## FINAL MONITORING REPORT YEAR 1 of 5

Hockett Dairy Site Riparian Buffer Restoration EEP Project ID Number 003993 – EEP Site 95013

> Randolph County, North Carolina Cape Fear River Basin HUC 03030003010070



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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / PROJECT ABSTRACT

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

The Hockett Dairy Buffer Mitigation Project is located in the 03030003 Catalog Unit (CU), in the Cape Fear River Basin. Assets of this CU include the Deep River, the Randleman Reservoir, and major communities including High Point, Asheboro, Siler City, and Sanford. Restoration goals for CU 03030003 as identified in the 2009 Cape Fear River Basin RBRP include protection of several species of mussel and the Cape Fear Shiner (*Notropis mekistocholas*). Additional goals include the improvement in water quality to waters draining to Randleman Reservoir.

The Hockett Dairy Buffer Mitigation Project was identified as an opportunity to improve water quality and habitat within the CU. The project goals address stressors identified in the CU. The following table lists the project goals and the project objectives through which the goals will be addressed:

Goals	Objectives
1. Nutrient removal	• Restore minimum 50-foot riparian buffer by planting
2. Sediment removal	appropriate bottomland hardwood species to filter runoff.
3. Runoff filtration	<ul> <li>Convert active farm fields to forested buffers.</li> </ul>
4. Increase dissolved oxygen	• Plant buffer vegetation to shade channel.
concentration	• Restore riparian buffer habitat to appropriate bottomland
5. Restore riparian habitats	hardwood ecosystem.
6. Reduce water temperature	• Restore canopy tree species in the stream buffer areas to
	shade channel.
	• Eliminate and control exotic invasive species.
	• Replace two undersized and failing channel crossings with
	appropriately sized culverts or ford.
	• Stabilize two small dams on small farm ponds.

#### 1.2 Project Background

The Hockett Dairy Riparian Buffer Mitigation Site is located on Hockett Dairy Road (SR 1938) in Randolph County approximately 12 miles north of Asheboro, NC (**Figure 1**). The site is located in the Cape Fear River Basin within Cataloging Unit 03030003010070 (NCDWQ sub-basin 03-06-08). The site has five unnamed tributaries (UT) that drain into Randleman Lake. The project consists of 11.82 acres of buffer restoration.

The Hockett Dairy Buffer site is located in the Piedmont Physiographic Province and in the Carolina Slate Belt. The region is underlain by felsic metavolcanic rocks, which can be seen in the streambed of UT 2 and UT 3. The topography of the project area is generally rolling with elevations ranging from 670 to 760 feet. The five unnamed tributaries to Randleman Lake comprise the principle drainage features. These tributaries have limited hardwood trees present within the buffer and lack significant ground cover. The mature trees are less than 100 stems per acres. The project's watershed is primarily used for agricultural production. Much of the surrounding land use is currently dairy cows and calves or row crop production for dairy silage. Cattle have direct access to streams channels and ponds and are a source of ongoing erosion along the banks and within the adjacent buffer. Cattle are excluded from some channels with fencing on or near the top of bank, resulting in a degraded riparian buffer. The project area has been in agricultural use for several decades.

The Hockett Dairy mitigation project provides high quality riparian buffer restoration. Stream buffer mitigation for the Hockett Dairy Site involved buffering five streams that flow directly and indirectly into

Randleman Lake. The mitigation design divides the site into five distinct reaches. Buffer restoration was performed along five channels. Two undersized and failing channel crossings were replaced with appropriately sized culverts to prevent erosion. Two small dams on small farm ponds have been stabilized.

## **1.3 Vegetation Condition**

The measure of vegetative success for the site is the survival of at least 320 five-year old planted trees per acre at the end of year five of the monitoring period. Year 1 monitoring recorded an average of 597 stems per acre across all vegetation plots. Plots 2 and 7 each had less than 300 stems per acre. All other plots achieved the success criteria in Year 1. Vegetation issues included invasive species along much of UT 4 and vegetation trampled by cattle near Plot 2 on UT 2. The cattle gained access to the easement when a tree fell onto the fence near Plot 2. This fence has been repaired, and the plot may need to be replanted. No volunteer stems were observed during Year 1 monitoring activities. CVS Level 2 will be performed in monitoring Year 2 to document any volunteer generation. Overall, vegetation across the site is in good condition. The Current Condition Plan View is provided in **Appendix B**, **Figure 2**.

