



Better Unpaved Roads for People and Nature



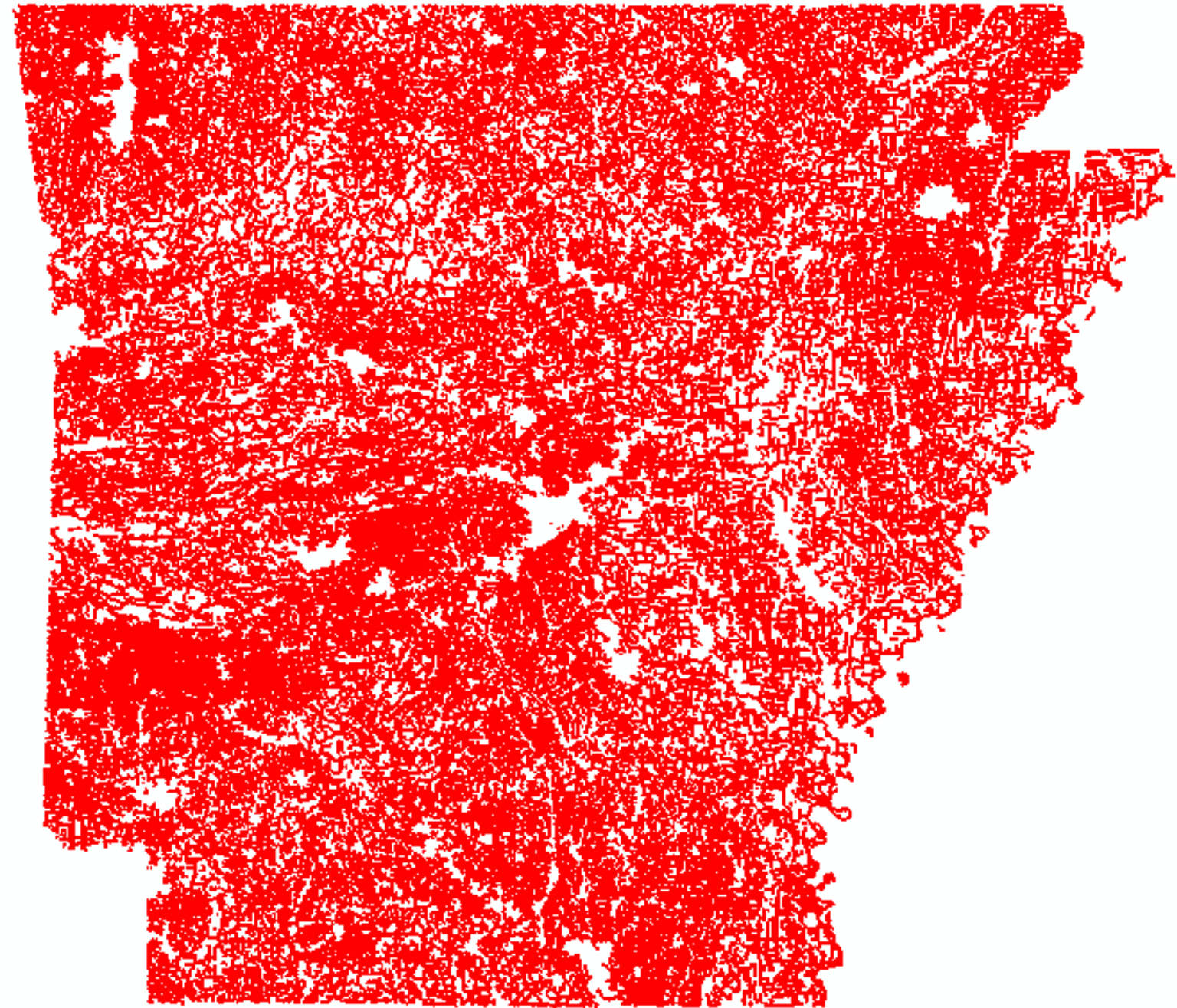


No Shortage of Work

~**81,590** miles of county roads in Arkansas

Over **85%** of county roads are unpaved.

~**416** Structurally Deficient Bridges (>20')



