

**UT ALTAMAHAW SITE**  
**DMS Project No. 92837**

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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/ PROJECT ABSTRACT

The UT Altamahaw Site is located within HUC 03030002 and sub-basin 03-06-02 of the Cape Fear River Basin in Alamance County, North Carolina (Figure 1). It includes portions of two unnamed tributaries (UTs) to Altamahaw Creek. The enhancement lengths of the main and secondary channels are 1,347 and 130 linear feet, respectively. In addition, 0.026 acres of wetlands were enhanced as part of the overall project. The UT Altamahaw Site is protected for perpetuity under a conservation easement purchased from Mr. Charles Hursey Sr., Charles Hursey II, Christopher Hursey and Carey Hursey in 2008. Project restoration components, activity and reporting history, contacts and attribute data are all provided in Appendix A.

### 1.1 Goals and Objectives

The Project's goals were to:

- reduce nutrient and sediment water quality stressors,
- provide for uplift in water quality functions,
- improve instream and wetland aquatic habitats, including riparian terrestrial habitats, and
- provide for greater overall instream and wetland habitat complexity and quality.

Stream enhancement, the primary project component, served as the dominant input for achieving these goals.

These goals were consistent with the Travis and Tickle Creek Local Watershed Plan (LWP). The LWP, completed in 2008, identified six goals; two of which are met by the Project. These are (1) to improve water quality through stormwater management and (2) to identify and rank parcels for retrofits, stream repair, preservation and/or conservation. The Project improved the existing emergency spillway associated with a large pond immediately upstream of the Project Site. Prior to improvement (stabilization), this spillway was severely eroded and contributed sediment into the main stream channel. The existing stream crossing was also stabilized to further prevent erosion into the main stream channel. The Project also included the design and installation of a modified level spreader to diffuse surface flows from the nearby pasture through a vegetated buffer. In addition, the Site was also one of the specific areas identified through the stakeholder process associated with the LWP.

The LWP process identified nine key watershed stressors and their corresponding management strategies. These stressors were identified via local stakeholder groups including EEP, Piedmont Land Conservancy, Haw River Assembly, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, Alamance and Guilford Counties, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Cities of Burlington and Graham, Towns of Elon and Gibsonville, NC Division of Water Resources, NC Wildlife Resources Commission and Resource Conservation & Development. The UT to Altamahaw Stream Enhancement Project combats six of those stressors with the following strategies:

#### **Key Watershed Stressors**

Stream bank erosion  
Lack of adequate buffer  
Stormwater runoff  
Livestock access to streams  
Nutrients  
  
Fecal coliform

#### **Management Strategies**

Riparian buffers & livestock exclusion  
Riparian buffers & livestock exclusion  
Stormwater BMPs  
Livestock exclusion  
Agricultural BMPs, riparian buffers & stormwater BMPs  
Agricultural BMPs & stormwater BMPs

The objectives were to completely exclude livestock from the easement area and to install plantings designed to maintain vertical stability, lateral stability and habitat, as well as re-vegetate and supplement those areas lacking suitable vegetation along the easement area. An alternative livestock water supply was provided and the existing crossing was improved to prevent further erosion. In addition, enhancement of the auxiliary spillway associated with the pond immediately upstream of the Site and construction of a modified level spreader to combat surface flows from the pasture were also completed as part of implementation activities. Ultimately, this supplemental planting will provide increased opportunities for the filtration of pollutants and nutrients prior to entering the stream channel, as well as the stabilization of sediment along the associated stream banks.

## **1.2 Vegetation Condition and Comparison to Success Criteria**

Vegetation success criteria at the Site are consistent with the USACE Wilmington Regulatory District's guidance for wetland mitigation which documents the survival of a minimum of 320 planted woody stems/acre after Monitoring Year 3 (MY3). The mortality rate of 10% is allowed after MY4 assessments (288 stems/acre) and correspondingly, MY5 assessments (260 stems/acre). Invasive, exotic species were present prior to implementation and criteria also include the removal of all such species prior to project closeout. EEP is treating invasive species. Privet and multiflora rose were treated on 10/24/2013, 5/21/2014, and 6/8/2015.

Vegetation is currently being assessed using plot layouts consistent with the EEP/Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) Level II Vegetation Protocol. Stem count data is ascertained from five permanently placed 10-meter<sup>2</sup> vegetation plots (Figure 2). Assessments include counts of both planted and natural stems. Based on this year's monitoring effort, three of the five vegetation plots met the minimum success criteria. Stem counts ranged from approximately 283 to 607 planted stems per acre and approximately 809 to 1,295 total stems per acre across the Site. Prior to baseline assessments and as previously reported, it was discovered that cattle had accessed the easement area between the completion of implementation activities and baseline assessments, damaging planted stems. Supplemental planting was performed in November 2013. During MY4 vegetation counts, several new planted stems were observed, which increased overall stem count numbers as compared with last year's reporting. Some of these stems were not located the previous year due to dense herbaceous and blackberry vegetation

Appendices B and C depict more detailed information regarding the vegetation condition, including annual comparative photographs.

## **1.3 Stream Stability/Condition and Comparison to Success Criteria**

No in-channel enhancement activities were conducted as part of this project. Annual assessments include comparative photographs and monitoring of channel hydrology. A minimum of two bankfull events must be documented within the standard five-year monitoring period. In order for the hydrology-based monitoring to be considered complete, the two events must occur in separate monitoring years.

During the previous year's monitoring (MY2 & MY3), at least one bankfull event was documented. A bankfull event was also documented during MY4. Evidence of this event was cork shavings within the crest gage present at approximately 17 inches. No other bankfull events were documented during 2015. Annual comparative photographs of the stream channels are depicted in Appendix B and hydrologic data associated with this year's monitoring assessment are provided in Appendix D.

## 1.4 Other Information

Summary information/data related to the occurrence of items such as beaver dams or encroachment and statistics related to performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. Narrative background and supporting information formerly found in these reports can be found in the Baseline Monitoring Report (formerly Mitigation Plan) and in the Mitigation Plan (formerly the Restoration Plan) documents available on EEP's website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices is available from EEP upon request.

The two issues were observed during MY 3 were still present. These issues included (1) surface erosion along the existing cattle crossing, and (2) erosion along the auxiliary spillway immediately outside of the Project Site. Mowing within the easement was also observed, but is allowed to the extent observed per the attached Letter of Intent (see below and Appendix E).

