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Additional information proposed extension of existing quarry at Lots 58, 62, 66 & 69 corner Burfitt & Neville Road, Riverstone.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROPOSED EXTENSION OF EXISTING QUARRY AT LOTS 58, 62, 66 & 69 CORNER BURFITT & NEVILLE ROAD, RIVERSTONE



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1. INTRODUCTION

Following the submission of the development application for consent to extend the existing quarry on the corner of Burfitt Road and Neville Street, Riverstone and the recent exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement in respect of that proposed development, both the Council and the Department of Planning have requested further information. This report seeks to provide that additional information.

It is understand that the Council has forwarded the submissions received to the Assessments Branch of the Department of Planning and that the Council is awaiting a response from the Department.

Mr. Murray Vincent of the Assessments Branch was contacted with a view to having any outstanding issues clarified.

In relation to the question of the ultimate rehabilitation and long term use of the land, this submission contains a schedule of opportunities. The applicant company is investigating a range of recreational uses and the possibility of the site being used by a public authority.

If the surrounding area were to be zoned for residential purpose then the site could be used as public open space providing for both active and passive recreation opportunities. The site could also be used in whole or in part as a stormwater retention basin.

If the locality is to be zoned for industrial purposes then bulk storage uses such as a timber yard, container storage area or pole depot would be suitable.

A car park would also be a suitable use either in conjunction with a commercial or industrial use if such uses are ultimately to be permitted.

The land when rehabilitated through landfill, using non-putrescible material, would also be suitable for use as a caravan park.

If the site is ultimately used for public reserve then it would be surfaced with not less than 150 mm of topsoil and revegetated with grass cover with planting being by conventional agricultural methods.

If the site is ultimately used for car parking or bulk storage the final layer of impervious material will be compacted and covered with a pavement material. The site would of course also be landscaped in accordance with the requirements of the Council.

2. SITE REHABILITATION

Refilling of the quarry will be progressively and orderly and in this sense rehabilitation will be immediate.

Final rehabilitation and revegetation will be possible when refilling has reached natural ground level.

2.1 FUTURE LAND USE

Subject to its future zoning the site could be used for:-

Residential Zoning

Public Reserve

- a) active recreation
- b) passive recreation
- c) stormwater retention basin

Industrial Zoning

Bulk Storage

- a) Timber yard
- b) Container storage
- c) County Council pole depot

Commercial Zoning

Car Park

Appropriate Zoning

Caravan Park

If the site is ultimately used for public reserve then it would be surfaced with not less than 150 mm of topsoil which would be available from the stock pile which will form the bund wall.

The area will be revegetated with grass cover with planting being by conventional agricultural methods. The established grass will be top-dressed with a thin layer of approved imported topsoil.

If the site is ultimately used for car parking or bulk storage the final layer of impervious material will be compacted and covered with a geotechnical fabric prior to placing of 300 mm of pavement material and 2 coat hot bitumen seal.

2.2 LAND FILL OPERATION PROCEDURE

The material used in the land fill shall be approved solid waste and shall not include any putrescible material.

The disposal of the materials listed in Appendix "A" of the Metropolitan Waste Disposal Authorities "Standards Conditions of Approval to the establishment and operation of controlled land fill waste Disposal Depots" will not be permitted.

Any large individual boulders shall be carefully placed to achieve even compaction.

Material shall be placed in layers not exceeding 1.8 metres thick.

Each layer and each days filling shall be covered with a minimum of 150 mm of soil or other approved material.

The final layer of fill shall be covered with a minimum of 600 mm of compacted impervious material.

The site shall be fully fenced and entry shall be controlled at all times.

3. SEDIMENT CONTROL STRUCTURE

Water from the floor of the quarry will be piped from the existing low level silt trap to a new silt trap located at the south west corner of the site.

The trap will have a capacity of $1,000~\text{m}^3$ and will be regularly desilted to maintain operating capacity.

Desilting will be mandatory when capacity is reduced by 50%.

