Roquist Wetland Restoration Monitoring Report EEP Project # 312 Monitoring Year – 04



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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / PROJECT ABSTRACT

The North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) restored and preserved wetlands and preserved streams at the Roquist Wetland Site in Bertie County, North Carolina. The 3,920-acre site is located within the USGS 8-digit HUC 03010107 of the Roanoke River Basin. The project restored 36.5 acres of wetland and preserved an additional 3,781 acres of wetland and 4,000 linear feet of stream channel. Project construction was completed in 2008. The project objectives are listed below.

Project Objectives

- Restoration of 36.5 acres of previously ditched and filled non-riparian wetlands.
- Preservation of 3,000 acres of non-riparian wetlands.
- Preservation of 759 acres of high quality non-riparian wetlands.
- Preservation of 22.4 acres of riparian wetlands.
- Preservation of 4,000 linear feet of stream channel.

The restored wetlands were planted with fifteen different species of bare root trees and shrubs. Baseline vegetation monitoring was delayed until the end of the first growing season. Ten vegetation monitoring plots were established during the first monitoring year, following the CVS-EEP protocol. Because of this, the data reported in the *Roquist Wetland Restoration Site Phase I Mitigation Report* is first-year monitoring data and not baseline data as would typically be found in the baseline report. The first year of monitoring also reported that wild hogs significantly damaged the planted vegetation, resulting in increased mortality. The fourth year of monitoring found a site average of 109 planted stems/acre. Eight of the plots had planted stem densities less than the five year success criterion of 260 stems/acre. The site's average stem density including volunteers is 712 stems/acre, with four of the ten vegetation plots having total stem densities less than 260 stems/acre. Four plots have no planted stems in them and two of those plots have no volunteer stems either.

To monitor wetland hydrology, 12 gauges were established. Seven of these gauges (2, 3b, 5, 9, 11b, 14, and 15) were installed in restored wetlands. The remaining five gauges (1, 4, 6, 13, and 12) are reference gauges that were installed in existing wetlands, and are paired with a gauge in an adjacent restoration area. Two of the restoration gauges (14 and 15) are not paired with reference gauges. During the fourth growing season, all of the restoration gauges met the success criteria of having saturated soil conditions occurring within 12 inches of the ground surface for a minimum of 12.5% (29 consecutive days) of the 231-day growing season (March 22 to November 8) during average climatic conditions, or having the hydroperiod in the restoration areas be within 20% of the corresponding reference hydroperiod during drought conditions. The daily rainfall data obtained from a local weather station shows that the area had average rainfall during the 2011 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 Baseline Monitoring Report (formerly Mitigation Plan) and in the Mitigation Plan (formerly the Restoration Plan) documents available on the EEP's website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices are available from EEP upon request.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

Level 2 of the CVS-EEP protocol (http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm) was used to collect vegetation data from the Roquist Site this year.

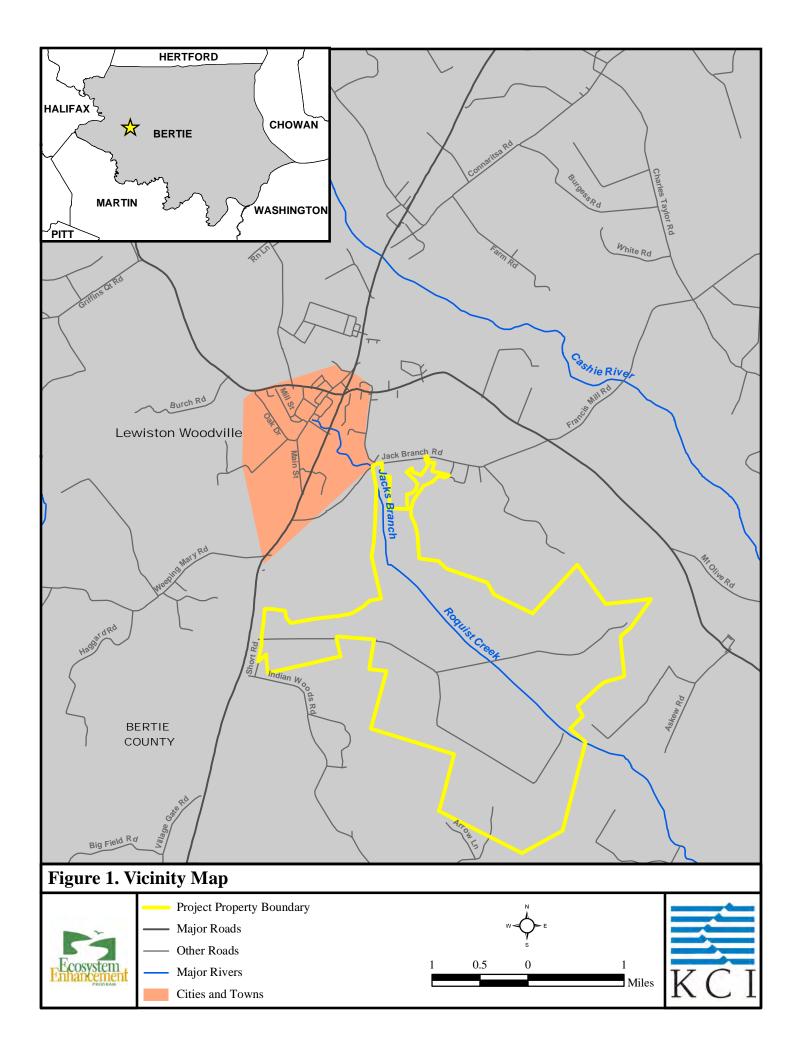
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Lee, M. T., R. K. Peet, S. D. Roberts, and T. R. Wentworth. 2006. CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.0 (http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm)

