

Gregory Wetland and Stream Restoration As-Built Report Halifax County, NC

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is submitted to document completion of construction and planting on the Gregory wetland and stream restoration project. This report will also serve as a baseline for future monitoring reports submitted pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Gregory Site Stream and Wetland Restoration Plan.

The Gregory wetland and stream restoration site is located near the town of Halifax in Halifax County, North Carolina. The project is located entirely within the Tar-Pamlico River Basin. Ditches on the site were used to promote drainage when the land was under agricultural production. The objective of the project was to restore approximately 6,725 feet of stream channel and a minimum of 75 acres of prior-converted wetlands. The restoration involved the filling of drainage ditches and topographic manipulation to raise the local water table and restore the site hydrology. Surface water flow was routed from an existing drainage ditch to a new meandering channel constructed across the abandoned floodplain. The abandoned ditch was then filled. Several structures were installed to control streambed grade, reduce stresses on streambanks, and promote bedform sequences for increased habitat diversity. The design allows for flows larger than the bankfull flow to spread onto the floodplain, dissipating flow energies and reducing the stress on streambanks. Streambanks were stabilized using a combination of erosion matting, live staking, and transplants. Bare-root stems of eight tree species appropriate for small stream swamp ecosystems were planted at an average density of 695 stems per acre.

All grading activities and restoration practices were completed in January 2005. Planting of bare-root trees was also completed in January 2005. Installation of post-restoration monitoring wells on the site was completed in late January 2005. A total of 85.8 acres of wetland and 6,757 feet of stream channel were restored. Initial site observations and well data indicate that the site is performing well as a stream and wetland system.

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INTRODUCTION

The Gregory wetland and stream restoration site is located near the town of Halifax in Halifax County, North Carolina (see Figure 1). The site has a past history of agricultural use consisting primarily of row crop agriculture. Ditches on the site were used to increase subsurface drainage when the land was under agricultural production.

Restoration of the Gregory site involved the restoration of a "small stream swamp" with associated "bottomland hardwood" and "cypress swamp" communities as described by Schafale and Weakley (1990). Restoration of the site involved the restoration of one stable meandering channel across the hydric farm fields on the site. The channel was designed and constructed using natural channel design techniques. Restoration also involved raising the local water table by filling the drainage ditches on-site and scarification of the fields and breaking of the local plow pan to provide increased surface storage of water.

The history of the project is summarized in Table 1.

May 2004	Reference monitoring wells installed
June 2004	Approved Restoration Plan
October 2004	Construction began
January 2005	Construction completed
January 2005	Planting completed
January 2005	Post-construction monitoring wells installed
November 2005 (scheduled)	First monitoring report

 Table 1. Project History



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Construction

Construction activities, in accordance with the approved Restoration Plan for the site, began in October 2004 with construction stakeout, followed immediately by the establishment of access sites and stockpile areas. Materials were stockpiled as needed for the initial stages of construction.

The next step was the grading of the floodplain areas to reach design grades across the site. The excavated material was stockpiled in specified areas near field ditches that were to be filled. Where necessary, silt fencing was installed between stockpiles and the active ditches to prevent erosion of sediment into the channel. A berm was also constructed along the western bank of McCulloch's Ditch to provide access to the site and keep floodwaters onsite and off adjacent farmland.

Once the design floodplain grades were achieved, a new stream channel was sculpted and constructed. Construction of the new stream channel for Reach 1 began near station 10+62 and proceeded downstream. McCulloch's Ditch was plugged on both sides of Reach 2, where the new channel crossed the existing McCulloch's alignment. Upon completion of new channel segments, in-stream structures, matting, and transplants were installed, and the channel was prepared to accept flow from the old channel. Once fully prepared, temporary sediment traps at the downstream ends of the channels were removed, and water was turned into the newly constructed channel. Abandoned field ditches were immediately filled and graded.

The site was not disked for two reasons: disking equipment could not be pulled across the site due to muddy conditions, and it was determined that disking was not necessary for the purpose of increasing surface storage. Upon completion of earthmoving activities in each construction area, temporary and permanent seeding was applied according to the plans and specifications.

