# FINAL ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT UT TO HAW (GWYNN) SITE ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA (EEP Project No. 92753, Contract No. 004543)

Monitoring Year 4 of 5 (2013)



Submitted to: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Ecosystem Enhancement Program Raleigh, North Carolina



September 2013

# FINAL ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT UT TO HAW (GWYNN) SITE ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA (EEP Project No. 92753, Contract No. 004543)

Monitoring Year 4 of 5 (2013)



Submitted to: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Ecosystem Enhancement Program Raleigh, North Carolina

> Prepared by: Axiom Environmental, Inc. 218 Snow Avenue Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

> Design Firm: Axiom Environmental, Inc. 218 Snow Avenue Raleigh, North Carolina 27603





September 2013

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

| 1.0 | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | . 1 |
|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 2.0 | METHODOLOGY       |     |
| 2.1 | Stream            | .2  |
| 2.2 | Vegetation        | .2  |
|     | REFERENCES        |     |
|     |                   |     |

#### **List of Figures**

| Figure 1. | Vicinity Map |      | Appendix A |
|-----------|--------------|------|------------|
| •         | · ·          | View | * *        |

#### List of Tables

| Table 1. | Project Components and Mitigation Credits   | Appendix A |
|----------|---|------------|
| Table 2. | Project Activity and Reporting History      | Appendix A |
| Table 3. | Project Contacts Table                      | Appendix A |
| Table 4. | Project Baseline Information and Attributes | Appendix A |
| Table 5. | Vegetation Condition Assessment Table       | Appendix B |
| Table 6. | Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment         | Appendix C |
| Table 7. | CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata                | Appendix C |
| Table 8. | Total and Planted Stems by Plot and Species | Appendix C |
| Table 9. | Verification of Bankfull Events             | Appendix E |

#### Appendices

#### APPENDIX A. PROJECT VICINITY MAP AND BACKGROUND TABLES

Figure 1. Vicinity Map

- Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits
- Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History
- Table 3. Project Contacts Table
- Table 4. Project Baseline Information and Attributes

APPENDIX B. VISUAL ASSESSMENT DATA

Figure 2. Current Conditions Plan View

 Table 5.
 Vegetation Condition Assessment Table

Vegetation Monitoring Plot Photos

- APPENDIX C. VEGETATION PLOT DATA
  - Table 6. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment
  - Table 7. CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata
  - Table 8. Total and Planted Stems by Plot and Species

APPENDIX D. STREAM DATA

#### **Fixed-Station Photos**

APPENDIX E. HYDROLOGY DATA

Table 9. Verification of Bankfull Data

## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) has completed enhancement and preservation of streams and wetlands at the UT to Haw (Gwynn) Site (hereafter referred to as the "Site") to assist in fulfilling stream and wetland mitigation goals in the area. The Site is located approximately 9 miles north of Burlington, in Alamance County within United States Geological Survey (USGS) Hydrologic Unit 03030002030010 (North Carolina Division of Water Quality Subbasin 03-06-02) of the Cape Fear River Basin and will service USGS 8-digit Cataloging Unit (CU) 03030002 (Figure 1, Appendix A). The Site is located within a NCEEP Targeted Local Watershed; in addition, this Site was identified for preservation and enhancement as Site 26 (Travis & Tickle 15.4) in the 2008 NCEEP *Little Alamance, Travis, and Tickle Creek Local Watershed Plan* (PTCG 2008).

The removal of invasive species and subsequent planting with native riparian vegetation at the Site resulted in 2428 linear feet of stream enhancement, 2.0 acres of riparian riverine wetland enhancement, and 0.3 acres of riparian riverine wetland preservation. Site activities provided 971 Stream Mitigation Units and 1.1 riparian riverine Wetland Mitigation Units. Tables summarizing project objectives and activities are included in Appendix A. This report (compiled based on EEP's *Procedural Guidance and Content Requirements for EEP Monitoring Reports* Version 1.3 dated 1/15/10) summarizes data for year 4 (2013) monitoring.

Prior to construction the Site was characterized by pasture land utilized for livestock grazing, a drained pond, and disturbed forest. Land use practices including the maintenance and removal of riparian vegetation and hoof shear from livestock had resulted in degraded water quality, unstable channel characteristics (stream entrenchment, erosion, and bank collapse), and reduced storage capacity and floodwater attenuation. In addition, hydric soils were disturbed due to regular plowing, vegetation maintenance, and hoof shear from livestock.

The goals and objectives of this project focused on improving local water quality, enhancing flood attenuation, and restoring aquatic and riparian habitat. These goals were accomplished by the following.

