

Drones, Photogrammetry and the AEC Collection

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Learning Objectives

OBJECTIVE 1

Learn best practices for capturing existing conditions using drones

OBJECTIVE 2

Learn how to process aerial photographs to create accurate, measurable models

OBJECTIVE 3

Learn about the various deliverables

OBJECTIVE 4

Learn how to use the output in Revit, InfraWorks, Civil 3D, Navisworks, and BIM 360

Capturing Existing Conditions



Capturing Existing Conditions – Apps

Mission Planning

Single grid vs. Double grid

Autonomous flight apps

Autonomous flight vs manual flight vs autonomous + manual flights

Apps – Drone Deploy

 Map Plan

7:18

Minutes

1

Acres

143

Images

1

Battery



Flight Altitude

Resolution: 0.4 in / px

110ft



Structures Mode



Improves quality of 3D structures with additional image capture.



Live Map



Advanced



Don't own a drone?

Test the simulator

HELP 

Summit Rd

Photo credit goes here



←

Advanced Settings

7:18

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Automatic Settings

Front Overlap

80%

 Side Overlap

80%

 Flight Direction

167°

 Mapping Flight Speed

7mph

 Starting Waypoint

1

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 Obstacle Avoidance

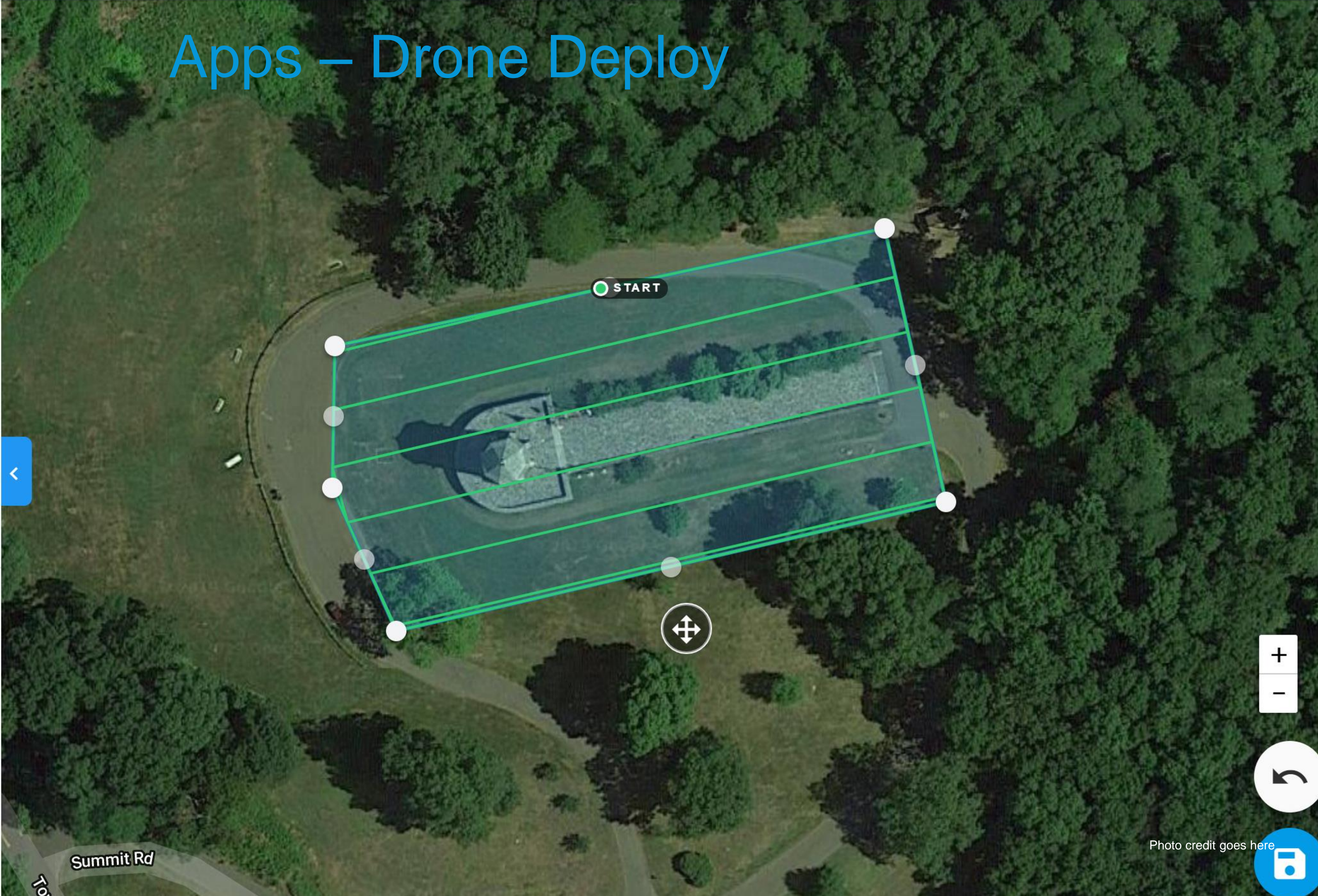
Enabled if sensors are available

Show Existing Map

Low Light

Set Exposure Manually in DJI Go

Set Focus Manually in DJI Go





Pix4Dcapture

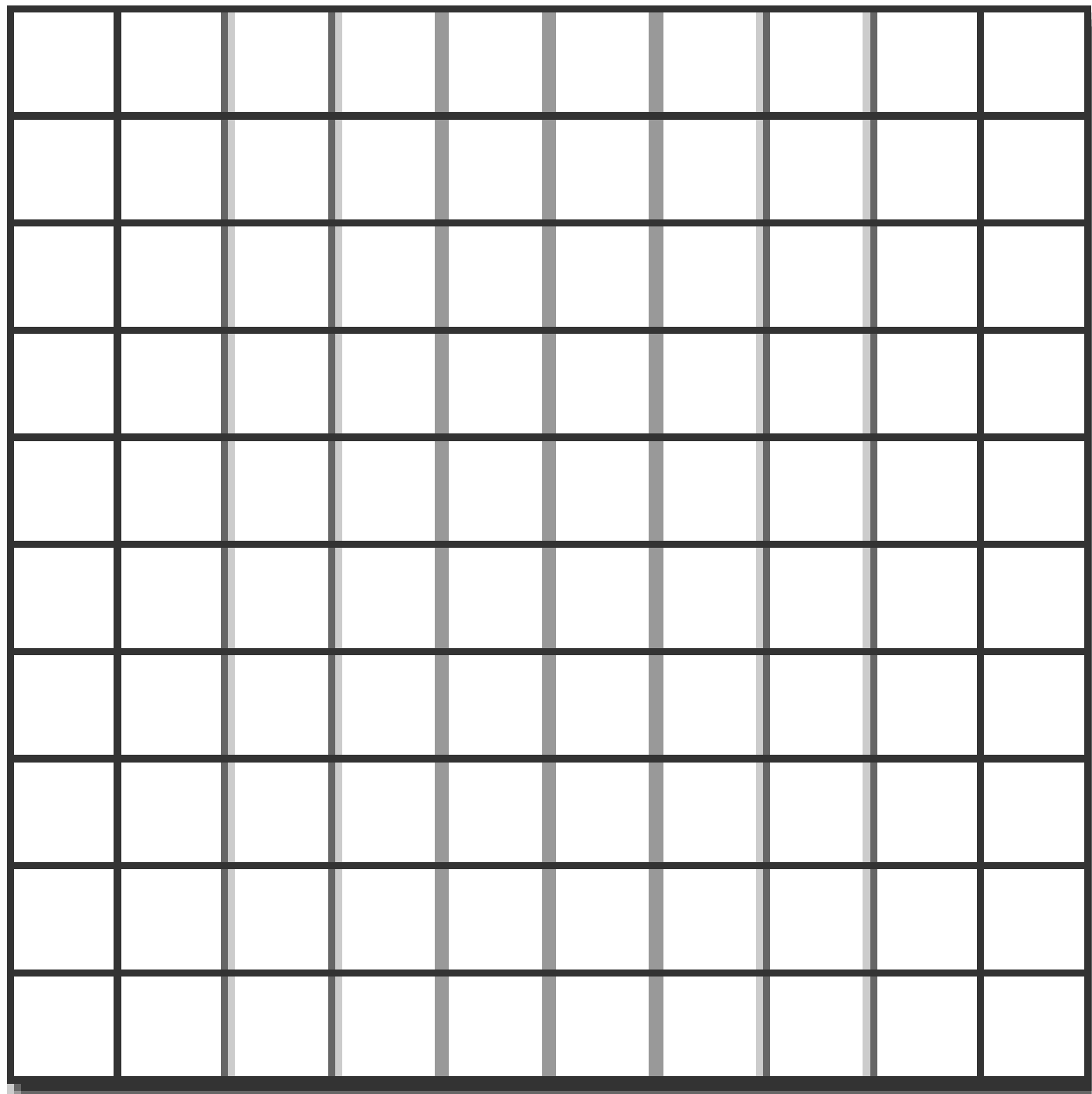
Capturing Existing Conditions – Weather Conditions

What are “ideal” weather conditions?

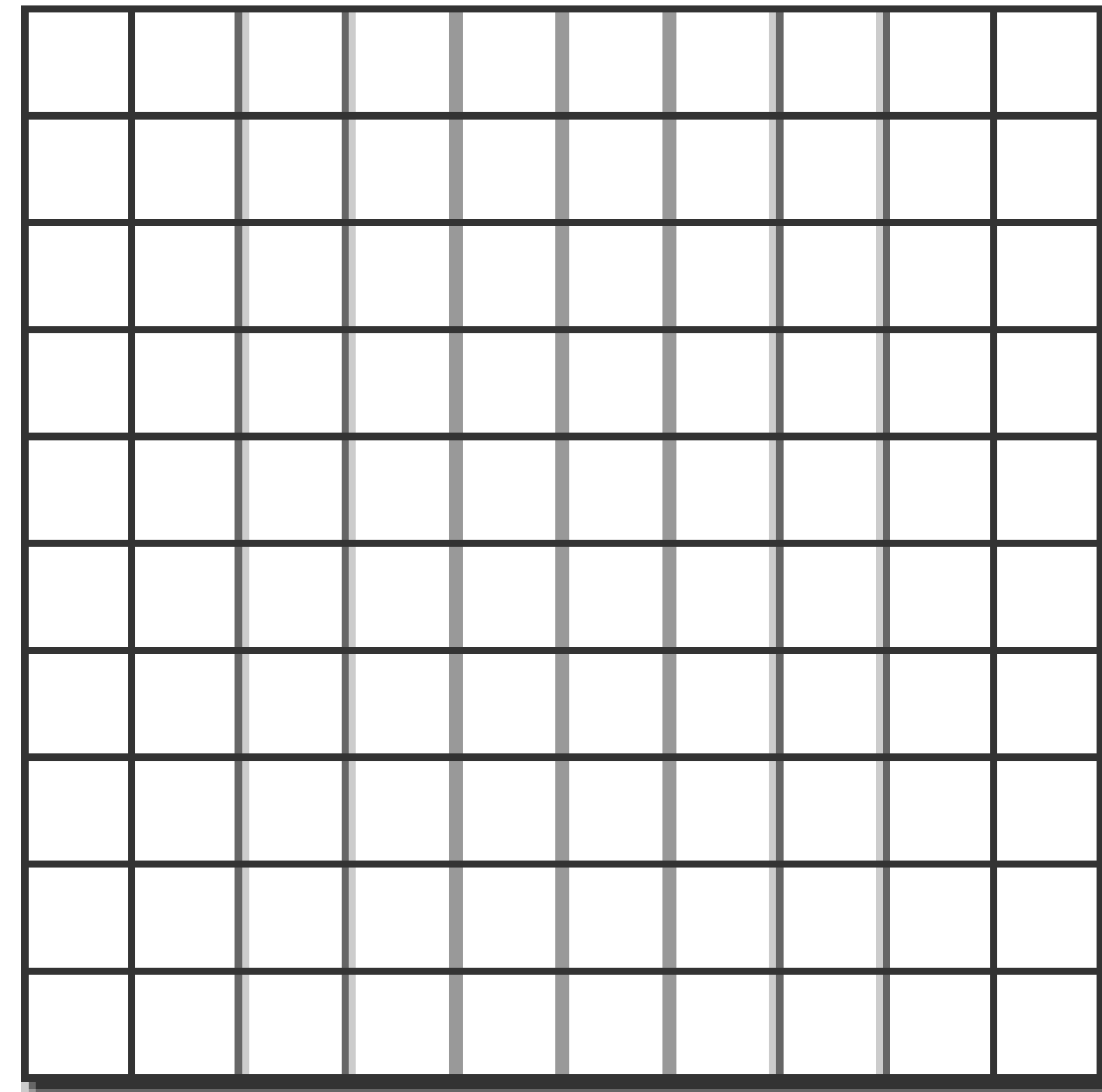
- Avoid bright sunlight
- Avoid long, dark shadows
- If it's bright and sunny, try to fly when the sun is directly overhead, minimizing long shadows and glare/reflections off windows and shiny surfaces
- Try to avoid water
- Ideal flight conditions = overcast (diffused, evenly distributed lighting)

Capturing Existing Conditions – Shutter Types

Rolling Shutter



Global Shutter
aka Mechanical Shutter



【Global Shutter】



【Rolling Shutter】



Capturing Existing Conditions – GCPs

What are “GCPs”?


