



Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority

FOUR MILE RUN

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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An aerial satellite view of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, showing the city's layout, including the Allegheny River and the Oakland Square District. Five yellow asterisks are placed on the map to indicate areas with stormwater issues: one near the Allegheny River, one in the Oakland Square District, one near the University of Pittsburgh, one near the South Side, and one near the East Side.

PITTSBURGH HAS STORMWATER ISSUES

FLOODING

BASEMENT BACKUPS

SEWER OVERFLOWS

EROSION


RUNOFF

Aerial Image: Google Earth

An aerial satellite-style image of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, showing the city's urban layout, green spaces, and the Four Mile Run project area. The image is split vertically, with the left side showing a clearer view of the city and the right side being darker and more obscured by text. Labels on the map include 'University of Pittsburgh', 'Carnegie Museum of Art', 'Schenley Park', 'Orchard Square Historic District', 'South Parkland', 'Four Mile Run', and 'Escape Room Pittsburgh'.

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THE FOUR MILE RUN PROJECT IS A STRATEGY TO MANAGE THEM

An aerial satellite-style image of a city, likely San Francisco, showing a river winding through the urban landscape. The image is split vertically: the left side is in color, and the right side is in grayscale. The text is overlaid on the grayscale portion. Various landmarks and districts are labeled, including 'University of California', 'California Museum of Art', 'SOUTH DIAX SAND', 'ORLAND SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT', 'SHERIDAN PARK', 'FOURTH FLEET RUN', and 'SQUIRREL HILLS NORTH'.

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OAKLAND

SCHENLEY PARK

SQUIRREL HILL

SOUTH OAKLAND

THE RUN

WHAT DO THESE
NEIGHBORHOODS
HAVE IN COMMON?

HAZELWOOD

GREENFIELD

OAKLAND

SCHENLEY PARK

SQUIRREL HILL

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THE RUN

M29

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PITTSBURGH



1. Mrs John Arthur's Plan
 J. J. S. Thompson's Plan
 K. Brown & O'Neill's Plan
 L. A Jacobs Plan

MAYONGAHELA

FURMAN'S
Loughlin & Co

FORWARD AVE

SYLVAN AVE

CHILD'S AVE

NEVILLE AVE

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J.P. Arthur

WILMOT

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BOQUET

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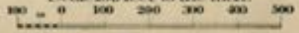
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- Explanations —
- Brick or Stone Buildings
 - Frame Buildings
 - Sheds & Stacks
 - Fire Hydrants

Scale 100 feet to the inch.

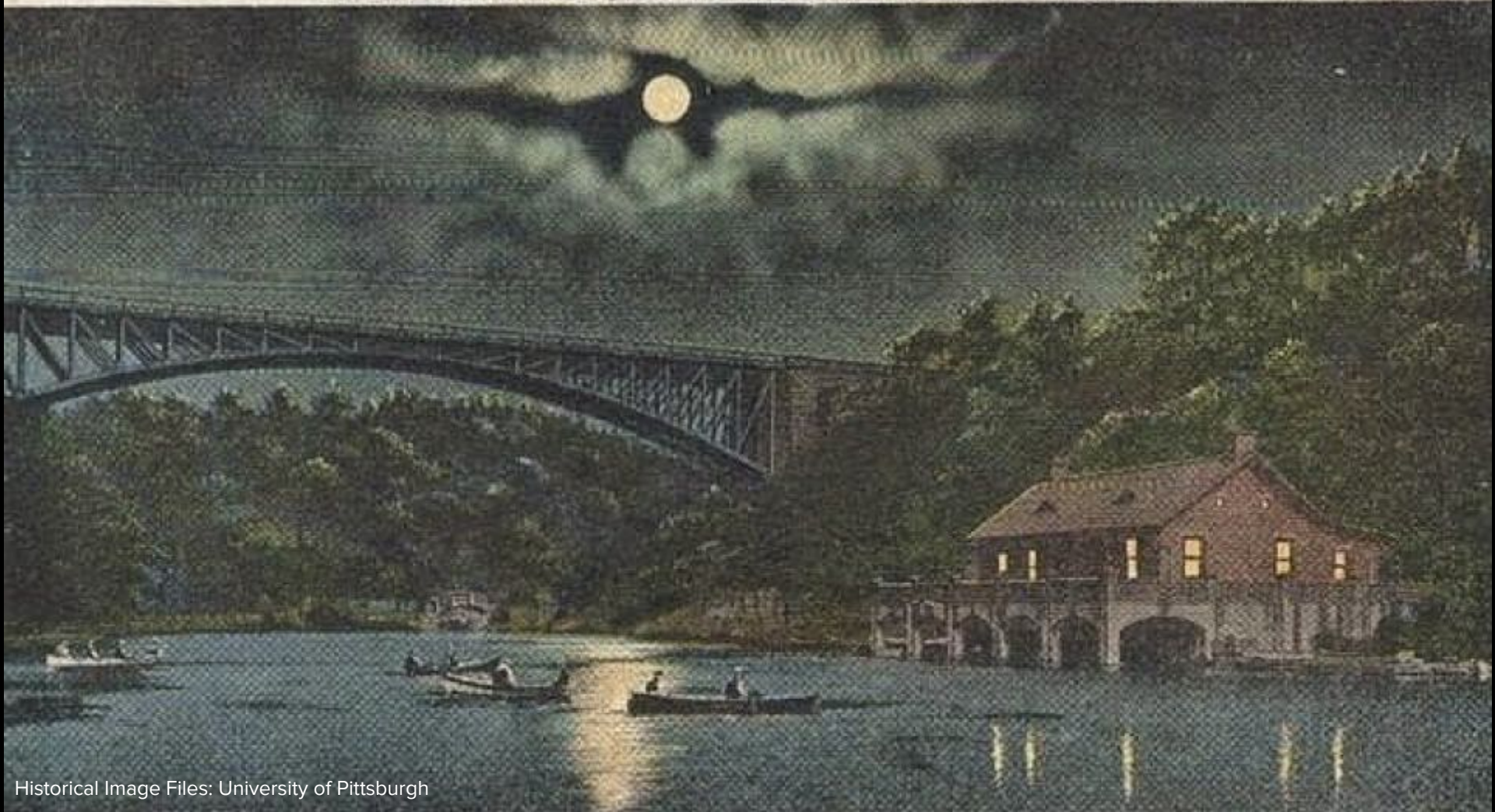


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LAKE AND BOAT HOUSE, PANTHER HOLLOW, SCHENLEY PARK, BY NIGHT, PITTSBURGH, PA.





