



# **Mendota-Grassman Greenway Conceptual Design**

**Public Information Meeting #1  
by City of Madison Engineering Division  
May 25, 2021**

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Use Q/A if you have questions.  
We will answer after the presentation



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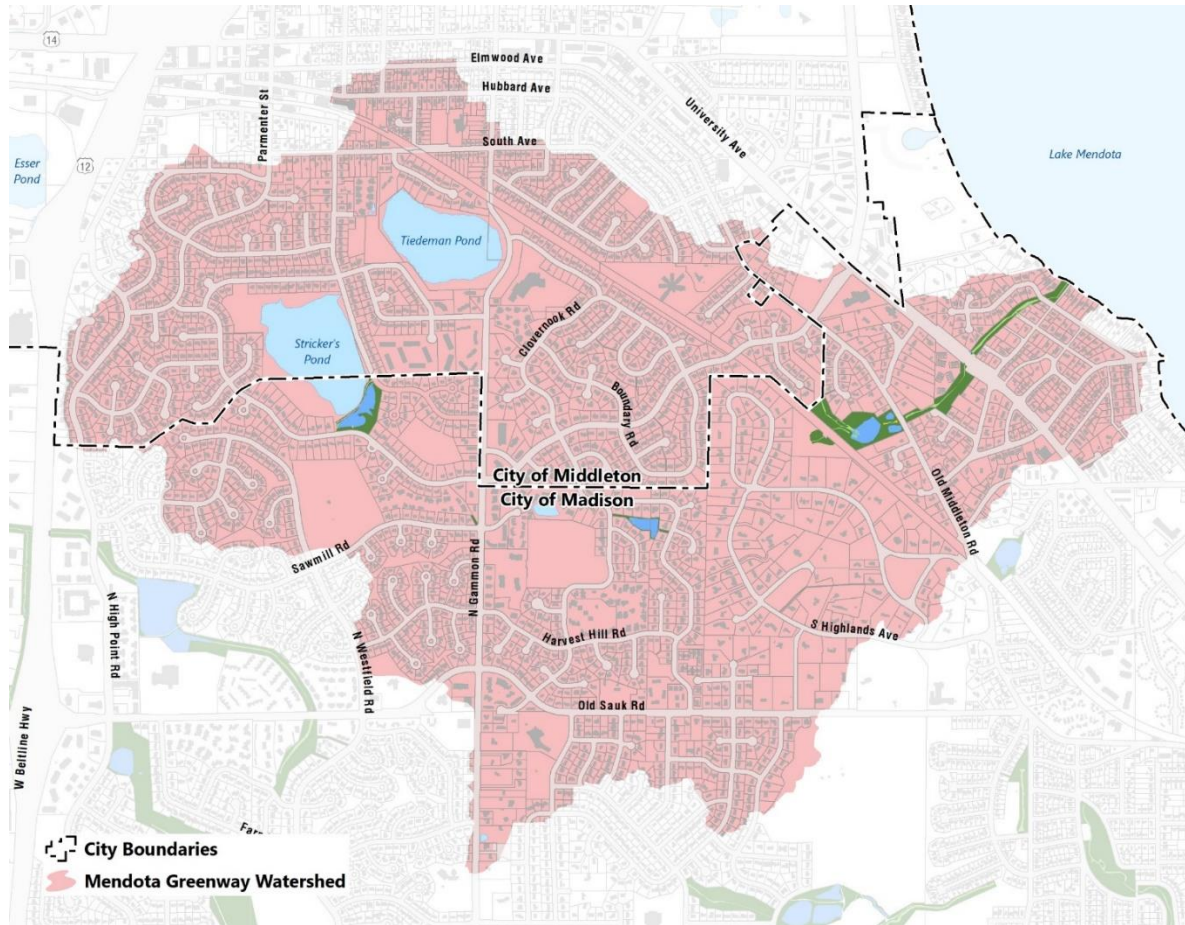
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# Project Background



## Stricker's/Mendota Watershed

*Began – February 2019*  
*PIM#3 – May 20, 2021*



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Engineering

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Home

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Sewer/Storm


Resources

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## Strickers/Mendota Watershed Study

Map

Satellite



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Last Updated: 05/20/2021

### Latest Update

5/20/2021 Update


Reminder: The public information meeting for this watershed will begin at 6 p.m., tonight! The meeting is virtual, so register and join us to see proposed solutions for this area. Free registration is required.  
[May 20, 2021 Public Information Meeting Registration](#)  
[Take the survey as the City works to learn more information to prioritize flooding projects.](#)

### Project Overview

The City of Madison is undertaking a watershed study in the Strickers/Mendota watershed (as shown below). The watershed study will identify causes of existing flooding and then look at potential solutions to try to reduce flooding. The study will use computer models to assist with the evaluations. A local consulting engineer, Brown and Caldwell, is performing this study.

[Watershed Studies Frequently Asked Questions PDF](#)

For more information please see the [Flash Flooding Story Map](#).<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Note: Please view the story map using Firefox or Google Chrome browsers. Story maps are not viewable with Internet Explorer.



### Project Details

- Project Type: [Sewer/Storm](#)
- Location(s):
  - 834 Pebble Beach Dr
  - Madison, WI 53717
- Area: West
- Aldermanic District(s): [District 19](#)
- Estimated Schedule: 03/11/2019 to 12/31/2021
- Project Status: In Design

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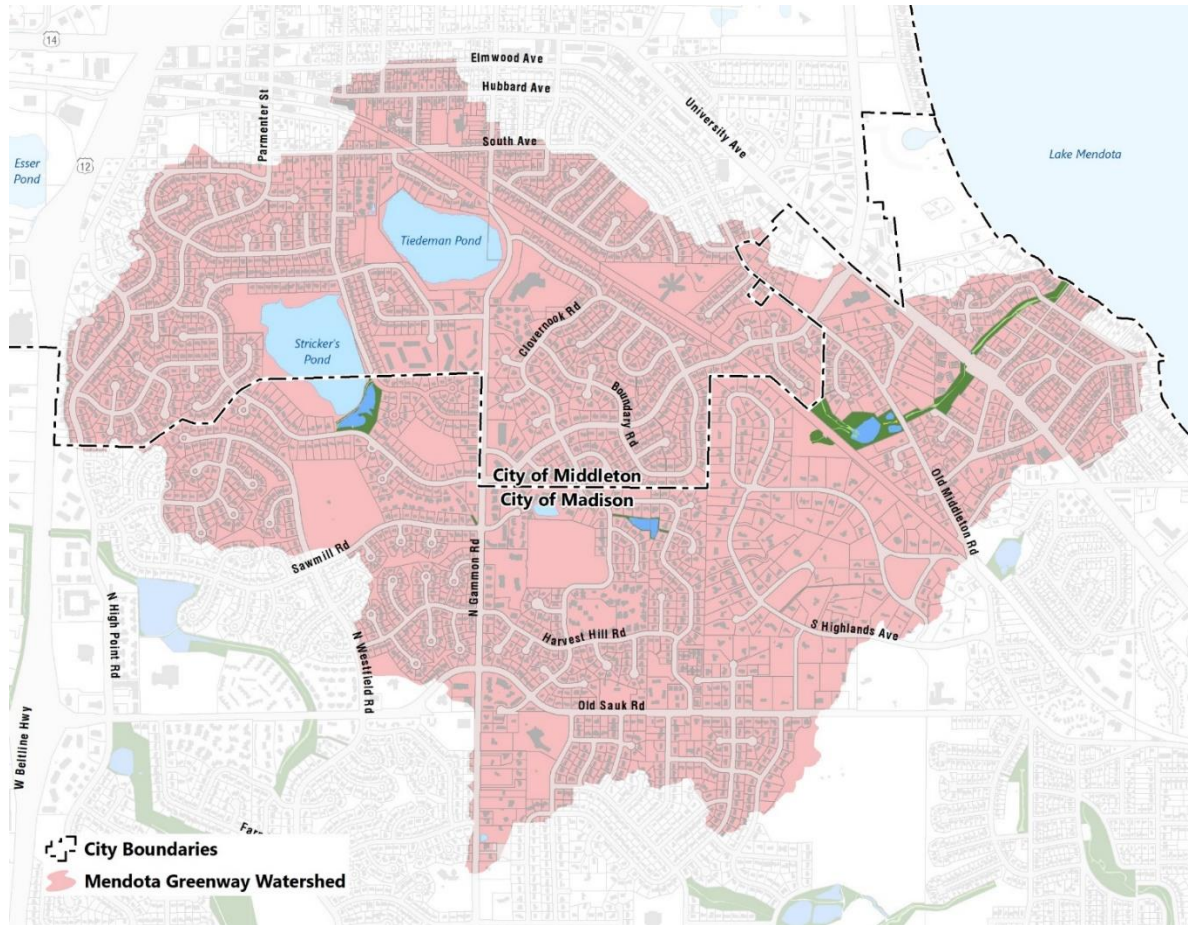




