MONITORING YEAR 1 ANNUAL REPORT

BURNETTS CHAPEL MITIGATION SITE-PHASE II

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Randleman Lake Watershed
Cape Fear River Basin
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1.1 Project Description

The Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site-Phase II (Site) is a buffer restoration project located approximately three miles west of the Town of Pleasant Garden and four miles south of the City of Greensboro in Guilford County, NC (Figure 1). The Site is comprised of 7.50 acres along several unnamed tributaries to the Randleman Reservoir (Figure 2). The Site is surrounded by fields that are used for agriculture and is immediately adjacent to Phase I of the Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Project, which was successfully completed by Wildlands in 2017 for the North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Mitigation Services (DMS). The project expands the Phase I riparian buffer area from 50 feet to 100 to 200 feet on five of the original project streams and channels. The Site is expected to generate 280,577.321 riparian buffer credits.

The Site is located within the Cape Fear River Basin Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03030003-010050 and the North Carolina Department of Water Resources (NCDWR) Sub-basin 03-06-08. Five unnamed tributaries on the Site flow into the Randleman Reservoir (Reaches B1-B5). These water bodies are classified as WS-IV, as the Randleman Reservoir is a major source of drinking water for the region.

This buffer restoration project will reduce sediment and nutrient loading and improve terrestrial habitat. The area surrounding the streams proposed for restoration is primarily open agricultural fields. Restoring the vegetative buffer on the areas up to 200 feet from the streams will remove the hay fields and fertilizer inputs within the project area. The restored floodplain areas will filter sediment-laden farm runoff during rainfall events. The establishment of riparian buffers will create shading to minimize thermal pollution. Finally, invasive vegetation will be treated within the project area as needed and the proposed native vegetation will provide cover and food for wildlife.

Tables 1 and 2 in Appendix 1 provide more detailed watershed and Site background information for this project.

1.2 Project Goals and Objectives

The major goals of the proposed buffer restoration project are to provide ecological and water quality enhancements to the Randleman Reservoir watershed of the Cape Fear River Basin by creating a functional riparian corridor and restoring the riparian buffer. Specific enhancements to water quality and ecological processes are outlined below.

Goals	Objectives
Decrease nutrient levels	Nutrient input will be decreased by filtering runoff from the agricultural fields through restored native buffer zones. The off-site nutrient input will also be absorbed on-site by dispersing flood flows through native vegetation.
Decrease sediment input	Sediment from off-site sources will be deposited on restored floodplain areas where native vegetation will slow overland flow velocities.
Create appropriate terrestrial habitat	Buffer areas will be restored by removing invasive vegetation and planting native vegetation.
Permanently protect the Site from harmful uses.	Establish a conservation easement on the Site.

1.3 Project History

On March 26, 2018, NCDWR conducted on-site determinations to review features and land use within the project boundary. The resulting NCDWR site viability letter and map confirming the Site as suitable for riparian buffer mitigation is located in Appendix 1. NCDWR also approved the five project reaches as appropriate for buffer mitigation as related to the rules set forth in the Randleman Lake Water Supply Watershed: Mitigation Program for Protection and Maintenance of Existing Riparian Buffers (15A NCAC 02B .0252). The on-site determination approval letter from NCDWR is also included in Appendix 1.

The final mitigation plan was submitted and accepted by the NC DMS in September 2018. Planting activities were completed by Bruton Natural Systems, Inc. in March 2019. The baseline monitoring and as-built survey were completed in May 2019. There were no significant deviations reported in the project elements in comparison to the design plans. Tables 1 and 2 in Appendix 1 provides more detailed project activity, history, and contact information for this project.

1.4 Project Location

The Site is located (Center of project 35.944022 N and -79.845255 W) in Guilford County, NC approximately three miles west of the Town of Pleasant Garden and four miles south of the City of Greensboro) within the Cape Fear River Basin (HUC 03030003-010050) and the NCDWR Sub-basin 03-06-08. Directions to the project are as follows: Traveling south on I-73 from Greensboro, take Exit 94 for Old Randleman Road. Turn right onto Old Randleman Road. Travel 0.5 miles and take a slight right onto Kivett Drive. Continue on Kivett Drive for 0.7 miles and take a left onto Drake Road. Continue on Drake Road for 1.7 miles and turn left onto Burnetts Chapel Road. The project parcel will be on the right approximately 0.1 miles down Burnetts Chapel Road. Enter the Site via the gravel driveway. The property location is depicted on the Vicinity Map (Figure 1), which is located in Appendix 1.

1.5 Project Design

The Wildlands Team restored high quality riparian buffers along several unnamed tributaries on the Site. The project design ensured that no adverse impacts to wetlands or existing riparian buffers occurred. Figure 2 illustrates the conceptual design for the Site. Detailed descriptions of the proposed restoration activity follow in Sections 3.1 through 3.3. General site and buffer photographs are included in Appendix 2.

1.5.1 Riparian Area Restoration Activities

Prior to planting the buffer restoration area was used as agricultural fields. These areas were tilled with a chisel plow to reduce soil compaction prior to planting. The fields within the project area contained only a few invasive species; therefore, only some selective spot herbicide treatments were required. The Site's ephemeral channels were located fully within the conservation easement area and were completely buffered as part of the project; therefore, no land disturbance to maintain diffuse flow was required.

The revegetation plan for the buffer restoration area included permanent seeding, planting bare root trees, live stakes, and herbaceous plugs. These revegetation efforts were coupled with the select treatment of invasive species to control their population. The specific species composition planted was selected based on the desired community type, observation of occurrence of species in riparian buffers adjacent to the Site, and best professional judgement on species establishment and anticipated site conditions in the early years following project implementation. The total number of tree species planted across the buffer areas are as follows: tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) 450 stems, willow oak (*Quercus phellos*) 900 stems, American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) 900 stems, river birch (*Betula*

nigra) 900 stems, green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) 900 stems, and swamp chestnut oak (*Quercus michauxii*) 450 stems. In total, 4,500 stems were planted across the buffer areas of the Site. Trees were planted at a density sufficient to meet the performance standards outlined in the Rule 15A NCAC 02B .0295 of 260 trees per acre at the end of five years. No one tree species planted was greater than 50% of the established stems. An appropriate seed mix was applied as necessary to provide temporary ground cover for soil stabilization and reduction of sediment loss during rain events in disturbed areas. This was followed by an appropriate permanent seed mixture. Planting was completed on March 16, 2019.

Vegetation management and herbicide applications were implemented as needed during tree establishment in the restoration areas to prevent establishment of invasive species that could compete with the planted native species.

1.5.2 Riparian Area Preservation Activities

No work was done in the buffer preservation areas, as allowed under 15A NCAC 02B .0295(o). The preservation area will be protected in perpetuity under a conservation easement.

