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**Project Information**

Requesting Agency: IDOT Springfield  
County: Union & Alexander  
Route: FAS 1907 (IL 127)  
Job #: 99-005-99 (BDE Seq. No.: 1026)  
At: West side of IL 127 approximately 1 mile north of Tamms, IL.  
Quadrangle: Mill Creek

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**Project Summary:**

The fifth year of field monitoring of the wetland mitigation site along FAS 1907 (IL 127) was conducted on 27 May and 25-26 August 2008. Monitoring is currently performed on four sites within the project area. Site one is also subdivided into two parcels based on differences in vegetation and hydrology. Three sites are emergent wetland sites while Site 4 is a floodplain forest tree planting. Summary information regarding the wetland delineation sites is presented in the project report. Figures depicting aerial extent of wetland hydrology for the years 2004 to 2008 and approximate wetland area at the site are contained in Appendix 1. The wetland determination forms are found in Appendix 2 and photos of the wetland creation sites are included in Appendix 3.

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**Fifth Year Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring for the Tamms Site,  
FAS 1907 (IL 127), Alexander County, Illinois – 2008**

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**Introduction**

Wetland compensation activity has been initiated along FAS 1907 (Illinois Route 127), one mile north of Tamms, Alexander County, Illinois. The legal location of the site is NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, T. 14 S., R. 1 W. (Mill Creek, IL Quad). This site is mitigation for wetland impacts [0.704 ha (1.739 ac)] incurred during the widening of IL 127 in Union and Alexander counties. The total mitigation required for this project is 1.750 ha (4.325 ac). Prior to wetland construction this mitigation site was mostly in row crops with some abandoned railroad embankment (IDOT Wetland Conceptual Plan). This site is located within the Bottomlands Section of the Coastal Plain Natural Division of Illinois. The pre-settlement forests of this section were primarily bottomland oak-hickory forests (*Quercus bicolor*, *Q. lyrata*, *Q. michauxii*, *Q. pagoda*, *Q. palustris*, *Q. shumardii*, *Carya laciniosa*, *C. ovata*, *C. cordiformis* as well as *Fraxinus* spp., *Liquidambar styraciflua*, *Nyssa sylvatica*, and many others) (Schwegman *et al.* 1973). The wetland conceptual plan for this area suggests that emergent ponds, wet meadow, and a wetland tree planting would be the most likely development for this site (IDOT Wetland Conceptual Plan).

Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) personnel began field monitoring of this area in 2004 and will continue for a minimum of five years, as requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (Marlow 2003). The Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) was also tasked to monitor the hydrology of this site. Project goals, objectives, and performance criteria are included in this report, as are monitoring methods, monitoring results, summary information and recommendations.

**Project Goals, Objectives, and Performance Criteria**

Proposed goals and objectives for this wetland mitigation project are based on information contained in the original wetland conceptual plan for this site (IDOT Wetland Conceptual Plan). Performance criteria are based on those specified in the *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory 1987), *Guidelines for Developing Mitigation Proposals* (USACOE 1993), and *Assessment of Created Wetland Performance in Illinois* (Plocher and Matthews 2004). Each goal should be attained by the end of the five-year monitoring period. Project goals, objectives and performance criteria are listed below.

**Project Goal #1:** At the end of the five-year monitoring period the created wetland communities should be jurisdictional wetlands as defined by current federal standards.

**Objective:** The created wetlands should comprise 1.750 hectares (4.325 acres) of jurisdictional wetland.

**Performance Criteria:** The created wetlands should satisfy the three criteria of the federal wetland definition: dominant hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology.

- A. Predominance of Hydrophytic Vegetation – More than 50% of the dominant plant species must be hydrophytic.
- B. Presence of Hydric Soils – Hydric soil characteristics should be present, or conditions favorable for hydric soil formation should persist at this site.
- C. Presence of Wetland Hydrology – The compensation area must be either permanently or periodically inundated at average depths less than 2 m (6.6 ft) or have soils that are saturated to the surface for at least 12.5% of the growing season.\*

**Project Goal #2:** A native, non-weedy, emergent wetland community will be created (Sites 1, 2, and 3).

**Objective:** Planting the area with high quality native emergent vegetation should reduce the pressures from early successional, non-native, weedy species.

**Table 1. Proposed emergent species to be planted at FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland monitoring site.**

Quantity	Scientific Name	Common Name	Size
500	<i>Acorus calamus</i>	Sweet Flag	2" x 3" pots
500	<i>Iris shrevei</i>	Blue Flag Iris	2" x 3" pots
500	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickerelweed	2" x 3" pots
500	<i>Scirpus acutus</i>	Hardstem Bulrush	2" x 3" pots
500	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Arrowhead	2" x 3" pots

In addition to these species it appears that an unknown quantity of *Juncus effusus* was also planted at the mitigation area.

**Performance Criteria:**

- A. At least 50% of the planted emergent species should be represented by live, healthy individuals at the end of five years of monitoring.
- B. At least 50% of the plant species present should be native and non-weedy species.
- C. Furthermore, none of the dominant plant species may be non-native.

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\* In some cases wetland hydrology can be met when a site is inundated or saturated for 5% to 12.5% of the growing season (Environmental Laboratory 1987).

**Project Goal #3:** A floodplain forest wetland community will be created (Site 4).

**Objective:** Planting the area with hydrophytic tree species should compensate for the loss of previously altered wetlands.

**Performance Criterion:** Seventy-five percent of the planted trees should be in a live and healthy condition each year for five years.

### **Methods**

Monitoring of this wetland mitigation site began in 2004 and will continue for at least the standard five-year monitoring period. INHS personnel will monitor the biological parameters and ISGS personnel will monitor hydrology. The project area has been divided into four sites based on the original wetland conceptual plan (IDOT). Site 1, located at the north end of the mitigation area, was proposed as an emergent pond community. In 2005, it was decided that Site 1 be divided into two parts, 1A (west side; wet meadow) and 1B (east side; emergent pond). Herbaceous vegetation in both parcels of Site 1 will be monitored annually using standard sampling techniques (Cox 1985). Transects placed 20 m apart have been established and herbaceous vegetation will be assessed using 1m<sup>2</sup> quadrats placed at two meter intervals along each transect, beginning with a quadrat one meter from the baseline. A minimum of forty 1m<sup>2</sup> quadrats will be sampled annually at Site 1. Likewise, Site 3 (emergent pond), located at the southeast corner of the mitigation area, will be assessed using standard sampling techniques (Cox 1985). Three transects (273°) have been established perpendicular to a baseline (3°) running along the east side of the wetland. Quadrats (1m<sup>2</sup>) will be placed at five meter intervals along each transect, beginning with a quadrat two meters from the baseline. A minimum of twenty 1m<sup>2</sup> quadrats will be sampled annually. Site 2 is a small, narrow, wet meadow/marsh site. Because of its small size, Site 2 is not quantitatively sampled. Instead the assessment of dominant herbaceous vegetation in Site 2 will be done by a visual estimate. Dominant species for Site 4 (proposed wetland tree planting) will also be based on a visual estimate.

Results and status of the created wetland site will be submitted to the IDOT in yearly monitoring reports. The likelihood of meeting the proposed goals and performance criteria will also be addressed. If, at any time during the monitoring period, it appears that the goals/performance criteria will not be met at the end of the five-year monitoring period, written management recommendations will be made to IDOT in an effort to correct any problems.

### **Floristic Quality Index**

A complete list of all plant species found in the project area will be recorded annually and the Floristic Quality Index (FQI) will be calculated for each site (Swink and Wilhelm 1979 and 1994; Taft *et al.* 1997). The FQI provides a measure of the floristic integrity or level of disturbance of a site. Each native plant species is assigned a rating between 0 and 10 (the Coefficient of Conservatism) that is a subjective indicator of how likely a plant may be found on an undisturbed site in a natural plant community. A plant species that has a low Coefficient of Conservatism (C) is common and is likely to tolerate disturbed conditions; a species with a high

C is relatively rare and is likely to require specific, undisturbed habitats. Species not identified to species level are not rated and are not included in the calculations.

To calculate the FQI, first compute the mean C value (also known as mean rated quality),  $mCv = \sum C/N$ , where  $\sum C$  represents the sum of the numerical ratings (C) for all species recorded for a site, and N represents the number of plants on the site. The C value for each species is shown in the species list for the site. Species that are not native to Illinois (indicated by \* in the species list for each site) are not included in the calculations. The FQI for each site is determined by dividing the  $\sum C$  value by the square root of N [ $\sum C/(\sqrt{N})$ ]. An Index score below 10 suggests a site of low natural quality; below 5, a highly disturbed site. An FQI value of 20 or more ( $mCv > 3$ ) suggests that a site has evidence of native character and may be considered an environmental asset.

**Project Goal #1:** At the end of the five-year monitoring period the created wetland community should be a jurisdictional wetland as defined by current federal standards.

