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## Erosion Control, Vegetation Management and Stormwater Management on the I-39/90 Corridor Project


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### We will cover –

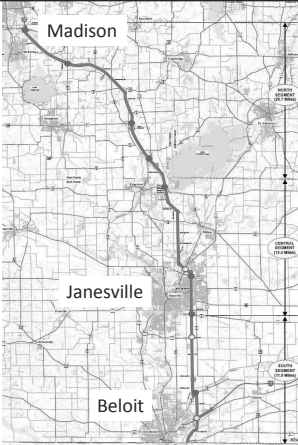
- Brief Project Overview
- Erosion Control Practices
- Vegetation Management along the Corridor
- Stormwater Management



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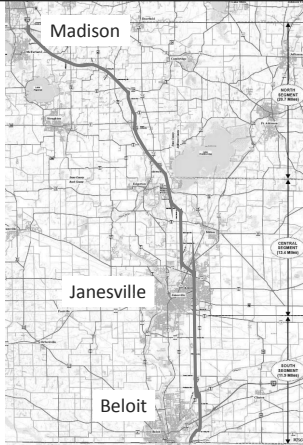
### Corridor Statistics

- Beltline Interchange in Madison to State Line at Beloit
  - Three Segments
- 2019 ADT – 53,600
- 2040 ADT – 65,000
- Percent Truck Traffic – 28%
- Expanding from Four Lanes to Six or Eight Lanes
- Eleven Interchanges, Three of which are Diverging Diamond



### Corridor Statistics

- 100 New Bridges
- 5 Major Creek Crossings
- 19+ Miles Reconstructed Alternative Routes
- Estimated \$1.2 Billion
- Work Began in 2012
- Construction Complete in 2022
- Contracts Completed in 2023
- Vegetation Management Complete in 2025



### Erosion Control on the I-39/90 Corridor Project



- Erosion Control Fun Facts
  - 48 separate construction projects
  - Select Sites (waste and borrow sites)
    - 93 Commercial
    - 124 Private
  - Three temporary concrete batch plants
  - 5+ culvert bypass channels
  - 10+ Dewatering systems
  - All projects required to have Soil Stabilizer Type B (Soil Stabilizing Polymer)
- Practices
  - Organic Fiber Matrix Mulch
  - Slope Interruption Compost Tubes
  - Upslope Tracking
  - Two-Cell Dewatering System




### Organic Fiber Matrix Mulch

- Special provision
- Applied on eroded steep bridge embankment with native seed
- Successful slope stabilization

**Organic Fiber Matrix Mulch, Item SPV-0005.514**

**A. Description**  
 This special provision describes fabricating and placing native seed mixes using a type...

**B. Materials**  
**B.1 Organic Fiber Matrix Mulch**  
 Except as covered by the following characteristics and requirements:  
 (1) Product Description  
 (2) Contains a minimum of 50% organic material that may be derived from comp...  
 (3) Fibers required to disintegrate post-installation and avoid erosion...  
 (4) Contains one or more of the following: leaves, twigs, stems, chaff, animal...  
 (5) Contains less than 1% of any of the following:  
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Soil Stabilizer Type A will be paid for separately.



### Slope Interruption Compost Tubes

- Plan requirement on some steep/long slopes
- Applied with Soil Stabilizer Type A

### Upslope Tracking

- Special provision, incidental
- Applied to slopes longer than 30 ft.
- Caltrans demonstrated significant TSS reductions (30%-60%)

### Two-Cell Dewatering System

- Required due to proximity to Spring Brook
- Treats bridge pier pumped water
- Amendment to ECIP
- Materials hauled to landfill when dewatering complete




The I-39/90 Corridor Project provided us with numerous opportunities to try different erosion control practices

We thank Field Staff, Corridor Upper Management and the DNR who supported our efforts

