

# Stream Stabilization Plan

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## SIMILAR PROJECTS

Appendix F  
Plymouth Creek Restoration Project DRAFT  
Feasibility Study



Stone Toe Protection is constructed from cobble-sized rock on the creek edges. It extends to approximately the bankfull level, which will protect the channel banks for flow events that occur every 1 to 2 years or less. The material will extend into the ground to resist scour. Coarse gravel is used to separate the larger rock material from underlying soil. Stone toe protection is typically used in conjunction with revegetation of the upper banks.



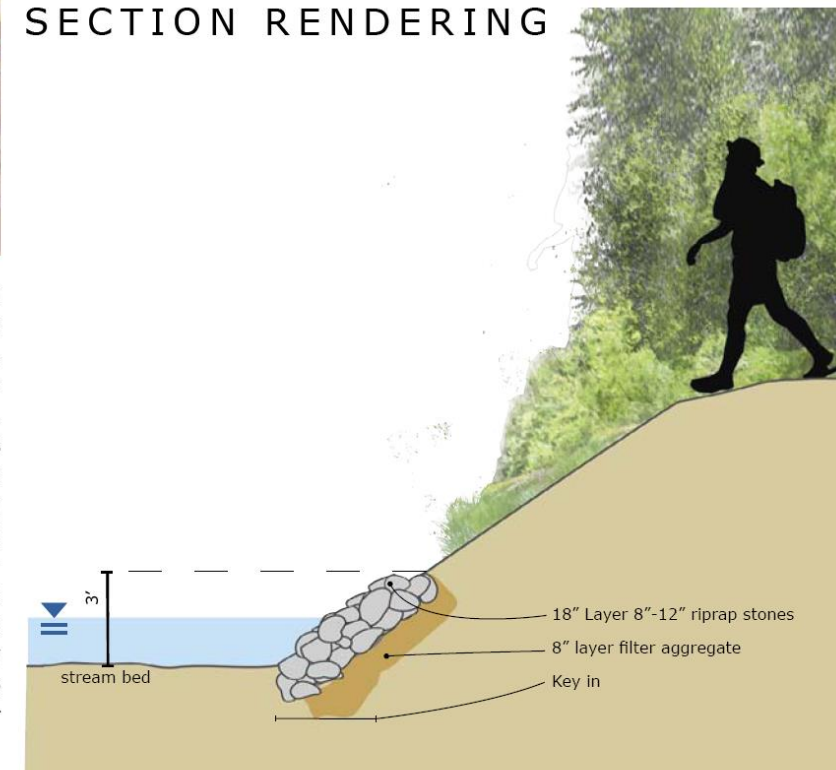
Stone toe protection has been used extensively in Nine Mile Creek's Lower Valley, in conjunction with deflector dikes, grade control measures and stabilization of large bank failures. Following the 1987 "super storm," the proposed design allowed the stream to continue its course while taking measures to protect areas where water flow was eroding valley walls. The resulting measures have stabilized the stream channel and valley walls while blending seamlessly with the natural environment.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS



Fluvial bank erosion is caused by water in the stream moving past the streambanks. The shear stress caused by the flow entrains soil particles into the flow, causing the stream bank to erode away. This is the most common type of erosion that occurs in streams. Virtually all streams experience this type of erosion as their flow path evolves over time. However, the rate of fluvial bank erosion can increase when the stream is out of equilibrium with its watershed. Increased flow from a watershed will increase the rate of fluvial bank erosion. In many cases, it appears to be a part of the natural process of stream evolution. In places where the channel is confined by the valley walls, however, fluvial bank erosion can lead to failure of the high banks. It can also undermine storm sewer inlets.

## SECTION RENDERING



## MATERIALS

Materials will consist of cobble-sized material with coarse gravel filter layer to provide separation from the underlying soil. Natural fieldstone material will be used.



