# WHITE OAK CREEK MITIGATION SITE

# 2007 Annual Monitoring Report (Year 6)

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#### **SUMMARY**

The White Oak Creek Mitigation Site (Site) was constructed for "up-front" wetland restoration by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to be used for compensatory mitigation requirements involving roadway impact to wetlands in the Neuse River Basin. Through an agreement with the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), EEP has accepted the transfer of all off-site mitigation projects. Therefore, EEP will be responsible for fulfilling the remaining requirements and future remediation for the Site. The NCDOT monitoring report format has been retained for clarity and continuity.

The following report summarizes the monitoring activities that have occurred in the past year at the Site. Site construction was begun in February 2002 and completed in March 2002. The Site was planted in late March 2002. In December 2002, the Site was replanted; therefore vegetation monitoring was restarted beginning in March 2003. The 2007 monitoring report represents the fifth year of vegetation monitoring and the sixth year of hydrological monitoring. The Site must demonstrate both hydrologic and vegetation success for a minimum of five years or until the Site is deemed successful.

The Site contains a total of 38 hydrologic monitoring gauges (36 gauges within restoration areas and 2 reference gauges). The 2007 hydrologic monitoring results revealed that 18 of the 36 monitoring gauges within restoration areas met the success criteria (groundwater within 12 inches of the surface for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season). Eleven monitoring gauges indicated groundwater within 12 inches of the surface for 5 to 12.5 percent of the growing season. The remaining seven monitoring gauges indicated groundwater within 12 inches of the surface for 1 to 5 percent of the growing season.

The 2007 vegetation monitoring results revealed an average density of 311 trees per acre of planted species. This average is above the minimum success criteria of 260 trees per acre after the fifth growing season.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Site is located adjacent to the west bank of White Oak Creek, immediately south of Winston Road (SR 1550) and north of Austin Pond, approximately 2.5 miles west of Clayton (Figure 1). White Oak Creek flows south for approximately 2 miles to the confluence with Swift Creek. The Site is located in hydrologic unit 03020201110040 (USGS). The Site is bordered on the north and west by residential development. The Site's eastern boundary is White Oak Creek, which is buffered by mature swamp and bottomland hardwood forest communities.

The Site comprises approximately 50.7 acres of previously open pasture land that was used for grazing horses. The Site was restored to promote natural plant communities and provide water quality benefits to the area. Construction at the Site was begun in January 2002 and completed in March 2002. Planting of the Site was completed in March 2002. Poor vegetation establishment required a second planting in December of 2002. Monitoring of the Site was restarted in 2003.

#### 1.2 PURPOSE

In order to demonstrate successful wetland mitigation, hydrological and vegetative monitoring must be conducted for a minimum of five consecutive years. Success criteria are based on federal guidelines for wetland mitigation. These guidelines stipulate criteria for both hydrological conditions and vegetation survival. The following report details the results of hydrological and vegetative monitoring at the Site during the 2007 growing season.

Included in this report are analyses of both hydrologic and vegetative monitoring results, as well as local climate conditions throughout the growing season, and site photographs.

#### 1.3 PROJECT HISTORY

January-March 2002

March 2002

August 2002

March-November 2002

December 2002

June 2003

March-November 2003

June 2004

March-November 2004

October 2005

March-November 2005

October 2006

March-November 2006

October 2007

March-November 2007

Site Construction

Site Planted

Vegetation Monitoring (1year)

Hydrologic Monitoring (1 year)

Site Replanted

Vegetation Monitoring (Restart year 1)

Hydrologic Monitoring (2 year)

Vegetation Monitoring (2 year)

Hydrologic Monitoring (3 year)

Vegetation Monitoring (3 year)

Hydrologic Monitoring (4 year)

Vegetation Monitoring (4 year)

Hydrologic Monitoring (5 year)

Vegetation Monitoring (5 year)

Hydrologic Monitoring (6 year)

#### 2.0 HYDROLOGY

#### 2.1 SUCCESS CRITERIA

In accordance with federal guidelines for wetland mitigation, the success criteria for hydrology state that the restoration areas must be inundated or saturated (within 12 inches of the surface) by surface water or groundwater for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season (consecutive days) during a normal precipitation year. Areas that have between 5 and 12.5 percent of the

growing season may be considered hydric under certain conditions. Areas inundated for less than 5 percent of the growing season are always classified as non-wetlands.

The growing season in Johnson County begins March 21 and ends November 4. These dates correspond to a 50 percent probability that temperatures will not drop to 28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower after March 21 and before November 4 (Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil Survey of Johnston County). The growing season is 228 days.

#### 2.2 HYDROLOGIC DESCRIPTION

In March 2002, 38 Remote Data Systems (RDS) continuous logging groundwater gauges were installed. Thirty-six of these gauges were installed within the Site and two were installed as reference gauges on an adjacent property. The on-site gauge locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A). The monitoring gauges record daily readings of depth to groundwater. This year's data represents the sixth growing season that the gauges have been monitored. The original reference gauges (Gauges 37 and 38) were found to be non-functioning and were replaced at the start of this years monitoring period. The Site was designed to receive hydrologic inputs from rainfall, groundwater, and surface water from overbanking events.

#### 2.3 RESULTS OF HYDROLOGIC MONITORING

#### 2.3.1 Site Data

The maximum number of consecutive days that groundwater was within 12 inches of the surface was calculated for each monitoring gauge and converted into a percentage of the 228-day growing season (March 21-November 4). The results are presented in Table 1.

Appendix B contains the hydrographs for each monitoring gauge for the current monitoring year. The corresponding rain data collected from the on-site rain gauge is also provided on each hydrograph.

Figure 2 provides the hydrologic results for the current monitoring year. Gauges highlighted in green indicate wetland hydrology for more than 12.5 percent of the growing season. Gauges highlighted in yellow are those that had wetland hydrology between 5 and 12.5 percent of the growing season. Gauges highlighted in red are those that had wetland hydrology less than 5 percent of the growing season.

