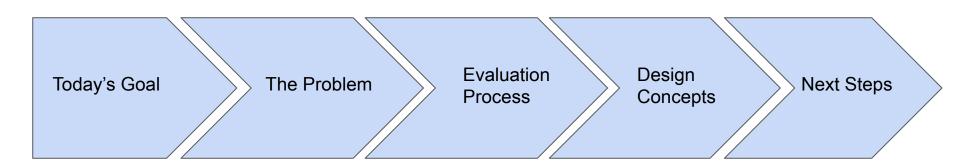


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## Outline



## Today's goal is to describe:

- The problem
- Evaluation process
- Concept plans considered
- → Gain your input to refine our proposed concept and go to final design next semester

#### The Problem

- Beaver population recovering
- Beaver plugged current outlet system
  - Localized flooding
  - Dam safety
    - Bank Den tunneling
    - Reduced freeboard in storm events overtopping failure
  - Increased tree mortality
  - Increased maintenance demands



The American Beaver

#### Maintenance

- Increased frequency of debris removal
- Staff time and cost
- Corrugated metal pipe (CMP) at end of design life



**Outlet Structure** 



CMP at Sapsucker Woods

### **Client Needs**

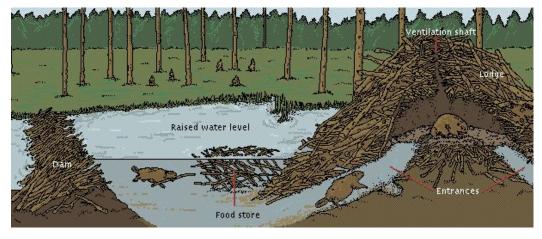
- Lab of Ornithology conservation organization
- Coexist peacefully with beavers





#### **Beaver Needs**

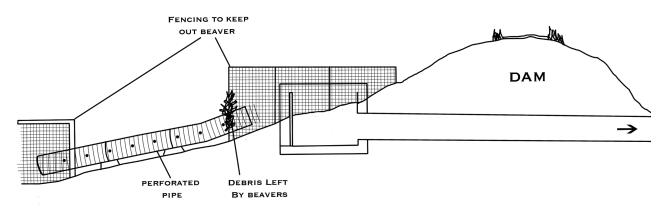
- Safe shelter
  - Deep water protection from predators
- Food source
- Beaver motivation
  - Stop the noise of running water

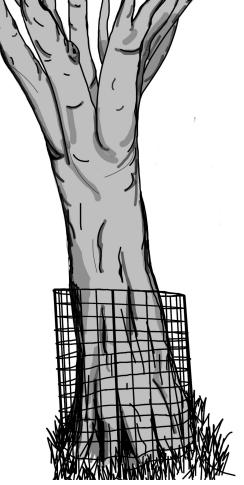


Construction of beaver dam and lodge

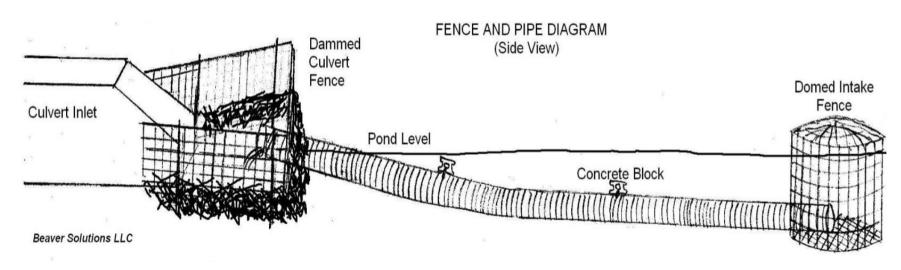
## **Beaver Impact Minimization**

- Sound reduction
- Barriers around food source
- Increasing difficulty of damming (bigger, longer, deeper)





## **Previous Control Attempt**



Beaver Solutions™ Flexible Pond Leveler™ installed 4 years ago

## Facility Manager's Perspective

Regarding previous design, "we were planning to rebuild the outlet system due to the main drain pipe deterioration and the beaver completely burying the outlet system we installed 4 years ago [...], I was skeptical of the design when we installed it and suggested that we run 80 feet of pipe along the water's edge to a secondary cage at the edge of the water so we could maintain the outlet".

Jeff Payne

## **Temporary Solution**

Floating high density polyethylene (HDPE) perforated pipe.

Regular maintenance of beaver debris removal around weir structure.



