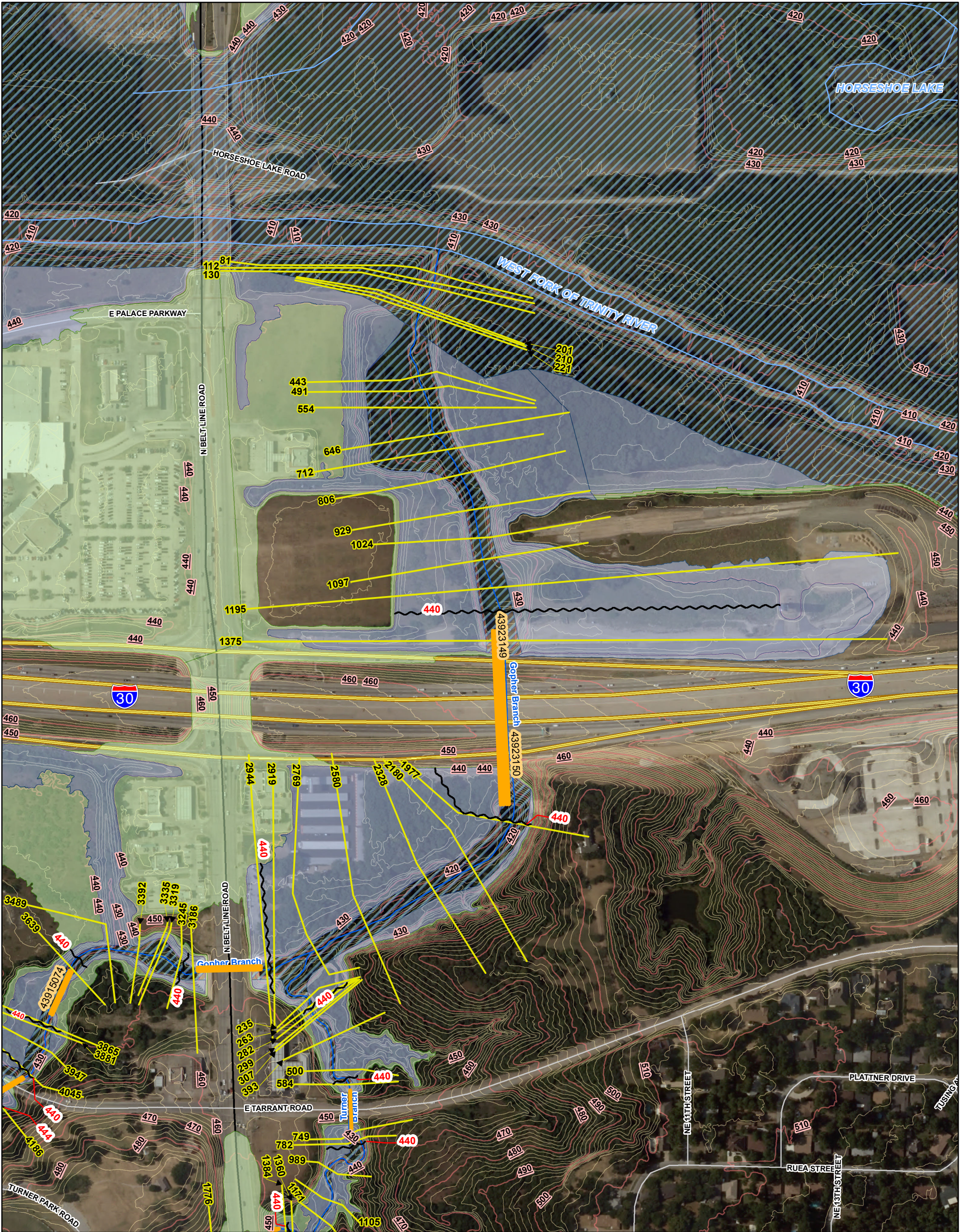


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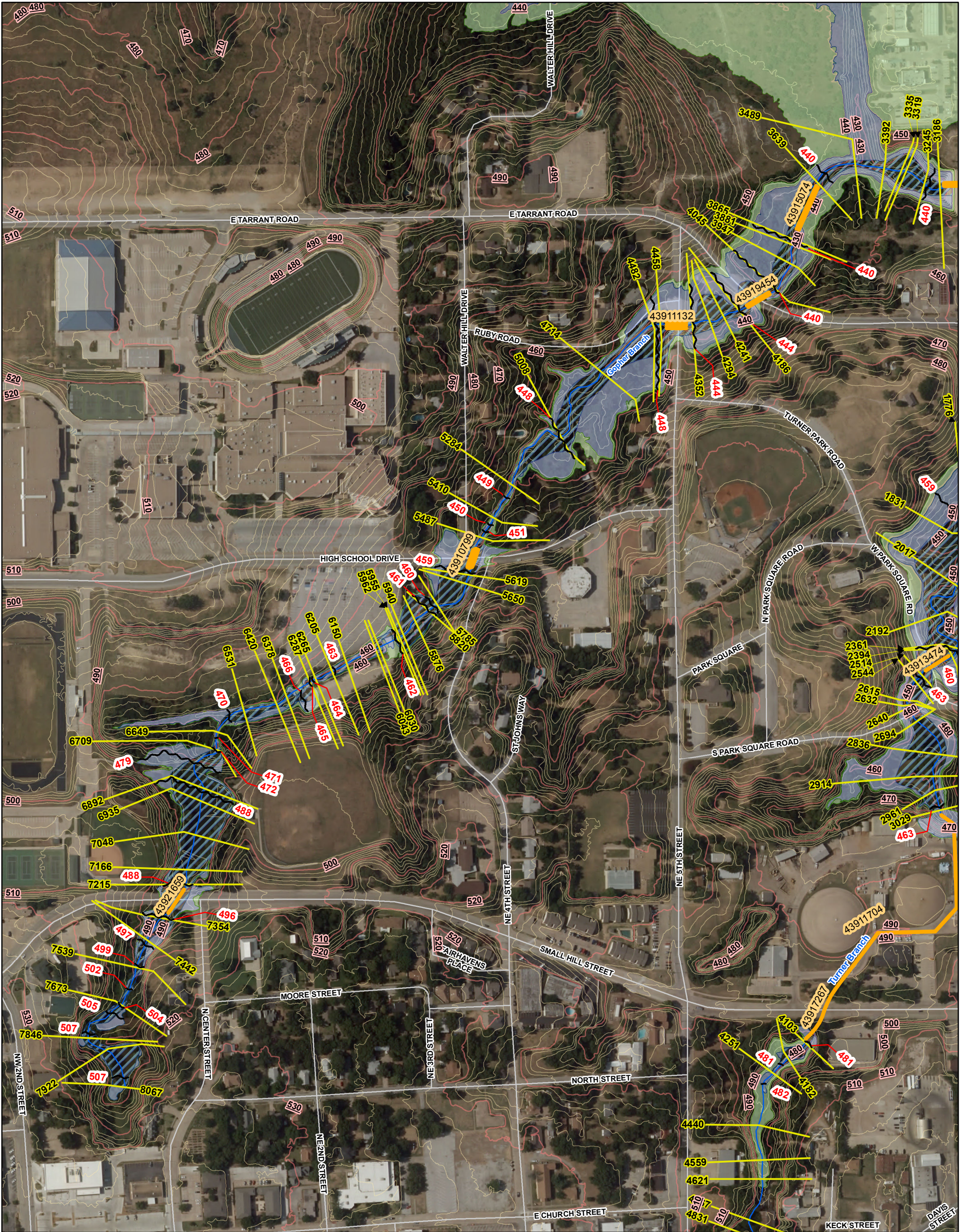
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	BFE
	Cross Section
	Floodway
	1-Percent-Annual-Chance Floodplain (Zone AE)
	0.2-Percent-Annual-Chance Floodplain (Zone X)
	Index Contour*
	Intermediate Contour*
	Interstate Highway
	Other Highway
	Major Road
	Minor Road
	Railroad
	Storm Drain Lines

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**Gopher-Turner Branch**

**Hydraulic Work Maps**

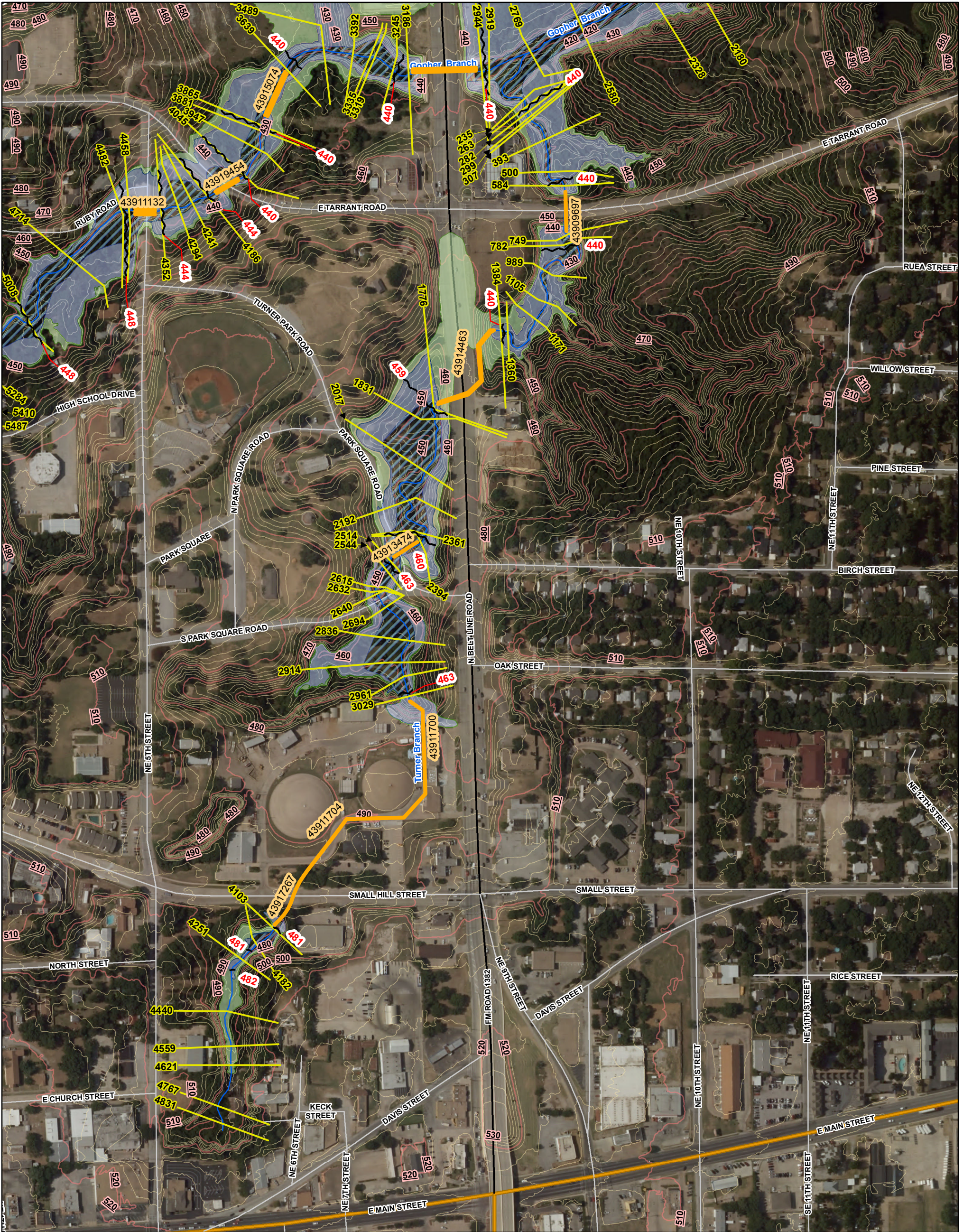
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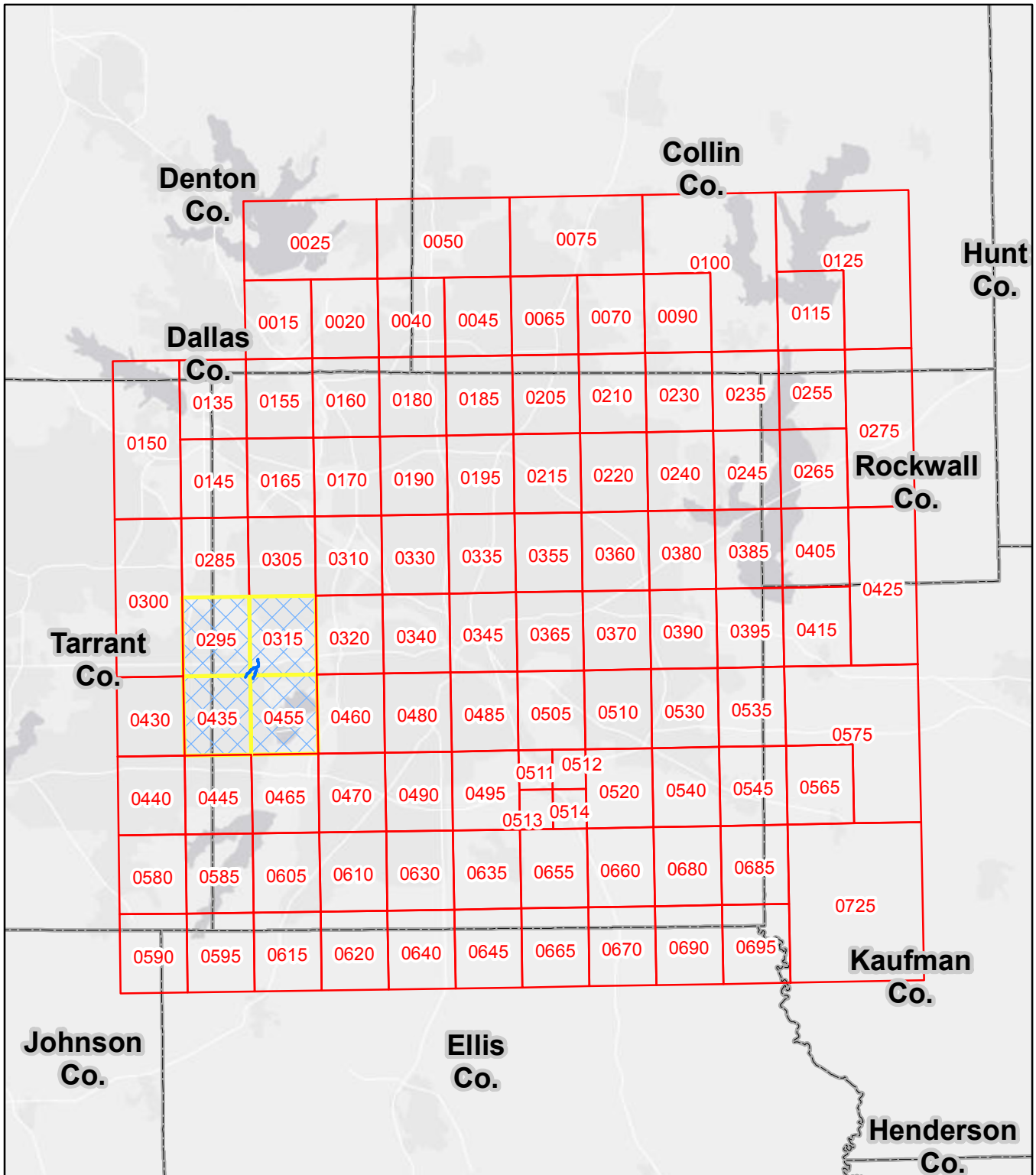
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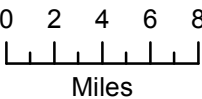

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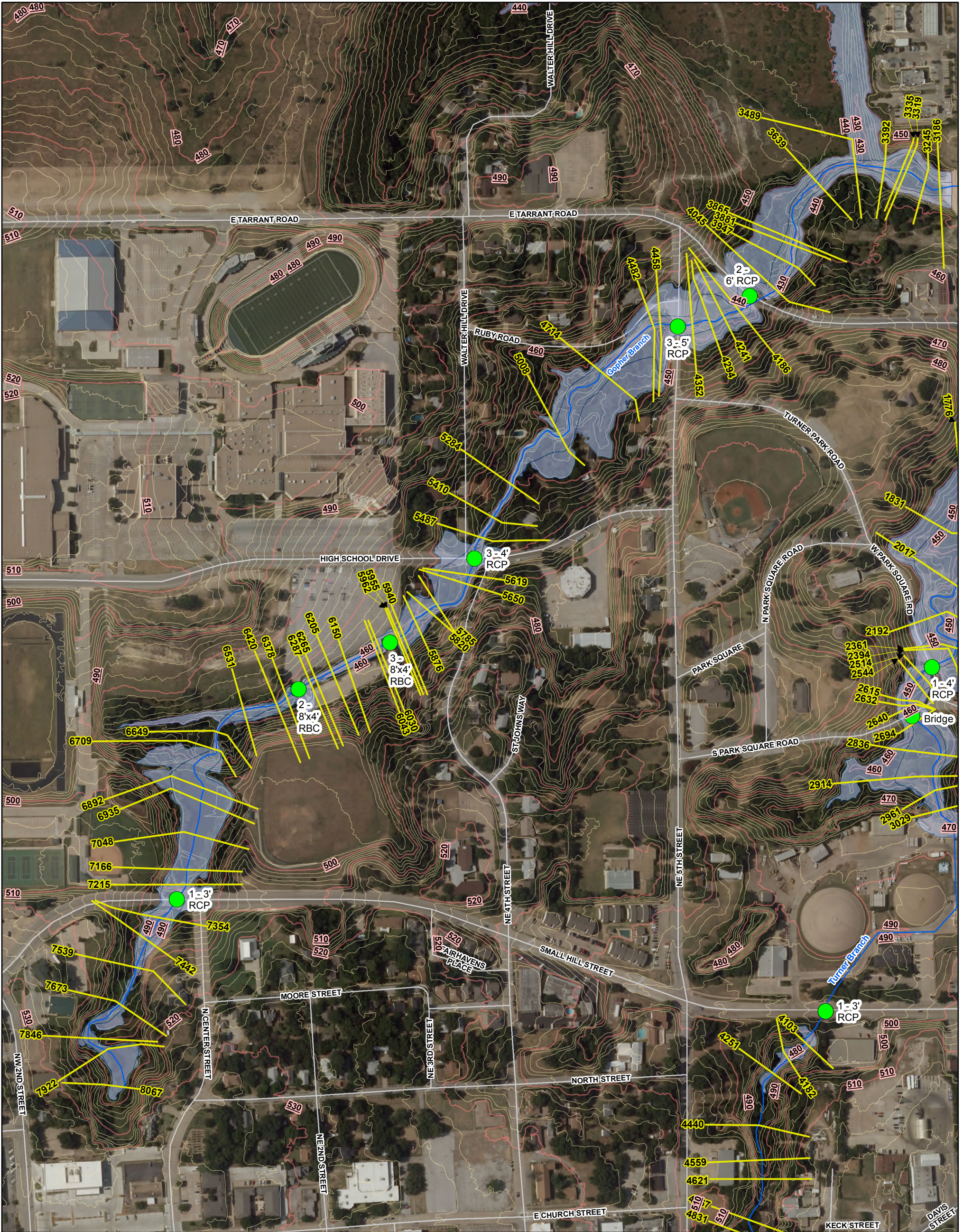


