

Simple: leaves - one by themselves  
Compound leaves - cluster of leaves

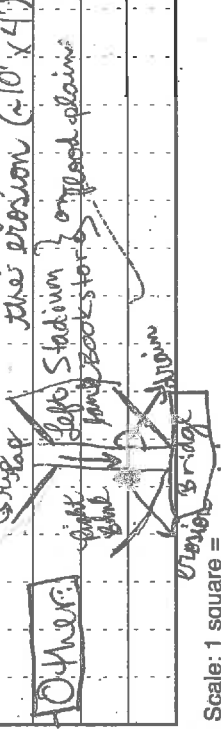
4/10/15 Geomorph Trip  
~62°F 9:15am JMU Campus

Overcast/Patchy sun/Windy  
Purpose: Site assessment (Phase) of  
Sitebert Run; Looking for evidence  
of instability  
- Changes in landuse  
- Evidence of stability/instability  
- Evidence of erosion

Bed Material: Concrete

Stream shape: straight; narrow  
~1.25'; straightened by humans

Erosion: The "channel" has been cut  
up higher from higher floods, too small (on either bank)  
patches of rock w/ wire trying to control



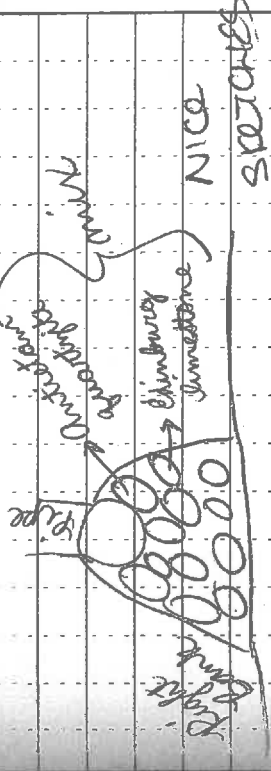
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Ramifications: - Velocity increases;  
steepened gradient  $\rightarrow$  trying to scour;  
wants to downcut, but put concrete  
down

- Concrete needed to be patched up  
w/ concrete mixed w/ rip rap  
- Drain (see pic) concentrating the  
energy from the runoff water onto  
one site on the right bank  $\rightarrow$  leading  
to extra erosion of that spot

MOVED UP STREAM

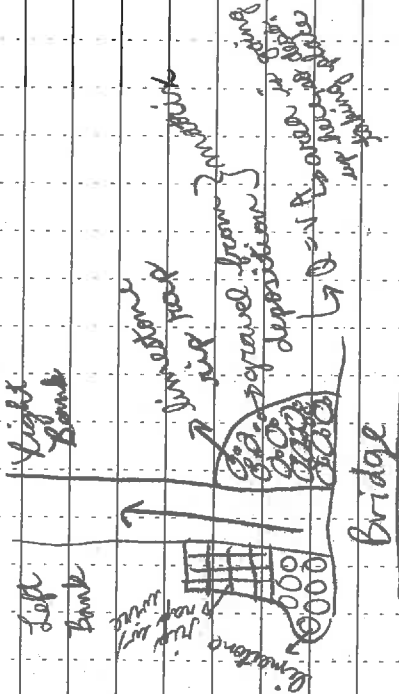
9:38 AM



NICE SPACES  
Left bank  $\rightarrow$  debris line of  
leaves = recent high  
water

# UPSTREAM TO 2nd BRIDGE

9:41 AM; Sun coming out more, looking downriver



- lip rap → causes hungry water + scours further down the stream

- 2 generations of R.R. here: the larger boulders by the bridge + the finer, wire covered stuff

