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## WYANT LANDS MITIGATION SITE PHASE II – PROJECT EXPANSION

Lincoln County, NC Catawba River Basin HUC 03050102 (03050103 Expanded Service Area)

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Subject: DRAFT MYO/ As-Built Baseline Report & Record Drawing Review

Wyant Lands: Phase II – Project Expansion

Catawba River Basin: 03050102 (03050103 Expanded Service Area)

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#### Dear Neuhaus,

The Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) received the Draft MYO/ As-Built Baseline Report & Record Drawings for the Wyant Lands: Phase II — Project Expansion from Wildlands Engineering, Inc. (Wildlands) on July 20, 2022. The Project Expansion is expected to provide 396 SMUs (Warm) and 4.513 WMUs (Riparian) for a project total of 7090.667 SMUs (warm) and 17.608 WMUs (Riparian). The following are the DMS review team's comments on the draft report:

- General: As previously discussed with the IRT, please continue to provide photos of the
  upstream and downstream project crossing areas to confirm crossing stability and aquatic
  organism passage in the 2022 monitoring report and future monitoring reports.
- **Section 2.1.4 Vegetation Planting List & Plan:** If supplemental planting is warranted during the monitoring term, please include species approved in the mitigation plan & mitigation plan addendum that were not available at during the initial project expansion planting effort.
- Section 3: Monitoring Year 0 Data Assessment: Recommend noting that DMS and Wildlands may request IRT closure of the entire site after completion of the Phase I MY7 monitoring efforts in 2027 if all aspects of the project are meeting the established success criteria. DMS recommends using the verbiage from Wildlands' mitigation plan addendum comment responses in the revised report; "To facilitate project organization, after the as-built and baseline monitoring report is submitted and approved for the addendum area, monitoring reports for phase II will be included with phase I monitoring reports. It is proposed that if the addendum area has met monitoring performance standards three of the prior four monitoring years at closeout of the phase I portion of the project (monitoring year 6 of phase II), the addendum area also be closed as well. If monitoring performance criteria within the phase II addendum area has not met monitoring standards three out of the prior four years, an additional seventh year of monitoring will be performed for the addendum area and the



closeout monitoring period will be seven years beyond completion of construction and/or until performance standards have been met."

• **Appendices:** Please include the January 14, 2022 "Response to NCIRT Review Comments" (Mitigation Plan Addendum) in the report appendices for project documentation. Please review and confirm that all IRT comments and Wildlands responses have been addressed and are consistent in the revised MYO report.

#### **Digital Deliverable Comments:**

#### Tables:

1. The tables are inconsistent in how the site is presented, the Asset Table includes Phase I and Phase II but the digital data tables only include the expansion segments. No updates are required for MYO, but please provide the digital data uniformly in the 2022 monitoring submittal (Phase I and Phase II combined).

#### Spatial Data:

1. In the future, please label the project segments in the digital data file as they are labeled in the attribute table. This submission has Wetland Group 5 -Addendum labeled as 'creation' in the digital submission.

At your earliest convenience, please provide a written response letter addressing the DMS comments provided and one final hard copy of the revised/updated MYO/ As-Built Baseline Report & Record Drawings. The comment response letter should be included in the revised report after the report cover page. Please include a final full electronic copy with digital support files on a USB drive with the final submittal.

Sincerely,

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Wyant Lands: Phase II - Project Expansion

Catawba River Basin: 03050102 (03050103 Expanded Service Area) DMS Project ID No. 100595

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Dear Mr. Paul Wiesner:

Wildlands Engineering, Inc. (Wildlands) has reviewed Division of Mitigation Services' (DMS) comments from the Draft Monitoring Year 0 (MY0) Annual Report for the Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II – Project Expansion. The report has been updated to reflect those comments. Wildlands' responses to DMS' comments are noted below.

#### DMS Comments, Paul Wiesner:

**General:** As previously discussed with the IRT, please continue to provide photos of the upstream and downstream project crossing areas to confirm crossing stability and aquatic organism passage in the 2022 monitoring report and future monitoring reports.

**Wildlands Response:** As requested, Wildlands will continue to conduct upstream and downstream photos of the crossing areas throughout the monitoring period.

**Section 2.1.4 Vegetation Planting List & Plan:** If supplemental planting is warranted during the monitoring term, please include species approved in the mitigation plan & mitigation plan addendum that were not available during the initial project expansion planting effort.

**Wildlands Response:** Wildlands acknowledges the request for supplemental plantings to include the approved species that were unavailable at the time of the project expansion area's planting. Wildlands will do our best to accommodate this request; however, some of the species may be unattainable due to availability.

**Section 3: Monitoring Year 0 Data Assessment:** Recommend noting that DMS and Wildlands may request IRT closure of the entire site after completion of the Phase I MY7 monitoring efforts in 2027 if all aspects of the project are meeting the established success criteria. DMS recommends using the verbiage from Wildlands' mitigation plan addendum comment responses in the revised report; "To facilitate project organization, after the as-built and baseline monitoring report is submitted and approved for the addendum area, monitoring reports for phase II will be included with phase I monitoring reports. It is proposed that if the addendum area has met monitoring performance standards three of the prior four

monitoring years at closeout of the phase I portion of the project (monitoring year 6 of phase II), the addendum area also be closed as well. If monitoring performance criteria within the phase II addendum area has not met monitoring standards three out of the prior four years, an additional seventh year of monitoring will be performed for the addendum area and the closeout monitoring period will be seven years beyond completion of construction and/or until performance standards have been met."

**Wildlands Response:** As requested, text from Wildlands' mitigation plan addendum (Phase II) has been added to Section 3 of the as-built and baseline monitoring report.

**Appendices:** Please include the January 14, 2022 "Response to NCIRT Review Comments" (Mitigation Plan Addendum) in the report appendices for project documentation. Please review and confirm that all IRT comments and Wildlands responses have been addressed and are consistent in the revised MYO report.

**Wildlands Response:** As requested the January 14, 2022 "Response to NCIRT Review Comments" (for the Mitigation Plan Addendum) has been added to the report's appendix and the IRT's comments have been addressed.

#### **Digital Deliverable Comments:**

**Tables:** The tables are inconsistent in how the site is presented, the Asset Table includes Phase I and Phase II but the digital data tables only include the expansion segments. No updates are required for MYO, but please provide the digital data uniformly in the 2022 monitoring submittal (Phase I and Phase II combined).

**Wildlands Response:** The Asset Table (Table 1) in the digital submittal has been updated to mimic Table 1 in the report. The remainder of the tables will be updated uniformly in the monitoring submittal for 2022 and subsequent monitoring years by combining Phase I and Phase II.

**Spatial Data:** In the future, please label the project segments in the digital data file as they are labeled in the attribute table. This submission has Wetland Group 5 -Addendum labeled as 'creation' in the digital submission.

**Wildlands Response:** The attribute table has been updated to include labeling of project segments as they appear in the Asset Table (Table 1) of the digital submittal.

As requested, Wildlands has included one hard copy of the revised/updated Baseline Monitoring Document and Record Drawings with a copy of the DMS comment letter and our response letter after the cover page. A full final electronic copy of the report and support files are also included. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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#### WYANT LANDS MITIGATION SITE PHASE II- PROJECT EXPANSION

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Addendum)

#### Section 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II – Project Expansion (Site) is located in Gaston County, approximately five miles northwest of Lincolnton and seven miles southwest of Maiden. The Site is located in the Piedmont Physiographic Province. The Site drains directly into Pott Creek, which is part of the Catawba River Basin. Currently, the Site is adjacent to an active cattle and row crop operation. Table 3 presents information related to the project attributes.

#### 1.1 Project Quantities and Credits

The Wyant Lands Mitigation Site - Phase II (Phase II) is an expansion of the initial Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Final Mitigation Plan (WEI, 2020), which received North Carolina Interagency Review Team (NC IRT) approval on December 20, 2019 and will henceforth be referred to as "Wyant Phase I". The expansion of Wyant Phase I has allowed for the enhancement II stream work previously proposed on UT2 Reach 1 to be revised to priority one stream restoration. Additionally, Phase II will provide 5.7 acres of wetland re-establishment, rehabilitation, and creation within a 6.0-acre conservation easement that abuts the existing recorded conservation easement. Mitigation credit generated will provide an additional 396 SMUs and 4.513 WMUs to those generated in Wyant Phase I for a total of 7,090.667 SMUs and 17.608 WMUs within the Catawba River Basin.

Table 1 shows the post-construction lengths and mitigation units expected at closeout for both Wyant Phase I and Wyant Lands Mitigation Site - Phase II. See the Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Final Mitigation Plan for additional information on the Wyant Phase I portion of the project.

Table 1: Project Quantities and Credits - Phase II plus Phase I Details

			PROJE	CT MITIGAT	ON QUANT	TITIES	
Project Segment	Mitigation Plan Footage <sup>1</sup>	As-Built Footage <sup>1</sup>	Mitigation Category	Restoration Level	Mitigation Ratio (X:1)	Creats	Comments
				Strea	ım		
UT1	604.000	604.000	Warm	R	1.0	604.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
UT2 Reach 1 - Addendum	396.000	396.000	Warm	R	1.0	396.000	Full Channel Restoration, Riparian Planting, Invasive Treatment/Removal, & Fencing Out Livestock
UT2 Reach 2	515.000	515.000	Warm	EII	2.5	206.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
UT2 Reach 3	1,042.000	1,042.000	Warm	R	1.0	1,042.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
UT3 Reach 1	374.000	376.000	Warm	EI	1.5	250.667	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
UT3 Reach 2	326.000	328.000	Warm	R	1.0	328.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
Wyant Creek Reach 1	1,482.000	1,475.000	Warm	R	1.0	1,475.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report

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Project Segment	Mitigation Plan Footage <sup>1</sup>	As-Built Footage <sup>1</sup>	Mitigation Category	Restoration Level	Mitigation Ratio (X:1)	( redits	Comments
Wyant Creek Reach 2	523.000	523.000	Warm	R	1.0	523.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
Wyant Creek Reach 3	295.000	295.000	Warm	R	1.0	295.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
Wyant Creek Reach 4	1,972.000	1,971.000	Warm	R	1.0	1,971.000	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
				Wetla	and		
Project Segment	Mitigation Plan Acreage	As-Built Acreage	Mitigation Category	Restoration Level	Mitigation Ratio (X:1)	Credits	Comments
Wetland Group 1	11.000	10.992	R	REE	1.0	10.992	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
Wetland Group 2	3.200	3.155	R	RH	1.5	2.103	See Phase I's As-Built Baseline Monitoring Report
Wetland Group 3 - Addendum	3.360	3.360	R	REE	1.0	3.360	Full Wetland Restoration, Wetland Planting, Invasive Treatment/Removal, & Fencing Out Livestock
Wetland Group 4 - Addendum	1.078	1.078	R	RH	1.5	0.719	Full Wetland Restoration, Wetland Planting, Invasive Treatment/Removal, & Fencing Out Livestock
Wetland Group 5 - Addendum	1.303	1.303	R	С	3.0	0.434	Full Wetland Restoration & Grading > 12-in In Depth, Wetland Planting, Invasive Treatment/Removal, & Fencing Out Livestock
				Total Stre	am Credits:	7,090.667	
				Total Wetla	ınd Credits:	17.608	

Notes: Table 1 includes Wyant Phase I project details.

<sup>1.</sup> Crossing lengths have been removed from the footage for all reaches, and no direct credit for BMPs.

Destauation Laval		Stream		Matland Bastonstian Lavel	Wetland Warm -	
Restoration Level	Warm	Cool	Cold	Wetland Restoration Level	Riparian	
Restoration	6,634.000			Wetland Re-Establishment	14.352	
Enhancement				Wetland Rehabilitation	2.822	
Enhancement I	250.667			Wetland Creation	0.434	
Enhancement II	206.000					
Preservation						
Totals		7,090.667		Totals	17.608	
Total Stream Credit		7,090.667		Total Wetland Credits	17.608	

#### 1.2 Project Goals and Objectives

The project is intended to provide numerous ecological benefits. Table 2 below describes expected outcomes to water quality and ecological processes and provides project goals and objectives.

**Table 2: Goals, Performance Criteria, and Functional Improvements** 

Goal	Objective/ Treatment	Likely Functional Uplift	Performance Criteria	Measurement	Cumulative Monitoring Results
Exclude livestock from wetland areas.	Install fencing around conservation easements or remove cattle from easements adjacent to cattle pastures.	Reduce and control sediment inputs; Reduce and manage nutrient inputs; Improve agricultural management activities.	Prevent easement encroachments.	Semi-annual visual inspections.	No evidence of livestock within conservation easements.
Improve the stability of stream channels.	Restore UT2 R1 to establish a stable pattern, dimension, and profile. Stabilize stream bed and banks using bank vegetation, bank revetments, and in-stream structures to protect the restored channel.	Reduce and control sediment inputs; Contribute to protection, or improvement, of a Water Supply and Nutrient-Sensitive Water.	ER ≥ 2.2 and BHR ≤ 1.2. Visual assessments showing progression towards stability.	Two (2) cross- sections were installed. Monitoring will be assessed during MY1, MY2, MY3, MY5, and MY7 and visual inspections will be assessed annually.	Cross-sections show streams are stable and functioning as designed. ERs are over 2.2 and BHRs are below 1.2.
Improve instream habitat.	Install habitat features such as constructed riffles, cover logs, and brush toes into UT2 R1. Add woody materials to channel bed. Construct pools of varying depth.	Improve aquatic communities in project streams.	There is no required performance standard for this metric.	N/A	N/A
Reconnect stream channel with riparian floodplains	Reconstruct stream channel with designed bankfull dimensions and depth based on the reference data.	Reduce shear stress on channel. Hydrate adjacent floodplain areas. Filter out pollutants with overbank flows.	Four bank full events in separate years within a 7-year monitoring period.	One automated pressure transducer was installed on the restoration reach and will record bankfull events.	Reported in MY1.

