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Storage Study Phase II Update

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■ Agenda

- Storage Study Phase I refresher
- DRB Water Management Schematic
- Phase II authorization
- Current status of Phase II projects considered
 - Moores Station Quarry, Mercer County, NJ (closed)
 - Penns Park Quarry, Bucks County, PA (active)
 - Evansville Quarry, Berks County, PA (active)
 - Cannonsville Reservoir, Delaware County, NY



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The image shows the cover of a technical report. On the left is a vertical strip with a landscape image of a river and forest. The main title 'EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE IN THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN' is in white text on a dark green background. Above the title is the date 'April 2023'. Below the title is 'Technical Report No. 2023-2'. At the bottom left is the DRBC logo and a tagline. At the bottom right is the text 'Prepared by Mott MacDonald in association with GEI Consultants'.

April 2023

EVALUATION OF
ADDITIONAL STORAGE IN
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Evaluation of Additional Storage in the Delaware River Basin - published April 2023

- Technical Report No. 2023-2
- <https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/programs/flow/reservoir-storage-study.html>
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Table 1.3-1: Number of Potential Projects Involved at Different Stages in the Study

Project Stage	Potential Storage Project Category				Total
	New reservoirs	Existing reservoirs	Quarries	Abandoned mines	
Identifying potential projects	22	1,041	1,421	29	2,513
Passing pre-screening	22	34	66	5	127
Passing initial screening	7	16	33	5	61
Passing supplemental screening (evaluated projects)	7	8	18	5	38
Recommended projects	0	2	12	0	14

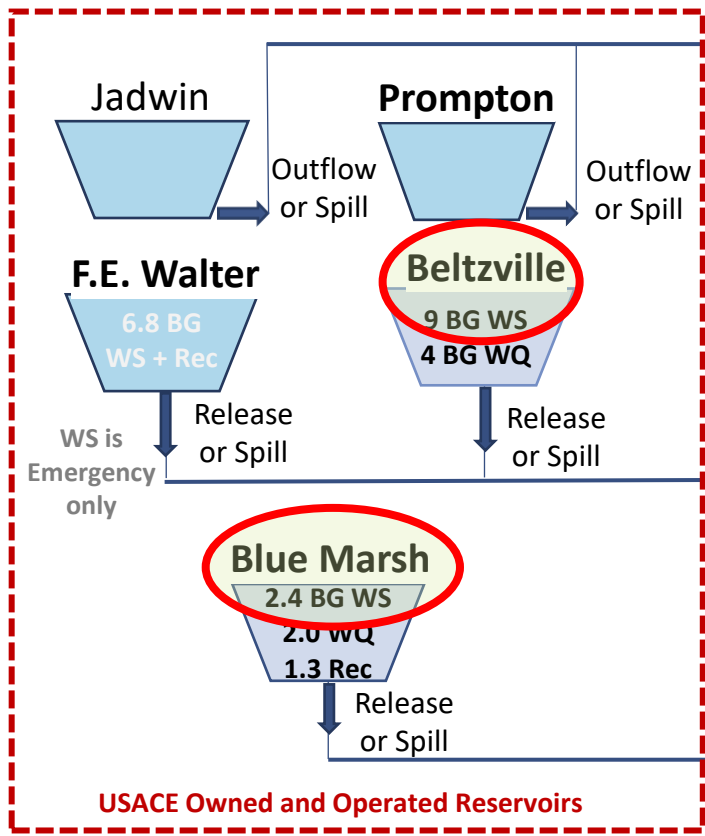
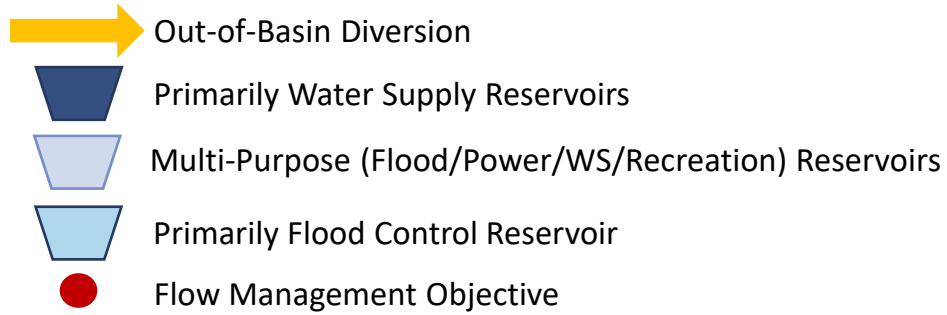
These 38 projects all had Storage Project Summaries (SPS) developed.