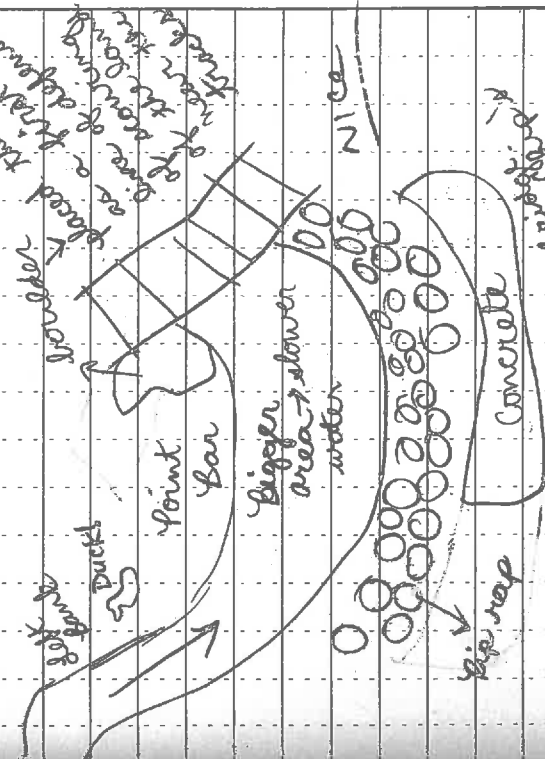
Looking upstream:

- large boulder plucked up + fell in stream

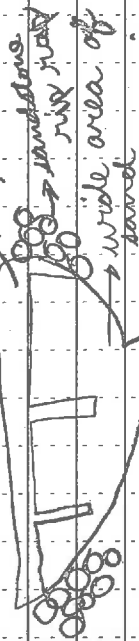
- Evidence of erosion: manhole cylinder exposed; hole under sidewalk

# MOVED TO RAILROAD

- Natural meanders back



7 ft



→ stream encouraging erosion

→ cut bank

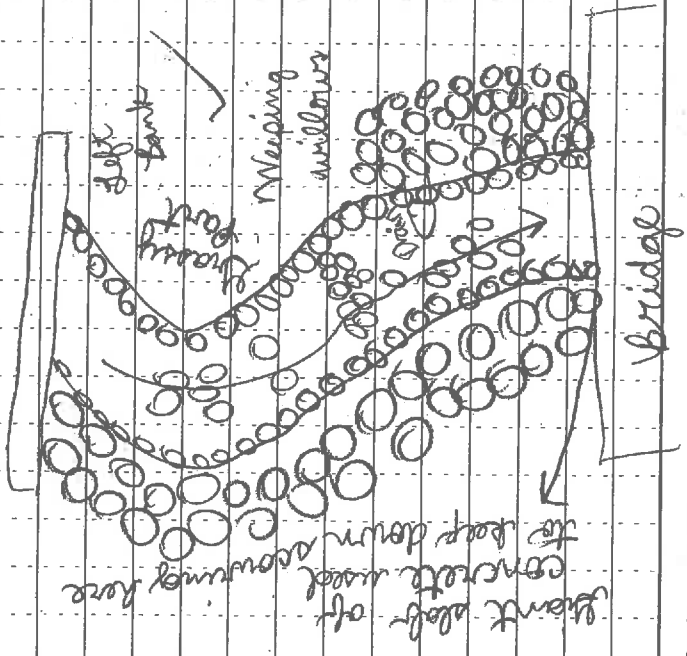
A MASSIVE

PIECE

- sediment finer

MOVED TO BIT CHIPS  
BRIDGE + RZ TRACK ✓

MOVED TO OTHER  
SIDE OF CHIPS  
BRIDGE



- lots of rip rap

- some plucked loose + fell in stream channel ✓  
- Kickpoints present  
- several pipelines

↳ more erosion near these  
↳ floodplain moved down from chip's to where some of the rip rap is

- Willows, sycamores present  
↳ there need lots of water

MOVED TOWARD  
SMALL BRIDGE ✓  
BEHIND CHIPS

- roots (from willow) acting as riffles  
- rapids here

AT BRIDGE 10:25 ✓  
- Manhole tilting



I LIKE THE WAY YOU DETAILED YOUR "MOVEMENT" ✓

# AFTER BRIDGE 10:27



# BEHIND TENNIS COURT 10:30 AM

- Giant concrete wall.
- Very stagnant
- Rock ledge coming out from right bank
  - ↳ called J-Hooks; wanted to increase sediment movement
- Bad for fish
- Low oxygen; nasty water from runoff

