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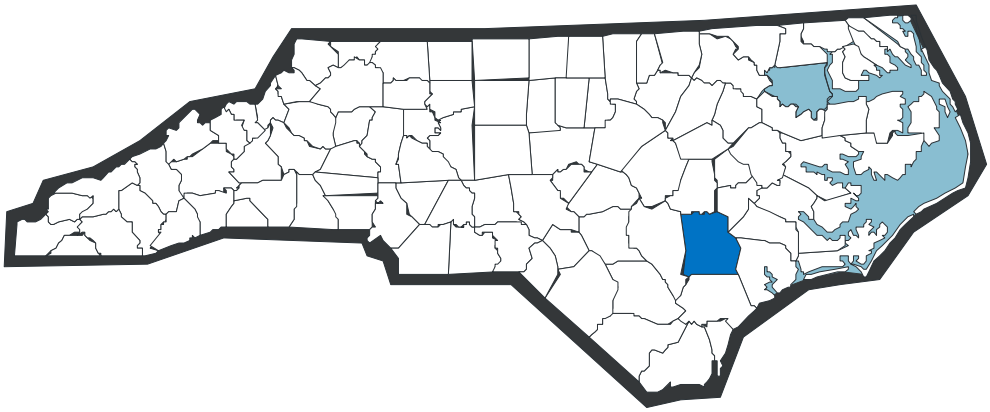

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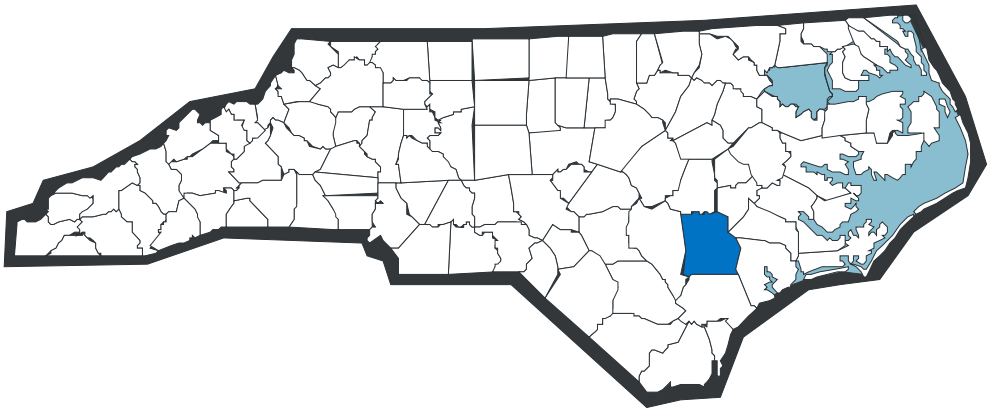

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Grove Creek Wetland Mitigation Site (Site) is located within United States Geological Survey (USGS) Hydrologic Unit 03030007 (North Carolina Division of Water Quality [NCDWQ] subbasin 03-06-22) of the Cape Fear River Basin. The Site includes an approximately 549-acre tract, located 5 miles east of Kenansville in central Duplin County. This document serves as the 2010 Fifth Year Annual Monitoring Report.

Eleven gauges were maintained and monitored for the year 5 (2010) growing season. Groundwater hydrology within 12 inches of the soil surface occurred for greater than 12.5 percent of the growing season at all gauges except Gauge GW2-4 and GW11. However, GW 3 is located on the upland/wetland margin. In addition, hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soils are present at all gauge locations.

Seven 10-meter square vegetation plots were monitoredfor the year 5 (2010) monitoring season. Based on the number of stems counted, the average plot density monitored at this Site is greater than 260 stems per acre and is considered successful for 2010 (year 5) monitoring. The average plot density was measured at 659 planted stems per acre.

Problem areas within the Site are depicted on Figure 5 with pictures included in Appendix B. Poor planted stem survival has been observed in the vicinity of vegetation Plots 5 and 7 and surface water gauges (SG3-6). Natural recruits are colonizing these areas and aquatic herbaceous species proliferated during the year 5 (2010) monitoring season including cat tail (*Typha latifolia*), woolgrass (*Scirpus cyperinus*), and bigpod sesbania (*Sesbania herbacea*). Poor survival of planted stems may have resulted from drought during planting followed by excessive inundation. Other problems within the Site include beaver activity, an area of poor herbaceous growth, and continual mowing of access roads and a small patch for deer hunting, as well as four wheeler tracks throughout the Site.

In summary, Grove Creek Mitigation Site was successful for hydrology and vegetation for the Fifth Annual Monitoring Year (2010) period.

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1.1 Project Description

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Directions to the Site:
From Raleigh take Interstate 40 East to Exit 373

- Travel east on Highway 24 through Kenansville
- Travel approximately 6 miles further east on Highway 24 (if you reach the Cape Fear River, you have gone too far) to a left onto Dobson Chapel Road
- Road surface becomes gravel and intersects another gravel road in about 0.3 mile. The Site is straight ahead

1.2 Purpose

In order to demonstrate successful mitigation, hydrologic and vegetative monitoring must be conducted for five years or until success criteria are achieved. Success criteria are based on federal guidelines for wetland mitigation. These guidelines stipulate criteria for both hydrologic conditions and vegetation survival. The following report details the results of hydrologic and vegetative monitoring for the 2010 (year 5) growing season at the Grove Creek Mitigation Site.

1.3 Project History

January 2004	Mitigation Plan
September 2004	Final Design (90%)
2005	Site Construction
2005	Planting
November 2006	Vegetation Monitoring (Year 1)
March-November 2006	Hydrologic Monitoring (Year 1)
July 2007	Vegetation Monitoring (Year 2)
March-November 2007	Hydrologic Monitoring (Year 2)
July 2008	Vegetation Monitoring (Year 3)
March-November 2008	Hydrologic Monitoring (Year 3)
July 2009	Vegetation Monitoring (Year 4)
March-November 2009	Hydrologic Monitoring (Year 4)
July 2010	Vegetation Monitoring (Year 5)
March-November 2010	Hydrologic Monitoring (Year 5)

1.4 Mitigation Structure and Objectives

Prior to implementation of wetland restoration activities, the Site was characterized by active agricultural fields, mixed hardwood forests, and a large Bottomland Hardwood/Cypress-Gum Swamp wetland system located adjacent to the Northeast Cape Fear River. Historic land use activities included ditching within hydric soils and timber harvesting within wetlands.

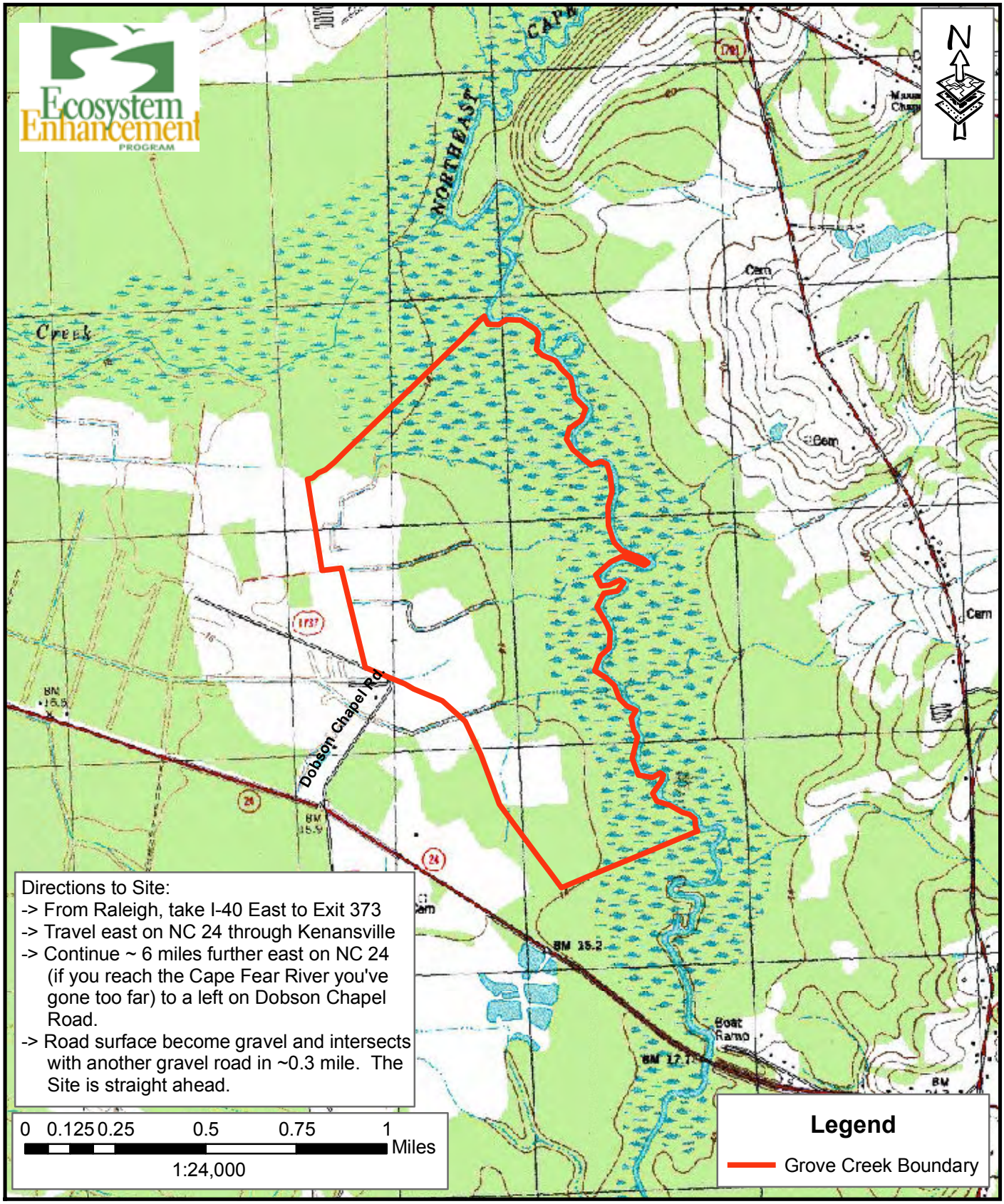

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FIGURE
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The primary mitigation activities at the Site included restoration of previously ditched and filled riverine wetlands, creation of riverine wetlands within existing agricultural fields, hydrological enhancement of previously ditched riverine wetlands, preservation of the existing Coastal Plain Bottomland Hardwoods/Cypress-Gum Swamp Forest wetlands, restoration of a previously drained nonriverine wetland area, and preservation of existing upland hardwood forests.

Wetland restoration and creation at the Site entailed 1) ditch cleaning prior to backfill, 2) impervious ditch plug construction, 3) ditch/canal backfilling, and 4) removal of fill material from wetlands.

According to the January 2004 Mitigation Plan, the primary goals of the project include 1) maximize the area returned to historic wetland function; 2) expand, enhance, and preserve 549 acres of the Northeast Cape Fear River riparian ecosystem; 3) protect the Site within a conservation easement in perpetuity; 4) provide valuable habitat to a diverse assemblage of flora and fauna; 5) serve as a wildlife corridor along the Northeast Cape Fear river; and 6) provide numerous wetland values including water storage, shoreline stabilization, pollutant removal, aquatic/wildlife habitat, recreation, and education. Project structures and objectives are summarized in Table 1 and depicted in Figure 2.

