# MAPLE SWAMP WETLAND MITIGATION SITE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT – YEAR 2

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#### Report:

Table 2 – Please use the headings for Table 2 found in the latest DMS Monitoring Report updated 10/1/2020, found on the DMS website. Headers are found on the tab labeled "Table 2 – Example Goals Table". Specifically, the table needs to include the Monitoring Results column.

Eco Terra: Table 2 has been updated to include Monitoring Results column.

2. Section 3.1 – Please provide a table for Supplemental Planted Stems Planted in March 2023 that includes species and quantity. Please verify that all supplementally planted stems were from the approved mitigation plan.

ET: Table 5 listing approved, supplementally planted stems has been provided in Section 3.1.

3. Section 3.2 and Appendix C – Why is the reference groundwater gauge data not presented after mid-June 2023? Section 3.2 states "further evaluation will occur to try and collect data for the second part of 2023." What evaluation is being done? Please provide this data in the final MY2 report.

ET: Reference well data for the remainder of the year has since been gathered and included in this report.

4. Section 3.2 – Is there a plan to have a working rain gauge on site? With the USGS rain gauge 13 miles away, I believe this will introduce inconsistent rainfall amounts at the site. Spring and summer rainfall events can be very isolated, and amounts can differ within a 5-mile radius.

ET: Gaps have occurred in the on-Site rain gauge owed to bad battery, tipping bucket malfunction, and full memory. Plans are being made to replace the original gauge and better maintain it throughout the growing season to ensure that more localized precipitation data is obtained and presented for subsequent monitoring years. See revised statement in Section 3.2 of the report.



- 5. CCVP a) Please differentiate the symbology for groundwater gauges that did not meet success criteria.
  - c) Remove rain gauge point from map if onsite collection will not occur. c) Please color all veg plots green if they met success and red only if they did not meet success criteria, including with random plots. d) Add layer showing where supplemental planting occurred.
    - ET: CCPV figure has been revised. All Veg Plots that met success criteria are shown in green. The GWG that met success criteria have been shown in green and the ones that did not meet success criteria are shown in red. A hatched area showing where supplemental planting occurred has been added.
- 6. Table 10 Add required row for supplemental planting done in March 2023 between MY1 and MY2.
  - ET: Table 10 has been updated.

#### **Digital Comments:**

- a) There appears to be a discrepancy between the CCPV and Visual Vegetation Assessment Table. The CCPV indicates 0.281 acres of low stem density which exceeds the threshold for inclusion on the visual vegetation table, but this area is not noted on the table. Please revise the table to reflect the CCPV.
  - ET: 1.125 acres of supplemental planting occurred during MY2, therefore the low stem density areas from MY1 have been removed since this observation has been addressed for MY2.
- b) The vegetation data summary table appears to be the output of the Shiny based application. The vegetation data submitted is in the form of the no longer supported EEP CVS access database. If the data is available in Shiny output excel format, please submit to DMS.

ET: While veg data is not readily available in Shiny format, the same data is present in what has already been submitted.

Sincerely,

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## 1.0 Project Overview

The Site is a 15.34-acre wetland mitigation project located in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. The Site is approximately two miles northeast of the Town of Leggett, on the north side of NC HWY 97E and is accessed via a dirt farm path. The Site is within the Tar-Pamlico 8-digit HUC 03020102, more specifically in the 14-digit HUC 03020102060010. The 15.34-acre Site includes 8.635 acres of wetland re-establishment (REE) and 0.449 acres of wetland rehabilitation (RH) to provide a total of 9.084 acres of non-riparian wetland credits for the Tar-Pamlico 03020102 watershed.

## 1.1 Project Mitigation Quantities and Credits

Site restoration activities included filling on-Site agricultural ditches, planting of native woody wetland vegetation, and establishment of a conservation easement to protect the site in perpetuity. Table 1a and 1b give the as-built quantities and credits for the Site.

| Table 1a – P | roject Mitigation | <b>Ouantities</b> | and Credits |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|

| Project Segment     | Original<br>Mitigation<br>Plan<br>ac | As-Built<br>ac | Original<br>Mitigation<br>Category | Original<br>Restoration<br>Level | Original<br>Mitigation<br>Ratio<br>(X:1) | Credits |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------|--|
| Wetland             | Wetland                              |                |                                    |                                  |  |         |  |
| Wetland 1           | 8.635                                | 8.635          | NR                                 | REE                              | 1.000                                    | 8.635   |  |
| Wetland 2 (Ditch A) | 0.449                                | 0.449          | NR                                 | RH                               | 1.000                                    | 0.449   |  |
|                     |                                      |                |                                    |                                  | Total:                                   | 9.084   |  |

Table 1b – Project Credit Summary

|                   | Stream |       |       | Riparian | Non-Rip | Coastal |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|----------|---------|---------|
| Restoration Level | Warm   | Cool  | Cold  | Wetland  | Wetland | Marsh   |
| Restoration       |        |       |       |          |         |         |
| Re-establishment  |        |       |       |          | 8.635   |         |
| Rehabilitation    |        |       |       |          | 0.449   |         |
| Enhancement       |        |       |       |          |         |         |
| Enhancement I     |        |       |       |          |         |         |
| Enhancement II    |        |       |       |          |         |         |
| Creation          |        |       |       |          |         |         |
| Preservation      |        |       |       |          |         |         |
| Total:            | 0.000  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000    | 9.084   | 0.000   |

## 1.2 Project Goals and Objectives

The Site was chosen due to proximity of adjacent forested corridors servicing the sub-watershed to Maple Swamp as well as the ability to restore and protect a non-riparian system and support overarching goals listed by the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) in the 2018 Tar-Pamlico River Basin Restoration Priorities (RBRP) document. Restoration of the Site will directly and indirectly address specific goals and stressors related to the goals identified in the RBRP. Table 2 lists the goals and objectives of the project.

Table 2 – Site Goals and Performance Standards

| Goal  | Objective  | Expected<br>Outcome  | Function<br>Supported                         | Performance<br>Standard  | Measurement  | Cumulative<br>Monitoring<br>Results   |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Reduce<br>Nutrients and<br>Sediment in<br>Agricultural<br>Areas | Remove fertilizer and agricultural byproducts applied to wetland. Establish native woody wetland vegetation, securing soil in place, and reducing wind and runoff erosion. | Improve Water<br>Quality through<br>nutrient &<br>sediment<br>reduction.   | Biological<br>Physicochemical                 | N/A  | Vegetation Plots - Fixed (n=9) - Random (n=2)  Visual assessment of the Site | 11 vegetation<br>plots exceed<br>MY3 success<br>criteria (MY2 -<br>2023)                  |
| Restore<br>Wetland<br>Hydrology                                 | Fill drainage<br>ditches and<br>remove drain tiles<br>to restore Site<br>hydrology.  | Increase hydrology and shallow water table during the early growing season (9%), reduce nutrients and sediment in agricultural areas, and increase wetland habitats. | Hydrological<br>Physicochemical<br>Biological | Shallow<br>groundwater within<br>12 inches of the soil<br>surface for a<br>minimum of 9% (21<br>consecutive growing<br>season days) (MY1-<br>MY2) and 12% (28<br>consecutive growing<br>season days (MY3-<br>MY7). | Groundwater<br>Gauges (n=9)  | 3 groundwater<br>wells achieved<br>hydroperiod<br>performance<br>standard (MY2 -<br>2023) |

Table 2 (continued) – Site Goals and Performance Standards

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|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Goal   | Objective  | Expected<br>Outcome  | Function<br>Supported                         | Performance<br>Standard   | Measurement   | Cumulative<br>Monitoring<br>Results  |
| Improve Habitat  | Establish native<br>woody wetland<br>vegetation.<br>Promote habitat<br>in near vicinity to<br>existing<br>conserved lands. | Increase native wetland tree species diversity and habitats. Increase habitat from non- riparian forest wetland to Maple Swamp non-riparian corridor and near vicinity protected lands associated with 1,290 NCWRC Lower Fishing Creek Game Lands. | Biological                                    | N/A   | Visual<br>assessment of<br>the Site   | Visual assessment<br>indicates high<br>survivorship of<br>planted stems<br>across the Site<br>(MY2 - 2023) |
| Restore Wetland<br>Vegetation                              | Establish native<br>woody wetland<br>vegetation in<br>proposed<br>wetland re-<br>establishment<br>areas.                   | Increase native wetland tree species quantity and diversity. Increase nutrient cycling and sequestering sediment.  | Physiochemical<br>Biological                  | Survival of 210 planted stems/ac (MY7). Interim survival of at least 320 planted stems/ac (MY3) and at least 260 stems/ac (MY5). Planted stems must average 7 ft in height (MY5) and 10 feet in height (MY7). | Vegetation<br>Plots<br>- Fixed (n=9)<br>- Random (n=2)                        | 11 vegetation<br>plots exceed MY3<br>success criteria<br>(MY2 - 2023)                                      |
| Protect the Site in Perpetuity                             | Record<br>permanent<br>Conservation<br>Easement to<br>protect the Site<br>in perpetuity.                                   | Protect Site from future impacts and encroachment and direct impacts to wetlands. Support all wetland functions in perpetuity.   | Hydrological<br>Physicochemical<br>Biological | Record Conservation<br>Easement   | Visual<br>assessment for<br>easement<br>encroachment<br>and Site<br>integrity | No sign of Site<br>encroachment<br>have been noticed<br>(MY2 - 2023)                                       |

## 1.3 Project Attributes

The Site is situated on an approximately 356-acre parcel used for row crop production and agricultural rotations. Mature forests along Moore's Swamp to the north and Maple Swamp to the east border the cleared parcel and a smaller stand of mature forest exists to the west. Moore's Swamp and Maple Swamp are classified as water supply (WS-IV) and nutrient sensitive waters (NSW). Site hydrology drains to Maple Swamp (28-79-31-(0.7)) via a series of agricultural ditches which artificially drain groundwater from the adjacent agricultural fields.

