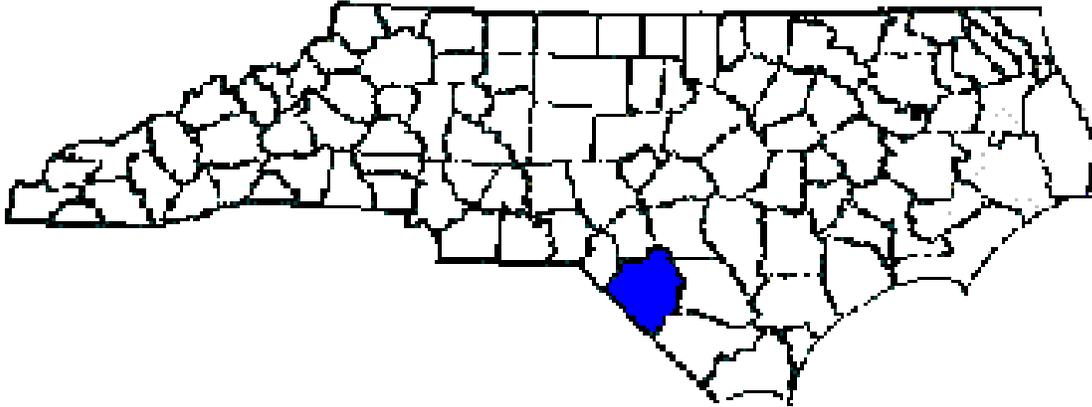


ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011



**Unnamed Tributary to Little Jacob
Swamp Mitigation Site
Robeson County
TIP No. R-0513WM**



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SUMMARY

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during 2011 at the Unnamed Tributaries to Little Jacob Swamp (UT to Little Jacob Swamp) Mitigation Site in Robeson County. The site was constructed during 2007 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). This report provides the monitoring results for the fourth formal year of monitoring (Year 2011). The Year 2011 monitoring period is the fourth of five scheduled years of monitoring on UT to Little Jacob Swamp (See Success Criteria Section 2.1).

Based on the overall conclusions of monitoring along UT to Little Jacob Swamp, the site has met the required monitoring protocols for the fourth formal year of monitoring. Based on comparing the monitoring data to the as-built, the stream channel remains stable throughout the site at this time. The stream bank is heavily vegetated for the fourth year of monitoring. The vegetation in the stream buffer area was replanted in February 2009 and is now meeting the success criteria for the fourth year of monitoring.

The longitudinal profile survey was not conducted along the stream at the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site in 2011 due to extensive vegetation growth along the channel. The heavy vegetation growth made it impossible to survey the channel without cutting down many of the desired species along the channel. NCDOT emailed the regulatory agencies on September 28, 2011 to propose to discontinue profile monitoring. It was determined through email responses that in lieu of doing the longitudinal profile, visual inspection of the channel stability throughout the reach and photo documentation at the permanent photo point locations would be completed. All other monitoring activities will continue to be completed throughout the five year monitoring period.

NCDOT will continue stream monitoring at the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site in 2012.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

The following report summarizes the stream monitoring activities that have occurred during 2011 at the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site. The site is located adjacent to the US 74 eastbound lanes at the SR 2418 Crawford Road intersection near Lumberton (Figure 1). The UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site was constructed to provide mitigation for stream impacts associated with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) number R-0513 in Robeson County.

The mitigation project covers approximately 3,140 linear feet of Priority II stream restoration. Construction was completed in December 2007 by NCDOT. Stream restoration involved the installation of rock cross vanes, log cross vanes, log sills and rootwads, construction of a new stream channel and construction of the floodplain to allow for overbank flooding. It also included the installation of coir fiber matting and live stakes along the streambank and bareroot seedlings in the buffer area.

1.2 Purpose

In order for a mitigation site to be considered successful, the site must meet the success criteria. This report details the monitoring in 2011 at the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site. Hydrologic monitoring was not required for the site.

1.3 Project History

December 2007	Construction Completed
March 2008	Planted Live Stakes and Bareroot Seedlings
August 2008	Vegetation Monitoring (1 yr.)
October 2008	Stream Channel Monitoring (1 yr.)
February 2009	Replanted Bareroot Seedlings
July 2009	Vegetation Monitoring (2 yr.)
November 2009	Stream Channel Monitoring (2 yr.)
August 2010	Vegetation Monitoring (3 yr.)
November 2010	Stream Channel Monitoring (3 yr.)
September 2011	Vegetation Monitoring (4 yr.)
October 2011	Stream Channel Monitoring (4 yr.)

1.4 Debit Ledger

The entire UT to Little Jacob Swamp stream mitigation site was used for the R-0513 project to compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts.



Figure 1. Vicinity Map

2.0 STREAM ASSESSMENT

2.1 Success Criteria

In accordance with the approved mitigation plan, NCDOT will evaluate the success of the stream restoration project based on guidance provided by the Stream Mitigation Guidelines disseminated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers-Wilmington District. The survey of channel dimension will consist of permanent cross sections placed at approximately two cross sections (one riffle and one pool) per unique stream segment. The cross sections will represent approximately 50% riffles and 50% pools. Annual photographs showing both banks and upstream and downstream views will be taken from permanent, mapped photo points. The survey of the longitudinal profile will represent distinct areas of restoration and will cover a cumulative total of 3,000 linear feet of channel. Newly-constructed meanders will be surveyed to provide pattern measurements. The entire restored length of stream will be investigated for channel stability and in-stream structure functionality. Any evidence of channel instability will be identified, mapped and photographed.

Vegetation Success

The success of vegetation plantings will be measured through stem counts. Permanent quadrants will be used to sample the riparian buffer and restoration wetlands. Survival of the live stakes will be determined by visual observation throughout the five year monitoring period.

Bare root vegetation will be evaluated using five staked survival plots. Plots will be 25 ft. by 25 ft. and all flagged stems will be counted in those plots. Success will be defined as 320 stems per acre after three years and 260 stems per acre after five years. All vegetation monitoring will be conducted during the growing season.

2.2 Stream Description

2.2.1 Post-Construction Conditions

The mitigation project covers approximately 3,140 linear feet of Priority II stream restoration. Construction was completed in December 2007 by NCDOT. Stream restoration involved the installation of rock cross vanes, log cross vanes, log sills and rootwads, construction of a new stream channel and construction of the floodplain to allow for overbank flooding. It also included the installation of coir fiber matting and live stakes along the streambank and bareroot seedlings in the buffer area.

2.2.2 Monitoring Conditions

The objective of the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site restoration was to build a C5 stream type as identified in the Rosgen's Applied River Morphology. A total of eleven cross sections (six in a riffle, five in a pool) were surveyed. For this report, all cross sections were included in Table 1 but only cross sections containing riffles were used in the comparison of channel morphology.