# Stone Toe Protection

Bank Protection



# Stream Stabilization Plan



## EXISTING CONDITIONS



Channel incision occurs when there is an imbalance between the sediment supply and the sediment carrying capacity of the stream. Erosion will occur when the sediment carrying capacity of a stream exceeds the sediment supply. In streams with cohesive banks and steep channel slope, the erosion will first occur primarily on the channel bottom because that is where the erosive forces are the strongest. As the channel deepens, the stream will gradually become wider as the banks eventually fail. The stream will gradually return to equilibrium; however, the process can take many years and significant amounts of erosion will occur during the process.

Grade control measures are used where channel downcutting has occurred. Various types of weirs are commonly used to provide grade control on streams, particularly in steeper systems. Weirs can be constructed of sheetpile, concrete, or natural materials such as rock. In most cases, natural rock is used to emulate natural riffles. Large boulders would comprise the core of the structure, with smaller rock material placed on the upstream and downstream sides of the boulders to provide a gradual transition to the channel.

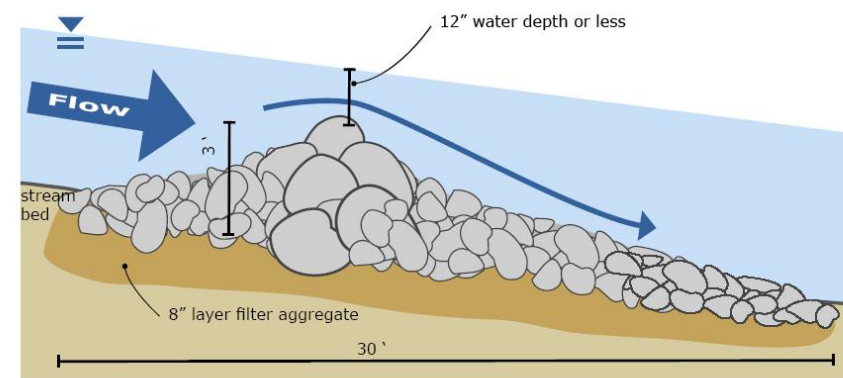
The riffles will serve to raise the surface of the water profile, and will reconnect the stream to its floodplain areas. Following the installation of the riffles, pools will be created upstream of the riffles. However, these pools will fill with sediment over time, which will in effect raise the channel bottom to the desired elevation.

## MATERIALS

Materials will consist of various gradations of rock, ranging from large, 3-foot boulders to coarse gravel.



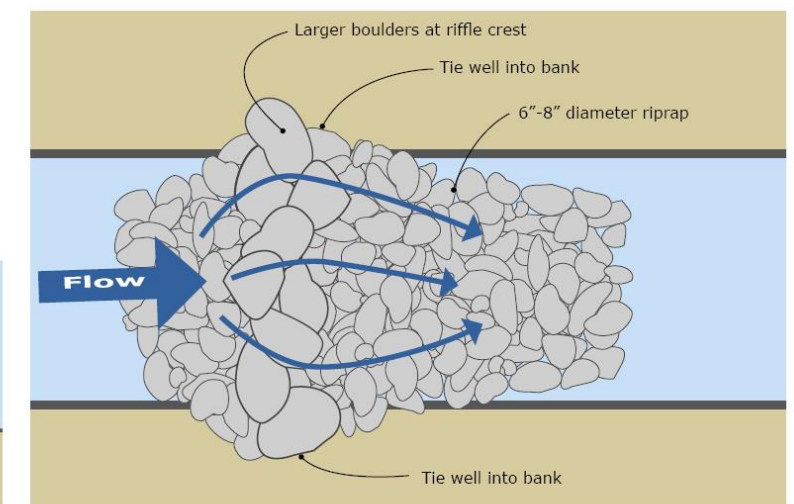
## SECTION/PLAN RENDERING



## SIMILAR PROJECTS



Following the 1987 "super storm," a rapids was constructed on Nine Mile Creek downstream of the 106th Street Bridge. The rapids was one of several grade-control structures that were installed on a three-mile stretch of creek in the lower valley. The proposal allowed the stream to continue its course while taking measures to protect areas where water flow was eroding valley walls. Protection measures included applying porous deflector dikes, burying sheetpile walls parallel to the creek to prevent undercutting of slopes, installing weirs (rock or capped sheetpile) to limit stream-bed degradation, and improving storm-sewer outlets.



