

An aerial photograph of a modern multi-lane highway bridge. The bridge is elevated on concrete piers and spans a vast, dense tropical forest. The road curves gracefully through the landscape. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect. A few vehicles are visible on the bridge.

Grading Design and Modeling at Bridge Abutments

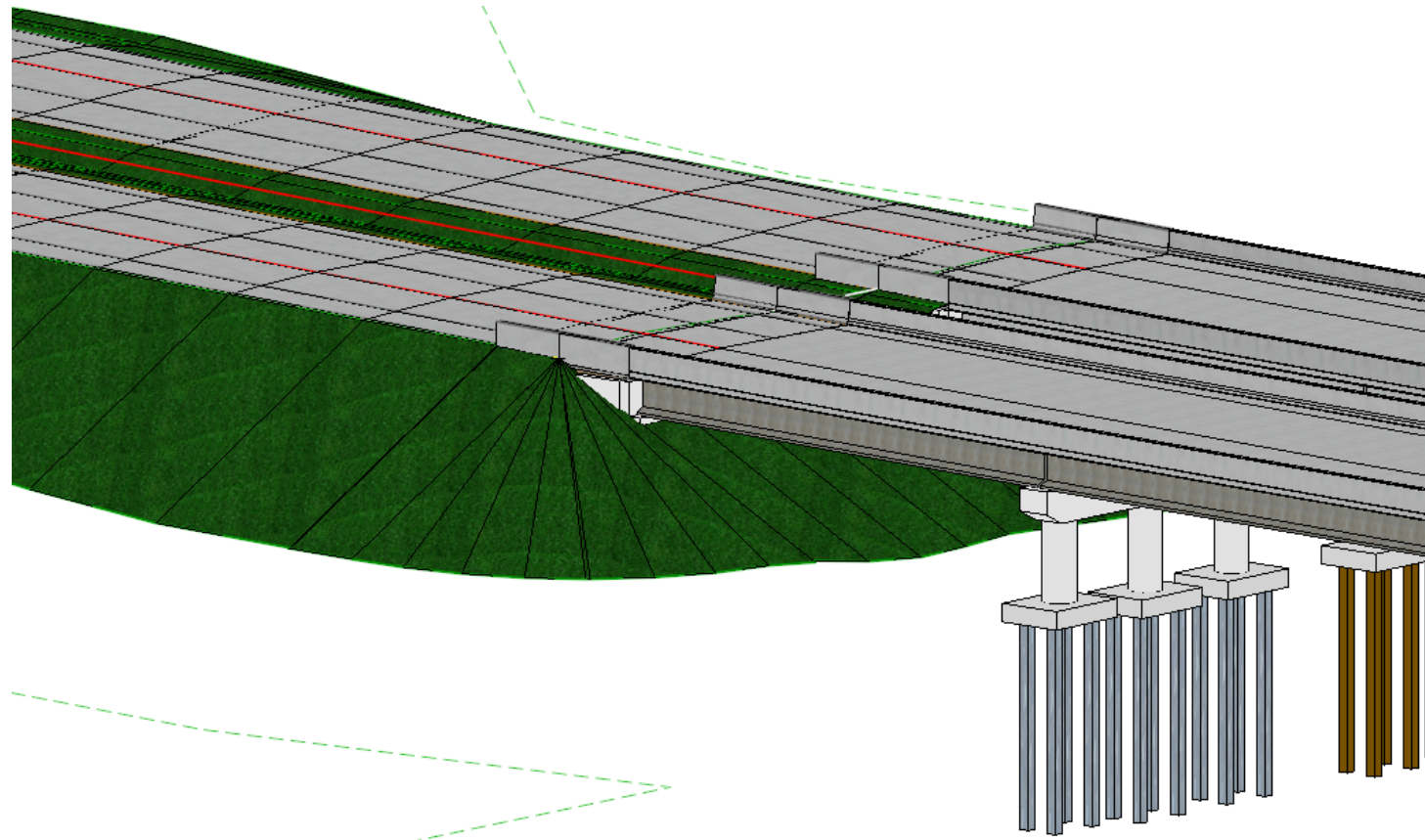
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Objective

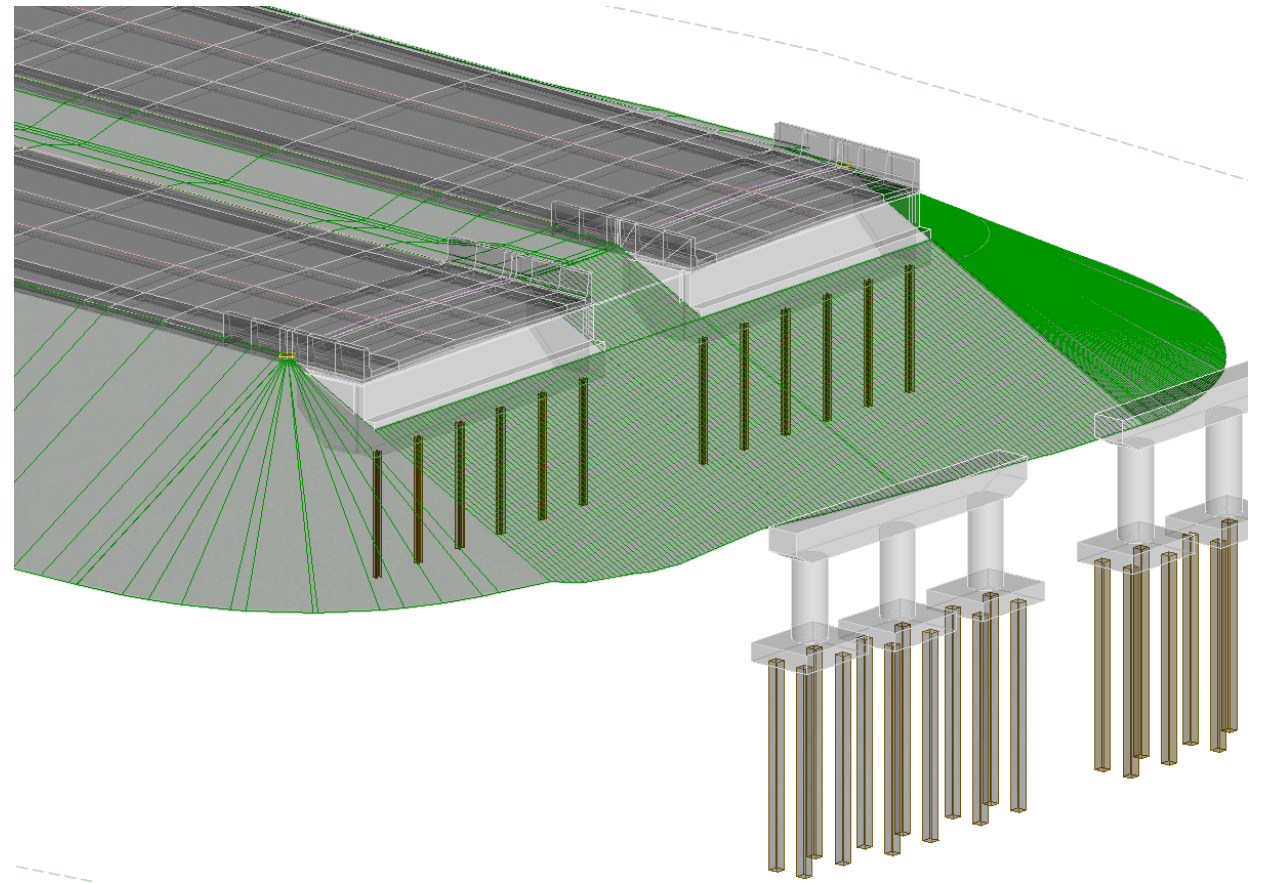
- To learn tools and techniques for modeling grading around bridge abutment areas



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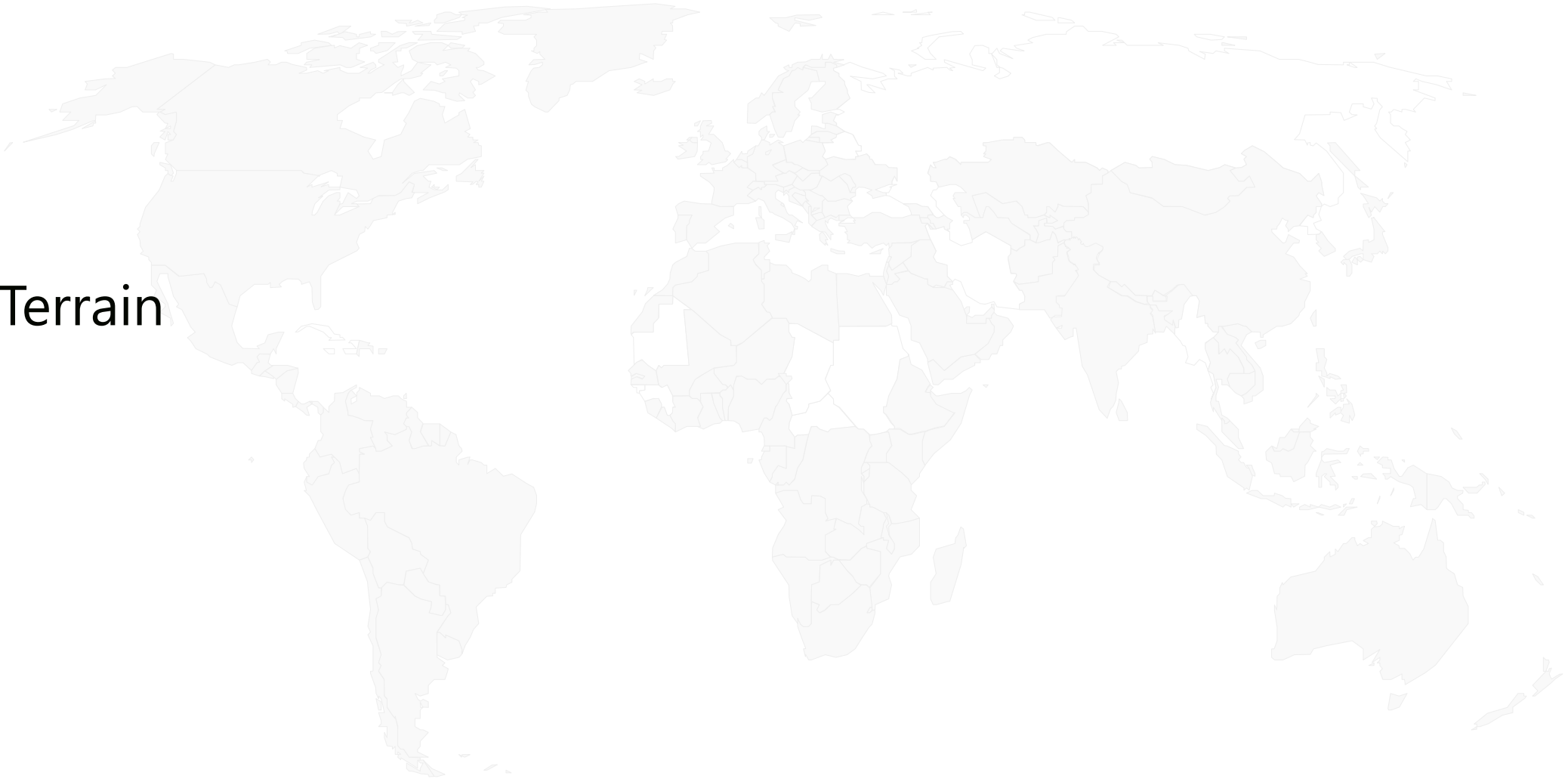
Agenda

