

# South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project Year 3 Monitoring Report

**McDowell County, North Carolina**

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## McDowell County, North Carolina

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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Muddy Creek Restoration Project (Project) was restored by Michael Baker Engineering, Inc. (Baker) through an on-call design and construction services contract with the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP). This report documents and presents Year 3 monitoring data as required during the five-year monitoring period.

The specific goals for the South Muddy Creek Restoration Project were as follows:

- Create geomorphically stable conditions on the Project site,
- Improve and restore hydrologic connections between the streams and their floodplains,
- Improve water quality in the South Muddy Creek watershed, and
- Improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat along the Project corridor.

To accomplish these goals the following objectives were implemented:

- Excavate a wide floodplain bench and construct a new channel with stable dimension and pattern,
- Restore channel access the floodplain during bankfull or larger storm events to increase hydrologic connections and alleviate erosive shear stresses,
- Incorporate bedform diversity with varied in-stream structures to provide a variety of aquatic habitats,
- Treat the floodplain for invasive species vegetation, and
- Reestablish a riparian buffer with native vegetation to improve terrestrial habitat and eliminate excessive sedimentation from erosion.

The Project site is located approximately nine miles southeast of Marion in McDowell County, North Carolina, as shown in Figure 1 in Appendix A. The Project is situated in the Catawba River Basin, within the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) sub-basin 03-08-30 and United States Geologic Survey (USGS) hydrologic unit 03050101040-020. Directions to the Project site can be found in Figure 1 of Appendix A.

South Muddy Creek lies within the Piedmont physiographic province. Its watershed is predominately forested, supporting some isolated rural residential housing, chicken farms, agricultural lands, nurseries, and several small rural residential developments. In the early 1960's the McDowell County Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) constructed a flood control structure within South Muddy Creek approximately three miles upstream from the Project area. This structure controls flows from approximately 12.4 square miles of the watershed and is located on privately-owned land that is maintained by the NRCS.

The land surrounding the Project site has been used predominantly for crop cultivation. Impacts from past channelization of the stream have allowed the channel to incise over time and become disconnected from its floodplain; thereby, promoting excessive shear stress forces on the bed and banks which led to subsequent erosion. The Project involved the restoration of 2,787 linear feet (LF) of stream along South Muddy Creek at Sain Road using a Rosgen Priority 2 restoration approach. The Priority 2 channel design approach entailed the excavation of bankfull benches to alleviate shear stress on stream banks and to re-establish of channel pattern to dissipate flow velocities in meander bends while creating in-stream habitat with riffle-pool sequences and allowing for the strategic placement of in-stream structures. Approximately 14.1 acres of associated riparian buffer were restored or enhanced throughout the Project area and a conservation easement consisting of 17.1 acres will protect and preserve all stream reaches and riparian buffers in perpetuity.

Table 6a in Appendix B summarizes the vegetation condition of the Project site. The planted acreage performance categories were functioning at 100% with no bare areas or low stem density areas to report.

Invasive areas of concern were observed and documented accordingly in Table 6a and as vegetation problem areas (VPAs) in Figure 2 and Table 6b (Appendix B). Twenty-one discrete areas of invasive species were documented throughout the site and totaled approximately 1.45 acres, or 8.5 percent of the total easement acreage. A more detailed summary of the results for the vegetation condition assessment can be found in Appendix B which includes a technical memorandum, current condition plan view (CCPV) figures, supporting data tables, and photo logs; the contents of Appendix B was submitted to NCEEP in May 2014 and served as the interim visual site assessment report.

A NCEEP licensed contractor conducted exotic invasive plant control on the project site during the 2014 growing season. An initial round of treatment occurred in April 2014. The easement was walked in its entirety, and previously infested areas were evaluated for efficacy of control; monitoring showed high success in treatment of woody stems, but evidence of persisting kudzu was observed. Woody stems were retreated, and kudzu areas were marked for later treatment. The easement was revisited in July 2014 to treat kudzu patches. Foliar applications of clopyralid were applied to infestations located within the easement. Invasive species will continue to be monitored and treated as needed.

The success criteria or survival threshold of 320 stems per acre by the end of Year 3 was met for 11 out of the 12 vegetation monitoring plots. The average density of total planted stems or tract mean (including volunteers) is 509 stems per acre. Though the majority of the Project site is on track for meeting the final success criteria of 260 trees per acre by the end of Year 5, it should be noted that most vegetation plots exhibiting a lower planted stem density count have been offset by the presence of thriving volunteer species. Volunteers will continue to be included in each plot's stem count per acre throughout the monitoring period and will likely aid in the Project's ability to meet its Year 5 final success criteria; however, additional riparian plantings may be needed in areas where lower stem densities have been documented. Vegetation stem counts are summarized in Tables 7 and 9 of Appendix C.

Table 5a in Appendix B, indicates the South Muddy Creek site is geomorphically stable overall and performing at 100% for the majority of parameters evaluated within the lateral/vertical stability and in-stream structure performance categories. The six sub-categories receiving scores of less than 100% correspond to the seven stream problem areas (SPAs) documented and summarized in Table 5b (Appendix B). The five SPAs were characterized by localized areas of bank scour and were all located upstream of the Sain Road bridge. A more detailed summary of the results for the visual stream stability assessment can be found in Appendix B which includes a technical memorandum, CCPV figures, supporting data tables, and photo logs.

The four permanent cross-sections in Appendix D show that there has been little adjustment to stream dimension within the Project reach since construction. In general, riffles appeared to have narrowed in width slightly while pools show little to no change in (maximum) depth. The longitudinal profile indicates that the bed features are generally stable and that grade control structures (constructed riffles and j-hooks) continue to help maintain the overall profile desired. Pool lengths and depths appear to have been maintained with minor localized adjustments. The Aggradation noted in the Year 1 Monitoring Report within the downstream limits of the Project reach profile along the meander bend beginning at station 36+00 has begun to scour and return to a more stable maximum depth. Scour within the aggraded meander bend, from larger, subsequent storm flows, should continue to flush the aggraded material downstream and help to re-establish a deeper pool over time. The site was found to have had at least one bankfull event based on crest gauge readings. Information on bankfull events is provided in Table 12 of Appendix E.

Summary information/data related to the occurrence of items such as beaver or encroachment, and statistics related to performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. Narrative background and supporting information formerly found in these reports can be found in the Baseline Monitoring Report (formerly Mitigation Plan) and in the Mitigation Plan (formerly Restoration Plan) documents available on EEP's website. *It should be noted that the Baseline Monitoring Report and Mitigation Plan for this Project includes the summary of constructed design approaches for South*

*Fork Hoppers Creek (EEP Project No. 92251), a nearby project site that was designed and constructed in conjunction with the South Muddy Creek project as part of the same EEP on-call design and construction services contract. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices is available from EEP upon request.*

## **2.0 METHODOLOGY**

The five-year monitoring plan for the Project site includes criteria to evaluate the success of the vegetation and stream components of the project. The methodology and report template used to evaluate these two components adheres to the EEP monitoring guidance document dated November 7, 2011, which will continue to serve as the template for subsequent monitoring years. The specific locations of monitoring features, such as vegetation plots, permanent cross-sections, reference photo stations and crest gauges, are shown on the CCPV sheets found in Figure 2 of Appendix B.

The majority of Year 3 monitoring data was collected in May 2014 and September 2014. All visual site assessment data contained in Appendix B was collected on April 17<sup>th</sup> except for the vegetation plot data and corresponding plot photos which were collected on November 10<sup>th</sup>. All stream survey (channel dimension and profile) and sediment data were collected on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Stream survey data was collected using a Topcon GRS-1 network Rover GPS unit which collects point data with an accuracy of less than one tenth of a foot.

### **2.1 Stream Assessment**

Geomorphic monitoring of restored stream reaches is being conducted for five years to evaluate the effectiveness of the restoration practices installed. Monitored stream parameters include channel dimension (cross-sections), profile (longitudinal survey), bed composition, bank and channel stability, bankfull flows, and reference sites documented by photographs. A crest gauge, as well as high flow marks, will be used to document the occurrence of bankfull events. The methods used and any related success criteria are described below for each parameter. For monitoring stream success criteria, 4 permanent cross-sections, 1 crest gauge, and 20 photo identification points were installed.

#### **2.1.1 Morphologic Parameters and Channel Stability**

##### **2.1.1.1 Dimension**

Four permanent cross-sections were installed throughout the entire project area. Cross-sections selected for monitoring were located in representative riffle and pool facets and each cross-section was marked on both banks with permanent pins to establish the exact transect used. The two pairs of riffle and pool cross-sections are all located upstream of the Sain Road bridge crossing. A common benchmark will be used for cross-sections and consistently referenced to facilitate comparison of year-to-year data. The cross-sectional surveys will include points measured at major breaks in slope, including top of bank, bankfull, inner berm, edge of water, and thalweg, if the features are present. Riffle cross-sections were classified using the Rosgen Stream Classification System (Rosgen, 1994), and all monitored cross-sections should fall within the quantitative parameters defined for channels of the design stream type.

There should be little change in as-built cross-sections. If changes do take place, they will be evaluated to determine if they represent a movement toward a more unstable condition (e.g., down-cutting or erosion) or a movement toward increased stability (e.g., settling, vegetative changes,

deposition along the banks, or decrease in width/depth ratio). Cross-sectional data is presented in Figure 3 of Appendix D.

### **2.1.1.2 Longitudinal Profile**

One longitudinal profile was surveyed for the entire project length of the Project reach and is provided in Figure 4 of Appendix D. Longitudinal profiles will be replicated annually during the five year monitoring period.

Measurements taken during longitudinal profiles include thalweg, water surface, and the top of low bank. All measurements were taken at the head of each feature (e.g., riffle, run, pool, glide) and the maximum pool depth. Elevations of grade control structures were also included in the longitudinal profiles surveyed. Surveys were tied to a permanent benchmark.

The pools should remain relatively deep with flat water surface slopes, and the riffles should remain steeper and shallower than the pools. Bed form observations should be consistent with those observed for channels of the design stream type as well as other design information.

### **2.1.1.3 Substrate and Sediment Transport**

Bed load material analysis consists of a pebble count taken in the same constructed riffle (at cross-section X4) during annual geomorphic surveys of the Project site. This sample, combined with evidence provided by changes in cross-section and profile data will reveal changes in sediment gradation that occur over time as the stream adjusts to upstream sediment loads. Significant changes in sediment gradation will be evaluated with respect to stream stability and watershed changes. Bed material distribution data is located in Figure 5 of Appendix D.

## **2.1.2 Hydrology**

### **2.1.2.1 Streams**

The occurrence of bankfull events within the monitoring period will be documented by the use of crest gauges and photographs. One crest gauge was installed on the floodplain at the bankfull elevation along the left top of bank at station 22+00. The bottom of the crest gauge coincides with the top of bank (bankfull) elevation. The crest gauges record the highest watermark between site visits, and are checked at each site visit to determine if a bankfull event has occurred. Photographs are used to document the occurrence of debris lines and sediment deposition on the floodplain during monitoring site visits.

Two bankfull flow events must be documented at the crest gauge within the 5-year monitoring period. The two bankfull events must occur in separate years; otherwise, the stream monitoring will continue until two bankfull events have been documented in separate years or until the monitoring period ends. If two bankfull events have not been documented at the end of 5 years the Interagency Review Team (IRT) will have to decide on an appropriate course of action.

## **2.1.3 Photographic Documentation of Site**

Photographs will be used to document restoration success visually. Reference stations were photographed during the as-built survey; this will be repeated for at least five years following construction. Reference photos are taken once a year, from a height of approximately five to six feet. Permanent markers will ensure that the same locations (and view directions) are utilized during each monitoring period. Selected site photographs are shown in Appendix B.

