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LLOYD STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION SITE
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A Detailed Stream and Wetland Restoration Plan was completed for the Site in June 2006. The plan outlined methods to restore pastureland used for livestock grazing. Site alterations including removal of riparian vegetation and straightening and rerouting of stream channels resulted in degraded water quality, unstable channel characteristics (stream entrenchment, erosion, and bank collapse), and decreased wetland function. Prior to implementation, the 24.3-acre Site was underlain by approximately 22.0 acres of hydric soil that had been effectively drained and 0.5 acres of hydric soil with jurisdictional wetland hydrology. The Detailed Stream and Wetland Restoration Plan outlined restoration procedures including 1) belt-width preparation and grading, 2) floodplain bench excavation, 3) channel excavation, 4) installation of channel and ditch plugs, 5) backfilling of the abandoned channel and ditches, 6) ditch rerouting, 7) installation of in-stream structures and a Terracell drop structure at the Site outfall, 8) construction of a piped channel crossing, 9) floodplain soil scarification, and 10) plant community restoration.

The primary goals of this stream and wetland restoration project focused on improving water quality, enhancing flood attenuation, and restoring aquatic and riparian habitat and were accomplished by:

- Removing nonpoint sources of pollution associated with agricultural production including a) removal of livestock from streams, stream banks, and floodplains; b) cessation of broadcasting fertilizer, pesticides, and other agricultural materials into and adjacent to Site streams and wetlands; and c) provide a vegetative buffer adjacent to streams and wetlands to treat surface runoff.
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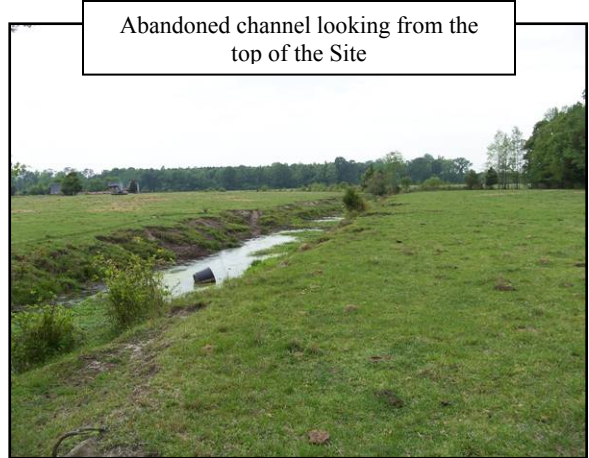
Lloyd Site Preconstruction Conditions



Bottom of
the Site



Area proposed for nonriverine wetland
restoration



Abandoned channel looking from the
top of the Site



Top of the
Site

Lloyd Site During Construction



Main channel looking toward the top of the Site



Looking toward the area of Rains soils/nonriverine wetland restoration



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- Provide 4750 Stream Mitigation Units, as calculated in accordance with the requirements stipulated in RFP #16-D06003.
- Restore approximately 4750 linear feet of stream channel through construction of stable channel.
- Provide 3.3 Riverine Wetland Mitigation Units, as calculated in accordance with the requirements stipulated in RFP #16-D06003.
- Restore approximately 3.3 acres of riverine wetland through filling ditches, removal of spoil castings, eliminating agricultural practices, and/or planting with native forest vegetation.
- Provide 3.1 Nonriverine Wetland Mitigation Units, as calculated in accordance with the requirements stipulated in RFP #16-D06003.
- Restore approximately 3.1 acres of nonriverine wetland through filling ditches, removal of spoil castings, eliminating agricultural practices, and/or planting with native forest vegetation.

- Revegetate floodplains adjacent to restored streams and wetlands.
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2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Preconstruction Conditions

Prior to construction, the entire Site was characterized by active pasture, fallow fields, and forest stands (Figure 3, Appendix A). Pasture was grazed by livestock including cattle and horses, and livestock had access to the entire Site. No exclusionary barriers were located adjacent to onsite streams or wetlands and livestock contributed to degradation of stream banks and compacted hydric soils.



Streams

The Site encompasses two UTs to the New River (main and eastern tributaries) as well as the adjacent floodplain and hydric soils (Figure 3, Appendix A). The tributaries converge on the Site and drain an approximately 1.4-square mile watershed at the Site outfall. The main tributary, a second-order, bank-to-bank stream system, was impacted by ditching, vegetative clearing, hoof shear from cattle and horses, and erosive flows. A portion of the tributary was relocated from its original floodplain position to a linear ditch excavated along the edge of cleared pasture land.

The eastern tributary, a first-order, bank-to-bank stream system, had been impacted by ditching, vegetative clearing, hoof shear from cattle and horses, and incision and no longer received natural stream flows. A berm was placed near the eastern property/Site boundary to redirect stream flows into a linear ditch that drained south along the eastern property boundary into roadside ditches along the southern property boundary. The roadside ditch tied into the main tributary in the southwestern portion of the Site.

Riverine Hydric Soils

Riverine areas of hydric Muckalee soils had been disturbed by stream alterations including dredging, straightening, rerouting, and downcutting of streams; floodplain ditching; deforestation; and soil compaction due to livestock grazing. Site soils of the Muckalee series appeared to have historically supported jurisdictional riverine wetlands that were intermittently flooded by over-bank stream flows, upland runoff, groundwater migration into the Site, and, to a lesser extent, direct precipitation.

Nonriverine Hydric Soils

Nonriverine areas of hydric Rains soils had been disturbed by ditching, deforestation, and soil compaction due to livestock grazing. Site soils of the Rains series appeared to have historically supported jurisdictional nonriverine wetlands with groundwater hydrology driven primarily by precipitation.

Plant Communities

Two plant communities existed on the Site: 1) pasture/fallow fields and 2) forest (Figure 3, Appendix A).

Pastureland maintained little vegetative diversity, and was dominated by fescue (*Festuca* sp.) planted for grazing. Occasional opportunistic weeds were encountered and various shrubs and vines occurred along ditch and stream banks such as greenbrier (*Smilax* sp.), Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*), and rushes (*Juncus* spp.).

Forested areas occurred within a small portion of the Site. The community was characterized by a canopy layer consisting of sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), cherrybark oak (*Quercus pagoda*), American holly (*Ilex opaca*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), water oak (*Quercus nigra*), loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*), and eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). The understory was sparse and consisted of species listed above as well as sweetbay (*Magnolia virginiana*), giant cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*), Japanese honeysuckle, greenbrier, Chinese privet, and fetterbush (*Lyonia lucida*).

Drainage Area

The Site hydrophysiographic region is considered characteristic of the Coastal Plain Physiographic Province. The region is characterized by Carolina bays, swamps, and low-gradient streams with silty or sandy substrate (Griffith 2002). This hydrophysiographic region is characterized by moderate rainfall with precipitation averaging approximately 56 inches per year (USDA 1992). The Site occurs within USGS 14-digit HU 03030001010030 (NCDWQ Subbasin 03-05-02) of the White Oak River Basin (Figure 2, Appendix A) (USGS 1974).

The Site drainage area encompasses approximately 1.4 square miles at the downstream Site outfall. The drainage area is characterized by agricultural land, forest, and low-density residential development. The

two Site UTs to the New River ultimately drain to a section of the New River which has been assigned Stream Index Number 19-(1) and a Best Usage Classification of C NSW (NCDWQ 2005).

2.2 Project History

On December 2, 2005, the EEP entered into a contract with Restoration Systems to restore the Site. A Detailed Stream and Wetland Restoration Plan was completed for the project in June 2006. Upon completion of the detailed plan, construction schematics were developed and construction was initiated on November 20, 2006. Backwater Environmental completed earthwork and grading at the Site on February 16, 2007. Carolina Silvics completed planted the Site February 19-20, 2007.

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3.0 RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

Primary activities at the Site included 1) stream restoration, 2) wetland restoration, 3) soil scarification, and 4) plant community restoration (Sheets P1-P5, Appendix A). Restoration plans constructed 5858 linear feet of stream and restored 3.3 acres of riverine wetlands, 3.1 acres of nonriverine wetlands, and reforested 23.1 acres of the Site. Project SMU calculations accounted for 1) reaches of channel outside of the conservation easement, 2) reaches of channel expected to braid in the upper extent of the Site (sinuosity reduction from 1.3 to 1.1), and 3) linear footage of TerraCell drop structure. In total the Site is expected provide a minimum of 4750 SMUs after 5 years of Site monitoring.

3.1 Stream Restoration

The entire Site is located within a floodplain that was suitable for design channel excavation on new location. The stream was constructed on new location and the old, dredged and straightened channel was abandoned and backfilled. Primary activities designed to restore the channel on new location included 1) belt-width preparation and grading, 2) floodplain bench excavation, 3) channel excavation, 4) installation of channel plugs, 5) backfilling of the abandoned channel, 6) ditch rerouting, 7) installation of in-stream structures and a Terracell drop structure at the Site outfall, and 8) construction of a piped channel crossing.

3.1.1 Belt-width Preparation and Grading

The belt-width was prepared and graded; material excavated during grading was stockpiled immediately adjacent to channel segments to be abandoned and backfilled. These segments were backfilled after stream diversion is completed. After preparation of the corridor, the design channel and updated profile survey was developed and the location of each meander wavelength plotted and staked along the profile.

3.1.2 Floodplain Bench Excavation

A bankfull, floodplain bench was created to 1) remove eroding material and collapsing banks, 2) promote overbank flooding during bankfull flood events, 3) reduce the erosive potential of flood waters, and 4) increase the width of the active floodplain. Bankfull benches were created by excavating the adjacent floodplain to bankfull elevations or filling eroded/abandoned channel areas with suitable material. After excavation, or filling of the bench, a relatively level floodplain surface was stabilized with suitable erosion control measures. Planting of the bench with native floodplain vegetation is expected to reduce erosion of bench sediments, reduce flow velocities in flood waters, filter pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat.