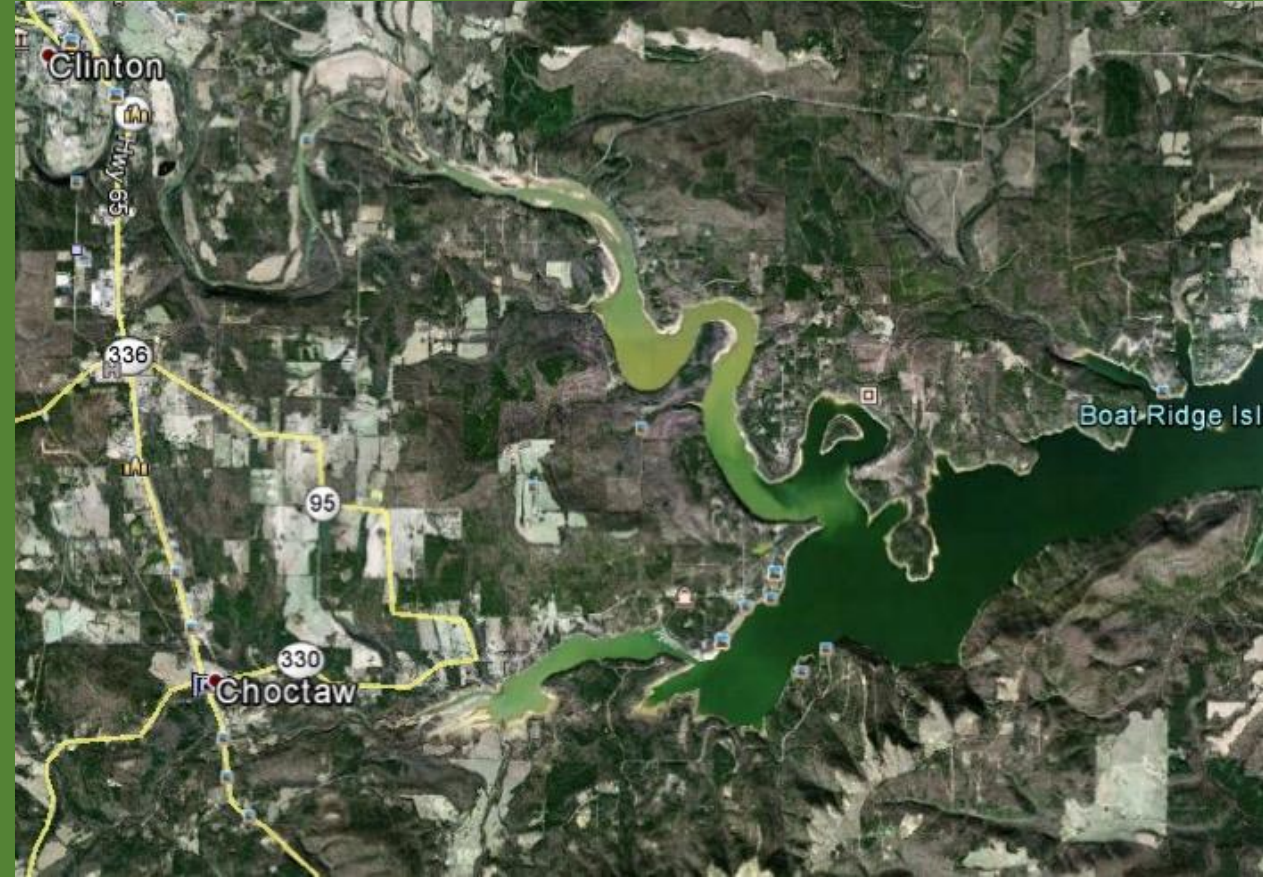




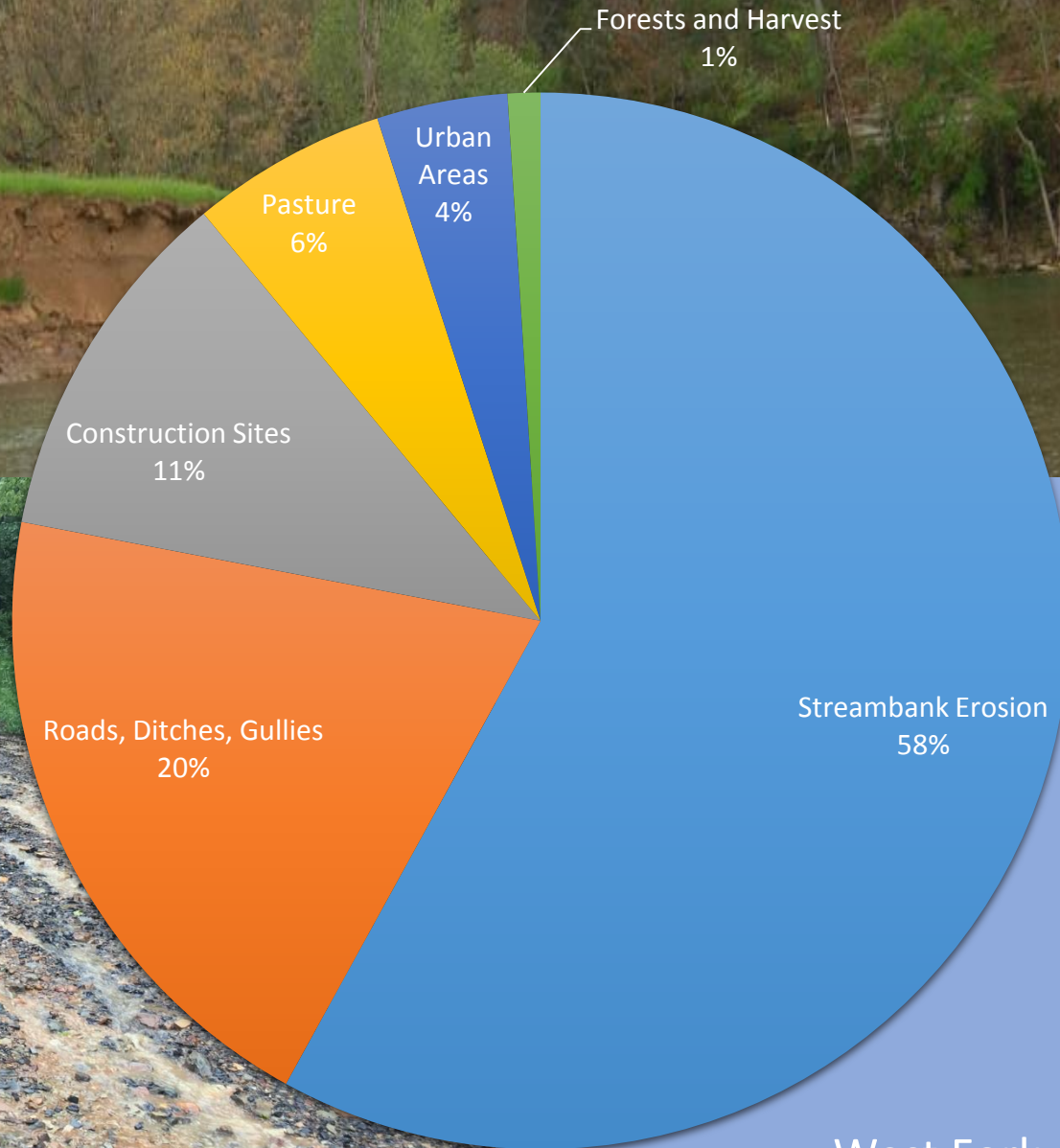
The Problem



IT ADDS UP TO A LOT OF SEDIMENT



Sediment Sources



- Streambank Erosion
- Roads, Ditches, Gullies
- Construction Sites
- Pasture
- Urban Areas
- Forests and Harvest

West Fork of the White River, AR
ADEQ 2004



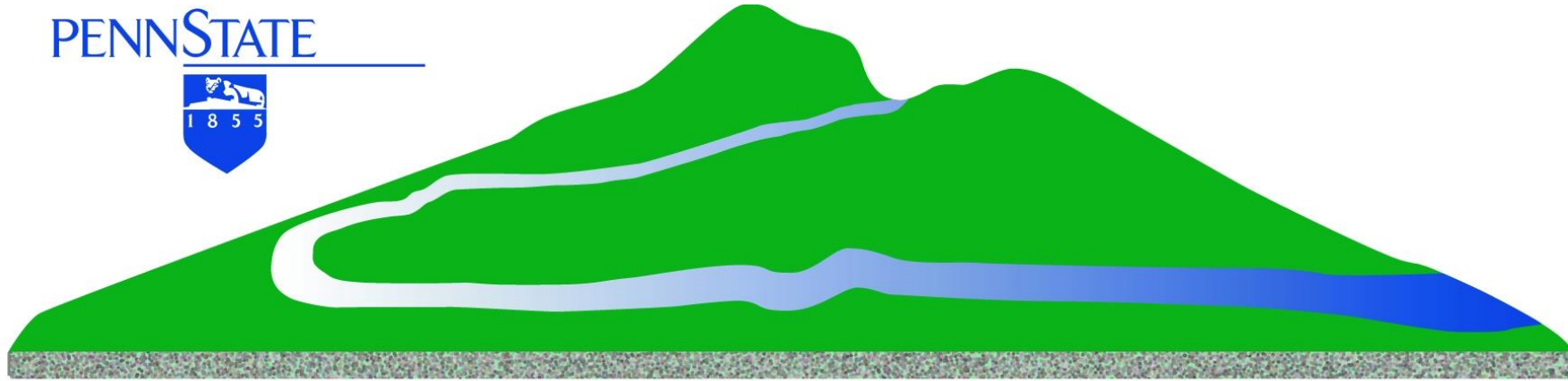
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 Makes breathing difficult and shreds gills!¹²

Economic Impact of Freshwater Fishing by State in 2011

	Retail Sales	Total Multiplier or Ripple Effect	Salaries and Wages	Jobs	Federal Tax Revenues	State and Local Tax Revenues
Alaska [†]	\$390,455,542	\$580,993,450	\$188,878,215	5,261	\$38,988,480	\$48,168,228
Alabama	\$514,154,996	\$776,012,671	\$231,866,667	7,845	\$51,356,071	\$47,232,865
Arkansas	\$507,855,831	\$725,249,570	\$222,334,267	7,549	\$49,830,096	\$49,462,412
Arizona	\$862,298,181	\$1,456,854,992	\$464,810,603	12,007	\$103,458,290	\$86,916,175
California	\$1,417,629,003	\$2,704,701,141	\$921,946,336	21,515	\$213,770,199	\$198,127,762
Colorado	\$836,049,866	\$1,314,006,542	\$408,940,231	9,942	\$98,445,119	\$81,477,253



