

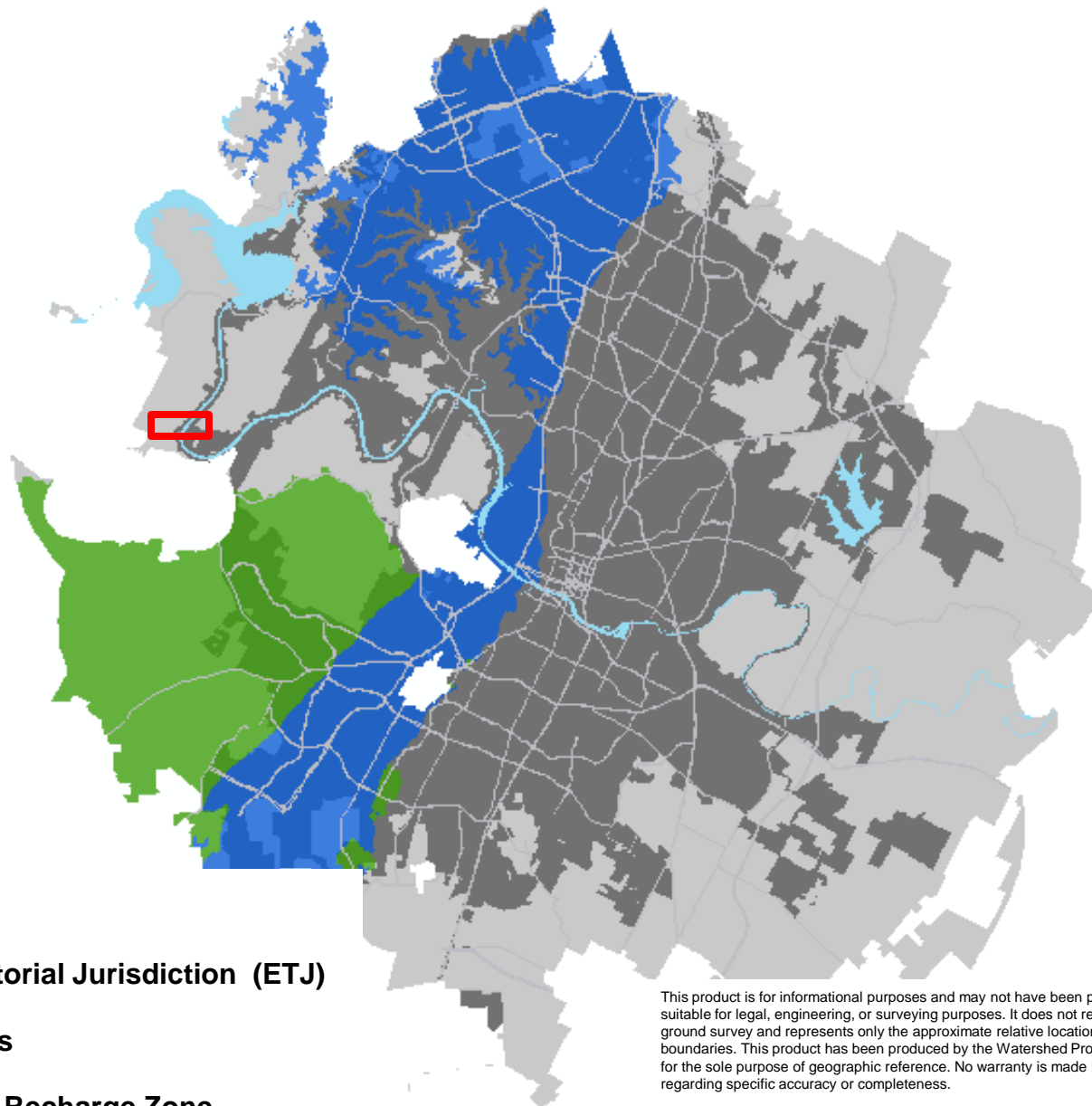
**609 RIVER ROAD**

**SP-2015-0454DS**

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 6**

**Atha Phillips-Environmental Review Senior**

**Development Services Department**