Table 1. Project Mitigation Structures and Objectives

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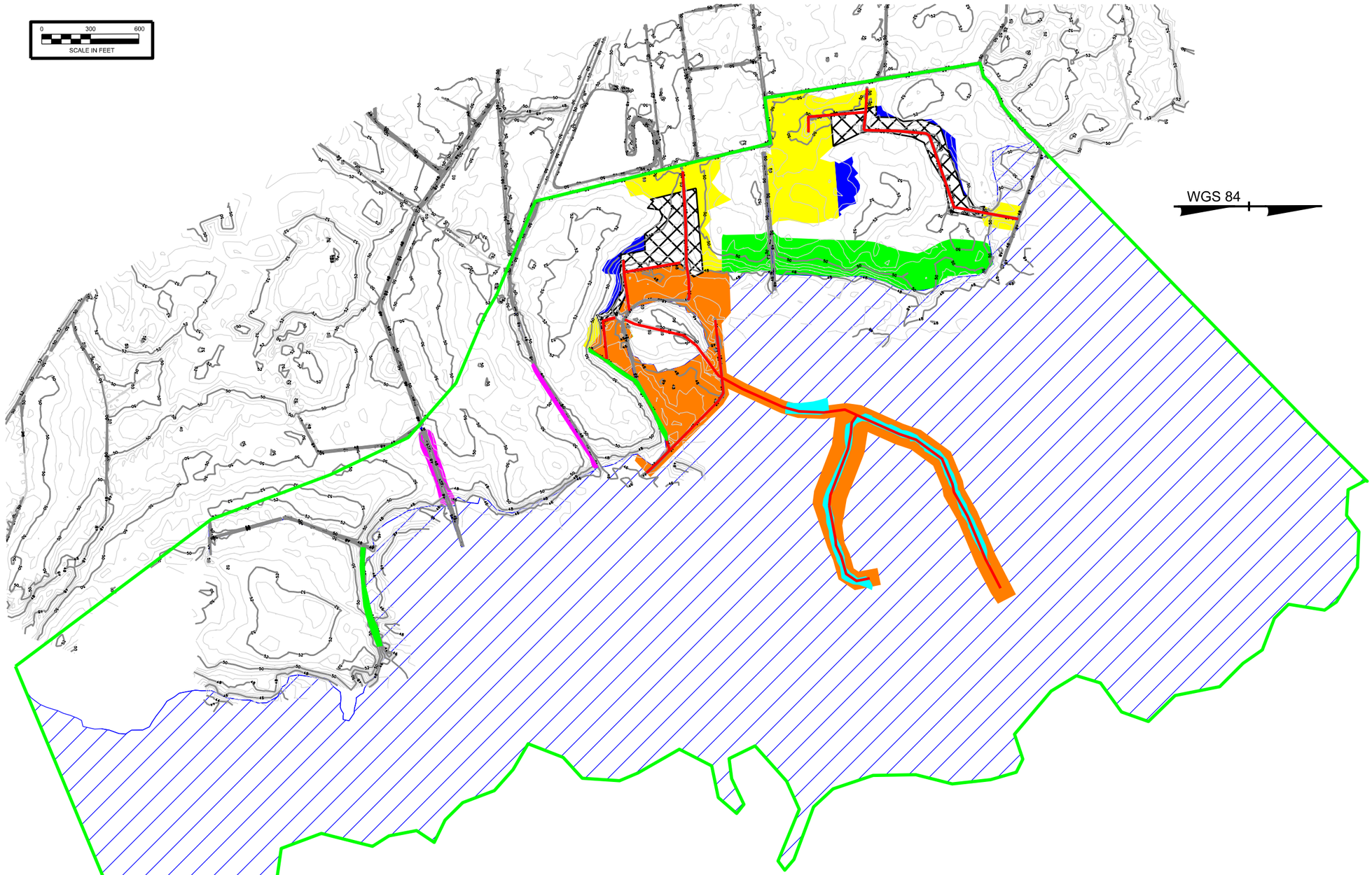
Project Segment or Reach ID	Mitigation Type*	Approach	Acreage	Stationing	Comment
Bottomland Hardwood	R	---	3.0 acres	---	Previously ditched and filled riverine wetlands
Bottomland Hardwood	E	---	18.4 acres	---	Ditched riverine wetlands
Cypress-Gum Swamp/Bottomland Hardwood	P	---	375.9 acres	---	Existing riverine wetlands
Bottomland Hardwood	C	---	9.2 acres	---	Existing upland agricultural fields to be graded to riverine wetlands
Headwater Forest	E	---	1.9 acres	---	Existing agricultural fields to be converted to nonriverine wetlands
Headwater Forest	C	---	1.4 acres	---	Existing agricultural fields upland to be graded to nonriverine wetlands
Headwater Forest	R	---	7.3 acres	---	Previously drained nonriverine wetlands
TOTAL			**417.1 acres**		

* R = Restoration; E = Enhancement; C = Creation; P = Preservation

2.0 HYDROLOGY

2.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria for wetland hydrology at Grove Creek require inundation or saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface for a consecutive period of 12.5 percent of the growing season. The soil survey for Duplin County does not contain growing season data; therefore, due to its close proximity, the Sampson County soil survey was used. The estimated growing season begins March 18 and ends November 4 (239 days). In order to attain hydrologic success, saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface is required for at least 30 consecutive days (12.5 percent of the growing season).



Legend

- Easement Boundary
- Major Contour
- Minor Contour
- Open Ditch
- Filled Ditch

Legend			
Riverine Wetland Restoration	3.0 ac	Nonriverine Wetland Restoration	7.3 ac
Riverine Wetland Enhancement	18.4 ac	Nonriverine Wetland Enhancement	1.9 ac
Riverine Wetland Preservation	375.9 ac	Nonriverine Wetland Creation	1.4 ac
Riverine Wetland Creation	9.2 ac		
Drained Hydric Soils	11.9 ac		

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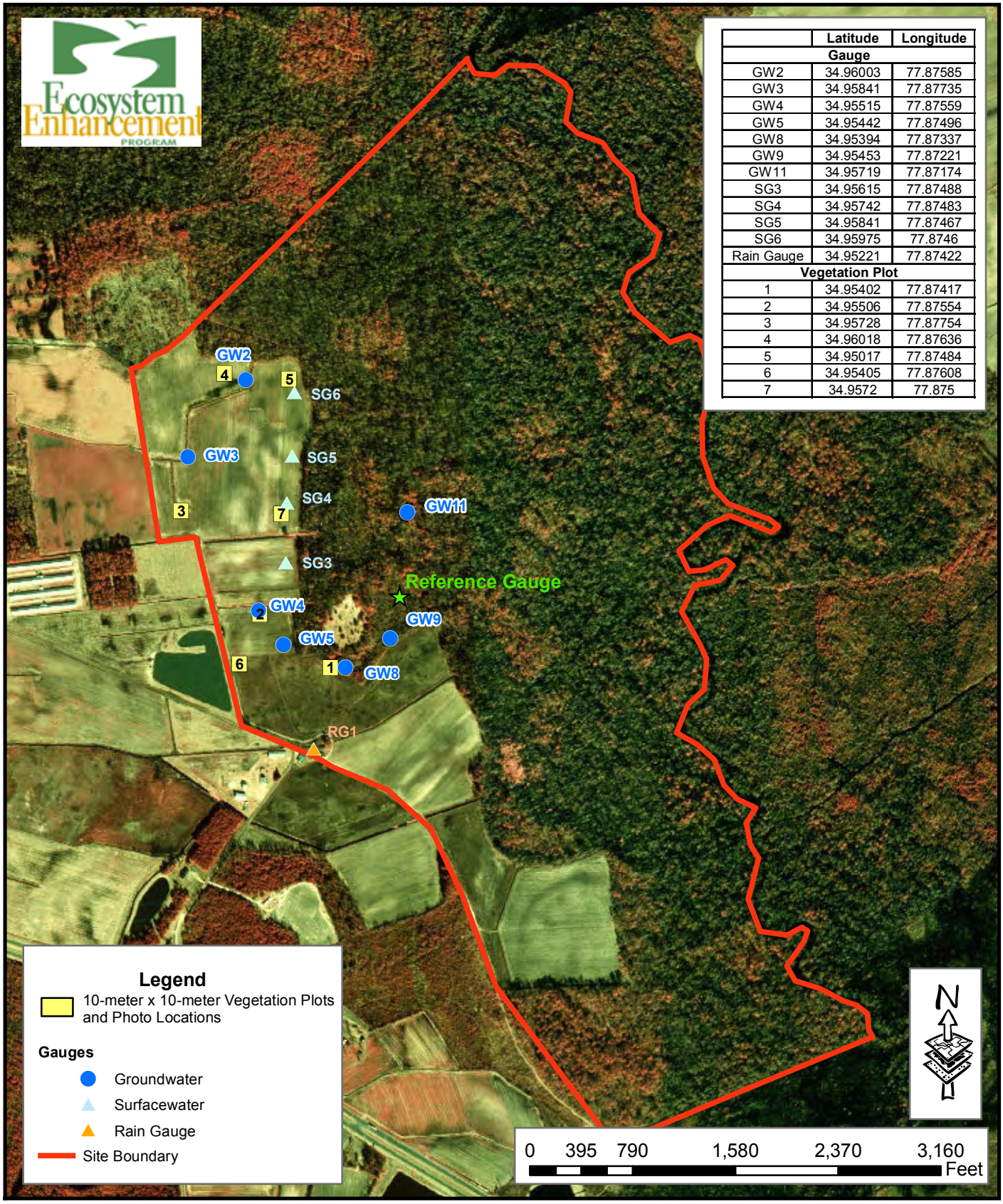

	Latitude	Longitude
Gauge		
GW2	34.96003	77.87585
GW3	34.95841	77.87735
GW4	34.95515	77.87559
GW5	34.95442	77.87496
GW8	34.95394	77.87337
GW9	34.95453	77.87221
GW11	34.95719	77.87174
SG3	34.95615	77.87488
SG4	34.95742	77.87483
SG5	34.95841	77.87467
SG6	34.95975	77.8746
Rain Gauge	34.95221	77.87422
Vegetation Plot		
1	34.95402	77.87417
2	34.95506	77.87554
3	34.95728	77.87754
4	34.96018	77.87636
5	34.95017	77.87484
6	34.95405	77.87608
7	34.9572	77.875

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FIGURE 3

2.2 Hydrologic Description

Seven groundwater monitoring gauges and four surfacewater monitoring gauges were maintained and monitored throughout the year 5 (2010) growing season (Figure 3). Graphs of groundwater/surfacewater hydrology and precipitation from an onsite rain gauge for year 5 (2010) are included in Appendix A.

2.3 Results of Hydrologic Monitoring

2.3.1 Site Data

Eleven gauges were maintained and monitored for the year 5 (2010) growing season. Groundwater hydrology within 12 inches of the soil surface occurred for greater than 12.5 percent of the growing season at all gauges except Gauge GW2-4 and GW11. Table 2 summarizes success criteria achievement for Site gauges.