- Ground Control Points
- Known survey points
- Help “pull together” a point cloud
- Do you *really* need them?
 - Proposals
 - Site study / Preliminary design
 - Building massing
 - Field verification
 - Stockpile quantities (comparison)




Data Processing



Create 3D




Aerial



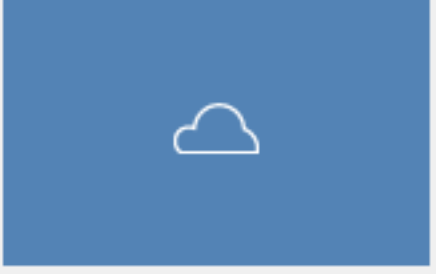
Object

My Computer



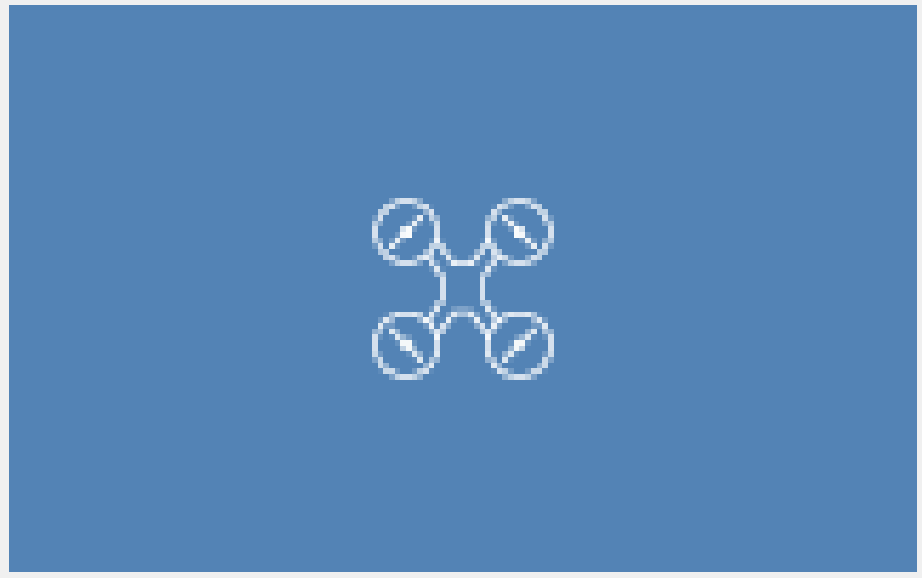
Load a model

My Cloud Drive

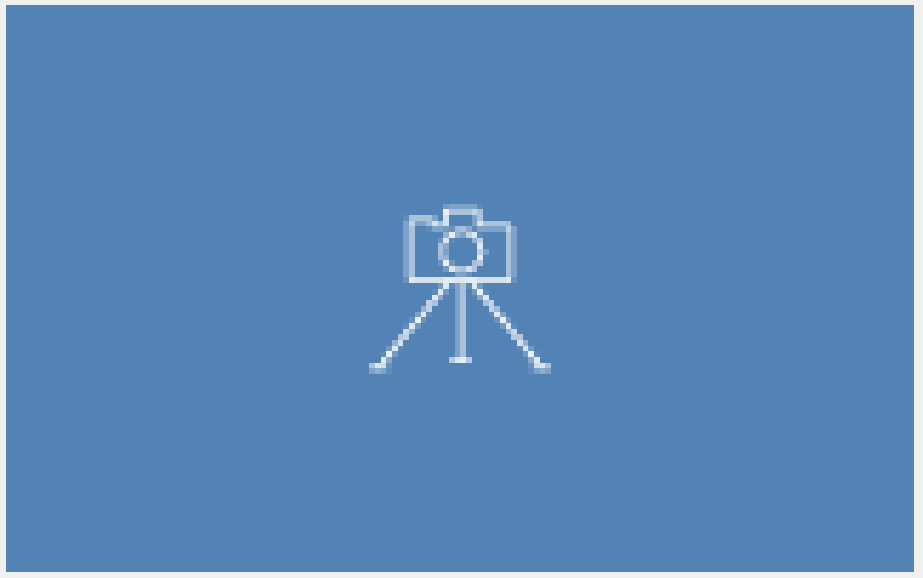


Browse 360.autodesk.com

Create 3D



Aerial



Object

1,000

PHOTO

LIMIT

300

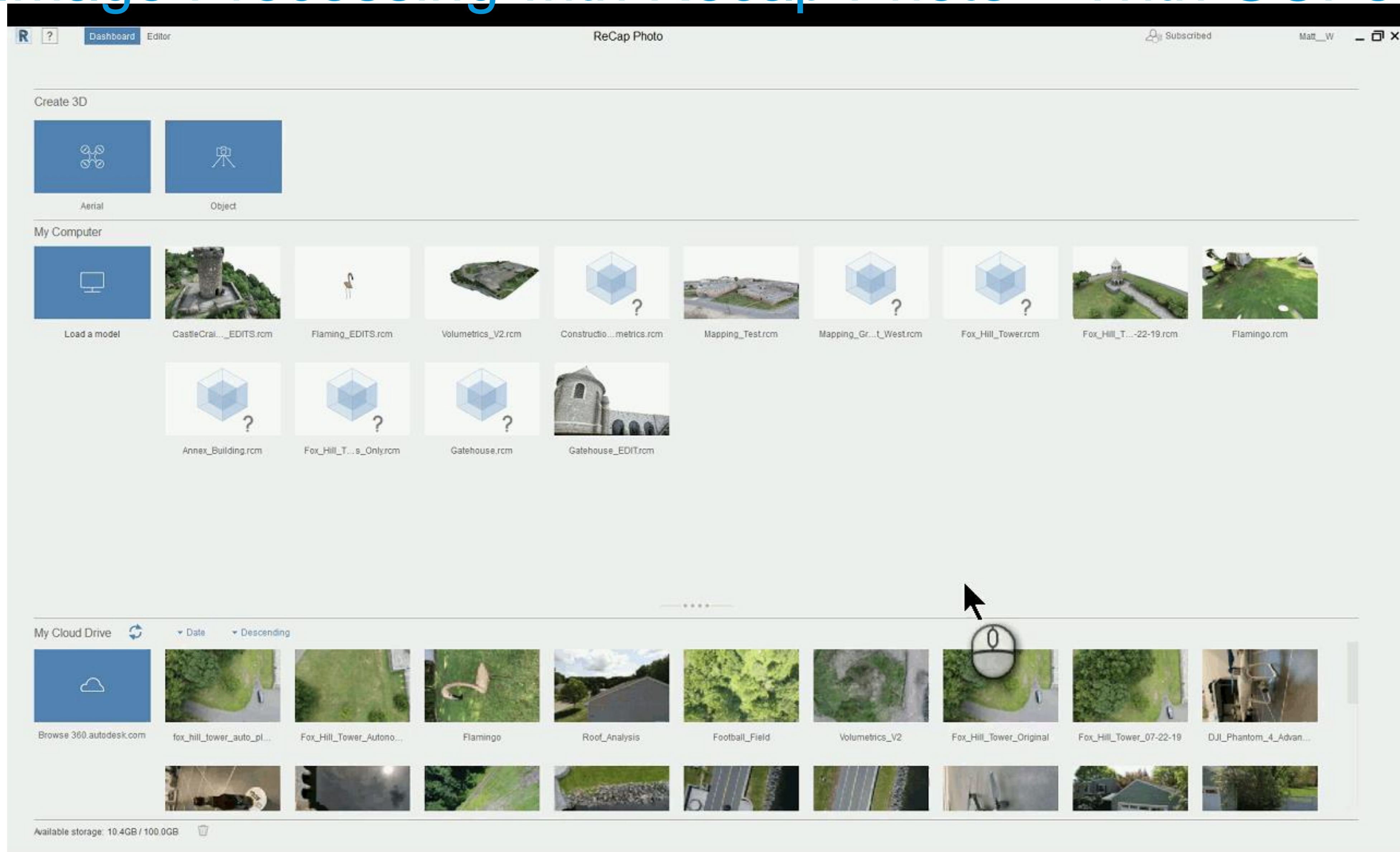
PHOTO

LIMIT

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Image Processing with Recap Photo

