

# MONITORING YEAR 3 ANNUAL BUFFER REPORT FINAL

# **MCCLENNY ACRES MITIGATION SITE**

Wayne County, NC
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HUC 03020201

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Dear Mr. Dow:

On February 1, 2024 Wildlands Engineering received comments from the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) regarding the Draft Monitoring Year 3 Report for the McClenny Acres Mitigation Site. DMS comments pertaining to the buffer report are reprinted below with Wildlands' response in italics.

1. Since this is a project that was instituted before the Buffer Tool was introduced and required for calculating riparian buffer and nutrient offset credits, there are rounding issues in the asset table that cause the credits to differ from DMS ledgers. Please update your calculations based on the tables below.

Riparian Buffer Credits	Convertible to Nutrient Offset?	Delivered Nutrient Offset: N (lbs)
251.251	No	_
688.000	No	_
137,859.000	Yes	7,193.667
48,231.858	Yes	7,626.668

TOTAL AREA OF BUFFER MITIGATION (TABM)						
Mitigatio	on Totals	Square Feet	Credits			
Restoration:		285,039	187,030.109			
Enhand	ement:	0	0.000			
Preser	vation:	95,013	9,501.300			
Total Ripa	rian Buffer:	380,052	196,531.409			
TOT	AL NUTRIENT OF	FSET MITIGATION	ON			
Mitigatio	on Totals	Square Feet	Credits			
Nutrient	Nitrogen:	0	0.000			
Offset:	Phosphorus:	0	0.000			

Response: Table 1 has been updated to match these values.

Thank you for your review and providing comments on this submittal. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (919) 851-9986, or by email (jlorch@wildlandseng.com).

Sincerely,

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# Section 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW

# 1.1 Project Summary

Wildlands Engineering, Inc. (Wildlands) implemented a full delivery project at the McClenny Acres Mitigation Site (Site) for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Mitigation Services (DMS). A conservation easement comprised of 54.24 acres along four unnamed tributaries to the Neuse River are included in the project. A total of 8.72 acres (380,052 ft²) were eligible and allocated towards generating riparian buffer credits via riparian restoration and riparian preservation. The Site is expected to generate a total of 196,531.361 riparian buffer credits, some of which are viable for conversion to a total maximum of 14,820.358 nutrient offset credits upon request and approval from NCDWR. The Site is located approximately four miles west of Goldsboro (Figure 1). The project resides within Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03020201200030 and North Carolina Department of Water Resources (NCDWR) Sub-basin 03-04-12. The Site drains to the Neuse River, which is classified as Water Supply Waters (WS-IV) and Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW).

Work at the Site was planned, designed, and constructed per the McClenny Acres Mitigation Site — Riparian Buffer Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2019), the Consolidated Buffer Mitigation Rule 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (effective November 1, 2015), and the Neuse River Riparian Buffer Rules and Water Quality Standards (15A NCAC 02B .0233). The purpose of the riparian buffer restoration project is to provide riparian buffer credits to compensate for buffer impacts within the Hydrologic Unit Code 03020201. The service area for the riparian buffer credits is depicted in Figure 2. The mitigation credits generated from the Site are included in Table 1 and illustrated in Figure 3, both of which are located in Appendix 1.

# 1.2 Project Goals and Objectives

The project is located on one parcel where a large portion had been used for row crop cultivation for decades. The remainder of the parcel is primarily wooded. A review of historic aerials shows that each of the on-site streams had been ditched or channelized since at least 1950.

The Site is located in a new Targeted Local Watershed (TLW) that is not described in the 2010 Neuse River Basin Restoration Priorities (RBRP) Plan. The Site addresses the TLW stressors of agricultural land use operations and the lack of protected riparian areas. The project will also address key catalog unit (CU) wide restoration goals described in the RBRP, including reduction of sediment and nutrient loads from agricultural lands by restoring and preserving wetlands, streams, and riparian buffers. Specific enhancements to water quality and ecological processes are outlined below:

- Decrease nutrient levels Nutrient input will be decreased by filtering runoff from the
  agricultural fields through restored native buffer zones. The off-site nutrient input will also be
  absorbed on-site by dispersing flood flows through native vegetation, thereby reducing nutrient
  inputs to waters of the Neuse River Basin.
- Decrease water temperature and increase dissolved oxygen concentrations Establishment and maintenance of riparian buffers will create additional long-term shading of the channel flow to reduce thermal pollution.
- Restore and enhance native floodplain vegetation Plant native tree species in riparian zone where insufficient.
- Permanently protect the Site from harmful uses Establish a conservation easement on the Site.
   Protect aquatic habitat; protecting water supply waters.

The 54.24-acre Site is protected with a permanent conservation easement. Of the 54.24 acres, Neuse riparian buffer credits were generated by restoring 6.54 acres and preserving 6.59 acres (only 2.18 acres

of riparian preservation were eligible for credit generation). No buffer credit will be generated from the remaining 41.11 acres. Riparian restoration and preservation areas are within 200 feet of stream channels. Figure 3 and Table 1 in Appendix 1 detail the buffer credit generation.

# 1.3 Monitoring Year 3 Data Assessment

The Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2019) was submitted and accepted by DMS in February 2020. Construction activities by Land Mechanic Designs, Inc. was completed in September 2020, while tree planting by Bruton Natural Systems, Inc. was completed in March 2021. The baseline as-built survey was completed by Turner Land Surveying in September 2020. Refer to Appendix 1 for detailed project activity, history, contact information, and watershed/site background information.

Vegetative performance for buffer restoration areas will be in accordance with 15A NCAC 02B .0295(n)(2)(B), and (n)(4) (effective November 1, 2015). To meet success criteria, areas generating buffer mitigation credits shall include a minimum of four native hardwood tree species, where no one species is greater than 50 percent of stems, and shall have a survival of at least 260 planted stems per acre at the end of the required five-year monitoring period. For monitoring to be completed and buffer credit to be awarded, NCDWR must provide written approval of successful revegetation of buffer restoration areas. Year 3 monitoring (MY3) was conducted to assess the condition of the vegetation in September 2023.