3.1.3 Channel Excavation

The channel was constructed within the range of values depicted in Sheet D-1 (Appendix A), which provides geometry and elevation data for the constructed channel.

The stream banks and local belt-width area of constructed channels were planted with shrub and herbaceous vegetation. Deposition of shrub and woody debris into and/or overhanging the constructed channel was encouraged.

Particular attention was directed toward providing vegetative cover and root growth along the outer bends of each stream meander. Live willow stake revetments, available root mats, and/or biodegradable, erosion-control matting were embedded into the break-in-slope to promote more rapid development of an overhanging bank.

3.1.4 Channel Plugs

Impermeable plugs were installed along abandoned channel segments. The plugs consist of low-permeability materials designed to be of sufficient strength to withstand the erosive energy of surface flow events across the Site. Dense clays imported from off-site and existing material, compacted within the channel, were used for plug construction. The plugs were of sufficient width and depth to form an imbedded overlap in the existing banks and channel bed.

3.1.5 Channel Backfilling

After impermeable plugs were installed, the abandoned channel was backfilled by pushing stockpiled materials into the channel. The channel was filled to the extent that onsite material allowed and compacted to maximize microtopographic variability, including ruts, ephemeral pools, and hummocks in the vicinity of the backfilled channel.

Borrow material was generated through excavation of groundwater storage depressions throughout the Site landscape. The primary purpose of these depressions was to provide suitable, low permeability material for ditch plugs and backfilling, to increase water storage potential within the wetland restoration area, and to increase potential for biological diversity within the complex.

The depressions were constructed by excavating and stockpiling top soils overlying the B horizon (clay layer). Subsequently, clay from the B horizon was excavated as individual pockets approximately 2 to 3 feet in width and 2 to 3 feet in depth, such that the landscape was “pockmarked” with small, groundwater storage depressions (Sheet P-3, Appendix A). Clays excavated from the depressions were utilized as backfill material on adjacent ditch sections. Top soils and sediment removed from ditch cleaning efforts were utilized to backfill the depression to within 0.3 foot of the surface.

3.1.6 Ditch Rerouting

Prior to Site construction, the eastern tributary was routed around Site pastures to the roadside drainage network. Restoration activities diverted this stream flow through its historic floodplain. However, the roadside drainage network must remain in place upon completion of restoration activities, and must function to drain the existing hydrologic design of the roadway. Therefore, the ditch was rerouted around the Site and the ditch network was tied back into Site drainage features near the Site outfall. The rerouted ditch was excavated to adequately drain the roadway.

3.1.7 In-Stream Structures

In-stream structures were used within the Site for bank stabilization, grade control, and habitat improvement. This included the installation of two log vanes and a TerraCell drop structure at the bottom of the Site (Sheet P-5, Appendix A).

Log Vanes

Log vanes were used to direct high velocity flows during bankfull events towards the center of the channel. Log vanes were constructed utilizing large tree trunks harvested from the Site. The tree stem harvested for a log cross-vane arm were long enough to be imbedded into the stream channel and extend several feet into the floodplain. Logs create an arm that slopes from the center of the channel upward at approximately 5 to 7 degrees, tying in at the bankfull floodplain elevation. Logs extend from each stream bank at an angle of 20 to 30 degrees. A trench was dug into the stream channel that was deep enough for the head of the log to be at or below the channel invert. The trench was then extended into the floodplain and the log was set into the trench such that the log arm was below the floodplain elevation. Once the vane was in place, filter fabric was toed into a trench on the upstream side of the vane and draped over the structure to force water over the vane. The upstream side of the structure was then backfilled with suitable material.

TerraCell Outfall Structure

A TerraCell drop structure was installed at the Site outfall to lower Site hydrology to its preconstruction elevation to avoid hydrologic trespass. The drop structure was installed approximately 200 feet from the downstream Site outfall. The structure was constructed to resist erosive forces associated with hydraulic drops proposed at the Site. TerraCell is a light weight, flexible mat made of high density polyethylene strips. The strips are bonded together to form a honeycomb configuration. The honeycomb mat was fixed in place and filled with gravel or sand. Material in the TerraCell structure was be planted with grasses and shrubs for additional erosion protection. The TerraCell structure forms a nickpoint that approximates geologic controls in stream beds.

3.1.8 Piped Channel Crossing

Landowner constraints necessitated the installation of one piped channel crossing to allow access to portions of the property isolated by stream restoration activities. The crossing is located on the section of stream which bisects the conservation easement; the location of the proposed channel crossing is depicted on Sheet P-1 (Appendix A). The crossing was constructed of two pipes 36 inches in diameter and

hydraulically stable rip-rap or suitable rock and is large enough to handle the weight of anticipated vehicular traffic. Approach grades to the crossing were at an approximate 10:1 slope.

3.1.9 Forded Channel Crossing

Landowner constraints necessitated the installation of one forded channel crossing to allow access to portions of the property isolated by stream restoration activities. The location of the forded channel crossing is depicted on Sheet P-1 (Appendix A). The crossing was constructed of hydraulically stable rip-rap or suitable rock and is large enough to handle the weight of anticipated vehicular traffic. Approach grades to the crossing were at an approximate 10:1 slope.

3.1.10 Cattle Exclusion Fencing

Cattle exclusion fencing, 4-foot woven wire, was installed around the perimeter of the easement to exclude livestock from the reconstructed streams and wetlands. The location of the fencing is depicted on Sheet P-1 (Appendix A).

3.2 Wetland Restoration

Wetland restoration activities focused on 1) the reestablishment of historic water table elevations, 2) excavation and grading of elevated spoil and sediment embankments, 3) reestablishment of hydrophytic vegetation, and 4) reconstruction of stream corridors.

3.2.1 Reestablishment of Historic Groundwater Elevations

Preconstruction channel depths averaged 5 feet, while the depth for the constructed restoration channels average approximately 1 foot. Hydric soils adjacent to the incised channels were drained due to lowering of the groundwater tables and a lateral drainage effect from preconstruction stream reaches. Reestablishment of channel inverts is expected to rehydrate hydric Muckalee soils adjacent to Site streams, resulting in the restoration of jurisdictional hydrology to riverine wetlands within the Site.

In addition, drainage ditches present prior to Site construction were effectively removing wetland hydrology within the interstream flat. Filling of these ditches is expected to rehydrate hydric Rains soils within the Site, resulting in the restoration of jurisdictional hydrology to nonriverine wetlands.

3.2.2 Excavation and Grading of Elevated Spoil and Sediment Embankments

Spoil/sediment deposition adjacent to the preconstruction channel and area ditches were removed. Spoil materials were used to fill of onsite ditches, which represented a critical element of onsite wetland restoration.

3.2.3 Hydrophytic Vegetation

Onsite wetland areas endured significant disturbance from land use activities prior to construction such as land clearing, livestock grazing, and other anthropogenic maintenance. Wetland areas were revegetated with native vegetation typical of wetland communities in the region. Emphasis focused on developing a diverse plant assemblage. Plant Community Restoration is discussed in more detail in Section 4.0.

3.2.4 Reconstruction of Stream Corridors

The stream restoration plan involved the reconstruction of the entire onsite length of two UTs to the New River. Prior to construction, the eastern tributary was routed around the Site pasture into the roadside drainage network. Restoration activities revolved around diverting this stream flow through its historic floodplain. Existing channels were backfilled to restore the water table to historic conditions. However, some portions of the abandoned channels remain open for the creation of wetland “oxbow lake-like”

features. These features were plugged on each side of the open channel and will function as open water systems. They are expected to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife as well as create open water/freshwater marsh within the Site.

4.0 PLANT COMMUNITY RESTORATION

On February 19-20, 2007, the Site was planted with native, wetland-adapted tree species (Sheet P-4, Appendix A). Onsite observations, reference forest, and pertinent community descriptions from *Classification of the Natural Communities of North Carolina* (Schafale and Weakley 1990) were used to develop the primary plant community association promoted during restoration efforts. Approximately 23.1 acres of the Site was planted with species characteristic of the Coastal Plain Small Stream Swamp and Nonriverine Wet Hardwoods communities.

Before plant community restoration was implemented, the entire Site was scarified. Scarification was performed as linear bands directed perpendicular to the land slope. Subsequently, community restoration was initiated on scarified surfaces.

Fourteen tree species were planted at the Site; they are as follows (with planted quantity).

Table 1. Planted Tree Species

Vegetation Association (Planting Area)	Coastal Plain Small Stream Swamp/Nonriverine Wet Hardwoods Forest	
Area (acres)	23.1	
SPECIES	Total Number Planted	Percentage of Total
Pawpaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)	2000	7.15
River birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>)	2000	7.15
Mockernut hickory (<i>Carya alba</i>)	2000	7.15
Water hickory (<i>Carya aquatica</i>)	2000	7.15
Sugarberry (<i>Celtis laevigata</i>)	2000	7.15
Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)	2000	7.15
Green ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)	2000	7.15
Black walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	2000	7.15
Black gum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)	2000	7.15
Sycamore (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>)	2000	7.15
Cherrybark oak (<i>Quercus pagodaefolia</i>)	2000	7.15
Water oak (<i>Quercus nigra</i>)	2000	7.15
Willow oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>)	2000	7.15
American elm (<i>Ulmus americana</i>)	2000	7.15
TOTAL	28,000	100

Bare-root seedlings of canopy and understory tree species were planted within the Site at a density of 1212 stems per acre (6.0-foot centers). Planting was performed during February 2007 to allow plants to stabilize during the dormant period and set root during the spring season. Bare-root seedlings were hand planted to minimize wetland soil disturbance. A total of 28,000 diagnostic tree and shrub seedlings were planted in support of Site wetland restoration.