Outlet will be via an in-situ gabion structure formed to allow the basin to dry out when not in use and to facilitate economic and convenient dewatering during dry periods.

Flow from the outlet will be directed to the existing well grassed waterway along the western boundary of the site which will further polish the flow.

Egress from the site will be to an existing pipe culvert under Neville Road which discharges to a defined natural drainage depression to the south of Neville Road.

This drainage depression discharges to Eastern Creek.

3.1 SEDIMENT CONTROL MONITORING

The importance of desilting the traps is acknowledged. However, it is considered that the measures set out previously will give a satisfactory water quality.

If further treatment is required a filter fabric barrier can be installed prior to Neville Road.

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BUND WALL 4.

The detail of the bund wall shown on Plan 5 has been chosen to balance acoustic mean by this? efficiency and affective revegetation.

The surface of the bund wall will be of selected topsoil.

The core of the wall will as far as possible also be of topsoil. All on site topsoil will be conserved for use in final rehabilitation.

Topsoil will be tested and improved as may be found necessary.

Revegetation will be of grass applied by conventional agricultural methods.

Autumn/Winter Seeding Mix

Rye corn/oats (as cover crop)	30 kg/ha
White Clover	5 kg/ha
Red Clover	5 kg/ha
Perennial Rye Grass	5 kg/ha

Spring/Summer Seed Mix

30 kg/ha	
5 kg/ha	
2 kg/ha	
5 kg/ha	
5 kg/ha	

Fertiliser will be applied with the seed with a further follow up application six (6) months later.

Water pumped from the pit will be used to irrigate the grass to establish a strong growth and to maintain seed growth.

The health of the grass on the bund wall, and particularly in the ground waterway, will be regularly monitored and any defect made good.

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5. FLOOD LEVELS

It has been calculated by the Council that the site is subject to inundation from flooding events greater than the 5% A.E.P..

The proposed extension to the quarry will not adversely affect the level of any flood with the small local flow passing outside the proposed bund wall as indicated on the plan.

The bund walls will be regrassed to prevent erosion.

The silt trap will satisfy the requirements of the Soil Conservation Service and the State Pollution Control Commission.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Substa	nces c	urrently e	excluded from lan	dfill solid waste dis	posal sites to prevent				
pollution of waters are:									
/	1. Liquid wastes. reside t reported 2. Radioactive wastes.								
	3.	Any inflammable liquid or material derived from grease, oil, to petroleum, shale or coal.							
	4.	Any slud	ge or material (u	nless it can be show	n to be innocuous and				
		harmless) being the refuse from any industrial process carried on in:							
		(i) any tanning		or leather processing plant					
		(ii)	any petroleu	m or petrochemical plant					
		(iii) any chemical plant							
		(iv) any paint manufacturing plant							
		(v)	any metal tr	eatment plant					
		(vi)	any vegetabl	e oil or mineral oil plant					
		(vii)	any pharmac	eutical or drug manu	facturing plant				
	5.	Any mate	erial containing:						
		Ar	rsenic	Cyanide	Sulphide				
	6.	Any toxic soluble salt of the following:							
		Barium		Copper	Selenium				
		Во	oron	Lead	Silver				
		Ca	admium	Manganese	Zinc				
		Cl	romium	Mercury					

