

# Stormwater Management for Synthetic Turf Fields

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**Synthetic turf**

tile maximizes flow

0-1/4" precision laser graded  
Compacted to 95% proctor  
Graded within 1/4" in 10'0"

2 inch min

Compacted to 95% proctor  
Graded within 1/2" of design

Non-permeable liner

**GOAL:**  
Creation of sportsfields capable of accommodating elevated use levels.

**PRACTICE:**  
Rapidly convey stormwater away from fields.

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**GOAL:**  
Preserve groundwater recharge.

**PRACTICE:**  
Detain stormwater onsite to maximize percolation.

The Project: Conversion of 5 high school track & field bowls

Location: Campbell Union High School District – campuses in San Jose, Campbell, and Saratoga

Construction: 2006



# Drainage Design Goals

- A sound storm drainage system that operates as expected and can be maintained
- A playing surface that can be used in a variety of rainfall conditions
- Prevent the migration and loss of field materials
- Reduce storm runoff to the pre-project conditions

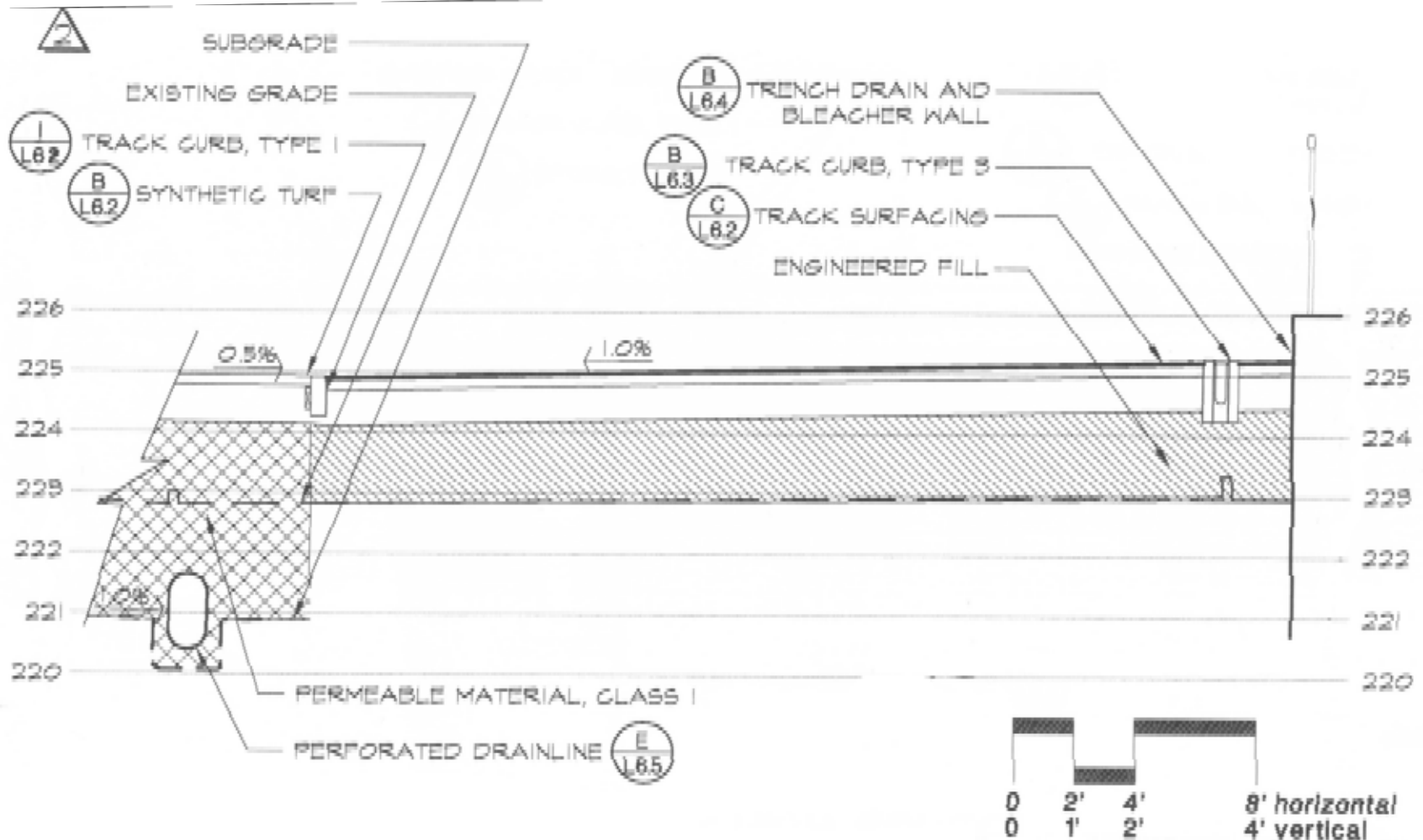


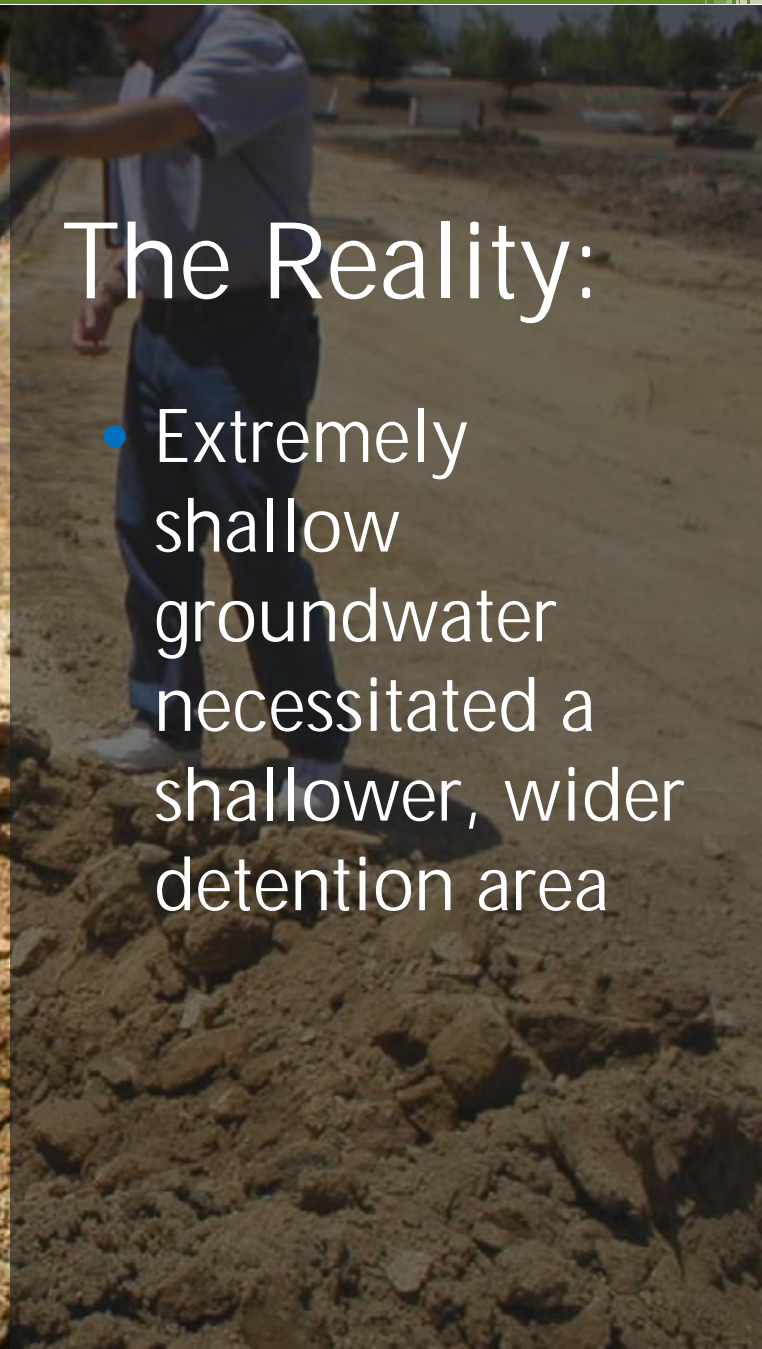
# Method of Discharge

HIGH SCHOOL	PRIMARY OUTFLOW	OVERLAND RELEASE	DETENTION	PERCOLATION	PUMP
LEIGH	PUMP		X		X
PROSPECT	PIPE	X	X		
DEL MAR	INFILTRATION		X	X	
WESTMONT	INFILTRATION		X	X	
BRANHAM	PIPE	X	X		

- Detention used at each site to reduce the flow to pre-project conditions for a 25-year storm event

