



June 10, 2013

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Re: City of Austin Environmental Assessment Report  
VRI Site  
1201 Robert E. Lee Road  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Ranger Project No. 4120  
*Sent Via Electronic Format*

Dear Mr. Radke:

Ranger Environmental Services, Inc. (Ranger) is pleased to provide a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) report for the referenced site. The EA was conducted in accordance with the City of Austin Land Development Code (LDC), Section 25-8-121.

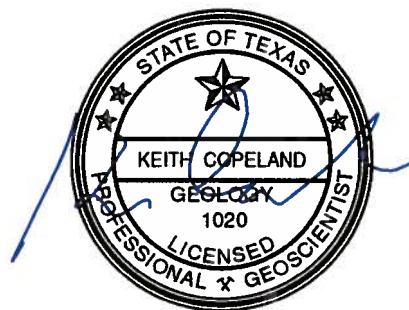
The results and opinions documented within this EA are based solely on the professional opinion(s) of Ranger. Additionally, our opinions are based on the field conditions as they were observed during our field inspections. It should be noted that only areas readily accessible were inspected. There may be environmental features and/or critical environmental features (CEFs) present that were not identified as part of this study. This visual field assessment cannot wholly eliminate the possibility of environmental features and/or CEFs at the site. It should be noted that some CEFs may be seasonal or weather dependent and therefore not observed. Ranger is not liable for CEFs that may be exposed, created or identified after the date of our field assessments.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our services. Should you have any questions or require additional services, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-335-1785 ext. 22.

Sincerely,

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**Ranger Environmental Services, Inc.**

Enclosure



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**CITY OF AUSTIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**VRI SITE  
1201 ROBERT E. LEE ROAD  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704**

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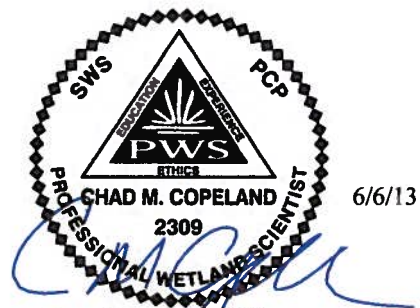
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**CITY OF AUSTIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT  
VINSON RADKE INVESTMENTS  
1201 ROBERT E. LEE ROAD  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Purpose**

Ranger Environmental Services, Inc. (Ranger), performed an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the City of Austin Land Development Code (LDC), Section 25-8-121 for the subject property located at 1201 Robert E. Lee Road, in Austin Texas. Site field investigations were conducted on May 14, May 23, May 28, and June 5, 2013. The City of Austin requires that an EA be performed when a proposed development is located: over a karst aquifer, within an area draining to a karst aquifer or reservoir, in a water quality transition zone, in a critical water quality zone, in a flood plain, or on a tract with a gradient of more than 15 percent.

**1.2 Scope of Work**

On May 14, May 23, May 28, and June 5, 2013, Ranger performed an EA at the subject property. The Ranger field team included Project Geologist, Mr. Keith Copeland (P.G.), Senior Biologists, Mr. Chad M. Copeland (PWS) and Mr. Todd B. Standlee, and Environmental Technician, Mr. Robby Proctor. The subject site was investigated on 50-foot transects where possible by way of foot in order to identify potential critical environmental features (CEFs) as defined by the City of Austin LDC, Section 25-8-121.

**2. Background**

**2.1 Site Description and Features**

The subject property is located on an approximate 3 acre lot at 1201 Robert E. Lee Road in Austin, Texas. The site is located south of Barton Springs Road (*Please see Attachment A*).

- Site address: 1201 Robert E. Lee Road, Austin, Texas 78704
- Site Features: One residential structure and attached garage
- Site elevation: ~530 - 575 feet above mean sea level
- General Coordinates: N 30.2593, W 097.7712
- Land Use: Residential and undeveloped native vegetation
- Surface Drainage: Towards the west/northwest along Robert E. Lee Road and east/northeast on the eastern portion of the site
- Adjacent Property Use:



- North: Residential
- South: Residential
- East: Residential
- West: Robert E. Lee Road and Residential

### **3. Critical Environmental Features**

In compliance with the City of Austin, an EA must identify all critical environmental features (CEFs) on the subject property and propose protective measures for those features. The feature types to be identified are as follows: springs, bluffs, canyon rimrocks, caves, sinkholes and recharge features and wetlands.

During the field assessment a scour pool was noted in the unnamed tributary to Barton Creek with water issuing from the pool area. This area is located at coordinates N 30.2589 and W 097.7707 and was investigated as a possible spring. Upon investigation Ranger determined that the scour pool is located at the contact of the Buda Limestone and Del Rio Clay. At the outcrop, the Buda Limestone is a massive, fractured, weathered limestone. The underlying Del Rio Clay is primarily clay, which is much less competent than the overlying limestone. The contact of the two units is well displayed in the creek. At the contact, in the absence of the harder overlying Buda Limestone, the creek has developed a small water fall and eroded a scour pool. The scour pool is an erosion feature within the creek bed. The scour pool measures approximately 18 feet in diameter and appears to be approximately three feet deep.

Exposed within the scour pool is a City of Austin 8-inch diameter waste water line. The City of Austin construction plans were obtained and reviewed. Copies of the plans are provided in Attachment H. The waste water line appears to have been installed in 1988. In this area of the creek, the line was bored below the creek bed and installed. An old 8-inch diameter waste water line was also located in the creek bed and was abandoned in place.

The plans indicate that the waste water line was placed approximately two feet below the bottom of the scour pool. Erosion has caused the waste water line to be exposed. The plans indicate that the line was placed by boring below the creek, while 280 feet upstream, it is encased in concrete.

The City of Austin reported that the waste water line has a hole in it and the City has conducted water quality testing of the creek at the scour pool. The test results confirm high levels of *E. coli* bacteria at the scour pool. The City of Austin test results are presented in Attachment I.

Ranger has discussed this project with the City of Austin, conducted field investigations of the site, and reviewed geologic reports. It is Ranger's professional opinion that the water issuing from the scour pool appears to be related to the utilities below the creek bed rather than a spring issuing from Del Rio Formation. This conclusion is based, in part, on the following:



- The Buda Limestone and Del Rio Clay contact is exposed. There is no spring flow at the contact.
- The utilities below the creek appear to be acting like a french drain, collecting surface water and the water is following the backfill material of the new and abandoned waste water lines.
- The limestone exposed above the scour pool is fractured, therefore allowing surface water to communicate with the utility corridor.
- The City of Austin reportedly conducted a camera survey of the line approximately two years ago. No holes were observed. The positive *E. coli* tests suggest that water and waste water can migrate along the backfill of the waste water lines. The source of the *E. coli* (e.g. manway, line, service line, etc.) is unknown. If there is no hole in the line, then there has to be an avenue of transport along the line, (i.e., utility backfill).
- No faulting was observed in the creek or study area.
- The waste water line exposed at the scour pool appears to be larger than 8-inches in diameter. The line may be encased.

#### **4. Hydrogeologic Elements**

##### **4.1 Topography**

The site topography ranges from generally flat at the center of the subject property to increasing relief towards the west, north, and east. The western portion slopes north/northwest at 0 to 10 percent and the eastern portion slopes east/northeast at 5 to 40 percent. A small drainage feature bisects the tract on the far eastern edge with a flow direction generally to the north. The topographic map for this area documented general elevation changes on the site ranging from approximately 535 – 575 feet above mean sea level. A copy of the topographic map is included in Attachment B. According the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the subject property is located in an Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. A copy of the TCEQ Edwards Map is presented in Attachment C.