- Create 3D Terrain by Slope
 - Simple Grading
 - Top Down Method
 - Detailed Grading
 - Down-Up Method
- Linear Templates
 - Slopewall Grading
 - Retaining Walls



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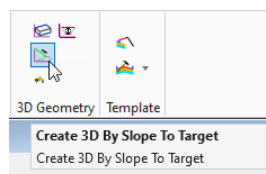
3D Terrain



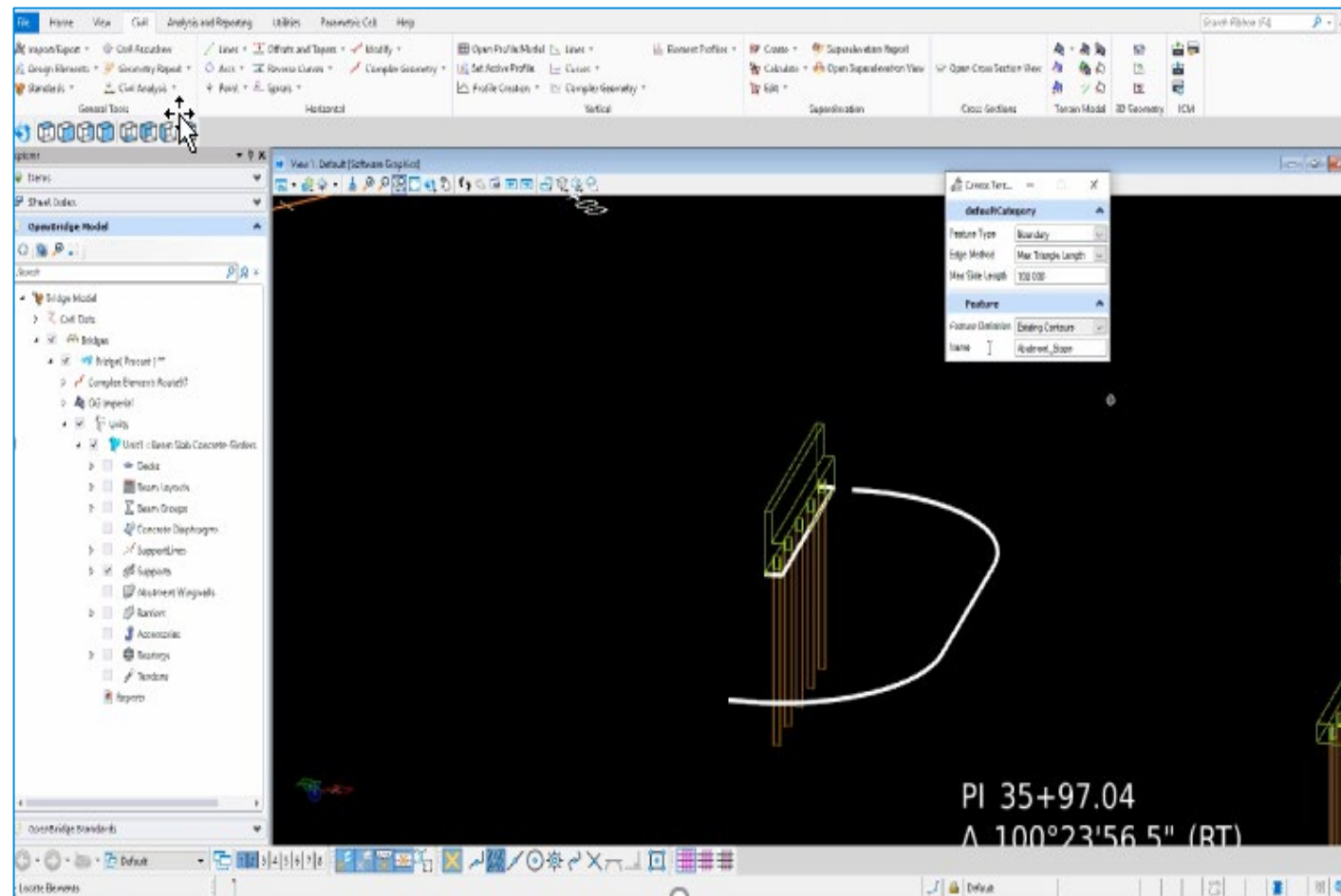
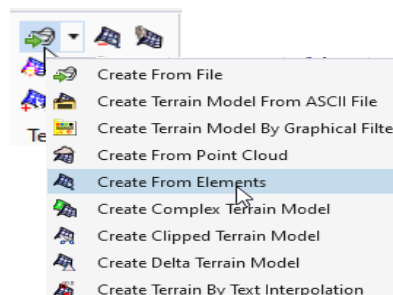
Simple Grading

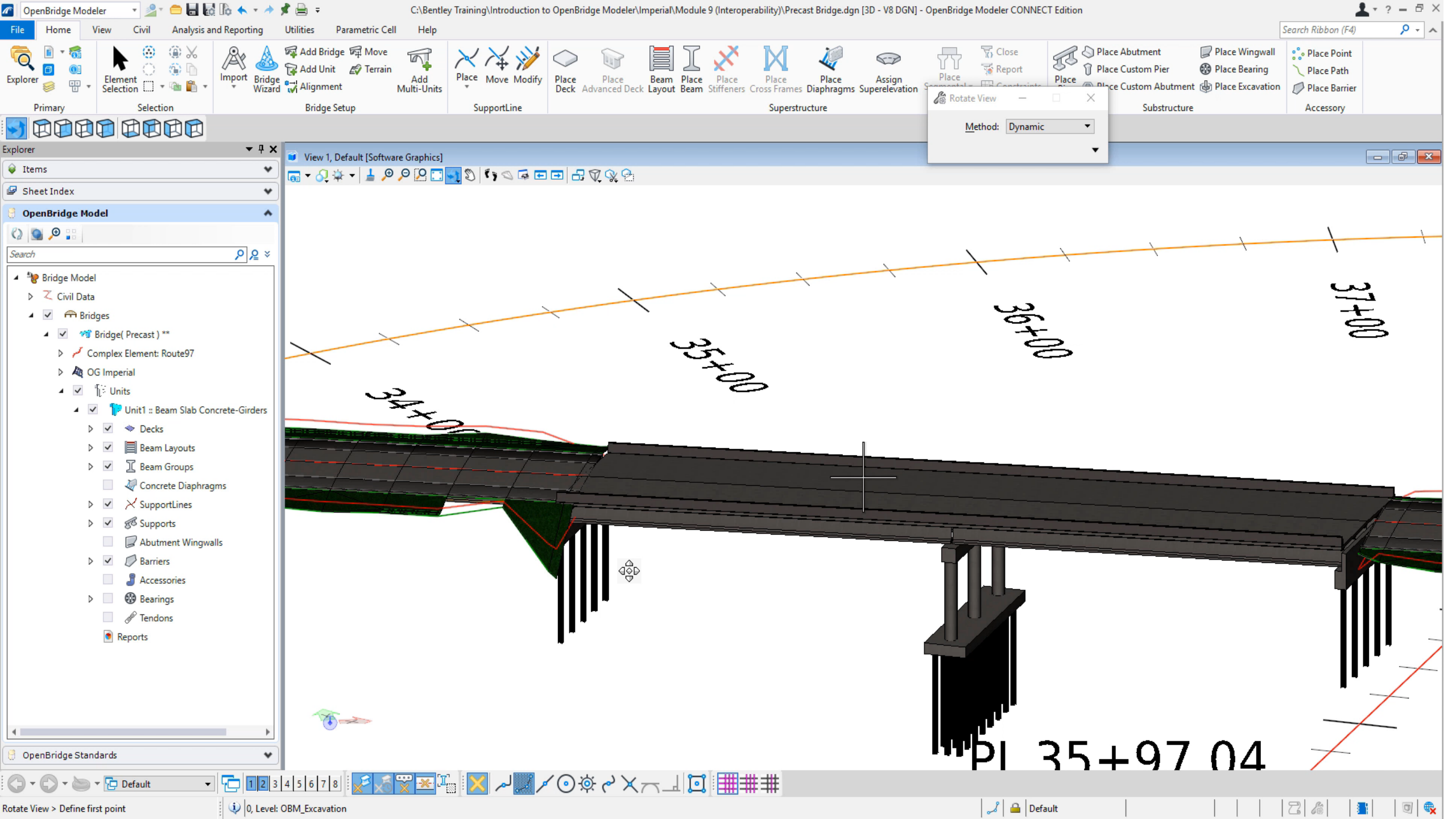
- Place Smartline around the bottom of the abutment.

