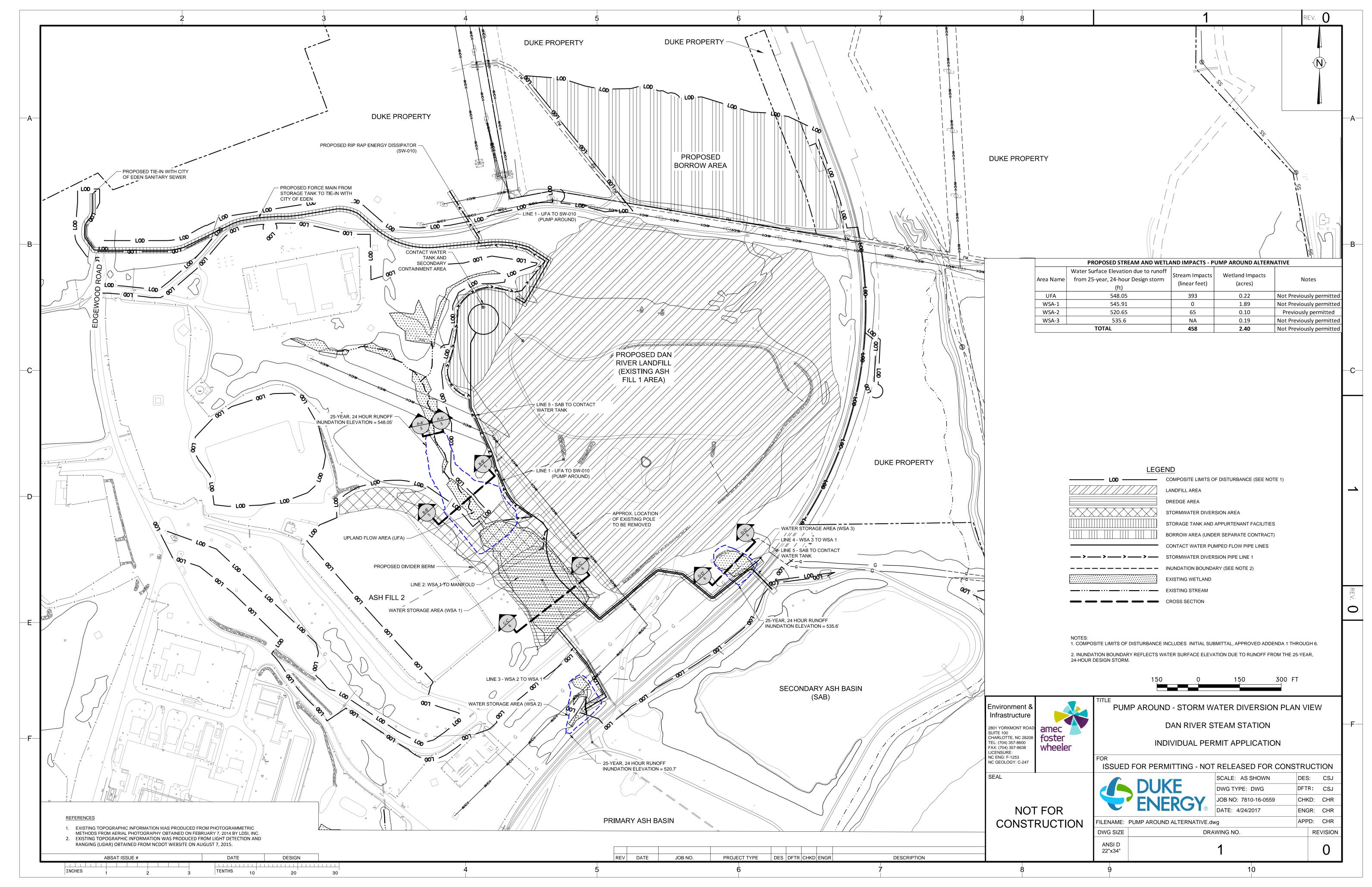
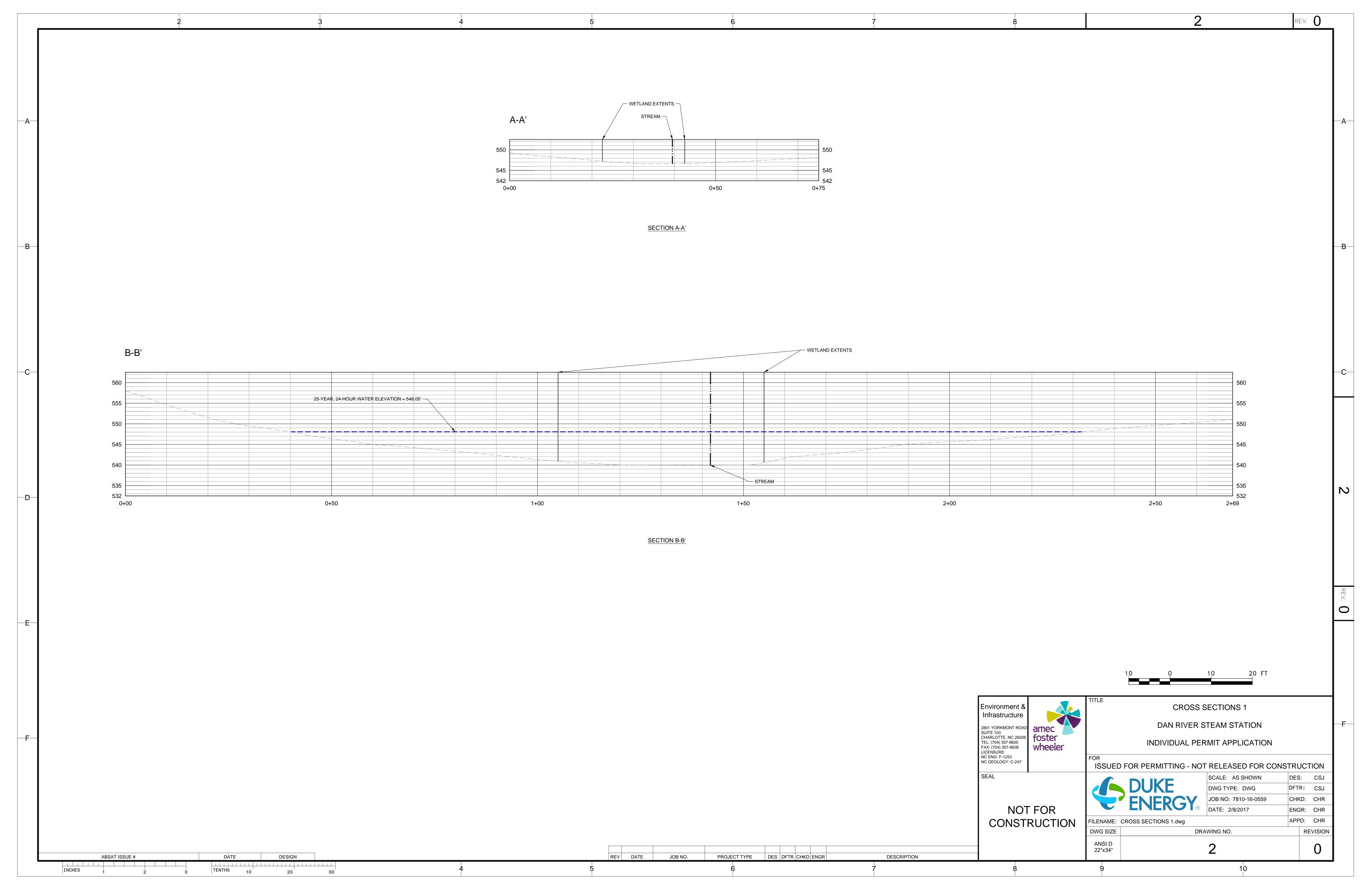
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