MILL BRANCH STREAM RESTORATION FINAL MITIGATION PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) restored 3,507.5 linear feet of an Unnamed Tributary (UT) to Mill Branch located on the Jones property, south of Whiteville, in Columbus County, North Carolina. Construction of the project began on October 30, 2006, the stream restoration was completed on January 25, 2007 and planting was completed on January 31, 2007. Approximately 1,750 linear feet of Mill Branch and 37.3 acres of associated riparian and non-riparian wetlands along Mill Branch downstream of the restoration area were also preserved as part of this project.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE CONDITIONS

The restoration project is located on the western side of the Jones property off of Lebanon Church Road (SR 1141) and has a total drainage area of 178 acres. The project area is divided into four reaches: western, upper, middle and lower. The upper, middle and lower reaches are all sections of a main UT to Mill Branch that generally flows south to north across the property. The western reach flows southwest to northeast and is a smaller tributary to the main UT. The upper reach begins at the most upstream end of the main UT and transitions to the middle reach at the confluence with the western tributary. The middle reach then continues past a ford crossing and transitions to the lower reach at a culverted road crossing. The lower reach then flows to the end of the restoration project. The banks of all four reaches were severely eroded and unstable with little or no riparian buffer. Cattle had unfettered access to the UT to Cane Creek causing bank erosion, vegetation degradation, and decreased water quality. Four culverted crossings were present in the project area. Both the western tributary and the main UT were classified as unstable G5 channel types.

RESTORATION PLAN

Priority 2 stream restoration was carried out on each of the reaches resulting in restored C type channels. It is expected that the channels may naturally evolve into a lower width-to-depth channel that could be classified as E5. Cattle were excluded from each of the newly planted riparian areas. Streambanks, the floodplain and the upland areas within the restoration project area were all planted with vegetation to stabilize the channel and provide shading, food, and habitat as well as a vegetated buffer to treat surrounding overland flows. Infiltration in the riparian buffer zones will help improve water quality in the creeks. The original design called for small areas of wetland enhancement and creation (less than 1 acre total) along the project. These areas were installed for water quality purposes but are not being formally monitored for mitigation due to their small size.

POST CONSTRUCTION SITE CONDITIONS

Project goals and objectives for the Mill Branch stream restoration project included:

- 1. improving water quality;
- 2. providing wildlife habitat through the creation of a riparian zone;
- 3. improving aquatic habitat with the use of natural material stabilization structures and a riparian buffer:
- 4. excluding cattle from the stream;
- 5. reducing nutrient loads from entering the stream via the buffer acting as a filter exclusion of cattle:

- 6. increasing the stream's access to its floodplain;
- 7. reducing erosion and sedimentation; and
- 8. protecting floral and biotic diversity via preservation.

The following table summarizes pre- and post-construction stream lengths as well as the restoration approach implemented.

Table 1. Project Reaches Summary Table

Reach	Pre-Construction Length (ft)	Restored Length (ft)	Preservation Length/Acreage (ft/ac)	Restoration Approach
Western Reach	660	765.2		Changed dimension, pattern, and profile using Priority 2 restoration.
Upper Reach	340	439.2		Changed dimension, pattern, and profile using Priority 2 restoration.
Middle Reach	1,265	1,555.3		Changed dimension, pattern, and profile using Priority 2 restoration.
Lower Reach	670	747.8		Changed dimension, pattern, and profile using Priority 2 restoration.
Total	2,935	3,507.5		
Mill Branch			1,750 ft	Preservation
Riparian Wetlands			35.8 ac	Preservation
Non-riparian Wetlands			1.5 ac	Preservation

MONITORING PLAN

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. conducted the as-built survey and will conduct the first year survey. Stantec will monitor the site as per the monitoring schedule submitted in this mitigation plan for the first year (2008). The monitoring will include visual assessments of the site once every quarter (three times) following construction. These assessments are intended to identify any problem areas early, in order to allow for quick remedial measures. At the end of the first year following construction, Stantec will carry out a technical assessment of the site (e.g., detailed surveys, stem counts, photographs, pebble counts) and compile the data. Two permanent cross-sections and one vegetative sampling plot were installed on each of the four reaches. These areas will be monitored based on an adapted methodology that utilizes 3-D survey technology with the methodology contained in the USDA Forest Service Manual, Stream Channel Reference Sites (Harrelson, et. al, 1994). Baseline "as-built" information including cross-sectional measurements, longitudinal surveys, and vegetation data was gathered from each reach in March 2007 and is presented in this report.

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1.0 Narrative

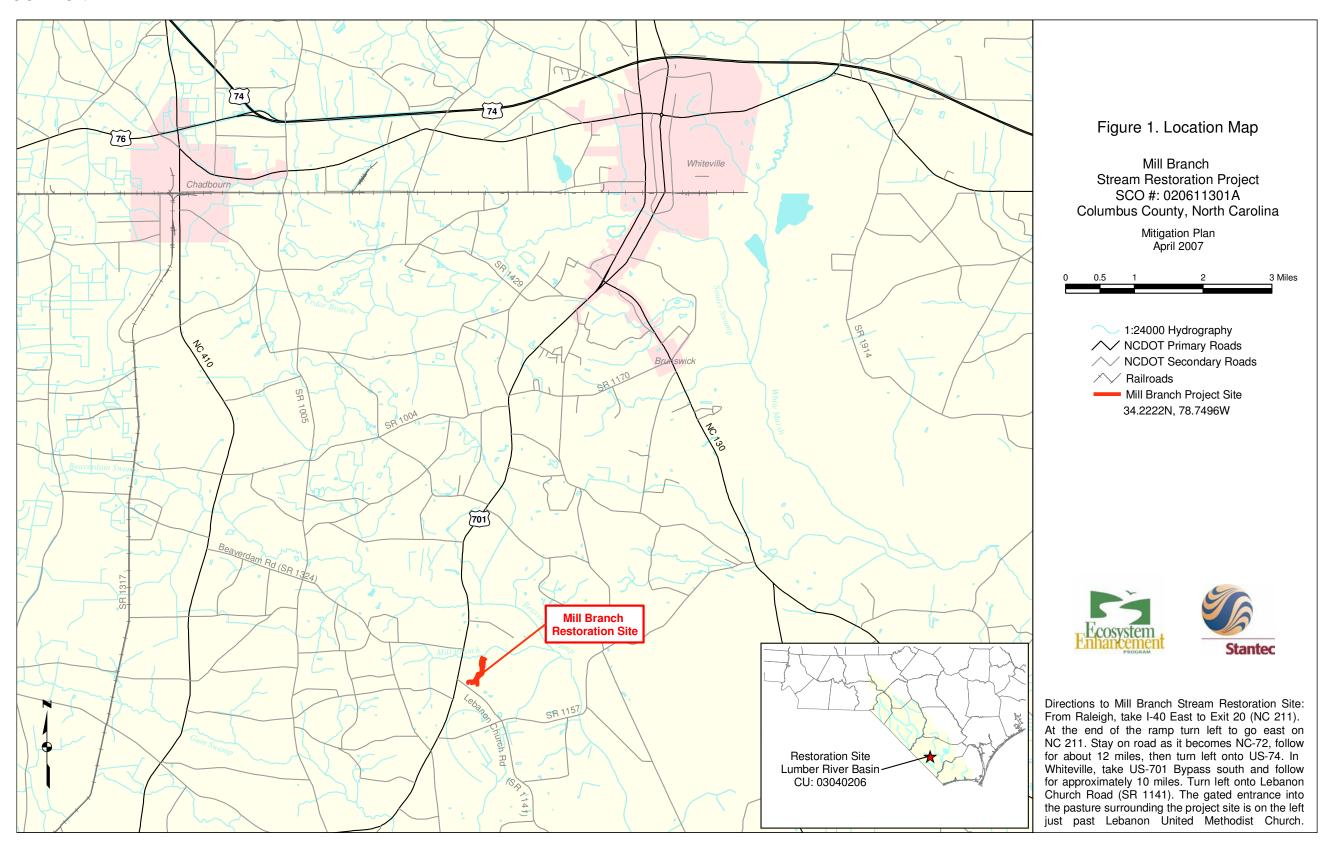
1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Mill Branch Restoration Site is located on the James P. Jones property off Lebanon Church Road (SR 1141) south of Whiteville, North Carolina. (see Figure 1.1). The project is located in Columbus County, North Carolina, in the Lumber River 03040206 Cataloging Unit (CU).

The UT to Mill Branch is located in a primarily agricultural watershed that has a total drainage area of 178 acres. The project area is divided into four reaches: western, upper, middle and lower. The upper, middle and lower reaches are all sections of a main UT to Mill Branch that generally flows south to north across the property. The western reach flows southwest to northeast and is a smaller tributary to the main UT. The upper reach begins at the most upstream end of the main UT and transitions to the middle reach at the confluence with the western tributary. The middle reach then continues past the ford crossing and transitions to the lower reach at the culverted road crossing. The lower reach then flows to the end of the restoration project. The banks of the reaches were severely eroded and unstable with little or no riparian buffer. Cattle had unfettered access to the UT to Cane Creek causing bank erosion, vegetation degradation, and decreased water quality. Both the western tributary and the main UT were classified as unstable G5 channel types.