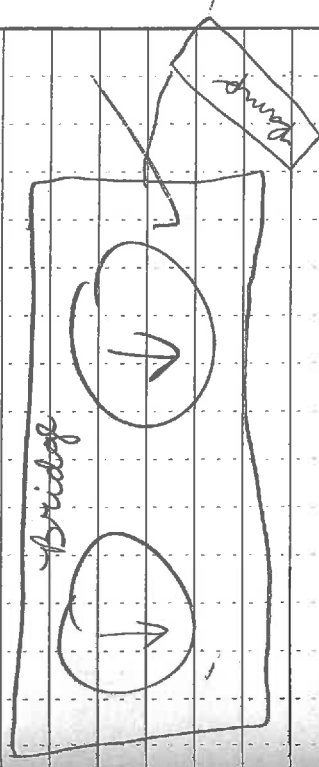
Scale: 1 square =

Flooding discharge increases w/ the change in land use (paving & less infiltration)

# UP TOWARDS EAST OF TENNIS COURT

Where the concrete ends, major erosion begins

# BY PARKING LOT



- Water being forced through smaller holes → deeper & c/s scouring from hungry water
- Stream cutting down so much they've had to extend the runoff surface → concrete slab being scoured underneath

Scale: 1 centimeter =

# BEHIND PARKING LOT BRIDGE

- Large willow → roots creating a nick point
- More J Hooks
- Cotton woods
- Boulders over by MLK to help keep it from falling in

## Assessment:

- Very unstable stream
- Load this place w/ willows + vegetation to act as anchor points for the slopes + add friction to help stabilize the stream
- Be careful → too many trees will suck up all the water + you'll be left streamless

**END** EXCELLENT

10:53 AM  
~67°F

Cloudy / patchy sun

4/17/15

# Purcell Park

9:32 AM ~70°F Sunny / Slight breeze  
Geomorph SP151 Class

Purpose: Look for signs of restoration of Black's Run. Compare to Siebert Run.

Riparian Buffer: plants all along the stream to help keep things in place  
clean up the water to make it ok for fish + other critters.

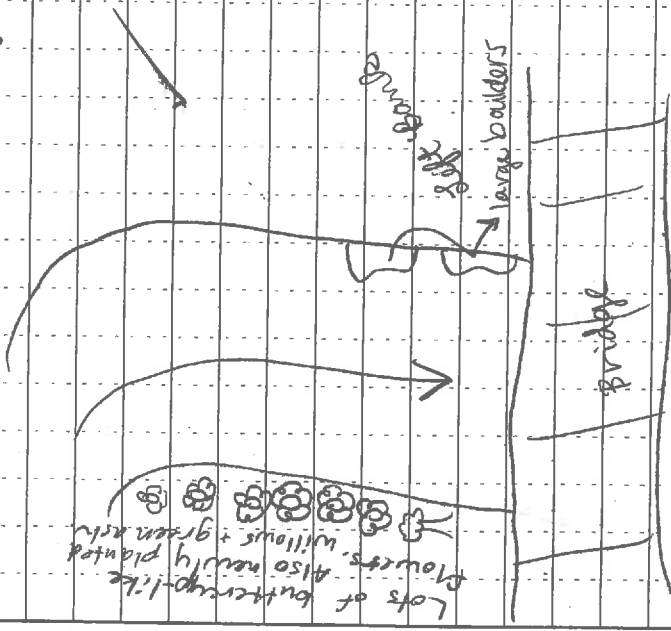
Stopped upstream just across from the baseball field. On the original terrace

- Cement slabs on left bank, water is more oxygenated, moving pretty fast, relatively straight channel, murky brown/gray fine sed = sewage/contamination → lots of pollution

- Black's Run = one of the most polluted streams in Harrisburg
- Old broken concrete rip rap = to keep erosion down



Moved downstream to bridge.