Table 1. White Oak Hydrologic Monitoring Results										
Monitoring Gauge*	<5%	5-12.5%	>12.5%	Actual %	Success Dates	Number of Days Gauges met Success Criteria				
GW-1	✓			1						
GW-2		✓		7						
GW-3		✓		8						
GW-4			✓	64	March 21 – August 13	146				
GW-5			<b>√</b>	46	March 21 – July 4	106				
GW-6	✓			0						
GW-7	✓			3						
GW-8		✓		7						
GW-9		✓		7						
GW-10		✓		7						
GW-11			✓	31	March 21 – May 30	71				
GW-12		✓		6						
GW-13			✓	27	March 21 – May 20	61				
GW-14			✓	27	March 21 – May 20	61				
GW-15	✓			5						
GW-16			✓	63	March 21 – August 12	145				
GW-17			✓	32	March 21 – June 1	73				
GW-18			✓	28	March 21 – May 23	64				
GW-19	✓			4						
GW-20		✓		7						

GW-21			✓	18	March 21 – May 1	42
GW-22		✓		5		
GW-23	✓			2		
GW-24			✓	21	March 21 – April 8	19
GW-25			<b>√</b>	26	March 21 – May 18	59
GW-26		✓		9		
GW-27			✓	28	March 21 – May 24	65
GW-28		✓		7		
GW-29			<b>√</b>	19	March 21 – May 2	43
GW-30	✓			1		
GW-31			✓	100	March 21 – November 4	228
GW-32			✓	67	March 21 – August 20	153
GW-33		✓		6		
GW-34			✓	27	March 21 – May 22	63
GW-35			✓	27	March 21 – May 21	62
GW-36			✓	100	March 21 – November 4	228
GW-37 (Reference)	<b>✓</b>			1		
GW-38 (Reference)		✓		8		

<sup>\*</sup>Monitoring gauges 37 and 38 were installed on May 15, 2007 and April 9, 2007, respectively

#### 2.3.2 Climatic Data

Figure 3 (Appendix A) provides an evaluation of the local climate in comparison with historical data in order to determine whether 2007 was a year with "average" rainfall. The bars are the monthly rainfall totals for the 2007 hydrologic year collected from nearby weather stations. Also represented on the figure are the 30<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> percentiles of monthly precipitation for the

Clayton weather station. The historical data and monthly data were collected by the Southeast Regional Climate Data.

A normal yearly rainfall in the area is approximately 45.7 inches. The total rainfall measured from November 2006 through October 2007 was approximately 31 inches. Months with below average rainfall include: December of 2006 and January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September of 2007. October of 2007 experienced average rainfall. November of 2006 received above average rainfall.

#### 2.4 CONCLUSION

The 2007 year represents the sixth year of hydrologic monitoring of the Site. In general, water levels showed a typical pattern of flooding during the spring, followed by a late summer and fall draw down period, punctuated by peaks associated with precipitation events. Overall, 18 of the 36 on-site monitoring gauges met the success criteria (groundwater within 12 inches of the surface for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season). Eleven on-site monitoring gauges indicated groundwater within 12 inches of the surface for 5 to 12.5 percent of the growing season. The remaining seven on-site monitoring gauges indicated groundwater within 12 inches of the surface for 1 to 5 percent of the growing season. Overall, the number of saturation days per monitoring gauge decreased. This is reflected by data indicating fewer gauges meeting success criteria in 2007. Reference gauge data supports the decrease in groundwater saturation at the Site. Reference gauge GW-38 indicated saturation within 12 inches of the surface for 5 to 12.5 percent of the growing season, while GW-37 indicated groundwater within the 12 inches of the surface for 1 to 5 percent of the growing season. decrease in groundwater saturation is explained by extreme drought conditions resulting in an approximate 15 inch deficit in rainfall from an average year. The Site experienced drought conditions during each month of the growing season and therefore only half of the gauges met the success criteria.

#### 3.0 **VEGETATION**

#### 3.1 SUCCESS CRITERIA

The success criteria state that at least 320 stems per acre must survive after the completion of the third growing season. The required survival criterion will decrease by 10 percent each year after the third year of vegetation monitoring. The 2007 monitoring report represents the fifth year of vegetation monitoring and requires a minimum survival of 260 stems per acre in order to meet success criteria. Vegetation monitoring followed methods described in the EEP Stem Counting Protocol. The taxonomic standard for vegetation follows *Flora of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, and surrounding areas* (Weakley, 2007). Photograph locations are shown in Figure 4 (Appendix A). Site photographs are provided in Appendix C.

#### 3.2 DESCRIPTION OF SPECIES

The following tree species were planted in the Wetland Areas:

## **Zone 1: Wetland Restoration Area (10.03 Acres)**

Quercus Iyrata, Overcup Oak
Quercus michauxii, Swamp Chestnut Oak
Quercus phellos, Willow Oak
Quercus nigra, Water Oak
Nyssa biflora, Swamp Blackgum
Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash
Cornus amomum, Silky Dogwood
Sambucus canadensis, Elderberry
Cephalanthus occidentalis, Buttonbush

#### **Zone 2: Wetland Enhancement Area (1.58 Acres)**

Quercus Iyrata, Overcup Oak
Quercus michauxii, Swamp Chestnut Oak
Quercus phellos, Willow Oak
Quercus nigra, Water Oak
Nyssa biflora, Swamp Blackgum
Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash
Cornus amomum, Silky Dogwood
Sambucus canadensis, Elderberry
Cephalanthus occidentalis, Buttonbush

#### **Zone 3: Wetland Creation Area (6.59 Acres)**

Quercus Iyrata, Overcup Oak Quercus michauxii, Swamp Chestnut Oak Quercus phellos, Willow Oak Quercus nigra, Water Oak Nyssa biflora, Swamp Blackgum Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3.3 RESULTS OF VEGETATION MONITORING

The following table lists the densities of planted tree species recorded in each established 0.06-acre (50-foot by 50-foot) plot marked with yellow fiberglass NCDOT stakes. (Figure 4, Appendix A). Vegetation plots 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 all exceeded the minimum density requirements during Year 5 monitoring. An inventory of planted species is listed in Table 2.

**TABLE 2**: Vegetation Monitoring Statistics

Plot Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Buttonbush									
Cephalanthus occidentalis		3	7				1	1	12
Elderberry									
Sambucus canadensis			6					6	12
Green Ash									
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	5	8	5	5	7	6	7	7	50
Overcup Oak									
Quercus lyrata		2	1	1			4	4	12
Silky Dogwood									
Cornus amomum	5	5	8	1	3		4		26
Swamp Blackgum									
Nyssa biflora						1			1
Swamp Chestnut Oak									
Quercus michauxii	4	2		2	1	1	8	1	19
Water Oak									
Quercus nigra	1								1
Willow Oak									
Quercus phellos	2	2				2	2		8
Total (2007, Year 5)	21	22	27	9	11	10	24	19	
Total (2006, Year 4)	19	28	17	20	11	9	18	18	140
Total (2005, Year 3)	21	22	18	15	12	10	21	17	115
Total (2003, Year 1)	30	28	40	17	31	21	39	22	198
Total (2002, at Planting)	40	38	45	24	37	31	40	32	247
Density (Trees/Acre)	365.9	383	470	157	192	174	418	331	

Average Density (Trees/Acre)

311

Stem counts were made of additional, volunteer woody species within the study plots. These species are listed in Table 3.