Constructed Riffle  
Grade Control **BARR**

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Rock vanes are constructed from boulders on the creek bottom. They function by diverting channel flow toward the center and away from the bank. They are typically oriented in the upstream direction and occupy no more than one third of the channel width. Vanes are largely submerged and inconspicuous. The rocks are chosen such that they will be large enough to resist movement during flood flows or by vandalism, with additional smaller rock material to add stability. Rock vanes function in much the same way as root wads in that they push the stream thalweg (zone of highest velocity) away from the outside bend. They also promote sedimentation behind the vane, which adds to the toe protection.

Vanes can also be constructed from both banks, forming an upstream-pointing "V." In this configuration, the vane protects both banks and also provides grade control.

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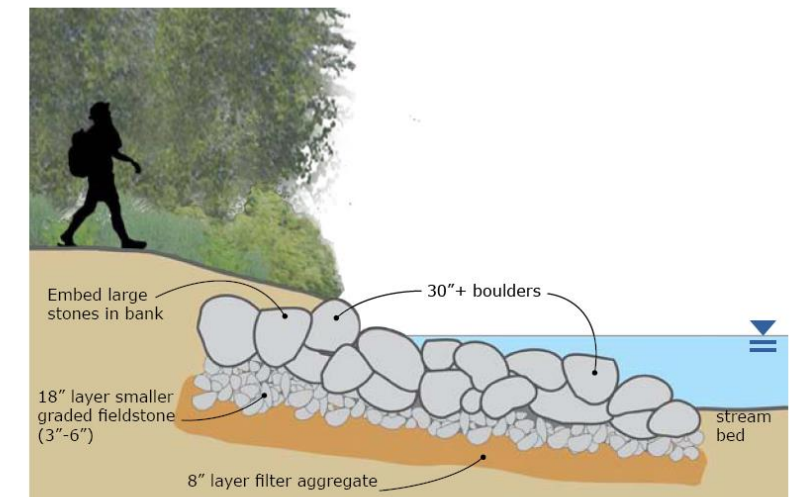
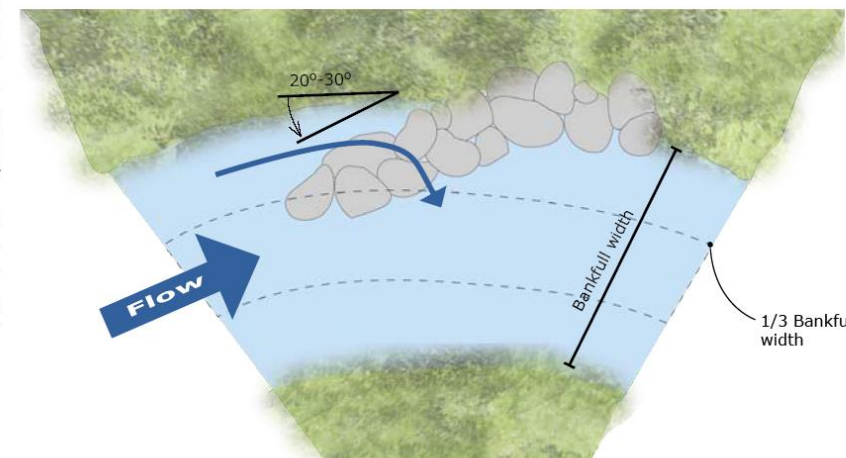
Here is an example of a stabilization project designed for a 1,000-foot long, 20-foot high streambank that was severely eroded. The channel was directed away from the bank toe by installing six rock vanes. The bank was planted with native vegetation and protected with erosion control blanket, while the terrace above the bank was graded to redirect surface runoff to a less vulnerable area. The restored streambank withstood significant flooding during 2001, and has become nicely vegetated (see picture above).

