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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Annual Report details the monitoring activities during the 2009 growing season (Monitoring Year 2) on the Duke Swamp Wetland and Stream Restoration Site ("Site"). As per the approved Restoration Plan for the Site, this Annual Monitoring Report presents data on stream geometry, wetland monitoring data, stem count data from vegetation monitoring stations, and discusses any observed tendencies relating to stream stability and vegetation survival success.

Historically, land use on the Site consisted of agricultural production. The UT1a area was used for seasonally rotated crop production. Mowing and crop production had curtailed any efforts for native woody vegetation to establish along the stream banks which resulted in an inadequate riparian buffer throughout reach UT1a. The historic flow pattern and flooding regime of UT2 had been altered significantly. Backwater effects had been the result of an existing spoil pile that ran along the right bank of UT1b in the forested wetland area. Flows were being diverted along this spoil pile and blocking the natural connection between UT1 and UT2. Prior to restoration, Duke Swamp was channelized and lacked bedform diversity. After construction, it was determined that 5,441 linear feet (LF) of stream were restored.

A total of 12 monitoring plots were used to predict survivability of the woody vegetation planted on-site. The Year 2 vegetation monitoring indicated an average survivability of 403 stems per acre. The vegetation plots experiencing low stems counts following Year 2 monitoring are 2, 10, 11 and 12. The tree densities within plots 2, 10, 11 and 12 range from 0 to 320 stems per acre. Planted stems within vegetation plots 2, 10, 11 and 12 are experiencing problems due to heavy competition with a thick herbaceous layer and/or wet soil conditions. These problem areas will be observed closely during Year 3 of monitoring to determine if corrective action is required to meet the final vegetative success criteria of 260 stems/acre at the end of five years.

Cross-section and longitudinal profile data for stream stability were collected during Year 2 monitoring. The seven permanent cross-sections along the restored channel were re-surveyed to document stream dimension at the end of monitoring Year 2. All cross-sections indicate that there has been very little adjustment to stream dimension since construction. During Year 2 monitoring approximately 3,375 feet of stream channel was re-surveyed to document longitudinal profile morphology. The results of the Year 2 longitudinal profile show that the riffles and pools have remained relatively stable same since as-built conditions.

Dimension, pattern, profile and in-stream structures remained stable during Year 2. The on-site crest gauge documented the occurrence of at least four bankfull flow events during Year 2 of the post-construction monitoring period. Inspection of conditions during site visits revealed visual evidence of out-of-bank flow, confirming the highest crest gauge reading of 2.12 feet (25.4 inches) above the bankfull stage.

As first noted during Year 1 monitoring, the area between stations 38+00 and 40+00 has undergone subsidence on the right floodplain. Prior to restoration activities, this area was the connection between the remnant channel and farm pond 3 that was filled in during construction. The settling has allowed below bankfull flows to permanently flood the right floodplain as shown on cross-section 7. The floodplain elevation of cross-section 7 has decreased since asbuilt conditions, but it has remained stable since Year 1 data collection. This subsided area has also remained stable and no significant changes have been noted since Year 1. This area will

continue to be closely observed during future site visits and any significant changes will be reported in future reports.

Other than the subsided area between stations 38+00 and 40+00, the Site is on track to meet the stream success criteria specified in the Site's Restoration Plan.

The 2009 rainfall data from the Buckland Station exhibited erroneous data recordings between January and November 2009. Therefore, 2009 rainfall data from the automated weather station, Edenton (COOP: 312365) were used to validate the on-site gauge. Total observed rainfall at the on-site rain gauge for the period of January 2009 through November 2009 was 45.29 inches, compared to the Edenton gauge of 45.71 inches for the same period. According to the on-site gauge and the Edenton gauge, total rainfall during the Year 2 monitoring period from January 2009 through November 2009 was normal, at -0.94 inches below the long-term average.

A total of five automated groundwater-monitoring stations were installed across the project area to document hydrologic conditions of the restored site. The success of the on-site wells is attributed to precipitation that fell onto the Site and is also accredited to the higher local water table as a result of the Site's restoration and periodic backwater conditions from Duke Swamp.

A total of five automated water level gauges documented the occurrence of numerous flooding events within the UT1b area during Year 2 of post-construction monitoring.

The Site is on track to meet the hydrologic success criteria specified in the Site's Restoration Plan.

2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The project involved the proposed restoration of 5,422 LF of stream and 15 acres (AC) of riverine wetlands. Table 1 summarizes the restoration areas on the Site. Selected site photographs are shown in Appendix A, B and C. A total of 12.0 acres of riverine wetlands and 5,441 feet of stream were restored on the Site. The project also enhanced 7.6 acres of riverine wetlands on the Site. A conservation easement totaling 25.4 acres has been recorded that protects the streams, wetlands, and riparian buffers in perpetuity.

2.1 Project Objectives

The specific goals for the Duke Swamp Wetland and Stream Restoration Project were as follows:

- Restore functional stream channels
- Restore riparian wetlands
- Enhance existing riparian wetlands
- Improve water quality within the Duke Swamp watershed by reducing sediment and nutrient inputs
- Improve aquatic and riparian habitat functions by creating deeper pools with in-stream structures
- Establish native stream bank and floodplain vegetation within the agricultural field areas.

2.2 Project Structure, Restoration Type and Approach

After examining the assessment data collected and exploring the Site's potential for restoration, an approach to the Site was developed that addressed restoration of both stream and wetland functions within the agricultural field areas. The approach also needed to take into account the existing swamp system at the downstream end of the Site, which had been impacted in the past by channelization. Topography and soils on the Site indicated that the project area most likely functioned in the past as a tributary stream system with associated wetlands, feeding into the larger Duke Swamp system.

Therefore, a design approach was formulated to restore this type of system. First, appropriate stream types for the valley types, slopes, and desired wetland functions were selected and designed to tie in at the upstream road culvert. Then a grading plan was developed to restore the adjacent wetland areas to a "Coastal Plain small stream swamp" as identified by Schafale and Weakley (1990), which had been previously converted to farmland. Finally, a design approach was developed for the downstream swamp area, to remove the past effects of channelization and restore historic flow patterns within the swamp. Special consideration was given to minimizing disturbance to existing wetland and wooded areas.

For analysis and design purposes, Michael Baker Engineering, Inc. (Baker) divided the Duke Swamp tributaries into three reaches labeled UT1a, UT1b, and UT2 to Duke Swamp. UT1a begins on the upstream side of the project at a culvert under SR 1320. From the culvert, UT1a flows west and ends inside the forested wetland boundary. UT1b then continues through the forested area and eventually connects to the Duke Swamp system. UT2 begins at the outlet of a small cypress pond on

the northwestern corner of the Site. UT2 flows south from the pond and connects with UT1b within the forested wetland area.

UT1a Channel Restoration

A stable cross-section was achieved by restoring a single thread, meandering channel across the abandoned floodplain, increasing the width/depth ratio, and raising the streambed to restore a channel that was appropriately sized for its drainage area. Due to the upstream road culvert and the need to not increase flooding conditions of the road, floodplain grading was performed to allow for increased capacity during large storm events. Grading activities were aimed at restoring historic flow patterns and adjacent wetland hydrology by removing past channel spoil and other agricultural land manipulations. The channel was restored to a C-type stream (Rosgen 1994) and the sinuosity was increased by adding meanders to lengthen the channel and restore bed-form diversity. Minimal grade control was required for the project, due to the low channel slope and low potential for channel incision. In-stream wooden structures, such as log vanes, rootwads, and cover logs were included in the channel design to provide improved aquatic habitat.

UT1b Channel Restoration

As discussed in the approved restoration plan, UT1b was channelized through an existing wetland swamp system. The channelization and piling of spoil along the right bank had disrupted the historic flow and flooding patterns of the site, and disconnected the natural confluence of UT1 and UT2. However, historic channel remnants existed within the area adjacent to the existing canal. Restoration of this reach sought to restore historic flow and flooding processes, while avoiding and minimizing disturbance to the existing wetland vegetation. The restoration of UT1a through the farm fields ended at the edge of the jurisdictional wetland system. At this location, the constructed UT1a channel connects with a historic channel remnant which forms the beginning to UT1b. Construction equipment entered the existing wetland area along UT1b by traversing the existing spoil pile, thereby avoiding disturbance to wetland vegetation. The excavator placed the spoil material back into the channel and restored the natural topography in the area of the spoil pile. Flows through UT1b are now allowed to follow historic flow patterns and functions as a DA-type stream system as it spreads out through numerous channel remnants, in the same way the system once functioned. The historic connection between UT1 and UT2 was restored.

UT2 Channel Restoration

As discussed in the preceding section, restoration in the area of UT1b and UT2 involved removing the existing spoil pile which was affecting the flow of UT2. The UT2 channel was experiencing backwater ponding and damming effects as a result of the spoil pile. By removing the spoil pile and restoring the surrounding topography, the historic flow pattern and flooding regime of UT2 was restored as a transition from a single to multi-thread channel. Rather than ponding and flowing along the spoil pile, the flows greater than bankfull on the restored UT2 are now able to spread across the UT2 floodplain and mix with overbank flows from UT1.

Wetland Restoration Area #1

Wetland functions on the Site had been severely impaired as a result of agricultural conversion. The main stream (UT1) flowing through the Site was channelized many years ago to reduce flooding and provide drainage for adjacent farm fields. As a result, most of the wetland functions were destroyed within these agricultural field areas.

Wetland restoration of the prior-converted farm fields on the Site involved grading areas of the farm fields to resemble natural floodplain topography and raising the local water table to restore a natural flooding regime. Reach UT1a was restored to a stable dimension, pattern, and profile, such that riparian wetland functions were restored to the adjacent hydric soil areas. Drainage ditches and Pond 3 were filled to decrease surface and subsurface drainage and raise the local water table. Native wetland vegetation was planted throughout the riparian buffer areas.

Wetland Enhancement Area #2

As mentioned above, wetland functions on the site had been severely impaired as a result of agricultural conversion. Wetland enhancement of the existing jurisdictional wetland pockets involved grading areas of the farm fields to resemble natural floodplain topography and raising the local water table to enhance natural flooding regime and hydrology. Drainage ditches and Pond 3 were filled to decrease surface and subsurface drainage and raise the local water table. Additionally, the Pond 1 water level was lowered to function as a wetland. Native wetland vegetation was planted throughout the riparian buffer areas as shown on the as-built plan sheets.

Wetland Enhancement Area #3

Wetland enhancement of the existing jurisdictional wetlands within the downstream wooded area involved the removal of an existing spoil pile by placing the spoil material back into the channel thereby re-establishing the natural topography in the area. The historic hydrologic connection between UT1 and UT2 was restored. Native vegetation was planted along the spoil pile that was removed as shown on the as-built plan sheets.

Table 1. Project Restoration Components

Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A								
Project Segment or Reach ID	Existing Feet/Acres	Mitigation Type *	Approach**	Linear Footage or Acreage	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Units	Stationing	Comment
UT1a	2,860	R	P1, P2	4,026	1:1	4,026	10+00 - 50+26	Restoration - Priority I and II
UT1b	880	R	-	900	1:1	900	10+00 - 19+00	Restoration of historic flows throughout remnant channels, flooding
UT2	880	R	-	515	1:1	515	10+00 - 15+15	functions and hydrologic connectivity
Wetland area #1	0	R	-	12	1:1	12	See plan sheets	Riverine wetland restoration
Wetland areas #2 and #3	7.5	E	-	7.6	2:1	3.8	See plan sheets	Riverine wetland enhancement
Mitigation Uni Summations	Mitigation Unit Summations							
Stream (lf)	Riparian V	Vetland (Ac)	Non-riparian	Wetland (Ac)	Total We	tland (Ac)	Buffer (Ac)	Comment
5,441	1	9.6		0	19	9.6	0	

2.3 Location and Setting

The Site is located in Gates County, NC (Figure 1), approximately nine miles northeast of the town of Gatesville. The Site lies in the Chowan River Basin within North Carolina Division of Water Quality sub-basin 03-01-01 and North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) targeted local watershed 03010203040010.

2.4 Project History and Background

Historically, land use on the Site consisted of agricultural production. The UT1a area was used for seasonally rotated crop production. Mowing and crop production had curtailed any efforts for native woody vegetation to establish along the stream banks which resulted in an inadequate riparian buffer throughout reach UT1a. The historic flow pattern and flooding regime of UT2 had been altered significantly. Backwater effects had been the result of an existing spoil pile that ran along the right bank of UT1b in the forested wetland area. Flows were being diverted along this spoil pile and blocking the natural connection between UT1 and UT2.

The chronology of the Duke Swamp Restoration Project is presented in Table 2. The contact information for all designers, contractors, and relevant suppliers is presented in Table 3. Relevant project background information is presented in Table 4.

2.5 Project Plan

Plans depicting the as-built conditions of the major project elements, locations of permanent monitoring cross-sections, and locations of permanent vegetation monitoring plots are presented in Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E and 2F of this report.