Approximately 1,750 linear feet of stream and 37.3 acres of wetlands along Mill Branch downstream of the project were also preserved as part of this project. The stream preservation occurs on Mill Branch from the vicinity of the restoration project downstream to the area where it loses its defined channel to a beaver dam complex. Please see Figure 1.2 for a map of the easement area.

1.2 LOCATION MAP





1.3 RESTORATION SUMMARY

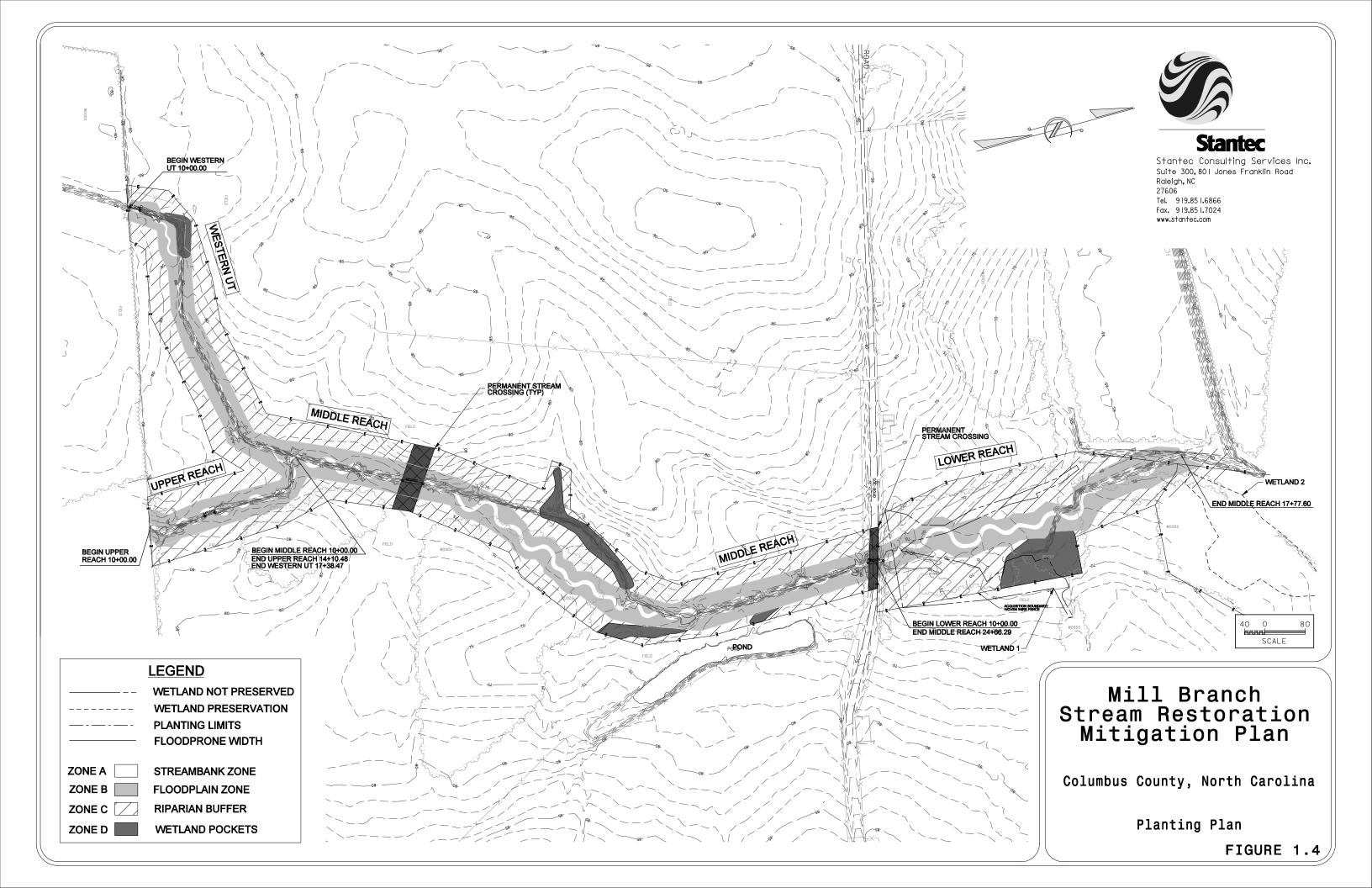
The stream restoration was based upon the principles of natural channel design. Every effort was made to consider future land use changes within the watershed while completing the designs. Priority 2 stream restoration was carried out on each of the reaches resulting in restored C type channels. The pattern, dimension, and profile were restored throughout the project site. Log structures, rock structures and root wads were installed to provide further stability to the stream. Cattle were excluded from the newly planted riparian areas. Streambanks, the floodplain and the upland areas within the easement were all planted with native woody vegetation to stabilize the channel and provide shading, food, and habitat as well as a vegetated buffer to treat surrounding overland flows. Infiltration in the riparian buffer zones will help improve water quality in the creeks.

1.4 PLANTING PLAN

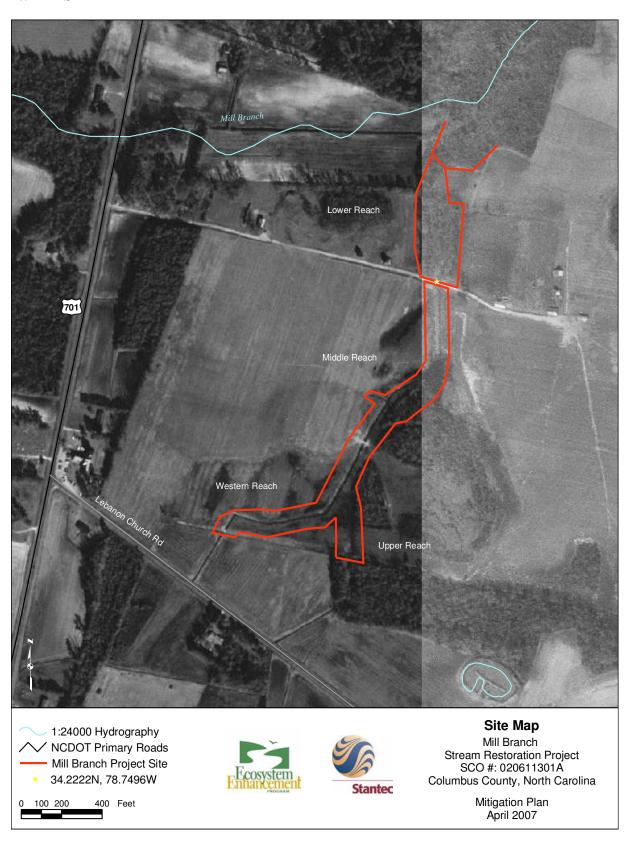
Four planting zones were installed along the project. Zone A consists of streambank live stake plantings. Zone B is the floodplain zone while Zone C is the riparian buffer zone. The wetland pockets are considered to be in Zone D. The planting list supplied by the contractors is available in Table 2 while the proposed vegetation per zone is in Table 3. The planting plan is provided in Figure 1.4. During the first year of monitoring any invasive species problems will be noted and specific management options will be proposed.

Table 2. Planted Vegetation List (from Contractors)						
Mill Bra	nch Stream Restoration	n Project				
Vegetation Type	Common Name	Scientific Name				
Live Stakes (Zone A)	Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum				
	Silky willow	Salix sericea				
	Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis				
Bare Roots (Zones B, C, D)	River birch	Betula nigra				
	Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis				
	Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana				
	Swamp dogwood	Cornus stricta				
	Green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica				
	Inkberry	Ilex glabra				
	Tulip poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera				
	Swamp blackgum	Nyssa biflora				
	Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis				
	Swamp cottonwood	Populus heterophylla				
	Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia				
	Overcup oak	Quercus lyrata				
	Swamp chesnut oak	Quercus michauxii				
	Water oak	Quercus nigra				
	Cherrybark oak	Quercus pagoda				
	Willow oak	Quercus phellos				
	Bald cypress	Taxodium distichum				

Table 3. Proposed Planting by Zones								
	Mill Branch Stream Restoration Project							
Zone Vegetative Common Name Scientific Name Southeast Re								
	Community Type			Indicator Status				
A	Streambank	Swamp Dogwood	Cornus stricta	FACW-				
		Virginia Willow	Itea virginica	FACW+				
		Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	FACW-				
		River Birch	Betula nigra	FACW				
		Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana	FAC				
В	Floodplain	Laurel Oak	Quercus laurifolia	FACW				
		Water Oak	Quercus nigra	FAC				
		Swamp Chestnut Oak	Quercus michauxii	FACW-				
		Overcup Oak	Quercus lyrata	OBL				
		Swamp Blackgum	Nyssa biflora	OBL				
		Swamp Cottonwood	Populus heterophylla	OBL				
		Swamp Red Bay	Persea palustris	FACW				
		Titi	Cyrilla racemiflora	FACW				
		Inkberry	Ilex coriacea	FACW				
		Coastal Dog-Hobble	Leucothoe axillaris	FACW				
С	Riparian Buffer	Water Oak	Quercus nigra	FAC				
		Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	FACW-				
		Swamp Chestnut Oak	Quercus michauxii	FACW-				
		Cherrybark Oak	Quercus falcata var. pagoda	FAC+				
		Yellow Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera	FAC				
		American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	FACW-				
		Green Ash	Fraxinus pennslyvanica	FACW				
		Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	FAC+				
		Sweet Pepperbush	Clethra alnifolia	FACW				
D	Wetland Pockets	Swamp Blackgum	Nyssa Biflora	OBL				
		Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	OBL				
		Swamp Dogwood	Cornus stricta	FACW-				
		Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	OBL				
		Lizard's Tail	Saururus cernuus	OBL				
		Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	OBL				