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**Gopher-Turner Branch**

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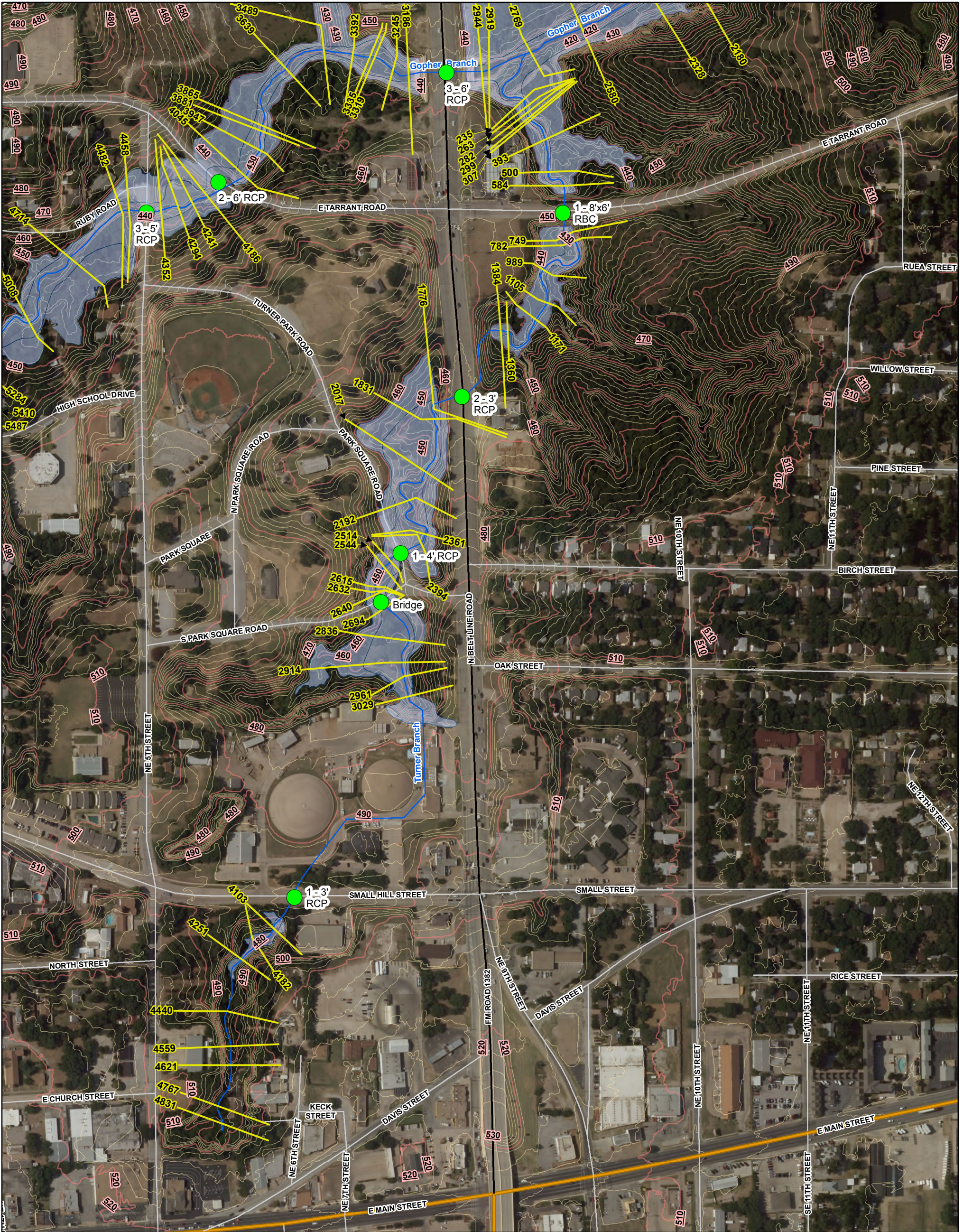


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## **VI. Roadway Crossings**

**VI. ROADWAY CROSSINGS****A. EVALUATION OF EXISTING ROADWAY CROSSINGS**

Existing roadway crossings along Gopher and Turner Branch were evaluated on their level of protection against the existing 10%, 2%, and 1% (10-year, 50-year, and 100-year) chance flood events. Table VI-1 below includes the current hydraulic model, the station and description of the roadway crossing, and if the roadway crossing is overtopped by the existing 10%, 2%, or 1% chance flood event. Water Surface Elevations (WSEL) refers to the upstream face of the structure. Refer to the following pages and Appendix A for a location map of existing bridge crossings along Gopher and Turner Branch.

Overtopped roadways were resized where appropriate to reduce flooding for the ultimate 1% (100-year) annual chance flood event. A summary of the roadway improvement alternatives is included in Table VI-2. Refer to Section VII for detailed descriptions of conceptual existing roadway crossing improvements.





KEY TO FEATURES	
	Project Stream
	Other Stream
	100 yr Storm Event Passes Bridge Deck
	Overtopped by 100 yr Storm Event
	Overtopped by 25 yr Storm Event
	Overtopped by 10 yr Storm Event
	Overtopped by 5 yr Storm Event
	Overtopped by 2 yr Storm Event
	1-Percent-Annual-Chance Floodplain (Zone AE)
	Interstate Highway
	Other Highway
	Major Road
	Minor Road
	Railroad

Watershed  
**Gopher-Turner Branch**

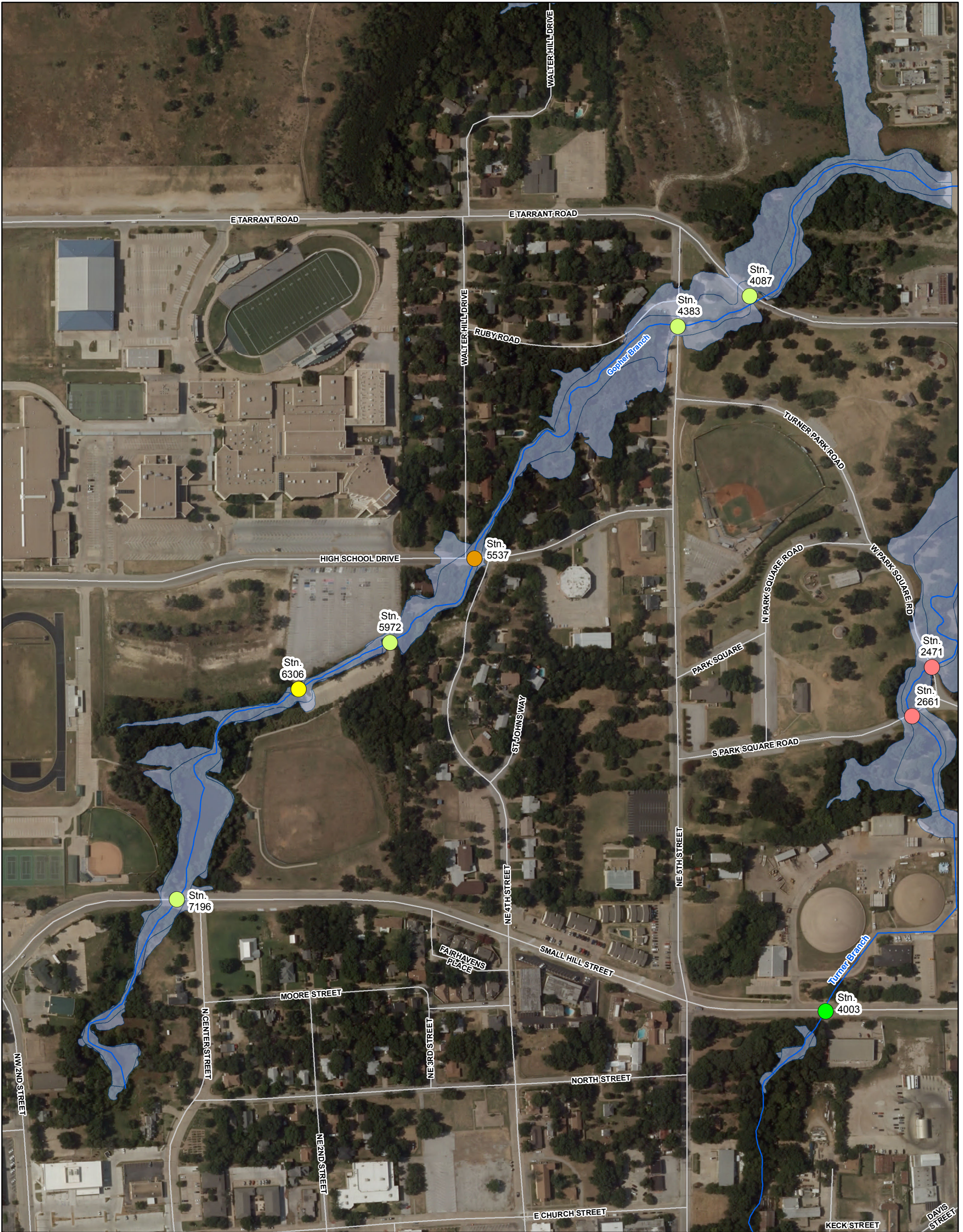
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KEY TO FEATURES	
Project Stream	Other Stream
100 yr Storm Event Passes Bridge Deck	1-Percent-Annual-Chance Floodplain (Zone AE)
Overtopped by 100 yr Storm Event	Interstate Highway
Overtopped by 25 yr Storm Event	Other Highway
Overtopped by 10 yr Storm Event	Major Road
Overtopped by 5 yr Storm Event	Minor Road
Overtopped by 2 yr Storm Event	Railroad

Watershed  
**Gopher-Turner Branch**

**Existing Roadway Crossings**

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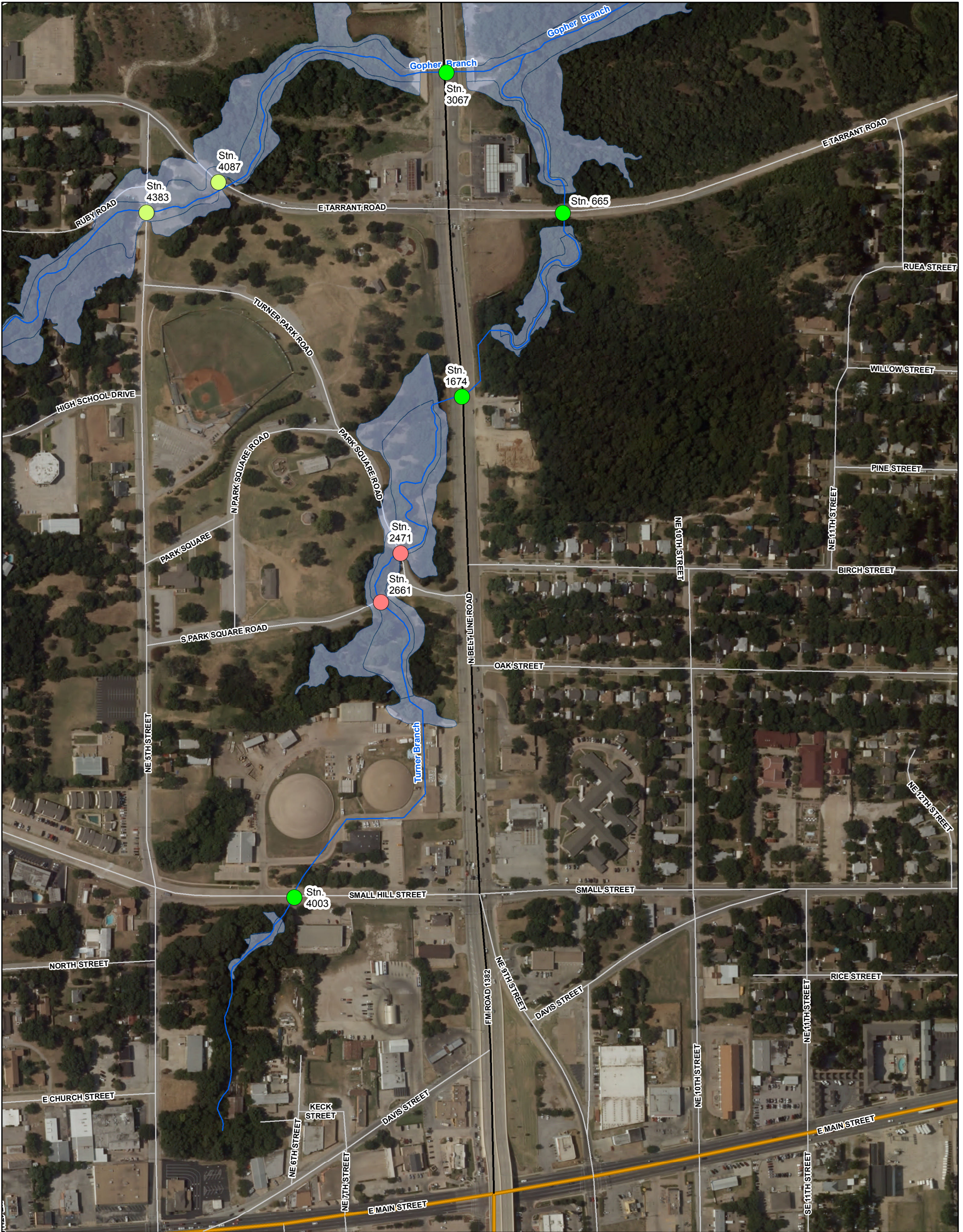
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**Figure VI-1**

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Watershed  
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**Existing Roadway Crossings**

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**Table VI-1 - Existing Roadway Crossings**

Stream: Gopher Branch						
River Station		Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev. (ft)	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road (ft)	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road (ft)	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road (ft)
1.	1593	<i>Interstate Highway 30</i>	447.00	No	No	No
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				423.80	423.80	423.80
2.	3067	<i>Belt Line Road</i>	445.45	No	No	No
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				425.81	425.81	425.81
3.	4109	<i>E Tarrant Road</i>	443.49	No	No	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				436.77	436.77	443.99
4.	4405	<i>5th Street</i>	447.03	No	No	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				440.51	441.63	447.78
5.	5559	<i>High School Drive</i>	458.30	Yes	Yes	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				458.86	459.35	459.43
6.	5994	<i>Road Crossing</i>	462.62	No	No	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				460.76	461.31	462.77
7.	6328	<i>Road Crossing</i>	465.80	No	Yes	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				463.54	466.18	466.55
8.	7218	<i>Small Hill Drive</i>	496.11	No	No	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				493.19	495.21	496.48

Stream: Turner Branch						
River Station		Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev. (ft)	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road (ft)	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road (ft)	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road (ft)
1.	665	<i>E Tarrant Road</i>	454.00	No	No	No
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				432.48	432.48	432.48
2.	1674	<i>Belt Line Road</i>	462.10	No	No	No
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				442.92	442.92	442.92
3.	2471	<i>West Park Square Rd.</i>	460.01	Yes	Yes	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				462.13	462.86	463.03
5.	2661	<i>South Park Square Rd.</i>	461.29	Yes	Yes	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				462.14	462.87	463.04
6.	4003	<i>Small Hill Drive</i>	491.08	No	Yes	Yes
				WSEL=	WSEL=	WSEL=
				476.06	491.09	491.75

**Table VI-2 – Existing Roadway Proposed Alternatives**

Stream Name	Roadway	Approx. River Station	100-Year Ultimate Discharge	Existing Crossing	Minimum Top of Road Elevation		Structure/Bridge Crossing Improvements	100-Year Ult WSEL at US XS	Change in WSEL
					Existing	Proposed			
			(cfs)	(ft)			(ft)	(ft)	(ft)
Gopher Branch	Small Hill Drive	72+20	125	1 - 36" RCP	496.11	496.11	1 - 5' x 5' Concrete Box Culvert	491.4	-5.08
Gopher Branch	High School Drive	55+60	750	3 - 48" RCP	458.2	458.2	3 - 6' x 6' Concrete Box Culverts	457.09	-2.43
Gopher Branch	NE 5th Street	44+00	850	3 - 60" RCP	447.03	447.03	3 - 6' x 6' Concrete Box Culverts	446.31	-1.61
Gopher Branch	East Tarrant Road	41+10	800	2 - 72" RCP	443.49	443.49	2 - 6' x 6' Concrete Box Culverts	443.33	-0.73
Turner Branch	West Park Square Road	24+70	550	1 - 48" RCP	459.8	459.8	3 - 6' x 8' Concrete Box Culverts	459.88	-3.15



**B. EVALUATION OF PROPOSED AND FUTURE ROADWAY CROSSINGS**

According to the City of Grand Prairie's Master Thoroughfare Plan, there are two planned major thoroughfares within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. Refer to the Figures section of this report for a map of the current Master Thoroughfare plan. The current Master Thoroughfare Plan includes existing crossings at Small Hill Drive, High School Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, E Tarrant Road, Belt Line Road, Interstate Highway 30, South Park Square Road, and West Park Square Road along Gopher and Turner Branch. The existing roadway classifications match the planned roadway classifications, except for East Tarrant Road and High School Drive, indicating there is no intention to resize these roadways in the future at this time. Alternatives for East Tarrant Road and High School Drive can be found in detail in Section VII. If other options are proposed in the construction of these crossings, then additional analyses should be performed to analyze upstream and downstream impacts of such construction. Until future improvements are made to the roadways, installation of stream gages at all roadways overtopped by the 100-year storm event are recommended.

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## **VII. Alternatives for Streams and Open Channels**

## **VII. ALTERNATIVES FOR STREAMS AND OPEN CHANNELS**

Non-structural and structural measures were considered for proposed alternatives to mitigate flood damages in the City of Grand Prairie. Halff Associates determined proposed alternatives for structures inundated by the ultimate 100-year flood event and existing roadway crossings overtopped by the existing 100-year flood event within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

The City of Grand Prairie 2009 LiDAR data deliverables included a shapefile for buildings that were identified during the data acquisition. This building shapefile was intersected with the delineated existing 100-year floodplain for Gopher and Turner Branch to identify potentially flooded structures. A total of fifteen (15) structures were identified within the existing 100-year floodplain. Based on the best available data, all fifteen (15) were considered significant, enclosed structures that would qualify as an insurable structure. Flood protection alternatives were not considered economically feasible for the structures in the Gopher Turner Branch 100 – year floodplain. Buyouts are a viable alternative for some of these structures.

Gopher and Turner Branch is considered waters of the United States. Construction of improvements within the waters of the United States requires permitting by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Bridge improvements can typically be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 (NWP 14) for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements. Refer to Appendix H for more information regarding Section 404 Permits.

Proposed alternatives were considered for all existing roadway crossings modeled within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed that were overtopped by the existing 100-year flood event. Each proposed alternative was analyzed, and all reasonable efforts were made to find solutions to pass the 100-year ultimate discharge so that the roadway was not overtopped. There were some locations where either a practical solution was not found, or where changes would have upstream or downstream impacts. Detailed cost estimates for each flood control alternative can be found in Section XII of this report.

Any improvements (including bridge piers) encroaching into a FEMA mapped floodway which result in a rise in water surface elevation will require submittal of a FEMA Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) including the following information:

- An evaluation of alternatives, which would not result in a BFE increase above that permitted demonstrating why these alternatives are not feasible;
- Documentation of individual legal notice to all affected property owners within and outside of the community, explaining the impact of the proposed action on their property;
- Concurrence of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and any other communities affected by the proposed actions; and
- Certification that no structures are located in areas that would be impacted by the increased base flood elevation.

The following is a brief description of the proposed conceptual improvements within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. Until future improvements are made to the crossings, installation of stream gages at all roadways overtopped by the 100-year storm event are recommended. Refer to Table VI-2 for a summary of proposed conceptual existing roadway crossing improvements.

