

MY1 MONITORING REPORT FINAL

SLIVER MOON II SITE

Craven County, North Carolina
Neuse River Basin
Cataloging Unit 03020202

DMS Project No. 100077
Full Delivery Contract No. 7606
DMS RFP No. 16-007401
USACE Action ID No. SAW-2018-01761
DWR Project No. 2018-1156

Data Collection: January 2023 – November 2023
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Response to Monitoring Year 1 (2023) DMS Comments

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DMS Comments Received (Black Text) & Responses (Blue Text)

Report & Field Visit:

1. CCPV – The Rain Gauge/ Soil Temperature Logger and Photo Point #7 were not where the CCPV depicts them. Please correct the coordinates to reference these in the correct location.
The Rain Gauge/Soil Temperature Logger was moved to the correct location on the CCPV. We checked Photo Point #7 is shown in the correct location, the intent was to have it offset from the easement to provide a wider vantage of the easement boundary.

Digital:

1. No comments.
Noted.

Sliver Moon II Year 1, 2023 Monitoring Summary

General Notes

- One area of encroachment was identified during the MY0 document review and was addressed prior to MY1 (2023) monitoring. In Fall 2022, mowing occurred along the southern project boundary and into the Site, totaling 0.892 acres. Restoration Systems (RS) contacted the Craven County Game Warden and alerted him of the situation. RS met with the boundary landowners and discovered the trespass issue was from others in the area, and they too were actively trying to remedy the situation. In response, RS added additional easement markings every 100 feet along the southern boundary and attached conservation easement signage plus no trespass signs with yellow and purple paint (Photo Log, Appendix A). Additionally, on January 30, 2023, RS conducted a replant of the 0.892-acre area with mitigation plan approved species. The additional easement marking has stopped the trespassing issue, and no additional problems have been observed.
- No evidence of nuisance animal activity (i.e., heavy deer browsing) was observed.
- DMS Boundary Inspection Report action items were addressed which included locating and documenting two corners (Photo Log, Appendix A and Appendix E).

Site Maintenance Report (2023)

| Invasive Species Work | Maintenance work |
|-----------------------|---|
| None | 01/30/2023: Easement Encroachment Replant 10/11/2023: Survey Work (locate two missing corners) |

Wetlands

- Nine of the 26 groundwater gauges met success criteria during the Year 1 (2023) monitoring period (Appendix D). A detailed analysis is provided in Section 2.1.

Vegetation

- Measurements of all 26 plots resulted in an average of 605 planted stems/acre, with an average of 5 species per plot. Additionally, all individual plots met the MY3 interim performance standard.

Site Monitoring Activity and Reporting History

| Activity or Deliverable | Vegetation Monitoring Complete | Wetland Monitoring | Data Collection Complete | Completion or Delivery |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Construction Earthwork | -- | -- | -- | October 27, 2021 |
| Planting | -- | -- | -- | December 20, 2021 |
| As-Built Documentation | December 27, 2021 | -- | January 2022 | May 2023 |
| MY1 Monitoring Report | October 19, 2023 | Feb.-Nov. 2023 | November 2023 | December 2023 |

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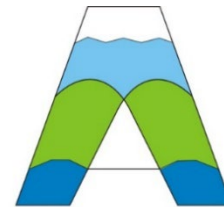


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1. PROJECT SUMMARY

Restoration Systems, LLC (RS) has established the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (NCDMS) Sliver Moon II Site (Site).

1.1 Project Background, Components, and Structure

The Sliver Moon II Site (hereafter referred to as the “Site”) encompasses 30.88 acres of primarily agricultural fields used for row crop production. The underlying tract is a single parcel totaling 31.85 acres. The Site is approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Cove City, 3.5 miles southeast of Dover, and slightly north of Old US-70 Highway (SR1005) in northwest Craven County.

Before construction, existing wetlands abutted the Site along its entire northern and much of its southern boundary, with direct ephemeral surface water inputs at several locations. Surface water inputs along the northern border were directed east and west offsite via ditches and a drain tile that cut across the Site. The eastern fifth of the Site’s northern boundary abuts the Sliver Moon Mitigation Site, implemented in 2012, successful through five years of monitoring, and closed in 2018.

Just to the north of the Site is the rim of a Carolina Bay. The rim was mined for sand to construct the current NC Highway 70. The Site’s eastern boundary, Daisy Lane, was built to access the sand and remains an unimproved road elevated 2-3 feet above Site grade. Soon after the Hwy 70 project, the area was cleared for row crop production, including the land east of Daisy Lane. Land abutting the Site to the south was in agricultural production before 1981. Currently, a vast majority of this land is unmanaged and has naturalized. Remnant spoil piles and historic ditches are still present. Agricultural production is still active along the Site’s southwestern boundary, where a topographic crest in the landscape separates the properties hydrologically.

The Site was in agricultural production for roughly 35 years before construction. Typical crop rotation for the decade before construction was winter wheat and corn.

Proposed Site restoration activities generated 30.447 Non-riparian Wetland Mitigation Units (WMUs) – as described in Table 1. An access lane measuring 0.15 acres (15 feet wide) was surveyed and recorded as part of the conservation easement plat and deed. The lane allows for access from the south to north across the Site. The lane area is a part of the restoration plan and approach. No improvements to the lane were made during construction, and the land will not generate mitigation credit.

Additional activities that occurred at the Site included the following.

- Thinning existing wooded areas and replanting bare-root seedlings
- Planting 30.88 acres of the Site with 20,500 stems (planted species are included in Table 5A [Appendix B]).
- Mechanically removing small clusters of Chinese privet
- Applying a permanent seed mix across the Site. A species list is included in Table 5B (Appendix B).

The Project’s design was completed on September 23, 2021. Construction started on September 27, 2021, and ended with a final walkthrough on October 27, 2021. The Site was planted on December 20, 2021. Completed project activities, reporting history, completion dates, and project contacts are summarized in Tables 8-9 (Appendix D).

Table 1. Sliver Moon II (ID-100077) Project Mitigation Quantities and Credits

| Project Segment | Original Mitigation Plan Ft/Ac | As-Built Ft/Ac | Original Mitigation Category | Original Restoration Level | Original Mitigation Ratio (X:1) | Credits | Comments |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Stream | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total: | 0.000 | |
| Wetland | | | | | | | |
| WR 1 | 30.447 | 30.447 | R | REE | 1.00000 | 30.447 | 0.15 acres is within access lane and generates no credit |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total: | 30.447 | |

Project Credits

| Restoration Level | Stream | | | Riparian | Non-Rip | Coastal |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|----------|---------------|---------|
| | Warm | Cool | Cold | Wetland | Wetland | Marsh |
| Restoration | | | | | | |
| Re-establishment | | | | | 30.447 | |
| Rehabilitation | | | | | 0.000 | |
| Enhancement | | | | | 0.000 | |
| Enhancement I | | | | | | |
| Enhancement II | | | | | | |
| Creation | | | | | 0.000 | |
| Preservation | | | | | 0.000 | |
| Totals | | | | | 30.447 | |

Total Stream Credit 0.000
Total Wetland Credit 30.447

Wetland Mitigation Category

CM Coastal Marsh
R Riparian
NR Non-Riparian

Restoration Level

HQP High Quality Preservation
P Preservation
E Wetland Enhancement - Veg and Hydro
EII Stream Enhancement II
EI Stream Enhancement I
C Wetland Creation
RH Wetland Rehabilitation - Veg and Hydro
REE Wetland Re-establishment Veg and Hydro
R Restoration

Table 2. Summary: Goals, Performance, and Results

| Goals | Objectives | Success Criteria |
|--|--|--|
| (1) HYDROLOGY | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-establish appropriate wetland hydrology on-site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill and plug agriculture ditches to restore jurisdictional hydrology • Plant native woody vegetation • Cease row crop production within the easement • Shallow disking (~4”) of soils to reduce compaction and increase surface roughness • Protect the Site with a perpetual conservation easement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Row crop production ceased within the easement • Monitoring wells will be successful if the water table is within 12 inches of the soil surface for 12% (32 consecutive days) of the growing season • Vegetation plots will be successful if the plant density is 210 stems per acre with an average plant height of 10 feet at 7 years following planting |
| (1) WATER QUALITY | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove direct nutrient and pollutant inputs from the Site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce agricultural land/inputs • Fill and plug the ditch network to restore ground and surface hydrology in the Site • Plant woody vegetation • Restore jurisdictional wetlands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Row crop production ceased within the easement • Monitoring wells will be successful if the water table is within 12 inches of the soil surface for 12% (32 consecutive days) of the growing season • Vegetation plots will be successful if the plant density is 210 stems per acre with an average plant height of 10 feet at 7 years following planting |
| (1) HABITAT | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve wetland wildlife habitat within and adjacent to the Site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant woody vegetation to provide organic matter and shade • Fill and plug ditches to provide groundwater hydrology and plant native woody vegetation • Protect the Site with a perpetual conservation easement • Restore jurisdictional wetlands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring wells will be successful if the water table is within 12 inches of the soil surface for 12% (32 consecutive days) of the growing season • Vegetation plots will be successful if the plant density is 210 stems per acre with an average plant height of 10 feet at 7 years following planting |

| Table 3. Project Attribute Table | | | |
|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Project Name | Sliver Moon II Wetland Restoration Site | | |
| County | Craven County, North Carolina | | |
| Project Area (acres) | 30.88 | | |
| Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude decimal degrees) | 35.2036°N, 77.3654°W | | |
| Project Watershed Summary Information | | | |
| Physiographic Province | Middle Atlantic Coastal Plain | | |
| River Basin | Neuse | | |
| USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit | 3020202 | | |
| DWR Sub-basin | 03-04-08 | | |
| Project Drainage Area (acres) | NA | | |
| Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area | NA | | |
| Land Use Classification | Cultivated | | |
| Wetland Summary Information | | | |
| Parameters | | Wetlands (WR 1) | |
| Pre-project (acres) | 0 | | |
| Post-project (acres) | 30.597 | | |
| Wetland Type (non-riparian, riparian) | Non-riparian | | |
| Mapped Soil Series | Pantego, Rains | | |
| Soil Hydric Status | Hydric, hydric | | |
| Regulatory Considerations | | | |
| Parameters | Applicable? | Resolved? | Supporting Docs? |
| Water of the United States - Section 404 | Yes | Yes | PJD |
| Water of the United States - Section 401 | Yes | Yes | PJD |
| Endangered Species Act | Yes | Yes | CE Document |
| Historic Preservation Act | No | -- | CE Document |
| Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA or CAMA) | No | -- | CE Document |
| Essential Fisheries Habitat | No | -- | NA |

1.2 Success Criteria

Monitoring and success criteria for wetland restoration should relate to project goals and objectives identified from NC WAM data collection. From a mitigation perspective, several goals and objectives are assumed functionally elevated by restoration activities without direct measurement. Other goals and objectives will be considered successful upon achieving success criteria. The following summarizes Site success criteria.

Table A. Success Criteria

| Wetland Hydrology |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturation or inundation within the upper 12 inches of the soil surface for, at a minimum, 12 percent of the growing season during average climatic conditions based on the <i>Wilmington District Stream and Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Update</i> (USACE 2016, Table 1) for both the <i>Typic Paleaquult</i> (Rains) and the <i>Umbric Paleaquult</i> (Pantego) soil series as requested by the IRT during the pre-application site visit. Wetland hydrology is an annual success criterion and will be reported in each year’s monitoring report. <p>The 2016 USACE <i>Wilmington District Stream and Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Update</i> for monitoring states that the growing season, used to determine the number of days required to meet the wetland hydroperiod success criteria, shall not extend beyond March 1 and November 14 (259 days). Using this range as the maximum possible growing season, 12 percent (the wetland hydrology success criteria) would be 31.8 days (rounded to 32 days). Yearly reporting of on-site soil temperature and documented bud burst of two or more tree species (excluding red maple and elderberry) will occur - the growing season will remain fixed (March 1 and November 14).</p> |
| Vegetation |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within planted portions of the Site, a minimum of 320 stems per acre must be present at year 3; a minimum of 260 stems per acre must be present at year 5; and a minimum of 210 stems per acre must be present at year 7. Trees must average 7 feet in height at year 5 and 10 feet in height at year 7 in each plot. Planted and volunteer stems are counted, provided they are included in the approved planting list for the Site; natural recruits not on the planting list may be considered by the IRT on a case-by-case basis. Any single species can only account for 50% of the required stems within any vegetation plot. |

2. METHODS

Axiom Environmental, Inc. will conduct monitoring, and annual monitoring reports of the data collected will be submitted to the NCDMS by Restoration Systems by December 1 of each monitoring year. The monitoring schedule is summarized in the following table.

Table B. Monitoring Schedule

| Resource | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wetlands | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Vegetation | X | X | X | | X | | X |
| Visual Assessment | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Report Submittal | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

2.1 Monitoring

The monitoring parameters are summarized in the following table.

Table C. Monitoring Summary

| Wetland Parameters | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Parameter | Method | Schedule/Frequency | Number/Extent | Data Collected/Reported |
| Wetland Restoration | Groundwater gauges | Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 throughout the year with the growing season defined as March 1-November 14 | 26 gauges spread throughout restored wetlands | Document soil temperature at the beginning of each monitoring period to verify the start of the growing season, documented bud burst, and groundwater/rain data for each monitoring period* |
| Vegetation Parameters | | | | |
| Parameter | Method | Schedule/Frequency | Number/Extent | Data Collected/Reported |
| Vegetation establishment and vigor | Permanent vegetation plots 0.0247 acre (100 square meters) in size; <i>CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.2</i> (Lee et al. 2008) | As-built, Years 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 | 26** plots spread across the Site | Documented bud burst, species, height, planted vs. volunteer, stems/acre |
| Visual Parameters | | | | |
| Parameter | Method | Schedule/Frequency | Number/Extent | Data Collected/Reported |
| Encroachment & stabilized outfalls | Visual | Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 | 8 fixed photo points & Site boundary walking | Documented conditions in yearly monitoring report narrative, current condition figures, and reporting tables |

*Soil temperature will be monitored using a continuous recording soil probe located at the rain gauge. The growing season will be initiated once bud burst has been documented on two or more species (excluding red maple and elderberry) and suitable soil temperatures have been documented with the soil probe. The earliest growing season initiation date will be March 1, assuming other growing season criteria have been met.

**25 of the vegetation plots are permanently monumented. One additional random vegetation transect will be measured during years 1-7.

3. MONITORING YEAR 1 – DATA ASSESSMENT

Annual monitoring and site visits were conducted between February 2023 and November 2023 to assess the condition of the project. Stream, wetland, and vegetation criteria for the Site follow the approved success criteria presented in the Mitigation Plan and summarized in Section 1.2; monitoring methods are detailed in Section 2.

3.1 Hydrology Assessment

Summary of Monitoring Period/Hydrology Success Criteria by Year

| Year | Start Date of Growing Season* | Monitoring Period Used for Determining Success | 12 Percent of Monitoring Period |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2023 (Year 1) | March 1, 2023 | March 1-November 14 (259 days) | 32 days |

*Based on documented bud burst and data collected from a soil temperature data logger located on the Site.

Nine of the 26 groundwater gauges met success criteria during MY1 (2023). When compared with 30-year 30-70th percentile rainfall, on-site rainfall amounts were low during the latter half of February and March (Figure D1, Appendix D), with only 1.27 inches recorded during the 39-day period between February 14 and March 24. Most of the gauges that did not meet success criteria dipped below 12 inches from the surface for just a few days during this period before rising again with each precipitation event. It is expected that with normal rainfall early in the growing season, the groundwater would be sufficiently recharged at the start of the growing season, and all gauges would have met hydrology success criteria.

3.2 Vegetative Assessment

The MY1 vegetative survey was completed on October 19, 2023. Vegetation monitoring resulted in a sitewide stem density average of 605 planted stems per acre, well above the interim requirement of 320 stems per acre required at MY3. Additionally, all 26 vegetation plots, including the one temporary transect in the 2023 replant area, met the interim stem density requirement.

In Fall 2022, encroachment and mowing occurred along the southern project boundary and into the Site, totaling 0.892 acres. RS contacted the Craven County Game Warden and alerted him of the situation. RS met with the boundary landowners and discovered the trespass issue was from others in the area and they too were actively trying to remedy the situation. In addition, RS added additional easement making every 100 feet along the southern boundary and attached conservation easement signage plus no trespass signs with yellow and purple paint (Photo Log, Appendix A). This action stopped the trespassing issue; no additional problems have been observed.

On January 30, 2023, RS conducted a replant of the 0.892 acres with mitigation plan approved species, summarized in the following table. Additionally, the replanted area is depicted on Figure 1 (Appendix A).

2023 Planting Effort

| Scientific name | Common Name | Number of Stems |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Betula nigra</i> | River birch | 100 |
| <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | Black gum | 100 |
| <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | Bald cypress | 300 |
| <i>Quercus lyrata</i> | Overcup oak | 100 |
| <i>Quercus michauxii</i> | Swamp chestnut oak | 100 |
| <i>Quercus nigra</i> | Water oak | 100 |
| <i>Quercus phellos</i> | Willow oak | 100 |
| <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | Tulip poplar | 100 |
| | Total: | 1,000 |

3.3 Monitoring Year 1 Summary

Overall, the Site looks good, is performing as intended, and is on track to meet success criteria. Site vegetation is on track to exceed the MY3 interim requirement of 320 planted stems per acre and wetland development is evident.

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Appendix A: Visual Assessment Data

Figure 1. Current Conditions Plan View

Table 4. Visual Vegetation Assessment

Vegetation Plot Photographs

Site Photo Log



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Craven County, NC

Title:

CURRENT CONDITIONS PLAN VIEW

Drawn by:

KRJ

Date:

JAN 2024

Scale:

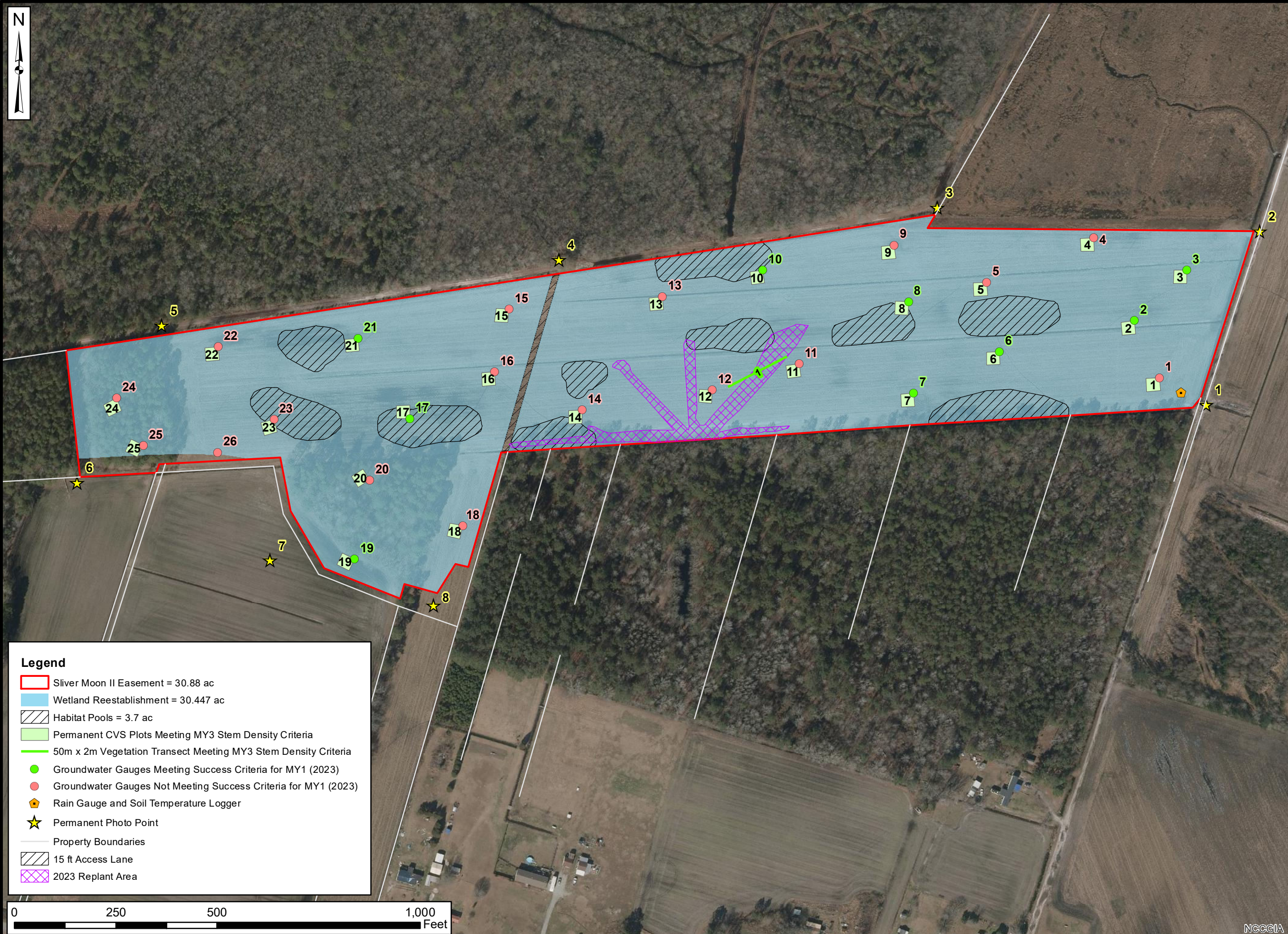
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FIGURE

1



- Legend**
- Sliver Moon II Easement = 30.88 ac
 - Wetland Reestablishment = 30.447 ac
 - Habitat Pools = 3.7 ac
 - Permanent CVS Plots Meeting MY3 Stem Density Criteria
 - 50m x 2m Vegetation Transect Meeting MY3 Stem Density Criteria
 - Groundwater Gauges Meeting Success Criteria for MY1 (2023)
 - Groundwater Gauges Not Meeting Success Criteria for MY1 (2023)
 - ⬮ Rain Gauge and Soil Temperature Logger
 - ★ Permanent Photo Point
 - Property Boundaries
 - 15 ft Access Lane
 - 2023 Replant Area

