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May 2, 2016

US Army Corps of Engineers Raleigh Regulatory Field Office Mr. David Bailey 3331 Heritage Trade Drive, Suite 105 Wake Forest, NC 27587

RE: Clean Water Act Section 404/401 Individual Permit Application

Waste Industries High Point C&D Landfill

Jamestown, NC

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The purpose of this letter and application is to request Individual Permit (IP) approval under Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for impacts to Waters of the United States associated with expansion of the Waste Industries High Point Construction and Demolition (C&D) landfill.

This letter was prepared to introduce the project, and supplement the attached ENG Form 4345 with Nature of the Activity, Reasons for Discharge, Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation, and Addresses of Adjacent Property Owners information. Section numbering below corresponds to that form. A detailed discussion of alternatives considered throughout development of this project is also included in the Section 23 discussion.

18. Nature of the Activity:

The Waste Industries High Point C&D Landfill (Site) is located at 5822 Riverdale Drive, Jamestown NC, in southwestern Guilford County (**Figure 1**). It lies within the Randleman Lake/Deep River watershed of the Cape Fear River (8-digit HUC 03030003). Stream and wetland resources on the site drain to an unnamed tributary of Richland Creek (17-7-(4)), classified by NC Division of Water Resources (NCDWR) as WS-IV. **Figures 4 & 5** illustrate the Site on the High Point East, NC USGS topographic quadrangle map, and the Guilford County Soil Survey, respectively.

Due to the rapid growth in the Triad area, there is a continuous demand for C&D disposal. The purpose of the Site expansion is to provide construction and demolition waste capacity to serve the growth and development over the next 20 or more years in High Point and the Triad area.

The Site is a 153.8 acre tract. Existing development on the property includes a scale house and office, a recycling center, maintenance building and parking/storage area, the existing C&D landfill, and the future landfill cell areas that are currently pasture, scrub, and forest (**Figure 2**). The remainder of the property is within the Randleman Lake critical area, and is reserved for stormwater basins, minor grading, and a recorded easement for a future City relocation of Kersey Valley Road. This reserved area takes up approximately 73 acres (47% of the entire site).

The proposed expansion area contains two drainages with wetlands and a stream under the jurisdiction of the CWA. The stream and wetland areas depicted in **Figure 2** have been verified in the field by Mr. David Bailey of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on 8/26/2014. Riparian Buffer areas regulated under 15A NCAC 02B .0250, Randleman Lake Water Supply Watershed: Protection and Maintenance of Existing Riparian Buffers, are being addressed separately through a Major Variance application to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission.

20. Reasons for Discharge:

The project goal is to realize the previously planned and permitted waste capacity of the landfill as approved in the facility's Conditional Use Permit and Solid Waste Permit, while avoiding the designated water supply critical area on the site.

Figure 3 is included to illustrate the limited number of C&D facilities that occur within 50-miles of the Site. The permitted capacities of each of these landfills are shown in the table below. Only three of the ten alternative existing disposal locations are private facilities, while the remainder are public and take waste primarily from their local area. The total available capacity of all these sites does not meet the future demand for C&D disposal over the next several decades.

Permitted C&D Landfills

Figure 3 Location ID	Permit Name	Public/ Private	Gross Capacity (cy)	Remaining Airspace (cy)	Remaining Life (yrs)
P0792	Albemarle, City Of, CDLF	Public	2,390,900	1,757,527	10.4
P0796	Cabarrus County CDLF	Public	535,284	165,055	0.6
P1019	Gold Hill Road C&D Debris Landfill	Private	1,114,400	566,170	15.9
P1051	Davidson County CDLF	Public	308,752	107,932	4.1
P0563	Austin Quarter C&D Unit	Public	338,897	115,601	12.9
P0879	Cobles C&D Landfill	Private	6,935,903	6,089,192	45.9
P1067	High Point C&D Debris Landfill	Private	4,773,968	4,700,995	21.9
P1170	Orange County C&D Landfill	Public	790,000	652,900	12.0
P0970	A-1 Sandrock C&D Landfill	Private	2,231,848	1,930,228	12.8
P0708	Old Salisbury Road CDLF	Public	4,030,000	1,282,746	3.8
P0801	Greensboro, City Of	Public	2,525,443	1,202,343	25.1

- Gross capacity determined from most recent Permit to Construct or Permit to Operate.
- Remaining Life calculated assuming LF receives waste in the amount equal to permitted limit each year and two years subtracted.

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation:

Alternative site designs considered during planning encompassed complete avoidance of all resources to multiple minimization alternatives. While the selected alternative has the highest amount of direct impacts, practical minimization and avoidance alternatives would have equal indirect impacts. As discussed below, the no impact alternative would reduce the facility's volume by 70 percent; Minimization of Impact Option 1 would result in a 45% loss of capacity; and, Minimization of Impact Option 2 would reduce the watershed of jurisdictional features by over 90%, and likely lead to similar long-term impacts. Each of these outcomes were considered impractical and discarded from consideration as discussed below.

A consideration common to all avoidance and minimization options is that of capacity. Waste Industries employs all best management practices and best available science as a standard practice. There are no unpursued opportunities to improve operationally and extend a facility's lifetime. Lower capacities translate to earlier efforts to locate new sites, which themselves will likely have stream and wetland resources, concerned neighbors, transportation hurdles, etc. Maximizing capacity at a previously planned and permitted C&D facility is an avoidance and minimization of impacts to alternative sites. These sites may not be practical due to the aforementioned constraints. Very few new landfill facilities have been permitted in the state under current regulations (since 2007).

Engineering exhibits that correspond to each of the alternatives are presented in **Attachment 6**. Intermediate alternatives between these options were considered, but not included as they did not provide significant or practical differences from the options below.

High Point C&I	Landfill Expa	ansion Alternatives
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Alternative	Waste	Capacity	Impacts		
(see attached plans)	Area (ac)	(mcy)	Wetland (ac)	Stream (lf)	Buffers (sq.ft.) Zone 1 / Zone 2
No Impact	33.4	1.0	0 ac	0	0 / 0
Minimization Impact I	41.3	2.0	0.55	0	0 / 0
Minimization Impact II	44.0	2.7	0.59	0	0 / 0
Proposed Project	46.0	3.3	0.59	394	19,780 / 20,106

ac = acres; mcy= million cubic yards; If = linear feet; sq. ft. = square feet

A no impact to jurisdictional features (buffers, streams, and wetlands) alternative (**Attachment 6**) was evaluated but deemed not practical as it creates fragmented, impractical cells. The areas remaining for landfill with this option yield approximately 0.98 MCY of capacity, which is a 70% loss compared to the proposed project. Due to the cost and difficulty of permitting, constructing, and maintaining three mostly isolated cell units, this option was determined not to be feasible.

Minimization Impact Option I (**Attachment 6**) would avoid the primary drainage on the site including the existing stormwater BMP and wetlands above the subject buffered stream. This landfill configuration would require issuance of an Individual Permit from the USACE for wetland impacts. The option would create two distinct landfill cells that collectively yield approximately 1.8 MCY of capacity, which is about a 45% loss compared to the proposed project. The watershed of the subject drainage would be reduced

from 35 acres to 6.5 acres due to landfill configuration and required stormwater management. Stormwater runoff from the remaining acreage would be discharged in a similar location to the Proposed Project. Due to the significant loss of landfill volume, in combination with the change in site hydrology and potential long-term drainage of the upper portion of the stream channel, this option was determined not practical. In addition, to retain maximum drainage into the stream channel, a BMP would be required in jurisdictional wetlands, which is often difficult to permit through the CWA.

Minimization Impact Option 2 (**Attachment 6**) would avoid all stream impacts, but result in similar wetland impacts to those in Minimization Option 1 and the Proposed Project, and would require a CWA Individual Permit. This option results in a landfill capacity of 2.675 MCY, which is a 19% loss versus the proposed project. While this is a much greater landfill volume than the No Impact and Minimization Option 1, the drainage to the subject stream would be radically altered. Less than an acre of landfill berm slopes would drain to the stream, and runoff from the remaining 35-acre watershed would be rerouted and captured in on-site BMPs before discharging at a similar point to that of the Proposed Project. This stormwater management is required by solid wastes regulations. This loss of hydrologic input to the upper reach of stream would likely reduce or eliminate function down to a point where groundwater flow significantly contributes to the stream (regular intersection of the stream channel and water table). Based on site hydrogeologic data, this point is near the limit of impact of the Proposed Project as described below. This option is not deemed preferable due to the loss of approximately 20% capacity, associated with a similar long-term stream impact as the Proposed Project.

The proposed project involves building the full capacity of the landfill anticipated under the existing CUP and Solid Waste Permit. Impacts to wetlands would be similar to other options, but there would also be impacts to both stream and riparian buffers. Since the avoidance of the stream would likely cause similar long-term effects as described above, the Proposed Project was deemed the most practical alternative. Building Minimization Option 2 and waiting a number of years to evaluate the condition of the subject stream was considered, as this could avoid the need for a state buffer variance or any compensatory stream and buffer mitigation. Due to the uncertainty of the exact location where the stream characteristics would be retained, and the difficulty of constructing and maintaining a "bowl" around the stream, it was determined to be better engineering practice to accept the proposed impact and provide compensatory mitigation to offset this loss.

Based on the change between pre and post-construction watershed sizes, there would be a significant loss of drainage contributing to the subject stream's upper reaches with all practical landfill options (Minimization Option 2 and Proposed Project). This would have a long term effect on the hydrology of the subject stream to such an extent that it might no longer be jurisdictional in the future. Similar situations on other solid waste sites, due to the reconfiguration of on-site drainage associated with these facilities, have shown this to be a valid concern. This, in addition to maximizing landfill capacity, resulted in the Proposed Project being chosen.

On-site mitigation was evaluated and deemed not practical. NC Division of Mitigation Services approval has been issue (**Attachment 3**).

As discussed above, review of this project by NCDEQ and the NC Environmental Management Commission is ongoing through a Major Variance request under State riparian buffer rules. The final stormwater management plan will be submitted to, and approved by, the City of High Point prior to construction.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (919) 606-1065 or phil.may@carolinaeco.com.

Sincerely,

Carolina Ecosystems, Inc.

Philip May

Senior Environmental Scientist

cc: Karen Higgins, NCDEQ

David Pepper, Waste Industries

Stacey Smith, P.E., Smith Gardner Inc.

Waste Industries High Point C&D Landfill Expansion Guilford County, North Carolina

Individual Permit Application

April 2016

ATTACHMENT LIST

1	ENG Form 4345
2	Agent Authorization
3	DMS Mitigation Acceptance
4	NC WAM Wetland Assessment Forms
5	Figures
6	Engineering Drawings & Calculations
7	Regulatory Approvals and Correspondence (Electronic only)
	Buffer Determination
	 JD Request
	 Solid Waste Permit #4116
	 Conditional and Special Use Permits

Figures (Attachment 5)

1	Project Vicinity
2	Jurisdictional Features
3	Permitted C&D Landfills
4	USGS Map
5	NRCS Soil Survey
6	Adjacent Property Owners

Engineering Drawings (Attachment 6)

Existing Conditions Overall Site Plan Proposed Site Development No Impact Option Option 1

Option 2

Wetlands Impact

Stream Impacts

Buffer Impacts

Details Sheet 1

Details Sheet 2

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

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		(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE	FILLED BY THE CORP	S)			
1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD	OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED		4. DATE APPLICA	TION COMPLETE	
		(ITEMS BELOW TO BE	FILLED BY APPLICANT	T)			
5. APPLICANT'S NAME			8. AUTHORIZED AGE	NT'S NAME A	AND TITLE (agent is i	not required)	
First - David Middle -		Last - Pepper	First - Philip	Middle -	Last -	May	
Company - WI High Point Landfil	ll, LLC		Company - Carolina	Ecosystems,	, Inc.		
E-mail Address - david.pepper@wa	asteindustr	ies.com	E-mail Address - phil.r	may@carolii	naeo.com		
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:		-	9. AGENT'S ADDRESS	S:			
Address- 3301 Benson Drive, Ste	: 601		Address- 3040 NC H	Iwy 42 West	t		
City - Raleigh State - N	VC Zij	p - 27509 Country -	City - Clayton	State -]	NC Zip - 2752	20 Country - US	
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOs. w/AR		10. AGENTS PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE					
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		STATEMENT OF	AUTHORIZATION				
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Waste Industries High Point C&	D Landfill						
13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNO	OWN (if appl	icable)	14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable)				
UT Richland Creek (17-7-(4))			Address 5822 Riverdale Drive				
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State Tax Parcel ID 0213048		Municipality Gui	illord County				
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17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE From Raleigh, head west on I-40 to I-85. and turn south (right) onto Riverdale Driv		ss South/US-29 South/US 70 West. Continue 3.7 miles
18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, in	nclude all features)	
See Cover Letter.		
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19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or p		ide construction and demolition contracts conscitute
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USE BLOC	KS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIA	AL IS TO BE DISCHARGED
20. Reason(s) for Discharge		
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See Cover Letter.		
21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and	the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:	
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22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Othe Acres 0.60	er vvaters Filled (see ilistractions)	
or	11017	
Linear Feet 404' Total (394' Permanent a	and 10' Temporary)	
23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, at	nd Compensation (see instructions)	
See Cover Letter.		

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24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? Yes No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK					
25. Addresses of Adjoinin	g Property Owners, Lessee	es, Etc., Whose Property Ad	djoins the Waterbody (if mor	e than can be entered here, please	attach a supplemental list).
a. Address- See Cover	Letter.				
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AGENCY	TYPE APPROVAL*	NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED
See Cover Letter.					
* Would include but is not	restricted to zoning, building	and flood plain permits			
27. Application is hereby i	made for permit or permits t	o authorize the work descr			
applicant DocuSigned by:	further certify that I possess	tne authority to undertake	the work described herein DocuSigned by	= -	lutnorized agent of the
David W. Pe	• •	4/29/2016	Philip Ma	1	4/28/2016
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The Application must be	e signed by the person w	ho desires to undertake	e the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be	signed by a duly

authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

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April 25, 2016

David Pepper Waste Industries High Point Landfill 3301 Benson Drive Raleigh, NC 27609

Expiration of Acceptance: October 25, 2016

Project: High Point C&D Landfill

County: Guilford

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the NCDEQ Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) is willing to accept payment for compensatory mitigation for impacts associated with the above referenced project as indicated in the table below. Please note that this decision does not assure that participation in the DMS in-lieu fee mitigation program will be approved by the permit issuing agencies as mitigation for project impacts. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact permitting agencies to determine if payment to the DMS will be approved. You must also comply with all other state, federal or local government permits, regulations or authorizations associated with the proposed activity including G.S. § 143-214.11.