Table 2. Summary of Groundwater/Surfacewater Gauge Results for Years 1 through 5
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Gauge	Success Criteria Achieved/Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage)				
	Year 1 (2006)	Year 2 (2007)	Year 3 (2008)	Year 4 (2009)	Year 5 (2010)
GW2	Yes/98 days (41 percent)	Yes/60 days (25 percent)	Yes/32 days (13.4 percent)	Yes/48 days (20.1 percent)	No/20 days (8.4 percent)
GW3	No/14 days (5.9 percent)	No/8 days (3.3 percent)	No/13 days (5.4 percent)	No/14 days (5.9 percent)	No/13 days (5.4 percent)
GW4	Yes/46 days (19.2 percent)	No/13 days (5.4 percent)	Yes/33 days (13.8 percent)	No/21 days (8.8 percent)	No/23 days (9.6 percent)
GW5	Yes/98 days (41 percent)	No/18 days (7.5 percent)	Yes/88 days (36.8 percent)	Yes/42 days (17.6 percent)	Yes/45 days (18.8 percent)
GW8	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/69 days (28.9 percent)	Yes/87 days (36.4 percent)	Yes/37 days (15.5 percent)	Yes/51 days (21.3 percent)
GW9	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/89 days (37.2 percent)	Yes/82 days (34.3 percent)	Yes/102 days (42.7 percent)	Yes/54 days (22.6 percent)
GW11	Yes/31 days (13.0 percent)	No/9 days (3.8 percent)	Yes/39 days (16.3 percent)	No/7 days (2.9 percent)	No/23 days (9.6 percent)
SG3	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)
SG4	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/213 days (89.1 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)
SG5	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)
SG6	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Not able to determine*	Not able to determine*	Yes/239 days (100 percent)	Yes/239 days (100 percent)
Reference**	--	--	67 days (28.0 percent)	97 days (40.6 percent)	45 days (18.8 percent)

*This gauge does not monitor groundwater levels below the soil surface; therefore, it is not possible determine the number of days the groundwater level was within 12 inches of the soil surface. However, it is expected that the groundwater level remained near the soil surface.

**Reference was not installed prior to the 2008 (Year 3) monitoring season.

2.3.2 Climatic Data

Climatic data for the five-year monitoring period has been compared to 30-year historical data from the station in Clinton, North Carolina (Figure 4) (NOAA 2004). Average rainfall for the year 5 (2010) growing season was 6 inches less than mean 30-year historic rainfall for January-May 2010 with 13.9 inches of rain onsite compared to 18.9 inches for mean historic rainfall for the same period.

2.4 Hydrologic Conclusions

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3.0 VEGETATION

3.1 Success Criteria

Wetland vegetation success criteria at Grove Creek will require an average across the Site of 320 stems per acre of approved target species surviving for the first three years of monitoring, 290 stems per acre in year four, and 260 stems per acre in year five.

3.2 Description of Planted Areas

According to the 2004 *Grove Creek Mitigation Plan*, seedlings were to be planted at a minimum density of 680 stems per acre and included:

1. water oak (*Quercus nigra*)
2. willow oak (*Quercus phellos*)
3. laurel oak (*Quercus laurifolia*)
4. swamp chestnut oak (*Quercus michauxii*)
5. green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)
6. river birch (*Betula nigra*)
7. bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum* var. *distichum*)
8. water tupelo (*Nyssa biflora*)

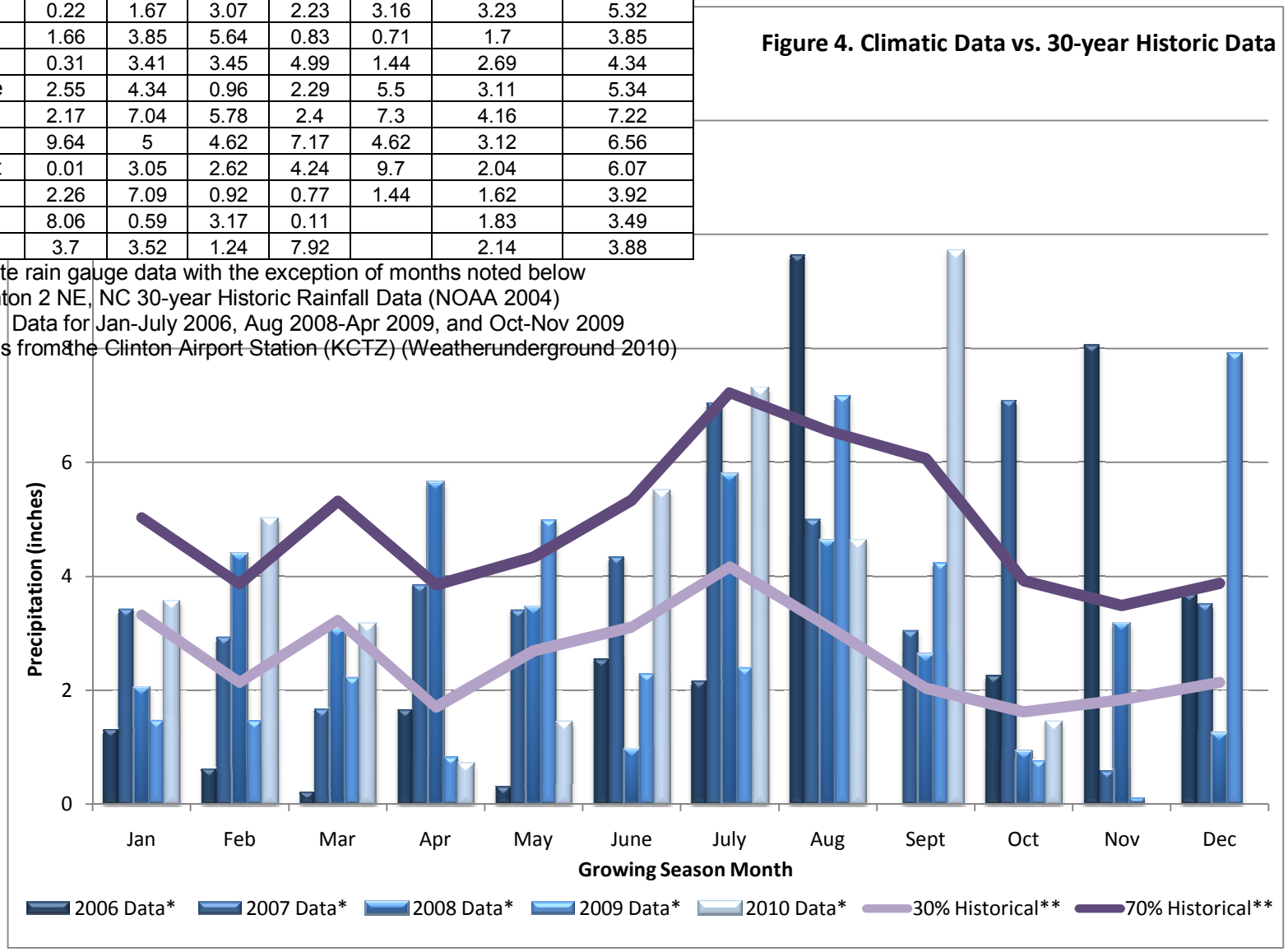
3.3 Results of Vegetation Monitoring

Seven 10-meter square vegetation plots were established as depicted in Figure 2 in November 2006. These plots were surveyed in July 2010 for the year 5 (2010) monitoring season using the *CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.0* (Lee et al. 2006) (http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm); results are included in Table 3 and pictures are included in Appendix B. The taxonomic standard for vegetation used for this document was *Flora of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, and Surrounding Areas* (Weakley 2007). No reference area was studied; therefore, no comparisons could be made to reference conditions.

Month	2006 Data*	2007 Data*	2008 Data*	2009 Data*	2010 Data*	30% Historical**	70% Historical**
Jan	1.32	3.43	2.04	1.48	3.56	3.32	5.03
Feb	0.63	2.94	4.39	1.47	5.01	2.14	3.87
Mar	0.22	1.67	3.07	2.23	3.16	3.23	5.32
Apr	1.66	3.85	5.64	0.83	0.71	1.7	3.85
May	0.31	3.41	3.45	4.99	1.44	2.69	4.34
June	2.55	4.34	0.96	2.29	5.5	3.11	5.34
July	2.17	7.04	5.78	2.4	7.3	4.16	7.22
Aug	9.64	5	4.62	7.17	4.62	3.12	6.56
Sept	0.01	3.05	2.62	4.24	9.7	2.04	6.07
Oct	2.26	7.09	0.92	0.77	1.44	1.62	3.92
Nov	8.06	0.59	3.17	0.11		1.83	3.49
Dec	3.7	3.52	1.24	7.92		2.14	3.88

*Onsite rain gauge data with the exception of months noted below
**Clinton 2 NE, NC 30-year Historic Rainfall Data (NOAA 2004)
Note: Data for Jan-July 2006, Aug 2008-Apr 2009, and Oct-Nov 2009 comes from the Clinton Airport Station (KCTZ) (Weatherunderground 2010)

Figure 4. Climatic Data vs. 30-year Historic Data



Based on the number of stems counted, the average plot density monitored at this Site is greater than 260 stems per acre and is considered successful. The average plot density has been measured at 659 planted stems per acre for 2010 (year 5) monitoring. The dominant species identified at the Site were bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), and water oak (*Quercus nigra*). Five out of the seven individual vegetation plots were well-above the success criteria with 728 to 1092 planted stems per acre. Vegetation plots 5 and 7 were low with 121 and 243 planted stems per acre, respectively as the result of previous high water levels; however, when including natural recruits of appropriate species, the stem counts increase well above 260 stems per acre.

Table 3. Stem Counts for Planted Species Arranged by Plot

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	Year 5 (2010) Individual Plots (0.0247 acre each)							Year 5 (2010)	Year 4 (2009)	Year 3 (2008)	Year 2 (2007)	Year 1 (2006)
Species	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Totals**	**Totals**	**Totals**	**Totals**	**Totals**
Betula nigra				5	2	5		12	12	12	10	9
Fraxinus pennsylvanica		4	10	3	1	7		25	25	24	19	11
Nyssa sp.									2	2		
Quercus sp.									1	2	2	2
Quercus lyrata	5	1		3		2		11	11	11	11	11
Quercus michauxii	2	1	1	6				10	10	9	8	7
Quercus nigra	7	3		5		2		17	16	15	14	14
Quercus phellos	5			1				6	5	5	5	5
Taxodium distichum		11	7	4		4	6	32	32	33	33	27
Ulmus sp.		1						1	1			
Total Stems Per Plot	**19**	**21**	**18**	**27**	**3**	**20**	**6**	**114**	**115**	**113**	**102**	**86**
Stems Per Acre	**769**	**850**	**728**	**1093**	**121**	**809**	**243**	**659**	**665**	**654**	**560**	**497**

3.4 Conclusions

Based on the number of stems counted, the average plot density monitored at this Site is greater than 260 stems per acre and is considered successful for 2010 (year 5) monitoring. The average plot density was measured at 659 planted stems per acre. The stems per acre totals have increased from year to year due to resprouts from plants heavily grazed by deer (mostly smaller green ash stems) or with previous dieback for unknown causes.