#### **Current Status**

- Temporary HDPE is being held down by tree trunks
- There is still beaver activity in the outlet but the system is working



## Site History

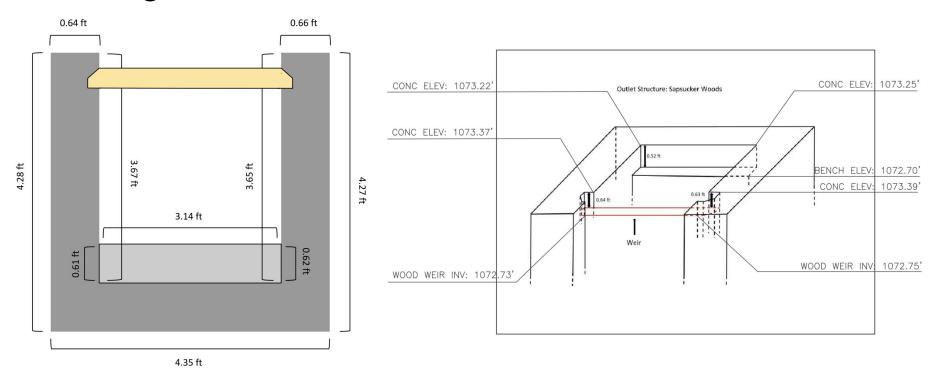


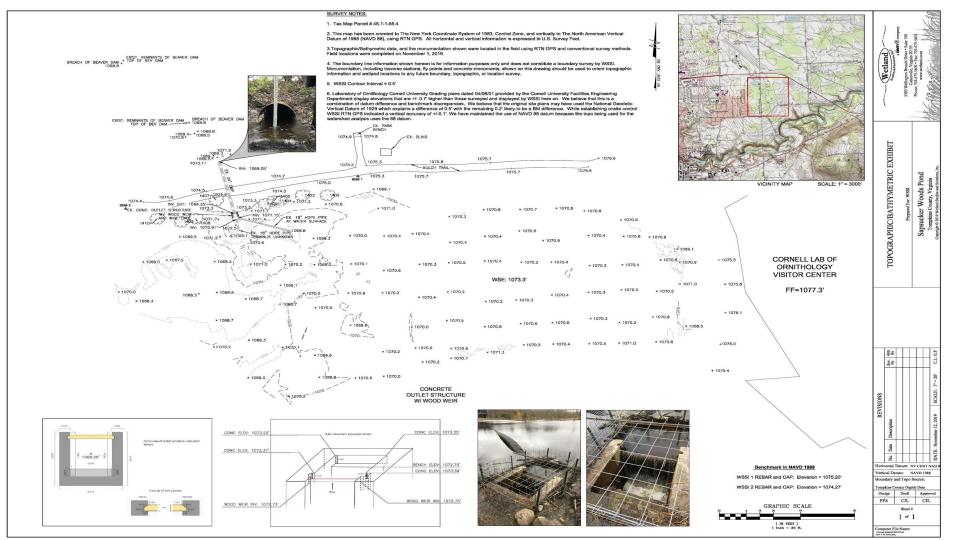
Aerial photographs from 1938 and 1965.

## Recent Aerial Photograph



## **Existing Outlet**





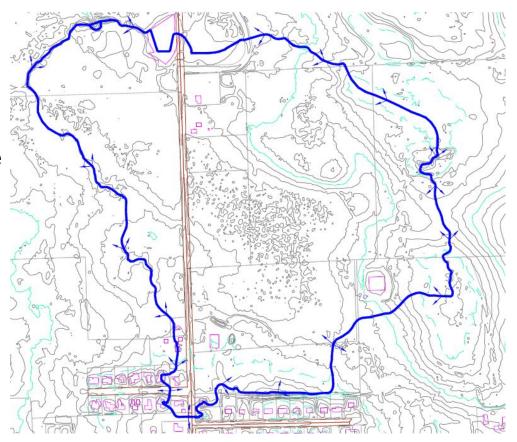
# Survey pictures



#### Watershed

Area: 128 acres

- Flat
- Indistinct drainage divides in some locations
  - Detailed survey watershed cost ~ \$40,000 (not worth it)
  - Roof and parking lot area delineated with design plans