# The Plan: Stormwater detention beneath the field only

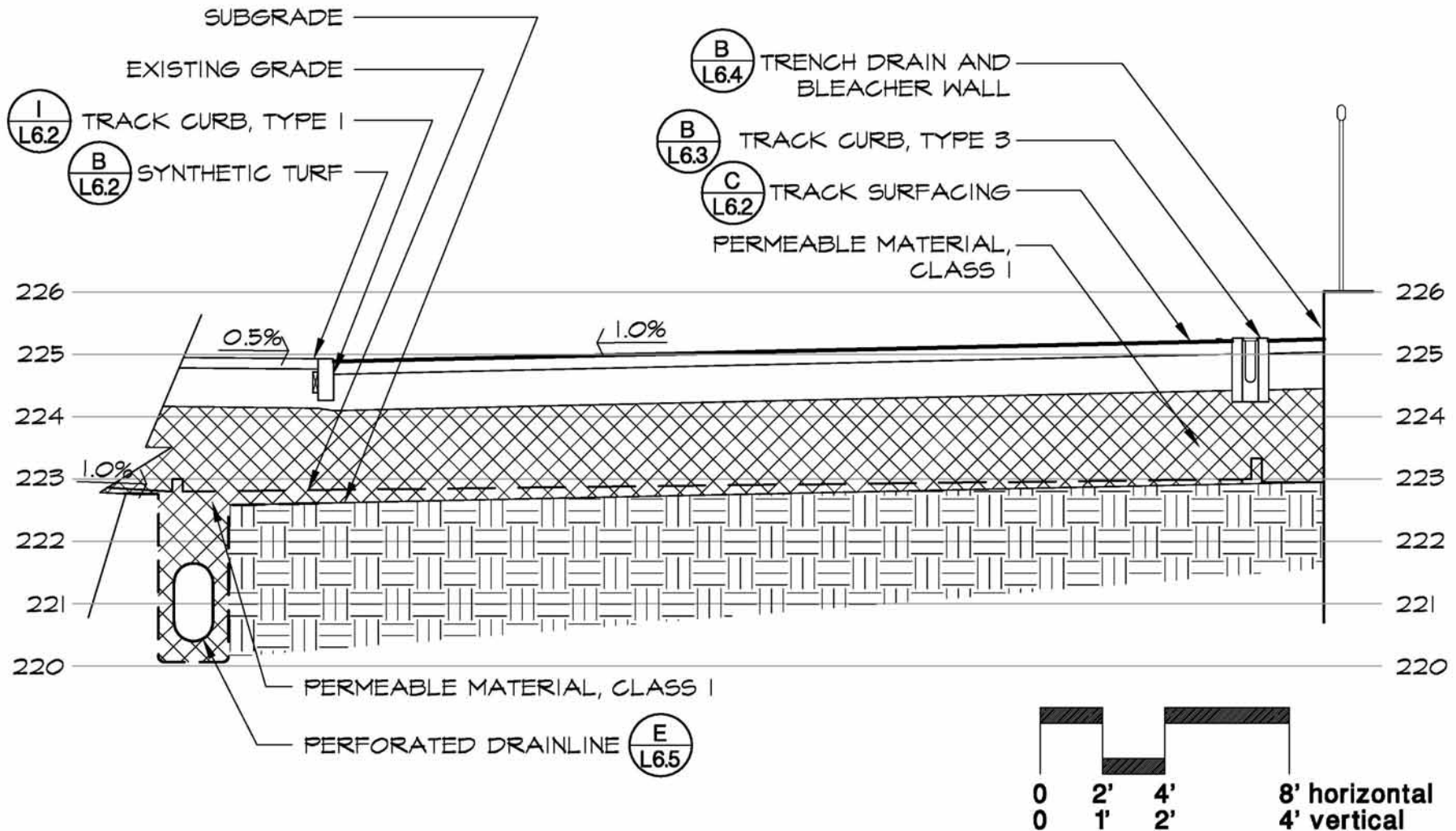