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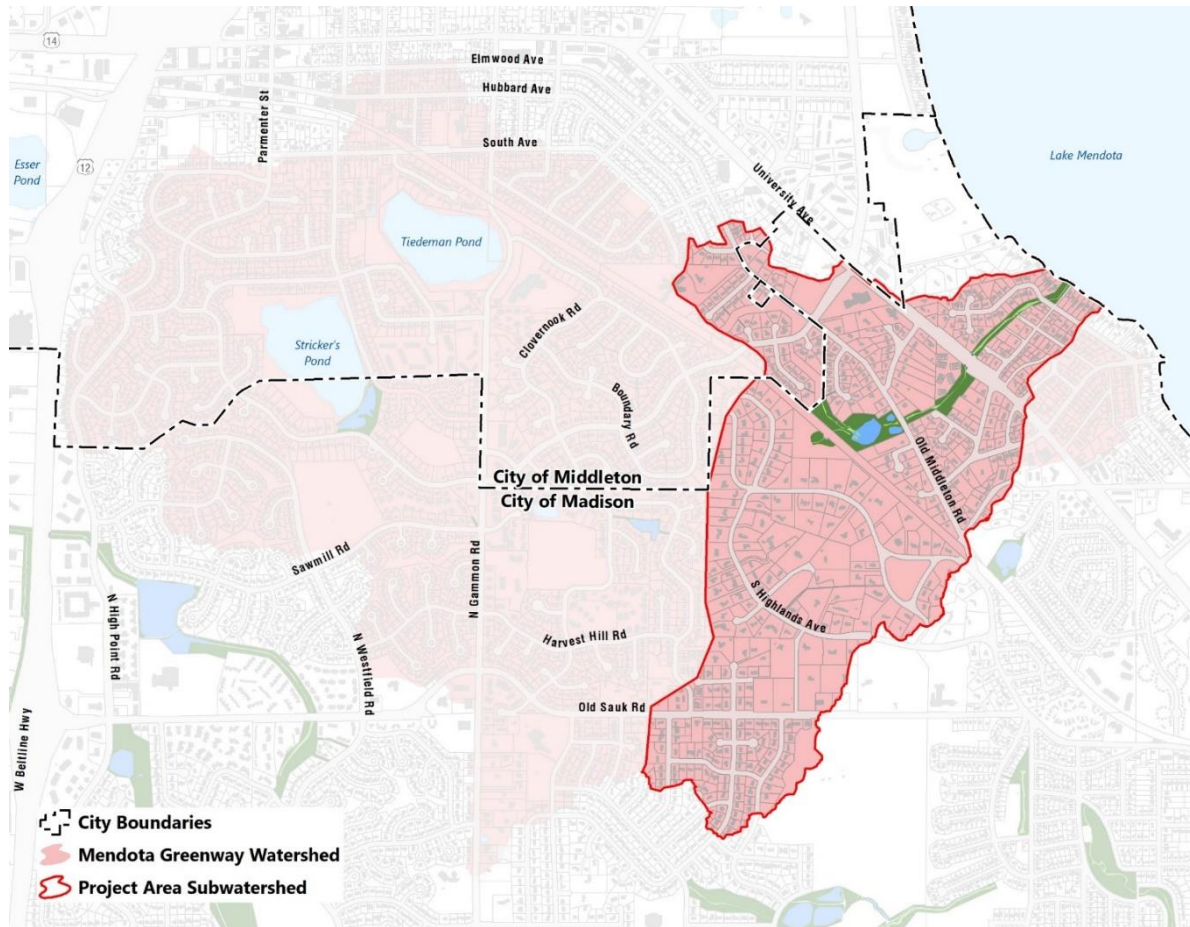
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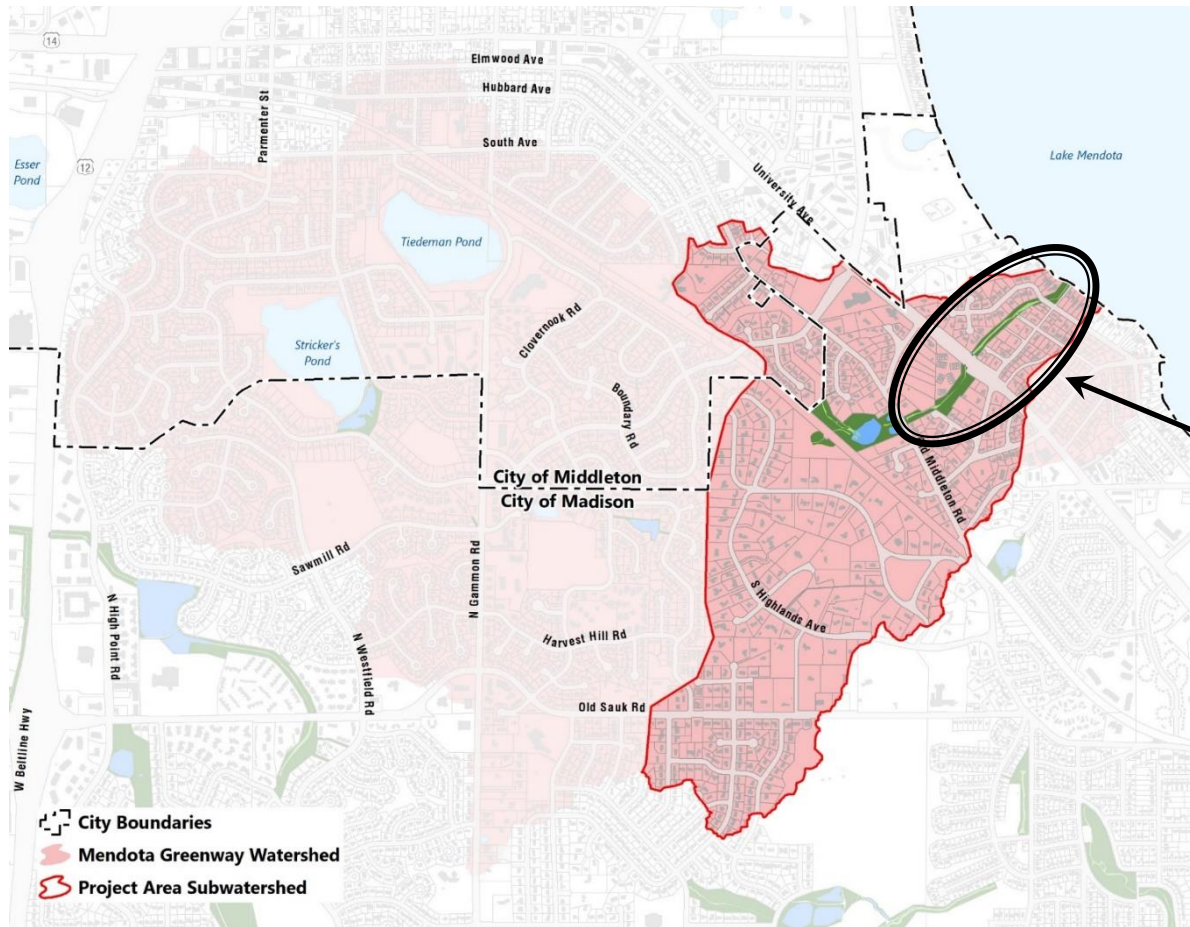
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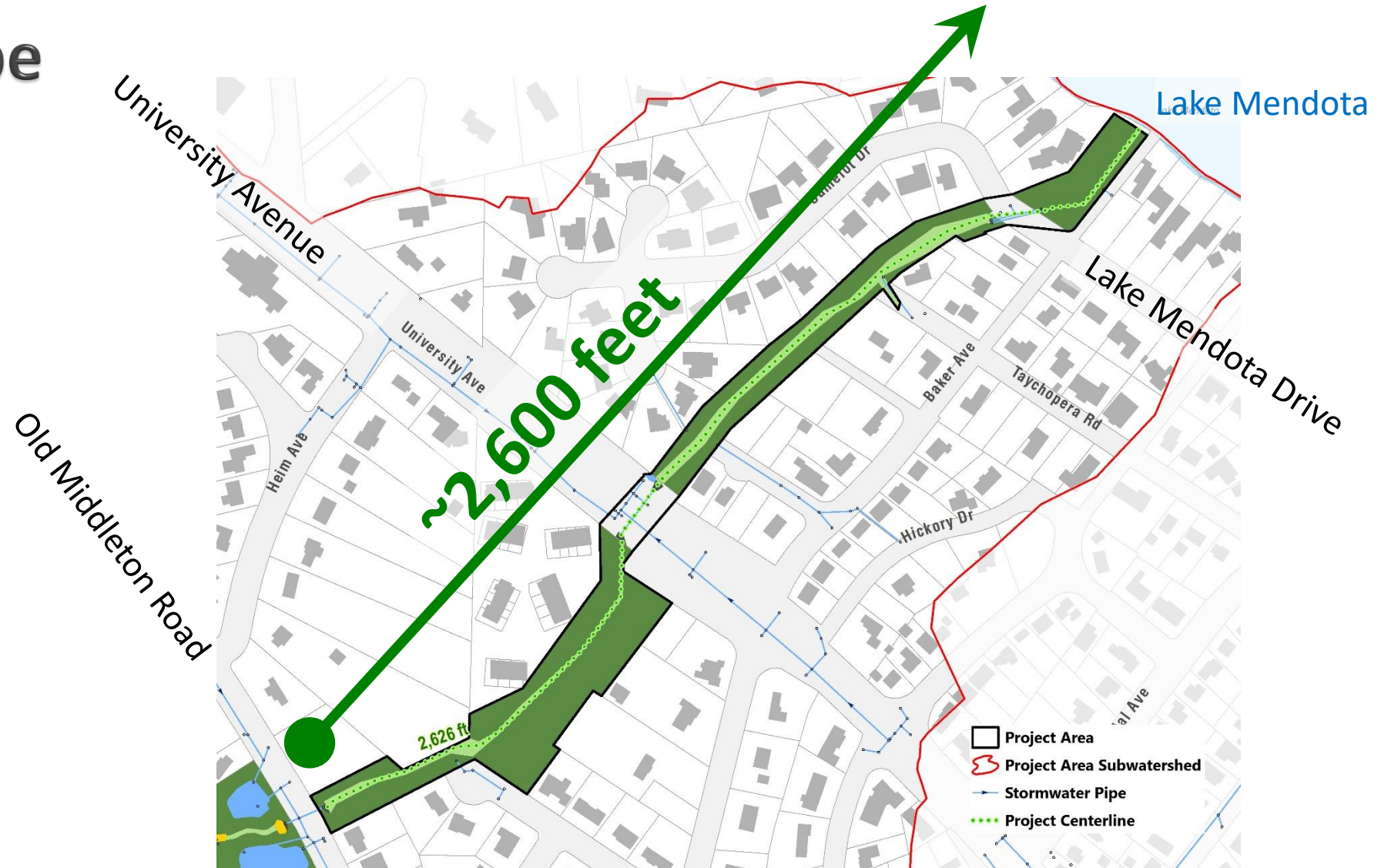
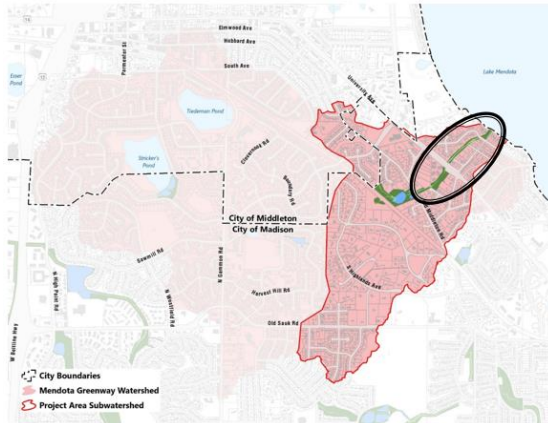
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# Project Scope

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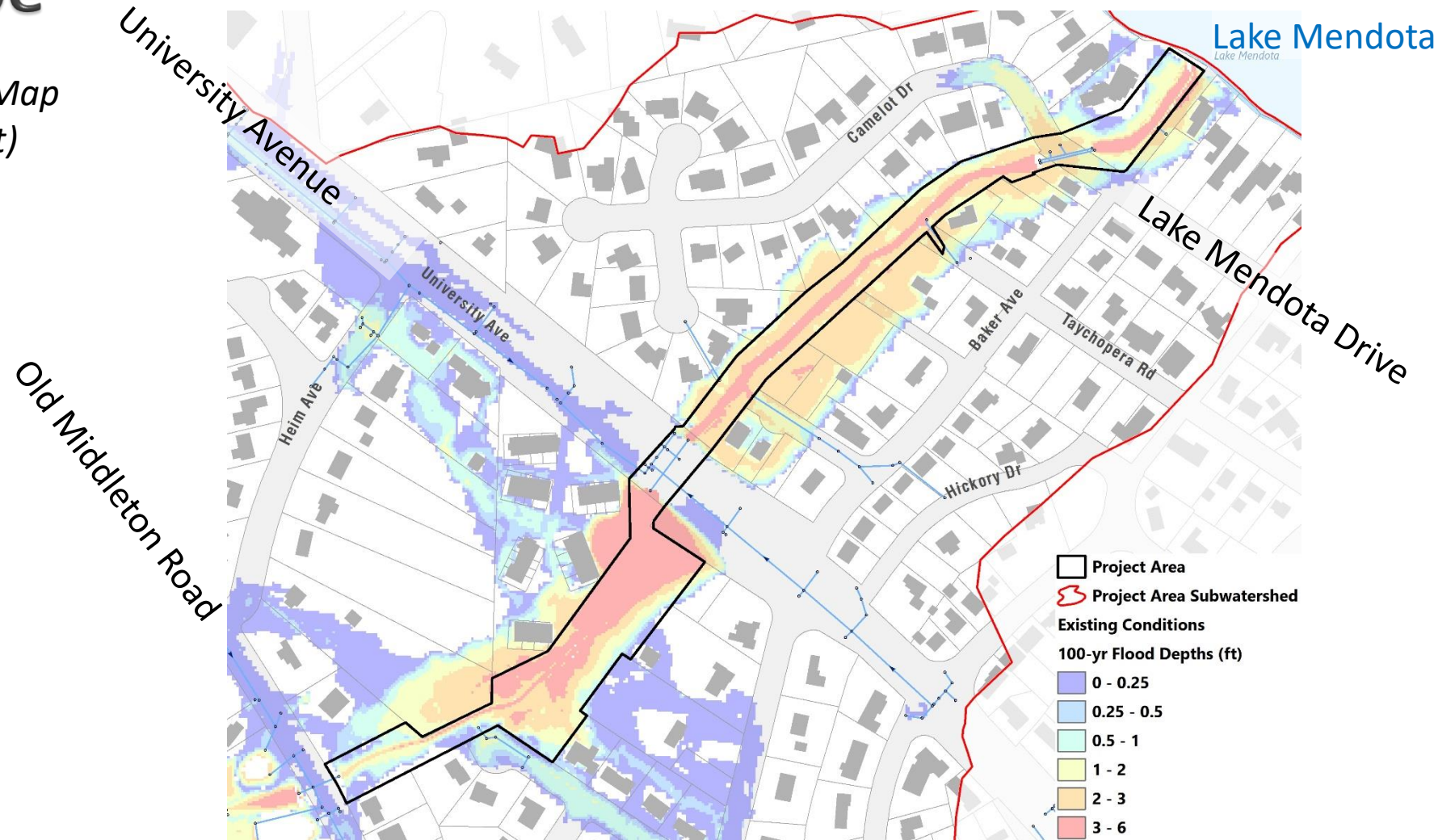
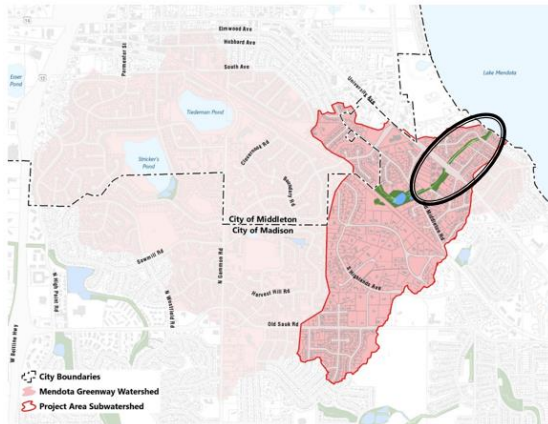


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# Project Scope

Existing 100-yr Inundation Map  
(1% Annual Chance Event)





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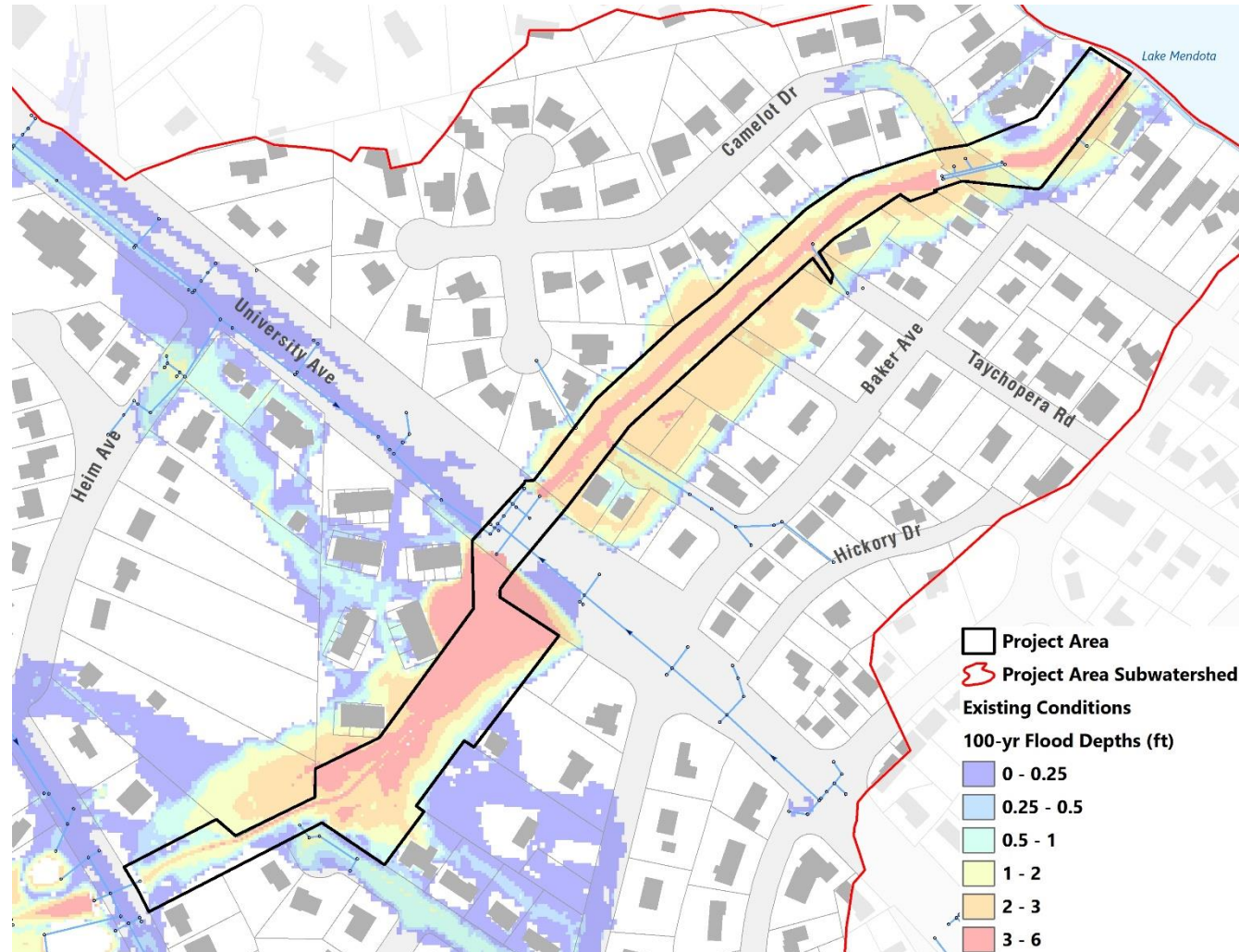
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## ***Compromising Factors:***