This acceptance is valid for six months from the date of this letter and is not transferable. If we have not received a copy of the issued 404 Permit/401 Certification/CAMA permit within this time frame, this acceptance will expire. It is the applicant's responsibility to send copies of the permits to DMS. Once DMS receives a copy of the permit(s) an invoice will be issued based on the required mitigation in that permit and payment must be made prior to conducting the authorized work. The amount of the in-lieu fee to be paid by an applicant is calculated based upon the Fee Schedule and policies listed at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/eep.

Based on the information supplied by you in your request to use the DMS, the impacts that may require compensatory mitigation are summarized in the following table. The amount of mitigation required and assigned to DMS for this impact is determined by permitting agencies and may exceed the impact amounts shown below.

	River Basin	CU Location (8-digit HUC)		Stream	r (feet)		Wetlands (ac	res)	Buffer I (Sq. Ft.)	Buffer II (Sq. Ft.)
_			Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non-Riparian	Coastal Marsh	Randl	eman
Impact	Cape Fear	03030003	0	0	407	0.60	0	0	24,321	16,858

Upon receipt of payment, DMS will take responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation. The mitigation will be performed in accordance with the In-Lieu Fee Program instrument dated July 28, 2010 and 15A NCAC 02B .0295 as applicable. Thank you for your interest in the DMS in-lieu fee mitigation program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Williams at (919) 707-8915.

Sincerely,

James. B Stanfill

Asset Management Supervisor

cc: David Bailey, USACE-Raleigh Phil May- agent

NC WAM Wetland Rating Sheet Accompanies User Manual Version 4.1 Rating Calculator Version 4.1

Wetland Site Name	W1	Date	3/28/2016						
Wetland Type	Non-Tidal Freshwater Marsh	Assessor Name/Organization	Phil May						
Notes on Field Assessm	ent Form (Y/N)		NO						
Presence of regulatory of			NO						
Wetland is intensively managed (Y/N)									
-	anaged (777) Ited within 50 feet of a natural tributary or other	er open water (Y/N)	YES NO						
	stantially altered by beaver (Y/N)	open nater (m.)	NO						
	ences overbank flooding during normal rainfa	Il conditions (Y/N)	NO						
Assessment area is on a	• •	,	NO						
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Sub-function Rating Su	ummary								
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Hydrology	Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA						
	Sub-Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA						
Nater Quality	Pathogen Change	Condition	NA						
		Condition/Opportunity	NA						
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA						
	Particulate Change	Condition	NA						
		Condition/Opportunity	NA						
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA						
	Soluble Change	Condition	NA						
		Condition/Opportunity	NA						
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA						
	Physical Change	Condition	NA						
		Condition/Opportunity	NA						
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA						
	Pollution Change	Condition	NA						
		Condition/Opportunity	NA						
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA						
Habitat	Physical Structure	Condition	LOW						
	Landscape Patch Structure	Condition	LOW						
	Vegetation Composition	Condition	MEDIUM						
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Water Quality	Condition		LOW						
	Condition/Opportunity		LOW						
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NC WAM WETLAND ASSESSMENT FORM Accompanies User Manual Version 4.1 Rating Calculator Version 4.1

Wetland Site Name	e_W1	Date 3/28/2016						
Wetland Typ	Non-Tidal Freshw ater Marsh	Assessor Name/Organization Phil May						
Level III Ecoregion	n Piedmont 🔻	Nearest Named Water Body UT to Richland Creek						
River Basi	n Cape Fear	USGS 8-Digit Catalogue Unit 03030003						
ſ Yes €	No Precipitation within 48 hrs?	Latitude/Longitude (deci-degrees) 35.9498 / -79.9207						
Evidence of stressors affecting the assessment area (may not be within the assessment area) Please circle and/or make note on last page if evidence of stressors is apparent. Consider departure from reference, if appropriate, in recent past (for instance, approximately within 10 years). Noteworthy stressors include, but are not limited to the following. • Hydrological modifications (examples: ditches, dams, beaver dams, dikes, berms, ponds, etc.) • Surface and sub-surface discharges into the wetland (examples: discharges containing obvious pollutants, presence of nearby septic tanks, underground storage tanks (USTs), hog lagoons, etc.) • Signs of vegetation stress (examples: vegetation mortality, insect damage, disease, storm damage, salt intrusion, etc.) • Habitat/plant community alteration (examples: mowing, clear-cutting, exotics, etc.)								
Is the assessment a	rea intensively managed?							
Anadromous f Federally prote NCDWQ ripar Abuts a Prima Publicly owner N.C. Division of Abuts a strear Designated No	ected species or State endangered or threatened speci ian buffer rule in effect iry Nursery Area (PNA)	es n (AEC) (including buffer)						
Blackwater Brownwater	I stream is associated with the wetland, if any? (check one of the following boxes)	Wind Both						
, .	rea on a coastal island?	Test .						
Is the assessment a	rea's surface water storage capacity or duration su	bstantially altered by beaver? Tyes • No						
	nt area experience overbank flooding during norma							
1. Ground Surface Check a box in (VS) in the asses then rate the ass GS VS A A A A B B B S	e Condition/Vegetation Condition – assessment are each column. Consider alteration to the ground surface assment area. Compare to reference wetland if applicable assment area based on evidence of an effect. Not severely altered Severely altered over a majority of the assessment area sedimentation, fire-plow lanes, skidder tracks, bedding,	a condition metric ce (GS) in the assessment area and vegetation structure						
Check a box in duration (Sub). North Carolina hy ≤ 1 foot deep is dub. Sub-surface wate Surf Sub A A A B B B A C C C C	ydric soils (see USACE Wilmington District website) for considered to affect surface water only, while a ditch > er. Consider tidal flooding regime, if applicable. Water storage capacity and duration are not altered. Water storage capacity or duration are altered, but not some storage capacity or duration are substantially altered.	duration (Surf) and sub-surface storage capacity and fer to the current NRCS lateral effect of ditching guidance for						
Check a box in type (WT). AA WT 3a. A A CB CC CD CD 3b. A Evi CB EVI	A Majority of wetland with depressions able to pond Majority of wetland with depressions able to pond Majority of wetland with depressions able to pond	water > 1 foot deep water 6 inches to 1 foot deep water 3 to 6 inches deep 1 2 feet and 2 feet						

4.	Soil Texture/Structure – assessment area condition metric Check a box from each of the three soil property groups below. Dig soil profile in the dominant assessment area landscape feature. Make soil observations within the 12 inches. Use most recent National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils guidance for
	regional indicators.
	4a. A Sandy soil
	 B Loamy or clayey soils exhibiting redoximorphic features (concentrations, depletions, or rhizospheres) C Loamy or clayey soils not exhibiting redoximorphic features
	D Loamy or clayey gleyed soil
	E Histosol or histic epipedon
	4b. A Soil ribbon < 1 inch
	Soil ribbon ≥ 1 inch
	4c. A No peat or muck presence
	B A peat or muck presence
5.	Discharge into Wetland – opportunity metric
	Check a box in each column. Consider surface pollutants or discharges (Surf) and sub-surface pollutants or discharges (Sub).
	Examples of sub-surface discharges include presence of nearby septic tank, underground storage tank (UST), etc.
	Surf Sub A A Little or no evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the assessment area
	B B Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the wetland and stressing, but not overwhelming the
	treatment capacity of the assessment area
	C C Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges (pathogen, particulate, or soluble) entering the assessment area and
	potentially overwhelming the treatment capacity of the wetland (water discoloration, dead vegetation, excessive
	sedimentation, odor)
6.	Land Use – opportunity metric
	Check all that apply (at least one box in each column). Evaluation involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. Consider sources draining to assessment area within entire upstream watershed (WS), within 5 miles and within the watershed draining to the
	assessment area (5M), and within 2 miles and within the watershed draining to the assessment area (2M). Effective riparian buffers
	are considered to be 50 feet wide in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont ecoregions and 30 feet wide in the Blue Ridge Mountains ecoregion.
	WS 5M 2M
	□ A □ A ≥ 10% impervious surfaces □ B □ B < 10% impervious surfaces
	 ✓ B ✓ B ✓ B ✓ C ✓ C
	D D D ≥ 20% coverage of pasture
	E E E ≥ 20% coverage of agricultural land (regularly plowed land)
	□ G □ G ≥ 20% coverage of clear-cut land □ H □ H Little or no opportunity to improve water quality. Lack of opportunity may result from hydrologic alterations
	that prevent drainage or overbank flow from affecting the assessment area.
7.	
۲.	Wetland Acting as Vegetated Buffer – assessment area/wetland complex condition metric 7a. Is assessment area within 50 feet of a tributary or other open water?
	Yes No If Yes, continue to 7b. If No, skip to Metric 8.
	Wetland buffer need only be present on one side of the water body. Make buffer judgment based on the average width of the wetland
	Record a note if a portion of the buffer has been removed or disturbed.
	7b. How much of the first 50 feet from the bank is weltand? Descriptor E should be selected if ditches effectively bypass the buffer. ☐ A ≥ 50 feet
	B From 30 to < 50 feet
	C From 15 to < 30 feet
	D From 5 to < 15 feet
	© E < 5 feet or buffer bypassed by ditches 7c. Tributary width. If the tributary is anastomosed, combine widths of channels/braids for a total width.
	7d. Do roots of assessment area vegetation extend into the bank of the tributary/open water?
	Yes No
	7e. Is tributary or other open water sheltered or exposed? Sheltered – adjacent open water with width < 2500 feet and no regular boat traffic.
8.	Wetland Width at the Assessment Area – wetland type/wetland complex metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands only)
Ο.	Check a box in each column. Select the average width for the wetland type at the assessment area (WT)
	and the wetland complex at the assessment areas (WC). See User Manual for WT and WC boundaries.
	WT WC
	○ A ○ A ≥ 100 feet
	 ○ B From 80 to < 100 feet ○ C From 50 to < 80 feet
	D D From 40 to < 50 feet
	E E From 30 to < 40 feet
	F From 15 to < 30 feet
	G G From 5 to < 15 feet GH GH < 5 feet
	CH CH < 5 feet

9.	Inundation Duration – assessment area condition metric Answer for assessment area dominant landform. A Evidence of short-duration inundation (< 7 consecutive days) Evidence of saturation, without evidence of inundation		
	C Evidence of long-duration inundation or very long-duration inundation (7 to 30 consecutive days or more)		
	Indicators of Deposition – assessment area condition metric Consider recent deposition only (no plant growth since deposition). A Sediment deposition is not excessive, but at approximately natural levels. B Sediment deposition is excessive, but not overwhelming the wetland. C Sediment deposition is excessive and is overwhelming the wetland.		
11.	Wetland Size – wetland type/wetland complex condition metric Check a box in each column. Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This metric evaluates three aspects of the wetland area: the size of the wetland type (WT), the size of the wetland complex (WC), and the size of the forested wetland (FW) (if applicable, see User Manual). See the User Manual for boundaries of these evaluation areas. If assessment area is clear-cut, select "K" for the FW column. WT WC FW (if applicable) A A A A ≥ 500 acres		
	B B B From 100 to < 500 acres C C C From 50 to < 100 acres D D D From 25 to < 50 acres E E From 10 to < 25 acres F F F From 5 to < 10 acres G G G G From 1 to < 5 acres H H H From 0.5 to < 1 acre I I I From 0.1 to < 0.5 acre		
	CK CK < 0.01 acre or assessment area is clear-cut		
	Wetland Intactness – wetland type condition metric (evaluate for Pocosins only) ☐ A Pocosin is the full extent (≥ 90%) of its natural landscape size. ☐ B Pocosin is < 90% of the full extent of its natural landscape size.		
13.	Connectivity to Other Natural Areas – landscape condition metric 13a. Check appropriate box(es) (a box may be checked in each column). Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This evaluates whether the wetland is well connected (Well) and/or loosely connected (Loosely) to the landscape patch, the contiguous metric naturally vegetated area and open water (if appropriate). Boundaries are formed by four-lane roads, regularly maintained utility line corridors the width of a four-lane road or wider, urban landscapes, fields (pasture open and agriculture), or water > 300 feet wide. Well Loosely A A ≥ 500 acres B B From 100 to < 500 acres C C From 50 to < 100 acres D F D From 10 to < 50 acres E E < 10 acres F Wetland type has a poor or no connection to other natural habitats 13b. Evaluate for marshes only.		
	Yes No Wetland type has a surface hydrology connection to open waters/stream or tidal wetlands.		
	Edge Effect – wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes) May involve a GIS effort with field adjustment. Estimate distance from wetland type boundary to artificial edges. Artificial edges include non-forested areas ≥ 40 feet wide such as fields, development, roads, regularly maintained utility line corridors and clear-cuts. Consider the eight main points of the compass. A No artificial edge within 150 feet in all directions B No artificial edge within 150 feet in four (4) to seven (7) directions C An artificial edge occurs within 150 feet in more than four (4) directions or assessment area is clear-cut		
	Vegetative Composition – assessment area condition metric (skip for all marshes and Pine Flat) A Vegetation is close to reference condition in species present and their proportions. Lower strata composed of appropriate species, with exotic plants absent or sparse within the assessment area. B Vegetation is different from reference condition in species diversity or proportions, but still largely composed of native species characteristic of the wetland type. This may include communities of weedy native species that develop after clearcutting or clearing. It also includes communities with exotics present, but not dominant, over a large portion of the expected strata. C C Vegetation severely altered from reference in composition. Expected species are unnaturally absent (planted stands of non-characteristic species or at least one stratum inappropriately composed of a single species). Exotic species are dominant in at least one stratum.		
16.	Vegetative Diversity – assessment area condition metric (evaluate for Non-tidal Freshwater Marsh only) A Vegetation diversity is high and is composed primarily of native species (<10% cover of exotics). B Vegetation diversity is low or has > 10% to 50% cover of exotics. C Vegetation is dominated by exotic species (>50% cover of exotics).		