- Reducing nonpoint sources of pollution by 1) fencing livestock from stream channels, buffers, and wetlands; 2) ceasing the application of agricultural herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers; and 3) providing a vegetative buffer adjacent to streams and wetlands to treat surface runoff prior to entering Site streams and ultimately the Haw River.
- 2. Reducing sedimentation/siltation within on-Site and downstream receiving waters by a) eliminating bank erosion associated with livestock hoof shear on Site streams, b) filtering surface runoff and reducing particulate matter deposition into tributaries, and c) providing a forested vegetative buffer adjacent to Site streams and wetlands.
- 3. Promoting floodwater attenuation and improving stream stability by revegetating Site floodplains to reduce floodwater velocities through increased frictional resistance on floodwaters crossing Site floodplains.
- 4. Providing increased habitat for aquatic wildlife by 1) increasing organic matter, carbon export, and woody debris in the stream corridor and 2) restoring shade to Site open waters.
- 5. Providing wildlife habitat including a forested riparian corridor within a region of the state increasingly dissected by residential/agricultural land use.
- 6. Protecting a Site identified in the 2008 Piedmont Triad Council of Government's *Little Alamance, Travis, and Tickle Creek Watersheds Restoration Plan* (PTCG 2008) for preservation due to its location within a remote, rural area along the heavily used Boone Road (SR 1602) resulting in increasing development pressure and appeal to developers.

Success criteria for stream enhancement will include 1) success of riparian vegetation and 2) documentation of two bankfull channel events. One bankfull event was documented to date during year 4 monitoring (2013) for a total of seven documented bankfull events with at least one event documented to occur in each monitoring year.

Success criteria dictate that an average density of 320 stems per acre of Characteristic Tree Species must be surviving in the first three monitoring years. Subsequently, 260 Characteristic Tree Species per acre must be surviving in year 5. Based on the number of stems counted, average densities were measured at 1068 planted stems per acre (excluding livestakes) surviving in year 4 (2013). Stem counts decreased slightly as the result of competition from herbaceous species such as soft rush (*Juncus effusus*) in wetter portions of the Site. The dominant planted stems identified at the Site were swamp chestnut oak (*Quercus michauxii*), cherrybark oak (*Quercus pagoda*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), and green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*). All individual plots met success criteria when counting planted stems alone.

There are some minor areas of multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) and Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) scattered throughout the site. Invasive species are minimal and pose no threat to planted stems at this time.

Growth rates and vigor of planted stems had slightly decreased within the wetland enhancement area during the year 4 (2013) monitoring season. This can be attributed to flooding from a beaver dam observed on August 8, 2013. Even so, all individual plots met success criteria and there is an abundant seed source adjacent to the Site. Plants within the wetland enhancement area will continue to be monitored closely throughout the remainder of the monitoring period. Beaver activity continues within the Site; APHIS continues to manage and trap beaver. Areas of beaver activity are depicted on Figure 2 (Appendix A).

In summary, the Site achieved success criteria for vegetation and stream attributes in the Fourth Monitoring Year (2013). Summary information and 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 tables and figures within this report's appendices. Narrative background and supporting information formerly found in these reports can be found in the mitigation and restoration plan documents available on EEPs website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices is available from EEP upon request.

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Stream Assessment

Annual stream monitoring will include vegetation survival (Section 2.2 Vegetation Assessment) and a photographic record of preconstruction and postconstruction conditions. Photographs of the enhancement (level II) reach will be taken for each year of the monitoring period (Appendix D). In addition, visual assessments of the stream will be conducted by walking the length of stream and bankfull flow events will be documented (Appendix E).

### 2.2 Vegetation Assessment

After planting was completed, an initial evaluation was performed to verify that planting methods were successful and to determine initial species composition and density. Five vegetation plots were established and marked after construction with four foot metal U-bar post demarking the corners with a ten foot, threequarter inch PVC at the origin. The plots are 10 meters square and are located randomly within the Site. These plots were surveyed in July 2013 for the year 4 (2013) monitoring season using the *CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.2* (Lee et al. 2008) (http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm); results are included in Appendix C. The taxonomic standard for vegetation used for this document was *Flora of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, and Surrounding Areas* (Weakley 2008).

#### 3.0 REFERENCES

- Lee, M.T., R.K. Peet, S.D. Roberts, and T.R. Wentworth. 2008. CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation. Version 4.2. North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ecosystem Enhancement Program. Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Piedmont Triad Council of Government (PTCG). 2008. Little Alamance, Travis, & Tickle Creek Watersheds Restoration Plan. Available: http://www.ptcog.org/eep/LATTPhaseIII.pdf [November 2008]. Piedmont Triad Council of Government, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Schafale, M.P. and A.S. Weakley. 1990. Classification of the Natural Communities of North Carolina: Third Approximation. North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, Division of Parks and Recreation, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources. Raleigh, North Carolina.
- United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Environmental Protection Agency, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, North Carolina Division of Water Quality (USACE et al.). 2003. Stream Mitigation Guidelines.