**TABLE 3:** Volunteer Woody Stem Counts in the Study Plots.

Plot Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
Black Willow									
Salix nigra	1	4	10		1	2		2	20
Bradford Pear									
Pyrus calleryana				3	1				4
Groundsel Bush									
Baccharis halimifolia	12	3	1		1	1	1	6	25
Loblolly Pine									
Pinus taeda	46	5	10	2	6	1	79	3	152
Persimmon									
Diospyros virginiana				10					10
Red Maple									
Acer rubrum		100	146	3	1	119	5	75	449
Sweetgum									
Liquidambar styraciflua	2	10	13	2			1	7	35
Tulip Poplar									
Liriodendron tulipifera								1	1
Wax Myrtle									
Morella cerifera	2	4	4					2	12
American Elm									
Ulmus americana		1	1	2				2	6
TOTAL	63	127	185	22	10	123	86	98	714
Density (Trees/Acre)	1098	2213	3223	383	174	2143	1498	1707	
				Averag	e Density	(Trees/	Acre)	1555	

An inventory of herbaceous species on the site was also taken. Dominant herbaceous species over the site as a whole include: blackberry (*Rubus argutus*), climbing hempweed (*Mikania scandens*), common cattail (*Typha latifolia*), dog fennel (*Eupatorium capillifolium*), false nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrica*), goldenrod (*Solidago* sp.), jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), meadow beauty (*Rhexia mariana* var. *mariana*), seedbox (*Ludwigia alternifolia*), leathery rush (*Juncus coriaceus*), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), Arrow-leaf tearthumb (*Persicaria sagittata*), woolgrass (*Scirpus cyperinus*), Virginia buttonweed (*Diodia virginiana*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*), boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), Allegheny monkey-flower (*Mimulus ringens* var. *ringens*), beggar ticks (*Bidens frondosa*), broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus* var. *virginicus*), fescue (*Festuca* sp.), greenbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*), ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*), ragwort (*Senecio* sp.), sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*), and trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*).

#### 3.4 CONCLUSION

Of the 50.7 acres on this site, approximately 18.2 acres involved tree planting. Supplemental tree planting was completed in December 2002. An upland buffer area that consisted of 12.04 acres was also planted. The 2007 vegetation monitoring results revealed an average density of 311 trees per acre of planted species. This average is above the minimum success criteria of 260 trees per acre after the fifth growing season.

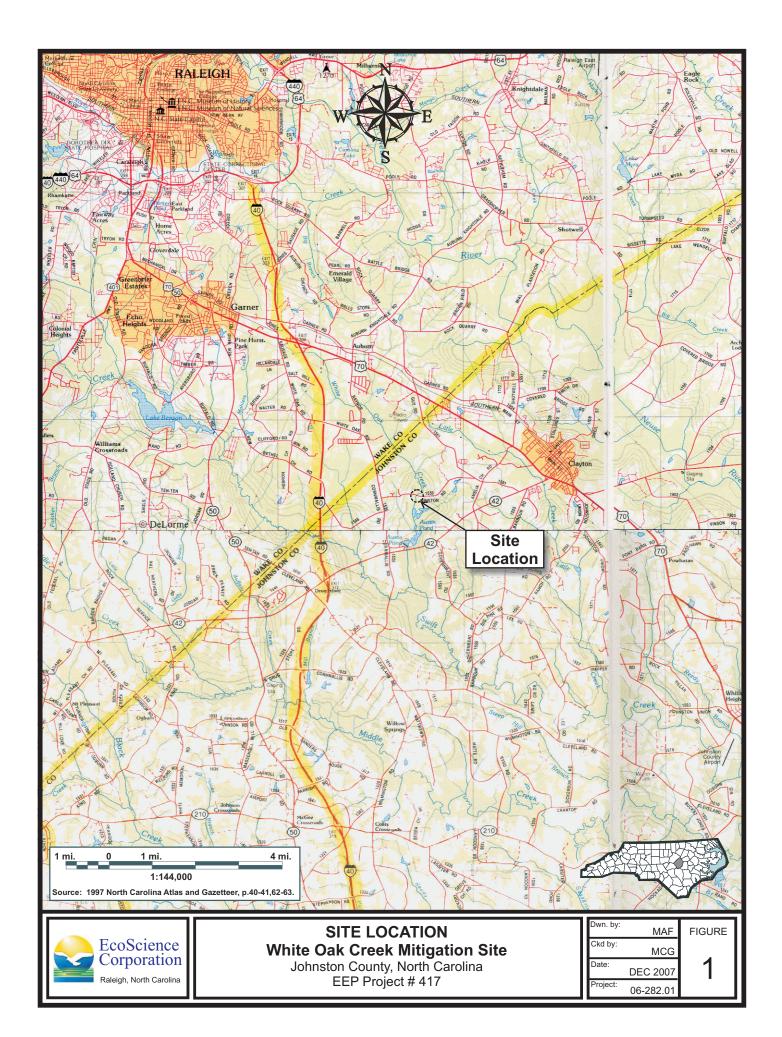
Nuisance trees such as red maple and loblolly pine occur in significant amounts in some areas of the Site, as seen in Plots 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. The increase in stem counts of these species over 2006, for example in Plot 2 and 6, is likely due to proximity to seed sources. These occurrences do not appear to have a direct effect on the survivability of planted species. However, several areas within the site have limited vegetative cover with Plots 4, 5 and 6 below minimum planted tree density. Poor soil composition (lack of suitable topsoil) is a likely factor in poor survival.

