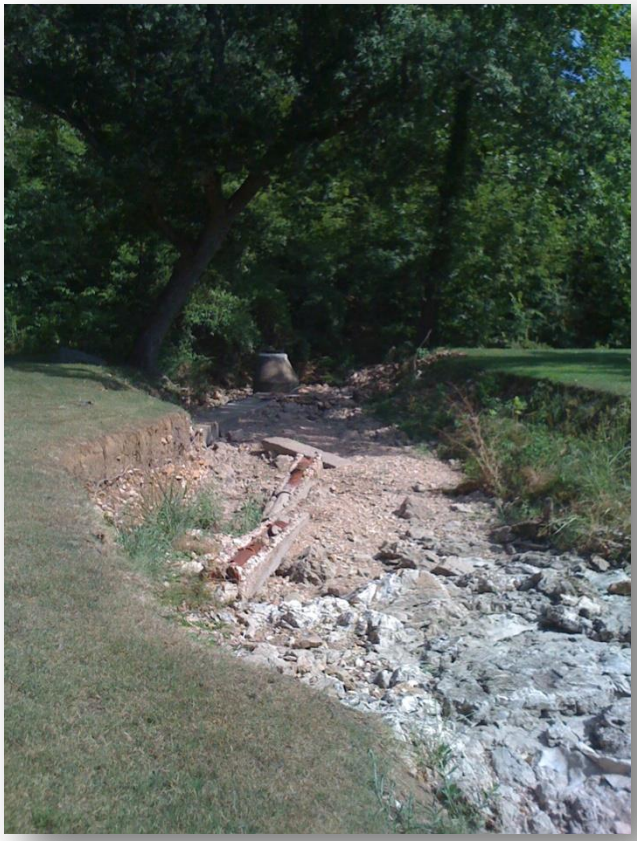
Illinois River Streambank Restoration Project

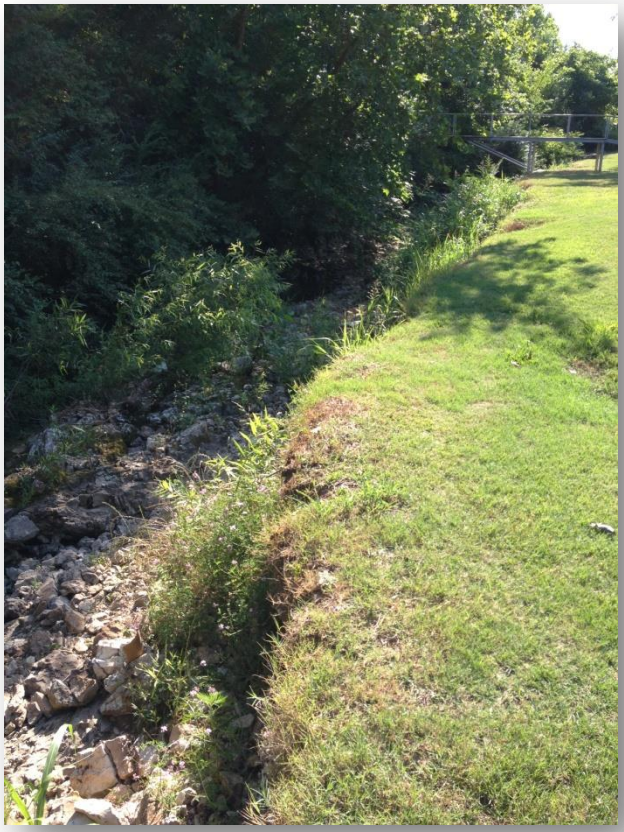
In 2012 the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, working with Oklahoma State University, Jennings Environmental, North State Environmental and Stantec began the restoration of 11 eroding streambanks in the Illinois River watershed. The goal of the project was to reduce the amount of sediment entering the system using natural techniques that not only reduced erosion, but also restored the areas to a more natural state.

As a result of this project over 6,000 feet of eroding bank was repaired, reducing the amount of sediment entering the system by 900 tons each year (equivalent to approximately 60 dump trucks). In addition, over 10,000 trees were planted to further reestablish or enhance riparian areas. Below are before and after pictures of several of the sites.

Felts Park

Kaufman Park





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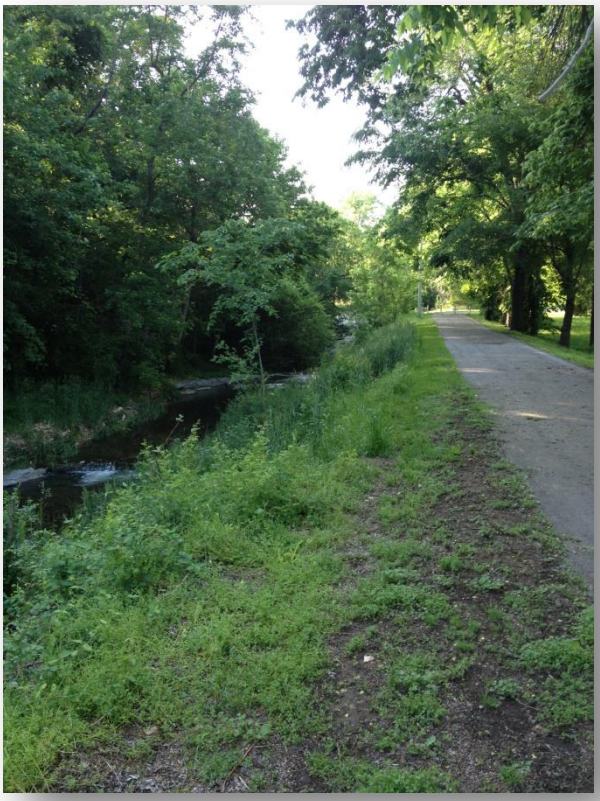

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