Table 2: Goals, Performance Criteria, and Functional Improvements

Goal	Objective/ Treatment	Likely Functional Uplift	Performance Criteria	Measurement	Cumulative Monitoring Results
Restore wetland hydrology, soils, and plant communities.	Restore and enhance riparian wetlands filling existing ditches, removing berm material over relic hydric soils, and planting native wetland species.	Improve terrestrial habitat; Contribute to protection of or improvement of a Water Supply and Nutrient-Sensitive Water.	Free groundwater within 12 inches of soil surface for a minimum of 12% (27 consecutive days) of the growing season	Four (4) groundwater gages were installed in restoration areas and will be monitored annually.	Reported in MY1.
Restore and enhance native floodplain vegetation.	Plant native tree species in riparian zone were currently insufficient. Treat invasive species within the floodplain of UT2 Reach 1.	Reduce and control sediment inputs; Reduce and manage nutrient inputs; Provide a canopy to shade streams and reduce thermal loadings; Contribute to protection, or improvement, of a Water Supply and Nutrient-Sensitive Water.	Survival rate of 320 stems per acre at MY3, 260 planted stems per acre at MY5 and a height of 7 ft., and 210 stems per acre at MY7 with a height of 10 ft.	Five (5) one hundred square meter permanent vegetation plots are placed on 2% of the planted area of the Site and monitored during MY1, MY2, MY3, MY5, and MY7.	All 5 vegetation plots have a planted stem density greater than 320 stems per acre.
Reduce point source water quality stressors.	Stabilize the active headcut in the right floodplain of UT2 R1.	Reduce and control sediment inputs; Contribute to protection, or improvement, of a Water Supply and Nutrient-Sensitive Water.	There is no required performance standard for this metric.	Semi-annual visual inspections.	Headcut is stable.
Permanently protect the project Site from harmful uses.	Establish conservation easements on the Site.	Ensure that development and agricultural uses that would damage the site or reduce the benefits of the project are prevented.	Prevent easement encroachment.	Semi-annual visual inspections.	No easement encroachments.

#### **1.3** Project Attributes

The project expansion includes UT2 Reach 1 and a pasture area north of the original Phase I wetland restoration area. UT2 Reach 1 originates from an upstream farm pond. Both UT2 Reach 1 and the farm pond were previously in active cattle pasture but were fenced for cattle exclusion as part of the Phase I activities. A dense stand of Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) along UT2 Reach 1 was outcompeting native vegetation and reducing habitat quality. Runoff from an adjacent field was contributing fine sediment loads within the stream channel and was impacting bedform. The pasture area north of the original wetland restoration area consisted of ditches, crowned field material, and berms. Table 3 below and Table 9 in Appendix C present additional information on pre-restoration conditions.

Table 3: Project Attributes

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		PROJECT INFORMA	TION					
Project Name	Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II- Project Expansion  Wyant Lands County Lincoln County							
Project Area (acres)	41.5 (original); 6.0 (amendment); 47.5 (total)	Project						
	PROJECT WATERSHED SUMMARY INFORMATION							
Physiographic Province	Piedmont	River Basin	Catawba River					
USGS HUC 8- digit	03050102	USGS HUC 14- digit	03050102040020					
DWR Sub-basin	03-08-35	Land Use Classification	30% agriculture, 47	% forested, 18% developed				
Project Drainage Area (acres)	77	Percentage of Impervious Area	11.6%					
	RESTORATION	TRIBUTARY SUMM						
Para	ameters	UT2 Reach 1						
Pre-project length	(feet)		411					
Post-project (feet)		396						
Valley confinemen moderately confin	-		Moderately Conf	ined				
Drainage area (acr	es)		77					
Perennial, Intermit	ttent, Ephemeral		Perennial					
DWR Water Qualit	y Classification		WS-IV					
Dominant Stream	Classification (existing)		C4b					
Dominant Stream (proposed)			C4b					
Dominant Evolution applicable	onary class (Simon) if		Stage II/IIIDown	cutting				
	REG	ULATORY CONSIDE	RATIONS					
Para	ameters	Applicable?	Resolved?	Supporting Documentation				
Water of the Unite	ed States - Section 404	Yes	Yes	SAW 2021-02449				
Water of the Unite	ed States - Section 401	Yes	Yes	DWR # 18-0177 v. 2				
Endangered Specie	es Act	Yes	Yes	Categorical Exclusion in				
Historic Preservation Act		Yes	Yes	Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2020)				
FEMA Floodplain C	Compliance	Yes	Yes	No-Rise Certification				
Essential Fisheries	Habitat	No	N/A	N/A				

**Table 3: Project Attributes** 

	Wetland Summary Information									
Parameters	Wetland L	Wetland M	Wetland N	Wetland Q						
Pre-project area (acres)	<0.01	0.01	0.04	0.32						
Wetland Type	Headwater Forest	Headwater Forest	Headwater Forest	Bottomland Hardwood Forest						
Mapped Soil Series	Pacolet	Pacolet	Pacolet	Chewacla/Pacolet						
Drainage Class	Well Drained	Well Drained	Well Drained	Somewhat poorly drained/Well Drained						
Soil Hydric Status	No	No	No	No						
Source of Hydrology	Groundwater Discharge	Groundwater Discharge	Groundwater Discharge	Groundwater Discharge						
Restoration or enhancement method	Enhancement	Enhancement	Enhancement	Restoration						
Parameters	Wetland R	Wetland S	Wetland T	Open Water 2						
Pre-project area (acres)	0.36	0.21	0.16	0.31						
Wetland Type	Bottomland Hardwood Forest	Bottomland Hardwood Forest	Bottomland Hardwood Forest	N/A (Canal)						
Mapped Soil Series	Chewacla	Chewacla	Chewacla	Chewacla						
Drainage Class	Somewhat poorly drained	Somewhat poorly drained	Somewhat poorly drained	Somewhat poorly drained						
Soil Hydric Status	No	No	No	No						
Source of Hydrology	Groundwater Discharge	Groundwater Discharge	Groundwater Discharge	Groundwater Discharge						
Restoration or enhancement method	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration						

#### Section 2: As-Built Condition (Baseline)

Site construction was completed in May 2022. The survey included developing an as-built topographic surface; as well as, surveying the as-built channel centerlines, top of banks, structures, and cross-sections.

#### 2.1 As-Built/Record Drawings

A sealed half-size set of record drawings are in Appendix E which includes the post-construction survey, alignments, structures, and monitoring features. No significant field adjustments were made during construction that differ from the design plans. Minimal adjustments were made during construction, where needed, based on field evaluations and are listed below.

#### 2.1.1 UT2 Reach 1

- STA: 0+53 Rock added to stabilize ditch and dam overflow.
- Left floodplain Area left undisturbed during construction.
- STA: 1+96 Brush toe installed for added bank stability.
- STA: 2+54 Brush toe installed for added bank stability.
- STA: 3+85 Brush toe installed for added bank protection.

#### 2.1.2 Riffle Tributary

• STA: 20+31, STA:20+46, STA: 20+73, STA: 21+10, and STA: 21+22 – BMP redesigned as a step pool stormwater conveyance with a series of log sills prior to construction.

#### 2.1.3 Wetland Grading

- Cross-section 1 Area that intersects with wetland cross-section 1 from STA: 2+96 STA: 4+22 was left undisturbed during construction.
- Cross-section 2 Area that intersects with wetland cross-section 2 from STA: 1+90 STA: 2+10
  was added during construction to connect the existing farm road with the newly constructed
  farm road.

#### 2.1.4 Vegetation Planting List & Plan

As-built changes in species planted and densities were minimal when compared to design. Species replacements and planting density adjustments were made due to availability of the species at the time of planting. The majority of species replacements or alternate species, except for three species, were approved within the Final Addendum Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2022) and/or the original Mitigation Plan planting list (Wildlands, 2021). Two of the unapproved species were planted in the Wetland Planting Zone and include boxelder (*Acer negundo*) and black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*). The third unapproved species was an upland plant, Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboretum*). It was planted in the Open Buffer Planting Zone.

#### Open Buffer Planting Zone

- Tag Alder (Alnus serrulata) and tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera) were not planted.
- Red chokecherry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), red mulberry (*Morus rubra*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), and pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) were each added at density of 2% and sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboretum*) at 5%.
- The planting densities of Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), swamp chestnut oak, of water oak (*Quercus nigra*) were adjusted accordingly.

#### Wetland Planting Zone

- Willow oak (Quercus phellos) and swamp rose (Rosa palustris) were not planted.
- Black willow (*Salix nigra*), black gum, boxelder, and silky willow (*Salix sericea*) were added at a density of 15%, 10%, 15%, and 5%, respectively.
- The planting densities of sycamore, river birch (Betula nigra), swamp chestnut oak, elderberry (Sambucus canadensis), tag alder, and common buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) were adjusted accordingly.

#### Stream Bank Planting Zone

- Common buttonbush and ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) were not planted.
- Silky dogwood (Cornus amomum) and black willow were added at a density of 20% and 40%, respectively.
- The planting density of silky willow was adjusted accordingly.

#### 2.1.5 Monitoring Components

Installed monitoring devices and plot locations closely mimic the locations of those proposed in the Site's Mitigation Plan. Minor deviations from these locations were made when professional judgement deemed them necessary to better represent as-built field conditions or when installation of the device in the proposed location was not physically feasible.

#### **Vegetation Monitoring Plots**

Permanent vegetation plot 13 (VP13) was shifted slightly from its original location that was
established in Phase I of the Wyant Mitigation Plan due to construction disturbance during the
construction of Phase II. Vegetation plot 13 is included in the Phase II MY0 report in order to
accurately represent as-built conditions.

#### **Photo Points**

Photo Point 15 (PP15) was shifted slightly from its original location that was established in Phase
I of the Wyant Mitigation Plan to capture as-built conditions of UT2 R1 after restoration slightly
adjusted the stream channel location. Photo Point 15 is included in the Phase II MY0 report.

#### Section 3: Monitoring Year 0 Data Assessment

Annual monitoring and site visits were conducted during MY0 to assess the condition of the project. The vegetation and stream success criteria for the Site follow the approved success criteria presented in the Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2021). Performance criteria for vegetation, stream, and hydrologic assessment are located in Section 1.2 Table 2: Goals, Performance Criteria, and Functional Improvements.

To facilitate project organization, after the as-built and baseline monitoring report is submitted and approved for the addendum area (Phase II), monitoring reports for Phase II will be included with Phase I monitoring reports and completed in the fall of 2022 at least 6 months after the Phase II's MYO assessment. It is proposed that if the addendum area has met monitoring performance standards three of the prior four monitoring years at closeout of the Phase I portion of the project (monitoring year 6 of Phase II), the addendum area will be closed as well. If monitoring performance criteria within the Phase II addendum area has not met monitoring standards three out of the prior four years, an additional seventh year of monitoring will be performed for the addendum area and the closeout monitoring period will be seven years beyond completion of construction and/or until performance standards have been met.

#### 3.1 Vegetative Assessment

The MYO vegetative survey was completed in April 2022. Vegetation monitoring resulted in an approved species stem density range of 364 to 567 and an average stem density of 479 planted stems per acre. These results show that all 6 vegetation plots are on track to meet the interim requirement of 320 stems per acre required at MY3 and final success criteria required for MY7. Species dominance for all approved vegetation plots were within the 50% performance requirements.

As discussed in Section 2.1.4, three unapproved species, sourwood, boxelder, and black gum, were planted within the project area. Wildlands is requesting approval for the inclusion of these three species for vegetation monitoring. With the inclusion of the unapproved species, the vegetation plot densities increase to a range of 567 to 648 and an average density of 607 planted stems per acre.

Refer to Appendix A for Vegetation Plot Photographs and the Vegetation Condition Assessment Table and Appendix B for Vegetation Plot Data. Plot locations are depicted in Figures 1.0 - 1b.

#### 3.2 Vegetation Areas of Concern

Vegetation management and herbicide applications were implemented prior and during construction to prevent the spread of invasive species that could compete with planted native species. A dense stand of Chinese privet (*Lingustrum sinese*) was mechanically removed along UT2 R1 during construction. Invasive species will continue to be monitored, mapped, and controlled as necessary through the monitoring period.

#### 3.3 Stream Assessment

Morphological surveys for MYO were conducted in May 2022. UT2 Reach 1 is stable and functioning as designed. Cross-sections show little to no change in bankfull area and width-to-depth ratio. All bank height ratios are less than 1.2. Refer to Appendix A for the Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment Table and Stream Photographs. Refer to Appendix C for Stream Geomorphology Data.

#### 3.4 Stream Areas of Concern

Inspection of stream structures and banks did not identify any stream areas of concern, indicating that the stream is preforming as designed. The Site will continue to be monitored and any issues will be mapped and reported throughout the monitoring period.

#### 3.5 Hydrology Assessment

One pressure transducer (CG3) was installed on UT2 R1 to monitor bankfull events. Hydrologic data will be collected and reported during MY1.

#### 3.6 Wetland Assessment

Four groundwater gages were installed in wetland creation and re-establishment areas, as well as near the boundary of rehabilitation areas to determine wetland hydrology success across different restoration levels. Soil profile descriptions and photographs were taken during installation and are located in Appendix A. Groundwater gage data will be collected and reported during MY1.

#### 3.7 Adaptive Management Plan

Site maintenance and adaptive measurement implementation will follow those outlined in the project's Final Mitigation Plan Addendum (Wildlands, 2022). No adaptive management plans are needed at this time.

#### 3.8 Monitoring Year 0 Summary

Overall, the Site looks good, is performing as intended, and is on track to meet success criteria. All vegetation plots are on track to exceed the MY3 interim requirement of 320 planted stems per acre, and all streams within the Site are stable and meeting project goals. Invasive species were controlled across the Site prior to and during construction and will continued to be assessed throughout the monitoring years.

Summary information and data related to the performance of various project and monitoring elements can be found in the tables and figures in the report appendices. All raw data supporting the tables and figures in the appendices are available from DMS upon request.