Table 1. Abbreviated Morphological Summary (UT Little Jacob Swamp Cross Sections #1, #4, #6, #8, #10, & #11)								
Variable	Proposed	Cross Section #1 (Riffle)	Cross Section #4 (Riffle)	Cross Section #6 (Riffle)	Cross Section #8 (Riffle)	Cross Section #10 (Riffle)	Cross Section #11 (Riffle)	Min. - Max Values (Riffle Sections Only)
		2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011
Drainage Area (sq. mi)	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
Bankfull Width (ft)	14.1	9.96	19.30	10.0	9.8	11.53	9.11	9.11 – 19.30
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.80	0.77	0.56	0.91	0.79	0.57	0.45	0.45 – 0.91
Width/Depth Ratio	17.6	14.17	27.54	10.99	12.41	20.23	20.24	10.99 – 27.54
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	11.9	7.65	10.90	9.13	7.74	6.58	4.06	4.06 – 10.90
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.1	2.17	1.22	1.45	1.19	0.89	0.72	0.72 – 2.17
Floodprone Area (ft)	70	55	80	68	63	64	68	55 - 80
Entrenchment Ratio	5.0	4.51	4.61	6.80	6.43	5.55	7.46	4.51 - 7.46

*Drainage Area, Floodprone Width, and Slope are averaged values only.

*Riffle values are used for classification purposes.

2.3 Results of the Stream Assessment

2.3.1 Site Data

The assessment included the survey of eleven cross sections and the longitudinal profile of UT to Little Jacob Swamp established by the NCDOT after construction. The length of the profile along UT to Little Jacob Swamp was approximately 3,047 linear feet. Eleven cross sections were established during the 2008 monitoring year. Cross section locations were subsequently based on the stationing of the longitudinal profile and are presented below. The locations of the cross sections and longitudinal profiles are shown in Appendix A.

- ◆ Cross Section #1. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 200+00 linear feet, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross Section #2. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 434+00 linear feet, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross Section #3. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 622+00 linear feet, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross Section #4. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 897+00 linear feet, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross Section #5. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 1201+00 linear feet, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross Section #6. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 1514+00 linear feet, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross Section #7. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 1883+00 linear feet, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross Section #8. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 2250+00 linear feet, head of riffle
- ◆ Cross Section #9. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 2471+00 linear feet, midpoint of pool
- ◆ Cross Section #10. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 2734+00 linear feet, midpoint of riffle
- ◆ Cross Section #11. UT to Little Jacob Swamp, Station 2975+00 linear feet, head of riffle

Based on comparing the monitoring data, the channel and all eleven cross sections appear stable with little or no active bank erosion. Graphs of the cross sections are presented in Appendix A. Future survey data will vary depending on actual location of rod placement and alignment; however this information should remain similar in appearance.

The longitudinal profile survey was not conducted along the stream at the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site in 2011 due to extensive vegetation growth along the channel. The heavy vegetation growth made it impossible to survey the channel without cutting down many of the desired species along the channel. NCDOT emailed the regulatory agencies on September 28, 2011 to propose to discontinue profile monitoring. It was determined through email responses that in lieu of doing the longitudinal profile, visual inspection of the channel stability throughout the reach and photo documentation at the permanent photo point locations would be completed. All other monitoring activities will continue to be completed throughout the five year monitoring period.

Photo points 1 through 11 showed an extensive growth of herbaceous and woody vegetation. The channel bed is stable throughout the stream restoration project at this time.

2.4 Results of Stream and Buffer Vegetation

2.4.1 Description of Species

The following live stake species were planted on the streambank:

Cephalanthus occidentalis, Buttonbush

Cornus amomum, Silky Dogwood

The following tree species were planted in the buffer area:

Quercus falcate var. pagodaefolia, Cherrybark Oak

Quercus laurifolia, Laurel Oak

Quercus michauxii, Swamp Chestnut Oak

Quercus nigra, Water Oak

Myrica cerifera, Wax Myrtle

Nyssa sylvatica var. biflora, Swamp Blackgum

Nyssa aquatica, Water Tupelo

Taxodium distichum, Baldcypress

Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash

2.4.2 Results of Vegetation Monitoring

Table 2. Vegetation Monitoring Results: Five 25 ft. x 25 ft. vegetation plots were set to determine the trees per acre in the buffer area.

Plot #	Cherrybark Oak	Laurel Oak	Swamp Chestnut Oak	Water Oak	Wax Myrtle	Swamp Blackgum	Water Tupelo	Baldcypress	Green Ash	Total (4 year)	Total (at planting)	Density (Trees/Acre)
1						5	6	4	1	16	16	680
2	1	2					3		8	14	16	595
3	3	5	9				1	5	2	25	36	472
4	6		1			1	2	4		14	14	680
5	2	3	3	1			1	3		13	14	631
Average Density (Trees/Acre)											612	

Site Notes: The buttonbush and silky dogwood live stakes were surviving along the stream bank. Other vegetation noted included *Juncus effuses*, black willow, woolgrass, pine, sweetgum, red maple, cattail, briars, baccharis, fennel, and various grasses.

2.4.3 Conclusions

There were five vegetation monitoring plots established throughout the buffer area. The 2011 vegetation monitoring of the site revealed an average tree density of 612 trees per acre. This average is above the minimum success criteria of 290 trees per acre after year four monitoring. The buffer area was replanted in February 2009.

3.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site has met the required monitoring protocols for the fourth formal year of monitoring. Based on comparing the monitoring data, the stream channel remains stable throughout the site at this time. The stream bank is heavily vegetated for the fourth year of monitoring. The vegetation in the stream buffer area was replanted in February 2009 and is now meeting the success criteria for the fourth year of monitoring.

NCDOT will continue stream monitoring at the UT to Little Jacob Swamp Mitigation Site in 2012.

4.0 REFERENCES

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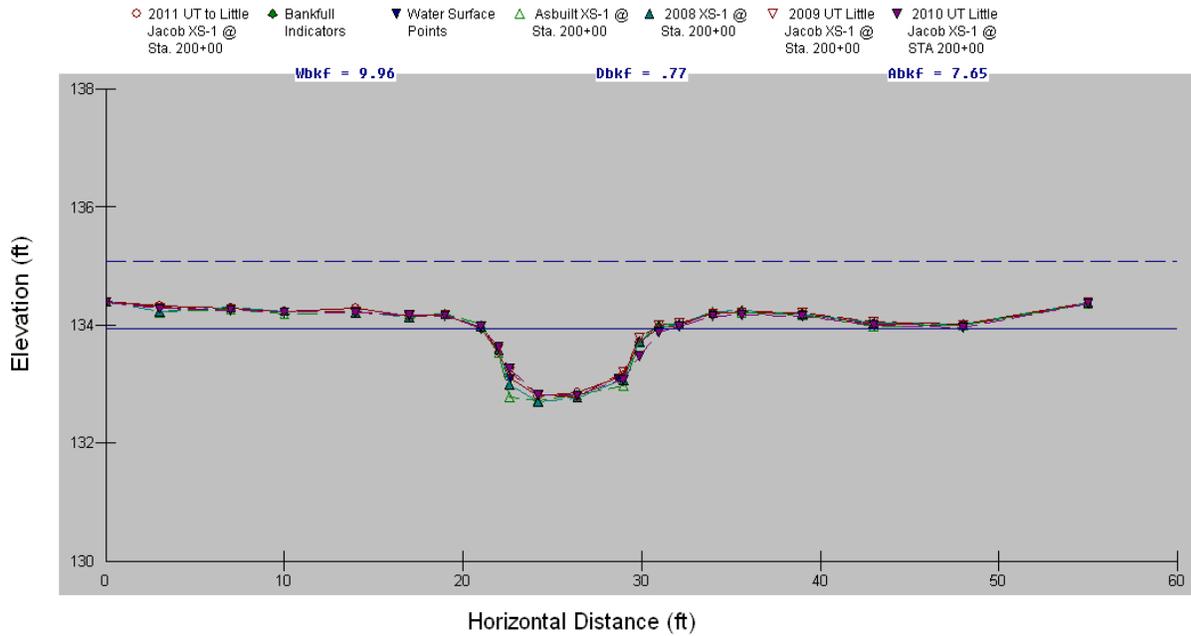
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APPENDIX A

