

Baseline Monitoring Report

**Buffalo Flats Restoration Site
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Buffalo Flats Restoration Site (BFRS) will provide mitigation for wetland impacts within Hydrologic Unit 03040105 by restoring, preserving, and creating 20.2 acres of wetland, generating 11.6 riparian wetland mitigation units (WMU's) and 3.4 non-riparian WMU's. The 2009 Lower Yadkin Pee-Dee RBRP identified HUC 03040105020050 (Upper Dutch Buffalo Creek) as a Targeted Local Watershed (NCDENR, EEP 2009).

The project goals and objectives are listed below.

Project Goals

- Create diverse bottomland hardwood and low elevation seep communities that are integrated into the Dutch Buffalo Creek Corridor.
- Buffer nutrient and sediment impacts to Dutch Buffalo Creek from adjacent grazing practices.

Project Objectives

- Fill field ditches and ponds to slow the removal of hydrology from the site.
- Redevelop wetland microtopography to capture surface hydrology and slow subsurface drainage.
- Plant the mitigation area with species native to bottomland riparian forest and low elevation seep communities.
- Install livestock exclusion fencing.

The project site, which is protected by a 20.2-acre permanent conservation easement held by the State of North Carolina, is situated in Cabarrus County in the Southern Outer Piedmont ecoregion of the Piedmont physiographic province. The site is located on a single parcel located off of Gold Hill Road approximately six miles northeast of Concord, North Carolina.

The project drainage is comprised of 0.17 square mile (106 acres) that flows through the project floodplain before reaching Dutch Buffalo Creek. The project watershed is experiencing extensive habitat alteration due to population growth from Charlotte and its surrounding metropolitan area. Currently, only 16% of the watershed is developed, but the area is expected to continue to grow. The other predominant land uses are 43% forest and 40% agriculture (NCDENR, EEP 2009).

The project site has experienced significant hydrologic and vegetative modifications to allow for cattle grazing across the property. The historic aerials indicate that the existing streams were channelized and the site has been ditched since at least 1938.

The wetland mitigation is comprised of four areas that combine preservation, creation, and restoration. The site will be monitored for at least seven years or until the success criteria are achieved. Reports will be submitted to the EEP each year. The planted wetland must meet the success criteria of a site average of 260 planted stems/acre at the end of the monitoring period based on the vegetation monitoring plots. The water table of the restored wetlands must be within 12" of the soils surface continuously for at least 5% (12 days) in the non-riparian wetland areas and 10% (23 days) in the riparian wetland area, of the 233-day growing season. Wetland hydrology will be monitored with a series of automatic gauges that record water table depth.

The monitoring components were installed in February and March 2012. Eleven permanent photo points have been established to document qualitative site conditions over the course of the monitoring period. To determine the success of the planted mitigation area, thirteen permanent vegetation monitoring plots were established according to the CVS-EEP Level 2 protocol.

1.0 PROJECT GOALS, BACKGROUND, AND ATTRIBUTES

1.1 Location and Setting

The project site, which is protected by a 20.20-acre permanent conservation easement held by the State of North Carolina, is situated in Cabarrus County in the Southern Outer Piedmont ecoregion of the Piedmont physiographic province.

The site is located on a single parcel located off of Gold Hill Road approximately six miles northeast of Concord, North Carolina. To reach the site from Raleigh: proceed west on I-40 for approximately 80 miles. Then travel on I-85 south toward High Point. Take Exit 64 toward Kannapolis. Turn left at Lane Street and then another left onto Old Salisbury-Concord Road. Next take a slight right onto Irish Potato Road. Travel for 5 miles and then turn left onto Gold Hill Road. The site will be approximately 1.3 miles ahead on the left (shortly after crossing the bridge over Dutch Buffalo Creek). See Project Site Vicinity Map.

The site is part of the 03040105 Watershed Cataloging Unit (Rocky River). See Project Site Watershed Map. The Rocky River Watershed as a whole is experiencing a large amount of habitat alteration due to population growth from Charlotte and its surrounding metropolitan area. As a result, the focus in this watershed is on mitigating impacts from stormwater and protecting existing habitat (NCDENR, EEP 2009).

Within the Rocky River Watershed, the Upper Dutch Buffalo Creek drainage (03040105020050) remains relatively unaffected by urban development. The drainage is expected to gain an estimated 1,400 new residents over the period from 2000 to 2015 (NCDENR, EEP 2009). The drainage also contains several Natural Heritage Element Occurrences. The project site was selected due to its location along a section of Dutch Buffalo Creek (DWQ 13-17-11- (1) that is classified as Class C, Water Supply II (WS-II) and High Quality Waters (HQW) (NCDENR, DWQ 2010a). According to the most recent listing under Section 303 (d) of the Clean Water Act, no reach of Dutch Buffalo Creek is listed as an impaired water body (NCDENR, DWQ 2010b). The landscape position along the floodplain of Dutch Buffalo Creek, coupled with the impacts associated with current and past land uses and the strong evidence of hydrologic modifications indicated that the site had a high potential for wetland mitigation.

Based on these watershed and site-specific attributes, the BFRS was selected as an ideal candidate for wetland mitigation with the potential to provide an important buffer to approximately 2,200 linear feet of Dutch Buffalo Creek.

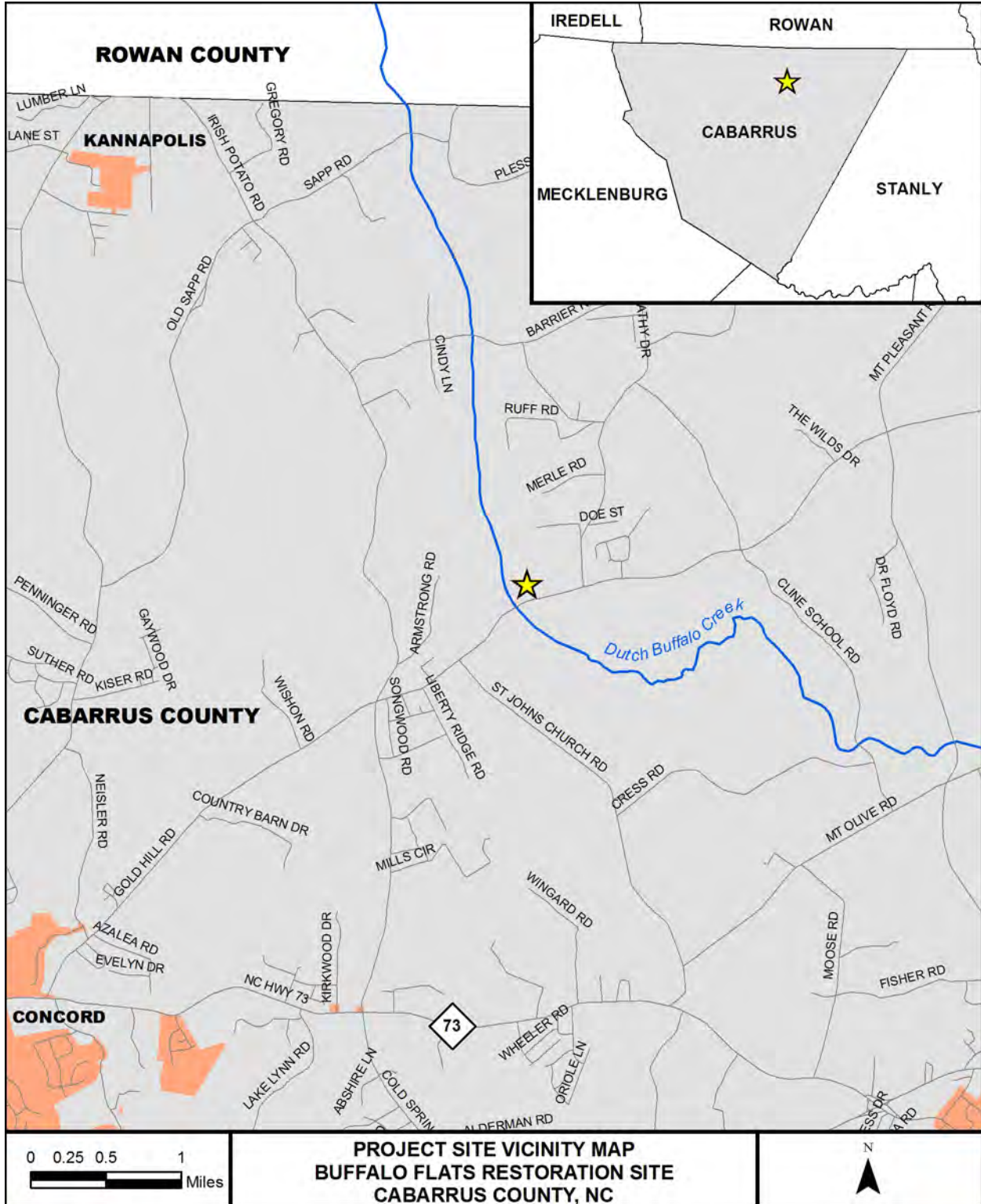
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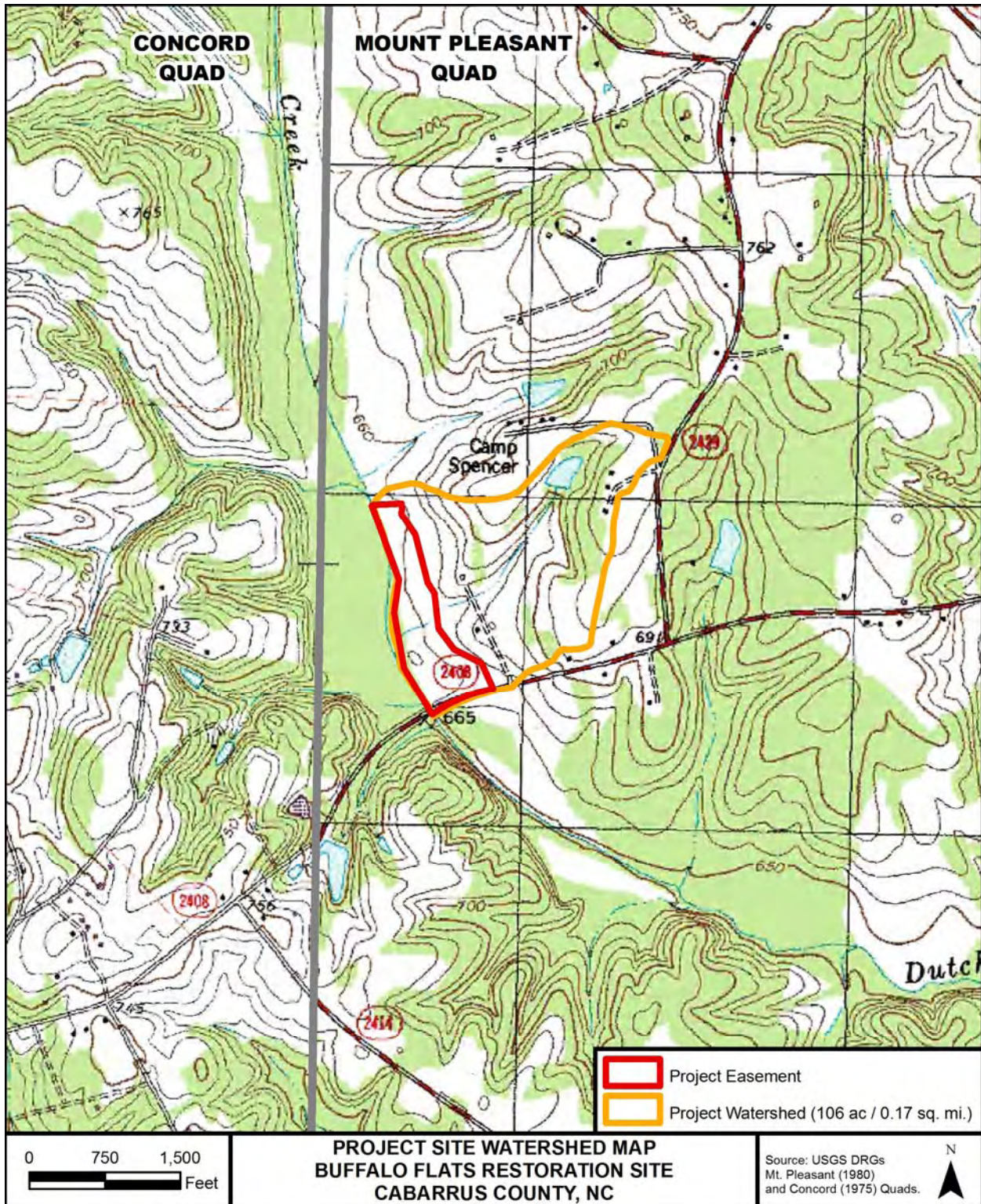
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- Install livestock exclusion fencing.