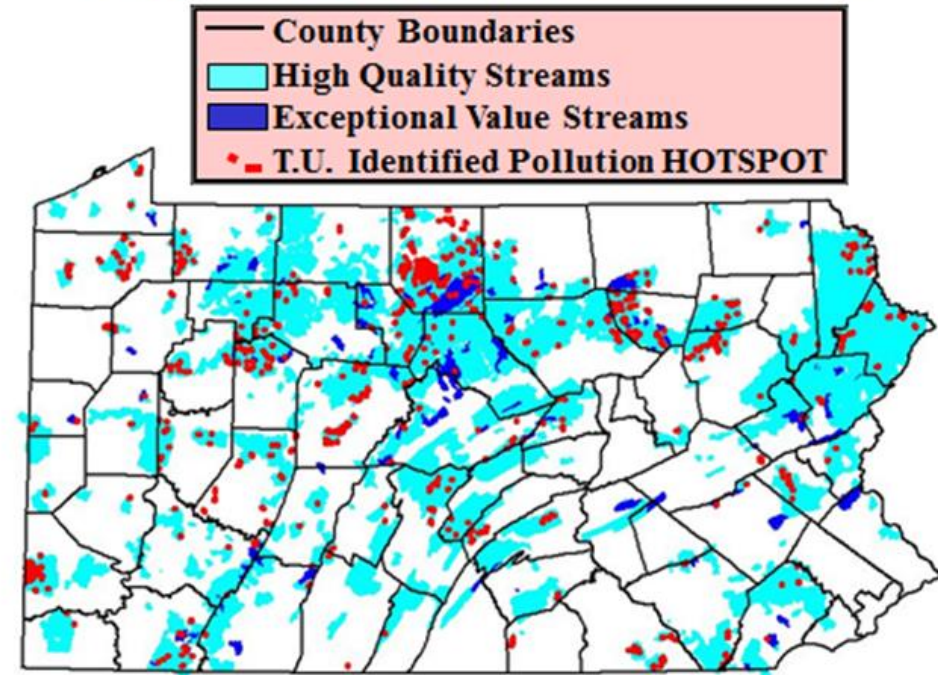
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ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT



Technical Bulletin

Natural Stone Headwalls



NATURAL STONE HEADWALL OR ENDWALL – A wall built of natural stone at a pipe opening to support the road and protect it from the erosive forces of flowing water. Walls built at the inlet of a pipe are called **headwalls**. Walls built at the outlet of a pipe are called **endwalls**.



Photo 1

Headwall at pipe inlet.



Photo 2

Endwall at pipe outlet.

PURPOSES

Headwalls and endwalls are built to support the roadway at pipes and to prevent erosion around pipe installations. Properly constructed headwalls significantly improve the flow capacity of the pipe.

BENEFITS OF STONE HEADWALLS AND ENDWALLS

- low-cost, long-lasting solution to erosion problems at pipe openings
- prevent flowing water from damaging the road structure
- provide structural support for the road and prevent crushing of the pipe
- increase the flow capacity of pipes by reducing turbulence and directing flow
- visually identify pipe openings and protect them from traffic and maintenance equipment

HOW STONE HEADWALLS AND ENDWALLS WORK

The strength of a rock wall comes from the weight of the interwoven stacked stones and friction between the rock surfaces. Wall stability comes from tightly fitting the stones together and staggering the joints.

TYPICAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Materials:** Rock of uniform thickness, flat on two or three sides that can be handled by one person are ideal. Native sandstone or limestone of any size and shape can be used, but construction will be easier and faster with stones that have some flat sides. In areas where native stone is unavailable, headwalls are constructed of a variety of different materials. Pre-fabricated and cast-in-place concrete, concrete blocks, and molded plastic are environmentally acceptable materials. (Alternate construction techniques will be covered in a separate technical bulletin.)
- **Equipment:** A pick, shovel, and sledgehammer or pry bar are the only required pieces of equipment. If large rock is available, a skilled operator can save time and labor by placing large stones with a backhoe.

United States
Department of Agriculture

Forest Service

National Technology &
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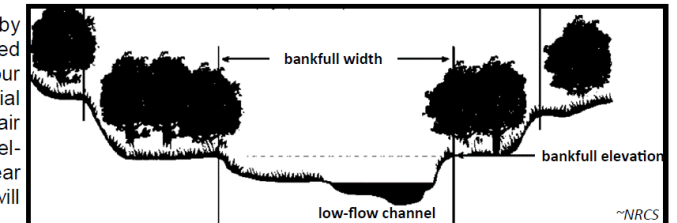
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April 2012



ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE ROAD MAINTENANCE PRACTICES FOR DIRT AND GRAVEL ROADS

Guidance in Determining Bankfull Stream Width in Pennsylvania

Bankfull Flow: This flow stage is determined by the elevation point of incipient flooding, indicated by deposits of sand or silt at the active scour mark, break in stream bank slope, perennial vegetation limit, rock discoloration, and root hair exposure. It is typically called the “channel-forming flow”, with roughly a 1.5-2 year recurrence interval, and is where a stream will typically begin to access its floodplain.