4.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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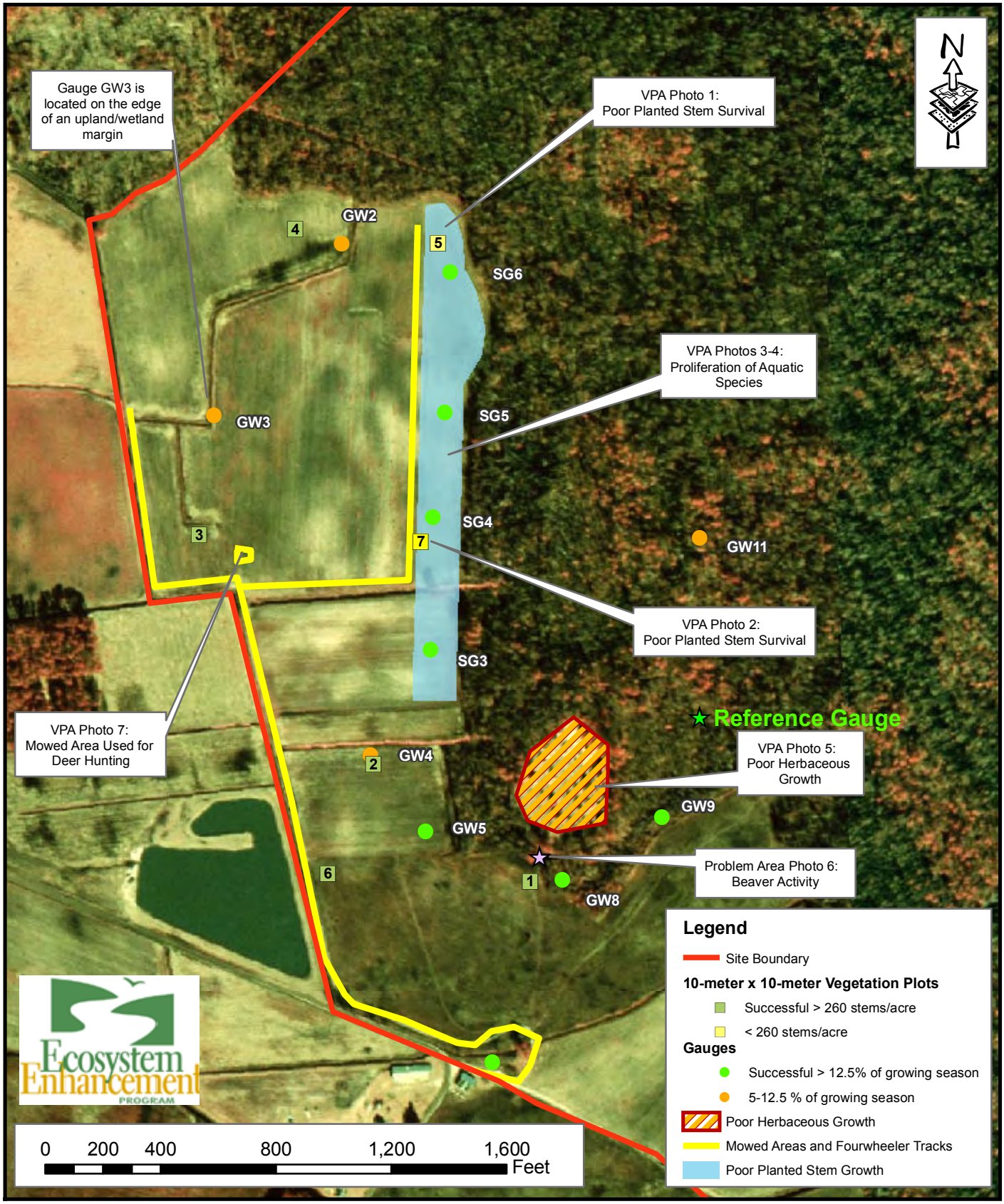

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FIGURE 5

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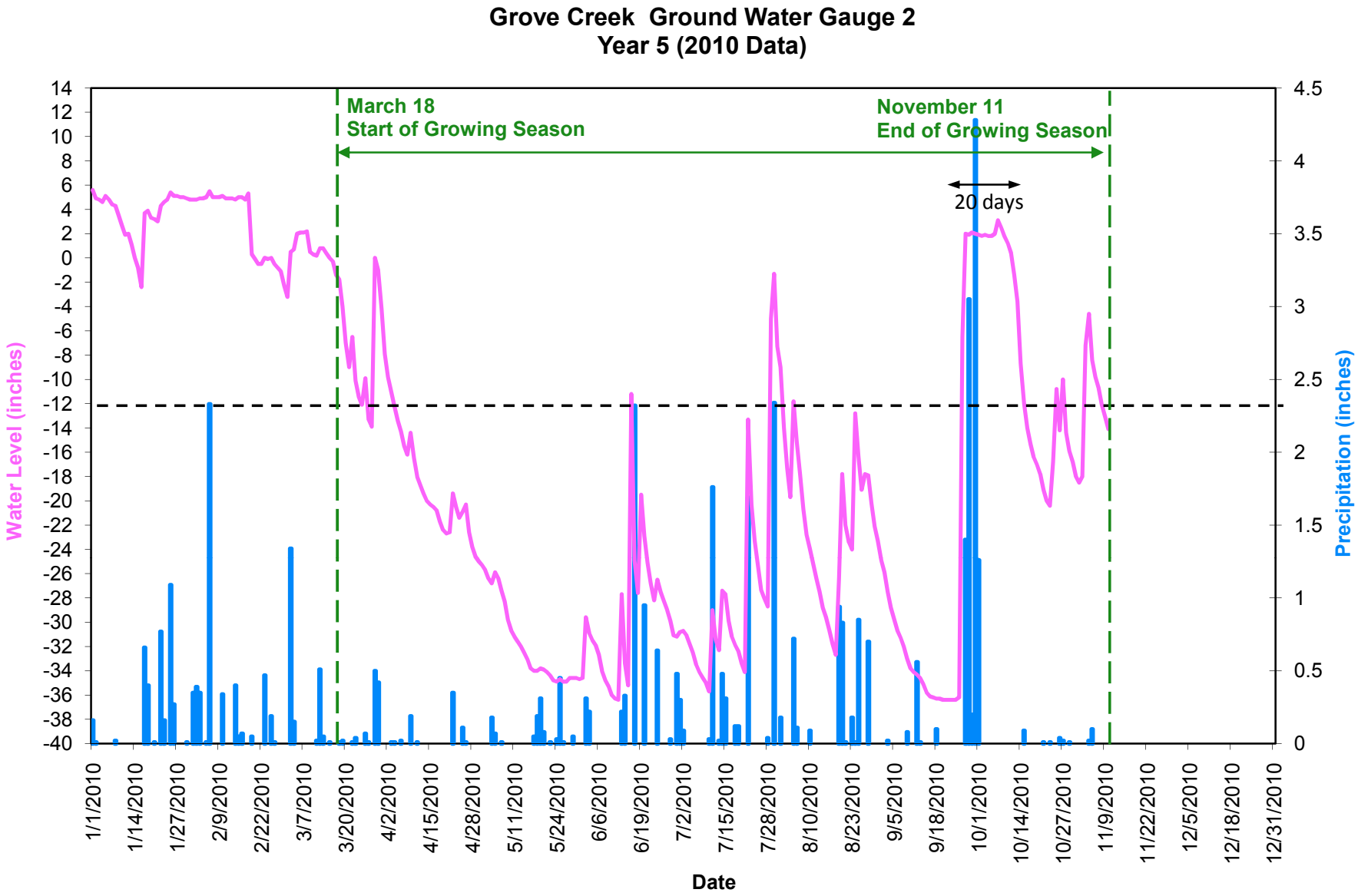
APPENDIX A

