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Commission Submittal - East Avon

Road/Dequindre Road

Improvements

Attention Rochester Hills Historic Districts

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Project Name 96-inch Water Transmission Main

Relocation Project

Project Number GLWA-1900741

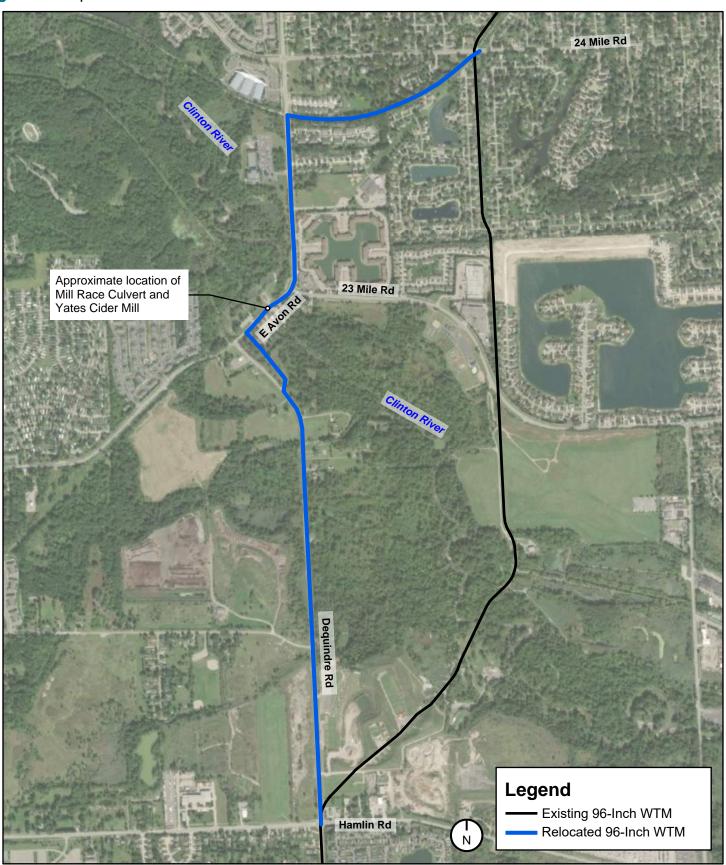
GLWA Project Objectives and Background

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) will be relocating a portion of their 96-inch diameter water transmission main (WTM) around the closed G&H Industrial Landfill (Landfill). The relocated portion of the WTM will be approximately 2.5 miles long and will connect to the existing system near the intersection of 24 Mile Road and the Macomb Orchard Trail on the north and near the intersection of Dequindre Road and Hamlin Road on the south. The location of the existing and proposed relocated drinking water main and associated road improvements are shown in Figure 1.

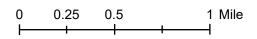
This project also includes roadway improvements in East Avon Road and Dequindre Road along the route of the 96-inch WTM. Roadway construction in the interest area extends in East Avon Road from approximately 100-feet east of the Clinton River to the intersection of East Avon Road and 23 Mile Road. In the last several months, the GLWA/Jacobs project team has been collaborating with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and the Macomb County Department of Roads (MCDR) to identify scope elements and prepare design documents for these roadway enhancements that include replacement of the entire roadway cross-section, changes to roadway alignment, addition of retaining walls, grade changes, and a new roundabout at the East Avon Road and 23 Mile Road intersection.

This project previously received a Certificate of Appropriateness on January 14, 2021 for construction of the 96-inch water transmission main in East Avon Road and replacement of a portion of the culvert pipe conveying the millrace flow as proposed at 1950 East Avon Road. This memorandum and attached exhibits are intended to present the roadway improvements and revised millrace culvert replacement plan for a separate Certificate of Appropriateness for this work.

Figure 1: Proposed Location of New 96-inch Water Transmission Main









Jacobs and its subconsultant Fishbeck are currently developing the final design of the road improvements in East Avon Road and Dequindre Road. Jacobs, on behalf of GLWA, respectfully requests a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Rochester Hills Historic Districts Commission for the proposed project work along East Avon Road near the Yates Cider Mill, Mill Race Culvert, and Historic Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal.