Section 2: DETERMINATION OF CREDITS

In addition to buffer restoration on subject streams, per the Consolidated Buffer Mitigation Rules (15A NCAC 02B 0.0295 (o)), alternative mitigation is proposed on the Site in the form of buffer restoration on ephemeral channels and preservation of forested buffer on subject streams. The proposed project is in compliance with these rules in the following ways:

Buffer Restoration on Ephemeral Channels (15A NCAC 02B 0.0295(o)(7)):

- NCDWR performed an evaluation of the Site (Phase I in 2011 and Phase II in 2018) and identified the perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral channels on the property.
- The mitigation area on the Site's ephemeral channels is located completely within their drainage areas.
- The ephemeral channels are directly connected to intermittent or perennial stream channels and will be protected under the same contiguous easement boundary.
- The mitigation area on the ephemeral channels is less than 25% of the total buffer mitigation area on the Site (Table 1, Appendix 1).

Preservation on Subject Streams (15A NCAC 02B .0295 (o)(5):

- The buffer width is at least 30 feet from the stream.
- The area meets the requirements of 15A NCAC 02R 0.0403(c)(7), (8), and (11) with no known structures, infrastructure, hazardous substances, solid waste, or encumbrances within the mitigation boundary.
- Preservation mitigation is being requested on no more than 25% of the total buffer mitigation area (Table 1, Appendix 1).

Mitigation credits are presented in Table 1 and Figure 2 in Appendix 1 and are based upon the as-built survey included in the Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site-Phase II Baseline Monitoring Report (2019).

Section 3: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND MONITORING PROTOCOLS

The performance criteria for the Site follows approved performance criteria presented in Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site-Phase II Mitigation Plan (Wildlands Engineering, Inc., 2018), the NC DMS Riparian Buffer and Nutrient Offset Buffer Baseline & Annual Monitoring Report Template, Version 2.0 (May 2017) and the Consolidated Buffer Rule (15A NCAC 02B .0295).

The buffer restoration project has been assigned specific performance criteria components for vegetation. Performance criteria will be evaluated throughout the five-year post-construction monitoring. The monitoring period will extend for five years beyond the completion of construction or until performance criteria have been met. An outline of the performance criteria and monitoring components are described below.

3.1 Annual Monitoring and Reporting

Annual monitoring and semi-annual site visits will be conducted to assess the condition of the finished project. The extent of invasive species coverage will also be monitored and treated as necessary throughout the required monitoring period (five years). Complete monitoring reports will be prepared in the fall of each monitoring year and submitted to DMS. Annual monitoring reports will be based on the above referenced DMS Template (May 2017).

3.2 Vegetation Success Criteria and Monitoring Protocol

The final vegetative success criteria will be the survival of 260 planted stems per acre in the riparian corridor at the end of the required monitoring period (Monitoring Year (MY) 5). The final performance standard shall include a minimum of four native hardwood tree species or four native hardwood tree and native shrub species, where no one species is greater than 50 percent of stems. Native hardwood and native shrub volunteer species may be included to meet the final performance standard of 260 stems per acre. Performance criteria will be evaluated throughout the five-year post-construction monitoring or until performance criteria have been met. Annual vegetation monitoring will follow the CVS-EEP Level 1 & 2 Protocol for Recording Vegetation (2008).

A total of six (6) vegetation monitoring quadrants were established within the project easement area using standard 10 meter by 10 meter vegetation monitoring plots. Plots were randomly established within planted portions of the riparian buffer areas to capture the heterogeneity of the designed vegetative communities. The plot corners have been marked and are recoverable either through field identification or with the use of a GPS unit. Reference photographs of the vegetation plots are taken annually from the origin looking diagonally across the plot to the opposite corner.

Vegetation plot locations are depicted on the Integrated Current Conditions Plan View (CCPV) Map (Figure 3) in Appendix 2. Photos depicting the current conditions of the vegetation plots for MY1 are also presented in Appendix 2.

3.3 Photo Reference Stations

Photographs will be taken within the project area once a year to visually document stability for five years following construction. A total of eight (8) permanent markers were established and located with GPS equipment so that the same locations and view directions on the Site are photographed each year. Photo reference locations are depicted on the Integrated CCPV map (Figure 3) in Appendix 2.

3.4 Visual Assessments

Visual assessments should support the specific performance standards for each metric as described above. Visual assessments will be performed within the Site on a semi-annual basis during the five-year

monitoring period. Problem areas with vegetative health will be noted (e.g. low stem density, vegetation mortality, invasive species, and/or encroachment). Areas of concern will be mapped and photographed accompanied by a written description in the annual report. Problem areas will be re-evaluated during each subsequent visual assessment.

Section 4: Results of Year 1 Monitoring

The MY1 vegetation monitoring resulted in an average stem density of 560 planted stems per acre, which is approximately 92% of the baseline (MY0) density recorded (607 stems per acre) in the Baseline Monitoring Report submitted in May 2019. Stem densities within individual monitoring plots range from 486 to 607 planted stems per acre with stem counts within individual plots ranging from 12 to 15 stems with an average of 14 planted stems per plot. The number of different species planted per plot ranged from three to six with a Site average of five; the Site had a total of seven different species. All vegetation plots (VPs) are on track to meet the final stem density success criteria of 260 stems/acre for MY5. With the exception of VP6, all the plots met the MY5 species diversity criteria of four. Though VP6 did not meet the minimum species diversity requirement for MY5 in Year 1, it is likely to meet this requirement by MY5 with the inclusion of volunteer species recorded in subsequent monitoring years. See Table 9 in Appendix 3 for additional information. No volunteers were included in the monitoring assessment results for MY1.

Limited invasive species were found on the Site in MY1. The species identified include the occurrence of tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) and Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*). Both are confined to one patch of intact forest located within the easement. Small pockets or individual stems of seedling Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), Japanese honeysuckle and Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) were also observed within the Site but were not mapped due to their limited occurrence (less than 1,000 square feet in size). Though some invasive species are present throughout the Site, none are currently affecting the survival of the planted stems, or the success of the project.

Invasive species populations will continue to be monitored and spot herbicide treatments will be conducted as needed during the appropriate time of year.

One small area (0.01 acres) along the left bank of Reach B4 has a planted low stem density, based on a visual assessment during the Site walk in September of 2019. Since this area is likely to populate with volunteers throughout the monitoring period, no additional planting is needed at this time. Wildlands will continue to monitor this area for emergence of woody species.

Please refer to Appendix 2 for visual assessment data and Appendix 3 for vegetation plot data and vegetation plot photographs.

4.1 Parcel Maintenance

Adaptive measures will be developed, or appropriate remedial actions will be implemented in the event that the Site or a specific component of the Site fails to achieve the success criteria outlined in the BPDP. Site maintenance will be performed to correct any identified problems on the Site that have a high likelihood of affecting project success. Such items include but are not limited to excess tree mortality caused by fire, flooding, drought, or insects. Any actions implemented will be designed to achieve the success criteria and will include a work schedule and updated monitoring criteria.