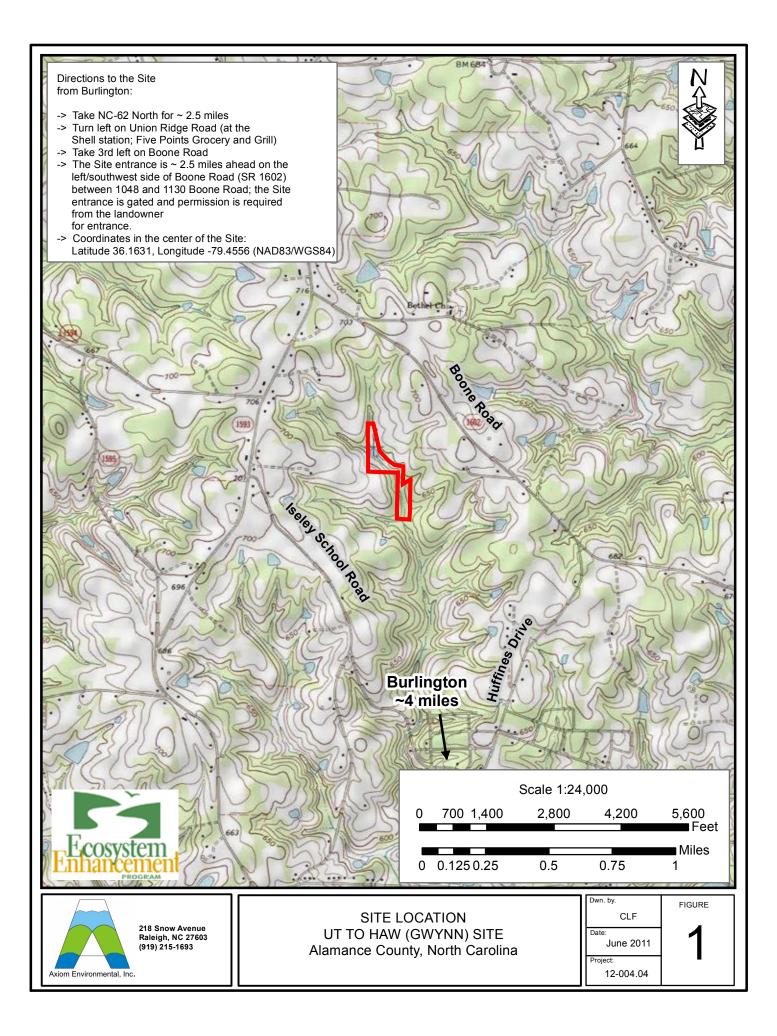
United States Geological Survey (USGS). 1974. Hydrologic Unit Map - 1974. State of North Carolina.

## APPENDIX A

### PROJECT VICINITY MAP AND BACKGROUND TABLES

Figure 1. Vicinity Map

- Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits
- Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History
- Table 3. Project Contacts Table
- Table 4. Project Baseline Information and Attributes



| Mitigation Credits                  |                |    |            |                    |                |                         |   |                     |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----|------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|
|                                     | Stream         |    | ım         | Ri                 | parian Wetland | Non-Riparian<br>Wetland | Buffer  | Nitrogen<br>Offset  | Phosphorus<br>Nutrient Offset  |  |
| Туре                                | R              |    | RE         | R                  | RE             |                         |   |                     |  |  |
| Totals                              |                | 97 | 1 SMUs     | 1                  | 1.1 WMUs       |                         |   |                     |  |  |
| Restoration<br>Segment/<br>Reach ID | Statio<br>Rang |    | Mit        | igati              | ion Type       | Priority<br>Approach    | Linear<br>Footage/<br>Acreage   | C                   | Comment  |  |
| Main Channel                        |                |    | Enhan      | ceme               | nt (Level II)  |                         | 1987  |                     |  |  |
| UT1                                 |                |    |            |                    | nt (Level II)  |                         | 93  | Invasive            | species removal,   |  |
| UT2                                 |                |    | Enhan      | ceme               | nt (Level II)  |                         | 96  |                     | with native forest   |  |
| UT3                                 |                |    |            |                    | nt (Level II)  |                         | 98  |                     | , and exclusion of   |  |
| UT4                                 |                |    |            |                    | nt (Level II)  |                         | 121   | 1                   | ivestock.  |  |
| UT5                                 |                |    | Enhan      | ceme               | nt (Level II)  |                         | 33  |                     |  |  |
| Wetland 1                           |                |    | E          | nhan               | cement         |                         | 1.8   | planting vegetation | Invasive species removal,<br>planting with native forest<br>vegetation, and exclusion of<br>livestock. |  |
| Wetland 2                           |                |    | Р          | reser              | vation         |                         | 0.2   | Evoluci             | on of livestock.   |  |
| Wetland 3                           |                |    | Р          | reser              | vation         |                         | 0.1   |                     |  |  |
| Wetland 4                           | Enhancement    |    | cement     |                    | 0.2            | planting vegetation     | species removal,<br>with native forest<br>and exclusion of<br>ivestock. |                     |  |  |
|                                     |                |    |            |                    | Component      | t Summation             |   |                     |  |  |
| Restoration Level                   |                | S  | Stream (li | n (linear footage) |                | Riverine Ripa<br>(acre  |   |                     | l Riparian Area<br>(acreage)   |  |
| Enhancement (Le                     | evel II)       |    | 4          | 2428               |                | _                       | -   |                     |  |  |
| Enhancemer                          |                |    |            |                    |                | 2.                      |   |                     |  |  |
| Preservation                        | n              |    |            |                    |                | 0.                      | .3  |                     |  |  |
| Totals                              |                |    | 2          | 2428               |                | 2.                      |   |                     | 8.3  |  |
| Mitigation Units                    |                |    | 971        | SM                 | Us             | 1.1 W                   | /MUs  |                     |  |  |

#### Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits

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

|                          | Data Collection | Completion     |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Activity or Report       | Complete        | or Delivery    |
| Restoration Plan         |                 | June 2009      |
| Invasive Species Control |                 | February 2010  |
| Soil Amendments          |                 | February 2010  |
| Site Planting            |                 | January 2010   |
| Mitigation Plan          | February 2010   | February 2010  |
| Monitoring Year 1 (2010) | October 2010    | November 2010  |
| Monitoring Year 2 (2011) | June 2011       | June 2011      |
| Monitoring Year 3 (2012) | June 2012       | August 2012    |
| Monitoring Year 4 (2013) | July 2013       | September 2013 |
| Monitoring Year 5 (2014) |                 |                |

#### Table 3. Project Contacts Table

| Designer and Monitoring Performer          | Axiom Environmental, Inc.      |
|--|--------------------------------|
|  | 218 Snow Avenue                |
|  | Raleigh, North Carolina 27603  |
|  | Grant Lewis (919) 215-1693     |
| Planting, Soil Amendment, and              | Carolina Silvics               |
| <b>Invasive Species Removal Contractor</b> | 908 Indian Trail Road          |
|  | Edenton, North Carolina 27932  |
|  | Dwight McKinney (252) 482-8491 |

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

| Project Information                               |                           |   |                               |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Project name                                      |                           |   | UT to Haw Gwynn               |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| County  |                           |   | Alamance                      |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project Area                                      |                           |   | 12.5 acres                    |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project Coordinates                               |                           |   | 36.1631°N, -79.4556°          | W                       |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Project Wa                | atershed S                                | ummary Information            |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physiographic Province                            |                           |   | Southern Outer Piedmo         | ont                     |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| River Basin                                       |                           |   | Cape Fear                     |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit 03030002             |                           |   | USGS Hydrologic Uni           | t 14-digit              | 03030002    | 2030010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DWQ Sub-Basin                                     |                           |   | 03-06-02                      |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project Drainage Area                             |                           |   | 250 acres                     |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project Drainage Area Percentage Impervious Surfa | ice                       |   | <5                            |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CGIA Land Use Classification                      |                           |   | Managed Herbaceous            | Cover, Hardwood         | Swamps      |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Read                      | ch Summa                                  | ry Information                | -                       | -           |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parameters  | Main Channel              | UT 1                                      | UT 2                          | UT 3                    |             | UT 4    | UT 5   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Length of reach (linear feet)                     | 2299                      | 93  | 95                            | 197                     |             | 234     | 84   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Valley classification                             | VIII                      | VIII                                      | VIII                          | VIII                    |             | VIII    | VIII   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drainage area (acres)                             | 250                       | 80  | <5                            | 20                      |             | 20      | 20   |  |  |  |  |  |
| NCDWQ stream identification score                 | 28.5                      | 20.75                                     | 19                            | 32.5                    |             | 30.5    | 36.5   |  |  |  |  |  |
| NCDWQ Water Quality Classification                | C-NSW                     |   |                               |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Morphological Description (stream type)           | -                         |   | -                             |                         |             | -       | -  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evolutionary trend                                | -                         |   | -                             |                         |             | -       | -  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underlying mapped soils                           |                           | Appling, Enon, Cecil, Local Alluvial Land |                               |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drainage class                                    |                           | V   | Well-drained, Somewhat        | poorly drained, P       | oorly drain | ed      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soil Hydric status                                |                           |   | Nonhydi                       | ric and Hydric          |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FEMA classification                               |                           |   |                               |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation |                           |   |                               | <1                      |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Wetla                     | and Summ                                  | ary Information               |                         |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parameters  | Wetland 1                 |   | Wetland 2                     | Wetland 3               | ;           | We      | etland 4   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Size of Wetland (acres)                           | 1.8 acres                 |   | 0.2 acres                     | 0.1 acres               |             | 0.2     | 2 acres  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wetland Type                                      |                           |   |                               | Liparian                |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drainage class                                    |                           |   | Poor                          | ly Drained              |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soil Hydric Status                                |                           |   | ]                             | Hydric                  |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source of Hydrology                               | <b>N</b> : 1 <b>N</b> -   |   |                               | nd over-land flow       |             |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Native Vegetation Community                       | Piedmont/Mou<br>Swamp For |   | Bottomland<br>Hardwood Forest | Bottomland Ha<br>Forest |             |         | and Hardwood<br>Forest                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation |                           |   |                               | <1                      |             |         | Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation <1 |  |  |  |  |  |

