City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:	Public Works and Transportation Committee	**Date:**	May 23, 2023
From:	Milton Chan, P.Eng Director, Engineering	**File:**	10-6060-01/2023-Vol 01
Re:	**Dike Master Plan - Phase 4 Report**		

Staff Recommendation

That the "Dike Master Plan – Phase 4 Final Report," as attached in the staff report titled "Dike Master Plan – Phase 4 Report," dated May 23, 2023, from the Director, Engineering, be endorsed for capital project and development planning purposes.

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Staff Report

Origin

As detailed in the Council-endorsed Flood Protection Management Strategy, flood protection is integral to protecting the health, safety, and economic viability of the City of Richmond. A key action identified in the City's Flood Protection Management Strategy involves continuing to upgrade the City's perimeter dike in anticipation of climate change-induced sea level rise. The accelerated flood protection program supports completing all upgrades in a 50-year timeline. The City's Dike Master Plans address this need by recommending dike upgrade options for each dike section throughout the City.

Council has endorsed the following phases of Dike Master Plans to date:

- Dike Master Plan Phase 1 – Steveston and the West dike south of Williams Road, endorsed by Council on April 22, 2013;
- Dike Master Plan Phase 2 – West dike between Williams Road and Terra Nova Rural Park and north dike between Terra Nova Rural Park and No. 6 Road, endorsed by Council on April 23, 2018;
- Dike Master Plan Phase 3 – South dike between No. 2 Road and Boundary Road, endorsed by Council on March 25, 2019; and
- Dike Master Plan Phase 5 – Sea Island dike from the Sea Island Connector Bridge to the south end of 3800 Cessna Drive, Mitchell Island and Richmond Island, endorsed by Council on March 25, 2019.

The Dike Master Plan Phase 4 Draft Report was presented at the regular Council meeting on June 28, 2021, where Council resolved the following:

> *"That, as outlined in the staff report titled "Dike Master Plan Phase 4 – Public and Stakeholder Engagement", dated May 20, 2021, from the Director, Engineering, the public and stakeholder engagement program be endorsed."*

Staff have now completed public and key stakeholder consultation for Dike Master Plan Phase 4; the results of that consultation are the focus of this report. Dike Master Plan Phase 4 is the last phase of the plan, and upon its endorsement, the City's Dike Master Plan will be complete.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

> *Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.*
>
> *1.2 Advocate for the needs of Richmond in collaboration with partners and stakeholders.*
>
> *1.3 Increase the reach of communication and engagement efforts to connect with Richmond's diverse community.*

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #2 Strategic and Sustainable Community Growth:

> *Strategic and sustainable growth that supports long-term community needs and a well-planned and prosperous city.*
>
> *2.1 Ensure that Richmond's targeted OCP update shapes the direction and character of the city.*

Analysis

The City of Richmond is situated in a flood plain and is approximately 1 metre above sea level, making flood protection critical to safeguarding the community. The City is protected from coastal flooding by 49 kilometres of perimeter dike. Current climate change science estimates that the sea level will rise approximately 1 metre by the year 2100, and 0.2 metres of land subsidence is forecasted over the same period.

The Flood Protection Management Strategy identifies strengthening and raising the City's dike to 4.7 metres geodetic as a priority response to sea level rise and increased variability in freshet flows due to climate change. All new dikes are designed to accommodate a further height increase to 5.5 metres to address sea level rise beyond 2100.

As outlined in the staff report titled "Accelerated Flood Protection Program Update," dated March 4, 2022, from the Director, Engineering, a target annual revenue level of $30 million by 2031 was endorsed for the Flood Protection Utility to support a 50 year implementation period, improving the City's diking infrastructure well in advance of the currently anticipated climate change impacts. Dike improvements are ongoing through the Council-approved Capital and development projects. Cost estimates for the remaining dike upgrades continue to be refined, and any changes to the required long-term funding will be brought forward for Council consideration in future Ageing Utility Infrastructure and Utility Budget reports.

The Dike Master Plans are intended to be a comprehensive guide to:

- Upgrading the City of Richmond's perimeter dike;
- Protecting Richmond from both storm surges and Fraser River freshet events;
- Adapting to sea level rise and land subsidence;
- Being seismically resilient;
- Integrating the Ecological Network Management Strategy vision and goals;
- Following the five strategic directions of the City's Waterfront Strategy (Working Together, Amenities and Legacy, Thriving Eco-Systems and Community, Economic Vitality, Responding to Climate Change and Natural Hazards); and
- Prioritizing dike improvement phasing to use resources efficiently.

All phases of the Dike Master Plan are shown in Figure 1. Council has endorsed Dike Master Plan Phases 1, 2, 3, and 5. Public and stakeholder consultation for Dike Master Plan Phase 4 is complete, and the findings are summarized in this report.

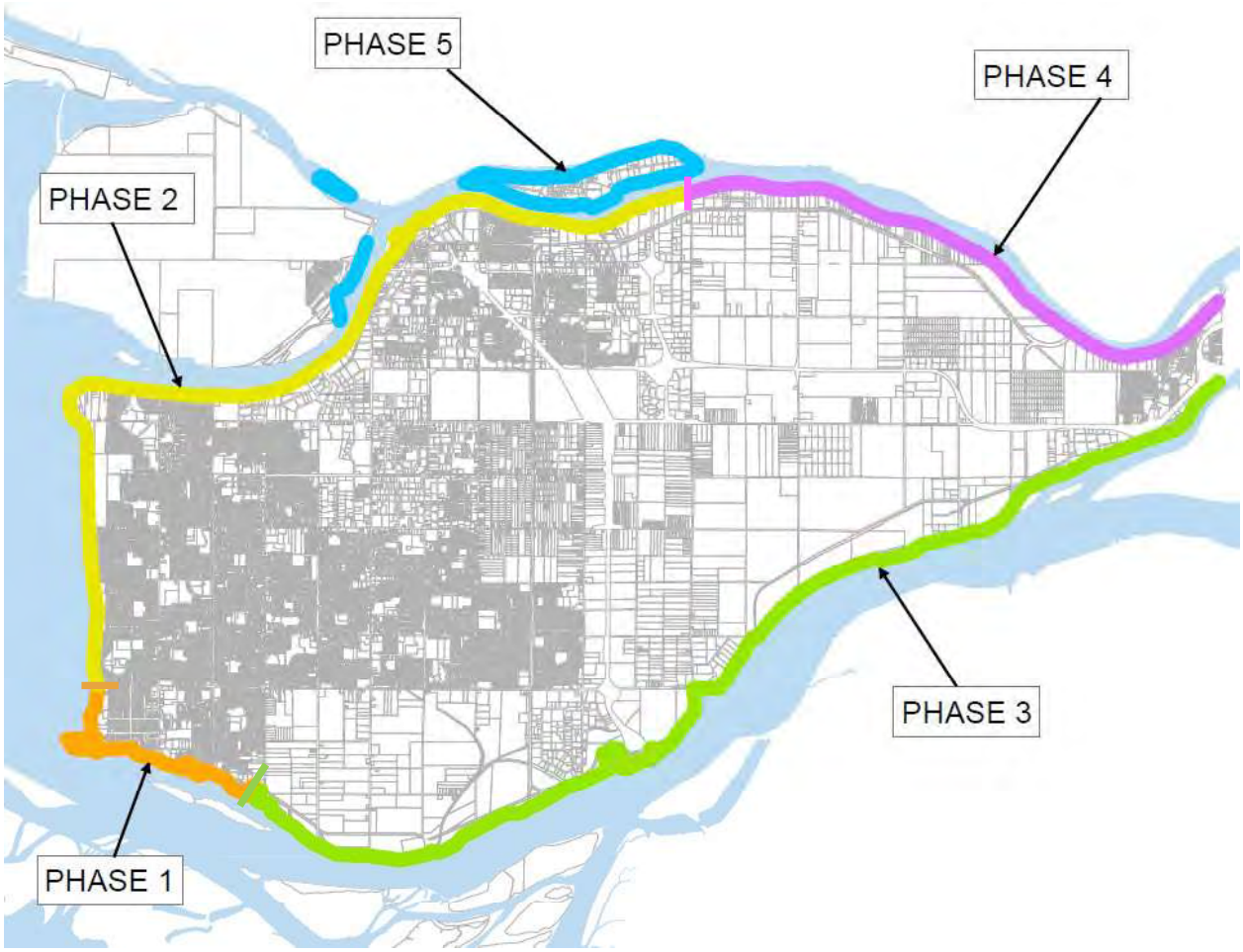

Figure 1: Dike Master Plan Phases

Dike Master Plan Phase 4

The Dike Master Plan Phase 4 report, appended as Attachment 1, provides upgrade recommendations for the north dike along River Road between No. 6 Road and Boundary Road, considering several factors, including adjacent land use, available land for diking, environmental conditions, and potential amenity improvements. It evaluates the various reaches within the study area and recommends upgrade approaches including separated dike and road, standard dike, and superdike.

Public Engagement

There was an extensive Flood Protection Public Engagement Campaign, including in-person and online engagement activities. This campaign was carried out over five months, from May 2022

to September 2022, to collect public feedback on the Dike Master Plan Phase 4. The City's accelerated flood protection program and the City's habitat enhancement initiatives were also highlighted as being integral to the overall program.

The engagement included the following:

- Five community pop-ups (Emergency Preparedness Week, Kwantlen Street Farmers Market, Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market, Burkeville Daze, "Island City, by Bike" tour);
- Two in-person open houses at Hamilton Community Centre;
- Three Works on Wheels bus tours;
- Four online Community Conversation engagement sessions;
- Elementary school presentations;
- 'Walk Richmond' walking tour;
- Updated flood protection webpage on the City's website;
- LetsTalkRichmond.ca flood protection project page;
- New Flood Protection page on StoryMaps; and
- Over 100 door-to-door visits in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 study area.

Approximately 1,000 people attended the in-person engagement activities and events. Additionally, approximately 2,000 people participated online through the City's flood protection webpage and a Let's Talk Richmond project page that was set up to support community outreach.

Public Feedback

The feedback received through public engagement was generally positive and supportive of the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 and the City's flood protection initiatives. The public is aware of the flood risks and Richmond's flood protection measures, and most are supportive of upgrades that provide other community benefits and amenities. A vast majority of the engaged residents supported the accelerated flood protection program and the associated utility rate increases. Most residents appreciated being included in conversations about flood protection and being provided with the opportunity to ask questions and have them addressed directly at the event.

Based on feedback, the public indicated:

- Strong support for the accelerated flood protection program with a 50-year implementation timeline;
- Support for the actions being taken with regard to community safety;
- Support for environmental considerations in the Dike Master Plan;
- Support for coordination with development to create superdikes;
- Support for improved cyclist experience along River Road;
- Support for amenity upgrades along the dike corridor, including delineated bike lanes, multi-use pathways, benches, washrooms, perimeter dike trail continuity, and traffic calming features;

- Concern regarding the removal of trees and habitat along the dike. Once staff explained how trees in the dike could impact its overall structural integrity, the participants understood why tree removal may be necessary for some situations;
- Concern regarding the uncertainty in sea level rise trends. The participants were assured that the City is continuously monitoring and reviewing the evolving climate change science and adjusting the City's flood protection plans to protect the City well ahead of the sea-level rise;
- Concern regarding New Westminster's dike-raising plans. Staff are coordinating with New Westminster to ensure their dike upgrade plans are in alignment with Richmond's;
- Appreciation for the flood protection public engagement campaign and desire for more similar initiatives in the future;
- Appreciation for all materials available to provide information to residents, including the webpage, online StoryMaps, hand-out flyers, and poster boards; and
- Appreciation for being able to communicate directly with City staff regarding their flood protection concerns.

More details on public engagement and feedback are provided in the 'What We Heard' report appended as Attachment 2.

Key Stakeholder Feedback

Key regulators, community stakeholders, and advisory committees listed below were engaged and invited to provide feedback for the Dike Master Plan Phase 4. Staff mailed out information flyers to the local businesses to invite them to attend the community conversations, and held both in-person and virtual presentations for the advisory committees and some regulators. The other stakeholders were sent the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 report with links to the City's website, information flyers, and a survey on Let's Talk Richmond via email and were invited by staff to provide comments or meet for further discussions.

Community Stakeholders

- Local businesses;
- Agricultural Land Commission;
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;
- CN Rail;
- Environment Canada;
- Port of Vancouver;
- Urban Development Institute;
- Pembina Pipeline;
- Telus;
- BC Hydro;
- Hamilton Transit Centre; and
- City of New Westminster.

Advisory Committees

- Richmond Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee; and
- Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment.

Regulators

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans;
- Ministry of Forests;
- Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;
- Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness;
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; and
- BC Inspector of Dikes.

In the past, First Nations were not specifically engaged on the overarching Dike Master Plans. First Nations were engaged on individual projects as required through the Province's permit approval processes. Through the staff report titled "Truth and Reconciliation Update," dated April 11, 2023, from the Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Corporate and Strategic Planning, Council endorsed creating a new position for Manager, Indigenous Relations at the Regular Council Meeting on May 8, 2023. Once this position has been filled, staff will use this opportunity to bring forward future diking and flood protection projects to First Nation groups and conduct meaningful engagements to advance reconciliation efforts.

Stakeholder Feedback

Staff received a limited number of comments and survey responses from the community stakeholder group. The advisory committees and the community stakeholders that returned comments were generally supportive of the findings in Dike Master Plan Phase 4. Some additional comments are provided below:

- Richmond's Advisory Committee on the Environment generally supported dike-raising and noted that New Westminster's dike-raising plans should align with Richmond's. The City is coordinating with the City of New Westminster to ensure that East Richmond will remain protected from flood risks.

- Richmond Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee noted that implementing a continuous trail network along the perimeter dike and tree planting for habitat compensation should be prioritized. Additionally, opportunities for accessing the river for water activities should be investigated. The recommendations provided in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 include a continuous multi-use pathway for dike trail continuity as well as habitat enhancement and compensation recommendations. Staff will also explore water access opportunities during the detailed design phase of the various dike reaches.

- Ministry of Transportation does not have any infrastructure in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 study area; however, they noted their request to be notified and engaged wherever Richmond's dike project may intersect with Ministry infrastructure.

- Fortis BC also requested a notification for dike upgrades along Reach 1 of Dike Master Plan Phase 4 to relocate or regrade one of their critical pump stations.

Regulatory Feedback

Staff met with the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program team at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to discuss the dike-raising initiative and how impacts on fish and fish habitat are planned to be mitigated or compensated where impact cannot be avoided. They encourage the implementation of more nature-based solutions. Staff are in discussion with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to implement a habitat bank, per council direction.

The Ministry of Forests commented on habitat impact from potential Riparian Management Area (RMA) watercourse infills along River Road. Staff will be working closely with a Qualified Environmental Professional, in collaboration with the Ministry, during the detailed design phase of the different dike sections to address regulatory requirements that limit impacts where possible and provide adequate high-value habitat compensation where necessary.

The Ministry of Forests also noted that Land Act authorizations would be required for any potential dike infrastructure that may encroach into the river or aquatic areas. Staff will obtain all required authorizations and permits before any dike upgrade works commence.

The plan notes that all other relevant federal and provincial regulatory agencies including, but not limited to, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment, and the Inspector of Dikes will continue to be engaged during the detailed design of the dike reaches.

Recommendations

Following public and key stakeholder consultation, comments received have been reviewed and are incorporated in the finalized report. The City's findings indicate that in addition to strong support for the accelerated dike upgrades, the residents of Richmond and the community stakeholders were most interested in seeing upgraded amenities to increase community safety and for recreational use. These include multi-use pathways, bike lanes, dike trail continuity, and other park features. There was also general support for creating high-value habitat through the City's habitat banking initiative for dike upgrades.

The updated recommendations of Dike Master Plan Phase 4 are summarized as follows:

1. **Separated Dike and Road**— Separate the dike core footprint from River Road footprint and raise River Road to the same elevation as the adjacent dike crest to produce a total width (dike plus road) of over 20 metres, providing robust flood protection, separated multi-use path and linear park sections are desired, and utilities relocated out of the dike. Where feasible, the separated multi-use path will aim to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and promote dike trail continuity, while linear park sections can incorporate park amenities desired by the community.

2. **Raised Dike Elevation**— Raise the dike crest to allow for 1 metre of sea level rise. West of Nelson Road, the raised dike crest would be 4. 7 metres (CGVD28). East of Nelson Road, the raised dike crest would increase to 5.1 metres at Boundary Road. The plan also allows for longer-term upgrading to accommodate a further 1 metre of sea level rise (i.e. 2 metres of sea level rise). The above noted desired amenities can be integrated at the ultimate dike elevation.

3. **Drainage Upgrades**— Replace the drainage channel immediately inside the dike with storm sewers and swales. This will improve dike stability and provide some of the land needed to relocate River Road. The stakeholders noted concerns regarding changes in the function or loss of open watercourses as they provide habitat value. The Habitat Banking work will consider and respond to these concerns.

4. **Habitat Enhancement**— Overall, maintain a goal to create and maintain high-value habitat to fulfil habitat compensation requirements for dike-raising projects;

5. **Superdikes**— Land and road raising immediately inside the dike (during redevelopment) to improve seismic resilience. This will also improve liveability by allowing residents to look down over the water.

6. **Secondary Dike**— Construct the north section of a secondary dike near Boundary Road.

Next Steps

Dike Master Plan Phase 4 identifies a medium to long-term program for dike improvements on the north dike along the eastern half of River Road. All sections included in the Dike Master Plan will be raised within the next 50 years to meet the target established by the accelerated program to stay ahead of climate change-induced sea level rise and land subsidence. Staff will continue to review the latest climate change predictions and update the plan to keep up with the current trends.

Based on the guidelines provided in the Flood Protection Management Strategy and feedback collected through stakeholder engagement, staff have identified a significant amount of work that can be carried out in the short and medium term in preparation for these upgrades. Should Council endorse this work plan, staff will proceed with the following:

a) Identify and include dike reaches from Phase 4 for detailed design and construction in the future Capital Budgets. The detailed design of these reaches will be guided by the recommendations included in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 and incorporate the aforementioned public and stakeholder feedback;

b) Explore upcoming senior government funding opportunities for upgrades to dike reaches identified in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4;

c) Continue coordination and discussions with the regulatory entities and engage the First Nations for future dike upgrade initiatives;

d) Continue regular coordination with the City of New Westminster to ensure their flood protection initiatives align with the City's;

e) Advance the habitat banking program to support dike improvement projects;

f) Encourage the construction of superdikes through development;

g) Re-evaluate current and future flood construction levels and development bylaws to reduce flood risk;

h) Strategically acquire properties in support of future dike upgrading;

i) Monitor sea level rise using water level sensors; and

j) Continue public engagement activities for the City's flood protection projects to inform and involve the community.

Financial Impact

Capital projects will be brought forward for Council consideration as part of the budget process.

Conclusion

The Dike Master Plan Phase 4 is the last phase of the Dike Master Plan. Consistent with the City's Flood Protection Management Strategy, it provides medium to long-term dike upgrade recommendations along the north dike between No. 6 Road and Boundary Road. It generally recommends that the City raise the dike to a minimum 4.7 metre dike elevation while allowing for a further height increase to 5.5 metres in the future, integrate the proposed dike concepts within the study areas, pursue superdikes through development, and strategically acquire land required to facilitate the upgrades.

This project's public and stakeholder engagement is complete, and the feedback is generally favourable with support for the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 and the accelerated flood protection program. The feedback collected will be incorporated into capital dike improvement projects as identified in this plan.

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Att. 1: Dike Master Plan Phase 4 – Final Report
2: What We Heard Report

Attachment 1

Final Report

Richmond Dike Master Plan - Phase 4

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Executive Summary

The City of Richmond uses a Dike Master Planning program to guide future dike upgrading projects, and to ensure that land development adjacent to the dike is compatible with flood protection objectives. The program includes 4 phases for the 49 km of the Lulu Island perimeter dike that is within Richmond, plus another phase for Sea Island, Mitchell Island, and Richmond Island. The immediate goal is to raise the dikes to allow for 1 m of sea level rise, and to allow for further upgrading in the future. The ultimate goal is to provide the City with a world class level of flood protection to keep pace with the rapidly growing community that relies on the dikes.

Dike Master Plan Phase 4 covers 9 km of the Lulu Island perimeter dike along the Fraser River North Arm, between No. 6 Road and Boundary Road. The dike within Phase 4 is mainly under River Road, with private property inside and outside of the dike. Phase 4 land use along the dike corridor is primarily industrial in the west, agricultural in the middle, and residential/industrial in the east. Specific features within the Phase 4 area that complicate dike upgrading include River Road on top of the dike, driveways to private property inside and outside the dike, pedestrian and bicycle traffic and safety issues along the dike/road, utilities within the dike, large drainage channels immediately inside the dike, a railway trestle crossing above the dike, the North East Bog Forest, and liquefiable soils beneath the dike.

This report describes existing conditions, develops an ideal vision for dike upgrading, presents design criteria, identifies options for dike upgrading, and presents recommended dike upgrading options that appropriately address the challenges. This work can be used as a basis for design of dike upgrading projects, recognizing that site-specific refinement of recommended options will be required in some areas. This work can also be used to assist with land use planning activities along the dike corridor.

The main recommended upgrading option in Phase 4 involves separating the dike and River Road, and raising River Road to the dike crest elevation. This will produce a total crest (dike plus road) width of over 20 m which will provide robust flood protection, separated multi-use paths and a linear park, and utilities relocated out of the dike.

Some of the additional features of the recommended options in Phase 4 are described below:

- Raise the dike crest to allow for 1 m of sea level rise. West of Nelson Road, the raised dike crest would be 4.7 m (CGVD28). East of Nelson Road, the raised dike crest would increase to 5.1 m at Boundary Road. The plan also allows for longer term upgrading to accommodate a further 1 m of sea level rise (i.e. 2 m of sea level rise).
- Replace the drainage channel immediately inside the dike with storm sewers and swales. This will improve dike stability, and will provide some of the land needed to relocate River Road.
- Raise land and roads immediately inside the dike (during redevelopment) to improve seismic resilience. This will also improve liveability by allowing residents to looking down over the water.
- Construct the north section of a secondary dike near Boundary Road.

It is also recommended that the City prepare a comprehensive implementation plan for dike upgrading that incorporates the elements of the Phase 4 Dike Master Plan, and the elements of the other Dike Master Plans.

To address habitat compensation issues associated with dike upgrading, it is further recommended that the City consider development of a habitat banking program that could provide effective large-scale compensation.

1. Introduction

Flood protection in Richmond is guided by the City's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy which includes a comprehensive suite of measures including structural measures (e.g. dikes and pump stations), non-structural measures (e.g. flood construction levels), and flood response and recovery plans.

Dike Master Plans are critical components of the City's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy and are used to guide the implementation of long-term dike upgrades.

The City of Richmond (City) has retained Kerr Wood Leidal (KWL) to prepare the Richmond Dike Master Plan Phase 4. The report was essentially completed and a draft report submitted in November 2018. The current final submission includes a summary of some additional stakeholder and public feedback received since the 2018 submission. The Flood Protection Management Strategy Update was submitted in May, 2019 and updates the 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy. Some of the results of this update may not be reflected in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 because it was written first. Also, cost estimates were completed in 2018 dollars.

Phase 4 covers the north-eastern portion of the Lulu Island perimeter dike, from No. 6 Road to Boundary Road (City of New Westminster). Figure 1-1 presents the extent of the City's Dike Master Plan phases. Phase 4 has been subdivided into 6 reaches with relatively uniform conditions. Figure 1-2 shows the reaches of the Phase 4 Dike Master Plan.

1.1 Background

Richmond has a population of about 220,000 and is situated entirely on islands within the overlapping Fraser River and coastal floodplains (Lulu Island, Sea Island, Mitchell Island, Richmond Island, etc.). The City's continued success is due in part to its flat, arable land and its strategic location at the mouth of the Fraser River and on the seashore. The low elevation of the land and its proximity to the water comes with flood risks.

Lulu Island is the most heavily developed part of Richmond. Lulu Island is bounded by the Fraser River and the Strait of Georgia and is subject to flood risks from the Fraser River and the sea. Lulu Island is also subject to other flood-related hazards, including dike breach, seismic effects, internal drainage, tsunami, and river instability. The typical natural ground elevation[1] is in the range of 1 m to 2 m as shown on Figure 1-1.

The cornerstone of the Lulu Island flood defenses is a 49 km long perimeter dike. Internal drainage is provided by an integrated system of channels and storm sewers that drain to 39 pump stations / floodboxes. Richmond occupies over 90% of Lulu Island. The balance of Lulu Island (the upstream end) is occupied by the Queensborough neighbourhood of the City of New Westminster.

As Richmond is fully situated within the river/coastal floodplain, there is no option to locate development out of the floodplain. The continued success of the City depends on providing a high level of structural and non-structural flood protection measures. Without continued improvements, the flood risk within the City would progressively rise as a result of rising flood levels (due to climate change), subsiding land, and increasing development.

[1] All elevations in this report refer to the Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1928 (CGVD28), unless stated otherwise.

The 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy guides the City's flood risk reduction activities across the City's organizational structure and across the spectrum of structural and non-structural flood protection measures.

The Lulu Island perimeter dike is the most critical structural flood protection measure. With essentially unlimited inflow available from the Fraser River and the sea, significant flood damages and impacts could occur in the event of a dike breach.

1.2 Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Dike Master Plan is to guide the implementation of dike upgrades and provide a starting point for the City to work with proposed developments adjacent to the dike. The Dike Master Plan defines the City's preferred and minimum acceptable dike upgrading concepts.

The Dike Master Plan facilitates the City's annual dike upgrading program by providing critical information for the design of dike upgrades, including:

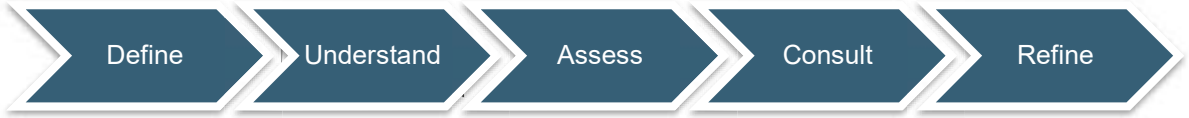
- general design concept;
- alignment;
- typical cross-section (conceptual design);
- footprint and land acquisition and tenure needs;
- design and performance criteria;
- infrastructure changes required for dike upgrading;
- operation and maintenance considerations;
- environmental features and potential impacts;
- social and public amenity considerations;
- guidance for future development adjacent to the dike; and
- guidance on interaction with other structural flood protection measures (e.g. secondary dikes).

The Dike Master Plan is intended to guide dike upgrading over the next 20 to 30 years.

Other flood protection measures, including non-structural measures, are addressed in the City's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy.

1.3 Approach and Methodology

The Dike Master Plan has been developed using a 5-step approach presented and described below.



Define: Confirm Dike Master Plan objectives and design/performance criteria.

Understand: Collect and compile relevant information, including spatial data and background reports from the City and several other parties (City of New Westminster, provincial regulators, the port, etc.).

Assess: Develop dike upgrading options and identification of constraints and potential impacts. Desktop and field review of options with City staff to identify preferred options.

Consult: Present to and gather feedback from council and stakeholders on preferred options.

Refine: Develop the master plan informed by consultation and review by the City.

The scope for the Dike Master Plan includes the following main tasks:

- goals and objectives development;
- background data collection and review;
- design criteria development and identification of constraints;
- options development and review;
- site visits;
- drainage impacts assessment;
- desktop habitat mapping and impacts review;
- geotechnical assessment;
- public amenity review;
- stakeholder consultation; and
- report preparation.

1.4 Report Format

This report is organized as follows:

- The executive summary provides a high-level overview of the master plan and key features;
- Section 1 introduces the master plan context and process;
- Section 2 documents the existing conditions;
- Section 3 documents the options development and assessment, and presents the recommended options;
- Section 4 provides implementation strategy, including costs, phasing, and coordination;
- Section 5 is a compilation of 2-page summary sheets highlighting existing conditions and key features of the preferred option for each reach; and
- Section 6 provides general and reach specific recommendations for next steps and implementation.

Appendix A provides figures showing conditions along the existing dike alignment, and the preliminary design footprint for a number of upgrading options discussed in Section 3.

1.5 Project Team

The KWL project team includes the following key individuals:

- Colin Kristiansen, P.Eng., MBA – Project Manager;
- Mike Currie, M.Eng., P.Eng., FEC – Senior Engineer and Technical Reviewer;
- Amir Taleghani, M.Eng., P.Eng. – Project Engineer;
- Laurel Morgan, M.Sc., P.Eng., P.E. – Drainage Engineer;
- Daniel Brown, B.Sc., B.Tech., BIT – Project Biologist; and
- Jack Lau - GIS/CAD Analyst.

This report was primarily written by Amir Taleghani, and reviewed and updated by Colin Kristiansen. The report was reviewed by Mike Currie.

Thurber Engineering Ltd. (Steven Coulter, M.Sc., P.Eng.) provided geotechnical engineering services and Hapa Collaborative (Joseph Fry, BCSLA) provided landscape architecture services.

The project was guided on behalf of the City by:

- Pratima Milaire, P.Eng., PMP - Project Engineer, Engineering Planning.
- Ridhi Dalla, EIT - Project Manager, Engineering Planning; and
- Eric Sparolin, P.Eng. – Manager, Engineering Planning;

Many additional City staff contributed to the project during workshops, site visits, and in reviewing draft report materials.

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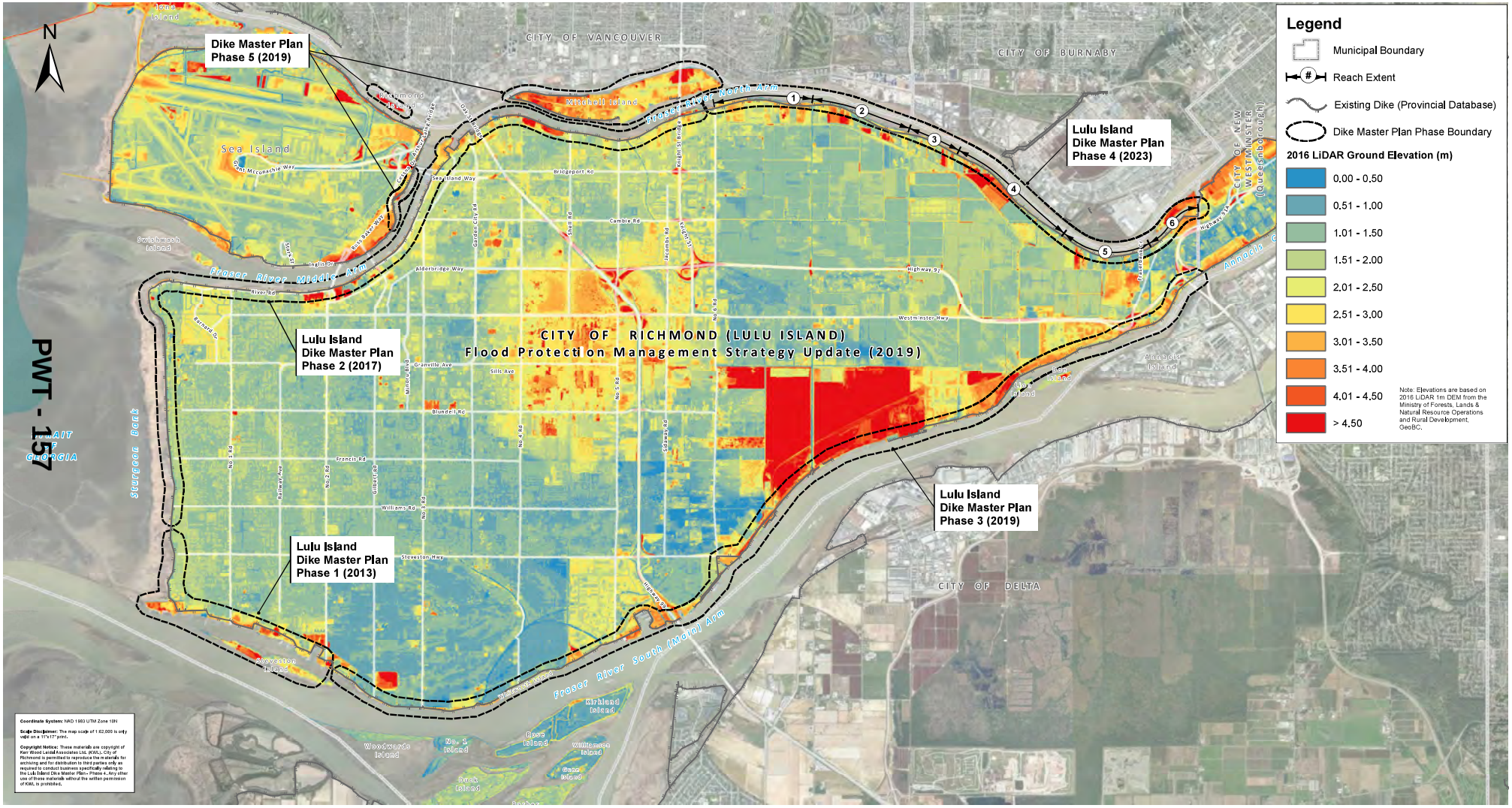

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Dike Master Plan Phases

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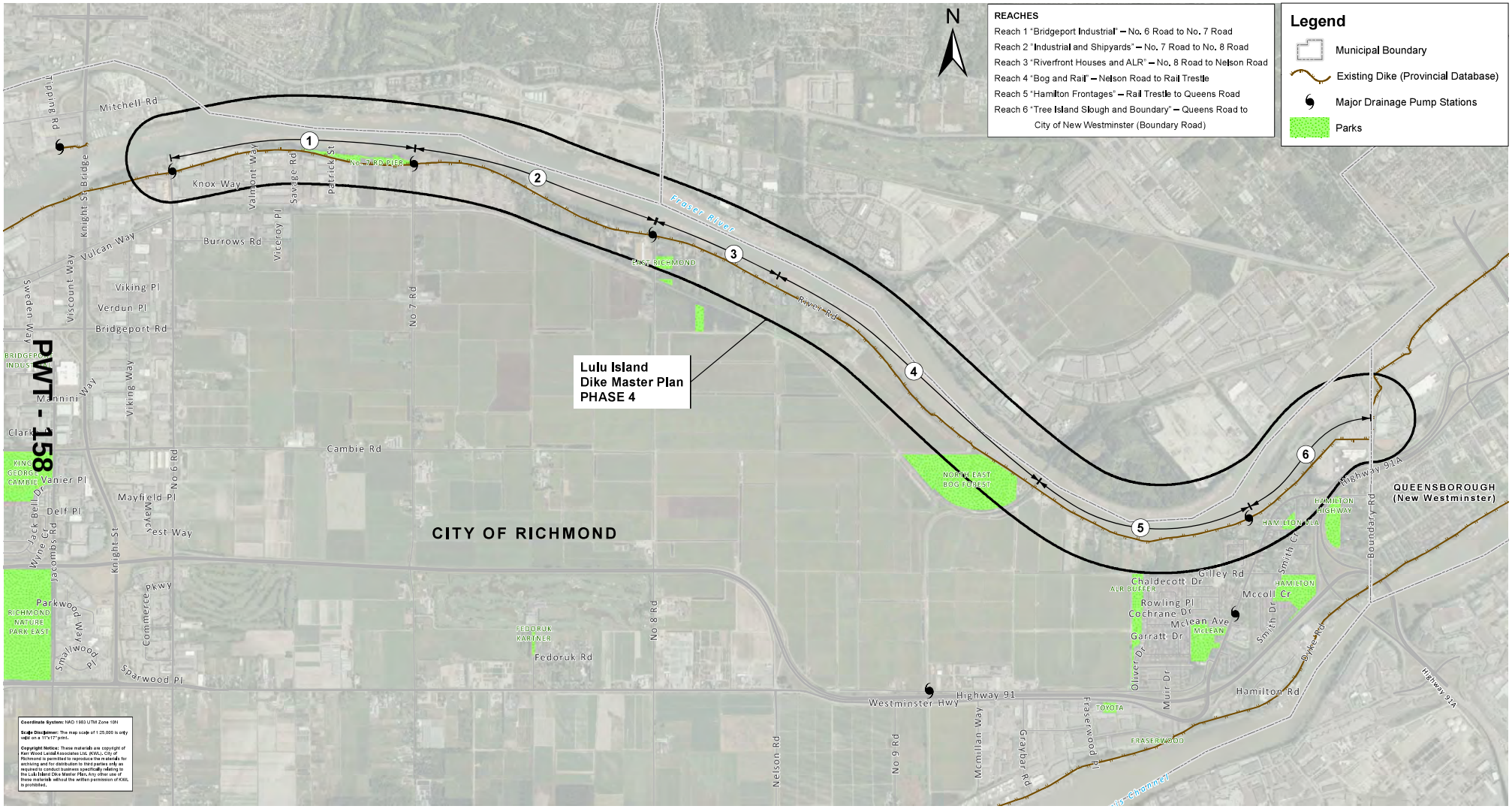

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Dike Master Plan Phase 4 Reaches

Figure 1-2

2. Existing Conditions

This section summarizes the options development process undertaken, including the following components:

- review of existing conditions;
- design considerations;
- upgrading strategies; and
- preferred options and concepts.

2.1 Reaches and Major Features

River Road is a defining feature of the dike in Phase 4 because the road is located on the dike crest for most of the dike alignment. A variety of land uses, structures, and infrastructure are located on either side of the road/dike. Space is limited along the road corridor, presenting unique challenges for the master plan. City staff have identified road safety, including pedestrian and cyclist safety, as an important consideration for the Dike Master Plan.

Land uses adjacent to the dike in Phase 4 comprise industrial, agricultural, and single family residential. Drainage channels run parallel to River Road on the south side. On the north side of River Road, the setback between the river bank and the dike (road) varies from more than 15 m to none where the edge of the dike/road is the river bank and riprap bank protection is in place. Several industrial and single family residential parcels are located on the river-side (north) of the dike (road), and therefore are not protected by the dike. Much of the dike alignment is adjacent to, or in some places on, the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

Phase 4 has been subdivided into 6 reaches with relatively uniform conditions. The reach extents are presented on Figure 1-2.

Table 2-1 describes the existing conditions and features of each reach. It is anticipated that these defined reaches can be subsequently used for dike upgrading implementation phasing.

Appendix A provides a set of figures showing the existing dike alignment, adjacent land tenure, municipal infrastructure, and existing habitat.

Table 2-1: Phase 4 Reaches and Features

Reach ID and Name	Extent / Length	Existing Dike Alignment	Major Features
1 – Bridgeport Industrial	No. 6 Road to No. 7 Road (1.7 km)	River Road	• Drainage pump station at No. 6 Road • Industrial site (Mainland Sand and Gravel) north of River Road • FortisBC gas pipeline river and facility west of No. 7 Road • Drainage channel and pipe south of road • Riparian area north of road • Potential future tie-in with proposed mid-island dike
2 – Industrial and Shipyards	No. 7 Road to No. 8 Road (1.7 km)	River Road	• Water-oriented industrial parcels located north of road (tug boat operation and Tom-Mac Shipyards) • Residential/storage properties located north of road with minimal setback between road and structures • Large industrial parcels located south of road near No. 7 Road • ALR parcels with houses located south of road • Drainage pump station at No. 8 Road
3 – Riverfront Houses and ALR	No. 8 Road to Nelson Road (0.9 km)	River Road	• Residential/storage properties located north of road with minimal setback between road and structures near Nelson Road • ALR parcels with houses located south of road • Metro Vancouver Tilbury watermain crossing near Nelson Road
4 – Bog and Rail	Nelson Road to Rail Trestle (2.2 km)	River Road	• ALR parcels with cranberry farms south of road • Very large agricultural channel south of dike • North East Bog Forest (City park) • Rail trestle river crossing • No space between road edge and river channel (existing riprap bank protection)

Reach ID and Name	Extent / Length	Existing Dike Alignment	Major Features
5 – Hamilton Frontages	Rail Trestle to Queens Road (1.6 km)	River Road	• ALR parcels south of road with houses located close to road • No space between road edge and river channel (existing riprap bank protection) • Metro Vancouver Big Bend forcemain crossing west of 21920 River Road • Queens North drainage pump station west of Westminster Highway
6 – Tree Island Slough and Boundary	Queens Road to City of New Westminster (1.0 km)	River Road until Westminster Highway Riverbank to Hamilton Transit Centre	• River Road dike alignment from Queens Road to Westminster Highway, then a river-bank dike runs north of Westminster Highway houses to edge of new Hamilton Transit Centre • Tree Island Steel site (3933 Boundary Road) creates a slough north of the dike that shelters the road/dike from the river • Backyards of single family homes located south of dike • Dike alignment not well defined from Hamilton Transit Centre to City of New Westminster river-bank dike • Potential tie-in with proposed secondary dike to separate Richmond and New Westminster

2.2 Land Tenure

Most of the existing dike footprint is located within the City's road dedication, on a right-of-way, or on City-owned land parcels. However, there are several areas where the existing dike footprint encroaches onto private property or where space is very limited such that any upgrading would encroach onto private property.