1.5 SITE MAP



1.6 SUMMARY TABLE

Reach ID	Existing Feet/Acres	Type	Approach	Footage or Acreage	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Units	Stationing	Comment
Western	660	R	P2	765.2	1.0	765.2	10+00.0 to 17+65.2	Smaller tributary
Upper	340	R	P2	439.2	1.0	439.2	10+00.0 to 14+39.2	Above confluence with trib
Middle	1265	R	P2	1555.3	1.0	1555.3	10+00.0 to 25+55.3	Between confluence and road crossing (includes ford crossing)
Lower	670	R	P2	747.8	1.0	747.8	10+00.0 to 17+47.8	Below road crossing
Mill Branch	1750	P	-	1750.0	5.0	350.0		Downstream of restoration project
Riparian Wetlands	35.8	P	-	35.8	5.0	7.2		Downstream of restoration project
Non-Riparian Wetlands	1.5	P	-	1.5	5.0	0.3		Downstream of restoration project
Mitigation Unit Summations								
Stream (lf)	Ripa Wetlar	rian nd (ac)		riparian and (ac)	Total V	Vetland c)	Buffer (ac)	Comment
3857.5	7.	.2		0.3	7.	.5	0.0	

R = Restoration

P2 = Priority 2

P = Preservation

2.0 As-Builts

Sheet 1. Title Sheet

Sheet 2. Upper Reach

Sheet 3. Western Trib

Sheet 4. Middle Reach

Sheet 5. Lower Reach

3.0 Monitoring Plan

The stability of the stream channel will be monitored annually for five years or until success criteria are met. Four reaches (two permanent cross-sections in each reach) will be monitored for dimension, pattern and profile as detailed below. The longitudinal profile will be a minimum of 20 bankfull widths or 200 feet, whichever is longer. As vegetation establishes and the channel stabilizes, the channel's cross-section is expected to tighten slightly; however, the cross-section should not indicate downcutting or widening. Monitoring efforts will evaluate any changes by overlaying each year's cross-section and longitudinal profile with the previous years' for comparison. Locations of cross sections, vegetation plots, longitudinal surveys and photo points are shown on the as-builts (Section 2.0). Photos were taken at each point shortly after construction and are included in Appendix 1.

3.1 HYDROLOGY

Any changes to land use in the watershed that would affect changes to flow within the project streams will be assessed over the five-year monitoring period. As per the original project scope, Stantec will not be measuring flows with peak stage recorders.

3.2 PROFILE

As per the project scope, a longitudinal profile survey, at least 20 bankfull widths or 200 feet in length, whichever is longer, will be completed at each reach each monitoring year. Additional data collected will include riffle length, riffle slope, pool length and pool spacing. Success will be measured based on whether the channel features stay within the natural variability of the dimensionless ratios of the reference reaches. The "as-built" longitudinal survey for each reach is included in Appendix 2.

3.3 PATTERN

During the longitudinal survey each year, additional pattern data will be collected including channel beltwidth, radius of curvature, meander wavelength and meander width ratio. Stability will be visually assessed. Success will be measured based on whether the channel features stay within the natural variability of the dimensionless ratios of the reference reaches.

3.4 DIMENSION

Two cross-sections on each reach (eight total) will be characterized each monitoring year. Permanent cross section pins were installed at each of the eight cross sections. Data collected will include, at a minimum, cross-sectional area, bankfull width, bankfull mean depth, bankfull max depth, floodprone width, width to depth ratio, and entrenchment ratio. Stream type will be determined in riffle cross-sections only. Success will be measured based on whether the channel features stay within the natural variability of the dimensionless ratios of the reference reaches. The "as built" cross-sections are included in Appendix 3.

3.5 BED MATERIAL

Pebble counts will be completed in a typical riffle section of each reach each monitoring year using the modified Wolman Pebble Count procedure (Rosgen, 1994). Data reported will include the d50 and d84 particle sizes. The "as-built" pebble counts are included in Appendix 4.

3.6 **VEGETATION**

Vegetative sample plots will be quantitatively monitored during the growing season. One 100m² plot was established for each of the four stream reaches (four plots total). Species composition, density, and survival will be monitored. In each plot, two plot corners, opposite one another, were permanently located with rebar and included in the monitoring plan sheets. For the purposes of determining plant location within the plots, the corner marked with rebar nearest the stream channel was used as the origin point.

The vegetative success of the riparian buffer will be evaluated based on the species density and survival rates. According to the US Army Corps of Engineers Stream Mitigation Guidelines (USACE, 2003), vegetation monitoring will be considered successful if at least 260 trees/acre are surviving at the end of five years. The "as-built" stem counts within each of the vegetative monitoring plots are included in Appendix 5.

Any vegetative problem area in the project will be noted and reported in each subsequent monitoring report. Vegetative problem areas include areas that either lack vegetation or include populations of exotic vegetation.

3.7 BENTHOS

As per the project scope, Stantec will not monitor macrobenthic invertebrates.

3.8 BEHI

Using Rosgen (1996) methodology, Stantec will monitor the near bank stress (NBS) and/or bank erodibility hazard index (BEHI) as needed at any problem areas during the first year monitoring effort. Initial conditions at the project site did not exhibit serious bank erosion hazard problem areas.

4.0 Maintenance and Contingency Plans

Any maintenance needs will be determined during monitoring visits. During the first year after construction, Stantec will perform any small maintenance tasks that can be quickly done by hand either at the time the need is identified or rescheduled for a later time. Any large maintenance items will be coordinated with NCEEP to determine the appropriate course of action.

Stantec will monitor the structures within the first year to verify that they are functioning as needed and to note any adjustments that may be necessary.

NCEEP will oversee monitoring for subsequent years to provide a total of five years of monitoring.

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6.0 Appendices

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Appendix 3. Cross-Sections (Year 0)

Appendix 4. Pebble Counts (Year 0)

Appendix 5. Vegetation Plots (Year 0)

Appendix 6. Project Morphological Data (Year 0)

Appendix 7. Existing Morphological Data (Pre-construction)

Appendix 8. Reference Reach Morphological Data

Appendix 1. Photos (Year 0)



Photo Station 1. Beginning of Western Reach - Upstream (Note: Locations of stations are shown on the sheets in Section 2.0)



