# **Brown Bark Park Stream Restoration Monitoring Report**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2004, the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) conducted stream restoration at Brown Bark Park within the Buffalo Creek Watershed in Greensboro, North Carolina. The 0.3-mi² watershed is located within USGS 14-digit HUC 03030002020040 and NCDWQ Sub-basin 03-06-02 of the Cape Fear River Basin. The initial planning proposed to restore approximately 2,834 linear feet of channel. The design was developed to address vertical instability (incision) problems and lack of bed variability. The restoration plan called for correcting these problems by stabilizing stream banks, installing in-stream structures, adjusting stream planform, and clearing and replanting the riparian areas with native vegetation. Project construction occurred in 2004. This report is a description of the findings of the second year monitoring that took place in 2006.

The riparian buffer was planted with seven different species of bare root trees and four different species of live stakes. Three vegetation monitoring plots were established during the as-built survey; two buffer plots, approximately 25' x 100' and one live stake plot, approximately 175' x 5'. Data were collected from these three plots during the second year monitoring and their corners were surveyed and marked with metal conduit for future monitoring. The second year monitoring counted an average of 314 stems per acre in plots 1 and 2. The second year monitoring counted 3,186 stems per acre in the live stake plot. The vegetation monitoring for year two did not reveal any major problems with the restoration reach vegetation. The density of planted trees in the riparian buffer is low for the second year of monitoring, but there is consistent vegetative cover for the majority of the riparian buffer. Herbaceous competition with planted trees is a potential problem. It has not been included as an issue of concern in this second year report. Exotic vegetation was documented in the riparian buffer; however it was not so extensive to warrant immediate corrective actions.

The stream assessment completed during the second year monitoring found the stream to be functioning for the majority of the project. Channel dimensions have not changed drastically from the as-built conditions. The second year monitoring profile mirrors the as-built profile closely in many sections. The first year monitoring profile was unavailable for comparison. The majority of the in-stream structures are functioning. The stream banks have experienced localized erosion, but there are no large areas of bank instability.

#### 1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

#### 1.1 Project Objectives

- Restore unstable stream channels to natural stable forms by modifying dimension, pattern, and/or profile, based on reference reach parameters.
- Improve floodplain functionality by matching bankfull stage with floodplain elevation.
- Establish native floodplain vegetation through a forested riparian buffer.
- Improve the natural aesthetics of the stream corridor.
- Obtain mitigation credits for unavoidable impacts to streams within the same Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC).

### 1.2 Project Structure, Restoration Type, and Approach

A previously incised channel through Brown Bark Park was restored using channel dimension, pattern, and profile modifications and the establishment of a vegetated riparian zone adjacent to the creek. Channel profile is maintained through the use of rock cross vanes and constructed riffles. Channel pattern is maintained through the use of cross vanes, root wads, and vegetation along the channel banks.

#### 1.3 Location and Setting

Brown Bark Park is located within the city limits of Greensboro, North Carolina. The land use of the 0.3-mi<sup>2</sup> watershed is urban residential development. The watershed is completely built out with little potential for future development.

#### 1.4 Project History and Background

	,	ntion Structur ame: 52 - Bro	U					
Segment / Reach ID	Existing Linear Feet	Type	Approach	Linear Feet	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Units	Stationing	Comment
Brown Bark Stream	2,748	R	P2/3	2,834	1.0	2,834	10+00 - 38+34	
Mitigation U	nit Summ	ations						
Stream (lf)	Riparian Wetland (Ac)	Nonriparian Wetland (Ac)	Total Wetland (Ac)	Buffer (Ac)	Commer	nt		
2,834								