##### **4.2 Soils**

Pursuant to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service, the soils at the site consist of the Tarrant soils and Urban land, 15 to 18 percent slopes (TeE), the Tarrant soils and Urban land, 18 to 40 percent slopes (TeF), and the Urban land and Brackett soils, 1 to 12 percent slopes (UuE). The soils are residuum weathered from limestone. The Tarrant soils are typically very stony clay while the Brackett soils are typically clay loam; both are classed as hydrologic soil group D. Complete soil data is included on the attached USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Custom Soil Resource Report for Travis County, Texas, 1201 Robert E Lee Road, Austin, TX 78704. A copy of the report is provided in Attachment D.



### 4.3 Geology

Referencing the Geologic Atlas of Texas, Austin Sheet, and The University of Texas Bulletin No. 3232, The Geology of Texas, Volume 1, the subject site is underlain by Cretaceous sedimentary strata. In general, the Cretaceous strata dip regionally towards the east-southeast. The area lies along the Balcones Fault Zone, a geologic province characterized in this region by north-northeast trending en echelon normal faults with the downthrown side most commonly to the east of the fault planes.

The local stratigraphic section for the area is the Del Rio Clay, Buda Formation, Eagle Ford Formation and alluvium. The Cretaceous Del Rio Formation is primarily calcareous and fossiliferous clay. In the unweathered section, the clay typically contains kaolinite and illite. The Del Rio is approximately 65 feet thick and provides a confining layer to the underlying Georgetown Formation. At the site, the Del Rio Clay was observed in an outcrop along the unnamed tributary to Barton Creek.

The Buda Limestone is a generally hard to massive, poorly bedded to nodular, fossiliferous limestone. The Buda is typically light grey which weathers to dark grey to brown. The limestone is argillaceous near the upper contact. Burrows are present and typically filled with chalky marl. The Buda Limestone is exposed in the unnamed tributary to Barton Creek and is a characterized as a buff, weathered massive, fractured limestone.

The Eagle Ford Group generally consists of shale and chalky limestone. The Eagle Ford Group can be silty, grading to calcareous siltstones, flaggy, and contain bentonite and similar clayey material in thin seams interbedded with the flagstones and shale.

Alluvial sediments are present along the creek and in terrace deposits. Referenced geologic maps are provided in Attachments E and F.

### 5. Conclusions

As previously stated, Ranger conducted an EA in accordance with the City of Austin Land Development Code (LDC), section 25-8-121 for the subject property located at 1201 Robert E. Lee Road, Austin, TX 78704 on May 14, May 23, May 28, and June 5, 2013. Based primarily on the conducted field investigation, geologic data available, and past utility construction information provided by the City of Austin, Ranger opines that a natural spring is not currently present on the subject property and that the water upwelling from the scour pool appears to be related to the utilities below the creek bed rather than a spring issuing from Del Rio Formation

### 6. Recommendations

Ranger recommends that the Project Engineer review this report and incorporate the use thereof as necessary.



## **7. Limitations**

Ranger conducted this study in accordance with the City of Austin LDC Section 28-8-121. Ranger did not conduct a geotechnical study.

It should be noted that only areas readily accessible were inspected. There may be environmental features present that were not identified as part of this study. This visual field assessment cannot wholly eliminate the possibility of critical environmental features at the site. Overgrown vegetation may have obscured site conditions.

It should be noted that environmental conditions may be documented in public records that were not reviewed. No EA can wholly eliminate the uncertainty regarding the potential for critical environmental features.

The report was limited to information concerning the observed physical characteristics of the property and standard environmental record sources. Information gathered for this report was reasonably ascertainable, publically available, and practically reviewable.

Maps, aerial photographs, or similar documents in the report may show approximate locations, property boundaries, or similar information and are included to assist the reader in visualizing the property. Ranger has made no land survey of the property.

Ranger assumes there are no hidden or unapparent environmental conditions and/or features of the property. Ranger assumes no responsibility for such conditions or inspections which might be required to discover such conditions and/or features.

Information gathered and reported from the site reconnaissance is based on the conditions existing on the date of Ranger's visit to the property. Property conditions are dynamic and subject to change, variations at the property could exist which were not documented in this report.

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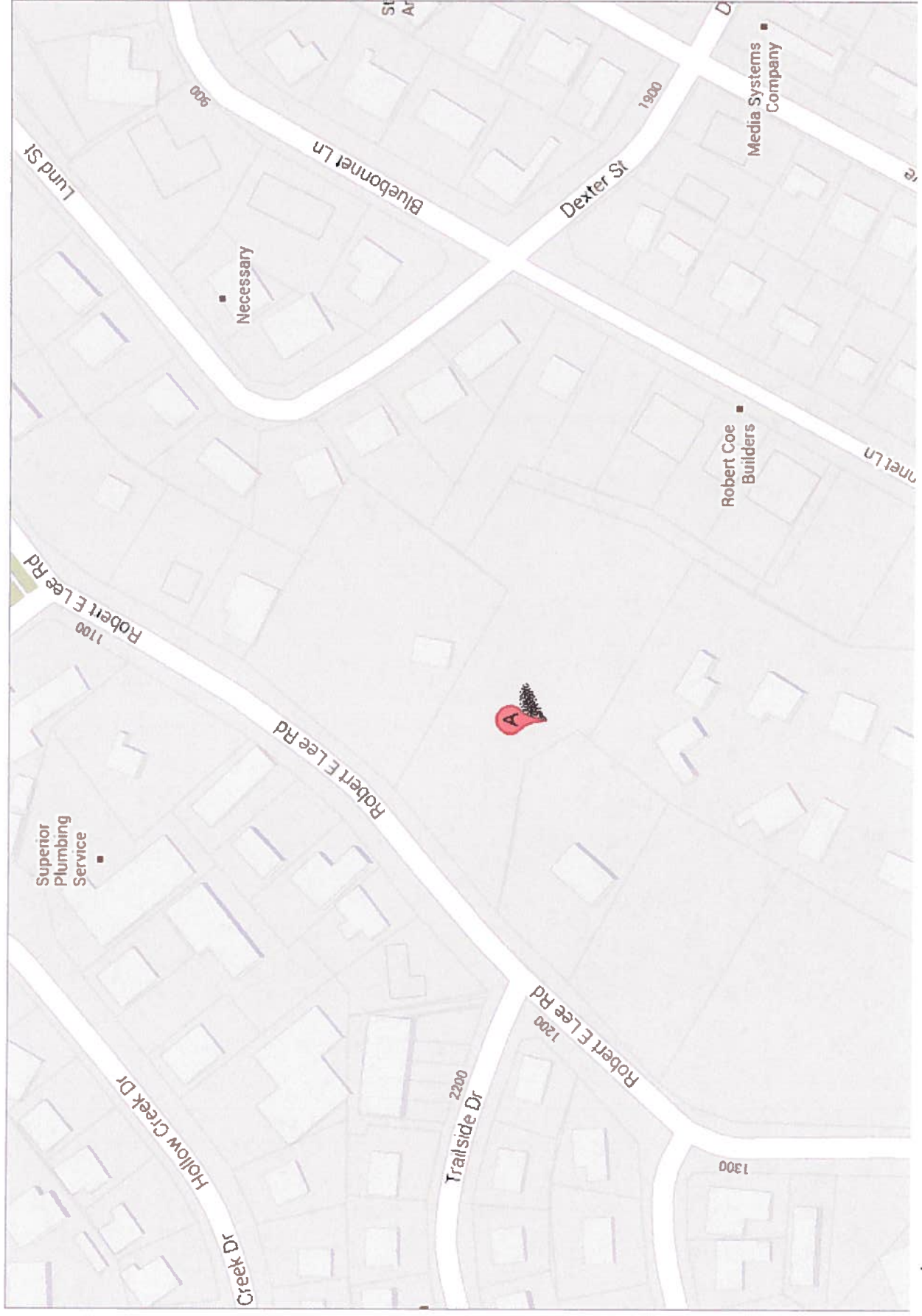