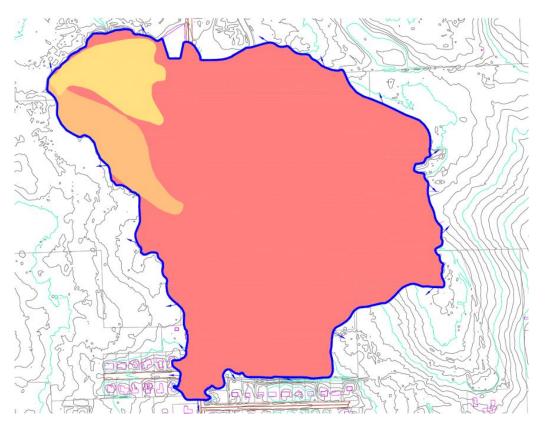


## CN - Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG)

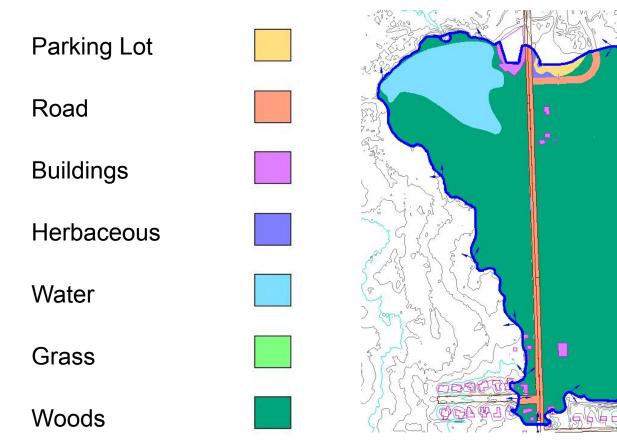
Pond

Hydrologic Group C

Hydrologic Group D



#### **CN-Land Cover**



# CN - Sample calculation

Soil series	Associated area (acres)	Cover type	Hydrologic condition	Hydrologic soil group	Associated CN	Fraction of total area	Associated CN * Fraction of area
ErA	77.3	Woods	Good	D	77	0.61	46.66
ErA	3.5	Road	-	D	98	0.03	2.72
ErA	0.5	Buildings	-	D	98	0.00	0.40
ErA	0.6	Parking lot	-	D	98	0.00	0.44
ErA	0.3	Herbaceous	Good	D	85	0.00	0.18
BgC	8.2	Woods	Good	С	70	0.06	4.52

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Total watershed area (acres)	128	Total watershed curve number	79
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#### Tc: Sheet flow $(A \rightarrow B)$

NRCS National Engineering Handbook: Part 630 Hydrology (eq. 15-8):

$$ext{T}_{ ext{t}} = rac{0.007 {(n\ell)}^{0.8}}{{\left( ext{P}_{2}
ight)}^{0.5} ext{S}^{0.4}}$$

 $T_{t}$  = sheet flow travel time, hr

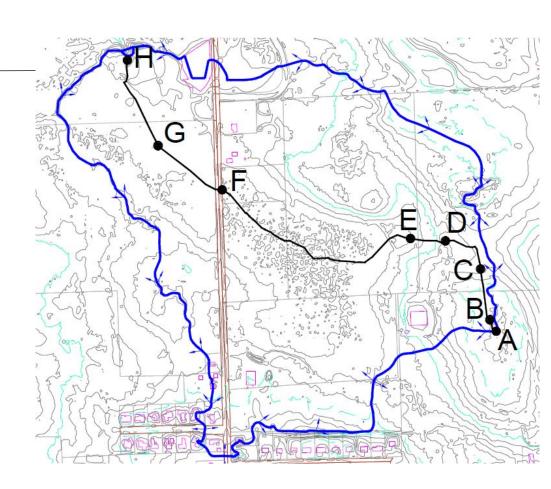
 $\vec{n}$  = Manning's roughness coefficient

/ = sheet flow length, ft\*

P<sub>2</sub> = 2-year, 24-hour rainfall, in

S = slope of land surface, ft/ft

Up to 250 ft for S < 1% or 100 ft otherwise



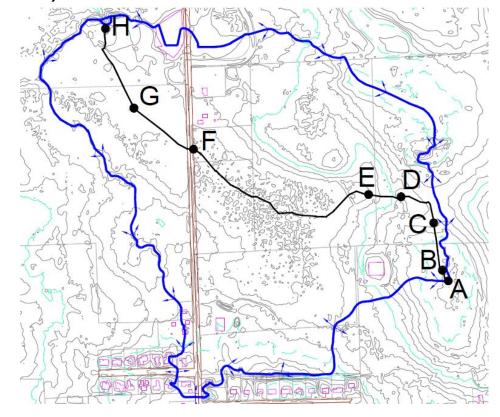
<sup>\*</sup> NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual:

#### Tc: Shallow concentration $(B \rightarrow F)$

NRCS National Engineering Handbook: Part 630 Hydrology (eq. 15-1):

$$T_{t} = \frac{\ell}{3,600V}$$

T<sub>t</sub> = travel time, hr I = distance between B and C, ft V = average velocity of flow, ft/s



#### Tc: Channel Flow $(F \rightarrow G)$

NRCS National Engineering Handbook: Part 630 Hydrology (eq. 15-1, 15-10):

$$T_{t} = \frac{\ell}{3,600V}$$
  $V = \frac{1.49r^{\frac{2}{3}}s^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n}$ 

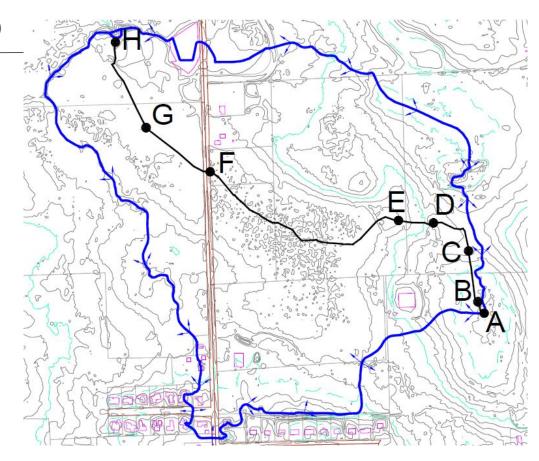
T<sub>t</sub> = time of travel, hr
I = length of channel from F to G, ft