Surface erosion at the cattle crossing is a result of repeated livestock trampling and compaction. This has ultimately resulted in surface waters bypassing the existing modified level spreader and erosion around the pipe along the downstream side of the crossing.

The lower portion of the auxiliary spillway immediately adjacent to the easement area has been eroded as a result of heavy rains from storm events in 2013 and 2014. The standpipe associated with the pond upstream of the project area is approximately 12 inches in diameter. Excess flows from heavy rains are diverted to the auxiliary spillway, and a section of rip rap has migrated downstream towards the UT, revealing the geotextile underlayment. Based on visual observations, water has also eroded a portion of the soil under the geotextile fabric. Backwater under contract with DMS repaired the spillway in late August 2015. The spillway area will be monitored for stability during future monitoring site visits.

Mowing within the easement area was observed along both sides of the riparian corridor associated with the UT. Figure 3 denotes the areas that have been recently mowed. The apparent purpose of the mowing was to remove and control vegetation along the existing fence lines. Mowing extends inward approximately four to five feet from the woven wire. As documented in the attached Letter of Intent and Conservation Easement Agreement (Appendix E), the observed mowing is allowed.

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

This monitoring report follows methodology consistent with EEP's Procedural Guidance and Content Requirements for EEP Monitoring Reports (Version 1.3, dated 1/15/10), available at EEP's website (<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/eep>).

Vegetation assessments were conducted using the CVS-EEP protocol (Version 4.2). As part of this protocol, vegetation is assessed using 100-meter<sup>2</sup> plots, or modules. The scientific method requires that measurements be as unbiased as possible, and that they be repeatable. Plots are designed to achieve both of these objectives; in particular, different people should be able to inventory the same plot and produce similar data (Lee et. al., 2006).

According to Lee et. al. (2006), there are many different goals in recording vegetation, and both time and resources for collecting plot data are extremely variable. To provide appropriate flexibility in project design, the CVS-EEP protocol supports five distinct types of vegetation plot records, which are referred to as levels in recognition of the increasing level of detail and complexity across the sequence. The lower levels require less detail and fewer types of information about both vegetation and environment, and thus are generally sampled with less time and effort (Lee et. al., 2006). Level 1

(Planted Stem Inventory Plots) and Level 2 (Total Woody Stem Inventory Plots) inventories were completed on all five of the vegetation plots at the Project Site.

Level 1 plots are applicable only for restoration areas with planted woody stems. The primary purpose is to determine the pattern of installation of plant material with respect to species, spacing, and density, and to monitor the survival and growth of those installed plants. Level 1 plots are one module in size (Lee et. al., 2006).

Level 2 plots also are designed specifically for restoration areas and represent a superset of information collected for Level 1 plots. In these plots planted woody stems are recorded exactly as for Level 1, but in addition all woody stems resulting from natural regeneration are recorded by size class using separate datasheets. These plots allow an accurate and rapid assessment of the overall trajectory of woody-plant restoration and regeneration on a site. Level 2 plots are one module in size (Lee et. al., 2006).

A crest gage was installed near the downstream end of the Site along the main UT. This gage will verify the on-site occurrences of bankfull events. In addition to the crest gage, observations of wrack and deposition will also serve to validate gage observations, as necessary. Documentation of the highest stage during the monitoring interval will be assessed during each Site visit and the gage will be reset. The data related to bankfull verification will be summarized in each year's report. Based on the elevation of the crest gage, any readings observed higher than 12 inches on the gage will reflect a bankfull or above bankfull event.

### 3.0 REFERENCES

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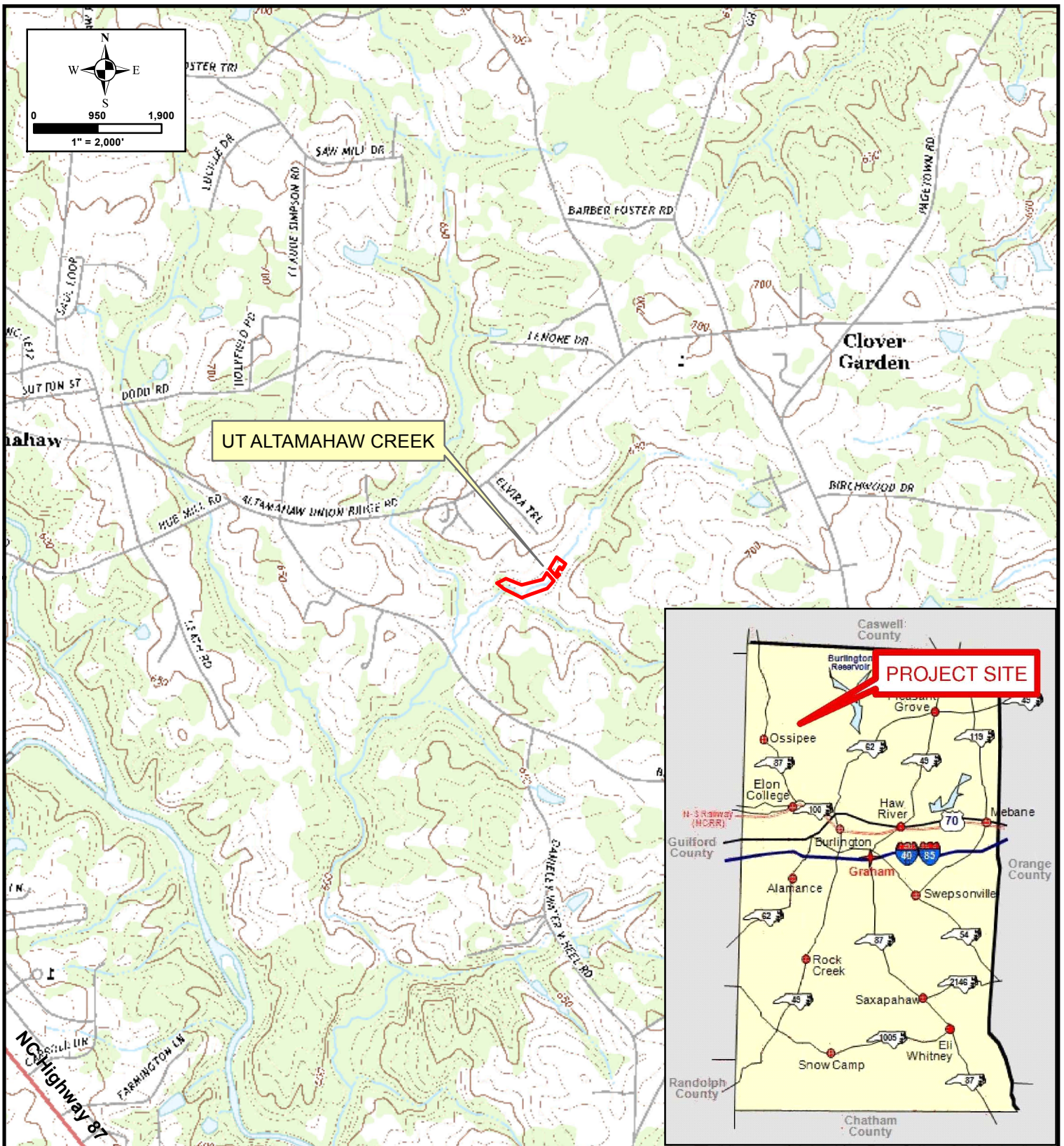
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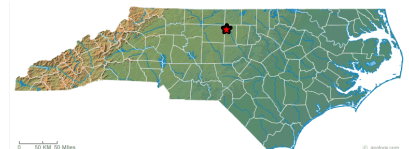