R = Restoration

P2/3 = Combination of Priority II and III

P1 = Priority I

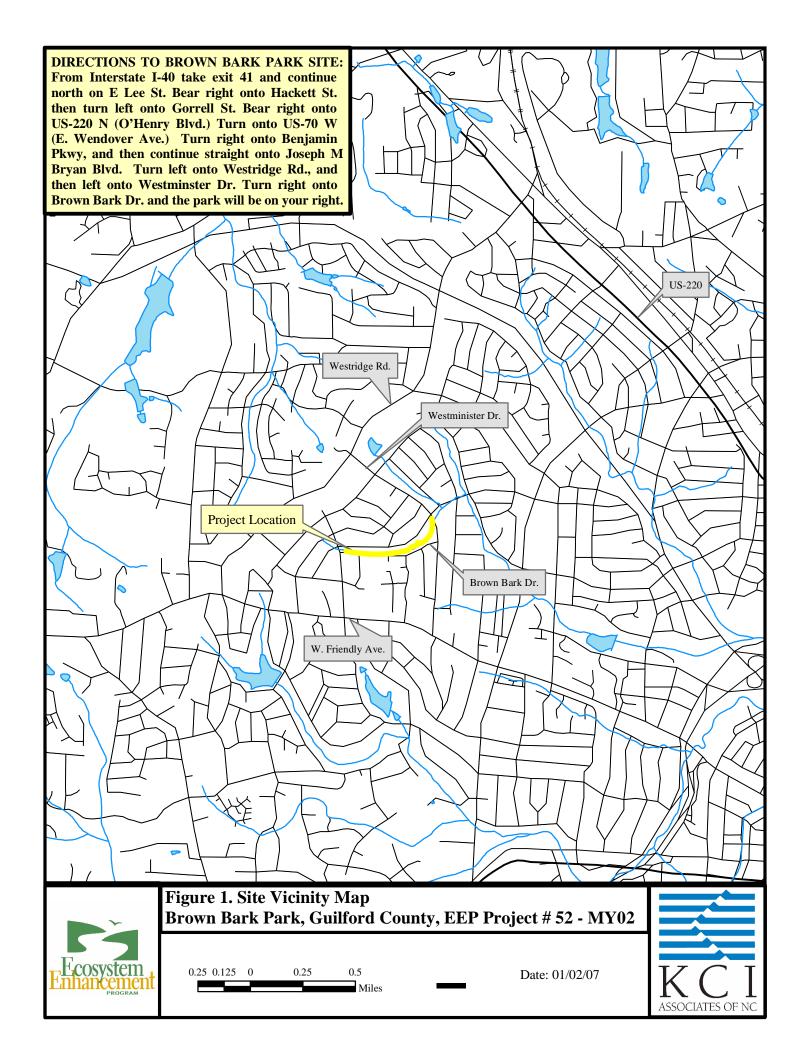