Pre-Screening

Initial Screening

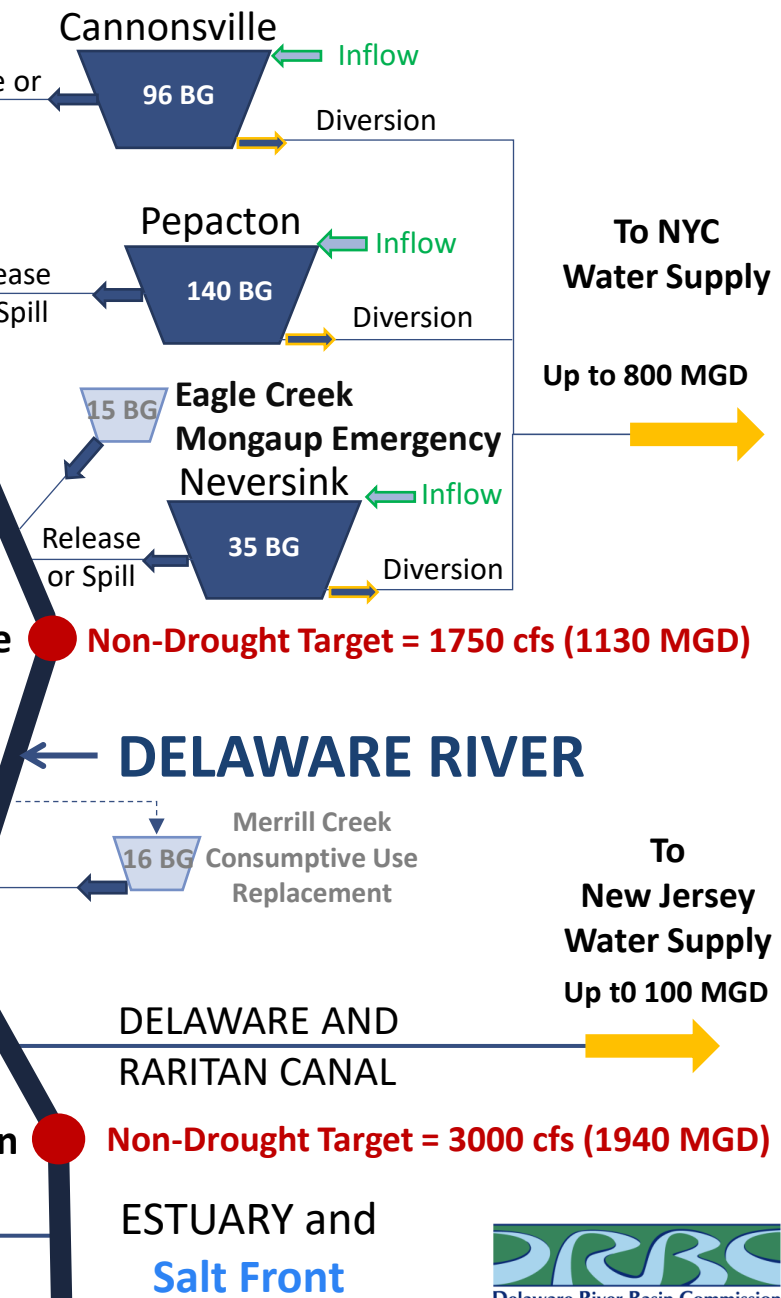
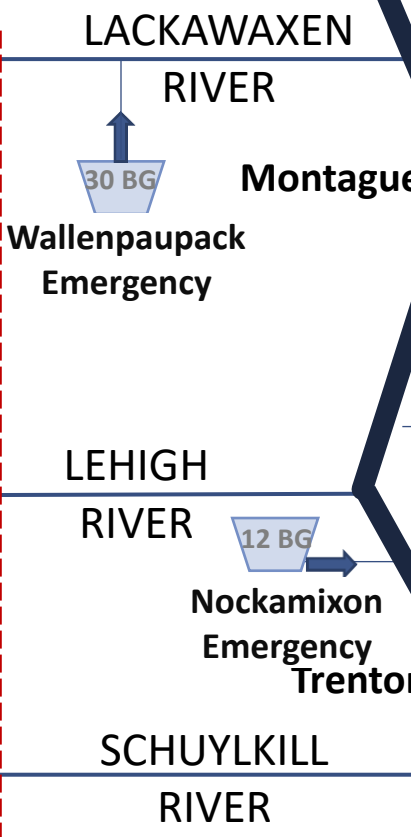
Supplemental Screening

Water Management Schematic for the Delaware River Basin



DRBC Owned Water Supply Storage

11.4 BG



Note: Not all reservoirs, tributaries, and diversions are shown.



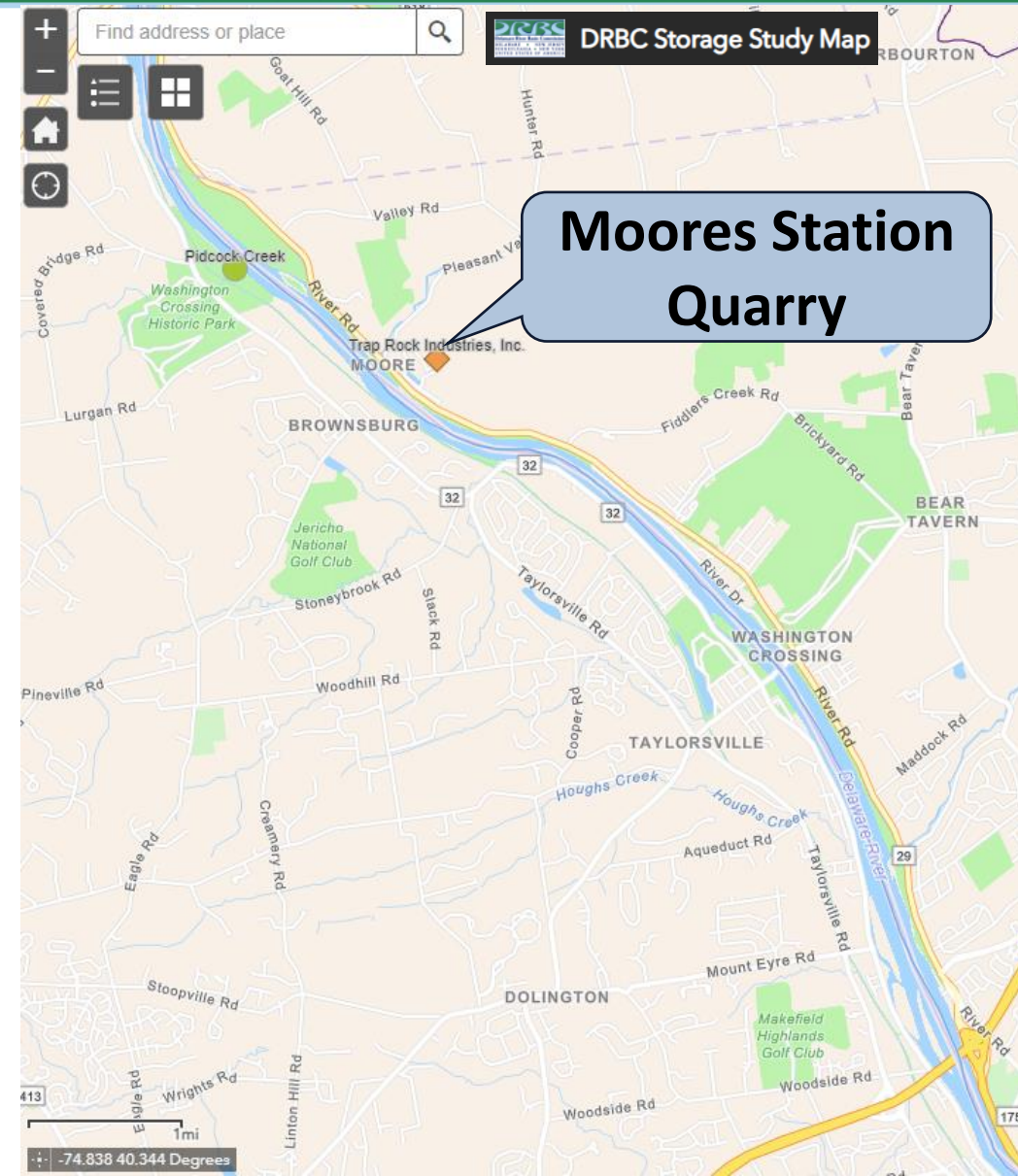
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- Resolution for the Minutes approved in September 2024.
- Two track study with Mott MacDonald (MM)
 - 3 Quarries (Penns Park, Evansville, Moores Station / Trap Rock)
 - Cannonsville expansion
- Requires 3 different contracts
 - DRBC & MM for 3 Quarries – **finalized 3/20/2025** (18 months; Sept 2026)
 - DRBC & NYCDEP for Cannonsville work – **contract discussions in progress**
 - DRBC & MM for Cannonsville – **pending DRBC/NYCDEP contract**
- 5/19/2025 kickoff meeting with MM for Quarry work

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Moores Station / Trap Rock Quarry (adjacent to Delaware River, Mercer County, NJ)

- Introductory meeting held with MM, DRBC and Mercer County on 5/22/2025
 - Points of contacts confirmed
 - Exchange of water elevation information, etc.
- Site visit for MM held on 6/10/2025
- Two options – existing & addition of saddle wall



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Moores Station / Trap Rock Quarry (adjacent to Delaware River, Mercer County, NJ)

- Concept is to pump water from Delaware River into the quarry.
- Pump water out of quarry at low flows to support flow objectives.
- Pumped storage.



