

**Bowl Basin Restoration Site  
Monitoring Report MY02  
DMS Project # 95721  
DMS Contract # 005012**



Submitted to:

NCDMS, 1652 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1652

**Construction Completed: February 2015**

**Data Collection: 2016**

**Submitted: December 2016**

## Monitoring and Design Firm



**4505 Falls of Neuse Road  
Suite 400  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
Phone: (919) 278-2514  
Fax: (919) 783-9266**

**Project Manager: Tim Morris  
Email: [tim.morris@kci.com](mailto:tim.morris@kci.com)  
KCI Project No: 20122265**

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/PROJECT ABSTRACT .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2.0 MONITORING RESULTS .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2.1 Vegetation Monitoring .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2.2 Hydrology Monitoring .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3.0 METHODOLOGY.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4.0 REFERENCES.....</b>	<b>3</b>

## **Appendix A – Project Vicinity Map and Background Tables**

Figure 1. Project Site Vicinity Map .....	5
Figure 2. Project Site Mitigation Plan View .....	6
Table 1 – Project Components .....	7
Table 2 – Project Activity and Reporting History .....	8
Table 3 – Project Contacts .....	8
Table 4 – Project Attributes .....	9

## **Appendix B – Visual Assessment Data**

Figure 3. Current Condition Plan View .....	11
Table 5 – Vegetation Condition Assessment .....	12
Photo Point Photos .....	13
Vegetation Plot Photos.....	14

## **Appendix C – Vegetation Plot Data**

Table 6 – Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment .....	17
Table 7 – CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata.....	18
Table 8 – CVS Stem Count Total and Planted by Plot and Species .....	19

## **Appendix D – Hydrologic Data**

30-70 Percentile Graph .....	21
Precipitation and Water Level Plots.....	22
Table 9 – Wetland Hydrology Criteria Attainment.....	30

## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / PROJECT ABSTRACT

The Bowl Basin Restoration Site (BBRS) is a full-delivery project that was developed for the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (DMS). Construction was completed in February 2015. The site is within the 03020106 Watershed Cataloging Unit (8-digit HUC) and the Local Watershed Unit (14-digit HUC) 03020106010010. In DMS' most recent publication of excluded and Targeted Local Watersheds/Hydrologic Units, the 03020106010010 14-digit HUC has been identified as a Targeted Local Watershed.

The project goals and objectives are listed below.

### *Project Goals*

- Protect and improve water quality by reducing sediment and nutrient inputs
- The protection of a watershed draining into shellfish harvesting waters
- Provide habitat for aquatic flora and fauna by improving physical structure and vegetative composition
- Increase the local hydroperiod by encouraging both surface and subsurface storage and retention
- Restore and establish a functional and diverse wetland community

### *Project Objectives*

- Fill field ditches to restore surface flow retention and elevate local groundwater levels.
- Redevelop longer wetland flow patterns to increase surface flow retention time.
- Restore a diverse wetland vegetation community through maintenance and germination of existing wetland seed stores, planting of wetland trees and shrubs, and incorporation of a custom wetland seed mix

The project site, which is protected by an 11.7-acre permanent conservation easement held by the State of North Carolina, is situated in Onslow County in the Carolina Flatwoods ecoregion of the Coastal Plains physiographic province. The site is located on a single parcel located off of White Oak River Road approximately 13.5 miles north of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The BBRS provided mitigation for wetland impacts within Hydrologic Unit 03020106 by restoring 11.7 acres of wetland, generating 11.7 non-riparian wetland mitigation units (WMU's)

The BBRS will be monitored to determine if the project is on-track to meeting jurisdictional wetland status. In the restoration areas, the wetland site will be deemed successful once hydrology is established and vegetation success criteria are met. The site will be monitored for at least seven years or until the success criteria are achieved.

## **2.0 MONITORING RESULTS**

### **2.1 VEGETATION MONITORING**

The success criteria for the planted species in the mitigation area will be based on the vegetative density estimated as woody stems/acre based on monitoring plot data. The site will demonstrate the re-establishment of targeted vegetative communities through the survival and growth of planted species and volunteer colonization, with an average stem density of 320 stems/acre after three years, 288 stems/acre after four years, 260 stems/acre after five years, and 210 stems/acre after seven years to be considered successful. To determine the success of the planted mitigation area, ten permanent vegetation monitoring plots (10 by 10 meters) have been established in the wetland restoration area at a density that represents the total mitigation acreage. The average density of these plots will determine whether the site meets the success criterion.

The second-year vegetation monitoring was based on the Level 2 CVS-EEP vegetation monitoring protocol. The site's average density for this monitoring period was 773 planted stems/acre. All ten plots had greater than 320 planted stems/acre. Including volunteers, the site averaged 2,655 total stems/acre. In general the site is well vegetated, with widespread herbaceous coverage and healthy planted stems.

### **2.2 HYDROLOGY MONITORING**

Wetland hydrology will be monitored with a series of automatic gauges that record water table depth. The site must present continuous saturated or inundated hydrologic conditions for at least 9% of the growing season with a 50% probability of reoccurrence during normal weather conditions. A "normal" year is based on NRCS climatological data for Onslow County using the 30th to 70th percentile thresholds as the range of normal as documented in the USACE Technical Report "Assessing and Using Meteorological Data to Evaluate Wetland Hydrology, April 2000." The growing season for Onslow County is considered to extend from March 18 to November 16 (243 days). The water table of the restored wetlands must be within 12" of the soil surface continuously for at least 9% (22 days) of the 243-day growing season. Wetland hydrology will be monitored with eight automatic gauges that record water table depth.

The wetland gauges will be checked and/or downloaded every other month. Daily data will be collected from the automatic gauges over the 7-year monitoring period.

The daily rainfall data was obtained from a local weather station in Pumpkin Center, NC; provided by the NC State Climate Office. For the 2016 year, the months of February, May, July, September, and October experienced above average rainfall, while August experienced average rainfall. The months of January, March, April, June, and November recorded below average rainfall for the site. Overall, the area experienced average rainfall during the 2016 growing season.

During the site's second growing season, all 8 gauges had continuous saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface for 9% (22 days) of the 243 day growing season (March 18 to November 16). Overall the gauges on site averaged 43 days (17.7%) of continuous saturation.

## **3.0 METHODOLOGY**

The CVS-EEP protocol, Level 2 (<http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm>) was used to collect vegetation data from the site. The vegetation monitoring was completed on June 30, 2016.