Vegetation

Earthmoving activities were completed in early January 2005. Live staking of the streambank areas and the spreading of the permanent seed mixture was completed in late January 2005, along with the planting of bare-root trees. The approved Restoration Plan for the Gregory site called for the planting of eight (8) bare-root tree species, which were planted as listed in Table 2 below. Based on information collected from sampling plots (data provided in Monitoring section), the average density of planted stems across the site was approximately 695 stems per acre.

Species Planted	
Willow oak	Quercus phellos
Swamp chestnut oak	Quercus michauxii
Laurel oak	Quercus laurifolia
Overcup oak	Quercus lyrata
Blackgum	Nyssa sylvatica
Swamp blackgum	Nyssa biflora
Green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Bald cypress	Taxodium distichum

Table 2. Tree Species Planted over the Gregory Restoration Site

General Observations

Despite extremely wet conditions, construction on the site proceeded with very few problems or changes to the proposed Restoration Plan.

Modifications made during construction involved the location and selection of in-stream structures and bank stabilization practices. Substitutions were made based on availability of materials and professional judgment. These changes are documented in the attached as-built drawings.

Several rainfall events occurred during construction, but the rainfall amounts and intensities were not large enough to cause significant erosion or problems with construction. The final as-built stream length for the project, as indicated on Sheet 1, was 6,757 feet, as compared to the 6,725 feet predicted in the Restoration Plan.

Based on early observations, the hydrology of the site has been altered to a much wetter regime than was present prior to construction. Ponding in isolated pockets on the site has been observed for extended periods after rainfall events.

Early observations also indicate that the vegetation treatments were effective at establishing ground cover quickly. Temporary seeding (rye grain) applied to streambanks beneath the erosion matting sprouted within two weeks of application and has provided good ground coverage. Live stakes and planted bare-root trees were beginning to bud when the growing season began.

The Restoration Plan predicted that approximately 75 acres of restoration were available on the site. Initial site indications during construction indicate that this area is greater. Figure 2 and Plan Sheets 10 and 11 show the revised wetland restoration acreage at 85.8 acres. Based on visual observations and preliminary well data, filling the drainage ditches that once drained groundwater from the proposed restoration areas has caused the local water table to rise. The revised acreage will be confirmed through the monitoring process based on groundwater monitoring data.

MONITORING

The five-year monitoring plan for the Gregory restoration site includes criteria to evaluate the success of both the wetland and the stream components of the project. The specific locations of vegetation plots, monitoring wells, photo points, permanent cross sections, and rainfall and crest gauges are shown on the as-built drawings in Sheets 4 through 11.

Consistent with the Gregory site-specific Restoration Plan, seven vegetation plots (wetland plots are 0.05 acre and the stream plots are each 0.1 acre in size), seven automated monitoring wells, and four manual monitoring wells were established in areas that would represent a range of hydrologic conditions and community types across the restoration site.

The initial planted density within each of the seven vegetation monitoring plots is given in Table 3. The locations of the vegetation plots and the monitoring wells are shown on the as-built plan sheets.

Sampling Plot No.	Counted Stems per Plot	Stems per Acre (extrapolated)
1	41	774
2	37	698
3	42	792
4	39	736
5	66	660
6	56	560
7	65	650

Table 3.	Initial	Planted	Density	of Tree	s for the	e Eight	Vegetation	Sampling Plots

For monitoring stream success criteria, fourteen permanent cross sections and two crest gauges were installed. The permanent cross sections will be used to monitor channel dimension and bank erosion over time. The two crest gauges, one in each stream reach, will be used to document bankfull events. In addition, a complete longitudinal survey was completed for the restored stream channel after construction to provide a baseline for evaluating changes in bed conditions over time. The longitudinal profile included the elevations of all grade control structures. Permanent cross sections were also surveyed after construction to provide baseline data for monitoring. The longitudinal and permanent cross section data are provided in Appendix 2. The locations of the permanent cross sections and the crest gages are shown on the as-built plan sheets.

Monitoring success criteria applied to the Gregory site are provided in the site-specific Restoration Plan. Monitoring data will be provided in the monitoring report for Year 1.

Reference

Schafale, M.P. and A.S. Weakley. 1990. *Classification of the Natural Communities of North Carolina, Third Approximation*. North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, Division of Parks and Recreation, NCDEHNR. Raleigh, North Carolina.

