

# City Development Floodplain Development Permit

Permit No. 2018 - 15
Building Permit No.

General Information	
Project Name West Cooley Reservoir - 2015 Flood Repairs	Date 10/18/18
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Owner/Developer City of Thornton	Phone No. 720-977-6272
Owner Address 12450 Washington Street, Thornton, CO 80241	
Contractor TBD	Phone No.
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Other Explanation	
Additional Information	
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Elevation Certificate Requirements N/A	
Floodproofing Requirements N/A	
Signature Block	
Applicant Jas Comment	Date 11/1/18
Floodplain Administrator	Date 1/18



October 23, 2018 Project 16116

Mr. Jim Kaiser, P.E., CFM City of Thornton Floodplain Manager 12450 Washington Street, Suite 100 Thornton, CO 80241

Re: West Cooley Reservoir – 2015 Flood Repairs Project, Thornton CIP 16-351C Project Explanation and Floodplain Impacts

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

The City of Thornton (Thornton) is planning to construct the West Cooley Reservoir – 2015 Flood Repairs Project (Project) within the jurisdiction of Thornton. RJH has performed floodplain evaluations to support obtaining a Thornton Floodplain Development Permit. Our conclusions regarding impacts to the floodplain are presented in this letter. A Floodplain Development Permit application is provided in Attachment 1.

Since the 1980s, Thornton has been developing a raw water supply system along the east and west sides of the South Platte River (River) between about 72nd and 104th Avenues. This water supply system (System) includes below-ground gravel pit reservoirs, combined above-and below-ground gravel pit reservoirs, and ancillary facilities. In September 2013, a large flood event in the River resulted in River flows overtopping several System gravel pit reservoirs. The flood flows caused moderate to severe damage at the West Cooley Reservoir complex including breaching and erosion of reservoir berms and slopes and damage to ancillary facilities including soil-bentonite barrier wall, access roads, trails, slope protection, alluvial wells, and other miscellaneous facilities.

In June 2015 and just prior to beginning construction to repair the 2013 flood damage, another flood event in the River resulted in flows breaching the berm between the River and the South Cell. The flood flows caused additional damage to existing breaches, additional damage to ancillary facilities including soil-bentonite barrier wall, access roads, trails, alluvial wells, and other miscellaneous facilities at West Cooley and a breach between the Central Cell and the River. As part of this flood event, much of the River was diverted through the South Cell and Central Cell and left a portion of the main River channel nearly dry.

The purpose of this Project is to repair facilities damaged from the floods to their pre-flood conditions and construct spillways (overflow channels) to route future flood events through the reservoir system that will reduce damage from future flood events. The repair sites are all

located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year regulatory floodplain on the South Platte River.

The design and construction are being funded in part by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Select design drawings showing the repair and overflow channel concepts are provided in Attachment 2. A brief description of the construction at each repair site is as follows:

## 1. River to South Cell (Site 1):

- a. Removing and temporarily stockpiling deposited soils that are currently within the breach and reservoir.
- b. Placing earthfill to restore the berm to pre-flood grades and restoring other damaged site facilities.
- c. Repairing the damaged portion of the soil-bentonite barrier wall.
- d. Repairing the damaged alluvial well piping and electrical conduits.
- e. Excavating an earthen channel, constructing an earthen flow containment berm, constructing reinforced concrete cutoff walls at the river-side and reservoir-side of the overflow channel, and constructing a grouted riprap chute along the slope of the reservoir.

## 2. South Cell to Central Cell (Site 2):

- a. Placing earthfill and performing grading as necessary to restore the berm to its preflood grade.
- b. Repairing damaged sections of the access road.
- c. Reinstalling the interconnect gate control vault and hydraulic lines, and raising the top of the vault.
- d. Excavating an earthen channel, constructing a reinforced concrete cutoff wall, and constructing loose placed riprap on the slope of the South Cell, and constructing a grouted riprap chute along the slope of the Central Cell.

## 3. Central Cell to River (Site 3):

- a. Placing earthfill to restore the berm to pre-flood grades and restoring other damaged site facilities.
- b. Repairing the damaged portion of the soil-bentonite barrier wall.
- c. Excavating two earthen channels, constructing reinforced concrete cutoff walls at the river-side and reservoir-side of each overflow channel, and constructing a grouted riprap chute along the slope of the reservoir and the river for each overflow channel.