The existing land tenure in Phase 4 is presented on Figure 2-1 and in more detail in Appendix A.

2.3 Infrastructure

There is considerable infrastructure and utilities associated with the existing dike corridor in Phase 4. In addition to the road that runs along the top of the dike for much of the reach, there are also watermains, drainage channels, and storm sewers that run parallel to the dike, predominantly at the landside toe. This infrastructure may need to be moved to accommodate any increases to the dike footprint.

There are 4 pump stations and 1 PRV (water) station that cross through the dike in Phase 4. The pump stations and the associated reach are summarized in Table 2-2. The condition of each pump station was not assessed as part of preparing the master plan.

Table 2-2: Phase 4 Pump Stations and Reach Locations

Pump Station	Reach
No. 6 Road North	1
No. 7 Road North	1
No. 8 Road North	2
Queens North	6

2.4 Habitat

Desktop Review

A desktop review was conducted to assess the ecological setting along and adjacent to the existing dike alignment. Spatial data were used to identify overlap of known environmental values with the Phase 4 study area.

Spatial data reviewed in the desktop study included:

- Fraser River Estuary Management Program mapping (FREMP 2012, 2007) mapping used to identify riparian and intertidal habitat types and quality;
- iMapBC web application (iMapBC 2017); and
- City of Richmond aerial photographs and Riparian Area Regulation 5 m and 15 m buffer layers (Richmond Interactive Map 2017).

The location and extent of high quality Fraser River riparian and intertidal habitat was identified to inform development of dike upgrade options and their potential impacts. FREMP habitat polygons were assigned the following categories: high quality riparian, high quality intertidal, or other. Deciduous tree woodland polygons were categorized as high quality riparian habitat because these communities provide cover and nutrients to fish using nearshore habitat. Mud, sand, and marsh polygons were

categorized as high quality intertidal habitat because of the foraging and nesting habitat they provide for bird species and the foraging, egg deposition and rearing habitat they provide for fish species. Aquatic and riparian habitat on the land side of the existing dike was identified and mapped using the Riparian Area Regulation buffer layers and interpretation of recent aerial photography (City of Richmond 2017).

Aquatic and Riparian Habitat

High quality intertidal and riparian habitat is present in all six Phase 4 reaches on the Fraser River side of the dike. This important habitat provides forage and cover habitat as well as a staging area for anadromous salmonids transitioning from saltwater to freshwater. Conversely, armoured sections of shoreline on the Fraser River side of the existing dike are present in Reaches 1, 4, 5, and 6. These sections provide limited habitat value and construction here would have less of a negative impact on fish.

On the land-side of the dike, drainage channels are present in all six reaches. These channels provide low to moderate quality aquatic and riparian habitat for fish and amphibians.

Two fish habitat compensation projects are present in the Phase 4 study area. These were created in 1986 and 1989 respectively and included the creation of intertidal marsh habitat to compensate for damage to habitat elsewhere.

Wildlife and Terrestrial Habitat

Terrestrial habitat types in Phase 4 include deciduous tree woodland, tall shrub woodland, low shrub woodland, and vascular plant meadow, as well as uncategorized sections (e.g. paved lots; FREMP 2007). These habitat types have potential to provide nesting habitat to migratory birds in all six reaches of Phase 4. Orthoimagery review identified potential raptor nesting trees in all six reaches of the Phase 4 study area.

The internal drainage channels that are mentioned above and are present in all six reaches of Phase 4 are likely used by native amphibian species as breeding habitat as well as by fish species. It is possible that additional amphibian habitat is present in small ponds or channels along the dike that were not identified in the desktop review.

Species and Ecological Communities at Risk

No known occurrences of terrestrial wildlife species at risk are present in the Phase 4 study area, but several occurrences exist on nearby islands in the Fraser River or on the river banks across from Richmond. It is possible that individuals of these species also occur on the Richmond side of the Fraser River. The Lower Fraser River population of White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus* pop. 4) is known to occur in the Fraser River next to the dike. Mapped critical habitat for at-risk species is not present within 500 m of the Phase 4 study area.

FREMP mapping (2007) indicates the presence of intertidal marsh communities in all six reaches of the Phase 4 study area. Many of these communities in British Columbia are considered at-risk (i.e. Blue-Listed; special concern, or Red-Listed; threatened, or endangered). No ecological communities at-risk are shown in either the study area on BC iMap (2017), but it is likely that some are present in the Phase 4 study area.

Table 2-3 presents the findings of the desktop review on a reach-by-reach basis and separates Fraser River side results from land-side results.

Table 2-3: Environmental Values

Reach #	Location	Environmental Setting	Construction Constraints	Construction Opportunities	FREMP Habitat Types	Known Species at Risk Occurrence Near Dyke Alignment	Potential Raptor Nesting Trees	Potential Migratory Bird Nesting Habitat	Existing Habitat Compensation Sites Present
1 Bridgeport Industrial	Land Side	• Sections of channelized watercourse (amphibian habitat) • Sections of moderate quality low shrub woodland	Drainage channels and moderate quality habitat	Limited sections without drainage channels or shrub woodland	Low shrub woodland Deciduous tree woodland Meadow	White Sturgeon (Lower Fraser River population) (Acipenser transmontanus pop. 4)	Y	Y	Project: Richmond Plywood Year Created: 1989
	Fraser River side	• Low-quality habitat, gravel lot and armoured bank at west end • High quality deciduous treed woodland riparian habitat along east 3/4 of reach • High Quality marsh and mudflat habitat along east 3/4 of reach	High quality riparian and aquatic habitat in east 3/4 of reach	Low quality habitat at west end of reach	Marsh Deciduous tree woodland Mudflats Meadow				
2 Industrial and Shipyards	Land Side	• Channelized watercourse adjacent to dike (amphibian habitat) along full length of reach	Drainage channels along full length of reach	n/a	Deciduous tree woodland Meadow	White Sturgeon (Lower Fraser River population) (Acipenser transmontanus pop. 4)	Y	Y	N
	Fraser River side	• High-quality deciduous tree woodland riparian habitat along 75% of reach • High-quality marsh and mudflats habitat along 90% of reach	High quality habitat along >90 % length of reach	n/a	Deciduous tree woodland Marsh Mudflats Meadow				
3 Riverfront Houses and ALR	Land Side	• Channelized watercourse adjacent to dike (amphibian habitat) along full length of reach	Drainage channels along full length of reach	n/a	Deciduous tree woodland Meadow	White Sturgeon (Lower Fraser River population) (Acipenser transmontanus pop. 4)	Y	Y	Project: Olofson & Hewitt Compensation Site Year Created: 1986
	Fraser River side	• High-quality deciduous tree woodland riparian habitat along 75% of reach • High-quality marsh habitat along full length of reach	High quality habitat along full length of reach	n/a	Marsh Deciduous tree woodland				
4 Bog and Rail	Land Side	• Channelized watercourse adjacent to dike (amphibian habitat) along full length of reach • High-quality shrubland habitat connected to North East Bog Forest in east end of reach	Drainage channels along full length of reach	n/a	Deciduous tree woodland Meadow Low shrub woodland Tall shrub woodland	Green-fruited Sedge (Carex interrupt) White Sturgeon (Lower Fraser River population) (Acipenser transmontanus pop. 4)	Y	Y	N
	Fraser River side	• High quality deciduous tree woodland riparian habitat along west 60% of reach. • High-quality marsh habitat along west 60% of reach • Low quality armoured bank habitat in east 40% of reach	High quality habitat along west 60% of reach	Low quality habitat at least 40% of reach	Deciduous tree woodland Marsh				
5 Hamilton Frontages	Land Side	• Channelized watercourse adjacent to dike (amphibian habitat) along full length of reach • Moderate quality low shrub woodland and meadow in middle of reach	Drainage channels along full length of reach	n/a	Meadow Low shrub woodland Tall shrub woodland	White Sturgeon (Lower Fraser River population) (Acipenser transmontanus pop. 4)	Y	Y	N
	Fraser River side	• High-quality mudflat habitat and small patches of marsh at east end of reach • Low quality armoured bank habitat along full length of reach	High quality habitat along east half of reach	Low quality habitat at west end of reach	Mudflat Marsh				
6 Tree Island Slough and Boundary	Land Side	• Channelized watercourse adjacent to dike (amphibian habitat) along west end of reach • Mostly low-quality habitat, paved or maintained lawn	Drainage channels along west end of reach	Low quality habitat along most of reach	Tall shrub woodland Deciduous tree woodland	White Sturgeon (Lower Fraser River population) (Acipenser transmontanus pop. 4)	Y	Y	N
	Fraser River side	• High quality mudflat habitat and small patches of marsh at west end of reach • Low quality habitat armoured bank at west half of reach	High quality habitat along full length of reach	Low quality habitat at west end of reach	Mudflat Marsh Meadow				

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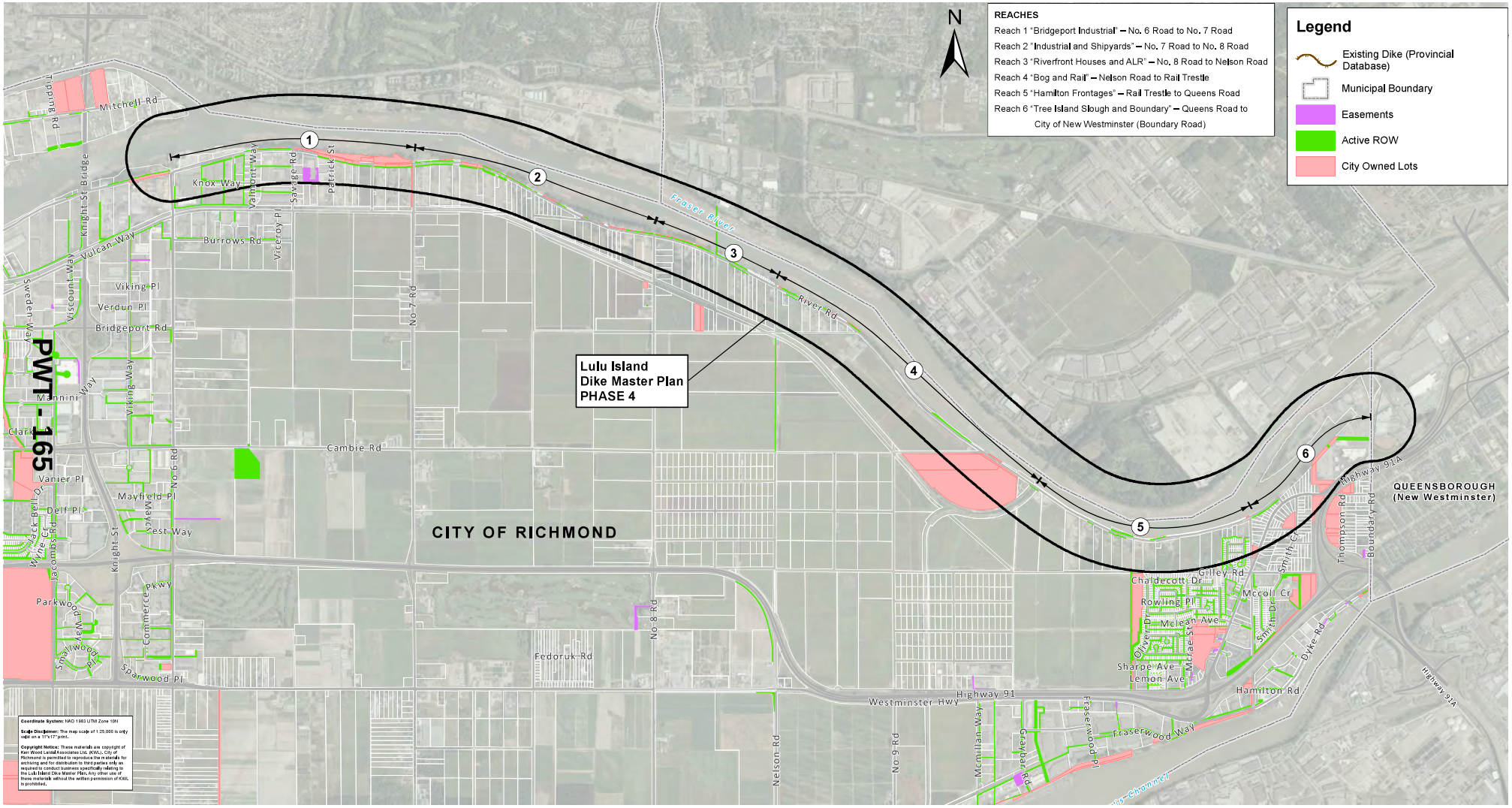

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Existing Land Tenure

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3. Options Assessment

This section summarizes the options development process, including the following components:

- design considerations and design criteria;
- upgrading strategies;
- upgrading options and concepts;
- options evaluation; and
- recommended options for implementation.

The next version of the draft report will include a summary of external stakeholder engagement results.

3.1 Design Considerations

This section summarizes the main themes and issues that have informed the development of upgrading strategies and options for Phase 4.

Dike Performance, Maintenance, and Upgrading

Dike performance, maintenance, and upgrading are the most important design considerations for the Dike Master Plan.

The following themes define an ideal vision for dike upgrading:

1. **Level of Protection:** The City's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy sets a target level of protection for structural measures. The City is presently developing an updated flood protection management strategy that will have an even more ambitious flood protection level target. The level of protection translates to a hazard-based design flood scenario to be incorporated into the Dike Master Plan. At this time, the proposed design flood scenario for the Lulu Island perimeter dike is the 500-year return period flood event (0.2 % annual exceedance probability, AEP) with climate change allowances including 1 m of sea level rise. However, the Dike Master Plan should be flexible to accommodate a future change in the design flood scenario in the future.
2. **Form and Performance:** The preferred form of the dike is a continuous, compacted dike fill embankment with standard or better geometry. Walls and other non-standard forms are less reliable and are not preferred. The level of performance of the Lulu Island perimeter dike should be in line with the significant population and assets that the dike protects. The dike should meet all relevant design guidelines of the day and in some cases, exceed guidelines to provide a higher level of performance. Dike performance can be expressed in terms of freeboard above the design flood scenario water level, and factors of safety against various failure processes, including flood conditions and internal erosion (piping).
3. **Passive Operation:** Minimal human or mechanical intervention or operation should be required to achieve full dike performance. To achieve this, the dike should not have any gaps, gates, or stop log structures.
4. **Enhance Performance** (slow failure)**:** The likelihood of a catastrophic dike failure causing significant flood damages can be reduced by design features that aim to slow down failure processes, provide redundancy, and provide time to implement emergency repairs. In general, failure can be slowed or controlled with additional setback, crest width, and armouring of the river-side slope, crest, and land-side slope. Such measures can slow the impacts of river erosion, overtopping erosion, and stability failures. Increased monitoring approaches and technology may also be helpful.

5. **Post-earthquake Protection:** The dike should provide adequate protection following a major earthquake until permanent repairs can be implemented. In general, this means avoiding dike conditions where a major earthquake results in a sudden and full failure of the dike cross-section into the river, referred to as a 'flowslide failure'. Other conditions where the dike crest settles, but still provides sufficient freeboard and factors of safety until repairs can be conducted may be acceptable. In general, increased crest width, crest elevation, and setback from the river may be undertaken to help achieve adequate post-earthquake protection. In some cases, improved seismic performance will also require ground improvement and densification works.
6. **Future Upgrading:** Uncertainty in climate change, particularly sea level rise timing, may require the City to further upgrade the dike sooner or higher than anticipated by current guidelines and policies. Sufficient space should be reserved under secured land tenure for future upgrading based on standard geometry. Conceptual design is provided for design flood levels which incorporate 1 m of sea level rise, and proof-of-concept design is provided for design flood levels which incorporate another 1 m water level increase for further climate change impacts (i.e. 2 m of sea level rise).

Some specific design considerations related to the above principles are presented in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1: Ideal Dike Design Principles and Considerations

Design Principle	Ideal Design Principles and Considerations
Level of Protection	• Based on 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy • Currently proposed: 500-year return period (0.2% AEP) with climate change allowances as per provincial studies
Form and Performance	• Continuous, compacted dike fill with standard or better geometry • Crest elevation and adequate freeboard • Factors of safety against stability • Minimal infrastructure within the dike corridor • Adequate bank protection or setback
Passive operation	• No gaps, gates, or stop logs • Passive monitoring (e.g. SCADA water levels)
Enhance Performance (slow failure)	• Wide dike crest • Armoured river-bank slope to resist erosion • Paved/armoured crest and/or land-side slope to resist overtopping • Wide setback from the river
Post-earthquake Protection	• No loss of full dike geometry into the river ("flowslide failure") up to a return period to be determined • Adequate post-earthquake freeboard and stability until repairs • Wide dike crest and/or wide setback from the river
Future upgrading	• Space and tenure for upgrading (standard or better geometry) • Avoid need for future infrastructure relocation or land acquisition

River Road Safety and Access

The safety of drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians using River Road is a significant consideration in Phase 4. City transportation engineering staff were consulted during the master plan development to provide input on dike upgrading concepts that will also improve road safety. The City's preferred concept for River Road is to provide wider vehicle travel lanes and separated multi-use paths, which may be located on the dike crest. Preferred travel lane and multi-use path widths are documented in the design criteria in Section 3.2. Additionally, the City's goal is to create a continuous path around Lulu Island along the river/on the dike system.

Vehicle access to properties located on both sides of River Road is also a significant consideration. Dike raising along River Road will impact driveway access in some areas. Land use on these properties includes industrial / port-related uses, residential, and agricultural. As such, a variety of vehicles, including semi-trailer trucks, need safe access from River Road to these properties. Currently, these properties are generally at grade with or slightly below River Road, and access is provided via asphalt or gravel driveways. For properties located south of River Road, the driveway crosses the existing drainage channel via a culvert. In some areas where the channel is large, the driveway crossing culvert has a large lock block headwall.

Driveway access was considered in options development by identifying several access upgrading concepts including upgrading driveways with retaining walls, land filling to raise sites to the dike/road level, and providing vehicle parking at the dike/road level. Retaining walls should consider the need for handrails for safety, in accordance with applicable regulations.

Internal Drainage System

As with any diked area, the drainage for the interior protected area must be integrated with the flood protection measures such that the protected area does not experience flooding due to conflicting functions between the drainage of water from the interior area and prevention of flooding from water exterior to the dike system.

In this part of Lulu Island, there are large drainage channels adjacent to the interior (land) side of the existing dike and River Road through much of this area. Most upgrading options (discussed in Section 3.4) will impact these drainage channels throughout Phase 4.

The master plan assesses the potential drainage impacts of filling in the existing channel adjacent to River Road and installing a piped drainage system. The assessment was conducted using East Richmond hydraulic model (MIKE URBAN software) provided to KWL by the City.

Land Raising and Acquisition

Land acquisition is an important consideration for the development and evaluation of dike upgrading options. In many areas, the River Road dike corridor is confined on both sides by private property with no room for expansion of the dike footprint.

The figures in Appendix A present the overlap between the proposed dike footprint and private property for select upgrading options discussed in this section. This overlap can be used to produce a land acquisition plan.

In some locations, an alternative to land acquisition may be to raise private property lots up to the dike elevation to create a much wider land raising platform (similar to recent developments along the Middle Arm (e.g. Olympic Oval).

Environmental Considerations

City of Richmond Bylaws

The City's Official Community Plan (OCP) bylaw (2011) includes an Ecological Network Management Strategy (ENMS) that identifies ecologically important areas in the City's Ecological Network (EN). These areas include Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs), Riparian Management Areas (RMAs), and EN components (hubs, sites, and corridors, shoreline, city parks).

ESAs are designated as Development Permit Areas (DPAs) with specific restrictions and guidelines for development controlled through a review and permitting process (HB Lanarc-Golder and Raincoast Applied Ecology 2012). There are five ESA types, based on habitat, each with specific management objectives. These are summarized in Table 3-2 and more detailed guidelines can be found in HB Lanarc-Golder and Raincoast Applied Ecology (2012). According to Richmond's OCP, dike maintenance is exempt from development permits in ESAs. However, the guidelines provide useful direction that can be used to minimize impacts to these areas and provincial and federal legislation (see below) still applies to these areas.

RMAs are setbacks that were implemented in accordance with the provincial *Riparian Areas Protection Act* and act as pre-determined Streamside and Protection Areas (SPEAs) under the Act. They extend 5 m or 15 m back from the top of bank of the City's higher value drainage channels or more natural watercourses and are to remain free from development unless authorized by the City (City of Richmond, 2017). RMAs are present in all six Phase 4 reaches.

Hubs, sites, and corridors are components of the City of Richmond's EN, which aren't specifically afforded protection, but often overlap ESAs and RMAs, which are protected. These components are present in all 6 reaches of Phase 4.

Dike upgrade options will consider the potential impacts to these areas.

Table 3-2: City of Richmond ESA Type Management Objectives

ESA Type	Reaches Where Present	Management Objectives
Intertidal	All	• Prevent infilling or direct disturbance to vegetation and soil in the intertidal zones • Maintain ecosystem processes such as drainage or sediment that sustain intertidal zones
Shoreline	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	• Preserve existing shoreline vegetation and soils, and increase natural vegetation in developed areas during development or retrofitting
Upland Forest	1	• Maintain stands or patches of healthy upland forests by preventing or limiting tree removal or damage, and maintaining ecological processes that sustain forests over the long-term
Old Fields and Shrublands	None	• Maintain the extent and condition of old fields and shrublands, while recognizing the dynamic nature of these ecosystems • Preservation should recognize the balance between habitat loss and creation with the overall objective of preventing permanent loss of old fields and shrublands

ESA Type	Reaches Where Present	Management Objectives
Freshwater Wetland	None	• Maintain the areal extent and condition of freshwater wetland ESAs by preserving vegetation and soils, and maintaining predevelopment hydrology, drainage patterns, and water quality
		Modified from HB Lanarc-Golder and Raincoast Applied Ecology 2012

Fish Habitat and Offsetting

Fish and aquatic habitat is protected by the federal *Fisheries Act*. Under the Act, *serious harm to fish* must be authorized by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and impacts that cannot be avoided or mitigated must be balanced through offsetting. Offsetting plans are negotiated on a case-by-case basis and may require consultation with aboriginal groups and the Province. Offsetting measures include habitat restoration or enhancement and habitat creation and must be proportional to the loss caused by the project.

Often, the amount of offsetting habitat created is greater than the area of habitat impacted. The area of offsetting may need to be increased to account for uncertainty of effectiveness and time lag between impacts and offsetting. Selecting offsetting locations and beginning habitat creation works prior to all impacts occurring can help to reduce requirements for additional offsetting area required due to lag time. Creation of a smaller number of larger area habitat restoration, enhancement, or creation sites would allow for a more efficient use of resources and potentially reduce uncertainty.

Wildlife Considerations

Migratory birds, their eggs, and active nests are protected by the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* and appropriate measures must be taken to avoid incidental take. The most effective and efficient of these measures includes scheduling vegetation clearing outside of the migratory bird nesting season. If this is not possible, bird nest surveys can be completed immediately prior to vegetation clearing to identify active nests and delay vegetation clearing until the nest is no longer active.

The nests of Bald Eagles, herons and other raptors (both active and inactive) are protected under the provincial *Wildlife Act*. It is also prohibited under the *Wildlife Act* to disturb or harm birds and their eggs. The detailed design stage for dike upgrading should attempt to avoid the removal of trees where bald eagle nests are located.

Native amphibian species may use the drainage channels on the land side of the dike at certain times of year. These species are protected by the provincial *Wildlife Act* and detailed design should also consider potential impacts to these species.

Tie-in with City of New Westminster Dike

The Phase 4 dike needs to tie into the City of New Westminster portion of the Lulu Island perimeter dike.

As shown in the Appendix A, the dike alignment within the tie-in area is not well-defined. The alignment crosses between industrial sites including the Tree Island Steel property (3933 Boundary Road) and the recently developed Translink Hamilton Transit Centre property (4111 Boundary Road) to reach the border (Boundary Road) with the City of New Westminster.

The dike alignment on the City of New Westminster side of the boundary also doesn't appear well defined. Coordination between the City and the City of New Westminster is important to confirm the dike tie-in design at the boundary.

Potential Future Secondary Dikes

The City's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy identifies potential secondary dike concepts which are important considerations for Phase 4, including the proposed mid-island dike and the proposed Richmond-New Westminster boundary dike. The purpose of these secondary dikes would be to limit flood damage by creating flood cells on Lulu Island which would contain flooding to smaller areas, and prevent complete flooding of the island if dike breaches were to occur.

The Phase 4 Dike Master Plan has been developed to allow tie-ins with the proposed mid-island dike and the proposed Richmond-New Westminster boundary dike. It is understood that the City is also considering implementation of both of these proposed dikes through gradual land raising through development as opposed to a dedicated dike corridor. The City's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy provides additional information regarding potential future secondary dikes.

Public Realm and Ecological Enhancement

The dike is a major existing public realm feature providing a variety of recreation opportunities. The Dike Master Plan provides an opportunity to significantly enhance the public amenity of the dike system, particularly in the Phase 4 project area where walking, biking, and resting opportunities along River Road are limited. Additionally, the dike upgrading provides an opportunity to enhance ecological value through the landscaping treatments that will define the dike surface and edges.

Appendix B presents a suite of landscape concepts prepared by Hapa landscape architects to supplement the Dike Master Plan. These include landscape design principles, an overall network connectivity concept for the Lulu Island perimeter dike trail, and design toolkits for ecological enhancement and public realm features. Additionally, the Appendix B also includes descriptions of landscape concepts associated with the upgrading options presented in this section.

3.2 Design Criteria

This section describes the main design criteria used in the Dike Master Plan.

Table 3-3 presents a summary of the design criteria, and is followed by additional discussion. The criteria are presented in terms of both a minimum acceptable level, and a preferred level.

Table 3-3: Design Criteria Summary

Item	Value and Description	
	Minimum Acceptable	Preferred
Proposed Dike Crest Elevation	4.7 m CGVD28 downstream of Nelson Road 4.7 m CGVD28 to 5.0 m CGVD28 between Nelson Road and Boundary Road	
Future Dike Crest Elevation (for proof-of-concept design)	5.5 m CGVD28 downstream of Nelson Road 5.5 m CGVD28 to 6.0 m CGVD28 between Nelson Road and Boundary Road	
Geometry and Stability	4 m wide crest with dike fill core 3H:1V land-side slope 3H:1V river-side slope (or 2H:1V with riprap revetment) Retaining walls minimized Sheetpile walls acceptable only with minimum 4 m wide dike fill core behind wall No standalone flood walls Meet minimum geotechnical factors of safety	Meets or exceed provincial dike standard and City dike standard
Land Tenure	Registered right-of-way	Dike located on City-owned land
Infrastructure in Dike	Crossings designed with seepage control Locate parallel infrastructure to land-side outside of dike core	No infrastructure in dike
Land Adjacent to Dike	Land is raised as much as is practical	Land is raised to meet or exceed dike crest elevation
Seismic Performance	Minimum 3.2 m CGVD28 post-earthquake dike crest elevation and maintain dike core integrity	No damage to dike from earthquakes up to a return period to be determined

Item	Value and Description	
	Minimum Acceptable	Preferred
River-side Slope and Setback	2H:1V bank slope with riprap revetment designed for freshet flow velocities and vessel-generated waves	>10 m setback between river top of bank and dike river-side slope toe 3H:1V river-side bank slope with acceptable vegetation
Crest Surfacing and Land-side Slope Treatment	Crest surfacing: 150 mm thick road mulch Land-side slope treatment: hydraulically seeded grass	Meet or exceed provincial dike standard and City dike standard Consider paved crest and land-side slope vegetation/armouring to add robustness against overtopping
River Road Design Width	From river-side to land-side: 4.0 m multi-use path 0.5 m allowance for barrier 0.6 m min horizontal clearance Two 3.7 m travel lanes 0.6 m min horizontal clearance 0.5 m allowance for barrier Total width: 9.6 m	From river-side to land-side: 4.0 m multi-use path 0.5 m min horizontal clearance 0.5 m allowance for barrier 0.6 m min horizontal clearance Two 3.7 m travel lanes 0.6 m min horizontal clearance 0.5 m allowance for barrier 2.0 m pedestrian walkway Total width: 16.1 m

Dike Crest Elevation

At this time, the Province has not established a Fraser River flood profile and dike design profile that considers sea level rise and climate change. It is understood that the Fraser Basin Council's Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy project may produce a recommended flood profile in the near future. The most recent available flood profile information is provided in the Province's 2014 study of climate change and sea level rise effects on the Fraser River flood hazard.

The designated flood profile for the purpose of developing the Dike Master Plan is proposed as the maximum of the following flood scenarios:

- 500-year return period coastal water level with 1 m of sea level rise (no wave effects); and
- 500-year return period freshet with moderate climate change impacts and 1 m of sea level rise.

Figure 3-1 shows the estimated flood profile water levels (in CGVD28 vertical datum, excluding freeboard) along the river in the study area. As shown on the figure, the coastal flood scenario governs from the Ocean upstream to approximately Nelson Road.

Design dike crest elevations are derived by adding freeboard and an allowance for land subsidence to the flood level. Table 3-4 presents the components that sum to the proposed dike crest elevation.

Table 3-4: Flood Levels and Dike Crest Elevations

Item	Downstream of Nelson Road (flat profile)	Upstream of Nelson Road (sloped profile)		
		Nelson Road	Boundary Road (Border with City of New Westminster)	Eastern Tip of Lulu Island
Governing Flood Hazard	tide + storm surge	Fraser River freshet		
Level of Performance	500-year return period (0.2% annual exceedance probability)			
Climate Change Allowance	1 m sea level rise	1 m sea level rise and 20% freshet flow increase		
Design Flood Level (m, CGD28)[1]	3.8		4.2	4.6
Wave Effects Allowance	None			
Freeboard (m)	0.6			
Land Subsidence Allowance (m)	0.2			
Dike Crest Elevation[2] (m)	4.6		5.0	5.4

Notes:
1. From (BC MFLNRO, 2014).
2. The City's adopted downstream design crest elevation (4.7 m) exceeds the minimum required elevation (4.6 m). This is a result of updated coastal water level analysis methods (joint probability analysis) that result in a discrepancy when compared to previous methods (additive method).

The Dike Master Plan also allows for further upgrading by providing proof of concept for raising to between 5.5 m downstream of Nelson Road, and 6.0 m at the boundary with the City of New Westminster.

Seismic Performance

The current provincial seismic performance criteria for dikes are difficult to meet without costly and complex ground improvement works. Additionally, the guidelines are considered very conservative in some situations because they require performance under extremely rare scenarios. For example, the guidelines require dikes to maintain 0.3 m freeboard in the event of a 10-year return period flood occurring following a 2,475-year return period earthquake which has a probability of 0.004% in a 1-year period. This is significantly rarer than the design event for the dike crest elevation (500-year return period event has a 0.2% annual exceedance probability). It is understood that the Province is conducting a review of the current criteria and associated guidelines.

For the purpose of the Dike Master Plan, an alternative seismic performance approach that focuses on failure mechanisms and post-earthquake level of protection is proposed. The alternative criteria are presented below.

Table 3-5: Proposed Alternative Seismic Performance Criteria

Criteria	Description / Value
Failure Mechanisms	Flowslides (resulting in full loss of dike cross-section into the river or channel) are not acceptable up to a return period to be determined (e.g. 2475-year return period).
Maximum post-earthquake overtopping probability	0.2% annual exceedance probability Calculate probability through comparison of various post-earthquake dike crest elevations and future flood levels + 0.3 m freeboard. Assume a minimum 1-year exposure period for dike repairs, or longer if local site conditions warrant. In general, this results in a minimum post-earthquake dike crest elevation of 3.2 m which corresponds to the governing scenario of an average annual maximum coastal water level (1.9 m) with 1 m of sea level rise occurring within 1 year of a 475-year return period earthquake. The post-earthquake dike crest would need to provide adequate dike performance and static stability (i.e. no major deformations and cracks).

This approach would make the service level of the dike in a seismic scenario consistent with the service level for the dike crest elevation which is set based on a 500-year return period flood or a 0.2% annual exceedance probability.

For the coastal design dike crest elevation of 4.7 m CGVD28, this approach would allow for up to 1.5 m of vertical settlement, as long as core dike integrity is maintained.

The length of time between earthquake and dike repair will be a critical assumption for analysis to support this approach. The City may wish to specify consistent assumptions through the Dike Master Plan to ensure consistent analyses. For example, reconstruction of a dike that has failed into the river channel following a flowslide failure from an extreme earthquake may take up to 2 years or more, whereas more straightforward compaction and raising of a settled dike could be done in less than a year after an earthquake.

In addition, it should be noted that meeting the seismic performance criteria through increasing the dike crest elevation, as opposed to ground densification, has the added benefit of increasing the level of protection against flood events.

The seismic performance criteria may need to be further reviewed if/when the Province issues updated guidelines for seismic performance of dikes.

3.3 Alternative Upgrading Strategies

Several high-level upgrading strategies, summarized in Table 3-6, were considered to inform the development of specific options for the Dike Master Plan.

Table 3-6: High-level Dike Upgrading Strategies

Strategy	Advantages	Disadvantages
Road Dike *Raise road to dike crest elevation*	• Smaller footprint • Wider crest (more robust) • Smaller impacts to habitat	• Operation and maintenance challenges • Infrastructure within dike • High cost to raise dike in the future
Separated Dike and Road *Conventional dike adjacent to road*	• Operation and maintenance separated from road • No infrastructure within dike	• Larger footprint and impact to infrastructure and habitat
Raise Riverbank Dike *Conventional dike along riverbank*	• Minimize footprint	• Limited space • Impacts to river side riparian and intertidal habitat and land side riparian and aquatic habitat • Reduced seismic performance • Erosion hazard
Fill River-side Dike *Build into river to achieve conventional dike*	• Less impacts to existing development and on-shore infrastructure	• Larger impacts to river side riparian and intertidal habitat • Reduced seismic performance • Erosion hazard
Setback Dike *Realign significantly away from river*	• Increased seismic performance • Reduced erosion hazard • Increased opportunities for riparian and intertidal habitat enhancement	• Increase in unprotected development • High infrastructure impacts • High cost to construct new dike alignment • Would result in 2 dikes (existing and setback) to maintain
Land Raising ("superdike") *Raise development and roads adjacent to dike*	• Wider crest (more robust) • Reduced grading issues (after implementation) • Less impacts to raise a dike in the future	• Timing and phasing depends on development • High cost to raise large lots with low-density land use • Grading and access issues for water-oriented developments

3.4 Options and Concepts

Through a series of meetings and site visits with City staff, the high-level upgrading strategies have been narrowed down to a set of options and concepts for each reach.

The options developed for Phase 4 include:

- Option 1: Raise dike and road, extend land-side (Figure 3-2);
- Option 2: Raise dike and road with retaining walls (Figure 3-3);
- Option 3: Raise dike only and extend river-side (Figure 3-4); and
- Option 4: Raise dike only and extend land-side.

In addition to the above options, the following options have been developed to address site-specific issues at the rail trestle (Reach 4) and at the tie-in with the City of New Westminster (Reach 6):

- Option 6: Rail trestle – raise road/dike under trestle (Figure 3-5);
- Option 7: Rail trestle – fill in between trestle piles (Figure 3-6);
- Option 8: City of New Westminster tie-in – raise Boundary Road (Figure 3-7);
- Option 9: City of New Westminster tie-in – fill Tree Island Steel property to dike level (Figure 3-8); and
- Option 10: City of New Westminster tie-in – new alignment across Tree Island Slough (Figure 3-9).

Table 3-7 presents a summary of the options as applied to each reach based on discussions with City staff and is followed by a discussion of the options. Appendix B includes landscape concepts prepared by Hapa associated with the cross-section options.

Table 3-7: Major Dike and Road Alignment and Cross-section Options

Reach ID and Name	Alignment and Cross-section Options
1 – Bridgeport Industrial	• Option 1: Raise dike and road, extend land-side**
2 – Industrial and Shipyards	• Option 1: Raise dike and road, extend land-side**
3 – Riverfront Houses and ALR	• Option 1: Raise dike and road, extend land-side**
4 – Bog and Rail	• Option 1: Raise dike and road, extend land-side • Option 2: Raise dike and road with retaining walls • Option 3: Raise dike only and extend river-side** *Specific options for rail trestle:* • Option 6: Rail trestle – raise road/dike under trestle • Option 7: Rail trestle – fill in between trestle piles
5 – Hamilton Frontages	• Option 1: Raise dike and road, extend land-side** • Option 3: Raise dike only and extend river-side
6 – Tree Island Slough and Boundary	• Option 3: Raise dike only and extend river-side** • Option 4: Raise dike only and extend land-side *Specific options for tie-in with City of New Westminster dike:* • Option 8: City of New Westminster tie-in – raise Boundary Road • Option 9: Fill Tree Island Steel property to dike level • Option 10: City of New Westminster tie-in – new alignment across Tree Island slough
Notes: ** Option footprint is presented in Appendix A plan figures.	

Raise Dike and Road, and Extend Land-side

The preferred option developed for Reaches 1 to 3 involves separating the dike and River Road, raising both to the dike crest elevation, and extending the footprint of the fill towards the land-side. Figure 3-2 presents a typical cross-section for this option.

Figure 3-2 shows a 10 m wide dike crest to allow for additional future dike raising without the need to reconstruct the road. An alternative approach to reduce the overall footprint at first would be to have a 4 m wide dike crest and to extend the footprint and reconstruct the road in the future.

This option addresses several of the main design considerations including providing a substantially wide dike and improving River Road safety by separating vehicles and cyclists/pedestrians.

Extending the footprint towards the land-side takes advantage of the space currently occupied by drainage channels. This option requires filling in the existing channel and replacing or relocating the drainage conveyance and storage. The preferred approach is to replace the channels with pipes. This will result in a loss of aquatic and riparian habitat and will require habitat creation or enhancement to be completed elsewhere to offset the loss. Drainage modification options are discussed separately below.

Extending the footprint towards the land-side will also require land acquisition where the existing corridor width is insufficient. In general, this would affect a narrow strip of land on the frontage of large lots and should be feasible to implement.

However, there are also areas on both the land-side and the river-side where the upgrade will result in access issues. The areas with the most severe space limitations and potential options to address the access issues are presented in Table 3-8.

Table 3-8: Space Limitations and Access Issues

Reach / Location / Description	Photo	Options to Address Footprint and Access
Reach 1 No. 7 Road Pump Station		• Retaining walls and steeper driveway access • Replace pump station during dike upgrades
Reach 1 15700 River Road FortisBC gas pipeline facility		• Retaining walls and steeper driveway access • Coordinate with FortisBC to raise parcel during next major upgrade

Reach / Location / Description	Photo	Options to Address Footprint and Access
Reach 2 16291 River Road Residential / Office Space		• Retaining walls • Provide parking on land-side (instead of driveway down to lot) • Raise parcel of land at time of redevelopment • Land acquisition / managed retreat (buy-out, relocate, or do not allow redevelopment)
Reach 2 16971 River Road Tom-Mac Shipyard on water side, Residential on inland side		• Retaining walls • Provide parking on land-side (instead of driveway down to lot) • Raise parcel of land at time of redevelopment • Managed retreat (buy-out, relocate, or do not allow redevelopment)
Reach 3 17740 River Road No. 8 Road North Drainage Pump Station		• Retaining walls • Replace pump station during dike upgrades
Reach 3 18871 River Road Storage, and Residential lots (Water Side) Large Channel (Inland Side)		• Retaining walls • Provide parking on land-side (instead of driveway down to lot) • Raise parcel of land at time of redevelopment • Land acquisition / managed retreat (buy-out, relocate, or do not allow redevelopment)

Reach / Location / Description	Photo	Options to Address Footprint and Access
Reach 3 19051 River Road Metro Vancouver Tilbury Watermain Crossing		• Retaining walls and steeper driveway access • Coordinate with Metro Vancouver to raise parcel during next major upgrade
Reach 4 21200 River Road CN Rail Trestle Bridge		• Refer to rail trestle discussion paragraph in this section (page 3-18)
Reach 5 22760 River Road Queen Road North Drainage Pump Station		• Retaining walls and steeper driveway access • Replace pump station during dike upgrades

Filling in Drainage Channels (Extending Land-side)

The interior channels along River Road will generally be filled in the preferred option which involves raising the dike and River Road, and extending the footprint towards the land-side. Options considered to replace the conveyance and storage capacity provided in the channels are described in Table 3-9.

