# BROCK STREAM RESTORATION SITE Monitoring Year 5 (2013)

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# SECTION I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/ PROJECT ABSTRACT

Ecological Engineering, LLP (Ecological Engineering) entered into contract with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) in October 2009 to conduct annual monitoring assessments at the Brock Site in Jones County, North Carolina. The following document depicts our findings and recommendations with regard to the Year 5 (2013) monitoring assessment.

The Brock Stream Restoration Project was implemented using methodologies consistent with Coastal Plain headwater stream and buffer restoration. The stream, an unnamed tributary (UT) to Chinquapin Branch, was restored using a modified Priority 3 level of restoration. Specifically, the project involved the excavation of a floodplain along the entire 1,850 linear-foot stream reach. Excavation was limited to the right side of the channel facing downstream due to a cemetery and other constraints occurring along the left stream bank.

#### **Vegetation Monitoring**

Monitoring Year (MY) 5 vegetation monitoring assessments were performed using Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) Level II Assessment Protocols. Four permanent plot locations were established and located during the as-built surveys. Each plot covers 100 square meters and is shaped in the form of a 10-meter by 10-meter square. The number of plots was determined by CVS software and individual locations were randomly selected based on the planned community types.

All planted areas at the Brock Site are associated with either the generation of Stream Mitigation Unit (SMU), Buffer Mitigation Unit (BMU) or Nutrient Offset Nitrogen Reduction Buffer Restoration. Based on the MY 5 findings, all three vegetation plots met the vegetation success criteria for stream mitigation credit and three of four vegetation plots met the success criteria for BMU or Nutrient Offset Buffer Restoration mitigation credit. Planted stem count averages for SMU and BMU calculations across the Site were 768 and 637 stems/acre, respectively. These averages exceeded the required mitigation thresholds.

#### **Stream Restoration Monitoring**

Stream monitoring assessments were conducted using surveys and comparisons of three existing cross sections along the unnamed tributary. No problems were noted. Bankfull dimensions differed only minimally from last year's results; however, no erosion, entrenchment or incision was observed. Based on the data collected and visual observations, the Brock Site is functioning similar to that of a Coastal Plain headwater stream system.

A bankfull event has been measured each of the past five years of monitoring, thus exceeding the minimum success criteria established for hydrology.

# SECTION II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

#### A. Project Objectives

According to EEP (2010), the project specific goals at the Brock Site needed to achieve desired ecological function include:

- Improvement of water quality by limiting bank erosion;
- Enhance 1,850 linear feet of stable stream channel (Stream Enhancement category II);
- Restoration of 6.2 acres of riparian buffer along the project reach (4.23 acres associated with the 50-foot buffer and 1.97 acres associated with the buffer beyond 50 feet);
- Improvement of aquatic and terrestrial habitat within the UT to Big Chinquapin Branch; and,
- The 40-foot wide floodplain bench will dissipate the flow and maintain channel stability during moderate to high discharge events.

The Project Site is located in Jones County and surrounded by areas of intense agricultural land use (Figure 1). As part of project implementation, the riparian buffer was reforested along the restored floodplain. This buffer restoration reconnects existing forested buffers along Big Chinquapin Branch and provides a wooded, although very narrow, corridor for wildlife. The buffer also intercepts overland flow from agricultural fields on the Brock property (EEP, 2006). In addition, EEP (2006) states that buffer reforestation at this site will reduce the input of nutrients from the fields to the waters downstream of the unnamed tributary to Big Chinquapin Branch, designated as nutrient sensitive waters by the NC Division of Water Resources (NCDWR). A project asset map is depicted in Figure 2.

#### B. Project Structure, Restoration Type and Approach

The watershed encompassing the Project Site is located in the eastern portion of the Coastal Plain Physiographic Province. Slopes are generally less than four percent. Elevations on the Brock Site range from approximately 39 to 52 feet above mean sea level. The soil survey for Jones County (Barnhill, 1981) indicates that the area is underlain by Goldsboro loamy sand, Grifton fine sandy loam, Lynchburg fine sandy loam, Muckalee loam, and Norfolk loamy sand (EEP, 2006).

The watershed is a mixture of forested lands, agricultural row crops, two-lane roadways, farm roads, cemeteries, minor culverts, and a few single-family homes. Agricultural drainage features, including ditches and drain tiles, have been constructed and maintained on the Brock and neighboring properties. The Brock Site and adjacent properties are utilized primarily for agricultural purposes (EEP, 2006).

According to EEP (2010), the project reach was designed using a Priority III approach which qualifies for Stream Enhancement Level II mitigation credit. Prior to restoration, the UT to Big Chinquapin Branch was incised and could not easily access its floodplain. Pre-restoration existing shear stress and stream power were compared with the design in order to evaluate aggradation and degradation. The state of the channel before restoration was shown to be capable of handling the system's flow and sediment supply. Buffer reforestation was conducted along the restoration reaches extending beyond 50 feet on either side of the channel to the limits of the conservation easement. The planting plan was based on the hydrology of the site, the surrounding vegetative communities, and available supply of native species. The plan is modeled after mature, unaltered systems as outlined in the *Natural Communities of North Carolina* (Schafale and Weakley,

1990). The newly excavated floodplain was planted with a Coastal Plain Bottomland Hardwood Forest community. Remaining areas outside the floodplain, excluding a small cemetery along the left bank, were planted as a Mesic Mixed Hardwood Forest Coastal Plain Subtype (EEP, 2010).

The US Army Corps of Engineers and NC Division of Water Quality (USACE, 2005) released a draft mitigation guidance document related to stream restoration in the outer Coastal Plain of North Carolina in 2005. This guidance, developed in cooperation with NCDWQ, addresses mitigation credits for headwater streams. Many natural headwater streams and wetlands in the Coastal Plain were historically channelized for agricultural purposes. A number of these channels, including the UT associated with the Brock Site, are eroding and lack functionality and habitat. While many of these areas would benefit from restoration, traditional natural channel design with pattern and profile has been determined to be inappropriate for all coastal headwater streams. The driving factor behind this guidance is that it is difficult to discern the original condition of these first order channels: whether they were historically intermittent streams or headwater wetlands. Emphasis is now being placed on restoring habitat and floodplain functionality to these types of channels. The Brock Site is one of the pioneer EEP projects utilizing these updated guidelines. As a result, traditional yearly monitoring activities have been revised to better address this type of restoration.

The health of a watershed is dependent on the quality of the headwater system(s), individual tributaries, and major channels. High quality tributaries with vegetated buffers filter contaminants, maintain moderate water temperatures, provide high quality aquatic and terrestrial habitat and regulate flows downstream. Big Chinquapin Branch is a major tributary to the Trent River, and both water bodies are nutrient sensitive (NCDWQ, 1998). In addition, Big Chinquapin Branch is managed by a Drainage District. Agricultural land use practices have narrowed or removed many natural, vegetated buffers along streams within the Trent River watershed as well as draining and converting non-riverine wet hardwood forests to cropland (EEP, 2006).