Wetland delineations will be completed yearly for all wetlands created at this compensation site. Since accurate boundaries may not be clear until several years of data have been gathered, final delineation of wetland extent will be marked on an aerial photograph only after the plant communities have stabilized or at the end of the five-year monitoring period.

Therefore it is important to recognize that wetland areas marked on the enclosed aerial photograph (Appendix 1, Figure 3) are subject to change. In addition, permanent photo stations have been established in each wetland area and photos will be taken annually in order to help monitor changes in the vegetation. Photos are included in Appendix 3 of the report.

A. Predominance of Hydrophytic Vegetation – The method for determining dominant hydrophytic vegetation is described in Environmental Laboratory (1987) and Federal Interagency Committee for Wetland Delineation (1989). This method is based on aerial coverage estimates for individual plant species. Each of the dominant plant species is assigned a wetland indicator status rating (Reed 1988). Any plant rated facultative or wetter (i.e., FAC, FAC+, FACW-, FACW, FACW+ or OBL) is considered hydrophytic. A predominance of hydrophytic vegetation in the wetland plant community exists if greater than 50% of the dominant species present are hydrophytic.

Dominant hydrophytic vegetation will be determined each year based on the results of systematic plant sampling (Sites 1 and 3) or by visual estimates (Sites 2 and 4). For systematic plant sampling, cover of all species in each plot is assigned a cover class according to Daubenmire (1959) as modified by Bailey and Poulton (1968) (Table 2). Frequency (proportion of quadrats in which a species occurred) and average cover (calculated using midpoints for each cover class) will be used to compute relative frequency (frequency of a species relative to total observations) and relative cover (cover relative to total observed cover), respectively. These two relative values are averaged to determine the importance value for each species sampled. Importance values will be used to determine dominant species. “Dominant species are the most abundant plant species (when ranked in descending order of abundance and cumulatively totaled) that immediately exceed 50% of the total dominance measure for the stratum, plus any additional

species comprising 20% or more of the total dominance measure for the stratum” (FICWD 1989; Tiner 1999).

**Table 2. Cover classes used in vegetation sampling.**

Cover Class	Range of Cover (%)	Midpoint of Range (%)
1	0-1	0.5
2	1-5	3.0
3	5-25	15.0
4	25-50	37.5
5	50-75	62.5
6	75-95	85.0
7	95-100	97.5
(Daubenmire 1959; Bailey and Poulton 1968)		

B. Presence of Hydric Soils – INHS personnel will examine soil cores for field indicators to determine the presence or absence of hydric soils as described in the *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental, 1987) and the *Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States* (USDA 2002).

Hydric soils may develop slowly and characteristics may not be apparent during the first several years after project construction. In the absence of hydric soil indicators at that time, hydrologic data could be used as corroborative evidence that conditions favorable for hydric soil formation are present at the site.

C. Presence of Wetland Hydrology – The extent of wetland hydrology at this site is monitored by the Illinois State Geological Survey and is shown on the accompanying figure (Fucciolo et al. 2008). Wetland hydrology occurs when inundation or saturation to land surface is present for greater than 5% of the growing season (11 days at this site) where the soils and vegetation parameters in the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual also are met; if either is lacking, then inundation or saturation must be present for greater than 12.5% of the growing season (28 days at this site) to satisfy the wetland hydrology criteria (Environmental Laboratory 1987 [<http://el.ercd.usace.army.mil/wetlands/pdfs/wlman87.pdf>]). Inundation and saturation at the site are monitored using a combination of 10 monitoring wells and 3 stage gauges. Water levels are measured at least biweekly during April and May, and monthly during the remainder of the year. Manual readings are supplemented by 2 dataloggers, which measure surface-water levels at regular intervals to document all hydrologic events. Additional details regarding site conditions and monitoring results for wetland hydrology in 2008 are summarized in ISGS’ Annual Report for Active IDOT Wetland Compensation and Hydrologic Monitoring Sites, September 1, 2007 to September 1, 2008 (Fucciolo et al. 2008). In addition, INHS scientists will survey the site annually for field indicators of wetland hydrology.

**Project Goal #2:** A native, non-weedy, emergent wetland community will be created (Sites 1, 2, and 3).

Planted emergent species survivorship will be assessed each year beginning in 2004. Monitoring at this site is to be extended beyond the five-year minimum because of attempted hydrologic alteration to the site. Initially six emergent species were planted. These emergent species were *Acorus calamus*, *Iris shrevei*, *Juncus effusus*, *Pontederia cordata*, *Sagittaria latifolia* and *Scirpus acutus*. Annually, planted emergent species will be located, identified to species, and determined to be alive or dead. If less than 50% of the planted emergent species are represented by live, healthy individuals at the end of the five-year monitoring period, this part of the performance criteria for project goal #2 will be considered unsatisfied.

A complete species list will be compiled each year and species will be recorded as native or non-native and weedy or non-weedy. Nativity of plants will be determined by consulting Mohlenbrock (1986; 2002) and Taft *et al.* (1997). Weedy species, for the purposes of this report, are defined as all non-native species and any native species assigned a Coefficient of Conservatism of 0 or 1 (Taft *et al.* 1997). Species given a C value of 0-1 correspond to Grime's ruderal species (Grime 1974; Grime *et al.* 1988) or species which are adapted to frequent or severe disturbances (Taft *et al.* 1997). If native and non-weedy species constitute less than 50% of the plant species present at a particular site, part B of the performance criteria for project goal #2 will be considered unsatisfied for that site. Furthermore, if any dominant species are non-native, part C of the performance criteria for project goal #2 will be considered unsatisfied.

**Project Goal #3:** A floodplain forest wetland community will be created (Site 4).

Tree survivorship will be assessed each year beginning in 2004. Initially, Site 4 was planted with a total of 187 trees. These trees included *Taxodium distichum* (21), *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (17), *Liquidambar styraciflua* (17), *Platanus occidentalis* (17), *Quercus bicolor* (38), *Q. lyrata* (38), and *Q. palustris* (39). An additional fourteen *T. distichum* (total of 35) were planted at the north end of the mitigation area (around Site 1). Annually, every tree will be located, identified to species, and determined to be alive or dead. If less than 75% of the planted trees are found to be alive the performance criteria for project goal #3 will be considered unsatisfied.

## Results

**Floristic Quality Index:** The FQI was calculated for each wetland delineation site using native species only. Site 1A (Wet Meadow) had a mean C value of 3.1 and a FQI score of 30.5. These values are indicative of very good natural quality. Site 1B (mean C = 3.1, FQI = 29.8) and Site 2 (mean C = 3.0, FQI = 25.9) had values characteristic of good natural quality. Site 3 (mean C = 3.1, FQI = 30.2) had values characteristic of very good natural quality while Site 4, the upland buffer area (mean C = 2.6, FQI = 21.2), also had scores characteristic of good natural quality. In 2008, numerous species indicative of higher natural quality were present. Nineteen species were present with a C value of 6 or greater. These species were: *Carex caroliniana* (Sites 1A, 1B and 2), *Carex crinita* (Site 2), *Carex lurida* (Sites 1A and 2), *Cocculus carolinus* (Site 3), *Eleocharis verrucosa* (Site 1B), *Galium tinctorium* (Site 3), *Glyceria arkansana* (Site 1B), *Juncus diffusissimus* (Site 2), *Juncus nodatus* (Sites 1A, 1B, 2, 3 and 4), *Juncus secundus* (Sites 1A, 2, 3 and 4), *Liquidambar styraciflua* (Sites 1A), *Ludwigia glandulosa* (Sites 1A, 1B, 2, and 3), *Lobelia cardinalis* (Site 1B), *Mimulus alatus* (Sites 1A and 1B), *Panicum rigidulum* (Sites 1A,

1B and 3), *Pluchea camphorata* (Sites 1B and 3), *Pontederia cordata* (Sites 1A and 3), *Populus heterophylla* (Site 3) and *Quercus marilandica* (Site 4).

Furthermore, *Glyceria arkansana* (Arkansas manna-grass) is listed as endangered in Illinois by the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board (Herkert and Ebinger 2002, Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board 2005). Summary information for wetland delineation sites at the FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland mitigation area is given in Table 3.

**Table 3. Summary table for wetland sites at FAS 1907 (IL 127) Tamms wetland mitigation area, 2008.**

	Site 1A	Site 1B	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
Total Species Richness	107	99	87	113	96
Native Species Richness	94	91	74	93	66
% Native	88%	92%	85%	83%	69%
% Native and Non-weedy	70%	68%	59%	60%	44%
Mean Conservatism	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.6
Floristic Quality Index (FQI)	30.5	29.8	25.9	30.2	21.2
% Wetland Species (FAC to OBL)	83%	84%	76%	78%	46%

**Project Goal #1:** At the end of the five year monitoring period the created wetland community should be a jurisdictional wetland as defined by current federal standards.

