

DALLAS COUNTY INLAND PORT FLOOD PLANNING STUDY

**PUBLIC WORKS ROUNDUP
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Flood Infrastructure Fund
- Dallas County Inland Port- Background
- Stakeholders
- Purpose
- Scope
- The Study
- Curated Projects
- Challenges



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Principles – TRUST, COMMITMENT, SHARED VISION

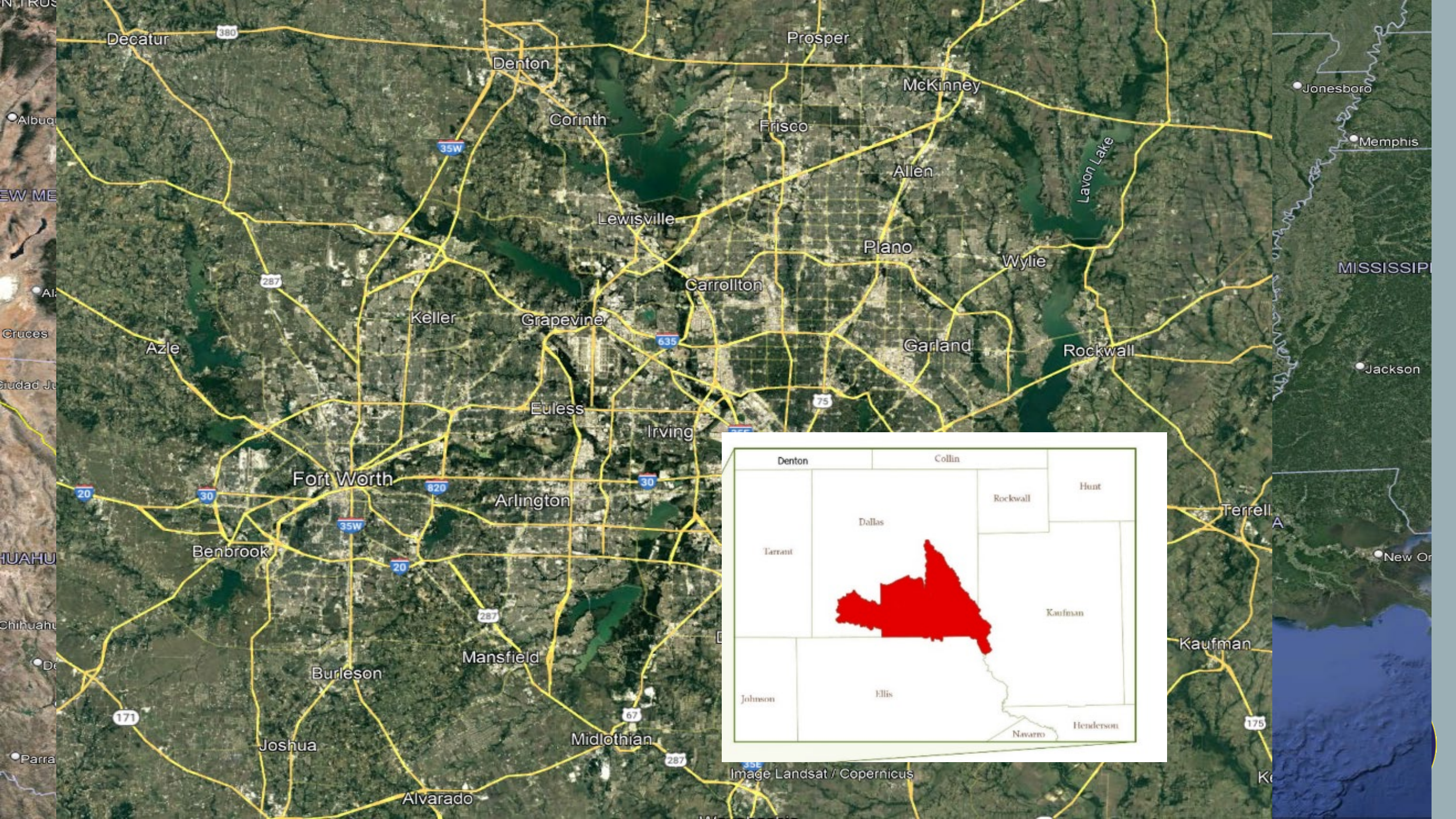
- Partnering is voluntarily setting up working relationships that assure an environment that facilitates a “team” approach to conducting business and solving problems
- Effectively partnering through the life of the project will:
 - Improve team problem solving and mutual respect
 - Assure open communications and prompt resolution of issues
 - Help avoid unnecessary time “writing letters” and other adversarial pursuits.
 - Provide job satisfaction and pride in accomplishment



John Wiley Price
Dallas County
Commissioner
District 3



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DALLAS COUNTY INLAND PORT

ABOUT THE INLAND PORT

- 78,000 Acre area
- Includes Union Pacific's \$100 million intermodal facility.
- No formal boundaries.
- Located in several cities and in Dallas County's unincorporated area.
- Privately-owned and developed; no special governmental entity or port authority involved.
- Receive goods from the West Coast, the East Coast, and the Gulf of Mexico.
- 2,000,000 people live within 30 minutes.
- Proximity to intersection of major east-west and north-south interstate highways.
- Access to major markets and points of entry.
- Centralized U.S. location w/ Proximity to major airports.
- Inland Port Transportation Management Association

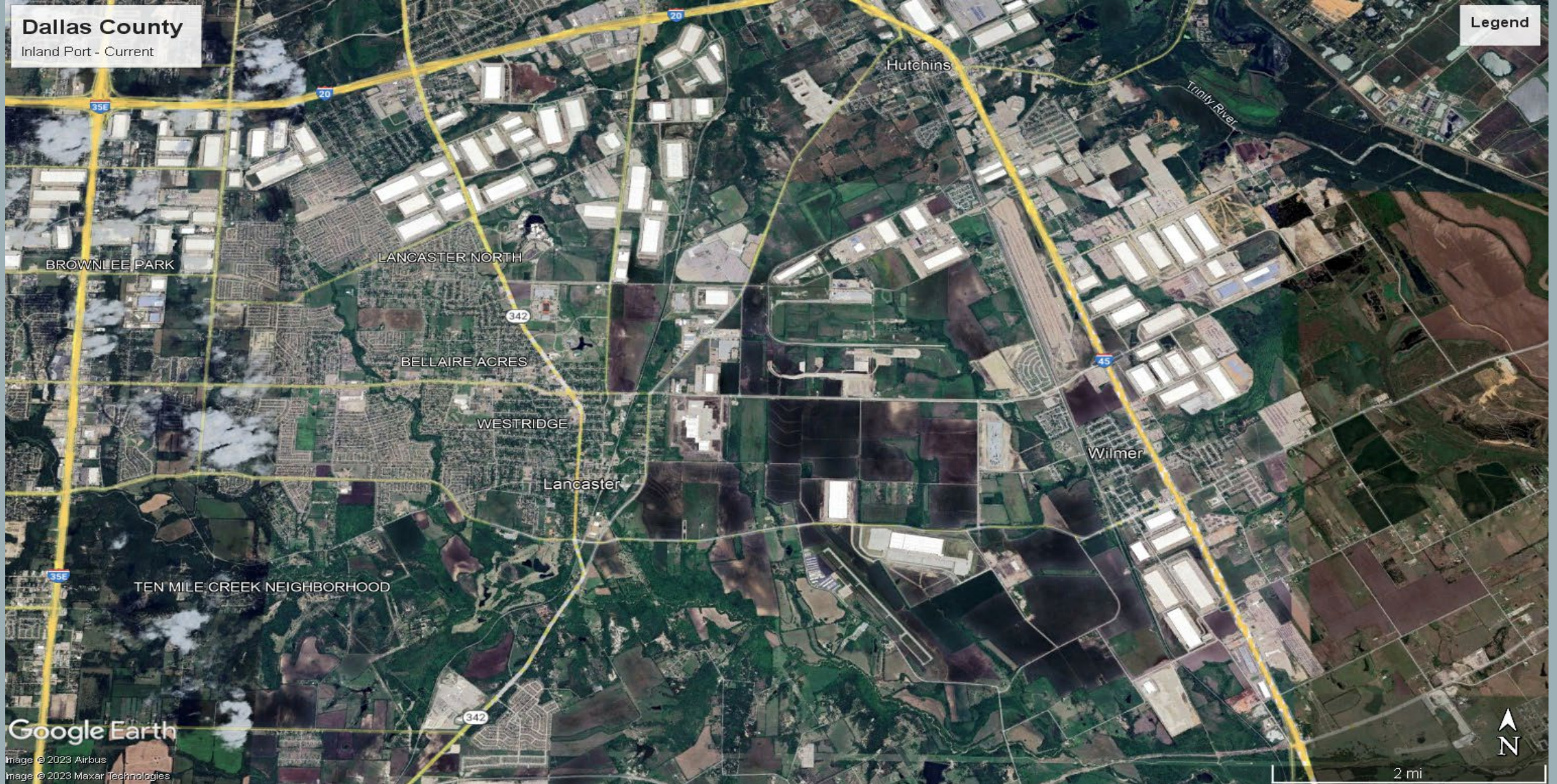


**Inland
Port Area**

Dallas County

Inland Port - Current

Legend

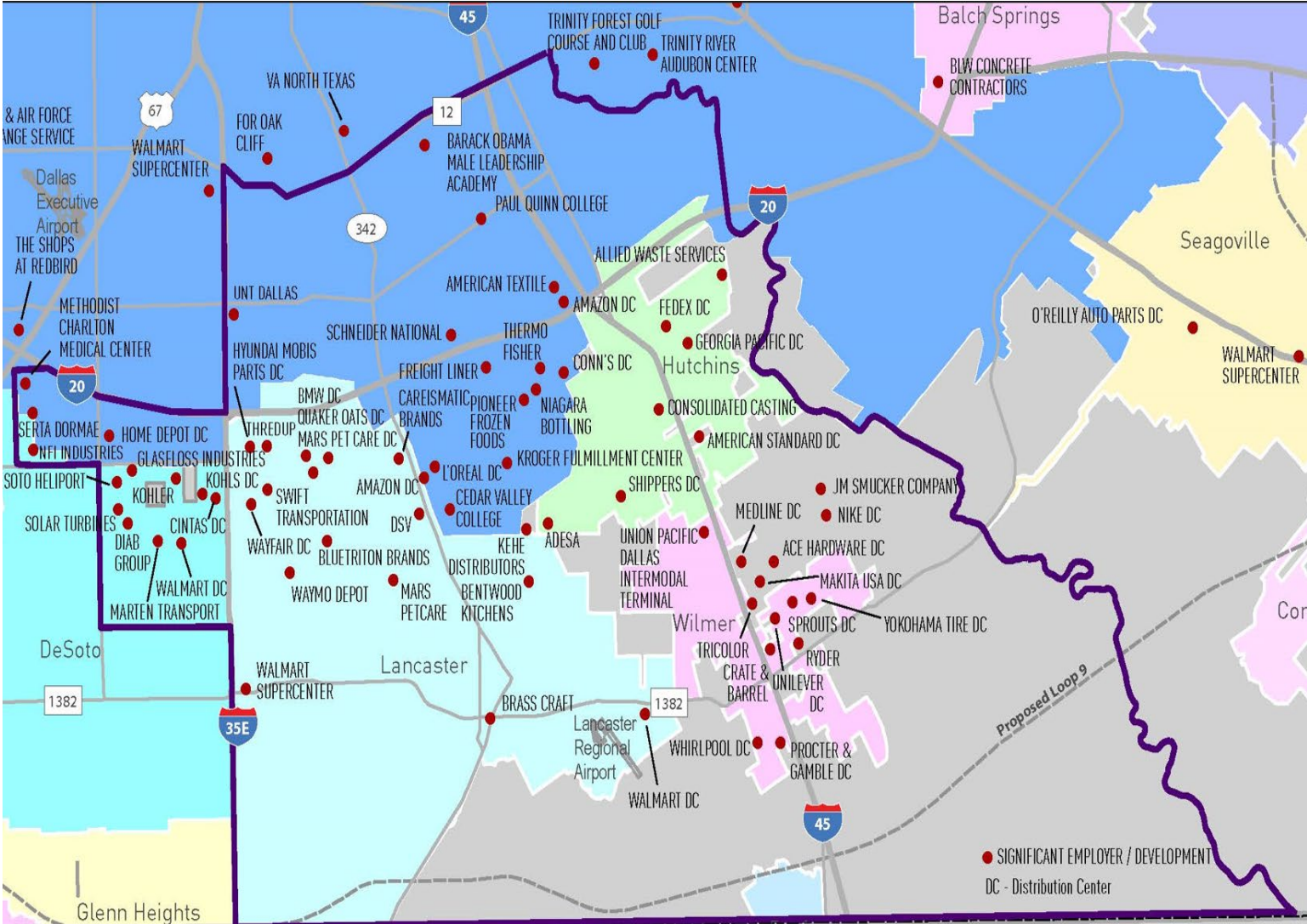


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INLAND PORT GROWTH

BUSINESSES IN
THE SOUTHERN
DALLAS COUNTY
INLAND PORT





HOW THE PROJECT WAS CONCEIVED

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)

FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (FIF)

- Passed by the Legislature and approved by Texas voters through a constitutional amendment in 2019, the FIF program provides financial assistance in the form of loans and grants for flood control, flood mitigation and drainage projects and the State Flood Plan.
- In 2020, TWDB had received approximately \$800 Million to provide grants to communities for Flood Mitigation and Prevention
- Dallas County received funding for the Dallas County Inland Port Flood Planning Study using Category I Funding from the TWDB



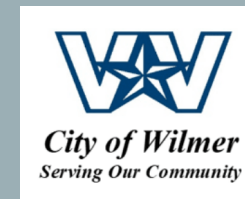


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City of Combine



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Texas Water
Development Board



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An aerial photograph showing a large-scale infrastructure project, likely a highway interchange or bridge. In the foreground, there's a construction site with several concrete pillars standing upright, some construction vehicles, and piles of materials. To the right, a multi-lane highway runs parallel to the construction area, with several large trucks and cars visible. In the background, there are industrial buildings, a large parking lot filled with cars, and a dense line of trees. A semi-transparent white banner with bold black text is centered over the middle of the image.