7. Any pesticide or weedicide - in particular any:

Chlorinated hydrocarbons

Fluorinated hydrocarbons

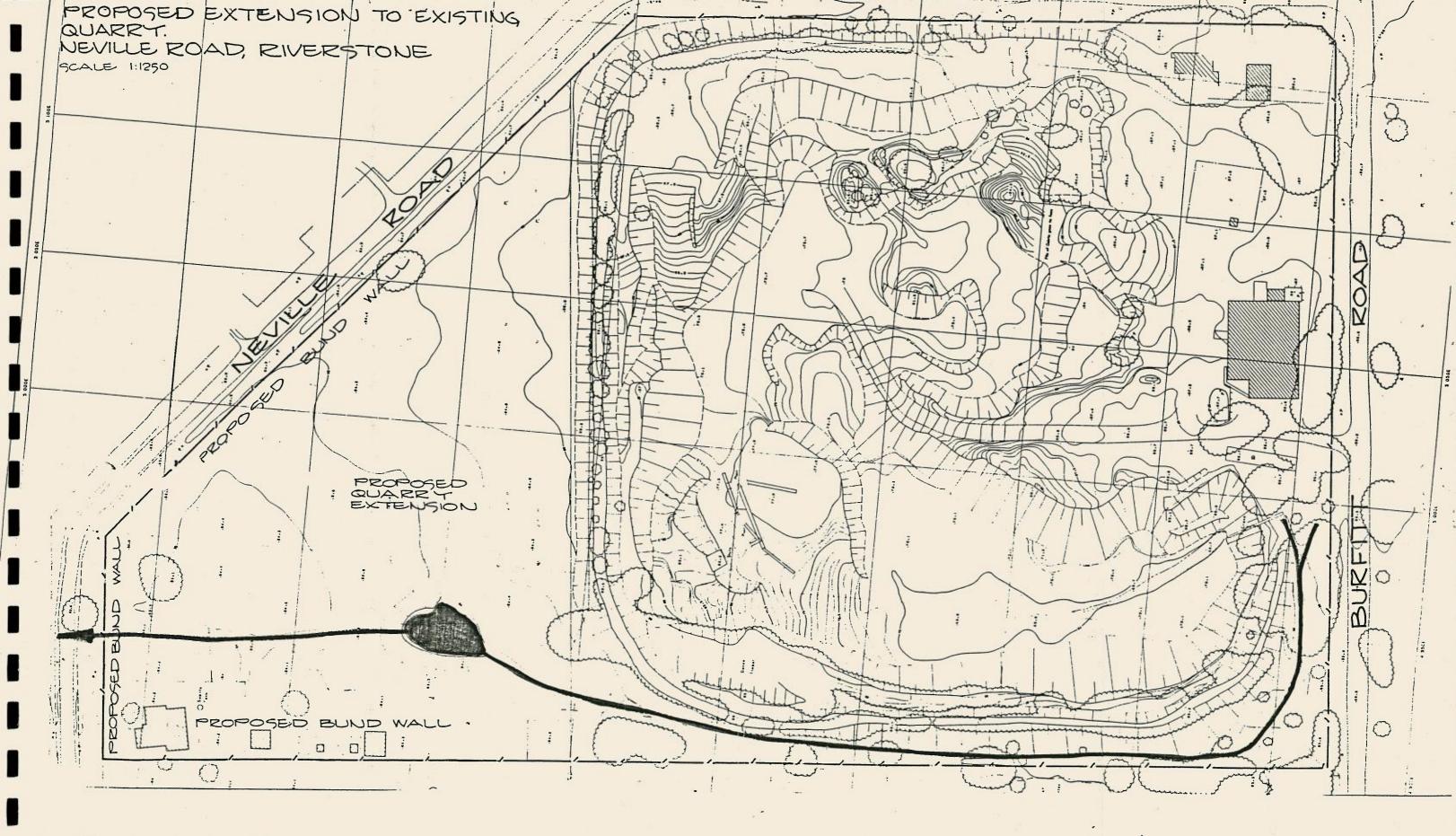
Organophosphates

Carbamates

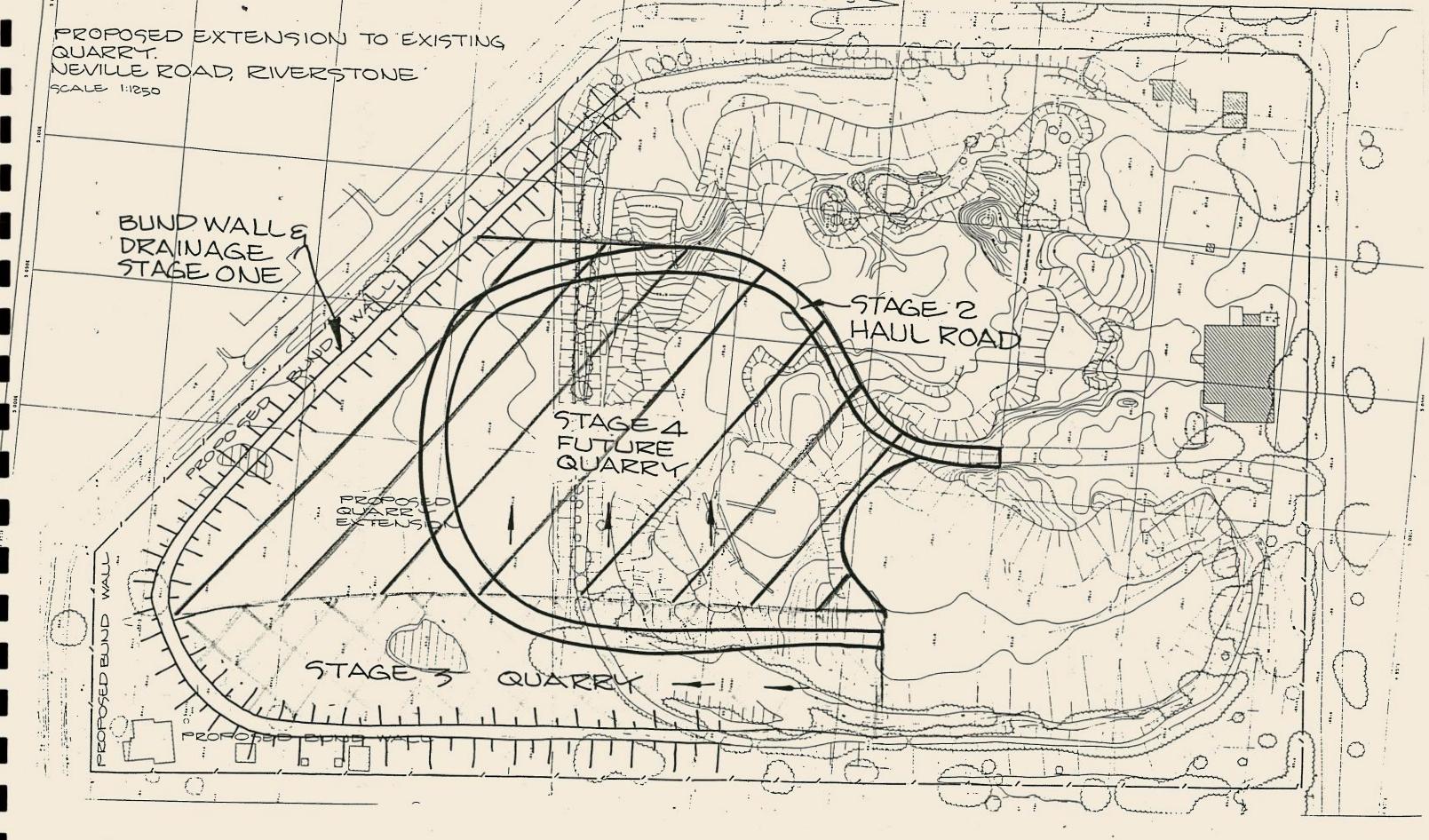
Phenols