## **APPENDIX A**

Project Vicinity Map and Background Tables



DIRECTIONS FROM I-85/I-40 IN ALAMANCE COUNTY:  
 Exit 140 (University Drive) - Proceed north for approximately 2.5 miles. Left onto Shallowford Church Road - Proceed approximately one mile. Left onto NC 87 - Proceed approximately 2.5 miles. Right onto Hub Mill Road - Proceed approximately 0.75 mile. Right onto Altamahaw Union Ridge Road - Proceed approximately one mile. Turn right onto unnamed gravel roadway - Proceed approximately 0.25 mile. Enter site at metal gate on right.



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**PROJECT SITE VICINITY MAP**  
**UT to Altamahaw Site - DMS Project No. 92837**

Alameda Co., NC

September 2015

Map Source:

2013 Lake Burlington and  
 Ossipee USGS Quadrangles

**FIGURE 1**

**Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits  
UT Altamahaw/ 92837**

**Mitigation Credits**

Type	Stream		Riparian Wetland		Non-riparian wetland		Buffer	Nitrogen Nutrient Offset	Phosphorus Nutrient Offset
	R	RE	R	RE	R	RE			
Totals	738.5			0.013					

**Project Components**

Project Component	Stationing/Location	Existing Footage/ Acreage	Approach	Restoration or Restoration Equivalent	Restoration Footage or Acreage	Mitigation Ratio
Rip. Non-riverine	Northwest boundary	0.026 acres	E	0.013	0.013 acres	2 to 1
UT Altamahaw Creek	Center of Project Area	1,347 linear feet	EII	673.5	673.5 lf	2 to 1
UT to UT Altamahaw Creek	Southwest boundary	130 linear feet	EII	65	65 lf	2 to 1

**Component Summation**

Restoration Level	Stream (linear feet)	Riparian Wetland (acres)		Non-riparian Wetland (acres)	Buffer (square feet)	Upland (acres)
		Riverine	Non-riverine			
Restoration						
Enhancement			0.026 acres			
Enhancement I						
Enhancement II	1,477 linear feet					
Creation						
Preservation						
HQ Preservation						

**BMP Elements**

Element	Location	Purpose/Function	Notes

**BMP Elements**

BR = Bioretention Cell; SF = Sand Filter; SW = Stormwater Wetland; WDP = Wet Detention Pond; DDP = Dry Detention Pond; FS = Filter Strip; S = Grassed Swale; LS = Level Spreader; NI = Natural Infiltration Area; FB = Forested Buffer.

**Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History  
UT Altamahaw/ 92837**

Activity or Report	Data Collection Complete	Completion or Delivery
Mitigation Plan	May-10	May-10
Final Design - Construction Plans	June-10	June-10
Construction		February-11
Temporary S&E Mix Applied to Entire Project Area		February-11
Permanent Seed Mix Applied to Entire Project Area		February-11
Bare Root, Live Stake and Tubling Plantings Applied		February-11
Baseline Monitoring Document	January-12	February-12
Year 1 Monitoring	August-12	December-12
Year 2 Monitoring	July-13	November-13
Supplemental Bare Root and Tubling Plantings Applied		November-13
Year 3 Monitoring	July-14	November-14
Year 4 Monitoring		
Year 5 Monitoring		

