

The Story of West Harvard Gulch: Stream Restoration in an Urban Setting

A tale of a creek,
a railroad,
a cottonwood,
...and *bricks*

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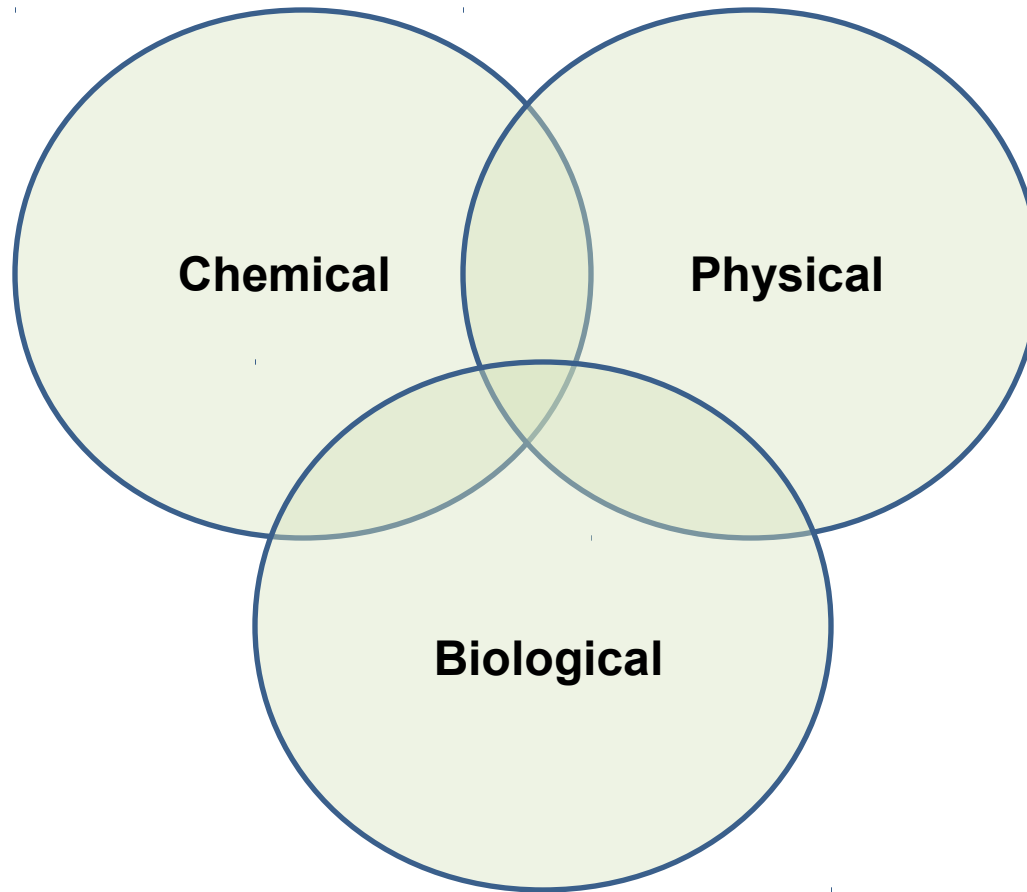


Physical



Chemical

Biological



“...reestablishment of ecological processes, functions, and biotic/abiotic linkages, that lead to a persistent, resilient ecosystem that is integrated within its landscape.”—Society of Wetland Scientists



BNSF Railroad

**XCEL
Energy**

**General
Shale
(Robinson
Brick)**

S Platte River Dr

S Platte River Trail



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39°40'04.19" N 105°00'17.34" W elev 5276 ft

