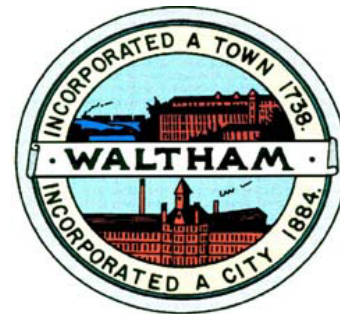


# Wetland Study Fernald Center, Waltham. MA



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# Presentation Outline

- **Major Objectives**
- **Timeline of Development (1900-Current)**
- **Study Results**
- **Wetland/Stream Restoration Concept**
- **Input from the CPC/City**
- **Recommendations**



# Major Objectives

## 1. Hydrologic/Hydrologic Analysis

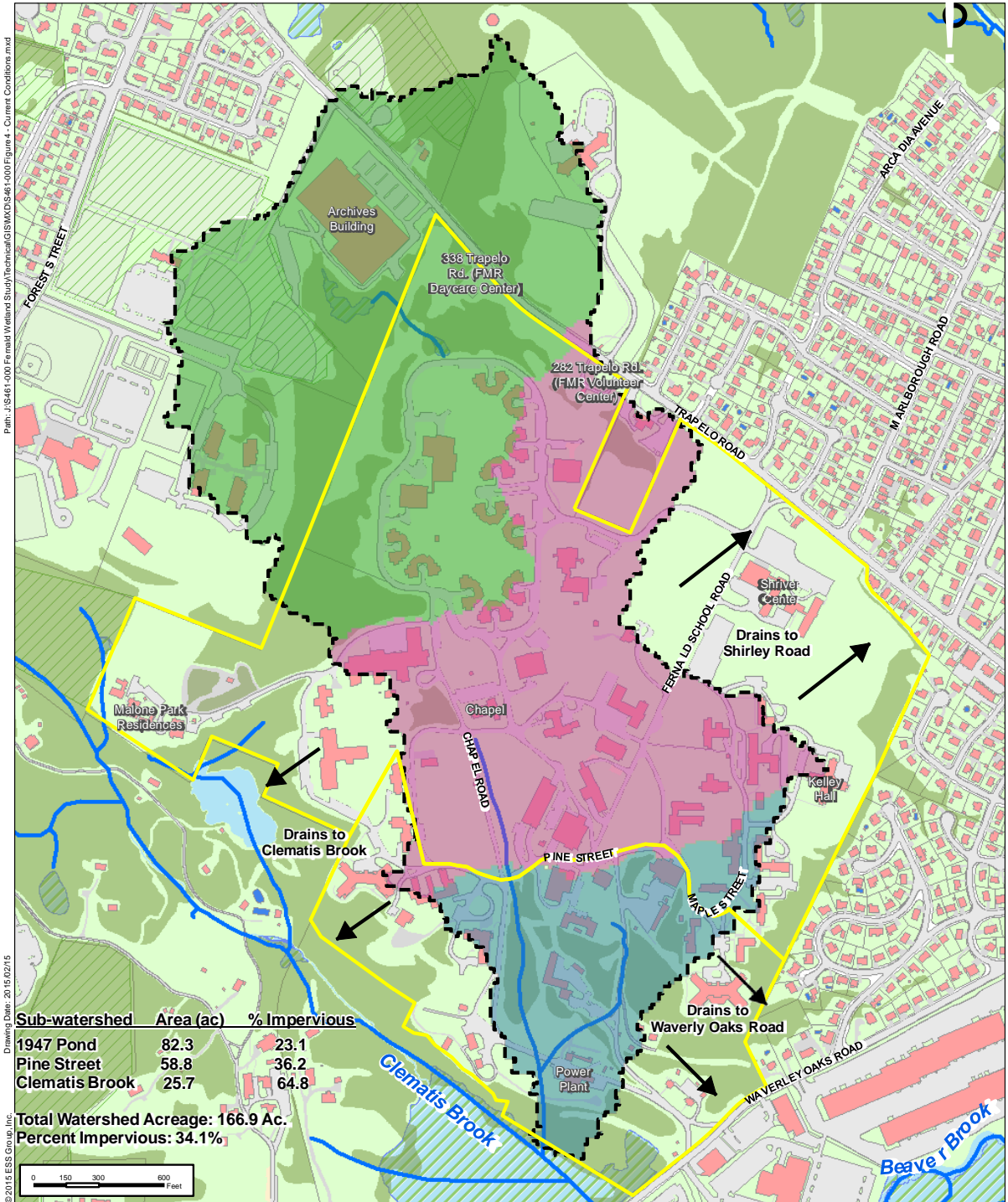
- Existing Conditions
- Pre-Existing Conditions (1947)
- Anticipated Future Conditions (Build-Out)