#### Section 4: METHODOLOGY

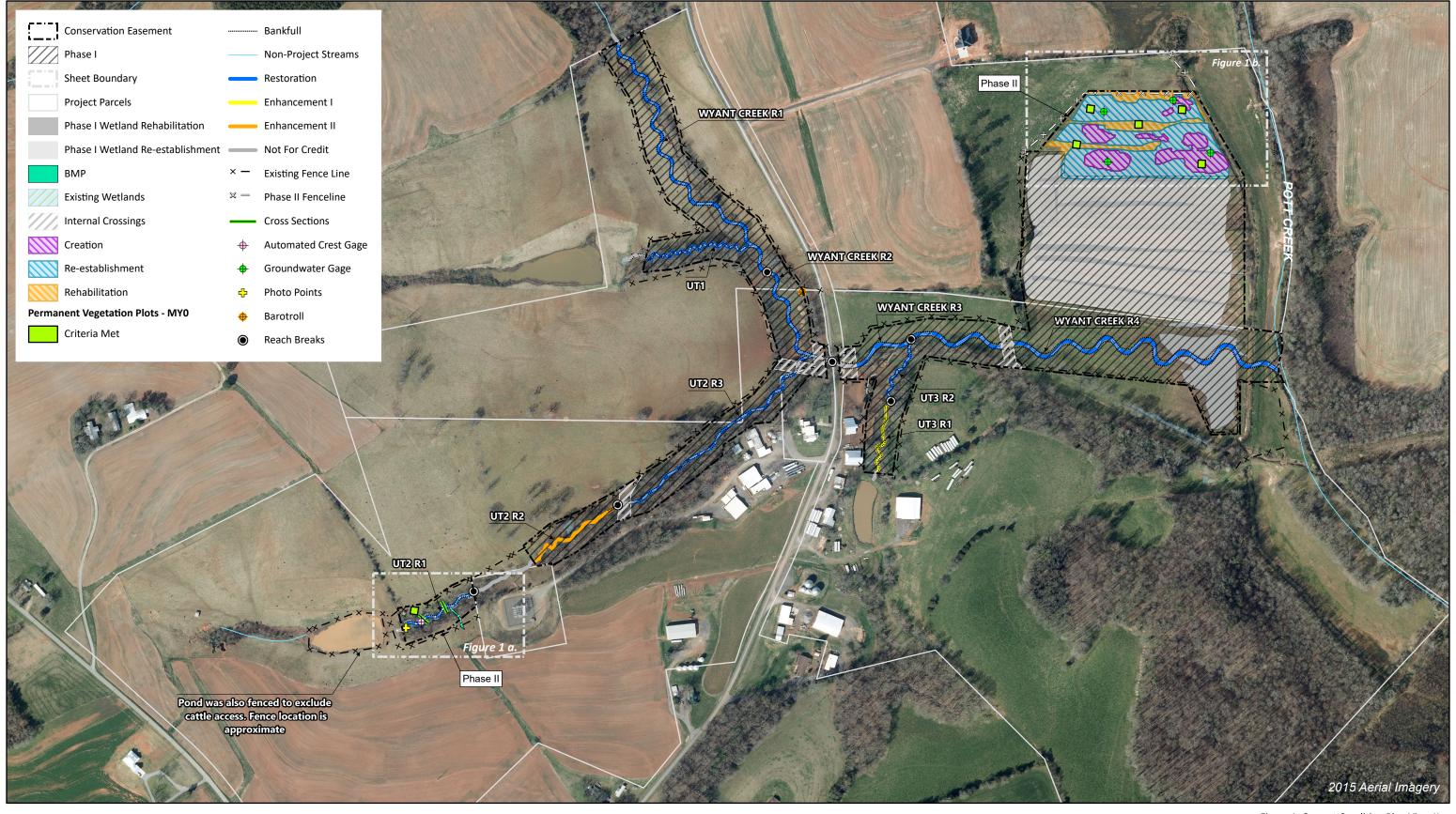
Annual monitoring will consist of collecting morphologic, vegetative, and hydrologic data to assess project success based on the goals outlined in the Site's Mitigation Plan (Wildlands, 2022). Monitoring requirements will follow guidelines outlined in the NC IRT Stream and Wetland Mitigation Guidance Update (2016). Installed monitoring devices and plot locations closely mimic the locations of those proposed in the Site's Mitigation Plan. Deviations from these locations were made when professional judgement deemed them necessary to better represent as-built field conditions or when installation of the device in the proposed location was not physically feasible.

Geomorphic data was collected following the standards outlined in The Stream Channel Reference Site: An Illustrated Guide to Field Techniques (Harrelson et al., 1994) and in Stream Restoration: A Natural Channel Design Handbook (Doll et al., 2003). All Integrated Current Condition Mapping was collected by either a professional licensed surveyor or an Arrow 100® Submeter GNSS Receiver and processed using ArcPro. A crest gage, using automated pressure transducers, was installed in a riffle to monitor stream hydrology throughout the year. Groundwater gages were installed using guidance from the USACE's *Technical Standard for Water-Table Monitoring of Potential Wetland Sites* (2005). Stream hydrology and vegetation monitoring protocols followed the Wilmington District Stream and Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Update (NCIRT, 2016). Vegetation installation data collection follow the Carolina Vegetation Survey-EEP Level 2 Protocol (Lee et al., 2008); however, vegetation data processing follows the NC DMS Vegetation Data Entry Tool and Vegetation Plot Data Table (NCDMS, 2020)

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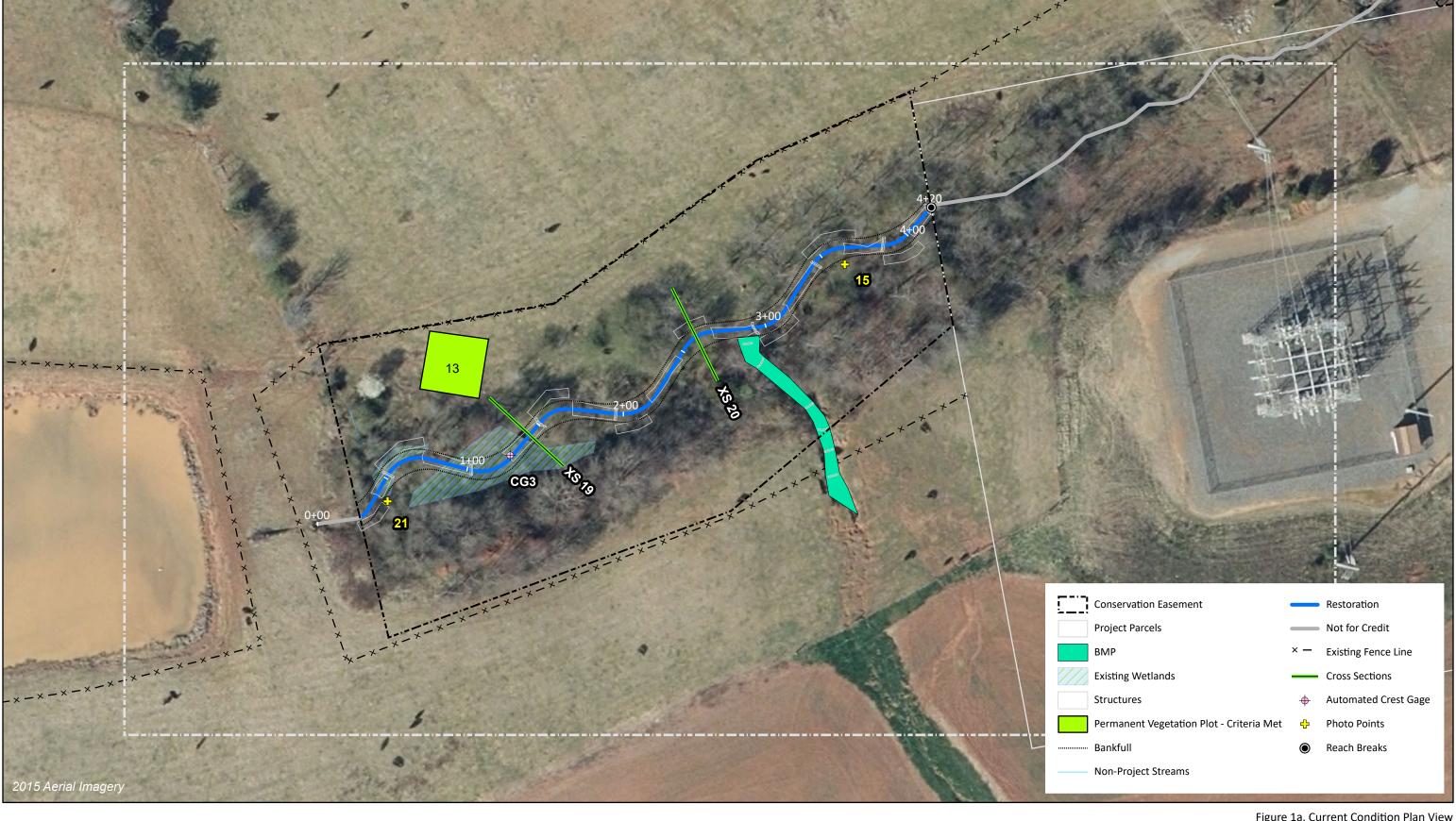




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Figure 1. Current Condition Plan View Key
Wyant Lands Mitigation Site - Phase II Project Expansion
Catawba River Basin 03050102
(03050103 Expanded Service Area)
Monitoring Year 0 - 2022







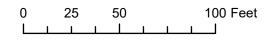
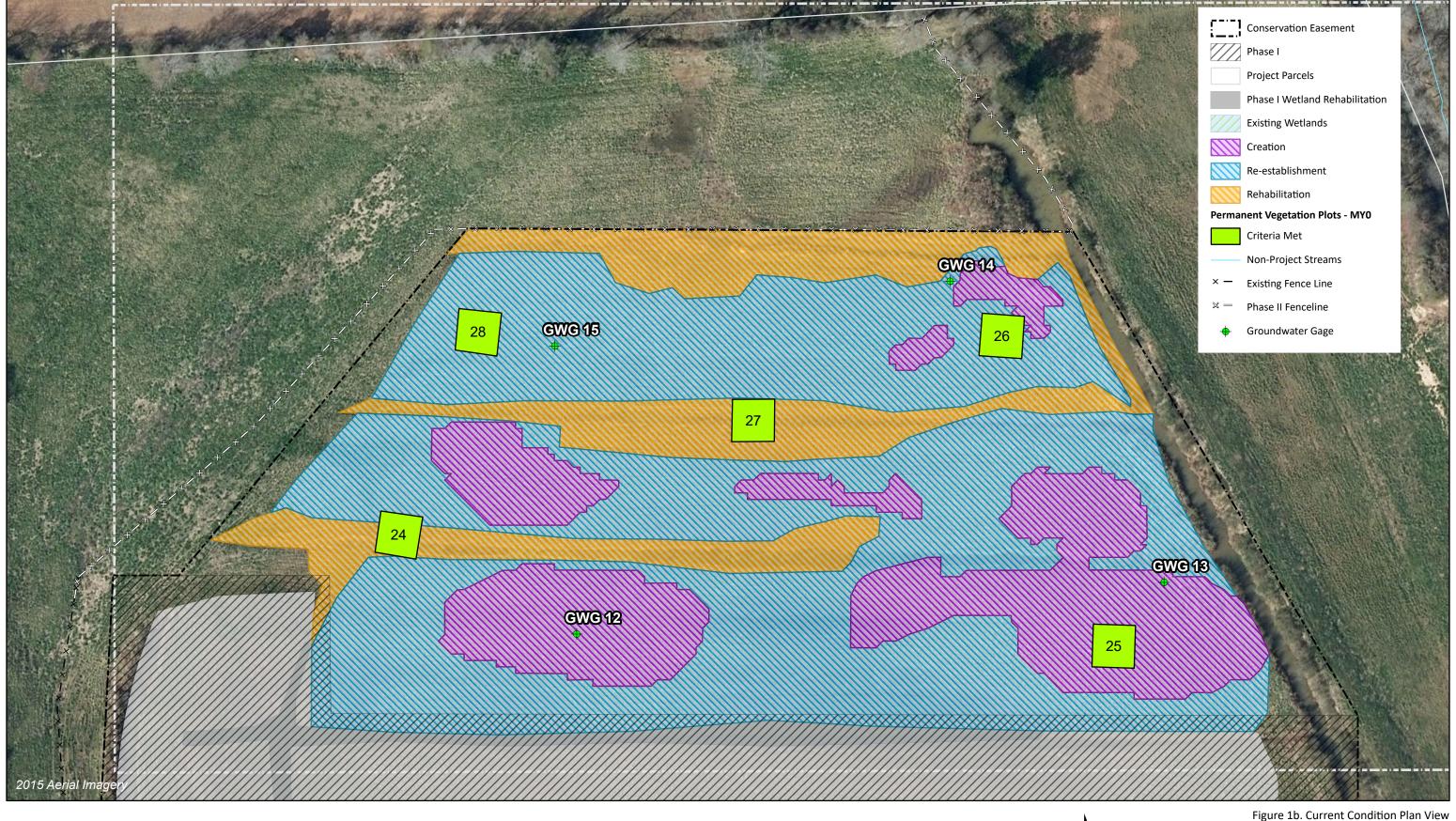




Figure 1a. Current Condition Plan View
Wyant Lands Mitigation Site - Phase II Project Expansion
Catawba River Basin 03050102
(03050103 Expanded Service Area)
Monitoring Year 0 - 2022
Lincoln County, NC







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Figure 1b. Current Condition Plan View
Wyant Lands Mitigation Site - Phase II Project Expansion
Catawba River Basin 03050102
(03050103 Expanded Service Area)
Monitoring Year 0 - 2022
Lincoln County, NC

## Appendix A Visual Assessment Data

#### Table 4. Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment Table

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595 Monitoring Year 0 - 2022 Assessment Date: 6/9/2022

Stream UT2 Reach 1

Major Channel Category		Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-Built	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended
				Assesse	ed Stream Length	396
				Asses	ssed Bank Length	792
	Surface Scour/ Bare Bank	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or surface scour.			0	100%
Bank	Toe Erosion	Bank toe eroding to the extent that bank failure appears likely. Does <u>NOT</u> include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat.			0	100%
	Bank Failure	Fluvial and geotechnical - rotational, slumping, calving, or collapse.			0	100%
				Totals:	0	100%
Structure	Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	7	7		100%
Structure	Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does <u>not</u> exceed 15%.	8	8		100%

#### **Table 5. Vegetation Condition Assessment Table**

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595 Monitoring Year 0 - 2022 Assessment Date: 6/9/2022

Planted Acreage 7.2

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (ac)	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.	0.10	0	0%
Low Stem Density Areas	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on current MY stem count criteria.	0.10	0	0%
		Total	0	0%
	Planted areas where average height is not meeting current MY Performance Standard.	0.10	0	0%
	Cun	nulative Total	0.0	0%

Easement Acreage 5.9

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold (ac)	Combined Acreage	% of Easement Acreage
Invasive Areas of Concern	Invasives may occur outside of planted areas and within the easement and will therefore be calculated against the total easement acreage. Include species with the potential to directly outcompete native, young, woody stems in the short-term or community structure for existing communities. Invasive species included in summation above should be identified in report summary.	0.10	0	0%
Easement Encroachment Areas	Encroachment may be point, line, or polygon. Encroachment to be mapped consists of any violation of restrictions specified in the conservation easement. Common encroachments are mowing, cattle access, vehicular access. Encroachment has no threshold value as will need to be addressed regardless of impact area.	none		0





UT2 R1 – Photo Point 21 looking upstream (4/12/2022)



UT2 R1 – Photo Point 21 looking downstream (4/12/2022)