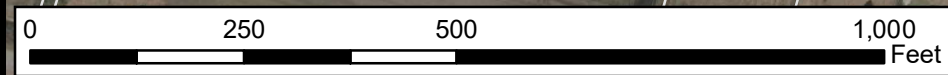


Table 4. Visual Vegetation Assessment

Planted acreage 30.88

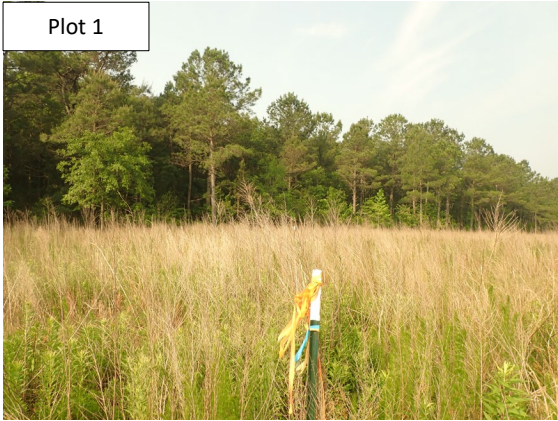
| Vegetation Category | Definitions | Mapping Threshold | Combined Acreage | % of Planted Acreage |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Bare Areas | None | 0.10 acres | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Low Stem Density Areas | None | 0.10 acres | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Total | | | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Areas of Poor Growth Rates | None | 0.10 acres | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Cumulative Total | | | 0.00 | 0.0% |

Easement Acreage 30.88

| Vegetation Category | Definitions | Mapping Threshold | Combined Acreage | % of Easement Acreage |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Invasive Areas of Concern | None | 0.10 acres | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Easement Encroachment Areas | None | none | 0.00 | |

Sliver Moon II Site
MY1 (2023) Vegetation Monitoring Photographs

Plot 1



Plot 2



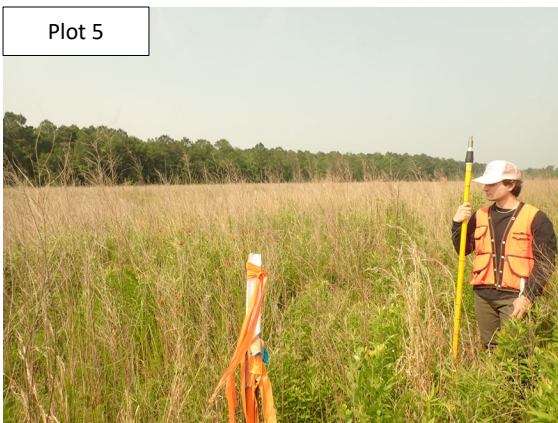
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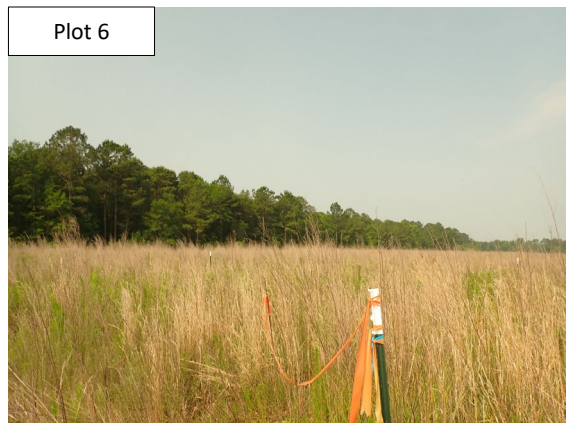
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Plot 5



Plot 6



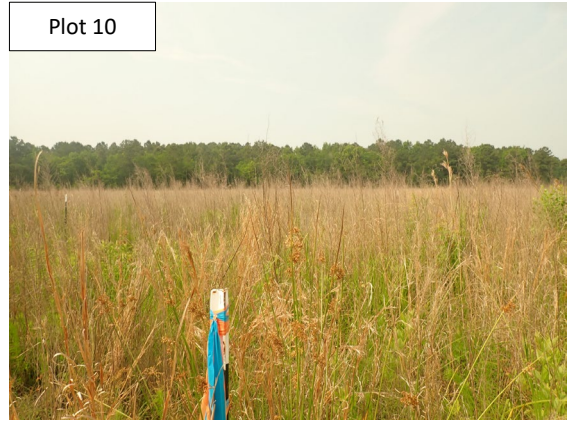
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Plot 8



Sliver Moon II Site
MY1 (2023) Vegetation Monitoring Photographs



Sliver Moon II Site
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**Sliver Moon II
MY-01 (2023) Photo Log**

Photo 1: Photo Point-1



Photo 2: Photo Point-2



**Sliver Moon II
MY-01 (2023) Photo Log**

Photo 3: Photo Point-3



Photo 4: Photo Point-4



**Sliver Moon II
MY-01 (2023) Photo Log**

Photo 5: Photo Point-5



Photo 6: Photo Point-6



**Sliver Moon II
MY-01 (2023) Photo Log**

Photo 7: Photo Point-7



Photo 8: Photo Point-8



**Sliver Moon II
MY-01 (2023) Photo Log**

Photo 9: Inundated habitat pool and woody debris, February 2023

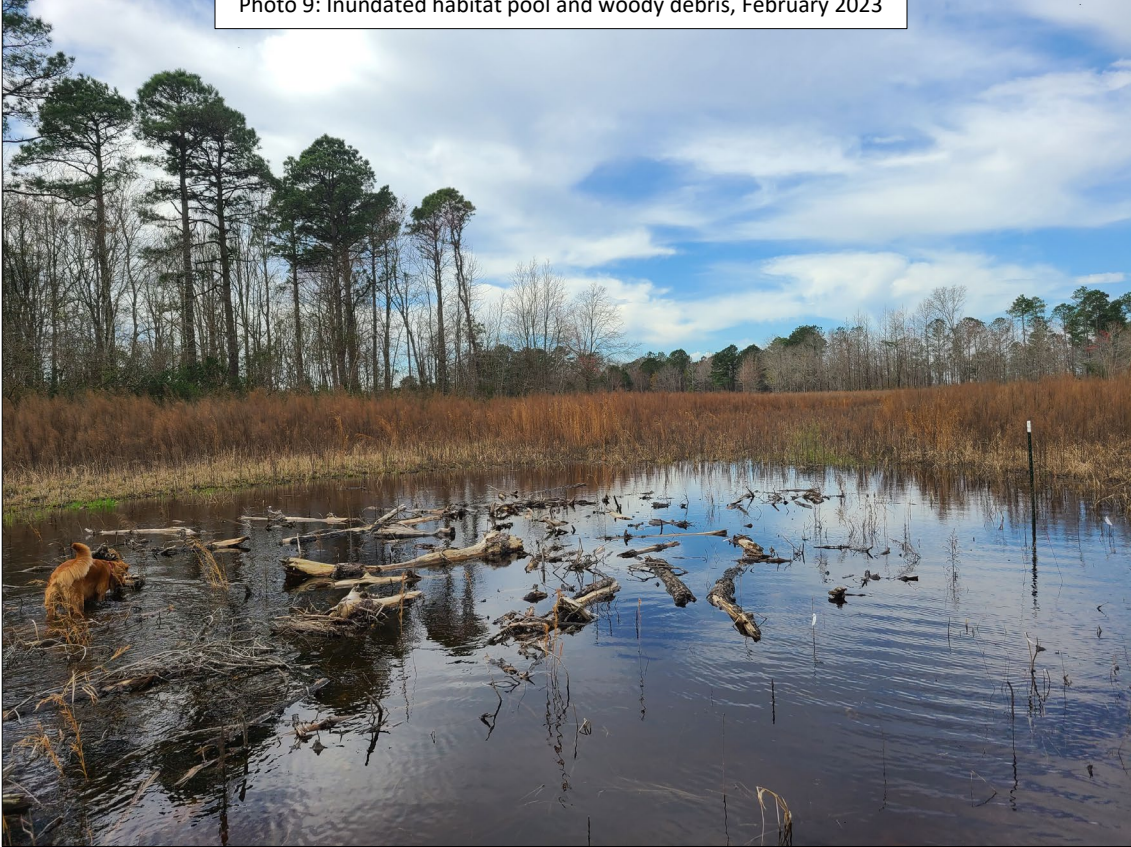
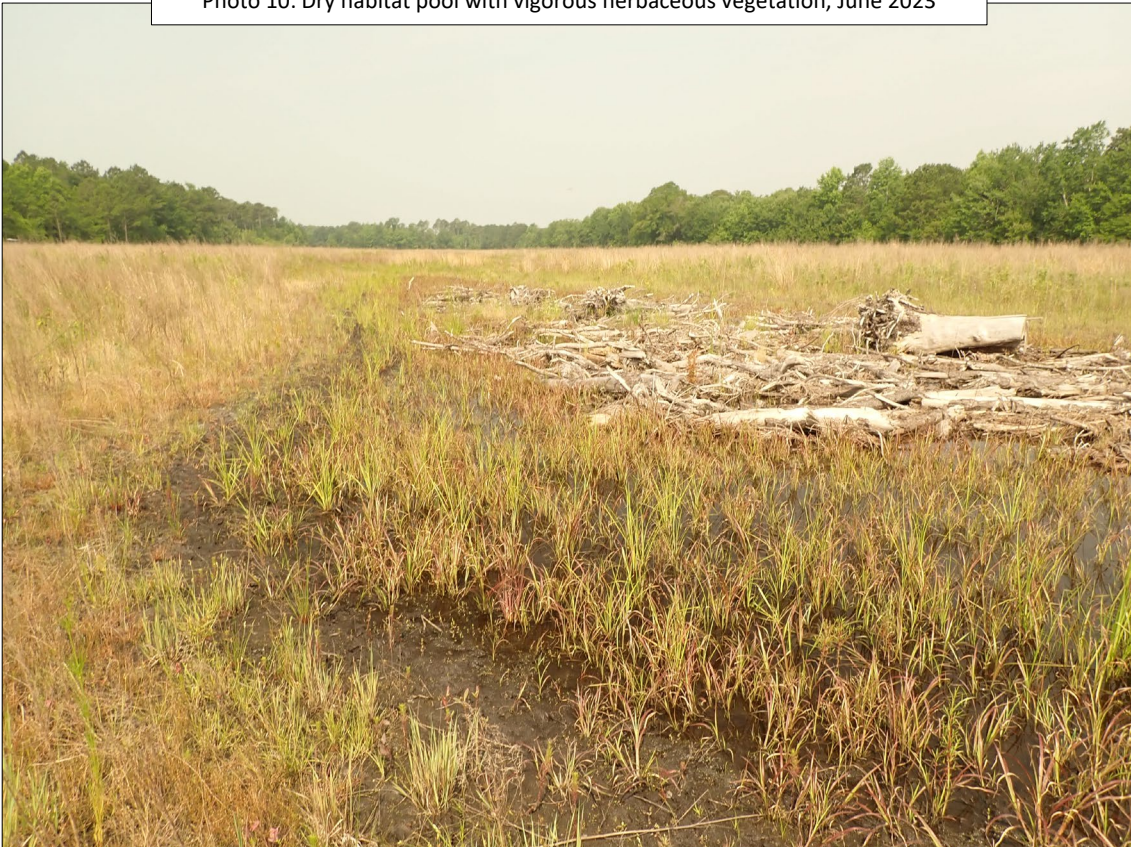


Photo 10: Dry habitat pool with vigorous herbaceous vegetation, June 2023



**Sliver Moon II
MY-01 (2023) Photo Log**

Photo 11: Southern easement boundary markers

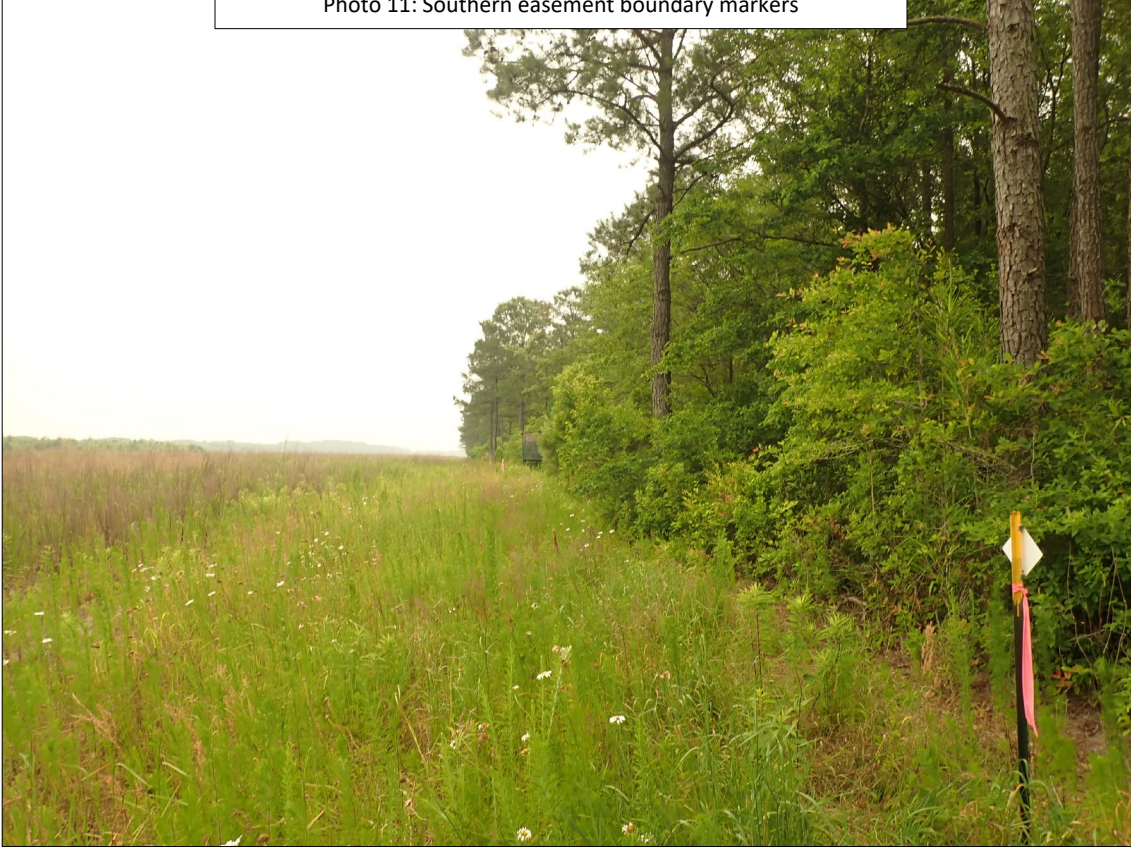
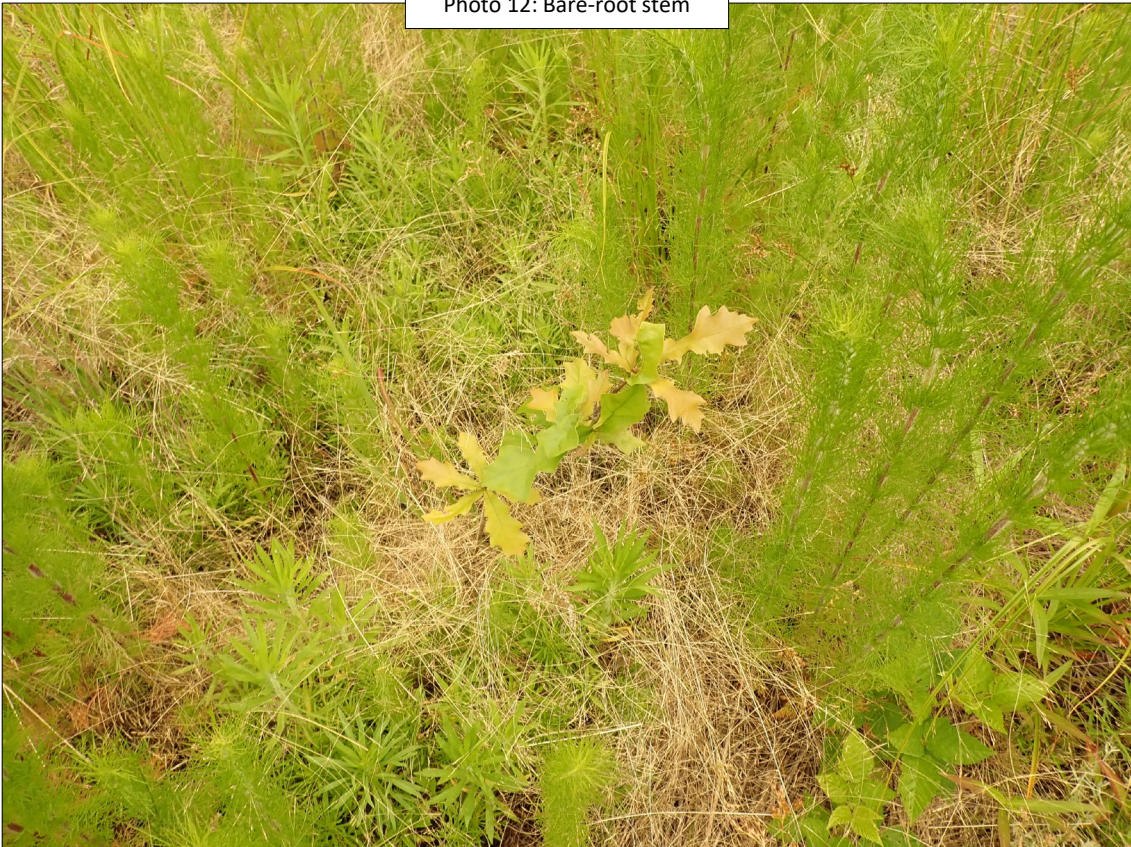


Photo 12: Bare-root stem



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Photo 13: Updated easement signage southwestern boundary

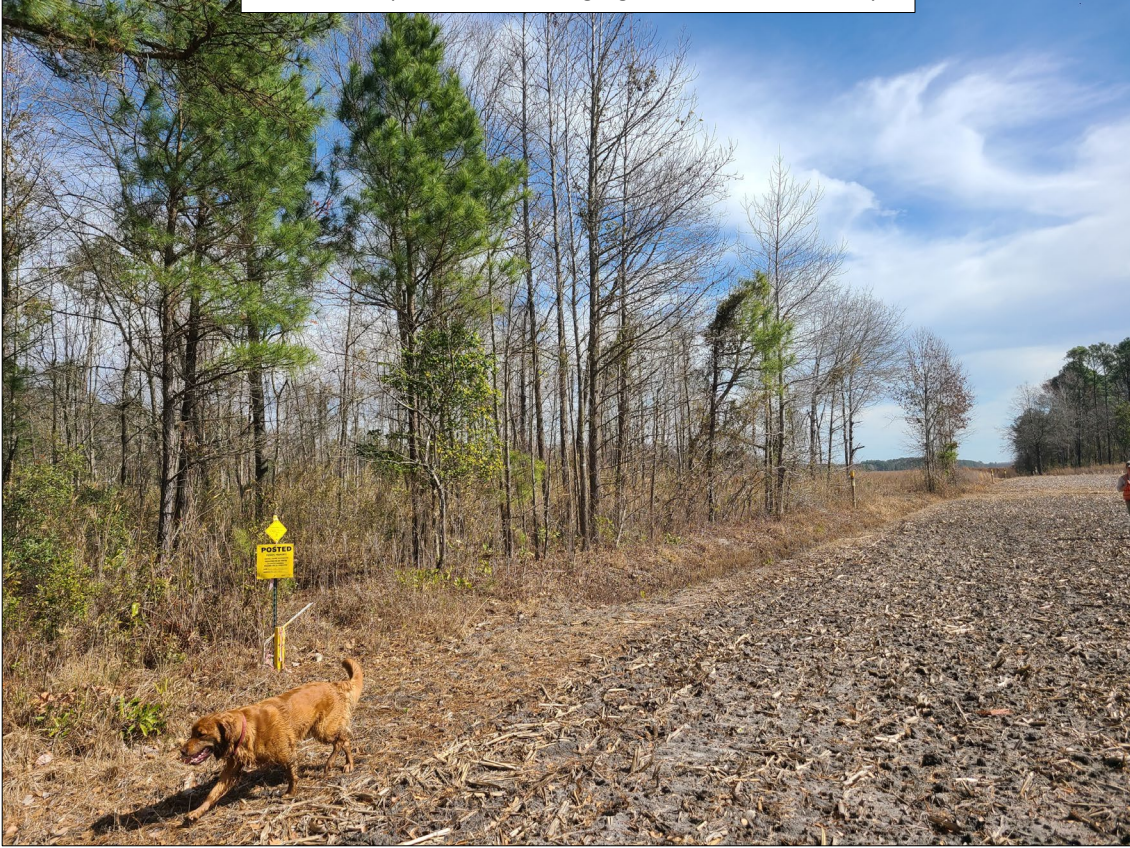


Photo 14: Updated easement signage northeastern boundary



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Photo 15: *Betula nigra* bud burst, taken 2/28/23



Photo 16: *Betula nigra* bud burst, taken 2/28/23



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Photo 17: *Diospyros virginiana* bud burst, taken 2/28/23



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Photo 18: *Magnolia virginiana* bud burst, taken 2/28/23



2023/02/28

Appendix B: Vegetation Data

Table 5. Planted Bare-Root Woody Vegetation

Table 6. Permanent Seed Mix

Table 7. Vegetation Plot Counts and Densities

Table 8. Vegetation Plot Data Table from Vegetation Data Entry Tool

Table 5. Planted Bare Root Woody Vegetation
Sliver Moon II Site

| Vegetation Association | Non-riverine Wet Hardwood Forest | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Canopy Species (30.88 acres) | Mit. Plan | AsBuilt # Planted | Indicator Status | AB % of total |
| Tulip poplar (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>) | 2500 | 2500 | FACU | 11.11% |
| Black gum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>) | 2500 | 2500 | FAC | 11.11% |
| Swamp white oak (<i>Quercus bicolor</i>) | 2000 | 2000 | FACW | 8.89% |
| Laurel oak (<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>) | 2000 | 0* | FACW | 0.00% |
| Overcup oak (<i>Quercus lyrata</i>) | 2000 | 2500 | OBL | 11.11% |
| Swamp chestnut oak (<i>Quercus michauxii</i>) | 2000 | 2500 | FACW | 11.11% |
| Water oak (<i>Quercus nigra</i>) | 2000 | 2500 | FAC | 11.11% |
| Cherrybark oak (<i>Quercus pagoda</i>) | 2000 | 2000 | FACW | 8.89% |
| Willow oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>) | 2000 | 2500 | FACW | 11.11% |
| Understory Species (30.88 acres) | # planted | | Indicator Status | AB % of total |
| Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>) | 800 | 800 | FAC | 3.56% |
| Sweetbay magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>) | 800 | 0* | FACW | 0.00% |
| Swamp bay (<i>Persea palustris</i>) | 700 | 0* | FACW | 0.00% |
| Wet Foot Species (3.75 acres) – in addition to Site-wide planting | # planted | | Indicator Status | AB % of total |
| River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>) | 200 | 1000 | FACW | 4.44% |
| Water tupelo (<i>Nyssa aquatica</i>) | 300 | 300 | OBL | 1.33% |
| Swamp tupelo (<i>Nyssa biflora</i>) | 200 | 200 | OBL | 0.89% |
| Bald Cypress (<i>Taxodium distichum</i>) | 500 | 1200 | OBL | 5.33% |
| TOTAL | 22500 | 22500 | | 100.00% |