SHARED HISTORY

Stream Junction Hollow

Historical Image Files.
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Panther Hollow Run

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Mouth of Little Panther Hollow

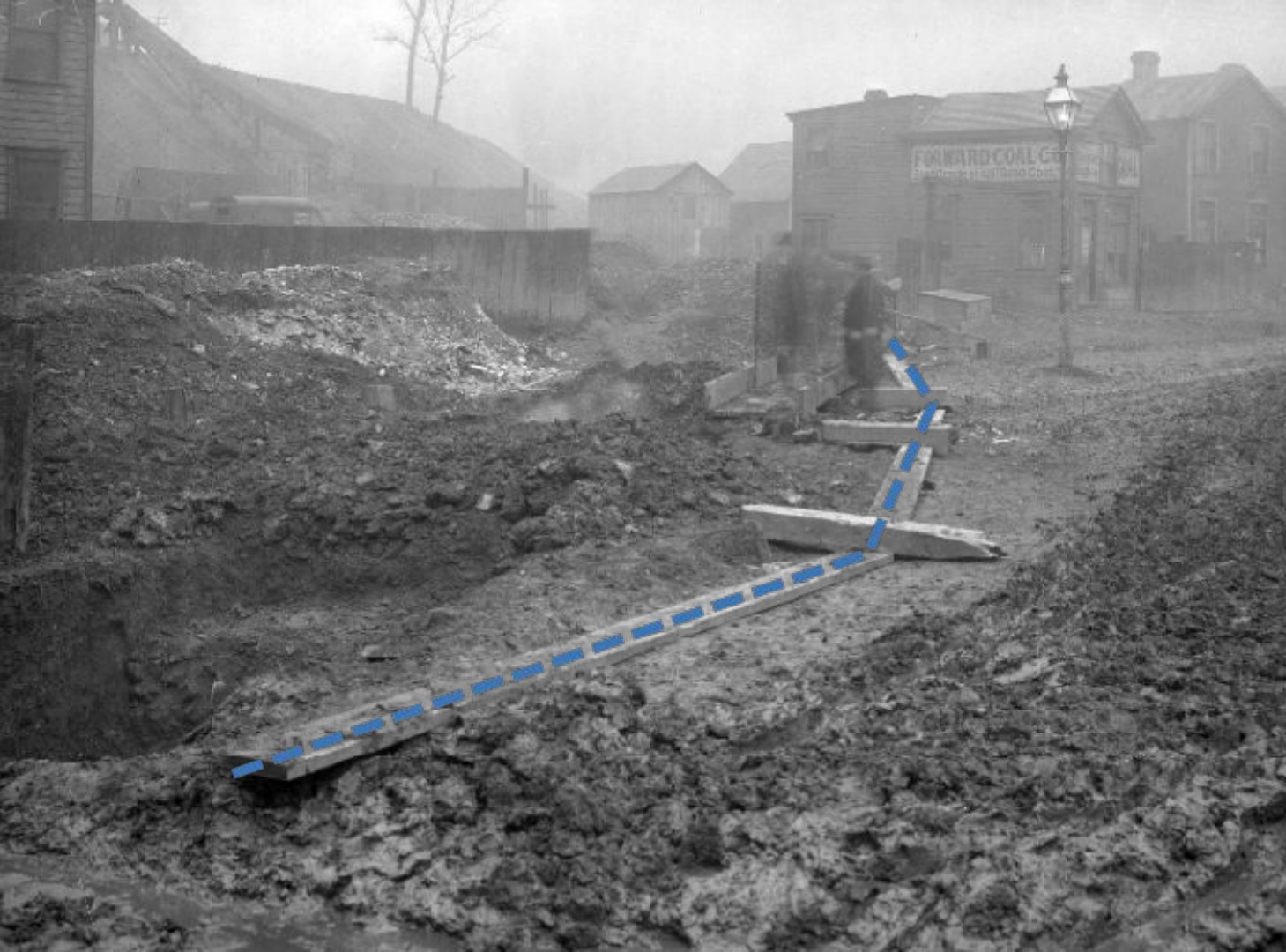
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Pipe Under Junction Hollow

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Backfilled Trench

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2000s-2010s

PWSA enters into Consent Order and Agreement with the state Department of Environmental Protection and the county Health Department to comply with Clean Water Act regarding CSOs.

CONSENT DECREE

2010-2014

Early green stormwater infrastructure projects implemented in Schenley Park.

EARLY GREEN STORMWATER PROJECTS

2013

PWSA completes its Wet Weather Feasibility Study identifying Green stormwater infrastructure as a solution to CSOs.

2016

PWSA publishes its Green First Plan which sets a strategy for a network of green conveyance and detention sites throughout combined sewer areas.

GREEN FIRST PLAN

2016-2017

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy works with PWSA and surrounding communities to develop a stream restoration concept for Four Mile Run.

PPC VISION

Early 2018

PWSA begins preliminary engineering and design for Four Mile Run with a team of stream restoration, urban design, and green infrastructure consultants.