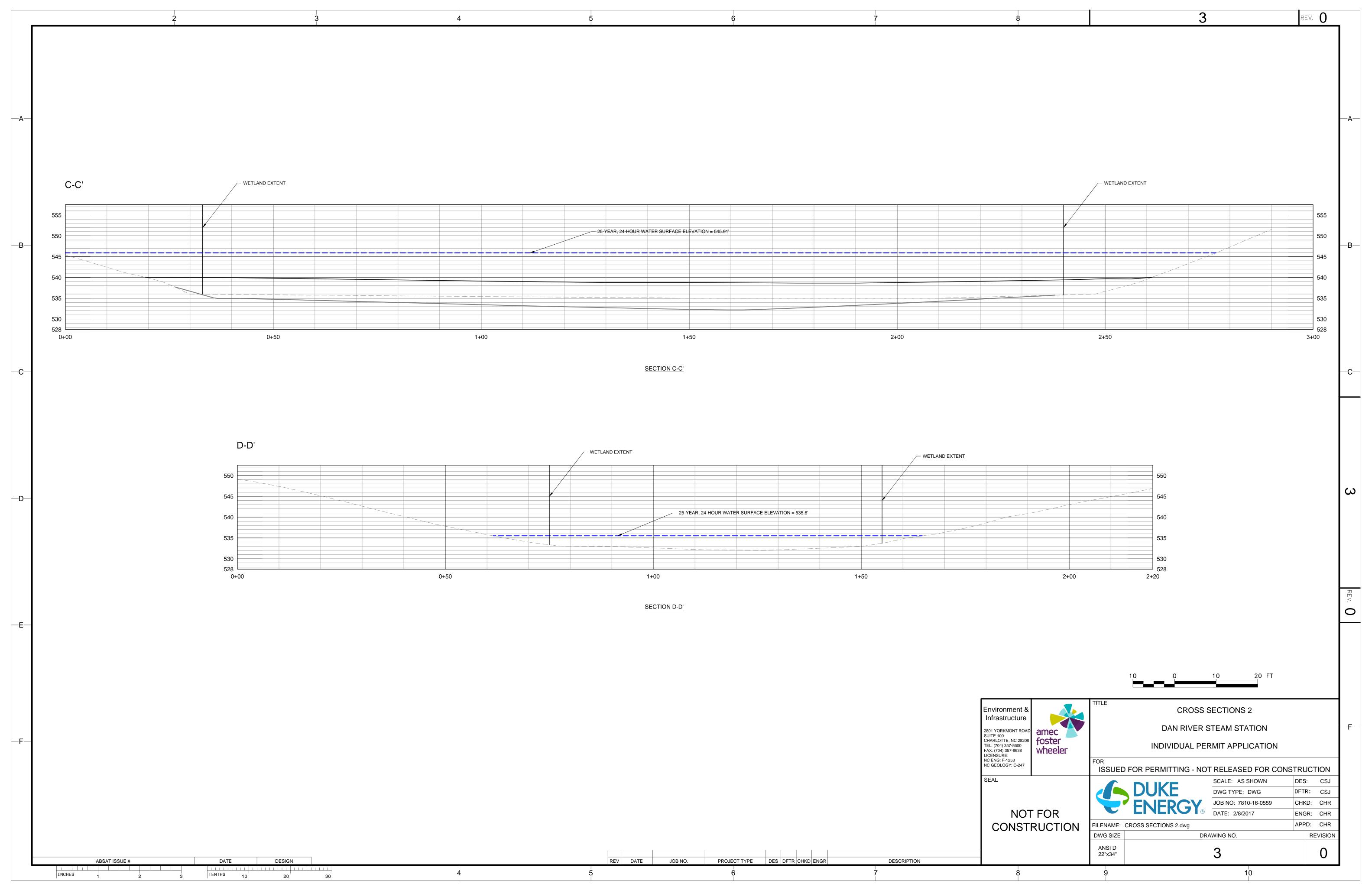
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PERMIT DRAWINGS - PLAN VIEW and CROSS-SECTION DRAWINGS

