



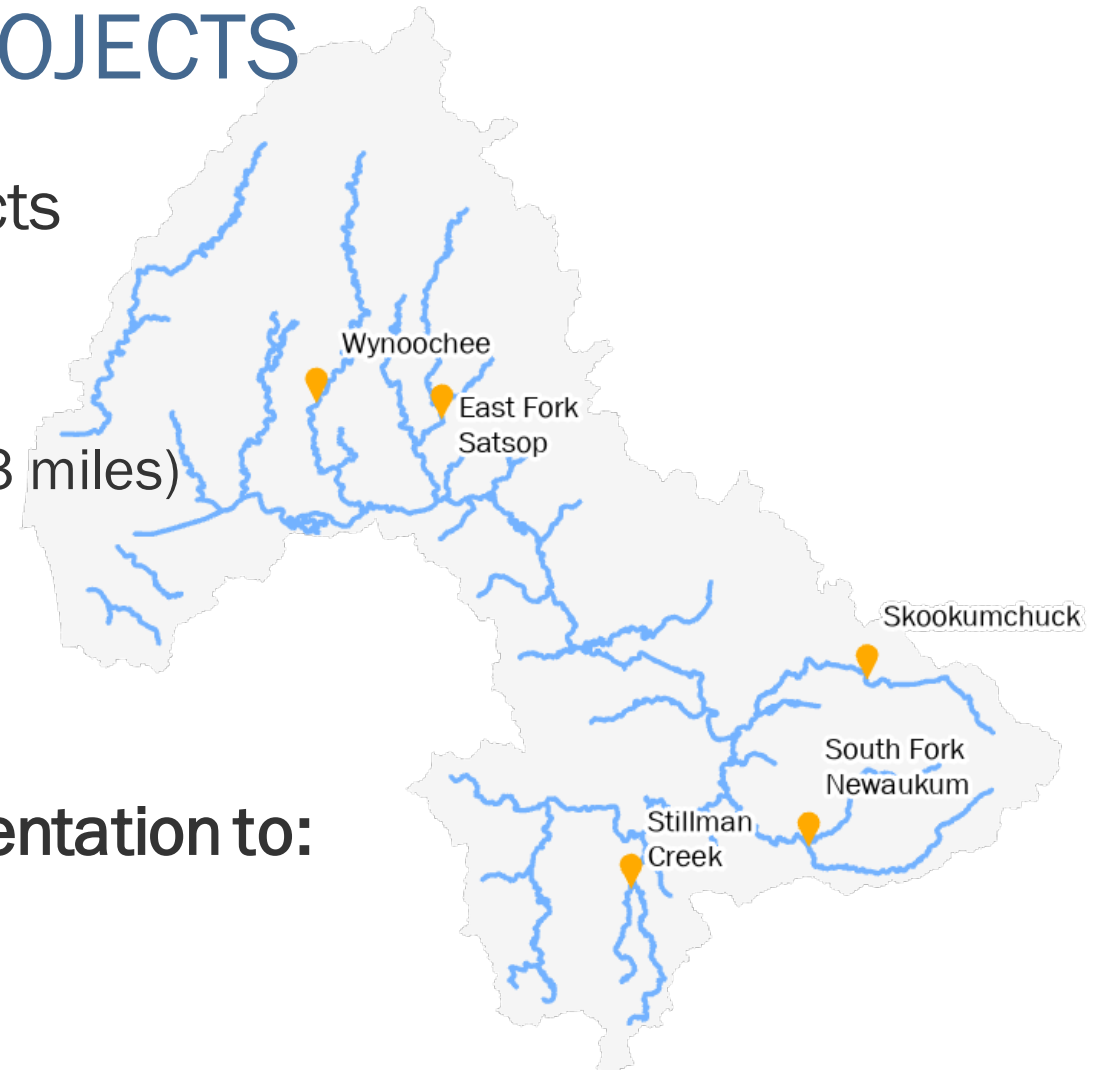
ASRP EARLY ACTION REACH PROJECT UPDATE

CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD MEETING

10/7/2021

EARLY ACTION REACH (EAR) PROJECTS

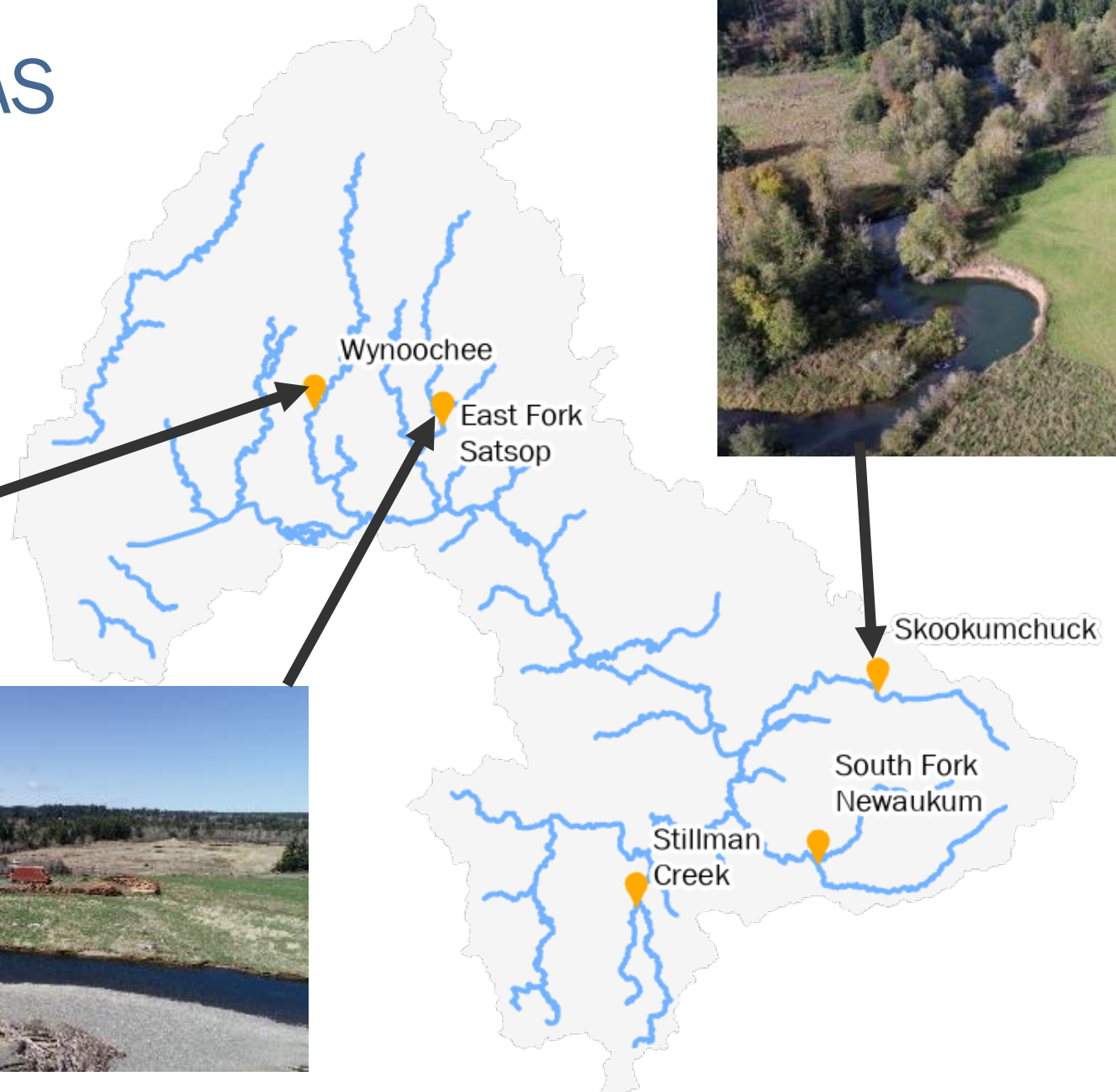
- 5 reach-scale river restoration pilot projects
 - Skookumchuck River (1.1 miles)
 - SF Newaukum River (0.3 miles)
 - Stillman Creek, South Fork Chehalis River (3.3 miles)
 - Wynoochee River (1.9 miles)
 - EF Satsop River (3.2 miles)
- **Opportunities to learn from early implementation to:**
 - Adapt strategies based on feasibility
 - Inform future ASRP restoration in the basin