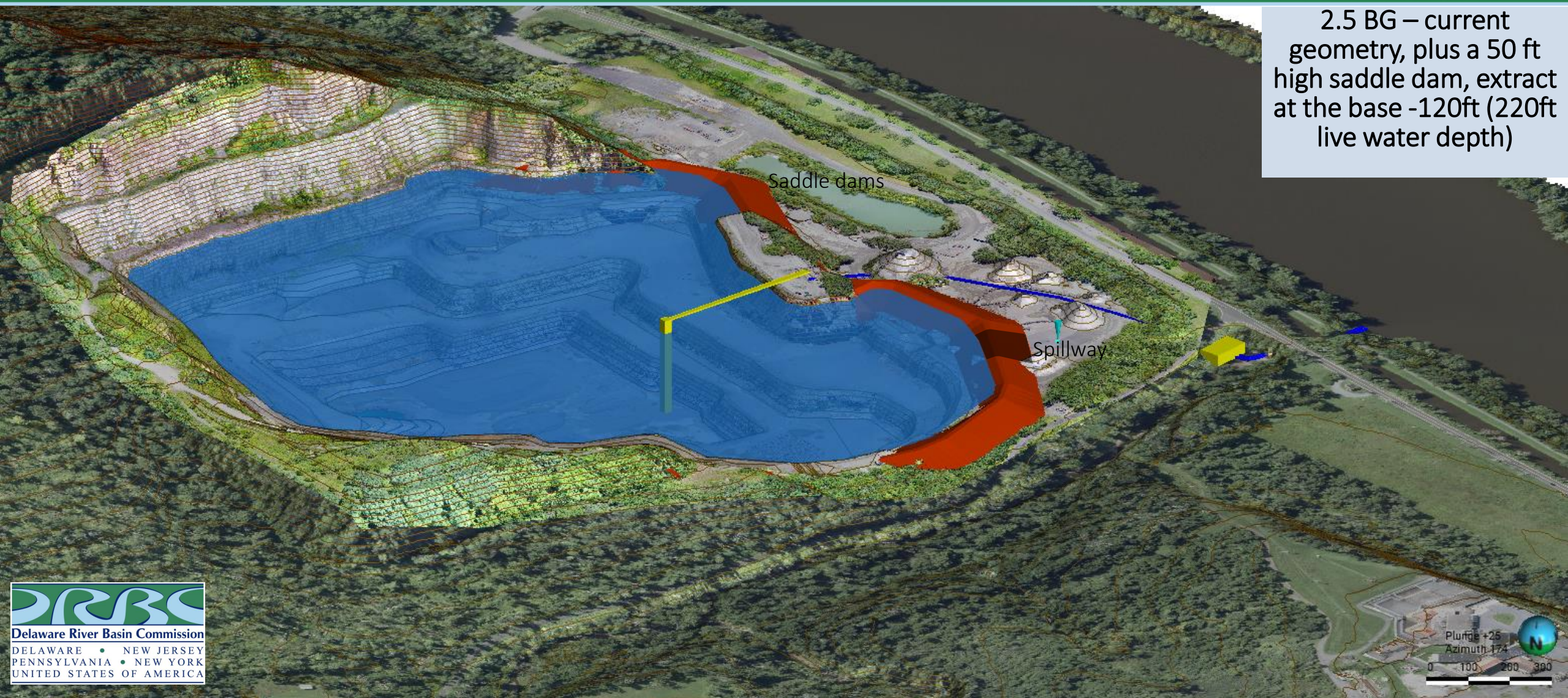
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1.5 BG – current geometry, extraction at base -120ft (170 ft live water depth)



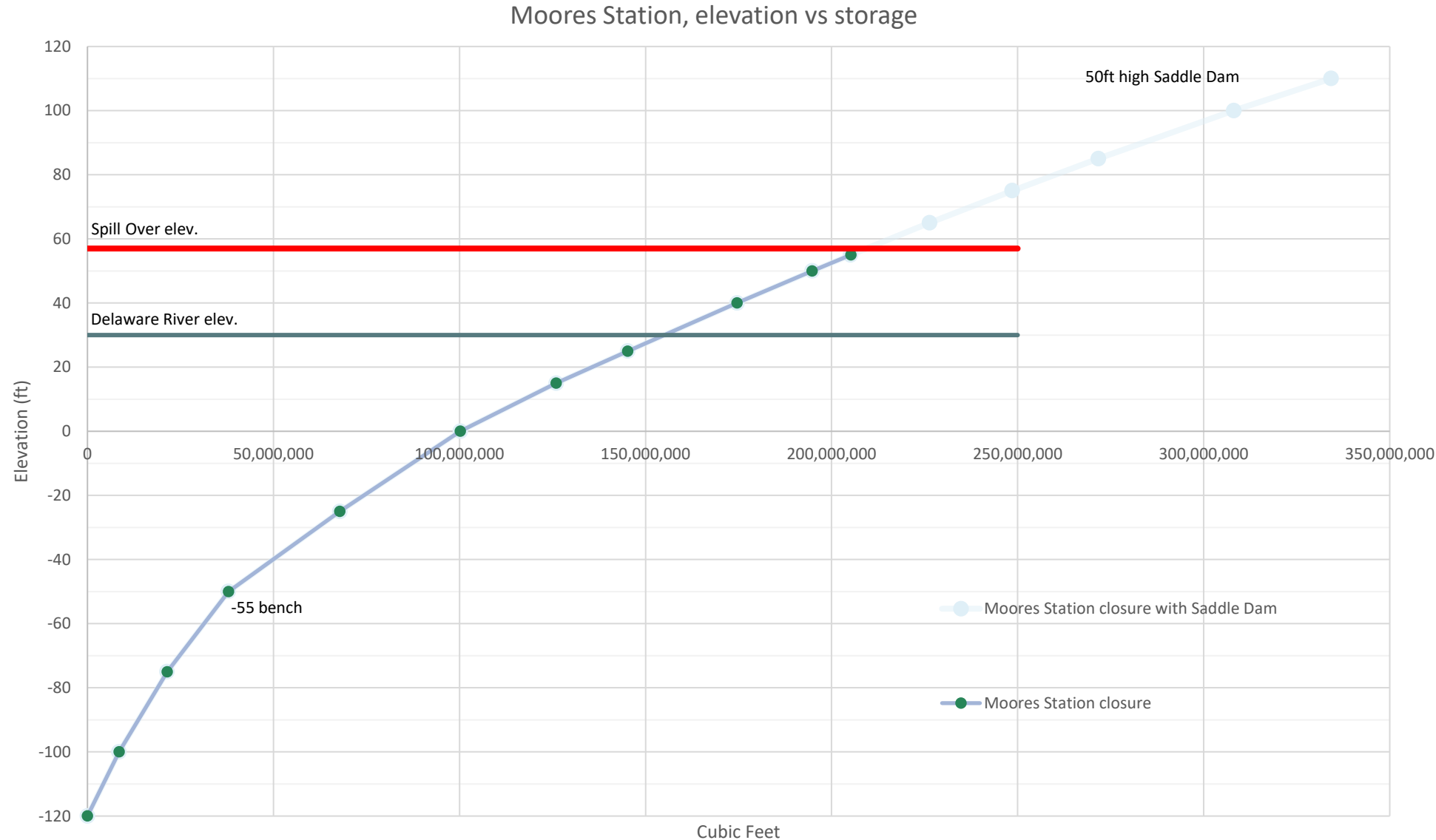
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Moores Station