Table 3: Project Attributes

| Project Information  |   |           |                  |  |  |
|--|---|-----------|------------------|--|--|
| Project Name   | Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation          | n Site    |                  |  |  |
| County   | Edgecombe                               |           |                  |  |  |
| Project Area [Planted Area] (acres)                          | 15.34 [13.68]                           |           |                  |  |  |
| Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude decimal degrees) | 36.013378, -77.559158                   |           |                  |  |  |
| Project Watersl  | hed Summary Information                 |           |                  |  |  |
| Physiographic Province                                       | Coastal Plain                           |           |                  |  |  |
| River Basin  | Tar-Pamlico                             |           |                  |  |  |
| USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit; 14-digit                       | 3020102; 03020102060010                 |           |                  |  |  |
| DWR Sub-basin  | 03-03-04                                |           |                  |  |  |
| Project Drainage Area (acres)                                | 49.4                                    |           |                  |  |  |
| Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area          | 0%                                      |           |                  |  |  |
| Land Use Classification                                      | Agriculture                             |           |                  |  |  |
| Wetland S  | ummary Information                      |           |                  |  |  |
| Parameters   | Wetland 1                               | Wetland   | d 2 (Ditch A)    |  |  |
| Pre-project (acres)  | 8.635                                   | 0.449     |                  |  |  |
| Post-project (acres)   | 8.635                                   | (         | 0.449            |  |  |
| Wetland Type (non-riparian, riparian)                        | Non-Riparian                            | Non       | -Riparian        |  |  |
| Mapped Soil Series   | Roanoke                                 | Ro        | oanoke           |  |  |
| Soil Hydric Status   | Hydric (100%)                           | Hydr      | ric (100%)       |  |  |
| Regulat  | ory Considerations                      |           |                  |  |  |
| Parameters   | Applicable?                             | Resolved? | Supporting Docs? |  |  |
| Water of the United States - Section 404                     | Yes                                     | Yes       | PJD              |  |  |
| Water of the United States - Section 401                     | Yes                                     | Yes       | PJD              |  |  |
| Endangered Species Act                                       | Yes                                     | Yes       | Cat. Ex.         |  |  |
| Historic Preservation Act                                    | storic Preservation Act Yes Yes Cat. Ex |           | Cat. Ex.         |  |  |
| Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA or CAMA)                   | No                                      | Yes       | Cat. Ex.         |  |  |
| Essential Fisheries Habitat                                  | No                                      | Yes       | Cat. Ex.         |  |  |

## 2.0 As-Built Condition (Baseline)

## 2.1 Site Planting

See Table 4 for a list of species planted on site.

Table 4: Site Planted Stems

| Scientific Name           | Common Name        | Vegetative<br>Strata | Planting<br>Zone | Wetland<br>Indicator<br>Status | %   | Quantity |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Quercus michauxii         | Swamp Chestnut Oak | Canopy               | 1                | FACW                           | 17% | 2000     |
| Gordonia lasianthus       | Loblolly bay       | Understory           | 1                | FACW                           |     |          |
| Populus heterophylla      | Swamp Cottonwood   | Canopy               | 2                | OBL                            |     |          |
| Carpinus caroliniana      | Ironwood           | Understory           | 4                | FACW                           |     |          |
| Quercus phellos           | Willow Oak         | Canopy               | 1                | FACW                           | 8%  | 1000     |
| Quercus laurifolia        | Laurel Oak         | Canopy               | 1                | FACW                           | 4%  | 500      |
| Quercus nigra             | Water Oak          | Canopy               | 1                | FAC                            | 8%  | 1000     |
| Nyssa biflora             | Swamp blackgum     | Canopy               | 1                | OBL                            |     |          |
| Magnolia virginiana       | Sweetbay magnolia  | Understory           | 1                | FACW                           |     |          |
| Ulmus americana           | American elm       | Canopy               | 1                | FAC                            | 4%  | 500      |
| Persea palustris          | Swamp bay          | Understory           | 1                | FACW                           |     |          |
| Platanus occidentalis     | Sycamore           | Overstory            | 1                | FACW                           | 4%  | 500      |
| Taxodium distichum        | Bald cypress       | Overstory            | 1/2              | OBL                            | 17% | 2000     |
| Nyssa aquatica            | Swamp tupelo       | Overstory            | 2                | FACW                           | 4%  | 500      |
| Quercus shumardii         | Shumard Oak        | Overstory            | 1                | FAC                            | 17% | 2000     |
| Fraxinus pennsylvanica    | Green ash          | Overstory            | 1                | FACW                           | 3%  | 300      |
| Cephalanthus occidentalis | Buttonbush         | Understory           | 2                | OBL                            | 4%  | 500      |
| Quercus lyrata            | Overcup Oak        | Overstory            | 1/2              | OBL                            | 8%  | 1000     |

**Total:** 100% 11800

Species listed in Table 4 with strike-through marks were included in the conceptual planting plan in the Final Mitigation Plan but were not planted at the Site.

## 3.0 Monitoring Year 2 Data Assessment

Site monitoring for MY2 took place from January – November 2023. Collected data for MY2 was analyzed and is summarized the following sections. MY2 data is presented in the appropriate appendices of this report.

## 3.1 Vegetation Assessment

- Vegetation assessment for MY2 was conducted in September 2023. Vegetation surveys of the nine fixed and two random vegetation plots resulted in calculated stem densities ranging from 485-1012 stems per acre and a 94% overall survival rate of planted stems from the as-built (baseline) condition. The calculated average stem density for the Site was 754 stems per acre, well above the interim success criteria of 320 stems per acres in MY3. All 11 vegetation plots exceeded the MY3 interim success criteria. Vegetation plot photographs are included in Appendix A and vegetation plot data is included in Appendix B.
- During the as-built IRT site walk on October 17, 2022, members of the IRT reiterated desires
  to girdle sweetgum and pine trees growing on the embankment west of the existing irrigation
  pond. Following this discussion, in May 2023, pine trees were girdled and sweetgum trees
  were hack-sprayed. Discussion of the practices and results will be included in annual
  monitoring reports.
- Site grading during construction and uplift of the water table due to ditch plugging led to the formation of two shallow water areas in the southern portion of the Site (see Figure 1). Members of the IRT and Eco Terra noted during the as-built site walk that these two areas exhibited lower than average stem survival as compared to the remainder of the Site. In March 2023, Eco Terra supplementally planted these areas with approximately 2,000 stems of hydrophytic species which include bald cypress, swamp chestnut oak, and overcup oak. This supplemental planting area spans from the vicinity of Plot 7 to Plot 2 to cover the low-density areas present in the MY1 report. See Table 5 for a breakdown of the planted species.

Table 5: Supplemental Planted Stems - March 2023

| Scientific Name    | Common Name        | Quantity |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Taxodium distichum | Bald-cypress       | 1000     |
| Quercus michauxii  | Swamp Chestnut Oak | 500      |
| Quercus lyrata     | Overcup Oak        | 500      |

- Current state and growth rate of the invasive species does not warrant any treatment or remedial action in the area. Eco Terra will continue to monitor *Lespedeza cuneata* in this area and the remainder of the Site. Remedial actions and/or treatments will be discussed in future monitoring reports.
- There are currently no areas of concern with respect to Site vegetation. The Site will continue to be monitored for invasive and aggressive pioneer species. Any future vegetation treatments



will be conducted in accordance with the approved adaptive management plan and will be discussed the annual monitoring reports.

#### 3.2 Wetland Assessment

- Performance standard for wetlands at the Site during MY2 is groundwater elevation within 12 inches of the ground surface for 21 consecutive days (9% of the growing season). The estimated growing season for the Site, as determined by NRCS WETS tables for Edgecombe County, is March 20 to November 11. Site groundwater monitoring for MY2 began on January 1, 2023, and ended November 10, 2023. Of the nine groundwater wells installed at the Site, three wells achieved the MY2 performance standard (GW2, GW8, GW9). GW1 is within one day of the minimum hydroperiod, and the remaining groundwater wells did not meet minimum hydroperiod. However, in general, groundwater wells had more days within wetland criteria than MY1. The results of the remaining wells are considered to be a response to consecutive years with below average rainfall. An additional Table has been included in Appendix C showing the total number of days during the growing season that met wetland criteria. Summary of MY2 groundwater hydrology is included in Appendix C.
- Assessment of data collected by the reference groundwater well located in a forested wetland
  to the east of the Site indicates that groundwater in the area did not come within 12 inches of
  the ground surface during the monitoring period.
- The site rainfall gauge experienced equipment malfunction. Rainfall data for the entirety of the MY2 monitoring period was obtained from USGS gauge station 02082585 (Tar River at NC97), located approximately 13 miles southwest of the Site in Rocky Mount, NC. The Site's rainfall gauge will be replaced and maintained throughout the subsequent monitoring years to ensure that accurate precipitation data is obtained and presented for monitoring periods.
- The area received less than average rainfall during 2023. Rainfall data analysis indicates that five out of the ten months in 2023 (January, March, May, June, and August) experienced cumulative rainfall less than the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile value for the month. April was the only month to experience cumulative rainfall above the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile value for the month. As shown in graphs in Appendix C, 44% of the 30-day rainfall within the growing season was below the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile, and 75% was below the average rainfall. A large percentage of the 30-day rainfall within the growing season was also below the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile daily normals as compiled using the Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) presented in Appendix C.

## 3.3 Visual Assessment

Visual assessment of the Site indicates that the Site is stable and planted vegetation is in good health. The constructed ditch plug in the southeast corner of the Site shows no signs of deterioration and the constructed sediment forebays on the western side of the Site appear to be functioning as intended. The Site boundary has been well marked with signage and there is no evidence of encroachment. Photographs taken from the seven established photo points are presented in the Appendix A.