A. Predominance of Hydrophytic Vegetation – The performance criterion requires that greater than 50% of the dominant plant species be hydrophytic. Dominant plant species for 2008 are given in Tables 4 through 8. Quantitative sampling results for Sites 1A, 1B, and 3 are presented in Tables 9, 10, and 11. More than 50% of the dominant species are hydrophytic for all sites, except Site 4.

**Table 4. Dominant species present at FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 1A (Wet Meadow)**

Species	Indicator Status	Stratum	Importance Value (IV)
1. <i>Carex tribuloides</i>	FACW+	herb	16.0997
2. <i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	herb	13.5881
3. <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	OBL	herb	7.1166
4. <i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	OBL	herb	6.7660
5. <i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBI	herb	6.5407

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Table 5. Dominant species present at FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 1B (Emergent Pond)**

Species	Indicator Status	Stratum	Importance Value (IV)
1. <i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	FACW	herb	14.5620
2. <i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	herb	13.1986
3. <i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	herb	12.4284
4. <i>Ludwigia palustris americana</i>	OBL	herb	9.3500
5. <i>Aster vimineus</i>	OBL	herb	5.4924

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Table 6. Dominant species present at FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 2 (Marsh/Wet Meadow)**

Species	Indicator Status	Stratum
1. <i>Aster vimineus</i>	FACW-	herb
2. <i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	OBL	herb
3. <i>Iva annua</i>	FAC	herb
4. <i>Juncus nodatus</i>	OBL	herb

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Table 7. Dominant species present at FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 3 (Emergent Pond w/fringe)**

Species	Indicator Status	Stratum	Importance Value (IV)
1. <i>Juncus nodatus</i>	OBL	herb	13.2863
2. <i>Ludwigia peploides glabrescens</i>	OBL	herb	8.1131
3. <i>Acorus calamus</i>	OBL	herb	7.8764
4. <i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	FACW	herb	7.2665
5. <i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	FAC	herb	6.9113
6. <i>Iva annua</i>	FAC	herb	6.4783
7. <i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	herb	6.2357

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Table 8. Dominant species present at FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 4 [Shrubland (proposed floodplain forest)]**

Species	Indicator Status	Stratum
1. <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	planted	sapling/shrub
2. <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	planted	sapling/shrub
3. <i>Quercus palustris</i>	planted	sapling/shrub
4. <i>Campsis radicans</i>	FAC	woody vine
5. <i>Agrostis alba</i>	FACW	herb
6. <i>Elymus canadensis</i>	FAC-	herb
7. <i>Solidago canadensis</i>	FACU	herb

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 50%

**Table 9. FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 1A wetland monitoring site vegetation sampling data including frequency, cover, and importance value for all species sampled in 2008. Dominants are in bold.**

Species	Indicator	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Frequency	Relative Frequency	Importance Value (IV)
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	FACW+	<b>23.2188</b>	<b>22.5220</b>	<b>0.9375</b>	<b>9.6774</b>	<b>16.0997</b>
<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	<b>17.3750</b>	<b>16.8536</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>10.3226</b>	<b>13.5881</b>
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	OBL	<b>8.6875</b>	<b>8.4268</b>	<b>0.5625</b>	<b>5.8065</b>	<b>7.1166</b>
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	OBL	<b>10.6250</b>	<b>10.3062</b>	<b>0.3125</b>	<b>3.2258</b>	<b>6.7660</b>
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	<b>7.5000</b>	<b>7.2749</b>	<b>0.5625</b>	<b>5.8065</b>	<b>6.5407</b>
<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	FACW-	4.9063	4.7590	0.4375	4.5161	4.6376
<i>Juncus secundus</i>	FAC-	4.2188	4.0921	0.4375	4.5161	4.3041
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	FACU-	2.1875	2.1219	0.4375	4.5161	3.3190
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	FACW-	3.6563	3.5465	0.2500	2.5806	3.0636
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	FACW-	1.1563	1.1216	0.4375	4.5161	2.8188
<i>Panicum implicatum</i>	FAC	1.7188	1.6672	0.3750	3.8710	2.7691
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	FACW-	2.5625	2.4856	0.1875	1.9355	2.2105
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	FACU	1.3438	1.3034	0.2500	2.5806	1.9420
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	FACU	1.3438	1.3034	0.2500	2.5806	1.9420
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	OBL	2.5313	2.4553	0.1250	1.2903	1.8728
<i>Rubus pensilvanicus</i>	FAC-	2.3750	2.3037	0.1250	1.2903	1.7970
<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	FACU	0.1563	0.1516	0.3125	3.2258	1.6887
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	FACU	0.7500	0.7275	0.2500	2.5806	1.6541
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	OBL	2.3438	2.2734	0.0625	0.6452	1.4593
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	NI	0.1250	0.1212	0.2500	2.5806	1.3509
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	FAC-	0.4063	0.3941	0.1875	1.9355	1.1648
<i>Lindernia dubia</i>	OBL	0.0938	0.0909	0.1875	1.9355	1.0132
<i>Acer negundo</i>	FACW-	0.3750	0.3637	0.1250	1.2903	0.8270
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	OBL	0.9375	0.9094	0.0625	0.6452	0.7773
<i>Ludwigia palustris</i>	OBL	0.2188	0.2122	0.1250	1.2903	0.7513
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	FAC	0.2188	0.2122	0.1250	1.2903	0.7513
unknown seedling	NA	0.0625	0.0606	0.1250	1.2903	0.6755
<i>Aster simplex</i>	FACW	0.0625	0.0606	0.1250	1.2903	0.6755
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	FACW	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i>	OBL	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Iva annua</i>	FAC	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	FACU	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Carex granularis</i>	FACW+	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Leersia virginica</i>	FACW	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Aster ontarionis</i>	FAC	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Apios americana</i>	FACW	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Potentilla simplex</i>	FACU-	0.1875	0.1819	0.0625	0.6452	0.4135
<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	FACW	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	FAC+	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Ammania coccinea</i>	OBL	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	FACU	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	FAC	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Diodia virginiana</i>	FACW	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	FAC-	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	FACW-	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.6452	0.3377
		103.0938	100.0000	9.6875	100.0000	100.0000
Bare Ground		36.2500				

**Table 10. FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 1B wetland monitoring site vegetation sampling data including frequency, cover, and importance value for all species sampled in 2008. Dominants are in bold.**

Species	Indicator	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Frequency	Relative Frequency	Importance Value (IV)
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	FACW	<b>21.7500</b>	<b>21.0654</b>	<b>0.6875</b>	<b>8.0586</b>	<b>14.5620</b>
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	<b>17.4219</b>	<b>16.8735</b>	<b>0.8125</b>	<b>9.5238</b>	<b>13.1986</b>
<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	<b>15.4531</b>	<b>14.9667</b>	<b>0.8438</b>	<b>9.8901</b>	<b>12.4284</b>
<i>Ludwigia palustris</i>	OBL	<b>12.5000</b>	<b>12.1065</b>	<b>0.5625</b>	<b>6.5934</b>	<b>9.3500</b>
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	FACW-	<b>6.0469</b>	<b>5.8565</b>	<b>0.4375</b>	<b>5.1282</b>	<b>5.4924</b>
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	OBL	3.3438	3.2385	0.5625	6.5934	4.9160
<i>Aster simplex</i>	FACW	5.0781	4.9183	0.3750	4.3956	4.6569
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	OBL	3.6094	3.4958	0.2500	2.9304	3.2131
<i>Aster ontarionis</i>	FAC	2.6250	2.5424	0.2500	2.9304	2.7364
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	FACW+	1.7344	1.6798	0.2813	3.2967	2.4882
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	NI	0.3438	0.3329	0.3750	4.3956	2.3643
<i>Rotala ramosior</i>	OBI	0.2344	0.2270	0.3125	3.6630	1.9450
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	OBL	3.1250	3.0266	0.0625	0.7326	1.8796
<i>Penthorum sedoides</i>	OBL	1.6094	1.5587	0.1875	2.1978	1.8783
<i>Ambrosia artemesiifolia</i>	FACU	0.7969	0.7718	0.2188	2.5641	1.6679
<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	FACW	0.3281	0.3178	0.1875	2.1978	1.2578
<i>Setaria faberi</i>	FACU+	0.2500	0.2421	0.1875	2.1978	1.2200
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	OBL	0.7500	0.7264	0.1250	1.4652	1.0958
<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	FACW-	1.0313	0.9988	0.0938	1.0989	1.0488
<i>Lindernia dubia</i>	OBL	0.0781	0.0757	0.1563	1.8315	0.9536
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	FACW-	0.2188	0.2119	0.1250	1.4652	0.8385
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	FAC	0.1406	0.1362	0.1250	1.4652	0.8007
<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	FACU	0.0625	0.0605	0.1250	1.4652	0.7629
<i>Diodia virginiana</i>	FACW	0.2031	0.1967	0.0938	1.0989	0.6478
<i>Panicum rigidulum</i>	FACW	0.5625	0.5448	0.0625	0.7326	0.6387
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	FAC	0.5625	0.5448	0.0625	0.7326	0.6387
<i>Carex hyalinolepis</i>	OBL	0.5625	0.5448	0.0625	0.7326	0.6387
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	OBL	0.5625	0.5448	0.0625	0.7326	0.6387
<i>Sida spinosa</i>	FACU	0.1250	0.1211	0.0938	1.0989	0.6100
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	OBL	0.1250	0.1211	0.0938	1.0989	0.6100
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	OBL	0.1094	0.1059	0.0625	0.7326	0.4193
<i>Cyperus strigosus</i>	FACW	0.1094	0.1059	0.0625	0.7326	0.4193
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	FACW	0.4688	0.4540	0.0313	0.3663	0.4101
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	OBL	0.4688	0.4540	0.0313	0.3663	0.4101
<i>Panicum implicatum</i>	FAC	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.7326	0.3814
<i>Phyllanthus caroliniana</i>	FAC	0.0313	0.0303	0.0625	0.7326	0.3814
<i>Pluchea camphorata</i>	FACW	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Ludwigia polycarpa</i>	OBL	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Iris</i> sp. (cultivated)	NA	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Ludwigia alterniflora</i>	OBL	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Eleocharis verrucosa</i>	OBL	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	OBL	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>	OBL	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	FACW	0.0938	0.0908	0.0313	0.3663	0.2285
Others (3 taxa)		0.0468	0.0453	0.0939	1.1007	0.5721
		103.2500	100.0000	8.5313	100.0000	100.0000
Bare Ground		51.3281				