EAR PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Protect existing high-quality habitats
- Remove impediment to and promote natural processes
- Restore in-channel structure and key habitats for aquatic species, such as deep pools and side channels
- Restore riparian habitats and processes
- Promote resilience to climate change from riparian restoration and floodplain connectivity
- Better understand landowner willingness

EAR PROJECT AREAS



Boots on the Ground: AmeriCorps Members Support Skookumchuck River Restoration



AmeriCorps members wrap up a day of service with a sunset backdrop.
KIANA SINNER / COURTESY PHOTOS



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In fall and winter 2020, three of the state Department of Ecology Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) field crews assisted the Thurston Conservation District on a large-scale restoration project along the Skookumchuck River.

News
AUGUST 11, 2020

Success! 74 acres conserved on the Skookumchuck River!





Thousands of native plantings – Skookumchuck Restoration



ELJs by WDFW Hatchery – Skookumchuck Restoration



Logjams – Skookumchuck Restoration



Satsop & Wynoochee River Restoration Projects

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is sponsoring restoration projects on the Satsop and Wynoochee rivers to benefit salmon and other aquatic species. Construction will begin in Summer 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2022.

What to expect

Construction will take place during the summer months of 2021 and 2022.

Construction activity

From mid-June through mid-September, construction is expected to occur up to seven days a week from approximately 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Noise should be expected from construction work associated with pile driving, moving materials, and various heavy machinery.

Restricted river access

During construction, public river access will be restricted.

- **Satsop:** Access restricted from Schafer State Park to the West Fork Satsop Boat Launch (River miles 14 to 16.2). People can safely enter the river for recreation downstream from the West Fork Satsop Boat Launch.
- **Wynoochee:** Access restricted from the Old White Bridge to the Wynoochee-Wishkah Crossover Bridge (River miles 7.8 to 9.4). People can safely enter the river for recreation downstream from Crossover Bridge.



Wynoochee River



Wynoochee River



EF Satsop River



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News / Press Releases

Forterra Conserves 23 Acres on the Satsop River

The work is part of a larger effort to restore the Chehalis Basin, the second largest watershed in the state, which has seen dramatic declines of previously healthy stocks of salmon and other aquatic species