*Species were unavailable

| Indicator Categories (USDA - https://plants.usda.gov/wetinfo.html) | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Code | Indicator Status | Designation | Comment |
| OBL | Obligate Wetland | Hydrophyte | Almost always occur in wetlands |
| FACW | Facultative Wetland | Hydrophyte | Usually occur in wetlands, but may occur in non-wetlands |
| FAC | Facultative | Hydrophyte | Occur in wetlands and non-wetlands |
| FACU | Facultative Upland | Nonhydrophyte | Usually occur in non-wetlands, but may occur in wetlands |

**Table 6. Permanent Seed Mix
Sliver Moon II Site**

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Lbs/Ac. | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | Mit. Plan | Actual |
| Common yarrow | <i>Achillea millefolium</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Redtop | <i>Agrostis alba</i> | 9 | 6 |
| Winter bentgrass | <i>Agrostis hyemalis</i> | 3 | 2 |
| Creeping bentgrass | <i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> | 3 | 2 |
| Clusterspike false indigo | <i>Amorpha herbacea</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Showy aster | <i>Aster spectabilis</i> | 0.6 | 0 |
| Spiked wild indigo | <i>Baptisia albescens</i> | 0.6 | 0 |
| Blue false indigo | <i>Baptisia australis</i> | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Greenwhite sedge | <i>Carex albolutescens</i> | 3.9 | 6 |
| Lurid sedge | <i>Carex lurida</i> | 1.5 | 0 |
| Fox sedge | <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> | 0 | 2 |
| Daisy | <i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> | 3 | 2 |
| Shasta daisy | <i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i> | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Coreopsis lanceleaf | <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> | 3 | 2 |
| Coreopsis plains | <i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i> | 3 | 2 |
| Cosmos | <i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i> | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Rocket larkspur | <i>Delphinium ajacis</i> | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Showy ticktrefoil | <i>Desmodium canadense</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Coneflower | <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> | 3.6 | 2.4 |
| Riverbank wildrye | <i>Elymus riparius</i> | 3.15 | 0 |
| Virginia wildrye | <i>Elymus virginicus</i> | 3 | 6 |
| Mistflower | <i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i> | 0.3 | 0 |
| Joe Pye Weed | <i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i> | 0.3 | 0 |
| Perennial gaillardia | <i>Gaillardia aristata</i> | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Purplehead sneezeweed | <i>Helenium flexuosum</i> | 0.3 | 0 |
| Narrowleaf sunflower | <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Oxeye sunflower | <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Crimsoneyed rosemallow | <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> | 0.6 | 0 |
| Soft rush | <i>Juncus effusus</i> | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Path rush | <i>Juncus tenuis</i> | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Narrowleaf primrose willow | <i>Ludwigia linearis</i> | 0.39 | 0.2 |
| Seaside primrose willow | <i>Ludwigia maritima</i> | 0.39 | 0 |
| Wild bergamot | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Beaked panicgrass | <i>Panicum anceps</i> | 7.77 | 0 |
| Deertongue | <i>Panicum clandestinum</i> | 3 | 0 |
| Redtop panicgrass | <i>Panicum rigidulum</i> | 9 | 6.2 |
| Tall white beardtongue | <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Switchgrass | <i>Panicum virgatum</i> | | 2.4 |
| Globe beaksedge | <i>Rhynchospora globularis</i> | 1.2 | 0 |
| Clasping coneflower | <i>Rudbeckia amplexicaulis</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Rudbeckia | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Woolgrass | <i>Scirpus cyperinus</i> | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Purpletop | <i>Tridens flavus</i> | 12 | 8 |
| Blue vervain | <i>Verbena hastata</i> | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| New York ironweed | <i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i> | 0.3 | 0.1 |

Table 7. Planted Vegetation Totals**Sliver Moon II Site**

| Plot # | Planted Stems/Acre | Success Criteria Met? |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 607 | Yes |
| 2 | 445 | Yes |
| 3 | 607 | Yes |
| 4 | 526 | Yes |
| 5 | 567 | Yes |
| 6 | 526 | Yes |
| 7 | 647 | Yes |
| 8 | 567 | Yes |
| 9 | 526 | Yes |
| 10 | 486 | Yes |
| 11 | 607 | Yes |
| 12 | 688 | Yes |
| 13 | 688 | Yes |
| 14 | 607 | Yes |
| 15 | 486 | Yes |
| 16 | 607 | Yes |
| 17 | 769 | Yes |
| 18 | 607 | Yes |
| 19 | 445 | Yes |
| 20 | 1619 | Yes |
| 21 | 445 | Yes |
| 22 | 445 | Yes |
| 23 | 526 | Yes |
| 24 | 607 | Yes |
| 25 | 567 | Yes |
| 1 R | 526 | Yes |
| Average Planted Stems/Acre | 605 | Yes |

Table 8. Vegetation Plot Data Table from Vegetation Data Entry Tool

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Planted Acreage | 30.88 |
| Date of Initial Plant | 2021-12-20 |
| Date(s) of Supplemental Plant(s) | 2023-01-30 |
| Date(s) Mowing | NA |
| Date of Current Survey | 2023-10-19 |
| Plot size (ACRES) | 0.0247 |

| | Scientific Name | Common Name | Tree/S hrub | Indicator Status | Veg Plot 1 F | | Veg Plot 2 F | | Veg Plot 3 F | | Veg Plot 4 F | | Veg Plot 5 F | | Veg Plot 6 F | | Veg Plot 7 F | | Veg Plot 8 F | | Veg Plot 9 F | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted |
| Species Included in Approved Mitigation Plan | <i>Betula nigra</i> | river birch | Tree | FACW | | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | American hornbeam | Tree | FAC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | | |
| | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | tuliptree | Tree | FACU | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> | sweetbay | Tree | FACW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | blackgum | Tree | FAC | 1 | 1 | | | 9 | 9 | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Quercus bicolor</i> | swamp white oak | Tree | FACW | | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Quercus lyrata</i> | overcup oak | Tree | OBL | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| | <i>Quercus michauxii</i> | swamp chestnut oak | Tree | FACW | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | 3 |
| | <i>Quercus nigra</i> | water oak | Tree | FAC | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | | | |
| | <i>Quercus pagoda</i> | cherrybark oak | Tree | FACW | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Quercus phellos</i> | willow oak | Tree | FACW | | | 9 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | bald cypress | Tree | OBL | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | | |
| Sum | Performance Standard | | | | | 15 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Post Mitigation Plan Species | <i>Pinus taeda</i> | loblolly pine | Tree | FAC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | American sycamore | Tree | FACW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sum | Proposed Standard | | | | | 15 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Mitigation Plan Performance Standard | Current Year Stem Count | | | | | 15 | | 11 | | 15 | | 13 | | 14 | | 13 | | 16 | | 14 | | 13 | |
| | Stems/Acre | | | | | 607 | | 445 | | 607 | | 526 | | 567 | | 526 | | 647 | | 567 | | 526 | |
| | Species Count | | | | | 5 | | 4 | | 4 | | 4 | | 5 | | 7 | | 6 | | 5 | | 5 | |
| | Dominant Species Composition (%) | | | | | 60 | | 36 | | 60 | | 38 | | 64 | | 31 | | 38 | | 50 | | 31 | |
| | Average Plot Height (ft.) | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | % Invasives | | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Post Mitigation Plan Performance Standard | Current Year Stem Count | | | | | 15 | | 11 | | 15 | | 13 | | 14 | | 13 | | 16 | | 14 | | 13 | |
| | Stems/Acre | | | | | 607 | | 445 | | 607 | | 526 | | 567 | | 526 | | 647 | | 567 | | 526 | |
| | Species Count | | | | | 5 | | 4 | | 4 | | 4 | | 5 | | 7 | | 6 | | 5 | | 5 | |
| | Dominant Species Composition (%) | | | | | 60 | | 36 | | 60 | | 38 | | 64 | | 31 | | 38 | | 50 | | 31 | |
| | Average Plot Height (ft.) | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | % Invasives | | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |

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Table 8. Vegetation Plot Data Table from Vegetation Data Entry Tool (continued)

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Planted Acreage | 30.88 |
| Date of Initial Plant | 2021-12-20 |
| Date(s) of Supplemental Plant(s) | 2023-01-30 |
| Date(s) Mowing | NA |
| Date of Current Survey | 2023-10-19 |
| Plot size (ACRES) | 0.0247 |

| | Scientific Name | Common Name | Tree/S hrub | Indicator Status | Veg Plot 10 F | | Veg Plot 11 F | | Veg Plot 12 F | | Veg Plot 13 F | | Veg Plot 14 F | | Veg Plot 15 F | | Veg Plot 16 F | | Veg Plot 17 F | | Veg Plot 18 F | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | | | | | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total |
| Species Included in Approved Mitigation Plan | <i>Betula nigra</i> | river birch | Tree | FACW | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | American hornbeam | Tree | FAC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | tuliptree | Tree | FACU | 3 | 3 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | 6 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> | sweetbay | Tree | FACW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | blackgum | Tree | FAC | | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | | |
| | <i>Quercus bicolor</i> | swamp white oak | Tree | FACW | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | <i>Quercus lyrata</i> | overcup oak | Tree | OBL | | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | <i>Quercus michauxii</i> | swamp chestnut oak | Tree | FACW | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| | <i>Quercus nigra</i> | water oak | Tree | FAC | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| | <i>Quercus pagoda</i> | cherrybark oak | Tree | FACW | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Quercus phellos</i> | willow oak | Tree | FACW | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 11 | | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | bald cypress | Tree | OBL | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 8 | |
| Sum | Performance Standard | | | | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 15 |
| Post Mitigation Plan Species | <i>Pinus taeda</i> | loblolly pine | Tree | FAC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | American sycamore | Tree | FACW | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Sum | Proposed Standard | | | | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 15 |
| Mitigation Plan Performance Standard | Current Year Stem Count | | | | 12 | | 15 | | 17 | | 17 | | 15 | | 12 | | 15 | | 19 | | 15 | |
| | Stems/Acre | | | | 486 | | 607 | | 688 | | 688 | | 607 | | 486 | | 607 | | 769 | | 607 | |
| | Species Count | | | | 5 | | 8 | | 5 | | 7 | | 4 | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | 6 | |
| | Dominant Species Composition (%) | | | | 33 | | 20 | | 47 | | 29 | | 73 | | 50 | | 38 | | 42 | | 33 | |
| | Average Plot Height (ft.) | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | % Invasives | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Post Mitigation Plan Performance Standard | Current Year Stem Count | | | | 12 | | 15 | | 17 | | 17 | | 15 | | 12 | | 15 | | 19 | | 15 | |
| | Stems/Acre | | | | 486 | | 607 | | 688 | | 688 | | 607 | | 486 | | 607 | | 769 | | 607 | |
| | Species Count | | | | 5 | | 8 | | 5 | | 7 | | 4 | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | 6 | |
| | Dominant Species Composition (%) | | | | 33 | | 20 | | 47 | | 29 | | 73 | | 50 | | 38 | | 42 | | 33 | |
| | Average Plot Height (ft.) | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | % Invasives | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |

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Table 8. Vegetation Plot Data Table from Vegetation Data Entry Tool (continued)

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Planted Acreage | 30.88 |
| Date of Initial Plant | 2021-12-20 |
| Date(s) of Supplemental Plant(s) | 2023-01-30 |
| Date(s) Mowing | NA |
| Date of Current Survey | 2023-10-19 |
| Plot size (ACRES) | 0.0247 |

| | Scientific Name | Common Name | Tree/S hrub | Indicator Status | Veg Plot 19 F | | Veg Plot 20 F | | Veg Plot 21 F | | Veg Plot 22 F | | Veg Plot 23 F | | Veg Plot 24 F | | Veg Plot 25 F | | Veg Plot 1 R | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | | | | | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total | Planted | Total |
| Species Included in Approved Mitigation Plan | <i>Betula nigra</i> | river birch | Tree | FACW | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 3 | |
| | <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | American hornbeam | Tree | FAC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | tuliptree | Tree | FACU | | | 1 | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> | sweetbay | Tree | FACW | | | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | blackgum | Tree | FAC | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | 2 | |
| | <i>Quercus bicolor</i> | swamp white oak | Tree | FACW | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Quercus lyrata</i> | overcup oak | Tree | OBL | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| | <i>Quercus michauxii</i> | swamp chestnut oak | Tree | FACW | 3 | 3 | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | |
| | <i>Quercus nigra</i> | water oak | Tree | FAC | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | <i>Quercus pagoda</i> | cherrybark oak | Tree | FACW | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Quercus phellos</i> | willow oak | Tree | FACW | 1 | 1 | | 11 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 7 | 14 | 14 | | 5 | 5 | | |
| <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | bald cypress | Tree | OBL | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Sum | Performance Standard | | | | 11 | 11 | 0 | 40 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | |
| Post Mitigation Plan Species | <i>Pinus taeda</i> | loblolly pine | Tree | FAC | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | American sycamore | Tree | FACW | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sum | Proposed Standard | | | | 11 | 11 | 0 | 40 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | |
| Mitigation Plan Performance Standard | Current Year Stem Count | | | | 11 | | 40 | | 11 | | 11 | | 13 | | 15 | | 14 | | 13 | |
| | Stems/Acre | | | | 445 | | 1619 | | 445 | | 445 | | 526 | | 607 | | 567 | | 526 | |
| | Species Count | | | | 6 | | 5 | | 6 | | 5 | | 4 | | 2 | | 5 | | 6 | |
| | Dominant Species Composition (%) | | | | 27 | | 57 | | 27 | | 55 | | 54 | | 93 | | 36 | | 23 | |
| | Average Plot Height (ft.) | | | | 2 | | 7 | | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | % Invasives | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Post Mitigation Plan Performance Standard | Current Year Stem Count | | | | 11 | | 40 | | 11 | | 11 | | 13 | | 15 | | 14 | | 13 | |
| | Stems/Acre | | | | 445 | | 1619 | | 445 | | 445 | | 526 | | 607 | | 567 | | 526 | |
| | Species Count | | | | 6 | | 5 | | 6 | | 5 | | 4 | | 2 | | 5 | | 6 | |
| | Dominant Species Composition (%) | | | | 27 | | 57 | | 27 | | 55 | | 54 | | 93 | | 36 | | 23 | |
| | Average Plot Height (ft.) | | | | 2 | | 7 | | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | |
| | % Invasives | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |

1). Bolded species are proposed for the current monitoring year, italicized species are not approved, and a regular font indicates that the species has been approved.

2). The "Species Included in Approved Mitigation Plan" section contains only those species that were included in the original approved mitigation plan. The "Post Mitigation Plan Species" section includes species that are being proposed through a mitigation plan addendum for the current monitoring year (bolded), species that have been approved in prior monitoring years through a mitigation plan addendum (regular font), and species that are not approved (italicized).

3). The "Mitigation Plan Performance Standard" section is derived only from stems included in the original mitigation plan, whereas the "Post Mitigation Plan Performance Standard" includes data from mitigation plan approved, post mitigation plan approved, and proposed stems.

Appendix C: Hydrologic Data

Table 9. Groundwater Hydrology Data

Groundwater Gauge Graphs

Soil Temperature Graph

Figure C1. 30-70th Percentile Graph for Rainfall

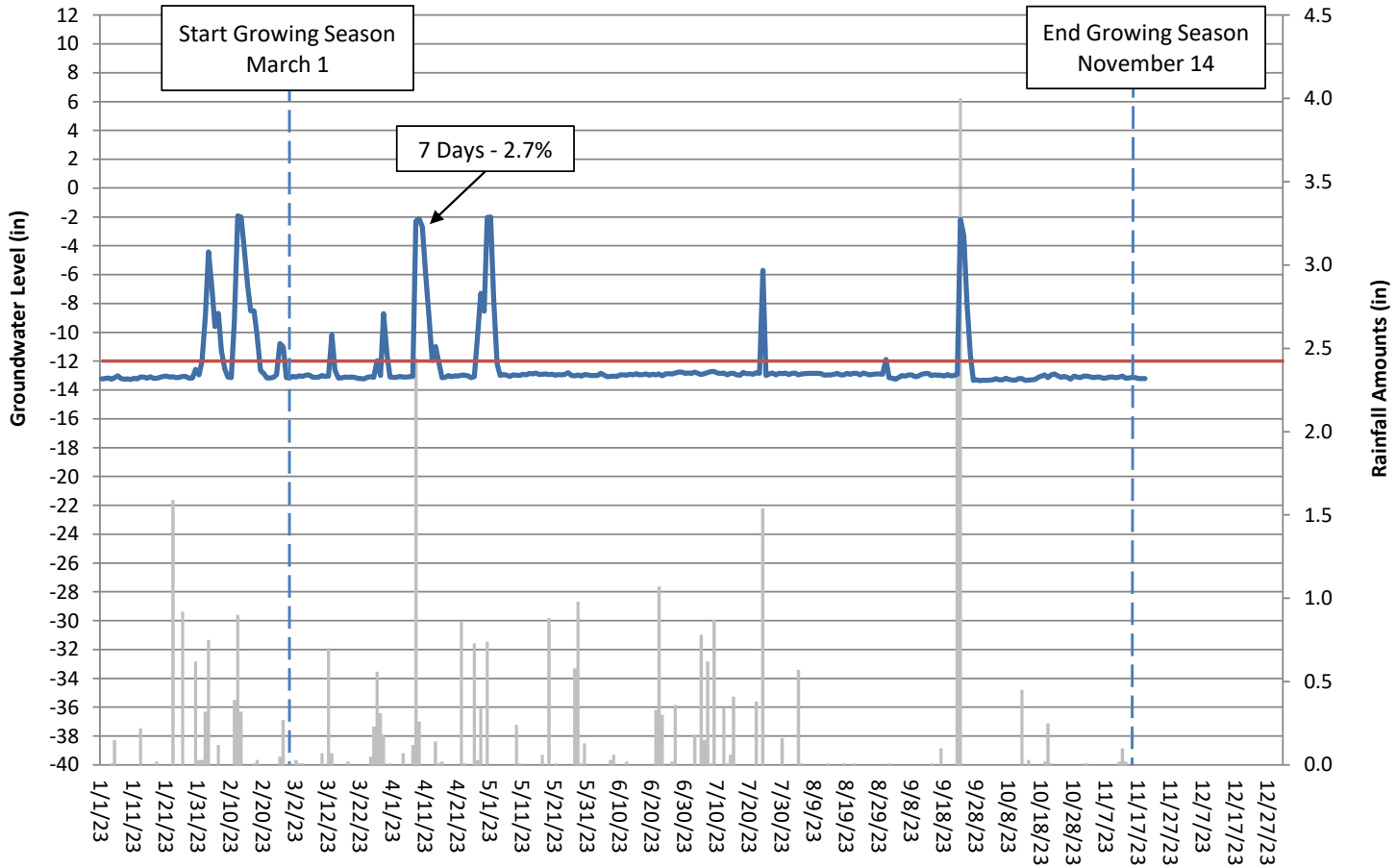
Table 9. Groundwater Hydrology Data

| Gauge | Success Criteria Achieved/Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage) | | | | | | |
|-------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Year 1 (2023) | Year 2 (2024) | Year 3 (2025) | Year 4 (2026) | Year 5 (2027) | Year 6 (2028) | Year 7 (2028) |
| 1 | No - 7 days (2.7%) | | | | | | |
| 2 | Yes - 74 days (28.6%) | | | | | | |
| 3 | Yes - 69 days (26.6%) | | | | | | |
| 4 | No - 25 days (9.7%) | | | | | | |
| 5 | No - 22 days (8.5%) | | | | | | |
| 6 | Yes - 40 days (15.4%) | | | | | | |
| 7 | Yes - 40 days (15.4%) | | | | | | |
| 8 | Yes - 72 days (27.8%) | | | | | | |
| 9 | No - 7 days (2.7%) | | | | | | |
| 10 | Yes - 51 days (19.7%) | | | | | | |
| 11 | No - 11 days (4.2%) | | | | | | |
| 12 | No - 10 days (3.9%) | | | | | | |
| 13 | No - 24 days (9.3%) | | | | | | |
| 14 | No - 11 days (4.2%) | | | | | | |
| 15 | No - 24 days (9.3%) | | | | | | |
| 16 | No - 24 days (9.3%) | | | | | | |
| 17 | Yes - 104 days (40.2%) | | | | | | |
| 18 | No - 16 days (6.2%) | | | | | | |
| 19 | Yes - 46 days (17.6%) | | | | | | |
| 20 | No - 11 days (4.2%) | | | | | | |
| 21 | Yes - 50 days (19.3%) | | | | | | |
| 22 | No - 8 days (3.1%) | | | | | | |