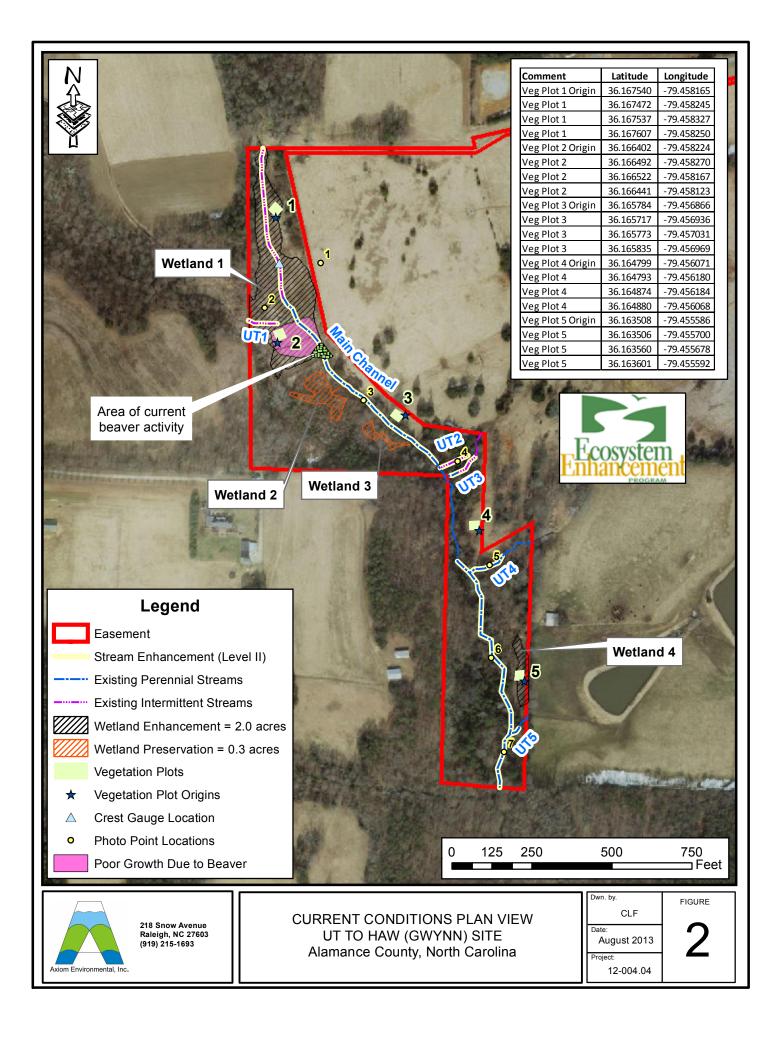
| Table 4. Project Baseline Information and Attributes Table (continued) |
|--|
|--|

| Regulatory Considerations  |            |           |                     |  |  |  |
|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Regulation   | Applicable | Resolved? | Supporting Document |  |  |  |
| Waters of the United States - Section 404                              | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |
| Waters of the United States - Section 401                              | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |
| Endangered Species Act   | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |
| Historic Preservation Act  | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |
| Coastal Management Zone Act (CZMA)/ Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |
| FEMA Floodplain Compliance   | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |
| Essential Fisheries Habitat  | No         |           |                     |  |  |  |

#### APPENDIX B

#### VISUAL ASSESSMENT DATA

Figure 2. Current Conditions Plan View Table 5. Vegetation Condition Assessment Table Vegetation Monitoring Plot Photos