- Under the Civil tab, use



- Create a new terrain from elements, using the bottom "smartlined" abutment (breakline) and the projected slope (boundary).

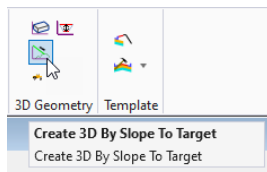




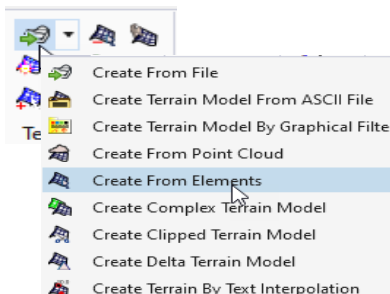
Simple Grading and Earthworks

- Place Smartline around the bottom of the abutment.

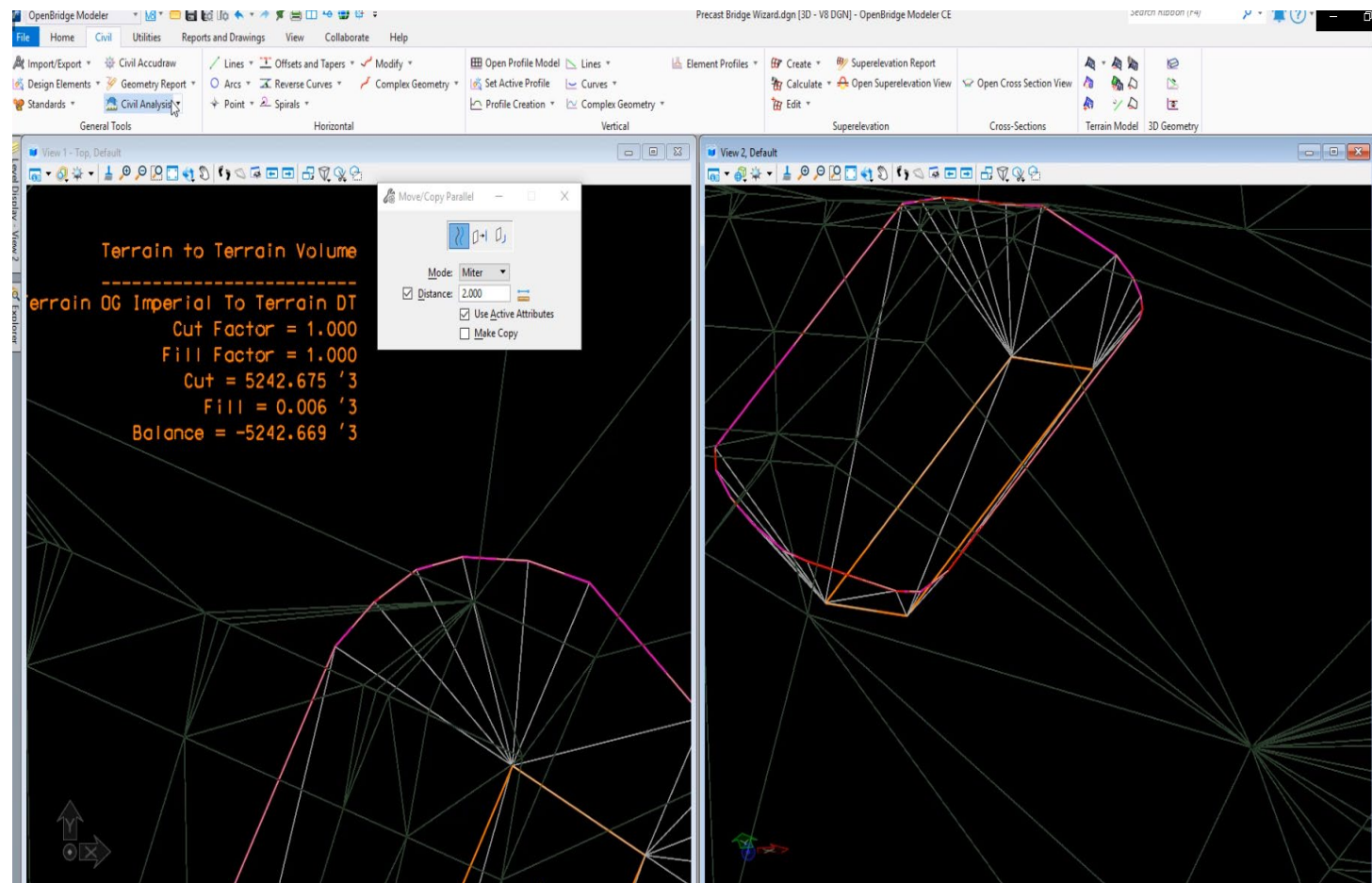
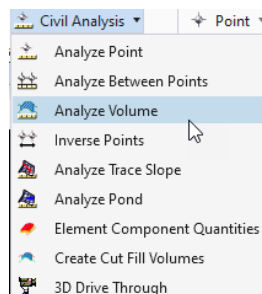
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- Under Civil Analysis>Analyze Volume using the ground data against the new graded terrain.



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General Tools

Lines Offsets and Tapers Modify
Arcs Reverse Curves Complex Geometry
Point Spirals

Horizontal

Open Profile Model Lines
Set Active Profile Curves
Profile Creation Complex Geometry

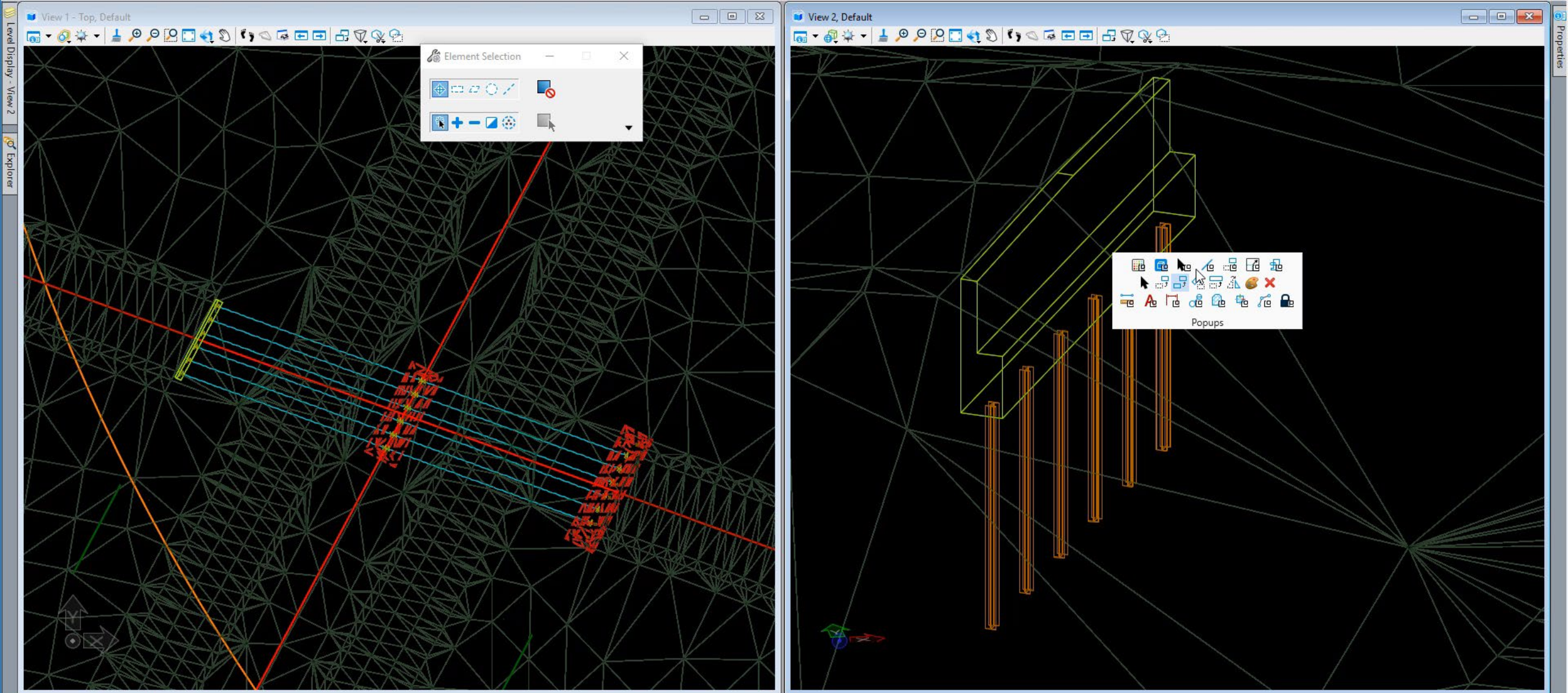
Vertical

Element Profiles
Create Superelevation Report
Calculate Open Superelevation View
Edit