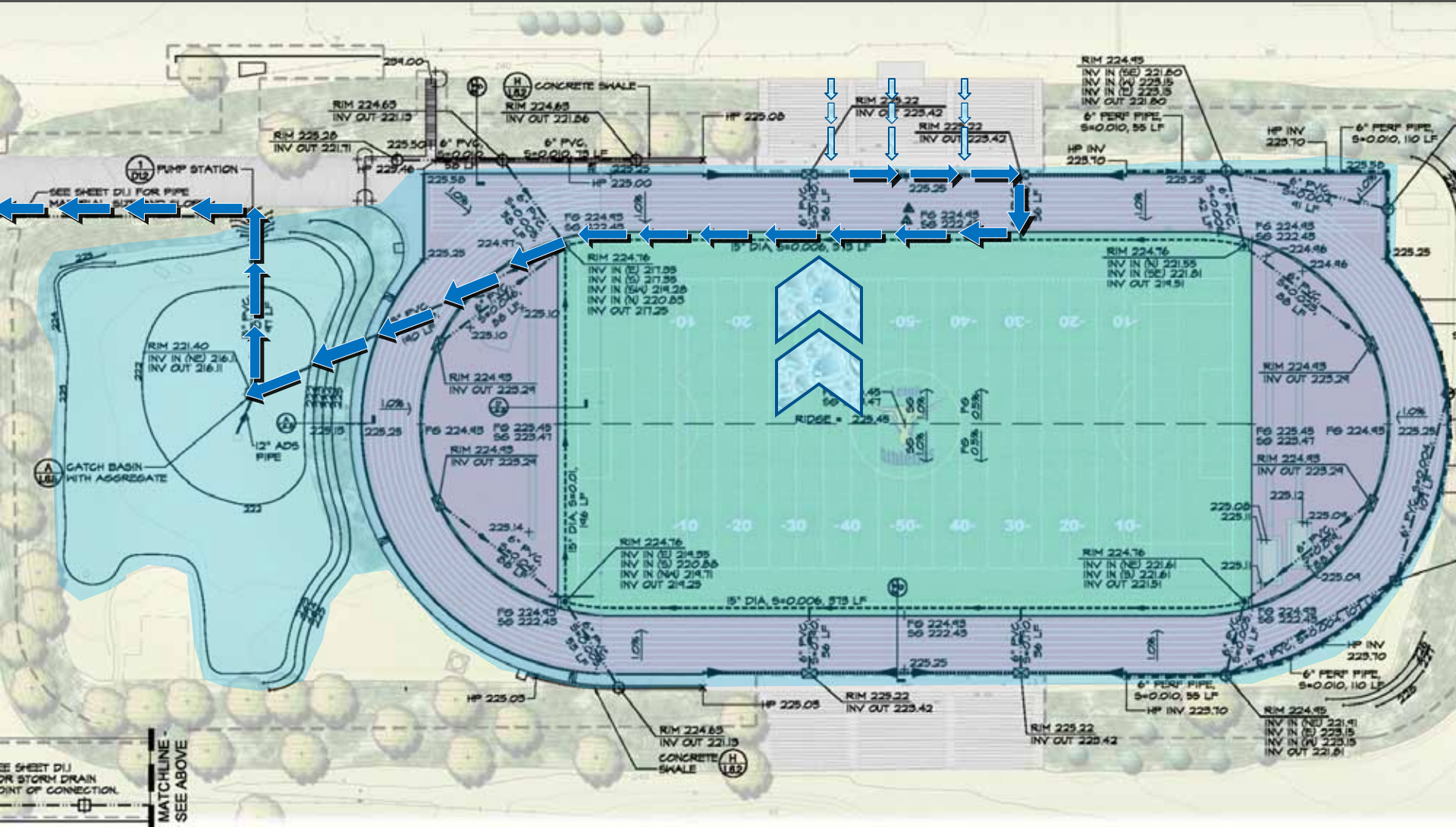
## The Reality:

- Extremely shallow groundwater necessitated a shallower, wider detention area

# Plan 'B'



# Executing the Plan



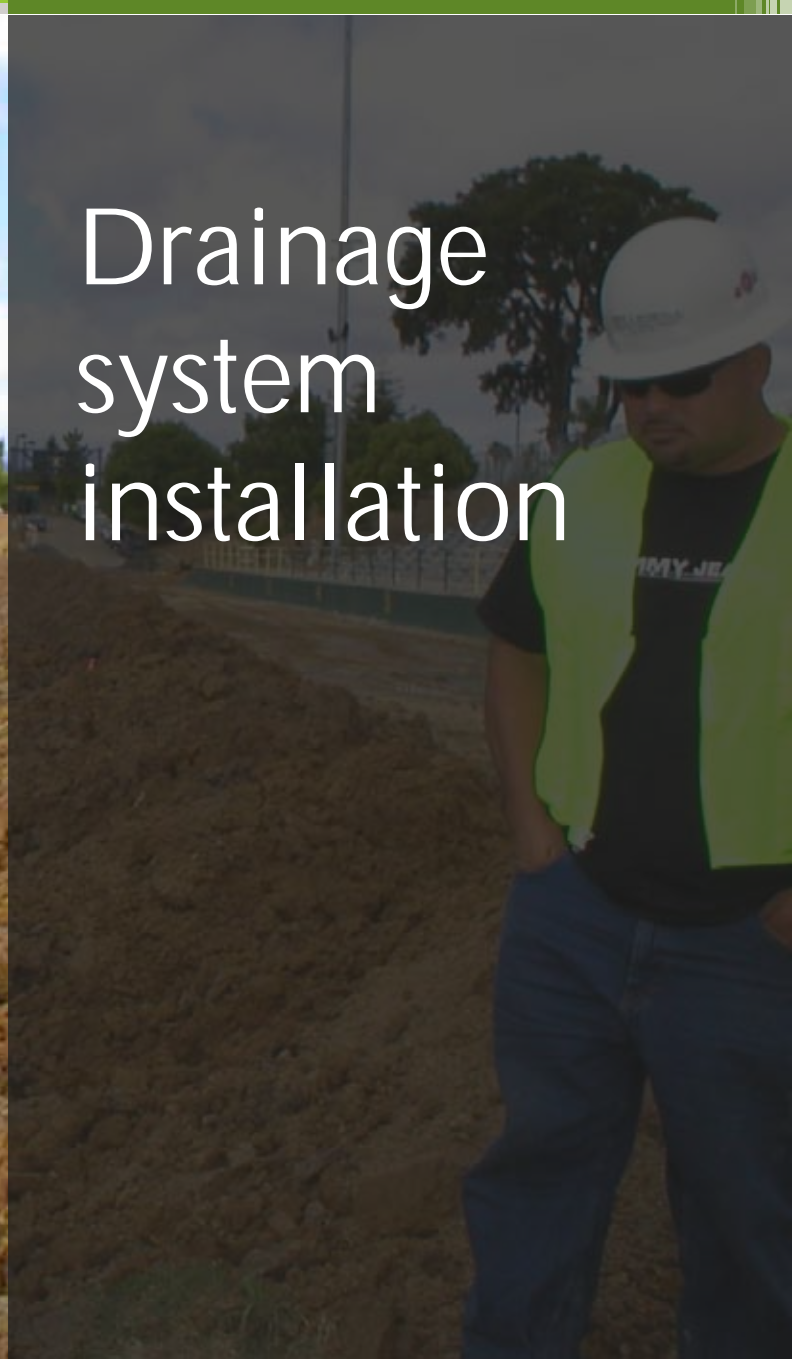
# Further refinements

- Geotechnical evaluation