#### 4.0 REFERENCES

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# **APPENDIX A**

# **FIGURES**



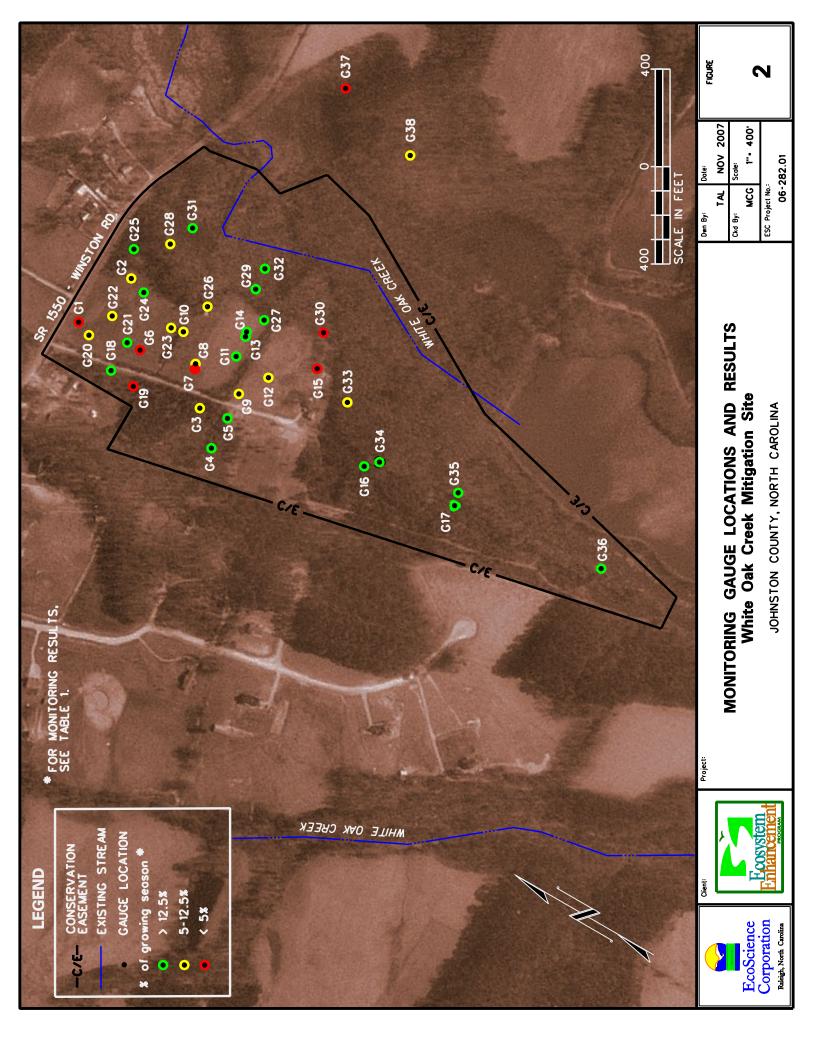
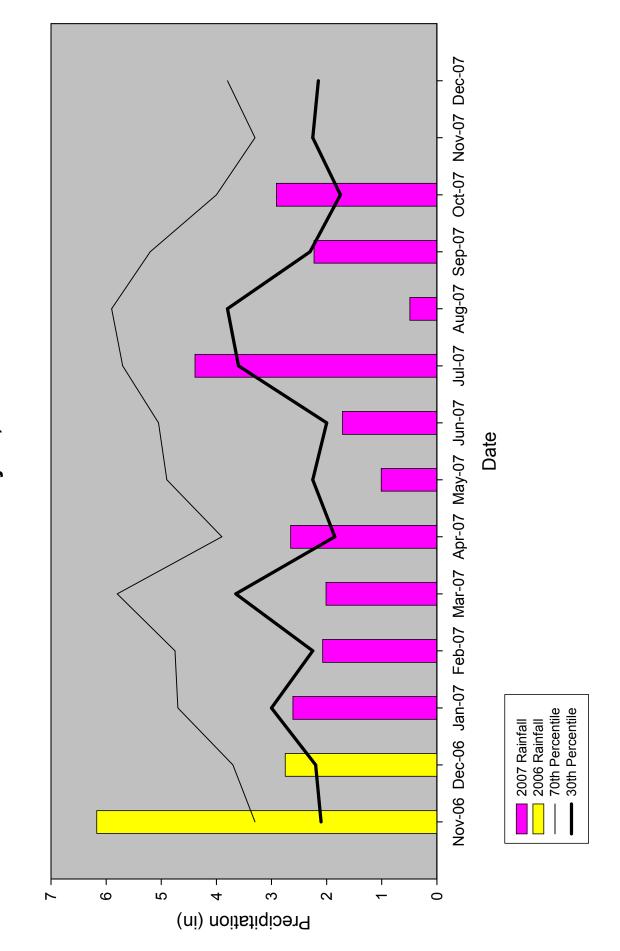
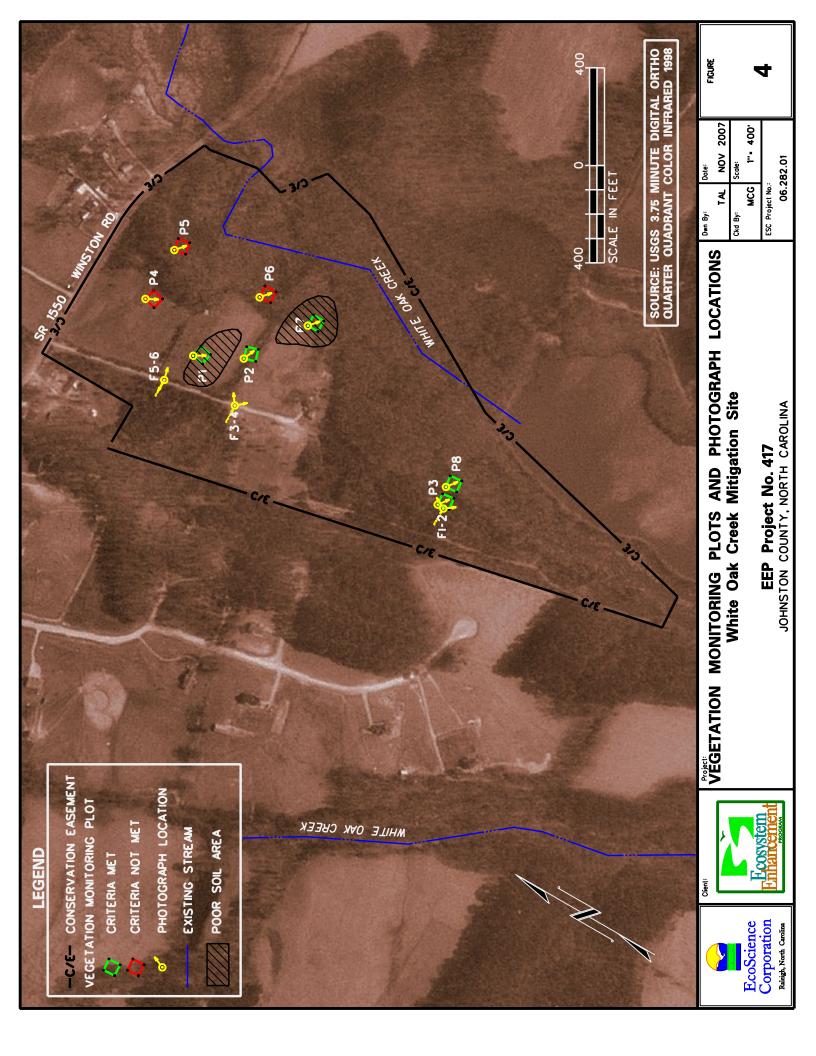


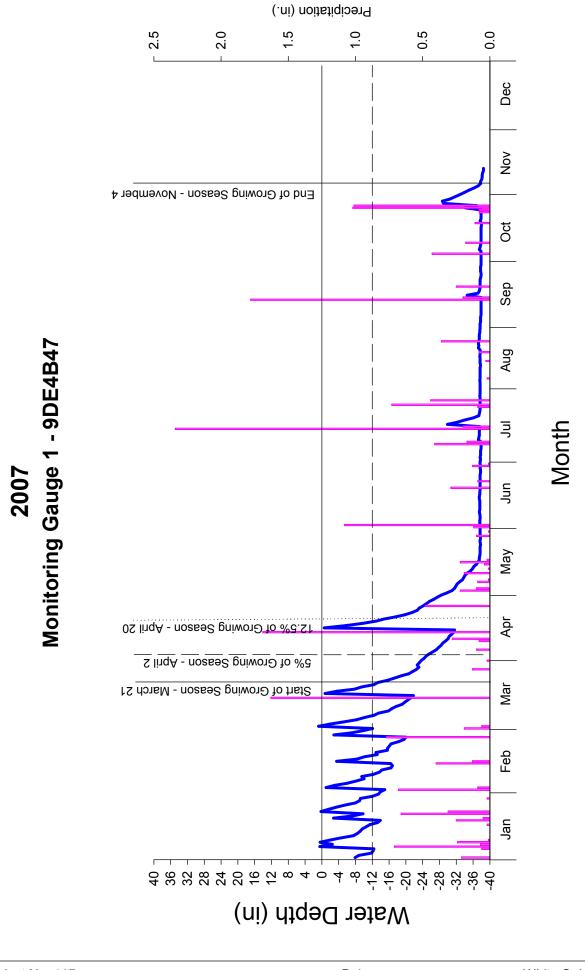
Fig 3. White Oak Creek 30-70 Percentile Graph for Rainfall in 2007 Clayton, NC