## 2. Evaluate Stream and Wetland Restoration Benefits

- Primary
  - Recreational Use
  - Establish Wildlife Corridor
- Secondary
  - Flood Mitigation Downstream



# Fernald School – Year 2015



## Fernald School Wetland Study Waltham, Massachusetts

1 inch = 600 feet

Source: 1) City of Waltham - Base Layer Data, 2011  
2) Watersheds, ESS Group, 2015

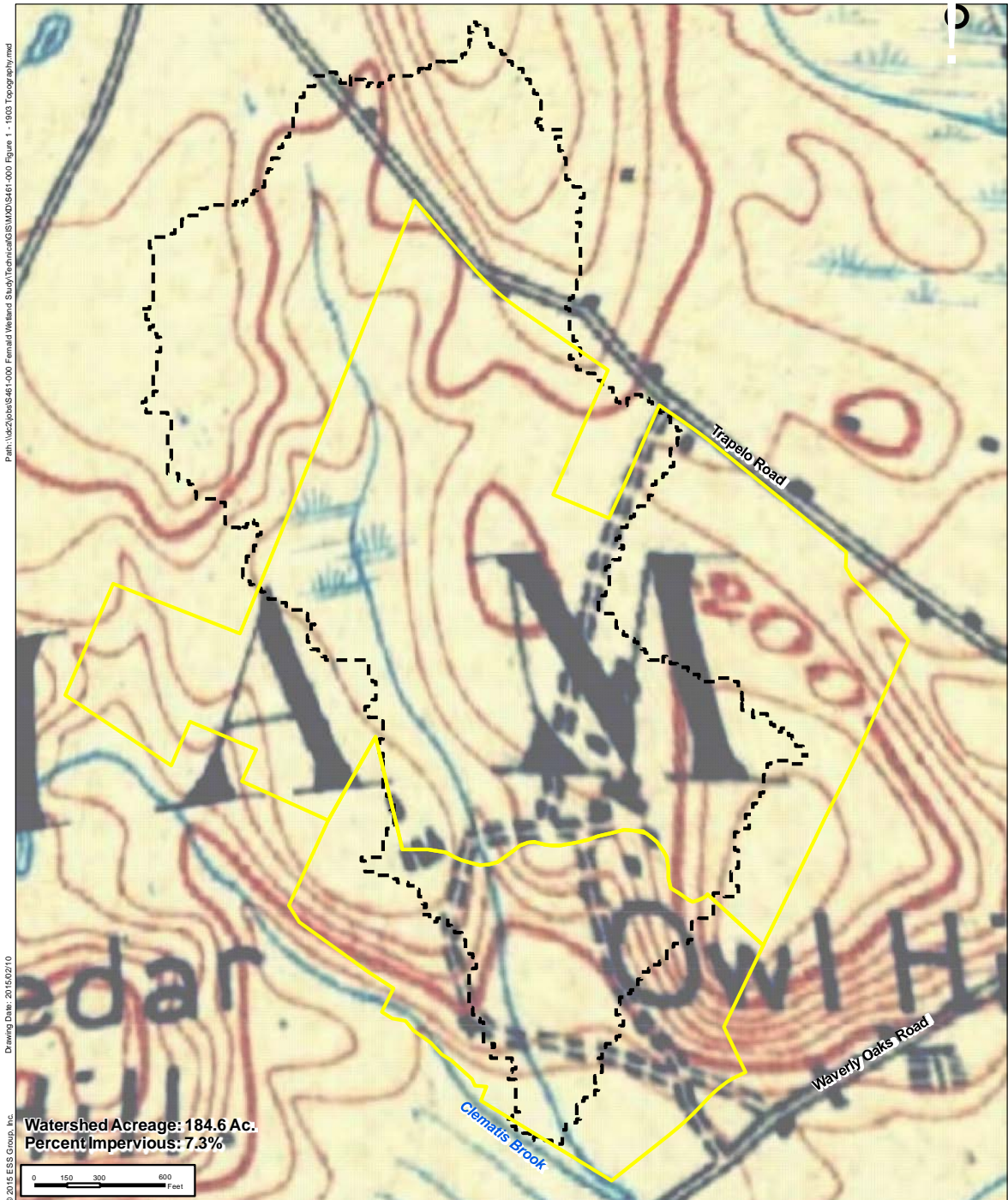
### Legend

- Parcel Boundary Delineation (140/50 ac)
- Watershed Area to Existing Discharge Location
- Existing Stream
- Sub-Watershed to 1947 Pond Sub-
- Watershed to Pine Street Sub-
- Watershed to Clematis Brook

### Current Conditions

**Figure 4**  
Preliminary

# Fernald School – Year 1903



## Fernald School Wetland Study Waltham, Massachusetts

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2) USGS, Historic Topographic Maps, 1903  
3) Existing Watershed, ESS Group, 2014