**Site Location**



**Austin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)**



**Austin City Limits**



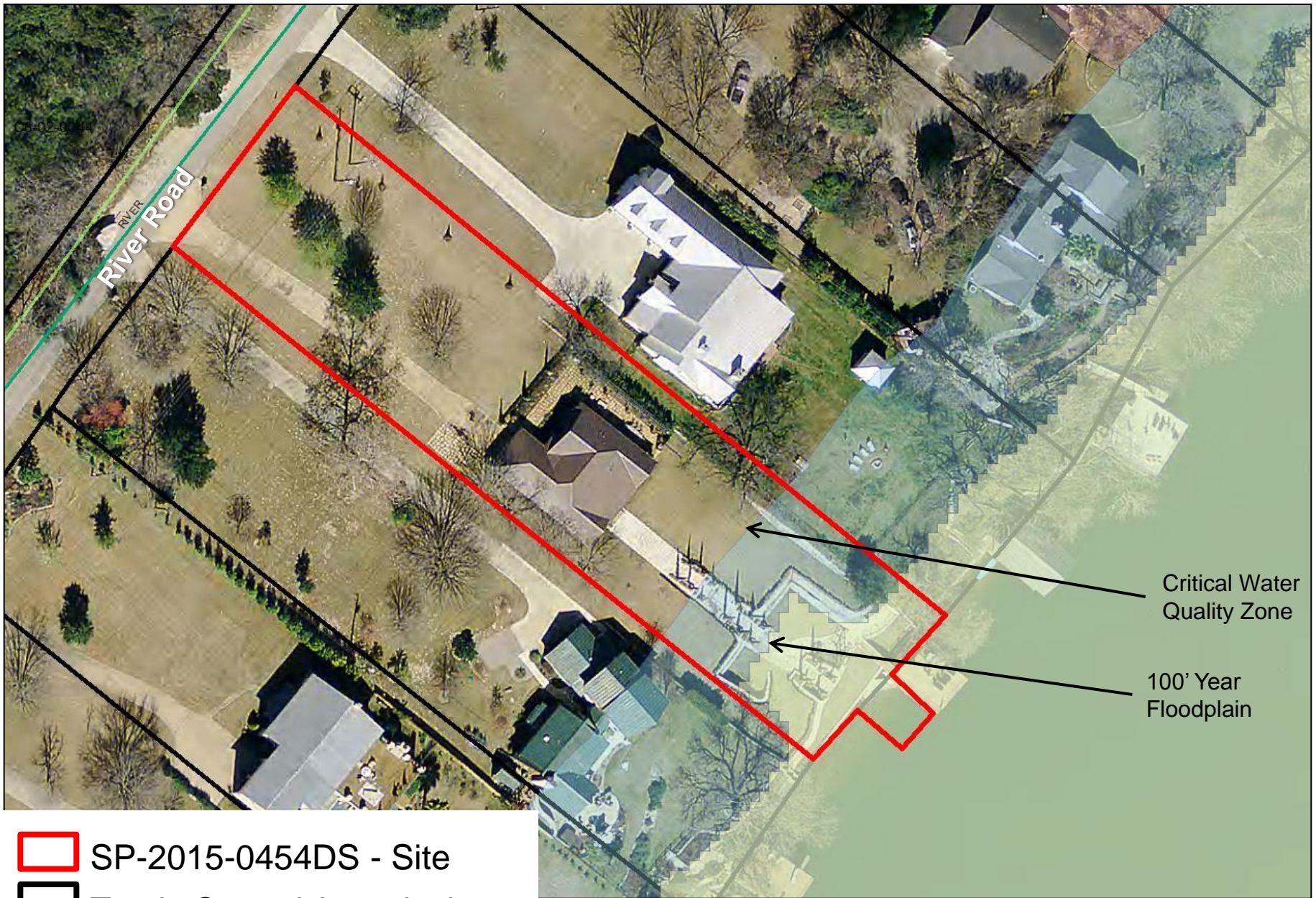
**Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone**





