Interim Risk Reduction Measures for Seepage Mitigation and Stability Improvement at Laurel Mountain State Park Water Supply Impoundment

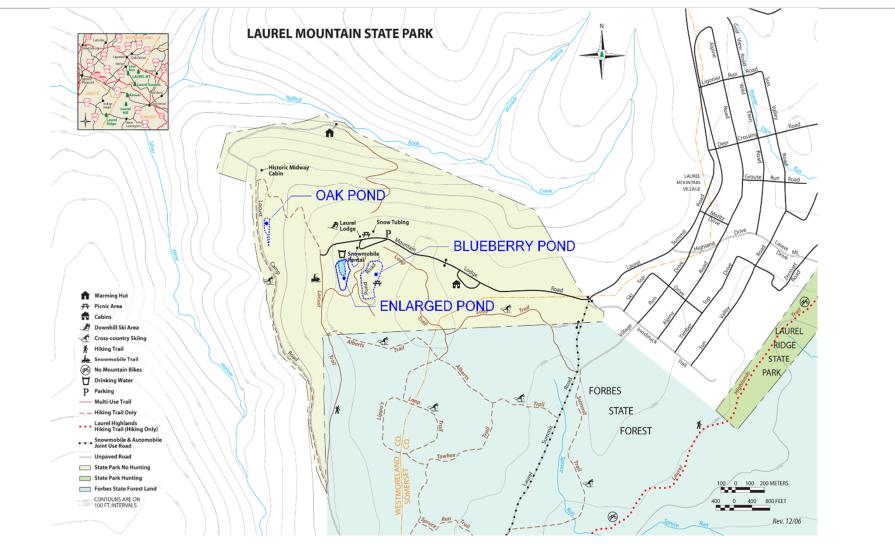
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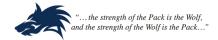
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#### **Project Site**



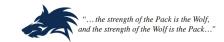




### Details of Work Completed

- Review of project records and published geologic data
- Detailed Site Reconnaissance
- Static LiDAR Survey
- Geophysical Survey including Electromagnetic (EM) Terrain Conductivity survey
- Interpretation of commercially available multispectral color infrared (4-band red/green/blue/near-infrared) hi-resolution (30 cm/pixel) satellite imagery
- Seepage and Embankment Stability Sensitivity Analysis
- Developed IRRM for construction



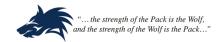


#### **Review of Project Records**



Sandstone was excavated and fractured sandstone may be exposed below the water surface near the easterly edge of the enlarged pond



