



## Little Bear Creek Recharge Enhancement Project

C20-2023-009

Capital Improvement Project 6660.024

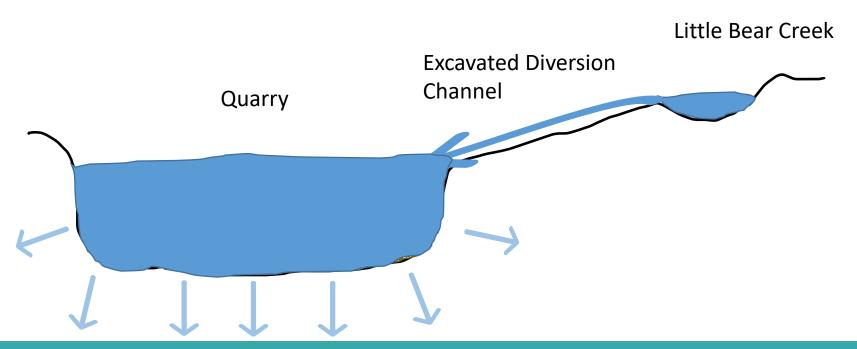
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## What is the project

Diverting flood water from the channel of Little Bear Creek into an abandoned quarry via an excavated trench







## Why do is the Project

- A unique opportunity
- Enhance recharge to the Edwards Aquifer
- The site is hydrologically connected to Barton Springs
- Preserve flows at Barton Springs
- Maintain groundwater for wells in the area





### Needs

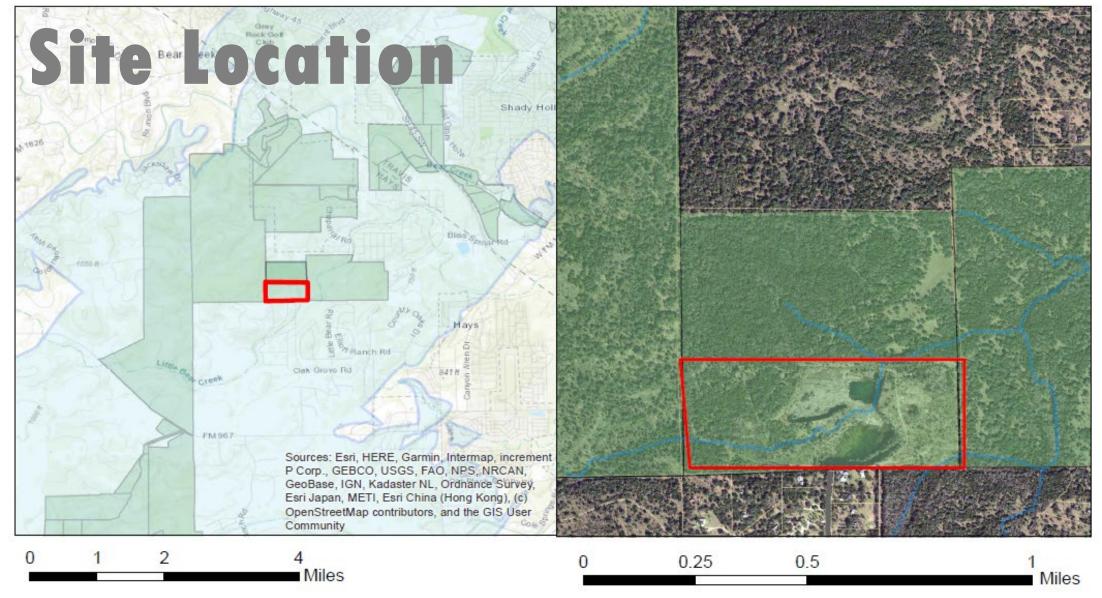
Unique nature of this project makes it necessary to seek an Amendment to the Save Our Springs Ordinance.

Council initiated Amendment process April 20, 2023.

