

GRAND VALLEY PROJECT  
THE GRAND VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

DRAINAGE DITCH  
RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

In areas where the United States holds rights-of-way for project drainage ditches there is usually no widths of record but there is usually a recorded document that provides or declares the rights-of-way. The minimum right-of-way width necessary for proper maintenance is the width of the drainage ditch from bank to bank plus widths on each side from the bank measured outward to the limits of any operational or maintenance evidence. In no case shall the bank outward width be less than 25 feet on either side of the drain ditch (see sketch 1, as an example, on the back side).

Rights-of-ways for Grand Valley Project drainage ditches are held by the United States through the following documents of record.

Congressional Act of August 30, 1890; (part of the patent language)  
Application for Permanent Water Right (a.k.a. GVWUA Subscription for Stock);  
and  
Other Congressional Acts that may apply

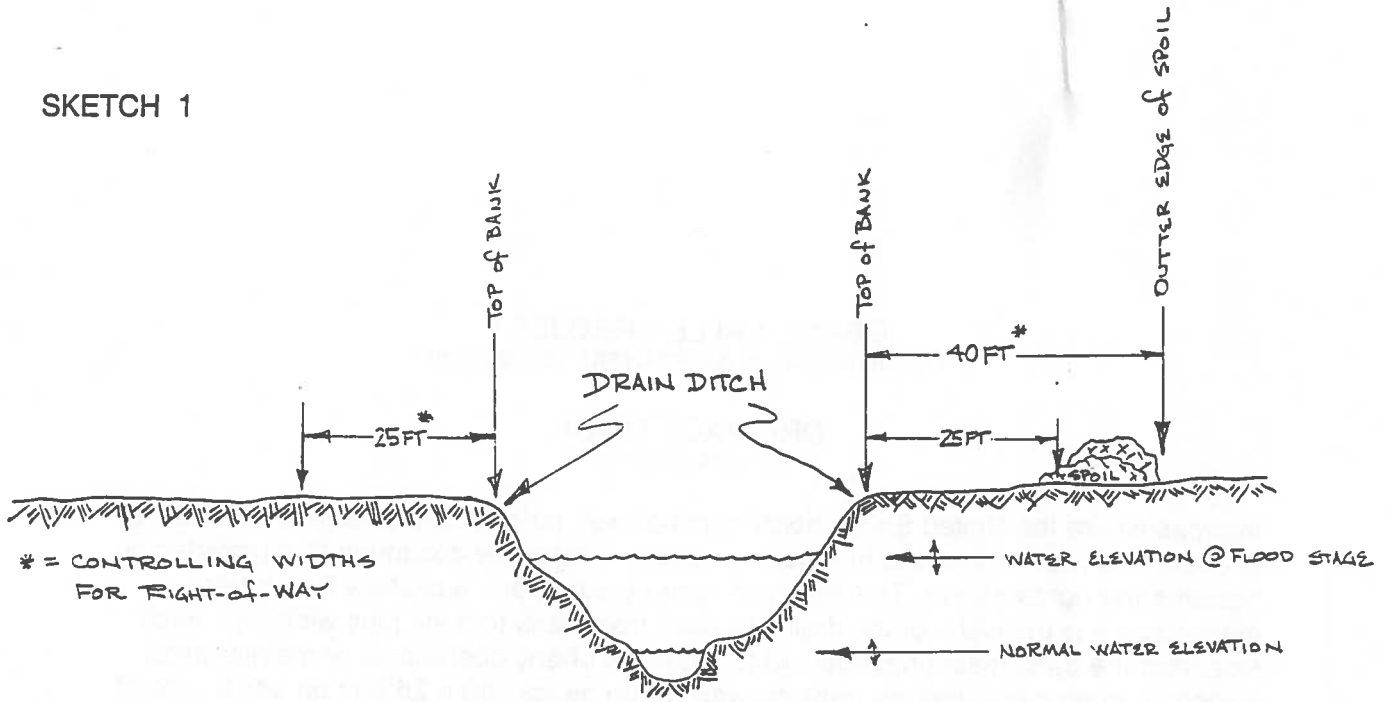
The Grand Valley Water Users Association (GVWUA) is under contract with the United States - Bureau of Reclamation to operate and maintain the Grand Valley Project which includes the Government Highline Canal and associated structures such as laterals and drainage ditches. Sketch 2, on the back side, indicates the general area covered by the Grand Valley Project and managed by the GVWUA (area 2). Sketch 2 also indicates the areas covered by other irrigation entities. If you have questions pertaining to other irrigation entities contact the manager of that entity.

The GVWUA will be glad to discuss any questions or concerns related to system structures and will meet onsite as necessary - please call us at (970) 242-5065.

Future conflicts can be greatly reduced by depicting this information on all recorded land and land subdivision plats.

(SEE SKETCHES ON BACK SIDE)

SKETCH 1



SKETCH 2

