Brent Run Creek: A case study of stream relocation on a tributary of the Flint River in Michigan



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Brent Run Creek Relocation

- 4,000 ft of stream relocated in 2015
- Landfill was projected to reach capacity – needed to expand
- Permit requirements included 10 years of geomorphic stream monitoring
- 5 permanent monitoring stations established







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Existing Stream

- Steep banks
- Bank erosion, undercut banks
- Top of bank 1-2ft higher than bankfull elevation







Design & Construction

- Reference reach data
- Flow monitoring, sediment transport monitoring
- Calibrated hydraulic and sediment transport models
- Riffles, pools, LWD, oxbows
- 0.15% channel slope













2015

Aerial of relocated channel during construction





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MONITORING STATIONS



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SURVEYING CROSS SECTIONS





Surveyed Cross Sections



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INNER BERM FORMATION AND BANK EROSION





Bed and Bank Stability







Riffle Particles











FLOODPLAIN CONNECTIVITY







STABLE OUTER BEND WITH VEGETATION ESTABLISHED







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