

# Introduction to River Architect



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## Project Maker: Cost-Benefit Analysis

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# Project Maker

Uses spatial subsets of two Conditions to evaluate Costs and Gain in SHArea through the transition from the initial Condition to a remodeled Condition.

Lifespan mapping, SHArC & some project shapefiles must be prepared before running *Project Maker*:

- ▶ Spatial subset is defined in ProjectArea.shp:  
[https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA\\_wiki/ProjectMaker#pminp2](https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA_wiki/ProjectMaker#pminp2)
- ▶ Existing vegetation is defined in PlantExisting.shp:  
[https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA\\_wiki/ProjectMaker#pminp3](https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA_wiki/ProjectMaker#pminp3)
- ▶ Existing vegetation that must be removed for terraforming is defined in PlantClearing.shp:  
[https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA\\_wiki/ProjectMaker#pminp31](https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA_wiki/ProjectMaker#pminp31)

The required shapefiles are provided for this workshop: /workshop\_data/project\_files/ and must be prepared otherwise manually.



# Project Maker GUI

[https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA\\_wiki/ProjectMaker](https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA_wiki/ProjectMaker)

1) Version your project (for example: v01)

2) Define Project name (for example: NewbaRiver)

## 3) VALIDATE VARIABLES

Creates ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/ folder with:

- Geodata/ -Shapefiles -Rasters -SHArea\_eval...xlsx
- NewbaRiver\_assessment\_v01.xlsx
- ProjectMaps.aprx

Click OK to open the two latter files automatically (recommended).



River Architect

Units Tools Close Physical Habitat

Get Started Lifespan Morphology Ecohydraulics Project Maker

Welcome to the project maker GUI. Info - buttons help identifying requirements for running individual modules.

START: DEFINE AND VALIDATE VARIABLES

Project version:  (3-digits: v+INT+INT, example: v10)

Project name:  (String, no spaces, example: MySite)

VALIDATE VARIABLES

ASSESS, DELINEATE AND STABILIZE PLANTINGS

Do not plant where expected lifespans are less than:  years (float number, example: 2.5)

Stabilize plants where expected lifespans are less than:  years (should be higher than above value)

Validate Variables

Select plant Max Lifespan Condition:

Place best vegetation plantings

Info (help)

TERRAIN STABILIZATION

Target lifespan of surface grains:  years (float number, example: 2.5)

Validate Variables

Select bioeng. MaxLifespan Condition:

Set stability drivers

Stabilize terrain

Info (help)

NET GAIN IN SEASONAL HABITAT AREA

1) Select at least one fish species-lifestage (Physical Habitat).

Show selected fish

☐ Optional: Apply cover to pre-project

☐ Optional: Apply cover to post-project

Info (help)

Validate Variables

2) Select pre-project condition (SHArC/SHArea):

Confirm Selection

Validate Variables

3) Select post-project condition (SHArC/SHArea):

Confirm Selection

Calculate Net gain in Seasonal Habitat Area (SHArea)

# Prepare Project

1. Copy ProjectArea.shp, PlantExisting.shp & PlantClearing.shp to ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Geodata/Shapefiles
2. In ArcGIS (ProjectMaps.aprx – automatically opened)
  - Rename map from NAME\_vii to NewbaRiver\_v01
  - Define sources of the following layers:
    - background = 01\_Conditions/INITIAL/back.tif
    - Project area = ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Geodata/Shapefiles/ProjectArea.shp
    - Existing plants = ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Geodata/Shapefiles/PlantExisting.shp
    - Clearing of shrubs = ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Geodata/Shapefiles/PlantClearing.shp
  - Right-click on Project area and select Zoom to layer
  - Save & close ProjectMaps.aprx
3. In ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/NewbaRiver\_assessment\_v01.xlsx and
  - define Site name (Cell C3) = “...” (e.g., New Bar Bend)
  - Delete tab “costs (SI metric)”
  - Save & close workbook

Hint: Closing & re-opening the .aprx project file after copying the shapefiles does most of the job.