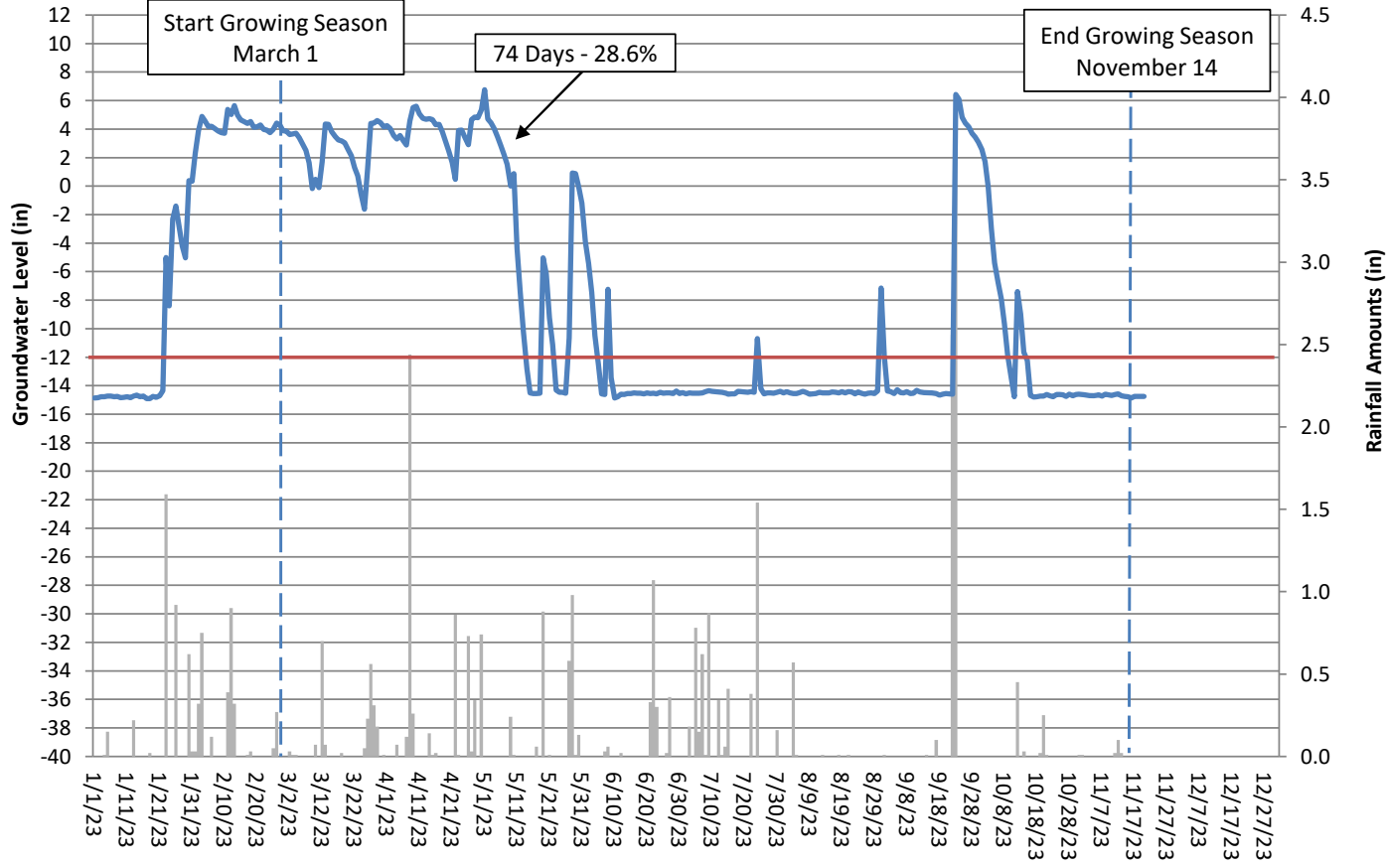
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| Gauge | Success Criteria Achieved/Max Consecutive Days During Growing Season (Percentage) | | | | | | |
|-------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Year 1 (2023) | Year 2 (2024) | Year 3 (2025) | Year 4 (2026) | Year 5 (2027) | Year 6 (2028) | Year 7 (2028) |
| 23 | No - 10 days (3.9%) | | | | | | |
| 24 | No - 8 days (3.1%) | | | | | | |
| 25 | No - 5 days (1.9%) | | | | | | |
| 26 | No - 5 days (1.9%) | | | | | | |