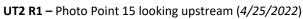


UT2 R1 - Photo Point 21 looking northwest (4/12/2022)



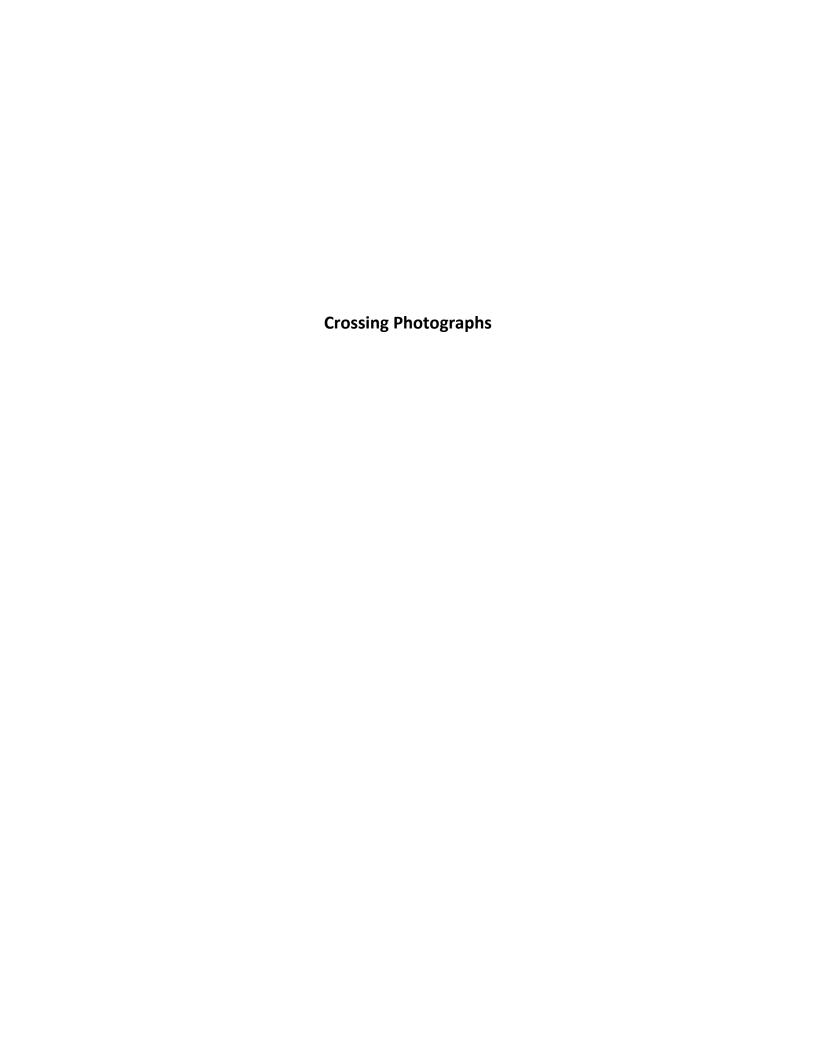
**UT2 R1 –** Step-Pool Stormwater Conveyance looking southeast (4/12/2022)







UT2 R1 – Photo Point 15 looking downstream (4/25/2022)





Wyant R2 Crossing – Looking downstream inlet (3/8/2022)



Wyant R2 Crossing – Looking upstream outlet (3/8/2022)

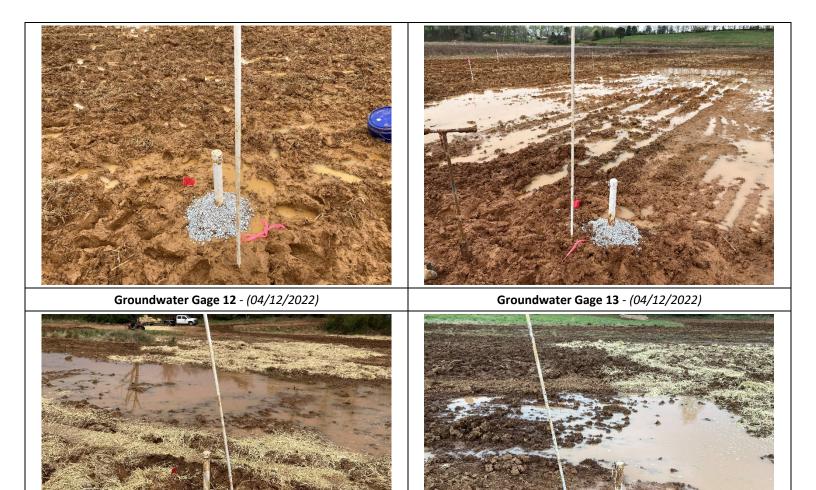


**UT2 R3** – Looking downstream (3/8/2022)



**UT2 R3** – Looking upstream (3/8/2022)





**Groundwater Gage 14** - (04/12/2022)

**Groundwater Gage 15** - (04/12/2022)

#### MONITORING GAUGE INSTALLATION DATA SHEET

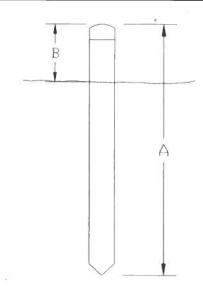
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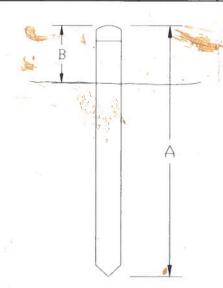


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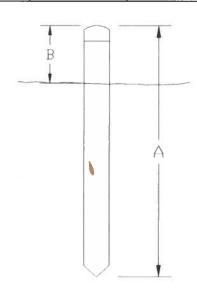


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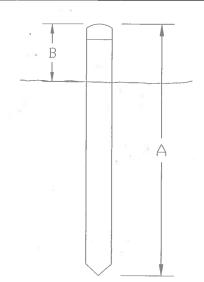
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## Soil Profile Description at Location of Well:

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PERMANENT VEGETATION PLOT 13 (04/25/2022)

PERMANENT VEGETATION PLOT 24 (04/25/2022)





PERMANENT VEGETATION PLOT 25 (04/25/2022)

PERMANENT VEGETATION PLOT 26 (04/25/2022)





PERMANENT VEGETATION PLOT 27 (04/25/2022)

PERMANENT VEGETATION PLOT 28 (04/25/2022)

# Appendix B Vegetation Plot Data

### Table 6. Vegetation Plot Data

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion DMS Project No. 100595

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022

Planted Acreage	7.2
Date of Initial Plant	2022-04-19
Date(s) of Supplemental Plant(s)	NA
Date(s) Mowing	NA
Date of Current Survey	2022-04-25
Plot size (ACRES)	0.0247

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Tree/S	Indicator	Veg Pl	ot 13 F	Veg Pl	ot 24 F	Veg Pl	ot 25 F	Veg PI	ot 26 F	Veg Pl	ot 27 F	Veg Pl	lot 28 F
	Scientific Name	Common Name	hrub	Status	Planted	Total										
	Alnus serrulata	hazel alder	Tree	OBL			1	1	2	2						
	Aronia arbutifolia	red chokeberry	Shrub	FACW	2	2										
	Asimina triloba	pawpaw	Tree	FAC	1	1										
	Betula nigra	river birch	Tree	FACW	4	4	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3
	Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam	Tree	FAC	1	1										
Species	Cephalanthus occidentalis	common buttonbush	Shrub	OBL							2	2			1	1
Included in	Hamamelis virginiana	American witchhazel	Tree	FACU	1	1										
Approved	Morus rubra	red mulberry	Tree	FACU	1	1										
Mitigation	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore	Tree	FACW	2	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	2	2
Plan	Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	Tree	FAC	1	1										
	Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	Tree	FACW					1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2
	Quercus nigra	water oak	Tree	FAC	1	1										
	Salix nigra	black willow	Tree	OBL			6	6	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1
	Salix sericea	silky willow	Shrub	OBL											2	2
	Sambucus canadensis	American black elderberry	Tree								2	2			1	1
Sum	Performance Standard				14	14	12	12	12	12	12	12	9	9	12	12
Post	Acer negundo	boxelder	Tree	FAC			2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mitigation	Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	Tree	FAC			2	2			1	1	3	3		
Plan Species	Oxydendrum arboreum	sourwood	Shrub	UPL	2	2										
Sum	Proposed Standard				16	16	16	16	15	15	15	15	14	14	14	14
	Current Year Sten	n Count				14		12		12		12		9		12
Mitigation	Stems/Acre	e				567		486		486		486		364		486
Plan	Species Cou	nt				9		4		5		6		4		7
Performance	Dominant Species Com	nposition (%)				29		50		33		25		33		25
Standard	Average Plot Hei	ght (ft.)				3		2		2		3		2		2
	% Invasive	s				0		0		0		0		0		0
Doot	Current Year Sten					16		16		15		15		14		14
Post	Stems/Acre					648		648		607		607		567		567
Mitigation Plan	Species Cou	nt				10		6		6		8		6		8
Performance	Dominant Species Com					29		50		33		25		33		25
Standard	Average Plot Hei	ght (ft.)				3		2		3		3		2		3
	% Invasive	s				0		0		0		0		0		0

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

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

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

Table 7. Vegetation Plot Data

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022

				Vegetation F	Performance	Standards Sur	nmary Table						
		Veg Plo	ot 13 F			Veg Plot 24 F				Veg Plot 25 F			
	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	
Monitoring Year 7													
Monitoring Year 5													
Monitoring Year 3													
Monitoring Year 2													
Monitoring Year 1													
Monitoring Year 0	567	3	9	0	486	2	4	0	486	2	5	0	
		Veg Plo	ot 26 F		Veg Plot 27 F				Veg Plot 28 F				
	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	Stems/Ac.	Av. Ht. (ft)	# Species	% Invasives	
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Monitoring Year 2													
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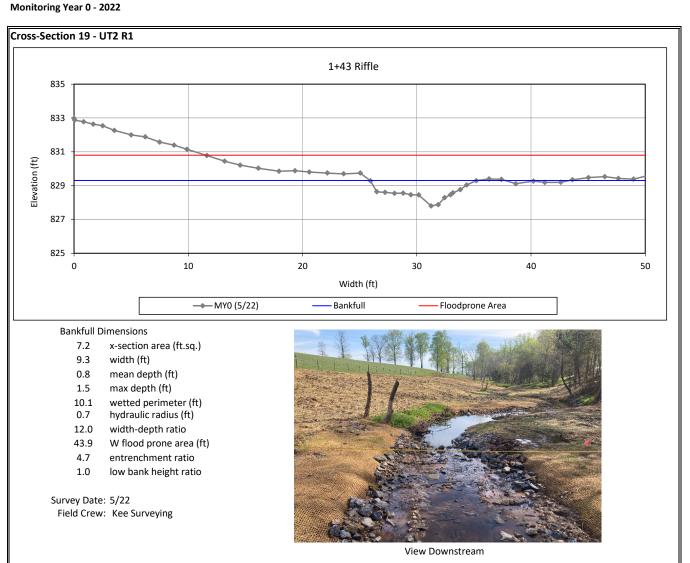
<sup>\*</sup>Each monitoring year represents a different plot for the random vegetation plot "groups". Random plots are denoted with an R, and fixed plots with an F.

# Appendix C Stream Geomorphology Data

### **Cross-Section Plots**

 $\label{thm:condition} \textbf{Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase-II Project Expansion}$ 

DMS Project No. 100595

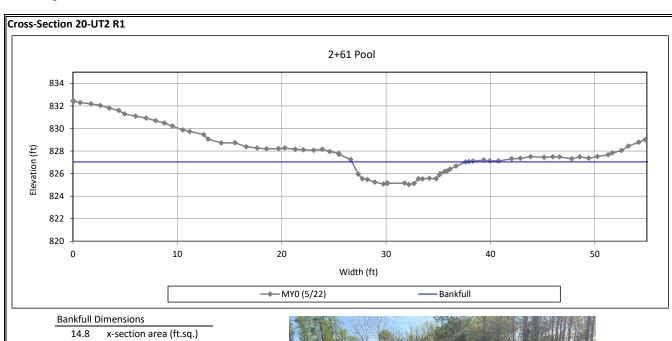


### **Cross-Section Plots**

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase-II Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595





10.9 width (ft)

1.4 mean depth (ft)

2.0 max depth (ft)

12.4 wetted perimeter (ft)

1.2 hydraulic radius (ft)

8.0 width-depth ratio

Survey Date: 5/22

Field Crew: Kee Surveying



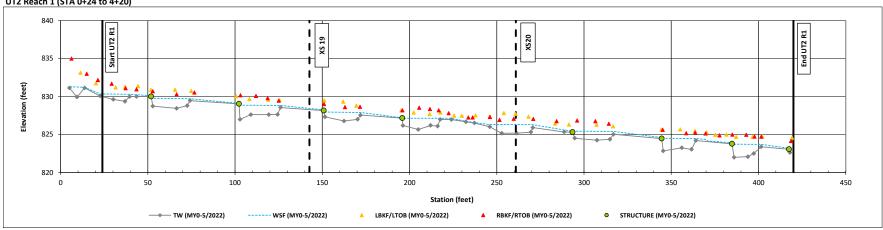
View Downstream

## **Longitudinal Profile Plots**

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion USACE Action ID No. SAW-2021-02449

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022





## **Table 8. Baseline Stream Data Summary**

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion DMS Project No. 100595

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022

		RE-EXISTII ONDITION		DES	IGN	MONIT	ORING B/ (MY0)	ASELINE
Parameter				UTZ	2 R1			
Riffle Only	Min	Max	n	Min	Max	Min	Max	n
Bankfull Width (ft)	8	.3	1	9	.3	9	.3	1
Floodprone Width (ft)	19	9.6	1			43	3.9	1
Bankfull Mean Depth	0	.6	1	0	.7	0	.8	1
Bankfull Max Depth	0	.9	1	1.0		1	.5	1
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	5	.0	1	6	.8	7.	.2	1
Width/Depth Ratio	13	3.8	1	13	3.0	12	2.0	1
Entrenchment Ratio	2	.4	1	>1.4	5.0	4	.7	1
Bank Height Ratio	2	.0	1	1.0	1.1	1	.0	1
Max part size (mm) mobilized at bankfull								
Rosgen Classification		C4b		Е	lc		Вс	
Bankfull Discharge (cfs)		16.8		26	5.0		25.1	
Sinuosity		1.24		1.	10		1.10	
Water Surface Slope (ft/ft) <sup>2</sup>		0.017		0.0	)19		0.018	
Other								