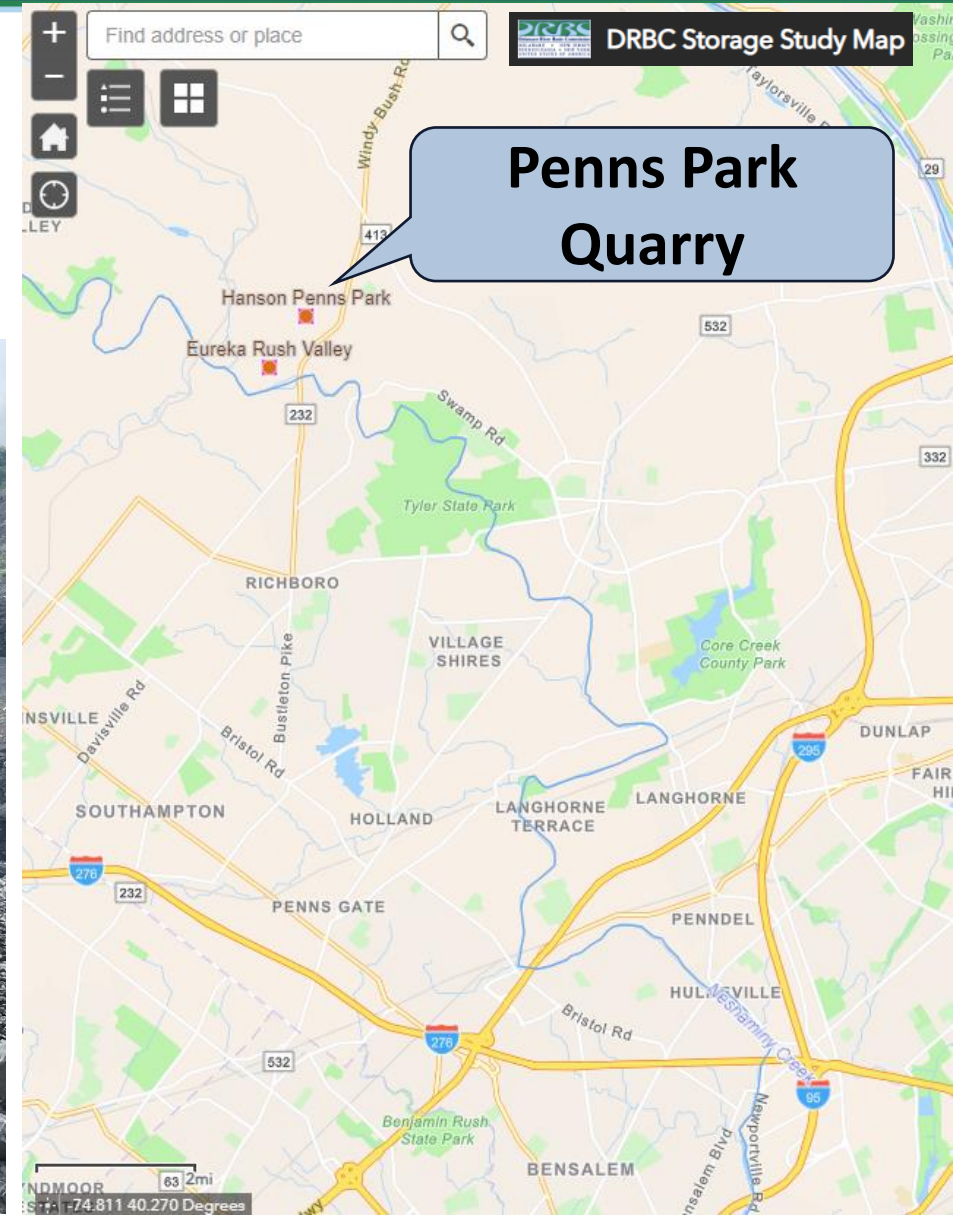
1.5 BG – current geometry, extraction at base (170ft live water depth)