17 September 2018

PWSA and PPC lead a Public Meeting about the Four Mile Run project.

November 2018

PWSA and PPC lead a second Public Meeting about the Four Mile Run project.

Early 2019

PWSA to begin final engineering and design for Four Mile Run. Two more public meetings will be held during this phase.

Late 2019-2020

PWSA to bid, construct, and commission the Four Mile Run Green Stormwater Infrastructure project, the largest in the Authority's history and an important step for Green Infrastructure in our region.

TODAY
PUBLIC MEETING

NOVEMBER 2018
PUBLIC MEETING

EARLY 2019
**FINAL ENGINEERING &
DESIGN
TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

LATE 2019-2020
**BID, CONSTRUCTION &
COMMISSION**



OUR PROJECT



TECHNICAL TEAM



Civil & Environmental
Consultants, Inc.

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MOTT
MACDONALD

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evolve
environment :: architecture

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CONSULTING
ENGINEERS, INC.

Sci-Tek
Consultants, Inc.

ethos
collaborative



DJ Group Incorporated



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ENGINEERS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



evolve
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Pittsburgh
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Conservancy

Neighborhood Network

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Streams

Panther
Hollow Lake

Junction
Hollow

Connection
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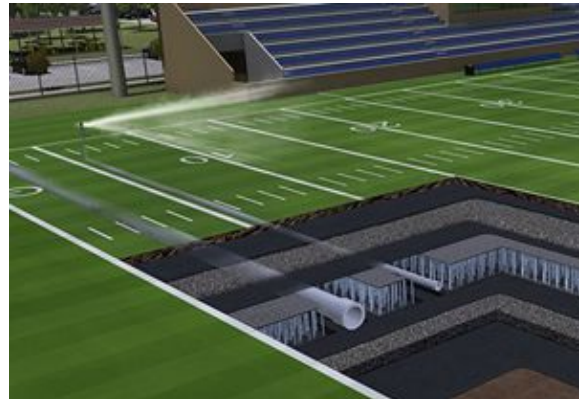
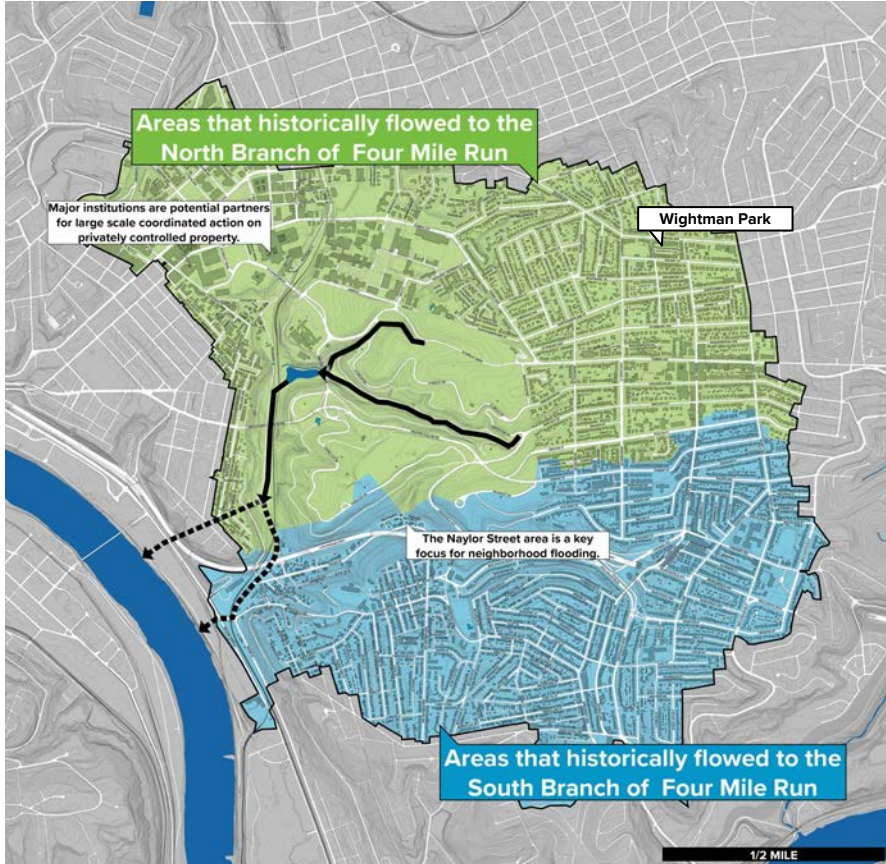
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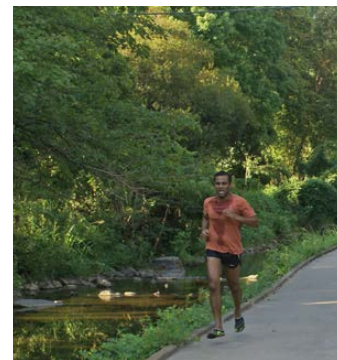
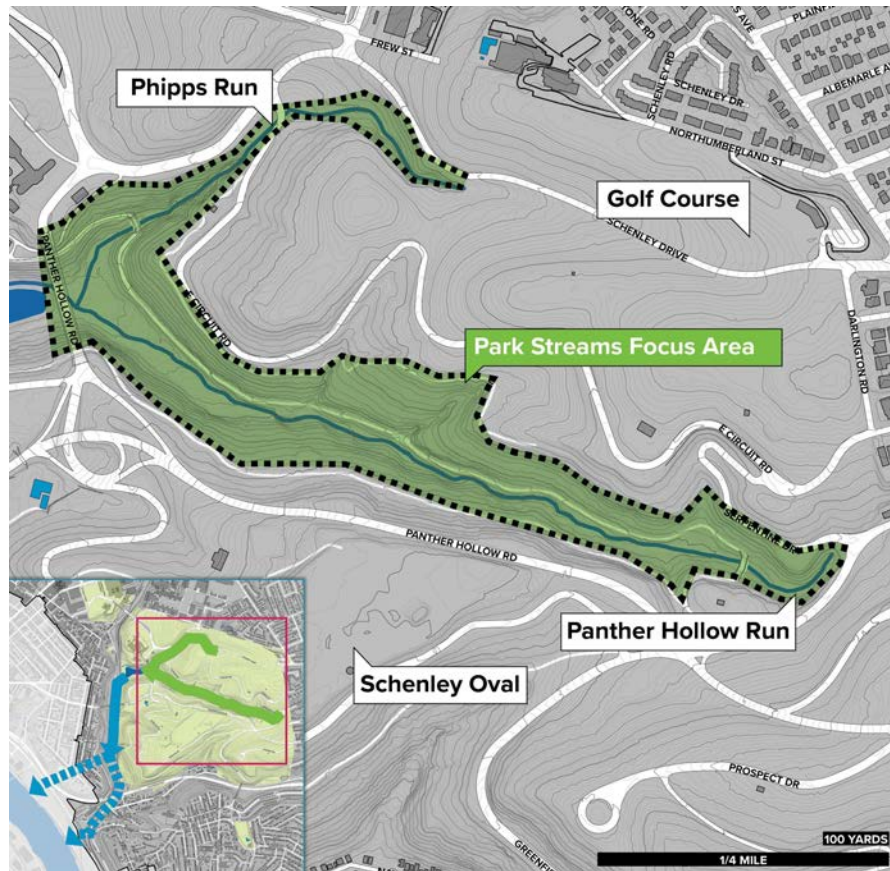
Monongahela
River

