



# Quidi Vidi Lake Hydro Power Demonstration Project

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# Concept Description

A series of working and well displayed renewable energy generation sources on an urban walking trail

Comprised of a micro hydro generator a wind turbine and a solar array, metered and interpreted

This presentation describes the preliminary work on the micro hydro component of the installation

Primary attention paid to civil works, business and education plan

# Purpose of Proposed Project

Raise public awareness of power generation options and consequences in light of heightened sensitivity to climate change

Display the potency of various renewable generation sources and describe the environmental impacts, new and offsetting

Demonstrate the potential for viable small scale initiatives in urban settings and in piggybacking on new or old infrastructure

Demonstrate synergistic approach to habitat renewal and improvement as part of a power generation project

# Concept Background

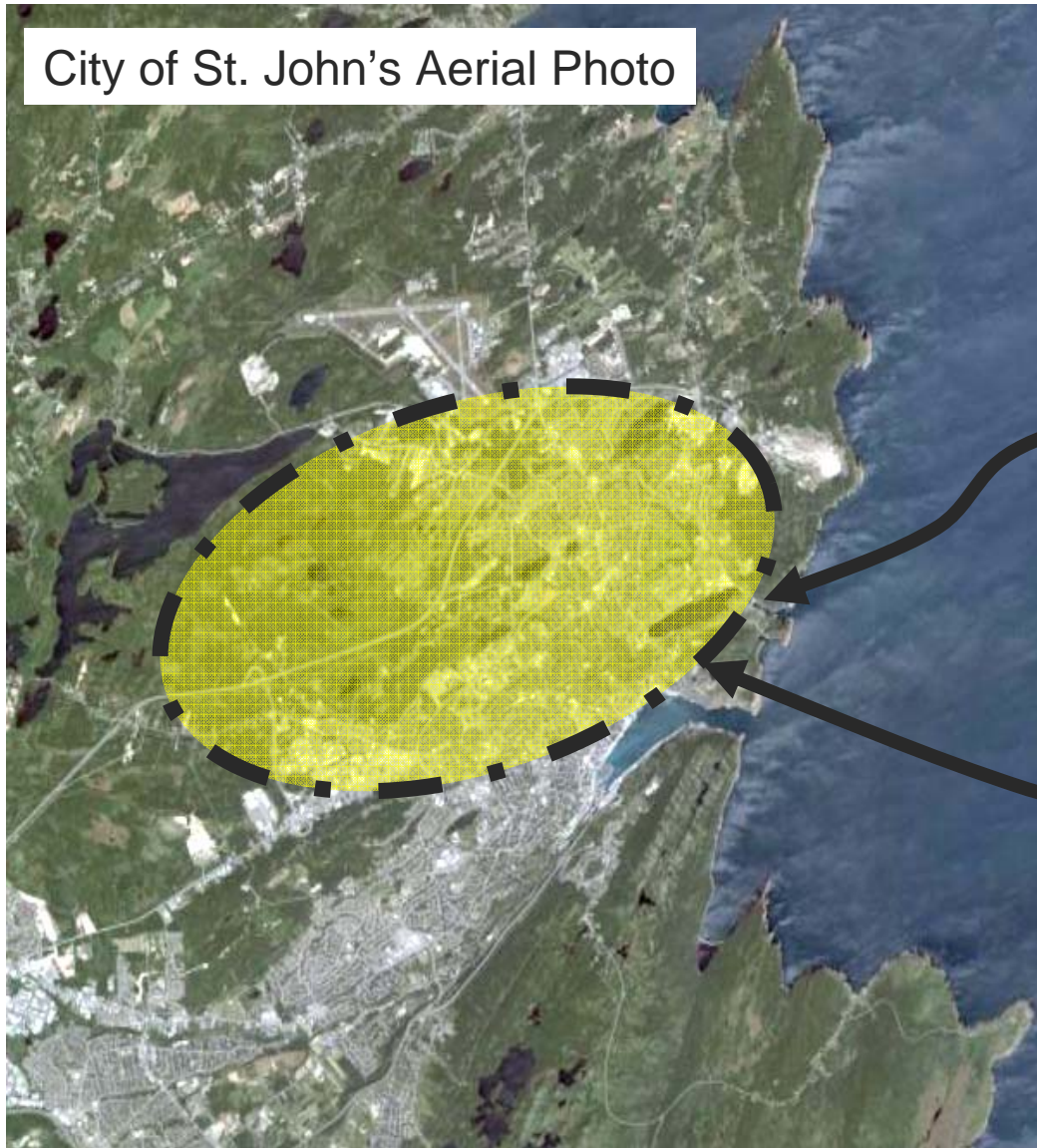
Proponent has had commercial Non-Utility-Generation (NUG) interests over the previous decade, with niche interests in using existing infrastructure for low impact micro hydro generation.

Insurmountable Roadblocks: hydro power “moratorium”, lack of experience and will on behalf of utilities and regulators, no clear policy or initiatives to encourage green power in this Province.

There remains a need for public awareness and education so that informed choices can be made going forward.