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History

Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A						
Activity or Report	Scheduled Completio n	Data Collection Complete	Actual Completion or Delivery			
Restoration Plan Prepared	N/A	N/A	Apr-07			
Restoration Plan Amended	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Restoration Plan Approved	May-07	N/A	Apr-07			
Final Design – (at least 90% complete)	N/A	N/A	Jun-07			
Construction Begins	Jul-07	N/A	Jul-07			
Temporary S&E mix applied to entire project area	Dec-07	N/A	Dec-07			
Permanent seed mix applied to entire project area	Dec-07	N/A	Dec-07			
Planting of live stakes	Dec-07	N/A	Dec-07			
Planting of bare root trees	Dec-07	N/A	Dec-07			
End of construction	Oct-07	N/A	Sep-07			
Survey of As-built conditions (Year 0 Monitoring-baseline)	Oct-07	Oct-07	Oct-07			
Year 1 Monitoring	Dec-08	Oct-08	Dec-08			
Year 2 Monitoring	Dec-09	Oct-09	Dec-09			
Year 3 Monitoring	Scheduled Dec-10	Scheduled Oct-10	N/A			
Year 4 Monitoring	Scheduled Dec-11	Scheduled Oct-11	N/A			
Year 5 Monitoring	Scheduled Dec-12	Scheduled Oct-12	N/A			

Table 3. Project Contact Table

Table 5. Project Contact Table	C' D' AN DOCCE
	ration Site: Project No. D06065-A
Designer	
Baker Engineering NY, Inc.	8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 200
	Cary, NC 27518
	Contact:
	Kevin Tweedy, Tel. 919-463-5488
Construction Contractor	
River Works, Inc.	8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 200
Kivei works, nic.	Cary, NC 27518
	Contact:
	Will Pedersen, Tel. 919-459-9001
Planting Contractor	
Discon Warden In a	8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 200
River Works, Inc.	Cary, NC 27518
	Contact:
	Will Pedersen, Tel. 919-459-9001
Seeding Contractor	
	8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 200
River Works, Inc.	Cary, NC 27518
	Contact:
	Will Pedersen, Tel. 919-459-9001
Seed Mix Sources	Mellow Marsh Farm, 919-742-1200
Nursery Stock Suppliers	International Paper, 1-888-888-7159
Monitoring Performers	•
-	8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 200
Baker Engineering NY, Inc.	Cary, NC 27518
Stream Monitoring Point of Contact:	Dwayne Huneycutt, Tel. 919-463-5488
Vegetation Monitoring Point of Contact:	Dwayne Huneycutt, Tel. 919-463-5488

Table 4. Project Background Table

Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A				
Project County:	Gates County, NC			
Drainage Area:	•			
Reach:				
UT1a and UT1 b	2.9			
UT2	.03			
Estimated Drainage % Impervious Cover:				
M1	<5%			
M2	<5%			
Stream Order:				
UT1a and UT1 b	2			
UT2	1			
Physiographic Region	Coastal Plain			
Ecoregion	Mid-Atlantic Flatwoods			
Rosgen Classification of As-Built:				
UT1a	C			
UT1b	DA			
UT2	DA			
Cowardin Classification:				
UT1a, UT1b and UT2	Palustrine, Forested Wetland			
Dominant Soil Types:				
UT1a	NaA, NoA,			
UT1b	NaA			
UT2	NaA, PaA			
Reference site ID	Beaverdam Branch, Jones County			
USGS HUC for Project and Reference sites	3010203			
NCDWQ Sub-basin for Project and Reference	03-01-01			
NCDWQ classification for Project and Reference:				
Reference	C			
UT1a	C			
UT1b	DA			
UT2	DA			
Any portion of any project segment 303d listed?	No			
Any portion of any project segment upstream of a				
303d listed segment?	No			
Reasons for 303d listing or stressor?	N/A			
% of project easement fenced	0%			

3.0 PROJECT CONDITION AND MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 Vegetation Assessment

3.1.1 Description of Vegetative Monitoring

As a final stage of construction, the stream margins and riparian area of the Site were planted with bare root trees, live stakes, and a seed mixture of temporary and permanent ground cover of herbaceous vegetation. The woody vegetation was planted randomly six to eight feet apart from the top of the stream banks to the outer edge of the project's re-vegetation limits. In general, bare-root vegetation was planted at a target density of 680 stems per acre, in an 8-foot by 8-foot grid pattern. The tree species planted at the Site are shown in Table 5. The permanent seed mix of herbaceous species applied to the project's riparian area included Virginia wild rye (*Elms virginicus*), switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), fox sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*), smartweed (*Polygonum pennsylvanicum*), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), and hop sedge (*Carex lupulina*). This seed mixture was broadcast on the Site at a rate of 15 pounds per acre. All planting was completed in December 2007.

At the time of planting, 12 vegetation plots – labeled 1 through 12 - were delineated on-site to monitor survival of the planted woody vegetation. Each vegetation plot is 0.025 acre in size, or 10 meters x 10 meters. All of the planted stems inside the plot were flagged to distinguish them from any colonizing individuals and to facilitate locating them in the future. The trees also were marked with aluminum metal tags to ensure that the correct identification is made during future monitoring of the vegetation plots.

On a designated corner within each of the 12 vegetation plots, 1 herbaceous plot was also delineated. The herbaceous plots measure 1 meter x 1meter in size. These plots are photographed throughout the growing season. The locations of the 12 vegetation plots are presented in Figures 2A through 2F.

3.1.2 Vegetative Success Criteria

To characterize vegetation success criteria objectively, specific goals for woody vegetation density have been defined. Data from vegetation monitoring plots should display a surviving tree density of at least 320 trees per acre at the end of the third year of monitoring. The final vegetative success criterion is a surviving tree density of at least 260 five-year-old trees per acre at the end of the five-year monitoring period.

Table 5. Vegetation Species Planted Across the Restoration Site – As-built						
Scientific Name	Common Name	Percent Planted by Species	Total Number of Stems			
Bare Root Tree Species						
Betula nigra	River Birch	15%	1,800			
Celtis laevigata	Sugarberry	5%	600			
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash	7%	900			
Nyssa sylvatica	Swamp Tupelo	14%	1,600			

Table 5. Vegetation Species Planted Across the Restoration Site – As-built						
Scientific Name	Common Name	Percent Planted by Species	Total Number of Stems			
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	19%	2,300			
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak	10%	1,200			
Quercus michauxii	Swamp Chestnut Oak	10%	1,200			
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	8%	900			
Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress	12%	1,400			
Total			11,900			
	Native Herbaced	ous Species				
Elymus virginicus Virginia wildrye		15%	NA			
Panicum virgatum Switchgrass		15%	NA			
Carex vulpinoidea	Fox sedge	15%	NA			
Polygonum pennsylvanicum	Smart Weed	15%	NA			
Juncus effusus Soft rush		25%	NA			
Carex lupulina	Hop sedge	15%	NA			
	Woody Vegetation f	or Live Stakes				
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Button Bush	10%	1,038			
Salix nigra	Black Willow	10%	1,039			
Salix sericia	Silky Willow	40%	1,040			
Sambucus canadensis	Elderberry	40%	520			

3.1.3 Vegetative Observations and Results

The species that were part of the permanent ground cover seed mixture broadcast on the Site after construction were present during Year 2 monitoring of the Site.

Tables A.1 through A.6 in Appendix A present vegetation metadata, vegetation vigor, vegetation damage and stem count data of the monitoring stations at the end of the Year 2 monitoring period. Data from the Year 2 monitoring event of the 12 vegetation plots showed a range of 0 to 640 stems per acre. The Year 2 data showed that the Site had an average of 403 stems per acre. Data on the vegetation plots and problem areas that experienced low stem counts during Year 2 are detailed in Section 3.1.4.

Trees within each monitoring plot are flagged regularly to prevent planted trees from losing their identifying marks due to flag degradation. It is important for trees within the monitoring plots to remain marked to ensure they are all accounted for during the annual stem counts and calculation of tree survivability. Permanent aluminum tags are used on

surviving stems to aid in relocation and identification during future counts. Flags are also used to mark trees because they do not interfere with the growth of the tree.

No volunteer woody species were observed in any of the vegetation plots. The plots will be assessed during Year 3 monitoring for volunteer species.

3.1.4 Vegetative Problem Areas

Based on the Year 1 vegetation monitoring results, it was likely that Site would not have met the interim success criteria of 320 stems per acre at the end of monitoring Year 3. A large number of tree fatalities occurred within the floodplain on the downstream portion of UT1a during the 2008 growing season. Many of the planted trees were lost soon after initial planting when a large storm event caused straw mulch that had been placed over the site for erosion control to wash and wrap around the newly planted stems, uprooting many trees. Also during 2008, high water levels within the floodplain during periods of the 2008 growing season caused many of the smaller saplings to drown.

Therefore, to increase the stems per acre within the floodplain, the Site was re-planted on February 27, 2009. The re-planting was limited to the floodplain area below the terrace of UT1a. The re-planting started at station 49+75 and terminated near the SR 1520 culvert, approximately at station 11+00. A total of 2,400 supplementary stems were planted in the affected area. The supplementary stems planted, were limited to two water tolerant species, Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*). The established herbaceous vegetation on-site is expected to protect the newly planted stems from damage due to high flows and wrack lines. Subsequent to re-planting, the newly established trees within the vegetation plots were flagged, marked with stakes and identified.

Following Year 2 vegetation monitoring, the 12 vegetation plots showed a range of 0 to 640 stems per acre. The Year 2 vegetation data revealed that the Site demonstrated an average of 403 stems per acre. The vegetation plots experiencing low stems counts following Year 2 monitoring are 2, 10, 11 and 12.

Vegetation plot 2 showed density of 320 stems per acre and is most likely experiencing problems due to the presence of a thick herbaceous cover within the plot boundaries. It is also noted that vegetation plot 2 is located on top of the remnant channel on the upstream portion of the Site and fill soil conditions in within this plot are saturated most of the year.

Vegetation plots 10, 11 and 12 are located on the downstream portion of the Site where conditions are wet for most of the year. The downstream portion of the site ties into the existing Duke Swamp system and thus experiences swamp like conditions during wet periods. Vegetation plot 10 displayed a density of 0 stems per acre during Year 2 and is submerged for most of the year. Plot 10 is in an area on top of the remnant channel and the remnant pond 3 where fill soils have subsided since construction. Due to the subsidence of the soils in vegetation plot 10, overbank flooding of at least 6 inches has remained present in this area year round and has proved difficult for sapling survival. Plot 11 displayed a density of 200 stems per acre during Year 2 and is also experiencing heavy competition with a very thick herbaceous layer and saturated soils. Plot 12 displayed a density of 120 stems per acre during Year 2 and is the most downstream vegetation plot. This plot is experiencing saturated soils for most of the year due to backwater conditions at the UT1a/UT1b tie-in. The

saplings in vegetation plot 12 are experiencing difficulties in surviving the extremely wet conditions.

These problem areas will be observed closely during Year 3 of monitoring, but it is likely that these monitored locations will not support the typical woody density of drier locations. This is considered to be a natural effect of the saturated, swamp conditions that these areas are experiencing after restoration. Under natural conditions, swamp systems exhibit slow establishment of young trees, with sapling establishment typically occurring in abnormally dry years.

There are quite a few weedy species occurring on the Site, though none seem to be posing any problems for the woody or herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation. The weedy species are mostly annuals and seem to pose very little threat to survivability on site.

3.1.5 Vegetation Photographs

Photographs are used to visually document vegetation plot success. A total of 12 reference stations were established to document tree conditions at each vegetation plot across the Site. Additional photo stations were also established at each of the 12 vegetation plots for herbaceous vegetation monitoring. Reference photos of the vegetation plots and herbaceous conditions are taken at least once per year. Photos of the tree plots and herbaceous plots showing the on-site vegetation are included in Appendix A of this report.

3.2 Stream Assessment – Reach UT1a

3.2.1 Description of Stream Monitoring

Cross-sections: Two permanent cross-sections were installed per 1,000 LF of stream restoration work, with one of the locations being a riffle cross-section and one location being a pool cross-section. A total of seven permanent cross-sections were established across the Site. Each cross-section was marked on both banks with permanent pins to establish the exact transect used. The permanent cross-section pins are surveyed and located relative to a common benchmark to facilitate easy comparison of year-to-year data. The annual cross-section surveys include points measured at all breaks in slope, including top of bank, bankfull, inner berm, edge of water, and thalweg.

Longitudinal Profiles: A complete longitudinal profile was surveyed following construction completion to record as-built conditions and to establish a baseline profile. A longitudinal profile will be completed during each year of the five-year monitoring period. The profiles will be conducted for the entire length of the restored channel (UT1a). Measurements will include thalweg, water surface, inner berm, bankfull, and top of low bank. Each of these measurements will be taken at the head of each feature (e.g., riffle, pool, and glide). In addition, maximum pool depth will be recorded. All surveys will be tied to a single, permanent benchmark.

3.2.2 Morphometric Success Criteria

To document the stated stream success criteria in the approved Restoration Plan; the following monitoring program was instituted following construction completion on the Site.

There should be little change in as-built cross-sections. If changes do take place, they will be evaluated to determine if they represent a movement toward a more unstable condition (e.g., down-cutting or erosion) or a movement toward increased stability (e.g., settling, vegetative changes, deposition along the banks, or decrease in width/depth ratio). Cross-sections will be classified using the Rosgen Stream Classification System, and all monitored cross-sections should fall within the quantitative parameters defined for channels of the design stream type.

The longitudinal profiles should show that the bedform features are remaining stable; i.e., they are not aggrading or degrading. The pools should remain deep, with flat water surface slopes, and the riffles should remain steeper and shallower than the pools. Bedforms observed should be consistent with those observed for channels of the design stream type.

3.2.3 Morphometric Monitoring Results

Year 2 cross-section monitoring data for stream stability were collected during September 2009. The seven permanent cross-sections along the restored channel (four located across riffles and three located across pools) were re-surveyed to document stream dimension at the end of monitoring Year 2. Data from each of these cross-sections are summarized in Appendix B. All cross-sections, except cross-section 7, show that there has been very little adjustment to stream dimension since construction.