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## PLAN/SECTION RENDERING



**Rock Vanes**  
Bank Protection **BARR**

# Stream Stabilization Plan



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

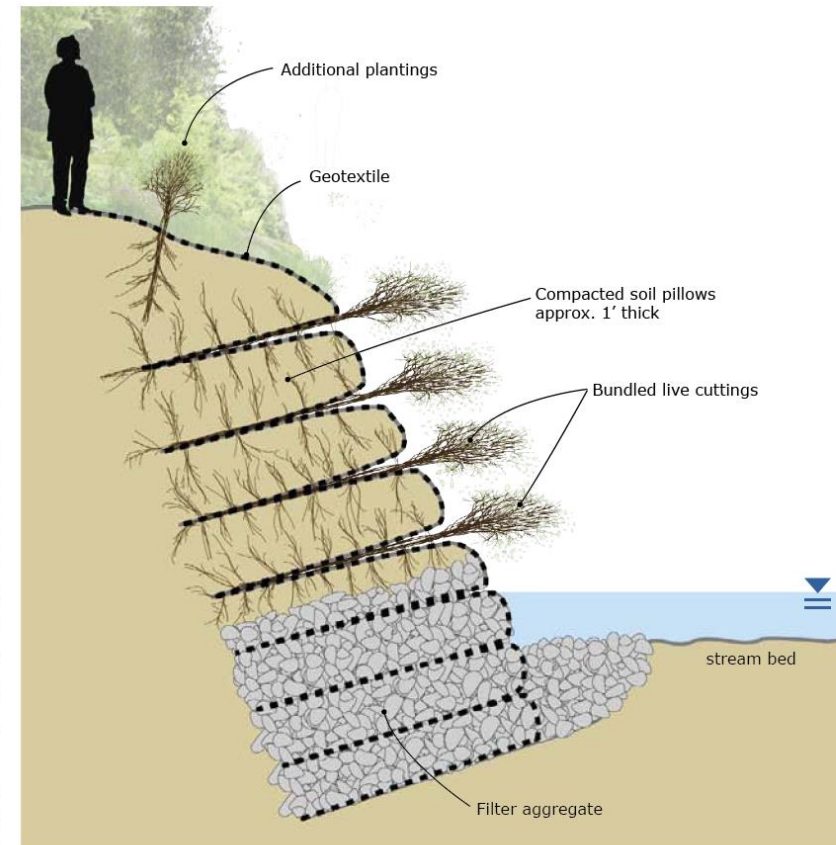


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Soil Pillows are utilized in a bioengineering method known as Vegetated Reinforced Slope Stabilization (VRSS). The method combines rock, geosynthetics, soil and plants to stabilize steep, eroding slopes in a structurally sound manner. VRSS typically involves protecting layers of soils with a blanket or geotextile material (e.g. erosion control blanket) and vegetating the slope by either planting selected species (often willow or dogwood species) between the soil layers or by seeding the soil with desired species before it is covered by the protective material. In either case, with adequate light and moisture, the vegetation grows quickly and provides significant root structure to strengthen the bank. This method tends to be labor intensive and, therefore, relatively expensive.

## SECTION RENDERING



In places where the channel is confined by the steep valley walls, however, fluvial bank erosion can lead to failure of the high banks. It can also undermine storm sewer inlets. For sites where groundwater seepage is a problem and where it is desirable to maintain steep banks, soil pillows are a feasible solution.