1.2 Project Structure, Restoration Type and Approach

The modifications at the BFRS focused on restoring hydrology to the wetland mitigation areas. This was achieved by removing the anthropogenic modifications that were previously implemented across the site. The restoration of the site will result in improved surface storage of hillside seepage for the non-riparian wetland and a lengthened or impeded flow path of surface water throughout the riparian wetland. This project involved the restoration of approximately 14.6 acres of riparian and non-riparian wetlands, and 1.2 acres of wetland creation. See Project Site Mitigation Plan View.

1.2.1 Project Wetlands

Wetland Area 1 restored approximately 3.4 acres of non-riparian wetland restoration located in the southeastern portion of the site. Lateral field ditches and an existing pond were filled to restore hydrology. Surface roughening techniques were then used to encourage surface and shallow subsurface water storage. Following the completion of site grading, the non-riparian wetland was planted as a Low Elevation Seep Community.

Wetland Area 2 restored approximately 11.2 acres of riparian wetland on the floodplain of Dutch Buffalo Creek and connected the narrow riparian buffer along the creek levee. Overbank flooding from Dutch Buffalo Creek will provide occasional hydrologic inputs to the wetland, but the predominant source of hydrology will come from surface inputs that were previously being routed off the site. Modifications included the filling of shallow lateral drains, the filling of approximately 600' of deep drainage ditches, the removal of overburden from existing stream levees, the filling of two existing ponds, and the removal of several spoil piles. After this grading work was completed the surface soils were roughened to eliminate compaction and encourage surface water retention. Wetland Area 2 was then planted as a Bottomland Hardwood Forest.

Wetland Area 3 involves the creation of approximately 1.2 acres of riparian wetland located in the central portion of the site along the western easement boundary. The soils were graded to match the elevation of the adjacent Wetland Area 2, and roughened to alleviate surface compaction and keep surface water in the wetland. Spoil adjacent to Dutch Buffalo Creek was also be removed from this area. Wetland Area 3 was planted as a Bottomland Hardwood Forest.

A suitable reference wetland was found west of the BFRS and on the opposite side of Dutch Buffalo Creek. The site is consistent with the Bottomland Hardwood Community which is the primary vegetative community at the project site. A groundwater monitoring well has also been installed to document the reference wetland hydrology during the course of monitoring.

Table 1 provides a summary of the mitigation actions and units generated from this project.