8. Any soluble acid or alkali or acidic or basis compounds.

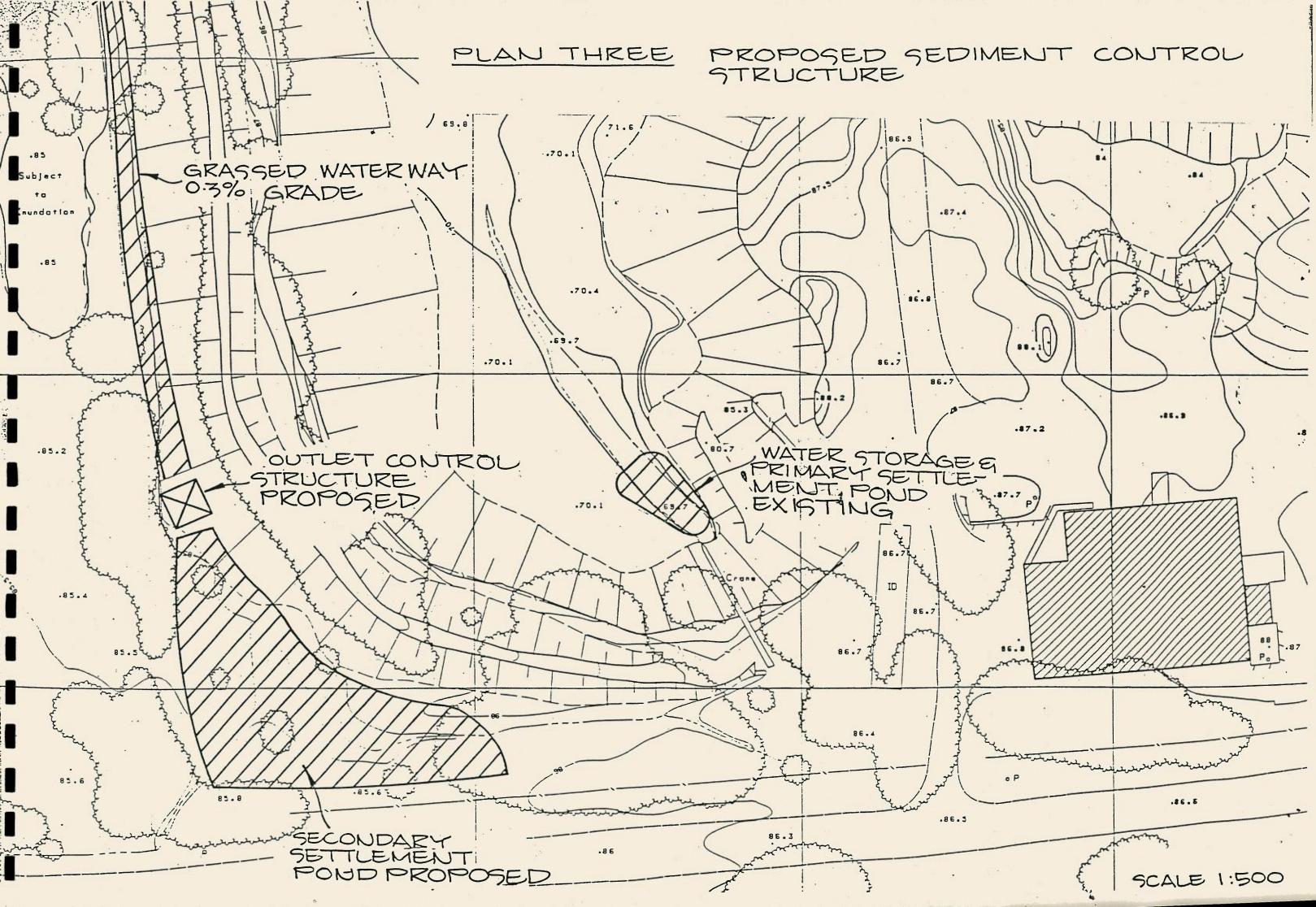
Permission may be given by the Authority, subject to the approval of the State Pollution Control Commission, to dispose of certain liquid wastes and sludges at selected landfill sites, provided it can be shown that geological conditions are such, or adequate leachate treatment facilities have been installed to ensure, that pollution of ground waters will not occur.