- Water Quality: LDC 25-8-211
- Floodplain modification: LDC 25-8-263
- Cut: LDC 25-8-341
- Fill: LDC 25-8-342
- Construction in the Transition Zones: LDC 25-8-482

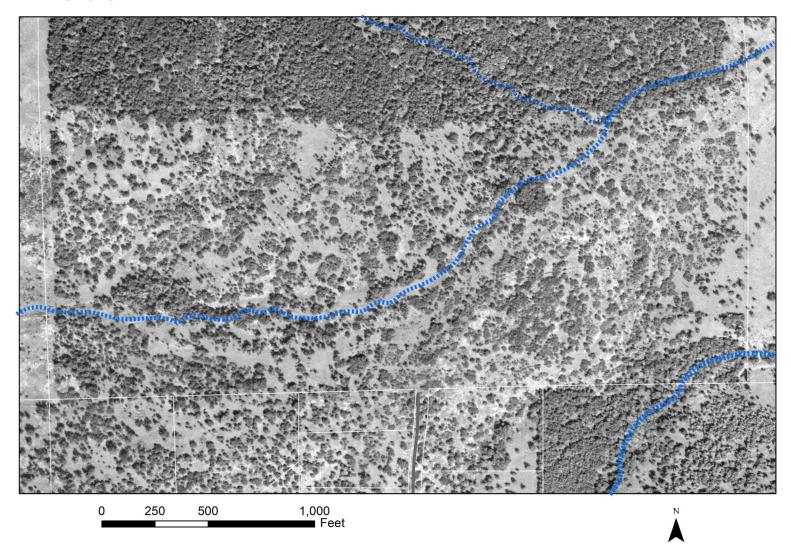












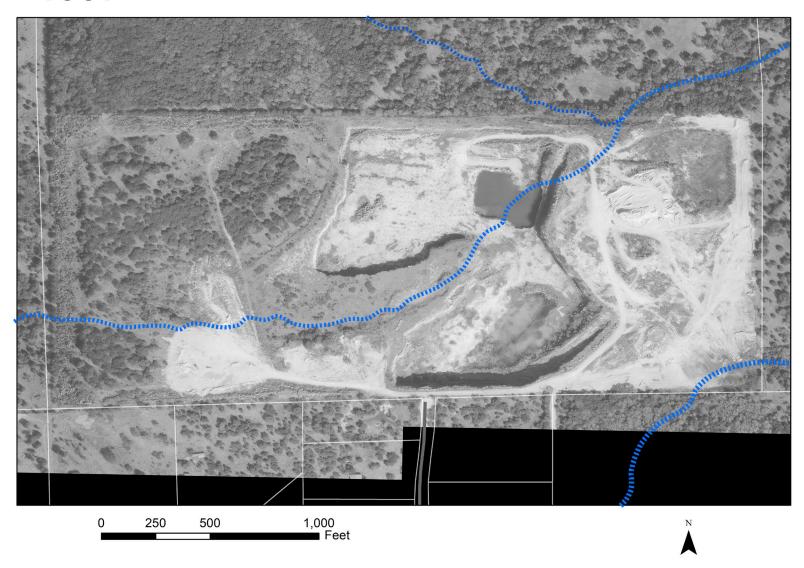






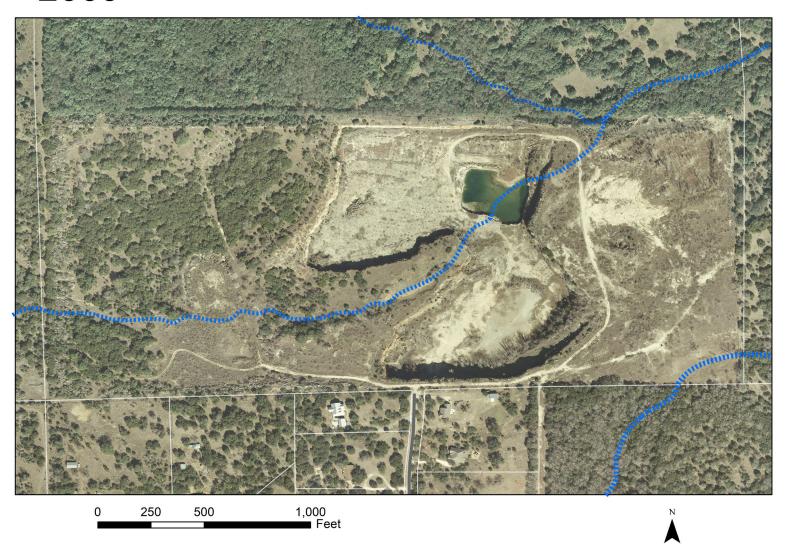






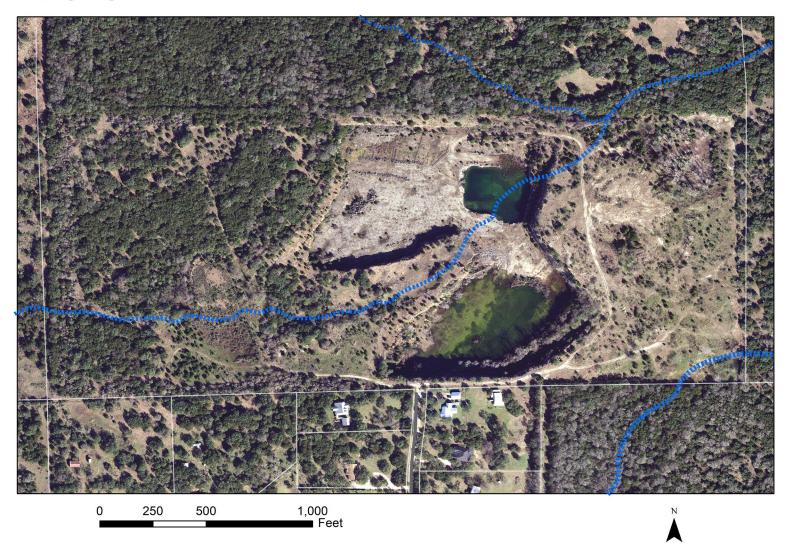














### WATERSHED

# Site Location



Stoneledge (Wenzel) Quarry – Northwest View

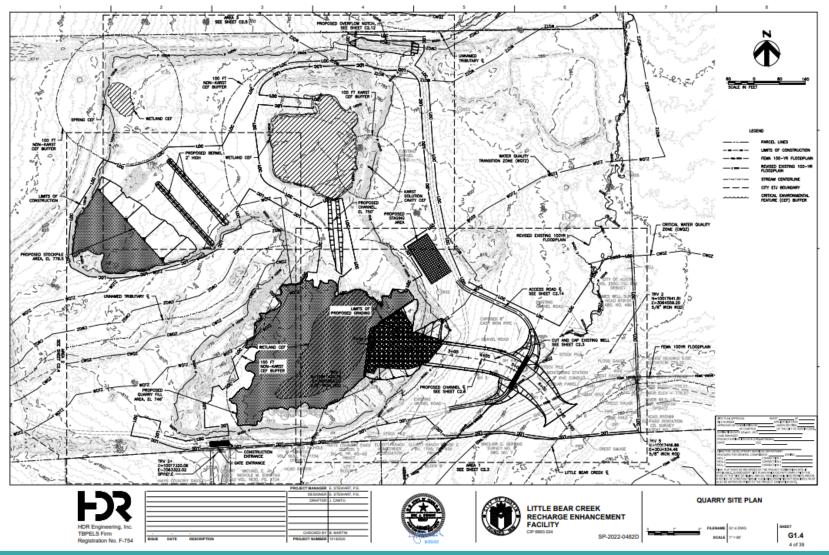