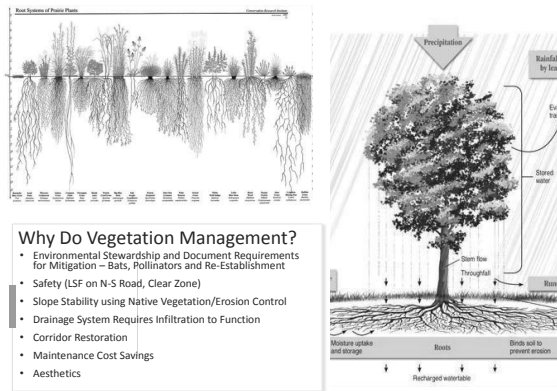
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**Incorporating Native Vegetation  
 Planting Using Pre-Approved  
 Contractors**



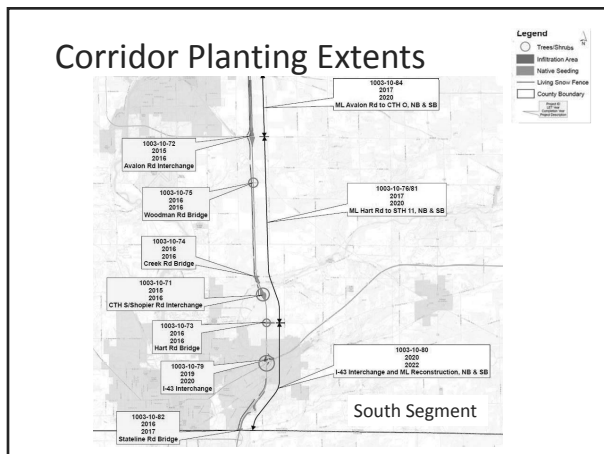
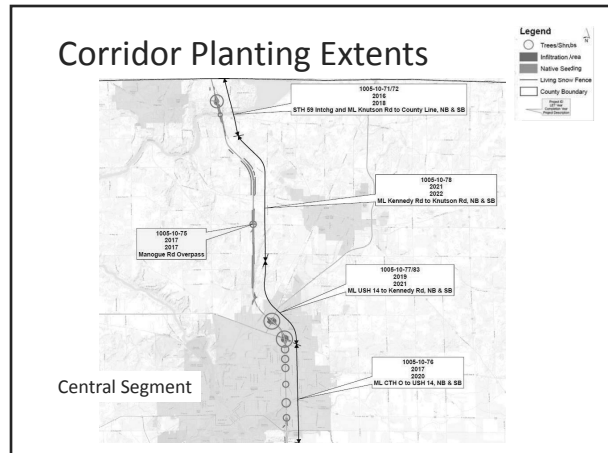
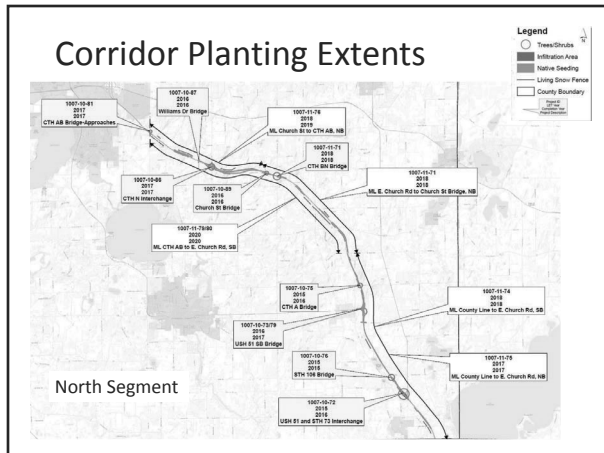
We will cover –

- Why we are doing the work
- Planting extents along the corridor
- Project contracting
- Plan/Spec development
- Construction oversight
- Lessons Learned



### Why Do Vegetation Management?

- Environmental Stewardship and Document Requirements for Mitigation – Bats, Pollinators and Re-Establishment
- Safety (LSF on N-S Road, Clear Zone)
- Slope Stability using Native Vegetation/Erosion Control
- Drainage System Requires Infiltration to Function
- Corridor Restoration
- Maintenance Cost Savings
- Aesthetics



### Tasks

1. Develop list of Pre-Qualified Contractors
2. Incorporate vegetation management into project plan sets
3. Include care cycles for each project
  - a. First year included in project
  - b. Continue with care cycles using work orders managed by Central Office
    - Second year for trees and shrubs
    - Second and third years for native seeding