**Table 11. FAS 1907 (IL 127) Site 3 wetland monitoring site vegetation sampling data including frequency, cover, and importance value for all species sampled in 2008. Dominants are in bold.**

Species	Indicator	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Frequency	Relative Frequency	Importance Value (IV)
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	<b>OBL</b>	<b>17.8333</b>	<b>18.9083</b>	<b>0.7778</b>	<b>7.6642</b>	<b>13.2863</b>
<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	<b>OBL</b>	<b>9.7963</b>	<b>10.3868</b>	<b>0.5926</b>	<b>5.8394</b>	<b>8.1131</b>
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	<b>OBL</b>	<b>11.7593</b>	<b>12.4681</b>	<b>0.3333</b>	<b>3.2847</b>	<b>7.8764</b>
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	<b>FACW</b>	<b>7.1667</b>	<b>7.5987</b>	<b>0.7037</b>	<b>6.9343</b>	<b>7.2665</b>
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	<b>FAC</b>	<b>7.1852</b>	<b>7.6183</b>	<b>0.6296</b>	<b>6.2044</b>	<b>6.9113</b>
<i>Iva annua</i>	<b>FAC</b>	<b>8.7778</b>	<b>9.3069</b>	<b>0.3704</b>	<b>3.6496</b>	<b>6.4783</b>
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	<b>OBL</b>	<b>5.2222</b>	<b>5.5370</b>	<b>0.7037</b>	<b>6.9343</b>	<b>6.2357</b>
<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	4.4074	4.6731	0.6667	6.5693	5.6212
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	FACW-	5.2407	5.5566	0.3333	3.2847	4.4207
<i>Aster simplex</i>	FACW	2.3519	2.4936	0.3704	3.6496	3.0716
<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	FACW	0.6667	0.7069	0.4074	4.0146	2.3607
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	OBL	1.5741	1.6690	0.2593	2.5547	2.1119
<i>Lindernia dubia</i>	OBL	0.8519	0.9032	0.2593	2.5547	1.7290
<i>Ludwigia palustris</i>	OBL	0.6481	0.6872	0.2222	2.1898	1.4385
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	OBL	1.9444	2.0617	0.0741	0.7299	1.3958
<i>Diodia virginiana</i>	FACW	0.8148	0.8639	0.1852	1.8248	1.3444
<i>Sida spinosa</i>	FACU	0.2037	0.2160	0.2222	2.1898	1.2029
<i>Juncus secundus</i>	FAC-	1.2222	1.2959	0.1111	1.0949	1.1954
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	OBL	0.1852	0.1963	0.1852	1.8248	1.0106
<i>Senecio glabellus</i>	OBL	0.0926	0.0982	0.1852	1.8248	0.9615
<i>Gratiola neglecta</i>	OBL	0.0926	0.0982	0.1852	1.8248	0.9615
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	FACU	0.7778	0.8247	0.1111	1.0949	0.9598
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	OBL	1.1111	1.1781	0.0741	0.7299	0.9540
<i>Cyperus pseudovegetus</i>	FACW	0.3519	0.3731	0.1481	1.4599	0.9165
<i>Aster pilosus</i>	FACU+	0.6852	0.7265	0.1111	1.0949	0.9107
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	OBL	0.6667	0.7069	0.0741	0.7299	0.7184
<i>Ipomaea lacunosa</i>	FACW	0.2407	0.2553	0.1111	1.0949	0.6751
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	OBL	0.1481	0.1571	0.1111	1.0949	0.6260
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	FACW	0.0556	0.0589	0.1111	1.0949	0.5769
<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	FACU	0.0556	0.0589	0.1111	1.0949	0.5769
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	FACU-	0.2222	0.2356	0.0741	0.7299	0.4828
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	FACU+	0.2222	0.2356	0.0741	0.7299	0.4828
<i>Juncus acuminatus</i>	OBL	0.2222	0.2356	0.0741	0.7299	0.4828
<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	OBL	0.1296	0.1374	0.0741	0.7299	0.4337
<i>Rorippa islandica</i>	OBL	0.1296	0.1374	0.0741	0.7299	0.4337
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	FACU	0.1296	0.1374	0.0741	0.7299	0.4337
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	NI	0.1296	0.1374	0.0741	0.7299	0.4337
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	OBL	0.1296	0.1374	0.0741	0.7299	0.4337
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	FAC-	0.0370	0.0393	0.0741	0.7299	0.3846
<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>	OBL	0.0370	0.0393	0.0741	0.7299	0.3846
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	FACW+	0.0370	0.0393	0.0741	0.7299	0.3846
<i>Pluchea camphorata</i>	FACW	0.0370	0.0393	0.0741	0.7299	0.3846
<i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i>	OBL	0.0370	0.0393	0.0741	0.7299	0.3846
Others (12 taxa)	FAC	0.6852	0.7265	0.4444	4.3796	2.5530
		94.3148	100.0000	10.1481	100.0000	100.0000
Bare Ground		50.5556				

B. Presence of Hydric Soils – The performance criterion requires that hydric soil characteristics be present, or conditions favorable for hydric soil formation should persist. INHS personnel examined soil cores for field indicators to determine the presence or absence of hydric soils as described in the *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental, 1987) and the *Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States* (USDA 2003). The NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) had mapped the entire site as hydric soils. After conducting a field investigation, the first three sites that received some excavation appeared to be hydric. The fourth site, which is not considered part of the wetland acreage but as a buffer, is predominately non-hydric. Hydric soil areas did seem to expand between sites 2 and 3. Following is a soil description of a typical pedon for each site.

**Table 12. Site 1A (Wet Meadow) – Okaw silt loam.**

<u>Hor- izon</u>	<u>Depth (in)</u>	<u>Matrix Color</u>	<u>Concre- -tions</u>	<u>Iron Masses</u>	<u>Pore linings</u>	<u>Iron Deplet.</u>	<u>Clay Deplet.</u>	<u>Tex- -ture</u>	<u>Struct- -ure</u>
	0-3	10YR 5/2, N 5/		FFD 10YR 5/4				sil	gr
	3-14	2.5Y 6/1 2.5Y 6/2		MCP 7.5YR 5/8				sicl	pl
	14-23	2.5Y 6/2		CMP 7.5YR 5/8 CMP 10YR 5/6				sicl	pr
	23-34	2.5Y 6/2		MCP 7.5YR 5/8 PMP 10YR 5/6				sicl	pr

**Table 13. Site 1B (Emergent Pond) – Okaw silt loam.**

<u>Hor- izon</u>	<u>Depth (in)</u>	<u>Matrix Color</u>	<u>Concre- -tions</u>	<u>Iron Masses</u>	<u>Pore linings</u>	<u>Iron Deplet.</u>	<u>Clay Deplet.</u>	<u>Tex- -ture</u>	<u>Struct- -ure</u>
	0-3	2.5Y 5/1 5Y 6/1 and 7/1 10YR 5/2		CMP 7.5YR 5/8 CMP 7.5YR 5/6	CM 7.5YR 5/8			sicl	gr
	3-6	2.5Y 5/1 2.5Y 6/1		CMP 7.5YR 5/6 FFP 7.5YR 5/8	CM 7.5YR 5/8			sicl	bl
	6-28	2.5Y 6/2 2.5Y 6/1		FCD 7.5YR 4/6	FM 7.5YR 5/3			sic	pr
	28-38	2.5Y 6/2		MMP 10YR 5/4	FM 7.5YR 5/3			sic	pr