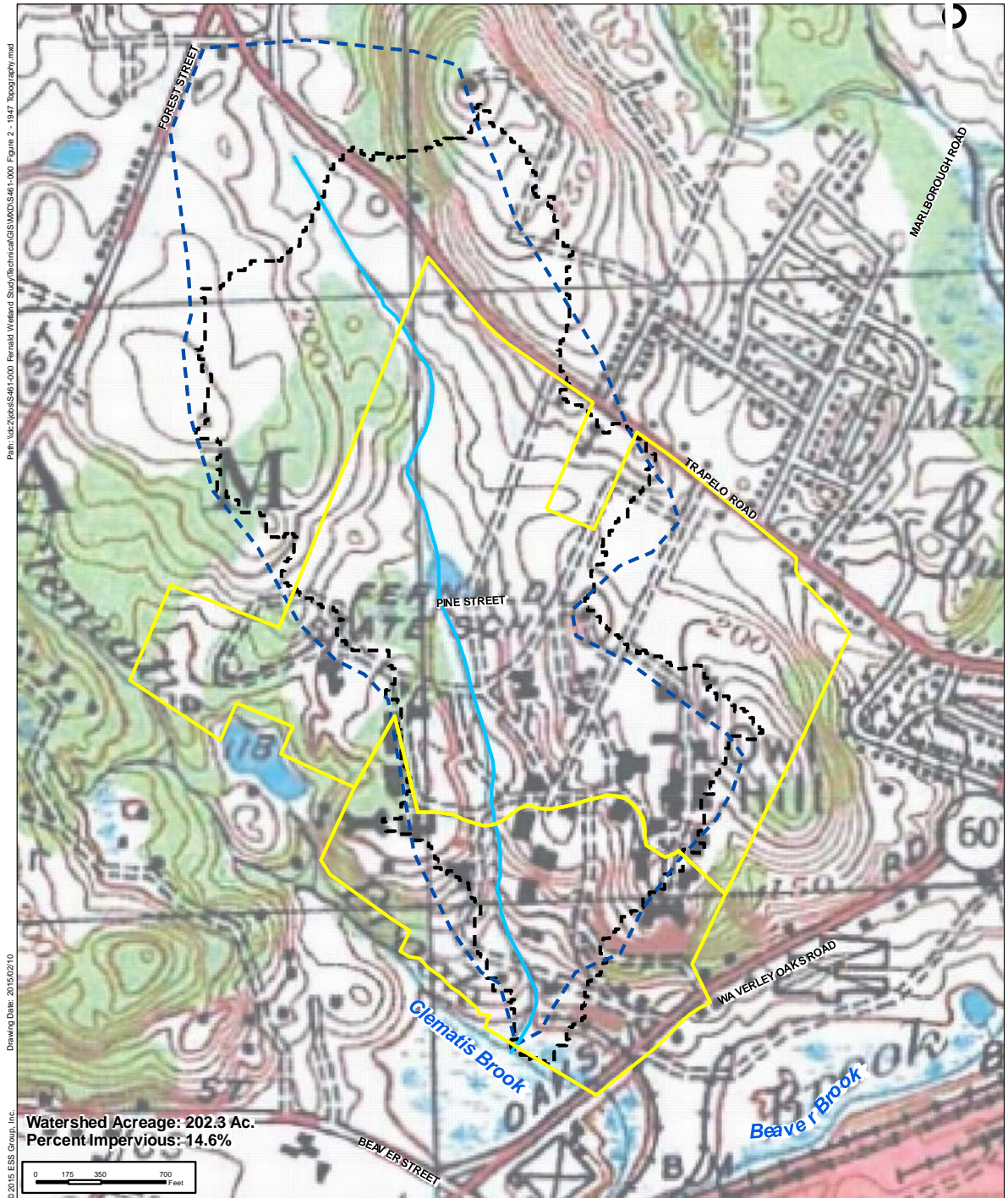
### Legend

- Parcel Boundary Delineation (140/50 ac)
- Watershed Area to Existing Discharge Location

Historic Topography - 1903

Figure 1  
Preliminary

# Fernald School – Year 1947



## Fernald School Wetland Study Waltham, Massachusetts

1 inch = 700 feet

- Source: 1) City of Waltham - MassGIS, Tax Parcels Data, 2011  
2) USGS, Historic Topographic Maps, 1947  
3) Existing Watershed, ESS Group, 2014

