Monitoring Report MY04

Sandy Bridge Restoration Site DMS Contract 6400 DMS Project Number 96920

DWR #: 15-0414 USACE Action ID: 201500827 Rutherford County, North Carolina



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Mitigation Project Name Sandy Bridge Farm DMS ID 96920
River Basin Broad

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Cataloging Unit 03050105
County Rutherford

USACE Action ID 2015-00827

DWR Permit 2015-0414

Date Project Instituted 4/10/2015

Date Prepared 4/21/2020

Stream/Wet. Service Area Broad 03050105

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Signature & Date of Official Approving Credit Release

- 1 For NCDMS, no credits are released during the first milestone
- 2 For NCDMS projects, the initial credit release milestone occurs automatically when the as-built report (baseline monitoring report) has been made available to the IRT by posting it to the DMS portal, provided the following have been met:
- 1) Approved of Final Mitigation Plan
- 2) Recordation of the preservation mechanism, as well as a title opinion acceptable to the USACE covering the property.
- 3) Completion of all physical and biological improvements to the mitigation site pursuant to the mitigation plan.
- 4) Receipt of necessary DA permit authorization or written DA approval for projects where DA permit issuance is not required.
- 3 A 10% reserve of credits is to be held back until the bankfull event performance standard has been met.

Credit Release Milestone	Cool Stream Credits								
Project Credits	Scheduled Releases %	Proposed Releases %	Proposed Released #	Not Approved # Releases	Approved Credits	Anticipated Release Year	Actual Release Date		
1 - Site Establishment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
2 - Year 0 / As-Built	30.00%	30.00%	487.800	0.000	487.800	2017	5/19/2017		
3 - Year 1 Monitoring	10.00%	10.00%	162.600	0.000	162.600	2018	4/25/201		
4 - Year 2 Monitoring	10.00%	10.00%	162.600	0.000	162.600	2019	4/26/2019		
5 - Year 3 Monitoring	10.00%	10.00%	162.600	0.000	162.600	2020	4/21/202		
6 - Year 4 Monitoring	5.00%					2021			
7 - Year 5 Monitoring	10.00%					2022			
8 - Year 6 Monitoring	5.00%					2023			
9 - Year 7 Monitoring	10.00%					2024			
Stream Bankfull Standard	10.00%	10.00%	162.600	0.000	162.600	2019	4/26/201		
			Totals		1.138.200				

Total Gross Credits	1,626.000
Total Unrealized Credits to Date	0.000
Total Released Credits to Date	1,138.200
Total Percentage Released	70.00%
Remaining Unreleased Credits	487.800

Credit Release Milestone		Riparian Credits								
Project Credits	Scheduled Releases %	Proposed Releases %	Proposed Released #	Not Approved # Releases	Approved Credits	Anticipated Release Year	Actual Release Date			
1 - Site Establishment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
2 - Year 0 / As-Built	30.00%	30.00%	1.996	0.000	1.996	2017	5/19/2017			
3 - Year 1 Monitoring	10.00%	10.00%	0.665	0.000	0.665	2018	4/25/2018			
4 - Year 2 Monitoring	10.00%	10.00%	0.665	0.000	0.665	2019	4/26/2019			
5 - Year 3 Monitoring	15.00%	15.00%	0.998	0.000	0.998	2020	4/21/2020			
6 - Year 4 Monitoring	5.00%					2021				
7 - Year 5 Monitoring	15.00%					2022				
8 - Year 6 Monitoring	5.00%					2023				
9 - Year 7 Monitoring	10.00%					2024				
Stream Bankfull Standard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
	•	•	Totals		4 324					

Total Gross Credits	6.653
Total Unrealized Credits to Date	0.000
Total Released Credits to Date	4.324
Total Percentage Released	65.00%
Remaining Unreleased Credits	2.329

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Mitigation Project Name DMS ID

River Basin Cataloging Unit County Sandy Bridge Farm 96920 Broad 03050105 Rutherford USACE Action ID DWR Permit Date Project Instituted Date Prepared Stream/Wet. Service Area 2015-00827 2015-0414 4/10/2015 4/21/2020 Broad 03050105

Notes

Contingencies (if any)

Project Quantities

Mitigation Type	Restoration Type	Physical Quantity
Cool Stream	Restoration	1,626.000
Riparian	Restoration	6.850

Debits							Stream Restoration Credits	Riparian Restoration
Beginning Balance (mitigation credits)						1,626.000	6.653	
Released Credits	Released Credits						1,138.200	4.324
Unrealized Credits						0.000	0.000	
Owning Program	Req. Id	TIP#	Project Name	USACE Permit #	DWR Permit #	DCM Permit #		
Statewide Stream & Wetland ILF Program	REQ-005154		Kings Mountain Quarry Expansion		2009-1301			1.996
Statewide Stream & Wetland ILF Program	REQ-005154		Kings Mountain Quarry Expansion		2009-1301			0.665
Statewide Stream & Wetland ILF Program	REQ-005154		Kings Mountain Quarry Expansion		2009-1301			0.665
Total Credits Debited					0.000	3.326		
Remaining Available bala	nce (Released	credits)					1,138.200	0.998
Remaining balance (Unre	leased credits)					487.800	2.329

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February 2, 2021

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Re: Response to Sandy Bridge Farm MY04 Report Comments

Dear Mr. Tsomides,

KCI has reviewed the comments prepared by the DMS for the Sandy Bridge Farm MY04 Report and has prepared the following responses:

1. Aggradation (attributed to beaver) is noted in the text as a site issue however the visual assessment table indicates 100% of the project performing as intended for the aggradation metric. Both pool cross sections (XS2 and XS4) are showing the pools with significant filling in. Please field-verify and quantify/update the visual assessment tables every year as appropriate.

KCI Response: The Visual Assessment Table and the CCPV have been updated to reflect the aggradation that is present on-site as a result of the beaver impoundments.

2. Please submit the features used to characterize the supplemental planting areas displayed in the CCPV.

Please submit photo point features attributed with unique ID's.

Please submit groundwater gauge features attributed with unique ID's.

Please submit vegetation plot features attributed with unique ID's.

KCI Response: These files have been added to the digital deliverables along with a shapefile characterizing the aggradation areas.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like clarification concerning these responses.

Sincerely,

Tim Morris

Project Manager

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Sandy Bridge Farm Restoration Site (SBFRS) was completed in March 2017 and restored a total of 6.85 acres of riparian wetland (1.29 acres of wetland rehabilitation and 5.56 acres of wetland reestablishment) and 1,626 linear feet of stream. The SBFRS is a riparian system located in the Broad River Basin (03050105 8-digit cataloging unit) in Rutherford County, North Carolina that had been substantially modified to maximize the use of the area for grazing. The completed project will restore impacted agricultural lands to a functioning stream and wetland ecosystem with enhanced water quality, restored hydrology, and improved fish and wildlife habitat.

The SBFRS is protected by a 9.5 acre permanent conservation easement, held by the State of North Carolina. The site is located off of Rock Road, approximately 3 miles north of Rutherfordton, North Carolina. The project site is bounded by interspersed pastureland and forested land to the east, agricultural land and Rock Road to the north-northwest, and Catheys Creek to the southwest.

The North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program's (NCEEP) publication in 2009 identified HUC 03050105070020 (Catheys Creek) as a Targeted Local Watershed (TLW). The goals and priorities for SBRFS are based on the information presented in the Broad River Basin Restoration Priorities: to restore wetland and stream functions, to maintain and enhance water quality, to restore hydrology, and to improve fish and wildlife habitat (NCEEP 2009). The project goals, which reflect those from the approved Mitigation Plan, are in line with the following basin priorities:

- Reduce sources of sediment and nutrients by restoring riparian buffer vegetation, excluding livestock, and restoring natural geomorphology.
- Prioritize project implementation in the Catheys Creek local watershed planning area.

The goals for the project are to:

- Restore a channelized stream to a meandering C-type channel with a floodplain.
- Buffer and reduce sediment impacts to the project stream.
- Restore a Piedmont Alluvial Forest Community.
- Restore a wetland hydroperiod to drained and livestock-impacted land.

The project goals will be addressed through the following objectives:

- Relocate a channelized stream to its historic landscape position.
- Install an appropriately-sized channel cross-section.
- Install bedform diversity with pools, riffles, and habitat structures.
- Demarcate the project easement boundaries and fence out livestock.
- Plant the site with native trees and shrubs and an herbaceous seed mix that supports the development of a Piedmont Alluvial Forest.
- Fill field ditches and redevelop wetland microtopography to slow the flow of surface and subsurface drainage.

To restore the site, select ditches across the site were modified or filled and incoming surface inputs and seeps were integrated to create a stream/wetland complex. Additionally, Tributary 1 to Catheys Creek was improved with Priority 1 stream restoration to re-meander the stream and elevate the groundwater table. The entire site was planted as a Piedmont Alluvial Forest community (Schafale 2012). The site was constructed as designed with no modification from the design plan.