**Table 9. Cross-Section Morphology Monitoring Summary** 

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022

						UT2 Rea	ich 1					
		Cro	oss-Sectio	n 19 (Rif	fle)		Cross-Section 20 (Pool)					
	MY0	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY5	MY7	MY0	MY1	MY2	MY3	MY5	MY7
Bankfull Elevation (ft) - Based on AB- Bankfull <sup>1</sup> Area	829.30						827.03					
Bank Height Ratio - Based on AB Bankfull <sup>1</sup> Area	1.0						1.0					
Thalweg Elevation	827.80						825.08					
LTOB <sup>2</sup> Elevation	829.30						827.03					
LTOB <sup>2</sup> Max Depth (ft)	1.5						2.0					
LTOB <sup>2</sup> Cross Sectional Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	7.2						14.8		·	·	·	·

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Bank Height Ratio (BHR) takes the As-built bankful area as the basis for adjusting each subsequent years bankfull elevation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>LTOB Area and Max depth - These are based on the LTOB elevation for each years survey (The same elevation used for the LTOB in the BHR calculation). Area below the LTOB elevation will be used and tracked for

# Appendix D Project Timeline and Contact Information

# **Table 10. Project Activity and Reporting History**

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022

Activity or Delivera	ble	Data Collection Complete	Task Completion or Deliverable Submission
Project Instituted		N/A	N/A
Mitigation Plan Approved		January 2022	January 2022
Construction (Grading) Completed		April 2022	April 2022
Planting Completed		April 2022	April 2022
As-Built Survey Completed		April - May 2022	May 2022
Baseline Monitoring Document (Year 0)	Stream Survey	May 2022	July 2022
baseline Monitoring Document (rear 0)	Vegetation Survey	April 2022	July 2022
Voor 1 Monitoring	Stream Survey		
Year 1 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey		
Voor 2 Manitoring	Stream Survey		
Year 2 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey		
Voor 2 Manitoring	Stream Survey		
Year 3 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey		
Year 4 Monitoring	·		
Voor E Monitoring	Stream Survey		
Year 5 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey		
Year 6 Monitoring			
Voor 7 Monitoring	Stream Survey		
Year 7 Monitoring	Vegetation Survey		7

## **Table 11. Project Contact Table**

Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion

DMS Project No. 100595

Monitoring Year 0 - 2022

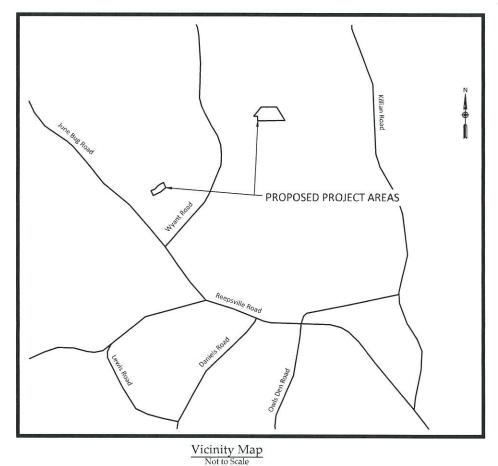
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Monitoring DOC	Kristi Suggs
Monitoring, POC	704.332.7754 x.110

# Appendix E Record Drawings and Sealed As-Built Survey

# Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion Record Drawing

Lincoln County, North Carolina for NCDEQ

Division of Mitigation Services





RECORD DRAWINGS ISSUED July 15, 2022

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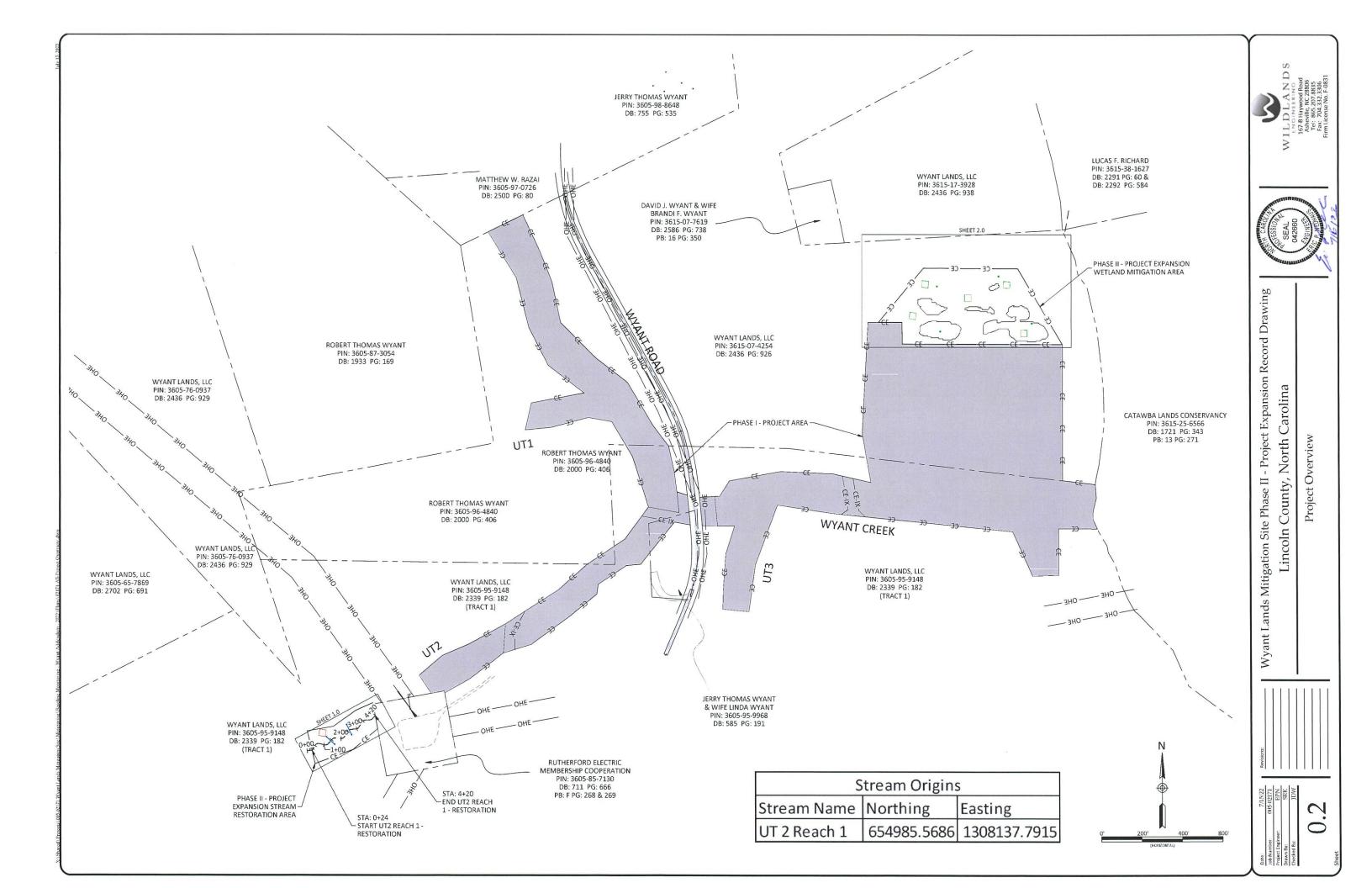




Wyant Lands Mitigation Site Phase II - Project Expansion Record Drawing Lincoln County, North Carolina







# **Pre-Construction Features**

	Pre-Construction Major Contour
	Pre-Construction Minor Contour
	Pre-Construction Property Line
—— CE —— CE —— CE ——	Recorded Conservation Easement
OHE OHE	Pre-Construction Overhead Utility Easement
	Pre-Construction Overhead Electric
	Pre-Construction Power Pole
	Pre-Construction Farm Road
* * * *	Pre-Construction Jurisdictionally Delineated Wetlands
	Pre-Construction Asphalt Road
	Pre-Construction Riprap
	Pre-Construction Farm Pond

# **Design Features**

Design Thalweg Alignment
Design Bankfull
Design Conservation Easemer
Design Internal Crossing
Design Major Contour
Design Minor Contour

# **Design Structures**





Design Constructed Riffles Per Plans



Design Brush Toe



Design SPSC



Design Wetland Ditch Plug



Design Log Sill



Design Rock Sill



Design Wetland Rehabilitation



Design Wetland Reestablishment



Design Wetland Creation

**As-Built Structures** 



As-Built Constructed Riffles Per Plans



As-Built Brush Toe



As-Built Log Sill As-Built Rock Sill



As-Built Wetland Rehabilitation



As-Built Wetland Reestablishment



As-Built Wetland Creation



As-Built Soil Road



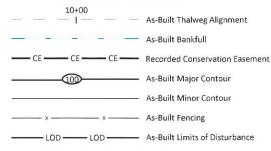
As-Built Rip Rap

- PROJECT NOTES:

  1. Topographic data provided by North Carolina Spatial Data Download.
  QL1 Lidar data from September 2016.
- Lidar data supplemented by topographic survey provided by Kee Mapping and Surveying dated March 2019 and August 2021.
- 3. Survey data provided by Kee Mapping and Surveying dated May 2022.

DEVIATIONS FROM THE DESIGN WILL BE SHOWN IN RED.

# As-Built Features



# **Monitoring Features**



Photo Point



Permanent Vegetation Plot



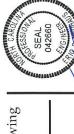
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Crest Gage