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Appendix A

Project Maps and Background Tables



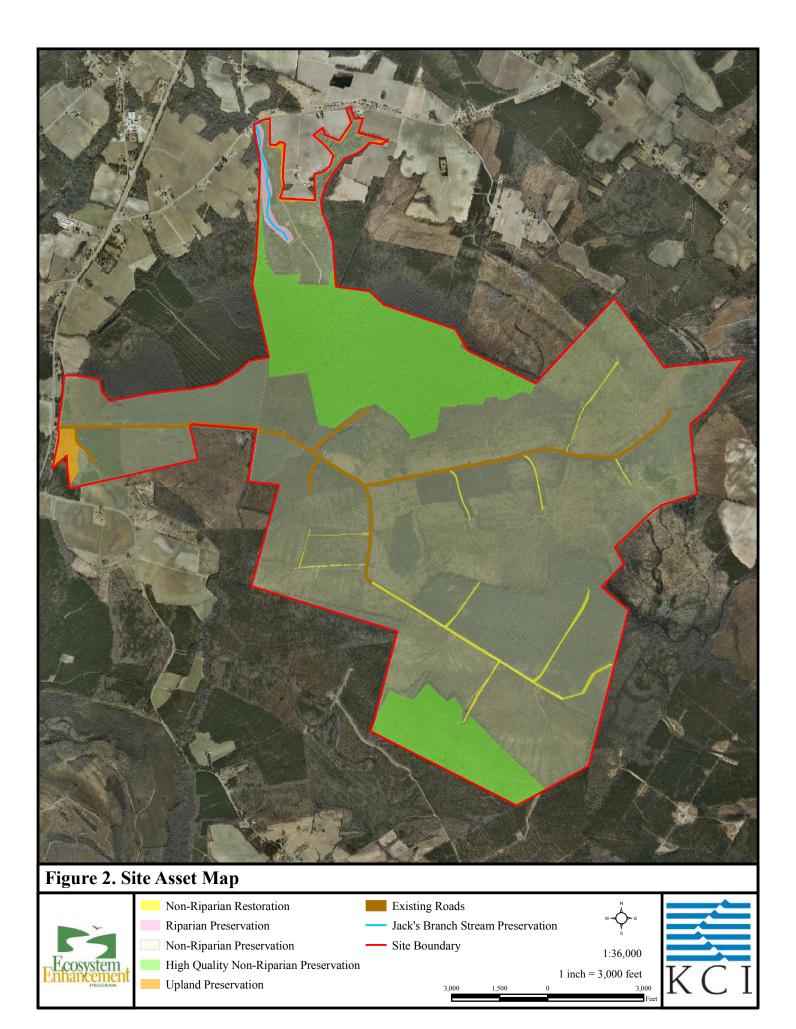


Table 1a. Project Restoration Components Project Number and Name: 312 - Roquist Wetland												
Project Component	Existing Linear Feet / Acreage	Restoration Level	Linear Feet / Acreage	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Units	Comment						
Non-Riparian Restored Wetlands	0.0	R	36.5	1:1	36.5	Restored wetland hydrology and planted native trees and shrubs.						
Riparian Preserved Wetlands	22.4	P	22.4	5:1	4.5	In conservation easement						
Non-Riparian Preserved Wetlands	3,000.0	P	3,000.0	5:1	600	In conservation easement						
Non-Riparian Preserved High Quality Wetlands	759.0	P	759.0	5:1	151.8	In conservation easement						
Jack's Branch Stream	4,000	P	4,000	5:1	800	In conservation easement						

R - Restoration P - Preservation

Table 1b. Compone	Table 1b. Component Summations												
Project Number and Name: 312 - Roquist Wetland													
		Ripa	rian	Non-Ripar	Upland	Buffer							
Restoration Level	Stream (lf)	Wetlar	nd (Ac)	(Ac)	(Ac)	(Ac)	BMP						
			Non-										
		Riverine	Riverine										
Restoration				36.5									
Enhancement													
Enhancement I					_								
Enhancement II													
Creation													
Preservation	4,000	22.4		3,000									
HQ Preservation				759									
		22.4											
Totals (Feet/Acres)	4,000	22.4		3,796	0	0							
MU Totals	800	4.5		788.3	0	0							

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History
Project Number and Name: 312 - Roquist Wetland

Elapsed Time Since Grading Complete: 3 yr 11 months Elapsed Time Since Planting Complete: 3 yr 11 months

Number of Reporting Years: 4

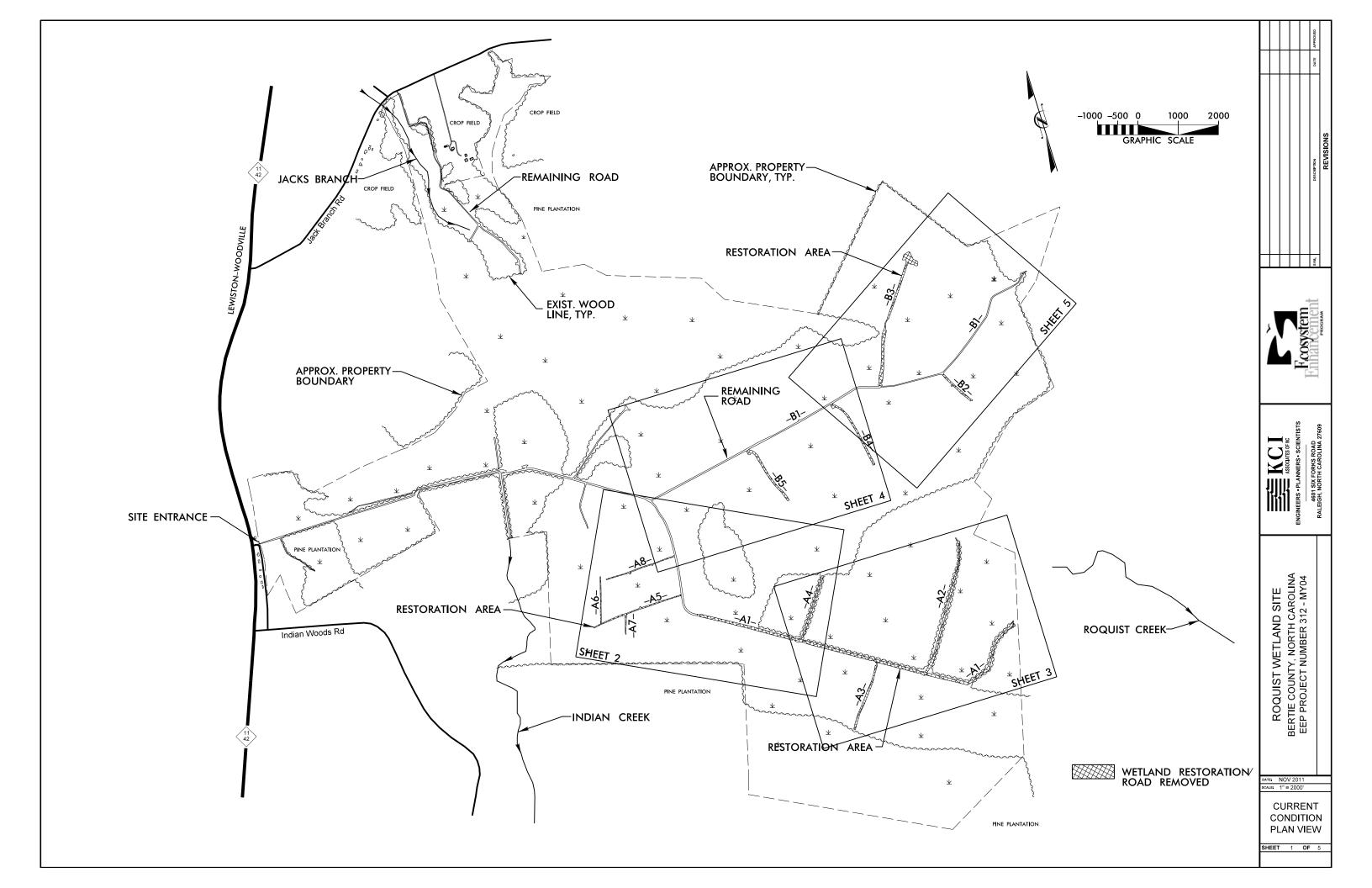
	Data	Actual
	Collection	Completion
Activity or Report	Complete	or Delivery
Restoration Plan	N/A	Aug 05
Final Design - 90%	N/A	Jul 06
Construction	N/A	Jan 08
Permanent Seeding	N/A	Jun 08
Bare Root Planting	N/A	Jan 08
Mitigation Plan / Record Drawings (Year 1 Veg Monitoring Data)	Oct 08	Nov 08
Year 2 Monitoring	Oct 09	Dec 09
Year 3 Monitoring	Oct 10	Dec 10
Year 4 Monitoring	Oct 11	Dec 11