## 3.4 MY2 Assessment Summary

- Overall, the Site is in good condition. Planted stems appear to be in good health and herbaceous ground cover is establishing across the Site. Stem density in the 11 vegetation plots ranged between 485-1012 stems per acre, all above the MY3 performance standard of 320 stems per acre. Average stem height and vigor for the Site is 2.9 feet (88.4 cm) and 4.0, respectively.
- Three of the nine installed groundwater wells achieved the MY2 performance standard and one additional well was within one day of achieving the minimum continuous hydroperiod. Between March 9 and May 18, GW1 had a single groundwater measurement fall below 12" from the soil surface by 0.04' on March 27, 2023. The 2023 growing season had three months below the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile of typical rainfall in the respective months. Hydrologic performance of the Site is expected to improve in MY3 as soil structure and organic material accumulation increases in the upper soil horizons and the water table in the vicinity of the Site continues to adjust to current land management practices.

Summary information of the Site for MY2 can be found in the report appendices. Raw data for the Site supporting the observations and conclusions in this report will be made available to DMS upon request.

## 4.0 Methodology

Hydrologic monitoring and instrument installation followed guidance put forth by the USACE (2003) and the USACE and NCIRT Stream and Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Update (2016). Vegetation monitoring followed the Carolina Vegetation Survey – EEP Level II Protocol (Lee et al., 2008). Visual assessment followed most recent guidance put forth by the USACE and NCIRT (USACE, 2016).

## 5.0 Climate Assessment

## 5.1 Methodology

• To further assess the climatic conditions of the monitoring year, the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) was examined for the Site. PDSI data was obtained from the Gridded Surface Meteorological (gridMET) Dataset provided through the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). The gridMET dataset is a dataset of daily high-spatial resolution (~4-km, 1/24th degree) surface meteorological data covering the contiguous U.S. from 1979-present day. A PDSI rating is estimated for every 5-days of the dataset which indicates the severity of the departure from normal conditions based on simplified soil water balances and estimates of relative soil moisture conditions.



#### 5.2 PDSI Assessment

 According to the PDSI data, the Site experienced moderate drought for 53% of the year and severe drought for 44% of the year. According to PDSI ratings for the Site's climate division (NC Northern Coastal Plain), the division spent 53% of the year in mild drought and 47% in moderate drought. A summary of the PDSI ratings for the Site and climate division is attached in Appendix D.

## 5.3 Climate Assessment Summary

 Drought conditions persisted throughout the Northern Coastal Plain climate division for 2023, and more locally, the Site and adjacent areas underwent intensified drought conditions throughout the year. When compared to the region's climate division, the local PDSI rating experienced more severe drought during the first half of the year and less severe drought during the last half of the year.

Analysis of drought conditions, in addition the Site's rainfall and wetland hydrology data, indicates that the environmental conditions of 2023 do not reflect a typical year for the Site. Therefore, success criteria not being met by 6 of the credit bearing wells is a result of the abnormally low rainfall that the Site received and the persistence of drought conditions in 2023.

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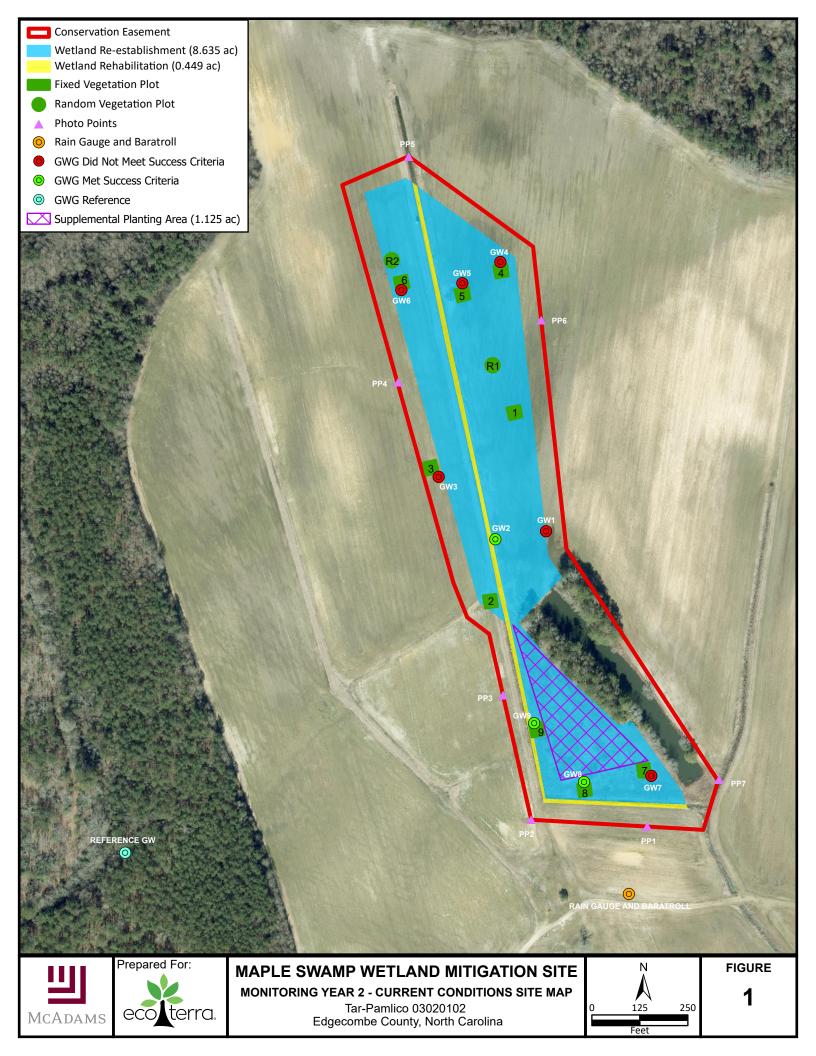
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# Figures Current Conditions Map



## **APPENDIX A**

Visual Assessment Data

#### Table 6: Visual Vegetation Assessment

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site DMS ID No. 100190

Monitoring Year 2 – 2023

Planted Acreage = 13.68 ac

| Vegetation Category        | Definitions   | Mapping Threshold | Combined Acreage | % of Planted Acreage |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Bare Areas                 | Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.                             | 0.10 acres        | 0.00             | 0.0%                 |
| Low Stem Density Areas     | Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on current                     | 0.10 acres        | 0.00             | 0.0%                 |
| Low Stern Berisity Areas   | MY stem count criteria.   | 0.10 deres        | 0.00             | 0.070                |
|                            |   | Total             | 0.00             | 0.0%                 |
| Areas of Poor Growth Rates | Planted areas where average height is not meeting current MY<br>Performance Standard. | 0.10 acres        | 0.00             | 0.0%                 |
|                            |   | Cumulative Total  | 0.00             | 0.0%                 |

Easement Acreage = 15.34 ac

| Vegetation Category         | Definitions  | Mapping Threshold | Combined Acreage      | % of Easement Acreage |  |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                             | Invasives may occur outside of planted areas and within the          |                   |                       |                       |  |
|                             | easement and will therefore be calculated against the total          |                   |                       |                       |  |
| Invasive Areas of Concern   | easement acreage. Include species with the potential to directly     | 0.10              | 0.00                  | 0.00/                 |  |
| invasive Areas of Concern   | outcompete native, young, woody stems in the short-term or           | 0.10 acres        | 0.00                  | 0.0%                  |  |
|                             | community structure for existing communities. Species included in    |                   |                       |                       |  |
|                             | summation above should be identified in report summary.              |                   |                       |                       |  |
|                             |  |                   |                       |                       |  |
|                             | Encroachment may be point, line, or polygon. Encroachment to be      |                   |                       |                       |  |
|                             | mapped consists of any violation of restrictions specified in the    |                   |                       |                       |  |
| Easement Encroachment Areas | conservation easement. Common encroachments are mowing, None         |                   | 0 Encroachments Noted |                       |  |
|                             | cattle access, vehicular access. Encroachment has no threshold value |                   |                       |                       |  |
|                             | as will need to be addressed regardless of impact area.              |                   |                       |                       |  |

Vegetation Plot Photographs

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Feature: Plot 1
Direction: East





Photo #2

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Plot 2

Direction: East





Photo #3

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Plot 3

Direction: East





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Photo #4
Date: 09/18/2023
Feature: Plot 4
Direction: East





Photo #5

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Plot 5

Direction: East





Photo #6

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Plot 6

Direction: East





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Photo #7

Date: 09/19/2023

Feature: Plot 7

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Photo #8

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Feature: Plot 8

Direction: East





Photo #9

Date: 09/19/2023

Feature: Plot 9

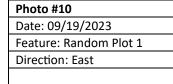
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## **MY2 PHOTO STATIONS**