### **2.1.3.1 Lateral Reference Photos**

Reference photo transects were taken of the right and left banks at each permanent cross-section. A survey tape was captured in most photographs which represents the cross-section line located



perpendicular to the channel flow. The water line was located in the lower edge of the frame in order to document bank and riparian conditions. Photographers will make an effort to consistently maintain the same area in each photo over time.

### **2.1.3.2 Structure Photos**

Photographs of primary grade control structures (i.e. vanes and weirs), along the restored streams are included within the photographs taken at reference photo stations. Photographers will make every effort to consistently maintain the same area in each photo over time.

Lateral and structure photographs are used to evaluate channel aggradation or degradation, bank erosion, success of riparian vegetation, structure function, and stability, and effectiveness of erosion control measures subjectively. Lateral photos should not indicate excessive erosion or degradation of the banks. A series of photos over time should indicate successive maturation of riparian vegetation and consistent structure function.

### **2.1.4 Visual Stream Morphological Stability Assessment**

The visual stream morphological stability assessment involves the qualitative evaluation of lateral and vertical channel stability, and the integrity and overall performance of in-stream structures throughout the Project reach as a whole. Habitat parameters, such as riffle embeddedness and pool depth maintenance, are also measured and scored. The entire project reach was walked, noting geomorphic conditions of the stream bed profile (riffle/pool facets), both stream banks, and engineered in-stream structures. Photos were taken at every stream photo reference station as discussed in the previous section, and in locations of potential SPAs which were documented in the field for subsequent mapping on the CCPV figures. A more detailed summary of the methodology and results for the visual stream stability assessment can be found in Appendix B which includes a technical memorandum, supporting data tables, and SPA photos.

## **2.2 Vegetation Assessment**

Successful restoration of the vegetation on a mitigation site is dependent upon hydrologic restoration, active planting of preferred canopy species, and volunteer regeneration of the native plant community. In order to determine if the criteria are achieved, twelve vegetation monitoring quadrants were installed across the project site. The total number of quadrants was calculated using the CVS-NCEEP Entry Tool Database version 2.2.7 (CVS-NCEEP, 2007). The size of individual quadrants varies from 100-square meters for tree species to 1-square meter for herbaceous vegetation. Level 1 CVS vegetation monitoring will occur in spring, after leaf-out has occurred, or in the fall prior to leaf fall. At the end of the first growing season during baseline surveys, species composition, density, and survival were evaluated. Individual quadrant data provided during subsequent monitoring events will include diameter, height, density, and coverage quantities. Relative values will be calculated, and importance values will be determined. Individual trees will be marked to ensure that they can be found in succeeding monitoring years. Mortality will be determined from the difference between the previous year's living, planted trees and the current year's living, planted trees.

The interim measure of vegetative success for the site is the survival of at least 320, 3-year old, planted trees per acre at the end of Year 3 of the monitoring period. The final vegetative success criteria is the survival of 260, 5-year old, planted trees per acre at the end of the Year 5 monitoring period.

Photographs are used to visually document vegetation success in sample plots. Reference photos of tree and herbaceous condition within plots are taken at least once per year. As part of the visual site assessment conducted on April 17, 2014, the vegetation condition of planted vegetation along stream banks, floodplains, and terraces were qualitatively evaluated for performance; this also included the documentation of invasive species and potential VPAs which were recorded in the field for subsequent mapping on the CCPV figures. A

more detailed summary of the methodology and results for the vegetation condition assessment can be found in Appendix B which includes a technical memorandum, supporting data tables, and photo logs.

### **3.0 REFERENCES**

Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) and NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP). 2007. CVS-NCEEP Data Entry Tool v. 2.2.7. University of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC.

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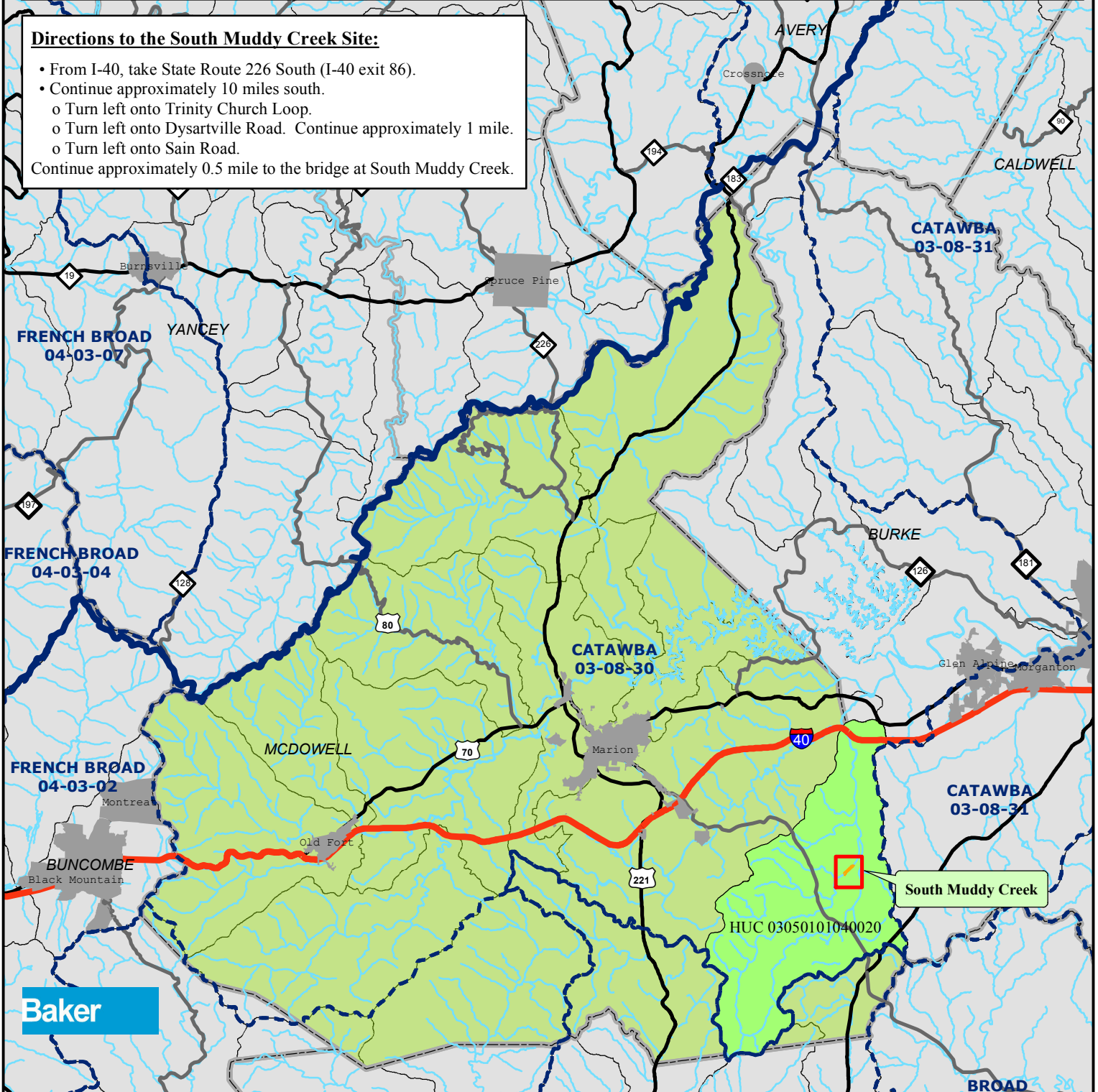
## **APPENDIX A**

### **PROJECT VICINITY MAP AND BACKGROUND TABLES**

The subject project site is an environmental restoration site of the NCDENR Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) and is encompassed by a recorded conservation easement, but is bordered by land under private ownership. Accessing the site may require traversing areas near or along the easement boundary and therefore access by the general public is not permitted. Access by authorized personnel of state and federal agencies or their designees/contractors involved in the development, oversight and stewardship of the restoration site is permitted within the terms and timeframes of their defined roles. Any intended site visitation or activity by any person outside of these previously sanctioned roles and activities requires prior coordination with EEP.

**Directions to the South Muddy Creek Site:**

- From I-40, take State Route 226 South (I-40 exit 86).
  - Continue approximately 10 miles south.
    - o Turn left onto Trinity Church Loop.
    - o Turn left onto Dysartville Road. Continue approximately 1 mile.
    - o Turn left onto Sain Road.
- Continue approximately 0.5 mile to the bridge at South Muddy Creek.



**Map Vicinity**



McDowell County, NC

**Figure 1. Vicinity Map**  
 South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project  
 McDowell County, NC



NCEEP Project No.: 737

**LEGEND:**

- Project Area
- NCDWQ Sub-basin
- USGS Hydrologic Unit
- Counties



0 2.5 5 Miles

**Table 1. Project Components**  
**South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737**

Project Segment or Reach ID	Existing Feet/Acres*	Mitigation Type	Approach	Linear Footage or Acreage*	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Units	Stationing	Comment
South Muddy Creek	2,593	R	P2	2,787	1:1	2,787	10+00 - 38+77**	Installed in-stream structures to protect the stream bank from erosion and to provide aquatic habitat. Priority 2 was implemented to connect the channel to a newly evacuated floodplain bench.

\* Existing reach breaks and design reach breaks varied based on initial geomorphic differences and design requirements.

\*\* Stationing includes 20 ft. of farm crossing above Sain Rd. and 70 ft. of Sain Rd. bridge crossing, but is not reflected in the reach length.

Component Summations

Restoration Level	Stream (LF)	Riparian Wetland (Ac)		Non-Ripar (Ac)	Upland (Ac)
		Riverine	Non-Riverine		
Restoration	2,787	-	-	-	-
Enhancement		-	-	-	-
Enhancement I	-				
Enhancement II	-				
Creation		-	-	-	-
Preservation	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Preservation	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-		
Totals	2,787		-	-	-
Total Project Mitigation Units	2,787				

**Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History  
South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No.737**

**Elapsed Time Since Grading/Planting Complete: 3 year 6 Months  
Number of Reporting Years: 3**

<b>Activity or Report</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion</b>	<b>Data Collection Complete</b>	<b>Actual Completion or Delivery</b>
Restoration Plan Prepared	N/A	N/A	Jul-07
Restoration Plan Amended	N/A	N/A	Jan-08
Restoration Plan Approved	N/A	N/A	Aug-08
Final Design – (at least 90% complete)	N/A	N/A	Jun-09
Construction Begins	Jun-10	N/A	Jun-10
Temporary S&E mix applied to entire project area	N/A	N/A	N/A
Permanent seed mix applied to entire project area	Nov-10	N/A	Jan-11
Planting of live stakes	Mar-11	N/A	Mar-11
Planting of bare root trees	Mar-11	N/A	Mar-11
End of Construction	Mar-11	N/A	Jun-11
Survey of As-built conditions (Year 0 Monitoring-baseline)	Nov-10	N/A	Jun-11
Year 1 Monitoring	Dec-12	Sep-12	Nov-12
Invasive Treatment	NA	NA	Aug-13
Year 2 Monitoring	Dec-13	Sep-13	Nov-13
Year 3 Monitoring	Dec-14	Sep-14	Nov-14
Invasive Treatment	NA	NA	Apr/July-2014
Year 4 Monitoring	Dec-15	N/A	N/A
Year 5 Monitoring	Dec-16	N/A	N/A

**Table 3. Project Contacts Table**  
**South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737**

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<b>Seeding Contractor</b>	
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Nursery Stock Suppliers	Foggy Mountain Nursery, Tel. 336-384-5323
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**Table 4. Project Attribute Table**  
**South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737**