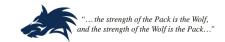


#### **Detailed Site Reconnaissance**

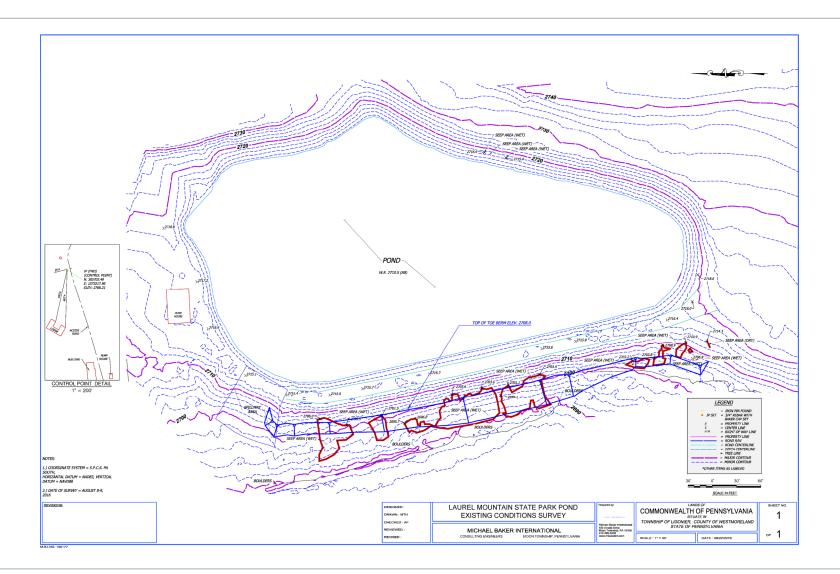


**<u>Slumps</u>**: Observed during Site Reconnaissance

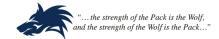




#### Composite Topo Plan of Site Reconnaissance Findings

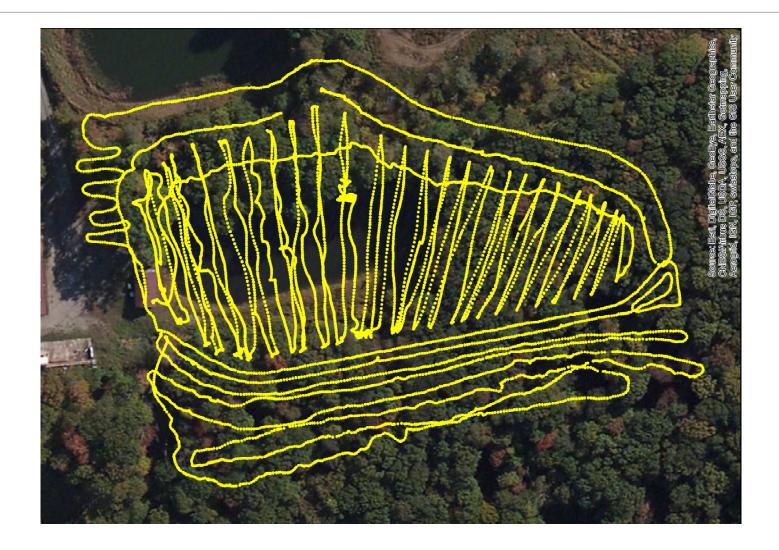




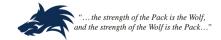


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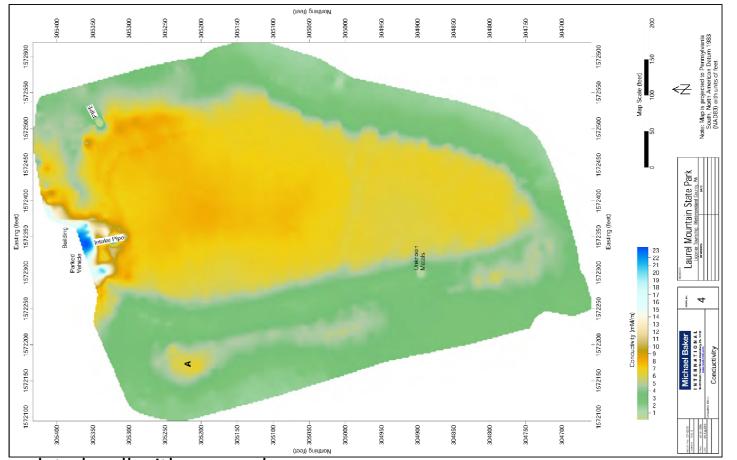
#### Geophysical Survey - A Plan of EM Measurements





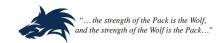


#### Geophysical Survey – Plan of EM Conductivity



- Correlated well with mapped seepage areas
- Did not identify significant geologic anomalies which would account for why seepage would have begun to emanate



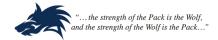


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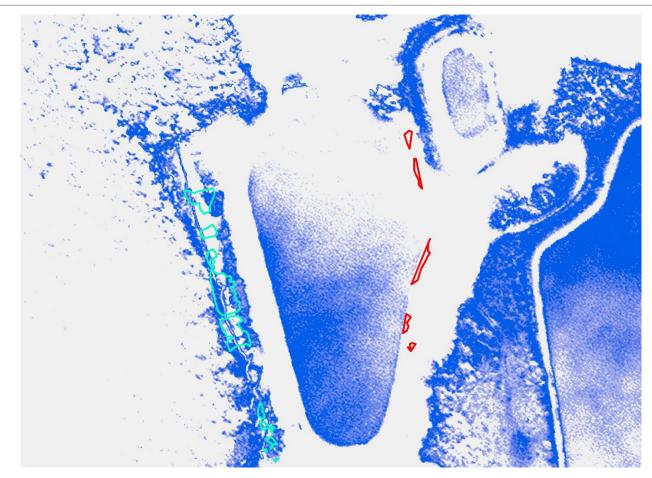


#### seepage was not apparent prior to pond filling



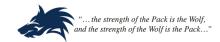


# NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index), NWDI (Normalized Water Difference Index) and Density Slices



<u>Seepage was apparent after pond filling</u>. The red shapes were created using density slices, multiple imagery band combinations using NDVI and NWDI results.