Table 3-9: Options for Replacing Existing River Road Drainage Channels

Option	Comments
1. Relocate channels further inland to new River Road toe	• Would impact the adjacent properties, requiring acquisition of right-of-way or, potentially, of whole lots (depending on extent of impact to the lot) • New channels may not need to be as wide as the existing channel • New channels would be located at the toe of the road and outside the dike section • It is not ideal to have a channel near the toe of the dike and the option of locating a channel near the toe of the dike would need to be evaluated by a geotechnical engineer for seepage concerns
2. Replace channels with pipe	• Would involve replacing the channel functions with a pipe below the road • Pipe would be located within the road base but must be outside of the dike cross-section or toe of the dike • The size of pipe that could be fit into the available space in the road cross-section is a potential limitation • Would result in a loss of land side aquatic and riparian habitat
3. Reconstruct channels at rear of lots along River Road	• Would require re-grading of lots and re-connection of lot drainage to rear of lot • Property acquisition for drainage right-of-way would be required • Road drainage would need to be accommodated in additional infrastructure – likely a pipe below the road on the inland side

The option expected to be both the simplest to implement and the least cost is to replace the existing channels along River Road with pipes. As noted, this option is limited by the size of the pipe that can fit within the road cross-section and outside of the dike cross-section in the preferred option for the dike upgrades. It is estimated that maximum pipe size is approximately 1.2 m diameter, and a circular pipe will fit better than a box section in the available space.

Drainage from both River Road and the interior lots adjacent to the road would be directly connected to the new drainage pipes. The new pipes would drain to the existing north-south channels that convey runoff to the pump stations.

A preliminary assessment of the replacing the drainage channel with a piped system was done to determine whether it could provide the necessary conveyance and storage functions to replace the existing channels along River Road. The existing hydraulic model of the east Richmond drainage system was provided to KWL for this purpose by the City. The preliminary assessment indicates that replacement of the existing River Road channels with 1.2 m diameter concrete pipes would provide adequate conveyance and storage for drainage of the design storms from the interior drainage system.

The internal drainage system in the eastern part of Lulu Island provides irrigation service as well as drainage service. The system of channels allows water from intakes on the Fraser River to flow into Lulu Island and distribute through the drainage conveyance system to provide irrigation water to the farmlands in eastern Lulu Island. This use of the drainage conveyance system relies on the storage capacity within the channels to provide adequate water to the farmlands. The system was reviewed relative to the impacts on irrigation functions with the proposed removal of the large storage channels along River Road and their replacement with pipe infrastructure. The function of these channels for the irrigation system was discussed with City staff (Derek Hunter, Pump Station Manager). From an irrigation perspective, these changes to the system along River Road are not expected to impact the irrigation functions of the system. The east-west running channels along River Road have one-way flow gates at the junctions with the north-south running channels that convey flow to and from the pump stations and the irrigation intake points. These one-way gates allow the water to drain out of the east-west channels along River Road to flow to the pump stations, but they block irrigation water from entering the east-west channels when the irrigation function of the channels is in use during the growing season. Therefore, the proposed replacement of the channels along River Road with pipe infrastructure should not impact the irrigation system. Similar one-way gates should be used on the new pipe infrastructure to allow the irrigation flow in the north-south channels to continue to bypass the drainage infrastructure that will provide drainage service along the new River Road.

Infilling drainage channels will remove a large amount of aquatic and riparian habitat important for fishes and amphibians. This will require a significant amount of habitat creation, restoration, and/or enhancement to offset this loss.

North East Bog Forest (Reach 4)

In Reach 4, raising both the dike and River Road to the design dike elevation and extending the footprint towards the land-side (Option 1) would encroach onto the north-east Bog Forest, and is generally not preferred from an environmental perspective. The bog is a unique feature on Lulu Island, and impacts to the bog need to be carefully considered.

To avoid encroaching onto the bog, the following additional options are considered for Reach 4:

- Option 2: Raise dike and road with retaining walls; and
- Option 3: Raise dike only and extend river-side.

Option 2 would limit the encroachment onto the bog by retaining the road land-side slope using retaining walls. Settlement may be a significant concern with Option 1 and Option 2 because the soils adjacent to the bog may experience significant settlement.

By filling towards the river-side instead of the land-side, Option 3 would avoid encroachment and filling in the bog. Building into the river would cause an impact to existing riparian and aquatic habitat and require offsetting. However, the desktop habitat review (Section 2.4) shows that there are existing areas of low quality riparian and aquatic habitat in the eastern portion of Reach 4. As such, building into the river provides an opportunity to replace the low quality riparian habitat with higher quality riparian habitat. One concept to achieve this is to build out a shallow river-side slope with riparian and marsh benches, as shown in Figure 3-4. A shallow river-side slope would also reduce the erosion concern and reliance on riprap bank protection. Aquatic habitat loss will have to be offset elsewhere.

Since this option would involve filling in a portion of the river channel, it may have some impact on channel conveyance or navigation. However, the existing trestle piles and piers located upstream already limit the conveyance and navigation in this area. These impacts should be considered further if this option is preferred.

Rail Trestle (Reach 4)

The existing rail trestle structure at eastern end of Reach 4 is an obstacle to conventional dike upgrading due to limited space for widening the dike and road, and due to limited overhead clearance space for raising the road – as shown on the photo below.

The existing maximum road clearance below the structure is posted at 5.88 m. Raising the road/dike would reduce the clearance.

The following options have been developed for dike upgrading at the rail trestle:

- Option 6: Rail trestle - raise road/dike under trestle; and
- Option 7: Rail trestle – fill in between trestle piles.

To achieve Option 6, the trestle structure may need to be modified to achieve a minimum acceptable overhead clearance (to be confirmed with City staff).

Option 7 would avoid reducing the overhead clearance by leaving the road as-is and constructing a new dike on the river-side filling in between the trestle piers. The feasibility of this option needs to be confirmed from geotechnical engineering and constructability perspectives. Additionally, this option would involve filling in a portion of the river channel and may have an impact on channel conveyance or navigation. However, the existing trestle piles and piers already limit the conveyance and navigation in this area. These impacts should be considered further if this option is preferred.

Hamilton Frontages (Reach 5)

Upstream of the rail trestle, in Reach 5, the primary option is the same as Reach 1 to 3. This involves raising the road and the dike to the design dike elevation, and extending the footprint to the land-side (Option 1). This will remove a large amount of aquatic and riparian habitat and will require a significant amount of habitat creation, restoration and/or enhancement to offset the loss.

However, Option 3, raise dike and extend to river-side, is also considered because of the opportunity to convert the existing low quality riparian and aquatic habitat into higher quality habitat (see Section 2.4). One concept to achieve this is to build out a shallow river-side slope with riparian and marsh benches, as shown on Figure 3-4. A shallow river-side slope would also reduce the erosion concern and reliance on riprap bank protection. Additionally, this option is considered in both Reach 4 and Reach 6, and would allow for continuity in alignment. This option would involve filling in a portion of the river channel and may have an impact on channel conveyance or navigation.

Tree Island Slough and Tie-in with City of New Westminster Dike (Reach 6)

Near the western end of Reach 6, River Road intersects Westminster Highway. The existing dike runs along the river bank, and is separated from River Road. The existing dike runs east until it reaches the recently developed Hamilton Transit Centre. The existing dike alignment is not well defined from the Hamilton Transit Centre to Boundary Road where jurisdiction of the Lulu Island perimeter changes to the City of New Westminster.

The following options have been developed for Reach 6:

- Option 3: Raise dike only and extend river-side; and
- Option 4: Raise dike only and extend land-side.

The following specific options have been developed for tie-in with the City of New Westminster dike:

- Option 8: City of New Westminster tie-in – raise Boundary Road;
- Option 9: Fill Tree Island Steel property to dike level; and
- Option 10: City of New Westminster tie-in – new alignment across Tree Island Slough.

Options 3 and 4 address dike upgrading along the existing dike alignment from Reach 5 to the Hamilton Transit Centre, from which there are 2 compatible options for tie-in with the City of New Westminster dike:

- construct a dike along the right-of-way north of the Hamilton Transit Centre and raise Boundary Road (Option 8); and
- fill the Tree Island Steel property (3933 Boundary Road) up to the dike elevation through redevelopment.

Option 3 (extend river-side) would involve impacts to existing intertidal habitat, but also presents the opportunity to improve river side riparian habitat, while Option 4 would have private property impacts.

Raising Boundary Road (Option 8) may be difficult to achieve through a standard dike design because there is a railroad access line to the Tree Island Steel property that crosses Boundary Road. This may require a rail gate, which is not desired.

Raising the land elevation of the Tree Island Steel property (Option 9) would create a wide and robust dike at the tie-in, but this option is dependent on redevelopment of the site and may have feasibility issues due to access requirements.

Option 10 provides an alternative approach that realigns the dike to cross over the slough and runs along the Tree Island Steel property and directly connects to the City of New Westminster dike along the river bank. Option 10 would involve partially or completely closing off the slough and presents the opportunity to construct a large habitat enhancement project. One concept for this is to create an intertidal marsh in the slough and have a tide gate installed on the dike crossing at the outlet of the slough.

3.5 Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement for Phase 4 was completed in four stages. This included internal (City) stakeholder review, Council review, external stakeholder engagement, and then public engagement.

Prior to City Council review, initial stakeholder engagement included meetings with internal City departments and some regulatory agencies. This initial stakeholder engagement provided input from City groups on options developed, additional background, and future coordination, with the goal of

informing the preferred upgrade options. City departments included Transportation, City of Richmond Parks, Planning, and Sustainability.

Following Council review, additional stakeholder engagement was conducted, including meetings with specific stakeholder groups.

External stakeholder feedback was received originally received in 2018 from the City of New Westminster and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (MFLNRORD), including Inspector of Dikes, Flood Safety, and Water Authorizations staff. In 2022 and 2023, additional feedback was received from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Transportation, Fortis BC, and the Ministry of Forests, Richmond's Advisory Committee on the Environment, and Richmond's Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) originally declined to meet with the City in 2018, stating that input would be provided during later stages in the established review and approvals process. However, at a later date City staff met with the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program team at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to discuss the dike-raising initiative and how impacts on fish and fish habitat are planned to be mitigated or compensated, where impact cannot be avoided. They encourage the implementation of more nature-based solutions. Staff are in discussion with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to implement a habitat bank, per council direction.

Richmond's Advisory Committee on the Environment generally supported dike-raising and noted that New Westminster's dike-raising plans should align with Richmond's. The City is coordinating with the City of New Westminster to ensure that east Richmond will be protected from flood risks.

Richmond Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee noted that implementing a continuous trail network along the perimeter dike and tree planting for habitat compensation should be prioritized. Additionally, opportunities for accessing the river for water activities should be investigated. The dike cross-section recommended in the Dike Master Plan includes a continuous multi-use pathway for dike trail continuity and

The Ministry of Transportation does not have any infrastructure in the Dike Master Plan Phase 4 study area; however, they noted their request to be notified and engaged wherever Richmond's dike project may intersect with Ministry infrastructure. Staff will consult with the Ministry staff for any dike reaches where their infrastructure is located.

Fortis BC requested to be notified in advance of dike upgrades along Reach 1 of Dike Master Plan Phase 4, which is between No. 6 Road and No. 7 Road, to relocate or regrade one of their critical pump stations. They also noted the potential impact to their DP gas main along the rest of Reach 1. A preload and impact memo was requested during design to determine if there are impacts and mitigative measures needed.

Ministry of Forests expressed concerns about habitat impact from potential Riparian Management Area (RMA) ditch infills along River Road. They also noted that Land Act authorizations would be required for any potential dike infrastructure that may stretch over the river or aquatic areas. Staff will obtain all required authorizations and work closely with a Qualified Environmental Professional, in collaboration with the Ministry, during the detailed design phase of the different dike sections to limit impacts where possible and provide adequate habitat compensation, as necessary.

Public Feedback

The City sought and received feedback from the public. The engagement is described in the November 2022 report by the City titled City of Richmond Flood Protection What We Heard Report. The

engagement was conducted by the City over a five month period from May to September, 2022. "Approximately 1,000 people attended in-person engagement activities and events. Over 2,000 people participated online, both through the City's flood protection webpage and Let's Talk Richmond project page that was set up to support community outreach." The received feedback included:

- Strong support for the accelerated flood protection program with a 50-year implementation timeline;
- Support for the actions being taken with regard to community safety;
- Support for environmental considerations in the Dike Master Plan;
- Support for coordination with development to create superdikes;
- Support for improved cyclist experience along River Road;
- Support for amenity upgrades along the dike corridor, including delineated bike lanes, multi-use pathways, benches, washrooms, perimeter dike trail continuity, and traffic calming features;
- Concern regarding the removal of trees and habitat along the dike. Once staff explained how trees in the dike could impact its overall structural integrity, the participants understood why tree removal may be necessary for some situations;
- Concern regarding the uncertainty in sea level rise trends. The participants were assured that the City is continuously monitoring and reviewing the evolving climate change science and adjusting the City's flood protection plans to protect the City well ahead of the sea-level rise;
- Concern regarding New Westminster's dike-raising plans. Staff are coordinating with New Westminster to ensure their dike upgrade plans are in alignment with Richmond's;
- Appreciation for the flood protection public engagement campaign and desire for more similar initiatives in the future;
- Appreciation for all materials available to provide information to residents, including the webpage, online StoryMaps, hand-out flyers, and poster boards; and
- Appreciation for being able to communicate directly with City staff regarding their flood protection concerns.

3.6 Options Evaluation and Selection

The options described in Section 3.4 have been evaluated based on the design considerations and feedback from the stakeholder meetings held to date.

Recommended options have been identified and are described below. Environmental impacts and geotechnical considerations associated with the recommended options are also summarized below.

It is understood that the recommended options will be confirmed through Council and additional stakeholder consultation.

Recommended Options

In general, the recommended option is to separate River Road from the dike, and have both the road and the dike at the dike crest elevation. This is referred to as the "separated dike and road" option and is presented as Option 1 in Section 3.4.

The main features of this option are described below.

- Separate the dike and roadway such that there is an over-wide dike and separate travel areas for vehicles and cyclists/pedestrians.
- Raise the dike crest and road surface to the design dike crest elevation and extend the footprint of fill towards the land-side.
- Retain the land-side toe of the road with retaining walls (e.g. MSE) where necessary (e.g. to minimize impact to North East Bog Forest).
- Fill existing land-side drainage channel and replace with a piped drainage system.
- Modify driveways and access ramps into adjacent properties where reasonable (some constrained areas may require major modifications, redevelopment, or property acquisition).
- Incorporate public space, linear park, and multi-use path features appropriate for a dike crest.
- Install bank protection works on the river-side to match existing (may not be required where the alignment is setback from the river-bank).

The dike portion of the overall crest would be 10 m wide to accommodate future dike raising without having to modify the road. This option is recommended because it is the most robust of the options considered as it produces an earth fill embankment (dike and road) that would be approximately 22 m wide at the crest. This is a significant increase above the standard dike crest width of 4 m and is expected to reduce the likelihood of failure for a variety of processes. Additionally, separating the dike and road would provide several community benefits including improved pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicle safety, and the opportunity for a linear park/multi-use path.

Other options are recommended below in areas which are constrained and do not allow for the separated dike and road option.

- **Riverbank Dike** (Option 4):
  - Use in eastern end of Phase 4 where there is no road associated with the dike.
  - Raise the dike crest to the design height and extend the footprint of fill towards the land-side.
  - Install bank protection works on the river side to match existing.
- **Combined Dike and Road Below Trestle** (Option 6):
  - Use only at the CP rail trestle crossing where there is not enough space for a separated dike and road.
  - There is sufficient clearance to raise the road to the design dike elevation based on discussion with City transportation staff.
  - Install bank protection works on the river side to match existing.
- **Construct Dike Between Tree Island Steel and Hamilton Transit Centre, and Raise Boundary Road** (Option 8):
  - Use to tie-in with the City of New Westminster's portion of the Lulu Island perimeter dike.
  - Use existing right-of-way between Tree Island Steel property (3933 Boundary Road) and the Hamilton Transit Centre (4111 Boundary Road).
  - Raise Boundary Road from Tree Island Steel property towards river bank to tie into City of New Westminster's portion of the Lulu Island perimeter dike.

- Boundary Road raising will require road and possible intersection changes.
- The existing rail spur line servicing Tree Island Steel will need to be addressed (e.g. rail dike gate, raise rail spur, etc.).
- Alternatively, if redevelopment of the Tree Island Steel property occurs during the implementation period of the Dike Master Plan, then the recommended alternative option is raise the property (or a portion of it) to the dike crest elevation as per Option 9.

In addition to the options listed above, another recommendation for flood protection in all areas of Phase 4 is to target land raising of the areas behind the dike.

Table 3-10 below presents a summary of the recommended options for each reach.

Table 3-10: Recommended Dike Upgrading Options

Reach # and Name	Recommended Options
1 – Bridgeport Industrial	• Option 1: Separated dike and road
2 – Industrial and Shipyards	• Option 1: Separated dike and road
3 – Riverfront Houses and ALR	• Option 1: Separated dike and road
4 – Bog and Rail	• Option 1: Separated dike and road[1] *Site specific option at rail trestle crossing:* • Option 6: Combined dike and road below trestle
5 – Hamilton Frontages	• Option 1: Separated dike and road
6 – Tree Island Slough and Boundary	• Option 4: Riverbank dike *Site specific option for tie-in with City of New Westminster dike:* • Option 8: Raise boundary road
1. Retaining walls (Option 2) may be required to minimize impacts to the bog.	

Environmental Impacts of Recommended Options

In total, the estimated impact for the selected Phase 4 options is 3,300 m^2 of high quality Fraser River intertidal habitat, 1,900 m^2 high quality Fraser River riparian habitat, 28,500 m^2 drainage channel aquatic habitat, and 106,200 m^2 drainage channel riparian habitat. These areas represent an estimate based on FREMP habitat mapping (2007), and City of Richmond orthoimagery interpretation (2017). Not all Fraser River riparian and intertidal habitat was quantified. The desktop review only quantified high-quality riparian and intertidal habitat types on the Fraser River side of the existing dike. The remaining habitat area, while not calculated here, would also be required in calculations for determining offsetting requirements. Calculation of the exact area of impact of selected options will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment.

Table 3-11 presents the summary of habitat impacts for the recommended options by reach.

Table 3-11: Reach-by-Reach Summary of Habitat Impacts

Reach # and Name	High-Quality Fraser River Intertidal (m^2)	High Quality Fraser River Riparian (m^2)	Drainage Channel Aquatic (m^2)	Drainage Channel Riparian (m^2)
1 - Bridgeport Industrial	-	500	3,300	14,800

Reach # and Name	High-Quality Fraser River Intertidal (m²)	High Quality Fraser River Riparian (m²)	Drainage Channel Aquatic (m²)	Drainage Channel Riparian (m²)
2 - Industrial and Shipyards	-	800	5,900	28,000
3 - Riverfront Houses and ALR	50	300	3,000	16,100
4 - Bog and Rail	100	300	10,200	23,500
5 - Hamilton Frontages	900	-	5,900	23,700
6 - Tree Island Slough and Boundary	2,200	-	-	-

Geotechnical Considerations for Recommended Options

The proposed dike improvements were assessed with consideration for the BC Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes.

Thurber Engineering Ltd. (Thurber) assessed 3 sample cross-sections to estimate the potential deformation resulting from seismic events. The cross-sections were based on the preferred cross-section at what was judged to be the most susceptible areas for deformation. Soil conditions were determined by cone penetration tests. Seismic performance was assessed on the basis of existing foundation conditions, (i.e. no additional ground improvement/densification) to determine the need for ground improvement or alternative approaches. The analysis included seismic events representing 100, 475 and 2475-year return period events. Seismic performance was assessed using 2 methods: 1-D (i.e. flat ground) liquefaction assessment to estimate reconsolidation settlements, and 2-D numerical deformation assessment to estimate dynamic deformations. The methods are complimentary, and the results are interpreted together.

The preliminary geotechnical report is attached in Appendix C.

The key results of the geotechnical analysis are summarized below.

- Proposed dike cross-sections will not meet the performance requirements of the seismic design guidelines, without ground improvement or alternative approaches, based on the results of both assessment methods.
- The liquefaction hazard is considered insignificant for earthquakes up to the 100-year return period event.
- The liquefaction hazard is considered moderate and high for the 475 and 2475-year return period events respectively. The resulting deformations would be large.
- Liquefaction may result in a flowslide into the river for dike alignments along the river-bank due to lateral spreading, whereas it would result only in vertical deformation for dike alignments significantly set back from the river bank.
- The deformation analysis indicates that dikes may meet the performance requirements of the seismic design guidelines if they are typically set back 50 m to 100 m from the river-bank and have flat slopes or some localized ground improvement.

Options to address seismically induced deformations, and opinions on each, include:

- **Densification –** The typical approach to densification is to install stone columns. To be effective against the liquefaction expected to follow the 2475-year return period event, densification would have to extend the depth of the liquefaction zone, and for a similar width. In a typical scenario, this can be considered as a 30 m (width) by 30 m (depth) densification located at the river-side toe of

the dike. Densification can be very costly (e.g. $9,000 to $18,000 per lineal metre of dike). Alternate experimental techniques are being tested by the City that may offer a more economic solution.

- **Higher Crest –** For the 100-year return period event, additional crest elevation may compensate for deformations caused by settlement. For events that cause liquefaction, added height just results in added deformation, so it would be less effective. This is not an effective strategy by itself for return periods above 100-year due to lateral spreading and large vertical deformations.
- **Setback and Slope –** Flatter side slopes on the dike improves seismic stability. However, to prevent large deformations in the 2475-year return period event, the maximum acceptable slope between the river channel invert and the dike crest would need to be approximately 2%, which would require a significant setback between the dike and river.
- **Wide Crest** ("superdikes") **–** A very wide dike (e.g. crest width of 100 m to 200 m) could be used to extend the dike beyond the limit of significant lateral spreading due to liquefaction. A portion of the wide crest could be considered sacrificial in the even to major lateral spreading. Raising the land for approximately 200 m inland of the dike is desirable for related flood protection reasons, and may be desired by the City for other reasons such as land use planning. It has already been done as part of multiple family, commercial, and industrial development projects along the waterfront. Buildings within this area must already account for liquefaction in their foundation design.
- **Dike Relocation / Secondary Dikes –** Place the dike inland of the liquefaction lateral spreading zone (similar to set back approach) or place a secondary dike inland of the liquefaction lateral spreading zone. The wider option above would essentially include a secondary dike. Relocating the primary dike inland would be a form of retreat and would leave property and buildings exposed outside of the dike.
- **Post-earthquake Dike Repair –** Dike reach specific plans could be developed for post-earthquake dike repairs. These would need to consider the feasibility of dike repair construction following a major earthquake. In general, it is likely not feasible to quickly repair a dike that has failed due to a flowslide induced by liquefaction lateral spreading, especially if the breach results flooding from regular high tides. However, it may be feasible to prepare dike repair plans for dikes where a flowslide is not anticipated.

Additionally, the City may wish to use alternative seismic performance criteria, such as the criteria discussed in Section 3.2 which aims to develop a consistent level of performance between seismic scenarios and flood level scenarios (i.e. an overall 0.2% annual exceedance probability of failure across all hazards).

Recommendations to manage the seismic risk include:

- Consider the proposed alternative seismic performance criteria provided in Section 3.2. Review the criteria if/when the Province issues updated guidelines for seismic performance of dikes.
- Fill land for approximately 200 m inland of the dike to dike crest elevation. Buildings in this zone should be built above the dike crest elevation and have densified foundations capable of withstanding liquefaction. The required distance requires some additional evaluation and may be addressed in the pending updated to the Flood Protection Management Strategy.
- Continue to investigate practical densification options and consider earthquake induced dike deformations in emergency response and recovery planning.

3.7 Cost Opinions

Cost opinions for the recommended option in each reach are provided to help the City consider the financial implications for planning and comparing options. A breakdown is provided to help understand the proportional cost for recommendations such as separating and raising the road.

Costs are based on unit rate cost estimates and tender results for similar works. Costs are presented in 2018 dollars. They have not been updated between the original draft submission in 2018 and the current final report. The most relevant rates are from the City's Gilbert Road dike project. The City provided a summary of the cost estimate prepared by WSP for this project.

Rates from recent tenders for diking on the Lower Fraser River and other locations within the Lower Mainland were used to check the reasonableness of the rates and estimate other features such as sheet piles or large diameter drain pipes.

The costs were broken down by reach so that unit rates could be applied to similar typical cross-sections. They were also broken down into the main features that coincide with options that the City may wish to consider further. These features are described below.

- **Dike Raising –** this is the core element required to provide flood protection. It includes a 10 m crest width that can be raised while still achieving a 4 m crest width. This includes site preparation, fill, and erosion protection.
- **Road Structure and Utilities –** this includes stripping, subgrade preparation, pavement structure, drainage and utilities. Where the existing road is atop the dike, most of this cost would be incurred regardless of where it gets relocated.
- **Road Raising To Dike Crest –** this includes the additional fill required to raise the road to the dike crest elevation.
- **Other –**This category was used to capture pathways and utilities if the option did not include road construction.
- **Contingency –** A 40% contingency is provided because the costs are based on concept plans only.

Table 3-12 presents a summary of all reaches with cost breakdowns for the items described above. Costs for each reach are also provided in the Reach Summary Sheets in Section 5.

Table 3-12: Summary of Construction Costs ($ in Millions)

Item	Reach 1	Reach 2	Reach 3	Reach 4	Reach 5	Reach 6	Total
Dike Raising	$7.6	$7.7	$4.1	$10.5	$7.3	$4.7	$41.9
Road Structure & Utilities	$12.3	$12.6	$6.6	$16.8	$11.8	$1.5	$61.4
Raise Road to Dike Height	$3.2	$3.3	$1.7	$4.3	$3.1	$1.6	$17.2
Other*	$1.5	$2.0	$1.1	$2.0	$1.5	$4.6	$12.8
Contingency (40%)	$9.8	$10.2	$5.4	$13.5	$9.5	$5.0	$53.3
Total	$34.3	$35.8	$18.9	$47.1	$33.1	$17.4	$186.6
*Other - includes utilities if there is no road							

Costs that are not included are noted below.

- Land acquisition is not included. Ideally, land will be acquired during redevelopment. Similarly, there may be opportunities to have dike improvements tied to adjacent development.
- Densification is not included. The recommendation is to fill 200 m back from the dike face as a preferred strategy to deal with liquefaction. If the road and land behind the dike is not raised, then densification is recommended. Current techniques such as stone columns would cost approximately $9,000 to $18,000 per metre of dike.
- Off-site habitat projects (that may be needed beyond the habitat enhancement provided along the dike corridor) are not included. Such cost could be roughly 5% of the construction cost. It is understood that a separate Dike Master Plan may be prepared to address habitat compensation by identifying and developing medium to large habitat compensation concepts.
- Raising the land behind the dike is not included. This is proposed to be a condition of development behind the dike, with the cost and benefit attributed to the property owner.
- Professional fees (engineering, surveying, environmental, archeological, etc.) are not included. Such costs could be in the range of 10% to 15% of the construction cost.
- Inflation since 2018.

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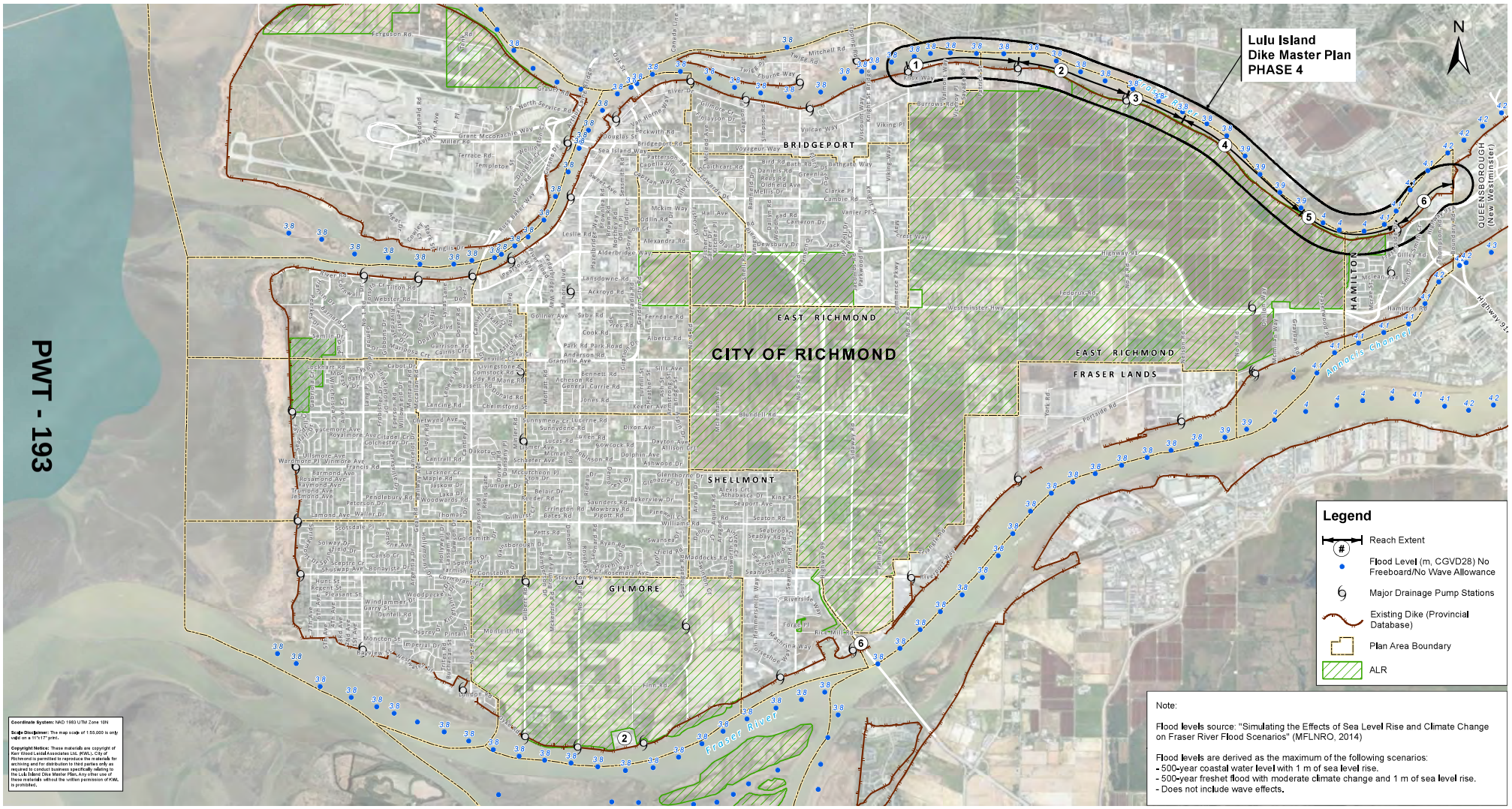

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Fraser River Flood Elevations

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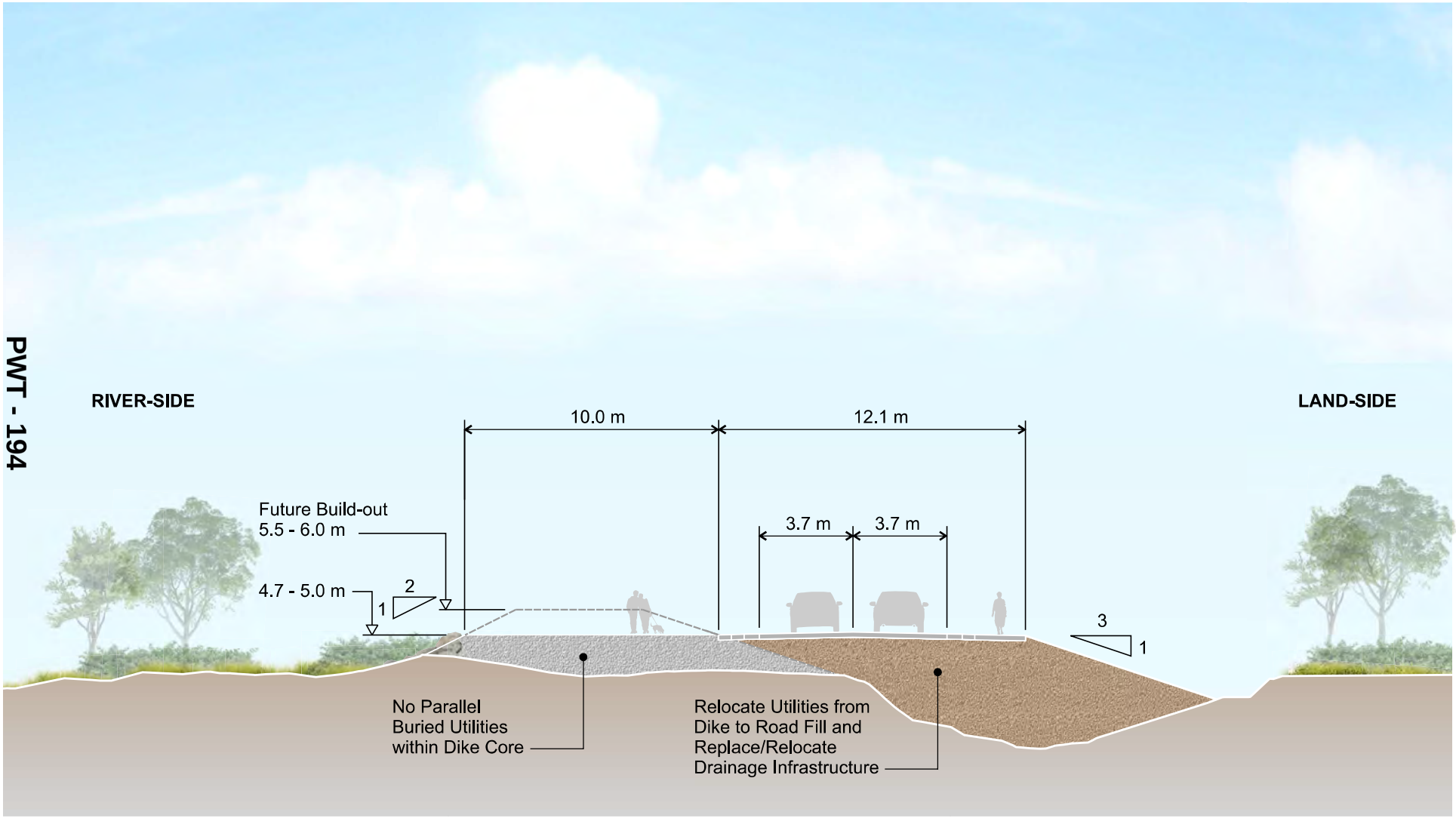

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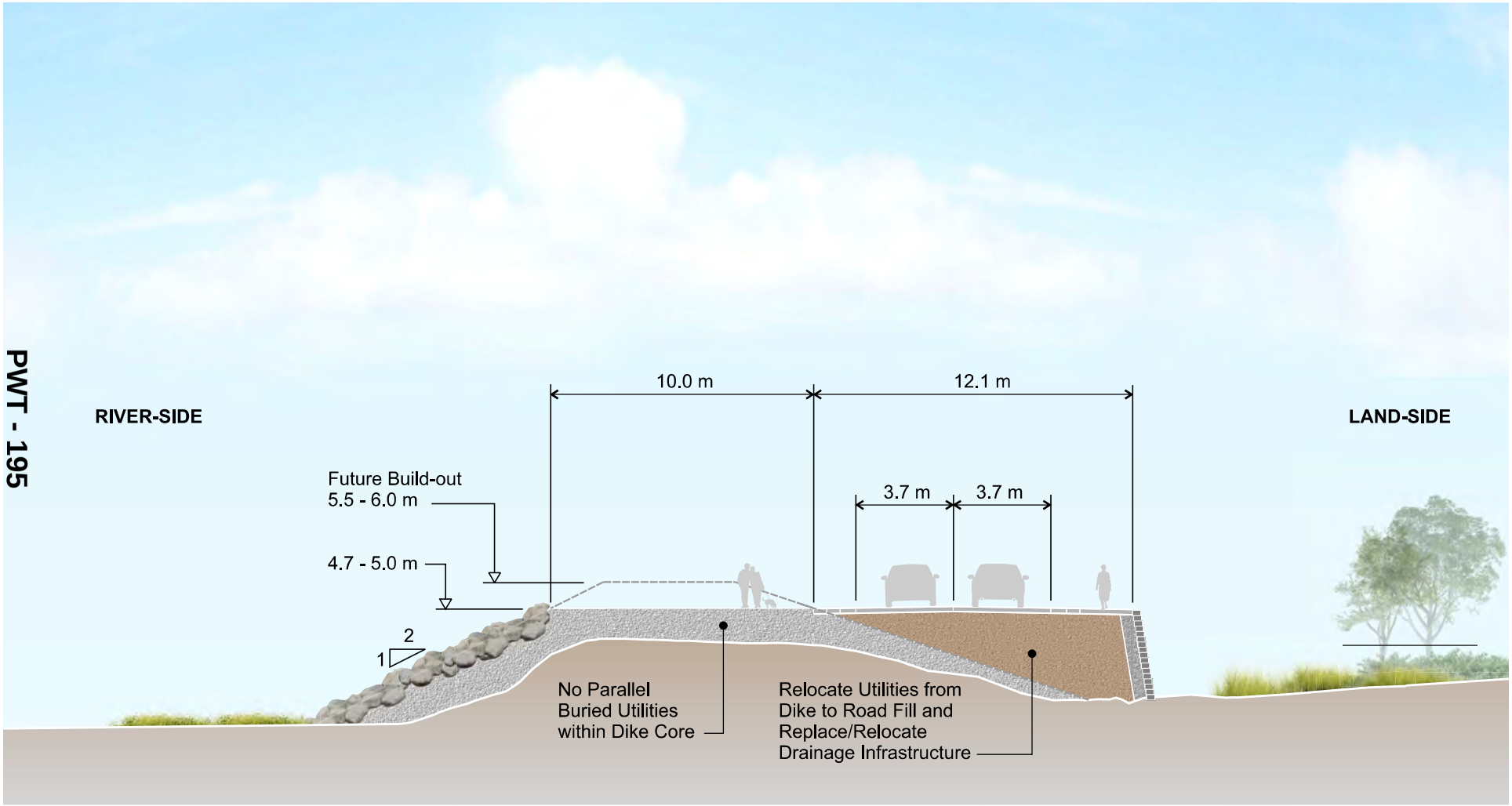
Option 1: Raise Dike and Road and Extend Land-side (Reaches 1-5)

Figure 3-2



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Option 2: Raise Dike and Road with Retaining Walls (Reach 4)