1.2 BG – current geometry, extraction at the -55 bench (100ft live water depth)

2.5 BG – current geometry, plus a 50ft high saddle dam, extract at the base (220ft live water depth)

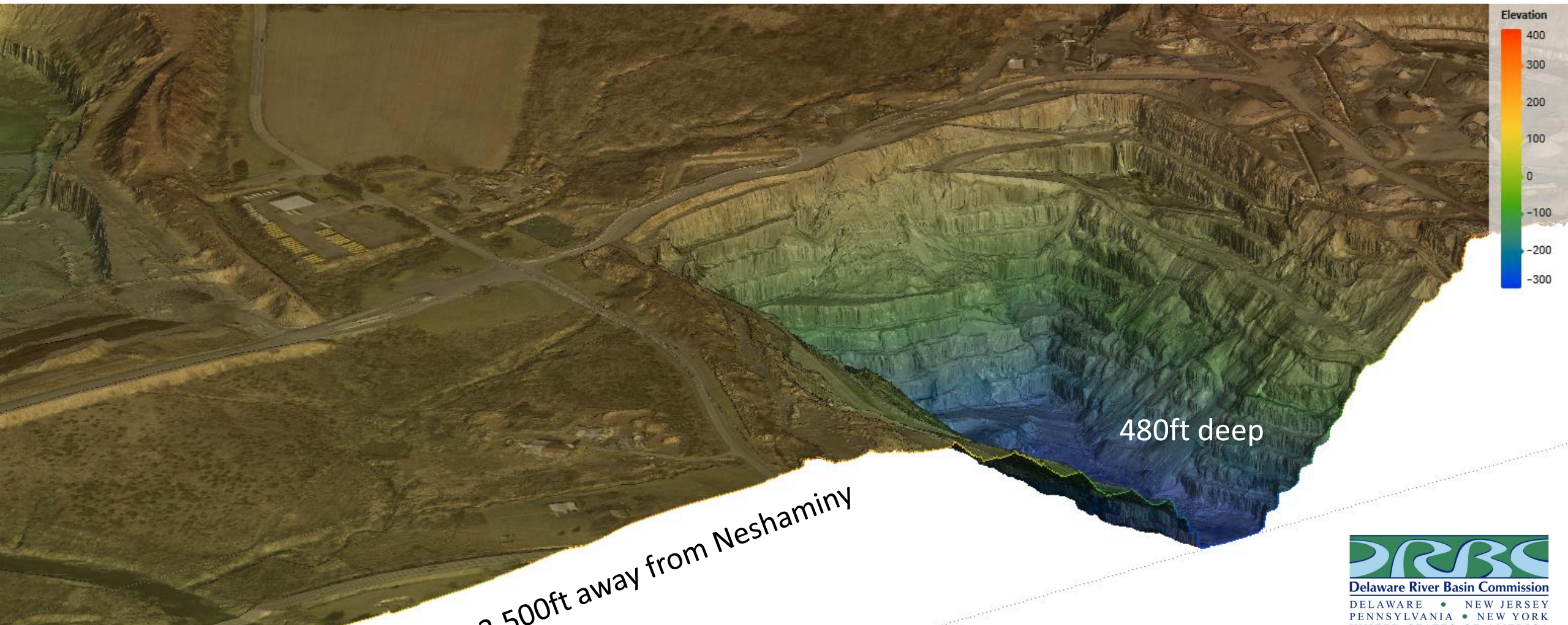
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 - Heidelberg Materials
 - Same ownership and point of contact: Andrew Gutshall