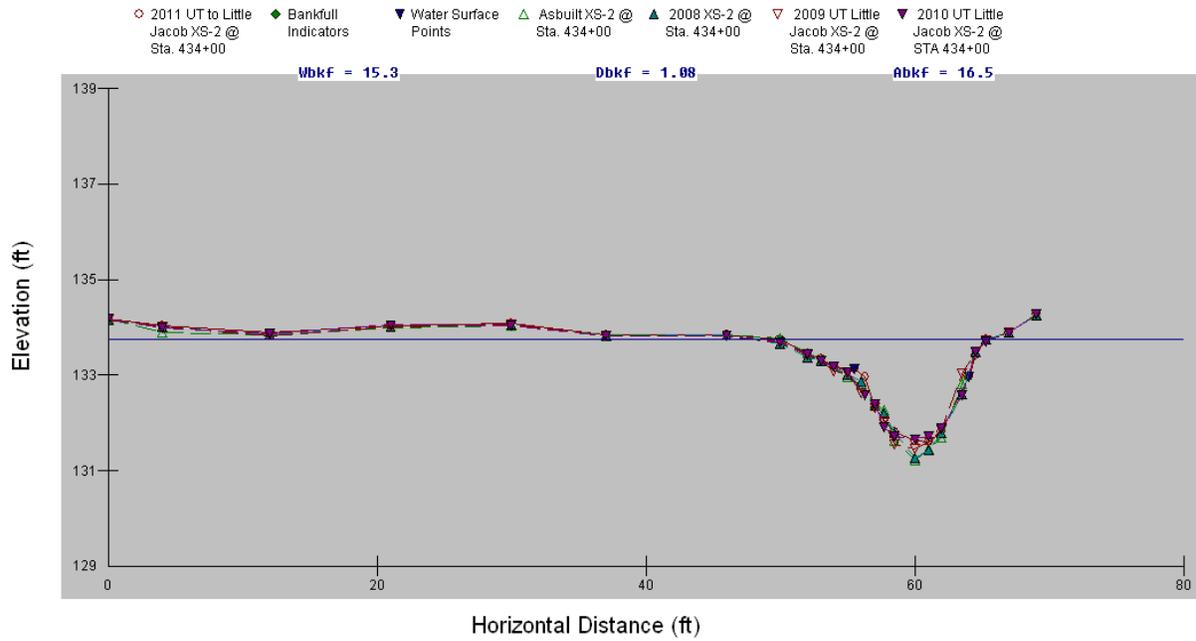
CROSS SECTION COMPARISONS
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2011 UT to Little Jacob XS-1 @ Sta. 200+00



Cross-Section #1 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Width (ft)	10.0	10.04	10	9.96	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.84	0.78	1.01	0.77	
Width/Depth Ratio	11.9	12.87	9.9	14.17	
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft²)	8.44	7.80	10.1	7.65	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.26	1.20	1.36	2.17	
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	55	55	55	55	
Entrenchment Ratio	5.5	5.48	5.5	4.51	

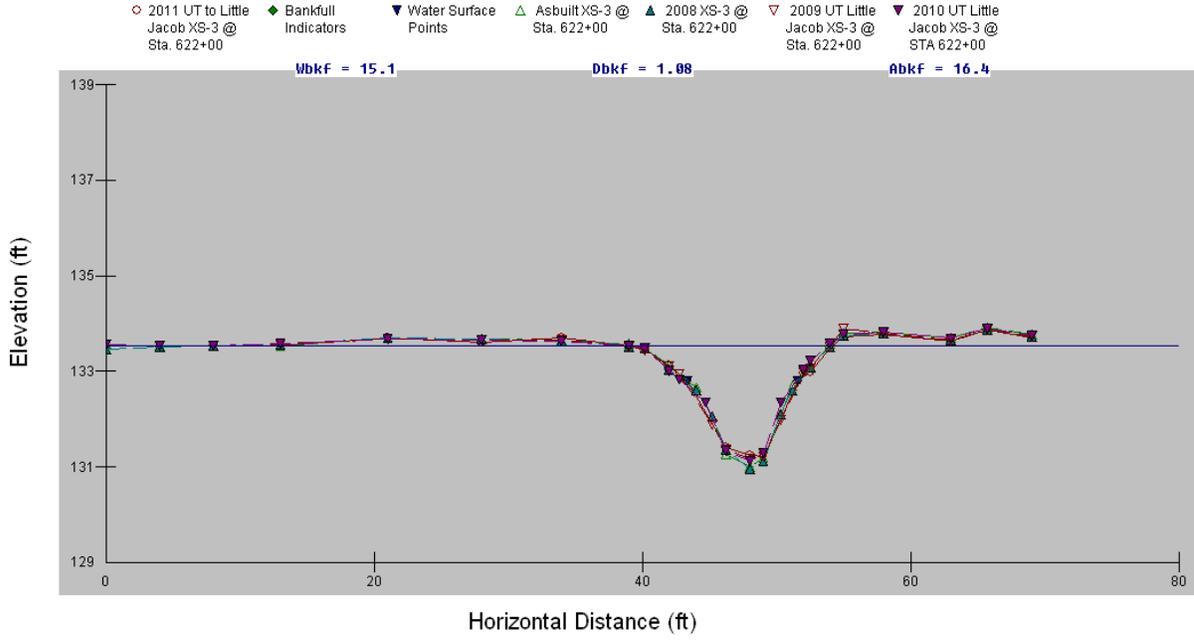
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Cross-Section #2 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary*					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	16.17	16.01	15.98	16.50	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.39	2.22	2.03	2.17	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.08	
Bankfull Width (ft)	15.03	15.14	15.23	15.30	

* According to the Rosgen Classification of Natural Rivers floodprone width, entrenchment ratio, and width depth ratio are not measured in pool, glide, or run features.