\*Based on 1947 Topography

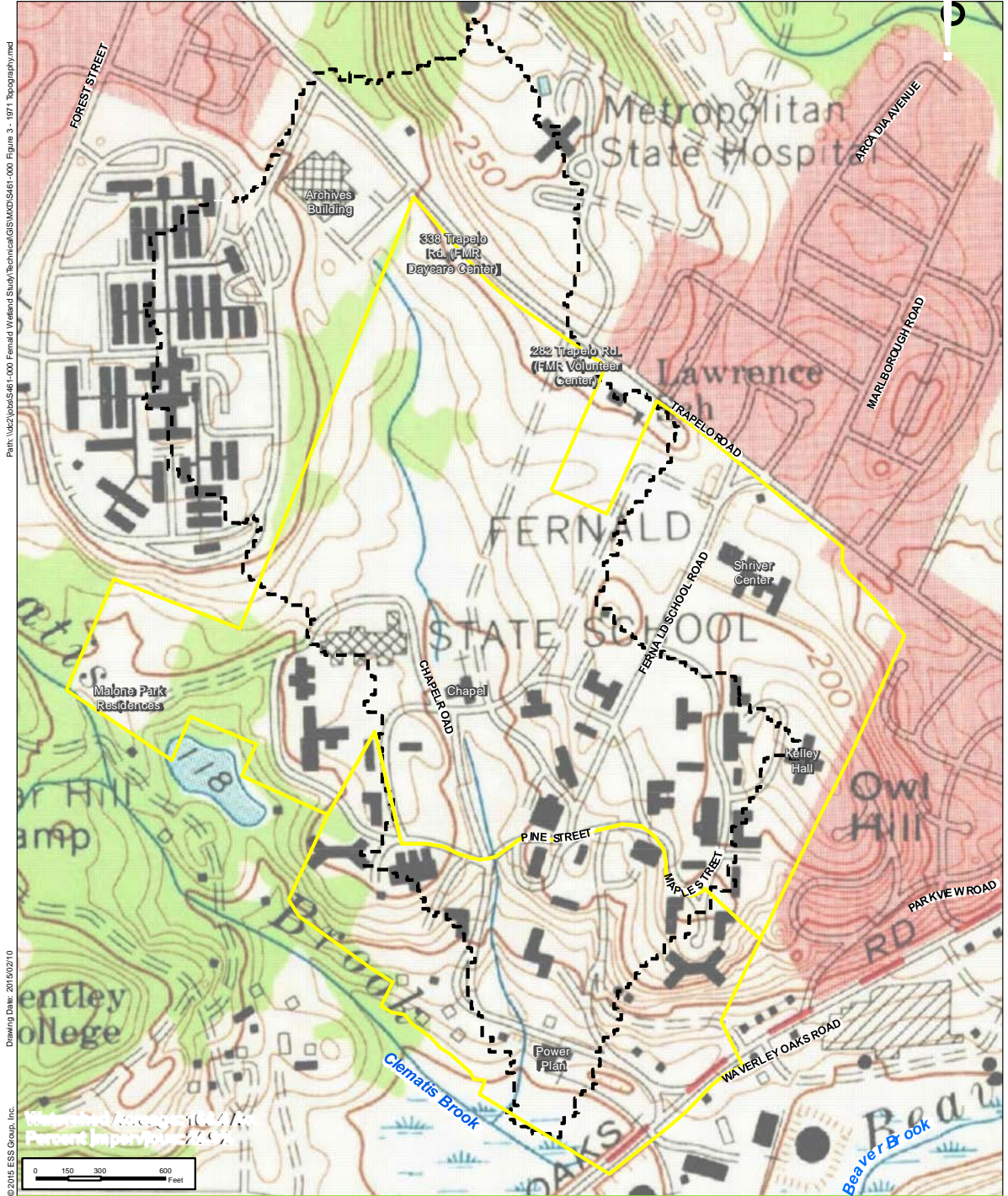
## Historic Topography - 1947

### Legend

- Parcel Boundary Delineation (140/50 ac)
- Watershed to Glematis Brook\*
- Watershed Area to Existing Discharge Location

**Figure 2**  
Preliminary

# Fernald School – Year 1971



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## Fernald School Wetland Study Waltham, Massachusetts