V = velocity, ft/s

r = hydraulic radius, ft

s = channel slope, ft/ft

n =Manning's n

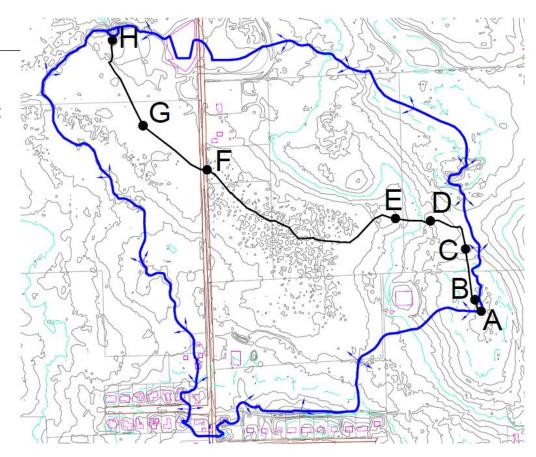


#### Tc: Pond Flow $(G \rightarrow H)$

NRCS National Engineering Handbook: Part 630 Hydrology (eq. 15-1, 15-11):

$$T_{\rm t} = \frac{\ell}{3,600V} \hspace{1cm} V_{\rm w} = \sqrt{gD_{\rm m}} \label{eq:Vw}$$

 $T_t$  = time of travel, hr I = length of channel from G to H, ft V = velocity, ft/s  $V = \text{g = gravity constant (32.2 ft/s}^2)$  $D_m = \text{mean depth of pond}$ 



## Time of Concentration

Path	Land Cover	Flow Type	Length (ft)	Time (mins)
A-B	Woods	Sheet flow	250	84.6
B-C	Woods	Shallow Concentrated Flow	226	12.4
C-D	Grass	Shallow Concentrated Flow	388	9.8
D-E	Woods	Shallow Concentrated Flow	257	10.7
E-F	Forested Wetland	Shallow Concentrated Flow	1616	304
F-G	Woods	Channel Flow	565	14.1
G-H	Pond	Pond Travel	683	1.2
Total	-	-	3985	437 (7.3 hr)

## Small Storm (<1 year) Precipitation

\*data collected from the NRCC/NRCS center for Sapsucker Woods - Ithaca, NY

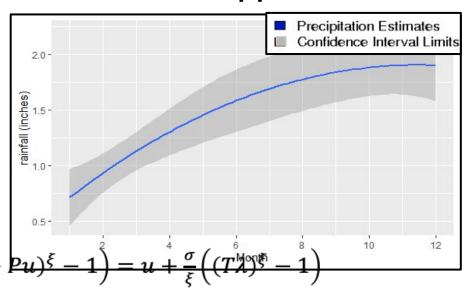
#### **Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD)**

(2019, Steinschneider)

Statistically driven approach incorporating threshold (u), scale ( $\sigma$ ), shape ( $\xi$ ), and average number of exceedance ( $\lambda$ ) per time (T)

$$PRCP(in) = u + \frac{\sigma}{\xi} \Big( (m(1 - Pu)^{\xi}) \Big)$$

GPD: Rainfall [in] vs. Month



$$s.t.P(x \le u)$$

## Small Storm (<1 year) Precipitation

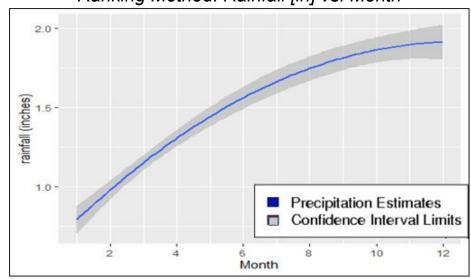
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Ranking Method (Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.)

- 30 years of historic data ranked in descending order
- Rank calculated by recurrence interval

$$\# Events = \frac{\# Years \ on \ Record}{Recurrence \ Interval}$$





## **Small Storm Source Comparison**

Return Period	Ranking PRCP [in]	GPD PRCP [in]
1 mo	0.75	0.65
2 mo	1.01	0.98
3 mo	1.18	1.18
4 mo	1.32	1.33
5 mo	1.46	1.44
6 mo	1.51	1.54
1 yr	(1.92)	(1.91)

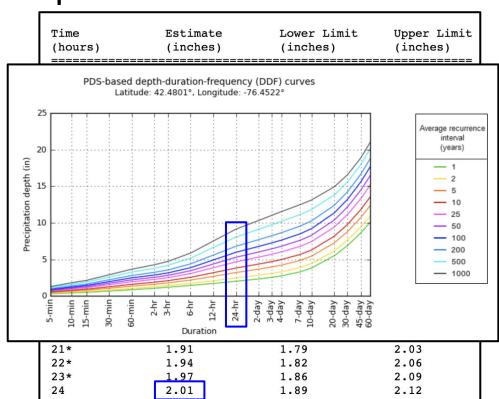
## Large Storm (>1 year) Precipitation

#### NRCC/NRCS

- NRCC/NRCS center for Sapsucker Woods - Ithaca NY
- Each return period found separately
- Use extreme precipitation estimate