# Project Maker GUI



- Creates shapefiles & rasters in the ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Geodata/ folder
- Exports quantities (plant surfaces) to the ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Quantities/ folder
- Writes quantities (plant surfaces) to ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/NewbaRiver\_assessment\_v01.xlsx (and opens the workbook)

Project version:

(3-digits: v+INT+INT, example: v10)

Project name:

(String, no spaces, example: MySite)

VALIDATE VARIABLES

ASSESS, DELINEATE AND STABILIZE PLANTINGS

Do not plant where expected lifespans are less than:

years (float number, example: 2.5)

Stabilize plants where expected lifespans are less than:

years (should be higher than above value)

Select plant Max Lifespan Condition:

2017\_initial\_lyr20

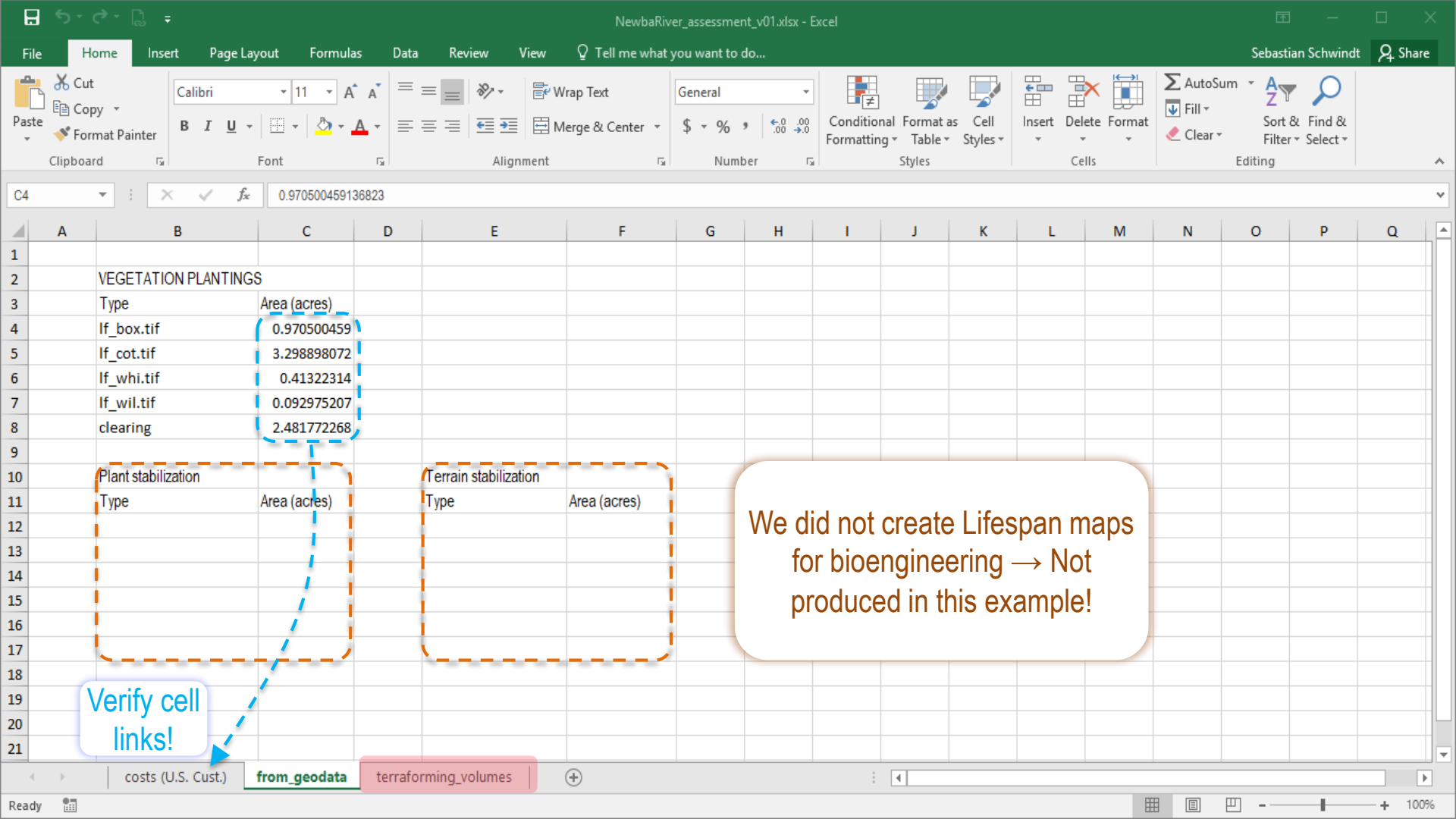
2017\_remод\_lyr20

Place best vegetation plantings

Info (help)