# APPENDIX B

# **GROUNDWATER GAUGE HYDROGRAPHS**



White Oak

EEP Project No. 417 B-1 White Oak Mitigation Site

2.5 2.0 0.5 0.0 Dec <u>۷</u> End of Growing Season - November 4 Ö Sep 2007 Monitoring Gauge 2 - 9BEBCFA White Oak Jul Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 5% of Growing Season - April 2 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

Precipitation (in.)

Precipitation (in.) 2.5 2.0 0.5 0.0 1.0 Dec <u>۷</u> End of Growing Season - November 4 Oct Sep Jul Jun Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 S Not Growing Season - April 2 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

\*New gauge installed on March 19

Monitoring Gauge 3 - EBCFDEC

2007

White Oak

EEP Project No. 417 B-3 White Oak Mitigation Site

Precipitation (in.) 2.5 2.0 0.5 0.0 Dec % No No End of Growing Season - November 4 Oct Sep Aug Jul Jun May Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 2 Growing Season - April 2 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

**2007** Monitoring Gauge 4 - B651405

White Oak

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**2007** Monitoring Gauge 5 - B65131A

White Oak

2007 Monitoring Gauge 6 - EBDDA3C White Oak

Precipitation (in.) 2.5 2.0 0.5 0.0 1.0 Dec <u>%</u> End of Growing Season - November  $4\,$ Oct Sep Aug Jun Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 5% of Growing Season - April 2 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

\*Gauge malfunctioned on March 7

Reinstalled on August 21

Month

Dec ۸ N End of Growing Season - November 4 Ö Sep 2007 Monitoring Gauge 7 - A285ED9 White Oak Jul Jun Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 5% of Growing Season - April 2 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan 

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0.5

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Water Depth (in)

EEP Project No. 417 B-7 White Oak Mitigation Site

Dec No V End of Growing Season - November 4 Ö Sep **2007** Monitoring Gauge 8 - AB37304 Aug White Oak Creek Jul Jun Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 S lingA - nosses gniword to %3 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

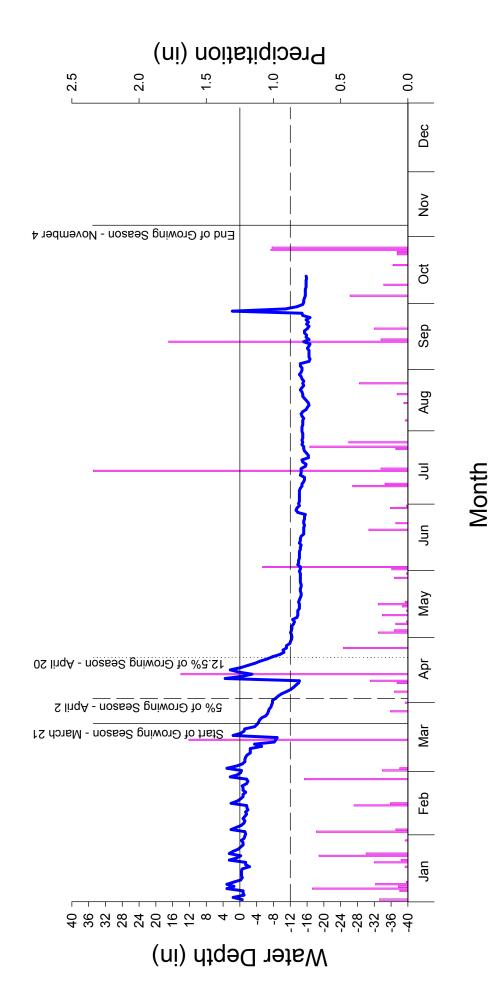
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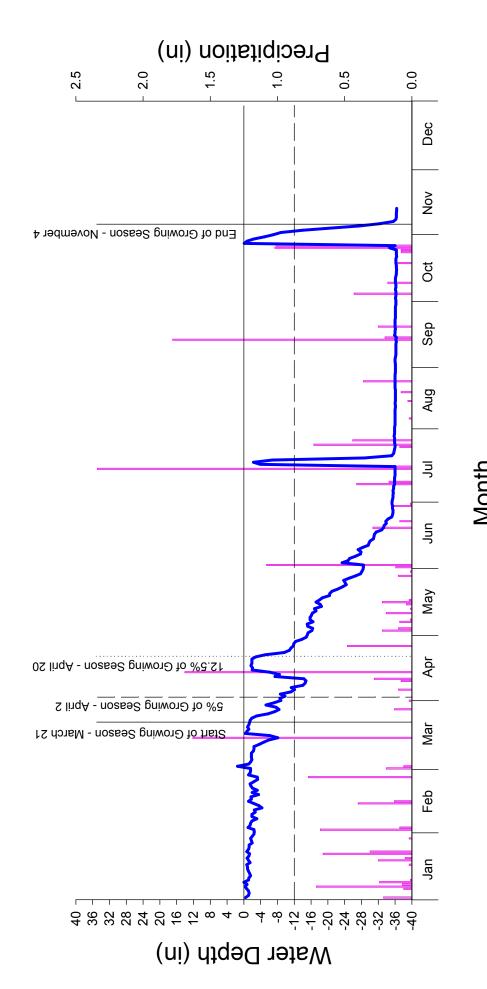
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**2007** Monitoring Gauge 9 - 0504258 White Oak Creek