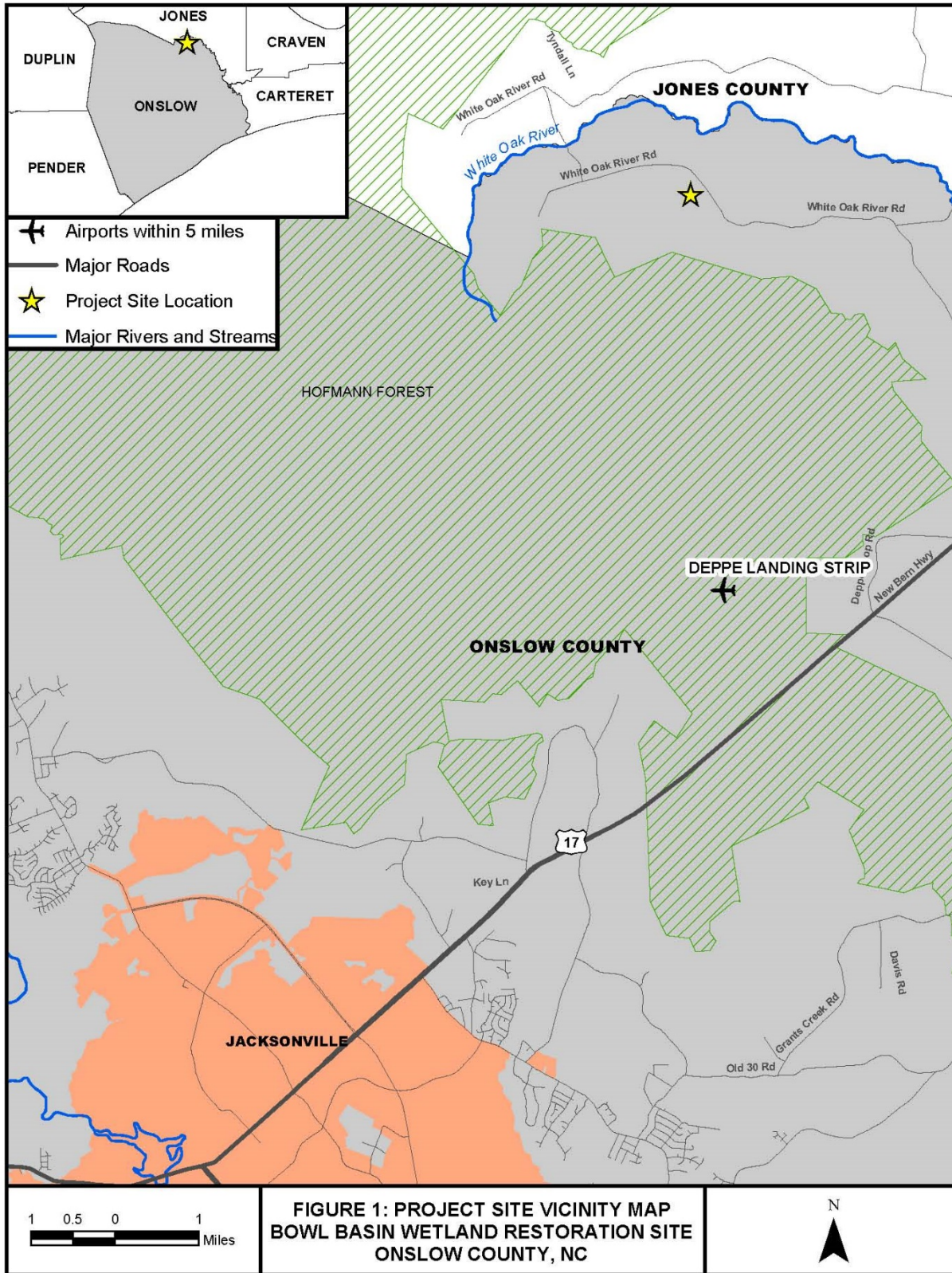
#### **4.0 REFERENCES**

Lee, M.T., R.K. Peet, S.D. Roberts, and T.R. Wentworth. 2008. CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.2 (<http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm>)

USACE. 2003. Stream Mitigation Guidelines. USACE, NCDENR-DWQ, USEPA, NCWRC.

# **Appendix A**

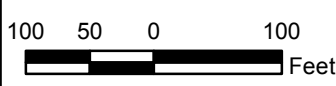
## **Project Vicinity Map and Background Tables**







- Easement Area (11.7 ac)
- Project Parcel
- Nonriparian Wetland Restoration
- Filled Ditches
- Disperse Flow from Ditch
- Ditch Re-Route Path



**FIGURE 2: PROJECT SITE MITIGATION PLAN VIEW**  
**BOWL BASIN WETLAND RESTORATION SITE**  
**ONslow COUNTY, NC**

*Image Source: NC 2010 Statewide Orthoimagery.*

N

<b>Table 1. Project Components</b>									
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 – Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>									
<b>Mitigation Credits</b>									
	<b>Stream</b>		<b>Riparian Wetland</b>		<b>Non-riparian Wetland</b>		<b>Buffer</b>	<b>Nitrogen Nutrient Offset</b>	<b>Phosphorous Nutrient Offset</b>
<b>Type</b>	R	RE	R	RE	R	RE			
<b>Acres</b>	-	-	-	-	11.7	-	-	-	-
<b>Credits</b>	-	-	-	-	11.7	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	-		-		11.7		-	-	-
<b>Project Components</b>									
<b>Project Component -or- Reach ID</b>	<b>Stationing/ Location</b>		<b>Existing Footage/ Acreage</b>		<b>Approach (PI, PII etc.)</b>		<b>Restoration -or- Restoration Equivalent</b>	<b>Restoration Footage or Acreage</b>	<b>Mitigation Ratio</b>
Wetland Area	-		11.7 acres		-		Restoration	11.7 acres	1:1
<b>Component Summation</b>									
<b>Restoration Level</b>	<b>Stream (linear feet)</b>		<b>Riparian Wetland (acres)</b>		<b>Non-riparian Wetland (acres)</b>		<b>Buffer (square feet)</b>	<b>Upland (acres)</b>	
			Riverine	Non-Riverine					
Restoration					11.7 acres				
Enhancement									
Enhancement I									
Enhancement II									
Creation									
Preservation									
High Quality Preservation									
<b>TOTAL</b>	-		-	-	11.7 acres		-	-	

<b>Table 2. Project Activity &amp; Reporting History</b>		
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 - Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>		
Elapsed Time Since Grading Complete: 1 year 9 months		
Elapsed Time Since Planting Complete: 1 year 9 months		
Number of Reporting Years: 2		
<b>Activity or Report</b>	<b>Data Collection Complete</b>	<b>Actual Completion or Delivery</b>
Mitigation Plan		Oct 14
Final Design - Construction Plans		Dec 14
Construction		March 15
Planting		March 15
Baseline Monitoring/Report	April 15	May 15
Year 1 Monitoring	Oct 15	Jan 16
Year 2 Monitoring	June 16	Dec 16

<b>Table 3. Project Contacts</b>	
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 - Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>	
<b>Design Firm</b>	KCI Associates of North Carolina, PC 4505 Falls of Neuse Road Suite 400 Raleigh, NC 27609 Contact: Mr. Tim Morris Phone: (919) 278-2512 Fax: (919) 783-9266
<b>Construction Contractor</b>	KCI Environmental Technologies and Construction, Inc. 4505 Falls of Neuse Road Suite 400. Raleigh, NC 27609 Contact: Mr. Tim Morris Phone: (919) 278-2512 Fax: (919) 783-9266
<b>Planting Contractor</b>	Bruton Nurseries and Landscapes PO Box 1197 Freemont, NC 27830 Contact: Mr. Charlie Bruton Phone: (919) 242-6555
<b>Monitoring Performers</b>	
<b>MY00-MY02</b>	KCI Associates of North Carolina, PC 4505 Falls of Neuse Road Suite 400 Raleigh, NC 27609 Contact: Mr. Adam Spiller Phone: (919) 278-2514 Fax: (919) 783-9266

<b>Table 4. Project Attribute Table</b>			
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 – Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>			
<b>County</b>	Onslow County		
<b>Project Area (acres)</b>	11.7 acres		
<b>Project Coordinates (lat. and long.)</b>	34.925365 N , -77.607461 W		
<b>Project Watershed Summary Information</b>			
<b>Physiographic Province</b>	Coastal Plain		
<b>River Basin</b>	White Oak		
<b>USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit</b>	03020106	<b>USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit</b>	03020106010010
<b>DWQ Sub-basin</b>	03-05-01b		
<b>Project Drainage Area (acres)</b>	76.0 acres		
<b>Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area</b>	1%		
<b>CGIA Land Use Classification</b>	94% Cultivated, 4% Forest, and 2% Low-Intensity Development		
<b>Wetland Summary Information</b>			
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Wetland Area</b>		
Size of Wetland (acres)	11.7 acres		
Wetland Type (non-riparian, riparian riverine or riparian non-riverine)	Non-riparian		
Mapped Soil Series	Pantego loam by detailed soil investigation		
Drainage class	Poorly drained		
Soil Hydric Status	Drained Hydric		
Source of Hydrology	Groundwater / Precipitation		
Hydrologic Impairment	Ditching and Crops		
Native vegetation community	Crops		
Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation	0%		

