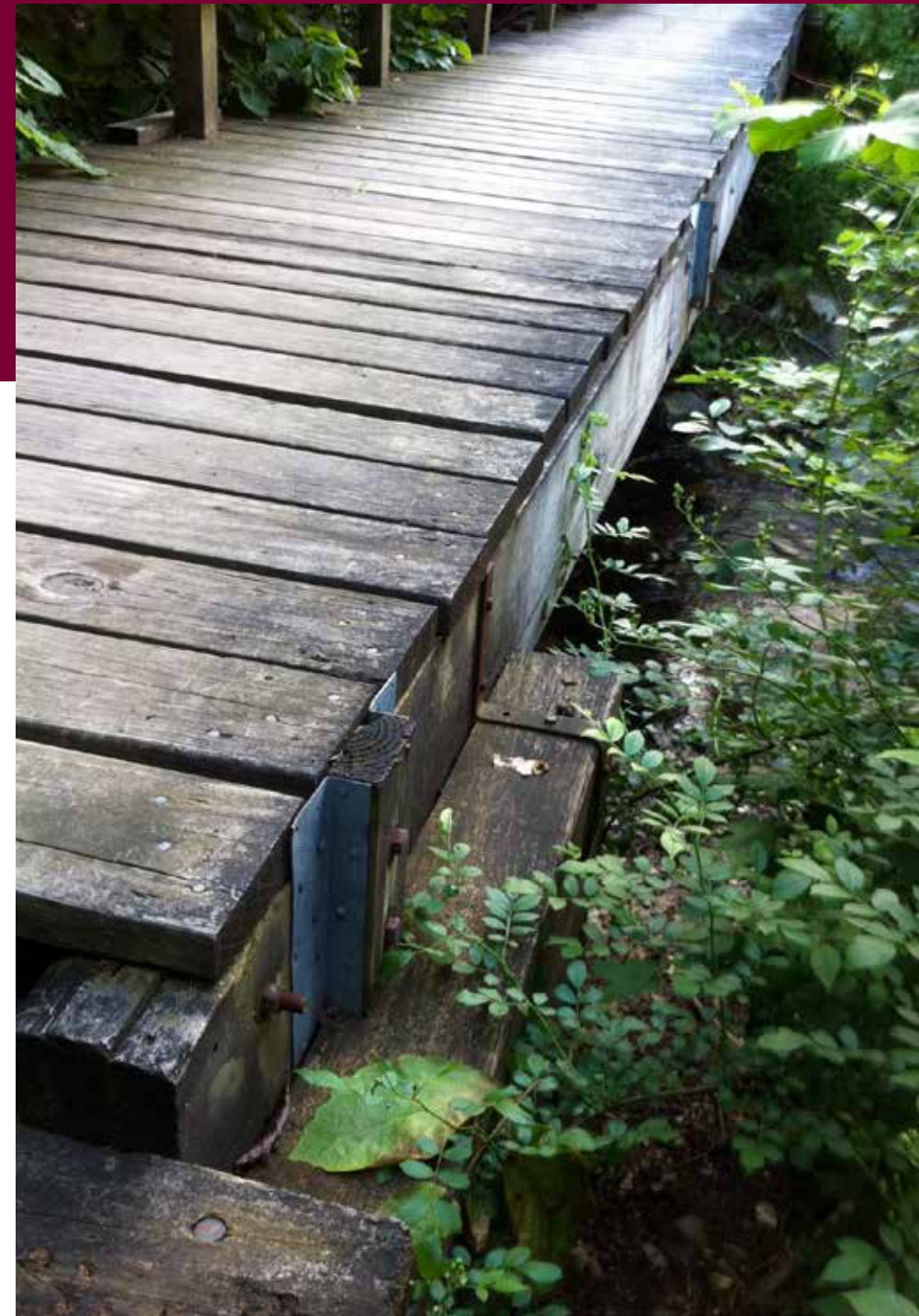


Puncheon



Erik Mickelson

ABOVE Unlike a boardwalk, which is built on piers to elevate the walkway high off the ground, puncheon is built on mud sills and sits low to the ground.

BELOW Puncheon makes muddy trails accessible to people of all ability levels.