Imagery Date: 5/4/2011

Eye alt 6100 ft

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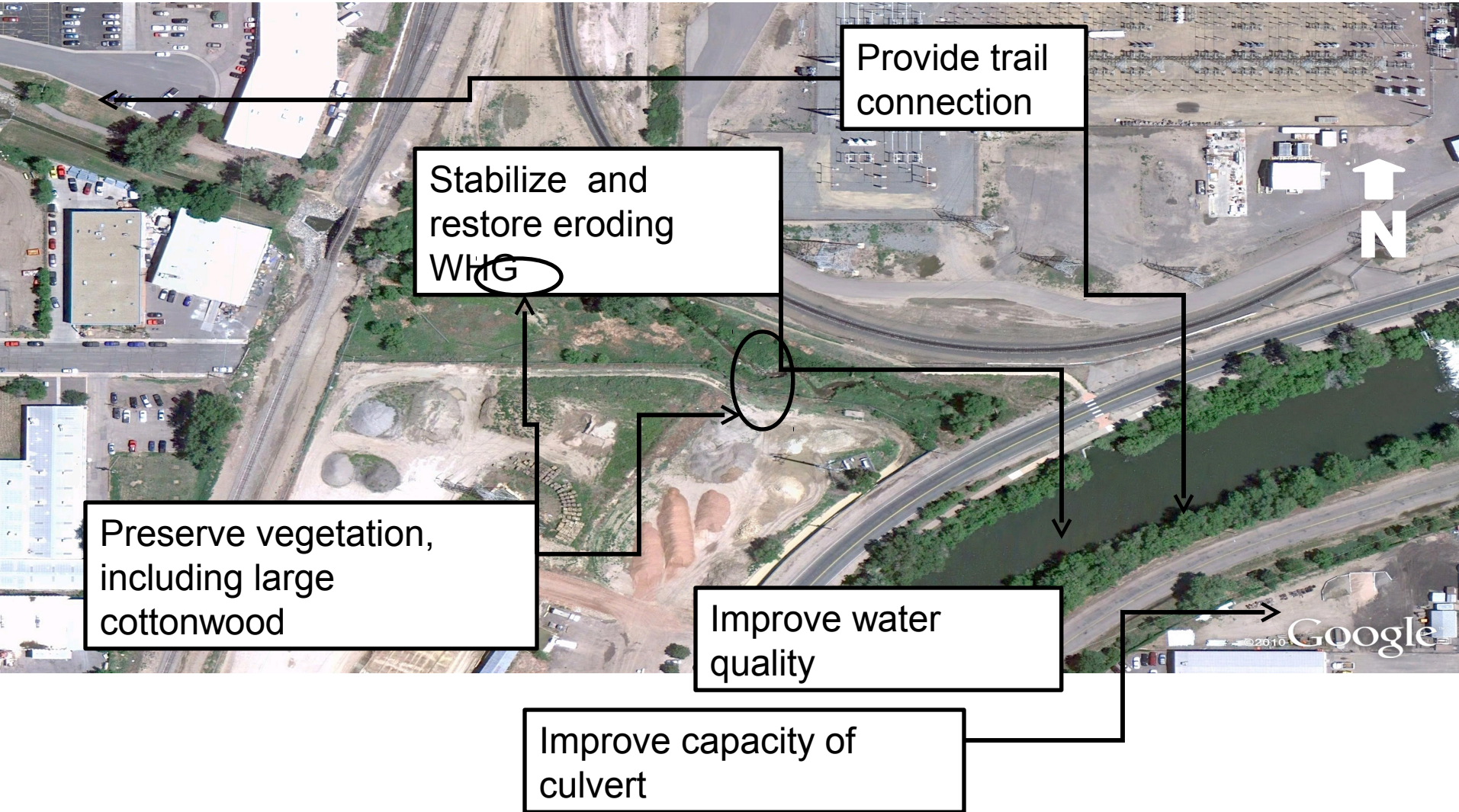
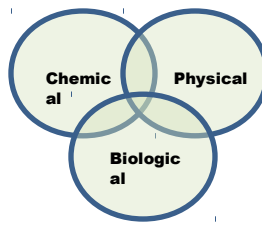
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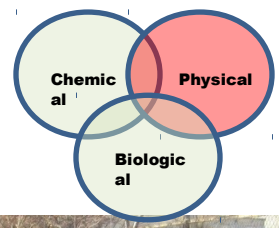