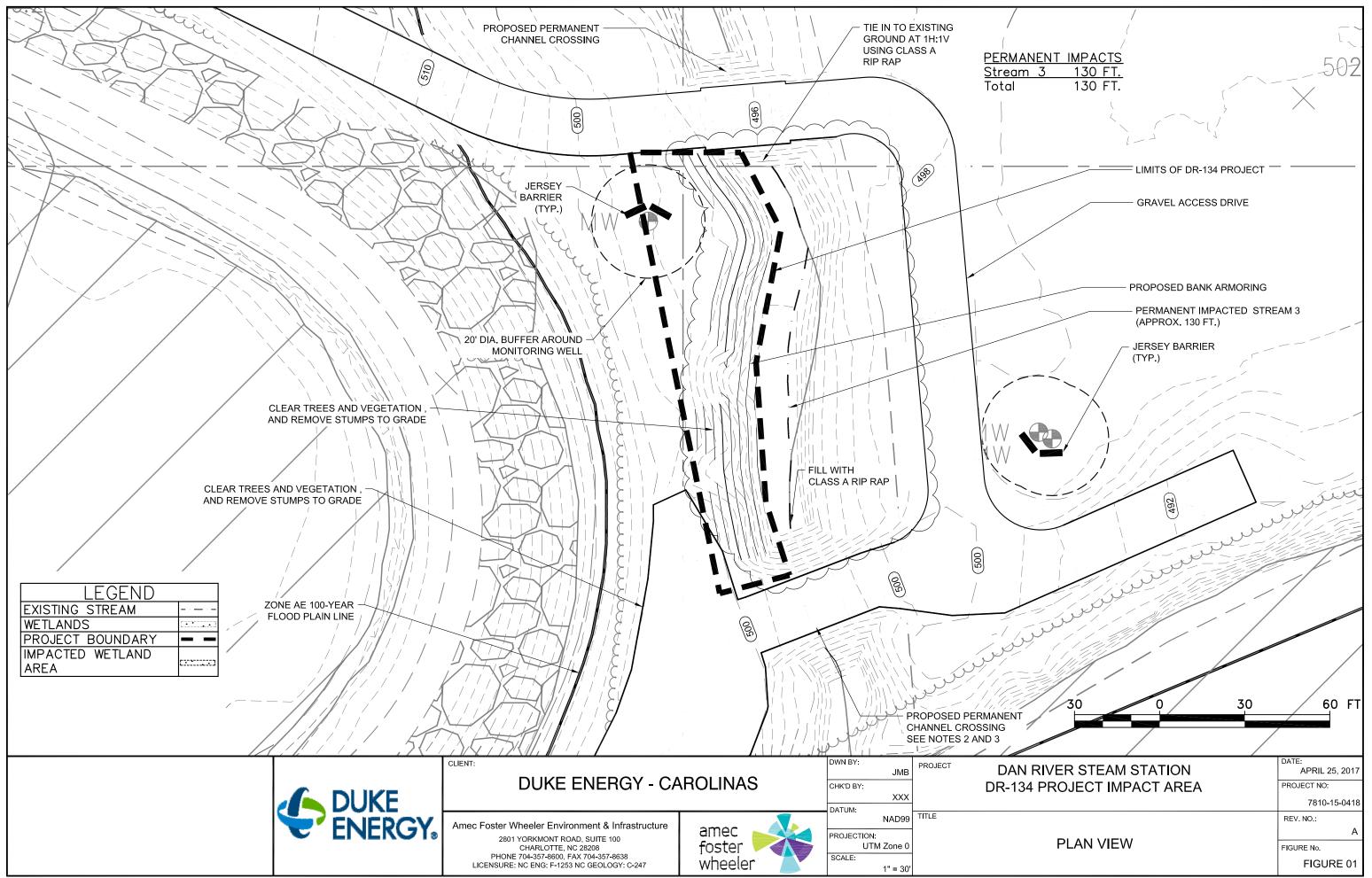


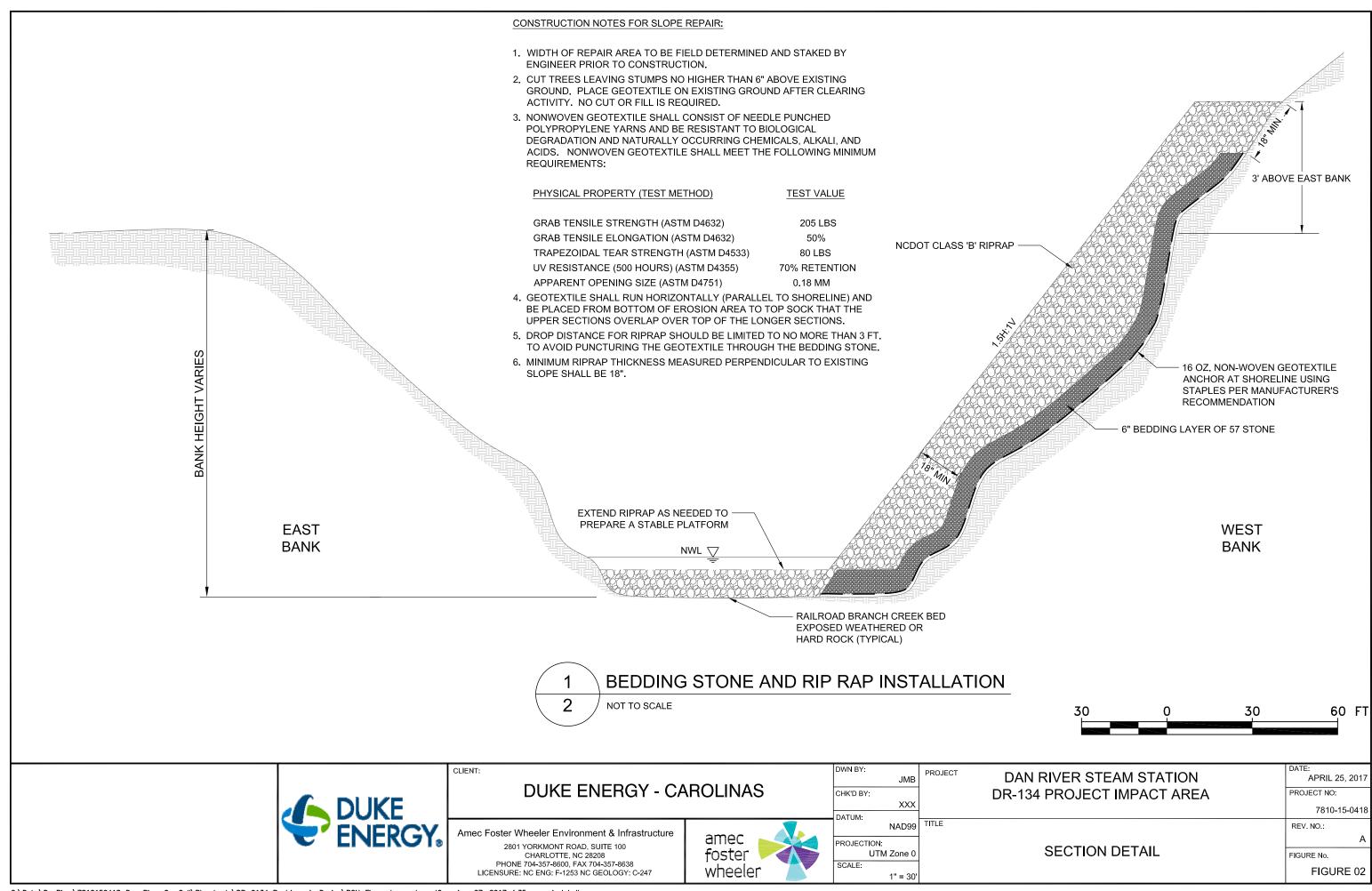