## SIMILAR PROJECTS



The Mill Creek Restoration Project utilized soil bioengineering design to stabilize 175 linear feet of severely eroding streambanks within the Caldwell Recreation Park in southeastern Ohio. The work included two 25-foot vegetated reinforced soil slope (VRSS) sections, two 50-foot fill bank sections protected with woven coir and direct woody plantings, and a 12.5-foot tie-in on the upstream and downstream end of streambank work area.

## MATERIALS

Materials consist of graded rock for the lower layers of the structure and for internal drainage, if necessary. Geotextile fabric is used to wrap the soil. Plants, such as willow or dogwood, or seed mixture is used for planting in and between the soil pillows.



**Soil Pillows**  
Bank Protection **BARR**

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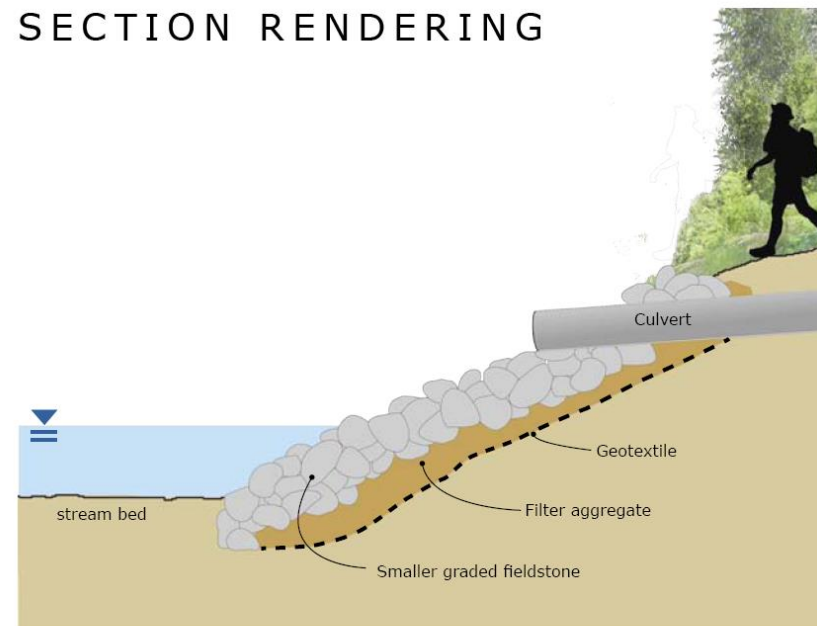
## EXISTING CONDITIONS



Erosion is frequently observed at culvert outlets for a variety of reasons, including insufficient erosion protection at the culvert outlet, streambank erosion, and channel downcutting, which leaves the culvert perched above the channel. Filter fabric is often used at culvert outlets to separate riprap protection from underlying soils, however the fabric provides a slippery surface for the riprap, which commonly slides into the channel.

Culvert Stabilization is somewhat unique to each situation, depending on the site circumstances. Most sites require additional rock placement with a granular filter layer (rather than filter fabric). Some cases may require re-alignment and/or lowering of the outlet to better align with the stream channel. Typically, outlets should be aligned in the downstream channel direction so that flow doesn't impinge on the opposite bank. It is usually desirable for the culvert to enter the stream at or just above the normal water level in order to minimize the potential for undercutting.

## SECTION RENDERING



## SIMILAR PROJECTS



There are many culvert stabilization designs used on various streams and rivers. Because they are often small projects, the work is often performed by local municipalities or completed as part of a larger project.

## MATERIALS

Materials consist of rock materials ranging from graded riprap (either fieldstone, or, for steep slopes, angular) and granular filter material (typically coarse gravel). If necessary, additional pipe, manholes and end sections may be necessary.