- 1) Set no plantings lifespan to 2.0
- 2) Set plant stabilization to 5.0
- 3) Select remod condition & click on Place best vegetation plantings

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Looking up specific bioengineering lifespan rasters ...
D:\temp\RA_workshop\ProjectMaker\NewbaRiver_v01\Geodata\Rasters\lf_wood.tif
WARNING: Could not find Lifespan Raster (D:\temp\RA_workshop\LifespanDesign\Output\Rasters\2017_remод_lyr20\lf_wood.tif).
> Go to the Lifespan Tab and create lifespan rasters for the Bioengineering feature group.
> Applying 0-lifespans instead.
WARNING: Could not find Lifespan Raster (D:\temp\RA_workshop\LifespanDesign\Output\Rasters\2017_remод_lyr20\lf_bio_v_bio.tif).
> Go to the Lifespan Tab and create lifespan rasters for the Bioengineering feature group.
> Applying 0-lifespans instead.
-- OK (Bioengineering raster read)
Assessing best features for plant stabilization.
ERROR: Best stabilization assessment failed.
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2		Source:	.../RiverArchitect/VolumeAssessment/Output/CONDITION_volumes.xlsx													
3		Generated with the RiverArchitect's Volume Assessment module														
4																
5		Excavate	190900.00	(cubic yard or m³)												
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Define terraforming volumes:

Excavate = 190,900 cyd

Fill = 150,500 cyd

(result of CAD expert assessment & the Morphology | Volume Assessment module)

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- Explore the costs sheet ...
- Verify cell links
- Adapt unit costs
- Add non-automated quantities (e.g., access roads)
- Check fees & rates (bottom)

Missing: Net gain in SHArea → Go back to **Project Maker**

# Project Maker GUI (bottom)

NET GAIN IN SEASONAL HABITAT AREA

1) Select at least one fish species-lifestage (Physical Habitat). Show selected fish

☐ Optional: Apply cover to pre-project ☐ Optional: Apply cover to post-project Info (help)

2) Select pre-project condition (SHArC/SHArea):  
2017\_initial  
2017\_remod Selection OK

3) Select post-project condition (SHArC/SHArea):  
2017\_initial  
2017\_remod Selection OK

Calculate Net gain in Seasonal Habitat Area (SHArea)

1) Select from TOP menu Physical Habitat > Chinook salmon – juvenile

2) Set pre-project to initial condition & click Select button

3) Set post-project to remod condition & click Select button

4) Click on Calculate Net gain ... (SHArea)

- Writes gain in SHArea to ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/NewbaRiver\_assessment\_v01\_chju.xlsx (Cell G3 and opens the workbook) – note: the formula in cell I3 breaks sometimes ( $I3 = G2 / G3$ )
- Write tables of Usable Habitat Area to ProjectMaker/NewbaRiver\_v01/Geodata/SHArea\_chju.xlsx (Usable Area – Discharge relations for initial & remod conditions)



