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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 DMS, 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. DMS 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 DMS/Carolina Vegetation Survey (CVS) Level II Vegetation Protocol. Stem count data is ascertained from five permanently placed 10-meter² vegetation plots (Figure 2). Assessments include counts of both planted and natural stems. Based on this year's monitoring effort, four of the five vegetation plots met the minimum success criteria. Stem counts ranged from approximately 202 to 647 planted stems per acre and approximately 728 to 1,416 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.

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 & MY4), at least one bankfull event was documented in each year. A bankfull event was not documented during the 2016 monitoring period. 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 DMS's website. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices is available from DMS upon request.

Two of the issues from MY4 were still present in during the MY5 period. These issues included (1) surface erosion along the existing cattle crossing and (2) erosion along the auxiliary spillway immediately outside the Project Site.

The surface erosion at the cattle crossing is continuing and 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 was repaired in late August 2015 by Backwater Environmental. Rock sills were installed and rip rap was placed between the sills. The large rip rap had moved down the slope and was partially in the unnamed tributary during the February 2016 site visit. The displaced rip rap does not appear to have migrated further into the channel as of September 2016. The rock sills are stable but the geotextile fabric is showing.

The other two issues noted during the MY4 period were not present during the MY5 site visit; mowing along the fence line within the easement and a beaver dam off-site was causing a backwater effect onto the project.

There was not recent evidence of mowing along the fence line. The herbaceous vegetation along the fence line was thinner due to past mowing. The apparent purpose of the past mowing was to remove and control vegetation along the existing fence lines. Past mowing extended inward approximately four to five feet from the woven wire. As documented in the attached Letter of Intent and Conservation Easement Agreement (Appendix E), mowing is allowed.

There is no longer a beaver dam downstream of the project easement. The backwater effect from the dam has dissipated.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

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

Vegetation assessments were conducted using the CVS-DMS protocol (Version 4.2). As part of this protocol, vegetation is assessed using 100-meter² 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-DMS 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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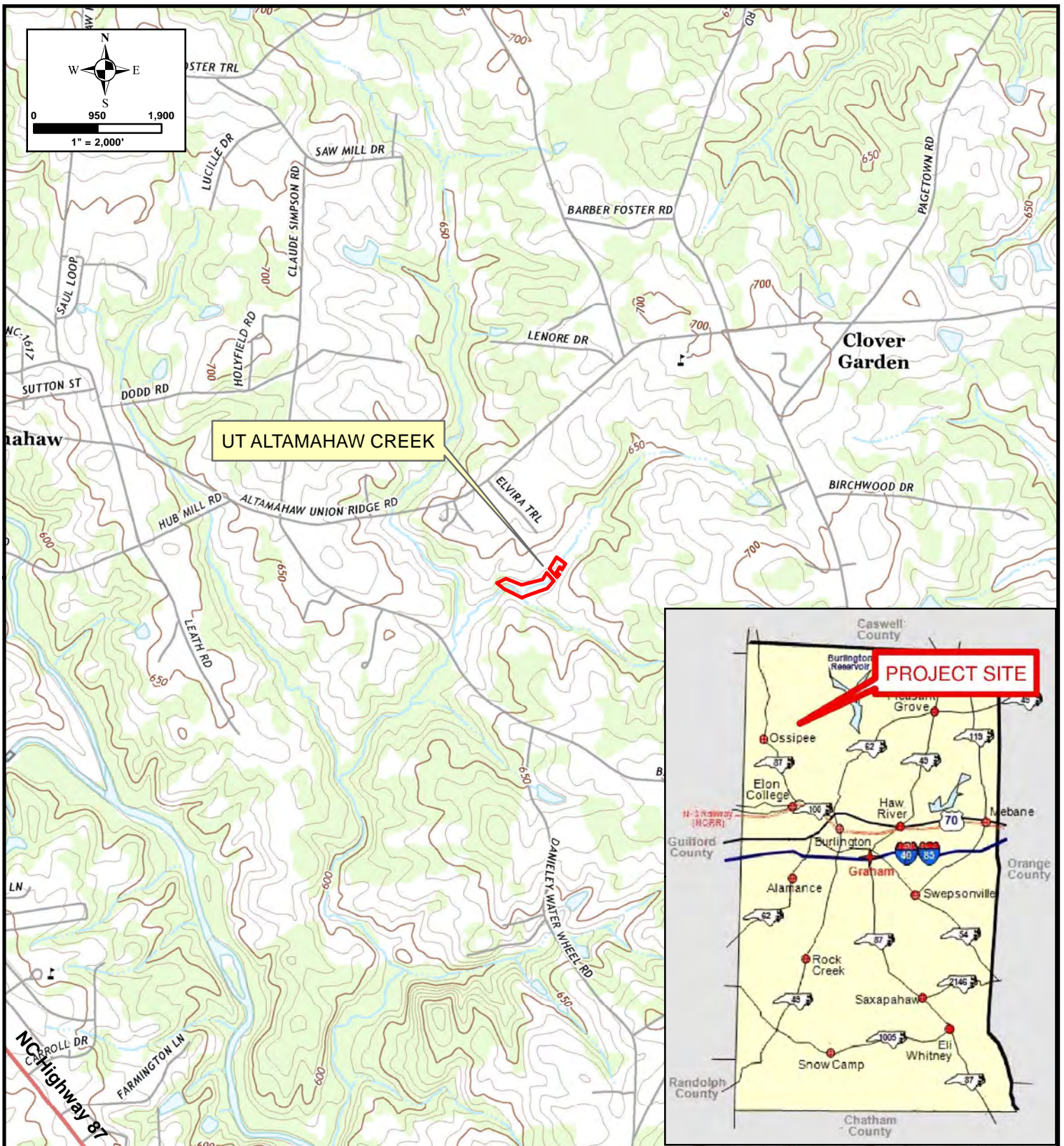
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APPENDIX A

