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Monitoring Year 7 of 7

FINAL

North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Site

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RE: North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Site: MY7 Monitoring Report (NCDMS ID 94151)

Listed below are comments provided by DMS on December 10, 2018 regarding the North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Site: Year 7 Monitoring Report and RES' responses.

North Fork Mountain is scheduled for closeout in 2019. Please revise wetland assets for the MY7 report. The wetland area near wells S1, S2, 4 and 5 have consistently failed to meet hydrology success criteria. This section has remained in the site assets with the hope that hydrology would improve before closeout, but this has not occurred. This area should be removed from credit calculations in Table 1. The assets reflected in the table should represent what the final wetland assets are on the site.

Done. The failing areas and expansion areas have been added to the asset table.

Please provide a short discussion in the project performance section that clearly describes the changed wetland assets on the site.

The wetland area near wells NFMC-S1, NFMC-S2, NFMC-4, and NFMC-5 has consistently failed to meet hydrology success criteria over the monitoring period. This failing area sits at a higher elevation than the adjacent wetland restoration/creation areas, and lacks sufficient wetland hydrology needed to form hydric soils. In February 2019, RES staff delineated the failing area out of the crediting area. The failing area is comprised of 0.31 acres of wetland creation and 0.11 acres of wetland restoration. The 0.13 wetland creation area that RES proposed in MY4 2015 has exceeded success criteria in every monitoring year since installation. During the February 2019 site visit, RES staff delineated another expansion area of wetland creation located in a concave position along the upper right bank floodplain of Reach 4. This expansion area surrounds existing wetland restoration and creation areas and displays surface water/high water table, hydric soil, and hydrophytic vegetation. This has been added to the project performance section.

The CCPV should be updated to clearly show what has been removed from credit calculations. Please include updated shapefiles in digital deliverable.

Done.

The report indicates that several wells did not record data during MY7 (NFMC- 1 and NFMC-S5). Please update report to include information regarding replacement/repair of the wells. These wells should be recording data until the project successfully closes out with the IRT.

The malfunctioning gauges were replaced in February 2019.



Please elaborate on the structure repair description. The repair was a hand repair and did not involve heavy equipment. Also, please expand on the use of bentonite to seal the end of the structure that was piping. This was not a huge effort, or a slurry of bentonite pumped into the channel. This was a mix of stone and bentonite pellets hand placed to plug the area where piping was occurring to allow sediment moving through the system to seal the area.

A more detailed description of the repair has been added to the report: "The stressed structures were hand repaired in November 2018. RES used a mixture of gravel and bentonite pellets to plug only the area where the water was routing between the structures and piping under them. The structure where the water was cutting around into the bank, was removed and the eroded bank was armored with coir logs, soil, matting, and livestakes."

North Fork Mountain Creek Catawba County, North Carolina DMS Project ID 94151

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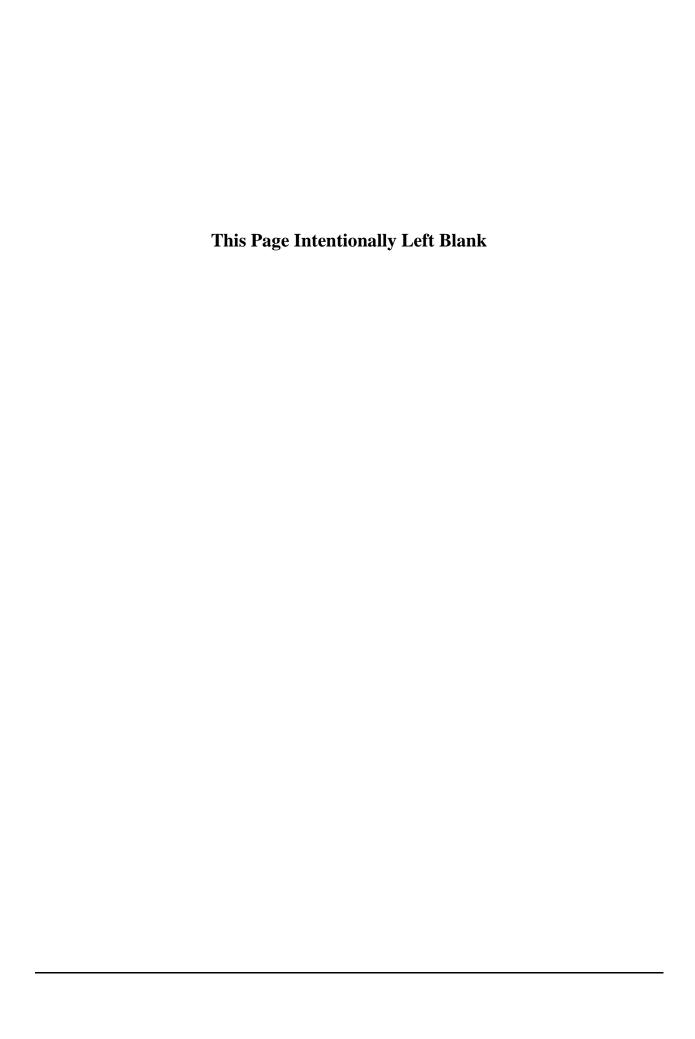
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1.0 PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1. Project Setting and Background

The North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Site (NFMC) was identified and developed through the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (NCDMS) full delivery process. The site is located approximately six miles south of Catawba, North Carolina in southeastern Catawba County (**Figure 1**). The project lies within the Piedmont physiographic region (NCGS 2004) and USGS (2002) Level III ecoregion. The North Fork Mountain Creek watershed is within Catawba River Basin 14-digit Hydrologic Unit Code 03050101150030 and the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) sub-basin 03-08-32 (NCDWQ 2010).

The mitigation site encompasses 17.2 acres containing 5,299 linear feet (LF) of stream channel and 4.44 acres of wetlands. The project consists of four reaches; Reach 4 is on the mainstem of North Fork Mountain Creek, whereas reaches 2, 3, and 1 are on primary and secondary unnamed tributaries (UT1 and UT2) of North Fork Mountain Creek (**Figure 2**). An additional 0.97 acre of existing wetlands were preserved on the site; however, no mitigation credit is being claimed for this wetland preservation acreage per RFP 16-001117.

Prior to restoration the stream channels and wetlands were highly disturbed due to the presence of livestock that had unrestricted access to the riparian areas and stream channels. The riparian vegetation was decimated by overgrazing and trampling. The subsequently bare banks were then subject to severe erosion that was only exacerbated by hooves of the cattle.

The locations of credited wetlands within the project was reorganized in 2015 to account for changing hydrological function during restoration efforts. Data collected from monitoring wells showed portions of the wetland restoration area failing to meet minimum hydrologic criteria, while other areas not originally proposed as wetland restoration were returning to wetland conditions. These newly recognized wetlands would continue to be monitored for groundwater hydrology for the duration of the monitoring period, being subject to the same standards of performance as other wetland restoration areas on the site (**Appendix E**).

1.2. Project Approach

Channel restoration involving improved pattern, dimension, and profile was completed on all four stream reaches. Priority I and II approaches were applied to the mainstem North Fork Mountain Creek (Rosgen 1996; NCSRI 2004), whereas only a Priority II approach was used on the tributary reaches. A total of 1.17 acres of wetlands were restored along reaches 1, 2, 3, and 4, while 3.27 acres of wetlands were created along reaches 2 and 4 (**Figure 2**).

1.3. Project Goals

The primary and secondary project goals, as outlined in the 2011 restoration plan, are as follows: Primary goals:

- Provide stable stream channels throughout 5,180 linear feet of channel restoration
- Restore riparian buffers throughout the project site
- Restore 1.16 acres of riparian wetland
- Create 3.03 acres of riparian wetland
- Provide permanent protection through conservation easement for the entire floodplain of North Fork Mountain Creek and its tributaries within the project area.

• Improve water quality by significantly reducing sediment loads from bank erosion and fencing out cattle.

Secondary goals:

- Increase the diversity and quantity of macrobenthos, salamanders, and fish by improving habitat and coarsening of the stream bed
- Improve vegetative communities and terrestrial habitat diversity
- Improve hydrology by increasing groundwater recharge, groundwater and surface water storage, and groundwater/surface water interaction.

1.4. Success Criteria

1.4.1. Stream

Success criteria pertain to the stability of the restored channel's dimension, pattern, and sediment transport. The restored channel must demonstrate the general maintenance of a stable cross-section and have hydrologic access to the floodplain over the monitoring period. The restoration reach should mimic reference reach conditions and the channel will be considered stable if there are little or insignificant changes from the as-built dimensions. Some change in stream dimension is natural and expected.

Traditionally, the success of a stream's pattern and dimension is determined utilizing the dimensionless ratios of reference reaches. The range of values for the dimensionless ratios of the reference reaches are applied to the design reaches. In this case, design reaches are deemed successful if the variability of its pattern and dimension remain within the range of the dimensionless ratios taken from the reference reaches, plus or minus one-half the value of that range. For the North Fork Mountain Creek restoration project, dimensionless ratios of the design reaches vary slightly from the dimensionless ratios of the reference reaches. As a result, the restoration will be determined to be successful if the dimensionless ratios of the pattern and dimension of the restoration reaches remain within their 'asbuilt' range, plus or minus one-half the value of the range of the dimensionless ratios of the reference reaches. Pattern features (bedform distributions and riffle/pool lengths and slopes) should demonstrate little adjustment within the 7-year monitoring period. In terms of sediment transport, no significant trend in the aggradational or depositional potential of the restoration reaches should occur over the monitoring period. A minimum of two bankfull events must be documented by crest gage [data] within the standard monitoring period.

1.4.2. Wetland

As per USACE (2003) guidelines, wetlands exhibiting water within 12 inches of the surface consecutively between 5% and 12.5% of the growing season in most years may be considered functional wetlands. The growing season at the North Fork Mountain Creek site extends from March 21 to November 11, a total of 236 days (NRCS 2012). Restored wetland hydrology is being compared to reference wetland hydrology both on-site and at the South Fork project (NCNCDMS Project No. 346, unpublished data). Based on data collected on-site, an 8% hydroperiod will be used as success criteria for this project.

1.5. Project Performance

This report presents the results of the Monitoring Year 7 (MY7) visual, hydraulic, vegetative, and groundwater data collected by two crest gauges, 16 automated groundwater monitoring stations, one automated rain gauge, 14 vegetative monitoring plots, and 31 photographic reference locations: as specified in the approved Restoration Plan and Baseline Report (EBX 2009, 2012).

Visual assessment of the site consisted of re-visiting 31 photographic reference locations (**Appendix B**), visually assessing the integrity of the channel and structures, assessing the establishment of planted and volunteer vegetation, and documenting the presence of invasive plant species.

In May 2018, RES joined NCDMS on site to determine the severity of the problem areas reported in previous years. It was determined that the two potential problems on site are the series of stressed structures on Reach 1 (**Figure 2, Table 4a**) and a stretch of bed degradation on Reach 4. The issue with the stressed structures was water piping under and around the structures. This was causing bed and bank instability. The stressed structures were hand repaired in November 2018. RES used a mixture of gravel and bentonite pellets to plug only the area where the water was routing between the structures and piping under them. The structure where the water was cutting around into the bank, was removed and the eroded bank was armored with coir logs, soil, matting, and livestakes. The area of bed degradation on Reach 4 is confined between two grade control structures. Based on the mature vegetation, RES decided that utilizing heavy equipment to stabilize this small section (130 ft), would result in more damage than benefit to the project. Additionally, the MY7 cross morphology data shows that XS21 has equalized and matches closely to the baseline/MY1 cross section. The vegetation problem areas noted in previous years have been resolved in MY7. The areas of poor growth have improved, and the invasive species areas were treated again in August 2018.

Stream morphology data collected during MY7 indicates that, in general, the stream is stable. All riffle cross sections had bank height ratios less than 1.2 and entrenchment ratios greater than 1.4. The biggest change between MY5 and MY7 was noticed on pool XS10 which has down cut about six inches. This cross section has shown consistent scour since MY1 and is most likely due to the fact that is located directly below a series of structures. RES has inspected the integrity of the structure directly above the cross section and does not believe it is at risk of failure. Stream morphology data is in **Appendix D**.

Substrate monitoring was also performed during MY7. Riffle D50 ranged from sand to medium gravel. Reach 4 and Reach 2 had D50s of medium gravel and Reach 3 and Reach 1 had D50s of silt/clay. Across the monitoring period, Reach 4 and Reach 2 substrate has coarsened, Reach 3 has gotten finer, and Reach 1 has stayed the same.

Vegetation data collected during MY7 indicates that all 14 permanent vegetation monitoring plots have met the seven-year vegetative success criteria of 210 stems per acre (**Table 5**). Average stem density across all plots was 856 stems per acre with an average height of 21.4 feet during MY7 (**Table 5**). A total of 18 woody plant species were documented within the vegetation plots (**Table 7**). Areas of poor growth noted in previous years have improved and herbaceous species are well established throughout the site.

Precipitation at NFMC was mostly average for the growing season with the exception of April, May, and August being wetter than the 70th percentile and July being drier than the 30th percentile for precipitation in Catawba County (**Table 11**).

During MY7, seven of the ten original monitoring wells met the 8% hydroperiod success criteria (**Table 12**). Hydroperiods for the original wells (NFMC-1 through NFMC-10) ranged from 1.3% to 50.4%. For MY7, data was not recorded at NFMC-1 due to a broken HOBO transducer. The four supplemental gauges in the vicinity of NFMC-5 located on the right descending bank (south eastern portion) of Reach 4 were again monitored to determine wetland success. NFMC-S3, NFMC-S4, and NFMC-S6 met hydrology success criteria with a hydroperiod of 8.9% ,23.1%, and 88.8% respectively; however, NFMC-S1 and NFMC-S2 did not meet the success criteria during MY7. NFMC-S5 malfunctioned during MY7 and did not collect any data during the growing season.

On February 4, 2015, RES, IRT, and DMS conducted an onsite meeting to review and discuss non-performing areas within the restored wetland that were failing to meet wetland criteria based on the Restoration Plan. Based on monitoring well data, portions of the constructed wetland area appeared not to be meeting the minimum hydrology standard, while other areas that were not proposed for restoration did appear to be returning to wetland conditions. RES requested the areas be swapped so that mitigation credit could be obtained for the areas that were returning to wetland in lieu of the area not meeting criteria; to which the IRT agreed. This new area is subject to the same performance standards as the other wetlands restored on the site. Two supplemental wells were installed in this area at the upper end of Reach 4, NFMC-S5 and NFMC-S6, and NFMC-S6 met success criteria for MY7 with 88.8%. NFMC-S5 malfunctioned during MY7 and did not collect any data during the growing season.

The wetland area near wells NFMC-S1, NFMC-S2, NFMC-4, and NFMC-5 has consistently failed to meet hydrology success criteria over the monitoring period. This failing area sits at a higher elevation than the adjacent wetland restoration/creation areas, and lacks sufficient wetland hydrology needed to form hydric soils. In February 2019, RES staff delineated the failing area out of the crediting area. The failing area is comprised of 0.31 acres of wetland creation and 0.11 acres of wetland restoration. The 0.13 wetland creation area that RES proposed in MY4 2015 has exceeded success criteria in every monitoring year since installation. During the February 2019 site visit, RES staff delineated another expansion area of wetland creation located in a concave position along the upper right bank floodplain of Reach 4. This expansion area surrounds existing wetland restoration and creation areas and displays surface water/high water table, hydric soil, and hydrophytic vegetation.

Since project completion in June 2012, at least six bankfull events have occurred at the project site. An initial bankfull event occurred in August 2012, which registered 0.58 foot above bankfull on Reach 2. The crest gauge on Reach 4 was damaged from the event and, consequently, the water level above bankfull could not be determined; however, the event was photo documented. A second event was documented using wrack lines in January 2013. The third event registered on the Reach 4 crest gauge as 0.33 foot above bankfull. The Reach 2 crest gauge did not register a bankfull event; however, photo-documentation of wrack lines along the reach indicated that a bankfull event did occur on this reach as well. During MY4, crest gauge data and wrack line observations on both Reach 4 and Reach 2 indicated a bankfull event had occurred. During MY5, one bankfull event was noted on Reach 4 with the crest gauge recording a water level 0.10 foot above bankfull. During MY6, one bankfull event was noted on Reach 4 with the crest gauge recording a water level 0.24 foot above bankfull. In MY7, both crest gauges recorded bankfull events and wrack lines were observed across the whole site (**Table 10**).