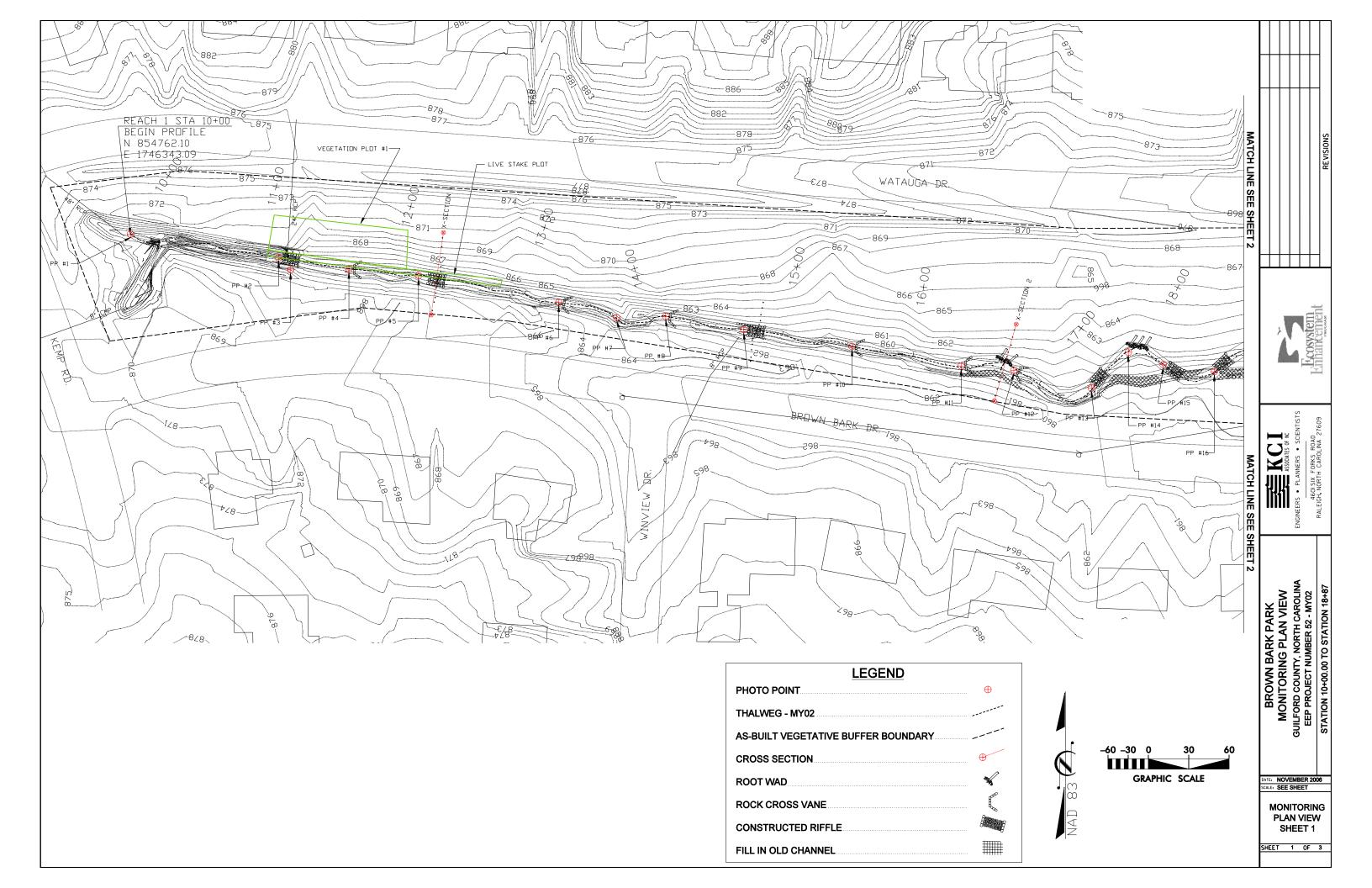
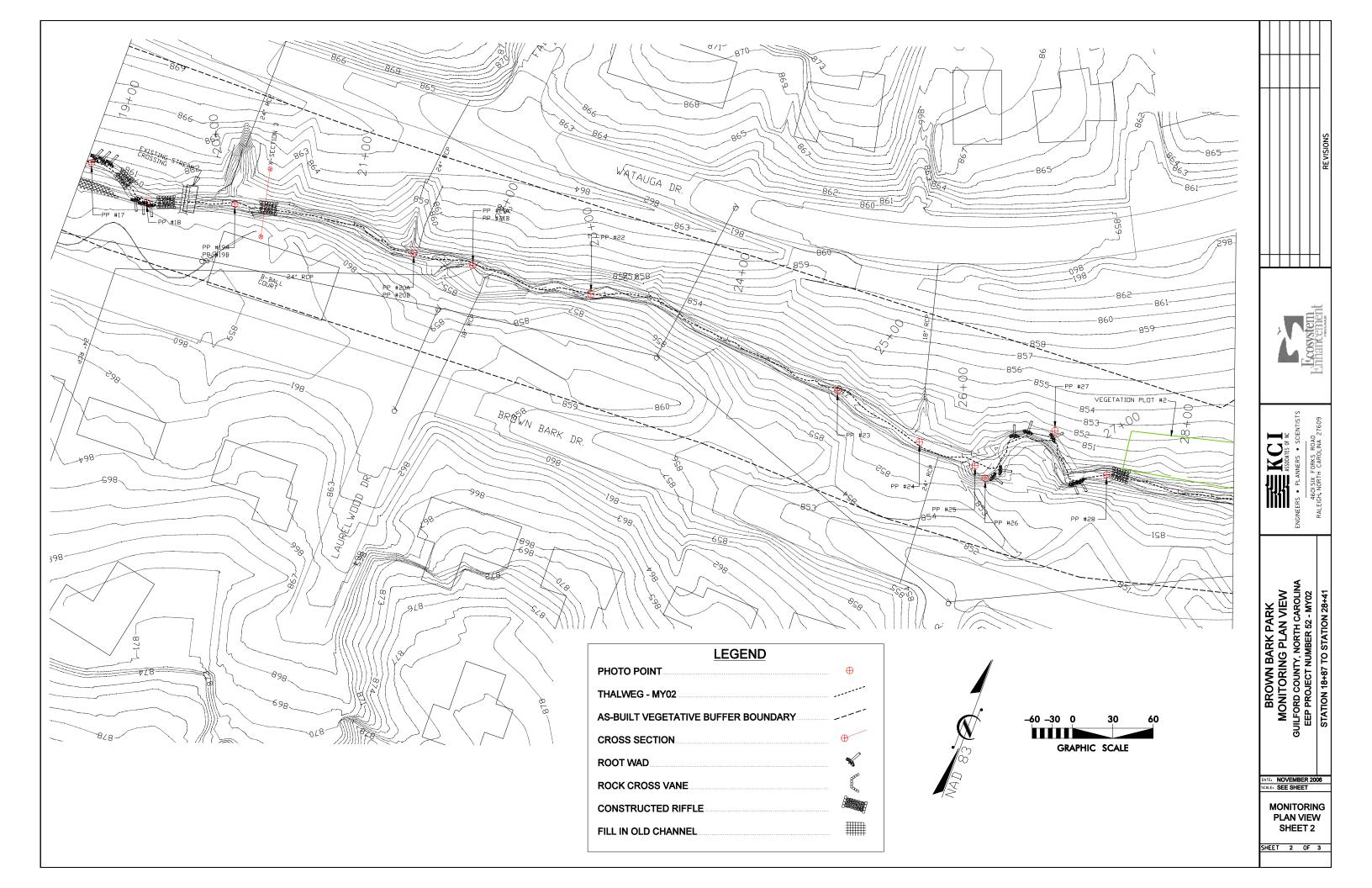