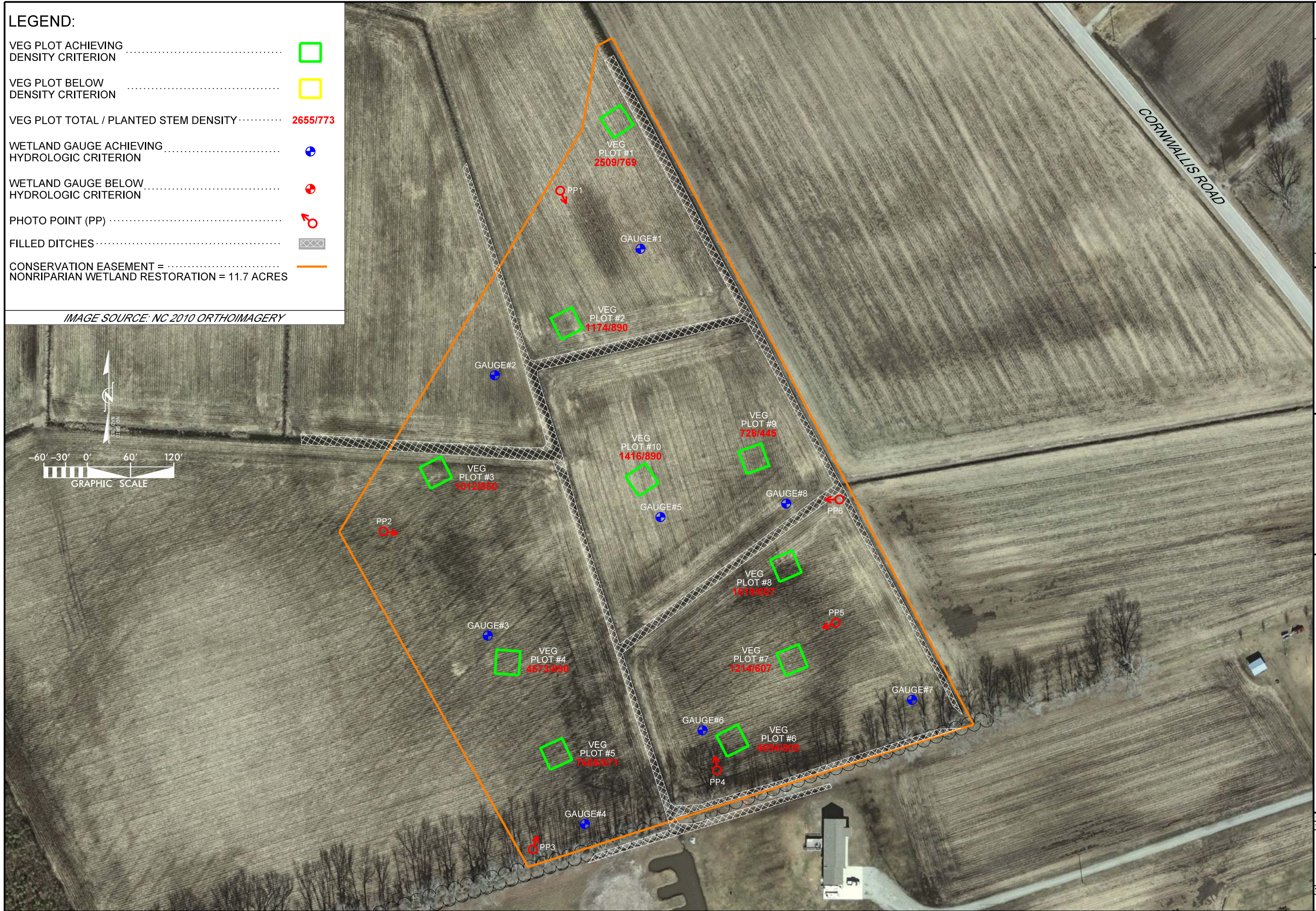
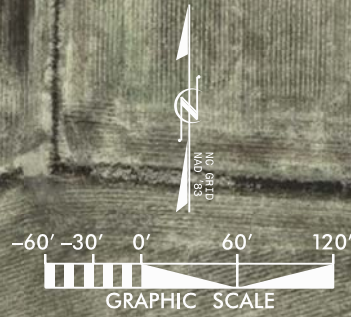
# **Appendix B**

## **Visual Assessment Data**

**LEGEND:**

- VEG PLOT ACHIEVING DENSITY CRITERION ..... □
- VEG PLOT BELOW DENSITY CRITERION ..... □
- VEG PLOT TOTAL / PLANTED STEM DENSITY ..... **2655/773**
- WETLAND GAUGE ACHIEVING HYDROLOGIC CRITERION ..... ⊕
- WETLAND GAUGE BELOW HYDROLOGIC CRITERION ..... ⊕
- PHOTO POINT (PP) ..... ♂
- FILLED DITCHES .....
- CONSERVATION EASEMENT = ..... —
- NONRIPARIAN WETLAND RESTORATION = 11.7 ACRES

IMAGE SOURCE: NC 2010 ORTHOIMAGERY



REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION

**NCDEQ DIVISION OF  
MITIGATION SERVICES**

**KCI**  
ASSOCIATES OF NC  
ENGINEERS • PLANNERS • SCIENTISTS  
4505 FALLS OF NEUSE ROAD  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27609

**BOWL BASIN  
RESTORATION SITE**  
DMS PROJECT #95721  
ONSLOW COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
MONITORING YEAR 02

DATE: DEC 2016  
SCALE: GRAPHIC  
**CURRENT  
CONDITION  
PLAN VIEW**  
SHEET 1 OF 1  
**FIGURE 3**

<b>Table 5. Vegetation Condition Assessment</b>						
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 – Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>						
<b>Planted Acreage 11.7</b>			<b>Easement Acreage 11.7</b>			
<b>Vegetation Category</b>	<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Mapping Threshold</b>	<b>CCPV Depiction</b>	<b>Number of Polygons</b>	<b>Combined Acreage</b>	<b>% of Planted Acreage</b>
<b>1. Bare Areas</b>	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.	0.1 acres	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%
<b>2. Low Stem Density Areas</b>	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, or 5 stem count criteria.	0.1 acres	Not Depicted, Covers Most of Restoration Area	0	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>				0	0.00	0.0%
<b>3. Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor</b>	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%
<b>Cumulative Total</b>				0	0.00	0.0%
<b>4. Invasive Areas of Concern</b>	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	1000 SF	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%
<b>5. Easement Encroachment Areas</b>	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	none	Pattern and Color	0	0.00	0.0%

**Photo Reference Points**



PP1 – MY-02 – 8/23/16



PP2 – MY-02 – 8/23/16



PP3 – MY-02 – 8/23/16



PP4 – MY-02 – 8/23/16



PP5 – MY-02 – 8/23/16



PP6 – MY-02 – 8/23/16



## Vegetation Monitoring Plot Photos



Vegetation Plot 1 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 2 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 3 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 4 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 5 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 6 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 7 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 8 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 9 – MY-02 – 6/30/16



Vegetation Plot 10 – MY-02 – 6/30/16

# **Appendix C**

## **Vegetation Plot Data**

<b>Table 6. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment</b>			
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 - Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>			
<b>Vegetation Plot ID</b>	<b>Vegetation Survival Threshold Met? (320 planted stems/acre)</b>	<b>Monitoring Year 02 Planted Stem Density (stems/acre)</b>	<b>Monitoring Year 02 Total Stem Density (stems/acre)</b>
1	Yes	769	2,509
2	Yes	890	1,174
3	Yes	850	1012
4	Yes	890	4,573
5	Yes	971	7,608
6	Yes	809	4,694
7	Yes	607	1,214
8	Yes	607	1,619
9	Yes	445	728
10	Yes	890	1,416