WHY THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT



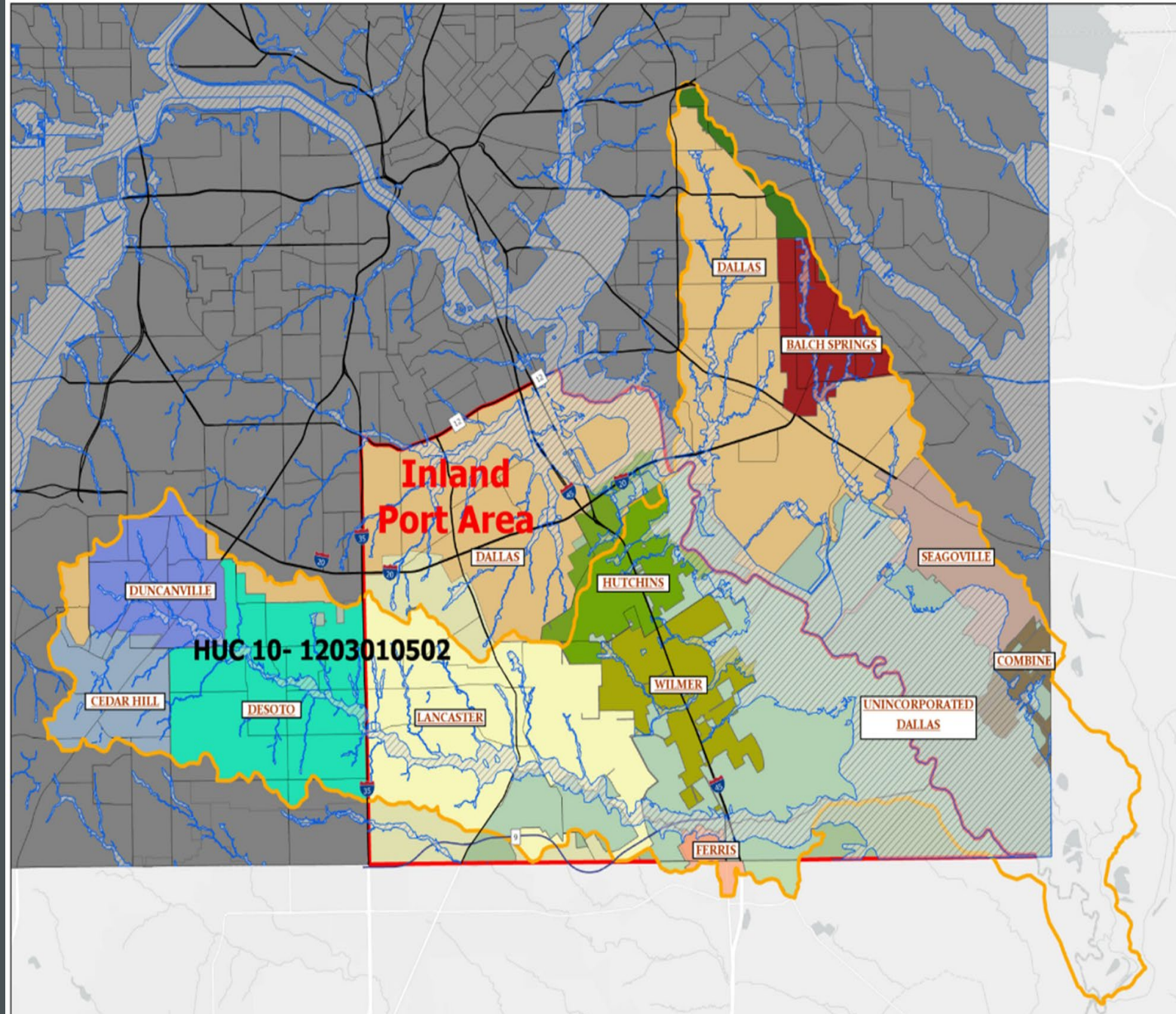
PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

- Minimize Loss of Life
- Minimize Loss of Property
- Determine Approach to Minimize Flooding
- Submit Projects to the State for Funding
- August 22, 2022 Flooding - 2nd most rain in 24 hours in Dallas County since records kept



PROJECT LOCATION

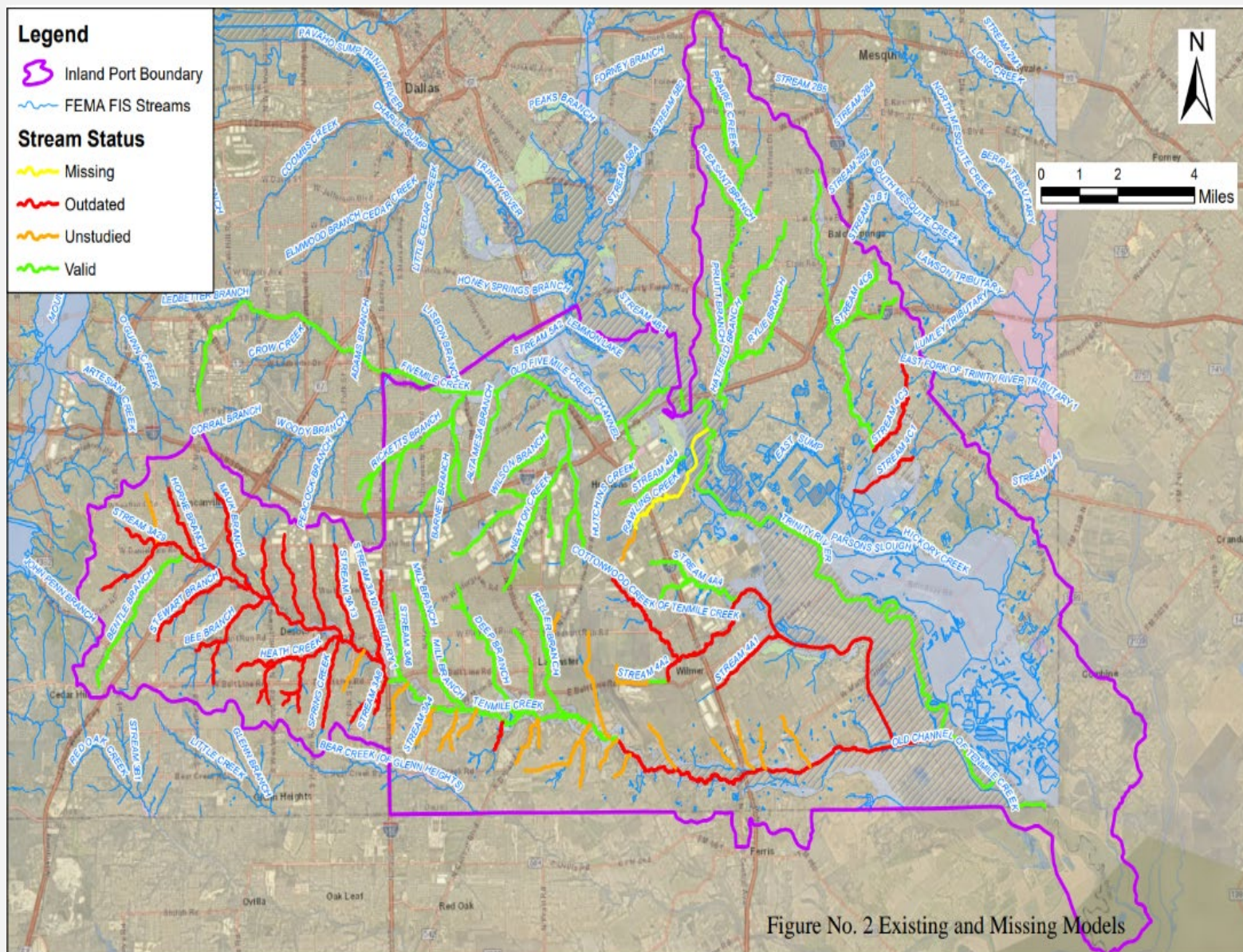
- Hydraulic Unit Code (HUC-10)
1203010502
- Dallas County
Inland Port
- Approx. 230 sq.
miles
- Major Tributaries
 - Trinity River
 - Ten Mile Creek



CONSULTANT TEAM



PROJECT SCOPE



- **H&H study of the overall HUC-10 area including:**
 - Ten Mile Creek,
 - Cottonwood Creek,
 - Rawlins Creek
- **Hydraulic (stormwater) study of the Inland Port area –Trunk Lines**
 - Tasks:
 - Floodrisk Mapping
 - Review of design criteria
 - Identify Potential projects

PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Develop Mapping of modeling

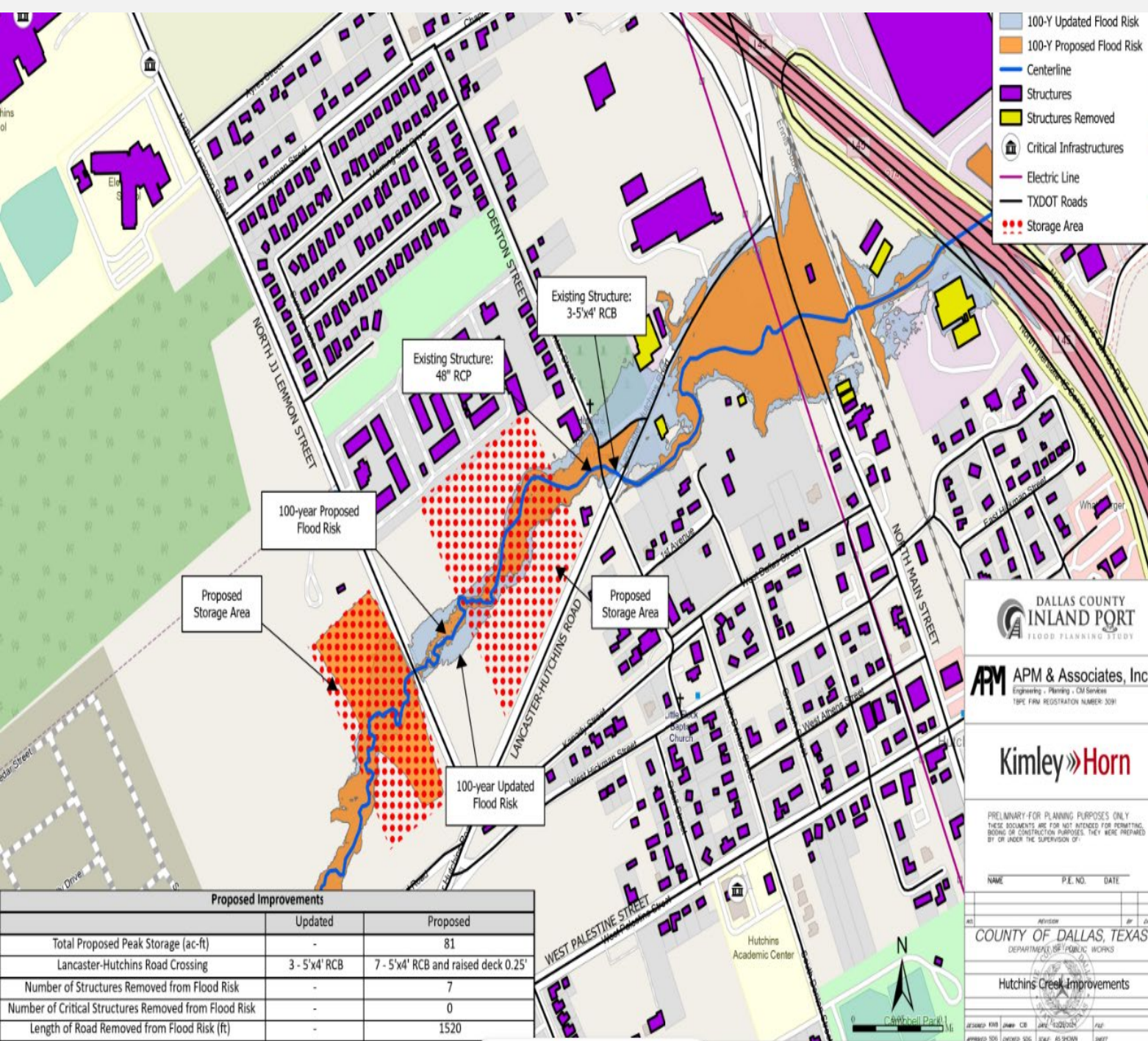
- Effective Model Floodplain
- Floodplain with Improvements

Calculate Flood data

- Acres Removed
- Structures Removed
- Critical Facilities Removed
- Roadway Removed
- Others

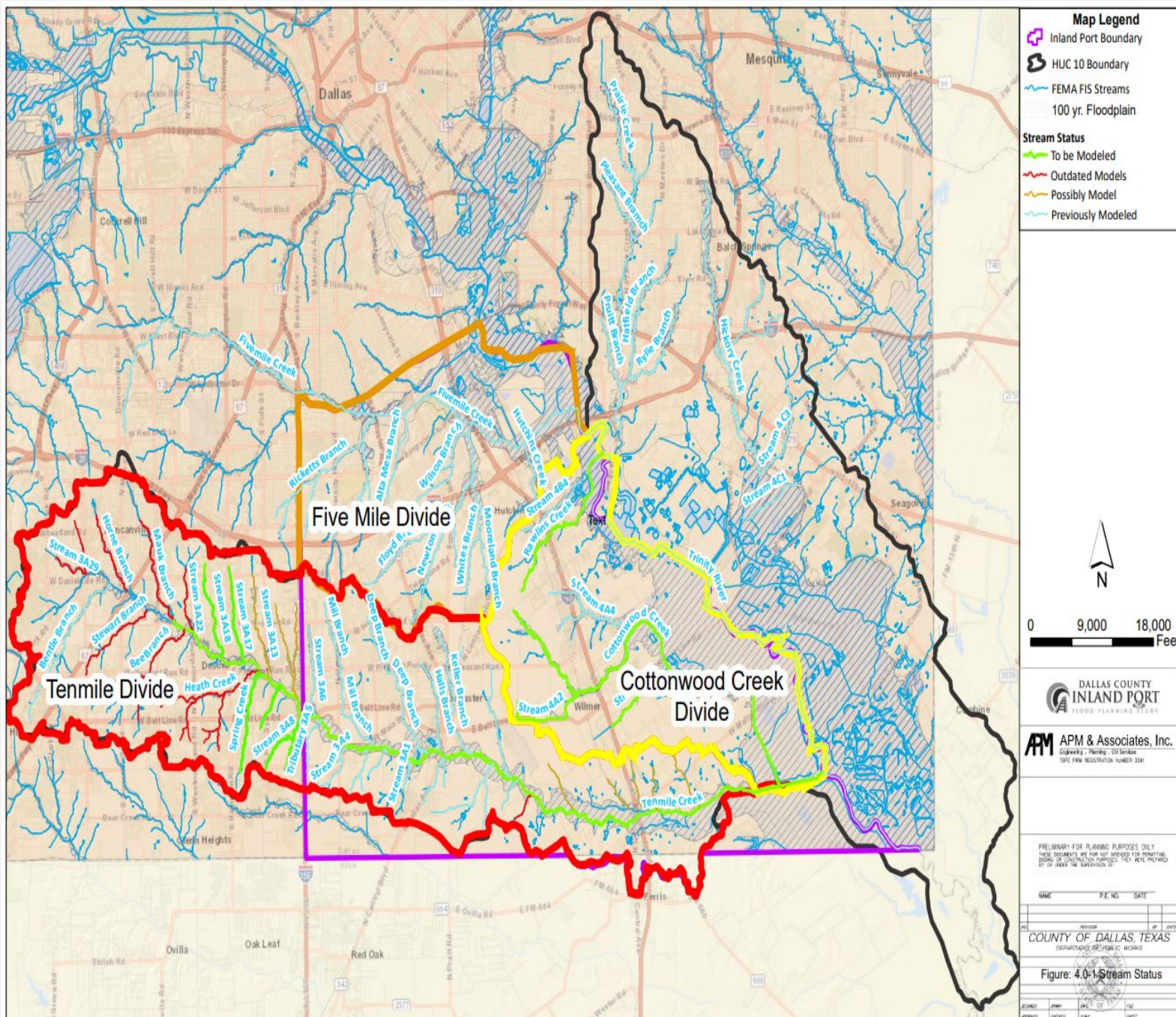
No Impact Analysis

- No Increase in velocity
- No loss of valley storage
- No change in WS elevation