**Table 3. Project Contact Table  
UT Altamahaw/ 92837**

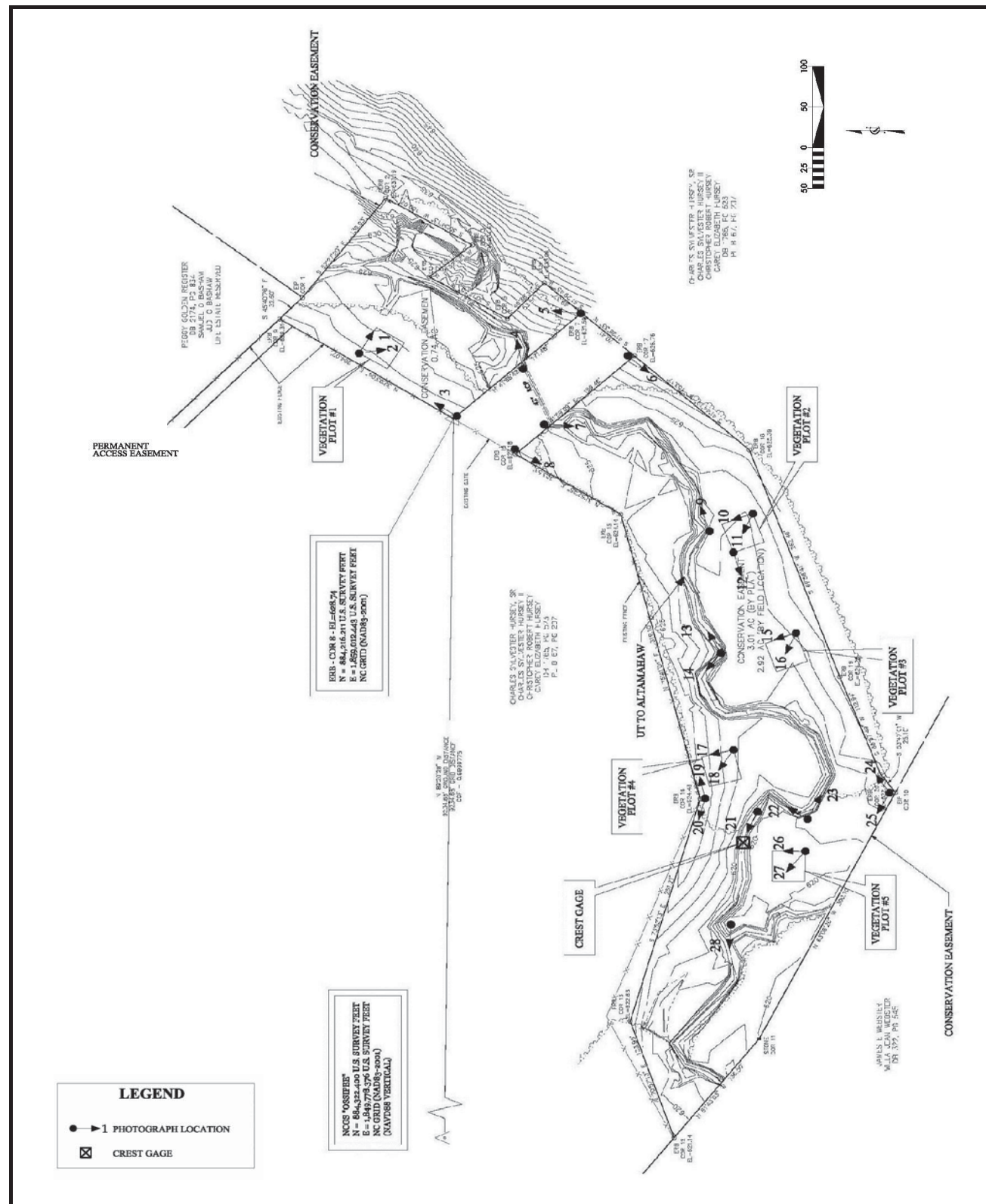
<b>Designer</b> Ecological Engineering, LLP Jenny S. Fleming, PE	<b>Firm Information/ Address</b> 1151 SE Cary Parkway, Suite 101, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 557-0929
<b>Construction Contractor</b> Riverworks, Inc. Bill Wright	<b>Firm Information/ Address</b> 8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 800, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 459-9001
<b>Planting Contractor</b> Riverworks, Inc. George Morris	<b>Firm Information/ Address</b> 8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 800, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 459-9001
<b>Supplemental Planting Contractor</b> Carolina Silvics, Inc. Mary-Margaret S. McKinney	<b>Firm Information/ Address</b> 908 Indian Trail Rd., Edenton, NC 27932 (252) 482-8491
<b>Seeding Contractor</b> Riverworks, Inc. George Morris	<b>Firm Information/ Address</b> 8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 800, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 459-9001
<b>Seed Mix Sources</b>	Green Resource (336) 855-6363
<b>Nursery Stock Suppliers</b>	ArborGen (843) 851-4129 Cure Nursery (919) 542-6186 Foggy Mountain Nursery (336) 384-5323 Mellow Marsh Farm (919) 742-1200 Native Roots Nursery (910) 385-8385 Superior Tree (850) 971-5159
<b>Monitoring Performer</b> Ecological Engineering, LLP	<b>Firm Information/ Address</b> 1151 SE Cary Parkway, Suite 101, Cary, NC 27518

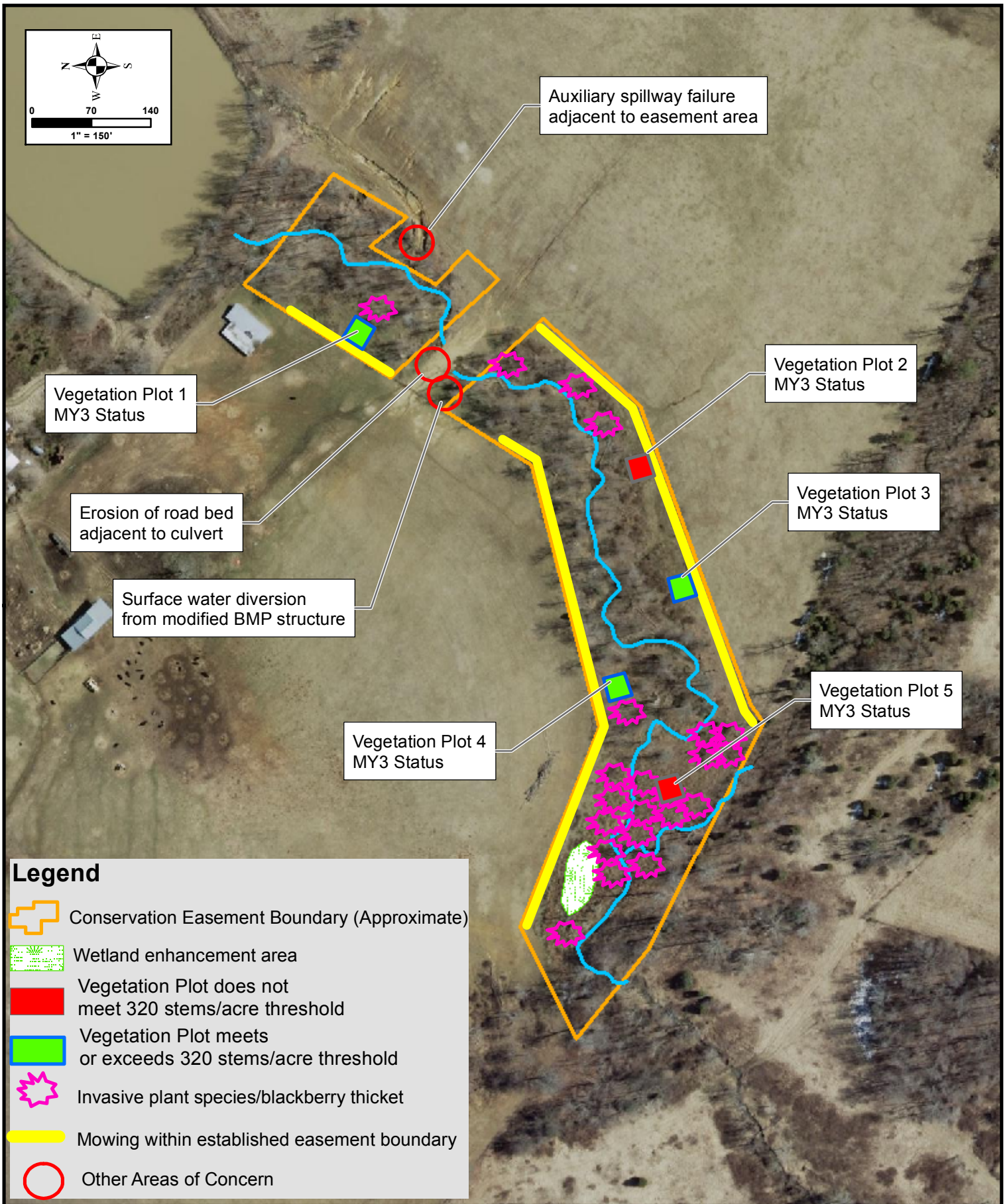
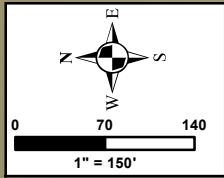
**Table 4. Project Baseline Information and Attributes  
UT Altamahaw/ 92837**