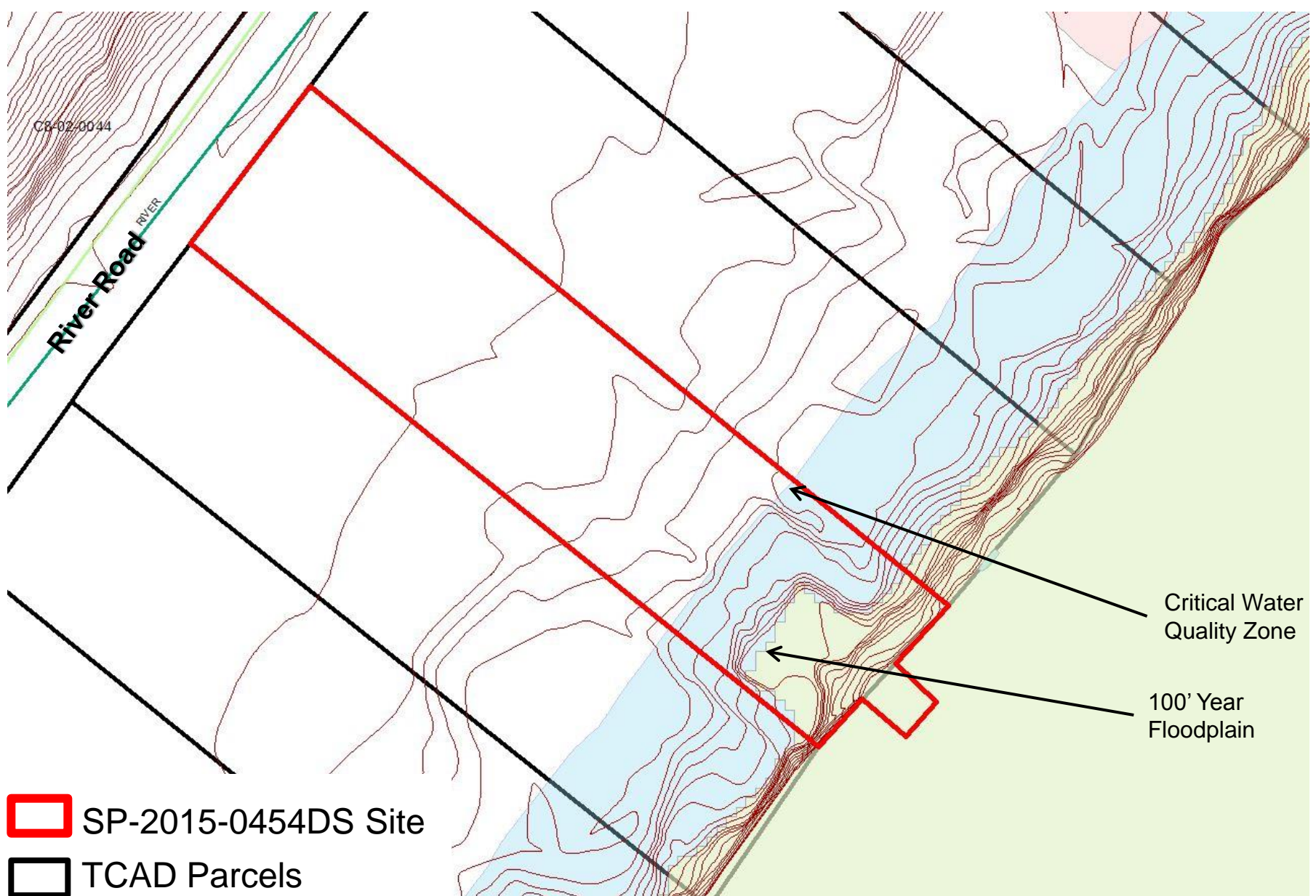
**Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone**

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-  SP-2015-0454DS - Site
-  Travis Central Appraisal District - Parcels



# **PROPERTY DATA**

- **Lake Austin Watershed**
- **Water Supply Rural**
- **City of Austin Council District 6**
- **Drinking Water Protection Zone**
- **Limited Purpose and Full Purpose Jurisdiction**
- **Not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone**
- **No Critical Environmental Features (CEF)**