# NOAA 14-point Precipitation Analysis

 Estimates for Sapsucker Woods -Ithaca, NY



## Large Storm Source Comparison

Return Period	NOAA Atlas PRCP [in]	NRCS/NRCC PRCP [in]
1 yr	2.01	2.01
2 yr	2.46	2.34
10 yr	3.82	3.43
100 yr	<b>5.9</b> 8	5.92

## Design Storm Flow Rate (TR-55)

- USDA "Urban Hydrology for Small Watershed" (1986)
- Estimate the runoff for each return period

$$Q = \frac{(P - 0.2S)^2}{P + 0.8S}$$

Estimate the peak discharge for each return period

$$q_p = \frac{2Q}{1.1t_c + 1.1 * 1.67t_c}$$

#### When:

CN = 79 t<sub>c</sub> = 437 mi S = 2.66 in

## Results

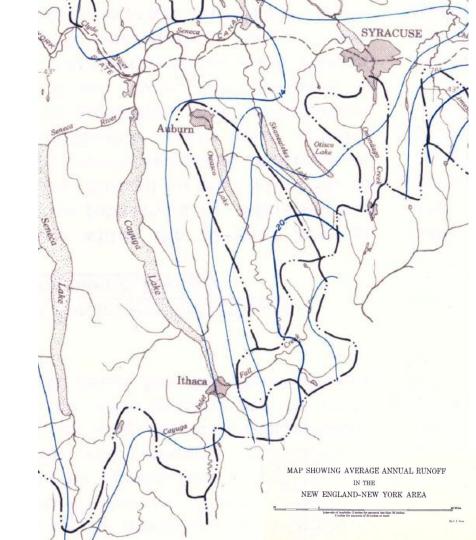
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5 mo	1.46	2.90
6 mo	1.51	3.18
1 yr	2.01	6.38
2 yr	2.34	9.78
10 yr	3.43	21.94
100 yr	5.92	44.19

#### When:

 $t_c = 437 \text{ min}$ A = 128 ac

#### **Baseflow**

- While it is unconservative to not include baseflow, we also were conservative by excluding the flow reduction benefit of stage-storage in the pond
- We determined that the baseflow was relatively small - because the average flow rate is approximately 14 in/year or 1 cfs / sq.mile - or 0.2 cfs for this outlet



## Design Constraints/Assumptions

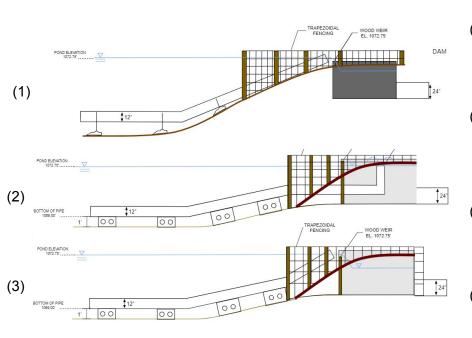
- Limit work so it is considered "maintenance"
  - Total outlet structure replacement can trigger dam safety standards
    - Free board requirements
    - No trees on dam or toe area
      - Ecological impact
  - Risk is low because:
    - Low height: less than 6 feet
    - Overland relief around building and to northwest
    - No habitable structures immediately downstream
- Match existing wood outlet capacity and elevation
  - Consistent with "maintenance"
  - Minimize change in user experience

## **Options Considered**

- Lengthened and Cleaned Flexible Pond Leveler
  - Deeper location
- Clemson Water Leveler
  - Straight pipe or stand pipe
  - Through concrete structure, wood weir, or through dam
  - Various pipe sizes
- Beaver Deceiver around outlet structure
  - Different shapes and distances from structure to limit sound
- Gate Valve or Agri Drain Inline Water Level Control Structure™
- Tree protection

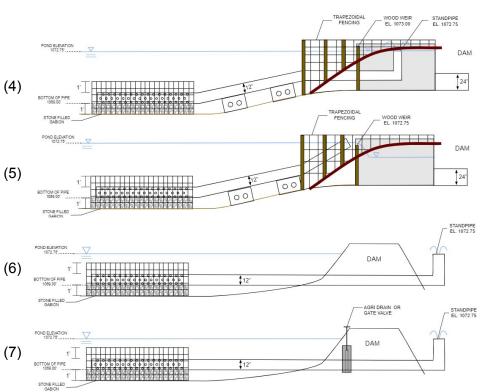
## **Option Plans**

#### Flexible Pond Leveler



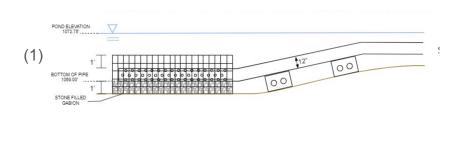
(1) Weighted, straight; (2) Lifted, elbowed; (3) Lifted, straight.