**1. SMALL HILL DRIVE AT GOPHER BRANCH (STREAM STATION 72+20)**

The culvert crossing at Small Hill Drive consists of one 3’ diameter circular culvert. The existing culvert at Small Hill Drive does not currently have the capacity to pass the 100-year storm event, causing the storm event to overtop the road. The ultimate conditions 100-year event overtops the road by 0.37 feet. Table VII-1 below shows the level of protection for Small Hill Drive.

**Table VII-1**

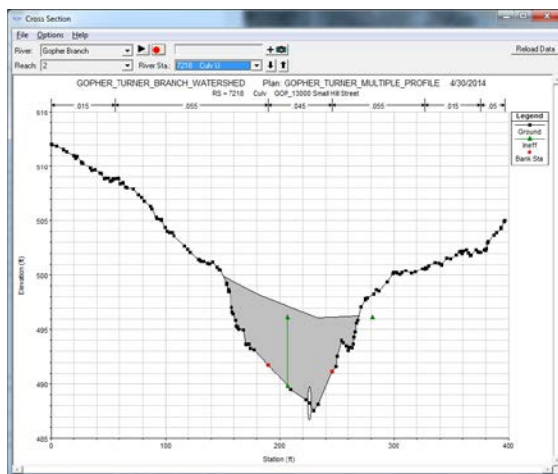
Stream: Gopher Creek									
River Station		Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road
15.	7218	<i>Small Hill Drive</i>	496.11	No WSEL= 489.02	No WSEL= 489.02	No WSEL= 493.19	No WSEL= 495.21	No WSEL= 495.21	Yes WSEL= 496.48

**Alternative 1**

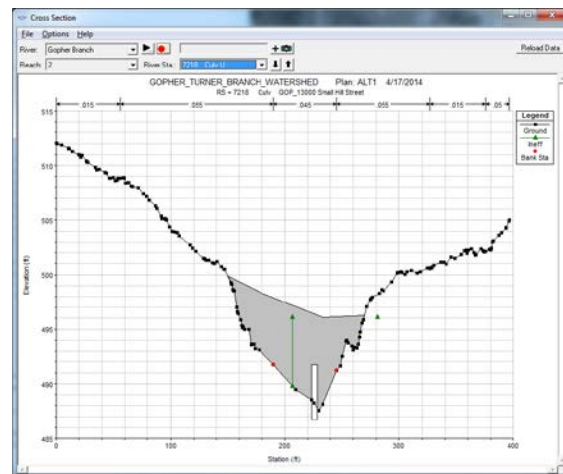
- Construct 1 – 5’x 5’ Concrete Box Culverts
- This allows the 100-year storm event to pass under Small Hill Drive.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST - 2015	
Subtotal	\$171,898
30% Contingency	\$51,569
12% for Engineering and Survey	\$26,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,300</b>

Refer to Section XII of this report for a detailed breakdown of the preliminary cost estimate. If the Alternative 1 improvements at Small Hill Drive were implemented, the roadway would no longer be overtopped by the 500-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 5.08' upstream of Small Hill Drive as a result of the proposed improvements; however, no existing structures benefit from the decrease in water surface elevations. Valley storage loss should be minimal, but will need to be checked for the final roadway design and mitigation plan prior to construction. A FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be necessary after construction of the improvements to incorporate floodplain mapping revisions into the FEMA mapping. Alternative 1 would require construction within the waters of the United States which can be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



Small Hill Drive Ex. Conditions



Small Hill Drive Prop. Conditions

## 2. HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY SIDEWALK/POND CROSSING AT GOPHER BRANCH (STREAM STATION 68+00)

The culvert crossing located near station 68+00 is on Grand Prairie Independent School District Property. It is a sidewalk crossing that connects a parking lot to a nearby recreational field. The crossing consists of one 3' diameter circular culverts. This sidewalk crossing is overtopped by the 50-year storm event, and the ultimate conditions 100-year event overtops the road by 0.25 feet. Table VII-2 below shows the level of protection for this sidewalk crossing.

**Table VII-2**

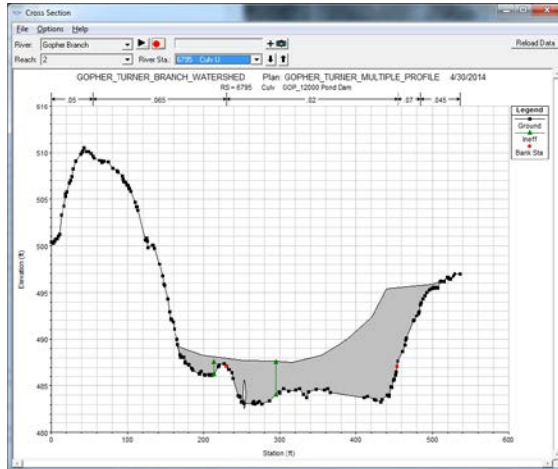
Stream: Gopher Creek									
River Station		Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road
14.	6795	Pond Crossing	487.55	No WSEL= 484.20	No WSEL= 484.89	No WSEL= 484.89	No WSEL= 484.89	Yes WSEL= 487.80	Yes WSEL= 487.80

Alternative 1

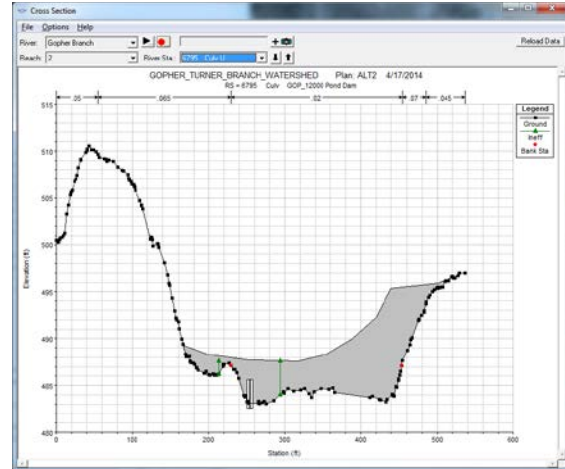
- Construct 2 – 3’x 3’ Concrete Box Culverts
- This allows the 100-year storm event to pass under sidewalk pond crossing

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST - 2015	
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$86,238
30% Contingency	\$25,871
12% for Engineering and Survey	\$13,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,600</b>

Refer to Section XII of this report for a detailed breakdown of the preliminary cost estimate. If the Alternative 1 improvements at Pond Crossing were implemented, the roadway would no longer be overtopped by the 500-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 1.63’ upstream of the Pond Crossing as a result of the proposed improvements; however, no existing structures benefit from the decrease in water surface elevations. Due to the sensitive nature of the channel there are some increases and decreases downstream of this crossing. The maximum rise downstream is 0.14’. The rises in water surface elevation do not appear to negatively impact any structures downstream. Valley storage loss should be minimal, but will need to be checked for the final design and mitigation plan prior to construction. A FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be necessary after construction of the improvements to incorporate floodplain mapping revisions into the FEMA mapping. Alternative 1 would require construction within the waters of the United States which can be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



Pond Crossing Ex. Conditions



Pond Crossing Prop. Conditions

**3. HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE AT GOPHER BRANCH (STREAM STATION 55+60)**

The culvert crossing at Carrier Parkway consists of 3 - 4' diameter circular culverts. The existing culverts at High School Drive currently have the capacity to pass the 5-year storm event. Carrier Parkway is overtopped by the 10-year storm event, and the ultimate conditions 100-year event overtops the road by 1.32 feet. Table VII-3 below shows the level of protection for High School Drive.

**Table VII-3**

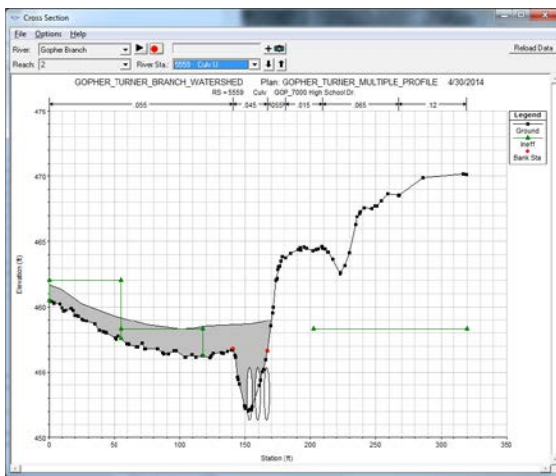
Stream: Gopher Creek								
River Station	Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road
9. 5559	High School Drive	458.30	No WSEL= 454.13	No WSEL= 457.80	Yes WSEL= 458.86	Yes WSEL= 459.08	Yes WSEL= 459.35	Yes WSEL= 459.43

Alternative 1

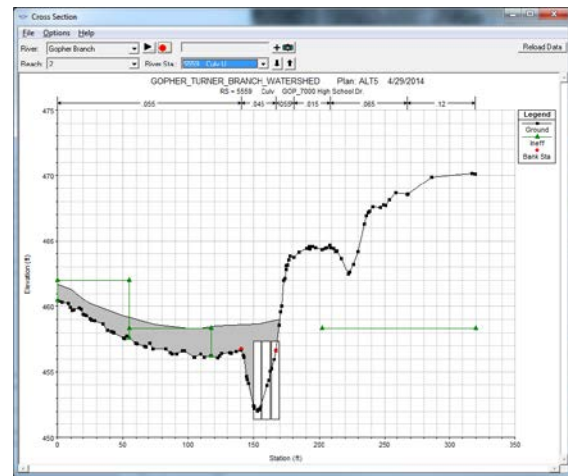
- Construct 3 – 6'x 6' Concrete Box Culverts
- This allows the 100-year storm event to pass under High School Drive.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST - 2015	
Subtotal	\$226,034
30% Contingency	\$67,810
12% for Engineering and Survey	\$35,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$329,100</b>

Refer to Section XII of this report for a detailed breakdown of the preliminary cost estimate. If the Alternative 1 improvements at High School Drive were implemented, the roadway would no longer be overtopped by the 10-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 2.43' upstream of High School Drive as a result of the proposed improvements; however, no existing structures benefit from the decrease in water surface elevations. Valley storage loss should be minimal, but will need to be checked for the final design and mitigation plan prior to construction. A FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be necessary after construction of the improvements to incorporate floodplain mapping revisions into the FEMA mapping. Alternative 1 would require construction within the waters of the United States which can be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



High School Drive Ex. Conditions



High School Drive Prop. Conditions

**4. NE 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT GOPHER BRANCH (STREAM STATION 44+00)**

The culvert crossing at NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street consists of 3 - 5' diameter circular culverts. The existing culverts at NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street currently have the capacity to pass the 50-year storm event. NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street is overtopped by the 100-year storm event, and the ultimate conditions 100-year event overtops the road by 0.89 feet. Table VII-4 below shows the level of protection for NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Table VII-4**

River Station		Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road
8.	4405	5th Street	447.03	No WSEL= 439.60	No WSEL= 440.24	No WSEL= 440.51	No WSEL= 444.52	No WSEL= 441.63	Yes WSEL= 447.78

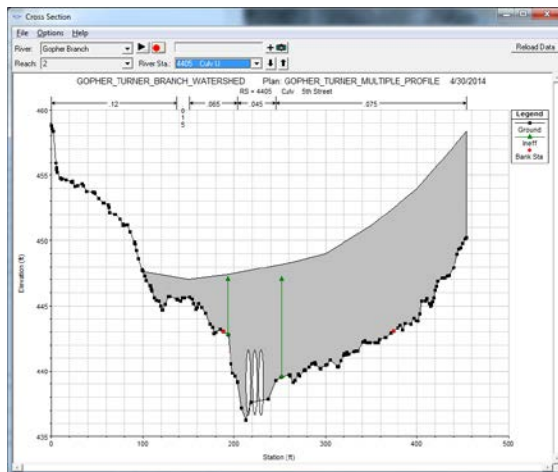


Alternative 1

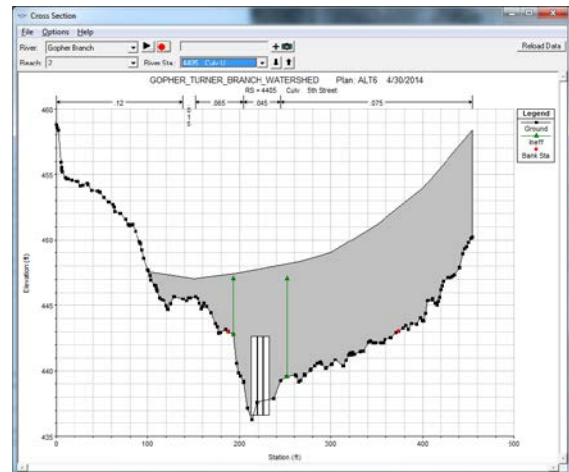
- Construct 3 – 6’x 6’ Concrete Box Culverts
- This allows the 100-year storm event to pass under 5<sup>th</sup> Street..

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST - 2015	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$216,170</b>
30% Contingency	\$64,851
12% for Engineering and Survey	\$33,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$314,700</b>

Refer to Section XII of this report for a detailed breakdown of the preliminary cost estimate. If the Alternative 1 improvements at NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street were implemented, the roadway would no longer be overtopped by the ultimate 100-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 1.61’ upstream of NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street as a result of the proposed improvements; however, no existing structures benefit from the decrease in water surface elevations. Valley storage loss should be minimal, but will need to be checked for the final design and mitigation plan prior to construction. A FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be necessary after construction of the improvements to incorporate floodplain mapping revisions into the FEMA mapping. Alternative 1 would require construction within the waters of the United States which can be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ex. Conditions



NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street Prop. Conditions

**5. E TARRANT ROAD AT GOPHER BRANCH (STREAM STATION 41+10)**

The culvert crossing at E Tarrant Road consists of 2 - 6’ diameter circular culverts. The existing culverts at E Tarrant Road currently have the capacity to pass the 50-year storm

event. E Tarrant Road is overtopped by the 100-year storm event, and the ultimate conditions 100-year event overtops the road by 0.57 feet. Table VII-5 below shows the level of protection for E Tarrant Road.

**Table VII-5**

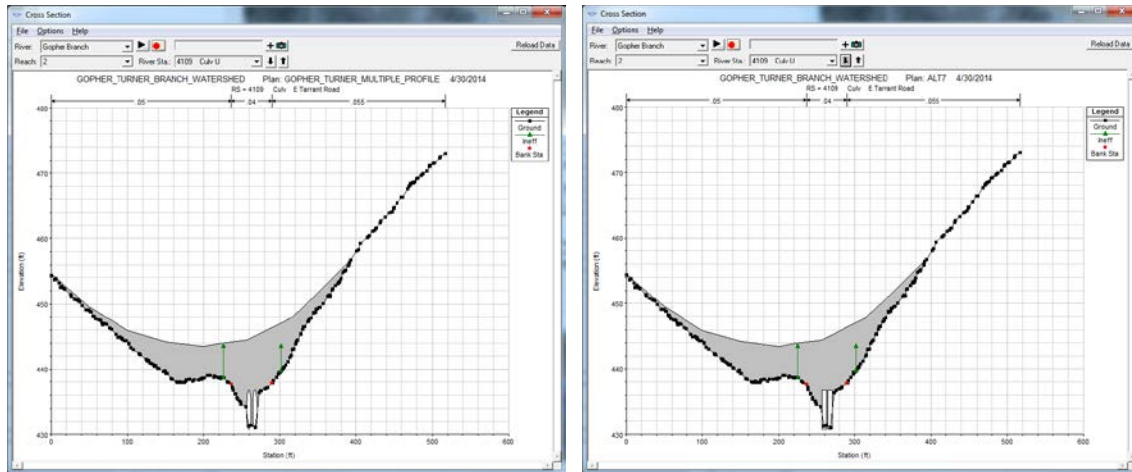
Stream: Gopher Creek									
River Station		Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road
6.	4109	<i>E Tarrant Road</i>	443.49	No WSEL= 434.69	No WSEL= 436.13	No WSEL= 436.77	No WSEL= 436.77	No WSEL= 436.77	Yes WSEL= 443.99

Alternative 1

- Construct 2 – 6’x 6’ Concrete Box Culverts
- This allows the 100-year storm event to pass under E Tarrant Road.

<b>STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST - 2015</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$213,637</b>
30% Contingency	\$64,091
12% for Engineering and Survey	\$33,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$311,000</b>

Refer to Section XII of this report for a detailed breakdown of the preliminary cost estimate. If the Alternative 1 improvements at E Tarrant Road were implemented, the roadway would no longer be overtopped by the ultimate 100-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 0.73’ upstream of E Tarrant Road as a result of the proposed improvements; however, no existing structures benefit from the decrease in water surface elevations. Valley storage loss should be minimal, but will need to be checked for the final design and mitigation plan prior to construction. A FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be necessary after construction of the improvements to incorporate floodplain mapping revisions into the FEMA mapping. Alternative 1 would require construction within the waters of the United States which can be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



E Tarrant Road Ex. Conditions

E Tarrant Road Prop. Conditions

**6. WEST PARK SQUARE ROAD AND SOUTH PARK SQUARE ROAD AT TURNER BRANCH (STREAM STATION 24+70)**

The culvert crossing at West Park Square Road consists of 1 - 4' diameter circular culvert. The existing culvert at West Park Square Road does not currently have the capacity to pass the 2-year storm event. The ultimate conditions 100-year event overtops the road by 3.02 feet. Also the South Park Square Road is overtopped by the 5-year event, and is overtopped by 1.75' by the ultimate 100-year storm event. Table VII-6 below shows the level of protection for West Park Square Road.

**Table VII-6**

Stream: Turner Creek									
River Station	Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road	
3.	2471	West Park Square Rd	460.01	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
				WSEL= 459.21	WSEL= 461.71	WSEL= 462.13	WSEL= 462.51	WSEL= 462.86	WSEL= 463.03

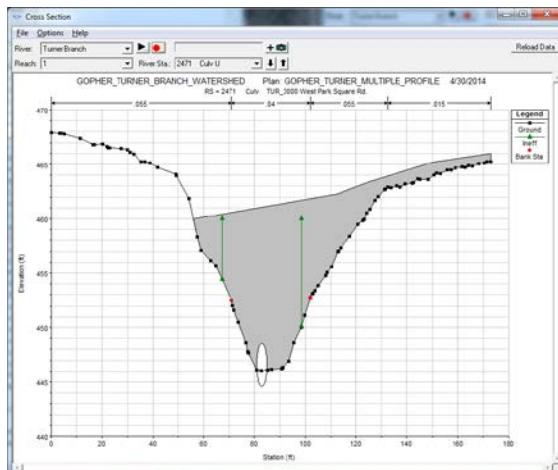
Stream: Turner Creek									
River Station	Roadway Crossing	Min. Top of Road Elev.	Ex. 50% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 20% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 10% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 4% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 2% Event Overtops Road	Ex. 1% Event Overtops Road	
5.	2661	South Park Square Rd	461.29	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
				WSEL= 459.22	WSEL= 461.73	WSEL= 462.14	WSEL= 462.52	WSEL= 462.87	WSEL= 463.04

*Alternative 1*

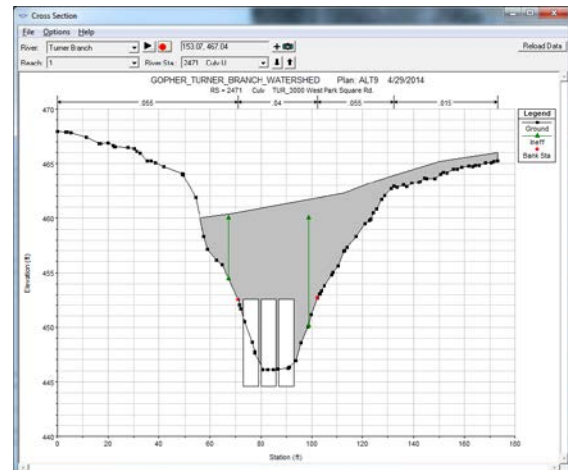
- Construct 3 – 6’x 8’ Concrete Box Culverts
- This allows the 100-year storm event to pass under both W. Park Square Road and South Park Square Road..

