BANKFULL CROSSING STRUCTURES THAT DON'T FAIL OR FRAGMENT

STREAM SIMULATION

Smart, Safe, and Long-Lived

- Double the life-span
- Natural channel design
- Bankfull structures = full channel width
- 100% aquatic organism passage at all life stages
- Highest level of flood resiliency
- Hydrology and stream processes maintained
- 10-30% cost increase with no future maintenance required



Tropical Storm Irene: 2011 Vermont Case Study

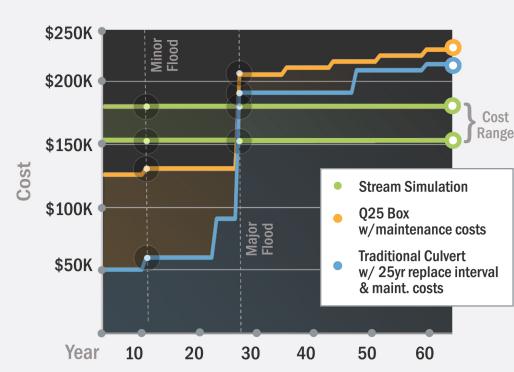
- . \$1 billion in transportation damage
- **1,240** structures damaged or destroyed
- 83 traditional culverts failed
- **Zero** failed Stream Simulation designs



Damage from undersized culvert failure

STREAM CROSSING

COSTS OVER TIME



(theoretical watershed, model of three designs over same period of time assuming catastrophic failure at undersized structures in flood event and annual maintenance of undersized culverts)



FACTS

STREAM SIMULATION

LIFESPAN FLOOD RESILIENCY AQUATIC ORGANISM PASSAGE

HYDROLOG' **STREAM BED**

50-75 years High: **Q100** 100% passage at all life stages

Maintained Natural

Q25 BOX TRADITONAL CULVERT

25-50 years Moderate: Q25

Targets Specific Fish Altered Modified

Restricted Passage

n/a

Low: Q25 or lower

Restricted None

Q=design flood; Q100=predicted peak runoff from a 100-year storm. This graphic is based on NCDOT flood design requirements for secondary roads not located in a detailed flood study zone.

We have found that stream simulation is a significant net gain for long-term economics and the aquatic ecosystem. It is an extremely flood resilient design methodology with no maintenance required and passes all aquatic biota in the stream.

-Robert Gubernick, R.G., USFS Watershed Restoration Geologist, Recipient of Career Achievement Award from the International Conference on Engineering and Ecohydrology for Fish Passage



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