4.2 Conclusions

The 2019 vegetation monitoring data reflects that the Site is on trajectory to achieve the final vegetative success criteria by the end of Monitoring Year Five. These criteria include both a stem density of 260 stems per acre and a species diversity of at least four native species for the Site. No major problems were identified, such as invasive species or excessive tree mortality, during Monitoring Year 1. Therefore, no corrective actions are required at this time; however, the Site will continue to be re-evaluated throughout the monitoring period.

Section 5: REFERENCES

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APPENDIX 1. General Tables and Figures

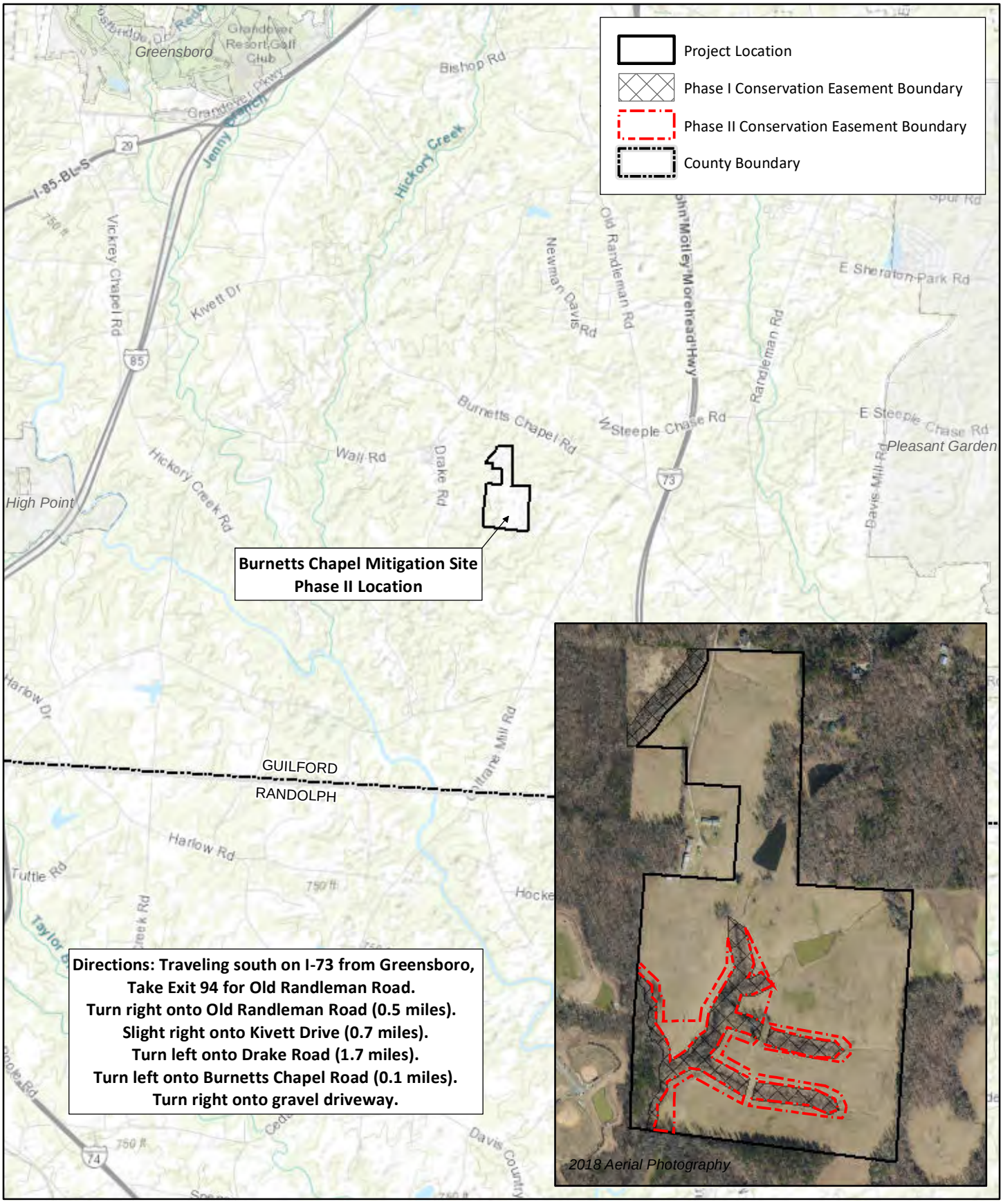

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Figure 1 Project Vicinity Map
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
2019 Monitoring Report (MY1)
Cape Fear River Basin (03030003)
Guilford County, NC

