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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Wildlands Engineering, Inc. (Wildlands) completed a full delivery project at the Agony Acres Mitigation Site (Site) for the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) to restore, enhance, and preserve a total of 9,052 linear feet (LF) of perennial and intermittent stream and restore 3.0 acres of riparian buffer in Guilford County, NC. The Site provides 6,468.6 Stream Mitigation Units (SMUs) and 3.0 Buffer Mitigation Units (BMUs). The Site is located in the Reedy Fork Watershed within Cape Fear River Basin Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03030002 (Cape Fear 02) near Ossipee, NC (Figure 1). The streams are all unnamed tributaries (UT) to Reedy Fork and are referred to herein as UT1, UT1A, UT1B, and UT2. The buffer restoration component is adjacent to Reedy Fork and lower UT1.

The Site is located within the Jordan Lake Water Supply Watershed which has been designated as a Nutrient Sensitive Water. The Site's watershed is within Cape Fear local watershed HUC 03030002020070, which was not identified as a Cape Fear 02 Targeted Local Watershed (TLW) in DMS's 2009 Cape Fear River Basin Restoration Priority (RBRP) plan; however, this local watershed was later designated as a Targeted Resource Area (TRA) in the 2011 Request for Proposals (RFP) in the Cape Fear 02. The Agony Acres Mitigation Site fully supports the Cataloging Unit (CU)-wide functional objectives stated in the 2011 RFP to reduce and control nutrient inputs, reduce and control sediment inputs, and protect and augment Significant Natural Heritage Areas in the Cape Fear 02 River Basin. The Site will contribute to meeting the CU-wide Functional Improvement Objectives by establishing the following project goals:

- Reduce sediment inputs by removing cattle from streams and restoring degraded and eroding stream channels;
- Return a network of streams to a stable form that is capable of supporting biological functions;
- Reduce fecal coliform, nitrogen, and phosphorous inputs through removing cattle from streams and establishing and augmenting a forested riparian corridor;
- Protect existing high quality streams and forested buffers; and
- Improve and protect hydrologic inputs to the adjacent Reedy Fork Aquatic Habitat Significant Natural Heritage Area.

The project is helping meet the goals for the watershed outlined in the RBRP and provides numerous ecological benefits within the Cape Fear River Basin. While many of these benefits are limited to the Agony Acres project area, others, such as pollutant removal, reduced sediment loading, and improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat, have farther-reaching effects.

Stream restoration and enhancement construction efforts were completed in September 2014. Baseline as-built monitoring activities (MY0) were completed between October and December 2014. A conservation easement is in place on 30.74 acres of stream and riparian corridors to protect them in perpetuity. During MY4 a DOT culvert replacement project was approved and is expected to encroach on the upper extent of UT1 Reach 1. Approximately 26 linear feet of stream and 0.036 acres will be removed from the conservation easement. All stream length, easement area, and credit values in this report reflect the expected condition of full delivery assets following the DOT culvert replacement project.

Monitoring Year 4 (MY4) site visits and assessments were completed between the months of March and October 2018 to visually assess the conditions of the project and collect stream hydrology data. Per IRT guidelines, detailed monitoring and analysis of vegetation, substrate, and channel cross-sectional dimensions were omitted during MY4. Visual observations, hydrology data, and management practices are included in this report. To preserve the clarity and continuity of reporting structure, this report

maintains section and appendix numbering from previous monitoring reports. Omitted sections are denoted in the table of contents.

Overall, Site performance for vegetation, stream geomorphology, and hydrology meet success criteria for MY4. Vegetation appears to be performing adequately to attain the interim success criteria of 260 stems per acre at the end of monitoring year five. Visual observation indicated that stream channels have remained geomorphically stable during MY4. Persistent flow and multiple bankfull events were recorded on all streams during MY4. Identified invasive vegetation has been treated or is scheduled to be treated.

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### Section 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Agony Acres Mitigation Site (Site) is located in northeastern Guilford County, north of Gibsonville (Figure 1). From Gibsonville take NC 61 north 5.5 miles. Turn right on Sockwell Road and travel 1.4 miles. The project site is located north of Sockwell Road and is bound on the north by Reedy Fork. The Site is located in the Carolina Slate Belt of the Piedmont Physiographic Province. The project watershed is classified as approximately 65% managed herbaceous cover, 30% mixed upland hardwoods, 3% cultivated, 2% southern yellow pine, and the remaining 1% is low intensity development. The drainage area for the Agony Acres Mitigation Site is 358 acres.

The Site is located in the Reedy Fork Watershed within the Jordan Lake Water Supply Watershed which has been designated a Nutrient Sensitive Water. The project streams flow directly into Reedy Fork which flows into the Haw River and eventually into the Jordan Lake Reservoir. The Site's watershed is within Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03030002020070 which was not identified as a Cape Fear 02 Targeted Local Watershed (TLW) in DMS's 2009 Cape Fear River Basin Restoration Priority (RBRP) plan; however, this HUC was later designated as a Targeted Resource Area (TRA) in the 2011 Request for Proposals (RFP) in the Cape Fear 02. The Site connects to Reedy Fork and three separate but connected Significant Natural Heritage areas. Reedy Fork Aquatic Habitat, Reedy Fork Slopes at NC 61, and Altamahaw Alluvial Forest are all listed on the NC Natural Heritage GIS database and are immediately adjacent to the Site. There are also records for several state threatened, special concern, and significantly rare mussel species in Reedy Fork.

North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) completed a Local Watershed Plan (LWP) in 2008 on the HUC immediately downstream which begins at the confluence of Reedy Fork and the Haw River and includes Travis and Tickle Creeks. The Site is located less than one mile outside of the LWP area and has a very similar land use pattern. The 2008 Little Alamance, Travis, and Tickle Creeks LWP identified nutrient inputs from agriculture and stream bank erosion in altered reaches as major stressors within this TLW. The Site was identified as a stream and buffer restoration and cattle exclusion opportunity to improve water quality and buffers within the TRA.

The Site consists of four tributaries to Reedy Fork which are located within the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (NCDWR) subbasin 03-06-02 of the Cape Fear River Basin. The project stream reaches include UT1, UT1A, UT1B, and UT2.

Mitigation work within the Site included restoration, enhancement, and preservation of 9,052 linear feet (LF) of perennial and intermittent stream channel and 3.0 acres (ac) of riparian buffer restoration. The Site provides 6,468.6 Stream Mitigation Units (SMUs) and 3.0 Buffer Mitigation Units (BMUs). The stream areas were also planted with native vegetation to improve habitat and protect water quality.