**ATTACHMENT A  
SITE MAP(S)**





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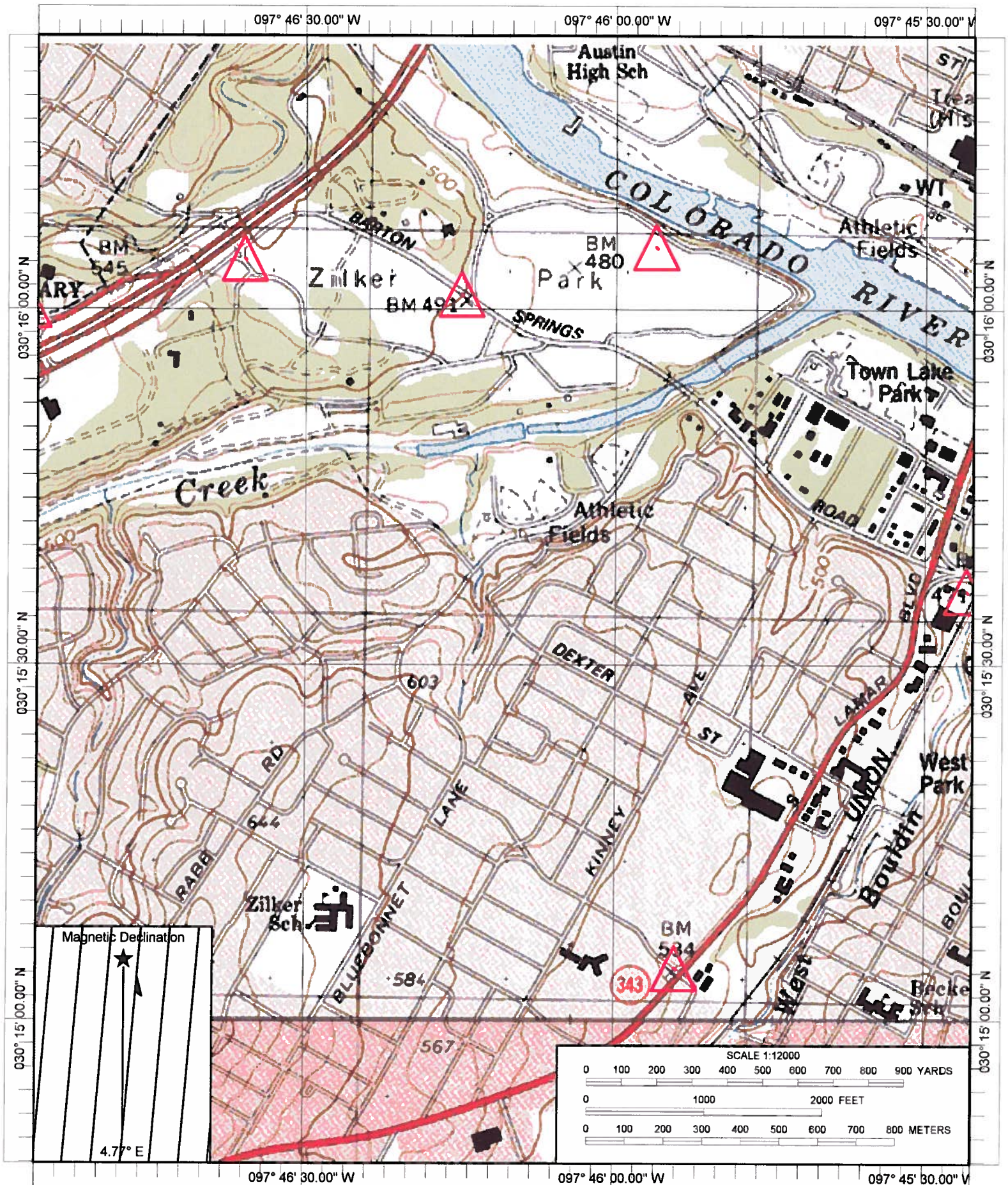
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**ATTACHMENT B  
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**





Name: AUSTIN WEST  
 Date: 6/3/2013  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 1000 feet

Location: 030° 15' 35.58" N 097° 46' 10.77" W NAD27  
 Caption: VRI COA EA  
 Topography Map

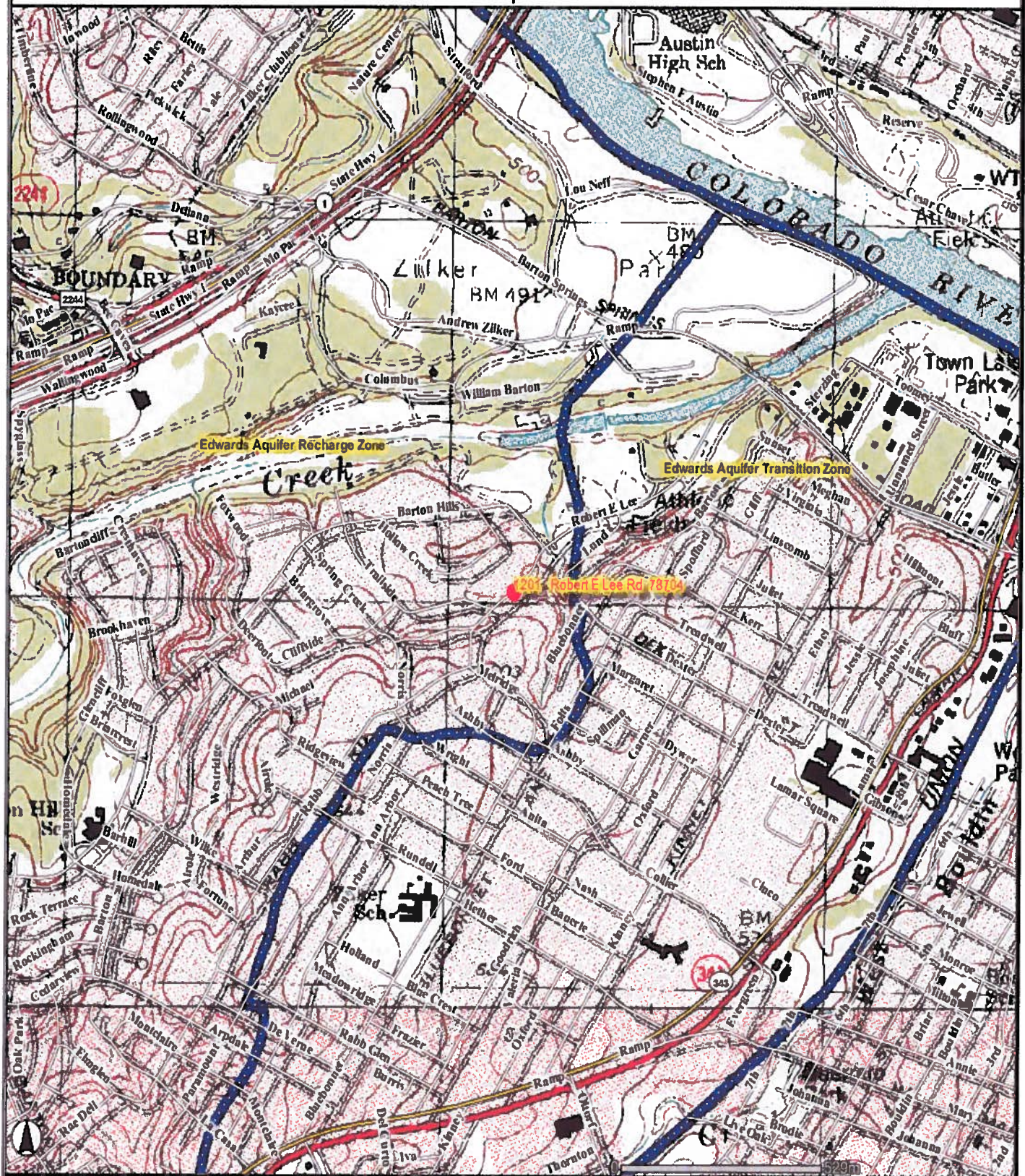
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**ATTACHMENT C  
TCEQ  
EDWARDS AQUIFER MAP**