<b>Table 7. CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata</b>	
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 - Bowl Basin Wetland Restoration Site</b>	
<b>Report Prepared By</b>	Randall Jones
<b>Date Prepared</b>	8/18/2016 11:37
<b>database name</b>	KCI-2015-95721_Bowl Basin.mdb
<b>database location</b>	M:\2012\20122939 Bowl Basin FDP\Monitoring\Veg Database
<b>computer name</b>	12-3ZV4FP1
<b>file size</b>	62558208
<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHEETS IN THIS DOCUMENT-----</b>	
<b>Metadata</b>	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of project(s) and project data.
<b>Proj, planted</b>	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.
<b>Proj, total stems</b>	Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year. This includes live stakes, all planted stems, and all natural/volunteer stems.
<b>Plots</b>	List of plots surveyed with location and summary data (live stems, dead stems, missing, etc.).
<b>Vigor</b>	Frequency distribution of vigor classes for stems for all plots.
<b>Vigor by Spp</b>	Frequency distribution of vigor classes listed by species.
<b>Damage</b>	List of most frequent damage classes with number of occurrences and percent of total stems impacted by each.
<b>Damage by Spp</b>	Damage values tallied by type for each species.
<b>Damage by Plot</b>	Damage values tallied by type for each plot.
<b>Planted Stems by Plot and Spp</b>	A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.
<b>ALL Stems by Plot and spp</b>	A matrix of the count of total living stems of each species (planted and natural volunteers combined) for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.
<b>PROJECT SUMMARY-----</b>	
<b>Project Code</b>	
<b>project Name</b>	Bowl Basin Wetland Restoration Site
<b>Description</b>	Wetland Restoration Site
<b>River Basin</b>	White Oak
<b>Sampled Plots</b>	



**Table 8. CVS Stem Count Total and Planted by Plot and Species**

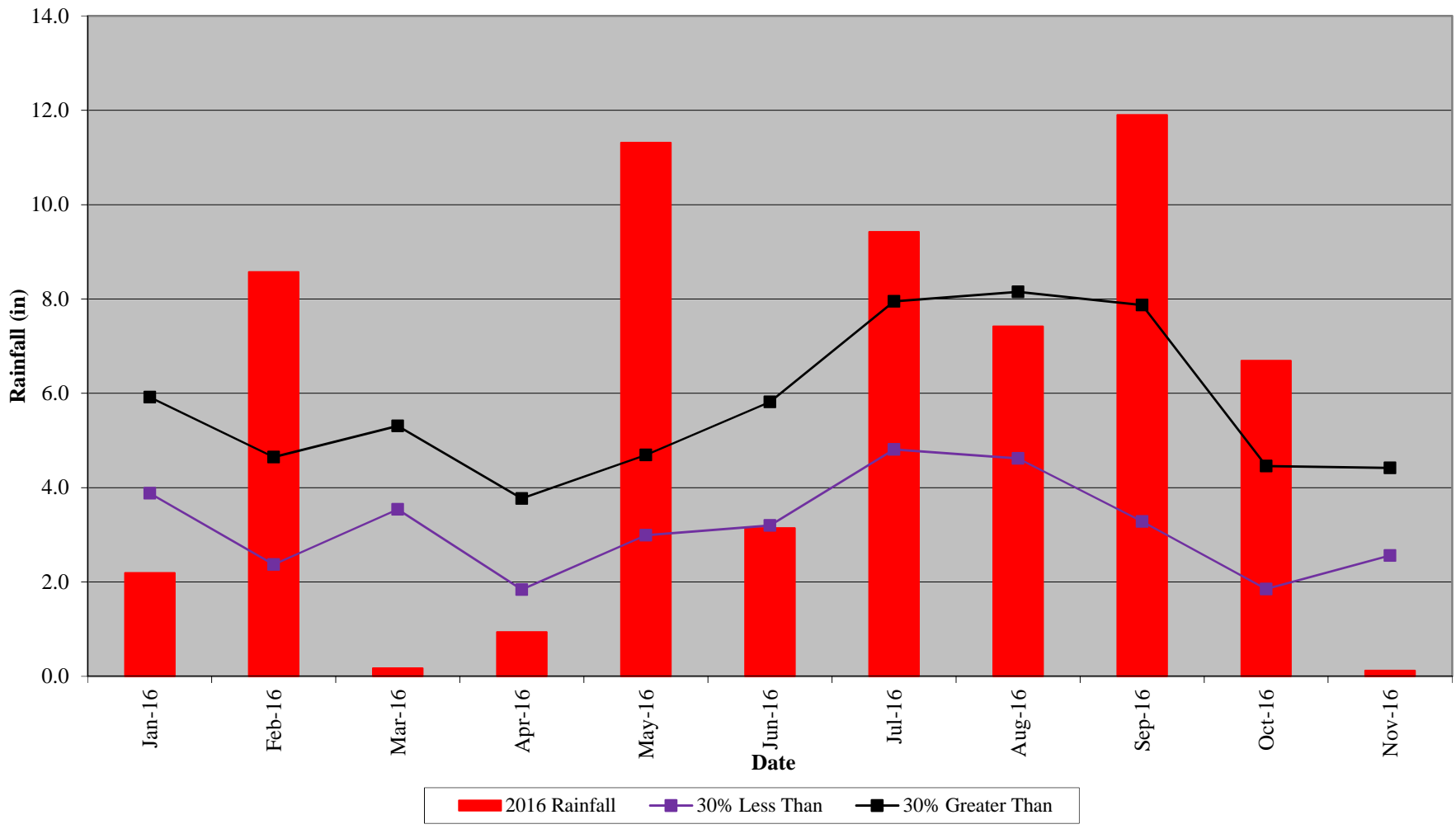
DMS Project Code 95721. Project Name: Bowl Basin			Annual Means								
Scientific Name	Common Name	Species Type	MY2 (2016)			MY1 (2015)			MY0 (2015)		
			PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T
Acer negundo	boxelder	Tree			1						
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree			2			1			
Baccharis	baccharis	Shrub			7						
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	27	27	27	27	27	27	22	22	22
Celtis occidentalis	common hackberry	Tree			1						
Cephalanthus occidentalis	common buttonbush	Shrub	10	10	10	12	12	12	11	11	11
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	Tree			1						
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	57	57	57	55	55	59	51	51	51
Juglans nigra	black walnut	Tree			5			2			
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree			417			280			
Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	Tree	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Myrica	sweetgale	shrub			2						
Nyssa aquatica	water tupelo	Tree	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
Nyssa biflora	swamp tupelo	Tree	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3
Pinus taeda	loblolly pine	Tree			25						
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree	13	13	13	12	12	12	15	15	15
Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	Tree	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	11	11	11	9	9	11	9	9	9
Quercus shumardii	Shumard's oak	Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Salix	willow	Shrub or Tree			1						
Salix alba	white willow	Exotic			1						
Salix nigra	black willow	Tree			1	1	1	2			
Taxodium distichum	bald cypress	Tree	47	47	48	48	48	48	45	45	45
<b>Stem count</b>			191	191	656	188	188	478	176	176	176
<b>size (ares)</b>			10			10			10		
<b>size (ACRES)</b>			0.25			0.25			0.25		
<b>Species count</b>			11	11	23	12	12	15	11	11	11
<b>Stems per ACRE</b>			773	773	2655	761	761	1934	712	712	712