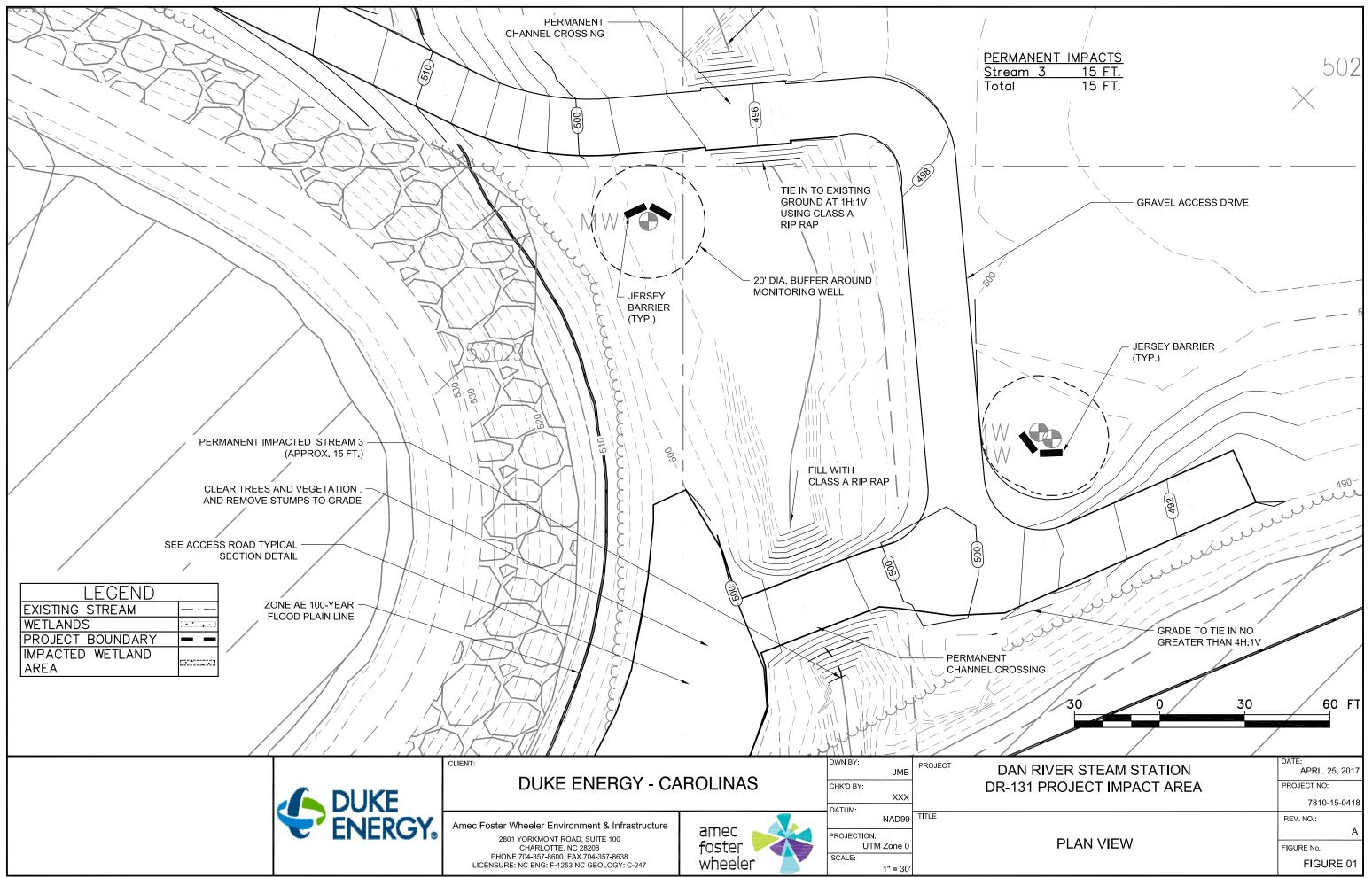