## 1.4 Summary Information / Data

Summary information/data related to the occurrence of items such as beaver or encroachment and statistics related to 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 Baseline Monitoring Report (formerly Mitigation Plan) and in the Mitigation Plan (formerly the Restoration Plan) documents available on EEP's website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices is available from EEP upon request.

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

In order to determine if the success criteria are achieved and the planted areas are developing toward the target community, NCEEP-CVS Protocol for Recording Vegetation Version 4.2 will be utilized. The vegetation monitoring will include Level I and Level II plots distributed across the planted area. An interim vegetation monitoring will occur in spring after leaf-out has occurred. The CVS monitoring will be conducted toward the end of the growing season. Individual plot data will be provided to NCEEP and CVS following NCEEP-CVS guidance. The annual monitoring requirements are summarized in the following table:

Required	Parameter	Quantity	Frequency	Notes
x	Vegetation	12 Plots Located randomly across the project area	Annual	Vegetation will be monitored using the Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) protocols
x	Exotic and nuisance vegetation	N/A	Semi-Annual	Exotic vegetation will be evaluated and spot treatment applied as needed
x	Project boundary	N/A	Semi-annual	Locations of fence damage, vegetation damage, boundary encroachments, etc. will be mapped

Photographs will be used to visually document restoration success. Reference photos will be taken once a year and will be used to visually document restoration success. Reference photo stations are marked with wooden stakes. Reference stations will be photographed immediately following planting and continued annually for at least five years following construction. Photographers will make every effort to maintain

the same area in each photo over time. Photographs will be used to subjectively evaluate vegetation establishment. A series of photos over time should indicate successional maturation of riparian vegetation.