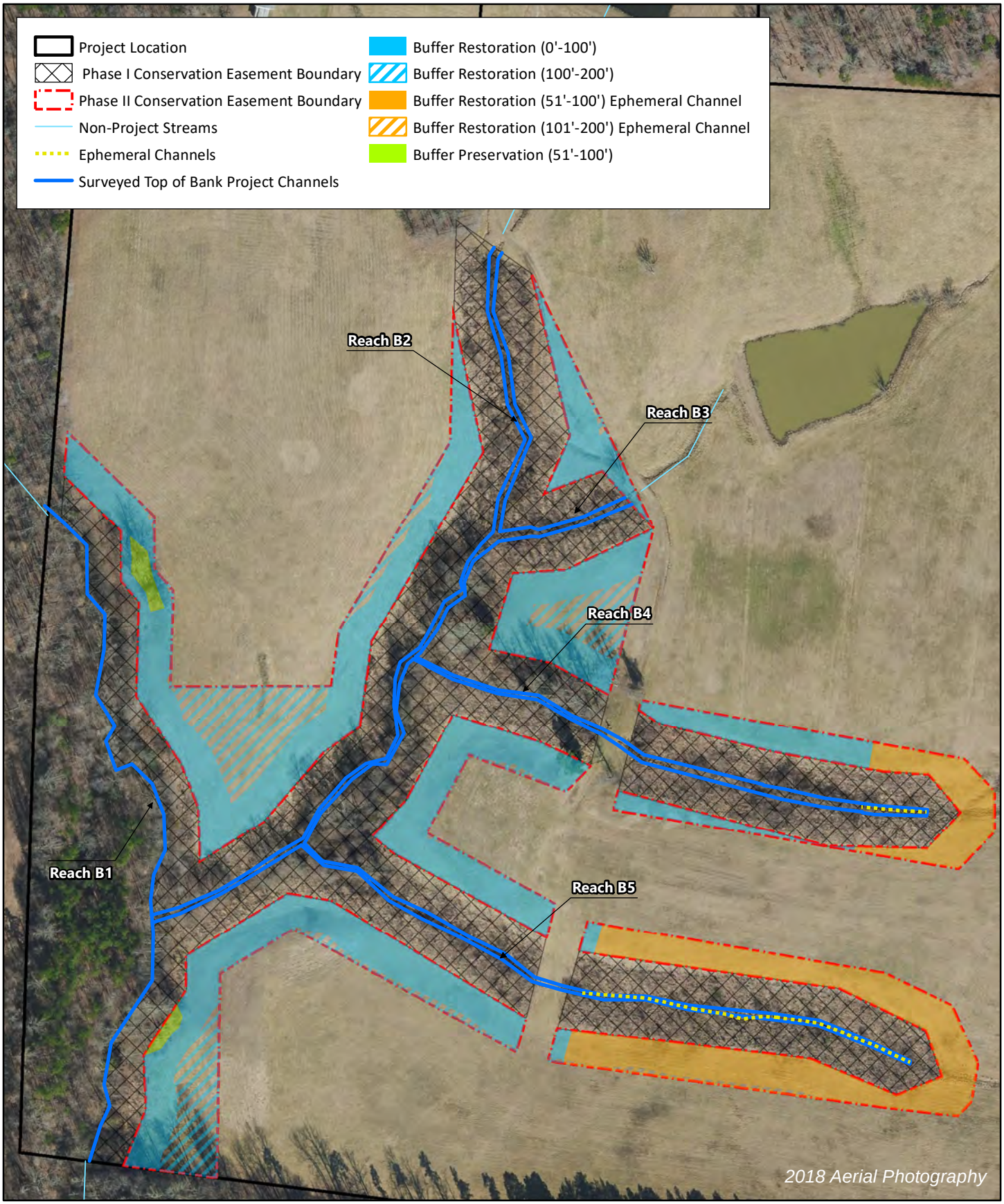

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Figure 2 Project Component/Asset Map
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
2019 Monitoring Report (MY1)
Cape Fear River Basin (03030003)
Guilford County, NC

Table 1. Buffer Project Areas and Assets

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 10045
Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

RIPARIAN BUFFER (15A NCAC 02B.0295)

Location	Jurisdictional Streams	Method	Feature Name	Min-Max Buffer Width (ft)	Total Area (sf)	Creditable Area (sf)	Initial Credit Ratio (x:1)	% Full Credit	Final Credit Ratio (x:1)	Riparian Buffer Credits	Convertible to Nutrient Offset (Yes or No)
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Restoration	~	20-29	-	-	1	75%	1.33333	-	
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Restoration	Ephemeral	0-100	70,473	70,473	1	100%	1.00000	70,473.000	No
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Restoration	Streams	0-100	188,792	188,792	1	100%	1.00000	188,792.000	No
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Restoration	Ephemeral	101-200	2,837	2,837	1	33%	3.03030	936.211	No
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Restoration	Streams	101-200	60,573	60,573	1	33%	3.03030	19,989.110	No
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Enhancement	~	20-29	-	-	2	75%	2.66667	-	
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Enhancement	~	0-100	-	-	2	100%	2.00000	-	
Rural or Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Enhancement	~	101-200	-	-	2	33%	6.06061	-	
					SUBTOTALS	**322,675**				**280,190.321**	

					ELIGIBLE PRESERVATION AREA	**107,558**					
Location	**Jurisdictional Streams**	**Method**	**Feature Name**	**Min-Max Buffer Width (ft)**	**Total Area (sf)**	**Creditable Area (sf)**	**Initial Credit Ratio (x:1)**	**% Full Credit**	**Final Credit Ratio (x:1)**	**Riparian Buffer Credits**	
Rural	Subject	Preservation	~	20-29	-	-	10	75%	13.33333	-	
Rural	Subject	Preservation	Streams	0-100	3,870	3,870	10	100%	10.00000	387.000	
Rural	Subject	Preservation	~	101-200	-	-	10	33%	30.30303	-	
Rural	Nonsubject	Preservation	~	20-29	-	-	5	75%	6.66667	-	
Rural	Nonsubject	Preservation	~	0-100	-	-	5	100%	5.00000	-	
Rural	Nonsubject	Preservation	~	101-200	-	-	5	33%	15.15152	-	
Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Preservation	~	20-29	-	-	3	75%	4.00000	-	
Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Preservation	~	0-100	-	-	3	100%	3.00000	-	
Urban	Subject or Nonsubject	Preservation	~	101-200	-	-	3	33%	9.09091	-	
					SUBTOTALS	**3,870**				**387.000**	
					TOTALS	**326,545**				**280,577.321**	

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 10045
Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Completion or Scheduled Delivery
Mitigation Plan	-	September 2019
Bare roots plantings	-	March 2019
Baseline Monitoring (Year 0)	April 2019	May 2019
Year 1 Monitoring	October 2019	November 2019
Year 2 Monitoring	2020	November 2020
Year 3 Monitoring	2021	November 2021
Year 4 Monitoring	2022	November 2022
Year 5 Monitoring	2023	November 2023

Table 3. Project Contact Table

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 10045
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Designers	**Wildlands Engineering, Inc.** 1430 South Mint Street, Suite 104 Charlotte, NC 28203 704.332.7754
Project Manager (POC)	Andrea Eckardt, 704.332.7754, Ext. 101
Planting Contractor	**Bruton Natural Systems, Inc.** 150 Old Black Creek Rd Freemont, NC 27830
Nursery Stock Suppliers	**Dykes & Son Nursery** 825 Maude Etter Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110
Monitoring Performers	**Wildlands Engineering, Inc.**
Monitoring (POC)	Kristi Suggs, 704.332.7754, Ext. 110

Table 4. Project Information and Attributes
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 10045
Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

Project Name	Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site – Phase II
Hydrologic Unit Code	03030003010050
River Basin	Cape Fear
Geographic Location (Lat, Long)	35° 56' 46.0"N, 79° 50' 44.2"W
Site Protection Instrument (DB, PG)	8127 / 2755
Total Credits (BMU)	280,577.321
Types of Credits	Riparian Buffer

Table 5. Monitoring Components Summary
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 10045
Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

Parameter	Monitoring Feature	Quantity/Length by Reach					Frequency
		B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	
Vegetation	CVS Level 1 & 2	6					Annual
Visual Assessment		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Semi-Annual
Exotic and Nuisance Vegetation		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Semi-Annual
Project Boundary		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Semi-Annual
Reference Photos	Photographs	8					Annual

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Re: Site Viability for Buffer Mitigation & Nutrient Offset – Burnetts Chapel Phase II Site
1323 Burnetts Chapel Road, Greensboro, NC
Randleman Lake Watershed

Dear Ms. Eckardt

On March 26, 2018, Katie Merritt, with the Division of Water Resources (DWR), assisted you and staff with Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) at the proposed Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site (Site) in Greensboro, NC. The Site is located in the Randleman Lake WS of the Cape Fear River Basin within the 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Code 03030003. The Site is being proposed as part of a full-delivery buffer mitigation project for the DMS (RFP # 16-007242). At your request, on March 26, 2018, Ms. Merritt performed an onsite assessment of riparian land uses adjacent to streams onsite, which are shown on the attached map labeled "Site Map". This site is adjacent to an existing DMS full-delivery buffer mitigation site known as "Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site" (DWR# 2011-0841) where fifty-foot riparian buffers were restored.