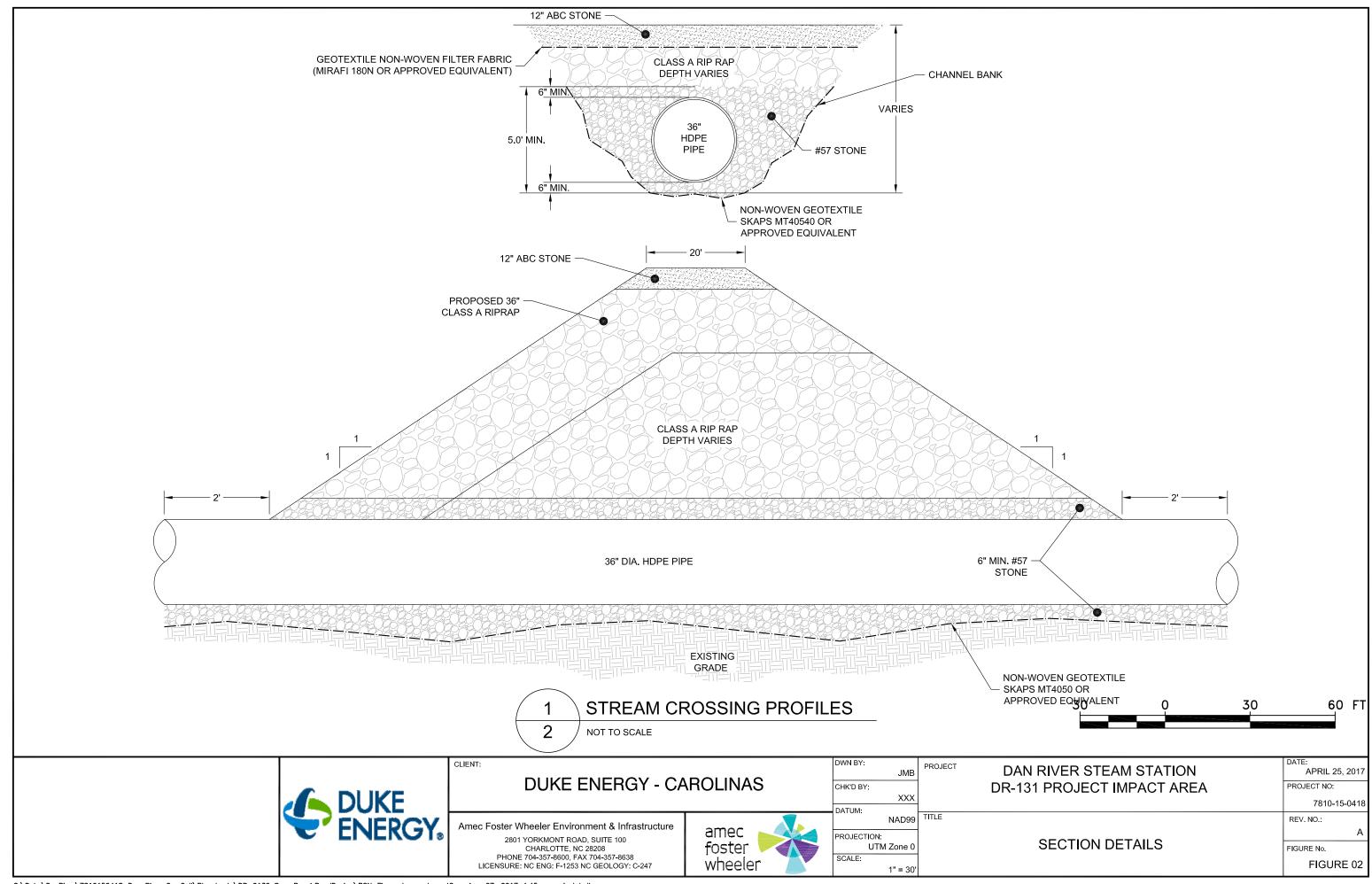


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