### 1.3.1 Vegetative Assessment

The quantity of monitoring vegetation plots was determined in accordance with the Carolina Vegetation Survey-EEP Level 2 Protocol (Lee et al., 2008) such that at least 2 percent of the Site is encompassed in monitoring plots. A total of 6 vegetation plots (each 100 square meters) were established within the areas generating buffer credit. The plot corners were marked and are recoverable either through field identification or with the use of a GPS unit. Reference photographs were taken at the origin looking diagonally across the plot to the opposite corner and trees were marked with flagging tape. Species composition, vigor, height, density, and survival rates were evaluated for each individual plot. Visual assessment was conducted to identify occurrences of invasive species.

During MY3 annual vegetation monitoring, planted stem densities ranging from 486 to 607 stems per acre were observed in vegetation plots. All sampled plots contained more than four planted species and no single species composed over 50% of planted stems. Herbaceous vegetation is well established, and pollinator species have been observed. Vegetation is growing well throughout the site and providing early successional ecosystem habitat. Refer to Appendix 2 for the Vegetation Condition Assessment Table, Monitoring Plan View Maps, and Vegetation Plot and Overview Photographs. Appendix 3 contains vegetation plot and summary data.

### 1.3.2 Vegetation Areas of Concern

Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) was previously treated within a 0.19 acre area near the upstream extent of UT2. This population has begun to resprout and will require follow-up foliar spray treatment. Additional adaptive management practices will be performed during the monitoring years to address minor issues as necessary. If during annual monitoring it is determined the project's ability to achieve performance standards are jeopardized, Wildlands will notify and work with the DMS/NCDWR to develop contingency plans and remedial actions. Any actions implemented will be designed to achieve the success criteria specified previously and will include a work schedule and updated monitoring criteria (if applicable).

# 1.4 Monitoring Year 3 Summary

Overall, the Site has surpassed the required vegetation success criteria for MY3 and is on track to exceed the final requirement of 260 stems per acre. Herbaceous vegetation is growing vigorously, and pollinator species have been observed. No easement encroachments have occurred.

Summary information/data related to the performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. Narrative background and supporting information, formerly found in these reports, can be found in the Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2020) available on DMS's website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices are available from DMS upon request.

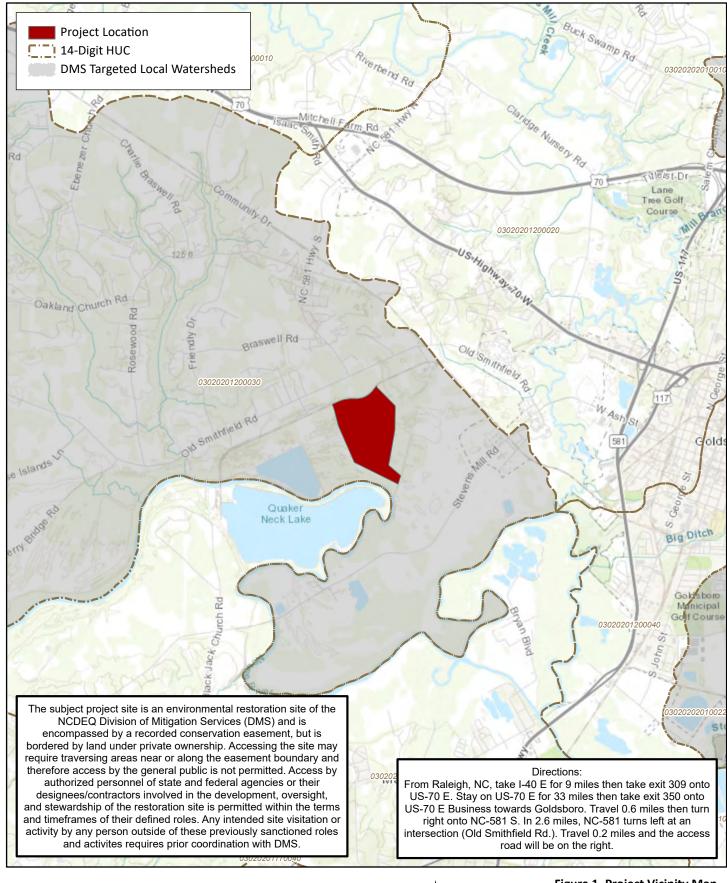
# Section 2: METHODOLOGY

Planted woody vegetation was monitored in accordance with the guidelines and procedures developed by the Carolina Vegetation Survey-EEP Level 2 Protocol (Lee et al., 2008). A total of six 100 square meter vegetation plots were established within the Site conservation easement area.

# **Section 3: REFERENCES**

- Breeding, R. 2010. Neuse River Basin Restoration Priorities. North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program.
- Lee, Michael T. Peet, Robert K., Steven D. Wentworth, Thomas R. 2008. CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation Version 4.2.
- North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Mitigation Services (NCDMS). 2017. Riparian Buffer and Nutrient Offset Buffer Baseline and Annual Monitoring Report Template version 2.0
- North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources (NCDWR). 2000. 15A NCAC 02B .0233 Neuse River Basin: Nutrient Sensitive Waters Management Strategy: Protection and Maintenance of Existing Riparian Buffers.
- North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources (NCDWR). 2015. 15A NCAC 02B .0295 Mitigation Program Requirements for Protection and Maintenance of Riparian Buffers.
- North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources (NCDWR). 2011. Surface Water Classifications.
- Wildlands Engineering, Inc. (2019). McClenny Acres Mitigation Site Riparian Buffer Mitigation Plan. North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Mitigation Services (NCDMS), Raleigh, NC.