Ms. Merritt's evaluation of the features onsite and their associated mitigation determination for the riparian areas are provided in the table below. This evaluation was made from 51' out to 200' from the top of bank from each feature for buffer mitigation pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (effective November 1, 2015).

Feature	Classification	[1]Subject to Buffer Rule	Riparian Land uses adjacent to Feature (51-200')	Buffer Credit Viable	[2]Nutrient Offset Viable at 2,273 lbs/acre	Mitigation Type Determination w/in riparian areas
B1	Stream	Yes	Hay crop fields	Yes	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (n)
B2	Stream	Yes	Hay crop fields	Yes	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (n)
B3	Stream	Yes	Hay crop fields	Yes	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (n)
B4 Above DWR 2011 flag (green)	Wetland / Swale	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A

Feature	Classification	[1]Subject to Buffer Rule	Riparian Land uses adjacent to Feature (51-200')	Buffer Credit Viable	[2]Nutrient Offset Viable at 2,273 lbs/acre	Mitigation Type Determination w/in riparian areas
B4 At DWR 2011 flag	Ephemeral	No	Hay crop fields	Yes[4]	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (o)(7) *Must meet additional requirements under .0295 (o)(7) to be viable for buffer mitigation*
B4 At DWR 2010 flag	Stream	Yes	Hay crop fields	Yes	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (n)
B5 Above DWR 2011 flag (green)	Wetland / Swale	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
B5 At DWR 2011 flag	Ephemeral	No	Hay crop fields	Yes[4]	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (o)(7) *Must meet additional requirements under .0295 (o)(7) to be viable for buffer mitigation*
B5 At DWR 2010 flag	Stream	Yes	Hay crop fields	Yes	N/A	**Fields** - Restoration Site per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (n)

[1]Subjectivity calls for the features were determined by DWR in correspondence dated March 27, 2018 using the 1:24,000 scale quadrangle topographic map prepared by USGS and the most recent printed version of the soil survey map prepared by the NRCS

[2] *NC Division of Water Resources - Methodology and Calculations for determining Nutrient Reductions associated with Riparian Buffer Establishment*

[3]The area of preservation credit within a buffer mitigation site shall comprise of no more than 25 percent (25%) of the total area of buffer mitigation per 15A NCAC 0295 (o)(5) and 15A NCAC 0295 (o)(4). Site cannot be a Preservation only site to comply with this rule.

[4]The area of the mitigation site on ephemeral channel shall comprise no more than 25 percent (25%) of the total area of buffer mitigation per 15A NCAC 02B .0295 (o)(7).

The attached map (Site Map) showing the project site and features was provided by Wildlands Engineering and was initialed by Ms. Merritt on March 27, 2018. This letter should be provided in any future stream, wetland, buffer and/or nutrient offset mitigation plans for this Site.

This letter does not constitute an approval of this site to generate mitigation credits. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0295, a mitigation proposal and a mitigation plan shall be submitted to DWR for written approval **prior** to conducting any mitigation activities in riparian areas and/or surface waters for buffer mitigation credit. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0240, a proposal regarding a proposed nutrient load-reducing measure for nutrient offset credit shall be submitted to DWR for approval prior to any mitigation activities in riparian areas and/or surface waters.

All vegetative plantings, performance criteria and other mitigation requirements for riparian restoration, enhancement and preservation must follow the requirements in 15A NCAC 02B .0295 to be eligible for buffer and/or nutrient offset mitigation credits. For any areas depicted as not being viable for nutrient offset credit above, one could propose a different measure, along with supporting calculations and sufficient detail to support estimates of load reduction, for review by the DWR to determine viability for nutrient offset in accordance with 15A NCAC 02B .0240. For any areas generating wetland mitigation credit, no buffer or nutrient offset credit can be generated.

This viability assessment will expire on March 27, 2020 or upon the submittal of an As-Built Report to the DWR, whichever comes first. Please contact Katie Merritt at (919)-807-6371 if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Karen Higgins

Karen Higgins, Supervisor
401 and Buffer Permitting Branch

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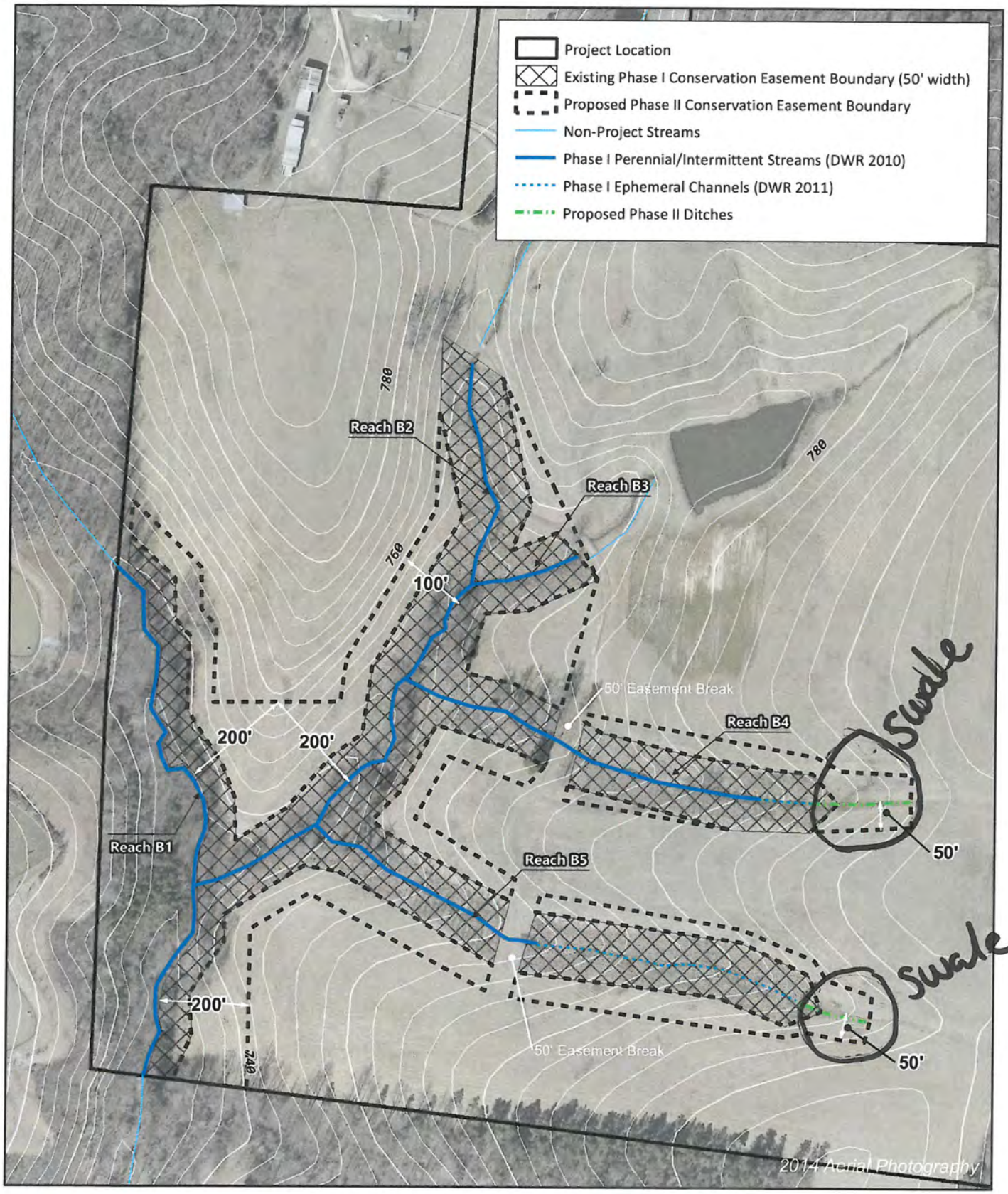
Attachments: Site Map