<b>Project County</b>	McDowell County, NC
<b>Physiographic Region</b>	Piedmont
<b>Ecoregion</b>	Inner Piedmont Belt
<b>Project River Basin</b>	Catawba
<b>USGS HUC for Project and Reference sites</b>	Project: 03050101040020; References: 03040103050 -090 (Spencer Creek), -080 (Barnes Creek); 03030002060 -070 (Morgan Creek); 03020201080 -020 (Sal's Branch)
<b>NCDWQ Sub-basin for Project and Reference</b>	Project: 03-08-30; References: 03-07-09 (Spencer Creek and Barnes Creek); 03-06-06 (Morgan Creek); 03-04-02 (Sal's Branch)
<b>Within extent of EEP Watershed Plan ?</b>	Muddy Creek Local Watershed Plan (LWP), 2003
<b>WRC Class (Warm, Cool, Cold)</b>	Warm
<b>% of project easement fenced or demarcated</b>	100%
<b>Beaver activity observed during design phase ?</b>	None

**Restoration Component Attribute Table**

	South Muddy
<b>Drainage area (sq. mi.)</b>	18.8
<b>Stream order</b>	4th
<b>Restored length</b>	2,787
<b>Perennial or Intermittent</b>	Perennial
<b>Watershed type (Rural, Urban, Developing etc.)</b>	Rural
<b>Watershed LULC Distribution (e.g.)</b>	
<b>Developed Low-Medium Intensity</b>	3.7
<b>Ag-Cultivated Crops</b>	0.6
<b>Ag-Pasture/Hay</b>	10.5
<b>Forested</b>	77.4
<b>Other (Open water, Grassland, Etc.)</b>	7.8
<b>Watershed impervious cover (%)</b>	U
<b>NCDWQ AU/Index number</b>	03-08-30
<b>NCDWQ classification</b>	C
<b>303d listed ?</b>	No
<b>Upstream of a 303d listed segment?</b>	No
<b>Reasons for 303d listing or stressor</b>	N/A
<b>Total acreage of easment</b>	17.1
<b>Total planted arceage as part of the restoration</b>	14.1
<b>Rosgen classification of pre-existing</b>	G4c
<b>Rosgen classification of As-built</b>	C4
<b>Valley type</b>	Alluvial
<b>Valley slope</b>	0.0017 ft/ft
<b>Valley side slope range (e.g. 2-3%)</b>	U
<b>Valley toe slope range (e.g. 2-3%)</b>	U
<b>Cowardin classification</b>	Riverine, Upper Perennial, Unconsolidated Bottom, Cobble-Gravel
<b>Trout waters designation</b>	No
<b>Species of concern, endangered etc.? (Y?N)</b>	No
<b>Dominant soil series and characteristics</b>	
<b>Series</b>	IoA
<b>Depth</b>	10
<b>Clay %</b>	18
<b>K</b>	0.15
<b>T</b>	5



## **APPENDIX B**

### **VISUAL ASSESSMENT DATA**

# **Site Assessment Report – Monitoring Year 3**

South Muddy Creek (Randolph/Duncan Properties) Stream Restoration  
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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose**

This report summarizes overall stream and vegetation conditions as part of an interim site assessment conducted in conjunction with the Year 3 monitoring services for the South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project site located in McDowell County, NC. This site assessment will be included as part of a more comprehensive annual monitoring report to be completed and submitted later this year (fall 2014). The report describes project objectives, discusses the assessment methodology, summarizes assessment results, and documents potential stream and vegetation problem areas (SPAs and VPAs respectively).

### **1.2 Objectives**

The objectives of the site assessment were to:

- provide a general overview of stream morphological stability;
- provide a general overview of vegetation conditions;
- identify and document potential SPAs and VPAs.

### **1.3 Supporting Data**

Supporting data and information are provided following the narrative portion of this report and include:

- current condition plan view (CCPV) figures (Figure 2, sheets 1 and 2);
- visual stream morphology stability assessment table (Table 5a);
- SPA inventory table (Table 5b);
- vegetation condition assessment table (Table 6a);
- VPA inventory table (Table 6b);
- stream station photos;
- SPA photos;
- VPA photos.

## **2 Methodology**

The methodology used for assessing overall stream and vegetation conditions at the South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project site adhered to the most recent NCEEP monitoring guidance documents (dated November 7, 2011). The site assessment was comprised of two components, a visual stream morphology stability assessment and a vegetation condition assessment, both of which are described in more detail in the following sections of this report. The assessment was strictly qualitative. Vegetation monitoring plot counts were

excluded from this assessment but will be conducted after July 2014; this data will be summarized in Appendix C and the CCPV figure of the Year 3 annual monitoring report to be submitted in late November of this year.

The South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project site was evaluated as one project reach for each of the two components (SPA and VPA). This was done since the stream and riparian corridor are contained within one contiguous section along the mainstem of South Muddy Creek; site conditions appeared uniform allowing for an assessment as one reach and the project was assessed as one reach for the Final Baseline Monitoring Document/As-Built Report. Baker performed the visual site assessment on April 9, 2014.

## **2.1 Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment**

The visual stream morphology stability assessment involved the evaluation of lateral and vertical channel stability, and the integrity and overall performance of in-stream structures throughout the project reach as a whole. Habitat parameters, such as riffle embeddedness and pool depth maintenance, were also measured and scored. The entire 2,787 linear foot reach was walked, noting geomorphic conditions of the stream bed profile (riffle/pool facets), both stream banks, and engineered in-stream structures. Photos were taken at every existing stream photo point station (from the as-built) and in locations of potential SPAs which were recorded in the field for subsequent mapping on the CCPV figures.

## **2.2 Vegetation Condition Assessment**

The vegetation condition assessment involved the evaluation of vegetation within the 17.1 acre conservation easement and included assessing the performance of planted vegetation along stream banks, floodplains, and terraces as well as the documentation of invasive species. The assessment of planted vegetation was confined to the 14.1 acres of riparian buffer planting zones within the easement boundary as part of the restoration design whereas invasive vegetation and encroachment areas of invasive species were evaluated for the entire 17.1 acre easement boundary. Photos were recorded in locations of potential VPAs throughout the easement, such as areas exhibiting sparse or slow growth/vigor, low stem density, and areas of invasive vegetation concern.

## **2.3 Post-processing of Field Data**

The post-processing of field data consisted of the download and organization of photos into respective photo logs (stream and vegetation), creating the CCPV figures in GIS and AutoCAD using the field-mapped SPAs and VPAs, populating the SPA and VPA tables, and finally scoring the performance of the reach in terms of stream morphology stability and vegetation condition using assessment forms provided by NCEEP.

### 3 Summary of Results

#### 3.1 Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment

Table 5a summarizes the performance of the South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project reach in terms of lateral (stream bank) and vertical (channel bed) stability while evaluating the functionality and integrity of in-stream structures. Engineered in-stream structures evaluated for the assessment of this project reach consisted of constructed riffles, rock/log j-hooks, log vanes, root wads, geolifts, and brush mattresses. Constructed riffles were justified for inclusion in the evaluation of structures since they are the predominant grade control structure used throughout the site; however, they were only assessed for the 'overall integrity' and 'grade control' parameter categories in Table 5a.

As Table 5a indicates, the South Muddy Creek site was geomorphically stable overall and performing at 100 percent as the design intended for the majority of parameters evaluated within the lateral/vertical stability and in-stream structure performance categories. The six sub-categories receiving scores of less than 100 percent corresponded to the seven SPAs that were documented and summarized in Table 5b.

All seven SPAs were characterized by localized areas of bank erosion. Two of the seven SPAs documented in Table 5b, SPA1-1 and SPA1-2, were SPAs persisting from the Year 1 monitoring assessment and three of the seven are from Year 2 (and are referenced as such by the first number in the SPA naming convention). Two new SPAs were identified during the Year 3 monitoring assessment.

SPA1-1 consists of a portion of undermined brush mattress along the right bank in an outer meander bend that has resulted in bank erosion. The length of undercut and eroded bank along SPA1-1 has remained approximately 80 LF since this SPA was first documented in the Year 1 visual assessment. The structural integrity of this brush mattress has become compromised. Lateral instability along this outer meander bend is likely to continue migrating downstream if left unchecked over time.

SPA1-2 was still unstable laterally, but remained unchanged in length or severity of bank erosion since it was first reported in the Year 1 visual assessment. It appears that some aggraded riffle material at the head of riffle was splitting and directing flow toward the left bank (SPA1-2) causing the bank to erode. Regrading and uniformly distributing the aggraded riffle material throughout the riffle may prevent the diversion of flow toward the left bank thereby alleviating scour along this bank.

SPA2-1 was identified in the Year 2 visual assessment, and it is an area of localized scour and bank erosion along both banks located within the upstream project reach limits between station 12+30 and 12+60. Bank instability was caused by high near bank stress from the diversion of flow around a recently removed beaver dam. Erosion along the right bank is larger in magnitude and severity than the left bank since that portion of the right bank

coincides with the transition between the outer meander bend and a riffle where higher velocities tend to be concentrated and near bank stress tends to be greater.

SPA2-2 consists of a 60 LF length of brush mattress compromised by an undercut bank between station 16+70 and 17+30; it is located along the right bank at the beginning of a meander bend. The brush mattress (and a portion of the staked and matted bank) appears to be separating from the right bank and overhanging from a combination of poor soil compaction and scour along the toe of bank. Some of the brush originally installed behind the matting to armor the bank has washed away leaving the bank exposed and vulnerable to subsequent erosion. The bank protection provided by the remaining length of brush mattress along the right bank may become compromised and less effective over time if SPA2-2 is not stabilized and the scour (and instability) is allowed to continue to migrate further downstream by undermining the brush.

SPA2-3 consists of an area of localized scour along the right bank located downstream of an outer meander bend between station 12+30 and 12+60. Bank scour could potentially be a result of the lack of centering of the thalweg immediately downstream of the upstream meander bend (and was noted accordingly in Table 5a). As a result, some velocity vectors within the riffle have been redirected toward the right bank instead of being centered in the riffle, thereby increasing near bank stress and causing the bank to erode. The bank is vertical, exposed, devoid of vegetation and matted protection, and is mild to moderately eroded.

SPA3-1 is an area of erosion on the left bank between station 29+30 and 29+50. This area primarily consists of bank erosion upstream of and between rootwads and a log vane. Eddying water behind rootwads has eroded the bank. The rootwads and log vane are functioning correctly, but the area should be monitored to determine if repairs are needed.

SPA3-2 is an area of localized scour along an outside meander bend on the right bank located downstream of the Sain Road bridge between station 31+80 and 32+06. This scour is a result of high water velocity from the steep riffle directly upstream. There are no bank protection structures in the meander, and the erosion has left the bank vertical with very little vegetative protection.

### **3.2 Vegetation Condition Assessment**

Table 6a summarizes the vegetation condition of the South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration site. The planted acreage performance categories were functioning at 100 percent with no bare areas, low stem density areas, or areas of poor growth rates/vigor to report. Invasive areas of concern were observed and documented accordingly in Table 6a and as VPAs in Figure 2 and Table 6b. There were a total of 18 VPAs, 7 of which were identified during the Year 1 visual assessment, 7 that were identified during the Year 2 visual assessment and 4 during the current Year 3 visual assessment. VPAs documented in past years were included in this assessment since they still persist even after treatment implemented in 2013. As with the SPAs, the first number in the VPA naming convention references the monitoring year in

which the VPA was identified during the visual assessment. Because the VPAs reported from the Year 1 and Year 2 visual assessment remained unchanged in size and species composition when observed during this assessment, they will not be discussed in this memorandum; but all are included in the scoring of easement acreage performance categories in Table 6a, and are also summarized in Table 6b, Figure 2 (CCPV), and the VPA photolog.

Twenty-one discrete areas of invasive species were documented throughout the site and totaled approximately 1.45 acres, or 8.5 percent of the total easement acreage (Table 6a). This resulted in 18 VPAs since three adjacent pairs of mapped polygons (VPA1-2, VPA1-3, and VPA2-2), exhibiting uniform invasive species compositions conditions, were combined into three individual VPAs. Invasive species comprised approximately 0.19 acres more of the easement acreage area during this current visual assessment compared to last year's, or an increase of 1.1 percent in easement acreage area.