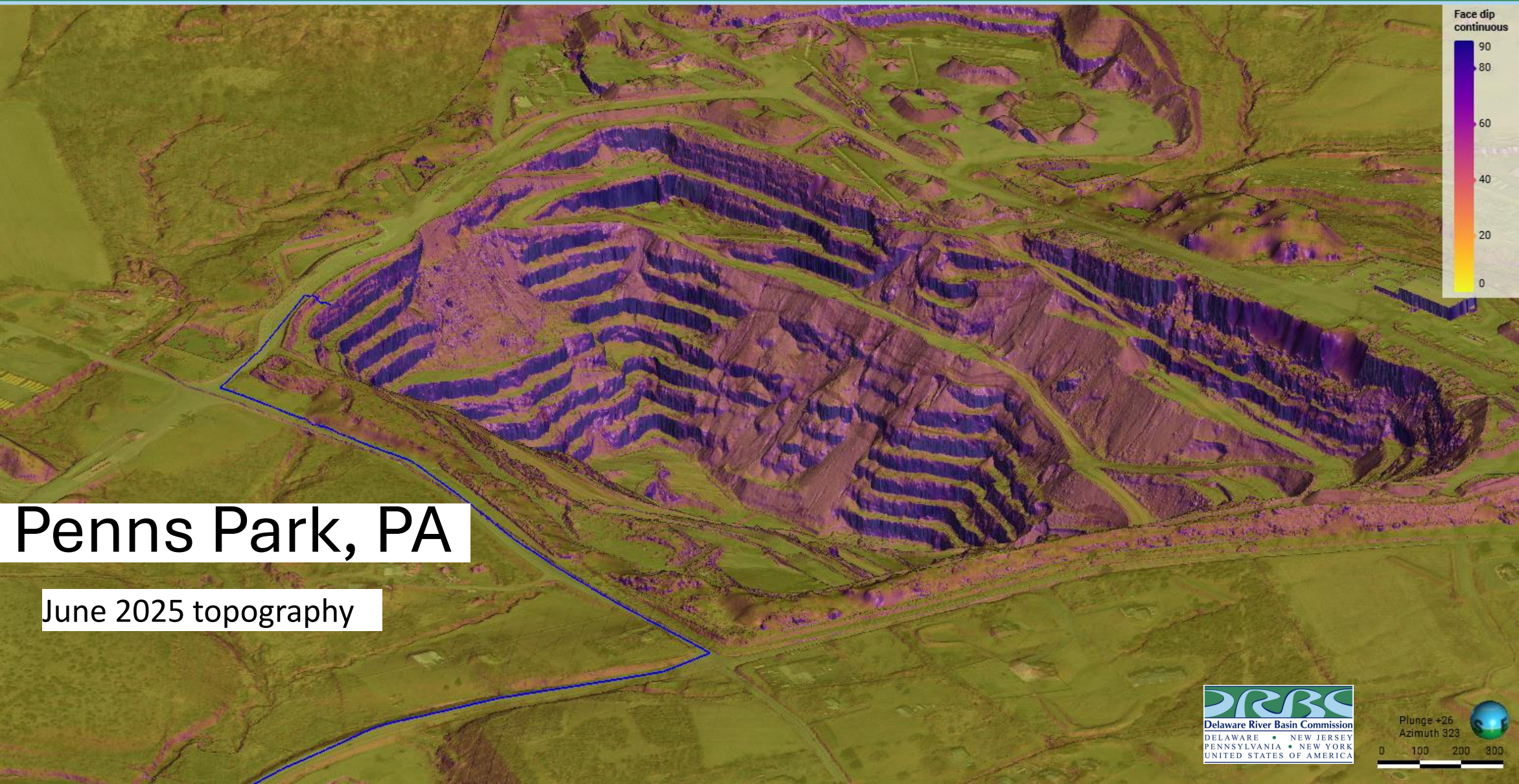


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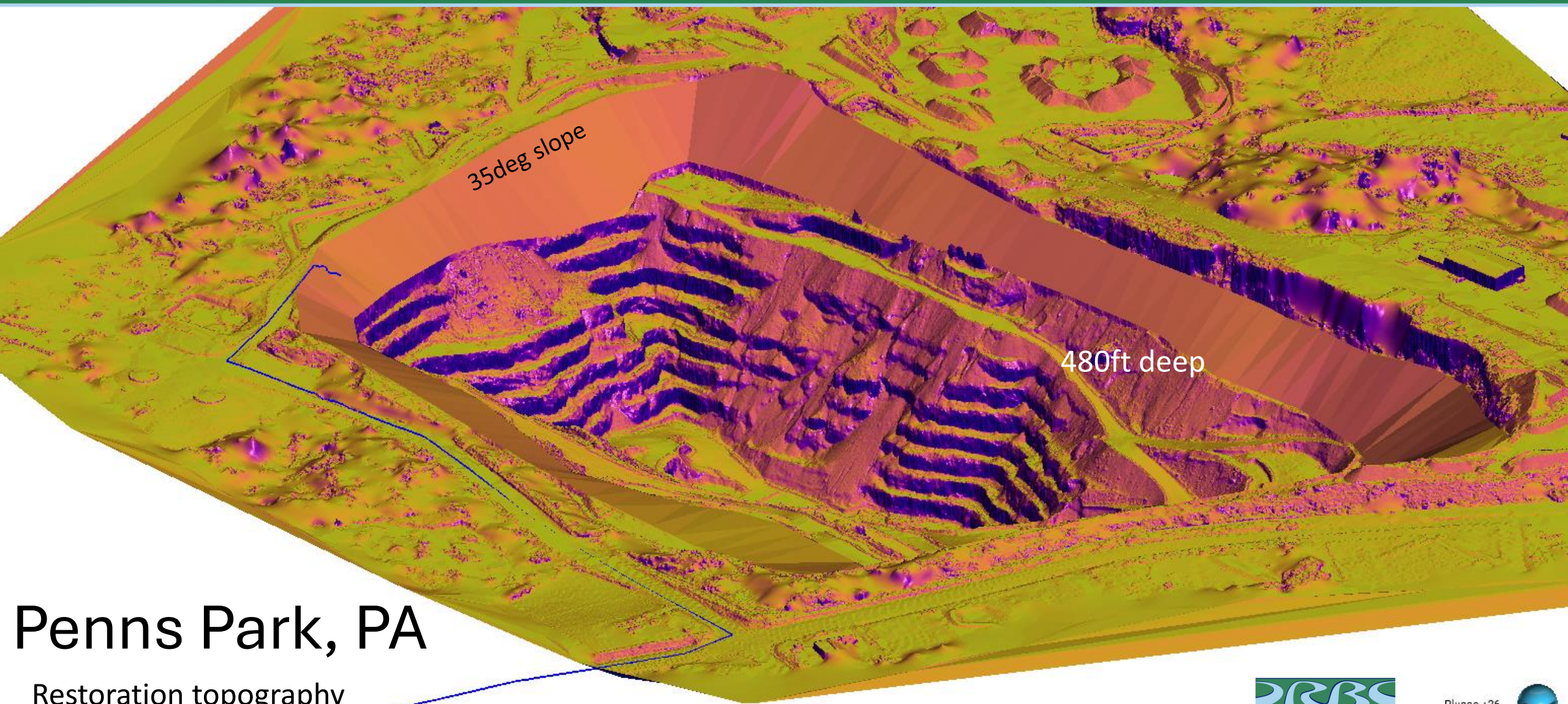
- Penns Park (adjacent to Neshaminy Creek, Bucks County, PA) - Heidelberg Materials
 - Site visit on 7/11/2025



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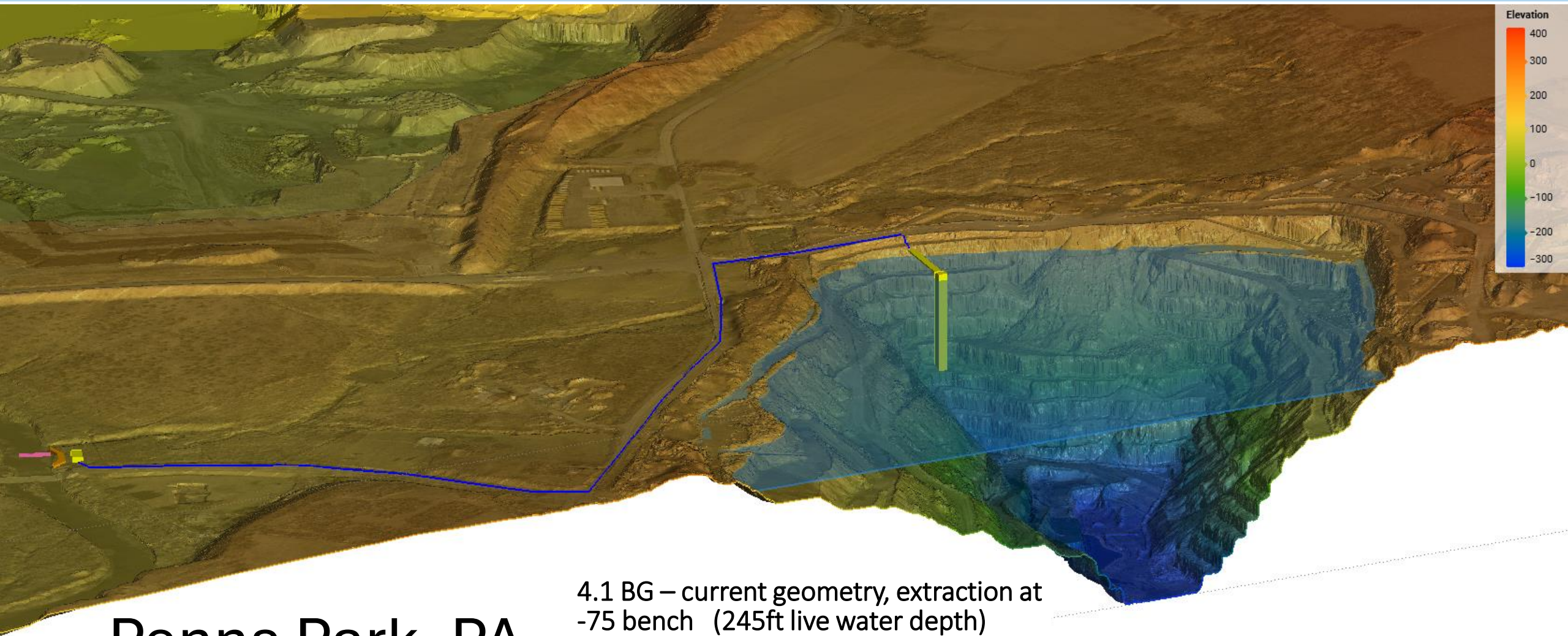
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Penns Park, PA