In 2005 a water control structure failure at Quidi Vidi, prompted the idea for this demonstration project.

City of St. John's Aerial Photo



# Site

Location of Quidi Vidi Site

Approximate watershed  
is 32 sq kms  
(crosses over with City  
water supply, storm and  
sewage systems)

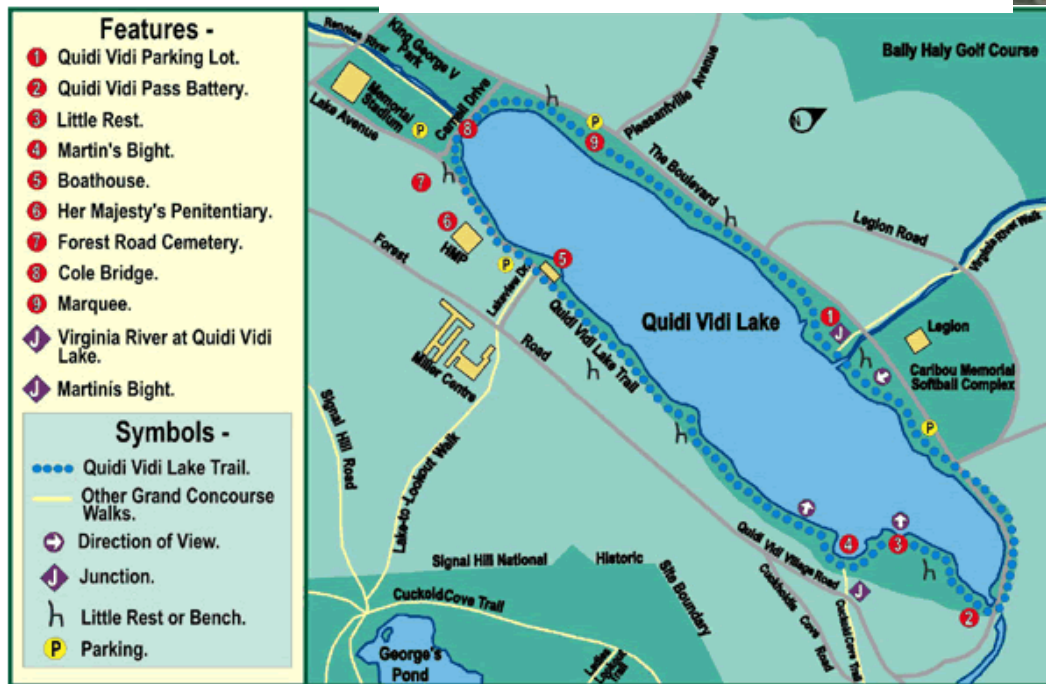


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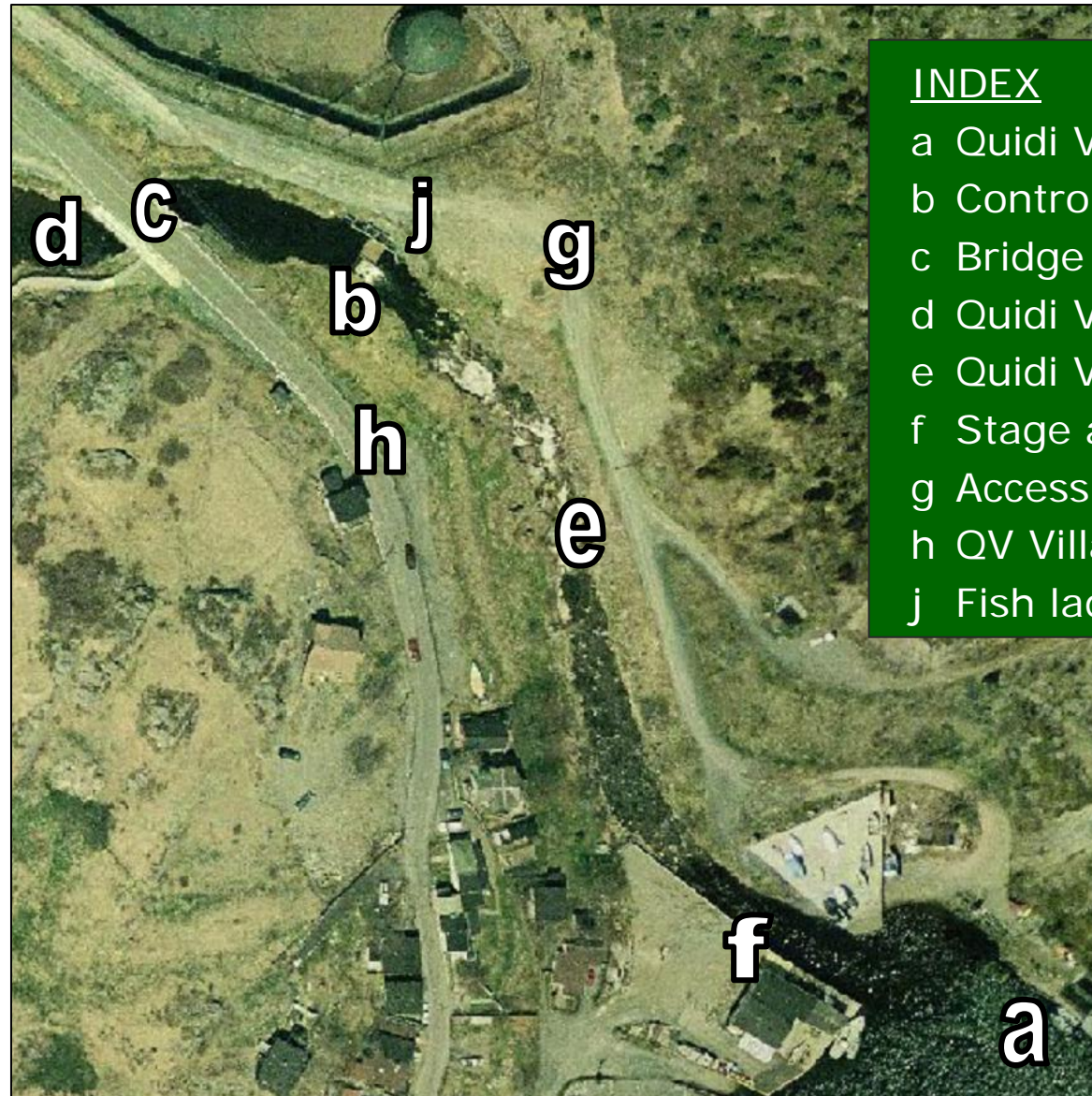
Quidi Vidi Aerial Photo