The majority of monitoring components were installed in March 2017. Nine groundwater monitoring gauges were installed to evaluate the attainment of jurisdictional wetland hydrology. A stream gauge was installed on Tributary 1 to Catheys Creek to record the occurrence of bankfull events. To determine the success of the planted mitigation areas, eight 10 m x 10 m permanent vegetation monitoring plots were established. The location of the planted stems relative to the origin within these plots, as well as the species, was recorded and planted stems were grouped into size categories (0-10 cm, 10-50 cm, 50-100 cm, >137 cm). Any volunteers found within the plots were also grouped into size categories by species, but separate from the planted stems. Six permanent photo reference points were established and will be taken annually. Four permanent cross-sections (two sets of coupled riffles and pools) were also established and a detailed longitudinal profile of the stream was taken. Wolman pebble counts were performed at both of the riffle cross-sections. The cross-section measurements will be repeated in future monitoring years, but the longitudinal profile will only be repeated if there are concerns about bed elevation adjustments. Reports will be submitted to DMS by the end of each monitoring year. During a site visit with the IRT on December 6, 2017, it was requested that KCI install three additional groundwater monitoring gauges and two additional vegetation plots. On March 30, 2018 the three additional groundwater monitoring gauges were installed along the area of the filled, pre-construction stream channel. On September 10, 2018, the two additional vegetation plots were installed near the southern end of the site. On March 27, 2020, a supplemental planting was completed on the site. 524 one-gallon size trees were planted in the wetland rehabilitation area and 1,875 bare root trees were planted in the central portion of the site and around the stream. The planting in the wetland rehabilitation area was done as a means of correcting a small area of low growth and vigor caused by heavy growth of herbaceous vegetation. The planting in the central portion of the site, however, was done simply as a preemptive attempt to mitigate damage done by the beavers. At this time KCI does not believe that the beavers represent a threat to the vegetative success of the site but is continuing to monitor their impact on the site.

Vegetative success criteria for the site is 320 woody stems/acre after three years, 260 woody stems/acre after five years, and 210 woody stems/acre after seven years. The baseline monitoring counted an average of 647 woody stems/acre. To meet the hydrologic success criteria, the upper 12 inches of the soil profile must have continuously saturated or inundated conditions for at least 10% of the growing season during normal weather conditions. The soil survey for Rutherford County estimates the growing season begins April 4 and ends November 6 (217 days), meaning the water table must be within 12 inches of the surface for at least 22 consecutive days during the growing season. A minimum of two bankfull events must also be recorded during the monitoring period. Bank height ratios should not exceed 1.2 and the entrenchment ratios should be 2.2 or greater. Visual assessments will also be used to identify problem areas.

MONITORING RESULTS

Vegetation monitoring did not take place during the fourth monitoring year, as stipulated in the mitigation plan. Overall the site is well vegetated despite the impact the beavers have had on the site. Many large, healthy trees (> 10 feet tall) are present throughout the site. Vegetation monitoring will resume in MY05.

Daily rainfall data were obtained from the NC State Climate Office for a local weather station in Rutherfordton, NC. In 2020 the months of January, February, April, May, July, August, September, October, and November experienced above average rainfall, while June experienced average rainfall. The month of March experienced below average rainfall for the site. Overall, the area experienced above average rainfall during the 2020 growing season. During the site's fourth growing season, ten of the twelve groundwater monitoring gauges had continuous saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface for 10% (22 days) or more of the 217 day growing season

(April 4 to November 6). Both of the two gauges that did not achieve the success criteria malfunctioned. One gauge continuously malfunctioned for the entire year, while the other only recorded a portion of the growing season. While these issues were thought to be fixed during the regular downloads this summer, they persisted and these gauges have been replaced so that we will have valid data in 2021. Even without the data from these two gauges, the fact that all of the other gauges met the hydrology criteria, we are confident that these parts of the site also met for 2020.

The stream gauge has recorded multiple bankfull events in each year since construction, including 6 bankfull events in 2020. This large number of bankfull events is the desired outcome for this project. A component of the stream design was to provide regular recharging of the riparian wetlands from overbank stream flows. In June 2018, several large beaver dams were discovered on site. Since then KCI has been continuously monitoring for further signs of beaver activity, trapping beavers on-site and removing dams when they are found. Dams were removed in August 2018, November 2018, June 2019, August 2019, October 2019, June 2020, and September 2020. In August 2020 KCI contracted with USDA APHIS-WS to provide ongoing beaver management. See Appendix B and Appendix D for more information.

Due to the presence of beavers on-site, there has been more aggradation in the stream channel than has been anticipated. KCI has been removing the beavers routinely, but when the dams are built sediment has deposited in the channel. Though not normally a part of monitoring year 4, the IRT requested that KCI conduct cross-section surveys in 2020 to monitor this situation. The fourth-year cross-section survey showed aggradation in the pool cross-sections (XS2 and 4) as well as aggradation on the banks of Cross-section 1. One of the beaver dams that was removed in June 2020 was located at the head of the riffle just below XS2. Another dam is located approximately 100 lf downstream from XS4. These dams had previously been removed in 2018 and 2019. During MY02, a mid-channel bar was recorded in the survey of XS2 as a result of backwater from the beaver dams. After the dams were removed, the sediment forming this bar washed through and it was no longer present during the MY03 survey. Due to the continued rebuilding of dams, the accumulated sediment did not have a chance to wash out of the channel in 2020. Over the next few years of monitoring we will continue to monitor this situation as we continue to remove beavers and beaver dams. It is believed that the sediment that has built up within the stream will wash out if given enough time after the removal of the beaver dams. It's important to note that even with the rebuilding of the dams, the stream flow has stayed within the restored channel and we have not seen any evidence of other channels forming in this system.

The monitored cross-section data have been calculated by adjusting the bankfull elevation to maintain the baseline bankfull area for each cross-section. A total cross-sectional metric has been added to the cross-section data to indicate the cross-sectional area below the baseline bankfull elevation. In instances where there has been some lateral aggradation and narrowing the data show the cross-section having a significantly higher bankfull width and higher width/depth ratio as compared to previous years. The comparison of cross-section plots between monitoring events illustrates that this change does not indicate a problematic change in cross-section condition. Future monitoring will show how the channel has adjusted to the varying backwater conditions and how the stream has processed the sediment from these events.

The right bank of the stream that flows along the easement's southern boundary had been experiencing significant erosion due to several areas of obstruction in the center of this channel that are diverting water into the banks. Although this stream is not part of the project, and is located outside of the easement bounds, the erosion on the right bank has encroached into the easement. In November 2019, KCI repaired and stabilize this area. This work involved removing

the mid-channel obstructions and sloping back the eroding bank. 150 live stakes were planted along this bank in March 2020. During this work, several farm gates that had become buried in the stream bank were removed and a small swale was dug to direct water into the site from fields adjacent to the eastern boundary of the site. This swale was designed to drain ponded conditions in these fields and dissipate the water throughout the wetlands on-site. See Appendix B for more information.

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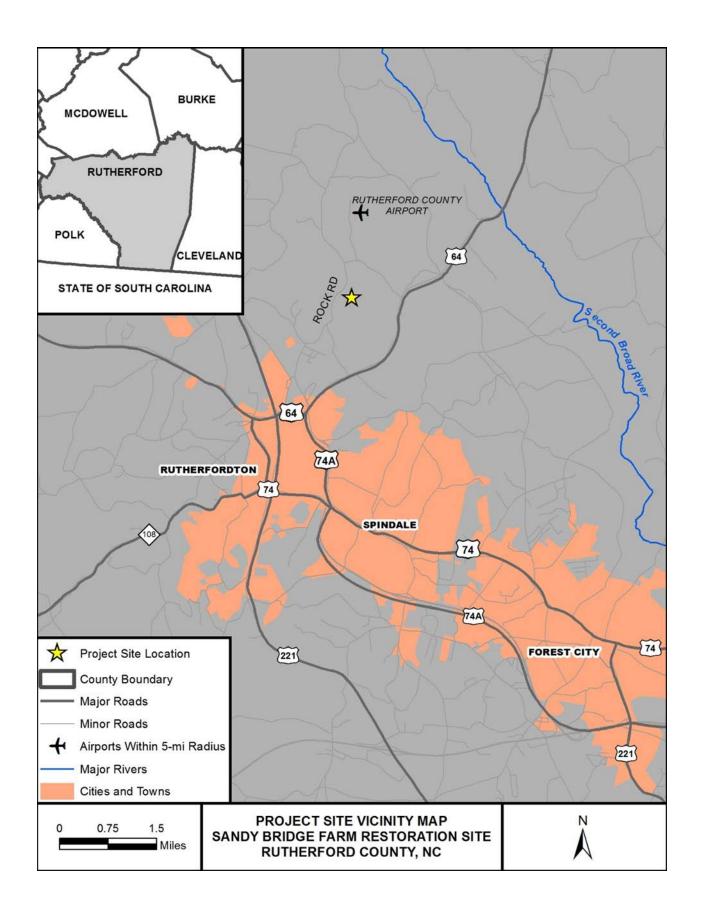
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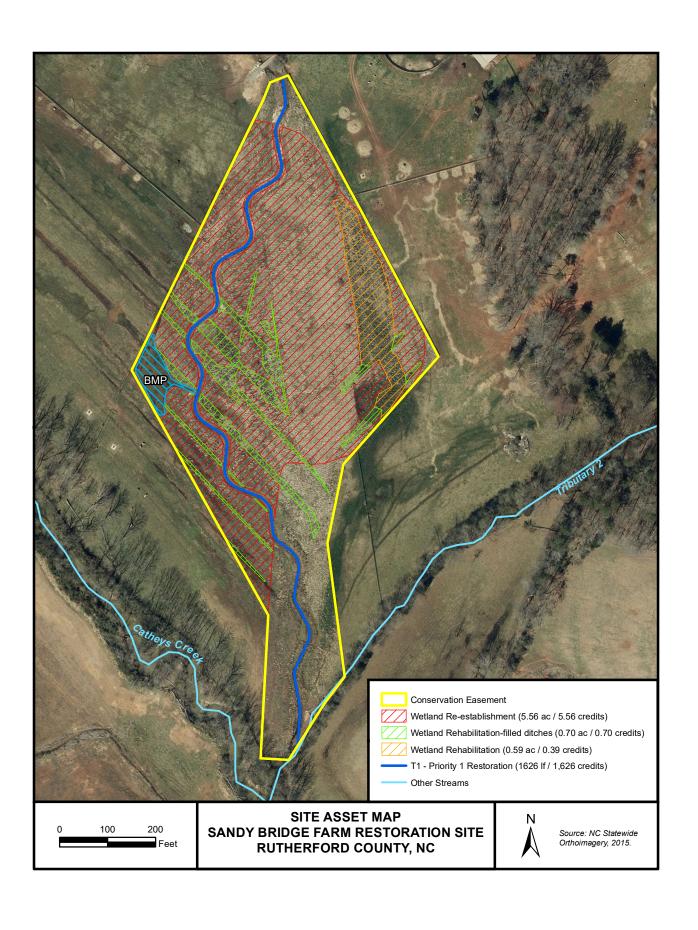
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APPENDIX A