According to EEP (2006), this restoration will enhance functional elements of the unnamed tributary. The Brock Restoration Plan outlines the restoration of the UT to Chinquapin Branch and the reforestation of the associated riparian buffer. This involves the creation of a stable channel, riverine floodplain, and associated riparian buffer. Priority 3 stream restoration was implemented on the unnamed tributary. This involved reconnecting the stream channel to its floodplain, allowing for periodic overbank flooding. To reduce construction costs and avoid disturbing the cemetery, a bankfull bench was excavated along east side of the existing channel. Water quality functions will be improved due to the creation of more storage for floodwaters and increased filtering of pollutants. Wetlands are expected to form within portions of the newly created bankfull bench, especially in the downstream section of the project where backwater from Chinquapin Branch will affect the stream. Barring water quality issues outside of the Brock Site, the restoration should improve aquatic species diversity and abundance in the stream channel. The restoration of riparian buffers with hardwood species will also improve wildlife habitat on the property. These measures will improve the physical, chemical, and biological components of the unnamed tributary and the Brock property, as well as Big Chinquapin Branch and other downstream waters (EEP, 2006).

#### С. **Location and Setting**

The Project Site is situated in Jones County, approximately 12 miles southeast of Kinston and eight miles west-northwest of Trenton (Figure 1) along an unnamed tributary to Big Chinquapin Branch. Its watershed is part of the Coastal Plain physiographic province, covering approximately 315 acres.

The following directions are provided for accessing the Brock Project Site:

- From US 70 in Kinston, Proceed east on NC 58 approximately 12 miles. •
- Turn left onto the gravel farm road approximately one-third mile after passing the intersection • with the second loop of Pine Street on the left.
- Proceed approximately 800 feet along the gravel farm road. •
- Project Site is located to the immediate east (right side) of road. ٠

#### D. **History and Background**

The Project Site is undergoing its fifth year of post-construction monitoring. The following exhibit tables depict the components for restoration, project activity and reporting, contact information for all individuals responsible for implementation and project background information.

Exhibit Table I. Project Restoration Components Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)										
Project Segment or Reach ID	Existing Feet	Type	Approach	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Units	Stationing		Comment		
Reach 1 – UT to Big Chinquapin Branch	1,850	EII	P3	1.5:1	1,233	0+00 - 28+	50.16			
Nutrient Offset Nitrogen Reduction Credit (>50' from Top of Bank)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	149.27 Ibs/year	n/a		Calculated by 77.57N lbs/ac/yr x 1.97 acres		
Neuse Buffer (<50' from Top of Bank)	n/a	R	n/a	1:1	4.23	n/a				
Nutrient Offset Buffer (>50' from Top of Bank)	n/a	R	n/a	1:1	1.97	n/a				
Mitigation Unit Sumr	nations									
Stream (It)	parian and (ac)		iparian nd (ac)	Total Wetland (ac)	Βι	Buffer (ac)		nt Offset Nitrogen Reductior Credit		
1,233						6.20*		49.27 lbs/yr for 30 years		

Nutrient Offset calculations are per NCDWR recommendation.

Exhibit Table II. Project Activity and Reporting History Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)								
Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Actual Completion or Delivery						
Restoration Plan	May 2006	May 2006						
Final Design (90%)	n/a	April 2008						
Construction	n/a	June 2009						
Temporary S&E Mix Applied	n/a	June 2009						
Permanent Seed Mix Applied	n/a	June 2009						
Bare Root Seedling Installation	n/a	Unknown						
Mitigation Plan/ As-Built (Year 0 Monitoring- baseline)	n/a	August 2010						
Year 1 Monitoring	December 2009	January 2011						
Planting required to meet original construction specification	n/a	February 2010						
Year 2 Monitoring	July 2010	January 2011						
Year 3 Monitoring	August 2011	September 2011						
Year 4 Monitoring	August 2012	December 2012						
Year 5 Monitoring	November 2013	December 2013						

Exhibit Table III. Project Contact Table Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)						
Designer	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. 801 Jones Franklin Road Suite 300 Raleigh, NC 27606					
Primary Project Design POC	Nathan Jean (919) 865-7387					
Construction Contractor     Shamrock Environmental Corporation 6106 Corporate Park Drive Browns Summit, NC 27214						
Construction Contractor POC Planting Contractor	Unknown Natives Supplemental (2013) - HARP					
Planting Contractor POC	550 E. Westinghouse Blvd.         301 McCullough Drive, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor           Charlotte, NC 28273         Charlotte, NC 28262           (704) 527-1177         (704) 841-2841					
Seeding Contractor	Seal Brothers Contracting P.O Box 86 Dobson, NC 27017					
Planting Contractor POC	Mari Seal (336) 786-2263					
Seed Mix Source	Unknown					
Nursery Stock Suppliers	Natives 550 E. Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28273 (704) 527-1177					
Monitoring Performer	Ecological Engineering, LLP 1151 SE Cary Parkway, Suite 101 Cary, NC 27518					
Stream Monitoring POC	Lane Sauls (919) 557-0929					
Vegetation Monitoring POC	Lane Sauls (919) 557-0929					

Exhibit Table IV. Project Background Table Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)					
Project County	Jones County				
Drainage Area	315 acres (0.5 sq. miles) – Unnamed Tributary				
Impervious Cover Estimate	Less than 5%				
Stream Order	1 – Unnamed Tributary				
Physiographic Region	Coastal Plain				
Ecoregion (Griffith and Omernik)	Carolina Flatwoods				
Rosgen Classification of As-built	E5				
Cowardin Classification	n/a				
Dominant Soil Types	Goldsboro loamy sand, Grifton fine sandy loam, Lynchburg				
	fine sandy loam, Muckalee loam and Norfolk loamy sand				
Reference Site ID	Unknown/ Not Applicable				
USGS HUC for Project and Reference	03020204010060				
NCDWQ Sub-basin for Project and Reference	03-04-11				
Any Portion of any project segment 303d listed?	No				
Any portion of any project segment upstream of a 303d listed segment.	No				
Reason for 303d listing or stressor	Not Applicable				
Percent of project easement fenced	0%				

Source: EEP, 2010

### E. Monitoring Plan View

The Monitoring Plan View drawings associated with the project are provided as part of Figure 3.

# SECTION III. PROJECT CONDITION AND MONITORING RESULTS

As previously mentioned, monitoring activities at the Brock Site are tailored to assessing Coastal Plain headwater stream systems and their corresponding buffers. Ecological Engineering conducted vegetation assessments and stream assessments as part of yearly monitoring requirements.

### A. Vegetation Assessment

Four 100 meter<sup>2</sup> vegetation plots were monitored using Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) protocol Level II assessments. The remaining portions of the Project Site were visually assessed.

### 1. <u>Stem Counts</u>

Stem counts were conducted within four strategically placed 10 meter by 10 meter plots. The plots were located based on a representative sample of the entire area of disturbance. They are scattered throughout the Project Site in order to cover the majority of the habitat variations. Vegetation Plots #1, #2 and #4 are related to stream and buffer mitigation credit and occur within the 50-foot buffer of the channel. Vegetation Plot #3 is outside of the 50-foot zone and falls under either buffer mitigation credit or Nutrient Offset Nitrogen Reduction credit. The success criteria for stream mitigation credit (Vegetation Plots #1, #2 and #4) is a minimum of 260 stems per acre after five years. The success criteria for buffer mitigation and Nutrient Offset Nitrogen Reduction credits however, is a minimum of 320 planted, hardwood, native stems per acre after five years.

