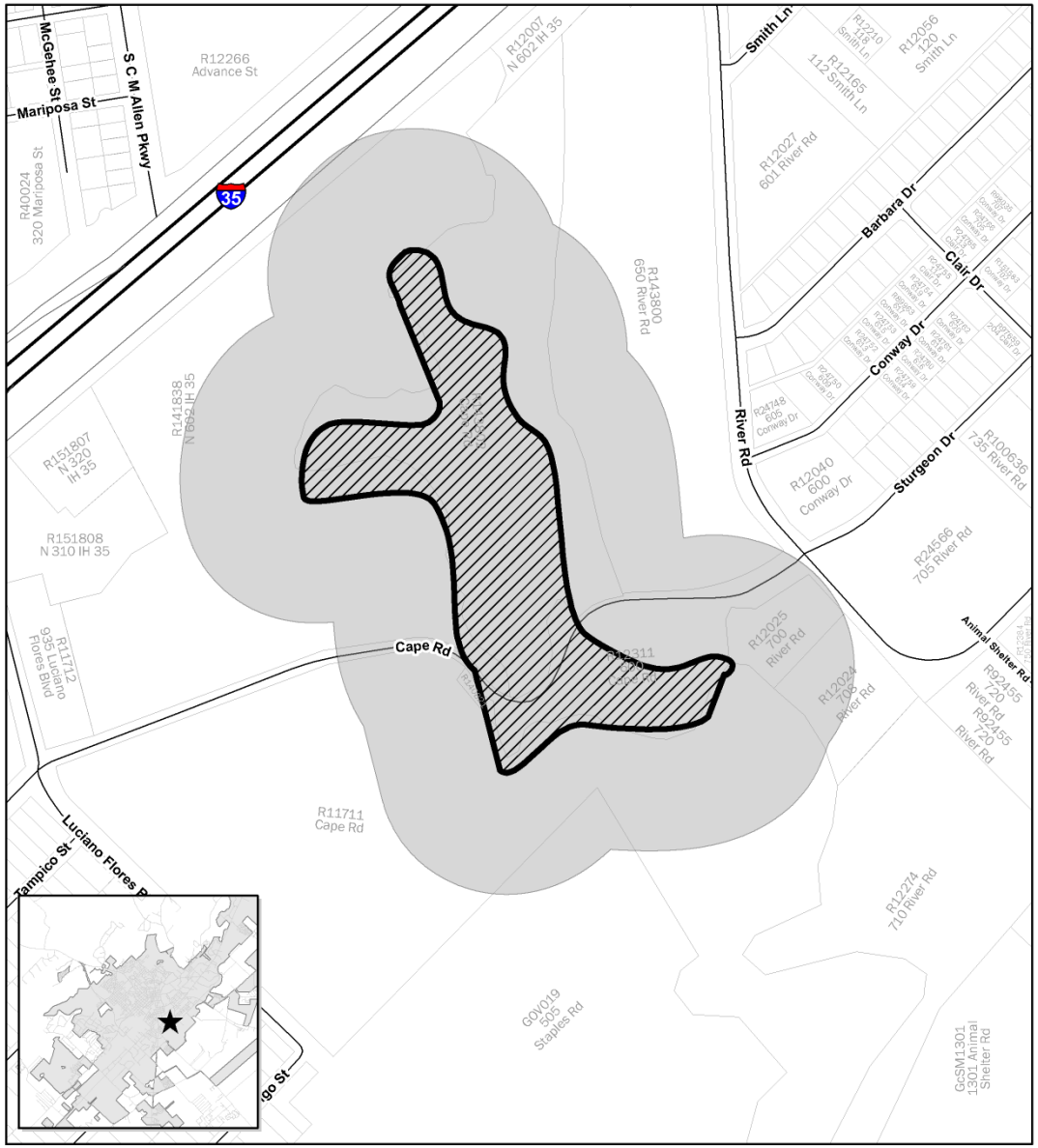
ORDINANCE 2019-04
ZC-18-20 (Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure)

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by the City of San Marcos to establish a local historic landmark for Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure located near the intersection of Cape Road and the San Marcos River.