Background Tables

					Mitigat	ion Credits					
	St	ream	Ripa Wetl		Non-riparian Wetland		Buffer Nutrio				rous ent et
Type	R	RE	R	RE	E R	RE					
Credits	1,626		6.65								
	1				Project (Components			Ī		1
Project Component -or- Reach ID	L	ntioning/ ocation	Existin Footag Acrea	ge/	Approach (PI, PII etc.)	Restoration - Restoration Equivalent	1]	estoration Footage/ Acreage	Mitigation Ratio	Credits
Tributary 1		0+00 to 26+26	1,470	lf	PI	Restoration			1,626 lf	1:1	1,626
Wetland Reestablishme	nt					Restoration			5.56 ac	1:1	5.56
Wetland Rehabilitation	*		0.79 ฮ	ac		Restoration			0.70 ac	1:1	0.70
Wetland Rehabilitation	n		0.59 a	ac		Restoration			0.59 ac	1.5:1	0.39
					Componer	nt Summation			•		
Restoration	Level	Stream (linear feet)	Rip		Wetlands cres)	Non-Riparia Wetlands (Ac		(sq	Buffer Juare feet)	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	
			River	ine	Non- Riverine						
Restorati	on	1,626 lf									
Reestablish	ment		5.56	ac							
Rehabilita	tion		1.29	ac							
Enhancem	ent										
Creation	1										
Preservati	on										
High Qua Preservati											

R= Restoration RE= Restoration Equivalent of Creation or Enhancement *=wetland rehabilitation associated with filled ditches

Sandy Bridge Farm Restoration Sites, DMS P		Actual Completion or
Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Delivery
Mitigation Plan		June 2016
Final Design - Construction Plans		June 2016
Construction Grading Completed		Aug 29, 2016
Planting Completed		March 11, 2017
Baseline Monitoring/Report	March 2017	April 2017
Vegetation Monitoring	March 21, 2017	
Stream Survey	March 20, 2017	
Year 1 Monitoring	November 2017	December 2017
Vegetation Monitoring	October 26, 2017	
Stream Survey	November 6, 2017	
Additional Groundwater Gauges Installed		March 30, 2018
Beaver Dam Removal		August 20, 2018
Additional Vegetation Plots Installed		September 10, 2018
Beaver Dam Removal		November 6, 2018
Year 2 Monitoring	November 2018	December 2018
Vegetation Monitoring	September 10, 2018	
Stream Survey	XS1 and 2: June 28, 2018 XS3 and 4: September 11, 2018	
Beaver Dam Removal		June 14, 2019
Beaver Dam Removal		August 8, 2019
Beaver Dam Removal		October 17, 2019
Non-project Reach Repair		November 21, 2019
Year 3 Monitoring	November 2019	December 2019
Vegetation Monitoring	July 11, 2019	
Stream Survey	June 19, 2019	
Supplemental Planting		March 27, 2020
Year 4 Monitoring	November 2020	December 2020
Stream Survey	November 4, 2020	
Beaver Dam Removal		June 12, 2020
Beaver Dam Removal		September 15, 2020

Table 3. Project Contacts Sandy Bridge Farm Resto	ration Sites, DMS Project #96920			
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Construction Contractor	KCI Environmental Technologies and Construction			
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	Raleigh, NC 27609			
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Planting Contractor	Conservation Services Inc.			
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	Fax: (919) 783-9266			

Project Name		Sandy Bridge Farm Restoration Site			
County		Rutherford County			
Project Area (acres)		9.45 acres			
Project Coordinates (lat. and long.)		35.407997° N, -81.937000° W			
11 officer coordinates (last and longs)	Project Watershed	Summary Information			
Physiographic Province		Piedmont			
River Basin		Broad			
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	03050105	USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	03050105070020		
DWQ Sub-basin	9-41-13-(0.5)				
Project Drainage Area (acres)		837 acres			
Project Drainage Area Percentage		037 deles			
of Impervious Area		8%			
CGIA Land Use Classification	Mixed Hardwoods/ (329.3 ac), Mounta Intensity Develope	/Conifers 42% (350.0 ac), Managed Herbaced in Conifers 12% (99.5 ac), Mixed Shrubland d 1% (11.0 ac)	ous Cover 39% 5% (43.5 ac), Low		
		ummary Information			
Parameters		T1			
Length of reach (linear feet)		1,470 lf			
Valley classification		Valley Type VIII			
Drainage area (acres)		837 acres			
NCDWQ Water Quality Classification		WS-V (Water Supply – upstream)			
Morphological Description (stream type	e)	Ditched channel			
Evolutionary trend		Channelized			
Mapped Soil Series		Wehadkee-Chewacla Association			
Drainage class		Poorly drained; Somewhat poorly drained			
Soil Hydric status		Drained hydric			
Slope		0-1%			
FEMA classification		Zone AE			
Existing vegetation community		N/A (Pasture)			
Percent composition of exotic invasive	vegetation	5%			
	Existing Wetland	Summary Information			
Parameters					
Size of Wetland (acres)		0.59 acres (Wetland Rehabilitation Area)			
Wetland Type		Headwater Seep			
Mapped Soil Series		Wehadkee-Chewacla Association			
Drainage class		Poorly drained; Somewhat poorly drained			
Soil Hydric Status		Drained Hydric			
Source of Hydrology		Seepage/ Precipitation			
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Source of Hydrology Hydrologic Impairment Existing vegetation community		Ditching and Grazing Emergent Wetland			

	Regulatory C	Considerations	
Regulation	Applicable?	Resolved?	Supporting Documentation
Waters of the United States – Section 404	Yes	DWR# 15-0414 USACE Action ID# 201500827	Jurisdictional Determination
Waters of the United States – Section 401	Yes	DWR# 15-0414 USACE Action ID# 201500827	Jurisdictional Determination
Endangered Species Act	No	N/A	N/A
Historic Preservation Act	No	N/A	N/A
Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)/ Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)	No	N/A	N/A
FEMA Floodplain Compliance	No	N/A	N/A
Essential Fisheries Habitat	No	N/A	N/A

APPENDIX B

Visual Assessment Data

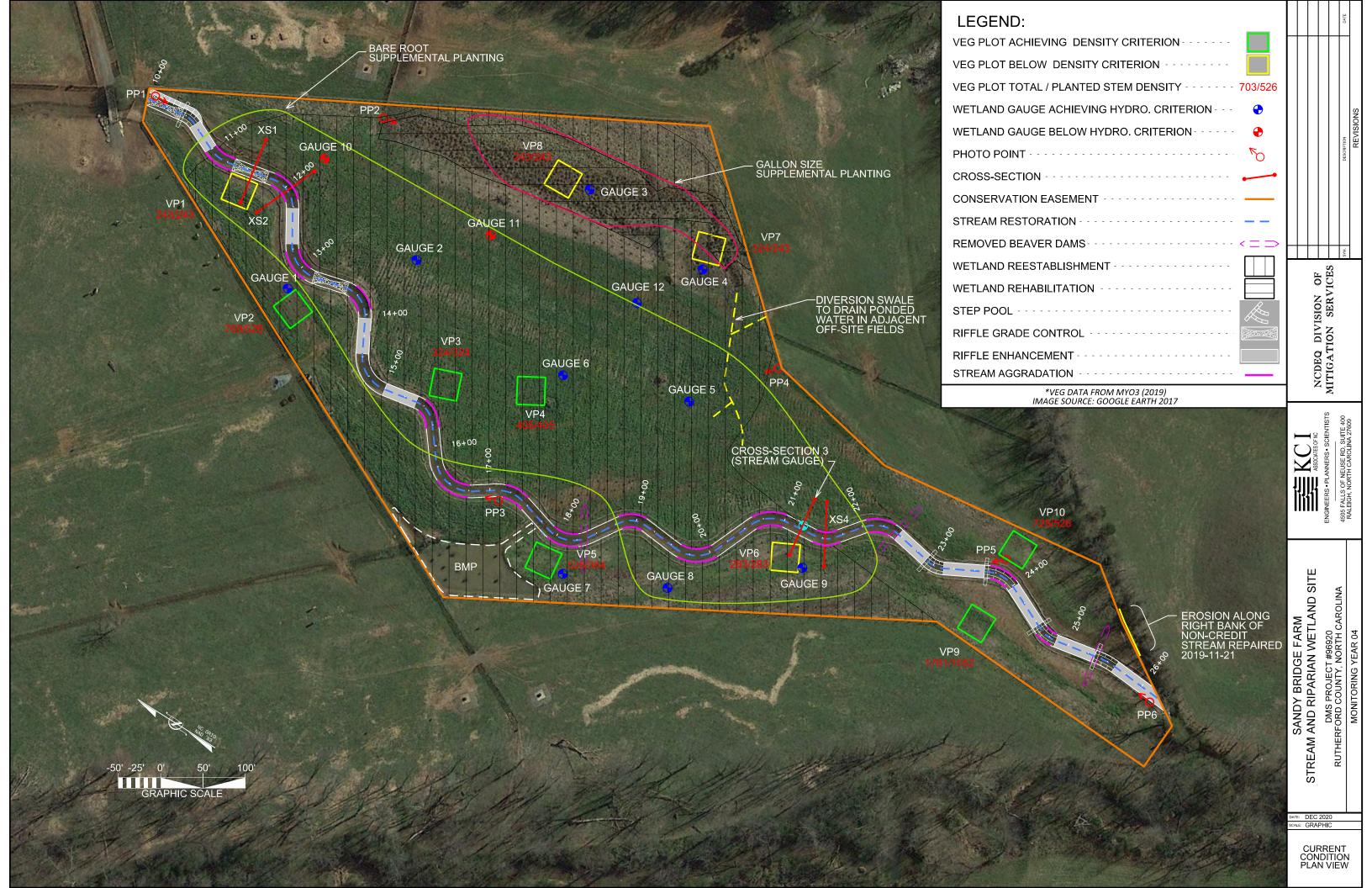


Table 5 Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment

Sandy Bridge Farm Stream Restoration Site, DMS Project#96920
Reach ID Reach 1
Assessed Length 1626