Image Processing with Recap Photo – With GCPs



Results

Manual Capture with iPhone



Manual Capture with iPhone

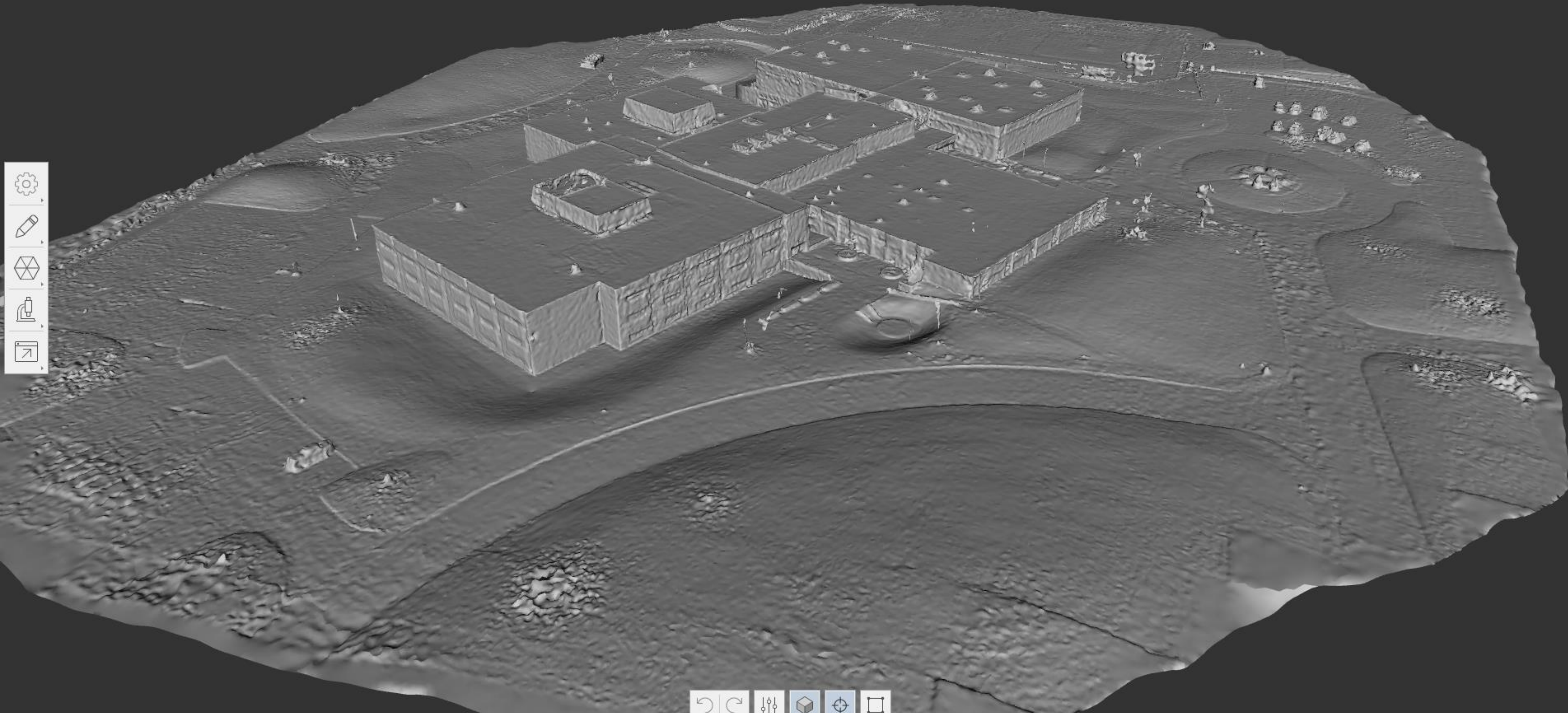


2.113m

DJI Mavic Pro – Rolling Shutter



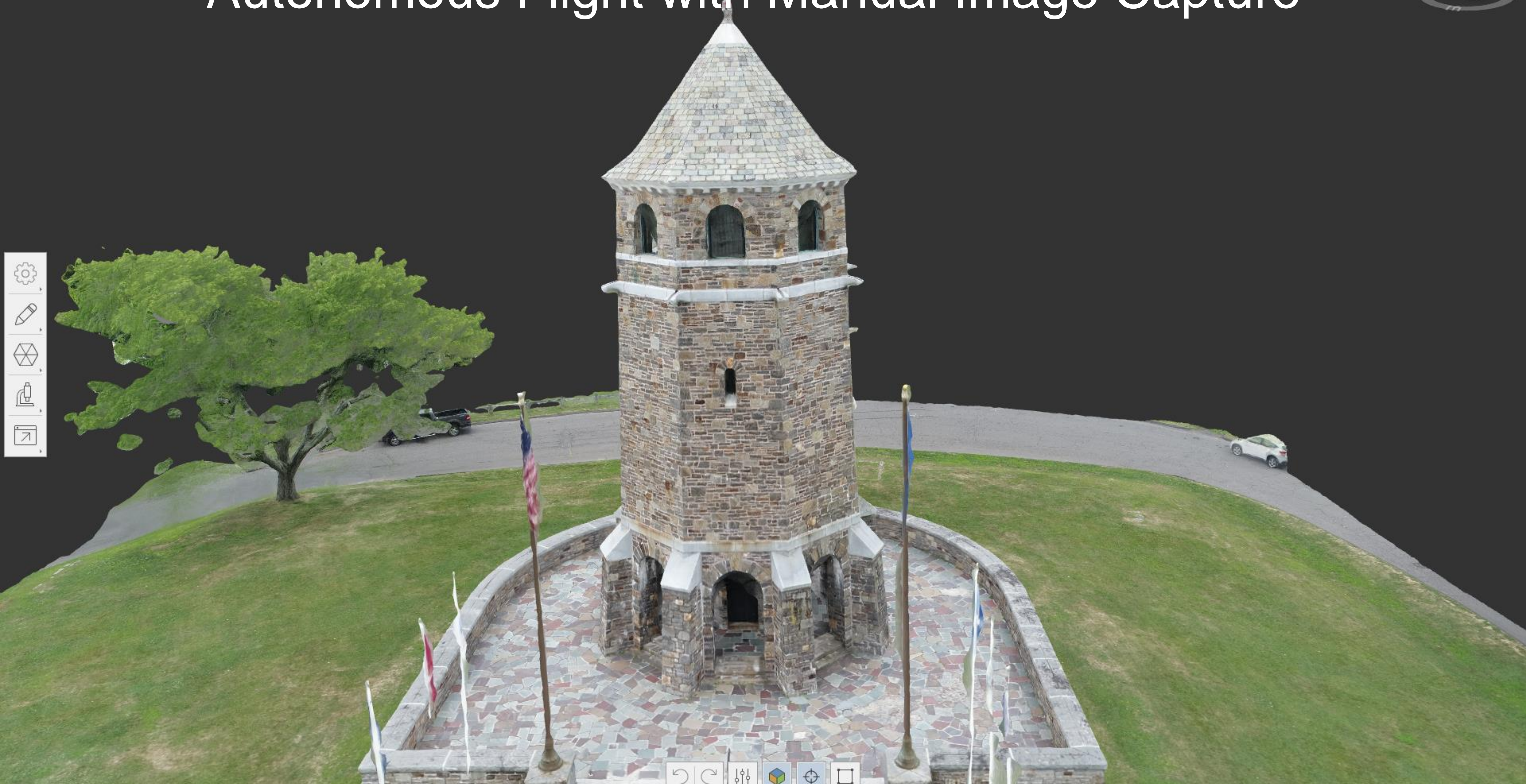
DJI Mavic Pro – Rolling Shutter



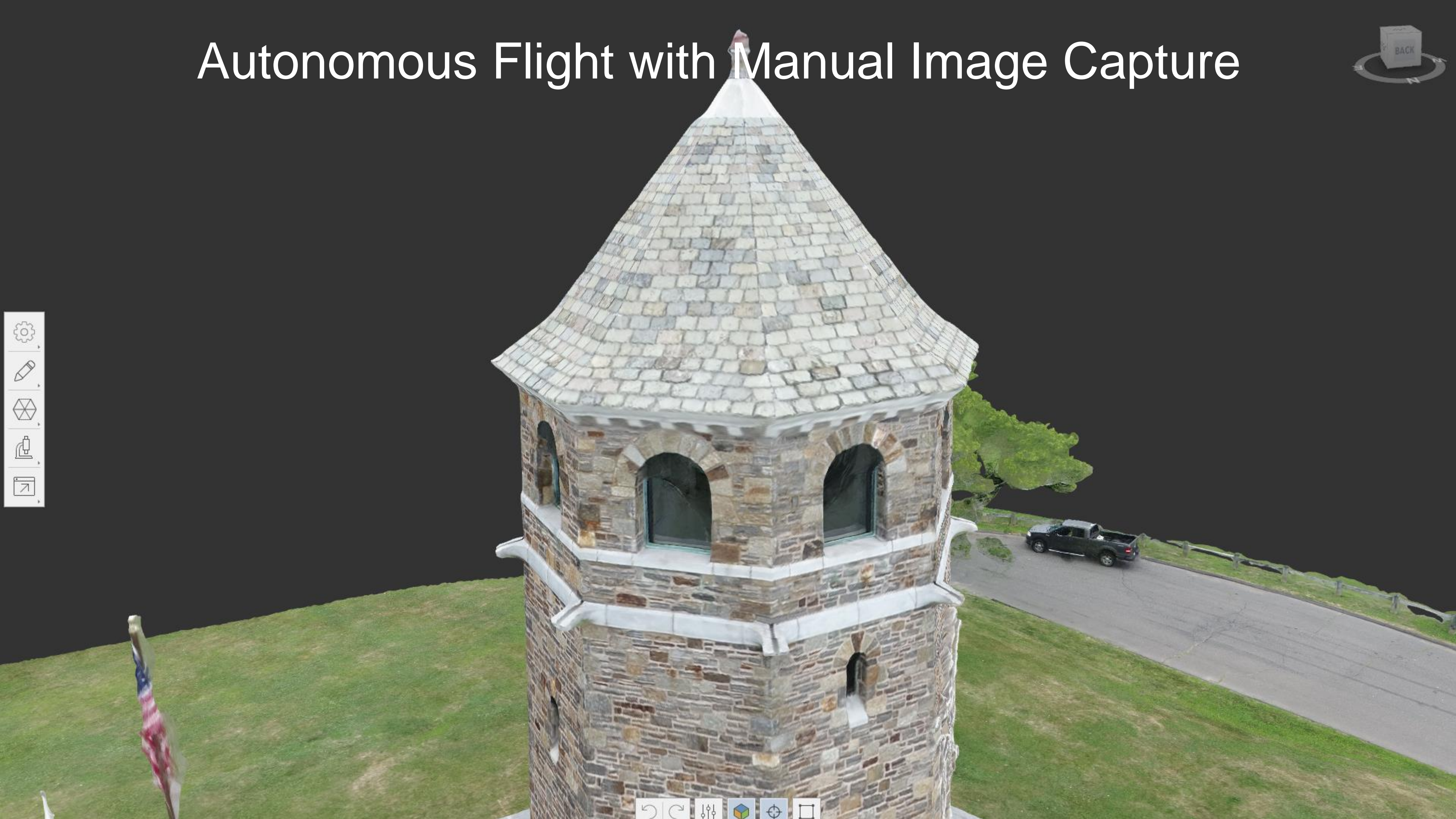
Autonomous Flight ONLY



Autonomous Flight with Manual Image Capture



Autonomous Flight with Manual Image Capture



Aerial Photo Locations



Flights Over Water



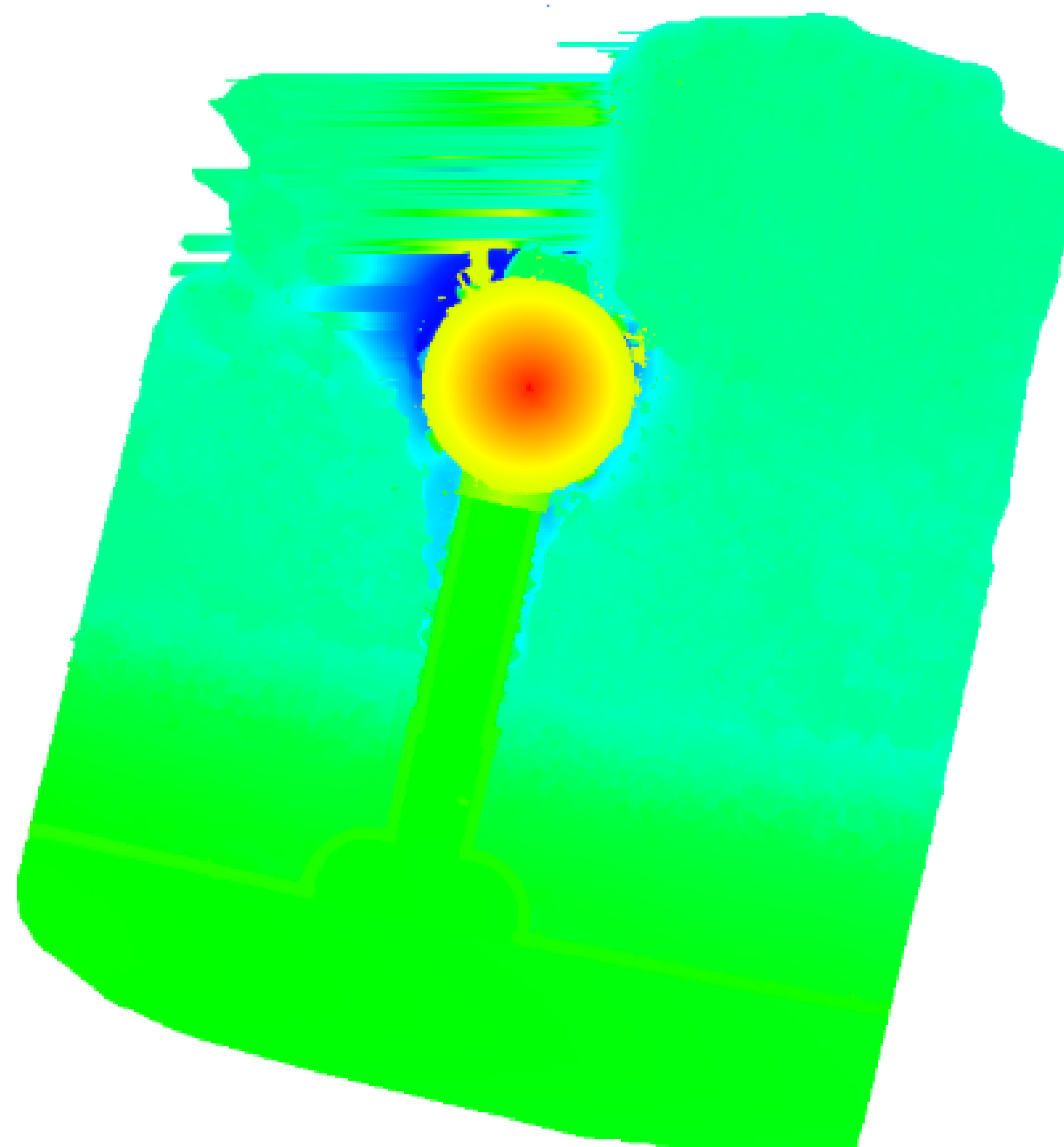
Flights Over Water



10m

Capture Results

Overlapping images computed for each pixel of the orthomosaic. Red indicates poor overlaps that would generate poor results. an overlap of more than 5 images for every pixel.