Superelevation

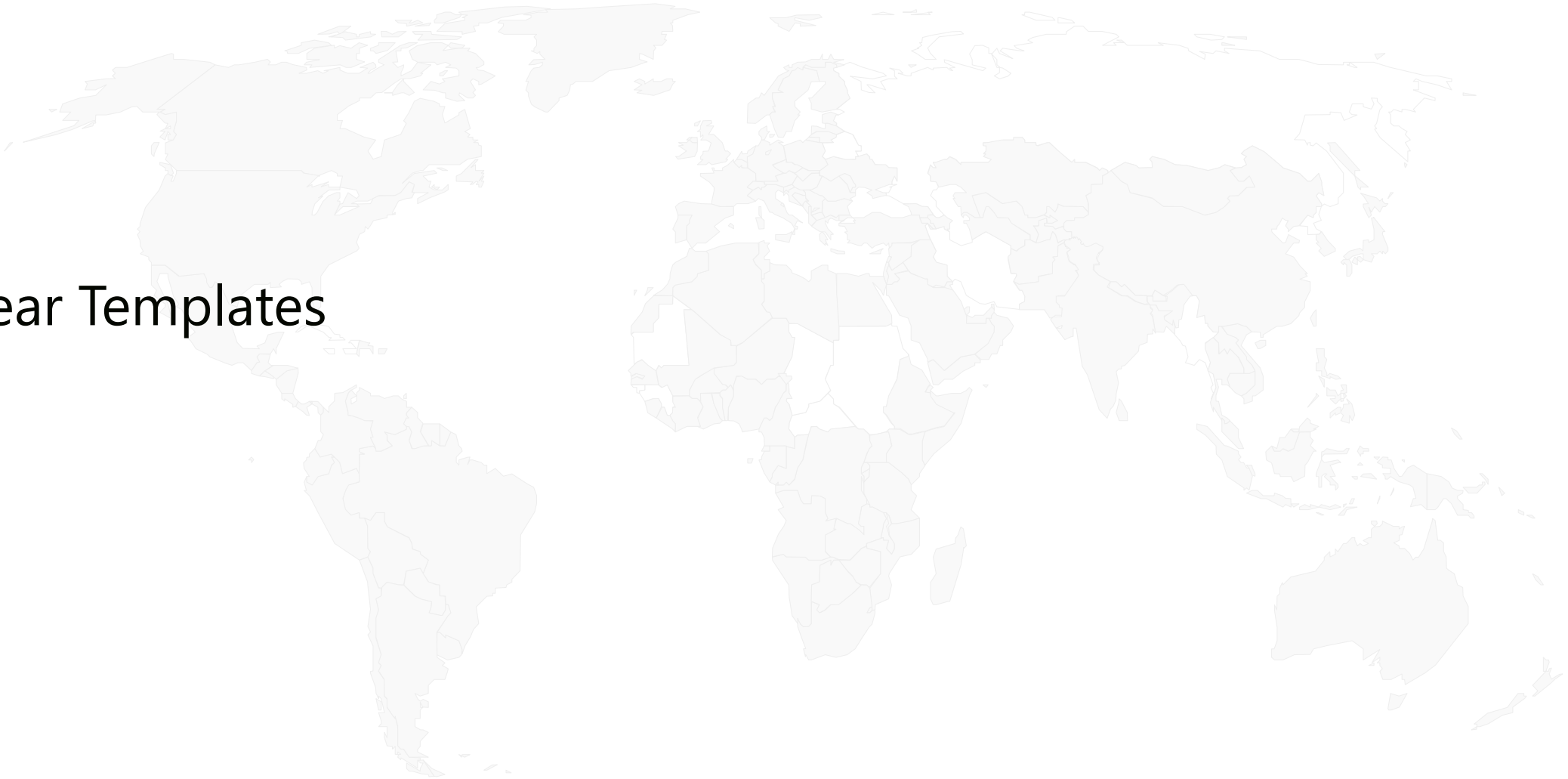
Open Cross Section View
Cross-Sections

Terrain Model 3D Geometry



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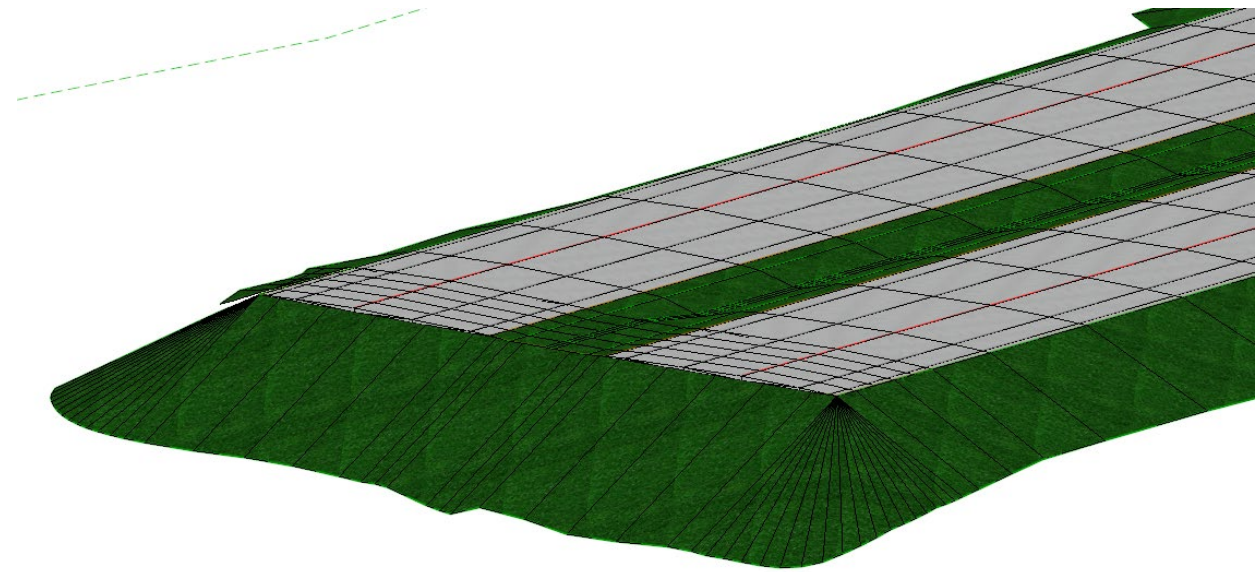
Linear Templates



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Simple Grading – Top Down Method

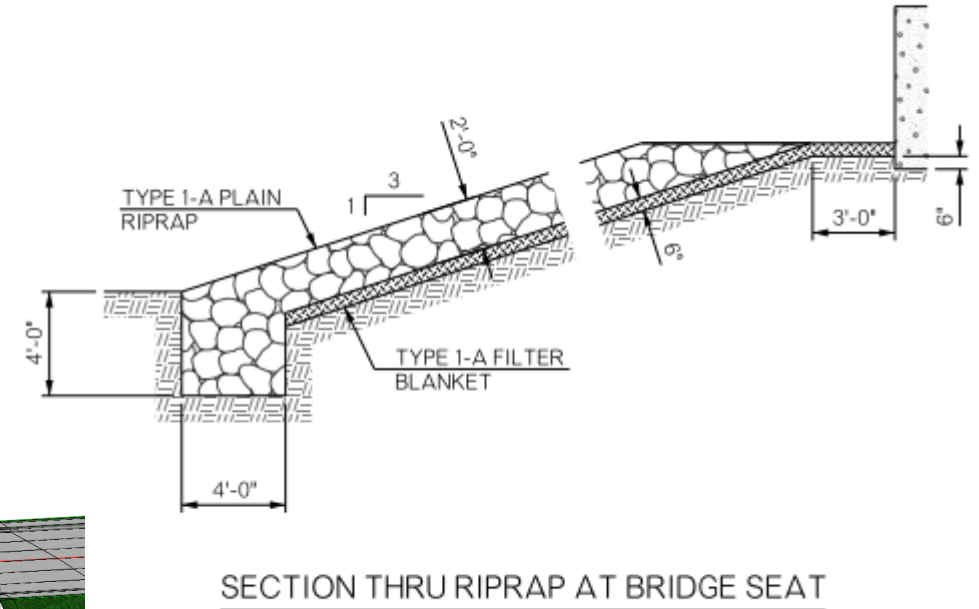
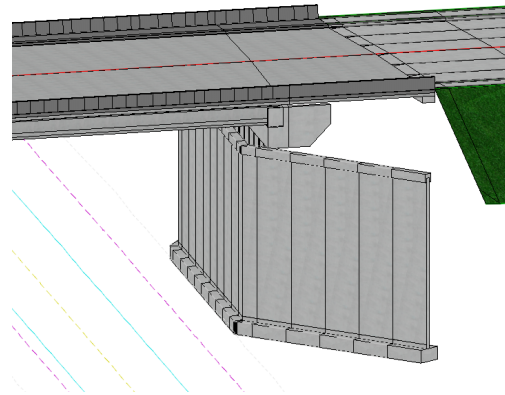
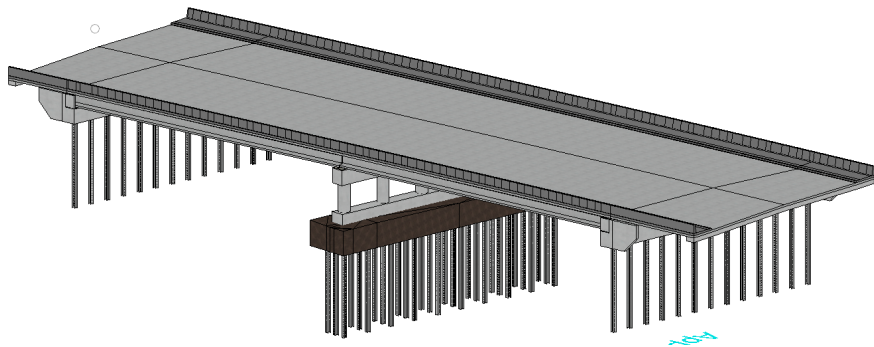
- Establish horizontal geometry at approx. location of abutment
- Establish vertical geometry along top or bottom of corridor
- Apply linear template along horizontal geometry to create 2:1 grading slopes to existing terrain
- Good for preliminary engineering



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Detailed Grading – Top Down Method

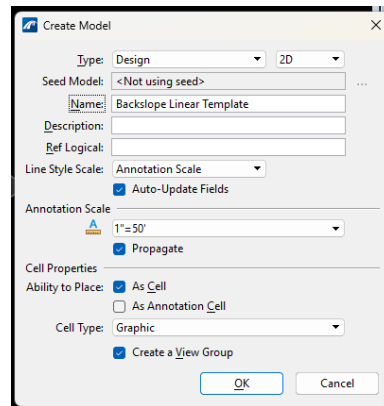
- Needs Civil geometry: alignment and profile.
- Create alignment using a 2D Design Model.
- Create a profile.
- Apply a linear template
 - Template can be as complex as need, including attaching item types for additional design data