YEAR 5 (2010) GROUNDWATER/SURFACEWATER GAUGE GRAPHS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March 18
Start of Growing Season
November 11
End of Growing Season
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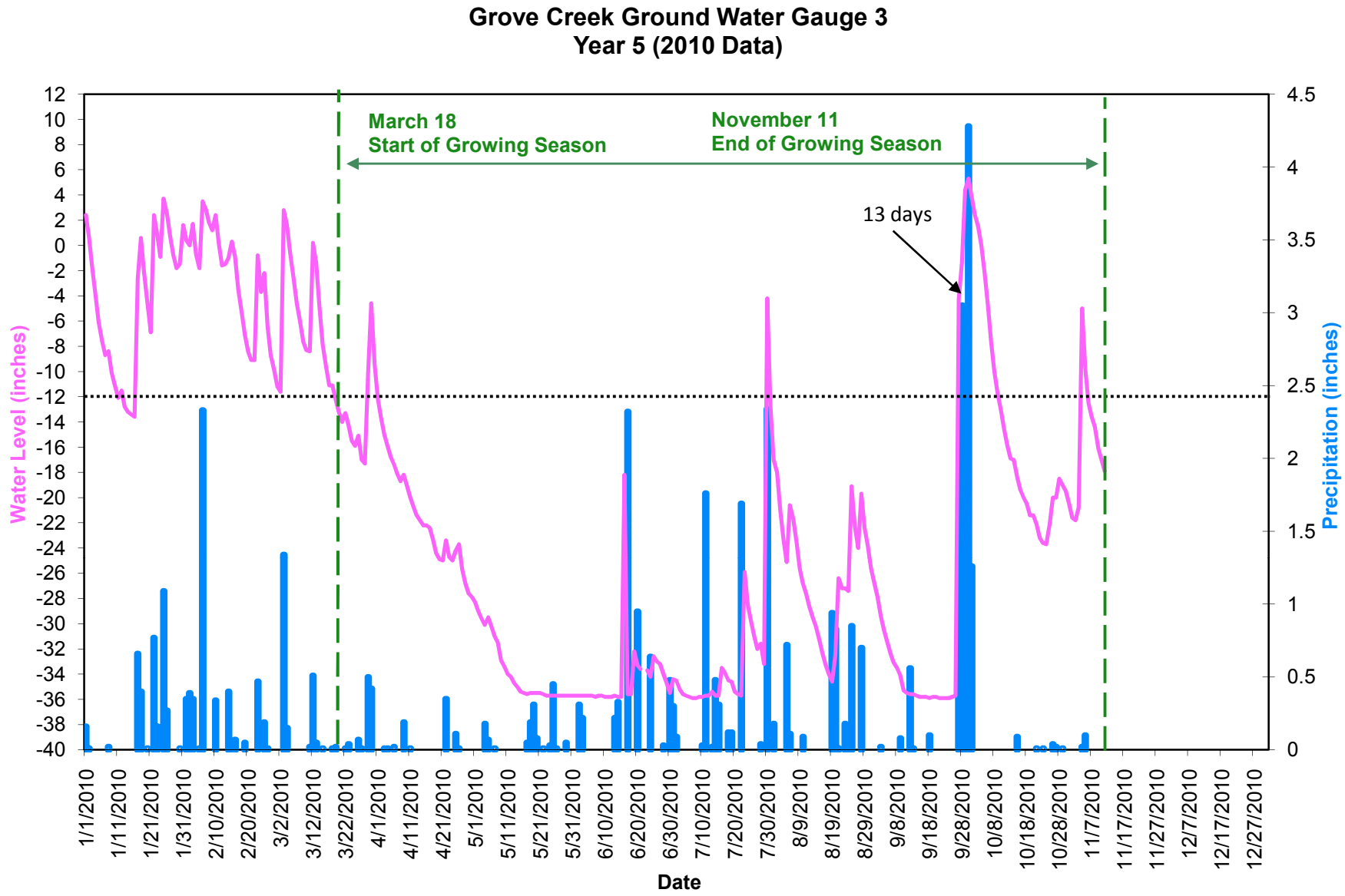
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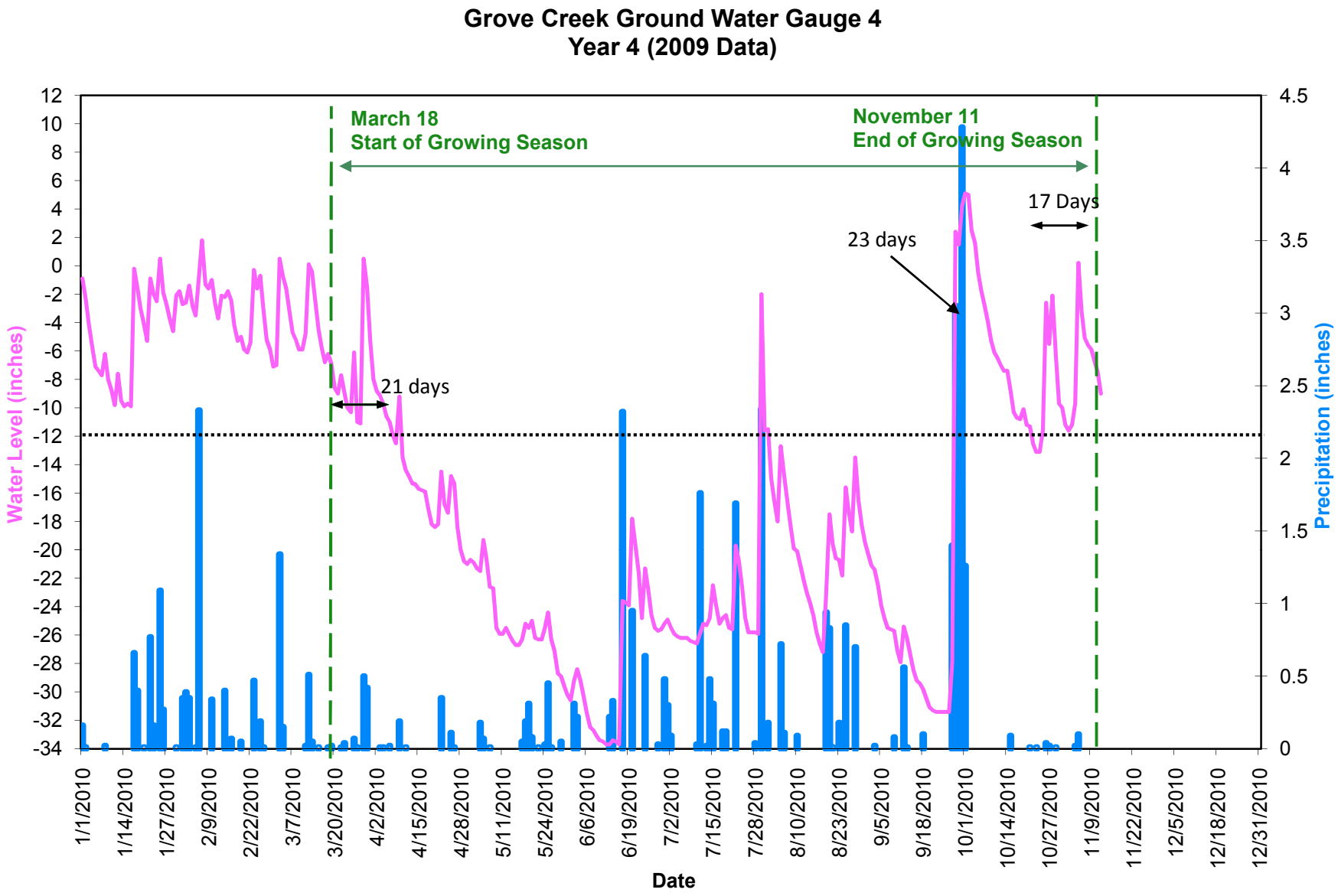
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Start of Growing Season
November 11
End of Growing Season
17 Days
23 days
21 days
Water Level (inches)
Precipitation (inches)
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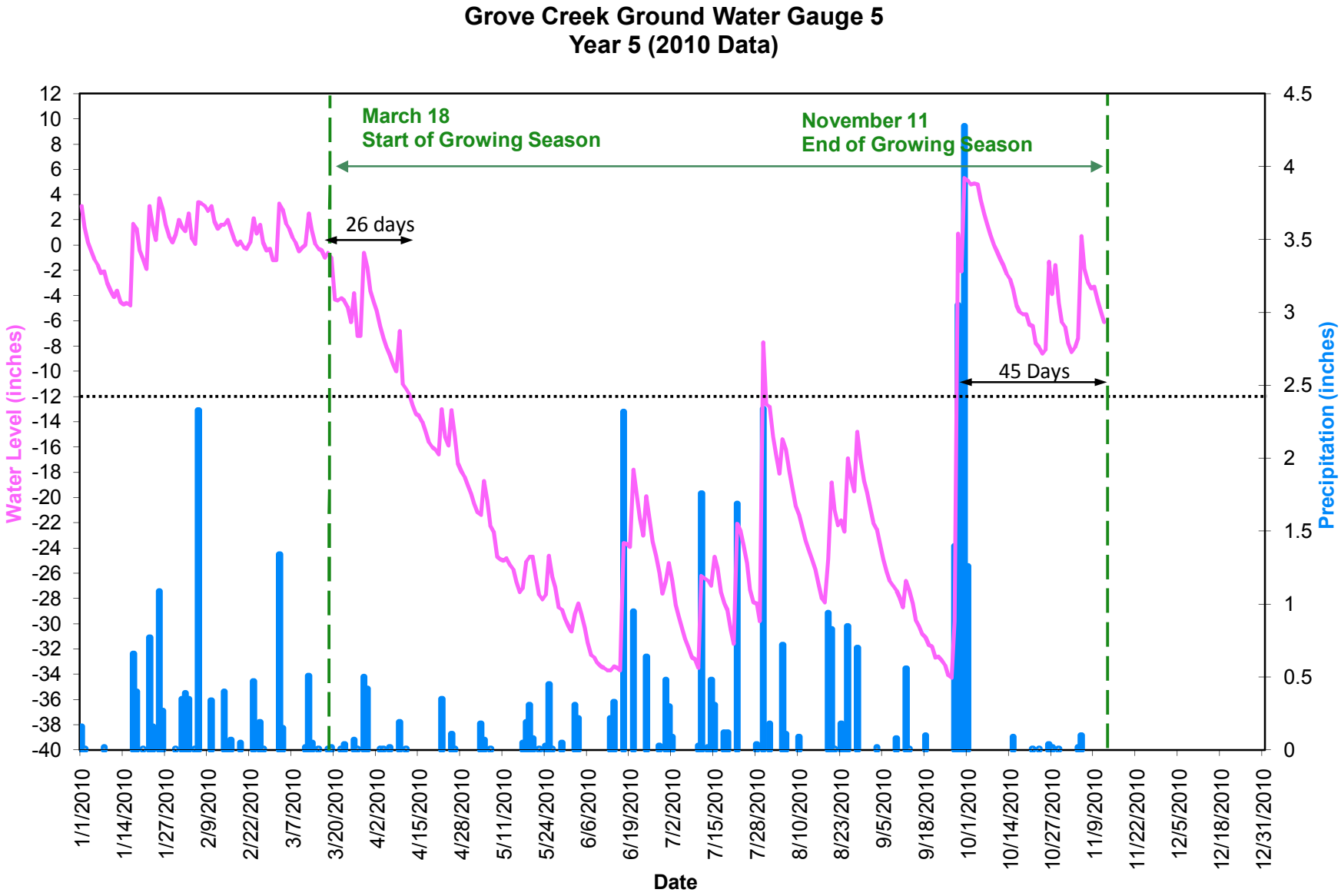
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March 18
Start of Growing Season
November 11
End of Growing Season
26 days
45 Days
Water Level (inches)
Precipitation (inches)
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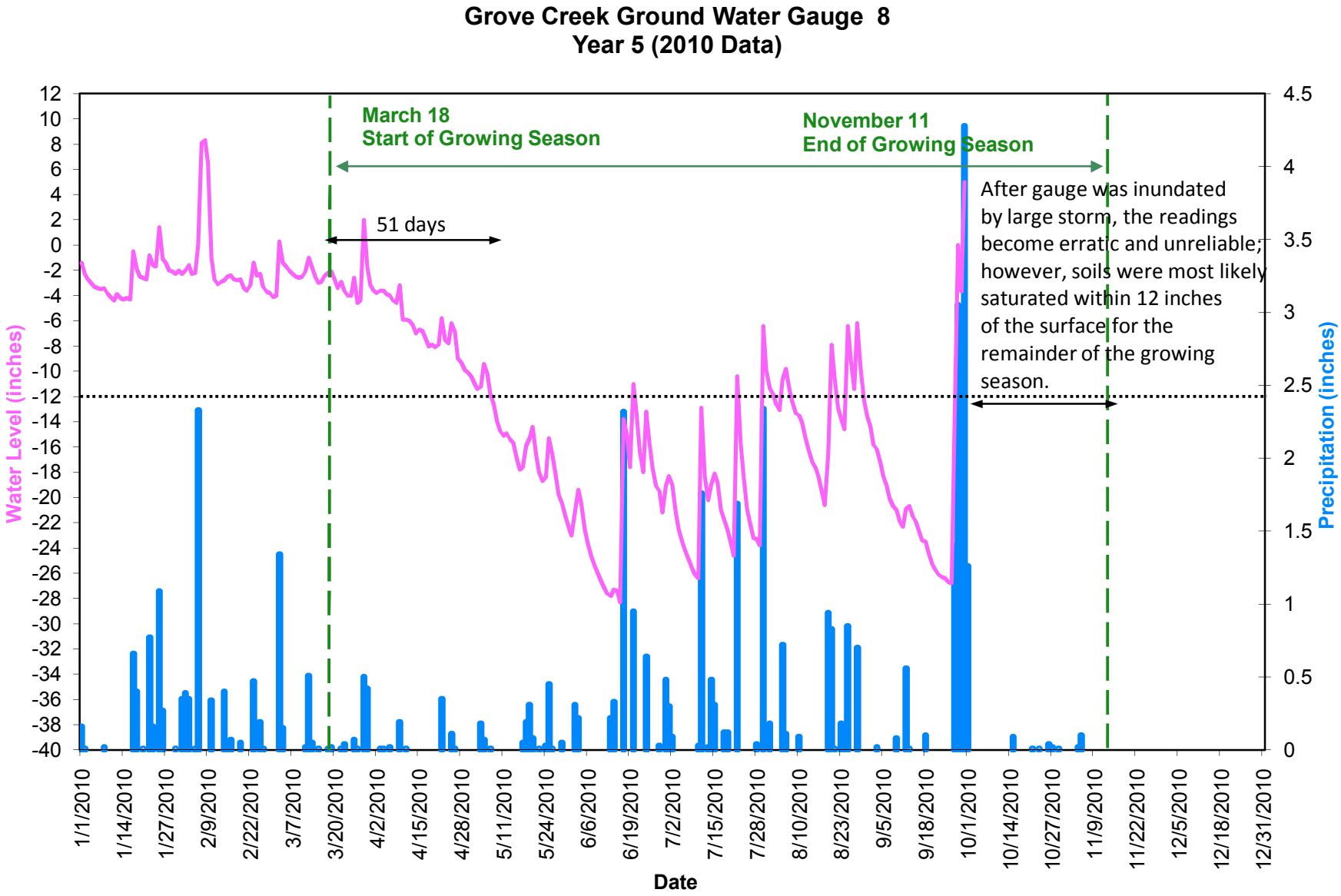
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Year 5 (2010 Data)
March 18