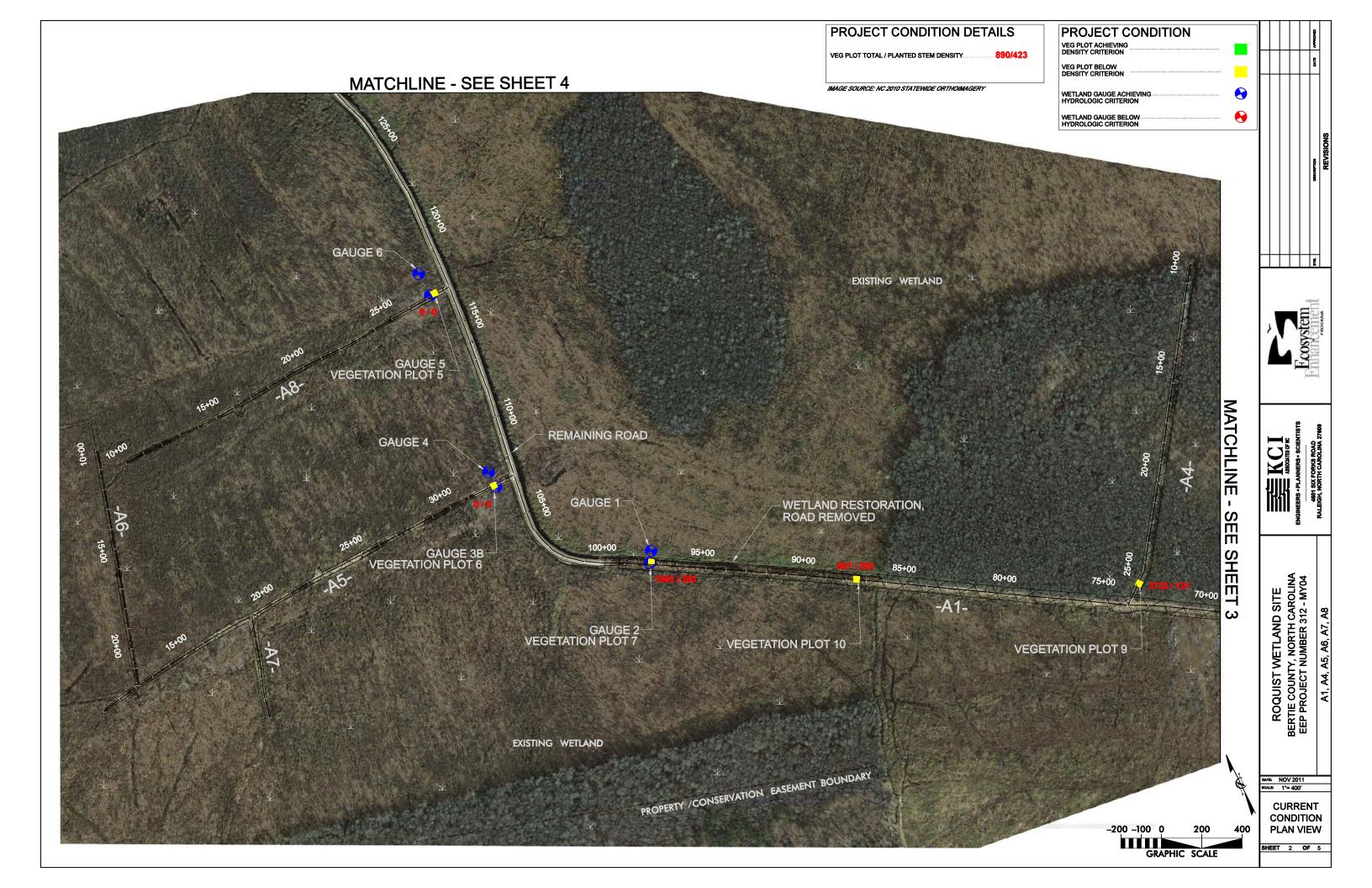
Table 3. Project Contacts Table	
Project Number and Name: 312 -	Roquist Wetland
Design Firm	HSMM of North Carolina, Inc.
2 40-9 1	3333 Regency Parkway, Suite 120
	Cary, North Carolina 27518
	Contact: Mr. Rick Prosser
	Phone: (919) 460-6895
Construction Contractor	Sawyer's Land Developing, Inc.
	275 Higginsport Road
	Belhaven, North Carolina 27810
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	Phone: (252) 943-2154
Aggregate Supplier	Hanson Rocky Mount Quarry #017
	10471 NC-97
	West Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801
	Phone: (252) 977-1611
Seeding Contractor	Holland Landscaping, Inc.
	953 Blackrock Road
	Merry Hill, North Carolina 27957
	Contact: Mr. Randy Holland
	Phone: (252) 856-4163
Planting Contractor /	Emerald Forest, Inc.
Bare-Root Plant Supplier	4651 Black Woods Road
	Chesapeake, Virginia 23322
	Contact: Mr. Peter McClintock
	Phone: (757) 421-0929
Bare-Root Plant Supplier	Int'l Paper SC Super Tree Nursery
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Survey Contractor	H.C.Harris, Jr., Engineering & Surveying, P.A.
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Table 4. Project Attribute Table Project Number and Name: 312 – Roquist Wetland	
Project County	Bertie County
Drainage Area	21.4 mi ²
Drainage Impervious Cover Estimate (%)	<5%
Physiographic Region	Inner Coastal Plain
Ecoregion	Mid-Atlantic Floodplains and Low Terraces
Plant Communities	Nonriverine Swamp Forest and
Plant Communities	Nonriverine Wet Hardwood Forest
Dominant Soil Types	Leaf Sandy Loam
Reference Site ID	On Site
USGS HUC for Project and Reference	03010107
Any portion of the project segment 303d listed?	No - not rated
Any portion of the project segment upstream of a 303d	No
listed segment?	
Reasons for 303d Listing or Stressor	N/A
% of Project Fenced	0%