Photo Station 2. Beginning of Western Reach – Downstream



Photo Station 3. Riffle Cross-section 1 – Downstream – Western Reach



Photo Station 4. Riffle Cross-section 1 – Upstream – Western Reach



Photo Station 5. Pool Cross-section 2 – Downstream – Western Reach



Photo Station 6. Pool Cross-section 2 – Upstream – Western Reach



Photo Station 7. Veg Plot 1 – Looking North – Western Reach



Photo Station 8. Veg Plot 1 – Looking South – Western Reach



Photo Station 9. Beginning of Upper Reach - Upstream



Photo Station 10. Beginning of Upper Reach - Downstream



Photo Station 11. Pool Cross-section 3 – Downstream – Upper Reach



Photo Station 12. Pool Cross-section 3 – Upstream – Upper Reach



Photo Station 13. Riffle Cross-section 4 – Downstream – Upper Reach



Photo Station 14. Riffle Cross-section 4 – Upstream – Upper Reach



Photo Station 15. Veg Plot 2 – Looking east – Upper Reach



Photo Station 16. Veg Plot 2 – Looking west – Upper Reach



Photo Station 17. Confluence of Western and Upper Reaches – Western Reach



Photo Station 18. Confluence of Western and Upper Reaches – Upper Reach



Photo Station 19. Ford Crossing – Downstream – Middle Reach



Photo Station 20. Ford Crossing – Upstream – Middle Reach



Photo Station 21. Veg Plot 3 – Looking east – Middle Reach



Photo Station 22. Veg Plot 3 – Looking west – Middle Reach



Photo Station 23. Riffle Cross-section 5 – Downstream – Middle Reach



Photo Station 24. Riffle Cross-section 5 – Upstream – Middle Reach



Photo Station 25. Pool Cross-section 6 – Downstream – Middle Reach



Photo Station 26. Pool Cross-section 6 – Upstream – Middle Reach



Photo Station 27. Road Crossing – Upstream – Looking at Middle Reach



Photo Station 28. Road Crossing – Downstream – Looking at Lower Reach



Photo Station 29. Veg Plot 4 – Looking northeast – Lower Reach



Photo Station 30. Veg Plot 4. Looking southwest – Lower Reach



Photo Station 31. Riffle Cross-section 7 – Upstream – Lower Reach



Photo Station 32. Pool Cross-section 8 – Downstream – Lower Reach

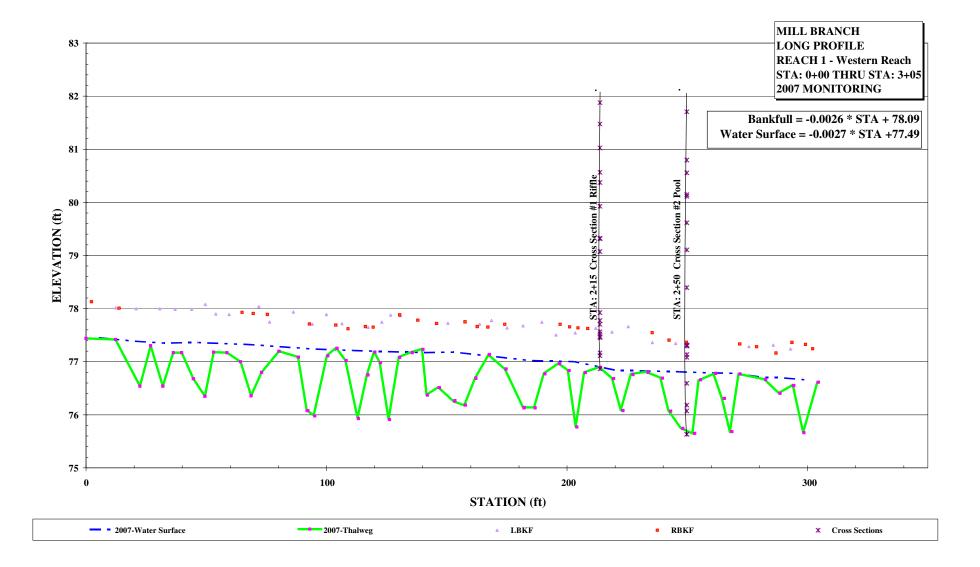


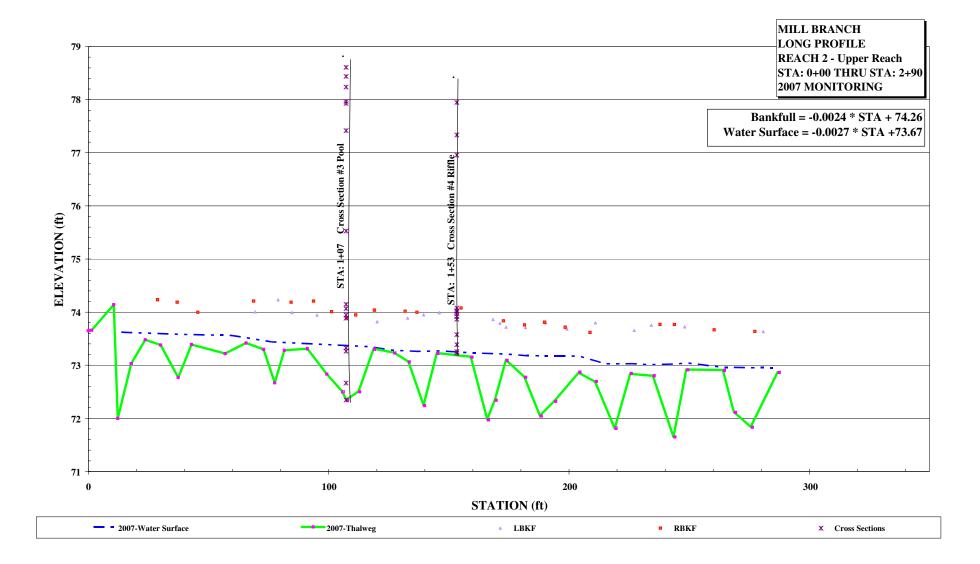
Photo Station 33. Pool Cross-section 8 – Upstream – Lower Reach

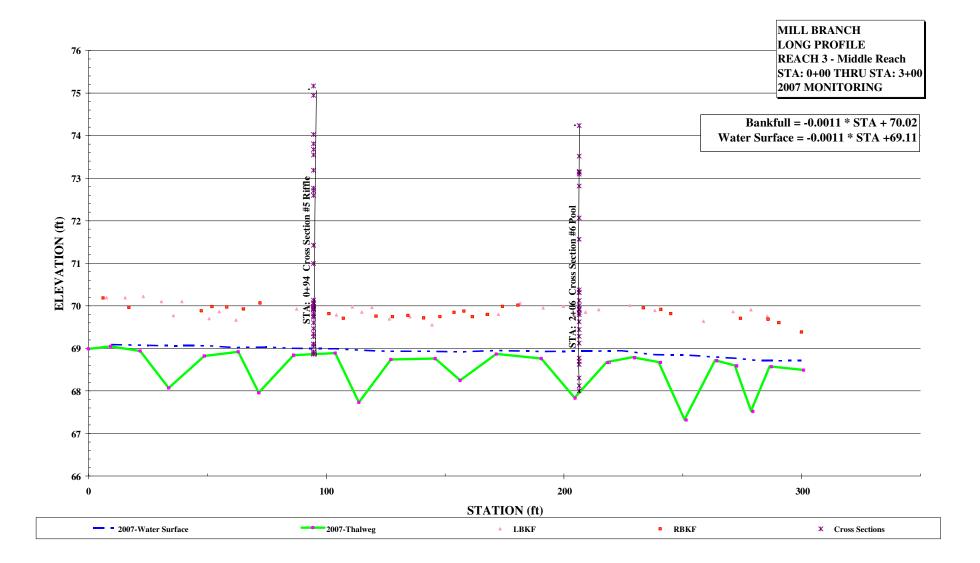


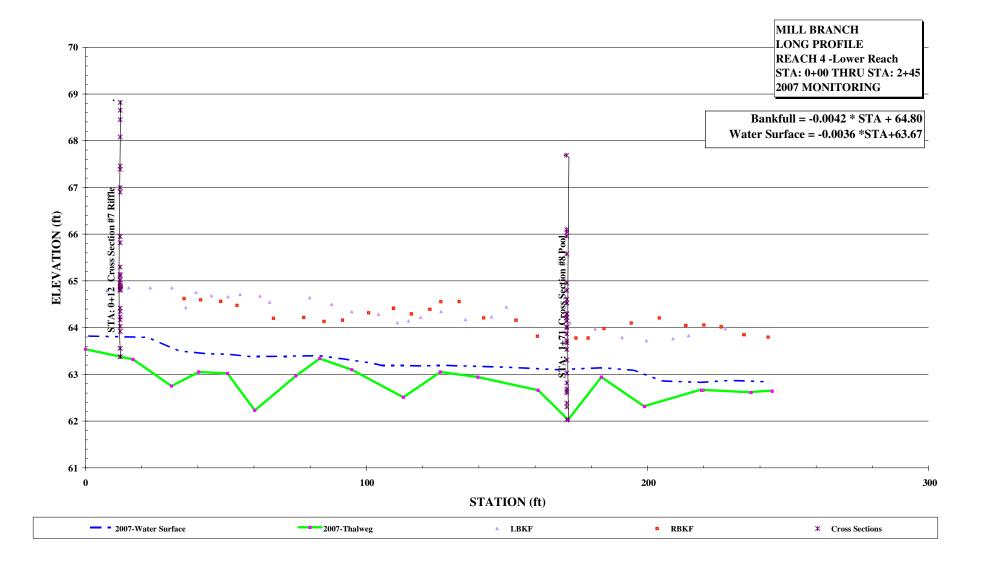
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Appendix 2. Longitudinal Survey (Year 0)





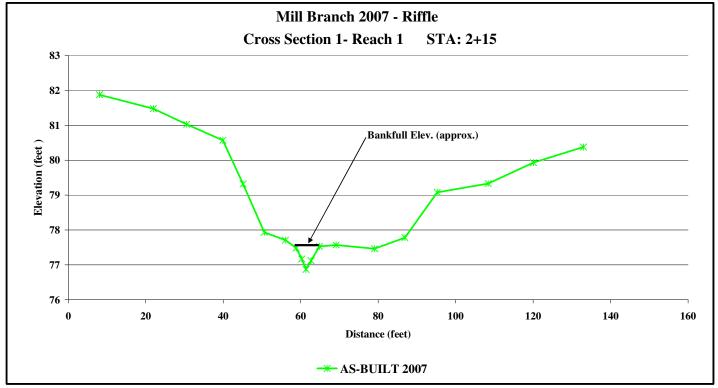




Appendix 3. Cross-Sections (Year 0)