Summary information/data related to the occurrence of such things as beaver or encroachment, and statistics related to performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. Additional background and supporting information can be found in the Baseline Monitoring Report (EBX 2012) and in the Mitigation Plan (EBX 2011) documents.

2.0 METHODS

This report presents the results of the MY7 visual and hydrologic data from 2 crest gauges, 16 automated groundwater monitoring stations, 1 automated rain gauge, 14 vegetation monitoring plots, and 31 photographic reference locations; as specified in the approved Restoration Plan and Baseline Report (EBX 2011, 2012).

Visual assessment of the stream was performed quarterly. Permanent photo station photos at 31 photographic reference locations were collected during the final visual assessment of the monitoring

year in November, toward the end of the growing season. Additional photos of stream problem areas were documented with photographs and included in the electronic data submittal.

Geomorphic measurements were taken during low flow conditions using a Topcon GTS-312 Total Station. Three-dimensional coordinates associated with cross-section data was collected in the field and geo-referenced (NAD83 State Plane feet FIPS 3200). Morphological data was collected at 26 cross-sections. Survey data was imported into CAD, ArcGIS®, and Microsoft Excel® for data processing and analysis. Channel substrate was characterized using a Wolman Pebble Count as outlined in Harrelson et al. (1994) and processed using Microsoft Excel.

Vegetation success is being monitored using 14 permanent monitoring plots. Vegetation monitoring follows the CVS-EEP Level 2 Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.2 (Lee et al. 2008) and includes analysis of composition and density of planted species. Data is processed using the CVS data entry tool. In the field, the four corners of each plot were permanently marked with rebar and photos of each plot are taken from the origin each monitoring year.

Precipitation data was collected using an Onset HOBO Data Logging Rain Gauge. Groundwater for hydrologic success of the restored wetlands was monitored using 16 Onset HOBO U20 Water Level Loggers. An additional logger was installed on site, above ground, for use as a barometric reference. Data loggers collected depth to groundwater daily and all data were processed using HOBOware and analyzed using Microsoft Excel.

Bankfull events were documented with crest gauges located on Reaches 2 and 4. During quarterly visits to the site, the height of the corkline in each gauge was recorded.

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Appendix A

General Tables and Figures

Figure 1. Vicinity Map

Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History

Table 3. Project Contacts

Figure 2a-c. Current Conditions Plan View Maps

	Table 1. Project Components								
	North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland / Project No. 94151								
Project Component or Reach ID	Existing Feet/ Acres	Restoration	Approach	Restoration or Restoration Equivalent	Footage or Acreage	Failing Areas	Expansion Areas	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Credits (WMUs/ SMUs)
Reach 1	698	R	R (P1)	R	698	-	-	1:1	698
Reach 2	1,542	R	R (P1)	R	1,756	-	-	1:1	1,756
Reach 3	598	R	R (P1)	R	614	-	-	1:1	614
Reach 4	2,245	R	R (P1/P2)	R	2,231	-	-	1:1	2,231
	Total SMUs							5,299	
Wetland-R	-	R	R	R	1.17	0.11	-	1:1	1.06
Wetland-C	-	С	С	RE	3.27	0.31	0.26	2:1	1.61
Wetland-P	0.97	P	-	-	0.97	-	-	-	-
Total WMUs							2.67		

¹W-R = wetlands restoration; W-C = wetlands creation; W-P = wetlands preservation.

²Wetland creation mitigation ratio was 2:1 as agreed upon with the USACE during the 401/404 permitting process (EBX 2012).

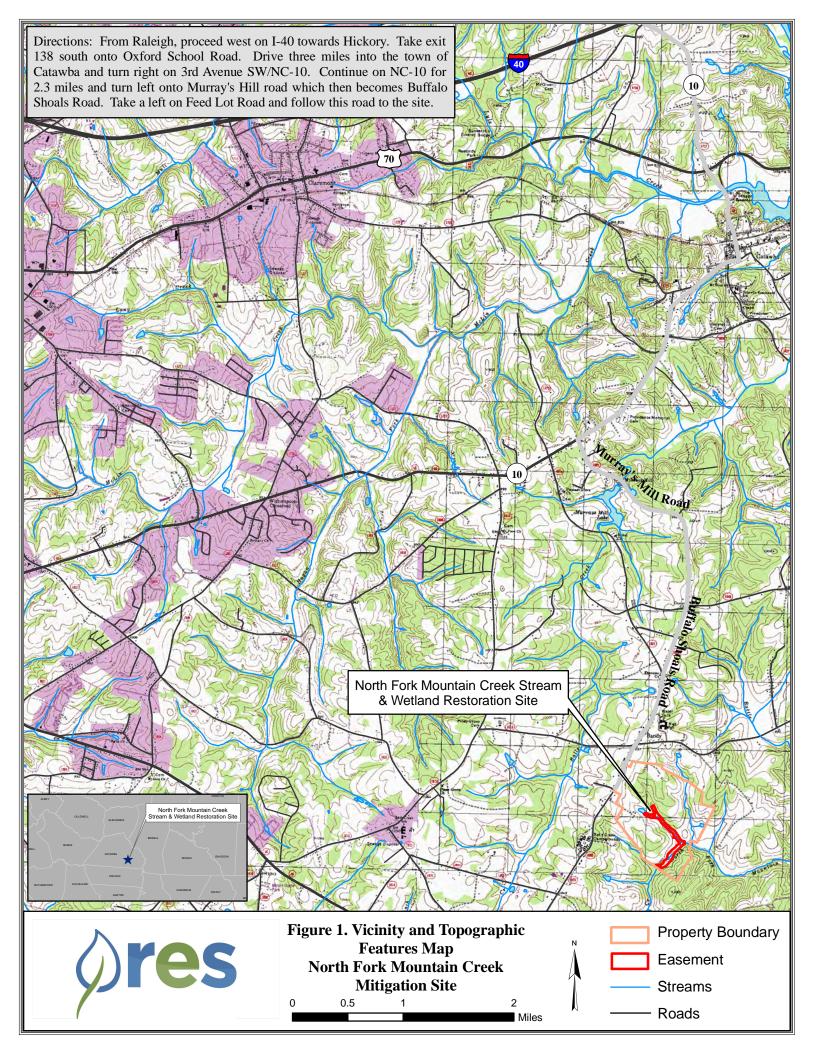
³Existing wetlands were preserved on the site, but no WMUs were credited to the project per the RFP.

⁴The 0.26 acre expansion area is comprised of 0.13 acres from the MY4 expansion delineation and 0.13 acres from the MY7 expansion delineation.

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland Restoration Site

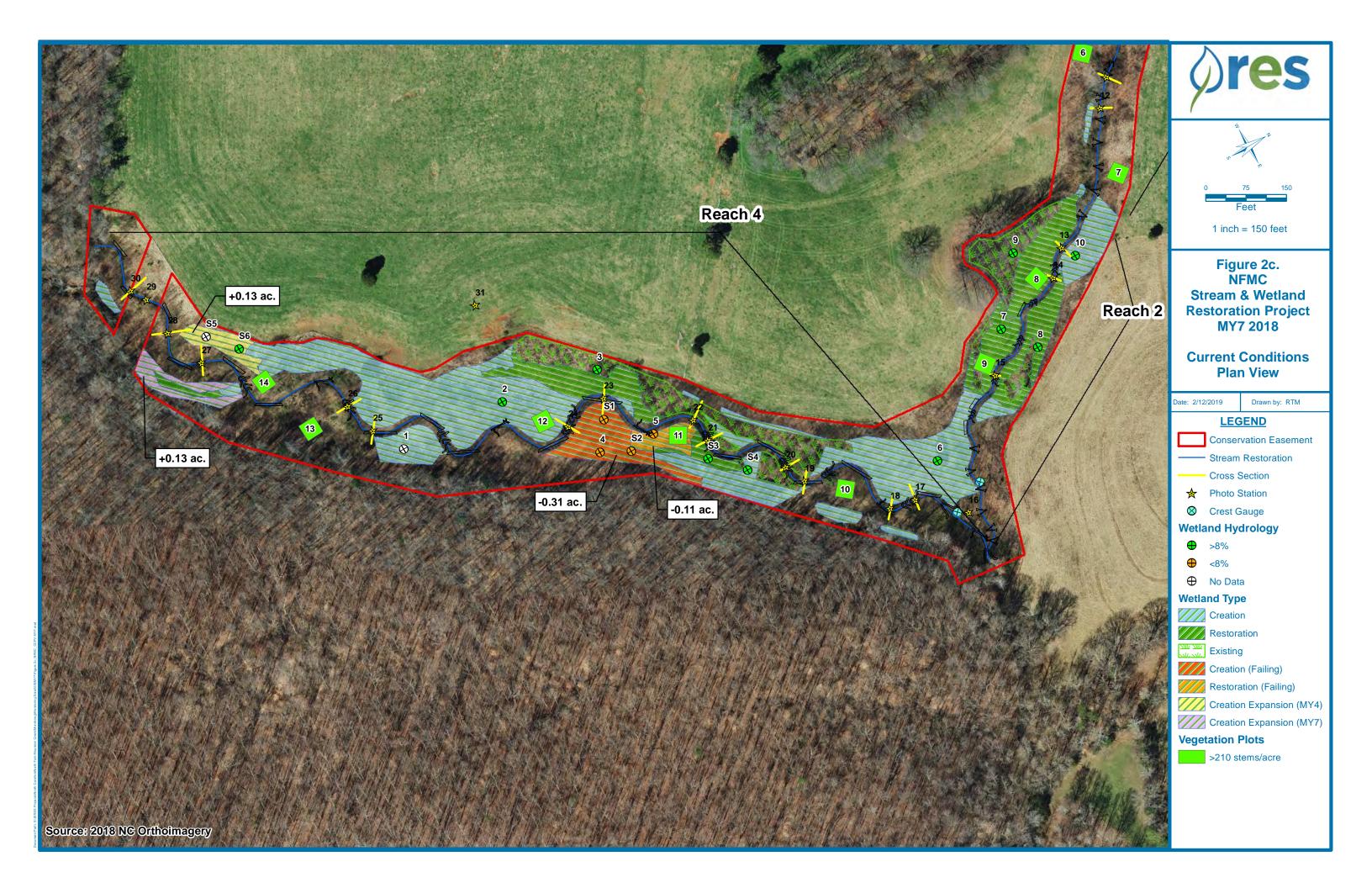
Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Completion or Delivery
Restoration Plan	Jul - 2011	Jul - 2011
Final Design - Construction Plans	N/A	Oct - 2011
Construction	N/A	May - 2012
Temporary S&E Mix Applied to Entire Project Area	N/A	May - 2012
Live Stakes and Bare Root Plantings for Entire Project Area	N/A	May - 2012
Mitigation Plan / As-Built (Year 0 Monitoring - Baseline)	Jun - 2012	Aug - 2012
Exotic Invasive Plant Control	Jun - 2012	Jun - 2012
Year 1 Monitoring - 2012	Dec - 2012	Jan - 2013
Year 2 Monitoring - 2013	Nov - 2013	Nov - 2013
Year 3 Monitoring - 2014	Nov - 2014	Dec - 2014
Mitigation Plan Addendum	Feb - 2015	May - 2015
Beaver Dam Removal	-	Sep - 2015
Year 4 Monitoring - 2015	Nov - 2015	Dec - 2015
Year 5 Monitoring - 2016	Nov - 2016	Dec - 2016
Year 6 Monitoring - 2017	Stream: N/A Vegetation: Nov - 2017	Feb - 2018
Invasive Plant Treatment	-	Aug - 2018
Year 7 Monitoring - 2018	Stream: July - 2018 Vegetation: Oct – 2018	Feb - 2019
Structure Repair	-	Nov - 2018

Table 3. Project Contacts (NCDMS Project No. 94151)				
Contact	Provider Information			
Designer	Stantec Consulting, Inc.			
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	Winston-Salem, NC 27101			
	Darrell Westmoreland (336) 725-2010			
Construction Contractor POC	Nate Martin (336) 725-2010			
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	313 Condon Road			
	Manistee, MI 49660			
Planting Contractor 1 POC	Brian Jarvinen (231) 590-9198			
Planting Contractor 2	Strader Farms, LLC			
Planting Contractor 2 POC	Kenneth Strader			
Seed Mix Sources	Green Resource			
	5204 Highgreen Court			
	Colfax, NC 27235			
Nursery Stock Suppliers	ArborGen (Trees and Livestakes)			
	Blenheim, SC			
	Strader Farms (Livestakes)			
Baseline Monitoring Performers (Year 0)	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.			
	801 Jones Franklin Rd Suite 300			
	Raleigh, NC 27606			
Stream Monitoring POC	Tim Taylor (704) 329-0900			
Vegetation Monitoring POC	N/A			
Wetland Monitoring POC	N/A			
Annual Monitoring Performers (Year 1-5)	Equinox Environmental Consultation			
	and Design, Inc.			
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	Asheville, NC 28801			
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Vegetation Monitoring POC	Drew Alderman (828) 253-6856			
Wetland Monitoring POC	Drew Alderman (828) 253-6856			
Annual Monitoring Performers (Year 6-7)	Resource Environmental Solutions,			
, (,	LLC			
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Vegetation Monitoring POC	Ryan Medric (919) 741-6268			
Wetland Monitoring POC	Ryan Medric (919) 741-6268			
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Appendix B

Visual Assessment Data

Table 4a. Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment

Table 4b. Vegetation Condition Assessment

MY7 – Permanent Photo Station Photos

MY7 – Representative Photos of Stream Problem Areas

Table 4a. Stream Problem Areas Table							
	North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland / Project No. 94151						
Reach STA Feature Description Note				Notes			
1	106+00 - 106+60	Structures	Stressed Structures	Hand repaired in November 2018			

Table 4b. Vegetation Problem Areas Table							
	North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland / Project No. 94151						
Reach STA Feature Description Notes				Notes			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			

MY7 – Representative Photos of Stream Problem Areas



Reach 1 Sta. 106+00 – Stressed Structure (Repaired November 2018)



Reach 1 Sta. 106+50 – Stressed Structure (Repaired November 2018)

MY7 – 2018 Permanent Photo Points



Reach 1 – Permanent Photo Point 1 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 1 – Permanent Photo Point 2 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 1 – Permanent Photo Point 3 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 1 – Permanent Photo Point 3
Upstream
July 17, 2018



Reach 3 – Permanent Photo Point 4
Downstream
July 17, 2018



Reach 3 – Permanent Photo Point 5 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 3 – Permanent Photo Point 6 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 3 – Permanent Photo Point 6 Upstream July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 7 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 8 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 9
Downstream
July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 10 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 11 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 12 Downstream July 17, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 13

Downstream

November 15, 2017



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 14

Downstream

July 18, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 15 Downstream July 18, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 16 North July 18, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 16 Northwest July 18, 2018



Reach 2 – Permanent Photo Point 16 Southwest July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 17 Downstream July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 18
Downstream
July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 19 Downstream July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 20 Downstream July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 21
Downstream
July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 22 Downstream July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 23

Downstream

July 18, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 24

Downstream

July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 25

Downstream

July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 26 Downstream July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 27

Downstream

July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 28 Downstream July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 29 Upstream July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 30 Downstream July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 31 Northeast July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 31 Southeast July 19, 2018



Reach 4 – Permanent Photo Point 31 South July 19, 2018

Appendix C

Vegetation Plot Data

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Table 6. CVS Vegetation Metadata