Planted stem count viability decreased from 2012 to 2013. Based on our data, the approximate mean for planted stems per acre in 2013 was 404 versus 465 in 2012 and 505 in 2011. Reasons for mortality were not obvious. The chart below provides a summary of the MY 5 counts.

Vegetation Plot No.	Total Stem Count/ Acre (SMU Credit)	Planted Stem Count/ Acre	Planted, Hardwood Stem Count/ Acre (BMU or Nutrient Offset N Credit)
1	1,295	688	688
2	364	364	364
3	n/a	242	242
4	647	323	323

Vegetation Plots #1, #2 and #4 met the success criteria required for buffer mitigation or Nutrient Offset Nitrogen credit, as well as the success criteria for stream mitigation credit. Vegetation Plot #3 failed to meet the criteria for buffer mitigation or Nutrient Offset Nitrogen credit. A complete breakdown of this information is provided in Appendix A along with photographs of each vegetation plot taken during the assessment.

### 2. <u>Vegetative Problem Areas</u>

Vegetative problem areas are defined as those areas either lacking vegetation or containing exotic vegetation and are generally categorized within the following categories: Bare Bank, Bare Bench, Bare Floodplain or Invasive Population. Based on the monitoring site assessment, vegetation problem areas currently exist within the Project Site from a stem count basis. Visual assessments however, did not reveal any previous areas void of vegetation. The majority of the bare floodplain areas that were observed during 2009 filled in with vegetation prior to the MY 2 assessment and have remained consistent through MY 3, MY 4 and MY 5. During the early summers of 2012 and 2013, both vegetation and boundary signage was partially destroyed along the eastern portion of the easement adjacent to the agricultural field. This destruction was caused by the mowing of an approximately 15-foot corridor immediately inside the easement area adjacent to the reach. Many of the trees throughout this area were severely impacted. Easement encroachment was also noted along the western side of the Project Site. Recent visits to the Project Site have not revealed any additional mowing or maintenance activities. Vegetation problem areas are summarized in Appendix A - Table 7 and are depicted on Figure 4.

As mentioned in previous reports, a supplemental planting was conducted during February 2010 as part of the contractor's vegetation warranty. A second supplemental planting occurred on March 18, 2013 to augment trees in areas exhibiting low planted stem densities. Little to no increase in planted stem counts was discovered however, during MY 5 vegetation assessments. Vegetation Plot #2 was the only plot exhibiting an increase in planted stems. As per the MY 5 assessment, Vegetation Plot #3 remains below the required mitigation threshold.

Invasive plant species were observed along the western side of the Project Site in the vicinity of the historical cemetery, as well as near the downstream end within the riparian corridor associated with Big Chinquapin Branch. Chinaberry tree (*Melia azedarach*), Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) and multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) were observed within the cemetery while mainly Chinese privet was noted near the downstream end of the Project Site. A contract is currently in place with HARP for four consecutive invasive treatments within these areas.

#### B. Stream Assessment

#### 1. <u>Procedural Items</u>

Under normal circumstances, stream monitoring includes collection of morphometric criteria, specifically dimension and profile measurements. The recommended procedures follow protocol depicted within the USACE Draft Stream Mitigation Guidelines (2003) document. The Brock Site however, offers a method of mitigation that is not consistent with these guidelines. Therefore, monitoring protocols have been updated to better address the monitoring issues at the Project Site.

### Morphometric Criteria

Three cross sections were established along the unnamed tributary. These cross sections are situated at Stations 11+00, 15+00 and 23+00. Appendix B depicts the data, which provides a year-by-year comparison. Exhibit Table V provides baseline data of cross section values with regard to bankfull and dimensions. According to the data collected, the average bankfull area along the stream reach is approximately 5.4 square feet; a decrease in approximately 0.5 square feet from the previous year. This can be attributed to several possible situations: (1) vegetation within the channel; (2) variable flow rates; and, (3) survey differences. Since this is a first order channel, the dimension is expected to vary based on flow rates. The data below denotes a qualitative comparison of the channel characteristics. Based on visual observations, this channel appears stable. No erosion is present. The numbers reveal differences in several of the attributes; however, this data is only a snapshot and does not account for the ever-changing conditions of this type of channel.

Exhibit Table V. Cross Section Comparison Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)															
Attribute			s Sectio tion 11+			Cross Section #2 Station 15+00				Cross Section #3 Station 23+00					
Monitoring Year	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Bankfull area (sq. feet)	7.2	4.6	5.7	6.4	6.2	6.9	6.4	7.7	7.5	6.7	7.2	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.3
Bankfull width (feet)	8.7	7.8	7.8	8.2	7.7	8.3	8.0	8.8	9.6	7.5	29.0	9.3	7.9	7.9	7.9
Bankfull mean depth (feet)	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Bankfull max depth (feet)	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Width-depth ratio	10.5	13.2	10.8	10.5	9.5	9.9	10.0	10.0	12.3	8.4	82.3	18.6	17.0	16.7	19.3
Flood prone area width (feet)	52.4	44.3	48.0	49.9	48.3	49.9	49.2	49.8	50.0	49.5	51.0	52.1	50.6	49.7	49.3
Entrenchment ratio	6.0	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.6	5.2	6.6	1.8	5.6	6.4	6.3	6.2
Low bank height ratio	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

#### Hydrologic Criteria

Bankfull events during the monitoring period are being documented via a crest gage located in the vicinity of Station No. 18+65. In order to meet hydrologic success criteria, a minimum of two events must occur during the five-year monitoring period. In addition, the events must occur in separate monitoring years. The gage is being visited approximately three times per year. Based on our findings, at least one bankfull event has occurred in 2013. Approximately 4.13 inches of rain were associated with a storm event in July 2013, 3.52 inches of rain between August 2 and 4, 2013 and an additional 3.84 inches of rain between August 11 and 18, 2013. This information is depicted in Exhibit Table VI below. In addition, actual precipitation data from a nearby weather station is provided in Appendix C. Based on these results and the data captured during the previous years' monitoring, at least two bankfull events have been recorded during separate years at the Project Site. Therefore, the hydrologic criteria associated with stream restoration have been satisfied for the project.

Exhibit Table VI. Verification of Bankfull Events Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)									
Date of Data Collection	Date(s) of Occurrence	Method	Calculated Bankfull Elevation	Measured High Water Elevation	Photo # (if available)				
10/24/2009	Unknown	Crest gage	14 inches	35 inches	Not available				
11/13/2010	7/4/10, 9/27/10 thru 10/1/10	Crest gage	14 inches	40 inches	Not available				
7/7/2011	4/27/11 thru 4/29/11 (assumed)	Crest gage	14 inches	15 inches	Not available				
8/16/2012	7/21/12 thru 7/25/12 (assumed)	Crest gage	14 inches	30 inches	Not available				
11/22/2013	7/9/13 thru 7/14/13 8/2/13 through 8/4/13 8/11/13 through 8/18/13 (assumed)	Crest gage	14 inches	18 inches	Not available				

#### 2. <u>Stream Problem Areas</u>

No significant changes to the dimension were observed during MY 5 monitoring activities. A visual assessment of the channel was conducted throughout its length and no problem areas were noted. Although elevation changes were observed based on the data collected, the visual assessments did not locate any obvious areas of instability and/or erosion.