The final mitigation plan was submitted and accepted by the DMS in March 2014. Construction activities were completed by Land Mechanic Designs, Inc. in September 2014. The planting was completed by Bruton Natural Systems, Inc. in December 2014. The baseline as-built survey was completed by Kee Mapping and Surveying, in October 2014. Annual monitoring will be conducted for seven years with the close-out anticipated to occur in 2022 given the success criteria are met. During MY4 the NCIRT approved a NCDOT culvert replacement project which is expected to encroach upon resources within the Agony Acres conservation easement at the upstream extent of UT1. Approximately 26 linear feet of stream and 0.036 acres of the easement are expected to be placed within a NCDOT permanent drainage easement. This will result in a loss of 10.4 SMUs from the impacted Enhancement II level treatment of UT1 reach 1. Wildlands is excused from provision of these credits and NCDOT is responsible for providing mitigation. All values in this report and appendices have been updated to reflect the expected

asset allocation following completion of the culvert replacement project based on plans provided by NCDOT. Appendix 1 provides detailed project activity, history, contact information, directions, watershed/site background information, and correspondence regarding the culvert replacement project and impacts to the Site.

### 1.1 **Project Goals and Objectives**

Prior to construction activities, the stream channels exhibited varying degrees of degradation across the Site. The Site was used as agricultural and pasture land and most of the buffers had been reduced to narrow corridors. Cattle had free access to the streams, which resulted in sporadic degraded stream banks and poor bed forms.

The restored stream channels on the Site were previously incised and overwidened in many locations, likely as a result of historic channelization. The alterations of the Site to promote cattle grazing and farming resulted in elimination of many of the ecological functions of this small stream complex. Specifically, functional losses at the Site included degraded aquatic habitat, altered hydrology (related to loss of floodplain connection and lowered water table), and a reduction of the quality and quantity of riparian wetland habitats and related water quality benefits. Ongoing bank erosion was also occurring at some locations due to high, overly steep banks, and lack of bank vegetation. Table 4 in Appendix 1 and Tables 10a-d in Appendix 4 present the pre-restoration conditions in detail.

The mitigation project is intended to provide numerous ecological benefits within the Cape Fear River Basin. While many of these benefits are limited to the Agony Acres Mitigation Site project area; others, such as pollutant removal and improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat, have more far-reaching effects. Expected improvements to water quality and ecological processes are outlined below as project goals and objectives. These project goals were established and completed with careful consideration of goals and objectives that were described in the RBRP and to meet DMS's mitigation needs while maximizing the ecological and water quality uplift within the watershed.

The following project specific goals established in the Agony Acres Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2014) include:

- Reduce sediment inputs by removing cattle from streams and restoring degraded and eroding stream channels;
- Return a network of streams to a stable form that is capable of supporting biological functions important to sensitive species within and adjacent to the project site;
- Reduce fecal coliform, nitrogen, and phosphorous inputs through removing cattle from streams and establishing and augmenting a forested riparian corridor;
- Protect existing high quality streams and forested buffers that provide habitat important to sensitive species within and adjacent to the project site;
- Improve and protect hydrologic inputs to the adjacent Reedy Fork Aquatic Habitat Significant Natural Heritage Area; and
- Improve and protect hydrologic inputs to Reedy Fork, which is listed as impaired on the 2012 NC 303(d) list for impaired aquatic life and for elevated fecal coliform levels.

The project goals will be addressed through the following project objectives:

On-site nutrient inputs were decreased by removing cattle from streams, re-establishing floodplain connectivity, and filtering on-site runoff through buffer zones. Off-site nutrient input will be absorbed on-site by filtering flood flows through restored floodplain areas, where flood flow will spread through native vegetation. Vegetation is expected to uptake excess nutrients.

- Stream bank erosion which contributes sediment load to the creeks was greatly reduced, if not eliminated, in the project area. Eroding stream banks were stabilized using bioengineering, natural channel design techniques, and grading to reduce bank angles and bank height. Storm flow containing grit and fine sediment is filtered through restored floodplain areas, where flow will spread through native vegetation. Spreading flood flows also reduces velocity and allows sediment to settle out. Sediment transport capacity of restored reaches was improved so that capacity balances more closely to load. Sediment load reduction will be monitored through assessing bank stability with cross section surveys and visual assessment through photo documentation which serves as an accepted surrogate for direct turbidity measurements.
- Restored riffle/pool sequences promote aeration of water and create deep water zones, helping to lower water temperature. Establishment and maintenance of riparian buffers creates longterm shading of the channel flow to minimize thermal heating. Lower water temperatures will help maintain dissolved oxygen concentrations.
- In-stream structures were constructed to improve habitat diversity and trap detritus. Wood habitat structures were included in the stream as part of the restoration design. Such structures include log drops and rock structures that incorporate woody debris and native onsite rock.
- Adjacent buffer and riparian habitats were restored with native vegetation as part of the project. Native vegetation provides cover and food for terrestrial creatures. Native plant species were planted and invasive species treated. Eroding and unstable areas were stabilized with vegetation as part of this project.
- The restored land is protected in perpetuity through a conservation easement.

The design streams were restored to the appropriate form based on the surrounding landscape, climate, and natural vegetation communities but also with strong consideration to existing watershed conditions and trajectory. Specifically, the site design was developed to restore a small stream complex directly adjacent to Reedy Fork. Other key factors addressed in the design were to create stable habitats, improve riparian buffers, and restore the natural migration patterns for fish spawning. Figure 2 and Table 1 in Appendix 1 present the stream mitigation components for the Agony Acres Mitigation Site.

### 1.2 **Monitoring Year 4 Data Assessment**

Annual monitoring and quarterly site visits were conducted during MY4 to assess the condition of the project. The stream and buffer success criteria for the Site follow the approved success criteria presented in the Agony Acres Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2014).

### **Vegetative Assessment** 1.2.1

Detailed vegetation inventory and analysis is not required during MY4. Visual assessment during MY4 indicated that vegetation is performing adequately to attain interim success criteria of 260 planted stems per acre and the end of MY5 and terminal success criteria of 210 planted stems per acre averaging ten feet in height.

Riparian buffer area monitoring is on the same schedule as the stream mitigation bank. Visual monitoring during MY4 indicated that the riparian buffer area is on track to attain final success criteria of 320 stems per acre.

### 1.2.2 Vegetation Areas of Concern

The tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima) and Japanese hops (Humulus japonica) described in the MY3 report were both chemically treated during MY4. The tree of heaven was confined to the area near the confluence of UT1 and UT1B (Figure 3.1). Each stem of tree of heaven was treated using the hack and squirt or cut stump methods of herbicide application using triclopyr. The Japanese hops population

located in the buffer restoration area along Reedy Fork was treated in MY4 with a foliar application of metsulfuron methyl (Figure 3.3). Literature indicates this is the most effective herbicide for Japanese hops treatment and also has a lower risk of causing collateral damage to surrounding vegetation including the planted trees. Wildlands will continue to monitor this area for persisting Japanese hops and treat as necessary during subsequent monitoring years. The site also contains Chinese privet (Ligustrum sinense) along the lower extent of UT1 reach 4 which will be treated.