### 4. North Cell (Site 4):

- a. Placing earthfill to restore the berm to pre-flood grades and restoring other damaged site facilities.
- b. Repairing displaced riprap slope protection.

c. Reinstalling the interconnect gate control vault and hydraulic lines, and raising the top of the vault.

Except for the repairs to the interconnect gate control vaults and the flow containment berm at the Site 1 overflow channel, repairs and overflow channels will consist of either restoring facilities to their pre-flood condition (including final grades for earthfill) or lowering the existing ground surface (by excavating earthen channels). Therefore, these activities could not cause a net rise in base flood elevations.

The flow containment berm will consist of constructing an earthen berm with a 3H:1V interior (west) slope, a 4H:1V exterior (east) slope, and a 5-foot crest width. The crest elevation of the berm will vary along the spillway profile (decreasing to the north) to provide a 2.5-foot channel depth. Overall, construction of the overflow channel reduces the ground surface elevation. However, locally, construction of the flow containment berm increases the existing ground surface elevation. Therefore, as part of the overflow channel design, RJH performed hydraulic modeling to evaluate possible impacts to the River floodplain. Based on the results of hydraulic modeling, the overflow channel construction would cause no net rise in base flood elevations.

The interconnect gate control vault modifications will consist of raising the top of the vaults above the 100-year base flood elevation using pre-cast concrete extensions. In RJH's opinion, the interconnect gate control vault modifications will not cause a rise in base flood elevations and will not adversely impact adjacent property owners because the width of the vaults is relatively minor compared to the overall extent of the floodplain at this location, which is about 4,000 feet. The interconnect gate control vaults are 5 feet wide, which represents about 0.1 percent of the total floodplain width. In our opinion, potential impacts to the floodplain from the interconnect gate control vault modifications are well within the range of uncertainties associated with the development of floodplain elevations and should produce negligible impacts on the current regulatory base flood elevations.

During construction, a temporary cofferdam will be built at Site 1. The temporary cofferdam will be constructed to provide flood protection up to about the 10-year flood event. Based on previous hydraulic modeling and an assumption that the cofferdam will not fail when it is overtopped at flows greater than the 10-year event, the temporary cofferdam could increase the 100-year base flood elevations up to a maximum of 0.78 foot. These results were presented to Thornton in a memorandum dated January 19, 2017.

During construction a temporary stockpile of earthen materials will be placed along the berm between the River and South Cell (Site 1). The stockpile could be as large as approximately 110 feet wide by 275 feet long with stockpile heights up to about 15 feet.

As part of work performed for Thornton for the 2013 flood repairs project, RJH performed hydraulic modeling to evaluate possible impacts to the River floodplain from the temporary stockpile. The results of this modeling were presented in a letter to Thornton dated April 29, 2015. Based on the results of hydraulic modeling, the temporary stockpile would cause no net rise in base flood elevations.

Please call if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

RJH CONSULTANTS, INC.

Robert J. Huzjak, P.E. Project Manager

c. Mr. Eduardo Moreno

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Attachment 1: Thornton Floodplain Development Permit Application

Attachment 2: Design Drawings

# THORNTON FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION



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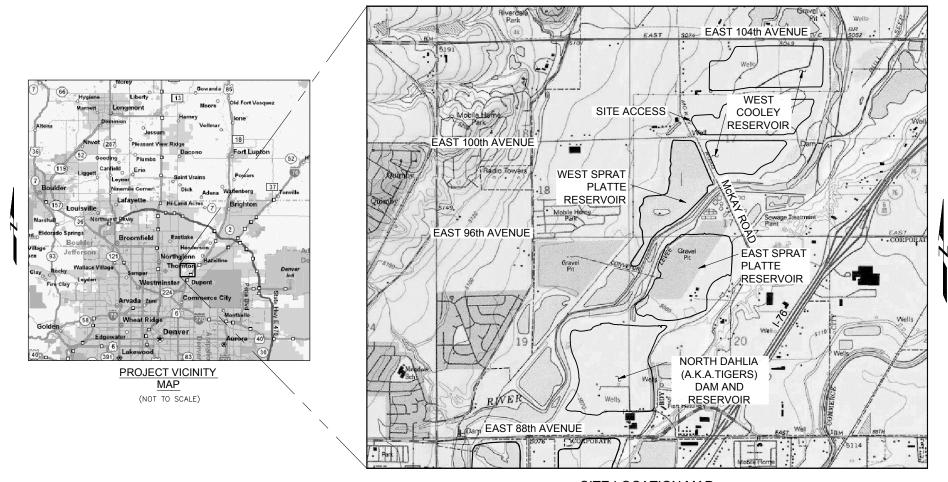
## **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **DESIGN DRAWINGS**