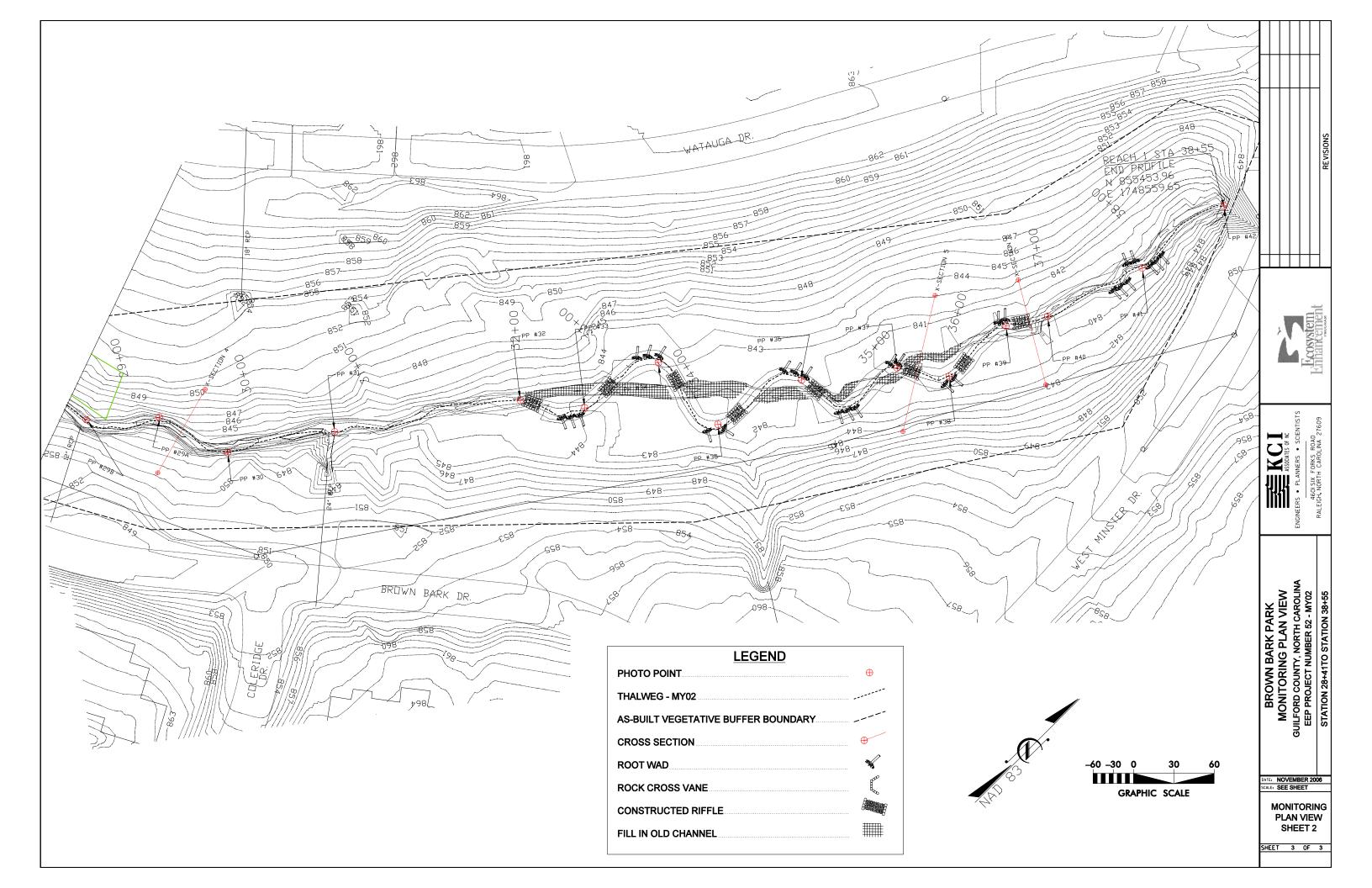
Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting Histor Project Number and Name: 52 - Brown Bark	•	
Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Actual Completion or Delivery
Restoration Plan		
Final Design - 90%		
Construction		Aug 04
Stream Repair and Maintenance Seeding		Apr 05
As-Built Report	2005	Jun 05
Year 1 Monitoring	Nov 05	Jan 06
Year 2 Monitoring	Sep 06	Jan 07