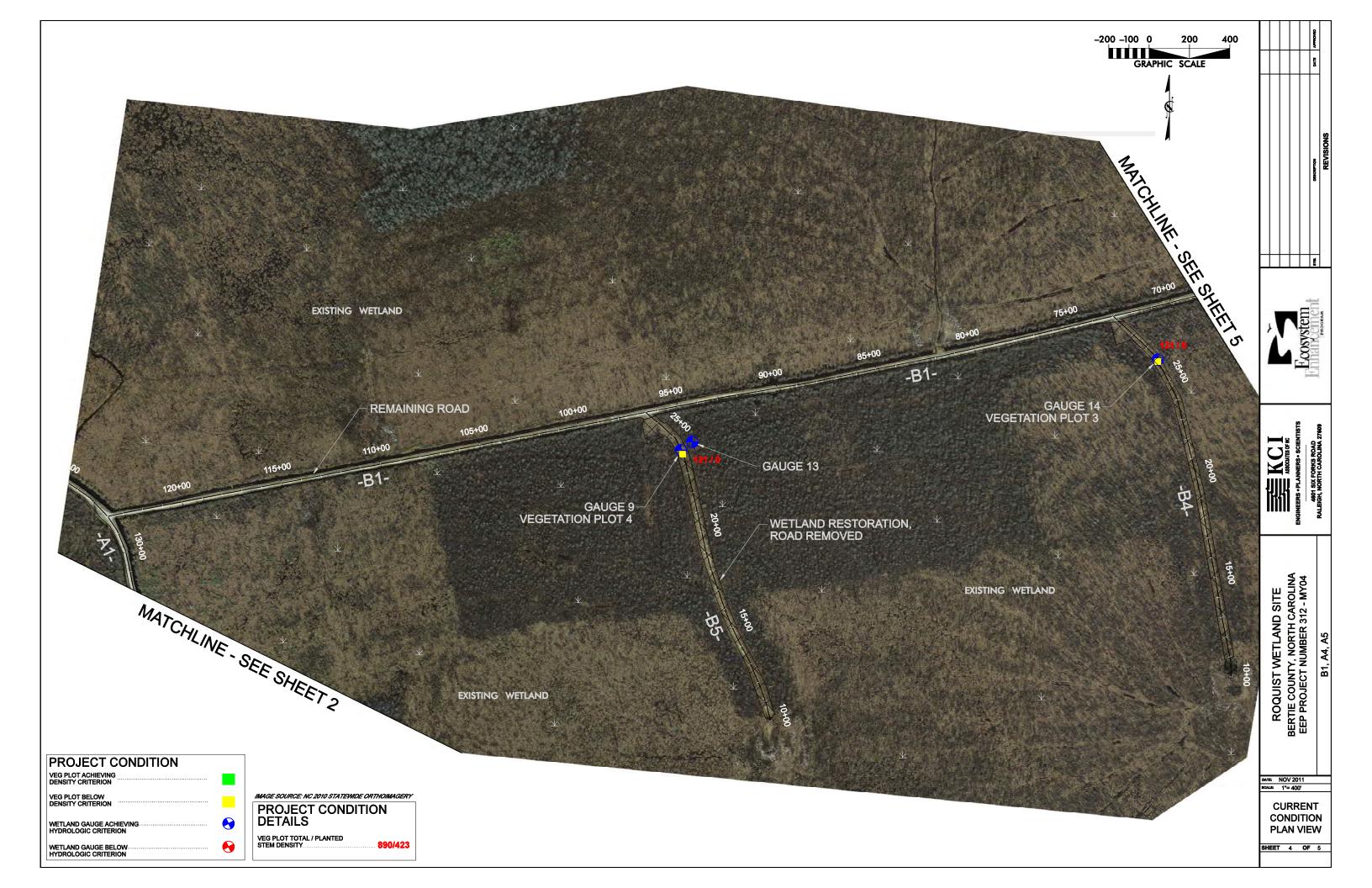
Appendix B

Visual Assessment Data









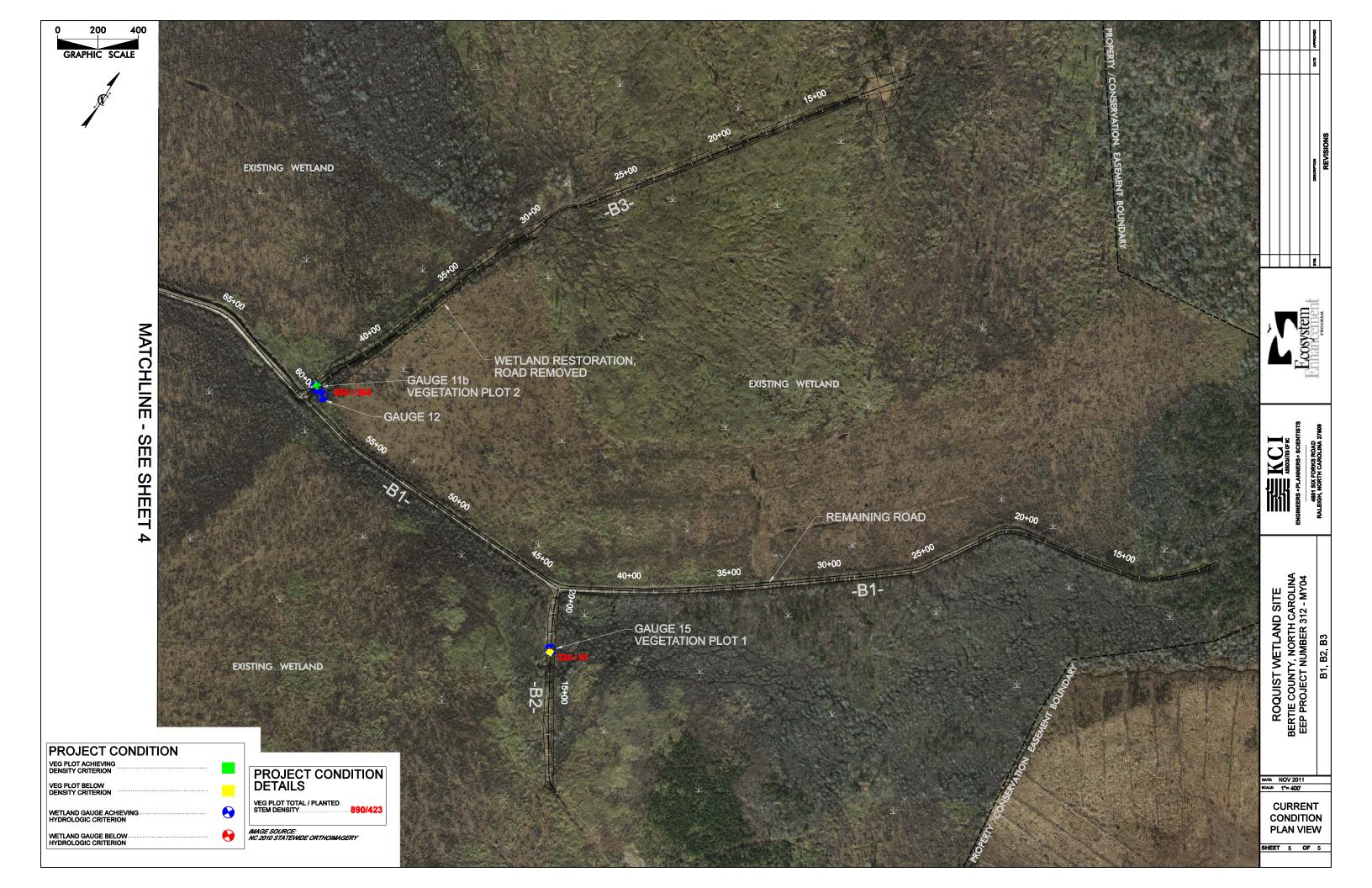


Table 5. Vegetation Condition Assessment

Project Number and Name: 312 - Roquist Wetland

Planted Acreage 36.5

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Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
1. Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.	0.1 acres	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%
2. Low Stem Density Areas	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, or 5 stem count criteria.	0.1 acres	Not Depicted, Covers a Large Part of Restoration Area	0	25.40	69.6%
			Total	0	25.40	69.6%
3. Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor	Areas with woody stems of a size class that are obviously small given the monitoring year.	0.25 acres	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%
			Cumulative Total	0	25.40	69.6%
4. Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	1000 SF	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%
5. Easement Encroachment Areas	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	none	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%

Easement Acreage 3,920

Vegetation Monitoring Plot Photos



Plot 1 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 2 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 3 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 4 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 5 Photo - 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 6 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 7 Photo - 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 8 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 9 Photo – 10/20/11 - MY 04



Plot 10 Photo - 10/20/11 - MY 04

Appendix C

Vegetation Assessment Data

Table 6. Vegetation Plot Mitigation Success Summary Table Project Number and Name: 312 - Roquist Wetland											
Vegetation Plot ID	Monitoring Year 04 Planted Stem Density (stems/acre)	Vegetation Survival Threshold Met? (260 planted stems/acre after MY05)									
1	81	No									
2	364	Yes									
3	0	No									
4	0	No									
5	0	No									
6	0	No									
7	283	Yes									
8	40	No									
9	121	No									
10	202	No									

Table 7. CVS Vegetation Plot	Metadata								
Project Number and Name: 3									
Report Prepared By	April Helms								
Date Prepared	12/5/2011 9:13								
database name	KCI-2011-A.mdb								
database location	M:\2007\12071067_2007 EEP OPEN END\Veg_database								
computer name	12-CV76KF1								
file size	59768832								
DESCRIPTION OF WORKSH	EETS IN THIS DOCUMENT								
Metadata	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of project(s) and project data.								
Proj, planted	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.								
Proj, total stems	Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year. This includes live stakes, all planted stems, and all natural/volunteer stems.								
Plots	List of plots surveyed with location and summary data (live stems, dead stems, missing, etc.).								
Vigor	Frequency distribution of vigor classes for stems for all plots.								
Vigor by Spp	Frequency distribution of vigor classes listed by species.								
Damage	List of most frequent damage classes with number of occurrences 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 each plot; dead								
Spp	and missing stems are excluded.								
ALL Stems by Plot and spp	A matrix of the count of total living stems of each species (planted and natural volunteers combined) for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.								
PROJECT SUMMARY									
Project Code	312								
project Name	Roquist Wetland								
Description	Wetland Restoration Site in Bertie County, NC.								
River Basin	Roanoke								
length(ft)	N/A								
stream-to-edge width (ft)	N/A								
area (sq m)	35,000								
Required Plots (calculated)	10								
Sampled Plots	10								