<b>STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST - 2015</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$246,367</b>
<b>30% Contingency</b>	<b>\$73,910</b>
<b>12% for Engineering and Survey</b>	<b>\$38,400</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$358,700</b>

Refer to Section XII of this report for a detailed breakdown of the preliminary cost estimate. If the Alternative 1 improvements at West Park Square Road were implemented, the roadway would no longer be overtopped by the ultimate 100-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 3.15’ upstream of West Park Square Road as a result of the proposed improvements. The additional benefit of this project is that it causes South Park Square Road to no longer be overtopped by the ultimate 100-year storm event. The ultimate 100-year water surface elevations are lowered up to 3.11’ upstream of South Park Square Road as a result of the proposed improvements on West Park Square Road. However, no existing structures benefit from the decrease in water surface elevations. Valley storage loss should be minimal, but will need to be checked for the final design and mitigation plan prior to construction. A FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be necessary after construction of the improvements to incorporate floodplain mapping revisions into the FEMA mapping. Alternative 1 would require construction within the waters of the United States which can be permitted under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Crossings to satisfy the USACE requirements from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



West Park Square Rd. Ex. Conditions



West Park Square Rd. Prop. Conditions

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## **VIII. Storm Water Infrastructure Analysis**



## VIII. STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS

### A. OVERVIEW

Storm water drainage network models have been analyzed as part of the City Wide Internal Storm Drain Master Plan Study (CWISDMP), which was completed in 2015. These were prepared utilizing the City-wide Storm Water Infrastructure GIS database and existing record plans. StormCad V8i was utilized to convert plan data into a digital model for the storm sewer trunk lines in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. The age of each system was calculated based on the dates from the GIS database and plan data.

The StormCad models are only conversions of existing storm drain plans for trunk lines in the watershed. Models should be checked for inaccuracies in the existing plans and data conversion process prior to utilizing these models for design.

Shapefiles were exported from the StormCAD models with all of the input and output data from the storm water infrastructure analysis. Information within these shapefiles can be queried to analyze multiple hydraulic parameters. For example, the shapefiles could be used to identify locations where the EGL calculations were within one foot of the inlet elevation or locations where velocities were greater than 6 ft/s. These locations can quickly be identified and visualized within GIS.

Maps presenting study results and all proposed improvements can be found in Appendix A of the CWISDMP report. There are no proposed capital improvement projects within this watershed per that report. The Gopher and Turner Branch watershed encompasses the StormCAD modeling regions named GO01 and TR01.

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## **IX. Channel Stability Assessment & Erosion Hazard Analysis**

**IX. CHANNEL STABILITY ASSESSMENT & EROSION HAZARD ANALYSIS****A. OVERVIEW OF EROSION ASSESSMENT**

This section of the City-Wide Drainage Master Plan for Gopher and Turner Branch provides the results of the erosion assessment based on visual analysis and field visits conducted for Gopher and Turner Branch. Halff Associates utilized local drainage and erosion criteria from the City of Grand Prairie and available stream bank stability measures to come up with solutions to existing and potential erosion problems for the Gopher and Turner Branch studied tributaries. The critical data utilized for this analysis comes from the Gopher-Turner Branch Stream Condition Assessment that was prepared by Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) included in Appendix C of this report.

**B. CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE EROSION AND CHANNEL INITIATIVES FOR THE GOPHER AND TURNER BRANCH STUDY****1. City Resolution No. 3919**

This resolution (included in Appendix I) states, “Erosion and/or flooding problems on private property will be investigated on a case-by-case basis. The City will focus on improvements to waterways that will result in a general public benefit, such as lowering erosive velocities and increasing flow capacities in proximate streams for the general prevention of erosion and flooding.”

**Halff Associates, Inc. recommends that the City of Grand Prairie view any pre-development stream bank stability improvements as public benefits.** If future development encroaches onto existing or potential erosion areas, then improvements required to benefit these developments should be considered private.

**2. 100-Year Floodplain (1% Annual Chance Floodplain)**

Floodplain Workmaps illustrating the locations of the 100-year (1% Chance) existing conditions floodplains for Gopher and Turner Branch watershed can be found in the Figures section of this report.

City design standards state that all land having an elevation at or below the fully developed 100-year flood elevation shall be contained within an easement dedicated to the public for the purpose of providing drainage (Drainage Design Manual, June 2015, Section 9.0.A). Halff Associates recommends that all future development

follow this criteria to not encroach into future 100-year (1% chance) floodplain locations along Gopher and Turner Branch (i.e. locate development away from and above future 100-year floodplain elevations). Due to additional downcutting and widening that has the potential to occur, the City may desire to make these standards more stringent for the Gopher and Turner Branch study tributaries at particular locations where floodplains are generally more narrow and closer to existing main channel banks (along outside of meanders). Prior to proposed development occurring in proximity to these channel locations, an individual detailed analysis should be performed based on the information and results studying in this report. The Figures section of this report includes illustrations of the existing and future land use conditions within these watersheds and confirms the fact that these floodplains need to be managed properly as new development occurs.

### **3. Open Channel Design Guidelines**

The City of Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual provides many valuable tools for consideration of channel velocities and stream bank erosion (Chapter 9.3). If any work is to be done within the limits of Gopher and Turner Branch, the requirements established in Chapter 9.3 should be followed. This section states that the certifying engineer shall submit a letter report stating that the proposed drainage easement is of sufficient size to take into account any additional width to accommodate future bank erosion as determined by engineering slope stability calculation. The project engineer should be able to utilize the information provided in the CWDMP for the Gopher and Turner Branch as a guideline for his or her analysis and design, but separate individual studies should be performed for specific future development and channel projects to occur within these streams and tributaries. An end product of future development complying with Chapter 9.3 would be drainage easements that encompass the areas of the future 100-year floodplain and in some locations could be even wider to take into account channel erosion, side slopes erosion, and channel meanders.

Halff Associates, as well as the City Drainage Design Manual guidelines, also recommends that any constructed natural earthen banks within the limits of Gopher and Turner Branch have engineered slopes of 4:1 or greater (less steep). Also, any design of erosion control measures at meanders and bends should be considered carefully, since there is much evidence of migration of meanders in the study tributaries.

**C. EROSION HAZARD SETBACKS (NON-STRUCTURAL)**

Erosion setbacks have been determined for the Gopher and Turner Branch study for the intention of preserving existing natural channel corridors. Setbacks could be determined as described in this section or as described in Section 2.6.F. of the Drainage Design Manual. These setbacks would apply to areas being developed beyond the 100-year ultimate floodplain but where existing channel meanders and potential erosion areas are in proximity to the floodplain limits. Figure IX-1, showing the erosion hazard setbacks is located immediately after this page and in Appendix A.

The following is a suggested setback program designed for use in the preservation of natural streams in North Central Texas. It is based on the philosophy of maintainable slopes and allows the natural erosion processes to continue without threatening structures. The stream bank erosion setback zone has been established as follows:

- Locate the toe of the natural stream bank
- From this toe, construct a 4 (horizontal) to 1 (vertical) line away from the stream and intersect the natural ground
- Continue past the intersection an additional 10 feet to the outer edge of the setback (per City standard criteria)

As previously stated, setbacks established for the purposes of stream bank erosion hazard protection may extend beyond the limits of the future 100-year floodplain limits. If the exercise above yields an erosion setback limit within the future 100-year floodplain limits, then Halff recommends utilizing the limits of the 100-year floodplain (as shown in the Figures section) as the outer limits of the erosion setback zone.

Potential situations may occur where stream bank erosion hazard setback lines could be reduced where stream banks consist entirely or partly of rock. In these areas, the interface of the stream bank with the top of the unweathered rock strata should be located with the assistance of a qualified geotechnical engineer. This point on the surface of the slope will be the toe of a 3:1 slope intersecting natural ground. The actual setback line should then be located 25 feet beyond this intersection (City standard criteria is 10 feet beyond this intersection), assuming it is beyond the future 100-year floodplain limits. Once again, setback lines should take into account future widening and downcutting of existing channels.

Also, no building, fence, wall, deck, swimming pool or other structure should be located, constructed, or maintained within the area encompassing the setback.





HORSESHOE LAKE

HORSESHOE LAKE ROAD

E PALACE PARKWAY

N BELT LINE ROAD

WEST FORK OF TRINITY RIVER

Gopher Branch

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N BELT LINE ROAD

Gopher Branch

E TARRANT ROAD

Turner Branch

NE 11TH STREET

PLATTNER DRIVE

RUEA STREET

NE 43TH STREET

TURNER PARK ROAD

<p>Figure IX-1</p>	<p><b>KEY TO FEATURES</b></p>	<p>Watershed <b>Gopher-Turner Branch</b></p>	<p>0 300 600 Scale in Feet</p>	
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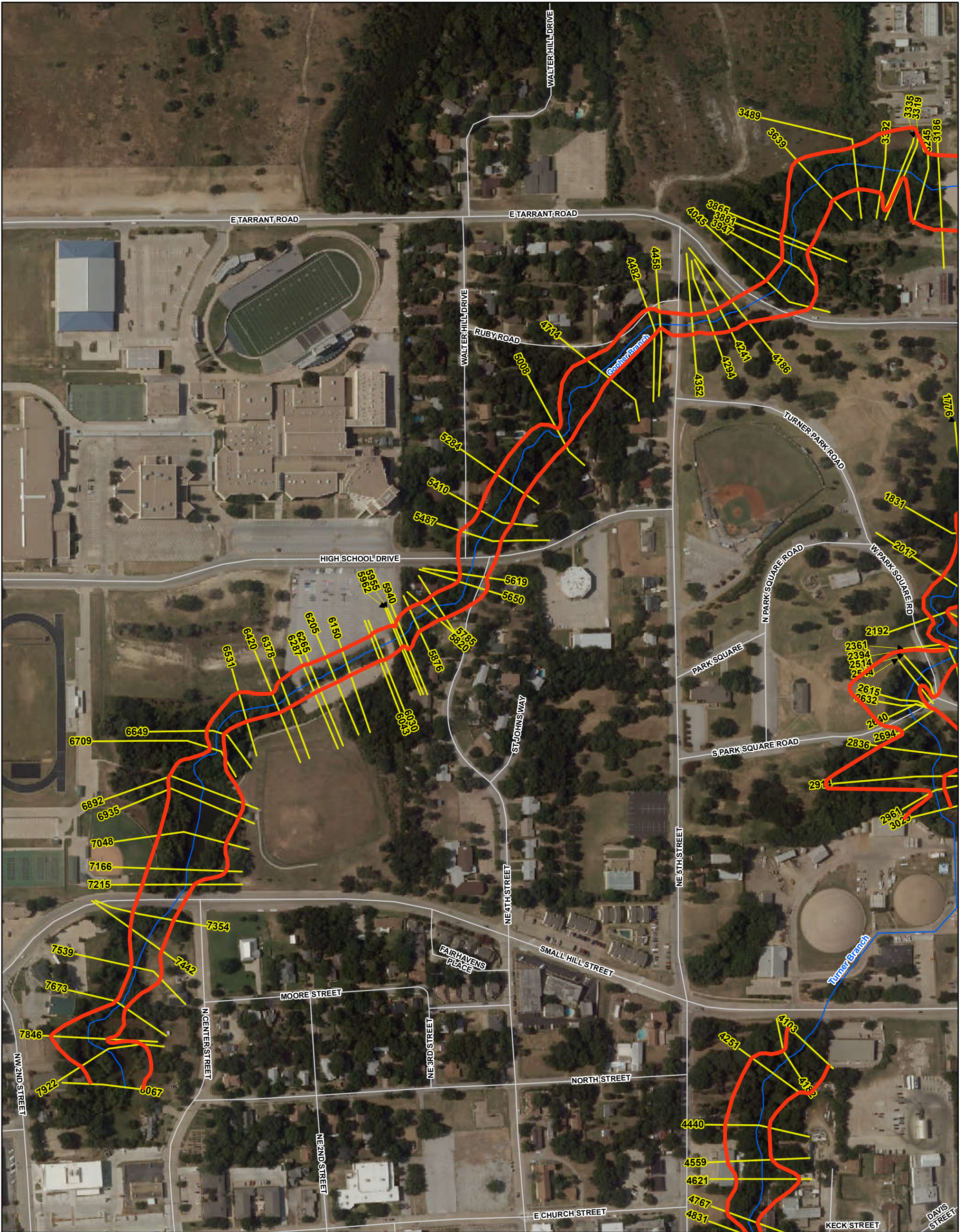


Figure IX-1

KEY TO FEATURES	
	Project Stream
	Other Stream
	Erosion Hazard Setbacks
	Cross Section
	Index Contour*
	Intermediate Contour*
	Interstate Highway
	Other Highway
	Major Road
	Minor Road
	Railroad

Watershed  
**Gopher-Turner Branch**

**Erosion Hazard Setbacks**

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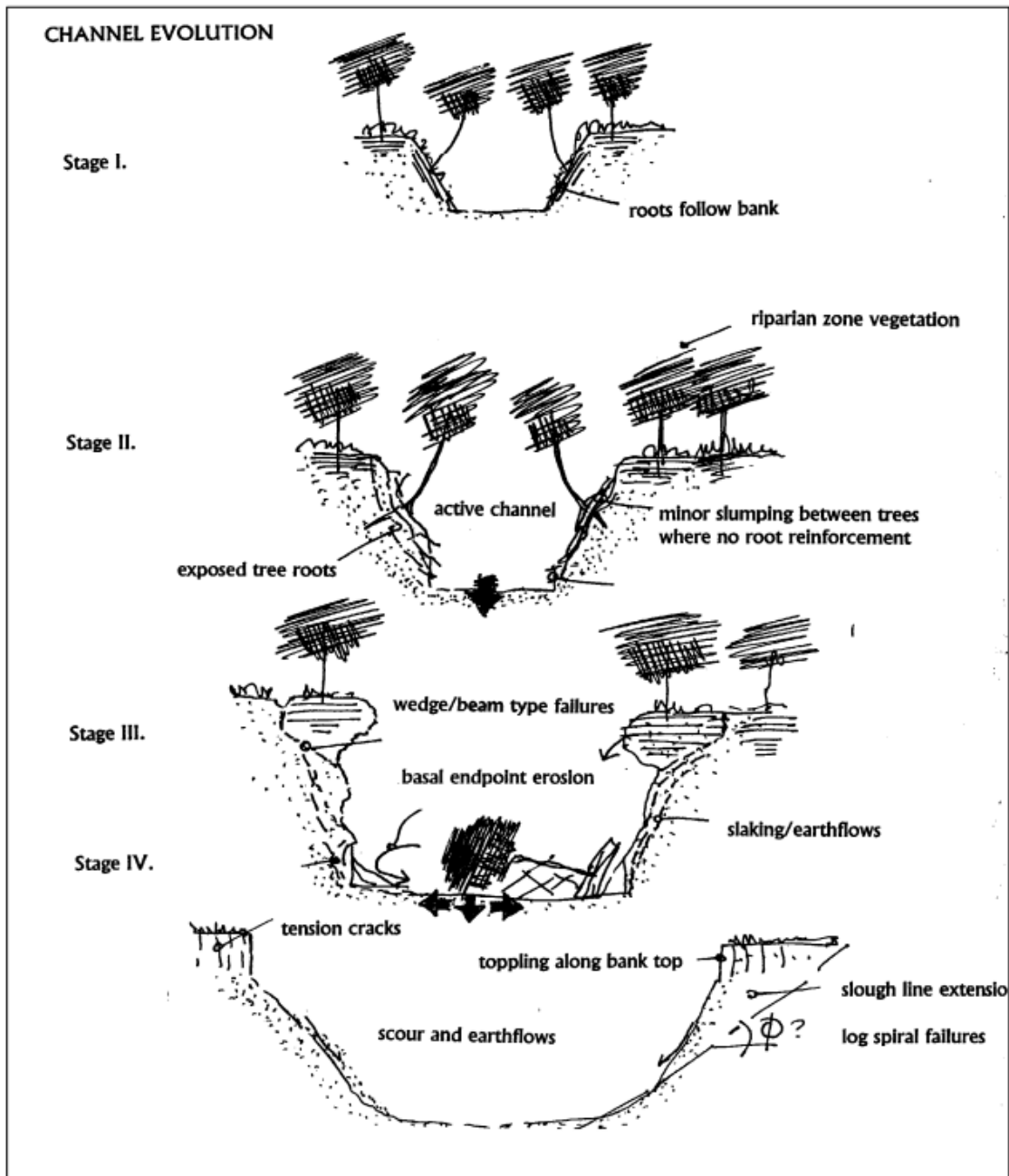






As an alternative to the setback, the developer or landowner may submit to the City Engineer a plan to stabilize and protect stream banks threatened by erosion. Stabilization shall be of a permanent nature, consistent with the guidelines established in this study and by the City of Grand Prairie, and shall be designed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer. It is recommended that these limited erosion protection measures be used as a guideline to plan erosion protection alternatives in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. The following page shows a model of channel evolution and erosion.

**Channel Evolution Model**



**D. EROSION CONTROL MEASURES (STRUCTURAL)**

Half Associates identified several structural erosion control methods that could be used to help control the effects of erosion on Gopher and Turner Branch. Typically, grade control structures are used to help prevent channel erosion and the corresponding downstream deposition. Hard and soft surface armor slope protection is used to help prevent bank erosion. Following is a brief description of the different erosion control methods.

## 1. Grade Control Structures

### *i. Purpose*

Grade control structures are utilized to provide stability to the streambed (refer to Appendix G). The most common method of establishing grade control is the construction of in-channel grade control structures. Two basic types of grade control structures exist. One type is a “bed control” structure as it is designed to provide a hard point in the streambed that is capable of resisting the erosive forces of a degradational zone. The second type is referred to as a “hydraulic control” structure since it functions by reducing the energy slope along the degradational zone to the point that the stream is no longer capable of scouring the bed. Important factors must be considered when siting grade control structures.

### *ii. Hydraulic Considerations*

Hydraulic siting of grade control structures is a critical element of the design process, especially determining the anticipated drop at the structure. Procedures for hydraulic siting of these structures are also described in Appendix G. The primary factors affecting the final equilibrium slope upstream of a structure include sediment concentration and load, the channel characteristics (slope, width, depth, roughness, etc.), and the hydraulic effect of the structure. Also important is the time it takes for the equilibrium slope to develop, which could be over a period of a few hydrographs or over many years.