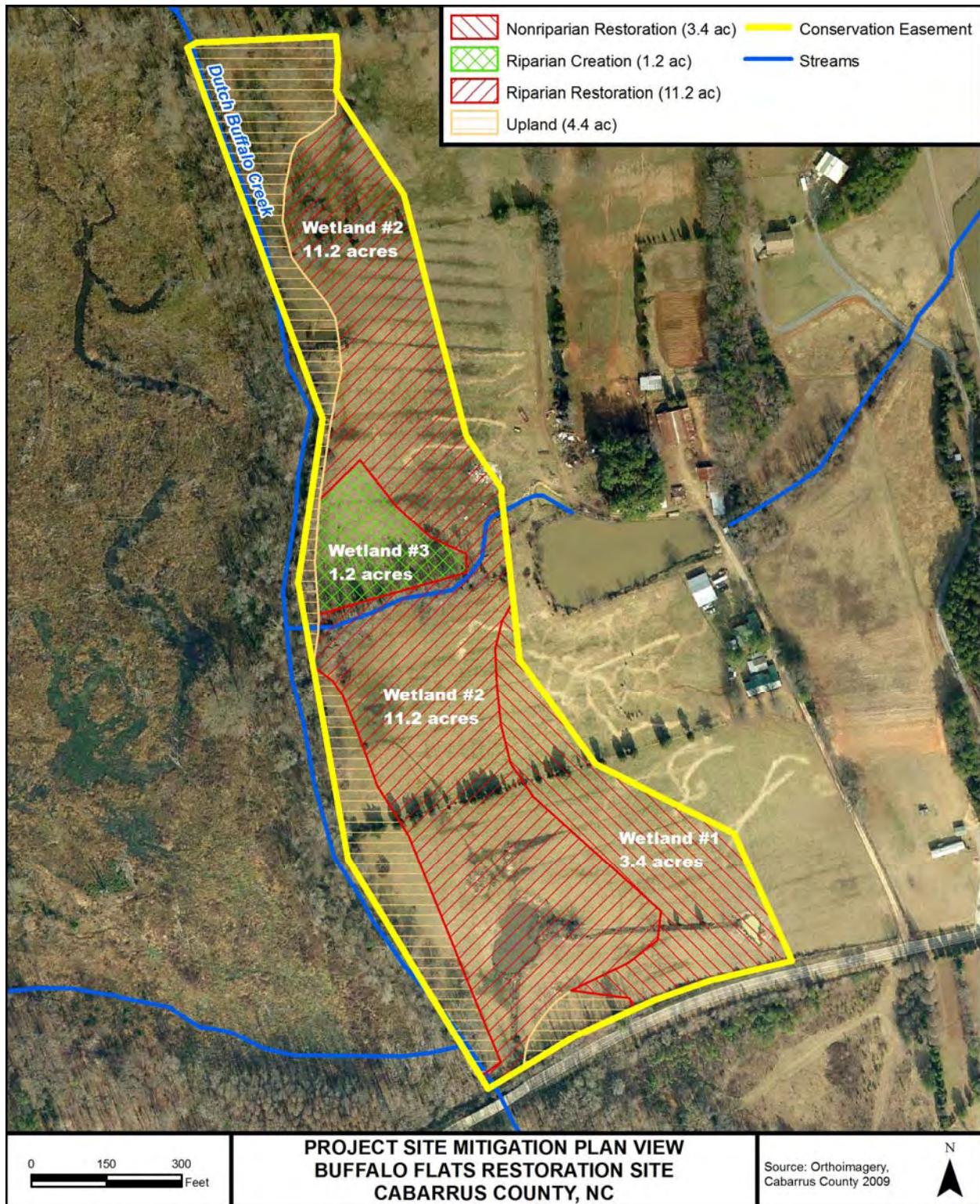


Table 1. Project Components Buffalo Flats Restoration Site									
Mitigation Credits									
	Stream		Riparian Wetland		Non-riparian Wetland		Buffer	Nitrogen Nutrient Offset	Phosphorous Nutrient Offset
Type	R	RE	R	RE	R	RE			
Acres	-	-	11.2	1.2	3.4	-			
Credits	-	-	11.2	0.4	3.4	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CREDITS			11.6		3.4				
Project Components									
Project Component -or- Reach ID	Stationing/ Location		Existing Footage/ Acreage		Approach (PI, PII etc.)		Restoration -or- Restoration Equivalent	Restoration Footage or Acreage	Mitigation Ratio
Wetland Area 1	Southeastern corner of project		3.4 acres		-		Restoration	3.4 acres	1:1
Wetland Area 2	North to south throughout the center of project		11.2 acres		-		Restoration	11.2 acres	1:1
Wetland Area 3	West-central portion of the project		1.2 acres		-		Creation	1.2 acres	3:1
Component Summation									
Restoration Level	Stream (linear feet)		Riparian Wetland (acres)		Non-riparian Wetland (acres)		Buffer (square feet)	Upland (acres)	
			Riverine	Non-Riverine					
Restoration	-		11.2 acres	-	3.4 acres		-	-	
Enhancement			-	-			-	-	
Enhancement I	-								
Enhancement II	-								
Creation			1.2 acres	-	-			-	
Preservation	-		-	-	-			4.4 acres	
High Quality Preservation	-		-	-	-			-	
TOTAL			12.4 acres	-	3.4 acres			4.4 acres	

1.2.2 Project Community Types

Planting consists of native species commonly found in the Piedmont Bottomland Forest Community and Low Elevation Seep Community as described by Schafale and Weakley (1990). Trees were planted at a density of 605 trees per acre (12 feet by 6 feet spacing). Woody vegetation planting was conducted during dormancy. The following tree species were planted within the wetland site:

Common Name	Scientific Name	Indicator Status (Region 2)
Water tupelo	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>	OBL
Overcup oak	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	OBL
Tulip poplar*	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	FAC
Laurel oak	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	FACW
Cherrybark oak	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	FAC+
Willow oak*	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	FACW-
American sycamore*	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	FACW-

*Trees observed on-site or in adjacent floodplain

1.3 Project History, Contacts and Attribute Data

Table 2. Project Activity & Reporting History Buffalo Flats Restoration Site		
Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Actual Completion or Delivery
Mitigation Plan		Dec 10
Final Design - Construction Plans		Dec 10
Construction		Oct 11
Planting		Feb 12
Baseline Monitoring/Report	Feb/March 12	July 12

Table 3. Project Contacts Buffalo Flats Restoration Site	
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Monitoring Performers	
MY-00	KCI Associates of North Carolina, PC Landmark Center II, Suite 220 4601 Six Forks Rd. Raleigh, NC 27609 Contact: Mr. Adam Spiller Phone: (919) 278-2514 Fax: (919) 783-9266

Table 4. Project Information Buffalo Flats Restoration Site			
Project Name	Buffalo Flats Restoration Site		
County	Cabarrus County		
Project Area (acres)	20.20 acres		
Project Coordinates (lat. and long.)	35.456988 N , -80.496325 W		
Project Watershed Summary Information			
Physiographic Province	Piedmont		
River Basin	Yadkin-Pee Dee		
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	03040105	USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	03040105020050
DWQ Sub-basin	03-07-12		
Project Drainage Area (acres)	106 acres		
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area	1%		
CGIA Land Use Classification	3.6% Cultivated, 54.1% Managed Herbaceous Cover, 32.5% Mixed Upland Hardwoods, 5.2% Southern Yellow Pine, and 4.6% Water Bodies		
Wetland Summary Information			
Parameters	Wetland Area 1	Wetland Area 2	Wetland Area 3
Size of Wetland (acres)	3.4 acres	11.2 acres	1.2 acres
Wetland Type (non-riparian, riparian riverine or riparian non-riverine)	Non-riparian	Riparian non-riverine	Riparian non-riverine
Mapped Soil Series	Chewacla (Wehadkee and Armenia by detailed soil investigation)	Chewacla (Wehadkee and Armenia by detailed soil investigation)	Chewacla
Drainage class	Poorly drained	Poorly drained	Somewhat poorly drained
Soil Hydric Status	Drained Hydric	Drained Hydric	Non hydric
Source of Hydrology	Hillside seepage	Surface/Overbank Flow	Surface/Overbank Flow
Hydrologic Impairment	Ditching and Pasture	Ditching and Pasture	Ditching and Pasture
Native vegetation community	Pasture	Pasture	Pasture
Percent composition of exotic invasive vegetation	0%	0%	2%
Regulatory Considerations			
Regulation	Applicable?	Resolved?	Supporting Documentation
Waters of the United States – Section 404	Yes	Received NWP 27	Jurisdictional Determination
Waters of the United States – Section 401	Yes	Received NWP 27	Jurisdictional Determination
Endangered Species Act	No	N/A	N/A
Historic Preservation Act	No	N/A	N/A
Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)/ Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)	No	N/A	N/A
FEMA Floodplain Compliance	Yes	No-Rise Certification with Cabarrus County	FEMA Model
Essential Fisheries Habitat	No	N/A	N/A

2.0 SUCCESS CRITERIA

The BFRS will be monitored to determine if the project is on-track to meeting jurisdictional wetland status. In the restoration area, the wetland site will be deemed successful once hydrology is established and vegetation success criteria are met. In the creation area, success will be achieved if wetland hydrology and vegetation are present along with indicators of hydric soils.

2.1 Wetland Hydrology

The site will present continuous saturated or inundated hydrologic conditions for at least 10% of the growing season for riparian mitigation areas (11.6 acres) and 5% for non-riparian mitigation areas (3.4 acres) (50% probability of reoccurrence) during normal weather conditions. A “normal” year is based on NRCS climatological data for Cabarrus County, and 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” (Sprecher, 2000). According to the Cabarrus County Soil Survey, the growing season is considered to extend from March 23rd to November 11th, comprising 233 days.

Due to the inherent variability in the sites features and its geomorphic position, it is unlikely that the project will homogeneously exhibit common hydrologic conditions across the site, making a single hydrologic performance criterion unrepresentative of the sites performance. As such, the gauge data will be evaluated as a spatial average with each gauge representing the area half the distance to adjacent gauges or wetland type boundaries. The spatial average by wetland type will be the calculated value for comparison with the performance standard for credit validation. Gauges not achieving a minimum of 5% saturation will be considered non-attaining even if the spatial average exceeds the credit validation performance standard (5% for non-riparian and 10% for riparian). The water table of the restored wetlands must be within 12” of the soils surface continuously for at least 5% (12 days) in the non-riparian wetland area and 10% (23 days) in the riparian wetland area, of the 233-day growing season. Wetland hydrology will be monitored with ten automatic gauges that record water table depth. Two of these gauges are located in Wetland Area 1, six of these gauges are located in Wetland Area 2, and the remaining two gauges are located in Wetland 3.

Hydrologic performance will be determined through evaluation of automatic recording gauge data supplemented by documentation of wetland hydrology indicators as defined in the 1987 US ACOE Wetland Delineation Manual (Manual).

2.2 Vegetation

The site will demonstrate the re-establishment of targeted vegetative communities based on 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 7 years. Permanent monitoring plots (10 by 10 meters) have been established in the wetland restoration and creation areas at a density that statistically represents the total mitigation acreage. Three of these plots are located in Wetland Area 1, nine of these plots are located in Wetland Area 2, and one plot is located in Wetland Area 3. The average density of these plots will determine whether the site meets success criterion. Non-target species must not constitute more than 20% of the woody vegetation based on permanent monitoring plots.

2.3 Soils

The 1.2 acre wetland creation area will be monitored to document the development of redoximorphic features in the soil by evidence of two or more indicators i.e. changes in chroma, organic matter content, oxidized root channels, concretions, mottles and other indications that the soil is subject to low oxygen conditions etc. within the seven-year monitoring period. Two permanent monitoring plots will be

established and soil profiles will be monitored yearly for development of redoximorphic conditions by a licensed soil scientist. Profiles will be compared from year to year and changes will be documented in the yearly monitoring reports.