2005 “Pre-Denver” vegetation identified by TRG (14 species of



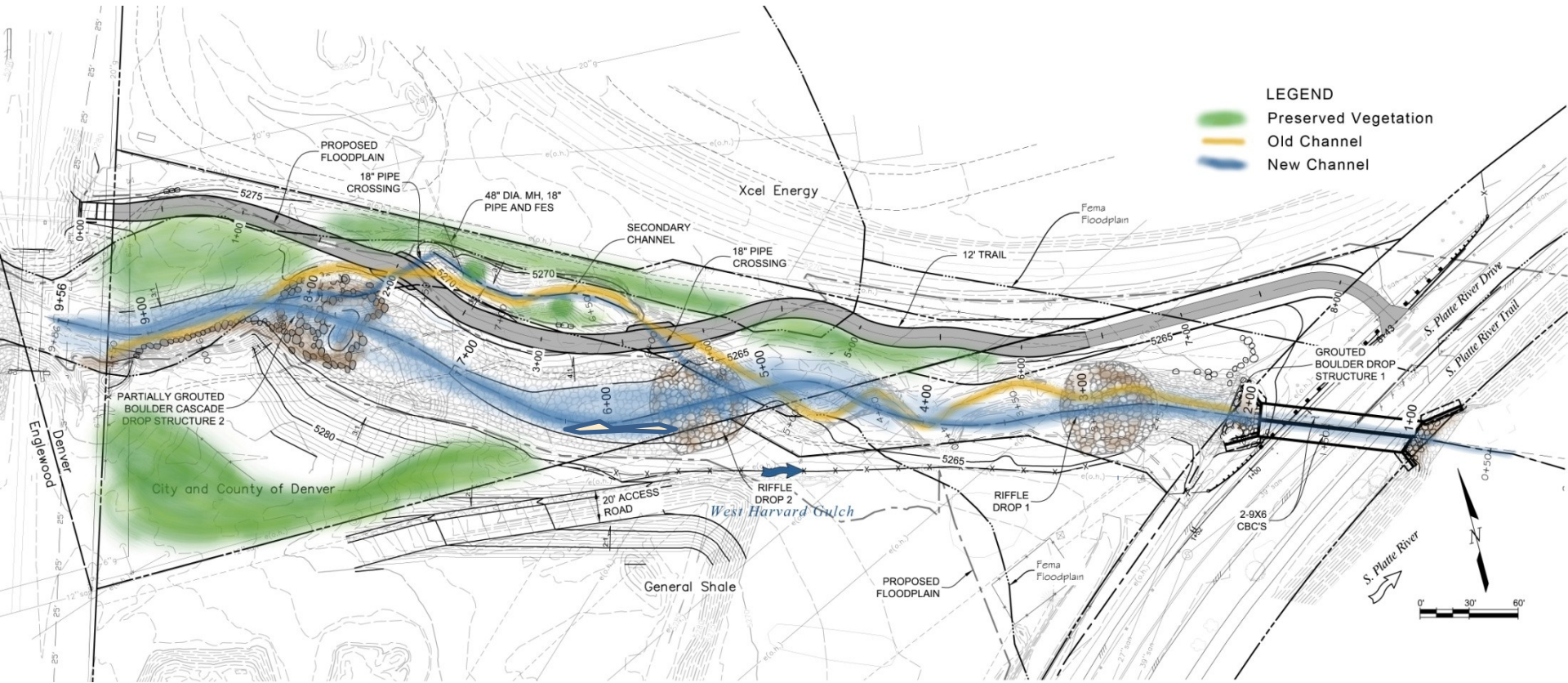






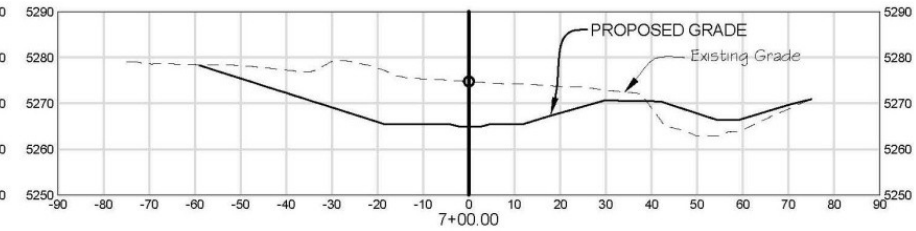
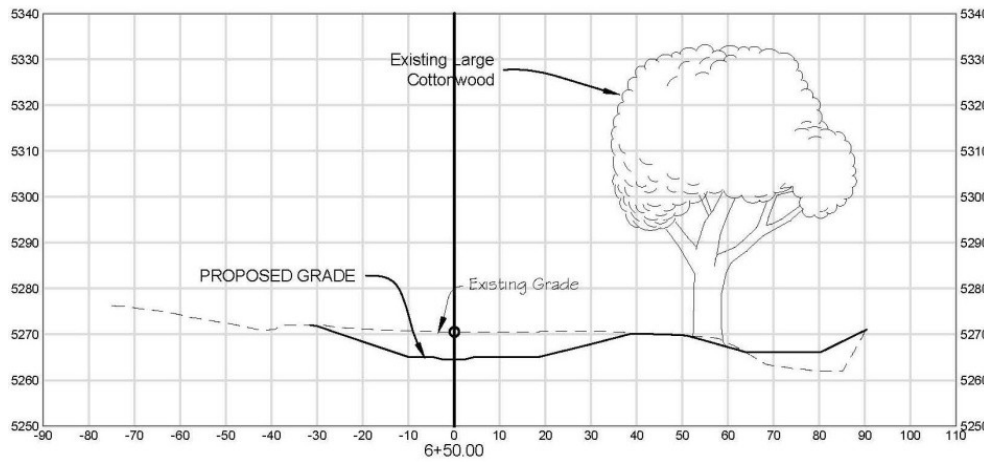
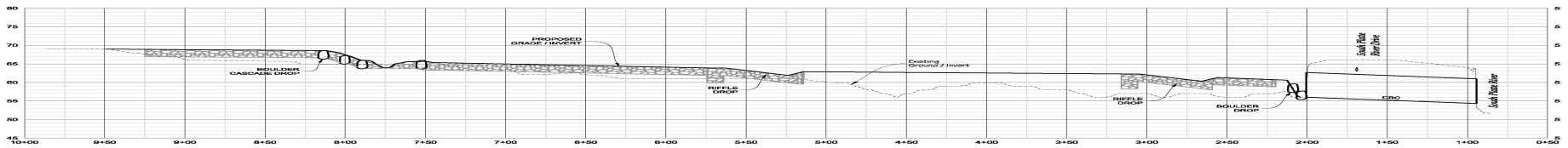
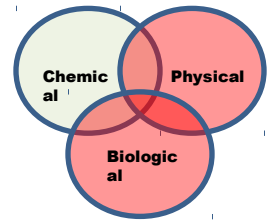