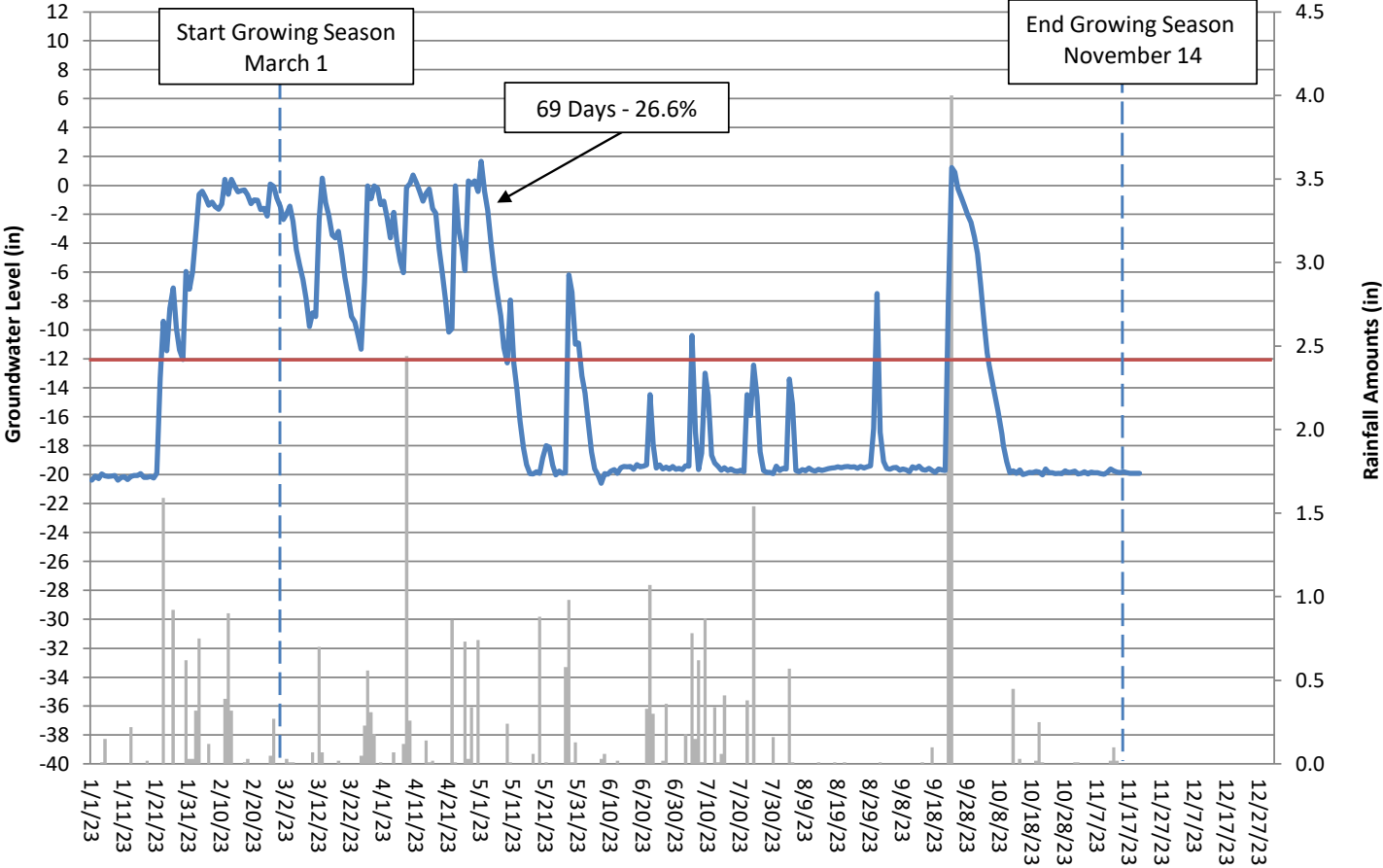
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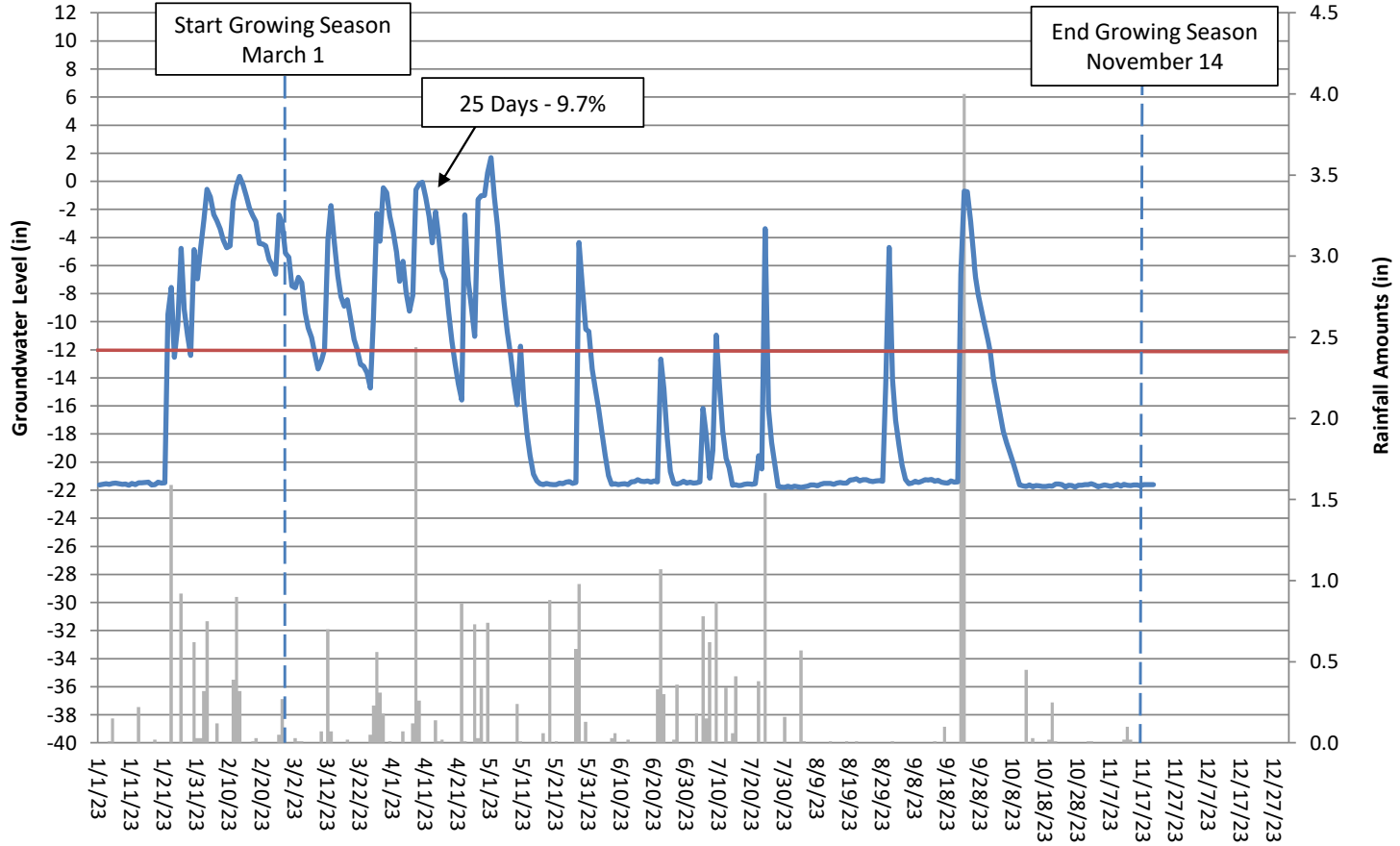
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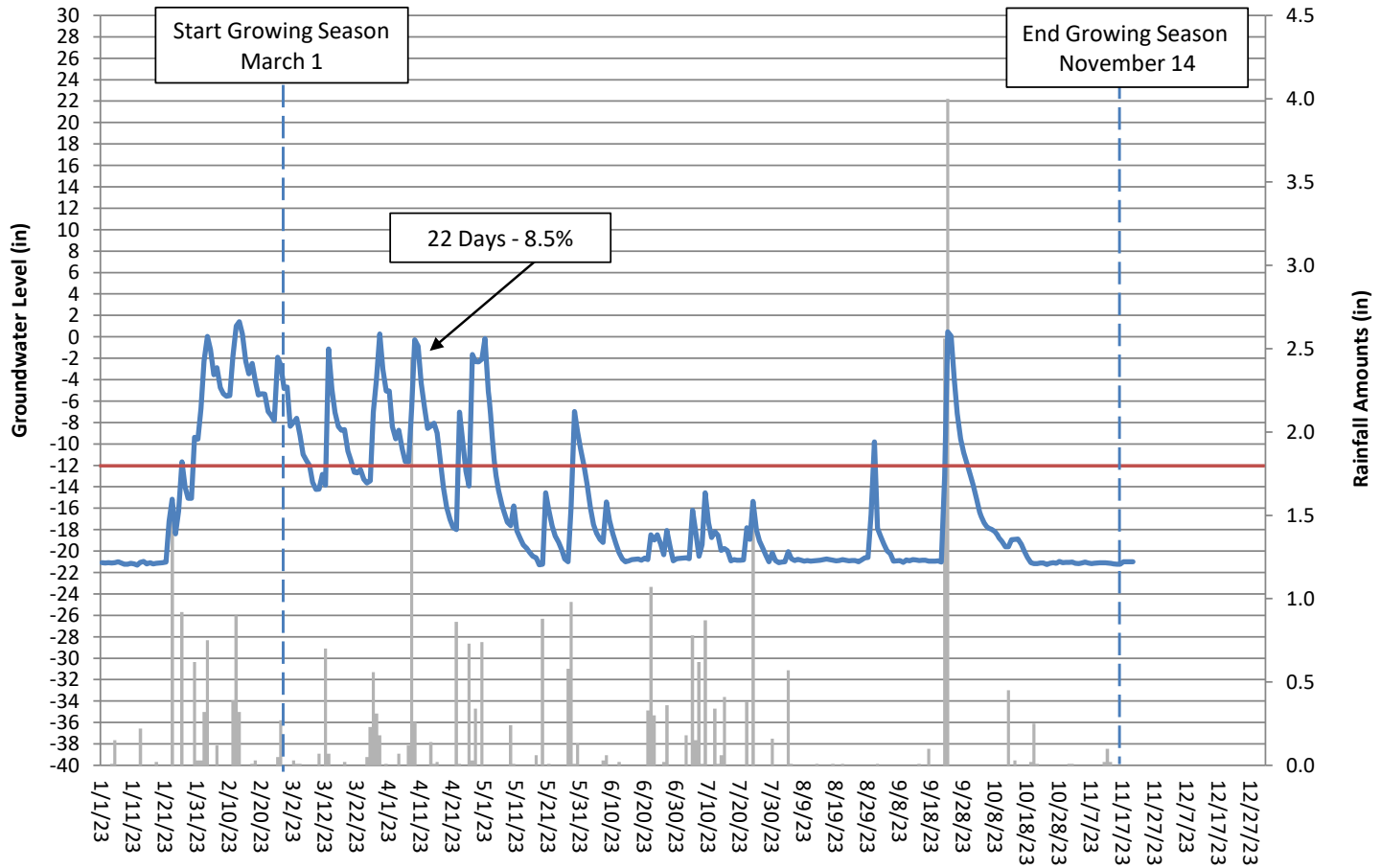
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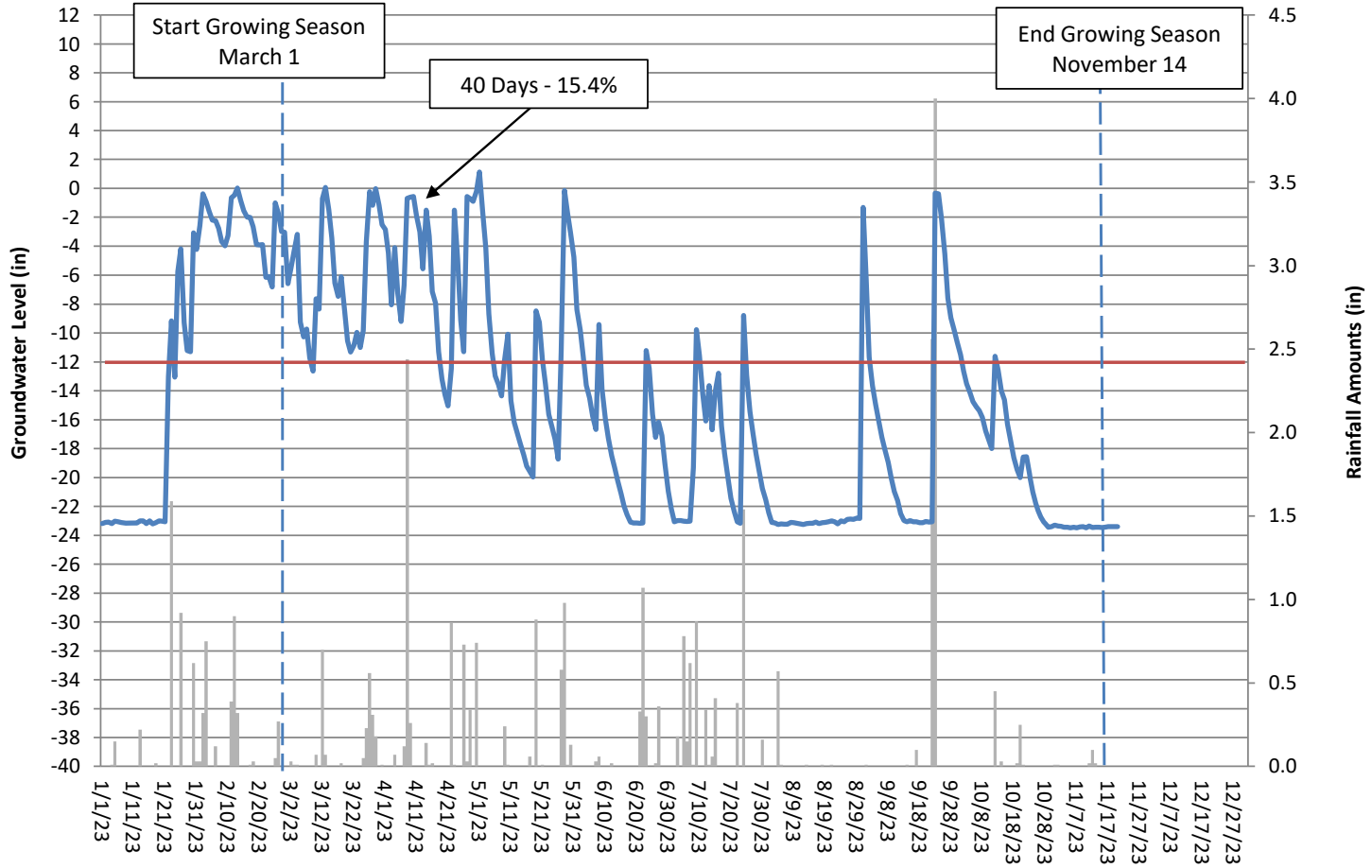
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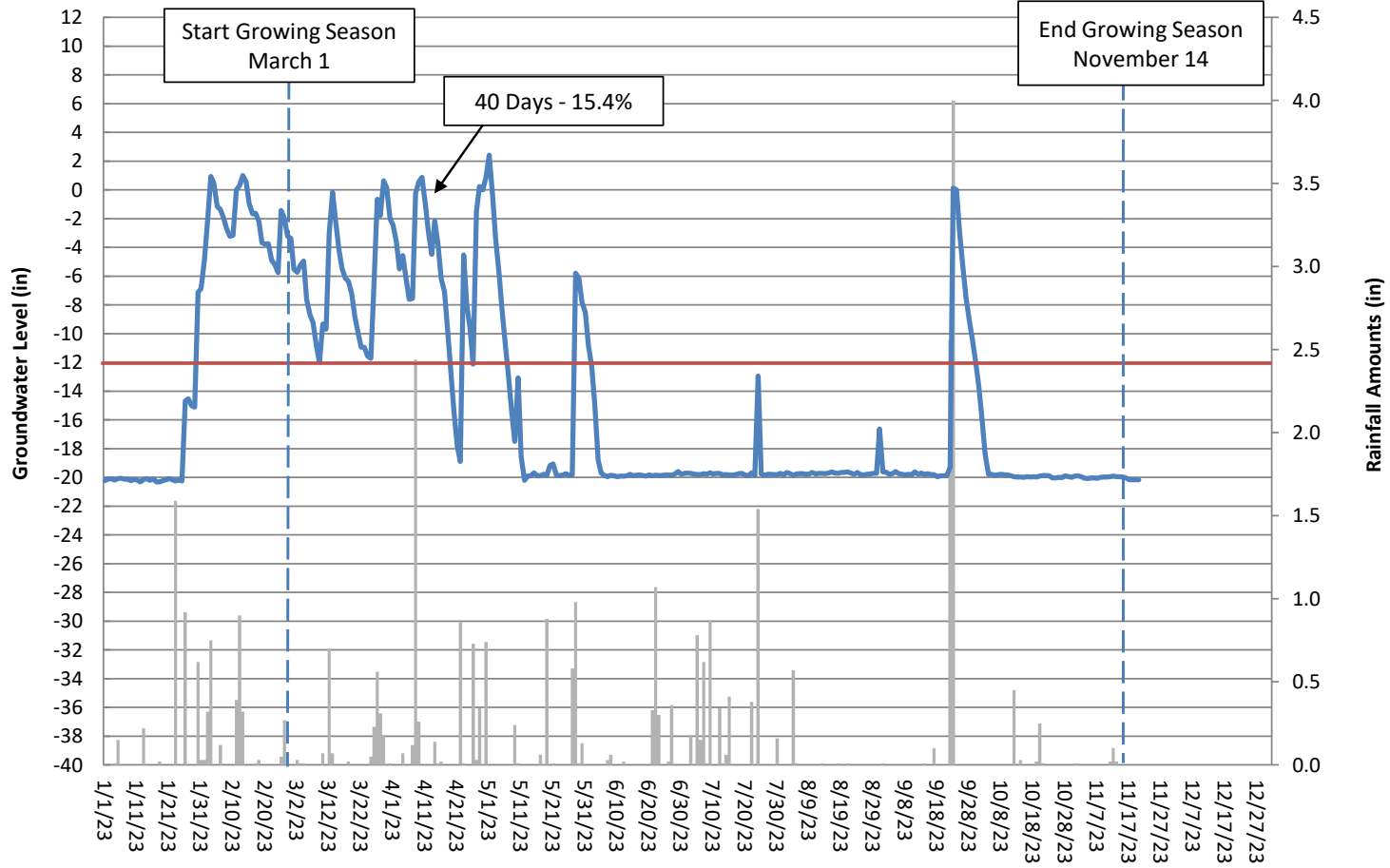
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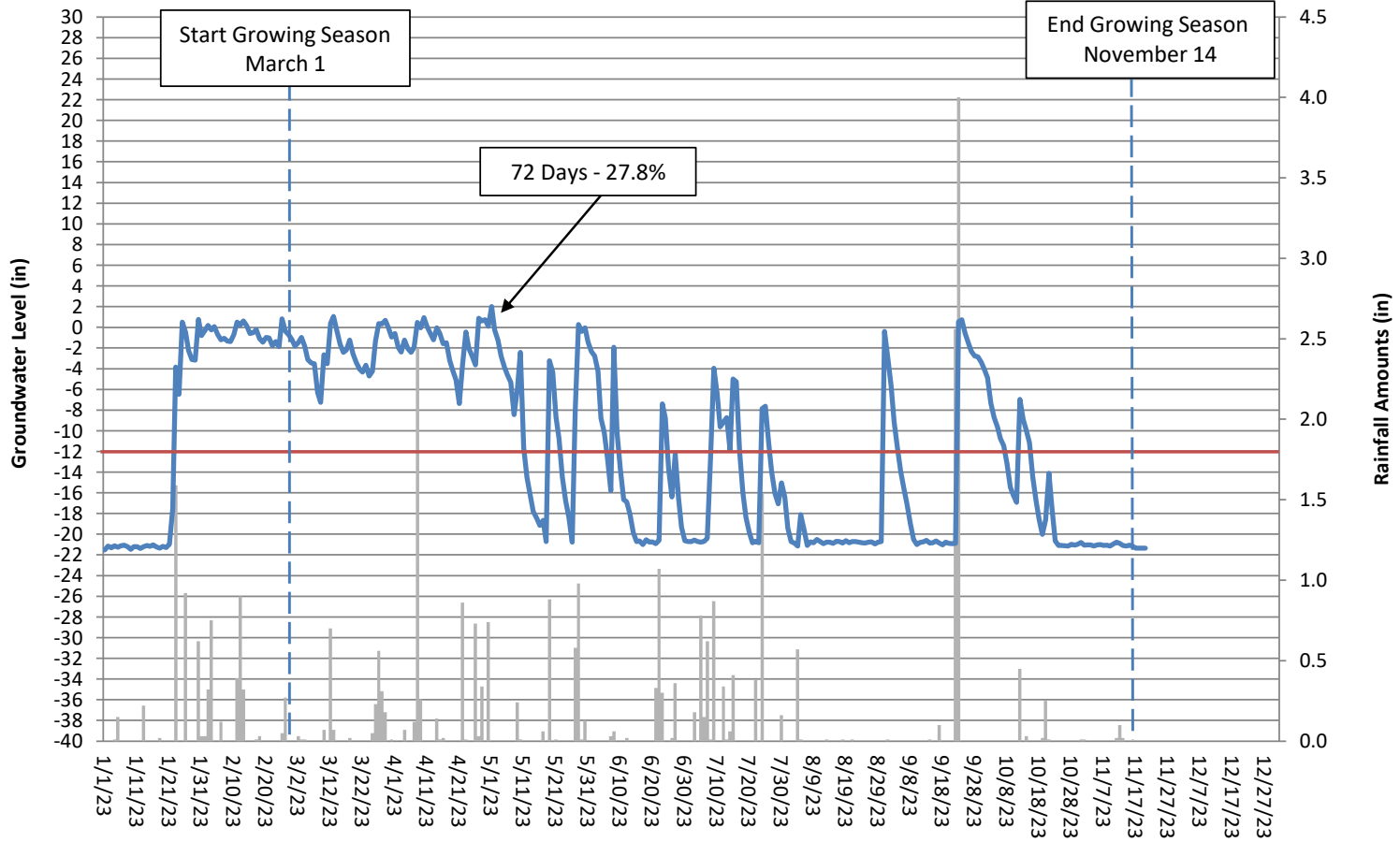
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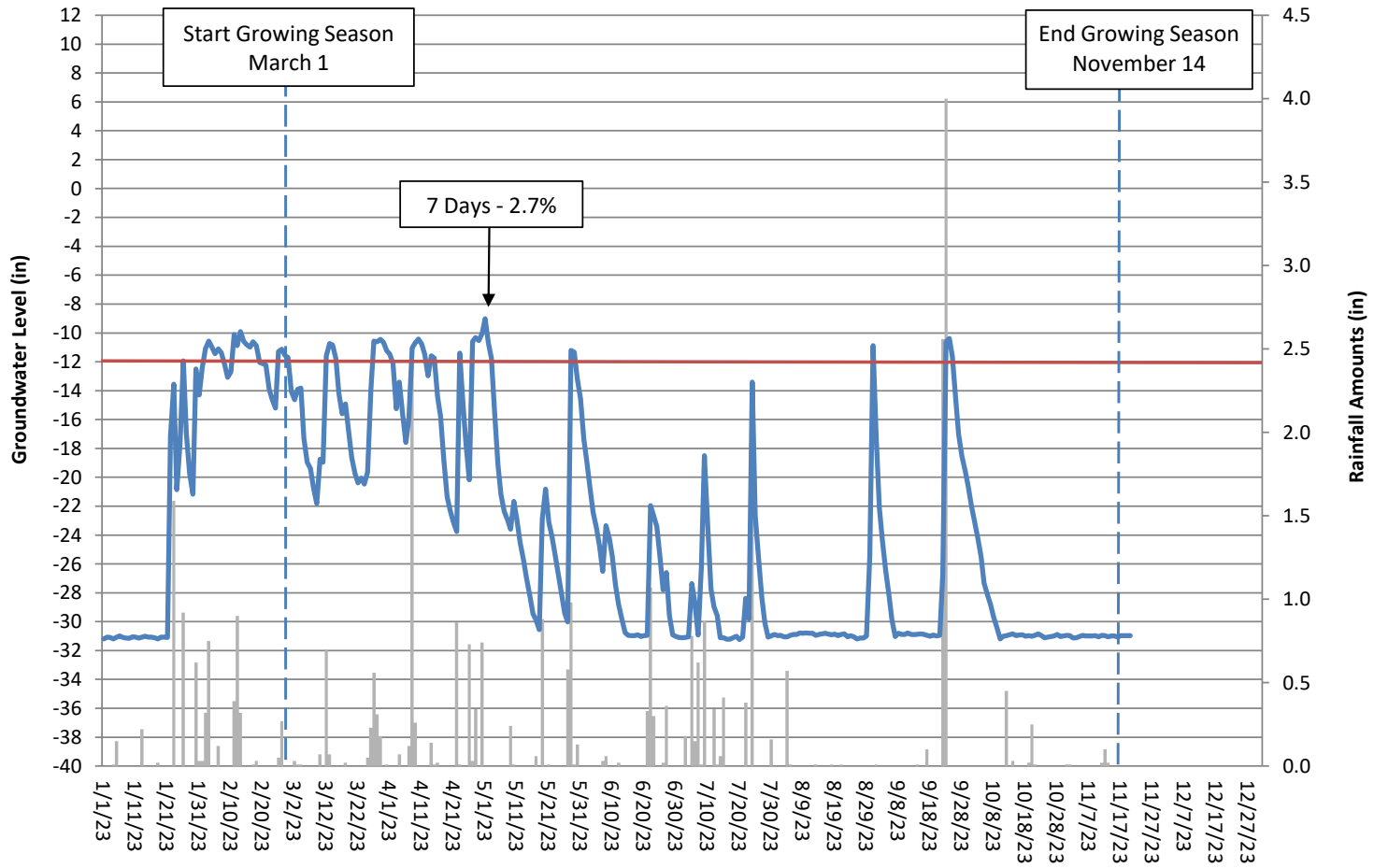
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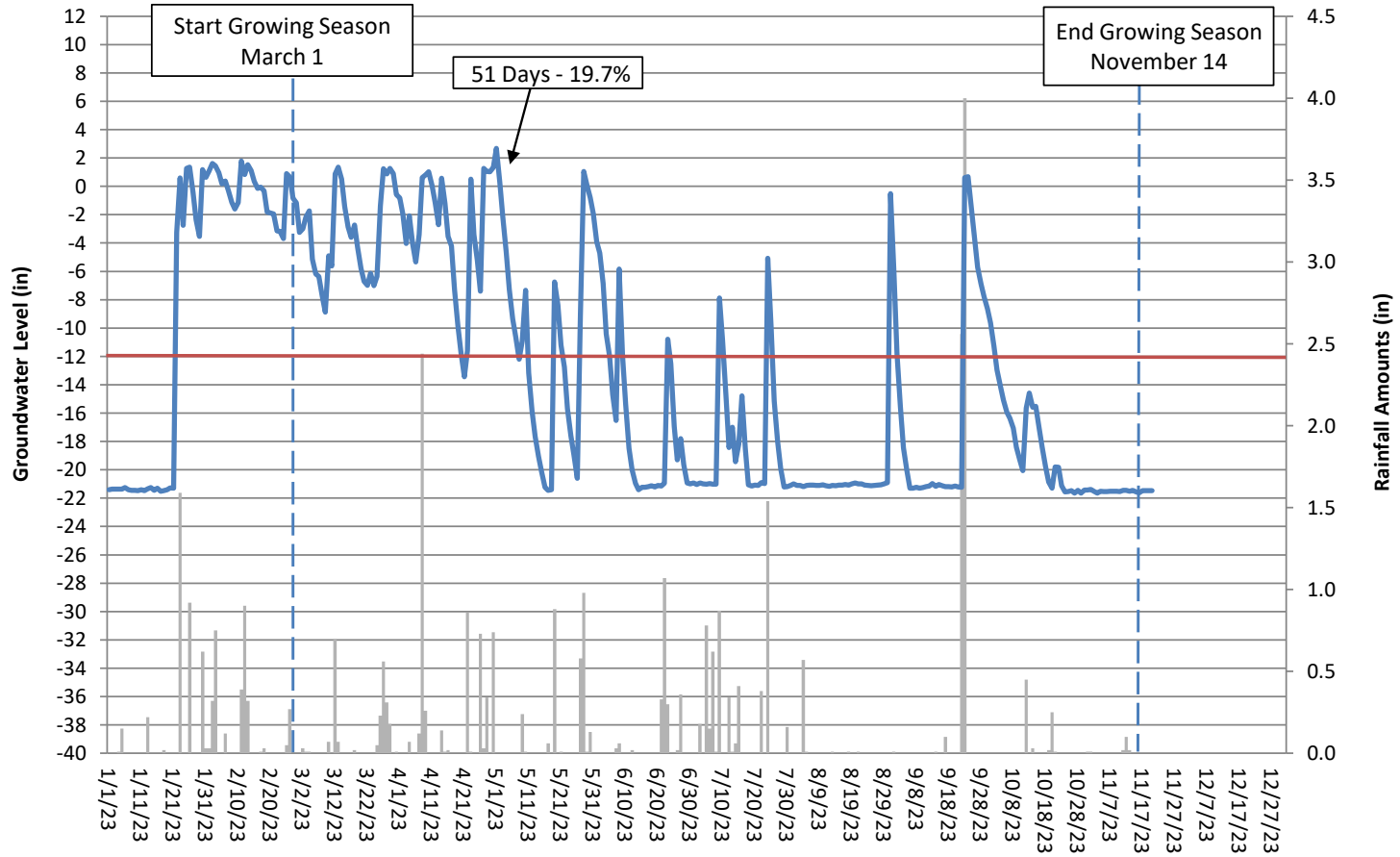
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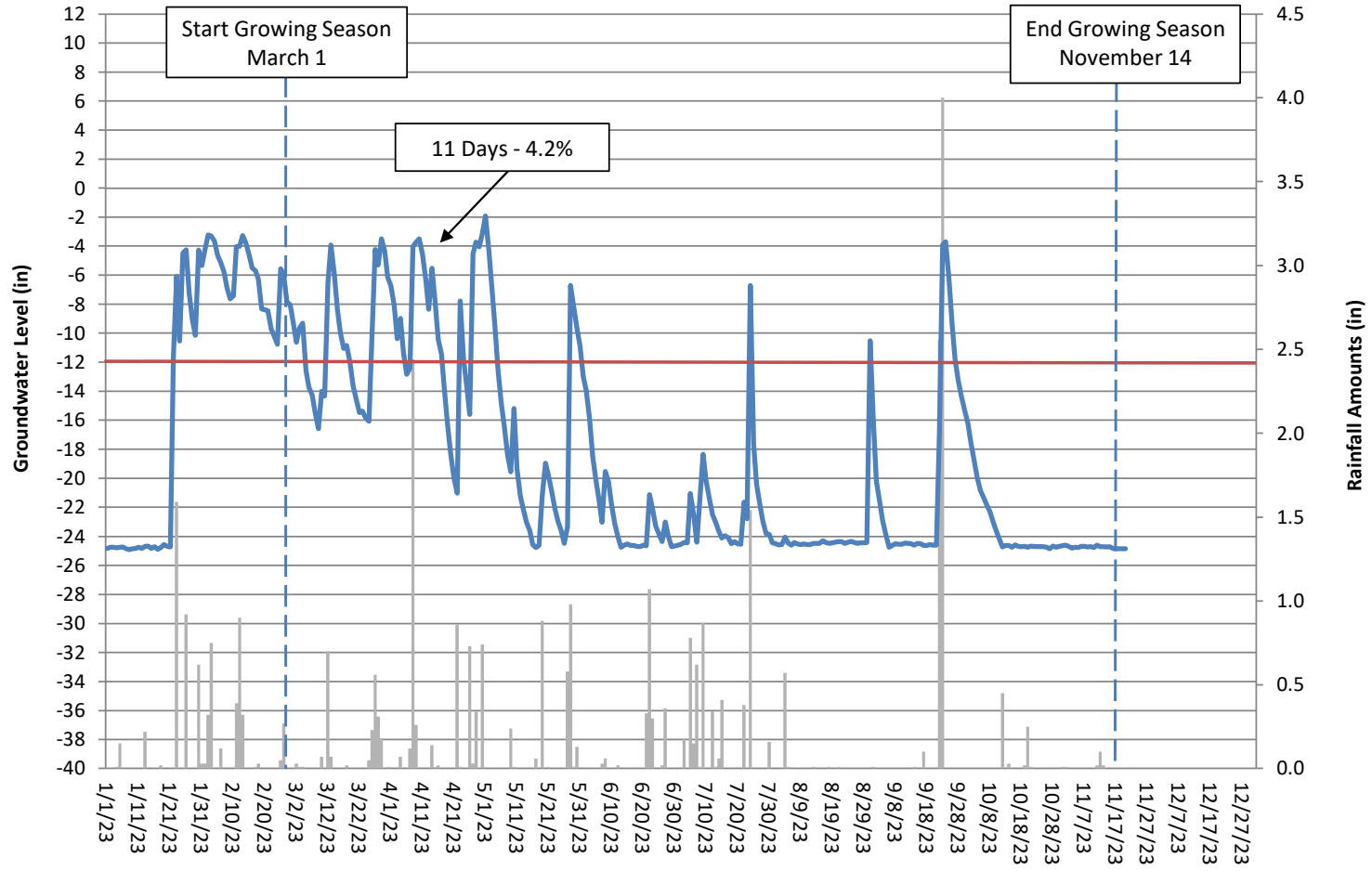
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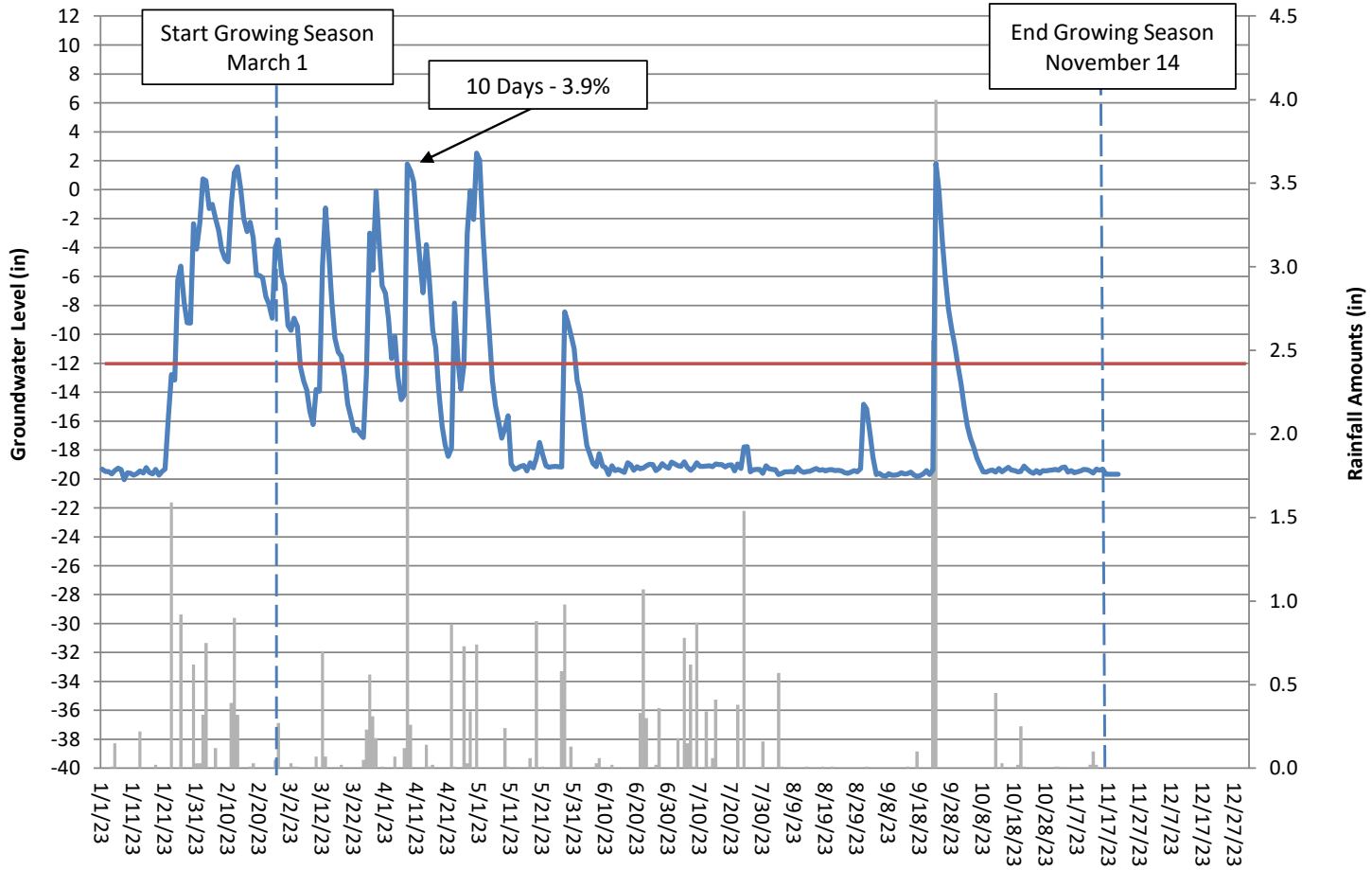
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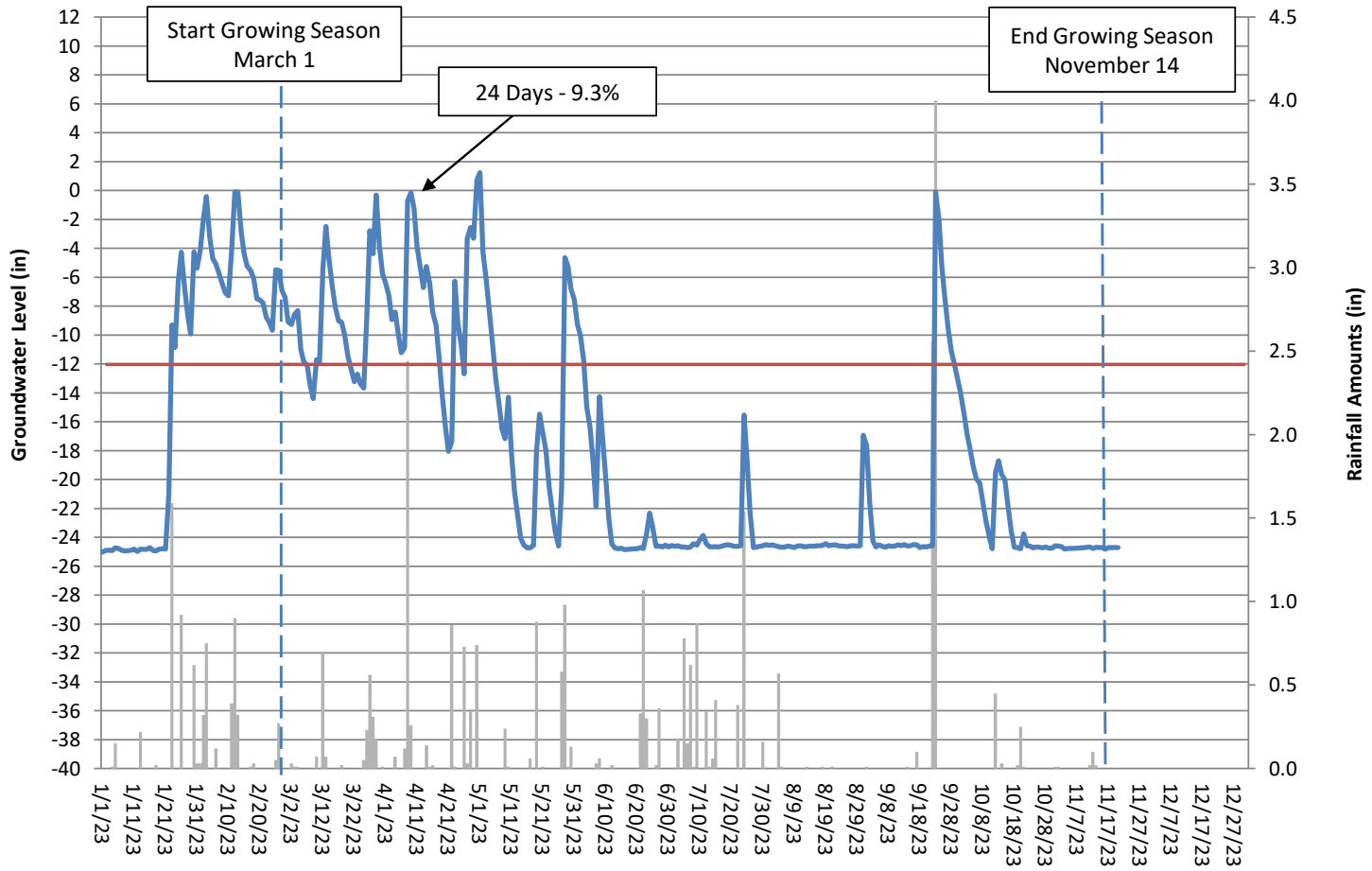
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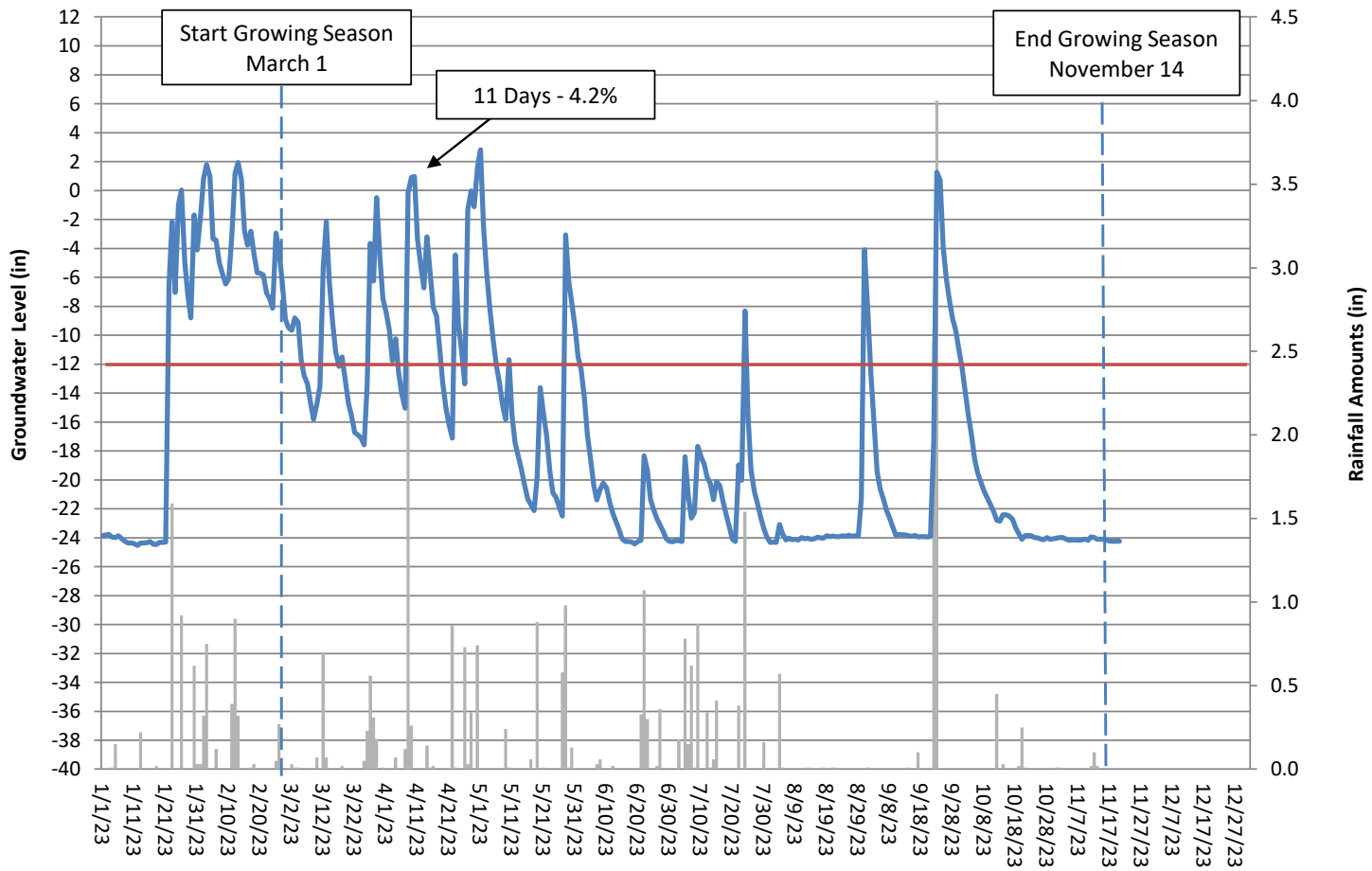
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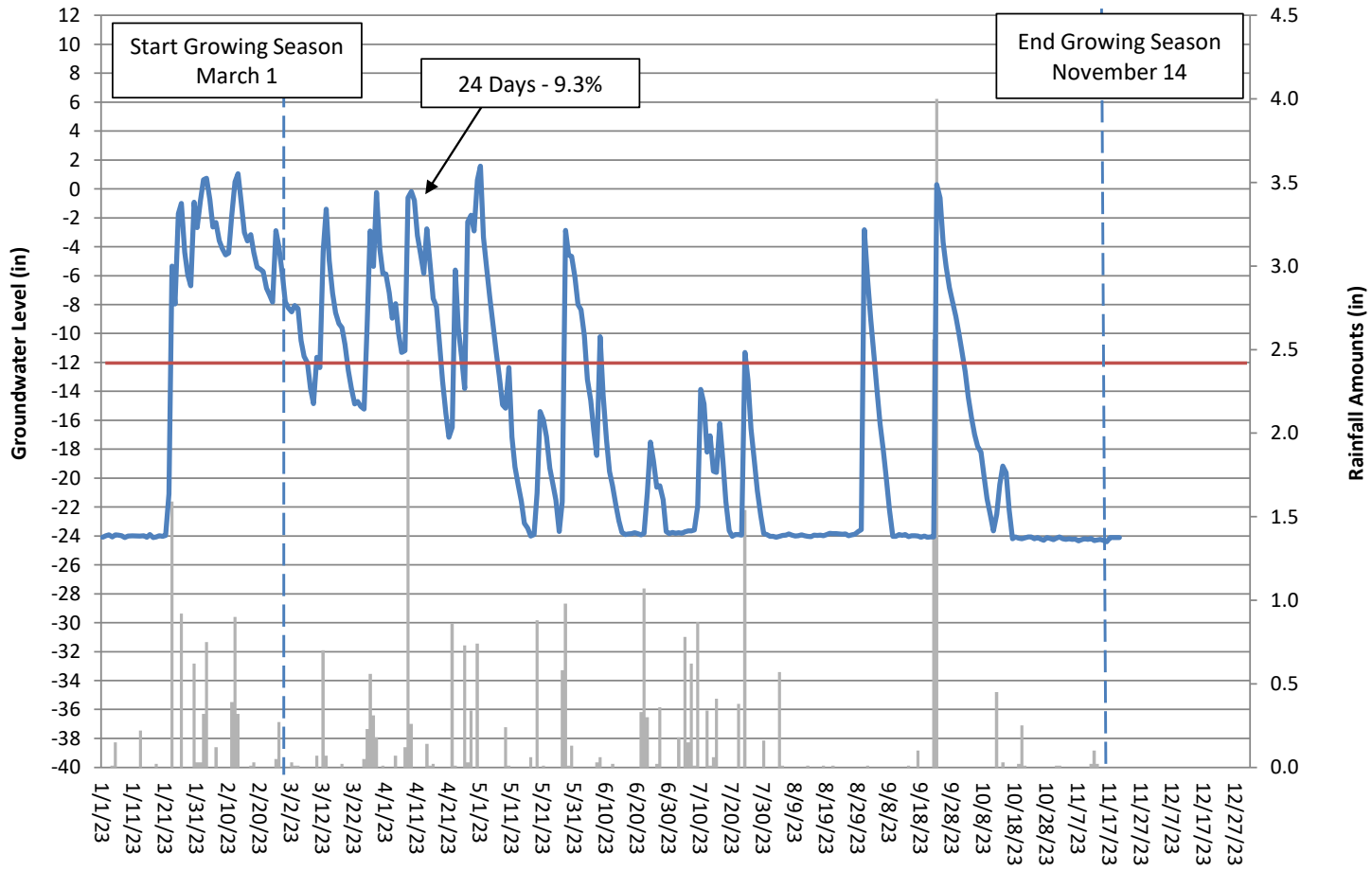