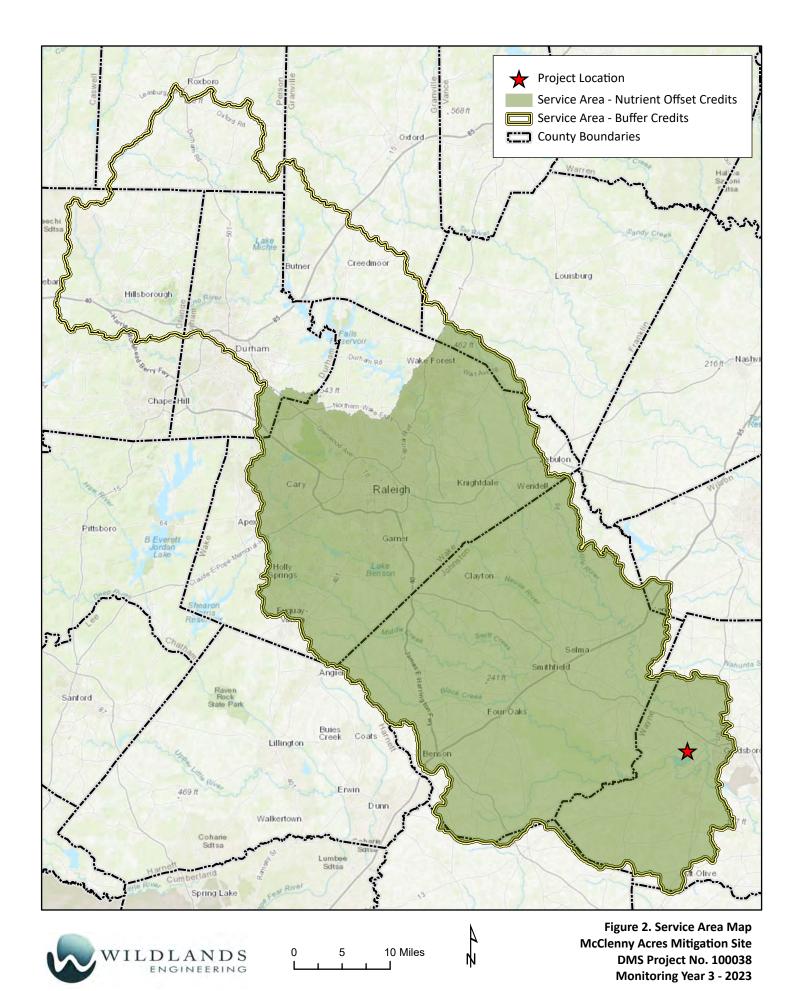


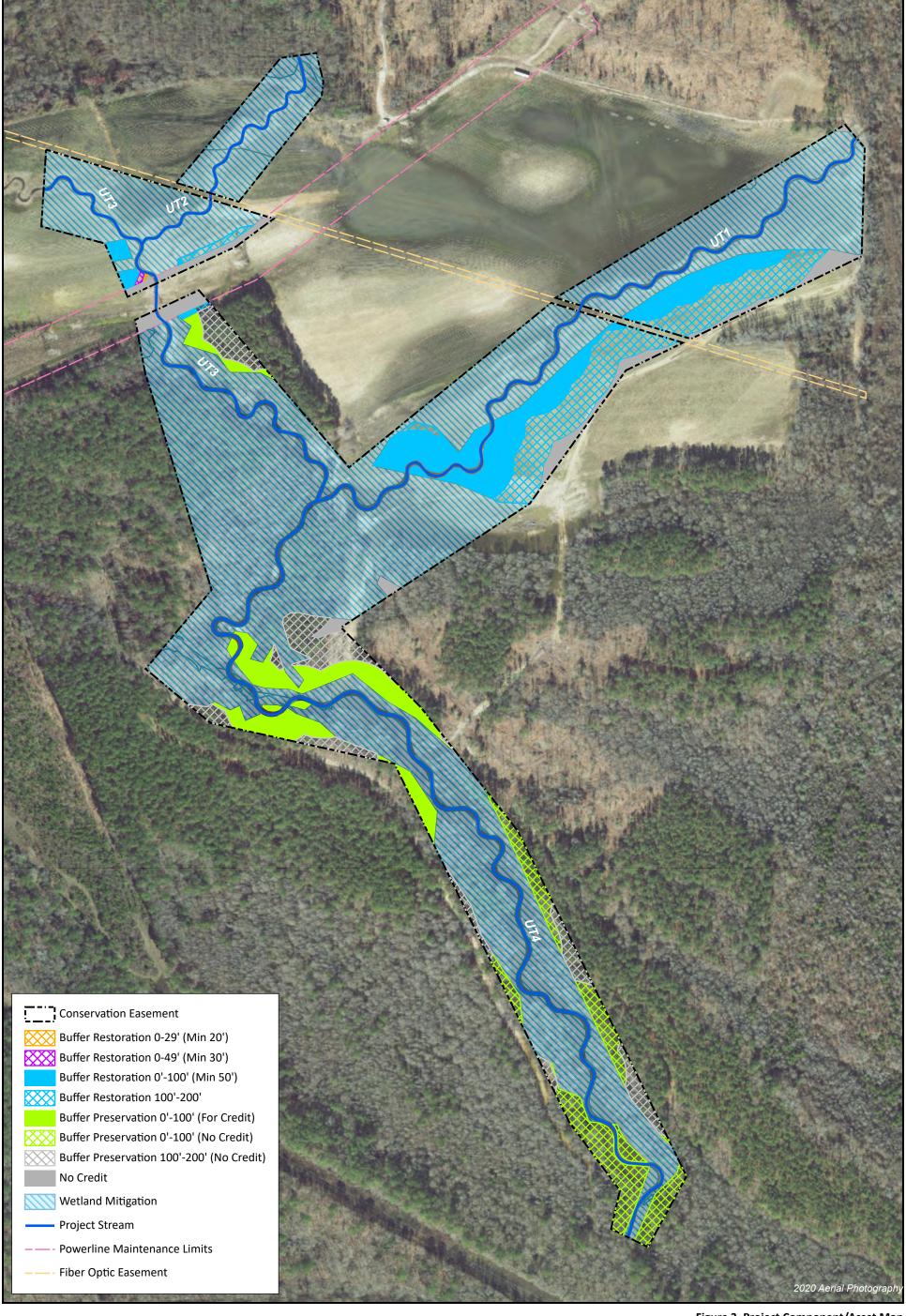


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Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map McClenny Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 100038 Monitoring Year 3 - 2023