A visual inspection was completed during the monitoring assessment to locate and/or identify areas of inadequate performance. This inspection generally includes an assessment and mental judgment of physical conditions, including structural features. Bank condition was the only feature assessed at the Brock Site. Results of the assessment are depicted below in Exhibit Table VII.

Exhibit Table VII. Categorical Stream Feature Visual Stability Assessment Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333) Segment/Reach: Entire (1,850 linear feet)									
Feature	Initial	MY-01	MY-02	MY-03	MY-04	MY-05			
Bank Condition	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			

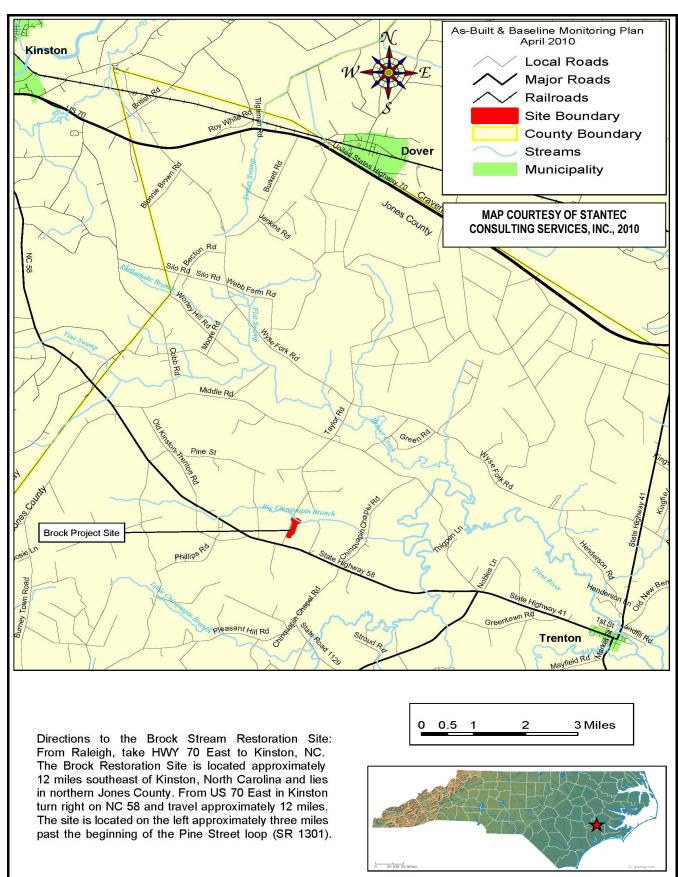
#### 3. <u>Fixed Station Photographs</u>

Photographic documentation was taken at 16 permanent photo stations, established during the as-built survey. The documentation ranges between views of the channel and buffer, to vegetation plots and cross sections. Appendix D provides an ongoing comparison of yearly photographs for each station.

# **SECTION IV. Methodology Section**

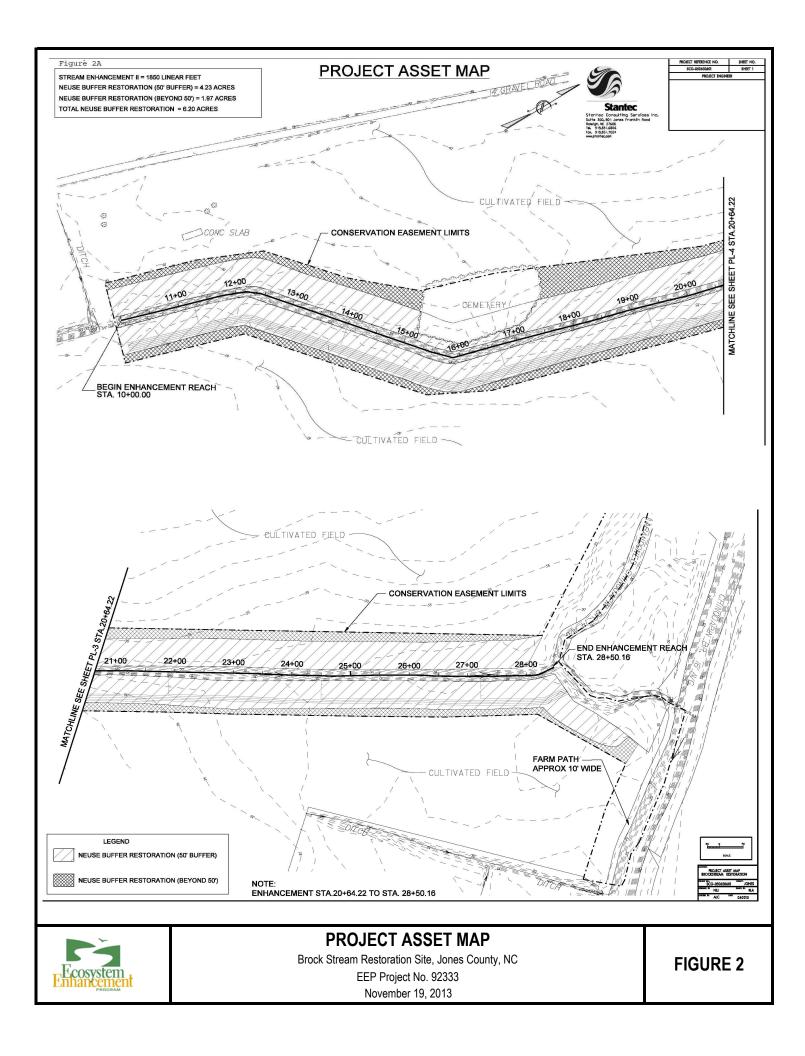
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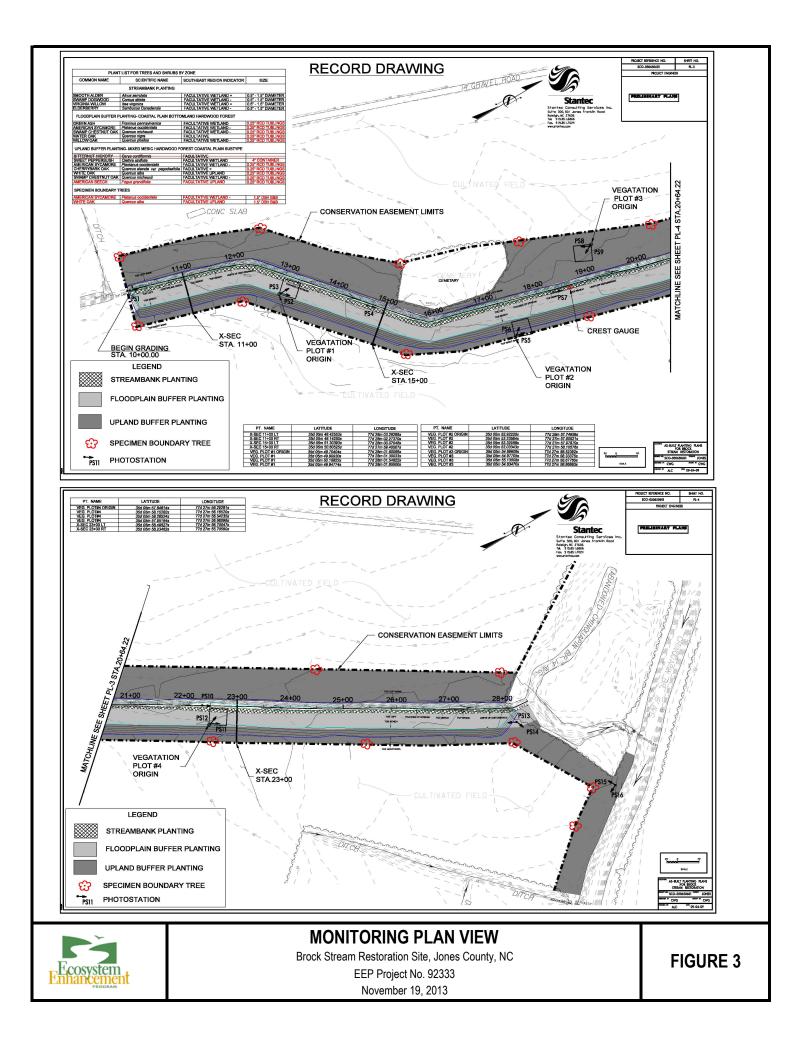
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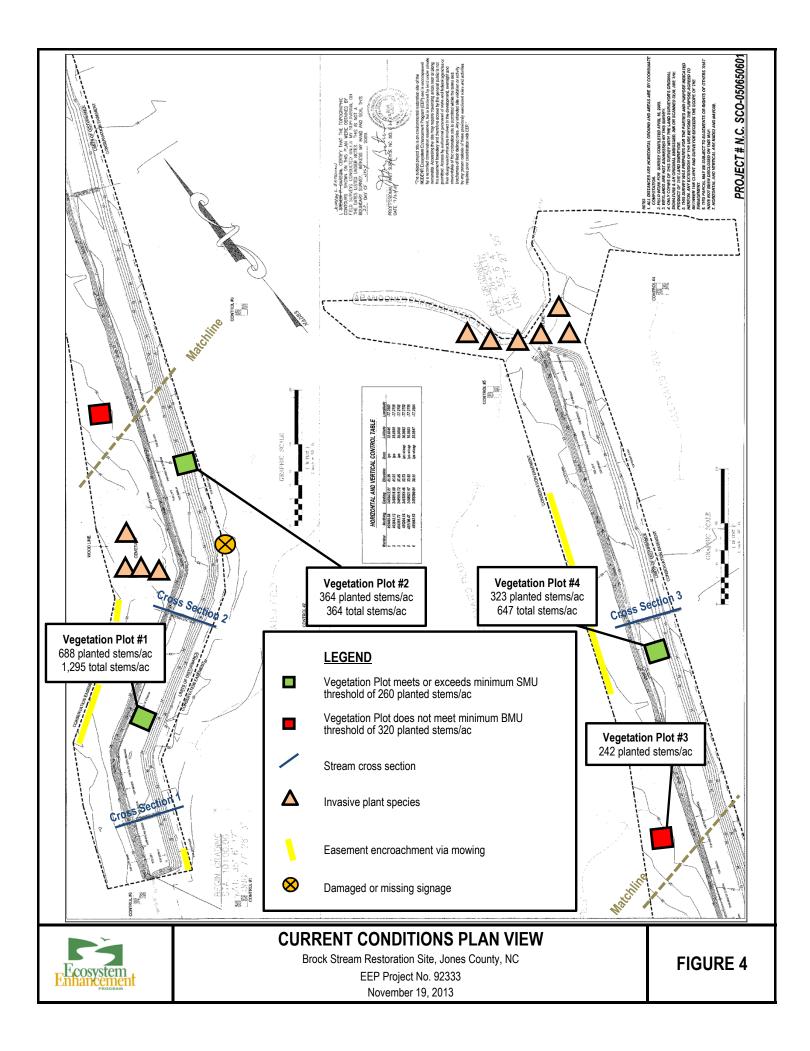