## **CITY OF THORNTON**

# WEST COOLEY RESERVOIR 2015 FLOOD REPAIRS PROJECT

## CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS THORNTON CIP NO. 16-351C THORNTON, COLORADO



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#### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

AS OWNERS THEREOF WE HEREBY ACCEPT AND APPROVE THESE PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST COOLEY RESERVOIR - 2015 FLOOD REPAIRS PROJECT.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

OWNER

CONTRACTOR

RJH CONSULTANTS, INC., ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

ENGINEER

CONSTRUCTION STARTED

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

#### CITY OF THORNTON APPROVALS

PROJECT MANAGER - EDUARDO MORENO	DATE
WATER RESOURCES SENIOR MANAGER - EDWARD LANYON	DATE
WATER RESOURCES MANAGER - EMILY HUNT	DATE
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER — DAN SHILTZ, P.E.	DATE
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER — JAMES KAISER, P.E., C.F.M.	DATE
EMERGENCY AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR - RYAN DOYLE	DATE

# SITE LOCATION MAP (NOT TO SCALE)



REPARED BY:



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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE PLANS FOR THE WEST COOLEY RESERVOIR - 2015 FLOOD REPAIRS PROJECT WERE PREPARED BY ME (OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION) FOR THE OWNERS THEREOF.

ROBERT J. HUZJAK, P.E. COLORADO P.E. NO.25734

REGISTERED ENGINEER

THESE PLANS REPRESENT THE AS-CONSTRUCTED CONDITIONS OF THE WEST COOLEY RESERVOIR - 2015 FLOOD REPAIRS PROJECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND JUDGMENT, BASED IN PART ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY OTHERS, AS OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(ENGINEER'S PRINTED NAME) (SIGNATURE)

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- PROJECT TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING (2016 SURVEY DATA) WAS DEVELOPED BY HCL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING IN OCTOBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017. THE SURVEY WAS AMENDED WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY J.R. ENGINEERING (FEBRUARY, 2016).
- TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AT WEST COOLEY NORTH CELL FROM "2012 SLOPE PROTECTION PROJECTS WEST COOLEY NORTH CELL" RECORD DRAWINGS (THORNTON CIP NO. 09-793B) (RJH CONSULTANTS, 2013).
- TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WITHIN WEST COOLEY SOUTH CELL FROM "CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR CITY OF ARVADA SOUTH PLATTE RESERVOIR PROJECT" RECORD DRAWINGS (APPLEGATE, 2003).
- TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AT OTHER LOCATIONS FROM 2-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING PROVIDED BY CITY OF THORNTON (2008).
- 2. ACTUAL SITE CONDITION MAY DEVIATE FROM TOPOGRAPHY SHOWN. CONTRACTOR TO CONFIRM SITE TOPOGRAPHY PRIOR TO STARTING EARTHWORK.
- RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE. BASIS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS IS FROM "2012 SLOPE PROTECTION PROJECTS WEST COOLEY -NORTH CELL" RECORD DRAWINGS (THORNTON CIP NO. 09-793B) (RJH CONSULTANTS, 2013) AND FROM OCTOBER 27, 2006 ALTA/ACSM LAND TITLE SURVEY PREPARED
- 4. BASIS OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES IS FROM HARRIS KOCHER SMITH (HKS) SURVEY (SEPTEMBER 2014).
- LOCATION AND NATURE OF EXISTING UTILITIES AND EXISTING FACILITIES SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS ARE APPROXIMATE. FIELD LOCATE ALL UTILITIES AND FACILITIES, WHETHER SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS OR NOT, PRIOR TO EXCAVATION AND DEMOLITION. PROTECT ALL UTILITIES AND FACILITIES IN PLACE UNLESS DESIGNATED FOR REMOVAL, DEMOLITION, OR REPLACEMENT.
- 6. UNLESS SHOWN OR SPECIFIED OTHERWISE, PAYLINES FOR UNIT PRICE PAY ITEMS ARE BASED ON THE DESIGN LINES (NEAT LINES) SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

