

**Stonebridge Mitigation Project
Moore County, North Carolina**

Year 3 Monitoring Report



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1.0 SUMMARY

The Stonebridge Stream Mitigation Project site is located north of the town of Carthage in Moore County, North Carolina. It lies within hydrologic unit 03030003 in the Cape Fear River Basin. This project was identified by EBX-Neuse I, LLC (EBX) as having potential to help meet the compensatory mitigation requirements of the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT). NCDOT contracted with EBX to perform the mitigation work under Full Delivery Project S-1. Two unnamed tributaries (UT-1 and UT-2) to Crawley Creek were restored to create a total of 6,120 stream mitigation units (SMU). All restoration is being monitored for five years to document success. Baseline data on stream morphology and vegetation were collected immediately after construction and planting were complete. This information is documented in the As-Built Report dated April 27, 2006. The As-Built survey is included as Appendix A of this report. Information on stream morphology and vegetation will be collected each year and compared to the baseline data and data from previous monitoring years.

This Annual Monitoring Report presents the monitoring data collected during Monitoring Year 3 at the Stonebridge Stream Restoration Site. Data collected for 2008 include: monthly crest gauge readings, monthly observations of current conditions, vegetation monitoring, benthic macroinvertebrate survey, cross section survey, digital images, and observations of potential problems with stream stability.

Fourteen 100-square-meter monitoring plots were used to measure survival of the planted woody vegetation. The 2008 vegetation monitoring documents a range of survival between 324 and 891 stems per acre. With an average of 526 stems per acre, the site has achieved the interim vegetation success criteria of 320 stems per acre after the third growing season. Areas surrounding vegetation plots 4 and 5 were replanted with 2-year-old trees prior to the start of the 2007 growing season to address high mortality in these plots. These plots were also replanted with 3-year-old trees during the spring of 2008 due to continued high mortality rates.

At least three occasions out-of-bank or bankfull events occurred between the months of February and August 2008. The stream morphology remains stable and very little fluvial erosion was observed during the 2008 monitoring season.

Overall, the project is on track to achieve the stream and vegetative success criteria specified in the Mitigation Plan. Due to the severe drought throughout North Carolina, little water was observed in the channel during site visits.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site is located in Moore County, North Carolina, north of the town of Carthage (**Figure 1 & Figure 2**) within hydrologic unit 03030003 in the Cape Fear River Basin. The project site is accessed from the west via Glendon-Carthage Road. The 1,196 acre parcel has been used for agricultural purposes as a cow/calf operation. The surrounding area is rural, with a mix of farms, woodlands and home sites. Dominant soil types on this project site include Congaree, Mooshaunee, Pinkston, and Tetotum.

Two unnamed tributaries to Crawley Creek flow across the project site. The streams are referred to in this Annual Report as UT-1 and UT-2. UT-1 has a drainage area of 688 acres and UT-2 of 182 acres. Prior to implementation of the mitigation plan, the streams were in a disturbed

condition due to the impacts of unrestricted cattle access, dredging, and other anthropic channel manipulations.

UT-1 was the most degraded resource and was the focus of restoration efforts. A total of 5,556 stream mitigation units (SMU) were achieved by restoring plan form, cross section, and profile features on UT-1. This number is derived from the as-built survey of 5,676 linear feet of restored stream length minus 70 feet for a crossing reservation near the middle of the project and minus another 50 feet adjacent to the culvert at the downstream end of the project. UT-1 was restored to a Rosgen Classification of C4/E4.

UT-2 was similarly degraded and flows east-southeast from a small dam, entering UT-1 near the center of the project area. The design for this small tributary yielded an additional 564 linear feet of restored stream. The total SMUs generated from stream restoration on UT-1 and UT-2 are 6,120. The entire easement, including UT-1 and UT-2, is entirely fenced in.

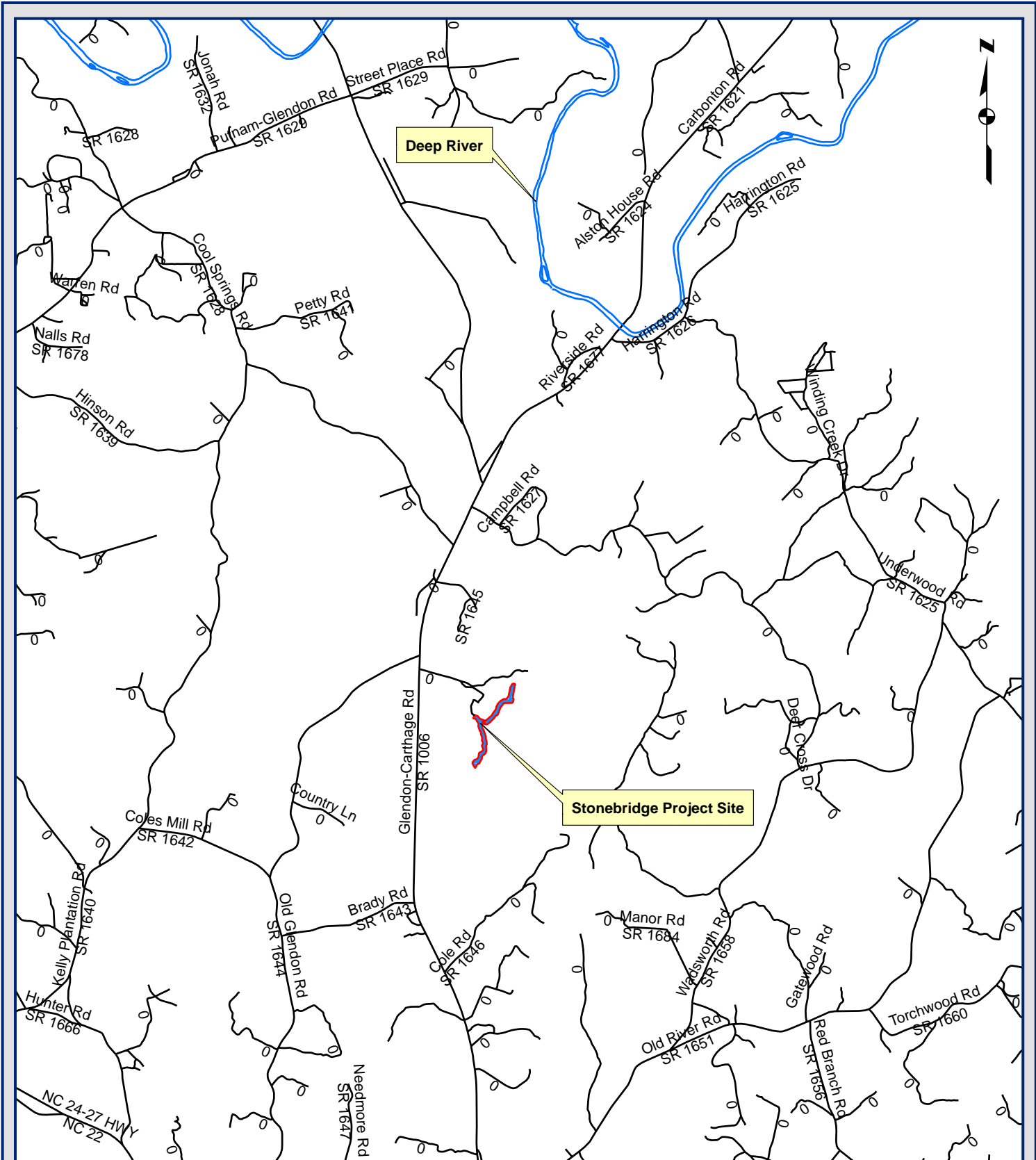
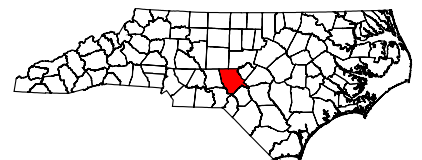
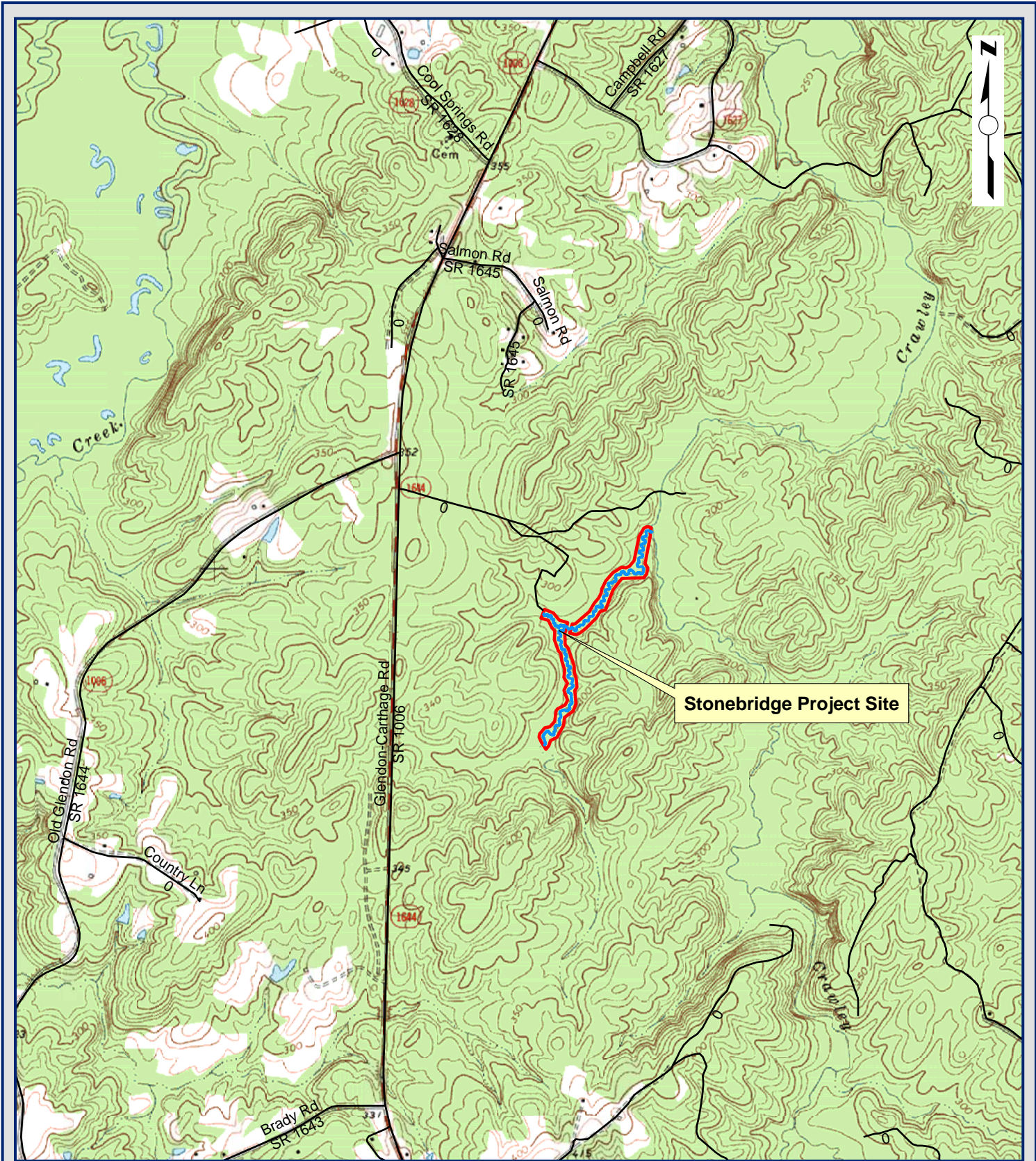


Figure 1.
 Stonebridge Stream Mitigation Site
 Project Location Map
 Moore County, NC

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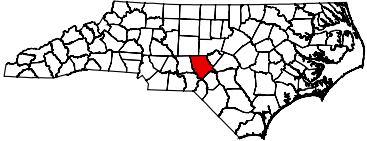


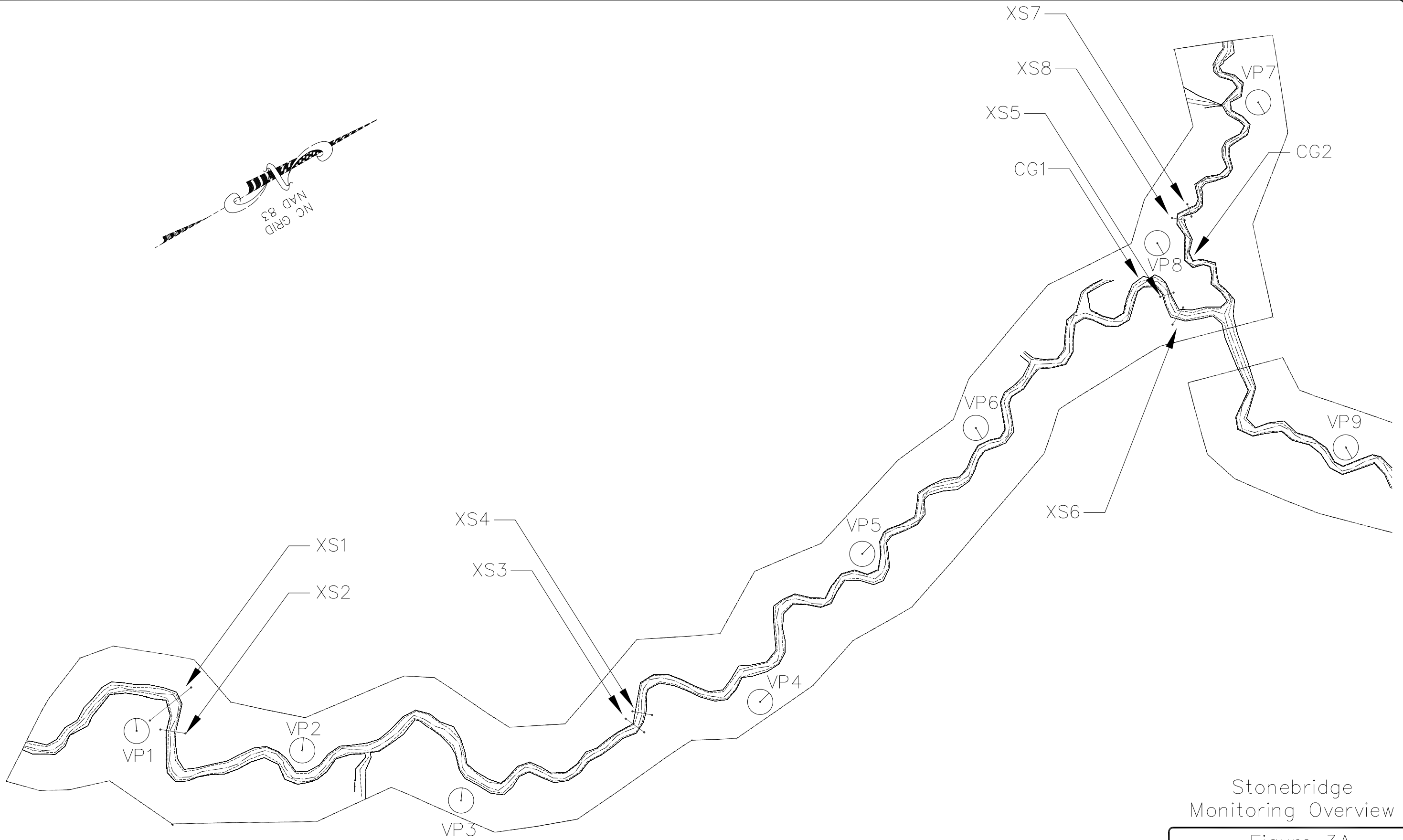
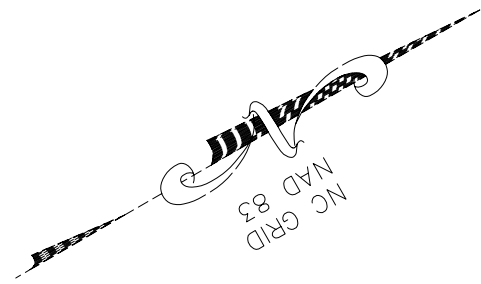
Stonebridge Project Site