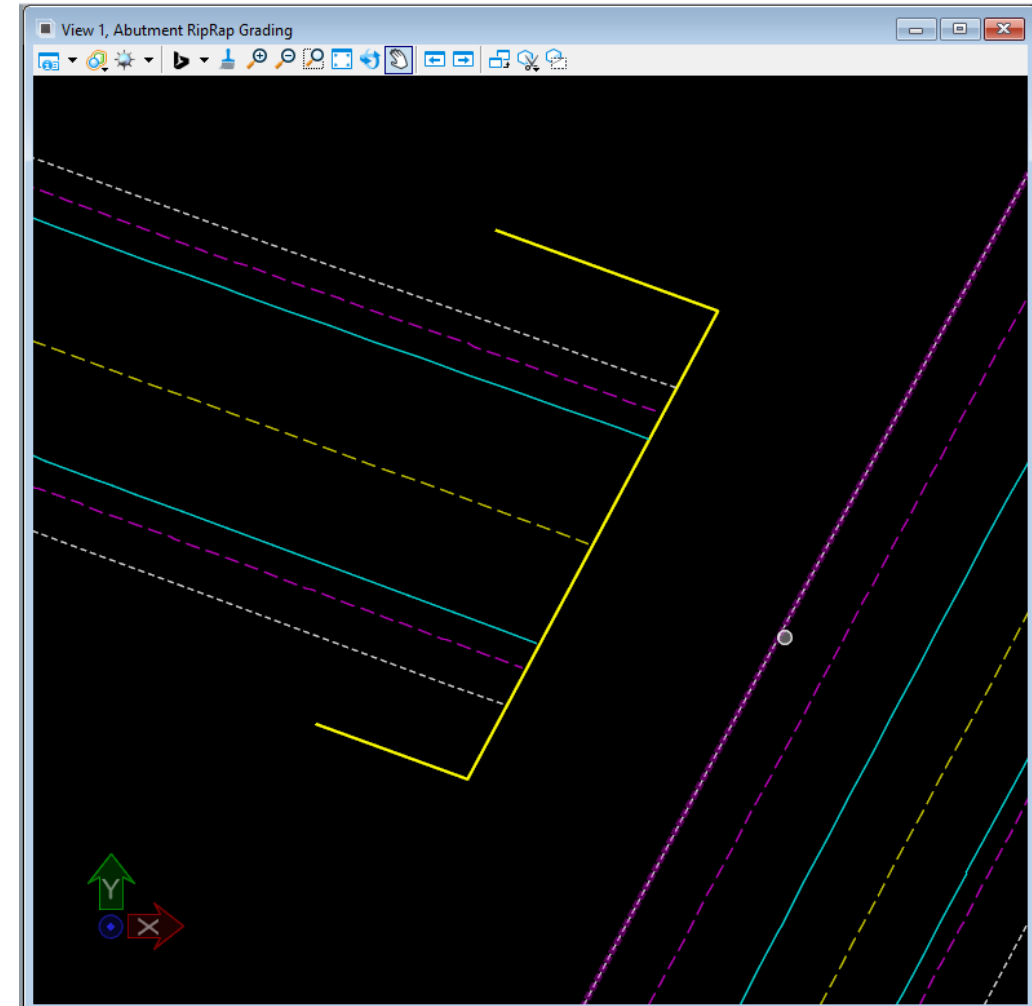
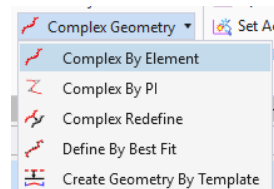
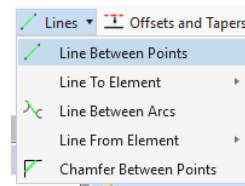
**** Work selecting the 2D elements. See the results in 3D**

Linear Templates – Slopewall / Rip Rap

- Starting with 2D model, we will reference our bridge and terrain files



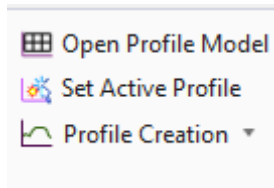
- Then we will create horizontal geometry using Civil Lines and Complex Geometry in the Horizontal Ribbon Group



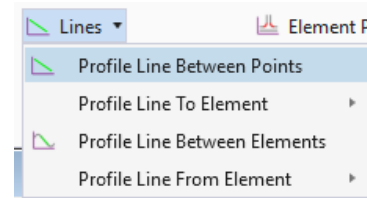
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- Next, we create profile using vertical civil geometry in the Vertical Ribbon Group

- Open a profile view with the Open Profile Model tool, and select a view represent the model.

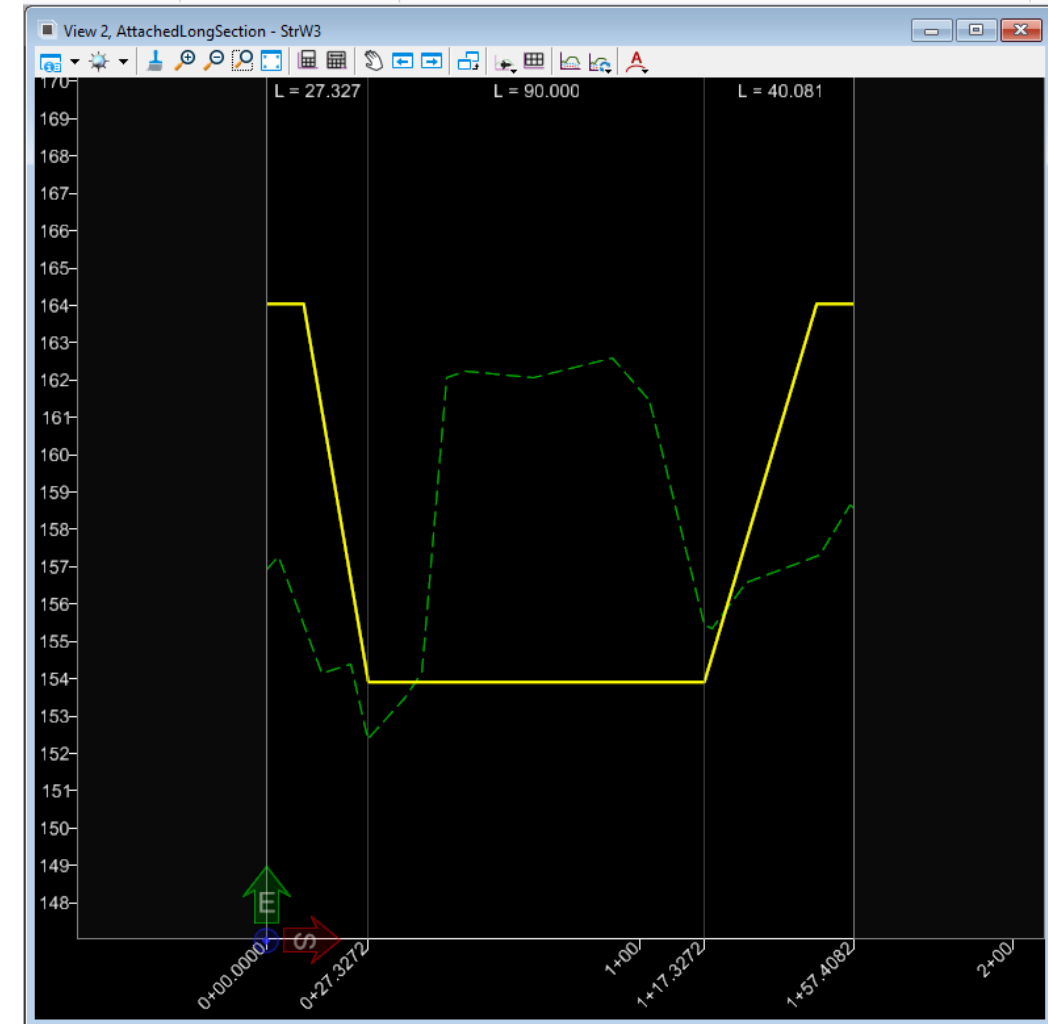


- Assign vertical lines with elevation based off Bridge Geometry and existing or proposed terrain.



- Complex geometry when completed

- Set the Vertical Profile Active



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US Survey Foot 1"=50' Custom ACS 1"=50' US Survey Inch 1"=50'

Measure Distance Measure Radius Measure Angle Measure SmartLine Place Line Arc Tools

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View 2, RipRap Alg

Element Selection

Properties

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RipRap Alg

SR97_Corridor.dgn.Default

SR97_Geometry.dgn.Default

SR97_Precast_Bridge.dgn.Default

SR97_RipRap_Geometry.dgn.RipRap

Terrain_Existing.dgn.Default

General

Is Active True

Name RipRap Alg

Description

Ref Logical

Type Design

Design Dimens 2D

Is Markup False

Annotation Scale 1"=50'

Design Scale 600 0000

Paper Scale 1 0000

Propagate Anno On

Line Style Scale Annotation Scale

Update Fields A True

Angle Readout

Direction Base East

Direction Mode Azimuth

Format ~DD.DDDD

Accuracy 0.1234

Direction AntiClockwise

Isometric

Isometric Plane Top

Isometric Lock False

Locks

ACS Plane False

Working Units

Format MU

Master Unit US Survey Feet

Master Unit Label

Sub Unit US Survey Inches

Sub Unit Label

References (7 of 9 unique, 7 displayed)

Tools Properties

Highlight Mode: Boundaries

Hierarchy

Slot File Name Model Description Logical Orientation Presentation Visible Edges

3	Terrain_Existing.dgn	Default	Master Model		Coincident - World	Wireframe	Dynamic
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4	SR97_Geometry.dgn	Default	Master Model		Coincident - World	Wireframe	Wireframe
1	SR97_Corridor.dgn	Default	Master Model		Coincident - World	Wireframe	Wireframe