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability	1. <u>Aggradation</u> - Bar formation/growth sufficient to significantly deflect			15	544	67%
	(Riffle and Run units)	flow laterally (not to include point bars) 2. <u>Degradation</u> - Evidence of downcutting	1		0	0	100%
	2. Riffle Condition	Texture/Substrate - Riffle maintains coarser substrate	20	20	· ·	v	100%
	3. Meander Pool Condition	1. <u>Depth</u> Sufficient (Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth ≥ 1.6)	20	20			100%
		2. <u>Length</u> appropriate (>30% of centerline distance between tail of upstream riffle and head of downstrem riffle)	20	20			100%
	4.Thalweg Position	1. Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	20	20			100%
		2. Thalweg centering at downstream of meander (Glide)	20	20			100%
2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroding	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0	100%
	2. Undercut	Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does <u>NOT</u> include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat.			0	0	100%
	3. Mass Wasting	Bank slumping, calving, or collapse			0	0	100%
				Totals	0	0	100%
3. Engineered Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs.	8	8			100%
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	8	8			100%
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms.	5	5			100%
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does <u>not</u> exceed 15%. (See guidance for this table in EEP monitoring guidance document)	6	6			100%
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~ Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth ratio ≥ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at base-flow.	5	5			100%

Table 6Vegetation Condition AssessmentSandy Bridge Farm Stream Restoration Site, DMS Project# 96920

Planted Acreage 9.5

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	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%
			Total	0	0.00	0.0%
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	0.00	0.0%
Easement Acreage	9.5					
Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Easement Acreage
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%

Photo Reference Photos



PP1 - MY-00 - 3/21/17



PP2 - MY-00 - 3/21/17



PP3 - MY-00 - 3/21/17



PP1 - MY - 04 - 12/15/20



PP2 - MY - 04 - 12/15/20



PP3 - MY - 04 - 12/15/20



PP4 - MY-00 - 3/21/17



PP5- MY-00 - 3/21/17



PP6- MY-00 - 3/21/17



PP4 - MY-04 - 12/15/20



PP5-MY-04-12/15/20



PP6- MY-04 - 12/15/20

Repair Area Photos



8/28/18 – Before repair



11/21/19 – Immediately after repair



 $\overline{12/15/20}$ – One year after repair



3/30/18 – Before repair



12/15/20 – One year after repair

APPENDIX C

Stream Measurement and Geomorphology Data

Parameter		Pre-1	Existing	Condition	n	I	Reference	Reach(e	es) Data		Design		As-bui	lt	
1 WI WIIICWI		110-1	ZAISHIII	Condition		1 1	CICICICE	reacii(C	o, Data		Design		7 15-UUI	11	
Dimension - Riffle	Min	Mean	Med	Max	n	Min	Mean	Med	Max	n	Proposed	Min	Mean	Max	n
Bankfull Width (ft)	31.5	32.9	330	34.0	4	14.8	16.7		18.6	2	15.0	15.4	17.2	18.9	2
Floodprone Width (ft)	60.9	72.9	69.3	92.0	4	>40	>47		>55	2	>38	>60	>68	>70	2
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.5	4	1.3	1.5		1.7	2	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	2
Bankfull Max Depth (ft)	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.7	4	1.9	2.2		2.4	2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	2
Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area (ft²)	66.6	73.2	71.2	84.0	4	25.0	25.1		25.1	2	12.7	13.2	13.5	13.8	2
Width/Depth Ratio	13.5	14.8	14.9	16.0	4	8.8	11.3		13.8	2	17.7	17.3	22.1	27.0	2
Entrenchment Ratio	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.7	4	>2.5	>2.5		>2.5	2	>2.5	3.8	4.0	4.1	2
Bank Height Ratio	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.7	4	1.2	1.4		1.5	2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2
Pattern															
Channel Beltwidth (ft)			*			60				1	35-60	35		60	2
Radius of Curvature (ft)			*			16			87	1	30-50	30		50	2
Rc:Bankfull width (ft/ft)			*			0.9			5.9	1	2.0-3.3	2.0		3.3	2
Meander Wavelength (ft)			*			66			191	1	134-160	134		160	2
Meander Width Ratio			*			4.1				1	8.9-10.7	8.9		10.7	2
Riffle Length (ft)												23	40	56	20
Riffle Slope (ft/ft)	0.000			0.010	2	0.013			0.035	2	0.002-0.008	0.000	0.006	0.014	20
Pool Length (ft)	*					14			33	2	17-55	11	22	39	20
Pool Spacing (ft)	*					50			105	2	55-90	25.9	78.3	102.2	19
Substrate and Transport Paramete	rs					•	•					*			.,
SC% / Sa% / G% / C% / B% / Be%		18%/3	9%/43%	5/1%/0%/0)%							66%	/2%/22%/10	0%/1%/0%	
d16 / d35 / d50 / d84 / d95 (mm)		0.076	5/1.2/3.3	3/5.2/9.4/1	8							0.06	52/0.5/17.5/2	25.5/40/90	
Channel length (ft)			1,47	70							1.626		1,626		
Drainage Area (SM)			1.3					1.49			1.31		1.31		
Rosgen Classification			E4-0					C4			C4		C4		
Sinuosity			1.0			1		1.3			1.2		1.2		
Water Surface Slope (ft/ft)			0.00			 	0	.0050			0.0038		0.0027	7	

^{*}No data shown due to channelization/lack of bed diversity

Table 9. Cross-Section Morphology Data Table	Cross-Section 1 (Riffle Station 14+75 Station 16+4C													
Sandy Bridge Farm Stream Restoration Site, DI Dimension and Substrate	MS Proj		ss-Sect	,		Station 16+ 174 MY5 MY+ Base MY1 MY2 MY3 167.9 866.7 866.7 867.5 867.7 19.9 18.8 19.6 18.6 21.0 18.0 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.2 2 2.7 2.7 2.2 2.7 1.8 26.8 26.8 26.8 26.8 26.8 1.8 26.8 26.2 12.9 10.9 1.0 1.0 1.1 MY5 MY+ Base MY1 MY2 MY3 155.2 865.3 865.16 865.1 865.4 16.2 18.7 18.1 17.1 20.4 170 18.8 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.4 18.7 3.0 3.1 3.0 1.9 18.8 28.8 28.8 28.8 18.8 28.8 28.8 18.9 30.7 32.1 20.7 18.9 3.0 3.1 3.0 1.9 18.1 3.0 3.1 3.0 1.9 18.2 3.8 30.7 32.1 20.7 18.3 3.0 3.1 3.0 3.1 3.0								
	Base	MY1				MY5	MY+	Base	MY1			MY4	MY5	MY+
Bankfull Elevation	866.7	866.9	867.3						866.7	867.5	867.7	868.2		
Bankfull Width (ft)					9.9			18.8	19.6			13.6		
Floodprone Width (ft)	>80	>80	>80	>80	>80			-	-	-	-	-		
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.4			1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	2.0		
	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.2			2.7	2.7	2.2	2.7	2.4		
Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area (ft ²)	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8			26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8		
Total Cross-Sectional Area (ft ²)	13.8	10.9	7.2	7.1	4.8			26.8	26.2	12.9	10.9	7.4		
	17.3	17.9	23.6	13.4	7.1			-	-	-	-	-		
·	4.1	5.1	4.4	5.9	6.9			-	-	-	-	-		
Bankfull Bank Height Ratio	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0			-	-	-	-	-		
d50 (mm)	35	26	0.7	0.6	4.4			1	-	-	-	-		
				,					Cro			` ′		
	Base	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+	Base	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	MY+
Bankfull Elevation	865.3	865.3						865.3				865.6		
				16.7				18.7		17.1	20.4	35.1		
Floodprone Width (ft)	>70	>70	>70	>70	>70			-	-	-	-	-		
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8			1.5	1.6	1.7	1.4	0.8		
Bankfull Max Depth (ft)	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7			3.0	3.1	3.0	1.9	1.6		
Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area (ft ²)	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1			28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8		
	13.1	12.4	15.1	15.1	14.4			28.8	30.7	32.1	20.7	17.8		
Total Cross-Sectional Area (ft ²)	13.1													
		22.8	18.0	19.7	20.0			-	-	-	-	-		_
Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio	18.8							-	-	-	-	-		
Bankfull Width/Depth Ratio Bankfull Entrenchment Ratio	18.8	4.2	4.7	4.5	4.5			-	- - -	-	-	-		

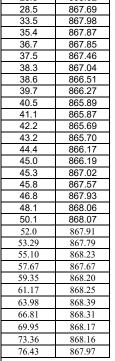
Calculations are based on a fixed bankfull area established during the baseline survey, and the resulting bankfull elevation. Total Cross-Sectional Area represents the cross-sectional area measured from the baseline bankfull elevation.