HPC-18-30
Capes Dam
Landmark Designation
Map Date: 9/21/2018

Subject Property
400' Buffer
Parcels

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0 325 650 1,300 Feet

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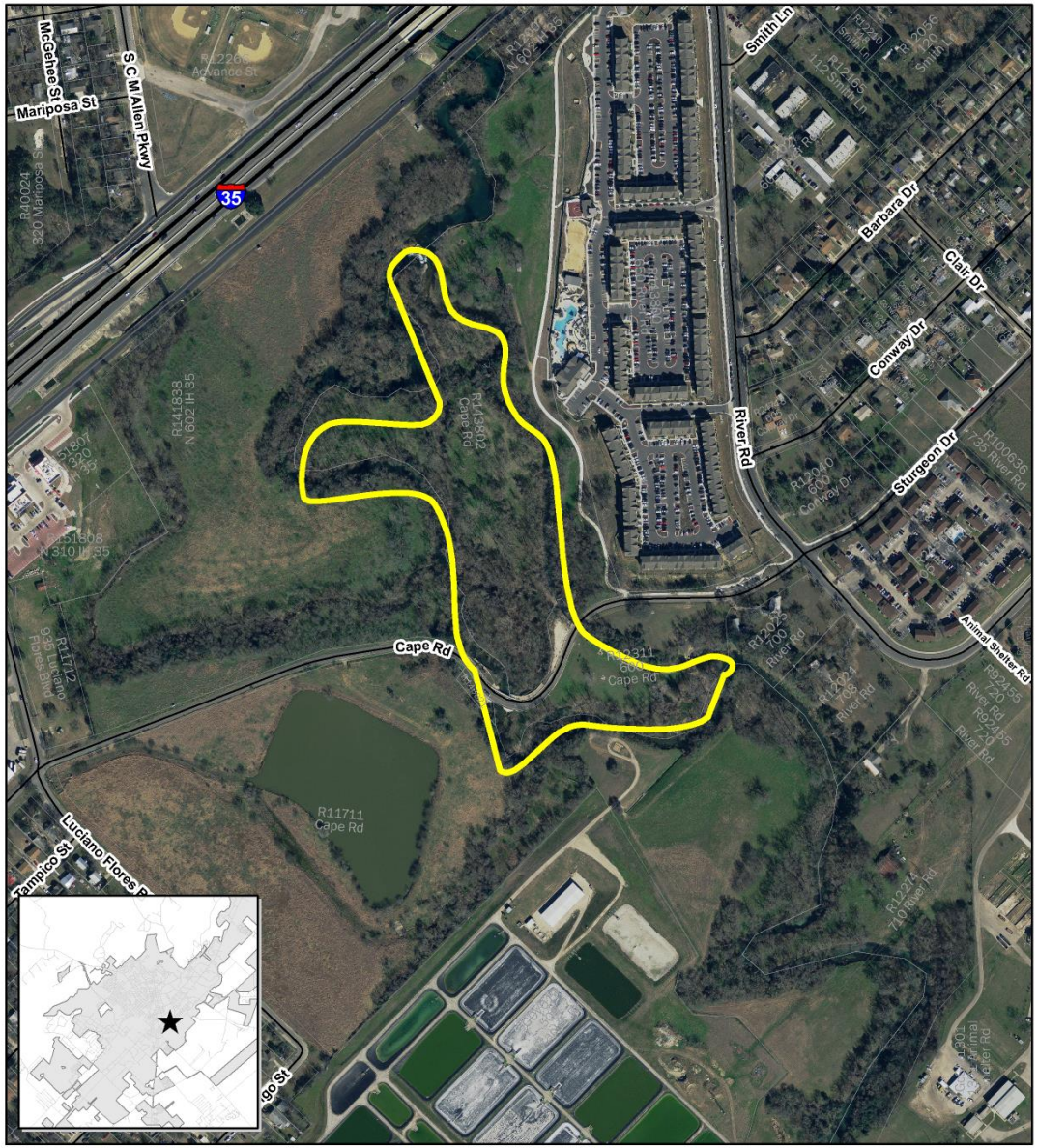
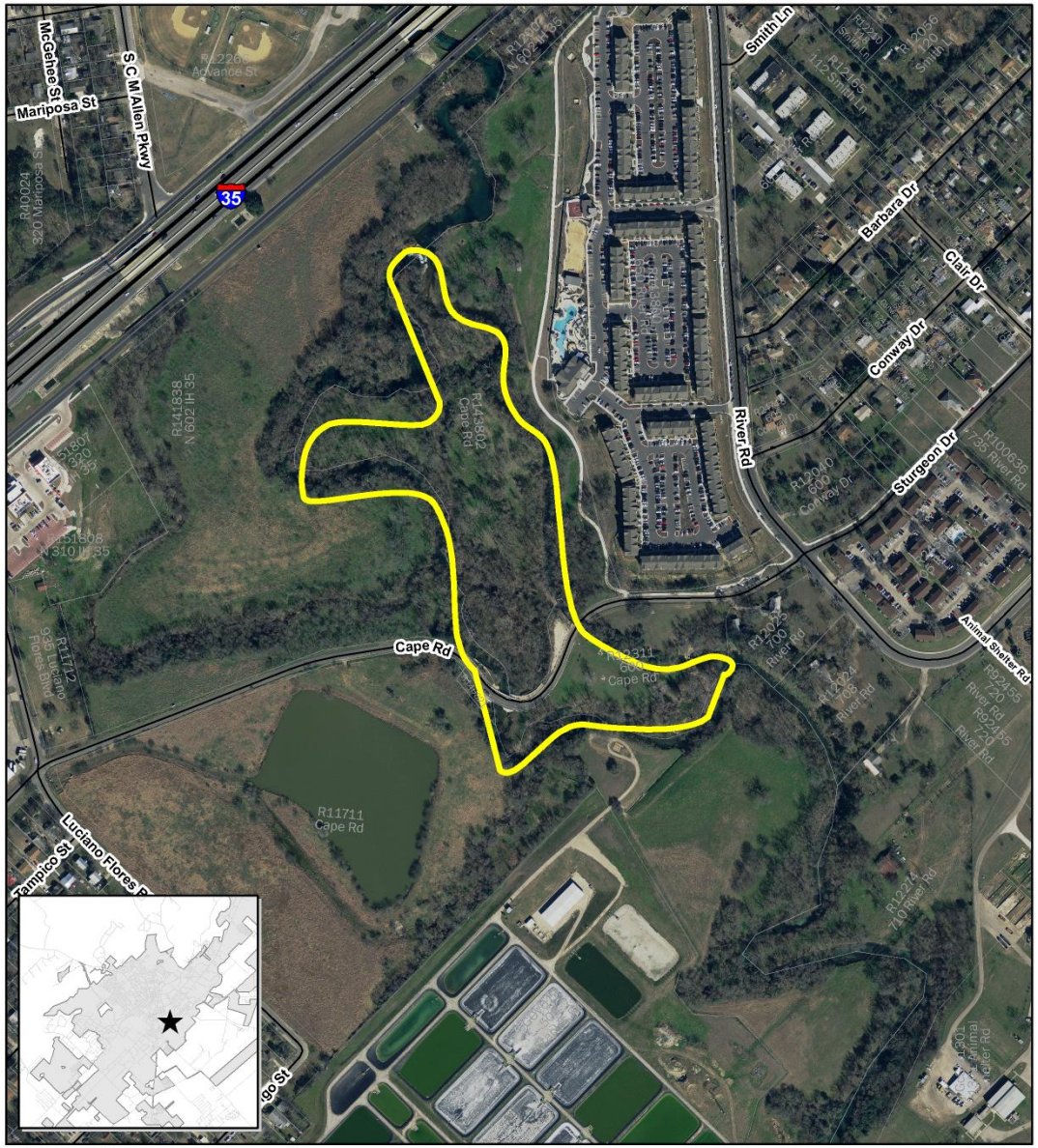
Location & Summary