Scale 1.000000000 1.000000000 Rotation 0° Offset X 0.000 Y 0.000

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Element Selection > Identify element to add to set

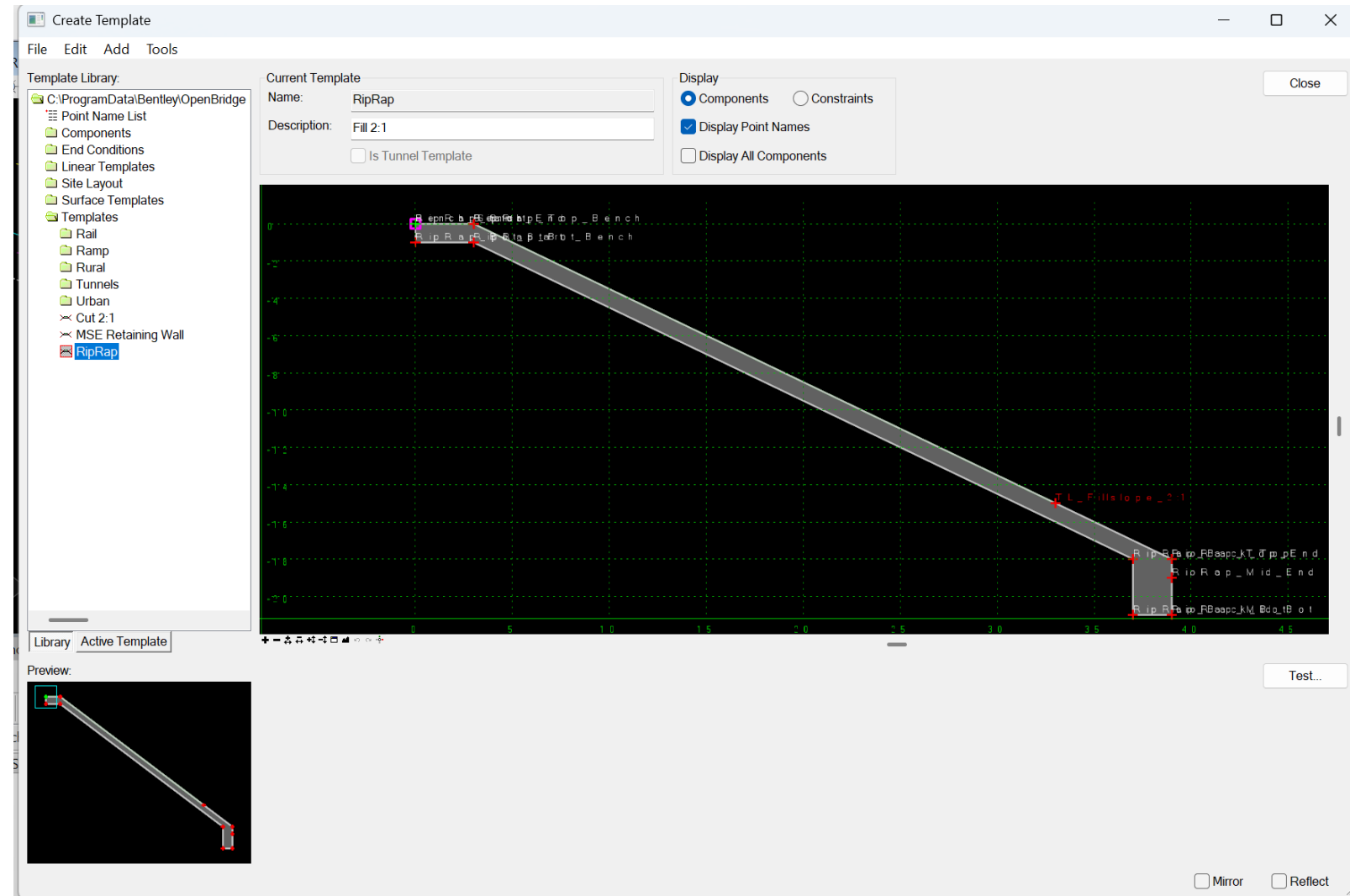
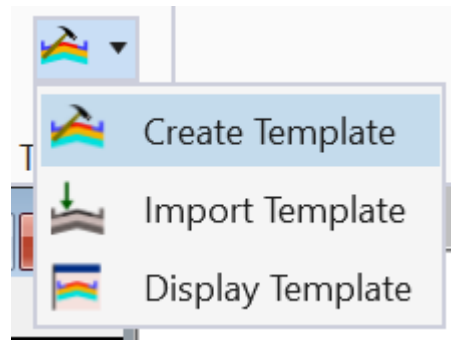
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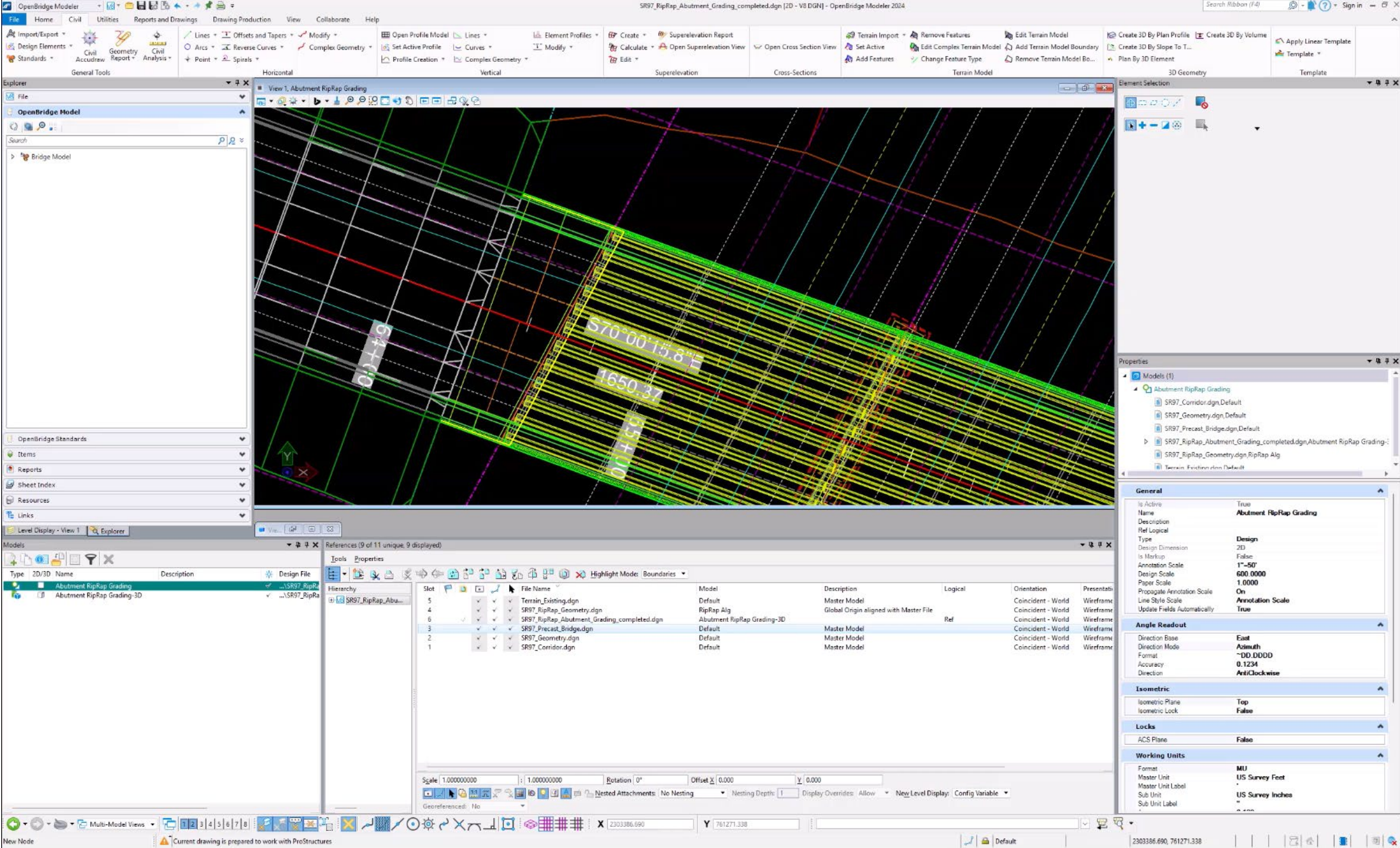
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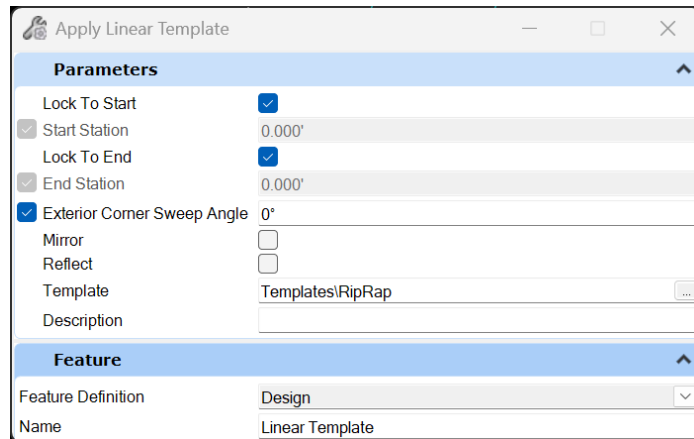
- Select Create Linear Template to review templates available, open additional templates, or Create a new template if needed.