Location of  
Quidi Vidi  
Project Site

Grand Concourse Q.V. Trail



# Site Index



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# Site Photos

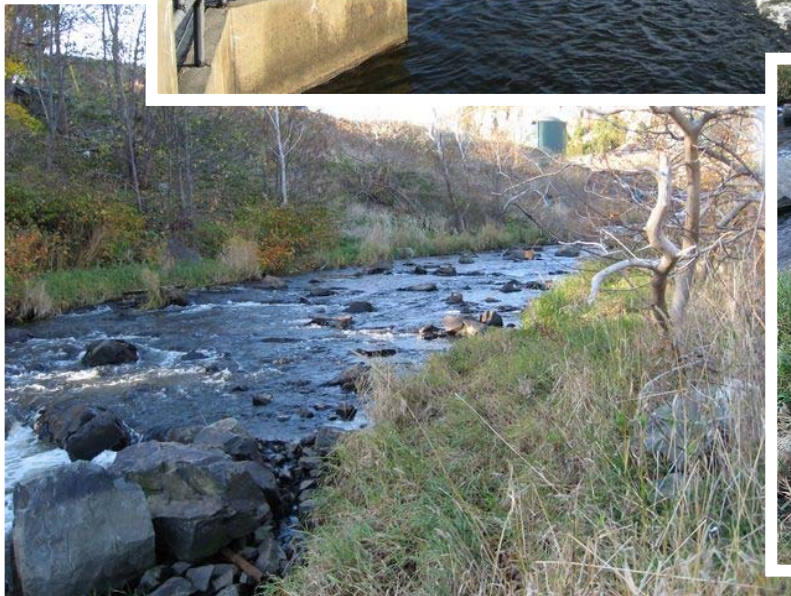
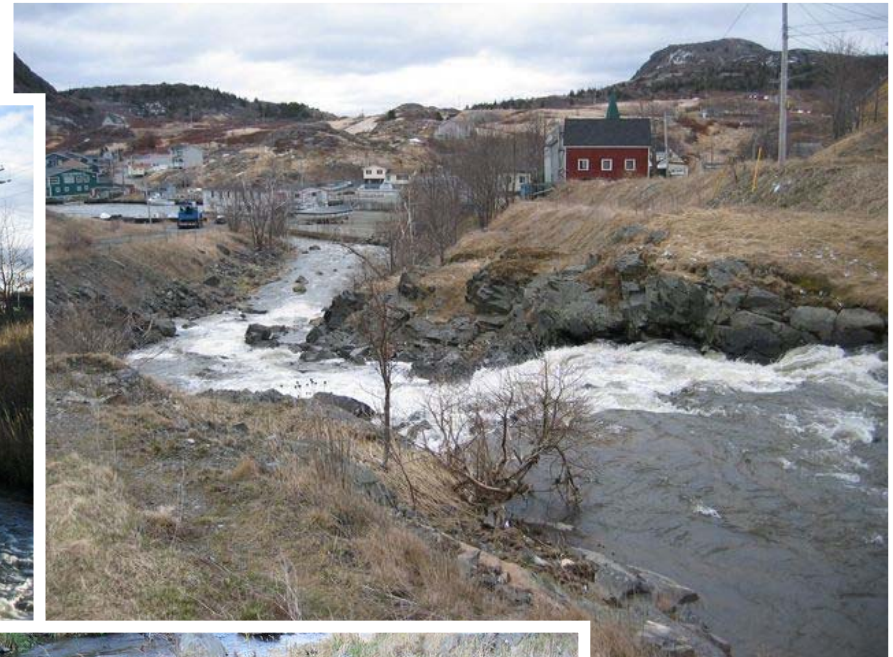
## Control Structure