Table 7. Total Planted Stem Counts

Vegetation Plot Photos

Table 5. MY7 Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment

Plot#	Planted Stems/Acre	Volunteer Stems/Acre	Total Stems/Acre	Success Criteria Met?	Average Stem Height (ft)
1	567	243	809	Yes	19.8
2	688	162	850	Yes	16.6
3	728	0	728	Yes	21.2
4	1174	283	1457	Yes	14.7
5	1012	0	1012	Yes	26.1
6	728	364	1093	Yes	19.3
7	1335	0	1335	Yes	22.2
8	1012	0	1012	Yes	28.9
9	769	40	809	Yes	21.3
10	850	0	850	Yes	26.5
11	890	1012	1902	Yes	20.2
12	931	202	1133	Yes	26.4
13	567	526	1093	Yes	13.2
14	728	324	1052	Yes	17.6
Project Avg	856	225	1081	Yes	21.4

	Table 6. CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata
	ountain Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Site
Report Prepared By	Ryan Medric
Date Prepared	10/22/2018
1.4.1	NEMO NOVE 2010 II
database name	NFMC_MY7_2018.mdb
	C:\Users\rmedric\Dropbox (RES)\@RES Projects\North
dadahan lasadan	Carolina\North Fork Mountain Creek\Monitoring\Monitoring
database location	Data\MY7_2018\Vegetation Data
computer name	DESKTOP-F4AI5MT
file size	48173056
DECOLDE	ION OF WODINGHEETS IN THIS DOCUMENT
DESCRIPT	ON OF WORKSHEETS IN THIS DOCUMENT
Matadata	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of
Metadata	project(s) and project data.
Proj, planted	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.
Froj, pianteu	1 ~
	Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year.
Proj total stams	This includes live stakes, all planted stems, and all natural/volunteer
Proj, total stems	stems.
Plots	List of plots surveyed with location and summary data (live stems,
	dead stems, missing, etc.).
Vigor Vigor by Spp	Frequency distribution of vigor classes for stems for all plots. Frequency distribution of vigor classes listed by species.
vigor by Spp	List of most frequent damage classes with number of occurrences
Damage	and percent of total stems impacted by each.
Damage by Spp	Damage values tallied by type for each species.
Damage by Plot	Damage values tallied by type for each plot.
Planted Stems by Plot and	A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for
Spp	each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.
	A matrix of the count of total living stems of each species (planted
	and natural volunteers combined) for each plot; dead and missing
ALL Stems by Plot and spp	stems are excluded.
	PROJECT SUMMARY
Project Code	171300307
project Name	North Fork Mountain Creek
Description	
River Basin	Catawba
length(ft)	
stream-to-edge width (ft)	
area (sq m)	
Required Plots (calculated)	
Sampled Plots	14

Table 7. Total Planted Stem Counts

North Fork Mountain Creek																Curr	ent Plo	t Data	(MY72	2018)													
			17130	0307-0	1-0001	17130030	7-01-00	02 17	713003	307-01-	0003	171300307-	01-0004	17130	0307-0	L-0005	17130	0307-0	1-0006	17130	0307-01-0007	17130	0307-0	1-0008	17130	0307-0	01-0009	17130	0307-0	1-0010	171300	307-01-	0011
Scientific Name	Common Name	Species Type	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS P-	all T	Pn	noLS P	-all T	•	PnoLS P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all T	
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree																															
Acer rubrum var. rubrum	red maple	Tree																															
Alnus serrulata	hazel alder	Shrub										1	1 1	L																			20
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree																				4	. 4	4	2	2	2 2	5	5	5	,		
Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam	Tree																										1	1	. 1	. 3	3	4
Carpinus caroliniana var.	Coastal American Ho	Tree																										1	1	. 1	-		
Cephalanthus occidentali	common buttonbush	Shrub																															
Cornus amomum	silky dogwood	Shrub	1	1	1				1	1	1																						
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	Tree																															
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	1	1	1	4	4	4				9	9 9	9			1	1	1	4	4 4	. 2	2	2	5	į	5 5	2	2	2	. 3	3	3
Juglans nigra	black walnut	Tree							3	3	3	1	1 1	L														1	1	. 1	. 1	1	1
Juniperus virginiana	eastern redcedar	Tree						1																									
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree			1														6														4
Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	Tree	3	3	5	2	2	2	5	5	5	2	2 4	1 9	9	9	6	6	8									4	4	4	. 2	2	
Liriodendron tulipifera va	Tulip-tree, Yellow Po	Tree																															
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree																															
Pinus taeda	loblolly pine	Tree																															
Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	10 1	.0 10) 4	4	4	1	1	. 1	16	16 16	13	13	13	10	10	0 10	3	3	3	, 9	9	9
Platanus occidentalis var.	Sycamore, Plane-tree	Tree																															
Prunus serotina	black cherry	Tree			3			1											1														
Prunus serotina var. serot	black cherry	Tree																															
Prunus serrulata	Japanese flowering o	cherry																															
Quercus	oak	Tree																															
Quercus alba	white oak	Tree	5	5	5				1	1	1			6	6	6	4	4	4	. 3	3 3												
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	1	1	1	7	7	8	6	6	6	6	6 6	5 4	4	4	5	5	5 5	8	8 8	6	6	6	2		2 2	4	4	4	4	4	
·	northern red oak	Tree	2	2	2	1	1	1						2	2	2	1	1	. 1	. 2	2 2												
Quercus rubra var. rubra	northern red oak	Tree																															
Rhus	sumac	shrub																															
Rhus aromatica var. arom	fragrant sumac	Shrub																															
		shrub																															
Rhus typhina	Staghorn Sumac	shrub																															
		Tree						1					5	5													1						
Unknown		Shrub or Tree																															
		Stem count	14	14	20	17	17	21	18	18	18	29 2	9 36	5 25	25	25	18	18	3 27	33	33 33	25	25	25	19	19	9 20	21	21	. 21	22	22	47
		size (ares)		1		1			1			1			1			1		1		1				1		1			1		
		size (ACRES)		0.02		0.02			0.02			0.02)		0.02		0.02				0.02		0.02	0.02				0.02			0.02		
		Species count		7	9	5	5	8	6	6	6	6	6 7	7 5	5	5	6	6	8	5	5 5	4	4	4	4	. 4	4 5	8	8	8	6	6	8
		tems per ACRE		567	809	688	688 8	50	728	728	728	1174 117	4 1457	1012	1012	1012	728	728	1093	1335	1335 1335	1012	1012	1012	769	769	9 809	850	850	850	890	890	1902

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			171300307-01-0012 171300307-01-0013					171300307	4 N	MY7 (2018)			Y6 (201	L7)	М	IY5 (201	16)	MY3 (2014)			MY2 (2013)			MY1 (2012)			M	2)			
Scientific Name	Common Name	Species Type	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS P-al	l T	PnoL	S P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Ť	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS P-a	II T		PnoLS			PnoLS P	-all	T	PnoLS		r
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree									1			1		18			15										1		
Acer rubrum var. rubrum	red maple	Tree																				9			2						
Alnus serrulata	hazel alder	Shrub	1	1	. 1	. 2	2	2				4	4	24 4	4	26	4	4	29	4	4	58	4	4	56	3	3	19	3	3	3
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	7	7	7	,			3	3	4 2	1 2	21 2	22 21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	26	21	21	21	. 24	24	24	25	25	25
Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam	Tree	1	1	. 1			1				5	5	7 5	5	7	5	5	11	5	5	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8
Carpinus caroliniana var.	Coastal American Ho	Tree										1	1	1 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Cephalanthus occidentali	common buttonbush	Shrub	2	2	. 2	1	1	1				3	3	3 4	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	8	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cornus amomum	silky dogwood	Shrub									3	2	2	5 2	2	8	2	2	19	4	4	14	4	4	8	3	3	3			
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmor	Tree																	7			7			5						
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	1	1	. 1	. 1	1	1	7	7	7 4) 4	10 4	40 41	41	41	39	39	41	39	39	41	40	40	40	41	41	41	44	44	44
Juglans nigra	black walnut	Tree				1	1	1	2	2	2	9	9	9 9	9	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	17	10	10	10	11	11	11
Juniperus virginiana	eastern redcedar	Tree						9						10		4			3												
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree			5			2						18		102			149			78			17			12			
	tuliptree	Tree				3	3	4	2	2	5 3	3	8 4	18 38	38	63	38	38	62	39	39	39	40	40	40	41	41	47	47	47	47
Liriodendron tulipifera va	Tulip-tree, Yellow Po	Tree																				7			15						
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree																										6			
Pinus taeda	loblolly pine	Tree														19													i		
	American sycamore	Tree	8	8	8	2	2	2	1	1	1 8	3 8	33 8	33 83	83	83	81	81	81	84	84	84	86	86	86	86	86	86	91	91	91
Platanus occidentalis var.	Sycamore, Plane-tre	Tree																				10			4	1					
Prunus serotina	black cherry	Tree												5		13															
Prunus serotina var. serot	black cherry	Tree																				10			6						
Prunus serrulata	Japanese flowering	cherry																	20												
Quercus	oak	Tree																								3	3	3	28	28	28
Quercus alba	white oak	Tree									1	9 1	.9 :	19 20	20	20	21	21	23	20	20	20	19	19	19	5	5	5			
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	3 6	3 6	63 (63	63	65	63	63	63	62	62	64	67	67	67	62	62	62	49	49	49
· ·	northern red oak	Tree										3	8	8 8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	11	11	11	. 23	23	23	31	31	31
Quercus rubra var. rubra	northern red oak	Tree																				4									
Rhus	sumac	shrub																										7	i l		
Rhus aromatica var. arom	fragrant sumac	Shrub																							9			\neg			
	smooth sumac	shrub																				11			2						
		shrub																	33												
	black willow	Tree												7		22			23			22			10			4			
Unknown		Shrub or Tree														2													1	1	1
		Stem count		23	28	14	14	27	18	18 2	6 29	5 29	6 37	74 299	299	536	296	296	622	304	304	535	315	315	451	312	312	363	342	342	342
		size (ares)		1	•	1			1			14	•		14		14			14			14		-	14				14	
		size (ACRES)		0.02		0.02		0.02			0.35			0.35		0.35			0.35			0.			0.35				0.35		
	Species count			7	' 8	7	7	10		6	8 1			18 13		20	13			*	13	22	13	13	22		13	17	12		12
		tems per ACRE		931	1133	567	567	1093	728 72	28 105	_		6 10	864							379 1	1546	911		1304		902	1049	989	989	989

MY7 – 2018 Vegetation Plot Photos



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 1



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 2



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 3



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 4



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 5



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 6



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 7



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 8



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 9



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 10



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 11



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 12



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 13



NFMC - Vegetation Monitoring Plot 14

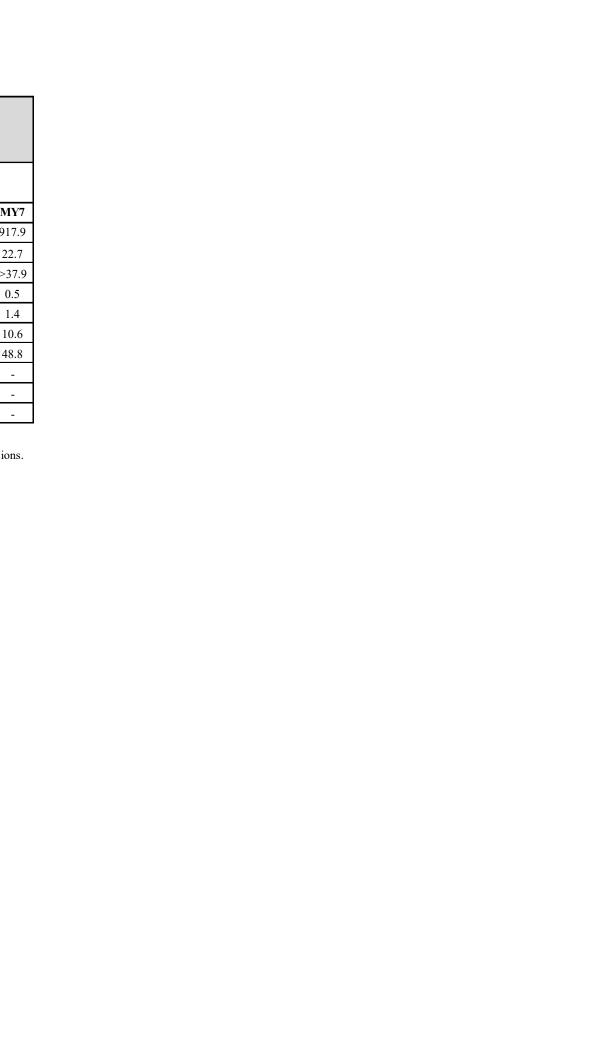
Appendix D

Stream Morphology Data

Table 8. Morphological Parameters Summary DataCross Section PlotsTable 9. Pebble Count Data SummaryMY7 Stream Reach Substrate Composition Charts

Table 8. Moniroting Data - Dimensional Morphology Summary (Dimensional Parameters - Cross-Sections) North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland / Project No. 94151 - Reach 1 (614 feet) Cross-Section 1 **Cross-Section 2** Riffle Pool Dimension Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 919.6 919.8 917.5 917.5 917.5 917.5 917.9 Record Elevation (datum) Used 919.6 919.6 919.6 919.6 917.5 Bankfull Width (ft) 11.1 7.5 22.7 8.4 8.4 10.1 7.1 10.2 10.8 8.5 10.8 Floodprone Width (ft) >40.0 >24.3 50.0 >40.0 >40.0 >34.5 34.2 >40.0 >24.3 >37.9 >40.0 >40 Bankfull Mean Depth (ft) 0.5 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.5 1.5 1.3 1.0 0.8 0.5 0.5 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 1.2 0.6 2.1 2.1 2.0 1.4 0.8 0.6 0.8 0.9 1.5 2.8 6.0 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft²) 4.7 4.2 3.1 3.5 4.7 10.6 13.6 10.5 9.1 10.6 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 19.8 20.3 12.8 16.5 22.8 20.3 22.6 7.7 11.2 12.9 48.8 4.8 Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio 5.6 2.2 5.0 3.3 4.8 2.4 2.2 2.2 5.0 5.0 Bankfull Bank Height Ratio 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.1 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 d50 (mm) 0.063 0.062

^{*} All annual measurements for monitoring year MY7 are based on fixed baseline cross sectional area. Prior years' annual measurements were based on fixed baseline bankfull elevations.