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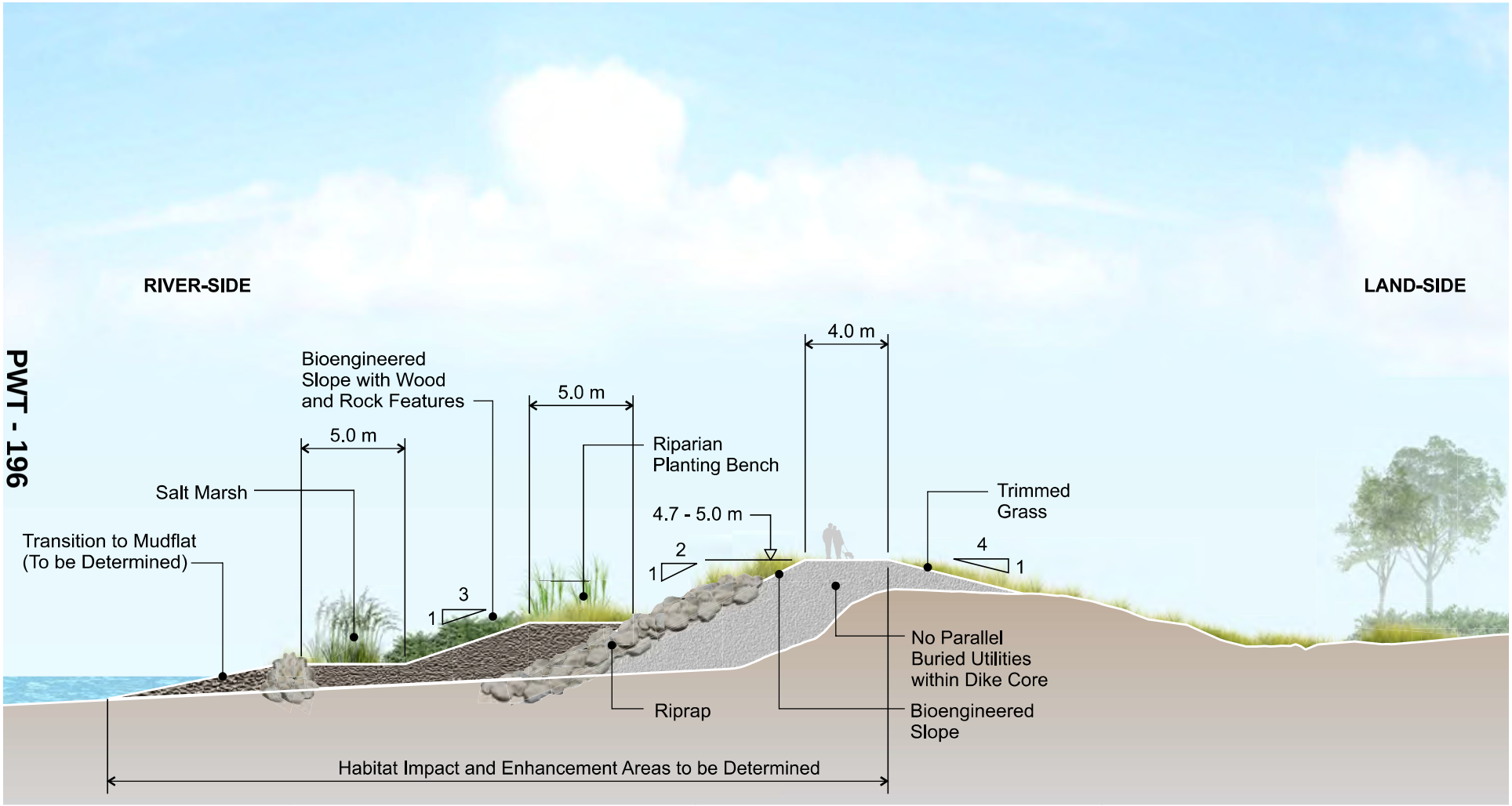

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Option 3: Raise Dike Only and Extend River-side (Reaches 4-6)

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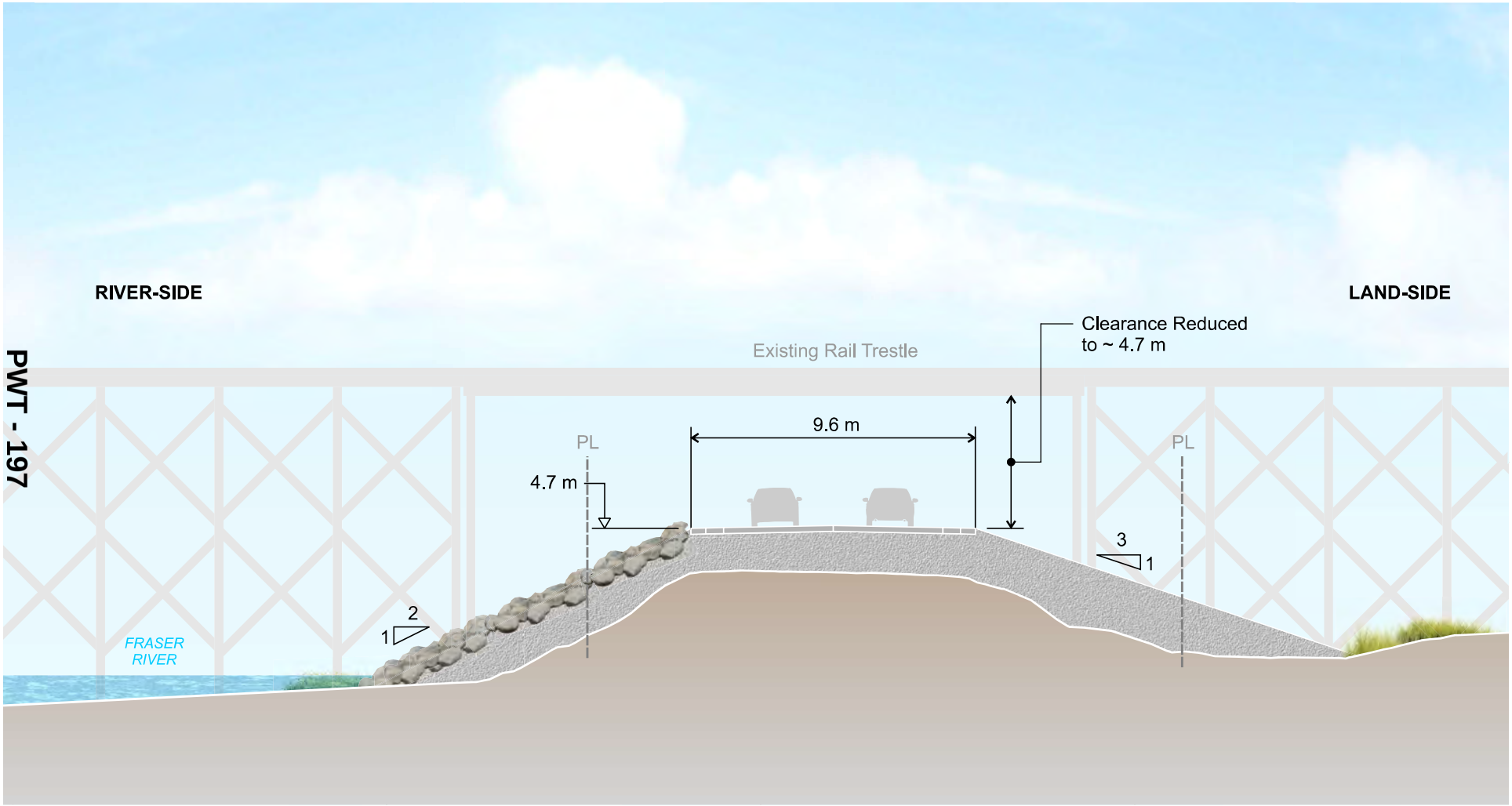

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Option 6: Rail Trestle - Raise Road/Dike Under Trestle (Reach 4)

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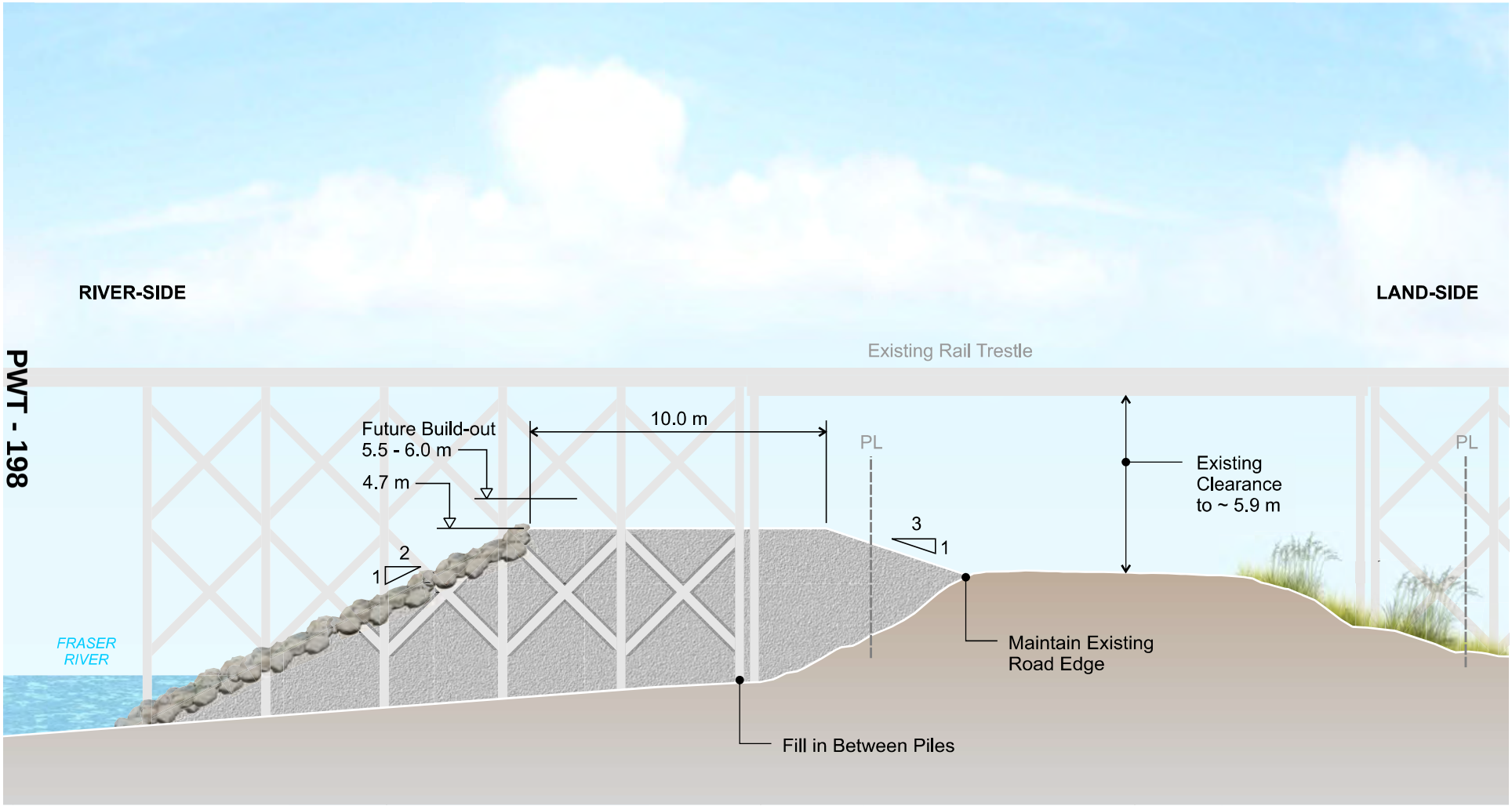

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Option 7: Rail Trestle - Fill In-between Trestle Pile (Reach 4)

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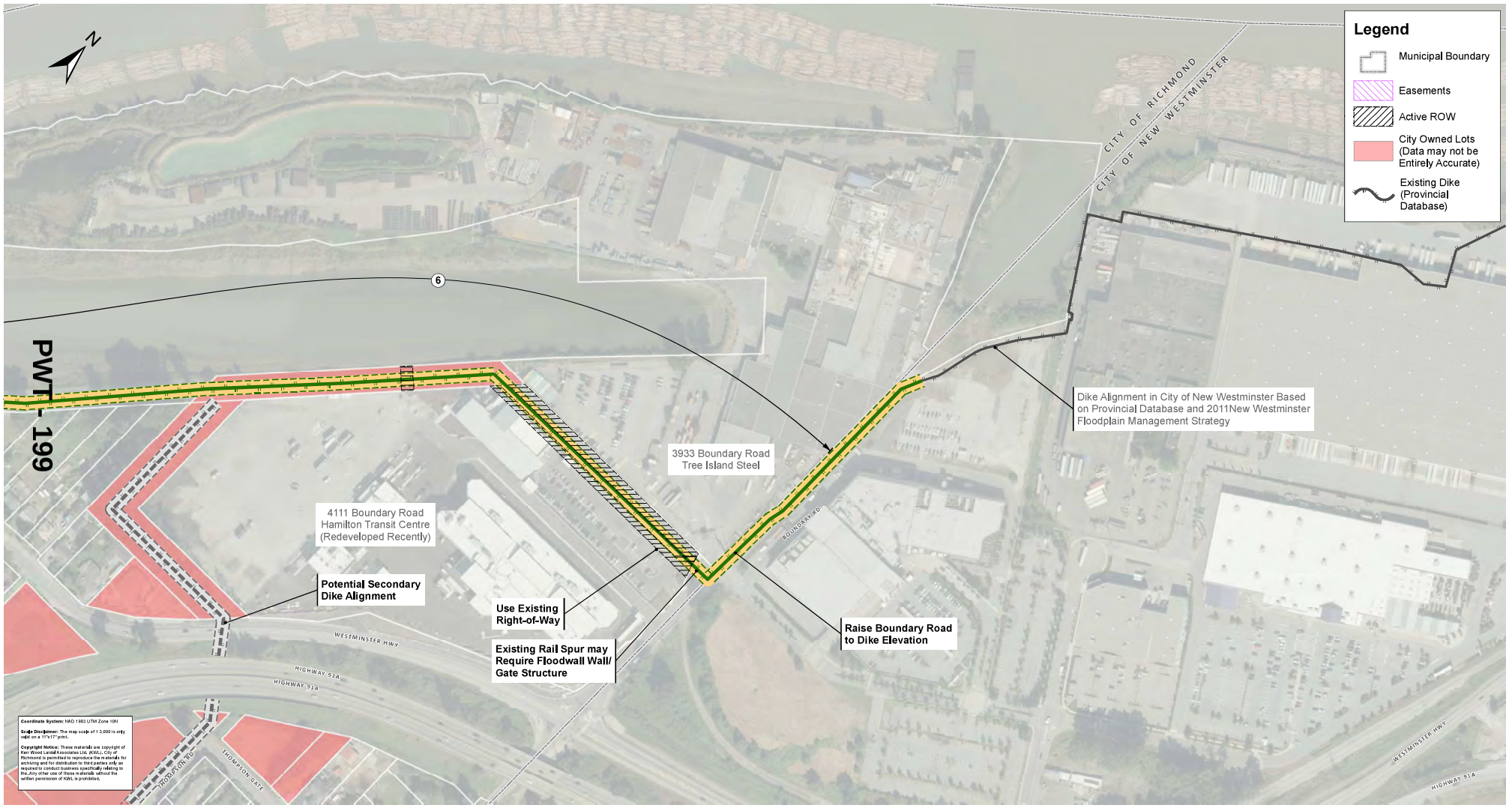

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Option 8 - City of New Westminster Tie-in
Raise Boundary Road

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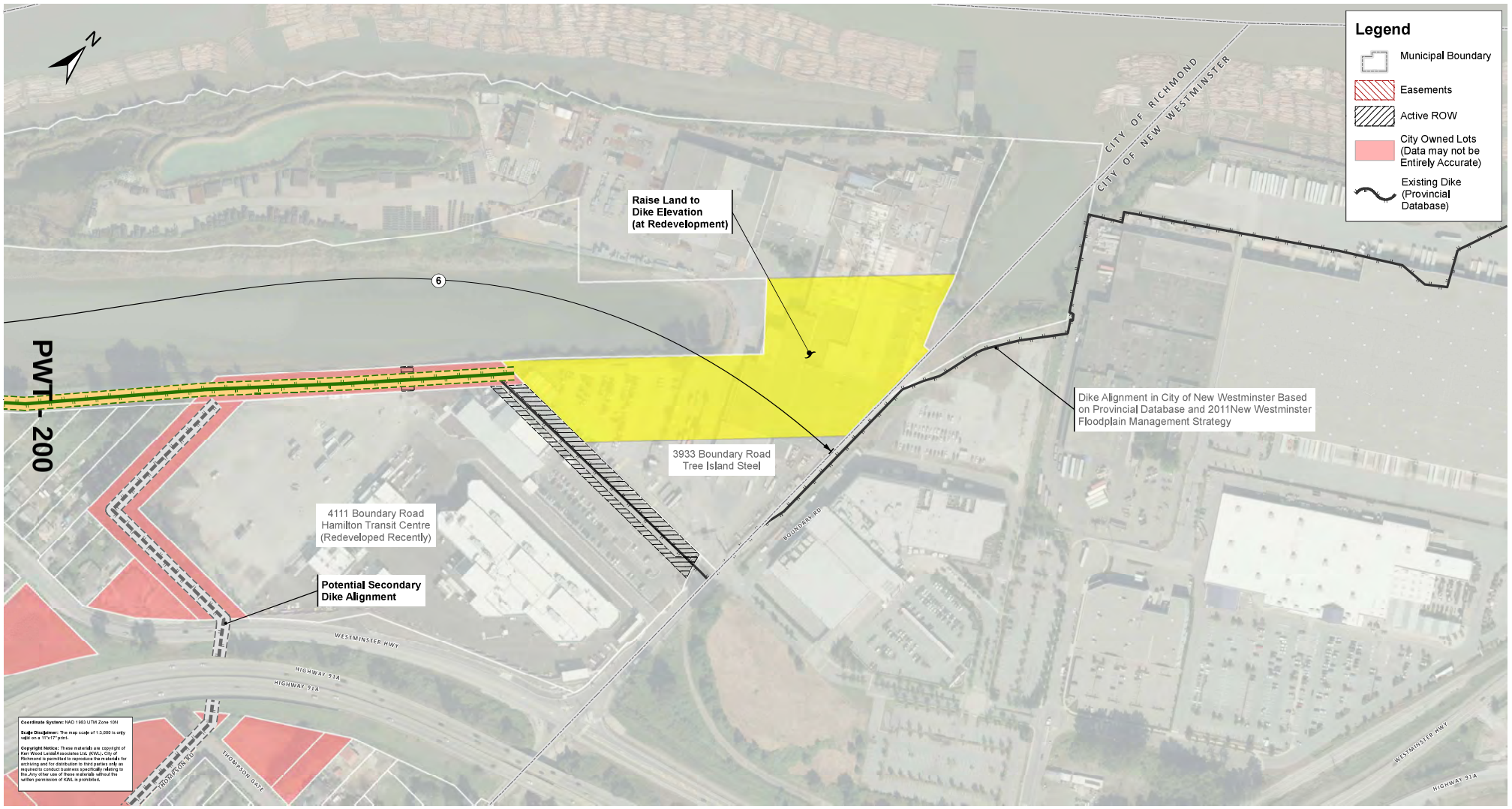

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Option 9 - City of New Westminster Tie-in
Fill Tree Island Steel Property

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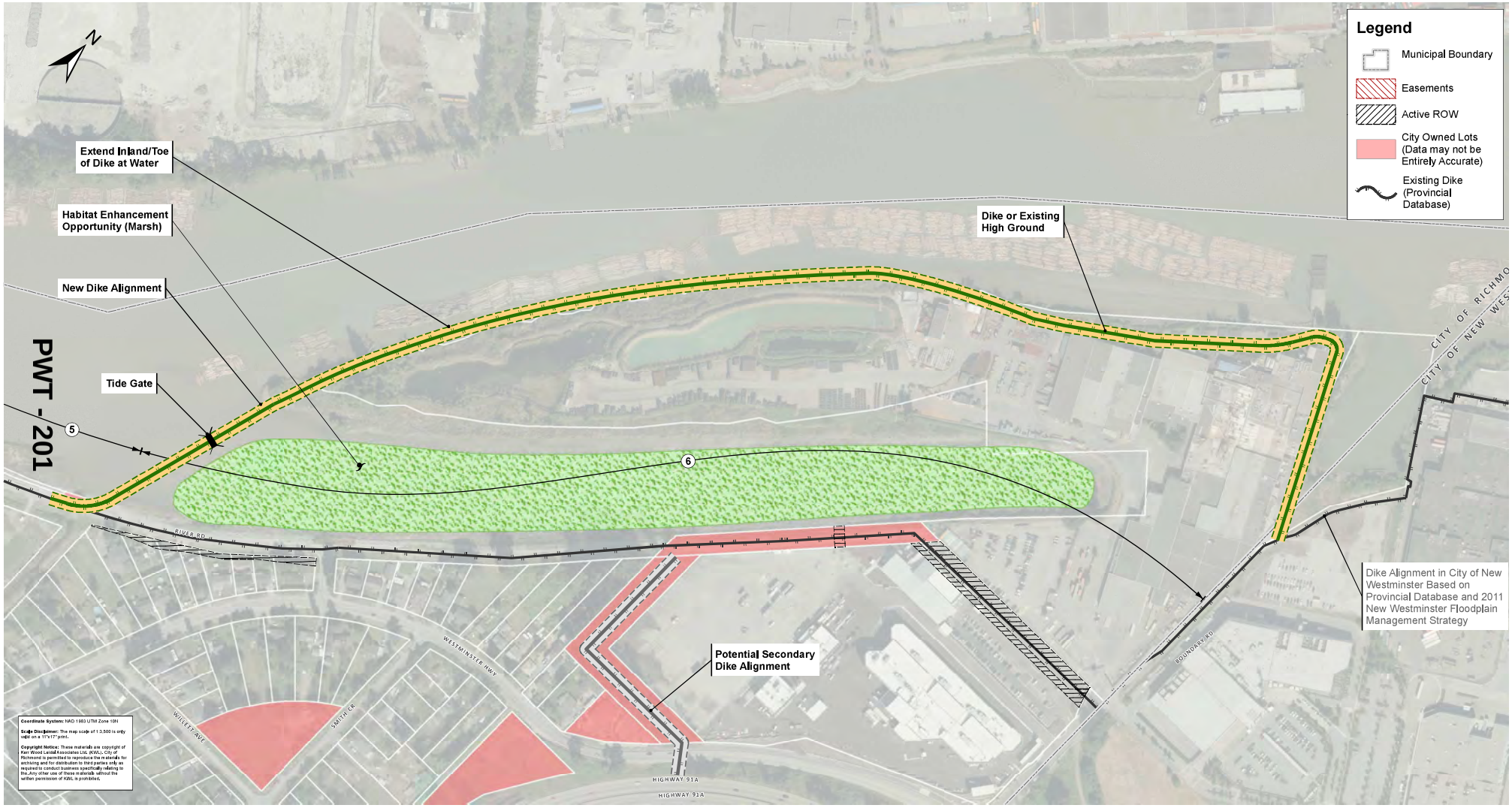

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Option 10 - City of New Westminster Tie-in New Alignment Across Tree Island Slough

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4. Implementation Strategy

The implementation strategy has three parts:

- pre-design measures;
- construction sequencing for a typical reach; and
- prioritization of reaches for construction.

4.1 Pre-design Measures

Before construction can be implemented, the following steps are recommended.

- Use the Dike Master Plan as a planning tool with City land use planning to acquire land during redevelopment, and to rezone land with conditions for land raising inland of the dike.
- Acquire land prior to construction.
- Seek habitat compensation projects to bank credits in preparation for drainage channel and associated riparian area impacts. A separate mater plan for habitat compensation could be prepared to identify and develop medium to large habitat enhancement concepts to serve as compensation for multiple reaches.
- Assess required drainage system modifications (e.g. filling drainage channels and constructing a piped drainage system) in additional detail.
- Design with consideration for construction sequencing noted below.
- Advance public space and multi-use path design concepts further.
- Consider the need for an appropriate building setback from the land-side toe of any future flood protection works in view of the current BC setback guideline of 7.5 m. This should consider the planned dike upgrade to 4.7 m CGVD28, as well as future buildout to 5.5 m CGVD28. This may require consultation with the Inspector of Dikes.

4.2 Construction Sequence

The construction sequence for a typical reach is provided below. A typical reach currently has a road atop the dike, and utilities within the dike.

1. Secure land.
2. Coordinate third party utility relocations. This is mainly hydro on poles. Coordination with rail needed at trestle.
3. Install storm sewer (approximately 1200 mm dia., to be confirmed through at design) in proximity to existing channel.
4. Fill over storm sewer to underside of road structure. The fill placement may be followed by a settlement period depending on geotechnical recommendations. If so, this fill may include a preload depth in excess of the road fill.
5. Install new utilities (typically water and hydro, with some sewer).
6. Construct new road with parking where access outside the dike will be impacted.

7. Divert traffic to new road.
8. Remove existing road and utilities. Don't abandon utilities within dike.
9. Fill dike to crest elevation. Excavation of sub-grade may be required to remove unsuitable materials.
10. Complete armouring, trail, and landscaping.

Larger projects will result in less temporary road diversion works. As an alternate, the entire road could be reconstructed first, in phases, before the dike is built later. This would work with the new road being raised to dike crest elevation.

4.3 Prioritization

Priority for construction will depend on which section is the lowest and therefore most urgent to raise, opportunities such as site development or road improvement plans, level of preparedness for issues such as land acquisition and habitat offsets, and adjacent residents' receptiveness to a higher dike. A preliminary priority list is provided below. Opportunities may shift the order, and the reaches may be broken down into smaller or larger projects.

Table 4-1: Priority by Reach

	Reach ID and Name	Extent / Length	Notes
1	3 – Riverfront Houses and ALR	No. 8 Road to Nelson Road	• Low section and road safety issues.
2	4 – Bog and Rail	Nelson Road to Rail Trestle	• Low section and road safety issues. Rail coordination takes time.
3	5 – Hamilton Frontages	Rail Trestle to Queens Road	• Relatively straightforward.
4	2 – Industrial and Shipyards	No. 7 Road to No. 8 Road	• Seek redevelopment opportunities for land acquisition and to resolve access issues.
5	1 – Bridgeport Industrial	No. 6 Road to No. 7 Road	• Seek redevelopment opportunities for land acquisition and to resolve access issues.
6	6 – Tree Island Slough and Boundary	Queens Road to City of New Westminster	• Coordinate with planned park, road realignment, and redevelopment. Seek revised alignment with Tree Island Steel site, and further investigate Tree Island Slough habitat enhancement.

5. Reach Summary Sheets

This section contains 2-page, reach-by-reach summary sheets that summarize the existing conditions, design considerations and potential constraints for each reach of Phase 4. The second sheet will summarize the features of the master plan through each reach including typical cross-sections, plan features, costs and priority for upgrade.

Reach 1: Bridgeport Industrial

Existing Conditions

The existing dike in this reach is located in River Road. A watermain and overhead utilities run along the southern portion of the road.

This reach has wide vegetated channels on the inland side of the dike, and a wide vegetated riparian zone on the riverside.

Industrial lots and associated infrastructure exist throughout the reach, including warehouses and container storage.

No. 6 Road is the tie-in location with Phase 2 of the Dike Master Plan, and is also a potential tie-in location for the proposed mid-island dike.

Unique Features

- Drainage pump station at No. 6 Road.
- Industrial sites with water access north of River Road (e.g. Mainland Sand and Gravel).
- FortisBC gas pipeline river crossing and facility west of No. 7 Road.
- Drainage channel and pipe south of road.
- Riparian area north of road.
- Potential future tie-in location with proposed mid-island dike.

Considerations

Flood Protection

Dike alignment
Dike crest elevation
Erosion protection
Seismic performance
Static stability and seepage
River toe stability and setbacks
Boat waves

Industrial

Water access industrial sites north of road/dike

Road design and driveway grade to accommodate large trucks

Social

No. 7 Road Pier Park

Align with 2009 Waterfront Strategy

Connect to existing and planned trails and public amenities

Wayfinding and public information signs

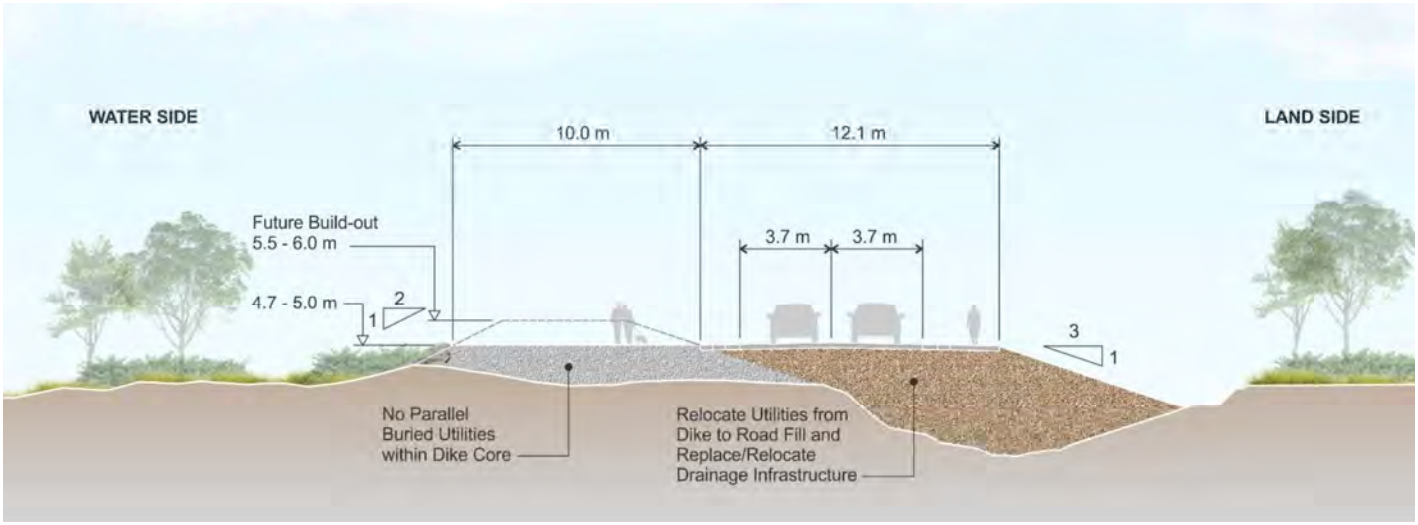
Environmental

Fraser River side habitat includes high quality intertidal habitat and high quality riparian habitat

Land side includes drainage channels adjacent to dike

No. 7 Road Pier Park

Reach 1: Bridgeport Industrial - Recommended Improvements



Master Plan Features

Flood Protection

Raise dike to 4.7 m and separate and raise road inland of the dike as illustrated above.

Dike alignment will typically extend up from the current face of dike, and widen inland.

Provide erosion protection along the face of the dike, typically consisting of rip rap revetment.

Raise properties 200 m inland to 4.7 m or densify to the depth of potential liquefaction.

Replace channels with storm sewers and swales to improve stability and reduce seepage.

Industrial

Raise road to dike crest elevation to permit access over tide to industrial sites north of dike.

Raise industrial sites to dike crest elevation during redevelopment.

For lower sites, driveway ramps may need to extend into lots with grades that accommodate large trucks. Ramps may require retaining walls to limit footprint.

Social

Construct multi-use path on top of dike, separate from road. Link to parks, trails, public amenities, and wayfinding.

Environmental

The proposed footprint would impact an estimated 500 m^2 of high quality Fraser River riparian habitat, 14,800 m^2 of drainage channel riparian habitat, and 3,300 m^2 of drainage channel aquatic habitat

NOTE: This is an estimate based on 2007 FREMP mapping and 2017 orthoimagery interpretation. Exact numbers will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment

Priority

Priority is ranked 5th out of 6 reaches.

This is one of the lower priority reaches due to relatively good existing height, and benefits to coordinating with future land redevelopment. The dike is at a higher elevation than the high priority reaches. Required land may be secured through redevelopment opportunities. Land raising during redevelopment will also reduce the width required for dike and road work, and the need for interim access ramps.

Construction Cost

Costs below are for 1.7 km of dike similar to cross-section above.

Item	Cost per metre	Cost
Dike Raising	$4,500	$7.6 Million
Road Structure & Utilities	$5,300	$8.9 Million
Raise Road to Dike Height	$1,900	$3.2 Million
Pathway	$600	$1 Million
Other (Driveways, Ramps or Road Reconstruction)		$.5 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$3.3 Million
Contingency (40%)		$9.8 Million
Total		$34.3 Million

Cost opinions are in 2018 Canadian Dollars.

Reach 2: Industrial and Shipyards

Existing Conditions

The existing dike alignment in this reach is a dike in River Road. This reach has industrial lots, shipyards and a narrow riparian strip on the water side of the dike.

The inland side of the dike has access to industrial lots and residential lots to the east side of the reach.

Currently, there is parking along the dike for the shipyard employees.

Unique Features

- Water-oriented industrial parcels located north of road (tugboat operation and Tom-Mac Shipyards).
- Residential/storage properties located north of road with minimal setback between road and structures.
- Large industrial parcels located south of road near No. 7 Road.
- ALR parcels with houses located south of road.
- Drainage pump station at No. 8 Road.

Considerations

Flood Protection

- Dike alignment
- Dike crest elevation
- Erosion protection
- Seismic performance
- Static stability and seepage
- River toe stability and setbacks
- Boat waves

Industrial

- Water access for tugboats, and shipyards.
- Road design and driveway grade to accommodate large trucks
- Drainage pump station at No. 8 Road
- Parking for shipyards is along River Road

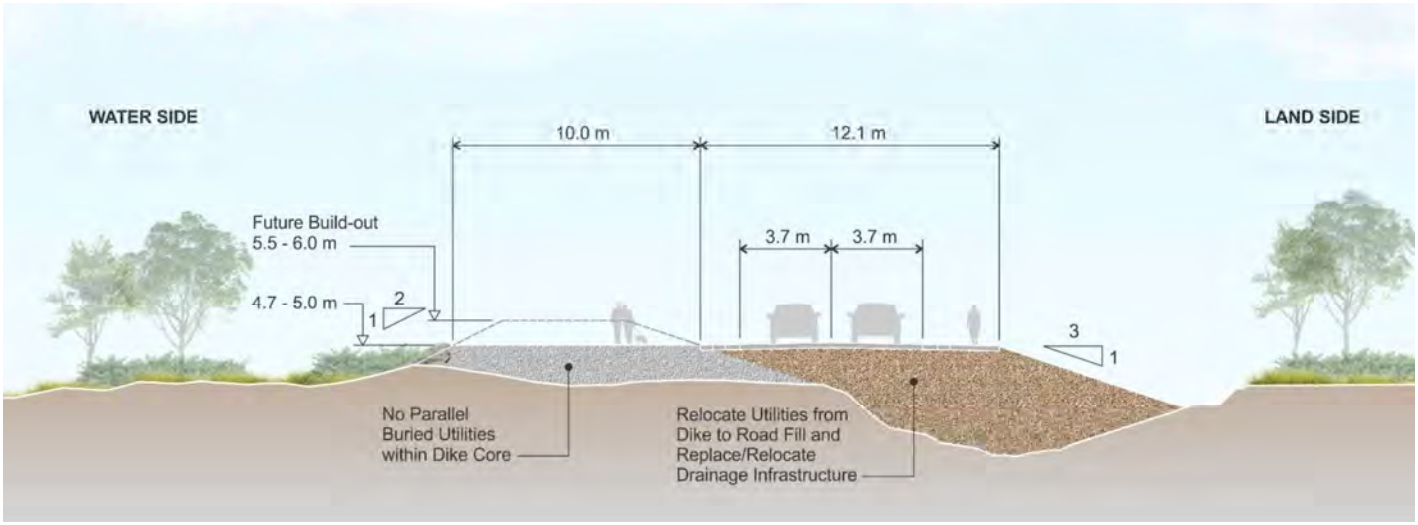
Social

- Align with 2009 Waterfront Strategy
- Connect to existing and planned trails and public amenities
- Wayfinding and public information signs

Environmental

- Fraser River side habitat includes narrow deciduous treed woodland high-quality habitat
- Western portion of Land side includes drainage channels adjacent to dike; eastern portion of land side has trees/hedges along residential lots

Reach 2: Industrial and Shipyards - Recommended Improvements



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Industrial

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Raise industrial sites to dike crest elevation during redevelopment.

For lower sites, driveway ramps may need to extend into lots with grades that accommodate large trucks.

Social

Construct multi-use path along dike, separate from road. Link to parks, trails, public amenities, and wayfinding.

Environmental

The proposed footprint would impact an estimated 800 m^2 of high quality Fraser River riparian habitat, 28,000 m^2 of drainage channel riparian habitat, and 5,900 m^2 of drainage channel aquatic habitat

NOTE: This is an estimate based on 2007 FREMP mapping and 2017 orthoimagery interpretation. Exact numbers will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment

Priority

Priority is ranked 4th out of 6 reaches.

This is one of the lower priority reaches due to relatively good existing height, and benefits to coordinating with future land redevelopment. The dike is at a higher elevation than the high priority reaches. Required land may be secured through redevelopment opportunities. The adjacent industrial land is less developed than Reach 1, so opportunities for land acquisition and land raising through redevelopment may arise earlier than for Reach 1. Land raising during redevelopment will also reduce the width required for dike and road work, and the need for interim access ramps.

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Pathway	$600	$1 Million
Other (Driveways, Ramps or Road Reconstruction)		$1 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$3.4 Million
Contingency (40%)		$10.2 Million
Total		$35.8 Million

Cost opinions are in 2018 Canadian Dollars.

Reach 3: Riverfront Houses and ALR

Existing Conditions

The dike in this reach is a dike in River Road, with a combination of residential and industrial lots on either side of the dike.

The inland side of the dike has large residential lots separated from the road by a large channel and hedges. The water side of this reach has access to docks, storage, drainage pump station.

There is a major Metro Vancouver pipe river crossing in this reach.

Unique Features

- Residential/storage properties located north of road with minimal setback between road and structures near Nelson Road.
- ALR parcels with houses located south of road.
- Metro Vancouver Tilbury watermain crossing near Nelson Road.

Considerations

Flood Protection

- Dike alignment
- Dike crest elevation
- Erosion protection
- Seismic performance
- Static stability and seepage
- River toe stability and setbacks
- Boat waves

Industrial

- Drainage pump station at east side of the reach
- Storage and water access on the north side of River Road
- Metro Vancouver watermain crossing
- Road design and driveway grade to accommodate large trucks

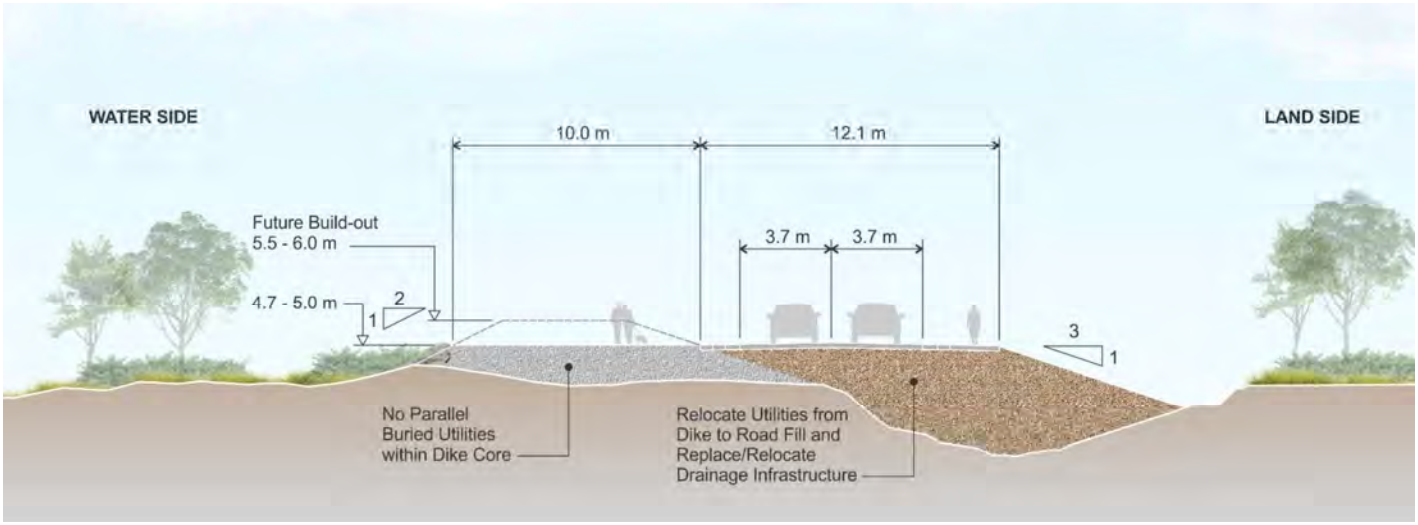
Social

- Align with 2009 Waterfront Strategy
- Connect to existing and planned trails and public amenities
- Wayfinding and public information signs

Environmental

- Fraser River Side habitat includes narrow deciduous treed woodland high-quality habitat along the 75% of the reach
- Land side has tree/hedges along residential lots and drainage channels

Reach 3: Riverfront Houses and ALR - Recommended Improvements



Master Plan Features

Flood Protection

Raise dike to 4.7 m and separate and raise road inland of the dike as illustrated above.

Dike alignment will typically extend up from the current face of dike, and widen inland.

Provide erosion protection along the face of the dike, typically consisting of rip rap revetment.

Raise properties 200m inland to 4.7m or densify to the depth of potential liquefaction.

Replace channels with storm sewers and swales to improve stability and reduce seepage.

Industrial

Raise road to dike crest elevation to permit access over tide to properties north of dike.

Parking for properties north of dike to be provided at side of road, or with driveways and ramps or raised parking on private property.