# **Appendix D**

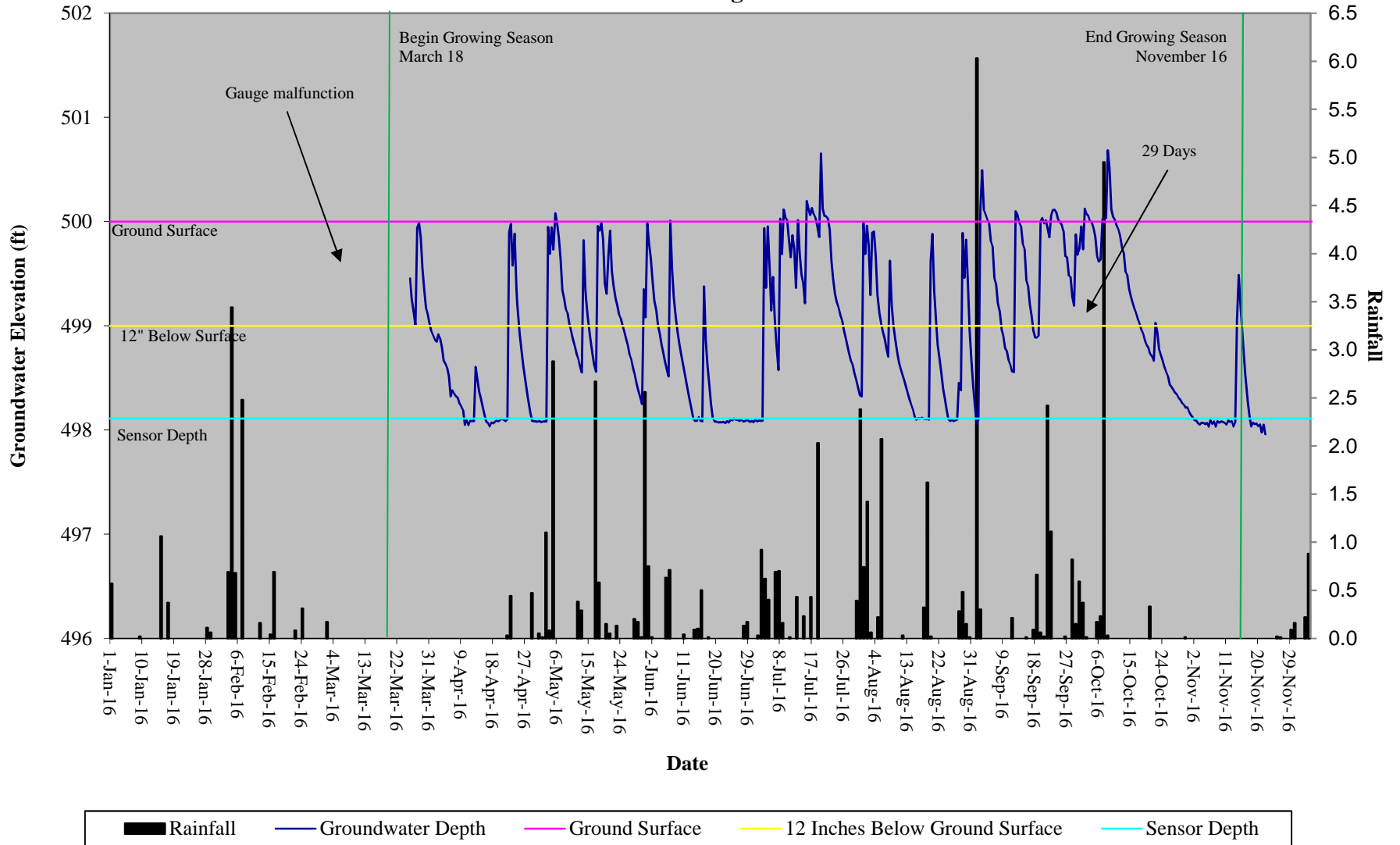
## **Hydrologic Data**



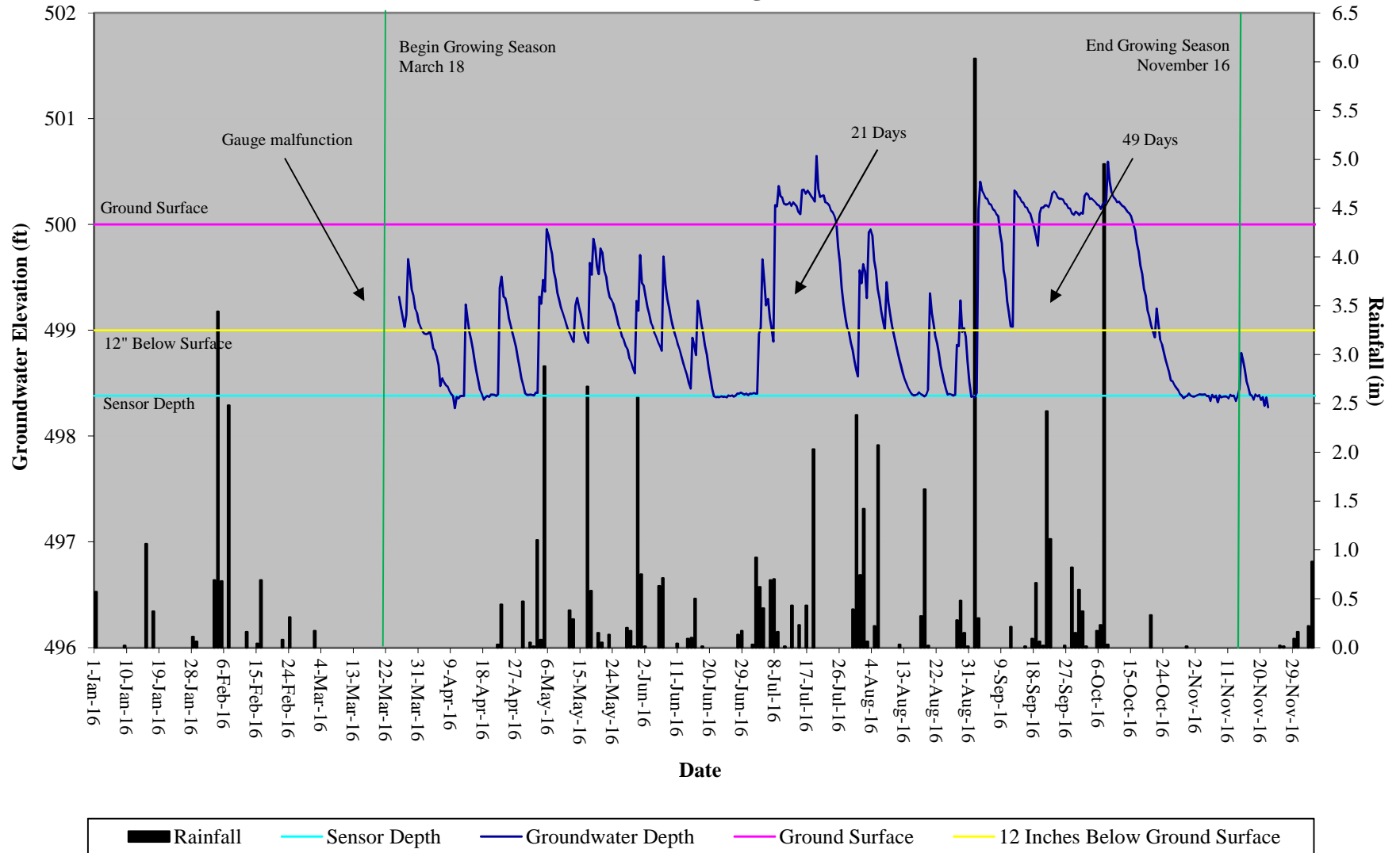
**Bowl Basin Wetland Restoration Site  
30-70 Percentile Graph  
WETS Station Name: NHOFF - Hoffman Forest**