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^{*}Elevation data was offset to match MY2 data

Table 8. Monitoring Data - Dimensional Morphology Summary (Dimensional Parameters - Cross-Sections) North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland / Project No. 94151 - Reach 2 (1,756 feet) Cross-Section 3 Cross-Section 4 Cross-Section 5 Cross-Section 6 Cross-Section 7 Pool Pool Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Dimension 892.6 Record Elevation (datum) Used 901.2 901.2 901.2 901.2 901.2 901.0 900.1 900.1 900.1 900.1 899.7 892.6 892.6 892.6 892.6 891.9 892.6 892.5 892.5 892.5 892.4 889.4 889.4 889.4 889.4 900.1 892.5 Bankfull Width (ft) 12.8 14.4 14.5 14.0 12.8 11.0 10.9 9.3 10.8 10.3 7.9 9.6 9.8 10.2 10.0 6.7 12.0 11.4 12.1 11.1 15.0 12.7 13.6 Floodprone Width (ft) 22.5 >25 >25 >23.1 >23.1 >22.0 22.2 | >20.0 | >20.0 | >20.0 >20.0 >22.9 50.9 >50.0 >50.0 >50.0 >50.0 31.5 45.8 >40 >40 >46.2 >46.2 >45.1 45.4 >40.0 >40.0 >45.0 Bankfull Mean Depth (ft) 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.1 1.2 1.2 1.6 0.7 0.7 0.7 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.9 0.9 0.9 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 1.7 1.7 1.9 1.8 1.8 1.6 1.5 1.8 2.4 2.2 2.1 2.3 2.0 2.0 2.5 2.2 1.9 1.6 1.7 1.7 1.9 1.9 2.6 2.2 2.2 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft²) 10.1 11.5 11.7 11.8 11.9 10.1 9.2 8.0 10.5 11.7 9.2 11.0 11.3 11.3 12.4 13.3 11.0 8.7 8.5 8.8 8.8 9.1 8.7 13.7 11.8 12.8 12.5 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 16.2 18.0 17.9 16.5 13.8 13.0 10.9 11.2 9.1 6.9 8.3 8.4 9.1 8.1 9.0 4.1 16.6 15.2 16.5 15.3 14.9 14.2 16.5 13.6 14.5 Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio 1.0 1.6 1.6 1.7 >1.8 2.0 2.0 2.2 1.9 2.0 2.0 5.3 5.2 5.0 5.0 4.6 3.8 4.1 3.8 4.0 4.0 >4.1 3.0 3.6 3.4 3.4 Bankfull Bank Height Ratio 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.9 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 d50 (mm 6.9 4.0 11.0 0.42 Cross-Section 8 Cross-Section 9 Cross-Section 11 Cross-Section 10 Riffle Riffle Pool Riffle Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Dimension Record Elevation (datum) Used 888.9 888.9 888.9 888.9 888.9 889.0 883.4 883.4 883.4 883.4 883.4 883.5 882.8 882.8 882.8 882.8 882.8 882.5 878.7 878.7 878.7 878.7 878.7 878.9 Bankfull Width (ft) 12.3 11.4 11.9 15.4 12.8 13.0 14.6 13.3 13.0 12.4 9.1 7.8 8.9 11.9 11.4 12.6 13.8 11.4 9.0 8.0 Floodprone Width (ft) >40.0 >40.0 >200.0 >150.0 >17.9 50.0 >40.0 >40.0 >39.7 40.0 >40.0 >40.0 >38.7 >38.7 >38.6 150.0 >150.0 >200.0 >26.7 >150.0 150.0 >150.0 Bankfull Mean Depth (ft) 0.9 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.6 0.6 0.7 0.7 0.9 1.0 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.7 0.8 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 2.0 1.6 1.7 1.9 1.9 1.1 1.1 1.5 1.5 1.3 1.6 1.4 1.8 1.8 2.3 2.8 1.0 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.6 9.7 7.4 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft2) 10.2 9.4 8.9 10.2 8.1 6.1 6.6 7.4 6.5 8.1 8.1 8.6 8.6 10.5 8.8 4.7 4.9 4.3 5.3 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 13.9 14.3 16.0 14.7 14.6 15.5 29.0 26.8 25.9 25.9 29.3 26.3 21.8 19.8 17.8 12.4 9.4 17.0 12.4 9.1 12.2 10.8 Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio 4.2 3.5 3.3 3.5 3.4 >3.2 2.6 3.0 3.0 2.8 2.8 >2.6 2.2 11.3 15.3 16.2 17.5 2.7 16.7 25.7 24.0 18.7 >2.0 Bankfull Bank Height Ratio 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.8 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.8 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.062 2.4 17.0 11.0 12.0 6.4

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^{*} All annual measurements for monitoring year M Y7 are based on fixed baseline cross sectional area. Prior years' annual measurements were based on fixed baseline bankfull elevations.

Table 8. Monitoring Data - Dimensional Morphology Summary (Dimensional Parameters - Cross-Sections) North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland / Project No. 94151 - Reach 3 (698 feet) Cross-Section 12 **Cross-Section 13** Riffle Pool MY3 Dimension Base MY1 MY2 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 918.0 918.0 918.0 918.0 918.0 918.2 916.8 916.8 916.8 916.8 916.8 916.9 Record Elevation (datum) Used Bankfull Width (ft) 7.8 7.9 7.5 7.8 8.6 9.0 7.2 8.3 10.0 8.1 7.6 8.8 Floodprone Width (ft) >30.0 >30.0 >20.0 >30.0 >30.0 >32.0 22.8 >20.0 24.2 33.2 >30.0 >30.0 Bankfull Mean Depth (ft) 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.4 1.1 1.2 1.1 1.0 1.1 1.0 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 1.9 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.8 2.2 2.0 2 1.0 1.0 2.1 1.9 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft² 8.6 9.1 4.2 3.8 3.8 3.5 3.6 4.2 9.1 9.4 9.4 9.0 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 7.0 23.9 7.2 7.9 8.8 12.5 17.9 16.4 15.9 17.0 6.1 8.6 Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio 2.7 4.3 3.2 2.8 2.8 3.0 2.4 4.1 4.4 3.9 3.8 Bankfull Bank Height Ratio 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.1

d50 (mm)

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Table 8. Monitoring Data - Dimensional Morphology Summary (Dimensional Parameters - Cross-Sections) North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland / Project No. 94151 - Reach 4 (2,231 feet) Cross-Section 14 Cross-Section 15 Cross-Section 16 Cross-Section 17 Pool Riffle MY3 MY4 MY7 Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Dimension Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Base MY1 MY2 MY5 MY6 Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY7 Base MY1 889.4 Record Elevation (datum) Used 890.9 890.9 890.9 890.9 891.2 889.7 889.7 889.7 890.0 889.4 889.4 889.4 889.7 886.6 886.6 886.6 886.6 886.7 886.2 886.2 Bankfull Width (ft) 20.6 21.0 19.4 18.3 22.2 17.3 16.2 17.5 19.3 18.6 18.7 18.4 18.5 29.4 18.6 25.8 27.8 18.4 19 1 16.3 16.1 16.2 17.5 19.8 19.4 19.6 Floodprone Width (ft) 59.3 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 100.0 55.7 >150.0 | >150.0 | >150.0 >56.0 >150.0 >50.5 >150.0 >59.3 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >71.9 >150.0 50.3 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 53.3 >150.0 >150.0 Bankfull Mean Depth (ft) 1.2 1.4 1.2 1.2 1.0 1.2 1.2 0.9 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 1.3 1.2 1.1 1.4 1.2 1.2 1.1 1.1 1.4 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 3.1 3.0 3.0 3.1 3.2 3.4 2.2 2.1 2.2 2.2 2.6 2.8 2.3 2.2 2.2 2.2 2.3 2.5 2.3 2.2 2.6 2.8 2.7 3.0 3.4 3.6 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft²) 25.6 25.0 25.5 19.9 25.4 22.4 22.5 21.8 25.4 23.9 23.9 36 24.7 22.4 25.6 17.0 16.7 15.9 17.1 19.9 21.2 23.0 23.8 24.0 22.6 35.1 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 16.6 15.0 13.1 13.7 19.3 15.1 15.7 34.0 15.0 16.5 15.7 19.0 21.5 16.7 15.6 16.2 15.4 15.4 14.8 15.4 15.6 15.5 16.2 12.7 17.0 18.5 Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio 2.9 7.7 8.2 8.6 7.9 5.8 9.2 9.3 9.3 9.2 >4.1 2.9 8.1 8.0 8.2 8.1 >1.9 2.9 8.1 7.6 7.6 >2.4 2.1 5.4 Bankfull Bank Height Ratio 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.9 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.9 1.0 1.0 d50 (mm) 10.0 17.0 17.0 17.0 18.0 10.0 Cross-Section 19 Cross-Section 20 Cross-Section 21 Cross-Section 22 Riffle Pool Riffle Pool Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Dimension Record Elevation (datum) Used 883.0 883.0 883.0 883.0 883.0 883.1 882.6 882.6 882.6 882.6 882.6 882.9 880.6 880.6 880.6 880.6 880.6 880.9 880.0 880.0 880.0 880.0 879.9 878.2 878.2 878.2 Bankfull Width (ft) 21.7 21.5 22.3 25.3 24.8 25.1 34.6 23.0 21.4 21.0 21.5 17.2 22.1 22.5 32.6 25.3 25.6 20.8 23.3 20.7 18.2 18.1 18.0 17.9 18.6 19.0 Floodprone Width (ft) 100.0 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >53.9 39.5 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >51.7 56.1 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >55.8 | 54.5 | >150.0 | >150.0 | >150.0 >150.0 >54.7 | 54.0 | >150.0 | >150.0 | >150.0 >150.0 Bankfull M ean Depth (ft) 1.2 1.1 1.0 1.0 0.8 1.5 1.2 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.3 1.2 1.5 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.3 1.3 1.2 1.1 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 2.1 2.1 2.1 2.2 2.4 2.6 3.3 2.9 3.0 3.0 2.9 3.4 3.4 3.4 4.1 3.0 3.5 2.2 1.9 2.2 2.3 3.1 2.4 2.3 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft²) 25.8 23.9 23.3 22.5 22.5 25.8 36.7 30.3 28.8 28.3 27.2 36.7 34.2 31.5 31.9 27.8 25.7 34.2 22.0 19.6 19.6 19.9 22.6 22.0 22.7 21.0 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 18.2 19.4 21.4 21.7 22.6 41.2 17.4 20.3 22.0 22.6 24.1 32.6 | 15.5 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 16.6 16.9 15.9 19.6 17.0 16.7 16.3 14.3 13.4 15.2 17.3 Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio 4.6 7.0 6.7 6.8 6.7 2.2 6.0 6.0 5.9 5.9 2.4 7.0 7.1 7.0 7.2 2.6 8.2 8.3 8.3 8.4 >3.1 2.1 7.9 Bankfull Bank Height Ratio 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.7 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 d50 (mm) 12.0 3.0 29.0 5.6 Cross-Section 24 Cross-Section 25 Cross-Section 26 Riffle Pool Pool Base MY1 MY2 MY3 MY4 MY5 MY6 MY7 Dimension Record Elevation (datum) Used 877.8 877.8 877.8 877.8 877.8 876.2 876.2 876.2 876.2 876.1 875.2 875.2 875.2 875.2 877 8 876.2 875.2 875 1 Bankfull Width (ft) 18.6 18.2 18.6 18.7 19.4 18.9 19.4 18.8 19.5 19.9 19.8 Floodprone Width (ft) 42.3 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >41.7 50.3 | >150.0 | >150.0 | >150.0 >150.0 >50.5 50.1 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >150.0 >50 Bankfull Mean Depth (ft) 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.3 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 Bankfull Max Depth (ft) 2.5 2.5 2.7 3.2 3.0 2.3 2.7 2.6 2.6 3.0 2.5 Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft2) 19.4 21.2 20.7 20.5 19.4 20.8 26.2 26.3 25.3 24.4 26.4 26.2 19.4 19.8 19.9 19.6 20.2 Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio 16.3 16.0 16.8 16.9 15.9 13.3 14.2 14.1 15.7 15.2 14.4 18.2 19.3 19.9 21.4 20.1 20.2

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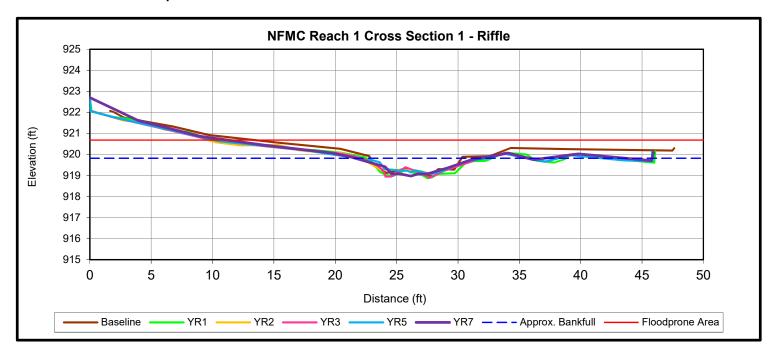
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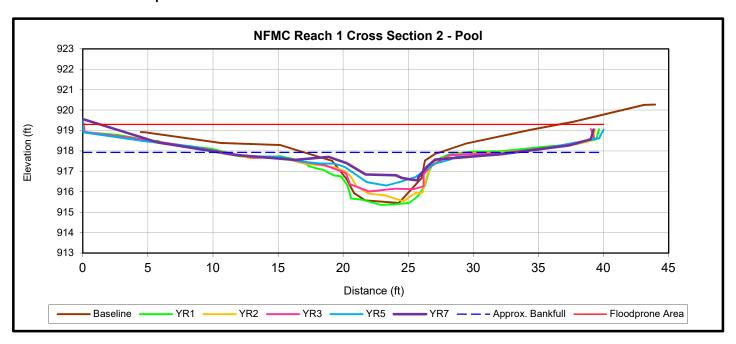
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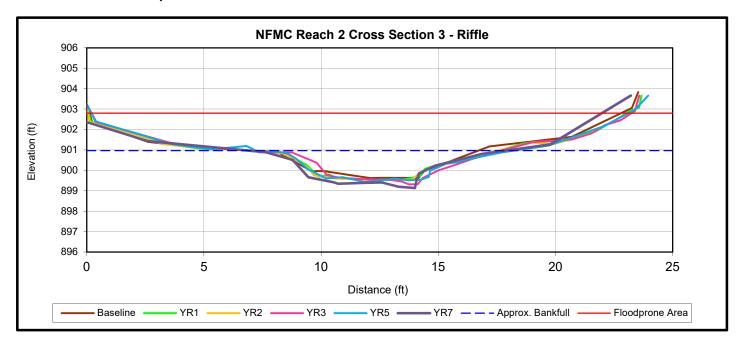






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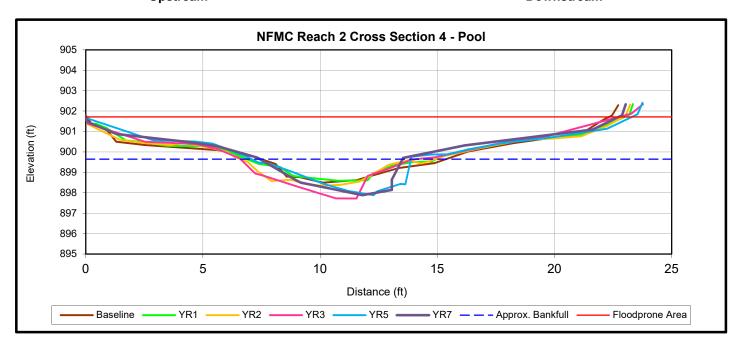






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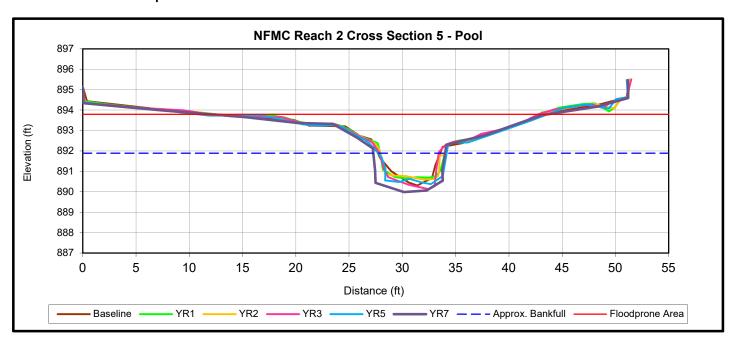






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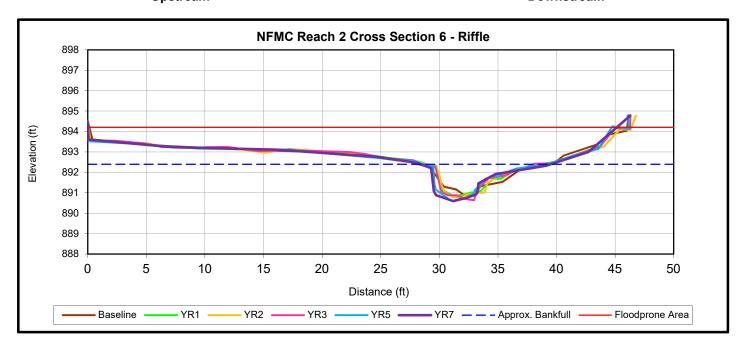