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N N Figure 3. Project Component/Asset Map McClenny Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 100038 Monitoring Year 3 - 2023

# **Table 1. Buffer Project Area and Assets**

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Location	Jurisdictional Streams	Restoration Type	Reach ID / Component	Buffer Width (ft)	Creditable Area (sf) <sup>1</sup>	Initial Credit Ratio (x:1)	% Full Credit	Final Credit Ratio (x:1)	Riparian Buffer Credits (BMU)		Nutrient Offset: N (lbs)	Nutrient Offset: P (lbs)
Rural	Subject	Restoration	UT3	0-29 (Min. 20)	335	1	75%	1.33333	251.251	No	0.000	N/A
Rural	Subject	Restoration	UT1, UT3	0-49 (Min. 30)	688	1	100%	1.00000	688.000	No	0.000	N/A
Rural	Subject	Restoration	UT1, UT2, UT3	0-100 (Min. 50)	137,859	1	100%	1.00000	137,859.000	Yes	7,193.667	N/A
Rural	Subject	Restoration	UT1, UT2, UT3	101-200	146,157	1	33%	3.03030	48,231.858	Yes	7,626.668	N/A
			SUB	TOTALS	285,039				187,030.109		14,820.335	N/A

ELIGIBLE PRESERVATION AREA:		95,013							
Location	Jurisdictional Streams	Restoration Type	Reach ID / Component	Buffer Width (ft)	Creditable Area (sf) <sup>1</sup>	Initial Credit Ratio (x:1)	% Full Credit	Final Credit Ratio (x:1)	Riparian Buffer Credits (BMU)
Rural	Subject	Preservation	UT4	0-100	95,013	10	100%	10.00000	9,501.300
			SUBTOTALS		95,013				9,501.300
			TOTALS		380,052	]			196,531.409

TOTAL AREA OF BUFFER MITIGATION (TABM)						
Mitigation To	Mitigation Totals					
Restoratio	n:	285,039	187,030.109			
Enhanceme	nt:	0	0.000			
Preservation	95,013	9,501.300				
Total Riparian I	380,052	196,531.409				
TOTAL N	UTRIENT OFFS	ET MITIGATION	l			
Mitigation To	otals	Square Feet	Credits			
Nutrient Offset:	Nitrogen:	0	0.000			
Nutrient Offset:	Phosphorus:	U	0.000			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The total buffer preservation area is 287,242 square feet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Credits in the Buffer Mitigation Plan and As-built Report were calculated using NCDWR template version *Buffer\_Mitigation\_Tables\_1.0\_2018\_12\_20*.

# **Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History**

McClenny Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 100038 Monitoring Year 3 - 2023

Activity or Deliverable	Data Collection Complete	Task Completion or Deliverable Submission
Project Instituted	NA	March 2018
Mitigation Plan Approved	February 2020	February 2020
Construction (Grading) Completed	NA	September 2020
Planting Completed	NA	March 2021
Baseline Monitoring Document (Year 0)	March 2021	May 2021
Year 1 Monitoring	September 2021	December 2021
Year 2 Monitoring	September 2022	December 2022
Chinese Privet removal		December 2022
Year 3 Monitoring	September 2023	December 2023
Year 4 Monitoring	2024	December 2024
Year 5 Monitoring	2025	December 2025

# **Table 3. Project Contact Table**

	Wildlands Engineering, Inc.		
Designer	312 West Millbrook Road, Suite 225		
Nicole Macaluso Millins, PE	Raleigh, NC 27609		
	919.851.9986		
	Land Mechanic Designs, Inc.		
Construction Contractor	126 Circle G Lane		
	Willow Spring, NC 27592		
Monitoring Performers	Wildlands Engineering, Inc.		
Manitoring DOC	Jason Lorch		
Monitoring, POC	919.851.9986		

# **Table 4. Project Information and Attributes**

McClenny Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 100038 Monitoring Year 3 - 2023

Project Information					
Project Name	McClenny Acres Mitigation Site				
County	Wayne County				
Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	35° 23′ 25″ N, 78° 03′ 15″ W				
Project Area (acres)	54.24 <sup>1</sup>				
Planted Acreage (acres of woody stems planted)	34.56 <sup>1</sup>				
Project Waters	shed Summary Information				
Physiographic Province	Inner Coastal Plain				
River Basin	Neuse River				
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	03020201				
USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	03020201200030				
DWR Sub-basin	03-04-12				
Project Drainiage Area (acres)	787				
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area	2.1%				
CGIA Land Use Classification	38% Agriculture, 21% Forested, 15% Wetlands, 17%				
CGIA Land Ose Classification	Scrub/shrub, 9% Residential				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Areas also include components of a stream and wetland mitigation project.