Existing Conditions in East Avon Road Corridor

In the last 25 years, there have been two underground water/wastewater utilities constructed along East Avon Road adjacent to the Yates Cider Mill. These existing utilities also cross the Mill Race Culvert. In 1997, a 36-inch diameter ductile iron drinking water main was constructed in East Avon Road and adjacent to the Yates Cider Mill using open cut construction methods. In 2002, a 2-inch diameter HDPE sewer force main was constructed in East Avon Road approximately 6 feet south of the 36-inch water main and crosses 5 feet above the Mill Race culvert.

Existing Mill Race Culvert

The existing millrace consists of an approximately 100-foot-wide canal that begins upstream of a dam on the Clinton River. As the canal approaches East Avon Road, the millrace continues as a 61-inch-high x 84-inch-wide corrugated metal pipe (CMP) structural plate arch. The culvert runs south approximately 60 feet, where it bends to the east and continues for approximately 83 feet before discharging into an open top concrete chamber adjacent to the cider mill. The entrance to the culvert consists of a concrete headwall with a custom wood trash rack at the entrance. The original culvert was installed to convey water from the Clinton River on the north side of East Avon Road to the cider mill to power the mill wheel.

In July 2020, Great Lakes Engineering Group, LLC completed a culvert condition assessment inspection of the Mill Race Culvert for the RCOC. The Mill Race Culvert Condition Assessment, included as Attachment A, found the concrete headwalls to be in generally good condition, but the corrugated metal pipe was generally described as being in poor condition, with heavy rust and scale along the sides for the full length of the pipe. The assessment report states no leakage was visible nor any holes observed in the existing corrugated metal pipe. A photo of the existing millrace culvert inlet and headwall is presented in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Existing millrace culvert inlet and headwall

Existing Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal

A map showing the location of the completed portion of the canal, extracted from the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal National Register of Historic Places Nomination package, is presented in Attachment B. The historic Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal was planned to connect Lake St. Clair and Lake Michigan by providing a waterway between the Clinton River in Mt. Clemens and the Kalamazoo River. Construction began at the Clinton River east of Rochester and continued west before funds ran out and construction ceased. Ultimately, only 16 miles of the intended 216-mile canal were completed.

The Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal was nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and was inducted in 1972. Though much of the canal has been destroyed, portions of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal can still be seen in Southeast Michigan, including near the Yates Cider Mill in Rochester Hills. A photo of the canal remnants taken on December 11, 2020 is presented in Figure 3.



Figure 3: Historic Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal as seen from East Avon Road across from the Yates Cider Mill

Existing Yates Cider Mill Building

The Yates Cider Mill building is located on the south side of East Avon Road in Rochester Hills along the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal. It was originally constructed in 1863 as a grist mill, but by 1876, a cider mill was installed. The mill is still in operation today and experiences increased visitors from August through October each year.

Proposed East Avon Road Corridor Roadway Improvements

General

It is expected East Avon Road will be closed to through traffic during installation of the water transmission main and construction of roadway restoration and improvements in East Avon Road, which will only take place from November through July and outside of cider season (August through October) to allow for visitor access to Yates Cider Mill during the cider season. Plan view exhibits of the proposed East Avon Road corridor roadway improvements are included in Attachment C. Road cross-section view exhibits of the proposed roadway improvements are included in Attachment D.

Roadway Widening

The RCOC and Rochester Hills have requested that East Avon Road be widened to a continuous three-lane section from the proposed roundabout west of the Clinton River to the proposed roundabout at 23 Mile Road in accordance with the City's long range plans. The existing roadway section adjacent to the Cider Mill is two-lanes wide with a paved and gravel shoulder. The total approximate width is 30 feet. The proposed roadway will consist of two 12-feet-wide lanes and an 11-feet-wide center lane, with curb and gutter adjacent to each side and storm sewer. The total proposed width from back-of-curb to back-of-curb is 39 feet.

The roadway will be constructed in stages following the installation of the 96-inch water transmission main. Limited access to the Cider Mill and adjacent homes will be provided adjacent to the work area.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

In addition to the roadway improvements, the City requested that a paved ADA-compliant pathway be provided on both sides of East Avon Road. The pathway is a minimum of 8-feet wide when separated from the curb, or 10-feet-wide when directly behind the curb. The additional width when the path is tied to the curb is to account for this area being too close to the roadway for user comfort. The proposed material for the pathway is hot-mix asphalt.