### 1.2.3 Stream Assessment

Detailed dimensional survey and analysis is not required during MY4. Visual monitoring indicated that the stream channel is performing as desired. No deposition or erosion exceeding approximate natural levels was observed. See Appendix 2 for stream photographs and visual assessment data.

All values in this report and appendices have been updated to reflect the expected asset allocation following completion of the culvert replacement project based on plans provided by NCDOT.

### 1.2.4 Stream Areas of Concern

Beaver activity was observed within UT1 Reach 5 during March of MY4. Beaver dams were removed and there are no signs that beaver have returned. This isolated beaver activity is thought to be related to high flows of Reedy Fork during the early spring. No other stream areas of concern were observed.

### 1.2.5 Hydrology Assessment

Two bankfull flow events occurring in separate years must be documented on the restoration and enhancement reaches within the seven-year monitoring period. In addition, the presence of baseflow must be recorded along portions of UT1B constructed with a Priority I restoration approach. Baseflow must be present for at least some portion of the year (most likely in the winter/early spring) during years with normal rainfall conditions.

Multiple bankfull events were recorded during MY4 on all streams at the Site (Table 13). Bankfull events on all streams have been recorded during previous monitoring years; therefore, the Site has met the bankfull stream hydrology criteria.

Baseflow was documented in UT1B for all of MY4 with the exception of short periods during the July. UT1B has met baseflow criteria for MY1 through MY4. Refer to Appendix 5 for hydrologic data and graphs.

### 1.2.6 Maintenance Plan

The areas containing privet as described in section 1.2.2 above will be monitored and treated throughout the monitoring period. The entire Site will continue to be monitored and treated for additional invasive vegetation.

### 1.3 Monitoring Year 4 Summary

Visual assessment indicated that all project streams are geomorphically stable and functioning as designed. Survival and growth of planted trees appear to meet interim success criteria. Invasive vegetation identified to date has been treated with the exception the of privet at the lower extent of UT1 reach 4. Hydrology criteria have been attained for the duration of the project and multiple bankfull events and persistent flow were recorded again during MY4.

Summary information and data related to the performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. Narrative background and supporting information formerly found in these reports can be found in the Mitigation Plan documents available on

DMS's website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices are available from DMS upon request.

### Section 2: METHODOLOGY

Geomorphic data was collected following the standards outlined in The Stream Channel Reference Site: An Illustrated Guide to Field Techniques (Harrelson et al., 1994) and in the Stream Restoration: A Natural Channel Design Handbook (Doll et al., 2003). All Integrated Current Condition Plan View Mapping was recorded using a Trimble handheld GPS with sub-meter accuracy and processed using Pathfinder and ArcView. Crest gages were installed in surveyed riffle cross sections and monitored quarterly. Hydrology attainment installation and monitoring methods are in accordance with the USACE (USACE, 2003) standards. Vegetation monitoring protocols followed the Carolina Vegetation Survey-DMS Level 2 Protocol (Lee et al., 2006). Reporting follows the DMS Monitoring Report Template and Guidance Version 1.3 (DMS, 2010).

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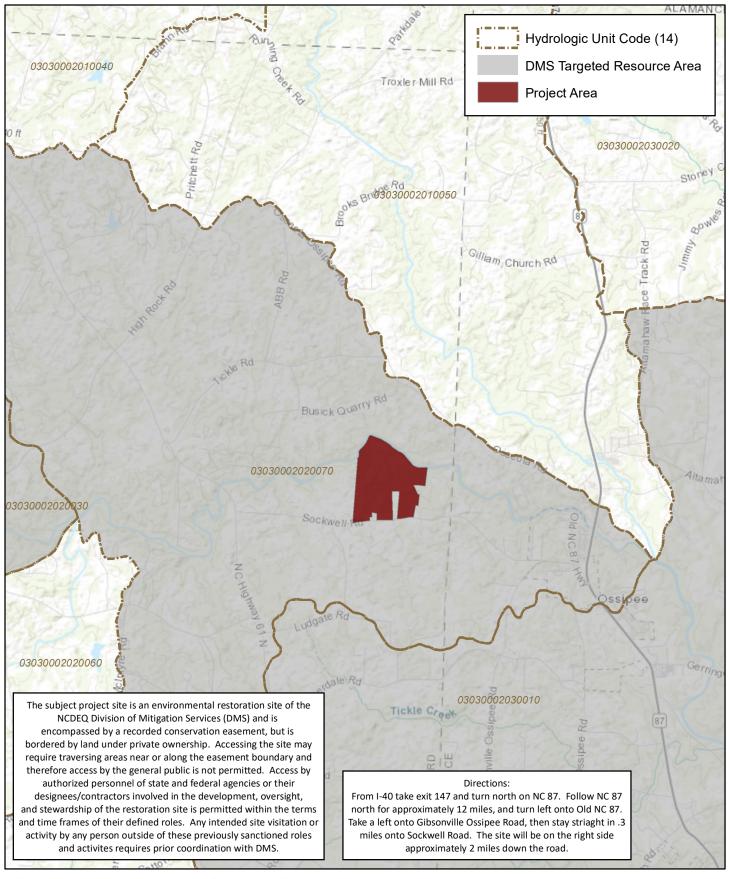
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# APPENDIX 1. General Tables and Figures







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Figure 1 Project Vicinity Map Agony Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 95716 Monitoring Year 4 - 2018







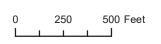




Figure 2 Project Component/Asset Map Agony Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 95716 Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits

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### **MITIGATION CREDITS** Nitrogen Riparian Wetland Non-Riparian Wetland Stream Buffer Nutrient **Phosphorous Nutrient Offset** Offset Туре RE RE Totals 6,107.3\*\* 361 N/A N/A N/A N/A 130,680 N/A N/A