# Table 5 Vegetation Condition Assessment

UT Haw Gwynn/EEP Project Number 92753

| Planted Acreage <sup>1</sup>          | 8.3  |                      |                   |                       |                     |                            |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Vegetation Category                   | Definitions  | Mapping<br>Threshold | CCPV<br>Depiction | Number of<br>Polygons | Combined<br>Acreage | % of<br>Planted<br>Acreage |
| 1. Bare Areas                         | ΝΑ   | NA                   | NA                | NA                    | NA                  | NA                         |
| 2. Low Stem Density Areas             | NA   | NA                   | NA                | NA                    | NA                  | NA                         |
|                                       |  |                      | Total             | 0                     | 0.00                | 0.0%                       |
| 3 Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vidor | Poor growth rates and vigor in the wetland enhancement area due to flooding from past and current beaver activity. | NA                   | Solid Purple      | 1                     | 0.34                | 4.1%                       |
| Cumulative To                         |  |                      |                   |                       |                     | 4.1%                       |

| Easement Acreage <sup>2</sup>               | 10  |                      |                   |                       |                     |                             |
|---|---|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vegetation Category                         | Definitions   | Mapping<br>Threshold | CCPV<br>Depiction | Number of<br>Polygons | Combined<br>Acreage | % of<br>Easement<br>Acreage |
| 4. Invasive Areas of Concern <sup>4</sup>   | There are some minor areas of multiflora rose (Rosa multiflora) and Chinese privet (Ligustrum sinense) scattered throughout the site. Invasive species are minimal and pose no threat to planted stems at this time. These areas are too small and scattered to depict on Figure 2. | NA                   | NA                | NA                    | NA                  | NA                          |
|   |   |                      | ſ                 |                       |                     |                             |
| 5. Easement Encroachment Areas <sup>3</sup> | NA  | NA                   | NA                | NA                    | NA                  | NA                          |

UT to Haw (Gwynn) Restoration Site Year 4 (2013) Annual Monitoring Vegetation Plot Photos (taken July 2013)











# APPENDIX C VEGETATION PLOT DATA

 Table 6.
 Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment

Table 7. CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata

Table 8. Total Planted and Natural Recruit Stems by Plot and Species

| Vegetation Plot ID | Vegetation Survival Threshold Met? | Tract Mean |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1                  | Yes                                |            |
| 2                  | Yes                                |            |
| 3                  | Yes                                | 100%       |
| 4                  | Yes                                |            |
| 5                  | Yes                                |            |

## Table 6. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment

| Table 7. CVS vegetation Pl |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Report Prepared By         | Corri Faquin   |
| Date Prepared              | 8/27/2013 17:04  |
| database name              | Axiom-EEP-2013-A-v2.3.1.mdb  |
| database location          | \\AE-SBS\RedirectedFolders\KJernigan\Desktop   |
| computer name              | KEENAN-PC  |
| file size                  | 50487296   |
| DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHE     | ETS 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.                  |
|                            | Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year. This includes live stakes, all planted stems, |
| Proj, total 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.   |
| ALL Stems by Plot and      | A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for each plot; dead and missing stems are            |
| spp                        | excluded.  |
| PROJECT SUMMARY            |  |
| Project Code               | 92753  |
| project Name               | UT to Haw (Gwynn)  |
| Description                | Stream/wetland enhancement site  |
| River Basin                | Cape Fear  |
| length(ft)                 |  |
| stream-to-edge width       |  |
| area (sq m)                |  |
| Required Plots             |  |
| Sampled Plots              | 5  |
|                            |  |