VPAs newly identified during this assessment (VPA3-1 through VPA3-4) were either composed of multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) or Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), or a combination of both invasive species. Multiflora rose is the most prevalent invasive species observed within the VPAs and is found in all four of the newly identified VPAs. VPA3-1 and VPA3-2 are the two largest new areas identified. Both of these areas extend along the Conservation Easement and fence line. Not only are these two VPA susceptible to the encroachment of invasives from outside the easement, they are also adjacent to previously identified VPAs that may provide a seed source. These two VPAs make up approximately 90 percent of the newly identified VPA acreage within the easement. VPA3-3 is a small but dense area consisting of multiflora rose and is located on the left terrace slope near vegetation plot 3. This VPA may be a result of an undisturbed soil matrix likely containing intact roots and seeds of multiflora rose. VPA3-4 also contains multiflora rose and is located on the right road bank on the downstream side of the Sain Road bridge.

Invasive species treatment occurred in August of 2013. Invasive species density has been reduced, but VPAs from previous year's visual assessments still persist. Additional treatment will be necessary to control invasive species within the Conservation Easement.

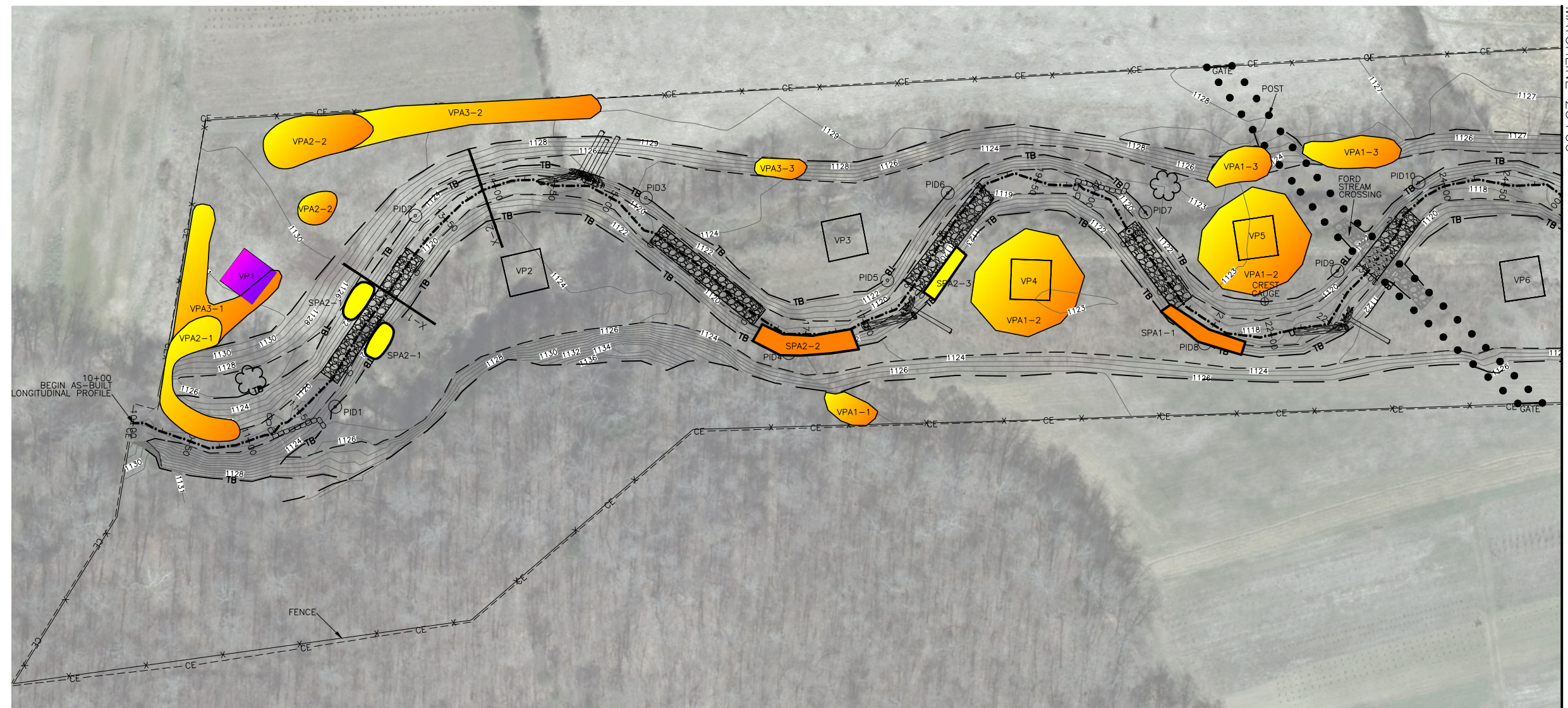
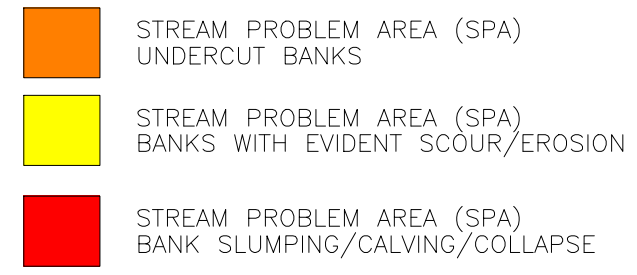
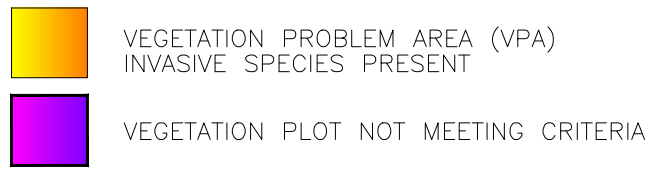
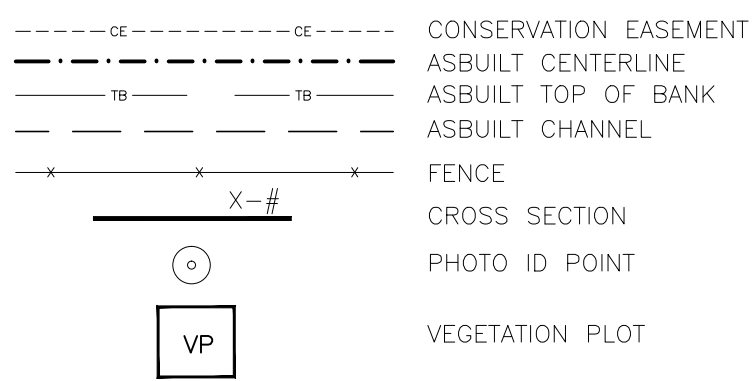
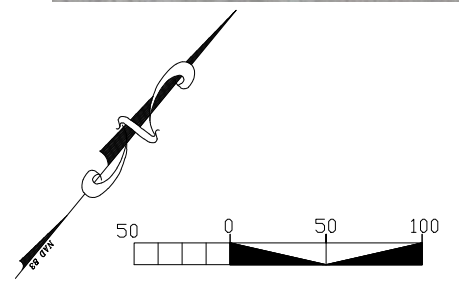


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SOUTH MUDDY CREEK  
CURRENT CONDITION PLAN VIEW  
YEAR 3 MONITORING  
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- CE --- CE --- CONSERVATION EASEMENT
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- - - - - ASBUILT CHANNEL
- x x FENCE
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- VP VEGETATION PLOT

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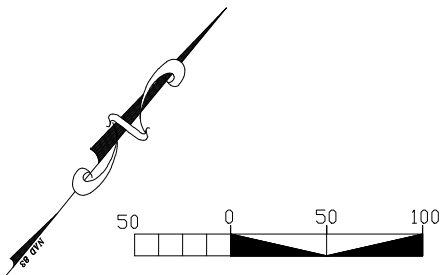
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 STREAM PROBLEM AREA (SPA)  
BANKS WITH EVIDENT SCOUR/EROSION

 STREAM PROBLEM AREA (SPA)  
BANK SLUMPING/CALVING/COLLAPSE



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Table 5a. **Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment**  
 Reach ID **South Muddy Creek**  
 Assessed Length (LF) **2787**

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number per As-Built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended	Number with Stabilizing Woody Veg.	Footage with Stabilizing Woody Veg.	Adjusted % for Stabilizing Woody Veg.			
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability	1. Aggradation			0	0	100%						
		2. Degradation			0	0	100%						
	2. Riffle Condition	1. Texture/Substrate	11	11							100%		
		3. Meander Pool Condition	1. Depth	12							12	100%	
	4. Thalweg position	2. Length	12	12							100%		
		1. Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	12	12							100%		
			2. Thalweg centering at downstream of meander (Glide)	10							11	91%	
2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroding	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion						5	175	97%	0	0	97%
		2. Undercut						Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely	2	140	97%	0	0
		3. Mass Wasting			Bank slumping, calving, or collapse	0	0	100%	0	0	100%		
	<b>Totals</b>				<b>7</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94%</b>			
3. Engineering Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs	36	38				95%					
		2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	11				11	100%				
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms	9	9				100%					
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does not exceed 15%	24	27				89%					
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~ Max Pool Depth	9	9				100%					

**Table 5b. Stream Problem Areas  
South Muddy Creek Restoration Project: Project No. 737  
South Muddy Creek (2,787 LF)**

Feature Issue	Station No.	Suspected Cause	Photo Number*
Bank Scour	21+20 to 22+00	Right bank (including brush mattress and matting) separating and beginning to slump at beginning of outer meander bend from a combination of poor compaction and scour along the toe of bank. Bank scour appears to have migrated further downstream along the outer meander bend, eroding an additional 70 linear feet within the past year of monitoring.	SPA1-1
	27+90 to 28+10	Localized scour along left bank resulting in raw, vertical bank, devoid of vegetation and matted protection. Cause appears to be localized eddying within the riffle.	SPA1-2
	12+30 to 12+60	Localized scour and bank erosion along right bank and a small portion of the left bank across the channel. Caused by high near bank stress from the diversion of flow around a recently removed beaverdam.	SPA2-1
	16+70 to 17+30	Right bank (including brush mattress and matting) separating and beginning to slump at beginning of outer meander bend from a combination of poor compaction and scour along the toe of bank.	SPA2-2
	17+95 to 18+50	Localized scour along the right bank of a riffle resulting in raw, vertical bank, devoid of vegetation and matted protection. Appears to be caused by high near bank stress as the thalweg appears to have migrated toward the near bank third of the channel within the riffle (lack of centering of thalweg downstream of meander bend). Vegetation and rootmass along that portion of bank is sparse.	SPA2-3
	29+30 to 29+50	Localized scour along the left bank behind rootwads. Appears to be caused by high near bank stress during high water. Rootwads appear to be functioning and bank vegetation is sparse.	SPA3-1
	31+80 to 32+06	Localized scour along right bank downstream of Sain Rd. Bridge. Cause is due to high water velocities created by steep riffle just downstream of bridge.	SPA3-2

\*Note: The first digit in the Photo Number column references the monitoring year and the second digit references the problem area or photo (which would be identical to a prior years problem area/photo number when persisting from a previous monitoring year).