Issues for Four Mile Run:

- Area is built-out
- Limited space to store and retain stormwater
- Connecting to the valley
- Cost & Performance



Park Streams



Issues for Park Streams:

- Restoration has to begin with source control
- Fast-moving streams are more likely to flood
- Erosion on paths
- Erosion of hillsides
- Sediment clogs the lake and stream



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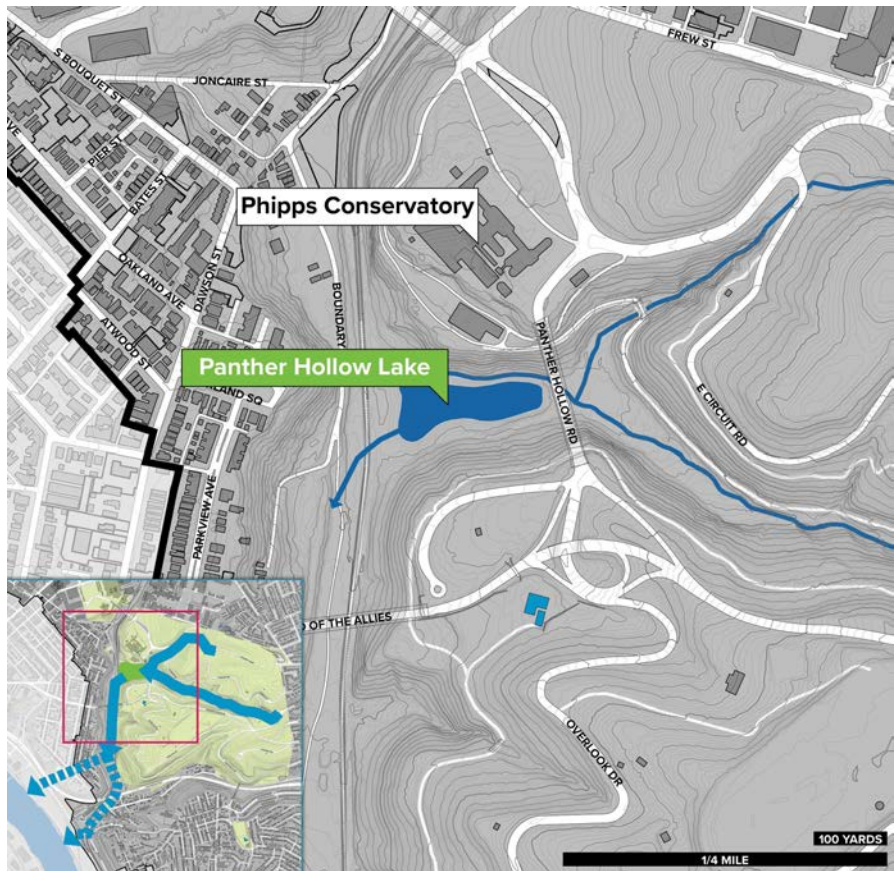
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Issues for the Lake:

- Lake drains directly into sewer
- Lake is filled with sediment
- Lack of crossing at the railroad for people and water
- Retrofit allows for more stormwater storage
- Leverage coordination and funding with partner agencies