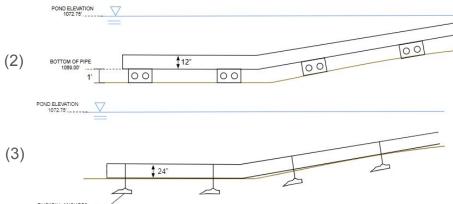
#### Clemson Water Leveler



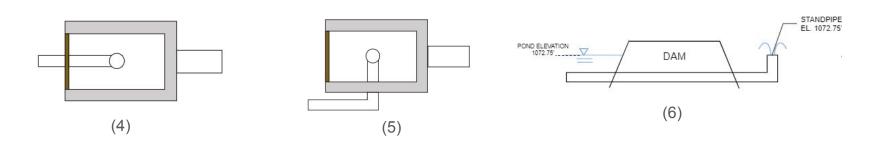
(4) Lifted, elbowed, with structure; (5) Lifted, straight, with structure; (6) Through dam, elbowed; (7) Through dam, elbowed, Agri Drain device

# **Option Plans**



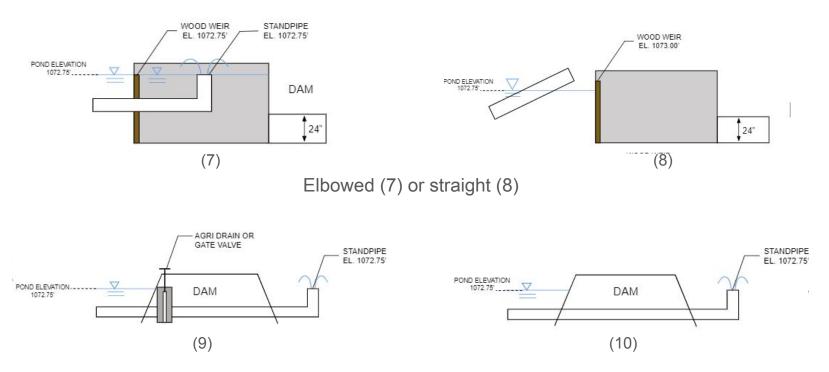


Clemson Water Leveler (1) or Flexible Pond Leveler (2) (Lifted) and (3) (Anchored)



Through weir (4), concrete (5), or dam (6)

# **Option Plans**



With (9) or without (10) Agri Drain/gate valve device

### Outlet Pipe Replacement

- Replace with HDPE or concrete
  - HDPE: Cheaper, easier to install, installation deformation
  - Concrete: More expensive, longer life
- Add rodent guard



Current pipe (Corrugated metal pipe)