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Stonebridge Stream Mitigation Site
USGS Topographic Map
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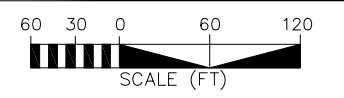
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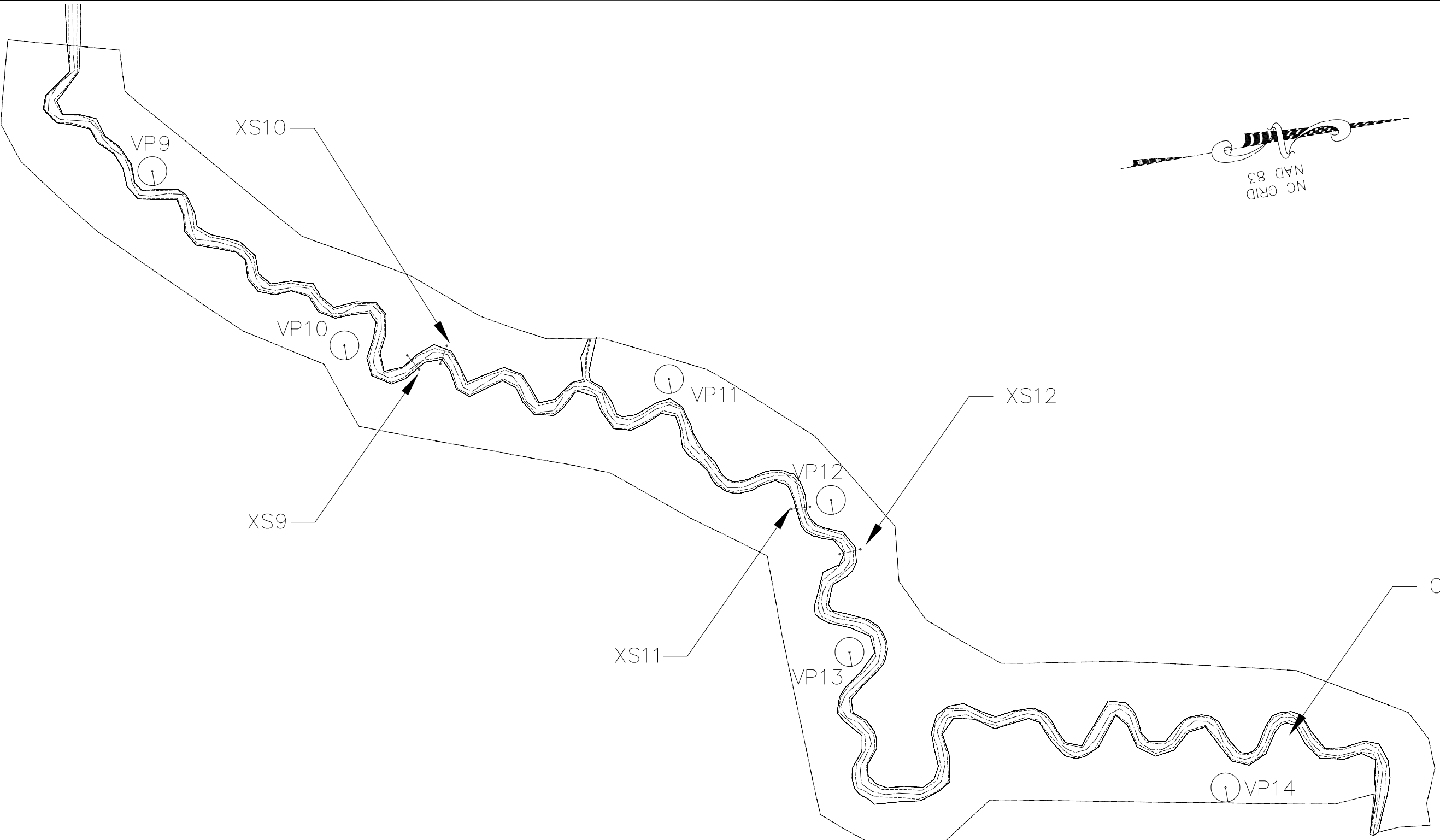




Stonebridge
Monitoring Overview

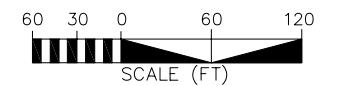
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Stonebridge
Monitoring Overview

Figure 3B



2.2 PROJECT PURPOSE

This project was identified by EBX-Neuse I, LLC as having potential to help meet the compensatory mitigation requirements of the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as solicited through the NCDOT Full Delivery Project S-1. The objective of this project is to provide at least 5,556 stream mitigation units (SMU) to the NCDOT through the full delivery process. The mitigation units are to be accomplished through the restoration and enhancement of stream and riparian habitats as defined in the inter-agency Stream Mitigation Guidelines (USACE, 2003).

Table 1. Project Mitigation Structure and Objectives

| Reach Name | As-Built Length (ft) | Mitigation Approach |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| UT1 | 5,556 | Restoration |
| UT2 | 564 | Restoration |
| Total | 6,120 | |

2.3 PROJECT HISTORY & SCHEDULE

This project was identified by EBX-Neuse I, LLC in the spring of 2003. **Table 2** outlines the project history and milestones.

Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History

| Month | Activity |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| June 2005 | Mitigation Plan |
| December 2005 | Final Design |
| February 2006 | Construction |
| March 2006 | Vegetation Planting |
| April 2006 | As-built (Baseline) Report |
| November 2006 | Year 2 Monitoring |
| March 2007 | Supplemental Vegetation Planting |
| November 2007 | Year 2 Monitoring |
| November 2008 (Scheduled) | Year 3 Monitoring |
| November 2009 (Scheduled) | Year 4 Monitoring |
| November 2010 (Scheduled) | Year 5 Monitoring |

Because of high mortality recorded in some monitoring plots, a supplemental planting with 2-year-old trees was performed on a portion of the site near Plots 4 and 5 in 2007. These plots were also replanted with 3-year-old trees during the spring of 2008 due to continued high mortality rates. Shallow bedrock was noted around Plot 5 during the 2007 supplemental planting.

Table 3. Project Contacts

| Contact | Firm Information |
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3.0 VEGETATION

3.1 VEGETATION SUCCESS CRITERIA

Specific and measurable success criteria for plant density within the riparian buffer on the site are based on the recommendations found in the WRP Technical Note and correspondence from review agencies on mitigation sites recently approved under the Neu-Con Mitigation Banking Instrument. The interim measure of vegetative success for the Stonebridge Mitigation Site will be survival of at least 320 planted stems per acre at the end of the Year 3 monitoring period. The final vegetative success criteria will be the survival of 260 planted trees per acre at the end of Year 5 of the monitoring period (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers et. al. 2003).

Success of riparian vegetation will be evaluated annually through monitoring planted stem survival and photo documentation of vegetation plots. An assessment of the natural regeneration of woody stems and herbaceous cover will also be performed. Up to 20 % of the site species composition may be comprised of volunteers. Remedial action may be required should these volunteers (i.e. loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), etc.) exceed 20 % composition.

3.2 DESCRIPTION OF SPECIES AND VEGETATION MONITORING

All vegetation was planted in March 2006 after construction was complete. Bare root native tree and shrub species were planted to establish forested riparian buffers of at least fifty feet on both sides of the restored stream. The plants were selected to establish vertical habitat structure and a diverse mix of species (**Table 4**). The planted area consists of two zones. The first is a wetter zone predominantly consisting of moist soil species such as green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*), and elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*). The second is a drier zone predominantly consisting of more mesic species such as yellow poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) and Northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*). Black locust (*Robinia pseudo-acacia*) was planted as a nurse tree in the upland zone. The initial stocking of riparian plantings across the site was approximately 758 stems per acre. In addition to the riparian plantings, black willow (*Salix nigra*) cuttings bundles were installed on the outside of bends.

Table 4. Planted Tree Species

| Common Name | Scientific Name | FAC Status |
|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Shrubs | | |
| Elderberry | <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> | FACW- |
| Silky Dogwood | <i>Cornus amomum</i> | FACW+ |
| Trees | | |
| Black Locust | <i>Robiinia pseudocacia</i> | FACU- |
| Green ash | <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> | FACW |
| Ironwood | <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | FAC |
| Red Oak | <i>Quercus rubra</i> | FACU |
| Red Bud | <i>Cercis canadensis</i> | FACU |
| River Birch | <i>Betula nigra</i> | FACW |
| Sweet Bay | <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> | FACW+ |
| Sycamore | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | FACW- |
| Tulip Tree | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | FAC |

Fourteen 100-square-meter vegetation sampling plots were established at the restoration site to monitor the success of riparian buffer vegetation. The locations of these plots were randomly distributed across the planted portions of the site. The plots cover approximately 2% of the site. The center of each plot is located with a ten-foot section of metal fence post with a white PVC cover. Each planted woody stem was located with a three-foot section of white PVC and identified with an aluminum tag. Planted woody species will be monitored twice per year for the first three years. Herbaceous plant cover will be monitored annually using the notched-boot method. The total number of each species planted are listed in **Table 5b**.

Because of high mortality and the low stems per acre documented in 2006 for Plots 4 and 5, these portions of the site were planted with 2-year-old trees in the spring of 2007 to supplement the surviving stems per acre. Approximately 600 stems were planted in and around these plots. The stem counts for 2007 reflect both the surviving original live stems and the supplemental stems planted.

3.3 RESULTS OF VEGETATION MONITORING

Stem counts were conducted at each monitoring plot during August 2008. All 14 vegetation monitoring plots were evaluated for success, and the overall condition of vegetation at the site was assessed. **Tables 5a and 5b** show the number of each species of woody plants recorded for each plot, and the success rate of each plot. Above-average mortality in 2007 necessitated that some areas be replanted with three-year-old stems to maintain adequate density. The range of surviving planted stems per acre after the third year was 324 to 891, with an average of 526 planted trees per acre surviving at the site. Two photos of each vegetation plot were taken at the time of the stem counts, one facing upstream and the other facing downstream (**Appendix C**).

Areas identified in 2007 as requiring further observation with respect to vegetation are currently meeting success criteria after 3 years. Slight changes in survival percentage have also occurred because of the resprouting ability of some species. In a number of plots, individual stems previously recorded as dead had resprouted from the root crown. This pattern was observed throughout the site with green ash, silky dogwood, and elderberry.

There has been one observed instance where livestock entered a portion of the easement and temporarily damaged the herbaceous vegetation around Plots 1 and 2. This problem was corrected and no significant reduction in planted stem survival was observed, although the herbaceous vegetation in this area is now primarily grass species. Plot 4 has the lowest density, but still meets the success criteria of 320 stems per acre after 3 years. The higher mortality experienced in this plot appears to be due to locally shallow bedrock around this plot.

Table 5a. Results of Vegetation Monitoring

| Species | Plots | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Shrubs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elderberry | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Silky Dogwood, | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Trees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Locust | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Green Ash | 11 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 1 |
| Ironwood | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | | | 2 | 4 | | 1 | | | |
| Red Oak | | | | | | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Redbud | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | 3 |
| River Birch | 1 | 6 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Sweet Bay | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Sycamore | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | | | 1 |
| Tulip Tree | | | 2 | | | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 2 |

Table 5b Summary of Results

| Plots | Stems Planted | Additional Stems Planted | Total Stems Planted | Stems Year 3 | Stems per Acre Year 3 |
|---------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 16 | 14 | 30 | 15 | 607 |
| 2 | 20 | 6 | 26 | 15 | 607 |
| 3 | 21 | | 21 | 17 | 688 |
| 4 | 16 | 5 | 21 | 8 | 324 |
| 5 | 24 | 1 | 25 | 11 | 445 |
| 6 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 22 | 891 |
| 7 | 14 | | 14 | 10 | 405 |
| 8 | 16 | | 16 | 9 | 364 |
| 9 | 17 | | 17 | 15 | 607 |
| 10 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 12 | 486 |
| 11 | 20 | | 20 | 17 | 688 |
| 12 | 17 | | 17 | 11 | 445 |
| 13 | 14 | | 14 | 9 | 364 |
| 14 | 19 | | 19 | 11 | 445 |
| Average | 18.7 | | | 13 | 526 |

Average Stems/Acre: 526 Range of Stems/Acre: 324-891
Replanted in Spring 2007 and Spring 2008

A plan view drawing of the vegetation plots is provided in **Figures 3a and 3b**. The drawing includes the appropriate information pertaining to vegetation monitoring of the project. The drawing also shows the locations of the following features:

- Vegetation monitoring plots
- Vegetation plot photo points
- Locations of any vegetation problem areas
- Symbology to represent vegetative problem types (if appropriate)

The vegetation at the site is mostly dense with good herbaceous cover that is variable in composition, as would be expected in a natural riparian system. Areas previously observed to have bare soil now have good herbaceous cover. Only a few limited areas around Plot 4 have exposed bedrock. The locally dominant species are panic grass (*Panicum anceps*), dog fennel (*Eupatorium capillifolium*), Canadian horseweed (*Conyza canadensis*), and Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*). Other prominent species include white thoroughwort (*Eupatorium album*), devil's darning needles (*Clematis virginiana*), sawtooth blackberry (*Rubus argutus*), trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*), Carolina horsenettle (*Solanum carolinense*), American pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*), Pennsylvania smartweed (*Polygonum pennsylvanicum*), common rush (*Juncus effusus*), sedges (*Carex* sp.), and grape (*Vitis* sp.).

Volunteer species are also monitored throughout the five year monitoring period. **Table 6** shows the most commonly found woody volunteer species. Volunteer species were less obvious. This is most likely because of decreased germination, vigor, and survival due to the earlier drought. The herbaceous cover also obscures the smaller volunteer individuals.

Table 6 Volunteer Tree Species

| Common Name | Scientific Name | FAC Status |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Sweetgum | <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> | FAC+ |
| Red Maple | <i>Acer rubrum</i> | FAC |
| Persimmon | <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> | FAC |
| Slippery elm | <i>Ulmus rubra</i> | FAC |

3.4 VEGETATION OBSERVATIONS & CONCLUSIONS

Vegetation across the site has become well established, both herbaceous early successional and planted stems. Natural recruitment of species is also beginning to develop but does not threaten to compete with the planted stems at this time. Despite the previous drought year in 2007 and below to normal rainfall in 2008, the vegetation at this site is mostly healthy and appears to be thriving. A few areas, such as around plot 4, have experienced a slightly higher mortality than desired, but the stem counts indicate the site is meeting the 3-year success criteria for the vegetation plots. No remedial actions are necessary at this time.

4.0 STREAM MONITORING

4.1 STREAM SUCCESS CRITERIA

As stated in the Mitigation Plan, the stream restoration success criteria for the site include the following:

- *Bankfull Events*: Two bankfull flow events must be documented within the five-year monitoring period.
- *Cross sections*: There should be little change in as-built cross sections. Cross sections shall be classified using the Rosgen stream classification method, and all monitored cross sections should fall within the quantitative parameters defined for "E" or "C" type channels.
- *Longitudinal Profiles*: The longitudinal profiles should show that the bedform features are remaining stable, e.g. they are not aggrading or degrading. Bedforms observed should be consistent with those observed in "E" and "C" type channels.

- *Photo Reference Stations:* Photographs will be used to subjectively evaluate channel aggradation or degradation, bank erosion, success of riparian vegetation and effectiveness of erosion control measures.
- *Benthic Macroinvertebrate:* Sampling of benthic macroinvertebrates within the restored stream channel shall be conducted for the first three years of post-restoration monitoring.

Plan view drawings of the project site are provided in **Figures 4a- 4d**. The drawings include the appropriate information pertaining to monitoring of the project. These drawings show the locations of the following features (if applicable):

- Bankfull channel limits
- Centerline of channel
- Easement boundary/Fencing
- Road crossings
- Root wads
- Log vanes
- Cuttings bundles
- Channel plugs
- Log toe protection
- Riffle grade control
- Cross weir structures
- Step pool structures
- Tributaries

The drawings also show locations of monitoring activities. These include:

- Cross section survey locations
- Crest gauge locations
- Vegetation plots
- Benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring locations

4.2 STREAM MORPHOLOGY MONITORING PLAN

Along UT-1 and UT-2 a natural channel design approach was applied to develop stable hydraulic geometry parameters. Construction began in October 2005 and was completed in February 2006. The rebuilding of the channel established stable cross-sectional geometry, increased plan form sinuosity, and restored streambed diversity to improve benthic habitat. Approximately 6,120 linear feet of stream restoration has been constructed.

4.2.1 Cross Sections

The mitigation plan for the Stonebridge Stream Mitigation Project requires twelve permanent cross sections to be monitored along the restored tributaries UT-1 and UT-2. The cross sections were established during monitoring set-up in evenly distributed pairs of one riffle and one pool per 1,000 linear feet of restored stream. Locations of cross sections are specified in **Figures 3a and 3b**. The cross section surveys and photographs are shown in **Appendix B**. Each cross section will be surveyed annually including measurements of floodplain, top of bank, bankfull, inner berm, edge of water, and thalweg. In addition, any fluvial features present will be documented.

4.2.2 Longitudinal Profile

Longitudinal profiles will be surveyed annually during the monitoring period. The cumulative length of the measured profiles will be at least 3,000 linear feet. Features measured will include thalweg, inverts of in-stream structures, water surface, bankfull, and top of low bank.

4.2.3 Hydrology

Three crest gauges were installed at the site: one on UT-1 (CG3) near the downstream end of the project and one each on UT-2 (CG2) and UT-1 (CG1) immediately above the confluence (see locations in **Figures 3a and 3b**). Crest gauges will be checked monthly to document high flows. During each visit, a determination will be made if an out-of-bank event has occurred since the prior visit. During the gauge inspections, any high water marks or debris lines will be documented and photographed.

4.2.4 Photo Reference Stations

There are no designated photo reference stations on the Stonebridge Mitigation site. Photos are collected showing general conditions of the site (within the restoration easement), at all structures, cross sections, as well as specific areas of concern along the stream corridor (**Appendix C**).

4.3 STREAM MORPHOLOGY MONITORING RESULTS

Photographs were taken throughout the monitoring season to document the evolution of the restored stream channel (**Appendix C**). Herbaceous vegetation is moderately dense along the restored stream. The channel was dry during the latter part of the growing season, making it difficult to document the effectiveness of the stream channel structures. Pools have maintained a variety of depths and habitat qualities, depending on the location and type of scour features (logs, root wads, transplants, etc.). During the early portion of the growing season, a consistent stream flow was present during the monthly site visits.

Very few problems with stream morphology were observed during the monitoring field visits. Photos of each located structure taken in July 2008 are included in **Appendix C**. The plan view drawings in **Figures 4a-4d** show the locations of the following features:

- As-built stream centerline and bankfull limits
- In-stream structures (e.g. root wads and log vanes)
- Locations of any stream channel problem areas requiring observation

Table 7 gives a description of each stream area requiring further observation, the station where the problem occurs, and the photo number for the problem area.