# Culvert Stabilization

Bank Protection



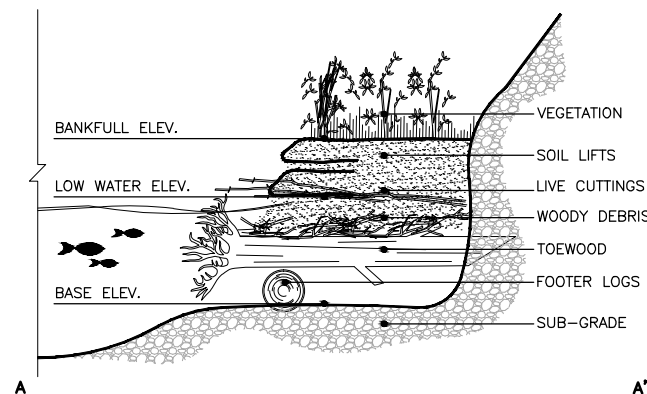
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### 1. INSTALLATION SUMMARY

TOEWOOD BENCH CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DONE IN DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS AFTER STREAM HAS BEEN DIVERTED AND SITE DEWATERED.

ENGINEER OR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT FOR INSTALLATION OF TOEWOOD BENCH.

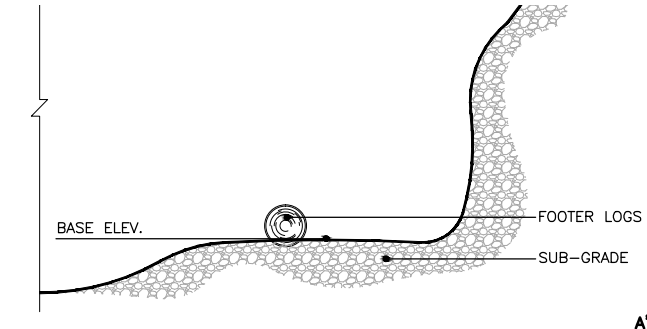
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### 2. SUBGRADE AND FOOTER LOGS

**SPECIFICATION:**  
 -8" TO 1' DIAMETER  
 -LIMBS REMOVED  
 -APPROX 10' LENGTH

**PLACEMENT:**  
 -EXCAVATE TO BASE ELEVATION - CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE EFFORT TO SEPARATE GRANULAR AND FINE FILL NATIVE MATERIAL FOR USE IN STEPS 4 AND 6.  
 -PLACE FOOTER LOGS 30 DEGREES FROM PARALLEL TO STREAM FLOW WITH ENDS STACKED CREATING A ZIG ZAG PATTERN (PLAN VIEW BELOW)  
 -MAINTAIN AVERAGE ELEV. OF 1' ABOVE BASE ELEV.

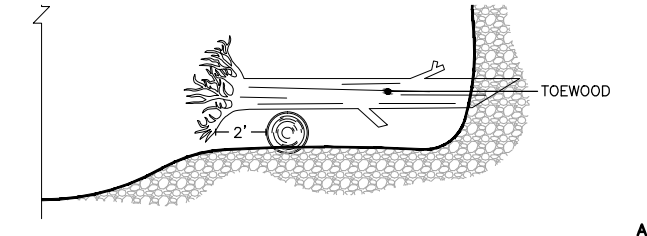


### 3. ROOT WADS & LRG WOODY DEBRIS

**ROOT WAD SPECIFICATION:**  
 -10" MIN DIAMETER  
 -LENGTH INDICATED IN DESIGN CROSS SECTION OR 10' MIN.  
 -LIMBS REMOVED  
 -ROOT WADS LEFT INTACT  
 -ENDS SHARPENED TO A POINT