t VICINITY MAP Brock Stream Restoration Site, Jones County, NC EEP Project No. 92333 November 19, 2013

**FIGURE 1** 







# **APPENDIX A**

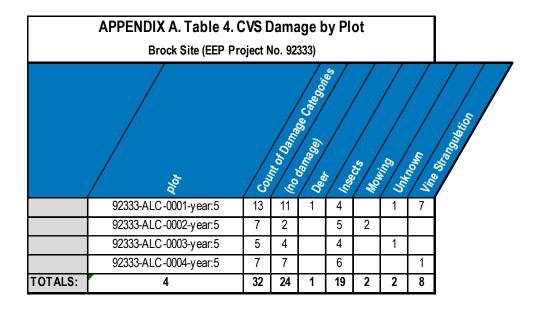
#### Vegetation Raw Data and Monitoring Plot Photographs

Appendix A provides a series of tables (Table 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) automatically generated by the Data Entry Tool designed in conjunction with the CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation Version 4.0 (Lee et. al., 2006). Tables 7 and 8 are based on visual observation during the monitoring assessment and comparison with minimum success criteria numbers, respectively. Table 9 provides year-end stem counts.

	APPENDIX A. Table 1. CVS Vegetation Metadata						
	Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)						
Report Prepared By	Lane Sauls						
Date Prepared	8/15/2013 13:28						
database name	cvs-eep-entrytool-v2.3.1.mdb						
database location	P:\50000 State\EEP 50512\50512-004 EEP Brock Site\Brock 2013 Year 5 Monitoring\CVS Information						
computer name	LANE						
file size	37494784						
DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHEET	S IN THIS DOCUMENT						
Metadata	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of project(s) and project data.						
Proj, planted	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.						
Proj, total stems	Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year. This includes live stakes, all planted						
•	stems, and all natural/volunteer stems.						
Plots	List of plots surveyed with location and summary data (live stems, dead stems, missing, etc.).						
Vigor	Frequency distribution of vigor classes for stems for all plots.						
Vigor by Spp	Frequency distribution of vigor classes listed by species.						
Damage	List of most frequent damage classes with number of occurrences and percent of total stems impacted by each.						
Damage by Spp	Damage values tallied by type for each species.						
Damage by Plot	Damage values tallied by type for each plot.						
Planted Stems by Plot and Spp	A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for each plot, dead and missing stems are						
	ex cluded.						
ALL Stems by Plot and spp	A matrix of the count of total living stems of each species (planted and natural volunteers combined) for each plot, dead and missing stems are excluded.						
PROJECT SUMMARY							
Project Code	92333						
project Name	Brock Stream Restoration						
Description	EEP Brock Stream Restoration, Jones County, NC						
River Basin	Neuse						
Sampled Plots	4						

	APPENDIX	A. Table 2. CVS Vigor	by :	Spe	cie	S					
	Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)										
	Species Common Name 4 3 2 1 0 Missing U										
	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash		10	6						
	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak		2		1		2			
	Quercus nigra	water oak						2			
	Quercus pagoda	cherry bark oak			2			3			
	Quercus phellos	willow oak			4			8			
	Salix nigra	black willow			2						
	Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree		2							
	Platanus occidentalis	American sy camore		2	10						
TOTALS:	8	8		16	24	1		15			