Monitoring Cross Section

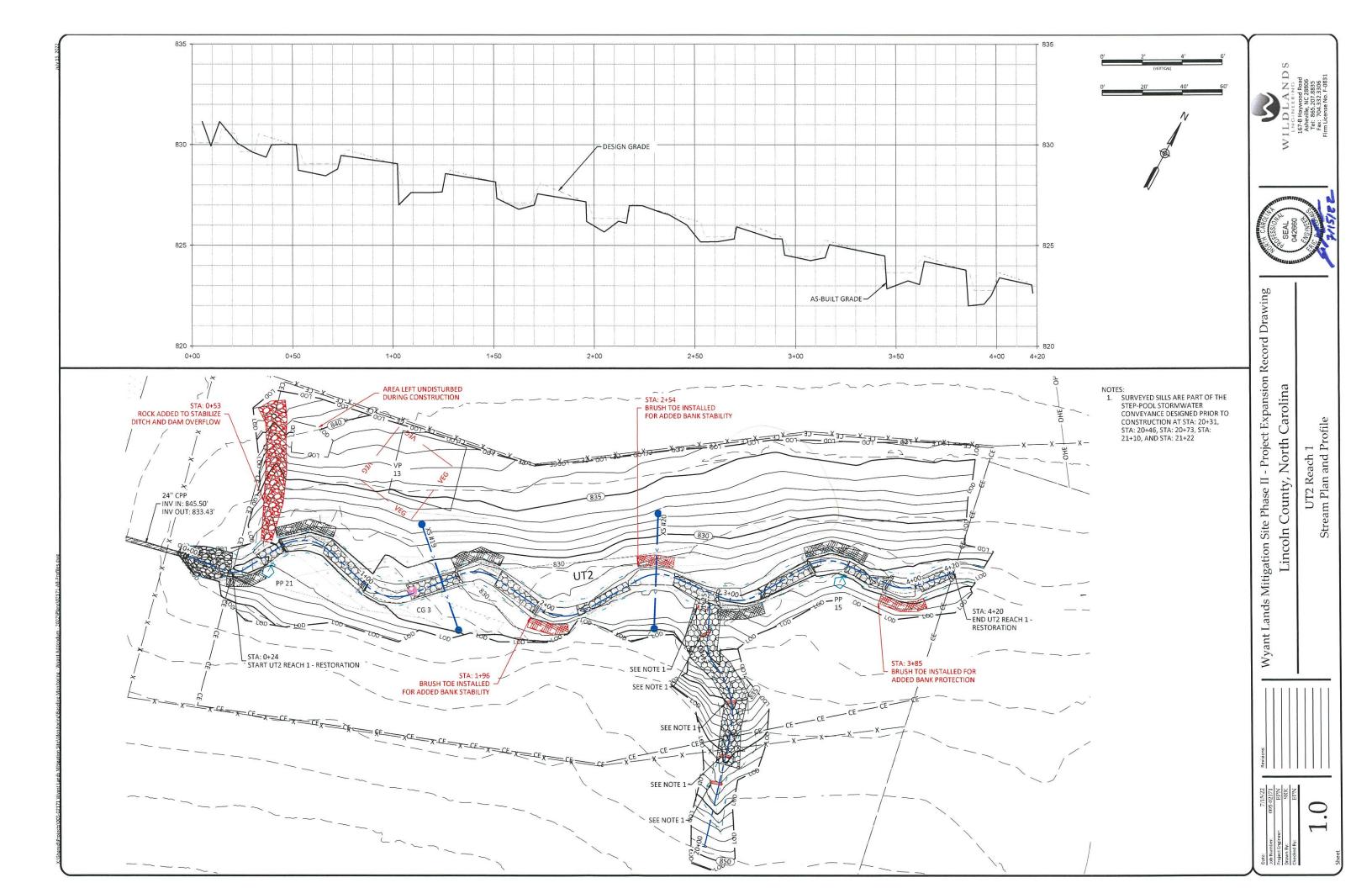


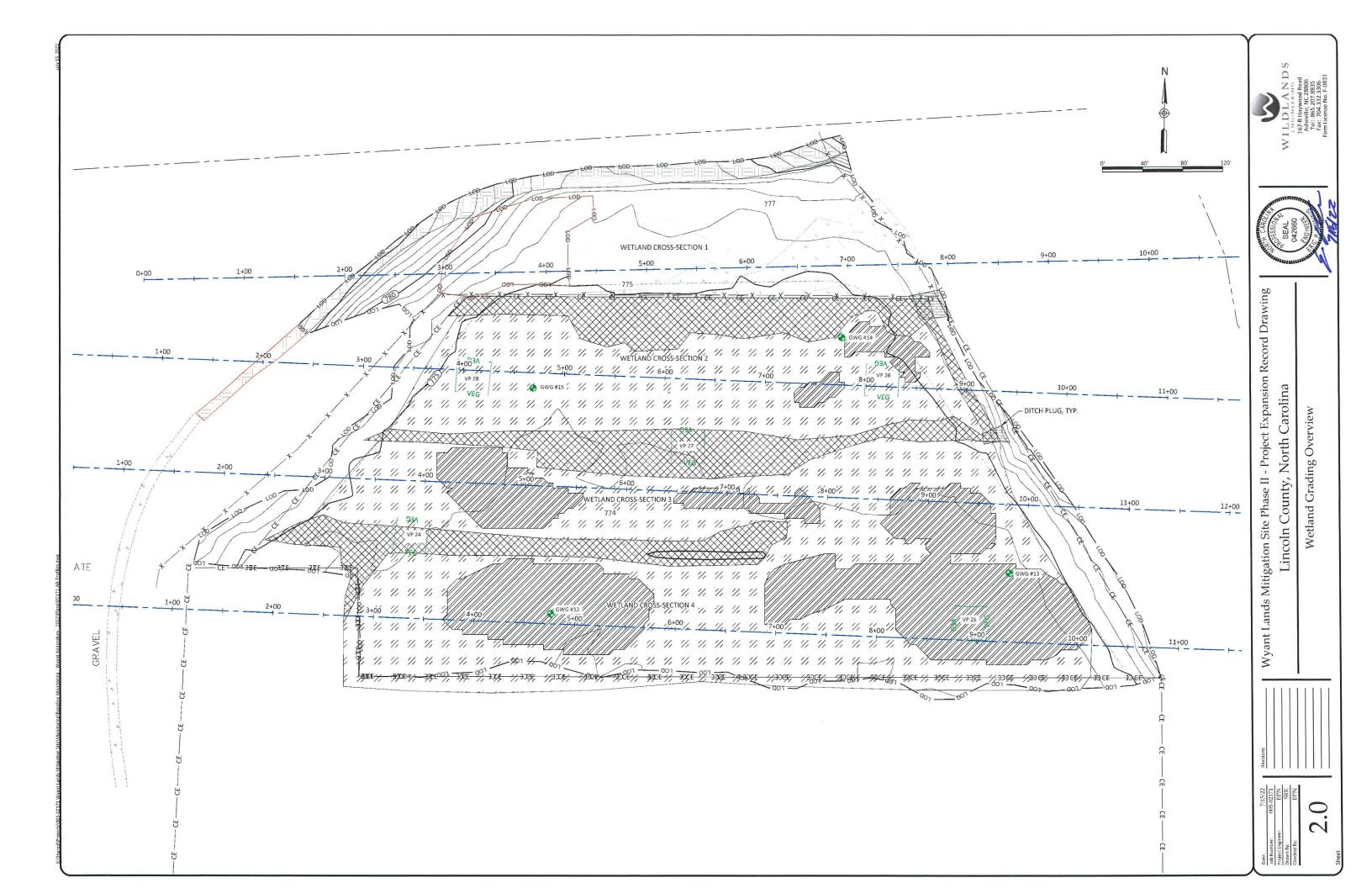
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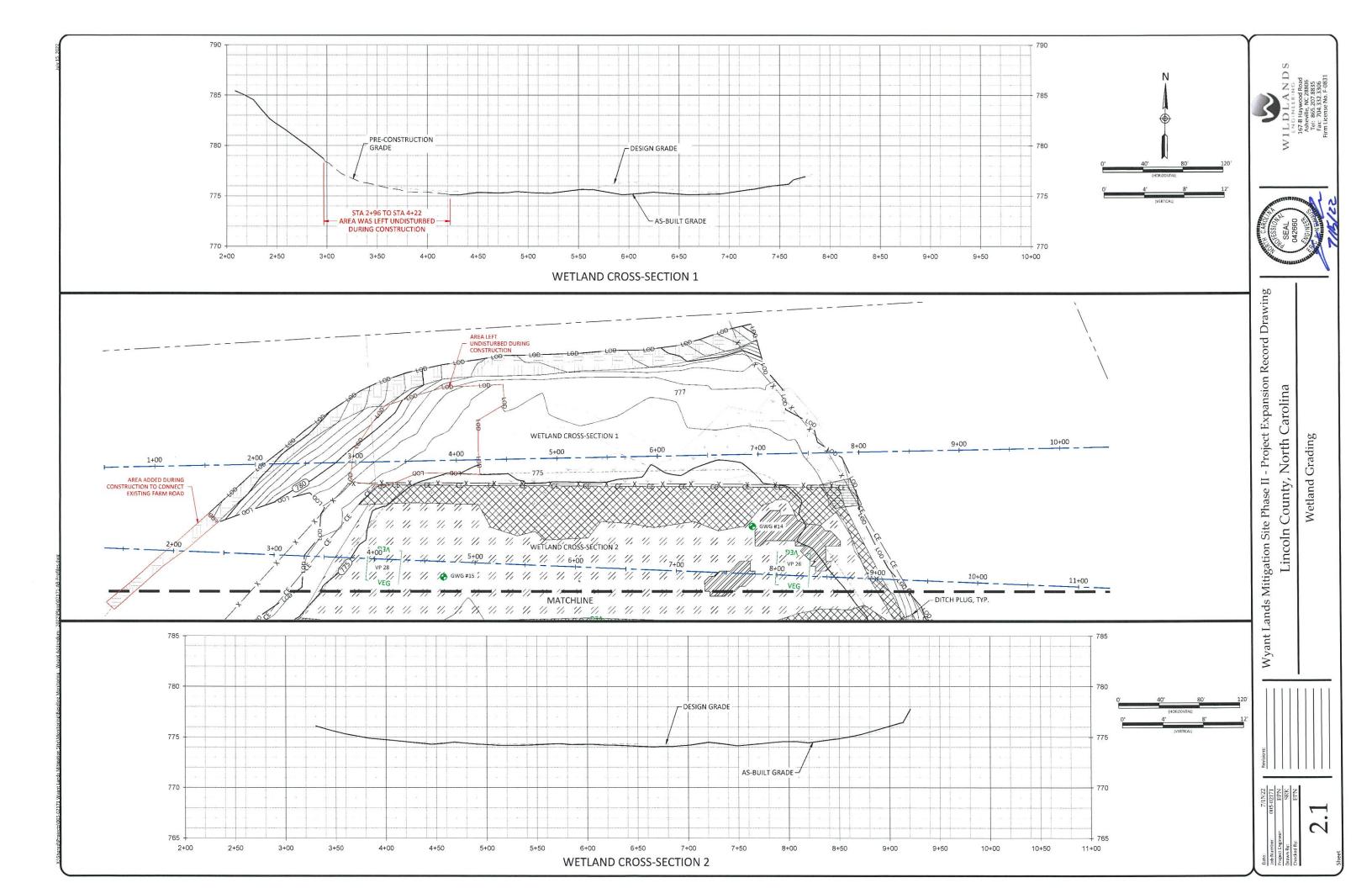
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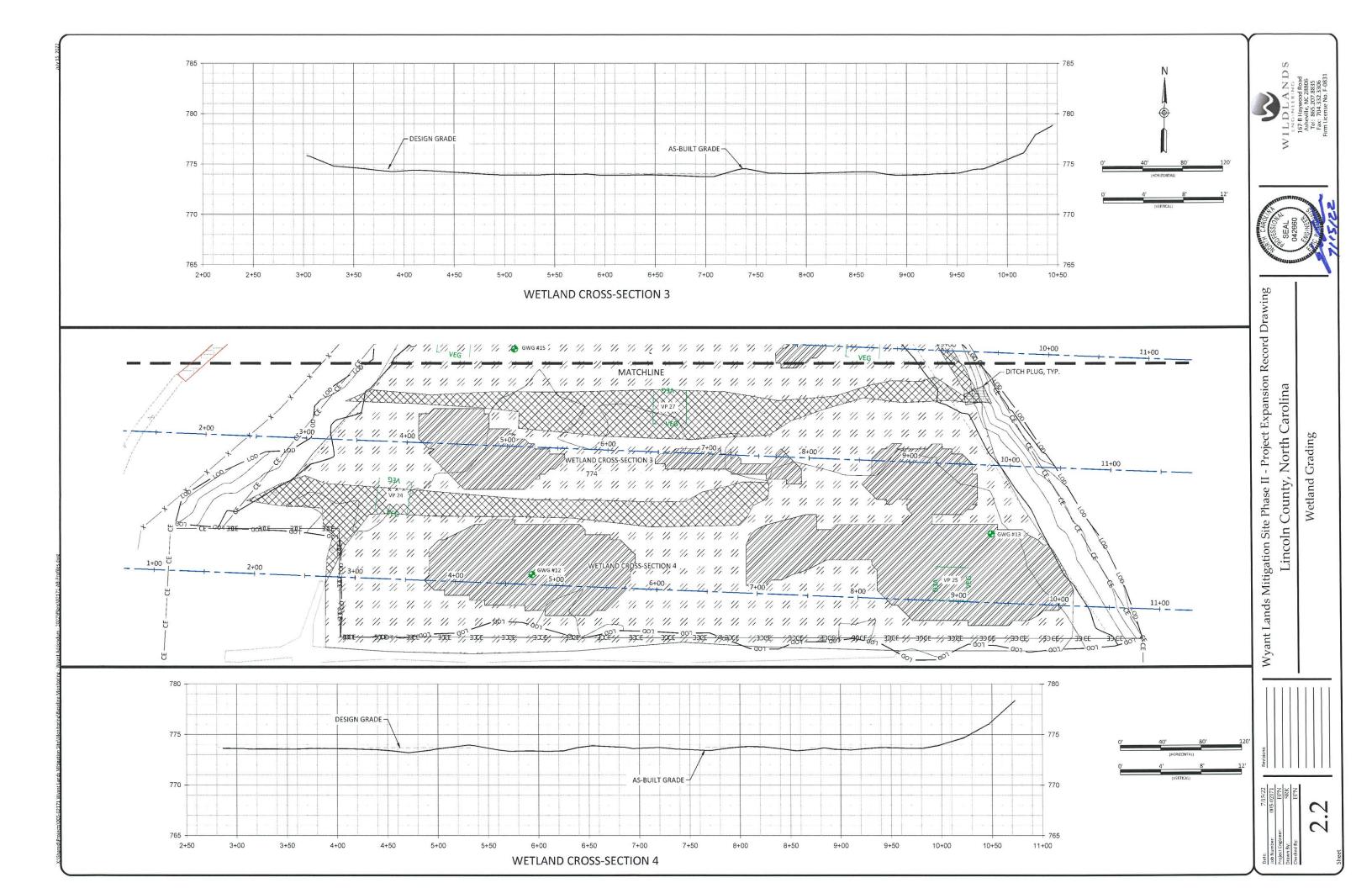
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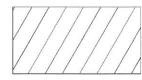














Stab	ilization Seeding	
Scientific Name	Common Name	lb/acre
Festuca arundinacea	Tall Fescue	80

NOTE:
1. "STABLIZATION SEEDING" IS FOR AREAS OF
DISTURBANCE OUTSIDE CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

Species	Common Name	Indiv. Spacing	Min. Caliper	Percentage	Wetland Indicator Status	
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Common Buttonbush	3-5 ft	0.5"	20%	OBL	
Salix sericea	Silky Willow	3-5 ft	0.5"	40% 20%	OBL	
Physocarpus opulifolius	Ninebark	3-5 ft	0.5"	20%	FACW	
Sambucus canadensis	Elderberry	3-5 ft	0.5"	20%	FAC	
Cornus amomum	Silky Dogwood	3-5 ft	0.5"	20%	FACW	
Salix nigra	Black Willow	3-5ft	0.5"	40%	OBL	

STREAM BANK ZONE - Herbaceous Plugs				
Species	Common Name	Indiv. Spacing	Percentage	Wetland Indicator Status
Juncus effusus	Common Rush	4 ft	40%	FACW
Carex alata	Broadwing Sedge	4 ft	20%	OBL
Carex Iurida	Lurid Sedge	4 ft	15%	OBL
Scirpus cyperinus	Woolgrass	4 ft	15%	FACW
Carex crinita	Fringed Sedge	4 ft	10%	OBL



	WETLAND PL	ANTING ZONE				
Species	Common Name	Spacing	Min. Caliper	Percentage	Wetland Indicator Status FACW	
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	<del>-11%-15%</del>		
Quereus phellos	Willow Oak	12ft × 12ft	0.25"	17%	FAC	
Betula nigra	River Birch	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	<del>-11% 15%</del>	FACW	
Quercus michauxii	Swamp Chestnut Oak	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	-17% 10%	FACW	
Sambucus canadensis	Elderberry	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	10% 5%	FAC	
Alnus serrulata	Tag Alder	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	10% 5%	OBL	
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Common Buttonbush	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	<del>-12% 5%</del>	OBL	
Rosa palustris	Swamp rose	12ft × 12ft	0.25"	12%	OBL	
Salix nigra	Black Willow	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	15%	OBL	
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	10%	FAC	
Acer negundo	Box Elder	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	15%	FAC	
Salix sericea	Silky Willow	12ft x 12ft	0.25"	5%	OBL	

Permanent Riparian Seeding						
Pure Live Seed (22 lbs/acre mix)						
Approved Date	Species Name	Common Name	Stratum	Density (lbs/acre)	Wetland Indicator Status	
All Year	Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	Herb	4.0	FACU	
All Year	Rudbeckia hirta	Blackeyed Susan	Herb	1.0	FACU	
All Year	Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	Herb	1.0	OBL	
All Year	Panicum clandestinum	Deertongue	Herb	3.0	FAC	
All Year	Elymus virginicus	Virginia Wild Rye	Herb	3.0	FACW	
All Year	Sorghastrum nutans	Indiangrass	Herb	3.0	FACU	
All Year	Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf coreopsis	Herb	1.0	FACU	
All Year	Bidens aristosa	Bur-marigold	Herb	1.0	FACW	
All Year	Panicum rigidulum	Redtop Panicgrass	Herb	1.0	FACW	
All Year	Helianthus angustifolius	Narrowleaf sunflower	Herb	1.0	FACW	
All Year	Coreopsis tinctoria	Plains coreopsis	Herb	1.0	FAC	
All Year	Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	Herb	2.0	FAC	

NOTE:

1. PERMANENT RIPARIAN SEEDING IN ALL DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN CONSERVATION EASEMENT

	TEMPORARY SEEDING	
APPROVED DATE	TYPE	PLANTING RATE (lbs/acre)
	Rye Grain (Secale Cereale)	120
Jan 1 – May 1	Ground Agricultural Limestone	2,000
MEN. O. C. C. C. S. M. C.	10-10-10 Fertilizer	750
	Straw Mulch	4,000
May 1 – Aug 15	German Millet (Setaria italica)	40
	Ground Agricultural Limestone	2,000
	10-10-10 Fertilizer	750
	Straw Mulch	4,000
Aug 15 – Dec 31	Rye Grain (Secale Cereale)	120
	Ground Agricultural Limestone	2,000
	10-10-10 Fertilizer	1,000
	Straw Mulch	4,000