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

October 2016

Map Source:

2013 Lake Burlington and
 Ossipee USGS Quadrangles

FIGURE 1

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

| Mitigation Credits | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Stream | | Riparian Wetland | | Non-riparian wetland | | Buffer | Nitrogen Nutrient Offset | Phosphorus Nutrient Offset |
| Type | 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 2010 | May 2010 |
| Final Design - Construction Plans | June 2010 | June 2010 |
| Construction | | February 2011 |
| Temporary S&E Mix Applied to Entire Project Area | | February 2011 |
| Permanent Seed Mix Applied to Entire Project Area | | February 2011 |
| Bare Root, Live Stake and Tubling Plantings Applied | | February 2011 |
| Baseline Monitoring Document | January 2012 | February 2012 |
| Year 1 Monitoring | August 2012 | December 2012 |
| Year 2 Monitoring | July 2013 | November 2013 |
| Supplemental Bare Root and Tubling Plantings Applied | | November 2013 |
| Year 3 Monitoring | July 2014 | November 2014 |
| Year 4 Monitoring | June 2015 | November 2015 |
| Year 5 Monitoring | September 2016 | October 2016 |

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

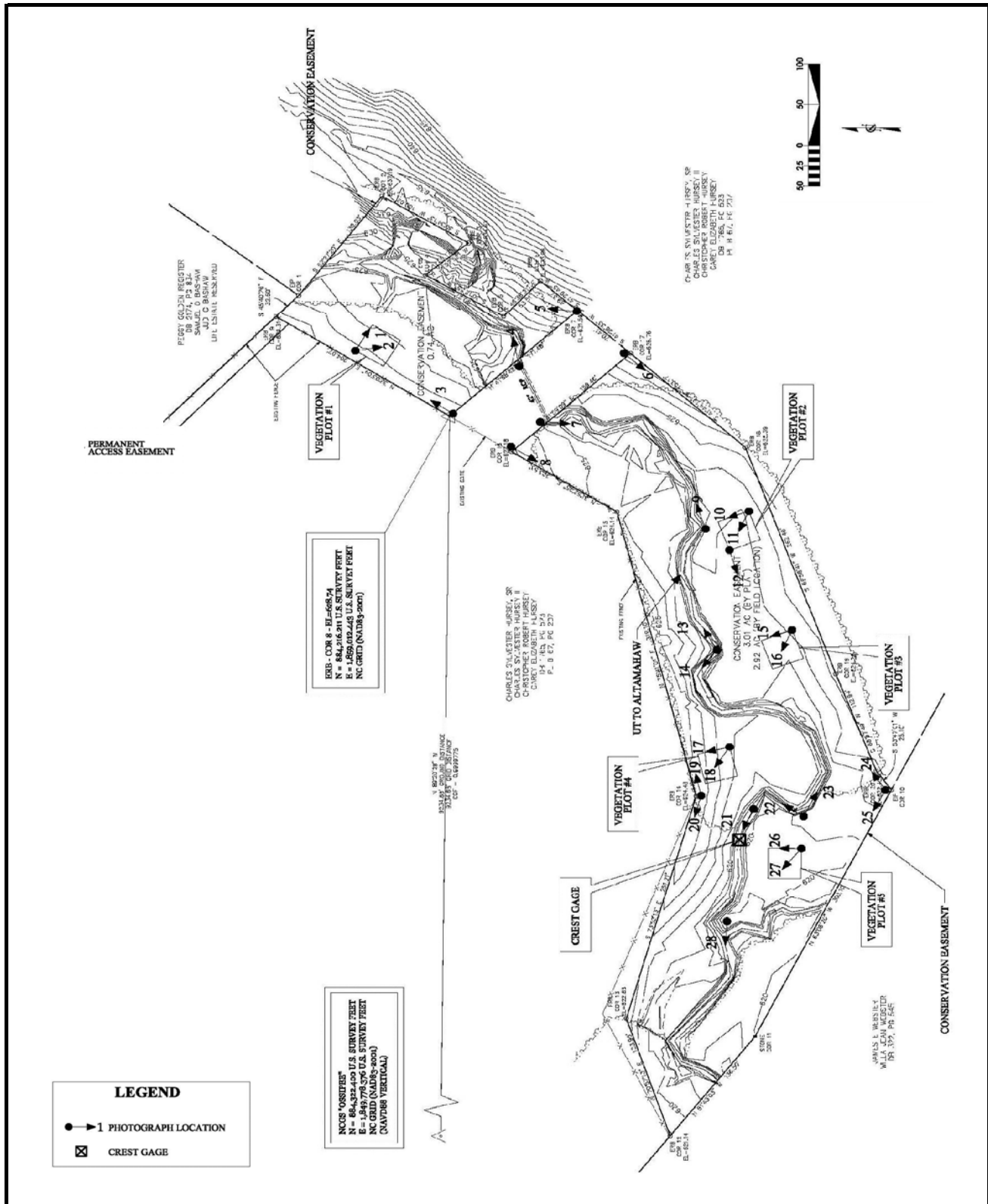
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| Designer Ecological Engineering, LLP Jenny S. Fleming, PE | Firm Information/ Address 1151 SE Cary Parkway, Suite 101, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 557-0929 |