Table 8. CVS Planted Stem Count by Plot and Species

Project Number and Name: 312 – Roquist Wetland

			Current Plot Data (MY4 2011)																											
		Species	E312	2-A-00	001	E312	2-A-00	02	E312	2-A-00	03	E312	-A-00	04	E312-	A-0005	E312-A	-0000	E3	12-A-(0007	E312	2-A-00	800	E31	2-A-0	009	E312	2-A-00	10
Scientific Name	Common Name	Type	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all T	PnoLS	-all [ΓPnoL	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	Т	PnoLS	P-all	T
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree			4			7						1							20			2	<u> </u>		2			10
Baccharis	baccharis	Shrub Tree																							<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Clethra alnifolia	coastal sweetpepperbush	Shrub																							<u> </u>					
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	Tree																							<u> </u>					
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	2	2	2	1	1	1																2	<u> </u>		5			i
Itea virginica	Virginia sweetspire	Shrub																							<u> </u>					
Leucothoe axillaris	coastal doghobble	Shrub																							1		1		<u> </u>	1
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree			2						2			2										1	1		5			1
Nyssa biflora	swamp tupelo	Tree																	1	1	1				1					
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree				5	5	10											1	1	1				1		1	1	1	1
Quercus sp.	oak	Shrub Tree																							1		76			
Quercus laurifolia	laurel oak	Tree																							1	1	1	1	1	1
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree				1	1	1											1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	Tree																							<u> </u>			1	1	1
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree				1	1	1			1													1	1	1	1			1
Quercus rubra	northern red oak	Tree																							1		1			1
Quercus shumardii	Shumard's oak	Shrub Tree																							1			1	1	1
Rhus copallinum	flameleaf sumac	Shrub Tree																							1		1			1
Salix nigra	black willow	Tree																									1			
Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	Tree																							1	1	1			
Ulmus americana	American elm	Tree																	4	4	4						1			
Vaccinium corymbosum	highbush blueberry	Shrub				1	1	1																	 					1
		Stem count	2	2	8	9	9	21	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0 0	0	0 () 7	7	27	1	1	7	3	3	92	5	5	15
		size (ares)		1			1			1			1			1	1			1			1		<u> </u>	1			1	
	siz	e (ACRES)	(0.02			0.02			0.02		(0.02		0	.02	0.0)2		0.02	_	(0.02		<u> </u>	0.02			0.02	
	Sp	ecies count	1	1	3	5	5	6	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0 0	0	0 () 4	4	5	1	1	5	3	3	8	5	5	6
	Stems	s per ACRE	81	81	324	364	364	850	0	0	121	0	0	121	0	0 0	0	0 (283	283	1093	40	40	283	121	121	3723	202	202	607

P-LS – Planted Live Stake Stems

P-all – Planted Stems Total (with Live Stakes)

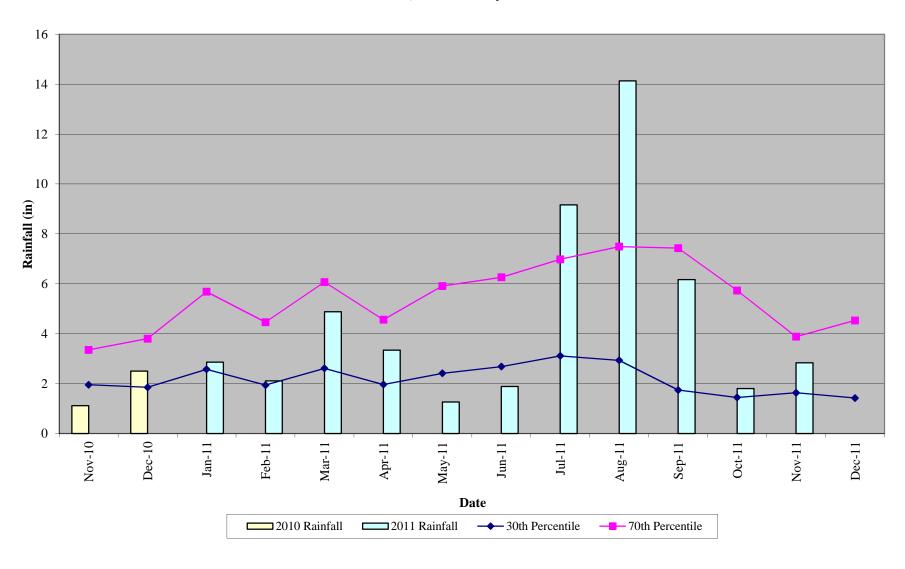
T – Total (Planted Including Live Stakes and Volunteers)

							Aı	nnua	l Means	}					
		Species	MY	4 (201	1)	MY.	3 (2010	0)	MY	2 (2009	9)	MY1 (2008)			
Scientific Name	Common Name	Туре	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree			46			17			54			19	
Baccharis	baccharis	Shrub Tree									4				
Clethra alnifolia	coastal sweetpepperbush	Shrub							1	1	1		1	1	
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	Tree									36			43	
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	3	3	10	3	3	12	3	3	15		3	3	
Itea virginica	Virginia sweetspire	Shrub											1	1	
Leucothoe axillaris	coastal doghobble	Shrub											1	1	
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree			12			2			11			12	
Nyssa biflora	swamp tupelo	Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree	7	7	12	7	7	7	9	9	9		12	12	
Quercus sp.	oak	Shrub Tree			76			76							
Quercus laurifolia	laurel oak	Tree	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3	
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	
Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	Tree	1	1	1				1	1	1				
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	2	2	4	2	2	6	2	2	2		3	3	
Quercus rubra	northern red oak	Tree												115	
Quercus shumardii	Shumard's oak	Shrub Tree	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	59		3	3	
Rhus copallinum	flameleaf sumac	Shrub Tree									13			5	
Salix nigra	black willow	Tree									1			1	
Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
Ulmus americana	American elm	Tree	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	5		4	4	
Vaccinium corymbosum	highbush blueberry	Shrub	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5		3	3	
		Stem count	27	27	176	28	28	136	33	33	225	0	39	234	
		size (ares)		10			10			10		10			
		size (ACRES)		0.25		(0.25		0.25			0.25			
	-	Species count	11	11	14	10	10	13	12	12	18	0	12	18	
	Ste	ms per ACRE	109	109	712	113	113	550	134	134	911	0	158	947	

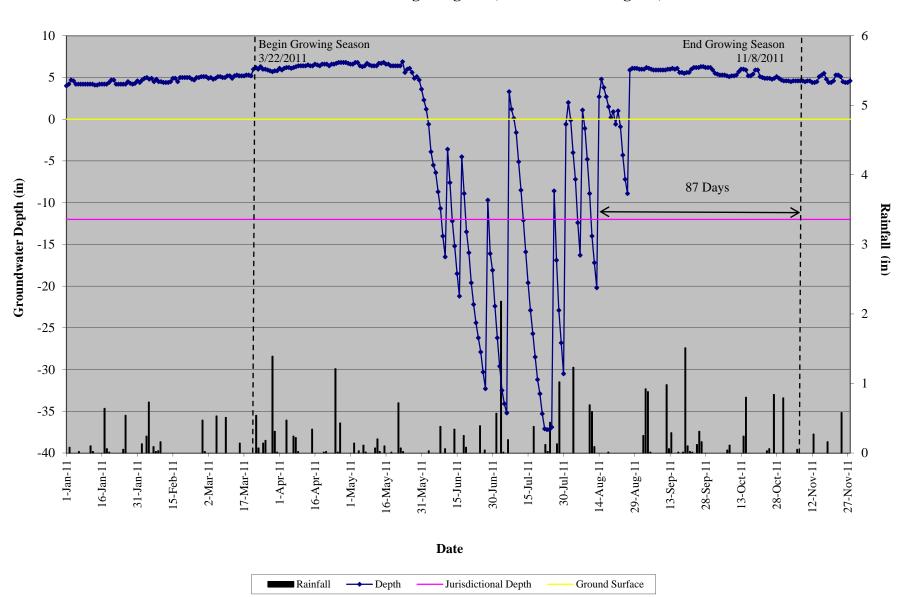
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Hydrologic Data