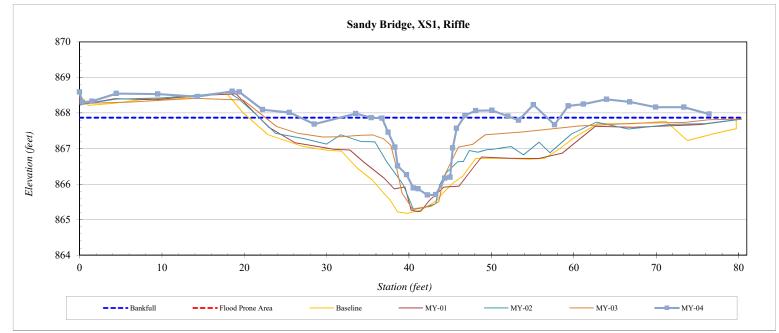
River Basin:	Broad
Site:	Sandy Bridge
XS ID	XS1
Drainage Area:	837 acres
Date:	11/4/2020
Field Crew	T Seelinger A Gutjerrez

Station	Elevation
0.0	868.59
0.3	868.31
1.5	868.33
4.5	868.55
9.5	868.53
14.3	868.46
18.5	868.61
19.4	868.59
22.2	868.09
25.5	868.02
28.5	867.69
33.5	867.98
35.4	867.87
36.7	867.85

SUMMARY DATA	
Current Bankfull Elevation:	867.87
Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area:	13.8
Total Cross-Sectional Area:	4.8
Bankfull Width:	9.9
Flood Prone Area Elevation:	870.0
Flood Prone Width:	67.9
Max Depth at Bankfull:	2.2
Mean Depth at Bankfull:	1.4
W / D Ratio:	7.1
Entrenchment Ratio:	6.9
Bank Height Ratio:	1.0



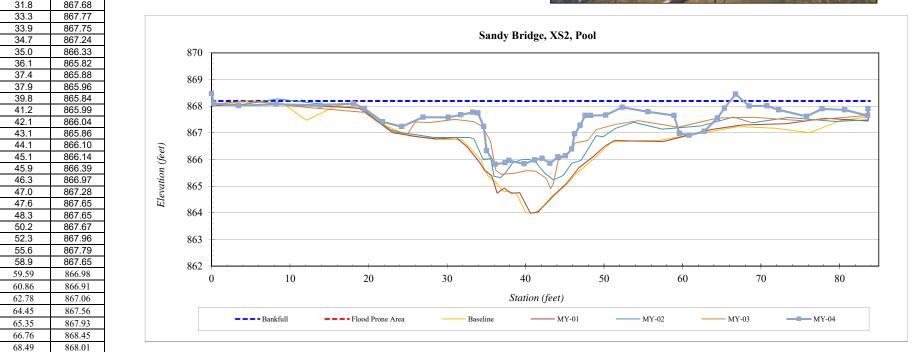




River Basin:	Broad
Site:	Sandy Bridge
XS ID	XS2
Drainage Area:	837 acres
Date:	11/4/2020
Field Crew:	T. Seelinger, A. Gutierrez

Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	SUMMARY DATA	
0.0	868.47	70.8	868.01	Current Bankfull Elevation:	868.20
0.3	868.10	72.3	867.86	Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area:	26.8
3.5	868.02	75.8	867.62	Total Cross-Sectional Area:	7.4
8.2	868.08	77.8	867.90	Bankfull Width:	13.6
13.8	868.04	80.7	867.86	Flood Prone Area Elevation:	
18.1	868.10	83.6	867.65	Flood Prone Width:	
19.5	867.91	83.6	867.90	Max Depth at Bankfull:	2.4
21.8	867.41			Mean Depth at Bankfull:	2.0
24.2	867.24			W / D Ratio:	
27.0	867.59			Entrenchment Ratio:	
30.2	867.58			Bank Height Ratio:	
24.0	967.69				

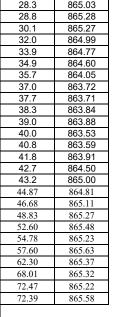


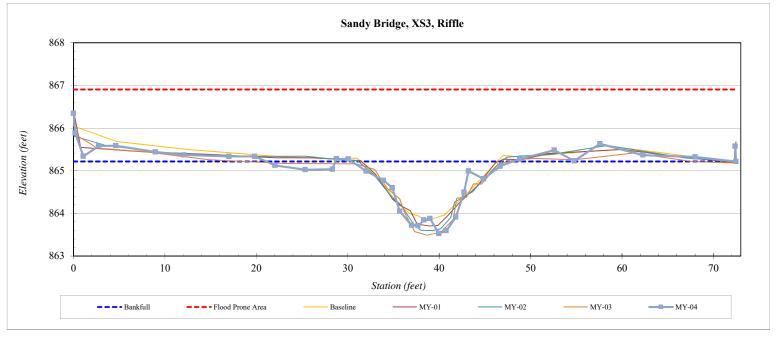


River Basin:	Broad
Site:	Sandy Bridge
XS ID	XS3
Drainage Area:	837 acres
Date:	11/4/2020
Field Crew:	T. Seelinger, A. Gutierrez

Station	Elevation
0.0	866.34
0.2	865.89
1.1	865.34
2.8	865.58
4.6	865.59
9.0	865.44
12.1	865.37
17.0	865.34
19.8	865.34
22.0	865.12
25.4	865.03
28.3	865.03



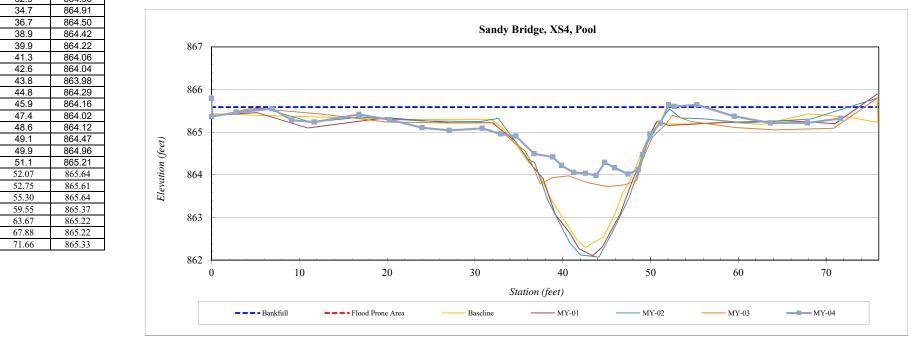


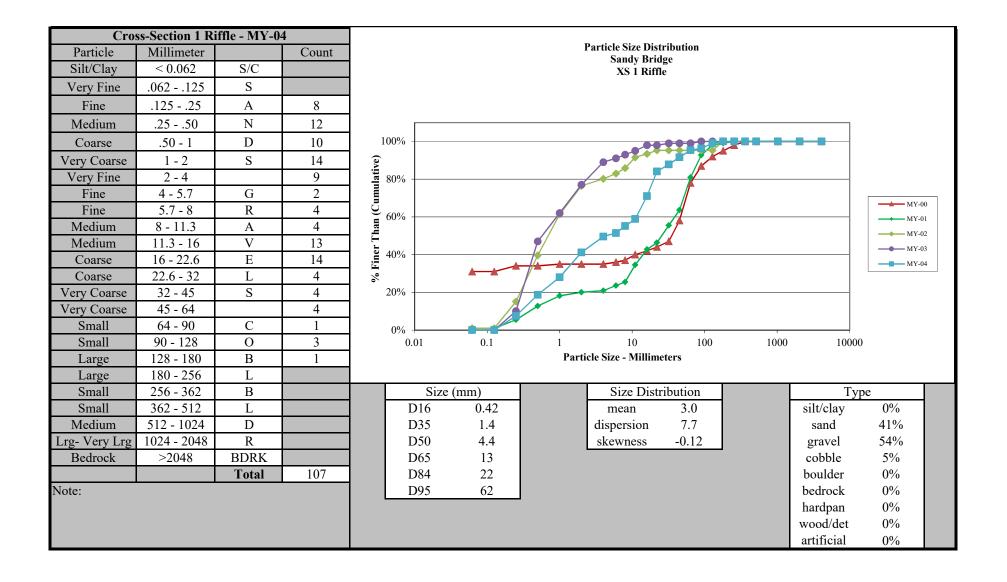


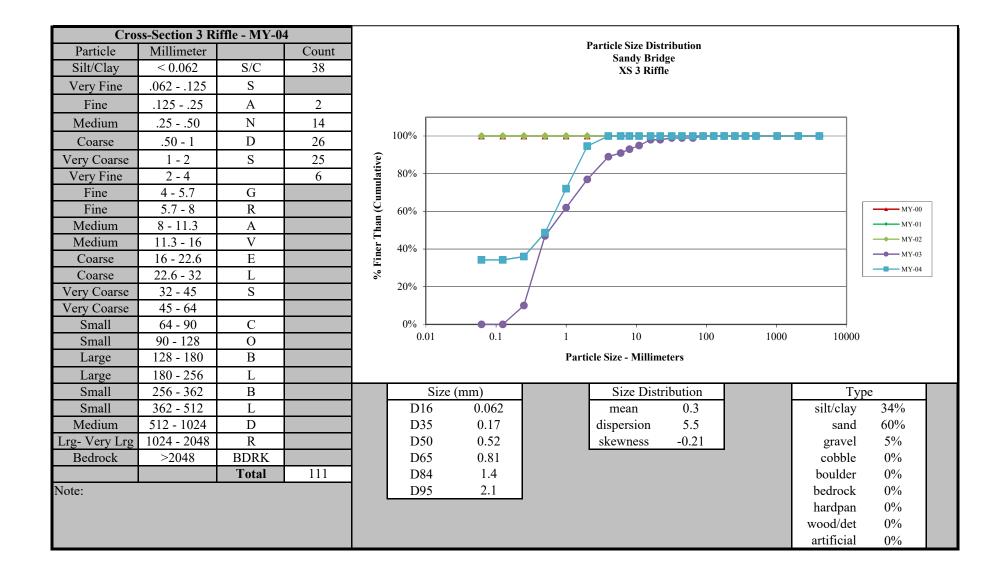
River Basin:	Broad
Site:	Sandy Bridge
XS ID	XS4
Drainage Area:	837 acres
Date:	11/4/2020
Field Crew	T Seelinger A Gutierrez