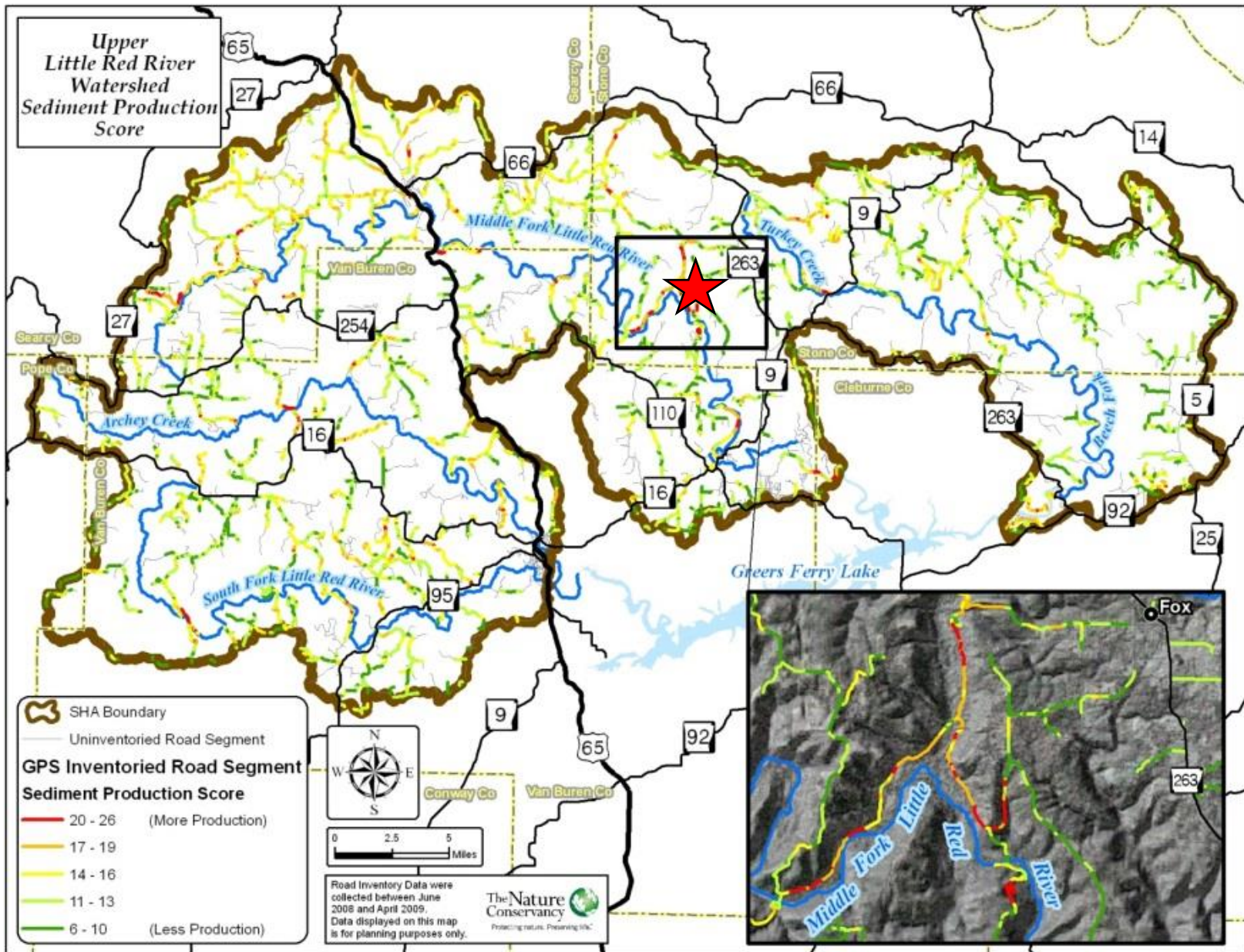
Bankfull Width – The width of the channel at the bankfull elevation.

Finding a “Reference Reach” of a Stream:

Because streams vary widely in composition, slope, and manmade impacts, it is impossible to create a set of “instructions” for determining bankfull that will work on every channel. The goal when determining bankfull flow is to find a “Reference Reach” of the stream that is the most representative of the natural channel. This sometimes means moving further upstream or down, or skipping sections of stream that are unnaturally widened or constricted. **Be flexible in choosing your bankfull measurement locations in order to find a section of stream that is the most representative of the natural channel.**

Procedure for Determining Bankfull Width Near a Road / Stream Crossing Structure:

Location: Start at a location away from the influence of any culvert or bridge, since they often impact width. To do this, roughly estimate bankfull channel width, then go at least 5 times that distance away from the structure. Looking upstream is preferred, but downstream reaches can be used if necessary (see *locations to avoid below*).