4.3.1 Cross Sections

The cross sections were surveyed during the Year 3 monitoring activities in July 2008. The As-Built cross-section surveys are shown with the Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 monitoring cross section surveys in **Appendix B**. The Year 3 cross sections do not differ significantly from the As-Built, Year 1, and Year 2 cross sections.

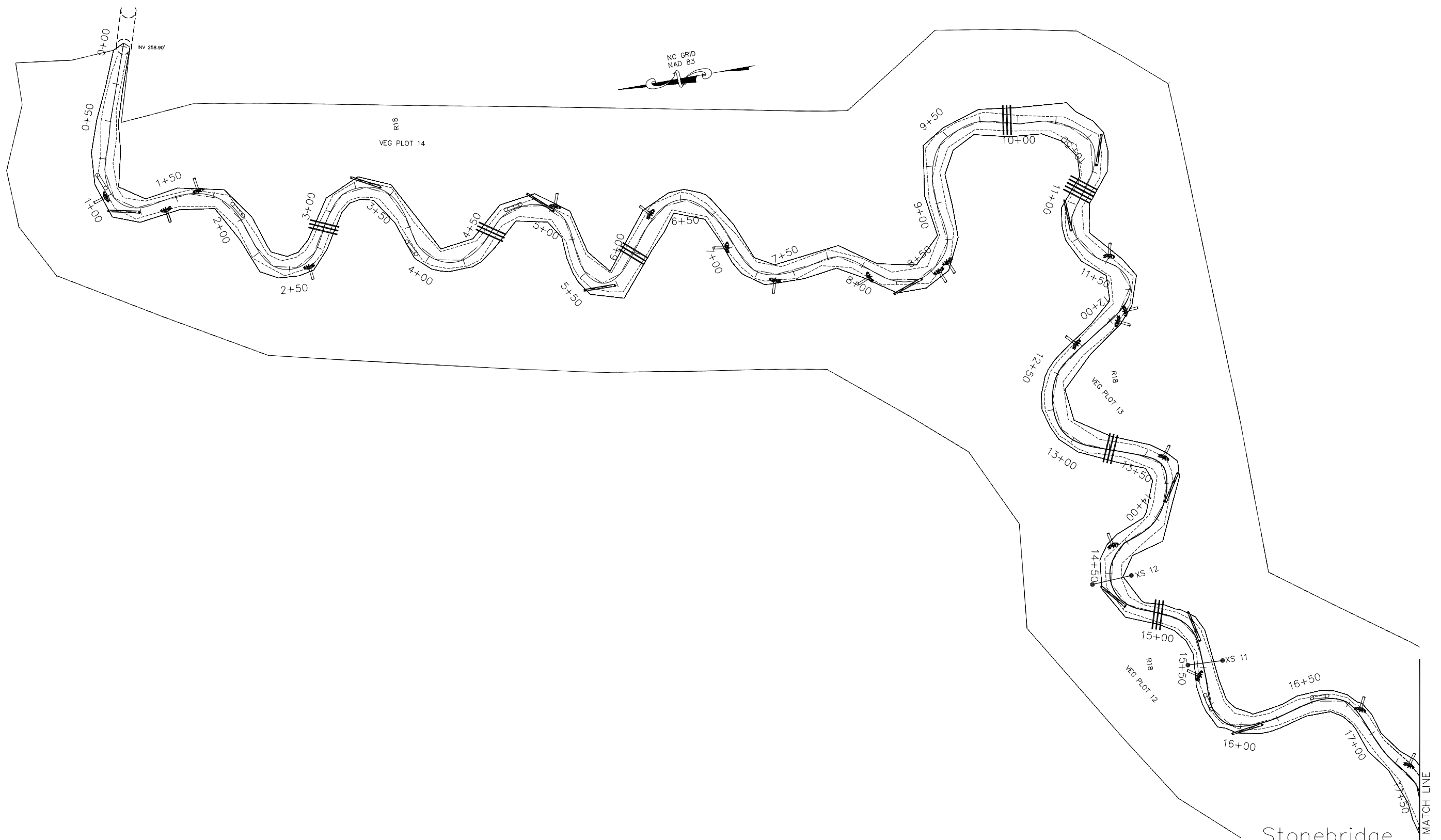
4.3.2 Longitudinal Profile

A longitudinal profile survey was conducted during the Year 3 monitoring activities in July 2008. The previous profile and cross sections indicate that there has been very little adjustment to the

stream profile or dimension since construction. Using the surveyed dimensions of the cross sections, morphological parameters were calculated for each reach and are included in **Table 10** below.

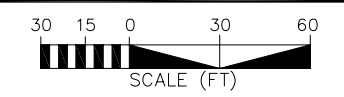
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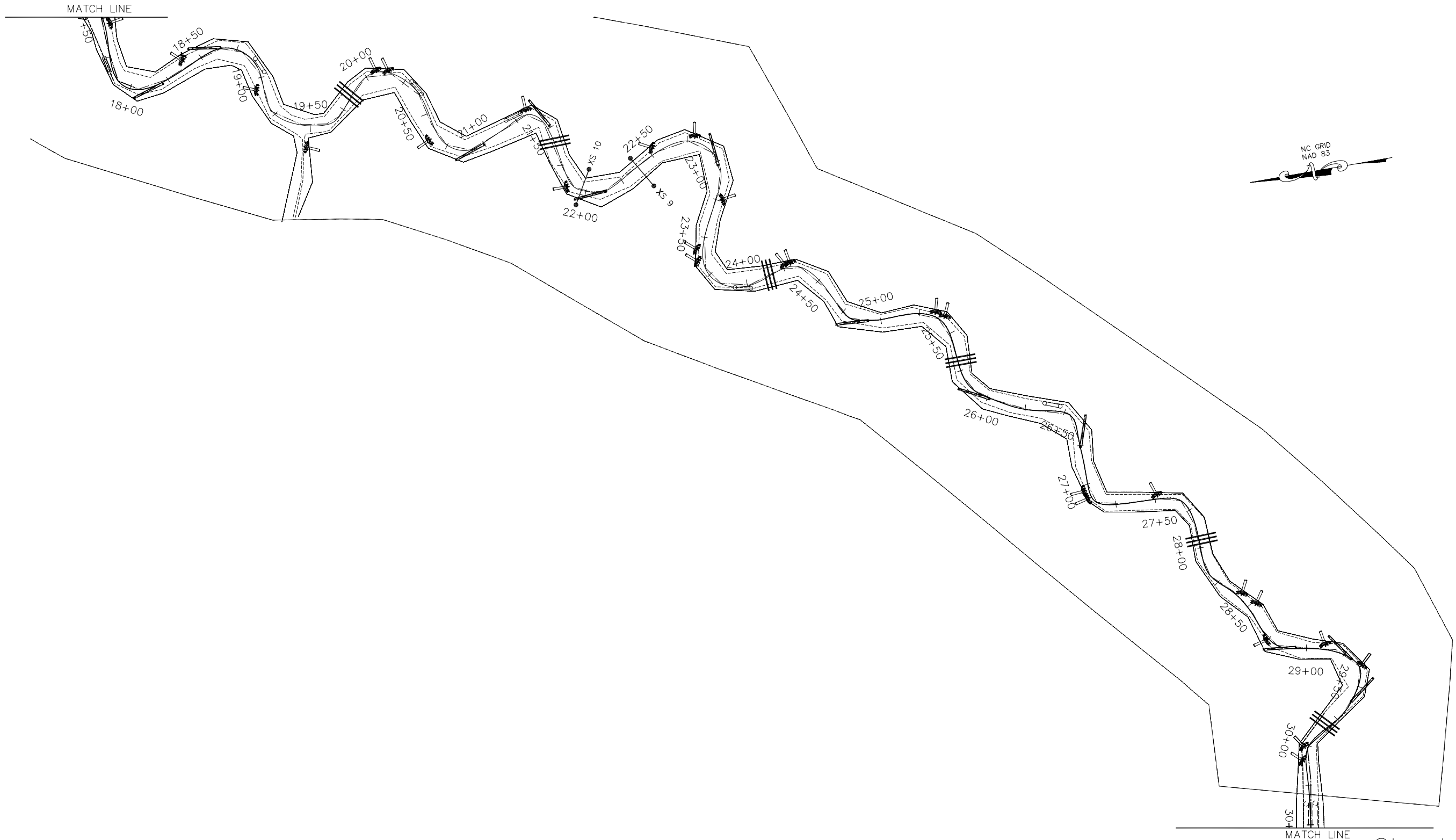
| SPA | Reach | Station | Description | Recommended Action |
|-----|-------|----------------|---|--|
| 1 | UT1 | 32+50 | Debris jam | Remove debris jam |
| 2 | UT1 | 34+00 | Minor erosion on left bank | Continue to monitor |
| 3 | UT1 | 40+25 | Minor erosion on right bank | Continue to monitor |
| 4 | UT1 | 46+50 | Debris jam caused by fallen tree blocking water flow | Remove debris jam |
| 5 | UT1 | 46+65 | Minor erosion on right bank | Continue to monitor |
| 6 | UT1 | 47+50 | Erosion on right bank | Continue to monitor |
| 7 | UT1 | 48+50 | Fence knocked over by displaced log toe structure | Repair fence |
| 8 | UT1 | 48+50 to 56+75 | Severe damage to vegetation and bank erosion caused by cattle within easement | None |
| 9 | UT1 | 48+60 | Erosion on left bank due to hoof shear from cattle | None |
| 10 | UT1 | 49+00 | Cattle gate off hinges allowing cattle to access the easement | Repair gate; remove cattle from easement |
| 11 | UT1 | 49+50 | Erosion on left bank from cattle | Continue to monitor |
| 12 | UT1 | 53+00 | Erosion on right bank due to cattle hoof shear | None |
| 13 | UT1 | 56+25 | Log toe structure missing | None |



Stonebridge Stream Problem Areas

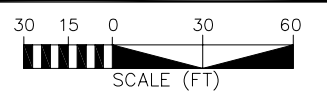
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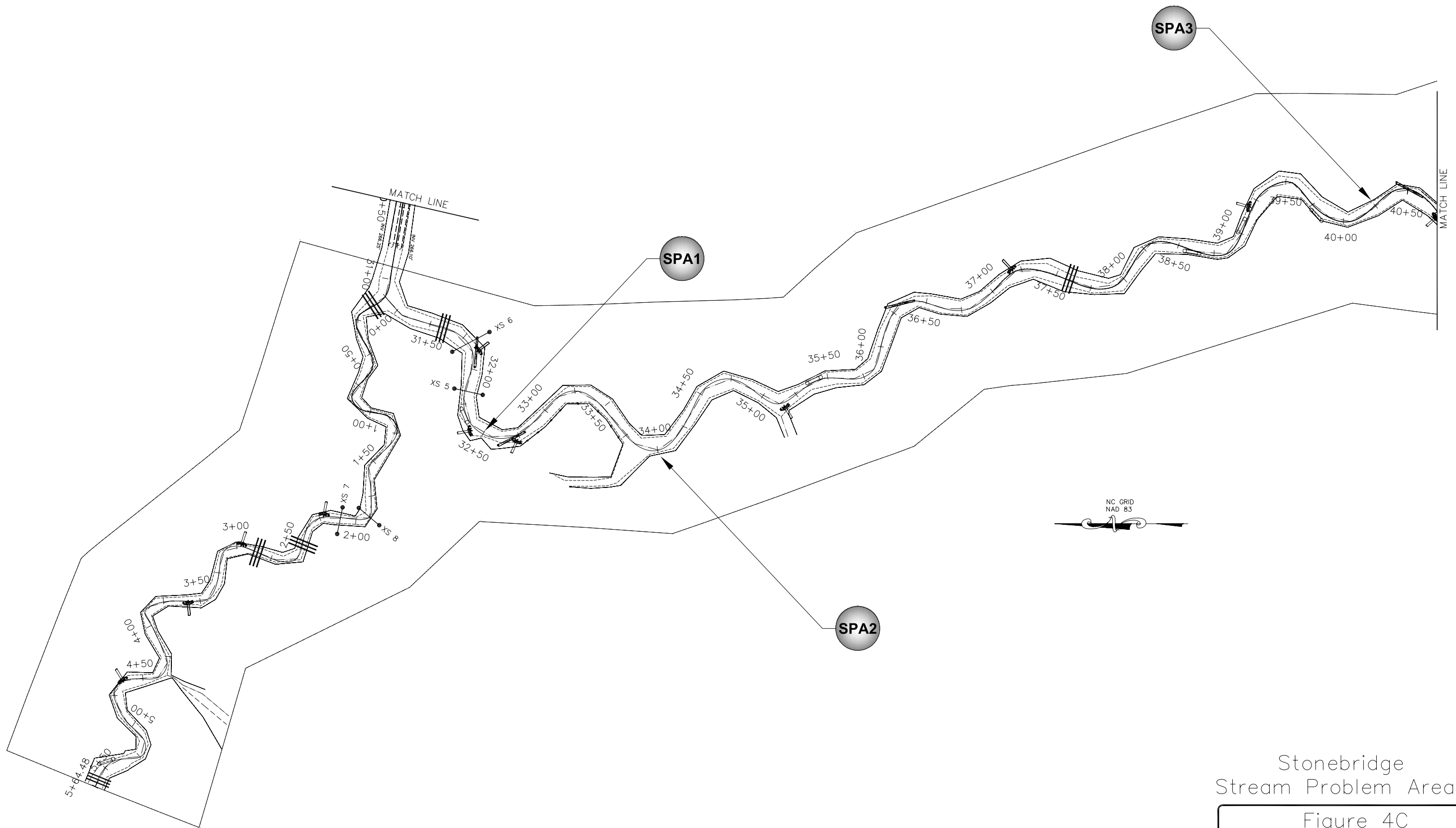




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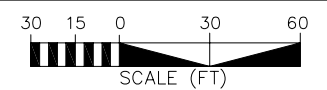
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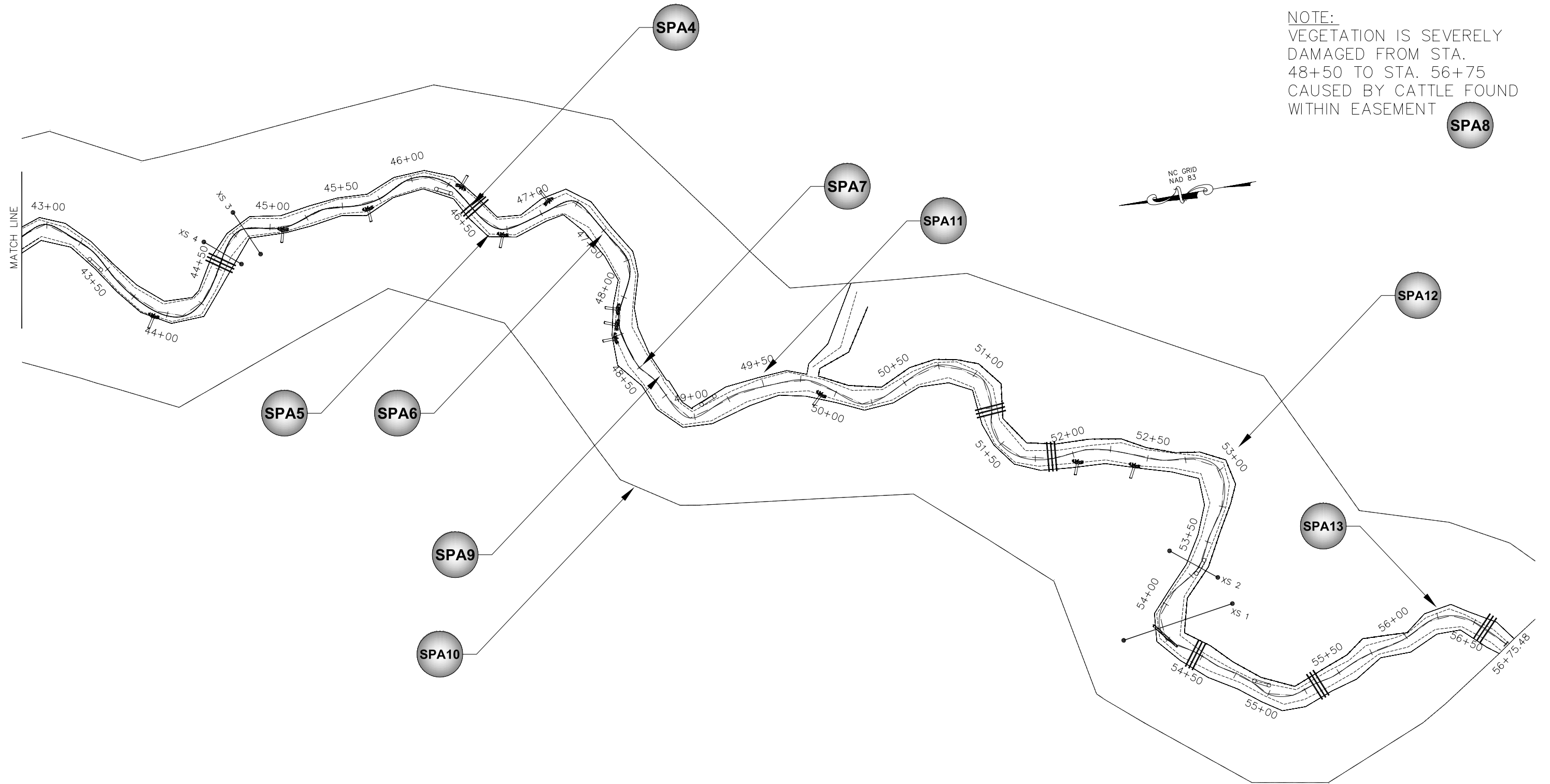




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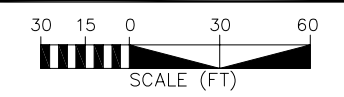




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Figure 4D



4.3.3 Hydrology

The crest gauges were read on monthly sites visits from February through August 2008. Data collected from the on-site gauge in February is a composite sample for December 2007 through February 2008. At least five out-of-bank or bankfull events occurred during this period on UT-2, and seven out-of-bank events occurred on UT-1. Crest gauge data are included in **Table 8**. Weather data were collected from a nearby weather station—Carthage Water Treatment Plant and the Moore County Airport. The data are summarized in **Table 9** and **Figure 5**, and indicate that conditions were very dry during the months of January through August.