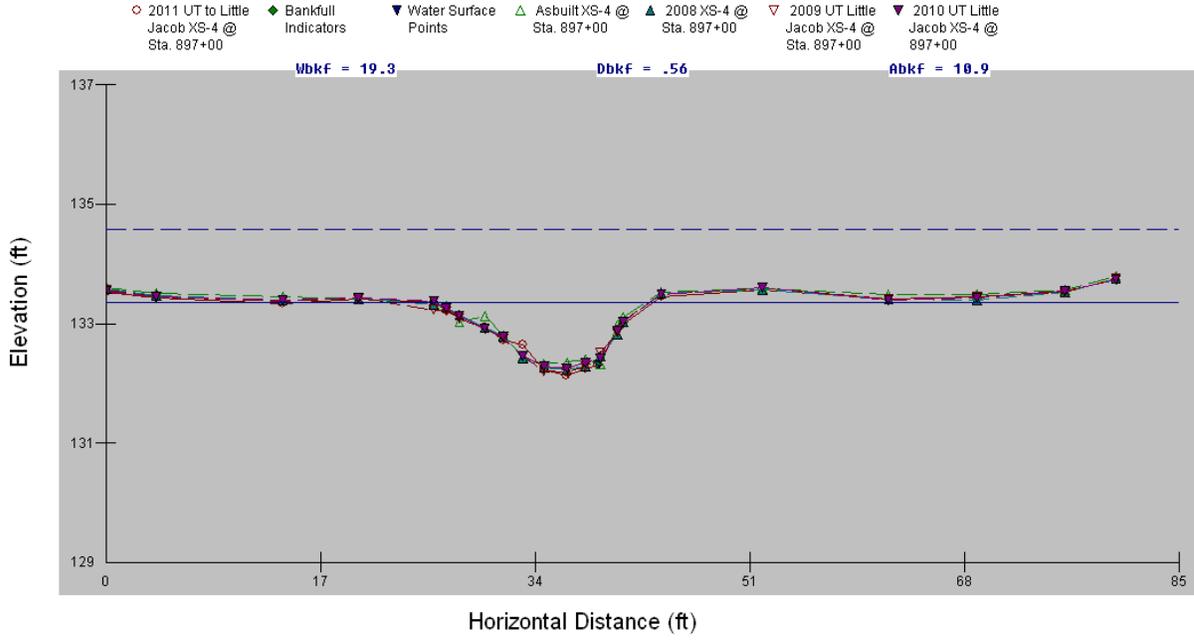
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Cross-Section #3 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary*					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	16.78	16.76	16.06	15.10	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.56	2.35	2.41	2.30	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.8	1.12	1.08	1.08	
Bankfull Width (ft)	21.0	15	14.87	15.13	

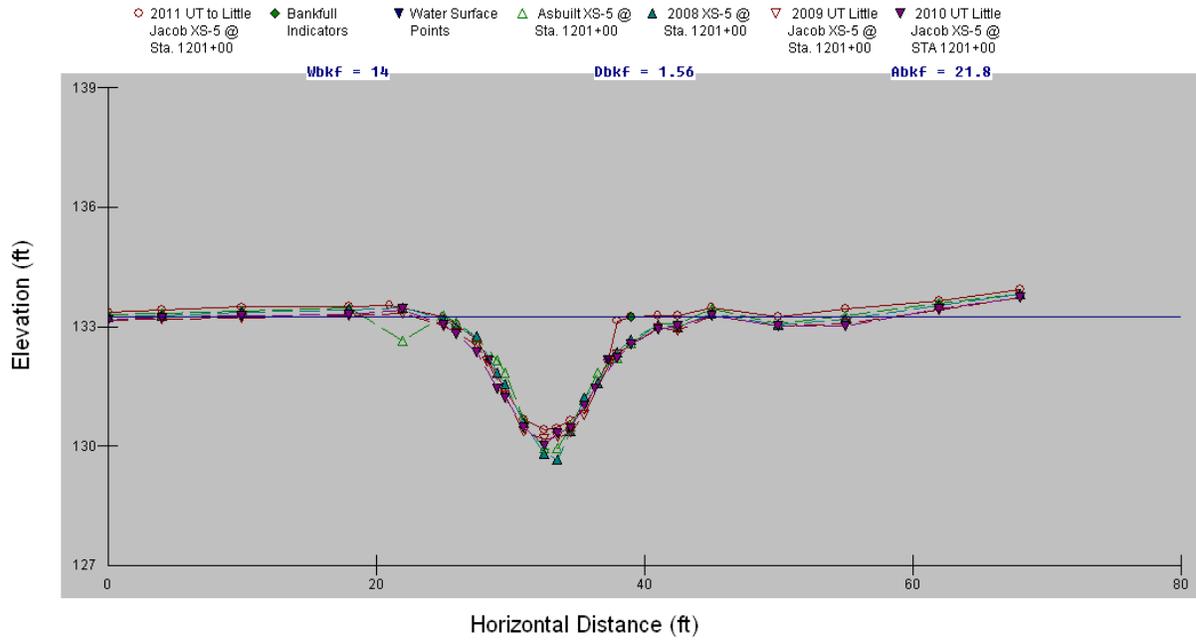
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Cross-Section #4 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Width (ft)	16.84	16.27	17.28	19.30	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.60	0.55	0.64	0.56	
Width/Depth Ratio	28.07	29.58	27	27.54	
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	10.16	8.94	11.06	10.90	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.09	1.04	1.14	1.22	
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	80	80	80	80	
Entrenchment Ratio	4.75	4.92	4.63	4.61	

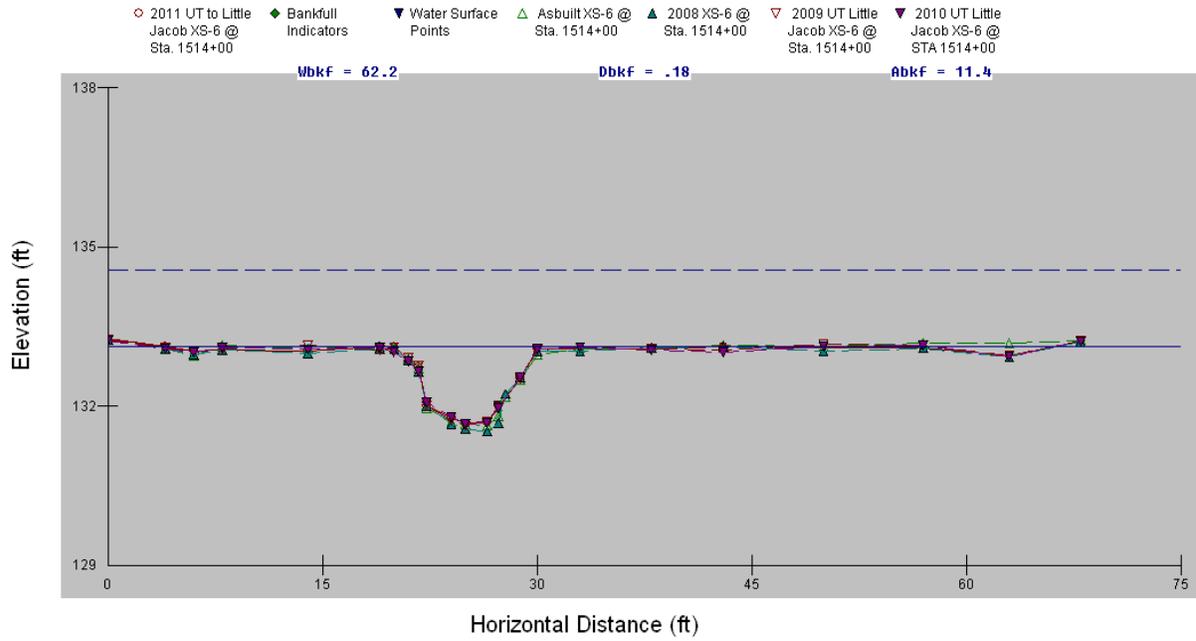
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Cross-Section #5 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary*					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	22.13	20.88	27.68	21.84	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	3.39	2.73	3.24	2.84	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	1.24	1.42	1.38	1.56	
Bankfull Width (ft)	8.91	14.74	20	14.0	