Highlights

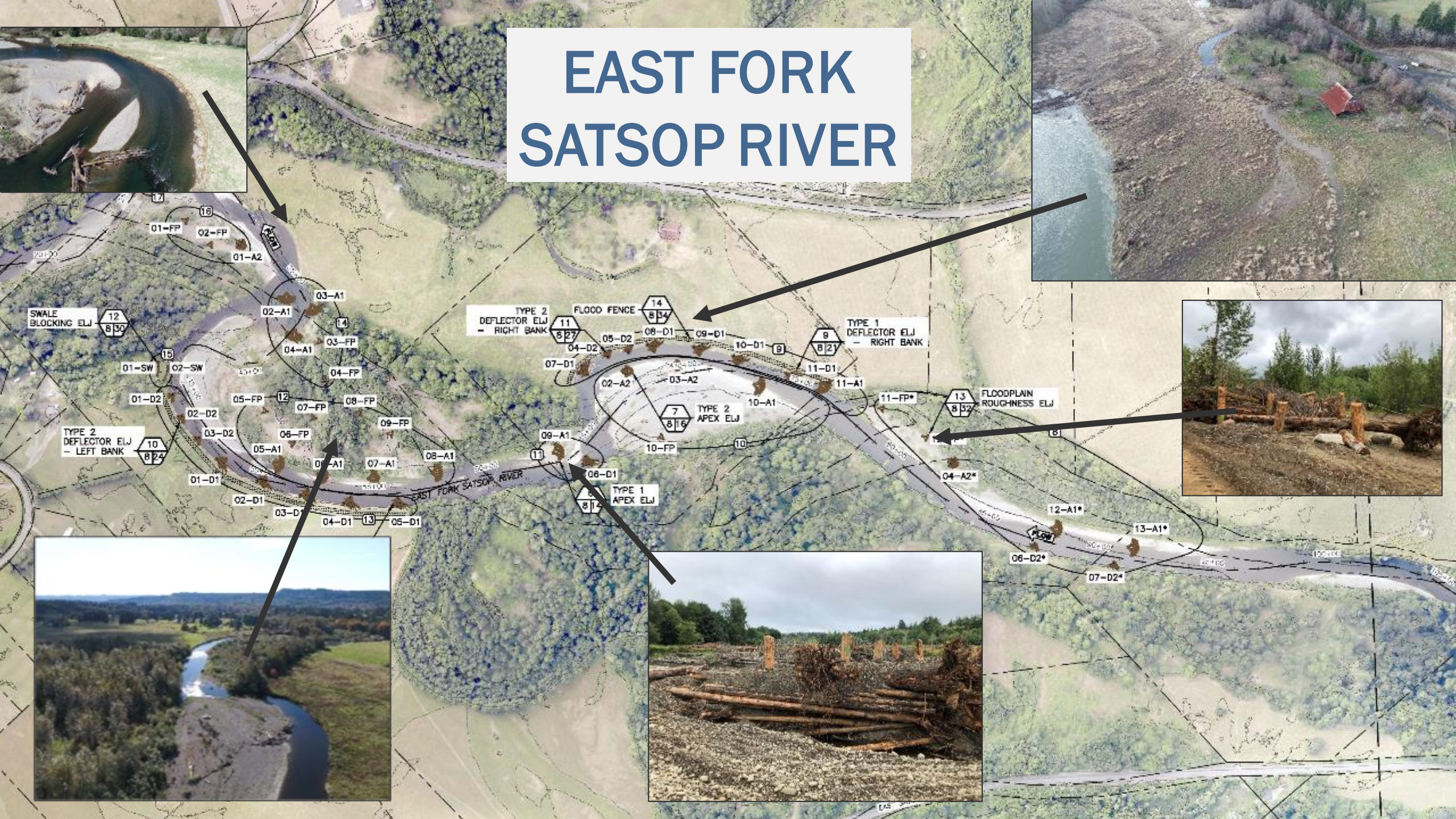
- Forterra conserves 23-acre property in Chehalis River Basin
- The basin is Washington's second-largest intact watershed
- The conservation effort is part of a larger Chehalis Basin multi-stakeholder strategy to restore habitat and mitigate floods

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, WA —Forterra, a Washington-based nonprofit land trust, purchased a 23-acre property along the East Fork of the Satsop River near Schafer State Park as part of a larger strategy to conserve and restore salmon and other aquatic species' habitat in the Chehalis River Basin. Restoration on the property will begin this summer.

The 23-acre of floodplain land is in the East Fork Satsop River Valley in Grays Harbor County, north of Montesano and close to Schafer State Park. The property has 1,500 feet of riverfront habitat and sits adjacent to a 39-acre property conserved by Forterra in 2019.

"Climate change is warming waters and increasing flooding," said Forterra president and CEO Michelle Connor. "By conserving and restoring floodplains, we're ensuring better salmon habitat and protecting homes."