cc: File Copy (Katie Merritt)
DMS – Jeff Schaffer (via electronic mail)



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Site Map
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
Cape Fear River Basin (03030003)

Guilford County, NC

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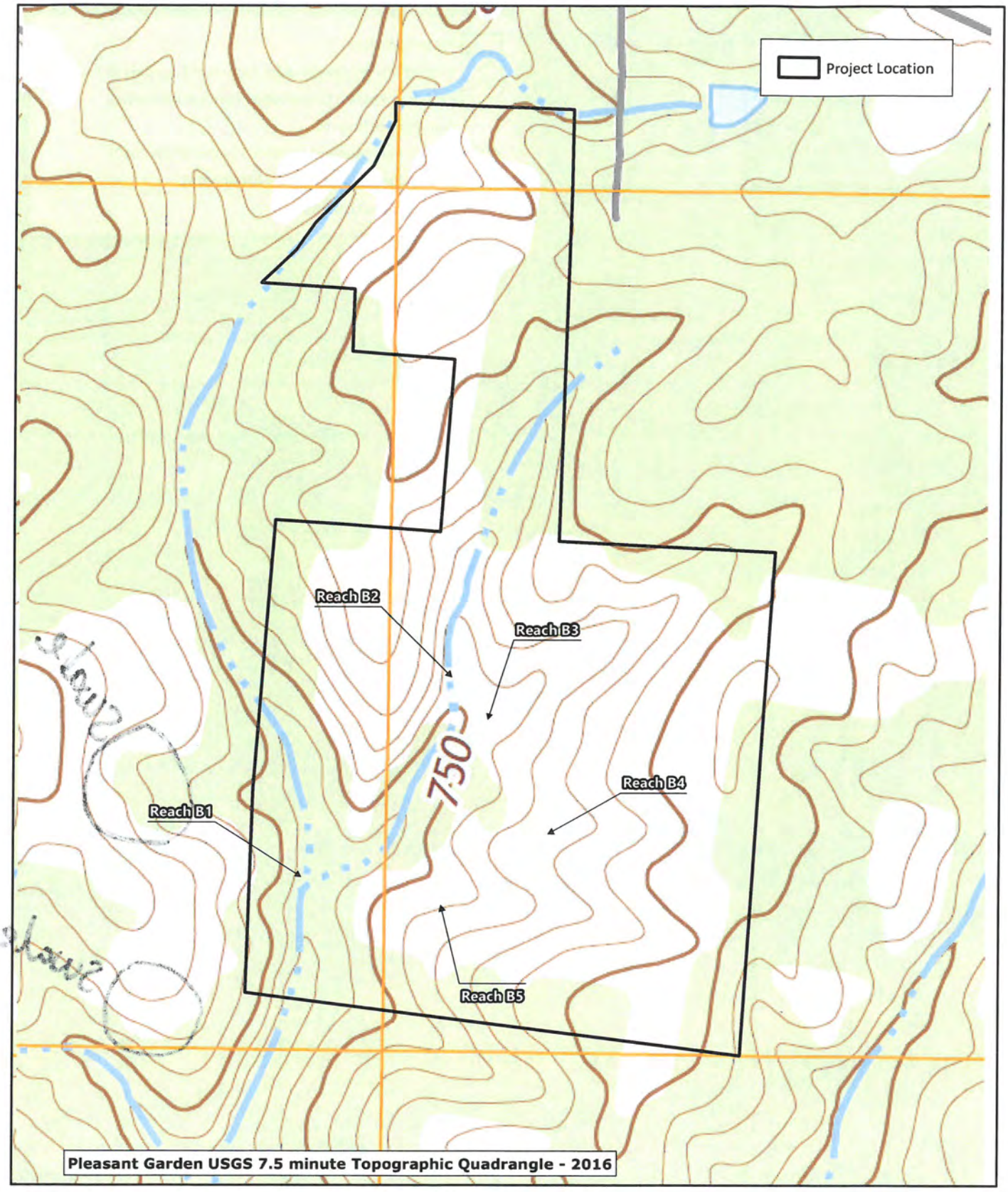

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USGS Topographic Map
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March 27, 2018

Andrea Eckardt
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Charlotte NC 28203

Subject: On-Site Determination for Applicability to the Randleman Lake Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0250)

Subject Property: Burnett's Chapel Mitigation Site, 1323 Burnetts Chapel Rd, Greensboro NC
Guilford County
DWR# 2011-0841

Dear Ms. Eckardt:

On March 26, 2018, at your request, Sue Homewood conducted an on-site determination to review features located on the subject project for stream determinations with regards to the above noted state regulations. Katie Merritt with the Division of Water Resources (Division) was also present during the site visit.

During the site visit the upper portions of Reach B4 and Reach B5, as shown in green on the attached map, were reviewed. Both areas were representative of vegetated swales and had characteristics of wetlands and were therefore were determined not to be subject to the Randleman Buffer Rules as stated above.

The owner (or future owners) should notify the Division (and other relevant agencies) of this decision in any future correspondences concerning this property. This on-site determination shall expire five (5) years from the date of this letter.