Table 6a. Vegetation Condition Assessment  
 Reach ID South Muddy Creek  
 Planted Acreage 14.1

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
1. Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.	0.1 acres	NA	0	0.00	0%
2. Low Stem Density Areas	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, or 5 stem count criteria.	0.1 acres	NA	0	0.00	0%
<b>Total</b>				0	0.00	0.0%
3. Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor	Areas with woody stems of a size class that are obviously small given the monitoring year.	0.25 acres	NA	0	0.00	0%
<b>Cumulative Total</b>				0	0.00	0.0%

Easement Acreage 17.1

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Easement Acreage
4. Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	1000 SF	see figure	21	1.45	8.5%
5. Easement Encroachment Areas	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale).	none	NA	0	0.00	0.0%

**Table 6b. Vegetation Problem Areas  
South Muddy Creek Restoration Project: Project No. 737**

South Muddy Creek			
Feature Issue	Station No.	Suspected Cause	Photo Number*
Invasive/Exotic Populations	17+25 (right terrace)	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> : persisting after treatment	VPA1-1
	18+00 to 21+00 (right flood plain)	<i>Campsis radicans</i> persisting after treatment	VPA1-2
	20+50 to 23+00 (left flood plain)		
	21+75 to 23+75 (left terrace slope)	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Ligustrum sinense</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand	VPA1-3
	25+50 to 28+50 (left terrace slope)	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> , <i>Ligustrum sinense</i> , and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand	VPA1-4
	35+00 to 37+25 (right terrace)	<i>Pueraria lobata</i> , <i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Ligustrum sinense</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand, terrace, and terrace slope	VPA1-5
	38+75 (downstream project limits along right bank/terrace)	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Ligustrum sinense</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand	VPA1-7
	38+75 (downstream project limits along left bank/terrace)	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand/potential encroachment from outside	VPA1-8
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : potential encroachment from outside	VPA2-1
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> : potential encroachment from outside	VPA2-2
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : potential encroachment from outside	VPA2-3
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> : potential encroachment from outside	VPA2-4
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : persisting after treatment	VPA2-5
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Multiflora rose</i> , <i>Chinese privet</i> , and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand/potential encroachment from outside	VPA2-6
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Multiflora rose</i> , <i>Chinese privet</i> , and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : persisting after treatment within existing tree stand	VPA2-7
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> and <i>Lonicera japonica</i> : potential encroachment from outside and possibly proliferating from seed source in adjacent VPA2-1	VPA3-1
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> : potential encroachment from outside and possibly proliferating from seed source in adjacent VPA2-2	VPA3-2
	See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> : persisting after treatment on terrace slope	VPA3-3
See Plan View Figure	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> : potential encroachment from outside	VPA3-4	

\*Note: The first digit in the Photo Number column references the monitoring year and the second digit references the problem area or photo (which would be identical to a prior years problem area/photo number when persisting from a previous monitoring year).

**South Muddy Creek  
Stream Station Photos**



South Muddy Creek PID 1 – J-Hook near upstream end of project



South Muddy Creek PID 2 –Constructed Riffle,



South Muddy Creek PID 3 – Log Vane in Meander



South Muddy Creek PID 4 – Constructed Riffle



South Muddy Creek PID 5 – Log Vane in Meander



South Muddy Creek PID 6 – Constructed Riffle



South Muddy Creek PID 7 – J-Hook in Meander



South Muddy Creek PID 8 – Constructed Riffle



South Muddy Creek PID 9 – Log Vane in Meander



South Muddy Creek PID 10 – Stream Crossing



South Muddy Creek PID 11 – Constructed Riffle



South Muddy Creek PID 12 – Log Vane and Root Wad in Meander





South Muddy Creek PID 13 – Constructed Riffle



South Muddy Creek PID 14 – Immediately upstream of Sain Road crossing



South Muddy Creek PID 15 – Constructed Riffle downstream of Sain Road crossing



South Muddy Creek PID 16



South Muddy Creek PID 17 – Log Vane in Meander



South Muddy Creek PID 18 – Constructed Riffle



South Muddy Creek PID 19



South Muddy Creek PID 20 – J-Hook near downstream  
end of project

**South Muddy Creek  
Stream Problem Area (SPA) Photos**



SPA1-1 – Right bank/brush mattress separating from poor compaction and scour along toe of bank (looking upstream from left bank to right bank)



SPA1-2 – Localized scour along left bank from eddying within the riffle (looking downstream)



SPA2-1 – Localized scour along right bank from flow diversion around a recently removed beaverdam



SPA2-2 – Right bank/brush mattress separating from poor compaction and scour along toe of bank (looking upstream from left bank to right bank)



SPA2-3 – Localized scour along right bank within a riffle from the lack of thalweg centering downstream of a meander bend (looking across from left to right bank)



SPA3-1 – Localized scour along left bank behind rootwads (looking across from right to left bank)



SPA3-2 – Localized scour along right bank downstream of Sain Rd. Bridge. Result of high shear stress caused by steep riffle (looking across from left to right bank)

**South Muddy Creek  
Vegetation Problem Area (VPA) Photos**



VPA1-1 – Multiflora Rose



VPA1-2 – Trumpet vine persisting after treatment  
(photo from MY1)



VPA1-3 – Multiflora Rose and Chinese Privet



VPA1-4 – Multiflora Rose, Chinese Privet, Japanese  
Honeysuckle



VPA1-5 - Multiflora Rose and Chinese Privet



VPA1-6 – Kudzu persisting after treatment (photo from  
MY1)



VPA1-7 - Multiflora Rose and Chinese Privet



VPA1-8 – Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA2-1 - Multiflora Rose and Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA2-2 – Multiflora Rose



VPA2-3 - Multiflora Rose and Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA2-4 – Japanese Honeysuckle





VPA2-5 - Multiflora Rose and Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA2-6 – Multiflora Rose, Chinese Privet, Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA2-7 - Multiflora Rose, Chinese Privet, Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA3-1 - Multiflora Rose and Japanese Honeysuckle



VPA3-2 - Multiflora Rose



VPA3-3 – Multiflora Rose



VPA3-4 - Multiflora Rose

**SOUTH MUDDY CREEK  
VEG PLOT PHOTOS**

**South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project  
Year 3 Monitoring - Vegetation Plot Photo Log**



11/10/2014 - Photo 1: Veg Plot 1



11/10/2014 - Photo 3: Veg Plot 2



11/10/2014 - Photo 5: Veg Plot 3



11/10/2014 - Photo 7: Veg Plot 4



11/10/2014 - Photo 9: Veg Plot 5



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 11: Veg Plot 6

**South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project  
Year 3 Monitoring - Vegetation Plot Photo Log**



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 13: Veg Plot 7



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 15: Veg Plot 8



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 17: Veg Plot 9



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 19: Veg Plot 10



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 21: Veg Plot 11



11/10/2014 - Photo Point 23: Veg Plot 12

## **APPENDIX C**

### **VEGETATION PLOT DATA**

**Table 7. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment  
South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737**

<b>Vegetation Plot ID</b>	<b>Vegetation Survival Threshold Met?</b>	<b>Total/Planted Stem Count*</b>	<b>Tract Mean</b>
1	N	243/243	509
2	Y	728/445	
3	Y	809/688	
4	Y	486/486	
5	Y	486/486	
6	Y	526/202	
7	Y	526/486	
8	Y	324/324	
9	Y	445/283	
10	Y	526/486	
11	Y	364/364	
12	Y	647/445	

Note: \*Total/Planted Stem Count reflects the changes in stem density based on the density of stems at the time of the As-Built Survey (Planted) and the current total density of planted stems including volunteers (Total).

**Table 8. CVS Vegetation Plot Metadata**  
**South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737**

<b>Report Prepared By</b>	Kristi Suggs
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<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHEETS IN THIS DOCUMENT</b>	
<b>Metadata</b>	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of project(s) and project data.
<b>Proj, planted</b>	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.
<b>Proj, total stems</b>	Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year. This includes live stakes, all planted stems, and all natural/volunteer stems.
<b>Plots</b>	List of plots surveyed with location and summary data (live stems, dead stems, missing, etc.).
<b>Vigor</b>	Frequency distribution of vigor classes for stems for all plots.
<b>Vigor by Spp</b>	Frequency distribution of vigor classes listed by species.
<b>Damage</b>	List of most frequent damage classes with number of occurrences and percent of total stems impacted by each.
<b>Damage by Spp</b>	Damage values tallied by type for each species.
<b>Damage by Plot</b>	Damage values tallied by type for each plot.
<b>Planted Stems by Plot and Spp</b>	A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.
<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Project Code</b>	92251
<b>Project Name</b>	South Muddy Creek Restoration Project
<b>Description</b>	This mitigation project consists of 7,389 LF of stream restoration and preservation efforts on South Muddy Creek and South Fork Hoppers (including 1 unnamed tributary) at the Melton Farm.
<b>River Basin</b>	Catawba
<b>Length(ft)</b>	7389
<b>Stream-to-edge width (ft)</b>	120
<b>Area (sq m)</b>	164733.86
<b>Required Plots (calculated)</b>	24
<b>Sampled Plots</b>	12



**Table 9. CVS Stem Count Total and Planted by Plot and Species (with Annual Means)**  
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Tree Species	Common Name	Type	Current Data (MY3 2014)																								Annual Means													
			Plot 1		Plot 2		Plot 3		Plot 4		Plot 5		Plot 6		Plot 7		Plot 8		Plot 9		Plot 10		Plot 11		Plot 12		Current Mean		AB (2011)		MY1 (2012)		MY2 (2013)		MY4 (2015)		MY5 (2016)			
			P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T	P	T		
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	Tree	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	2						
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	Tree														1	1									1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0							
<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Sugarberry	Shrub	1	1							1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2						
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon	Tree			2	2					2	2							3	3	1	1			2	2	2	2	2	2	0	3	2	2						
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	Tree			1	1	1	1	1	1							1	1	2	2	4	4			2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3							
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black Walnut	Tree							1	1	1	1			1	1									1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2						
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar	Tree	3	3	3	3	6	6	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1			1	1					1	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	3	3	3				
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Blackgum	Tree													1	1											1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	Tree	1	1	3	3	6	6	2	2	3	3			2	2	4	4			4	4	3	3	5	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	4						
<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	Cherrybark Oak	Tree									1	1														1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0							
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	Tree							1	1			1	1												1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2							
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak	Tree					4	4	2	2					1	1										1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1					
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	N. Red Oak	Tree												1	1	1	1			3	3					2	2	4	4	3	2	3	3							
<b>Volunteers</b>																																								
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	Tree																																						
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	Tree											8	1													5													
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon	Tree																																						
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black Walnut	Tree																																				2		
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar	Tree																									1											2		
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Blackgum	Tree																									1													
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	Tree				7		3														1					4										7			
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	Tree																								0	5	0	5											
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	N. Red Oak	Tree																									2											2		
	Plot area (acres)		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025																	
	Species Count		4	4	5	6	5	6	7	7	7	7	3	4	8	9	6	6	5	8	5	6	5	5	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5						
	Planted Stems/Plot		6	6	11	11	17	17	12	12	12	12	5	5	12	12	8	8	7	7	12	12	9	9	11	11	10	10	16	16	16	13	12	12						
	Total Stems/Plot		6	6	11	18	17	20	12	12	12	12	5	13	12	13	8	8	7	11	12	13	9	9	11	16	10	13	16	16	16	18	12	16						
P=Planted	Planted Stems Per Acre		243	243	445	728	688	809	486	486	486	486	202	526	486	526	324	324	283	445	486	526	364	364	445	647	411	509	627	627	627	523	482	651						
T=Total	Total Stems Per Acre (including volunteers)		243		728		809		486		486		526		526		324		445		526		364		647		509		627		627		725		651					

Notes: CVS Level 1 Survey performed. In most cases, the volunteers observed were approximately 30 - 100 cm in height. The information presented is purely for providing information about the species of trees that may occupy the riparian area that were not planted. In Plot 2, multiple sycamore seedlings noted but only 7 counted; in Plot 12, numerous black cherry saplings were noted but only 5 counted.