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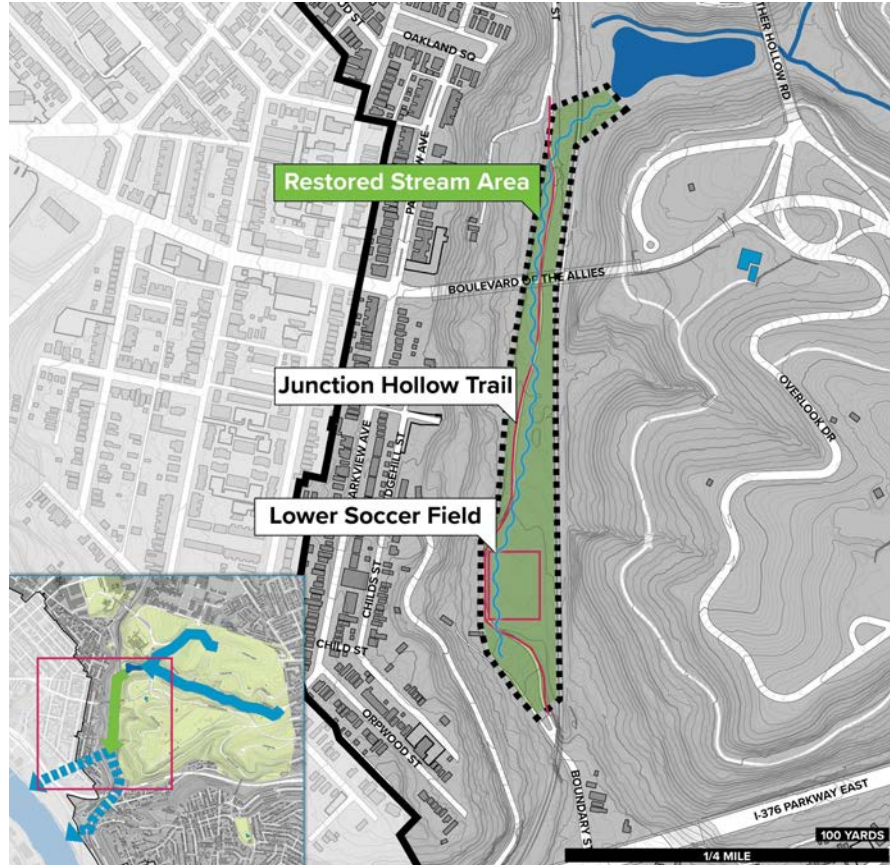
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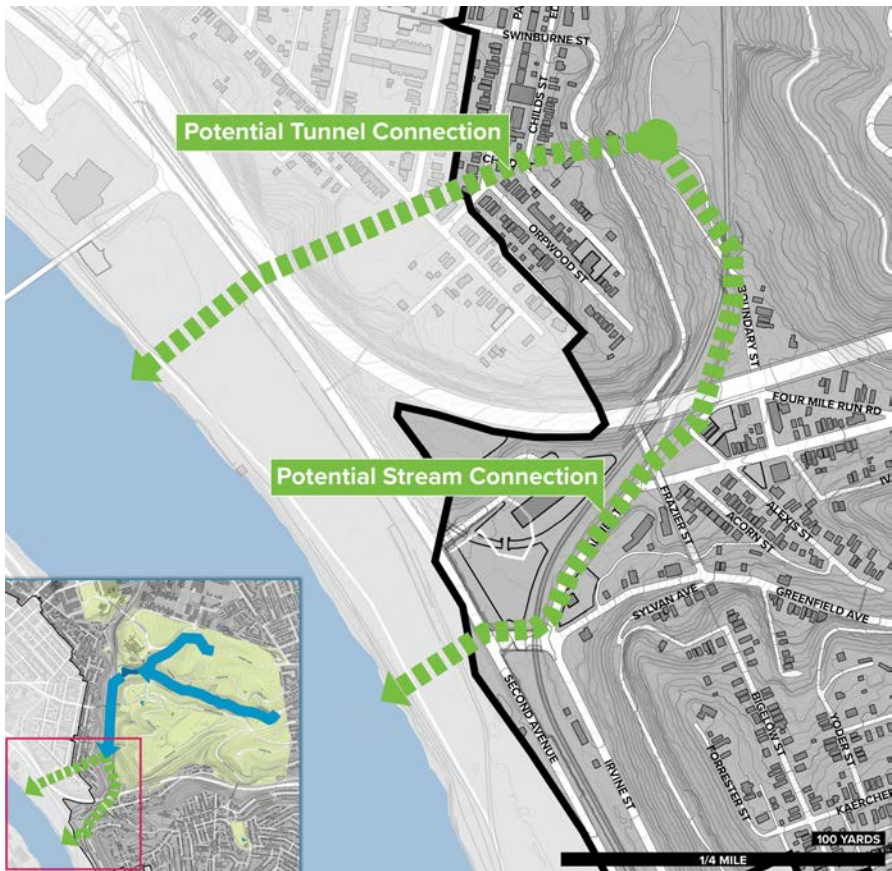
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Issues for the Junction Hollow:

- Topography has been altered significantly since a stream was last here
- Some major existing utilities: sewer mains and water mains, electrical conduit
- Existing public amenities include the Junction Hollow Trail and Schenley Park Lower Soccer Field