| Construction Contractor Backwater Environmental Wes Newell | Firm Information/ Address 288 East St. Suite 2003, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (919) 545-2000 |
| Construction Contractor Riverworks, Inc. Bill Wright | Firm Information/ Address 8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 800, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 459-9001 |
| Planting Contractor Riverworks, Inc. George Morris | Firm Information/ Address 8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 800, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 459-9001 |
| Supplemental Planting Contractor Carolina Silvics, Inc. Mary-Margaret S. McKinney | Firm Information/ Address 908 Indian Trail Rd., Edenton, NC 27932 (252) 482-8491 |
| Seeding Contractor Riverworks, Inc. George Morris | Firm Information/ Address 8000 Regency Parkway, Suite 800, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 459-9001 |
| Seed Mix Sources | Green Resource (336) 855-6363 |
| Nursery Stock Suppliers | 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 |
| Monitoring Performer Ecological Engineering, LLP Heather Smith, David Cooper (stream, vegetation & wetland) | Firm Information/ Address 1151 SE Cary Parkway, Suite 101, Cary, NC 27518 (919) 557-0929 |

**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 |
| DWQ 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

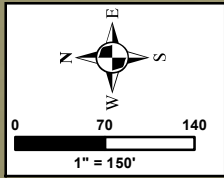


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MONITORING PLAN VIEW
UT to Altamahaw Site - DMS Project No. 92837
Alamance County, NC October, 2016