## **APPENDIX D**

### **STREAM SURVEY DATA**

# South Muddy Creek

## Permanent Cross Section X1

(Year 3 Monitoring - August 2014)

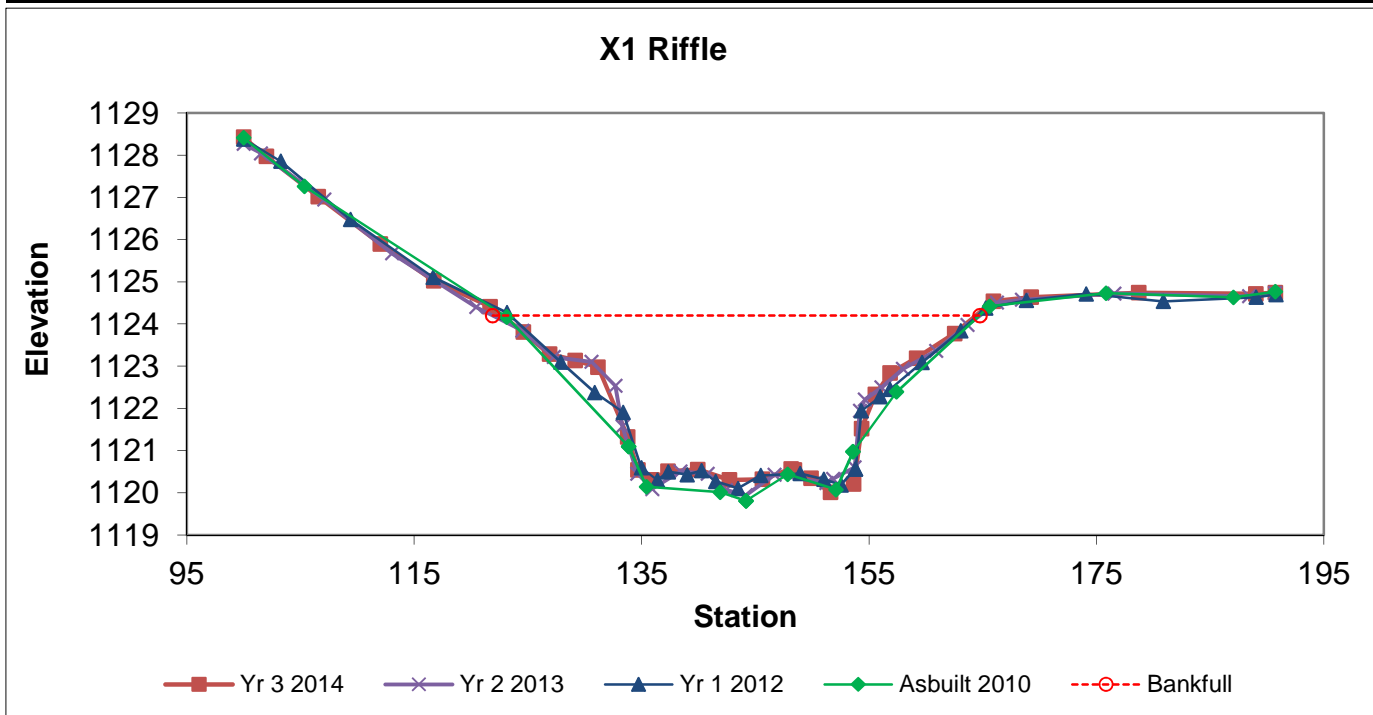


**LEFT BANK**



**RIGHT BANK**

Feature	Stream Type	BKF Area	BKF Width	BKF Depth	Max BKF Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Riffle	C	100	41.73	2.4	4.19	17.41	1.1	2.2	1124.2	1124.41



# South Muddy Creek

## Permanent Cross Section X2

(Year 3 Monitoring - August 2014)

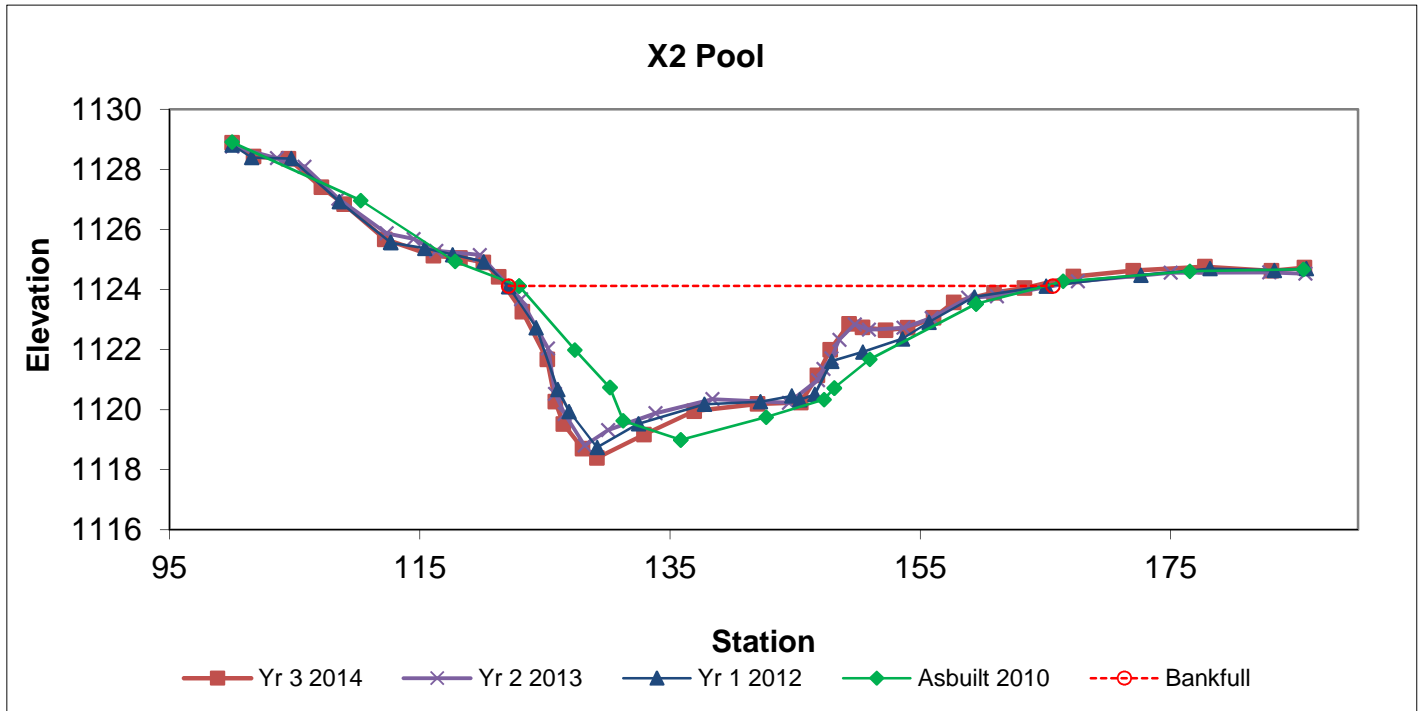


**LEFT BANK**



**RIGHT BANK**

Feature	Stream Type	BKF Area	BKF Width	BKF Depth	Max BKF Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Pool		116.9	42.27	2.77	5.73	15.28	1	2	1124.12	1124.05



# South Muddy Creek

## Permanent Cross Section X3

(Year 3 Monitoring - August 2014)

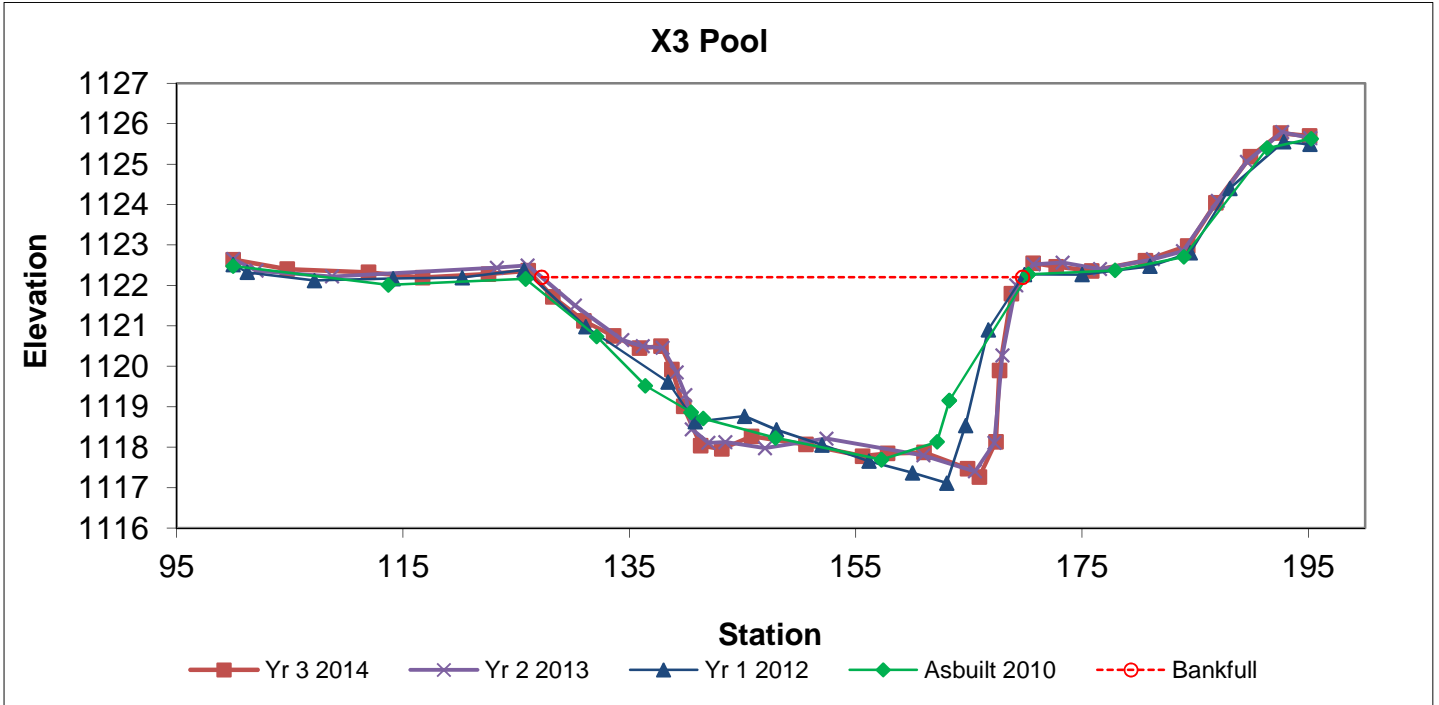


**LEFT BANK**



**RIGHT BANK**

Feature	Stream Type	BKF Area	BKF Width	BKF Depth	Max BKF Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Pool		137.8	43.18	3.19	4.94	13.53	1	2.2	1122.2	1122.36



# South Muddy Creek

## Permanent Cross Section X4

(Year 3 Monitoring - August 2014)