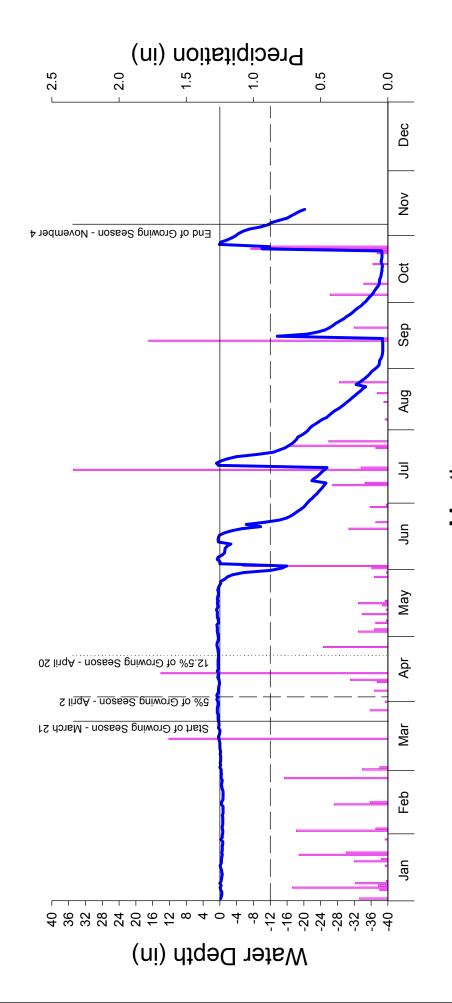


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White Oak Creek
2007
Monitoring Gauge 10 - 9DE5CAE



White Oak Creek
2007
Monitoring Gauge 11 - A3C2C3E



EEP Project No. 417 B-11 White Oak Mitigation Site

EEP Project No. 417 B-12 White Oak Mitigation Site

Water Depth (in)

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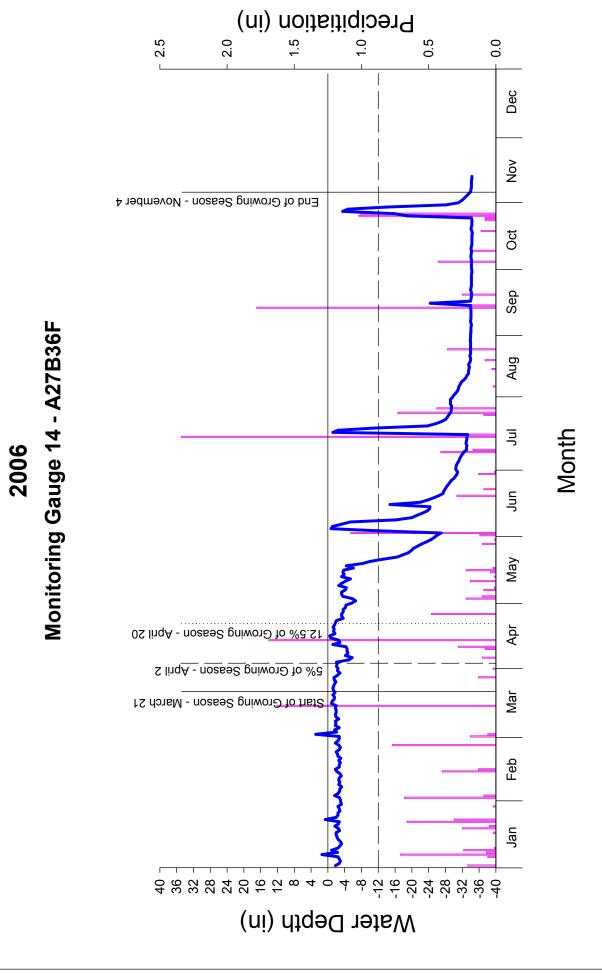
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EEP Project No. 417 B-13 White Oak Mitigation Site



White Oak Creek

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2.5

Precipitation (in)

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EEP Project No. 417 B-15 White Oak Mitigation Site

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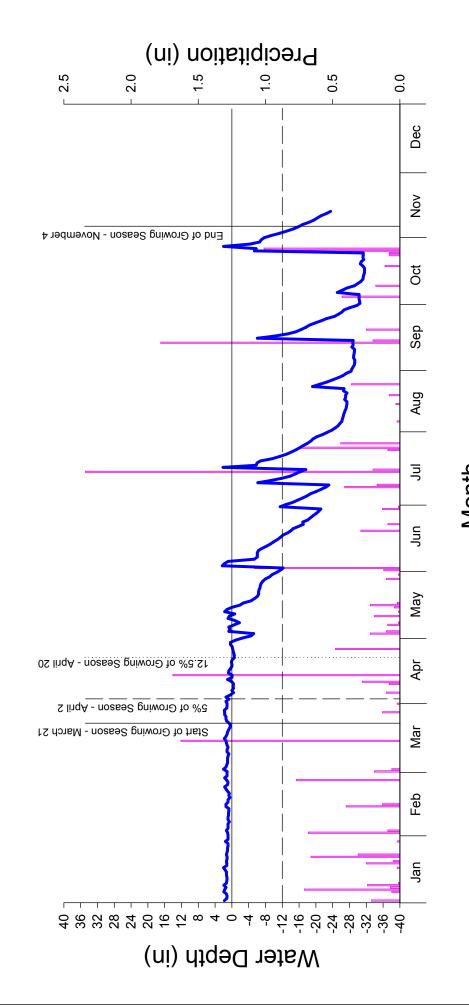
Precipitation (in)

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EEP Project No. 417 B-16 White Oak Mitigation Site

White Oak Creek
2007
Monitoring Gauge 17 - A28765B



EEP Project No. 417 B-17 White Oak Mitigation Site

2.0 0.0 Dec No V End of Growing Season - November 4 Oct Sep 2007 Monitoring Gauge 18 - 04489A2 Aug White Oak Creek Jul Jun Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 5% of Growing Season - April 2 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

Precipitation (in)

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\*Gauge installed March 19

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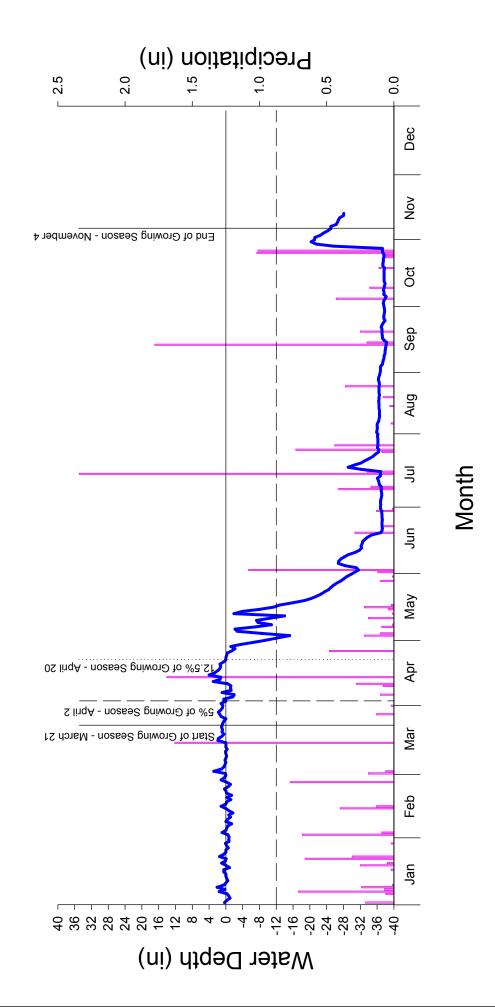
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EEP Project No. 417 B-20 White Oak Mitigation Site