Linear Templates – Slopewall / Rip Rap

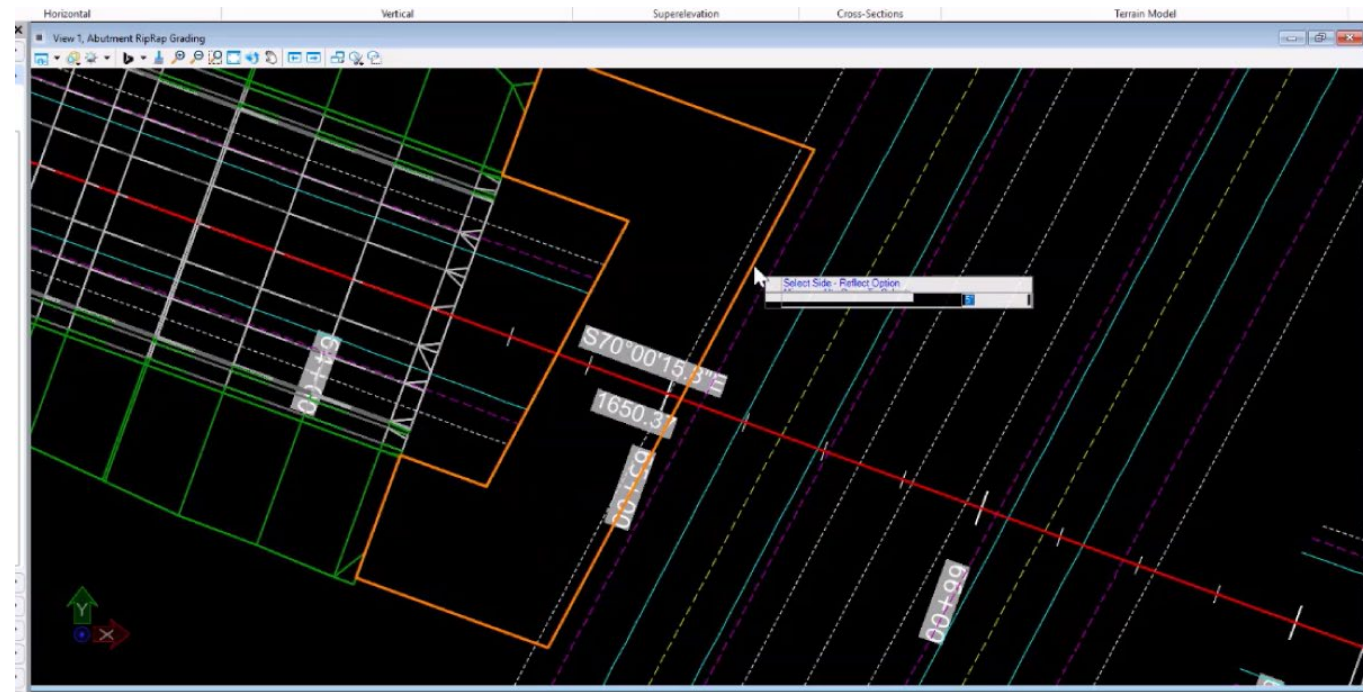
- Select Apply Linear Template to being the process of placement
 - Lock Start and End Stations
 - Determine which side the template drop is needed



The screenshot shows the 'Apply Linear Template' dialog box with the following settings:

Parameters	
Lock To Start	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Start Station	0.000'
Lock To End	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
End Station	0.000'
Exterior Corner Sweep Angle	0°
Mirror	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/>
Template	Templates\RipRap
Description	

Feature	
Feature Definition	Design
Name	Linear Template



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Open Profile Model Lines Element Profiles Create Calculate Edit Superlevation Report Open Superlevation View Open Cross Section View Terrain Import Remove Features Edit Terrain Model Create 3D By Plan Profile Create 3D By Volume Apply Linear Template Template

Set Active Edit Complex Terrain Model Add Terrain Model Boundary Plan By 3D Element

SR97_RipRap_Abument_Grading_completed.dgn [2D - V8 DGN] - OpenBridge Modeler 2024

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Properties

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SR97_RipRap_Geometry.dgn,RipRap Alg

Terrain_Existing.dgn,Default

General

Is Active: True

Name: Abument RipRap Grading

Description: Design

Ref Logical: Type

Design Dimension: 2D

Is Markup: False

Annotation Scale: 1"=50'