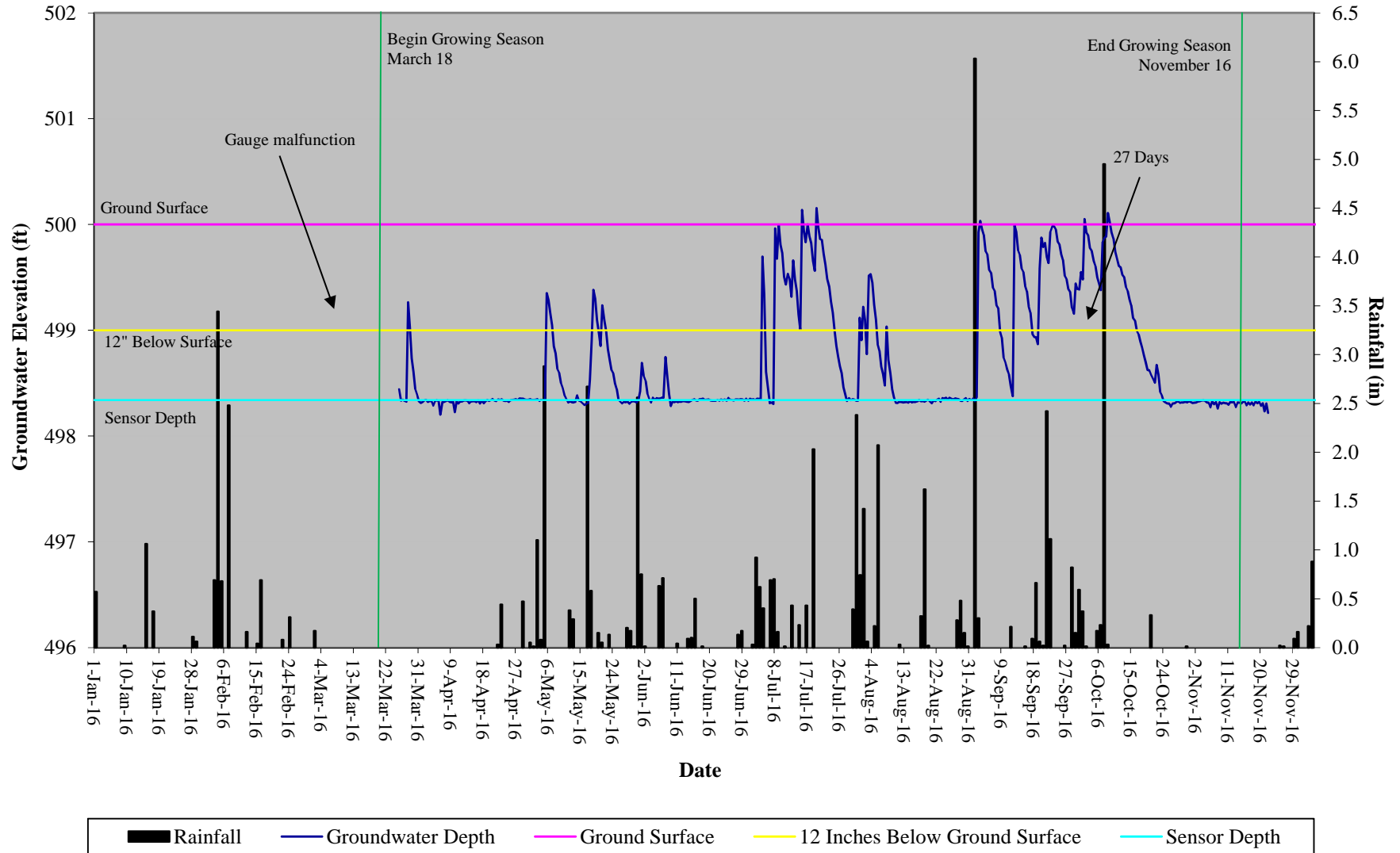
### Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 1



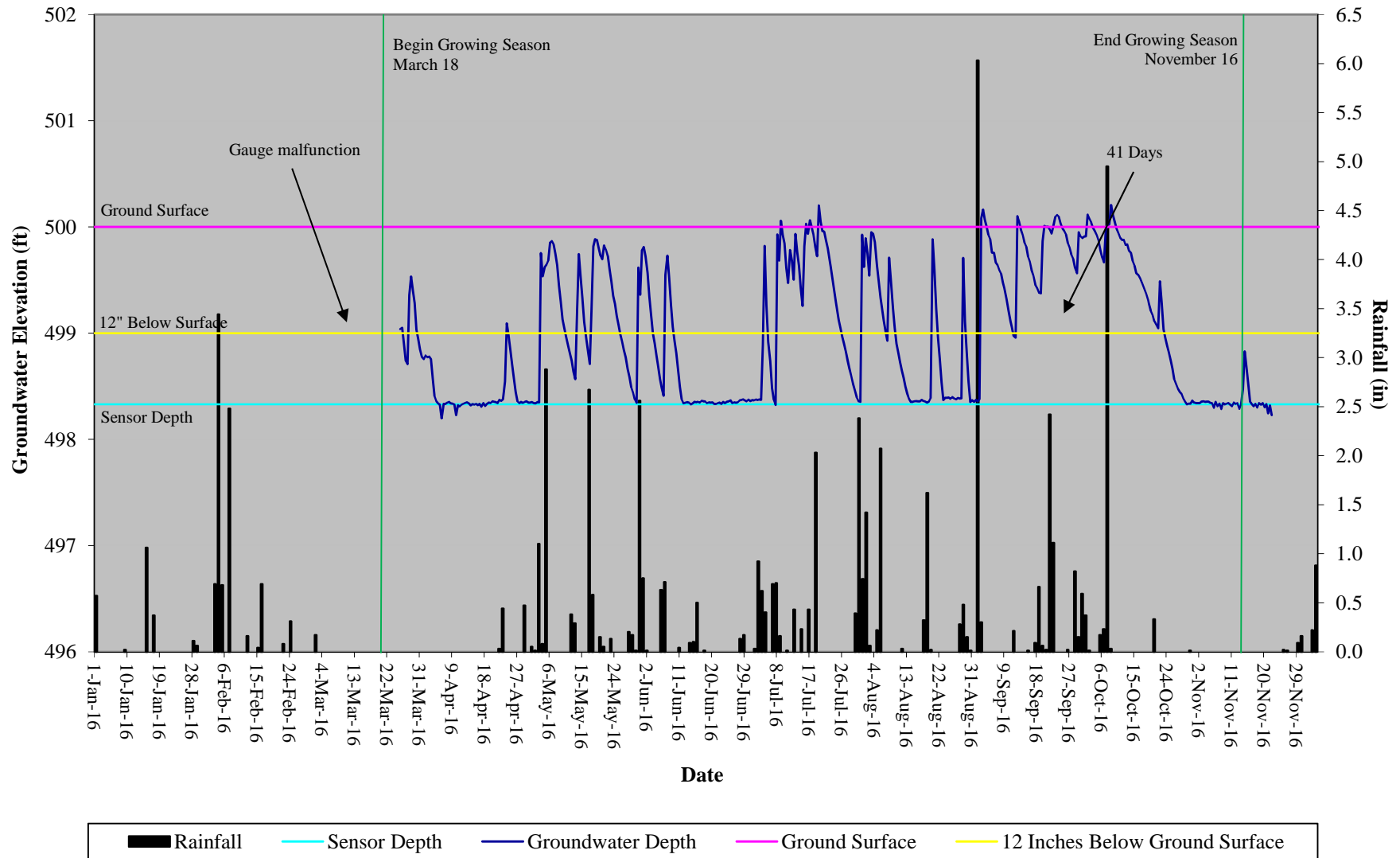
## Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 2