Sources of Stress	Contribution	Increased Sedimentation		Loss of Instream Habitat		Modification of water levels; changes in		Nutification		Toxins/contaminants		Threat to System Rank
		Very High	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	High	Low		
Incompatible Livestock or Agricultural Practices Historical Source	Irreversibility	Very High	Very High	Very High	Low	Medium	Low	Very High	High	High	Low	Very High
	Override	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Very High
Existing Roads and Road Maintenance Active Threat	Contribution	Very High	Very High	Very High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Very High
	Irreversibility	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Very High
Conversion of Riparian Forest Active Threat	Contribution	Medium	High	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Irreversibility	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Gravel Mining Active Threat	Contribution	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Irreversibility	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Residential Construction Active Threat	Contribution	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Irreversibility	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Incompatible Livestock or Agricultural Practices Active Threat	Contribution	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High
	Irreversibility	Low	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High
Off-road Recreational Vehicle Use Active Threat	Contribution	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Irreversibility	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Conversion of Riparian Forest Historical Source	Contribution	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High
	Irreversibility	Low	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High





Before



Construction



Construction



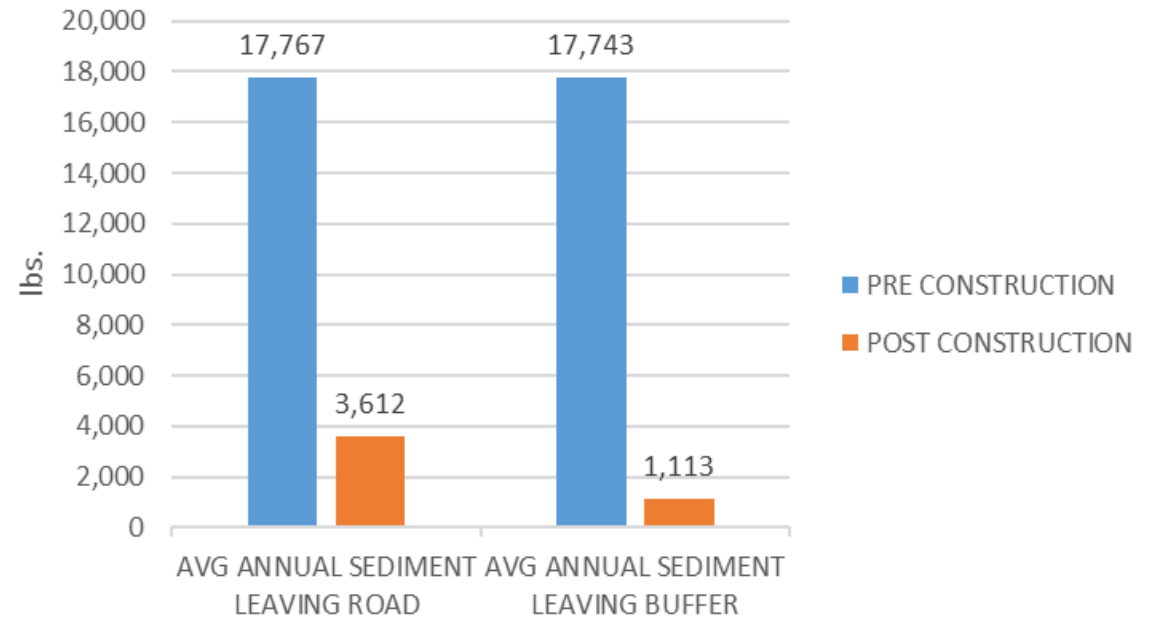
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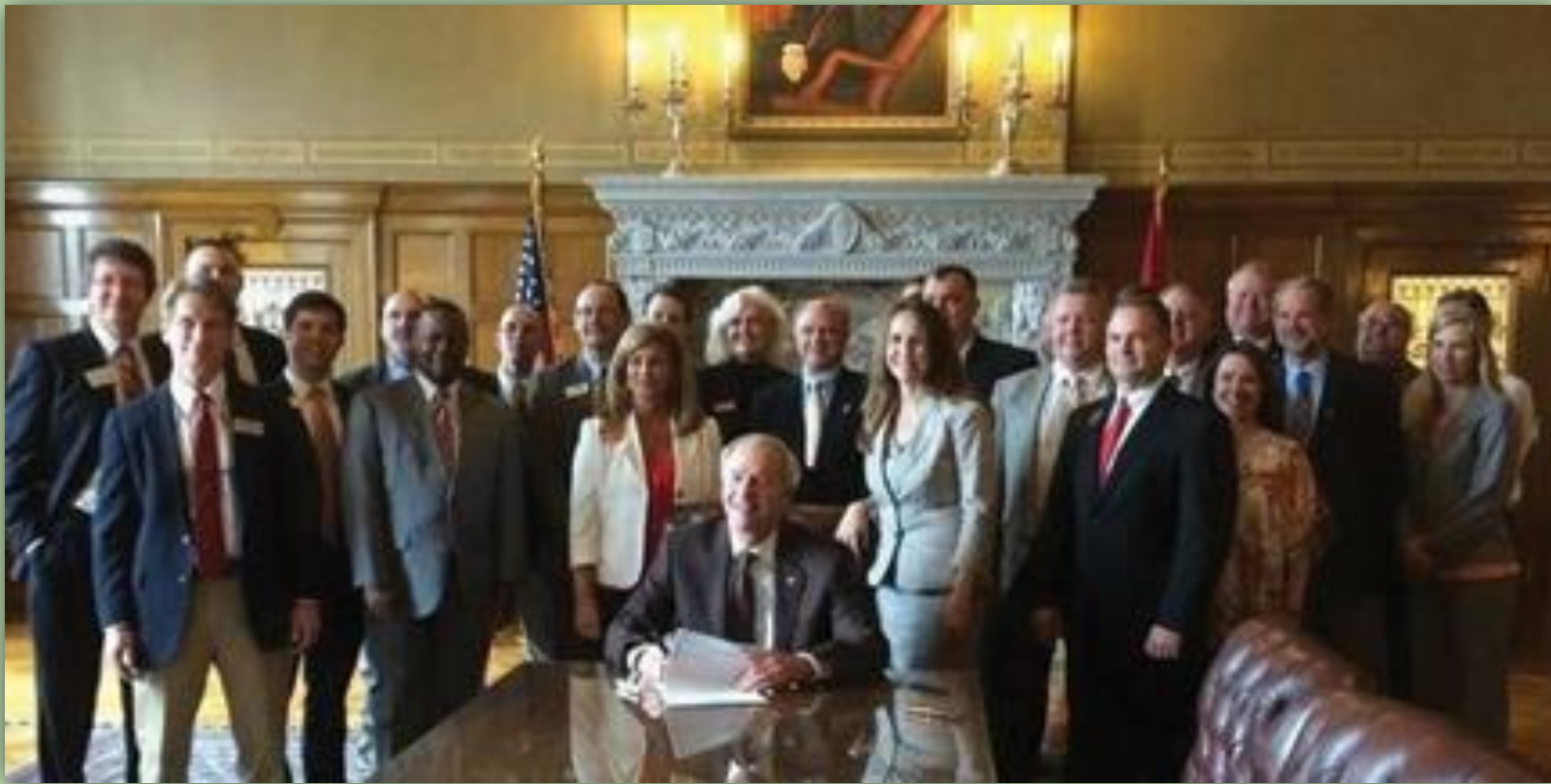