Cross-sections 1, 3, 5, and 7 are located across riffles, which are found between meander bends. Based on the Year 2 survey data, all of the riffle cross-sections exhibited a slightly lower streambed elevation than was present during baseline conditions. However, the elevations of the riffle cross-sections have remained stable since Year 1 cross-section monitoring. All riffle cross-sections are stable and do not show signs of channel instability.

Cross-sections 2, 4 and 6 are located across pools which are found at the apex of meander bends. The Year 2 data show that the pool cross-sections have deepened slightly since asbuilt conditions, but overall have remained stable. Based on the pool cross-section data and visual observations, the pools have not shown strong development of point bar features on the inside bank of the meander bends. It is concluded that point bar features have shown little development due to low sediment delivery from the watershed.

It also is significant to note that the Year 2 cross-section data show that the floodplain areas throughout the Site between the top of banks and the permanent cross-section pins have experienced various degrees of settling. This is most evident in cross-section 7. This area was first noted to have subsided during Year 1 monitoring. The settling has allowed below bankfull flows to permanently flood the right bank and floodplain of cross-section 7. The floodplain elevation of cross-section 7 has decreased since as-built conditions, however, it has remained stable since Year 1 data collection. Conversely, the channel dimension of cross-section 7 has remained stable since the as-built condition survey. It is thought that the submersion of the meander bend is due to settling of sediment used to fill the old stream channel and farm pond in this area. These areas are not considered a threat to stream stability, but are providing increased diversity of wetland habitats along the restored floodplain.

The longitudinal profile for Year 2 was surveyed in September 2009 and was compared to the data collected during the as-built condition and Year 1 surveys. The longitudinal profile is presented in Appendix B. The results of longitudinal profile during Year 2 show that the

pools in UT1a have maintained elevations and depths similar to those documented during the as-built survey. The water surface slopes across the pools have remained flat during Year 2 monitoring.

The longitudinal profile shows that some of the riffles, most of which are located in the middle portion of the Site, are at an elevation slightly lower than that found during as-built conditions. The results of the Year 2 longitudinal profile in the middle portion of the Site show that the riffle elevations have stayed relatively stable since Year 1.

Minimal in-stream structures were installed within the restored stream channel. These structures include constructed riffles, log vanes, and root wads. Visual observations of these structures throughout the Year 2 monitoring season have indicated that all structures are functioning as designed and holding their elevation grade. Log vanes placed in meander pool areas have provided scour to keep pools deep and provide cover for fish. The two constructed riffles have maintained bed elevations and have provided some downstream scour, providing habitat. Rootwads placed on the outside of meander bends have provided bank stability and in-stream cover for fish and other aquatic organisms.

3.2.4 Hydrologic Success Criteria

One manual crest gauge was installed on the Site to document bankfull events. The gauge is checked regularly and records the highest out-of-bank flow between site visits. The gauge is located on the downstream portion of reach UT1a at station 45+50, which is presented in Figure 2D.

The approved Restoration Plan requires the following criteria be met to achieve stream restoration success. Two bankfull flow events must be documented within the five-year monitoring period. The two bankfull events must occur in separate years, otherwise, the stream monitoring will continue until two bankfull events have been documented in separate years.

3.2.5 Hydrologic Monitoring Results

The on-site crest gauge documented the occurrence of at least four bankfull flow events during Year 2 of the post-construction monitoring period, as shown in Table 6. Inspection of conditions during site visits revealed visual evidence of out-of-bank flows, confirming the crest gauge readings. The largest on-site stream flow documented by the crest gauge during Year 2 of monitoring occurred in mid-November and was approximately 2.12 feet (25.4 inches) above the bankfull stage and was the result of overbank flooding of UT1a.

Table 6. Verification of Bankfull Events								
Duke Swamp Restoration Site: EEP Contract No. D06065-A								
Date of Data Collection	Estimated Date of Occurrence of Bankfull Event	Method of Data Collection	Measurement					
3/18/2009	3/17/2009	Crest Gage on UT1a	1.15					
5/12/2009	3/29/2009	Crest Gage on UT1a	1.08					
9/16/2009	8/12/2009	Crest Gage on UT1a	0.89					
11/18/2009	11/11/2009	Crest Gage on UT1a	2.12					

3.2.6 Stream Problem Areas

During 2008, the Site experienced a bank/floodplain stability issue on the lower portion of UT1a between stations 46+00 and 49+00. The left bank and floodplain in this section of the Site had subsided and were underwater during normal flow periods. The area affected was from the left stream channel to the left toe of terrace, where the old stream channel had been filled. Conditions were very wet during construction of the site, and the fill material that was placed into the old channel subsequently experienced settling. Repairs to this portion of the Site were completed in November 2008. The area was backfilled with on-site soil to raise the elevation of the floodplain to appropriate elevations. This area was backfilled from the toe of terrace to within 20 feet of the stream channel. The remaining 20 feet of the affected area was too unstable to be accessed by heavy equipment; therefore, no work was done adjacent to the channel. In Year 2 this area was observed closely during site visits. Year 2 monitoring revealed that the repaired area is stable and did not exhibit any restoration-related problems.

As mentioned in Section 3.2.3, the area between stations 38+00 and 40+00 near cross-section 7, AW4 and vegetation 10 has undergone subsidence on the right floodplain. This area was first noted to have subsided during Year 1 monitoring. The settling has allowed below bankfull flows to permanently flood the right floodplain of cross-section 7. The floodplain elevation of cross-section 7 has decreased since as-built conditions, but it has remained stable since Year 1 data collection. This subsided area has also remained stable since Year 1 and no significant changes have been noted. This area will continue to be observed closely during future site visits and any significant changes will be reported in subsequent reports.

For the period of Year 2 monitoring, UT1a did not experience any other restoration-related problems.

3.2.7 Stream Photographs

Photographs will be used to document restoration success visually. A total of 10 reference stations were installed and photographed after construction. Photographs of these reference stations will be continued for at least five years following construction. Reference photos will be taken at least twice per year, and will be taken in enough locations to document the condition of the restored system. Permanent markers were established to ensure that the same locations (and view directions) on the Site are documented in each monitoring period.

The stream systems will be photographed longitudinally beginning at the downstream portion of the restoration reach and moving upstream to the beginning of the reach. Photographs will be taken looking upstream at delineated locations. Reference photo locations will be marked and described for future reference. Points will be close enough together to provide an overall view of the reach. The angle of the shot will depend on what angle provides the best view and will be noted and continued in future shots. When modifications to photo position must be made due to obstructions or other reasons, the location will be noted along with any landmarks.

Additional photographs will be taken to document any observed evidence of flooding patterns such as debris, wrack lines, water marks, channel features, etc.

Both stream banks are photographed at all permanent cross-section photo stations. For each stream bank photo, the photo view line follows a survey tape placed across the channel,

perpendicular to flow (representing the cross-section line). The photograph is framed so that the survey tape is centered in the photo (appears as a vertical line at the center of the photograph), keeping the channel water surface line horizontal and near the lower edge of the frame.

A photo log of the restored channel is presented in Appendix B of this report. Photographs of the restored channel were taken at the end of the monitoring season to document the evolution of the stream geometry. Herbaceous vegetation was dense along the edges of the restored stream, making the photography of some of the stream channel areas difficult.

3.2.8 Stream Stability Assessment

Table B.1 provides a summary of the results obtained from the visual inspection of in-stream structures performed during Year 2 of post-construction monitoring. The percentages noted are a general, overall field evaluation of the how the features were performing at the time of the photo point survey. According to the visual stability assessment all features on the Site, with the exception of the area described in Section 3.2.6, are performing as designed.

3.2.9 Quantitative Measures Summary Tables

The quantitative pre-construction, reference reach, and design data used to determine restoration approach, as well as the as-built baseline data used during the project's post-construction monitoring period are summarized in Appendix B.

3.3 Stream Assessment – UT1b and UT2

3.3.1 Description of Stream Monitoring

Geomorphic monitoring of reaches UT1b and UT2 will be conducted for five years to evaluate the effectiveness of the restoration practices. Since restoration of these reaches involved the restoration of historic flow patterns and flooding functions to remnant channel segments in a multi-threaded swamp system, monitoring efforts will focus on visual documentation of stability and the use of water level monitoring gages to document saturation and flooding functions.

The occurrence of bankfull events and flooding functions within the monitoring period will be documented by the use of automated water level monitoring gauges and photographs. Five automatic monitoring gauges were installed within the restored system to document shallow groundwater and flooding levels. The data loggers are programmed to collect data every six hours, which records the highs and lows of flooding with greater accuracy.

3.3.2 Hydrologic Criteria

Two bankfull flow events must be documented within the five-year monitoring period. The two bankfull events must occur in separate years; otherwise, the stream monitoring will continue until two bankfull events have been documented in separate years. The water level monitoring gauges should document the occurrence of periodic inundation and varying groundwater levels across the restored site. The gauges should also document the connectivity of flooding between the restored UT1b and UT2 reaches.

3.3.3 Hydrologic Monitoring Results

According to the water level gauge data graph, presented in Appendix B, the on-site automated gauges documented the occurrence of numerous flooding events during Year 2 of the post-construction monitoring period. Flood gauges 1, 4 and 5 are located in the UT1b wetland area and flood gauges 2 and 3 are located in the UT2 wetland area.

As indicated by the data, the area around flood gauge 1 was consistently inundated by water for the entire year. The data show that flood gauges 2 and 3 were relatively close and consistent in their water level measurements. Flood gauges 4 and 5 were the least inundated of the gauges during the growing season and both showed varying levels of flooding.

Inspection of conditions during site visits revealed visual evidence of diffuse swamp flows, confirming the flood gauge readings. According to the data, the largest on-site flood event documented by all the flood gauges during Year 2 of monitoring took place in mid-November. All gauges recorded their highest levels of 2009 during this time due to a tropical system that had passed over the Site. All gauges recorded relatively similar levels, as demonstrated in Appendix B. This event and other smaller ones, documents the occurrence of numerous bankfull events and flooding within UT1b and UT2 for Year 2 of monitoring.

3.3.4 Stream Problem Areas

During Year 2 monitoring, UT1b and UT2 did not experience any restoration-related problems.

3.3.5 Stream Photographs and Videos

Photographs and video footage are used to document restoration success visually. A total of three reference photograph stations were established after construction and will be continued for at least five years. Reference photos are taken at least twice per year at each station to document the condition of the restored system and to document the connectivity between reaches UT1b and UT2. Permanent markers were established to ensure that the same locations (and view directions) on the Site are documented during each monitoring period.

As required by the Site Restoration Plan, reference videos are also recorded at photo stations 11 and 13 to determine connectivity between the restored reaches. Videos are taken at least twice a year or whenever a site visit determines that UT1b and UT2 are flowing across the restored backfilled ditch that separated the two reaches prior to restoration.

Photographs and videos were taken looking upstream at the established locations. The angle of the shots depended on what position provided the best view and was noted for future shots. Additional photographs were taken to document any observed evidence of flooding patterns such as debris, wrack lines, water marks, channel features, etc.

A photo log of the UT1b and UT2 reference stations and photographs of each water level monitoring gauge are presented in Appendix B and C. Videos depicting the connectivity between reaches UT1b and UT2 are presented in the attached CD of this report.

It is noted that the videos points in the attached CD depict low to moderate flows across video point 1 (photo point 11) in the south to north direction (UT1b towards UT2). During site visits, video point 1 is normally observed flowing from UT1b across the remnant ditch fill area towards UT2. However, during a site visit immediately following a large storm event in March 2009, it was noted that both video points (11 and 13) were flowing from

north to south (UT2 towards UT1b). These videos depict flow in the north to south direction, presumably due to the time of the site visit corresponding to rising flood waters within the main Duke Swamp system. It appears that during large storm events and high flows, the flood waters in the main Duke Swamp system flow from north to south (UT2 towards UT1b) across the remnant ditch fill area. Once the flood water depths fall, the water resumes a south to north direction (UT1B towards UT2) back across the remnant ditch fill. This direction returns the water to its normal low to moderate flow path around the downstream portion of the remnant ditch fill area.

3.4 Wetland Assessment

3.4.1 Description of Wetland Monitoring

Groundwater-monitoring stations were installed across the project area to document hydrologic conditions of the restored site. Five groundwater monitoring stations were installed, with all five stations being automated groundwater gauges. Groundwater monitoring stations follow the USACE standard methods found in Stream Mitigation Guidelines (USACE and NCDWQ 2006).

In order to determine if the rainfall is normal for the given year, rainfall amounts will be tallied using data obtained from the Gates County WETS Station and an onsite rain gage.

3.4.2 Wetland Criteria

The primary objective of groundwater monitoring is to demonstrate that the site is saturated within 12 inches of the soil surface for at least 8 percent of the growing season and that the site exhibits an increased frequency of flooding. The restored site's hydrology was compared to pre-restoration conditions both in terms of groundwater and frequency of overbank events.