**LARGE WOODY DEBRIS SPECIFICATION:**  
 -8" MIN DIAMETER

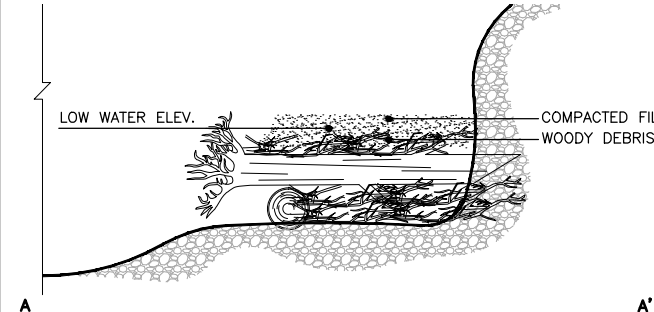
**PLACEMENT:**  
 -PLACE ROOT WADS HORIZONTALLY ON TOP OF FOOTER LOGS, OVERHANG ROOT WAD LOGS 2'  
 -ANGLE ROOTWADS UPSTREAM  
 -DRIVE SHARPENED TRUNKS MIN. 3' INTO BANK OR DIG IN  
 -PLACE 1 ROOT WAD PER FOOTER LOG  
 -PLACE 5 TO 7 LARGE WOODY DEBRIS LOGS BETWEEN ROOT WADS



### 4. WOODY DEBRIS & GRANULAR FILL

**SPECIFICATION:**  
 -WOODY MATERIAL (COMPOSED OF SMALL LIMBS AND BRANCHES, APPROX. 4" MAX DIAMETER AND SMALLER)  
 -DO NOT USE ROTTEN WOODY MATERIAL  
 -NATIVE GRANULAR FILL

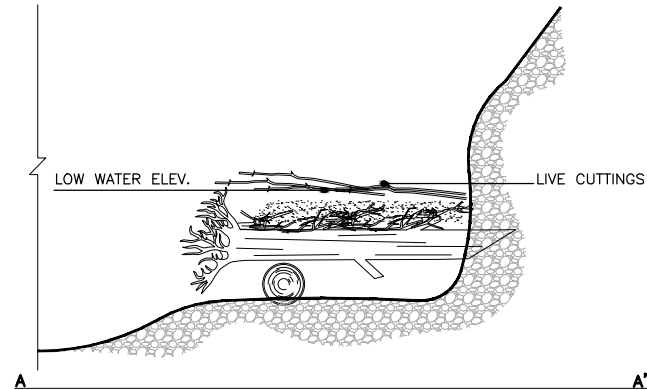
**PLACEMENT:**  
 -FILL BETWEEN FOOTER LOGS AND TOEWOOD WITH WOODY DEBRIS  
 -STACK WOODY DEBRIS TO LOW WATER ELEVATION  
 -LAYER NATIVE GRANULAR FILL ON TOP OF WOODY DEBRIS  
 -COMPACT SO THAT SETTLING OF FILL IS MINIMIZED BUT DEBRIS IS NOT DISPLACED  
 -COMPACTED FILL WILL MEET 2"-5" ABOVE LOW WATER ELEVATION



### 5. LIVE CUTTINGS

**SPECIFICATION:**  
 -SEE LIVE CUTTING DETAIL

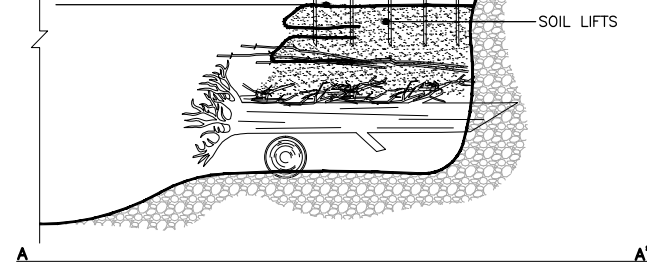
**PLACEMENT:**  
 -LAY CUTTINGS WITH A DENSITY OF 10 CUTTINGS PER LINEAL FOOT  
 -TOPS OF CUTTING WILL POINT TOWARD CHANNEL  
 -TRIM EXPOSED ENDS OF CUTTINGS, LEAVE NO MORE THAN 6" EXPOSED  
 -DEPOSIT NATIVE FILL OVER CUTTINGS AND WATER LIBERALLY, COMPRESS FILL TO 2"- 4"