Design Scale: 600,000

Paper Scale: 1,000

Propagate Annotation Scale: On

Line Style Scale: Annotation Scale

Update Fields Automatically: True

Angle Readout

Direction Base: East

Direction Mode: Azimuth

Format: ~DD.DDDD

Accuracy: 0.1234

Direction: AntiClockwise

Isometric

Isometric Plane: Top

Isometric Lock: False

Locks

ACS Plane: False

Working Units

Format: MU

Master Unit: US Survey Feet

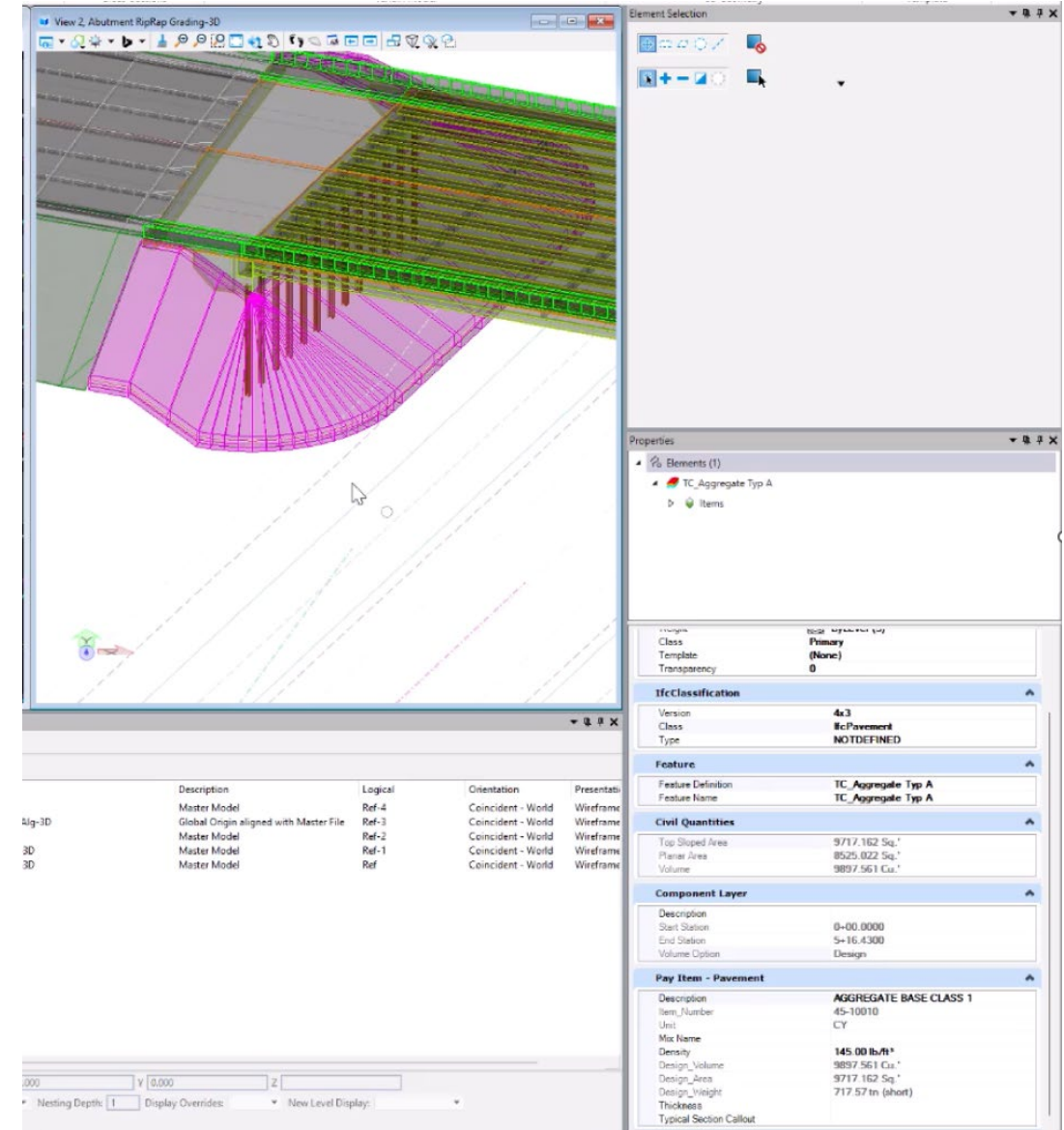
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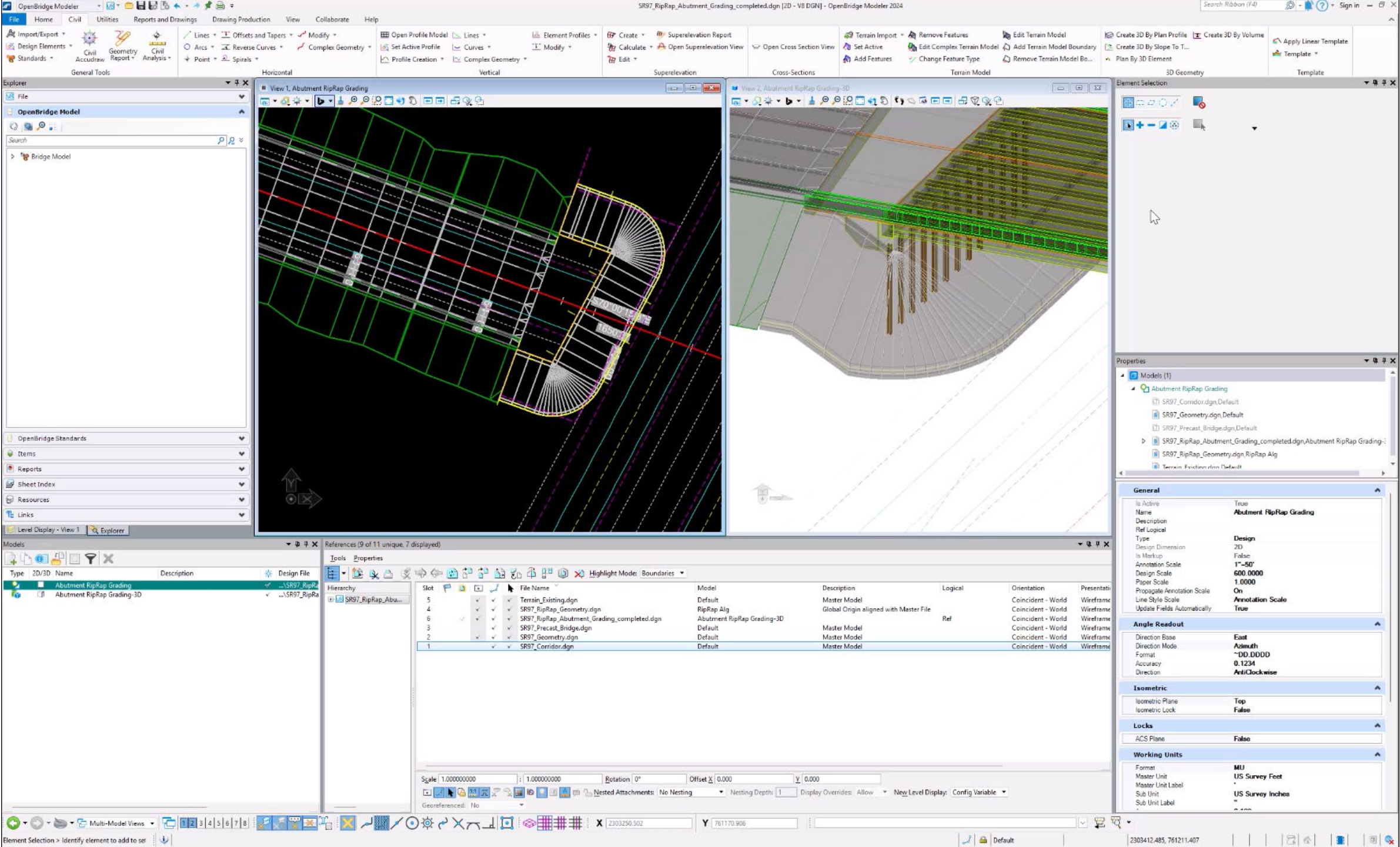
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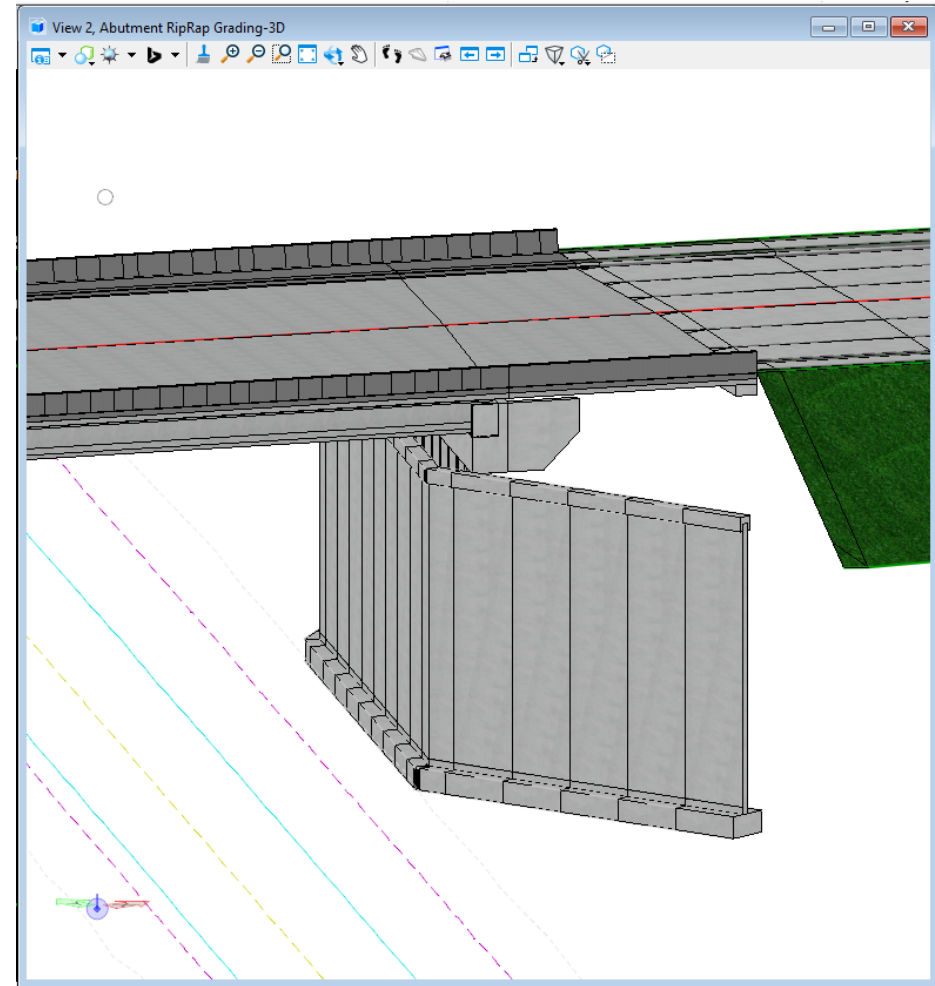
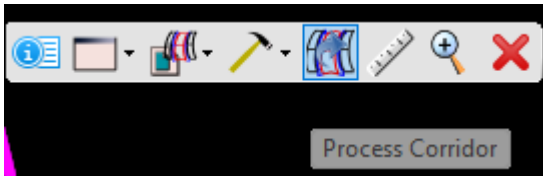
- Using Item Types or Corridor analysis tools, we can assign pay items or other data to be exposed from our linear template
- If applicable to your template, we also set up end conditions to seek ground targets
 - To enable those in our model, we need to have an active terrain
- We can also seek other Feature Definitions to tie into

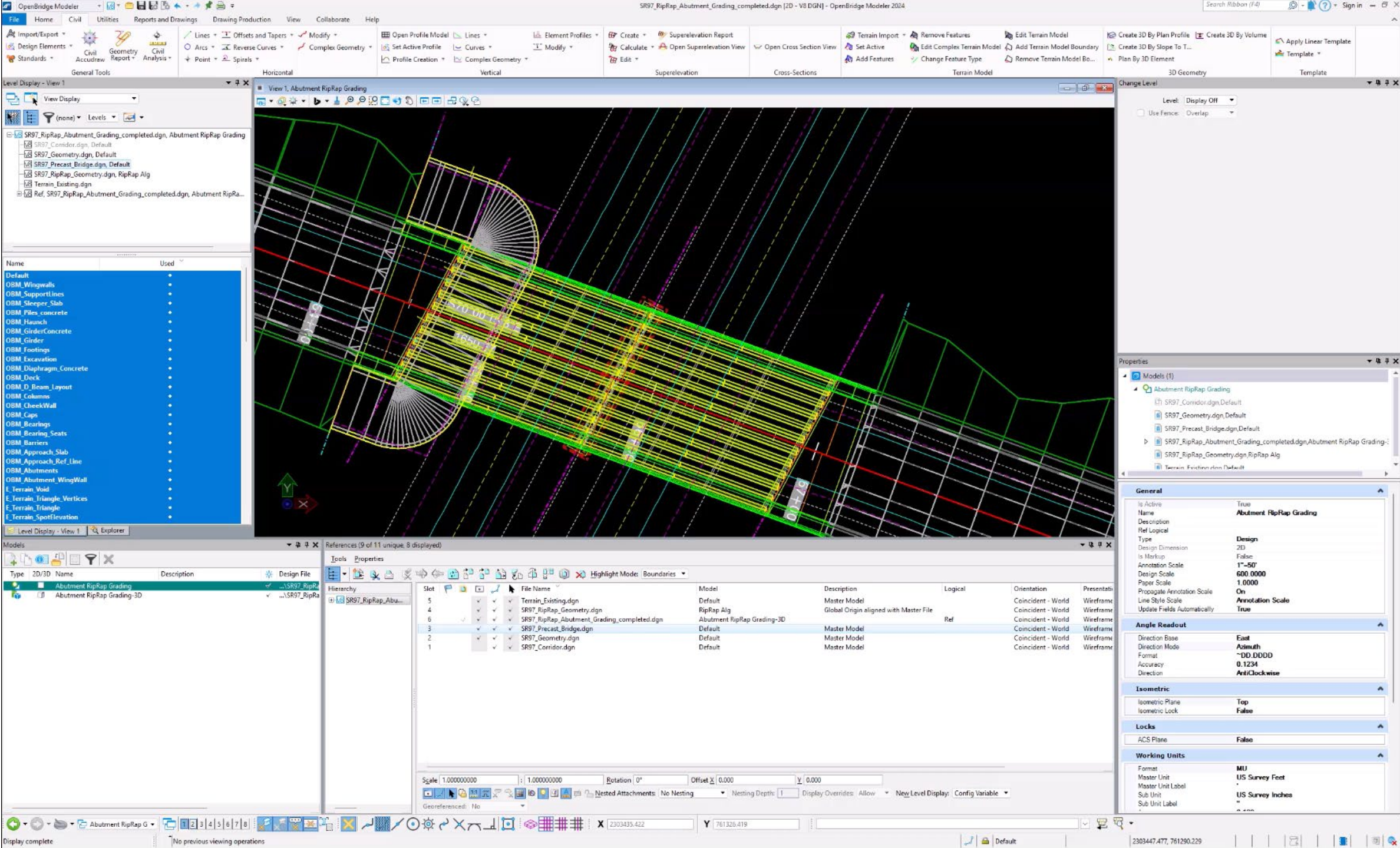




Linear Templates – Retaining Walls

- Same Concept, Different Template
- Can still target the terrain, footing a set distance below the existing surface
- Regenerate the Linear Template with the corridor process tool if it has changed







Questions

Thank You