Digital Elevation Model Resolution:
10.00 cm / px

5

4

3

2

1

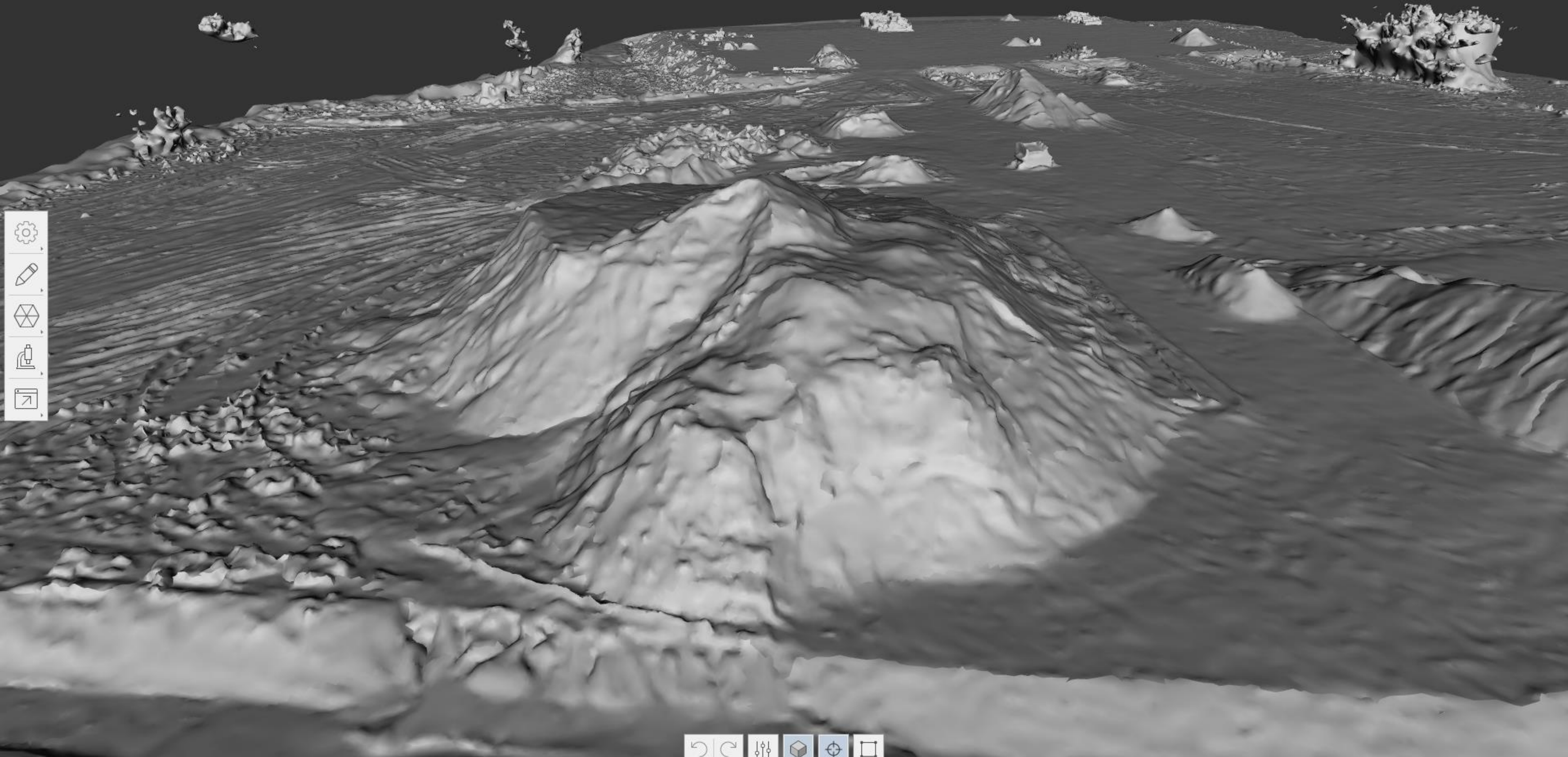


Effective Overlaps:
3.30 images per pair

Stockpiles at High Noon



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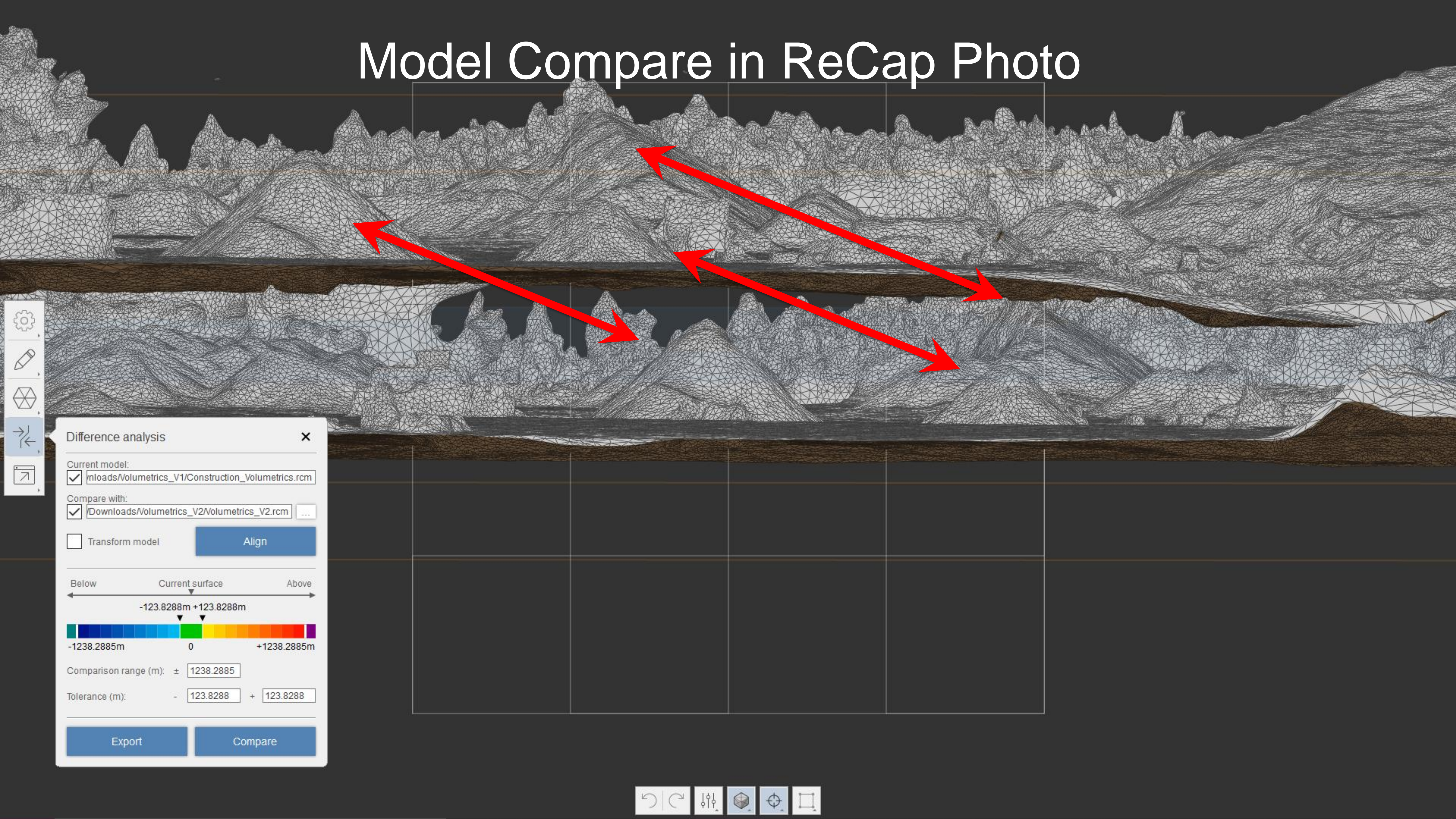
Long Shadows and Glare



Long Shadows and Glare



Model Compare in ReCap Photo



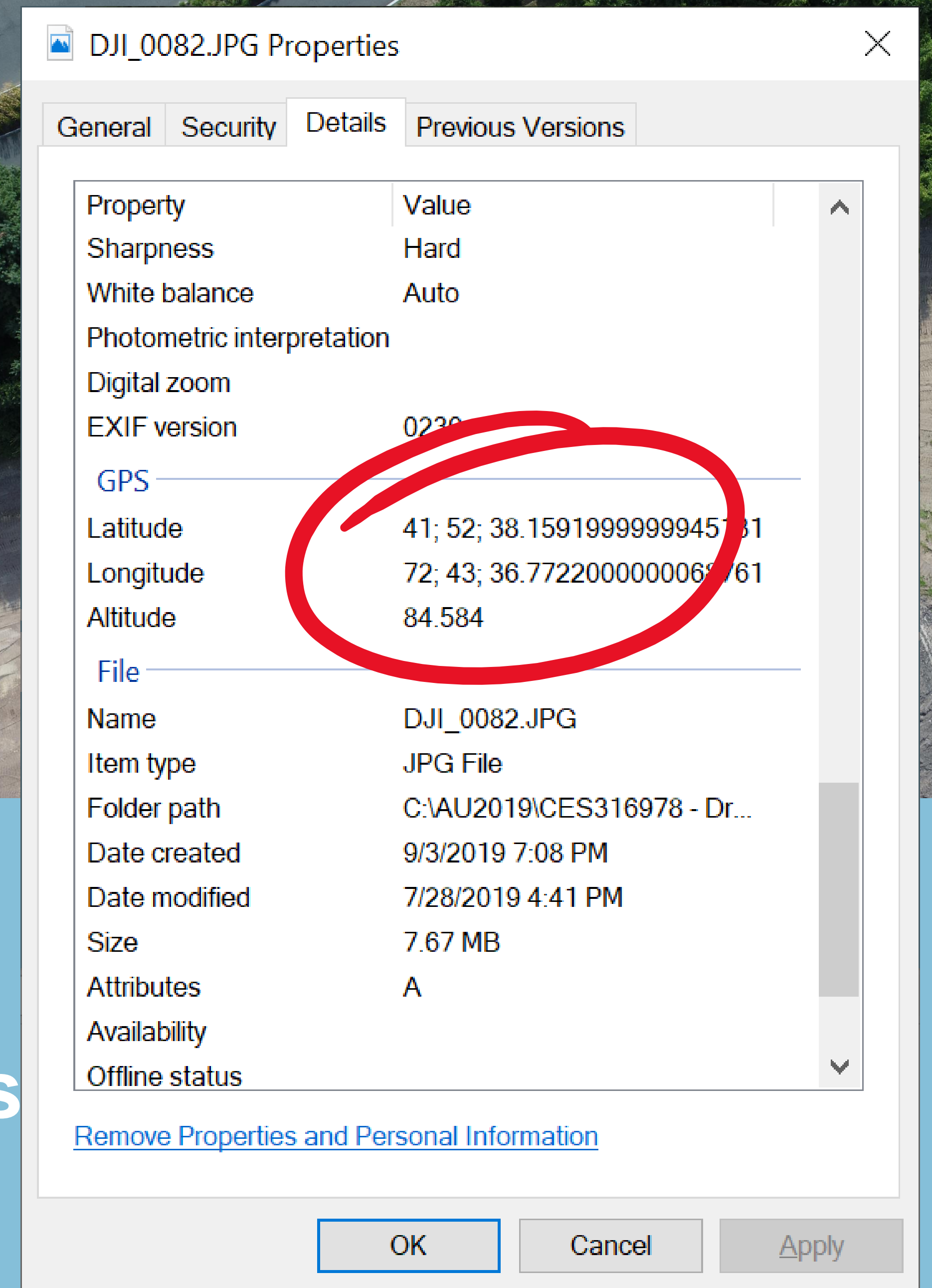
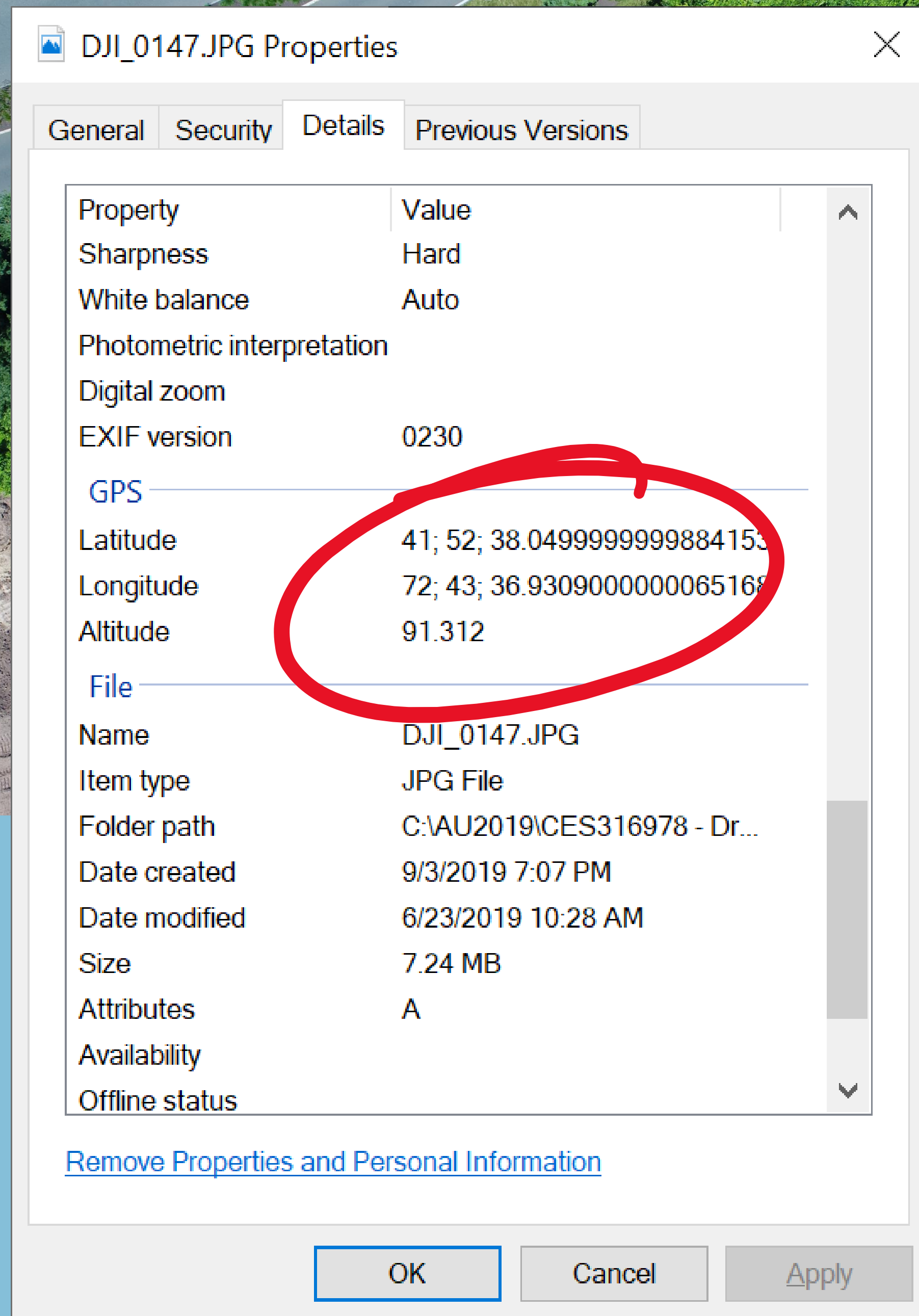


Image Comparison

Output



Available Files for Download

RCM – Mesh File

RCS – ReCap Point Cloud

TIF – OrthoTIF (Raster Image)

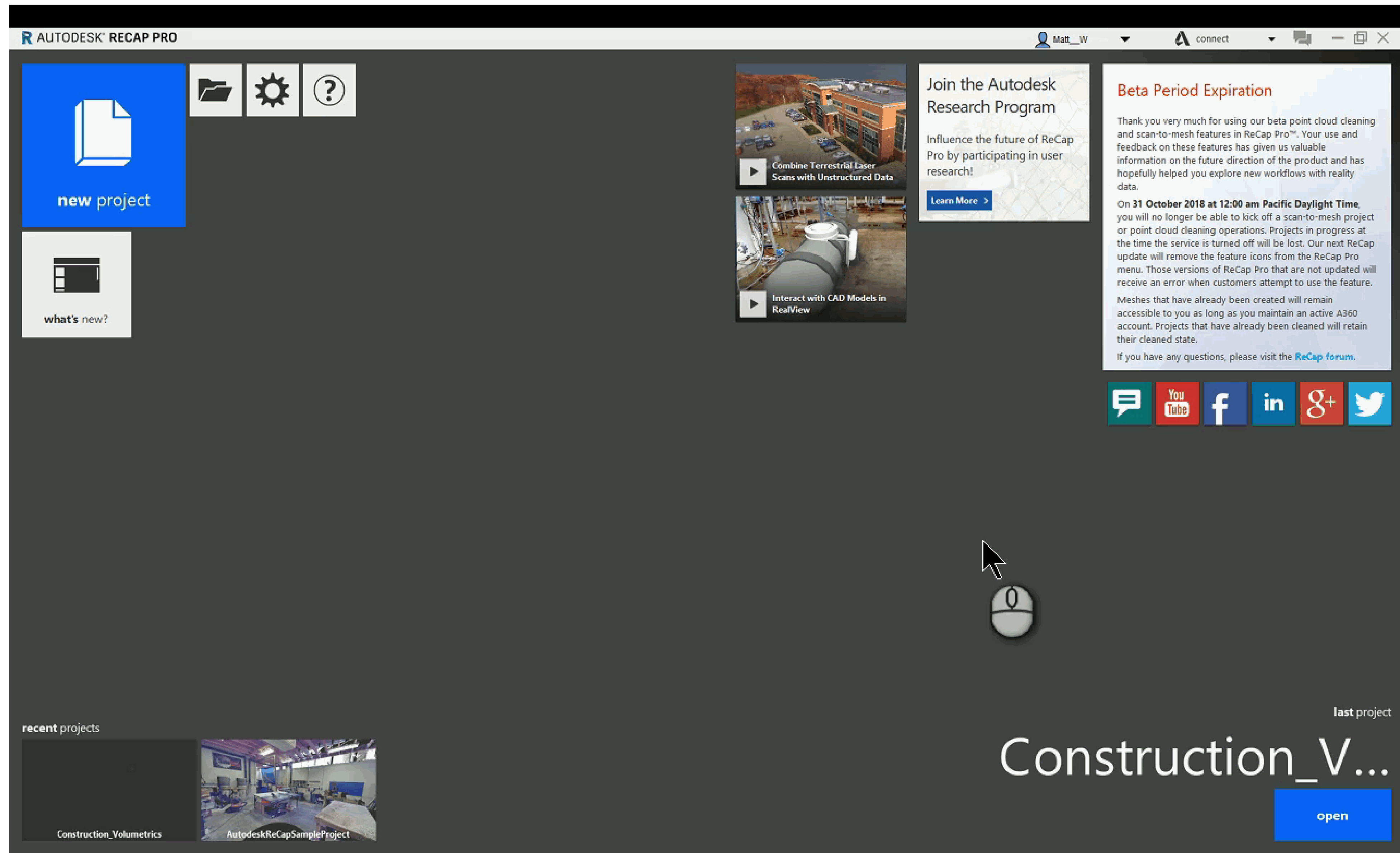
TIF – OrthoDEM (Digital Elevation Model)