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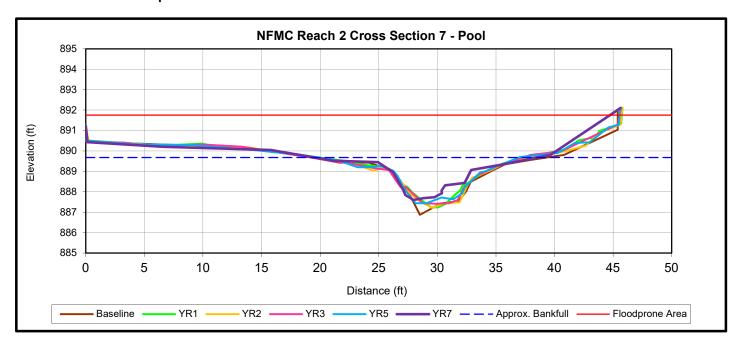
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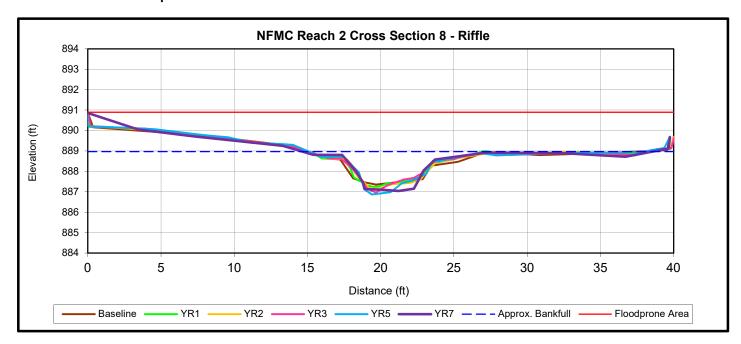






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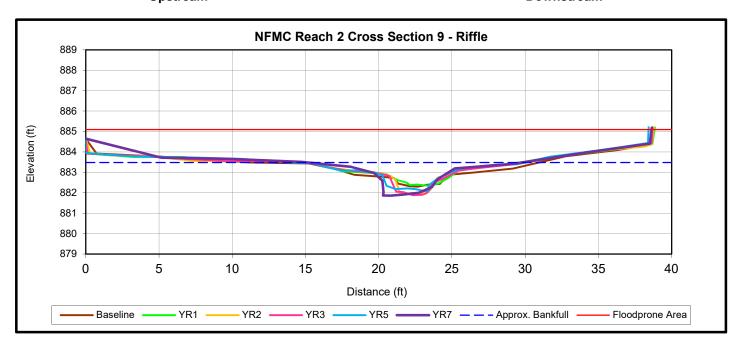
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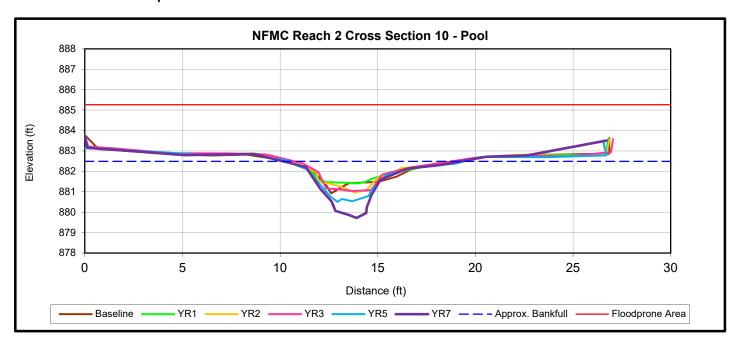






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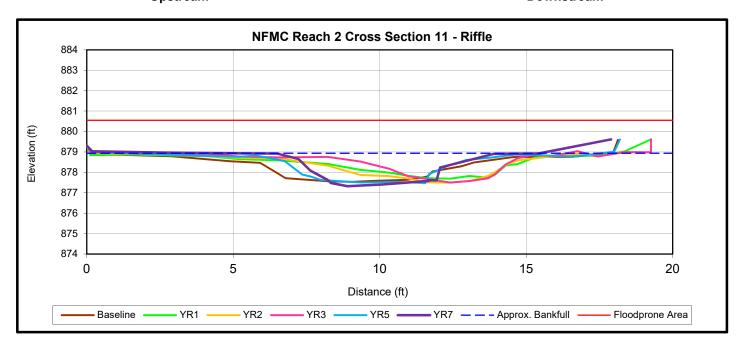
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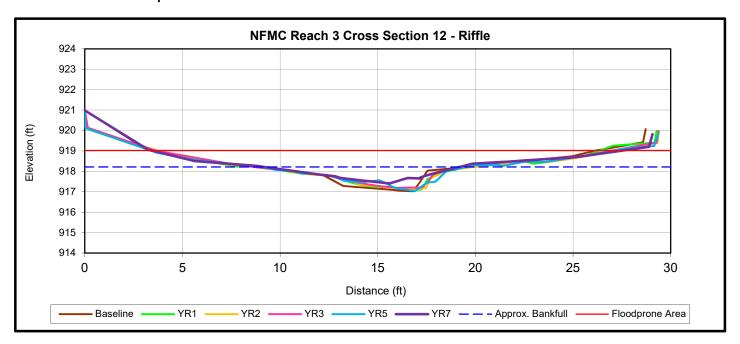






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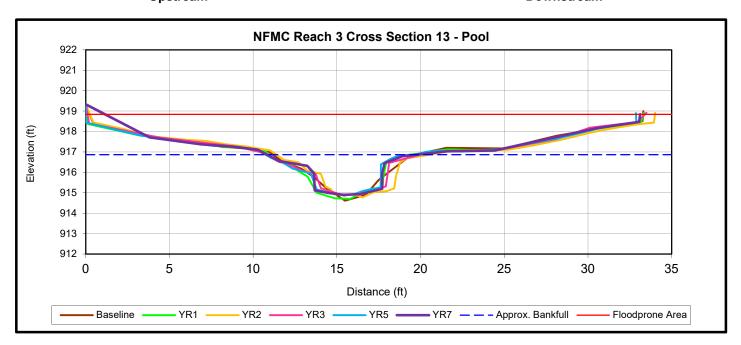






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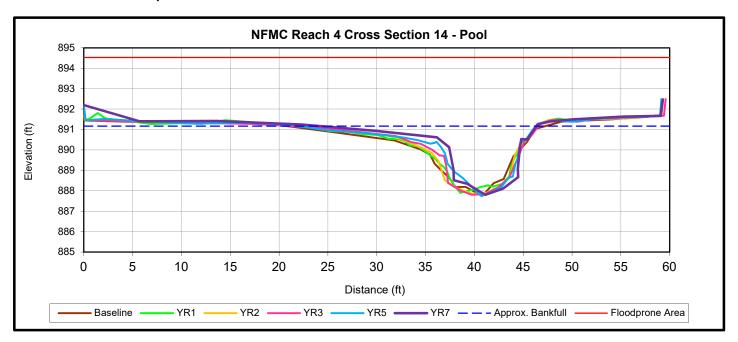
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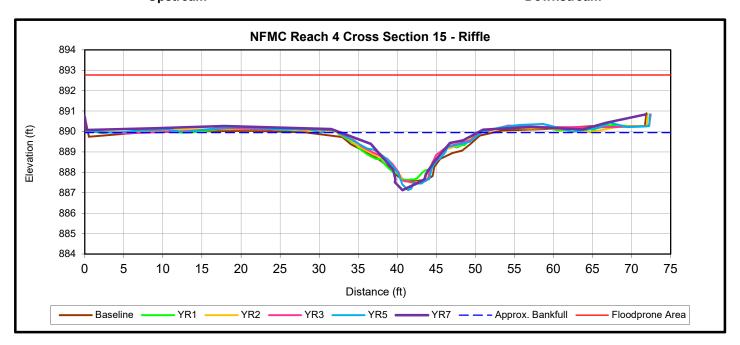
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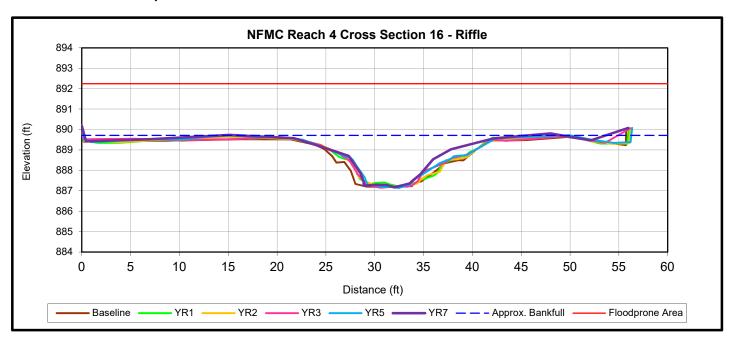
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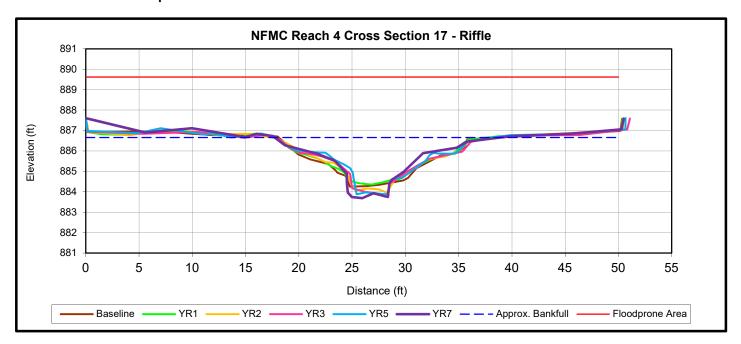






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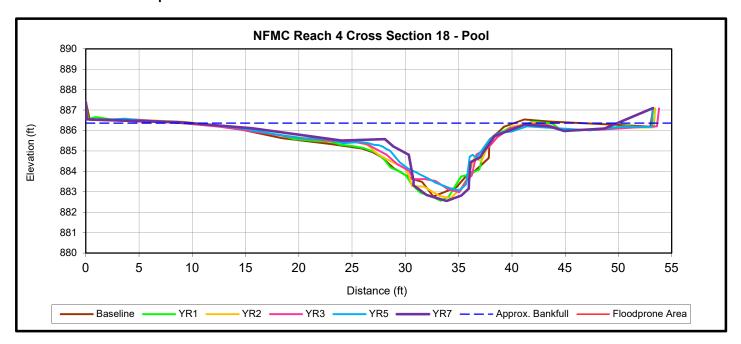






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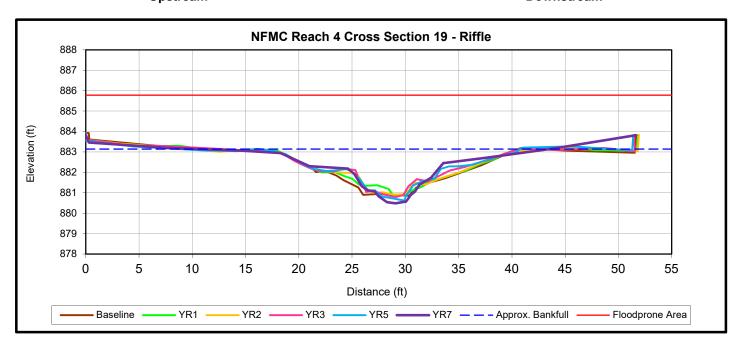






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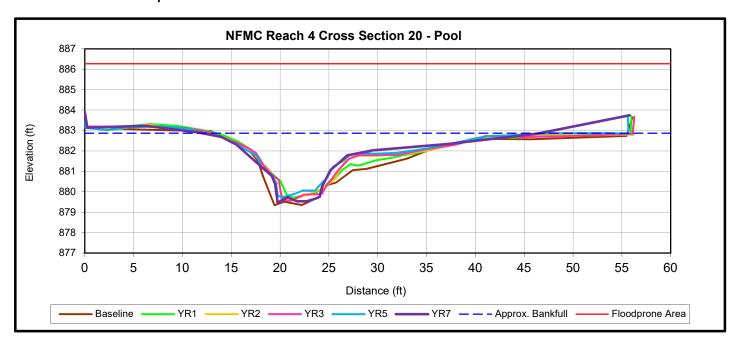






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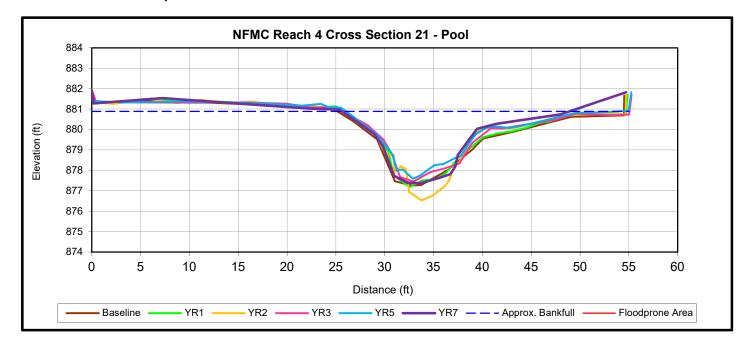
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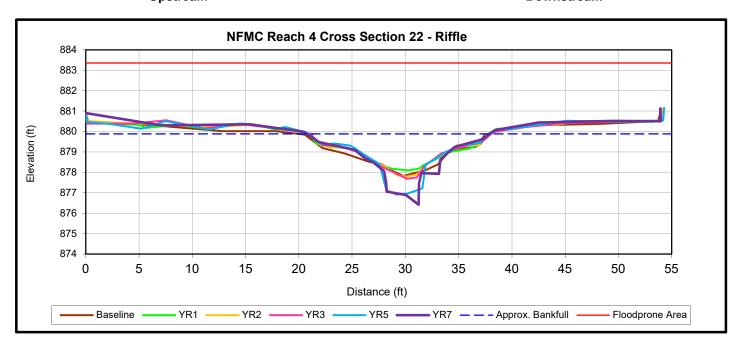
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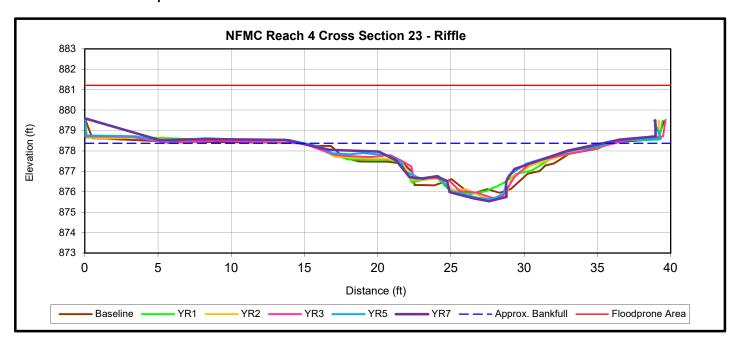
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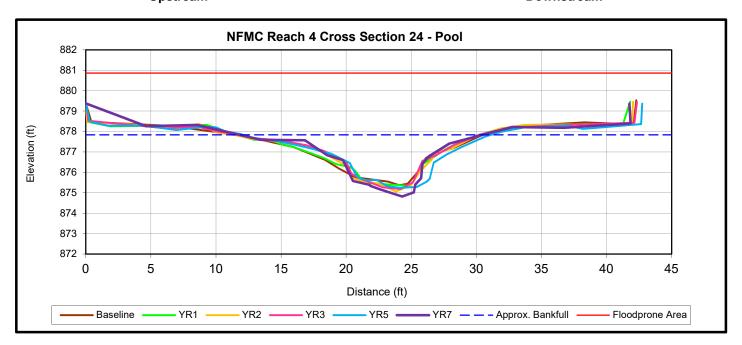






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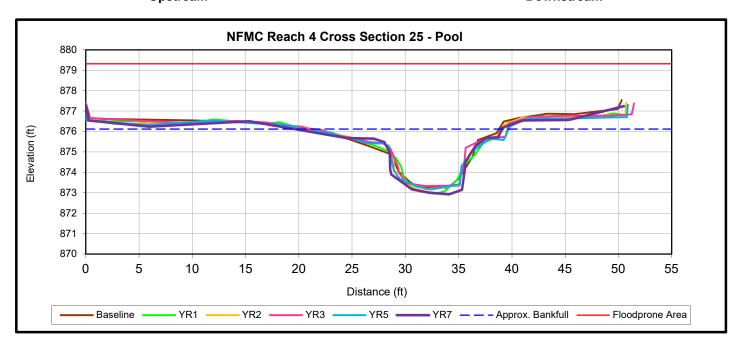