# Site Photos

## River



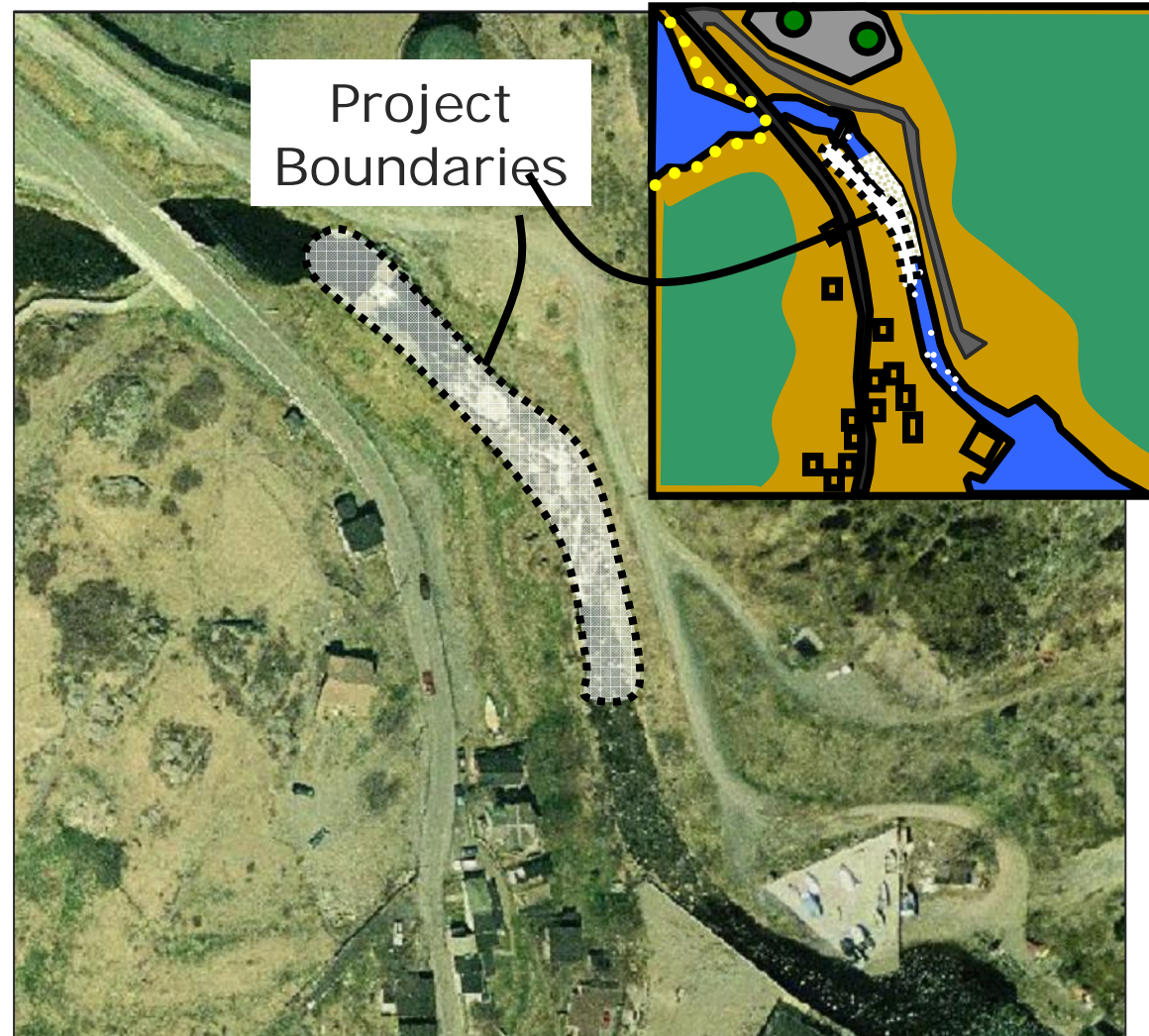


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## Lake/Flood