Table 8. Crest Gauge Data

| Month Recorded | Crest Gauge 1 | Crest Gauge 2 | Crest Gauge 3 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| January | --- | --- | --- |
| February | 1.10 | 2.80 | 0.00 |
| March | 1.90 | 1.05 | 1.35 |
| April | 1.55 | 0.55 | 2.25 |
| May | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| June | 0.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| July | 0.55 | 1.00 | 2.20 |
| August | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| September | 0.60 | 1.20 | 0.00 |
| October | --- | --- | --- |
| November | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| December | --- | --- | --- |

Table 9. Summary Precipitation Data

| Month | Average | Normal Limits | | Carthage Precipitation | On-Site Precipitation |
|-----------|---------|---------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | 30 Percent | 70 Percent | | |
| January | 4.51 | 3.44 | 5.43 | 1.63 | --- |
| February | 3.54 | 2.39 | 4.24 | 3.33 | 6.43 |
| March | 4.65 | 3.52 | 5.64 | 3.38 | 3.93 |
| April | 3.08 | 1.93 | 4.17 | 5.64 | 2.90 |
| May | 4.06 | 2.65 | 4.86 | 2.29 | 2.87 |
| June | 4.18 | 2.36 | 5.16 | 2.20 | 1.72 |
| July | 5.37 | 3.06 | 6.7 | 4.37 | 7.00 |
| August | 4.65 | 3.22 | 5.57 | 5.54 | 1.41 |
| September | 4.45 | 3.23 | 6.24 | 12.37 | 9.73 |
| October | 3.54 | 1.86 | 4.73 | 1.31 | * |
| November | 3.47 | 2.2 | 4.52 | 1.75 | 0.67 |
| December | 3.38 | 2.28 | 4.04 | --- | --- |
| Total | 48.88 | 32.14 | 61.30 | 43.81 | 36.66 |

*One reading was taken on Nov. 11, which reflects precipitation for October through November 11.

Figure 5. 2008 Precipitation Data for Stonebridge

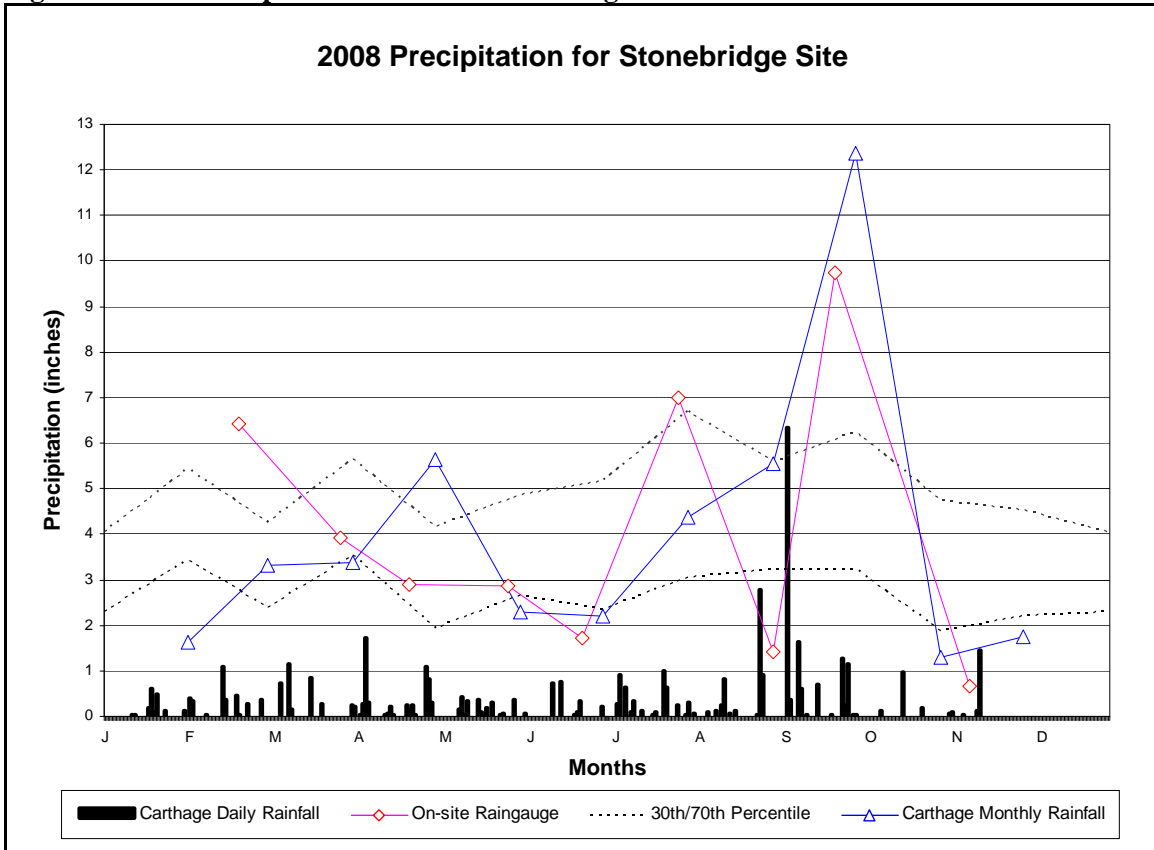


Table 10. Summary of Morphologic Monitoring Parameters

| Parameter | Year 3 Reach UT 1 | Year 3 Reach UT 2 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Drainage Area (Ac) | 688.0 | 182.0 |
| Bankfull Xsec Area, Abkf (sq ft) | 23.5 | 9.8 |
| Avg. Bankfull Width, Wbkf (ft) | 15.3 | 7.9 |
| Bankfull W/D | 10.4 | 6.3 |
| Bankfull Mean Depth, Dbkf (ft) | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| Bankfull Max Depth, Dmax (ft) | 2.7 | 1.9 |

4.4 BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY RESULTS

Benthic monitoring will be conducted in October 2008.

4.5 STREAM CONCLUSIONS

The restored stream channel has remained stable and is providing the intended habitat and hydrologic functions. All monitored cross sections for 2008 show very little adjustment in stream dimension. Several bankfull events were recorded during the 2008 monitoring season, exceeding the requirement of two bankfull events within five years.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Observations of conditions at the Stonebridge Mitigation Site and data collected during Year 3 monitoring indicate that the project is currently successful and on track to achieve the vegetative and stream success criteria specified in the Mitigation Plan.

The stream morphology is stable. Very little fluvial erosion was observed. Sedimentation that has occurred in the stream channel is minor and does not need to be addressed at this time. Removal of the debris jams at stations 32+50 and 46+50 are recommended to help reduce channel blockage, which could cause bank erosion. The fence near station 48+50 should be repaired to prevent further bank damage from cattle entering the channel. The vegetation is generally surviving well.

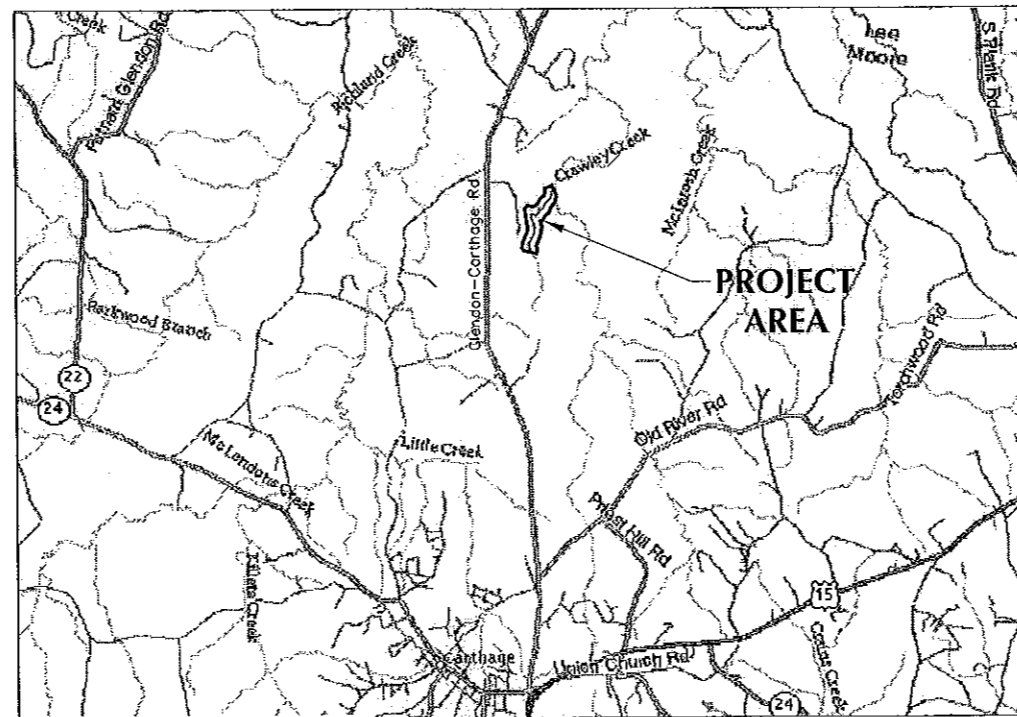
Overall, the project is performing well. Habitat has been improved significantly through this project. Fluvial erosion has been greatly reduced so that the project site no longer contributes excessive amounts of sediment to the receiving stream. Based on 2008 observations, site vegetation is expected to succeed and provide riparian habitat, water quality benefits, and cover for the stream system.

APPENDIX A

As-Built Survey

STONEBRIDGE STREAM AS-BUILT PLANS

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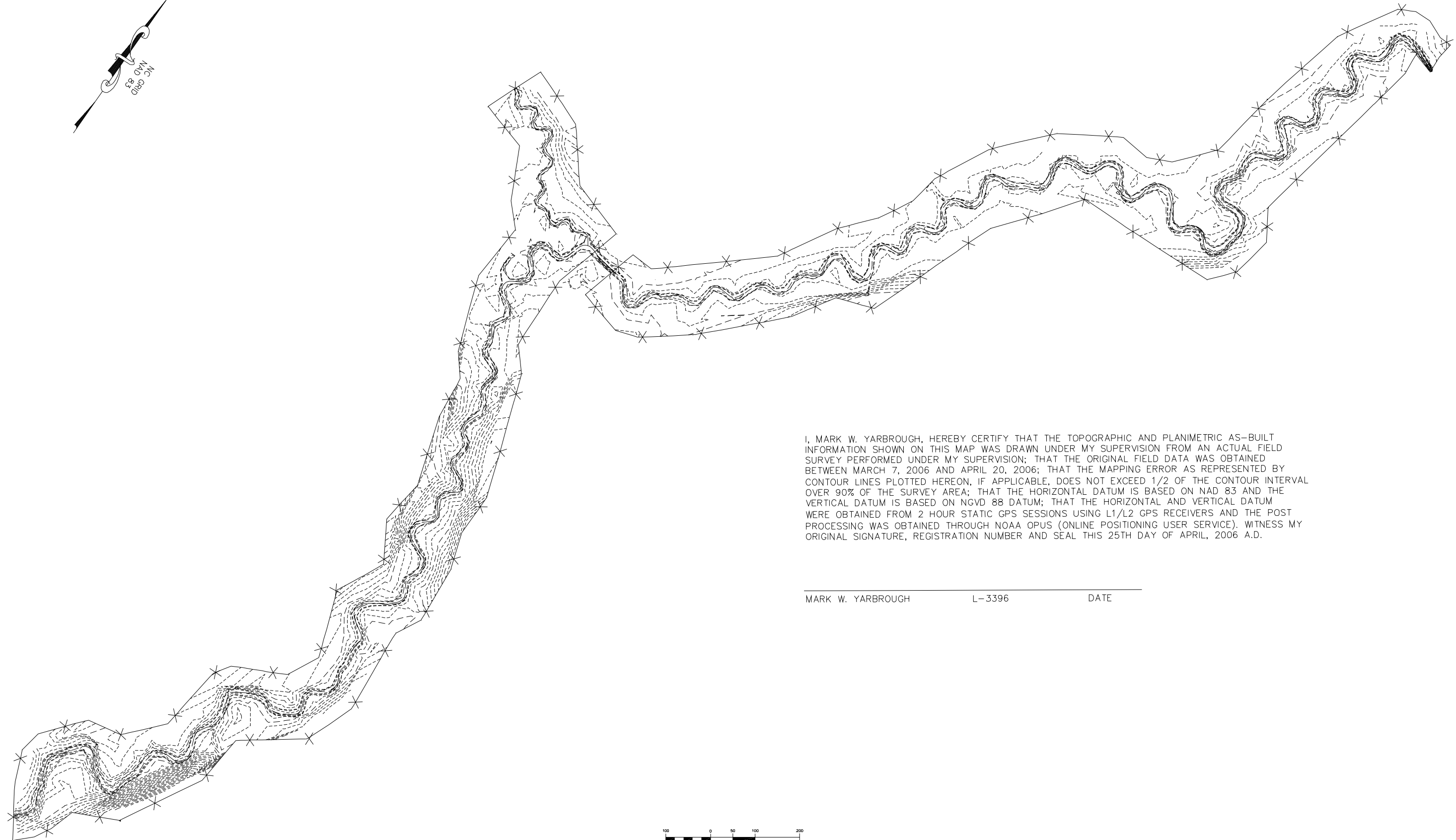
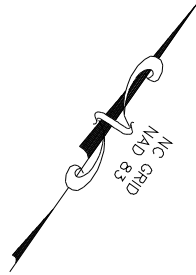
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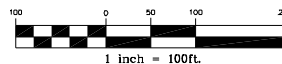