Table 3. Project Contact Table	
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Table 4. Project Background Table	
Project Number and Name: 52 – Brown Bark Park	
Project County	Guilford County
Drainage Area	0.3 sq. mi.
Drainage Impervious Cover Estimate (%)	N/A
Stream Order	First Order
Physiographic Region	Piedmont
Ecoregion	Southern Outer Piedmont
Rosgen Classification of As-built	B5/C5
Dominant Soil Types	Cecil-Urban land complex (Brown Bark)
Reference Site ID	N/A
USGS HUC for Project and Reference	03030002020040 (Brown Bark)
NCDWQ Sub-basin for Project and Reference	03-06-02 (Brown Bark)
NCDWQ Classification for Project and Reference	N/A (Brown Bark)
Any portion of the project segment 303d listed?	No - not rated
Any portion of the project segment upstream of a 303d listed segment?	N/A
Reasons for 303d Listing or Stressor	N/A
% of Project Easement Fenced	0%
% of Project Easement Demarcated with Bollards	approx. 100%







#### 2.0 PROJECT CONDITIONS AND MONITORING RESULTS

#### 2.1 Vegetation Assessment

See vegetation assessment in Appendix A.

#### 2.1.1 Vegetative Problem Areas

See Table A6. Vegetative Problem Areas in Appendix A.

#### 2.1.2 Vegetative Problem Area Plan View

See Vegetative Problem Area Plan View in Appendix A.

#### 2.2 Stream Assessment

#### 2.2.1 Bankfull Event and Stability Assessment

#### 2.2.1.a Verification of Bankfull Events Table

	Table 5. Verification of Bankfull Events Project Number and Name: 52 – Brown Bark Park													
Date of Data  Collection Date of Occurrence Method Photo Number														
9/18/06	9/18/06	Photographed on-site	SP7 (page 28)											

#### 2.2.1.b BEHI and Sediment Export Table

Table 6. BEHI and Sediment Export Estimates
Project Number and Name: 52 – Brown Bark Park

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#### 2.2.2 Stream Problem Areas

See Stream Problem Areas Table, Plan View, and Photos in Appendix B.

#### 2.2.3 Stability Assessment Table

Table 7. Categorical Stream Feature Visual Stability Assessment Project Number and Name: 52 – Brown Bark Park														
Feature Initial MY - 01 MY - 02 MY - 03 MY - 04 MY - 05														
A. Riffles	100%	N/A	86%											
B. Pools	100%	N/A	94%											
C. Thalweg	100%	N/A	68%											
D. Meanders	100%	N/A	60%											
E. Bed General	100%	N/A	99%											
F. Bank Condition	100%	N/A	93%											
G. Vanes / J Hooks etc.	100%	N/A	100%											
H. Wads and Boulders	100%	N/A	83%											