- Test pads
- Geogrid incorporation





# Drainage system installation



# Subgrade achieved



# Edge modifications



# Accommodating grade change



# Pump station installation

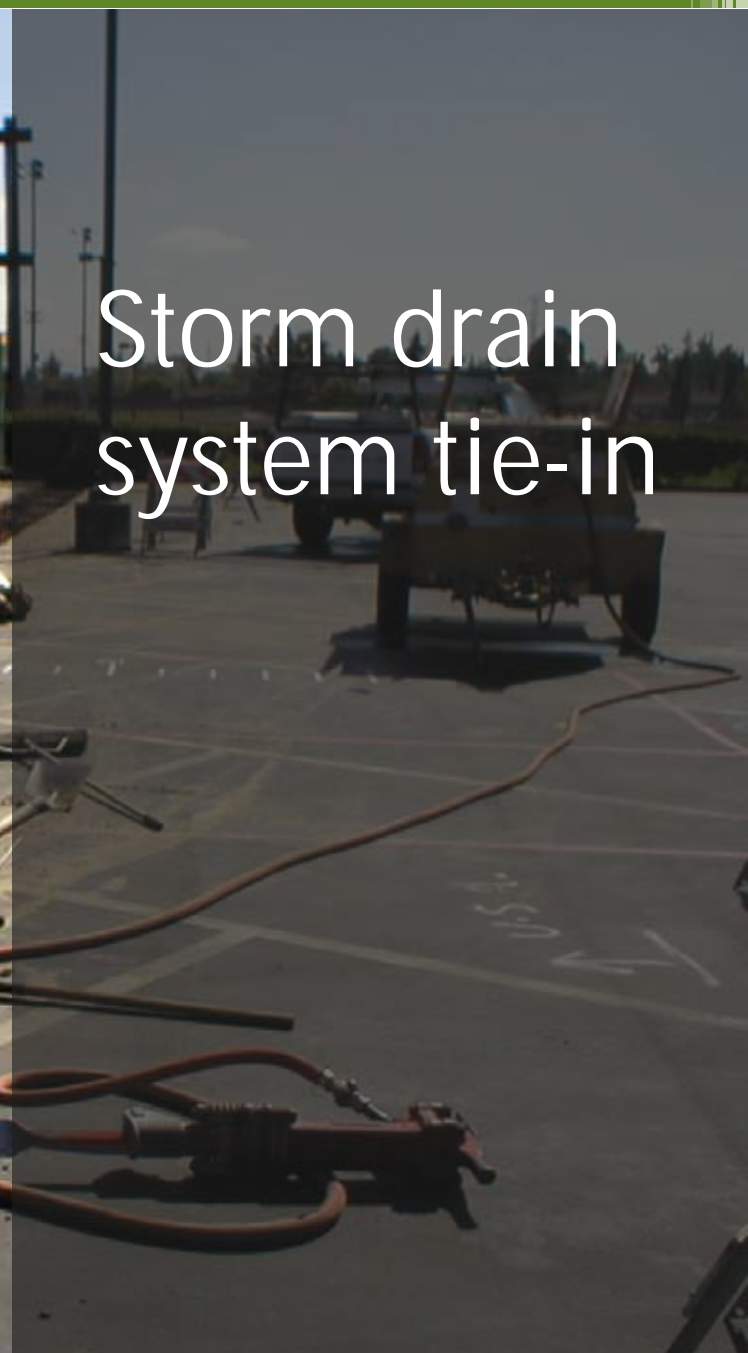