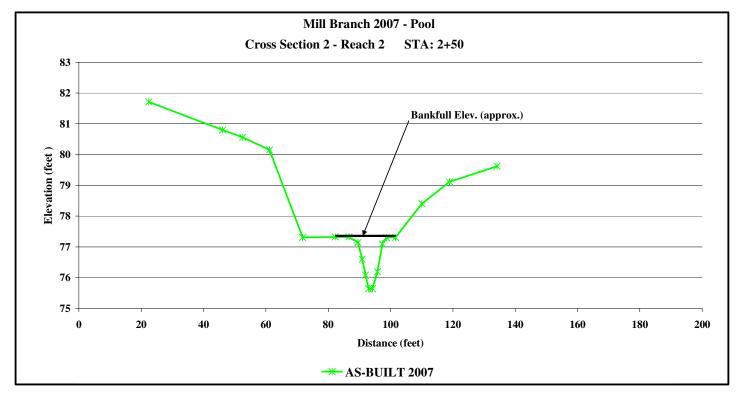
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56.1 77.7	
58.9 77.5	LBKF
60.3 77.2	
61.4 76.9	
62.7 77.1	
64.8 77.5	RBKF
69.1 77.6	
79.1 77.5	
86.9 77.8	
95.2 79.1	
108.4 79.33	
120.1 79.9	RPIN
133.0 80.4	
	AS-BUILT 2007
Area	2.2
Width	6.0
Mean Depth	0.4
Max Depth	0.7
W/D	16.4





Project Nar	ne	Mill Branch
Cross Section	on	Cross-Section 2 -
		Reach 1
Feature		Riffle
Date		3/28/07
Crew		Jean, Geenen,
		Myers
	AS-BUILT	
a	AS-BUILT	•
Station	Elevation	Notes
22.5	81.7	
46.1	80.8	LPIN
52.6	80.56	
61.2	80.2	
71.8	77.3	
82.3	77.3	LBKF
86.7	77.3	
89.5	77.1	
90.9	76.6	
92.0	76.1	
92.9	75.6	
94.2	75.6	
95.8	76.2	
97.4	77.1	
98.7	77.3	DDVE
101.6	77.31	RBKF
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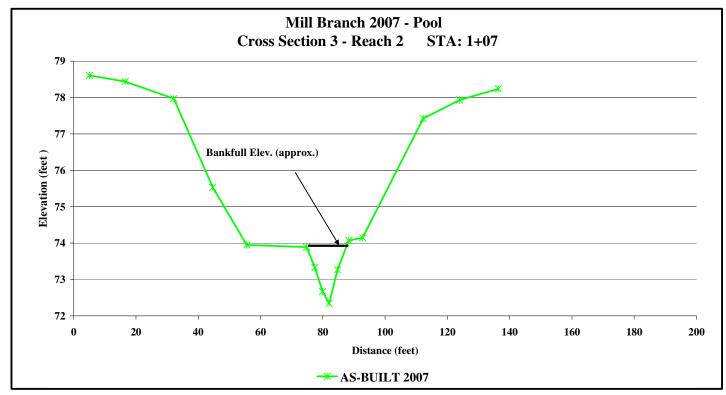


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Cross Section	Cross-Section 3 -
	Reach 2
Feature	Pool
Date	3/28/07
Crew	Jean, Geenen,
	Myers

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AS-BUILT 2007		
AS-BUILT Survey		
Station	Elevation	Notes
5.0	78.6	
16.5	78.4	LPIN
32.1	77.97	
44.7	75.5	
55.6	74.0	
74.8	73.9	LBKF
77.4	73.3	
79.9	72.7	
82.0	72.4	
84.8	73.3	
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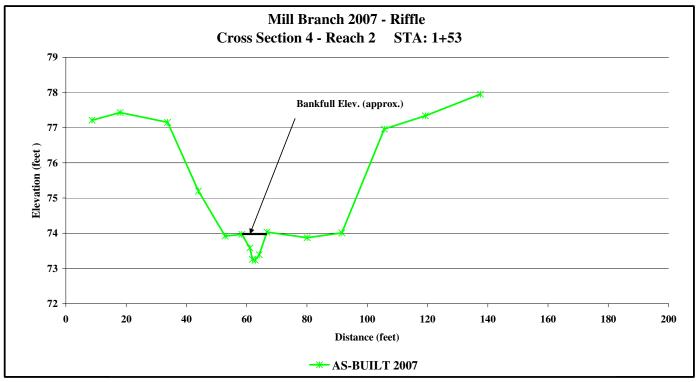
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Width	13.5
Mean Depth	0.7
Max Depth	1.6
W/D	





Project Na	me	Mill Branch
Cross Secti	on	Cross-Section 4 -
		Reach 2
Feature		Riffle
Date		3/28/07
Crew		Jean, Geenen,
		Myers
AS-BUILT 2007		
	AS-BUILT	
Station	Elevation	
8.6	77.2	
18.0	77.4	LPIN
33.8	77.15	
44.0	75.2	
52.8	73.9	
58.4	74.0	LBKF
61.1	73.6	
61.9	73.3	
62.8	73.2	
64.2	73.4	
66.7	74.0	RBKF
80.1	73.9	
91.6	74.0	
105.6	77.0	
119.3	77.3	RPIN
137.6	77.95	
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Max Depth	l	0.8
W/D		20.2

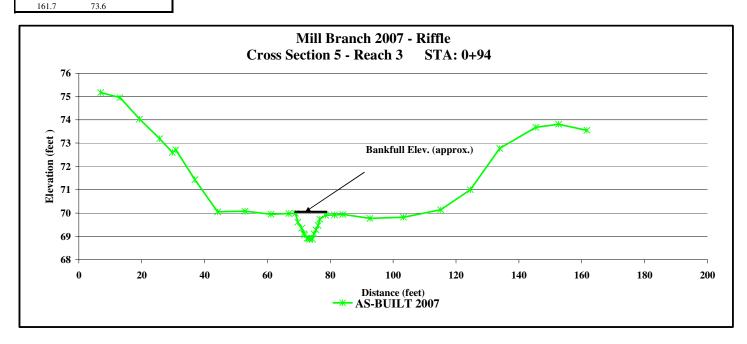




Project Nan	ne	Mill Branch
Cross Sectio	n	Cross-Section 5 -
		Reach 3
Feature		Riffle
Date		3/28/07
Crew		Jean, Geenen,
		Myers
AS-BUILT 2007		
A	AS-BUILT S	urvey
Station	Elevation	Notes
7.0	75.2	
13.1	75.0	
19.3	74.0	
25.8	73.2	
29.7	72.6	
30.9	72.7	LPIN
37.0	71.4	
44.2	70.1	
52.9	70.1	
61.1	70.0	
66.9	70.0	
69.0	70.0	LBKF
69.7	69.6	
70.9	69.4	
71.6	69.1	
71.8	69.1	
72.6	68.9	
73.0	68.9	
73.4	68.9	
74.3	68.9	
74.8	69.1	
75.4	69.3	
76.1	69.5	
76.7	69.7	
78.5	69.9	RBKF
81.3	69.9	
84.0	69.9	
92.6	69.8	
103.3	69.8	
115.1	70.1	
124.6	71.0	
133.9	72.8	
145.4	73.7	
152.6	73.8	RPIN
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Width	9.5
Mean Depth	0.6
Max Depth	1.0
W/D	17.2

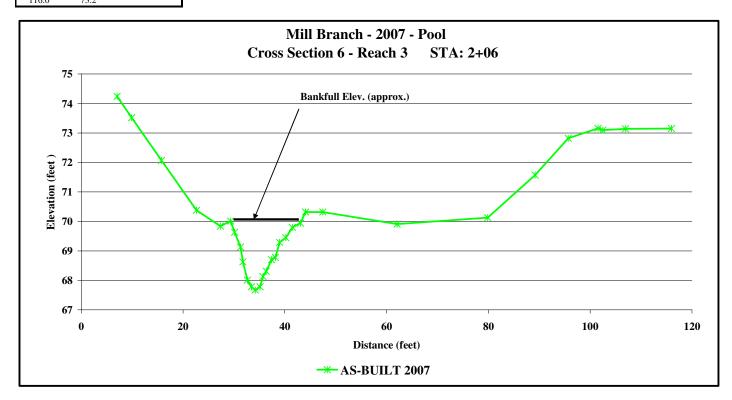


Project Name	Mill Branch
Cross Section	Cross-Section 6 -
	Reach 3
Feature	Pool
Date	3/28/07
Crew	Jean, Geenen,
	Myers

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Station	Elevation	•
7.1	74.2	Notes
9.9	73.5	LPIN
15.8	72.1	LIIIV
22.7	70.4	
27.3	69.8	
29.4	70.0	LBKF
30.2	69.6	2211
31.3	69.1	
31.8	68.6	
32.6	68.0	
33.4	67.8	
34.2	67.7	
35.1	67.8	
35.7	68.1	
36.4	68.3	
37.4	68.7	
38.2	68.8	
39.0	69.3	
40.2	69.5	
41.5	69.8	
43.1	69.9	RBKF
44.1	70.3	
47.5	70.3	
62.1	69.9	
79.9	70.1	
89.2	71.6	
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101.5	73.2	RPIN
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106.9	73.1	
116.0	73.2	