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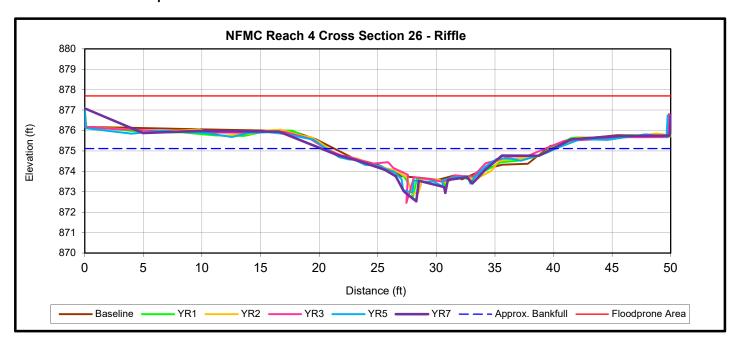
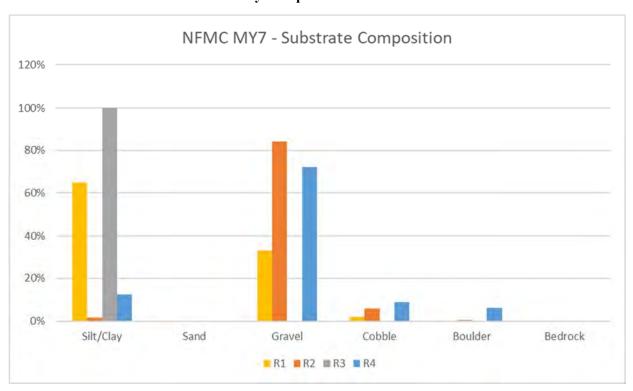
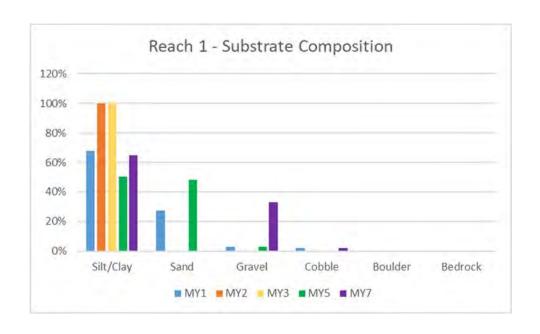


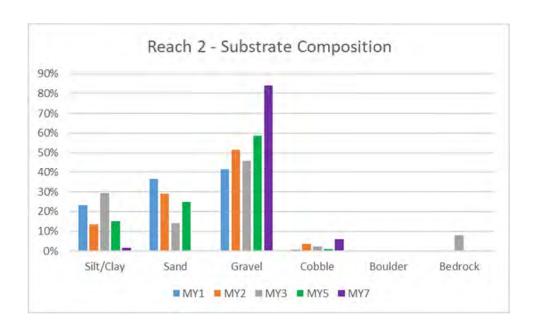
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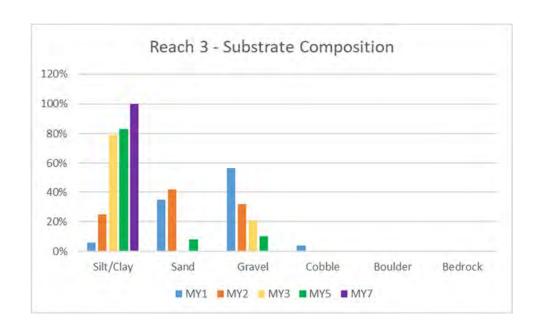
Stream Reach	MY1 - 2012		MY2 - 2013		MY3 - 2014		MY5 - 2016		MY7 - 2018	
	Pebble Count		Pebble Count		Pebble Count		Pebble Count		Pebble Count	
	D ₅₀ (mm)	D ₈₄ (mm)								
Reach 4	5.300	39.000	9.970	70.000	20.286	59.000	12.214	34.143	11.171	71.571
Reach 2	2.498	14.426	0.299	39.600	11.092	28.812	4.616	27.000	15.460	39.260
Reach 3	7.600	37.000	0.062	24.000	0.062	13.000	0.062	0.100	0.062	0.062
Reach 1	0.062	0.160	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.660	0.062	5.800

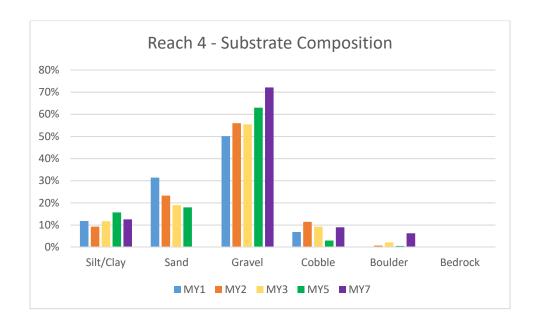
MY7 Stream Reach Substrate Summary Composition Charts











Appendix E

Hydrology Data

Table 10. Verification of Bankfull Events

Table 11. 2018 Rainfall Summary

Table 12. Wetland Gauge Attainment Data Summary

2018 Groundwater Monitoring Gauge Hydrographs

Table 10. Verification of Bankfull Events during MY7

Reach	Method	Number of Bankfull Events	Maximum Bankfull Height (ft.) (feet above bankfull)	
Reach 4	Crest Gauge	≥1	0.92	
Reach 2	Crest Gauge	≥1	0.58	

Photo Verification of Bankfull Events



Crest Gauge @ Reach 4 – 0.92 ft above bankfull



Crest Gauge @ Reach 2 – 0.58 ft above bankfull

Photo Verification of Bankfull Events



Wrack lines @ Reach 2



Wrack line on fence @ top of Reach 1

Table 11. 2018 Rainfall Summary

		Normal Limits		Hickory Station	On-Site Auto
Month	Average	30 Percent	70 Percent	Precipitation	Rain Gauge*
January	3.90	2.64	5.04	3.26	2.43
February	3.42	2.33	4.41	4.34	3.81
March	4.27	3.12	5.17	4.08	4.82
April	3.37	2.06	4.57	7.24	1.98
May	3.77	2.50	4.68	7.35	0.19
June	4.27	2.73	5.41	2.31	0.92
July	3.92	2.43	4.45	1.52	2.98
August	4.00	2.73	4.71	7.78	5.29
September	3.75	2.39	5.20	4.75	5.24
October	3.40	1.96	3.98	6.00	5.08
November	3.47	2.33	4.30	6.99	
December	3.21	2.17	3.96	6.11	
Total	44.75	29.39	55.88	61.75	32.74

^{*} Data reported up until 10/16/18

Table 12. Wetland Gauge Attainment Data **Summary of Groundwater Monitoring Results** North Fork Mountain Creek Stream & Wetland / Project No. 94151 Success Criteria Achieved; Percent of Growing Season **Success Criteron = 8%** Gauge ID Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 7 (2013)(2017)(2012)(2014)(2015)(2018) $(2016)^{1}$ No/4 Yes/32 Yes/43 Yes/24.5 No/10 No/10 Unavailable⁵ 4.2 % NFMC 1 1.7% 4.2% 13.6% 18.2% 10.4 % Yes/52 Yes/28 Yes/86 Yes/67 Yes/67 Yes/82 Yes/89 36.4% 28.4% 28.4% 22.0% 34.7% 37.5% NFMC 2 $11.7 \%^2$ Yes/57 Yes/127 Yes/91 Yes/43 Yes/134.5 Yes/114 Yes/60 NFMC 3 24.2% 53.8% 38.6% 25.4% 18.2% 57.0 % 48.1% No/5 No/10 No/5 No/10 No/7 Yes/23.5 No/7 NFMC 4 4.2% 2.1% 4.2% 3.0% 2.1% 3% 10.0 % No/1 No/4 No/2 No/3 No/2 No/9.5 No/5 NFMC 5 0.8% 3.6 % 1.9% 0.4% 1.7% 1.3% 0.8% Yes/127 Yes/40 Yes/57.5 Yes/87 Yes/67 Yes/51 Yes/71 NFMC 6 36.9% 28.4% 16.9% 29.9% 53.8 % 21.6% 24.4 % Yes/127 Yes/119 Yes/131 Yes/107 Yes/171 Yes/89 Yes/121 NFMC 7 72.5% 53.8% 50.4% 37.7% 55.5% 51.3 % 45.3% Yes/57 Yes/127 Yes/68 Yes/59 Yes/81 Yes/81 Yes/72 NFMC 8 30.3% 24.2% 53.8% 28.8% 25.0% 34.3% 34.3 % Yes/102 Yes/127 Yes/92 Yes/60 Yes/90 Yes/37.5 Yes/119 NFMC 9 43.2% 53.8% 39.0% 25.4% 38.1% 15.9 % 50.4% Yes/36 Yes/43 No/15 No/10 Yes/32 No/12 Unavailable³ NFMC 10 4.2% 5.1% 15.3% 18.2% 6.4% 14% Yes/39 No/15 No/7 No/5 N/A N/A NFMC S1 6.4% 3.0% 0.8 % 1.9% 16.5% Yes/21 No/12 No/8 No/5 No/7 N/A N/A NFMC S2 5.1% 3.4% 2.1 % 8.9% 3% Yes/30 Yes/26 Yes/21 No/11 No/2 N/AN/A NFMC S3 4.7% 0.8 % 12.7% 11.0% 8.9% Yes/99 Yes/75 Yes/36 Yes/19 Yes/55 N/A N/A NFMC S4 41.9% 15.3% 8.1 % 23.1% 31.8% Yes/59 Yes/99 Yes/98 N/A N/A N/A Unavailable⁵ NFMC S5 25.0% 41.9% 41.5 % Yes/235 Yes/204 Yes/45 Yes/210 N/A N/A N/A NFMC S6 99.6% 86.4% 19.1 % 88.8% Yes/111 Yes/235 __4 __4 N/A N/AN/A **SF Reference** 47.0% 100.0%

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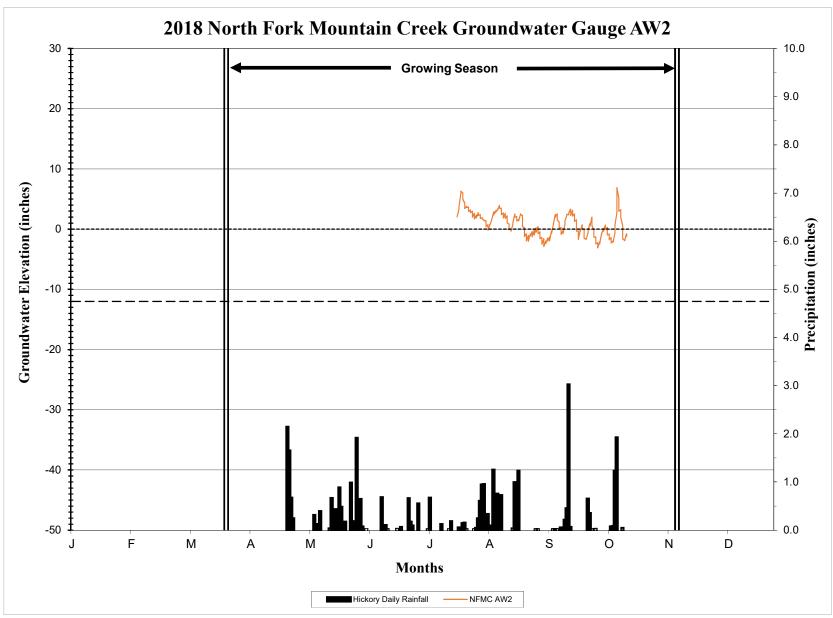
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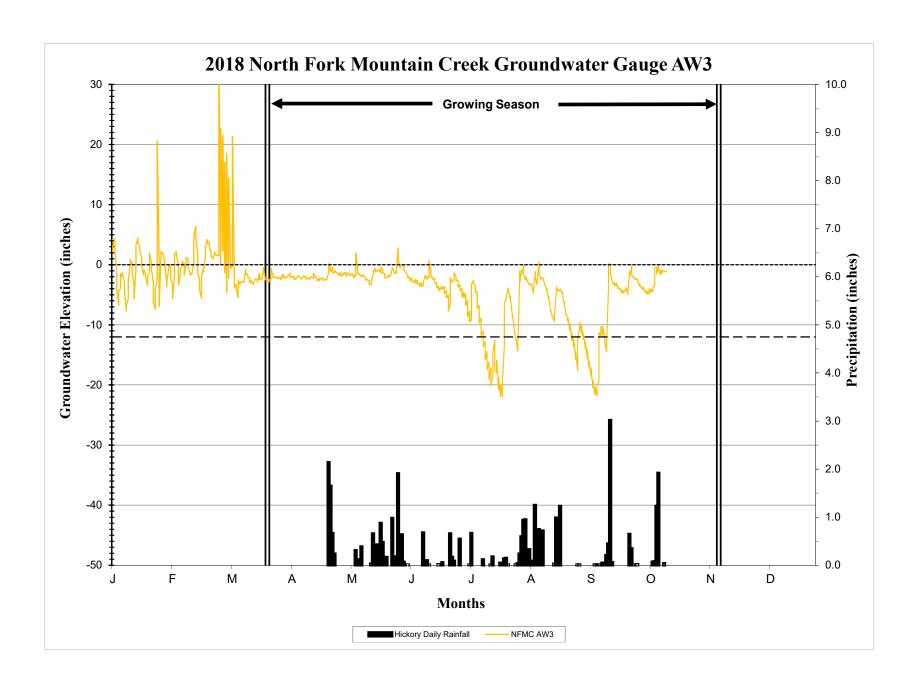
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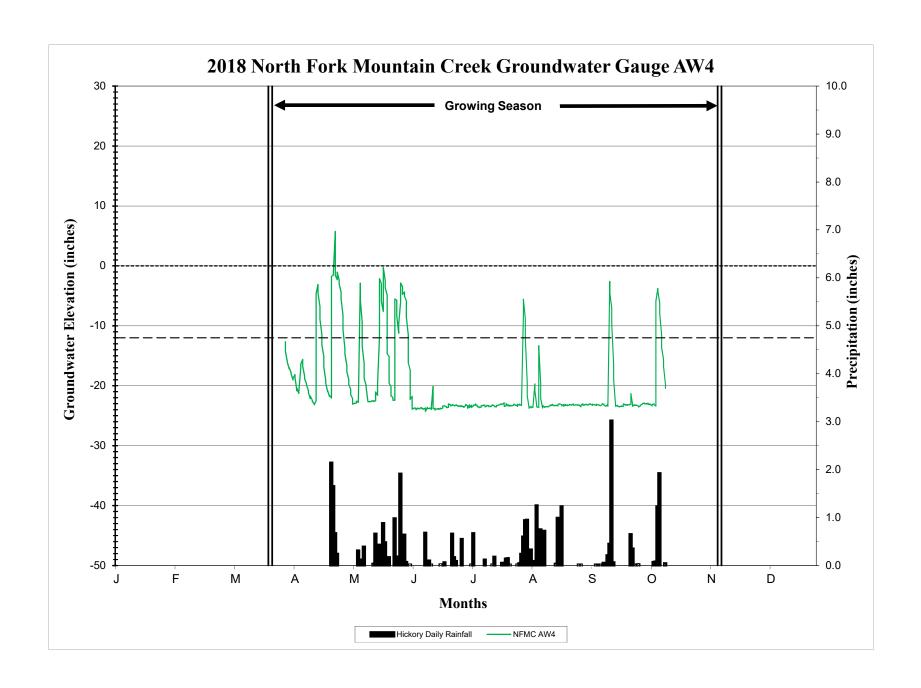
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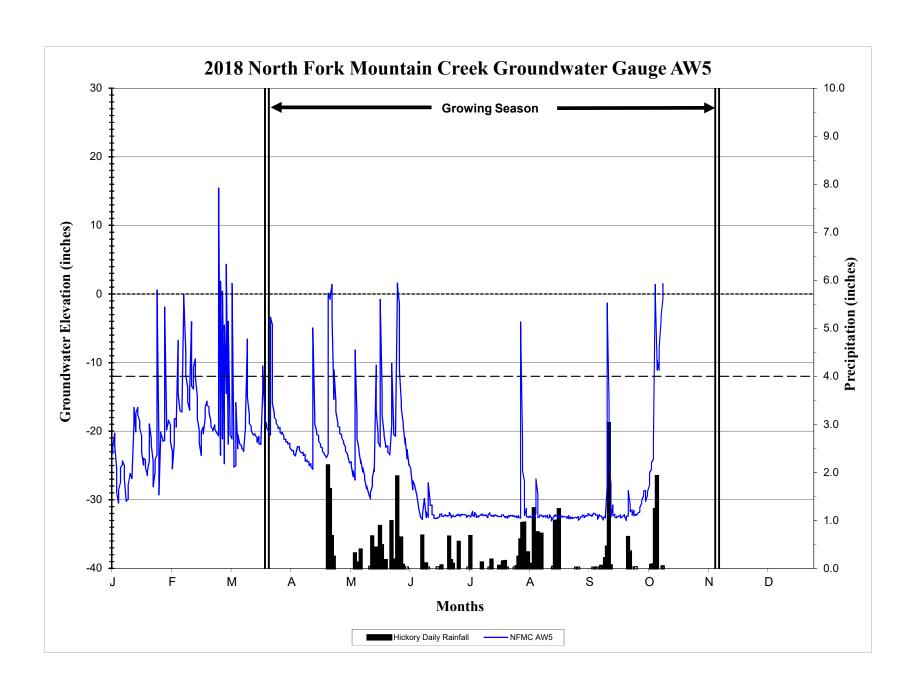
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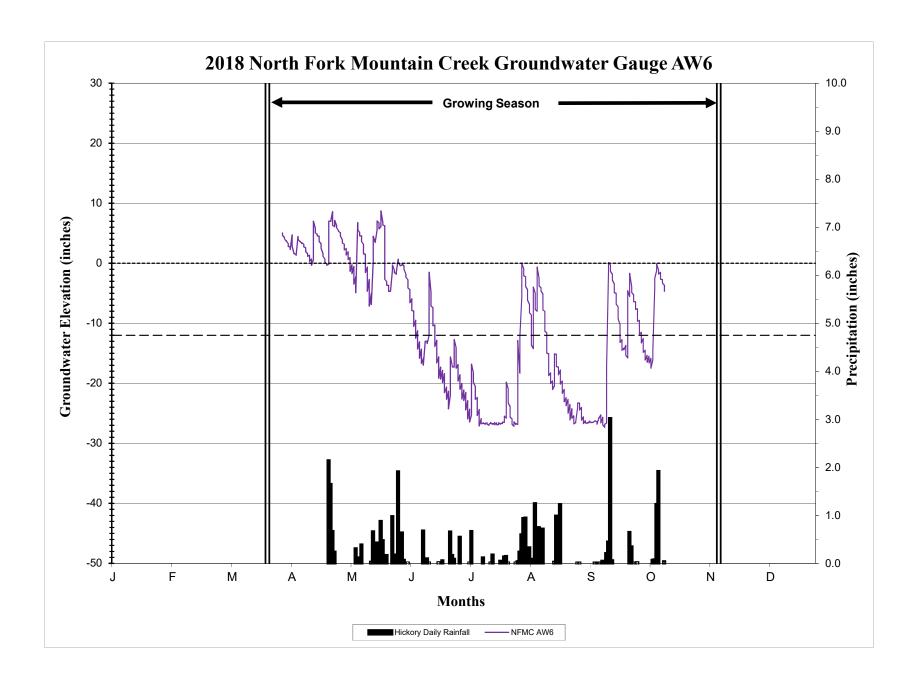