EAST FORK SATSOP RIVER











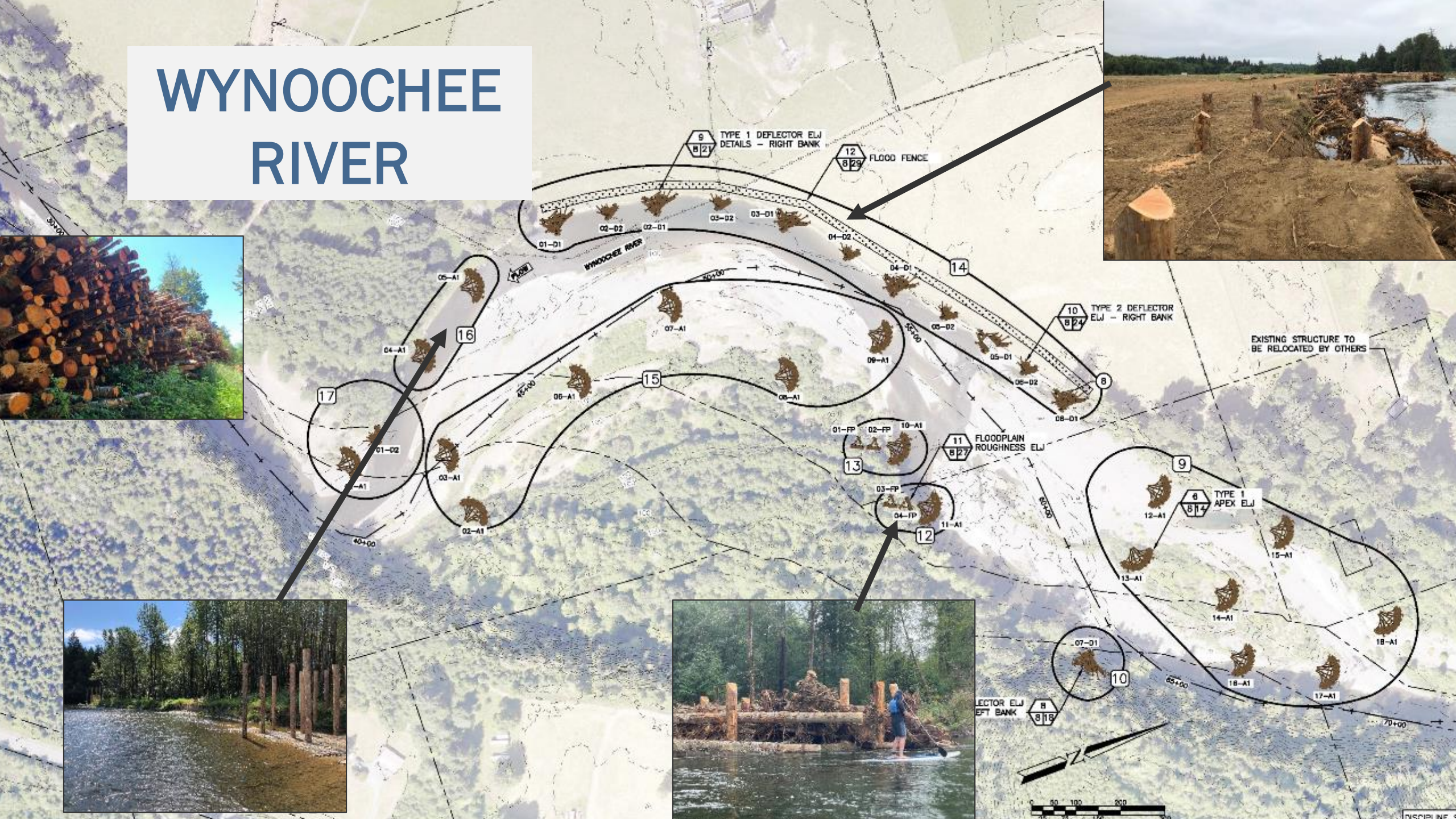
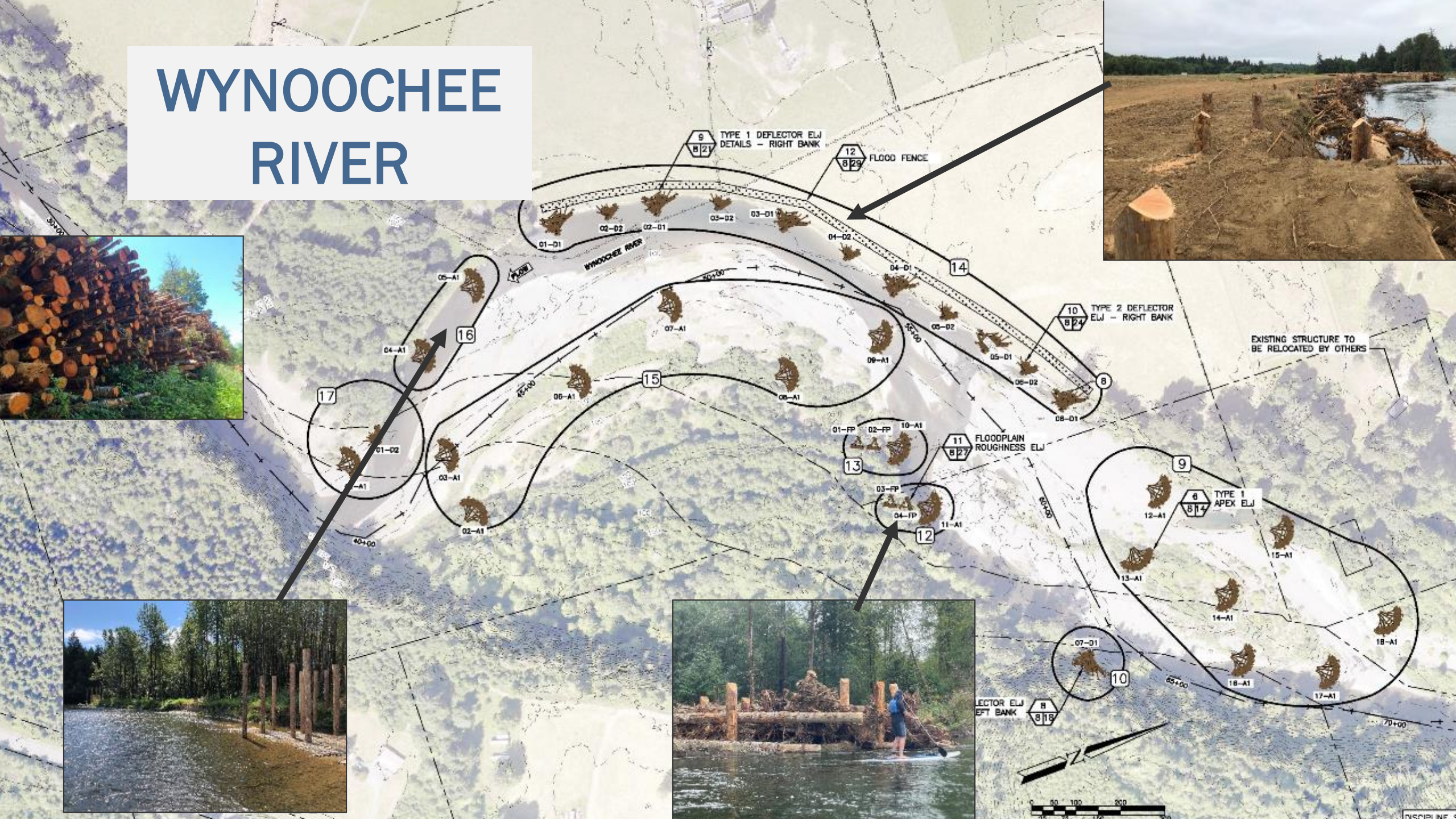
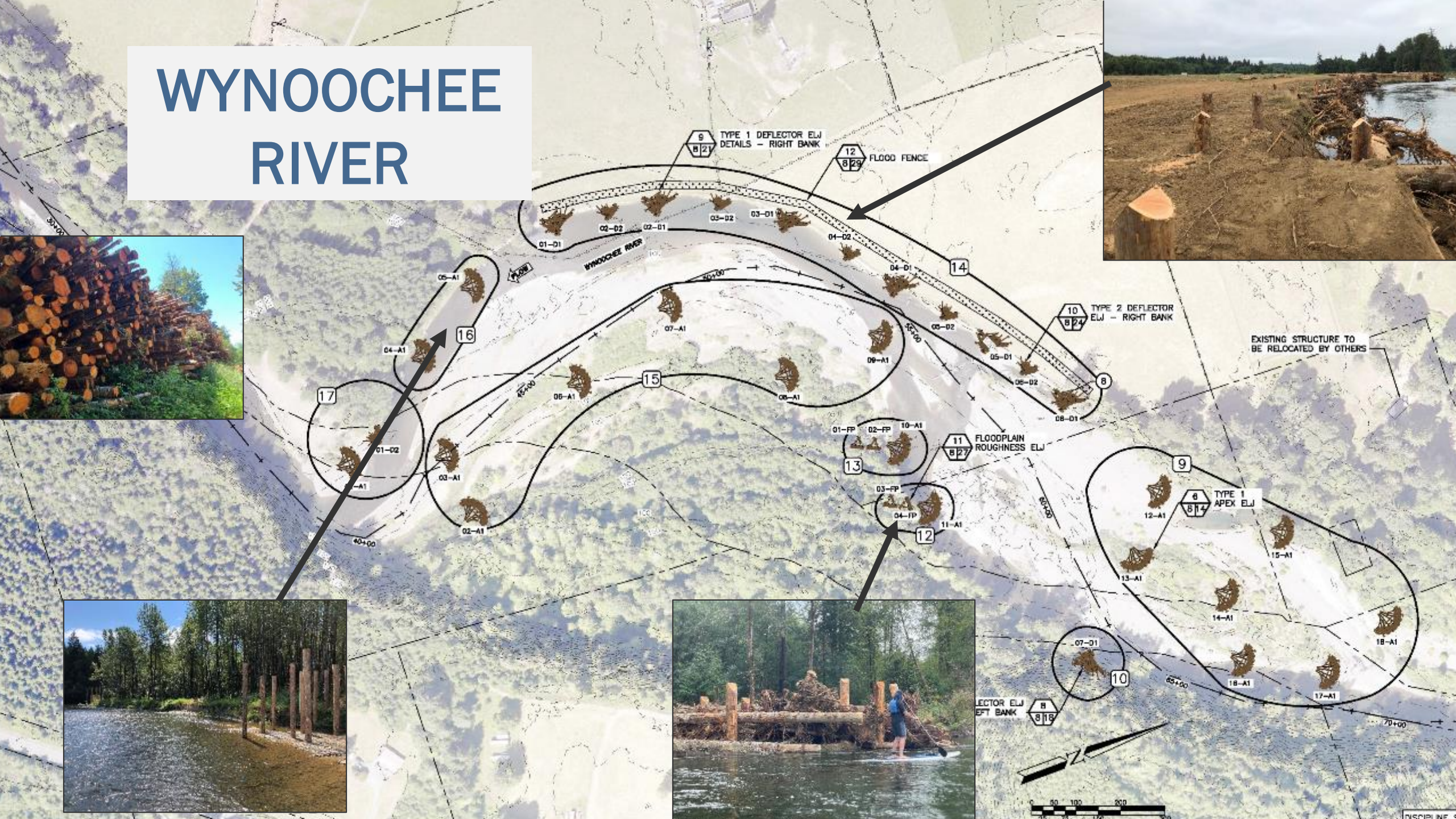