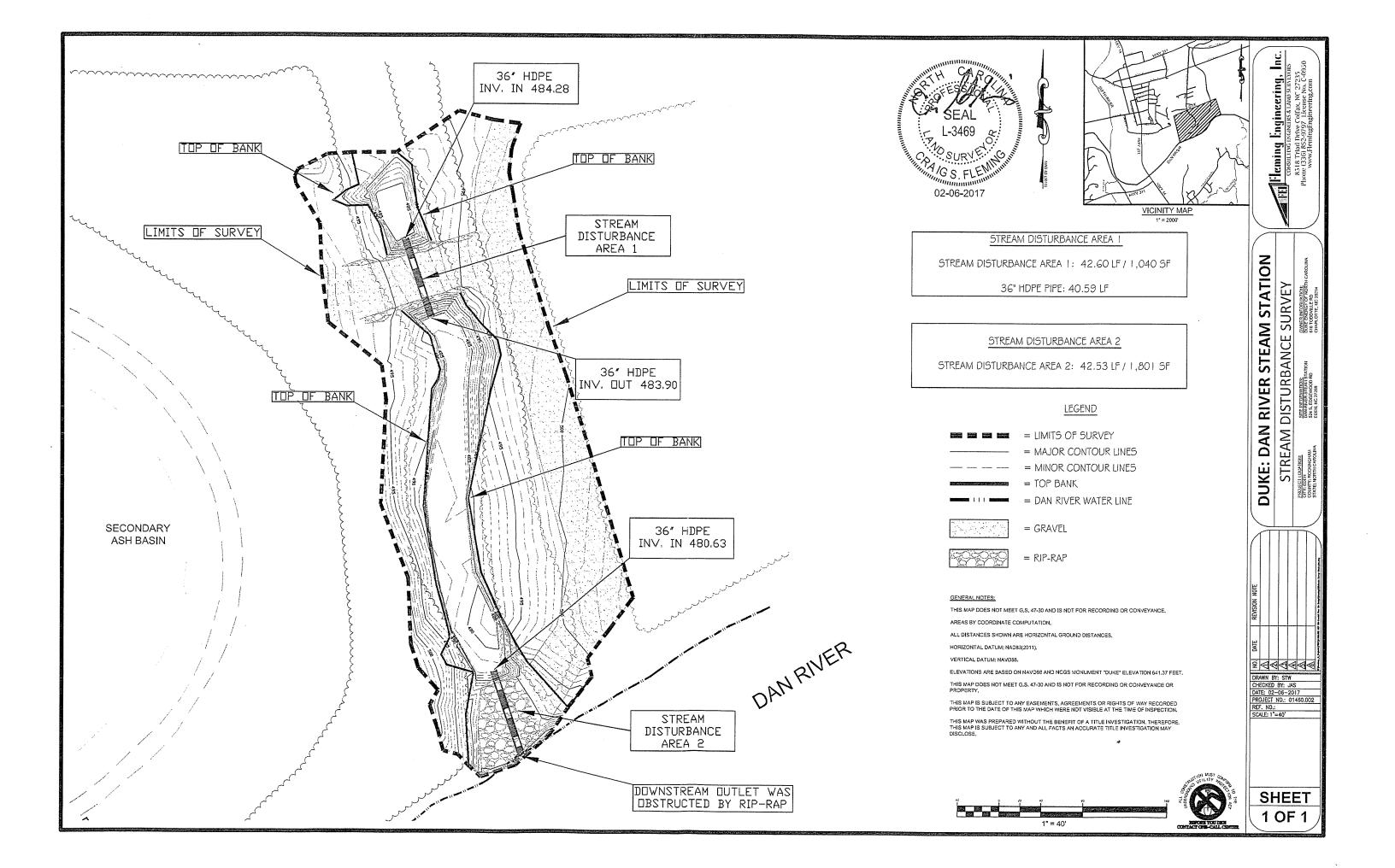