Start of Growing Season
November 11
End of Growing Season
51 days
After gauge was inundated by large storm, the readings become erratic and unreliable; however, soils were most likely saturated within 12 inches of the surface for the remainder of the growing season.
Water Level (inches)
Precipitation (inches)
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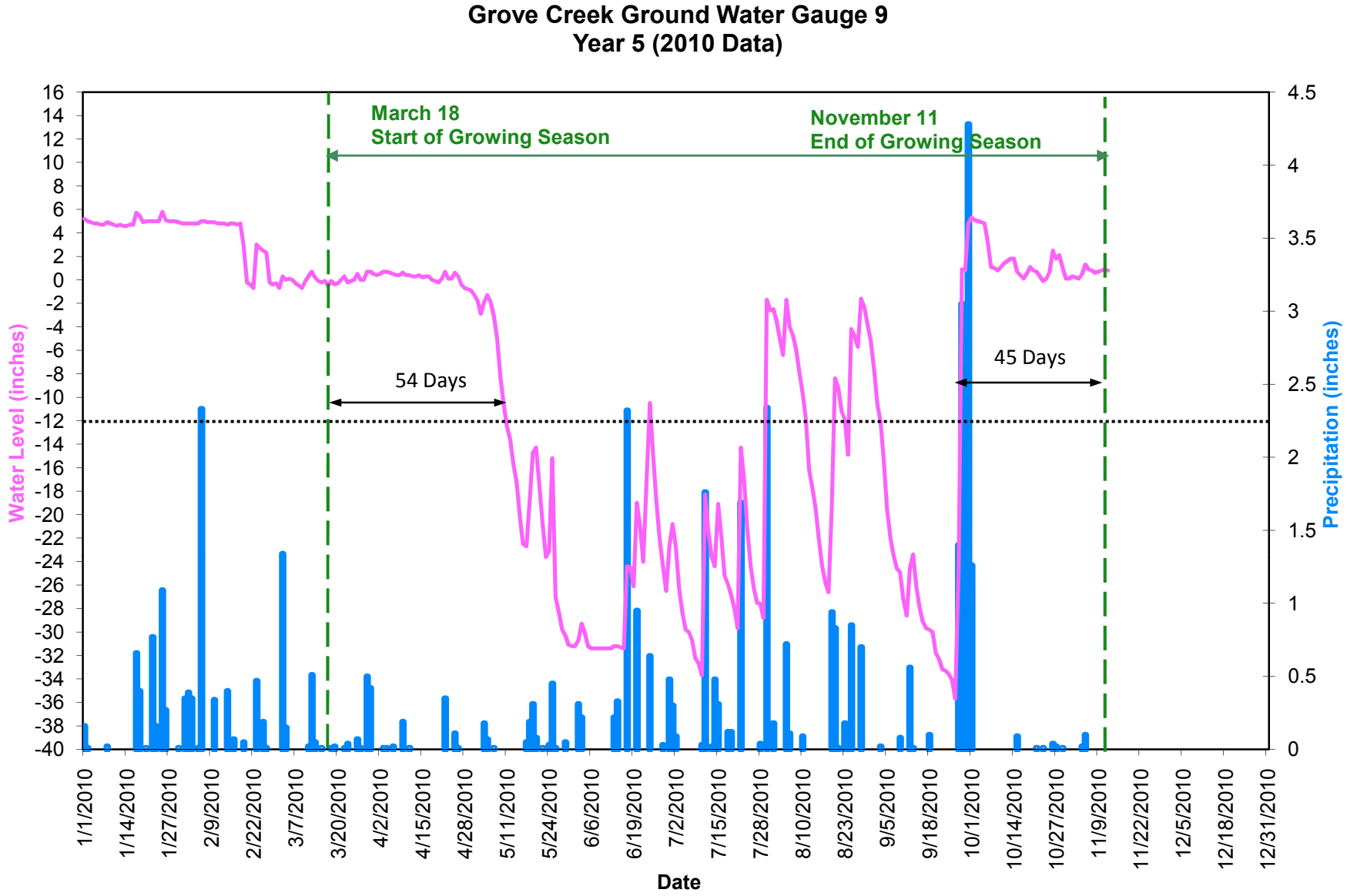
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March 18
Start of Growing Season
November 11
End of Growing Season
54 Days
45 Days
Water Level (inches)
Precipitation (inches)
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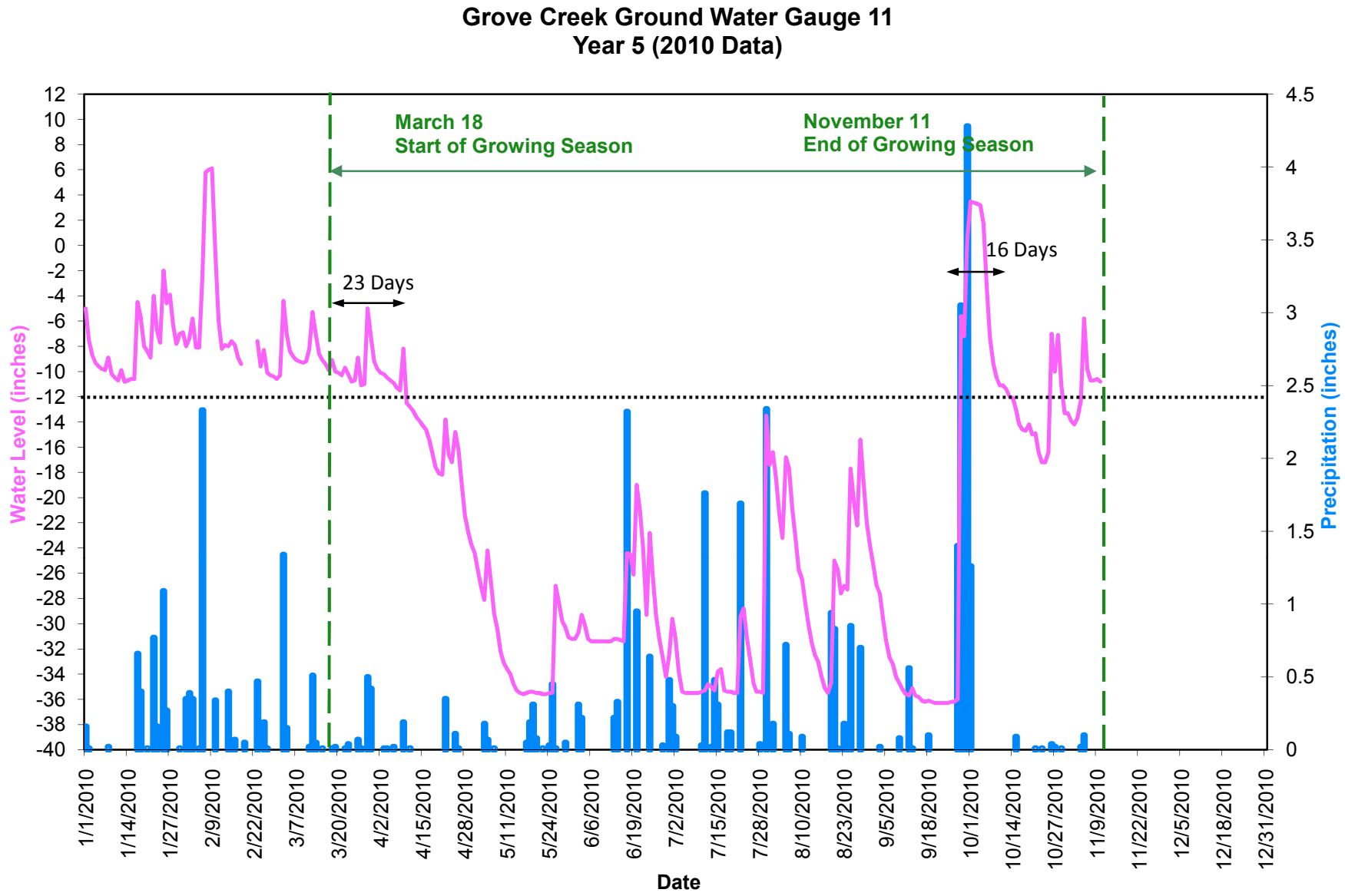
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Start of Growing Season
November 11
End of Growing Season
23 Days
16 Days
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Precipitation (inches)
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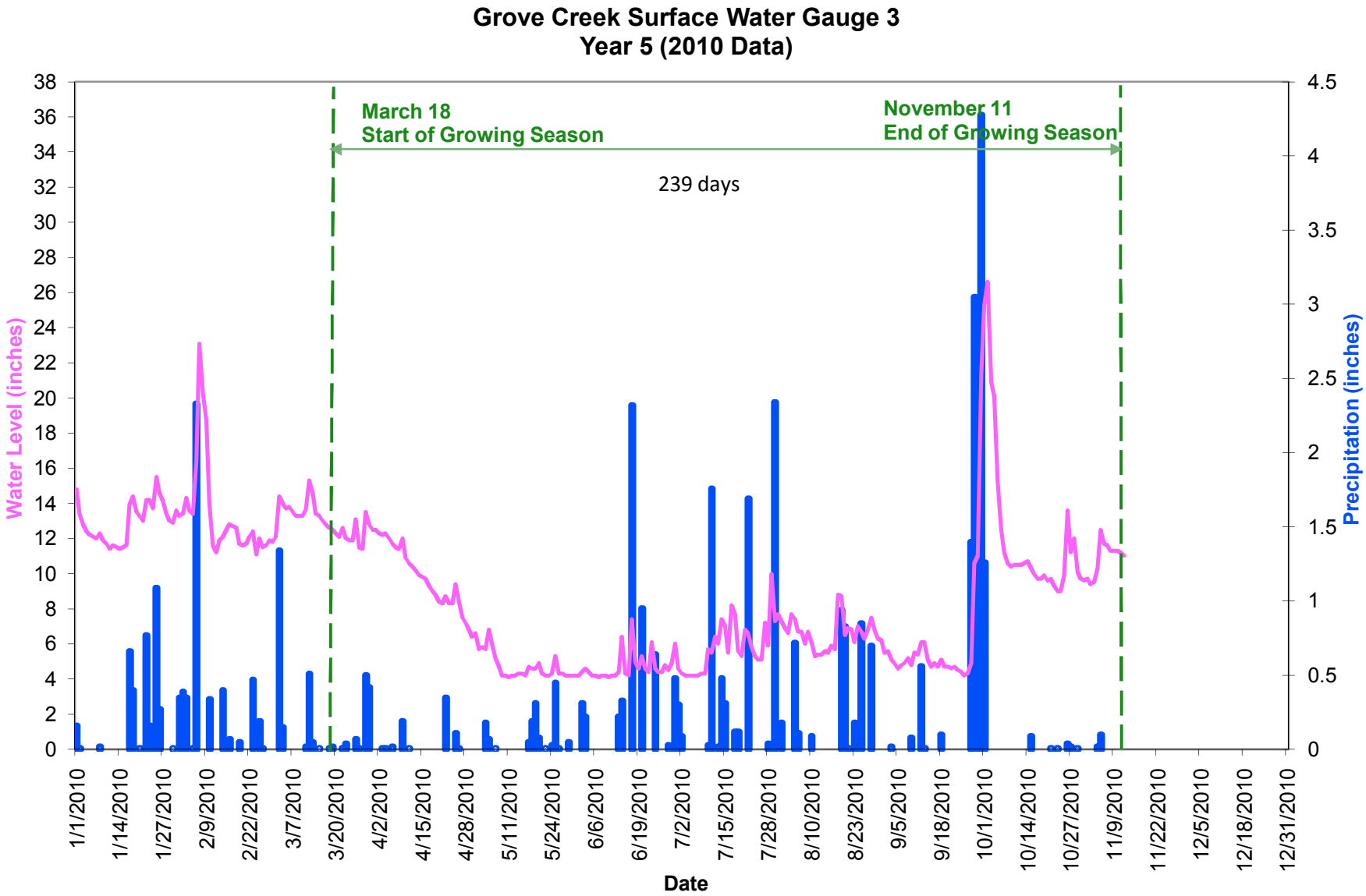