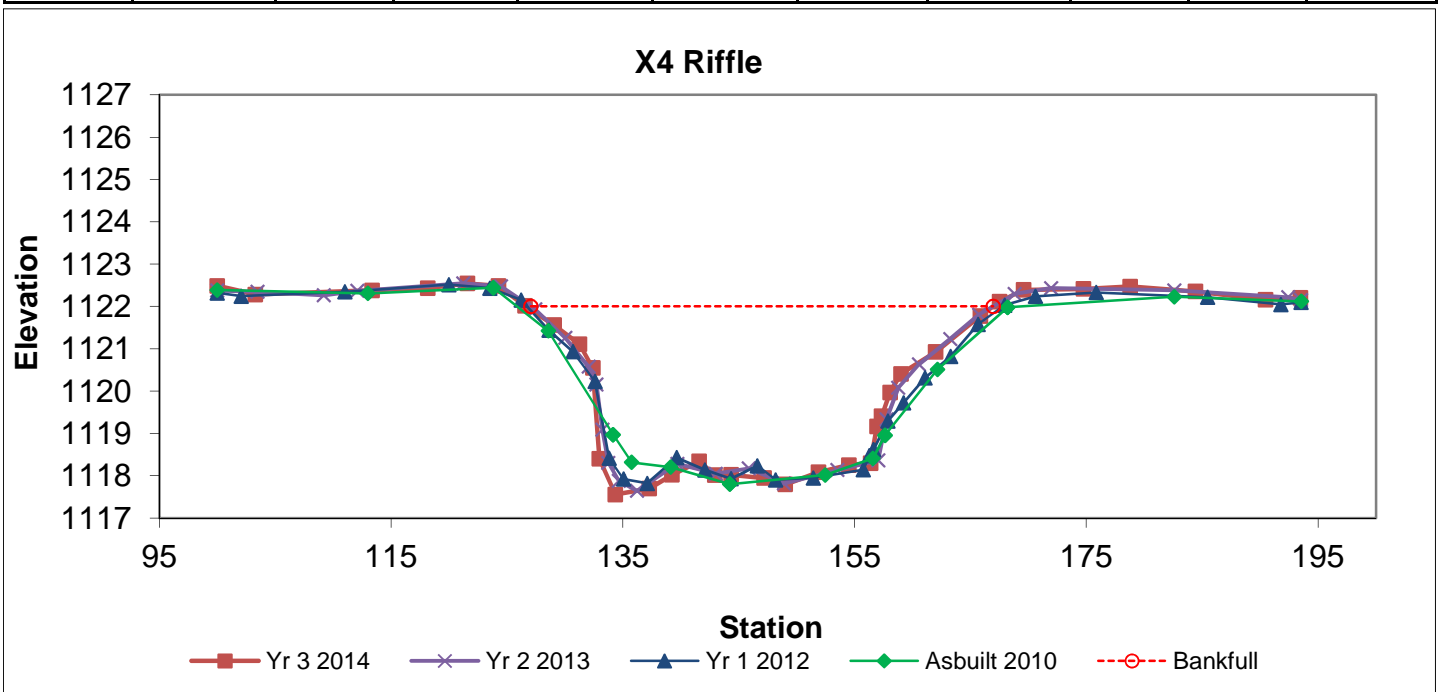


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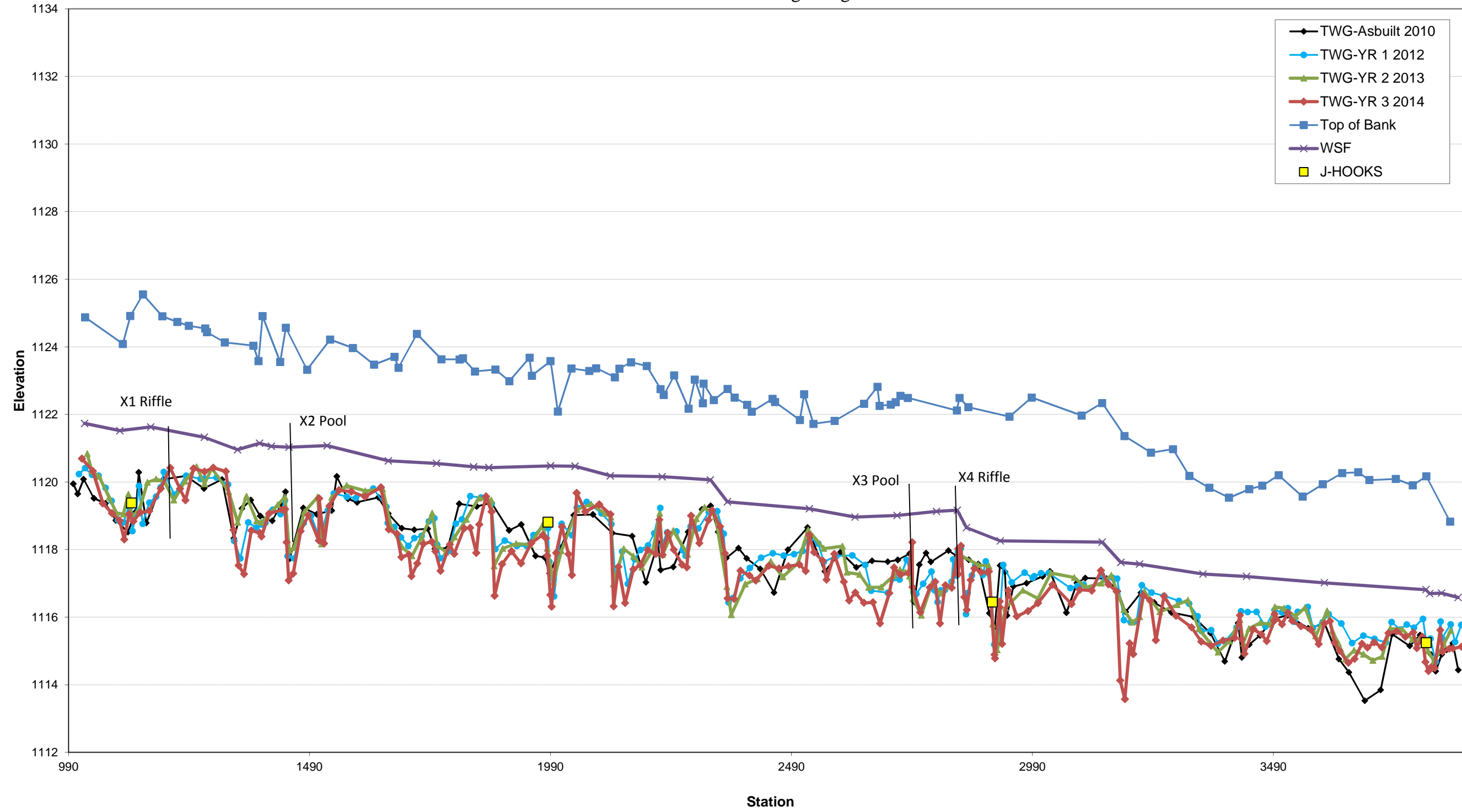


**RIGHT BANK**

Feature	Stream Type	BKF Area	BKF Width	BKF Depth	Max BKF Depth	W/D	BH Ratio	ER	BKF Elev	TOB Elev
Riffle	C	111.5	40.31	2.77	4.44	14.57	1	2.3	1122	1122.11



**South Muddy Creek  
Profile Chart  
Year 3 Monitoring - August 2014**



**Figure 5. Riffle Pebble Count Size Class Distribution with Annual Overlays**

BAKER PROJECT NO. 128221	
SITE OR PROJECT:	South Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project
REACH/LOCATION:	South Muddy Creek - Cross-section 4 (Riffle)
DATE COLLECTED:	8/22/2014
FIELD COLLECTION BY:	MDR
DATA ENTRY BY:	MDR

MATERIAL	PARTICLE	SIZE (mm)	PARTICLE CLASS COUNT		Summary	
			Riffle	Class %	% Cum	
<b>SILT/CLAY</b>	Silt / Clay	< .063	2	2%	2%	
<b>SAND</b>	Very Fine	.063 - .125			2%	
	Fine	.125 - .25			2%	
	Medium	.25 - .50			2%	
	Coarse	.50 - 1.0			2%	
	Very Coarse	1.0 - 2.0	5	5%	7%	
<b>GRAVEL</b>	Very Fine	2.0 - 2.8			7%	
	Very Fine	2.8 - 4.0			7%	
	Fine	4.0 - 5.6			7%	
	Fine	5.6 - 8.0			7%	
	Medium	8.0 - 11.0	5	5%	12%	
	Medium	11.0 - 16.0			12%	
	Coarse	16.0 - 22.6	3	3%	15%	
	Coarse	22.6 - 32	5	5%	20%	
	Very Coarse	32 - 45	11	11%	31%	
	Very Coarse	45 - 64	9	9%	40%	
<b>COBBLE</b>	Small	64 - 90	23	23%	63%	
	Small	90 - 128	15	15%	78%	
	Large	128 - 180	11	11%	89%	
	Large	180 - 256	4	4%	93%	
<b>BOULDER</b>	Small	256 - 362	4	4%	97%	
	Small	362 - 512	2	2%	99%	
	Medium	512 - 1024	1	1%	100%	
	Large-Very Large	1024 - 2048				
<b>BEDROCK</b>	Bedrock	> 2048				
<b>Total</b>			<b>100</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Cummulative	
Channel materials (mm)	
D <sub>16</sub> =	24.2
D <sub>35</sub> =	52.6
D <sub>50</sub> =	74.2
D <sub>84</sub> =	154.2
D <sub>95</sub> =	304.4
D <sub>100</sub> =	512-1024