3.0 PROJECT MONITORING

3.1 Monitoring Features

Permanent monuments, marking monitoring feature locations, were established on-site in February 2012. Thirteen (10 meter x 10 meter) vegetation plots were installed with flagged metal conduit at each corner and a flagged PVC pipe was installed at the photo corner. Ten automatic recording gauges were installed in the site's wetlands, eight in the wetland restoration areas and two in the creation wetland, to record hydrology data throughout the growing season. One gauge was installed at the reference wetland. Two permanent plots were set up in the wetland creation area for yearly soil profile monitoring. Eleven photograph reference points (PRPs) have been established as part of the baseline monitoring with flagged PVC pipe. The locations of these monitoring features are marked in As-Built Plan Sheet 9 (Appendix C).

3.2 Monitoring Guidelines

The first scheduled monitoring will be conducted during the first full growing season following project completion. Monitoring shall subsequently be conducted annually for a total period of seven years or until the project meets its success criteria. Annual monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted after all monitoring tasks for each year are completed. The report will document the monitored components and include all collected data, analyses, and photographs. Each report will provide the new monitoring data and compare the most recent results against previous findings. The monitoring report format will be similar to that set out in the most recent EEP monitoring protocol.

3.2.1 *Wetland Vegetation*

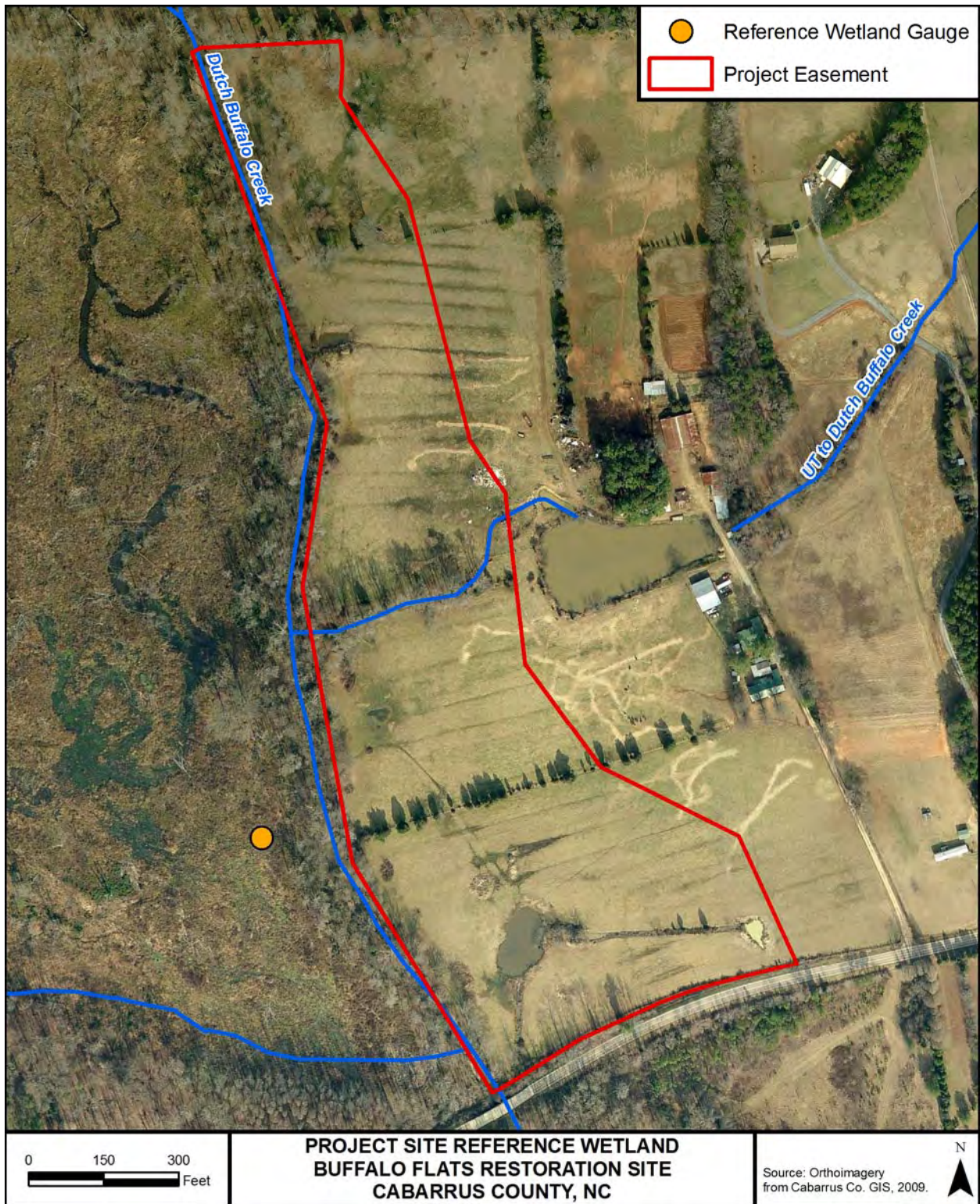
Thirteen vegetation plots were set up and assessed for the baseline vegetation monitoring. Vegetation data collection must follow the CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation (Lee et al. 2008, <http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm>). The baseline vegetation monitoring was conducted as Level 1: Inventory of Planted Stems, as will the first year monitoring. Beginning in year two and continuing in years three, five, and seven, the site will be monitored using the Level 2 protocol. Additionally, a photograph will be taken of each monitoring plot, allowing yearly qualitative comparison of vegetation conditions.

3.2.2 *Wetland Hydrology*

Ten groundwater monitoring gauges were set up and assessed for the baseline monitoring to evaluate the attainment of jurisdictional wetland hydrology. Verification of wetland hydrology will be determined by automatic recording well data collected within the project area and reference wetland. 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 following wetland construction. The nearby reference wetland will also be monitored using the same procedures for comparative analysis. See Project Site Reference Wetland.

3.2.3 *Soil Profile*

Two permanent plots were set up for soil profiles to determine jurisdictional wetland status within the 1.2 acre creation area. These soil profiles will be evaluated the same years the vegetation is monitored. Profiles will be compared from year to year and changes will be documented in the yearly monitoring reports.



3.2.4 Digital Photos

Eleven photograph reference points (PRPs) have been established as part of the baseline monitoring to assist in characterizing the site and to allow qualitative evaluation of the site conditions. Starting in the first monitoring year, these photos will be taken in late summer, so that vegetative conditions are similar at the site between monitoring years.

3.2.5 Watershed Conditions

Yearly monitoring will document any evident changes in the watershed. Any large hydrologic events in the watershed, such as tropical storms or hurricanes, will also be documented in the yearly monitoring reports.

4.0 BASELINE CONDITIONS

The wetlands were built as designed without any significant changes from the design plans and documented in the As-Built Plan Sheets in Appendix C. The site was planted with a total of nine different species of bare root trees in February 2012. Baseline monitoring data were collected in February and March 2012. The Level 1 CVS-EEP protocol (<http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm>) was used to collect vegetation data. Plot photos from all the vegetation plots can be found in Appendix A.

The results of the baseline monitoring show an average of 729 stems per acre in the planted wetland (Table 5). Additionally, stem counts within each individual plot were well-above the required 320 stems per acre. An attempt to identify all trees was made, but since monitoring was conducted while the trees were dormant, many were unidentifiable. All trees will be positively identified during the first year of monitoring.

Common Name	Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>		1	4		1		3	10	1	4	6	13	4
Water Tupelo	<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>					2				1			3	
Oak sp.	<i>Quercus sp.</i>		1	1				1						
Laurel Oak	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	8	5		2		4							
Cherrybark Oak	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>		5	3	2	1		1	2	4		4	2	
Willow Oak	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	4	1			1				1	3	1		3
Unknown sp.		9	10	8	11	14	11	9	12	13	8	10		9
Total (Baseline)		21	23	16	15	19	15	14	24	20	15	21	18	16
Density (Baseline)		840	920	640	600	760	600	560	960	800	600	840	720	640
Total Average Density (Stems/Acre)		729												

The two permanent soil data plots were assessed in May 2012 for the baseline monitoring year. The results are included in Appendix B Baseline Monitoring Data.

5.0 MAINTENANCE AND CONTINGENCY PLANS

KCI will monitor the site on a regular basis and conduct a physical inspection of the site a minimum of once per year throughout the post-construction monitoring period until performance standards are met. These site inspections may identify site components and features that require routine maintenance. Routine maintenance should be expected most often in the first two years following site construction and may include the following:

Component/Feature	Maintenance Through Project Close-Out
Wetland	Routine wetland maintenance and repair activities may include evaluating and repairing floodplain scour areas, constructed outlets and flow dispersment from seepage areas. Areas where stormwater and floodplain flows intercept the wetland may also require maintenance to prevent scour.
Vegetation	Vegetation shall be maintained to ensure the health and vigor of the targeted plant community. Routine vegetation maintenance and repair activities may include supplemental planting, pruning, mulching, and fertilizing. Exotic invasive plant species shall be controlled by mechanical and/or chemical methods. Any vegetation control requiring herbicide application will be performed in accordance with NC Department of Agriculture (NCDCA) rules and regulations.
Site Boundary	Site boundaries have been marked with signage every 150' along the site boundary. Most of the signage occurs on the existing fence line which is consistent with the easement boundary. Additional steel t-posts with signage have been installed to denote areas that are not fenced, such as the area directly adjacent to Dutch Buffalo Creek. Boundary markers disturbed, damaged, or destroyed will be repaired and/or replaced on an as needed basis.