Project Information			
Project Name		UT Altamahaw	
County		Alamance	
Project Area		3.6 acres	
Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude)		36°10'43.56" North/ 79°28'37.91" West	
Project Watershed Summary Information			
Physiographic Province		Piedmont	
River Basin		Cape Fear	
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	3030002	USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	3030002030010
DWO Subbasin		03.06.02	
Project Drainage Area		0.51 sq. mi. (334 acres)	
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area		Less than 1%	
CGIA Land Use Classification		Agricultural Land	
Reach Summary Information			
Parameters	Reach 1		Reach 2
Length of Reach	1,347 linear feet		130 linear feet
Valley Classification	Valley Type VIII		Valley Type VIII
Drainage Area	0.51 sq. mi. (334 acres)		0.39 sq. mi. (251 acres)
NCDWQ Stream ID Score	46.75		39.25
NCDWQ Water Quality Classification	C NSW		C NSW
Morphological Description (stream type)	C/E 5		C/E 5
Evolutionary Trend	E-C-G-F-E-C		E-C-G-F-E-C
Underlying Mapped Soils	Worsham sandy loam		Worsham sandy loam
Drainage Classification	Poorly drained		Poorly drained
Soil Hydric Status	Hydric A		Hydric A
Slope	0 to 3%		0 to 3%
FEMA Classification	Zone AE - lower end		Zone AE - lower end
Native Vegetation Community	Piedmont Alluvial Forest		Piedmont Alluvial Forest
Percent Composition of Exotic Invasive Species	Less than 5%		Less than 5%
Wetland Summary Information			
Size of Wetland		0.026 acres	
Wetland Type		Seepage	
Mapped Soil Series		Worsham sandy loam	
Drainage Classification		Poorly drained	
Soil Hydric Status		Hydric A	
Source of Hydrology		Groundwater	
Hydrologic Impairment		None	
Native Vegetation Community		Piedmont Alluvial Forest	
Percent Composition of Exotic Invasive Species		Less than 5%	
Regulatory Considerations			
Waters of the United States - Section 404		Resolved	
Waters of the United States - Section 401		Resolved	
Endangered Species Act		Resolved	
Historic Preservation Act		Resolved	
Coastal Zone/Area Management Acts (CZMA/CAMA)		Not Applicable	
FEMA Floodplain Compliance		Resolved	
Essential Fisheries Habitat		Not Applicable	








## **APPENDIX B**

Visual Assessment Data





**Legend**

-  Conservation Easement Boundary (Approximate)
-  Wetland enhancement area
-  Vegetation Plot does not meet 320 stems/acre threshold
-  Vegetation Plot meets or exceeds 320 stems/acre threshold
-  Invasive plant species/blackberry thicket
-  Mowing within established easement boundary
-  Other Areas of Concern

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**CURRENT CONDITIONS PLAN VIEW**  
**UT to Altamahaw Site - DMS Project No. 92837**

Alamance Co., NC

September 2015

Map Source:

2010 Aerial from  
 NCOneMap.com

**FIGURE 3**



**Table 6. Vegetation Condition Assessment**  
Planted Acreage 4.6

UT Altamahaw DMS Project No. 92837

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% Planted Acreage
1. Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material	0.1 ac	n/a	0	0	0
2. Low Stem Density Areas	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY 3, 4, or 5 stem count criteria	0.1 ac	n/a	1 of 5 veg. plots	<0.05 ac	1.1%
				<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
3. Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor	Areas with woody stems of a size class that is obviously small given the monitoring year	0.25 ac	n/a	0	1 ac	25%
				<b>Cumulative Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27.2%</b>

*NOTES: One of five vegetation plots did not meet the required success criteria for planted stems. Supplemental planting was performed during November 2013 to augment existing trees within the easement area. Portions of the lower project area are covered with a dense assemblage of blackberry. Planted tree stems were difficult to locate in multiple areas. Blackberry treatment and removal was performed during October 2013.*

**Easement Acreage 4.6**

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% Planted Acreage
4. Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale)	0.1 ac	Yes	10	0.1 ac	2.1%
5. Easement Encroachment Areas	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale)	0.1 ac	Yes	3	0.2 ac	4.3%

*NOTES: Invasive plant species observed included Chinese privet and multiflora rose. These species were treated in October 2013. Minor easement encroachment was observed in three separate areas within the existing fenced area. This encroachment consisted of mowing (4 to 5-foot wide linear row immediately adjacent to the fence). Hand clearing of invasive species and blackberry was also performed during supplemental plantings.*

**Photostation Comparison**  
 UT Altamahaw Site - Monitoring Year 4 (2015)

**Photo # and Location**

**Baseline Condition 2012**

**MY 1 2012**

**MY 2 2013**

**MY 3 2014**

**MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)**

Photostation 1.  
 Facing south east  
 along y-axis of  
 Vegetation Plot 1.