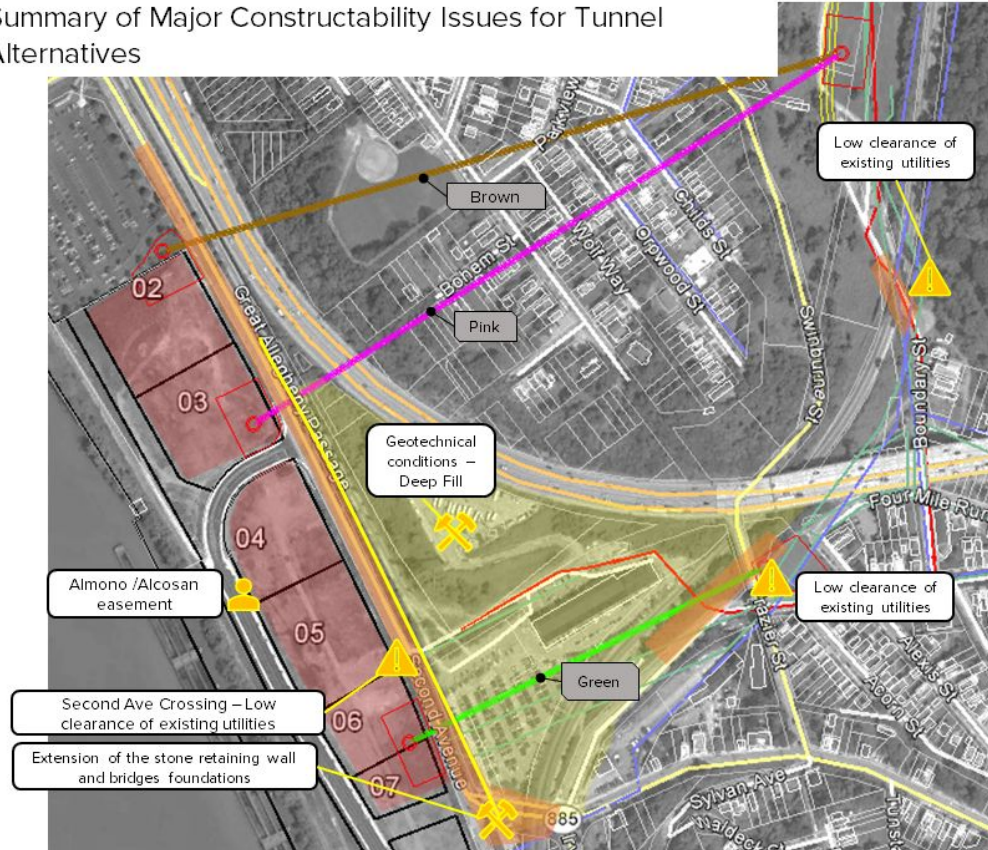





Issues for the Connection to the River:

- Tunnel location to be determined
- Potential for utility conflicts along Saline Street
- Potential easement through privately controlled property near the river
- Elevation changes from Four Mile Run to the Monongahela River

Summary of Major Constructability Issues for Tunnel Alternatives



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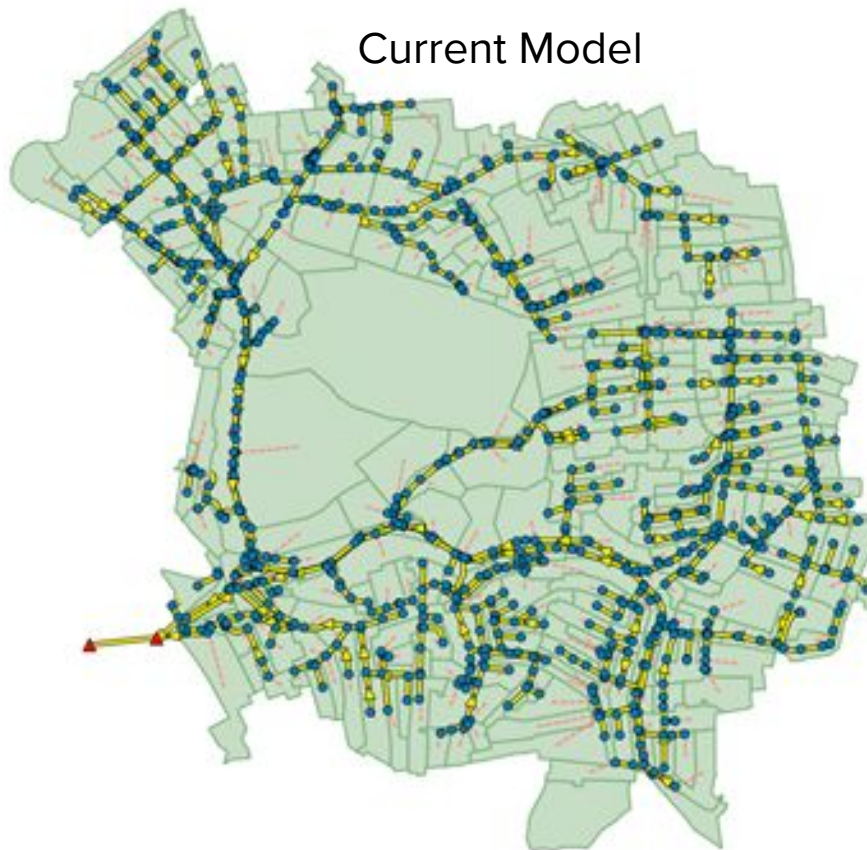