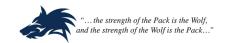


#### Plausible Seepage Sources

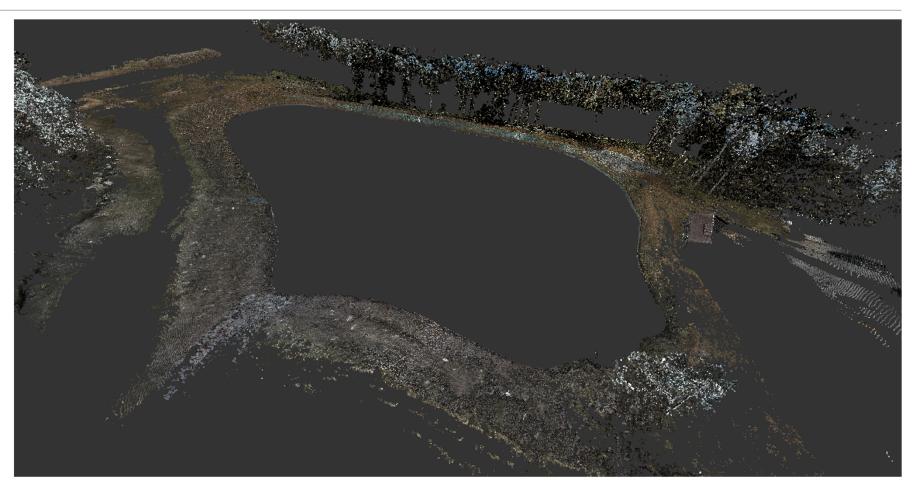
Interpretation of the infrared imagery suggests that the seepage had penetrated the dike within an approximate 2 to 3-month period after the pond was filled.

- Seepage may be emanating from the two adjacent existing ponds and flowing into the enlarged pond.
- Dike seepage is originating from the easterly edge of the clay liner, which is then flowing under the clay liner and then along a fill-lift interface within the dike embankment.
- It is possible that a portion of the seepage is migrating through open bedrock fractures and then flowing upward as underseepage below the dike.



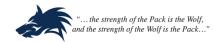


### Static LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)

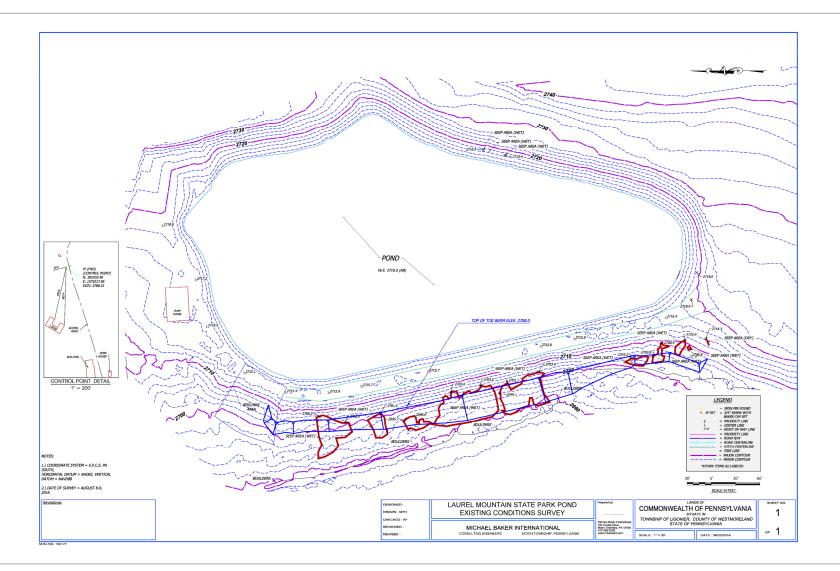


LiDAR Survey completed to map existing features, develop base plans & create seepage shape files using ArcMap