### **PROJECT COMPONENTS**

Reach ID	As-Built Stationing/ Location	Existing Footage/ Acreage	Approach	Restoration or Restoration Equivalent	Restoration Footage/ Acreage	Mitigation Ratio	Credits (SMU WMU/BMU)
				STREAMS			
UT1-Reach 1 (DOT ROW)	100+00 to 100+14	40**	EII	Enhancement (No Credit)	40**		
UT1-Reach 1	100+14 to 103+62; 103+93 to 111+24	1,053**	EII	Enhancement	1,053**	2.5	421.2**
UT1-Reach 1 (Easement Break)	103+62 to 103+93	31	EII	Enhancement (No Credit)	31		
UT1-Reach 2	111+24 to 122+38	1,039	P1	Restoration	1,114	1	1,114
UT1-Reach 2	122+38 to 123+31	93	El	Enhancement	93	1.5	62
UT1-Reach 3	123+31 to 128+50; 129+06 to 137+37	1,350		Preservation	1,350	5	270
UT1-Reach 3 (Easement Break)	128+50 to 129+06	56		Preservation (No Credit)	56		
UT1-Reach 4	137+37 to 140+92	355	EII	Enhancement	355	2.5	142
UT1-Reach 4	140+92 to 142+66; 143+20 to 144+06	260	EI	Enhancement	260	1.5	173
UT1-Reach 4 (Easement Break)	142+66 to 143+20	54	EI	Enhancement (No Credit)	54		
UT1-Reach 5	144+06 to 149+65; 150+20 to 158+94	1,355	P1/2	Restoration	1,433	1	1,433
UT1-Reach 5 (Easement Break)	149+65 to 150+20	65	P1	Restoration (No Credit)	55		
UT1A-Reach 1 (DOT ROW)	200+00 to 200+05	5	P1	Restoration (No Credit)	5		
UT1A-Reach 1	200+05 to 202+64; 203+04 to 208+49	738	P1	Restoration	804	1	804
UT1A-Reach 1 (Easement Break)	202+64 to 203+04	32	P1	Restoration (No Credit)	40		
UT1A-Reach 2	208+49 to 211+41	292	EII	Enhancement	292	2.5	117
UT1A-Reach 3	211+41 to 215+98	457		Preservation	457	5	91
UT1A-Reach 3 (Easement Break)	215+98 to 216+28	30	EII	Enhancement (No Credit)	30		
UT1A-Reach 4	216+28 to 222+78	461	P1	Restoration	650	1	650
UT1B	300+00 to 302+19	243	P1	Restoration	219	1	219
UT2	400+00 to 404+16; 404+67 to 410+23	975	P1	Restoration	972	1	972
UT2 (Easement Break)	404+16 to 404+67	53	P1/2	Restoration (No Credit)	51		
Riparian Buffer Area				Restoration	3.0 (130,680 ft <sup>2</sup> )	1	130,680

### **COMPONENT SUMMATION**

Restoration Level	Stream (LF)		n Wetland acres)	Non-Riparian Wetland (acres)	Buffer (acres)	Upland (acres)
		Riverine	Non-Riverine			
Restoration	5,192	-	-	-	3.0	-
Enhancement		-	-	=	-	-
Enhancement I	353					
Enhancement II	1,700**					
Creation		-	-	-		
Preservation	1,807	-	-	-		-
High Quality Preservation	-	-	-	=		-

N/A: not applicable

\* Credit calculations were originally calculated along the as-built thalweg and updated to be calculated along stream centerlines as stated in the approved Mitigation Plan for Monitoring Year 3 after discusions with NC IRT.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Values updated for MY4 report to account for DOT culvert replacement project.

### Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No.95716)

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Activity or Report		Date Collection Complete	Completion or Scheduled Delivery	
Mitigation Plan		October 2013- March 2014	March 2014	
Final Design - Construction Plans	April 2014- June 2014	June 2014		
Construction	June 2014- September 2014	September 2014		
Temporary S&E mix applied to entire project	September 2014	September 2014		
Permanent seed mix applied to reach/segme	September 2014	September 2014		
Bare root and live stake plantings for reach/s	December 2014	December 2014		
Baseline Monitoring Document (Year 0)	Stream Survey	October 2014	February 2015	
baseline Monitoring Document (real of	Vegetation Survey	December 2014	February 2013	
Year 1 Monitoring	Stream Survey	May 2015	December 2015	
real 1 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey	September 2015	December 2013	
Year 2 Monitoring	Stream Survey	March 2016	December 2016	
real 2 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey	June 2016	December 2010	
Supplemental Planting			December 2016	
Year 3 Monitoring	Stream Survey	April 2017	December 2017	
Teal 3 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey	August 2017	December 2017	
Invasive Vegetation Treatment			September-October 2018	
Year 4 Monitoring	Stream Survey	N/A	December 2018	
real 4 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey	N/A	December 2016	
Year 5 Monitoring	Stream Survey	2019	December 2019	
Tear 5 Mornitoring	Vegetation Survey	2019	December 2019	
Year 6 Monitoring	Stream Survey	2020	December 2020	
Tear o Mortitoring	Vegetation Survey	2020	December 2020	
Year 7 Monitoring	Stream Survey	2021	December 2021	
Teal 7 Worldoning	Vegetation Survey	2021	December 2021	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Seed and mulch is added as each section of construction is completed.

### Table 3. Project Contact Table

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No.95716)

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	Wildlands Engineering, Inc.
Designer	312 West Millbrook Road, Suite 225
Nicole Macaluso, PE, CFM	Raleigh, NC 27609
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	Land Mechanic Designs, Inc.
Construction Contractor	126 Circle G Lane
	Willow Spring, NC 27592
	Bruton Natural Systems, Inc
Planting Contractor	P.O. Box 1197
	Fremont, NC 27830
	Land Mechanic Designs, Inc.
Seeding Contractor	126 Circle G Lane
	Willow Spring, NC 27592
Seed Mix Sources	Green Resource, LLC
Nursery Stock Suppliers	
Bare Roots	Dykes and Son Nursery
Live Stakes	Bruton Natural Systems, Inc
Monitoring Performers	Wildlands Engineering, Inc.
Monitoring, POC	Jason Lorch
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### **Table 4. Project Information and Attributes**

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No.95716)

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	PROJECT INFORMATION						
Project Name	Agony Acres Mitigation Site						
County	Guilford County						
Project Area (acres)	30.74 acres						
Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	36° 10′ 40″ N, 79° 33′ 02″ W						
PRO.	JECT WATERSHED SUMMARY INFORMATION						
Physiographic Province	Piedmont						
River Basin	Cape Fear River						
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	03030002						
USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	03030002020070						
DWR Sub-basin	03-06-02						
Project Drainiage Area (acres)	358 acres						
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area	<1%						
CGIA Land Use Classification	65% Managed Herbaceous Cover, 30% Mixed Upland Hardwoods, 3% Cultivated, 2% Southern Yellow Pine, <1% Low Intensity Development						