Little Bear Creek Channel –Southwest/Upstream View





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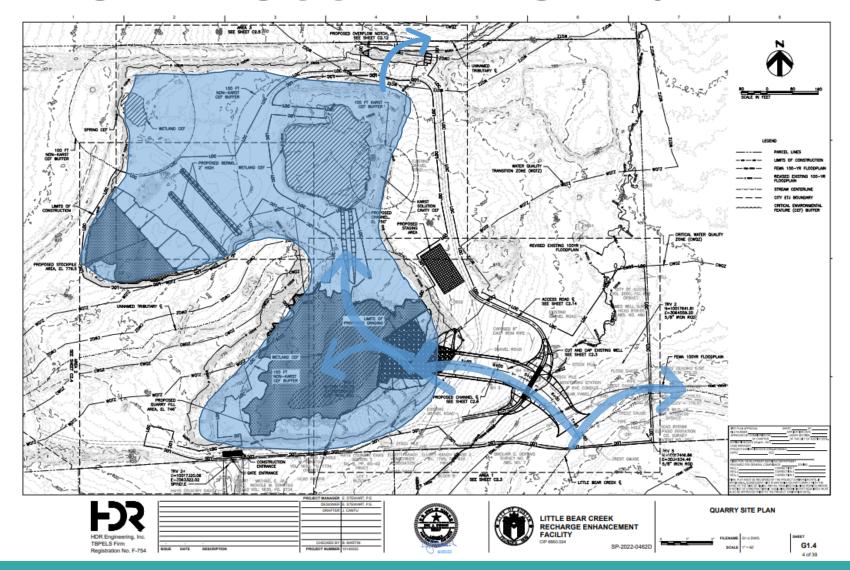


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# How Does It Work?



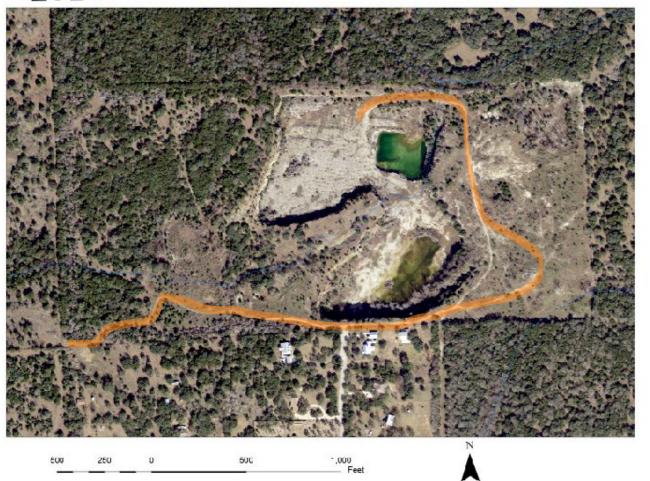
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## Water Quality



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### LDC 25-8-211

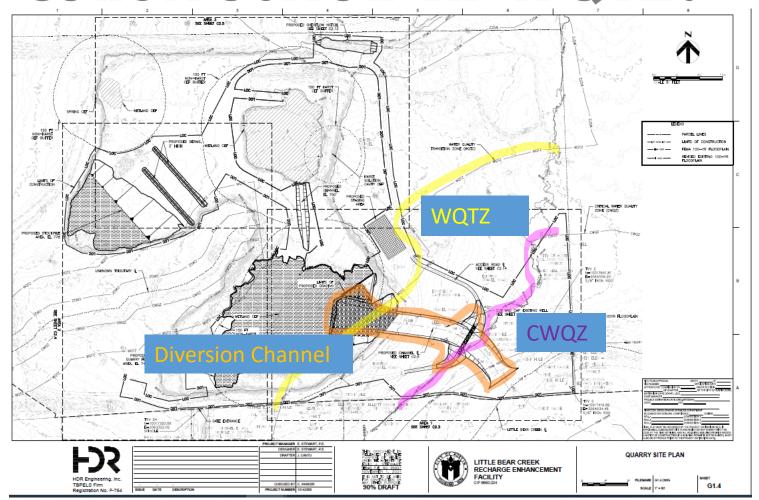
To allow natural vegetated filter strips or alternative water quality controls to provide water quality treatment in the Barton Springs Zone.

The project will provide SOS nondegradation water quality treatment for all new -impervious cover or equivalent area to the maximum extent technically feasible.

The new impervious cover will be limited to an unimproved road with a maximum use of 50 vehicle trips per year.



## Floodplain Modification Construction in WQTZ.





### LDC 25-8-263

To allow floodplain modification within a CWQZ.