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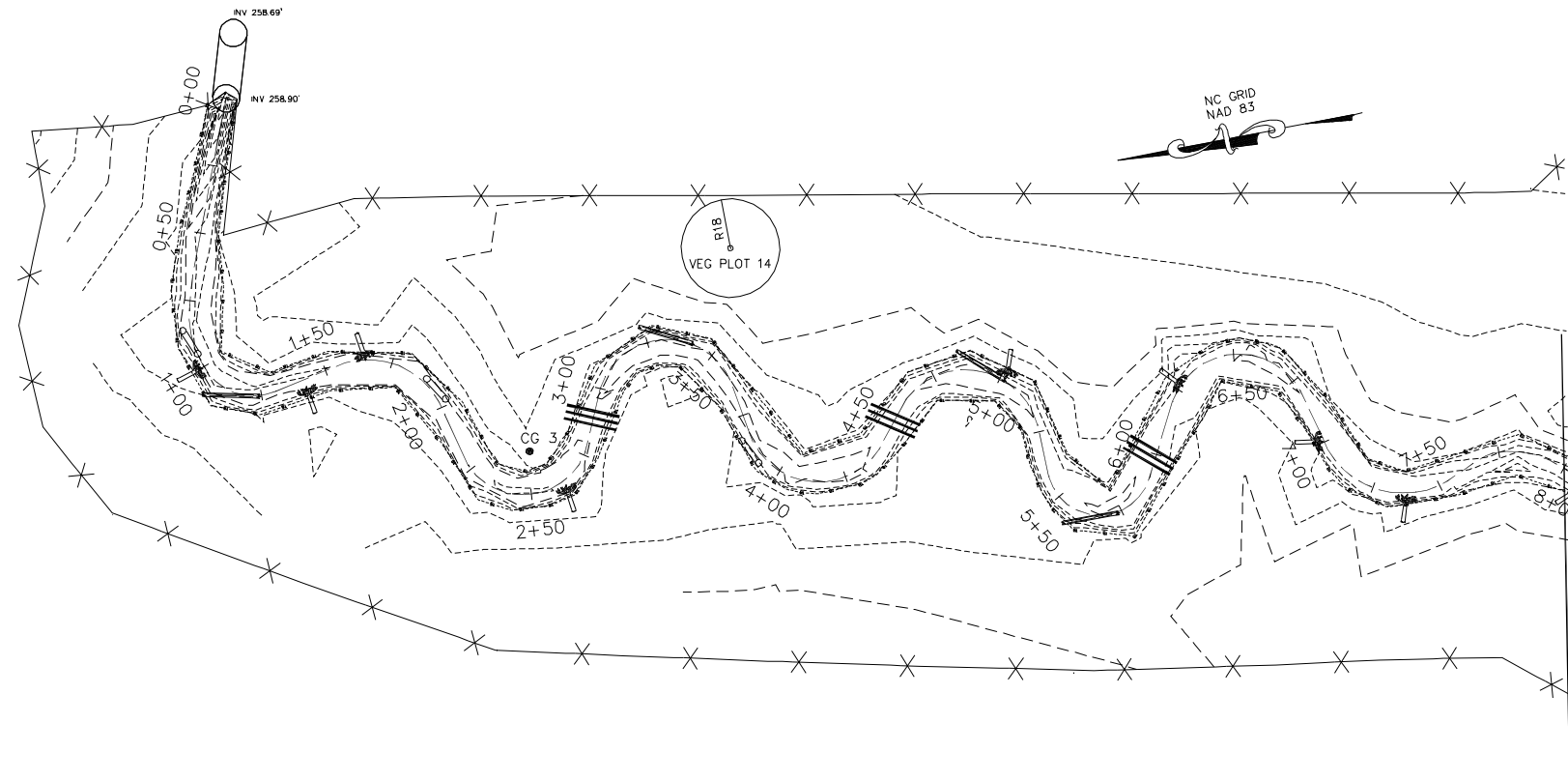
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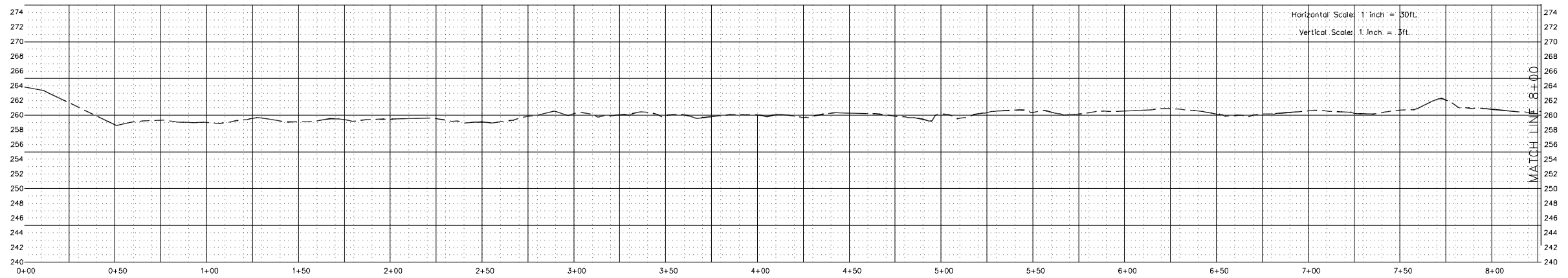
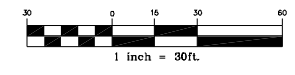
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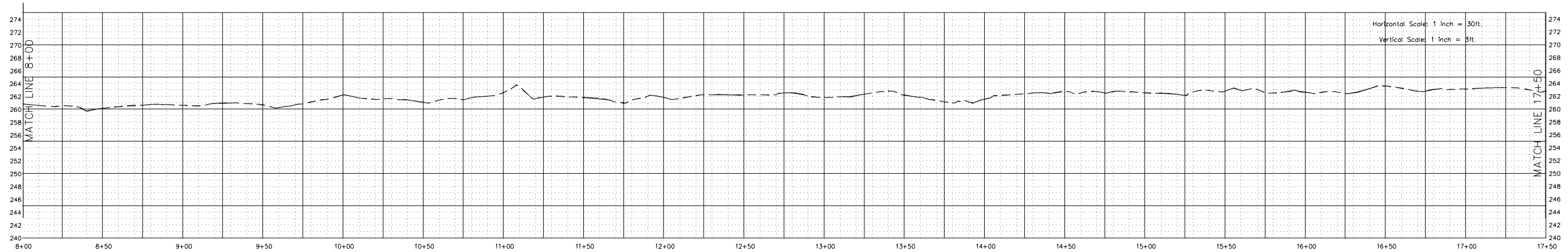
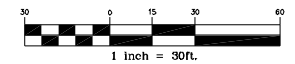
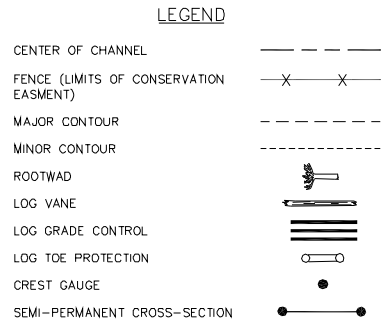
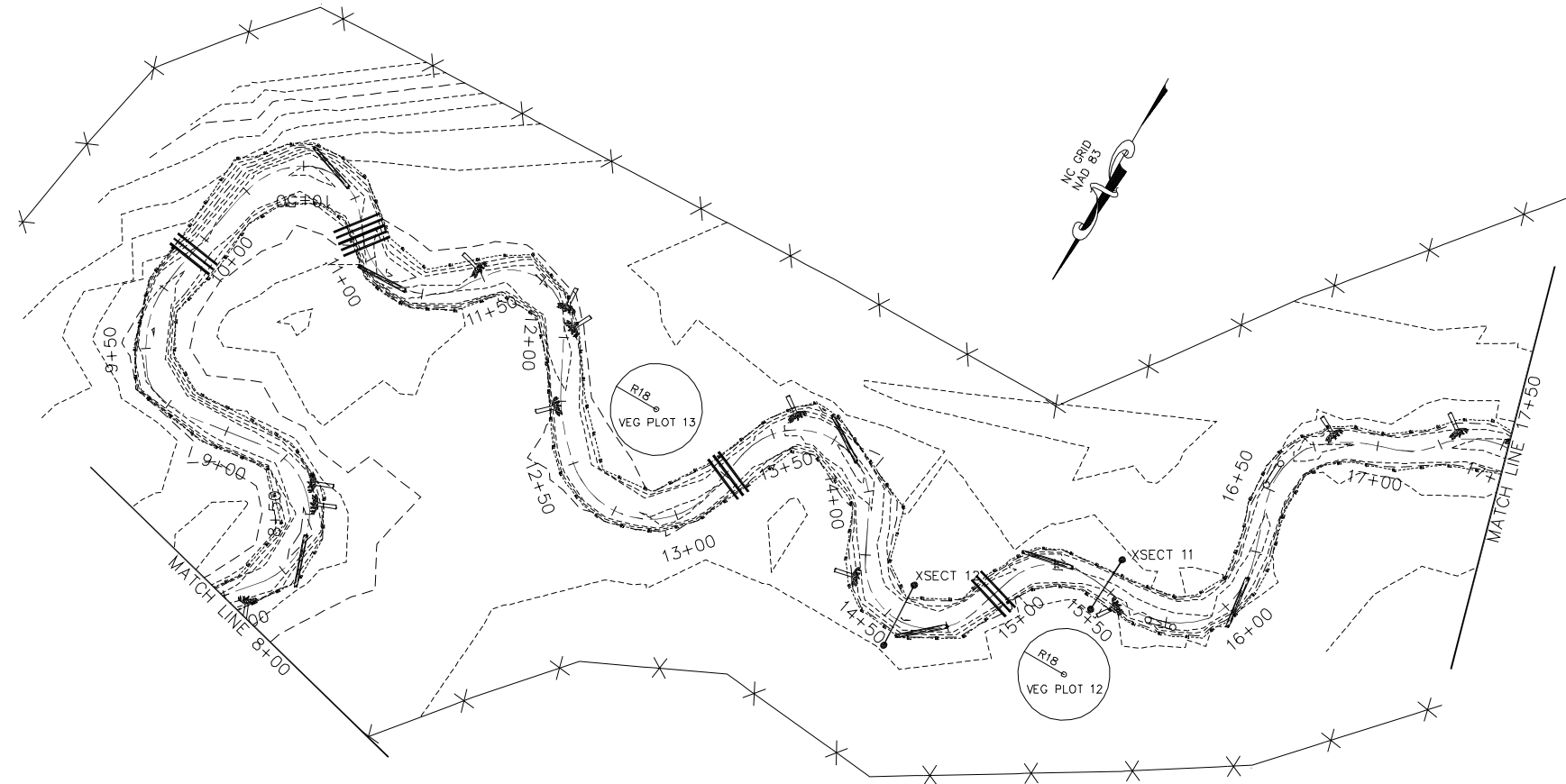
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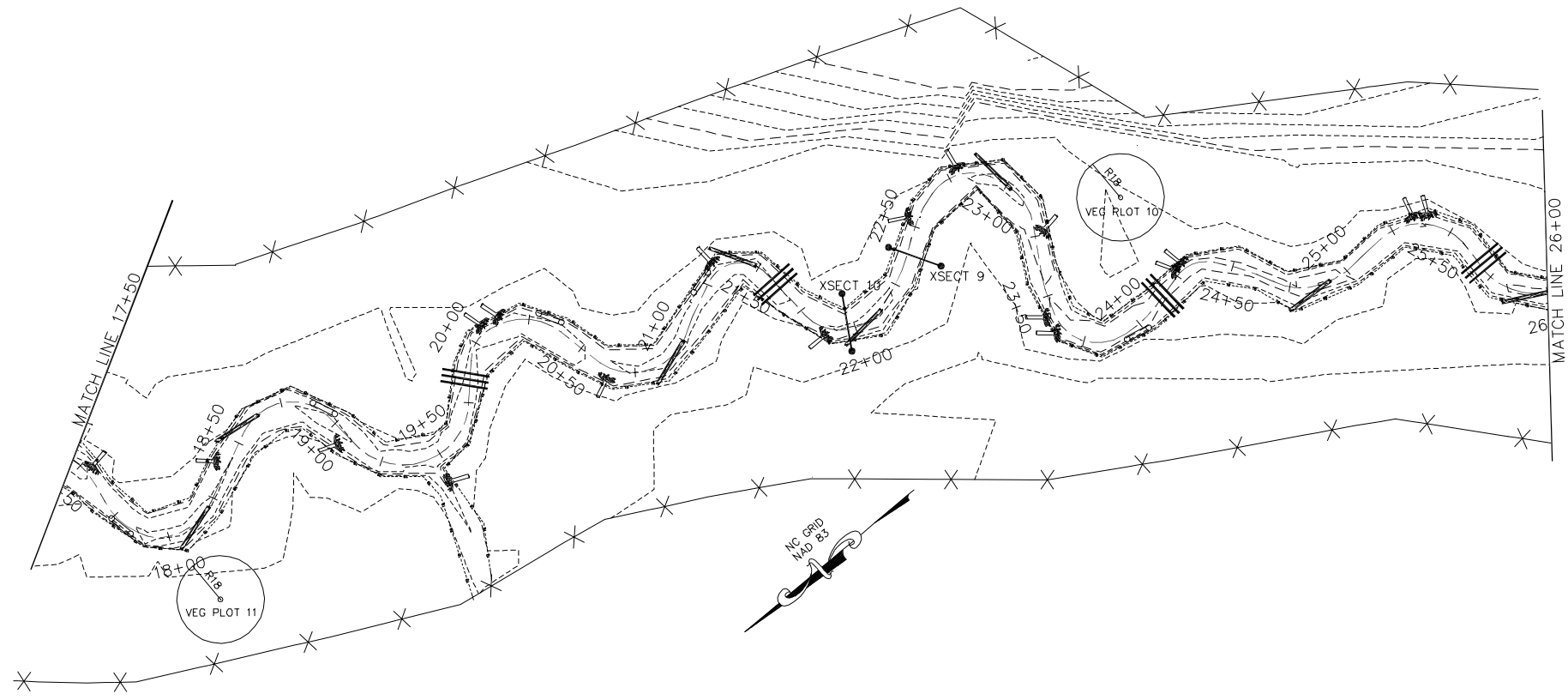
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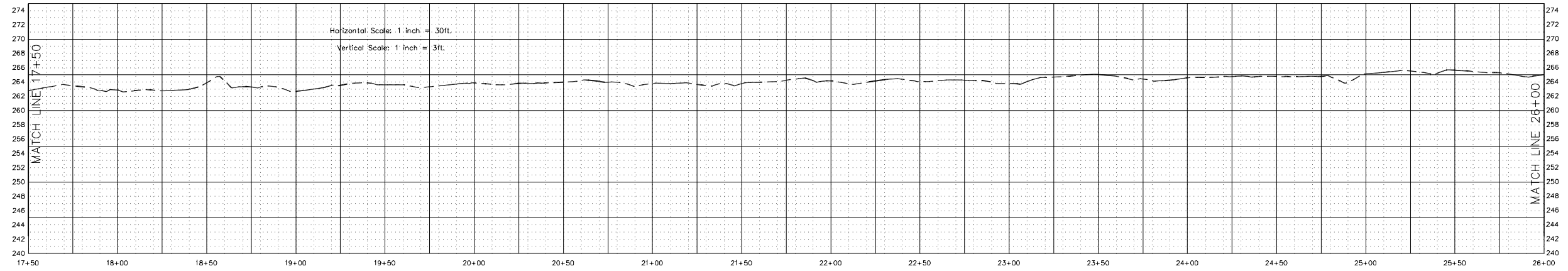
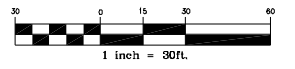
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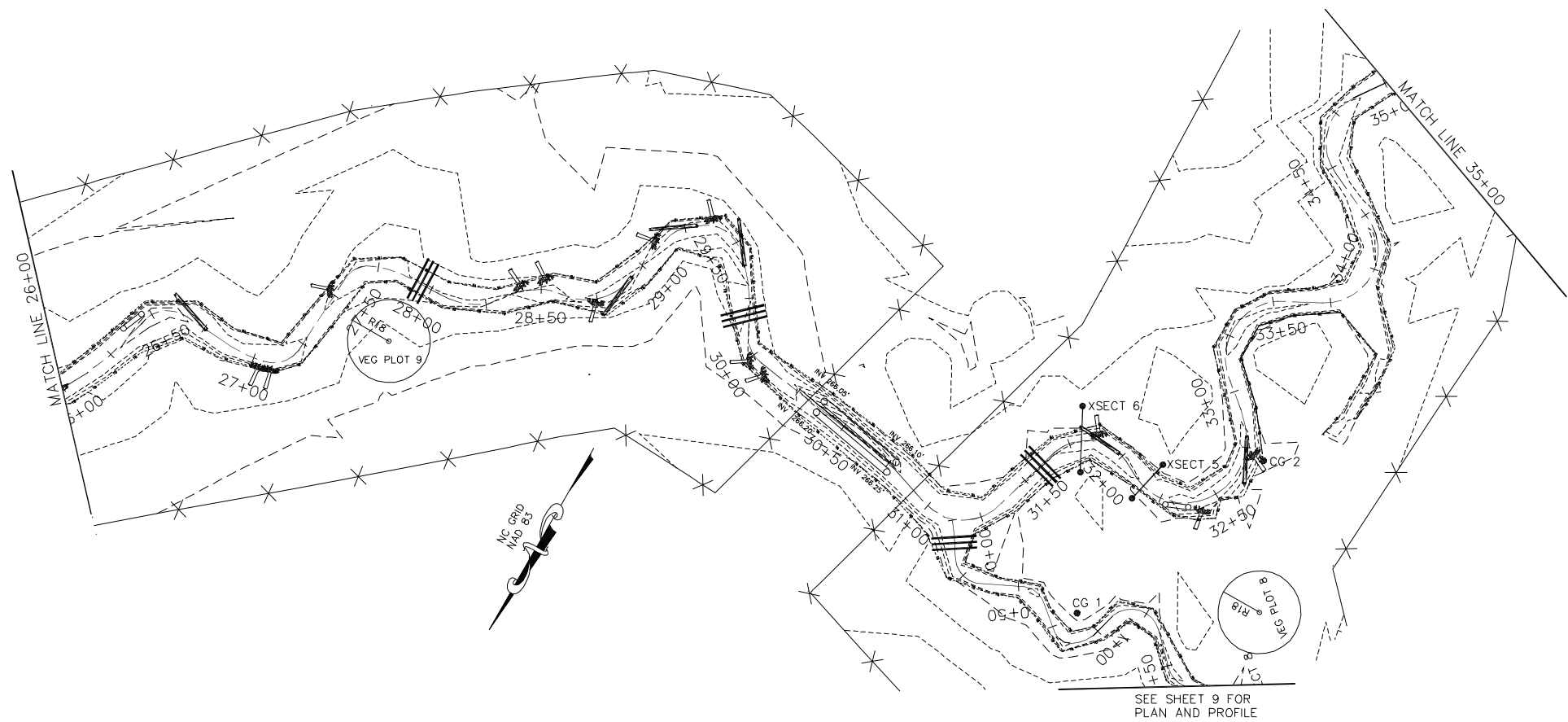
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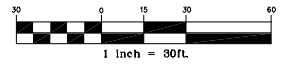
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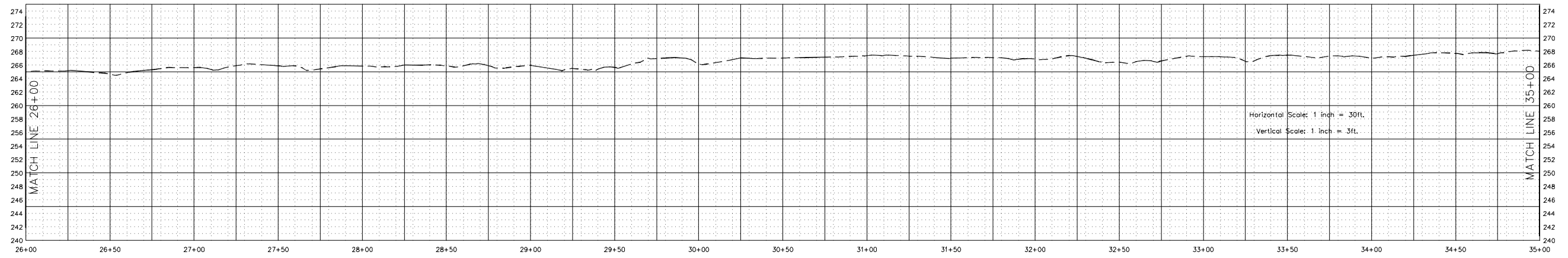