- Located along the San Marcos River, east of IH-35
- Constructed in 1867 to divert water from river
- Three main components: dam, ditch, and wheel pit & machinery platform



History

- Determined eligible for listing on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1985
- Previous efforts to remove the dam with full financial support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2016)
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife has withdrawn all financial support for project
  - Permitting process for removal of the Dam is no longer occurring
- City is reassessing options and coordinating with Hays County to explore options
- October 18, 2018 Discussion at Parks Board - for informational purposes, not required by Code, no action taken



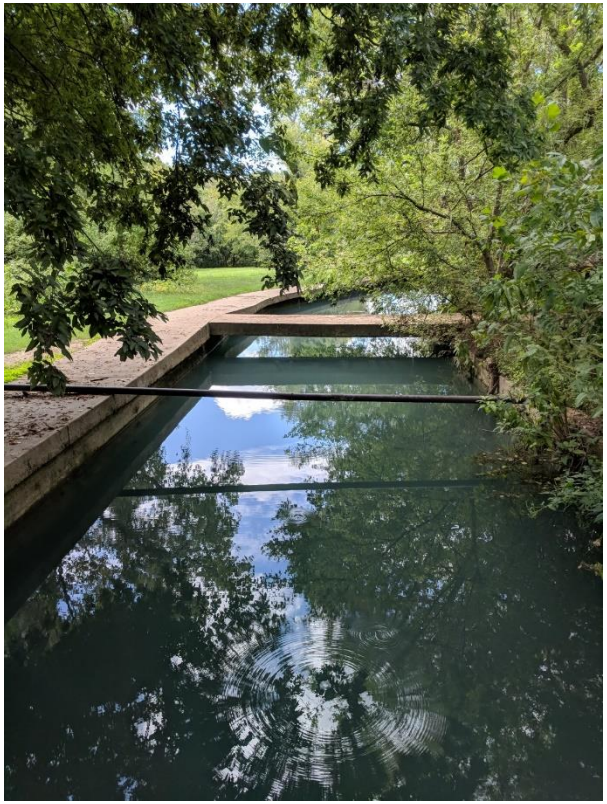
History

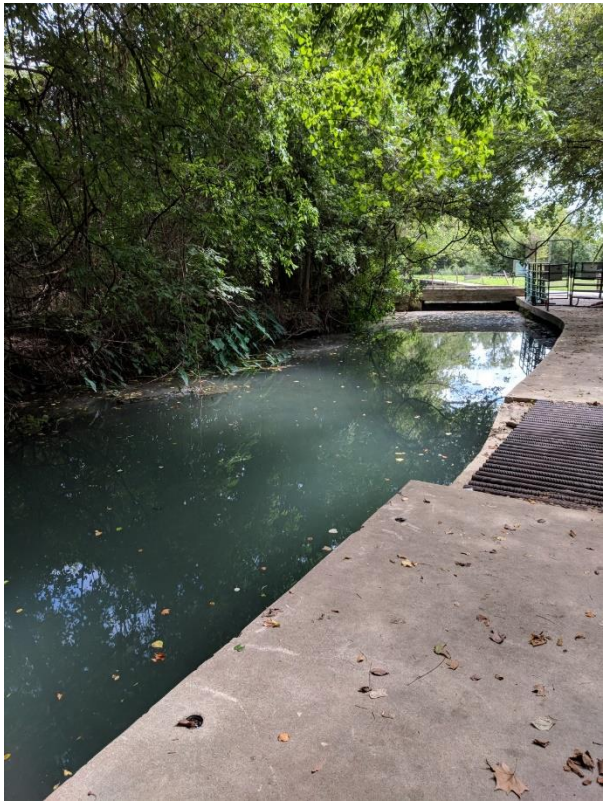
- Texas trinomial number associated with site - **41HY164**
  - Archeological site has been previously identified which may be eligible for listing as a State Antiquities Landmark (SAL) or National Register of Historic Place (NRHP)

- Senior Archeologist with Hicks & Company (consultants conducting My Historic SMTX) confirmed site is NRHP-listed as a district (as an archeological site)

- Coordination with THC and likely US Army Corps of Engineers required if project undertaken impacts or involves property within the district boundary

Mill Race & Machinery





Staff Recommendation:

*At their October 4, 2018 Regular Meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended **approval** of designating Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure as a local historic landmark (4-2).*

*At their November 27, 2018 Regular Meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of designating Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure as a local historic landmark (5-4).*

- Staff provides this request to the Council for your consideration and Staff recommends **approval** of designating Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure as a local historic landmark as it meets the criteria of 2.5.4.5 of the San Marcos Development Code.