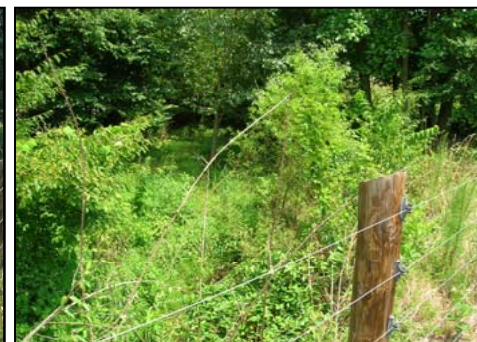
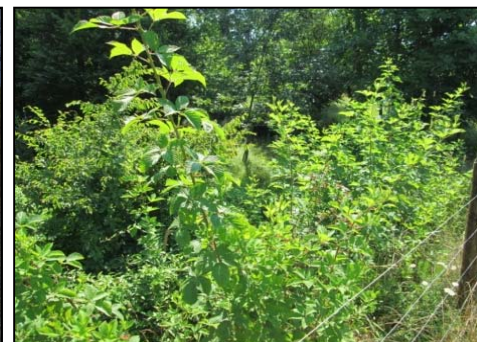
Photostation 2.  
 Facing south across  
 Vegetation Plot 1.



Photostation 3.  
 Facing northeast  
 towards Vegetation  
 Plot 1.



Photostation 4.  
 Facing east  
 (upstream) along UT  
 Altamahaw Creek.



Photostation  
Comparison -  
Page 2

Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)

Photostation 5.  
Facing north from  
east corner of  
existing crossing.



Photostation 6.  
Facing southwest  
from south corner of  
existing crossing.



Photostation 7.  
Facing south along  
UT Altamhaw Creek  
from existing  
crossing.



Photostation 8.  
Facing southwest  
from corner at  
existing west corner  
of crossing.



Photostation  
Comparison -  
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)

Photostation 9.  
Facing upstream  
along UT  
Altamahaw Creek  
north of Vegetation  
Plot 2.



Photostation 10.  
Facing north along x-  
axis of Vegetation  
Plot 2.



Photostation 11.  
Facing northwest  
across Vegetation  
Plot 2.



Photostation 12.  
Facing west at  
riparian area from  
Vegetation Plot 2.



Photostation  
Comparison -  
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)

Photostation 13.  
Facing upstream  
along UT  
Altamahaw Creek.



Photostation 14.  
Facing downstream  
along UT  
Altamahaw Creek.



Photostation 15.  
Facing north along x-  
axis of Vegetation  
Plot 3.



Photostation 16.  
Facing northwest  
across Vegetation  
Plot 3.



Photostation  
Comparison -  
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)

Photostation 17.  
Facing north along x-  
axis of Vegetation  
Plot 4.



Photostation 18.  
Facing northwest  
across Vegetation  
Plot 4.



Photostation 19.  
Facing northwest  
along easement  
boundary.



Photostation 20.  
Facing northeast  
along easement  
boundary.



Photostation  
Comparison -  
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)

Photostation 21.  
Facing downstream  
along UT  
Altamahaw Creek at  
the crest gage.



Photostation 22.  
Facing downstream  
along UT  
Altamahaw Creek.



Photostation 23.  
Facing upstream  
along UT  
Altamahaw Creek.



Photostation 24.  
Facing northwest  
along southern  
easement boundary.



Photostation  
Comparison -  
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4 2015 (6/5/2015)

Photostation 25.  
Facing northwest  
along southern  
easement boundary.



Photostation 26.  
Facing north along x-  
axis of Vegetation  
Plot 5.



Photostation 27.  
Facing northwest  
across Vegetation  
Plot 5.



Photostation 28.  
Facing downstream  
from confluence of  
two unnamed  
tributaries.





## **APPENDIX C**

### Vegetation Plot Data

Table 7. Vegetation Plot Criteria Attainment  
UT Altamahaw/ 92837

Vegetation Plot ID	Vegetation Survival Threshold Met?	Tract Mean
1	Yes	100%
2	Yes	100%
3	Yes	100%
4	Yes	100%
5	No	100%

**Table 8. CVS Vegetation Metadata  
UT to Altamahaw Creek (DMS Project No. 92837)**

<b>Report Prepared By</b>	Heather Smith
<b>Date Prepared</b>	8/4/2015 14:45
<b>database name</b>	EcologicalEngineering-2015-UTAltamahawYear 4.mdb
<b>database location</b>	P:\50000 State\EEP 50512\50512-001 EEP Altamahaw Creek\MONITORING\UT Altamahaw Year 4 2015
<b>computer name</b>	WKST7
<b>file size</b>	44838912

**DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHEETS IN THIS DOCUMENT-----**

<b>Metadata</b>	Description of database file, the report worksheets, and a summary of project(s) and project data.
<b>Proj, planted</b>	Each project is listed with its PLANTED stems per acre, for each year. This excludes live stakes.
<b>Proj, total stems</b>	Each project is listed with its TOTAL stems per acre, for each year. This includes live stakes, all planted stems, and all natural/volunteer stems.
<b>Plots</b>	List of plots surveyed with location and summary data (live stems, dead stems, missing, etc.).
<b>Vigor</b>	Frequency distribution of vigor classes for stems for all plots.
<b>Vigor by Spp</b>	Frequency distribution of vigor classes listed by species.
<b>Damage</b>	List of most frequent damage classes with number of occurrences and percent of total stems impacted by each.
<b>Damage by Spp</b>	Damage values tallied by type for each species.
<b>Damage by Plot</b>	Damage values tallied by type for each plot.
<b>Planted Stems by Plot and Spp</b>	A matrix of the count of PLANTED living stems of each species for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.
<b>ALL Stems by Plot and spp</b>	A matrix of the count of total living stems of each species (planted and natural volunteers combined) for each plot; dead and missing stems are excluded.