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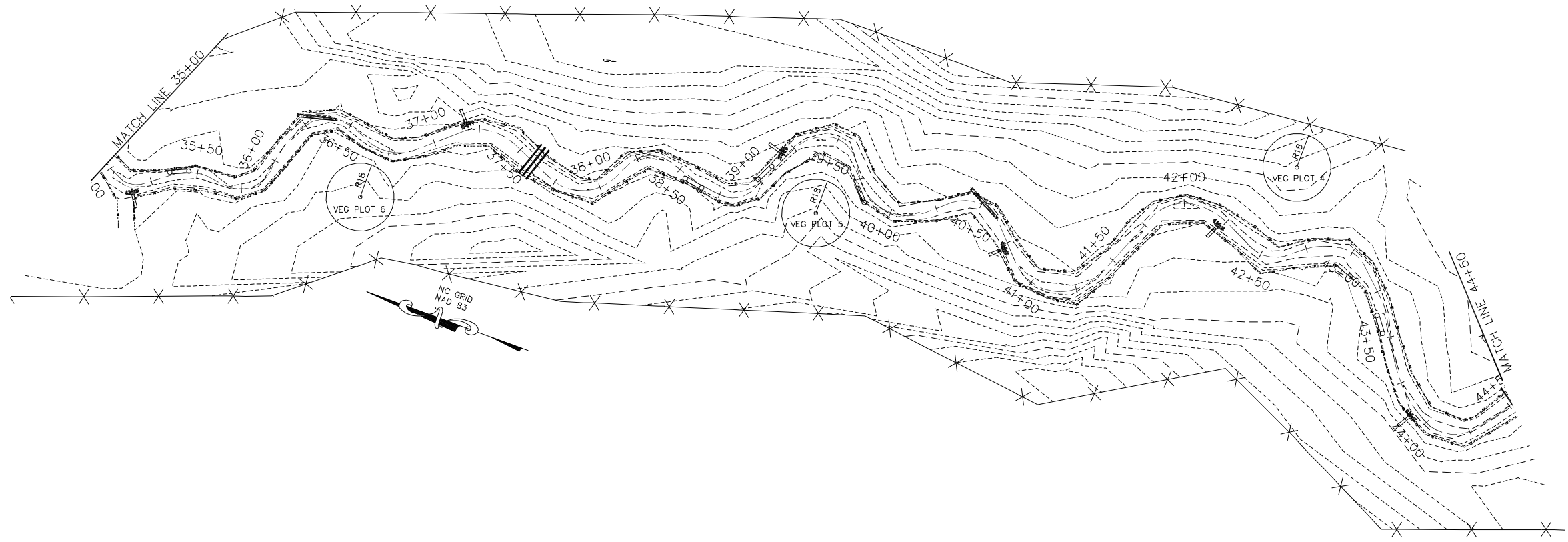
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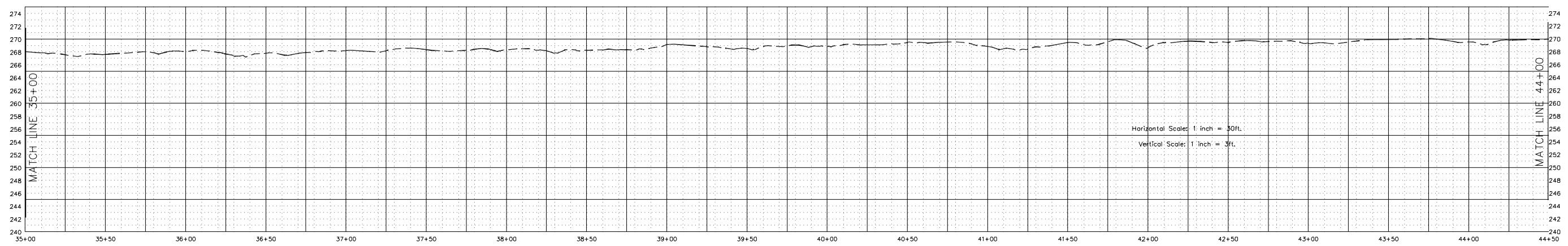
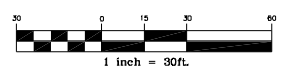
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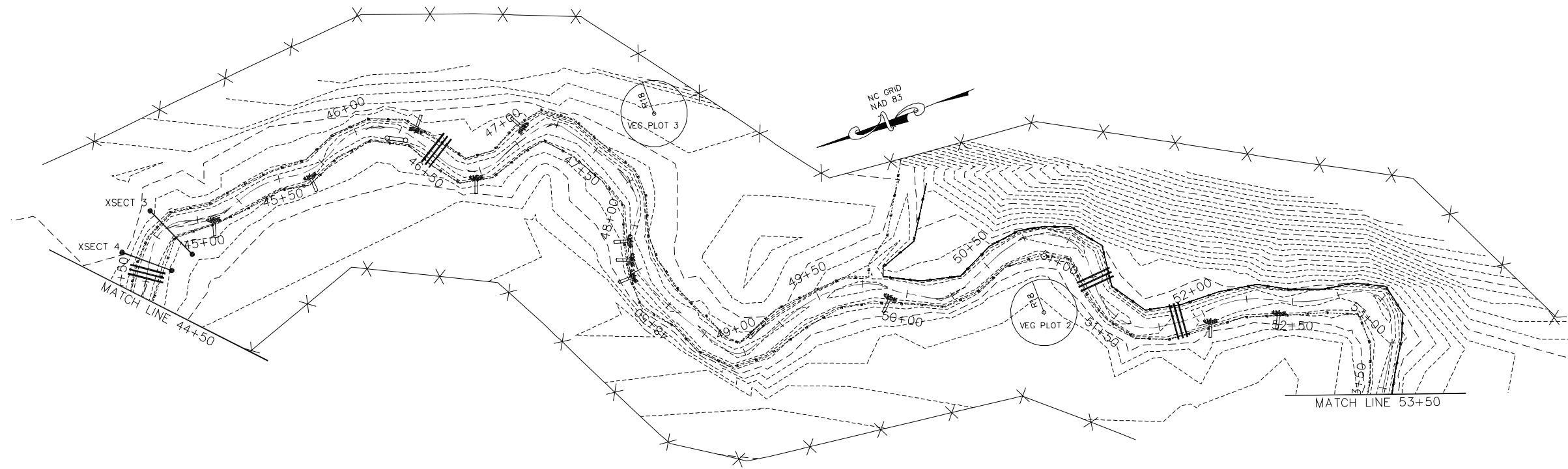
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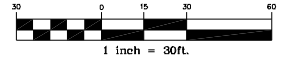
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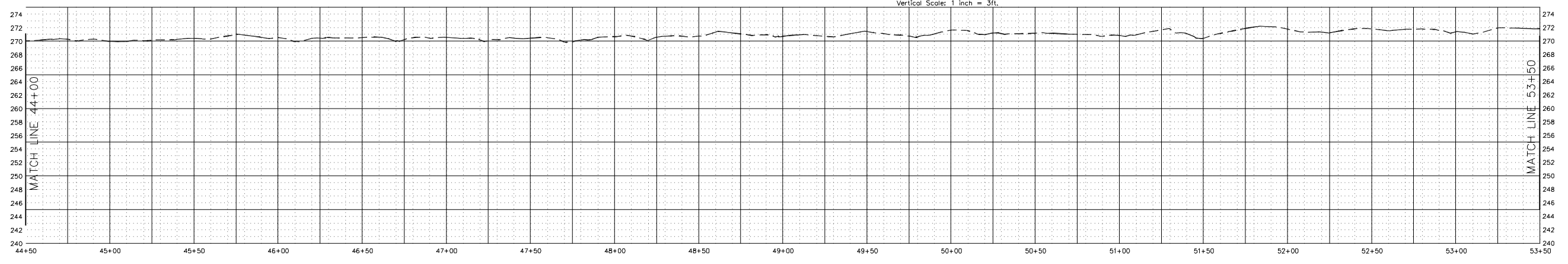


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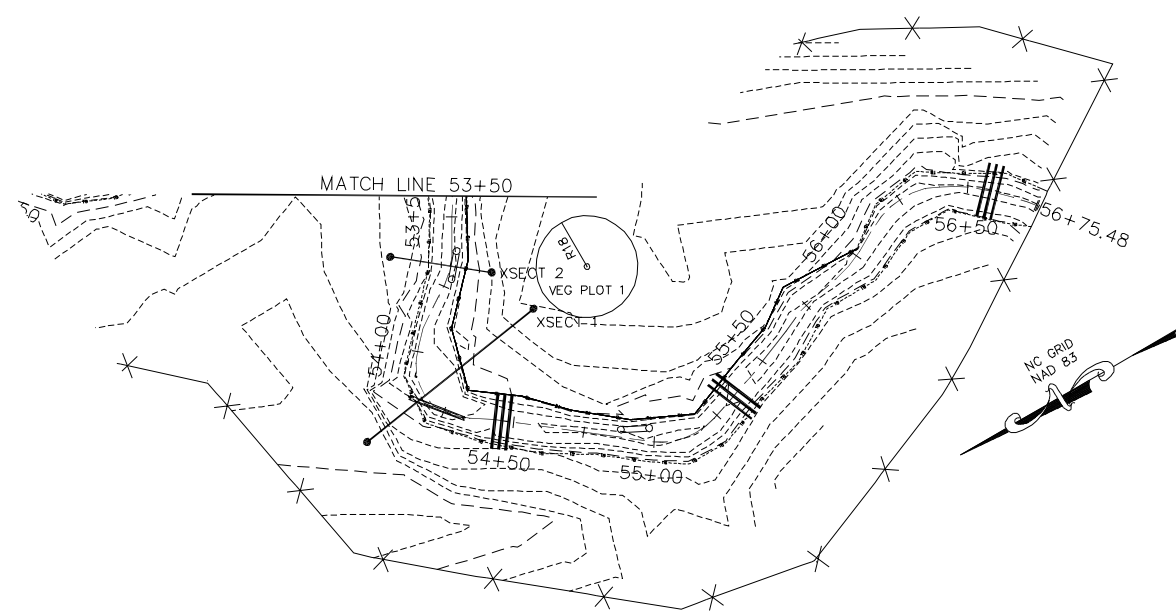
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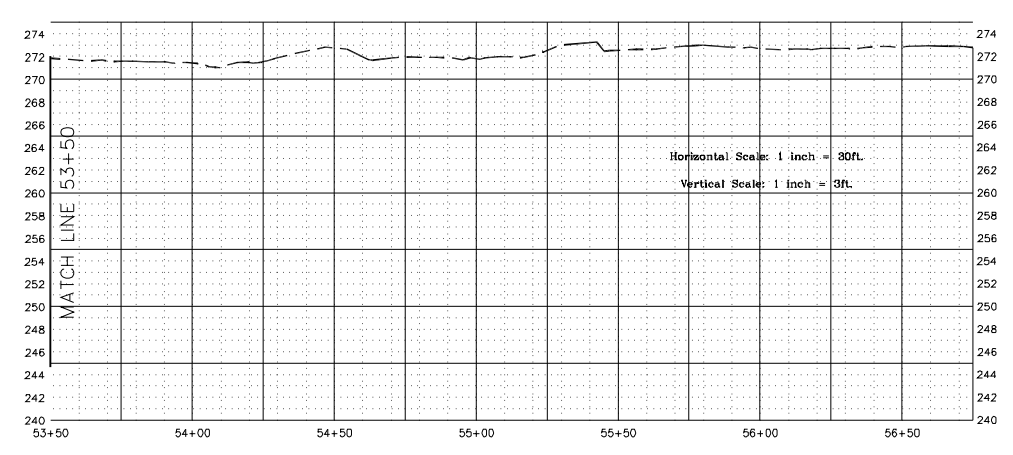
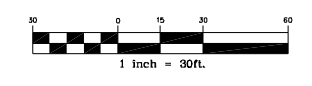
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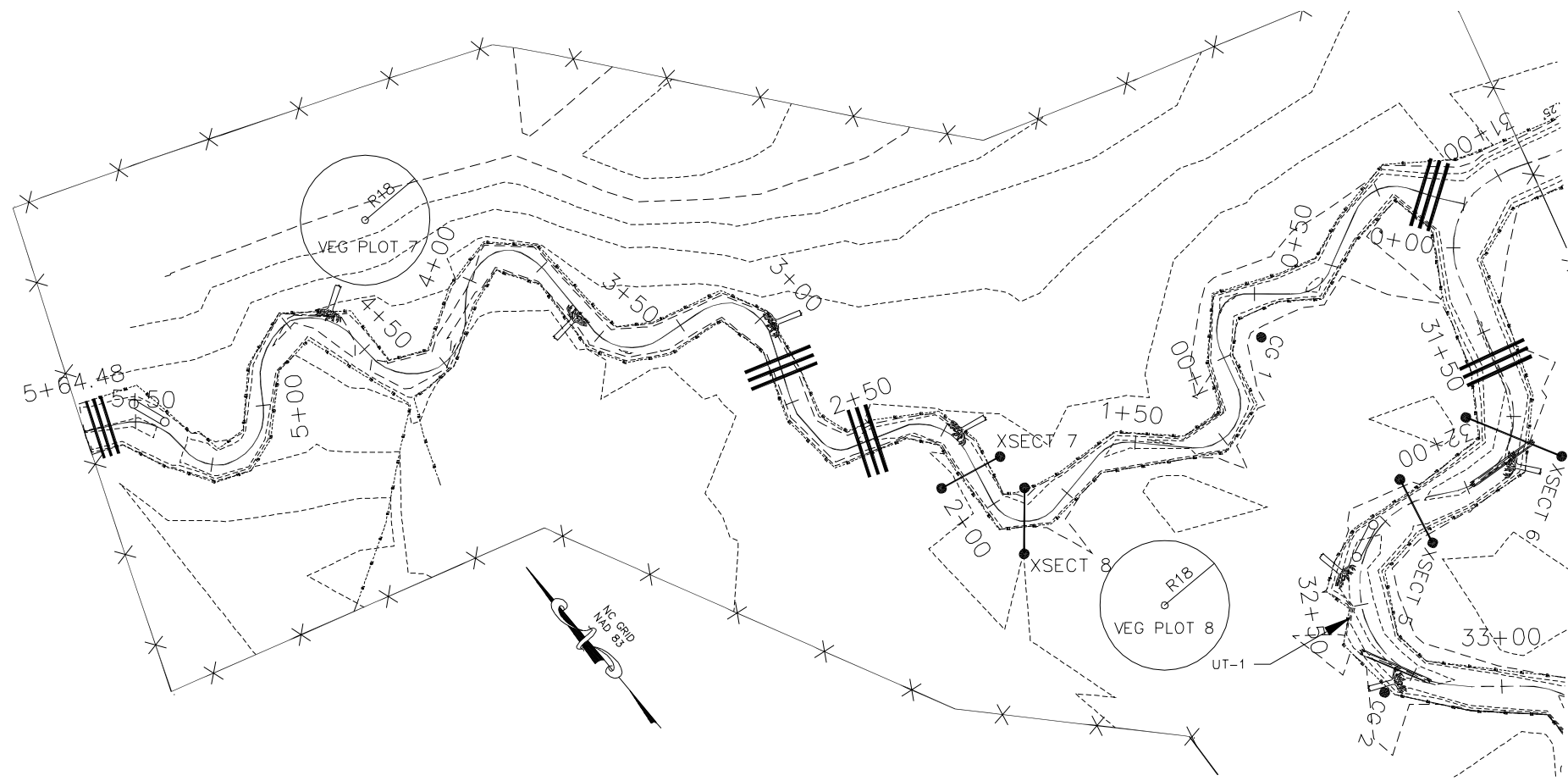
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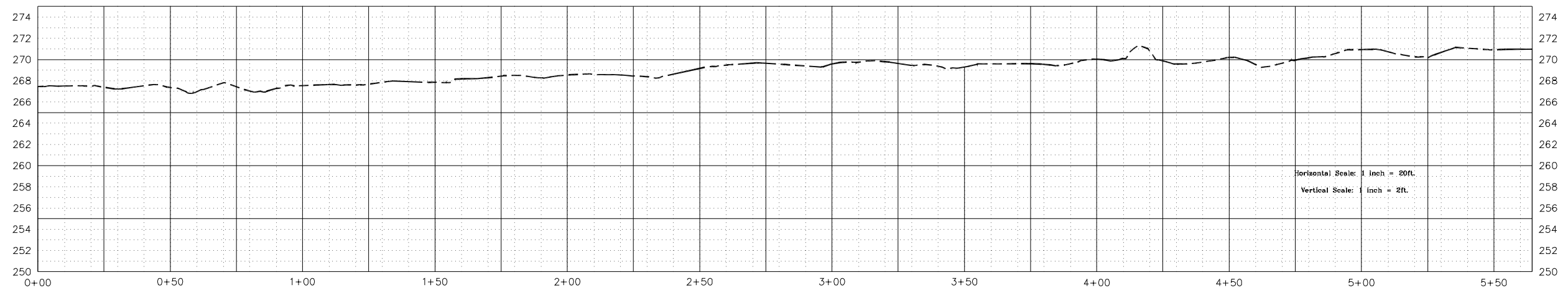
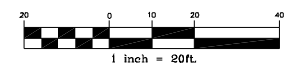
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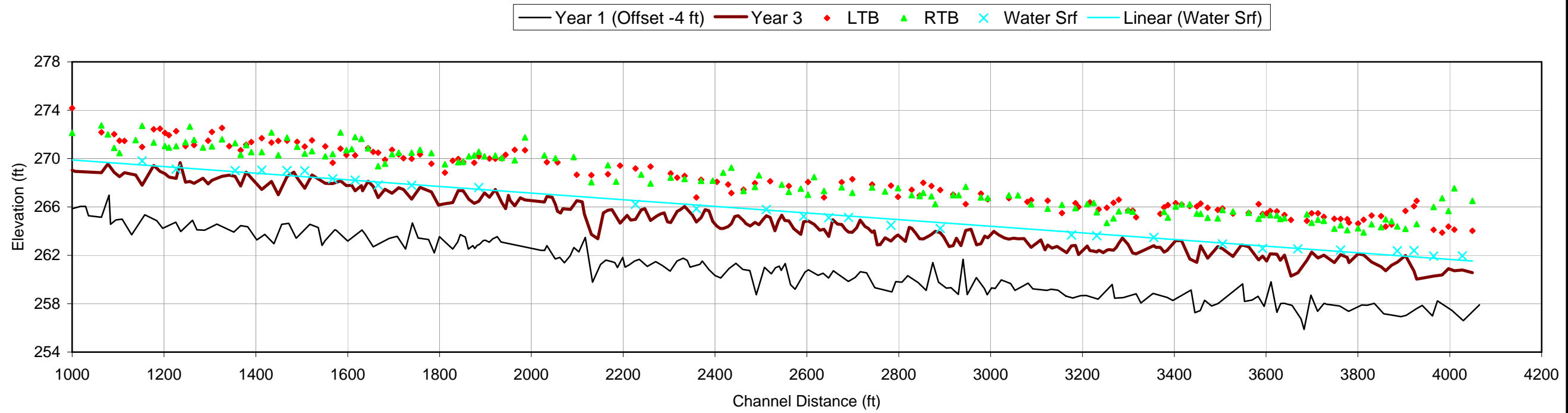
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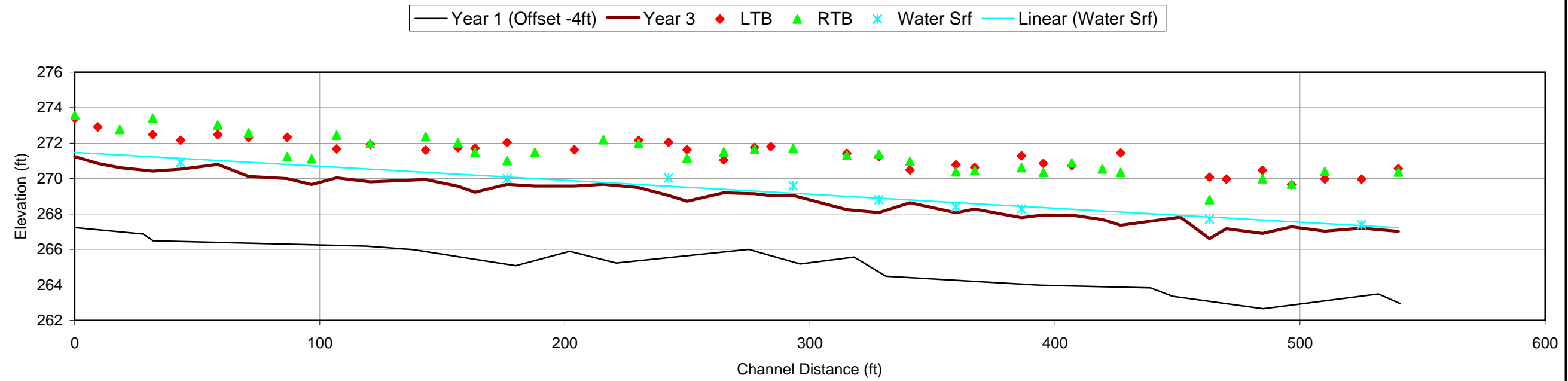
APPENDIX B