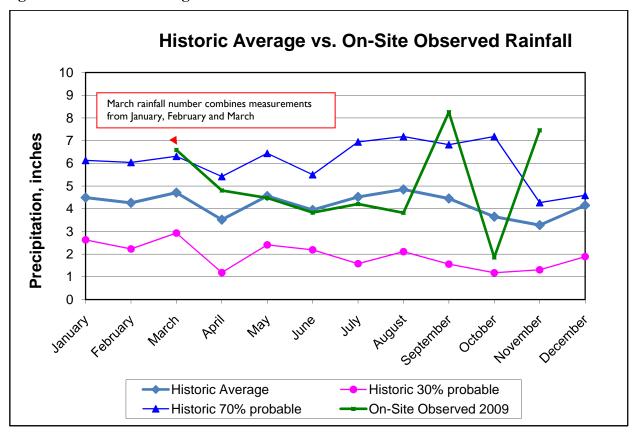
3.4.3 Wetland Monitoring Results

Weather station data from the Buckland Elementary Weather Station (Buckland, BUCK - ECONET) were used in conjunction with a manual rain gauge located on the Site to document precipitation amounts. The manual rainfall gauge was initially installed in February 2008 and is used to validate observations made at the Buckland station. The 2009 data from the Buckland Station exhibited erroneous data recordings between January and November 2009. Therefore, 2009 rainfall data from the automated weather station, Edenton (COOP: 312365) were used to validate the on-site gauge. Total observed rainfall at the on-site rain gauge for the period of January 2009 through November 2009 was 45.29 inches, compared to the Edenton gauge of 45.71 inches for the same period. According to the on-site gauge and the Edenton gauge, total rainfall during the Year 2 monitoring period from January 2009 through November 2009 approximated the historic average, at 0.94 inches below the historic average. Much of the rain that fell during the 2009 growing season occurred in late summer and fall, in the months September and November (see Table 7 and Figure 3). It is noted that the March on-site reading in Table 7 and Figure 3 is a combined measurement of January, February and March 2009 rainfall which totaled 6.590 inches.

Table 7. Comparison of Historic Average Rainfall to Observed Rainfall (Inches)

Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A							
Month	Historic Average	30%	70%	On-Site Observed 2009 Precipitation			
January	4.49	2.63	6.13				
February	4.26	2.23	6.04	6.590			
March	4.71	2.93	6.31				
April	3.52	1.19	5.42	4.805			
May	4.56	2.41	6.44	4.476			
June	3.95	2.19	5.5	3.830			
July	4.52	1.58	6.94	4.209			
August	4.85	2.11	7.18	3.821			
September	4.45	1.56	6.82	8.253			
October	3.65	1.18	5.66	1.855			
November	3.28	1.31	4.93	7.458			
December	4.15	1.89	6.08	N/A			
Totals:	50.39	41.54	59.63	45.297 for 11 months			

Figure 3. Historic Average vs. On-Site Observed Rainfall



The Duke Swamp Restoration Plan specified that five automated monitoring wells would be established across the restored site. A total of five automated wells were installed in October 2007 to document water table hydrology in all required monitoring locations. All wells are located in the restored wetland areas adjacent to UT1a, and the locations of monitoring wells are shown on the as-built plan sheets. Hydrologic monitoring results are shown in Table 8. Well hydrographs and a photograph log of the wetland well monitoring stations are included in Appendix C of this report.

During Year 2, five wells recorded hydroperiods of at least 49.8 percent during the 2009 growing season. The recorded amounts for Year 2 are significantly greater than the 8 percent recommended for wetlands during the growing season. During Year 2, three wells recorded hydroperiods of 100% for the entire growing season. Due to near average rainfall conditions during the 2009 growing season, the success of the on-site wells is attributed to the timing of the precipitation that fell onto the Site and its watershed, and also is accredited to the higher local water table as a result of the Site's restoration and periodic backwater conditions from Duke Swamp. The hydrology of the restored system appears to be similar to the downstream wooded swamp area in responding to rainfall events, which exhibits prolonged saturated conditions.

However, during the past two years of monitoring, it appears that the restored channel (UT1a) retains a large portion of water that flows onto the Site. This backwater condition is attributed to a lower thalweg elevation of the restored channel at the tie-in point with UT1b. Hydrographs for all five wetland monitoring stations are presented in Appendix C.

Table 8. Hydrologic Monitoring Results

Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A						
Well ID	Most Consecutive Days Hydrology has been Met ¹	Cumulative Days Meeting Criteria ²	Number of Instances Meeting Criteria ³			
AW1	232.0 (100%)	232 (100%)	1			
AW2	94.5 (40.7%)	227 (97.6%)	5			
AW3	232.0 (100%)	232 (100%)	1			
AW4	232.0 (100%)	232 (100%)	1			
AW5	41.0 (17.7%)	116 (49.8%)	12			

Indicates the most consecutive number of days within the monitored growing season with a water table less than 12 inches from the soil surface.

3.4.4 Wetland Problem Areas

During Year 2 of monitoring, the Site did not experience any significant wetland restoration-related problems.

However, as mentioned in Section 3.2.6 the area on UT1a at stream stations 46+00 through 49+00 experienced a bank/floodplain stability issue during 2008. The left bank and floodplain in this section of the Site had subsided and were underwater during normal flow

Indicates the cumulative number of days within the monitored growing season with a water table less than 12 inches from the soil surface.

Indicates the number of instances within the monitored growing season when the water table rose to less than 12 inches from the soil surface.

periods. The lowered ground surface elevation in the area around AW5 caused very wet conditions in Year 1 to occur. In November 2008, the area was backfilled with on-site soil to raise the floodplain to an appropriate elevation. After repairs had been completed, AW5 was reinstalled in the new fill material.

In 2009 this area was observed closely during site visits. Year 2 wetland monitoring revealed that the repaired floodplain is stable. However, AW5 data demonstrated that drier conditions were experienced during Year 2 monitoring. These drier conditions are attributed to the new higher elevation in the vicinity of the repaired floodplain. Although drier and higher than in 2008, AW5 still exhibited a 49.8 percent hydroperiod during the 2009 growing season.

3.4.5 Wetland Photographs

A photo log of the wetland groundwater monitoring stations is presented in Appendix C.

4.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Vegetation Monitoring - A total of 12 monitoring plots were used to predict survivability of the woody vegetation planted on-site. Due to a low stem count during Year 1 monitoring, the Site was re-planted in February 2009. The re-planting was limited to the floodplain area below the terrace of UT1a. A total of 2,400 supplementary trees were planted and limited to two water tolerant species, Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*).

The Year 2 vegetation monitoring indicated an average survivability of 403 stems per acre. The vegetation plots experiencing low stems counts following Year 2 monitoring are 2, 10, 11 and 12. The tree density within plots 2, 10, 11 and 12 ranges from 0 to 320 stems per acre. Planted stems within vegetation plots 2, 10, 11 and 12 are experiencing problems due to heavy competition with a thick herbaceous layer and/or wet soil conditions. These problem areas will be observed closely during Year 3 of monitoring to determine if corrective action is required to meet the final vegetative success criteria of 260 stems/acre at the end of five years.

According to the Year 2 vegetation monitoring, data 4 plots on the Site will not met the interim vegetative success criteria of 320 stems per acre after Year 3 monitoring. However, these areas will be assessed in Year 3 to determine an appropriate course of action.

Stream Monitoring - The total length of stream channel restored on the Site was 5,441 LF. This entire length was inspected during Year 2 of the monitoring period to assess stream performance. Based on the data collected, all riffles, pools, and other constructed features within the restored channel are stable and functioning as designed.

During Year 1 monitoring, one stream/wetland related repair was completed. The Site experienced bank and floodplain settling on the lower portion of UT1a between stations 46+00 and 49+00. The area was backfilled with on-site soil to raise the elevation of the floodplain to post-construction conditions. This repaired area was found to be stable and functioning properly during Year 2 monitoring.

On reach UT1a, the on-site crest gauge documented the occurrence of at least four bankfull flow events during Year 2 of the post-construction monitoring period. On reaches UT1 b and UT2, all five of the automated water level gauges documented the occurrence of numerous flooding events during Year 2 of the post-construction monitoring period. Photographs and videos recorded the connectivity between reaches UT1b and UT2.

The area between station 38+00 and 40+00 has undergone subsidence on the right floodplain. The settling has allowed below bankfull flows to permanently flood the right floodplain near AW4, vegetation plot 10 and cross-section 7. The floodplain elevation of cross-section 7 has decreased since as-built conditions, but it has remained stable since Year 1 data collection. The subsided area between stations 38+00 and 40+00 has also remained stable and no significant changes have been noted. This area will continue to be closely observed during future site visits and any significant changes will be reported in future reports.

Other than the subsided area between stations 38+00 and 40+00, the Site is on track to meet the stream success criteria specified in the Site's Restoration Plan.

Wetland Monitoring - During 2009, all five monitoring wells recorded hydroperiods of greater than 8 percent during the growing season. Due to near average rainfall conditions during the

2009 growing season, the success of the on-site wells is attributed to the timing of the precipitation that fell onto the Site and its watershed, and also is accredited to the higher local water table as a result of the Site's restoration and periodic backwater conditions from Duke Swamp. A total of five automated water level gauges documented the occurrence of numerous flooding events within the UT1b area during Year 2 of post-construction monitoring.

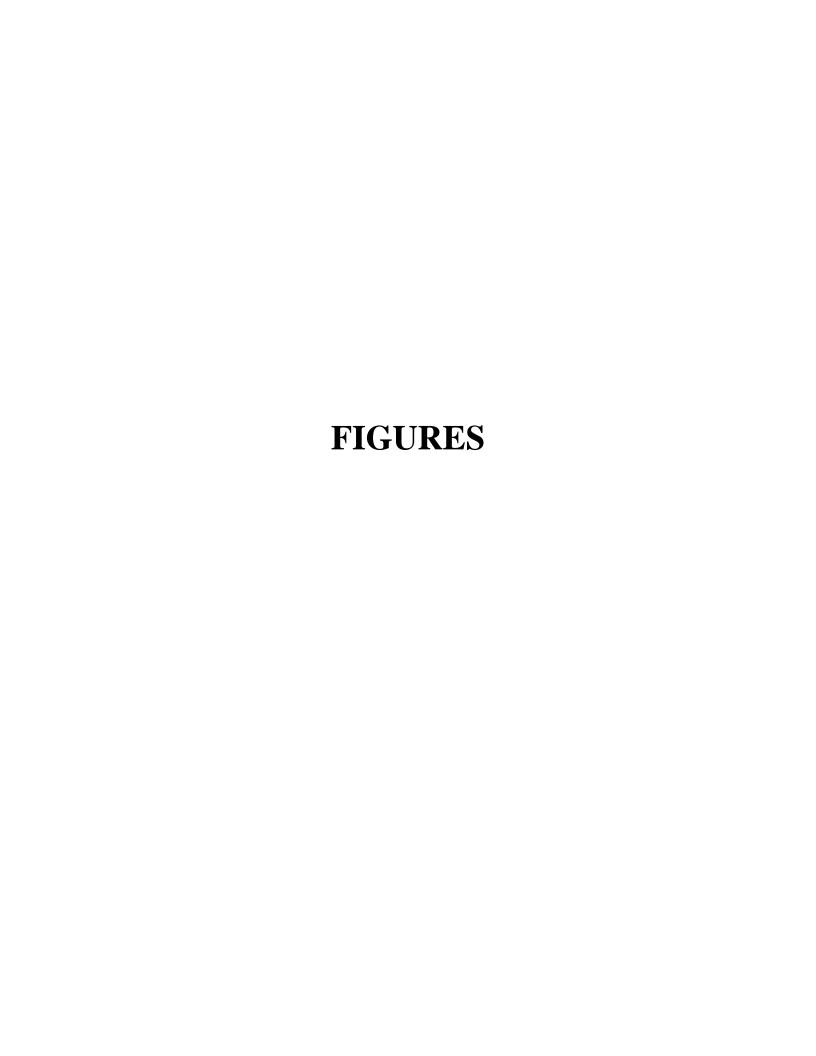
Total observed rainfall at the on-site rain gauge for the period of January 2009 through November 2009 was 45.29 inches, compared to the Edenton gauge of 45.71 inches for the same period. According to the on-site gauge, total rainfall during the Year 2 monitoring period from January 2009 through November 2009 was slightly below the historic average, at -0.94 inches.

5.0 WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS

Observations of deer and deer tracks are common on the Site. During the Year 2 monitoring season, heron, egret, geese, ducks, snakes, turtles, frogs and crawfish were periodically observed. Many types of water birds were observed on the site throughout the monitoring season.