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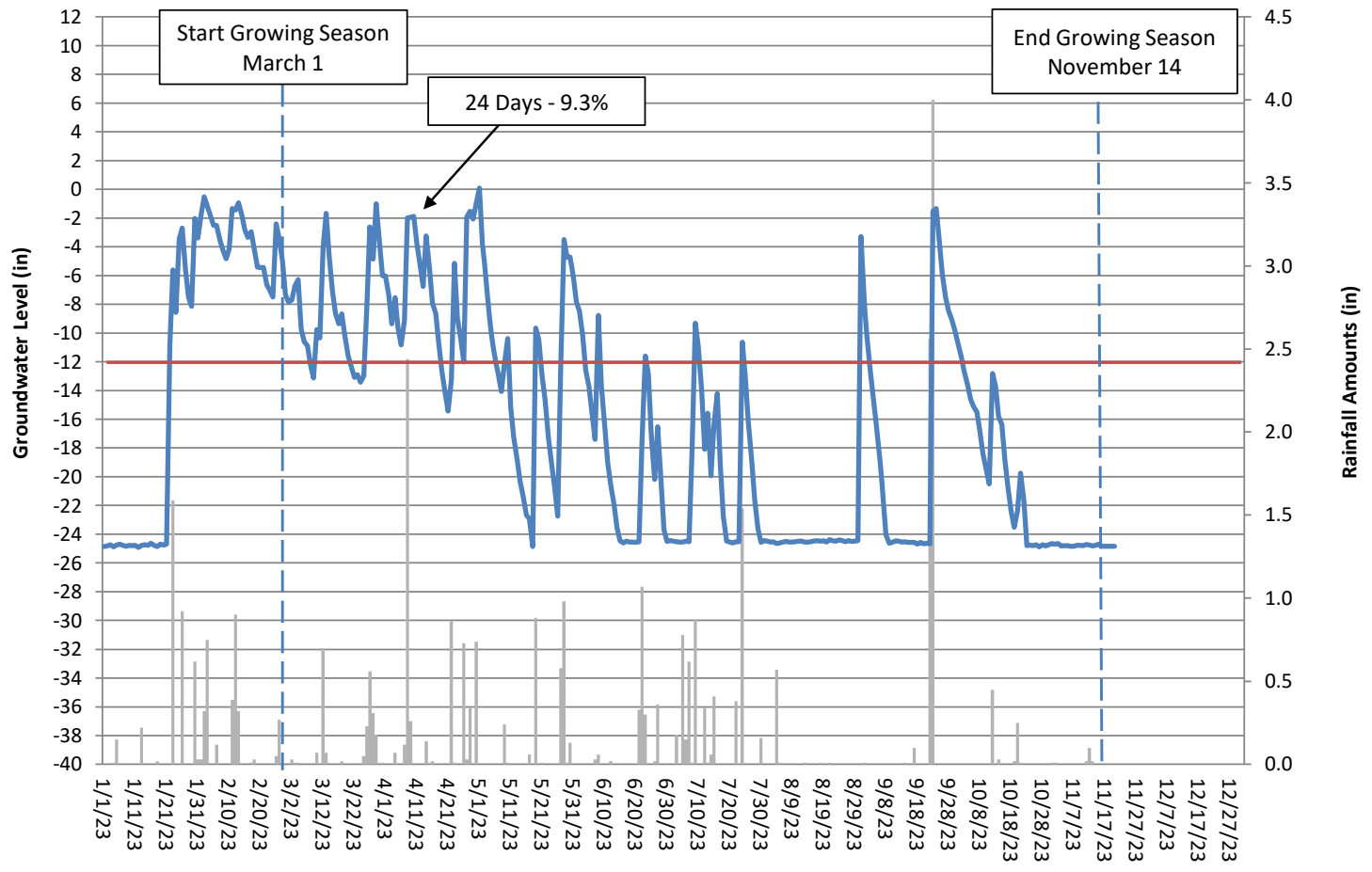
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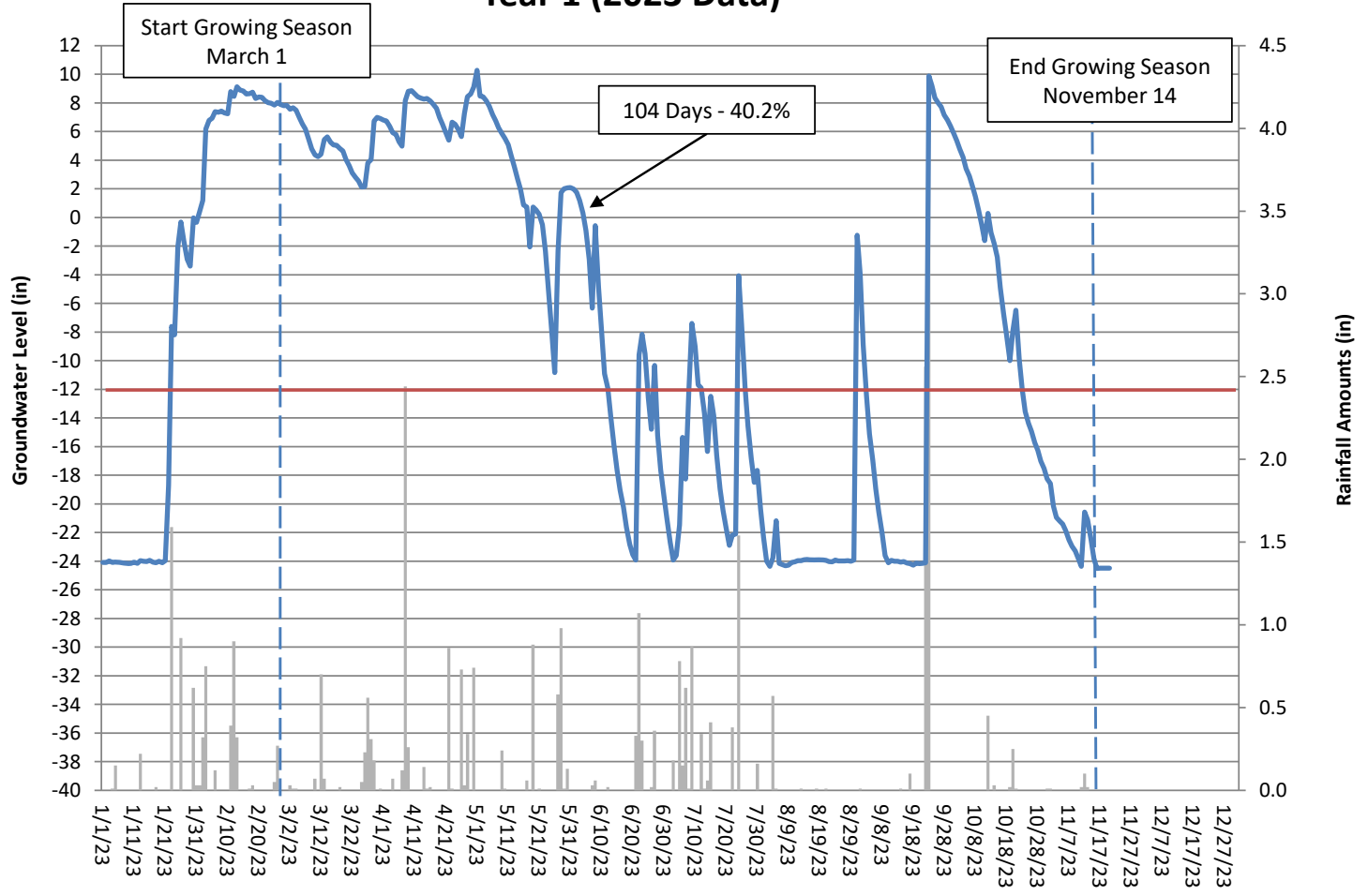
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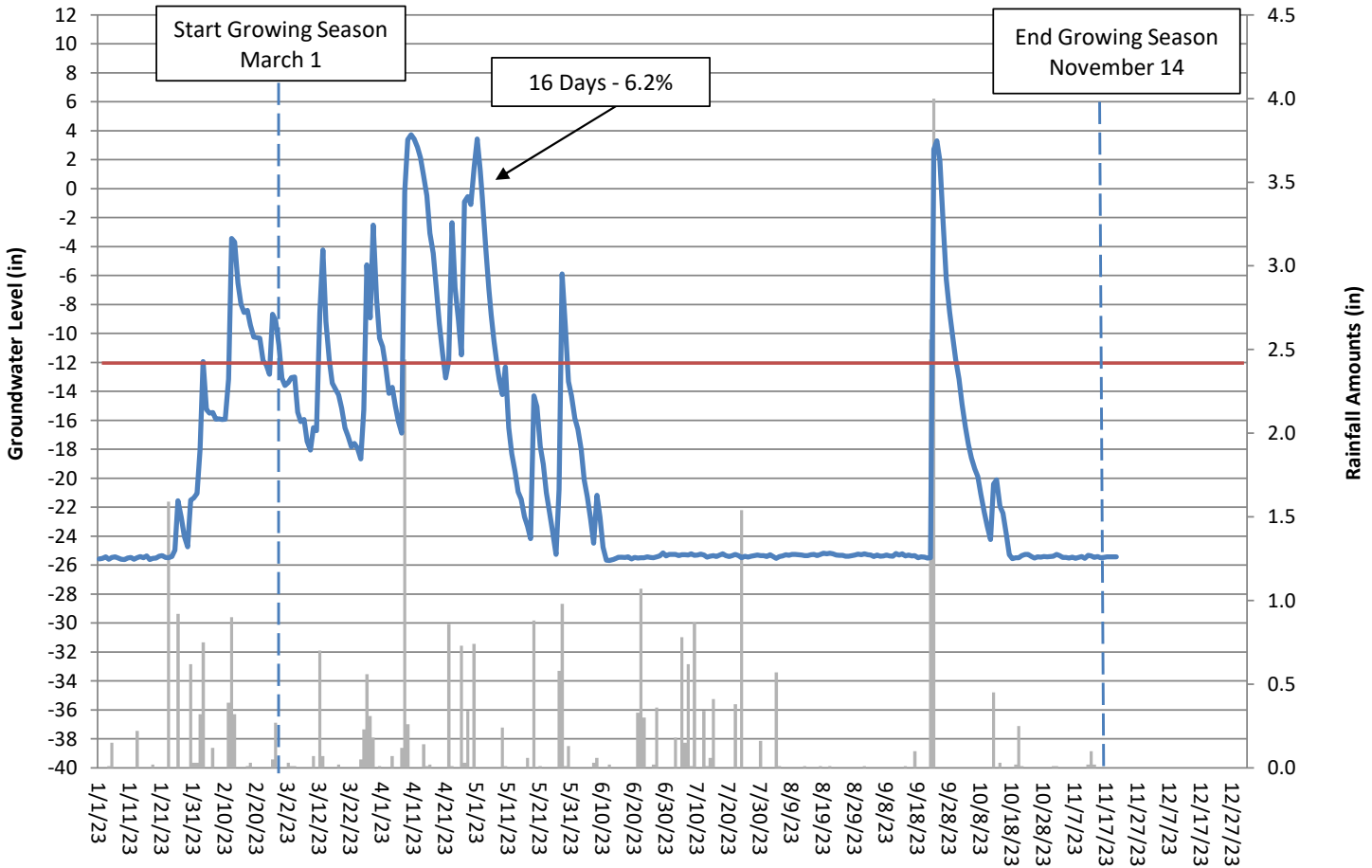
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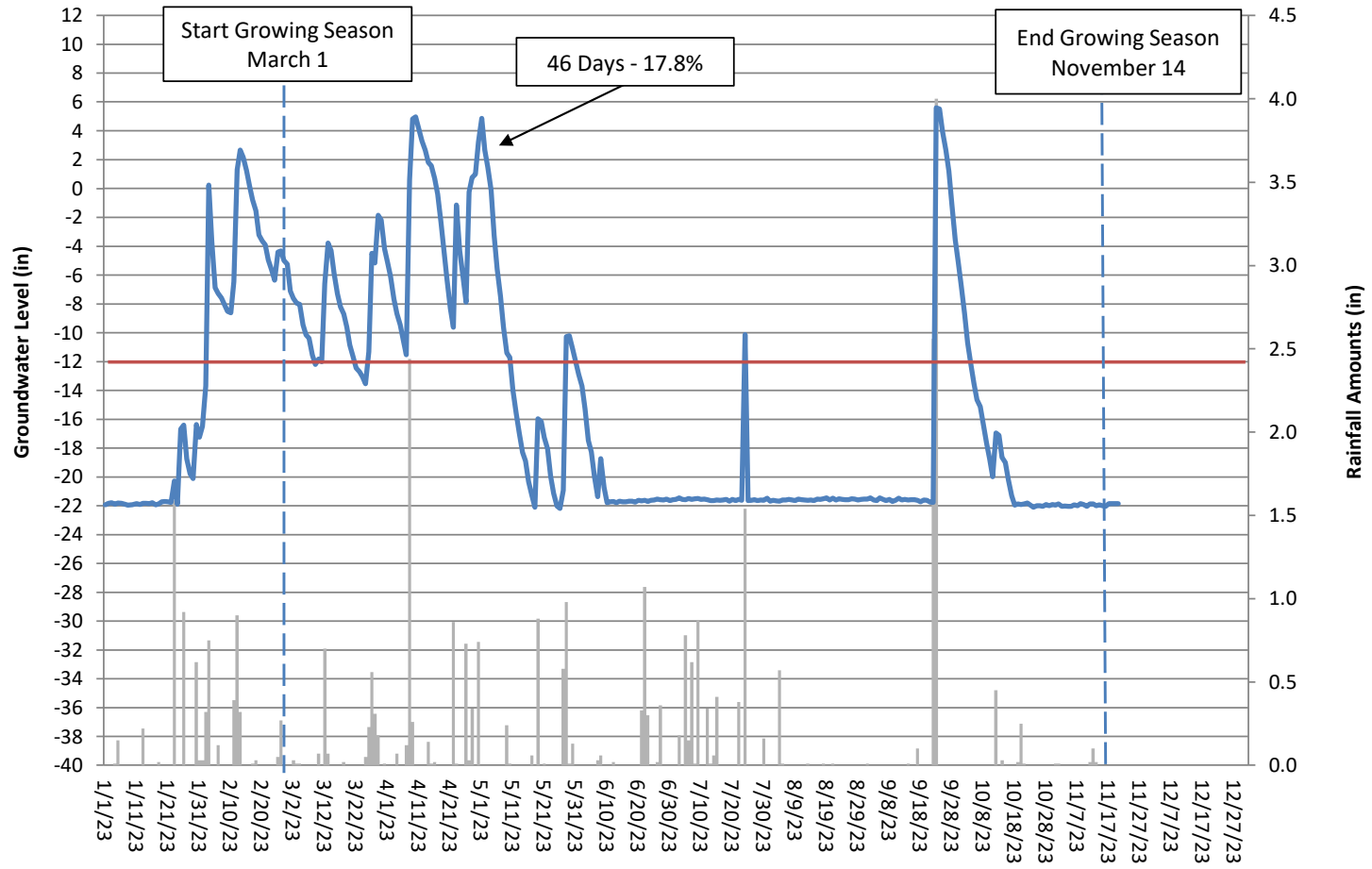
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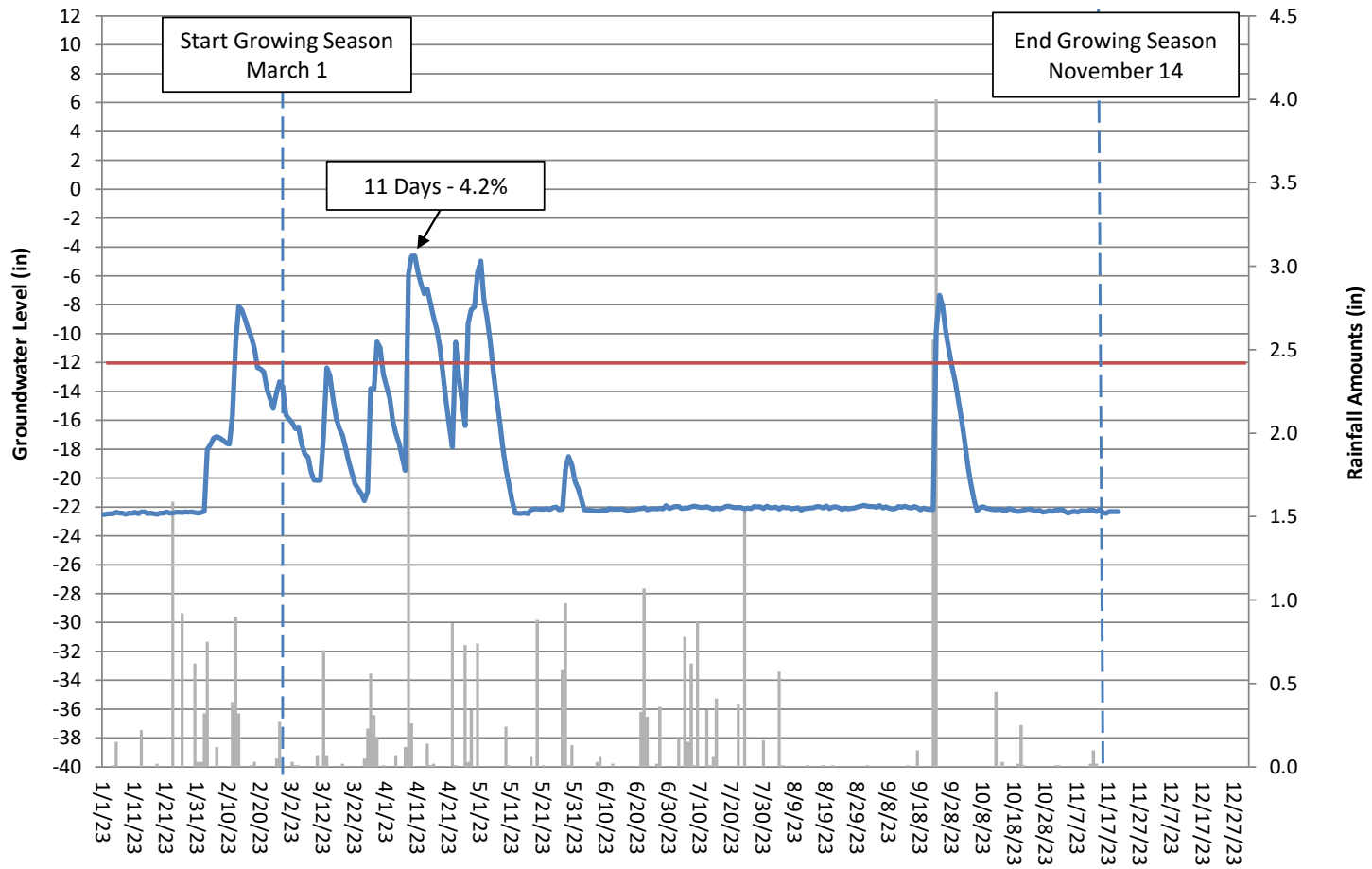
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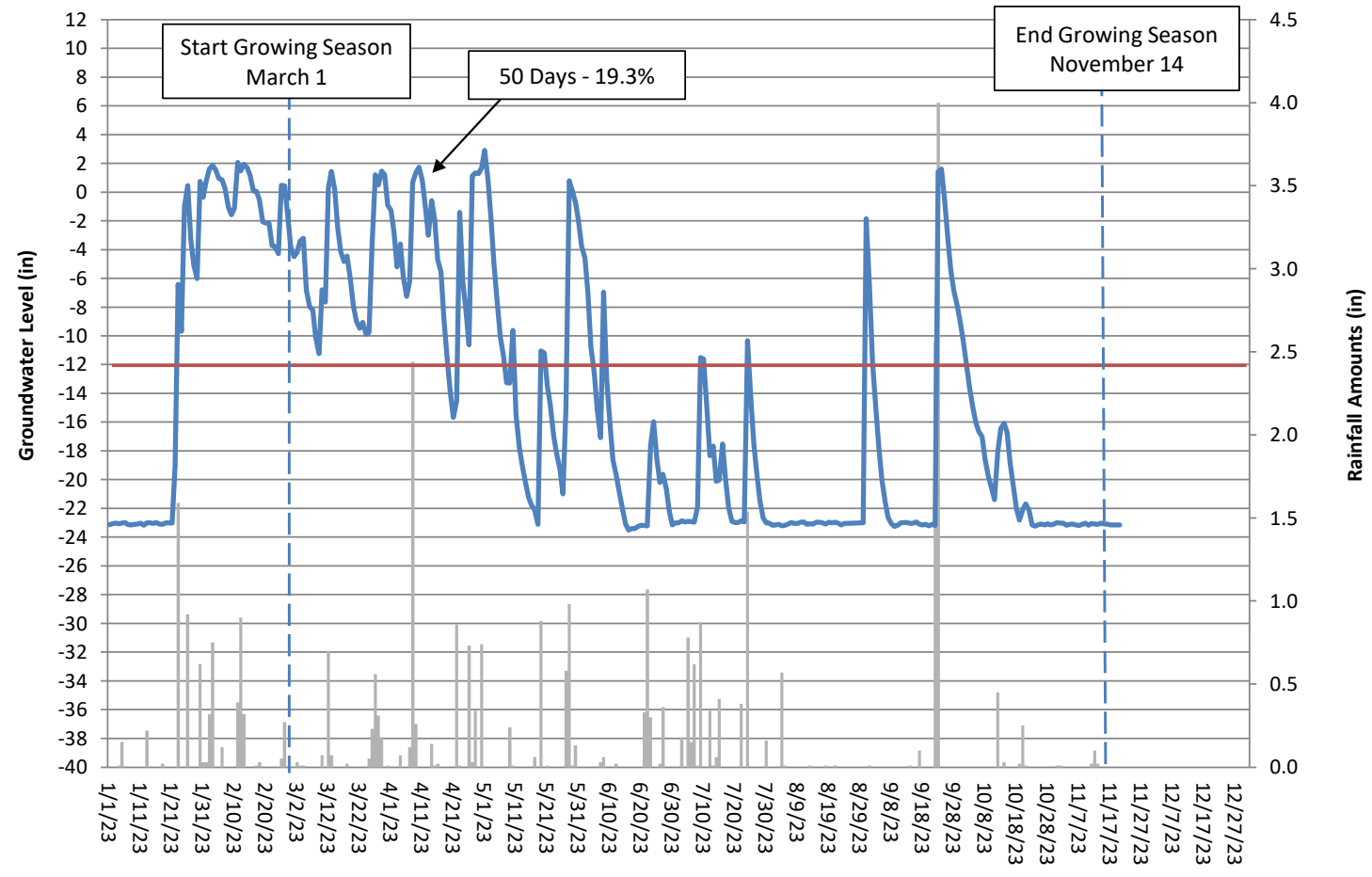
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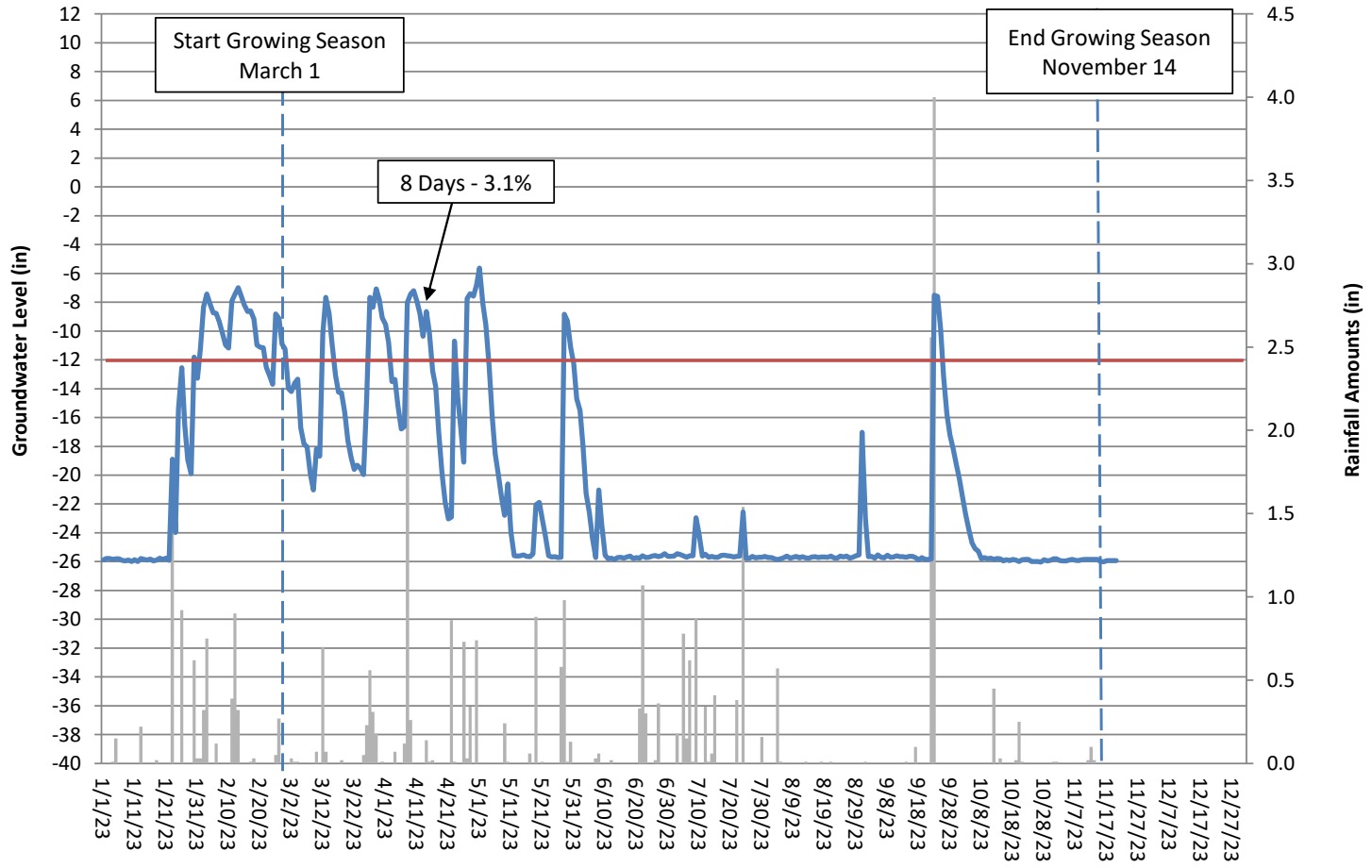
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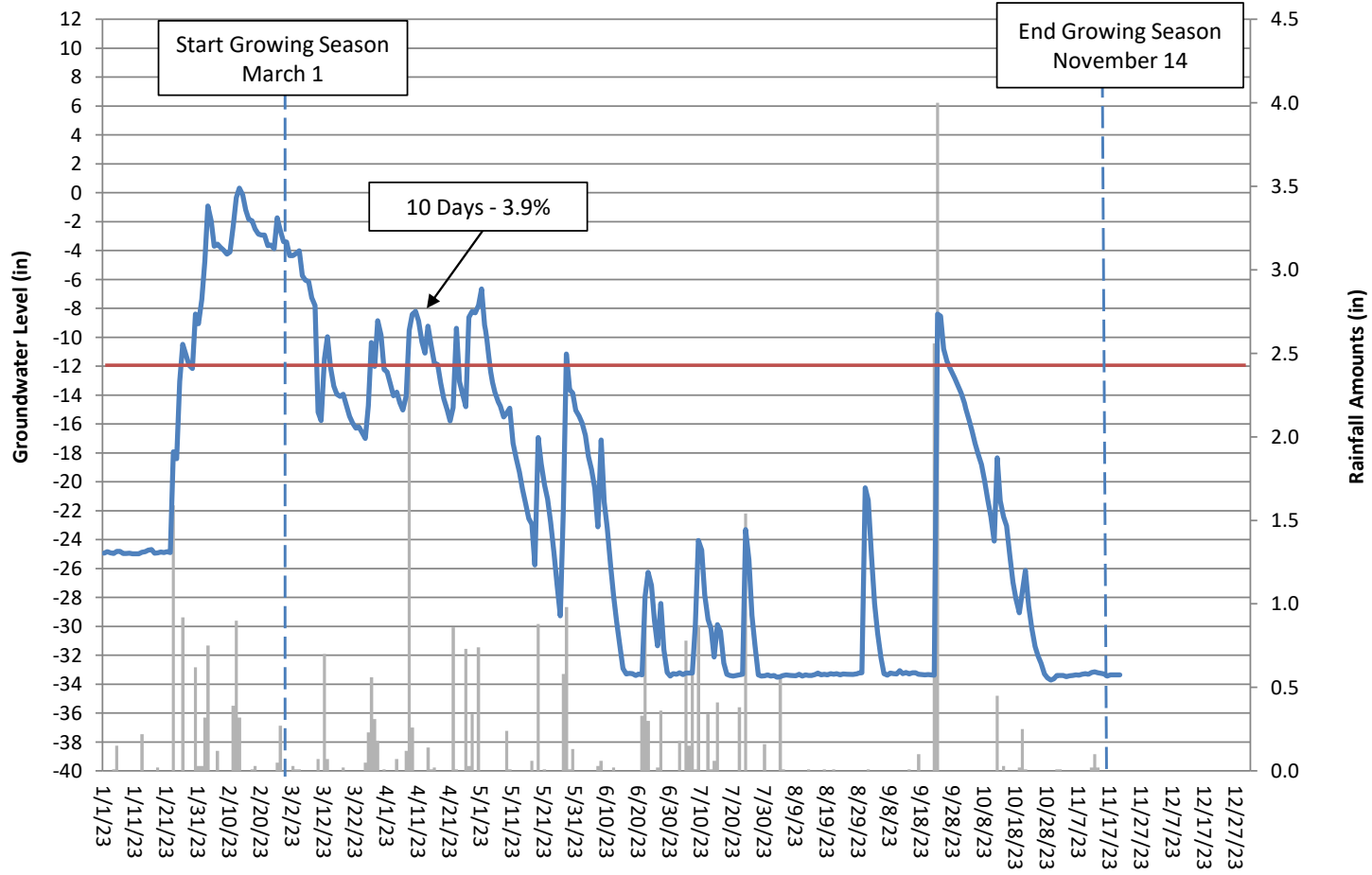
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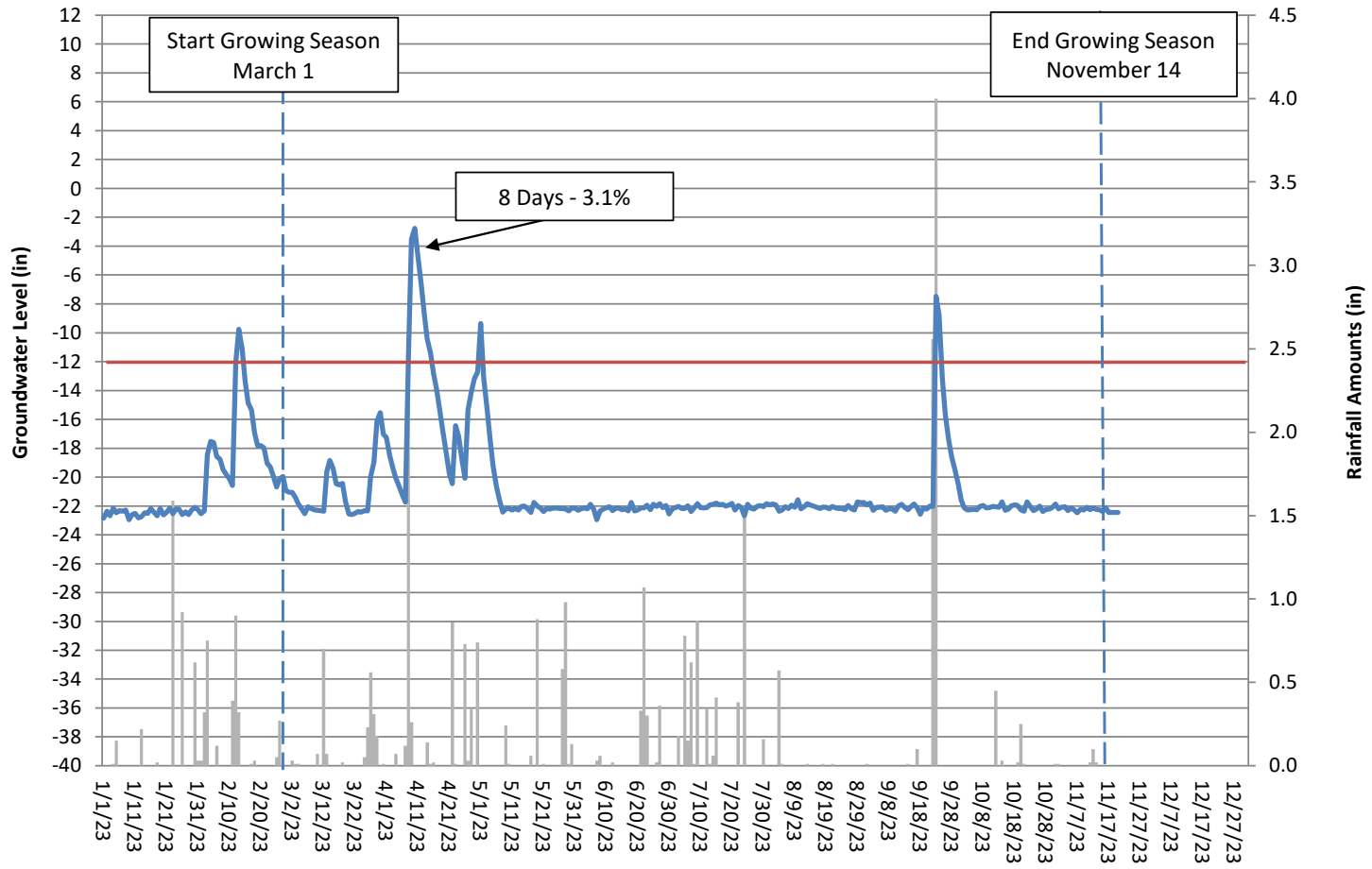
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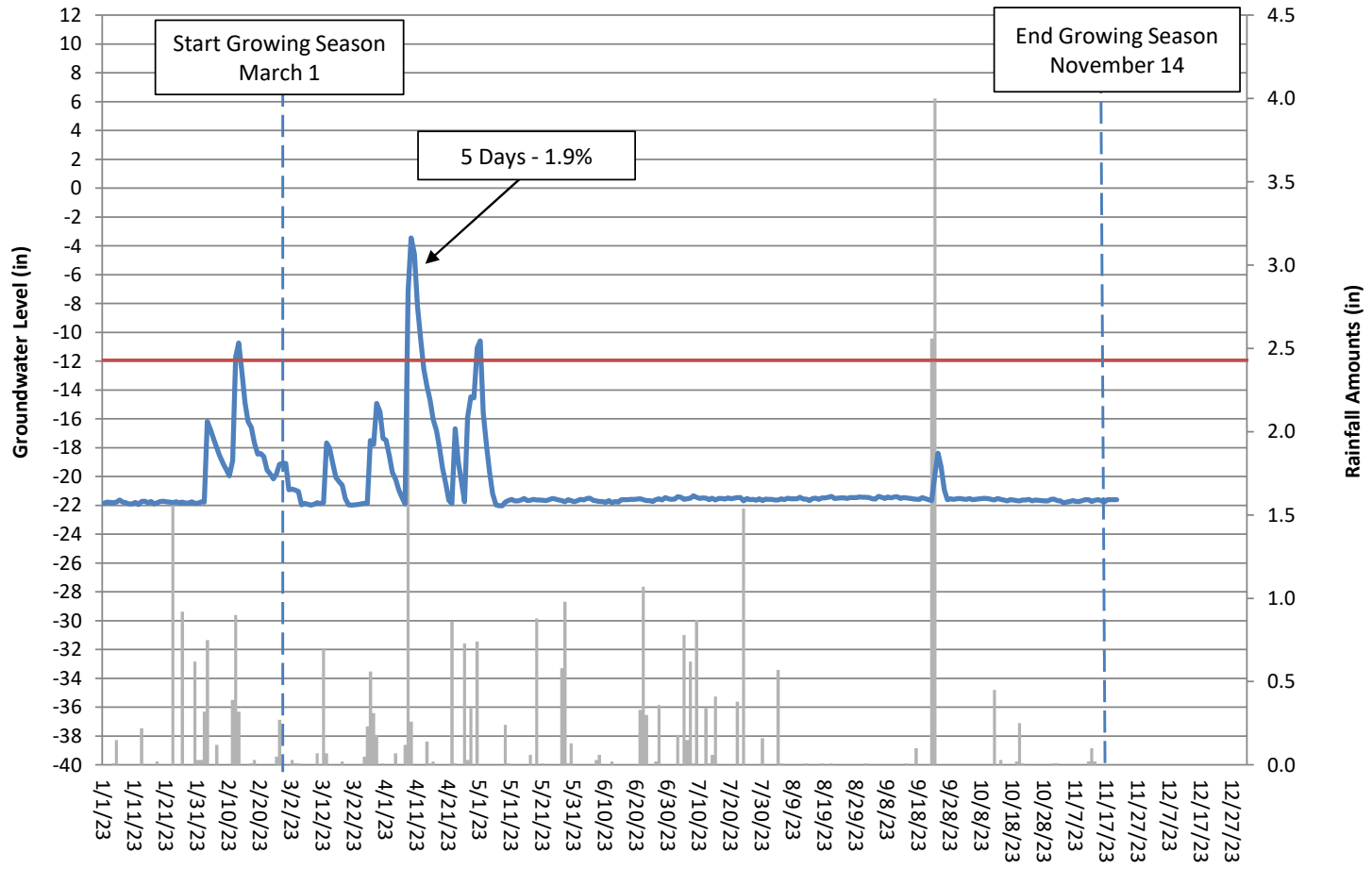
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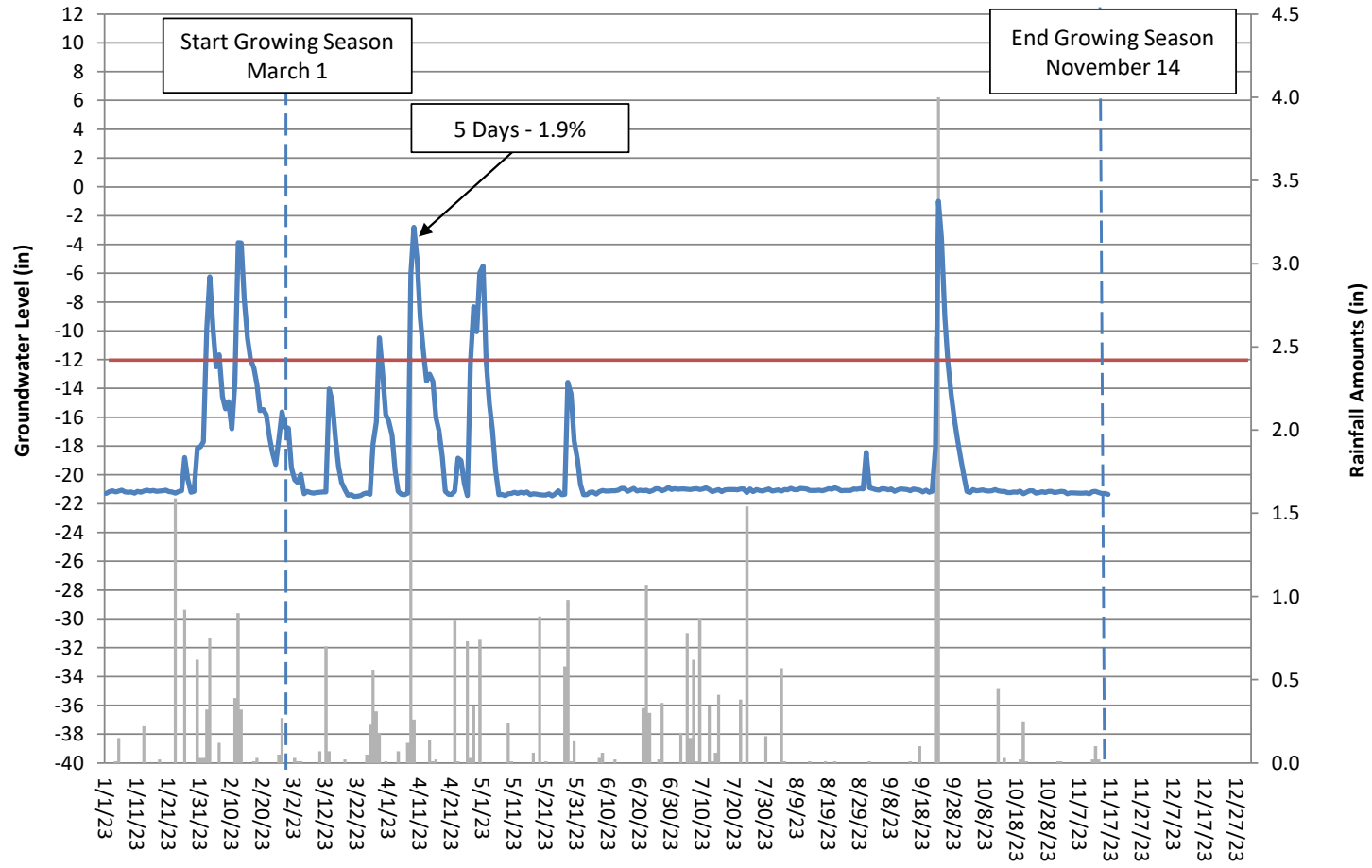
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Sliver Moon II Groundwater Gauge 26 Year 1 (2023 Data)