HDPE pipe



Reinforced concrete pipe

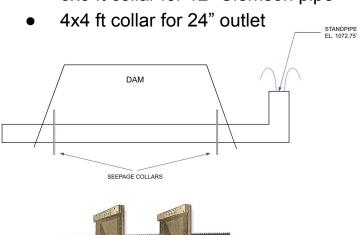


Rodent guard

### Seepage Control - Outlet or Clemson

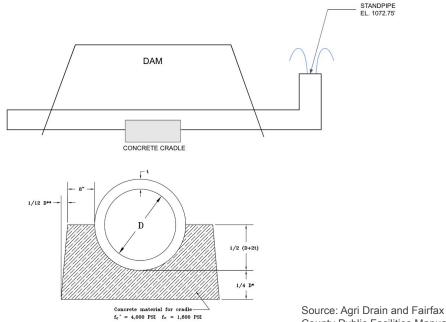
#### Seepage Collar

3x3 ft collar for 12" Clemson pipe



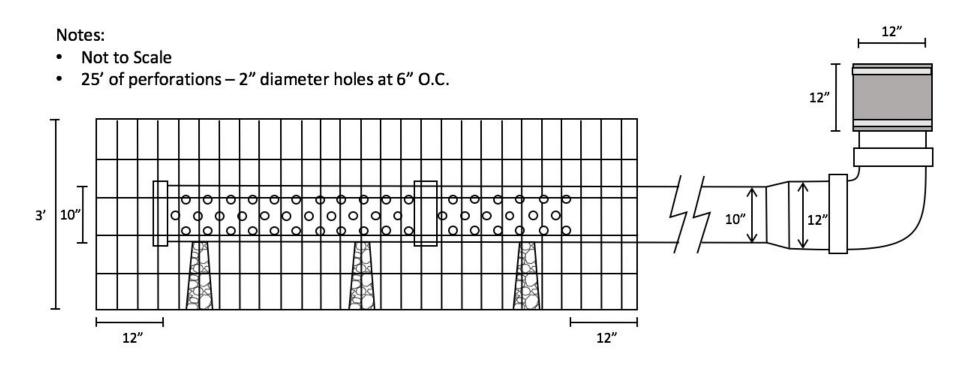
#### Concrete cradle

Best for concrete pipe

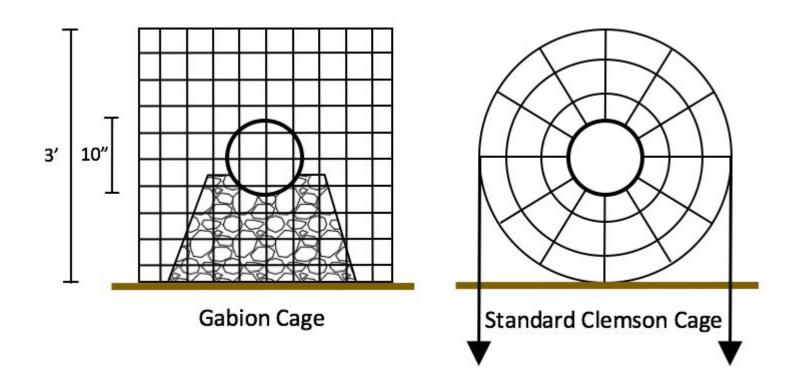


County Public Facilities Manual

## Recommended Clemson Water Leveler - Through Dam

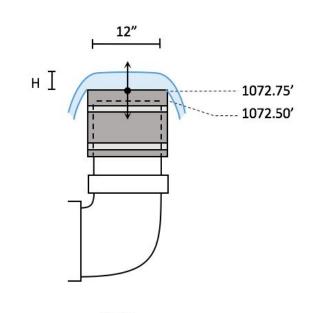


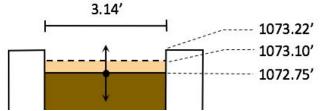
## Clemson Water Leveler Cage Options



#### Flow Calculation Process

- Utilize CWL with elbow and standpipe
- Locate in deep water (el. 1068 (~5 ft)), 50 ft
   SW of structure
- Penetrate dam to outlet in stream +/- 90-100
   ft from deep water
- Size standpipe to mimic existing wood weir elevation and weir length (12 in diameter)
- Flow rate capacity is the lesser of:
  - Standpipe flow
  - Pipe flow
  - Perforated pipe flow
- Standpipe H range: 0.25 to 0.47 ft
- Wooden weir raised at least 0.25 ft





#### Flow Calculations

- 1. Number of Holes: Clemson University recommends that the total area of the holes is equal to 10 times the cross sectional area of the pipe.
- 2. Orifice flow capacity checked (ideally 10x Qpipe):

Qinlet = Cd \* Ainlet \* 
$$(2 * g * h)^{(1/2)}$$

3. Pipe flow capacity calculated:

Qpipe = 
$$A * (2 * g * h)^{(1/2)} / (1 + Ke + KcL)^{(1/2)}$$

4. Standpipe flow capacity calculated (modeled as sharp-crested weir C = 2.6):

Qweir = 
$$C * L * H^{(3/2)}$$

#### Flow Calculation Results

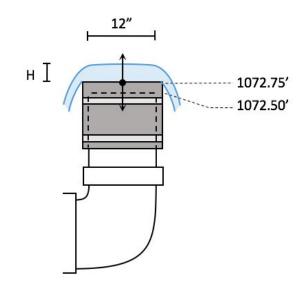
Determine governing flow rates - compare to peak flow / storm events

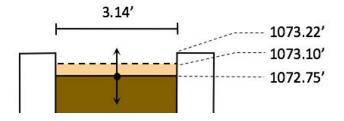
Pipe Diameter (in)	Pipe Flow Rate (cfs)			Elbow Flow Rate (cfs)		
H (ft)	0.25	0.35	0.47	0.25	0.35	0.47
12	1.11	1.32	1.53	1.02	1.69	2.63
14	1.52	1.79	2.08	N/A	N/A	N/A
16	1.98	2.34	2.71	N/A	N/A	N/A
18	2.50	2.96	3.43	N/A	N/A	N/A

Return Period	q (cfs)		
1 mo	0.20		
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6 mo	3.18		

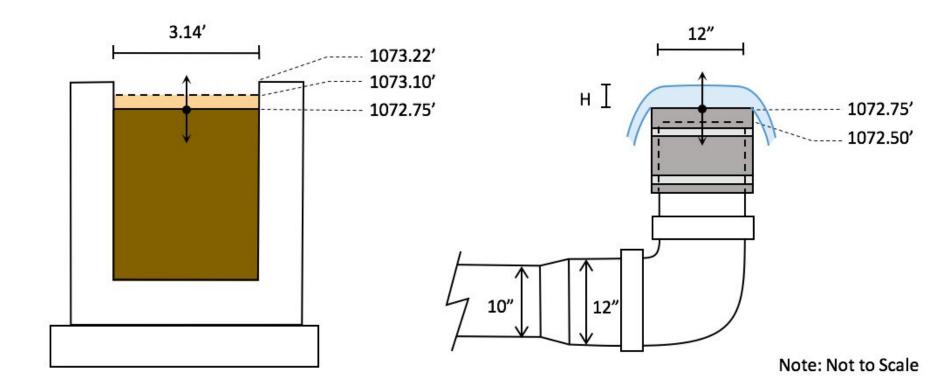
### **Operation Results**

- The CWL can handle over the 4 mo. storm event
- The FM can modify the elevation of the wood weir and standpipe to determine when the water flow begins to split between the CWL and wood weir
  - Evaluate the maintenance requirements
- Initial operation suggestions
  - Standpipe elevation 1072.75 (existing wood weir)
  - Raise wood weir to el. 1073.10