5.0 MONITORING PLAN

The Lloyd Stream and Wetland Restoration Site monitoring plan will entail analysis of the stream channel, hydrology, and vegetation. Monitoring of restoration efforts will be performed for a minimum of 5 years or until success criteria are fulfilled. The detailed monitoring plan is depicted in Sheet P-5 (Appendix A).

5.1 Stream

The Site stream reach is proposed to be monitored for geometric activity. After completion of Site construction twelve stream cross-sections were established; two riffle cross-sections and two maximum pool cross-sections were established on each of the three stream reaches: 1) the eastern tributary, 2) the main tributary upstream of the confluence with the eastern tributary, and 3) the main tributary downstream of the confluence with the eastern tributary.

Annual fall monitoring will include development of channel cross-sections on riffles and pools, pebble counts, and a profile of the channel. A total of 3,000 feet of the project will be monitored. The data will be presented in graphic and tabular format. Data to be presented will include 1) cross-sectional area, 2) bankfull width, 3) average depth, 4) maximum depth, 5) width-to-depth ratio, 6) meander wavelength, 7) belt-width, 8) water surface slope, and 9) sinuosity. The stream will subsequently be classified according to stream geometry and substrate (Rosgen 1996). Significant changes in channel morphology will be tracked and reported by comparing data in each successive monitoring year. A photographic record that will include preconstruction and post-construction pictures has been initiated (Appendix B).

5.2 Hydrology

After hydrological modifications were completed at the Site, continuously recording, surficial monitoring gauges were installed in accordance with specifications in *Installing Monitoring Wells/Piezometers in Wetlands* (NCWRP 1993). Monitoring gauges were set to a depth of approximately 24 inches below the soil surface. Screened portions of each gauge were surrounded by filter fabric, buried in screened well sand, and sealed with a bentonite cap to prevent siltation and surface flow infiltration during floods.

Four monitoring gauges were installed in wetland restoration areas to provide representative coverage of the Site (Sheet P-5, Appendix A). One additional gauge was placed in a reference wetland area in similar landscape positions for comparison with onsite conditions (Sheet P-5, Appendix A). Hydrological sampling will be performed in restoration and reference areas during the growing season (April 8 through November 5) at daily intervals necessary to satisfy the hydrology success criteria within each physiographic landscape area (USDA 1992).

5.3 Vegetation

Following Site planting, five 10-meter by 10-meter vegetation monitoring plots were established within the Site (Sheet P-5, Appendix A). During the first year, vegetation will receive a cursory, visual evaluation on a periodic basis to ascertain the degree of overtopping of planted elements by nuisance species. Subsequently, quantitative sampling of vegetation will be performed each year using the EEP/CVS

methods for vegetation sampling (Lee et al. 2006) between June 1 and September 30 until the vegetation success criteria are achieved.

A photographic record of plant growth will be included in each annual monitoring report.

6.0 SUCCESS CRITERIA

6.1 Stream Success Criteria

Success criteria for stream restoration will include 1) successful classification of the reach as a functioning stream system (Rosgen 1996) and 2) channel variables indicative of a stable stream system.

The channel configuration will be measured on an annual basis in order to track changes in channel geometry, profile, or substrate. These data will be utilized to determine the success in restoring stream channel stability. Specifically, the width-to-depth ratio should characterize an E-type and/or a borderline E-type/C-type channel (≤ 18), bank-height ratios indicative of a stable or moderately unstable channel, and minimal changes in cross-sectional area, channel width, and/or bank erosion along the monitoring reach. In addition, channel abandonment and/or shoot cutoffs must not occur and sinuosity values must remain at approximately 1.3 (thalweg distance/straight-line distance). The field indicator of bankfull will be described in each monitoring year and indicated on a representative channel cross-section figure. If the stream channel is down-cutting or the channel width is enlarging due to bank erosion, additional bank or slope stabilization methods will be employed.

Some areas within the design channel may be expected to form low-slope, braided, stream/swamp complexes similar to Muckalee swamps in the area. These stream/swamp complexes would not be considered unstable; however, footage of stream channel restoration in these reaches will be recalculated from distance along the thalweg (1.3 sinuosity) to distance along the valley (1.0 sinuosity).

Although stream substrate is not expected to coarsen over time, pebble counts will be conducted and the data will be used, along with other measured parameters (cross-sections, etc.), to assess stream stability.

Visual assessment of in-stream structures will be conducted to determine if failure has occurred. Failure of a structure may be indicated by collapse of the structure, undermining of the structure, abandonment of the channel around the structure, and/or stream flow beneath the structure.

6.2 Hydrologic Success Criteria

Target hydrological characteristics include saturation or inundation for at least 10 percent within Rains soils (nonriverine wetlands) and 8 percent within Muckalee soils (riverine wetlands) of the growing season, during average climatic conditions. This value is based on DRAINMOD simulations for 42 years of rainfall data in an old field stage. These areas are expected to support hydrophytic vegetation. If wetland parameters are marginal as indicated by vegetation and/or hydrology monitoring, a jurisdictional determination will be performed in these areas.

In atypical dry years, the hydroperiod must exceed 75 percent of the hydroperiod exhibited by the reference gauges. Reference gauge data will be used to compare wetland hydroperiods between the restoration areas and relatively undisturbed reference wetlands. This data will supplement regulatory evaluation of success criteria and also provide information that shall allow interpretation of mitigation success in years not supporting “normal” rainfall conditions.

6.2 Vegetation Success Criteria

Success criteria have been established to verify that the vegetation component supports community elements necessary for forest development. Success criteria are dependent upon the density and growth of characteristic forest species. Additional success criteria are dependent upon density and growth of "Characteristic Tree Species." Characteristic Tree Species include planted species, species identified through inventory of a reference (relatively undisturbed) forest community used to orient the planting plan, and appropriate Schafale and Weakley (1990) community descriptions (Coastal Plain Small Stream Swamp and Nonriverine Wet Hardwoods Forest). All canopy tree species planted and identified in the reference forest will be utilized to define "Characteristic Tree Species" as termed in the success criteria.

Table 2. Characteristic Tree Species

PLANTED SPECIES	REFERENCE SPECIES
Pawpaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)	Red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)
River birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>)	Ironwood (<i>Carpinus carolinia</i>)
Mockernut hickory (<i>Carya alba</i>)	Pignut hickory (<i>Carya glabra</i>)
Water hickory (<i>Carya aquatica</i>)	Dogwood (<i>Cornus</i> sp.)
Sugarberry (<i>Celtis laevigata</i>)	Ash (<i>Fraxinus</i> sp.)
Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)	American holly (<i>Ilex opaca</i>)
Green ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)	Sweetgum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)
Black walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	Yellow poplar (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>)
Black gum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)	White oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>)
Sycamore (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>)	Water oak (<i>Quercus nigra</i>)
Cherrybark oak (<i>Quercus pagodaefolia</i>)	Laurel oak (<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>)
Water oak (<i>Quercus nigra</i>)	Swamp chestnut oak (<i>Quercus michauxii</i>)
Willow oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>)	Cherrybark oak (<i>Quercus pagoda</i>)
American elm (<i>Ulmus americana</i>)	

An average density of 320 stems per acre of Characteristic Tree Species must be surviving at the end of the third monitor year. Subsequently, 290 Characteristic Tree Species per acre must be surviving at the end of year 4 and 260 Characteristic Tree Species per acre at the end of year 5.

If vegetation success criteria are not achieved, based on average density calculations from combined plots over the entire restoration area, supplemental planting may be performed with tree species approved by regulatory agencies. Supplemental planting will be performed as needed until achievement of vegetation success criteria.

7.0 MONITORING REPORT SUBMITTAL

An Annual Stream and Wetland Monitoring Report will be prepared at the end of each monitoring year (growing season). The monitoring report will depict the sample plot and quadrant locations and include photographs which illustrate Site conditions. Data compilation and analyses will be presented including graphic and tabular format, where practicable.

8.0 CONTINGENCY

In the event that success criteria are not fulfilled, a mechanism for contingency will be implemented.

Stream

In the event that stream success criteria are not fulfilled, a mechanism for contingency will be implemented. Stream contingency may include, but may not be limited to 1) structure repair and/or installation; 2) repair of dimension, pattern, and/or profile variables; and 3) bank stabilization. The method of contingency is expected to be dependent upon stream variables that are not in compliance with success criteria. Primary concerns, which may jeopardize stream success include 1) structure failure, 2) headcut migration through the Site, and/or 3) bank erosion.

Structure Failure

In the event that onsite structures are compromised, the affected structure will be repaired, maintained, or replaced. Once the structure is repaired or replaced, it must function to stabilize adjacent stream banks and/or maintain grade control within the channel. Structures which remain intact, but exhibit flow around, beneath, or through the header/footer pilings will be repaired by excavating a trench on the upstream side of the structure and reinstalling filter fabric in front of the pilings. Structures which have been compromised, resulting in shifting or collapse of header/footer pilings, will be removed and replaced with a structure suitable for onsite flows.

Headcut Migration Through the Site

In the event that a headcut occurs within the Site (identified visually or through onsite measurements [i.e. bank-height ratios exceeding 1.4]), provisions for impeding headcut migration and repairing damage caused by the headcut will be implemented. Headcut migration may be impeded through the installation of in-stream grade control structures (rip-rap sill and/or log cross-vane weir) and/or restoring stream geometry variables until channel stability is achieved. Channel repairs to stream geometry may include channel backfill with coarse material and stabilizing the material with erosion control matting, vegetative transplants, and/or willow stakes.