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14												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
1		Unit System: U.S. Customary										
2		Site: Newba Bend			Total costs:		\$7,862,071.42	Project return		\$4,985,857.56	Automatic Calculation	
3					Net gain in SHArea (ac/season):		1.6	(US \$ per ac net gain in SHArea)				
4												
		Layer	Task	Costs per	Unit	Quantity	Total (US \$)	Remarks				
5												
7		Framework (terraforming)	Clearing (vegetation)	\$ 220.00	acre	2.5	\$545.99		LCH (2012)			
			Excavate/fill alluvial material (includes transport)	\$ 23.00	yd³	external	\$4,390,700.00	Use terraforming_volumes sheet	CCC (2003)			
8			Groin cavities	\$ 1,200.00	piece		\$0.00		King et al. (1994)			
9									LCH (2012)			
10		SUM (Terraforming)					\$4,391,245.99		Zeh (2007)			
12		Bioengineering (stabilization)	Anchoring (logs for plant stability)	\$ 80.00	yd'	0.0	\$0.00	refers to log length	LCH (2012)			
			Engineered log jam, log-wise	\$ 775.00	log	0.0	\$0.00	log length = 25 ft, Ø = 24 in	Cramer (2012)			
13			(for plant and terrain stabilization)						Virginia University (2004)			
			Engineered log jam: root-wise	\$ 49.88	rootwad		\$0.00		King et al. (1994)			
14									Zeh (2007)			
			Streamwood (non-anchored)	\$ 775.00	log	0.0	\$0.00		Cramer (2012)			
15			Angular boulder placement	\$ 150.00	yd²	0.0	\$0.00		Knutson (2015)			
									Zeh (2007)			

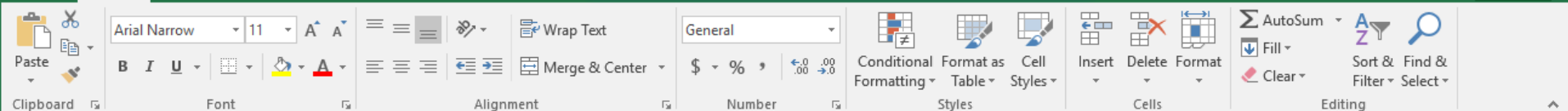
Project efficiency = G2 / G3

costs (U.S. Cust.)

from\_geodata

terraforming\_volumes





	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1																	
2		Total SHArea	Initial (existing)	1.1	(ac/season)												
3		Total SHArea	With implementation	2.7	(ac/season)												
4		Net SHArea	(difference)	1.6	(ac/season)												
5																	
6		Initial (existing)					With implementation										
7		Discharge	Exceedance duration	Usable Area	SHArea		Discharge	Exceedance duration	Usable Area	SHArea							
8		(cfs)	(% of a season - cum.)	(ac)	(ac/season/Q)		(cfs)	(% of a season - cum.)	(ac)	(ac/season/Q)							
9		166954	0	1.050275482	0		166954	0	0.767332415	0							
10		147510	0	1.119146006	0		147510	0	0.895316804	0							
11		125012	0	0.928030303	0		125012	0	1.074380165	0							
12		97419	0	0.515381084	0		97419	0	0.737488522	0							
13		80686	0	0.357552801	0		80686	0	0.713957759	0							
14		60514	0	0.499311295	0		60514	0	0.7478191	0							
15		34104	0	0.8	0		34104	0	0.740358127	0							
16		11494	0.095612905	1.3	0.001238819		11494	0.095612905	1.174380165	0.001122859							
17		5984	1.175332262	0.5	0.00586707		5984	1.175332262	1.658471074	0.017906833							
18		5000	1.898856519	0.6	0.004007786		5000	1.898856519	1.614876033	0.01168402							
19		04000	4.017216643	0.6	0.012701407		4000	4.017216643	2.171280992	0.045995551							
20		03455	7.629618811	0.7	0.024644942		3455	7.629618811	2.479958678	0.089586081							
21		03000	9.01750506	0.8	0.011105958		3000	9.01750506	2.776652893	0.038536784							
22		02255	14.72177596	0.9	0.053707361		2255	14.72177596	3.082644628	0.1758424							

summary

An underwater photograph showing several fish swimming in clear, slightly greenish water. The fish are silvery and elongated, typical of species found in rivers or lakes. The background is a soft-focus view of the water and some distant rocks or structures.

Thanks for listening.  
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<https://riverarchitect.github.io>

Detailed documentation & reading for this chapter  
[https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA\\_wiki/ProjectMaker](https://riverarchitect.github.io/RA_wiki/ProjectMaker)