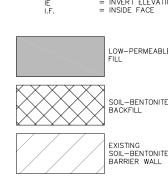
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	LIMIT OF CONTRACTOR STAGING AND STOCKPILING
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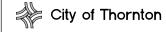
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GENERAL NOTES, ABBREVIATIONS, AND **LEGEND** 

= INVERT

= JOINT

- LONG

MAXIMUM

= MINIMUM = MANHOLE

= NUMBER

= NEAR ROW = NOT TO SCALI

ON CENTER = OUTSIDE DIAMETER = OUTSIDE FACE

= OVERHEAD

= PLAIN DOWELS

= POLYETHYLENE = PENETRATION = POINT OF INTERSECTION

= OPFNING = OPENING = OPPOSITE = OUTSIDE ROW = OUTLET WORKS

= MANUFACTURER

= LOW POINT = LOW POINT BLOW-OFF

NORTH OR NORTHING

= NORMAL WATER LEVEL

= MECHANICALLY STABILIZED EARTH = NORTH AMERICAN DATUM = NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM

= NEAR FACE
= NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY
= NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM

= OUTLET WORKS CONDUIT = OUTLET WORKS CONTROL POINT = POINT OF CURVATURE

PREFORMED JOINT FILER

= POINT OF TANGENCY = POLYVINYL CHLORIDE = ROOF BEAM

= REINFORCEMENT

= REQUIRED = RIGHT OF WAY

= SOIL—CEMENT = SCHEDULE

= SLOPE

SIMIL AR

SPILLWAY = STAINLESS STEEL

= STATION

SQUARE

= THICK

= SYMMETRICA

= TOP & BOTTOM = TOP FACE

= THICK = TOP LAYER = TOP OF = TOP OF CONCRETE = TOP OF WALL

= PLATE = PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD

= REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE

= STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

SPACE OR SPACES

JT LG LP LPBO

MAX

MIN MH MFR

MSE NAD NAVD

NGVD

NWL
OC
OD
O.F.
OH
OPNG
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O.R.
OW
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PL, PMF PT PVC RB RCP

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SCH SEO SIM SPC, SPY SS STA STL SQ SYM T&B TF THK

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= AUTOMATIC DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM = ALUMINUM ALTERNATE

= ANCHOR BOLT

= AROUT

- ALTENNATE
- APPROXIMATE
- AUXILIARY SPILLWAY
- AUXILIARY SPILLWAY CONTROL POINT = BOTTOM FACE

AS ASCP BUILDING BENCHMARK = BOTTOM OF CONCRETE = BOTTOM OF HOLE

**ABBREVIATIONS:** 

BLDG BM BOC = BOTTOM OF H = BOTTOM ROW = BEARING

ADAS ADDL

ALUM ALT

APPROX

BTWN CCM CDOT CFS CJ - BEANING
- BETWEEN
- CELLULAR CONCRETE MAT
- COLORADO DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION = CUBIC FEET PER SECOND = CONSTRUCTION JOINT = CENTERLINE

= CLEAR = CORRUGATED METAL PIPE CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT

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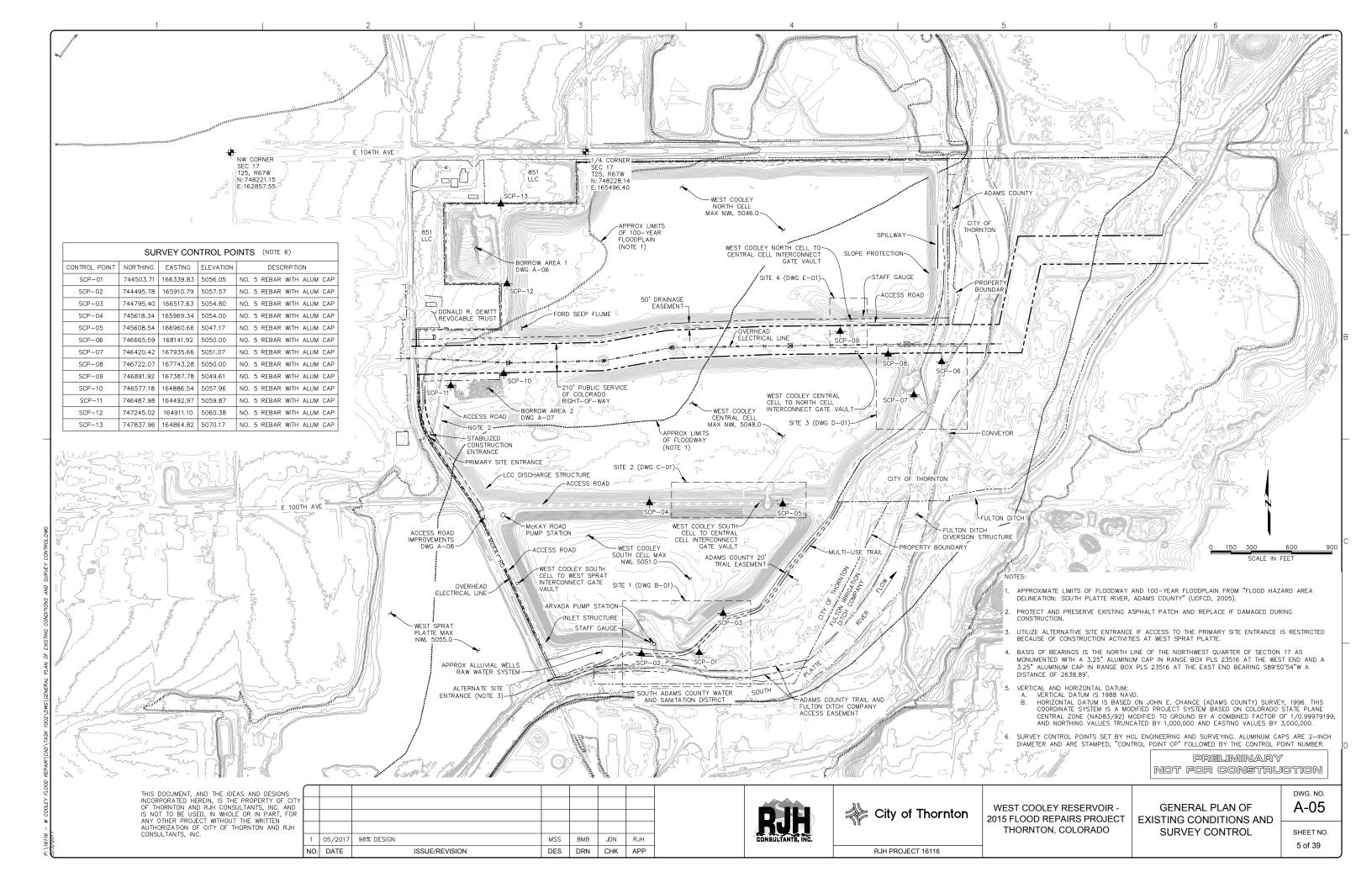
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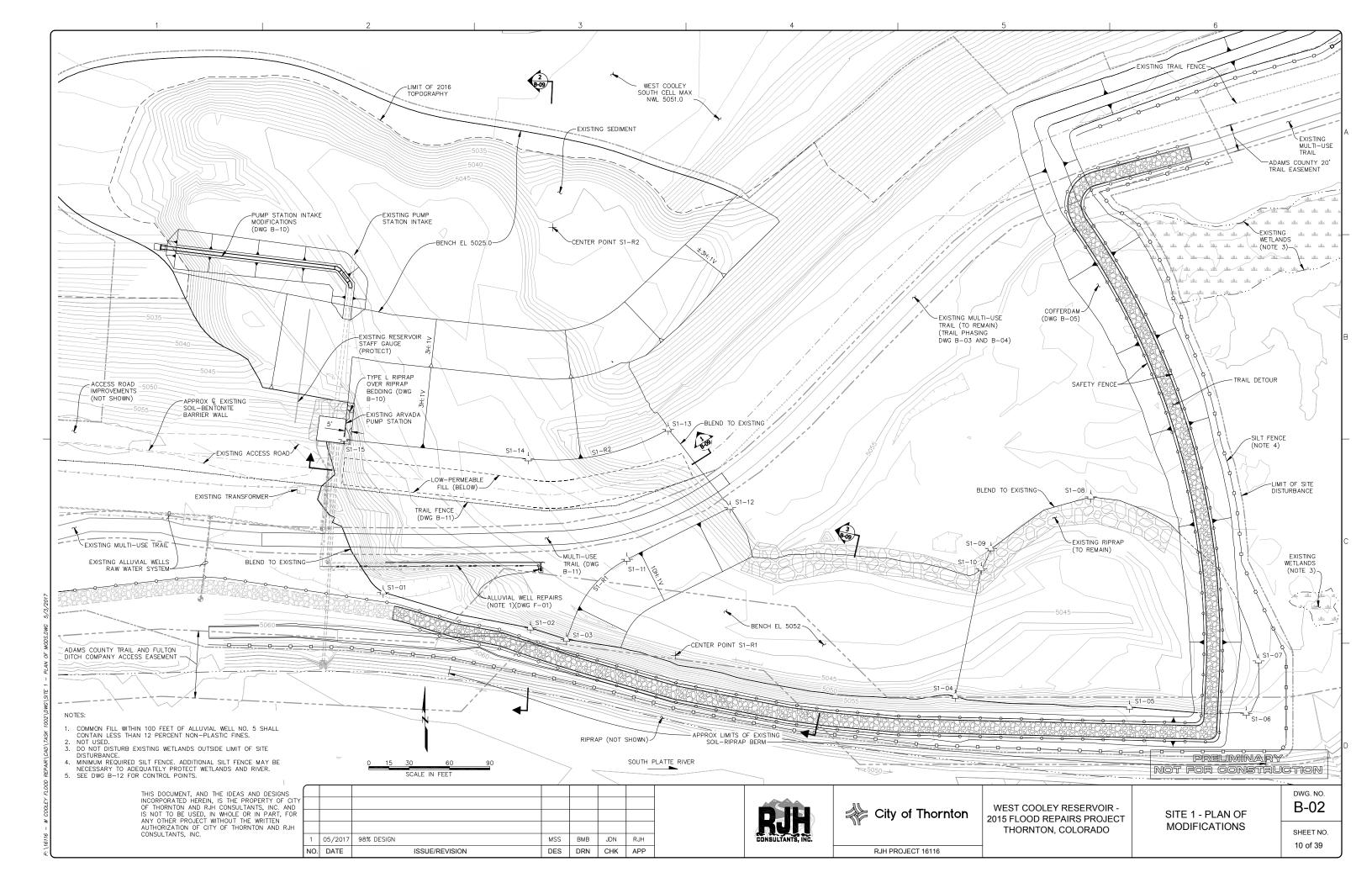