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## Photo #1

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Feature: Photo Station 1

Direction: East





## Photo #2

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Feature: Photo Station 2

Direction: East





## Photo #3

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Photo Station 3

Direction: East





## **MY2 PHOTO STATIONS**

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## Photo #4

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Photo Station 4

Direction: East





## Photo #5

Date: 09/18/2023

Feature: Photo Station 5

Direction: East





## Photo #6

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Feature: Photo Station 6

Direction: East





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## APPENDIX B

Vegetation Plot Data

#### Table 7a: Vegetation Plot Data

|                 | C-:+:6:- N                | Common Nama              | Tara / Charle | Indicator      | Veg P   | Veg Plot 1 F |         | Veg Plot 2 F |         | Veg Plot 3 F |         | Veg Plot 4 F |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|--|
|                 |                           | Common Name              | Tree / Shrub  | Status         | Planted | Total        | Planted | Total        | Planted | Total        | Planted | Total        |  |
|                 | Cephalanthus occidentalis | Buttonbush               | Tree          | OBL            |         |              | 2       | 2            |         |              |         |              |  |
|                 | Fraxinus pennsylvanica    | Green ash                | Tree          | FACW           | 2       | 2            | 4       | 4            | 2       | 2            |         |              |  |
|                 | Nyssa aquatica            | Water tupelo             | Tree          | FACW           |         |              | 5       | 5            |         |              |         |              |  |
| Species         | Platanus occidentalis     | Sycamore                 | Tree          | FACW           | 2       | 2            | 1       | 1            | 1       | 1            | 2       | 2            |  |
|                 | Quercus laurifolia        | Laurel oak               | Tree          | FACW           | 1       | 1            | 2       | 2            |         |              | 5       | 5            |  |
|                 | Quercus lyrata            | Overcup oak              | Tree          | OBL            | 2       | 2            | 1       | 1            | 8       | 8            | 2       | 2            |  |
| Included in     | Quercus michauxii         | Swamp chestnut oak       | Tree          | FACW           | 2       | 2            | 2       | 2            | 2       | 2            | 1       | 1            |  |
| Approved        | Quercus nigra             | Water oak                | Tree          | FAC            | 1       | 1            | 1       | 1            | 3       | 3            | 3       | 3            |  |
| Mitigation Plan | Quercus phellos           | Willow oak               | Tree          | FACW           | 1       | 1            | 2       | 2            | 4       | 4            | 1       | 1            |  |
|                 | Quercus shumardii         | Shumard oak              | Tree          | FAC            | 3       | 3            |         |              | 1       | 1            | 1       | 1            |  |
|                 | Taxodium distichum        | Bald-cypress             | Tree          | OBL            | 5       | 5            |         |              | 4       | 4            | 5       | 5            |  |
|                 | Ulmus americana           | American elm             | Tree          | FAC            | 3       | 3            |         |              |         |              | 1       | 1            |  |
|                 | Quercus pagoda            | Cherrybark oak           | Tree          | FACW           |         |              |         |              |         |              |         |              |  |
| Sum             | , •                       |                          | 22            | 22             | 20      | 20           | 25      | 25           | 21      | 21           |         |              |  |
|                 |                           |                          |               |                |         |              | · ·     |              |         |              |         |              |  |
| Post Mitigation | Diospyros virginiana      | American Persimmon       | Tree          | FAC            |         |              |         |              |         |              |         |              |  |
| Plan Species    |                           |                          | 1             |                |         |              |         |              |         |              |         |              |  |
| Sum             |                           | ı                        | Propos        | ed Standard    |         |              |         |              |         |              |         |              |  |
|                 |                           |                          | ·             |                |         |              |         |              | ı       |              |         |              |  |
|                 |                           | Current Year Stem Count  |               |                |         |              |         | 20           |         | 25           |         | 21           |  |
| ľ               |                           |                          | 890           |                | 809     |              | 1012    |              | 850     |              |         |              |  |
| Mitigation Plan |                           |                          |               | 10             |         | 9            |         | 8            |         | 9            |         |              |  |
| Performance     |                           |                          | 23%           |                | 25%     |              | 32%     |              | 24%     |              |         |              |  |
| Standard        |                           |                          | 4.2           |                | 2.1     |              | 3.2     |              | 3.3     |              |         |              |  |
| F               |                           |                          | 0%            |                | 0%      |              | 0%      |              | 0%      |              |         |              |  |
|                 |                           |                          |               |                |         |              |         |              |         |              |         |              |  |
|                 | Current Year Stem Count   |                          |               |                |         |              |         | 20           |         | 25           |         | 21           |  |
| Post Mitigation |                           |                          | 890           |                | 809     |              | 1012    |              | 850     |              |         |              |  |
| Plan            |                           | Stems/Acre Species Count |               |                |         |              |         | 9            |         | 8            |         | 9            |  |
| Performance     |                           | Domin                    |               | 23%            |         | 25%          |         | 32%          |         | 24%          |         |              |  |
| Standard        |                           |                          |               | ot Height (ft) |         | 4.2          |         | 2.1          |         | 3.2          |         | 3.3          |  |
| -               |                           |                          | 0%            |                | 0%      |              | 0%      |              | 0%      |              |         |              |  |

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#### Table 7b: Vegetation Plot Data

| Cepi Frz Pi Species          | scientific Name chalanthus occidentalis raxinus pennsylvanica Nyssa aquatica Platanus occidentalis Ouercus laurifolia Ouercus lyrata Ouercus michauxii Ouercus phellos | Buttonbush Green ash Swamp tupelo Sycamore Laurel oak Overcup oak Swamp chestnut oak Water oak | Tree / Shrub  Tree Tree Tree Tree Tree Tree | Status OBL FACW FACW FACW FACW OBL | Planted<br>1<br>1 | Total<br>1<br>1 | Planted  2  2  3 | 2<br>2<br>2<br>3 | Planted | Total | Planted<br>3 | Total<br>3 |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Species Included in Approved | raxinus pennsylvanica Nyssa aquatica Platanus occidentalis Ouercus laurifolia Ouercus lyrata Ouercus michauxii Ouercus nigra   | Green ash Swamp tupelo Sycamore Laurel oak Overcup oak Swamp chestnut oak                      | Tree Tree Tree Tree Tree Tree               | FACW<br>FACW<br>FACW               |                   |                 | 2                | 2                |         |       | 3            | 3          |
| Species Included in Approved | Nyssa aquatica Platanus occidentalis Ouercus laurifolia Ouercus lyrata Ouercus michauxii Ouercus nigra   | Swamp tupelo<br>Sycamore<br>Laurel oak<br>Overcup oak<br>Swamp chestnut oak                    | Tree Tree Tree Tree                         | FACW<br>FACW                       | 1                 | 1               | 2                | 2                |         |       | 3            | 3          |
| Species Included in Approved | Platanus occidentalis  Quercus laurifolia  Quercus lyrata  Quercus michauxii  Quercus nigra  | Sycamore Laurel oak Overcup oak Swamp chestnut oak   | Tree<br>Tree<br>Tree                        | FACW<br>FACW                       |                   |                 |                  |                  |         |       | 3            | 3          |
| Species Included in Approved | Quercus laurifolia<br>Quercus lyrata<br>Quercus michauxii<br>Quercus nigra   | Laurel oak Overcup oak Swamp chestnut oak  | Tree<br>Tree                                | FACW                               |                   |                 | 3                | 2                |         |       |              |            |
| Species Included in Approved | Quercus lyrata  Quercus michauxii  Quercus nigra   | Overcup oak<br>Swamp chestnut oak  | Tree  |                                    |                   |                 |                  | 3                |         |       |              |            |
| Included in Approved         | Quercus michauxii Quercus nigra  | Swamp chestnut oak   |   | ODI                                |                   |                 | 3                | 3                | 3       | 3     | 1            | 1          |
| Approved                     | Quercus nigra  |  | -   | OBL                                | 2                 | 2               |                  |                  | 7       | 7     | 6            | 6          |
|                              |  | Water oak  | Tree  | FACW                               | 1                 | 1               | 2                | 2                | 1       | 1     | 1            | 1          |
| Miligation Plan              | Quercus phellos  |  | Tree  | FAC                                | 4                 | 4               |                  |                  | 1       | 1     |              |            |
|                              |  | Willow oak   | Tree  | FACW                               | 2                 | 2               | 1                | 1                | 1       | 1     |              |            |
| (                            | Quercus shumardii  | Shumard oak  | Tree  | FAC                                | 2                 | 2               | 2                | 2                |         |       |              |            |
| T                            | Taxodium distichum   | Bald-cypress   | Tree  | OBL                                | 2                 | 2               | 1                | 1                | 4       | 4     | 5            | 5          |
|                              | Ulmus americana  | American elm   | Tree  | FAC                                |                   |                 | 2                | 2                |         |       |              |            |
|                              | Quercus pagoda   | Cherrybark oak   | Tree  | FACW                               |                   |                 | 2                | 2                |         |       |              |            |
| Sum                          |  |  | 15  | 15                                 | 20                | 20              | 17               | 17               | 16      | 16    |              |            |
|                              |  |  |   |                                    |                   |                 |                  |                  |         | •     | •            |            |
| Post Mitigation D            | Diospyros virginiana   | American Persimmon   | Tree  | FAC                                |                   |                 |                  |                  |         |       |              |            |
| Plan Species                 |  |  |   |                                    |                   |                 |                  |                  |         |       |              |            |
| Sum                          |  |  |   |                                    |                   |                 |                  |                  |         |       |              |            |
|                              |  |  |   |                                    |                   |                 |                  |                  |         |       |              |            |
|                              |  |  | 15  |                                    | 20                |                 | 17               |                  | 16      |       |              |            |
| Mitigation Dlan              |  |  | 607   |                                    | 809               |                 | 688              |                  | 647     |       |              |            |
| Mitigation Plan Performance  |  |  | 8   |                                    | 9                 |                 | 6                |                  | 5       |       |              |            |
| Standard                     |  |  | 27%   |                                    | 15%               |                 | 41%              |                  | 38%     |       |              |            |
| Staridard                    |  |  | 2.2   |                                    | 3.2               |                 | 3.3              |                  | 2.5     |       |              |            |
|                              |  |  | 0%  |                                    | 0%                |                 | 0%               |                  | 0%      |       |              |            |
|                              |  |  |   |                                    |                   |                 |                  |                  |         |       |              |            |
|                              | Current Year Stem Count  |  |   |                                    |                   | 15              |                  | 20               |         | 17    |              | 16         |
| Post Mitigation              |  |  | 607   |                                    | 809               |                 | 688              |                  | 647     |       |              |            |
| Plan                         |  |  | 8   |                                    | 9                 |                 | 6                |                  | 5       |       |              |            |
| Performance                  |  |  | 27%   |                                    | 15%               |                 | 41%              |                  | 38%     |       |              |            |
| Standard                     |  |  | Average Plo                                 | ot Height (ft)                     |                   | 2.2             |                  | 3.2              |         | 3.3   |              | 2.5        |
|                              |  |  | 0%  |                                    | 0%                |                 | 0%               |                  | 0%      |       |              |            |