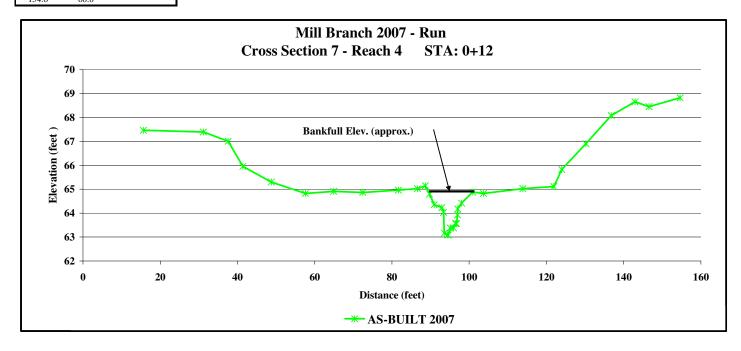
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Area	15.5
Width	13.7
Mean Depth	1.1
Max Depth	2.3
W/D	



Project Na	ıme	Mill Branch
Cross Sect		Cross-Section 7 -
		Reach 4
Feature		Riffle
Date		3/28/07
Crew		Jean, Geenen,
		Myers
-		
AS-BUILT 2007		
	AS-BUILT S	•
Station	Elevation	Notes
15.7	67.5	
31.2	67.4	LPIN
37.6	67.00	
41.4	66.0	
48.8	65.3	
57.6	64.8	
64.9	64.9	
72.4	64.9	
81.7	65.0	
86.6 88.7	65.0 65.1	
88.7 89.7	64.8	
89.7 91.0	64.4	
92.9	64.2	LBKF
93.4	64.0	LDKF
93.4	63.2	
94.4	63.08	
94.5	63.1	
95.1	63.4	
95.1	63.4	
96.5	63.6	
96.7	63.6	
90.7	63.9	
97.0 97.0	64.2	RBKF
98.1	64.4	KDKF
101.0	64.9	
101.0	64.8	
113.9	65.0	
121.9	65.1	
124.0	65.8	
130.3	66.9	
136.8	68.1	
143.0	68.7	RPIN
146.6	68.5	
154.6	68.8	



	AS-BUILT 2007
Area	8.9
Width	10.8
Mean Depth	0.8
Max Depth	1.8
W/D	13.1



Project Na	me	Mill Branch	
Cross Sect	ion	Cross-Section 8 Reach 4	
Feature		Pool	
Date		3/28/07	
Crew		Jean, Geenen,	
		Myers	
	AS-BUILT	2007	
	AS-BUILT S		
Station	Elevation	•	
8.7	66.1		
22.9	66.0	LPIN	
31.1	65.58		
41.4	64.3		
47.7	64.2		
51.1	64.5		
53.3	64.5		
55.1	64.0		
56.4	63.5	LBKF	
57.8	63.3		
58.1	62.8		
58.3	62.7		
58.4	62.6		
58.6	62.4		
60.2	62.0		
60.8	62.31		
61.5	62.7		
62.1	63.0		
63.5	63.7	RBKF	

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64.3

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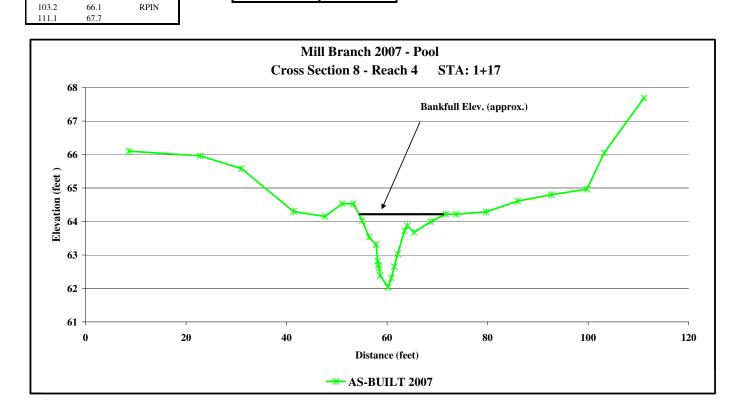
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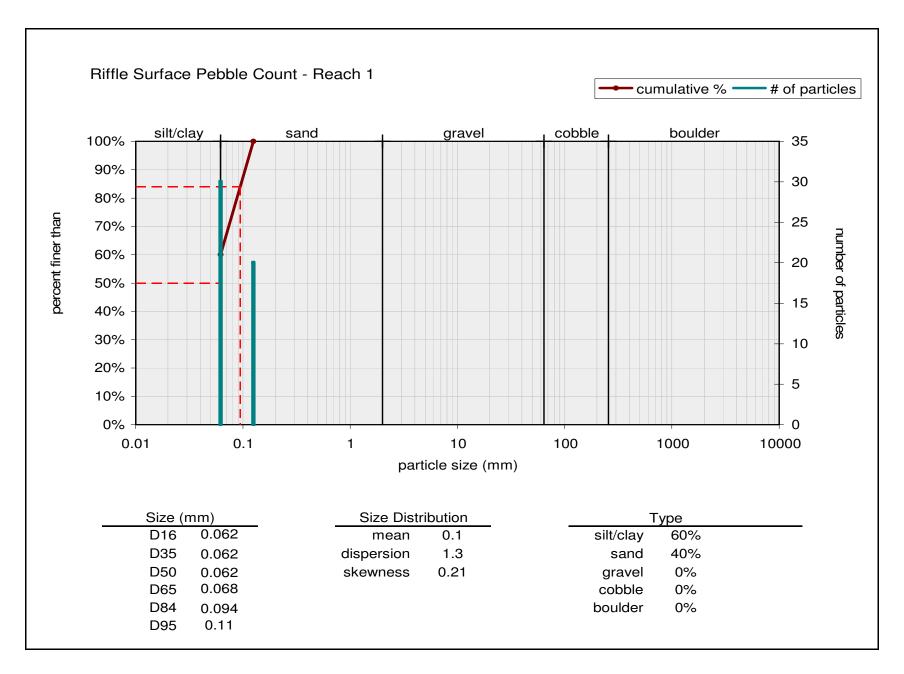
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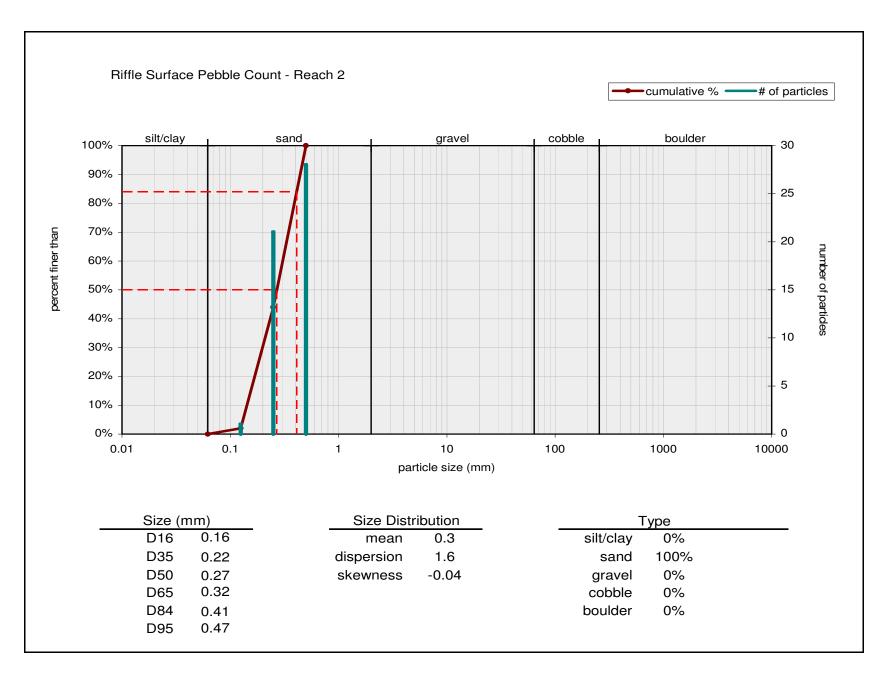


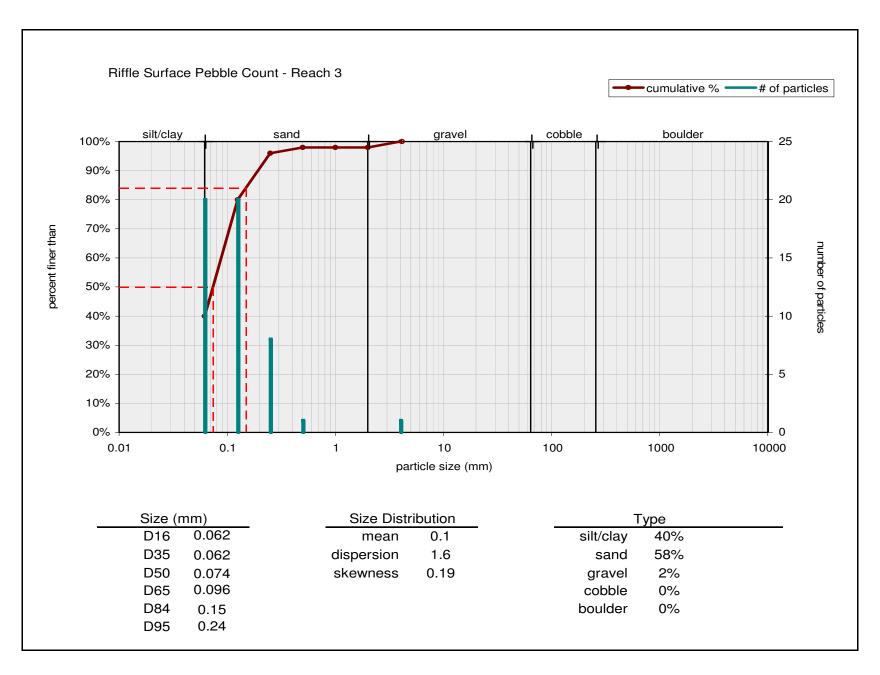
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Area	11.3
Width	16.6
Mean Depth	0.7
Max Depth	2.2
W/D	24.4