Restoration topography

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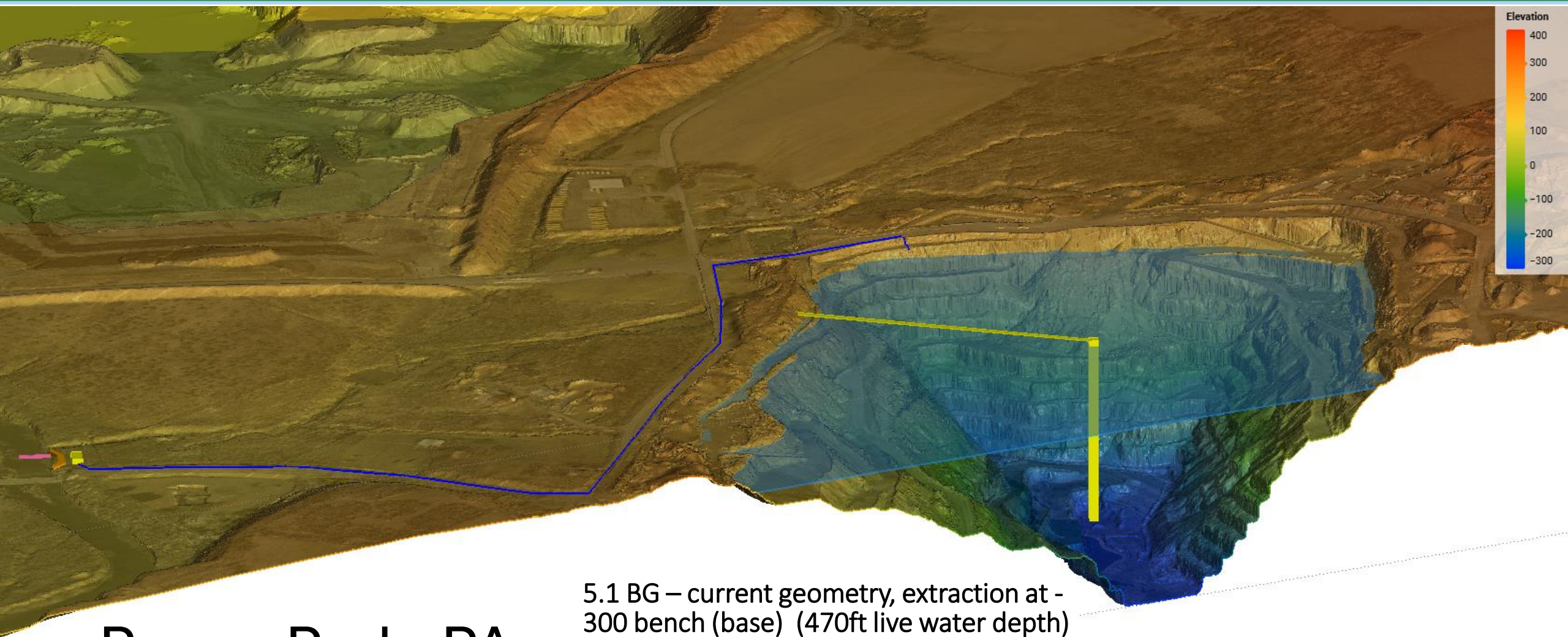


Penns Park, PA

4.1 BG – current geometry, extraction at
-75 bench (245ft live water depth)

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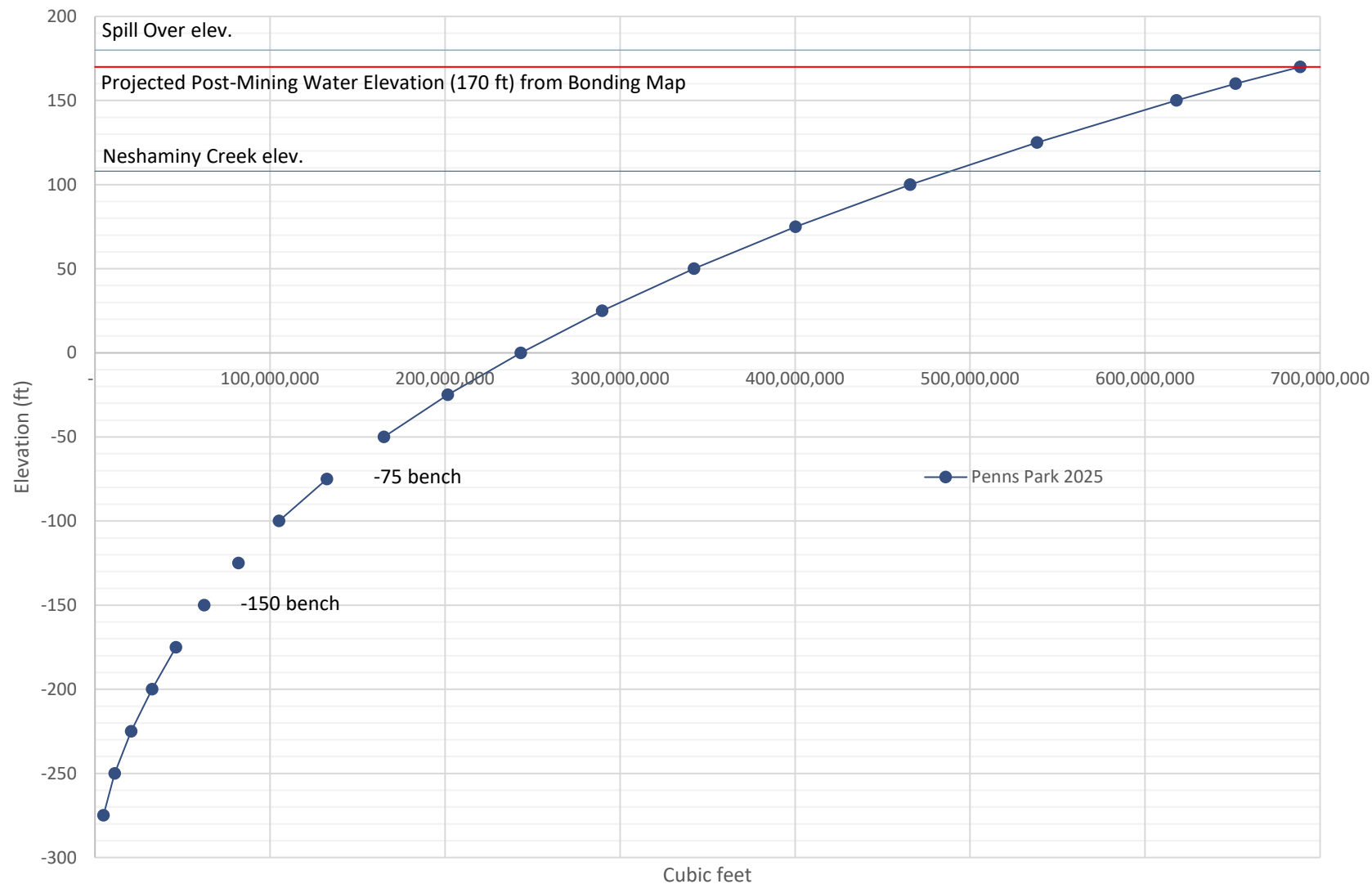
Penns Park, PA