Bank Erosion

In the event that severe bank erosion occurs at the Site resulting in elevated width-to-depth ratios, contingency measures to reduce bank erosion and width-to-depth ratio will be implemented. Bank erosion contingency measures may include the installation of cross-vane weirs and/or other bank stabilization measures. If the resultant bank erosion induces shoot cutoffs or channel abandonment, a channel may be excavated which will reduce shear stress to stable values.

Hydrology

Hydrological contingency will require consultation with hydrologists and regulatory agencies if wetland hydrology enhancement is not achieved. Floodplain surface modifications, including construction of ephemeral pools, represent a likely mechanism to increase the floodplain area in support of jurisdictional wetlands. Recommendations for contingency to establish wetland hydrology will be implemented and monitored until Hydrology Success Criteria are achieved.

Vegetation

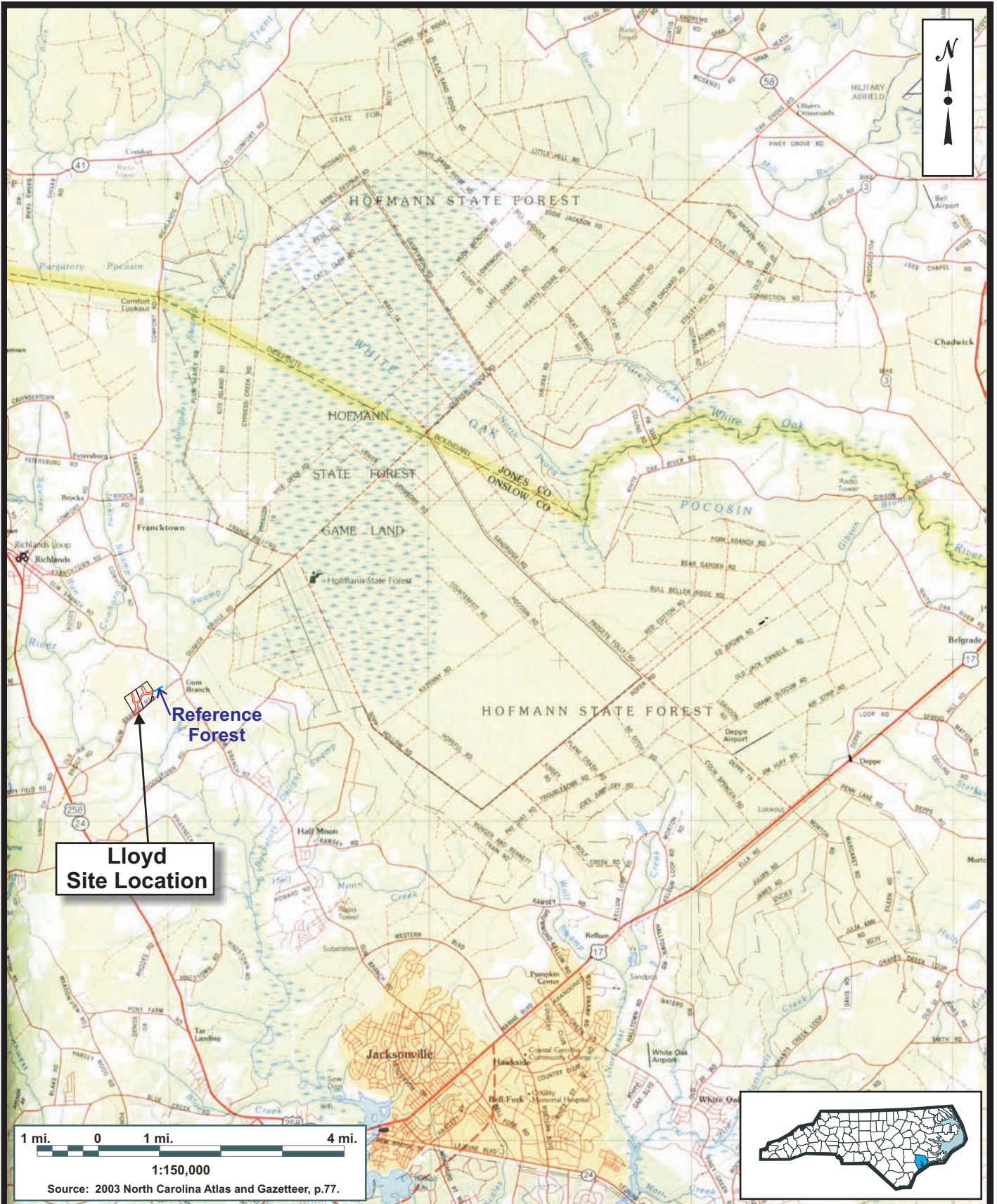
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Appendix A.
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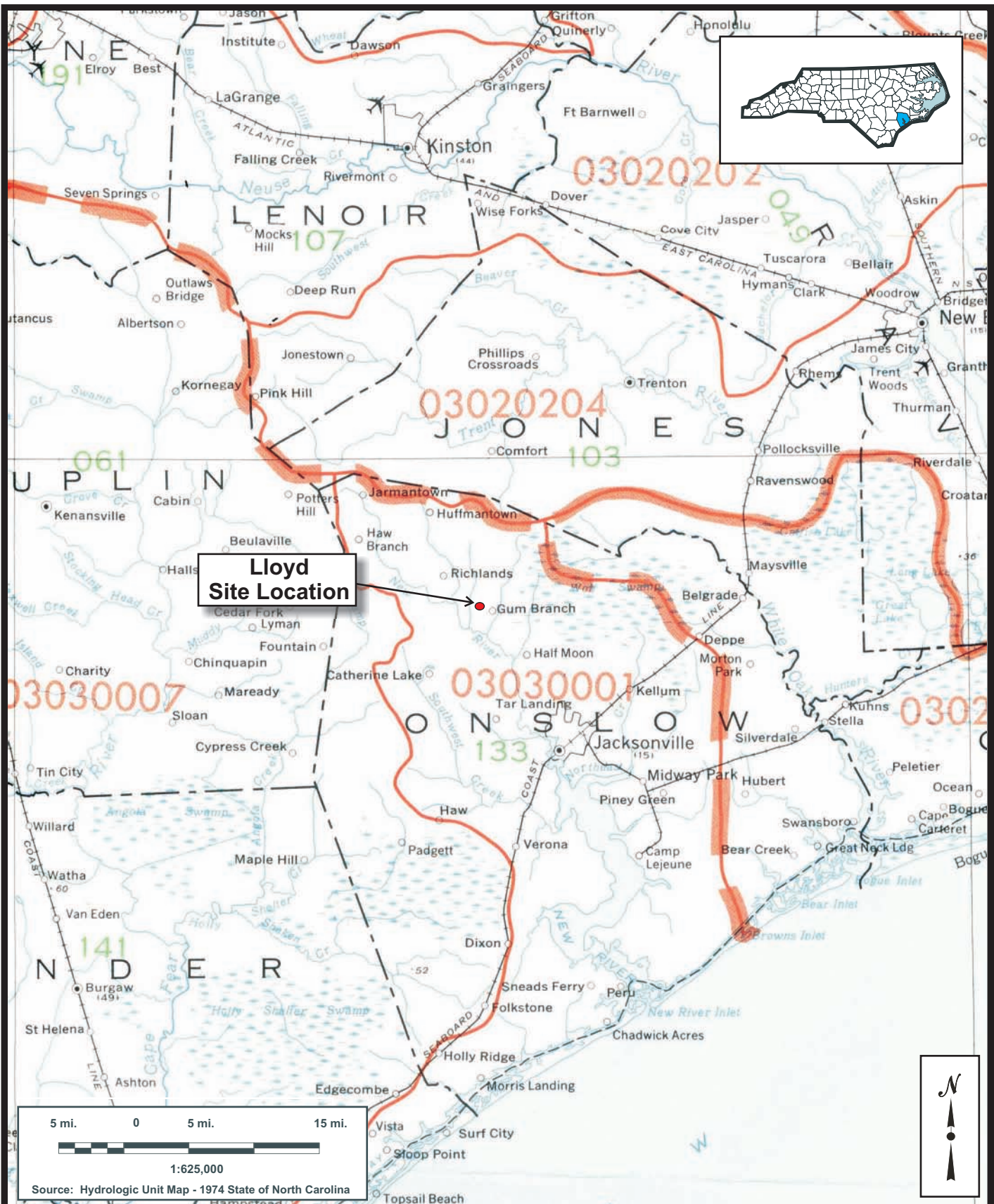
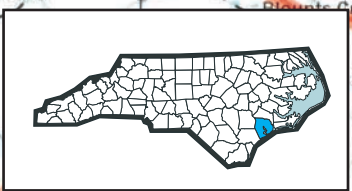
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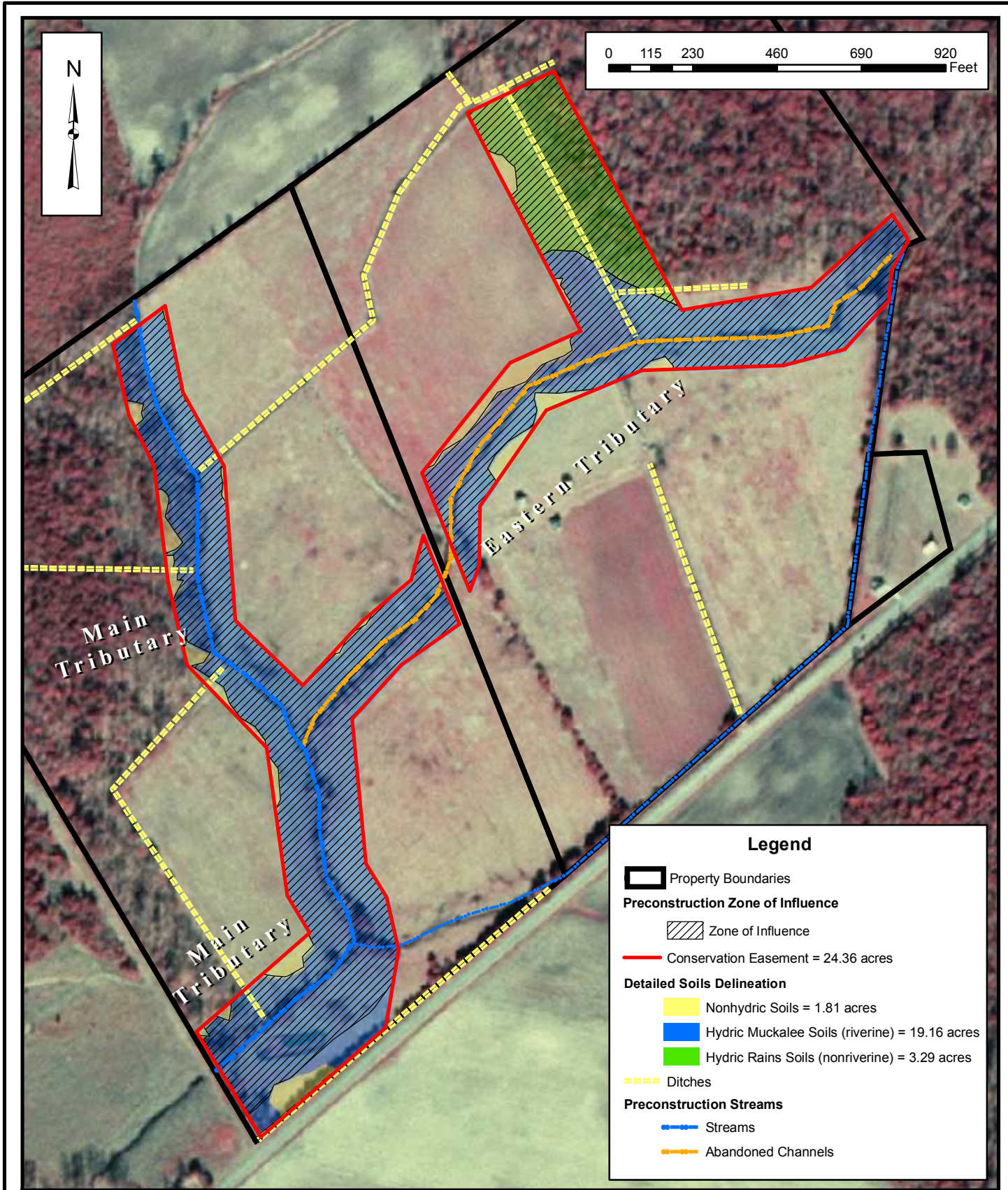
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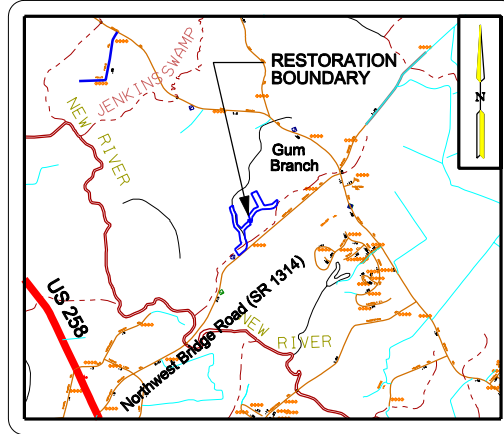
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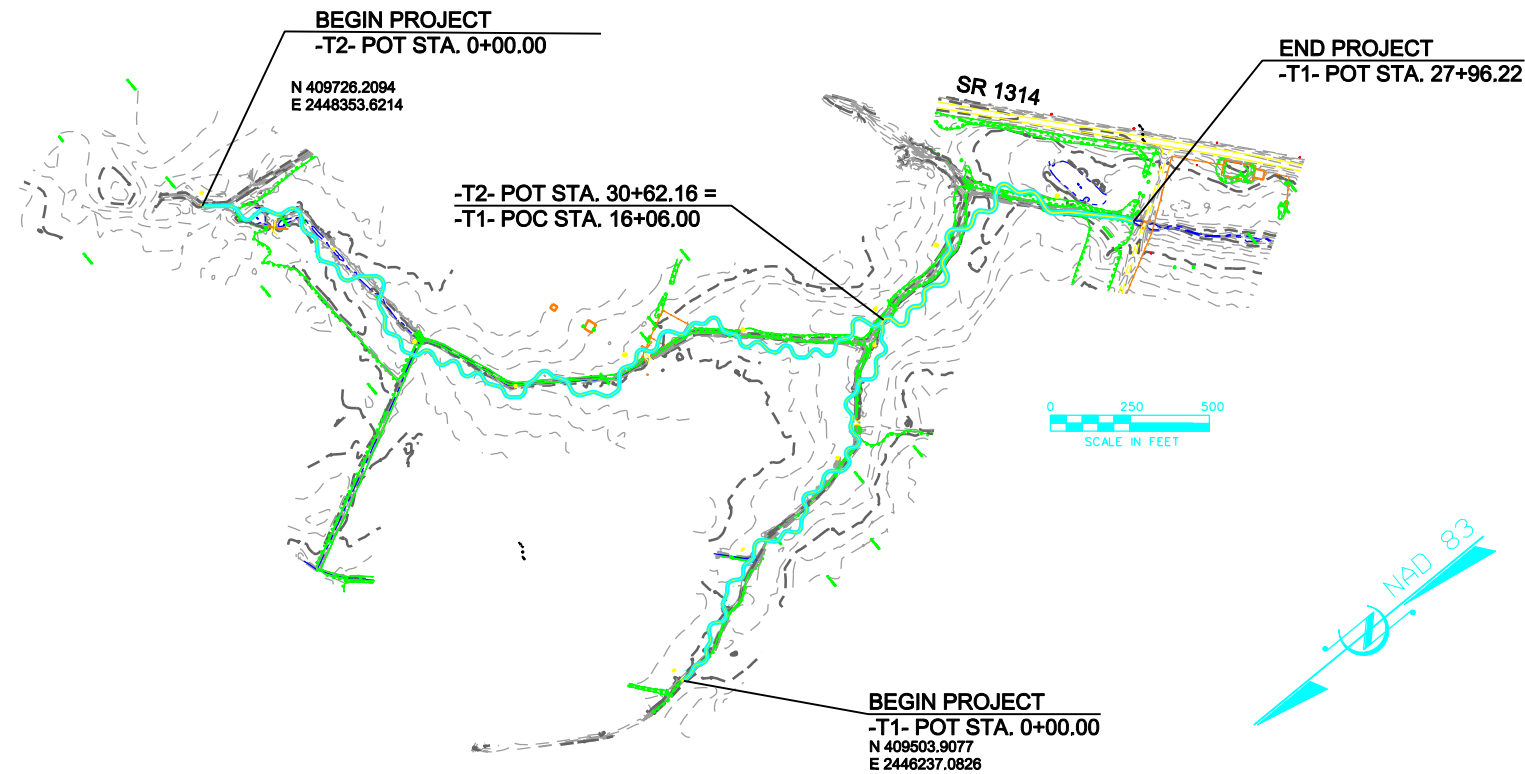
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Lloyd Property Stream and Wetland Restoration project is located along an unnamed tributary to the New River, approximately 5 miles north of Jacksonville in northeastern Onslow County. The project includes 5,858 feet of stream restoration and 24.3 acres of degraded floodplain pastures within an active dairy farm. In addition, the project includes the restoration of 3.3 acres of riparian wetlands and 3.1 acres of nonriparian wetlands by reconnecting the stream to the historic floodplain. Over the last several decades, the stream channels were diverted into canals and the floodplain was cleared and converted to pasture. Long term cattle activity has further eroded the floodplain and stream banks. The primary components of the restoration involved: 1) establishment of a conservation easement encompassing the floodplain; 2) erection of cattle exclusion fencing; 3) elevating a restored system of streams and wetlands back onto the historic (abandoned) floodplain surfaces; 4) backfilling the old entrenched ditch and canal system; 5) reforestation of the 24.3-acre floodplain area; and 5) installation of a monitoring program to track stream and wetland development on the site. Primary construction and planting activities were performed over a 5-month period, from November 2006 through March 2007.