**Table 14. Site 2 (Marsh/Wet Meadow) – Cape silty clay loam.**

<u>Hor- izon</u>	<u>Depth (in)</u>	<u>Matrix Color</u>	<u>Concre -tions</u>	<u>Iron Masses</u>	<u>Pore linings</u>	<u>Iron Deplet.</u>	<u>Clay Deplet.</u>	<u>Tex- ture</u>	<u>Structure</u>
	0-2	2.5Y 6/2		FMP 10YR 5/6 and 5/8				sicl	bl
	2-9	2.5Y 6/2 2.5Y 6/1 5Y 7/1		FMP 10YR 5/6 FMP 7.5YR 5/8				sic	pr
	9-20	2.5Y 5/2		FFP 10YR 5/6 CMP 7.5YR 5/8				sic	pr
	20-	2.5Y 6/2		MMP 10YR 5/6 FFP 7.5YR 5/8				sic	pr

**Table 15. Site 3 (Emergent Pond w/fringe) – Cape silty clay loam.**

<u>Hor- izon</u>	<u>Depth (in)</u>	<u>Matrix Color</u>	<u>Concre -tions</u>	<u>Iron Masses</u>	<u>Pore linings</u>	<u>Iron Deplet.</u>	<u>Clay Deplet.</u>	<u>Tex- ture</u>	<u>Structure</u>
	0-6	2/5Y 5/1 10Y 2.5/	10YR 3/1	CMP 7.5YR 5/8				sil	gr
	6-15	2.5Y 6/2	10YR 3/1	FMP 7.5YR 5/4 CMP 7.5YR 5/8	7.5YR 5/8			sicl	bl
	15-22	2.5Y 6/2	10YR 3/1	FMD 10YR 5/4 FMP 7.5YR 5/8	7.5YR 5/8			sic	pr
	22-36	2.5Y 6/2		MCD 10YR 5/4 FMP 7.5YR 5/8				sic	pr

**Table 16. Site 4 (Shrubland; proposed floodplain forest) – Non hydric**

<u>Hor- izon</u>	<u>Depth (in)</u>	<u>Matrix Color</u>	<u>Concre -tions</u>	<u>Iron Masses</u>	<u>Pore linings</u>	<u>Iron Deplet.</u>	<u>Clay Deplet.</u>	<u>Tex- ture</u>	<u>Structure</u>
	0-4	10YR 4/2	CM 10YR 2/1	FFD 10YR 5/4				sil	gr
	4-9	10YR 4/3	FM 10YR 2/1	CMP 10YR 5/8				sic	pl
	9-21	2.5Y 5/3 2.5Y 6/2 2.5Y 6/3 10YR 5/4	FM 10YR 2/1	FMP 7.5YR 5/8 FFD 10YR 5/4				sic	pr
	21-36	2.5Y 5/3 2.5Y 6/2 10YR 6/2	CM 10YR 2/1	MCP 7.5YR 4/6 FMP 7.5YR 5/8				sic	pr

C. Presence of Wetland Hydrology – The performance criterion requires that the compensation area must be either permanently or periodically inundated at average depths less

than 2 m (6.6 ft) or have soils that are saturated to the surface for at least 12.5% of the growing season\*.

The ISGS initiated water level monitoring at this site in November 2003. Their findings for 2008 indicate that 2.5 ha (6.3 ac) out of a total site area of approximately 6.3 ha (15.6 ac) satisfied the wetland hydrology criterion for greater than 5% of the growing season. Included within this area are 1.1 ha (2.6 ac) that conclusively satisfied the wetland hydrology criterion for 12.5% of the growing season (Pociask 2008); Appendix 1, Figure 1. This is a dramatic increase from 2007 when 1.4 ha (3.5 ac) satisfied the wetland hydrology criterion for greater than 5% of the growing season [0.5 ha (1.1 ac) for 12.5% of the growing season] (Pociask 2007). Annual precipitation was 140% of normal for the 2008 hydrology monitoring period and precipitation from March to May 2008 was 206% of normal. In 2006, 1.2 ha (2.9 ac) satisfied the wetland hydrology criterion for greater than 5% of the growing season [0.6 ha (1.5 ac) for 12.5% of the growing season] (Pociask 2006). In 2005, the site had its lowest area total in terms of satisfying the wetland hydrology criterion for greater than 5% of the growing season. In that year only 0.7 ha (1.8 ac) were considered to have wetland hydrology (Pociask and Shofner 2005). In 2004, 1.0 ha (2.5 ac) satisfied the wetland hydrology criterion for greater than 5% of the growing season [0.6 ha (1.6 ac) for 12.5% of the growing season] (Pociask and Shofner 2004); Appendix 1, Figure 2.

During visits to the mitigation area, the following indicators of wetland hydrology were observed: areas of inundation, drift piles, sediment deposits, algal mats, mud cracks, blackened-leaves, crayfish chimneys and areas of surface or near surface saturation.

**Project Goal #2:** A native, non-weedy, emergent wetland community will be created (Sites 1, 2, and 3).

Initially five emergent species (*Acorus calamus*, *Iris shrevei*, *Pontederia cordata*, *Sagittaria latifolia*, and *Scirpus acutus*) were to be planted at the FAS 1907 (IL 127) mitigation site (IDOT Wetland Construction Plan). Subsequently *Juncus effusus* was also planted at the mitigation area. In 2007, the *Iris* sp. present at the site was observed flowering and determined to be of horticultural origin and not the native *Iris shrevei* that was supposed to have been planted (Appendix 2, Photo 6). Numerous live, healthy individuals of all other species except for *Scirpus acutus* were observed (67% of planted emergents were observed in a live, healthy condition). This part of the performance criteria is satisfied in 2008.

Three emergent wetland sites (Sites 1, 2, and 3) have been created at the FAS 1907 (IL 127) mitigation area. All three sites had a high percentage of native species (Site 1A = 88%, Site 1B = 92%, Site 2 = 85%, Site 3 = 83%; Table 3). Furthermore, percentages of native and non-weedy species were at acceptable levels (Site 1A = 70%; Site 1B = 68%; Site 2 = 59%; Site 3 = 60%). All three sites satisfy the second part of the performance criteria for project goal #2.

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\* In some cases wetland hydrology can be met when a site is inundated or saturated for 5% to 12.5% of the growing season (Environmental Laboratory 1987).

Part C of the performance criteria for project goal #2 states that no dominant species may be a non-native species. All wetland sites were dominated by native species (Tables 4-6, 9-11). Part C of the performance criteria for project goal #2 is satisfied for Sites 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 in 2008.

**Project Goal #3:** A floodplain forest wetland community will be created (Site 4).

All planted trees within FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland mitigation area were located, identified and their condition was assessed. A total of 146 trees were found alive in 2008. This is down 4 from 2007, 8 from 2006, 13 from 2005 and 33 from 2004 (Marcum *et al.* 2008; Marcum *et al.* 2007; Marcum *et al.* 2006; Marcum *et al.* 2005). In all, 55 of 201 trees planted at this site have died (72.6% overall survival). Survival of *Liquidambar styraciflua* (6%) has fallen well below the 75% threshold. Likewise, *Taxodium distichum* (43%) is also below the 75% threshold. All other species continued to be at an acceptable level. Table 17 shows the cumulative survivorship for each tree species planted at the FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland mitigation site.

**Table 17. Cumulative tree survival for FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland monitoring site - 2007.**

Species	# Alive	# Dead	Total Planted	% Survival
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	17	0	17	100%
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	1	16	17	6%
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	13	4	17	76%
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	33	5	38	87%
<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	32	6	38	84%
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	35	4	39	90%
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	15	20	35	43%
Totals	146	55	201	72.6%

### Summary and Recommendations

**Table 18. Summary table of FAS 1907 (IL 127) Project Goal success.**

<b>Project Goal #1</b> - Create jurisdictional wetlands.(Sites 1-4)	
Performance Criterion A (hydrophytic vegetation)	Satisfied (Sites 1-3), Unsatisfied (Site 4)
Performance Criterion B (hydric soils)	Satisfied (Sites 1-3), Unsatisfied (Site 4)
Performance Criterion C (wetland hydrology)	Satisfied (Sites 1-3), Unsatisfied (Site 4)
<b>Project Goal #2</b> – Create native, non-weedy emergent wetlands (Sites 1-3)	
Performance Criterion A (50% planted emergent survival)	Satisfied (Sites 1-3)
Performance Criterion B (50% native, non-weedy species)	Satisfied (Sites 1-3)
Performance Criterion C (No non-native dominants)	Satisfied (Sites 1-3)
<b>Project Goal #3</b> – Create a floodplain forest community (Site 4)	
Performance Criterion (> 75% tree survival)	Unsatisfied (Site 4)

Project goal #1 was satisfied for all sites except Site 4. This site, although not a wetland, is still valuable as a buffer for the created emergent wetlands (Sites 2 and 3) at the south end of the mitigation area. Likewise, project goal #2 was met by all four created wetland sites (Sites 1A, 1B, 2 and 3).