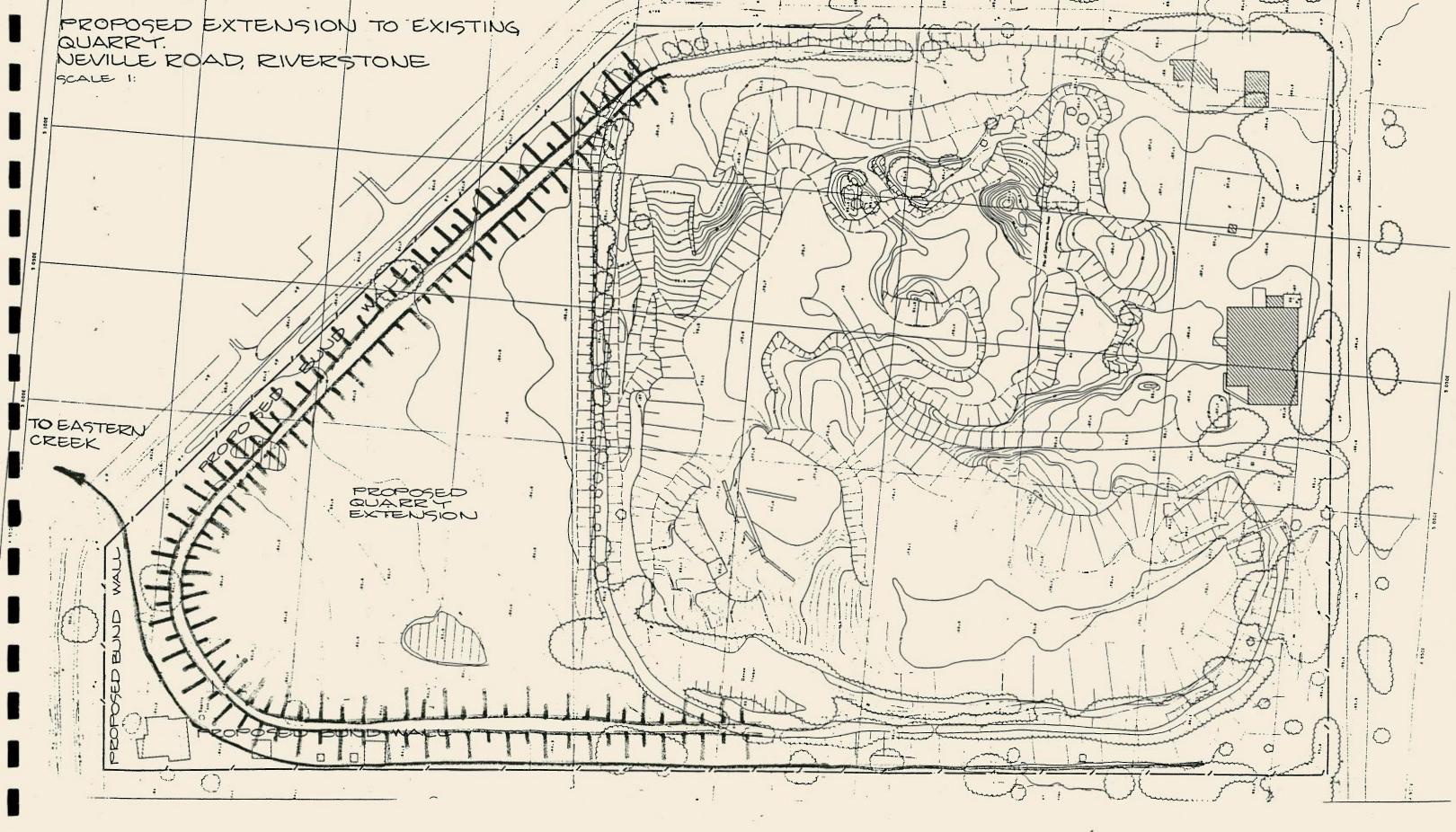


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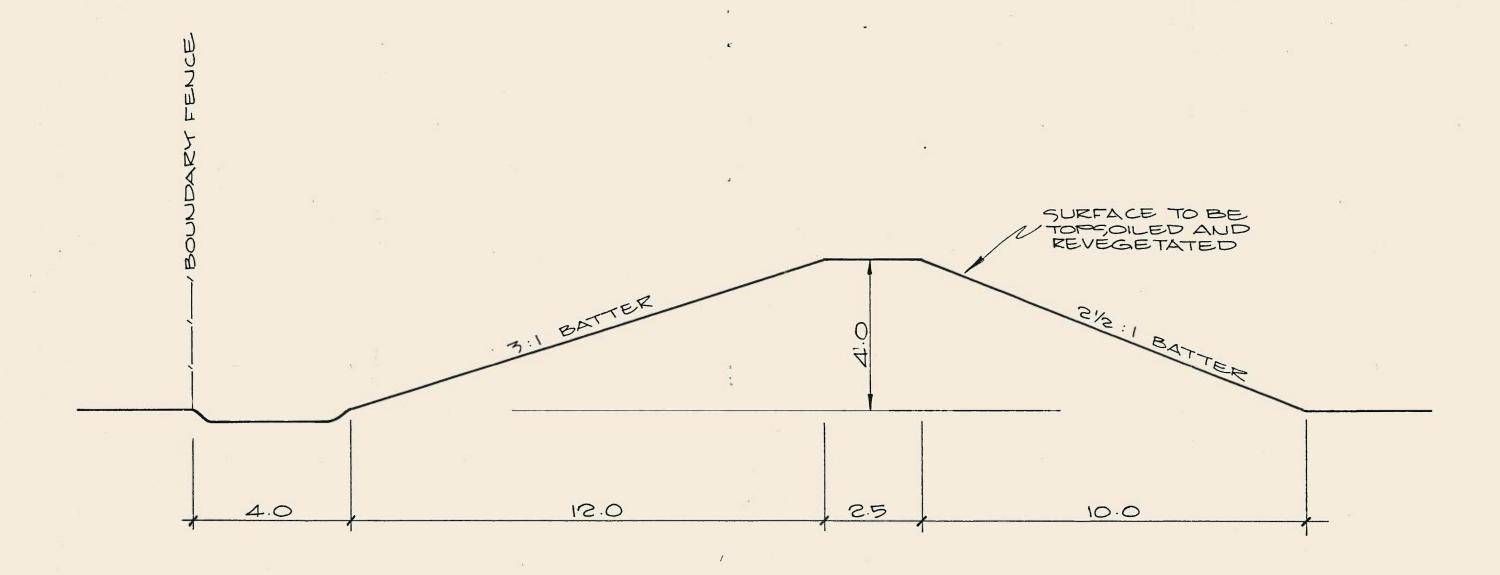


PLAN TWO STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