SURVEY PLAT OF NORTH AND SOUTH STREAM/ROAD CROSSINGS (CULVERTED IMPACTS - MARCH 2016)



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APPENDIX F

USFWS and NCNHP DATABASE SEARCH QUERIES

IPaC

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

IPaC resource list

Location Dan River Steam Station

Rockingham County, North Carolina



Local office

sultation Raleigh Ecological Services Field Office

(919) 856-4520

(919) 856-4556

MAILING ADDRESS Post Office Box 33726 Raleigh, NC 27636-3726

PHYSICAL ADDRESS 551 Pylon Drive, Suite F Raleigh, NC 27606-1487 IPaC: Explore Location Page 2 of 8

Endangered species

This resource list is for informational purposes only and should not be used for planning or analyzing project level impacts.

<u>Section 7</u> of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can only be obtained by requesting an official species list either from the Regulatory Review section in IPaC or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by creating a project and making a request from the Regulatory Review section.

Listed species

¹ are managed by the <u>Endangered Species Program</u> of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. Species listed under the <u>Endangered Species Act</u> are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the <u>listing status page</u> for more information.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

Clams

NAME STATUS

James Spinymussel Pleurobema collina
No critical habitat has been designated for this species.
http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2212

Endangered

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Flowering Plants

NAME STATUS

Smooth Coneflower Echinacea laevigata

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Endangered

http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3473

Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS AT THIS LOCATION.

Migratory birds

Birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any activity that results in the take (to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct) of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

3. There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in the take of migratory birds is responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations and implementing appropriate conservation measures.

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/
 birds-of-conservation-concern.php
- Conservation measures for birds http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php
- Year-round bird occurrence data <u>http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.jsp</u>

The migratory birds species listed below are species of particular conservation concern (e.g. <u>Birds of Conservation Concern</u>) that may be potentially affected by activities in this location, not a list of every bird species you may find in this location. Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, special attention should be made to avoid and minimize impacts to birds of priority concern. To view available data on other bird species that may occur in your project area, please visit the <u>AKN Histogram Tools</u> and <u>Other Bird Data Resources</u>.

NAME	SEASON(S)
American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6582	Wintering
Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626	Year-round
Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus	Breeding
Brown-headed Nuthatch Sitta pusilla	Year-round
Chuck-will's-widow Caprimulgus carolinensis	Breeding
Fox Sparrow Passerella iliaca	Wintering
Kentucky Warbler Oporornis formosus	Breeding
Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6175	Breeding

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Loggerhead Shrike Lanius ludovicianus Year-round

http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8833

Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor Breeding

Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea Breeding

Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus Year-round

Rusty Blackbird Euphagus carolinus Wintering

Short-eared Owl Asio flammeus Wintering

http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9295

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina Breeding

Worm Eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivorum Breeding

What does IPaC use to generate the list of migratory bird species potentially occurring in my specified location?

Landbirds:

Migratory birds that are displayed on the IPaC species list are based on ranges in the latest edition of the National Geographic Guide, Birds of North America (6th Edition, 2011 by Jon L. Dunn, and Jonathan Alderfer). Although these ranges are coarse in nature, a number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service migratory bird biologists agree that these maps are some of the best range maps to date. These ranges were clipped to a specific Bird Conservation Region (BCR) or USFWS Region/Regions, if it was indicated in the 2008 list of Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) that a species was a BCC species only in a particular Region/Regions. Additional modifications have been made to some ranges based on more local or refined range information and/or information provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists with species expertise. All migratory birds that show in areas on land in IPaC are those that appear in the 2008 Birds of Conservation Concern report.

Atlantic Seabirds:

Ranges in IPaC for birds off the Atlantic coast are derived from species distribution models developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) using the best available seabird survey data for the offshore Atlantic Coastal region to date. NOAANCCOS assisted USFWS in developing seasonal species ranges from their models for specific use in IPaC. Some of these birds are not BCC species but

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were of interest for inclusion because they may occur in high abundance off the coast at different times throughout the year, which potentially makes them more susceptible to certain types of development and activities taking place in that area. For more refined details about the abundance and richness of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, see the Northeast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other types of taxa that may be helpful in your project review.

About the NOAANCCOS models: the models were developed as part of the NOAANCCOS project: Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. The models resulting from this project are being used in a number of decision-support/mapping products in order to help guide decision-making on activities off the Atlantic Coast with the goal of reducing impacts to migratory birds. One such product is the Northeast Ocean Data Portal, which can be used to explore details about the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species in a particular area off the Atlantic Coast.

All migratory bird range maps within IPaC are continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available.

Can I get additional information about the levels of occurrence in my project area of specific birds or groups of birds listed in IPaC?