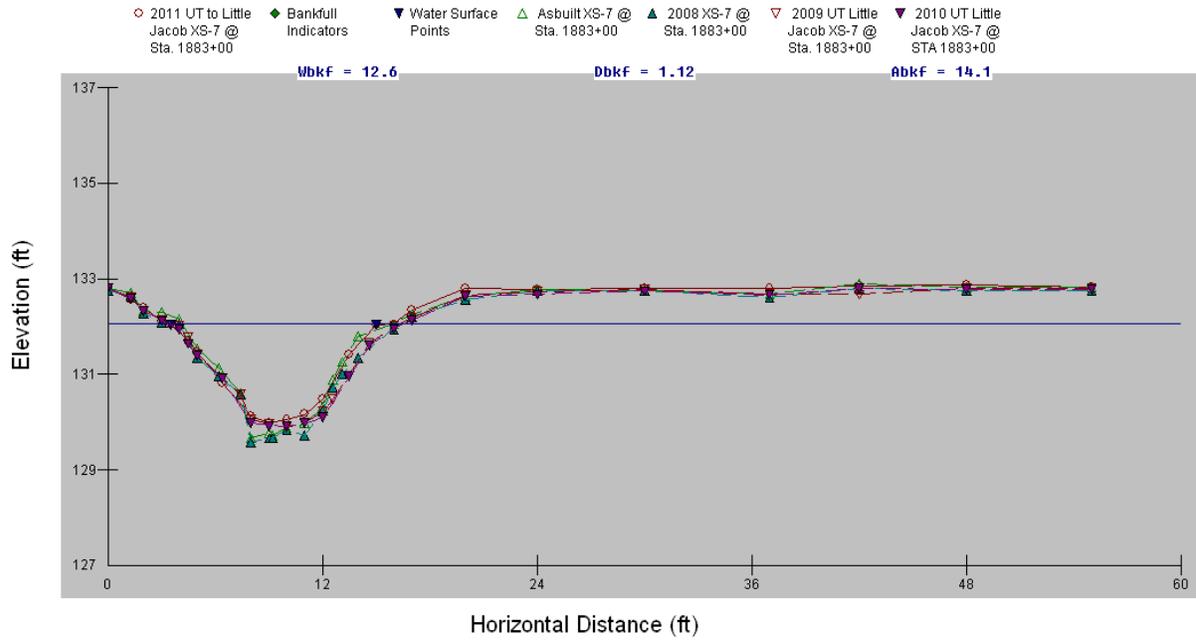
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2011 UT to Little Jacob XS-6 @ Sta. 1514+00



Cross-Section #6 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Width (ft)	9.8	9.75	11.0	10.0	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.91	0.88	0.82	0.91	
Width/Depth Ratio	10.77	11.08	13.41	10.99	
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	8.94	8.56	9.05	9.13	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.51	1.42	1.44	1.45	
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	68	68	68	68	
Entrenchment Ratio	6.94	6.97	6.18	6.8	

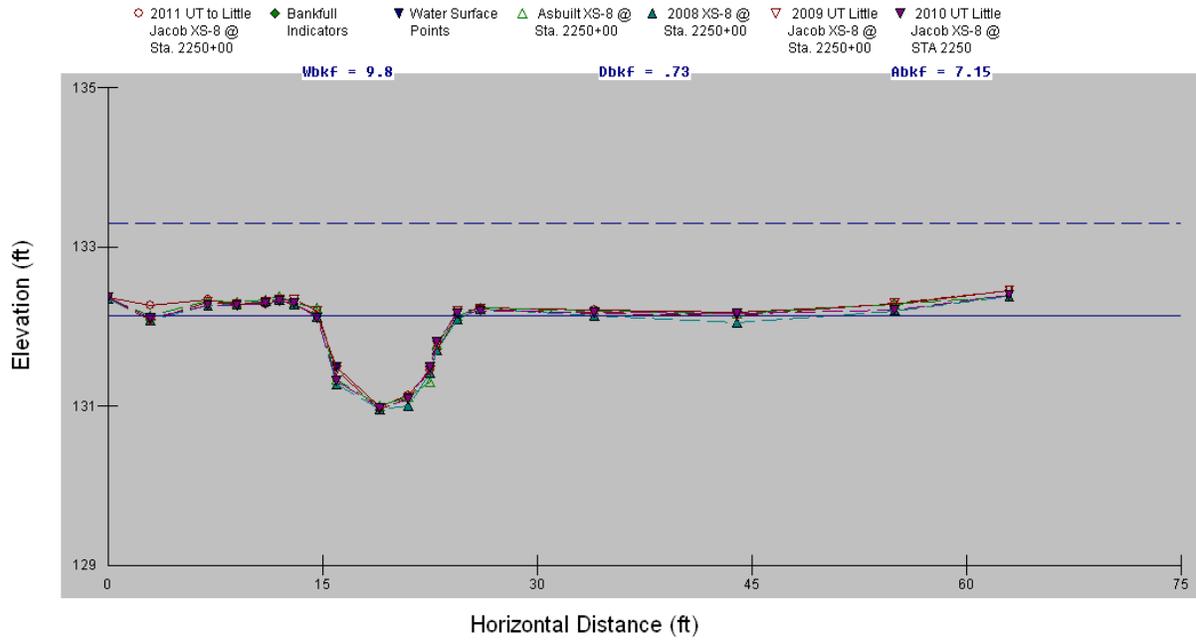
2011 UT to Little Jacob XS-7 @ Sta. 1883+00



Cross-Section #7 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary*					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	15.14	14.80	14.91	14.05	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	2.37	2.11	2.05	2.08	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.80	1.23	1.24	1.12	
Bankfull Width (ft)	11.85	12.0	12.06	12.58	