# Table 5. Adjacent Forested Areas Existing Tree and Shrub Species

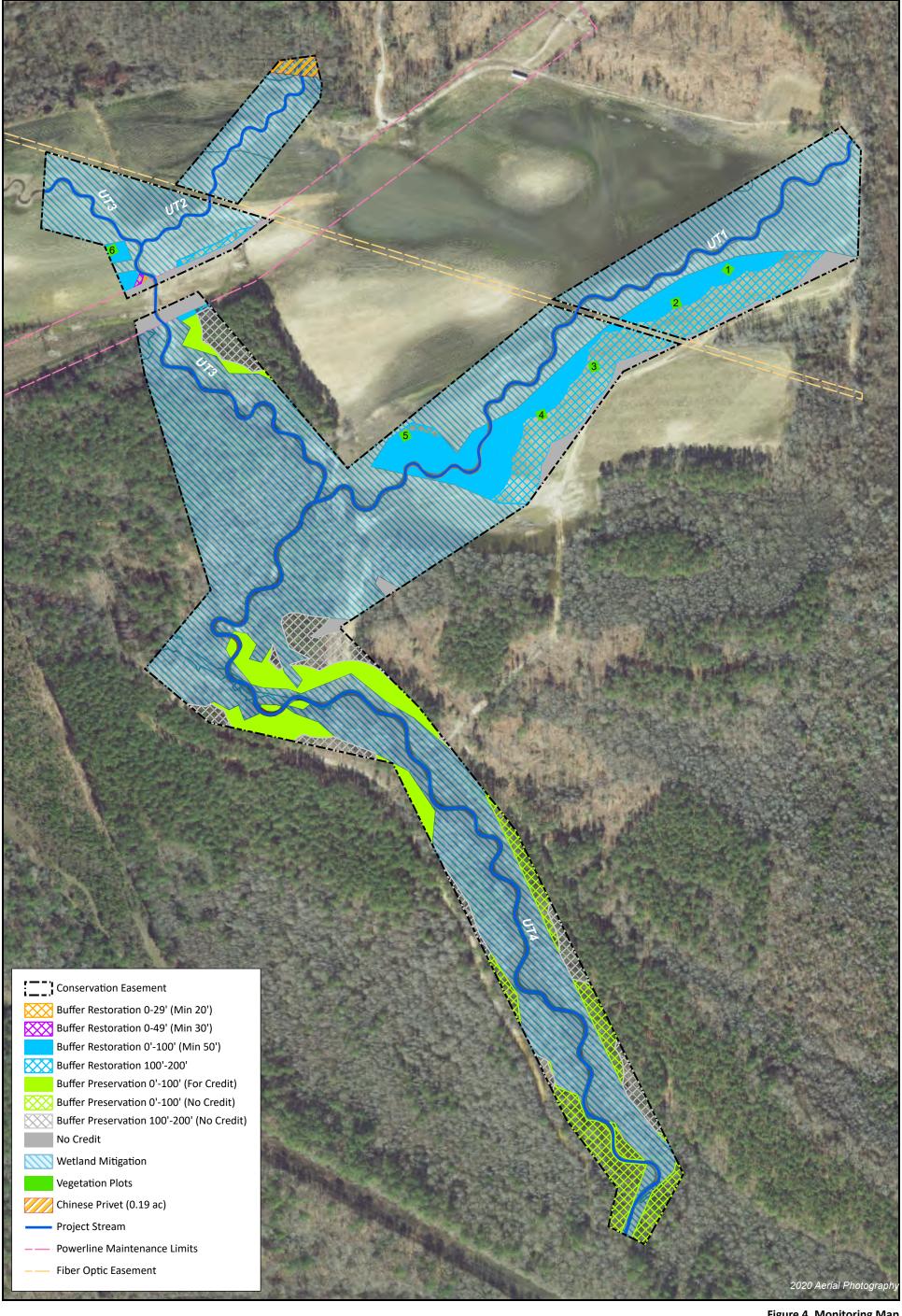
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Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator Status
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	FAC
Sweet Gum	Liquidambar styraciflua	FAC
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	UPL
River Birch	Betula nigra	FACW
Water Oak	Quercus nigra	FAC
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	FACW
Loblolly Pine	Pinus taeda	FAC
Tulip Poplar	Lirodendron tulipifera	FACU

# **Table 6. Planted Tree Species**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Planted	% of Total
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	695	15%
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	927	20%
River Birch	Betula nigra	927	20%
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	232	5%
Swamp Chestnut Oak	Quercus michauxii	463	10%
Eastern Cottonwood	Populus deltoides	232	5%
Common Persimmon	Diospryos virginiana	232	5%
Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	232	5%
Cherrybark Oak	Quercus pagoda	463	10%
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvannica	231	5%







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Figure 4. Monitoring Map McClenny Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 100038 Monitoring Year 3 - 2023