Social

Construct multi-use path along dike, separate from road. Link to parks, trails, public amenities, and wayfinding.

Environmental

The proposed footprint would impact an estimated 300 m^2 of high quality Fraser River riparian habitat, 50 m^2 of high quality Fraser River intertidal habitat, 16,100 m^2 of drainage channel riparian habitat, and 3,000 m^2 drainage channel aquatic habitat

NOTE: This is an estimate based on 2007 FREMP mapping and 2017 orthoimagery interpretation. Exact numbers will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment

Priority

Priority is ranked 1st out of 6 reaches.

This is highest ranked priority due to low crest elevations and road safety issues.

Land acquisition may be required, but the large agricultural/residential lots typically include adequate setbacks to provide enough space without redevelopment.

Land raising during redevelopment will also reduce the width required for dike and road work, and the need for interim access ramps.

Construction Cost

Costs below are for 0.9 km of dike similar to cross-section above.

Item	Cost per metre	Cost
Dike Raising	$4,500	$4 Million
Road Structure & Utilities	$5,300	$4.8 Million
Raise Road to Dike Height	$1,900	$1.7 Million
Pathway	$600	$.5 Million
Other (Driveways, Ramps or Road Reconstruction)		$.6 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$1.8 Million
Contingency (40%)		$5.4 Million
Total		$18.9 Million

Cost opinions are in 2018 Canadian Dollars.

Reach 4: Bog and Rail

Existing Conditions

The dike in this reach is within River Road.

There are environmental and agricultural constraints along either side of the dike. Outside of the dike on the riverside, there is a narrow strip of riparian zone and riprap along the Fraser River.

Informal agricultural (cranberry) dikes are located along the south edge of the road/dike. The drainage channel in this reach is very wide.

The North East Bog Forest is a city park/conservation area located south of the road/dike.

The east side of the reach includes a rail trestle bridge that crosses the dike and Fraser River.

Unique Features

- ALR parcels with cranberry farms south of road.
- Very large agricultural channel south of dike.
- North East Bog Forest (City park).
- Rail trestle river crossing.
- No space between road edge and river channel (existing riprap bank protection).

Considerations

Flood Protection

- Dike alignment
- Dike crest elevation
- Erosion protection
- Seismic performance
- Static stability and seepage
- River toe stability and setbacks
- Boat waves
- Soft soils (bog)

Industrial

- Water access and parking for docks.
- Road and Driveway access will need to be regraded.
- Train rail trestle located at east side of reach.
- Farm dike on the inside of the current dike.

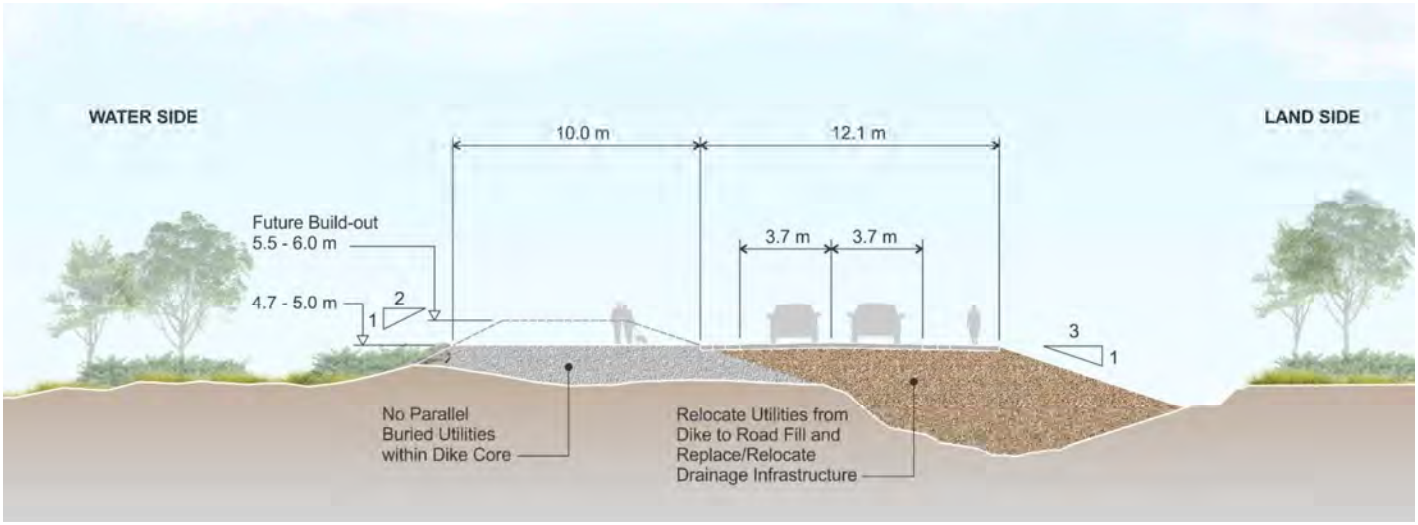
Social

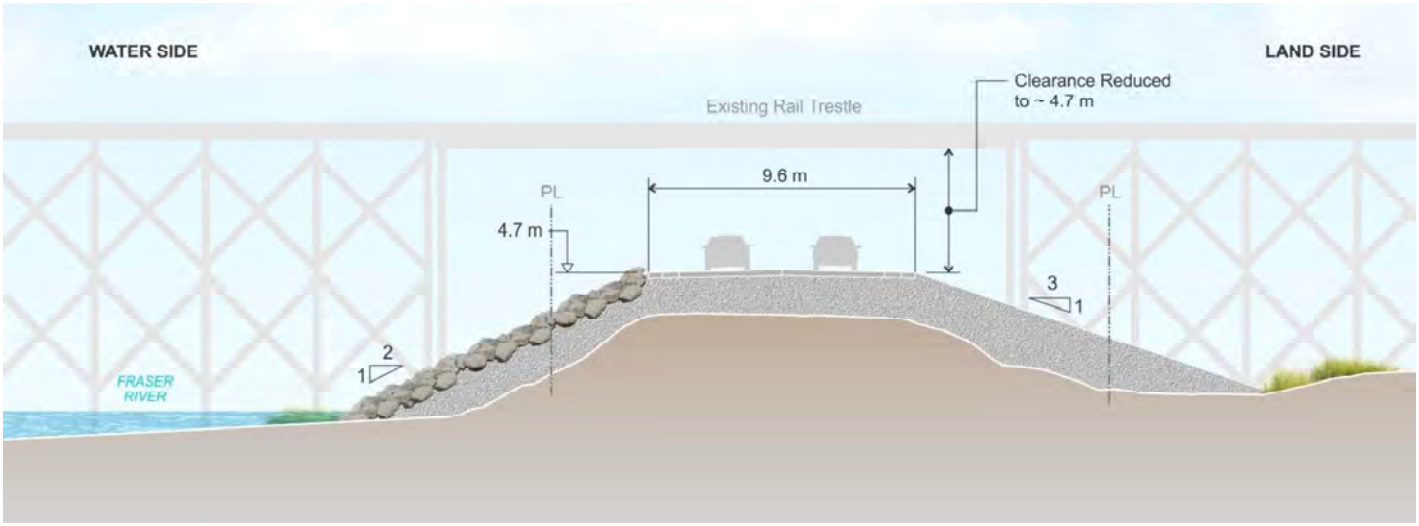
- North East Bog Forest
- Align with 2009 Waterfront Strategy
- Connect to existing and planned trails and public amenities
- Wayfinding and public information signs

Environmental

- Fraser River side habitat includes narrow low-brush riparian zone on ½ of reach
- Land side includes drainage channels adjacent to and North East Bog Forest at eastern end of the reach

Reach 4: Bog and Rail - Recommended Improvements





Master Plan Features

Flood Protection

Raise dike to 4.7 m and separate and raise road inland of the dike as illustrated above.

Dike alignment will typically shift into the river, with some widening inland.

Provide erosion protection along the face of the dike, typically consisting of rip rap revetment.

Industrial

Coordinate work around rail trestle with rail company.

Social

Construct multi-use path along dike, separate from road. Link to parks, trails, public amenities, and wayfinding, per Lululoop concept developed in Phase 3. Ensure barriers are in place where the road and path narrow into closer proximity at the rail trestle.

Environmental

The proposed footprint would impact an estimated 300 m^2 of high quality Fraser River riparian habitat, 100 m^2 of high quality Fraser River intertidal habitat, 23,500 m^2 drainage channel riparian habitat, and 10,200 m^2 drainage channel aquatic habitat

NOTE: This is an estimate based on 2007 FREMP mapping and 2017 orthoimagery interpretation. Exact numbers will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment

Reach 4: Bog and Rail - Recommended Improvements

Priority

Priority is ranked 2nd out of 6 reaches.

This is ranked high due to low crest elevations and road safety issues.

Regulatory and rail company approvals may take extra time due to proposed widening into river and work around the trestle structure.

Land acquisition may be required, but the large agricultural/residential lots typically include adequate setbacks to provide enough space without redevelopment.

Land raising during redevelopment will also reduce the width required for dike and road work, and the need for interim access ramps.

Construction Cost

Costs below are for 2.2 km of dike similar to cross-section above.

Item	Cost per metre	Cost
Option 1		
Dike Raising	$4,500	$10.3 Million
Road Structure	$5,300	$12.1 Million
Raise Road to Dike Height	$1,900	$4.3 Million
Pathway	$600	$1.4 Million
Other (Driveways, Ramps or Road Reconstruction)		$.6 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$4.8 Million
Option 6 Only at Rail Trestle Crossing		
9.6 m wide Dike Crest at 4.7 m c/w riprap with 15-20 m widening at base	$4,500	$.3 Million
9.6 m wide asphalt road with 2x1.1 m shoulder	$1,900	$1 Million
Contingency (40%)		$13.5 Million
Total		$47.1 Million

Cost opinions are in 2018 Canadian Dollars.

Reach 5: Hamilton Frontages

Existing Conditions

This reach of the dike is located on a narrow strip of right-of-way between the Fraser River, and agricultural/residential lots.

On the Fraser River side of the dike, there is a strip of riprap for bank protection. The inland side of the dike includes a minor drainage channel, agricultural land and residential lots at the east side of the reach.

There is a major Metro Vancouver pipe crossing in this reach.

Unique Features

- ALR parcels south of road with houses located close to road.
- No space between road edge and river channel (existing riprap bank protection).
- Metro Vancouver Big Bend forcemain crossing west of 21920 River Road.
- Queens North drainage pump station west of Westminster Highway.

Considerations

Flood Protection

- Dike alignment
- Dike crest elevation
- Erosion protection
- Seismic performance
- Static stability and seepage
- River toe stability and setbacks
- Boat waves

Industrial

- Pump station on waterside of dike
- Road design and driveway grade

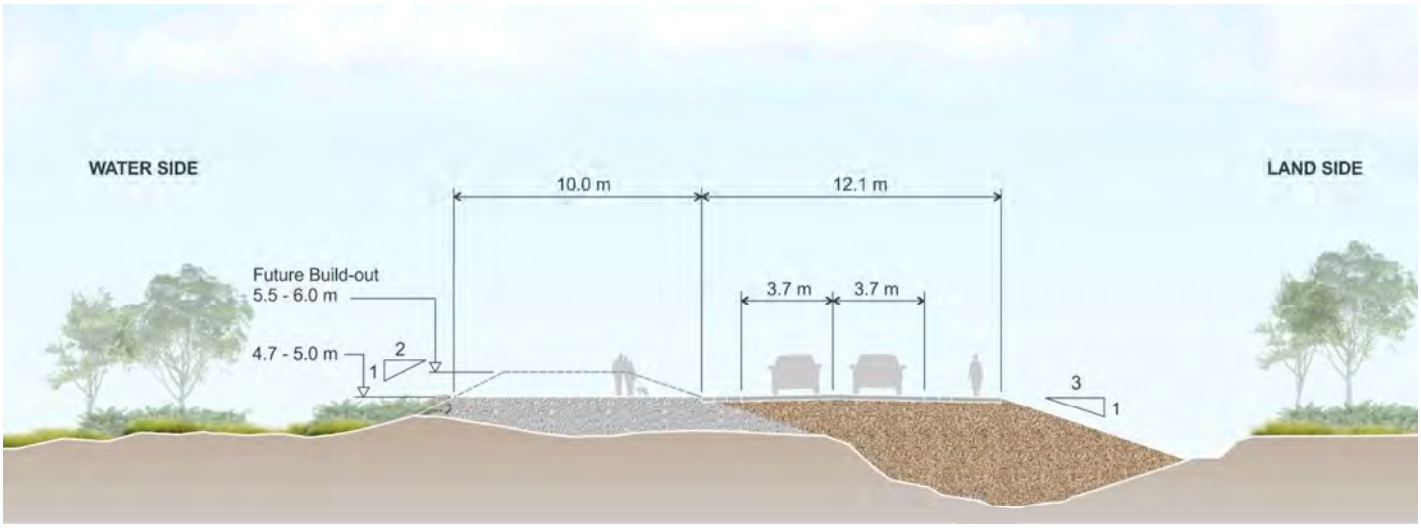
Social

- Align with 2009 Waterfront Strategy
- Connect to existing and planned trails and public amenities
- Wayfinding and public information signs

Environmental

- Fraser River side has narrow riprap slope, with low-quality habitat
- Land side includes agricultural land for ½ of reach, and low-quality habitat and maintained lawn (residential) for remainder of reach. Drainage channels and associated riparian and aquatic habitat area present along the full length of the reach

Reach 5: Hamilton Frontages - Recommended Improvements



Master Plan Features

Flood Protection

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Dike alignment will typically extend up from the current face of dike, and widen inland.

Provide erosion protection along the face of the dike, typically consisting of rip rap revetment.

Raise properties 200 m inland to 4.7 m or densify to the depth of potential liquefaction.

Replace channels with storm sewers and swales to improve stability and reduce seepage.

Industrial

Driveway ramps required to extend to access private properties until properties raised.

Social

Construct multi-use path along dike, separate from road. Link to parks, trails, public amenities, and wayfinding.

Environmental

The proposed footprint would impact an estimated 900 m^2 of high quality Fraser River intertidal habitat, 23,700 m^2 of drainage channel riparian habitat, and 5,900 m^2 of drainage channel aquatic habitat

NOTE: This is an estimate based on 2007 FREMP mapping and 2017 orthoimagery interpretation. Exact numbers will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment

Priority

Priority is ranked 3rd out of 6 reaches.

This is ranked just above average high due to moderate elevations, but relatively straightforward implementation.

There are some active redevelopment plans for the area, including road realignment at the east end of the reach. Road and development changes may change the priority of this reach.

Land acquisition may be required, but the large agricultural/residential lots typically include adequate setbacks to provide enough space without redevelopment.

Land raising during redevelopment will also reduce the width required for dike and road work, and the need for interim access ramps.

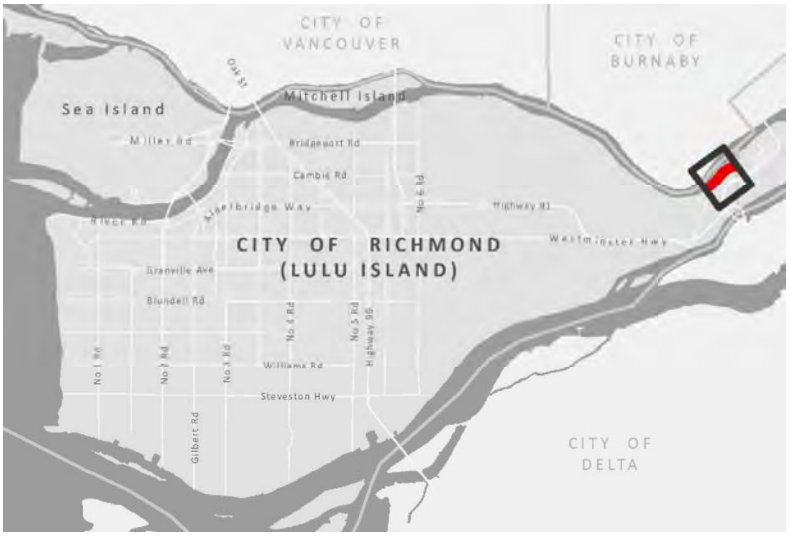
Construction Cost

Costs below are for 1.6 km of dike similar to cross-section above.

Item	Cost per metre	Cost
Dike Raising	$4,500	$7.3 Million
Road Structure & Utilities	$5,300	$8.6 Million
Raise Road to Dike Height	$1,900	$3. Million
Pathway	$600	$1. Million
Other (Driveways, Ramps or Road Reconstruction)		$.6 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$3.2 Million
Contingency (40%)		$9.5 Million
Total		$33.1 Million

Cost opinions are in 2018 Canadian Dollars.

Reach 6: Tree Island Slough and Boundary



Existing Conditions

The dike system in this reach is between a slough and the backyards of single family residential homes. Riprap bank protection exists along the river-side slope.

The slough on the Fraser River side of the dike provides high-quality marsh and mudflat habitat.

The existing dike alignment is not well-defined east of the Hamilton Transit Centre. It is understood that the current tie-in with the City of New Westminster's portion of the dike is along Boundary Road. The Tree Island Steel property (3933 Boundary Road) has rail access across Boundary Road which may be an obstacle to dike raising.

Existing city-owned lots provide an opportunity for a Richmond-New Westminster boundary secondary dike.

Unique Features

- River Road dike alignment from Queens Road to Westminster Highway, then a river-bank dike runs north of Westminster Highway houses to edge of new Hamilton Transit Centre.
- Tree Island Steel site (3933 Boundary Road) creates a slough north of the dike that shelters the road/dike from the river.
- Backyards of single family homes located south of dike.
- Dike alignment not well defined from Hamilton Transit Centre to City of New Westminster river-bank dike.
- Potential tie-in with proposed secondary dike to separate Richmond and New Westminster.

Considerations

Flood Protection

Dike alignment
Dike crest elevation
Erosion protection
Seismic performance
Static stability and seepage
River toe stability and setbacks
Boat waves

Industrial

Hamilton Transit Centre
Tree Island Steel with rail connection

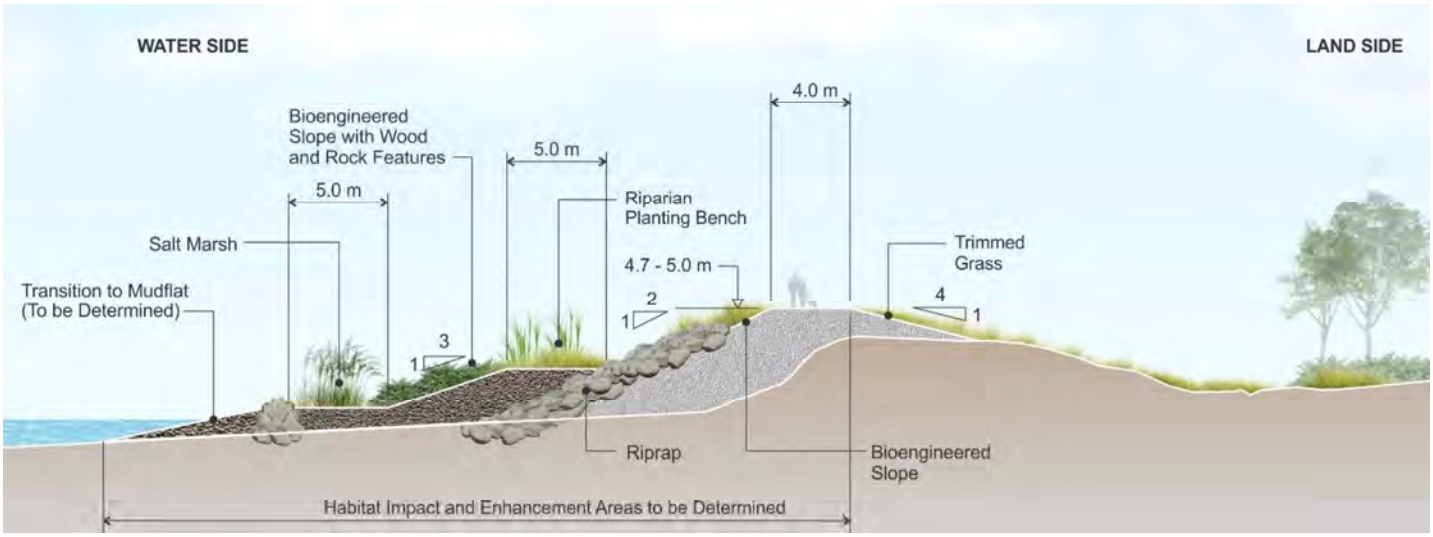
Social

Align with 2009 Waterfront Strategy
Connect to existing and planned trails and public amenities
Wayfinding and public information signs

Environmental

Slough located on the Fraser River side of the dike
High-quality mud flats and marsh found within the slough
Land side of dike includes maintained backyards for the western portion of the reach

Reach 6: Tree Island Slough and Boundary



Master Plan Features

Flood Protection

Raise dike to 4.7 m as illustrated above.

Dike alignment will typically extend up from the current face of dike, and widen inland.

Provide erosion protection along the face of the dike, typically consisting of rip rap revetment.

Raise properties 200 m inland to 4.7 m or densify to the depth of potential liquefaction.

Construct north section of secondary dike near Boundary Road.

Industrial

Seek shift of dike alignment to include the Tree Island Steel side and Tree Island Slough if and when this site redevelops.

Raise the dike through the Hamilton Transit Centre during future redevelopment.

Social

Construct multi-use path along dike. Link to parks, trails, public amenities, and wayfinding, per Lululoop. Develop trail link to south dike at Boundary Road, plus links to New Westminster dike trail.

Environmental

The proposed footprint would impact an estimated 2,200 m^2 of high quality Fraser River intertidal habitat

NOTE: This is an estimate based on 2007 FREMP mapping and 2017 orthoimagery interpretation. Exact numbers will require an aquatic habitat survey and aquatic effects assessment

Reach 6: Tree Island Slough and Boundary

Priority

The is the lower ranked priority reach. This dike is higher than other sections. Stalling construction increases the chance that a realignment opportunity could arise with Tree Island Steel. Alternatively, Hamilton Neighbourhood Plan implementation may provide early opportunities to raise the dike along with road realignment, park development, and some property development.

Construction Cost

Costs below are for 1 km of dike similar to cross-section above.

Item	Cost per metre	Cost
Option 4		
Dike Raising	$4,500	$3.6 Million
Pathway	$600	$.5 Million
Bioengineering Slopes	$1,000	$.8 Million
Marsh Benches	$100	$.08 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$1.6 Million
Other (Driveways, Ramps or Road Intersection Reconstruction)		$.3 Million
Option 8 – Through ROW between Hamilton Transit Centre and Tree Island Slough		
Dike Raising	$4,500	$1.1 Million
Pathway	$600	$.1 Million
Retaining Walls	$1,500	$.8 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$.5 Million
Option 8 – Raise Boundary Road from ROW between Hamilton Transit Centre and Tree Island Steel River Bank		
Raise boundary road to become dike	$5,400	$1.6 Million
Road Structure	$2,850	$.9 Million
Utilities (Drainage, Water)	$2,000	$.6 Million
Contingency (40%)		$5 Million
Total		$17.4 Million

Cost opinions are in 2018 Canadian Dollars.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the City adopt the Phase 4 Dike Master Plan as documented in this report, including the main features described below.

- Raise the dike crest to allow for 1 m of sea level rise. West of Nelson Road, the raised dike crest would be 4.7 m (CGVD28). East of Nelson Road, the raised dike crest would increase to 5.1 m at Boundary Road. The plan also allows for longer term upgrading to accommodate a further 1 m of sea level rise (i.e. 2 m of sea level rise).
- Widen the dike on the land side rather than into the Fraser River North Arm.
- Move River Road inside the dike to facilitate short-term and long-term dike upgrading. This will require the road to be reconfigured and reconstructed, with some additional need for land tenure. Moving the road will allow removal of utilities within the dike.
- Raise the relocated River Road to the dike crest elevation. This will facilitate driveway access over the dike to riverside properties. It will also be compatible with the desire to raise land inside the dike.
- Replace the drainage channel immediately inside the dike with storm sewers and swales. This will improve dike stability, and will provide some of the land needed to relocate River Road.
- Raise land and roads immediately inside the dike (during redevelopment) to improve seismic resilience. This will also improve liveability by allowing residents to looking down over the water, rather than at the backside of a dike.
- Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety by constructing a separate multi-use path along the dike. This would be consistent with the City Parks vision for a perimeter trail system (Appendix B)
- Construct the north section of a secondary dike near Boundary Road.

It is also recommended that the City prepare a comprehensive implementation plan for dike upgrading that incorporates the elements of the Phase 4 Dike Master Plan, and the elements of the other Dike Master Plans.

To address habitat compensation issues associated with the Dike Master Plans, it is further recommended that the City consider development of a habitat banking program that could provide effective large-scale compensation for the environmental impacts of dike upgrading. This could include the potential Tree Island Slough project identified in this report.

For all phases of the Dike Master Plan, continue to research alternative densification strategies for seismic stability, consider the proposed alternative seismic performance criteria in Section 3.2, and plan to fill land for approximately 200 m inland of the dike to crest elevation. The required fill distance requires additional evaluation and may be addressed in the pending update to the Flood Protection Management Strategy.

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Appendix A

Plans and Sections for Richmond Dike Master Plan – Phase 4

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- Parcel (from BC Data Catalogue Parcel Map BC)
- Easements
- Active ROW
- City Owned Lots
- Dike Footprint Encroachment onto Non-municipal Parcels

Water Network
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- Watermain
- Alternate Node
- Blow Off
- Cap
- Hydrant
- PRV Chamber
- Valve
- Valve Chamber

Storm Network
- Storm Main
- Service Lateral
- Culvert
- Perimeter Drain
- Drainage Ditch
- Chamber
- Catch Basin
- Storm Manhole
- Headwall
- Rain Gauge
- Drainage Pump

Sanitary Network
- Service Lateral
- Forcemain
- Sanitary Main
- Trunk Sewer
- Alternate Node
- Cap
- Chamber
- Sanitary Manhole
- Sanitary Pump

- Fish Habitat Compensation Sites

Habitat Quality
- High Quality Intertidal Habitat
- High Quality Riparian Habitat

Concept Linework
- Dike Concept
- Road Concept
- Dike/Road Slope
- Dike/Road Fill Extent

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Potential Secondary Dike Alignment (Mid-Island Dike)

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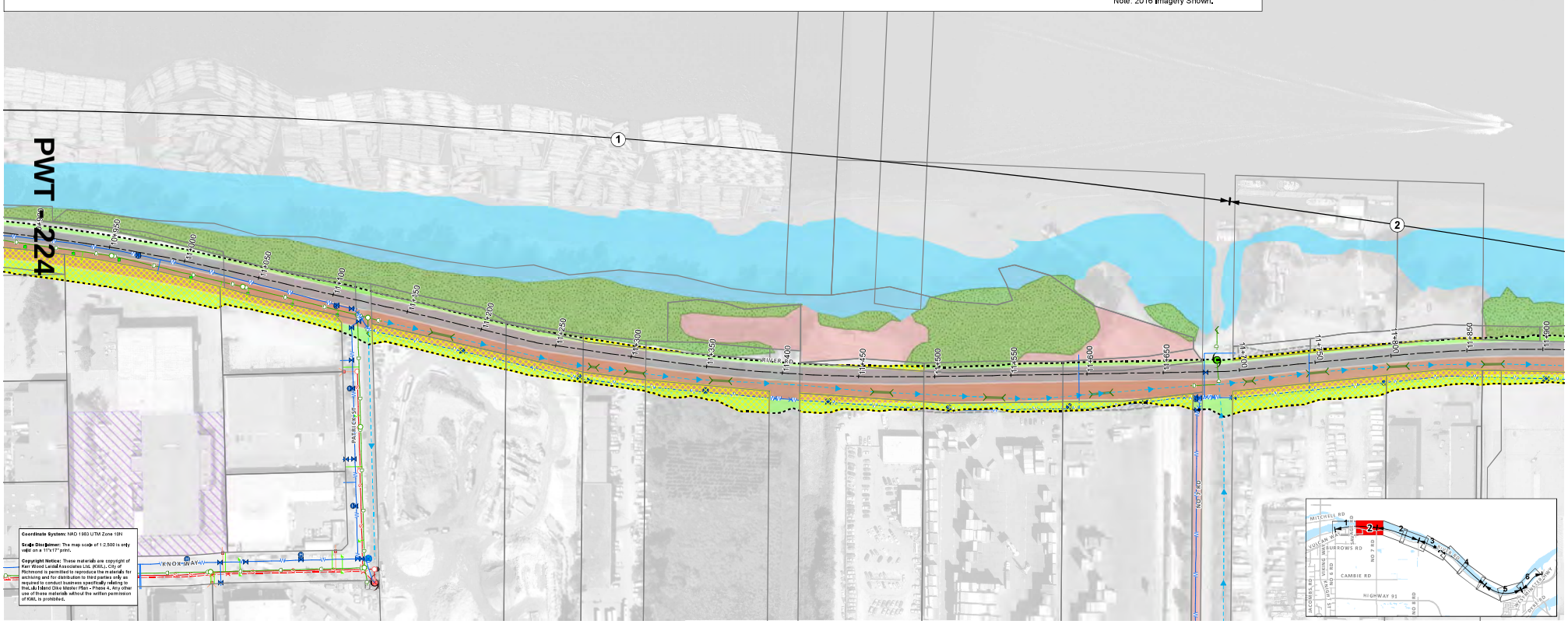

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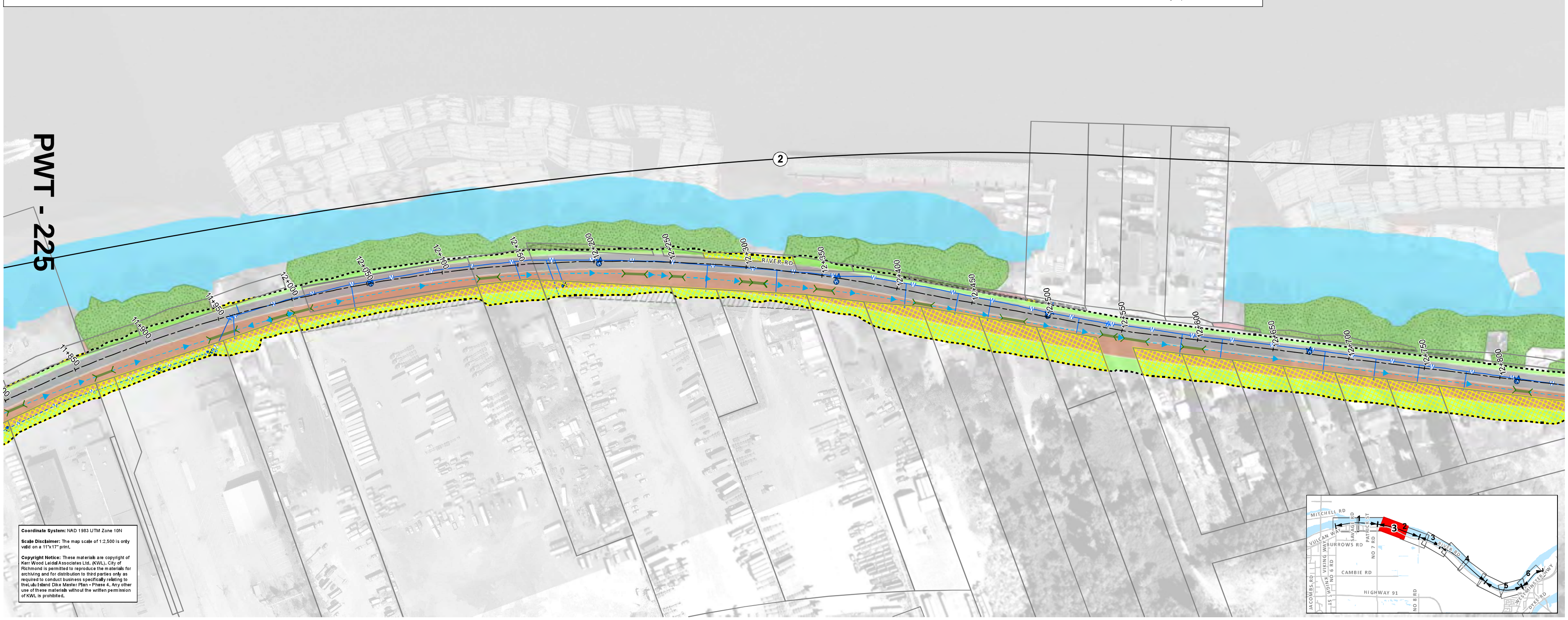

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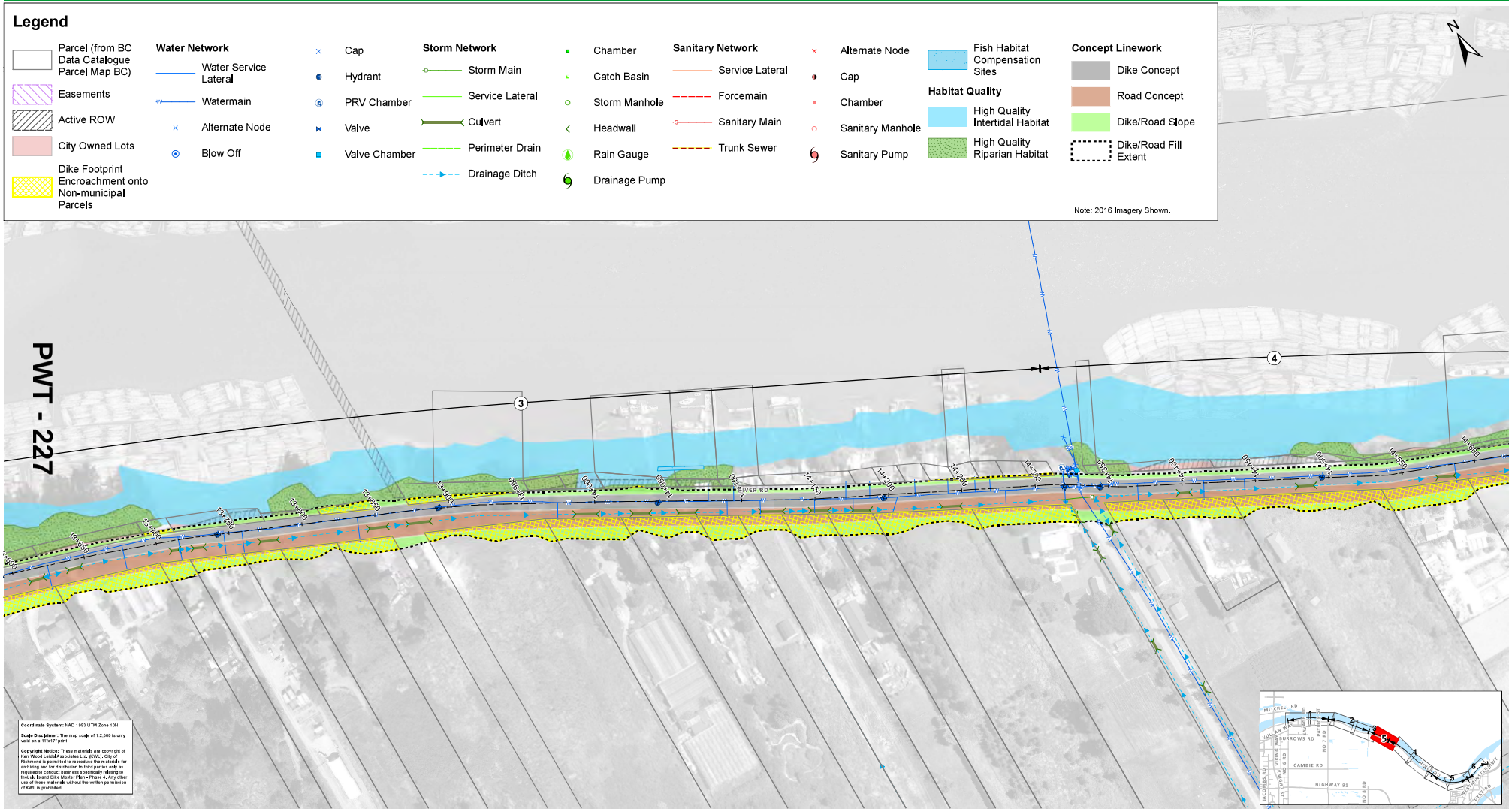

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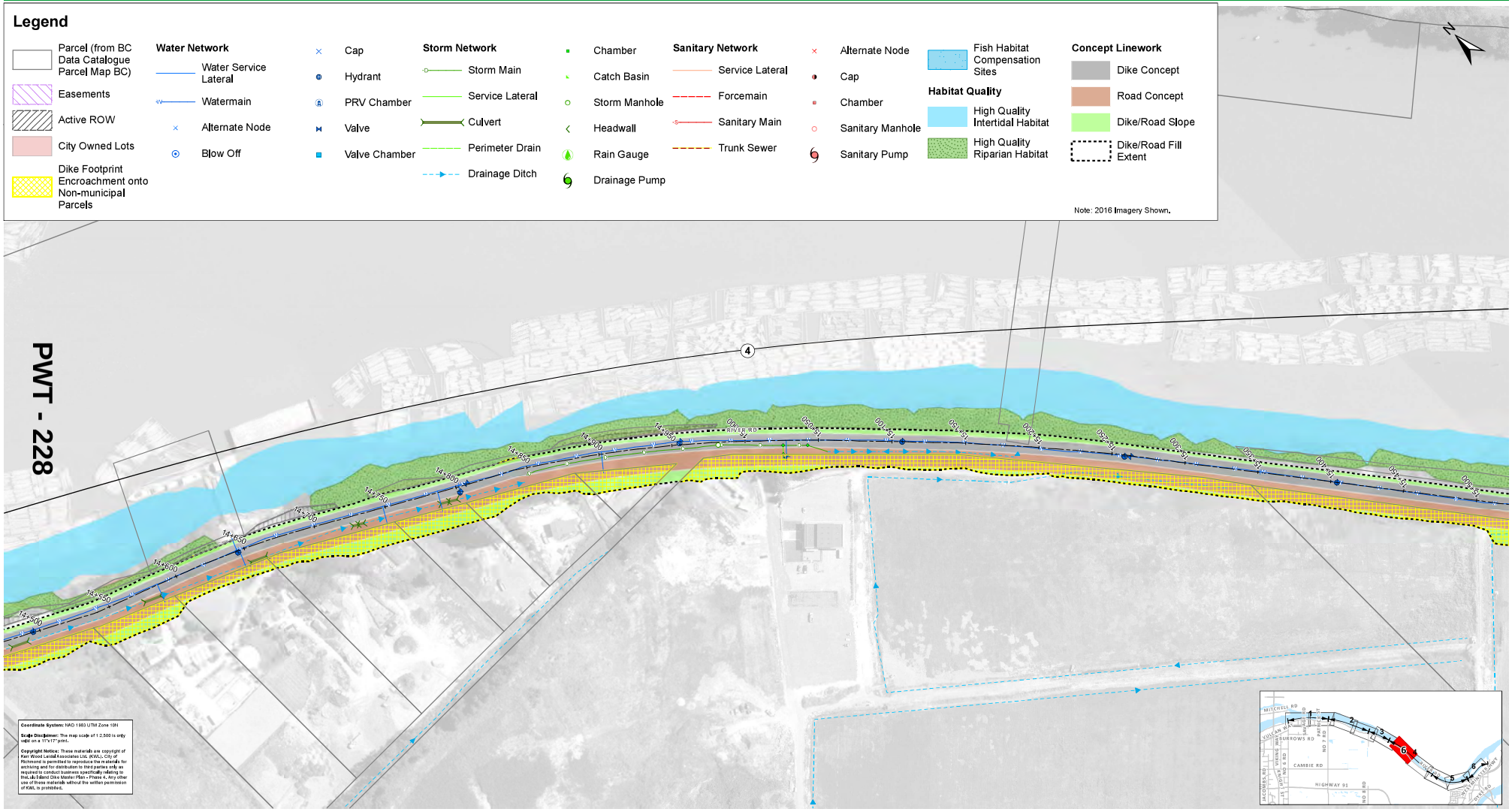