Table 7. CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata

#### Table 8. Total Planted and Natural Recruits Stems by Plot and Species

| UT to Haw (Gwynn)         |                    |                |         |       |                 |       |       | Cur             | rent Plo | t Data | (MY4 2          | 013)  |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     | Ann   | ual Me     | eans |       |            |     |       |         |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|------|-------|------------|------|-------|------------|------|-------|------------|-----|-------|------------|------|-------|------------|-----|-------|---------|
|                           |                    | E927           | '53-AXE | -0001 | E92753-AXE-0002 |       |       | E92753-AXE-0003 |          |        | E92753-AXE-0004 |       | E92753-AXE-0005 |      |       | MY4 (2013) |      |       | MY3 (2012) |      |       | MY2 (2011) |     |       | MY1 (2010) |      |       | MY0 (2009) |     |       |         |
| Scientific Name           | Common Name        | Species Type   | PnoLS   | P-all | Т               | PnoLS | P-all | Т               | PnoLS    | P-all  | Т               | PnoLS | P-all           | Т    | PnoLS | P-all      | Т    | PnoLS | P-all      | Т    | PnoLS | P-all      | Т   | PnoLS | P-all      | Т    | PnoLS | P-all      | Т   | PnoLS | P-all T |
| Acer rubrum               | red maple          | Tree           |         |       | 5               |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            | 5    |       |            | 12  |       |            | 10   |       |            | 6   |       |         |
| Betula nigra              | river birch        | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |            | 1    |       |            | 2   |       |         |
| Carpinus caroliniana      | American hornbeam  | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     | 1     | 1          | 1    |       |            |     |       |         |
| Carya                     | hickory            | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            | 1   |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |         |
| Cephalanthus occidentalis | common buttonbush  | Shrub          | 3       | 3     | 5               |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      | 3     | 3          | 5    | 3     | 3          | 6   |       |            | 1    |       |            | 2   |       |         |
| Cercis canadensis         | eastern redbud     | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            | 1   |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |         |
| Cornus amomum             | silky dogwood      | Shrub          | 2       | 2     | 2               | 9     | 9     | 9               |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      | 11    | 11         | 11   | 13    | 13         | 14  | 17    | 17         | 17   | 13    | 13         | 13  | 31    | 31      |
| Diospyros virginiana      | common persimmon   | Tree           | 1       | . 1   | 1               |       |       |                 | 22       | 22     | 29              |       |                 |      |       |            |      | 23    | 23         | 30   | 23    | 23         | 41  | 18    | 18         | 35   | 18    | 18         | 18  | 35    | 35      |
| Fraxinus pennsylvanica    | green ash          | Tree           | 10      | 10    | 10              |       |       |                 | 3        | 3      | 9               | 1     | 1               | 8    |       |            | 10   | 14    | 14         | 37   | 15    | 15         | 68  | 14    | 14         | 23   | 18    | 18         | 26  | 13    | 13      |
| Gleditsia triacanthos     | honeylocust        | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            | 3   |       |            |      |       |            | 1   |       |         |
| Juglans nigra             | black walnut       | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 | 1    |       |            |      |       |            | 1    |       |            |     |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |         |
| Juniperus virginiana      | eastern redcedar   | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        | 2               |       |                 | 2    |       |            |      |       |            | 4    |       |            | 5   |       |            | 1    |       |            |     |       |         |
| Liquidambar styraciflua   | sweetgum           | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        | 7               |       |                 | 83   |       |            |      |       |            | 90   |       |            | 154 |       |            | 110  |       |            | 47  |       |         |
| Liriodendron tulipifera   | tuliptree          | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 | 8    |       |            |      |       |            | 8    |       |            | 14  |       |            | 5    |       |            | 4   |       |         |
| Platanus occidentalis     | American sycamore  | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            | 2    |       |            | 2    | 1     | 1          | 3   | 1     | 1          | 1    | 1     | 1          | 1   | 2     | 2       |
| Populus deltoides         | eastern cottonwood | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |            |      |       |            | 1   |       |         |
| Prunus serotina           | black cherry       | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 | 2     | 2               | 2    |       |            |      | 2     | 2          | 2    | 2     | 2          | 2   | 2     | 2          | 2    | 4     | 4          | 4   | 10    | 10      |
| Quercus                   | oak                | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 | 1        | 1      | 1               |       |                 |      |       |            |      | 1     | 1          | 1    | 2     | 2          | 2   | 1     | 1          | 1    | 10    | 10         | 11  | 62    | 62      |
| Quercus alba              | white oak          | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 | 3     | 3               | 3    | 5     | 5          | 5    | 8     | 8          | 8    | 8     | 8          | 8   | 9     | 9          | 9    | 4     | 4          | 4   | 5     | 5       |
| Quercus lyrata            | overcup oak        | Tree           |         |       |                 | 2     | 2     | 2               | 1        | 1      | 1               | 1     | 1               | 1    |       |            |      | 4     | 4          | 4    | 5     | 5          | 5   | 4     | 4          | 4    | 1     | 1          | 1   | 8     | 8       |
| Quercus michauxii         | swamp chestnut oak | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 | 11       | 11     | 11              | 18    | 18              | 18   | 16    | 16         | 16   | 45    | 45         | 45   | 47    | 47         | 47  | 46    | 46         | 46   | 44    | 44         | 44  | 15    | 15      |
| Quercus pagoda            | cherrybark oak     | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 | 3        | 3      | 3               |       |                 |      | 12    | 12         | 12   | 15    | 15         | 15   | 16    | 16         | 16  | 16    | 16         | 16   | 24    | 24         | 24  | 8     | 8       |
| Quercus phellos           | willow oak         | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 | 2        | 2      | 2               | 1     | 1               | 1    |       |            |      | 3     | 3          | 3    | 4     | 4          | 4   | 5     | 5          | 5    | 5     | 5          | 5   | 5     | 5       |
| Quercus rubra             | northern red oak   | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |            |      | 1     | 1          | 1   | 4     | 4       |
| Robinia pseudoacacia      | black locust       | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        | 1               |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            | 1    |       |            |     |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |         |
| Salix nigra               | black willow       | Tree           |         |       | 1               |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            | 1    |       |            |     |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |         |
| Sambucus canadensis       | Common Elderberry  | Shrub          |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            | 1   |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |         |
| Ulmus                     | elm                | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            | 10  |       |            | 16   |       |            | 1   |       |         |
| Ulmus alata               | winged elm         | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 | 3        | 3      | 4               |       |                 |      |       |            |      | 3     | 3          | 4    | 3     | 3          | 34  |       |            |      |       |            | 4   |       |         |
| Ulmus americana           | American elm       | Tree           |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     | 1     | 1          | 1    |       |            |     |       |         |
| Unknown                   |                    | Shrub or Tree  |         |       |                 |       |       |                 |          |        |                 |       |                 |      |       |            |      |       |            |      |       |            |     |       |            |      | 2     | 2          | 2   | 1     | 1       |
|                           |                    | Stem count     | 16      | 16    | 24              | 11    | 11    | 11              | 46       | 46     | 70              | 26    | 26              | 127  | 33    | 33         | 45   | 132   | 132        | 277  | 142   | 142        | 451 | 135   | 135        | 305  | 145   | 145        | 222 | 199   | 199 2   |
| size (ares)               |                    | size (ares)    |         | 1     |                 |       | 1     |                 |          | 1      |                 |       | 1               |      |       | 1          |      |       | 5          |      |       | 5          |     |       | 5          |      | · · · | 5          |     |       | 5       |
| size (ACRES)              |                    |                |         | 0.02  |                 | 0.02  |       | 0.02            |          |        | 0.02            |       | 0.02            |      | 0.12  |            | 0.12 |       |            | 0.12 |       | 0.12       |     |       |            | 0.12 |       |            |     |       |         |
|                           |                    | Species count  | 4       | . 4   | 6               | 2     | 2     | 2               | 8        | 8      | 11              | 6     | 6               | 10   | 3     | 3          | 5    | 12    | 12         | 20   | 13    | 13         | 22  | 13    | 13         | 20   | 13    |            | 22  | 13    | 13      |
|                           |                    | Stems per ACRE |         | 647.5 | 971.2           | 445.2 | 445.2 | 445.2           | 1862     | 1862   | 2833            | 1052  | 1052            | 5140 | 1335  | 1335       | 1821 |       | 1068       | -    | 1149  | -          |     |       | 1093       | -    | 1174  | -          |     | 1611  | 1611 23 |