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## Appendix A

Project Vicinity Map and Background Tables

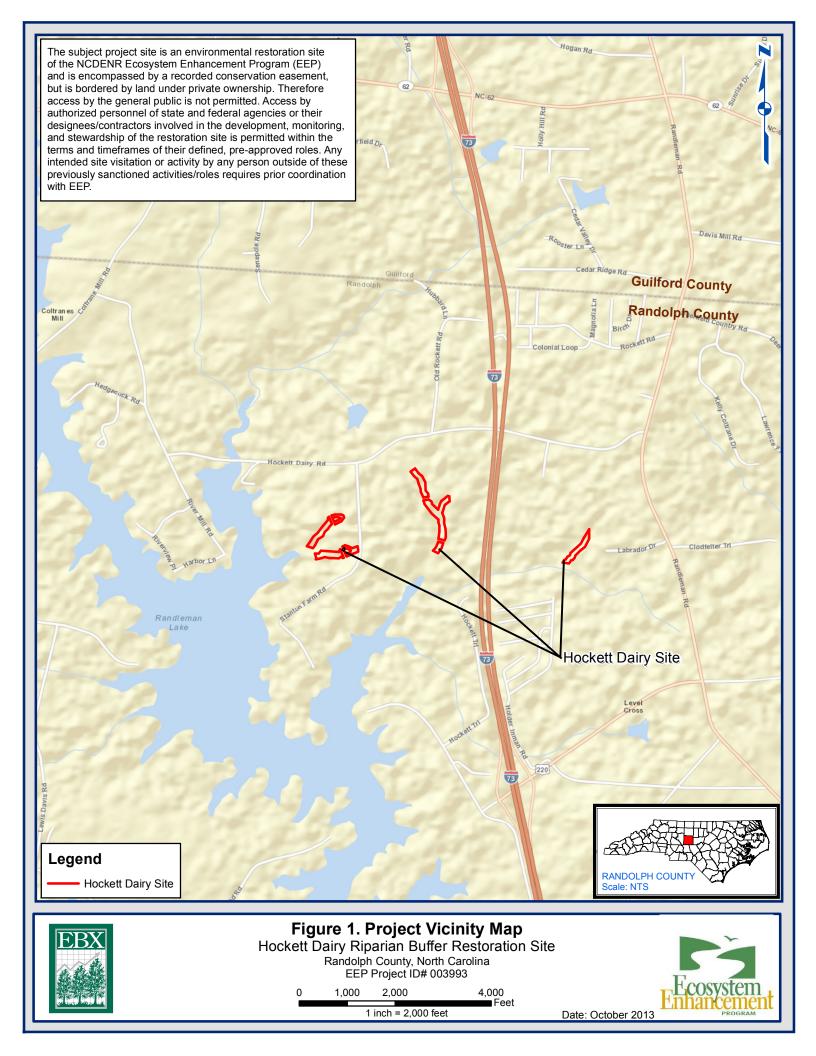


Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation CreditsHockett Dairy, Randolph CountyEEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013																	
						I	Mitigation	Cre	edits								
	S		am	-	*		Non-riparian Wetland		Buffer		litrogen ient Offset		osphorous rient Offset				
Туре	N/A	ł	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		Restoration		N/A		N/A				
Totals*	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		11.82 Ac.		N/A		N/A				
						]	Project Co	mpon	ents	~							
Reach ID	)		stationir Locatio	<u> </u>	Existing Footage (LF)				Approach (PI, PII, etc.)				Restoration -or- Restoration Equivalent		Restoration Area (acres		Mitigation Ratio
Reach UT2	ch UT2 N/A		N/A		733		N/A		Buffer Restoration		1.72		1:1				
Reach UT3			N/A		817		N/A		Buffer Restora	tion	1.85		1:1				
Reach UT4			N/A		1884		N/A		Buffer Restorat		4.62		1:1				
Reach UT5	Reach UT5		N/A		466		N/A		Buffer Restorat		0.89		1:1				
Reach UT6			N/A		797		N/A		Buffer Restora	tion	1.84		1:1				
Pond 2	ond 2		N/A		378*		N/A		Buffer Restora	tion	0.52		1:1				
Pond 3	ond 3		N/A		338*		N/A		Buffer Restoration		0.38		1:1				
	Total 11.82																
						Co	omponent S	Sumr	nation								
Restoratio	Restoration		Stream		Riparian We		etland Non-Riparian Wetland		Buffer		Upland						
Level		(lin	near fee	et) Riverine		Non-Riverir		Non-Riverine		ne Non-Riverine (acres) (acre		ine (acres) (acres)		(acres)		(acres)	
Restoratio	on		N/A		N/A N/A N/A		N/A N/A		N/A 11.82 N			N/A					
*perimeter																	

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting HistoryHockett Dairy, Randolph CountyEEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013						
Elapsed time since planting complete: 8 months						
Number of reporting year	s: 1					
	Data Collection	Completion or				
Activity or Report	Complete	Delivery				
Mitigation Plan	January 2012	May 2012				
Final Design - Construction Plans	N/A	May 2012				
Construction	N/A	October 2012				
Temporary S&E mix applied to project area	N/A	June 2012				
Permanent seed mix applied to project area	N/A	June 2012				
Containerized and B&B plantings planted in project area	N/A	February 2013				
Baseline Monitoring Document (Year 0 Monitoring - baseline)	February 2013	March 2013				
Year 1 Monitoring	October 2013	October 2013				
Year 2 Monitoring	Fall 2014*	Fall 2014*				
Year 3 Monitoring	Fall 2015*	Fall 2015*				
Year 4 Monitoring	Fall 2016*	Fall 2016*				
Year 5 Monitoring	Fall 2017*	Fall 2017*				