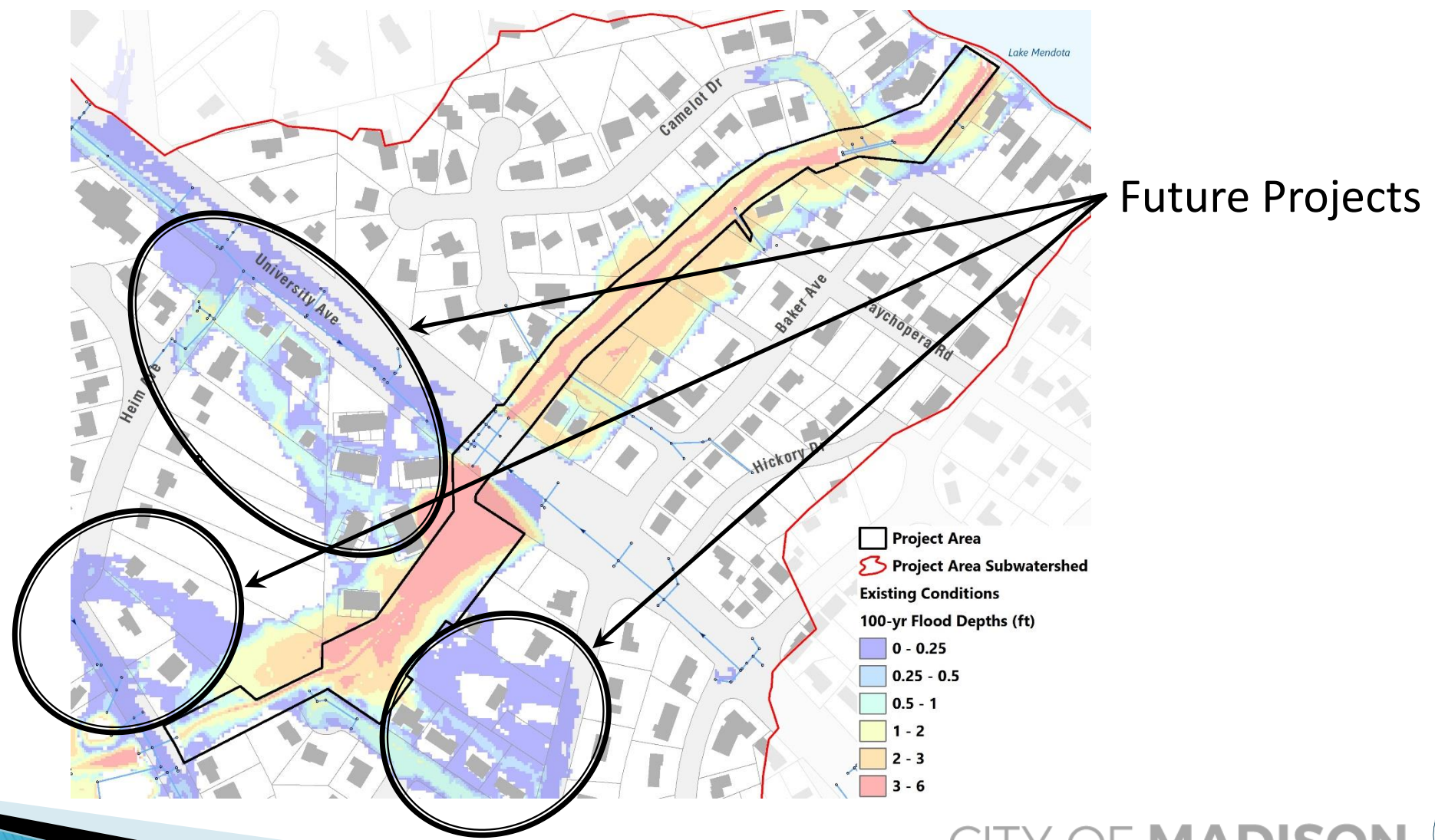
- ***Preservation of Trees***
- ***Limited Corridor Width***
- ***Project Cost***
- ***Maintenance Requirements***

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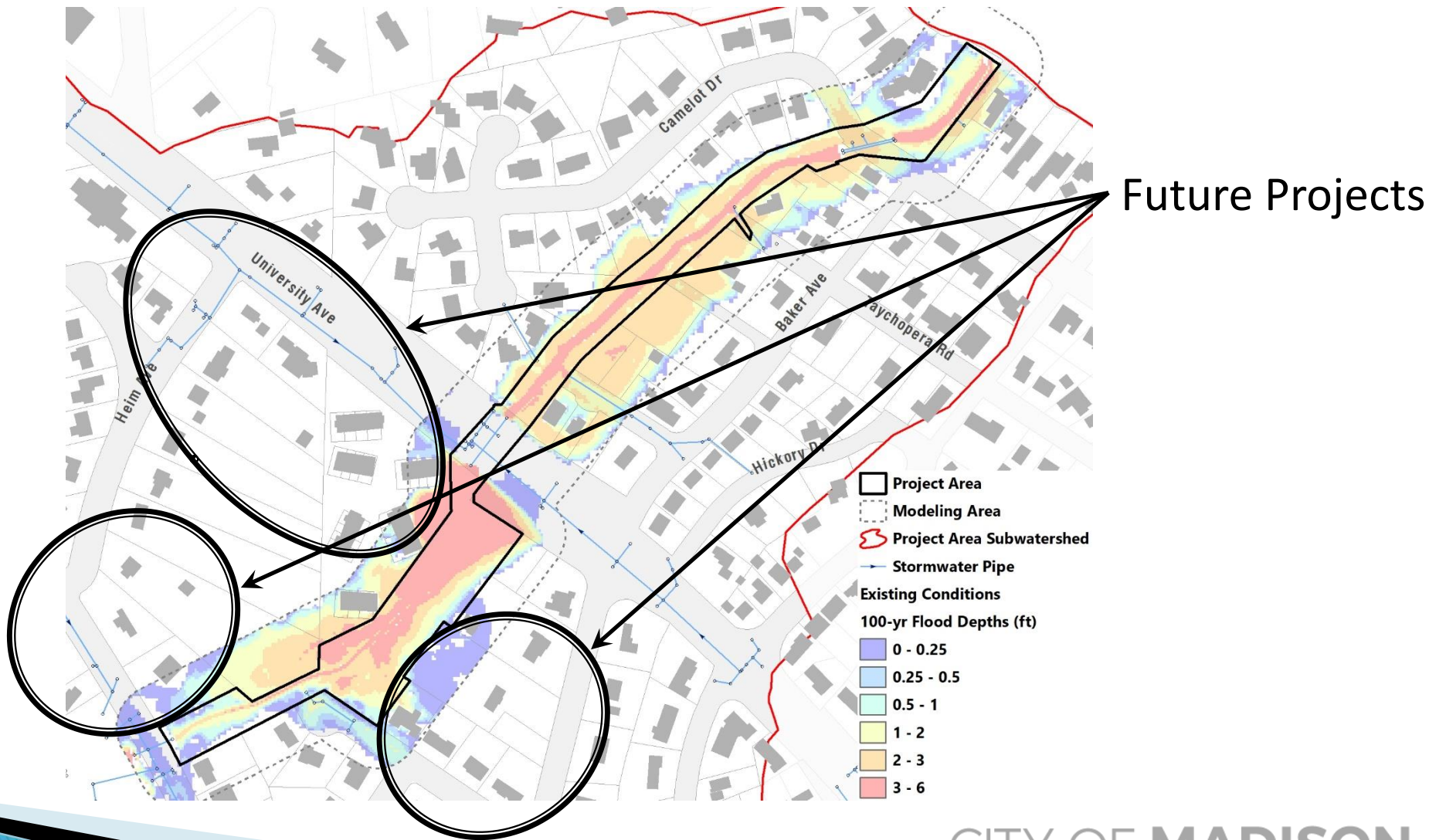




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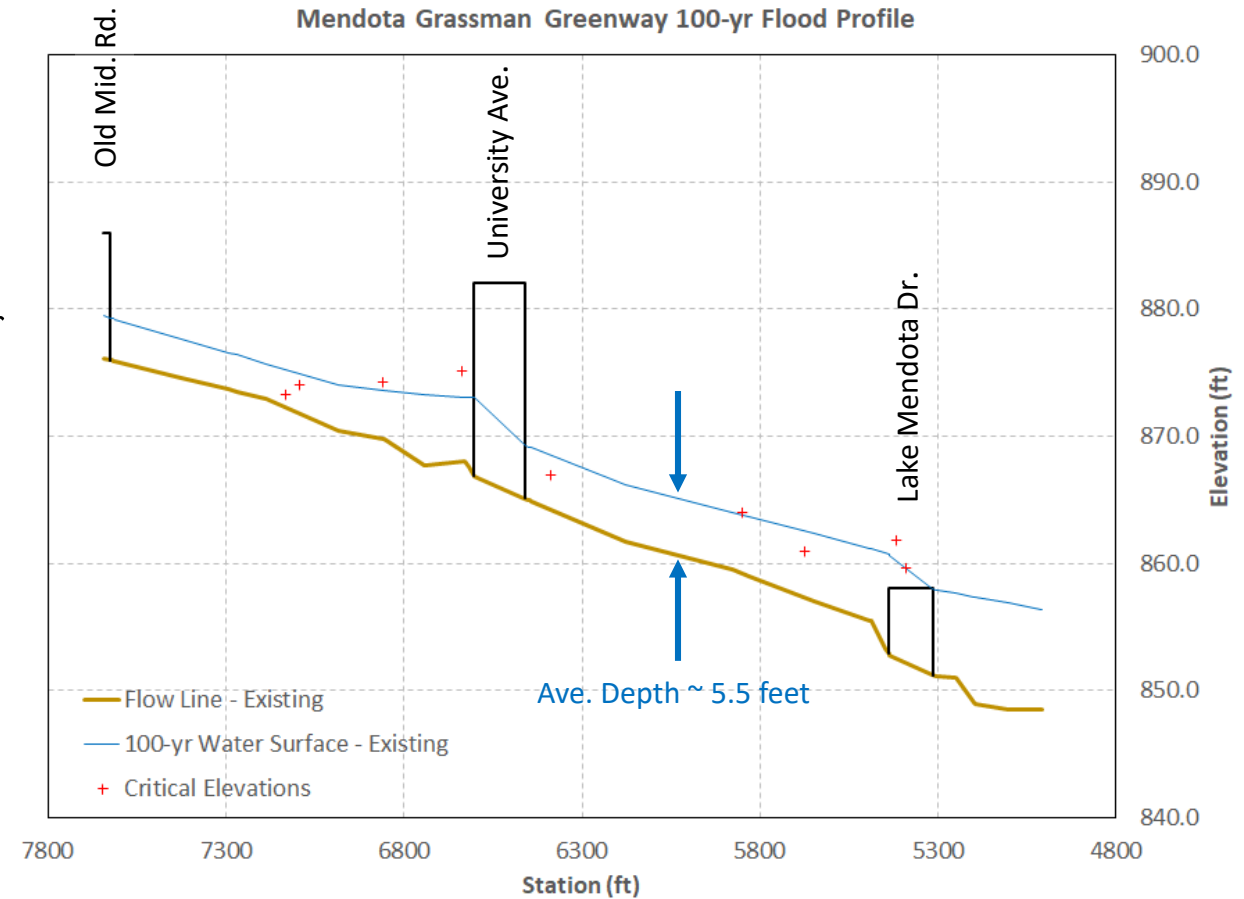
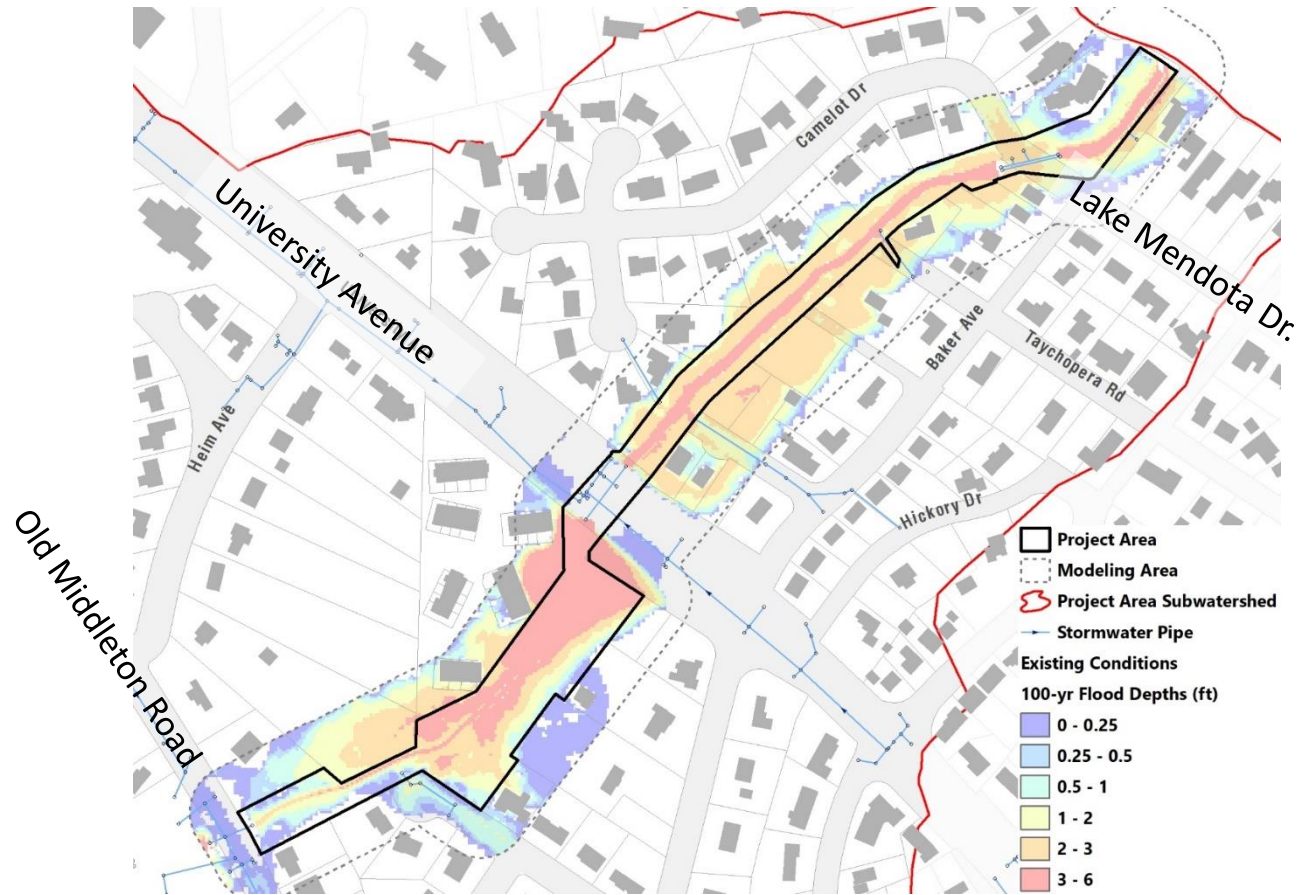


