Pott Creek II Site Wetland Restoration Monitoring Report Project # 92721 Monitoring Year 01 2010



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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / PROJECT ABSTRACT

The Pott Creek II Site is located in southern Catawba County, North Carolina, approximately eight miles southwest of Newton. It is in the Northern Inner Piedmont ecoregion of the Piedmont physiographic province. The project is located in USGS Hydrologic Unit 03050102-04-0020 of the Catawba River Basin. The site is made up of one parcel that is bisected by Paintshop Road. The stream restoration construction cleared the site where the new channel was constructed, leaving approximately half of the easement forested. The cleared portion of the site was planted with native vegetation.

The Pott Creek II Restoration Site was completed in April 2005 as a stream restoration site. The 95-acre site is a full delivery project provided for the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) by Mid-Atlantic Mitigation, LLC (MAM). During the full delivery process, wetland credits were not requested and were not a part of the contract with MAM. KCI conducted a wetland feasibility study of the Pott Creek II Site in 2008 to determine the extent of the wetlands on the site. This study found that the stream restoration project created some wetlands while other wetlands had been created by management activities prior to the stream project. Additional natural wetlands that were unaffected by the stream project were preserved as part of the conservation easement. All of these wetlands are available as potential mitigation credit for the EEP.

Because this site was not originally intended to be a wetland restoration site, there is not a set of established project goals and objectives.

The wetland component of the site does not have a vegetation success criterion, so vegetation monitoring is not part of this monitoring report. The entire site was planted with native vegetation as a portion of the stream restoration project and was monitored for vegetative success. The stream monitoring reports have reported that the site has been meeting the project's vegetation success criterion. This wetland monitoring report provides photos of the areas where the gauges are installed as a qualitative record of the wetland conditions.

Six gauges have been established within the created wetlands. Data were collected bi-monthly from the gauges throughout the growing season. The gauges are installed in representative wetlands, which reflect the different hydrologic regimes found at the site: in Wetlands 1, 2, 7, 12, 14, and 19. During the 2010 growing season all of the gauges met the success criteria of having saturated soil conditions occurring within 12 inches of the ground surface for a minimum of 10% (22 days) of the 217 day growing season (March 29 to October 31) during average climatic conditions. The daily rainfall data obtained from a local weather station shows that the area had average rainfall during the 2010 growing season.

Summary information/data related to the occurrence of items such 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. Narrative background and supporting information formerly found in these reports can be found in the mitigation and restoration plan documents available on the EEPs website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices are available upon request.

2.0 <u>METHODOLOGY</u>

RDS Ecotone gauges provided by the EEP are downloaded on a bi-monthly basis during the growing season to monitor the wetland hydrology.

3.0 <u>REFERENCES</u>

KCI. 2009. Pott Creek II Wetland Feasibility Memo. Produced for the EEP. Raleigh, NC.

APPENDIX A

General Figures and Tables





Table 1a. Project ComponentsPott Creek II Site / Project No. 92721					
Wetland Unit	Total Wetland Acreage	Wetland Preservation (ac)	Wetlands Created Prior to the Stream Restoration (ac)	Wetlands Created After the Stream Restoration (ac)	Notes
W1	0.83			0.83	Contained by levee from stream construction. Wetland is partially forested and partially herbaceous/shrub covered.
W2	0.46			0.46	Created when ephemeral stream was blocked during stream construction. Wetland is forested.
W3	0.15			0.15	Created when ephemeral stream was blocked during stream construction. Wetland is covered by forest.
W4	0.36		0.36		Created prior to stream construction. Wetland is forested.
W5	0.03	0.03			Wetland is forested.
W6	0.04	0.04			Wetland is forested.
W7	0.59			0.59	Hillside seepage contained by levee from stream construction. Wetland is predominantly forested.
W8	0.04	0.04			Wetland is forested.
W9	0.01	0.01			Wetland is forested.
W10	2.55	2.55			Wetland is forested.
W11	0.14	0.14			Wetland is forested.
W12	0.99			0.99	Created when ditch was blocked during stream construction. Wetland is dominated by herbaceous/shrub vegetation.
W13	0.29			0.29	Drainage contained by levee from stream construction. Wetland is forested.
W14	0.45			0.45	Drainage contained by levee from stream construction. Wetland is forested.
W18	0.04	0.04			Wetland is forested.
W19	0.81			0.81	Drainage contained by levee from stream construction. Wetland is forested.
W20	0.17		0.17		Blocked ditch created prior to stream construction. Wetland is forested.
Total	7.95	2.85	0.53	4.57	

Table 1b. Component Summations								
	Pott Creek II Site / Project No. 92721							
Restoration	Stroom (If)	Rinarian W	etland (Ac)	Non-Ripar	Upland	Buffor (Ac)	вир	
Level	Stream (II)	Riparian Wettallu (AC)		(Ac)	(Ac)	Duner (AC)	DIVII	
		Riverine	Non-Rive rine					
Restoration		0	0					
Enhancement		0	0					
Creation		4.57	0					
Preservation		3.38	0					
Tetela		7.95	0					
Totals		7.	95					