17a. Is vegetation present? Yes No If Yes, continue to 17b. If No, skip to Metric 18.				
17b. Evaluate percent coverage of assessment area vegetation for all marshes only . Skip to 17c for non-marsh wetlands.				
17c. Check a box in each column for each stratum . Evaluate this portion of the metric for non-marsh wetlands . Consider structure in airspace above the assessment area (AA) and the wetland type (WT) separately.				
AA WT A Canopy closed, or nearly closed, with natural gaps associated with natural processes B B Canopy present, but opened more than natural gaps C C C Canopy sparse or absent				
C C Mid-story/sapling layer sparse or absent				
「A 「A Dense shrub layer 日 「B 「B Moderate density shrub layer 「C 「C Shrub layer sparse or absent				
CA CA Dense herb layer B B B Moderate density herb layer CC CC Herb layer sparse or absent				
Snags – wetland type condition metric A Large snags (more than one) are visible (> 12-inches DBH, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). Not A				
Diameter Class Distribution – wetland type condition metric A Majority of canopy trees have stems > 6 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH); many large trees (> 12 inches DBH) are present.				
Majority of canopy trees have stems between 6 and 12 inches DBH, few are > 12-inch DBH. Majority of canopy trees are < 6 inches DBH or no trees.				
Large Woody Debris – wetland type condition metric Include both natural debris and man-placed natural debris. A Large logs (more than one) are visible (> 12 inches in diameter, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). Not A				
Vegetation/Open Water Dispersion – wetland type/open water condition metric (evaluate for Non-Tidal Freshwater Marsh only) Select the figure that best describes the amount of interspersion between vegetation and open water in the growing season. Patterned areas indicate vegetated areas, while solid white areas indicate open water.				
Hydrologic Connectivity – assessment area condition metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands only) Examples of activities that may severely alter hydrologic connectivity include intensive ditching, fill, sedimentation, channelization, diversion, man-made berms, beaver dams, and stream incision. A Overbank and overland flow are not severely altered in the assessment area. B Overbank flow is severely altered in the assessment area. C Overland flow is severely altered in the assessment area. B Oth overbank and overland flow are severely altered in the assessment area.				

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Wetland Site Name _	W2 & W3	Date	3/28/2016
Wetland Type _	Bottomland Hardwood Forest	Assessor Name/Organization	Phil May
lotes on Field Assessr	ment Form (Y/N)		NO
Presence of regulatory			NO
Vetland is intensively r			NO
-	ated within 50 feet of a natural tributary or other	er onen water (Y/N)	NO
	ostantially altered by beaver (Y/N)	open water (1714)	NO
	riences overbank flooding during normal rainfa	Il conditions (Y/N)	NO
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	a coastal island (Y/N)	ii conditions (1714)	NO
133C33ITICITE di Ca 13 OII	a coastar island (1714)		
Sub-function Rating S	Gummary		
unction	Sub-function	Metrics	Rating
Hydrology	Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA
	Sub-Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA
Vater Quality	Pathogen Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Particulate Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Soluble Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Physical Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Pollution Change	Condition	LOW
	-	Condition/Opportunity	LOW
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	YES
labitat	Physical Structure	Condition	HIGH
	Landscape Patch Structure	Condition	LOW
	Vegetation Composition	Condition	MEDIUM
	·		
unction Rating Sumr	•		
unction	Metrics/Notes		Rating
Hydrology	Condition		MEDIUM
Vater Quality	Condition Condition/Opportunity		LOW LOW
	Condition/Opportunity		LOW
	Opportunity Presence?	(∀ /N)	YES

MEDIUM

Overall Wetland Rating

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Wetland Site Name W2 & W3		Date 3/28/2016
Wetland Type Bottomland Hardwood Forest		Assessor Name/Organization Phil May
Level III Ecoregion Piedmont		Nearest Named Water Body UT to Richland Creek
River Basin	Cape Fear 🔻	USGS 8-Digit Catalogue Unit 03030003
ſ Yes ♠ No	o Precipitation within 48 hrs?	Latitude/Longitude (deci-degrees) 35.9501 / -79.9220
Please circle and/or ma appropriate, in recent p to the following. • Hydrological ma • Surface and su septic tanks, un • Signs of vegeta	s affecting the assessment area (may not be within ake note on last page if evidence of stressors is appar past (for instance, approximately within 10 years). Not odifications (examples: ditches, dams, beaver dams, ib-surface discharges into the wetland (examples: disconderground storage tanks (USTs), hog lagoons, etc.) ation stress (examples: vegetation mortality, insect date ommunity alteration (examples: mowing, clear-cutting,	rent. Consider departure from reference, if reworthy stressors include, but are not limited dikes, berms, ponds, etc.) charges containing obvious pollutants, presence of nearby mage, disease, storm damage, salt intrusion, etc.)
Is the assessment are	ea intensively managed? Pes No	
Anadromous fis Federally protect NCDWQ riparia Abuts a Primary Publicly owned N.C. Division of Abuts a stream Designated NC	cted species or State endangered or threatened specie an buffer rule in effect y Nursery Area (PNA)	es n (AEC) (including buffer)
Blackwater Brownwater	stream is associated with the wetland, if any? (che	Wind Both
,	ea on a coastal island?	
Is the assessment are	ea's surface water storage capacity or duration sul	bstantially altered by beaver? Tyes • No
	t area experience overbank flooding during norma	
1. Ground Surface Check a box in each (VS) in the assess then rate the asses GS VS A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Condition/Vegetation Condition – assessment area ach column. Consider alteration to the ground surfact sment area. Compare to reference wetland if applicables sment area based on evidence of an effect. ot severely altered everely altered over a majority of the assessment area edimentation, fire-plow lanes, skidder tracks, bedding,	a condition metric ce (GS) in the assessment area and vegetation structure
Check a box in eaduration (Sub). Control Carolina hydroxidate of the control Carolina hydroxidate of	dric soils (see USACE Wilmington District website) for onsidered to affect surface water only, while a ditch > r. Consider tidal flooding regime, if applicable. // Ater storage capacity and duration are not altered. // Ater storage capacity or duration are altered, but not solution are substantially alter storage capacity or duration are substantially alter.	
Check a box in extype (WT). AA WT 3a. A A B B C C C D D 3b. A Evide	Majority of wetland with depressions able to pond with depressions	water 6 inches to 1 foot deep water 3 to 6 inches deep n 2 feet and 2 feet

4.	Soil Texture/Structure – assessment area condition metric Check a box from each of the three soil property groups below. Dig soil profile in the dominant assessment area landscape for the soil property groups. The most recent National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils quidance for
	feature. Make soil observations within the 12 inches. Use most recent National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils guidance for regional indicators.
	4a. CA Sandy soil
	 B Loamy or clayey soils exhibiting redoximorphic features (concentrations, depletions, or rhizospheres) C Loamy or clayey soils not exhibiting redoximorphic features
	D Loamy or clayey soils not exhibiting redoximorphic leatures
	E Histosol or histic epipedon
	4b. 🕟 A Soil ribbon < 1 inch
	Soil ribbon ≥ 1 inch
	4c. A No peat or muck presence
5.	Discharge into Wetland – opportunity metric
	Check a box in each column. Consider surface pollutants or discharges (Surf) and sub-surface pollutants or discharges (Sub). Examples of sub-surface discharges include presence of nearby septic tank, underground storage tank (UST), etc.
	Surf Sub
	A Little or no evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the assessment area
	B Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the wetland and stressing, but not overwhelming the treatment capacity of the assessment area
	C C Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges (pathogen, particulate, or soluble) entering the assessment area and
	potentially overwhelming the treatment capacity of the wetland (water discoloration, dead vegetation, excessive
	sedimentation, odor)
6.	Land Use – opportunity metric
	Check all that apply (at least one box in each column). Evaluation involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. Consider sources draining to assessment area within entire upstream watershed (WS), within 5 miles and within the watershed draining to the
	assessment area (5M), and within 2 miles <u>and</u> within the watershed draining to the assessment area (2M). Effective riparian buffers
	are considered to be 50 feet wide in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont ecoregions and 30 feet wide in the Blue Ridge Mountains ecoregion.
	WS 5M 2M □ A □ A □ A ≥ 10% impervious surfaces
	□ A □ A ≥ 10% impervious surfaces ▼ B ▼ B ▼ B < 10% impervious surfaces
	C C Confined animal operations (or other local, concentrated source of pollutants)
	D D D ≥ 20% coverage of pasture
	□ E □ E ≥ 20% coverage of agricultural land (regularly plowed land) ▼ F ▼ F ▼ F ≥ 20% coverage of maintained grass/herb
	☐ G ☐ G ≥ 20% coverage of clear-cut land
	☐ H ☐ H Little or no opportunity to improve water quality. Lack of opportunity may result from hydrologic alterations
	that prevent drainage or overbank flow from affecting the assessment area.
7.	Wetland Acting as Vegetated Buffer – assessment area/wetland complex condition metric
	7a. Is assessment area within 50 feet of a tributary or other open water?YesNoIf Yes, continue to 7b. If No, skip to Metric 8.
	Wetland buffer need only be present on one side of the water body. Make buffer judgment based on the average width of the wetland.
	Record a note if a portion of the buffer has been removed or disturbed.
	7b. How much of the first 50 feet from the bank is weltand? Descriptor E should be selected if ditches effectively bypass the buffer. □ A ≥ 50 feet
	© B From 30 to < 50 feet
	C From 15 to < 30 feet
	D From 5 to < 15 feetE < 5 feet or buffer bypassed by ditches
	7c. Tributary width. If the tributary is anastomosed, combine widths of channels/braids for a total width.
	7d. Do roots of assessment area vegetation extend into the bank of the tributary/open water? (Yes No
	7e. Is tributary or other open water sheltered or exposed?
	Sheltered – adjacent open water with width < 2500 feet <u>and</u> no regular boat traffic.
	Exposed – adjacent open water with width ≥ 2500 feet or regular boat traffic.
8.	Wetland Width at the Assessment Area – wetland type/wetland complex metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands only) Check a box in each column. Select the average width for the wetland type at the assessment area (WT)
	and the wetland complex at the assessment areas (WC). See User Manual for WT and WC boundaries.
	WT WC
	□ A □ A ≥ 100 feet □ B □ B From 80 to < 100 feet
	B
	D D From 40 to < 50 feet
	© E From 30 to < 40 feet
	F F From 15 to < 30 feet G G From 5 to < 15 feet
	CH CH < 5 feet

9.			
	Answer for assessment area dominant landform.		
	Evidence of short-duration inundation (< 7 consecutive days)		
	B Evidence of saturation, without evidence of inundation		
	© C Evidence of long-duration inundation or very long-duration inundation (7 to 30 consecutive days or more)		
10.	Indicators of Deposition – assessment area condition metric		
	Consider recent deposition only (no plant growth since deposition).		
	A Sediment deposition is not excessive, but at approximately natural levels.		
	C Sediment deposition is excessive and is overwhelming the wetland.		
11	Wetland Size – wetland type/wetland complex condition metric		
• • •	Check a box in each column. Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This metric evaluates three aspects of the wetland area: the		
	size of the wetland type (WT), the size of the wetland complex (WC), and the size of the forested wetland (FW) (if applicable, see User		
	Manual). See the User Manual for boundaries of these evaluation areas. If assessment area is clear-cut, select "K" for the FW column.		
	WT WC FW (if applicable)		
	CA CA A ≥ 500 acres		
	B B B From 100 to < 500 acres		
	C C C From 50 to < 100 acres		
	□ D □ D From 25 to < 50 acres		
	© E © E From 10 to < 25 acres		
	F F From 5 to < 10 acres		
	G G G From 1 to < 5 acres		
	CH CH From 0.5 to < 1 acre		
	OI OI From 0.1 to < 0.5 acre		
	○ K ○ K < 0.01 acre or assessment area is clear-cut		
12.	Wetland Intactness – wetland type condition metric (evaluate for Pocosins only)		
	B Pocosin is < 90% of the full extent of its natural landscape size.		
12	Connectivity to Other Netural Areas, Jandesens condition metric		
13.	Connectivity to Other Natural Areas – landscape condition metric 13a. Check appropriate box(es) (a box may be checked in each column). Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This		
	evaluates whether the wetland is well connected (Well) and/or loosely connected (Loosely) to the landscape patch, the contiguous		
	metric naturally vegetated area and open water (if appropriate). Boundaries are formed by four-lane roads, regularly maintained utility		
	line corridors the width of a four-lane road or wider, urban landscapes, fields (pasture open and agriculture), or water > 300 feet wide.		
	Well Loosely		
	OA OA ≥ 500 acres		
	○ B From 100 to < 500 acres		
	C C From 50 to < 100 acres		
	D D From 10 to < 50 acres		
	©E ©E <10 acres		
	F F Wetland type has a poor or no connection to other natural habitats		
	13b. Evaluate for marshes only.		
	Yes No Wetland type has a surface hydrology connection to open waters/stream or tidal wetlands.		
14.	Edge Effect – wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes)		
	May involve a GIS effort with field adjustment. Estimate distance from wetland type boundary to artificial edges. Artificial edges include		
	non-forested areas ≥ 40 feet wide such as fields, development, roads, regularly maintained utility line corridors and clear-cuts.		
	Consider the eight main points of the compass.		
	A No artificial edge within 150 feet in all directions		
	R No artificial edge within 150 feet in four (4) to seven (7) directions C An artificial edge occurs within 150 feet in more than four (4) directions or assessment area is clear-cut		
	An artificial edge occurs within 130 feet in more than four (4) directions on assessment area is clear-cut		
15.	Vegetative Composition – assessment area condition metric (skip for all marshes and Pine Flat)		
	A Vegetation is close to reference condition in species present and their proportions. Lower strata composed of appropriate		
	species, with exotic plants absent or sparse within the assessment area.		
	8 Vegetation is different from reference condition in species diversity or proportions, but still largely composed of native species		
	characteristic of the wetland type. This may include communities of weedy native species that develop after clearcutting or		
	clearing. It also includes communities with exotics present, but not dominant, over a large portion of the expected strata.		
	C Vegetation severely altered from reference in composition. Expected species are unnaturally absent (planted stands of non-		
	characteristic species or at least one stratum inappropriately composed of a single species). Exotic species are dominant in		
	at least one stratum.		
16.	Vegetative Diversity – assessment area condition metric (evaluate for Non-tidal Freshwater Marsh only)		
	A Vegetation diversity is high and is composed primarily of native species (<10% cover of exotics).		
	B Vegetation diversity is low or has > 10% to 50% cover of exotics.		
	C Vegetation is dominated by exotic species (>50% cover of exotics).		