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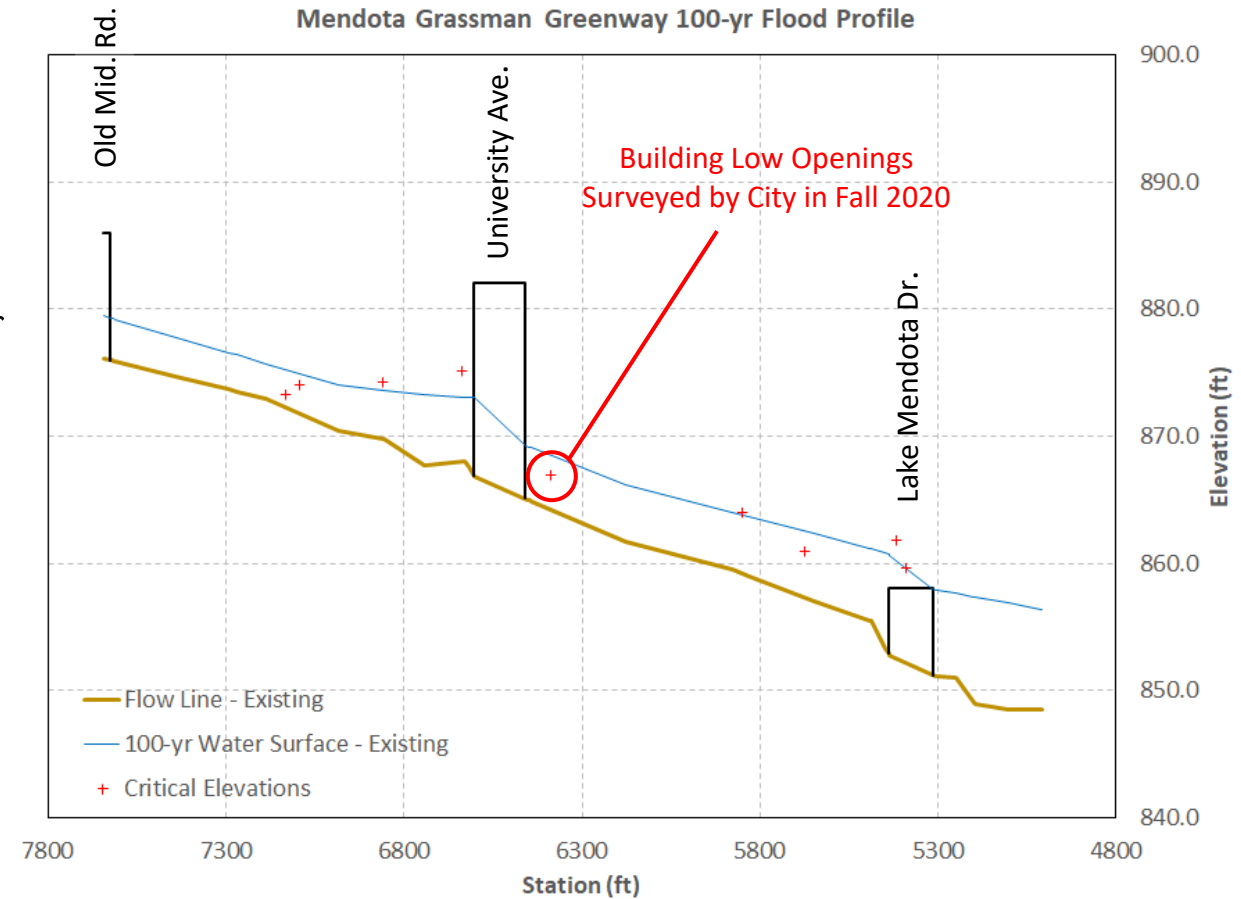
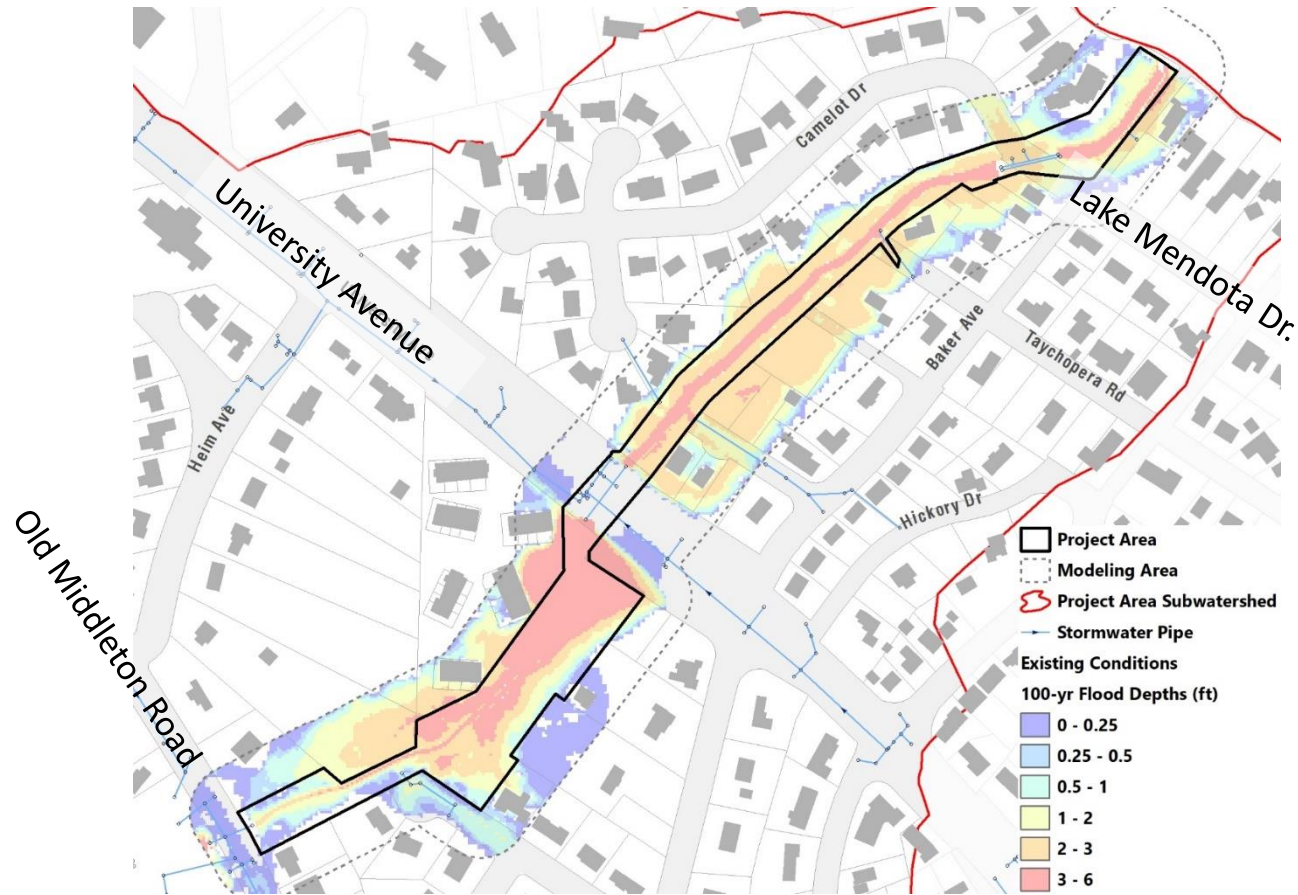
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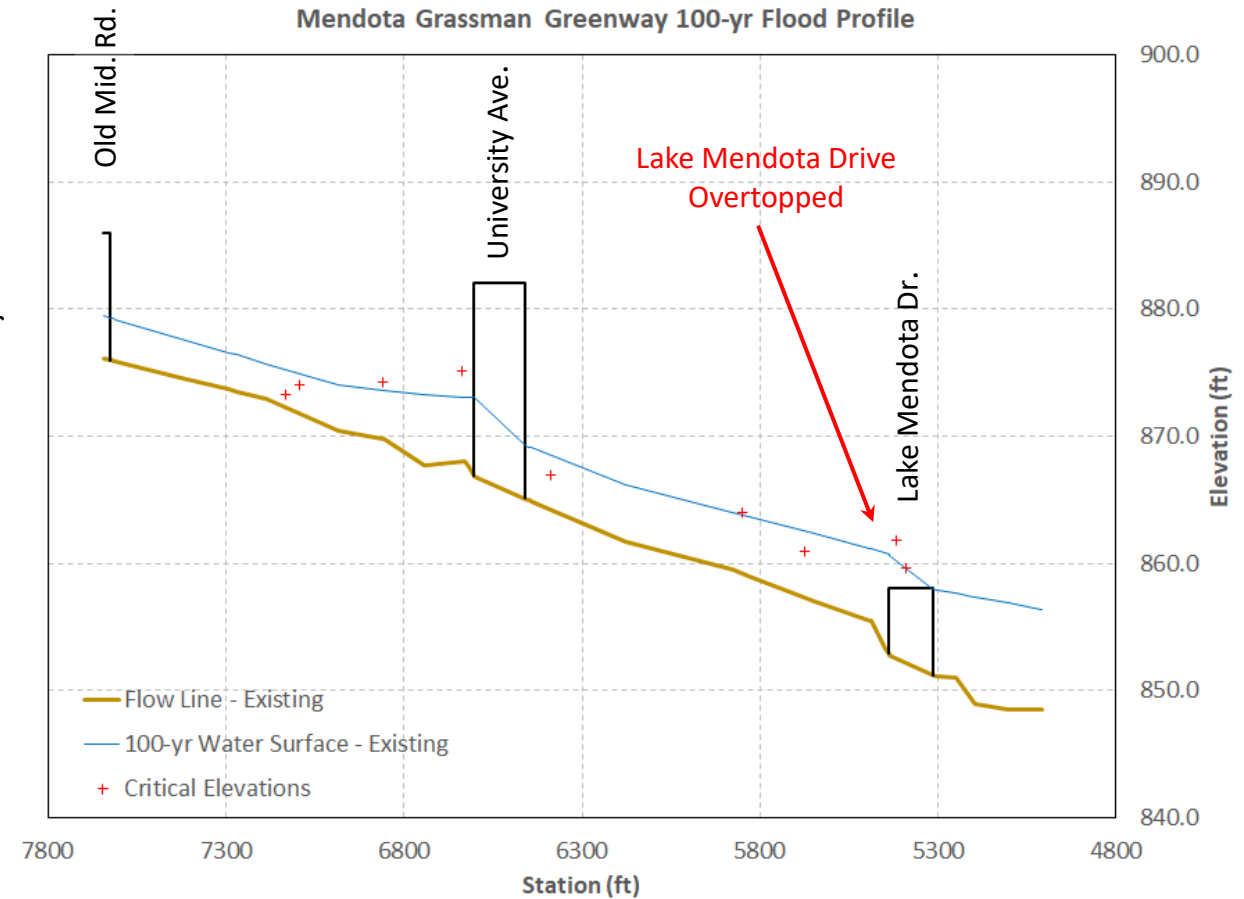
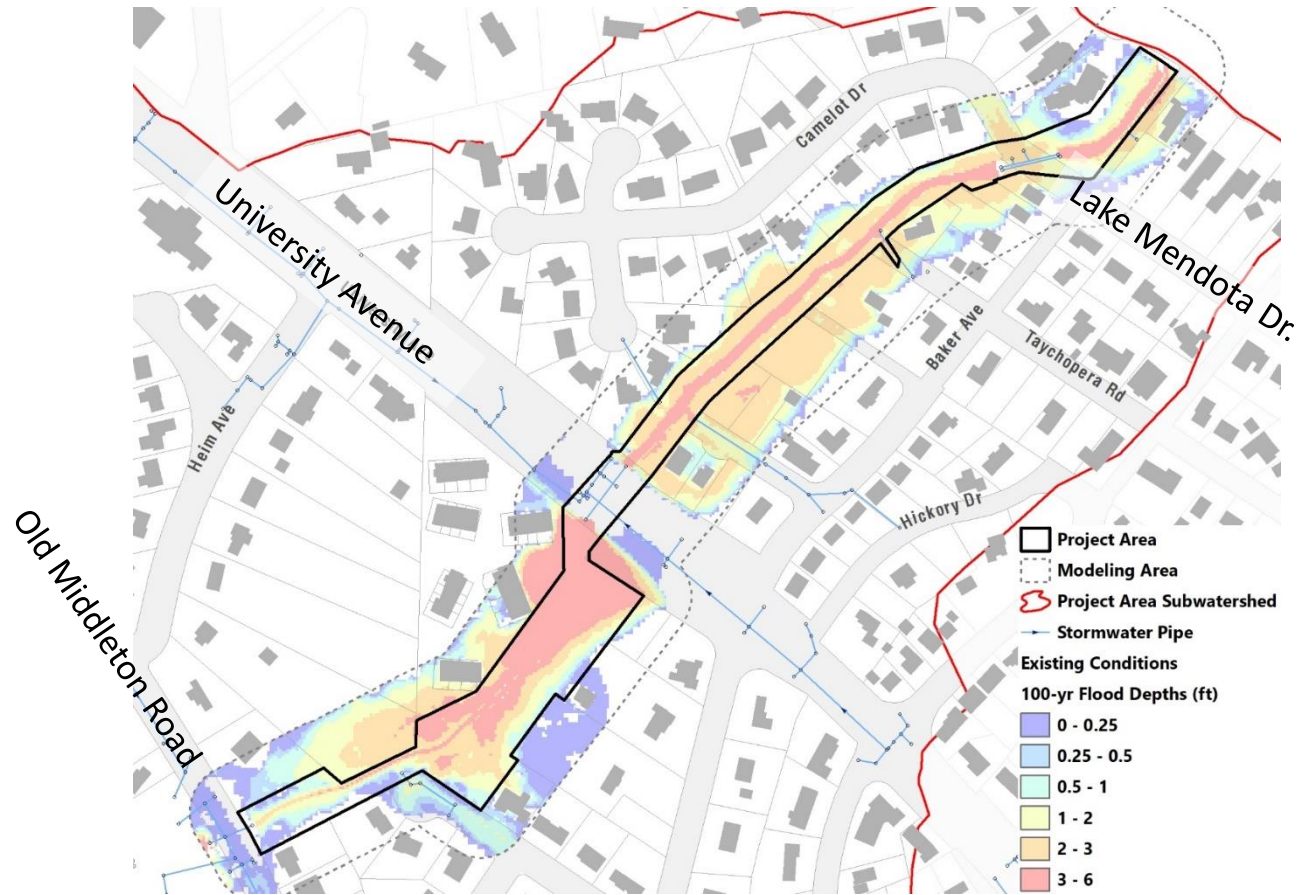