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#### Table 7c: Vegetation Plot Data

|                            | 6 : 115 N                 | O N                            | T / 61 1     | Indicator     | Veg F   | Plot 9 F | Veg Plot R1 | Veg Plot R2 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | Scientific Name           | Common Name                    | Tree / Shrub | Status        | Planted | Total    | Total       | Total       |
|                            | Cephalanthus occidentalis | Buttonbush                     | Tree         | OBL           |         |          |             |             |
|                            | Fraxinus pennsylvanica    | Green ash                      | Tree         | FACW          |         |          | 2           |             |
|                            | Nyssa aquatica            | Swamp tupelo                   | Tree         | FACW          | 2       | 2        | 3           |             |
|                            | Platanus occidentalis     | Platanus occidentalis Sycamore |              |               |         |          |             |             |
| Ci                         | Quercus laurifolia        | Laurel oak                     | Tree         | FACW          |         |          | 3           | 3           |
| Species -<br>Included in - | Quercus lyrata            | Overcup oak                    | Tree         | OBL           | 4       | 4        | 2           | 2           |
| Approved -                 | Quercus michauxii         | Swamp chestnut oak             | Tree         | FACW          | 3       | 3        |             |             |
| Mitigation Plan            | Quercus nigra             | Water oak                      | Tree         | FAC           |         |          | 1           | 1           |
| Willigation Plan           | Quercus phellos           | Willow oak                     | Tree         | FACW          | 1       | 1        | 4           | 2           |
| Ī                          | Quercus shumardii         | Shumard oak                    | Tree         | FAC           |         |          | 3           | 4           |
|                            | Taxodium distichum        | Bald-cypress                   | Tree         | OBL           | 2       | 2        | 4           |             |
|                            | Ulmus americana           | American elm                   | Tree         | FAC           |         |          |             | 3           |
|                            | Quercus pagoda            | Cherrybark oak                 | Tree         | FACW          |         |          |             |             |
| Sum                        |                           |                                | ce Standard  | 12            | 12      | 22       | 15          |             |
|                            |                           |                                |              |               |         |          |             |             |
| Post Mitigation            | Diospyros virginiana      | American Persimmon             | Tree         | FAC           |         |          |             |             |
| Plan Species               |                           |                                |              |               |         |          |             |             |
| Sum                        |                           |                                | ed Standard  |               |         |          |             |             |
|                            |                           |                                |              |               |         |          |             |             |
|                            |                           |                                | Current Year | Stem Count    |         | 12       | 22          | 15          |
| Mitigation Plan            |                           |                                |              | 485           | 890     | 607      |             |             |
| Performance                |                           |                                |              | 5             | 8       | 6        |             |             |
| Standard                   |                           | Domina                         |              | 33%           | 18%     | 27%      |             |             |
| Staridard                  |                           |                                |              | 2.2           | 3.1     | 3.0      |             |             |
|                            |                           |                                |              | 0%            | 0%      | 0%       |             |             |
|                            |                           |                                |              |               |         |          |             |             |
|                            |                           |                                | Current Year |               | 12      | 22       | 15          |             |
| Post Mitigation            |                           |                                |              | 485           | 890     | 607      |             |             |
| Plan                       |                           |                                |              | 5             | 8       | 6        |             |             |
| Performance                |                           | Domina                         |              | 33%           | 18%     | 27%      |             |             |
| Standard                   |                           |                                | Average Plo  | t Height (ft) |         | 2.2      | 3.1         | 3.0         |
|                            |                           |                                |              | % Invasives   |         | 0%       | 0%          | 0%          |

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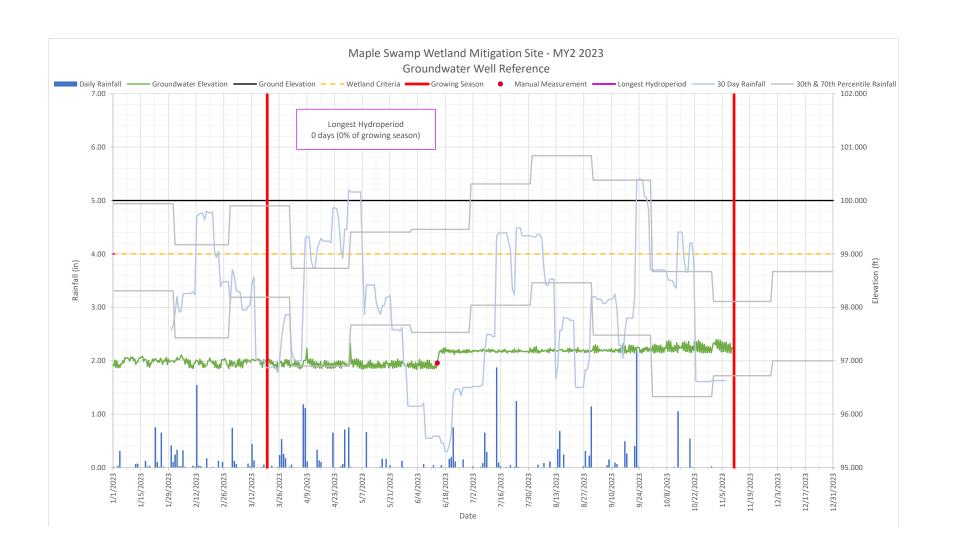
Table 8: Vegetation Performance Standards Summary

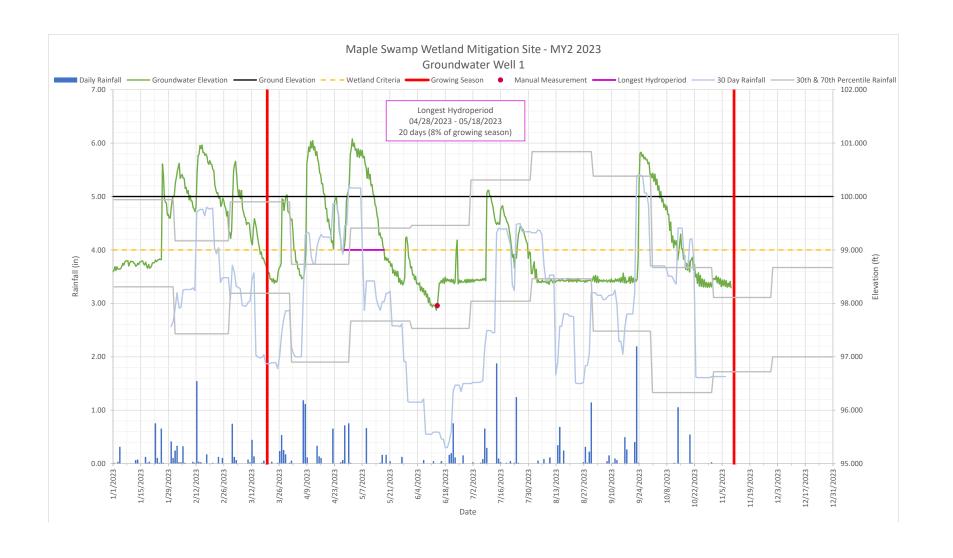
|                   | Veg Plot 1 F |             |           |            |            | Veg P       | lot 2 F   |            | Veg Plot 3 F |             |           |            |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|                   | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive |
| Monitoring Year 7 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 5 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 3 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 2 | 890          | 4.2         | 10        | 0%         | 809        | 2.1         | 9         | 0%         | 1012         | 3.2         | 8         | 0%         |
| Monitoring Year 1 | 931          | 3.0         | 9         | 0%         | 809        | 1.6         | 8         | 0%         | 1012         | 2.0         | 9         | 0%         |
| Monitoring Year 0 | 931          | 1.5         | 9         | 0%         | 809        | 1.5         | 8         | 0%         | 1012         | 1.6         | 9         | 0%         |
|                   | Veg Plot 4 F |             |           |            |            | Veg P       | lot 5 F   |            | Veg Plot 6 F |             |           |            |
|                   | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive |
| Monitoring Year 7 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 5 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 3 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 2 | 850          | 3.3         | 9         | 0%         | 607        | 2.2         | 8         | 0%         | 809          | 3.2         | 9         | 0%         |
| Monitoring Year 1 | 809          | 2.2         | 9         | 0%         | 809        | 1.8         | 12        | 0%         | 769          | 2.1         | 9         | 0%         |
| Monitoring Year 0 | 850          | 1.5         | 9         | 0%         | 769        | 1.6         | 12        | 0%         | 809          | 1.6         | 10        | 0%         |
|                   |              | Veg P       | lot 7 F   |            |            | Veg P       | lot 8 F   |            | Veg Plot 9 F |             |           |            |
|                   | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive |
| Monitoring Year 7 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 5 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 3 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 2 | 688          | 3.3         | 6         | 0%         | 647        | 2.5         | 5         | 0%         | 485          | 2.2         | 5         | 0%         |
| Monitoring Year 1 | 1093         | 2.1         | 7         | 0%         | 688        | 2.2         | 6         | 0%         | 566          | 1.9         | 6         | 0%         |
| Monitoring Year 0 | 607          | 1.6         | 6         | 0%         | 809        | 1.7         | 6         | 0%         | 809          | 1.5         | 8         | 0%         |
|                   |              | Veg P       |           |            |            | Veg P       |           |            |              |             |           |            |
|                   | Stems/Acre   | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive | Stems/Acre | Avg Ht (ft) | # Species | % Invasive |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 7 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 5 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 3 |              |             |           |            |            |             |           |            |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 2 | 890          | 3.1         | 8         | 0%         | 607        | 3.0         | 6         | 0%         |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 1 | 728          | 1.7         | 6         | 0          | 647        | 1.8         | 6         | 0          |              |             |           |            |
| Monitoring Year 0 | 728          | 1.5         | 9         | 0          | 769        | 1.9         | 7         | 0          |              |             |           |            |