17.	7. Vegetative Structure – assessment area/wetland type condition metric				
	17a. Is vegetation present? No If Yes, continue to 17b. If No, skip to Metric 18.				
	17b. Evaluate percent coverage of assessment area vegetation for all marshes only . Skip to 17c for non-marsh wetlands.				
	A ≥ 25% coverage of vegetation				
	B < 25% coverage of vegetation				
	17c. Check a box in each column for each stratum. Evaluate this portion of the metric for non-marsh wetlands. Consider structure in airspace above the assessment area (AA) and the wetland type (WT) separately. AA WT				
	C A Canopy closed, or nearly closed, with natural gaps associated with natural processes B Canopy present, but opened more than natural gaps C C C Canopy sparse or absent				
	© A © A Dense mid-story/sapling layer © B © B Moderate density mid-story/sapling layer © C © C Mid-story/sapling layer sparse or absent				
	C C Shrub layer sparse or absent				
	☐ A ☐ A Dense herb layer ☐ B ☐ B Moderate density herb layer ☐ C ☐ C Herb layer sparse or absent				
	Snags – wetland type condition metric A Large snags (more than one) are visible (> 12-inches DBH, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). Not A				
	Diameter Class Distribution – wetland type condition metric A Majority of canopy trees have stems > 6 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH); many large trees (> 12 inches DBH) are				
	present. B Majority of canopy trees have stems between 6 and 12 inches DBH, few are > 12-inch DBH. C Majority of canopy trees are < 6 inches DBH or no trees.				
20.	Large Woody Debris – wetland type condition metric				
	Include both natural debris and man-placed natural debris. A Large logs (more than one) are visible (> 12 inches in diameter, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). Not A				
21.	Vegetation/Open Water Dispersion – wetland type/open water condition metric (evaluate for Non-Tidal Freshwater				
	Marsh only) Select the figure that best describes the amount of interspersion between vegetation and open water in the growing season. Patterned				
	areas indicate vegetated areas, while solid white areas indicate open water.				
	CA CB CC CD				
	Hydrologic Connectivity – assessment area condition metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands only) Examples of activities that may severely alter hydrologic connectivity include intensive ditching, fill, sedimentation, channelization, diversion, man-made berms, beaver dams, and stream incision. A Overbank and overland flow are not severely altered in the assessment area. Overbank flow is severely altered in the assessment area. Overland flow is severely altered in the assessment area. Both overbank and overland flow are severely altered in the assessment area.				

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Wetland Site Name	W4	Date	3/28/2016
Wetland Type	Basin Wetland	Assessor Name/Organization	Phil May
· ·			
Notes on Field Assessm	nent Form (Y/N)		NO
Presence of regulatory of	considerations (Y/N)		NO
Wetland is intensively m	nanaged (Y/N)		NO
Assessment area is loca	ated within 50 feet of a natural tributary or othe	er open water (Y/N)	NO
Assessment area is sub	stantially altered by beaver (Y/N)		NO
Assessment area experi	iences overbank flooding during normal rainfa	Il conditions (Y/N)	NO
Assessment area is on a	a coastal island (Y/N)		NO
Sub-function Rating Sub-function	ummary Sub-function	Metrics	Pating
	Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	Rating NA
Hydrology	Sub-Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA NA
Water Quality	Pathogen Change	Condition	NA NA
water Quality	Fathogen Change	Condition/Opportunity	NA NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA NA
	Dorticulate Change	,, ,	
	Particulate Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
	Calubla Changa	Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Soluble Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
	Dhymiael Change	Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Physical Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
	Dellution Change	Opportunity Presence? (Y/N) Condition	MEDIUM
	Pollution Change		MEDIUM
		Condition/Opportunity	NO
	Dhysical Structure	Opportunity Presence? (Y/N) Condition	
Habitat	Physical Structure		HIGH
	Landscape Patch Structure	Condition	MEDIUM
	Vegetation Composition	Condition	MEDIUM
Function Rating Sumn	nary		
Function	Metrics/Notes		Rating
Hydrology	Condition		MEDIUM
Water Quality	Condition		MEDIUM
	Condition/Opportunity		MEDIUM
	Opportunity Presence?	(Y/N)	NO
Habitat	Conditon		HIGH

MEDIUM

Overall Wetland Rating

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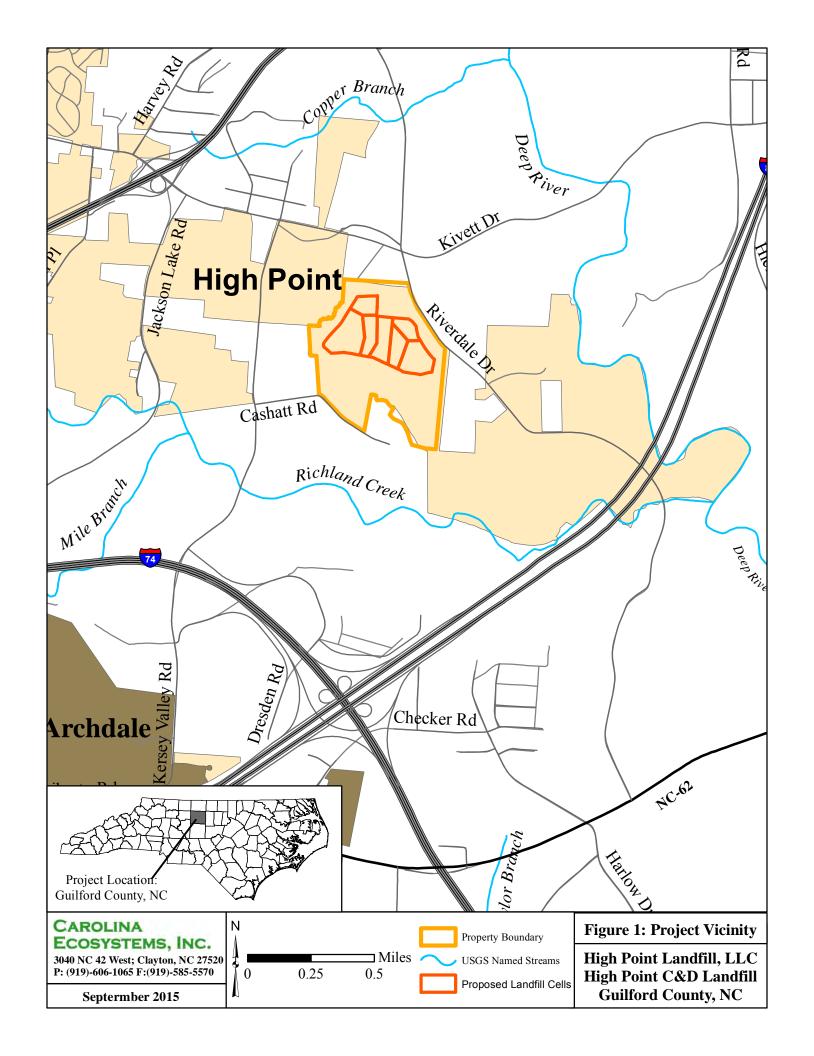
Wetland Site Name	• W4	Date 3/28/2016
Wetland Type	Basin Wetland	Assessor Name/Organization Phil May
Level III Ecoregion	Piedmont 🔻	Nearest Named Water Body UT to Richland Creek
River Basin	Cape Fear 🔻	USGS 8-Digit Catalogue Unit 03030003
ſ∵Yes 🕞 N	o Precipitation within 48 hrs?	Latitude/Longitude (deci-degrees) 35.9487 / -79.9198
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Is the assessment ar	rea intensively managed? Yes 💽 No	
Anadromous fis Federally prote NCDWQ riparis Abuts a Primar Publicly owned N.C. Division o Abuts a stream Designated NC	octed species or State endangered or threatened speci an buffer rule in effect y Nursery Area (PNA)	es n (AEC) (including buffer)
Blackwater Brownwater	stream is associated with the wetland, if any? (che	Wind Both
Is the assessment ar	ea on a coastal island? Yes No	
Is the assessment ar	ea's surface water storage capacity or duration su	bstantially altered by beaver? Tes No
Does the assessmen	t area experience overbank flooding during norma	I rainfall conditions?
Check a box in e (VS) in the assess then rate the asses GS VS A A A N B B S se	sment area. Compare to reference wetland if applicablessment area based on evidence of an effect. lot severely altered leverely altered over a majority of the assessment area edimentation, fire-plow lanes, skidder tracks, bedding,	ce (GS) in the assessment area and vegetation structure
Check a box in eduration (Sub). Control Carolina hy ≤ 1 foot deep is consub-surface water Surf Sub A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	dric soils (see USACE Wilmington District website) for onsidered to affect surface water only, while a ditch > r. Consider tidal flooding regime, if applicable. Vater storage capacity and duration are not altered. Vater storage capacity or duration are altered, but not solution are substantially alter	
3. Water Storage/S Check a box in e type (WT). AA WT 3a. A A B B C C C D 3b. A Evid B Evid	urface Relief – assessment area/wetland type conceach column for each group below. Select the approximately approx	lition metric (answer for non-marsh wetlands only) opriate storage for the assessment area (AA) and the wetland water > 1 foot deep water 6 inches to 1 foot deep water 3 to 6 inches deep 1 2 feet and 2 feet

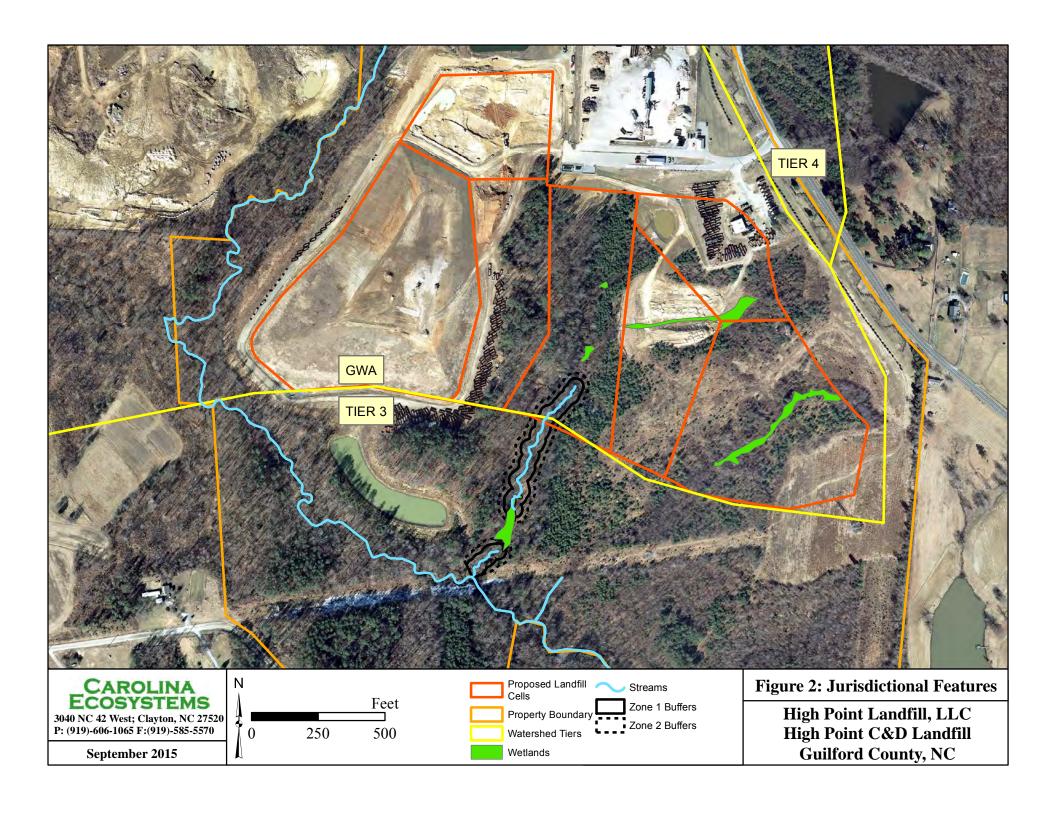
4.	Soil Texture/Structure – assessment area condition metric Check a box from each of the three soil property groups below. Dig soil profile in the dominant assessment area landscape feature. Make soil observations within the 12 inches. Use most recent National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils guidance for	
	regional indicators.	
	4a. CA Sandy soil	
	 ♠ B Loamy or clayey soils exhibiting redoximorphic features (concentrations, depletions, or rhizospheres) ♠ C Loamy or clayey soils not exhibiting redoximorphic features 	
	C Loamy or clayey soils not exhibiting redoximorphic features D Loamy or clayey gleyed soil	
	E Histosol or histic epipedon	
	4b. CA Soil ribbon < 1 inch	
	B Soil ribbon ≥ 1 inch	
	4c. 🕟 A No peat or muck presence	
	B A peat or muck presence	
5.	Discharge into Wetland – opportunity metric	
	Check a box in each column. Consider surface pollutants or discharges (Surf) and sub-surface pollutants or discharges (Sub).	
	Examples of sub-surface discharges include presence of nearby septic tank, underground storage tank (UST), etc.	
	Surf Sub A A Little or no evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the assessment area	
	 A Little or no evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the assessment area B OB Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the wetland and stressing, but not overwhelming the 	
	treatment capacity of the assessment area	
	C C Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges (pathogen, particulate, or soluble) entering the assessment area and	
	potentially overwhelming the treatment capacity of the wetland (water discoloration, dead vegetation, excessive	
	sedimentation, odor)	
6.	Land Use – opportunity metric	
	Check all that apply (at least one box in each column). Evaluation involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. Consider sources draining to assessment area within entire upstream watershed (WS), within 5 miles and within the watershed draining to the	
	assessment area (5M), and within 2 miles <u>and</u> within the watershed draining to the assessment area (2M). Effective riparian buffers	
	are considered to be 50 feet wide in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont ecoregions and 30 feet wide in the Blue Ridge Mountains ecoreg	ion.
	WS 5M 2M	
	A A A ≥ 10% impervious surfaces	
	 ▼ B ▼ B ✓ C C D C C D C D C D C D D	
	□ D □ D ≥ 20% coverage of pasture	
	☐ E ☐ E ≥ 20% coverage of agricultural land (regularly plowed land)	
	F F F ≥ 20% coverage of maintained grass/herb	
	□ G □ G ≥ 20% coverage of clear-cut land □ H □ H □ Little or no opportunity to improve water quality. Lack of opportunity may result from hydrologic alterations	
	☐ H ☐ H Little or no opportunity to improve water quality. Lack of opportunity may result from hydrologic alterations that prevent drainage or overbank flow from affecting the assessment area.	
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7.	Wetland Acting as Vegetated Buffer – assessment area/wetland complex condition metric 7a. Is assessment area within 50 feet of a tributary or other open water?	
	Yes No If Yes, continue to 7b. If No, skip to Metric 8.	
	Wetland buffer need only be present on one side of the water body. Make buffer judgment based on the average width of the water	etland.
	Record a note if a portion of the buffer has been removed or disturbed. The How much of the first F0 feet from the bank is weltened? Descriptor F should be collected if ditables effectively by need the buffer.	
	7b. How much of the first 50 feet from the bank is weltand? Descriptor E should be selected if ditches effectively bypass the buffer. ○ A ≥ 50 feet	
	B From 30 to < 50 feet	
	© C From 15 to < 30 feet	
	7c. Tributary width. If the tributary is anastomosed, combine widths of channels/braids for a total width.	
	7d. Do roots of assessment area vegetation extend into the bank of the tributary/open water?	
	YesNoNoIs tributary or other open water sheltered or exposed?	
	Sheltered – adjacent open water with width < 2500 feet <u>and</u> no regular boat traffic.	
	Exposed – adjacent open water with width ≥ 2500 feet <u>or</u> regular boat traffic.	
8.	Wetland Width at the Assessment Area – wetland type/wetland complex metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands only)	
	Check a box in each column. Select the average width for the wetland type at the assessment area (WT)	
	and the wetland complex at the assessment areas (WC). See User Manual for WT and WC boundaries.	
	WT WC	
	A	
	C C From 50 to < 80 feet	
	© D	
	© E	
	F From 15 to < 30 feet G G From 5 to < 15 feet	
	CH CH < 5 feet	