## **Table 7. Vegetation Condition Assessment Table**

McClenny Acres Mitigation Site DMS Project No. 100038

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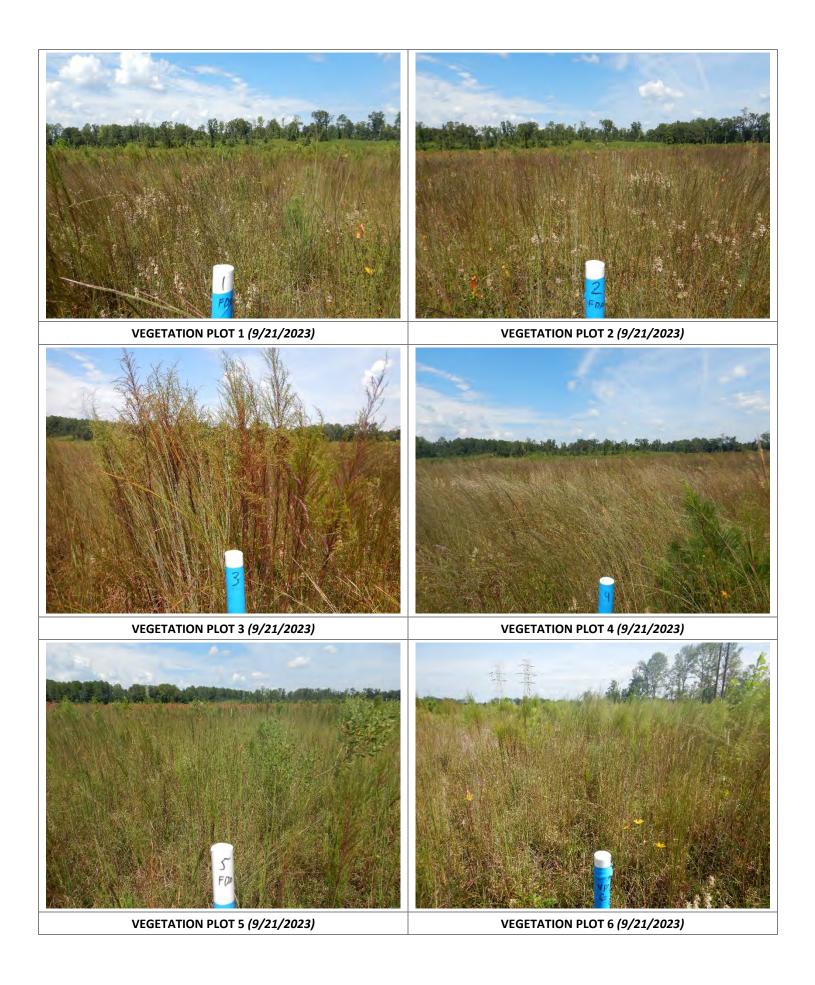
Planted Acreage	34.56			
Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (ac)	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.	0.10	0	0%
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on current MY stem count criteria.	0.10	0	0%
		Total	0	0%
	Planted areas where average height is not meeting current MY Performance Standard.	0.10	0	0%
	Cun	nulative Total	0.0	0%

Easement Acreage 54.24

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (ac)	Combined Acreage <sup>1</sup>	% of Easement Acreage
Invasive Areas of Concern	Invasives may occur outside of planted areas and within the easement and will therefore be calculated against the total easement acreage. Include species with the potential to directly outcompete native, young, woody stems in the short-term or community structure for existing communities. Invasive species included in summation above should be identified in report summary.	0.10	0.19	0.4%
Easement Encroachment Areas	Encroachment may be point, line, or polygon. Encroachment to be mapped consists of any violation of restrictions specified in the conservation easement. Common encroachments are mowing, cattle access, vehicular access. Encroachment has no threshold value as will need to be addressed regardless of impact area.		01	%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The 0.19 acre Privet population was treated during December 2022 but resprouts have occurred and follow up treatment will be required.







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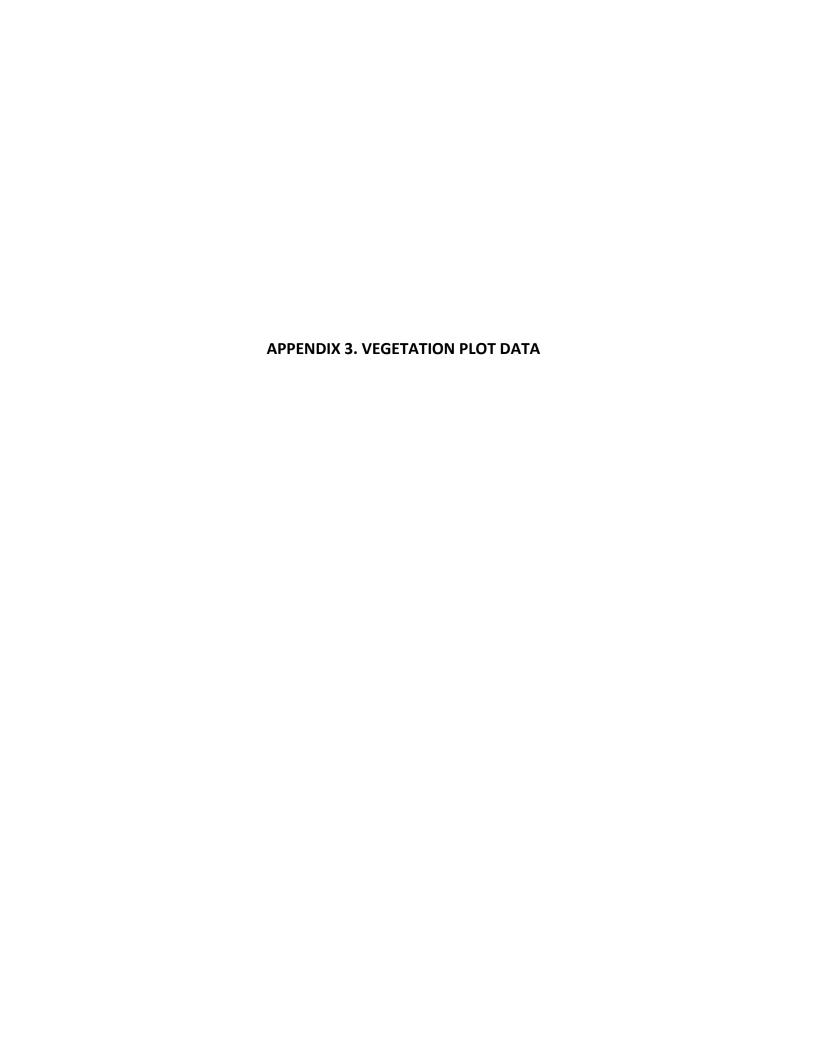
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**Table 8. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment Table** 

McClenny Acres Mitigation Site

DMS ID No. 100038

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Plot	Success Criteria Met *	Tract Mean
Vegetation Plot 1	Yes	
Vegetation Plot 2	Yes	
Vegetation Plot 3	Yes	100%
Vegetation Plot 4	Yes	100%
Vegetation Plot 5	Yes	
Vegetation Plot 6	Yes	

<sup>\*</sup>Success Criteria Met is based on the final success criteria for MY5 of 260 stems per acre.