2007 Monitoring Gauge 21 - A28A703 White Oak Creek



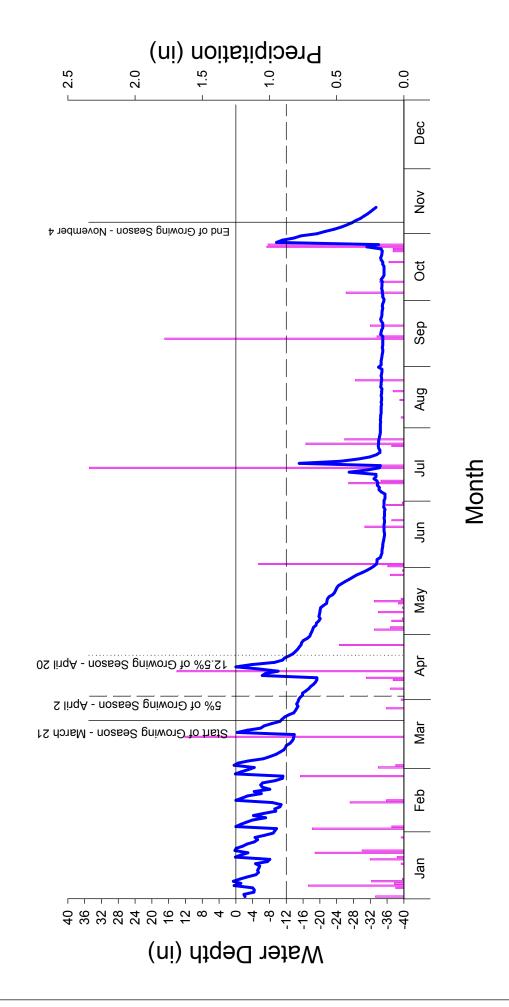
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EEP Project No. 417 B-22 White Oak Mitigation Site

White Oak Creek 2007 Monitoring Gauge 23 - 8E546A7



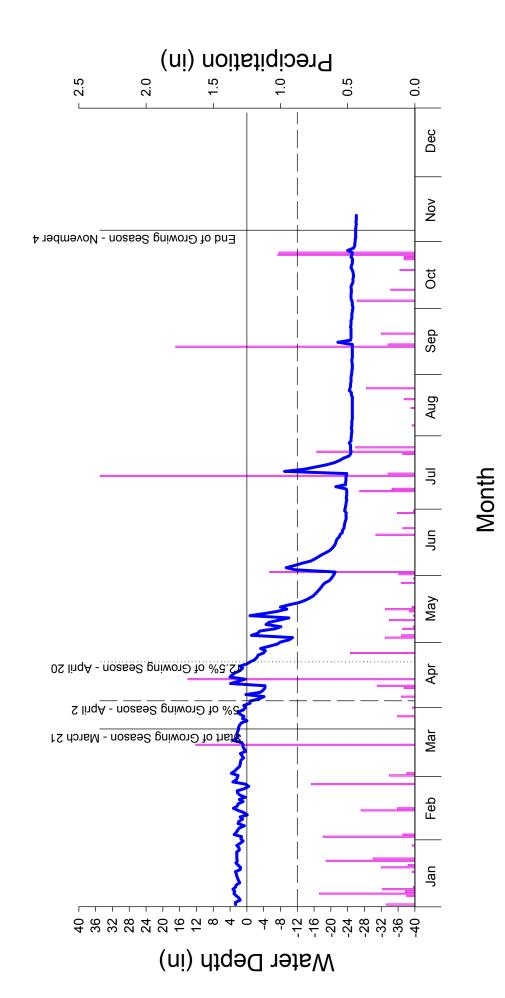
EEP Project No. 417 B-23 White Oak Mitigation Site

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**2007** Monitoring Gauge 25 - B652202 White Oak Creek



EEP Project No. 417 B-25 White Oak Mitigation Site

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EEP Project No. 417 B-26 White Oak Mitigation Site

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EEP Project No. 417 B-28 White Oak Mitigation Site

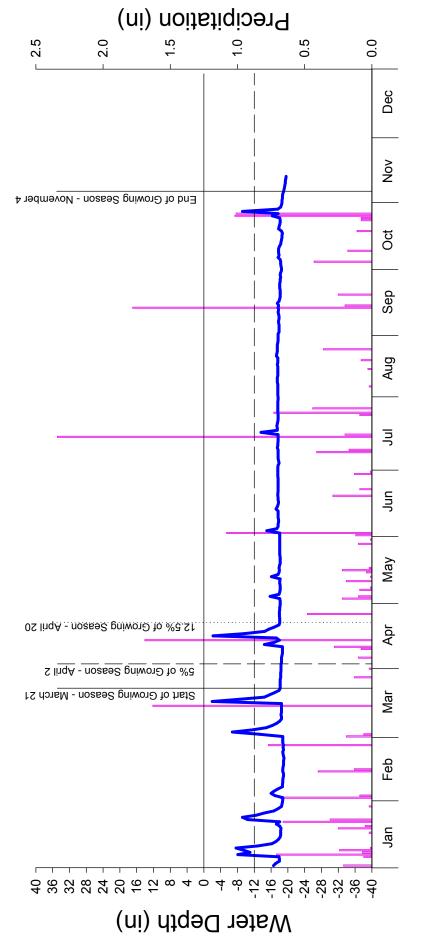
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EEP Project No. 417 B-29 White Oak Mitigation Site