MODEL BUILDOUT

Base Model

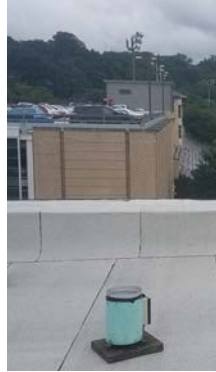


Current Model





MODEL VERIFICATION

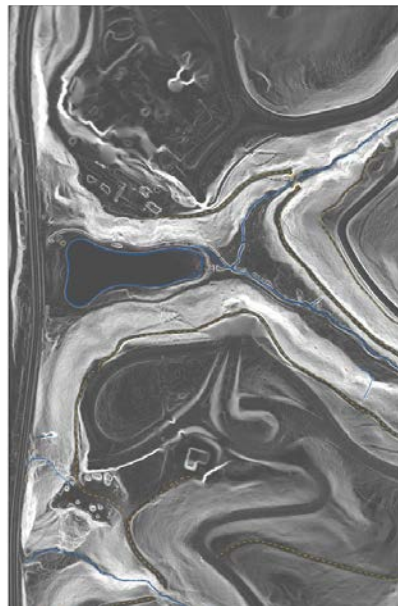


- Monitor
- ★ Rain Gauge



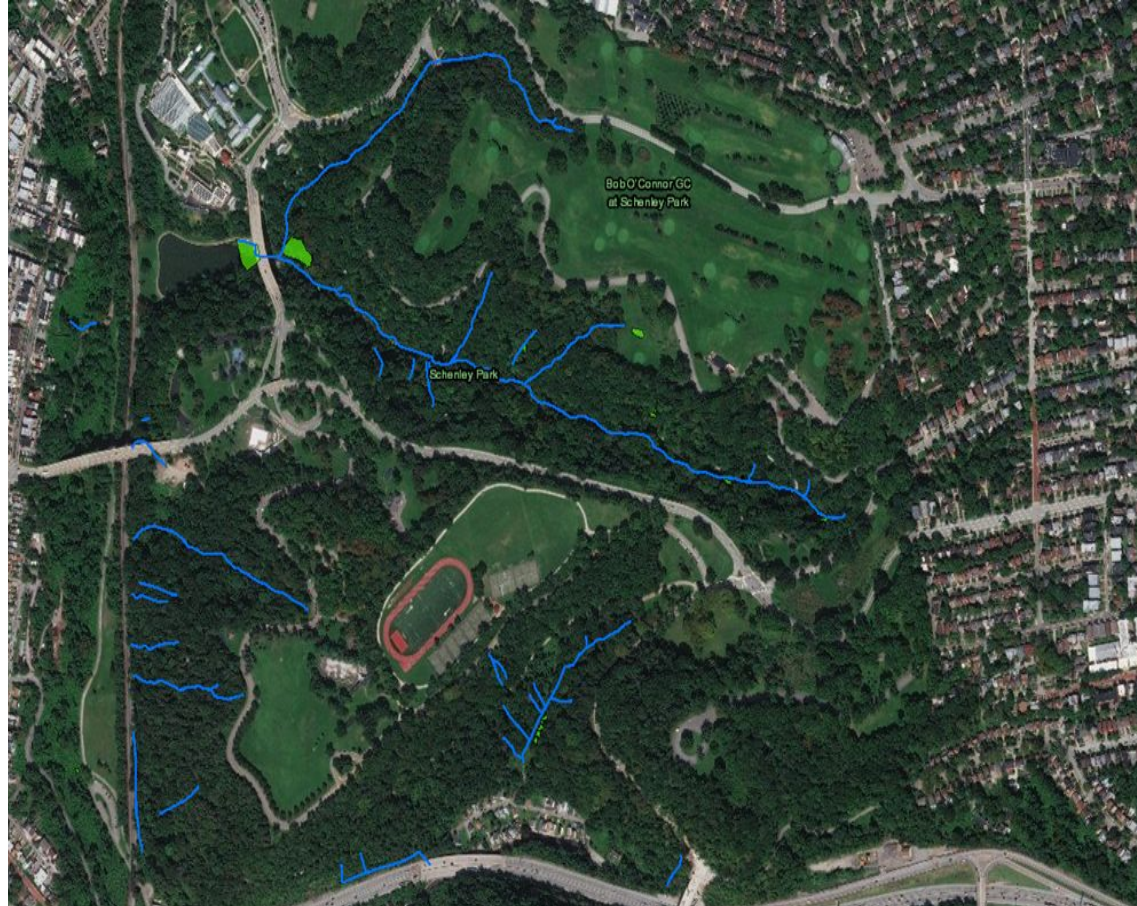


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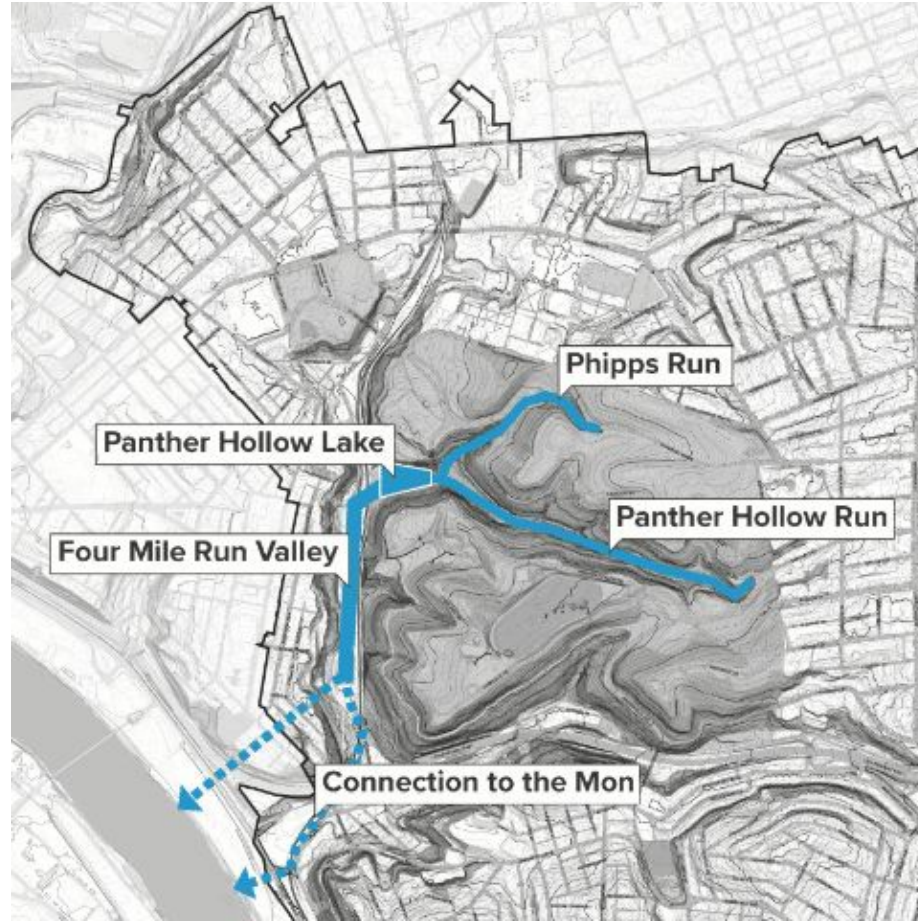