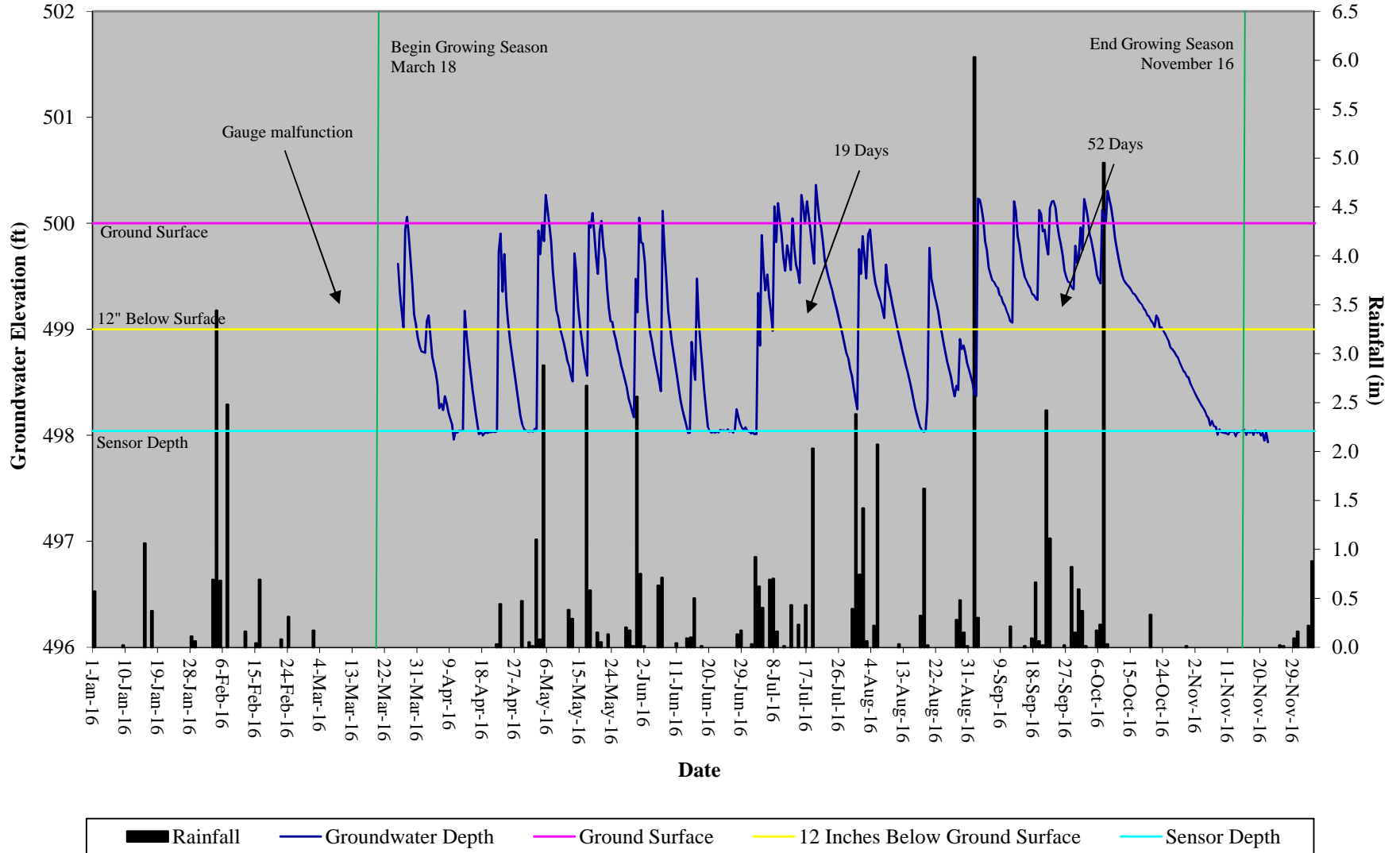
### Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 3



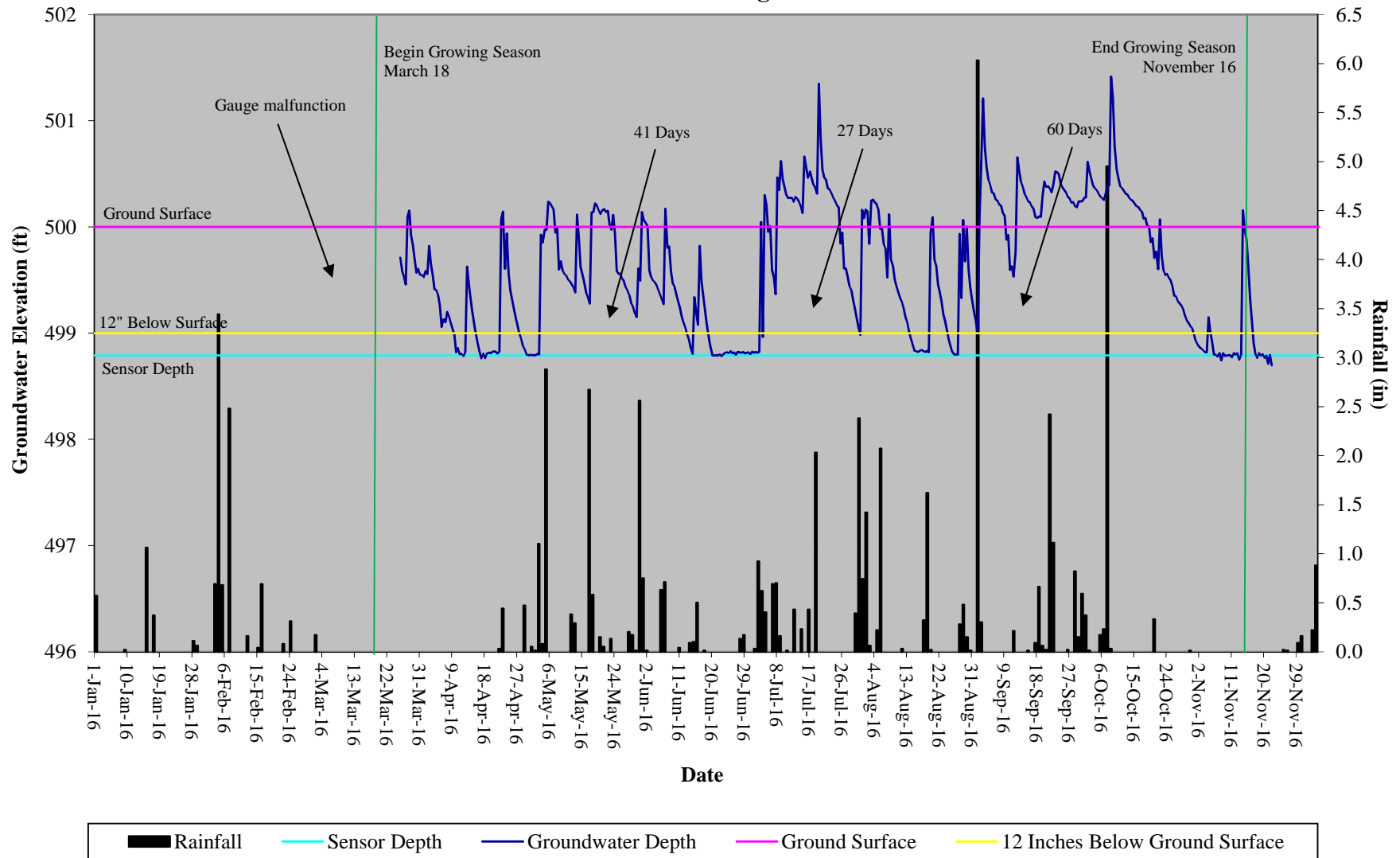
### Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 4