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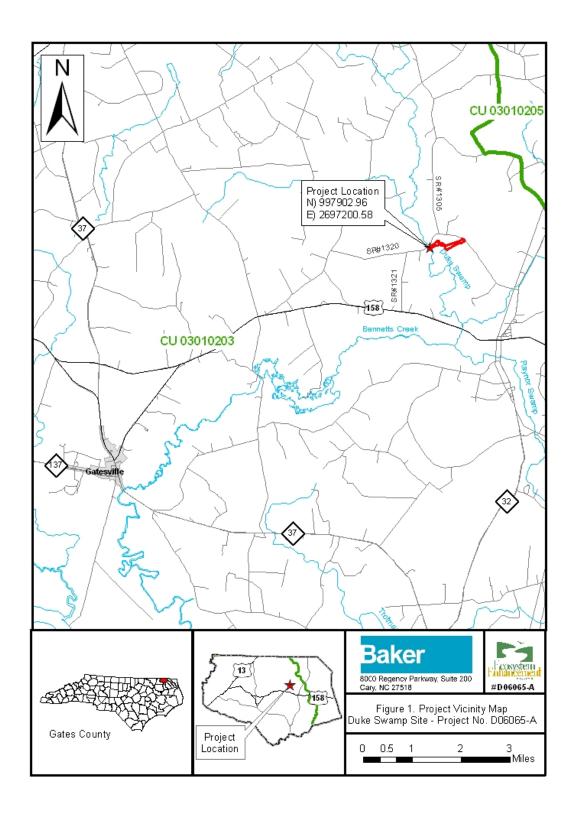
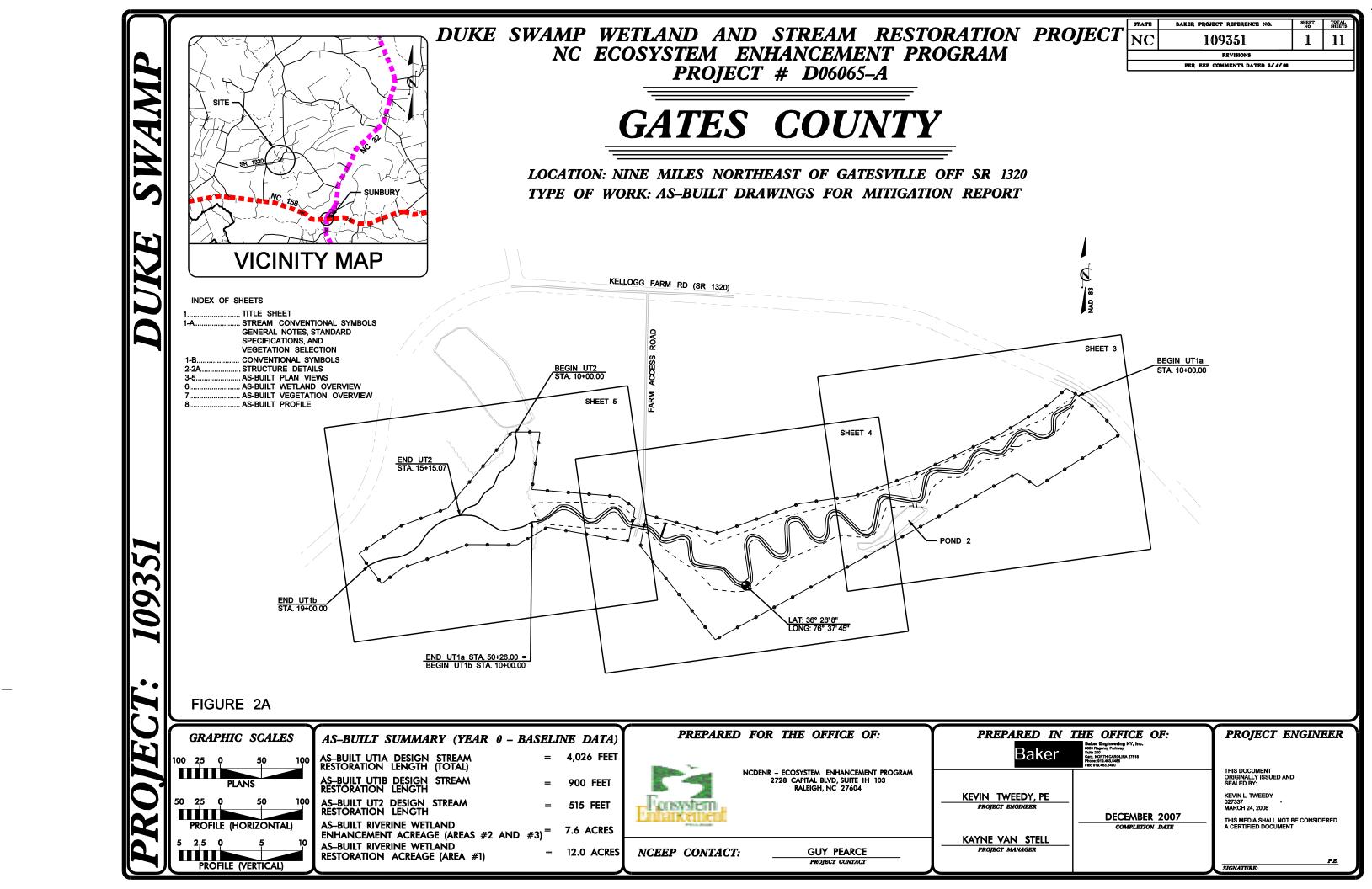
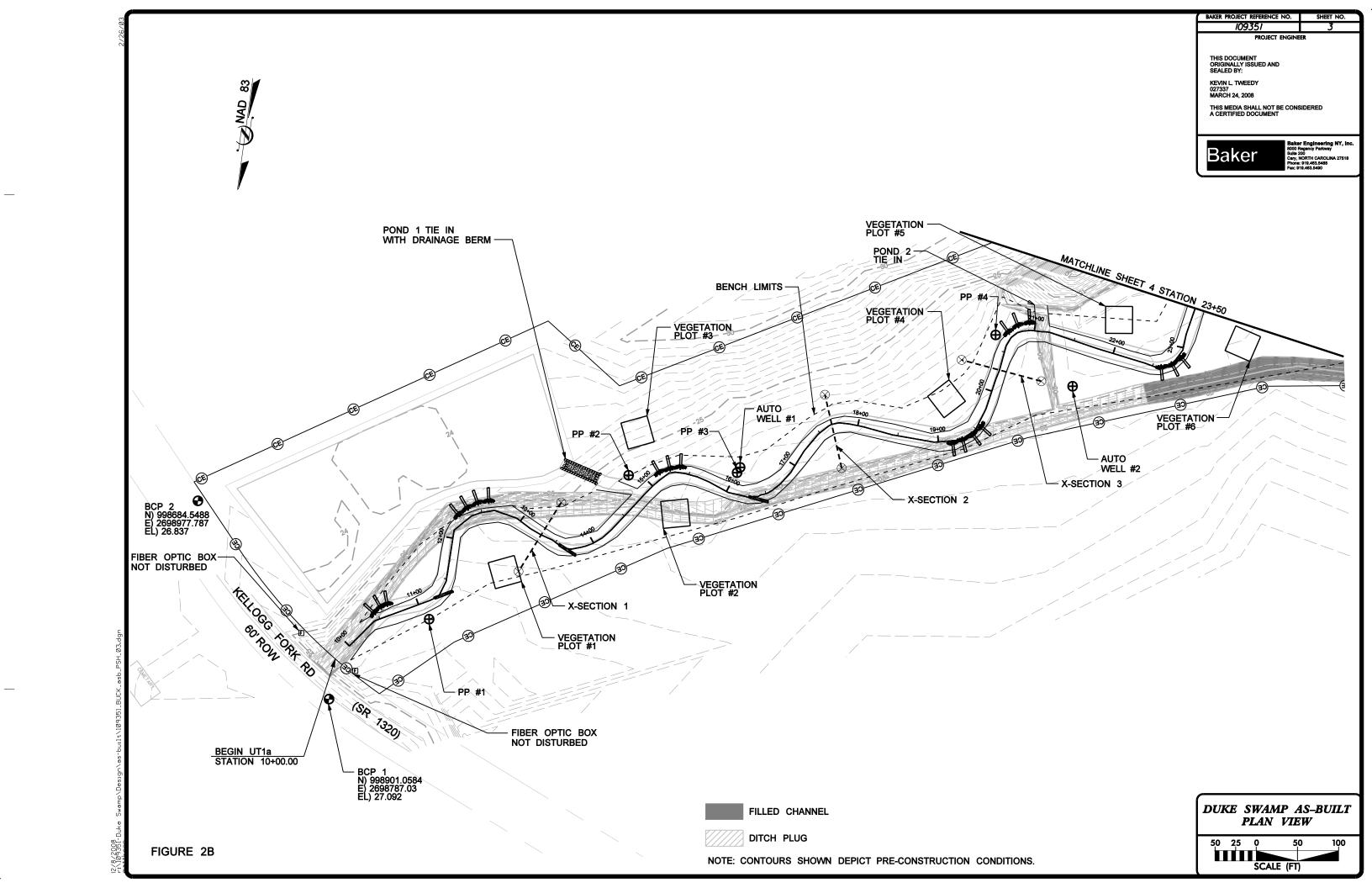
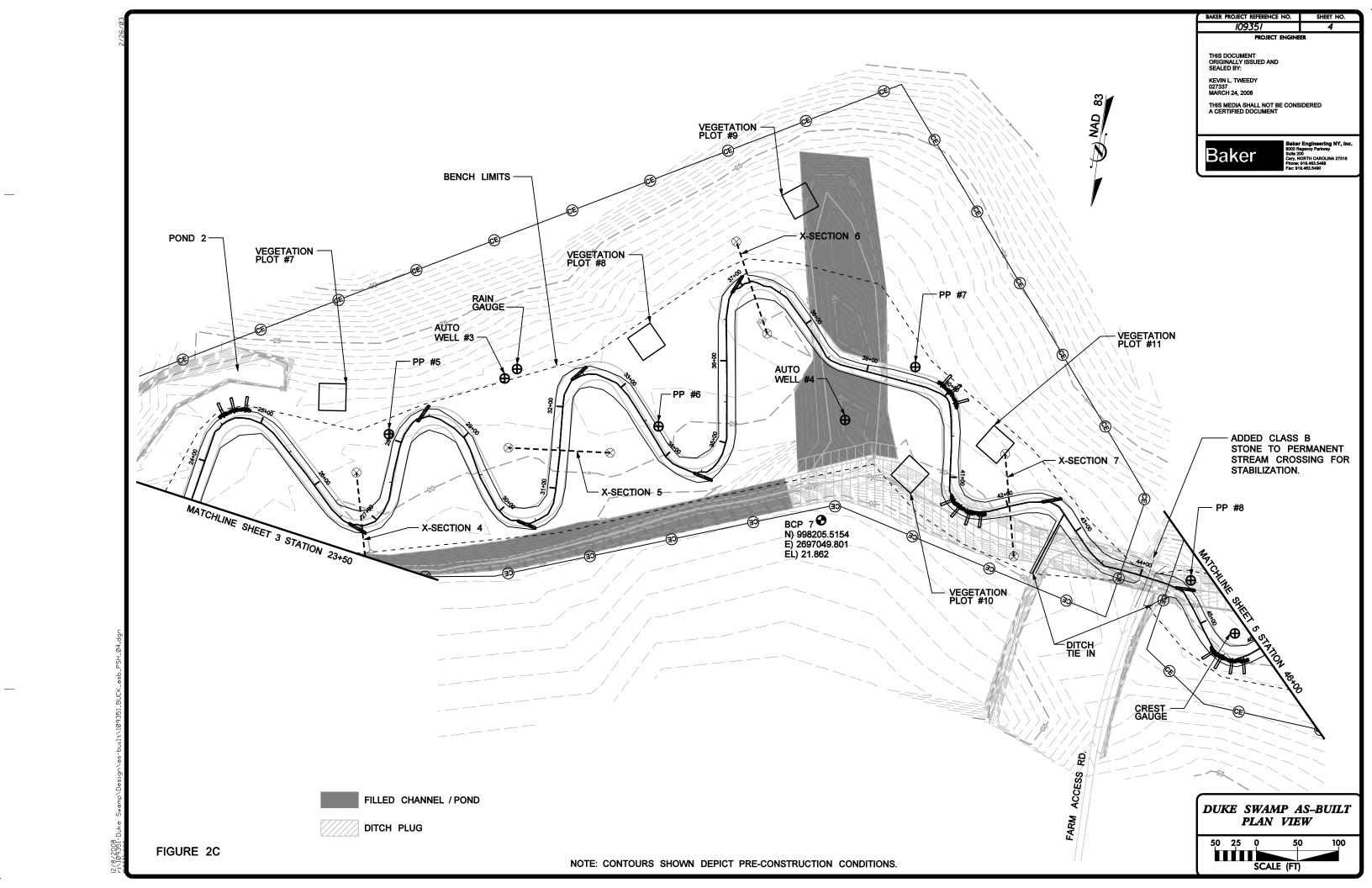
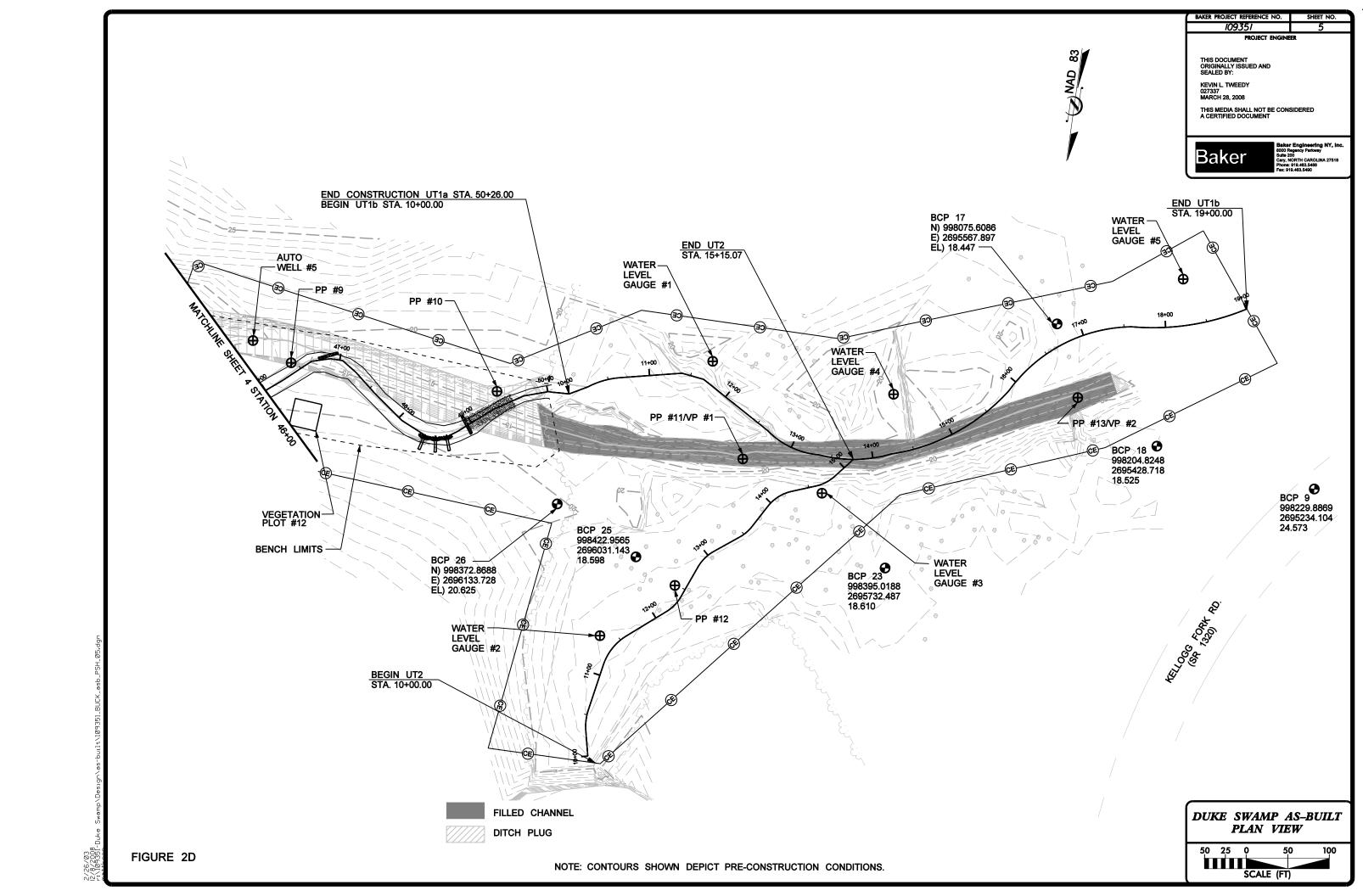