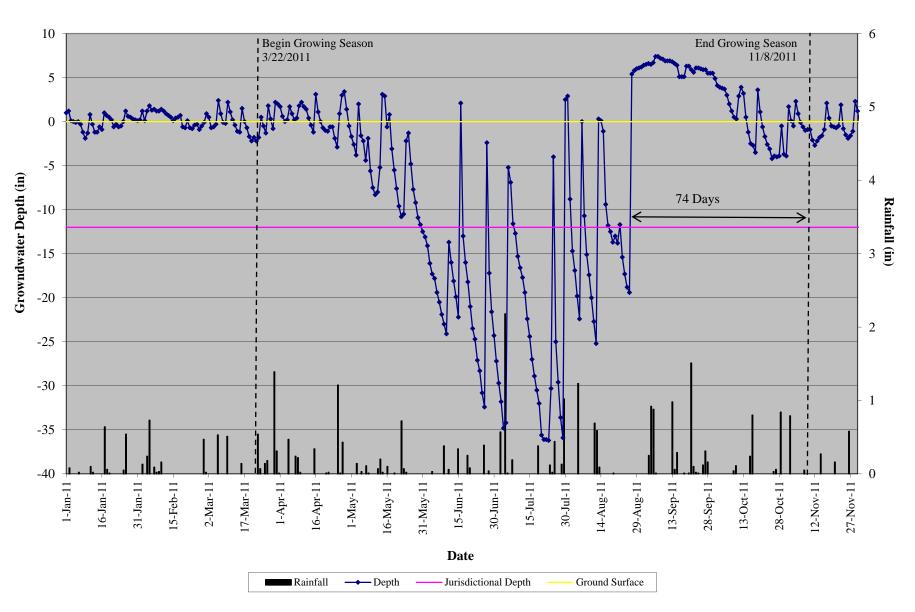
Roquist 30-70 Percentile Graph 2010-2011 Edenton, NC Monthly Rainfall