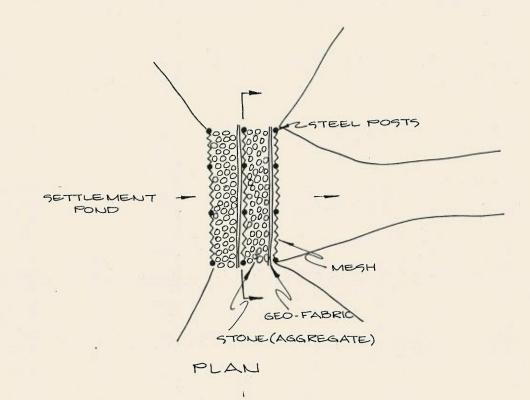


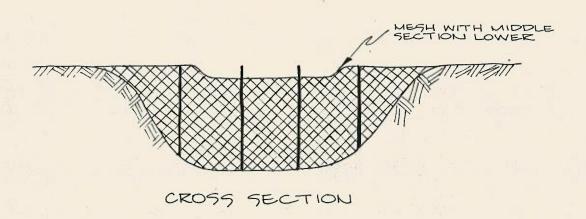


PLAN FOUR LOCATION OF BUND WALL



PLAN FIVE CROSS-SECTION PROPOSED BUND WALL
SCALE 1:100





PLAN SIX DETAIL OF BASIN OUTLET STRUCTURE