6.0 REFERENCES

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APPENDIX A

Photos

Photograph Reference Point Photos



Photo Point 1: View looking west, from the southeastern corner of the project site. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 2: View looking north, from the southeastern corner of the project site. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 3: View looking south, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 4: View looking west, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 5: View looking north, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 6: View looking southwest, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 7: View looking northwest, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 8: View looking southwest, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 9: View looking west, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 10: View looking north, from the eastern easement boundary. 3/1/2012 – Baseline



Photo Point 11: View looking south, from the northeastern corner of the project site. 3/1/2012 – Baseline

Vegetation Plot Photos



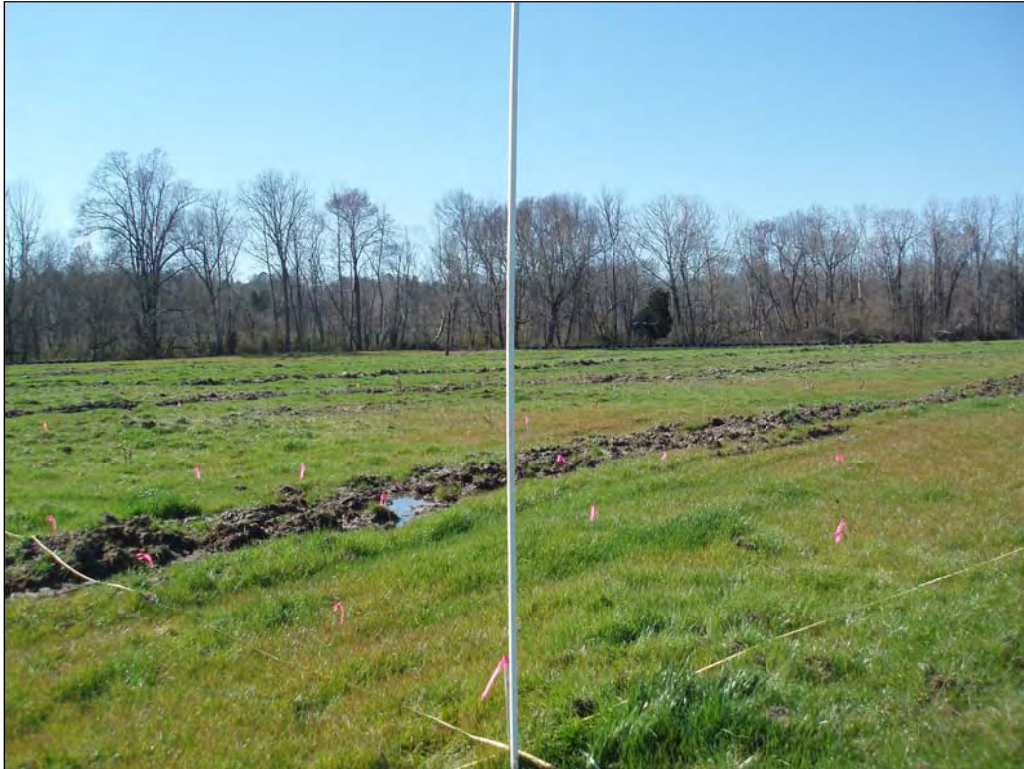
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Vegetation Plot 2: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 3: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 4: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 5: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 6: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 7: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 8: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 9: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 10: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 11: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 12: 2/28/2012 – Baseline



Vegetation Plot 13: 2/28/2012 – Baseline

APPENDIX B

Baseline Monitoring Data

APPENDIX C

As-Built Plan Sheet

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**BUFFALO FLATS
RESTORATION SITE**

**CABARRUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
YADKIN RIVER BASIN**

ROCKY RIVER WATERSHED
UPPER DUTCH BUFFALO CREEK DRAINAGE
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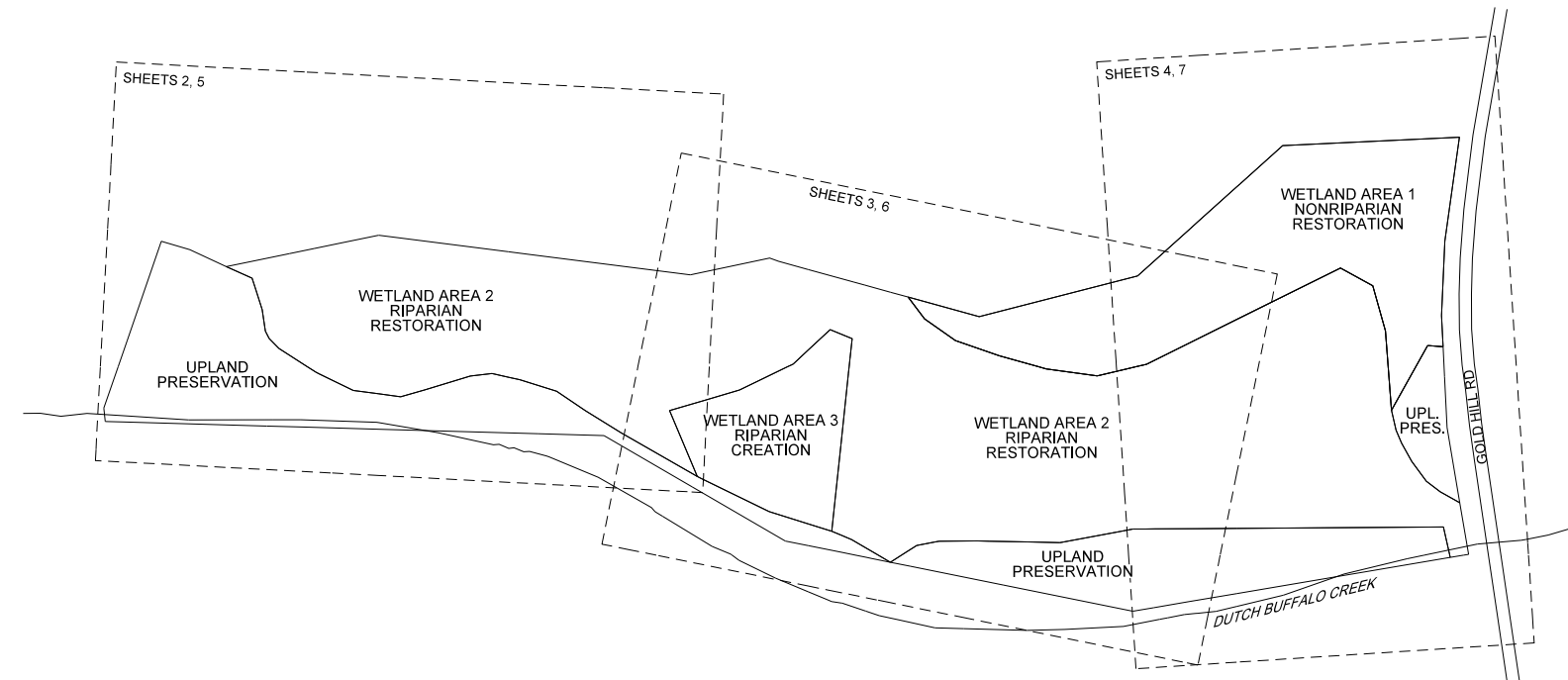
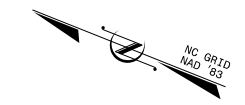


**VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE**

DIRECTIONS FROM RALEIGH:
PROCEED WEST ON I-40 FOR APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES. THEN TRAVEL ON I-85 SOUTH TOWARD HIGH POINT. TAKE EXIT 63 TOWARD KANNAPOLIS. TURN LEFT AT LANE STREET AND ANOTHER LEFT ONTO OLD SALISBURY-CONCORD RD. THEN TAKE A SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO IRISH POTATO RD. TRAVEL FOR 5 MILES AND THEN TURN LEFT AT GOLD HILL RD. THE SITE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 1.3 MILES AHEAD ON THE LEFT (SHORTLY AFTER CROSSING THE BRIDGE OVER DUTCH BUFFALO CREEK).