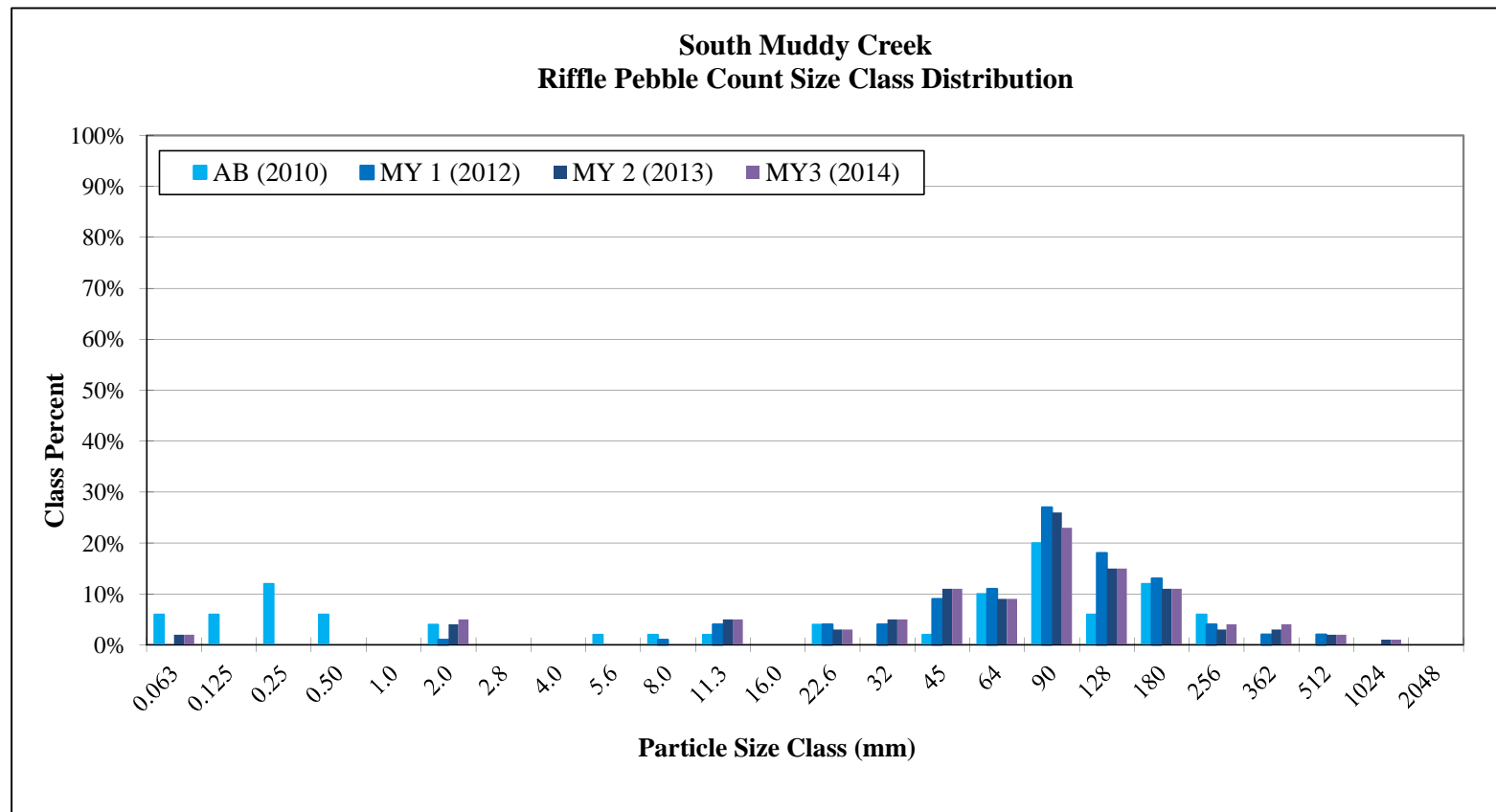
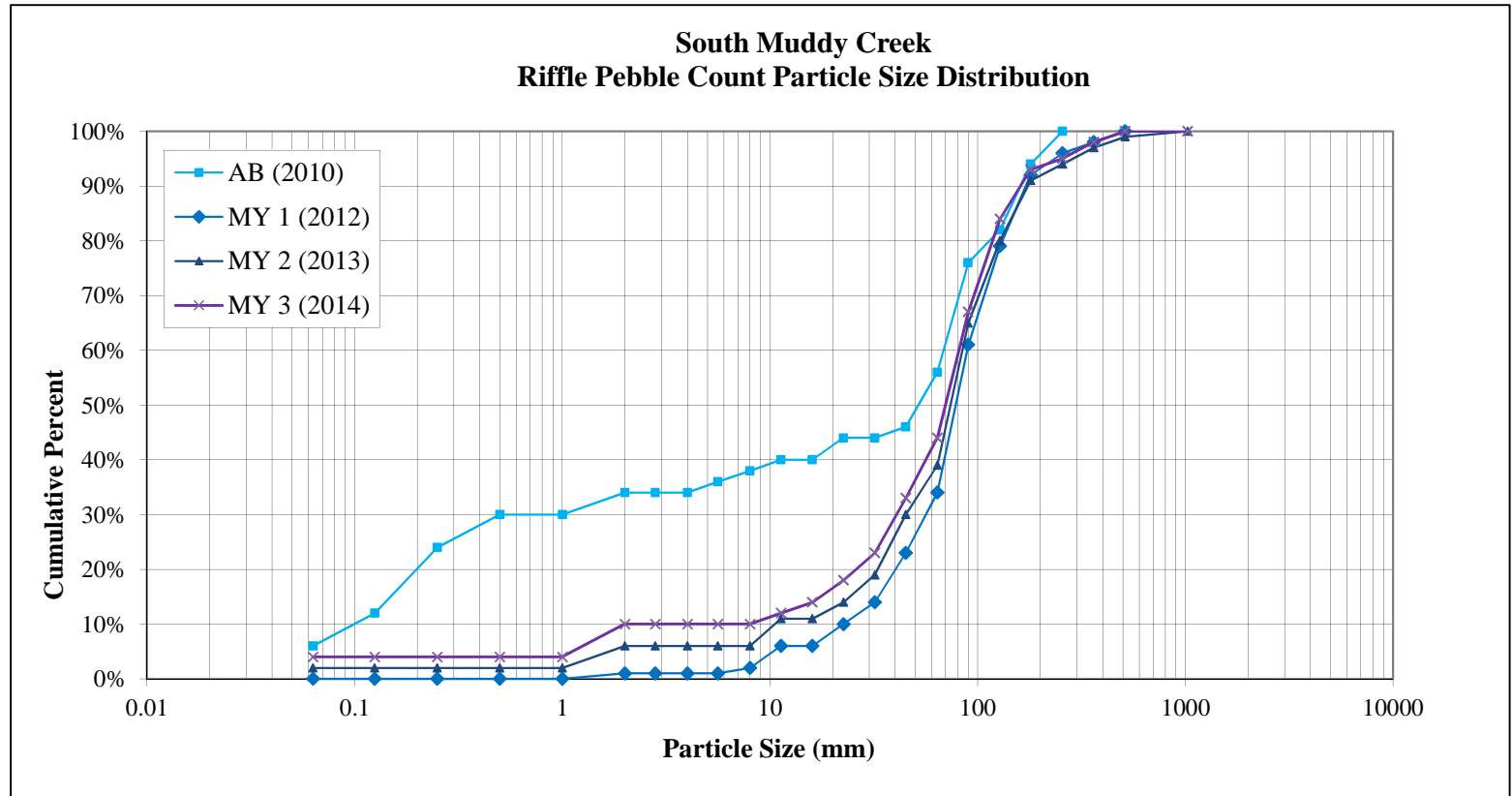




Table 10. Baseline Stream Summary  
South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737

Parameter	USGS Gauge	Regional Curve Interval (Harman et al. 1999) <sup>1</sup>			Reference Reach(es) Data																															
		Pre-Existing Condition	Morgan Creek						Barnes Creek						Design						Monitoring Baseline (As-built)															
Dimension and Substrate - Riffle	BF Width (ft)	23.0	80.0	42.0	Min	Mean	Med	Max	SD	n	Min	Mean	Med	Max	SD	n	Min	Mean	Med	Max	SD	n	Min	Mean	Med	Max	SD	n	Min	Mean	Med	Max	SD	n		
	Floodprone Width (ft)				24.1	32.3		51.2		5	33.2			33.5		2	60.7			69		2		43.2				1	41.4			42.2		2		
	BF Mean Depth (ft)				29.6	44.8		72.7		5	77.5			86.8		2	219			220		2		210+				1	90.7			93.6		2		
	BF Max Depth (ft)				1.9	2.7		3.0		5	2.3			2.4		2	2.9			3.8		2		3.0				1	2.7			2.8		2		
	BF Cross-sectional Area (ft²)				3.3	3.6		4.0		5	2.8			2.9		2	3.9			5.2		2		4.2				1	4.2			4.4		2		
	Width/Depth Ratio				80.0	300.0	157.6	72.8	83.8		5	75.1			79.8		2	199			288		2		128.5				1	110.8			115.9		2	
	Entrenchment Ratio				8.1	12.9		26.9		5	14.1			14.7		2	16			23.8		2		14.4				1	15.4			15.5		2		
	Bank Height Ratio				1.1	1.4		1.7		5	2.3			2.6		2	3.2			3.6		2		4.9+				1	2.2			2.2		2		
	d50 (mm)				2.4	2.8		2.8		5+		1.0				2								1.0				1	1.0			1.0		2		
	Pattern					4.0				1		3.0				1		60					1													
Channel Beltwidth (ft)																							128.0			209.0		9	143.0	168.3	164.0	244.0	32.2	8		
Radius of Curvature (ft)																							84.0			138.0		9	96.0	121.2	114.0	152.0	18.9	9		
Rc:Bankfull width (ft/ft)																							1.9			3.2		9	2.3	2.9	2.7	3.6	0.5	9		
Meander Wavelength (ft)																							345.0			506.0		6	387.0	400.8	396.5	418.0	12.9	6		
Meander Width Ratio																							3.0			4.8		9	3.4	4.0	3.9	5.8	0.8	8		
Profile																																				
Riffle Length (ft)																																				
Riffle Slope (ft/ft)					0.003	0.004		0.006		3	0.01			0.02		2																				
Pool Length (ft)																																				
Pool Spacing (ft)					80	163		240		4	46			277		2																				
Pool Max Depth (ft)					3.8	4.8		5.8		4		4.1				1																				
Pool Volume (ft³)																																				
Substrate and Transport Parameters																																				
Ri% / Ru% / P% / G% / S%																																				
SC% / Sa% / G% / B% / Be%																																				
d16 / d35 / d50 / d84 / d95																																				
Reach Shear Stress (competency) lb/ft²					0.18			0.3		5																										
Max part size (mm) mobilized at bankfull (Rosgen Curve)						95.0																														
Stream Power (transport capacity) W/m²					10.8			24		5																										
Additional Reach Parameters																																				
Drainage Area (SM)								18.8						8.4						23.0						18.8						18.8				
Impervious cover estimate (%)																																				
Rosgen Classification								G4c																												
BF Velocity (fps)					4.1			5.5		5																										
BF Discharge (cfs)		290.0	2000.0	741.1		400						524.0																								
Valley Length						2446																														
Channel length (ft)						2593																														
Sinuosity						1.06																														
Water Surface Slope (Channel) (ft/ft)						0.0016																														
BF slope (ft/ft)																																				
Bankfull Floodplain Area (acres)																																				
BEHI VL% / L% / M% / H% / VH% / E%																																				
Channel Stability or Habitat Metric																																				
Biological or Other																																				

<sup>1</sup> Harman, W.A., G.D. Jennings, J.M. Patterson, D.R. Clinton, L.O. Slate, A.G. Jessup, J.R. Everhart, and R.E. Smith. 1999. Bankfull hydraulic geometry relationships for North Carolina streams. *Wildland Hydrology. AWRA Symposium Proceedings*. D.S. Olsen and J.P. Potyondy, eds. American Water Resources Association. June 30-July 2, 1999. Bozeman, MT.

**Table 11a. Cross-section Morphology Data Table**

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**South Muddy Creek (2,787 LF)**

	Cross-section 1 (Riffle)					Cross-section 2 (Pool)					Cross-section 3 (Pool)					Cross-section 4 (Riffle)								
<b>Dimension and substrate</b>	Base	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	Base	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	Base	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5	Base	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY4	MY5
<b>Based on fixed baseline bankfull elevation</b>																								
Record Elevation (Datum) Used (ft)	1124.2	1124.2	1124.2	1124.2			1124.1	1124.1	1124.1	1124.1			1122.2	1122.2	1122.2	1122.2			1122.0	1122.0	1122.0	1122.0		
BF Width (ft)	41.4	40.8	42.9	41.7			42.1	43.1	43.5	42.3			44.2	43.1	42.5	43.2			42.2	40.9	39.9	40.3		
BF Mean Depth (ft)	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4			2.8	2.7	2.5	2.77			2.9	3.0	3.2	3.2			2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8		
Width/Depth Ratio	15.5	16.5	18.2	17.4			15.3	16.0	17.2	15.3			15.4	14.4	13.4	13.5			15.4	14.8	14.3	14.6		
BF Cross-sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	110.8	100.5	101.1	100.0			115.8	115.8	109.8	116.9			126.5	129.0	134.8	137.8			115.9	113.3	111	111.5		
BF Max Depth (ft)	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.2			5.1	5.4	5.3	5.73			4.5	5.1	4.8	4.9			4.2	4.2	4.4	4.4		
Width of Floodprone Area (ft)	90.7	89.8	90.7	90.6			85.6	85.9	85.8	85.7			95.3	95.1	95.2	95.1			93.6	93.5	93.5	93.5		
Entrenchment Ratio	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3		
Bank Height Ratio	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1			1.0	1.1	1	1			1.0	1.0	1.1	1			1.0	1.0	1.1	1		
Wetted Perimeter (ft)	46.8	45.7	47.6	46.5			47.6	48.4	48.6	47.8			49.9	49.1	48.8	49.6			47.7	46.4	45.5	45.9		
Hydraulic Radius (ft)	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1			2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4			2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8			2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4		



**APPENDIX E**

**HYDROLOGIC DATA**

**Table 12. Verification of Bankfull or Greater than Bankfull Events**

South Muddy Creek Mitigation Plan: EEP Project No. 737

Date of Data Collection	Date of Event	Method of Data Collection	Gauge Watermark Height (feet above bankfull)
April 17, 2014	May 1, 2013 - April 17, 2014*	Gauge measurement	0.09
May 1, 2013	December 31, 2012 - May 1, 2013*	Gauge measurement	0.07
December 31, 2012	August 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012*	Gauge measurement	0.06
August 1, 2012	May 18, 2012 - August 1, 2012*	Gauge measurement	0.17
May 18, 2012	September 2010 (crest gauge installation for asbuilt) - May 18, 2012*	Gauge measurement	0.08

\* Date of event(s) occurred sometime between the date range specified.