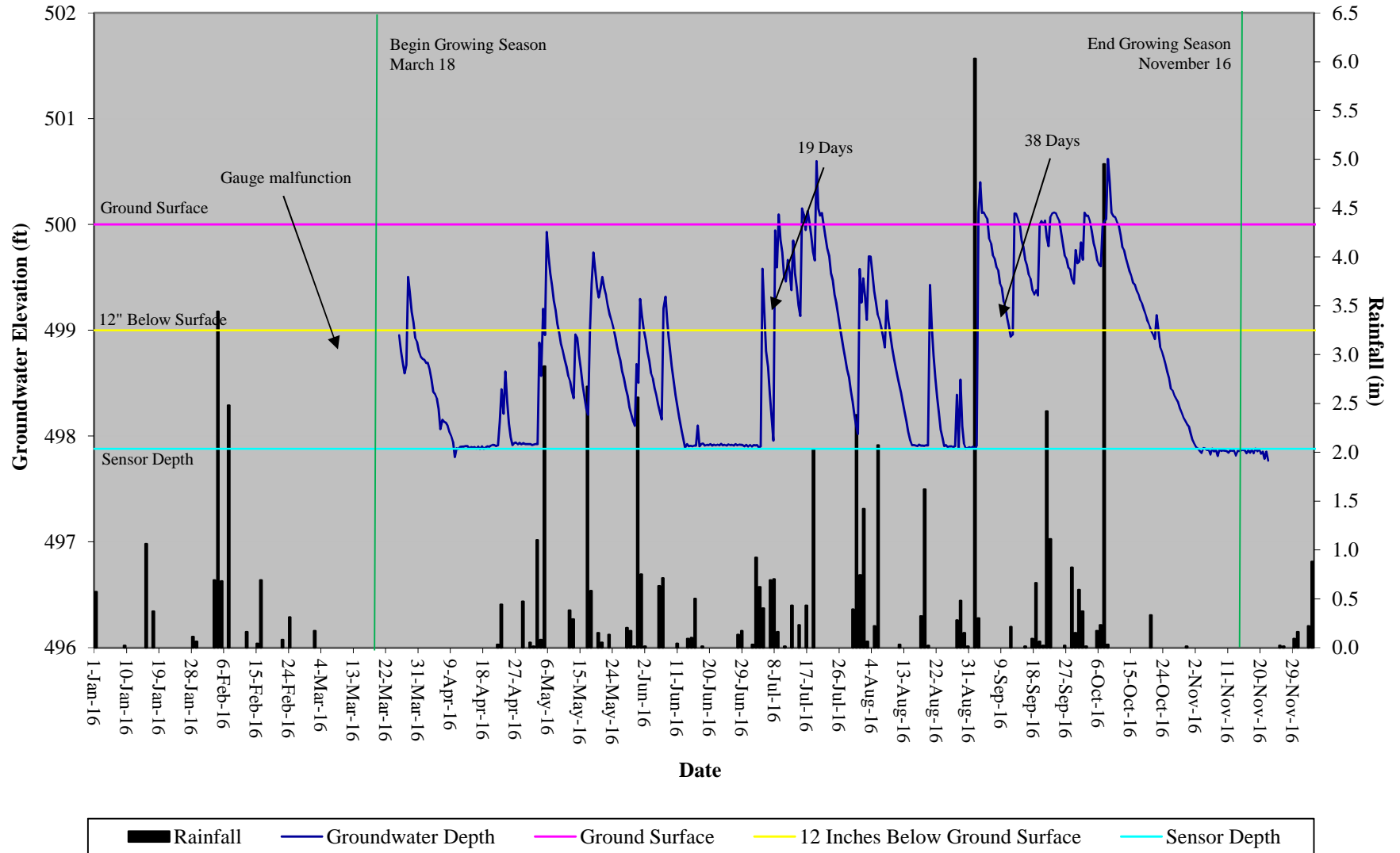
### Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 5



## Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 6

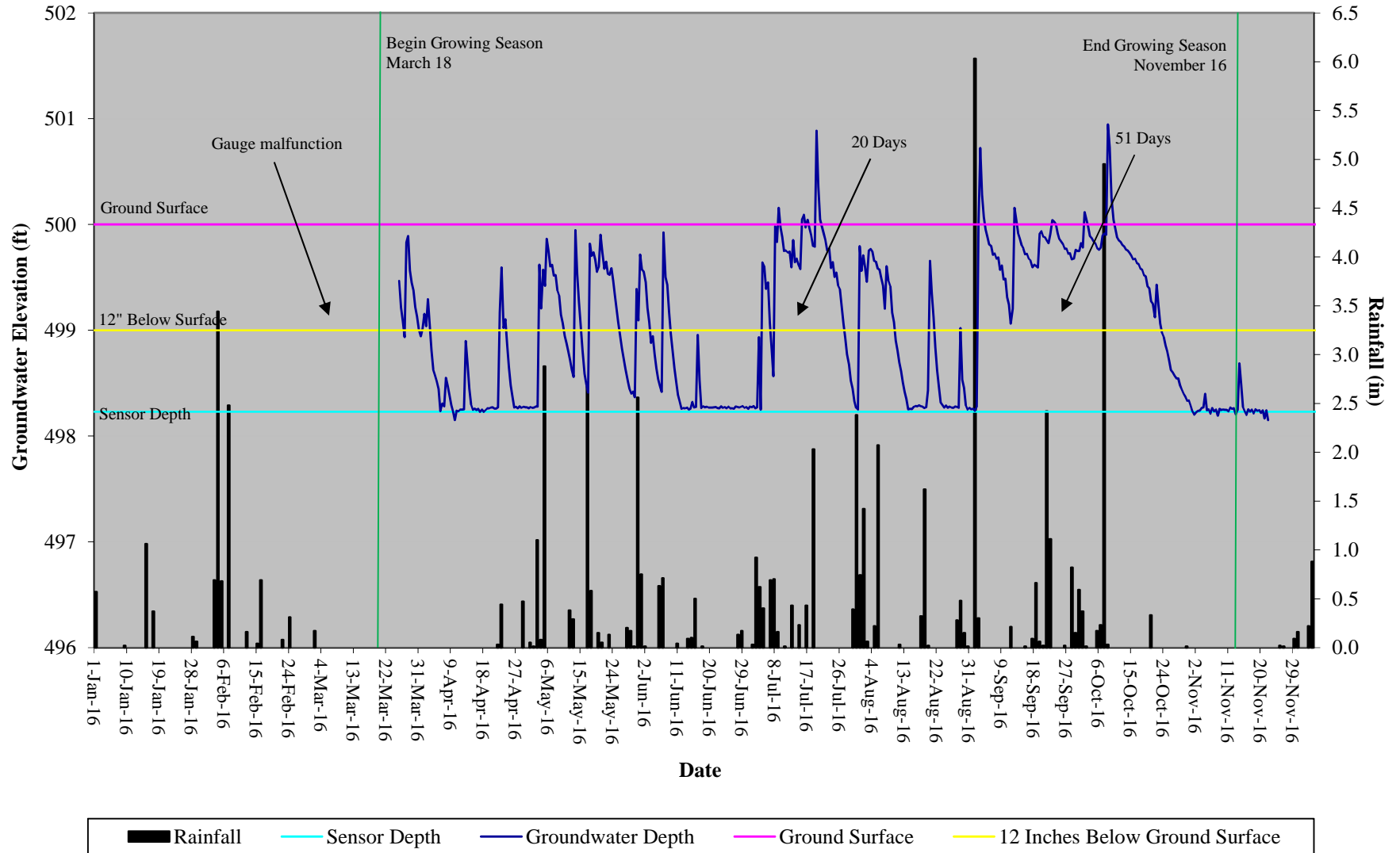


## Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 7





## Bowl Basin Restoration Site Hydrograph Wetland Gauge 8



<b>Table 9. Wetland Hydrology Criteria Attainment Table</b>							
<b>Project Number and Name: 95721 - Bowl Basin Restoration Site</b>							
	<b>Success Criteria Achieved / Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage)</b>						
<b>Non-Riparian Gauges Success Criteria (22 Days) (9%)</b>	<b>MY-01 2015</b>	<b>MY-02 2016</b>	<b>MY-03</b>	<b>MY-04</b>	<b>MY-05</b>	<b>MY-06</b>	<b>MY-07</b>
Gauge 1	Yes/37 (15.0%)	Yes/29 (11.7%)					
Gauge 2	Yes/69 (28.4%)	Yes/49 (20.0%)					
Gauge 3	No/20 (8.2%)	Yes/27 (11.1%)					
Gauge 4	Yes/29 (11.7%)	Yes/41 (16.9%)					
Gauge 5	Yes/24 (9.7%)	Yes/52 (21.2%)					
Gauge 6	Yes/79 (32.3%)	Yes/60 (24.5%)					
Gauge 7	Yes/25 (10.3%)	Yes/48 (15.6%)					
Gauge 8	Yes/37 (15.2%)	Yes/51 (21.0%)					