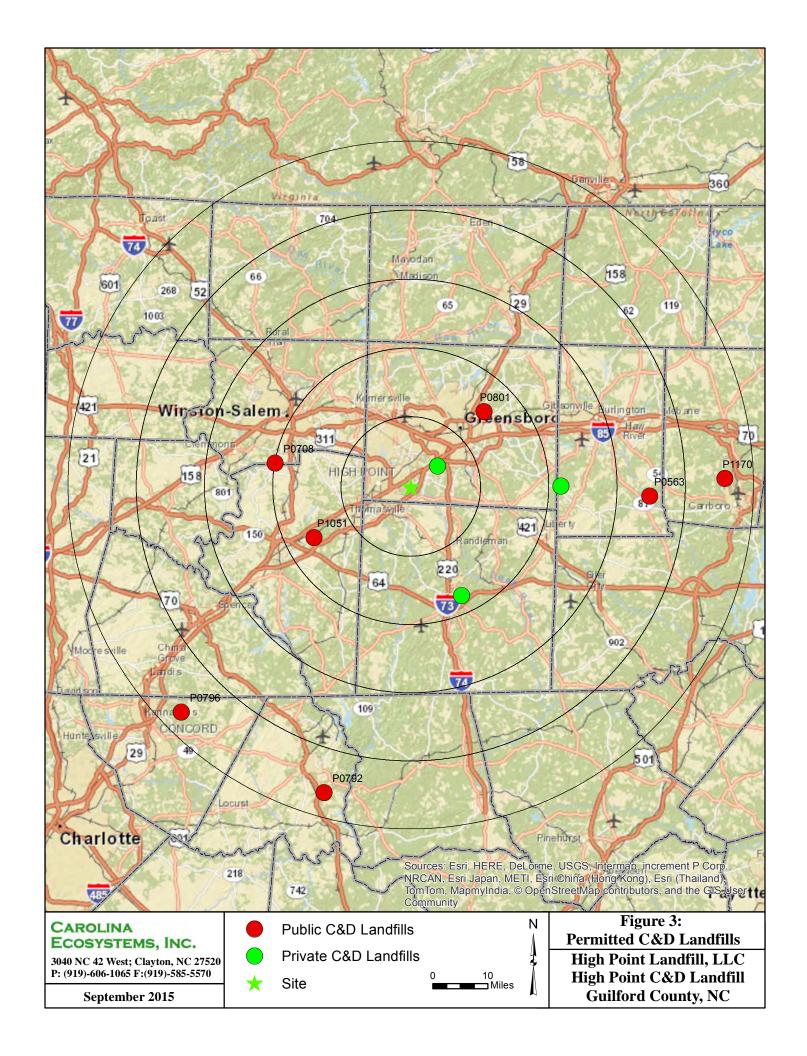
9.	Inundation Duration – assessment area condition metric
	Answer for assessment area dominant landform.
	A Evidence of short-duration inundation (< 7 consecutive days)
	Evidence of saturation, without evidence of inundation Evidence of long-duration inundation or very long-duration inundation (7 to 30 consecutive days or more)
	C Evidence of long-duration inundation or very long-duration inundation (7 to 30 consecutive days or more)
10.	Indicators of Deposition – assessment area condition metric
	Consider recent deposition only (no plant growth since deposition).
	A Sediment deposition is not excessive, but at approximately natural levels.
	Sediment deposition is excessive, but not overwhelming the wetland.
	C Sediment deposition is excessive and is overwhelming the wetland.
11	Wetland Size – wetland type/wetland complex condition metric
• • •	Check a box in each column. Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This metric evaluates three aspects of the wetland area: the
	size of the wetland type (WT), the size of the wetland complex (WC), and the size of the forested wetland (FW) (if applicable, see User
	Manual). See the User Manual for boundaries of these evaluation areas. If assessment area is clear-cut, select "K" for the FW column.
	WT WC FW (if applicable)
	CA CA CA ≥ 500 acres
	○B ○B From 100 to < 500 acres
	C C C From 50 to < 100 acres
	D D D From 25 to < 50 acres
	© E
	F F From 5 to < 10 acres
	G G G From 1 to < 5 acres
	○ H ○ H From 0.5 to < 1 acre
	CJ CJ From 0.01 to < 0.1 acre
	○ K ○ K < 0.01 acre or assessment area is clear-cut
12.	Wetland Intactness – wetland type condition metric (evaluate for Pocosins only)
	A Pocosin is the full extent (≥ 90%) of its natural landscape size.
	B Pocosin is < 90% of the full extent of its natural landscape size.
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13.	Connectivity to Other Natural Areas – landscape condition metric
	13a. Check appropriate box(es) (a box may be checked in each column). Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This evaluates whether the wetland is well connected (Well) and/or loosely connected (Loosely) to the landscape patch, the contiguous
	metric naturally vegetated area and open water (if appropriate). Boundaries are formed by four-lane roads, regularly maintained utility
	line corridors the width of a four-lane road or wider, urban landscapes, fields (pasture open and agriculture), or water > 300 feet wide.
	Well Loosely
	OA OA ≥ 500 acres
	©B
	C C From 50 to < 100 acres
	D D From 10 to < 50 acres
	ĈE ĈE < 10 acres
	F F Wetland type has a poor or no connection to other natural habitats
	13b. Evaluate for marshes only.
	Yes No Wetland type has a surface hydrology connection to open waters/stream or tidal wetlands.
14.	Edge Effect – wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes)
	May involve a GIS effort with field adjustment. Estimate distance from wetland type boundary to artificial edges. Artificial edges include
	non-forested areas ≥ 40 feet wide such as fields, development, roads, regularly maintained utility line corridors and clear-cuts.
	Consider the eight main points of the compass.
	A No artificial edge within 150 feet in all directions
	B No artificial edge within 150 feet in four (4) to seven (7) directions C An artificial edge occurs within 150 feet in more than four (4) directions or assessment area is clear-cut
15.	Vegetative Composition – assessment area condition metric (skip for all marshes and Pine Flat)
	A Vegetation is close to reference condition in species present and their proportions. Lower strata composed of appropriate
	species, with exotic plants absent or sparse within the assessment area.
	B Vegetation is different from reference condition in species diversity or proportions, but still largely composed of native species
	characteristic of the wetland type. This may include communities of weedy native species that develop after clearcutting or
	clearing. It also includes communities with exotics present, but not dominant, over a large portion of the expected strata.
	C Vegetation severely altered from reference in composition. Expected species are unnaturally absent (planted stands of non-
	characteristic species or at least one stratum inappropriately composed of a single species). Exotic species are dominant in
	at least one stratum.
16.	Vegetative Diversity – assessment area condition metric (evaluate for Non-tidal Freshwater Marsh only)
	A Vegetation diversity is high and is composed primarily of native species (<10% cover of exotics).
	B Vegetation diversity is low or has > 10% to 50% cover of exotics.
	C Vegetation is dominated by exotic species (>50% cover of exotics).

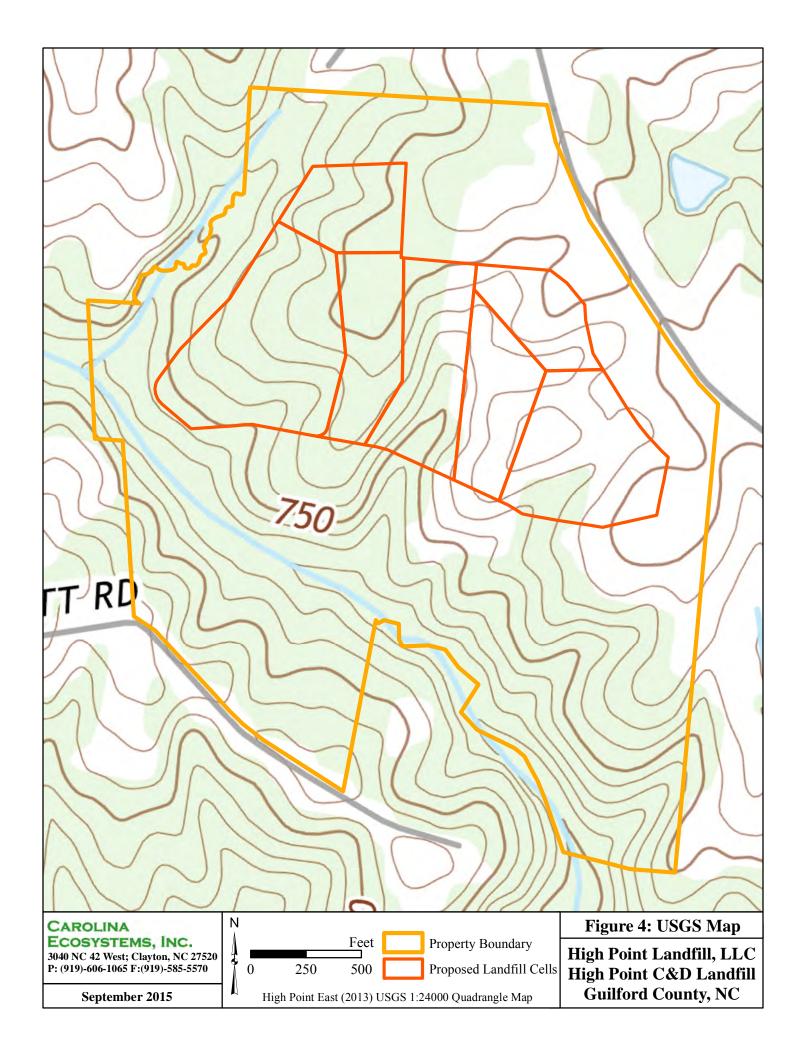
17.	Vegetative Structure – assessment area/wetland type condition metric
	17a. Is vegetation present? Proof: Yes No If Yes, continue to 17b. If No, skip to Metric 18.
	17b. Evaluate percent coverage of assessment area vegetation for all marshes only . Skip to 17c for non-marsh wetlands.
	17c. Check a box in each column for each stratum. Evaluate this portion of the metric for non-marsh wetlands. Consider structure in airspace above the assessment area (AA) and the wetland type (WT) separately. AA WT
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	Fig. A A Dense mid-story/sapling layer O B B B Moderate density mid-story/sapling layer O C C Mid-story/sapling layer sparse or absent
	G A C A Dense shrub layer B B Moderate density shrub layer C C C Shrub layer sparse or absent
	CA CA Dense herb layer B B B Moderate density herb layer C C C Herb layer sparse or absent
	Snags – wetland type condition metric A Large snags (more than one) are visible (> 12-inches DBH, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). Not A
	Diameter Class Distribution – wetland type condition metric A Majority of canopy trees have stems > 6 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH); many large trees (> 12 inches DBH) are present.
	 Majority of canopy trees have stems between 6 and 12 inches DBH, few are > 12-inch DBH. Majority of canopy trees are < 6 inches DBH or no trees.
	Large Woody Debris – wetland type condition metric Include both natural debris and man-placed natural debris. A Large logs (more than one) are visible (> 12 inches in diameter, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). Not A
21.	Vegetation/Open Water Dispersion – wetland type/open water condition metric (evaluate for Non-Tidal Freshwater Marsh only)
	Select the figure that best describes the amount of interspersion between vegetation and open water in the growing season. Patterned areas indicate vegetated areas, while solid white areas indicate open water.
	Hydrologic Connectivity – assessment area condition metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands only) Examples of activities that may severely alter hydrologic connectivity include intensive ditching, fill, sedimentation, channelization, diversion, man-made berms, beaver dams, and stream incision. A Overbank and overland flow are not severely altered in the assessment area. Overbank flow is severely altered in the assessment area. Overland flow is severely altered in the assessment area. Both overbank and overland flow are severely altered in the assessment area.