DRAINAGE BASINS

- Five Mile Creek
- Ten Mile Creek
- Cottonwood Creek
 - Rawlins Creek
 - Hutchins Creek
 - Creek 4B4



FIVE MILE CREEK DIVIDE

- Length approximately 17.3 miles

Includes:

5 Cities

17 Tributaries

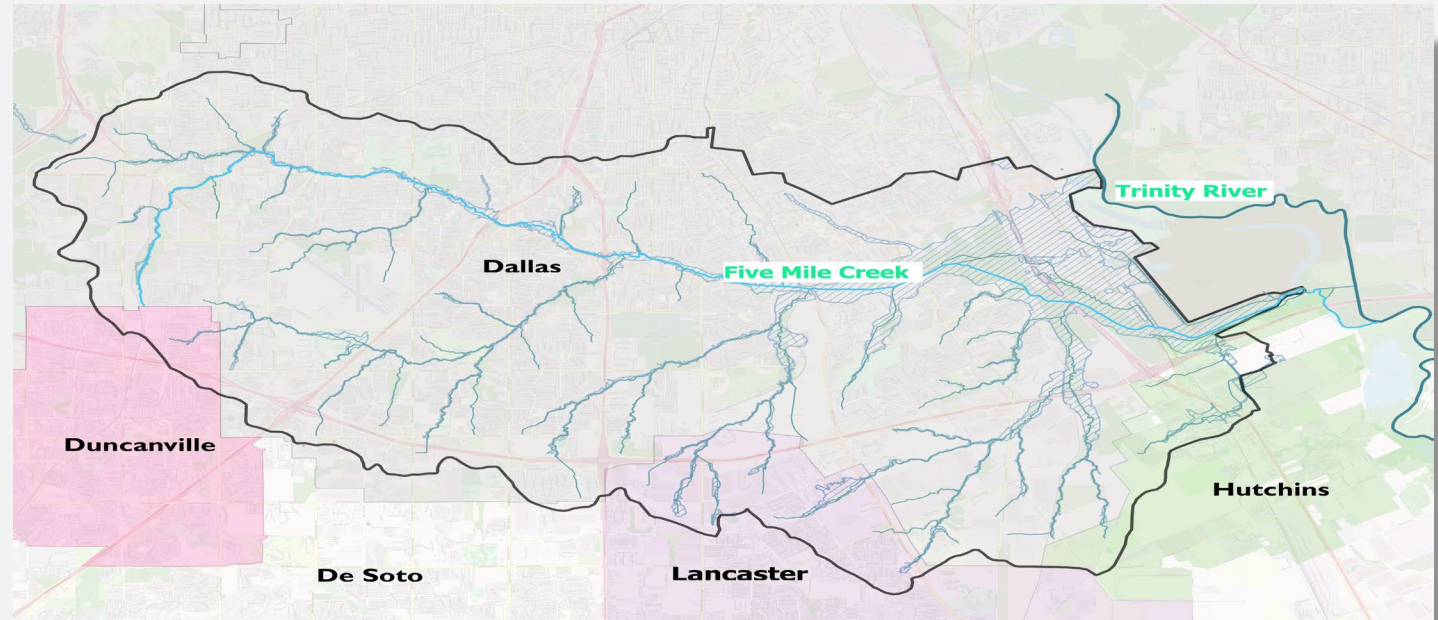
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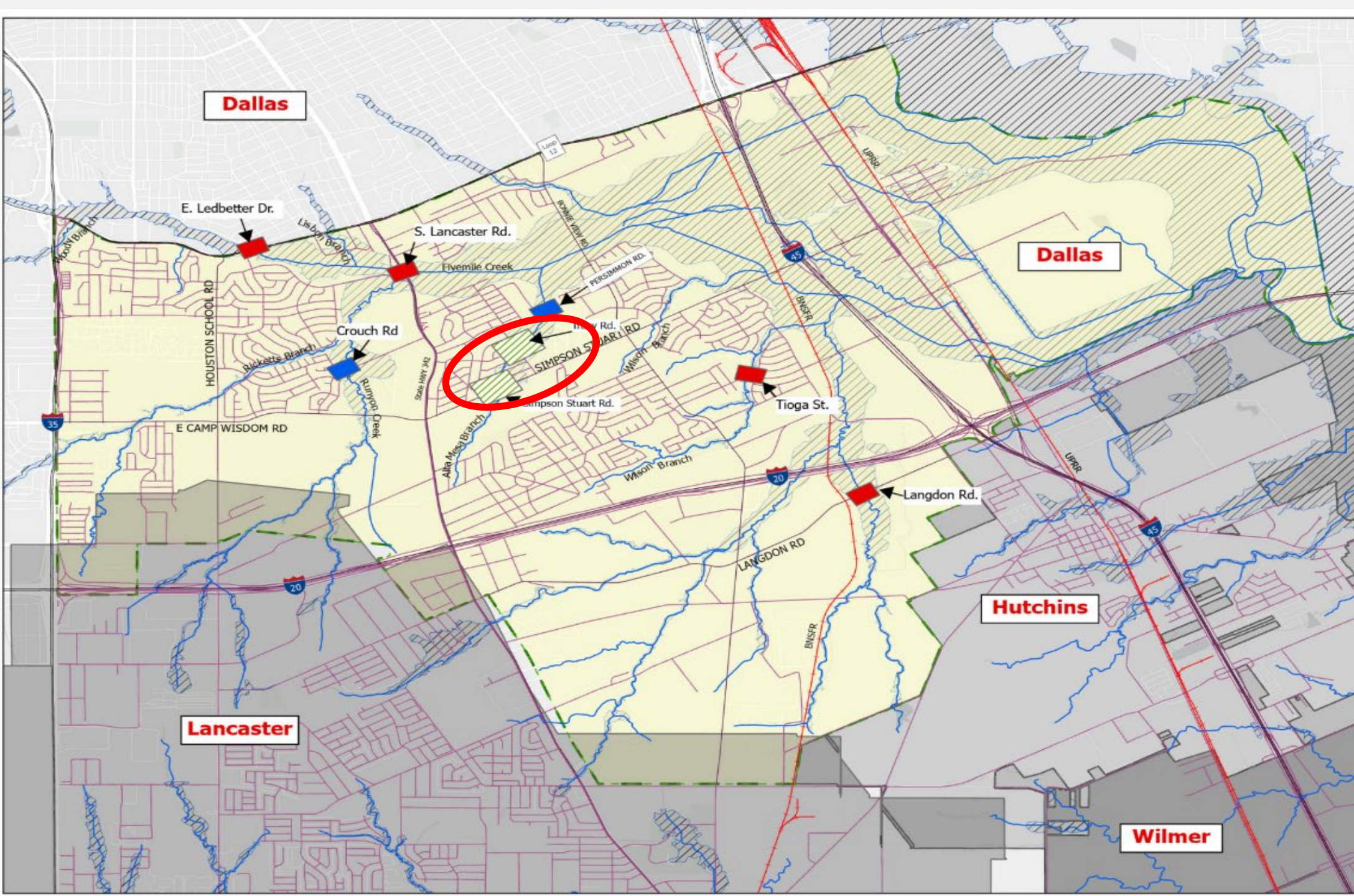
40 Bridge Crossings

60.8 Square Mile Watershed

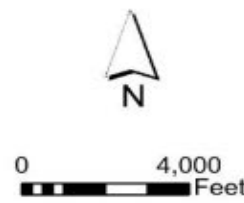
5.6 Square Miles of Flood Risk

Creek Names	Length of Creek (Miles)	Drainage Area (sq Mile)
Fivemile Creek	17.3	60.8
Alta Mesa Creek	2.1	1.1
Newton Creek	6.4	12.7
Ricketts Branch	5.4	8.5
Wilson Branch	2.6	1.6
Runyon Spring	2.9	1.9
Whites Branch	3	1.6





- Dallas County Inland Port
Flood Planning Study
- City Limit
 - 100Yr Flood Plain
 - Evaluated Crossings
 - Priority Crossings
 - Updated Crossings
 - Currently Under Design Crossings/Constructed



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PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Alta Mesa Creek Analysis

- Tracy Road
- Simpson Stewart Road

Improvements

Tracy Rd.