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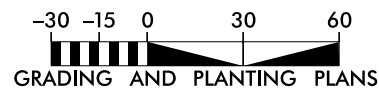


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AS-BUILT PLAN

GRAPHIC SCALES



PROJECT DATA

- WETLAND AREA 1
NONRIPARIAN WETLAND RESTORATION = 3.4 ACRES
- WETLAND AREA 2
RIPARIAN WETLAND RESTORATION = 11.2 ACRES
- WETLAND AREA 3
RIPARIAN WETLAND CREATION = 1.2 ACRES

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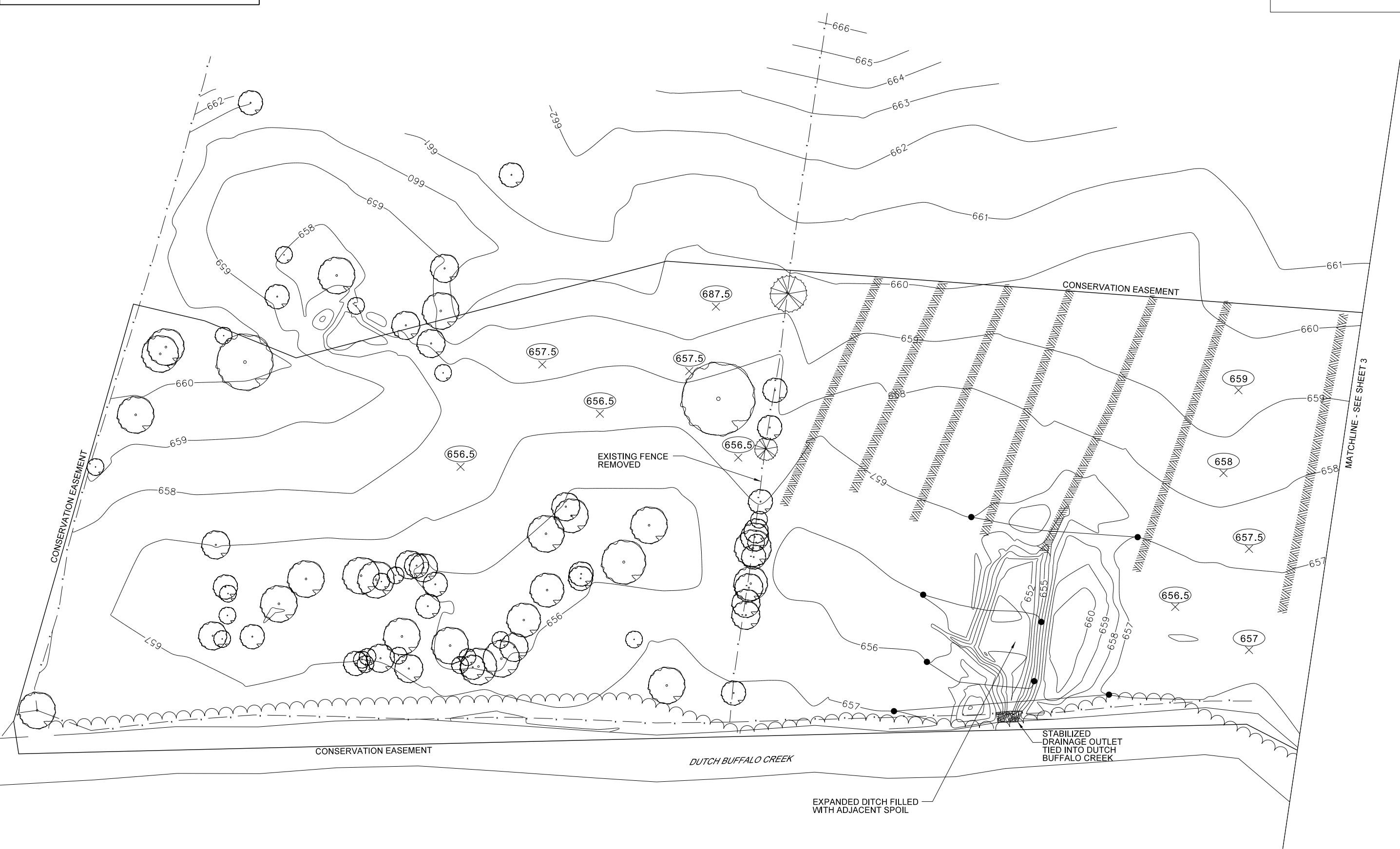
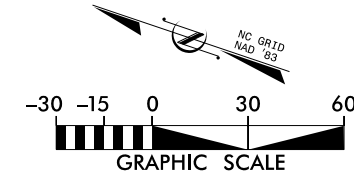
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SITE PLAN LEGEND

- EASEMENT LINE
- PRE-RESTORATION CONTOUR LINES
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- TREE LINE
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- ▨ FILLED DITCH
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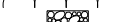
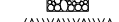


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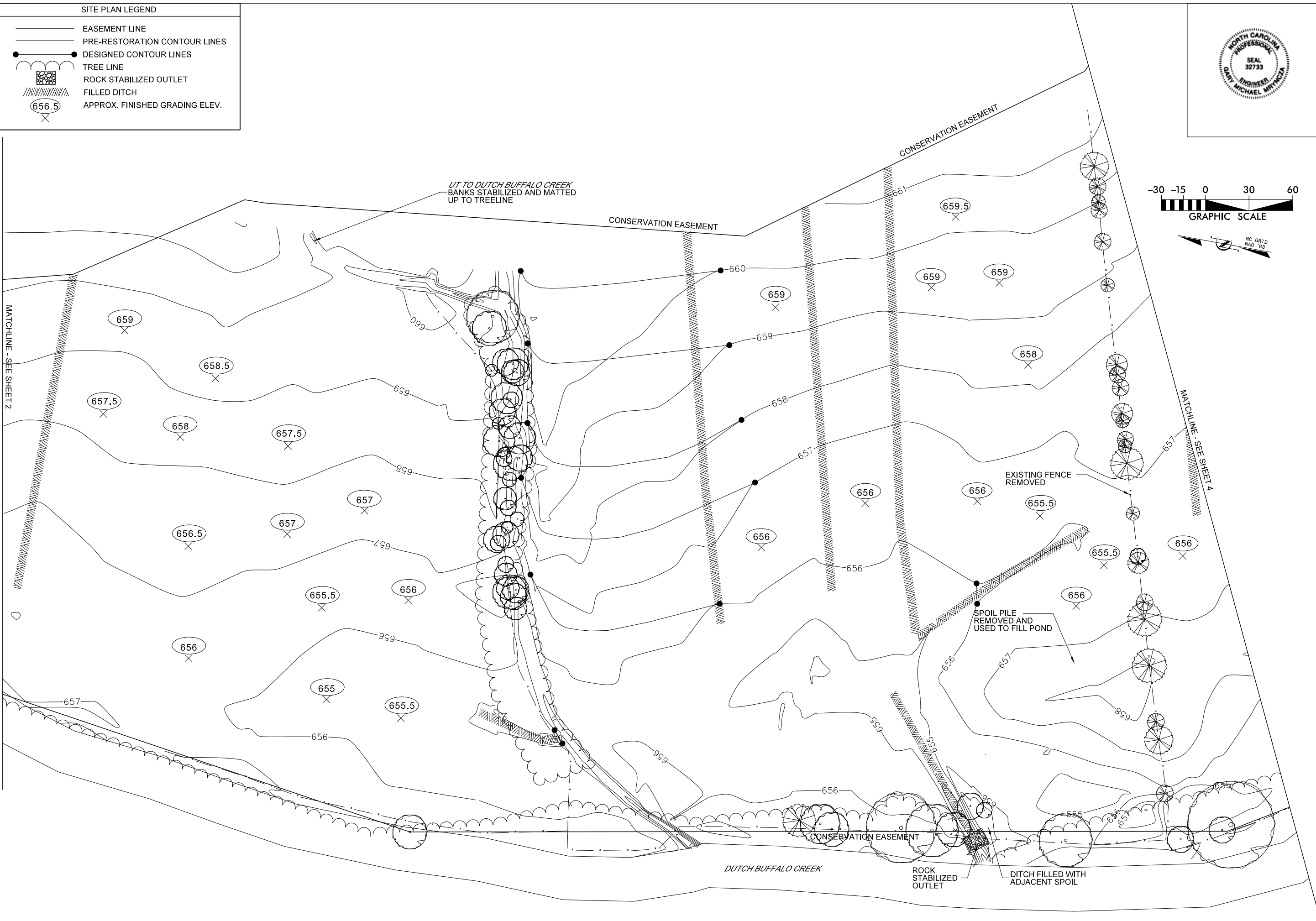
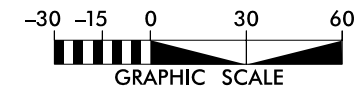