**PROJECT SUMMARY-----**

<b>Project Code</b>	92837
<b>project Name</b>	UT ALTAMAHAW
<b>Description</b>	
<b>River Basin</b>	Cape Fear
<b>length(ft)</b>	1347
<b>stream-to-edge width (ft)</b>	50
<b>area (sq m)</b>	12512.77
<b>Required Plots (calculated)</b>	5
<b>Sampled Plots</b>	5

Table 9: DMS Project Code 92837

Project Name: UT ALTAMAHAW

		Current Plot Data (MY4 2015)															
Scientific Name	Common Name	Species Type	92837-LS-0001			92837-LS-0002			92837-LS-0003			92837-LS-0004			92837-LS-0005		
			PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T
Acer negundo	boxelder	Tree	1	1	1												
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree						2			1					1	
Asimina triloba	pawpaw	Tree	1	1	1												
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	2	2	2				2	2	2			1	1	1	
Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam	Tree						3								1	
Carya	hickory	Tree											1				
Carya ovata	shagbark hickory	Tree															
Celtis laevigata	sugarberry	Tree			1								2			2	
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud	Tree						1								2	
Cornus amomum	silky dogwood	Shrub														1	
Cornus florida	flowering dogwood	Tree									2	2	2	1	1	2	
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	3	3	4				2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Ilex verticillata	common winterberry	Shrub						5									
Juglans nigra	black walnut	Tree			2									3		3	
Ligustrum sinense	Chinese privet	Exotic															
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree									2			2		6	
Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	Tree						1	2	2	2	2	2	2		3	
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree	2	2	2	1	1	1									
Ostrya virginiana	hophornbeam	Tree															
Oxydendrum arboreum	sourwood	Tree															
Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree				1	1	1							1	1	4
Prunus serotina	black cherry	Tree															
Quercus	oak	Tree										2	2	2			
Quercus lyrata	overcup oak	Tree	2	2	2												
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree				2	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1			
Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	Tree	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	2	2	2
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree										2	2	3	1	1	2
Rhus	sumac	shrub															
Salix nigra	black willow	Tree															
Sambucus canadensis	Common Elderberry	Shrub			1			2						1			
Sambucus nigra	European black elderberry	Shrub															
Ulmus alata	winged elm	Tree												1			
Ulmus americana	American elm	Tree	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	7						
Ulmus rubra	slippery elm	Tree			1												
Unknown		Shrub or Tree															
<b>Stem count</b>			15	15	21	7	7	21	11	11	20	14	14	25	7	7	32
<b>size (ares)</b>			1			1			1			1			1		
<b>size (ACRES)</b>			0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02			0.02		
<b>Species count</b>			8	8	12	5	5	11	6	6	8	7	7	13	6	6	14
<b>Stems per ACRE</b>			607	607	849.8	283.3	283.3	849.8	445.2	445.2	809.4	566.6	566.6	1012	283.3	283.3	1295

Table 9: EEP Project Code 92837.

Project Name: UT ALTAMAHAW

Scientific Name	Common Name	Species Type	Annual Means														
			MY4 (2015)			MY3 (2014)			MY2 (2013)			MY1 (2012)			MY0 (2012)		
			PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T	PnoLS	P-all	T
Acer negundo	boxelder	Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		
Acer rubrum	red maple	Tree			4			3			3			3			
Asimina triloba	pawpaw	Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	5	5	5	6	6	6			9	1	1	19	1	1	1
Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam	Tree			4			13									
Carya	hickory	Tree			1			1									
Carya ovata	shagbark hickory	Tree							1	1	1						
Celtis laevigata	sugarberry	Tree			5			3									
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud	Tree			3												
Cornus amomum	silky dogwood	Shrub			1												
Cornus florida	flowering dogwood	Tree	3	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	Tree	7	7	9	12	12	13	10	10	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Ilex verticillata	common winterberry	Shrub			5			2									
Juglans nigra	black walnut	Tree			8			7									
Ligustrum sinense	Chinese privet	Exotic									1			1			
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	Tree			10			12			6			8			
Liriodendron tulipifera	tuliptree	Tree	4	4	8	5	5	7						1			
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree	3	3	3	1	1	1									
Ostrya virginiana	hophornbeam	Tree						16									
Oxydendrum arboreum	sourwood	Tree													1	1	1
Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree	2	2	5	7	7	7	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3
Prunus serotina	black cherry	Tree									4						
Quercus	oak	Tree	2	2	2			1							1	1	1
Quercus lyrata	overcup oak	Tree	2	2	2												
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4
Quercus pagoda	cherrybark oak	Tree	11	11	11	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	8	8	11	11	11
Quercus phellos	willow oak	Tree	3	3	5	5	5	5									
Rhus	sumac	shrub									4			2			
Salix nigra	black willow	Tree						2			1			1			2
Sambucus canadensis	Common Elderberry	Shrub			4						2						
Sambucus nigra	European black elderberry	Shrub						4									
Ulmus alata	winged elm	Tree			1			2									
Ulmus americana	American elm	Tree	4	4	10	6	6	7	7	7	7				2	2	2
Ulmus rubra	slippery elm	Tree			1												
Unknown		Shrub or Tree										2	2	2	3	3	3
	<b>Stem count</b>		54	54	119	62	62	132	38	38	68	25	25	60	35	35	37
	<b>size (ares)</b>		5			5			5			5			5		
	<b>size (ACRES)</b>		0.12			0.12			0.12			0.12			0.12		
	<b>Species count</b>		14	14	26	12	12	24	8	8	16	7	7	14	10	10	11
	<b>Stems per ACRE</b>		437.06	437.06	963.15	501.81	501.81	1068.37	307.56	307.56	550.37	202.34	202.34	485.62	283.28	283.28	299.47