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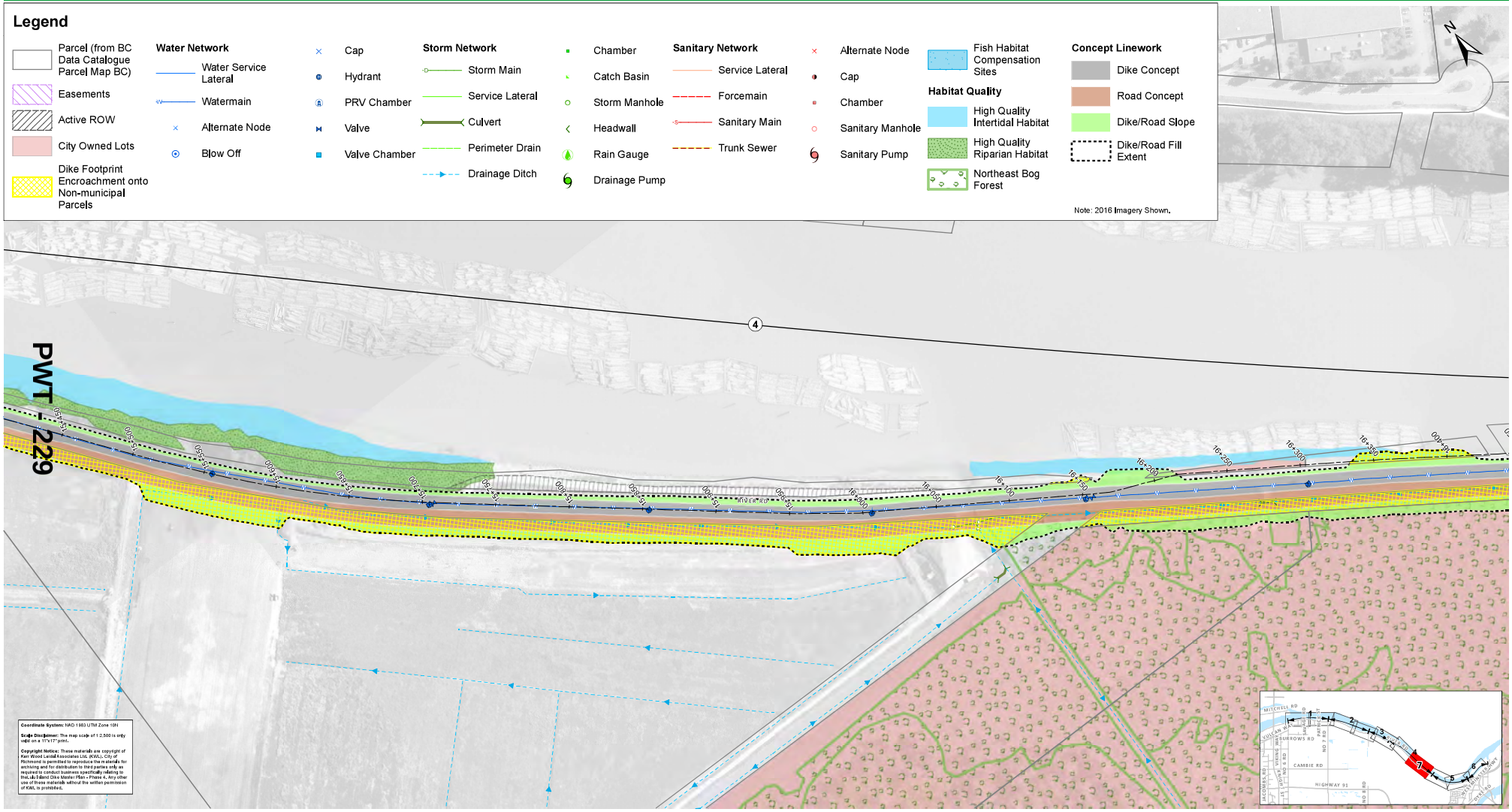

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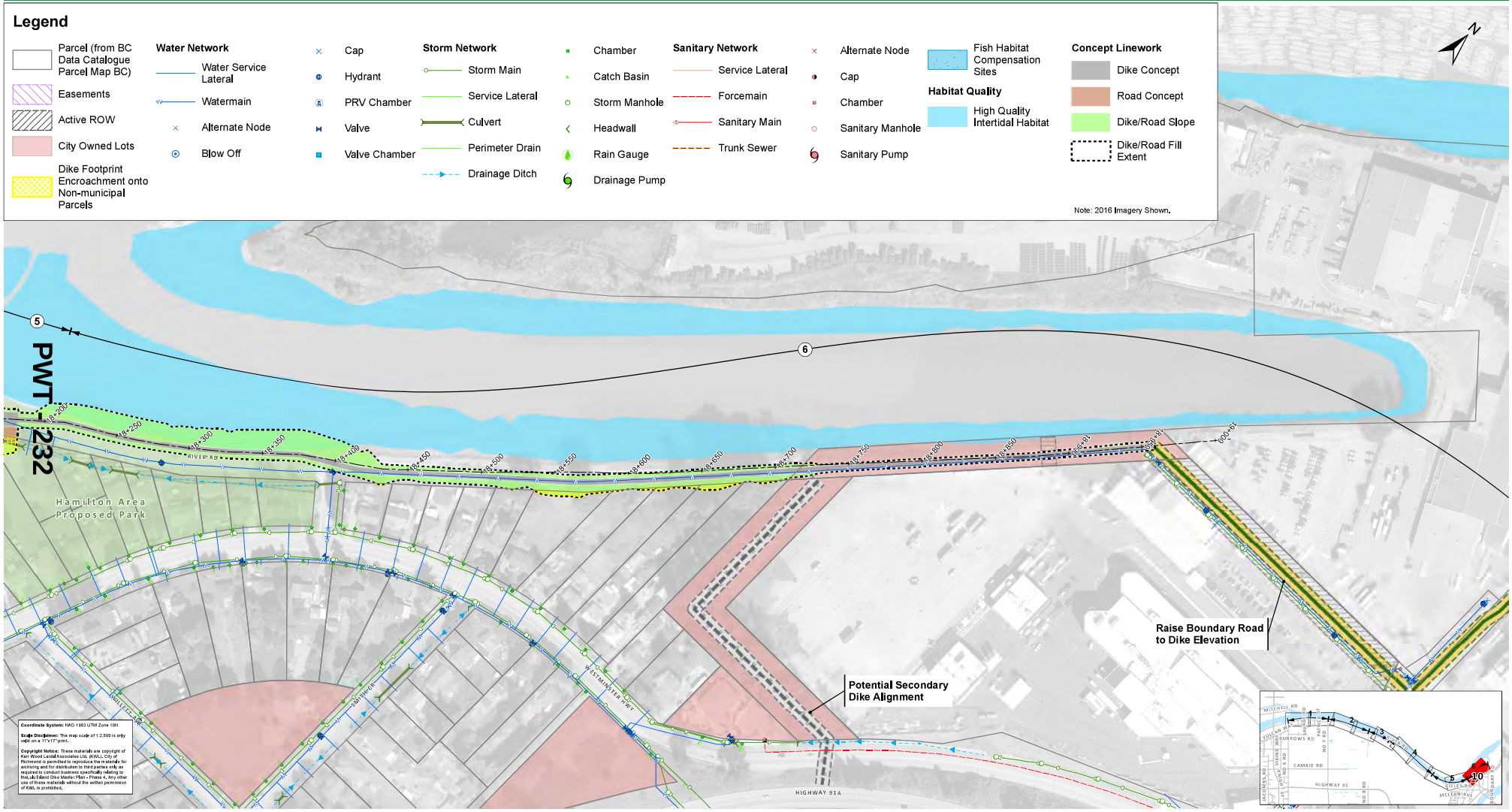

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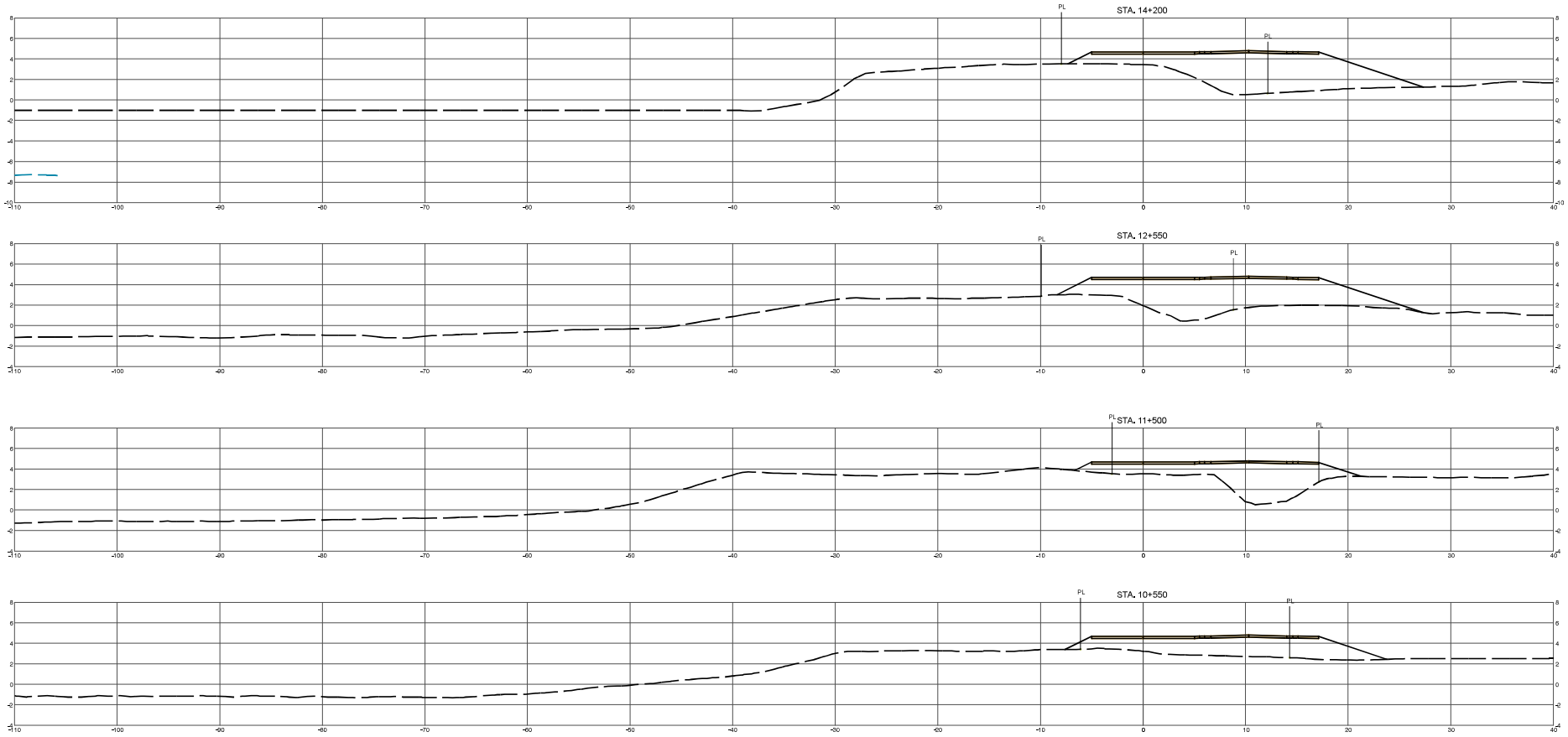

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Cross-sections

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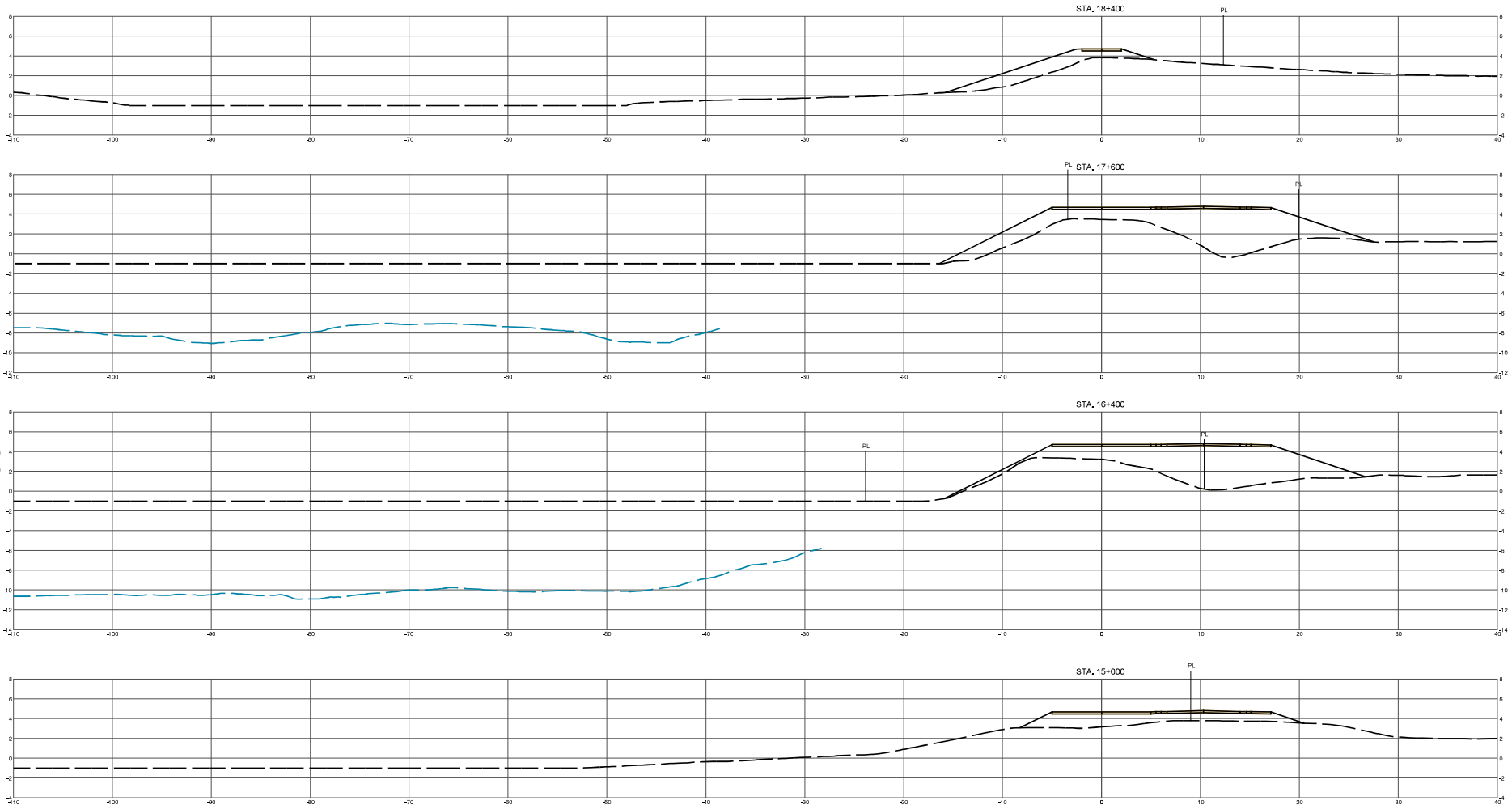

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Figure 2

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Appendix B

Richmond Dike Master Plan
Landscape Concepts and Dike Typologies

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RICHMOND DIKE MASTER PLAN

LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS

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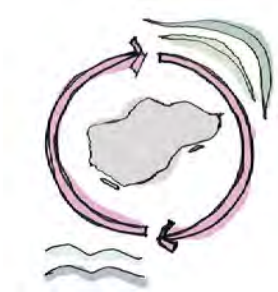


THE TULU LOOP

Connect a network of paths to create a continuous public trail along the new dike:

- circumnavigate Richmond and observe how infrastructure supports the island and its nature;
- resolve gaps in the trail, threading together tricky connections;
- delight the trail user from start to finish with attention to the unique places along the way.

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Integrate the movement of pedestrians, bikes, and vehicles safely and respectfully:

- mark out pedestrian areas with bollards, lighting, and furnishings;
- ensure the safety of cyclists by separating paths or providing safe road shoulders;
- include parking where appropriate and allow accessible transitions between modes of travel.

A PATH WORTH TAKING

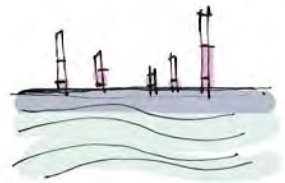
Enhance the edges of roads, trail, and river with durable, maintainable materials that are also beautiful:

- utilize planting to soften hardscape and infiltrate stormwater;
- look for opportunities for street trees to provide a rhythm and buffer to roads;
- provide furnishings as points of rest, observation, and wayfinding.

ISLAND INTEREST

Activate special areas of public realm with a deployable toolskit sharing a consistent design language:

- determine best locations for public space based on context, connectivity, and distribution;
- leverage areas of ecological, industrial, and cultural value for social connection;
- find opportunities for wonder in constrained spaces.



THE STORY OF THE RIVER

Illustrate the river's changing nature through features that allow glimpses of its past and future:

- reveal the important systems of the river and weather through interactive installations;
- acknowledge the diverse cultures that have gathered and modified the shoreline;
- educate the public on adaptations to sea level rise.

RICHMOND DIKE MASTER PLAN

CONCEPT PLAN

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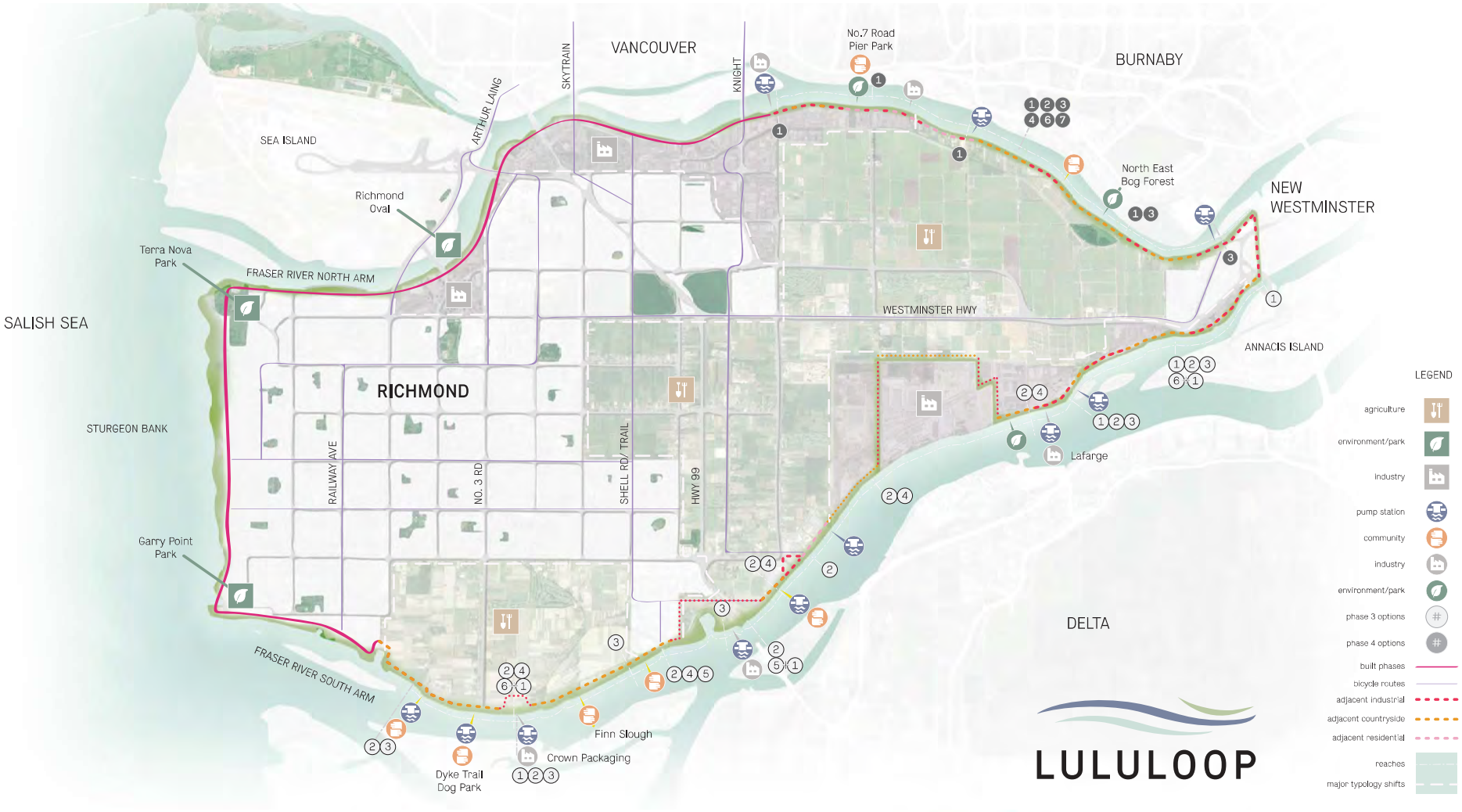

TOOLKIT

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT

WATER SIDE

Approaches to treatment of the water side of dike; sites and planting to be developed with biologists and subject to environmental review:

- planting exclusively with native species;
- consideration of Ecological Network Management Strategy, Waterfront Strategy and applicable Provincial Acts;
- important habitat for 'charismatic' wildlife such as salmon, White Sturgeon, and migratory birds that hold public interest.

SUB-AQUATIC

At or in the water, sometimes interspersed in rip-rap or driftwood:

- aquatic and semi-aquatic plants;
- low-lying and submersive, following the water's edge;
- home to fish including salmon and sturgeon, and the foraging grounds of wading birds.

INTERTIDAL

Frequently inundated by water, characteristic of river's edge:

- bullrushes and shrubs with small trees at the edges;
- long and with variable width;
- teeming with song birds and hunting hawks, a common sight along the dike.

RIPARIAN

Interface between river and land with high ecological value:

- rich variety of plantlife;
- expanding width following intertidal zone;
- sensitive habitat but with a terrestrial connection that allows it to be more habitable by people under the right conditions.

PRECEDENTS

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TOOLKIT

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT

ROAD EDGES

Contained, maintainable planting along road edge, without conflict with dike fill profile:

- drought-tolerant native and adaptive species;
- adherence to Street Tree and Planting guidelines and Urban Forestry Management Strategy;
- creation of softscape buffers with ecological function between traffic and pedestrians.

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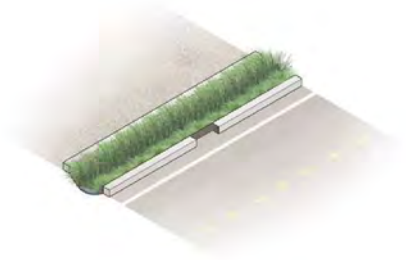

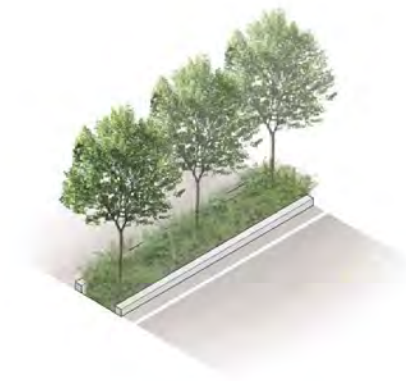

RAINGARDEN

Roadside infiltration of stormwater with grasses, sedges, and shrubs :

- native plant species that can withstand inundation but also summer drought;
- linear with suitable sloped depressions;
- permeable function but clean, maintainable design.

HARDY SHRUB BUFFER

Durable shrub planting suited to high-use areas:

- heavy duty shrubs that are resistant to damage;
- below waist height for clear sightlines but as soft, barrier swathes;
- planted median between road and path through shrub density.

STREET TREES

Providing consistent element and canopy cover along urban edges:

- urban tolerant decidious trees;
- tightly spaced with consistent canopies, straight leaders, and shallow roots;
- species selected to withstand roadside pressures but fit rural and natural context.

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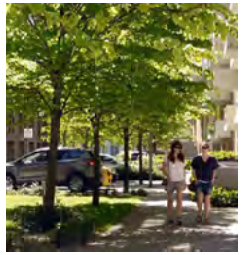

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LAND SIDE

Land side approaches to natural space using medium to larger scale areas of habitat:

- contextual and sensitive interventions to enhance existing ecologies and unique natural features;
- consideration of Ecological Network Management Strategy and Parks and Open Space Strategy along with Tree Protection Bylaw;
- opportunity to increase public access to nature through trails and public realm features.

MEADOW

Open grassland with seasonal flowering interest:

- native grasses and forbs with pollinator-favoured species;
- flowing, elongated shapes accented with blooms;
- idyllic and appealing planting with low impact on ground and sightlines.

WOODLAND

Layered plant community with texture and small trees:

- native grasses, shrubs, and deciduous trees;
- more concentrated and concentric than meadow and with clusters of short trees and shrubs;
- less penetrable, but ecologically important to nesting birds and small mammals.

FOREST

Densest, most vertical patches of planting along wildlife corridor:

- native deciduous and coniferous trees, shrubs, and ground cover;
- tight and somewhat tall, with shorter edges for windbreak, taking a clustered and wide shape;
- occuring in specific areas where land provides suitable space.

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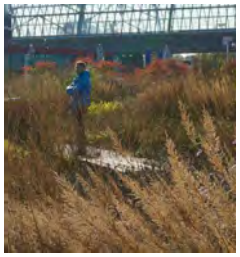

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PUBLIC REALM
REST AND RELAX

Small scale features to accomodate pedestrians and people on bikes along the dike trail:

- aim to provide seating as much as every 200m in high pedestrain use areas;
- review of Waterfront Strategy, Trail Plan, and Parks and Open Space Strategy;
- situate elements with consideration of context: views to river, traffic noise, and connected parks or other areas of public interest.

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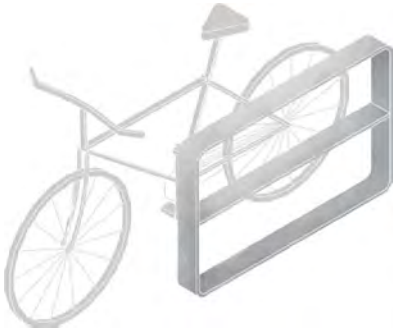
BENCH
Heavy timber wood benches spaced to provide frequent resting:

- cedar timbers with powdercoated exposed steel and galvanized components;
- heavy, durable form but comfortably tuned to human body;
- references logs washed up on river bank.



BIKE RACK
Steel bike rack for two bikes, side by side:

- powdercoated steel;
- simple, functional form easy to manufacture and difficult to vandalize;
- industrial character but obviously legible as a place to lock your bike.

LONG TABLE
The ultimate picnic table, tailored to the linear form of the trail:

- cedar timber table and seats with powdercoated exposed steel and galvanized components;
- long, linear form with mass and presence;
- evocative of river industry.

PRECEDENTS






TOOLKIT

PUBLIC REALM

ACCESSIBLE GRADES

Small scale features to accomodate pedestrians and people on bikes along the dike trail:

- means for accessibly taking people from the dike crest down to lower areas on water side and land side;
- respect BC Accessibility Handbook;
- combine features with other elements of observation or exploration to create destinations and reduce negative impact on sensitive constructions and habitats.

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RAMP

Graded wood ramp for rolling accessibility to lower area:

- tight, level wood members run lengthwise;
- unobtrusive form but securely constructed on foundation and drain rock;
- practical, functional feature without ornament.

STEPS

Heavy timber steps for access to area of interest:

- cedar timbers marked for slip resistance;
- simple form with guardrails where appropriate, and securely embedded in landscape;
- characteristically familiar to bench and table furnishings.

SEAT STEPS

Stone or heavy timber seat steps where view and context allows:

- granite stone or large cedar timbers;
- cascading form sized for presence and comfortale depth of seating;
- industrial or geologic reference to river edge conditions of rip rap or glacial erratics.

PRECEDENTS

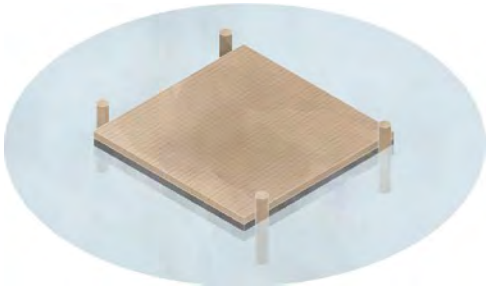
TOOLKIT
PUBLIC REALM
OBSERVE

Medium scale features for observation and connection to larger landscapes:

- habitable and sometimes sheltered elements for larger or longer public gatherings;
- acknowledge Waterfront Strategy and Parks and Open Space Strategy;
- situate in well-used areas and park spaces, especially with connection to event or sports areas (especially fishing and kayaking), important spaces for birdwatching, and places of historic or cultural importance.

SHELTER
A shaded or warming respite from the weather and place of gathering:

- post and beam structure with tin roof;
- simple form with sloped roof and seating around a hearth;
- contemporary boathouse feel.



VIEWPOINT
Deck and boardwalk to allow viewing of the river from its banks:

- cedar boards with simple guardrail;
- geometric alignment of boards or slats into different planes for sitting and leaning;
- appearing like a deconstructed boat deck oriented to bridge the river and bank.

TOWER
Vantage point up a set of stairs for looking out and birdwatching:

- cedar posts, deck, and cladding;
- zig-zagging or spiral stairs leading up to a shielded bird blind with sightholes and shelter;
- referencing the historic radar reflectors on Sturgeon Bank or stilted fishing shacks.

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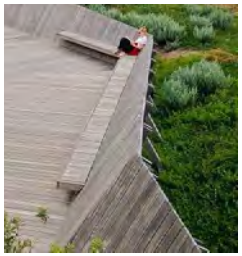

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PUBLIC REALM
EXPLORE

Special features for fun and exploration, for all ages and abilities:

- use principles of nature play and adventure playgrounds;
- understand Trail Plan, Waterfront Strategy, and Parks and Open Space Strategy;
- consideration of safety but also the importance of risky play and challenge to provide positive developmental engagement with landscapes.

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KAYAK LAUNCH
For launching and landing small self-propelled water craft:

- wood with stainless steel details;
- floating pier or slip with covered area;
- clean, minimal intrusion into the water that adapts to ebb and flood of tide.

BIKE JUMPS
Short ramps for small thrills along the path:

- graded dirt or asphalt with bright warnings;
- height geared towards younger rides or the young at heart;
- undeniable features for the aspiring daredevil.

LOG JUMP + CROW'S NEST
Nature play features for jumping and climbing:

- dried timbers structurally supported and textured for slip-resistance;
- placed seemingly randomly but within reach;
- evoking driftwood and raptor perches.

PRECEDENTS






TOOLKIT
SPECIAL FEATURES
LIGHTING AND FENCES

Safety features for providing light and vertical or barrier separation of travel modes:

- mediating between automobile movement and the slower speeds and scale of pedestrian and people on bikes;
- acknowledge Urban Design Guidelines and also dark sky principles;
- engage cycling groups to provide safe solutions to conflicts between user groups, slowing traffic, increasing visibility, and ensuring pedestrians feel safe.

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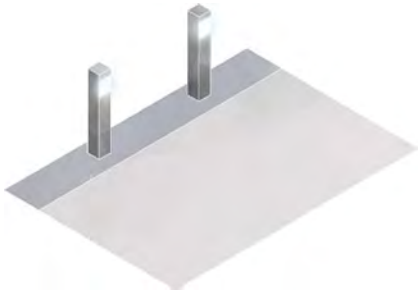
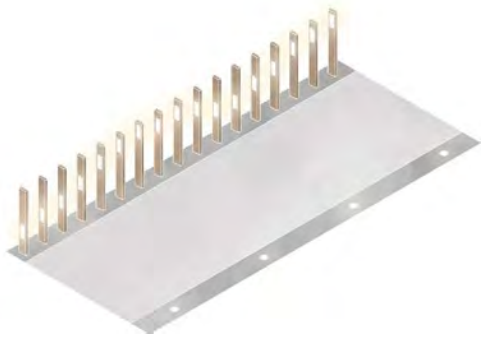
PEDESTRIAN LIGHT POLE
Highest output lighting for urban edges and darkest zones:

- wooden pole or light gray steel;
- 5m high with dual lumenaire design between bike and walking pathes;
- wooden pole or light gray steel and sleek, modern fixture.



BOLLARD
Vertical separation of paths with option for safety lighting:

- heavy timber with powdercoated steel;
- simple design with stable, secure presence;
- industrial or shipbuilding aesthetic through contemporary lens.



SCREEN/BARRIER
For creating a safe barrier or noise wall between two conditions:

- vertical wood slats;
- 1.1m high with durable construction;
- simple, contemporary design.

PRECEDENTS






TOOLKIT

SPECIAL FEATURES

WAYFINDING AND DATA STATIONS

Small, repeatable elements for wayfinding, services, and education:

- consistent design language to tie the trail together as a linear park;
- use Trail Plan, Waterfront Strategy, and Parks and Open Space Strategy;
- tie together existing bike routes, paths, and park spaces to the dike and provide amenity and interest along the course of the trail with respect to the landscape and infrastructure as it relates to sea level rise.

WAYFINDING

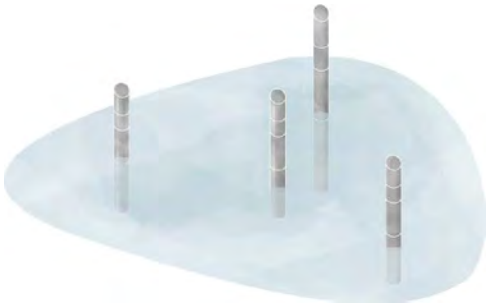
Mapboard with clear, legible graphics and consistent design language:

- cedar with steel or resin board;
- post-like and visible from a distance but human-scaled;
- simple character with bold colour allowing quick reading by diverse groups.

BIKE REPAIR/WATER FOUNTAIN

Refill with air or water from a multi-use checkpoint:

- concrete and powdercoated steel construction;
- durable, tamperproof design with overflow water well-drained;
- utilitarian industrial aesthetic with discrete design accents.



WEATHER/TIDE STATION

Marker reflecting weather and tide changes in analog form:

- stainless or powdercoated steel;
- simple, legible form with playful metaphor;
- inspiring curiousity and return to track the river's changes.

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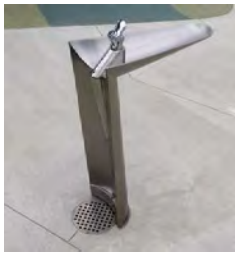


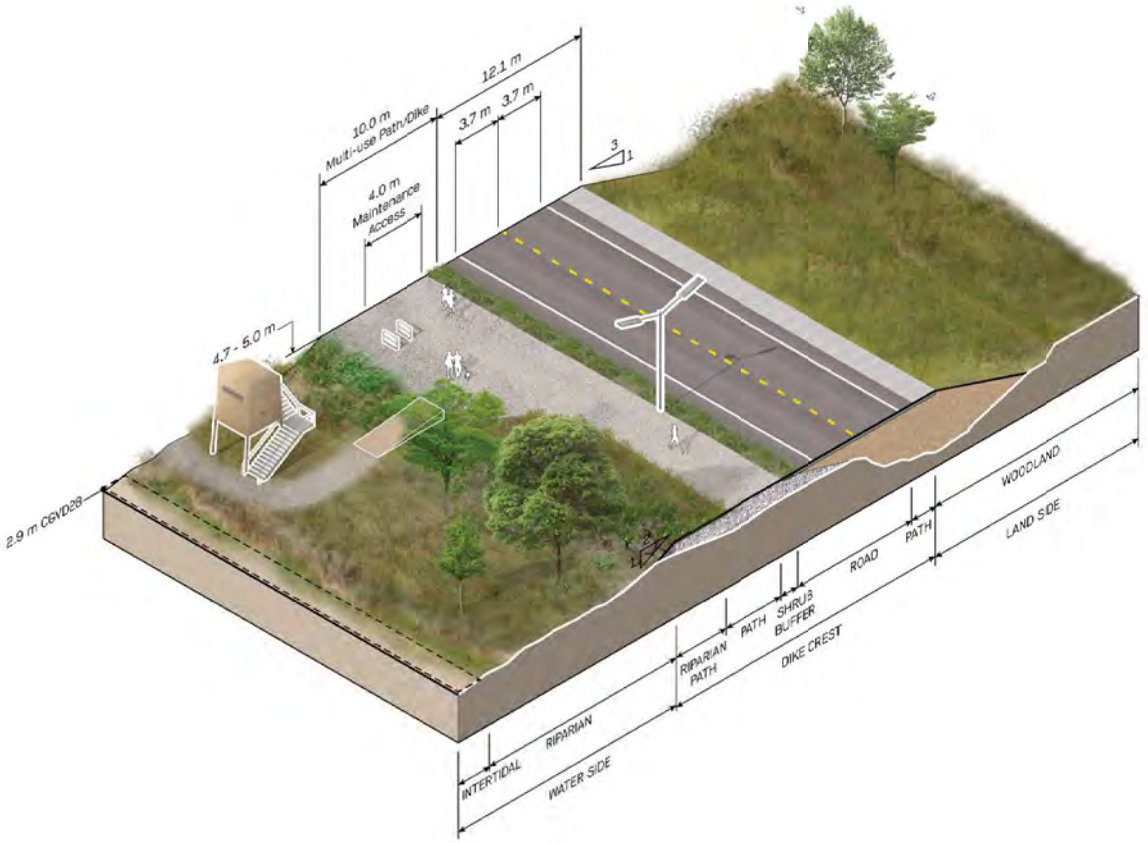
DIKE TYPOLOGIES

PHASE 4, OPTION 1

RAISE DIKE AND ROAD AND EXTEND LAND-SIDE (REACHES 1-5)

Excellent public realm opportunity within interesting stretch of riverfront landscape:

- provide observation features where appropriate - existing parks, pump stations, and road pullouts where habitat already exists;
- reduce scale of path through planted edges and light features in areas without significant development;
- connect to new bog park, local agriculture including roadside fruit stands, and river-based businesses.



Phase 4, Fig 3-2

DIKE TYPOLOGIES

PHASE 4, OPTION 2

RAISE DIKE AND ROAD WITH RETAINING WALLS (REACH 4)

Constrained road shoulder provides opportunities for mediating traffic speeds and providing access to adjacent areas:

- explore use of special barrier to provide safety at retaining wall while reducing vehicle speeds for people on bikes and contributing to local character;
- provide safe division between roadway and path to make most of path experience
- key areas of riverfront could be provided with access for non-motorized boating, observation, or interpretive feature at location higher up the river;

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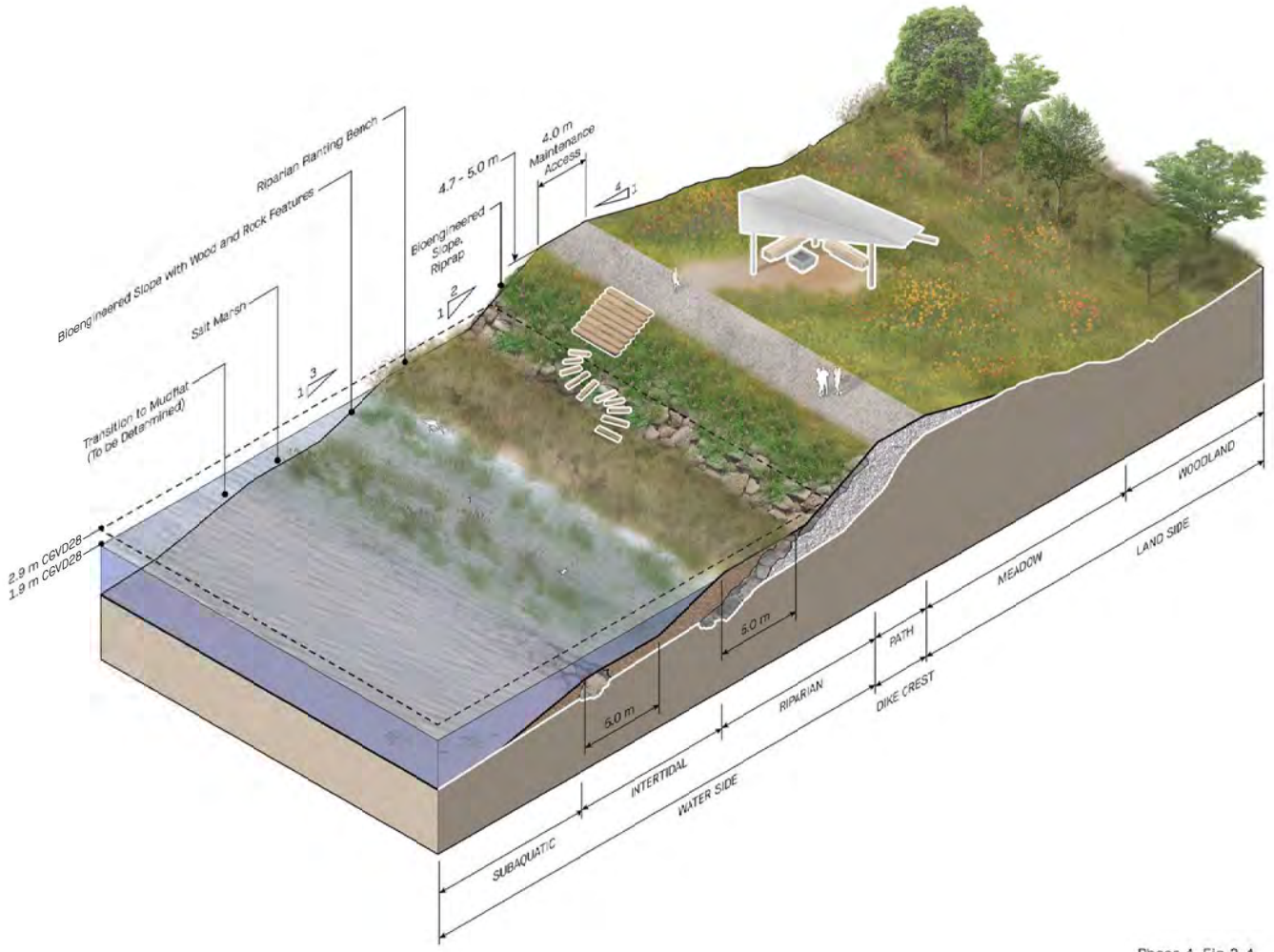
DIKE TYPOLOGIES

PHASE 4, OPTION 3

RAISE DIKE ONLY AND EXTEND RIVER-SIDE (REACHES 4-6)

Highly naturalized condition with opportunity for public engagement with river ecology and dike enhancement:

- provide public gathering elements to encourage public use of special conditions;
- provide access off of dike crest where appropriate, consider natural play features;
- enhance connections to bog forest, riverside pullout areas, and intertidal habitat through sensitive pathways and connections that augment natural spaces with a public engagement component.