\*scheduled

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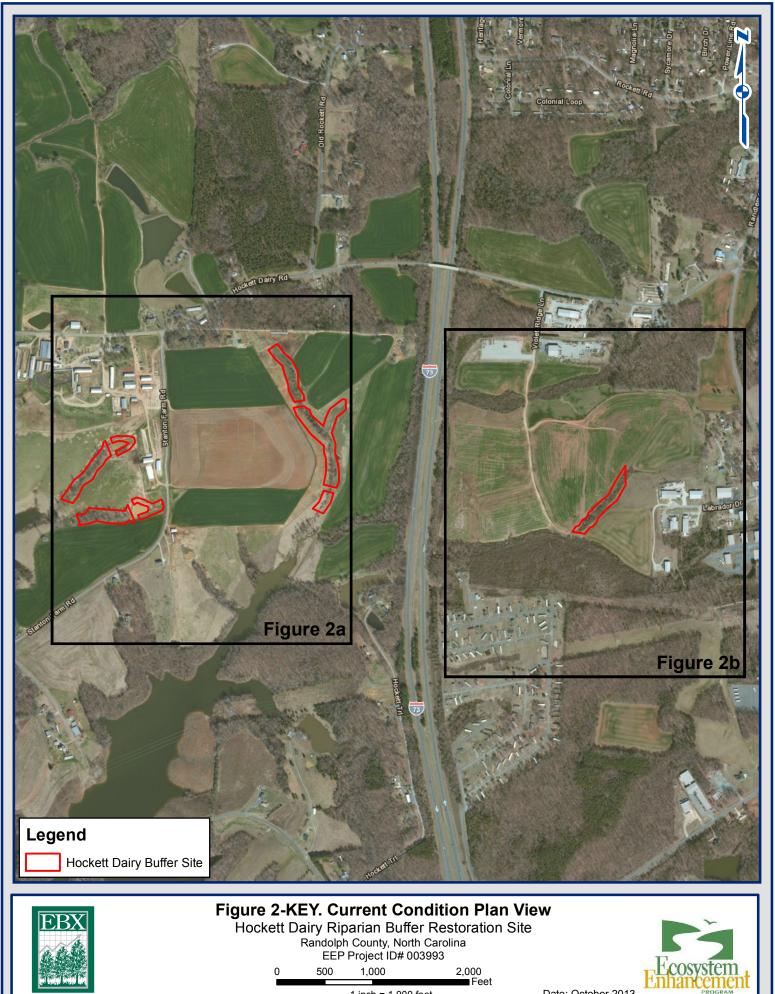
Table 3. Project Contact Table Hockett Dairy, Randolph County EEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013						
Designer	WK Dickson & Co., Inc.					
Primary project design POC	Daniel Ingram - (919) 782-0495					
Construction Contractor	KBS Earthworks					
Construction contractor POC	Kory Strader - (336) 362-0289					
Planting Contractor	Strader Fencing					
Planting contractor POC	Kenneth Strader - (336) 697-7005					
Seeding Contractor	Strader Fencing					
Planting contractor POC	Kenneth Strader - (336) 697-7005					
Seed Mix Sources	Evergreen Seed, Inc					
Nursery Stock Suppliers	ArborGen					
Monitoring Performers WK Dickson & Co., Inc.						
Vegetation Monitoring POC	Daniel Ingram - (919) 782-0495					

Table 4. Project Baseline Information and AttributesHockett Dairy, Randolph CountyEEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013									
Project Information									
Project Name		ffer Mitigation Site							
County	Randolph								
Project Area (acres)	12.99								
Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	35° 53' 55.219" N,	79° 49' 37.381"W							
Project Water	shed Summary Inform	nation							
Physiographic Province	Piedmont Physio	graphic Province							
River Basin	Cape Fear River Basin								
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	logic Unit 8-digit 03030003								
USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit 03030003010070									
DWQ Sub-basin	03-06-08								
	Reach UT2 19.4 acres								
	Reach UT3 31.2 acres								
Project Drainage Area (acres)	Reach UT4 76.3	acres							
	Reach UT5 9.1 a	acres							
	Reach UT6 34.4	acres							
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area	0.6%								
	2.5	Residential							
	144.3	Cropland and Pasture							
CGIA Land Use Classification	12.6	Other Agricultural Land							
	12.0	Passively Managed Forest Stands							
	17.1								