Landowners or affected parties that dispute a determination made by the Division or Delegated Local Authority that a surface water exists and that it is subject to the buffer rule may request a determination by the Director. A request for a determination by the Director shall be referred to the Director in writing c/o 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch, 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650. Individuals that dispute a determination by the Division or Delegated Local Authority that "exempts" surface water from the buffer rule may ask for an adjudicatory hearing. You must act within 60 days of the date that you receive this letter. Applicants are hereby notified that the 60-day statutory appeal time does not start until the affected party (including downstream and adjacent landowners) is notified of this decision. The Division recommends that the applicant conduct this notification in order to be certain that third party appeals are made in a timely manner. To ask for a hearing, send a written petition, which conforms to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714. This determination is final and binding unless you ask for a hearing within 60 days.

This letter only addresses the applicability to the buffer rules and does not approve any activity within Waters of the United States or Waters of the State or their associated buffers. If you have any additional questions or require additional information, please contact me at 336-776-9693 or sue.homewood@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

Sue Homewood
Winston-Salem Regional Office

Enclosures: USGS Topo Map
Wildlands Features Map

Cc: Rick & Val Ingram, 1323 Burnetts Chapel Rd, Greensboro NC 27406
Katie Merritt, DWR (via email)
DWR, Winston-Salem Regional Office

APPENDIX 2. Visual Assessment Data

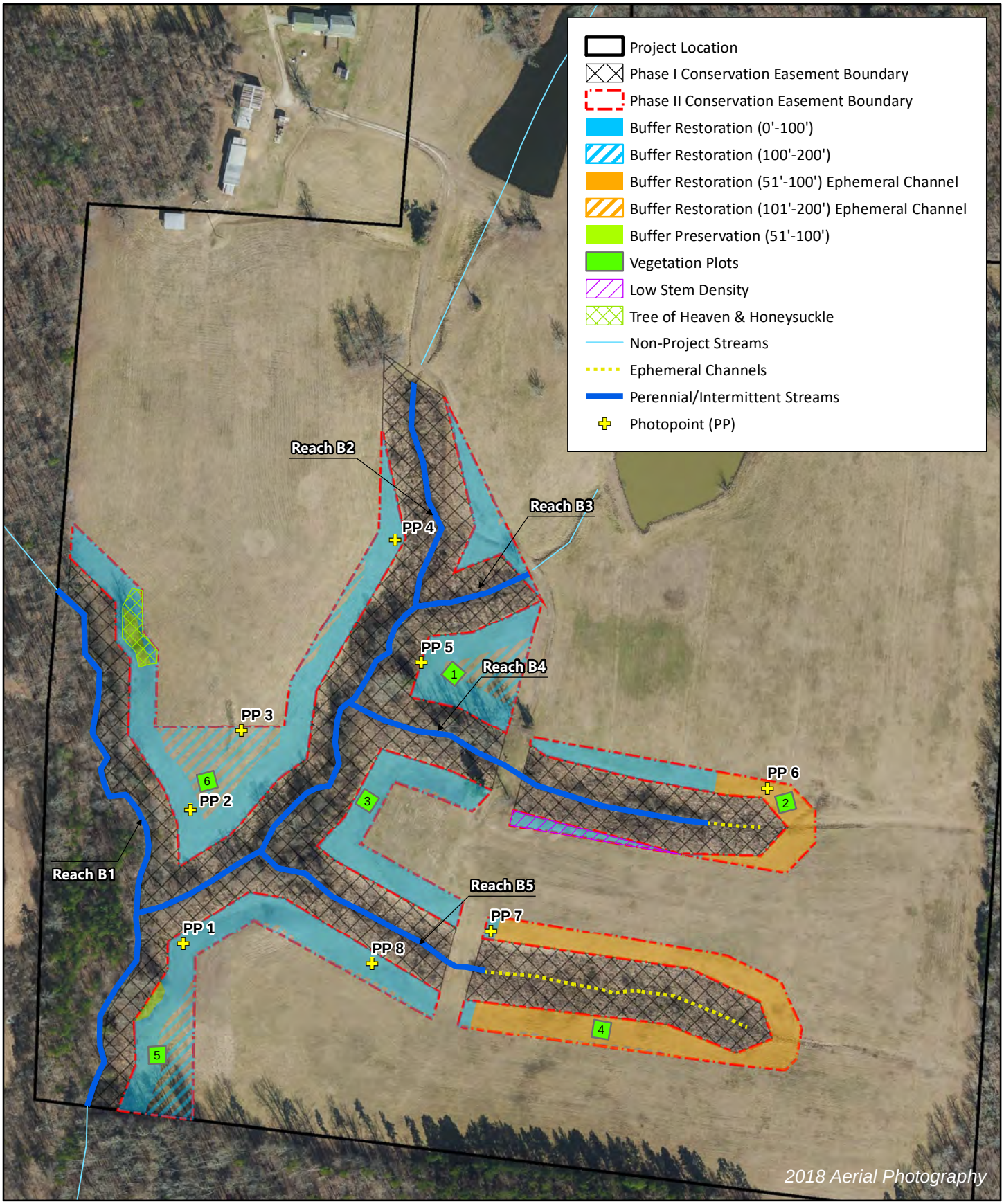

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Figure 3 Integrated Current Conditions Plan View
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
2019 Monitoring Report (MY1)
Cape Fear River Basin (03030003)
Guilford County, NC

Table 6. Vegetation Condition Assessment Table

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II

DMS Project No. 100045

Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

Planted Acreage **7.4**

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (acres)	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material	0.1	0	0.0	0%
Low Stem Density Areas[1]	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, 5, or 7 stem count criteria.	0.1	1	0.1	1%
		Total	**1**	**0.0**	**1%**
Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor	Areas with woody stems of a size class that are obviously small given the monitoring year.	0.0	0	0.0	0%
		Cumulative Total	**1**	**0.0**	**1%**

Easement Acreage **7.5**

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (SF)	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	1000	1	0.1	1%
Easement Encroachment Areas	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	none	0	0.0	0%

[1]Acreage calculated from vegetation plots monitored for site, and visual assessement during the site walk.