At this stage of monitoring, planted herbaceous species have survived satisfactorily; however, planted tree species survival (72.6%) continues to be below the acceptable level of 75%. While *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, green ash (100%), *Quercus bicolor*, swamp white oak (87%), *Quercus lyrata*, overcup oak (84%), *Quercus palustris*, pin oak (90%) and *Platanus occidentalis*, sycamore (76%) had acceptable tree survival, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, sweet gum (6%) and *Taxodium distichum*, bald cypress (43%), were both well below the required 75% threshold for tree survival. It is our recommendation that replanting be done, at least for the latter two species. Additional replanting of other tree species might be considered as well.

Floristic quality of all emergent sites is very promising with all created emergent wetland sites being highly diverse. In Site 1A, 107 overall species were recorded including 94 native species. Site 1B had 99 overall species recorded with 91 natives, Site 2 had 87 total species with 74 natives and Site 3 had 113 overall species recorded with 93 of them being native. These values are incredibly high for sites of such small size. FQI scores for all of the created wetland sites at FAS 1907 (IL 127) were above 25 (range from 25.9 at Site 2 to a high of 30.5 at Site 1A). These values are indicative of good to very good natural quality. All of these sites may be considered environmental assets.

Total area of the created wetlands is of some concern. In 2007 we determined the area of created wetlands at FAS 1907 (IL 127) to be approximately 1.05 ha (2.59 ac) [Appendix 1, Figure 3]. The objective for project goal #1 was to create 1.750 ha (4.325 ac) of jurisdictional wetland. Additional area, especially around Site 3 and between Sites 2 and 3, appear to be wetland as well. Hydric soils have developed over this area and the vegetation is slowly changing to hydrophytic vegetation. Wetland hydrology has been documented in much of this area, at least during the 2008 monitoring period. However, as documented in the ISGS hydrology report for this area (Pociask 2008), 2008 was an extremely wet year. During the 2009 monitoring period, in depth analysis of this area will be conducted to determine the extent of wetland area at the Tamms Monitoring Site. Total wetland acreage for FAS 1907 (IL 127) is expected to be somewhat below the required 1.750 ha (4.325 ac). Additional mitigation area should be searched for if this requirement is to be met.

Dominant species and overall species composition of the three created emergent wetlands are on course for good development. All dominants in the created wetlands are native at this time and all four emergent wetlands are represented by greater than 50% native and non-weedy species. Nonetheless, many aggressive non-native species are present within the mitigation area. These species include: *Carduus nutans* (musk thistle), *Lespedeza cuneata* (sericea lespedeza), *Lonicera japonica* (Japanese honeysuckle), *Melilotus alba* (white sweet clover), *Melilotus officinalis* (yellow sweet clover), *Morus alba* (white mulberry), *Phalaris arundinacea* (reed canary grass), *Pyrus calleryana* (Bradford pear), *Rosa multiflora* (multiflora rose), *Sorghum halepense* (Johnson grass), *Torilis japonica* (hedge parsley), *Typha angustifolia* (narrow-leaf cattail) and *Ulmus pumila* (Siberian elm). The abundance of all of these aggressive, persistent weeds will continue to be monitored and management recommendations will be made. At this time, as a precautionary measure, we recommend spraying with an appropriate herbicide to remove them from the site. Hopefully this treatment will remove them from the project area before they become a serious problem.

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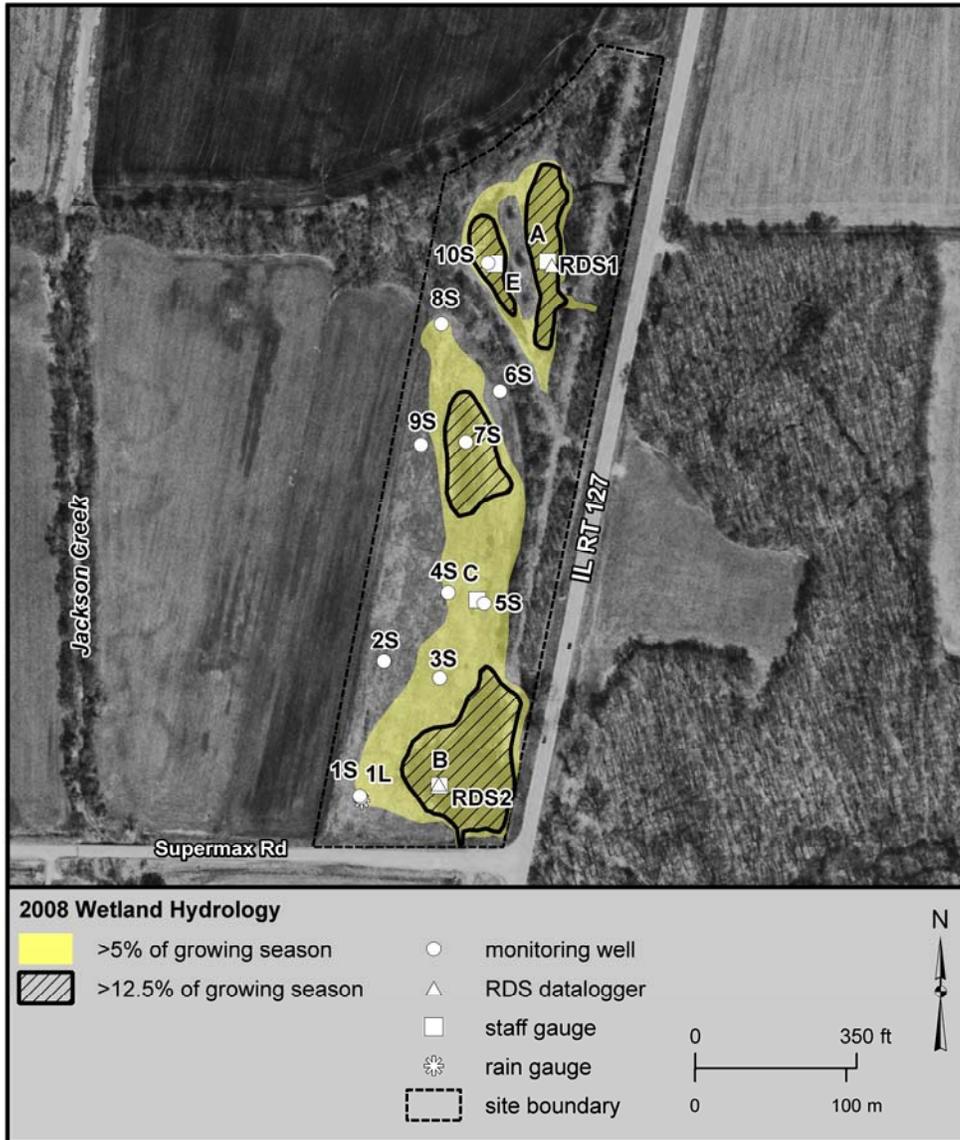
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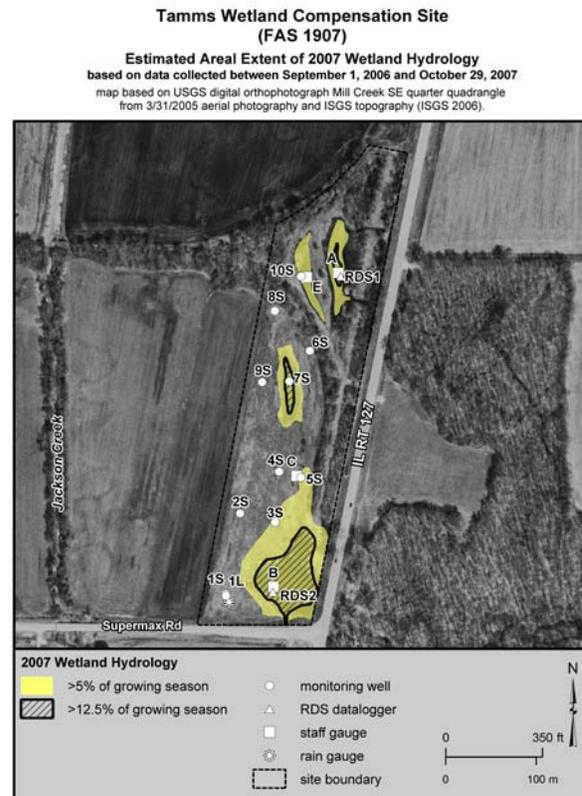
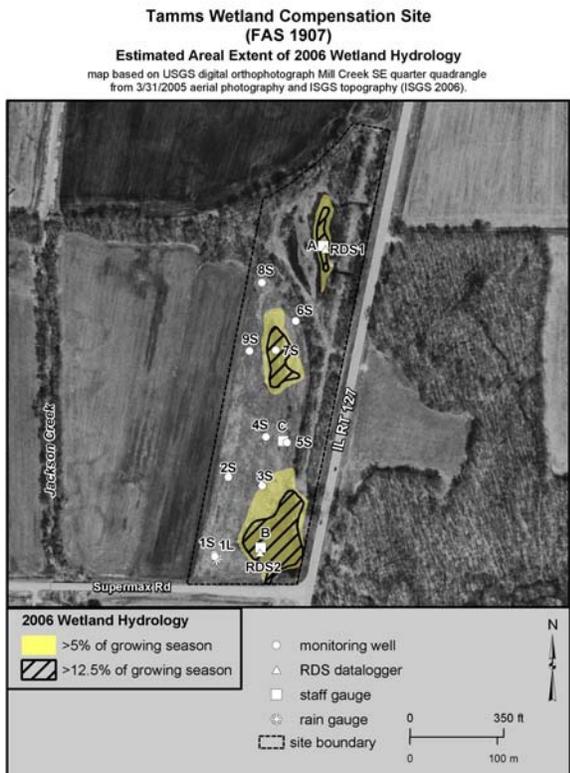
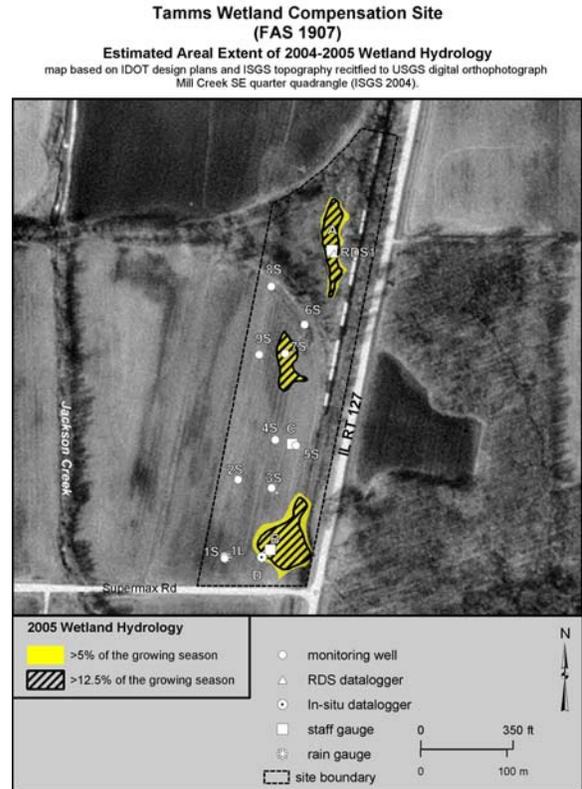
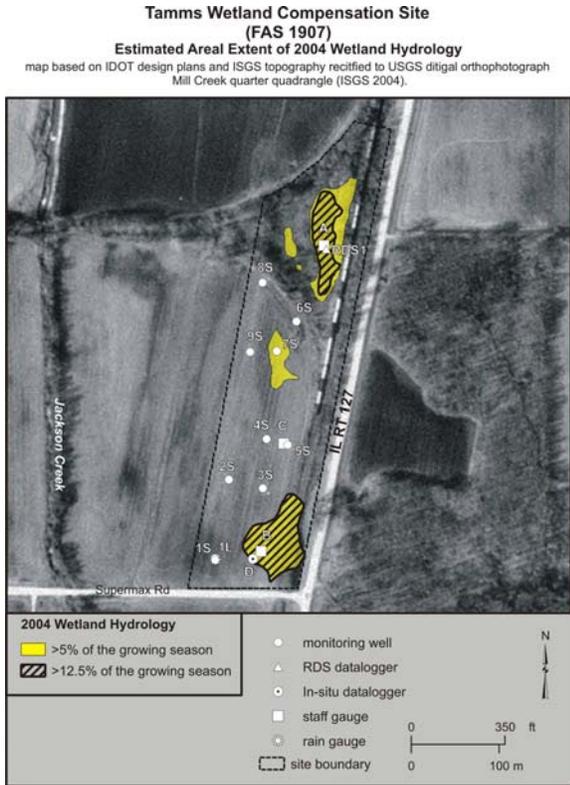
**Appendix 1. Figures**