WEPP SUMMARY REPORT

WORKSITE ID: UPR-16-5
ROAD ID: MEADOW CREEK ROAD
DATE: 2/27/2017

	AVG ANNUAL SEDIMENT LEAVING ROAD (lbs)	AVG ANNUAL SEDIMENT LEAVING BUFFER (lbs)
PRE CONSTRUCTION	17,767	17,743
POST CONSTRUCTION	3,612	1,113
REDUCTION (VOLUME)	14,155	16,630
REDUCTION (PERCENT)	80	94





Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
 2 90th General Assembly
 3 Regular Session, 2015

As Engrossed: H3/11/15
A Bill

SENATE BILL 613

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 5 By: Senators Irvin, *B. Sample, J. Woods*
 6 By: Representatives House, Branscum, Tucker, *Hillman, D. Douglas, Boyd, Sabin*

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 8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM
 10 ACT; TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR UNPAVED ROAD
 11 PROJECTS; TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS
 12 PROGRAM FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Created by Act 898 of the 90th General Assembly, the purpose of the Unpaved Roads Program is to create a better unpaved county road system with a reduced negative environmental impact on priority water resources in Arkansas. The Program focuses on best management practices that reduce the impact of sediment and road runoff to streams, rivers, and drinking water supplies while reducing long term unpaved county road maintenance costs.

There are two requirements that have to be met to be eligible to receive funding for the Unpaved Roads Grant Program:

- (1) Mandatory Environmental Sensitive Maintenance training for at least one county representative and for the county roads personnel, such as the county road's foreman, most involved with the construction of the project. Training certification is good for five years.
- (2) Schedule a pre-site visit with an AEDC grants manager to discuss the potential project before an application is submitted for funding in excess of \$25,000.

The program is designed to fund work on public roads with unbound road surfaces. Public entities that own and maintain public roads in Arkansas that are open to public vehicle travel at least eight consecutive weeks a year are eligible to apply for up to \$75,000 in state matching funds toward a single project.

For more information on this program, contact Grants Manager Brenda Rowell at 1-888-RURALAR.

ARKANSAS
 Economic Development Commissioner
RURAL SERVICES
 www.RuralServicesArkansas.gov

By the Numbers:
 Over 85% of Arkansas country roads are unpaved.