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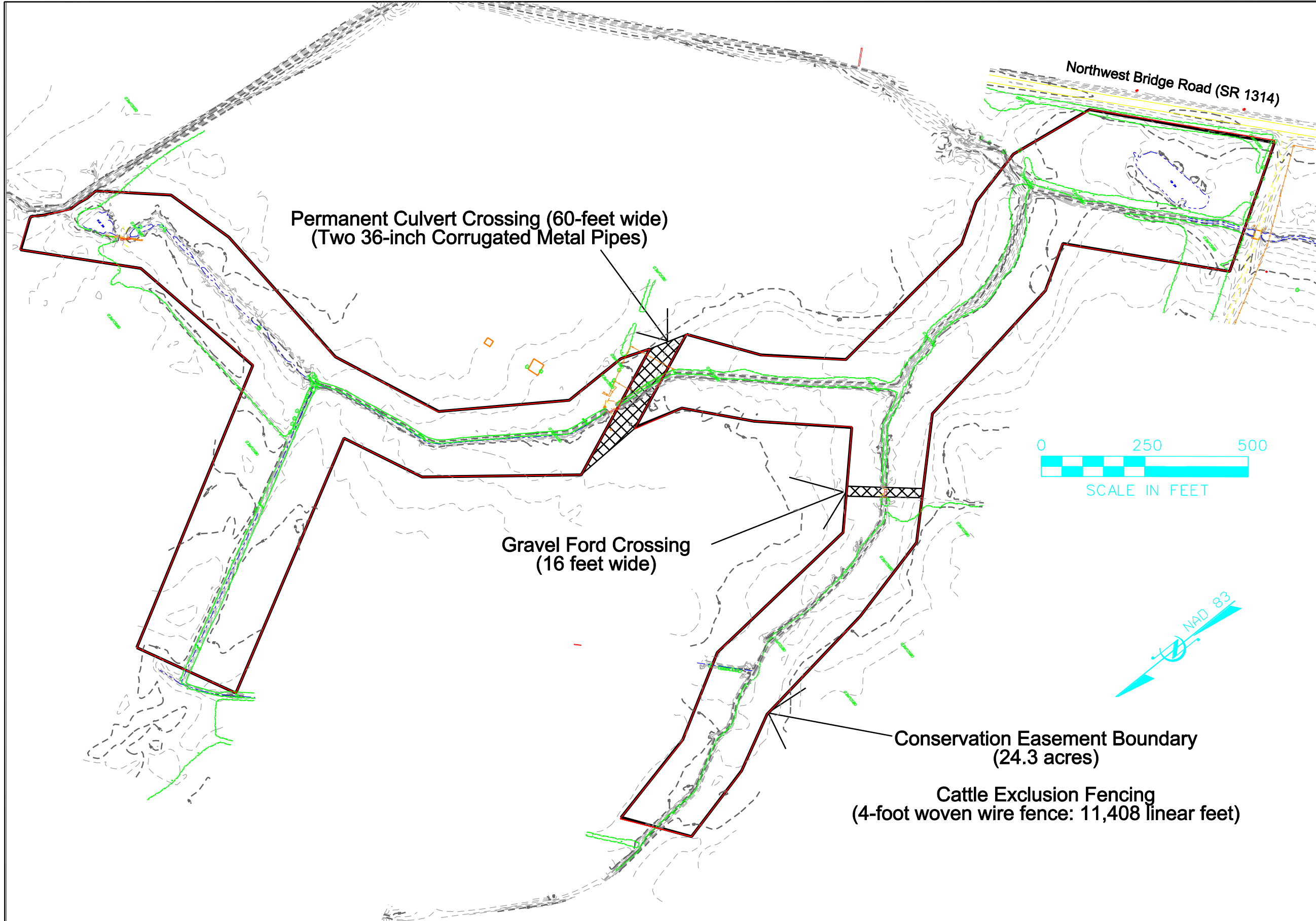
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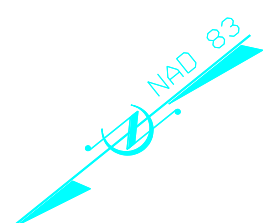