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site – Phase II

Monitoring Year 1

Buffer and Site Condition Photographs

	
Photo Point 1 – Looking upstream B2 and B5 (09/30/2019)	**Photo Point 1 –** Looking downstream B1 (09/30/2019)
	
Photo Point 2 – Looking upstream B1 (10/01/2019)	**Photo Point 2 –** Looking downstream to B1-B2 confluence (10/01/2019)
	
Photo Point 3 – Looking upstream B2 (10/01/2019)	**Photo Point 3 –** Looking downstream B2 (10/01/2019)

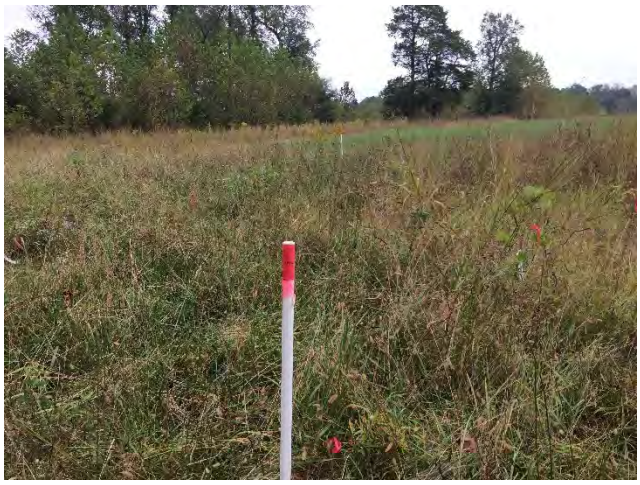
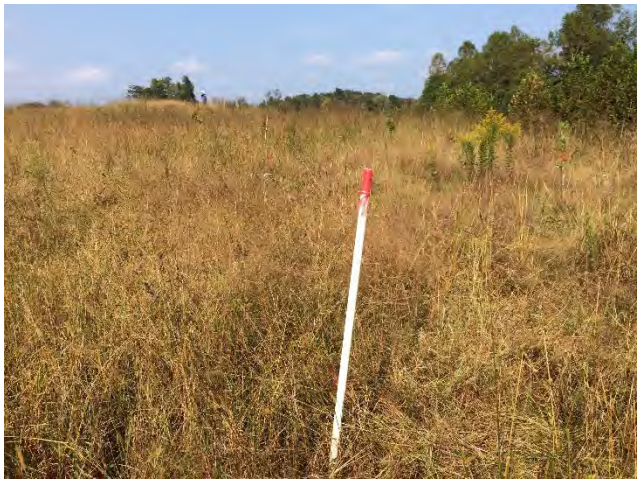
	
Photo Point 4 – Looking upstream B2 (10/01/2019)	**Photo Point 4 –** Looking downstream B2 (10/01/2019)
	
Photo Point 5 – Looking upstream B3 (10/01/2019)	**Photo Point 5 –** Looking downstream to B2-B4 confluence (10/01/2019)
	
Photo Point 6 – Looking upstream across top of B4 (09/30/2019)	**Photo Point 6 –** Looking downstream B4 (09/30/2019)

	
Photo Point 7 – Looking upstream B5 (10/01/2019)	**Photo Point 7 –** Looking downstream B5 (10/01/2019)
	
Photo Point 8 – Looking upstream B5 (09/30/2019)	**Photo Point 8 –** Looking downstream B5 (09/30/2019)

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site – Phase II

Monitoring Year 1

Vegetation Plot Photographs

	
Vegetation Plot 1 (09/30/2019)	**Vegetation Plot 2** (09/30/2019)
	
Vegetation Plot 3 (09/30/2019)	**Vegetation Plot 4** (09/30/2019)
	
Vegetation Plot 5 (09/30/2019)	**Vegetation Plot 6** (09/30/2019)

APPENDIX 3. Vegetation Plot Data

Table 7. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 100045
Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

Plot	Success Criteria Met (Y/N)	Tract Mean
1	Y	100%
2	Y	
3	Y	
4	Y	
5	Y	
6	Y	

Table 8. CVS Vegetation Tables - Metadata

Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II

DMS Project No. 100045

Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

Report Prepared By	Jeffrey Turner
Date Prepared	10/2/2019
Database Name	cvs-eep-entrytool-v2.5.0 Burnetts Phase II MY1_2019.mdb
Database Location	Q:\ActiveProjects\005-02170 Burnetts Chapel Phase II\Monitoring\Monitoring Year 1_2019\Vegetation Assessment
Computer Name	JEFF-PC
File Size	47968256
DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHEETS IN THIS DOCUMENT----------	
Metadata	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of project(s) and project data.
Project Planted	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.
Project Total Stems	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.
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.
Planted Stems by Plot and Spp	A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.
ALL Stems by Plot and Spp	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.
PROJECT SUMMARY----------	
Project Code	10045
Project Name	Burnett's Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
Sampled Plots	6

Table 9. Planted and Total Stem Count
Burnetts Chapel Mitigation Site - Phase II
DMS Project No. 100045
Monitoring Year 1 - 2019

			Current Plot Data (MY1 2019)																	
Scientific Name	**Common Name**	**Species Type**	**Vegetation Plot 1**			**Vegetation Plot 2**			**Vegetation Plot 3**			**Vegetation Plot 4**			**Vegetation Plot 5**			**Vegetation Plot 6**		
			PnoLS	**P-all**	**T**	**PnoLS**	**P-all**	**T**	**PnoLS**	**P-all**	**T**	**PnoLS**	**P-all**	**T**	**PnoLS**	**P-all**	**T**	**PnoLS**	**P-all**	**T**
Betula nigra	River Birch, Red Birch	Tree	5	5	5	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1			
Diospyros virginiana	American Persimmon, Possumwood	Tree									1									
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash, Red Ash	Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	1			
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar	Tree	1	1	1										2	2	2	5	5	5
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore, Plane-tree	Tree	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Quercus alba	White Oak	Tree							1	1	1									
Quercus michauxii	Basket Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak	Tree	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	7	7	7			
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	Tree	2	2	2				4	4	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	4
		Stem count	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	12	12	12
		size (ares)		1			1			1			1			1			1	
		size (ACRES)		0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02	
		Species count	6	6	6	4	4	4	6	6	7	5	5	5	6	6	6	3	3	3
		Stems per ACRE	607	607	607	567	567	567	567	567	607	567	567	567	567	567	567	486	486	486

			Annual Means					
Scientific Name	**Common Name**	**Species Type**	**MY1 (2019)**			**MY0 (2019)**		
			PnoLS	**P-all**	**T**	**PnoLS**	**P-all**	**T**
Betula nigra	River Birch, Red Birch	Tree	20	20	20	20	20	20
Diospyros virginiana	American Persimmon, Possumwood	Tree			1			
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash, Red Ash	Tree	10	10	10	11	11	11
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulp Poplar	Tree	8	8	8	9	9	9
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore, Plane-tree	Tree	13	13	13	13	13	13
Quercus alba	White Oak	Tree	1	1	1			
Quercus michauxii	Basket Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak	Tree	18	18	18	20	20	20
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	Tree	13	13	13	17	17	17
		Stem count	83	83	84	90	90	90
		size (ares)		6			6	
		size (ACRES)		0.15			0.15	
		Species count	7	7	8	6	6	6
		Stems per ACRE	560	560	567	607	607	607

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%
Volunteers included

PnoLS: Number of planted stems excluding live stakes
P-All: Number of planted stems including live stakes
T: Total stems