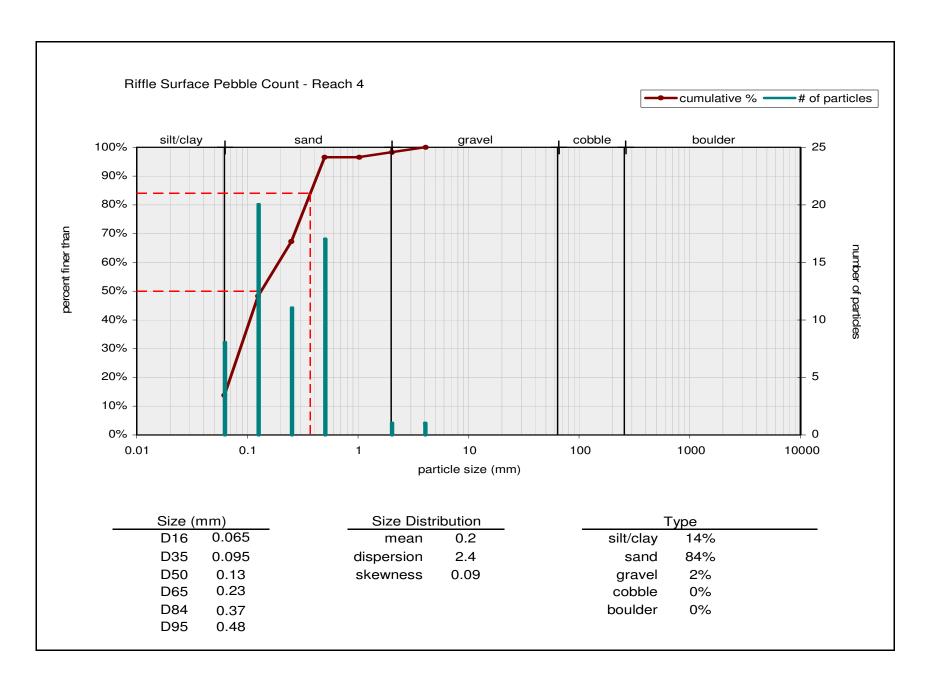


Appendix 4. Pebble Counts (Year 0)









Appendix 5. Vegetation Plots (Year 0)

Stem Counts - As-Built - March 28, 2007							
		Mill Bra	anch Strean	n Restoration Project			
Common Name	Scientific Name	Source	Year 0 number	Common Name	Scientific Name	Source	Year 0 number
Plot 1 (Western)				Plot 3 (Middle)			
Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum	LS	4	Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum	LS	4
River Birch	Betula nigra	R	1	Silky willow	Salix sericea	LS	3
Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana	R	2	River Birch	Betula nigra	R	4
Tulip Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera	R	2	Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	R	1
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	R	1	Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	R	1
Water Oak	Quercus nigra	R	2	Oak*	Quercus sp.	R	5
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	R	1				
Oak*	Quercus sp.	R	1				
Total Stems			14	Total Stems			18
Density (Stems / Acre)			567	Density (Stems / Acre)			728
Plot 2 (Upper)				Plot 4 (Lower)			
Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum	LS	1	Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum	LS	2
Silky willow	Salix sericea	LS	3	Silky willow	Salix sericea	LS	4
Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	LS	1	Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana	R	3
River Birch	Betula nigra	R	1	Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	R	1
Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana	R	1	Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	R	1
Tulip Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera	R	2	Water Oak	Quercus nigra	R	1
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	R	2	Cherrybark Oak	Quercus pagoda	R	1
Water Oak	Quercus nigra	R	1	Oak*	Quercus sp.	R	3
Oak*	Quercus sp.	R	4				
Total Stems			16	Total Stems			16
Density (Stems / Acre)			647	Density (Stems / Acre)			647

^{*}Many of the oak saplings did not yet have leaves and were difficult to identify to the species level

LS – Live Stake

R – Bare Root

Appendix 6. Project Morphological Data

MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(Adapted from Rosgen, 1996)

Restoration Site: Mill Branch, NC

Country: NC, USA
Surveyors: Geenen, Jean, Meyers
Date: 3/2007
Weather:

	Variables		Survey	Survey	Survey	Survey
			Reach 1 - Western Reach	Reach 2 - Upper Reach	Reach 3 - Middle Reach	Reach 4 - Lower Reach
1 1. S	Stream Type		C5	C5	C5	C5
2 2. D	Prainage Area (sq. mi)		0.03	0.15	0.2	0.21
3 3. B	Bankfull Width (Wbkf) ft	Mean:	5.90	7.80	9.74	10.84
4 4. B	Bankfull Mean Depth (dbkf) ft	Mean:	0.37	0.39	0.59	0.83
5 5. W	Vidth/Depth Ratio (Wbkf/dbkf)	Mean:	15.97	20.15	16.61	13.09
6 6. B	Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area (Abkf) sq ft	Mean:	2.18	3.02	5.71	8.98
7 7. B	Bankfull Mean Velocity (Vbkf) fps	Mean:	1.06	1.11	0.99	N/A
8 8. B	Bankfull Discharge (Qbkf) cfs	Mean:	2.32	3.37	5.63	N/A
9 9. N	Maximum Bankfull Depth (dmax) ft	Mean:	0.71	0.74	1.08	1.84
10 10.	Width of Flood Prone Area (Wfpa) ft	Mean:	40.6	48.8	84.9	85.8
11 11.	Entrenchment Ratio (Wfpa/Wbkf)	Mean:	6.88	6.26	8.72	7.92
12 Me	an Pool Depth (dbkfp) ft	Mean:	0.78	0.73	1.14	0.68
13 Me	an Pool Depth/Mean Riffle Depth Ratio	Mean:	2.11	1.89	1.95	0.82
14 Poo	ol Width (Wbkfp)ft	Mean:	10.85	13.52	13.73	16.60
15 Poo	ol Width/Riffle Width Ratio (Wbkfp/Wbkf)	Mean:	1.84	1.73	1.41	1.53
16 Poo	ol Cross-Sectional Area (Abkfp) ft2	Mean:	8.46	9.89	15.71	11.30
17 Poo	ol Area/Riffle Area Ratio (Abkfp/Abkf)	Mean:	3.88	3.27	2.75	1.26
	x Pool Depth (dmbkfp) ft	Mean:	1.67	1.54	2.37	2.20
	x Pool Depth/Mean Riffle Depth Ratio	Mean:	4.52	3.98	4.04	2.66
	w Bank Height (LBH) ft		0.7	0.7	1.1	1.8
	w Bank Height/Max Riffle Depth Ratio (LBH/dbkf)		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	inder Length (Lm) ft	Mean:	36.3	46.0	63.9	81.7
		Minimum:	31.7	38.6	60.0	77.0
		Maximum:	42.2	58.6	67.8	86.4
23 Mea	inder Length to Bankfull Width Ratio	Mean:	6.3	6.2	6.0	7.540
((Lm/Wbkf)	Minimum:	5.374	4.950	4.000	7.108
<u> </u>	` ,	Maximum:	7.155	7.516	8.000	7.971
24 Radi	ius of Curvature (Rc) ft	Mean:	11.3	13.8	17.3	19.6
	, ,	Minimum:	7.8	10.7	14.8	16.7
		Maximum:	15.1	17.9	19.7	23.7
25 Ratio	o of Radius of Curvature to Bankfull	Mean:	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
١	Width (Rc/Wbkf)	Minimum:	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5
		Maximum:	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.2
26 Belt	Width (Wblt) ft	Mean:	20.4	26.2	35.8	37.1
		Minimum:	15.9	22.9	30.6	36.9
		Maximum:	26.3	29.0	40.8	37.4
27 Mea	nder Width Ratio (Wblt/Wbkf)	Mean:	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.4
		Minimum:	2.689	2.942	3.140	3.404
		Maximum:	4.451	3.720	4.192	3.449
28 Sinu	osity (Stream length/valley distance)	Mean:	1.20	1.23	1.28	1.21
29 Valle	ey Slope (ft/ft)	Mean:	0.0031	0.0032	0.0015	0.0047
30 Aver	rageSlope - Water Surface	Mean:	0.0026	0.0026	0.0012	0.0039
31 Pool	I to Pool Spacing (p-p) ft	Mean:	26.9	29.2	40.9	40.5
		Minimum:	18.6	22.5	27.9	27.7
		Maximum:	39.7	40.4	48.1	53.2

MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(Adapted from Rosgen, 1996)

Restoration Site: Mill Branch, NC

County:
State, Country: NC, USA
Surveyors: Geenen, Jean, Meyers
Date: 3/2007
Weather:

	Variables		Survey	Survey	Survey	Survey
			Reach 1 - Western Reach	Reach 2 - Upper Reach	Reach 3 - Middle Reach	Reach 4 - Lower Reach
32	Ratio of Pool-to-Pool Spacing to Bankfull	Mean:	4.6	3.7	4.2	3.7
	Width (p-p/Wbkf)	Minimum:	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.6
		Maximum:	6.72	5.18	4.93	4.91
33	Pool Length (Lp) ft	Mean:	12.4	13.0	17.8	19.1
		Minimum:	8.0	5.0	10.2	18.4
		Maximum:	22.6	20.9	23.0	19.8
34	Ratio of Pool Length to Bankfull Width	Mean:	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.8
	(Lp/Wbkf)	Minimum:	1.3	0.6	1.0	1.7
		Maximum:	3.8	2.7	2.4	1.8
35	Riffle Slope (Sriff) ft/ft	Mean:	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.004
		Minimum:	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002
		Maximum:	0.010	0.013	0.008	0.010
36	Ratio of Riffle Slope to Average Slope	Mean:	2.0	2.0	2.5	1.1
	(Sriff/Savg)	Minimum:	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
		Maximum:	4.0	4.9	6.4	2.6
37	Riffle Length (Lr) ft	Mean:	6.32	9.43	12.56	8.29
		Minimum:	4.04	5.17	7.12	3.52
		Maximum:	10.45	14.11	16.63	11.27
38	Ratio of Riffle Length to Bankfull Width	Mean:	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.8
	(Lr/Wbkf)	Minimum:	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.3
		Maximum:	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.0

Appendix 7.	Existing Morphological Data (Pre-construction)

Appendix 7. Existing Morphological Characteristics

Project: UT to Mill Branch
Basin: Lumber River
County: Columbus

ITEM	Existing Conditions	Existing Conditions	Existing Conditions
LOCATION	Western	Upper	Middle & Lower
STREAM TYPE	G5	G5	G5
DRAINAGE AREA, Ac - Sq Mi	20 ac - 0.03 sqmi	97 ac - 0.15 sqmi	137 ac - 0.21 sqmi
BANKFULL WIDTH (W _{bkf}), ft	2.8 ft	2.9 ft	6.5 ft
BANKFULL MEAN DEPTH (d _{bkf}), ft	0.32 ft	0.72 ft	0.86 ft
WIDTH/DEPTH RATIO (W _{bkf} /d _{bkf})	8.7	4.0	7.5
BANKFULL X-SECTION AREA (Abkf), ft2	0.9 ft ²	2.1 ft ²	5.6 ft ²
BANKFULL MEAN VELOCITY, fps	1.6 fps	2.0 fps	1.0 fps
BANKFULL DISCHARGE, cfs	1.4 cfs	4.2 cfs	5.5 cfs
BANKFULL MAX DEPTH (d _{max}), ft	0.46 ft	1.17 ft	2.02 ft
WIDTH Flood-Prone Area (W _{fpa}), ft	2.9 ft	6.8 ft	70.0 ft
ENTRENCHMENT RATIO (ER)	1.0	2.3	10.8
MEANDER LENGTH (Lm), ft	220.0 - ft	210.0 ft	260.0
RATIO OF Lm TO W _{bkf}	78.6	72.4	40.0
RADIUS OF CURVATURE, ft	15.0 ft	10.0 ft	25.0
RATIO OF Rc TO W _{bkf}	5.4	3.4	3.8
BELT WIDTH, ft	85.0 ft	55.0 ft	50.0
MEANDER WIDTH RATIO	30.4	19.0	7.7
SINUOSITY (K)	1.01	1.05	1.09
VALLEY SLOPE, ft/ft	0.0087 ft/ft	0.0077 ft/ft	0.0011 ft/ft
AVERAGE SLOPE (S), ft/ft	0.0086 ft/ft	0.0073 ft/ft	0.0010 ft/ft
POOL SLOPE, ft/ft	0.0022 ft/ft	0.0000 ft/ft	0.0009 ft/ft
RATIO OF POOL SLOPE TO AVERAGE			
SLOPE	0.30	0.0	0.9
MAX POOL DEPTH, ft	0.70 ft	1.20 ft	1.70 ft
RATIO OF POOL DEPTH TO AVERAGE BANKFULL DEPTH	2.2	1.7	2.0
POOL WIDTH, ft		3.90 ft	n/a
RATIO OF POOL WIDTH TO BANKFULL	n/a	3.90 IL	II/a
WIDTH	n/a	1.30	n/a

Appendix 8. Reference Reach Morphological Data

Reference Morphological Characteristics

Project: **UT to Mill Branch**Basin: **Lumber River**County: **Columbus**

ITEM	Reference Reach	Reference Reach	Reference Reach	Reference Reach
LOCATION	UT to Hog Swamp	UT to Ironhill Branch	Muddy Creek	Mill Creek
STREAM TYPE	E5	C5	C5	C5
DRAINAGE AREA, Ac - Sq Mi	48.00 Ac - 0.08 Sq Mi	1030.40 Ac - 1.61 Sq Mi	544.00 Ac - 0.85 Sq Mi	1228.80 Ac - 1.92 Sq Mi
BANKFULL WIDTH (W _{bkf}), ft	3.8 ft	14.2 ft	11.2 ft	11.3 ft
BANKFULL MEAN DEPTH (d _{bkf}), ft	0.48 ft	0.94 ft	1.03 ft	1.85 ft
WIDTH/DEPTH RATIO (W _{bkf} /d _{bkf})	7.9	15.2	10.8	6.1
BANKFULL X-SECTION AREA (Abkf), ft ²	1.8 ft ²	13.3 ft ²	11.5 ft ²	21.0 ft ²
BANKFULL MEAN VELOCITY, fps	1.5 fps	1.8 fps	1.3 fps	1.3 fps
BANKFULL DISCHARGE, cfs	2.7 cfs	24.1 cfs	14.7 cfs	26.5 cfs
BANKFULL MAX DEPTH (d _{max}), ft	0.72 ft	1.56 ft	1.72 ft	2.58 ft
WIDTH Flood-Prone Area (W _{fpa}), ft	100.0 ft	290.0 ft	245.0 ft	300.0 ft
ENTRENCHMENT RATIO (ER)	26.6	20.4	22.0	26.5
MEANDER LENGTH (Lm), ft	12.0 - 70.0 ft	42.0 - 72.0 ft	55.0 - 97.0 ft	37.7 - 72.6 ft
RATIO OF Lm TO W _{bkf}	3.2 - 18.6	3.0 - 5.1	4.9 - 8.7	3.3 - 6.4
RADIUS OF CURVATURE, ft	4.4 - 45.6 ft	13.7 - 20.8 ft	10.4 - 21.9 ft	9.7 - 29.8 ft
RATIO OF Rc TO W _{bkf}	1.2 - 12.1	1.0 - 1.5	0.9 - 2.0	0.9 - 2.6
BELT WIDTH, ft	5.7 - 16.0 ft	30.0 - 59.0 ft	30.0 - 49.0 ft	15.1 - 27.0 ft
MEANDER WIDTH RATIO	1.5 - 4.2	2.1 - 4.2	2.7 - 4.4	1.3 - 2.4
SINUOSITY (K)	1.24	1.30	1.13	1.18
VALLEY SLOPE, ft/ft	0.0084 ft/ft	0.0026 ft/ft	0.0042 ft/ft	0.0070 ft/ft
AVERAGE SLOPE (S), ft/ft	0.0068 ft/ft	0.0020 ft/ft	0.0037 ft/ft	0.0059 ft/ft
POOL SLOPE, ft/ft	0.0000 ft/ft	0.0015 - 0.0065 ft/ft	0.0000 - 0.0009 ft/ft	0.0000 - 0.0080 ft/ft
RATIO OF POOL SLOPE TO AVERAGE				
SLOPE	0.0 - 0.9	0.8 - 3.3	0.0 - 0.2	0.0 - 1.4
MAX POOL DEPTH, ft	1.10 ft	1.50 ft	1.77 ft	3.12 ft
RATIO OF POOL DEPTH TO AVERAGE BANKFULL DEPTH	2.3	1.6	1.7	1.7
POOL WIDTH, ft	3.80 ft	16.10 ft	17.23 ft	11.85 ft
RATIO OF POOL WIDTH TO BANKFULL WIDTH	1.01	1.13	1.54	1.05
POOL TO POOL SPACING, ft	9.0 - 23.0 ft	40.0 - 65.0 ft	18.0 - 67.7 ft	
RATIO OF POOL TO POOL SPACING TO BANKFULL WIDTH	9.0 - 23.0 II 2.4 - 6.1	2.8 - 4.6	1.6 - 6.1	11.4 - 61.0 ft 1.0 - 5.4