Permanent Culvert Crossing (60-foot wide)
 (Two 36-inch Corrugated Metal Pipes)

Gravel Ford Crossing
 (16 feet wide)

Conservation Easement Boundary
 (24.3 acres)

Cattle Exclusion Fencing
 (4-foot woven wire fence: 11,408 linear feet)





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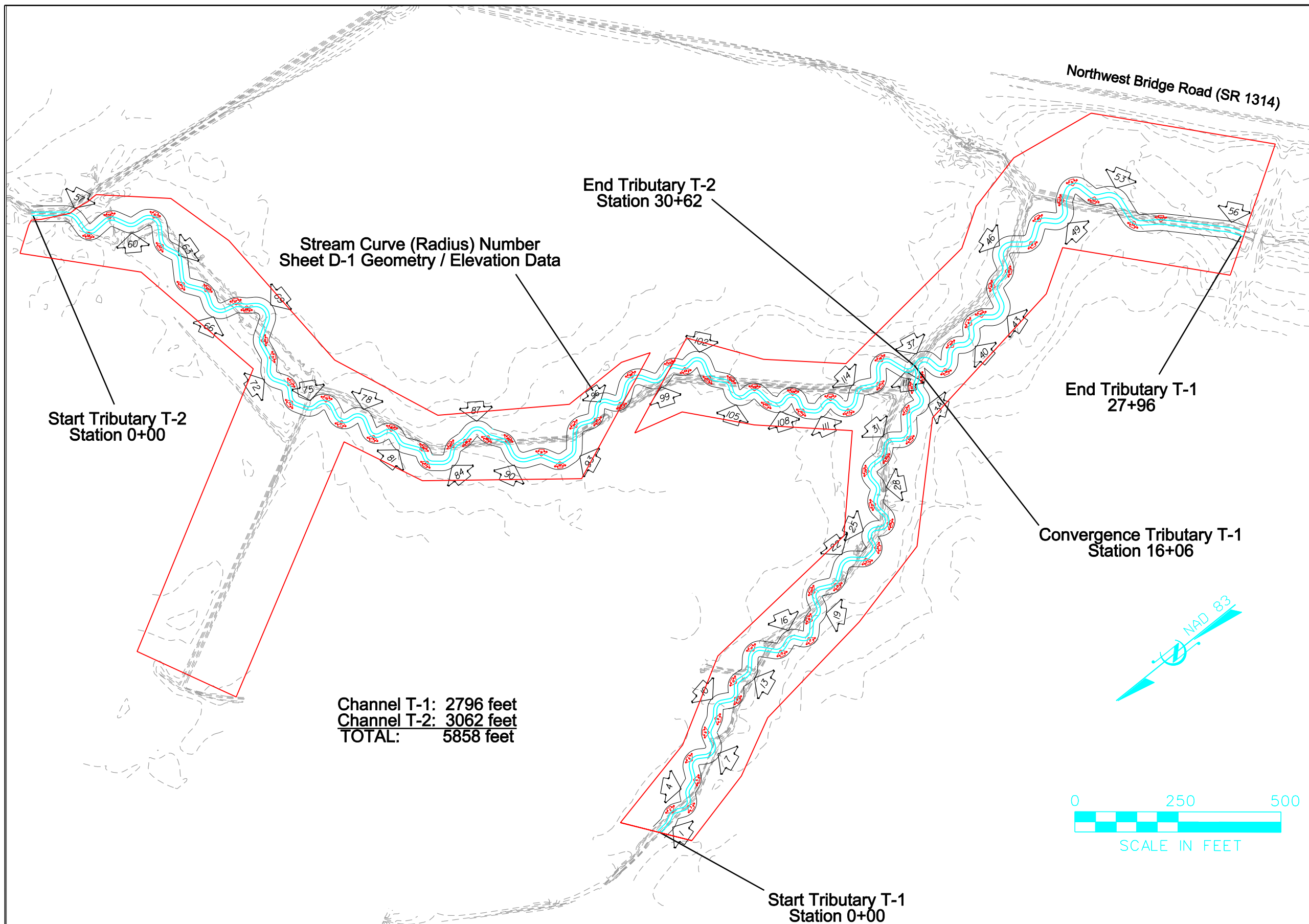
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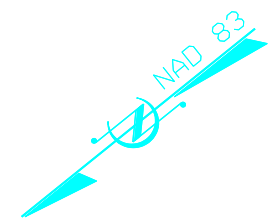
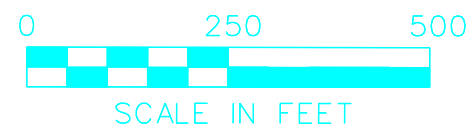
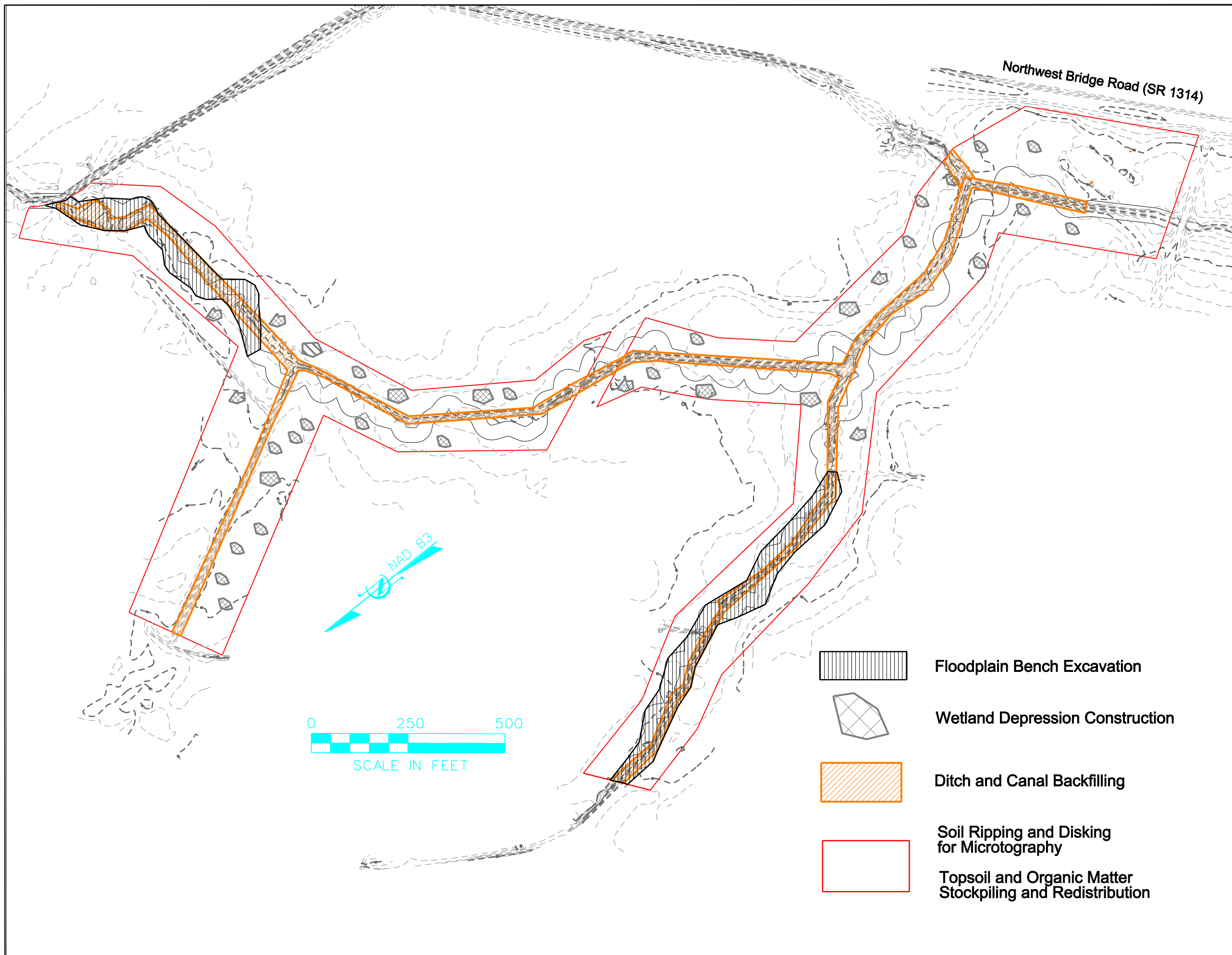
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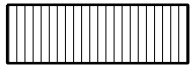
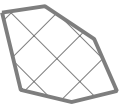