### 6. SOIL LIFTS

**SPECIFICATION:**  
 -NATIVE FILL (FINE)  
 -1' FORMS  
 -MIN 6.5' WIDE ROLANKA BIOD-MAT 70, GEOCOIR 700, OR EQUAL LINED WITH MNDOT CAT II EROSION CONTROL BLANKET WITH NATURAL NETTING  
 -18" WOODEN STAKES (2X4 CUT AT ANGLE), PLACED AT 3' SPACING

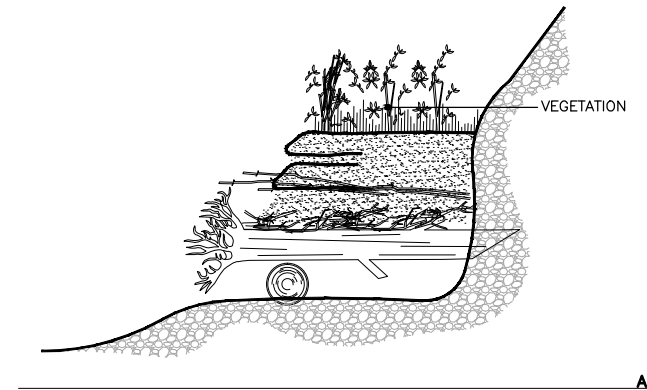
**PLACEMENT:**  
 -PLACE FORM  
 -LAY MIN 2.5' OF FABRIC (COCONUT BLANKET AND LINER) ALONG BENCH  
 -PLACE 1' OF FILL ON TOP OF MAT AND COMPACT  
 -WRAP FILL WITH REMAINING BLANKET AND SECURE WITH STAKES  
 -REPEAT UNTIL BANKFUL ELEVATION IS MET, STEP EACH LIFT BACK 1'  
 -FOR TOP SOIL LIFT, EXTEND BLANKET TO EXISTING GRADE/BANK BANKFULL ELEV.



### 7. VEGETATION

SEE VEGETATION PLAN FOR DETAIL

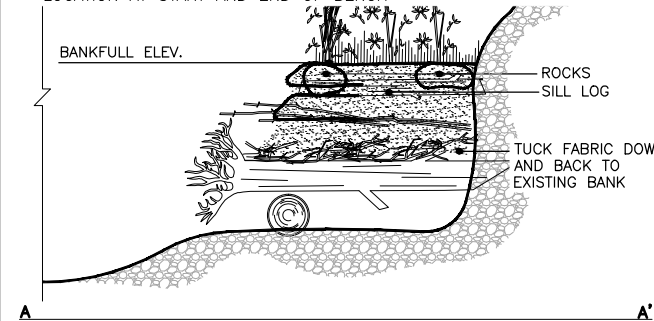
IF SEED IS CALLED FOR:  
 -PLANT SEED INSIDE OF SOIL LIFT PRIOR TO COVERING IN FABRIC  
 -PLANT SEED ON THE FACE OF EACH SOIL LIFT AS WELL AS ACROSS THE TOP SOIL LIFT



### 8. SILL LOGS & TERMINATION

**SPECIFICATION:**  
 -10" MIN DIAMETER  
 -LIMBS REMOVED  
 -LENGTH DETERMINED BY WIDTH OF TOEWOOD BENCH

**PLACEMENT:**  
 -PLACE ONE SILL LOG AT THE START AND END OF THE TOEWOOD BENCH PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF FLOW.  
 -PLACE LARGE ROCKS ON TOP OF SILL LOG, TOP OF ROCK WILL MEET BANKFULL ELEVATION  
 -TUCK SOIL LIFT BLANKET DOWN AND BACK TOWARDS EXISTING BANK  
 -TRANSITION BANKFULL ELEVATION TO EXISTING GRADE AT DETERMINED LOCATION AT START AND END OF BENCH



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