Currently there is an unsignalized mid-block crossing of Avon Road adjacent to the Cider Mill along the Yates Trail which is the former railroad bed. There are no sidewalks or improved pathways accessing the crosswalk on the north side. A pedestrian crossing at this same location is proposed with the roadway improvements and will be linked by pathway on both sides of Avon Road. A High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal is proposed to be installed for this crossing. The signal will be activated ondemand by pedestrians waiting to cross. When the signal is activated, a flashing yellow light indicates to motorists to prepare to stop, then solid red lights activate to indicate stopping is required. Pedestrian signals (walk/don't walk) will inform pedestrians when the signal is fully activated. When not in use, the signal will be dark. This signal design is in use on several RCOC roads throughout the county, primarily at roundabouts.

Roundabout Construction at East Avon Road/23 Mile Road/Dequindre Road

The RCOC and the City requested that a roundabout be constructed at the intersection of East Avon and 23 Mile Road which will function in coordination with the roundabout proposed to be constructed at East Avon and the south leg of Dequindre. Following an alternatives study in coordination with the RCOC and MCDR, a configuration was agreed to that will meet current and forecast demands at the intersection. The roundabout will be constructed in stages following the water main installation, with limited local access provided at all times.

Retaining Walls

In order to reduce impacts to adjacent areas from fill or cut slopes, retaining walls are required in three primary locations: adjacent to the pond to the millrace culvert, along the proposed pathway next to the home at 1990 East Avon Road, and along the parking lot of the Shelby Urgent Care center plaza. The walls are proposed to be a segmental block gravity wall. This type of wall consists of large blocks that resist the retained earth due to their mass and interlocking connections, and not tie-backs or stabilized earth. The proposed blocks can be cast with a wide array of relief patterns and colors.

Attachment E includes elevation views of renderings and textures of the two proposed retaining walls adjacent to the Historic District features.

Attachment F includes rock wall examples, relief pattern options, RCOC wall examples, and the RCOC roundabout proposed color palette.

Utility Relocation/Tree Trimming

A primary utility consideration for the roadway improvements project is aerial DTE electric lines and poles. Several DTE poles are in direct conflict with the proposed road or pathway work and will require relocation. The project team is working in coordination with DTE to determine proposed relocation options that move

the poles away from the proposed construction activities and still allow access for maintenance. In order to facilitate the preferred routing for the lines, the trees in the vicinity of the millrace pond will require trimming and limb removal. Specifically, the tree that is in contact with the historic canal wall adjacent to the millrace will need to be trimmed. Removal of trees to facilitate the DTE lines is not proposed for this project.

Proposed Mill Race Culvert Replacement

The extents of Mill Race Culvert replacement and construction activities, shown in Attachments C and D, will not adversely affect the Yates Cider Mill structure or operations.

Initially the prior application and presentation to the Historic Districts Commission included millrace culvert replacement limits that coincided with roadway widening construction limits for a total length of 63-feet. However, during recent coordination meetings with RCOC, a determination was made to replace the culvert pipe up to and including the headwall located at the millrace and adjacent to the proposed road improvements.

A majority of the Mill Race Culvert and existing headwall will be removed and replaced in kind. The total proposed replacement length is 128 feet. The existing culvert will be replaced with a new 61-inch-high x 84-inch-wide CMP structural plate arch to match the existing. A custom trash and debris rack will be installed at the entrance to the culvert. The new culvert will follow the same alignment, will be set at the same inverts, and have the same slope as the existing culvert.

The last 15 feet of the existing culvert will remain in place to protect the existing concrete chamber from being damaged during construction. This remaining section of culvert will be sprayed with a polymer liner due to the culvert's age and condition. The spray-on polymer liner will also be applied to the new culvert to increase its life expectancy.

The removal and replacement of the existing culvert will take place outside the normal operating season of the cider mill in order to allow for complete blockage of flow for construction. Previous coordination with the cider mill operators by the RCOC indicates flow blockage for cleaning and inspection to be a normal wintertime practice.

The replaced section of culvert will be connected to the existing culvert by a concrete collar at the south end. The connection point will match the existing invert with a consistent slope to provide the same flow capacity that exists prior to construction.

Anticipated Impacts to Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal

No impacts are expected to the remnants of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal. Sections of the existing millrace concrete headwall may include remnants of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal. Attachment C includes an elevation view of the proposed culvert headwall and wingwall construction. Existing sections of the concrete headwall are planned to be left undisturbed by construction activities.