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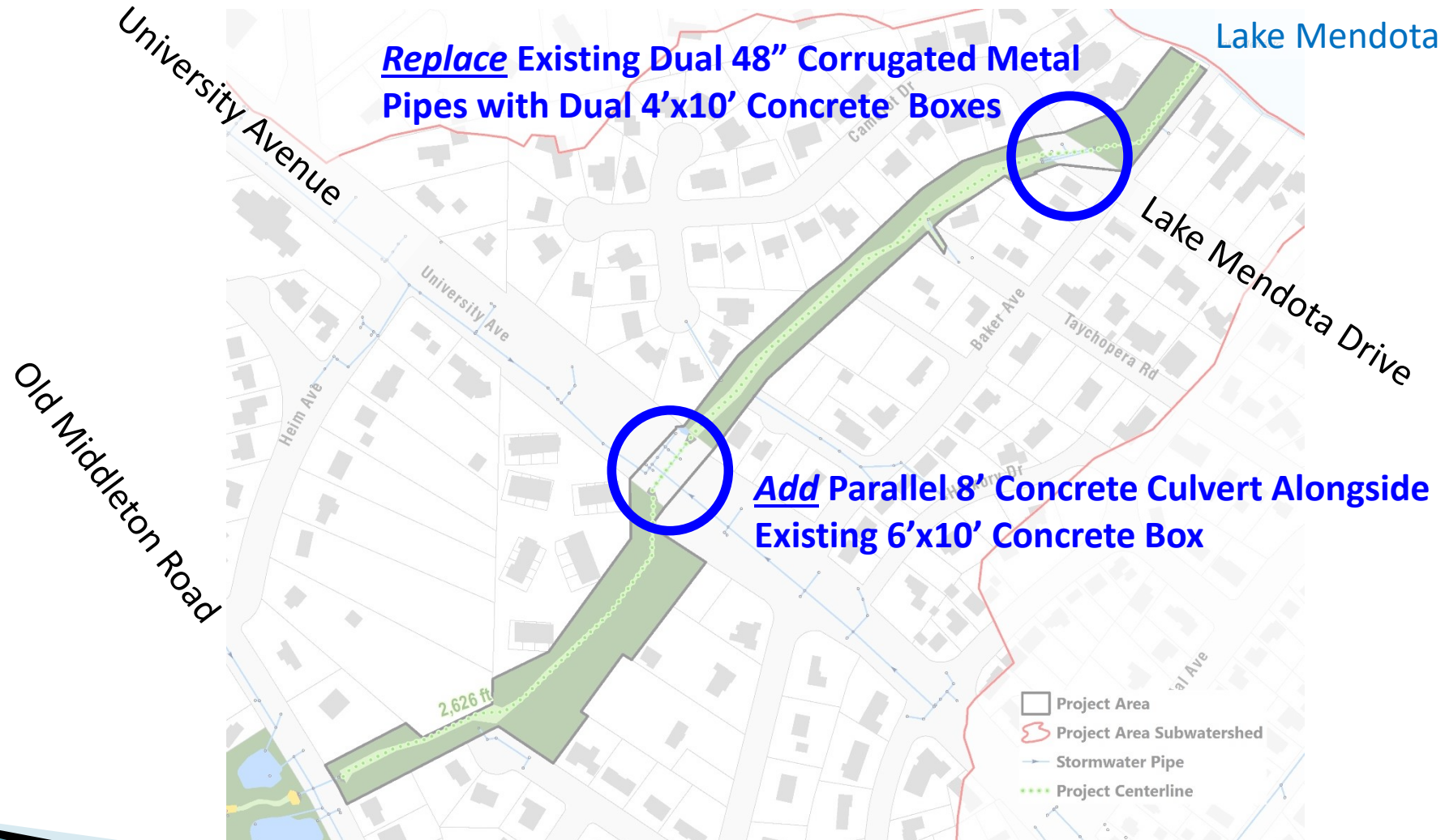




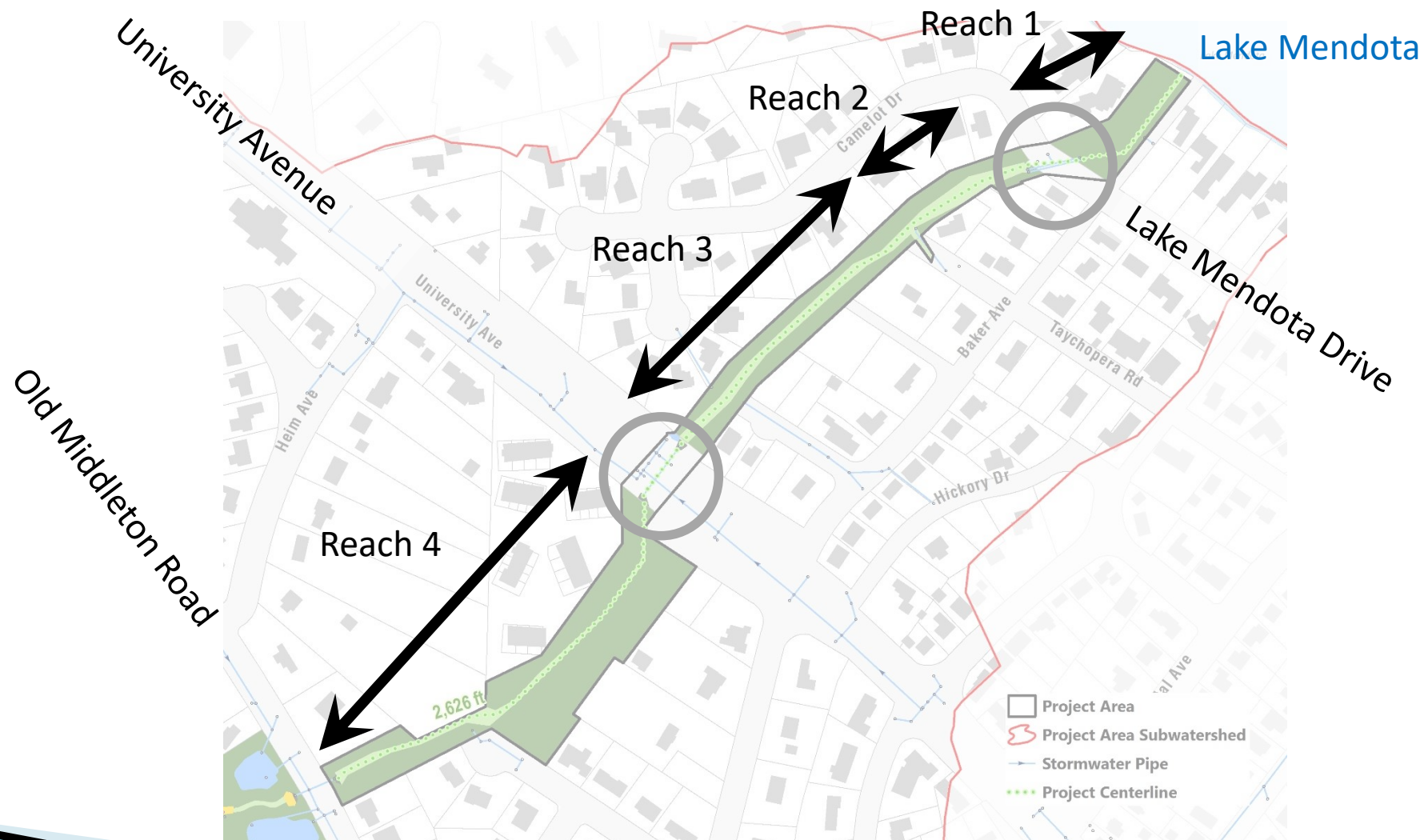
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# Project Segments – Pipe Work

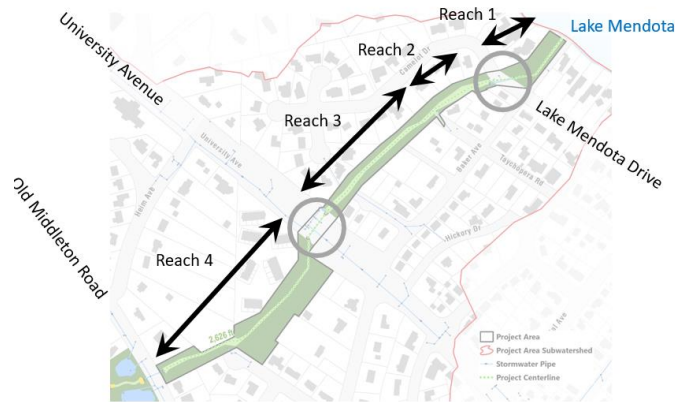


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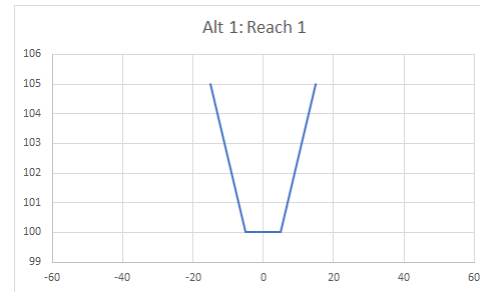




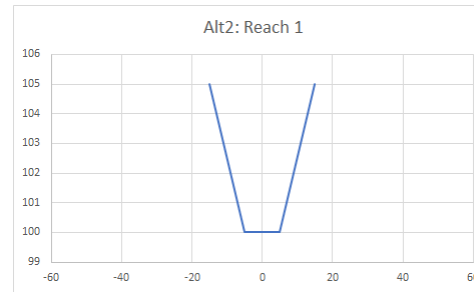
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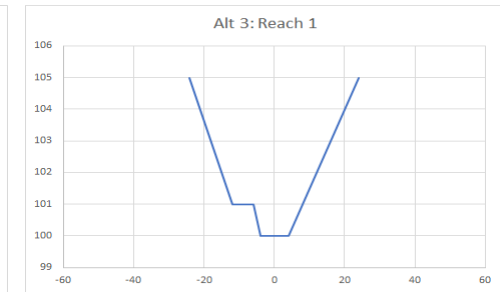
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Alternative 2  
Wtd. Ave. Width = 45 ft

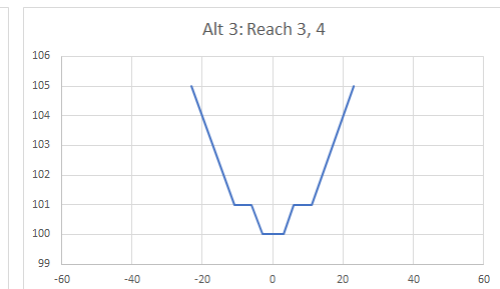
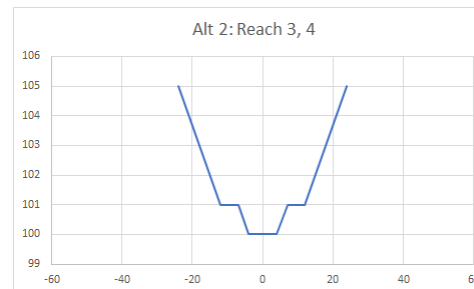
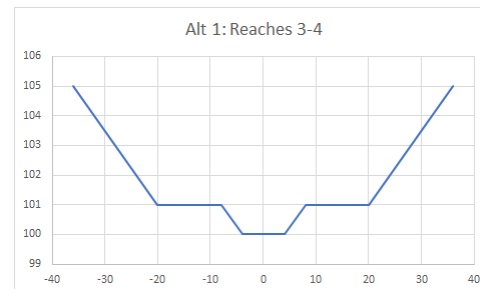
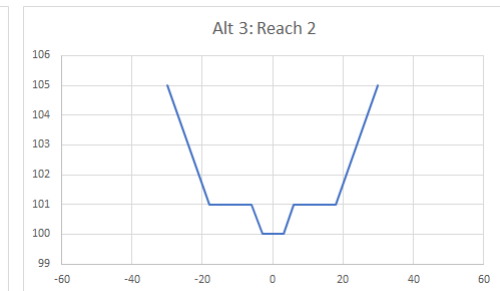
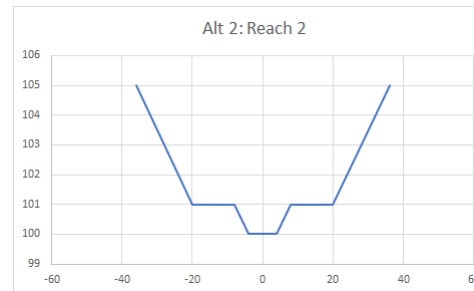
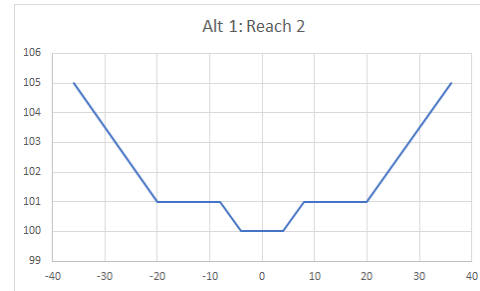