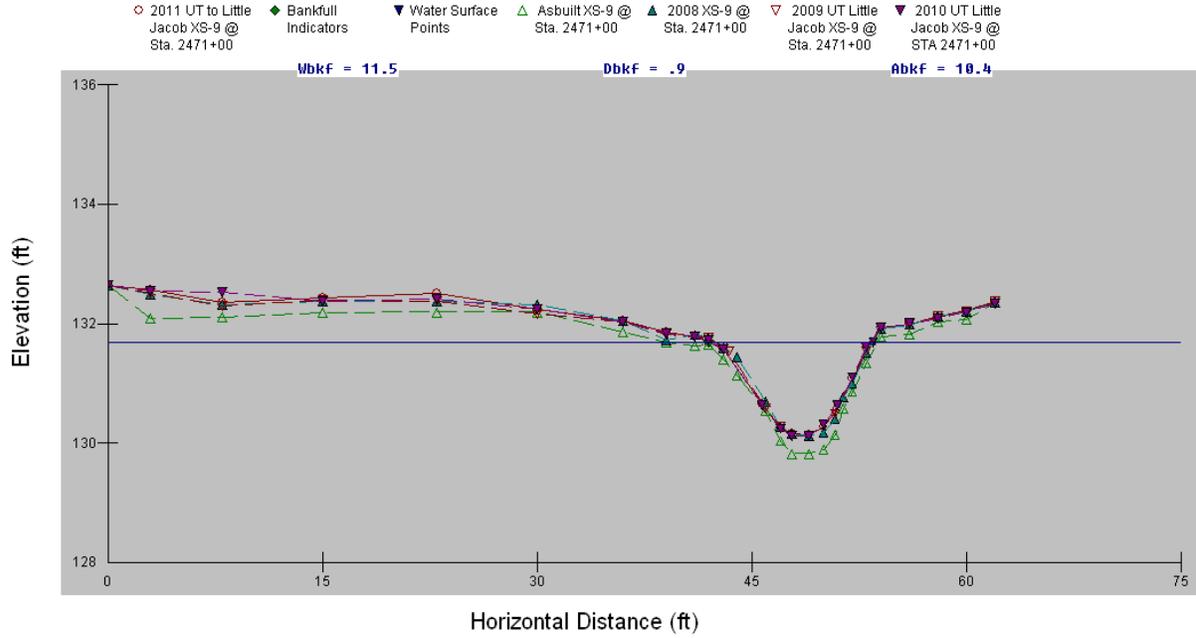
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2011 UT to Little Jacob XS-8 @ Sta. 2250+00



Cross-Section #8 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Width (ft)	9.77	9.8	9.8	9.8	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.78	0.80	0.79	0.73	
Width/Depth Ratio	12.53	12.25	12.41	13.42	
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	7.64	7.82	7.74	7.15	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.14	1.24	1.19	1.15	
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	63	63	63	63	
Entrenchment Ratio	6.45	6.43	6.43	6.43	

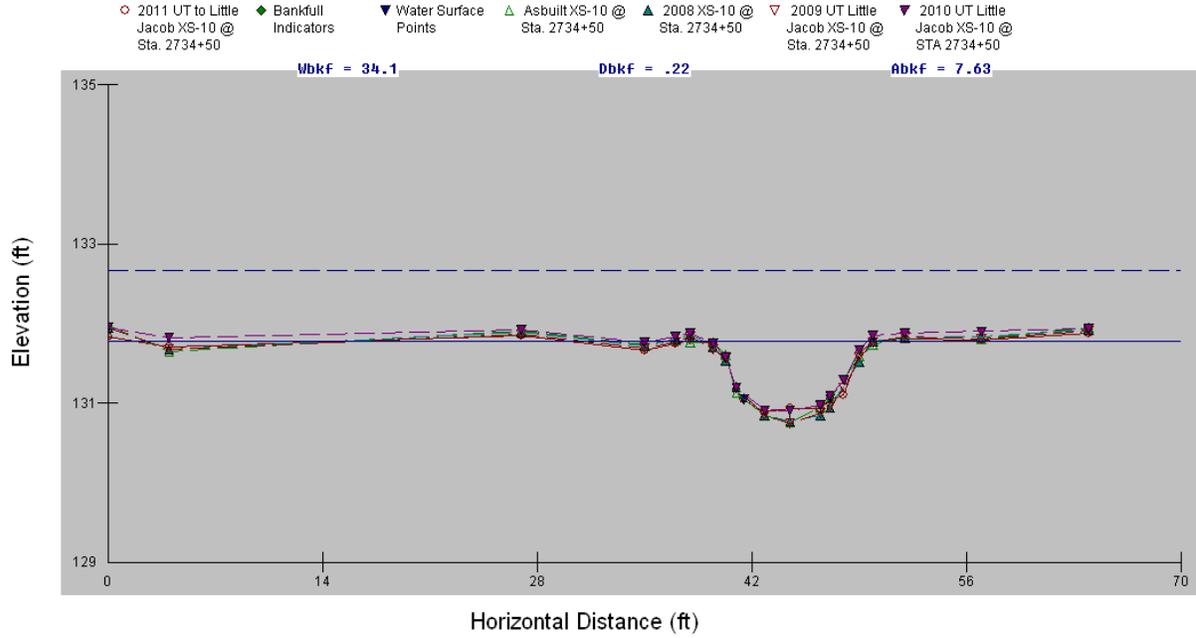
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Cross-Section #9 (Pool) Abbreviated Morphological Summary*					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft²)	10.8	10.84	10.54	10.36	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.64	1.65	1.61	1.55	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.93	0.94	0.93	0.90	
Bankfull Width (ft)	11.56	11.55	11.33	11.50	

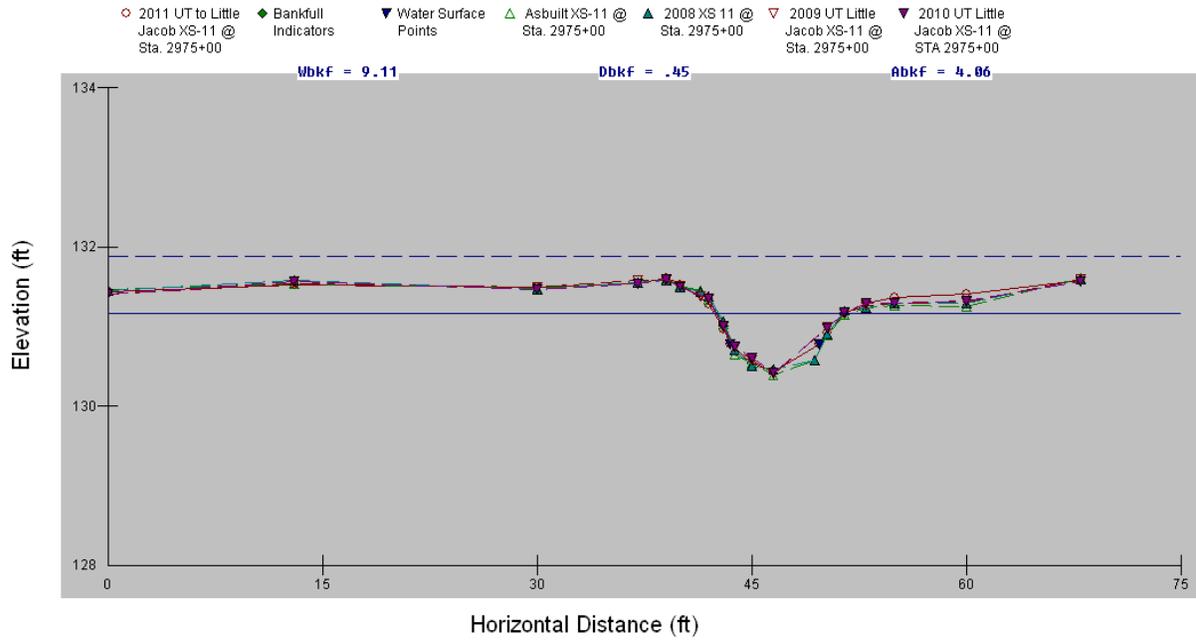
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2011 UT to Little Jacob XS-10 @ Sta. 2734+50