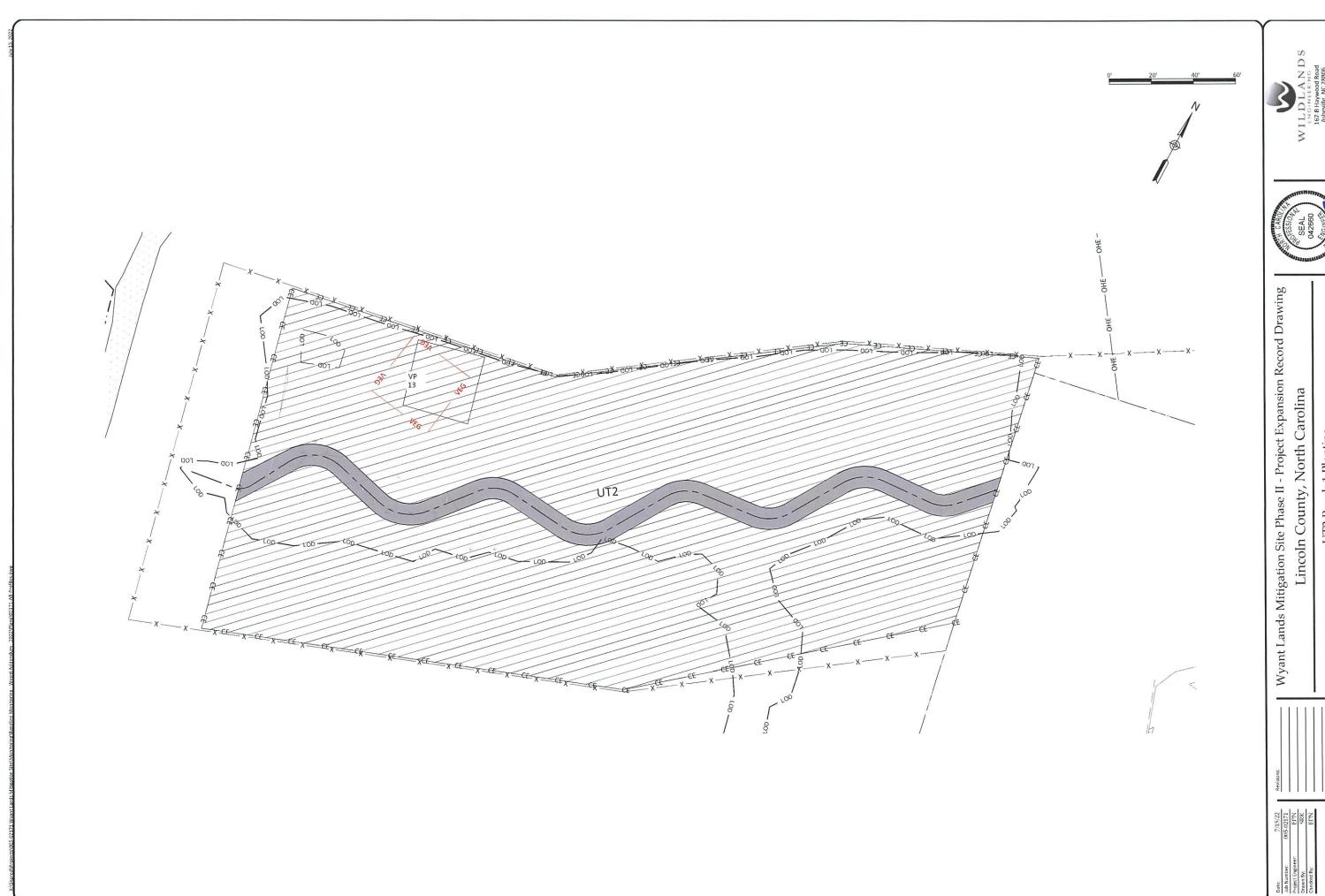




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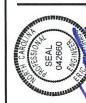
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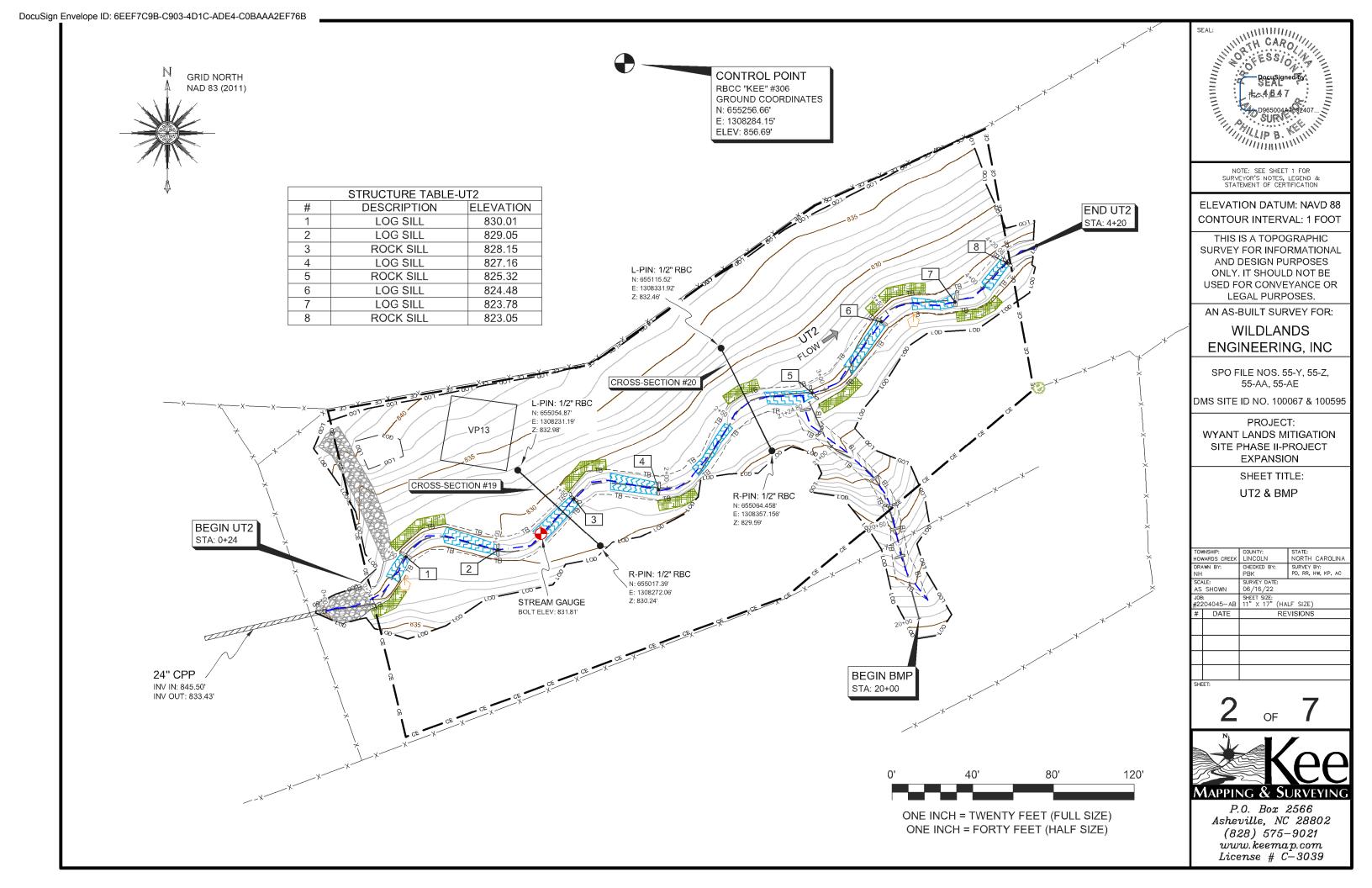
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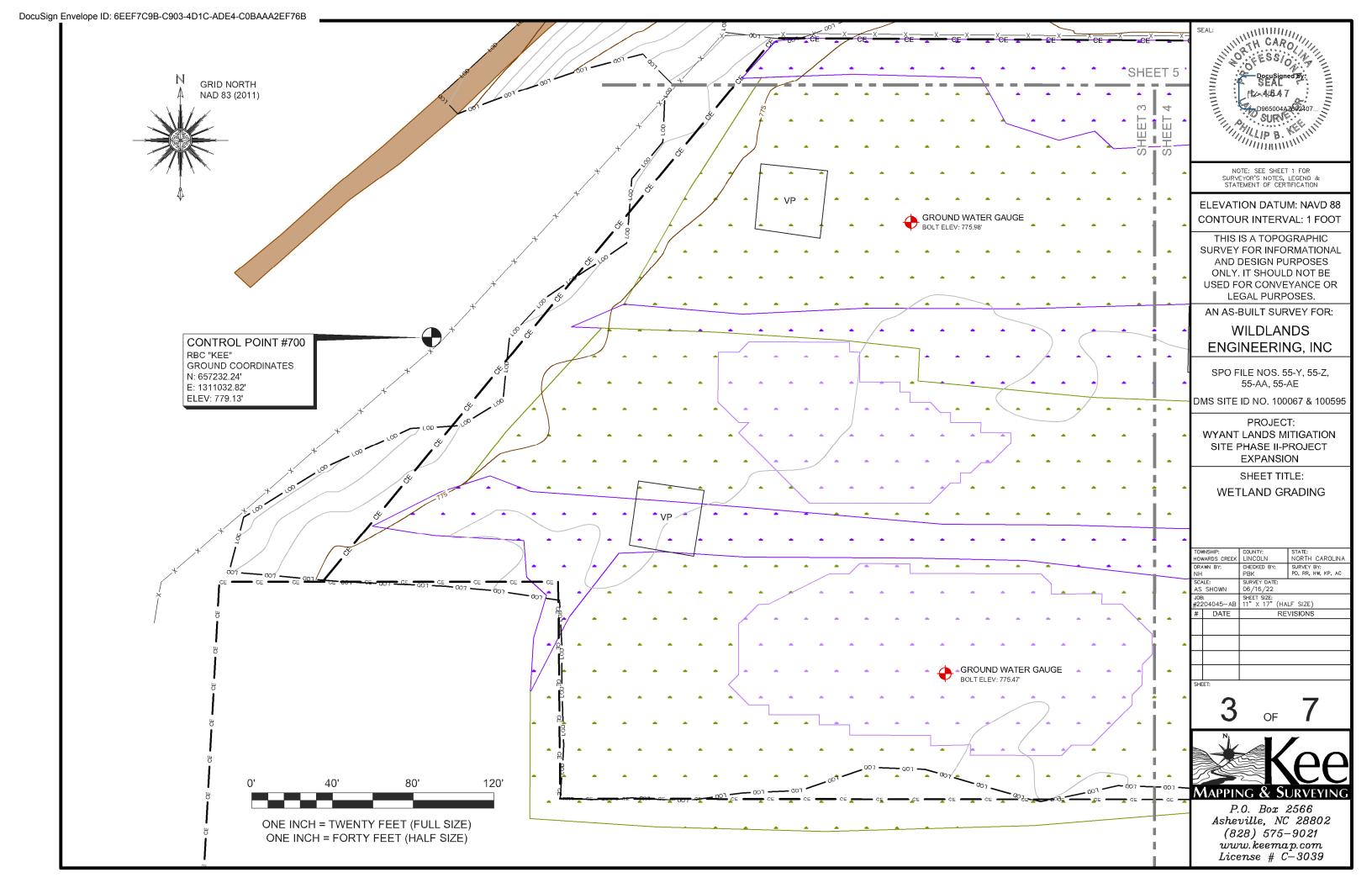