- Proposed 60- foot Bridge

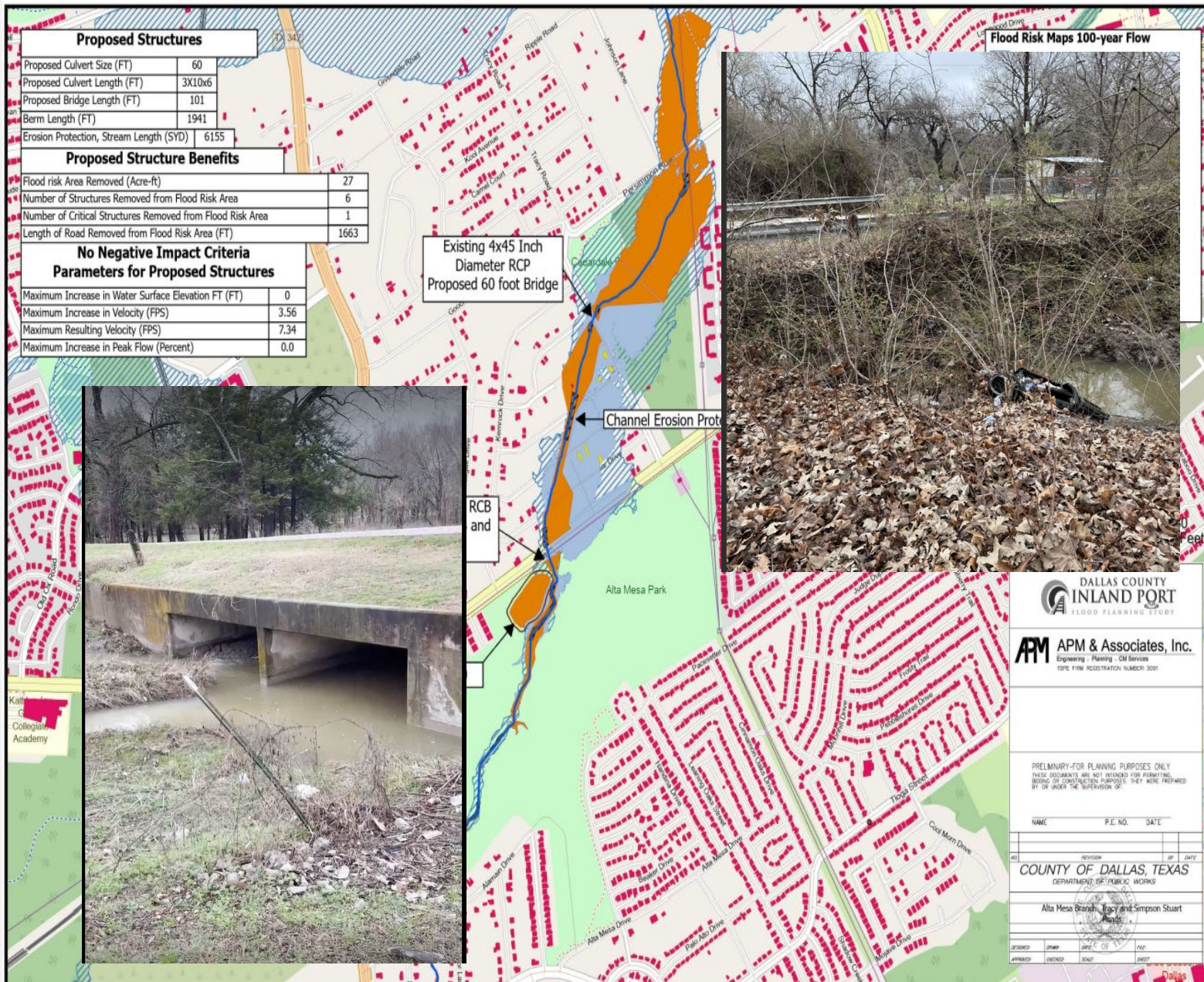
Simpson Stewart Road

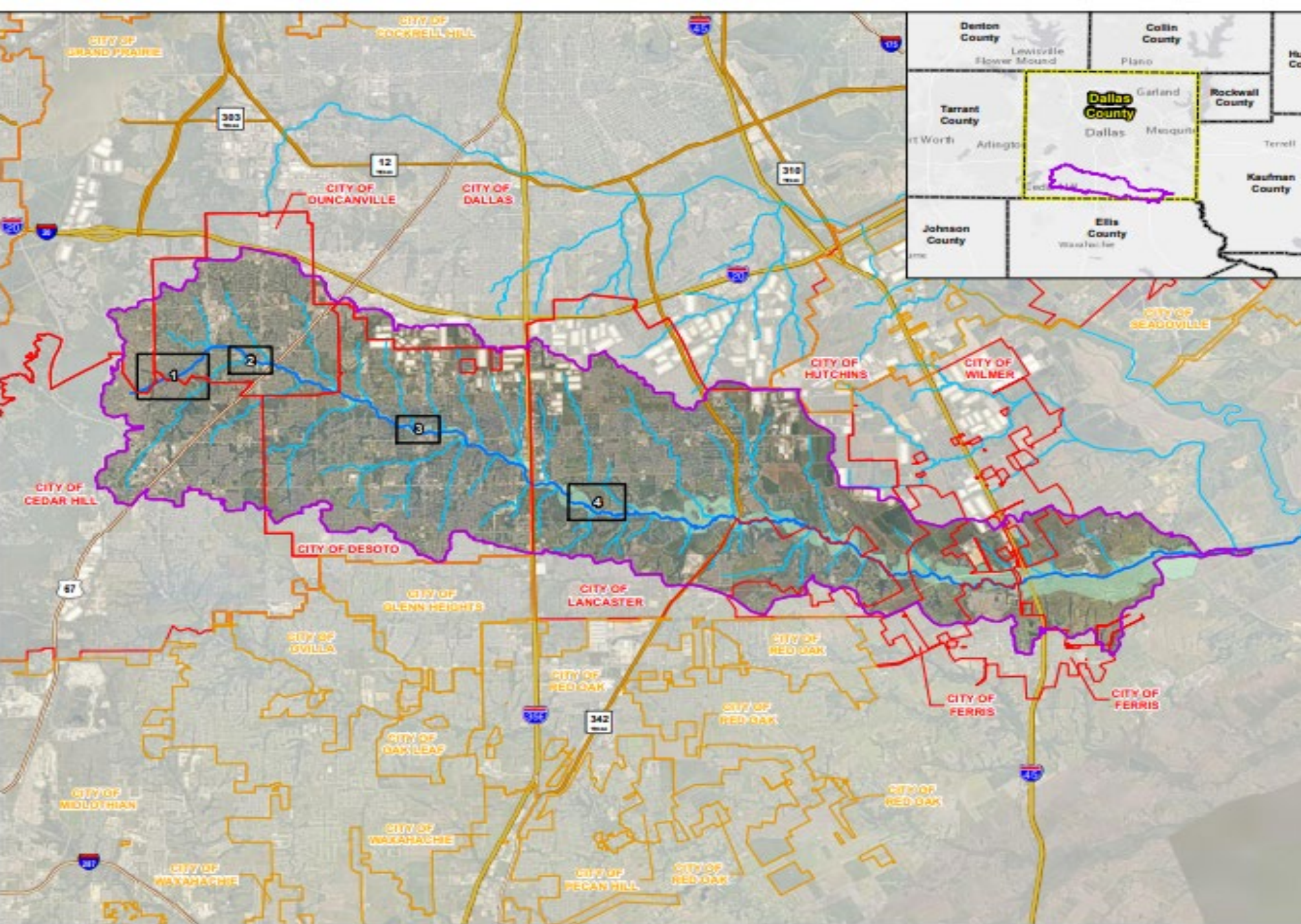
- Proposed 10x6 RCB

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 27 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 1663 LF
- Structures Removed – 6 (1 critical)

- Cost \$18.5 Million Dollars





KEY TO FEATURES

- Study Stream
- Non-Study Stream
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- US Highway
- Inland Port Cities
- Other Cities
- Study Watershed
- Updated 100-Year Floodplain
- Panels

Basemap provided by Neemap US, Inc., 2024

Flood Mitigation Project Workmap Overview

Figure 6.1-7



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1 inch = 10,000 feet

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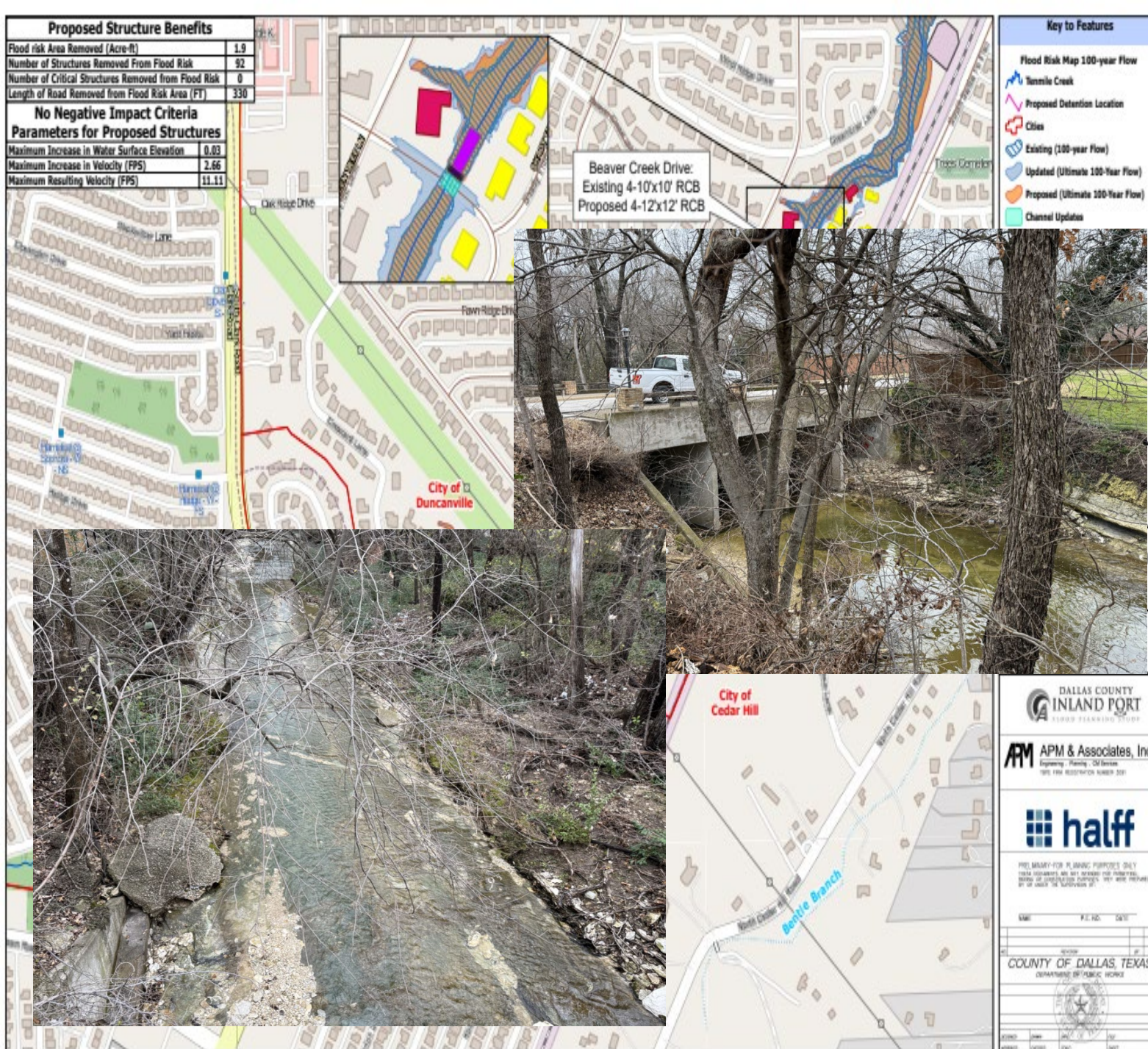
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PROJECT EVALUATIONS



Ten Mile Creek – Project I

- Bear Creek Drive

Improvements

- Proposed 4-12'x 12' RCB

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 1.9 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 330 LF
- Structures Removed – 92
- Cost \$11 Million Dollars



PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Ten Mile Creek – Project 2

- City of Duncanville

Improvements

- Proposed Gabions/Detention

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 6.7 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 800 LF
- Structures Removed – 11
- Cost \$ 7.6 Million Dollars

PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Ten Mile Creek – Project 3

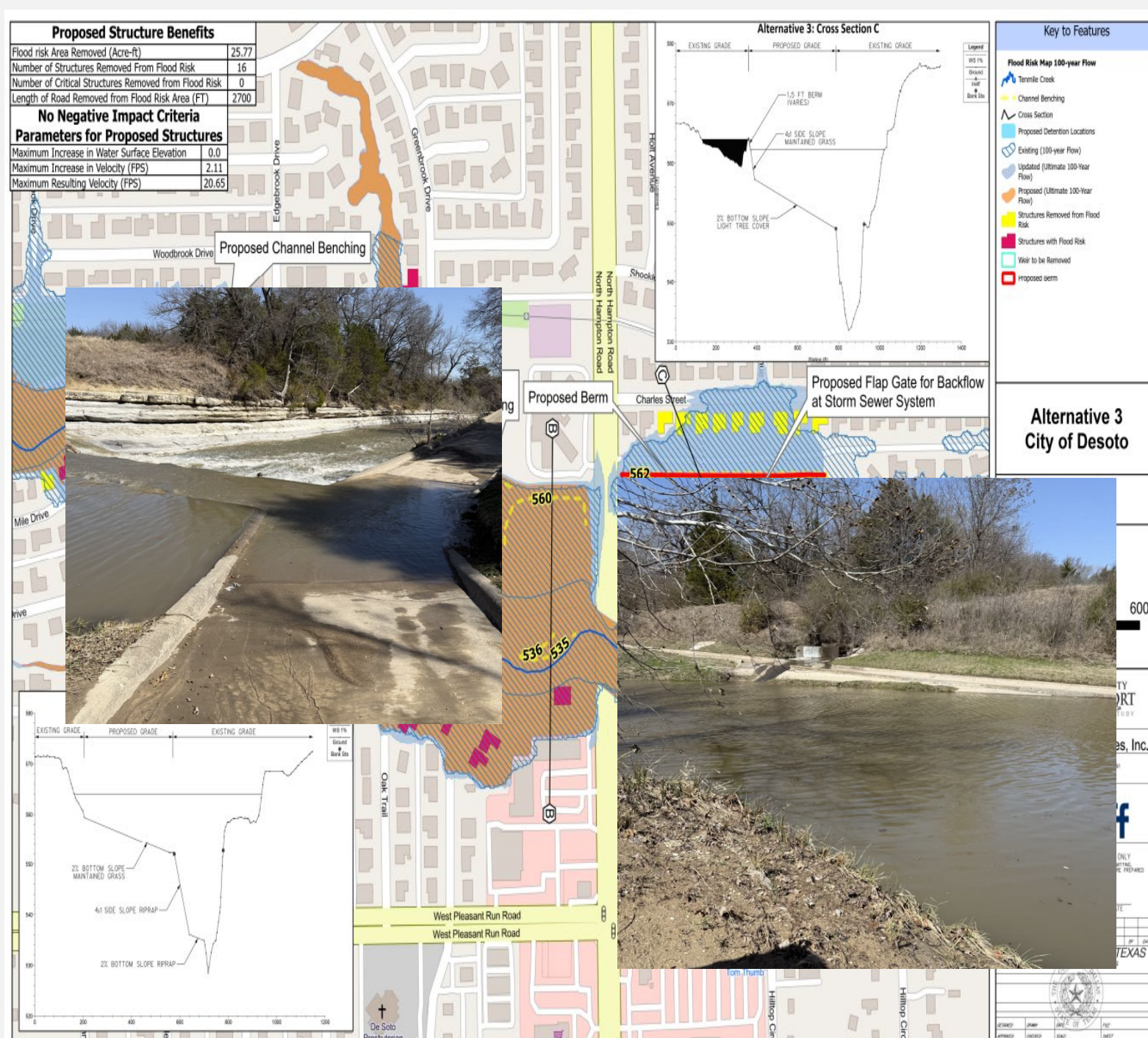
- Channel Improvements
- City of Desoto

Improvements

- Channel Benching
- Proposed Berm

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 25.8 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 2700 LF
- Structures Removed – 16
- Cost \$ 9.8 Million Dollars



PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Ten Mile Creek – Project 4

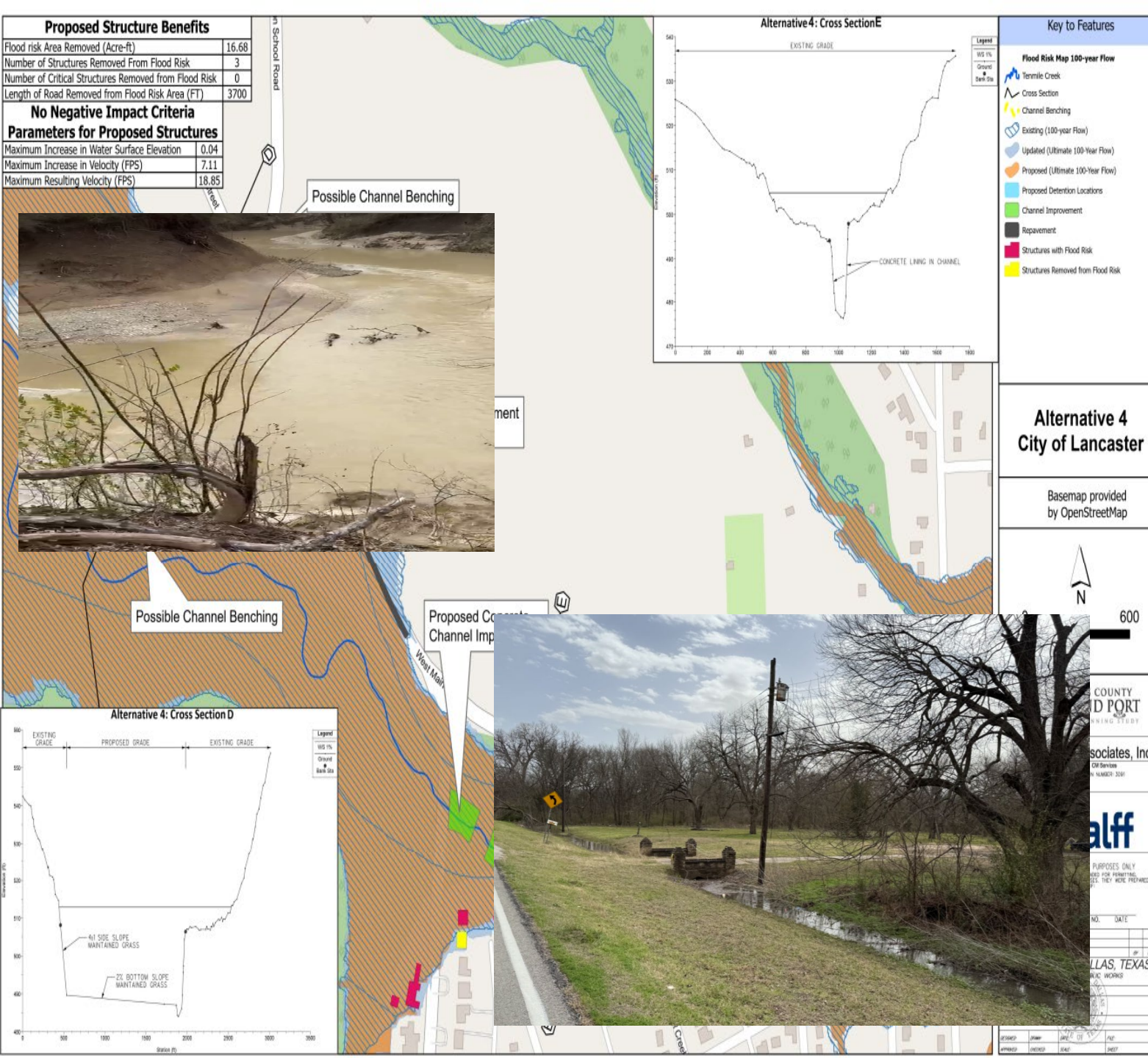
- West main Street
- City of Lancaster

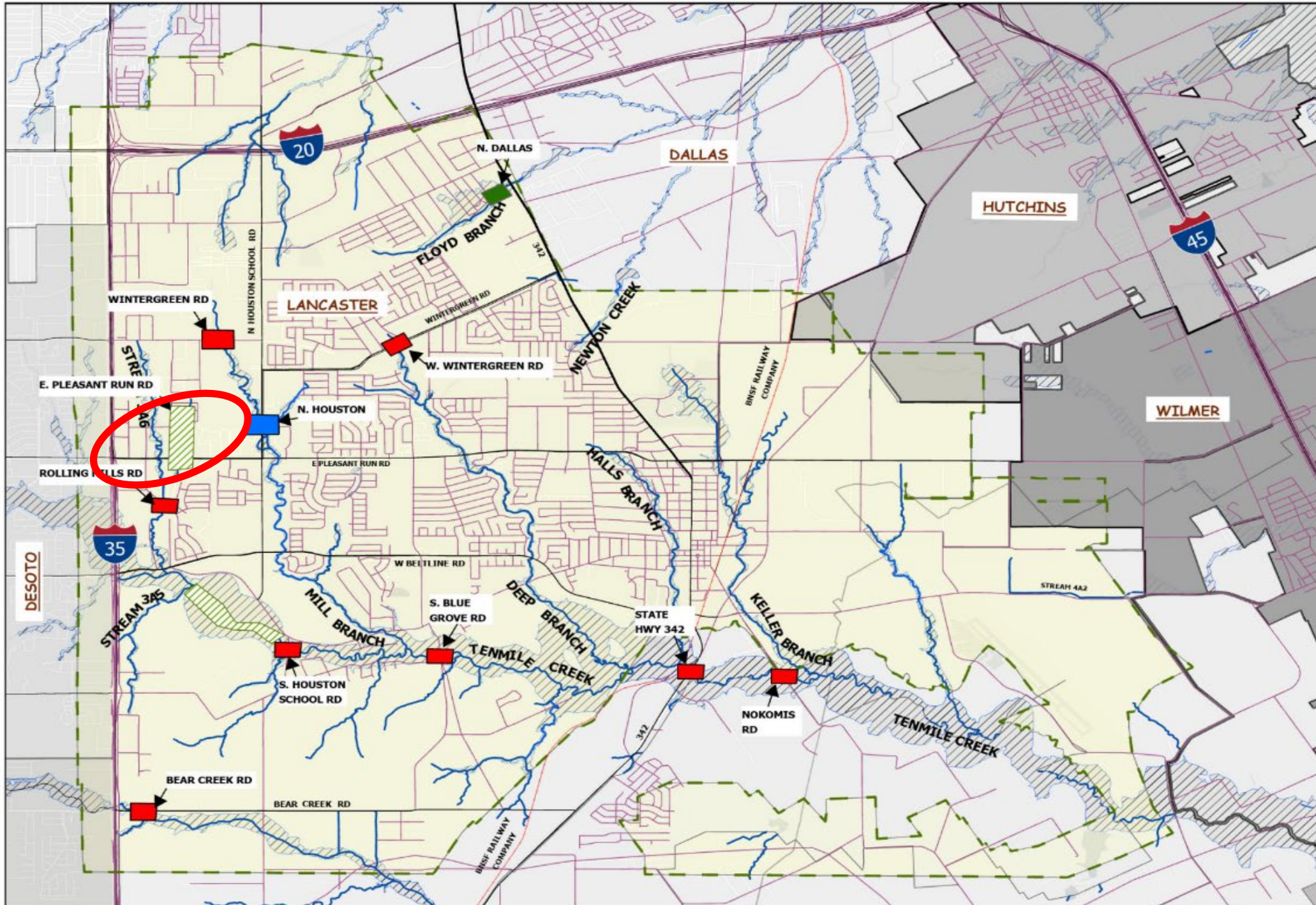
Improvements

- Channel Improvements
- Road Improvements

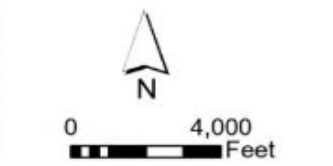
Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 16.7 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 3700 LF
- Structures Removed – 3
- Cost \$35 Million Dollars





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Flood Planning Study
- 100Yr Flood Plain
 - Evaluated Crossings
 - Currently Under Design Crossings/Constructed
 - Priority Crossings
 - Updated Crossings



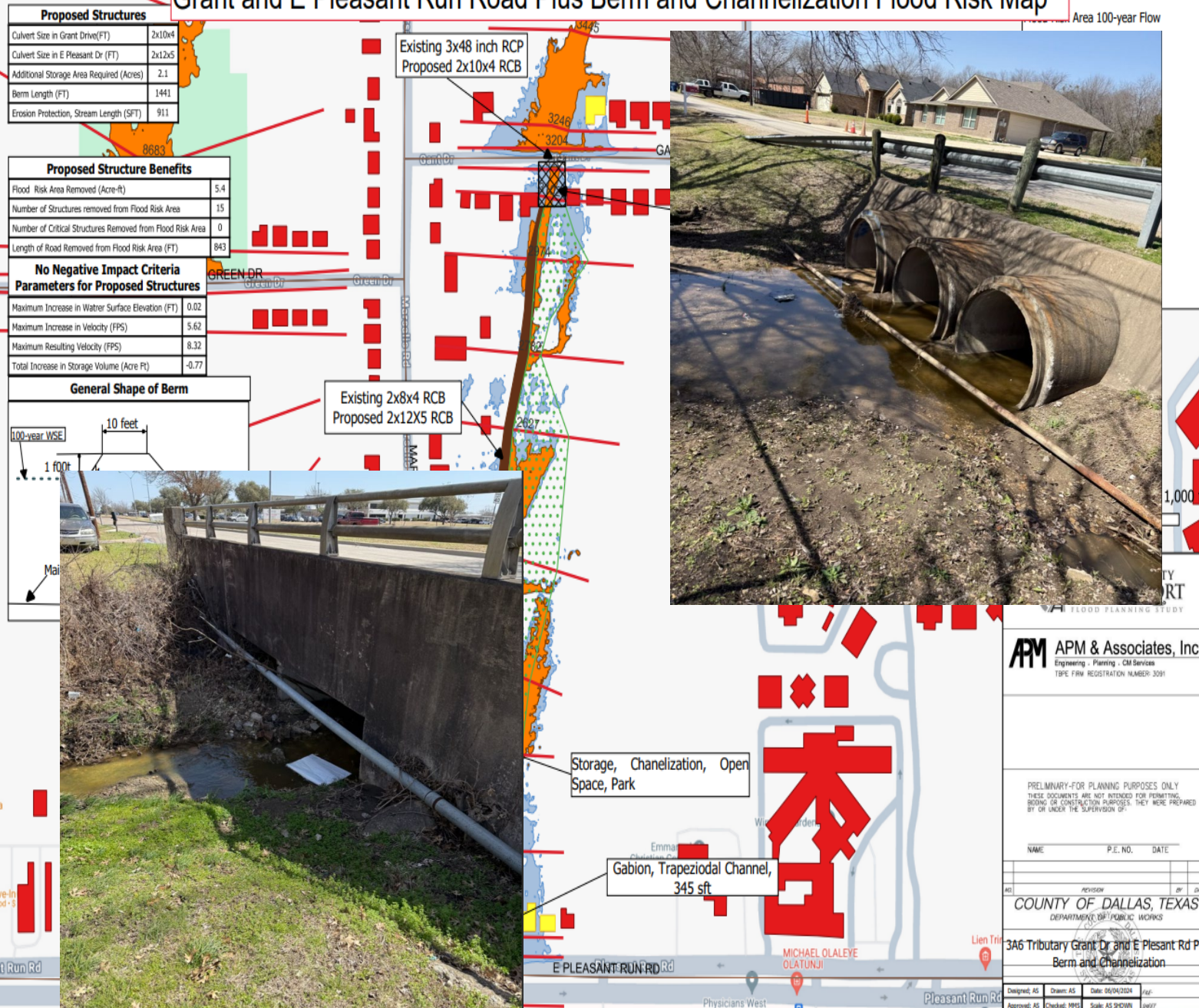
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FIGURE 6.2 FLOOD MITIGATION EVALUATIONS		
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Grant and E Pleasant Run Road Plus Berm and Channelization Flood Risk Map



PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Tributary to Creek 3A6

- Gant Drive
- E. Pleasant Run Road

Improvements

Gant Drive

- Proposed 2-10'x4' RCB

Simpson Stewart Road

- Proposed 2-12'x5' RCB

Impact

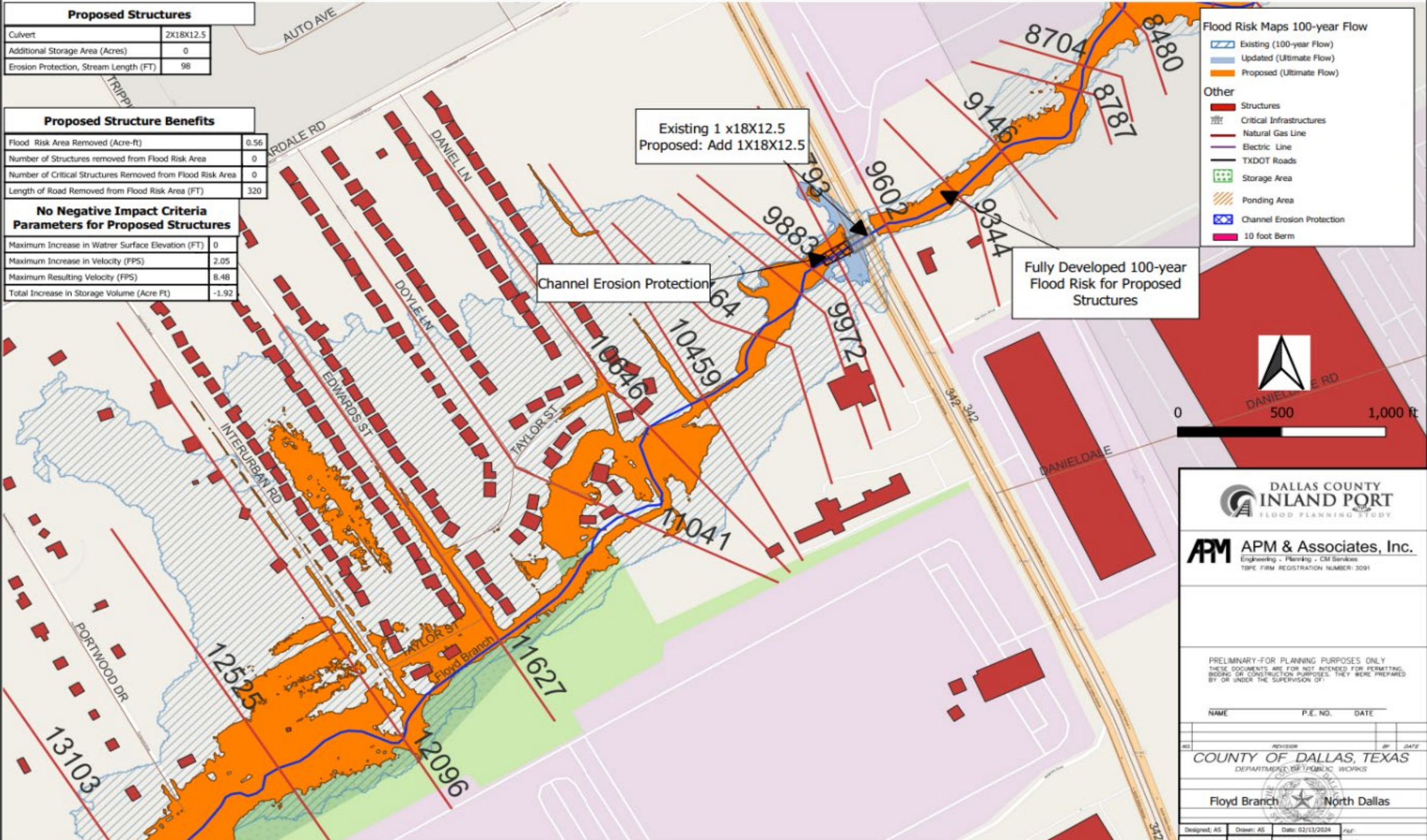
- Floodplain Removed - 5.4 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 850 LF
- Structures Removed – 15

- Cost \$7 Million Dollars

Proposed Structures	
Culvert	2X18X12.5
Additional Storage Area (Acres)	0
Erosion Protection, Stream Length (FT)	98