Anticipated Impacts to Yates Cider Mill

No impacts are expected to the Yates Cider Mill building. Road construction activities will remain within the East Avon Road right-of-way, and no work will be done within the Yates Cider Mill property lines at 1950 East Avon Road. The limits of road and pathway construction will remain north of the existing split rail fence adjacent to the cider mill shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4: Yates Cider Mill frontage along East Avon Road

This split rail fence will be temporarily removed during road and pathway construction and reinstalled at the conclusion of construction. A temporary construction fence will be installed during road and pathway construction at this location to act as a barrier from construction activities. In addition, sensors will be installed to monitor building vibration in and around the Yates Cider Mill structure during construction.

Attachments

- A Mill Race Culvert Condition Assessment prepared by the Road Commission for Oakland County
- B Map of Historic Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal
- C Overall Plan View Exhibits East Avon Road and Dequindre Road Improvements
- D Cross Section Exhibits East Avon Road and Millrace Culvert Cross Sections
- E Retaining Wall Exhibits Elevation View Renderings
- F Retaining Wall Exhibits Aesthetics and Color Options
- G Existing Site Photos

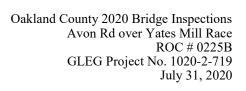
Attachment A: Mill Race Culvert Condition A	ssessment prepared by the Road Commission for Oakland County

Culvert Safety Inspection Report

Facility		Federal Structure ID Inspector Name Agency/Consultant Inspection Date LEGEND
Avon Rd		N/A Eric Rickert GLEG 7/31/2020 9 New
Feature		Latitude Longitude Struc Num Insp Freq Insp Key 7-8 Good
Yates Mill Race		42.6732 -83.0948 0225B 24 N/A 5-6 Fair
Location	Section	Length Width Year Built Spans Structure Type (43) Maint Dist 3-4 Poor
Rochester Hills	13	7' 120' ?? 1 3 19 3 2 or less Critica
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1. Pavement	5	HMA with heavy cracking and HMA patches in EB lane. Scattered cracks in WB lane.
2. Sidewalks or	N	
curbs		
3. Headers /	6	Concrete headwalls at both ends
Rails		
4. Approach GD Rail	N	Guardrail along north side only
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5. Shoulder	5	HMA shoulders with scattered cracks.
6. Deck	N	
7. Deck Soffit		
7. Deck Sollit	N	
8. Joints	5	Rust and corrosion along joints.
9. Leakage	7	No leakage visible.
10. Stringers		
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12. Abutments		N									
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14. Slope		N									
15. Scour		7	None noted.								
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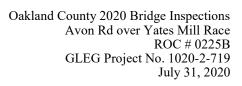


Culvert outlet



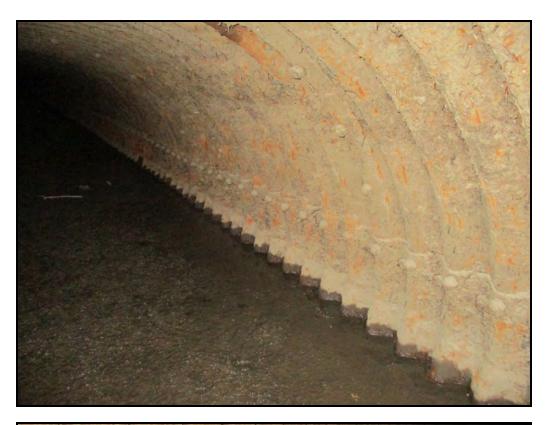
View through culvert facing north





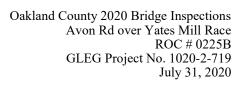


Rust and scale on CMP



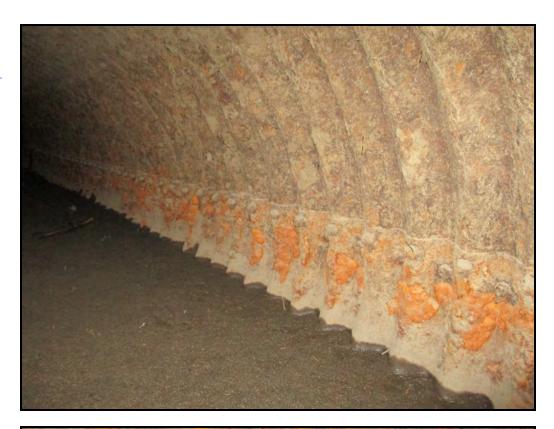
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Heavy rust and scale on CMP