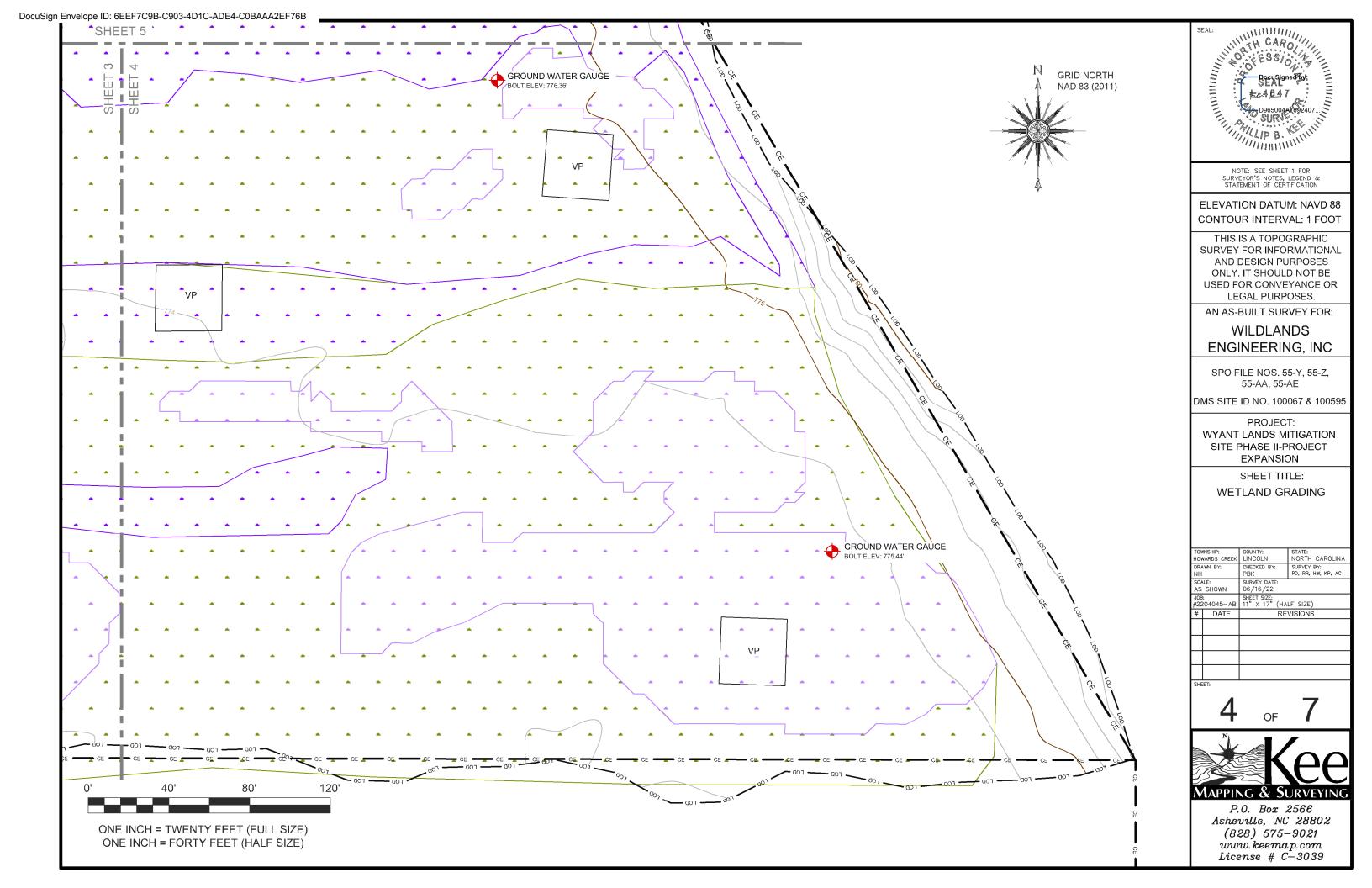


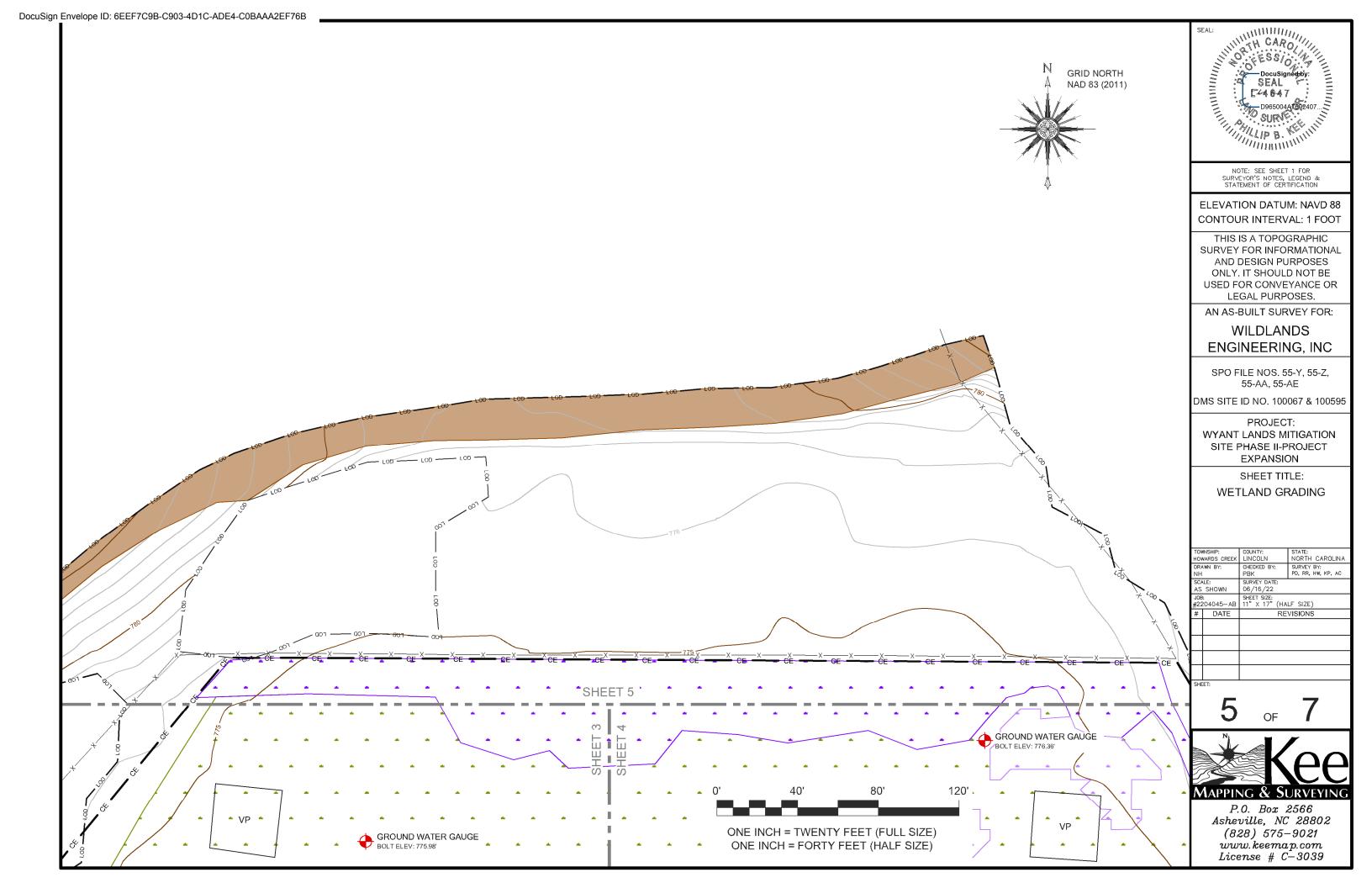
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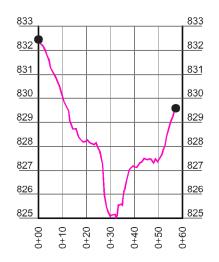








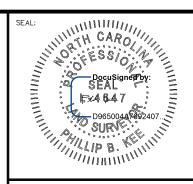
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VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 2' FULL SIZE, 1" = 4' HALF SIZE



CROSS-SECTION #20-UT2
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**LEGEND** 

CROSS-SECTION REBAR



NOTE: SEE SHEET 1 FOR SURVEYOR'S NOTES, LEGEND & STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

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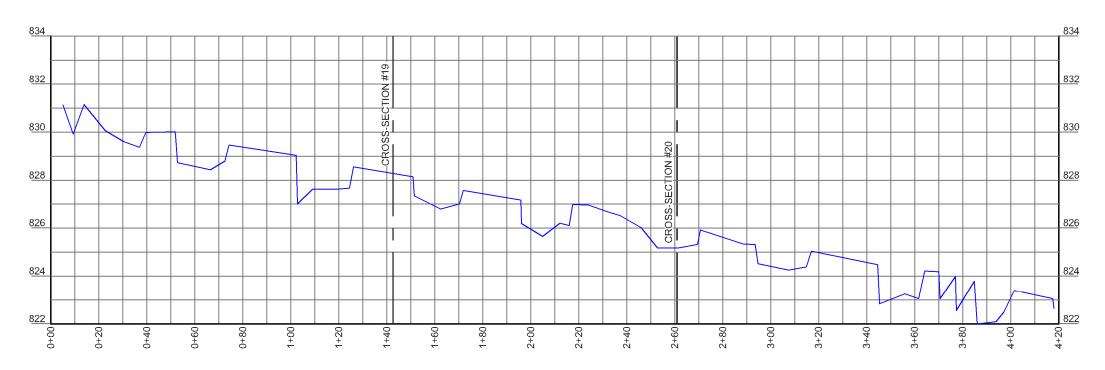
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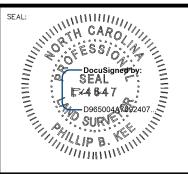


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# Appendix F Correspondence



January 14, 2022

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Wilmington, NC 28403-1343

RE: Wyant Lands Phase II Project Expansion

Lincoln County, NC

Response to NCIRT Review Comments USACE Action ID No: SAW-2021-02449

NCDMS Project No: 100595

Dear Ms. Browning:

Wildlands Engineering, Inc. (Wildlands) has reviewed USACE's and NCDWR's comments from the Wyant Lands Phase II Project Expansion in Lincoln County, NC. The following Wildlands responses to *USACE's and NCDWR's comments* are noted below.

## **USACE Addendum Comments, Kim Browning:**

1. The categorical exclusion documents provided pertain to the 404 permit that was issued in July 2020. This will cover UT2 Reach 1, but was the new parcel where the wetlands be added assessed for ESA and SHPO resources in 2018? I understand that the area is currently in agriculture and likely doesn't contain any resources; however, the entire area of disturbance should be evaluated and documented for the new 404 permit.

**Wildlands Response:** Wildland's personnel assessed the addendum area for ESA and SHPO resources in the field. The proposed mitigation plan addendum area is within the parent tract of the original approved categorical exclusion document submitted in 2018. Based on site observations, aerials, and landowner correspondence, the area has been managed in agriculture since at least 1950 and no additional clearing area is proposed outside of the originally approved project disturbance area. No additional correspondence was provided as part of the project addendum.

2. Section 5.5 should address whether the existing wooded buffer on UT2 R1 will be cleared and replanted, or selective clearing and supplemental planting will be done. At the site visit, we discussed removal of black walnut and potentially transplanting mockernut hickory, which was not discussed in the existing conditions section.

**Wildlands Response:** Wildlands plans to selectively clear where possible during construction of UT2 Reach 1. Wildlands will make every effort to transplant the existing mockernut hickory and will remove identified black walnut within the conservation easement. Existing privet and other identified invasive species will also be removed during construction.

3. Table 10 and 11: You may want to consider removing the Pebble Count performance standard.

**Wildlands Response:** Pebble counts are now removed from the performance standards and the monitoring components tables.

4. Section 7.0: If you intend on proposing the addendum expansion project for close-out at MY6 to coincide with close-out of the initial Wyant Lands project, pending the project is on a trajectory for success, that should be discussed in this section.

Wildlands Response: The following text was added to Section 7.0 proposing phase II close-out at MY6. "To facilitate project organization, after the as-built and baseline monitoring report is submitted and approved for the addendum area, monitoring reports for phase II will be included with phase I monitoring reports. It is proposed that if the addendum area has met monitoring performance standards three of the prior four monitoring years at closeout of the phase I portion of the project (monitoring year 6 of phase II), the addendum area also be closed as well. If monitoring performance criteria within the phase II addendum area has not met monitoring standards three out of the prior four years, an additional seventh year of monitoring will be performed for the addendum area and the closeout monitoring period will be seven years beyond completion of construction and/or until performance standards have been met."

5. Figure 2A: It appears that not all of the existing wetland T will be captured in the addendum area (to the north). Will this pose a problem for the landowner if the field adjacent to the conservation easement becomes too wet?

**Wildlands Response:** The area of existing Wetland T that is outside the proposed addendum area will be raised in elevation (1 foot max) but is anticipated to remain wet after the project. This area of property is currently wet and the landowner understands it will remain wet post construction. Grades increase quickly as you move north of wetland T towards the property line and spoil material removed from the proposed wetland area will be used to increase elevations in the 100-foot gap between the addendum easement and the property line to ensure an adequate travel path for the landowner. Impacts to Wetland T are listed as temporary within the 401/404 permit submittal for the project.

6. Figure 10.2A: Please show the location of the BMP.

Wildlands Response: Figure 10.2A is updated to show the location of the proposed BMP.

### **DWR addendum comments, Erin Davis:**

1. Page 7, Section 3.2 – What is the risk of hydrologic trespass along the Addendum wetland area? Is there any concern with current or future land use that may result in ditching near the easement (and wetland credit) boundary?

Wildlands Response: Hydrologic trespass risk along the addendum wetland area is minimal. Grades increase quickly north and west of the proposed addendum conservation easement. To the east a natural levy and relic berm, along with the drainage of Pott Creek, decrease the risk for potential hydrologic trespass. Spoil material removed from the proposed wetland area will be used to increase elevations north of the proposed wetland in the 100-foot gap between the addendum easement and the property line to ensure an adequate travel path for the

landowner. The primary use for the land most near the addendum conservation easement, is farm traffic/travel and it is not anticipated that ditching near the easement would be required for current of future land use.

2. Page 13 – The Table 10 footnote #3 appears inconsistent with the Section 7 monitoring plan schedule/duration. Please clarify the proposed Addendum area's monitoring schedule, as well as, how (if at all) it will be associated with the original project mitigation plan's schedule.

**Wildlands Response:** See Wildlands response to comment #4 from Kim Browning above. Text was added to Section 7.0 to clarify the proposed monitoring period for the addendum portion of the project.

3. Figures: Is it possible to show the existing CE red dashed line over the proposed CE purple line where they share a boundary? It was initially very confusing to see the constructed project area extend into the proposed CE area.

**Wildlands Response:** All the maps are now updated with the red dashed line over the purple line to show where the phase I Conservation Easement ends and the phase II conservation easement starts.

4. Figure 6.1A – Based on the aerial basemap there appears to be ditches onsite (Wetland Q to the area below Open Water 2). Please confirm and add callouts if present. It is also helpful to have any existing ditches located near the proposed project boundaries identified, particularly if they could influence site conditions.

**Wildlands Response:** Existing site ditches and ditches to be filled were added to Figures 2A and 6.1A, respectively. All ditches in or near the proposed project boundary are going to filled and plugged. No ditches that will influence site conditions exist adjacent to the addendum conservation easement.

5. Figure 11A – Please show proposed wetland credit types on this figure. It's difficult to tell if any of the veg plots and gauges are located within proposed wetland rehabilitation or creation areas. If not, please shit at least one gauge to a representative creation area and have at least one veg plot in each credit type area. Also, none of the gauges are located near the proposed easement boundary, which can be a zone we're concerned with the hydroperiod meeting the performance standard threshold. Please shift at least one gauge closer to the CE boundary. If it would be helpful, DWR can mark-up a figure with recommended gauge shifts once the credit types have been added.

**Wildlands Response:** The proposed wetland credit types are now included on Figure 11A. Vegetation plots and wetland gages were shifted to have representation in each wetland crediting type. One wetland gage was shifted towards the boundary of the conservation easement, and another shifted towards the edge of the wetland boundary.

6. Sheet 2.0 – With the grading proposed outside the easement, is it expected to result in a loss of any open water and/or wetland areas? It appears the Open Water 2 area will be graded up to elev. 777. Also, what is the minimum ditch plug length being proposed.

**Wildlands Response:** Open Water 2 will be permanently impacted and filled. Within the conservation easement, this area will be restored to bottomland forested wetland. See response to comment #5 from Kim Browning above regarding Wetland T. The 401/404 permit submitted for project includes these areas of impact. Minimum ditch plug length is 8 feet, but it should be noted that all ditches are proposed to be filled for their entirety in addition to proposed ditch plugs.

7. Sheet 4.0 – DWR would encourage reducing sycamore and river birch percentages within the wetland planting zone in order to enhance habitat diversity.

**Wildlands Response:** Wildlands has reduced the sycamore and river birch percentages within the wetland planting zones. Willow oak, swamp chestnut oak, common button bush, and swamp rose percentages were all increased.

## **USACE** addendum comments, Casey Haywood:

1. Please include the October 18, 2021 site visit notes as an appendix.

**Wildlands Response:** Meeting Minutes from the October 18, 2021 site visit with the IRT were included in Appendix 13A.

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