Table 4 (cont.). Project Baseline Information and AttributesHockett Dairy, Randolph CountyEEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013									
Parameters	Reach UT2	Rea	ch UT3	Reach U	ЛТ4	Reach UT5		Reach UT6	
Length of reach (linear feet)	733	817		1884		466		797	
Valley Classification	X		Х	X		X		X	
Drainage area (acres)	19.4		31.2	76.3		9.1		34.4	
NCDWQ stream identification score	29	2	27.5	19-25.	.5	21		13	
NCDWQ Water Quality Classification	WS-IV;CA	WS	-IV;CA	WS-IV;	CA	WS-IV;CA		WS-IV;CA	
Morphological Description (stream type)	Е		Е	G		G		G	
Evolutionary trend	Stable	S	table	Stabl	-	Stable		Stable	
Underlying mapped soils	Wynott-Enon complex WvC2		enburg CL MeC2, Wynott- IeC2, Enon complex WvC2		ynott- nplex	- Mecklenburg CL		Wynott-Enon complex WvC2	
Drainage class	well		well	well		well		well	
Soil Hydric status	Non-hydric	Non	-hydric	Non-hy	dric	Non-hydric		Non-hydric	
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0004	0.	.03%	0.02%	Ď	0.04%		0.02%	
FEMA classification	Zone AE	Zo	ne AE	Zone A	ΛE	Zone AE		Zone AE	
Native vegetation community	Pasture	Pa	sture	Pastur	re	Pasture		Pasture	
Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation	0.1	1	10%	15%		5%		20%	
	R	egulato	ry Conside	erations					
Regula	ation		Appl	icable	]	Resolved	1	Supporting Documentation	
Waters of the United Stat		Y	es		Yes	se	e Mitigation Plan		
Waters of the United Stat	Yes		Yes s		e Mitigation Plan				
Endangered Species Act	Yes			Yes		see Mitigation Plan			
Historic Preservation Act	Y	es		Yes	se	e Mitigation Plan			
Coastal Zone Manageme Area Management Act (C	Ν	lo		N/A		N/A			
FEMA Floodplain Compl	iance		N	No N/A			N/A		
Essential Fisheries Habita	at		Ν	lo		N/A		N/A	