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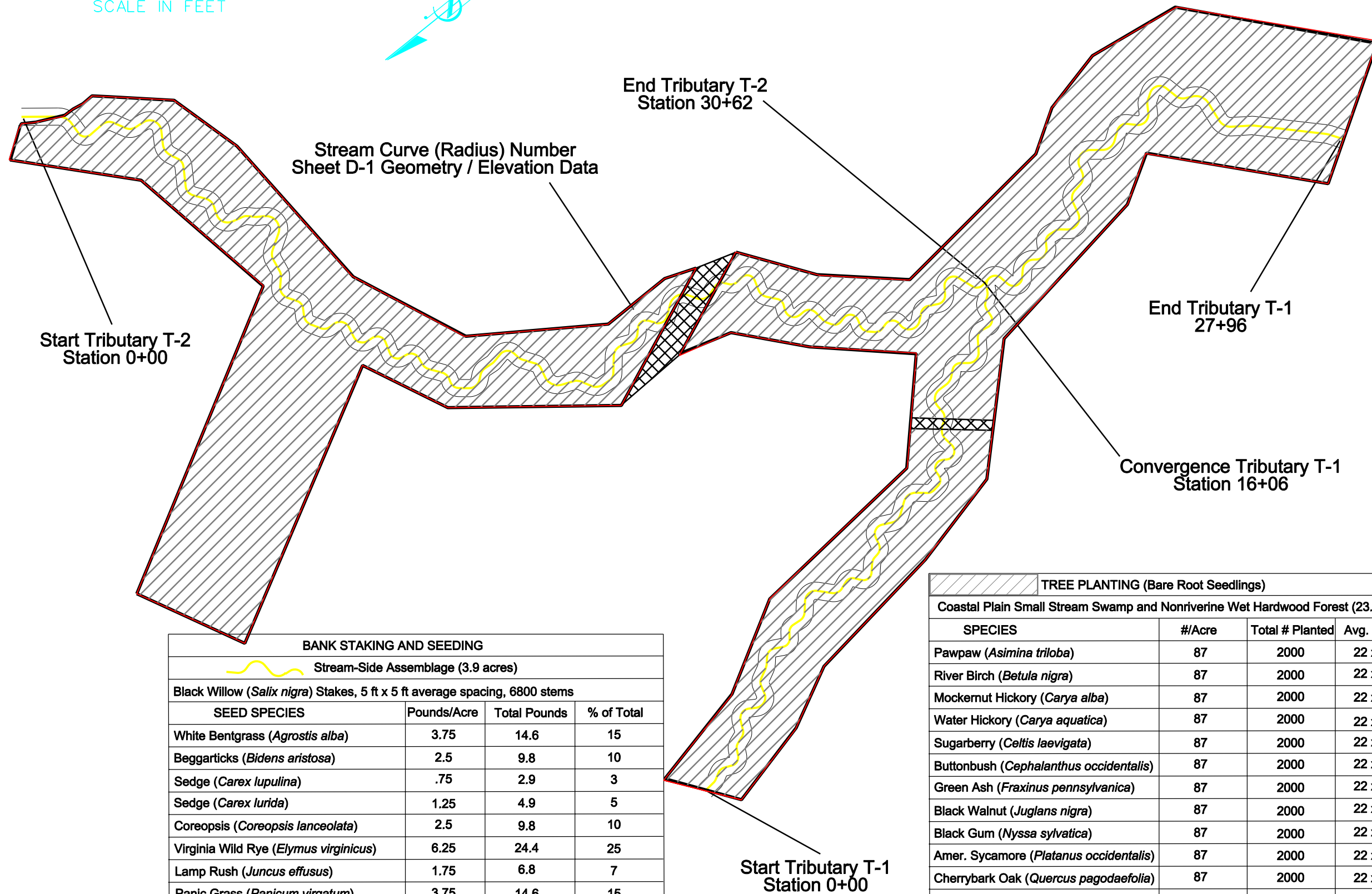
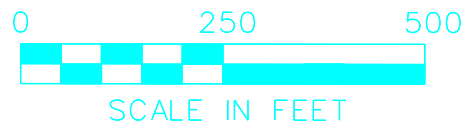
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Stream Curve (Radius) Number
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BANK STAKING AND SEEDING			
Stream-Side Assemblage (3.9 acres)			
Black Willow (<i>Salix nigra</i>) Stakes, 5 ft x 5 ft average spacing, 6800 stems			
SEED SPECIES	Pounds/Acre	Total Pounds	% of Total
White Bentgrass (<i>Agrostis alba</i>)	3.75	14.6	15
Beggarticks (<i>Bidens aristosa</i>)	2.5	9.8	10
Sedge (<i>Carex lupulina</i>)	.75	2.9	3
Sedge (<i>Carex lurida</i>)	1.25	4.9	5
Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>)	2.5	9.8	10
Virginia Wild Rye (<i>Elymus virginicus</i>)	6.25	24.4	25
Lamp Rush (<i>Juncus effusus</i>)	1.75	6.8	7
Panic Grass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	3.75	14.6	15
Smartweed (<i>Polygonum pennsylvanicum</i>)	2.5	9.8	10
TOTAL	25	97.5	100
Temporary Rye Grain	25	23.1 acres, 600 pounds	
Temporary Rye Grass	50	23.1 acres, 1200 pounds	

TREE PLANTING (Bare Root Seedlings)			
Coastal Plain Small Stream Swamp and Nonriverine Wet Hardwood Forest (23.1 acres)			
SPECIES	#/Acre	Total # Planted	Avg. Spacing
Pawpaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Mockernut Hickory (<i>Carya alba</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Water Hickory (<i>Carya aquatica</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Sugarberry (<i>Celtis laevigata</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Green Ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Black Walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Black Gum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Amer. Sycamore (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Cherrybark Oak (<i>Quercus pagodaefolia</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Water Oak (<i>Quercus nigra</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
Willow Oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
American Elm (<i>Ulmus americana</i>)	87	2000	22 x 22 ft
TOTAL	1212	2000	22 x 22 ft