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APPENDIX 1 Photographs of the Project Site

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Photo PC2. Lateral field ditches before construction activities.

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APPENDIX 2 As-Built Longitudinal Profile and Permanent Cross section Data

Summary of Cross-section Data: Gregory As-Built Cross Sections

Cross-section Descriptor	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8	X9	X-10	X-11	X-13	X-14
Feature	Riffle	Riffle	Pool	Riffle	Pool	Pool	Riffle	Pool	Riffle	Riffle	Pool	Riffle	Pool
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Bankfull Width (ft)	13.2	9.5	13.0	9.1	10.3	12.1	12.1	9.3	5.2	10.9	4.2	11.0	15.4
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.6	1.3	0.4	1.1
Width/Depth Ratio	15.5	21.1	12.3	16.6	8.3	13.3	15.9	5.6	15.1	18.9	3.3	27.5	14.2
Bankfull Area (sq ft)	11.2	4.3	13.7	5.0	12.7	11.1	9.2	15.2	1.8	6.3	5.4	4.4	16.8
Bankfull Max Depth (ft)	1.7	0.8	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.8	1.3	2.8	0.5	1.3	2.7	0.9	2.3
Width of Floodprone Area (ft)	50.5	50. 9	56.1	50.4	77.0	73.6	54.0	60.6	48.4	55.3	31.5	79.3	100.2
Entrenchment Ratio	3.8	5.4	4.3	5.6	7.5	6.1	4.5	6.5	9.3	5.1	7.5	7.2	6.5
Bank Height Ratio	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

































APPENDIX 3 As-Built Plan Sheets



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*S.U.E = SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEER

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ROADS & RELATED ITEMS

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Curb	
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Prop. Slope Stakes Fill	
Prop. Woven Wire Fence	
Prop. Chain Link Fence	-0-0
Frop. Barbed Wire Fence	$-\Delta$
Prop. Wheelchair Ramp	
Curb Cut for Future Wheelchair Ramp	CCFR
Exist. Guardrail	
Prop. Guardrail	
Equality Symbol	ø
Pavement Removal	

RIGHT OF WAY

Baseline Control Point
Existing Right of Way Marker
Exist. Right of Way Line w/Marker
Prop. Right of Way Line with Proposed
R/W Marker (Iron Pin & Cap)
Prop. Right of Way Line with Proposed
(Concrete or Granite) RW Marker
Exist. Control of Access Line
Prop. Control of Access Line
Exist. Easement Line
Prop. Temp. Construction Easement Line
Prop. Temp. Drainage Easement Line
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HYDROLOGY

Stream or Body of Water	
River Basin Buffer	
Flow Arrow	RBB
Disappearing Stream.	
Spring	
Swamp Marsh	°√∕
Shoreline	
Falls, Rapids	
Prop Lateral, Tail, Head Ditches	

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STRUCTURES

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Bridge, Tunnel, or Box Culvert	
Bridge Wing Wall, Head Wall	
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS

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Power Manhole	··· 🕐	End of Information	E.O.I.	Paved Walk	
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Water Manhole	···· 🔊	State Line		- F	···/
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Pole with Base		Reservation Line		. Trail, Footpath	<u> </u>
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Telephone Manhole	··· ①	Exist. Iron Pin	Q	VEGETATION	•
Power Transformer	G	Property Corner		Single Tree	··· &
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BUILDINGS & OTHER CULTURE





NOTES: TRENCHING METHOD: IF THE ROOT WAD CANNOT BE DRIVEN INTO THE BANK OR THE BANK NEEDS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED, THE TRENCHING METHOD SHOULD BE USED. THIS METHOD REQUIRES THAT A TRENCH BE EXCAVATED FOR THE LOG PORTION OF THE ROOT WAD IN THIS CASE, A FOOTEN LOG SHOULD BE INSTALLED UNDERNEATH THE ROOT WAD IN A TRENCH EXCAVATED PARALLEL TO THE BANK AND WELL BELOW THE STREAMBED. ONE-THED OF THE ROOT WAD SHOULD REMAIN BELOW NORMAL BASE FLOW CONDI

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