Cross-Section #10 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Width (ft)	11.1	11.1	11.55	11.53	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.64	0.62	0.6	0.57	
Width/Depth Ratio	17.34	17.9	19.25	20.23	
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	7.08	6.89	6.93	6.58	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	1.0	1.02	0.95	0.89	
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	64	64	64	64	
Entrenchment Ratio	5.77	5.77	5.54	5.55	

2011 UT to Little Jacob XS-11 @ Sta. 2975+00



Cross-Section #11 (Riffle) Abbreviated Morphological Summary					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Bankfull Width (ft)	8.94	9.0	9.01	9.11	
Bankfull Mean Depth (ft)	0.52	0.42	0.43	0.45	
Width/Depth Ratio	17.19	21.43	20.95	20.24	
Bankfull Cross Sectional Area (ft ²)	4.64	3.75	3.85	4.06	
Maximum Bankfull Depth (ft)	0.74	0.76	0.76	0.72	
Width of the Floodprone Area (ft)	68	68	68	68	
Entrenchment Ratio	7.61	7.56	7.54	7.46	

APPENDIX B

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS, CROSS SECTION, VEGETATION PLOT & PHOTO POINT LOCATIONS

UT to Little Jacob Swamp



Photo Point #1 (Upstream)



Photo Point #1 (Downstream)



Photo Point #2 (Upstream)



Photo Point #2 (Downstream)



Photo Point #3 (Upstream)
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Photo Point #3 (Downstream)

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Photo Point #4 (Upstream)



Photo Point #4 (Downstream)



Photo Point #5 (Upstream)



Photo Point #5 (Downstream)



Photo Point #6 (Upstream)
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Photo Point #6 (Downstream)

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Photo Point #7 (Upstream)



Photo Point #7 (Downstream)



Photo Point #8 (Upstream)



Photo Point #8 (Downstream)



Photo Point #9 (Upstream)
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Photo Point #9 (Downstream)

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Photo Point #10 (Upstream)



Photo Point #10 (Downstream)



Photo Point #11 (Upstream)



Photo Point #11 (Downstream)



Overview Looking Upstream from Pipe Crossing



Overview Looking Downstream from Pipe Crossing

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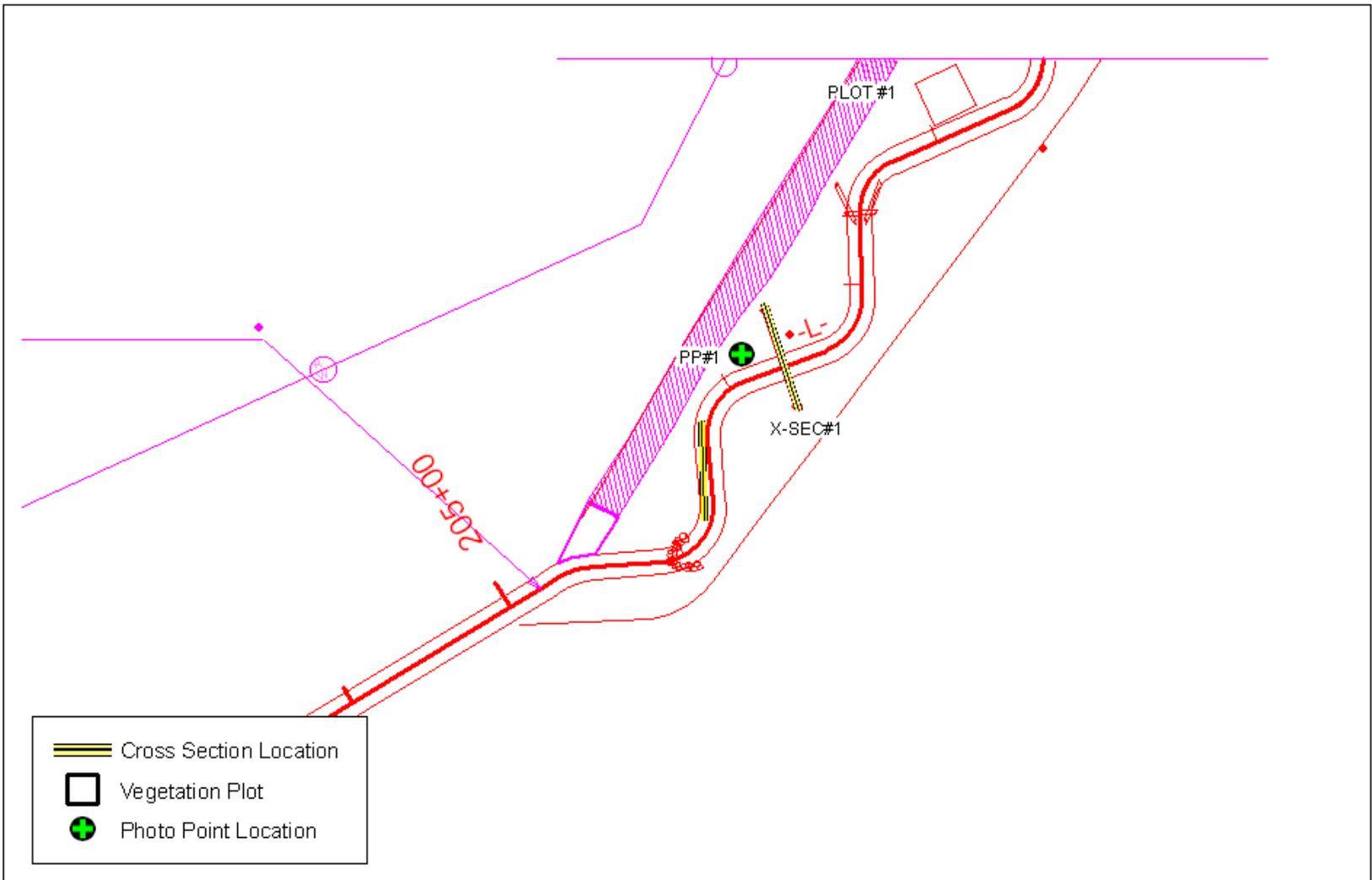


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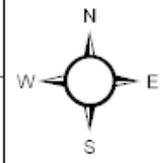
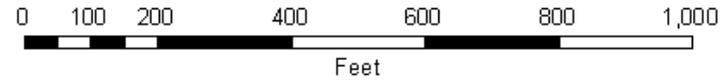