Sliver Moon II Soil Temperature Data Year 1 (2023)

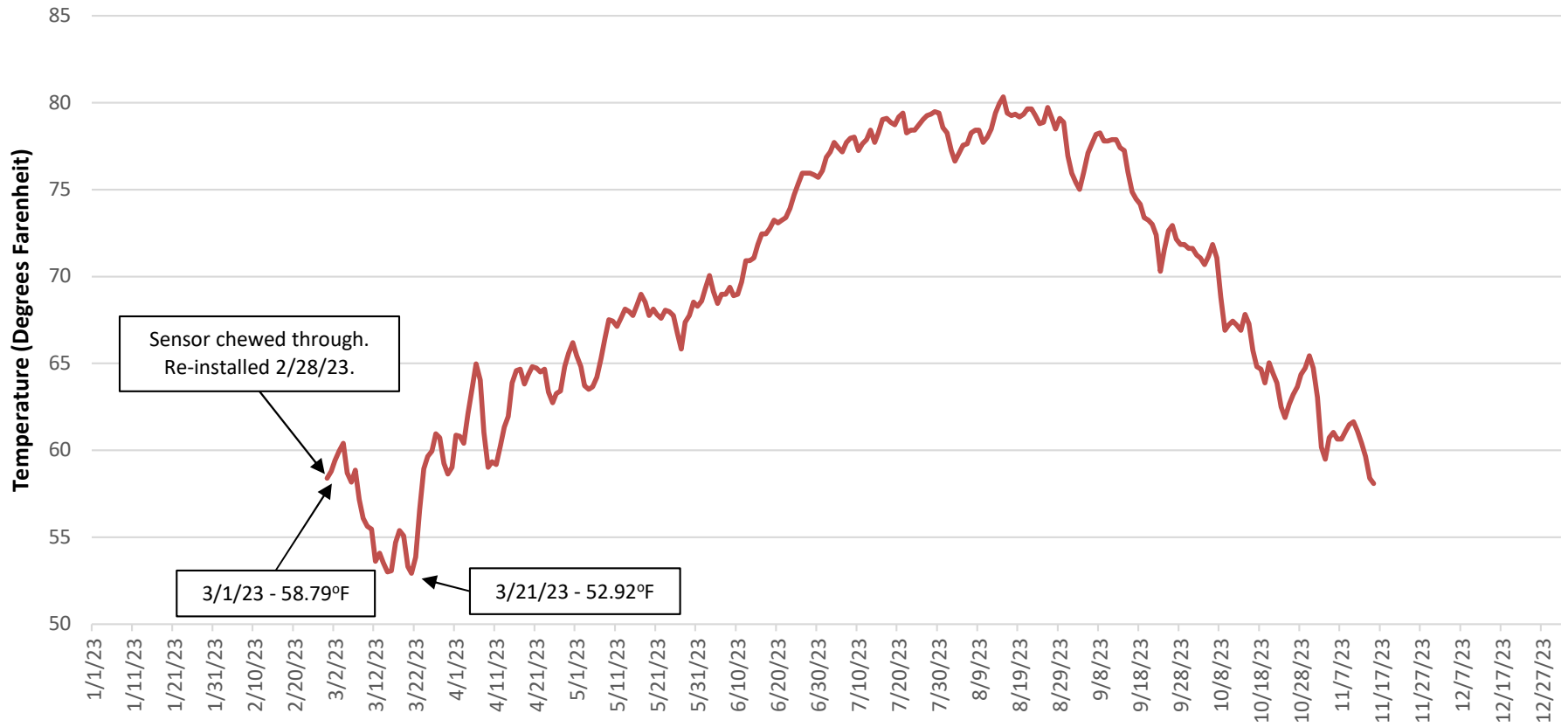
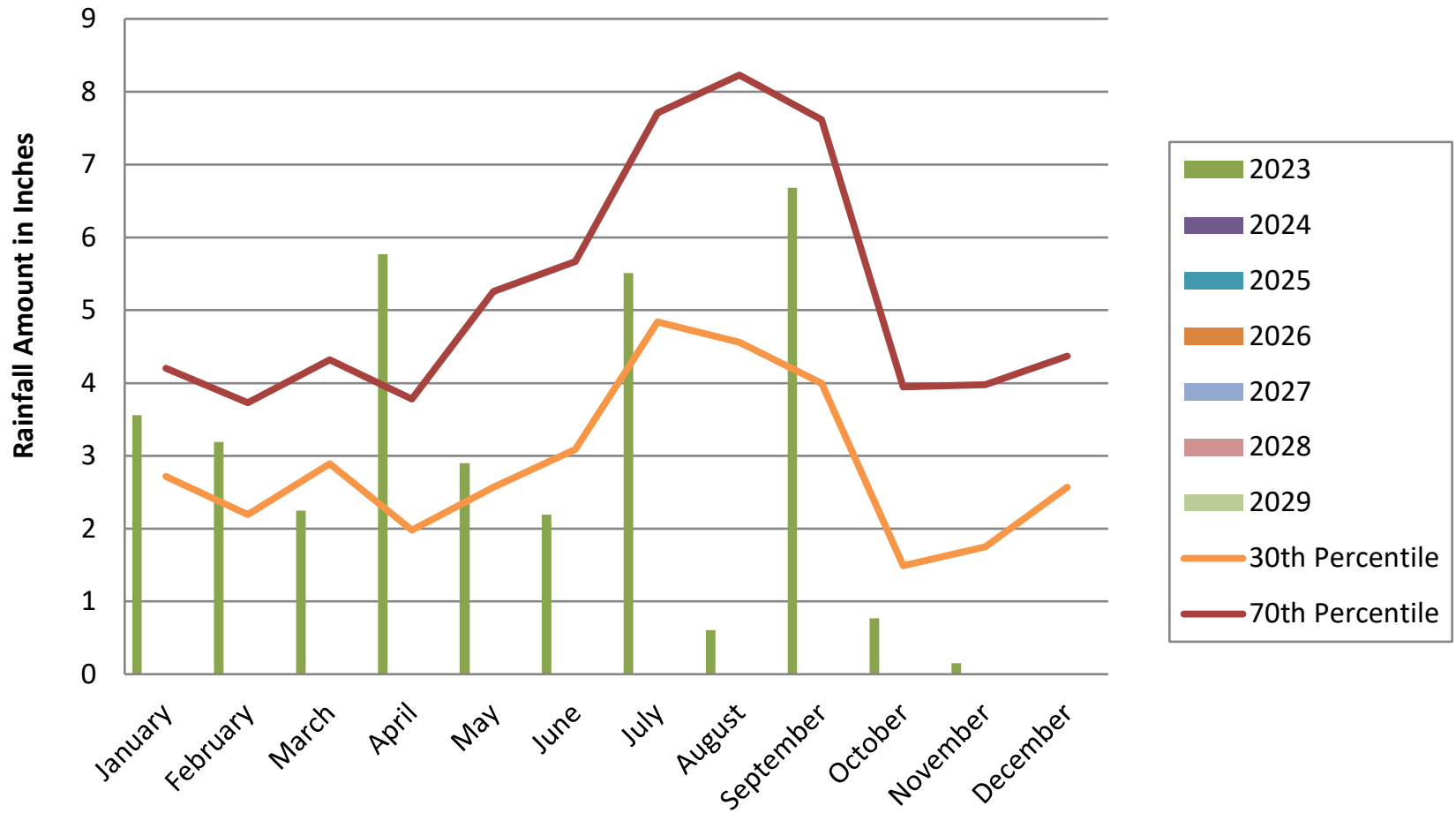