# **BACKGROUND**

**The site came in for a boat dock but a site visit revealed large retaining walls on-site. After further investigation, staff determined that the walls did not have a permit.**

**This variance is sought to permit the fill greater than 4' that is associated with the unpermitted walls.**



1997 Aerial



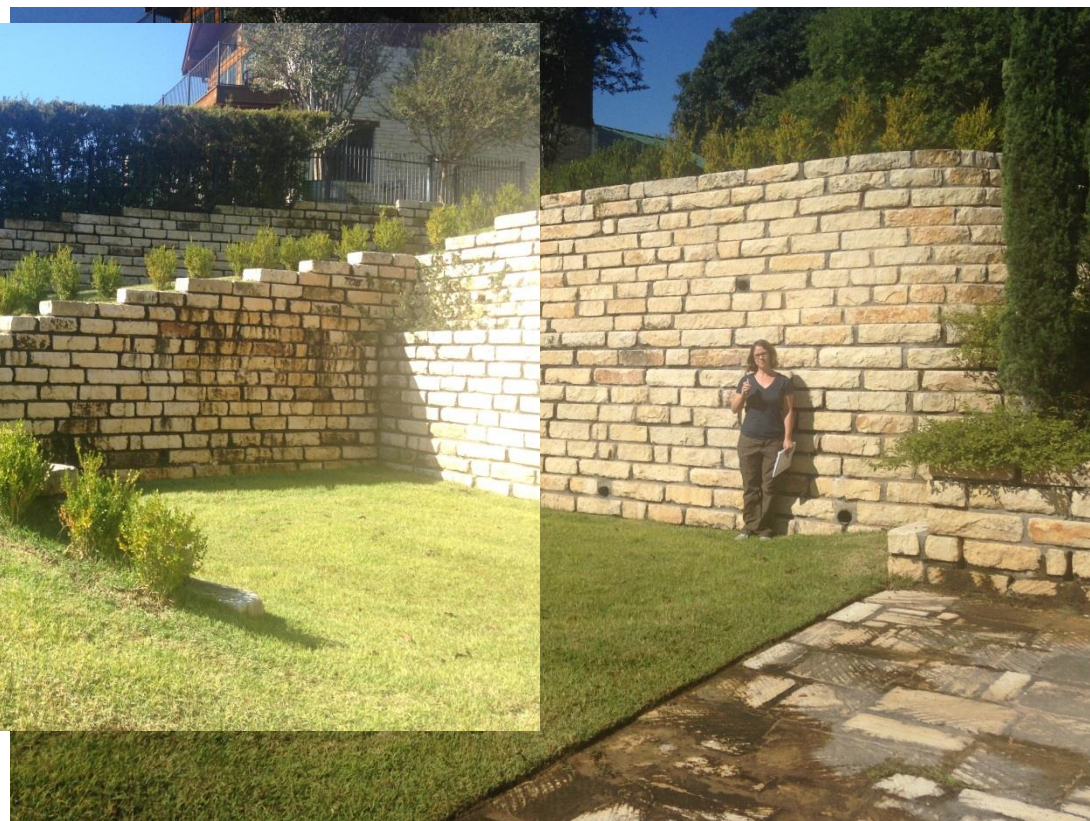
2003 Aerial



2009 Aerial



2015 Aerial









## **LDC 25-8-342(A)**

**Prohibits fill over four feet. Administrative variances are allowed in Urban and Suburban watersheds up to eight feet but not in a Water Supply watershed or within 100' of a classified waterway.**

# **VARIANCE REQUEST**

- **Allow fill greater than 4 feet up to 9.6 feet associated with the existing retaining walls.**

## **Similar Cases**

- **No. A neighboring site is under environmental enforcement due to unpermitted fill and retaining walls, but they have not yet sought permits for the walls.**

# **VARIANCE RECOMMENDATION**

Since the variance does not meet the Findings of Fact Environmental Review staff is not making a recommendation for this project. However, the Environmental Officer recommends approval of the variance with conditions listed below:

- Add wave abatement along the entire bulkhead in accordance with ECM 1.13.
- Remove the steps from the lake.
- Restore the floodplain on the lower terrace of the site.