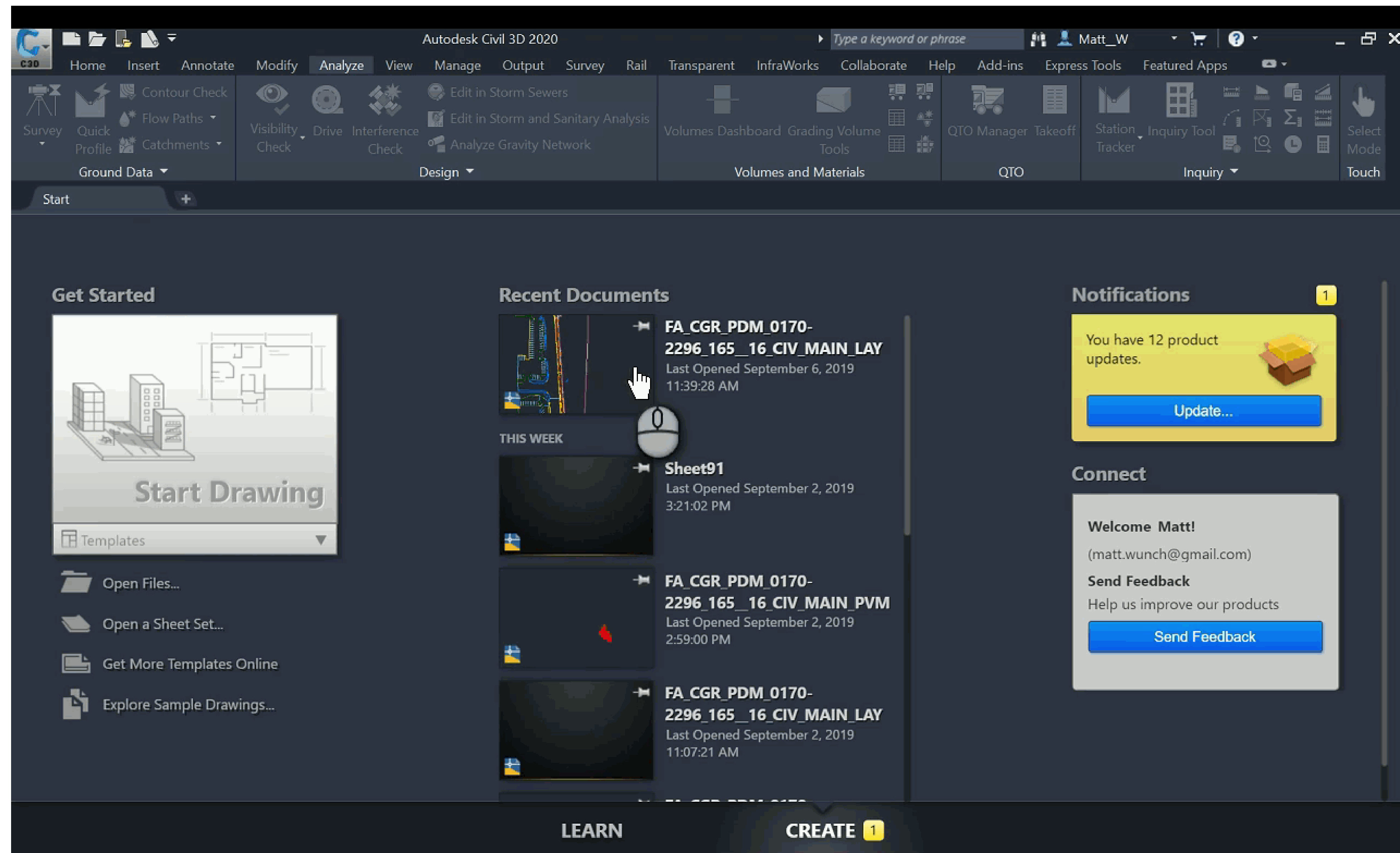
Okay..... now what??