**Tamms Wetland Compensation Site  
(FAS 1907)**

**Estimated Areal Extent of 2008 Wetland Hydrology**  
based on data collected between September 1, 2007 and September 1, 2008  
map based on USGS digital orthophotograph Mill Creek SE quarter quadrangle  
from 3/31/2005 aerial photography and ISGS topography (ISGS 2006).



**Figure 1. 2008 aerial extent of wetland hydrology for FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland monitoring site (prepared by ISGS, Pociask 2008).**



**Figure 2. 2004-2007 aerial extent of wetland hydrology for FAS 1907 (IL 127) wetland monitoring site (prepared by ISGS; Pociask 2007; Pociask 2006; Pociask and Shofner 2005; Pociask and Shofner 2004).**

### FAS 1907, Mitigation Monitoring Site Alexander County



0 400 800 Feet



scale 1:4800  
1 inch=400 ft

0 100 200 Meters



-  **Wetland site**
- site 1A - 0.27 acre (0.11 hectare)
  - site 1B - 0.44 acre (0.18 hectare)
  - site 2 - 0.61 acre (0.25 hectare)
  - site 3 - 1.27 acre (0.51 hectare)



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**Figure 3. 2007 estimated aerial extent of the created wetland sites at FAS 1907 (IL 127), Alexander County, near Tamm, Illinois. A final determination of wetland area will be made in 2009 (prepared by INHS, Brad Zercher).**

**Appendix 2. Wetland Determination Forms**

**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1A (page 1 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

**Date:** 27 May and 25-26 August 2008      **Project Name:** FAS 1907 (IL 127)

**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Wet Meadow

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**Location:** This wet meadow is located from 304.8 m (1000 ft) to 449.6 m (1475 ft) north of Supermax Rd. and between 45.7 m (150 ft) to 114 m (375 ft) west of IL 27.

Do normal environmental conditions exist at this site?      Yes: X      No:  
Has the vegetation, soils, or hydrology been significantly disturbed?      Yes:      No: X

**VEGETATION**

<b>Dominant Plant Species</b>	<b>Indicator Status</b>	<b>Stratum</b>	<b>Importance Value (IV)*</b>
1. <i>Carex tribuloides</i>	FACW+	herb	16.0997
2. <i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	herb	13.5881
3. <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	OBL	herb	7.1166
4. <i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	OBL	herb	6.7660
5. <i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	herb	6.5407

\*based on quantitative vegetation sampling; Table 9

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Hydrophytic vegetation:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** Greater than 50% of the dominants are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC.

**SOILS**

Series and phase: Okaw silt loam

On Alexander County hydric soils list?      Yes: X      No:

Is the soil a histosol?      Yes:      No: X      Histic epipedon present?      Yes:      No: X

Redox concentrations:      Yes: X      No:      Redox depletions:      Yes: X      No:

Matrix color: 5Y 6/1 and 7/1

Other indicators: This soil is found in a depressional area.

Note: At least one foot of the topsoil has been excavated at this site in order to lower this area.

**Hydric soils:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service classifies Okaw silt loam as having aquatic conditions. This soil has iron masses and an iron depleted matrix. Additionally, this soil meets the NRCS hydric soil indicator F3. These characteristics are evidence of a hydric soil.

## ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION

Site 1A (page 2 of 6)

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### HYDROLOGY

Inundated:      Yes: X (on first site visit)      No: X      Depth of standing water: up to 8 in (5/27/08)

Depth to saturated soil: 0 to 1.02 m (0 to 40 in)

Overview of hydrological flow through the system: This site is located in a depression surrounded by higher ground on all sides. Water enters this site via precipitation, sheet flow from surrounding higher ground, and from occasional overflow of the adjacent wetland paralleling IL 127. Water leaves the site primarily via evapotranspiration and slowly through soil infiltration.

Size of watershed: Less than 2.59 km<sup>2</sup> (1 mi<sup>2</sup>).

Other field evidence observed: This site has been excavated to hold water for longer periods. Bare areas indicating ponded water, sediment deposits, drift, algal mats, mud cracks, and blackened leaves have been observed at this site.

**Wetland hydrology:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** A depressional landscape position and field evidence of saturation and inundation suggests that this site is saturated for a sufficient duration to meet the wetland hydrology criterion.

### DETERMINATION AND RATIONALE:

**Is the site a wetland?**

Yes: X      No:

**Rationale for decision:**

Dominant hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology are present; therefore, this site is a wetland. The NWI does not code this site as a wetland.