Map Source:
Ecological Engineering, LLP
Baseline Monitoring Figure

FIGURE 2



Auxiliary spillway repair adjacent to easement area

Vegetation Plot 1 MY5 Status

Vegetation Plot 2 MY5 Status

Erosion of road bed adjacent to culvert








Vegetation Plot 3 MY5 Status

Surface water diversion from modified BMP structure

Vegetation Plot 5 MY5 Status

Vegetation Plot 4 MY5 Status

Legend

-  Conservation Easement Boundary (Approximate)
-  Wetland enhancement area
-  Vegetation Plot does not meet 260 stems/acre threshold
-  Vegetation Plot meets or exceeds 260 stems/acre threshold
-  Invasive plant species/blackberry thicket
-  Past mowing in easement
-  Other Areas of Concern

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

Alamance Co., NC

October 2016

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 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | | | | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| 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 | 0 | 0% |
| Cumulative Total | | | | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |

NOTES:

One of five vegetation plots did not meet the required success criteria for planted stems but met with volunteer stems.

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 | 7 | 0.1 ac | 1.5% |
| 5. Easement Encroachment Areas | Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale) | 0.1 ac | Yes | 0 | 0.2 ac | 0.0% |

Photostation Comparison

UT Altamahaw Site - Monitoring Year 5 (2016)

| Photo # and Location | Baseline Condition 2012 | MY 1 2012 | MY 2 2013 | MY 3 2014 | MY 4 | MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016) |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 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 -
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4

MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016)

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



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



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



Photostation 8.
Facing southwest
from northwest
corner of existing
crossing.



Photostation
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4

MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016)

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
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4

MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016)

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

MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016)

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

MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016)

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 northeast
along southern
easement boundary.



Photostation
Comparison -
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Baseline Condition 2012

MY 1 2012

MY 2 2013

MY 3 2014

MY 4

MY 5 2016 (9/20/2016)

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 | 80% |
| 2 | Yes | 80% |
| 3 | Yes | 80% |
| 4 | Yes | 80% |
| 5 | No | 80% |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Report Prepared By | Heather Smith |
| Date Prepared | 9/29/2016 10:46 |
| database name | EcologicalEngineering-2016-UTAltamahawYear 5.mdb |
| database location | P:\50000 State\EEP 50512\50512-001 EEP Altamahaw Creek\MONITORING\UT Altamahaw Year 5 2016 |
| computer name | WKST7 |
| file size | 45092864 |

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

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

Table 9: DMS Project Code 92837
Project Name: UT ALTAMAHAW

| | | Current Plot Data (MYS 2016) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|--------|
| 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 | | | | | | 6 | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Asimina triloba | pawpaw | Tree | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Betula nigra | river birch | Tree | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | | | |
| Carpinus caroliniana | American hornbeam | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Carya | hickory | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carya ovata | shagbark hickory | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Celtis laevigata | sugarberry | Tree | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cercis canadensis | eastern redbud | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornus amomum | silky dogwood | Shrub | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornus florida | flowering dogwood | Tree | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| Diospyros virginiana | common persimmon | Tree | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fraxinus pennsylvanica | green ash | Tree | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ilex verticillata | common winterberry | Shrub | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Juglans nigra | black walnut | Tree | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Ligustrum sinense | Chinese privet | Exotic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liquidambar styraciflua | sweetgum | Tree | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | tuliptree | Tree | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| 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 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Prunus serotina | black cherry | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quercus | oak | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quercus lyrata | overcup oak | Tree | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quercus michauxii | swamp chestnut oak | Tree | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Quercus pagoda | cherrybark oak | Tree | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Quercus phellos | willow oak | Tree | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rhus | sumac | shrub | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salix nigra | black willow | Tree | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sambucus canadensis | Common Elderberry | Shrub | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sambucus nigra | European black elderberry | Shrub | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ulmus alata | winged elm | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ulmus americana | American elm | Tree | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Ulmus rubra | slippery elm | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | Stem count | 16 | 16 | 27 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 13 | 13 | 27 | 5 | 5 | 35 |
| | | size (ares) | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| | | size (ACRES) | 0.02 | | | 0.02 | | | 0.02 | | | 0.02 | | | 0.02 | | |
| | | Species count | 9 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| | | Stems per ACRE | 647.5 | 647.5 | 1092.7 | 323.7 | 323.7 | 728.4 | 404.7 | 404.7 | 849.8 | 526.1 | 526.1 | 1092.7 | 202.3 | 202.3 | 1416.4 |