2008 Profile and Cross Section Data

Stonebridge
UT-1 Station 10+00 - 41+00



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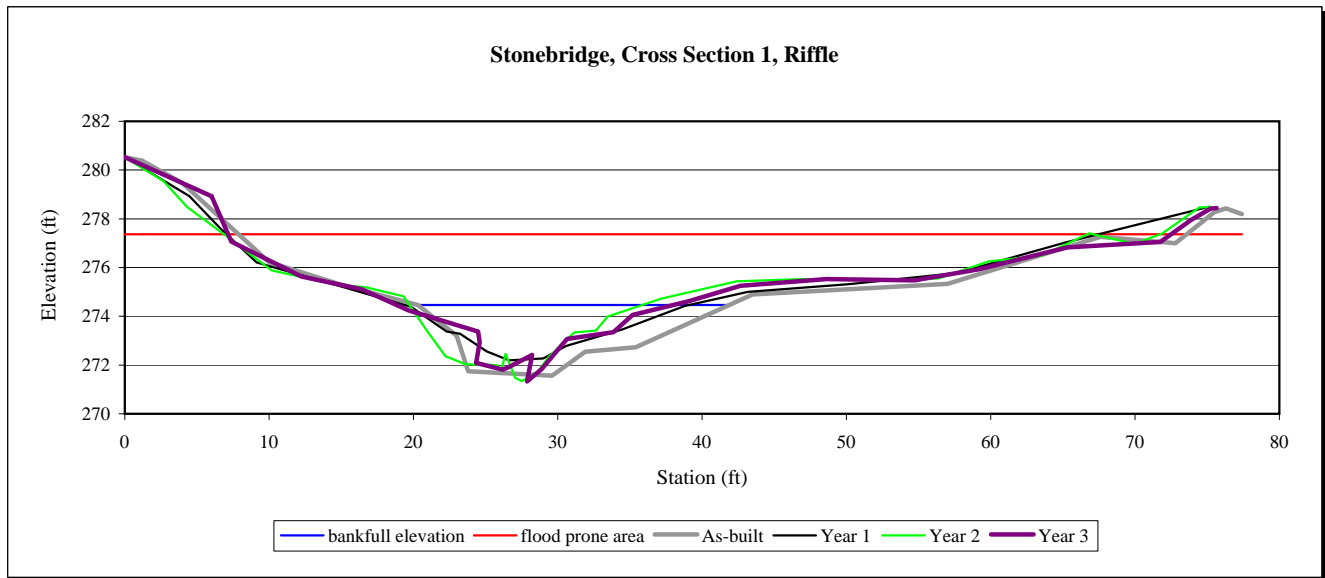




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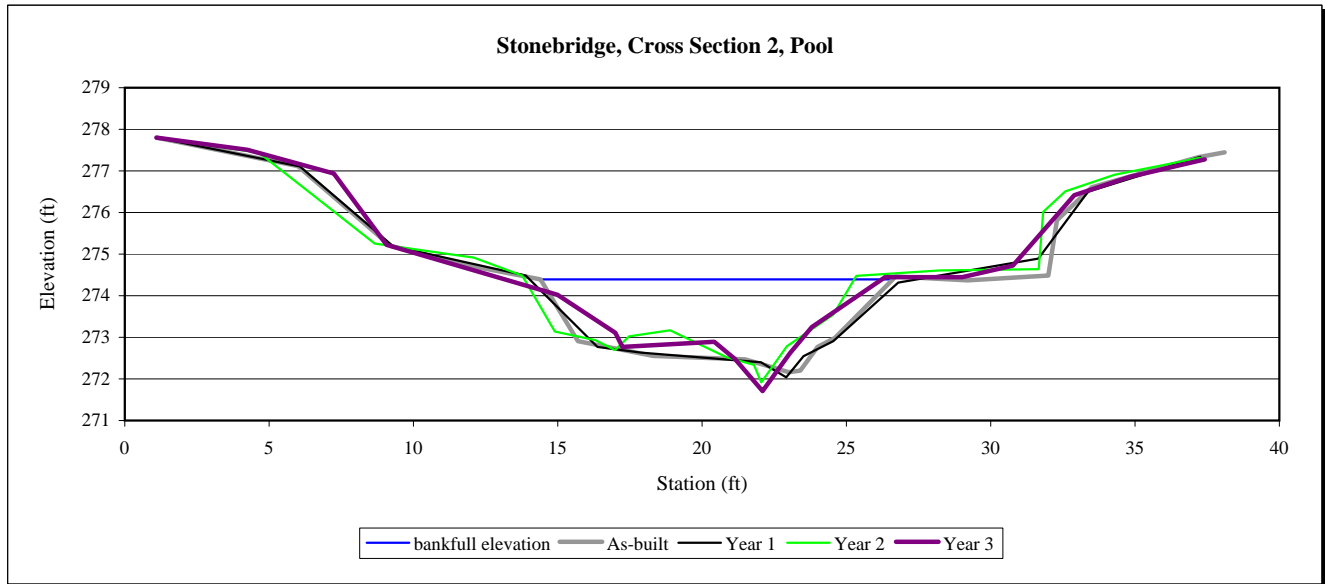




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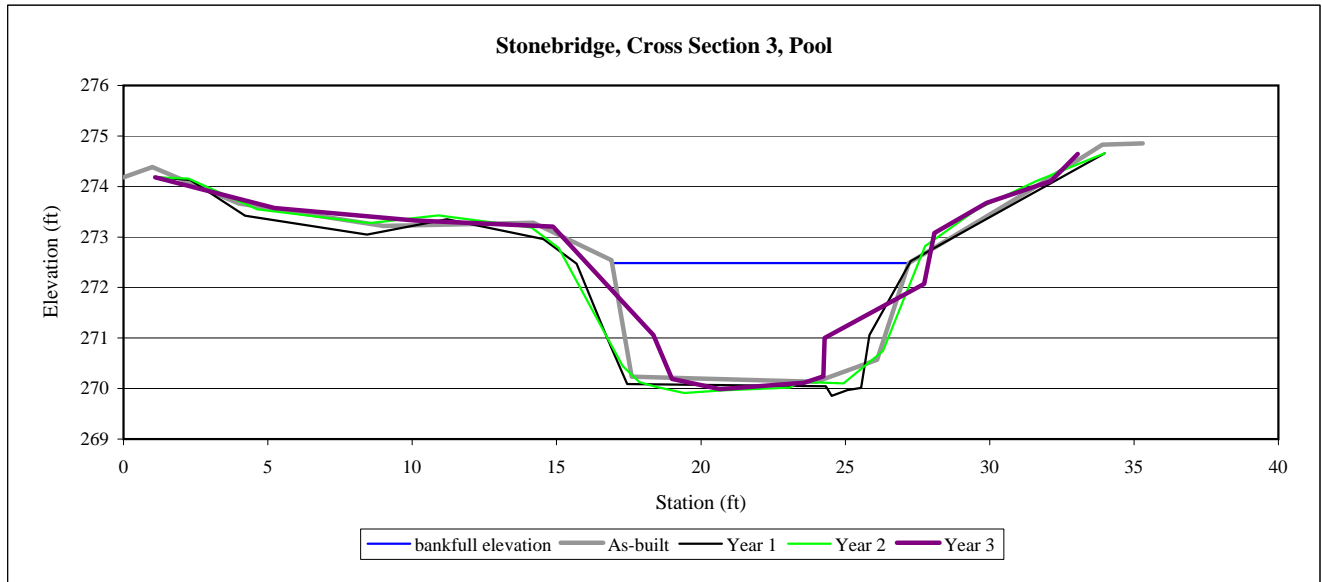




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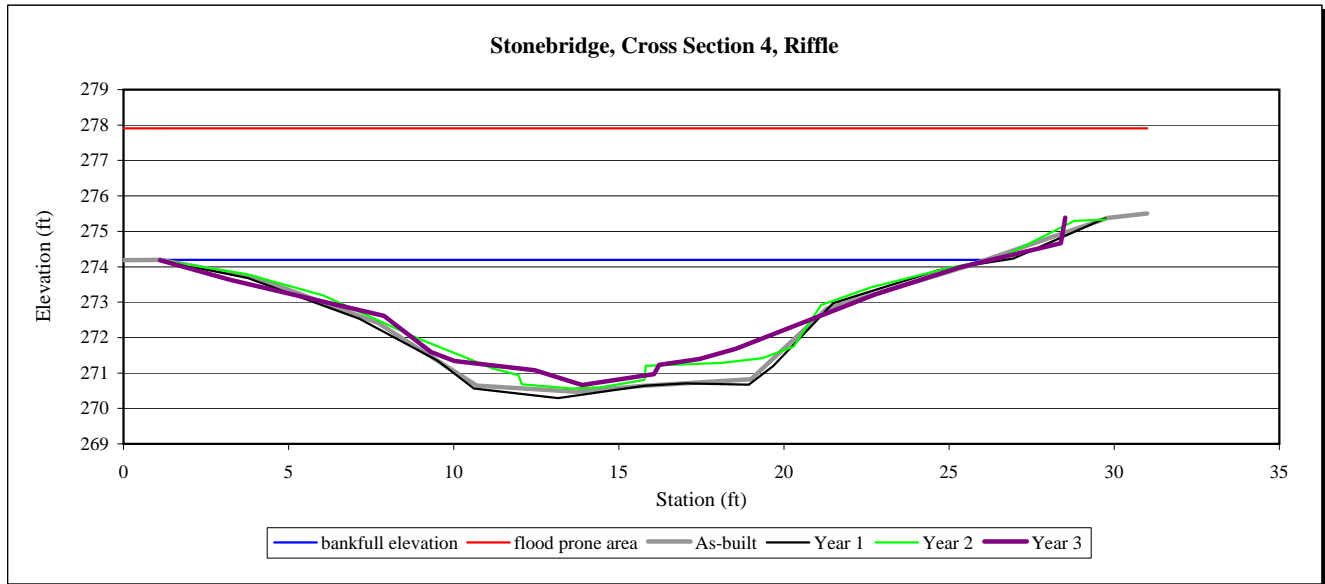




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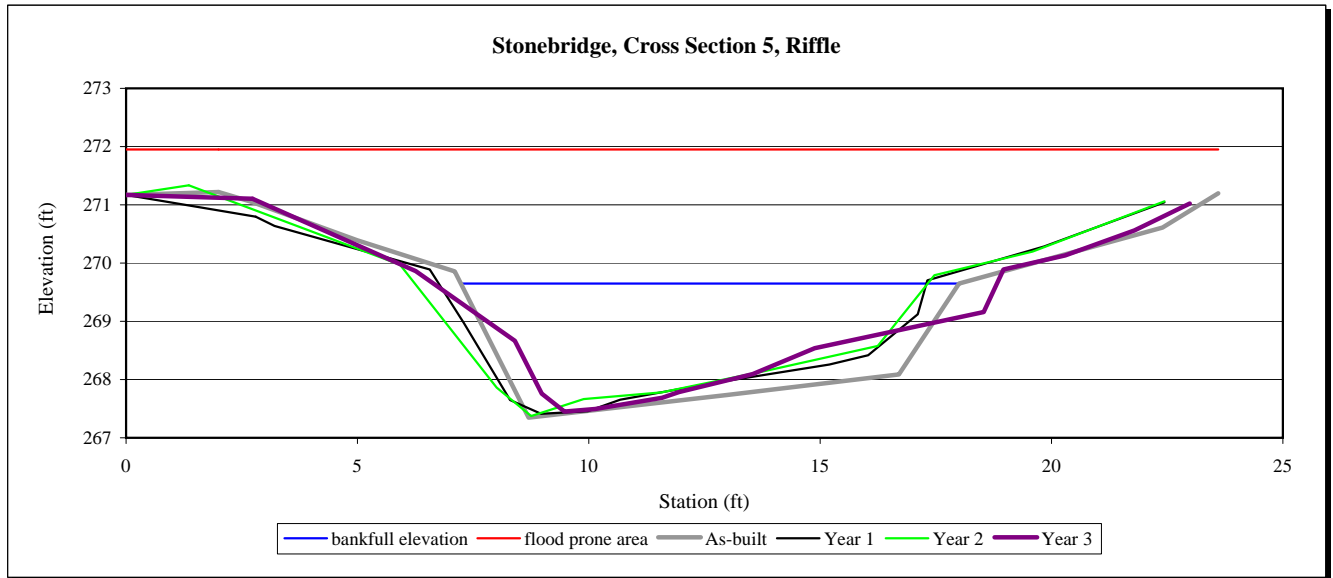




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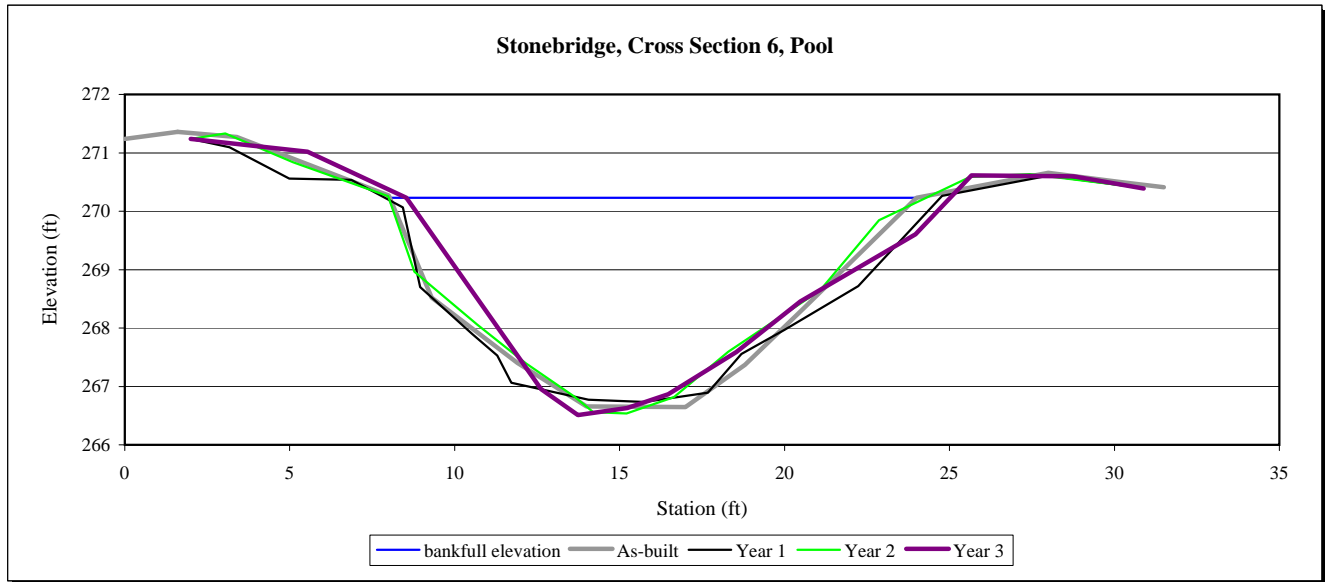