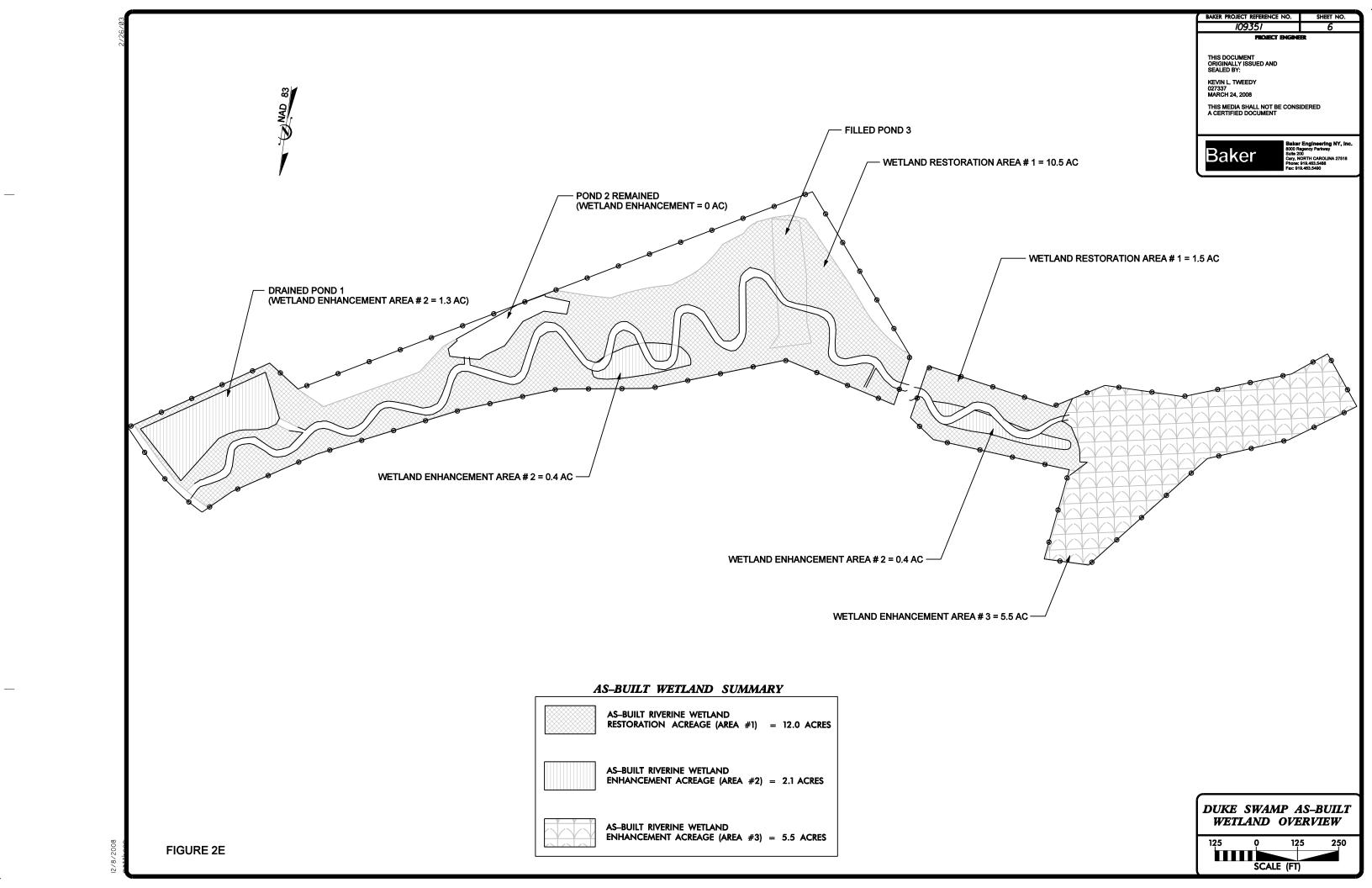
Figure 1. Location of Duke Swamp Restoration Site.

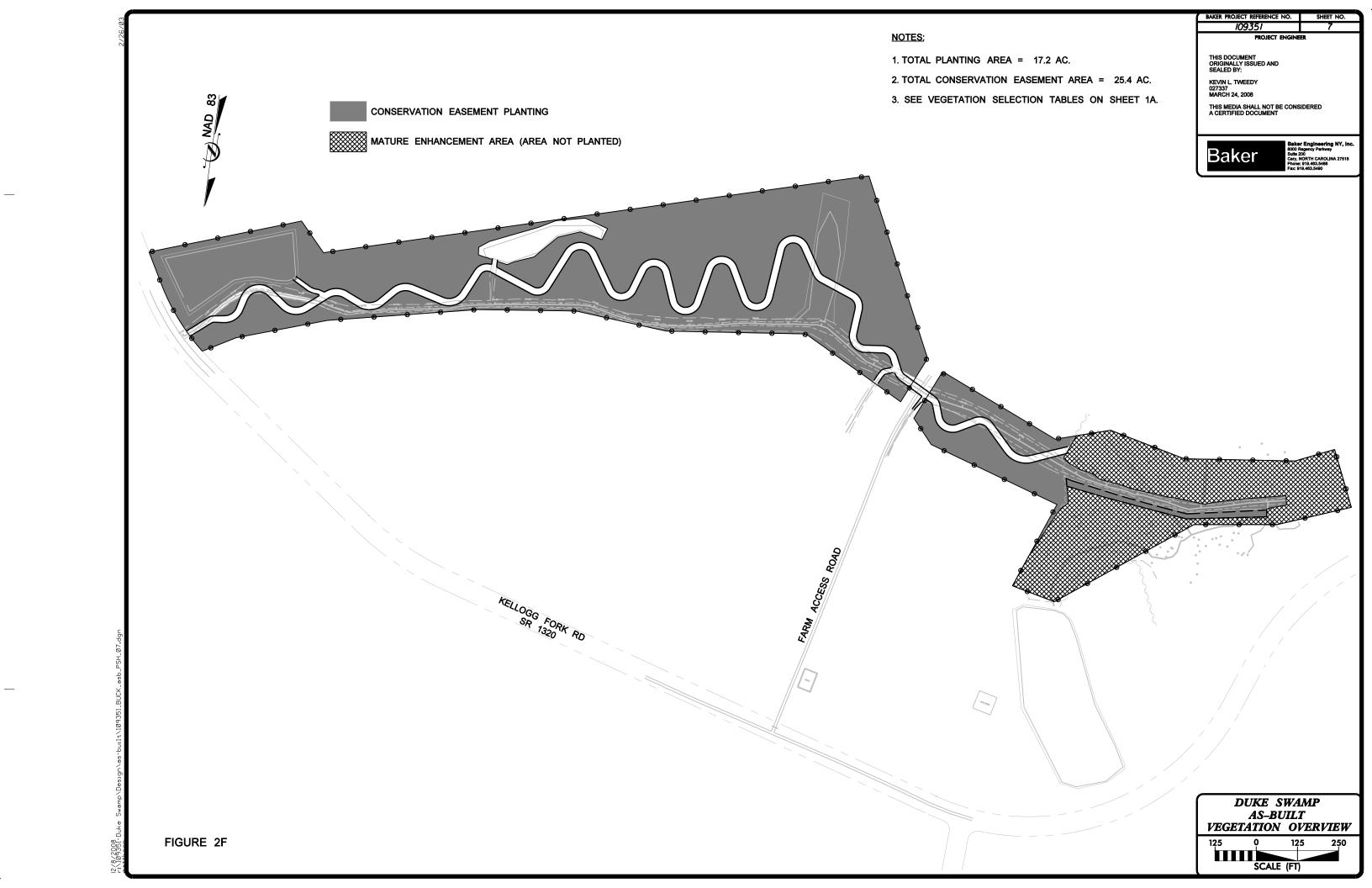












APPENDIX A

VEGETATION DATA

VEGETATION TABLES

Table A.1. Vegetation Metadata

Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A

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database name cvs-eep-entrytool-v2.2.7_2009 ALL OTHER PR0JECTS_Not Crowns.mdb

database location L:\Monitoring\Veg Plot Info\CVS Data Tool\PG_LG_DS

computer name CARYWDHUNEYCU2 file size 60293120

DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHEETS 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 excluded.

PROJECT SUMMARY-----

Project Code DS

project Name Duke Swamp
Description EEP Full Delivery
River Basin Chowan

 length(ft)
 5441

 stream-to-edge width (ft)
 45

 area (sq m)
 45489.08

 Required Plots (calculated)
 12

 Sampled Plots
 0

Table A.2. Vegetation Vigor by Species

	Species	4	3	2	1	0	Missing	Unknown
	Betula nigra	6	2	2		5		
	Celtis laevigata		1					
	Fraxinus pennsylvanica		2			1		
	Nyssa sylvatica	2	12	11	3	2	2	
	Quercus lyrata	4	9	2		1	1	
	Quercus michauxii			5			2	
	Quercus phellos	1	4	7		1		
	Taxodium distichum	4	20	8		4	1	
	Platanus occidentalis	7	4	4		1	1	
	Unknown				1	7	5	
OTAL	10	24	54	39	4	22	12	

Table A.3. Vegetation Damage by Species

Table A.	5. Vegetation Damage b	y opeci	.	
Duke Sw	amp Restoration Site: P	roject N	lo. D06	6065-A
	Soories	Count	No Osmago Co.	Sajiosaji alemin
	Betula nigra	0	15	
	Celtis laevigata	0	1	
	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	0	3	
	Nyssa sylvatica	0	32	
	Platanus occidentalis	0	17	
	Quercus lyrata	0	17	•
	Quercus michauxii	0	7	•
	Quercus phellos	0	13	•
	Taxodium distichum	0	37	•
	Unknown	0	13	•
TOTAL	10	0	155	

Table A.4. Vegetation Damage by Plot

Duke Sv	vamp Restoration Si	te: Project No. D06065-	A		
	10/0	Comit of Compage Green	Ino canages	Inos.	iems on who y
	DS-B-0001-year:2	0	19		
	DS-B-0002-year:2	0	9		
	DS-B-0003-year:2	0	17		
	DS-B-0004-year:2	0	17		
	DS-B-0005-year:2	0	17		
	DS-B-0006-year:2	0	15		
	DS-B-0007-year:2	0	18		
	DS-B-0008-year:2	0	16		
	DS-B-0009-year:2	0	13		
	DS-B-0010-year:2			1	
	DS-B-0011-year:2	0	9		
	DS-B-0012-year:2	0	5		
TOTAL	12	0	155	1	

Table A.5. Planted Stems by Plot and Species

	_ · _ ,	e: Project No. D06043-				, ,				,	,	,	_	,	,	,	,	,	, , ,
	Common	Sheries	Common Name	J'eyo	# Plos	2 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	stems John	000 8.50 00 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	2. 3.8.000 S. 2.3.	DIO 17. 10003. 10.2	5.4008.5 John 1.50	50008.50 NOW	5.45 0008 S. 10/0	5.76 000 5.70/0	5.70 80008 NO. 1010	5.16.2 0008.50.00 Value	15.8.0010 Ves.	100.800 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4 5.4
	1	Betula nigra	river birch	10	4	2.5		(3				5	1		(`			,
		•	sugarberry	1	1	1			1										
		Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	2	1	2			2									1	
		Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	28	7	4		3		6	3	9		2			4	1	
		Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	15	6	2.5	4		4	2	1		3	1					
		Quercus lyrata	overcup oak	15	7	2.14		3		4	2	3		1	1		1		
		Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	5	3	1.67			1				2		2				
		Quercus phellos	willow oak	12	4	3			2				4	1	5				
		Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	32	8	4	11	2		4	2	3		7	1			2	
		Unknown		1	1	1					1								
TOTAL		10	9	121	11		16	8	13	16	9	15	14	13	9	0	5	3	

Table A.6. Stem Count for Each Species Arranged by Plot
Duke Swamp Restoration Site: Project No. D06065-A