### Table 9. Vegetation Plot Data

Planted Acreage	34.56
Date of Initial Plant	2/8/2021
Date of Current Survey	2023-08-17
Plot size (ACRES)	0.0247

Betula nigna		Scientific Name	Common Name	Tree/Sh	Indicator	Veg P	lot 1 F	Veg P	lot 2 F	Veg P	lot 3 F	Veg P	lot 4 F	Veg P	ot 5 F	Veg P	lot 6 F
Chamacyparis thyoldes		Scientific Name	Common Name	rub	Status	Planted	Total	Planted	Total	Planted	Total	Planted	Total	Planted	Total	Planted	Total
Dissystest viginish		Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	FACW	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	1	1
Frankis pensylvanica   green sh   Tree   FACW   2   2		Chamaecyparis thyoides	Atlantic white cedar	Tree	OBL												
Magnolla virginian		Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	Tree	FAC			1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1
Nysa biffor   Swamp tupelo   Tree   OBL		Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	FACW	2	2					1	1	1	1		
Species   Platanus occidentalis   American sycamore   Tree   FACW   2   2   3   3   3   3   3   3   3   3		Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	Tree	FACW	1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1
Included In   Approved   Populus defluides   American sycanome   Iree   FAC   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1	Constant	Nyssa biflora	swamp tupelo	Tree	OBL												
Approved   Populus deficities   eastern cottonwood   Tree   FAC   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1		Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree	FACW	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	3	3
Mitgation Plan   Quercus inchasus   Swamp chesturul oak   Tree   FACW   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1		Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	Tree	FAC	1	1	1	1			1	1				
Quercus pinkhawai   swamp Chestriut Oak   Tree   FACW   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   2   2		Quercus lyrata	overcup oak	Tree	OBL												
Quercus phellos   willow oak   Tree   FACW   3   3   1   1   6   6   1   1   2   2   1   1	Willigation Flam	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree	FACW			1	1	1	1			1	1	4	4
Salix nigra   Diack willow   Tree   OBL		Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	Tree	FACW	1	1	2	2	1	1			1	1	2	2
Taxodium distichum		Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	FACW	3	3	1	1	6	6	1	1	2	2	1	1
Ulmus alata   winged elm   Tree   FACU		Salix nigra	black willow	Tree	OBL												
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Ace negundo   boxelder   Tree   FAC		Ulmus alata	winged elm	Tree	FACU												
Post Mitigation Plan Species	Sum	Performance Standard				14	14	12	12	15	15	13	13	14	14	13	13
Post Mitigation   Plan Species		Acer negundo	boxelder	Tree	FAC												
Plan Species	Post Mitigation	Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree	FAC												
Pinus toeda   Iobiolity pine   Tree   FAC		Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	Tree	FACU												
Sum   Proposed Standard   14   14   12   12   15   15   13   13   14   14   13   13   14   14	riuii opecies	Pinus taeda	loblolly pine	Tree	FAC												
Current Year Stem Count   14   12   15   13   14   13		Rhus sp.															
Stems/Acre   S67   486   607   526   567   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526   526	Sum	Proposed Standard				14	14	12	12	15	15	13	13	14	14	13	13
Species Count   7   7   6   8   8   8   7		Current Year Stem	Count				14		12		15		13		14		13
Performance   Species Count	Mitigation Dian	Stems/Acre					567		486		607		526		567		526
Dominant Species Composition (%)   29   25   40   31   36   31   36   31   31   32   33   33   33   32   33   34   32   33   34   33   34   34		Species Coun	t				7		7		6		8		8		7
Average Plot Height (ft.)   3   3   3   2   3   4		Dominant Species Comp	oosition (%)				29		25		40		31		36		31
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Plan         Species Count         7         7         6         8         8         7           Performance         Dominant Species Composition (%)         29         25         40         31         36         31           Standard         Average Plot Height (ft.)         3         3         3         2         3         4		Current Year Stem	Count				14		12		15		13		14		13
Plan         Species Count         7         7         6         8         8         7           Performance         Dominant Species Composition (%)         29         25         40         31         36         31           Standard         Average Plot Height (ft.)         3         3         3         2         3         4	Post Mitigation	Stems/Acre					567		486		607		526		567		526
Standard         Average Plot Height (ft.)         3         3         3         2         3         4		Species Coun	t				7		7		6		8		8		7
The object to the light (th)	Performance	Dominant Species Comp	oosition (%)				29		25		40		31		36		31
% Invasives	Standard	Average Plot Heigh	nt (ft.)				3		3		3		2		3		4
		% Invasives					0		0		0		0		0		0

- 1). Bolded species are proposed for the current monitoring year, italicized species are not approved, and a regular font indicates that the species has been approved.
- 2). The "Species Included in Approved Mitigation Plan" section contains only those species that were included in the original approved mitigation plan. The "Post Mitigation Plan Species" section includes species that are being proposed through a mitigation plan addendum for the current monitoring year (bolded), species that have been approved in prior monitoring years through a mitigation plan addendum (regular font), and species that are not approved (italicized).
- 3). The "Mitigation Plan Performance Standard" section is derived only from stems included in the original mitigation plan, whereas the "Post Mitigation Plan Performance Standard" includes data from mitigation plan approved, post mitigation plan approved, and proposed stems.