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DIKE TYPOLOGIES

PHASE 4, OPTION 6

RAIL TRESTLE - RAISE ROAD / DIKE UNDER TRESTLE (REACH 4)

Constrained roadway under rail trestle:

- look to routing path around area, possibly nearer bog forest;
- explore innovative approaches to the trestle under structure including public art or incorporated wayfinding;
- provide lighting and barriers around structure for protection but also to draw attention to its unique character.

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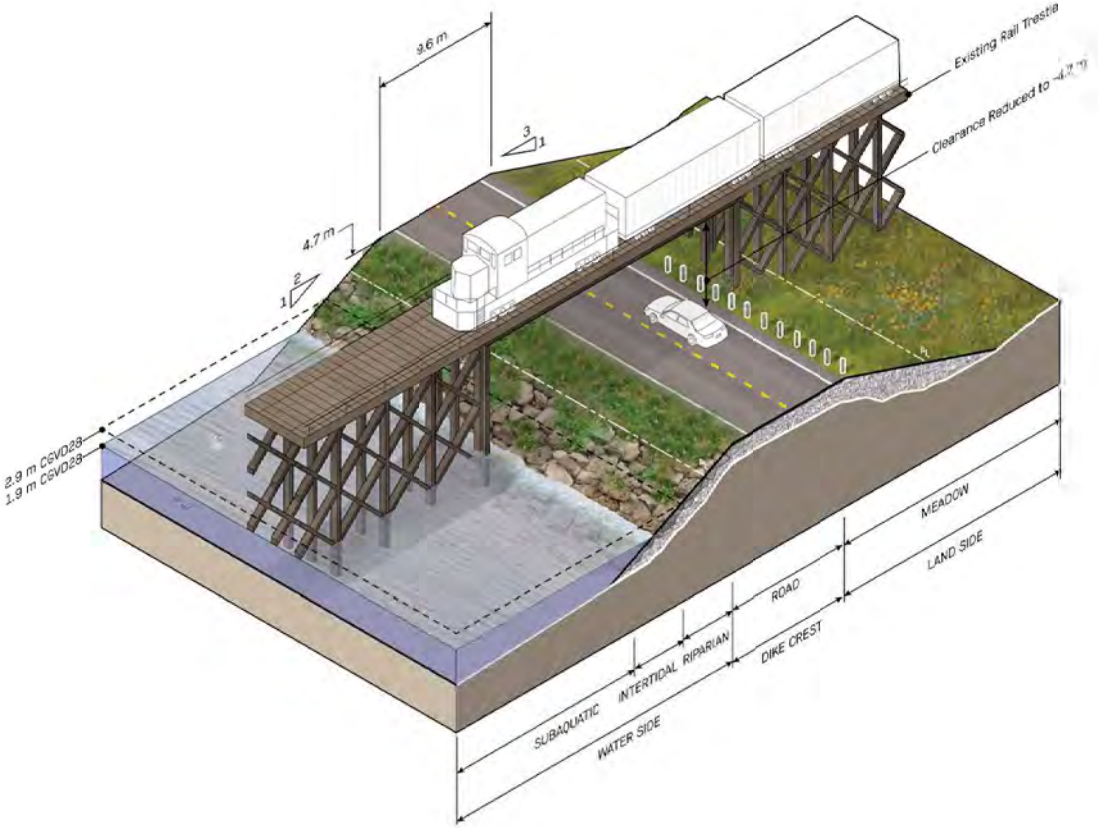

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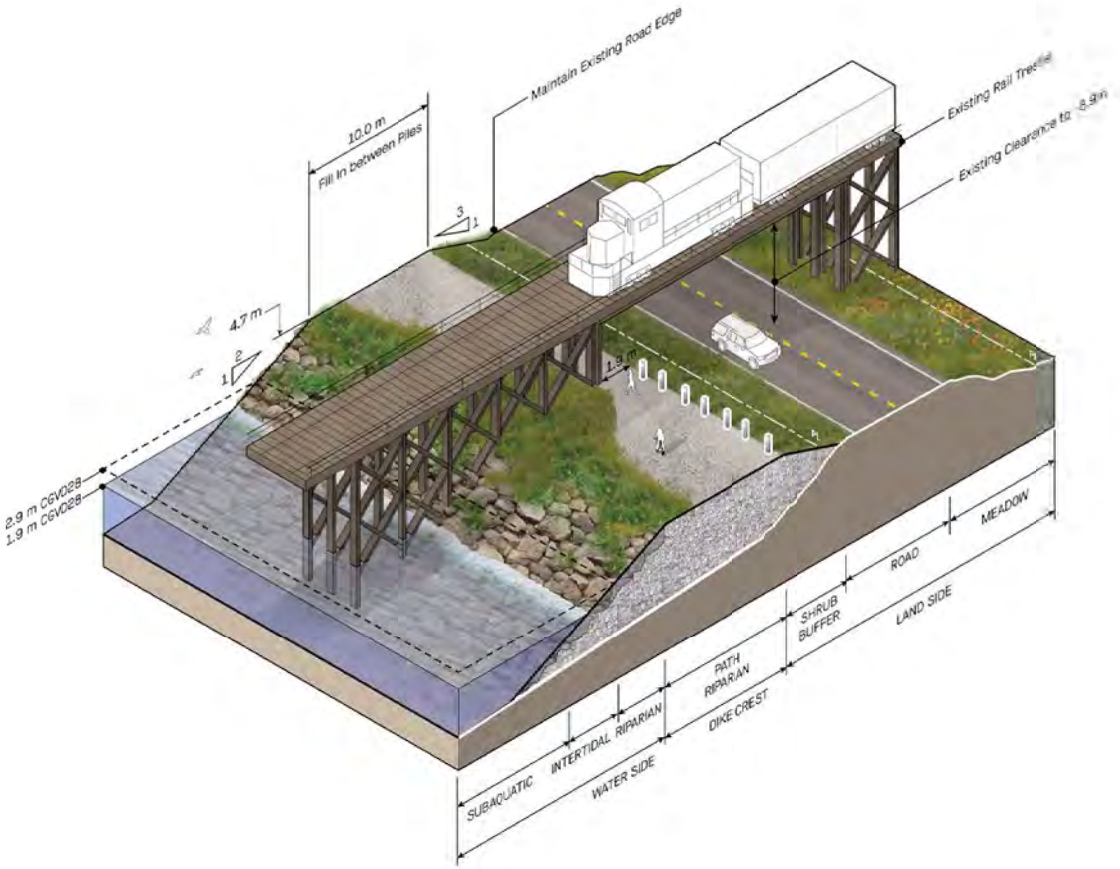
DIKE TYPOLOGIES

PHASE 4, OPTION 7

RAIL TRESTLE - FILL IN-BETWEEN TRESTLE PILE (REACH 4)

Path below rail trestle on water side:

- rail trestle and river provide excellent opportunities for incorporating public art or wayfinding features;
- wide path funnels into narrower space at trestle to encourage people on bikes to dismount and others to proceed with caution but also enjoy the unique character of the train line;
- provide bollards for pedestrian safety and protection of structure.



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City of Richmond

FLOOD PROTECTION

What We Heard Report

November 2022

Richmond

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Executive Summary

This report summarizes the public engagement that was conducted for the City of Richmond's flood protection program and *Dike Master Plan Phase 4*. The engagement campaign was carried out over a five-month period from May 2022 to September 2022. The purpose of this outreach and engagement was to:

- Inform residents about the accelerated timelines of the flood protection program.
- Gauge and improve community awareness of climate change impacts and flood protection plans and initiatives in Richmond.
- Gather feedback on the amenities, features, and design of the upgraded dikes.

The feedback will be used to inform the City's budget process and support the *Dike Master Plan Phase 4 Report*.

The public engagement was designed to reach a wide range of residents and interested parties. Activities included community pop-ups, online and in-person engagement events, the production of online materials, and the development of physical materials that were distributed at in-person events, community venues, and facilities. In total, approximately **1,000 people attended in-person** engagement activities and events. Over **2,000 people participated online**, both through the City's flood protection webpage and a *Let's Talk Richmond* project page that was set up to support community outreach.

Feedback from all engagement activities revealed the following key findings:

The public is aware of the City of Richmond's flood protection measures and is supportive of the City's flood protection work and efforts.

- Residents and other stakeholders found that the public information materials were useful and wanted to learn more.
- Participants were generally aware of Richmond's flood protection work. However, there is room for continued outreach and education on Richmond's flood risk mitigation and management plans, and climate change induced flood risks (e.g., sea level rise, increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather).

The public is supportive of the City of Richmond's accelerated flood protection program and the associated utility rate increases.

- Residents and stakeholders were fully supportive of Richmond's plan to expedite flood protection improvements projects and the associated rate increases.
- Many residents and other stakeholders would like to stay involved/up to date on future implementation work and detailed planning work.

The public is most supportive of upgrades that provide other community benefits and amenities.

- Environmental features (e.g., habitat areas and habitat benches), recreational amenities (e.g., seating, bike racks, signage – wayfinding and information), and multi-modal transportation improvements (e.g., separated bike lanes, improved wayfinding and walking paths) are the most highly rated and sought-after features for new and upgraded flood protection measures.
- Many participants would like to see improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety along River Road.

Comments received during the public engagement for the 2018 Dike Master Plan Phase 2, 2019 Dike Master Plan Phase 3, and 2019 Dike Master Plan Phase 5 were generally consistent with the feedback received during the engagement for this project. In particular, the topics of proactive planning and flood protection improvements, dike aesthetics and recreational use, and environmental and habitat considerations.

During the public engagement for Dike Master Plan Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 5, comments and questions were received regarding climate science and climate change projections. Such questions and comments were not received during this round of outreach and engagement. Anecdotally, in-person public engagement reported more conversations around people's personal experiences of climate change-related incidents, including the November 2021 atmospheric rivers and flooding, the June/July 2021 heat dome and wildfires, and the 2020 wildfires and smoke/air quality issues. Collectively, these direct and personal experiences with climate change impacts and the climate emergency are enhancing public awareness of climate change and reinforcing public support for Richmond's accelerated flood protection program.

Background and Overview

Surrounded by the Fraser River and the Strait of Georgia, the City of Richmond is situated approximately one metre above sea level and is subject to flood hazards, such as climate change induced sea level rise. Richmond is planning for 1 metre of sea level rise by 2100. During this same period, land in Richmond is expected to subside by 0.2 metres.

The City currently has 49 kilometres of dikes and 39 drainage pump stations that can withstand high water events, such as spring freshet, storm surges, and king tides and are designed to handle an extreme 1:500 return period Fraser River freshet events. Upgrades of the City's flood protection system are required to protect the City's residents, infrastructure, and economic vitality.

Richmond's Flood Protection Management Strategy and dike master plans provide a guiding framework for upgrades and improvements to this flood protection system and to address climate change-induced sea level rise and heightened flood risks. Dike Master Plan Phase 4 (DMP4) provides flood protection from the north arm of the Fraser River and spans from No. 6 Road to Boundary Road.

Currently, Richmond is focusing on raising the perimeter dikes from, on average, 3.5 metres to 4.7 metres. The City recently accelerated the implementation timeline for its flood protection program from 75 years to 50 years to improve diking infrastructure in advance of currently anticipated climate change impacts. The strategy plans for approximately 1 km of dikes being upgraded per year and may be further accelerated if sea level rise intensifies.

From May 2022 to September 2022, the City of Richmond carried out a public engagement campaign on the City's flood protection work and DMP4. The purpose of this outreach and engagement was to:

- Inform residents about the accelerated flood protection program.
- Gauge and improve community awareness of flood protection and climate change impacts and plans in Richmond.
- Gather feedback on the amenities, features, and design of the upgraded dikes.

This report summarizes the engagement campaign and key findings that emerged about participants' awareness and support of the flood protection program and their ideas of how dike upgrades could simultaneously address other community and user needs.

DIKE MASTER PLAN PHASE 4

DMP4 is the final phase of a five-phase plan to upgrade the City's dikes to prepare for sea level rise, climate change, and flood impacts. Phases 1-3 and 5 are completed. DMP4 encompasses the north dike between No. 6 Road and Boundary Road, which is a unique area given it is largely agricultural with few residences and businesses, including both marine businesses on the Fraser River and some industrial operations.

DMP4 recommends the following typical dike upgrade approaches:

- Separated dike and road.
- Standard dike in areas without existing roads.
- Superdike (land behind the dike built up to the same elevation as the dike itself).

Ongoing dike upgrades around the City of Richmond, including those included in DMP4, provide ample opportunity to engage with the public about challenges and opportunities that are posed by sea level rise and other climate change impacts. Additional future public engagement will also shape how the upgrades are enacted.

The figure illustrates locations for each phase of the dike master plan and the year completed.

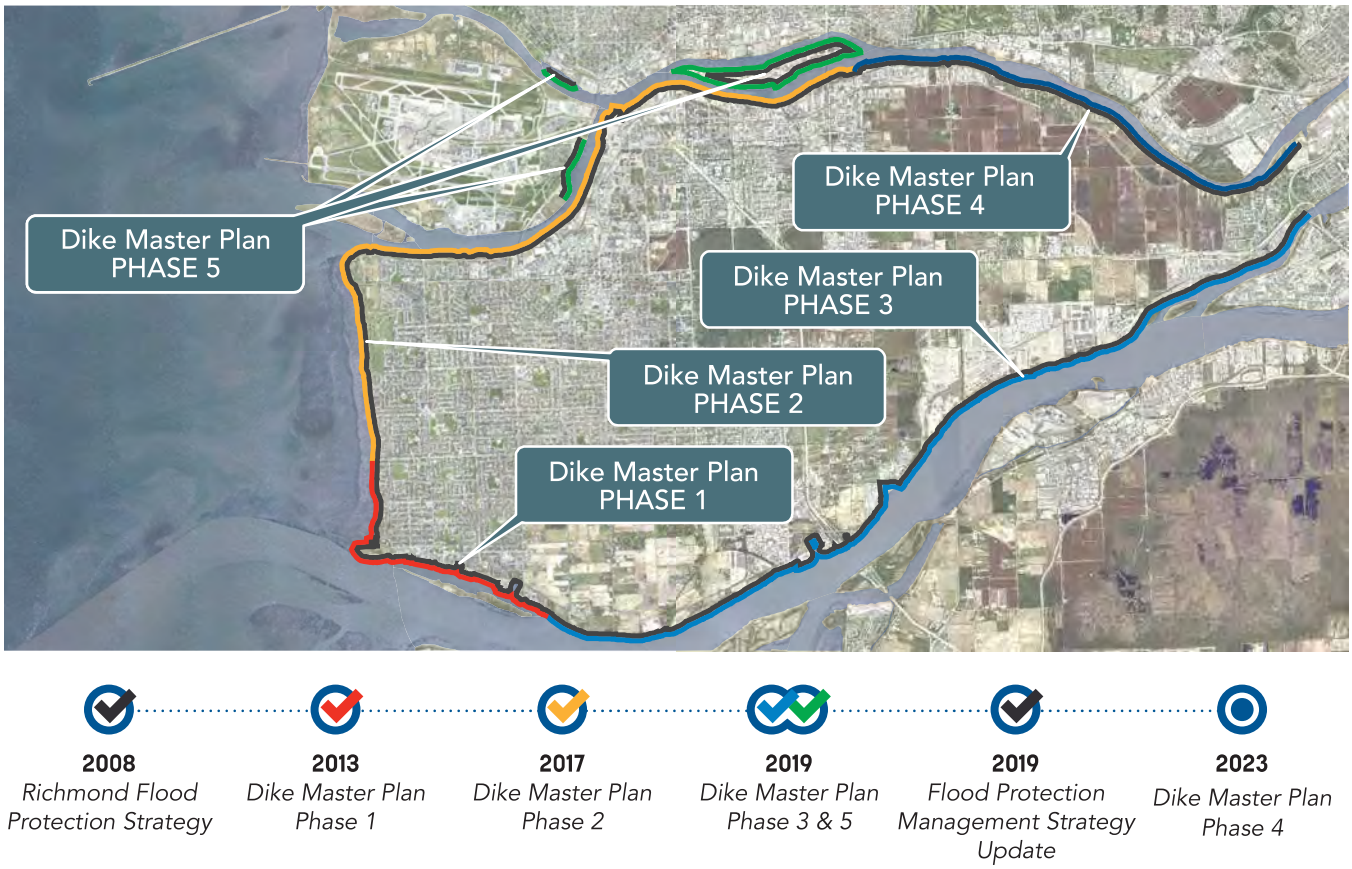

FIGURE 1: *Dike Master Plan Timeline*

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TIMELINE

FUNDING: The City of Richmond has been successful in securing senior government grants that have helped fund flood protection improvements

PUMP STATION UPGRADES AND REBUILDS:

2000-2005	2006-2010	2011-2015	2016-present
· Peace Arch	· Francis Road West	· No. 4 Road North	· No. 2 Road North
· Tipping Road South	· Cambie Road West	· Williams Road	· Horseshoe Slough
· No. 1 Road South	· Comstock Road	· No. 1 Road North	· Shell Road Slough
· Gilbert Road North	· Gilbert Road South	· Bath Slough	· No. 7 Road South
	· Duck Island	· Woodward Slough	· Steveston Hwy & Gilbert Road
			· Steveston Hwy & No. 3 Road

FIGURE 2: *Richmond flood protection timeline*

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ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Community engagement and outreach took place over a five-month period from May 2022 to September 2022.

Engagement was designed to reach a wide range of residents and interested parties. Engagement activities in this phase included community pop-ups, online, and in-person engagement events and the production of a wide range of new information materials that were distributed online at in person events, and at different community venues and facilities. Engagement included the following, which are also summarized in the following figure.

- 5 community pop-ups (Emergency Preparedness Week, Kwantlen Street Farmers Market, Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market, Burkeville Daze, "Island City, by Bike" tour)
- 2 in-person open houses (Hamilton Community Centre)
- 3 bus tours (Works on Wheels)
- 4 online Community Conversation engagement sessions
- 1 elementary school presentation
- 1 walking tour (Walk Richmond)
- Updated and expanded flood protection page on Richmond.ca
- LetsTalkRichmond.ca flood protection project page
- 1 new Flood Protection StoryMap

RICHMOND FLOOD PROTECTION

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

1
PROJECT OPEN HOUSE
at Hamilton Community Centre
40+ participants

6
COMMUNITY POP-UPS
1000 visitors

4
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
online

3
WORKS ON WHEELS BUS TOURS
66 paricipants

100+
DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS
in Hamilton / River Road area

5
NEW FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION PRODUCTS
print and online

36
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
with over 800 engagements

630
ONLINE INTERACTIONS
and over 80 comments from 4 weekly polls, online Q&As, and an interactive mapping tool

1
NEW FLOOD PROTECTION STORYMAP

20
FLOOD PROTECTION LAWN SIGNS
distributed along popular dike trails

1200
UNIQUE VISITS TO LET'S TALK RICHMOND
flood protection page

1
WALK RICHMOND WALKING TOUR
23 attendees

2000
PROJECT POSTCARDS
distributed

28
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
attended project presentation

10
TRANSIT SHELTER ADS

FIGURE 3: Richmond Flood Protection Engagement Summary

ACTIVITY TYPE	EVENT DETAILS	SUMMARY
Community Pop-ups *In Person* *May 7, 2022 – September 9, 2022*	**Emergency Preparedness Week** Location: Brighouse Fire Hall No. 1 Date: Saturday, May 7 11:00am-5:00pm Visitors: Approximately 200 **Kwantlen Street Farmer's Market** Location: Brighouse Neighbourhood Park Date: Tuesday, May 24 12:00pm-4:00pm Visitors: Approximately 50 **Steveston Farmer's & Artisans Market** Location: 4320 Moncton St Date: Sunday, June 5 10:30am-3:30pm Visitors: Approximately 450 **Island City, by Bike Tour** Location: Minoru Centre for Active Living Date: Sunday, June 12 9:30am – 12:30pm Attendees: 100 **Burkeville Daze** Location: Burkeville Neighbourhood Park Date: Sunday, June 26, 3:00pm-6:00pm Visitors: 40 **Hamilton Night Out** Location: Hamilton Community Centre Date: Friday, September 9 5:30pm-8:00pm Visitors: Approximately 250	· In total, there were approximately 1,000 interactions with residents at the community pop-up events · Passers-by and interested residents had the opportunity to attend or stop by at a pop-up event and learn more about flood protection measures in Richmond, including the DMP4 · Materials included interactive poster boards (with sticky notes and dots to share and vote on ideas), flyers, postcards with a QR code to Richmond.ca, flood protection-themed stickers, and reusable shopping bags · Each pop-up resulted in more community members becoming aware of Richmond's flood protection measures in general, with some becoming informed by interacting with pop-up staff and the poster boards, and some engaging with the DMP4 project by taking materials home to review, leaving a sticky note comment on the poster, signing up for the newsletter, or connecting through the QR code · Hamilton Night Out was one of the busiest events, with approximately 60 public interactions and over 250 people dropping by the tent
Open Houses *In Person* *September 9, 2022*	**Dike Master Plan Phase 4 Community Open House** Location: Hamilton Community Centre Date: Tuesday, June 21 11:30am-1:00pm Participants: 40	· 40 people attended the first open house which included lunch for participants and a project presentation from City staff · Materials included interactive poster boards (with sticky notes and dots to share and vote on ideas), flyers, postcards

ACTIVITY TYPE	EVENT DETAILS	SUMMARY
Blair Elementary School presentation *In Person* *May 17, 2022*	**School Presentation** Location: Blair Elementary School Tuesday, May 17 Students: 28	· City of Richmond staff presented to a grade 5/6 split class · Activities included a presentation, Mentimeter trivia questions, and a drawing exercise.
Walking and bus tours *In person* *May 21, 2022 – June 19, 2022*	**South Dike Walking Tour** Location: South Dike Trail Date: Saturday, May 21 10:00am – 11:00 am Attendees: 23 **Works on Wheels Bus Tour** Location: Richmond Public Works Yard Dates: June 11, 18, and July 9 11:00am – 2:00pm Attendees: 66 (22 each tour)	· Approximately 90 residents participated in the tours. · *Walk Richmond* walking tour was a free guided walk coordinated by the City of Richmond. City of Richmond Staff attended the walk where they shared project materials and spoke about flood management and other areas of interest. · Three interactive *Works on Wheels* bus tours showcasing Richmond's flood protection projects were held in June, and due to popular demand, a third date was held in July · The tours offered a behind-the-scenes visit to a recent dike upgrade, a recently built pump station, and the Britannia flood wall in Steveston · Each tour was fully booked and there were 23 people on the waitlist
Community Conversations *Online* *June 21, 2022 – June 22, 2022*	**Dike Master Plan Community Conversation** Date: Monday, June 20 12:00pm – 1:00pm **Flood Protection Community Conversations** Date: Wednesday, June 22 12:00pm – 1:00pm 2:30pm – 3:30pm Date: Thursday, June 23 12:00pm – 1:00pm	· In total, there were 10 attendees at the Community Conversations · Participants attended an hour-long presentation where staff introduced the City's flood protection program and provided space for discussion and questions · Attendance was limited, but the participants provided positive feedback and were able to ask staff questions about the project

ACTIVITY TYPE	EVENT DETAILS	SUMMARY
Richmond.ca *Online* *May 2022 – September 2022*	Project and flood protection information was available from May 2022 – September 2022 at Richmond.ca, including: · Project overview videos · StoryMap · PDF versions of all information materials	· Approximately 1,957 visitors accessed the Flood Protection materials on the *Let's Talk Richmond* website
Let's talk Richmond *Online* *May 2022 – September 2022*	Online opportunities for engagement and information were available from May 2022 – September 2022 at LetsTalkRichmond.ca **Engagement tools:** · Weekly polls · Question and Answer · Mapping tool	· Approximately 848 visitors accessed the Flood Protection materials on the *Let's Talk Richmond* website · Interactive tools available on the website included an ArcGIS StoryMap, weekly polls, interactive mapping features, videos, downloadable information write-ups and a place to ask questions
Advisory Committee on the Environment	Location: Richmond City Hall May 11, 2022	· 13 committee members · Members offered their feedback of their priorities based on the Advisory Committee mandate

FIGURE 4: *Steveston Farmers Market Community Pop-up*

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FIGURE 5: *Community Pop-up at Emergency Preparedness Week*

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FIGURE 6: *Burkeville Daze Community Pop-up*

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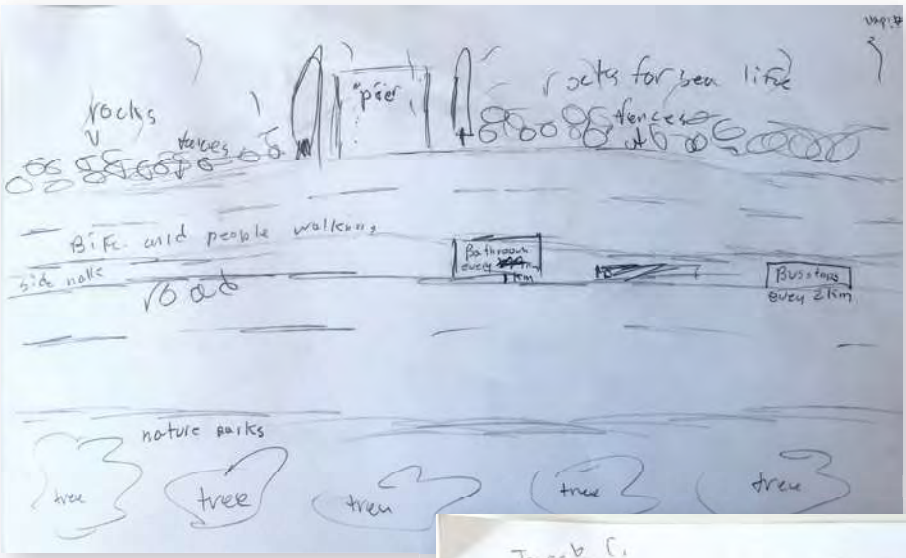
FIGURE 7: *Blair Elementary School presentation*



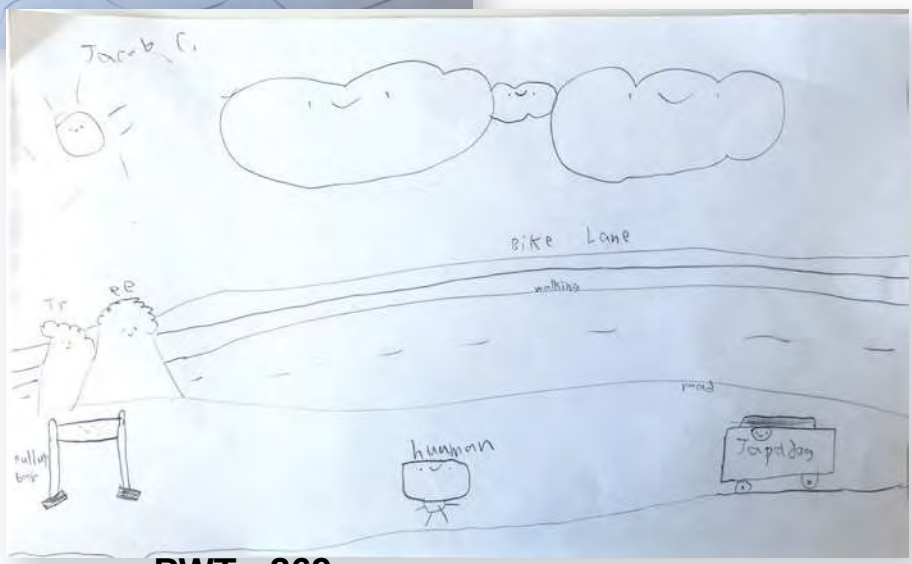


FIGURE 8: *Blair Elementary School student drawings envisioning flood protection in the City of Richmond*

FIGURE 9: *Works on Wheels bus ride and site visit*

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FIGURE 10: *Posters at the Island City bike tour*

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FIGURE 11: *Dike Master Plan Phase 4 Community Conversation*

FIGURE 12: *Final Open House at Hamilton Community Centre, marking the end of a successful engagement and outreach period*

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Communication and Outreach Program

From May 2022 to September 2022, staff ran a communications and outreach program to share information about Richmond's flood protection program and to promote outreach events and activities. Materials included:

- Social media posts
- Updated and expanded flood protection page on Richmond.ca
- LetsTalkRichmond.ca flood protection project page
- A new flood protection StoryMap
- Five new Flood Protection information products – print and online (Fact Sheets, Q&A, Richmond Flood Protection Overview in English and Traditional Chinese, Flood Protection Timeline)
- Transit shelter ads
- Lawn signs
- Postcards

FIGURE 13: Summary timeline of the communications and outreach program

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PROGRAM SUMMARY TIMELINE	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Online Materials						
Social Media						
Richmond.ca Flood Protection						
Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection						
E-Newsletter						
Print Materials for Distribution						
Postcards						
Information materials						
Print Materials for Promotion						
Transit Shelter Ads						
Lawn Signs						

Communication and outreach materials are described in the following sections.

ONLINE MATERIALS

City of Richmond staff used online materials to share information with the public about flood hazards and protection measures in Richmond and to promote engagement events and other project updates. The purpose of many of the online materials was also to create a Flood Management information hub to be updated and added to as Richmond implements the Flood Protection Management Strategy.

Richmond.ca Flood Protection

The flood protection webpage at Richmond.ca is a hub for all things related to flooding and flood protection in the City of Richmond. In addition to project overview videos and a new flood protection StoryMap, the site also includes PDF versions of all information materials (fact sheets, Q&A, flood protection overview flyers, etc.).

FIGURE 14: *The City of Richmond's Flood Protection animation*

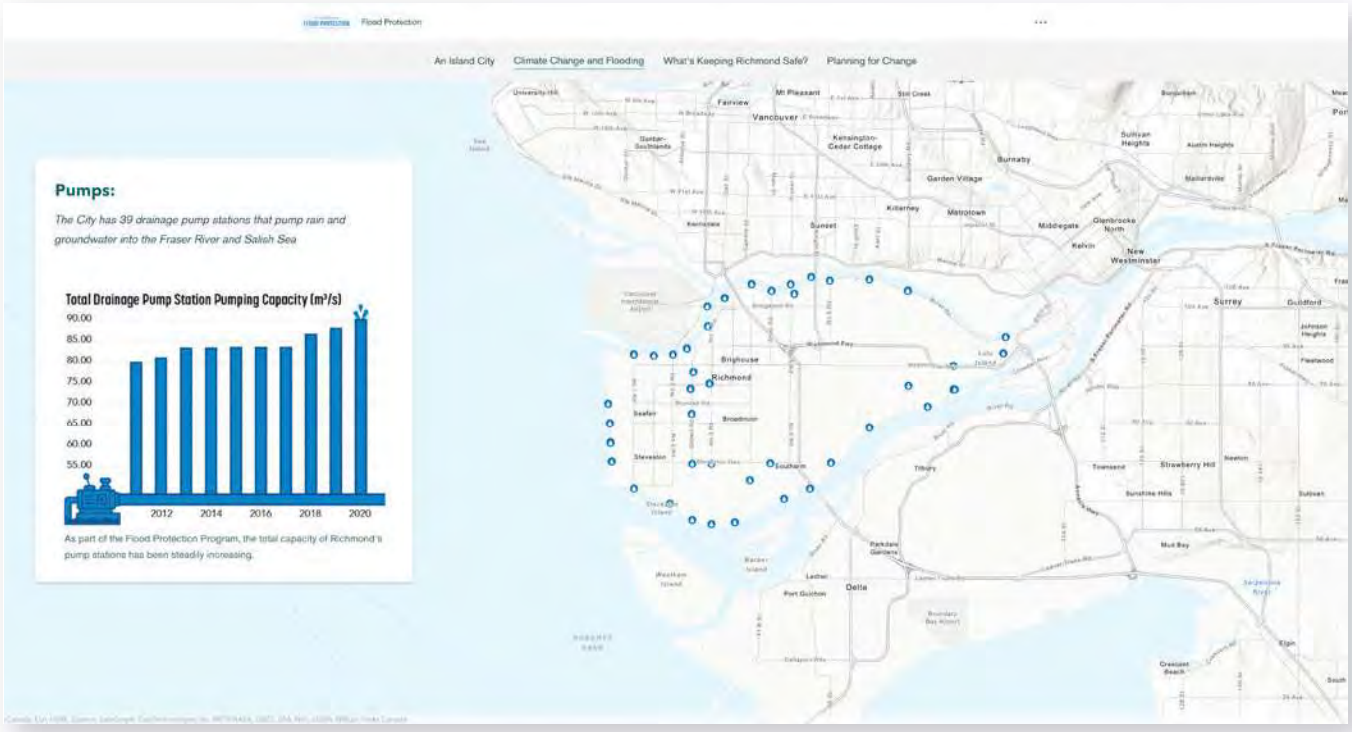
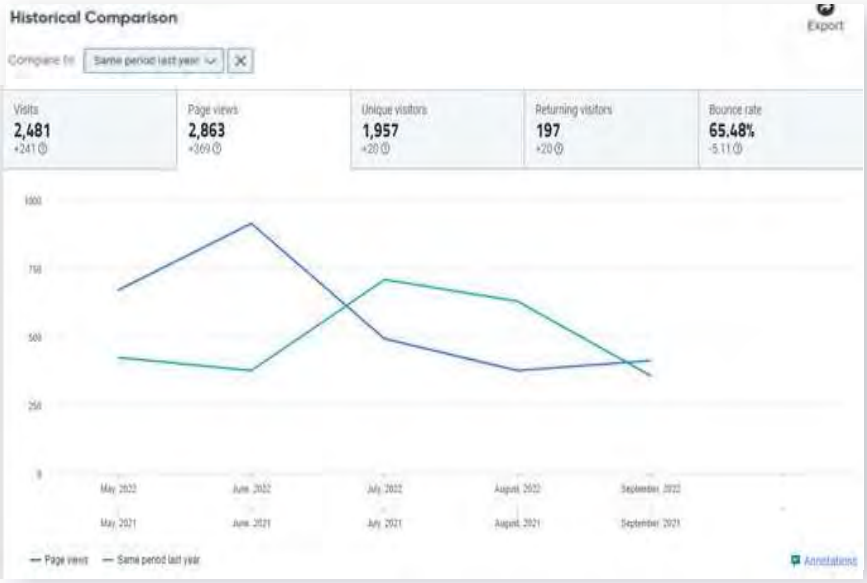


FIGURE 15: *Image of Richmond's flood protection StoryMap providing information about the City's drainage pumps. An ESRI StoryMap is a web map that has been thoughtfully created, given context, and provided with supporting information so it becomes a stand-alone resource. It integrates maps, legends, text, photos, and video and provides functionality, such as swipe, pop-ups, and time sliders, that helps users explore this content.*

From May to mid-September 2022, the total number of page views was 369 more than this same period in 2021. In total, there were 2,863 views and 1,957 unique visitors. Views peaked at the beginning of June when outreach efforts and engagement events were highest.

The page also included links to the Dike Master Plan webpage and the Flood Protection Strategy. A new webpage, the Dike Master Plan page experienced 856 page views from 633 unique visitors who visited the site between May and September 2022. Dike Master Plan views peaked in July. From May to July 2022, the Flood Protection Strategy had 101 page views from 72 unique visitors.

The Richmond.ca Flood Management webpage also included a link to the *Let's Talk Richmond* flood protection page, where visitors could learn more about the project and provide input and feedback on flooding and flood management in Richmond.



TOP FIGURE 16: *Number of page visits to the main Richmond.ca Flood Management hub: https://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/dikes.htm*

MIDDLE FIGURE 17: *Number of page visits to the Dike Master Plan webpage (May 2022 – September 2022)*

BOTTOM FIGURE 18: *Number of page visits to the Flood Protection Strategy*

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Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection

May 2022 – September 2022

In mid-May, an informative and interactive webpage about flood protection went live on the City of Richmond's engagement website, *Let's Talk Richmond*. The *Let's Talk Richmond* Flood Protection webpage is a place to "Learn about events and opportunities to have your say" (an online stakeholder engagement service). Here, visitors could learn more about Richmond's flood protection measures and the accelerated flood protection program by reading informational materials, or become engaged by participating in interactive tools that included:

- Weekly quick polls about knowledge of flood management and support for the accelerated program
- A mapping tool to indicate places for amenities and features to priorities with the dike upgrades
- A place to submit specific questions for the project team to answer

Since going live, the webpage experienced a steady flow of visitors daily, with a peak of 104 in a single day near the beginning. As of September 20, more than 1,000 people visited the *Let's Talk Richmond* Flood Protection webpage at least once. Of these visitors, more than 260 learned about the project by clicking on informational materials, while more than 90 participated by interacting with the tools.

Climate Change and Flooding

FACTSHEET SERIES

The City of Richmond is a collection of islands with an average height of 1 metre (3 feet) above sea level and is part of the historic floodplain of the Fraser River. The City relies on a network of dikes, pumps, and other systems to protect it from flooding. Richmond is exposed to flooding from the river, the ocean, and from heavy rainfall events. Sea levels are rising due to global warming, and the frequency and intensity of storms are increasing. As climate change continues, Richmond's exposure to coastal and river flood hazards will increase.

Richmond Flood Hazards

SEA LEVEL RISE

With climate change, warmer temperatures melt glaciers and ice caps and increase the temperature of the ocean, causing water to expand. As a result, global sea levels are rising. Sea level rise increases flood risks posed by:

- **king tides:** the highest tides of the year;
- **coastal storm surges:** high tides mixed with high water levels caused by wind and waves.

The Province of British Columbia advises municipalities to plan for 1 metre of sea level rise by 2100. During this same period, land in Richmond is expected to move downwards by 0.2 metres as land settles into the Fraser River delta.