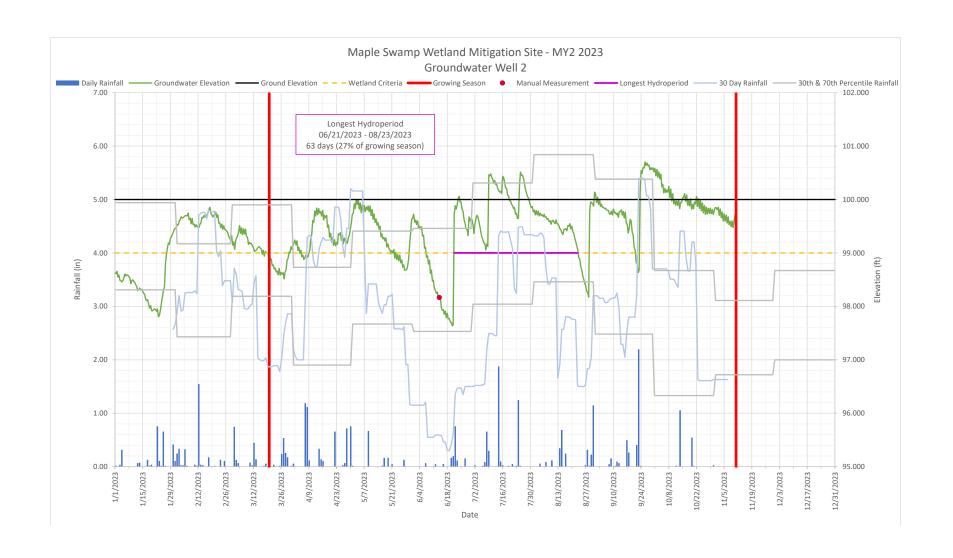
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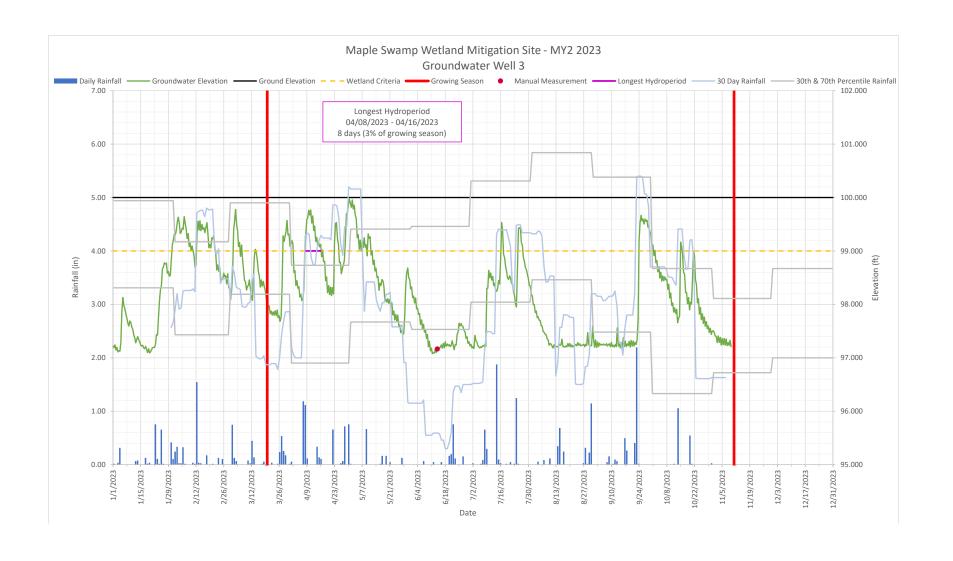
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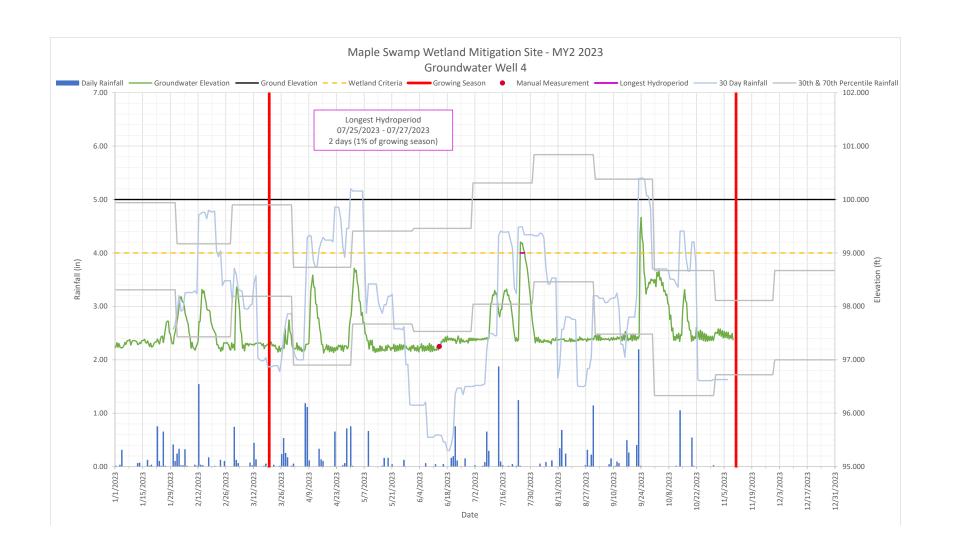
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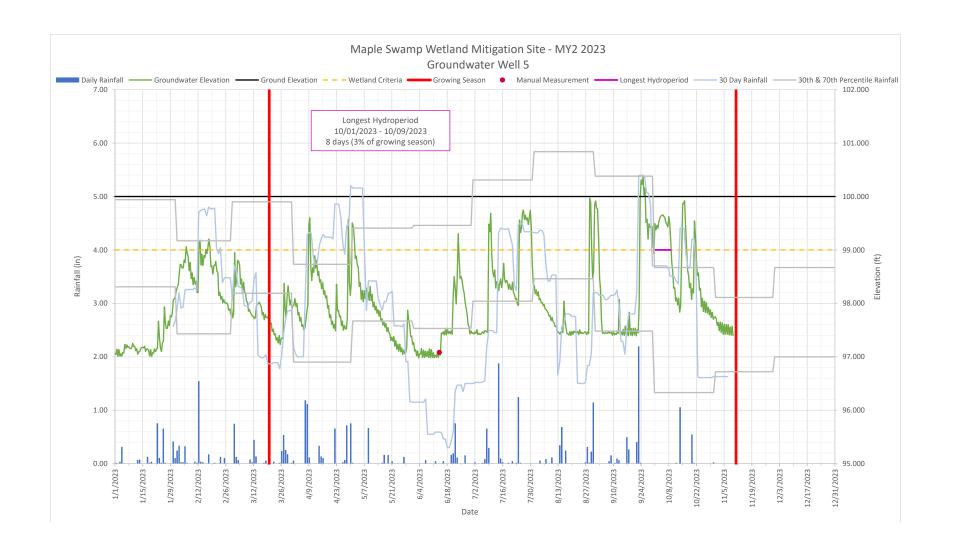