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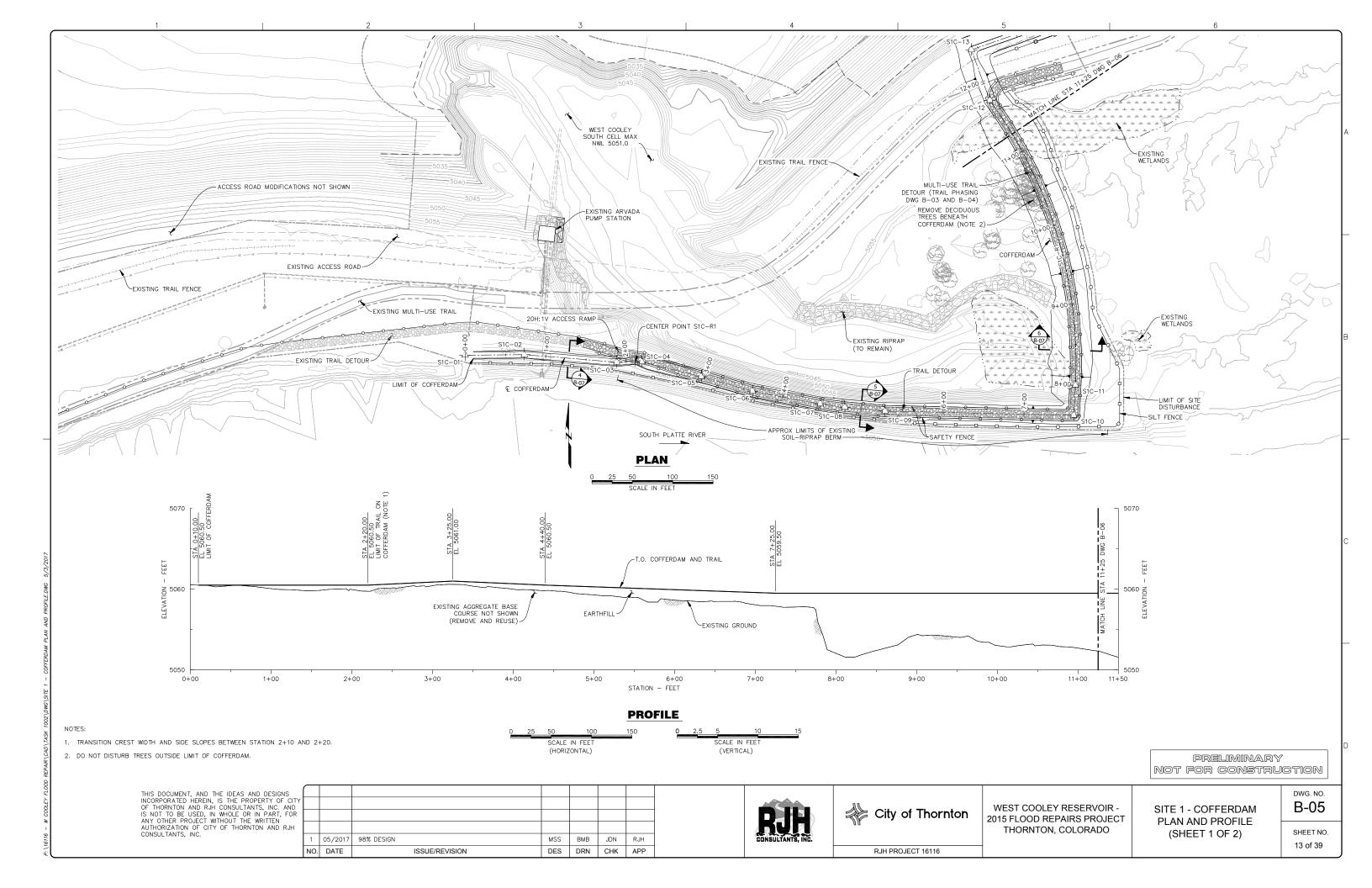
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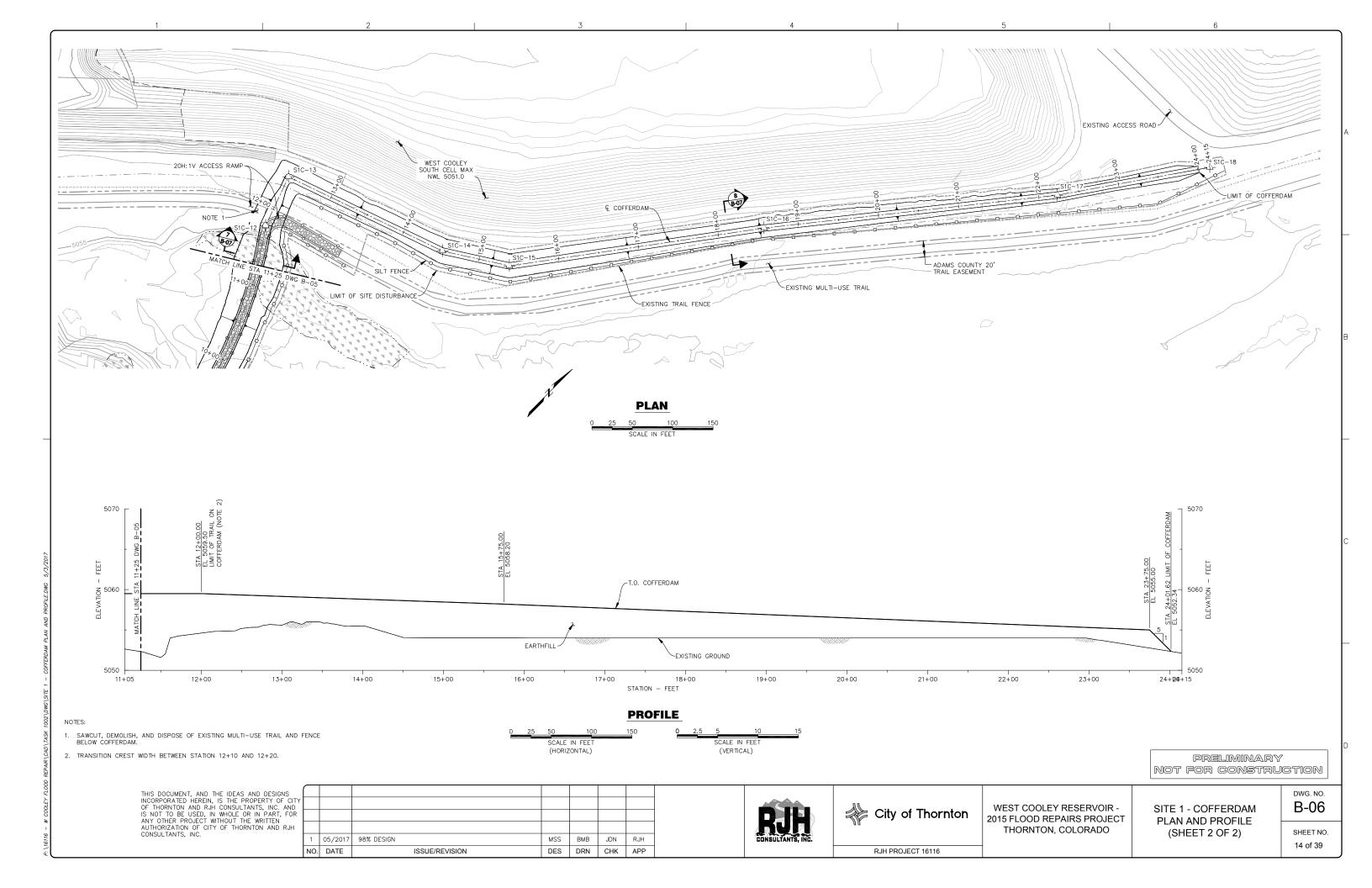
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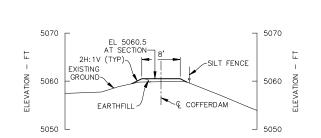
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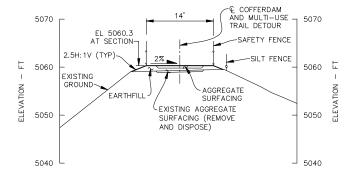