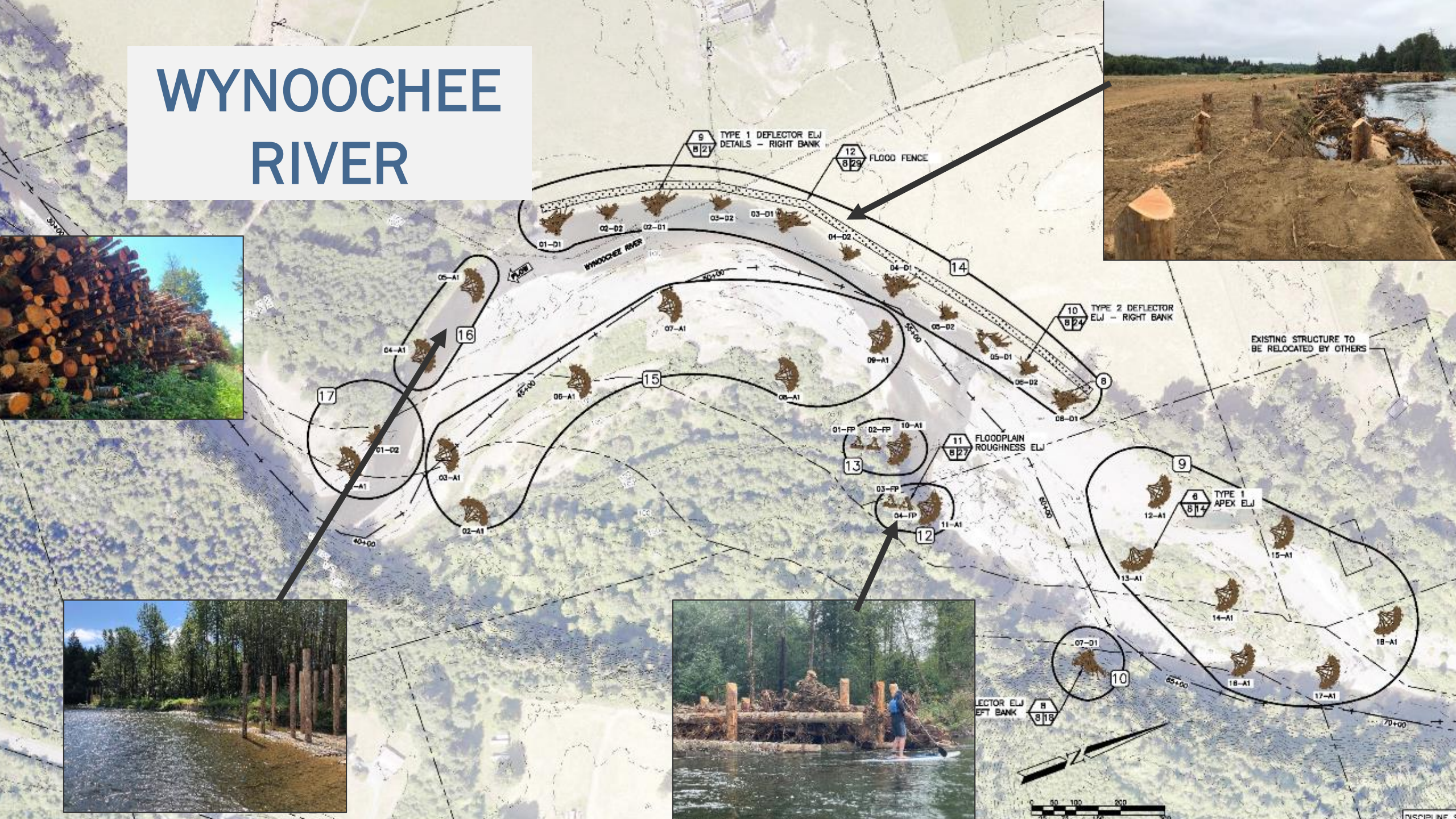








WYNOOCHEE RIVER













CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



- **Skookumchuck** - construction is complete
- **Satsop and Wynoochee**
 - Season/phase 1 complete (2021)
 - Season/phase 2 (final) begins next summer (2022)
- **Stillman Creek and Newaukum**
 - Begin construction next summer (2022)
 - 1-2 seasons to complete

QUESTIONS