### First Task – Develop Approved List of Pre-Qualified Sub-Contractors

- Woody Vegetation and Native Seeding
- Contacted 430 firms statewide
  - 350 Landscape Companies
  - 80 Erosion Control Contractors
- Evaluated 11 Submittals Using Experience Criteria
  - Selected 7 Native Seeding Firms
  - Selected 6 Woody Vegetation Planting Firms
- Criteria
  - Company project experience
    - Scale/Scope similar to WisDOT projects
    - Available equipment
  - Qualified herbicide applicators
  - Staff experience, work history and education

### Second Task – Incorporate Vegetation Management Plans and Specs into Corridor Highway Project Plans

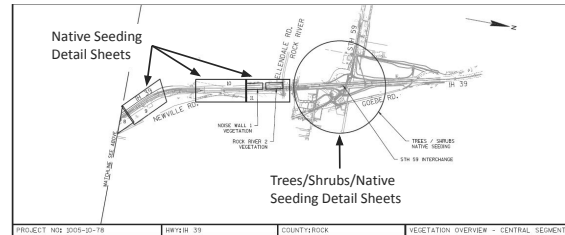
- Landscape design document
- Integrate vegetation into corridor plans
- Native seed plant guide



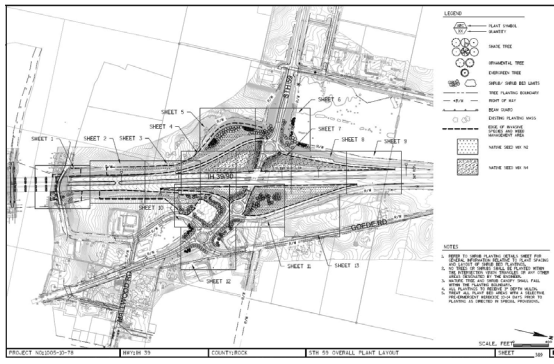
### Tree and Shrub Facts

- 24 Tree Species Planted
- 799 Evergreen Trees
- 3743 Deciduous Trees
- 8 Shrub Species Planted
- 934 Evergreen Shrubs
- 5960 Deciduous Shrubs
- Eastern Red Cedar and Bur Oak Were Hard to Establish

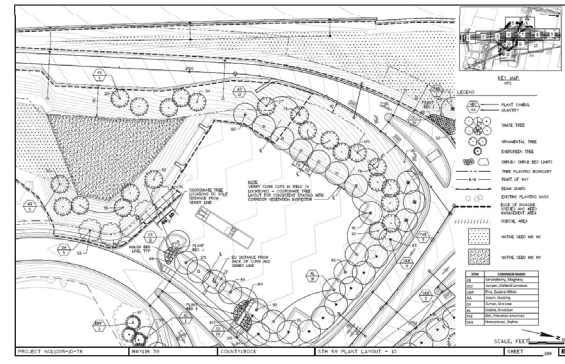
### Vegetation Management Plans - Overview Sheet