## Edwards Aquifer Viewer



VRI Site - Environmental Assessment



**ATTACHMENT D  
NRCS SOIL SURVEY**





A product of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local participants

# Custom Soil Resource Report for Travis County, Texas





# Preface

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Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist ([http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state\\_offices/](http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/)).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Soil Data Mart Web site or the NRCS Web Soil Survey. The Soil Data Mart is the data storage site for the official soil survey information.

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# **How Soil Surveys Are Made**

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Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the



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individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.



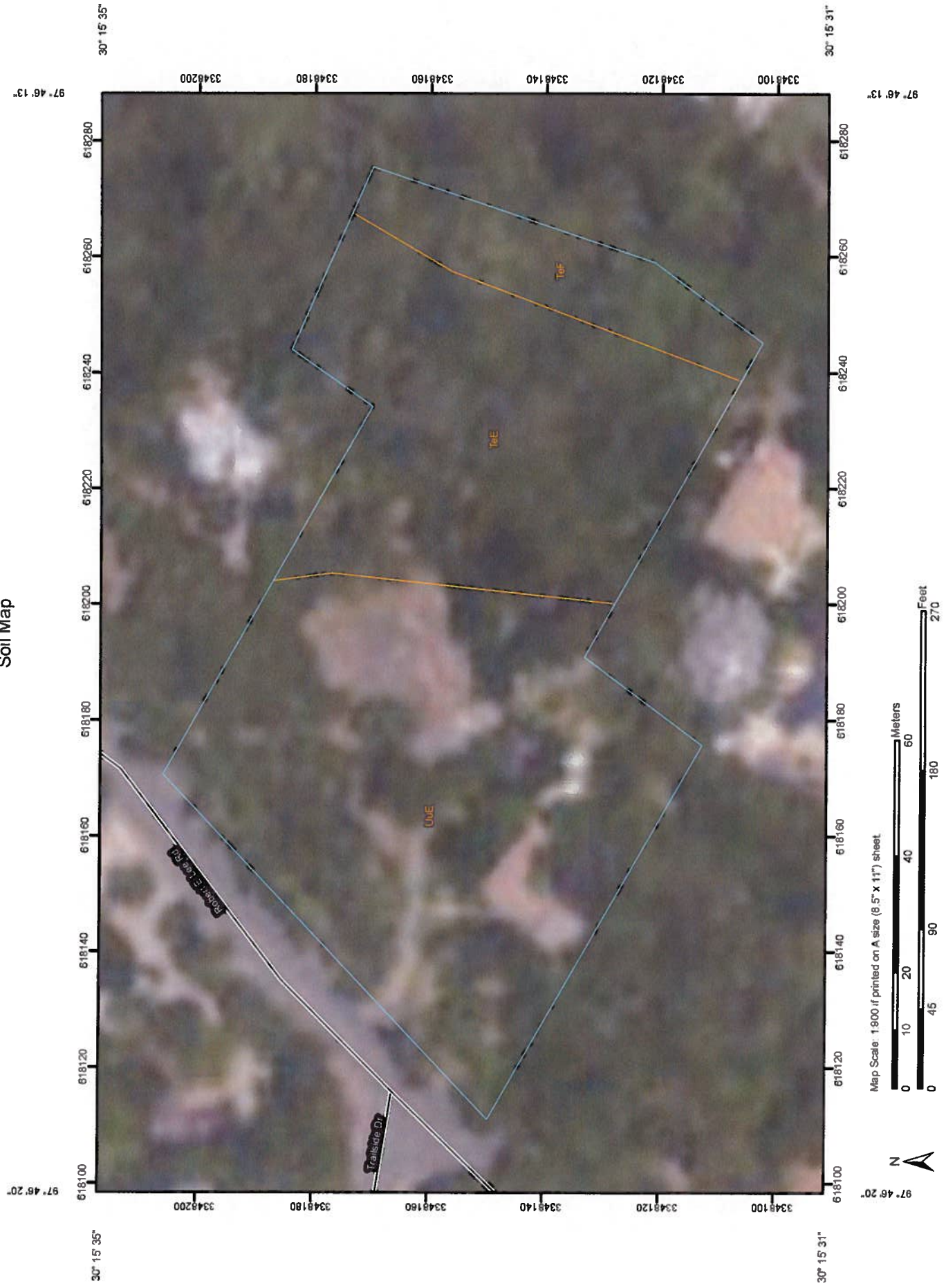
# Soil Map

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The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



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Soil Map





MAP LEGEND

MAP INFORMATION

- Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)
- Soils
- Soil Map Units
- Special Point Features

Blowout

Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

Closed Depression

Gravel Pit

Gravelly Spot

Landfill

Lava Flow

Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

Saline Spot

Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Sodic Spot

Spoil Area

Stony Spot

- Special Line Features

Gully

Short Steep Slope

Other
- Political Features

Cities
- Water Features

Streams and Canals
- Transportation

Rails

Interstate Highways

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Map Scale: 1:900 if printed on A size (8.5" x 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 14N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Travis County, Texas  
Survey Area Data: Version 13, Sep 21, 2012

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Data not available.

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.



## Map Unit Legend

Travis County, Texas (TX453)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
TeE	Tarrant soils and Urban land, 5 to 18 percent slopes	0.8	35.4%
TeF	Tarrant soils and Urban land, 18 to 40 percent slopes	0.2	9.5%
UuE	Urban land and Brackett soils, 1 to 12 percent slopes	1.2	55.1%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>2.3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments



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on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.