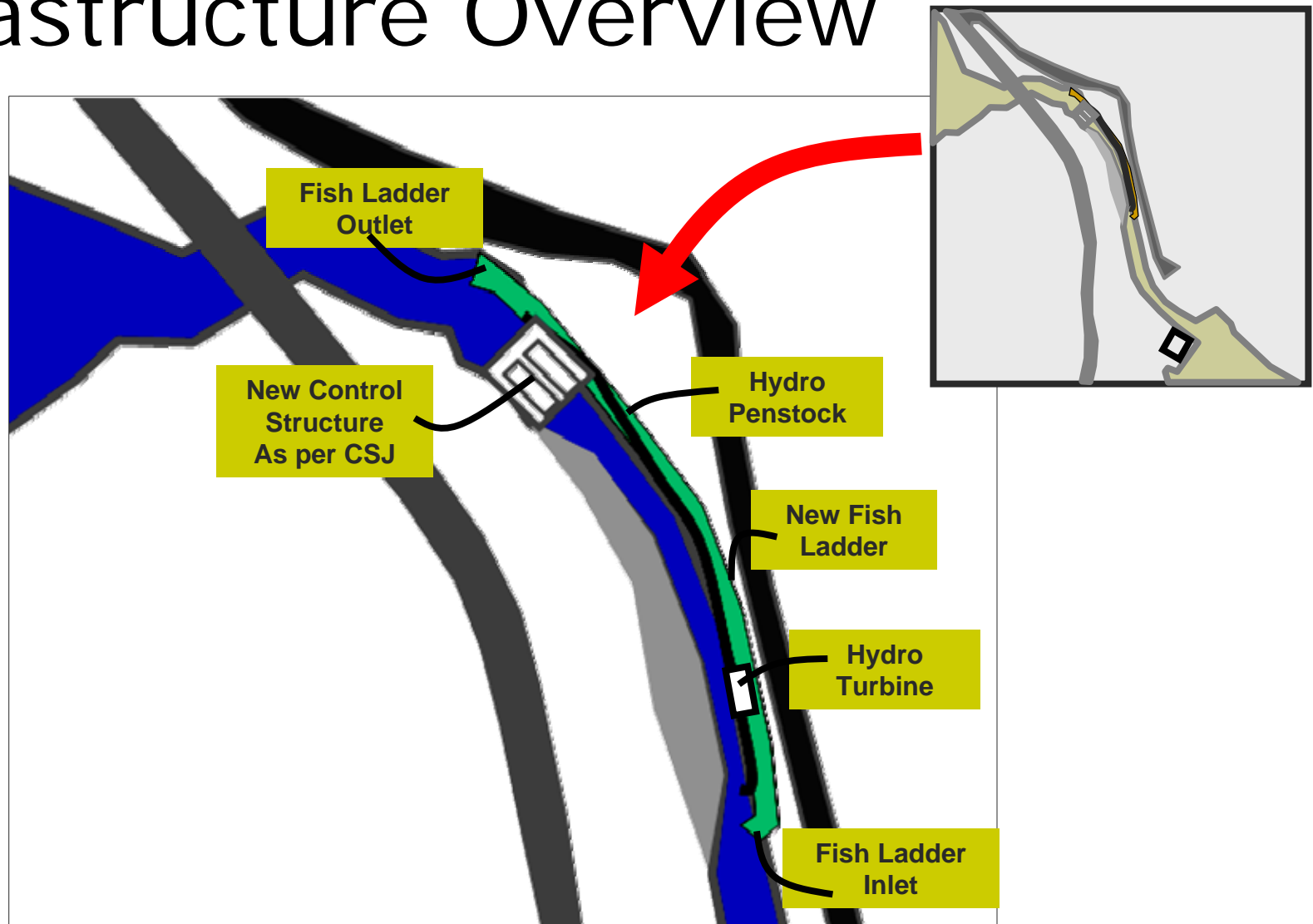


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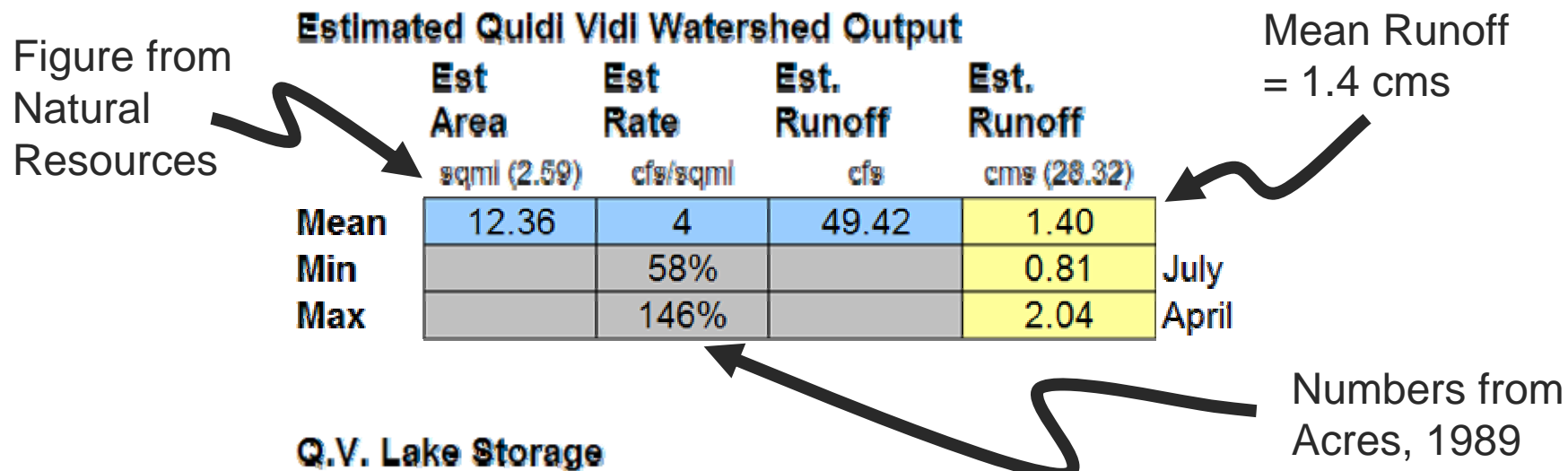