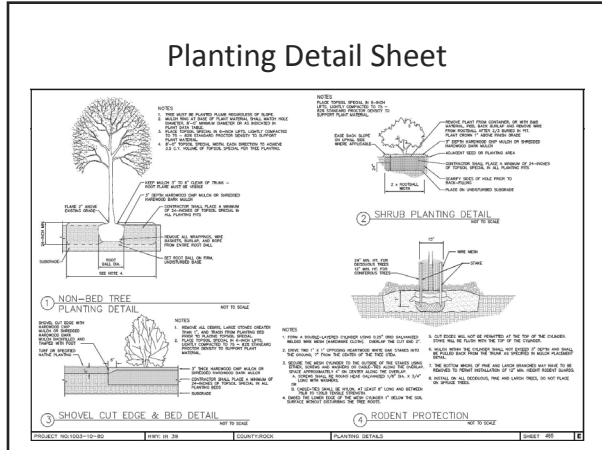


### Overall Plant Layout Sheet



### Plant Layout Detail Sheet

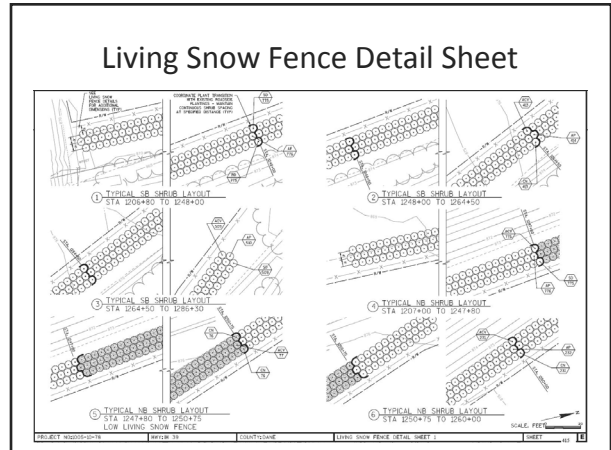
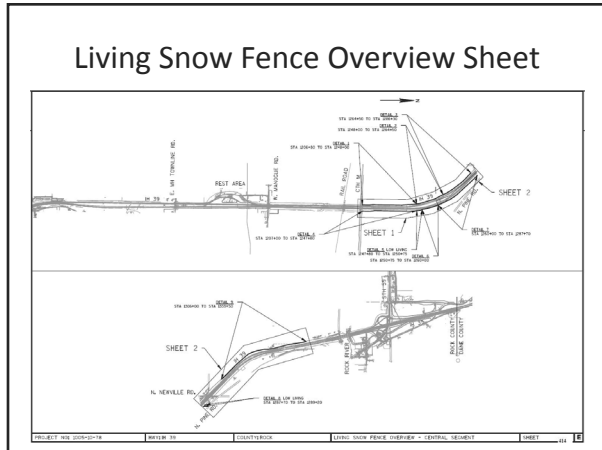
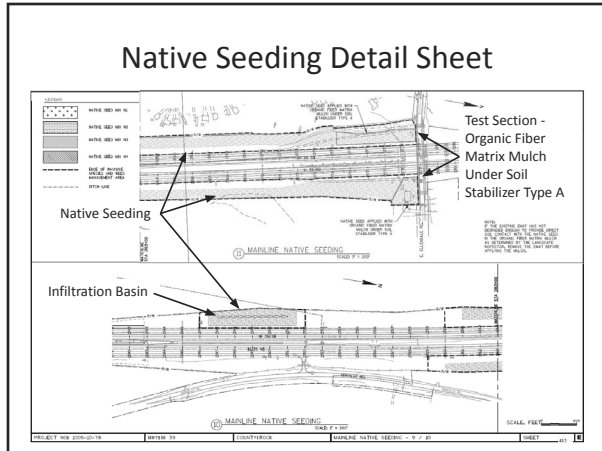




### Planting Schedule Sheet

TREES AND SHRUBS PLANT DATA TABLE													
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## Vegetation Management Specs

1. Standard Spec Modifications to existing DOT spec
2. New Special Provisions
  - a. Topsoil Special
  - b. Compost
  - c. Subsoiling
  - d. Native Seeding Mixes
  - e. Native Seed Surveillance and Care Cycles
  - f. Pre-Planting Vegetation Treatment

## Standard Spec Modifications

1. Incorporated MnDOT Concepts into WisDOT Standard Plant Materials Specs
2. Pre-qualified contractors to verify expertise
3. Provided more detail regarding plant quality and installation
4. Introduced Competency Testing
5. Provided more complete direction regarding care cycle performance
6. Introduced inspection forms to document installation and maintenance
  - a. Herbicide Application
  - b. Tree and Shrub Scouting Report
  - c. Native Seed Scouting Report
  - d. Final Assessment of Native Plantings worksheet
  - e. Native Plant Survey worksheet for final site assessments

## New Special Provisions

1. Topsoil Special
  - a. Added defining components
  - b. Changed units to CY from SY
2. Compost
  - a. Based upon WDNR Compost Standard
3. Subsoiling
  - a. Two step process – deep till and mixing
  - b. Required multiple passes
4. Native Seeding Mixes
  - a. Defined four mix types, depending upon soil and moisture conditions
  - b. Includes both Forbs and Grasses, about 35 species
5. Native Seed Surveillance and Care Cycles
  - a. Describe specific care options (mowing, weeding, herbicide)
  - b. Provide performance standards
  - c. Requires specific documentation
  - d. Requires seed bed preparation including herbicide application as a separate special