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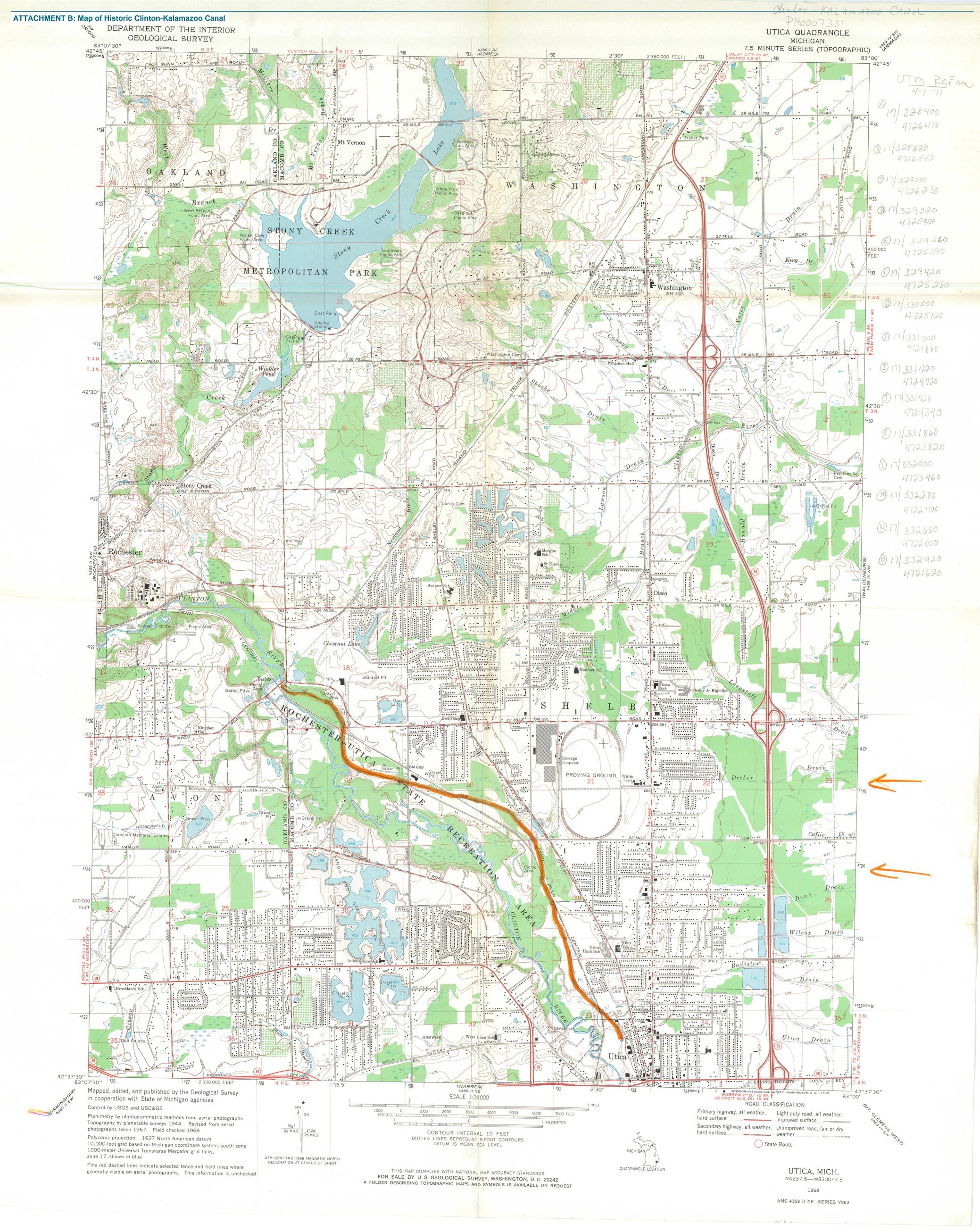


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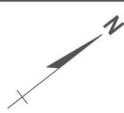
Heavy rust and scale on CMP