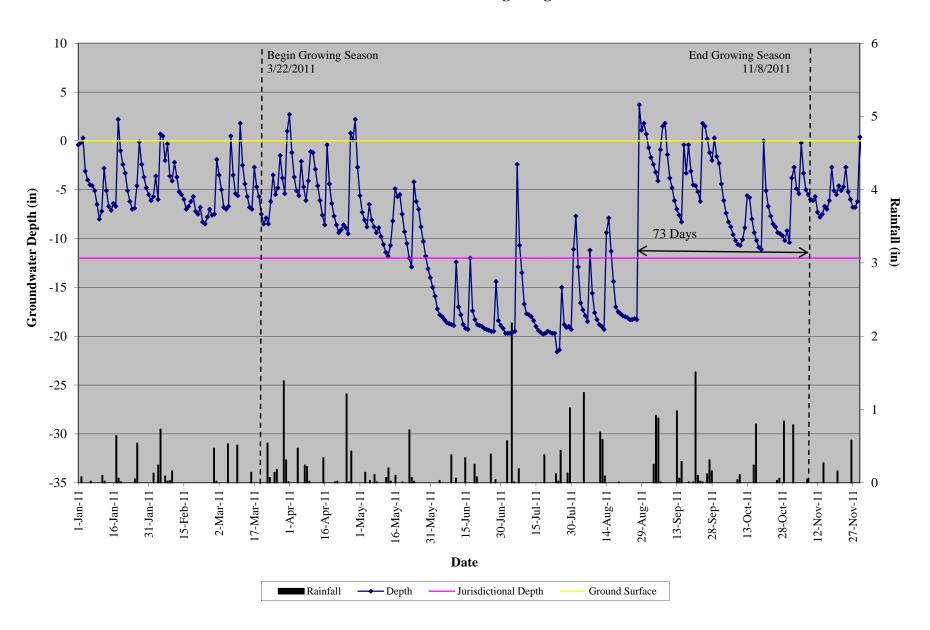
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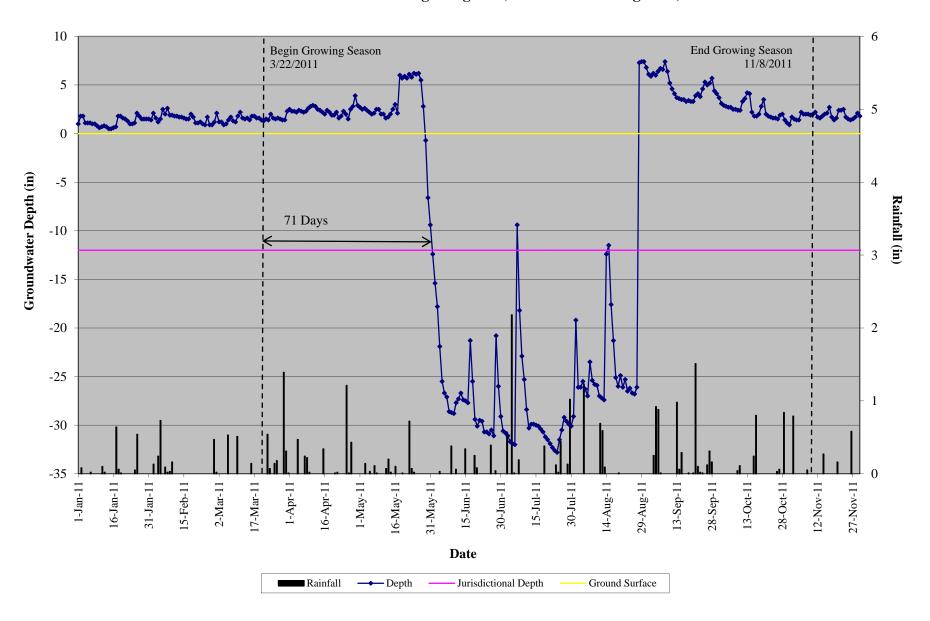
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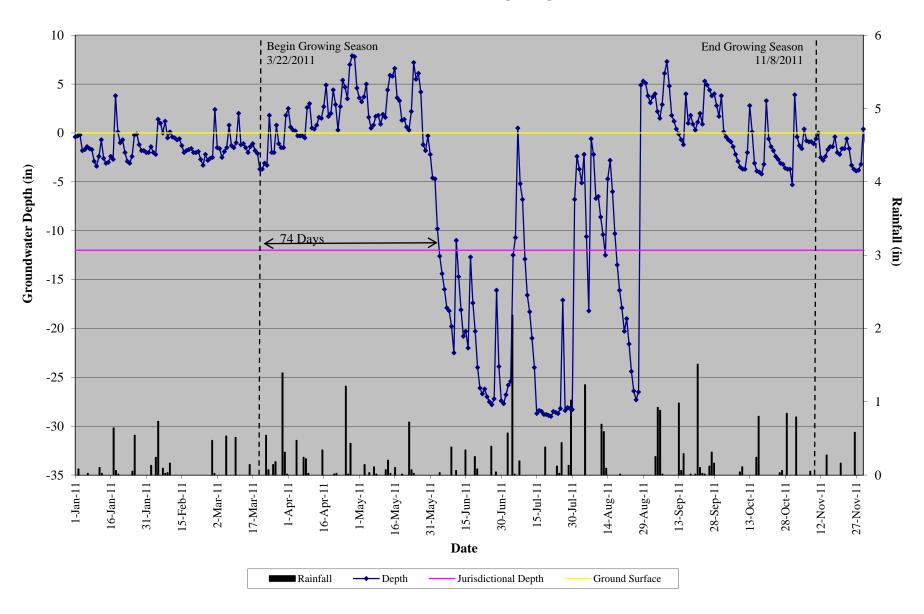
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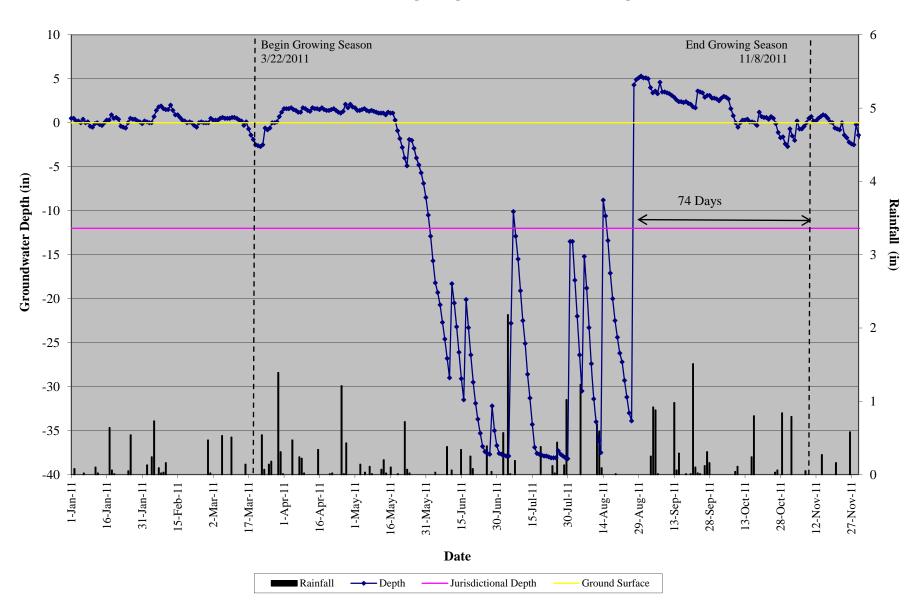
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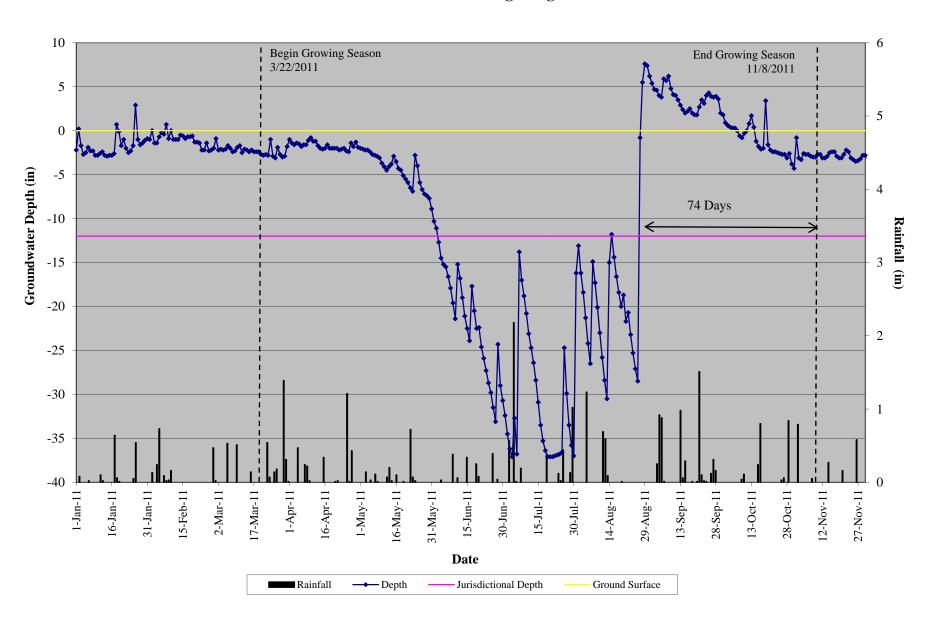
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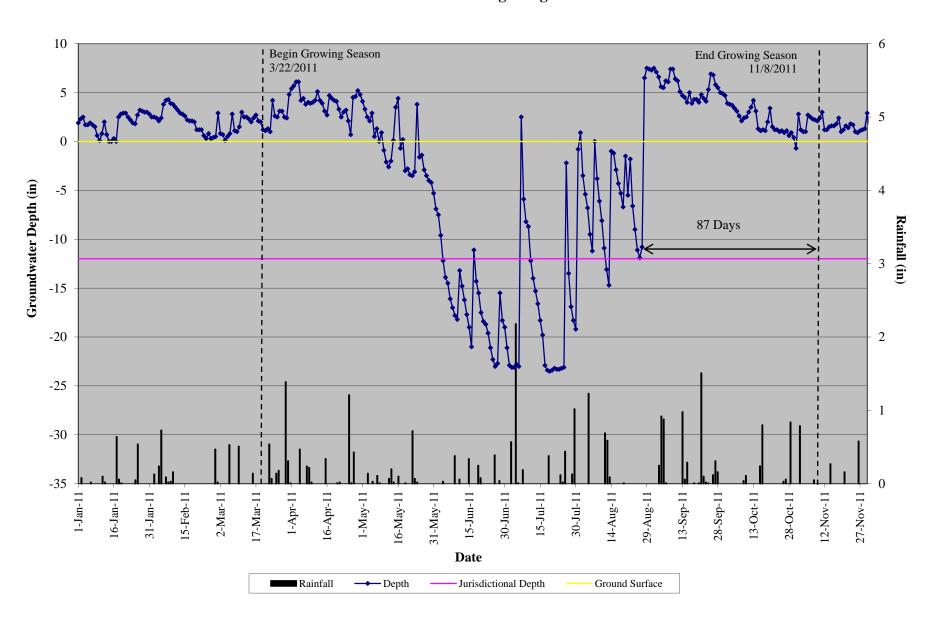
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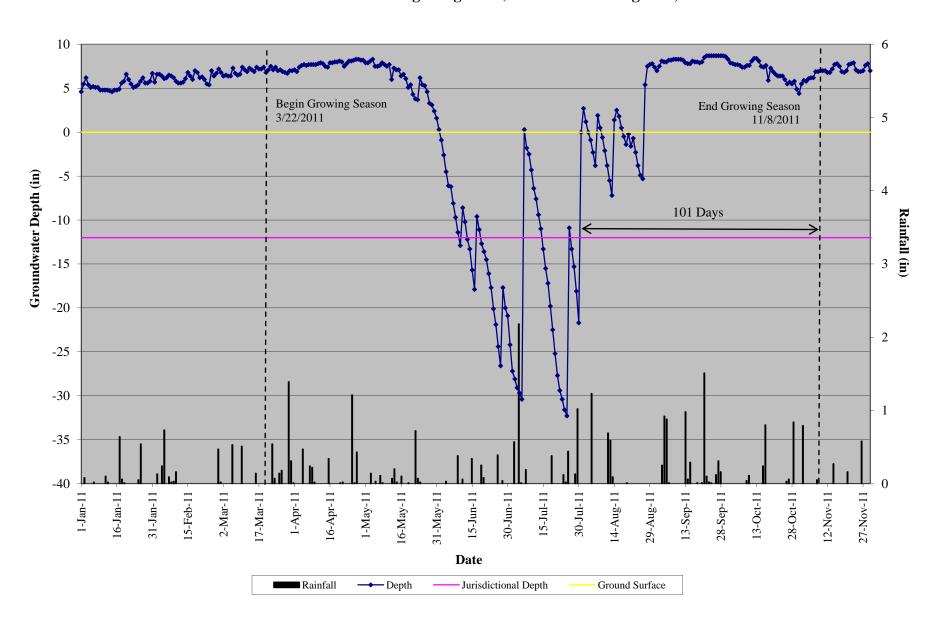
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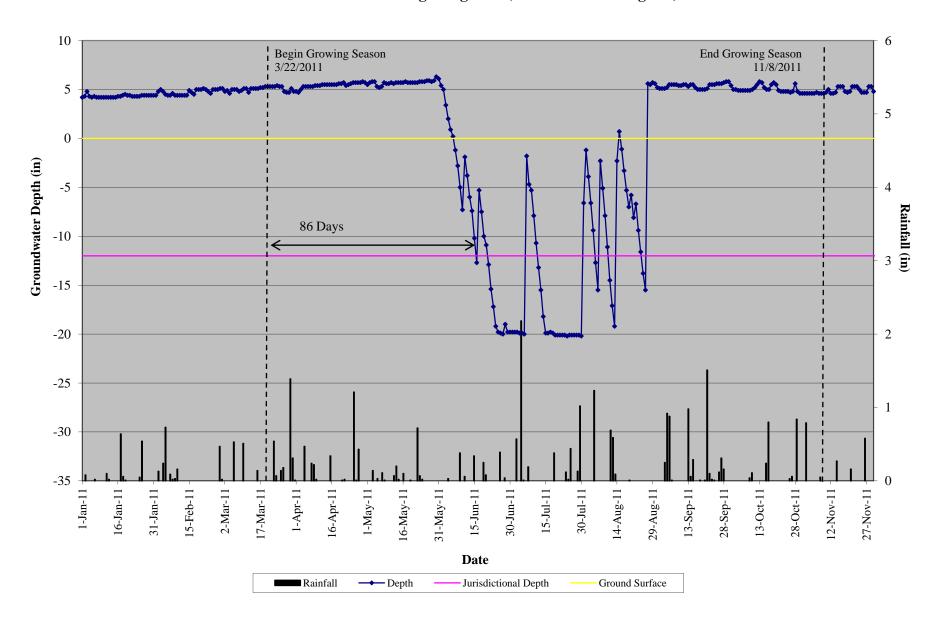
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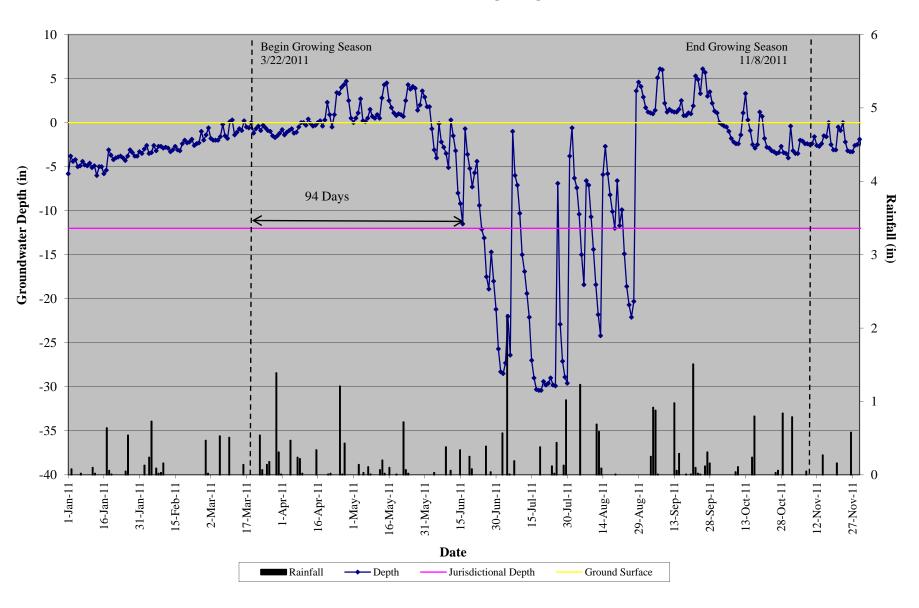
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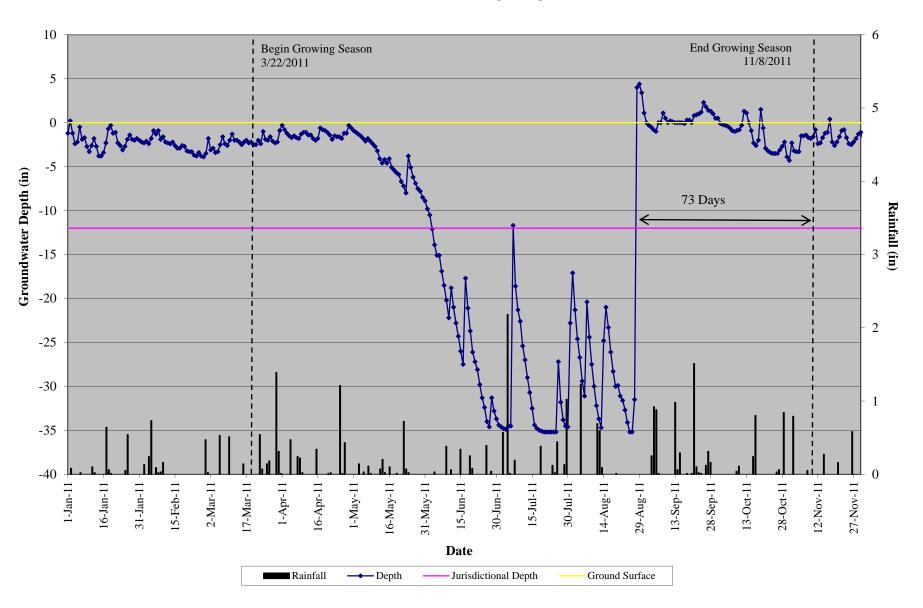
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Roquist MY04 Groundwater Monitoring Gauge #14