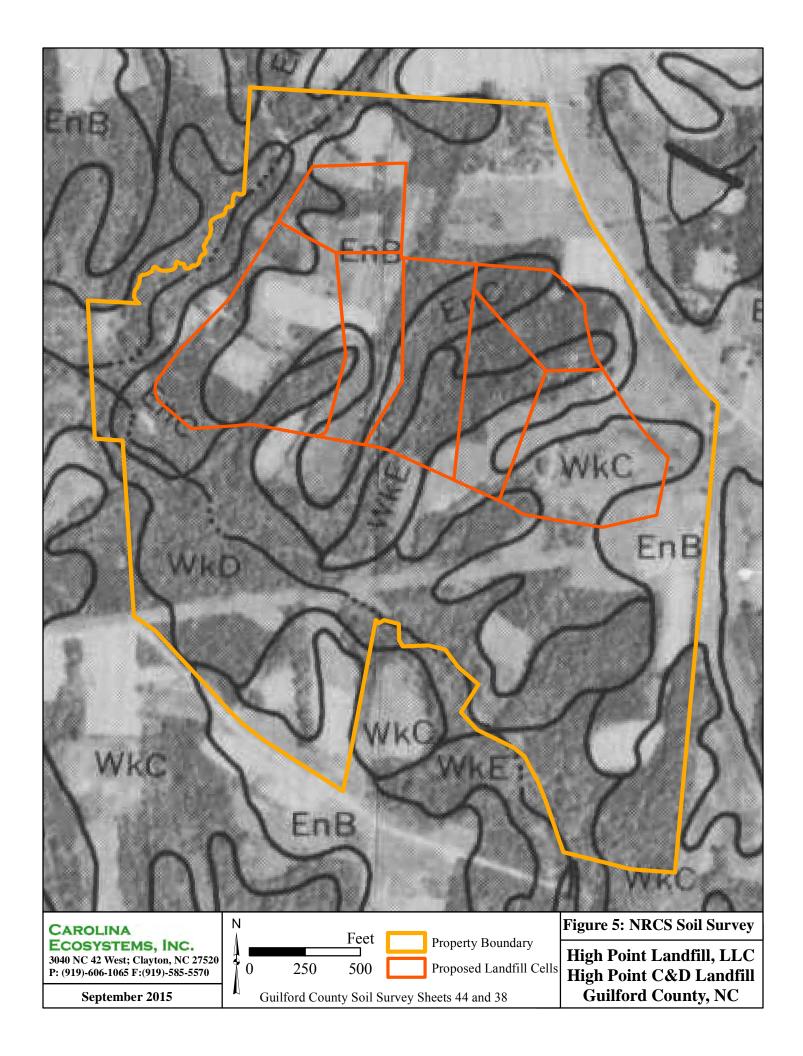
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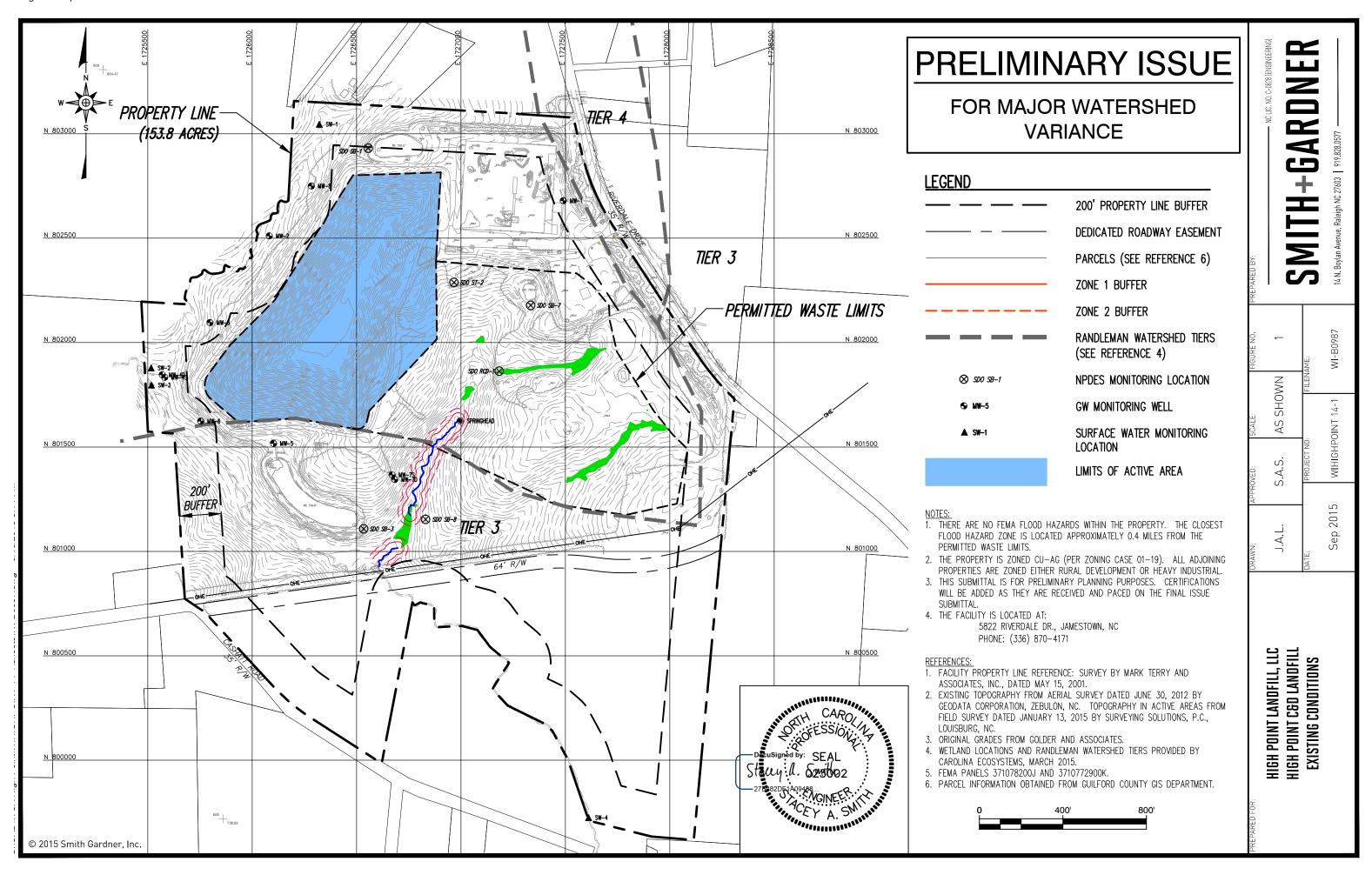