### REACH SUMMARY INFORMATION

Parameters	UT1 - Reaches 1 -3 UT1 - Reaches 4 & 5 UT1A		UT1A	UT1B		UT2	
Length of reach (linear feet) - Post-Restoration	3,711	2,157	2,278	219	1,0	023	
Drainage area (acres)	228	358	103	61	6	51	
NCDWR stream identification score	42.5	46.5	41	29.25	32	25	
NCDWR Water Quality Classification			WS-V				
Morphological Desription (stream type)	Р	Р	P/I	Р	ſ	Р	
Evolutionary trend (Simon's Model) - Pre- Restoration	1, 111	III, IV	ı, II/III	11/111	11/111		
Underlying mapped soils		garee loam, Coronaca c ndy clay loam, Wehadk	•	ndy loam, Enon clay loa	m, Madisor	n clay	
Drainage class							
Soil Hydric status							
Slope							
FEMA classification			N/A				
Native vegetation community		rest					
Percent composition exotic invasive vegetation -Post- Restoration			0%				

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

Regulation	Applicable?	Resolved?	Supporting Documentation
Waters of the United States - Section 404	Yes	Yes	USACE Nationwide Permit No.27 and DWQ 401 Water Quality
Waters of the United States - Section 401	Yes	Yes	Certification No. 3885.
Division of Land Quality (Dam Safety)	No	N/A	N/A
Endangered Species Act	Yes	Yes	Agony Acres Mitigation Plan; Wildlands determined "no effect" on Guilford County listed endangered species.
Historic Preservation Act	Yes	Yes	No historic resources were found to be impacted (letter from SHPO dated 1/15/13).
Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)/Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)	No	N/A	N/A
FEMA Floodplain Compliance	N/A	N/A	The project streams do not have an associated regulatory floodplain; however portions of UT1, UT1A, and UT2 are located within the floodway and flood fringe of Reedy Fork (FEMA Zone AE, FIRM panels 8838 and 8848).
Essential Fisheries Habitat	No	N/A	N/A





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February 19, 2018

Interagency Review Team US Army Corps of Engineers

RE: Sockwell Road Culvert Replacement Impacts to the Agony Acres Mitigation Site.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division 7 Office (NCDOT) has identified a culvert replacement along Sockwell Road, near Gibbsonville, in Guilford County. The culvert replacement will impact the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) Full Delivery Agony Acres Mitigation Site. NCDOT Division 7 provided DMS with background information concerning the proposed culvert replacement including easement avoidance and minimization considerations, culvert design plans and files, and hydraulic analysis.

DMS and Wildlands Engineering (the Agony Acres mitigation provider) have reviewed the documentation provided by NCDOT as well as performed an onsite inspection of proposed impacted project area. Based upon our review, we do not have reason to believe the proposed culvert replacement will affect the mitigation project beyond the actual foot print of construction.

The culvert in question was built in the earliest decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century using terra-cotta blocks. NCDOT has major concerns with the existing structure due to the scour under the foundation. NCDOT evaluated options such curb and gutter, shifting roadway, steepening side slopes, and realigning of the pipe. Each option was met with additional challenges that either impacted the stream project more or provided little change to the overall impact. Due to the age of the existing culvert, part of the impacts to the mitigation site are a result of needing meet current roadway safety standards.

NCDOT has indicated that 26 feet of stream will be impacted by the culvert replacement. The IRT has consistently applied a 2:1 replacement ratio for mitigation sites impacted by encroachment. NCDOT has agreed to this replacement given IRT final approval.

NCDOT and DMS have followed procedures set forth in the July 2013 IRT Encroachment into Mitigation Sites policy. DMS is requesting the IRT consider the information provided with this submittal and approve the 2:1 ratio for replacement of mitigation credits. Once IRT approval is completed, NCDOT would be compensating for 52 Stream Mitigation Units. DMS will release right of entry as soon as payment is received.

We look forward to your response.