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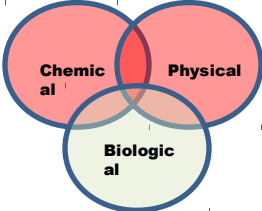
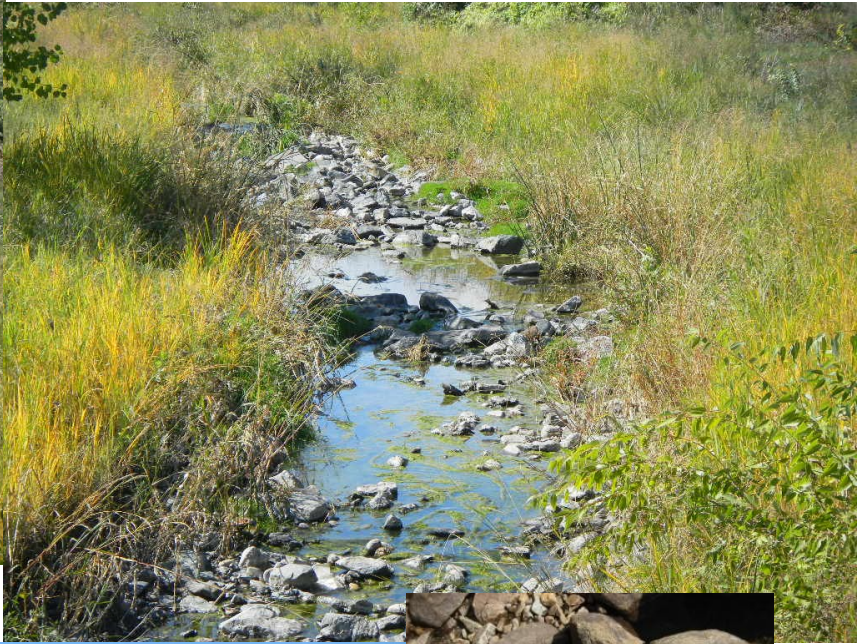




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outlet Boulder Cascade Drop
What is it?