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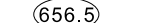
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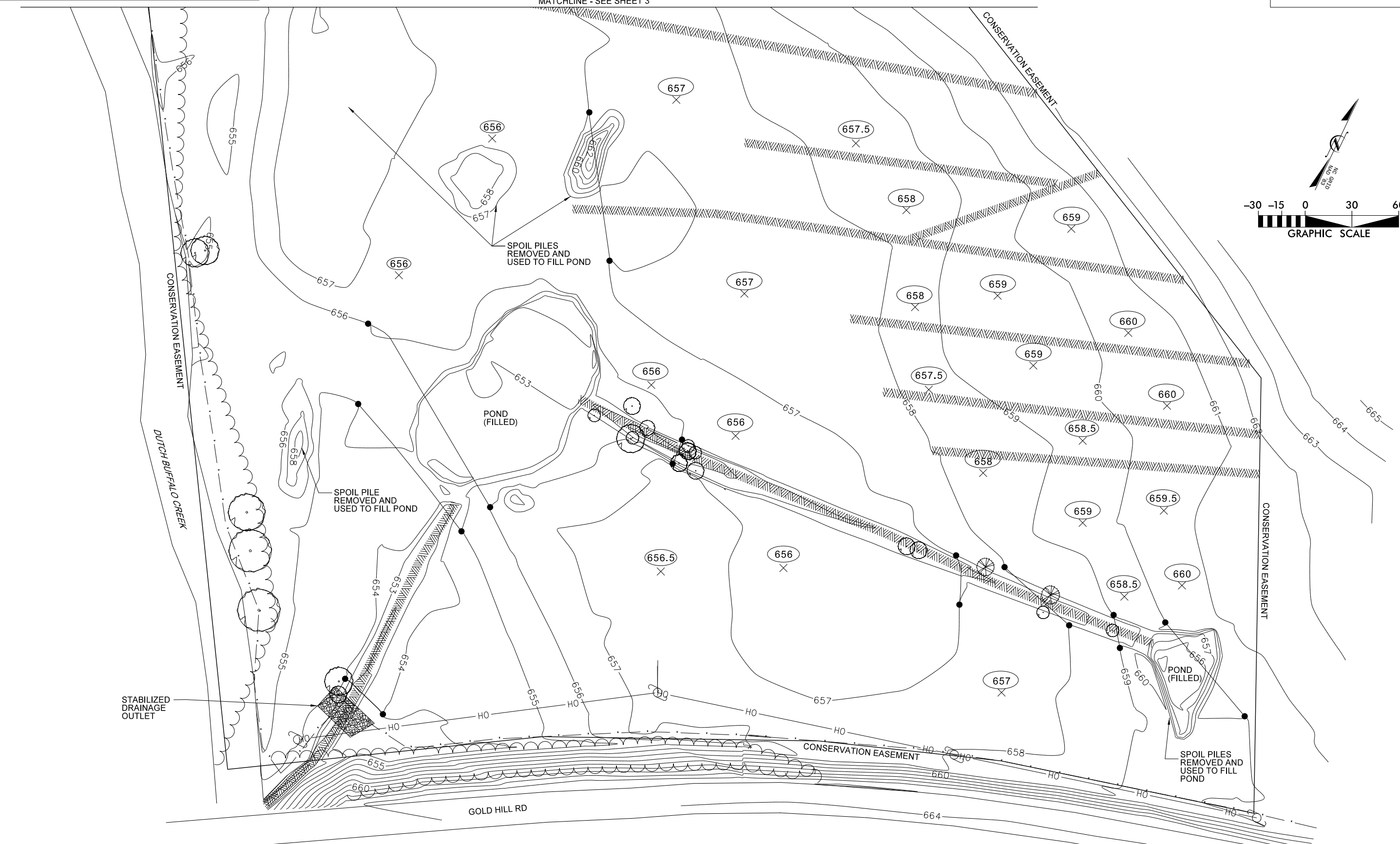
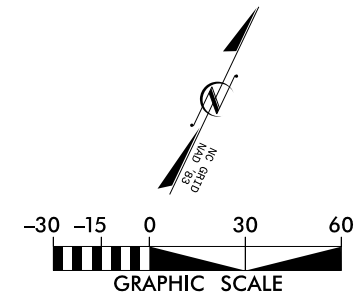


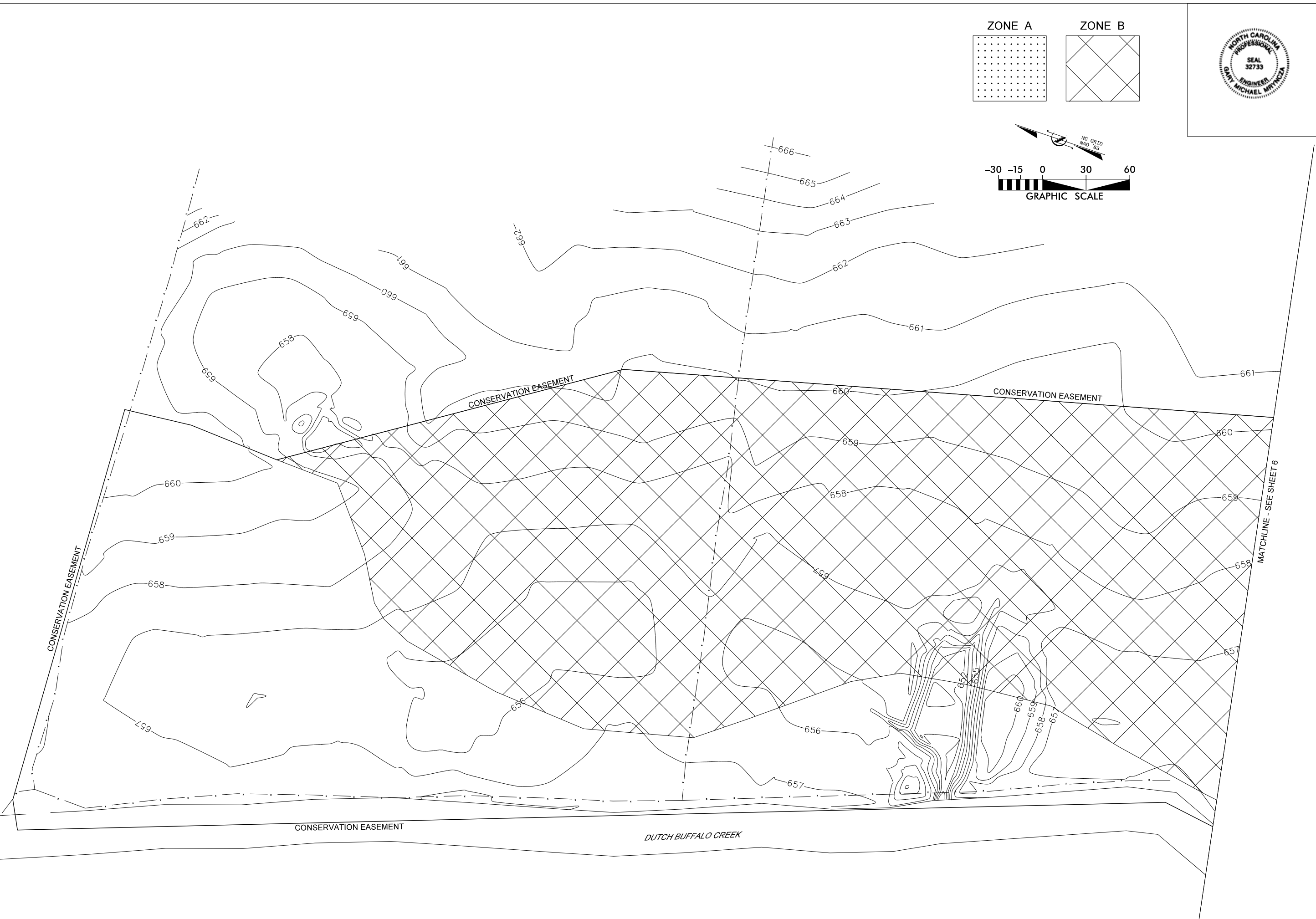
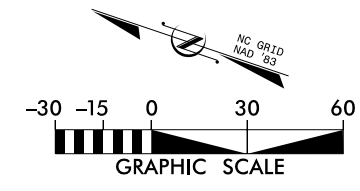
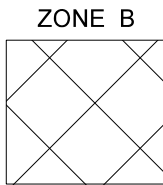
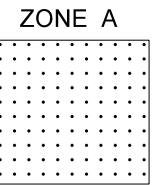
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AS-BUILT SITE PLAN
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MATCHLINE - SEE SHEET 3