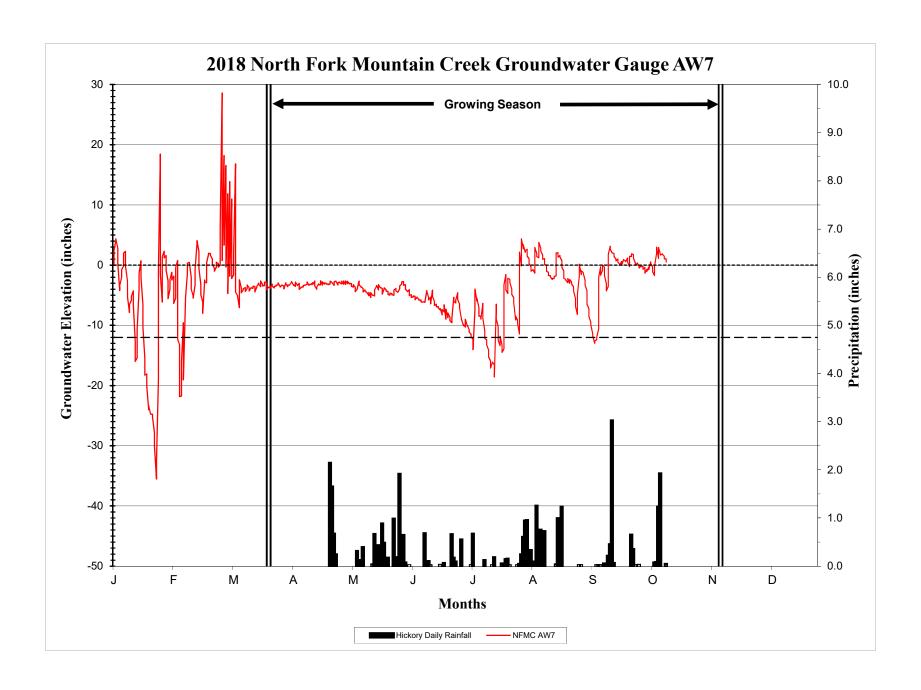
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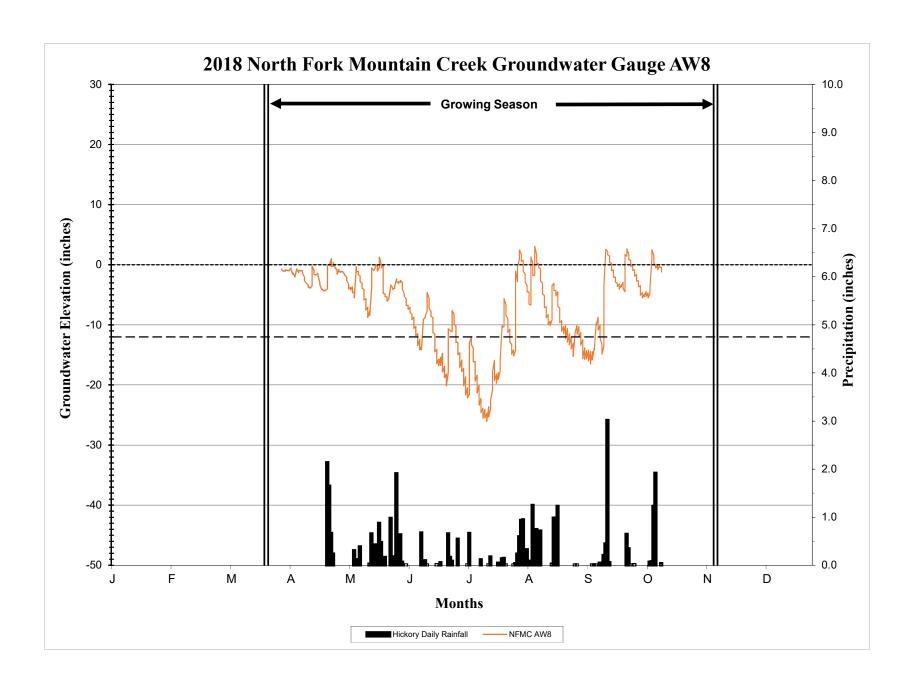