Proposed Structure Benefits	
Flood Risk Area Removed (Acre-ft)	0.56
Number of Structures removed from Flood Risk Area	0
Number of Critical Structures Removed from Flood Risk Area	0
Length of Road Removed from Flood Risk Area (FT)	320

No Negative Impact Criteria Parameters for Proposed Structures	
Maximum Increase in Water Surface Elevation (FT)	0
Maximum Increase in Velocity (FPS)	2.05
Maximum Resulting Velocity (FPS)	8.48
Total Increase in Storage Volume (Acre Ft)	-1.92



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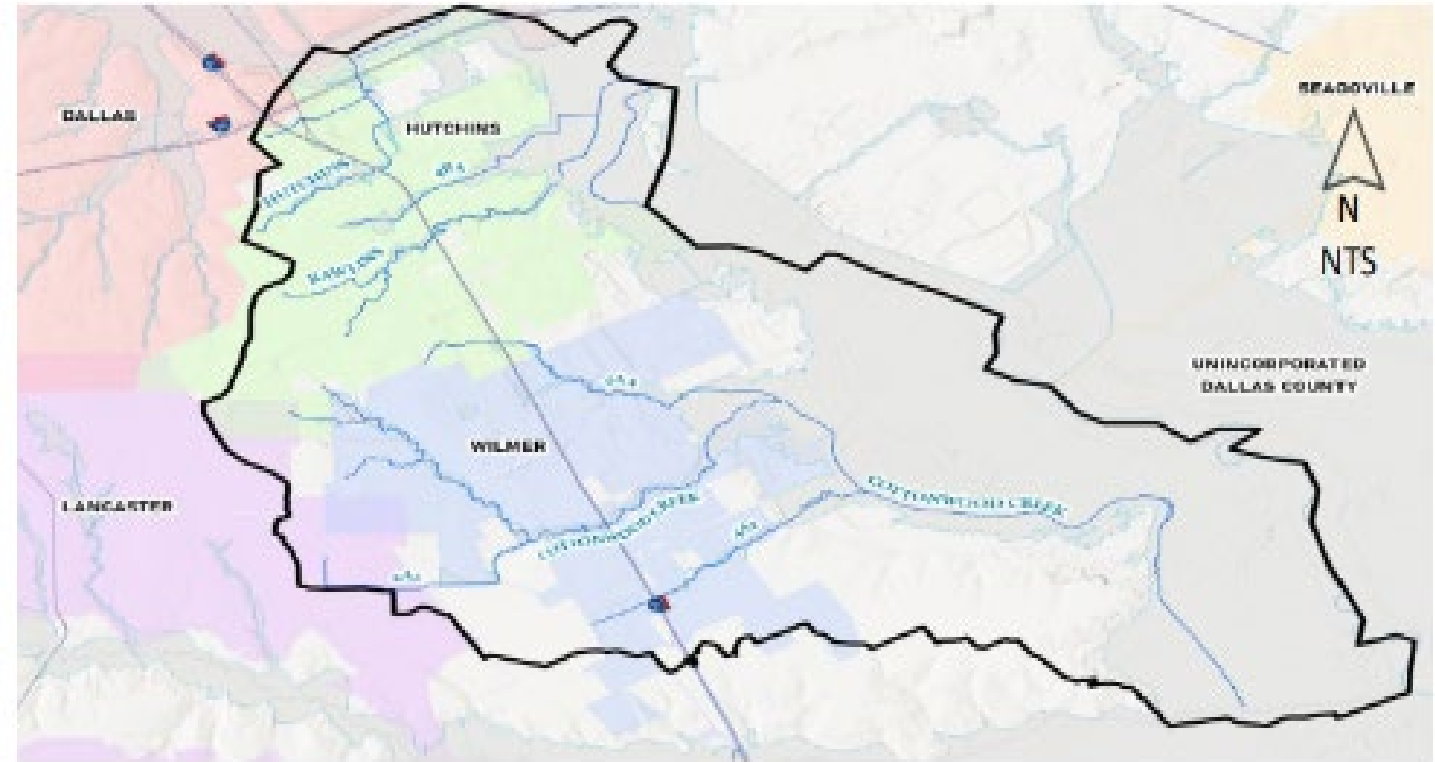
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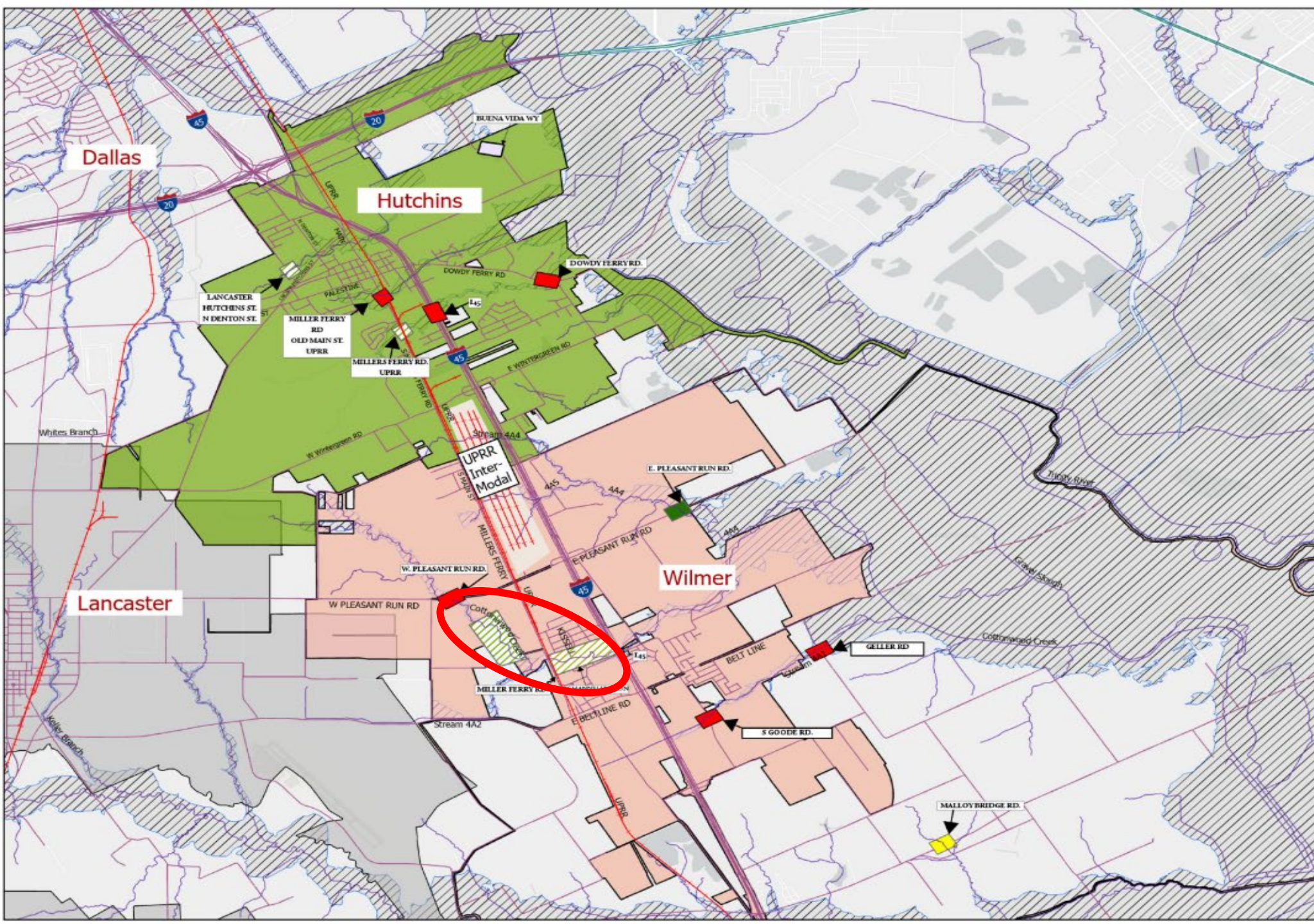
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Cottonwood Creek Divide

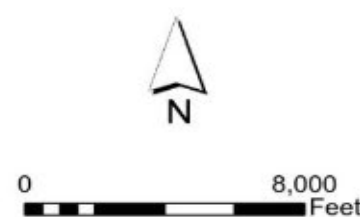
- Approximately 33.5 square miles
 - Cottonwood Creek
 - Area: 23.94 square miles
 - Length: 44.3 miles
 - Rawlins Creek
 - Area: 2.14 square miles
 - Length : 6.2 miles
 - Hutchins Creek
 - Area: 2.3 square miles
 - Length : 2.7 miles
 - 4-B-4 Creek
 - Area: 0.8 square miles
 - Length : 1.5 miles

	Cottonwood Creek	
Creek Names	Length of Creek (Miles)	Drainage Area (sqMile)
Cottonwood Creek	13.3	23.94
Rawlins Creek	6.2	2.14
Stream 4B4	1.5	0.8
Hutchins Creek	2.7	2.3
stream 4A1	2.5	2.8
Stream 4A2	2.3	1.4





- Dallas County Inland Port
Flood Planning Study
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 - Priority Crossings
 - Updated Crossings
 - Evaluated Crossings
 - Emergency Replacements
 - Flooded Areas
 - Channel



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Figure 7.0-3 Flood Mitigation Evaluation					
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COTTONWOOD CREEK

Cottonwood Creek Analysis

- Channel between UPRR IH45

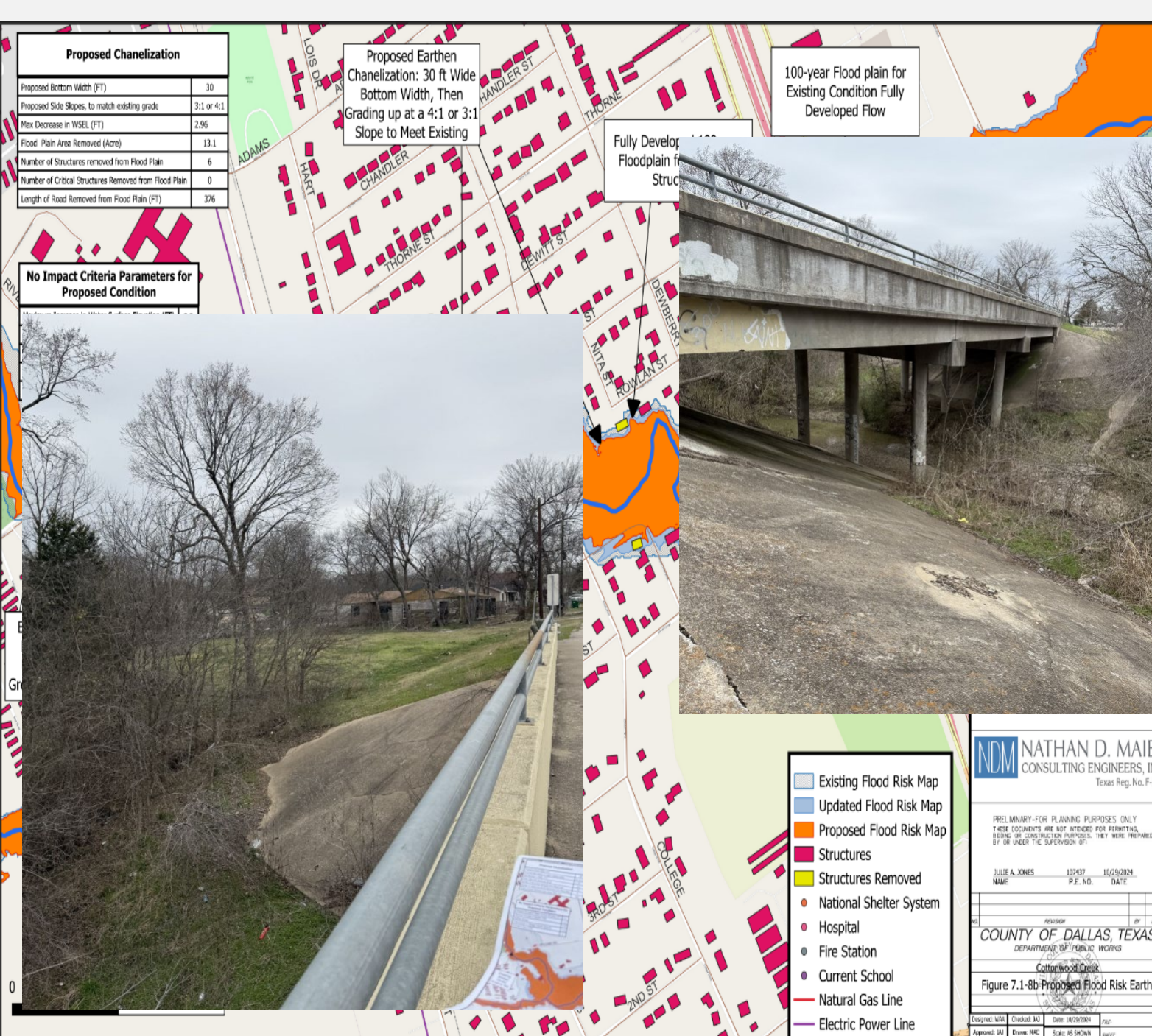
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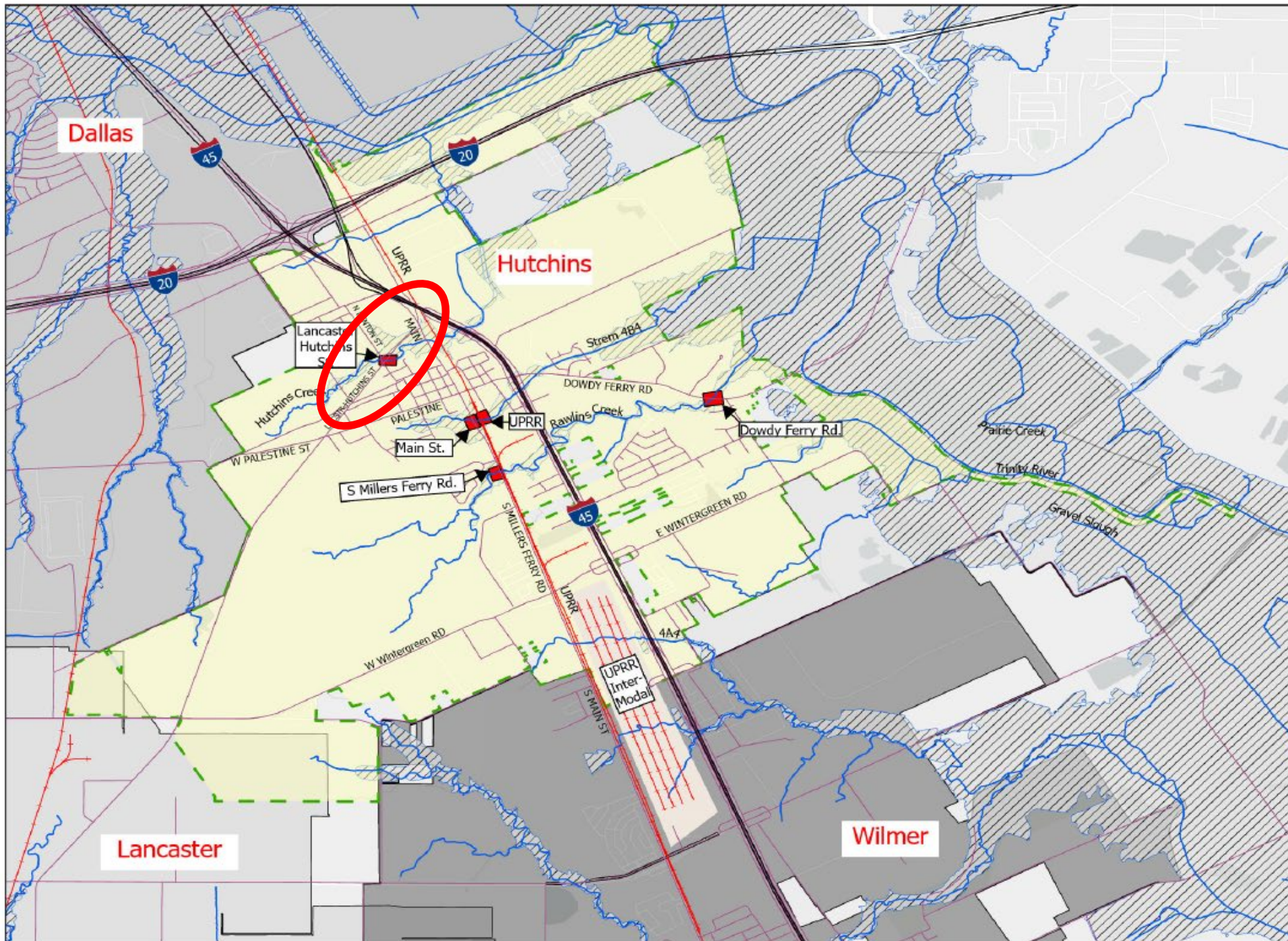
30' Wide channel