Color for Density

Exceeds requirements by 10% Exceeds requirements, but by less than 10%

Fails to meet requirements, by less than 10%

Fails to meet requirements by more than 10%

# APPENDIX D STREAM DATA Fixed-Station Photos

### UT to Haw (Gwynn) Site Fixed Station Photo Points Taken August 8, 2013













```
Photo Point 5
```





UT to Haw (Gwynn) (FINAL) EEP Project Number 92753 Alamance County, North Carolina Axiom Environmental, Inc.

Monitoring Year 4 of 5 (2013) September 2013 Appendices APPENDIX E HYDROLOGY DATA Table 9. Verification of Bankfull Events

| Table 9. | Verification of Bankfull Events |  |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|
|----------|---------------------------------|--|

| Date of Data<br>Collection | Date of Occurrence | Method   | Photo (if<br>available) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| February 17, 2010          | February 5, 2010   | Visual observations of overbank event including wrack lines<br>and sediment deposition resulting from a 1.36 inch* rainfall<br>event on February 5, 2010 that occurred after numerous<br>rainfall events, within the 3 weeks prior, that totaled 3.52<br>inches. | 1                       |
| June 16, 2010              | May 17, 2010       | Visual observations of overbank event including wrack lines<br>and sediment deposition resulting from a 4.1 inch* rainfall<br>event on May 16-17, 2010.  |                         |
| October 5, 2010            | September 30, 2010 | A 4.43-inch* rainfall event occurring between September 26-October 2, 2010.  |                         |
| September 30, 2011         | June 28, 2011      | Total of 2.83 inches* of rain reported to fall over 2 days<br>(June 27-28, 2011)   |                         |
| September 30, 2011         | September 24, 2011 | Total of 3.61 inches* of rain reported to fall over 4 days<br>(September 21-24, 2011) with an additional 0.85 inches* of<br>rain the following 3 days (Sept 25-27, 2011)   |                         |
| July 18, 2012              | July 11, 2012      | Total of 4.84 inches* of rain reported to fall over 3 days (July 9-11, 2012)   |                         |
| July 26, 2013              | June 31, 2013      | Visual observations of overbank event including wrack lines<br>and sediment deposition resulting from 14 days (June 25-<br>July 8) of heavy rainfall totaling 6.27 inches.   | 2                       |

\* Reported at KBUY Weather Station in Burlington.



Bankfull Event Photos 1 and 2 showing wrack lines resulting from overbank events