1 inch = 600 feet

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 2) USGS, Historic Topographic Maps, 1971  
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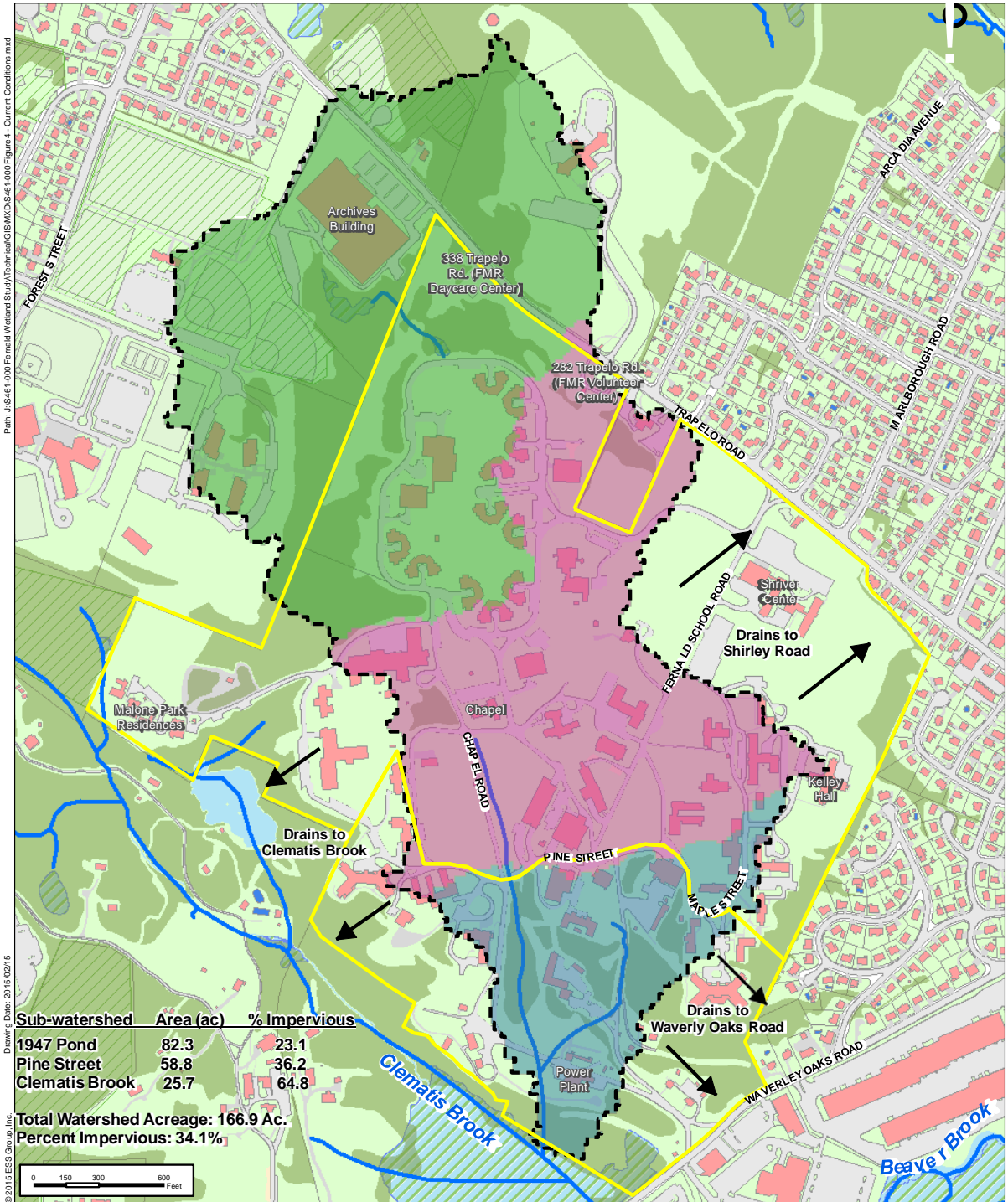
## Historic Topography - 1971

### Legend

- Parcel Boundary Delineation (140/50 ac)
- Watershed Area to Existing Discharge Location

**Figure 3**  
Preliminary

# Fernald School – Year 2015



## Fernald School Wetland Study Waltham, Massachusetts

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2) Watersheds, ESS Group, 2015