During construction,



After construction,
spring 2012



Today

Objective: improve C.M. water capacity



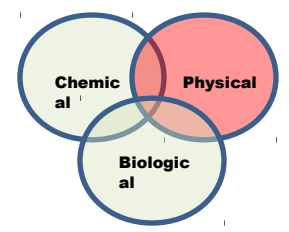
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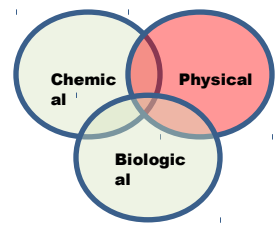


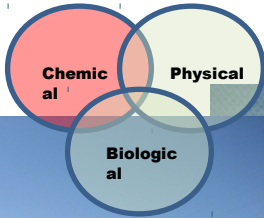
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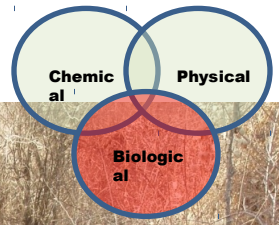


After: 2-9'x6'







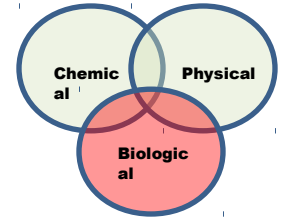


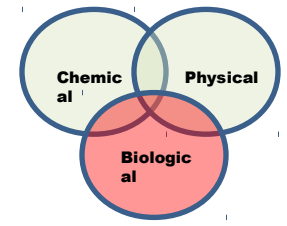
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Before



After - end of construction



Today

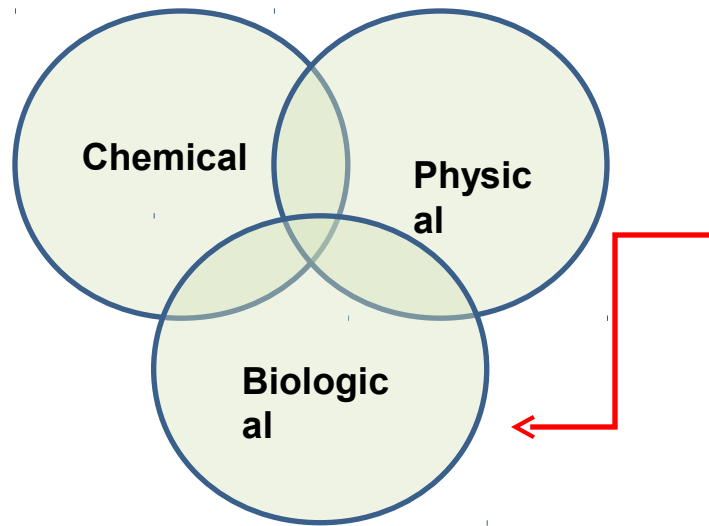
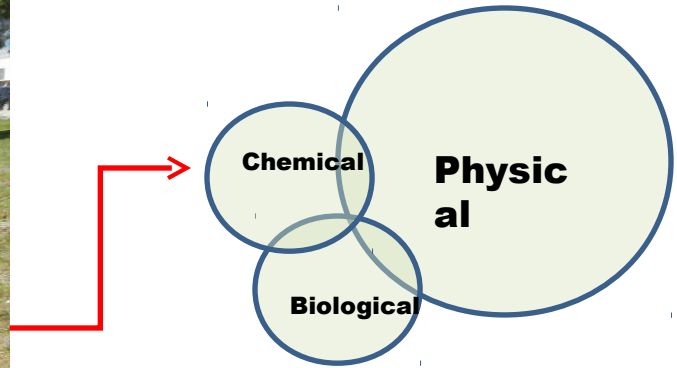