	APPENDIX A.	Table 3. CVS Damage b	y Spe	cies	;					
	Broo	k Site (EEP Project No. 92333	)							
	Soeries	Component and	<u>co</u> ,	Ino of Dama	Dear all all all all all all all all all a	1/180	Monds	Unit of the second s	Vinoun	e Straulation
	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	12	4	1	3	1	1	6	ſ
	Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	1	1		1				
	Platanus occidentalis	American sy camore	11	1		9			2	
	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	1	4				1		
	Quercus nigra	water oak	0	2						
	Quercus pagoda	cherry bark oak	2	3		2				
	Quercus phellos	willow oak	3	9		2	1			
	Salix nigra	black willow	2			2				
TOTALS:	8	8	32	24	1	19	2	2	8	



		APPENDIX A.	Table 5.	CVS Planted Stems b	y Plot	:						
		Bro	ck Site (El	EP Project No. 92333)								
	Comme	Socies	Solter	.r.o Connonteme	7015.	# DL anted o.	avon soms	DIOL Sterrs	DIA: 233.410	D/0. 233.41 C.007. Vear.	DIO1 233.41 2. 2991.	233.4 Colors and
		Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Tree	green ash	16	2	8	14	2			
		Liriodendron tulipifera	Tree	tuliptree	2	1	2			2		
		Platanus occidentalis	Tree	American sycamore	12	4	3	3	4	1	4	
		Quercus michauxii	Tree	swamp chestnut oak	3	2	1.5			1	2	
		Quercus pagoda	Tree	cherry bark oak	2	1	2			2		
		Quercus phellos	Tree	willow oak	4	2	2		3		1	
		Salix nigra	Tree	black willow	2	1	2				2	
TOTALS:	0	7	7	7	41	7		17	9	6	9	

		APPENDIX A. T	able 6. CVS All Stems I	oy Plo	ot						
		Brock S	ite (EEP Project No. 92333)								
	Comment	Species	Commontano	Tots.	# 01.5tems	sion 8	92722 Berns	222 AL COM.	922.2 M. C. OD.	9232 COM	3.41 C.0004. Jear.5
	1	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	16	2	8	14	2	Í		
		Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	2	1	2			2		
		Morella cerifera	wax myrtle	2	1	2				2	
		Platanus occidentalis	American sy camore	12	4	3	3	4	1	4	
		Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	3	2	1.5			1	2	
		Quercus pagoda	cherry bark oak	2	1	2			2		
		Quercus phellos	willow oak	4	2	2		3		1	
		Salix nigra	black willow	20	2	10	13			7	
		Ulmus americana	American elm	2	1	2	2				
TOTALS:	0	9	9	63	9		32	9	6	16	

APPE	APPENDIX A. Table 7. Vegetative Problem Areas Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)												
Feature/Issue	Station #/ Range	Probable Cause	Photo #										
Bare Bank	n/a	n/a	n/a										
Bare Bench	n/a	n/a	n/a										
Bare Floodplain	n/a	n/a	n/a										
Bare Buffer	n/a	n/a	n/a										
Invasive/Exotic Populations	Existing cemetery area and downstream end of Project Site	Wind and/or animal dispersion	n/a										

	APPENDIX A - Ta	able 8. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainme	nt										
	Brock Site (EEP Project No. 92333)												
	Stream Criteria												
Tract	Vegetation Plot ID	Vegetation Survival Threshold Met?	Tract Mean										
UT	VP 1	Yes											
UT	VP 2	Yes	75%										
UT	VP 4	Yes											
		Buffer Criteria											
Tract	Vegetation Plot ID	Vegetation Survival Threshold Met?	Tract Mean										
UT	VP 1	Yes											
UT	VP 2	Yes	100%										
UT	VP 3	No	100 /0										
UT	VP 4	Yes											

### APPENDIX A. Table 9. CVS Plot Summary Data

EEP Project Code 92333. Project Name: Brock Stream Restoration

							Curr	ent Plot I	Data (MY 5	2013)													Annua	I Means								
			923	333-ALC-	0001	923	333-ALC-	0002	923	33-ALC-0	003	923	333-ALC-0	0004		MY5 (201	3)	[	MY4 (201)	2)		MY3 (2011	1)		MY2 (201	0)		MY1 (2009	9)		MY0 (2009	9)
Scientific Name	Common Name	Species Type	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т
Acer negundo	box elder	Tree																		1			1			1						
Baccharis halimifolia	eastern baccharis	Shrub																								1						
Clethra alnifolia	coastal sweetpepperbush	Shrub																												2	2	2
Comus foemina	stiff dogwood	Shrub Tree																													4	4
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	14	14	14	2	2	2	1						16	16	16	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	Tree							2	2	2				2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Morella cerifera	wax myrtle	shrub												2			2															
Platanus occidentalis	American sy camore	Tree	3	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	4	4	4	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	9	9	14	14	14
Quercus	oak	Tree																									1	1	1	1	1	1
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree							1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7
Quercus nigra	water oak	Tree																1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Quercus pagoda	cherry bark oak	Tree							2	2	2				2	2	2	3	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree				3	3	3				1	1	1	4	4	4	9	10	10	8	9	9	6	7	7	6	7	7	9	10	10
Salix nigra	black willow	Tree			13							1	2	7	1	2	20	1	2	48	1	2	26	1	2	20			4			
Ulmus	elm	Tree																					1									
Ulmus americana	American elm	Tree			2												2															
Unknown		Shrub or Tree																													3	3
		Stem count	: 17	17	32	9	9	9	6	6	6	8	9	16	40	41	63	46	48	95	50	52	78	48	50	70	45	46	50	55	63	63
		size (ares)		1			1			1			1			4			4			4			4			4		1	4	
		size (ACRES)		0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02			0.10			0.10			0.10			0.10			0.10			0.10	
		Species count	2	2	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	7	7	9	8	8	9	8	8	10	8	8	10	8	8	9	9	11	11
		Stems per ACRE	687.966	687.966	6 1294.99	364.217	364.217	364.217	242.811	242.811	242.811	323.749	364.217	647.497	404.686	414.803	637.38	465.388	485.623	961.128	505.857	526.091	789.137	485.623	505.857	708.2	455.271	465.388	505.857	556.443	637.38	637.38

Color for Density

Exceeds requirements by 10%

Exceeds requirements, but by less than 10%

Fails to meet requirements, by less than 10%

Fails to meet requirements by more than 10%

### **Monitoring Plot Photographs**

Vegetation Plot #1



Photostation 2. Facing northeast across Vegetation Plot #1. Taken August 2013.

Photostation 3. Facing north across Vegetation Plot #1. Taken August 2013.

Vegetation Plot #2



Photostation 5. Facing north across Vegetation Plot #2. Taken August 2013. Photostation 6. Facing northwest across Vegetation Plot #2. Taken August 2013.

#### Vegetation Plot #3



Photostation 8. Facing southwest across Vegetation Plot #3. Taken August 2013.