## **APPENDIX D**

### Hydrology Data

**Table 12. Verification of Bankfull Events  
UT Altamahaw/ 92837**

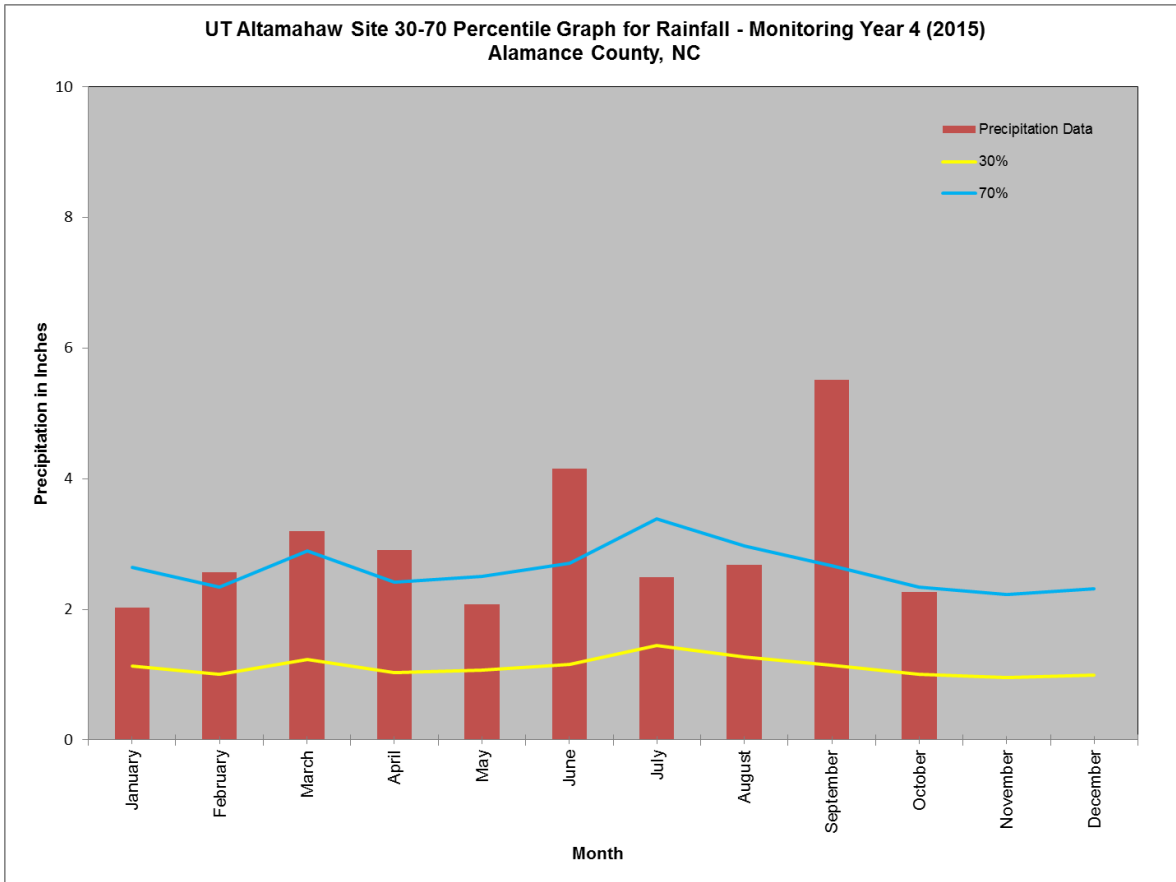
Date of Data Collection	Date of Occurrence	Method	Photo # (if available)
n/a*	November 3 & 4, 2012	NC State Climate Office	None
7/31/2013	June 5-13 and June 28-July 14, 2013	NC State Climate Office, Crest Gage & Visual Assessment	None
7/15/2014	Prior to 7/15/2014	Wreck line observations	None
7/15/2014	7/15/2014	Observed rainfall in excess of 3" in less than 12 hours	None
6/5/2015	Prior to 6/5/2015	Crest Gauge	None

\* Based on daily rainfall data prior to installation of Crest Gage. Approximately 2.4 inches of rain was recorded over a span of two days.

**Table 13. Monthly Rainfall Data Summary - UT Altamahaw Site 2015**

Month	Amount (in.)	30%	70%
January	2.025	1.13	2.65
February	2.5725	1.01	2.35
March	3.1945	1.24	2.89
April	2.9148	1.04	2.42
May	2.0816	1.07	2.51
June	4.1544	1.16	2.70
July	2.4913	1.45	3.39
August	2.683	1.28	2.98
September	5.5125	1.15	2.67
October	2.2635	1.01	2.35
November	Not Evaluated	0.96	2.23
December	Not Evaluated	0.99	2.32

**UT Altamahaw Site 30-70 Percentile Graph for Rainfall - Monitoring Year 4 (2015)  
Alamance County, NC**



## **APPENDIX E**

Letter of Intent and Conservation Easement Agreement



Kristine



### Review of Letter of Intent and Conservation Easement Agreement

Project Tracking System # 92837  
SPO File #: 001-P

County: Alamance  
Property: Conservation Easement (+/- 4 acres)  
Tract PIN# 8858849144  
Project: UT to Altamahaw Stream Enhancement Project  
Owner(s): Charles S. Hursey Sr. & ETAL

**Property owner(s) complete the section below.**  
**Please return this form in the enclosed envelope.**

I have reviewed the letter of intent and conservation easement document.

I am in agreement with the letter of intent; temporary construction easement and conservation easement template for future access in reference to the above mentioned property.

I have reviewed the letter of intent and conservation easement and have the following concerns:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Charles S. Hursey Sr.

Date: 3-19-2010

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Letter of Intent**  
**Proposed EEP Stream Restoration Project**

This document sets forth agreements between the N.C. Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) and the landowner regarding the proposed EEP restoration project described below. EEP is proposing a stream enhancement project on an unnamed tributary to Altamahaw Creek located on a farm owned by Charles Hursey in Alamance County. EEP is hereby providing a letter of intent regarding proposed responsibilities of EEP as they relate to the "UT to Altamahaw" enhancement project.

PROJECT NAME:      **UT to Altamahaw**                      **EEP # 92837**

EEP intends to enhance, or preserve stream and wetland areas on this site. As part of these efforts, EEP intends pay for the installation and design of agricultural BMPs (best management practices) necessary to protect the streams. BMPs will include exclusionary cattle fencing, one alternative water supply well and one watering station and two gates.

Exclusionary fencing will be installed along, and approximately 1-foot outside of, the easement boundary as it generally occurs on the tributary which occurs in the current pasture area. A 5-foot grassy clearance zone inside the exclusionary fencing and on the conservation easement will be allowed to be managed by mowing, or other manual means, to keep this area open and clear of woody vegetation.

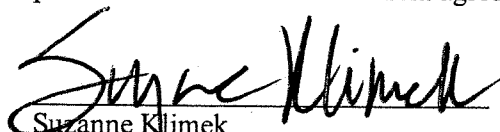
EEP will provide grading and stone for the existing emergency spillway of the farm pond. EEP will provide stone cover for the existing culvert crossing.

**NOTE:**

Donations of land or conservation easements may be tax deductible, however, please be aware that any amenities, such as fencing or bridges, built on your land may have property tax implications. Please check with your tax attorney regarding the effects of any improvements.

The completion of this project and the items described in this letter are subject to budget and timing constraints.

Funding is available only for land that is protected by the restrictions described in the attached permanent conservation easement agreement.

  
Suzanne Klimek  
Director of Operations  
Ecosystem Enhancement Program