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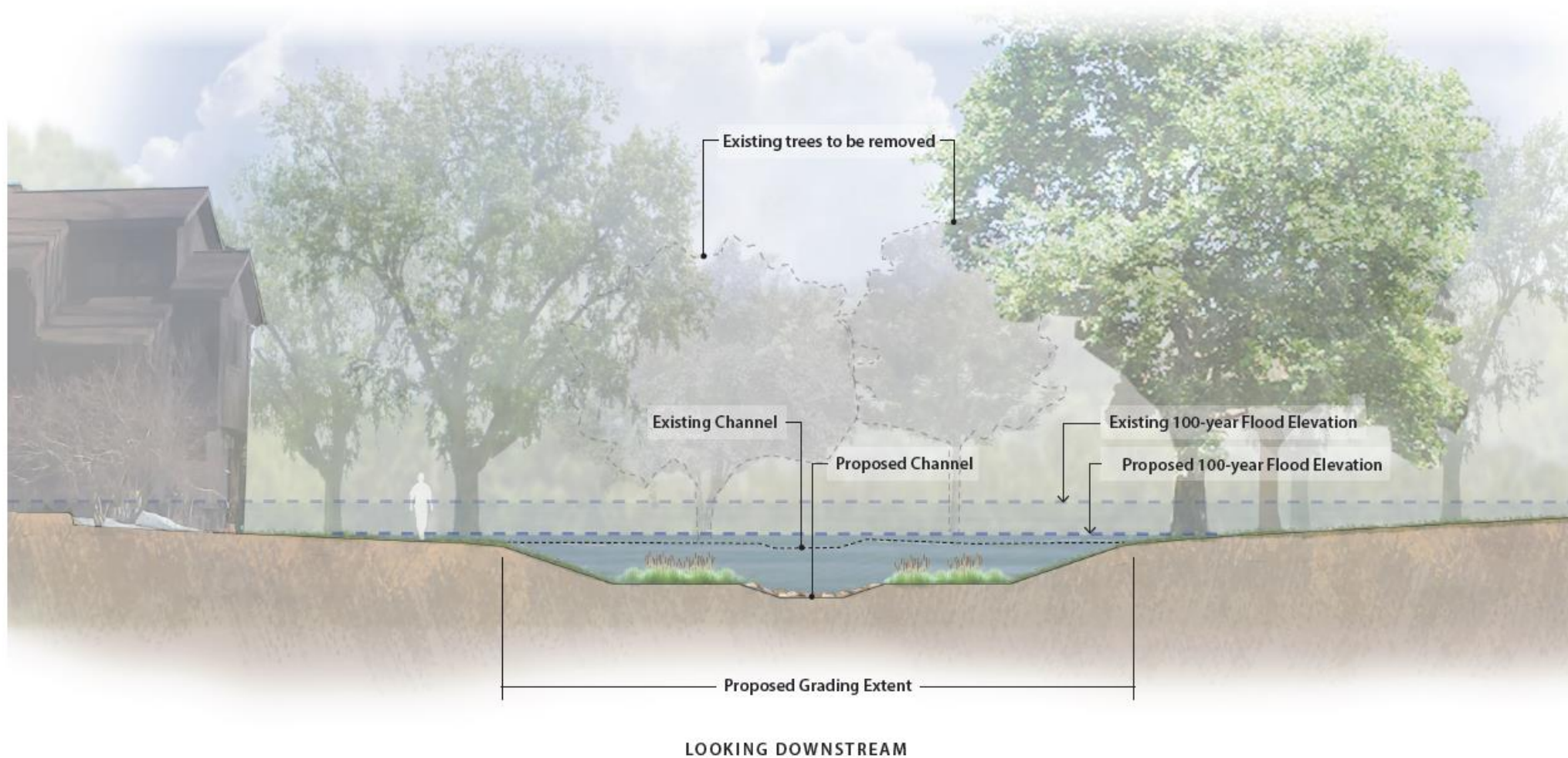


*Evaluated three alternatives consisting of different widths and side-slopes with intent to minimize impacts to desirable trees*

*Recommendation is to implement alternative #3*



# Channel Work – Typical Section



# Tree Inventory

## Method



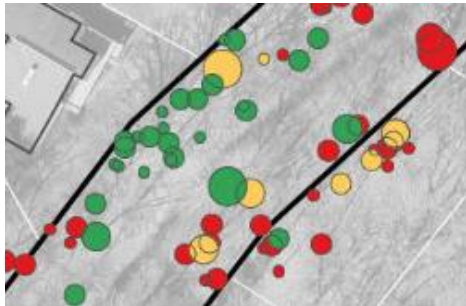
*Tree Inventory Completed Feb 2020*

*Survey of Inventoried Trees  
completed in Late Spring 2021*

| Rating           | Health   | Structure  | Form  | % Rating    |
|------------------|--|--|---|-------------|
| <b>Excellent</b> | High vigor and nearly perfect health with little or no twig dieback, discoloration, or defoliation.  | Nearly ideal and free of defects.  | Nearly ideal for the species. Generally symmetric. Consistent with the intended use.  | 81% to 100% |
| <b>Good</b>      | Vigor is normal for the species. No significant damage due to disease or pests. Any twig dieback, defoliation, or discoloration is minor.  | Well-developed structure. Defects are minor and can be corrected.  | Minor asymmetries/deviations from species norm. Mostly consistent with the intended use. Function and aesthetics are not compromised. | 61% to 80%  |
| <b>Fair</b>      | Reduced vigor. Damage due to insects or diseases may be significant and associated with defoliation but is not likely to be fatal. Twig dieback, defoliation, discoloration and/or dead branches may comprise up to 50% of the crown | A single defect of a significant nature or multiple moderate defects. Defects are not possible to correct or would require multiple treatments over several years.           | Major asymmetries/ deviations from species norm and/or intended use. Function and/or aesthetics are compromised.                      | 41% to 60%  |
| <b>Poor</b>      | Unhealthy and declining in appearance. Poor vigor. Low foliage density and poor foliage color are present. Potentially fatal pest infestation. Extensive twig and/or branch dieback.   | A single serious defect or multiple significant defects. Recent change in tree orientation. Observed structural problems cannot be corrected. Failure may occur at any time. | Largely asymmetric/abnormal. Detracts from intended use and/or aesthetics to a significant degree.                                    | 21% to 40%  |
| <b>Very poor</b> | Poor vigor. Appears to be dying and in last stages of life. Little live foliage.   | Single or multiple severe defects. Failure is probable or imminent.  | Visually unappealing. Provides little or no function in the landscape.  | 6% to 20%   |
| <b>Dead</b>      |  |  |   | 0% to 5%    |



# Tree Inventory



**Standard Removals:** Invasive, aggressive, or problematic tree species that outcompete native plant species, harm wildlife, spread disease, create hazards for people or property, exacerbate erosion or conveyance issues or otherwise compromise the ecological health of a site.

*DNR NR 40 Invasive Regulated (restricted or prohibited) trees and shrubs list and other aggressive or potentially problematic species.*

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*Note that shrubs were not surveyed, but will be removed per the same methodology as trees. Neighbors should assume that the majority of shrubs will be removed within the project as the City finds most shrubs in wooded greenways to be invasive.*

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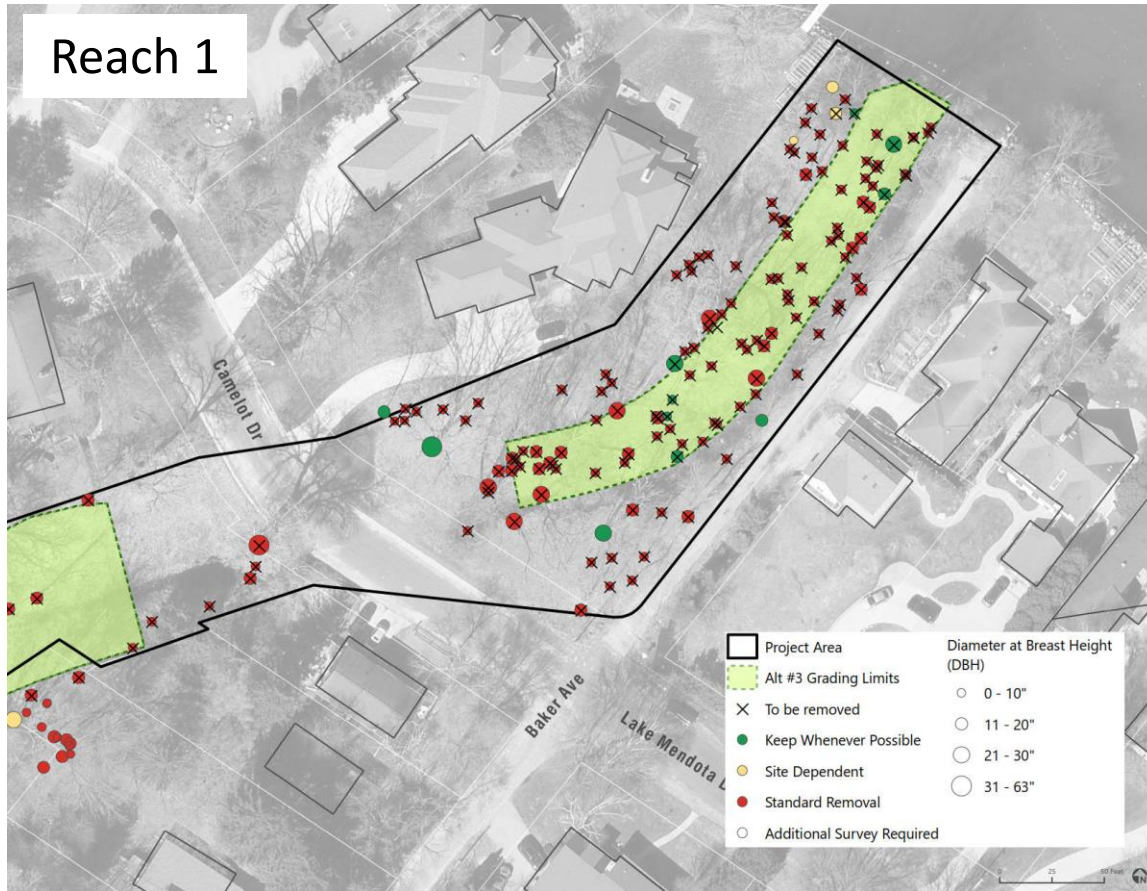
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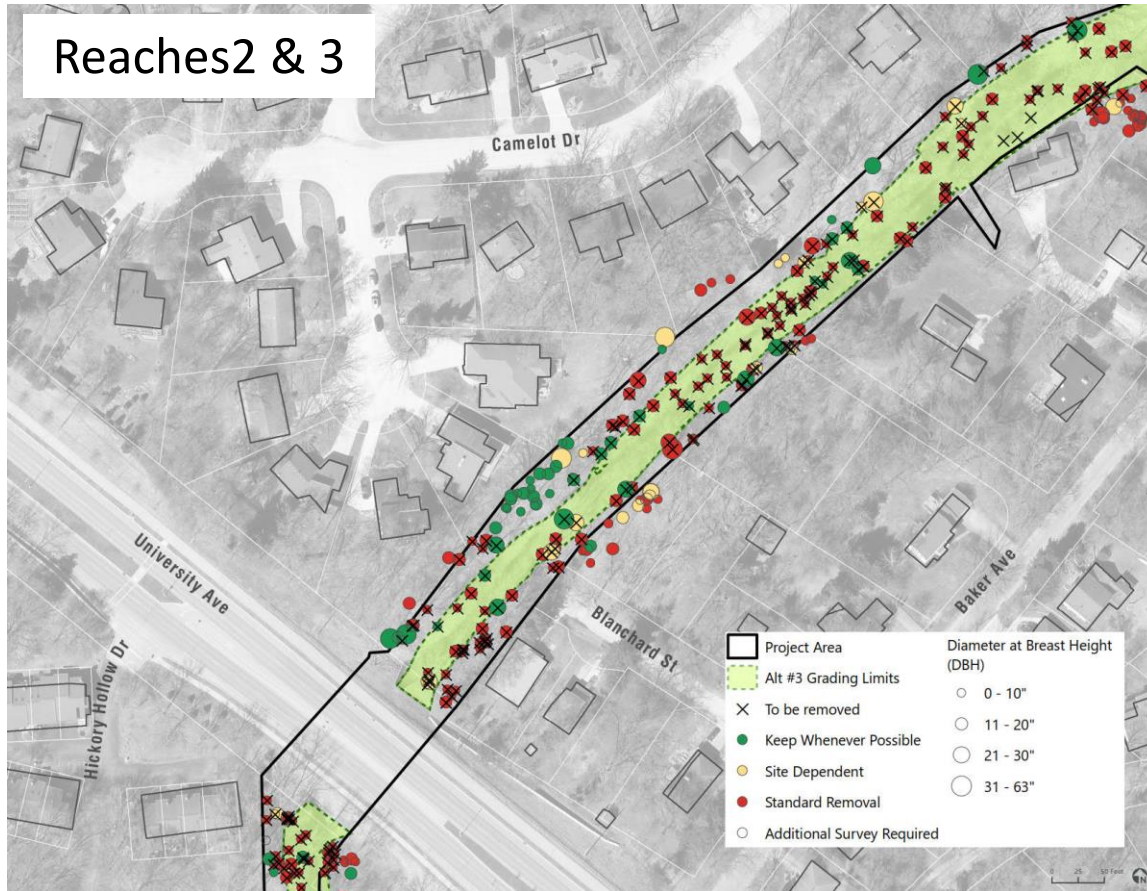
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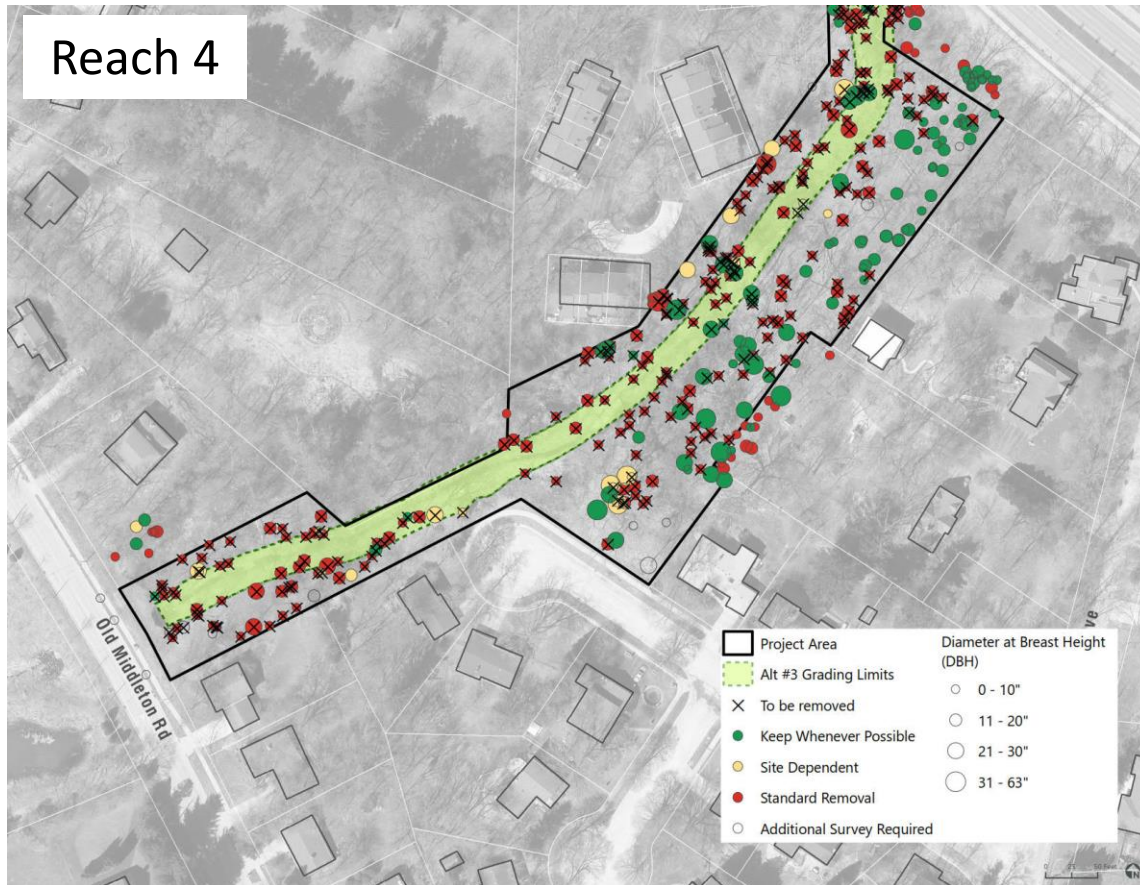