# Infrastructure Overview



# Approximated Hydrology – *Watershed Output and Lake Storage*



Approx QV Pond Area	Top of Invert	Drawdown Max	Volume Approx	Storage @1.0cms	Storage
sqkm	m	m	m <sup>3</sup>	sec	days
1	12	12	998001	998001	12

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# Sample Output Calculations

0.4 cms = Half of the Minimum flow  
Power output is 30 KW

## Development of Quidi Vidi Site

Quidi Vidi Site

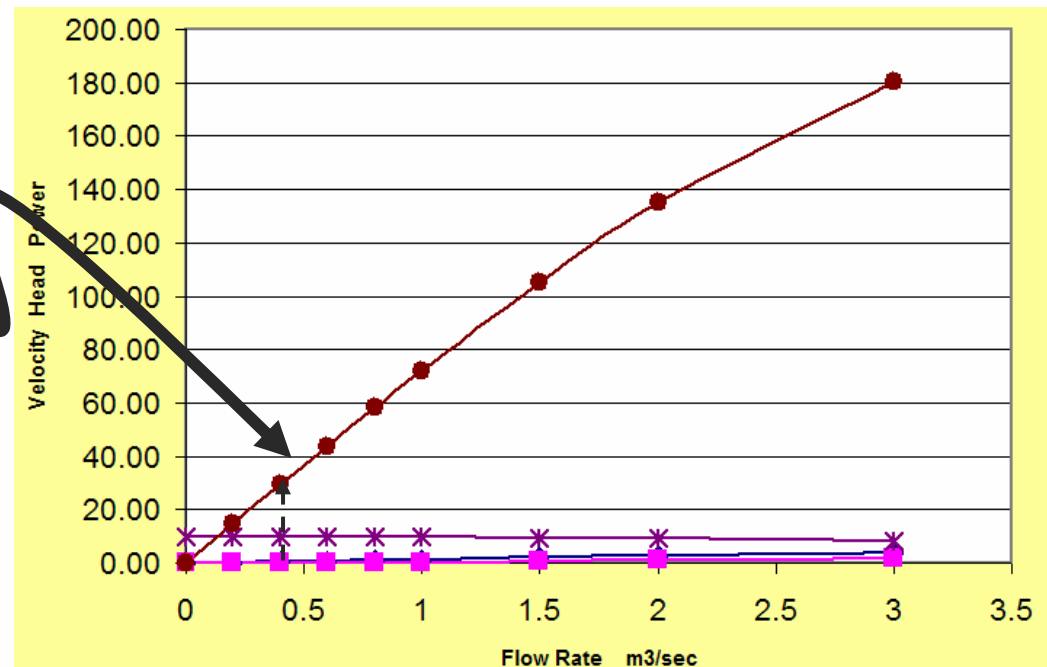
### Data

assumed		Penstock
Length	L	30
Gross Head	h	10
Pipe Diameter	D	1
Pipe Area	A	0.7854
Hazen William	C	120
Fitting Loss Coefficient	K	2
turbine/generator efficiency	e	0.75

### calculated

Flow Velocity	V	= Q/A
Head Loss in Pipe	hL1	= $L \times (Vel / 0.355 \times C \times Dia^{0.63})^{1.852}$
Head Loss in Fittings	hL2	= $Vel^2 / (2 \times g) \times K$
Net Head	hnet	= $h - (hL1 + hL2)$
Power	P	= $hnet \times Q \times e \times g$