- Large maple on right bank + lots of small ash saplings + jammed into stream bank as raparian buffers

- One sign of a healthy stream bed is too much fine sediment → they lay their eggs in gravel mounds → too much fine sediment = suffocation of the fish

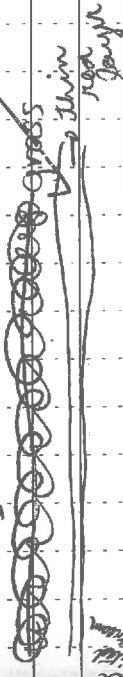
- Downstream even more are V-shaped structures/weirs used to help create riffles; there's one by the rock and a shorter one just a little more downstream

- Other plants nearby: dogwoods, honey locusts (large thorns, nitrogen fixers)

## Downstream More

- by baseball field

Baseball field

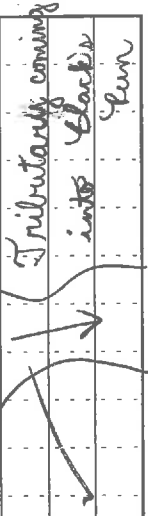


gravel  
boulders  
thin rough gravel

Stream

Possibly from old original baseball field

- Other bridge:

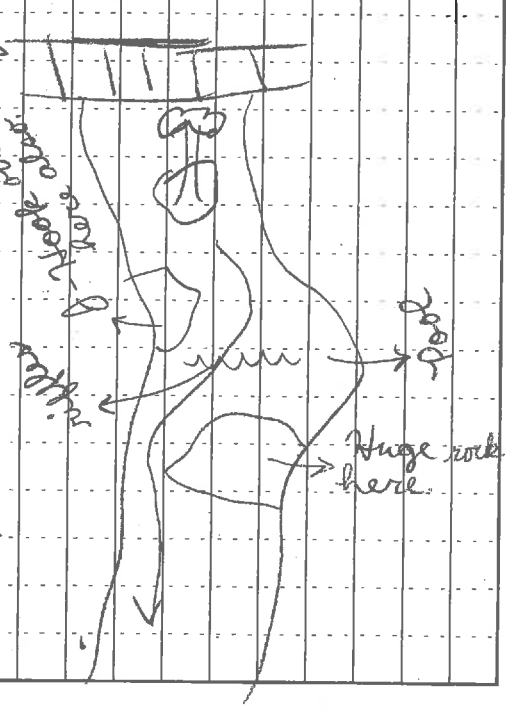


- Series of more modern diversion points  
(100 approx old or less); possibly from  
sea level decrease causing stream to  
incise.

- "check dams" to help deepen water  
for wildlife.

- Red birds → bloom first; pink/purple  
flowers

## BY THE BRIDGE NEAR THE NEW PATH



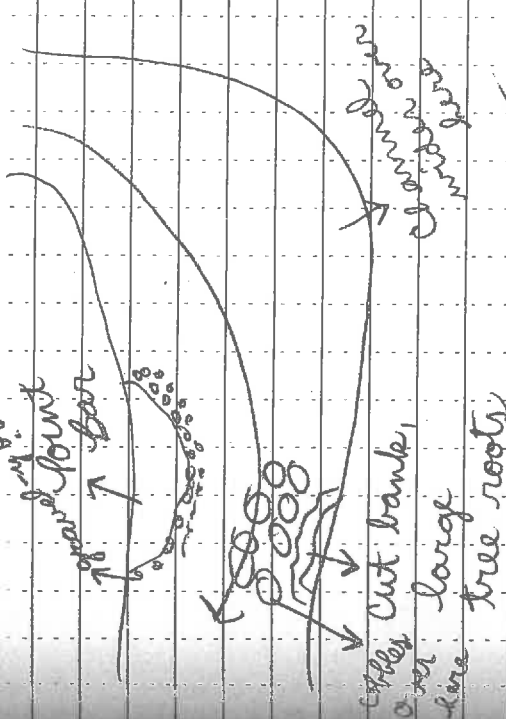
- Is the large slab bed rock or was it  
placed there?

- Not 100% sure, but probably bedrock  
(too large to have been moved there)  
- It's controlling the incision of  
the stream

## DOWNSTREAM

## MORE (near the road)

over here



- Why no pool on the cut bank?  
The root systems + cobbles transferring  
the stream

- Black's Run used to be wider.  
Like at this stop → they narrowed  
the channel to help water moving  
+ get the fine stuff out.

- The stream from the narrower spouts  
coming down here + making a  
wider, deeper channel

END

10:40 AM ~75°F Slight Breeze

EXCELLENT WORK!