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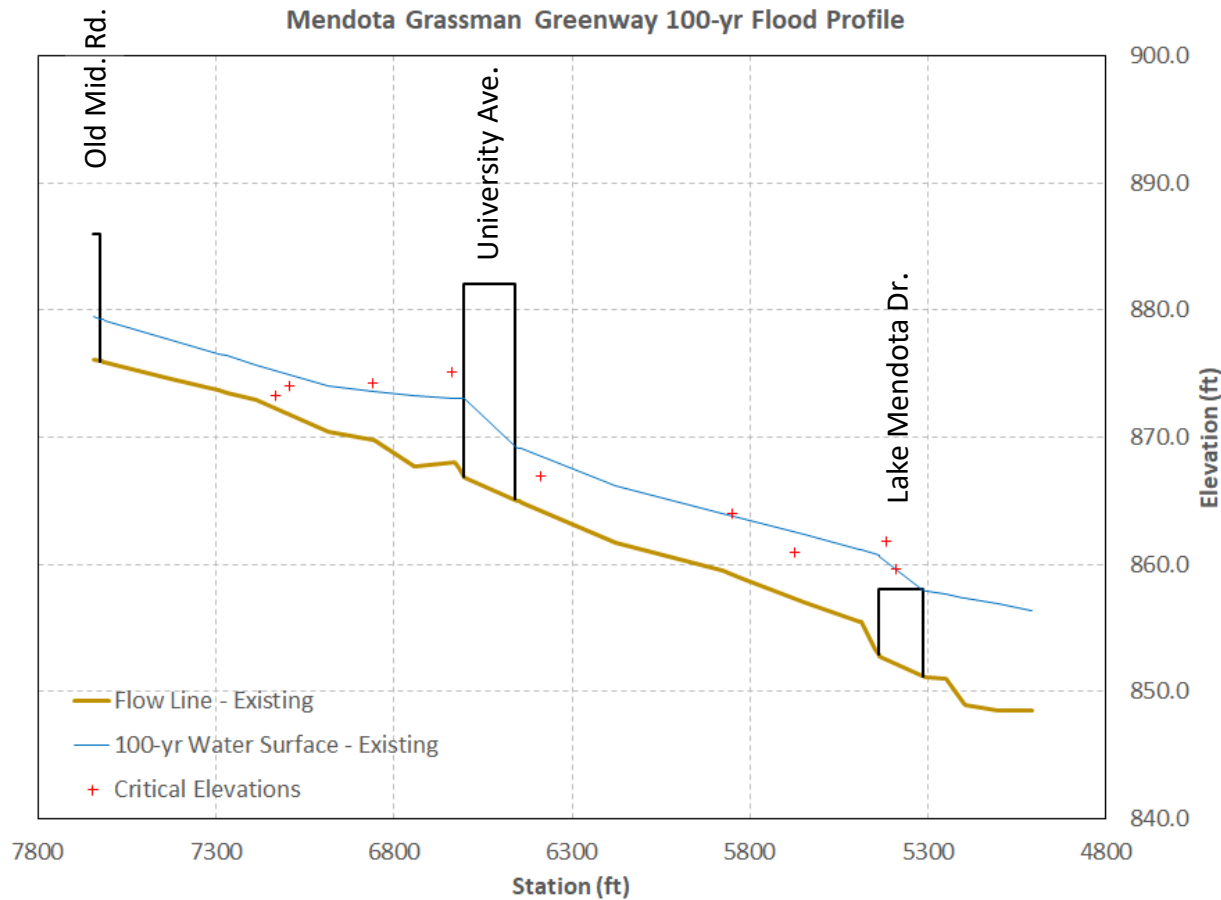
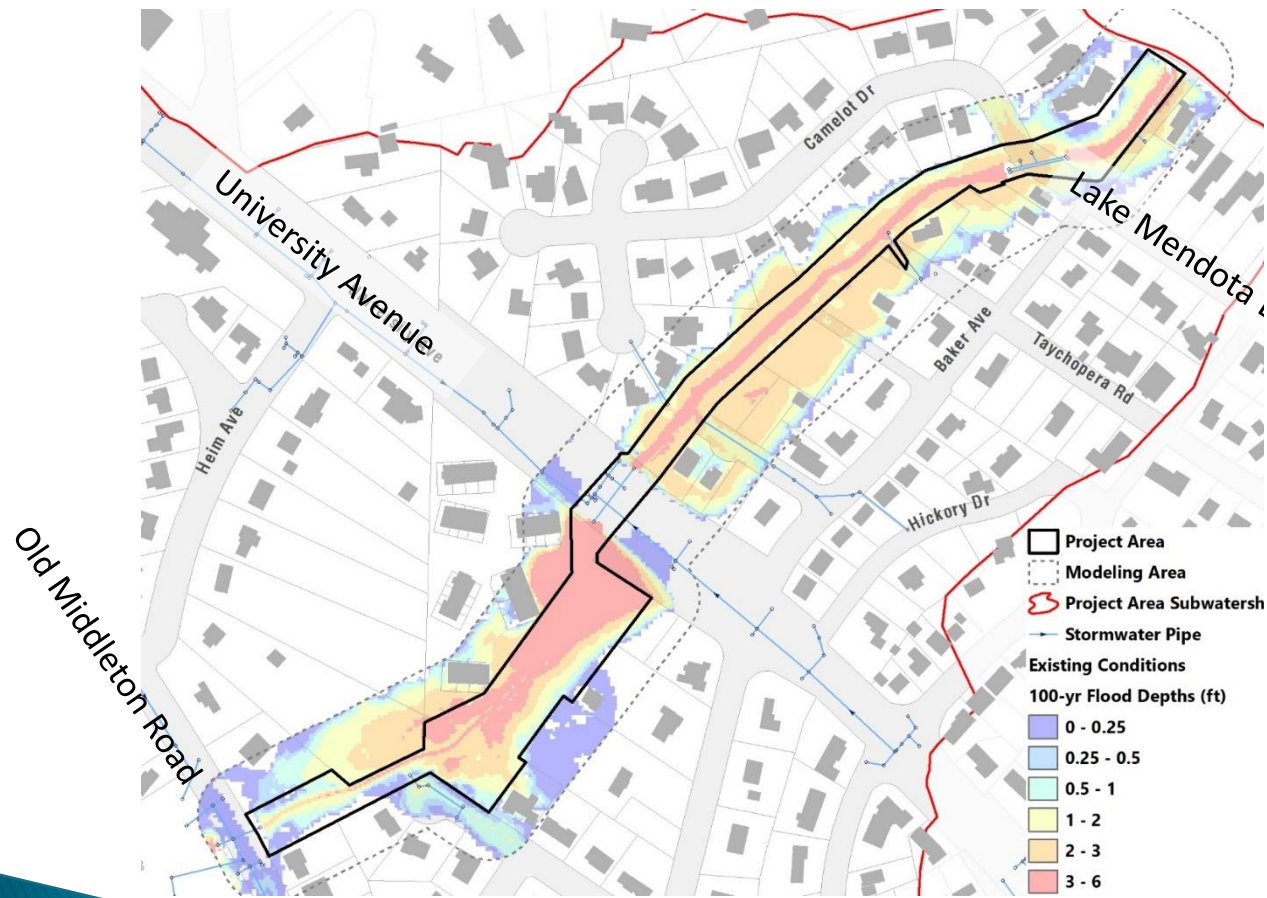
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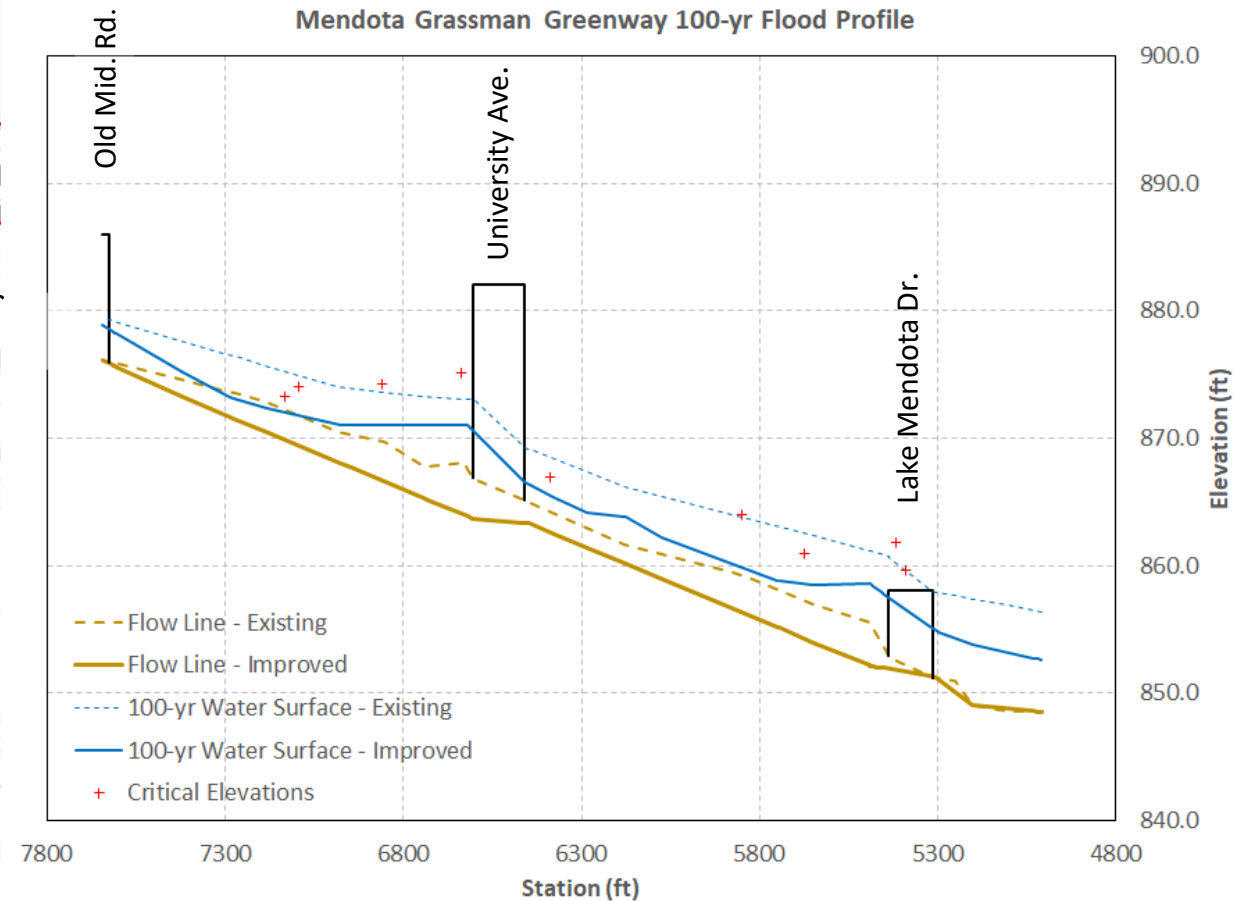
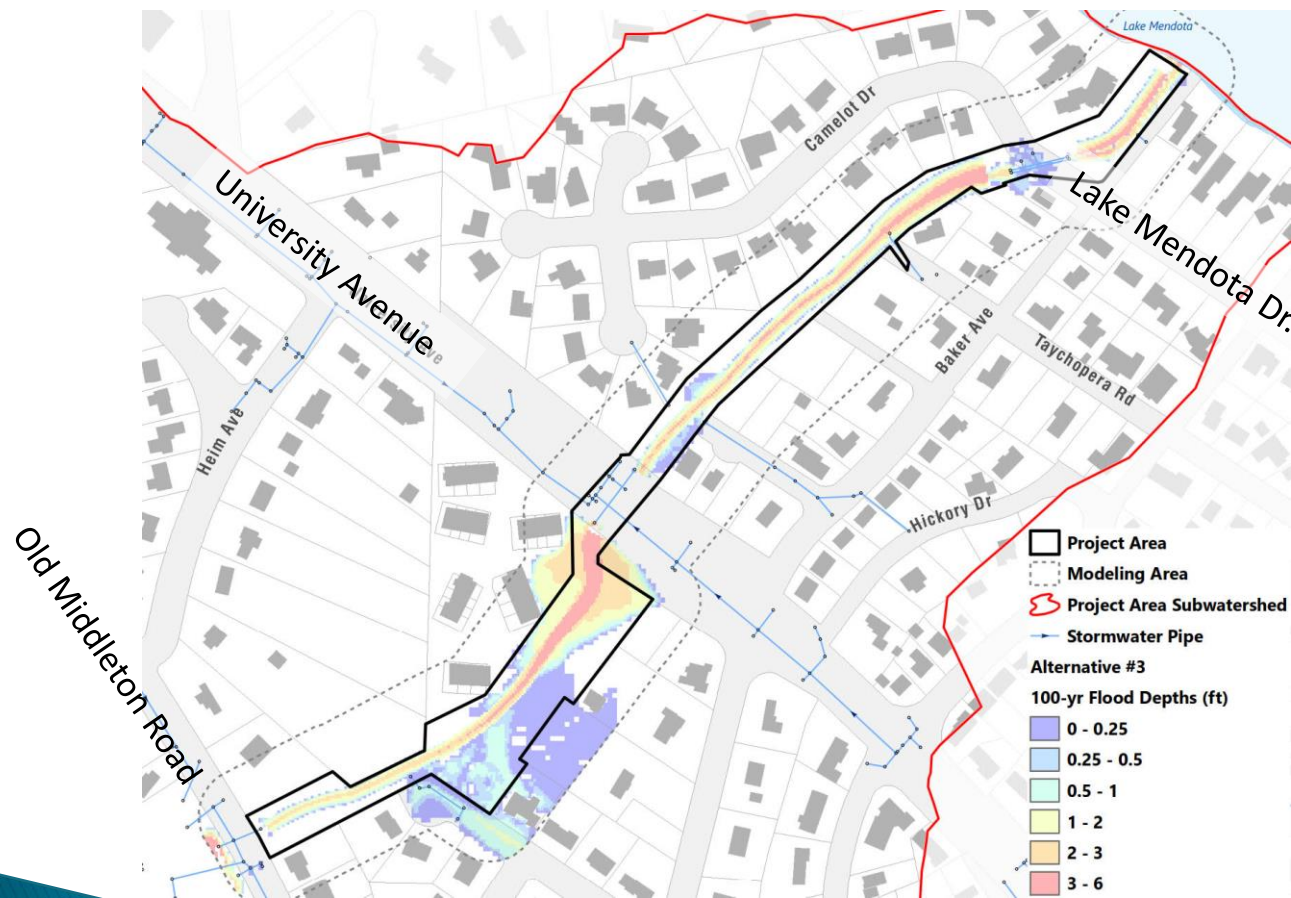