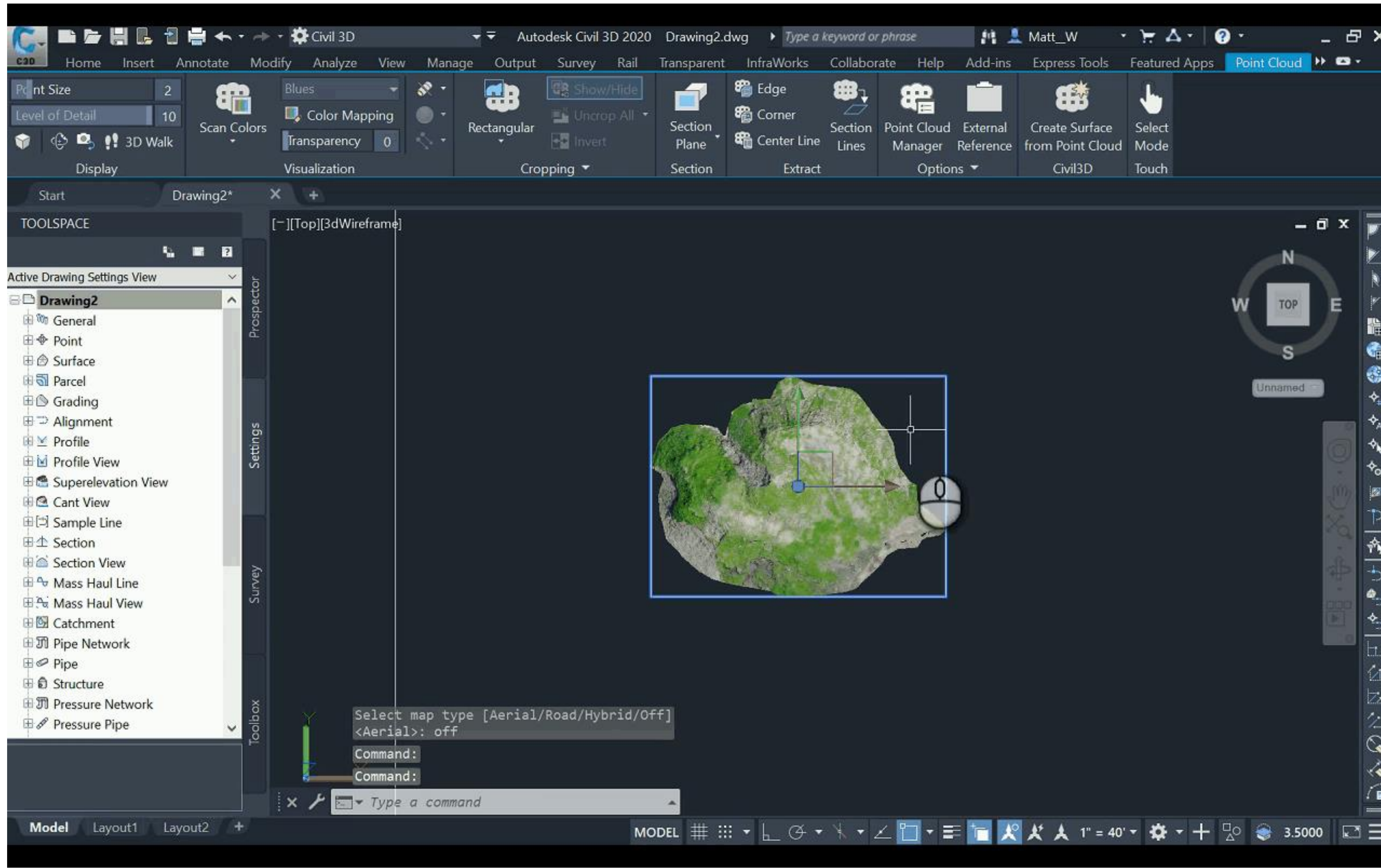
ReCap Pro – Prep / Trim Point Cloud



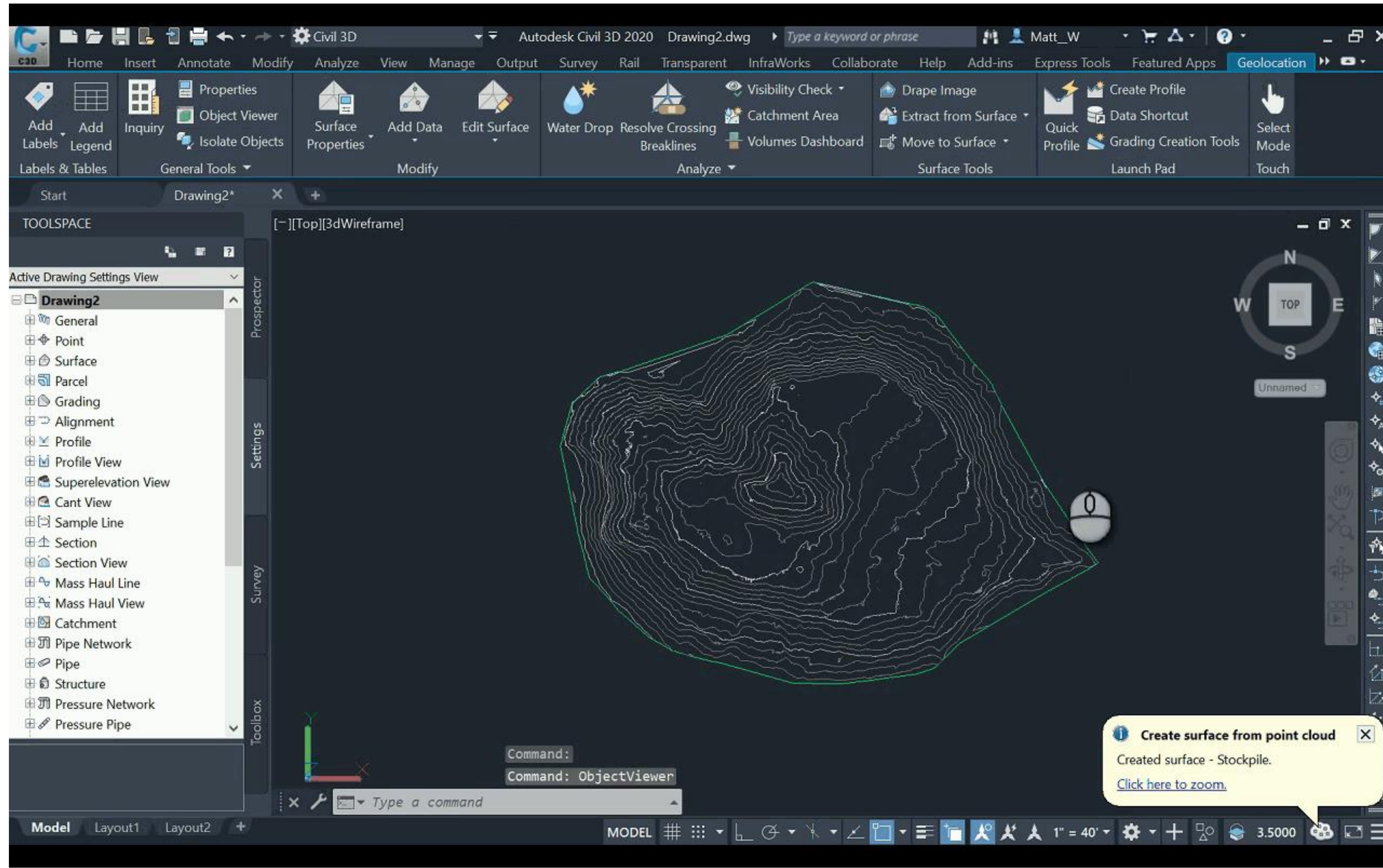
Civil 3D – Reference Point Cloud



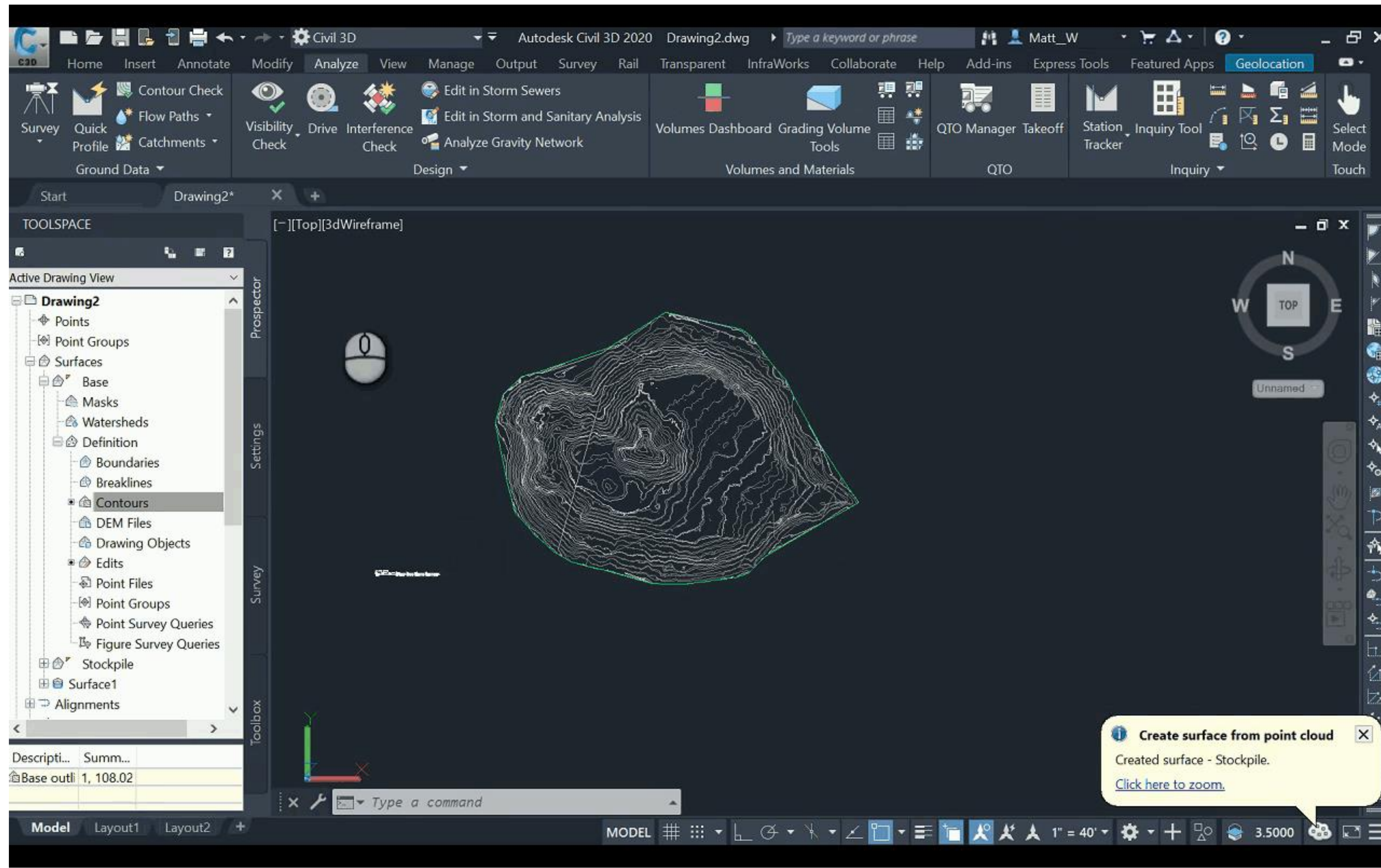
Civil 3D – Create Surface



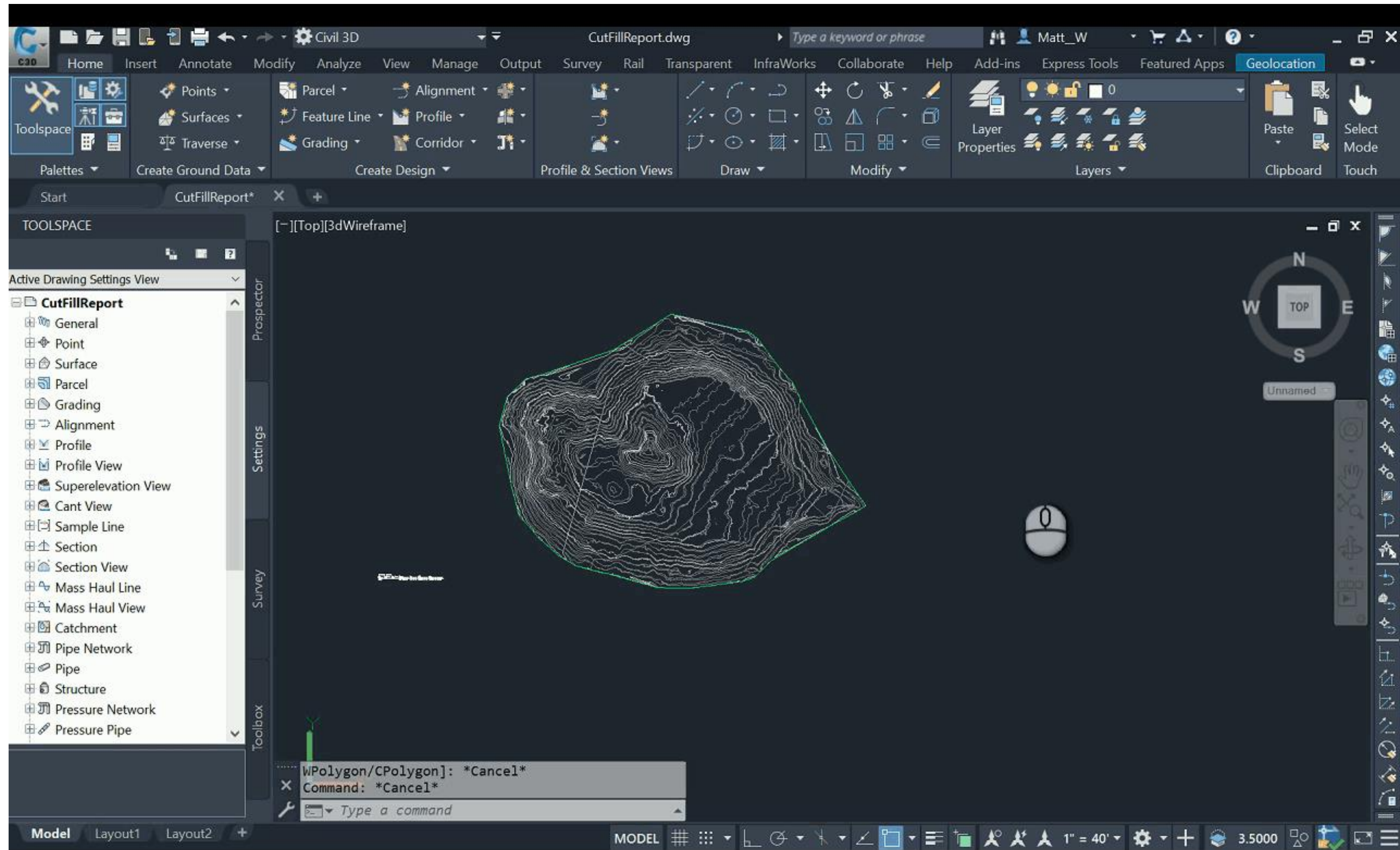
Civil 3D – Surface Comparison



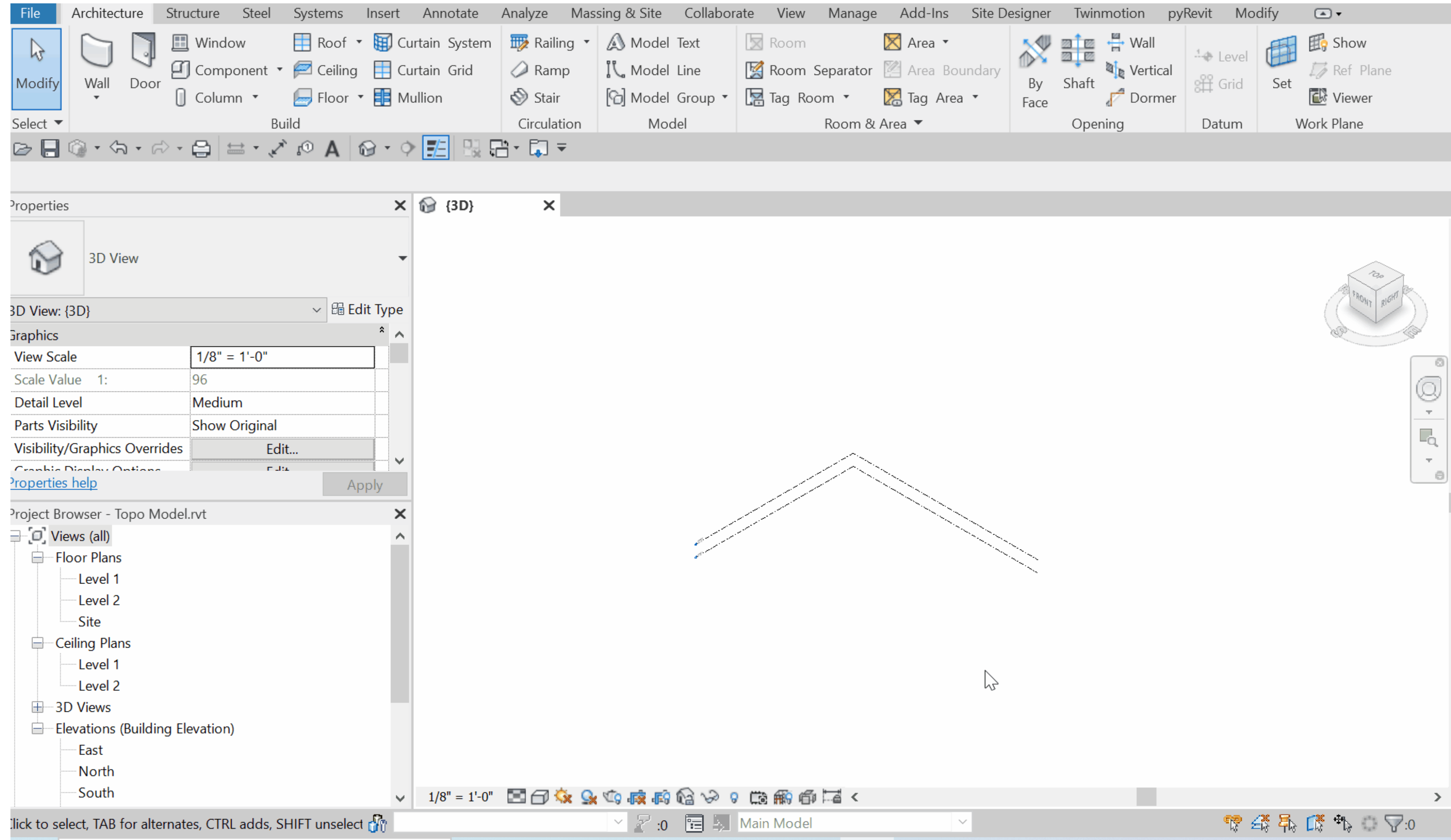
Civil 3D – Publish Surface



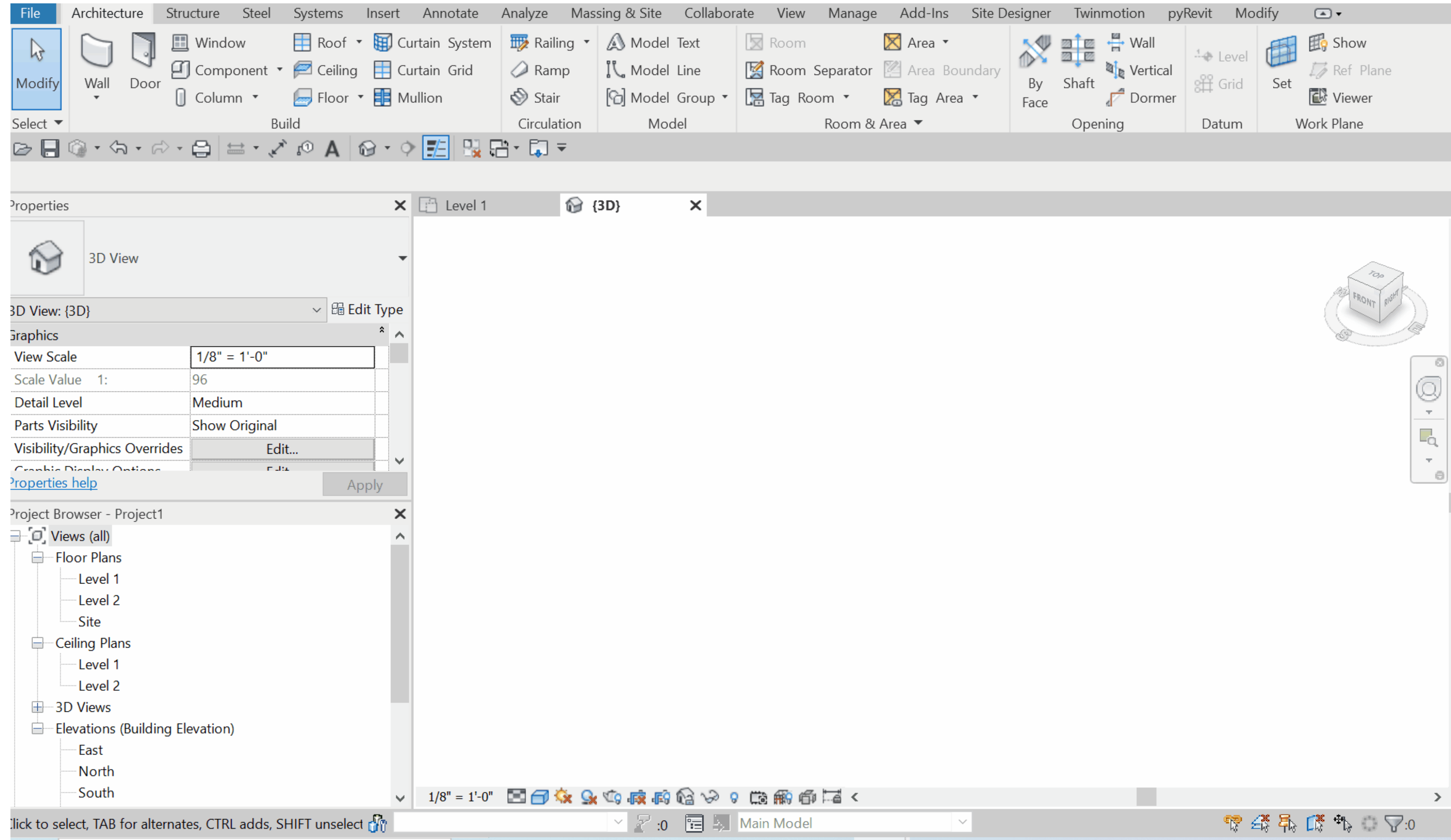
Civil 3D – Export LandXML



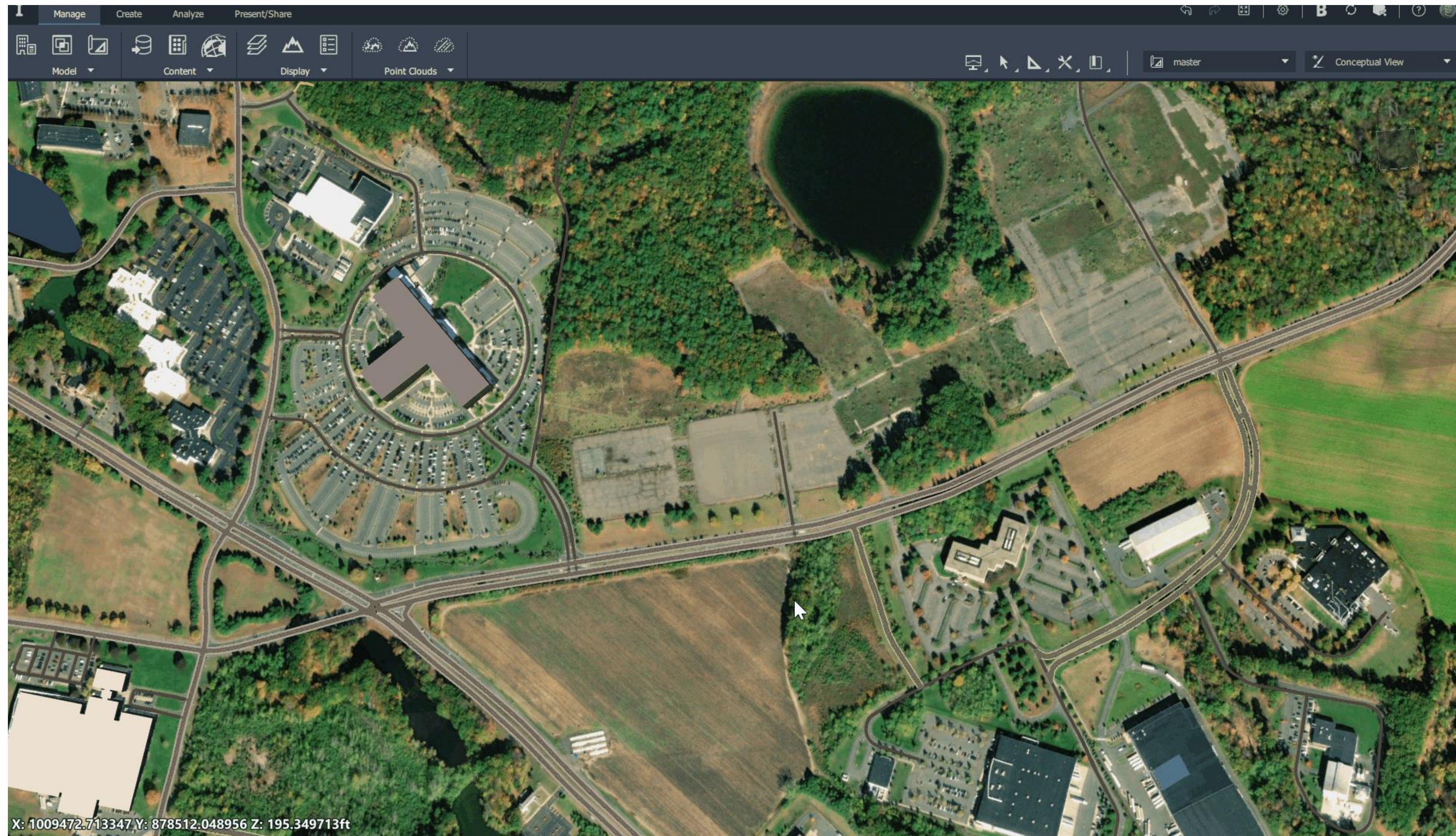
Revit – Import Surface – Desktop Connector



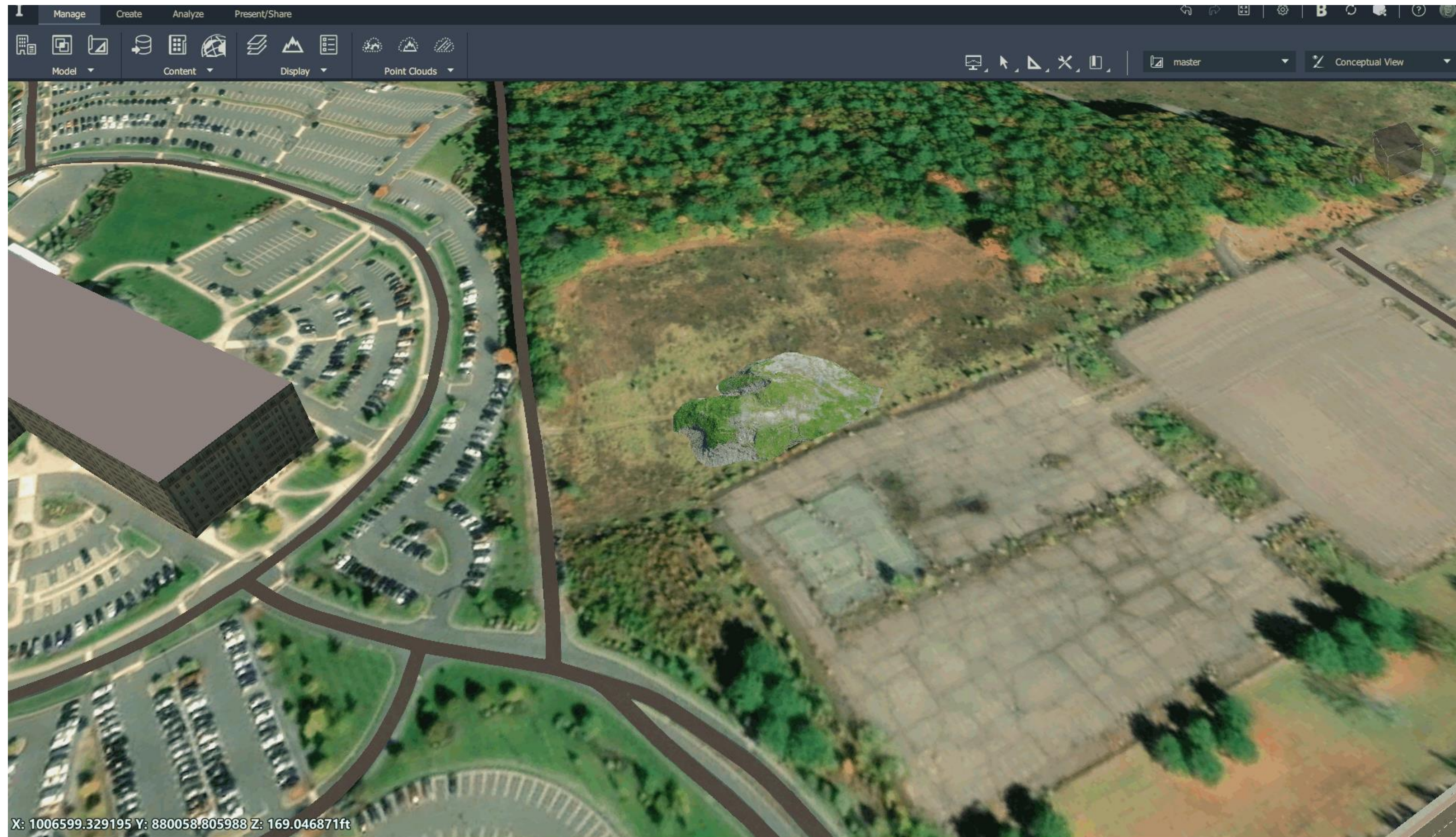
Revit – Import Surface – LandXML



InfraWorks – Import Point Cloud / Ortho TIF



InfraWorks – Convert Point Cloud to Terrain



InfraWorks – Massing



- Data Sources
- Export Point Cloud Ex...