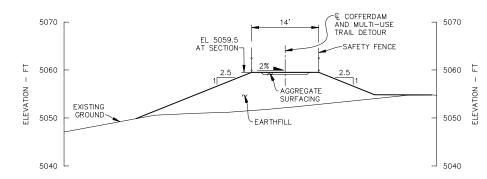


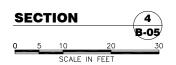


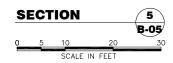


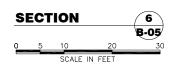


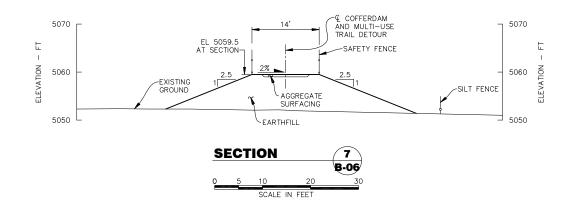


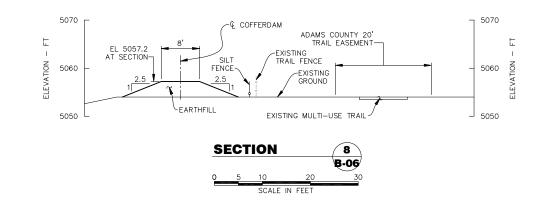








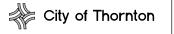




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