# Existing Conditions 100-yr Inundation

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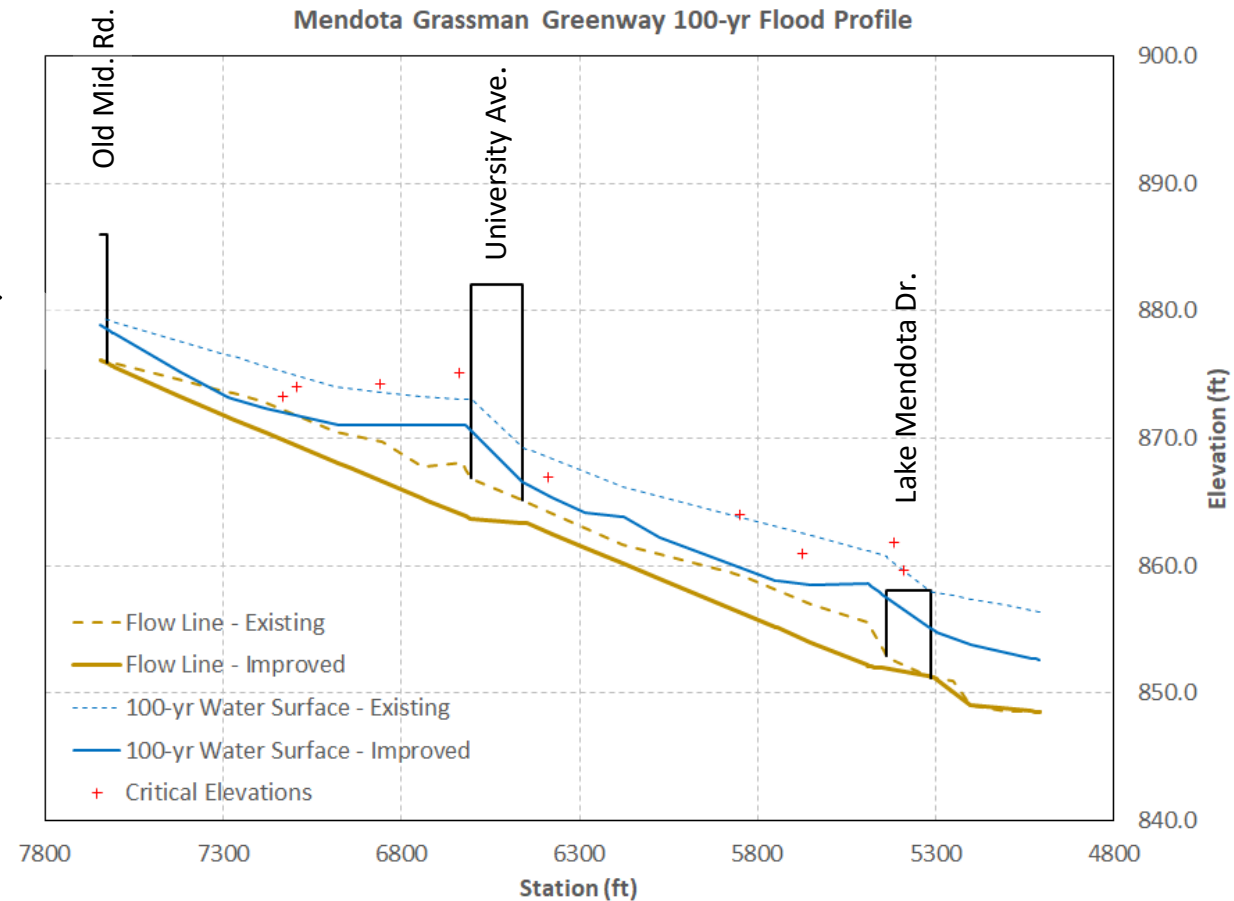
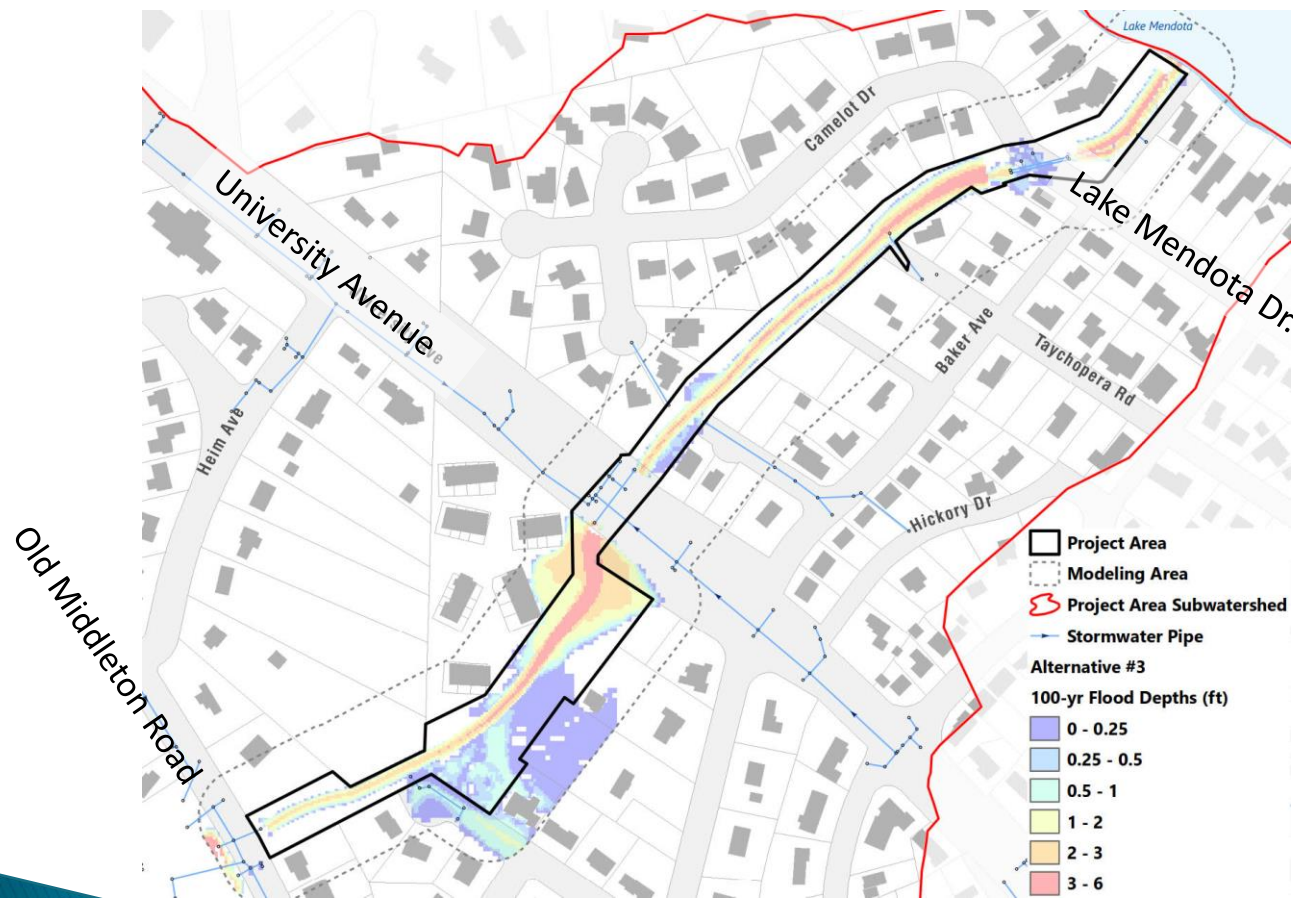


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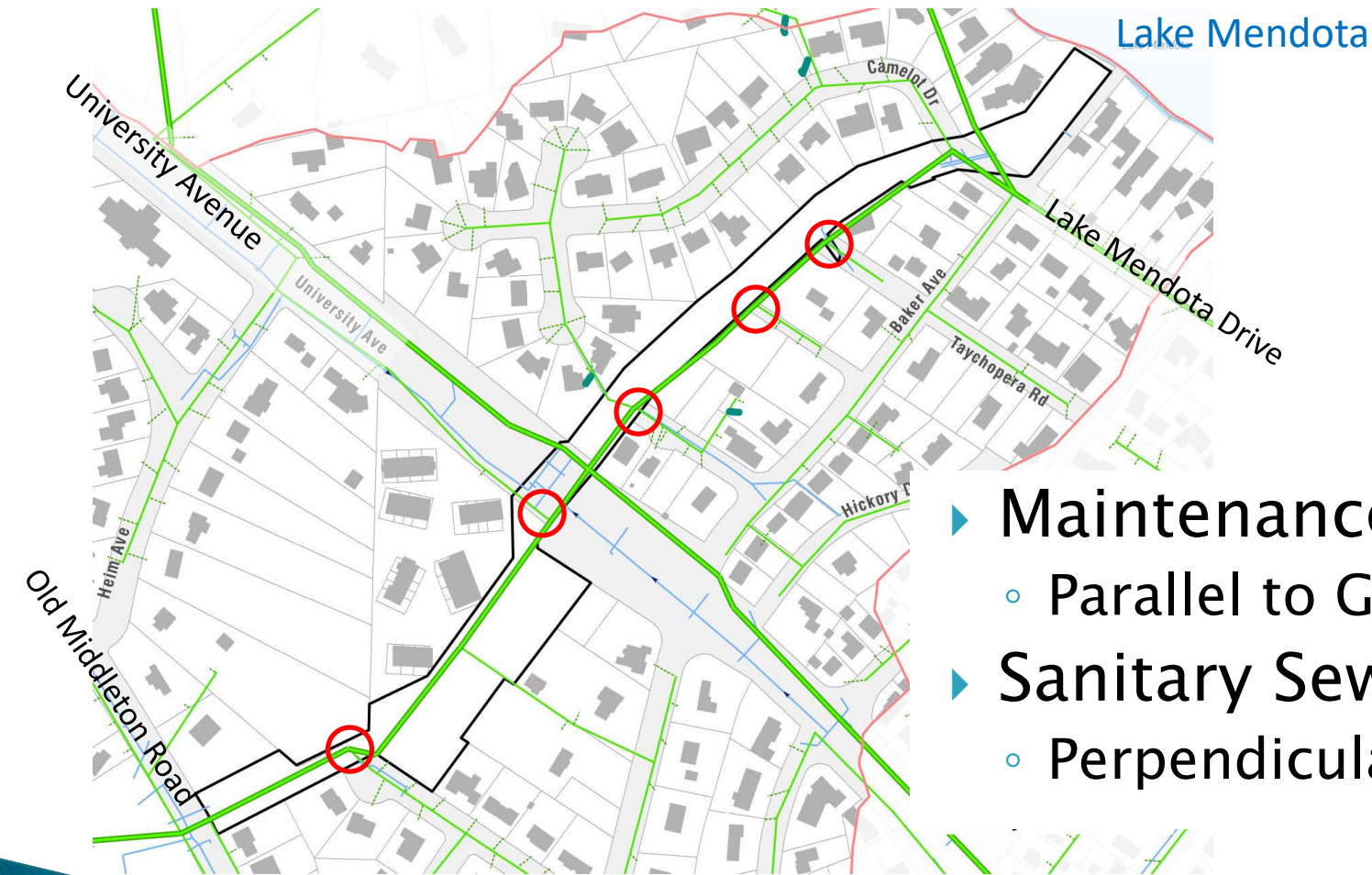
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  - City Flood Reduction Targets
  - Flood Reduction Targets & This Project Scope
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  - Project Segments
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# Additional Design Details



- ▶ Maintenance Access Path
  - Parallel to Greenway
- ▶ Sanitary Sewer Access Structure Path(s)
  - Perpendicular to Greenway

*More details to be provided at PIM #2*

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## ➤ Project Website:

[cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/mendota-grassman-greenway-flood-mitigation-and-restoration-design](http://cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/mendota-grassman-greenway-flood-mitigation-and-restoration-design)

- Sign-up for project email updates on the website
- Updates on work progress will be posted to the project website

## ➤ Facebook – City of Madison Engineering

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## ➤ Engineering Podcast: Everyday Engineering on iTunes, GooglePlay