Table 2. Project Activity & Reporting HistoryPott Creek II Site / Project No. 92721				
Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Actual Completion or Delivery		
Stream Restoration Plan		Sept 2004		
Planting		Feb 2005		
Site Construction		April 2005		
Stream As-built Report		June 2005		
Year 1 Stream Monitoring		Oct 2005		
Year 2 Stream Monitoring		Oct 2006		
Year 3 Stream Monitoring		Oct 2007		
Year 4 Stream Monitoring		Oct 2008		
Year 5 Stream Monitoring		Oct 2009		
Wetland Feasibility Study	March - Nov 2008	Jan 2009		
Wetland Monitoring Gauges Installed		Apr 2010		
Wetland Baseline Report		Jun 2010		
Year 1 Wetland Monitoring	Nov 2010	Dec 2010		

Table 3. Project Contacts				
Pott Creek I	Pott Creek II Site / Project No. 92721			
Full Delivery Provider	Mid-Atlantic Mitigation, LLC			
	1960 Derita Road			
	Concord, NC 28027			
Primary Project Design POC	Rich Mogensen (704) 782-4133			
Designer	Mulkey Engineers and Consultants			
	6750 Tryon Road			
	Raleigh, NC 27511			
Stream Monitoring Performers	Mid-Atlantic Mitigation, LLC			
	1960 Derita Road			
	Concord, NC 28027			
Monitoring POC	Kristy Rodrigue (704) 277-3383			
Wetland Feasibility and	KCI Associates of NC, PA			
Monitoring Performers	4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 220			
	Raleigh, NC 27609			
Monitoring POC	Adam Spiller (919) 783-9214			

Table 4. Project AttributesPott Creek II Site / Project No. 92721				
Physiographic Region	Pied	mont		
Ecoregion	Northern Inner Piedmont			
River Basin	Catawba			
USGS HUC	0305010	02040020		
NCDWQ Sub-Basin	03-0)8-35		
Within Extent of EEP Watershed Plan	N	lo		
WRC Class	Warm			
% of Project Easement Demarcated	30)%		
Beaver Activity Observed During Design Phase	Ň	lo		
Restoration	Component Attributes			
Drainage Area (sq mi)		97		
Stream Order	N			
Restored Length (feet)	N			
Perennial or Intermittent	N			
Watershed Type	Rı	Iral		
Watershed LULC Distribution		*101		
Forest/Wetland		-		
Pasture/Managed Herbaceous				
Developed				
Watershed Impervious Cover	<10%			
NCDWO AU/Index Number		-		
NCDWQ Classification	WS	S-IV		
303d Listed	Ν	Vo		
Upstream of 303d Listed Segment	Ν	Vo		
Reasons for 303d Listing or Stressor	Ν	/A		
Total Acreage of Easement	95.0			
Total Vegetated Acreage within Easement	95	95.0		
Total Planted Acreage as Part of Restoration		_		
Rosgen Classification of Pre-Existing	N/A			
Rosgen Classification of As-Built	N/A			
Valley Type		-		
Valley Slope	0.0	015		
Valley Side Slope Range		-		
Valley Toe Slope Range	-			
Cowardin Classification	-			
Trout Waters Designation	No			
Species of Concern, Endangered, Etc.	None			
Dominant Soil Series and Characteristics				
Series	Chev	wacla		
Depth		-		
Clay%		-		
K	-	-		
Т	-	-		

APPENDIX B

Site Photos



Gauge 1 – Wetland #2, 4/8/2010



Gauge 1 – Wetland #2, 11/16/2010



Gauge 2 – Wetland #1, 4/8/2010

Gauge 2 – Photo unavailable for MY01



Gauge 3 – Wetland #7, 4/8/2010



Gauge 3 – Wetland #7, 11/16/2010



Gauge 4 – Wetland #19, 4/8/2010



Gauge 4 – Wetland #19, 11/16/2010



Gauge 5 – Wetland #12, 4/8/2010



Gauge 5 – Wetland #12, 11/16/2010



Gauge 6 – Wetland #13, 4/8/2010



Gauge 6 – Wetland #13, 11/16/2010

APPENDIX C

Hydrologic Data









Pott Creek Wetland Monitoring Groundwater Gauge #2 (Wetland #1)



Pott Creek Wetland Monitoring Groundwater Gauge #3 (Wetland #19)



Pott Creek Wetland Monitoring Groundwater Gauge #4 (Wetland #18)





Pott Creek Wetland Monitoring Groundwater Gauge #5 (Wetland #12)





Table 5. Wetland Gauge Attainment DataPott Creek II Site / Project No. 92721			
Gauge	Success Criteria Achieved / Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage)		
	Year 1 (2010)		
G 1	Yes/126		
Gauge 1	(58%)		
Cauga 2	Yes/37		
Gauge 2	(17%)		
Gauga 3	Yes/77		
Gauge 5	(35%)		
Gauge A	Yes/36		
Oauge 4	(17%)		
Gauga 5	Yes/60		
Gauge 5	(28%)		
Gauge 6	Yes/77		
Gauge 0	(35%)		