2007 Monitoring Gauge 30 - A27AA3E White Oak Creek



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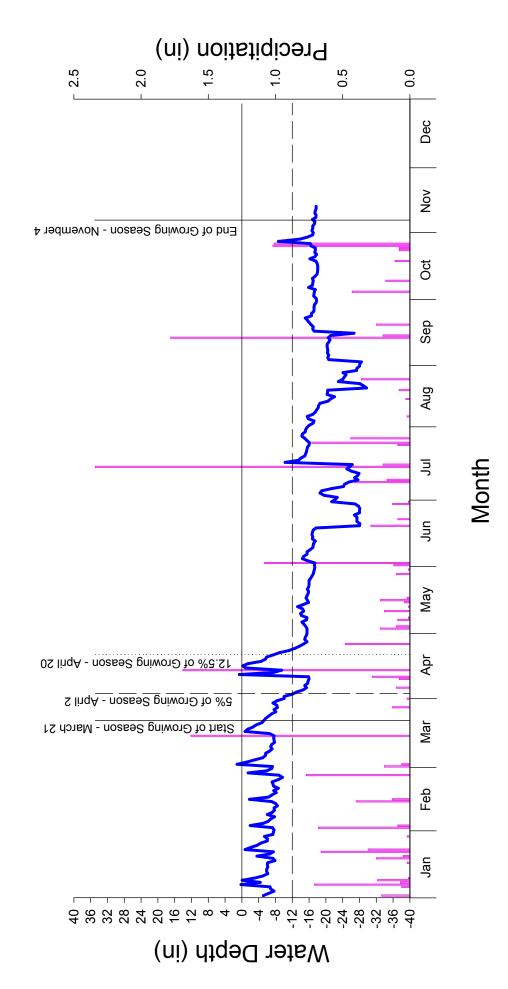
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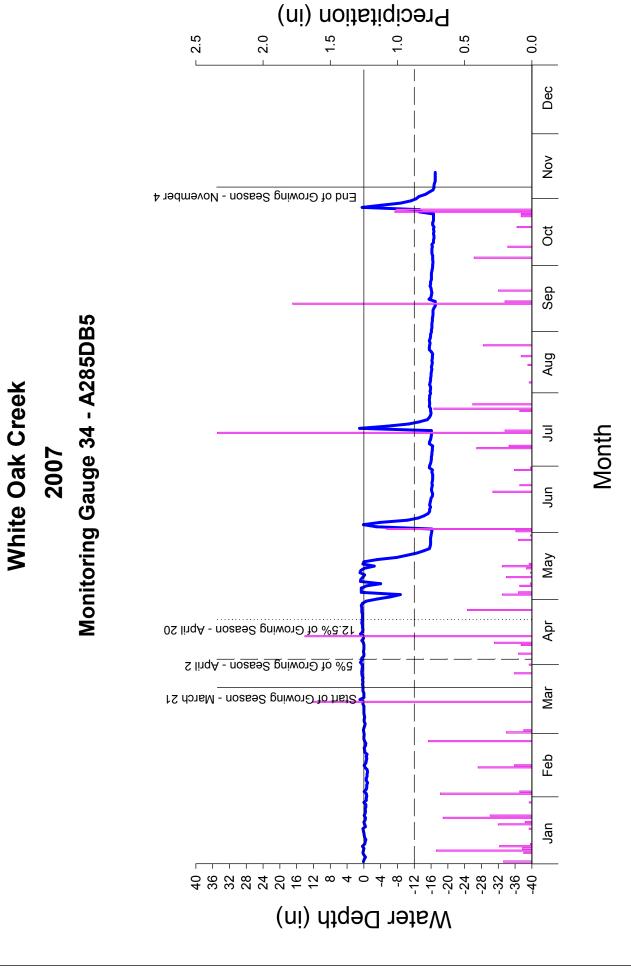
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EEP Project No. 417 B-32 White Oak Mitigation Site

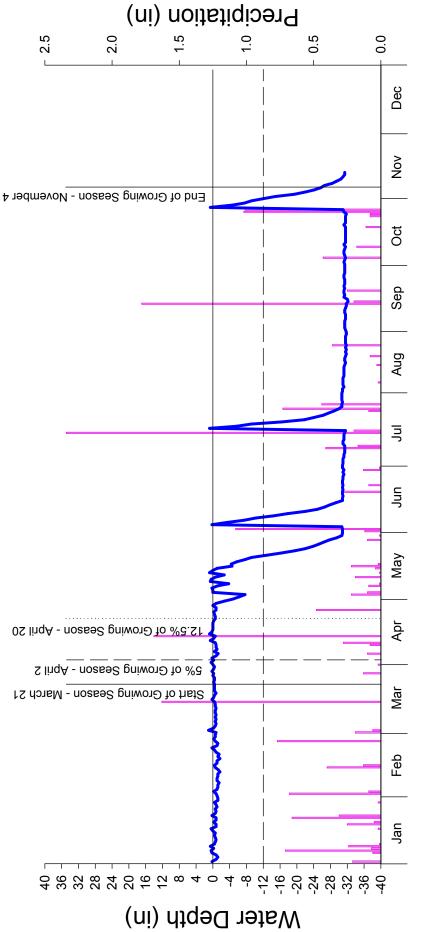
EEP Project No. 417 B-33 White Oak Mitigation Site

2007 Monitoring Gauge 33 - 9BEBE36 White Oak Creek



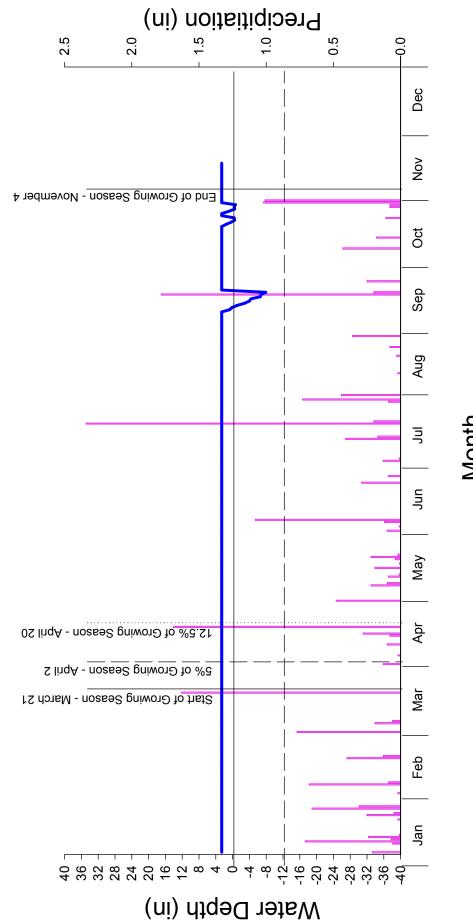


2007 Monitoring Gauge 35 - 04CFEA0 White Oak Creek



EEP Project No. 417 B-35 White Oak Mitigation Site

**2007** Monitoring Gauge 36 - 031FA53 White Oak Creek



EEP Project No. 417 B-36 White Oak Mitigation Site

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EEP Project No. 417 B-37 White Oak Mitigation Site

\*Gauge installed May 22

Dec No V End of Growing Season - November 4 Oct Sep Monitoring Gauge 38 - B65223A Aug White Oak Creek Jul Jun Мау Apr 12.5% of Growing Season - April 20 S lingA - nosses gniword to %3 Mar Start of Growing Season - March 21 Feb Jan Water Depth (in)

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EEP Project No. 417

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White Oak Mitigation Site

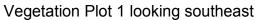
\*Gauge installed April 9

#### **APPENDIX C**

### **SITE PHOTOS**

## White Oak Creek Mitigation Site Vegetation Plot Photos Monitoring Year 5







Vegetation Plot 2 looking southeast



Vegetation Plot 3 looking south



Vegetation Plot 4 looking southeast

### White Oak Creek Mitigation Site Vegetation Plot Photos Monitoring Year 5



Vegetation Plot 5 looking southeast



Vegetation Plot 6 looking southeast



Vegetation Plot 7 looking south



Vegetation Plot 8 looking south

## White Oak Creek Mitigation Site Fixed Photo Stations Monitoring Year 6





Photo Station 1 Photo Station 2





Photo Station 3 Photo Station 4

# White Oak Creek Mitigation Site Fixed Photo Stations Monitoring Year 6





Photo Station 5 Photo Station 6

#### **APPENDIX D**

#### **RESTORATION AREA**