NOTES		m above msl
Elev of Intake por		12
Elev of outfall		2





# Sample Economics

## ECONO DATA

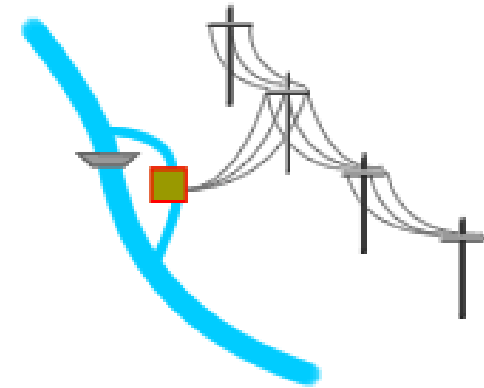
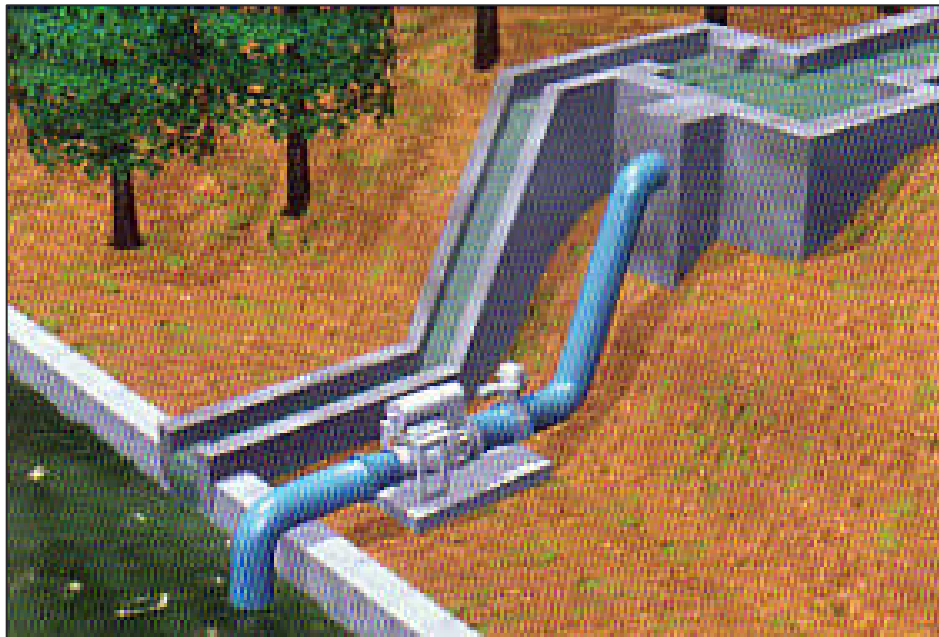
Plant Capacity KW	50
Plant Capex CAD	\$ 150,000
Plant Opex at 10% Revenue	\$ 15,000
Energy Price / kWh	\$ 0.090
Plant Capacity Factor	0.95
Hours per year (capfac*hrs/yr)	8322
Revenue CAD	\$ 37,449.00
Interest rate NPV factor	7%

Half of Annual Mean Flow = 0.7 cms  
Power output at 0.7 cms = 50 KW

Year	CAPEX	OPEX	Revenue	Balance	Cumulative Balance
2008	\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ (127,551)	\$ (127,551)
2009	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ (105,102)
2010	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ (82,653)
2011	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ (60,204)
2012	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ (37,755)
2013	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ (15,306)
2014	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 7,143
2015	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 29,592
2016	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 52,041
2017	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 74,490
2018	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 96,939
2019	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 119,388
2020	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 141,837
2021	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 164,286
2022	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 186,735
2023	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 209,184
2024	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 231,633
2025	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 22,449	\$ 254,082
	150000	270000	674082	254082	16% irr \$234,998.53 npv

# Basic Grid Intertie, Conceptual View

Based on Toshiba E-Kids\* Units

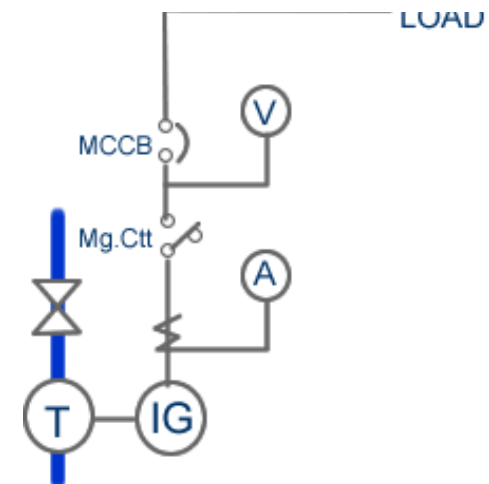


T = Turbine

IG = Induction Generator

Mg.Ctt = Magnetic Contactor

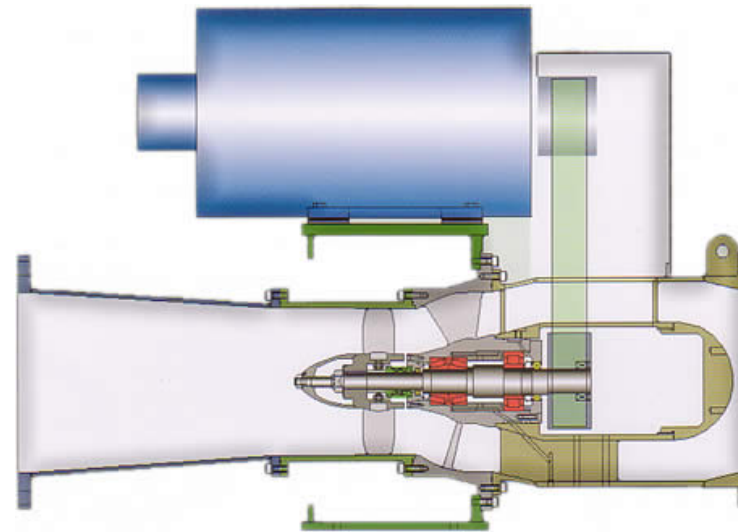
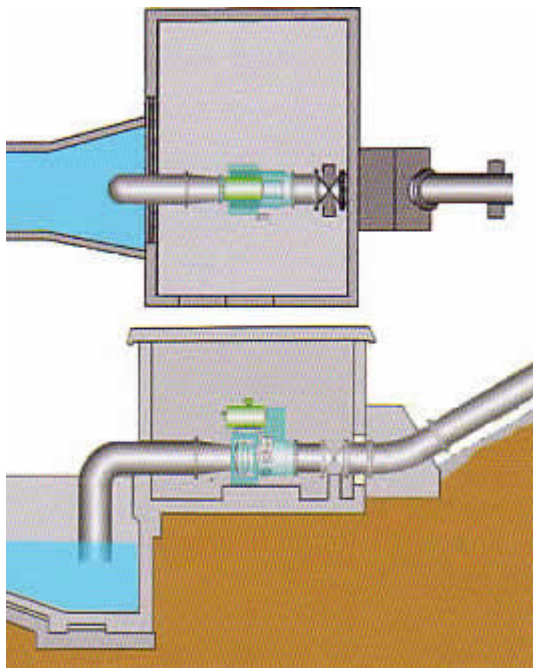
MCCB = Molded Circuit Breaker