FRESHET

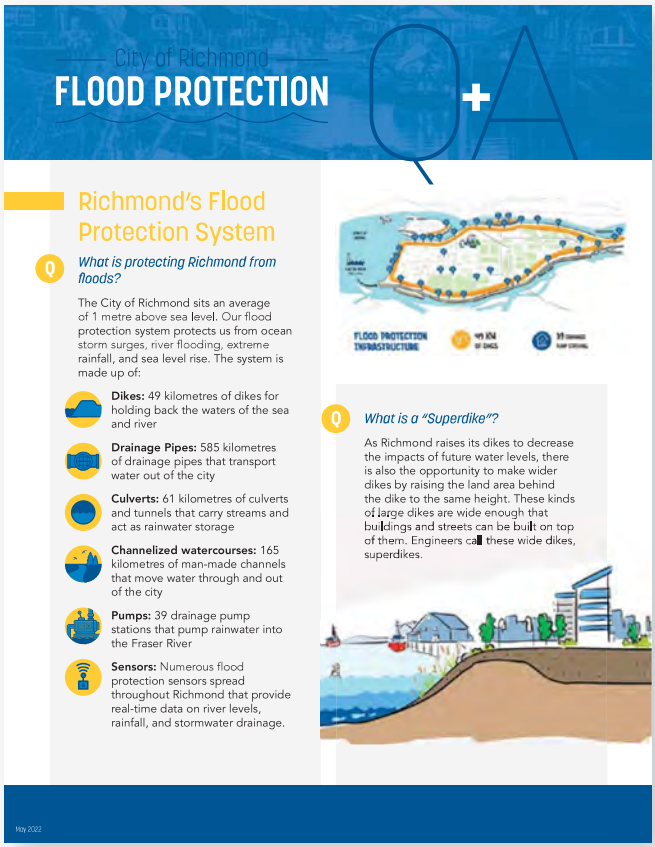
Freshet is the term used to describe river floods caused by snowmelt that typically occurs in the spring. Changes in snowmelt and precipitation patterns in the Fraser Basin are expected to contribute to larger and more frequent floods on the Fraser River. Sea level rise will heighten water levels in the lower Fraser River during spring freshet.

RAINFALL

Over the past 20 years, the average intensity of rainfall events in Richmond has increased by approximately 15 per cent. With climate change, this trend is expected to continue. Extreme rainfall events can increase the flow, speed, and height of the water in the Fraser River.

▲ *SALISH SEA RISING: A child born today can expect 50 centimetres of sea level rise by the time they're 30 and 1 metre by the time they are 80. The lighter shaded area shows a higher range of sea level rise that could occur if global emissions reduction targets are not met.*

▲ *RICHMOND ATMOSPHERIC RIVER: The atmospheric river events that hit the province in November 2021 are examples of extreme rainfall events that can lead to flooding. While Richmond did not experience the same level of rainfall or flooding as some areas of the Fraser Valley, it did receive over 130 millimetres of rain in a three-day period, which is the biggest storm Richmond has faced in half a century. The image shows the flooded low-lying park fields around Walter Lee elementary during the atmospheric river events in November 2021. Low lying areas like this park help store excess rainwater during extreme events and will drain when the system has capacity to do so. Carlos Silva photo, via Twitter.*



City of Richmond

FLOOD PROTECTION Q+A

Richmond's Flood Protection System

Q *What is protecting Richmond from floods?*

The City of Richmond sits an average of 1 metre above sea level. Our flood protection system protects us from ocean storm surges, river flooding, extreme rainfall, and sea level rise. The system is made up of:

- **Dikes:** 49 kilometres of dikes for holding back the waters of the sea and river
- **Drainage Pipes:** 585 kilometres of drainage pipes that transport water out of the city
- **Culverts:** 61 kilometres of culverts and tunnels that carry streams and act as rainwater storage
- **Channelized watercourses:** 165 kilometres of man-made channels that move water through and out of the city
- **Pumps:** 39 drainage pump stations that pump rainwater into the Fraser River
- **Sensors:** Numerous flood protection sensors spread throughout Richmond that provide real-time data on river levels, rainfall, and stormwater drainage.

FLOOD PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

Q *What is a "Superdike"?*

As Richmond raises its dikes to decrease the impacts of future water levels, there is also the opportunity to make wider dikes by raising the land area behind the dike to the same height. These kinds of large dikes are wide enough that buildings and streets can be built on top of them. Engineers call these wide dikes, superdikes.

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FIGURE 19: *Frequently asked questions and facts sheets made available at the Richmond.ca and Let's Talk Richmond Flood protection webpages*

Aware, Informed, Engaged – What it means on the web

AWARE: An aware visitor has made at least one single visit to the project webpage project.

INFORMED: An informed visitor has taken the 'next step' from being aware if they:

- *Viewed a video*
- *Viewed a photo*
- *Downloaded a document*
- *Visited the Key Dates page*
- *Visited a FAQ list page*
- *Visited multiple project pages (that means clicking from one project into the next or clicking on pages within the project, for example into a forum discussion)*

ENGAGED: Every webpage visitor that contributes to a tool is noted as being 'engaged' if they:

- *Contributed to a Forum*
- *Participated in a Survey*
- *Participated in Quick Polls*
- *Posted a comment on the guestbook*
- *Asked Questions*
- *Placed Pins on Maps*
- *Contributed to Ideas*

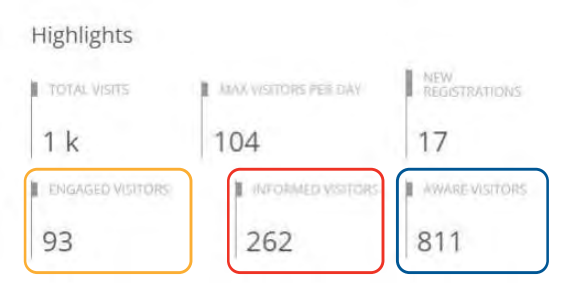

FIGURE 20: *Highlights of visitor interactions with Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection webpage (May 2022 – September 2022)*

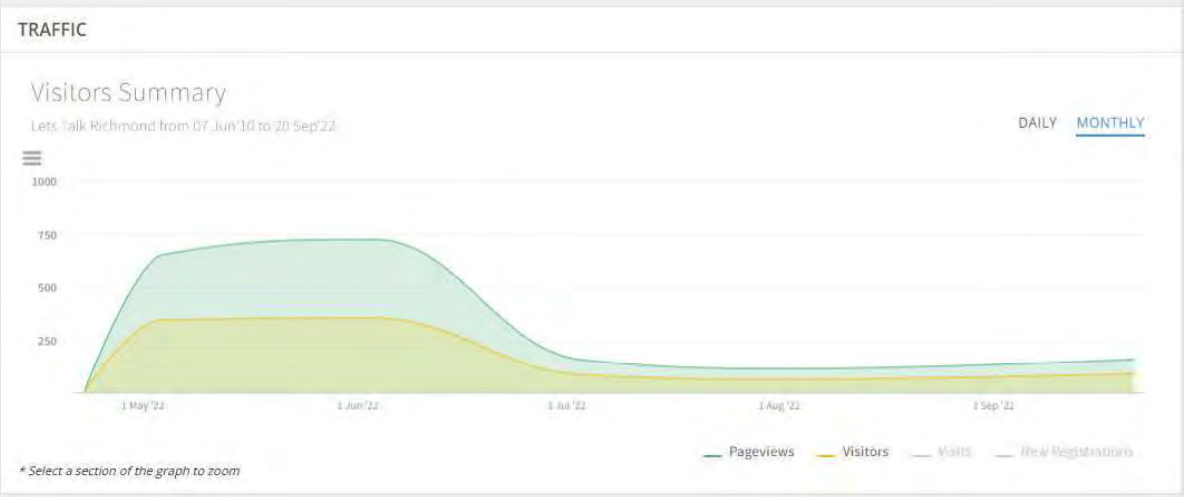

FIGURE 21: *Visitors to Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection webpage, by month (May 2022 – September 2022)*

FIGURE 22: *Summary of visitors to the Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection webpage. By September 20, 811 people visited the webpage (aware). Of these visitors, 226 clicked on webpage tools (informed), and 93 provided input in the tools (engaged).*

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Social Media

The flood protection project team promoted upcoming engagement events via social media including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Some posts included hyperlinks to a webpage with a full list of upcoming events and opportunities to be in involved. Social media included animated reels and gifs.

In total, between May 11 and September 3, there were 36 social media posts with over 800 engagements (e.g., likes, comments, shares):

- 11 Facebook posts with 312 engagements
- 13 Twitter posts with 251 engagements
- 12 Instagram posts with 239 engagements

Posts that were boosted outperformed non-paid content. The social media content did not generate significant comments or discussion from audiences on the City's social media platforms.

To encourage more engagement, the City of Richmond partnered with the Richmond Public Library to offer participants a change to win a $100 gift card by liking the June 8 Facebook post, following the City's and Library's Facebook pages, and registering for an engagement session.

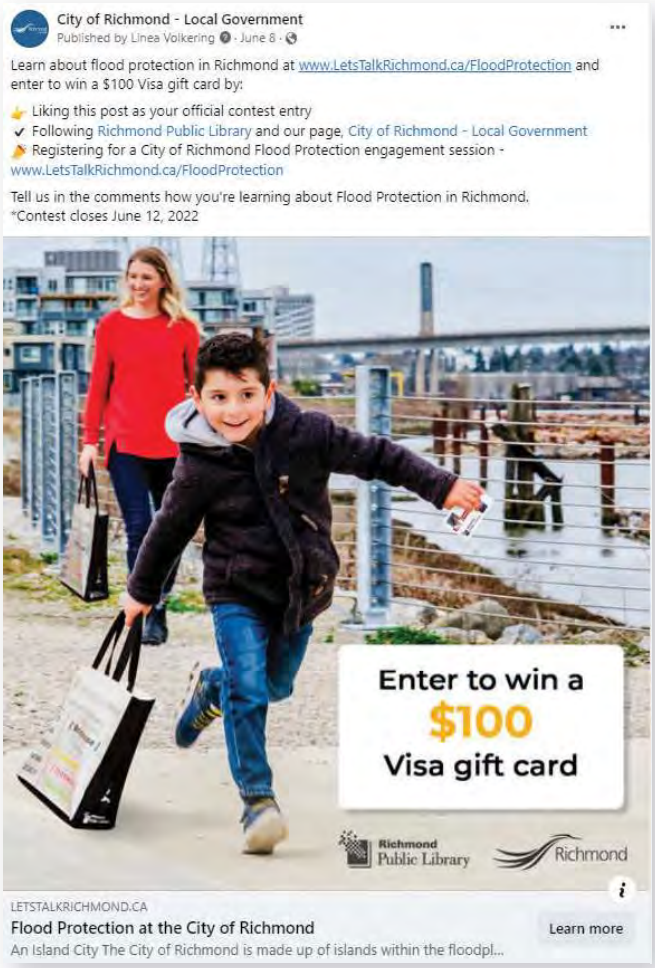

FIGURE 23: *Facebook post example with rules for contest to engage in Richmond Flood Protection Activities and be entered to win a $100 Visa gift card*

FIGURE 24: *Twitter post example*

FIGURE 25: *Instagram post example*

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FIGURE 26: *Instagram story example*

Climate Action E-Newsletter

The City of Richmond's spring Climate Action e-newsletter promoted in-person and virtual event series to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of flood protection in Richmond as a response to climate change. The e-newsletter included a link to the Richmond.ca Flood Protection webpage.

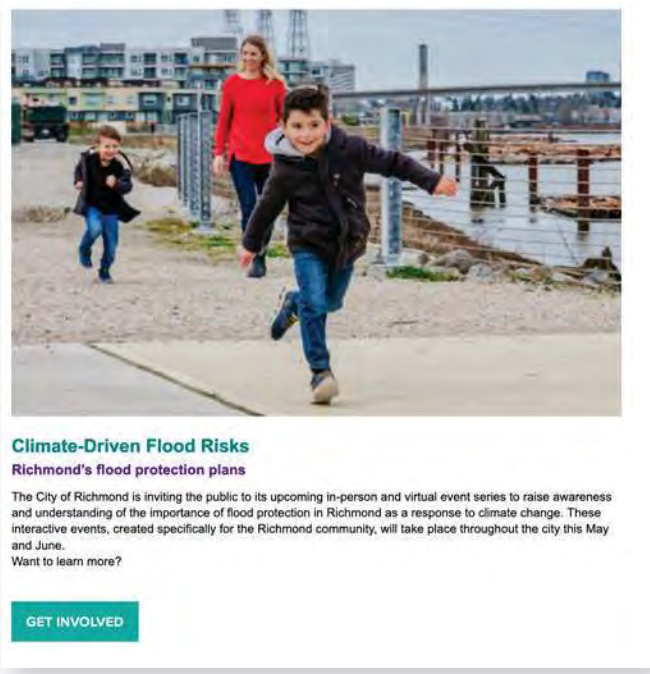

FIGURE 27: *Richmond Flood Protection engagement promoted in the Climate Action spring e-newsletter*

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PRINT MATERIALS

A range of print materials were developed to support outreach and engagement. These materials educated people about local flood hazards and provided information about flood protection and dike upgrades, including the DMP4 process. Materials included:

- Project Postcards
- Fact Sheets (Climate Change and Flooding, Flood Protection and Coastal Ecology)
- Flood Protection Q&A brochure
- Flood Protection Overview (English and Traditional Chinese)
- Flood Protection Timeline

These materials were available for hand out at community pop-ups, for downloading online, and for pick up at community venues (Hamilton Community Centre, Library – Brighouse Branch, City Hall.

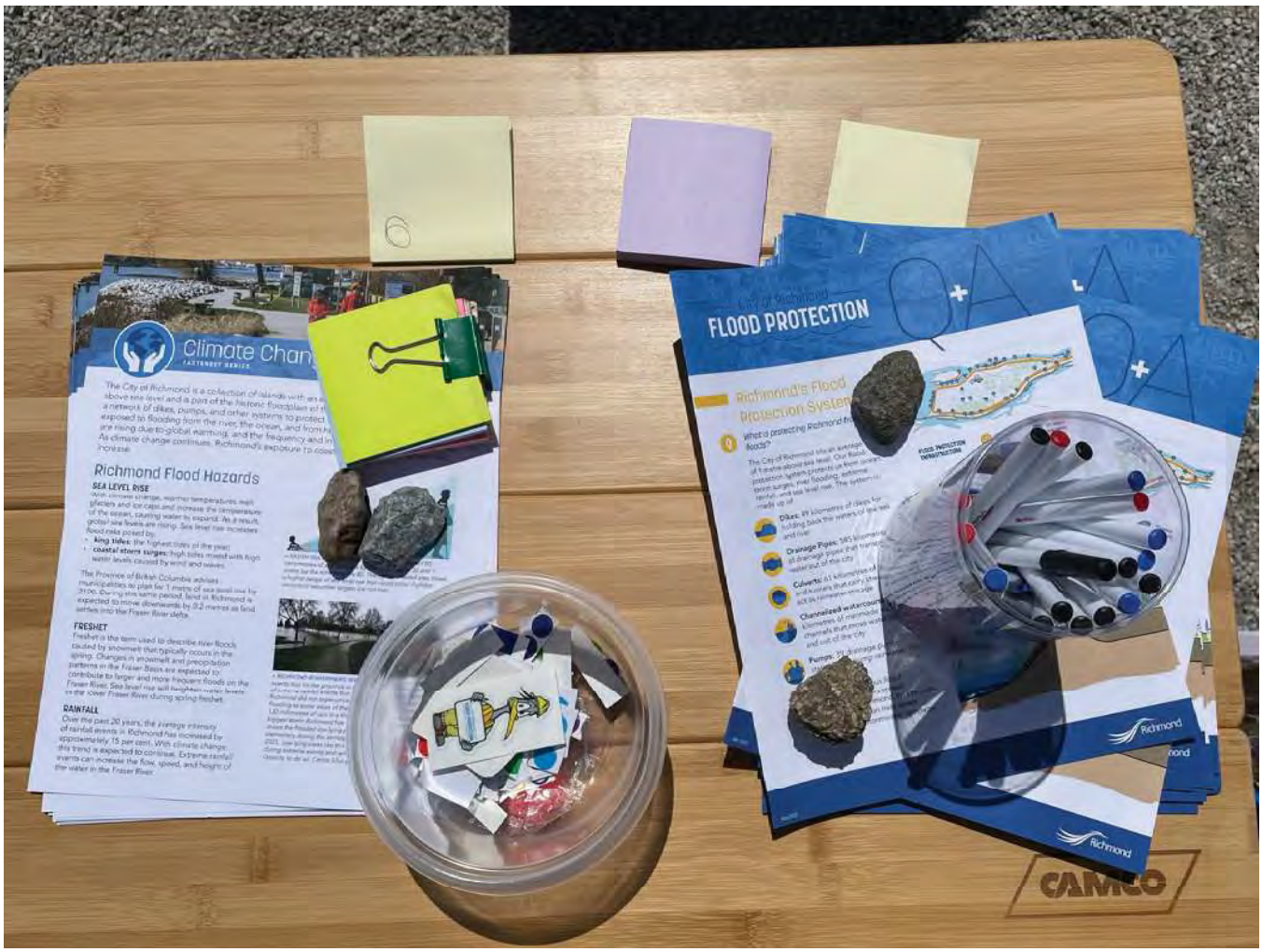

FIGURE 28: Climate Change Fact Sheet and Flood Protection Q&A brochure

Postcards

Approximately 2,000 postcards were distributed with project information and a brief explanation of flood management in the City of Richmond. A QR code linked to more information at Richmond.ca.

The postcards were handed-out at community pop-ups, door-to-door, and at other events around the DMP4 area. They were also available online and for pick up at City Hall.

FIGURE 29: *Front and back of the Richmond flood protection postcard*

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Information Flyers

A one-page information flyer that promoted upcoming engagement events and where to find more information about the project. A QR code linked to more information at *Richmond.ca*.

In the Hamilton neighbourhood, City staff went door-to-door distributing the information flyers and postcards. Staff also spoke with residents who were home. In total, approximately 100 households, farms, and businesses were visited.

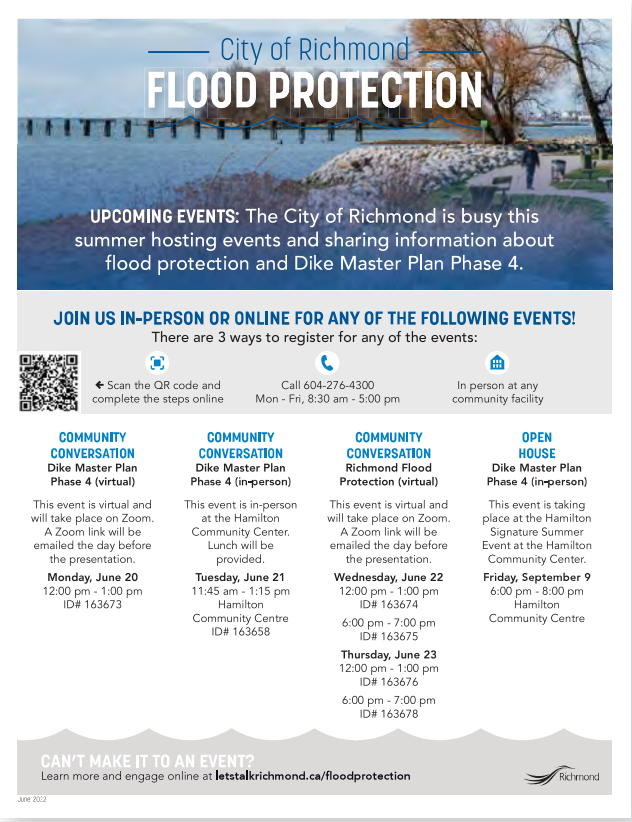


FIGURE 30: *One-pager distributed in the Hamilton neighbourhood*

Posters

A large format 11X17 poster was developed. They provided an overview of the challenges Richmond is facing from climate change-driven flooding and the actions the city has taken to address them. A QR code linked to more information at *Richmond.ca*.

Posters were displayed at the Hamilton Community Centre and other locations, including City Hall and the Brighouse Public Library.

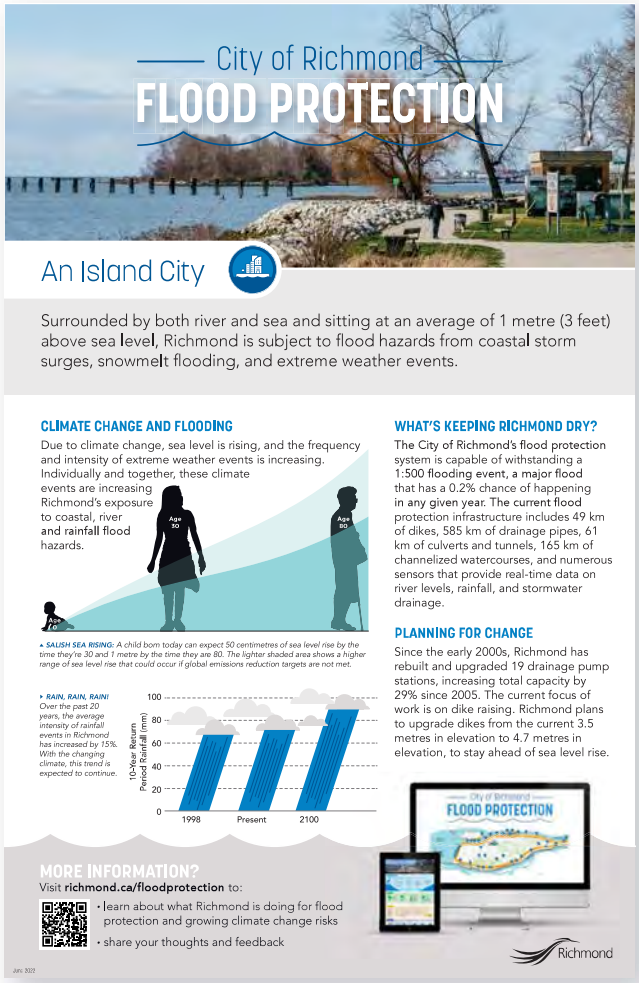


FIGURE 31: *Community poster*

Transit Shelter Ads

From June 2022 to September, ads promoting the project were posted at 10 transit shelters. There was also a digital version that was played on transit shelters with digital ad capability. The transit shelter ads included information about flooding and flood management in the City of Richmond and a link and QR code to the project hub webpage on Richmond.ca.

FIGURE 32: *Transit shelter ads in the community*

FIGURE 33: *Map showing the location of the transit shelters where flood protection materials were posted from June to September 2022*

Lawn Signs

Twenty graphically compelling H-frame lawn signs with a simple "think" message and a QR code that linked to the main project website on *Richmond.ca* were printed for distribution. Signs were in English on one side and Traditional Chinese on the other.

Signs were placed around popular Richmond walking dikes in the project area.

FIGURE 34: *Image of a lawn sign with the message, "Sea levels are rising, Richmond is preparing"*

Key Findings

Feedback from both in-person and online activities determined the following key findings:

The public is aware of the City of Richmond's flood protection measures and is supportive of the City's flood protection work and efforts.

- Residents and other stakeholders found that the public information materials were useful and wanted to learn more.
- Participants were generally aware of Richmond's flood protection work. However, there is room for continued outreach and education on Richmond's flood risk mitigation and management plans, and climate change induced flood risks (e.g., sea level rise, increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather).

The public is supportive of the City of Richmond's accelerated flood protection program and the associated utility rate increases.

- Residents and stakeholders were fully supportive of Richmond's plan to expedite flood protection improvements projects and the associated utility rates.
- Many residents and other stakeholders would like to stay involved/up to date on future implementation work and detailed planning work.

The public is most supportive of upgrades that provide other community benefits and amenities.

- Environmental features (e.g., habitat areas and habitat benches), recreational amenities (e.g., seating, bike racks, signage – wayfinding and information), and multi-modal transportation improvements (e.g., separated bike lanes, improved wayfinding and walking paths) are the most highly rated and sought-after features for new and upgraded flood protection measures.
- Many participants would like to see improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety along River Road.

Comments received during the public engagement for the 2018 Dike Master Plan Phase 2, 2019 Dike Master Plan Phase 3, and Dike Master Plan Phase 5 were generally consistent with the feedback received during the engagement for this project. In particular, the topics of proactive planning and flood protection improvements, dike aesthetics and recreational use, and environmental and habitat considerations.

During the public engagement for Dike Master Plan Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 5, comments and questions were received regarding climate science and climate change projections. Such questions and comments were not received during this round of outreach and engagement. Anecdotally, in-person public engagement reported more conversations around people's personal experiences of climate change-related incidents, including the November 2021 atmospheric rivers and flooding, the June/July 2021 heat dome and wildfires, and the 2020 wildfires and smoke/air quality issues. Collectively, these direct and personal experiences climate change impacts emergency may be enhancing public awareness of climate change and reinforcing public support for Richmond's accelerated flood protection program.

Each finding is expanded in the following sections.

The public is aware of the City of Richmond's flood protection measures and is supportive of the City's flood protection work and efforts.

In general, most engagement participants said they were somewhat familiar with Richmond's existing flood protection measures. Very few knew a lot about Richmond's flood protection measures and several engagement participants said they were not very familiar with the accelerated program. Just under half of the *Let's Talk Richmond* weekly poll participants indicated that they did know about the accelerated dike upgrade program, which indicate that there is a continued need for communication and education about flooding and dike upgrades in the City of Richmond.

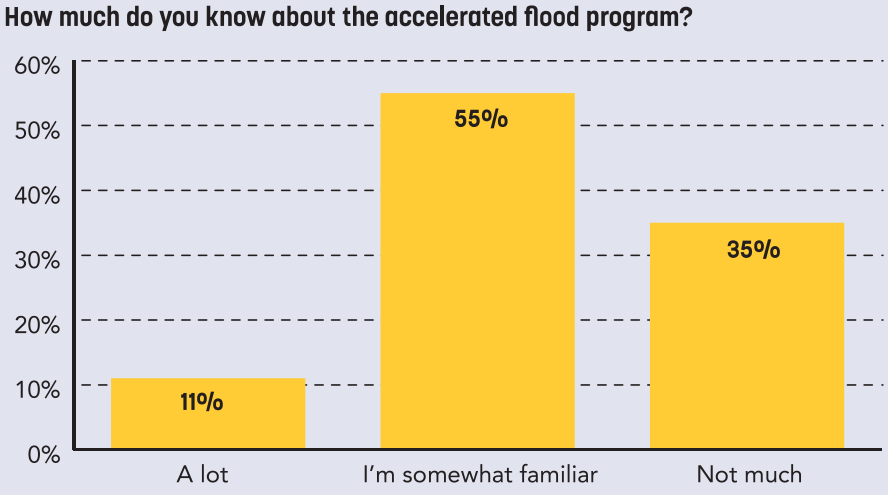
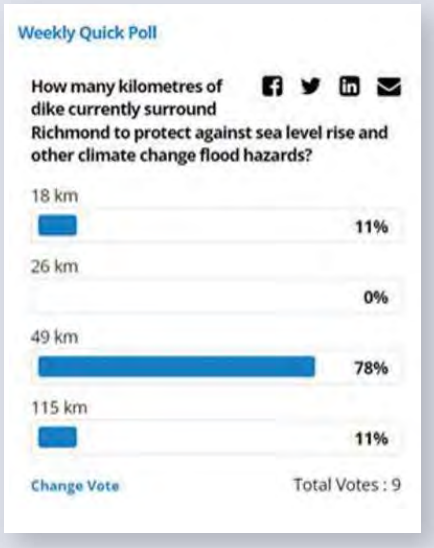
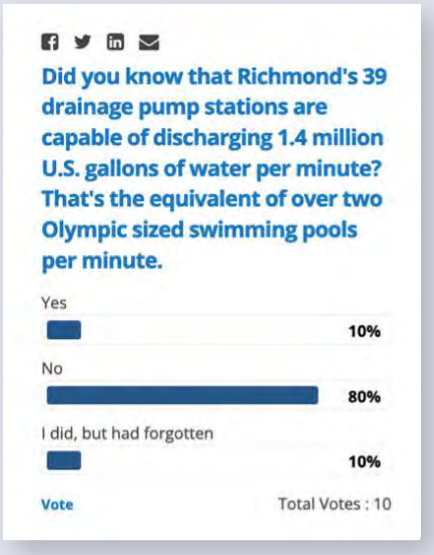


FIGURE 35: *Community pop-up feedback about awareness of the accelerated flood program*





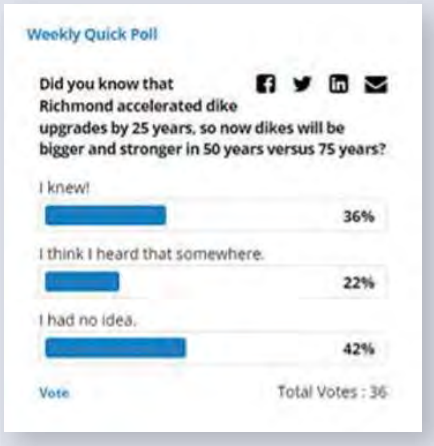


FIGURE 36: *The Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection webpage quizzed general knowledge about the City's flood protection measures*

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The public is supportive of the City of Richmond's accelerated flood protection program and the associated utility rate increases.

Although information about Richmond's flood protection measures was new to some engagement participants, feedback received through the engagement campaign generally supported the accelerated program. There was no negative reaction to the expedited rate increase. Some comments even suggested accelerating the program even more and upscaling work by partnering with neighbouring waterfront municipalities (e.g., New Westminster). Many participants requested more information sessions to keep updated on the project, especially related in the Hamilton neighbourhood.

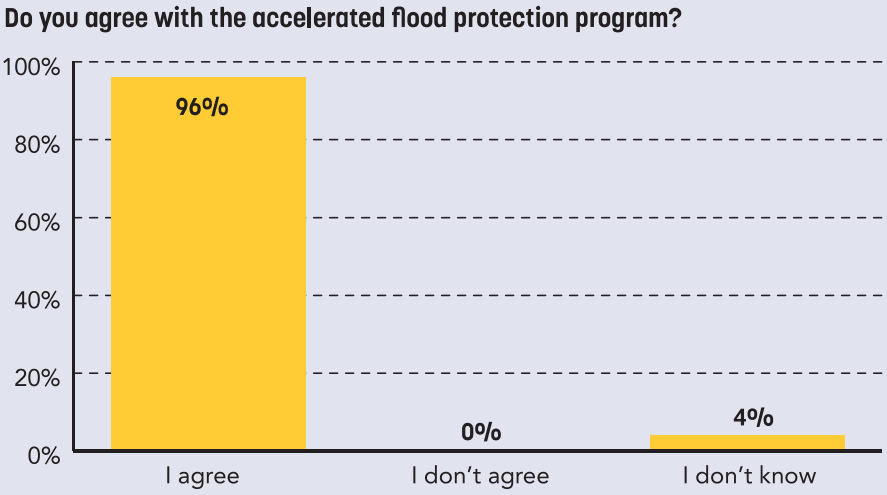

FIGURE 37: Community pop-up feedback about support of the accelerated flood program

FIGURE 38: Weekly quick poll questions on the Let's Talk Richmond Flood Protection webpage asked about resident's support of the accelerated Flood Protection Program

The public is most supportive of upgrades that provide other community benefits and amenities.

Participants were asked about their ideas and suggestions on how the dike upgrades could be implemented to better meet the community's and users' needs.

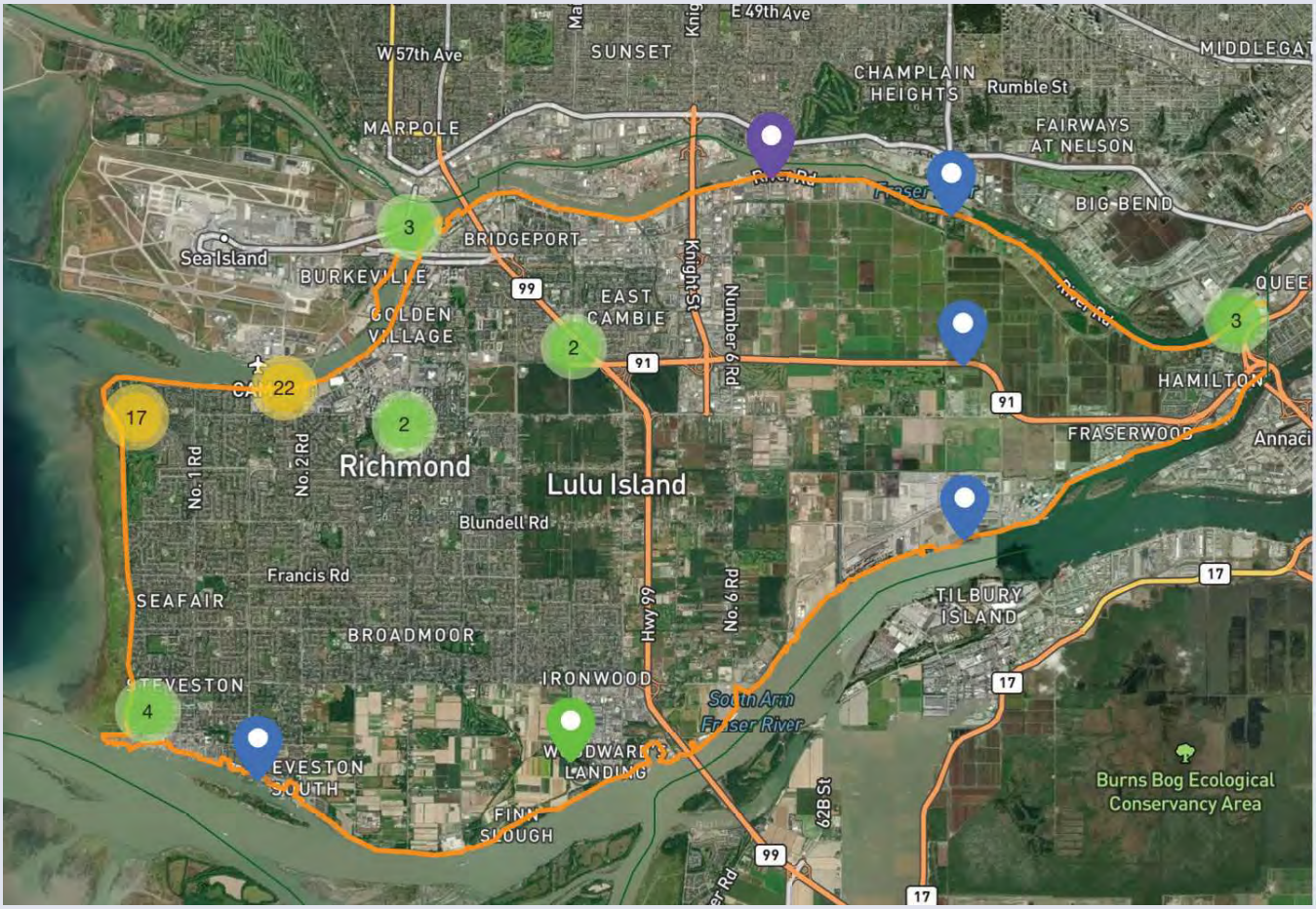

FIGURE 39: *Collaborative mapping tool on Let's Talk Richmond that shows where participants want to see changes and amenities with the dike upgrades*

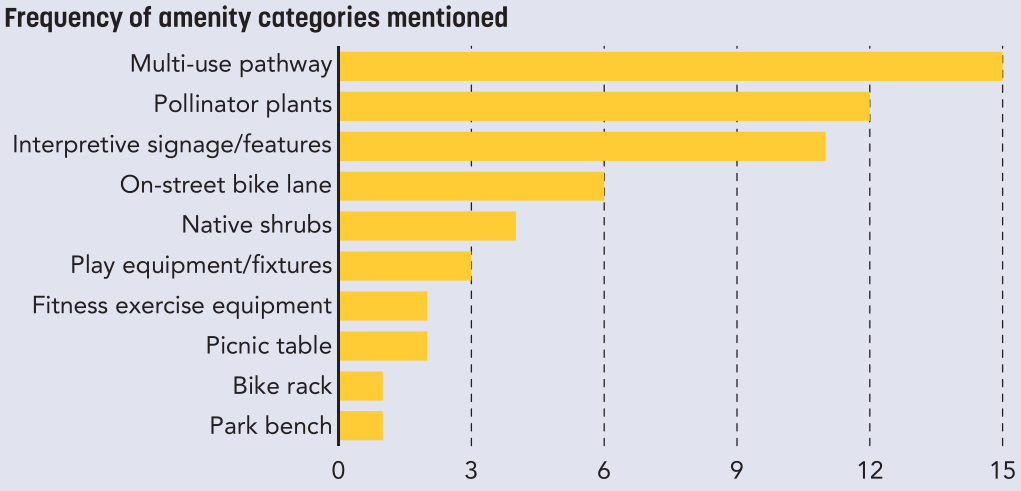

FIGURE 40: *Frequency of amenity categories mentioned on the Let's Talk Richmond mapping tool. The mapping tool provided Let's Talk Richmond webpage visitors the opportunity to indicate what types of amenities and changes they would like to see implemented and where, as the flood protection system is upgraded. Visitors could place a pin on the map, choose a category that the pin represents, and explain their idea.*

FIGURE 41: *Poster board with sticky note comments and dots at the Steveston Farmers Market Community Pop-up*

The following summarizes ideas shared by participants, organized by common topic themes.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Most ideas shared at the Community pop-ups, Community Conversations, and *Let's Talk Richmond* and other engagement focused on transportation, mobility, and connectivity for pedestrians, bikes, and motorized vehicles. Collectively, most comments were about:

- **Multi-use pathway –** ways to make the path safer (e.g., avoid pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, improve slippery and uneven surfaces), and increase access to walk by the water.
- **Bike lanes and amenities –** where to add, extend, or improve on-street bike lanes, increasing bike safety on River Road, bike repair at pump stations.
- **Traffic and Roadways –** use dike upgrades to improve traffic conditions and road upgrades for River Road and fix traffic safety (especially truck safety) concerns. Expand Bridgeport Road and National Avenue to remove trucks from River Road.
- **River Road improvements –** truck traffic, cyclist safety, and wildlife impacts resulting from traffic speeds need to be addressed on River Road.

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

Many comments suggested finding ways to reduce emissions and mitigate climate change with the dike upgrades.

- **Clean energy –** incorporate renewable energy opportunities with upgrades (e.g., solar, offshore wind power)

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Several comments focused on nature, including enjoying, protecting, and enhancing the natural environment. Common ideas include:

- **Ecosystems and Wildlife –** Protect the trees and bird/eagle nests along River Road where possible. Replace trees that are removed further inland and consider river depth and sediment when constructing the dikes. Consider removing log storage near important habitat areas.
- **Natural features –** Use natural features for environmental benefits and wildlife concerns. Plant pollinator plants (e.g., lilac, borage, wild roses) and other native shrubs for their ecosystem benefits (e.g., beauty, shade, erosion control, and sound dampening).

RECREATION

Participants noted a range of recreation and play opportunities they would like to see prioritized with the dike upgrades. Ideas included playgrounds, fitness equipment, and seating areas. Another key recreation opportunity focused on food, including opportunities to dine and to grow food.

- **Play elements/features –** Build playgrounds, fishing piers, and paths, as well as where to place exercise equipment (dip bar and pullup bar), and bike racks (with surveillance).
- **Spaces to rest –** Build benches and sheltered areas. Having seating and washrooms along the waterfront is important.
- **Spaces to eat –** Develop picnic spaces and areas with food and drink vendors.
- **Growing food –** Plant fruit bearing trees and establish community gardens. Comments also acknowledged the importance of protecting the Agricultural land reserve.

SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

Participants noted places to add signage about heritage, emergency preparedness, transit, and dike upgrades.

- **Interpretive signage/features –** Added signage on heritage (e.g., Britannia shipyards), educational (e.g., habitat), emergency warning (e.g., tsunami), transit schedules (e.g., ferries real time signage), and directions.
- **Pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles –** Include speed limits and signage to keep bikes and pedestrians separate.
- **Dike upgrade notices –** Create signage/notices and further engagement to explain why trees need to be removed around dike areas or build park areas and plant trees behind dikes.

Moving Forward

Overall, many engagement participants shared that they have little-to-moderate knowledge of flood protection and the accelerated dike upgrades in Richmond but are strongly supportive of the accelerated program, recognizing the importance of these actions in the face of climate change.

Moving forward, information sharing about challenges and opportunities that are posed by sea level rise and climate change impacts, as well as progress on Richmond's Flood Protection Management Strategy and Dike Master Plans will continue to be important.

Common questions from engagement participants that could inform future materials included:

- *Will homes with water access on their property retain safe access?*
- *Is truck traffic safe along dike roads, or will it cause seismic/erosion problems?*
- *How does the program manage for inland flooding? (Specifically for the Hamilton area).*
- *Do the pumps have backup generators and are they resilient to earthquakes, storms, and power outages?*
- *Is Richmond preparing for long-term sea level rise, with 2 metres of sea level rise considered unavoidable?*
- *How is the City of Richmond working with The City of New Westminster?*
- *Will the City add more washrooms and trails?*
- *When will upgrades will occur and how they are prioritized?*
- *Can the program be further accelerated?*
- *Does dredging impacts flood hazards?*
- *Does sea level rise affect groundwater levels?*
- *Where will land be raised and by how much?*

Overall, participants expressed positive sentiments towards the Richmond's ongoing flood protection work and expedited dike improvement project. Participants look forward to learning more about flooding and flood management in the City of Richmond as the accelerated project unfolds.

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