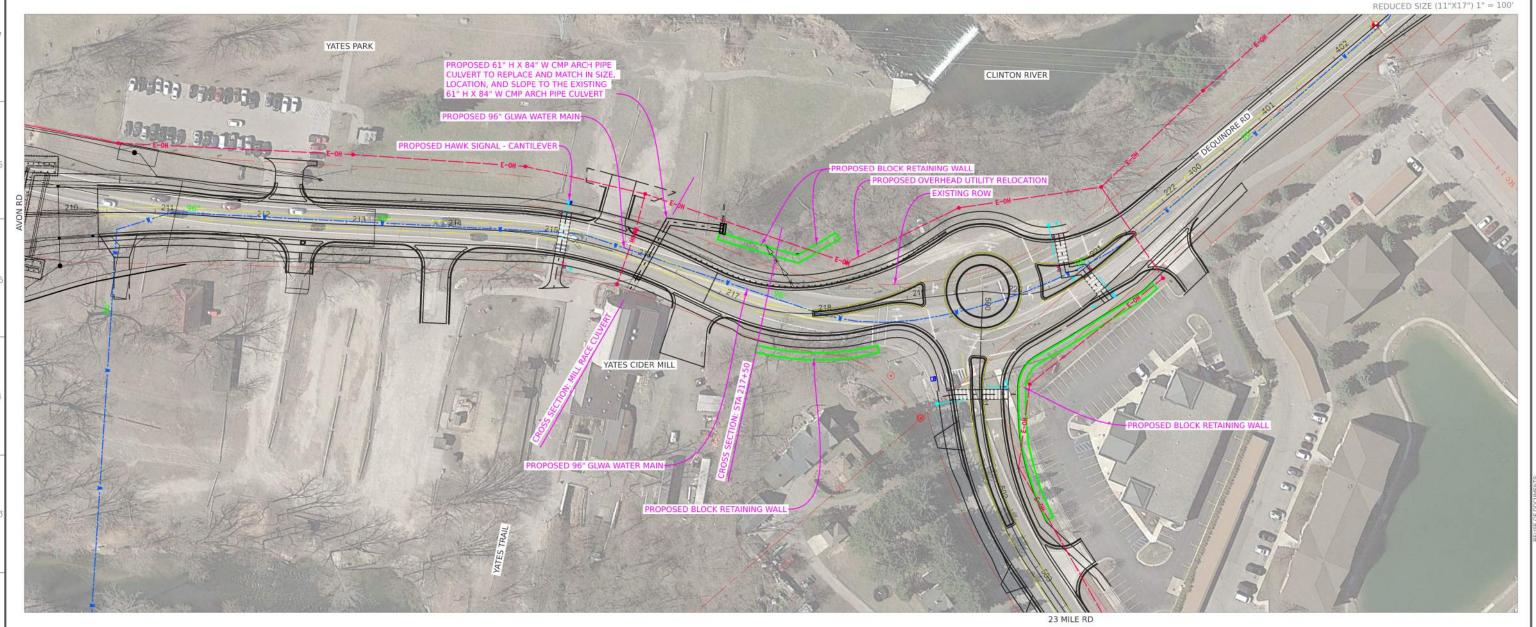




Attachment C: Overa	II Plan View Exh	ibits – East Avor	n Road and Dec Im	juindre Road nprovements