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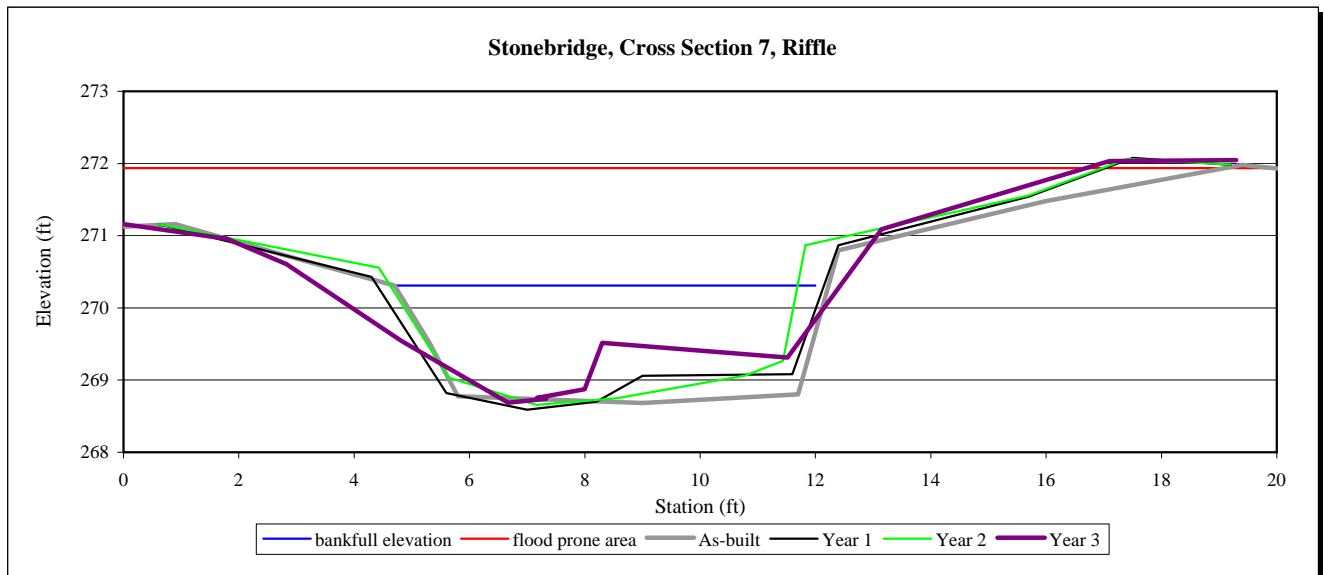




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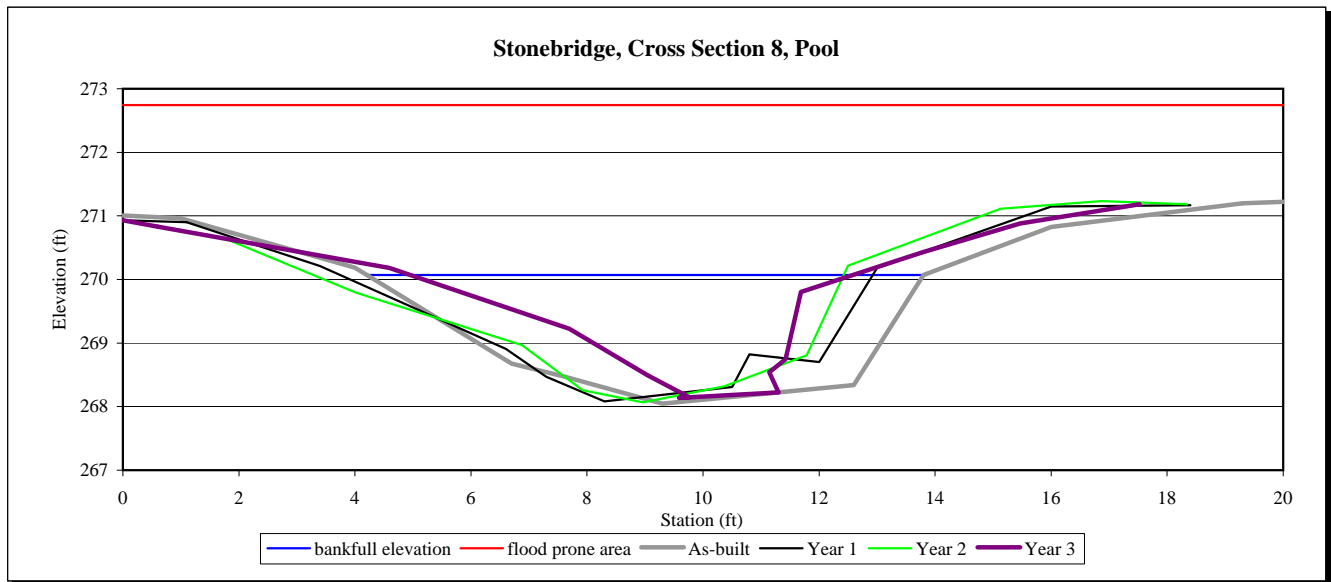




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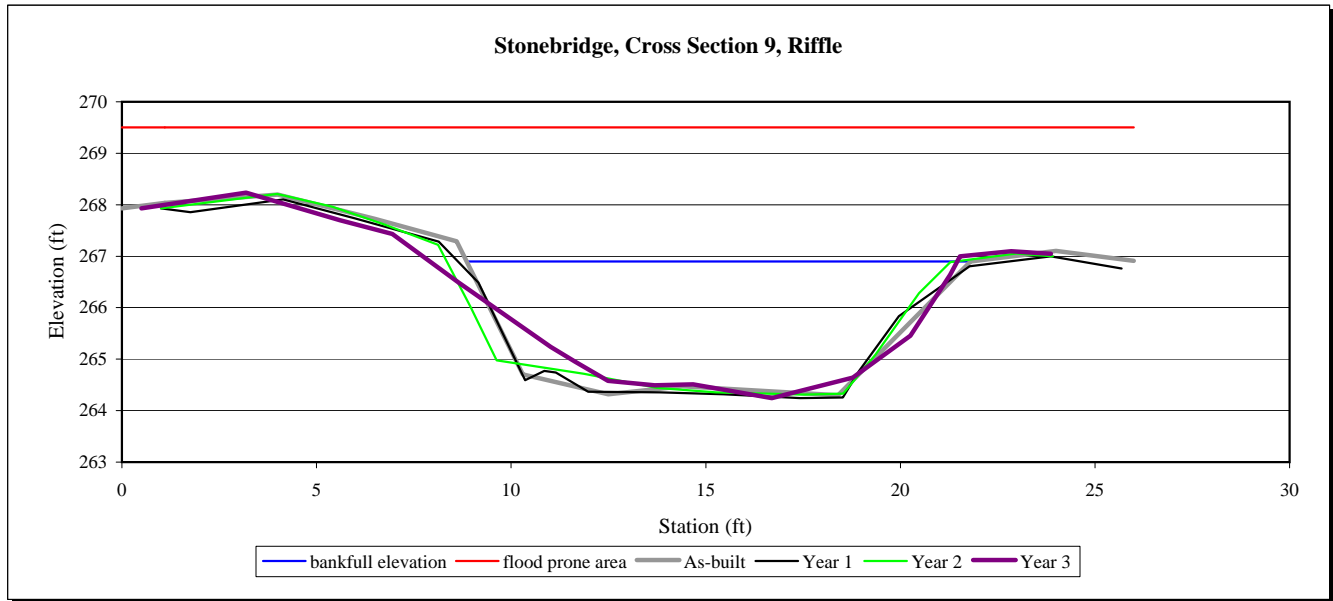




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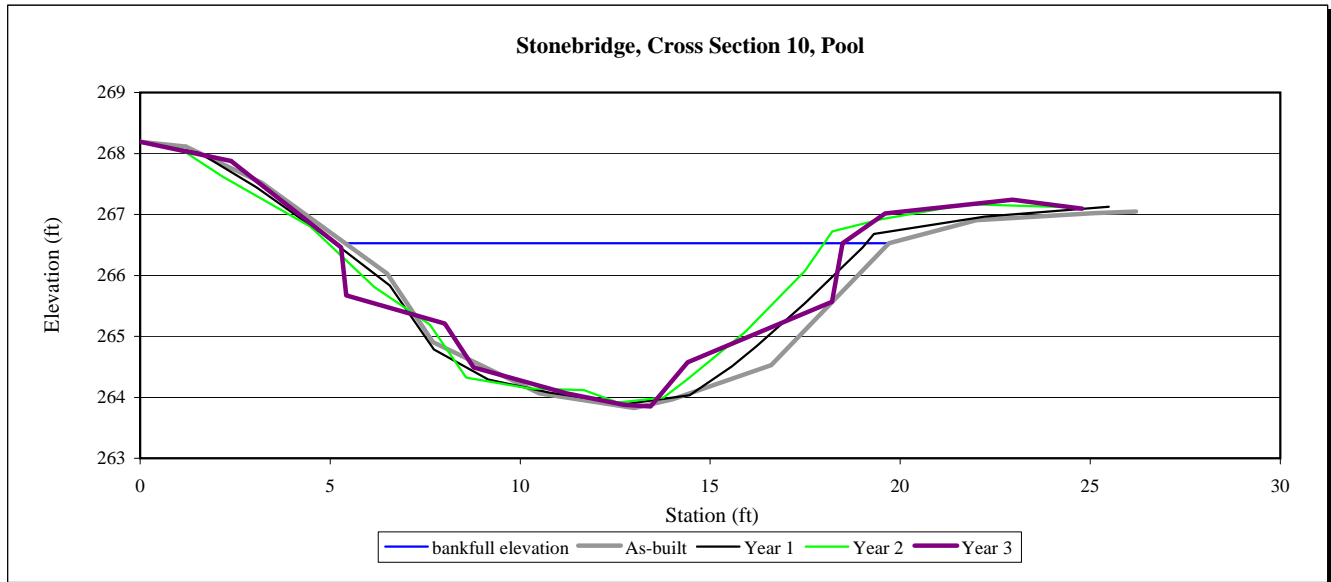




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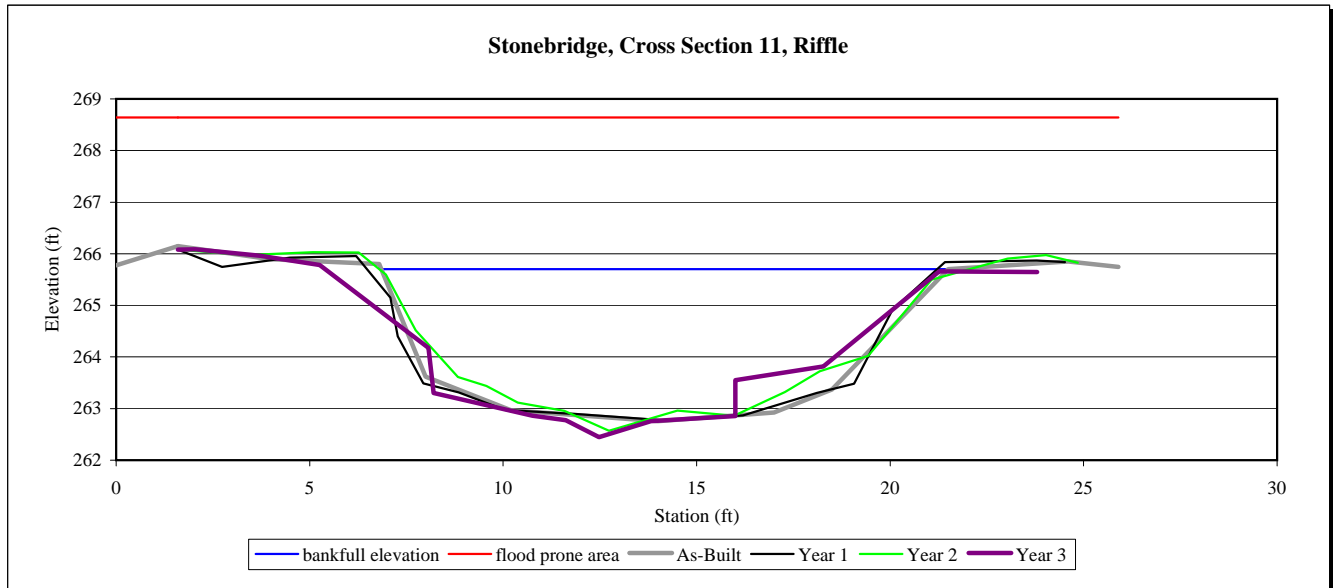




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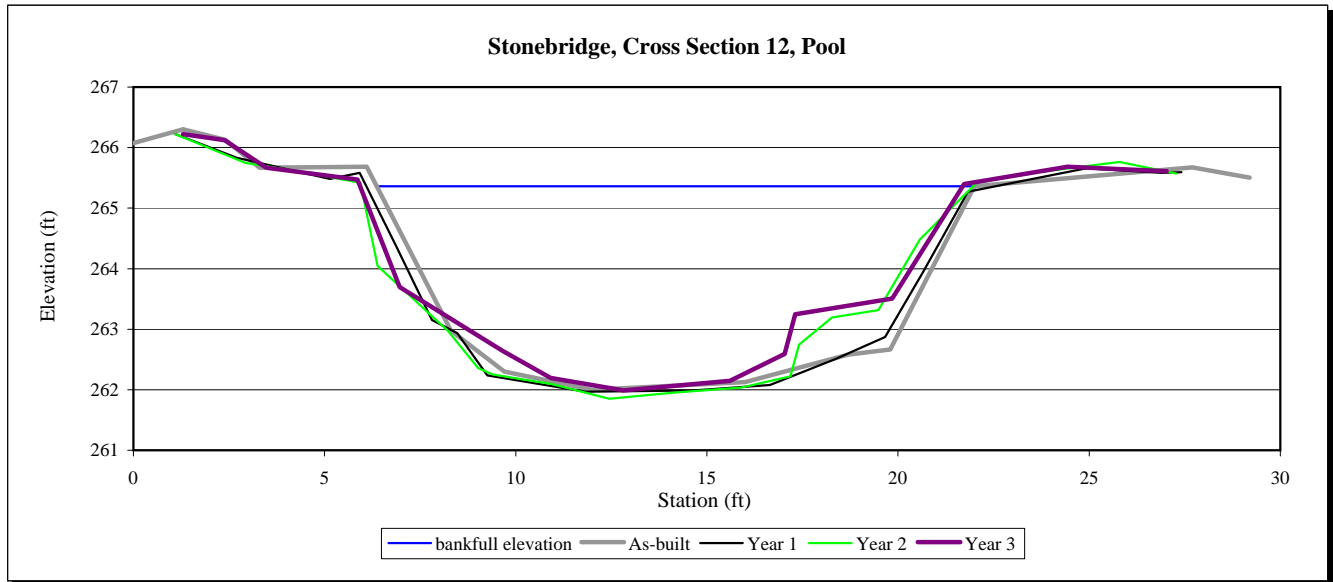




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APPENDIX C

2008 Site Photos

Stream Problem Area Photos



SPA 1. Debris jam at Station 32+50.



SPA 2. Minor erosion on left bank at Station 34+00.



SPA 3. Minor erosion on right bank at Station 40+25.



SPA 4. Debris jam caused by fallen tree blocking water flow at Station 46+50.



SPA 5. Minor erosion on right bank at Station 46+65.



SPA 6. Erosion on right bank at Station 47+50.



SPA 7. Fence knocked over by displaced log toe structure at Station 48+50.



SPA 8. Severe damage to vegetation and bank erosion caused by cattle within easement from Station 48+50 to 56+75.



SPA 8. Damage to vegetation and bank erosion caused by cattle within easement from Station 48+50 to 56+75.



SPA 9. Erosion on left bank due to hoof shear from cattle at Station 48+60.



SPA 10. Cattle gate off hinges at Station 49+00.



SPA 11. Erosion on left bank due to cattle at Station 49+50.



SPA 12. Erosion on right bank due to cattle hoof shear at Station 53+00.



SPA 13. Log toe structure missing at Station 56+25.



Vegetation Plot #1 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #1 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #2 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #2 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #3 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #3 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #4 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #4 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #5 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #5 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #6 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #6 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #7 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #7 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #8 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #8 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #9 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #9 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #10 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #10 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #11 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #11 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #12 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #12 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #13 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #13 facing downstream



Vegetation Plot #14 facing upstream



Vegetation Plot #14 facing downstream