## Third Task - Include construction oversight and care cycles for each project

1. Provide Corridor Vegetation Inspector for project oversight and inspection
2. Year 1 growing season care cycles in projects to close out projects in a timely manner
3. Continue with care cycles using work orders managed by Central Office
  - Year 2 for trees and shrubs
  - Year 2 and 3 for native seeding

## Nursery Stock


- Nursery Visits
- Plant Availability
- Delivery and Inspections
- Native Species
- Plant Species Diversity
- Evergreen and Deciduous



## Soils

- Variety of Soil Types, some good but mostly bad
- High pH and Low Organic Content
- Modified Planting Mix During Project
- Compost
- BioChar
- Fertilizer
- Need for Soil Testing
- Compacted Soils





### Installation


- Inspect Plant
- Plant High
- Remove top third of wire and burlap
- Fertilize
- Amend soil
- Water

### Native Seed Installation Techniques



- Drill Seed Where Slopes Allowed
- Broadcast Utilizing Erosion Control Mat. Not great to reseed over.
- Broadcast Into Existing Thatch
- Pro-ganic's and Miloganite
- Late Fall / Early Winter In General

### Native Pollinator Friendly



- 616 Acres Planted to Prairie
- 9250 pounds of seeds
- 4 Seed Mixes Were Used
- About 35 Species
- Installed on back slopes to avoid salt contamination


### Lessons Learned So Far

- Add Signs to Prevent Unwanted Mowing
- County Staff Mowing Coordination
- Add Living Snow Fence Care Cycles and Planting Process
- Highway Access
- Plant Location Field Adjustments
- Planting on Steep Slopes
- Lead Times for Tree/Shrub/Native Seed Availability and Substitutions
- Soils are Variable
- Acknowledgment of Vegetation Management Team

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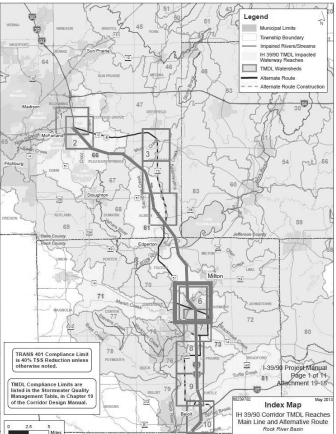
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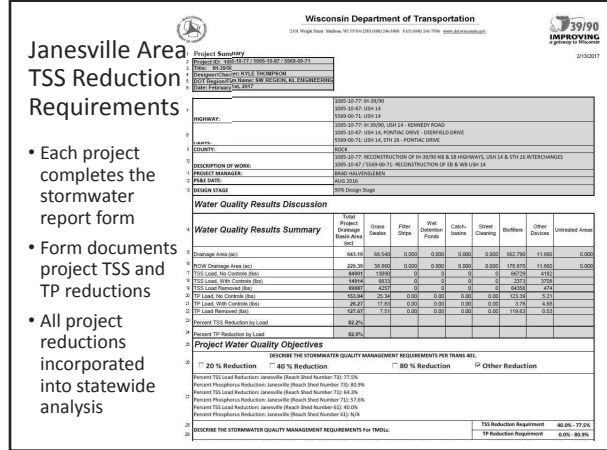
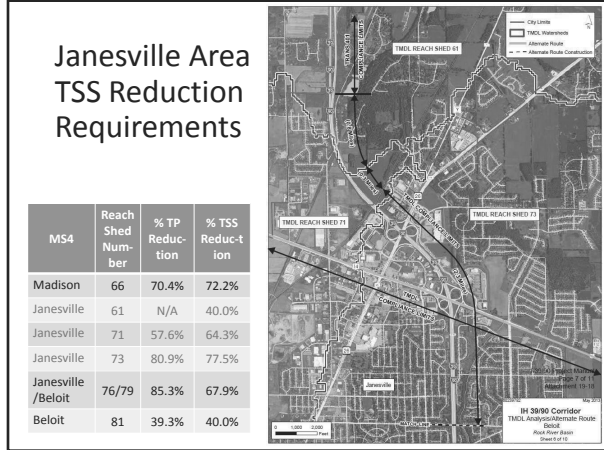
- TMDL Requirements
- Training
- Infiltration Basins for Peak Flow Control
  - Extent
  - Subsoiling
  - Native Seeding
  - Maintenance
- Stormwater Control Practices
  - Infiltration swales and basins
  - Filter strips
  - Detention ponds