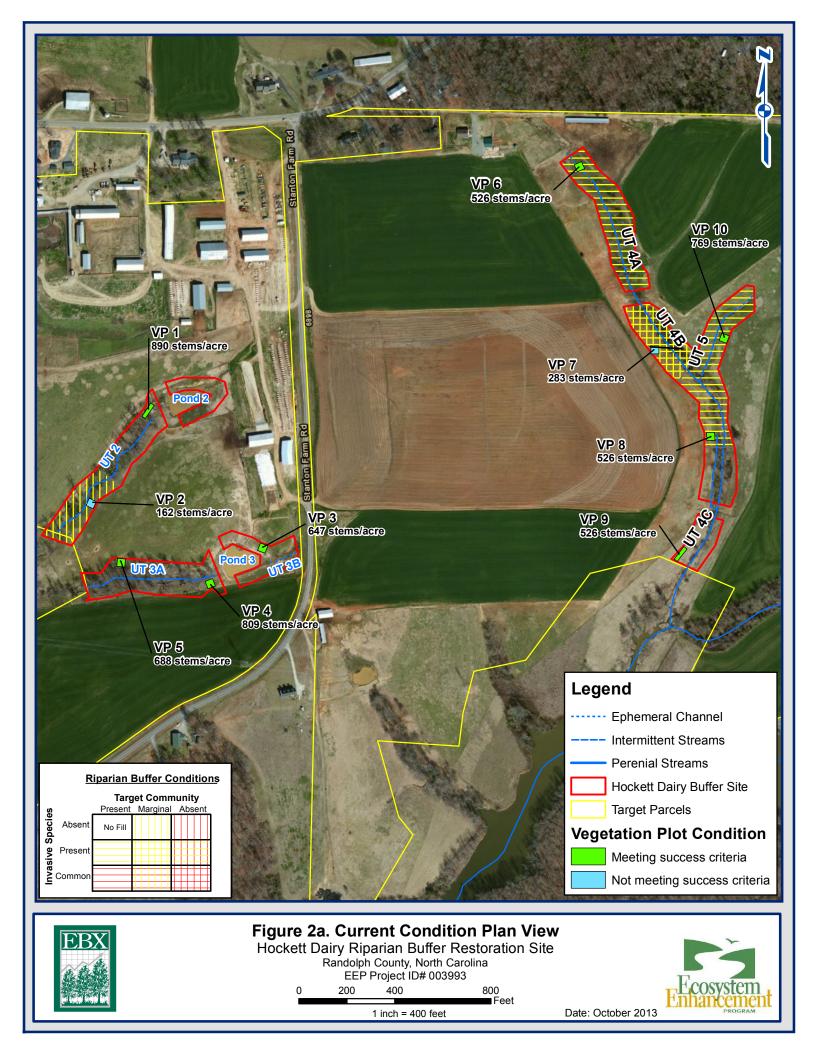
# Appendix B

Visual Assessment Data



1	inch :	= 1,000	feet
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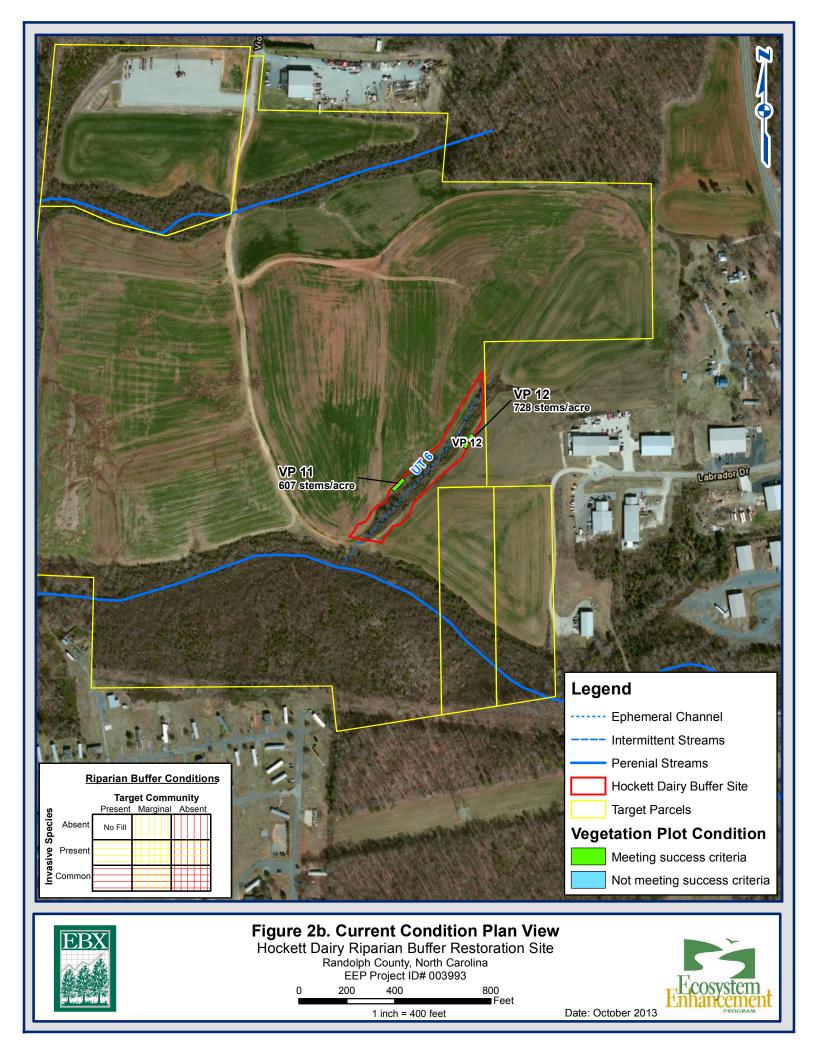


Table 5. Vegetation Condition Assessment												
	Hockett Dairy, Ra	ndolph Coun	ity									
	EEP Project ID Number 00	3993 EEP S	ite 95013									
Planted Acreage:	12.99											
						% of						
		Mapping	CCPV	Number of	Combined	Planted						
Vegetation Category	Definitions	Threshold	Depiction	Polygons	Acreage	Acreage						
	Very limited cover of both woody											
1. Bare Areas	and herbacious material.	0.1 acres	N/A	0	0.00	0%						
	Woody stem densities clearly		vertical									
	below target levels based on MY3,		yellow line									
2. Low Stem Density Areas	4, or 5 stem count criteria.	0.1 acres	fill	2	3.95	30%						
			Total:	2	3.95	30%						
	Areas with woody stems of a size											
3. Areas of Poor Growth	that are obviously small given the											
Rates or Vigor	monitoring year.	0.25 acres	N/A	0	0.00	0%						
		Cumu	lative Total:	2	3.95	30%						
Easement Acreage:	12.99											
						% of						
		Mapping	CCPV	Number of	Combined	Planted						
Vegetation Category	Definitions	Threshold	Depiction	Polygons	Acreage	Acreage						
			horizontal									
4. Invasive Areas of	Areas or points (if too small to		yellow line									
Concern	render as polygons at map scale)	1000 SF	fill	2	7.72	59%						
5. Easement Encroachment	Areas or points (if too small to											
Areas	render as polygons at map scale)	none	N/A	0	0	0%						