Landbirds:

The <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)</u> provides a tool currently called the "Histogram Tool", which draws from the data within the AKN (latest, survey, point count, citizen science datasets) to create a view of relative abundance of species within a particular location over the course of the year. The results of the tool depict the frequency of detection of a species in survey events, averaged between multiple datasets within AKN in a particular week of the year. You may access the histogram tools through the <u>Migratory Bird Programs AKN Histogram Tools</u> webpage.

The tool is currently available for 4 regions (California, Northeast U.S., Southeast U.S. and Midwest), which encompasses the following 32 states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North, Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

In the near future, there are plans to expand this tool nationwide within the AKN, and allow the graphs produced to appear with the list of trust resources generated by IPaC, providing you with an additional level of detail about the level of occurrence of the species of particular concern potentially occurring in your project area throughout the course of the year.

Atlantic Seabirds:

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the Northeast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results

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files underlying the portal maps through the NOAANCCOS <u>Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf project</u> webpage.

Facilities

Wildlife refuges

Any activity proposed on <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGES AT THIS LOCATION.

Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District.

WETLAND INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed onthe-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.



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NCNHDE-2702

January 5, 2017

Julia Tillery
Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.
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Wilmington, NC 28403
RE: Duke Energy Dan River Station IP

Dear Julia Tillery:

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NCNHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide information about natural heritage resources for the project referenced above.

A query of the NCNHP database indicates that there are records for rare species, important natural communities, natural areas, or conservation/managed areas within the proposed project boundary. These results are presented in the attached 'Documented Occurrences' tables and map.

The attached 'Potential Occurrences' table summarizes rare species and natural communities that have been documented within a one-mile radius of the property boundary. The proximity of these records suggests that these natural heritage elements may potentially be present in the project area if suitable habitat exists and is included for reference. Tables of natural areas and conservation/managed area within a one-mile radius of the project area, if any, are also included in this report.

Please note that natural heritage element data are maintained for the purposes of conservation planning, project review, and scientific research, and are not intended for use as the primary criteria for regulatory decisions. Information provided by the NCNHP database may not be published without prior written notification to the NCNHP, and the NCNHP must be credited as an information source in these publications. Maps of NCNHP data may not be redistributed without permission.

Also please note that the NC Natural Heritage Program may follow this letter with additional correspondence if a Dedicated Nature Preserve (DNP), Registered Heritage Area (RHA), Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) easement, or an occurrence of a Federally-listed species is documented near the project area.

If you have questions regarding the information provided in this letter or need additional assistance, please contact Suzanne Mason at suzanne.mason@ncdcr.gov or 919.707.8637.

Sincerely, NC Natural Heritage Program



Natural Heritage Element Occurrences, Natural Areas, and Managed Areas Intersecting the Project Area Duke Energy Dan River Station IP January 5, 2017 NCNHDE-2702

Element Occurrences Documented Within Project Area

Taxonomic Group	EO ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observation Date	Element Occurrence Rank	Accuracy	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
Freshwater	3622	Lasmigona subviridis	Green Floater	2014-09-03	Е	3-Medium	Species of	Endangered	G3	S2
Bivalve							Concern			
Freshwater Fish	11787	Moxostoma ariommum	Bigeye Jumprock	2008-08-18	E	3-Medium		Threatened	G4	S2

Natural Areas Documented Within Project Area

Site Name	Representational Rating	Collective Rating
ROA/Dan River Aquatic Habitat	8-Not Applicable	2-Very High

No Managed Areas Documented within the Project Area

Definitions and an explanation of status designations and codes can be found at https://ncnhde.natureserve.org/content/help. Data query generated on January 5, 2017; source: NCNHP, Q3 October 2016. Please resubmit your information request if more than one year elapses before project initiation as new information is continually added to the NCNHP database.

Natural Heritage Element Occurrences, Natural Areas, and Managed Areas Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area Duke Energy Dan River Station IP January 5, 2017 NCNHDE-2702

Element Occurrences Documented Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area

Taxonomic Group	EO ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observation Date	Element Occurrence Rank	Accuracy	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
Dragonfly or Damselfly	33770	Somatochlora georgiana	Coppery Emerald	2004-Pre	H?	5-Very Low		Significantly Rare	G3G4	S2?
Freshwater Bivalve	3622	Lasmigona subviridis	Green Floater	2014-09-03	E	3-Medium	Species of Concern	Endangered	G3	S2
Freshwater Fish	27492	Carpiodes cyprinus	Quillback	2009-01-21	Е	3-Medium		Significantly Rare	G5	S2
Freshwater Fish	11787	Moxostoma ariommum	Bigeye Jumprock	2008-08-18	E	3-Medium		Threatened	G4	S2
Vascular Plant	5086	Parthenium auriculatum	Glade Wild Quinine	1956-07-07	Н	3-Medium		Significantly Rare Throughout	G3G4	S3
Vascular Plant	22121	Polemonium reptans var. reptans	Jacob's Ladder	1956-05	Н	3-Medium		Threatened	G5T5	S1

Natural Areas Documented Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area

Site Name	Representational Rating	Collective Rating
ROA/Dan River Aquatic Habitat	8-Not Applicable	2-Very High

No Managed Areas are Documented Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area

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