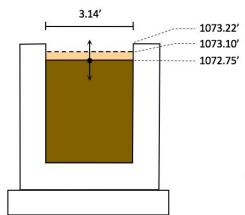


# Preliminary Design of Outlet Pipe



### Adjustments

- Allow "fine tuning" by facilities manager
- Easy maintenance
  - Neoprene sleeve to adjust standpipe elevation
  - Wooden weir
  - Agri Drain inline control structure
    - Substitute for valve
    - Allows additional water elevation adjustment



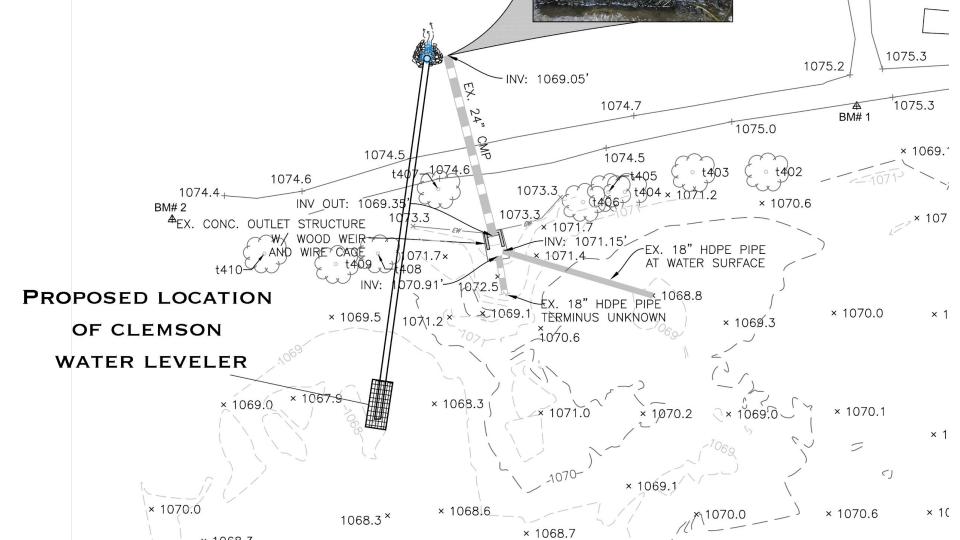


Neoprene Sleeve



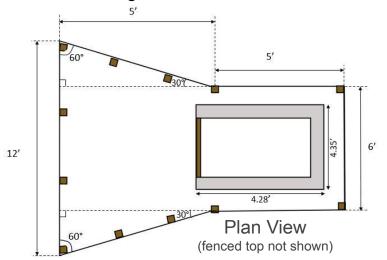
Agri Drain Inline Water Level Control Structures™

Source: Supply.com and Agri Drain Corporation

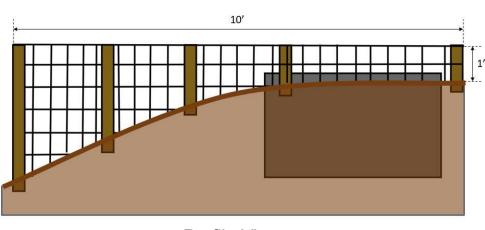


## Beaver Deceiver Fencing - Backup

- When Clemson flow is exceeded or is blocked
- Trapezoidal design
  - Unnatural angle
  - Deeper
  - Sound separation
  - Longer dam



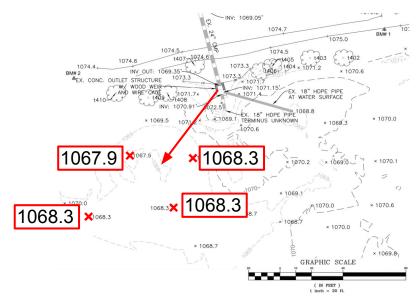
#### unattractive



**Profile View** 

#### Reuse of Pond Leveler - as redundant feature

- Recovery of initial investment if labor cost are not excessive
- Implement Jeff's suggestion
  - "...run 80 feet of pipe along the water's edge to a secondary cage at the edge of the water so we could maintain the outlet but was assured that these systems have never failed by the installer."



## Constructability

- Pond water control
  - Trenching through the dam requires removal of pond water in the area of the work
  - Max of 6 inches water removal per day to prevent dam slope failure
  - Preferably summer



## Constructability

#### 1. Drain pond through weir

- Low cost but impacts all organisms living/using the ponded area
- b. Pump used for low spots

#### 2. Pump water out through a filter bag

- Bag protects downstream areas from turbidity but more expensive than #1
- b. Can be combined with #1 for ponded areas

#### 3. Temporary dam - CofferDam

- a. Set dam then drain by lowering the wood weirs and/or using a pump/bag system (can be used for low spots)
- b. Minimizes impacts to aquatic system
- c. More costly than #1 or #2.



**PortaDam** 



AquaDam

Source: AquaDam, Portadam

## Next Steps for 2020

- Concept selection
- Facility manager input potential work session
- Cost estimation
- Final design/plan
- Contractor input?
- Permitting?
  - Wetland permits will likely be a non-reporting nationwide permit class can meet local Army
     Corp representative
  - Local and Cornell permitting discuss with facility manager

# Thank you

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- Ben Wheeler

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