### Legend

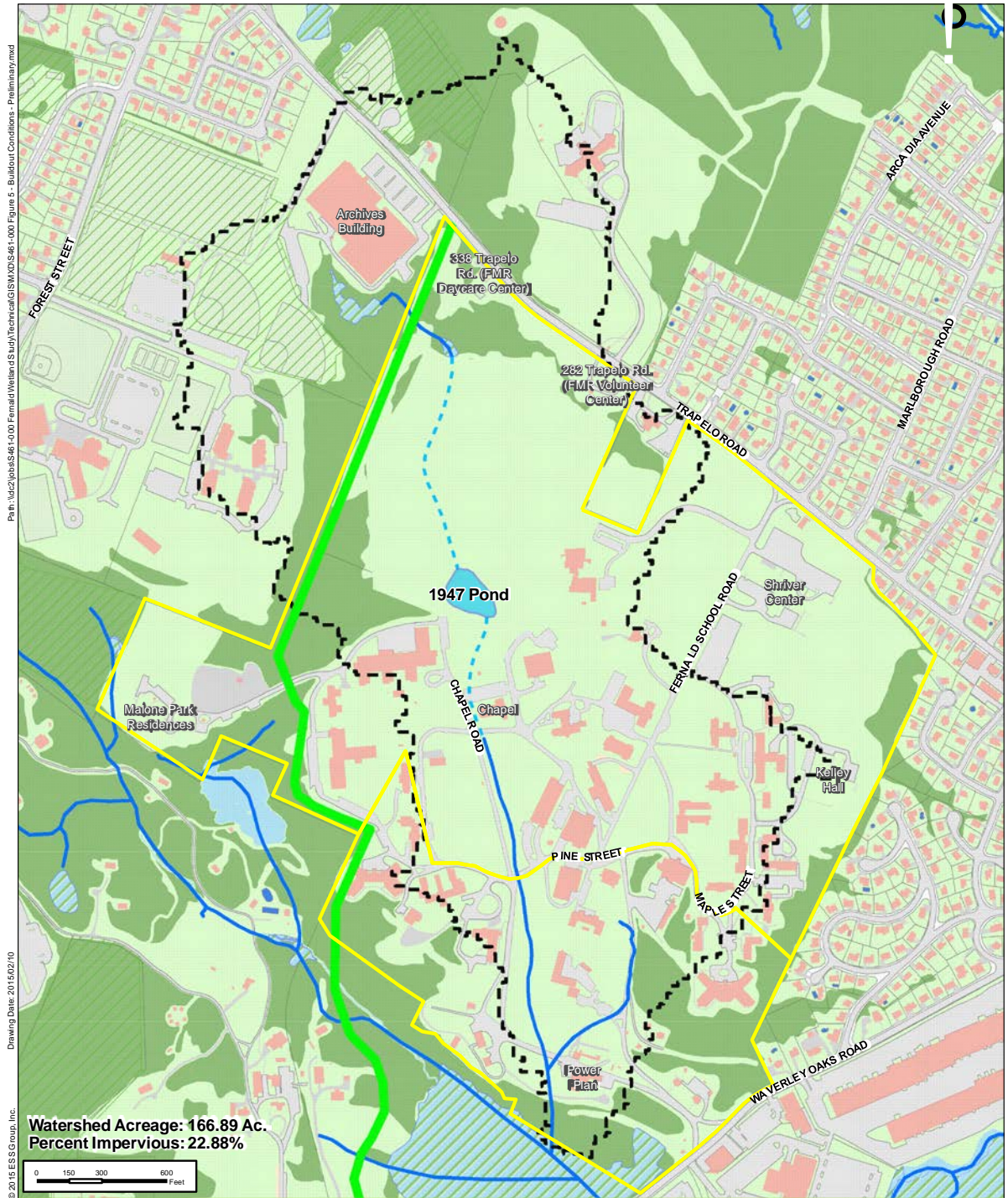
- Parcel Boundary Delineation (140/50 ac)
- Watershed Area to Existing Discharge Location
- Existing Stream
- Sub-Watershed to 1947 Pond Sub-
- Watershed to Pine Street Sub-
- Watershed to Clematis Brook

### Current Conditions

**Figure 4**  
Preliminary



# Fernald School – Build-Out



## Fernald School Wetland Study Waltham, Massachusetts

1 inch = 600 feet

- Source: 1) City of Waltham - Base Layer Data, 2011  
2) USGS, Historic Topographic Maps, 1903-1947  
3) Existing Watershed, ESS Group, 2014

- Legend**
- Parcel Boundary Delineation (140/50 ac)
  - Watershed Area to Existing Discharge Location
  - Existing Stream
  - Restored Stream
  - Future Segment of Western Greenway

## Buildout Conditions - Preliminary

**Figure 5**  
Preliminary

# Preliminary Results

## Wetland Restoration Benefits

Description	Reduction of Peak Flow Discharges Over Existing (%)		
	10-year Storm	25-year Storm	100-year Storm
Wetland Restoration and Stream Day-lighting	20	15	10
Additional Pond South of Chapel	32	27	21
Additional Detention East of Powerplant	60	50	48



# Wetland/Stream Restoration



# CPC/City Input

- **Daylight Culvert – Archives Building**
- **Daylight Stream West of Chapel**
- **Other**



# Recommendations

- **Visioning/Masterplan**
- **Passive Recreation Goals**
- **Detailed Mapping - Sub-Surface Utilities**
- **Soil Investigation Program – Wetland / Stream Restoration**
- **Stream Flow and Ground Water Monitoring**
- **Wetland /Stream Restoration Design**