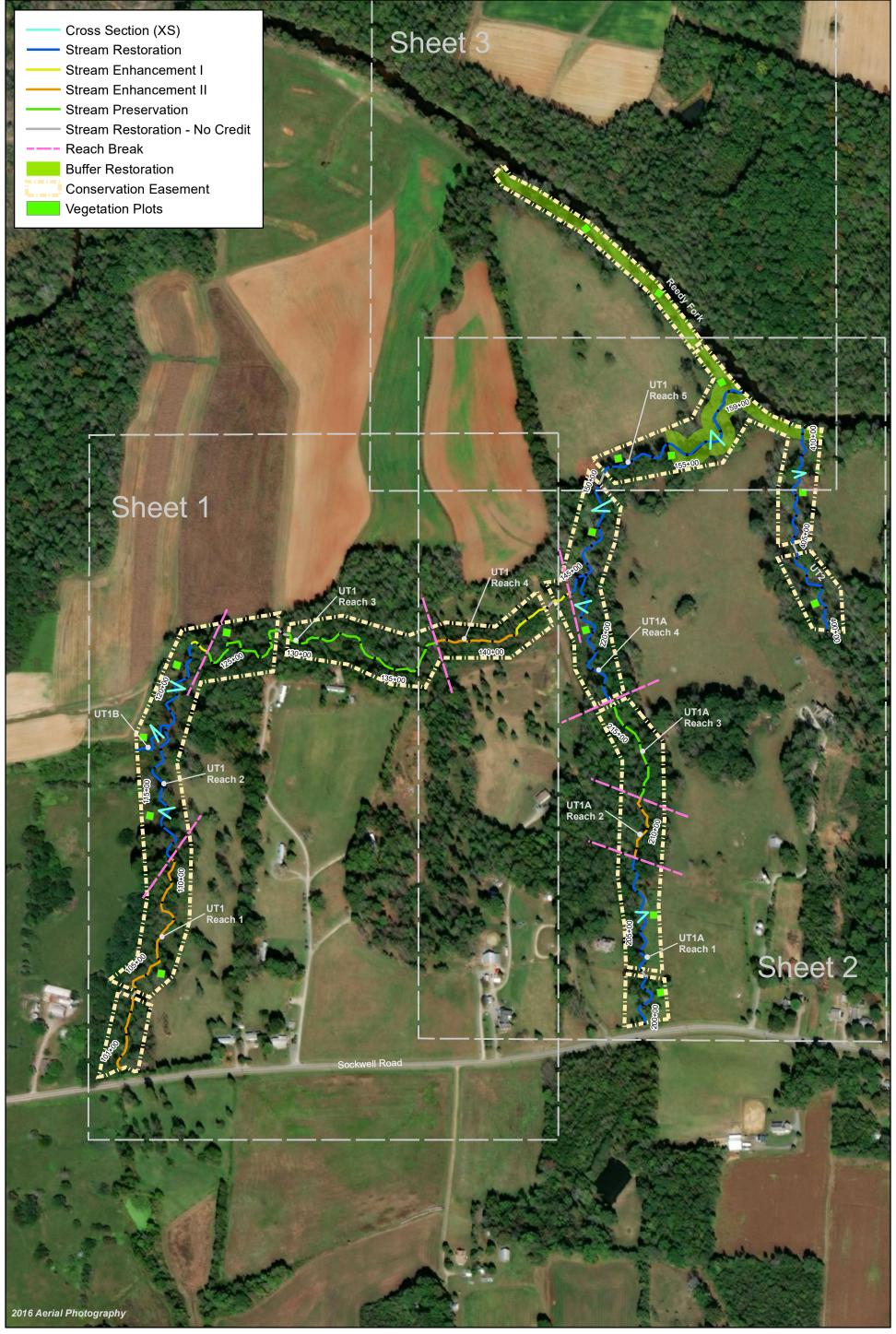
Sincerely,

Tim Baumgartner

Director

Division of Mitigation Services

# **APPENDIX 2. Visual Assessment Data**







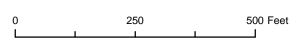




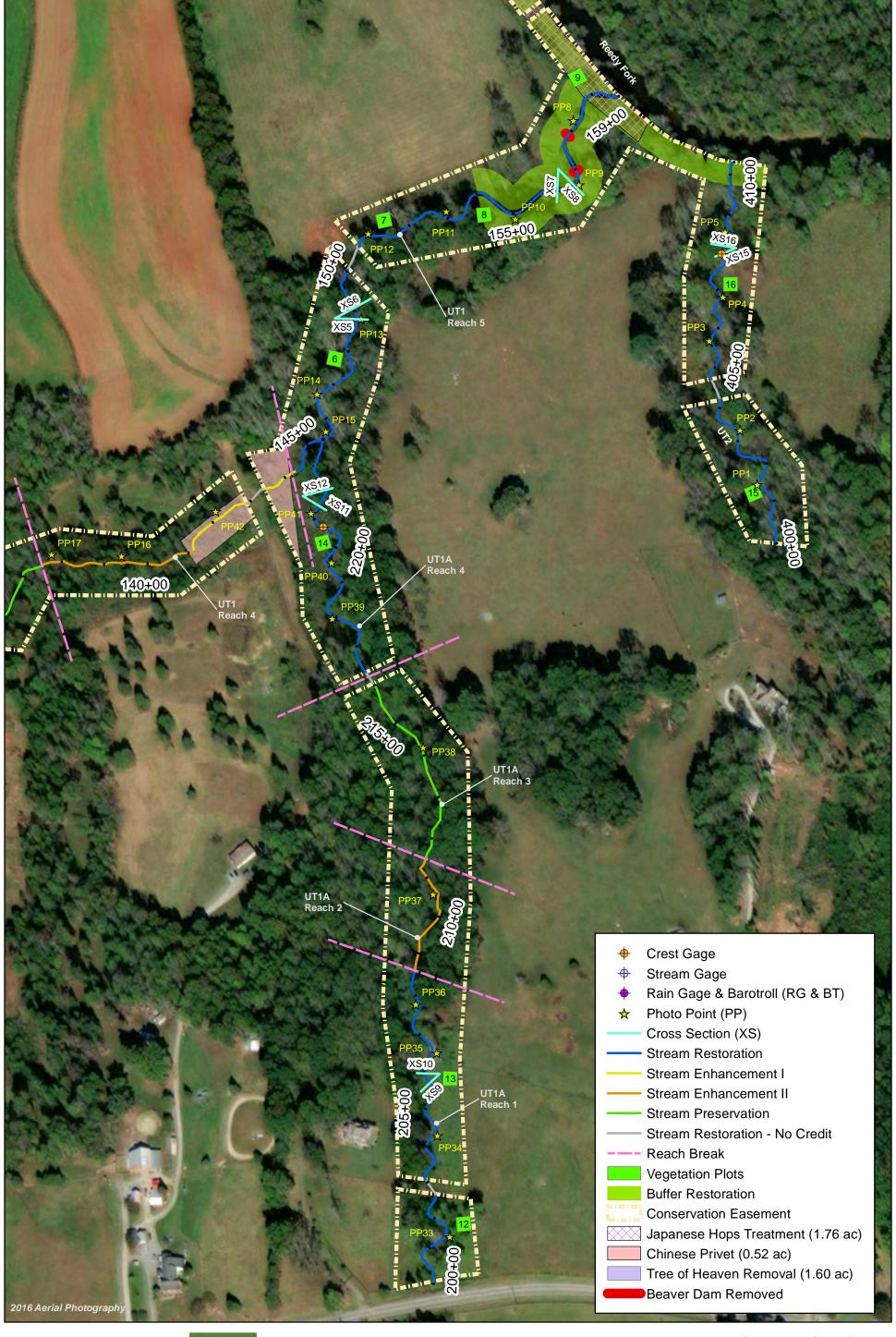










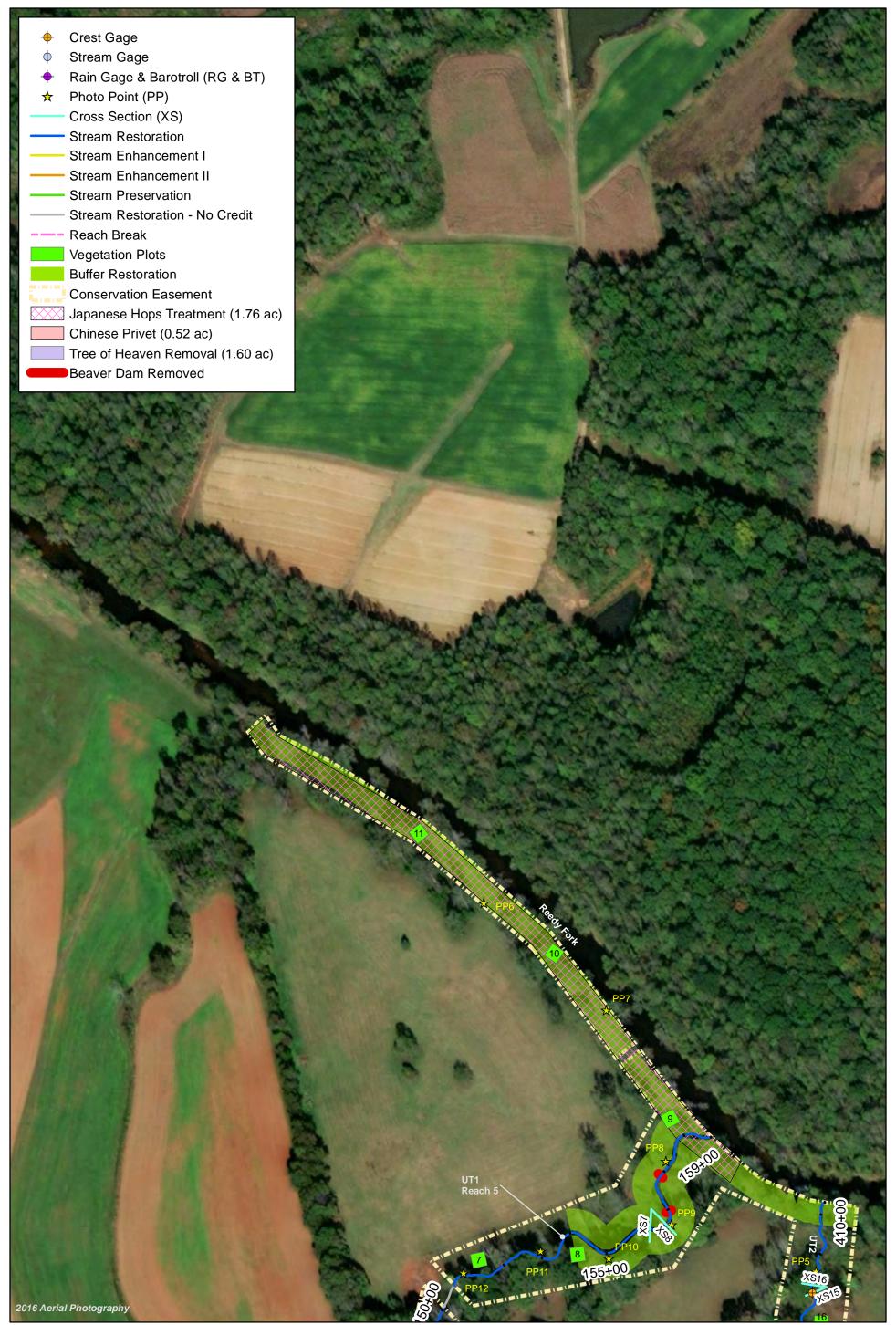




















### Table 5a. Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment Table

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

### UT1

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-Built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended	Number with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Footage with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Adjust % for Stabilizing Woody Vegetation
	1. Vertical Stability	Aggradation			0	0	100%			
	(Riffle and Run units)	Degradation			0	0	100%			
	2. Riffle Condition	Texture/Substrate	42	42			100%			
	3. Meander Pool	Depth Sufficient	39	39			100%			
1. Bed	Condition	Length Appropriate	39	39			100%			
	4. Thalweg Position	Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	39	39			100%			
	4. Inalweg Position	Thalweg centering at downstream of meander bend (Glide)	39	39			100%			
		I				I	ı	T		
	1. Scoured/Eroded	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
2. Bank	2. Undercut	Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does NOT include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	3. Mass Wasting	Bank slumping, caving, or collapse			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
				TOTALS	0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs	16	16			100%			
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill	16	16			100%			
3. Engineered	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms	16	16			100%			
Structures	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does not exceed 15%	16	16			100%			
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining  ~Max Pool Depth: Bankfull Depth≥ 1.6  Rootwads/logs providing some cover at baseflow	16	16			100%			

### Table 5b. Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment Table

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

### UT1A

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-Built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended	Number with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Footage with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Adjust % for Stabilizing Woody Vegetation
	1. Vertical Stability	Aggradation			0	0	100%			
	(Riffle and Run units)	Degradation			0	0	100%			
	2. Riffle Condition	Texture/Substrate	26	26			100%			
	3. Meander Pool Condition	Depth Sufficient	26	26			100%			
1. Bed		Length Appropriate	26	26			100%			
	4. Thalweg Position	Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	26	26			100%			
	4. Inalweg Position	Thalweg centering at downstream of meander bend (Glide)	26	26			100%			
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	1. Scoured/Eroded	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
2. Bank	2. Undercut	Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does NOT include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	3. Mass Wasting	Bank slumping, caving, or collapse			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
				TOTALS	0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs	3	3			100%			
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill	3	3			100%			
3. Engineered	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms	3	3			100%			
Structures	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does not exceed 15%	3	3			100%			
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~Max Pool Depth: Bankfull Depth≥ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at baseflow	3	3			100%			

### Table 5c. Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment Table

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

### UT1B

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-Built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended	Number with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Footage with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Adjust % for Stabilizing Woody Vegetation