Soilside ditch delivers sediment runoff directly to the stream.

Inter-road base material and construction lead to erosion and poor driving conditions.

Runoff flows along the road, causing surface material to erode.

Geo-textiles used to strengthen road base and prevent loss of road materials.

Program Partners:

ARKANSAS RURAL SERVICES
 The Nature Conservancy
 FARM BUREAU OF ARKANSAS
 USDA

IMPROVING UNPAVED ROADS FOR NATURE & ARKANSANS



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APPLICATION PACKET
FISCAL YEAR 2017

ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS GRANT PROGRAM
DEADLINE:
MARCH 9, 2017

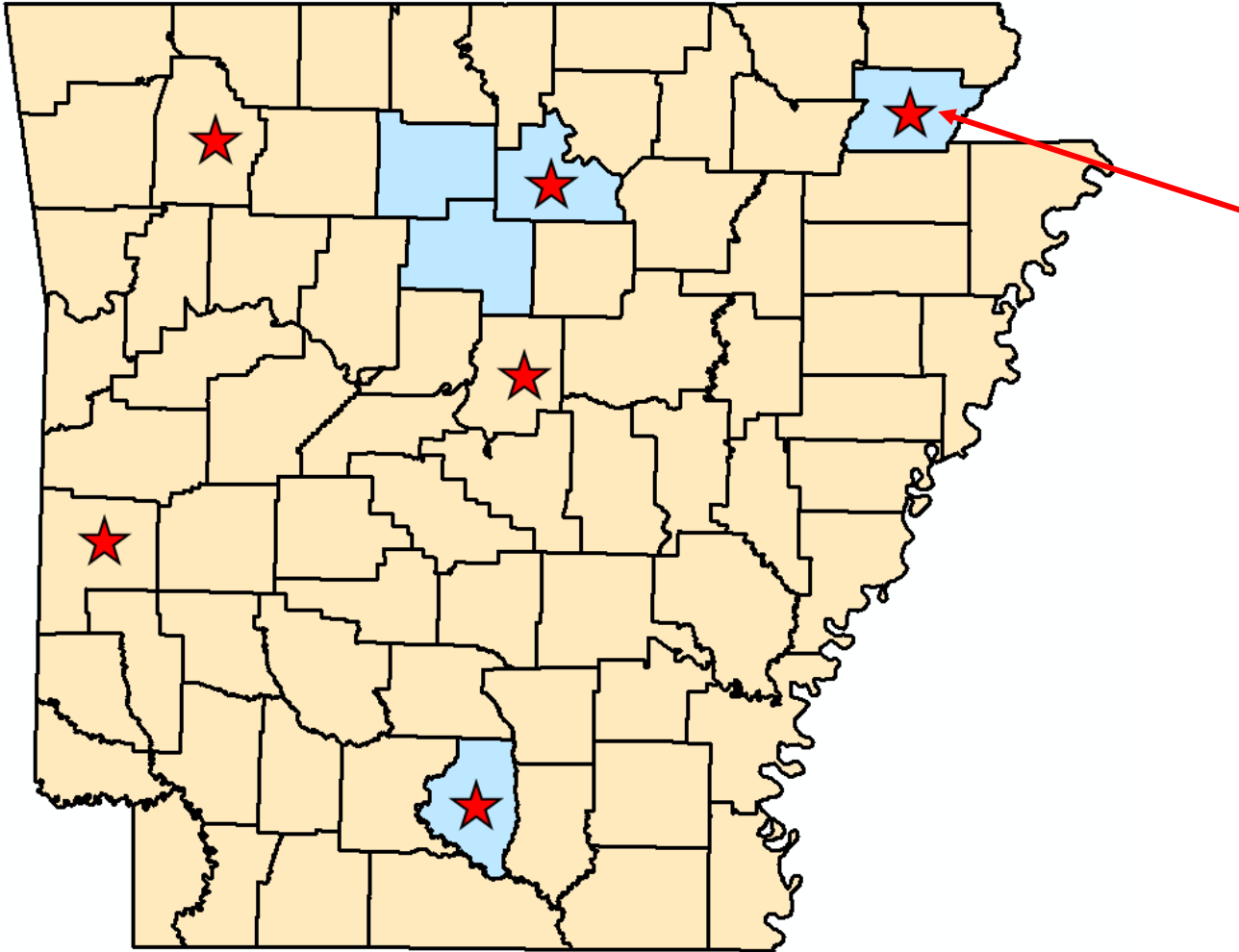
ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, DIVISION OF RURAL
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2016 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program



 - 2016 AURP Funded Projects

 - 2016 ESM Workshop Sites



By the Numbers:

9 ESM Project Proposals

5 Projects Funded

\$500,000 in total ESM projects

6 ESM workshops

100 Road Professionals

50 Counties and Municipalities

Calhoun County Road 20
2016 Arkansas Unpaved Road
Program Project