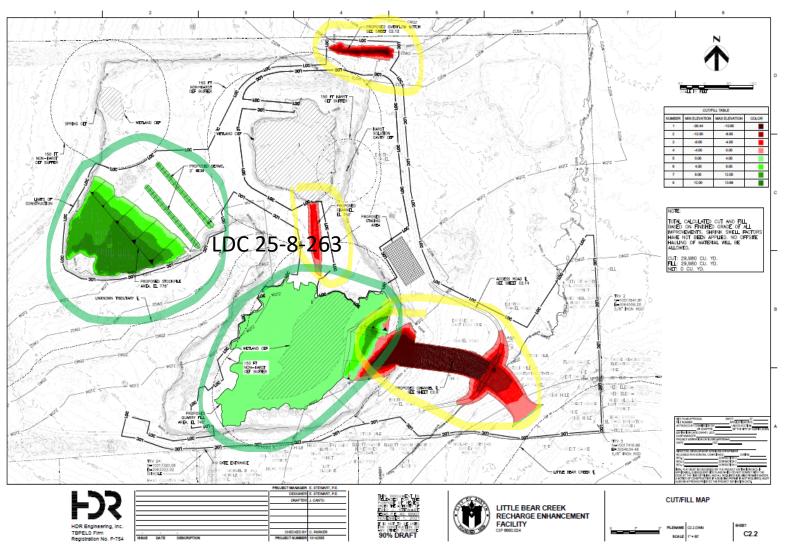
### LDC 25-8-482

To allow development in a water quality transition zone that lies over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone in the Barton Springs Zone.





## Cut and Fill



### LDC 25-8-341 LDC 25-8-342

CUT/FILL TABLE			
NUMBER	MIN ELEVATION	MAX ELEVATION	COLOR
1	-30.44	-12.00	
2	-12.00	-8.00	
3	-8.00	-4.00	
4	-4.00	0.00	
5	0.00	4.00	
6	4.00	8.00	
7	8.00	12.00	
8	12.00	13.69	

To allow cut and fill in excess of 4 feet.

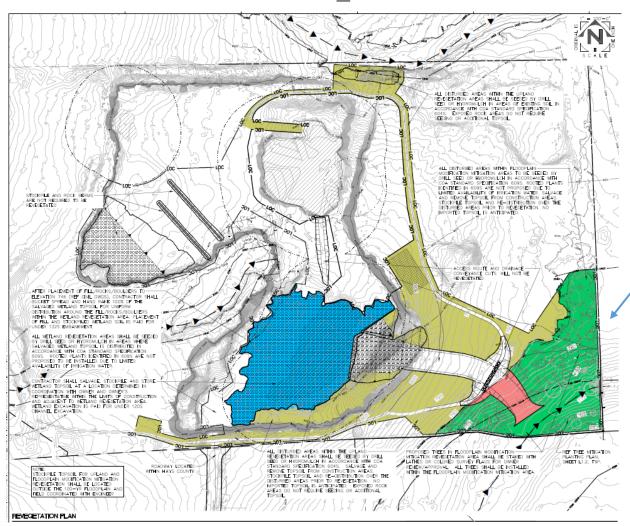
Cut and Fill Cost is 1.9 M

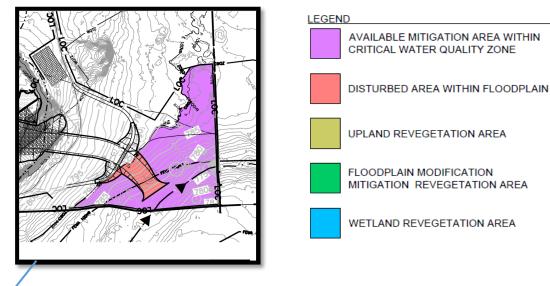
73% of the Estimated Project Cost (Excluding Contingences)



## Landscape Plan







- •The project will provide 3 acres of floodplain restoration which is ~140% of the required mitigation for the proposed floodplain modification in a CWQZ.
- •The project will provide 5.23 acres of upland restoration.





### Summary

Significant long-term benefits completing this unique project.

Requires amending to Land Development Code(LDC) limits set by the Save Our Springs Ordinance covering:

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## Thank You!