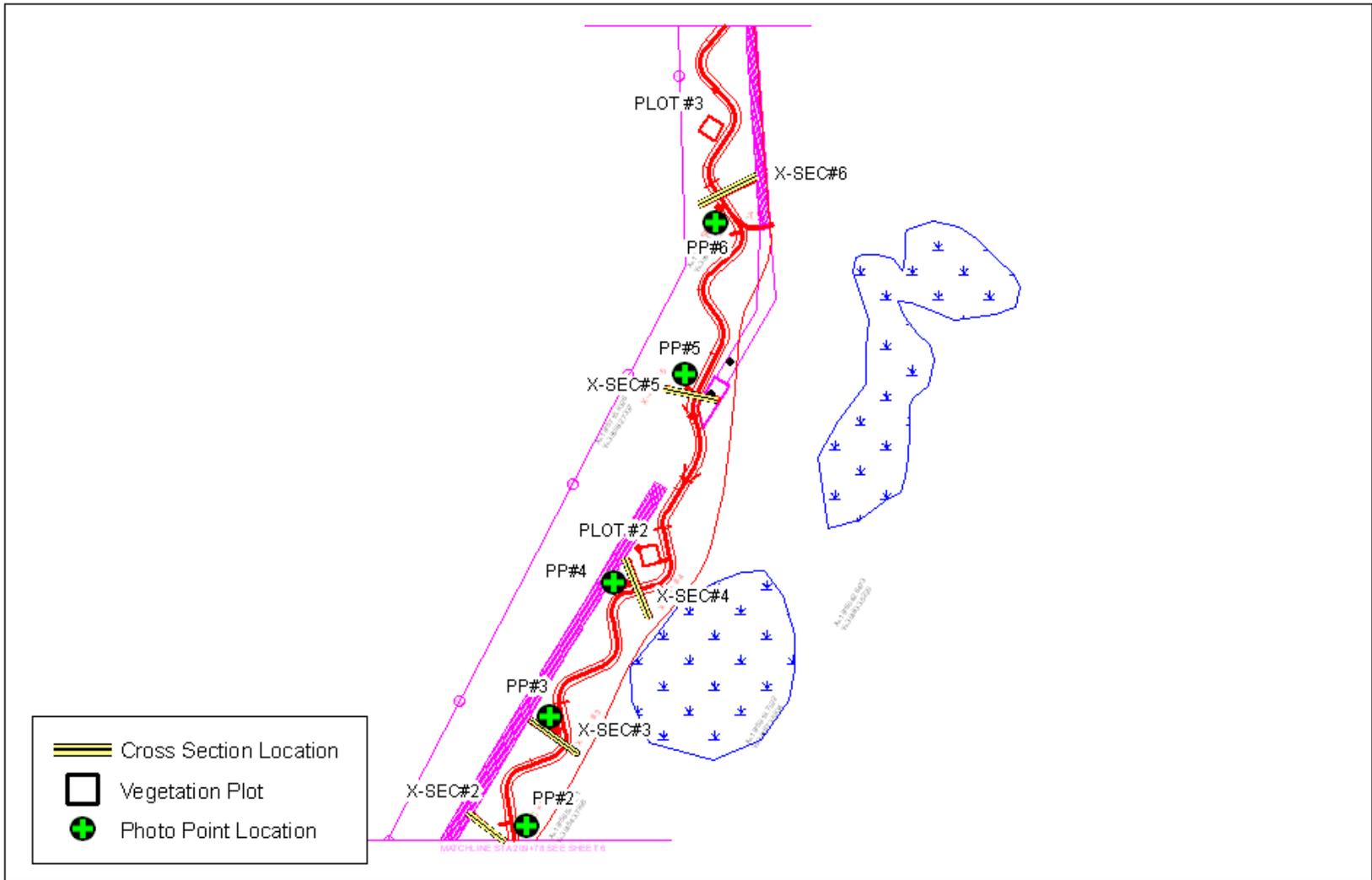
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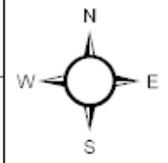
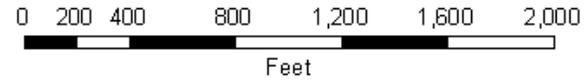


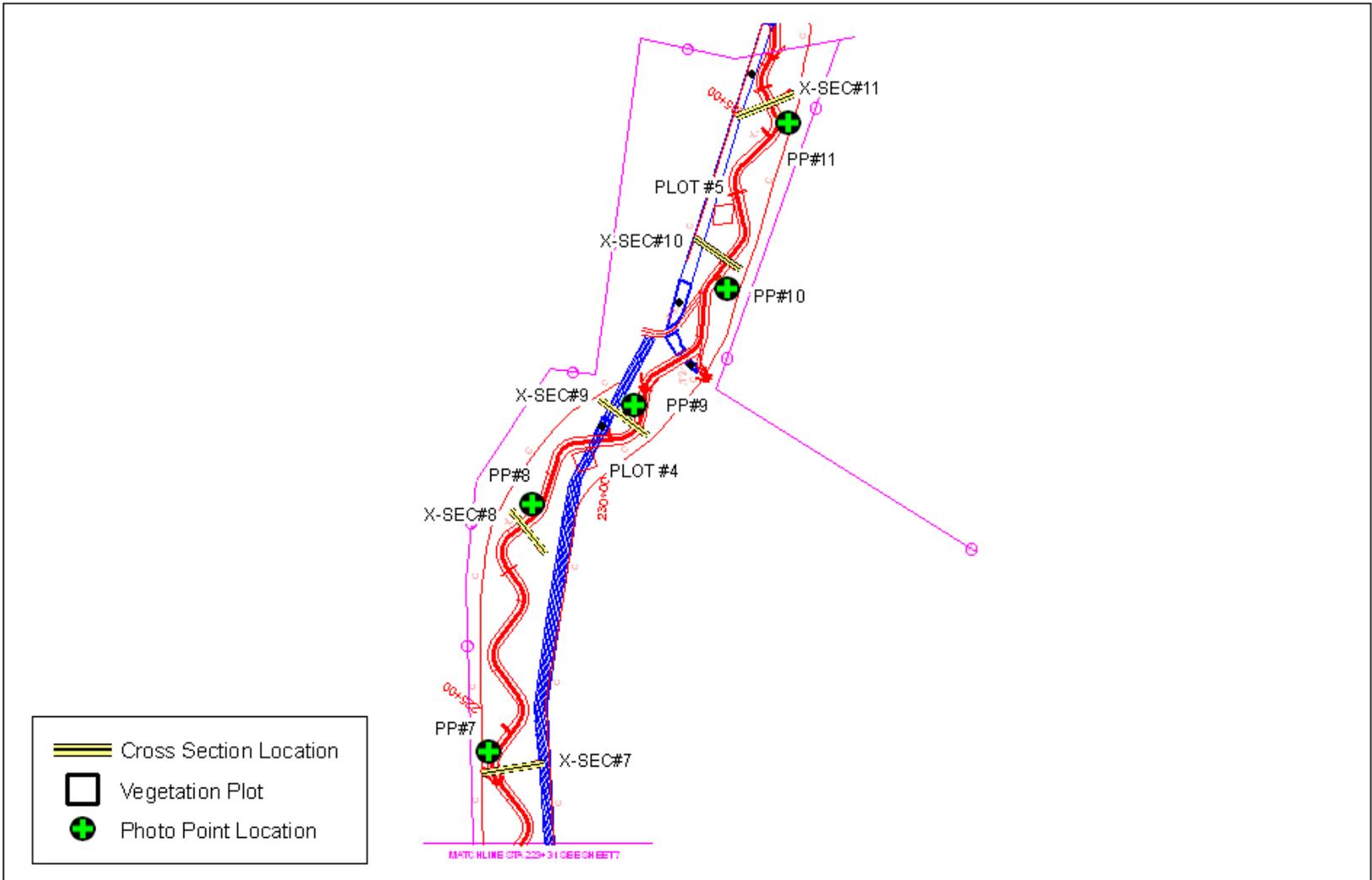
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