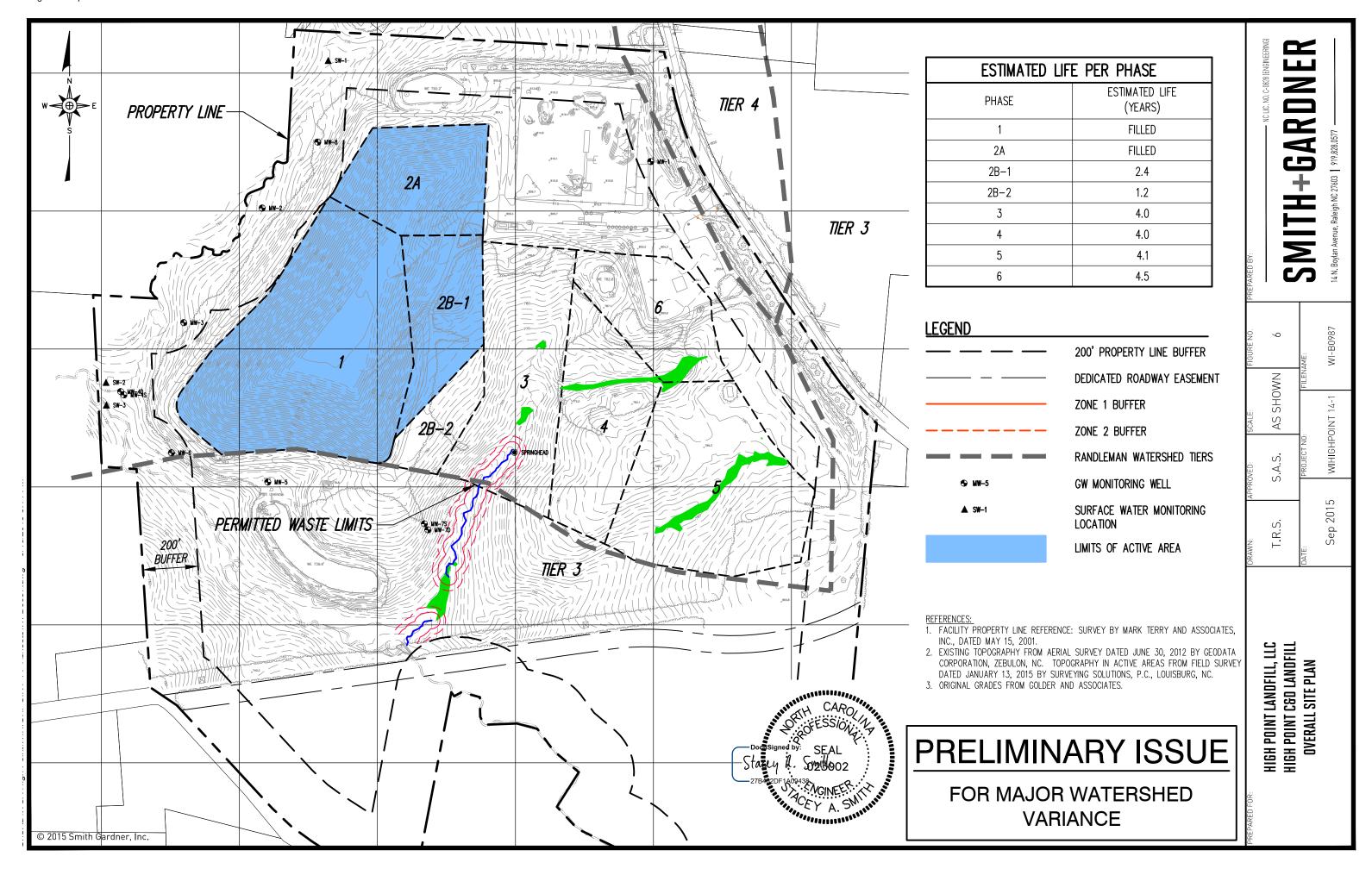


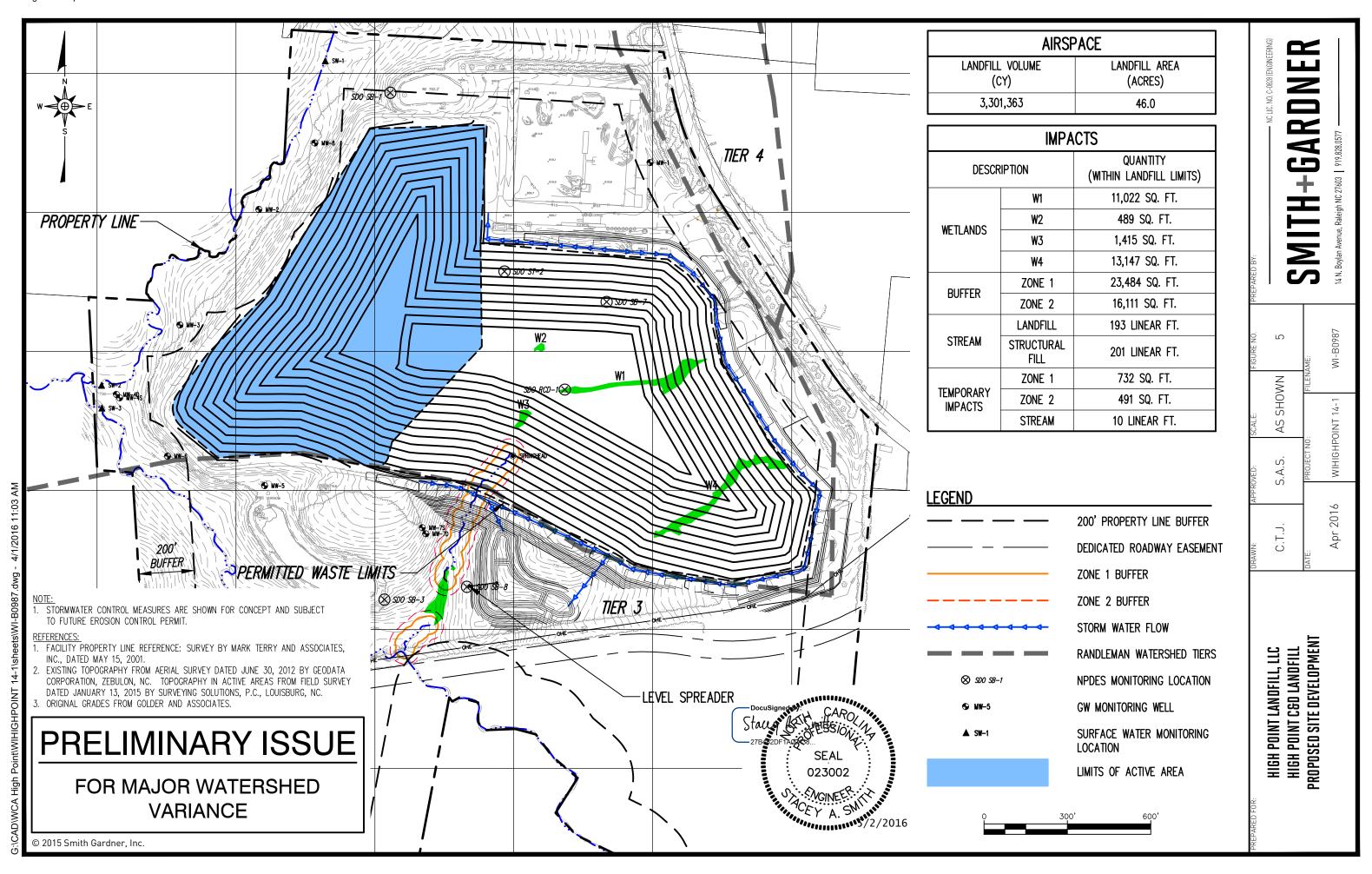


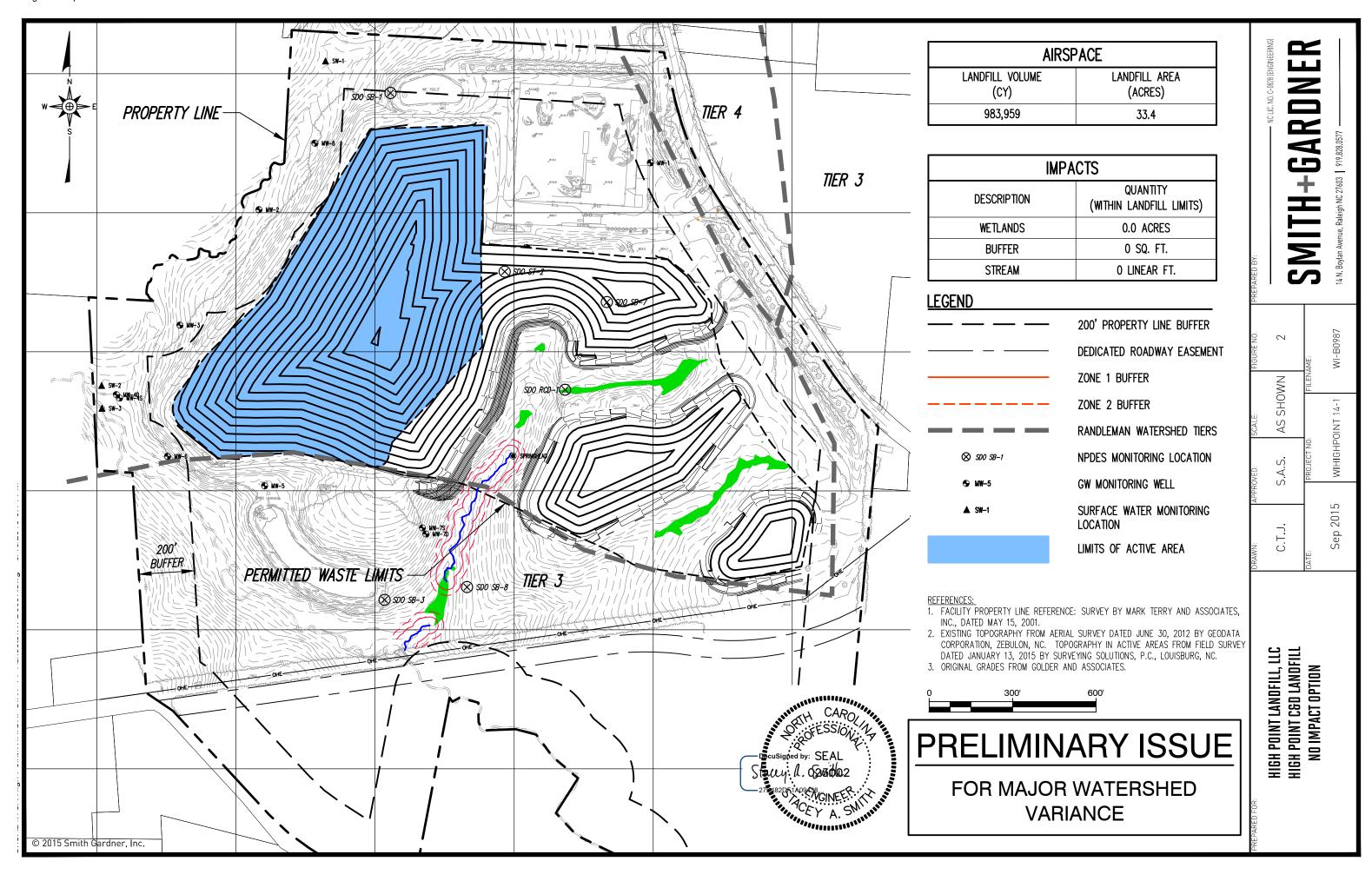


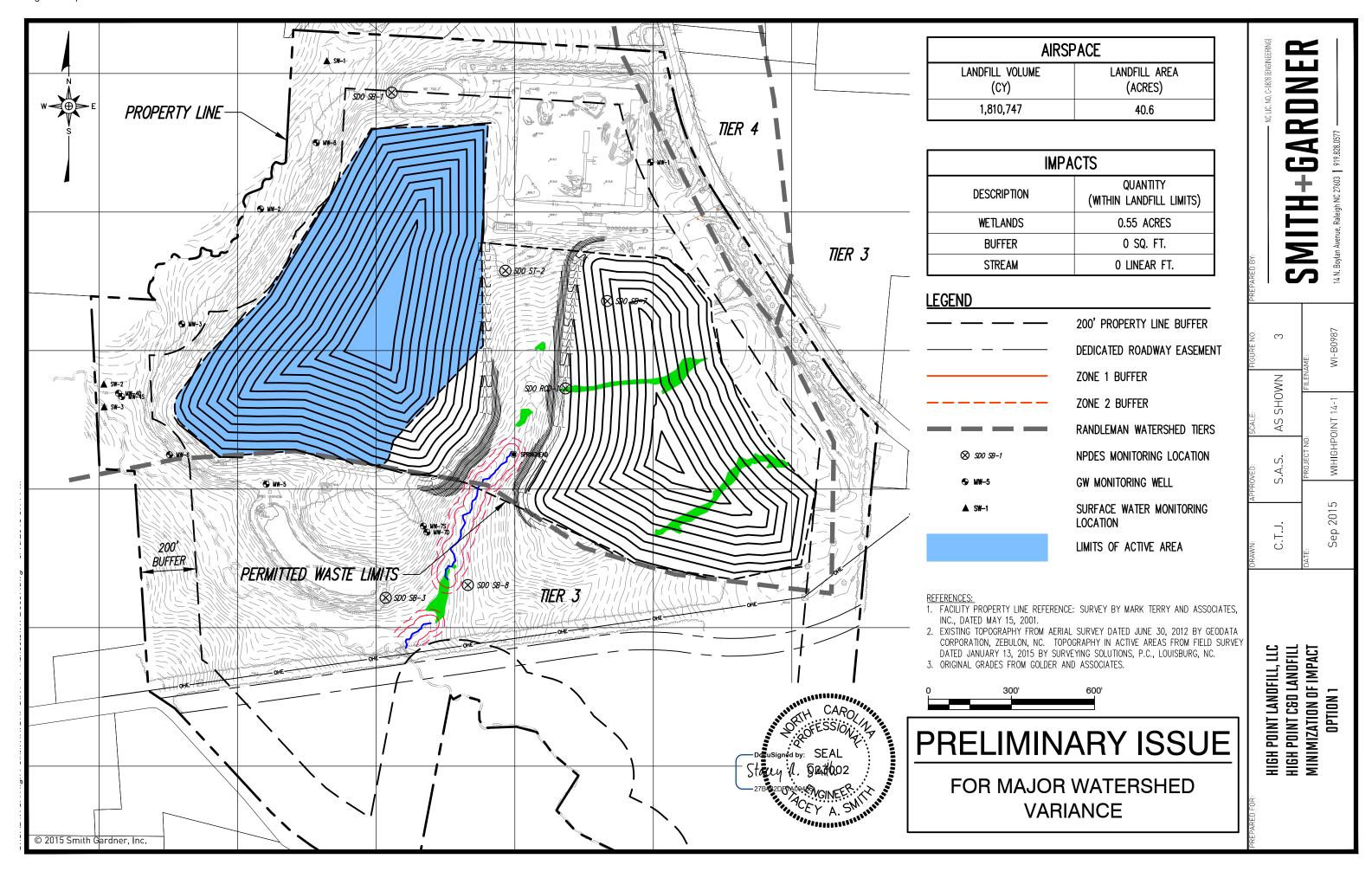


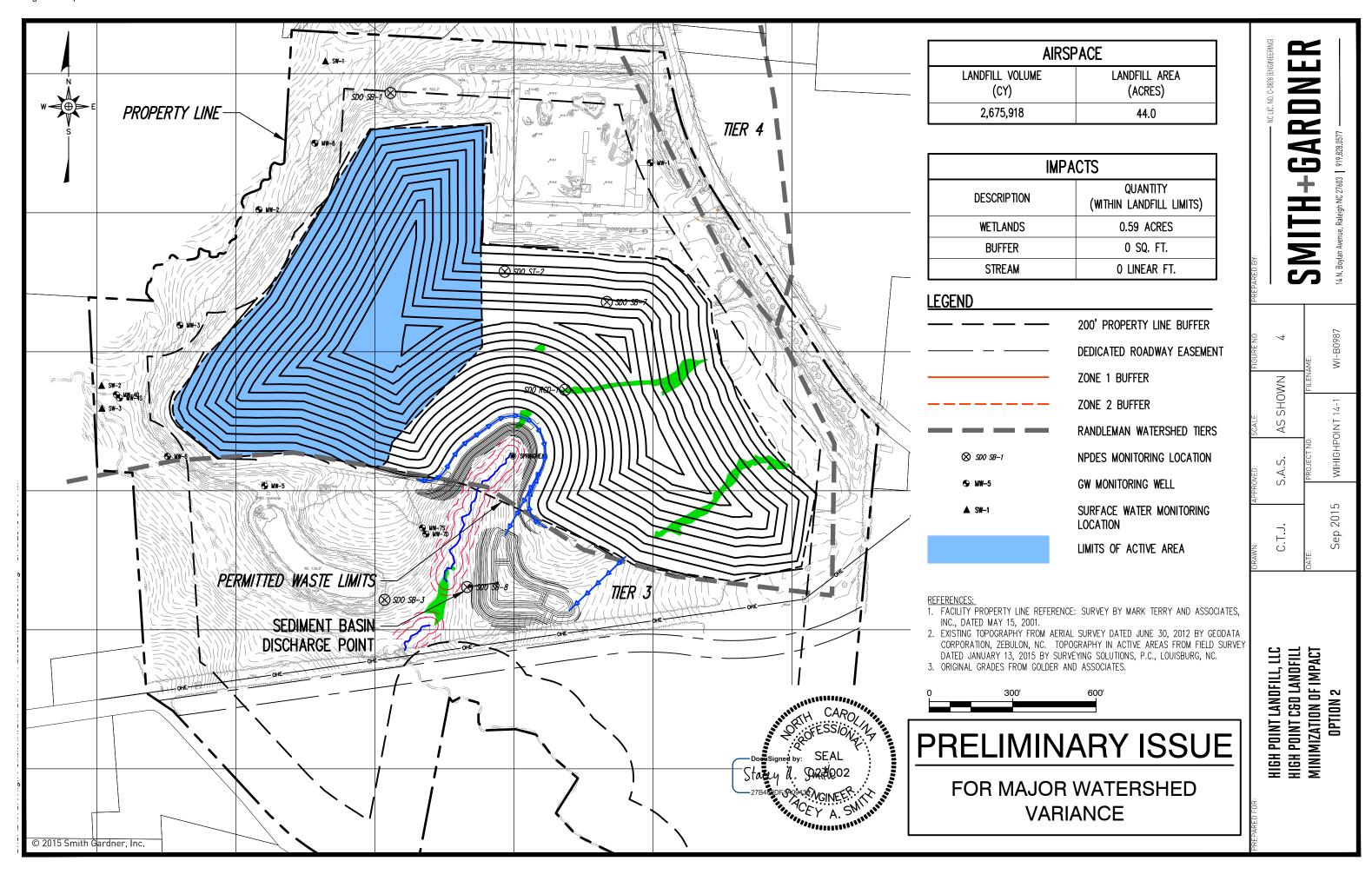