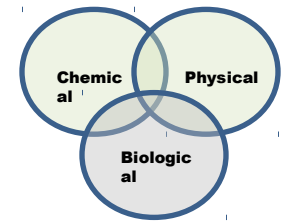
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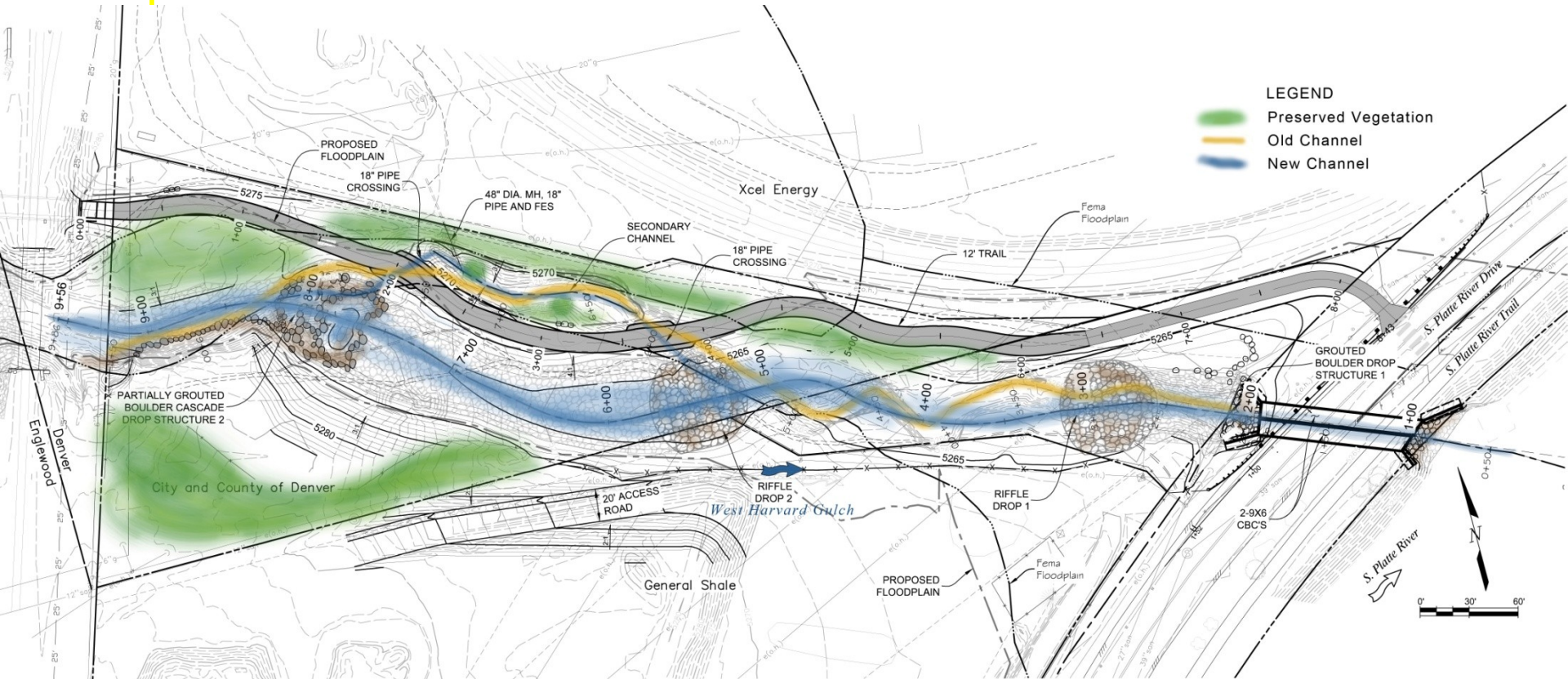
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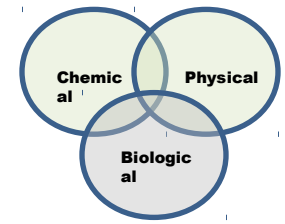




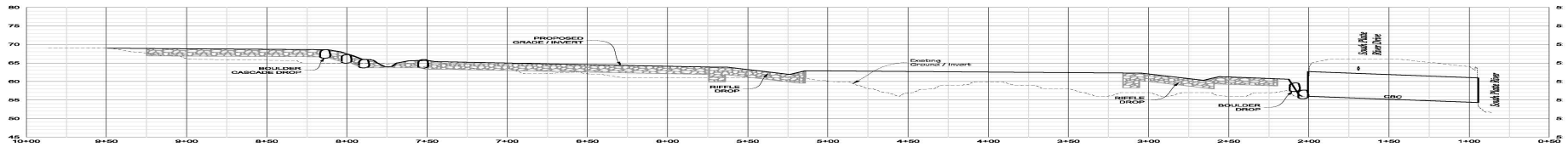


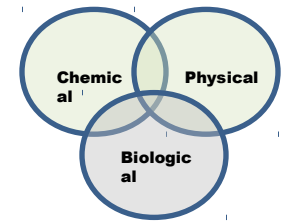
1. Give existing vegetation preeminence; preserve if possible





2. Create a flow of energy

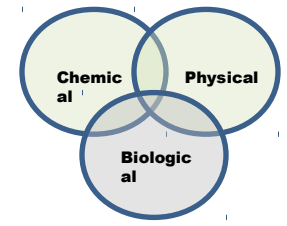




2.

3. Restore natural function





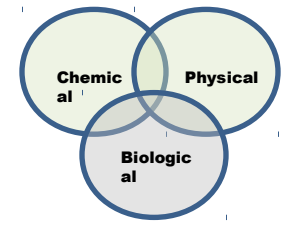
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4. Pursue every opportunity to enhance water quality.





- Constraints
- What else.....?