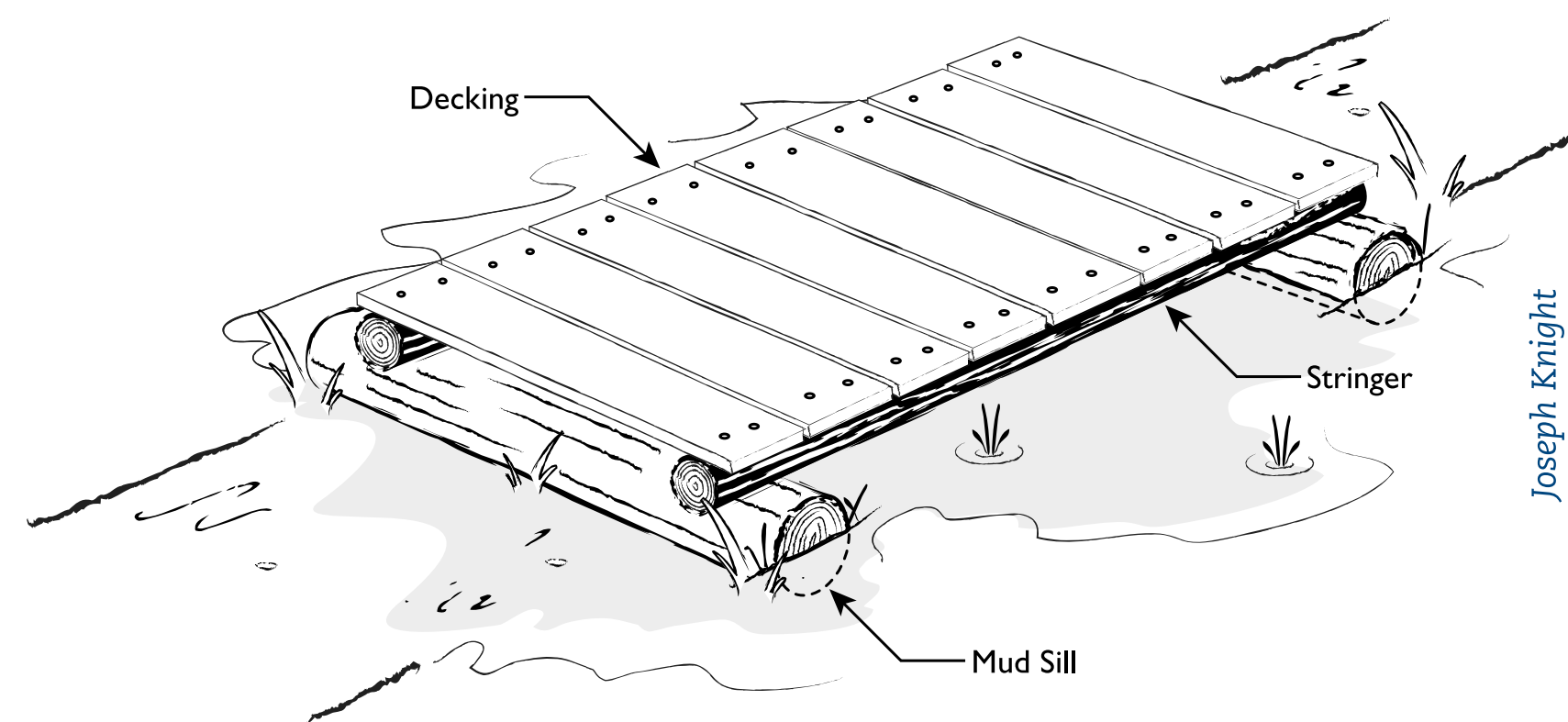


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Amber Ray

Puncheons are another way to keep our feet out of the mud. They are usually built with lumber that has been precut and carried into the wet area. The foundation of a puncheon is made of mud sills, which are water-resistant beams set on the ground perpendicular to the path of travel. Wood stringers are then placed on top of the sills, parallel to the path of travel, creating a “backbone” upon which decking is laid. These deck planks become the finished walkway. Puncheons can be used on wheelchair accessible trails or completely covered with dirt to be more horse-friendly.



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