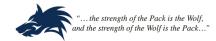
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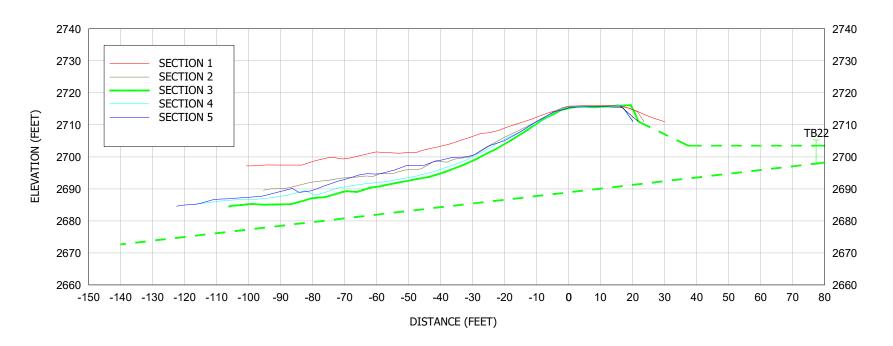
#### Post processed Static LiDAR in Civil 3D





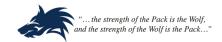


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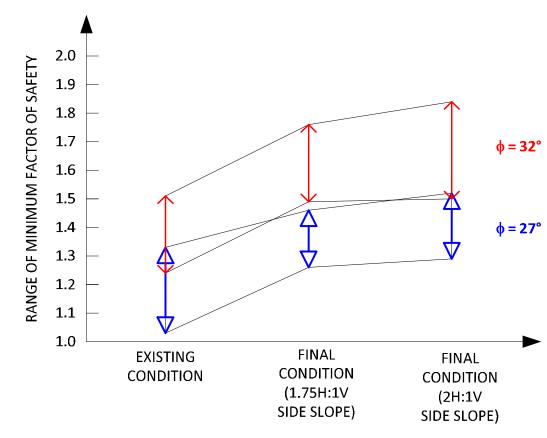


#### Lidar surveyed cross-sections



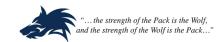


#### Sensitivity Analysis

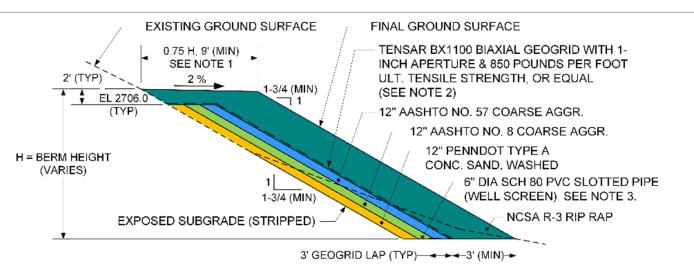


Stability analyses were
completed to assess the
sensitivity and relative
improvement for a
variety of conditions,
seepage cases, material
properties and seepage
toe berm geometry





#### Interim Risk Reduction Measures



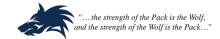
NOTES: 1. MAINTAIN 9' MINIMUM TOP WIDTH FOR SEEPAGE TOE BERM.

- 2. OVERLAP GEOGRID PANELS WITH MINIMUM 2' LAP SPLICE.
- PROVIDE WELL SCREEN WITH 6 ROWS OF 0.020" WIDE X 1.5" +/- 0.3" LONG SLOTS ON 60-DEGREE CENTERS WITH 1/4" SLOT SPACING. CONNECT WELL SCREEN TO SOLID PVC OUTLET PIPE TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE DRAINAGE.





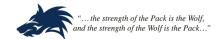
Developed plans & construction was completed to successfully implement IRRM including a seepage toe berm with 10-foot wide top width, 1.75H:1V side slope, to improve the existing slope stability factor of safety by about 20 to 30 percent.



#### **Post-Construction**









## Thank You!