# Power House, Generation Unit

Based on Toshiba E-Kids\* Units

GENERIC  
POWER HOUSE  
SKETCH

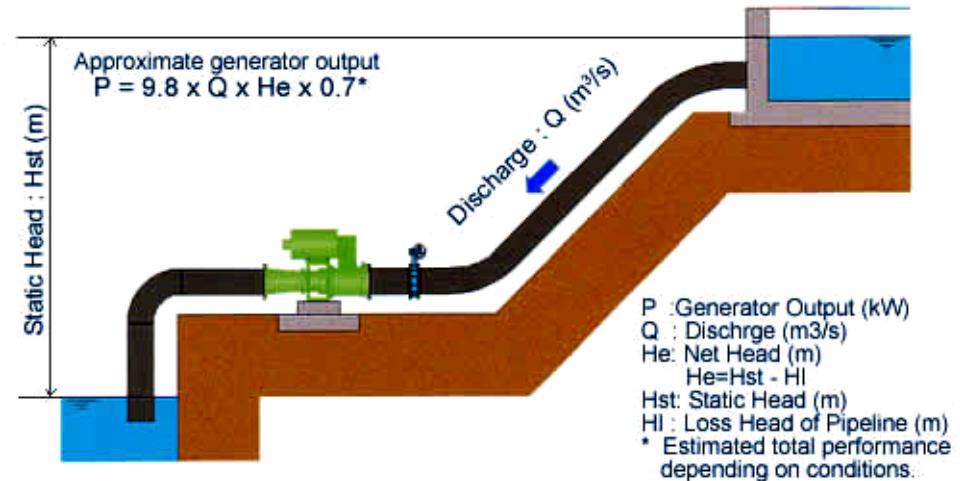


TURBINE AND  
GENERATOR  
SECTION



# Sample Equipment Specifications

Based on Toshiba E-Kids\* Units



## INDUCTION GENERATOR

Frame Type : Drip Proof  
 Rotor Type : Squirrel Cage Type  
 Number of Pole : 4 or 6 Poles  
 Synchronous Speed :  
 1000 or 1500 min.⁻¹ (50 Hz)  
 1200 or 1800 min.⁻¹ (60 Hz)  
 Type of Rating : Continuous  
 Rated Voltage : 200 V (75 kW or below)  
 400 V (90 kW or above)  
 Number of Phases : Three Phases  
 Frequency : 50 Hz or 60 Hz

## PROTECTION

Short Circuit Turbine  
 Over Current  
 Grounding  
 Over Speed  
 Power Transmission Fault Generator

## SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR

Frame Type : Drip Proof  
 Rotor Type : Revolving Field Type  
 Number of Pole : 6 Poles  
 Synchronous Speed :  
 1000 min.⁻¹ (50 Hz)  
 1200 min.⁻¹ (60 Hz)  
 Type of Rating : Continuous  
 Rated Voltage : 200 V  
 Number of Phases : Three Phases  
 Frequency : 50 Hz or 60 Hz  
 Excitation System : Brush-less Type

## MAINTENANCE

Bearings Every 3 years  
 Mechanical Seal Every 3 years  
 Belt for Power Transmission Every year  
 Lubrication Oil Every year  
 Bearings Every 3 years

## GENERATOR OUTPUT ESTIMATION

# Environmental Impact – *Displaced CO<sub>2</sub>*



Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada

Canada

**RETScreen® International**

Clean Energy Project Analysis Software

## Small Hydro Project Model

Approximate Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> per MWhr	Average Annual QV Output MW	Hours per year hr	Annual Energy Output MWhr	Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Displaced tons
0.975	0.05	8760	438	<b>427</b>

Note also:

21	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> =	1 tonne CH <sub>4</sub>	<b>20</b>
310	tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> =	1 tonne N <sub>2</sub> O therefore	<b>1</b>



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