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Species Type | Annual Means | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| | | | MY5 (2016) | | | MY4 (2016) | | | 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 | PnoLS | P-all | T |
| Acer negundo | boxelder | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acer rubrum | red maple | Tree | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Asimina triloba | pawpaw | Tree | | | 8 | | | 4 | | | 3 | | | 3 | | | 3 | | | |
| Betula nigra | river birch | Tree | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Carpinus caroliniana | American hornbeam | Tree | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | 9 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Carya | hickory | Tree | | | 3 | | | 4 | | | 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Carya ovata | shagbark hickory | Tree | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Celtis laevigata | sugarberry | Tree | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Cercis canadensis | eastern redbud | Tree | | | 3 | | | 5 | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornus amomum | silky dogwood | Shrub | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornus florida | flowering dogwood | Tree | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diospyros virginiana | common persimmon | Tree | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Fraxinus pennsylvanica | green ash | Tree | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ilex verticillata | common winterberry | Shrub | 9 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Juglans nigra | black walnut | Tree | | | 1 | | | 5 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ligustrum sinense | Chinese privet | Exotic | | | 8 | | | 8 | | | 7 | | | | | | | | | |
| Liquidambar styraciflua | sweetgum | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | tuliptree | Tree | | | 15 | | | 10 | | | 12 | | | 6 | | | 8 | | | |
| Nyssa sylvatica | blackgum | Tree | 3 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 7 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Ostrya virginiana | hophornbeam | Tree | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Oxydendrum arboreum | sourwood | Tree | | | | | | | | | 16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Platanus occidentalis | American sycamore | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Prunus serotina | black cherry | Tree | 5 | 5 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Quercus | oak | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | |
| Quercus lyrata | overcup oak | Tree | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Quercus michauxii | swamp chestnut oak | Tree | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quercus pagoda | cherrybark oak | Tree | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Quercus phellos | willow oak | Tree | 9 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Rhus | sumac | shrub | 4 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Salix nigra | black willow | Tree | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | 2 | | | |
| Sambucus canadensis | Common Elderberry | Shrub | | | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Sambucus nigra | European black elderberry | Shrub | | | 3 | | | 4 | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Ulmus alata | winged elm | Tree | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ulmus americana | American elm | Tree | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ulmus rubra | slippery elm | Tree | 4 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Unknown | | Shrub or Tree | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | | | 52 | 52 | 128 | 54 | 54 | 119 | 62 | 62 | 132 | 38 | 38 | 68 | 25 | 25 | 60 | 35 | 35 | 37 |
| | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | |
| | | | 0.12 | | | 0.12 | | | 0.12 | | | 0.12 | | | 0.12 | | | 0.12 | | |
| | | | 13 | 13 | 23 | 14 | 14 | 26 | 12 | 12 | 24 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | 420.9 | 420.9 | 1036.0 | 437.1 | 437.1 | 963.2 | 501.8 | 501.8 | 1068.4 | 307.6 | 307.6 | 550.4 | 202.3 | 202.3 | 485.6 | 283.3 | 283.3 | 299.5 |