## Travis County, Texas

### TeE—Tarrant soils and Urban land, 5 to 18 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*Landscape:* Plateaus  
*Elevation:* 0 to 4,000 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 60 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 54 to 73 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 180 to 310 days

#### Map Unit Composition

*Tarrant, pe >44, and similar soils:* 70 percent  
*Urban land:* 25 percent  
*Minor components:* 5 percent

#### Description of Tarrant, Pe >44

##### Setting

*Landform:* Plains  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Residuum weathered from limestone

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 5 to 18 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 6 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.57 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 40 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 0.6 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland  
*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 7s  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

##### Typical profile

*0 to 8 inches:* Very stony clay  
*8 to 12 inches:* Bedrock

#### Description of Urban Land

##### Interpretive groups

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland  
*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 8s

##### Typical profile

*0 to 40 inches:* Variable



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### Minor Components

#### Unnamed, minor components

*Percent of map unit: 5 percent*

### TeF—Tarrant soils and Urban land, 18 to 40 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*Landscape: Plateaus*

*Elevation: 0 to 4,000 feet*

*Mean annual precipitation: 8 to 60 inches*

*Mean annual air temperature: 54 to 73 degrees F*

*Frost-free period: 180 to 310 days*

#### Map Unit Composition

*Tarrant, pe >44, and similar soils: 80 percent*

*Urban land: 15 percent*

*Minor components: 5 percent*

#### Description of Tarrant, Pe >44

##### Setting

*Landform: Plains*

*Down-slope shape: Convex*

*Across-slope shape: Linear*

*Parent material: Residuum weathered from limestone*

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope: 18 to 40 percent*

*Depth to restrictive feature: 6 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock*

*Drainage class: Well drained*

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.57 in/hr)*

*Depth to water table: More than 80 inches*

*Frequency of flooding: None*

*Frequency of ponding: None*

*Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 40 percent*

*Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)*

*Available water capacity: Very low (about 0.5 inches)*

##### Interpretive groups

*Farmland classification: Not prime farmland*

*Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s*

*Hydrologic Soil Group: D*

##### Typical profile

*0 to 6 inches: Very stony clay*

*6 to 12 inches: Bedrock*



## Custom Soil Resource Report

### Description of Urban Land

#### Interpretive groups

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 8s

#### Typical profile

*0 to 40 inches:* Variable

### Minor Components

#### Unnamed, minor components

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

## UuE—Urban land and Brackett soils, 1 to 12 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*Landscape:* Plateaus

*Elevation:* 0 to 4,000 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 60 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 54 to 73 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 180 to 310 days

### Map Unit Composition

*Urban land:* 40 percent

*Brackett and similar soils:* 35 percent

*Minor components:* 25 percent

### Description of Urban Land

#### Interpretive groups

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 8s

#### Typical profile

*0 to 40 inches:* Variable

### Description of Brackett

#### Setting

*Landform:* Ridges

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Convex

*Across-slope shape:* Convex

*Parent material:* Residuum weathered from limestone

#### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 1 to 12 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* 6 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock



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*Drainage class:* Well drained

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately low to high  
(0.06 to 1.98 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 90 percent

*Gypsum, maximum content:* 5 percent

*Available water capacity:* Very low (about 1.8 inches)

### **Interpretive groups**

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 6e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D

### **Typical profile**

*0 to 6 inches:* Clay loam

*6 to 14 inches:* Clay loam

*14 to 48 inches:* Bedrock

### **Minor Components**

#### **Unnamed, minor components**

*Percent of map unit:* 25 percent



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**ATTACHMENT E**  
**GEOLOGIC ATLAS OF TEXAS**