- Surface Layers
- Point Cloud Image Lo...
- Model Explorer
- Properties
- Model Properties
- Style Palette
- Proposals
- Scripts
- Thumbnail
- Style Rules
- Point Cloud Terrain
- Point Cloud Modeling
- Point Cloud Themes
- Linear Feature Extract...

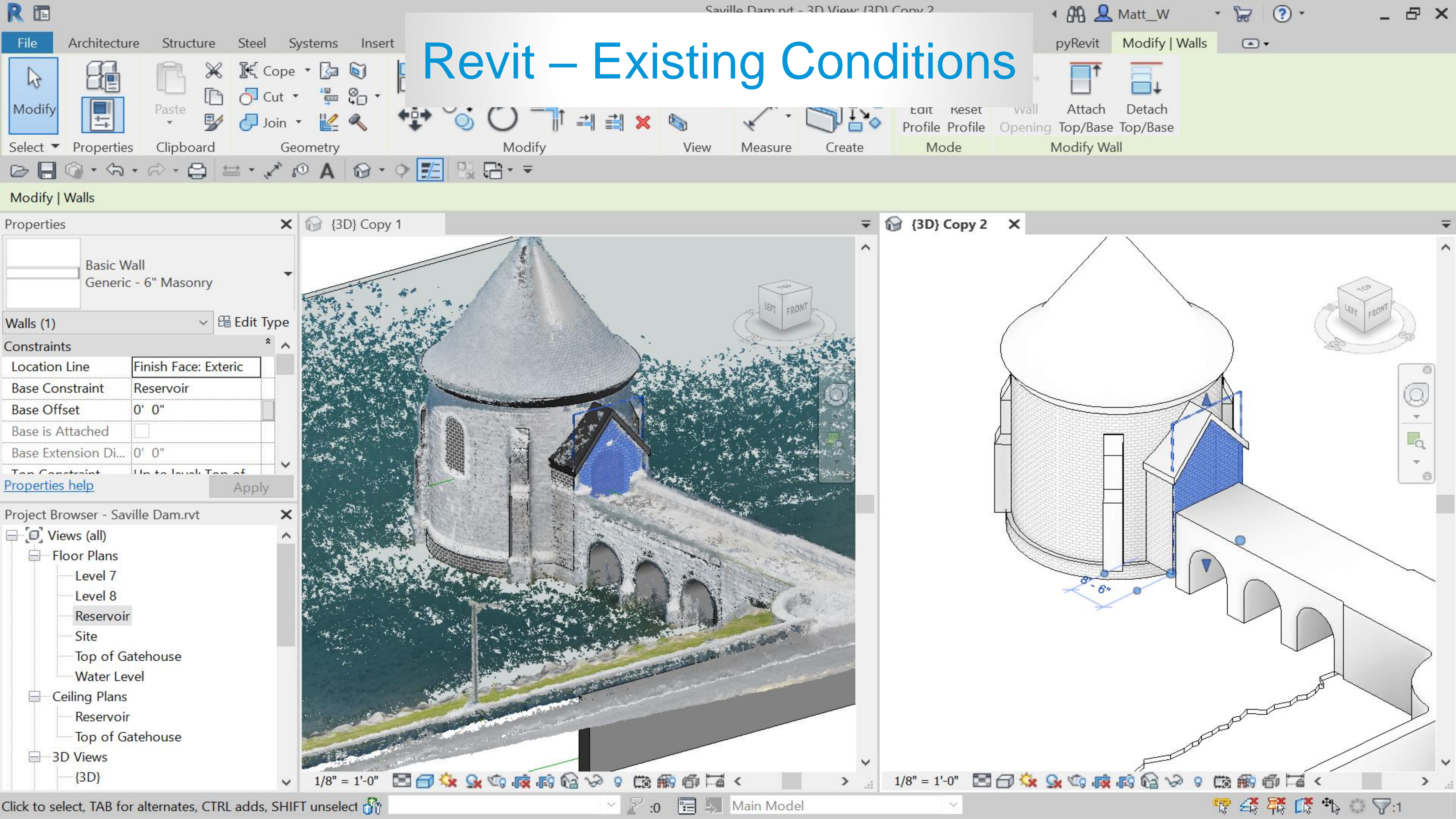


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Revit – Existing Conditions

Modify | Walls

Properties

Basic Wall
Generic - 6" Masonry

Walls (1)

Edit Type

Constraints

Location Line	Finish Face: Exteric
Base Constraint	Reservoir
Base Offset	0' 0"
Base is Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
Base Extension Di...	0' 0"
Top Constraint	Up to level: Top of

[Properties help](#)

Apply

Project Browser - Saville Dam.rvt

Views (all)