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End of Growing Season
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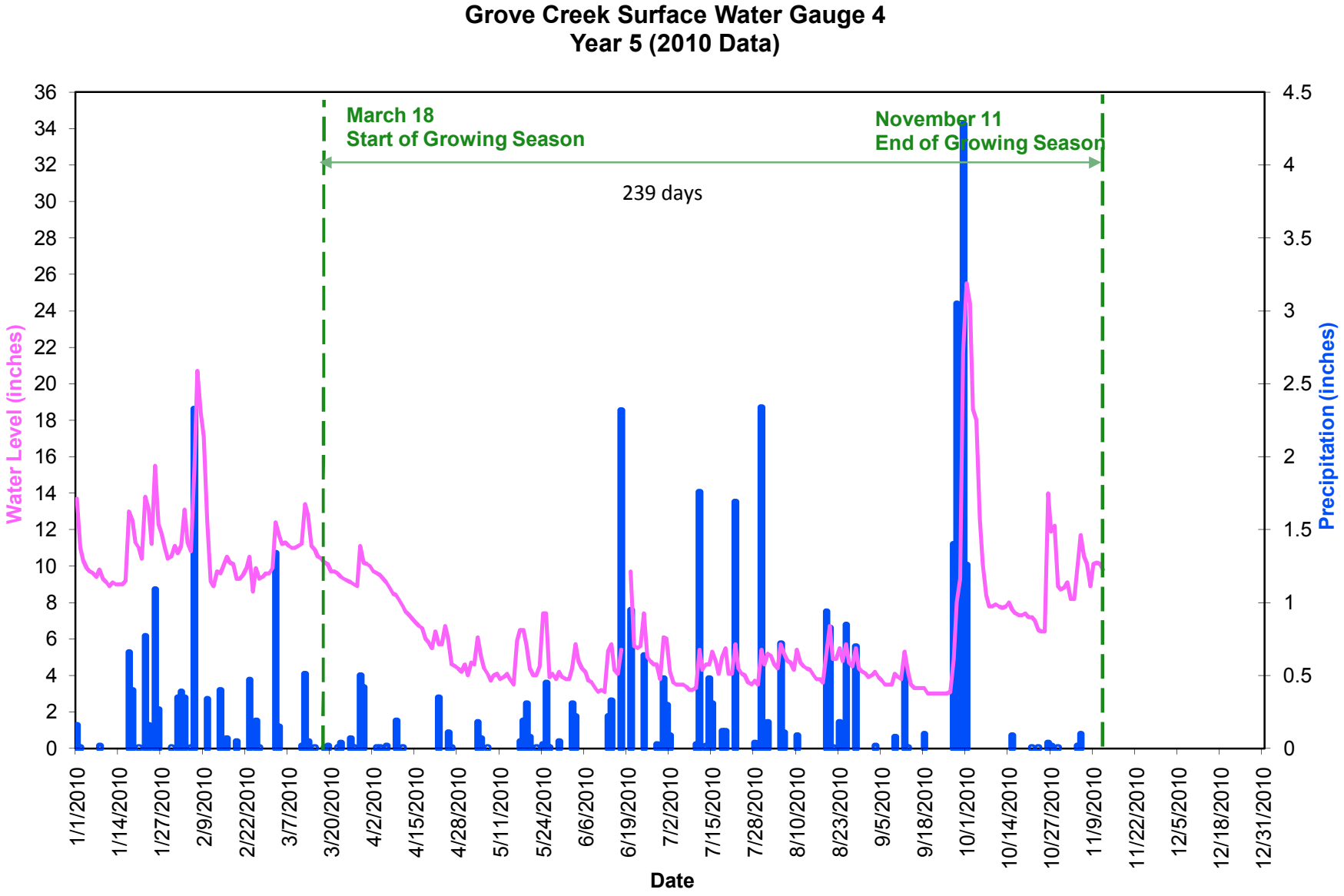
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November 11
End of Growing Season
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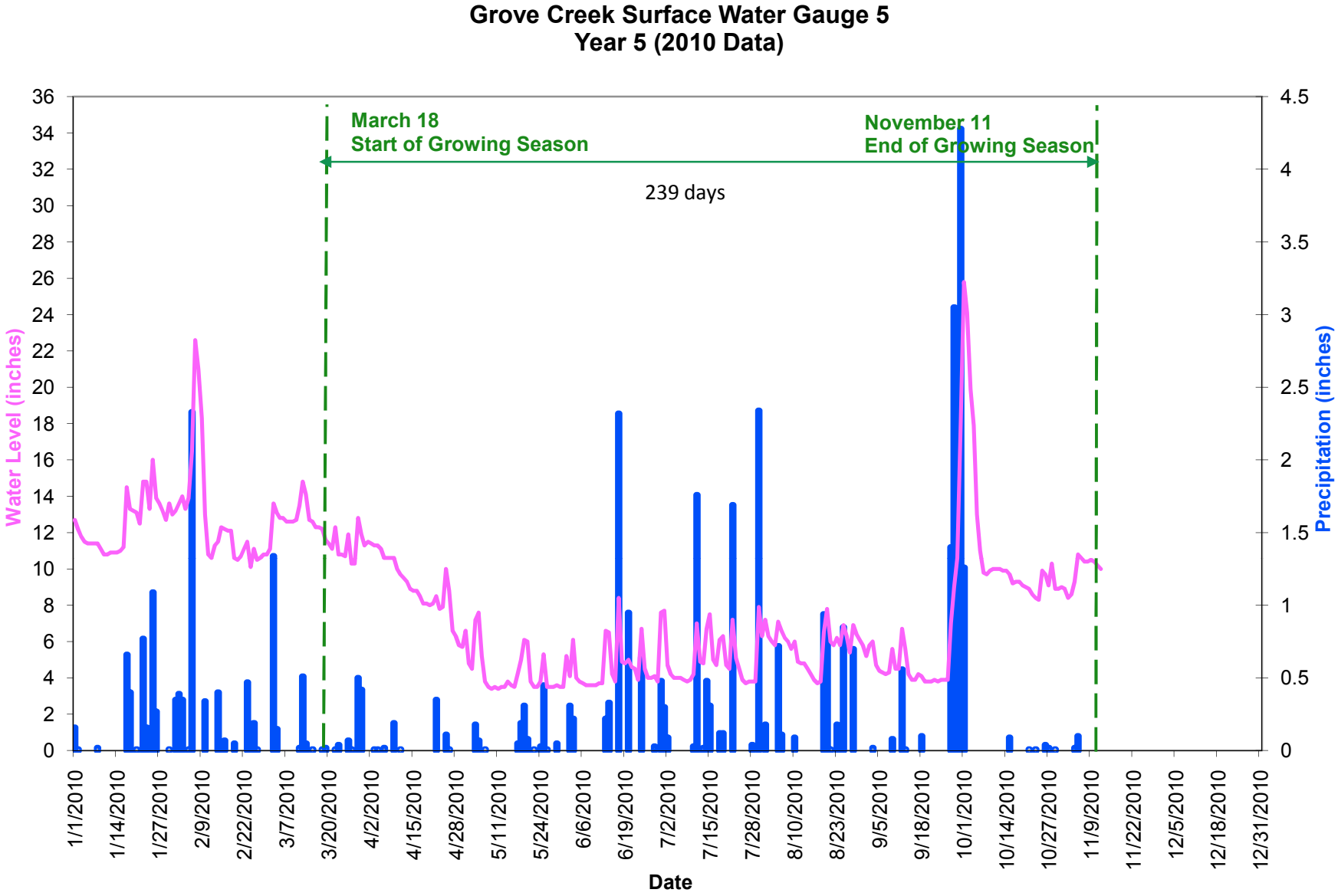
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End of Growing Season
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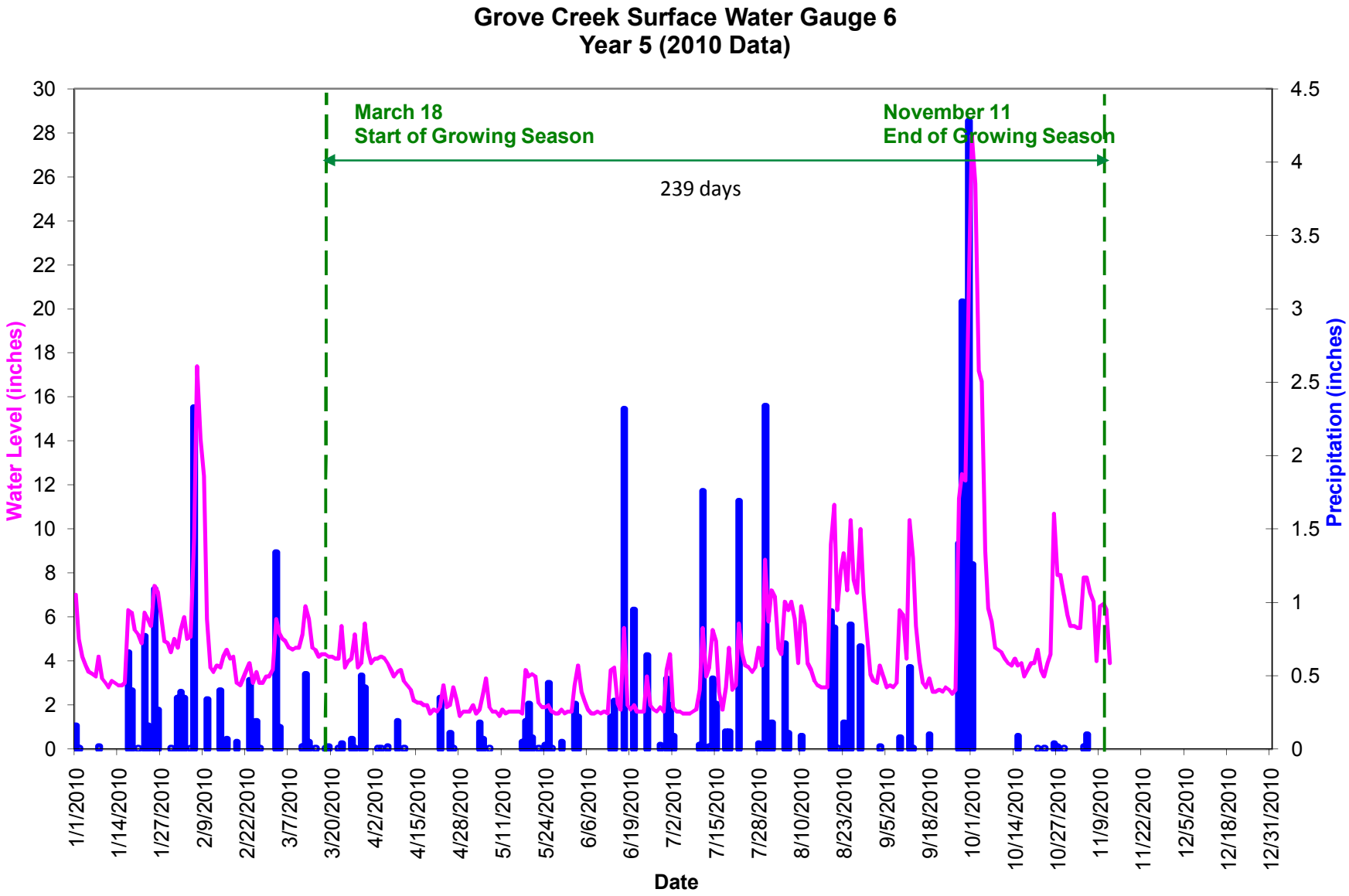
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End of Growing Season
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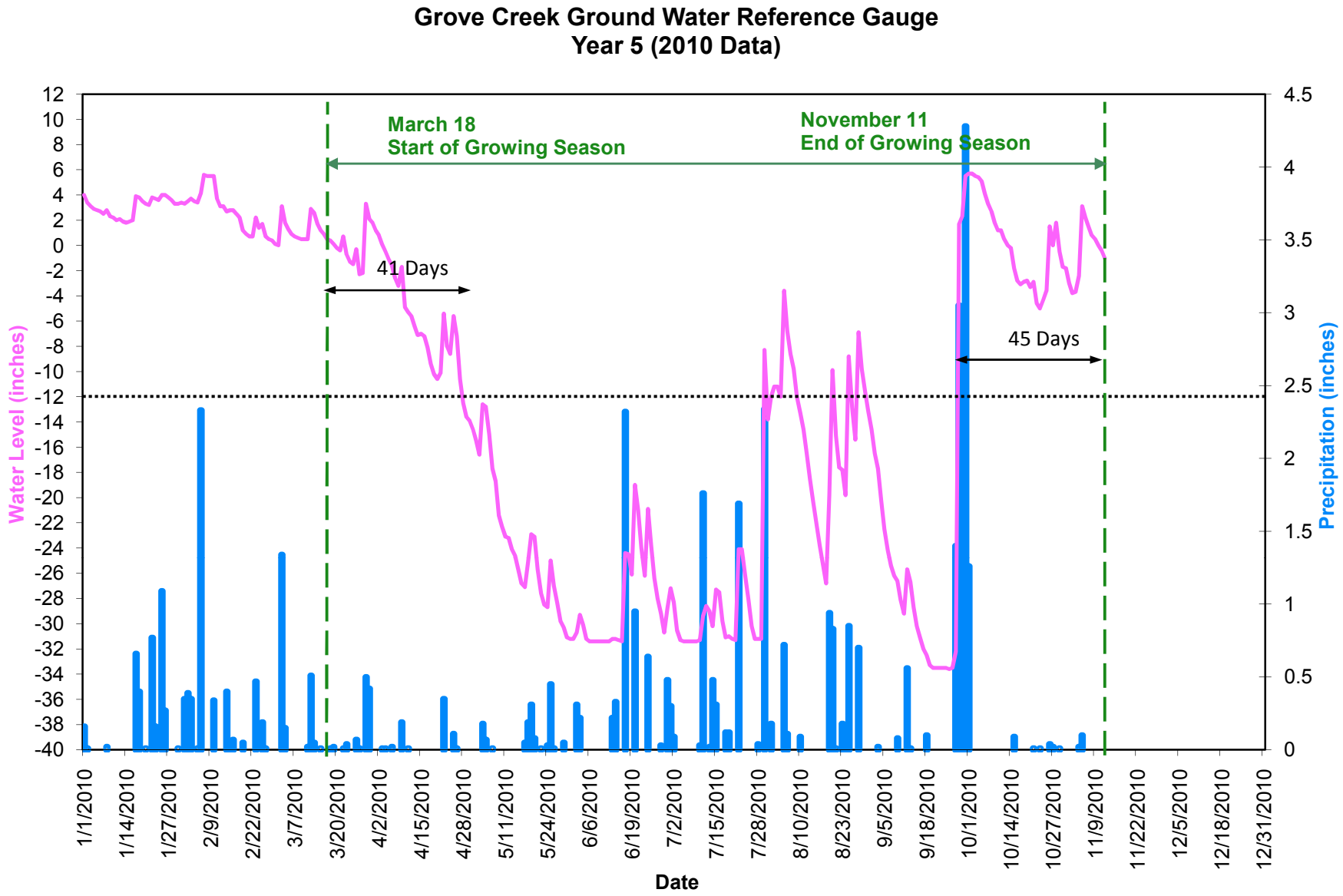
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November 11
End of Growing Season
41 Days
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Water Level (inches)
Precipitation (inches)
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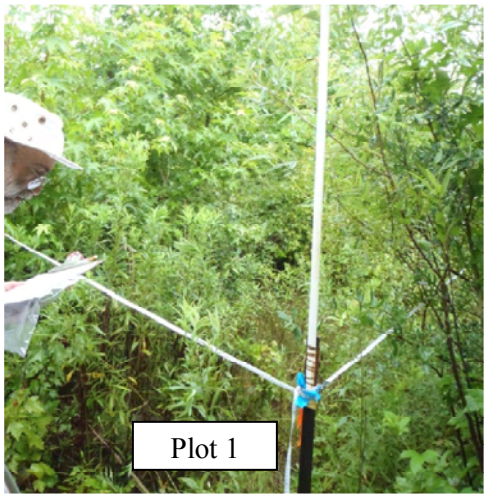
APPENDIX B