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 13.3 Acs
- Roadway Removed — 400 LF
- Structures Removed — 6

Cost \$ 18.5 Million Dollars





- City Limit
- 100YrFloodPlain
- Priority Crossings
- Threatened Crossings



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Proposed Structure	
Crossing	Denton St
Proposed Bridge Span (FT)	75
Proposed Deck Width (FT)	31
Proposed Max Deck Raise (FT)	5
Additional Storage Area (Acres)	
Berm Length (FT)	
Erosion Protection (FT)	
Proposed Structure Benefits	
Flood Risk Area Removed (Acres)	
Number of Structures Removed from Flood Risk	
Number of Critical Structures Removed from Flood Risk	
Length of Road Removed from Flood Risk Area	
No Negative Impact Criteria	
Parameters for Proposed Structure	
Maximum Increase in Water Surface Elevation (Ft)	
Maximum Increase in Velocity (FPS)	
Maximum Resulting Velocity (FPS)	
Total Increase in Storage Volume (Acre-Ft)	

FOR PRELIMINARY



Flood Risk Maps 100-year Flow

- Existing (100-year Flow)
- Updated (Ultimate Flow)
- Proposed (Ultimate Flow)

Other

- Structures
- Removed Structures
- Critical Infrastructure
- Natural Gas Line
- Electric Line
- TXDOT Roads
- Storage Area
- Channel Erosion Protection
- Proposed Berm

HUTCHINS CREEK

Hutchins Creek Analysis

- Denton Road
- Lancaster-Hutchins Road

Improvements

Denton Road

- 75' Bridge

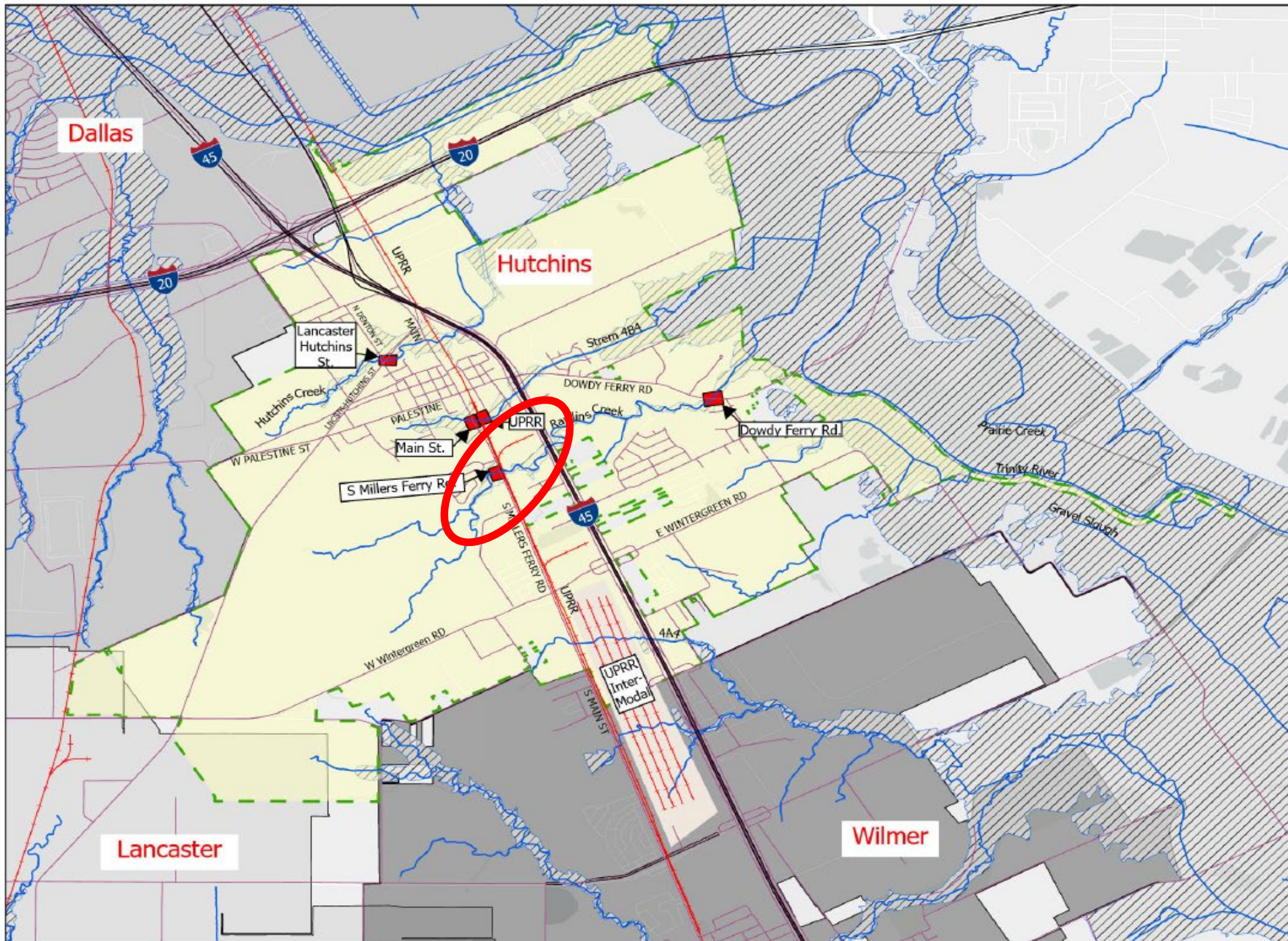
Lancaster-Hutchins Rd

- 57' Bridge

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 23.5 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 2100 LF
- Structures Removed – 9

Cost \$7 Million Dollars



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RAWLINS CREEK

Rawlins Creek Analysis

- Millers Ferry Road
- Union Pacific Railroad

Improvements

Millers Ferry Road

- Proposed 2-10'x10' RCB

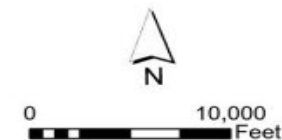
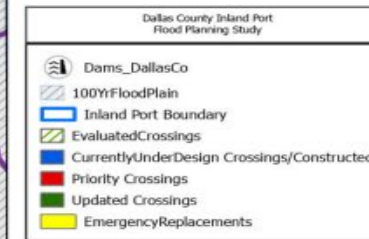
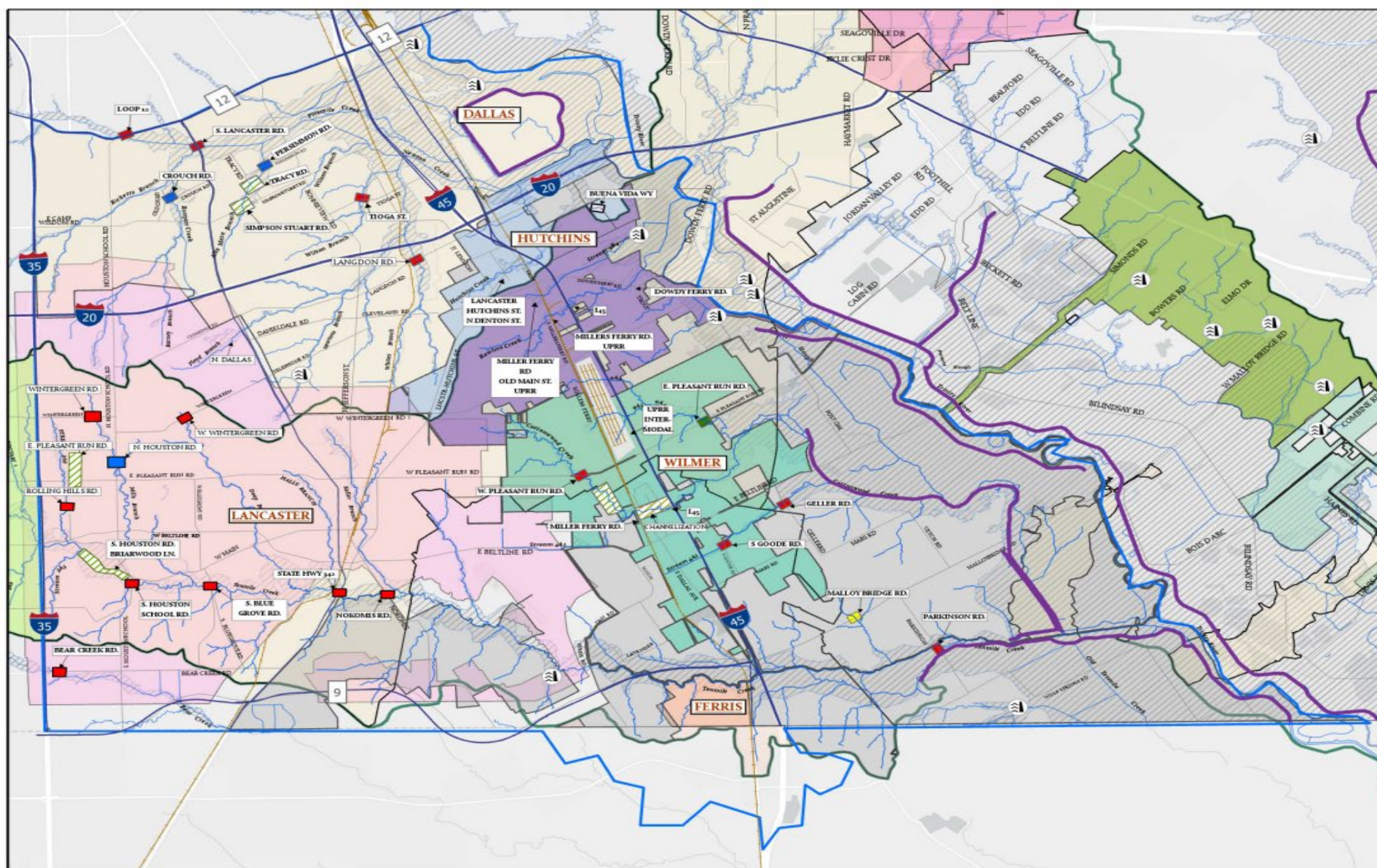
Union Pacific Railroad

- 72" Steel Pipe

Impact

- Floodplain Removed - 4.4 Acs
- Roadway Removed – 800 LF
- Structures Removed – 4- 1 critical