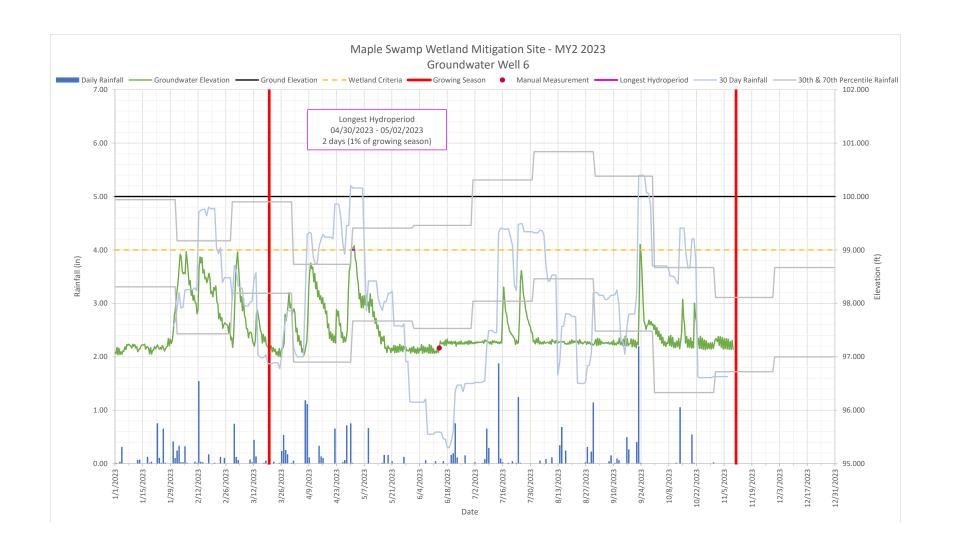


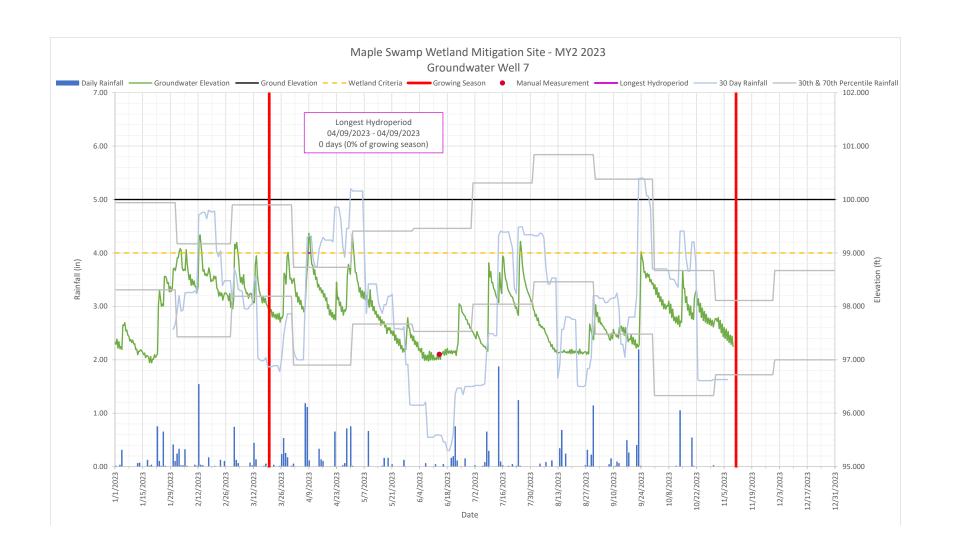


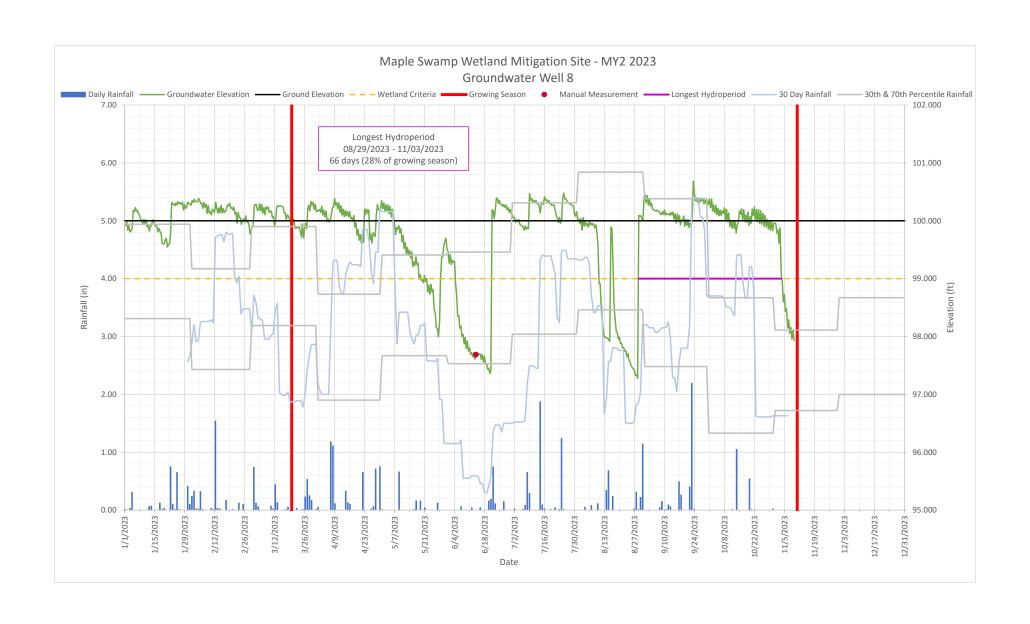


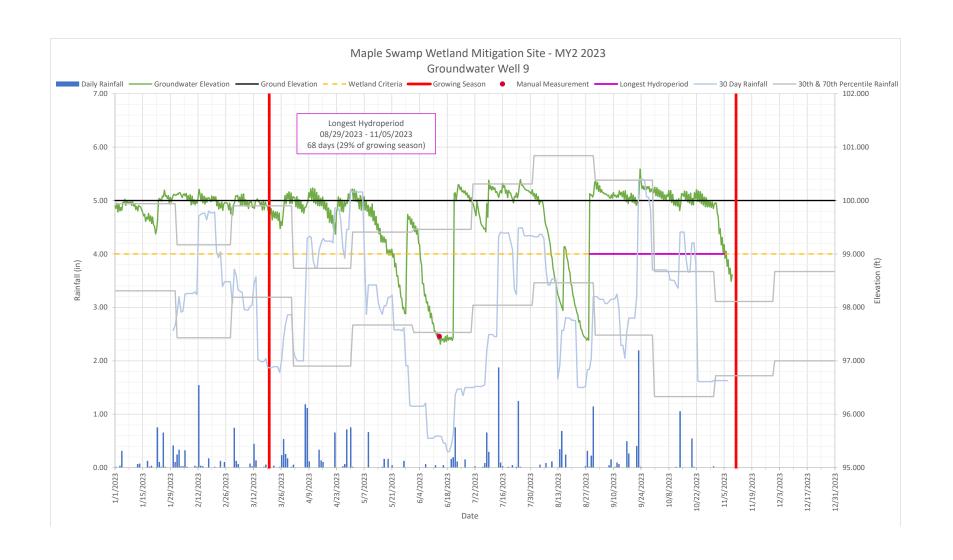












#### Table 9: Rainfall Summary

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site DMS ID No. 100190 Monitoring Year 2 – 2023

|           | Cumulative Rainfall (in) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
|-----------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Month     | 30th / 70th              | MY1  | MY2  | MY3  | MY4  | MY5  | MY6  | MY7  |  |  |
|           | Percentile               | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2027 |  |  |
| January   | 3.31 / 4.94              | 1.76 | 2.68 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| February  | 2.43 / 4.17              | 1.75 | 2.97 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| March     | 3.19 / 4.90              | 2.26 | 2.87 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| April     | 1.90 / 3.73              | 2.21 | 5.20 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| May       | 2.67 / 4.41              | 2.84 | 1.16 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| June      | 2.53 / 4.46              | 2.36 | 1.50 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| July      | 3.04 / 5.31              | 4.14 | 4.34 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| August    | 3.46 / 5.94              | 3.18 | 3.20 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| September | 2.48 / 5.38              | 4.63 | 3.70 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| October   | 1.33 / 3.67              | 0.69 | 1.63 |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| November  | 1.72 / 3.11              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |
| December  | 2.00 / 3.67              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |

Red values indicate recorded rainfall less than the 30th percentile value.

Blue values indicate recorded rainfall greater than the 70th percentile value.

30th and 70th percentile rainfall values based on NRCS WETS station Tarboro 1 S, NC

Rainfall data obtianed from USGS 02082585 (Tar River at NC97)

Table 10a: Goundwater Gauge Summary

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site

DMS ID No. 100190

Monitoring Year 2 – 2023

| Growing Season<br>3/20 - 11/11 | Performance    | nce Longest Hydroperiod |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |           |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 236 days                       | Standard       | GW1                     | GW2     | GW3    | GW4    | GW5    | GW6    | GW7    | GW8     | GW9     | Reference |
| MY1 - 2022                     |                | 1 day                   | 12 days | 0 days | 43 days | 23 days | 0 days    |
| IVIY I - 2022                  | 21 days        | <1%                     | 5%      | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 18%     | 10%     | 0%        |
| MY2 - 2023                     | 9%             | 20 days                 | 63 days | 8 days | 2 days | 8 days | 2 days | 0 days | 66 days | 68 days | 0 days    |
| 10112 - 2023                   |                | 8%                      | 27%     | 3%     | 1%     | 3%     | 1%     | 0%     | 28%     | 29%     | 0%        |
| MY3 - 2024                     |                |                         |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| MY4 - 2025                     | 20             |                         |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| MY5 - 2026                     | 28 days<br>12% |                         |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| MY6 - 2027                     | 12%            |                         |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| MY7 - 2028                     |                |                         |         |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |           |

WETS Station: Tarboro 1 S, NC

MY2 Monitoring dates: 1/1/2023 - 11/10/2023

#### Table 10b: Goundwater Gauge Summary

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site DMS ID No. 100190

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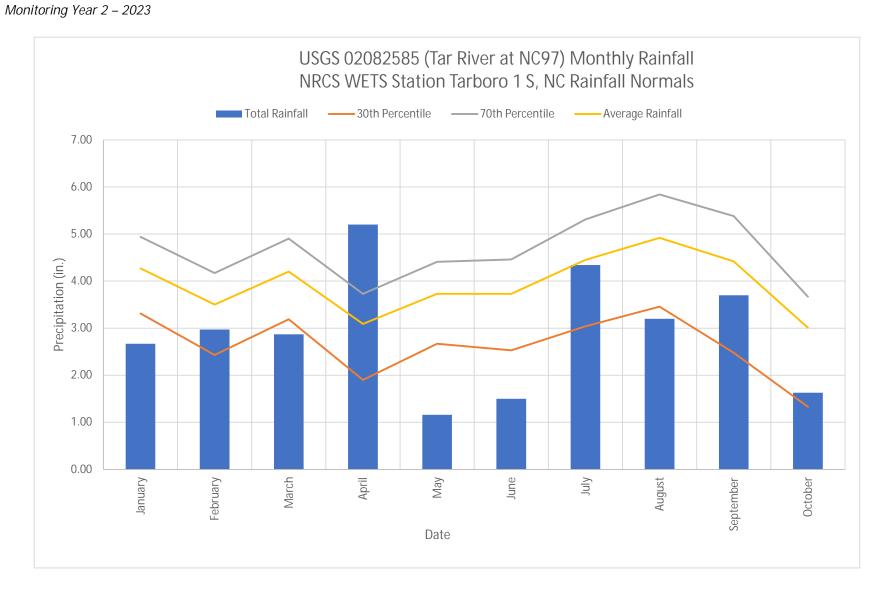
| Growing Season<br>3/20 - 11/11 | Success       | Total Days Above Success Criteria |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|--|
| 236 days                       | Criteria      | GW1                               | GW2      | GW3     | GW4    | GW5     | GW6    | GW7    | GW8      | GW9      | Reference |  |
| MY1 - 2022                     |               |                                   |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |
| MY2 - 2023                     | Groundwater   | 88 days                           | 191 days | 42 days | 5 days | 34 days | 2 days | 4 days | 186 days | 188 days | 0 days    |  |
| MY3 - 2024                     | within 12" of |                                   |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |
| MY4 - 2025                     | surface       |                                   |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |
| MY5 - 2026                     |               |                                   |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |
| MY6 - 2027                     |               |                                   |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |
| MY7 - 2028                     |               |                                   |          |         |        |         |        |        |          |          |           |  |