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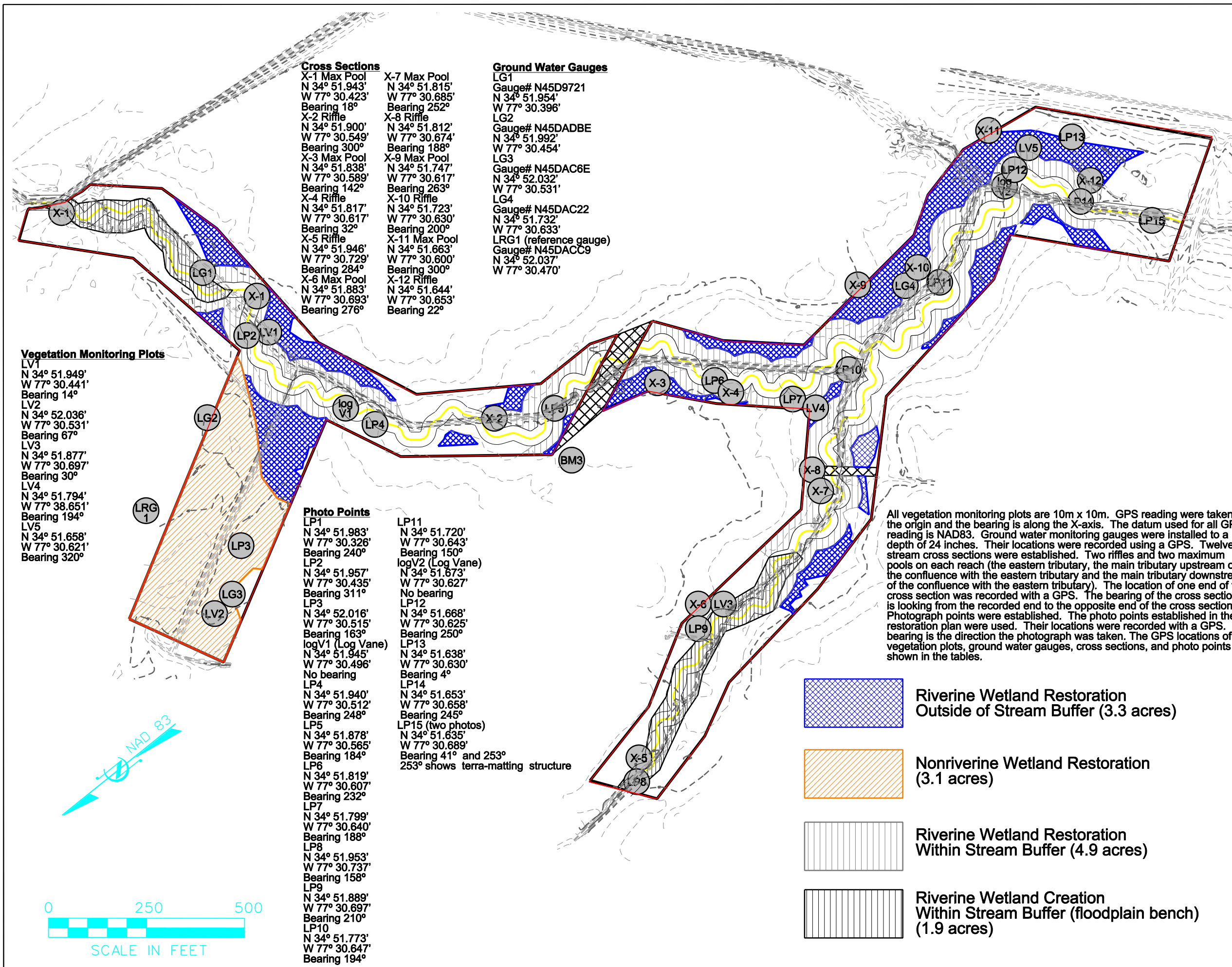
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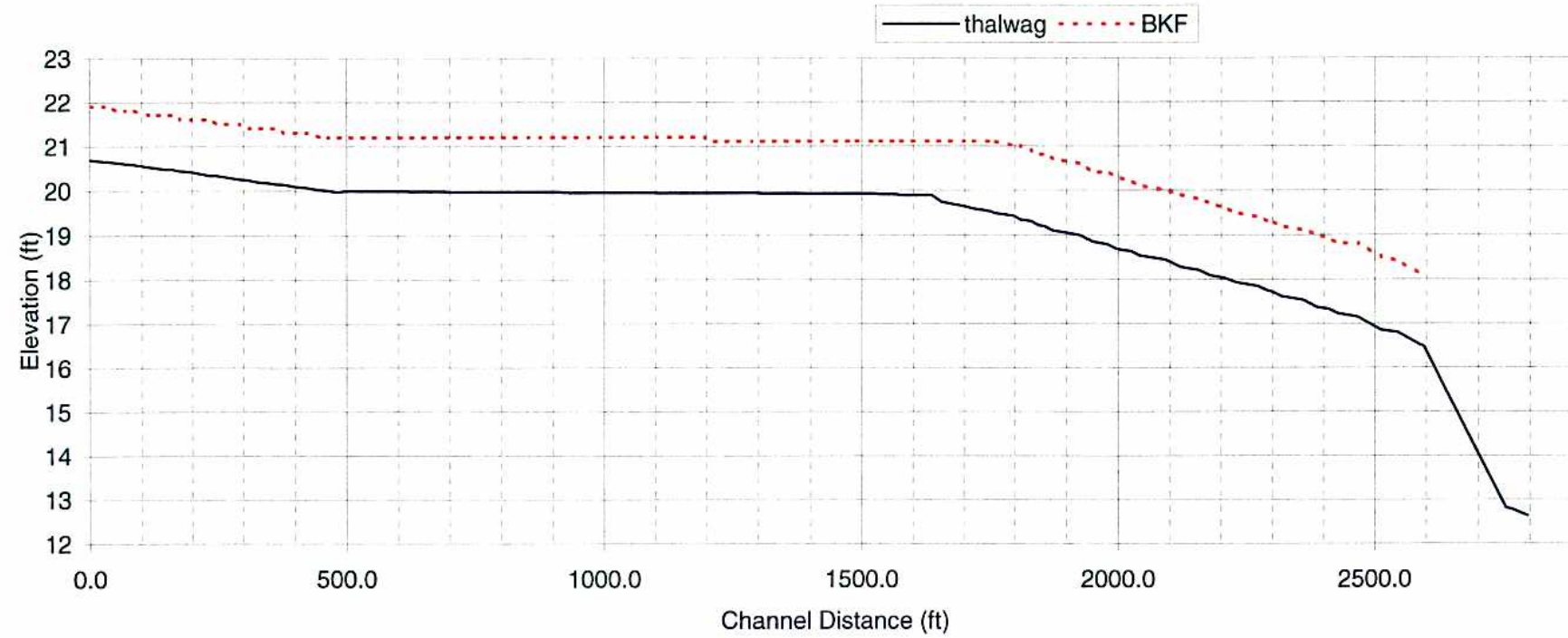
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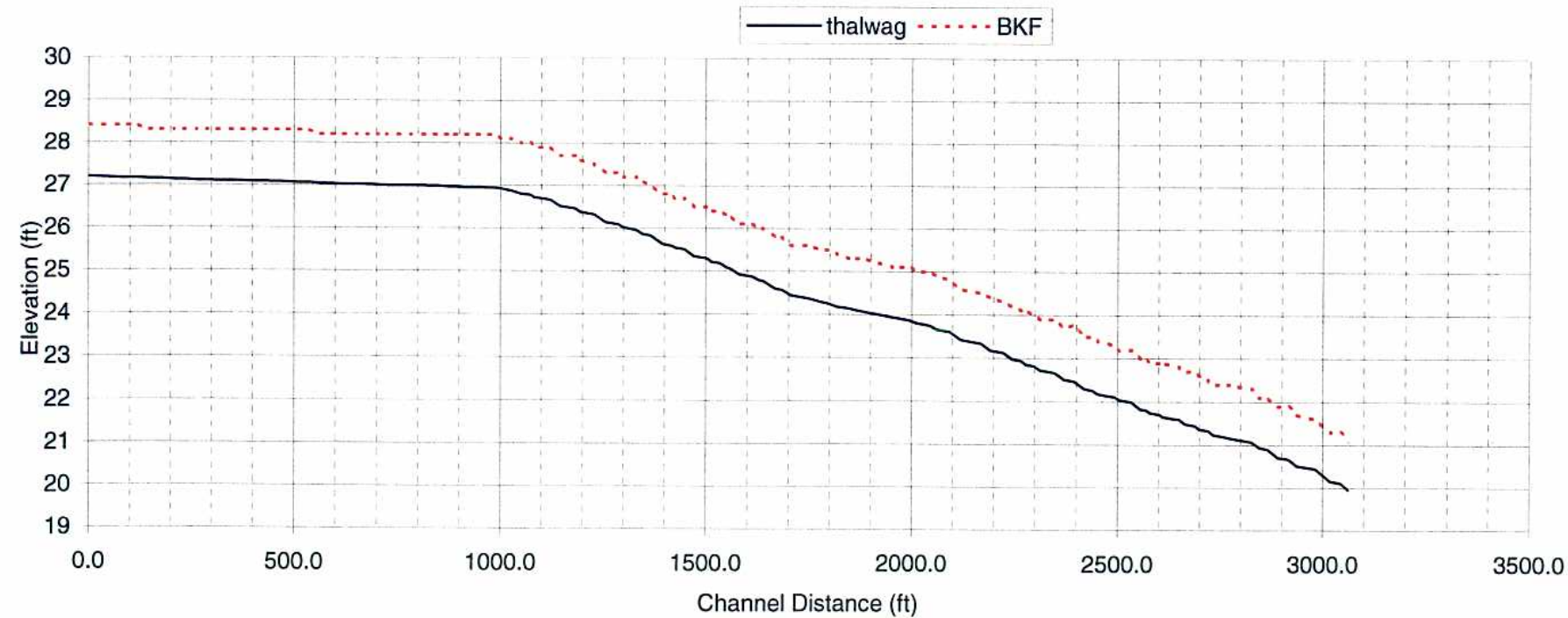
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Tributary T1 Profile



Tributary T2 Profile



**Appendix B.
Preconstruction and
Construction Photographs**

Appendix B: Preconstruction Photographs



Looking upstream on abandoned channel at Site infall.



Looking downstream on abandoned channel from Site infall.



Looking downstream on abandoned channel.



Looking upstream on abandoned channel.



Looking across the abandoned channel toward the main tributary adjacent to the tree line.

Appendix B: Preconstruction Photographs (continued)



Looking across the abandoned channel toward the area of Rains soils proposed for nonriverine wetland restoration.



Looking upstream at the main channel adjacent to the tree line.



Looking towards the abandoned channel near the location of the culverted crossing that will bisect the easement.



Looking downstream at the confluence of the main channel and the abandoned channel.



Looking upstream towards the confluence of the main channel and the existing eastern channel/roadside ditch.

Appendix B: Construction Photographs



Overview of the Site looking from east to west.



Looking from the top of the Site, downstream at the Main Channel (previously abandoned).



Looking from the bottom of the Site, upstream.



Looking upstream at the Main Channel (previously abandoned).



Overview of the Site looking from the northwest toward the southeast.

Appendix B: Construction Photographs (continued)



Looking across the filled abandoned channel toward the area of Rains soils/nonriverine wetland restoration.



Wrack adjacent to the Main Channel from an overbank event that occurred during construction.



Looking at the Main Channel from the top of the Site. Adjacent Muckalee soils/riverine wetland restoration areas are beginning to rehydrate.



Looking upstream at upper reach of the Eastern Tributary where a floodplain bench was excavated to encourage overbank flooding.