#### Vegetation Plot #4



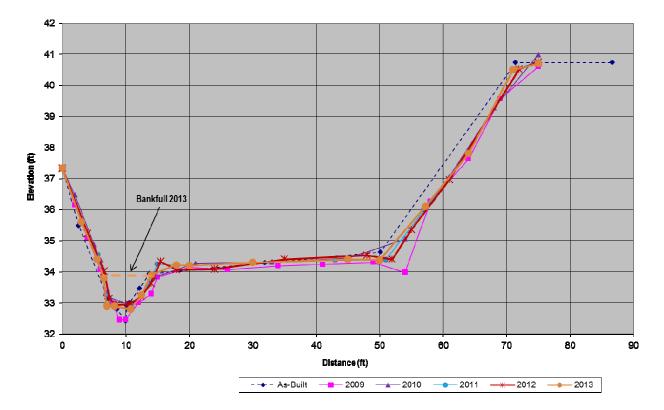
Photostation 11. Facing northeast across Vegetation Plot #4. Taken August 2013.

Photostation 12. Facing north across Vegetation Plot #4. Taken August 2013.

# **APPENDIX B**

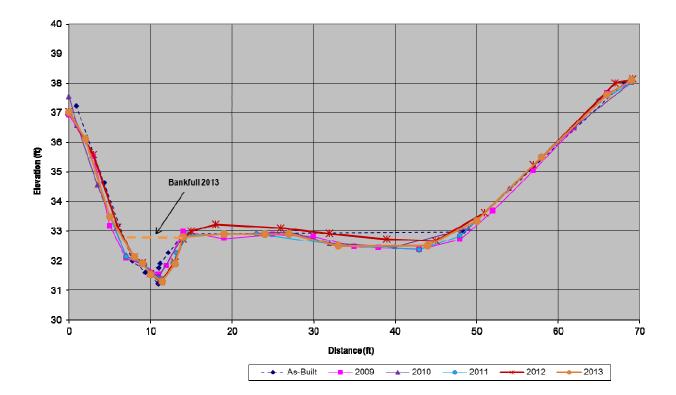
**Geomorphic Raw Data** 

#### XSC #1 - Brock Site Sta. 11+00



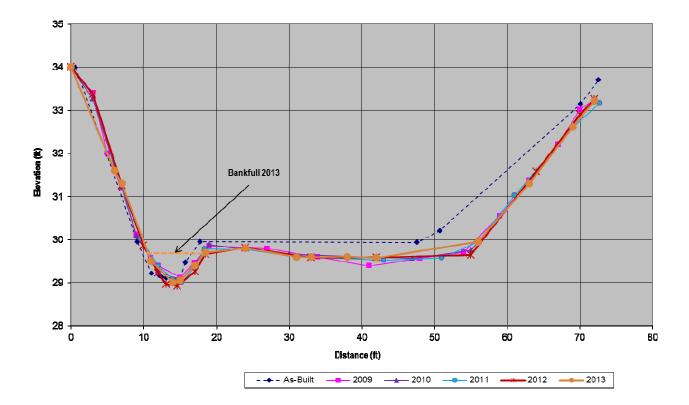
				BRO	CK SITE CRO		NO. 1				
As-	built	Ye	ar 1	Ye	ar 2		ar 3	Ye	ar 4	Ye	ar 5
Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation
0	37.33	0	37.33	0	37.33	0	37.33	0	37.33	0	37.34
2.58	35.48	2	36.15	2	36.47	3	35.62	4	35.23	3	35.6
6.9	33.25	4	35.1	5	34.87	5.6	34.55	6.6	34.01	5.5	34.4
7.09	33.13	6	34.07	6	34.38	6.4	33.82	7.4	33.14	6.5	33.8
8.55	32.78	7	33.31	7.5	33.17	7	33.25	8.5	32.93	7	32.9
10	32.43	8	32.99	11	32.91	8.3	32.86	10.5	32.96	8.2	32.9
10.14	32.92	9	32.45	14.5	33.83	10.7	32.82	12.4	33.2	10.8	32.8
10.57	33	10	32.47	21	34.26	12.6	33.24	14	33.63	12.5	33.25
12.16	33.47	12	33	33	34.31	14.2	33.85	15.5	34.33	14	33.9
13.75	33.94	14	33.29	45	34.44	15	34.24	18	34.07	18	34.22
31.93	34.28	15	33.83	54	35.05	20	34.21	24	34.08	20	34.2
50.11	34.63	20	34.14	61	37.06	30	34.29	35	34.4	30	34.3
71.44	40.73	26	34.07	68	39.26	43	34.37	48	34.53	45	34.4
86.69	40.73	34	34.18	75	40.98	51	34.39	52	34.4	50	34.38
		41	34.23			57	36	55	35.35	57.2	36.1
		49	34.3			64	37.82	61	36.96	64	37.8
		54	33.98			71	40.51	72	40.52	71	40.5
		58	36.26			74.7	40.72	75	40.74	75	40.7
		64	37.63								
		69	39.56								
		75	40.6								
HI		HI	45.73	HI	45.24	HI	45.29	HI	45.61	HI	45.3

#### XSC #2 - Brock Site Sta. 15+00



				BRO	CK SITE CRO STATION	SS SECTION NO. 15+00	NO. 2				
As	built	Ye	ar 1	Ye	ar 2	Ye	ear 3	Ye	ear 4	Ye	ear 5
Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elev ation	Station	Elev ation
0.9	37.23	0	36.93	0	37.55	0	37.03	0	37.03	0	37.01
4.31	34.62	3	35.51	1	36.56	2	36.09	3	35.58	2	36.11
7.79	31.99	5	33.17	3.5	34.55	5	33.48	6	33.12	5	33.48
9.39	31.6	7	32.08	7	32.17	7	32.13	8	32.11	8	32.12
10.96	31.22	9	31.88	9	31.88	9.3	31.87	9	31.93	9	31.91
11	31.22	11	31.53	11	31.44	10.2	31.54	10	31.55	10	31.54
11.01	31.22	12	31.83	14	32.83	11.5	31.38	11.3	31.29	11.4	31.3
11.06	31.74	14	32.99	27	32.96	12.8	31.91	13	31.95	13	31.88
11.19	31.9	19	32.74	32	32.58	13.2	32.26	14	32.71	14	32.8
12.2	32.26	25	32.88	40	32.47	14.7	32.88	15	32.99	19	32.9
14.04	32.9	30	32.82	49	33.08	23	32.9	18	33.22	24	32.89
48.44	32.97	35	32.48	54	34.44	33	32.53	26	33.1	27	32.9
68.13	38.01	38	32.44	62	36.52	43	32.37	32	32.91	33	32.5
		43	32.39	69	38.02	48	32.83	39	32.72	44	32.51
		48	32.71			58	35.53	45	32.67	50	33.34
		52	33.68			65	37.39	51	33.61	58	35.5
		57	35.05			69	38.01	57	35.22	66	37.6
		62	36.49					67	38	69	38.1
		66	37.66					69.2	38.13		
		69	38.01								
HI		HI	43.12	HI	42.37	HI	43.13	HI	43.23	HI	43.21