WETS Station: Tarboro 1 S, NC

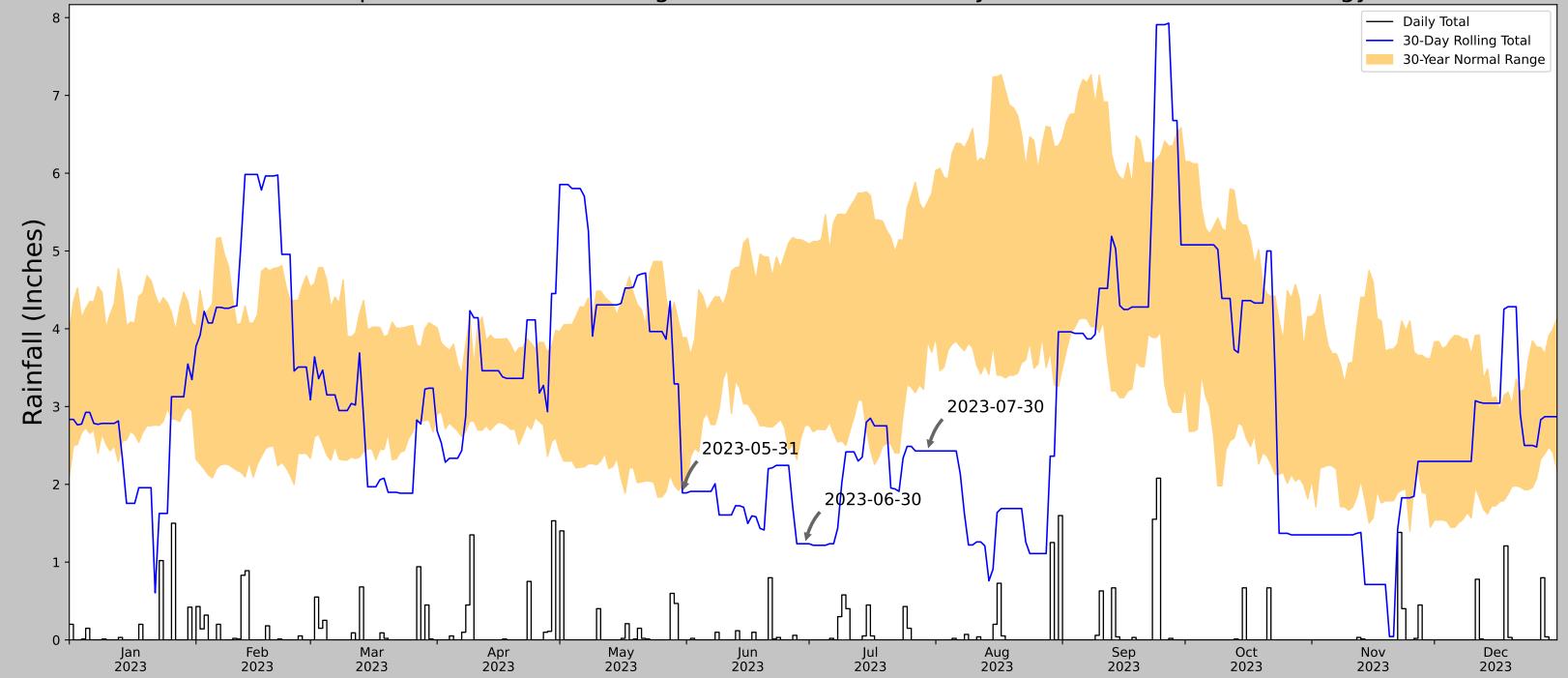
MY2 Monitoring dates: 1/1/2023 - 11/10/2023

### Cumulative Monthly Rainfall Summary

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site DMS ID No. 100190
DWR Project No. 2021-0409v2



# Antecedent Precipitation vs Normal Range based on NOAA's Daily Global Historical Climatology Network



| Coordinates                      | 36.012528, -77.559504 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Observation Date                 | 2023-07-30            |
| Elevation (ft)                   | 58.301                |
| Drought Index (PDSI)             | Moderate drought      |
| WebWIMP H <sub>2</sub> O Balance | Dry Season            |

| 30 Days Ending | 30 <sup>th</sup> %ile (in) | 70 <sup>th</sup> %ile (in) | Observed (in) | Wetness Condition | Condition Value | Month Weight | Product               |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2023-07-30     | 3.83937                    | 5.627953                   | 2.429134      | Dry               | 1               | 3            | 3                     |
| 2023-06-30     | 2.75748                    | 5.122047                   | 1.236221      | Dry               | 1               | 2            | 2                     |
| 2023-05-31     | 1.966535                   | 3.885827                   | 1.889764      | Dry               | 1               | 1            | 1                     |
| Result         |                            |                            |               |                   |                 |              | Drier than Normal - 6 |



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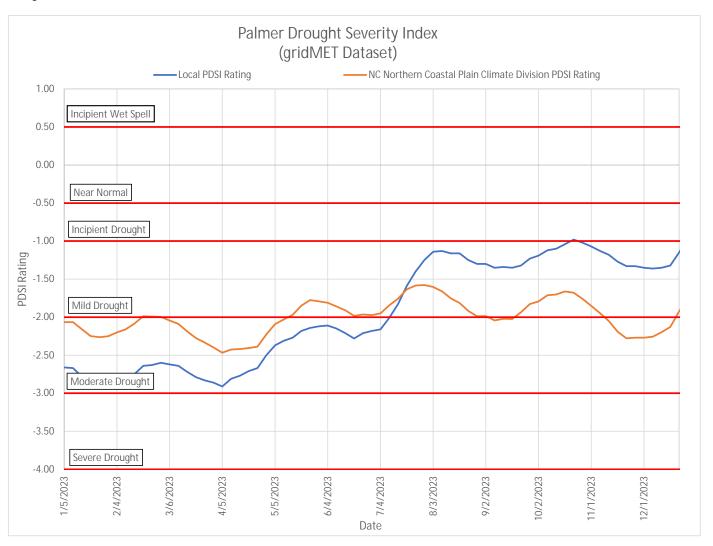
| Weather Station Name | Coordinates       | Elevation (ft) | Distance (mi) | Elevation Δ | Weighted Δ | Days Normal | Days Antecedent |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| TARBORO 1 S          | 35.8842, -77.5386 | 35.105         | 8.943         | 23.196      | 4.232      | 10754       | 89              |
| TARBORO 0.7 S        | 35.8984, -77.5544 | 66.929         | 1.321         | 31.824      | 0.636      | 70          | 0               |
| TARBORO 5.9 SE       | 35.8391, -77.495  | 43.963         | 3.959         | 8.858       | 1.817      | 155         | 1               |
| CONETOE 3.0 ENE      | 35.8391, -77.4105 | 50.853         | 7.821         | 15.748      | 3.643      | 9           | 0               |
| ROCKY MT 8 ESE       | 35.8936, -77.6805 | 109.908        | 7.97          | 74.803      | 4.183      | 241         | 0               |
| GREENVILLE           | 35.64, -77.3983   | 32.152         | 18.616        | 2.953       | 8.432      | 124         | 0               |

## APPENDIX D

Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) Summary

### Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)

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## APPENDIX E

Project Timeline and Contacts Info

### Table 11: Project Activity and Reporting History

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site DMS ID No. 100190 Monitoring Year 2 – 2023

| Activity or Report  | Data Collection Complete | Completion or Scheduled Delivery |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Project Instituted  | N/A                      | February 11, 2021                |  |  |  |
| Mitigation Plan Approved                                  | N/A                      | January 26, 2022                 |  |  |  |
| Construction (Grading) Completed                          | N/A                      | April 7, 2022                    |  |  |  |
| As-Built Survey Completed                                 | May 2022                 | May 2022                         |  |  |  |
| Planting Completed  | N/A                      | April 7, 2022                    |  |  |  |
| Baseline Monitoring Document (Year 0) - Vegetation Survey | March 2022               | July 2022                        |  |  |  |
| Year 1 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | October 2022             | November 2022                    |  |  |  |
| Year 2 Monitoring - Supplemental Planting                 | March 2023               |                                  |  |  |  |
| Year 2 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | September 2023           | November 2023                    |  |  |  |
| Year 3 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | 2024                     | November 2024                    |  |  |  |
| Year 4 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | 2025                     | November 2025                    |  |  |  |
| Year 5 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | 2026                     | November 2026                    |  |  |  |
| Year 6 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | 2027                     | November 2027                    |  |  |  |
| Year 7 Monitoring - Vegetation Survey                     | 2028                     | November 2028                    |  |  |  |

#### Table 12: Project Contacts

Maple Swamp Wetland Mitigation Site DMS ID No. 100190 Monitoring Year 2 – 2023

|                              | Eco Terra, LLC                     |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Manager</u>               | 117 Centrewest Ct                  |
| Eco Terra - Jordan Burbage   | Cary, NC 27513                     |
|                              | 984.354.3800                       |
|                              | McAdams                            |
| <u>Engineer</u>              | 621 Hillsborough Street, Suite 500 |
| McAdams - Rebecca Stubbs, PE | Raleigh, NC 27603                  |
|                              | 919.361.5000                       |
|                              | W Gilbert and Co., Inc             |
| Construction Contractor      | 487 Fillmore Rd                    |
| William Gilbert              | Tarboro, NC 27886                  |
|                              | 252.469.3989                       |
|                              | Eco Terra, LLC                     |
| <u>Monitoring</u>            | 117 Centrewest Ct                  |
| Eco Terra - Jordan Burbage   | Cary, NC 27513                     |
|                              | 984.354.3800                       |