APPENDIX D

Hydrology Data

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

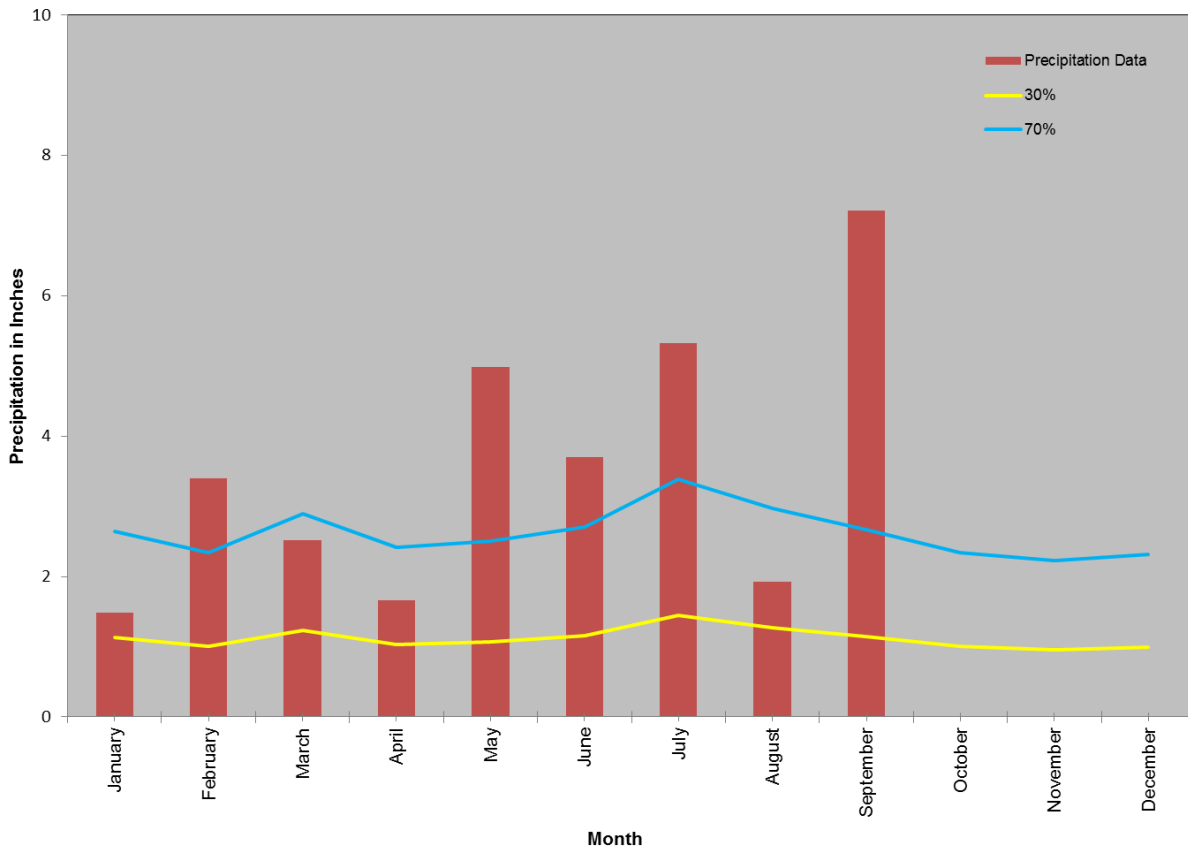
| Date of Data Collection | Date of Occurrence | Method | Photo # (if available) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| n/a* | November 3 & 4, 2012 | NC State Climate Office | None |
| 7/31/2013 | June 5-13 and June 28-July 14, 2013 | NC State Climate Office, Crest Gage & Visual Assessment | None |
| 7/15/2014 | Prior to 7/15/2014 | Wrack 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 Gauge. Approximately 2.4 inches of rain was recorded over a span of two days.

Table 13. Monthly Rainfall Data Summary - UT Altamahaw Site 2016

| Month | Amount (in.) | 30% | 70% |
|-----------|---------------|------|------|
| January | 1.4821 | 1.13 | 2.65 |
| February | 3.4039 | 1.01 | 2.35 |
| March | 2.5235 | 1.24 | 2.89 |
| April | 1.6621 | 1.04 | 2.42 |
| May | 4.9861 | 1.07 | 2.51 |
| June | 3.7018 | 1.16 | 2.70 |
| July | 5.3322 | 1.45 | 3.39 |
| August | 1.9236 | 1.28 | 2.98 |
| September | 7.2138 | 1.15 | 2.67 |
| October | Not Evaluated | 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 5 (2016)
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.

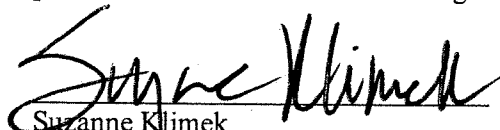
EEP will provide grading and stone for the existing emergency spillway of the farm pond. EEP will provide stone cover for the existing culvert crossing.

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