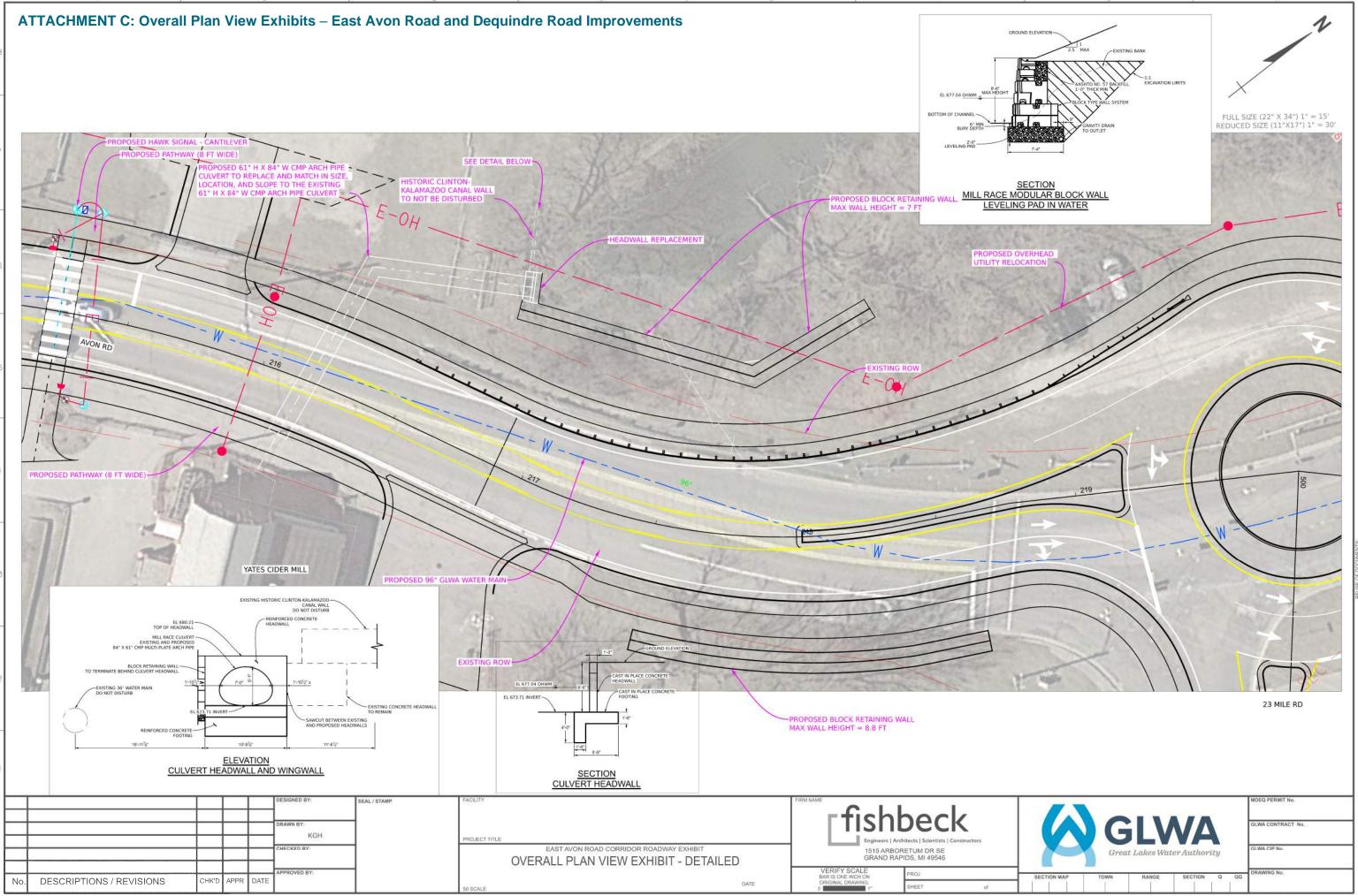


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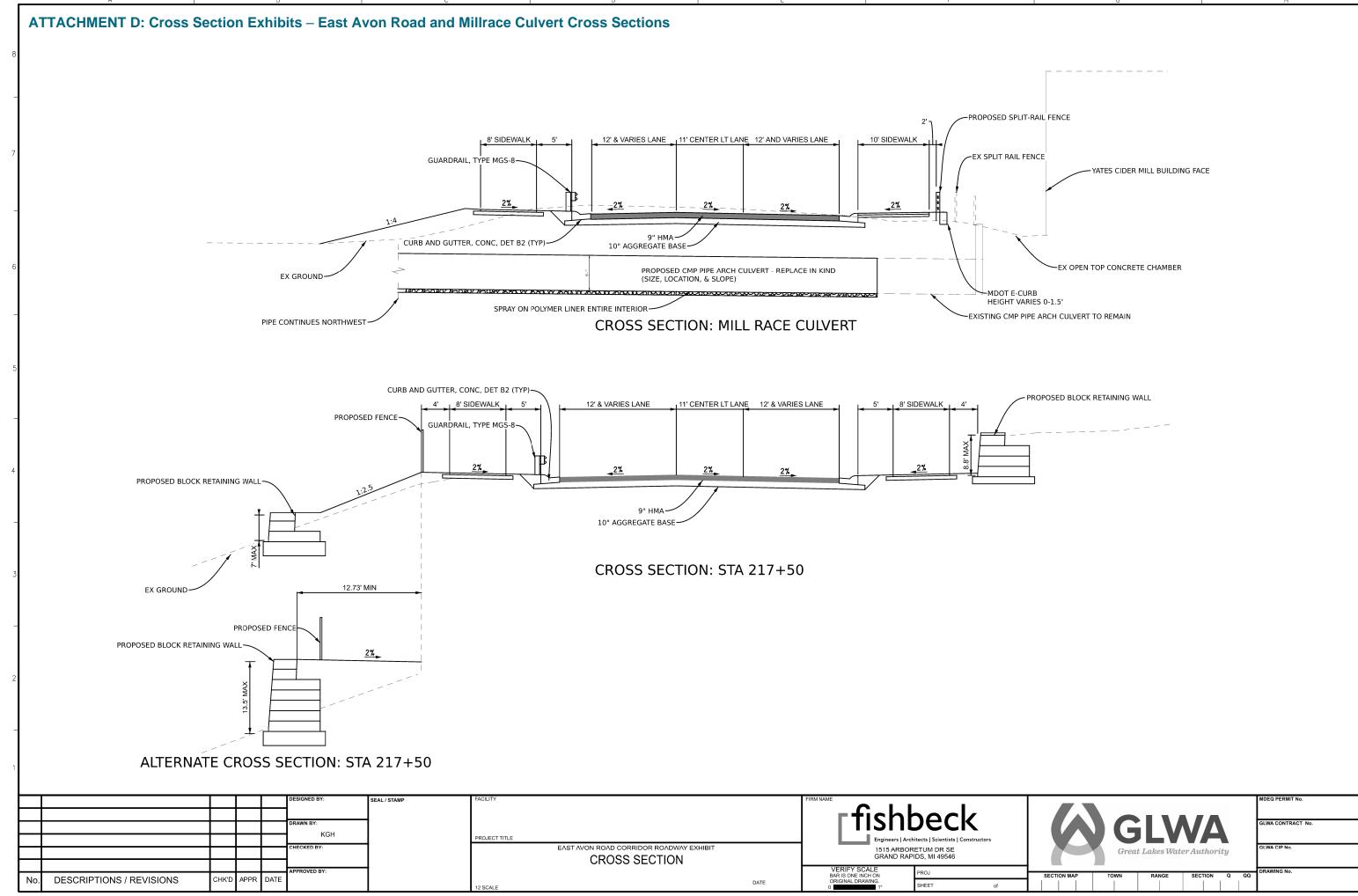


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Attachment I	D: Cross Sectic	on Exhibits –	East Avon Ro	ad and Millrace	e Culvert Cross Sections
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ATTACHMENT E: Retaining Wall Exhibits – Elevation View Renderings



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Attachment F: Retaining Wall Exhibits – Aesthetics and Color Options

Rock Wall Examples

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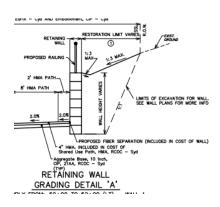




RCOC Wall Examples

Modular Concrete Block Retaining Wall, RCOC Aluminum Rail Fence Direct Bury, RCOC

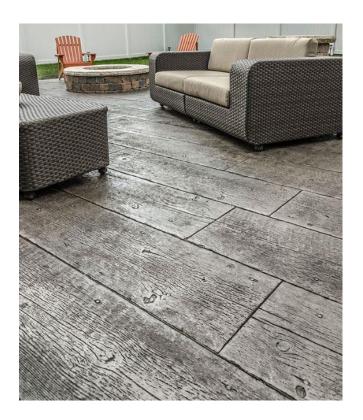




RCOC Proposed Color Palette

RCOC proposed color theme for adjacent RCOC roundabout project is pewter as shown below.







Attachment G: Existing Site Photos



East Avon Road Upper Retaining Wall – Existing Site Photo Looking South



East Avon Road Upper Retaining Wall – Existing Site Photo Looking Southeast



East Avon Road Lower Retaining Wall – Existing Site Photo Looking Northeast



East Avon Road Lower Retaining Wall - Existing Site Photo Looking Southeast



East Avon Road Lower Retaining Wall – Existing Site Photo Looking Southeast



East Avon Road Lower Retaining Wall – Existing Site Photo Looking Southeast