### **Vegetation Plot Photos**



Vegetation Plot 1



**Vegetation Plot 3** 



Vegetation Plot 5



**Vegetation Plot 2** 



Vegetation Plot 4



Vegetation Plot 6

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Vegetation Plot 7



Vegetation Plot 9



Vegetation Plot 11



Vegetation Plot 8



Vegetation Plot 10



Vegetation Plot 12

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# Appendix C

Vegetation Plot Data

Table 6. Riparian Buffer Vegetation Totals													
	Hockett Dairy, Randolph County EEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013												
	<b>Riparian Buffer</b>												
	Stems <sup>1</sup>	Success											
Plot #	(per acre)	Criteria Met?											
1	890	Yes											
2	162	No											
3	647	Yes											
4	809	Yes											
5	688	Yes											
6	526	Yes											
7	283	No											
8	526	Yes											
9	526	Yes											
10	769	Yes											
11	607	Yes											
12	728	Yes											
Project Avg	597	Yes											

Stem Class

<sup>1</sup>Buffer Stems

characteristics

Native planted hardwood trees. Does NOT include shrubs. No pines. No vines.

# Table 7. CVS Stem Count Total and Planted with/without Livestakes by Plot and Species Hockett Dairy, Randolph County EEP Project ID Number 003993 EEP Site 95013

			Current Plot Data (MY1 2013)																				
		Species	003993-01-0001		003993-01-0002			003993-01-0003			0039	93-01-	0004	003993-01-0005			003993-01-0006			003993-01-0007			
Scientific Name	Common Name	Туре	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
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	7	7	7				1	1	1	3	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud	Tree				1	1	1															
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	3	3	3				2	2	2	4	4	4	. 3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree													5	5	5	2	2	2	1	1	1
Quercus	oak	Tree	9	9	9							12	12	12	5	5	5	8	8	8	2	2	2
Quercus falcata	southern red oak	Tree				1	1	1															
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree				2	2	2	9	9	9												
Quercus nigra	water oak	Tree							2	2	2												
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	3	3	3				2	2	2	1	1	1							2	2	2
Quercus rubra	northern red oak	Tree																					
	St	em count	22	22	22	4	4	4	16	16	16	20	20	20	17	17	17	13	13	13	7	7	7
size (ares)		ize (ares)	1			1			1			1			1			1			1		
size (ACRES)			0.02		0.02			0.02			0.02		0.02			0.02			0.02				
	Species count			4	4	3	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Stems per ACRE		890.3	890.3	890.3	161.9	161.9	161.9	647.5	647.5	647.5	809.4	809.4	809.4	688	688	688	526.1	526.1	526.1	283.3	283.3	283.3	

			Current Plot Data (MY1 2013)											Annual Means										
		Species	0039	03993-01-0008			003993-01-0009			003993-01-0010			003993-01-0011			003993-01-0012			MY1 (2013)			MY0 (2013)		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Туре	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	
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree							5	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	. 27	27	27	58	58	58	
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud	Tree	1	1	1	-												2	2	2				
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree				2	2	2	7	7	7	4	4	4	- 2	2	2	30	30	30	28	28	28	
Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree	6	6	6				6	6	6							20	20	20	45	45	45	
Quercus	oak	Tree	3	3	3	11	11	11				8	8	8	3	3	3	61	61	61	133	133	133	
Quercus falcata	southern red oak	Tree																1	1	1				
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree													4	4	4	15	15	15				
Quercus nigra	water oak	Tree													2	2	2	4	4	4				
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	3	3	3				1	1	1				3	3	3	15	15	15				
Quercus rubra	northern red oak	Tree													2	2	2	2	2	2				
	St	em count	13	13	13	13	13	13	19	19	19	15	15	15	18	18	18	177	177	177	264	264	264	
	s	ize (ares)		1			1		1			1			1			12			12			
size (ACRES)							0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02			0.30			0.30		
	Spec	ies count	4	4	4	2	2	2	4	4	4	3	3	3	7	7	7	10	10	10	4	4	4	
Stems per ACRE				526.1	526.1	526.1	526.1	526.1	768.9	768.9	768.9	607	607	607	728.4	728.4	728.4	596.9	596.9	596.9	890.3	890.3	890.3	
Color Key for Density Exceeds requirem																								

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