STREAM AND WETLAND DELINEATION



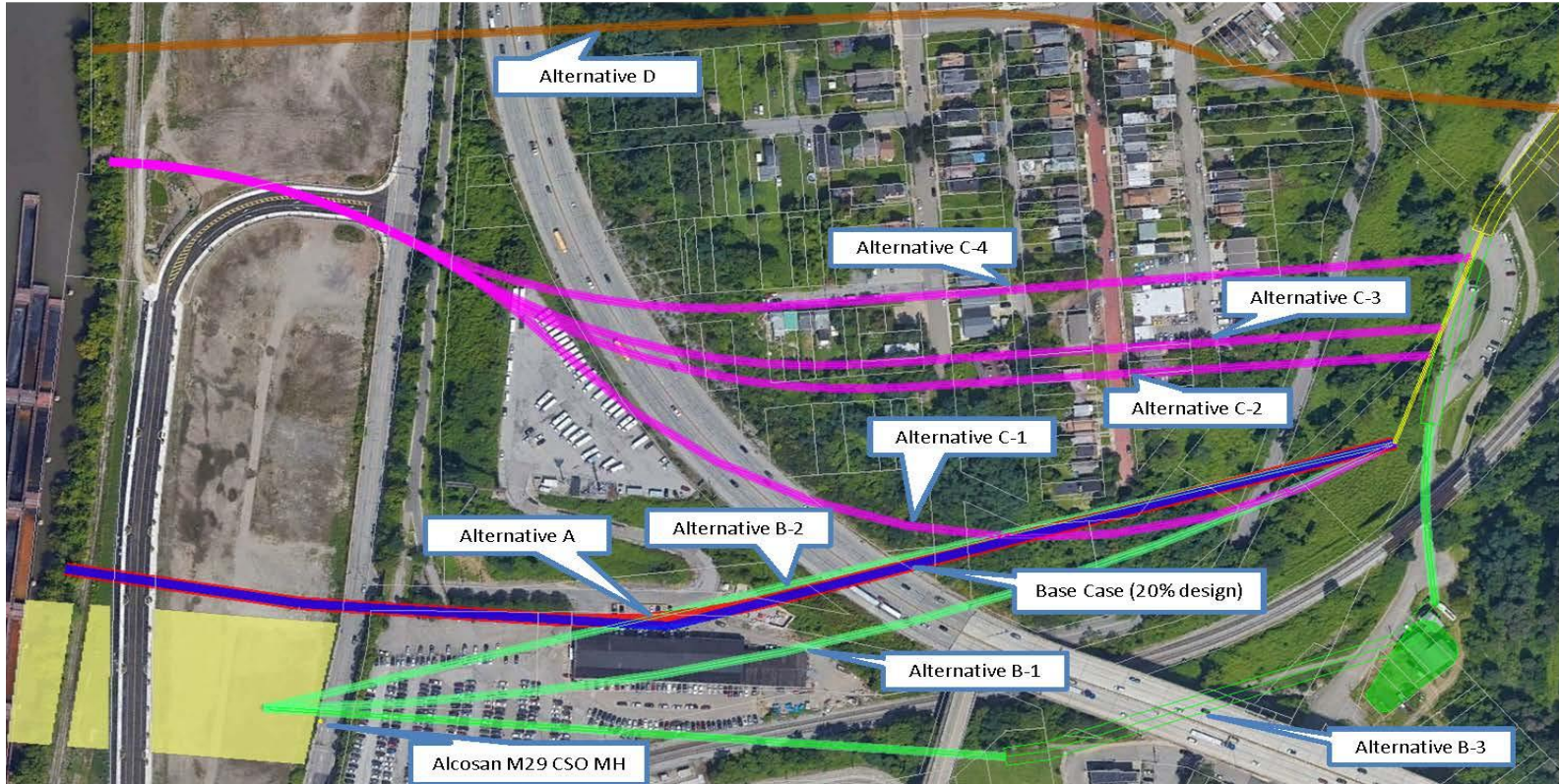


WATERSHED EXPANSION ANALYSIS





TUNNEL ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS



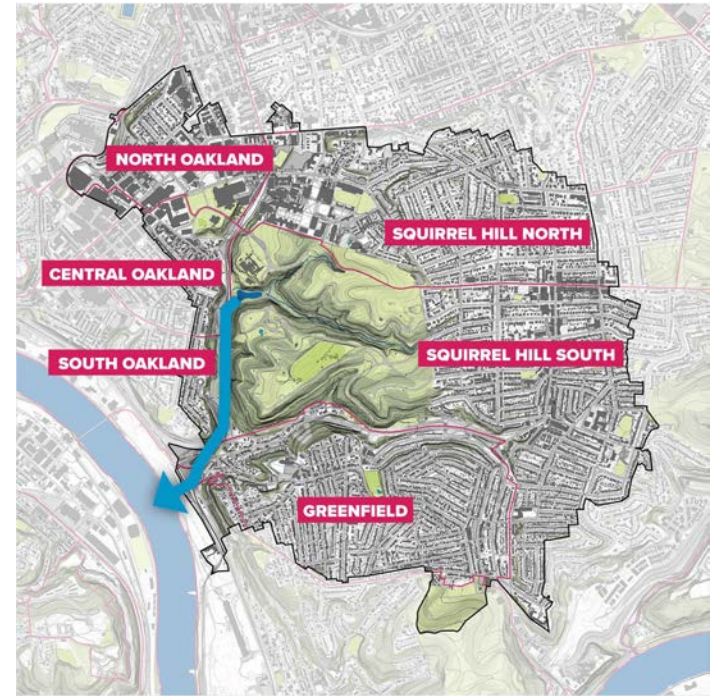


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