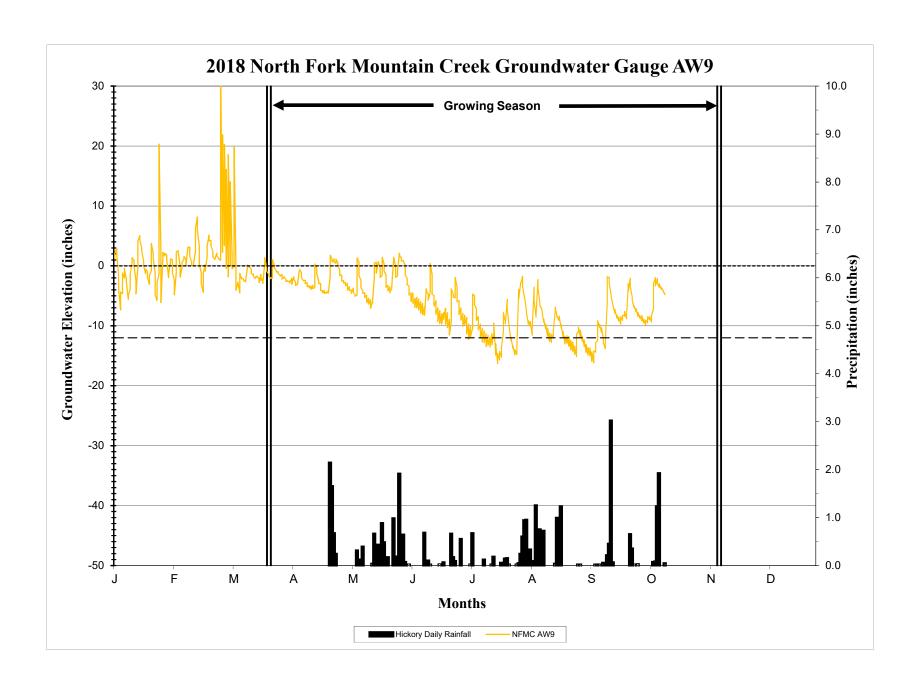


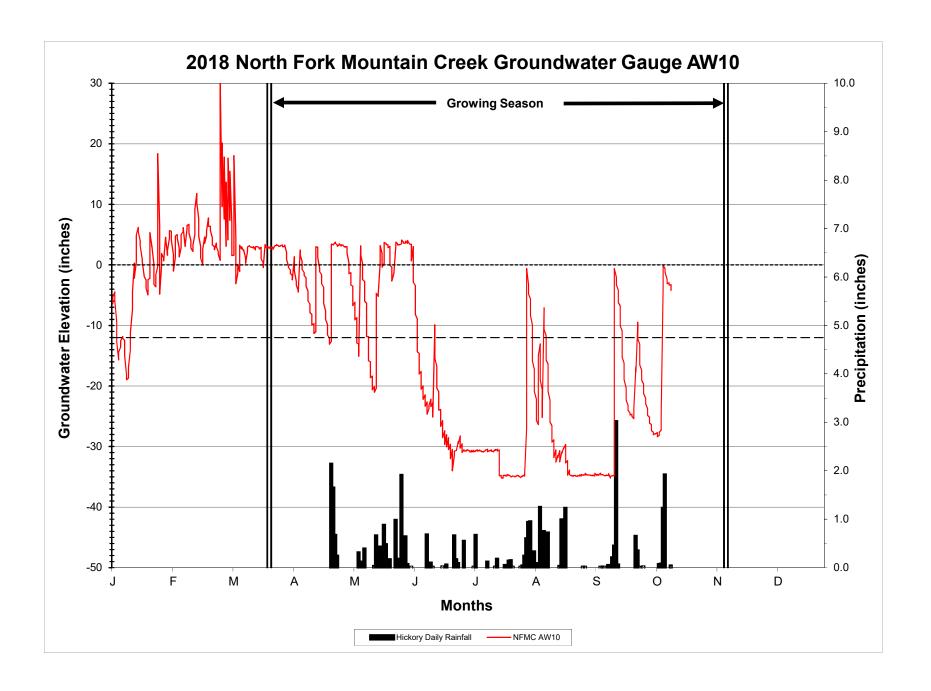


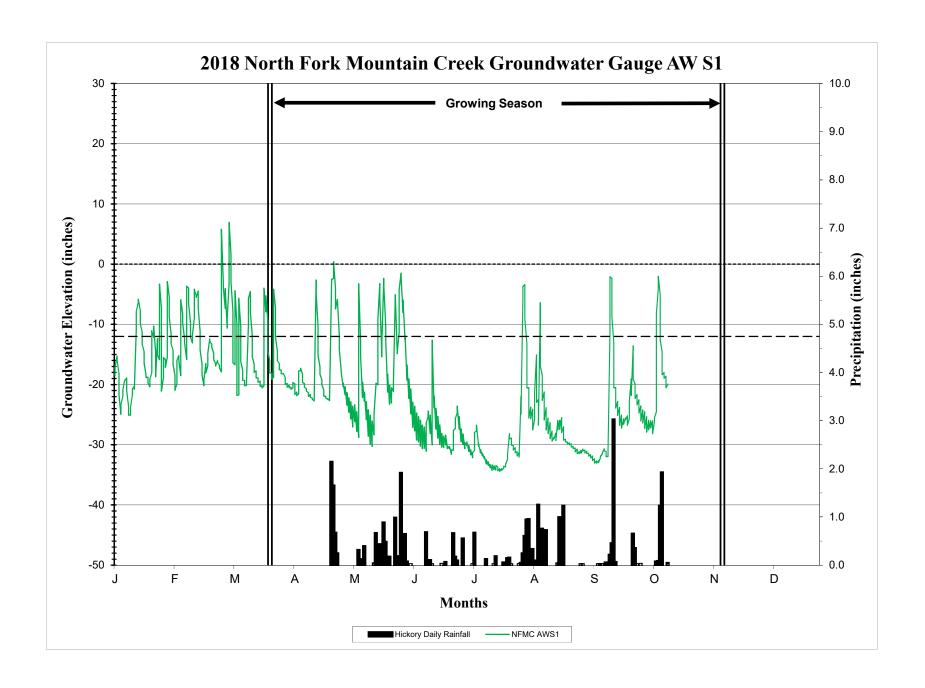


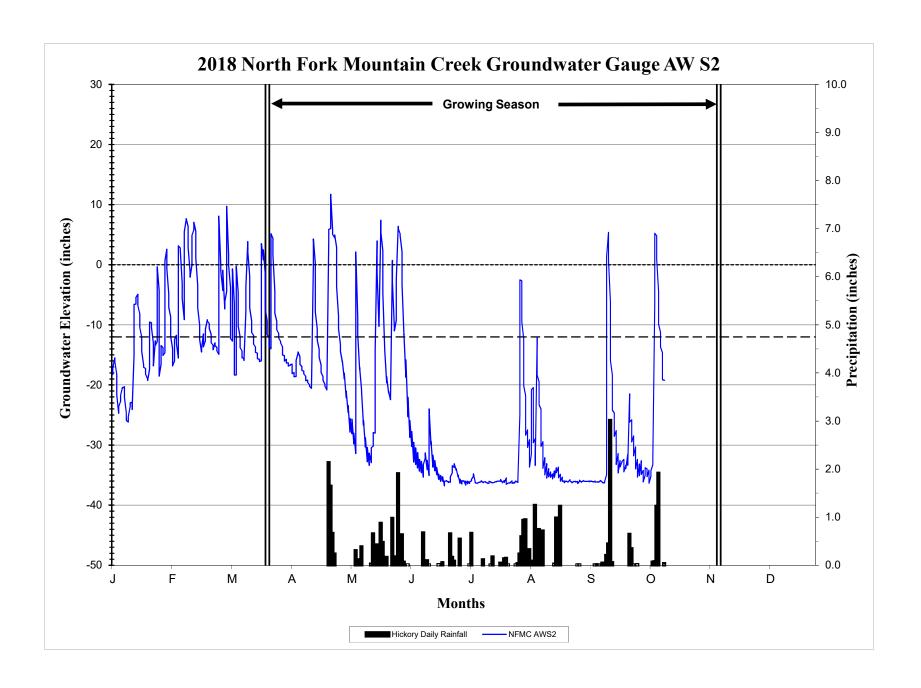


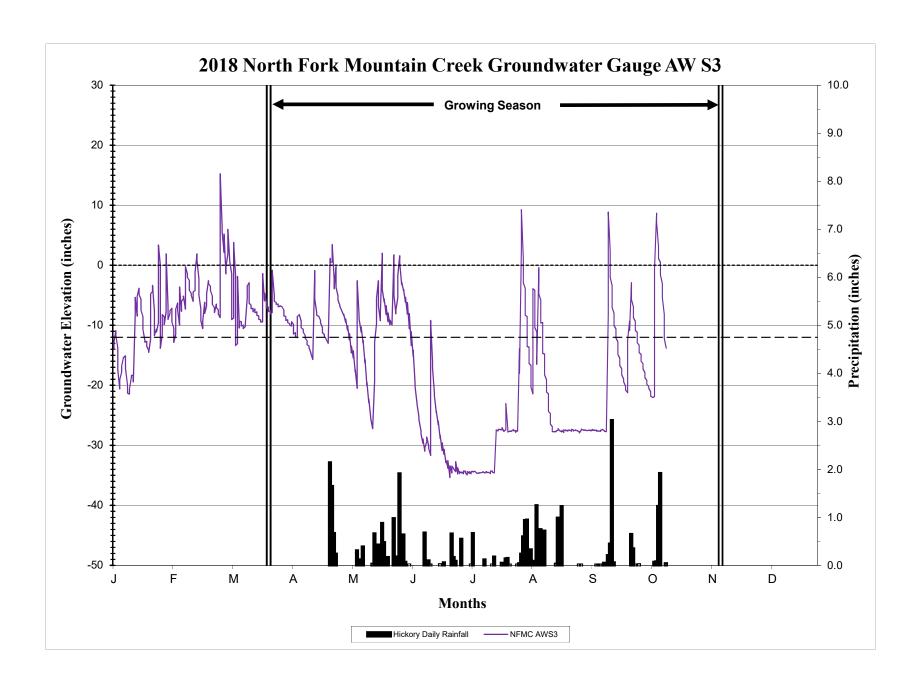


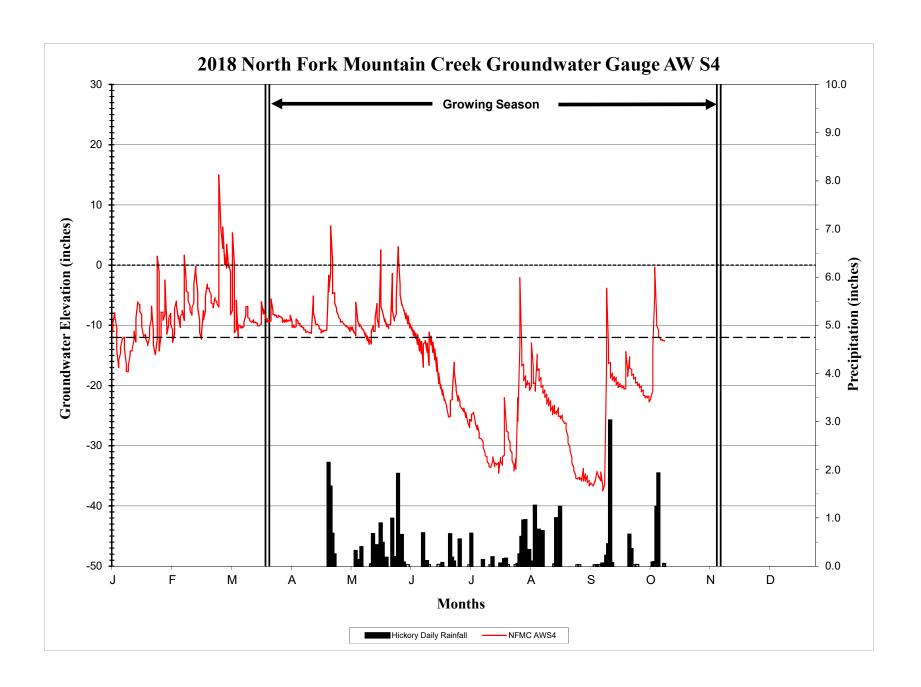


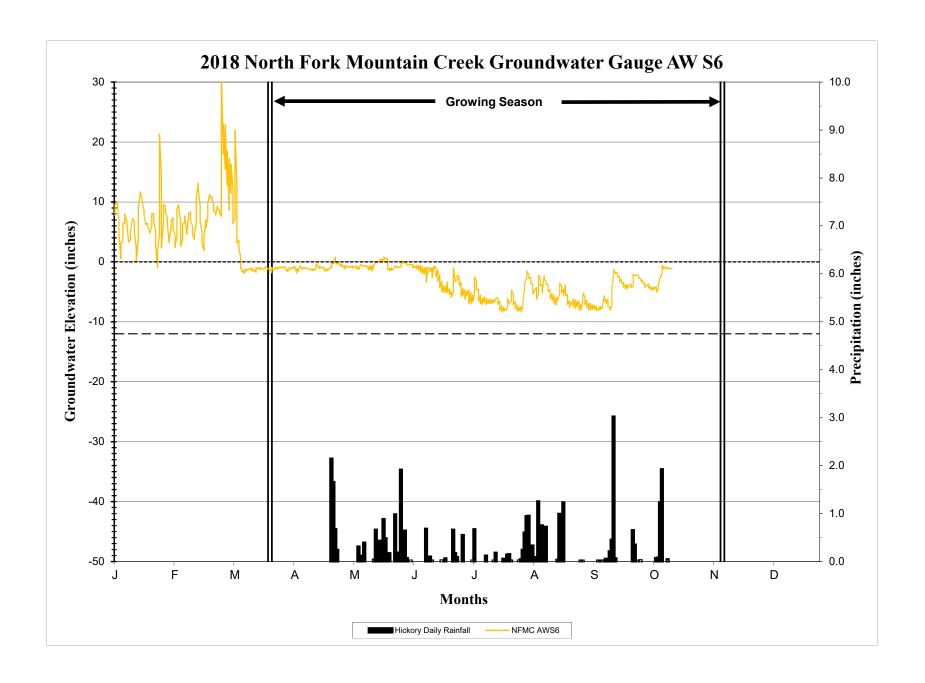












Appendix F

Addendum

Addendum Correspondences

Exhibit A – Project Site Map 2015 Plan Addendum

Exhibit B – 2015 Wetland Determination Data Forms

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69 DARLINGTON AVENUE WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403-1343

May 4, 2015

Regulatory Division

Re: Request for Modification to the North Fork Mountain Creek Mitigation Site (USACE AID 2010-01537)

Mr. Tim Baumgartner North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program 1652 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1652

Dear Mr. Baumgartner:

Please reference the on-site meeting of February 4, 2015, and the North Carolina Interagency Review Team (IRT) meeting of March 18, 2015, during which we discussed the North Fork Mountain Creek mitigation project, located east of Buffalo Shoals Road, in Catawba County, North Carolina. The discussion dealt with a request by NCEEP to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District (District) to modify a section of project due to conditions that have developed following construction of the site.

During the meeting of February 4th, members of the IRT met with NCEEP and the project providers (RES, Inc.) to review conditions within the restored wetlands that have developed since the construction of the site. Based on monitoring well data, portions of the constructed wetland area appeared not to be meeting the minimum hydrology standard, while other areas that were not proposed to be restored to wetland did appear to be returning to wetland conditions. NCEEP and the provider requested that the areas be swapped out so that mitigation credit could be obtained for the areas that were returning to wetland in lieu of those areas that were not meeting the criteria. The area to be added would be monitored for wetland hydrology for the duration of the monitoring period, and would be subject to the same performance standards as other wetlands restored on the site.

All comments received during the IRT review period are attached for your reference. Additionally, the IRT discussed the proposed changes During the IRT meeting of March 18th, and no objections were noted. Accordingly, we concur with the proposed changes. Maps that depict the changes made to the credit-generating wetland portions of the site should be provided with the next monitoring report to document the revisions to the mitigation plan. Also, please keep a copy of this letter with the file to document IRT approval of the proposed change.

Thank you for working with us to address this issue. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter, or if there is any additional information you need. I can be contacted at telephone (919) 846-2564.

Sincerely,

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Todd Tugwell

Special Projects Manager

Enclosures

Electronic Copies Furnished: Mr. Daniel Ingram, RES, Inc. NCIRT Distribution List



■ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Gordon Myers, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Todd Tugwell, Special Projects Manager

Wilmington District, USACE

FROM: Travis Wilson, Highway Project Coordinator

Habitat Conservation Program

DATE: March 23, 2015

SUBJECT: North Fork Mountain Creek Mitigation Plan Revision

EBX and the Ecosystem Enhancement Program are proposing modifications to the North fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland project mitigation plan; these modifications were presented at the March 18, 2015 IRT meeting. After reviewing the proposal the NCWRC does not object to the modification request.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. If you need further assistance or information on NCWRC concerns please contact me at (919) 707-0370.

Tugwell, Todd SAW

From: Karoly, Cyndi [cyndi.karoly@ncdenr.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:11 PM

To: Tugwell, Todd J SAW

Cc: Tugwell, Todd SAW; bowers.todd@epa.gov; Wilson, Travis W.; Sollod, Steve; Marella

Buncick; Fritz Rohde; Kathryn Matthews; emily_jernigan@fws.gov; Homewood, Sue; Baker,

Virginia

Subject: [EXTERNAL] North Fork Mountain Creek Stream comments

Todd, please see below comment from DWR on the North Fork Mountain Creek project. Thank you.

North Fork Mountain Creek Stream (DOMS project) NC DWR approves the modification request for the additional wetland area which will offset the wetland area around wells NFMC04 and NFMC05 that are not meeting the 8% hydroperiod success criteria. The 8% success criteria for the new wells installed February 19th, 2015 should be met for the remainder of the project during normal precipitation years.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2015, at 11:57 AM, Jernigan, Emily <emily_jernigan@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Todd,

Attached are the Selma Mill comments from our office. Please let us know if there are any questions.

~Emily

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Emily Jernigan Wells U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PO Box 33726 Raleigh, NC 27363-3726 (919) 856-4520 ext. 25

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Todd Tugwell Special Projects Manager 11405 Falls of Neuse Rd. Wake Forest, NC 27587

Re:

North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland

Catawba County

Action ID#: 2010-01537 EEP Project #: 94151

Mr. Tugwell,

EBX, an RES company, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NC EEP) met at the North Fork Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Site in Catawba County on Wednesday, February 4th, 2015 to discuss the non-preforming areas that were failing to meet wetland criteria based on the Restoration Plan.

The North Form Mountain Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration site is located in the lower Catawba watershed USGS 14-digit HUC 03050101150030 of the Catawba River basin and the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) sub-basin 03-08-32. This HUC was designated as a targeted local watershed by NC EEP at the time of project award. North Fork Mountain Creek is classified as WS-IV (water supply watershed) by NCDWQ and is part of a watershed protection area designated by Catawba County. North Fork Mountain Creek will deliver 5,180 linear feet of restored stream channel and 4.19 acres of wetlands with a hydroperiod success criteria of 8% of the growing season.

Monitoring began in 2012, at the completion of Monitoring Year 3 indication of projected wetland restoration area around groundwater monitoring wells NFMC04 and NFMC05 were not meeting the success criteria of the 8% hydroperiod. During Monitoring Year 3, four supplemental wells (NFMC-S1 to NFMC-S4) were installed to collect supplemental data in the mapped wetland area around the two nonperforming wells, all four supplemental wells have been meeting the hydroperiod success criteria since their installation. Micro topography around well (NFMC04) and the proximity of the groundwater monitoring well (NFMC05) to the stream channel as seen on the February 2015 site visit are thought to be the reason for the two monitoring wells not meeting hydrology success criteria.

An additional wetland area that was not initially accounted for in the Restoration Plan is being proposed to offset the areas around monitoring wells NFMC04 and NFMC05 (data will continue to be collected from the non-preforming areas). This additional area of wetlands has been delineated and additional groundwater monitoring wells were installed February 19th, 2015. (Exhibit A) The additional delineated wetland area will offset the non-preforming areas, see wetland data forms (Exhibit B).

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you to make modifications to the plan to allow for a successful project. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Aaron B. Speaks Field Operations

EBX, an RES Company

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Cell: 919.608.5725 Aspeaks @res.us Exhibit A

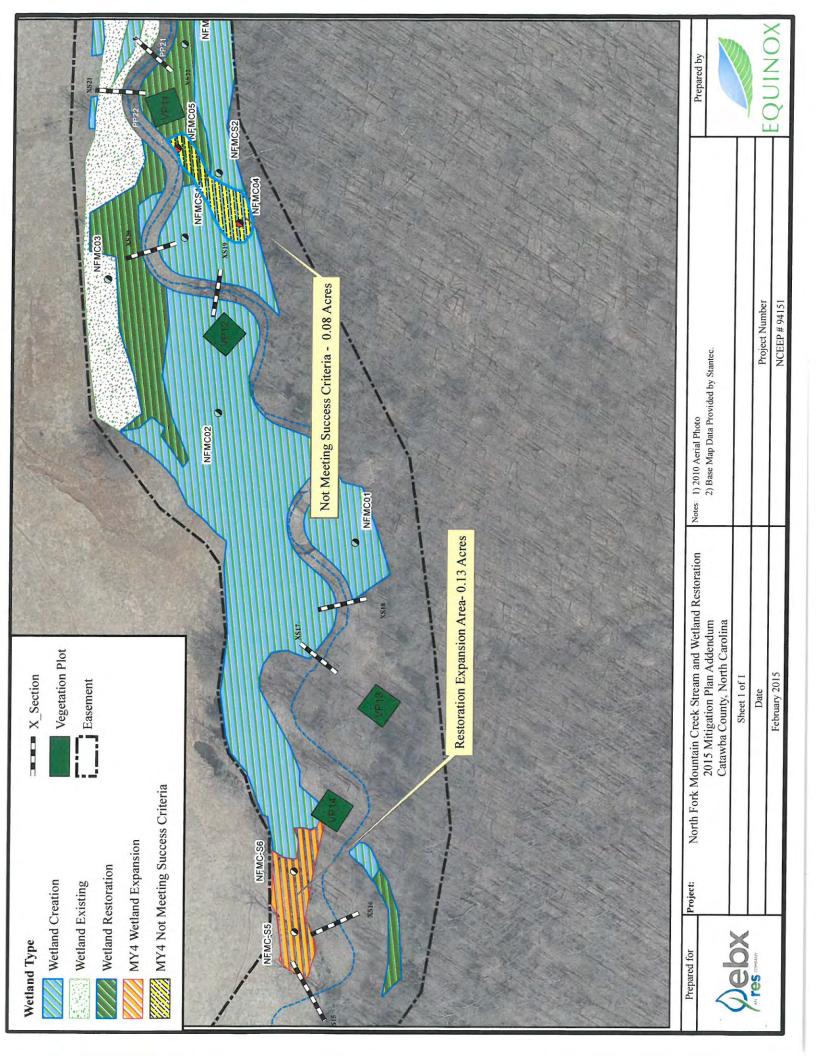


Exhibit B

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Region Project/Site: North Fork MAN CREEK City/County: Catamba Sampling Date: 2/15/2015 Applicant/Owner: EBX/RES State: NC Sampling Point: 01 Investigator(s): THT AS Section, Township, Range: Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Bottom Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): O Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRRN Lat: 35.626447 Long: -61.085585 Datum: W6584 Soil Map Unit Name: Chewacla NWI classification: Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.) Are Vegetation _ ~___, Soil _ _ Y ___, or Hydrology _ _ _ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No _____ Are Vegetation ______, Soil _______, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.) SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc. Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No_____ Hydric Soil Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Remarks: Monitoring wells will be installed to monitor grandwater hydrology during growing Season **HYDROLOGY** Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required) Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply) Surface Soil Cracks (B6) Surface Water (A1) __ True Aquatic Plants (B14) Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) ∠ High Water Table (A2) ___ Drainage Patterns (B10) ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) __ Saturation (A3) Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) ___ Moss Trim Lines (B16) Water Marks (B1) Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) __ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) Sediment Deposits (B2) Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) __ Crayfish Burrows (C8) _ Drift Deposits (B3) Thin Muck Surface (C7) __ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Other (Explain in Remarks) Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) X Geomorphic Position (D2) Iron Deposits (B5) Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Shallow Agultard (D3) ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) Microtopographic Relief (D4) Aquatic Fauna (B13) ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5) Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes ____ No ___ Depth (inches):_ Yes X No Depth (inches): 5 Water Table Present? Saturation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes __X No___ Yes ____ No ___ Depth (inches):____ (includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: Remarks:

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. Salix nicra				UPL species x 5 =
. Betula nigra				Column Totals: (A) (B)
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				2 - Dominance Test is >50%
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