### *iii. Other Considerations*

In some cases, traditional bank stabilization measures may not be feasible where system-wide instabilities exist. In these instances, grade control structures may be more of an appropriate solution. Grade control structures can enhance the bank stability of the bed, can reduce bank heights due to sediment deposition, and can reduce velocities and scouring potential by creating a backwater situation. For flood control, considerations should be made on the potential to cause overbank flooding. Grade control structures are often designed to be hydraulically submerged at flows less than bank-full so the frequency of overbank flooding is not significantly affected. Final siting of grade control structures should also try to minimize adverse environmental impacts to the system and instead provide direct environmental benefits to streams (scour holes and man-made pools provide fish habitat).



iv. Existing Structures

Grade control structures can have adverse as well as beneficial effects on existing structures. For structures upstream of hydraulic control measures, the potential exists for increased stages within the structure and also for sediment deposition. Many structures already provide some measure of grade control (usually culverts), however they may not be relied on to provide long-term grade control. Grade control structures can also be implemented during planned improvements to existing structures and as new structures are being built.

v. Local Site Conditions

When planning grade control structures, the final siting is often adjusted to accommodate local site conditions or local drainage situations. A stable upstream alignment that provides a straight approach for a grade control structure is critical. In a very sinuous channel, this could require straightening the channel to provide an adequate approach (with considerations for USACE jurisdictional waters). Upstream meanders should also be stabilized prior to implementing a downstream grade control structure.

vi. Downstream Channel Response

Since grade control structures affect the sediment delivery to downstream reaches, it is necessary to consider the potential impacts to the downstream channel when grade control structures are planned. Bed control structures reduce the downstream sediment loading by preventing the erosion of the bed and banks, while hydraulic control structures have the added effect of trapping sediments. The concern is that reduced sediment loads to downstream areas will cause degradational problems downstream. A solution would be to reduce the number of grade control structures upstream or adding additional grade control structures in the downstream reach.

vii. Typical Grade Control Structures for Gopher and Turner Branch

Examples of typical grade control structures are included in Appendix G, including hydraulic grade control structures such as Loose Rock Dams and bed control structures such as Rock Chutes and Gabion Check Dams. Various other grade control structure types do exist; however, the typical structures included in this report are the basis for cost estimating purposes. The City of Grand Prairie is not required to solely utilize these typical structures since actual channel/site conditions may require different structure types, and Halff would recommend that other cost-effective solutions be evaluated prior to actual design of the grade control structures.

## 2. Armored Slope and Channel Protection

### i. Soft Armor Slope Protection

Some typical soft armor slope protection solutions include brush mattresses, contour wattling, and/or soil retention blankets/turf reinforcement mats (TRMs). For the purposes of this report, Halff primarily investigated soil retention blankets and turf reinforcement mats as viable solutions for some of the slope protection needs of the studied tributaries. Turf reinforcement mats and soil retention blankets act to supplement the natural ability of vegetation (usually grass) to prevent soil erosion (in comparison to rock riprap). The reinforcement mats do this by providing a permanent net structure that acts as an additional barrier between flowing water and the underlying soil and also acts to reinforce vegetation as it grows through the matting's net structure. However, a turf reinforcement mat cannot provide permanent protection without vegetation. Therefore, design of these solutions must consider three phases: 1 – analyzing the channel in an unvegetated state to determine if the matting alone will handle the needed protection before vegetation establishment, 2 – a partially vegetated state to examine how the matting with immature vegetation can control soil erosion, and 3 – a permanent state with vegetation fully established and reinforced by the matting's permanent net structure.

Soil retention blankets and TRMs can be used for general slope protection purposes (hill slopes or shoreline) and as a flexible channel liner (stream portions). They can handle shear stresses from 0 pounds per square foot up to approximately 12 pounds per square foot. A list of approved soil retention blanket products from TxDOT is included in Appendix G. Typical examples of installation methods (provided by North American Green) are also included in Appendix G.

Halff recommends that soft armor protection be utilized along steeper slopes, slumps, and bank erosion areas where there are opportunities to lay back slopes to a 3:1 (horizontal to vertical) slope or less steep. Halff also recommends that the soft armor protection be utilized in areas with little or no significant tree growth, root exposure, or rock outcrops along the banks.

### ii. Hard Armor Slope and Channel Protection

Hard armor slope and channel protection involves utilizing hard materials such as concrete, rock riprap, or gabions to provide very strong, massive structures to help control the effects of bank and channel erosion. Rock riprap and gabion

slope protection were primarily utilized for estimates in this study. Also, hard armor slope protection is not recommended under most current conditions since the majority of stream corridors are currently undeveloped. If development encroaches into areas where slope protection is needed, the City may desire to have additional erosion hazard setbacks to prevent the encroachment or require the developer to design, construct, and implement the hard armor solutions with the development.

The hard armor solutions, including rock riprap, gabion mattress, and gabion basket walls can be used for erosion situations involving high velocities, high shear stresses, and extremely steep slopes (0.5:1 to 2:1).

Recommendations for hard armor solutions are as follows and examples are provided in Appendix G:

1. For 2:1 slopes, utilize 12" gabion mattress slope protection or 18" to 24" thick rock riprap protection,
2. For 1:1 to 1.5:1 slopes, utilize 3' x 1.5' gabion basket staired wall
3. For slopes steeper than 1:1, utilize 3' x3' gabion basket walls (Gravity or Tieback depending on height)

Hard armor solutions are also more expensive and sometimes less aesthetically pleasing solutions than the softer armor, but would have a longer life span and more of an impact on reducing the effects of erosion.

#### **E. FUTURE BRIDGE/CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS – MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN**

Future stream bank stability improvements would also need to consider existing and future bridge/culvert improvements. Before implementing any structural stability measures, future City Master Thoroughfare planning would need to be considered and existing culverts should be re-sized based on the recommendations in this report.

#### **F. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SECTION 404 PERMITS**

For any future channel or slope improvements to the Gopher and Turner Branch studied tributaries, considerations must be made to impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States. A wetland investigation and determination should be performed prior to construction of any proposed improvements within the channel. Minor improvements to jurisdictional waters may fall into a Nationwide Permit category,

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**G. OVERVIEW OF ALTERNATIVES TO HELP STABILIZE STREAM BEDS AND BANKS ALONG GOPHER AND TURNER BRANCH WATERSHED**

Based on the Gopher and Turner Branch Stream Condition Assessment report, Halff Associates has prepared the following alternatives to help stabilize stream beds and banks along Gopher and Turner Branch. Erosion sites identified in the Stream Condition Assessment report were ranked based on severity of erosion and likelihood of impending slope failure with consideration to the project cost of each proposed alternative. Halff Associates utilized these rankings to establish a prioritization of erosion sites as illustrated in Table IX-1. See Appendix A for a location map of erosion sites.

**Table IX-1 Stream Stability and Erosion Hazard Alternatives for Gopher and Turner Branch**

Location	Proposed Alternative
1 Downstream of High School Drive along Gopher Branch	Install Channel Protection to Protect Against Channel Downcutting and Upstream Migration of Erosion
2 Downstream of North 5th Street along Gopher Branch	Install Channel Protection to Protect Against Channel Downcutting and Upstream Migration of Erosion
3 Near Station 8+75 along Gopher Branch	Install Channel Protection to Stabilize the Slope
4 Downstream of Belt Line Road along Gopher Branch	Install Channel Protection to Protect Against Channel Downcutting and Upstream Migration of Erosion
5 Stations 54+00, and 48+00 along Gopher Branch, and stations 44+00 and 1+00 along Turner Branch	Install Rock Chute to Guard Against Channel Erosion
6 Downstream of E Tarrant Crossing along Gopher Branch	Install Channel Protection Downstream of E Tarrant Road as Part of the Proposed Open Channel Project to Stabilize Erosion in the Channel Which Could undermine the Channel in the Future

**1. Repair of East Tarrant Road Crossing on Gopher Branch**

In Section VII, Alternatives for Streams and Open Channels, there are listed projects that relate to structures being inundated by flood events. One structure listed is East Tarrant Road at Gopher Branch. East Tarrant Road also needs repairs based on assessment from a stream stability perspective. There is potential for damage to East Tarrant Road at Gopher Branch. On the upstream side of the crossing, the headwall appears to be leaning away from the road and toward the upstream channel and could potentially fall.

There is significant damage to the downstream face of the East Tarrant Road crossing. The wingwall on the north side in the left overbank has completely fallen into the channel and must be repaired. If not repaired, this damage could lead to greater problems and undermine the structural integrity of East Tarrant Road. The slope should also be reinforced 30 feet downstream with 24” rock riprap.

**2. Other Structural Repairs along Gopher Branch and Turner Branch**

**i. Gopher Branch Downstream of High School Drive**

Downstream of the High School Drive crossing the channel protection is being undercut. It is recommended that where the concrete apron is being undermined, the concrete should be pulverized and the channel should be protected with 24" rock riprap. Reinforce the slope 30 feet downstream of the area being undercut.

**ii. Gopher Branch Downstream of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

The concrete apron downstream of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street has minor undercutting, however there is significant erosion of the banks. It is recommended that where the concrete apron is being undermined, the concrete should be pulverized and the channel should be protected with riprap.

**iii. Turner Branch Downstream of Belt Line Road**

There is severe erosion downstream of Belt Line Road along Turner Branch. The severe erosion has undercut the concrete apron downstream of the culverts by two feet and a 6 foot deep plunge pool is present. There is also a 3-foot nick point between 50 and 100 feet downstream of the culverts with a 5 foot plunge pool. It is recommended that the area downstream of the culverts be graded from the concrete apron to the nick point and that 24" rock rip rap is installed.

**iv. Rock Chutes along Gopher Branch and Turner Branch**

There are several locations along Gopher Branch and Turner Branch where improvements can be made to assist in stabilizing erosion throughout the streams. On Gopher Branch rock chutes are recommended near stations 54+00, and 48+00. On Turner Branch rock chutes are recommended near stations 44+50, and 1+00. Rock Chutes are recommended along Gopher Branch and Turner Branch in general where the stream reach is straight.

**v. Build Slope Protection along Gopher Branch**

The bank in the right overbank near station 8+75 is undercut. Slope stabilization is necessary.

**H. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE GOPHER AND TURNER BRANCH WATERSHED**

Gopher and Turner Branch is a dynamic stream system that is constantly changing with time. Currently, the majority of the watershed contributing to this stream is developed. While it may not be drastic, the stream evolution will change, whether it is by more constant low flows, increased flood discharges, new stream crossings, or encroachments into floodplain and channel areas. Following are some general guidelines to consider as new development arises in this watershed.



**1. During Pre-Development Conditions (City of Grand Prairie)**

Based on City Resolution 3919 perform pre-development improvements (public) to reduce erosive conditions along a given stream, including:

- i. *Grade Control Structures*
- ii. *Armored Slope Protection* near existing structures
- iii. *Recommended Bridge/Culvert Improvements*

**2. As Development is Occurring (Developer/City)**

- i. *100-Year Floodplain* – The developer shall review Section I through Section V of this report to determine future 100-year floodplain elevations and delineations. Where practical, development shall be located beyond the limits of the 100-year ultimate floodplain and developer shall dedicate a public drainage easement for all land, within property limits, having an elevation at or below the future 100-year flood elevation.
- ii. *Open Channel Guidelines* – New development shall be required to ensure that the public drainage easement is of sufficient size to take into account any additional width beyond future 100-year flood elevation to accommodate future bank erosion
- iii. *Armored Slope/Channel Protection* – If development is allowed to encroach into floodplain areas where it is in proximity to existing streams, the developer shall be responsible for implementing channel protection, whether it be a soft armor (TRM) or hard armor (rock riprap or gabion) solution, as necessary.
- iv. *Bridges/culverts* – Review locations of existing bridge/culverts to determine if new development is in proximity. Review Master Thoroughfare plan to determine proximity of development to the new roadways and future stream crossings. Both City and developer shall consider all existing and proposed roadways to determine potential impacts to proposed developments. If new development requires additional bridges or culverts that are not listed in this report, developer shall provide an engineering study detailing the impacts of the bridge/culvert on future floodplain conditions for the given stream and shall design proposed bridge/culvert systems to contain future 100-year flood events without creating negative floodplain impacts upstream.

- v. *Outfall Design Guidelines* – Storm drain outfalls into existing streams shall be required to adhere to the requirements in Section 8.9 of the Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual.
- vi. *Potential Sedimentation* – The developer shall review the Floodplain Workmap Exhibits in the Figures Section of this report to determine if the new development will need to consider sedimentation for the stream located in the public drainage easement adjacent to or within the development.
- vii. *Section 404 permits* – If developer or City is providing either public or private benefits that affect the actual stream corridor, then a determination needs to be made on whether a Section 404 permit is required or not (Nationwide or Individual). Gopher and Turner Branch should be considered as jurisdictional waters of the United States and any improvements to these streams shall obtain the required permits for construction. Refer to Appendix H.

### **3. Post-Development Conditions (City of Grand Prairie)**

City shall inspect public drainage easements periodically for the following scenarios:

- i. *Observed erosion* – Does erosion within easement have potential to encroach beyond the easement (or setback, if determined)?
- ii. *Observed sediment deposition* – Review and annotate locations of observed sediment deposition
- iii. *Functionality* – Ensure constructed grade control, channel, and/or slope improvements are functioning properly
- iv. *Physical features within easement* – Ensure that no building, fence, wall, deck, swimming pool or other structure is located within the area encompassing the public drainage easement (or erosion hazard setback, if determined)
- v. *Bridge/Culvert crossings* – Check bridge/culvert crossings for functionality and erosion

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## **X. Detention**

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**A. DETENTION PONDS**

Zero (0) detention ponds were identified in the City of Grand Prairie for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

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## **XI. Storm Drain Outfall Assessment**

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This section of the CWDMP for the Gopher and Turner Branch report covers the assessment and prioritization rankings of storm drain outfalls in need of repair in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed (Refer to Section X.C for detention ponds maintenance). Halff Associates utilized resources from the City of Grand Prairie, including recent photos and field reports, to determine the condition of each outfall and to rank each outfall based on need of repair using criteria established for this assessment. The high priority outfalls were field checked by Halff Associates to finalize their ranking. The results showing the condition, criteria category, and ranking of each outfall can be seen in Table XI-1 at the end of this section.

### **A. ASSESSMENT RESOURCES**

Halff Associates determined the initial ranking of each outfall based on three resources; the City of Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual criteria, the City of Grand Prairie database of field-checked storm drain outfalls, and photos of the Gopher and Turner Branch outfalls obtained from the City of Grand Prairie. From the Drainage Design Manual Halff Associates noted city requirements for storm drain outfalls and identified outfalls not meeting this criterion. The database of field-checked storm drain outfalls provided information on the condition of each outfall and gave a description of the issues needing repair/maintenance. The storm drain outfall photos helped reveal the severity of the condition of each outfall. These three resources provided the information needed to assess conditions and establish criteria to prioritize the outfalls based on necessity to repair.

### **B. CONDITION AND CRITERIA**

Each storm drain outfall was assigned a condition and a criteria category. The four possible conditions included: **1) Good** (requires no remedial maintenance-continued normal inspections), **2) Fair** (may require some remedial maintenance – not immediate), **3) Poor** (requires immediate remedial maintenance), **4) Failure** (requires immediate assistance beyond remedial maintenance).

Next, the outfalls were assigned a criteria category: Structural, No Headwall, RipRap/Scour, Siltation, or Aesthetics. Criteria were assigned by answering the following criteria questions: “Is there a threat to the structural integrity of the outfall?”; “Does the outfall have a headwall?”; “Is erosion control needed at the outfall?”; “Is there siltation at the outfall limiting its conveyance?”; “Is the outlet structure of concern aesthetically?”; After each storm drain outfall was assessed based on condition and criteria, a number ranking was given based on need of repair (number 1 being of highest priority). The following paragraphs give a brief



description of each criteria category. The photos show examples of outfalls from each criteria category that are in poor condition.

### **1. Structural Criteria Category**

Outfalls were placed under the structural criteria category if there was a threat to the structural integrity of the outfall or if there was already a structural failure of the outfall. This threat was typically due to erosion around the outfall structure, wingwalls, or toewalls.

**Picture XI-1 – Example of Structural Criteria (Photo ID 1613)**



### **2. RipRap/Scour Criteria Category**

Outfalls where there was a threat to the structure due to erosion or where erosion/scour was occurring downstream were placed under the RipRap/Scour criteria category. Most of the erosion/scour at these outfalls could be reduced or eliminated with the placement of rock riprap or other outfall protection.

**Picture XI-2 – Example of RipRap/Scour Criteria (Photo ID 1613)**



**3. Siltation Criteria Category**

Outfalls where the conveyance of the drainage pipe/culvert could be hindered due to silt deposition were placed under the siltation criteria category. Decreased capacity at the outfall structure due to silt deposition could cause flooding concerns upstream if the silt is not removed.

**Picture XI-3 – Example of Siltation Criteria (Photo ID 1613)**





#### 4. No Headwall Criteria Category

Outfalls where there was no headwall to protect the structural integrity of the pipe/culvert were placed under the no headwall criteria category. The City of Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual requires City standard or TxDOT standard headwalls for all inlets and outfalls on closed conduits.

**Picture XI-4 – Example of No Headwall Criteria (Photo ID 1613)**



#### 5. Aesthetics Criteria Category

Outfalls where the aesthetic appearance of the structure requires maintenance were placed under the aesthetics criteria category. Some examples of poor aesthetic appearance would be a downed tree near the outfall structure, loose rock around the outfall structure, or signs of vandalism.

**Picture XI-5 – Example of Aesthetics Criteria (Photo ID 1613)****C. FIELD CHECK**

Halff Associates field checked many of the high priority outfalls to verify their necessity to repair. This exercise was necessary for two reasons. The first reason was to re-prioritize the outfall rankings based on their most current condition. The second was to confirm the final rankings of each high priority outfall. Some questions concerning the risk of an outfall were not able to be answered from the resources mentioned above, such as does the outfall drain an entire subdivision or does the outfall convey flow at a minor road crossing? After the field visit, the rankings were adjusted and finalized based on the need of repair for each outfall.

**D. USACE SECTION 404 PERMITS**

For any future channel or slope improvements to Henry Branch, considerations must be made to impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States. A wetland investigation and determination should be performed prior to construction of any proposed improvements within the channel. Minor improvements to jurisdictional waters may fall into a Nationwide Permit category, where more extensive modifications of jurisdictional waters



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## **E. OUTFALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is the recommendation of this study that the City of Grand Prairie proceed immediately with maintenance for the 4 outfall structures identified as being in a condition of failure in Table XI-1 (included at the end of this section). The maintenance schedule may need to be adjusted based on budget availability but it is advised that the City proceed with maintenance for at least the 4 highest priority outfalls as soon as possible. These structures appear to be at risk of either structural damage that would render the structures irreparable or of siltation that would compromise the ability of the outfall to adequately convey the design discharge. Additionally 10 outfalls receiving a poor rating condition should be addressed, as budget becomes available, to prevent future negative impacts to the storm drain system and avoid unnecessary costs. Remedial maintenance of the fair outfalls and continued field inspection for the good outfalls should be conducted in a regularly scheduled cycle determined by the City. Recommended maintenance activities are as follows.

### **1. Recommended Maintenance Activities**

#### *i. Structural*

Evaluate necessary structural repairs and determine whether replacement of outfall structure is necessary. Restore outfall to adequate operating condition and install erosion protection to prevent future structural undermining.

Design of any outfalls or structural repairs shall be according to the City of Grand Prairie standards.

**Estimated Cost: \$5,000 - \$25,000 per outfall**

ii. Siltation/Scour/Riprap

Refer to the City of Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual Section 8.9 Outfall Design Guidelines for acceptable design applications for outfall protection. Additional information is available in the North Central Texas Council of Governments iSWM Technical Manual Section 4.0 and Section XI.D of this report. Scour protection should be designed to adequately protect structural integrity of the outfall and to prevent erosion and siltation downstream. Siltation blocking the outfall should be removed.

**Estimated Cost: \$1,000 - \$5,000 per outfall**

iii. No Headwall

All outfall and inlets shall have reinforced concrete headwall. Headwalls shall be City of Grand Prairie or TxDOT standard. Refer to current City of Grand Prairie Drainage Design Manual.