### Lower Rock River TMDL

MS4	Reach Shed Number	% TP Reduction	% TSS Reduction
Madison	66	70.4%	72.2%
Janesville	61	N/A	40.0%
Janesville	71	57.6%	64.3%
Janesville	73	80.9%	77.5%
Janesville/Beloit	76/79	85.3%	67.9%
Beloit	81	39.3%	40.0%





### Training

I-39/90 Corridor Water Quality Design Requirements Training  
May 31, 2013 at Southwest Region Office, Madison

- 1) Introductions
- 2) TSS Reduction Requirements
  - a) Rock River TMDL
  - b) TMDL and TRANS 401 Reduction Requirements by Reach Shed
  - c) Detailed Corridor Maps
  - d) DOT Stormwater Quality Analysis
    - a) FDM Chapter 10 Sections
    - b) FDM Stormwater Report (Modified)
- 4) Design
  - a) Design Process
    - i) Unit Loads and Design Charts vs. Modeling
    - ii) Roadside Channels for TSS Reduction
    - iii) Runoff Discharge Rate Requirement
    - iv) Airport Issues
    - v) Stormwater Control Practice Selection
  - b) Design Example – STH 11 Racine Street Interchange (Modeling Approach)
  - c) Design Example – I-39 Corridor Section (Unit Load Approach)
- 5) Submittals (Jenny Grimes)
  - a) Submittal Content
  - b) Submittal Example
  - c) Schedule

### Janesville Infiltration Basins for Peak Flow Control – Site Plan

- Basins included to reduce ROW requirements and protect existing drainage system
- Basins designed with up to six feet dead storage volume
- Rely on infiltration to fully drain between storms
- Sand/gravel soils provide sufficient infiltration capacity
- Native plant root systems used to enhance infiltration
- Maintenance required to ensure proper performance

### Janesville Infiltration Basins for Peak Flow Control – Subsoiling

### Prepared Subsoiling Special Provision

Subsoiling Item SPV005.XXX

A. Description  
This special provision describes subsoiling operations.

B. (Reserved)

C. Construction  
Subsoiling shall be performed in the designated area as shown on the drawings and in accordance with the specifications. The subsoiling shall be performed to a depth of 20 inches. The subsoiling shall be performed in the designated areas within the project. Work done within the subsoiling area shall be approved by the engineer. The subsoiling shall be performed in the designated areas within the project. Work done within the subsoiling area shall be approved by the engineer. The subsoiling shall be performed in the designated areas within the project. Work done within the subsoiling area shall be approved by the engineer.