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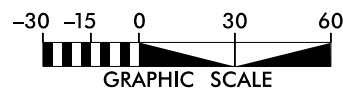
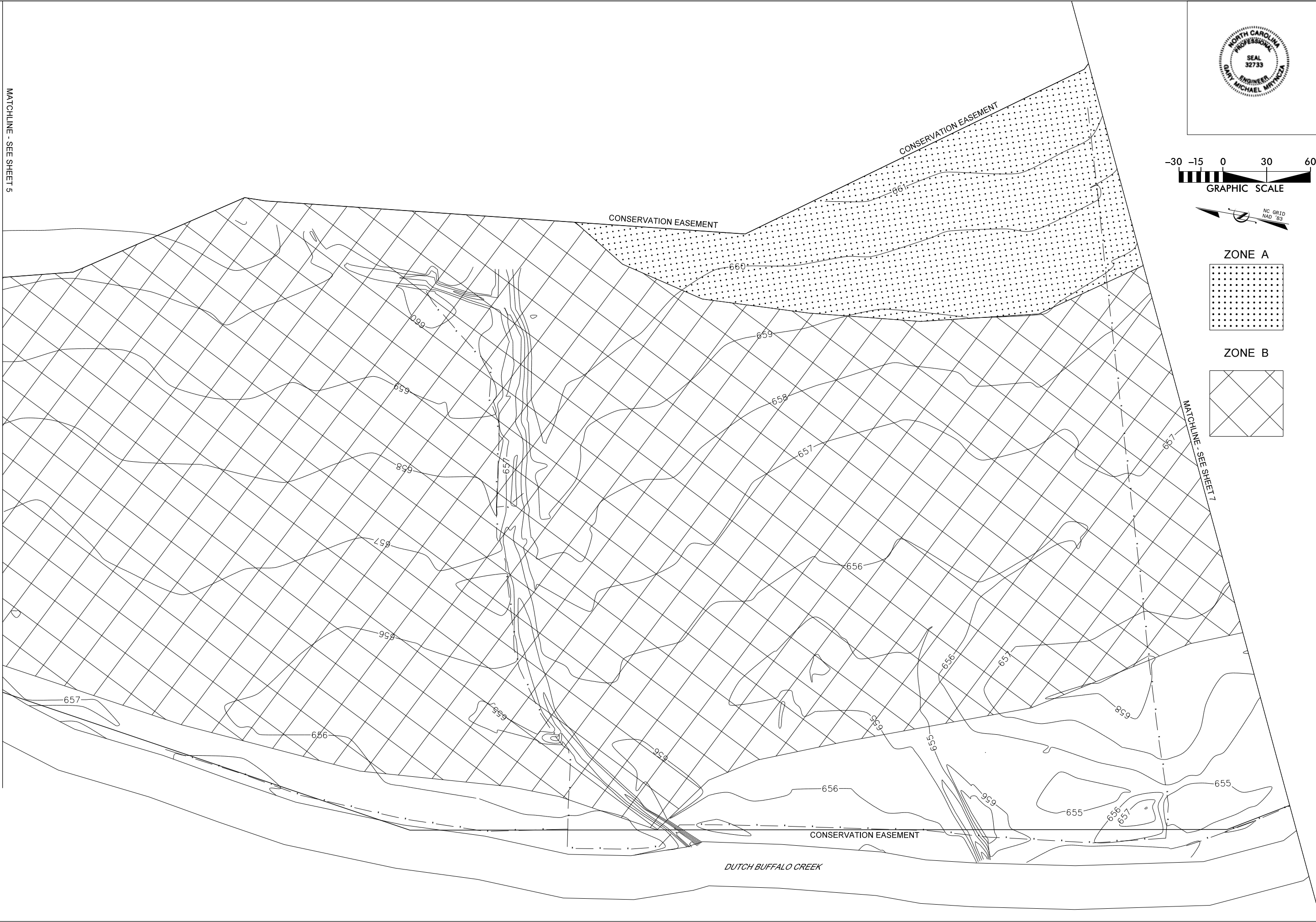
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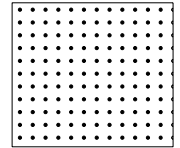
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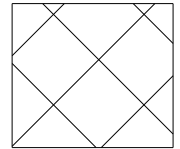
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ZONE A



ZONE B



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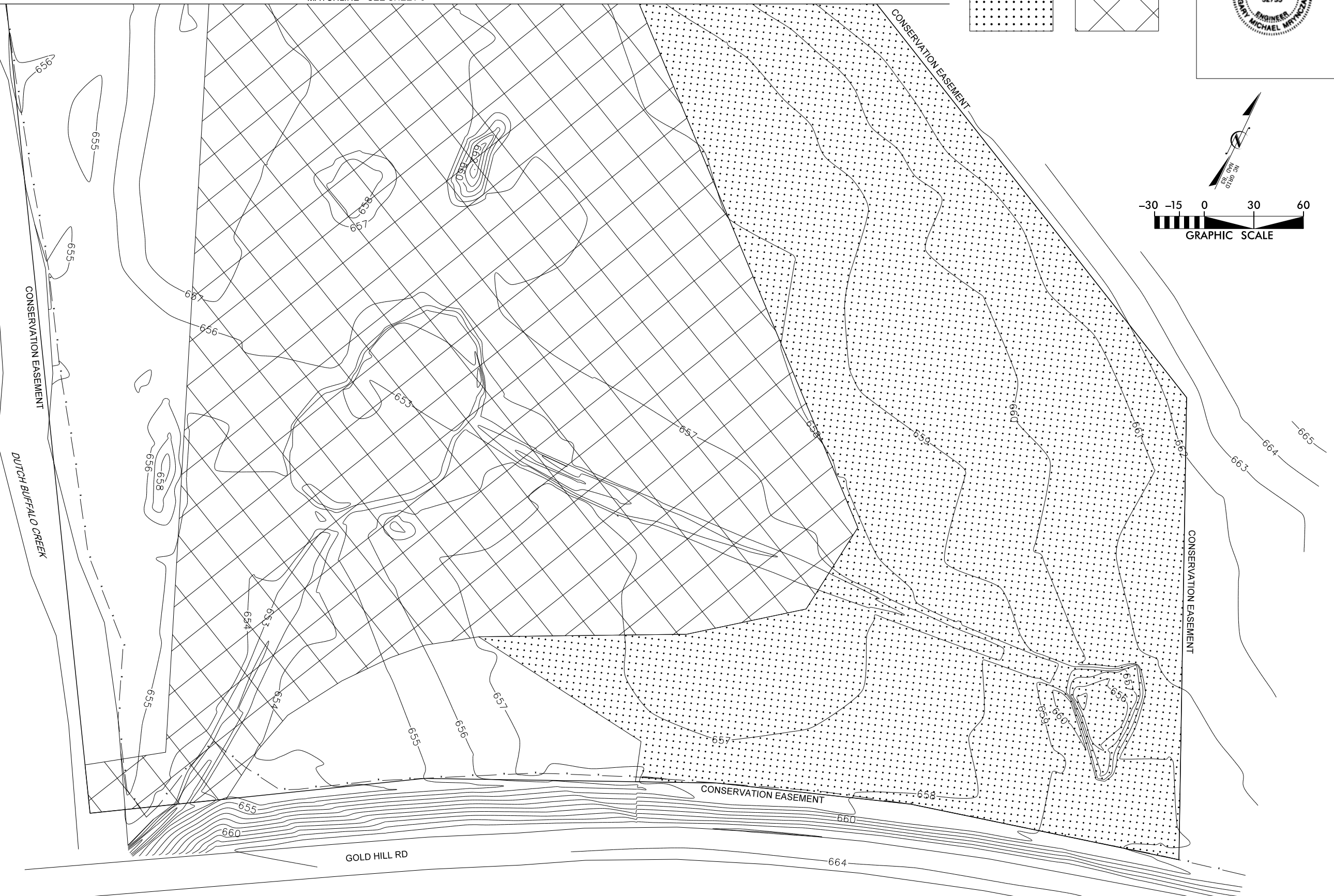
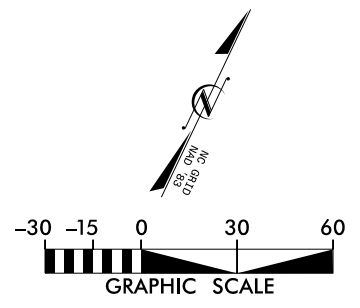
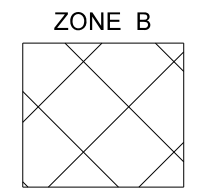
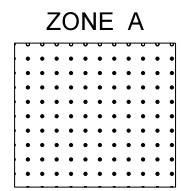
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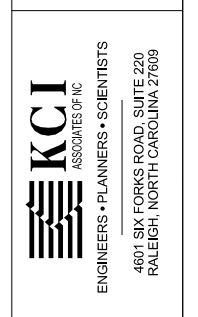
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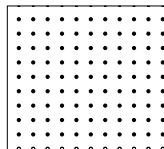
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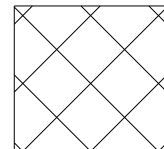
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WETLAND AREA 1
NONRIPARIAN WETLAND RESTORATION
3.4 AC

18" - 24" BARE ROOT MATERIAL
436 STEMS/ACRE (10' X 10' SPACING), RANDOM SPECIES PLACEMENT

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	WETLAND INDICATOR	% OF TOTAL	# OF PLANTS
TULIP POPLAR	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	FAC	16	237
AMERICAN SYCAMORE	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	FACW-	16	237
LAUREL OAK	QUERCUS LAURIFOLIA	FACW	13	193
SWAMP CHESTNUT OAK	QUERCUS MICHAUXII	FACW-	13	193
CHERRYBARK OAK	QUERCUS PAGODA	FAC+	13	193
WILLOW OAK	QUERCUS PHELLOS	FACW-	13	193
AMERICAN ELM	ULMUS AMERICANA	FACW	16	237
			100	1,483

ZONE B



BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST ZONE

WETLAND AREAS 2 AND 3
RIPARIAN WETLAND RESTORATION AND CREATION
12.4 AC

18" - 24" BARE ROOT MATERIAL
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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	WETLAND INDICATOR	% OF TOTAL	# OF PLANTS
SUGARBERRY	CELTIS LAEVIGATA	FACW	10	541
BUTTONBUSH	CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS	OBL	10	541
GREEN ASH	FRAXINUS PENNSYLVANICA	FACW	10	541
TULIP POPLAR	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	FAC	10	541
WATER TUPELO	NYSSA AQUATICA	OBL	10	541
OVERCUP OAK	QUERCUS LYRATA	OBL	10	541
SWAMP CHESTNUT OAK	QUERCUS MICHAUXII	FACW-	10	541
CHERRYBARK OAK	QUERCUS PAGODA	FAC+	10	541
WILLOW OAK	QUERCUS PHELLOS	FACW-	10	541
AMERICAN ELM	ULMUS AMERICANA	FACW	10	541
			100	5,410

MONITORING LEGEND	
	GROUNDWATER WELL
	RAIN GAUGE / BARROLOGGER
	PHOTO POINT
	VEGETATION PLOT
	EXISTING EASEMENT LINE
	TREE LINE



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