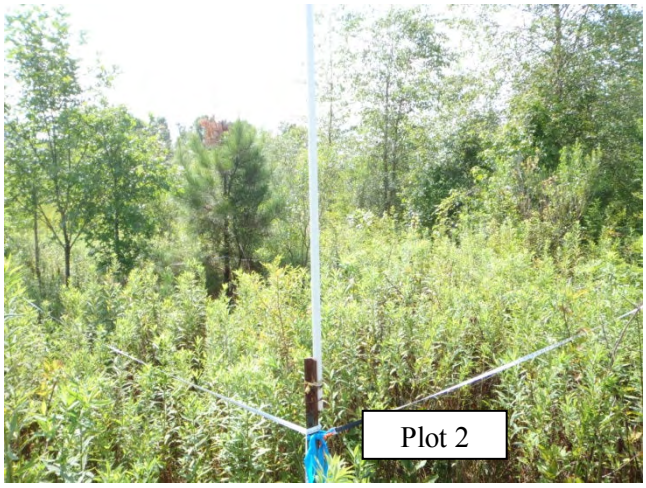
VEGETATION MONITORING PHOTOGRAPHS

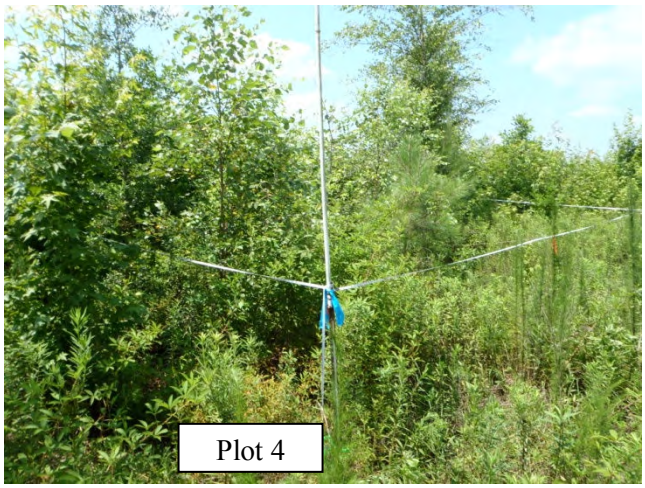
Appendix B

Vegetation Plot and Problem Area Photographs

Taken July 2010







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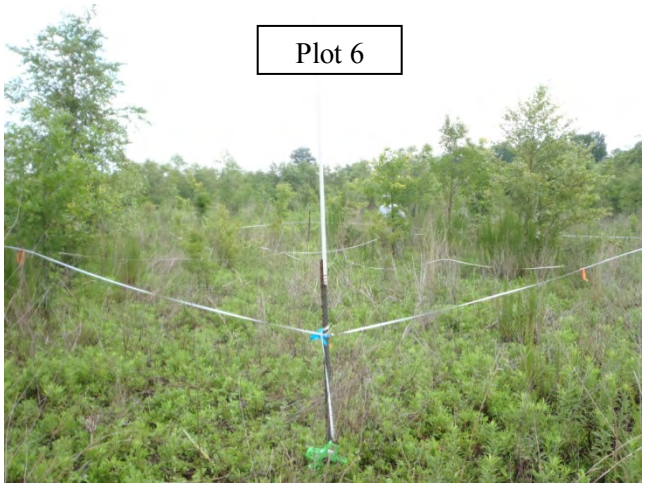
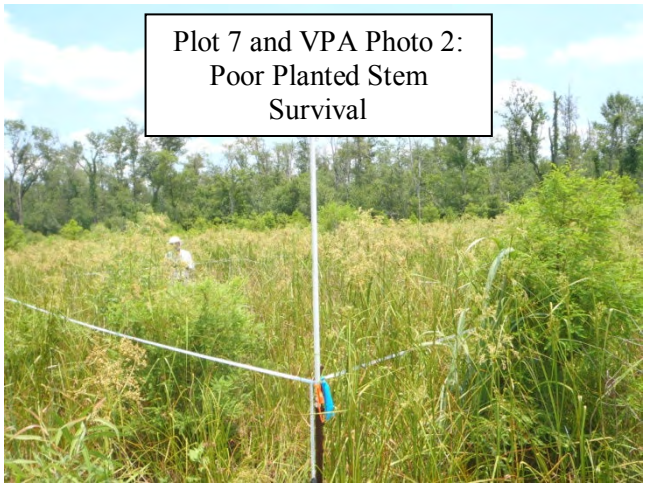
Vegetation Plot and Problem Area Photographs

Taken July and November 2010

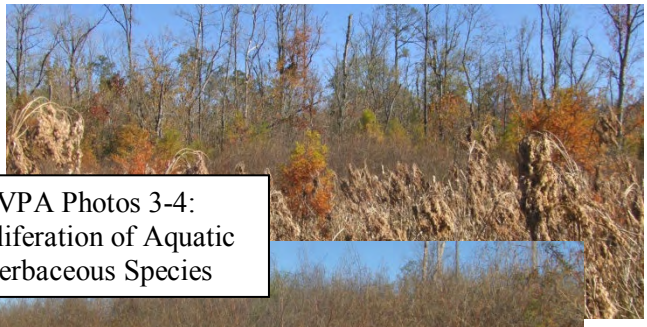
Plot 6

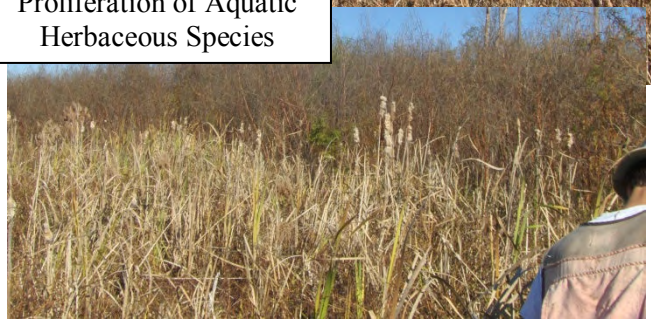


Plot 7 and VPA Photo 2: Poor Planted Stem Survival

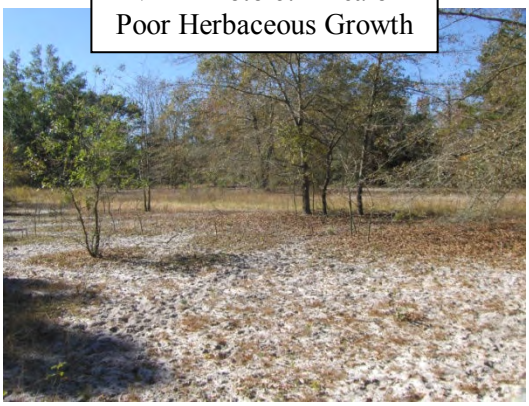


VPA Photos 3-4: Proliferation of Aquatic Herbaceous Species





VPA Photo 6: Area of Poor Herbaceous Growth



Problem Area Photo 6: Beaver Dam

VPA Photo 7: Mowed Area near Deer Stand