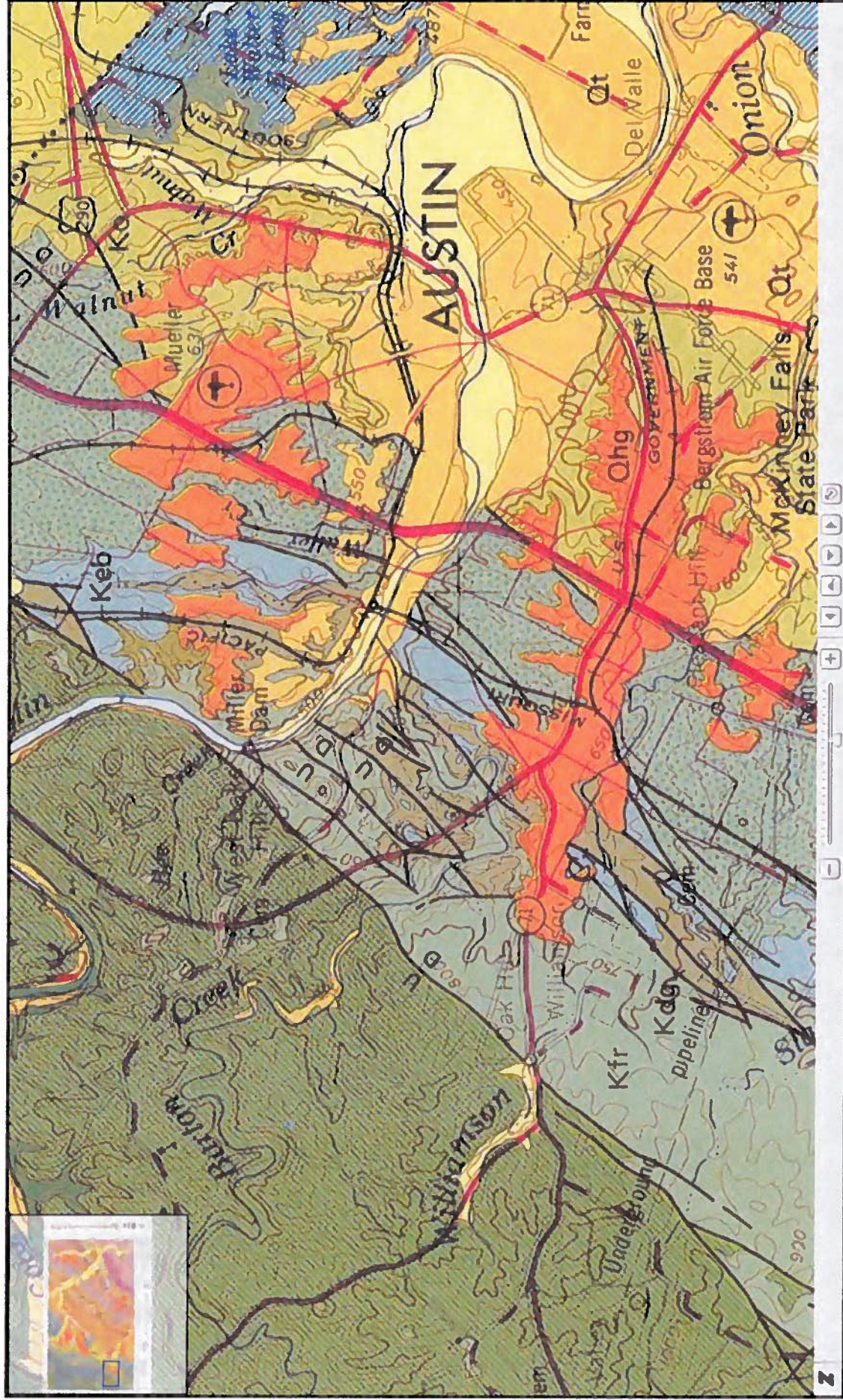


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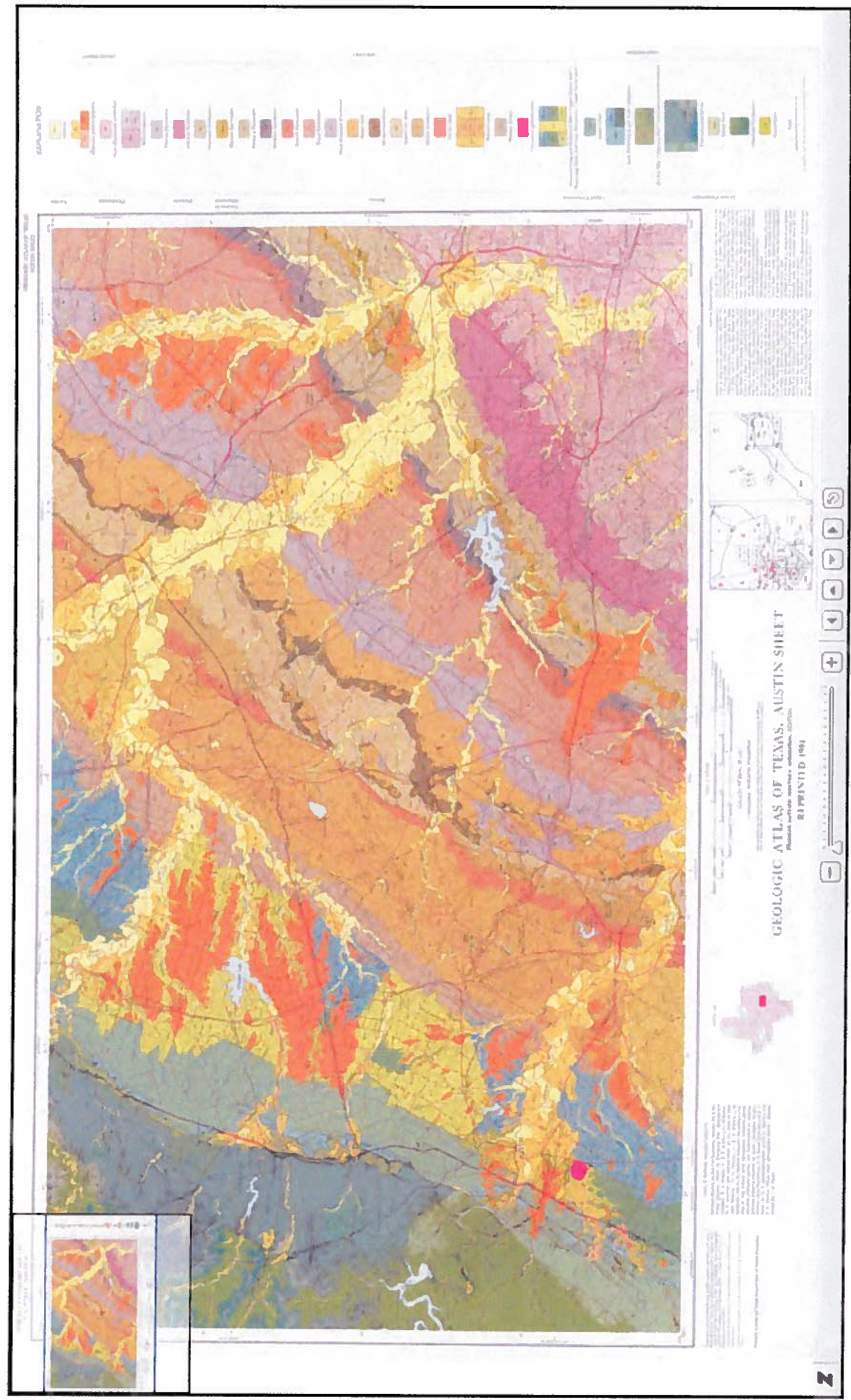


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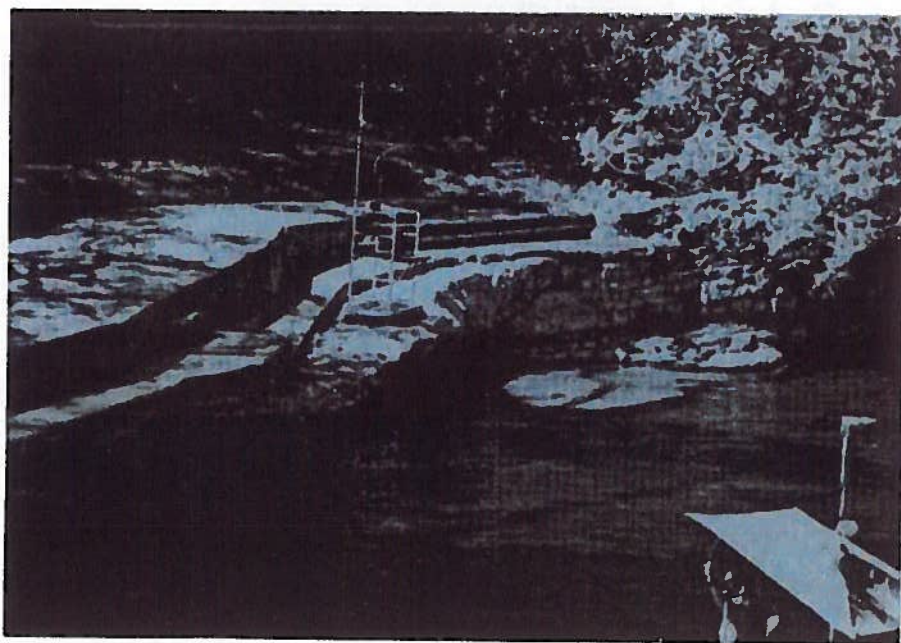
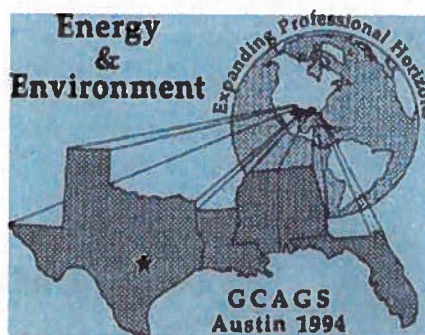


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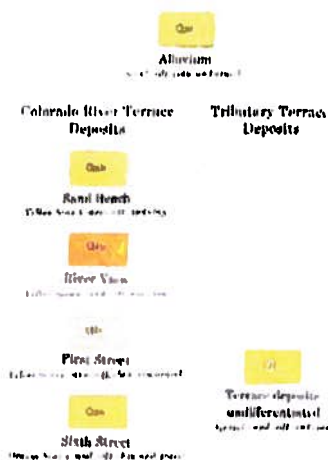
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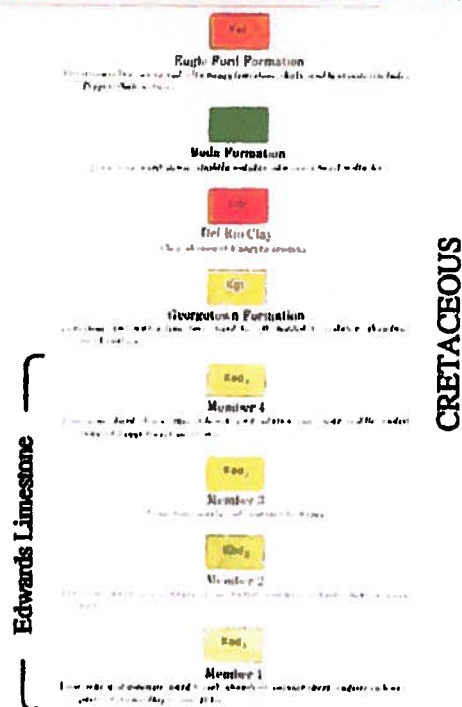
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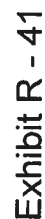
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**ATTACHMENT G  
FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAP**







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**ATTACHMENT I  
CITY OF AUSTIN RECORDS**



# CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY



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WASTEWATER

## PLANS OF PROPOSED

## RELOCATION OF 8 INCH WASTEWATER LINE

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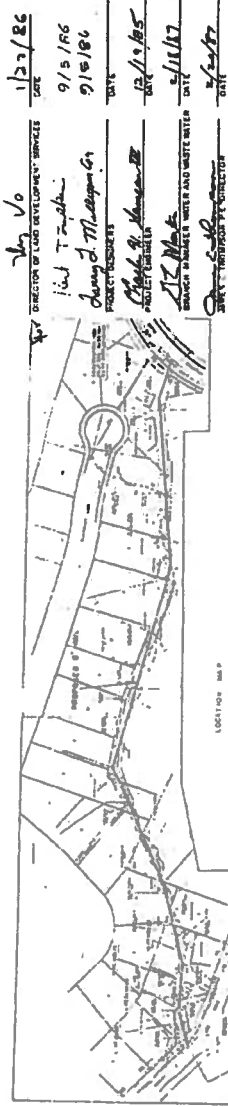
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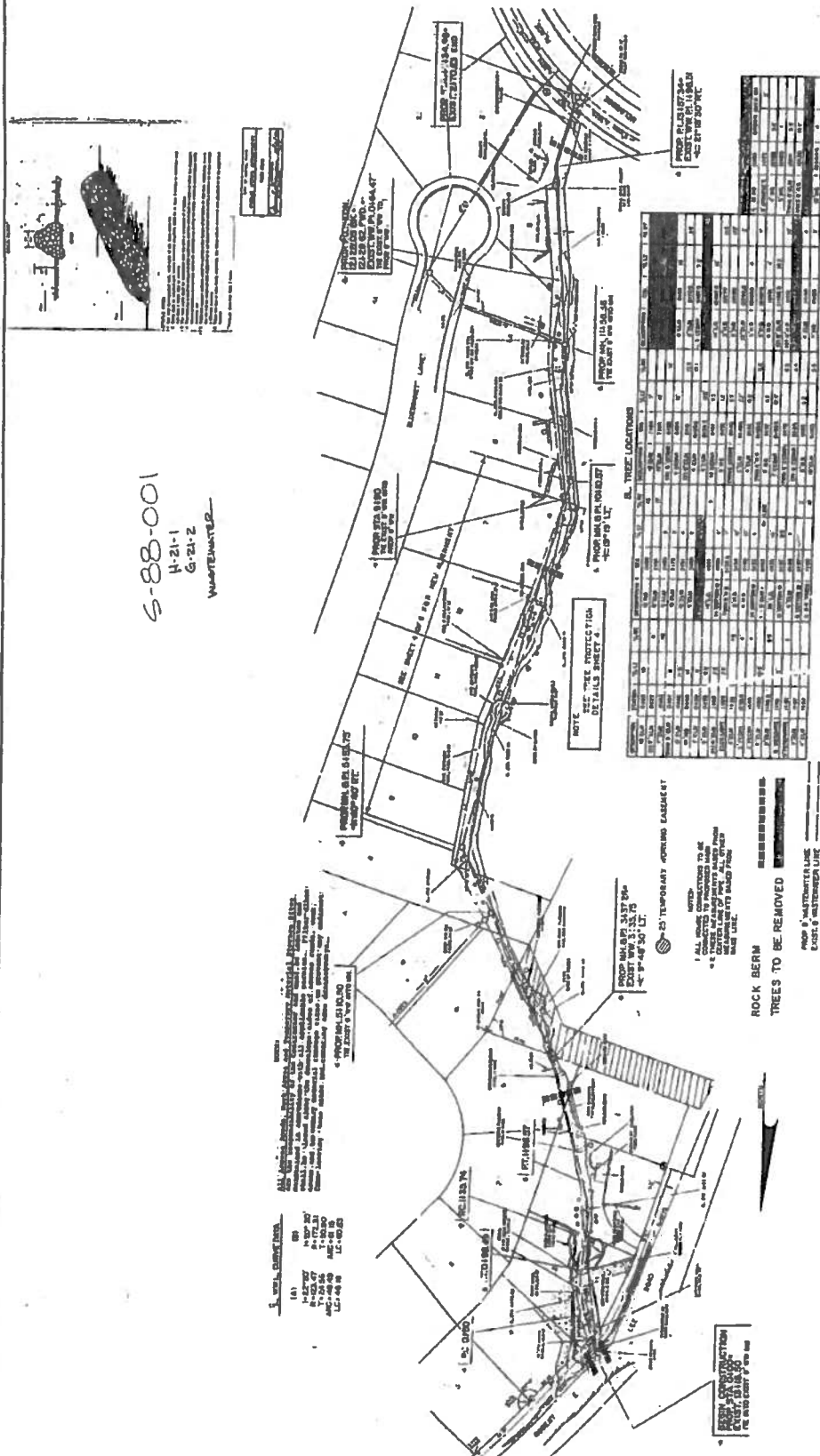
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Hauwert, Nico &lt;Nico.Hauwert@austintexas.gov&gt;

Mon, May 20, 2013 at 3:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Keith:

Below are readings I took with a Quanta meter both inside the grotto pool and upstream in the first sanitary sewer manhole. The total coliform and e coli we measured in our lab. I measured flow with a Marsh McBirney flow meter.

Site	Date	temp	spC	pH	Diss Oxygen	T. Coli	E. Coli	Flow Measurement				
		Deg C	uS/cm			(col/100ml)	(col/100ml)	widthft	depthft	velocity(ft/s)	flow(cfs)	flow (gal/min)
Little Zilker pool	4/30/2013 11:30	19.75	844	6.72	1.77	>24,210	1,553	0.3	0.1	0.57	0.0171	7.68
Sanitary sewer	4/30/2013 11:50	22.22	554	7.73	2.74	>24,210	>24,210					

Attached is historical description of the creek.

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Keith Copeland [REDACTED]

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**Plans**

Hauwert, Nico <Nico.Hauwert@austintexas.gov>  
To: Keith Copeland <[REDACTED]>

Wed, May 29, 2013 at 2:37 PM

Hi Keith:

The bacteria were read Friday here at our lab, but I was out of the office until today.

Grotto pool, 5/23/13 11:20: total coliform: >2,420 colonies/100ml, E. Coli: 387 colonies/100 ml.

Upwelling flow in pool: 5/23/13 11:30: total coliform: 5,504 colonies/100ml; E Coli: 598 (10% sample dilution)/649 colonies/100ml (undiluted)

Attached is my flow measurement, I got 3.0 gallons per min discharge from the grotto pool.

Thanks for the plans. It looks like the wastewater line was installed after 1987 sometime.

Also, as we discussed you might be interested in some of this free literature:

**Hauwert, Nico M., 2009, Groundwater Flow and Recharge within the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer, Southern Travis County and Northern Hays County, Texas: Ph.D. Diss., University of Texas at Austin, Texas. 328 p**  
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Remind me if there is anything else I promised to send you.

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**From:** kjcope762@gmail.com [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Keith Copeland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013 2:05 PM  
**To:** Hauwert, Nico  
**Subject:** Plans

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**ATTACHMENT J  
SITE PHOTOS**



## VRI SITE PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION



Photo 1 – Scour pool and manway in unnamed tributary to Barton Creek.  
The Buda Limestone and Del Rio Clay contact is exposed.



Photo 2 – Waste water line in scour pool.





Photo 3 – Typical view of the creek upstream of the scour pool. Note the fractured limestone.



Photo 4 – Exposure of active 8-inch waste water line downstream of scour pool.





Photo 5 – Abandoned 8-inch waste water line.





## MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** Nico Hauwert, Ph. D., PG, Sr Environmental Scientist

**DATE:** July 24, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Comments on Submitted Environmental Assessment and Water Discharge in Zilker Neighborhood Creek On or Adjacent to Proposed Bluebonnet Hills Site

In 2013, creek discharge commences below a grotto in an unnamed creek called by local residents as "Little Zilker Creek". The measured flow range, measured intermittently between March and July 2013, is about 2 to 8 gallons per minute. A small seep can be observed from the face of the moist grotto headwall, but most of the discharge occurs within a pool where the apertures cannot be observed. A pipe is exposed at the base of the grotto, and appears to have been bored in the base of the grotto. The discharge appears as a natural spring, although in a June 6, 2013 environmental assessment by Ranger Environmental and other response comments suggests that the flow is actual surface runoff diverted along the wastewater line rather than a natural spring. The City of Austin Environmental Criteria manual section 1.3.0 Environmental Assessment defined a spring as "*points or zones of natural groundwater discharge in upland and/or riparian zones which produce measurable flow down gradient of the source, or a pool, or both, or (during drought conditions) an area characterized by the presence of a mesic plant community (refer to Facultative-wet or Obligate plant species as listed in the National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands, South Plains, Region 6, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington D.C.)*" The Little Zilker pool feature follows the code definition of a spring. Although by definition the feature is known to be a spring, we are continuing to gather additional information on the spring and welcome any additional data.

The following comments below are made regarding the water discharge and pipe:

- 1) Several lines of evidence suggest that water discharge in the creek on the proposed Bluebonnet Hills site is actually a spring and not surface runoff diverted along a wastewater line
  - a. Groundwater springs commonly discharge from the Buda Limestone in the vicinity of its contact with the underlying Del Rio Clay. Each tributary on the south side of Barton Creek that exposes the Buda Limestone/Del Rio Clay contact includes a spring, including Barton Lodge Spring and two known springs between Brodie Oaks Mall and Barton Creek north of Loop 360. Continuous flow near the Buda Limestone and Del Rio Clay contact can be observed along Barton Springs Road just north of the site and along Lamar Boulevard just east of the site. Numerous examples of springflow from the vicinity of the Buda Limestone and Del Rio Clay contacts are evident along Shoal Creek in Pease Park. Each of these springs discharge within a few vertical feet of the contact of the Buda Formation and underlying Del Rio Clay, and not necessarily precisely at the contact.
  - b. The groundwater discharge is perennial, not ephemeral as would be expected if the creek were sustained by surface runoff. Since 1993, I have always observed flow where the



creek crosses under Robert E. Lee Road. In 2013, flow in the creek has been observed on at least seven visits at measured flow rates of two to eight gallons per minute.

- c. Basic water quality analysis I conducted indicate a spring water source. On March 8 and April 30, 2013 I measured specific conductance to range from 721 to 844  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . These values suggest water with a fair amount of dissolved constituent concentration, consistent with a spring source. For comparison I measured specific conductance of 679  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  at nearby Barton Springs on November 27, 2012, measured 554  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  in the sanitary sewer in the same “Little Zilker” creek on April 30, 2013, and typically measure CoA tap water and storm-water runoff to have specific conductance of about 200  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . Other field measurements of pH, temperature and dissolved oxygen are also consistent with spring water sources.
- d. Facultative-wet plant species are present in the moist head wall of the grotto, including maiden-hair fern (*Adiantum capillus-veneris*) and common lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*).



Figure 1. Photo taken June 28, 2013 showing moist headwall of grotto, “Little Zilker” pool, and submerged wastewater line.

- 2) In agreement with the EA, it does appear that the pre-1986 wastewater line trench may divert some of the groundwater. A hole visible at the top of the abandoned wastewater line sleeve or underlying trench visibly discharges a smaller portion of the entire discharge. However, given the boring and associated disturbance with the installation of two wastewater lines in the late 1980’s and earlier, it would be hard to imagine that this level of disturbance would not affect the spring by diverting at least a portion of the springflow, if only a few feet away from its original discharge orifice. The smaller water discharging from the sleeve appears to be groundwater and not wastewater. Even if the spring outlet was impacted by infrastructure, it still functions as a spring.
- 3) At this time we have not detected a leak of wastewater into the “Little Zilker” pool. *E. coliform* has been measured in 2013 ranging from 214 to 1,553 colonies/100 ml. These levels are common for urban source springs and urban runoff. For comparison, attached is the measured concentration of *E. coli* in runoff from Davis Lane in South Austin, where the source is roadway



and residential yards with no wastewater system leak source. As mentioned in 1c above the specific conductance of Little Zilker pool (721 to 844  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) is similar to Barton Springs (679  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) but is significantly higher than wastewater upstream in a Little Zilker Creek manhole (554  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ). In May, 2013 Austin Water Utility conducted a dye trace of the active wastewater line in Little Zilker Creek and a television survey and discovered no leaks of wastewater into the creek. In urban areas it can be expected that tap and wastewater leaks may occur, although any amount of wastewater contribution to Little Zilker spring would be small.

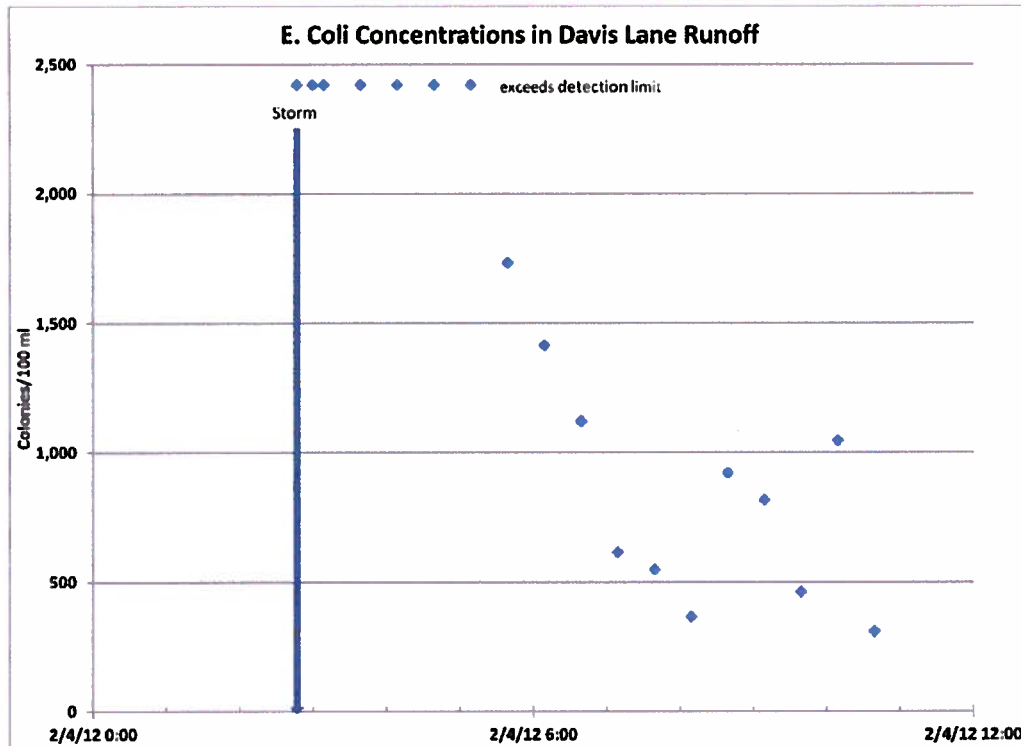


Figure 2. Comparison measurements of E. Coli from roadway runoff of Davis Lane in South Austin with no wastewater contribution. The level of E. Coli measured in roadway runoff is similar to concentrations measured in “Little Zilker” pool, and are typical for urban runoff and groundwater.

### Conclusion

Based on the available information, “Little Zilker “ pool appears to be springfed. It appears likely that the spring naturally discharged into the grotto, although two wastewater lines bored into or below the grotto may have impacted the spring. The flow is follows the Environmental Criteria Manual definition for a spring.