						Plots							Year 2	Average
Tree Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals	Stems/acre
Betula nigra	1		3				5	1					10	
Celtis laevigata			1										1	
Fraxinus pennsylvanica			2										2	
Nyssa sylvatica		3		6	3	9		2			4	1	28	
Platanus occidentalis	4		4	2	1		3	1					15	
Quercus lyrata		3		4	2	3		1	1		1		15	
Quercus michauxii			1				2		2				5	
Quercus phellos			2				4	1	5				12	
Taxodium distichum	11	2		4	2	3		7	1			2	32	
Unknown					1								1	
Stems/plot	16	8	13	16	9	15	14	13	9	0	5	3		
Stems/acre Year 2	640	320	520	640	360	600	560	520	360	0	200	120		403
Stems/acre Year 1	680	120	600	400	80	200	520	480	360	0	360	40		320
Stems/acre Initial	688	607	648	688	769	729	688	850	1012	769	607	607		722

VEGETATION PHOTOGRAPHS



Vegetation Plot 1-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 1



Vegetation Plot 2-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 2



Vegetation Plot 3-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 3



Vegetation Plot 4-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 4



Vegetation Plot 5- Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 5



Vegetation Plot 6- Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 6



Vegetation Plot 7- Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 7



Vegetation Plot 8-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 8



Vegetation Plot 9-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 9



Vegetation Plot 10-Herbacious



Vegetation Plot 10



Vegetation Plot 11-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 11



Vegetation Plot 12-Herbaceous



Vegetation Plot 12

APPENDIX B

GEOMORPHIC DATA



Table B.1. Categorical Stream Feature Visual Stability Assessment

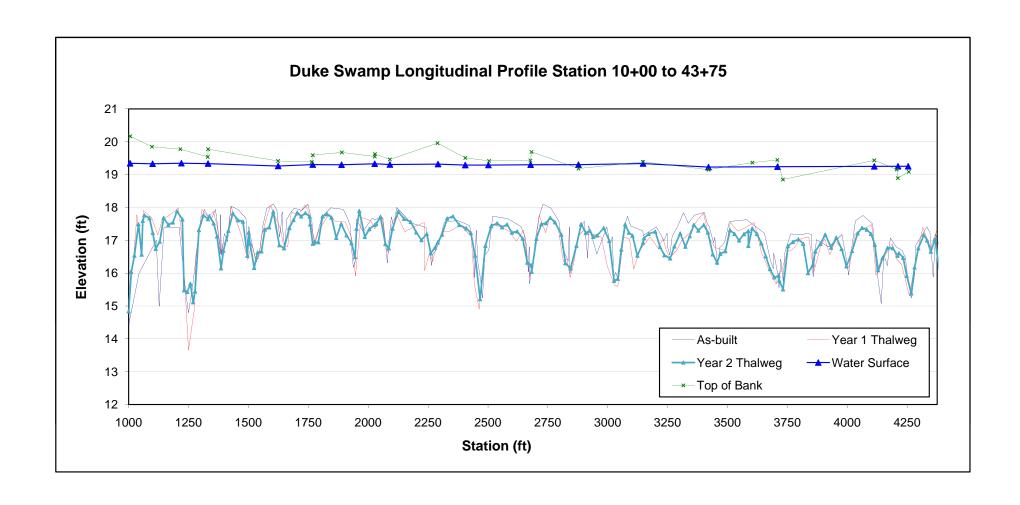
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		P	erformanc	e Percentag	ge	
Feature	Initial	MY-01	MY-02	MY-03	MY-04	MY-05
A. Riffles	100%	100%	100%			
B. Pools	100%	100%	100%			
C. Thalweg	100%	100%	100%			
D. Meanders	100%	100%	100%			
E. Bed General	100%	100%	100%			
F. Bank Condition	100%	90%	95%			
G. Wads	100%	100%	100%			

Table B.2. Baseline Stream Summary Duke Swamp Wetland and Stream Restoration Project, EEP Project D06065-A Duke Swamp - Reach UT1a **USGS** Gauge Parameter **Regional Curve Interval** Pre-Existing Condition Reference Reach(es) Data Design As-built Dimension - Riffle Max Eq. Min Mean Max Min Mean Max Min Med Min Mean Max BF Width (f 17.9 19.6 16.8 17.7 23.4 18.8 18.7 20.5 19.4 20.5 Floodprone Width (fl 174.0 100.0 151.0 166.0 181.0 195.0 216.0 50.0 75.0 85.0 104.9 124.9 -----------------------BF Mean Depth (ft 2.3 3.0 3.8 1.2 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.2 1.9 1.6 1.8 2.5 BF Max Depth (ft 4.0 4.7 5.4 2.1 2.3 2.4 2.2 2.1 2.2 2.3 BF Cross-sectional Area (ft2 57.0 74.0 24.8 25.3 25.7 27.0 25.4 29.0 32.7 40.0 8.0 11.0 14.0 17.0 12.6 14.7 16.8 Width/Depth Ratio 5.2 6.6 14.0 Entrenchment Ratio 7.7 8.9 10.1 10.4 10.5 10.6 8.0 10.0 12.0 5.3 5.9 6.4 Bank Height Ratio 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 BF Velocity (fps 1.0 Pattern Channel Beltwidth (ft 105 49 77 49 77 105 30 Radius of Curvature (ff 35 40 60 --------------------30 45 ---------------Meander Wavelength (ft 92 109 125 92 109 125 --------------------------Meander Width Ratio 3 5 6 5 8 Profile Riffle Length (f Riffle Slope (ft/ft 0.0003 Pool Length (fi --------------Pool Spacing (ft 55 100 77.5 Substrate and Transport Parameters d16 / d35 / d50 / d84 / d95 .06/.08/.10/.18/.23 3/.4/.5/.9/1.2 .06/.08/.10/.18/.23 Reach Shear Stress (competency) lb/f2 --------------------Stream Power (transport capacity) W/m2 ---Additional Reach Parameters Channel length (ft 2.860 3.983 4.026 Drainage Area (SM 2.9 3.2 2.9 2.9 Rosgen Classification E5 E5/C5 C5 C5 BF Discharge (cfs 25.8 25.6 25.6 Sinuosit 1.05 1.66 1.6 1.6 BF slope (ft/ft 0.0003 0.0004 0.0003 0.0003

Table B.3. Morphology and Hydraulic Monitoring Summary

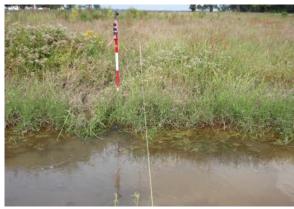
	Du	ke Swa			and S								6065-	Ą						
						Reach:	UT1a	(4026	Feet)											
Parameter	10/4		s-sect Riffle				Cros	ss-sect Pool	ion 2	10/5	10/4		s-sect Riffle		10/5	NA)/4		Ss-sect Pool		140/5
Dimension	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY1	MY2	MY3	WY4	MY5	MY1	MY2	MY3	WY4	MY5
BF Width (ft)	17.01	19.81		1	1	16.79	20.59				18.07	18.96		1	ı	25.1	30.84		1	
BF Weath (it) BF Mean Depth (ft)		1.23				1.41	1.12				1.69	1.44				1.91	1.64			
Width/Depth Ratio		16.1				11.9	18.4				10.7	13.15				13.12				
BF Cross-sectional Area (ft²)		24.4				23.6	23.1				30.5	27.3				48	50.4			-
BF Max Depth (ft)		2.21				2.64	2.66				2.57	2.24				3.61	3.51			
Width of Floodprone Area (ft)	2.27					2.01	2.00				2.01					0.01	0.01			
Entrenchment Ratio	5.8	5.0				5.0	4.1				5.5	5.3				4.4	3.6			
Bank Height Ratio		1.0				1.0	0.9				1.0	1.0				1.0	1.0			
Wetted Perimeter (ft)		22.27				19.61	22.83				21.45					28.92	34.12			
Hydraulic Radius (ft)	1.2318	1.096				1.203	1.012				1.4219	1.25				1.66	1.477			
Substrate d50 (mm)																				
d84 (mm)																				
Parameter		Cros	s-sect Riffle	ion 5			Cros	ss-sect Pool	ion 6			Cros	s-sect Riffle	ion 7						
	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5					
Dimension				•	•									•			•		•	
BF Width (ft)	19.62	19.47				29.30	37.17				26.95	25.26								
BF Mean Depth (ft)		1.53				1.39	1.15				1.38	1.52								
Width/Depth Ratio	11.7	12.7				21.0	32.3				19.6	16.67								
BF Cross-sectional Area (ft²)	32.80	29.9				40.9	42.7				37.1	38.3								
BF Max Depth (ft)	2.60	1.53				2.78	2.82				2.66	2.56								
Width of Floodprone Area (ft)																				
Entrenchment Ratio	6.0	6.3				4.0	3.2				4.6	4.9								
Bank Height Ratio		1.0				1.2	1.0				1.0	1.0								
Wetted Perimeter (ft)		22.53				32.08					29.71	28.3								
Hydraulic Radius (ft)	1.4286	1.327				1.275	1.082				1.2487	1.353								
Substrate d50 (mm)																				
d84 (mm)																				

STREAM DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHS



Permanent Cross-section 1, Station 13+30 (Year 2 Data - Collected September 2009)

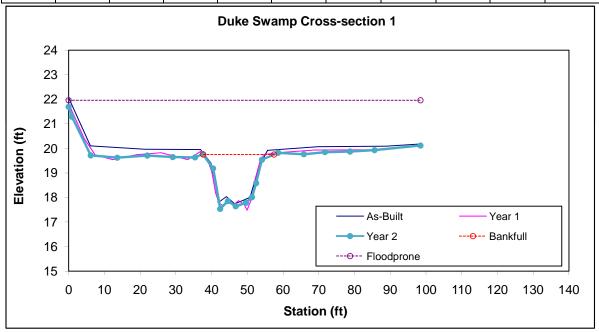




Looking at the Left Bank

Looking at the Right Bank

		Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF					
١	Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
	Riffle	Сс	24.4	19.81	1.23	2.21	16.07	1	5	19.75	19.77



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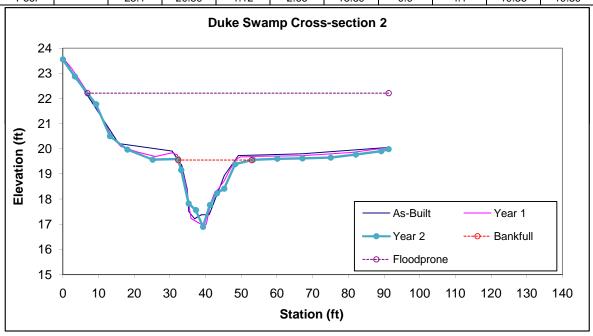




Looking at the Left Bank

Looking at the Right Bank

	Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF					
Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Pool		23.1	20.59	1.12	2.66	18.39	0.9	4.1	19.55	19.39



Permanent Cross-section 3, Station 20+27

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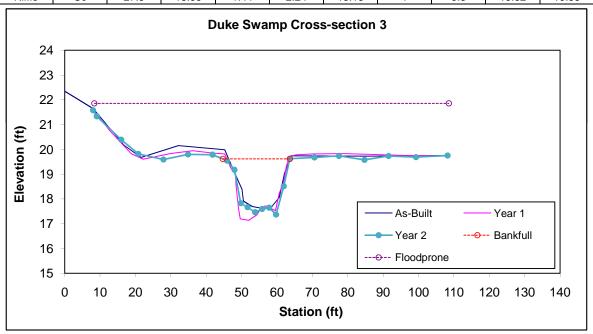




Looking at the Left Bank

Looking at the Right Bank

	Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF					
Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Riffle	Сс	27.3	18.96	1.44	2.24	13.15	1	5.3	19.62	19.55



Permanent Cross-section 4, Station 26+81 (Year 2 Data - Collected September 2009)

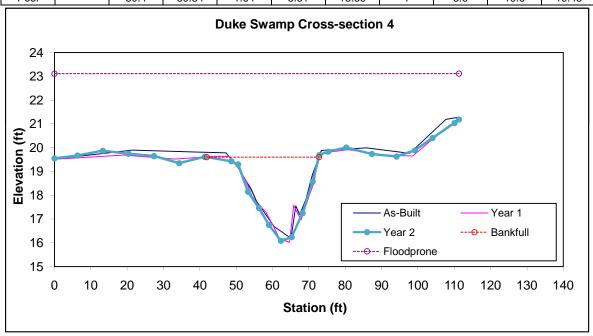




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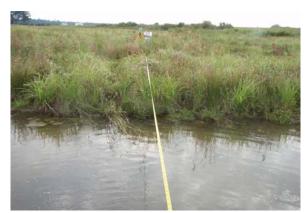
Looking at the Right Bank

I		Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF					
	Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
ſ	Pool		50.4	30.84	1.64	3.51	18.86	1	3.6	19.6	19.43



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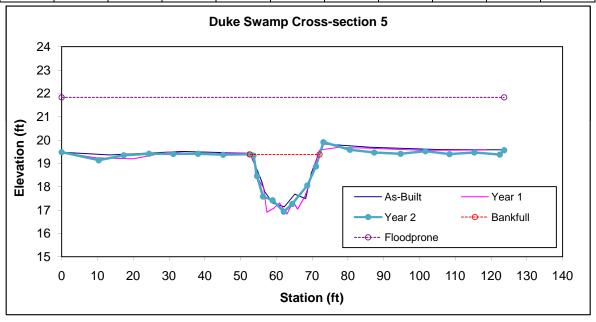