# 2.2.4 Quantitative Measures Summary Tables

Table 8. Baseline Morphology and Hydraulic Summary

Parameter	LISC	S Gage	Doto		ional C Interva		Dro Ew	isting Co	ndition	Project	D o foron o	e Stream		Design			As-bui	1+
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Dimension P. 10 H W: 11 (2)	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Median
Bankfull Width (ft)																13.5	19.4	16.7
Floodprone Width (ft)																23	59	49
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )																12.2	23.2	14.2
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)																0.8	1.2	0.9
Bankfull Maximum Depth (ft)																1.7	3.3	2.0
Width/Depth Ratio																15.0	23.4	16.1
Entrenchment Ratio																1.7	3.6	3.1
Bank Height Ratio																1.0	1.0	1.0
Wetted Perimeter (ft)																		
Hydraulic Radius (ft)																		
Pattern									•									•
Channel Beltwidth (ft)																		
Radius of Curvature (ft)																		
Meander Wavelength (ft)																		
Meander Width Ratio																		<u> </u>
Profile		1	1			<u>I</u>					<u> </u>						l .	
Riffle Length (ft)																		
Riffle Slope (ft/ft)																		
Pool Length (ft)																		
Pool Spacing (ft)																		
Substrate										<u> </u>		<u> </u>						<u> </u>
d50 (mm)																		
d84 (mm)																		
Additional Reach Parameters												1						
Valley Length (ft)																		
Channel Length (ft)																		
Sinuosity																		
Water Surface Slope (ft/ft)																		
BF Slope (ft/ft)																	D/C/	
Rosgen Classification																	B/C5c	;

Table 9a. Morphology and Hydraulic Monitoring Summary

Project Number and Name: 52 – Brown Bark Park

Parameter				Section 1						Section 2	2	Cross Section 3 Riffle						
Dimension	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+
Bankfull Width (ft)	14.9	10.9					15.9	15.3					19.2	19.0				
Floodprone Width (ft)	23	20.2					36.0	36.3					48	47.4				
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	13.0	9.6					14.9	11.0					24.9	23.6				
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.9	0.9					0.9	0.7					1.3	1.2				
Bankfull Maximum Depth (ft)	2.0	1.8					2.8	1.7					3.8	3.3				
Width/Depth Ratio	17.2	12.4					17.0	21.3					14.9	15.3				
Entrenchment Ratio	1.6	1.9					3.3	2.4					2.6	2.5				
Bank Height Ratio	1.0	1.0					1.0	1.0					1.0	1.0				
Wetted Perimeter (ft)		11.9						16.0						20.7				
Hydraulic Radius (ft)		0.8						0.7						0.7				
Substrate																		
d50 (mm)		19.1						8.4						15.3				<u> </u>
d84 (mm)		56						18						101				

#### Table 9b. Morphology and Hydraulic Monitoring Summary

Project Number and Name: 52 – Brown Bark Park

Parameter	Cross Section 4 Pool							Cross Section 5 Riffle							Cross Section 6 Riffle					
Dimension	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+		
Bankfull Width (ft)	13.5	12.2					15.7	9.8					19.7	11.7						
Floodprone Width (ft)	30	27					50	35.4					59	53.4						
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	13.2	11.1					12.5	8.0					13.9	11.5						
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.0	0.9					0.8	0.8					0.7	1.0						
Bankfull Maximum Depth (ft)	2.4	2.3					1.6	1.3					1.8	1.8						
Width/Depth Ratio	13.8	13.4					19.6	12.0					28.7	11.9						
Entrenchment Ratio	2.1	2.2					3.3	3.7					2.6	4.6						
Bank Height Ratio	1.0	1.0					1.0	1.0					1.0	1.0						
Wetted Perimeter (ft)		13.7						10.3						12.5						
Hydraulic Radius (ft)		0.8						0.8						0.9						
Substrate																				
d50 (mm)		6.8						15.2						21.1						
d84 (mm)		31						70						83						

Table 9c. Morphology and Hydraulic	Monito	ring S	Sumr	nary (	ontin	ued									
Project Number and Name: 52 – Bro	wn Bark	Parl	ζ												
Parameter	MY - 0	MY - 01 (2005) N			- 02 (2	2006)	MY ·	- 03 (	2007)	MY	- 04 (20	(800	MY - 05 (2009)		
Pattern	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Med
Channel Beltwidth (ft)					71	37									
Radius of Curvature (ft)					33	19									
Meander Wavelength (ft)				79	105	91									
Meander Width Ratio				1.7	5.5	2.9									
Profile															
Riffle Length (ft)				3	60	13									
Riffle Slope (ft/ft)				0.003	0.160	0.027									
Pool Length (ft)				4	64	14									
Pool Spacing (ft)				13	174	45									
Additional Reach Parameters															
Valley Length (ft)					2,623										
Channel Length (ft)					2,855										
Sinuosity	•				1.1					•		•			
Water Surface Slope (ft/ft)				0.009						•		•			
Rosgen Classification	B/	B/C5c			B/C4c	;									

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**Appendix A** 

**Appendix B**