Floor Plans

Level 7

Level 8

Reservoir

Site

Top of Gatehouse

Water Level

Ceiling Plans

Reservoir

Top of Gatehouse

3D Views

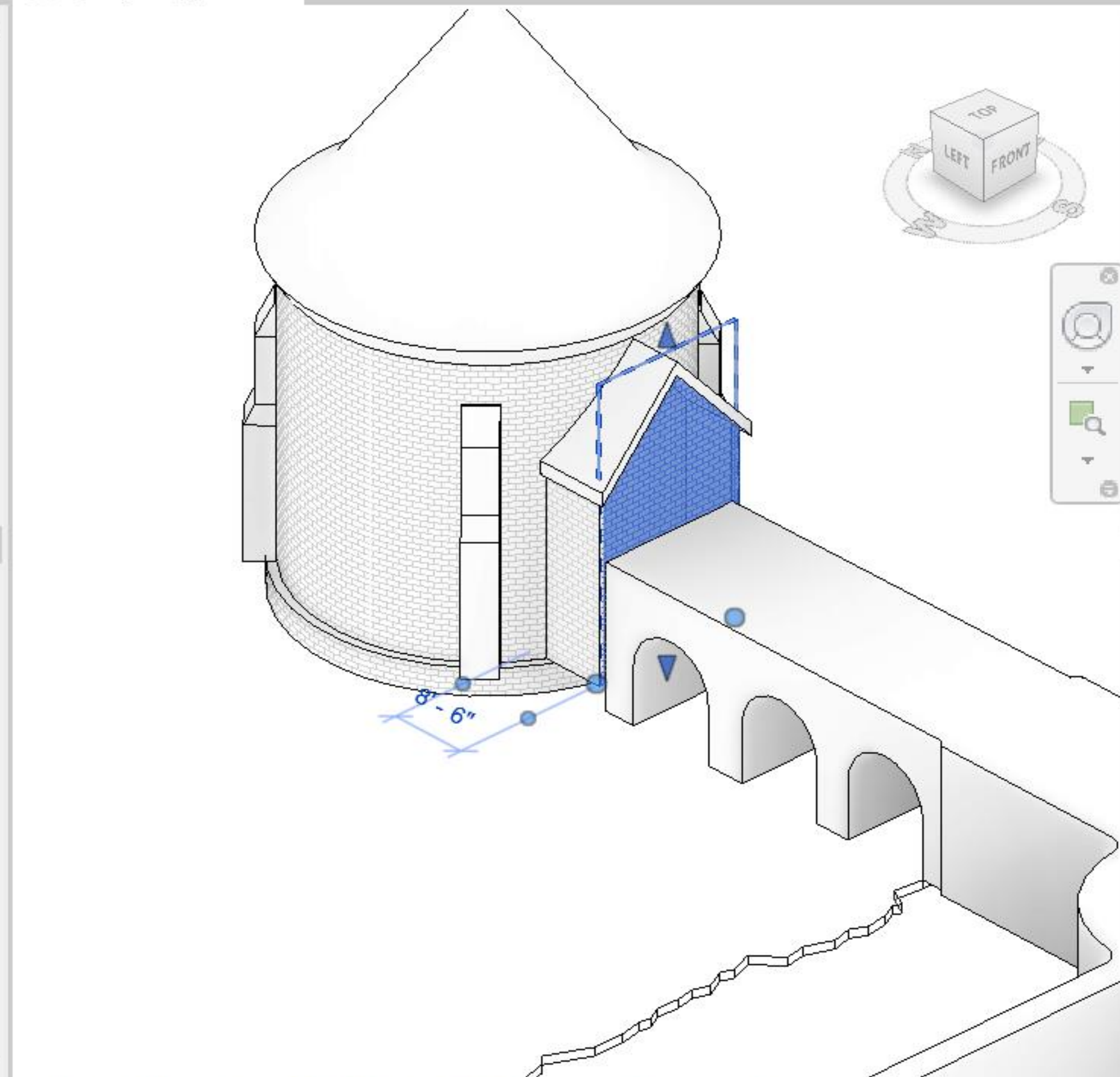
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1/8" = 1'-0"

{3D} Copy 2

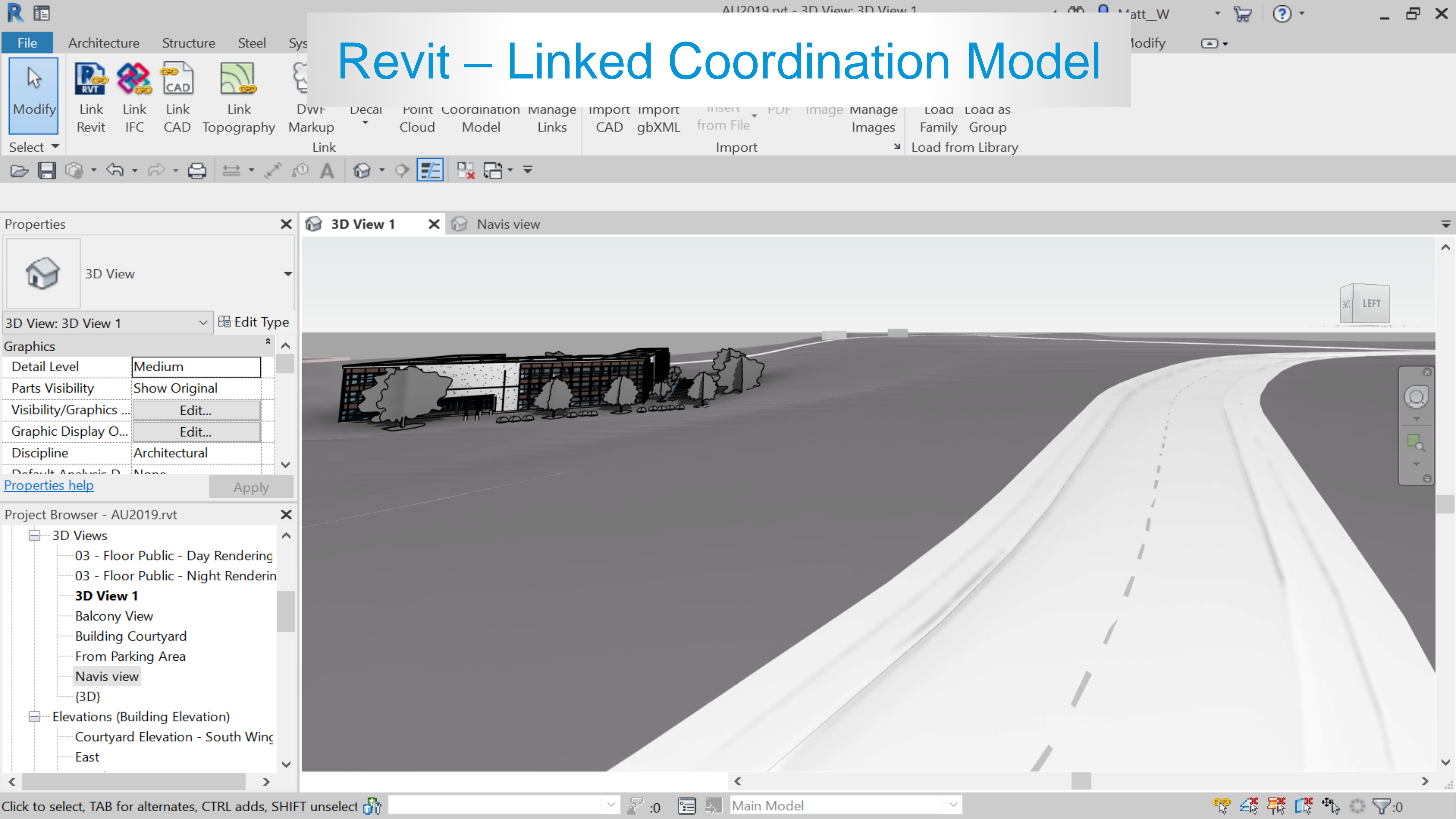


1/8" = 1'-0"

Click to select, TAB for alternates, CTRL adds, SHIFT unselect

Main Model

Revit – Linked Coordination Model



HomeViewpointReview

Append

Refresh

Reset All...

File Options

Select

Selection Tree

Sets

Unhide All

Properties

Detective

Project

Select & Search

Visibility

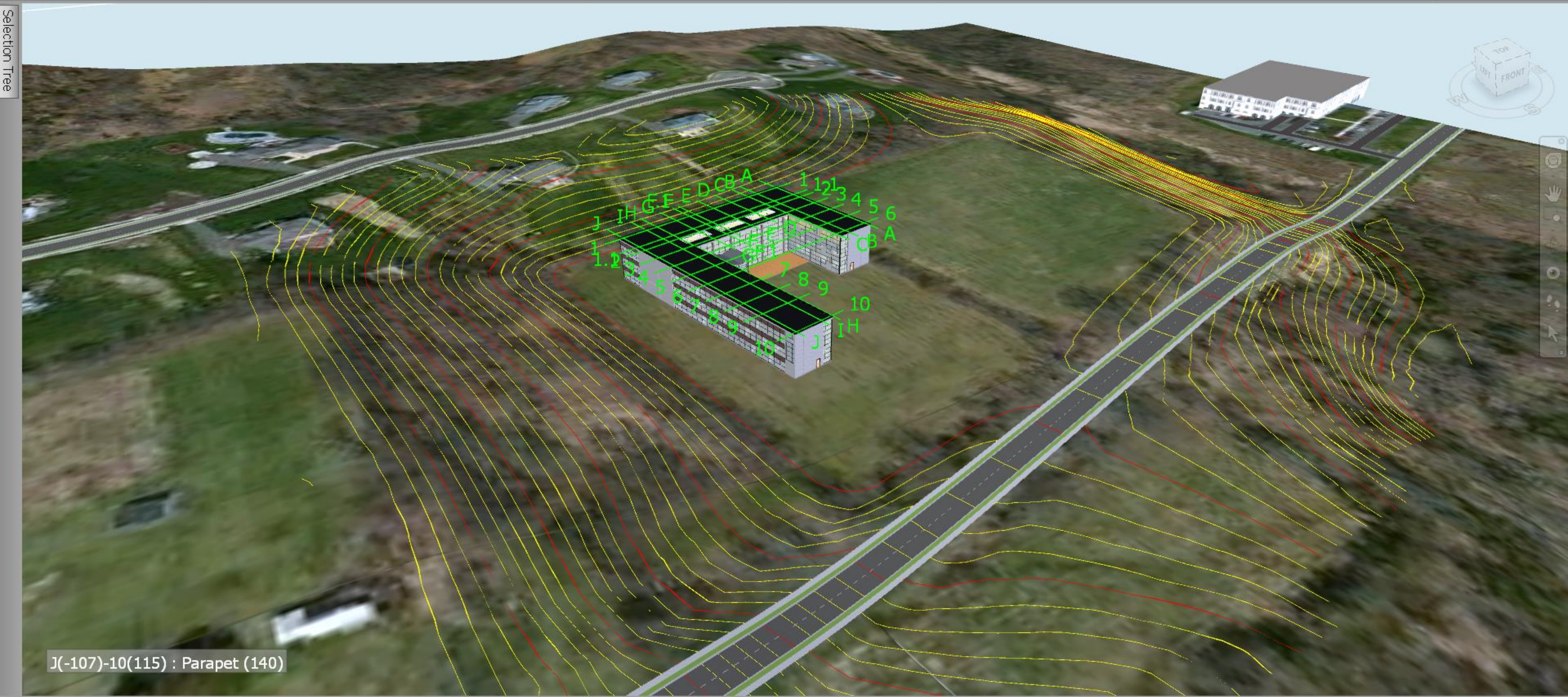
Display

Tools

DataTools

App Manager

Navisworks – Combined File Formats



J(-107)-10(115) : Parapet (140)

BIM 360



Fox-Hill-Tower.fbx



Markup



Issue



Measure

Geolocated Files – InfraWorks, Revit, Civil 3D

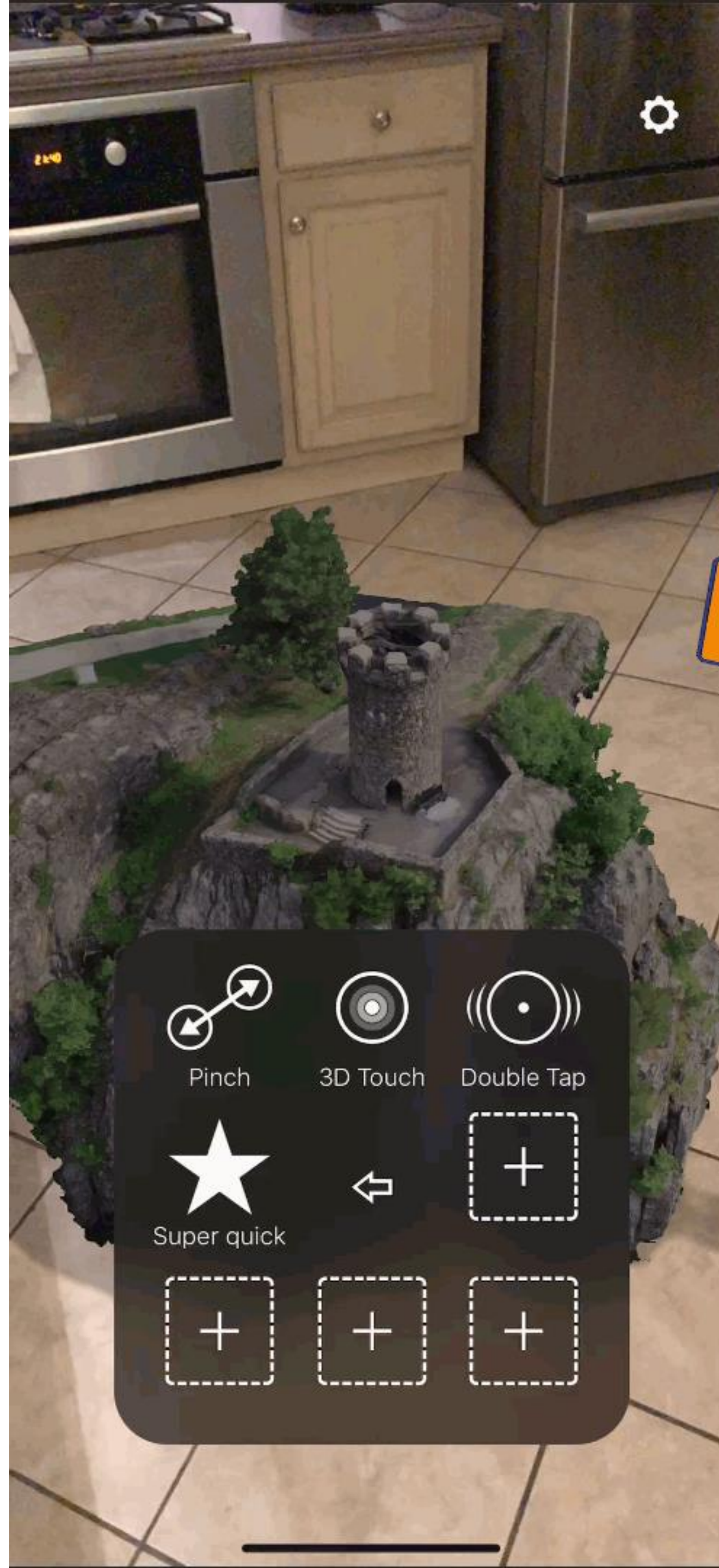
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<https://www.autodesk.com/autodesk-university/class/Complete-Collaboration-and-More-5-Simple-Steps-Using-Architecture-Engineering-Construction>

BONUS

Share the ReCap Photo model using augmented reality with [Torch.app](https://torch.app)







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