5.1 BG – current geometry, extraction at -300 bench (base) (470ft live water depth)

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Penns Park, elevation vs. storage



Penns Park

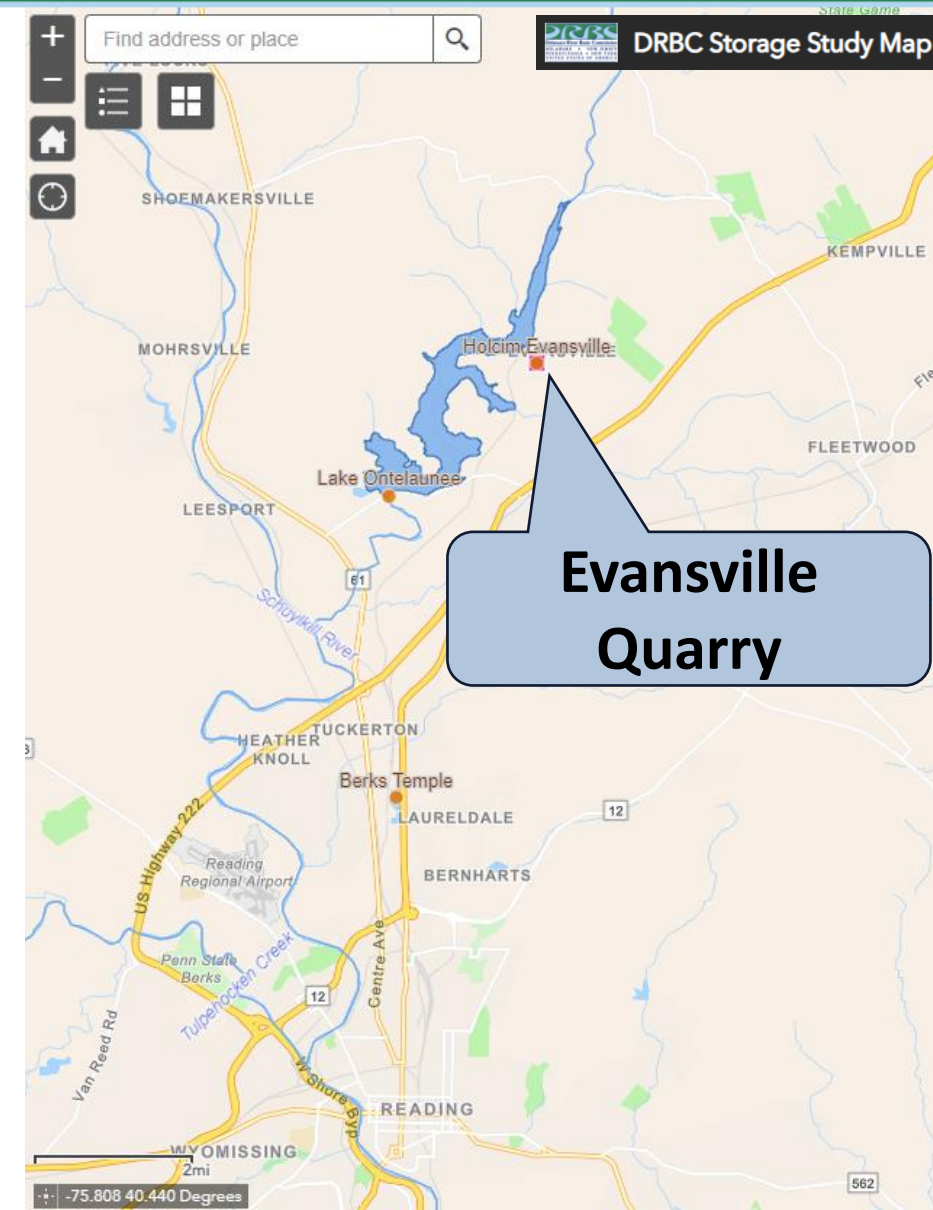
5.1 BG – current geometry, extraction at -300 bench (base) (470ft live water depth)

4.6 BG – current geometry, extraction at -150 bench (320ft live water depth)

4.1 BG – current geometry, extraction at -75 bench (245ft live water depth)

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 - Same ownership and point of contact: Andrew Gutshall
 - Site visit on 9/26/2025; exchange of information forthcoming



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- Evansville ([adjacent to Lake Ontelaunee, Berks County, PA](#)) – Heidelberg Materials
 - Concept is to fill quarry from Lake Ontelaunee when “excess” water is available
 - Decades left of active quarrying



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■ Cannonsville Reservoir Modification

- Complete DRBC & NYCDEP contract
- Complete DRBC & MM contract
- Kickoff meeting - TBD
- Site visit - TBD

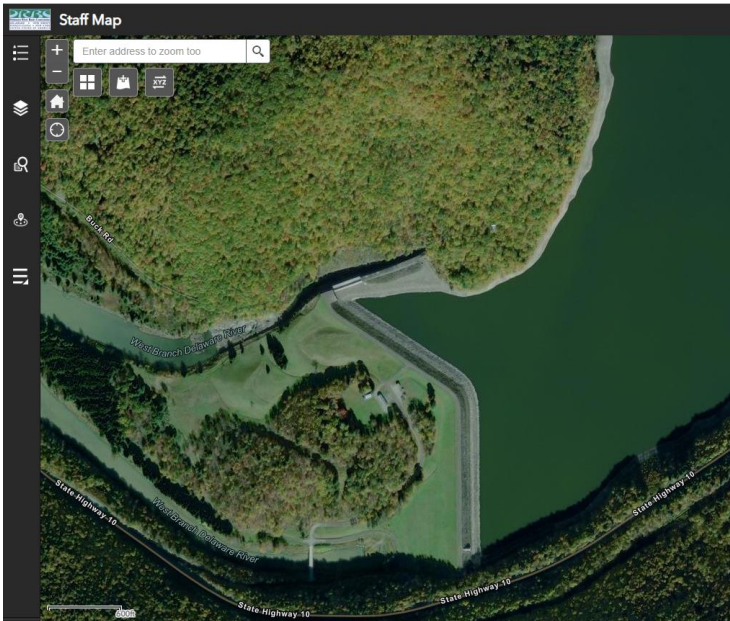


Figure 3.1: Overview of dam and spillway modifications



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■ Next Steps

○ Quarries

- Continue with existing information exchange
- Technical evaluations
 - Volume estimates
 - Hydrologic analyses on fill / discharge / refill
 - Intake / pump / dewatering designs

○ Cannonsville

- Complete contract between DRBC & NYCDEP
- Complete DRBC & MM contract
- Kickoff meeting
- Site visit