Station	Elevation	SUMMARY DATA	
0.0	865.79	Current Bankfull Elevation:	865
0.0	865.37	Bankfull Cross-Sectional Area:	28
2.8	865.46	Total Cross-Sectional Area:	17
6.9	865.55	Bankfull Width:	35
9.1	865.28	Flood Prone Area Elevation:	
11.7	865.24	Flood Prone Width:	
16.8	865.42	Max Depth at Bankfull:	1.
20.3	865.29	Mean Depth at Bankfull:	0.
24.0	865.11	W / D Ratio:	
27.1	865.04	Entrenchment Ratio:	
30.8	865.09	Bank Height Ratio:	
32.9	864.96		
217	064.04		









APPENDIX D

Hydrologic Data

Sandy Bridge Farm Restoration Site 30-70 Percentile Graph WETS Station Name: Lake Lure 2, NC

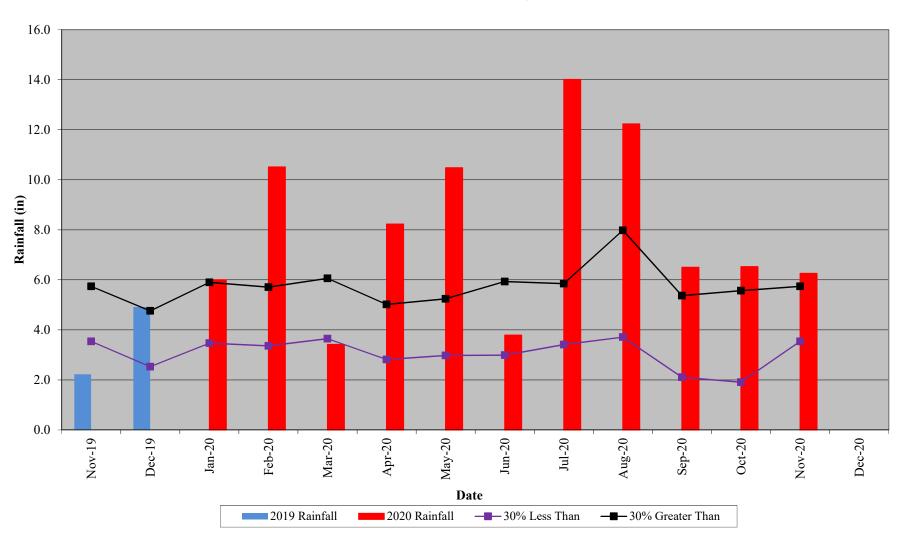


Table 10. Verification of Bankfull Events Sandy Bridge Farm Restoration Site, DMS Project #96920					
Date of Occurrence	Method	Photo Number			
April 6, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
April 24, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
May 29, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
August 3, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
August 14, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
August 15, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
September 5, 2017	Onsite stream gauge				
October 23, 2017	Onsite stream gauge, photos taken on site	1			
February 7, 2018	Onsite stream gauge, photos taken on site	2			
February 11, 2018	Onsite stream gauge				
April 15, 2018	Onsite stream gauge				
April 24, 2018	Onsite stream gauge				
May 19, 2018	Onsite stream gauge				
May 30, 2018	Onsite stream gauge				
September 16, 2018	Onsite stream gauge				
October 11, 2018	Onsite stream gauge, photos taken on site	3			
January 4, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
January 20, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
January 24, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
February 18, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
February 21, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
February 22, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
April 8, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
May 11, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
June 18, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
October 31, 2019	Onsite stream gauge				
January 12, 2020	Onsite stream gauge				
January 24, 2020	Onsite stream gauge				
February 6, 2020	Onsite stream gauge				
February 13, 2020	Onsite stream gauge				
March 25, 2020	Onsite stream gauge				
April 13, 2020	Onsite stream gauge				

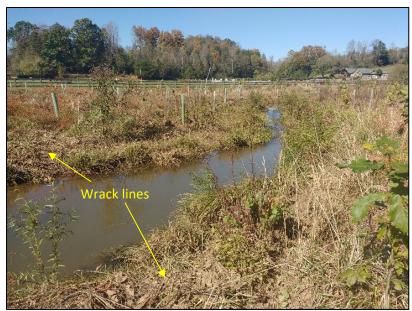


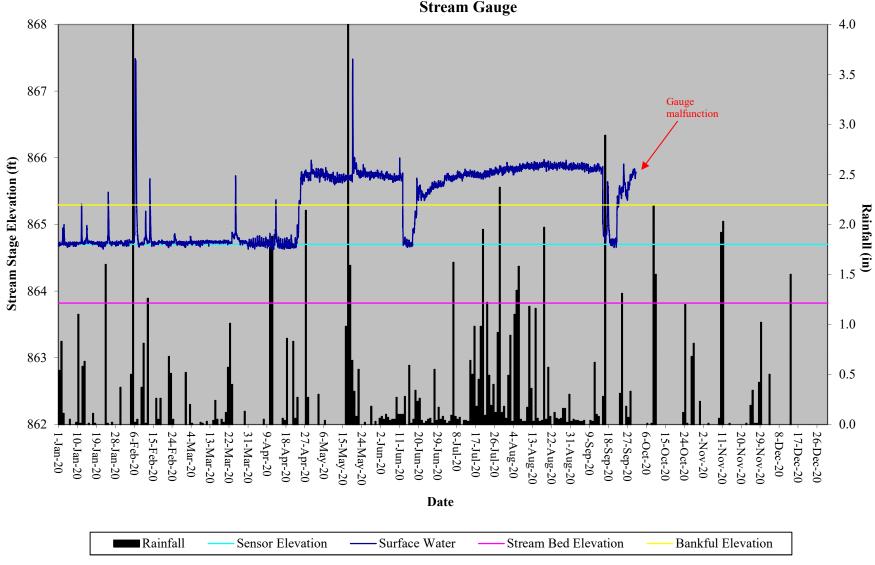
Photo 1. Sediment on plants and wrack lines above bankfull, 10/26/2017

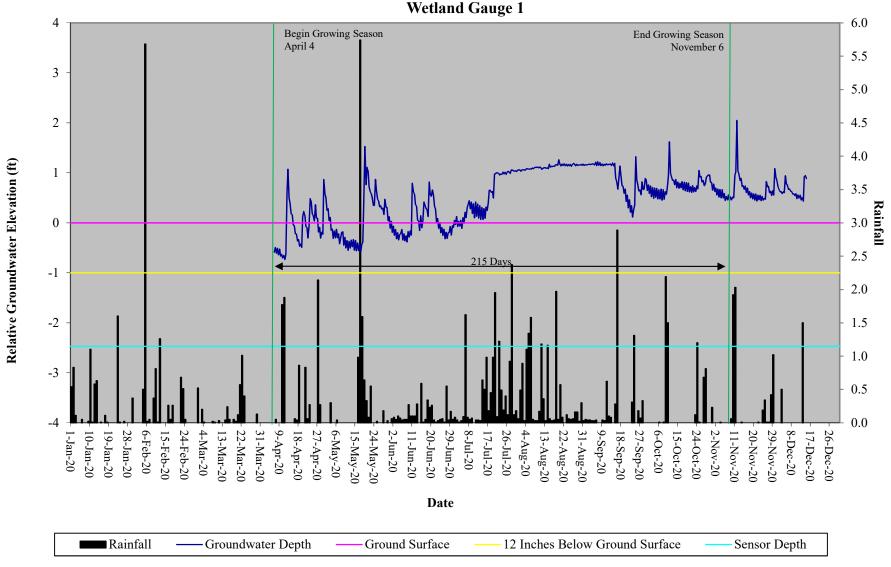


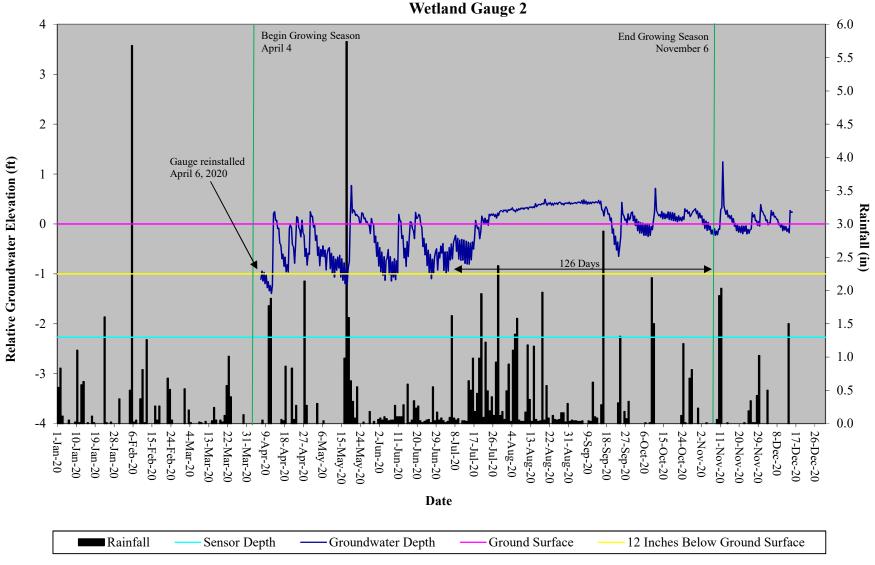
Photo 2. Bankfull event on site, 2/7/2018