Cost \$8 Million Dollars



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OVERALL PROJECTS MAP

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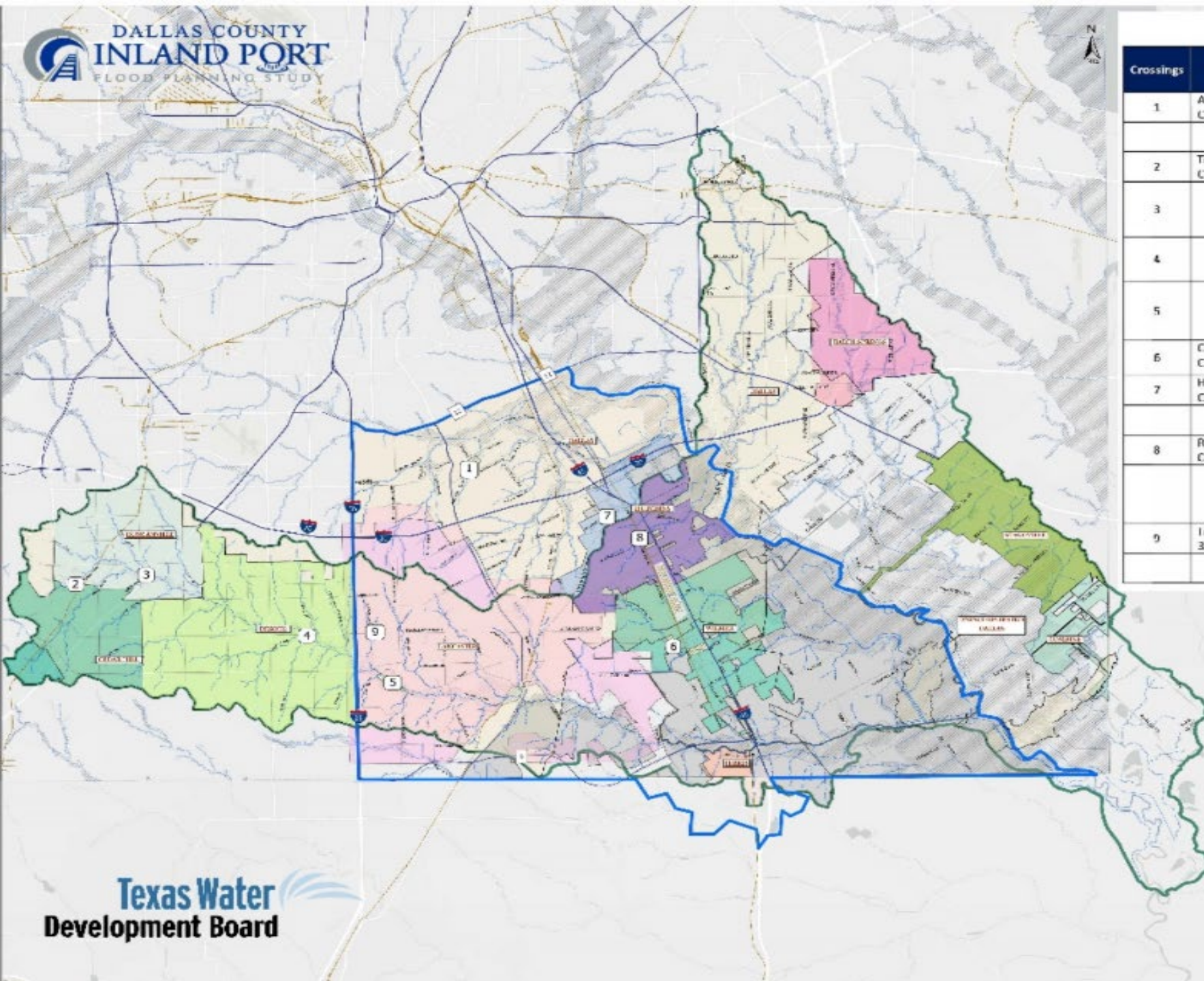


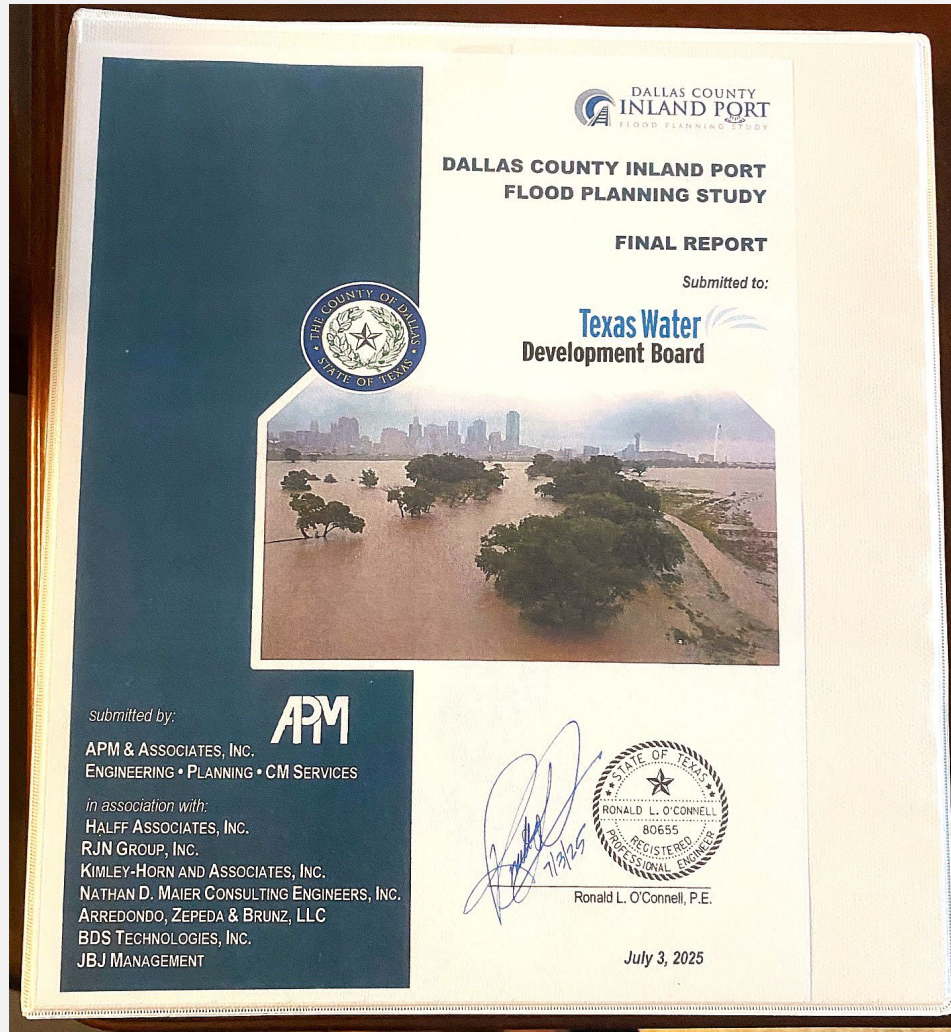
Table – Crossings Evaluated for FMP

Crossings	Tributary	City	Location/Crossing	Exst. System	Proposed Improvements	OPCC
1	Alta Mesa Creek	Dallas	Tracy Road	4- 45" RCP	60" Bridge	\$18.1M
			Simpson Stuart Road	2 10"x6' RCB	Add 1 10"x6' RCB	
2	Tennile Creek	Cedar Hill	Beaver Creek Drive	4-10"x10' RCB	4-12"x12' RCB	\$9.7M
3		Duncanville	Channel Improvements Cedar Creek Drive	Existing Earthen Channel	Detention & Erosion Control	\$6.8M
4		Desoto	Linie Roberts Park	Weir, Earthen Channel	Remove Weir, Benching, Berm	\$9.1M
5		Lancaster	Main Street	Earthen Channel	Benching, Road, Concrete Channel	\$34.5M
6	Cottonwood Creek	Wilmer	Creek Channelization	Concrete Channel	Widen Creek (30')	\$19.0M
7	Hutchins Creek	Hutchins	Lancaster-Hutchins Street	3-5"x4' RCB	57" Bridge	\$7.1M
			N. Denton Drive	1 48" RCP	75' Bridge	
8	Rawlins Creek	Hutchins	S. Millers Ferry Road	1- 10"x6' RCBs	Add 1- 10"x6' RCB	\$8.2M
			Union Pacific Railroad	9"x12' Arched Brick Structure	Add 1-72' Steel Pipe	
9	Tributary 3A6	Lancaster	L. Pleasant Run Road	2-8"x4' RCB	Add 1-8"x4' RCB	\$7M
			Gant Drive	3-18" RCP	Replace with 2-10"x4' RCB	

PROJECT CHALLENGES

Rocks in the Road:

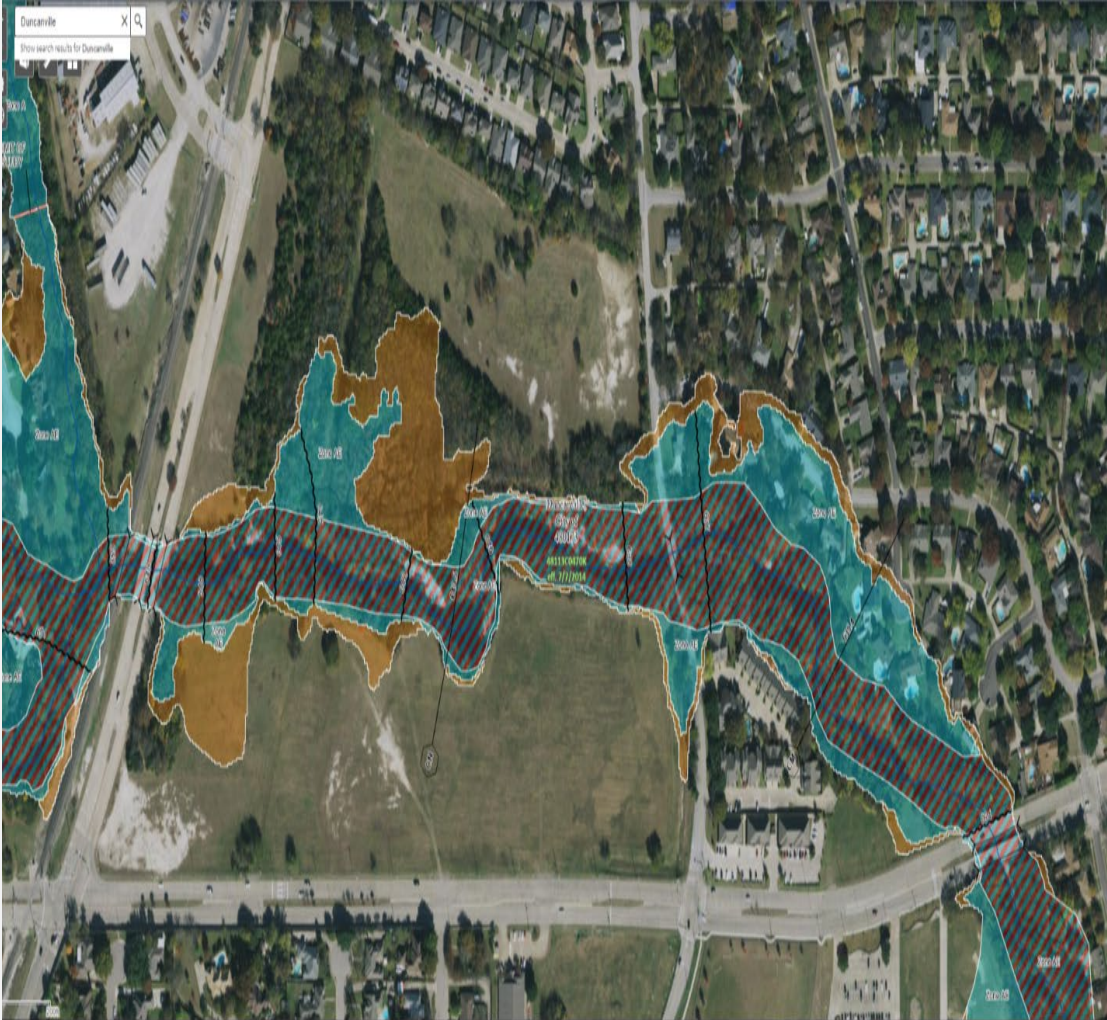
1. Fast Paced Growth
2. Local Regulations vs. County/State
3. A System that is overwhelmed
4. Antiquated Infrastructure
5. Competing Objectives
6. Storm Water Detention
7. Managing Stakeholder Expectations
8. No Impact Requirements
9. Benefit Cost Ratio



SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Possible Approaches:

1. Storm Water Detention
2. Eco-Friendly Erosion Protection
3. Construct Grass Berms
4. Use of Planting for Channel Improvements
5. Wet Lands



Hutchins Creek

The following assumptions were made in the Benefit Cost Analysis:

- *Project Useful Life:* The project useful life was 30 years, which is consistent with the standard design life for a municipal roadway.
- *Initial Project Cost:* The total estimated project cost is \$7,100,000.
- *Annual Maintenance Cost:* Maintenance of the roadway embankments and culverts were estimated to be 5% of the project cost in existing conditions and 1% of the project cost in proposed conditions.
- *Total Mitigation Project Cost:* The initial project cost and present value of 30 years of annual maintenance costs results in a total mitigation project cost of \$4,100,000.
- *Flood Hazard Data:* The 100-year water surface elevations were taken from the RASMapper depth results to determine the length of roadway flooded more than 6 inches. The duration was found by evaluating the capacity of the existing crossings and using the hydrograph produced by HEC-HMS to determine the length of time with flows greater than the capacity. The duration for the 100-year event was 4.92 hours.
- *Daily Traffic:* The TXDOT 2023 Traffic Count for Lancaster-Hutchins Street is an Annual Average Daily Traffic of 2563 vehicles.
- *Length of Detour:* When the crossing is closed traffic must detour around to I-45, a distance of 0.8 miles that takes roughly 8 minutes.
- *Emergency Medical Services Impact:* EMS response time in existing conditions is estimated 7 minutes. In proposed conditions, this would decrease to 2 minutes. There are 501 households and 7 commercial structures impacted by EMS delay.
- *Residential Structures:* Baseline flood depth was calculated from the difference in the effective 100-year water surface elevation and the ground elevation near the building.
- *Commercial Structures:* Structure value was obtained from 2024 Dallas Central Appraisal District improvement value. Baseline flood depth was calculated from the difference in the effective 100-year water surface elevation and the ground elevation near the building.
- *Before-Mitigation Damage:* TWDB's BCA Input spreadsheet was used to calculate event damages of \$1,349,173 for the 100-year event.
- *After-Mitigation Damage:* TWDB's BCA Input spreadsheet was used to calculate event damages of \$15,276 for the 100-year event.
- *Total Standard Mitigation Benefits:* FEMA's BCA Tool Version 6.0 was used to calculate a total Standard Mitigation Benefit of \$257,735.
- *Standard Benefit Cost Ratio:* 0.13 (actual BC Ratio is higher due to other storm events)

BENEFIT COST ANALYSIS

Extensive:

1. TWDB Provided Software
2. FEMA BCA Tool Version 6.0
3. Items needed
 1. Traffic Counts
 2. Emergency Response times w/wo improvements
 3. Cost of Flooded infrastructure
 4. Maintenance (both Pre/Post)
4. Land Acquisition Costs!
5. Was Difficult to get a (I).



JUST THE FACTS

- 3 Counties (Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman)
- 12 Cities & Unincorporated Dallas County
- 240 Sq. Miles
- 30 Creeks Modeled
- 35 Crossings Evaluated
- 4 Hydraulic Firms working for 3 years =
- About 10 years' worth of work completed
- 9 Curated Projects in State Flood Plan
- Over \$100 Million worth of Work

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