**Table 10. Vegetation Performance Standards Summary Table** 

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		Veg P	lot 1 F			Veg P	lot 2 F			Veg P	lot 3 F		
	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	
Monitoring Year 5													
Monitoring Year 4													
Monitoring Year 3	567	3	7	0	486	3	7	0	607	3	6	0	
Monitoring Year 2	567	3	7	0	486	3	7	0	607	3	6	0	
Monitoring Year 1	567	3	7	0	567	3	7	0	607	2	6	0	
Monitoring Year 0	567	3	7	0	567	3	7	0	607	2	6	0	
		Veg Pl	lot 4 F			Veg Plot 5 F				Veg Plot 6 F			
	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	
Monitoring Year 5													
Monitoring Year 4													
Monitoring Year 3	526	2	8	0	567	3	8	0	526	4	7	0	
Monitoring Year 2	567	3	8	0	607	3	8	0	526	3	7	0	
Monitoring Year 1	567	3	8	0	648	3	8	0	567	2	7	0	
Monitoring Year 0	607	3	8	0	648	3	8	0	607	2	7	0	

Each monitoring year represents a different plot for the random vegetation plot "groups". Random plots are denoted with an R, and fixed plots with an F.

**Table 11. Vegetation Height Data** 

Plot	Scientific Name	Common Name	Х	Υ	Height (Ft)	Vigor
1	Betula nigra	river birch	8.4	0.3	1.7	4
1	Quercus phellos	willow oak	6.4	1.2	1.6	4
1	Betula nigra	river birch	2.2	0.4	3.7	4
1	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	4.4	1.3	4.9	4
1	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	6.2	2.7	0.3	4
1	Quercus phellos	willow oak	8.7	3.4	2.4	4
1	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	8.7	7.2	4.9	4
1	Betula nigra	river birch	6.7	6.5	2.5	4
1	Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	4.7	6.3	2.0	4
1	Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	2.8	5.4	1.5	4
1	Quercus phellos	willow oak	0.6	4.6	2.7	4
1	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	1.3	8.8	2.7	4
1	Betula nigra	river birch	3.3	9.3	3.3	4
1	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	5.5	9.9	2.6	4

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Plot	Scientific Name	Common Name	X	Υ	Height (Ft)	Vigor
2	Betula nigra	river birch	0.3	1.8	3.3	4
2	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	0.7	4.2	2.2	4
2	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	1.3	6.3	2.6	4
2	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	1.8	8.3	1.6	4
2	Quercus phellos	willow oak	4.8	8.6	1.9	4
2	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	4	5.3	4.7	4
2	Betula nigra	river birch	3.9	3.5	4.7	4
2	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	3.8	1.8	3.4	4
2	Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	7.1	0.6	1.4	4
2	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	7.2	2.4	2.9	4
2	Betula nigra	river birch	7.7	4.1	4.0	4
2	Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	8.1	6.4	2.2	4

**Table 11. Vegetation Height Data** 

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Plot	Scientific Name	Common Name	Х	Υ	Height (Ft)	Vigor
3	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	1.5	1.9	4.3	4
3	Betula nigra	river birch	1.5	4	2.2	4
3	Quercus phellos	willow oak	1.6	6.1	2.1	4
3	Quercus phellos	willow oak	1.6	7.9	1.3	4
3	Quercus phellos	willow oak	1.5	9.5	2.6	4
3	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	4.9	9.1	2.9	4
3	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	5	7.3	2.4	4
3	Betula nigra	river birch	5	5.3	1.9	4
3	Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	4.9	3.2	2.0	4
3	Quercus phellos	willow oak	4.7	1.2	2.7	4
3	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	8.8	1	2.0	4
3	Betula nigra	river birch	8.7	3.1	4.3	4
3	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	8.7	4.4	2.7	4
3	Quercus phellos	willow oak	8.8	6.7	3.6	4
3	Quercus phellos	willow oak	8.9	8.8	2.6	4

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Plot	Scientific Name	Common Name	Х	Υ	Height (Ft)	Vigor
4	Betula nigra	river birch	3.3	0.2	1.3	4
4	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	2.1	1	3.6	4
4	Quercus phellos	willow oak	2.1	4.1	2.5	4
4	Betula nigra	river birch	2	6.2	1.3	4
4	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	2	8.4	3.2	4
4	Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	4.8	7.2	3.6	4
4	Betula nigra	river birch	5	5.1	1.0	4
4	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	5.2	3.2	2.7	4
4	Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	5.6	1.3	2.0	4
4	Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	8.8	1.4	1.1	4
4	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	8.2	3.1	3.3	4
4	Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	7.7	5.1	2.5	4
4	Betula nigra	river birch	7.7	7	1.0	4

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Plot	Scientific Name	Common Name	Х	Υ	Height (Ft)	Vigor
5	Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	0.2	3.7	2.3	4
5	Quercus phellos	willow oak	3.6	9	2.7	4
5	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	3	7.3	4.7	4
5	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	3.3	3.1	4.0	4
5	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	3.5	1.4	4.8	4
5	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	7.1	2.5	4.3	4
5	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	7.2	5.1	2.0	4
5	Betula nigra	river birch	7.1	7.4	3.4	4
5	Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	7.2	9.4	3.5	4
5	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	9.7	9.3	3.4	2
5	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	9.6	7.4	3.2	4
5	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	9.5	5.6	3.4	4
5	Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	9.4	3.8	3.1	4
5	Quercus phellos	willow oak	9.4	2.2	2.7	4

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Plot	Scientific Name	Common Name	Х	Υ	Height (Ft)	Vigor
6	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	1.2	2	2.1	4
6	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	1.2	6.1	4.0	4
6	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	1.3	8.1	2.2	4
6	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	1.3	9.9	2.0	4
6	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	4.9	8	10.2	4
6	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	4.7	6.1	4.4	4
6	Quercus phellos	willow oak	4.9	3.7	4.1	4
6	Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	4.8	1.3	0.9	4
6	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	8.2	1.5	4.2	4
6	Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	8.2	3.9	2.1	4
6	Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	8.2	5.7	1.8	4
6	Betula nigra	river birch	8.2	8	4.7	4
6	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	8.2	9.9	5.6	4