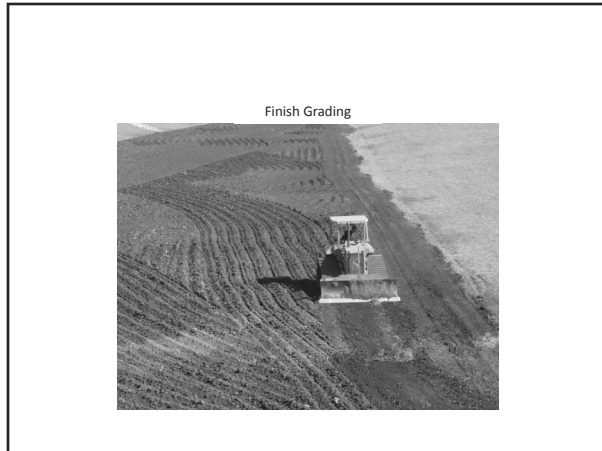
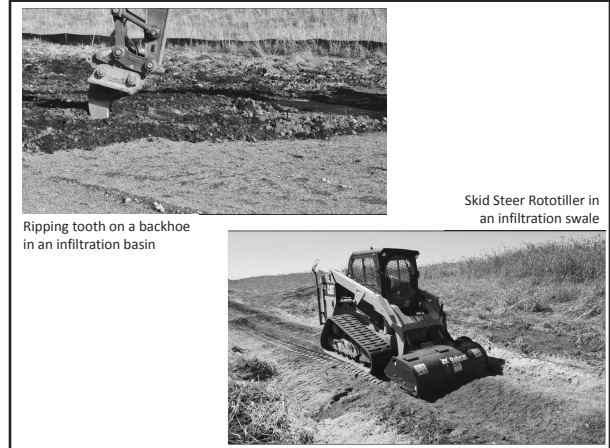
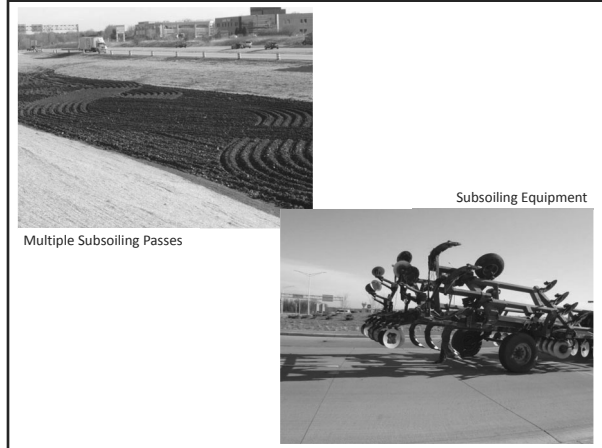
C.1. Test Plot  
• Two Operations  
• Deep tilling  
• Surface mixing pass  
• Equipment type  
• Multi-shanked tiller  
• Disk chisel or coultter chisel

C.2. Two conditions  
• Swale and slope subsoiling  
• Basin subsoiling

C.3. Exceptions  
• Tree drip lines  
• Over utilities  
• Where compaction is by design

C.4. Finish Grading  
• Finish Grading per spec 625.3.3





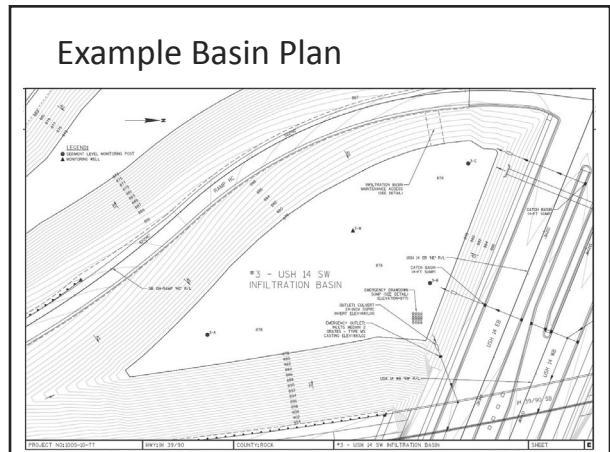
### Native Seeding in Basins

- Native plant root systems intended to maintain infiltration in the basins
- Rock sumps and staff gages
- Native seed selection intended for dry/sandy conditions
- Three years of care cycles provided after seeding

### Basin Maintenance

I-39/90 Janesville Infiltration Basin Operating and Maintenance Plan

- Basin maps and locations
- Basin feature locations
  - Drawdown sumps
  - Sediment and water level monitoring posts
  - Inlets and outlets
  - Monitoring wells
- Minimum infiltration requirements
- Basin performance standards
- Inspection schedule
- Vegetation maintenance requirements
- Relevant construction specifications
- Contact and Coordination
- Prepared by KL Engineering



### Infiltration Swales and Basins

- Multiple locations
- Sand added to meet subsurface sand
- 6 – 10 ft widths
- 3-inches compost
- Rototill compost into sand

### Filter Strips

- Multiple locations
- 20-inch minimum sand depth
- Topsoil per spec
- Rototill topsoil into sand

### Detention Ponds

No designed wet ponds in the corridor

- Initial concept was to promote infiltration
- Site conditions (typically rock near the surface) sometimes restricted infiltration
- Resulting basins are all vegetated
- North Segment – four dry ponds/basins
- Central Segment – eighteen dry ponds/basins
- South Segment – nine dry ponds/basins

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