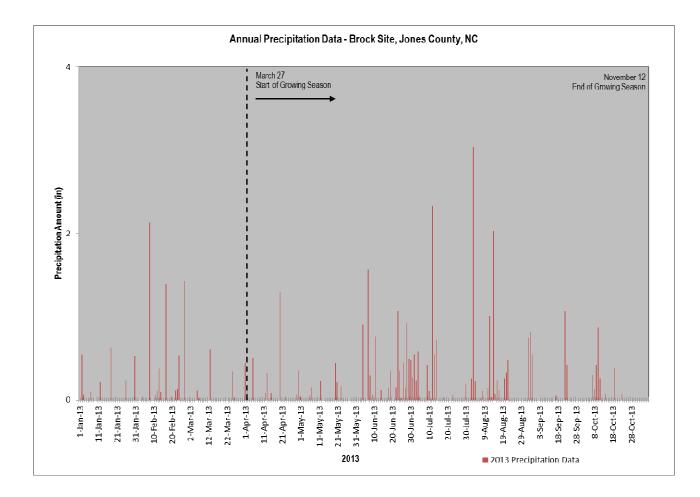
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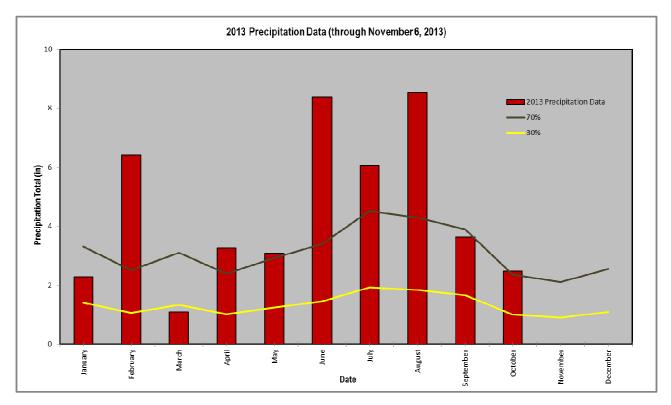


				BRO	CK SITE CRO STATION	SS SECTION NO. 23+00	NO. 3				
As-	built	Ye	ar 1	Ye	ar 2	Ye	ar 3	Ye	ar 4	Ye	ar 5
Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elev ation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elev ation
0.63	33.99	0	34.01	0	34	0	34	0	34	0	34
4.94	31.98	3	33.4	3	33.26	6	31.64	3	33.37	6	31.6
9.13	29.95	5	32	6	31.7	9.6	30.01	7	31.26	7	31.3
11.08	29.21	7	31.19	7	31.22	12	29.39	10	29.86	11	29.5
12.15	29.16	9	30.11	9	30.08	14	29.08	12	29.22	14	29
12.49	29.13	11	29.57	12	29.28	15.2	29	13.1	28.96	15	29.05
13.13	29.11	12	29.39	15	29.03	17.1	29.38	14.6	28.92	17	29.39
15	29.1	15	29.12	17	29.43	18.4	29.79	17.1	29.26	18.5	29.7
15.72	29.47	17	29.46	19	29.88	24	29.77	18.5	29.66	24	29.8
17.77	29.95	19	29.85	30	29.66	31	29.6	24	29.81	31	29.6
47.62	29.93	27	29.79	38	29.61	43	29.52	33	29.58	33	29.59
50.74	30.2	34	29.59	47	29.56	51	29.57	42	29.58	38	29.6
70.09	33.14	41	29.39	55	29.75	56	29.95	55	29.64	42	29.57
72.56	33.7	48	29.56	63	31.31	61	31.02	64	31.58	56	29.95
		54	29.71	72	33.24	69	32.6	70	32.9	63	31.3
		59	30.55			72.7	33.16	72	33.26	69	32.61
		63	31.36							72	33.22
		67	32.2								
		70	33.02								
		72	33.24								
HI		HI	38.37	HI	37.88	HI	38.2	HI	37.98	HI	38.1

# **APPENDIX C**

**Rainfall Data Summary** 





# **APPENDIX D**

Photograph Comparison

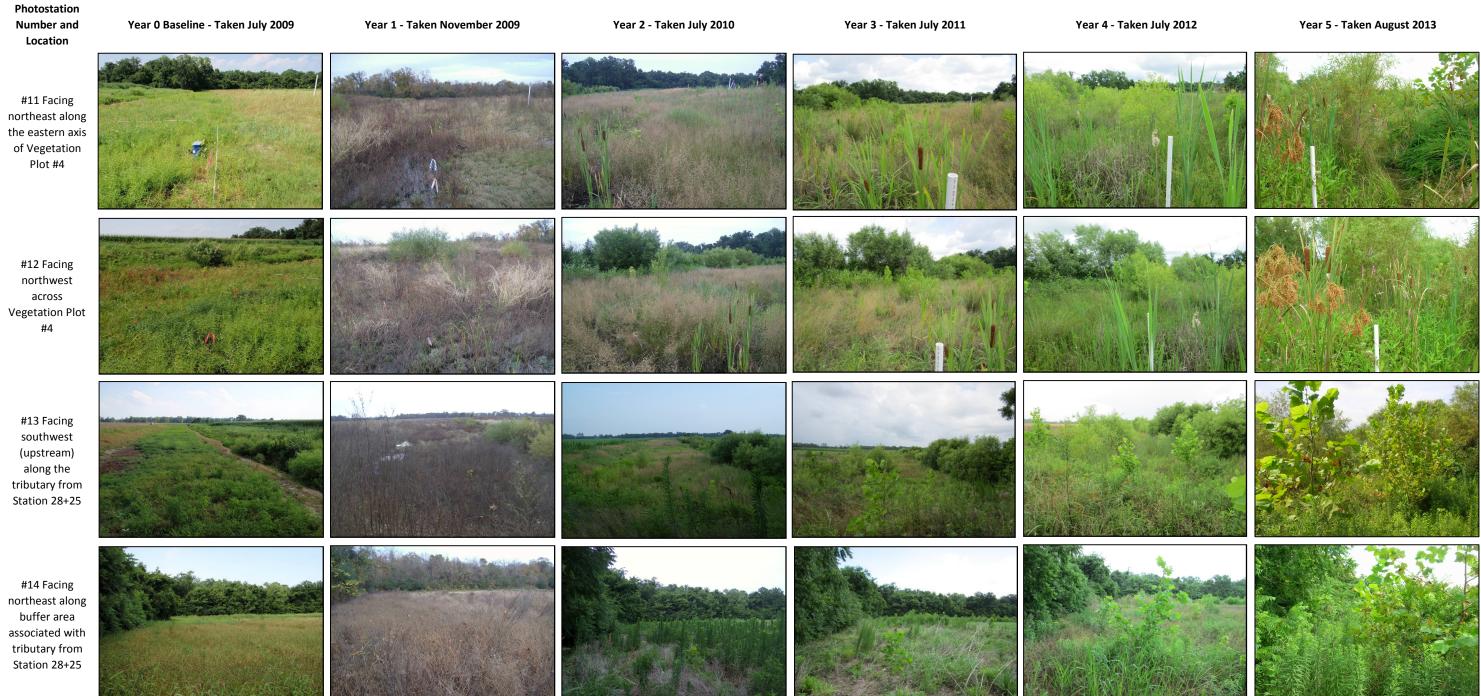
## **APPENDIX D: MONITORING PHOTOGRAPH SUMMARY**



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