Figure C1: Sliver Moon II 30-70 Percentile Graph for Rainfall

Current year data from onsite rain gauge
30-70th percentile data from WETS Station: New Bern



Appendix D: Project Timeline and Contact Info

Table 10. Project Timeline

Table 11. Project Contacts

Table 10. Project Timeline

| Activity or Deliverable | Data Collection Complete | Task Completion or Deliverable Submission |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Project Instituted | NA | 15-Jun-18 |
| Mitigation Plan Approved | NA | 16-Oct-20 |
| Construction (Grading) Completed | NA | 27-Oct-21 |
| Planting Completed | NA | 20-Dec-21 |
| MY-0 Baseline Report | 3-Jan-22 | Mar-22 |
| MY-1 (2023) Monitoring Report | Nov-23 | Dec-23 |
| MY-2-7 Monitoring Reports | On Schedule | On Schedule |

Table 11. Project Contacts

| Sliver Moon II/100077 | |
|---|---|
| Provider | Restoration Systems 1101 Haynes Street, Suite 211 Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 Raymond Holz 919-755-9490 |
| Designer | Axiom Environmental, Inc. 218 Snow Avenue Raleigh, NC 27603 Grant Lewis 919-215-1693 |
| Surveyor & Land Quality Permit | k2 Design Group 5688 U.S. Hwy. 70 East Goldsboro, NC 27534 John Rudolph (L-4194) 919-394-2547 |
| Planting Contractor | Restoration Systems 1101 Haynes Street, Suite 211 Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 Josh Merritt 919-755-9490 |
| Construction Contractor | Land Mechanic Design 126 Circle G Lane Willow Spring, NC 27592 Charles Hill (919) 639-6132 |
| General Contractor | Restoration Systems 1101 Haynes Street, Suite 211 Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 Worth Creech (GC #64807) 919-755-9490 |

Appendix E. Project Notes

IRT As-Built Review – Aug. 7, 2023 and Comment Response

DMS Boundary Inspection Report – Sept. 7, 2023 and Comment Response

From: [Tugwell, Todd J CIV USARMY CESAW \(USA\)](#)
To: [Dow, Jeremiah J](#)
Cc: [Holz, Raymond](#); [Merritt, Josh](#); [Baldwin, Alex](#); [Davis, Erin B CIV USARMY CESAW \(USA\)](#); [Wilson, Travis W.](#); [Polizzi, Maria](#); [Haupt, Mac](#); [Bowers, Todd](#)
Subject: RE: Notice of As-Built Review/ NCDMS Sliver Moon II Site/ SAW-2018-01761/ Craven County
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 12:59:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Sliver Moon II 100077 NS 02 NRW Initial Release.pdf](#)

Jeremiah,

The 15-Day As-Built/MY0 review for the NCDMS Sliver Moon II Mitigation Site (SAW-2018-01761) ended July 5, 2023. Per Section 332.8(o)(9) of the 2008 Mitigation Rule, this review followed the streamlined review process. All comments received from the NCIRT are incorporated in the email below. There were no objections to issuing the initial 30% credit release of 9.134 wetland mitigation units. Please find attached the current signed ledger. The IRT is not requesting a site visit at this time.

Erin Davis, USACE:

1. Regarding the 2022 encroachment and replant, please reference the occurrence, resolution and provide a status update in the MY1 report.
2. Veg plots 8, 17 and 23 were all shown in the draft and final mitigation plan as being located within designed depression wet areas but have been shifted outside of these areas on As-built Sheet 3. Currently there are no representative veg plots withing these planted depression areas, which the IRT would have commented on had it not been addressed in the draft mitigation plan. Please relocate these three plots to representative depression areas prior to completing the MY1 survey.
3. CCPV Figure 1 – It would be helpful for future reviews to have the depression wet areas included on this figure.
4. Redline Grading Plan (Sheet 2) – The northern ditch callout was redlined from plugs and ditch backfill to partial ditch backfill. Does this change mean that plugs weren't installed along this ditch? For the partial backfill, what was the max ditch depth from surrounding grade left open?
5. DMS' comments and RS' responses were helpful and appreciated. The additional construction photos and drone images provided were useful for this this review.

Please reach out with any questions.

Regards,

Todd Tugwell
Chief, Mitigation Branch
Regulatory Division
Wilmington District, USACE
(919) 210-6265

From: Dow, Jeremiah J <jeremiah.dow@deq.nc.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 2:47 PM

To: Tugwell, Todd J CIV USARMY CESAW (USA) <Todd.J.Tugwell@usace.army.mil>; Davis, Erin B CIV USARMY CESAW (USA) <Erin.B.Davis@usace.army.mil>; Wilson, Travis W. <travis.wilson@ncwildlife.org>; Polizzi, Maria <maria.polizzi@deq.nc.gov>; Haupt, Mac <mac.haupt@deq.nc.gov>; Bowers, Todd <bowers.todd@epa.gov>

Cc: Holz, Raymond <Raymond.Holz@davey.com>; Merritt, Josh <Joshua.Merritt@davey.com>; Baldwin, Alex <Alexander.Baldwin@davey.com>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Notice of As-Built Review/ NCDMS Sliver Moon II Site/ SAW-2018-01761/ Craven County

The final baseline (as-built) report and record drawings were uploaded to RIBITS and DWR Laserfiche for IRT review:

Project Information

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Name: | Sliver Moon II |
| USACE ID: | SAW-2018-01761 |
| DWR ID: | 20181156 |
| DMS Project #: | 100077 |
| RFP: | 16-007401—Issued 12/07/2017 |
| Institution: | 06/15/2018—Full Delivery |
| River Basin: | Neuse 03020202 |
| County: | Craven |
| Mitigation Plan Assets: | 30.447 NRWMU's |
| Provider: | Restoration Systems, LLC, Ray Holz, 919-604-9314 |
| DMS PM: | Jeremiah Dow, 919-218-0226 |

Please note:

Construction was completed in October 2021 and planting was completed in December 2021. The MYO report was completed in the fall of 2022, but due to an easement encroachment discovered at that time resulting in the need to replant 0.892 acres and install additional easement marking, the MYO report was delayed to the following spring in 2023. 2023 will be Monitoring Year 1 for this project. There is no change in wetland acreage from mitigation plan to as-built – 30.447 acres – and no change in project credits is requested.

The credit ledger for the 30% release is attached for review and signature.

Thank you,

Jeremiah Dow

Eastern Regional Supervisor, Division of Mitigation Services

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

Cell: (919) 218-0226

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Response to IRT As-Built Review Comments

Sliver Moon II, Project ID #100045, DMS Contract #7606
USACE Action ID No. SAW-2018-01761
DWR Project No. 2018-1156
Neuse River Basin 03020202, Craven County

Comments Received (Black Text) & Responses (Blue Text)

Boundary Inspection Action Items:

1. Regarding the 2022 encroachment and replant, please reference the occurrence, resolution and provide a status update in the MY1 report.
[The 2022 encroachment and replant are documented and detailed in the MY1 report.](#)
2. Veg plots 8, 17 and 23 were all shown in the draft and final mitigation plan as being located within designed depression wet areas but have been shifted outside of these areas on As-built Sheet 3. Currently there are no representative veg plots within these planted depression areas, which the IRT would have commented on had it not been addressed in the draft mitigation plan. Please relocate these three plots to representative depression areas prior to completing the MY1 survey.
[Understood, during construction the shape of depression areas were slightly altered relative to the mitigation plan. Veg plots 8, 17, and 23 are in or partially in the depression areas. Moving forward we will include random transects to capture woody stem development in these areas.](#)
3. CCPV Figure 1 – It would be helpful for future reviews to have the depression wet areas included on this figure.
[Completed.](#)
4. Redline Grading Plan (Sheet 2) – The northern ditch callout was redlined from plugs and ditch backfill to partial ditch backfill. Does this change mean that plugs weren't installed along this ditch? For the partial backfill, what was the max ditch depth from surrounding grade left open?
[No ditch plugs were installed along this ditch, it was partially backfilled and the ditch depth tapers from 0.41-feet on the eastern end to 0.70-feet in the middle and the max ditch depth is 1.87-feet at the outfall on the western end. Rock was added at the outfall for stabilization.](#)
5. DMS' comments and RS' responses were helpful and appreciated. The additional construction photos and drone images provided were useful for this review.
[Thank you.](#)



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September 7, 2023

Josh Merritt
Restoration Systems, LLC
1101 Haynes Street, Ste. 211
Raleigh, NC 27604

Subject: Boundary Inspection Report – MY0
Site: Sliver Moon II NRW Mitigation Site, Guilford County, NC; DMS ID No. 100045

Josh,

The MY0 boundary inspection was conducted by DMS and SP on September 5, 2023. The inspection was conducted in accordance with the DMS Property Checklist which included an office review and a site visit to document site conditions. The entire easement boundary was inspected during the site visit to validate easement integrity and identify any potential issues on the site. This report summarizes those inspection results.

Office Review: No items noted.

Field Inspection:

- All but the monuments listed in the KML file as #1 and #2 met the RFP and recorded survey plat standards. We were not able to locate these two monuments. They are listed as corner #106 and 107 respectively on the plat.
- Witness posts were consistently marked and located near the CE corners and monuments were installed per RFP.

Action Items:

- Locate the monuments for corners #106 and #107 and send a photo to the project manager and property specialist.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Horton
Project Specialist
NCDEQ-DMS

cc: Ray Holz, Restoration Systems



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Response to DMS As-Built Boundary Inspection Comments

Sliver Moon II, Project ID #100045, DMS Contract #7606
USACE Action ID No. SAW-2018-01761
DWR Project No. 2018-1156
Neuse River Basin 03020202, Craven County
DMS Reviewers: Jeffrey Horton

Comments Received (Black Text) & Responses (Blue Text)

Boundary Inspection Action Items:

1. Locate the monuments for corners #106 and #107 and send a photo to the project manager and property specialist.
[RS had a surveyor go out to locate the two missing corners and repaint/reflag t-posts. See attached survey report for documentation.](#)

Report of Survey

Date: October 11, 2023

Project: DMS ID 100077, SPO 25-BX – Sliver Moon 2 Mitigation Site
No. 3 Twsp., Craven County, NC

I certify that this survey was done under my responsible charge in compliance with the Standards of Practice for Land Surveying (21-56.1600) for the purpose of locating corners number 106 and 107

That before I performed the survey, I examined the following documents of record:

Plat Book I, Page(s) 164A and 164B Craven County Registry of Deeds

That after examining the above referenced documents the following corners were uncovered and T-post were repainted and flagged.

106 532432.9523 N 2487522.0503 E No 5 Rebar with DMS Aluminum cap (typical)

107 532397.8826 N 2487512.3126 E No 5 Rebar with DMS Aluminum cap (typical)

106 closeup is shown below:



106 overall:



107 closeup is shown below:



107 overall:



Upon completion of the survey, no visible encroachments were observed along the line from 106 to 107.

This 11th day of October, 2023