**Estimated Cost: \$5,000 - \$25,000 per outfall**

iv. Aesthetics

Remove accumulated debris including trees, vegetation, and garbage from the outfall structure. Repair superficial defects to the outfall structure. These defects could include displaced riprap, vandalism in the form of graffiti or disturbance to erosion protection, and overgrown vegetation.

**Estimated Cost: \$1,000 - \$5,000 per outfall**

v. Continued Monitoring

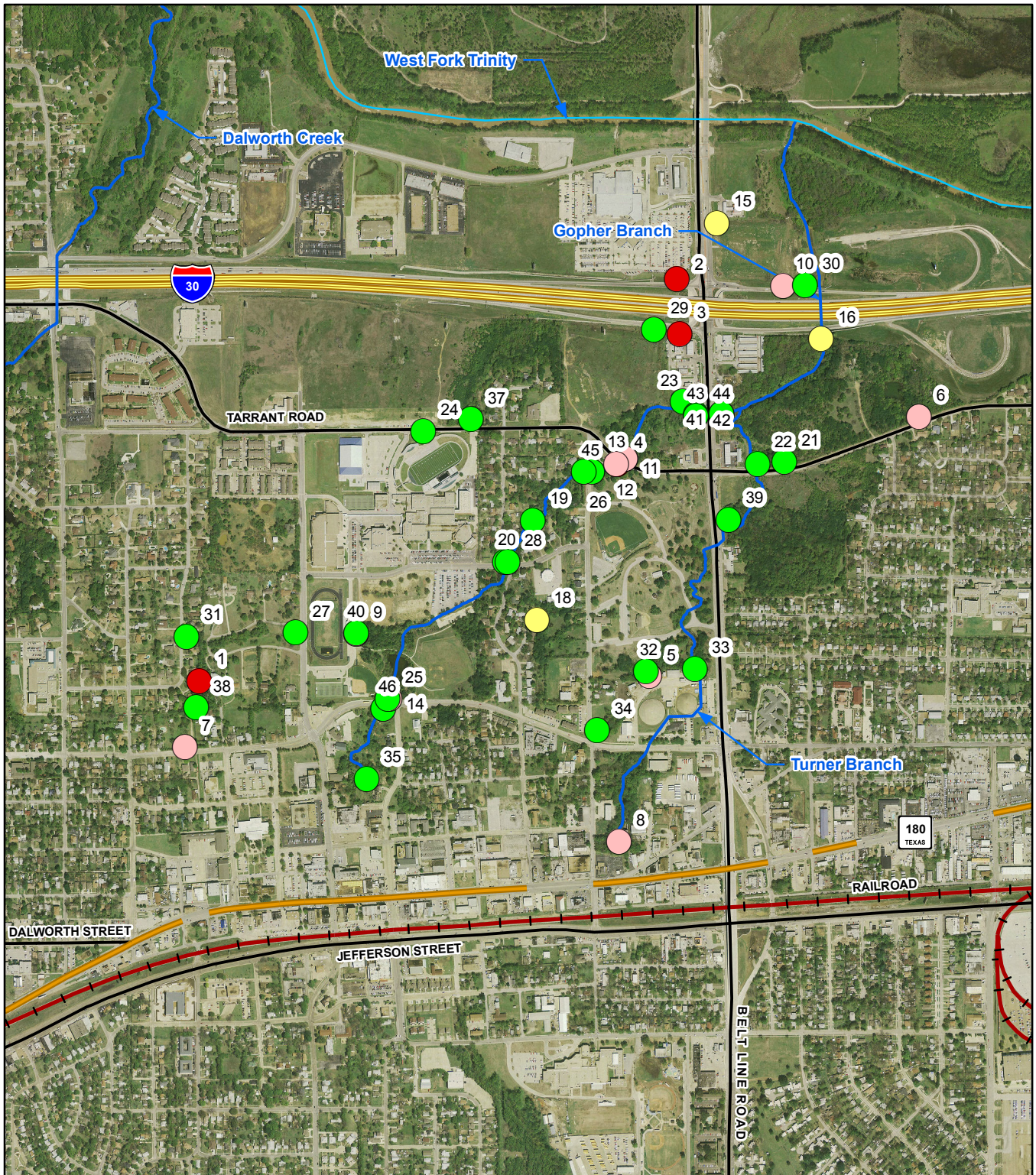
All repaired outfalls and those categorized as “good” in this report should continue to be monitored in a regularly scheduled cycle (determined by the City) to ensure that repairs are adequate and to determine where additional maintenance is needed.



Table XI-1 Storm Drain Outfall Assessment

Location	ID Number	Condition	Description	Criteria Category
1	274	Failure	Half of conveyance of pipe is compromised by severe siltation.	Siltation
2	962	Failure	Outfall is almost completely obstructed due to siltation build-up.	Siltation
3	963	Failure	Outfall is almost completely obstructed due to siltation build-up.	Siltation
4	1738	Failure	Headwall is leaning and could fall into creek. Repair structure.	Structural
5	417	Poor	Culvert joint is seperated. There is erosion at base of the outfall and in the channel floor.	Structural
6	493	Poor	Headwall is needed for culvert support. There appears to be erosion around the edge of the pipe.	Headwall
7	784	Poor	Broken culvert	Structure
8	798	Poor	There is minor pipe displacement, and some erosion problems around the pipe end. A headwall should be installed to support the pipe.	Structure
9	914	Poor	Heavy siltation is obstructing outflow.	Siltation
10	968	Poor	1/3 of the conveyance is obstructed by siltation.	Siltation
11	1736	Poor	There is some cracking and serparation near the outside edge of the culvert	Structural
12	1737	Poor	There is some cracking and serparation near the outside edge of the culvert	Structural
13	1739	Poor	One Culvert joint is displaced by 8 inches. The headwall is leaning. There is also considerable brush accumulation that needs to be cleared out.	Structural
14	1826	Poor	3 joints are separated. Mouth of outfall is partially obstructed by tree limbs and trash.	Structural
15	896	Fair	Silt has built up at the end of the culvert and needs to be cleaned out.	Siltation
16	965	Fair	Slight obstruction of the culvert due to siltation build up.	Siltation
17	1040	Fair	There are some debris obstructing the outfall.	Siltation
18	1109	Fair	There appears to be some slight damage to end of pipe.	
19	270	Good	Heavy siltation.	Siltation
20	286	Good		
21	492	Good		
22	506	Good		
23	659	Good	Brush should be cleared out.	
24	780	Good		
25	785	Good		
26	859	Good		
27	860	Good	There is some brush buildup near the end of the pipe	
28	868	Good		
29	961	Good	Some brush and debris at end of pipe.	
30	969	Good		
31	1003	Good		
32	1026	Good		
33	1029	Good		
34	1031	Good		
35	1032	Good		
36	1039	Good		
37	1105	Good		
38	1108	Good		
39	1179	Good		
40	1412	Good		
41	1501	Good		
42	1733	Good		
43	1734	Good		
44	1735	Good		
45	1740	Good	There is a small amount of brush accumulation at the edge of the outfall.	Aesthetics
46	1825	Good		



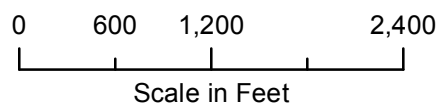


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- Unstudied Stream
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- PoorOutfallCondition
- Failed Condition
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- State Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad

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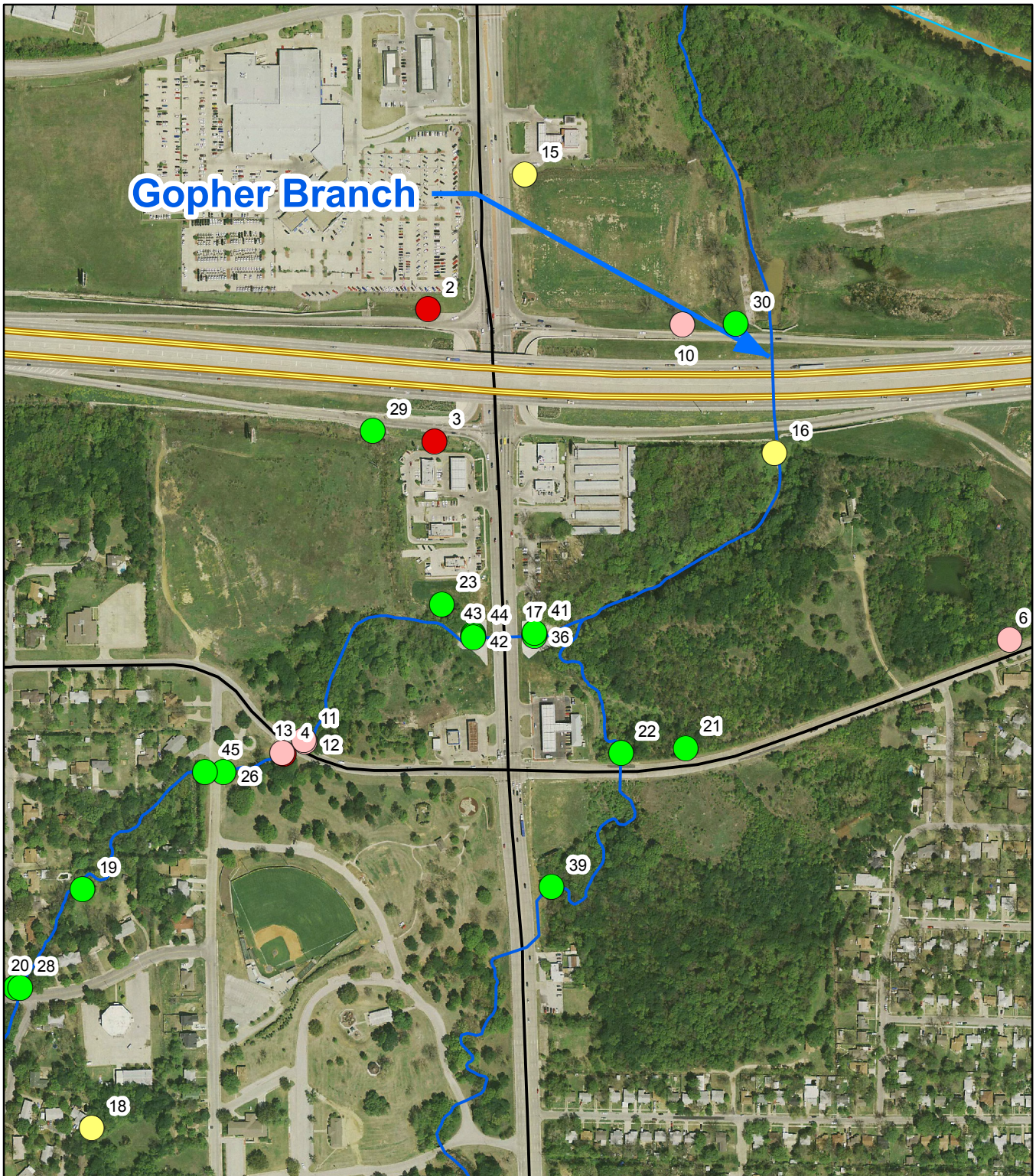
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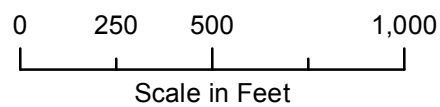




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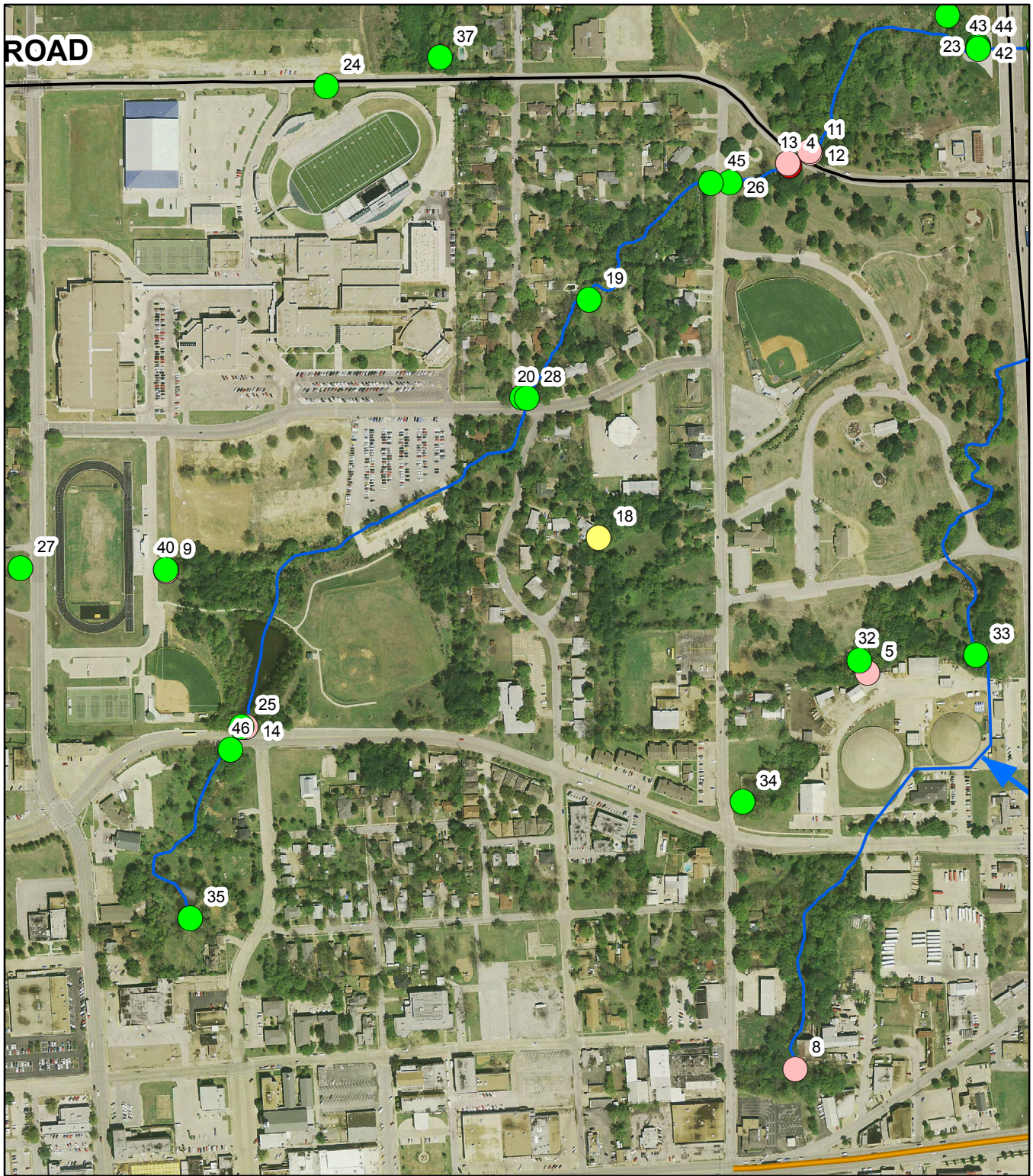
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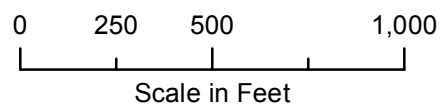


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- Poor Outfall Condition
- Failed Condition
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad

\*Exhibit only shows location numbers for outfalls with problems and labeled numbers correspond to Table XI-1

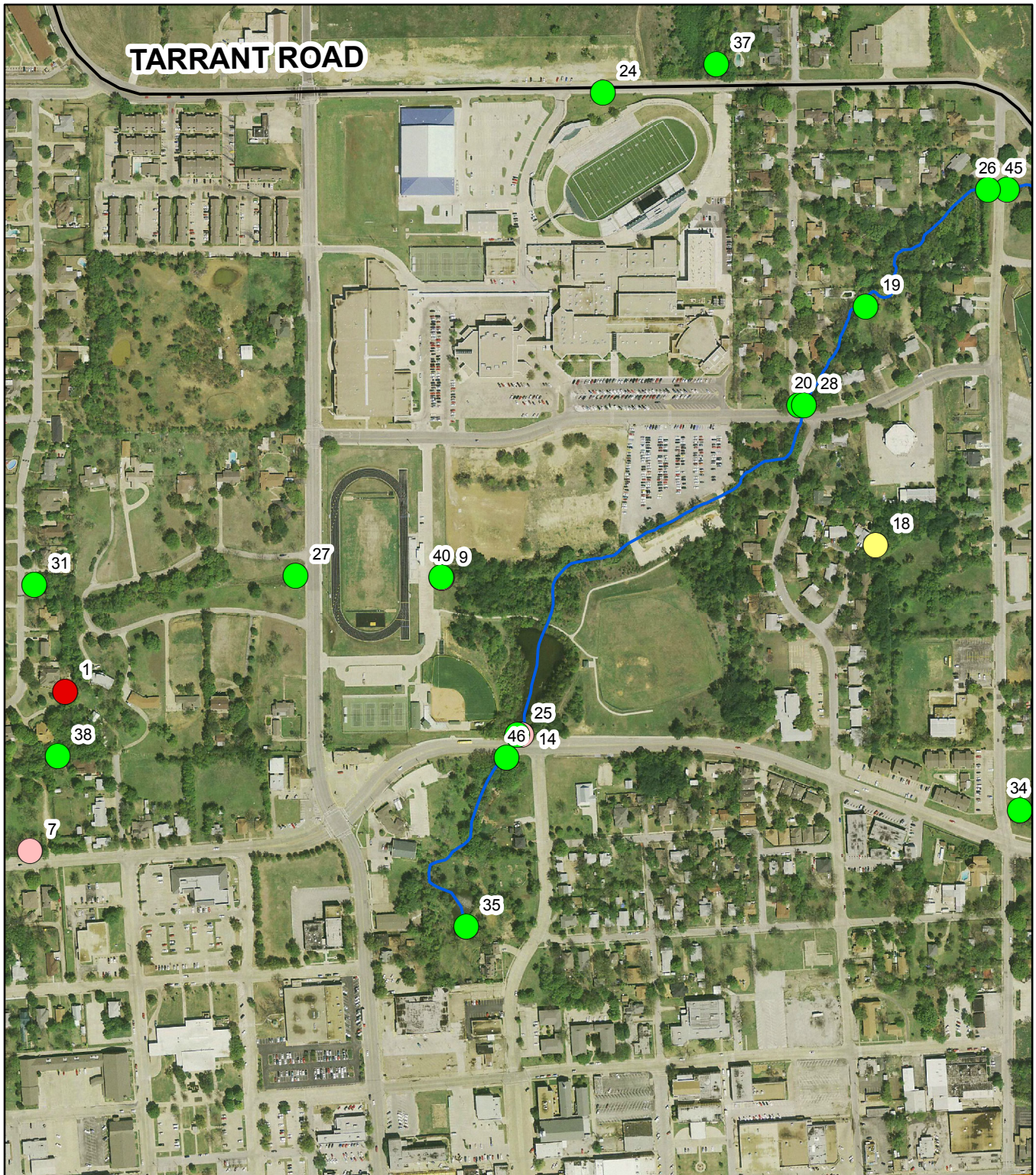


Title  
**Storm Drain Outfall Location**

Watershed  
**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure  
**XI-1B**



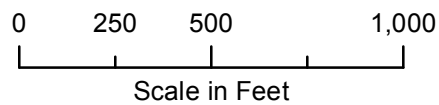


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**KEY TO FEATURES**

- Studied Stream
- Unstudied Stream
- Good Condition
- Fair Outfall Condition
- Poor Outfall Condition
- Failed Condition
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad

\*Exhibit only shows location numbers for outfalls with problems and labeled numbers correspond to Table XI-1



Title  
**Storm Drain Outfall Location**

Watershed  
**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure  
**XI-1C**



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## **XII. Preliminary Quantities/Estimates of Probable Cost**

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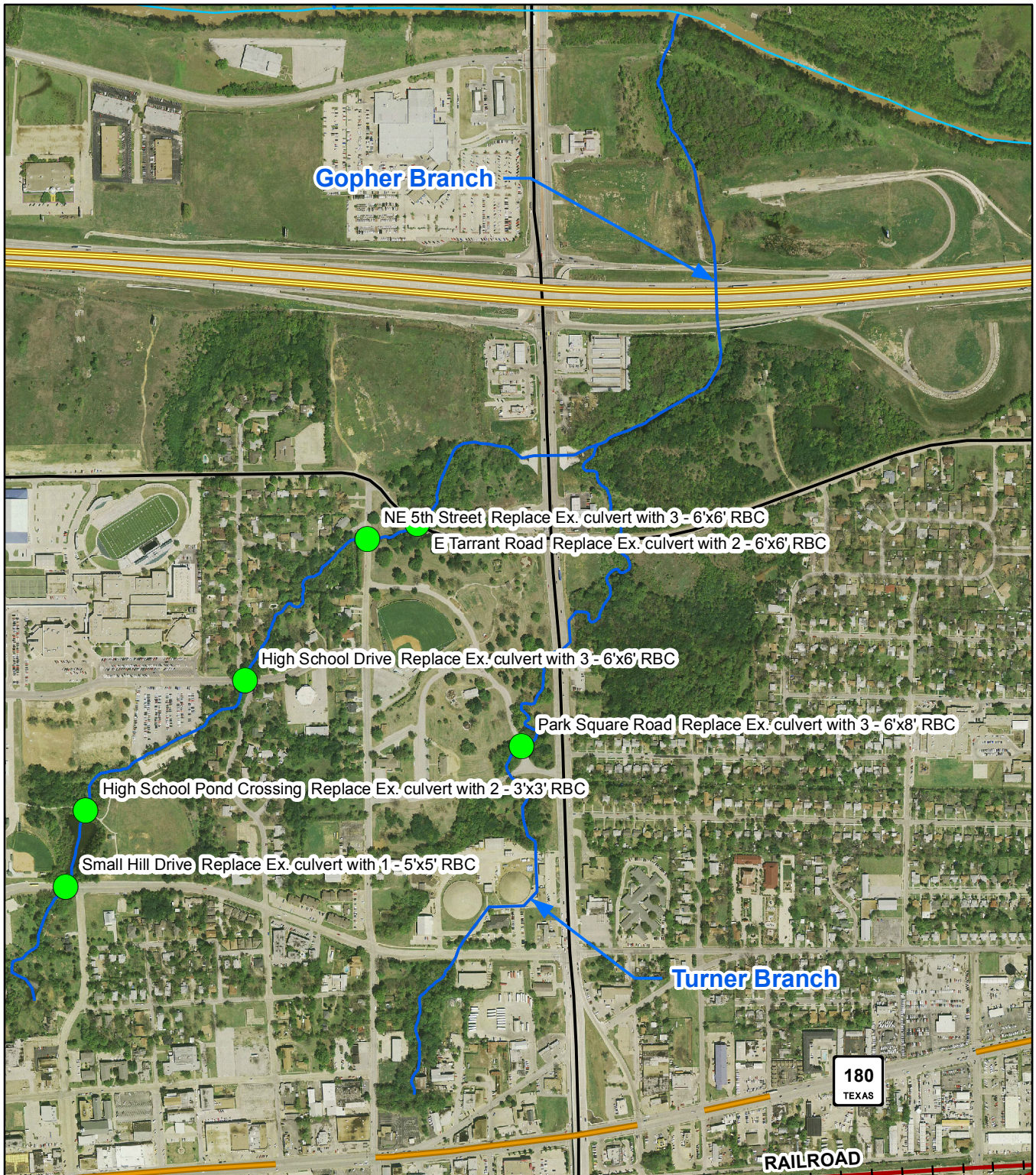
## **XII. PRELIMINARY QUANTITIES/ESTIMATES OF PROBABLE COST**

Preliminary quantities and estimates of probable cost were calculated for stream and open channel alternatives from Section VII of this report.

The roadway improvement cost estimates were based on the existing roadway sizes, which typically consisted of two lane roadways in the rural areas. Any future expansion of these roadways will need to be accounted for with an update to the included cost estimates.

The following estimates of probable cost were prepared using standard cost estimate practices and it is understood and agreed that these statements are estimates only.

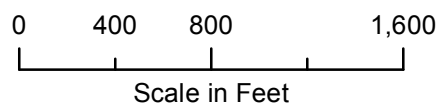




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**KEY TO FEATURES**

- Studied Stream
- Interstate Highway
- Unstudied Stream
- State Highway
- CIP Locations
- Major Road
- Railroad



Title

**CIP Location Map**

Watershed

**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure

**XII-1**



**ENGINEER'S STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST**

**Small Hill Drive at Gopher Creek**

**Project:** Gopher and Turner Branch CWDMP  
**Client:** City of Grand Prairie

**Prepared by:** TH

Pavement Material:	Asphalt Pavement
Pavement Width:	60 feet
Roadway Length:	100 feet
Existing Culvert Length:	94 year
Current Date:	2014 year

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	Engineer's Estimate	
				UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
<b>Demolition &amp; Removals</b>					
1	Remove Roadway Pavement	SY	666.7	\$10	\$6,666.67
2	Remove Existing Culvert (36" Diameter RCP)	LF	188.0	\$40	\$7,520.00
3	Remove Existing Headwalls	EA	1.0	\$2,000	\$2,000.00
<b>Subtotal General</b>					<b>\$16,186.67</b>
<b>Culvert and Street Replacement</b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1.0	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
2	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (5 FT X 5 FT)	LF	94.0	\$400	\$37,600.00
3	Headwall	EA	2.0	\$20,000	\$40,000.00
4	Asphalt Pavement (2")(Type D HMAC Surface Course)	TON	73.3	\$150	\$11,000.00
5	Asphalt Pavement (4")(Type B HMAC Base Course)	TON	73.3	\$150	\$11,000.00
6	8" Flex Base	CY	148	\$75	\$11,111.11
7	Care of Water	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
8	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$15,000	\$15,000.00
<b>Subtotal Paving Improvements</b>					<b>\$155,711.11</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$171,897.78</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY (30%)</b>					<b>\$51,569.33</b>
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; SURVEYING SERVICES (12%)</b>					<b>\$26,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$250,300.00</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. Landscaping, street lighting, sidewalks, and irrigation are <u>excluded</u> from this estimate.					
2. Construction Inspection and Right-of-Way Acquisition are excluded from this estimate.					
NOTE: This statement was prepared utilizing standard cost and/or estimating practices. It is understood and agreed that this is a statement of probable construction cost only, and the Engineer shall not be liable to the Owner or any Third Party.					

**ENGINEER'S STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST**

**High School Pond Crossing at Gopher Creek**

**Project:** Gopher and Turner Branch CWDMP  
**Client:** City of Grand Prairie

**Prepared by:** TH

Pavement Material:	Asphalt Pavement
Pavement Width:	6 feet
Roadway Length:	10 feet
Existing Culvert Length:	16 year
Current Date:	2014 year

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	Engineer's Estimate	
				UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
<b><i>Demolition &amp; Removals</i></b>					
1	Remove Roadway Pavement	SY	6.7	\$10	\$66.67
2	Remove Existing Culvert (36" Diameter RCP)	LF	16.0	\$40	\$640.00
3	Remove Existing Headwalls	EA	1.0	\$2,000	\$2,000.00
<b><i>Subtotal General</i></b>					<b><i>\$2,706.67</i></b>
<b><i>Culvert and Street Replacement</i></b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1.0	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
2	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (3 FT X 3 FT)	LF	32.0	\$100	\$3,200.00
3	Headwall	EA	2.0	\$20,000	\$40,000.00
4	Asphalt Pavement (2")(Type D HMAC Surface Course)	TON	0.7	\$150	\$110.00
5	Asphalt Pavement (4")(Type B HMAC Base Course)	TON	0.7	\$150	\$110.00
6	8" Flex Base	CY	1	\$75	\$111.11
7	Care of Water	LS	1	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
<b><i>Subtotal Paving Improvements</i></b>					<b><i>\$83,531.11</i></b>
<b><i>SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</i></b>					<b><i>\$86,237.78</i></b>
<b><i>CONTINGENCY (30%)</i></b>					<b><i>\$25,871.33</i></b>
<b><i>ENGINEERING &amp; SURVEYING SERVICES (12%)</i></b>					<b><i>\$13,500.00</i></b>
<b><i>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</i></b>					<b><i>\$125,600.00</i></b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. Landscaping, street lighting, sidewalks, and irrigation are <u>excluded</u> from this estimate.					
2. Construction Inspection and Right-of-Way Acquisition are excluded from this estimate.					
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**ENGINEER'S STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST**

**High School Drive at Gopher Creek  
(Includes Stream Stability Project Downstream of Crossing)**

**Project:** Gopher and Turner Branch CWDMP  
**Client:** City of Grand Prairie

**Prepared by:** TH

Pavement Material: Asphalt Pavement  
 Pavement Width: 60 feet  
 Roadway Length: 120 feet  
 Existing Culvert Length: 55 year  
 Current Date: 2014 year

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	Engineer's Estimate	
				UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
<b><i>Demolition &amp; Removals</i></b>					
1	Remove Roadway Pavement	SY	800	\$10	\$8,000.00
2	Remove Existing Culvert (48" Diameter RCP)	LF	165	\$40	\$6,600.00
3	Remove Existing Headwalls	EA	2	\$2,000	\$4,000.00
4	Demolition of Apron	SY	67	\$3	\$201.00
<b>Subtotal General</b>					<b>\$18,801.00</b>
<b><i>Culvert and Street Replacement</i></b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
2	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (6 FT X 6 FT)	LF	165	\$500	\$82,500.00
3	Headwall	EA	2	\$20,000	\$40,000.00
4	Asphalt Pavement (2")(Type D HMAC Surface Course)	TON	88	\$150	\$13,200.00
5	Asphalt Pavement (4")(Type B HMAC Base Course)	TON	88	\$150	\$13,200.00
6	8" Flex Base	CY	178	\$75	\$13,333.33
7					
8					
9	Care of Water	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
10	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$15,000	\$15,000.00
<b>Subtotal Paving Improvements</b>					<b>\$207,233.33</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$226,034.33</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY (30%)</b>					<b>\$67,810.30</b>
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; SURVEYING SERVICES (12%)</b>					<b>\$35,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$329,100.00</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. Landscaping, street lighting, sidewalks, and irrigation are <u>excluded</u> from this estimate.					
2. Construction Inspection and Right-of-Way Acquisition are excluded from this estimate.					
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**ENGINEER'S STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST**

**NE 5th Street at Gopher Creek  
(Includes Stream Stability Project Downstream of Crossing)**

**Project:** Gopher and Turner Branch CWDMP  
**Client:** City of Grand Prairie

**Prepared by:** TH

Pavement Material: Asphalt Pavement  
 Pavement Width: 40 feet  
 Roadway Length: 50 feet  
 Existing Culvert Length: 65 year  
 Current Date: 2014 year

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	Engineer's Estimate	
				UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
<b><i>Demolition &amp; Removals</i></b>					
1	Remove Roadway Pavement	SY	222.2	\$10	\$2,222.22
2	Remove Existing Culvert (60" Diameter RCP)	LF	195.0	\$40	\$7,800.00
3	Remove Existing Headwalls	EA	2.0	\$2,000	\$4,000.00
4	Demolition of Concrete Apron	SY	67	\$3	\$201
5	Excavation	CY	20	\$20	\$400
				<b>Subtotal General</b>	<b>\$14,623.22</b>
<b><i>Culvert and Street Replacement</i></b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1.0	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
2	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (6 FT X 6 FT)	LF	195.0	\$500	\$97,500.00
3	Headwall	EA	2.0	\$20,000	\$40,000.00
4	Asphalt Pavement (2")(Type D HMAC Surface Course)	TON	24.4	\$150	\$3,666.67
5	Asphalt Pavement (4")(Type B HMAC Base Course)	TON	24.4	\$150	\$3,666.67
6	8" Flex Base	CY	49	\$75	\$3,703.70
7	24" Rock Riprap (Dry)	CY	45	\$175	\$7,875
8	Filter Fabric for 24" Rock Riprap	SY	45	\$3	\$135
9	Care of Water	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
10	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$15,000	\$15,000.00
				<b>Subtotal Paving Improvements</b>	<b>\$201,547.04</b>
				<b>SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$216,170.26</b>
				<b>CONTINGENCY (30%)</b>	<b>\$64,851.08</b>
				<b>ENGINEERING &amp; SURVEYING SERVICES (12%)</b>	<b>\$33,700.00</b>
				<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$314,700.00</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. Landscaping, street lighting, sidewalks, and irrigation are <u>excluded</u> from this estimate.					
2. Construction Inspection and Right-of-Way Acquisition are excluded from this estimate.					
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## ENGINEER'S STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST

### E Tarrant Road at Gopher Creek

**Project:** Gopher and Turner Branch CWDMP

**Prepared by:** TH

**Client:** City of Grand Prairie

Pavement Material:	Asphalt Pavement
Pavement Width:	40 feet
Roadway Length:	60 feet
Existing Culvert Length:	85 year
Current Date:	2014 year

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	Engineer's Estimate	
				UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
<b><i>Demolition &amp; Removals</i></b>					
1	Remove Roadway Pavement	SY	266.7	\$10	\$2,666.67
2	Remove Existing Culvert (72" Diameter RCP)	LF	170.0	\$40	\$6,800.00
3	Remove Existing Headwalls	EA	2.0	\$2,000	\$4,000.00
<b>Subtotal General</b>					<b>\$13,466.67</b>
<b><i>Culvert and Street Replacement</i></b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1.0	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
2	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (6 FT X 6 FT)	LF	170.0	\$500	\$85,000.00
3	Headwall	EA	2.0	\$20,000	\$40,000.00
4	Asphalt Pavement (2")(Type D HMAC Surface Course)	TON	29.3	\$150	\$4,400.00
5	Asphalt Pavement (4")(Type B HMAC Base Course)	TON	29.3	\$150	\$4,400.00
6	8" Flex Base	CY	59	\$75	\$4,444.44
7	24" Rock Riprap (Dry)	CY	67	\$175	\$11,725
8	Filter Fabric for 24" Rock Riprap	SY	67	\$3	\$201
9	Care of Water	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
10	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Subtotal Paving Improvements</b>					<b>\$200,170.44</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$213,637.11</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY (30%)</b>					<b>\$64,091.13</b>
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; SURVEYING SERVICES (12%)</b>					<b>\$33,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$311,000.00</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. Landscaping, street lighting, sidewalks, and irrigation are <u>excluded</u> from this estimate.					
2. Construction Inspection and Right-of-Way Acquisition are excluded from this estimate.					
NOTE: This statement was prepared utilizing standard cost and/or estimating practices. It is understood and agreed that this is a statement of probable construction cost only, and the Engineer shall not be liable to the Owner or any Third Party.					

## ENGINEER'S STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COST

### West Park Square Road at Turner Branch

**Project:** Gopher and Turner Branch CWDMP  
**Client:** City of Grand Prairie

**Prepared by:** TH

Pavement Material: Asphalt Pavement  
 Pavement Width: 30 feet  
 Roadway Length: 30 feet  
 Existing Culvert Length: 85 year  
 Current Date: 2014 year

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	Engineer's Estimate	
				UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
<b><i>Demolition &amp; Removals</i></b>					
1	Remove Roadway Pavement	SY	100.0	\$10	\$1,000.00
2	Remove Existing Culvert (48" Diameter RCP)	LF	85.0	\$40	\$3,400.00
3	Remove Existing Headwalls	EA	2.0	\$2,000	\$4,000.00
<b><i>Subtotal General</i></b>					<b><i>\$8,400.00</i></b>
<b><i>Culvert and Street Replacement</i></b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1.0	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
2	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (8 FT X 6 FT)	LF	255.0	\$600	\$153,000.00
3	Headwall	EA	2.0	\$20,000	\$40,000.00
4	Asphalt Pavement (2")(Type D HMAC Surface Course)	TON	11.0	\$150	\$1,650.00
5	Asphalt Pavement (4")(Type B HMAC Base Course)	TON	11.0	\$150	\$1,650.00
6	8" Flex Base	CY	22	\$75	\$1,666.67
7	Care of Water	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
8	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
<b><i>Subtotal Paving Improvements</i></b>					<b><i>\$237,966.67</i></b>
<b><i>SUBTOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</i></b>					<b><i>\$246,366.67</i></b>
<b><i>CONTINGENCY (30%)</i></b>					<b><i>\$73,910.00</i></b>
<b><i>ENGINEERING &amp; SURVEYING SERVICES (12%)</i></b>					<b><i>\$38,400.00</i></b>
<b><i>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</i></b>					<b><i>\$358,700.00</i></b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. Landscaping, street lighting, sidewalks, and irrigation are <u>excluded</u> from this estimate.					
2. Construction Inspection and Right-of-Way Acquisition are excluded from this estimate.					
NOTE: This statement was prepared utilizing standard cost and/or estimating practices. It is understood and agreed that this is a statement of probable construction cost only, and the Engineer shall not be liable to the Owner or any Third Party.					



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## **XIII.Evaluation & Prioritization/Phasing & Implementation**

### **XIII. EVALUATION & PRIORITIZATION/PHASING & IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **A. EVALUATION & PRIORITIZATION**

Halff Associates developed six (6) open channel alternatives that are described in detail in Section VII of this report. Halff Associates evaluated and prioritized the six (6) alternatives within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. A process of assigning ranking factors was utilized to rank short-term and long-term priority projects based on criteria from Section II.G of the City of Grand Prairie City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map. Refer to Table XIII-1 for the final proposed CIP alternative rankings. The following is a brief summary of the criteria and methodology utilized to rank short-term and long-term priority projects to be incorporated into the overall City-wide implementation plan.

##### **1. Ranking Criteria:**

- i. Number of properties/structures benefited* – The number of structures benefited by the reduction in flood damage was determined for each proposed CIP alternative. Due to the lack of development at the majority of proposed CIP alternative locations, there were no structures benefited by the reduction in flood damage.
- ii. Estimates of probable cost* – A preliminary cost-estimate was determined for each proposed CIP alternative and then categorized as follows:
  - **Small Projects** – Less than \$500,000
  - **Medium Projects** - \$500,000 to \$1,500,000
  - **Large Projects** – \$1,500,000 to \$5,000,000
  - **Extra-Large Projects** – \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000
  - **Super Size Projects** – Greater than \$10,000,000
- iii. Roadway Type Benefited* – Each proposed CIP alternative roadway was categorized based on existing roadway type. Categories include **HWY, P7U, P6D, P4D, P3U, M5U, M4U, M3U, C2U**, and **No Roadway** (if no roadway benefits are included with project).
- iv. Roadway Flood Event Protection* – The level of flood protection, if no improvements were made, was determined for each proposed CIP alternative roadway crossing. Halff Associates described existing roadway crossing protection based on the following storm events: 2-year, 5-year, 10-year, 25-year, 50-year, or 100-year (existing).