	1. Vertical Stability	Aggradation			0	0	100%			
	(Riffle and Run units)	Degradation			0	0	100%			
	2. Riffle Condition	Texture/Substrate	6	6			100%			
	3. Meander Pool	Depth Sufficient	5	5			100%			
1. Bed	Condition	Length Appropriate	5	5			100%			
	4. Thalweg Position	Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	5	5			100%			
	4. Inalweg Position	Thalweg centering at downstream of meander bend (Glide)	5	5			100%			
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	1. Scoured/Eroded	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
2. Bank	2. Undercut	Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does NOT include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	3. Mass Wasting	Bank slumping, caving, or collapse			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
				TOTALS	0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs	1	1			100%			
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill	1	1			100%			
3. Engineered	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms	1	1			100%			
Structures	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does not exceed 15%	1	1			100%			
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~Max Pool Depth: Bankfull Depth≥ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at baseflow	1	1			100%			

### Table 5d. Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment Table

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

### UT2

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-Built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended	Number with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Footage with Stabilizing Woody Vegetation	Adjust % for Stabilizing Woody Vegetation
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability	Aggradation			0	0	100%			
	(Riffle and Run units)	Degradation			0	0	100%			
	2. Riffle Condition	Texture/Substrate	20	20			100%			
	3. Meander Pool Condition	Depth Sufficient	21	21			100%			
		Length Appropriate	21	21			100%			
	4. Thalweg Position	Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	21	21			100%			
		Thalweg centering at downstream of meander bend (Glide)	21	21			100%			
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2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroded	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2. Undercut	Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does NOT include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	3. Mass Wasting	Bank slumping, caving, or collapse			0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
				TOTALS	0	0	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a
3. Engineered Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs	5	5			100%			
	7 Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill	5	5			100%			
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms	5	5			100%			
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does not exceed 15%	5	5			100%			
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~Max Pool Depth: Bankfull Depth≥ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at baseflow	5	5			100%			

### Table 6. Vegetation Condition Assessment Table

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

### **Planted Acreage**

Planted Acreage	18				
Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (Ac)	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material		0	0	0.0%
Low Stem Density Areas  Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, or 5 ster criteria.		0.1	0	0.0	0.0%
Total					0.0%
Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor  Areas with woody stems of a size class that are obviously small given the monitoring year.		0.25 Ac	0	0	0%
Cumulative Total			0	0.0	0%

### **Easement Acreage** 31

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (SF)	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).		2	0.52	0%*
Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).		none	0	0	0%

<sup>\*</sup>The untreated privet area of concern was not planted.

# STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS UT2 Monitoring Year 4







PHOTO POINT 3 – looking downstream (03/28/2018)





PHOTO POINT 4 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

PHOTO POINT 4 – looking downstream (03/28/2018)





PHOTO POINT 5 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

**PHOTO POINT 5** – looking downstream (03/28/2018)

### STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS Reedy Fork (Buffer) Monitoring Year 4



# STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS UT1 Reach 5 Monitoring Year 4





PHOTO POINT 10 – looking upstream (06/18/2018)



PHOTO POINT 10 – looking downstream (06/18/2018)



PHOTO POINT 11 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)



PHOTO POINT 11 – looking downstream (03/28/2018)



PHOTO POINT 12 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)



PHOTO POINT 12 – looking downstream (03/28/2018)



PHOTO POINT 13 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

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PHOTO POINT 14 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

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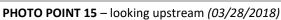




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# STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS UT1 Reach 4 Monitoring Year 4







PHOTO POINT 42 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

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### STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS UT1 Reach 3 Monitoring Year 4







PHOTO POINT 20 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

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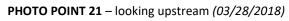




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PHOTO POINT 24 – looking upstream (03/27/2018)

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PHOTO POINT 25 – looking upstream (03/27/2018)

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PHOTO POINT 26 – looking upstream (03/27/2018)

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PHOTO POINT 27 – looking upstream (03/27/2018)

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### STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS UT1 Reach 1 Monitoring Year 4



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## STREAM PHOTOGRAPHS UT1A Reach 1 Monitoring Year 4





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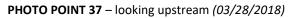




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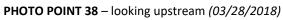




PHOTO POINT 38 – looking downstream (03/28/2018)

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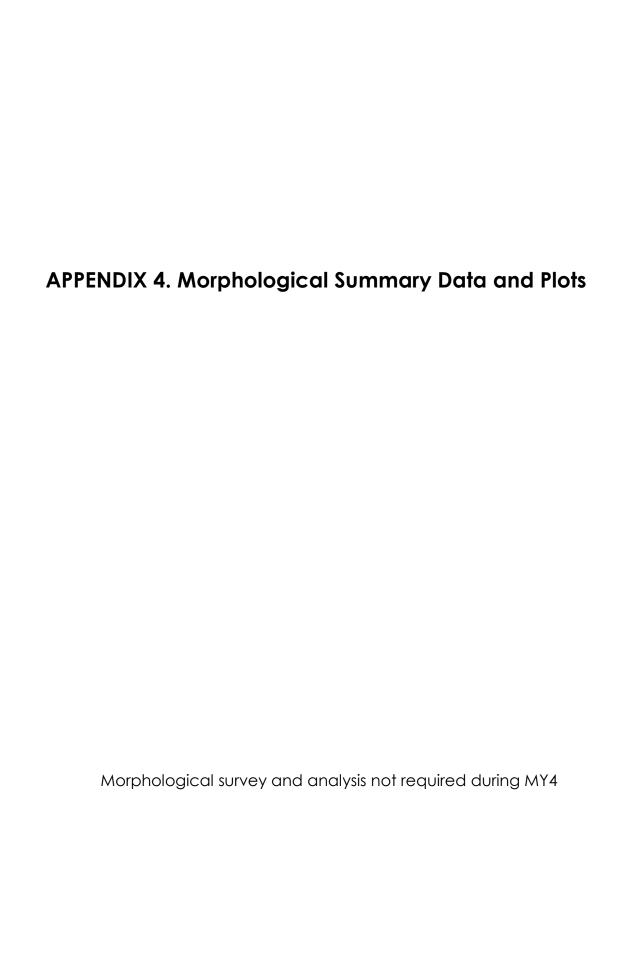




PHOTO POINT 41 – looking upstream (03/28/2018)

PHOTO POINT 41 – looking downstream (03/28/2018)

## **APPENDIX 3. Vegetation Plot Data** Vegetation inventory and analysis not required during MY4



# APPENDIX 5. Hydrology Summary Data and Plots

Table 13. Verification of Bankfull Events

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018

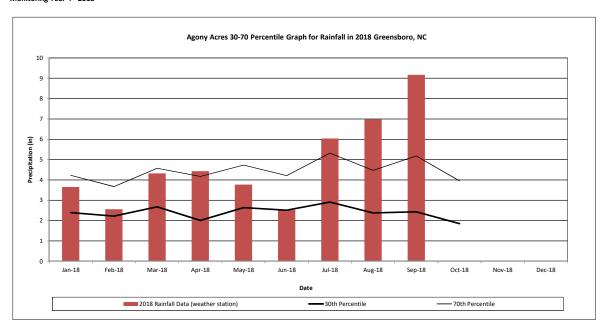
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	10/9/2018	9/17/2018*	
UT1A	2/26/2018	2/4/2018	
	10/9/2018	8/20/2018	
	10/9/2018	9/17/2018*	
UT1B	10/9/2018	8/3/2018	
	10/9/2018	8/20/2018	
	10/9/2018	9/1/2018	
	10/9/2018	9/17/2018*	
UT2	2/26/2018	1/7/2018	
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	10/9/2018	8/3/2018	
	10/9/2018	9/17/2018*	

<sup>\*</sup>event attributed to Hurricane Florence

### **Monthly Rainfall Data**

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

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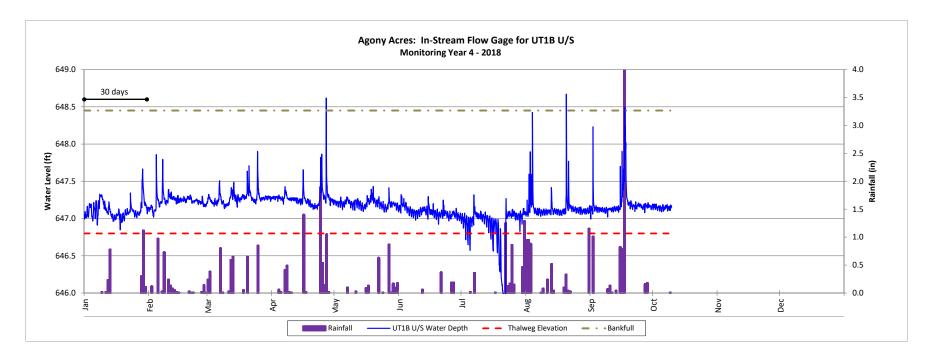
 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  2018 monthly rainfall collected  $\,$  from weather station NC723, at Pedimont Tiad Intl AP, NC (USDA, 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 30th and 70th percentile rainfall data collected from weather station NC723, at Pedimont Tiad Intl AP, NC (USDA, 2002).

In-Stream Flow Gages

Agony Acres Mitigation Site (DMS Project No. 95716)

Monitoring Year 4 - 2018



In-Stream Flow Gages

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