Looking at the Left Bank

Looking at the Right Bank

	Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF					
Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Riffle	Сс	29.9	19.47	1.53	2.45	12.7	1	6.3	19.38	19.39



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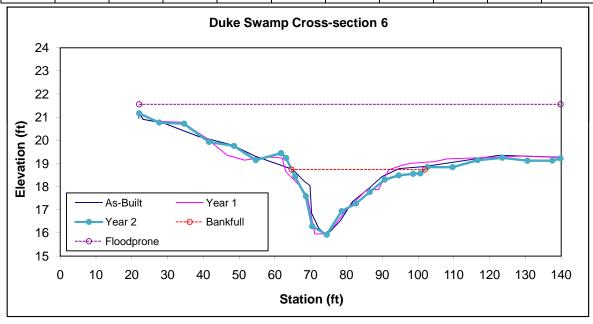




Looking at the Left Bank

Looking at the Right Bank

	Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF						l
Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev	l
Pool		42.7	37.17	1.15	2.82	32.32	1	3.2	18.74	18.85	



Permanent Cross-section 7, Station 42+05 (Year 2 Data - Collected September 2009)

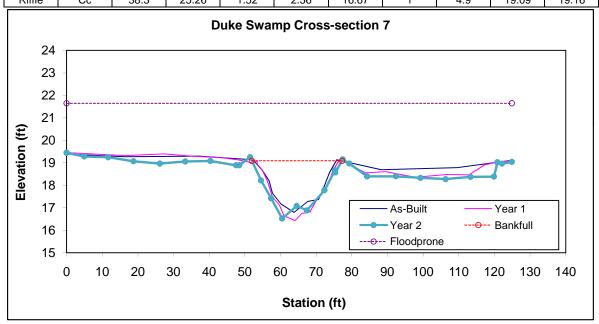


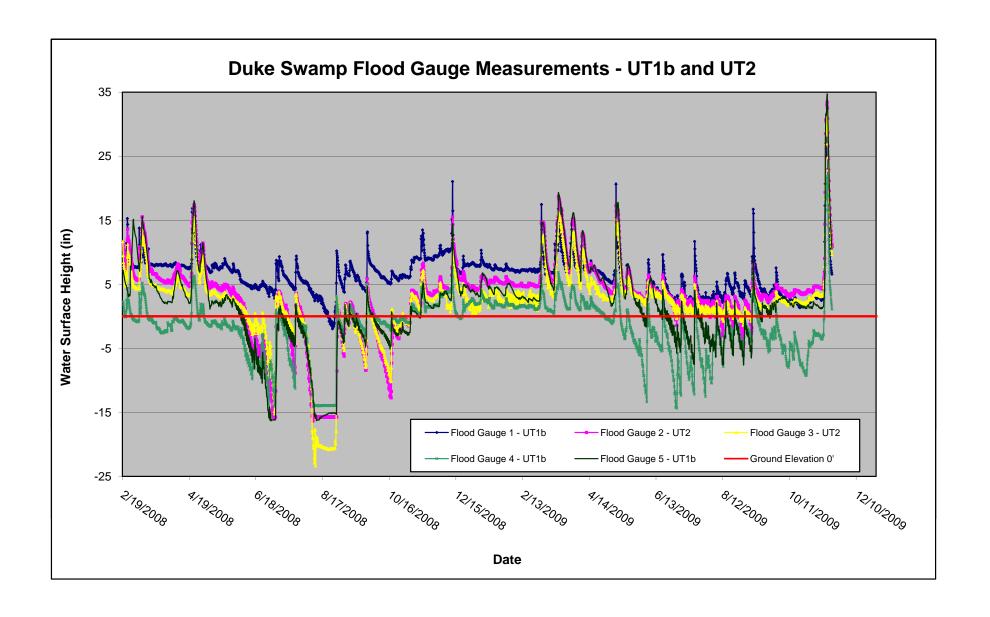


Looking at the Left Bank

Looking at the Right Bank

	Stream		BKF	BKF	Max BKF					
Feature	Type	BKF Area	Width	Depth	Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Riffle	Cc	38.3	25.26	1.52	2.56	16.67	1	4.9	19.09	19.16

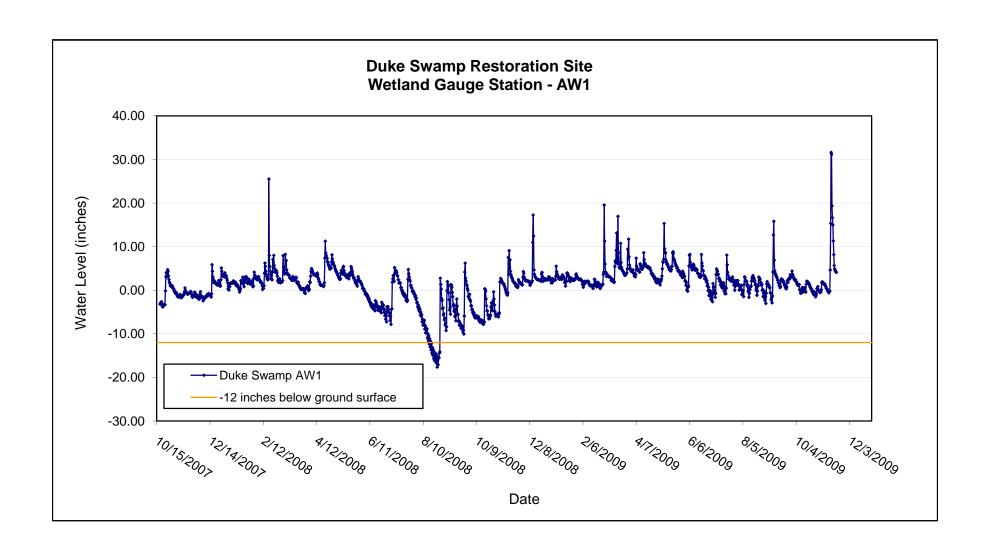


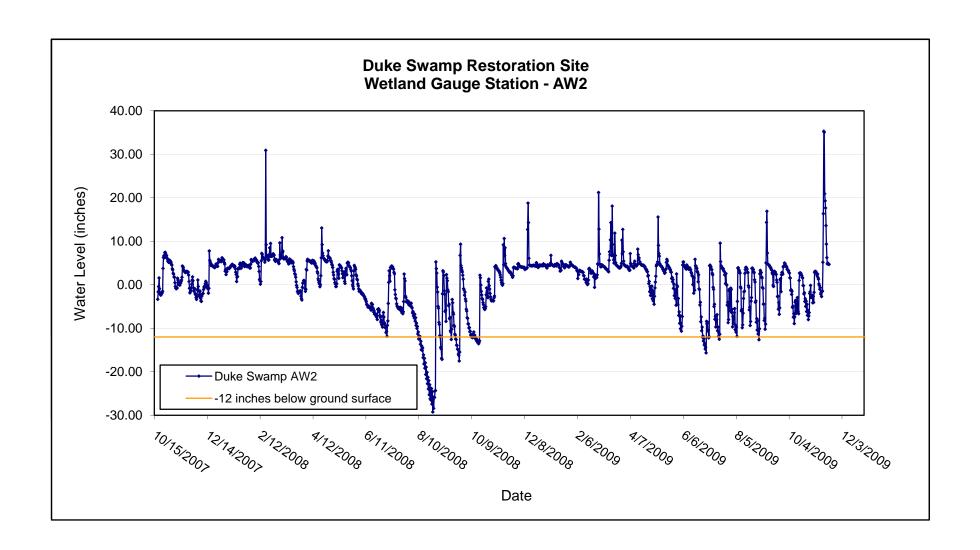


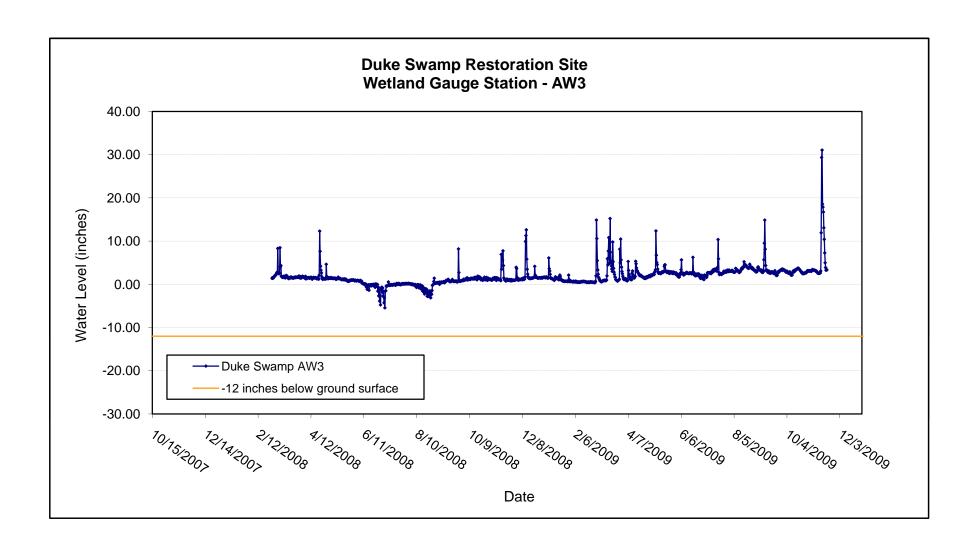
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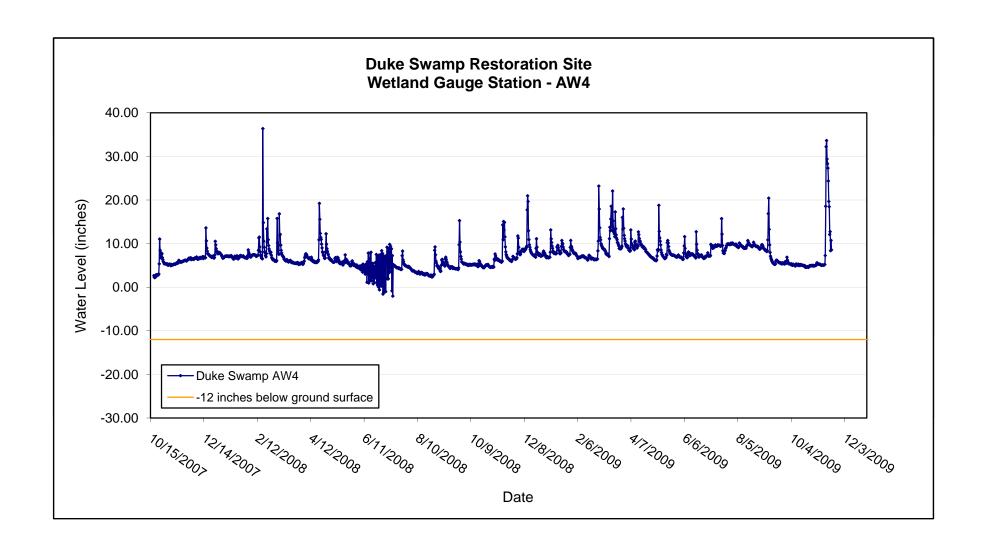
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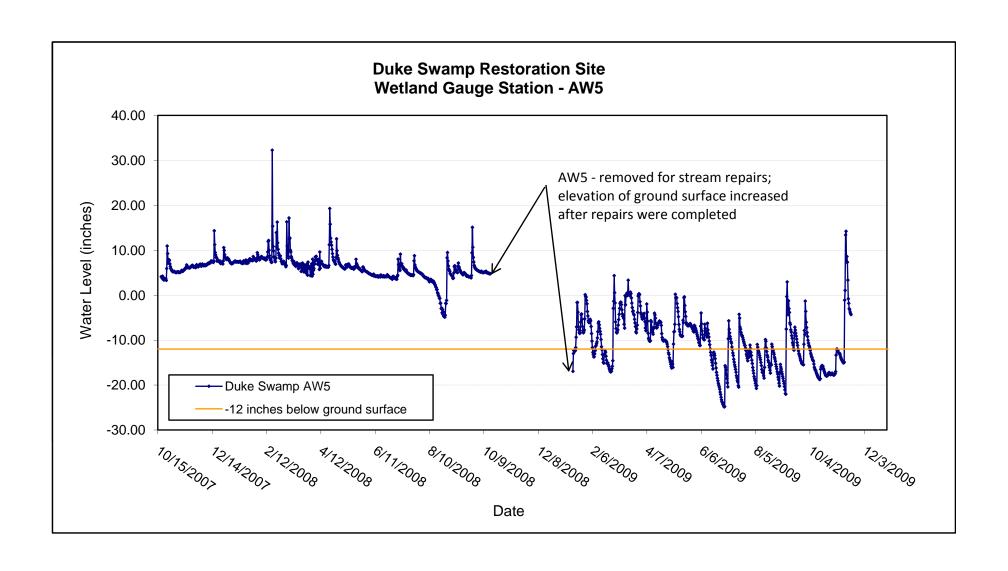
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WETLAND WELL PHOTOGRAPHS



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Auto Well 1 – South, September 2009



Auto Well 1 – West, September 2009



Auto Well 2 – North, September 2009



Auto Well 2 – East, September 2009



Auto Well 2 – South, September 2009



Auto Well 2 – West, September 2009



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Auto Well 3 – West, September 2009



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Auto Well 4 – East, September 2009



Auto Well 4 – South, September 2009



Auto Well 4 – West, September 2009



Auto Well 5 – North, September 2009



Auto Well 5 – East, September 2009



Auto Well 5 – South, September 2009



Auto Well 5 – West, September 2009



Flood Gauge 1 – North, September 2009



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Flood Gauge 2 – North, September 2009



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