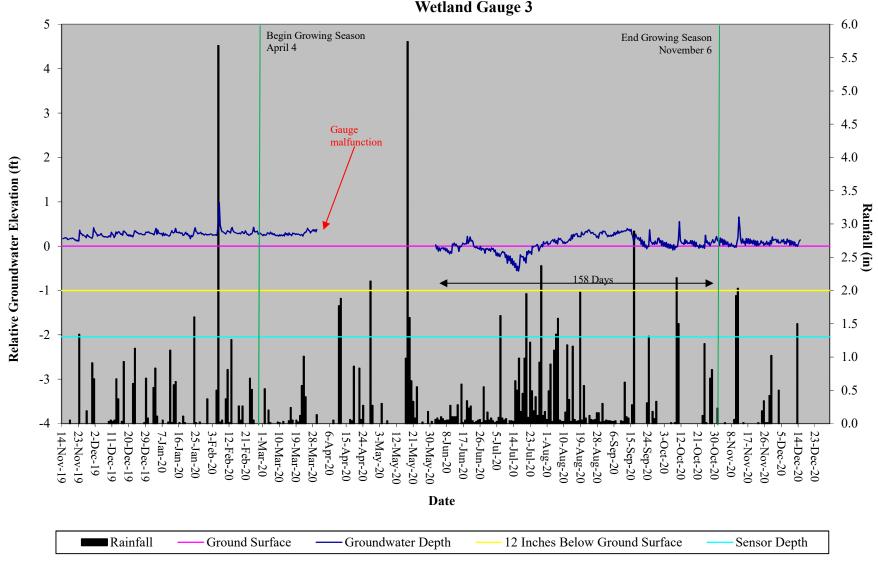


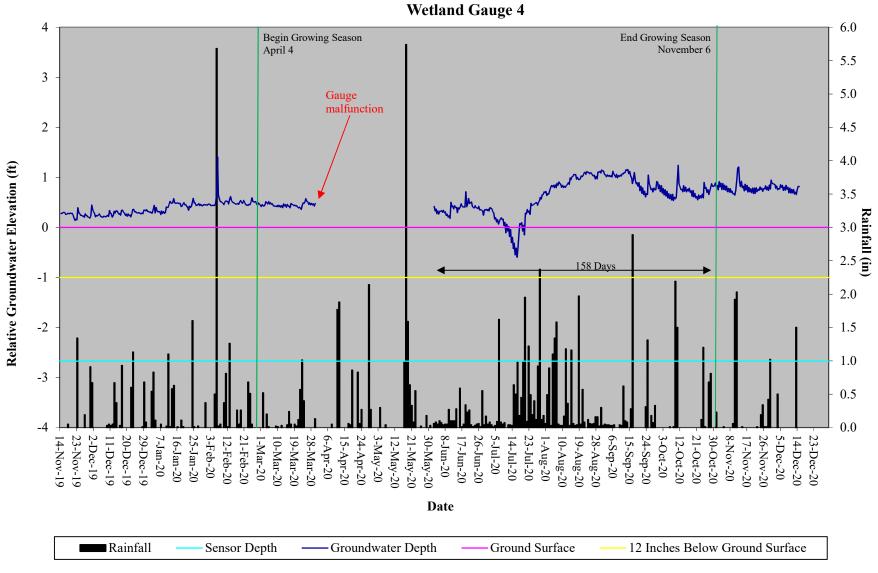
Photo 3. Wrack lines above bankfull, 11/7/2018