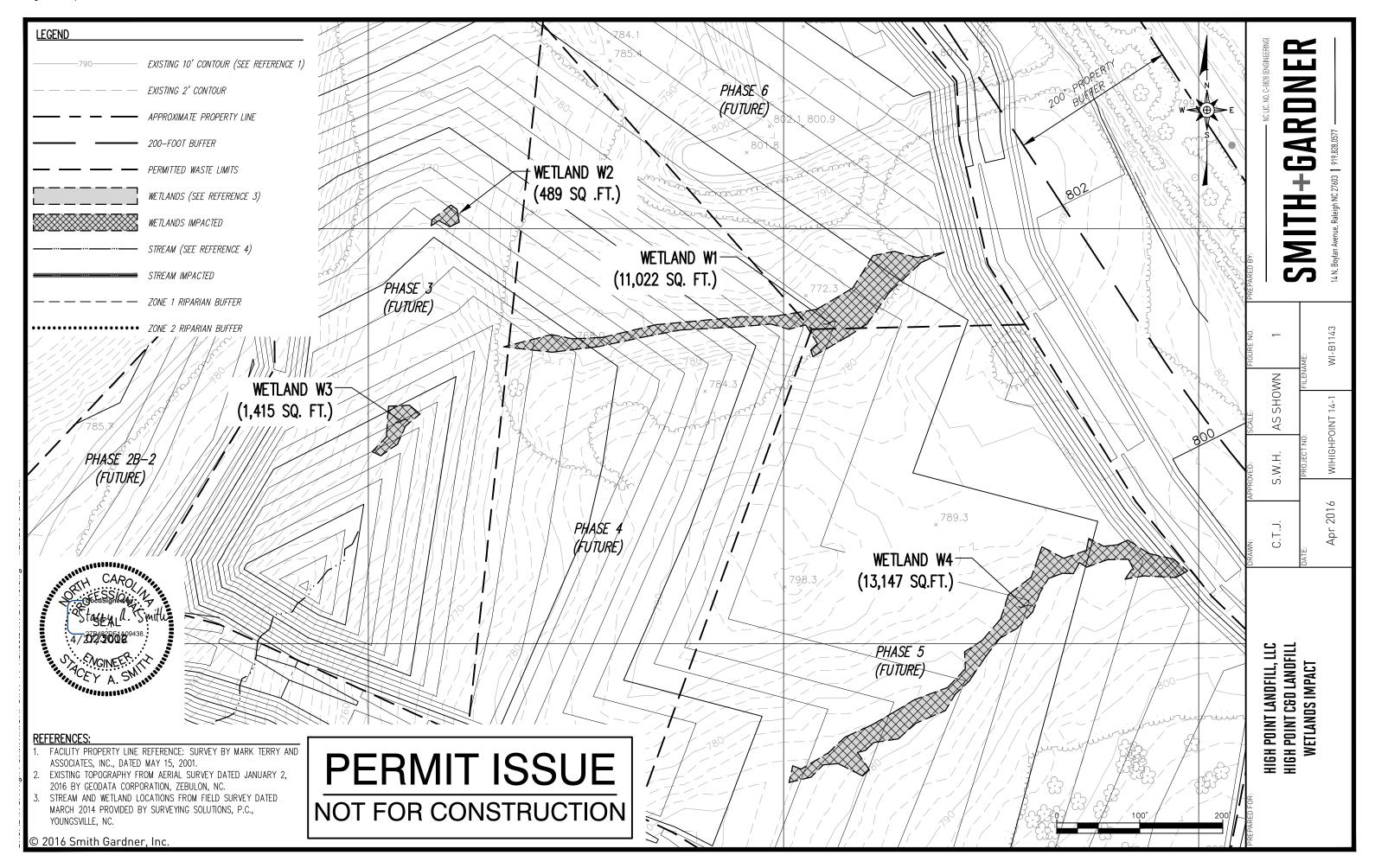


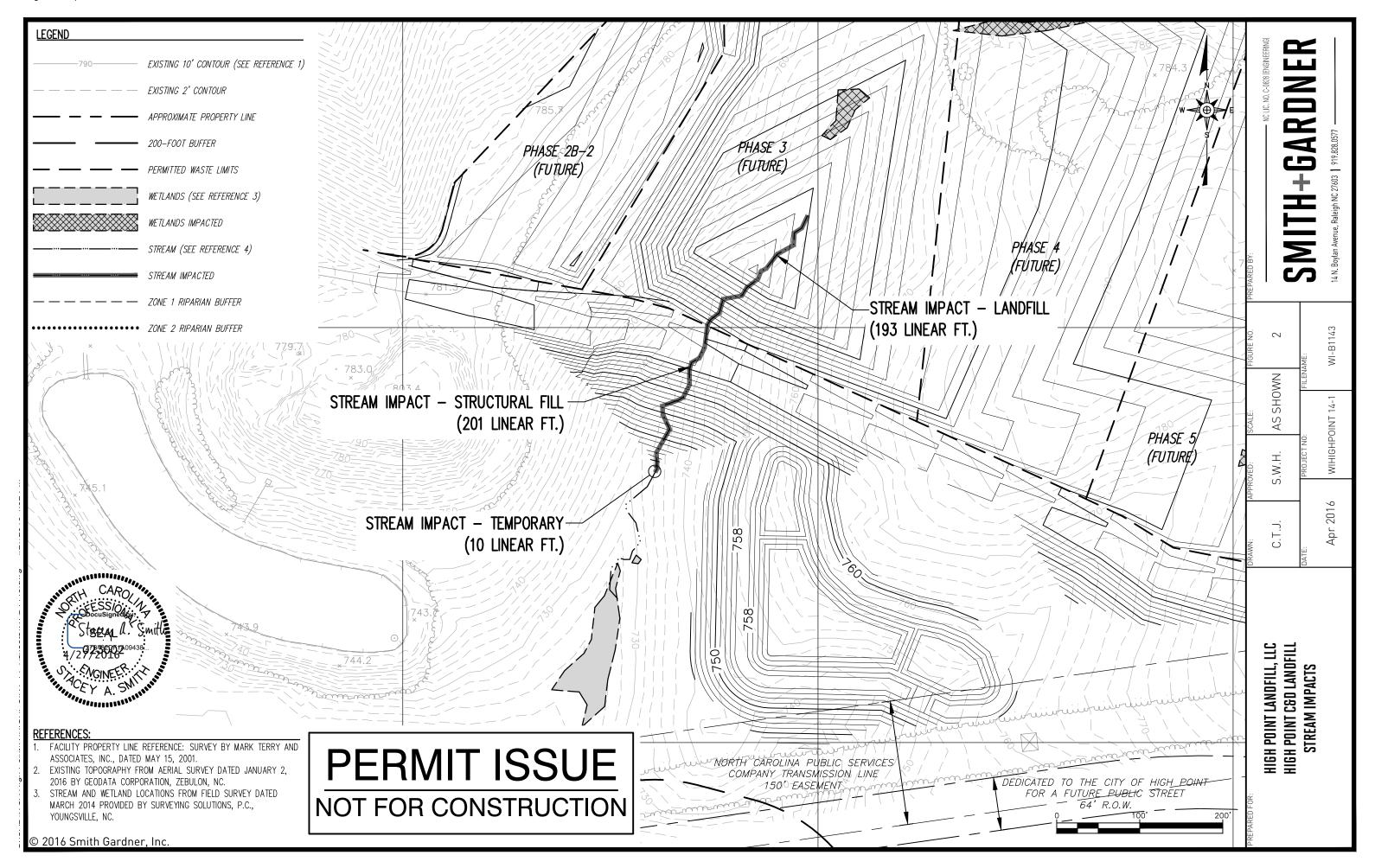


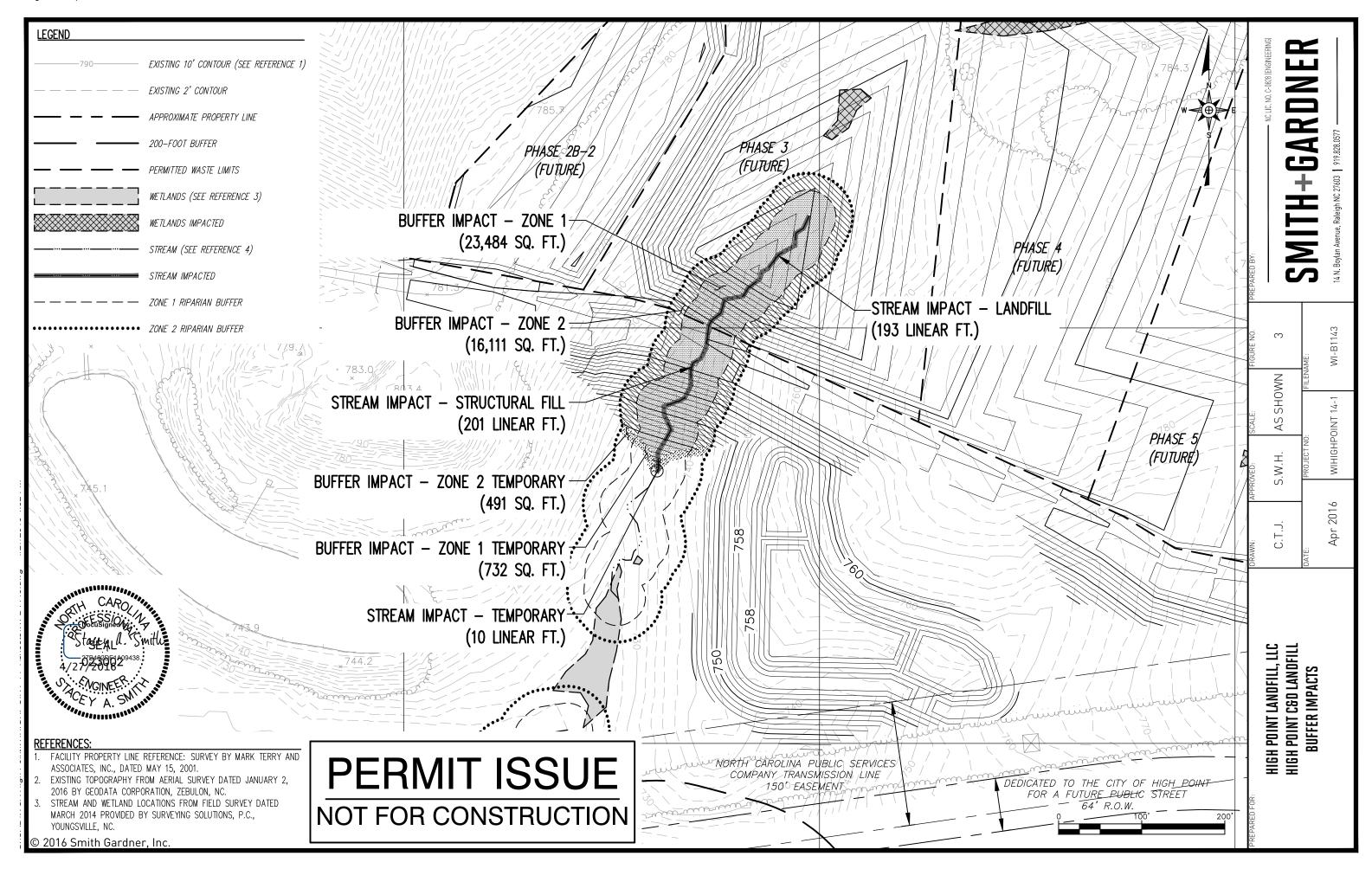


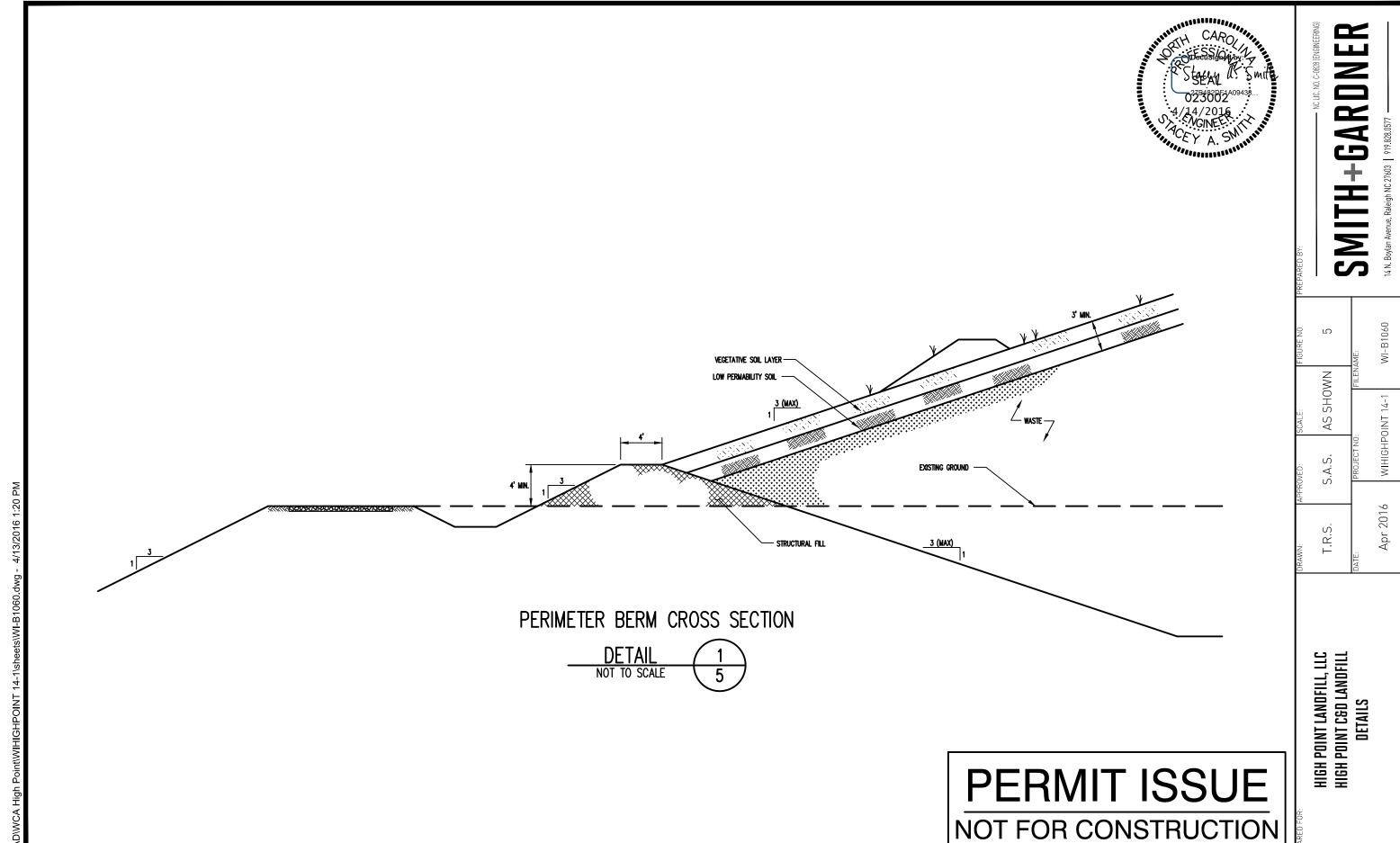












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