- v. *Roadway Citizens Protected/Impacted* – Per Ranking Factor #3 below, an approximate percentage of total roadway citizens impacted was determined for each proposed CIP alternative if no improvements were made.
- vi. *Ultimate 100-Year Discharge* – The ultimate 100-year discharge was determined for each proposed CIP alternative location.

**2. Ranking Methodology:**

- i. *Ranking Factor #1*- The initial ranking factor was based on the estimate of probable cost versus the number of properties/structures benefited:

Determine Initial Ranking Factor		No. of Properties/Structures Benefited		
		High > 10	Medium 5 to 10	Small < 5
Estimate of Probable Cost (\$)	Small < \$500k	1	2	3
	Medium \$500k - \$1.5Mil	2	3	4
	Large > \$1.5Mil	3	4	5
	X-Large (> \$5M)	6	7	8
	Super-Size (>\$10M)	9	10	11

- ii. *Ranking Factor #2* - A second ranking factor was determined based on the number of citizens impacted, by potential for roadway shutdowns if no improvements were made on existing roadways, and by a cost to benefit ratio of proposed improvements per roadway citizens impacted.

Step 1 – Determine Existing Roadway Type

Roadway Type
HWY
P7U
P6D
P4D
P3U
M5U
M4U
M3U
C2U

Step 2 – Determine Existing Conditions Roadway Flood Event Protection and Percentage of Roadway Citizens Protected

Roadway Flood Event Protection	Percentage of Citizens Protected <sup>1</sup>
1-Year	0%
2-Year	15%
5-Year	35%
10-Year	50%
25-Year	70%
50-Year	85%
100-Year	100%

<sup>1</sup>Based on approximation, using logarithmic chart, with 1-Year Event coverage protecting 0% and with 100-Year Event protecting 100%

Step 3 – Determine Percentage of Roadway Citizens Impacted  
 100% minus percentage of citizens protected



Step 4 – Determine Number of Roadway Citizens Impacted

Roadway Type Benefited	Percentage of Citizens Protected <sup>1</sup>
HWY	20800
P7U	12740
P6D	11700
P4D	7800
P3U	5460
M5U	8450
M4U	6760
M3U	5070
C2U	2730

<sup>1</sup>Based on percentage of citizens impacted multiplied by [No. Lanes \* 4 hours impacted \* hourly volume per lane \* Level of Service C Traffic Volume (see table below)]

Grand Prairie Classification	NCTCOG Classification	Lanes	Hourly Service Vol./lane	NCTCOG LOS*			Current UDC "LOS C" Traffic Volume
				Roadway Capacity LOS E	LOS D	LOS C	
P7U	Principal Arterial-Undiv.	7	700	49,000	39,200	31,850	42,000
P6D	Principal Arterial-Divided	6	750	45,000	36,000	29,250	42,000
P4D	Principal Arterial-Divided	4	750	30,000	24,000	19,500	28,000
P3U	Principal Arterial-Undiv.	3	700	21,000	16,800	13,650	18,000
M5U	Minor Arterial	5	650	32,500	26,000	21,125	28,000
M4U	Minor Arterial	4	650	26,000	20,800	16,900	22,000
M3U	Minor Arterial	3	650	19,500	15,600	12,675	18,000
C2U	Collector	2	525	10,500	8,400	6,825	10,000
L2U	Local Street	2	525	10,500	8,400	6,825	8,000
LU	Local Street	1	525	5,250	4,200	3,413	8,000
R2U	Rural Street	2	525	10,500	8,400	6,825	8,000

\* = from the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Travel Model Manual, Exhibits 23 and 24  
 NCTCOG capacity: LOS E = (# lanes) \* 10 \* (NCTCOG Hourly Service Volume per Lane)  
 NCTCOG capacity: LOS D = (LOS E) \* .8  
 NCTCOG capacity: LOS C = (LOS E) \* .65

Step 5 – Divide Cost to Benefit of Roadway Number of Citizens Impacted

Divide the estimate of probable cost by the results from Step 4 to determine the cost to benefit ratio (in dollars)

Step 6 – Develop Second Ranking Factor with highest rank being the lowest cost to benefit ratio

- iii. *Ranking Factor #3* – A third ranking factor was determined based on the total tax value of all the properties with structures that are benefited by the project from Ranking Factor #1. The Third Ranking Factor was based on the table below.

Total Tax Value of Properties with Structures Benefited	Third Ranking Factor
\$2,000,000 +	1
≥ \$1,900,000	2
≥ \$1,800,000	3
≥ \$1,700,000	4
≥ \$1,600,000	5
≥ \$1,500,000	6
≥ \$1,400,000	7
≥ \$1,300,000	8
≥ \$1,200,000	9
≥ \$1,100,000	10
≥ \$1,000,000	11
≥ \$900,000	12
≥ \$800,000	13
≥ \$700,000	14
≥ \$600,000	15
≥ \$500,000	16
≥ \$400,000	17
≥ \$300,000	18
≥ \$200,000	19
\$0 to \$199,999	20

- iv. *Initial Ranking* - A total ranking factor was determined using the summation of Ranking Factors #1, #2, and #3. The initial ranking of proposed CIP alternatives was determined with the top ranked (#1) project having the lowest total ranking factor.
- v. *Final Ranking* - If two or more projects had the same initial ranking, the projects were sorted further using the ultimate 100-year discharge at each project location. The higher ranked of these projects was the one with the greatest ultimate 100-year discharge at the project location. If two projects in different watersheds had the same initial ranking and similar ultimate 100-year discharges (within 500 cfs) then the projects were ranked in order of the lowest estimate of probable cost.



**B. PHASING & IMPLEMENTATION****1. Final Short-term Priorities Implementation**

**Short-term Priority CIPs** could generally be described as those projects with an initial ranking factor of 1, 2, or 3 from the matrix under Ranking Factor #1 above. The Short-term Priority projects would become the City's key Capital Improvement Projects for immediate implementation, contingent upon City Council approval and allocated funding. Prior to beginning the construction process on these projects, the following key issues may need to be examined:

- Public or private participation in funding and implementation
- Drainage right-of-way or easement needs
- Permitting – FEMA, NCTCOG, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, or Environmental Protection Agency
- Public or neighborhood meetings to describe project and receive citizen feedback
- Adherence of project to City's ordinances and standards for construction

**2. Final Long-term Plan Implementation**

All other CIPs not classified as Short-term priorities will be considered **Long-term CIPs**. These need to be planned properly with funding allocated for future construction, contingent on City Council approval. Projects that could be constructed by phasing (i.e., will phasing provide immediate benefits or does the whole project need to be constructed for benefits to occur) would need to be re-evaluated by each Phase and re-ranked accordingly with the other CIPs.

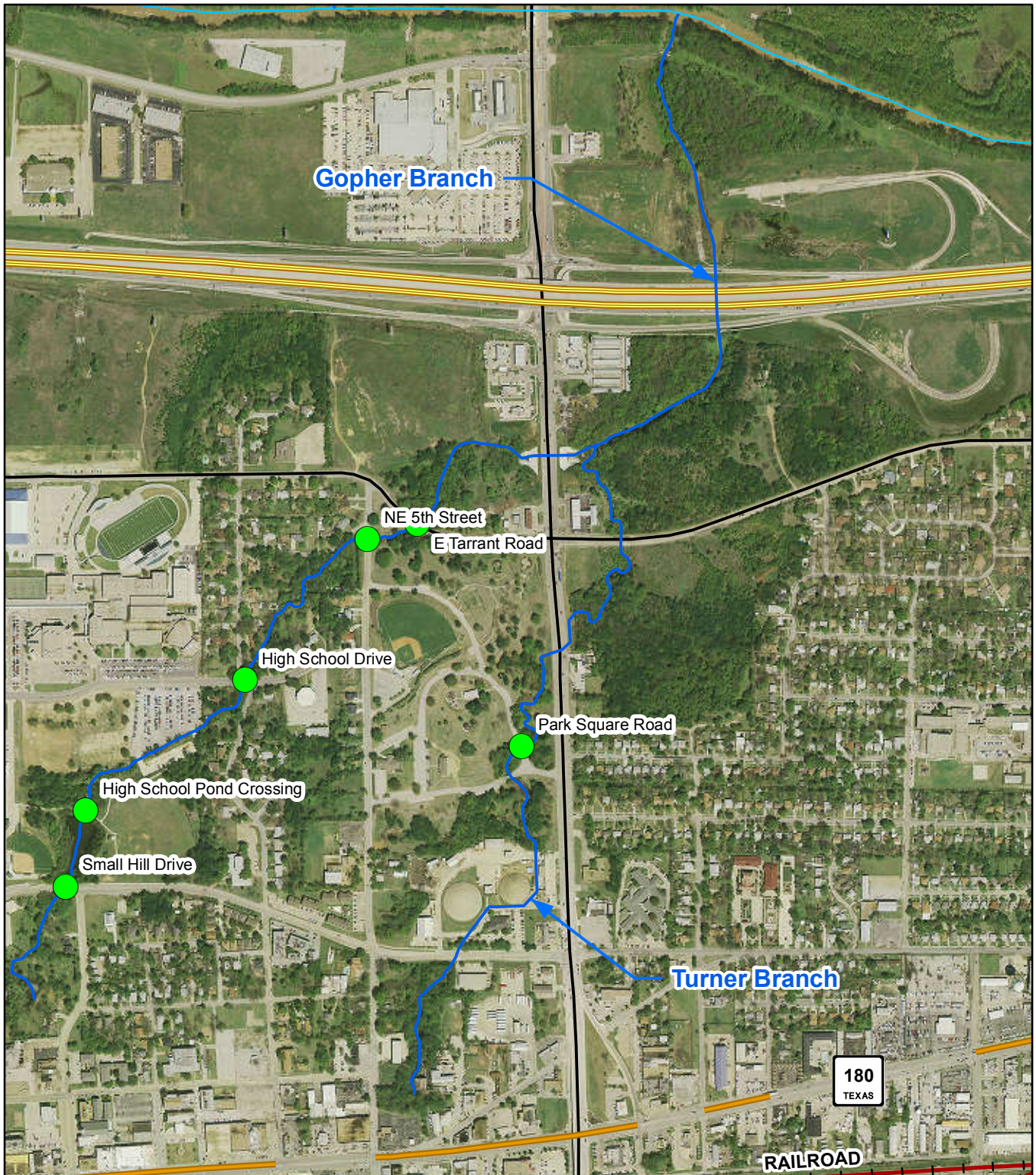
For the Long-term projects, the following key issues may need to be examined:

- All the Short-term issues listed above
- Longer range funding plans for larger projects, including phasing (look into State and Federal grants and construction loans)
- More global view, watershed-wide or regional type projects (look into cooperative efforts with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NCTCOG, or adjacent communities)
- Examine how increased development of the City's flood warning system could provide further benefits to these areas until funding is allocated for project implementation
- Non-structural measures including:
  - **Buy-out program** – City would need to decide on perpetual maintenance of property or re-selling property after measures are taken to remove lot from flood hazard. Recommend pursuit of City funding, if available, or associated

grants (see CWDMP Roadmap Section II.D – Funding Opportunities), if applicable

- Enforce **new and/or improved development standards** to restrict future development in flood hazard areas

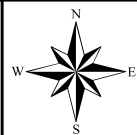
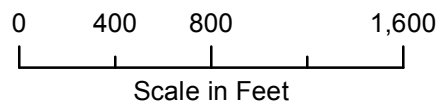




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**KEY TO FEATURES**

- Studied Stream
- Unstudied Stream
- CIP Locations
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- Major Road
- Railroad



Title

**CIP Location Map**

Watershed

**Gopher-Turner Branch**

Figure

**XIII-1**

**Table XIII-1 Stream and Open Channel Capital Improvement Projects**

*Preliminary Short-Term Priorities & Long-Term Implementation*

	Capital Improvement Project	Project Size & Short-Term/Long-Term	Step 1 - Initial Ranking Factor - Estimate of Probable Cost vs. # Structures Benefited <sup>1</sup>			Step 2 - Second Ranking Factor - Cost to Benefit of Roadway Number of Citizens Impacted <sup>2</sup>							Step 3 - Tax Value of Benefited Property Structures <sup>7</sup>		Sum of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Factors - Step 4	Initial Rank - Step 4	100-Year Ultimate Discharge at CIP Location - Step 5		Final Rank - Step 6
			# Structures	Cost	1st Factor <sup>1</sup>	Type	Roadway Flood Event Protection	Roadway % Citizens Protected <sup>3</sup>	Roadway % Citizens Impacted <sup>4</sup>	Roadway # Citizens Impacted <sup>5</sup>	Cost to Benefit Roadway # Citizens Impacted <sup>6</sup>	2nd Factor	Tax Value of Property Structures Benefited	3rd Factor	Total	Rank <sup>8</sup>	Ultimate Q <sub>100</sub>	Sorting <sup>9</sup>	Rank <sup>10</sup>
1	Small Hill Drive	Small/Short-Term	2	\$250,300	3	C2U	2	15%	85%	4641	\$53.93	1	\$0	20	24	1	550	4	1
2	High School Pond Crossing	Small/Short-Term	1	\$125,600	3	C2U	5	35%	65%	1775	\$70.78	2	\$0	20	25	2	750	3	2
3	High School Drive	Small/Short-Term	1	\$329,100	3	M4U	50	85%	15%	1014	\$324.56	3	\$0	20	26	3	125	5	3
5	E Tarrant Road	Small/Short-Term	1	\$311,000	3	C2U	50	85%	15%	410	\$759.46	4	\$0	20	27	4	800	2	4
4	NE 5th Street	Small/Short-Term	2	\$314,700	3	C2U	50	85%	15%	410	\$768.50	5	\$44,130	20	28	5	850	1	5
6	Park Square Road (Turner Branch)	Small/Short-Term	1	\$358,700	3	N/A	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	\$0	20	29	6	75	6	6

<sup>1</sup> Refer to City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map, Section II.G - Implementation Plan - Step 1

<sup>2</sup> Refer to City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map, Section II.G - Implementation Plan - Step 2

<sup>3</sup> Based on approximation, using logarithmic chart, with 1-Year Event coverage protecting 0% of traffic volume and 100-Year Event coverage protecting 100% of traffic volume

<sup>4</sup> Percent Impacted = 100% minus % of Roadway Citizens Protected (approximate)

<sup>5</sup> Number Impacted = % Impacted multiplied by [No. Lanes \* 4 Hours Impacted \* Hourly Volume Per Lane \* Level of Service "C" Traffic Volume]

<sup>6</sup> Cost of CIP divided by Roadway # Citizens Impacted

<sup>7</sup> Refer to City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map, Section II.G - Implementation Plan - Step 3

<sup>8</sup> Refer to City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map, Section II.G - Implementation Plan - Step 4

<sup>9</sup> Refer to City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map, Section II.G - Implementation Plan - Step 5

<sup>10</sup> Refer to City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map, Section II.G - Implementation Plan - Step 6

\* The 2-year event overtops the crossing and the 1 year was not computed

Additional Notes:

a. Phased projects shall be ranked in order of Phasing (i.e. Phase 1 shall be ranked higher than Phase 2, etc.)

b. In Step 5, when comparing projects between two different watersheds: If two projects have same rank in Step 4 and need to be sorted, but have similar 100-Year Ultimate Discharges, then projects should be ranked in order of lowest cost estimate



**Table XIII-2 Stream Stability Capital Improvement Projects**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Stream</b>	<b>Capital Improvement Project</b>	<b>Short-Term/Long-Term</b>	<b>Public/Private</b>	<b>Probable Cost</b>
1	Gopher Branch	Stream Stabilization Downstream of High School Drive	Short-Term	Public	\$61,400
2	Gopher Branch	Stream Stabilization Downstream of North 5th Street	Short-Term	Public	\$56,200
3	Gopher Branch	Slope Protection (near station 8+75)	Short-Term	Public	\$124,300
4	Turner Branch	Stream Stabilization Downstream of Belt Line Road	Short-Term	Public	\$122,200
5	Gopher Branch and Turner Branch	Rock Chutes (Gopher Branch Stations 54+00, and 48+00 and Turner Branch Stations 44+00, and 1+00)	Short-Term	Public	\$189,500

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## **XIV. Short Term Priorities & Long Term Plan**



**XIV. SHORT TERM PRIORITIES & LONG TERM PLAN**

**A. SHORT-TERM PRIORITIES IMPLEMENTATION**

There are eleven (11) short-term capital improvement projects located in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed. Five (5) short-term CIPs are stream stability alternatives intended to protect public infrastructure and prevent future erosion to stream beds and stream banks. Six (6) short-term CIPs are open channel alternatives intended to alleviate roadway inundation and protect the local population. The erosion hazard setback zone referenced in Section IX of this report has been delineated by Halff Associates and is included on the DVD in Appendix J of this report. It is recommended that the setback shapefile be utilized to help manage future development in the watershed.

**B. LONG-TERM PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

There are zero (0) long-term CIPs located in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

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## **XV. Master Plan Study Wrap-Up & Recommendations**



**XV. MASTER PLAN STUDY WRAP-UP & RECOMMENDATIONS**

This City-wide Drainage Master Plan for the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed provides comprehensive, updated technical data for the management of the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed and its tributaries. This report addresses existing flooding, erosion, and sedimentation problems within the watershed and provides planning alternatives and design concepts to help alleviate potential flood damages. The information presented in this report will provide the City of Grand Prairie with the necessary updated drainage information to coordinate future development and help minimize existing and potential flood damages within the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

Based on the findings of this report, Halff Associates recommends the following actions:

**A. STREAMS AND OPEN CHANNELS**

There are six (6) open channel projects that have been proposed. These projects either add protection to existing road crossings or remove structures from the floodplain or both. Halff recommends that the City implement these alternatives in order of their ranking provided in Section XIII of this report.

Halff recommends the following Non-Structural action items for the Gopher and Turner Branch streams and tributaries:

- **Continue floodplain regulation and encourage responsible development of the watershed.**
- Budget for future thoroughfares and infrastructure improvements based on the conceptual roadway sizings provided with this report.
- Provide CWDMP report and updated technical data to Ellis and Johnson Counties to improve floodplain management in the ETJ.

**B. STREAM BANK STABILITY**

Five (5) stream stability alternatives were developed by Halff Associates along Gopher and Turner Branch intended to protect public infrastructure and help control future erosion to stream beds and stream banks. Halff recommends that the City implement these alternatives in order of their ranking provided in Section XIII of this report. Halff also recommends that the City utilize the Erosion Hazard Setbacks delineated as part of this study to manage new development in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed.

**C. MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance should be considered an ongoing task in the Gopher and Turner Branch watershed and should follow the recommendations of the City of Grand Prairie City-Wide Drainage Master Plan Road Map Section F.6.

**1. Storm Drain Outfalls**

Storm drain outfall maintenance issues identified in this report include four main categories: 1) **Good** (requires no remedial maintenance- continued normal inspections), 2) **Fair** (may require some remedial maintenance – not immediate), 3) **Poor** (requires immediate remedial maintenance), 4) **Failure** (requires immediate assistance beyond remedial maintenance).

For the storm drain outfalls, refer to Table XI-1 for a list of the condition of each outfall. Halff Associates recommends the City proceed with maintenance and repairs for the outfalls with a condition of poor as soon as possible. Remedial maintenance of the fair outfalls and continued field inspection for the good outfalls should be conducted in a regularly scheduled cycle determined by the City

**D. FUTURE STUDIES & REPORT UPDATES**

Future studies and technical data should be incorporated into this report as they become available.

Maintenance of this CWDMP document will be critical to keeping the document accurate and current. Future LOMRs and watershed studies should be included as attachments in this same document. Final hydrology and hydraulic models should be added to Appendix J.





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