Roquist MY04 Groundwater Monitoring Gauge #15



Gauge	Success Criteria Achieved / Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage)			
	Year 1 (2008)	Year 2 (2009)	Year 3 (2010)	Year 4 (2011
Gauge 1	Yes/90	Yes/95	Yes/108	Yes/87
(Reference for Gauge 2)	(39%)	(41%)	(47%)	(38%)
Gauge 2	Yes/79	Yes/71	Yes/85	Yes/74
	(32%)	(31%)	(37%)	(32%)
Gauge 3b	Yes/76	Yes/44	Yes/40	Yes/73
	(33%)	(19%)	(17%)	(32%)
Gauge 4	Yes/79	Yes/65	Yes/46	Yes/71
(Reference for Gauge 3b)	(34%)	(28%)	(20%)	(31%)
Gauge 5	Yes/79	Yes/69	Yes/51	Yes/74
	(34%)	(30%)	(22%)	(32%)
Gauge 6	Yes/85	Yes/73	Yes/101	Yes/74
(Reference for Gauge 5)	(37%)	(32%)	(46%)	(32%)
Gauge 9	Yes/78	Yes/67	Yes/103	Yes/74
	(34%)	(29%)	(45%)	(32%)
Gauge 13	Yes/98	Yes/93	Yes/108	Yes/87
(Reference for Gauge 9)	(42%)	(40%)	(47%)	(44%)
Gauge 11b	Yes/92	Yes/73	Yes/114	Yes/87
	(40%)	(32%)	(49%)	(44%)
Gauge 12	Yes/96	Yes/97	Yes/112	Yes/100
(Reference for Gauge 11b)	(42%)	(42%)	(49%)	(100%)
Gauge 14	Yes/83	Yes/73	Yes/51	Yes/94
	(36%)	(32%)	(22%)	(41%)
Gauge 15	Yes/76	Yes/66	Yes/48	Yes/73
	(33%)	(29%)	(21%)	(32%)