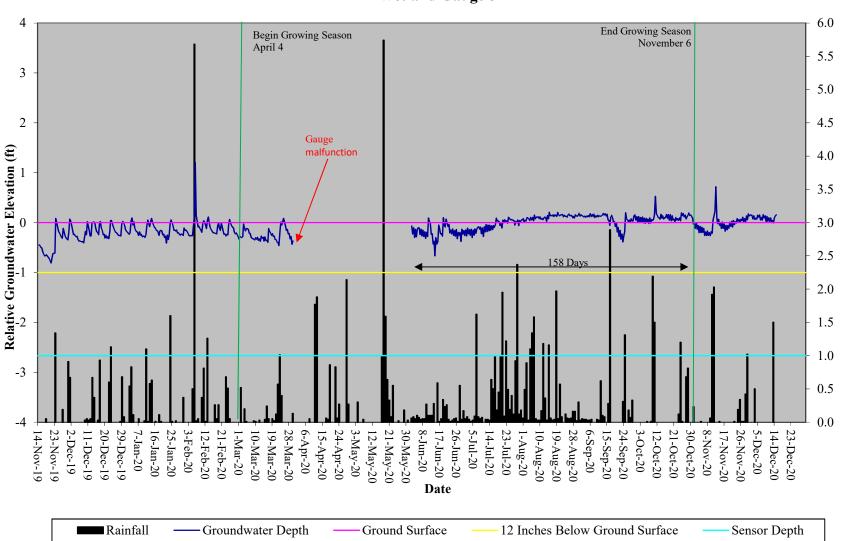




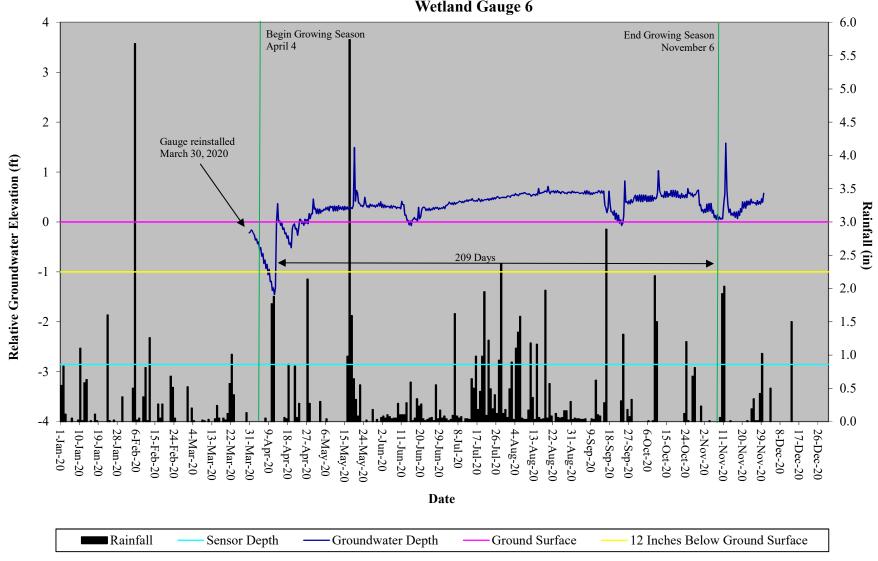


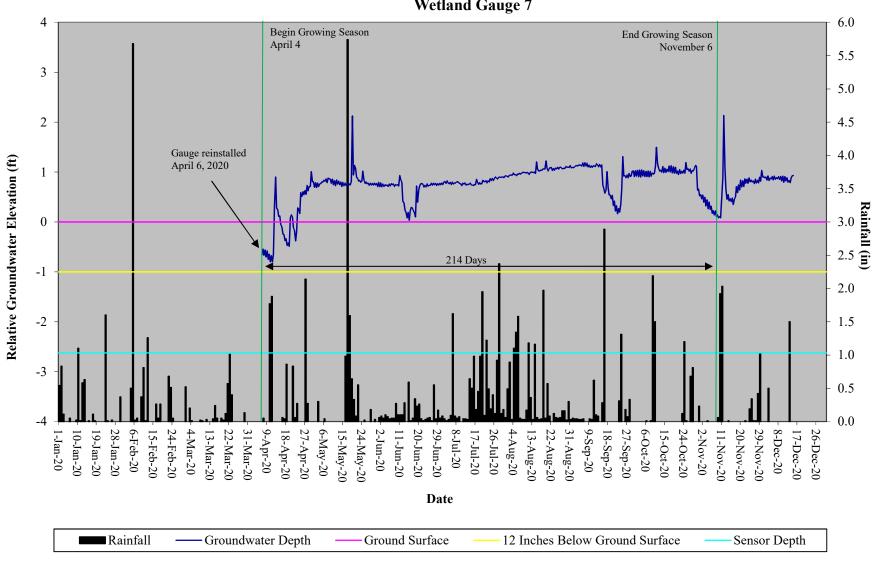


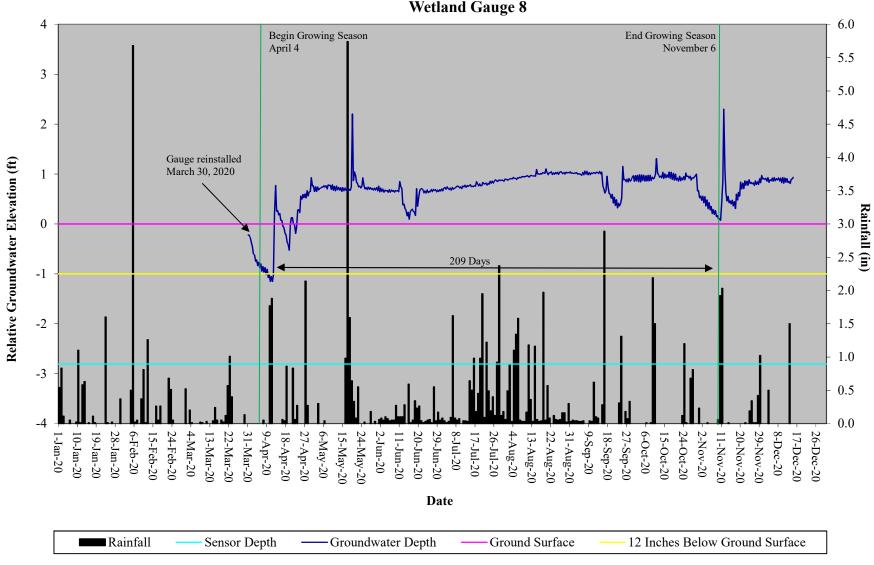


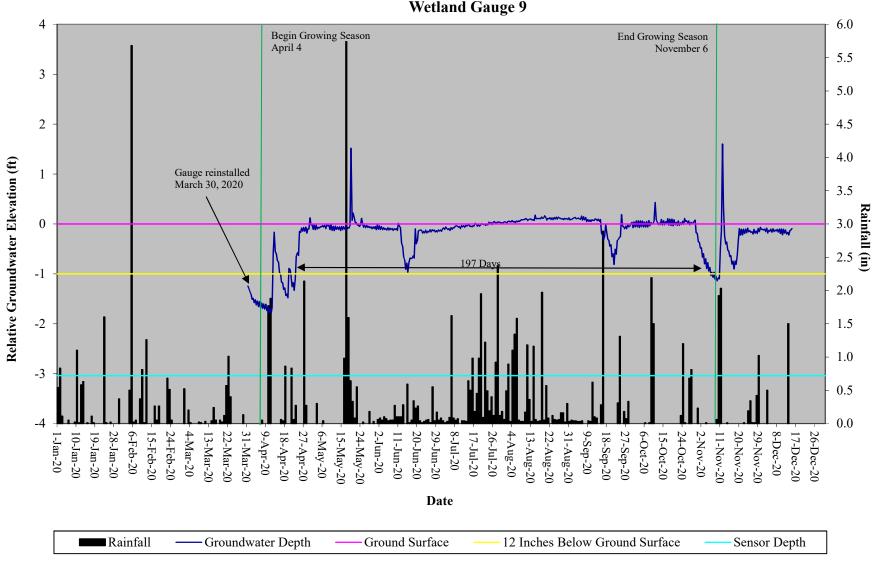


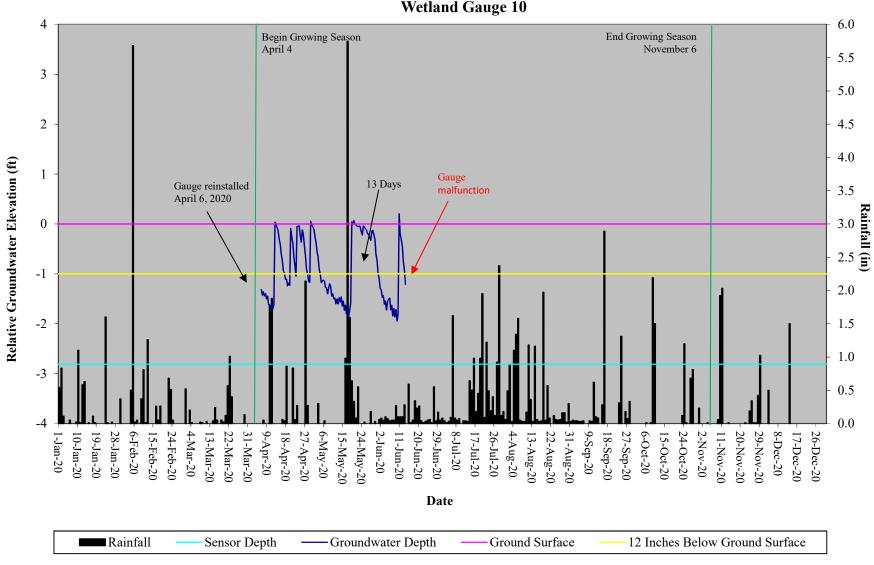
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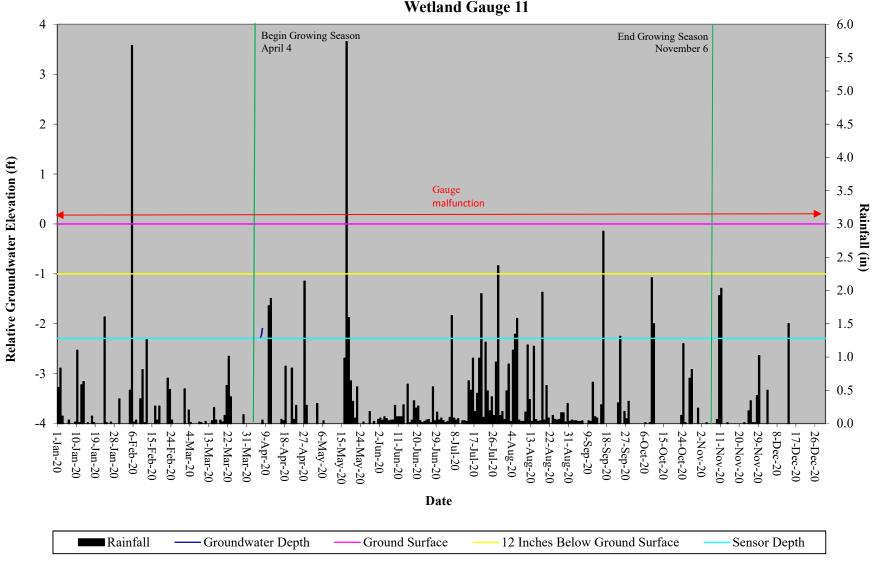












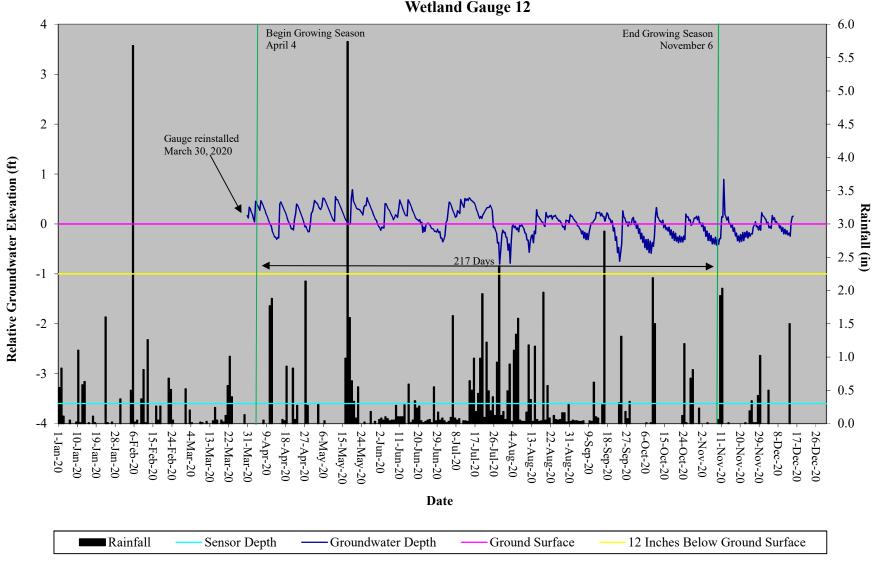


Table 11. Wetland Hydrology Criteria Attainment Sandy Bridge Farm Restoration Site, DMS Project #96920									
Greater than 10% Continuous Saturation/Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage)									
Gauge #	MY-01 2017	MY-02 2018	MY-03 2019	MY-04 2020	MY-05 2021	MY-06 2022	MY-07 2023		
Gauge 1	Yes/30 (13.8%)	Yes/40 (18.4%)	Yes/46 (21.2%)	Yes/215 (99.1%)					
Gauge 2	No/11 (5.1%)	Yes/35 (16.1%)	Yes/32 (14.7%)	Yes/126 (58.1%)					
Gauge 3	Yes/110 (50.7%)	Yes/78 (35.9%)	Yes/162 (74.7%)	Yes/158 (72.8%)					
Gauge 4	Yes/47 (21.7%)	Yes/105 (48.4%)	Yes/156 (71.9%)	Yes/158 (72.8%)					
Gauge 5	No/11 (5.1%)	Gauge malfunction	Yes/44 (20.3%)	Yes/158 (72.8%)					
Gauge 6	Yes/30 (13.8%)	Yes/63 (29.0%)	Yes/49 (22.6%)	Yes/209 (96.3%)					
Gauge 7	Yes/22 (10.1%)	Yes/105 (48.4%)	Yes/162 (74.7%)	Yes/214 (98.6%)					
Gauge 8	Yes/29 (13.4%)	Yes/43 (19.8%)	Yes/39 (18.0%)	Yes/209 (96.3%)					
Gauge 9	No/15 (6.9%)	Yes/87 (40.1%)	Yes/40 (18.4%)	Yes/197 (90.8%)					
Gauge 10*		No/8 (3.7%)	Yes/22 (10.1%)	Gauge malfunction					
Gauge 11*		No/8 (3.7%)	Yes/25 (11.5%)	Gauge malfunction					
Gauge 12*		Yes/38 (17.5%)	Yes/24 (11.1%)	Yes/217 (100%)					

^{*=}Gauge installed March 30, 2018

APPENDIX E

Additional Information

Sandy Bridge Replant - Rutherfordton, NC

Near Veg Plots 7 & 8 (0.77 acres)	0.77 ac	524 trees
Gallon Trees 8' x 8' (681 trees/ac)		
Very Wet		
Bald Cypress	30%	157
Red Chokeberry	20%	105
Silky Dogwood	20%	105
Fringe		
River Birch	10%	52
American Sycamore	10%	52
Cottonwood	<u>10%</u>	<u>52</u>
	100%	524
Central Site and along stream (4.3 acres)	4.3 ac	1875 trees
Bareroot Trees 10' x 10' (436 trees/ac)		
Cottonwood	20%	375
American Sycamore	15%	281
River Birch	15%	281
Silky Dogwood	15%	281
Cherrybark Oak	10%	187
American Elm	10%	187
Swamp Chestnut Oak	10%	187
Sugarberry	<u>5%</u>	<u>94</u>
	100%	1875
150 Livestakes on repair area and adjacent l	150	
Black Willow	33.3%	50
Silky Willow	33.3%	50
Silky Dogwood	<u>33.3%</u>	<u>50</u>
	100.0%	150