Pump  
being  
installed

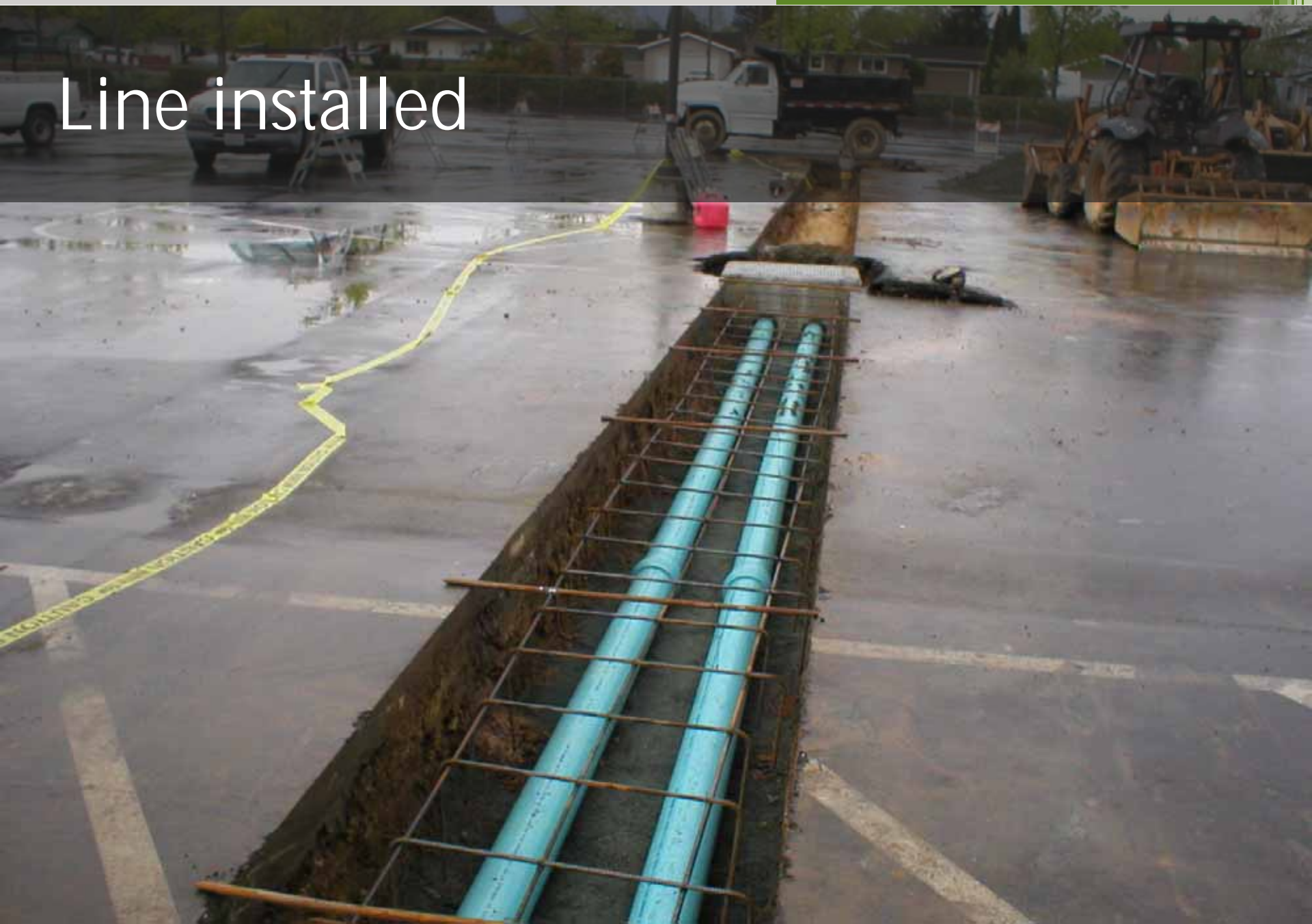




Storm drain  
system tie-in



# Line installed



# Field nearing completion



# Additional considerations