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1A (page 3 of 6)

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**SPECIES LIST**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	three-seeded mercury	herb	FACU	0
<i>Acalypha virginica</i>	three-seeded mercury	herb	FACU	2
<i>Acer negundo</i>	box elder	shrub, herb	FACW-	1
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	red maple	herb	FAC	5
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	sweetflag	herb	OBL	4
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	red top	herb	FACW	0
<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>	tall waterhemp	herb	OBL	1
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	common ragweed	herb	FACU	0
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	giant ragweed	herb	FAC+	0
<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	long-leaved ammannia	herb	OBL	5
<i>Ampelopsis cordata</i>	raccoon grape	w-vine, herb	FAC+	2
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broom sedge	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Apios americana</i>	groundnut	herb	FACW	4
<i>Apocynum sibiricum</i>	Indian hemp	herb	FAC+	2
<i>Aster ontarionis</i>	Ontario aster	herb	FAC	4
<i>Aster simplex</i>	panicked aster	herb	FACW	3
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	frost flower	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	false aster	herb	FACW	5
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet creeper	herb	FAC	2
<i>Carex annectens</i>	large yellow fox sedge	herb	FACW	3
<i>Carex caroliniana</i>	sedge	herb	FAC	7
<i>Carex cristatella</i>	crested oval sedge	herb	FACW+	3
<i>Carex frankii</i>	Frank's sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex granularis</i>	meadow sedge	herb	FACW+	2
<i>Carex hyalinolepis</i>	southern lake sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex lurida</i>	sedge	herb	OBL	7
<i>Carex molesta</i>	sedge	herb	FAC	2
<i>Carex shortiana</i>	Short's sedge	herb	FACW+	4
<i>Carex squarrosa</i>	sedge	herb	OBL	5
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	awl-fruited oval sedge	herb	FACW+	3
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	herb	OBL	3
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	sea oats	herb	FACW	4

Species list continued on following page.

**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1A (page 4 of 6)

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<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nut-sedge	herb	FACW	0
<i>Cyperus iria</i>	sedge	herb	FACW	*
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	hairy crab grass	herb	FACU	*
<i>Diodia virginiana</i>	large buttonweed	herb	FACW	4
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	persimmon	shrub, herb	FAC	2
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	barnyard grass	herb	OBL	0
<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	yerba de tajo	herb	FACW	2
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	blunt spike rush	herb	OBL	2
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye	herb	FAC-	4
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye	herb	FACW-	4
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	common boneset	herb	FACW+	4
<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	grassleaf goldenrod	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	tall fescue	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	green ash	shrub, herb	FACW	2
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	honey locust	shrub, herb	FAC	2
<i>Hibiscus lasiocarpus</i>	hairy rose mallow	herb	FACW+	5
<i>Ipomoea pandurata</i>	wild sweet potato vine	herb	FACU	2
<i>Iva annua</i>	marsh elder	herb	FAC	0
<i>Juncus acuminatus</i>	knotty-leaved rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	common rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus interior</i>	inland rush	herb	FAC+	3
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	stout rush	herb	OBL	6
<i>Juncus secundus</i>	rush	herb	FAC-	6
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	path rush	herb	FAC	0
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	rice cutgrass	herb	OBL	3
<i>Leersia virginica</i>	white grass	herb	FACW	4
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	sericea lespedeza	herb	NI	*
<i>Lindernia dubia</i>	false pimpernel	herb	OBL	5
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	sweet gum	shrub	FACW	6
<i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	seedbox	herb	OBL	5
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	8
<i>Ludwigia palustris americana</i>	marsh purslane	herb	OBL	4

Species list continued on following page.

**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1A (page 5 of 6)

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**SPECIES LIST**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Ludwigia polycarpa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	5
<i>Mimulus alatus</i>	winged monkey flower	herb	OBL	6
<i>Mollugo verticillata</i>	carpetweed	herb	FAC	*
<i>Panicum clandestinum</i>	deer-tongue grass	herb	FACW	4
<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	fall panicum	herb	FACW-	0
<i>Panicum implicatum</i>	old field panic grass	herb	FAC	2
<i>Panicum rigidulum</i>	munro grass	herb	FACW	6
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	prairie switchgrass	herb	FAC+	4
<i>Paspalum laeve</i>	smooth lens grass	herb	UPL	2
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	large passion-flower	herb	FACU	3
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass	herb	FACW+	*
<i>Physalis angulata</i>	ground cherry	herb	FAC	*
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky bluegrass	herb	FAC-	*
<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	mild water pepper	herb	OBL	4
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	curttop lady's thumb	herb	FACW+	0
<i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i>	giant smartweed	herb	FACW+	1
<i>Polygonum persicaria</i>	spotted lady's thumb	herb	FACW	*
<i>Polygonum scandens</i>	climbing buckwheat	herb	FAC	2
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	pickerelweed	herb	OBL	8
<i>Populus deltoides</i>	eastern cottonwood	shrub, herb	FAC+	2
<i>Potentilla simplex</i>	common cinquefoil	herb	FACU-	3
<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	cherrybark oak	herb	FAC	5
<i>Rorippa sessiliflora</i>	sessile-flowered cress	herb	OBL	3
<i>Rubus pensylvanicus</i>	blackberry	shrub	FAC-	2
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock	herb	FAC+	*
<i>Salix nigra</i>	black willow	shrub	OBL	3
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	wool grass	herb	OBL	5
<i>Setaria faberi</i>	giant foxtail	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Setaria glauca</i>	pigeon grass	herb	FAC	*
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	horse nettle	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	herb	FACU	1

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1A (page 6 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

**Date:** 27 May and 25-26 August 2008      **Project Name:** FAS 1907 (IL 127)

**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Wet Meadow

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**SPECIES LIST**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	late goldenrod	herb	FACW	3
<i>Stachys tenuifolia</i>	slenderleaf betony	herb	OBL	5
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	American germander	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	poison ivy	herb	FAC+	1
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	narrow-leaved cattail	herb	OBL	*
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	cattail	herb	OBL	1
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	winged elm	herb	FACU	5
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American elm	shrub, herb	FACW-	5
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	tall ironweed	herb	FAC	4
<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Missouri ironweed	herb	FAC+	5
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	cocklebur	herb	FAC	0

♦ Coefficient of Conservatism (Taft *et al.* 1997)

\*Non-native species

mean C value (mCv) =  $\sum C/N = 296/94 = 3.1$

FQI =  $\sum C/\sqrt{N} = 296/(\sqrt{94}) = 30.5$

**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1B (page 1 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

**Date:** 27 May and 25-26 August 2008      **Project Name:** FAS 1907 (IL 127)

**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Emergent Pond

**Legal Description:** NE1/4, NE1/4, NW1/4 and NW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4, Section 31, T. 14 S., R. 1 W.; and SW1/4, SW1/4, SE1/4, Section 30, T. 14 S., R. 1 W.

**Location:** This emergent pond is located from 304.8 m (1000 ft) to 449.6 m (1475 ft) north of Supermax Rd. and between 45.7 m (150 ft) to 114 m (375 ft) west of IL 27.

Do normal environmental conditions exist at this site?      Yes: X      No:  
Has the vegetation, soils, or hydrology been significantly disturbed?      Yes:      No: X

**VEGETATION**

<b>Dominant Plant Species</b>	<b>Indicator Status</b>	<b>Stratum</b>	<b>Importance Value (IV)*</b>
1. <i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	FACW	herb	14.5620
2. <i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	herb	13.1986
3. <i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	OBL	herb	12.4284
4. <i>Ludwigia palustris americana</i>	OBL	herb	9.3500
5. <i>Aster vimineus</i>	OBL	herb	5.4924

\*based on quantitative vegetation sampling; Table 9

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Hydrophytic vegetation:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** Greater than 50% of the dominants are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC.

**SOILS**

Series and phase: Okaw silt loam

On Alexander County hydric soils list?      Yes: X      No:

Is the soil a histosol?      Yes:      No: X      Histic epipedon present?      Yes:      No: X

Redox concentrations:      Yes: X      No:      Redox depletions:      Yes: X      No:

Matrix color: 5Y 6/1 and 7/1

Other indicators: This soil is found in a depressional area.

Note: At least one foot of the topsoil has been excavated at this site in order to lower this area.

**Hydric soils:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service classifies Okaw silt loam as having aquatic conditions. This soil has iron masses and an iron depleted matrix. Additionally, this soil meets the NRCS hydric soil indicator F3. These characteristics are evidence of a hydric soil.

## ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION

Site 1B (page 2 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

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**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Emergent Pond

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**Location:** This emergent pond is located from 304.8 m (1000 ft) to 449.6 m (1475 ft) north of Supermax Rd. and between 45.7 m (150 ft) to 114 m (375 ft) west of IL 27.

### HYDROLOGY

Inundated: Yes: X (at least early in the season) No:      Depth of standing water: up to 0.61 m (2 ft)

Depth to saturated soil: 0 to 1.02 m (0 to 40 in)

Overview of hydrological flow through the system: This site is located in a depression surrounded by higher ground on all sides. Water enters this site via precipitation and sheetflow from surrounding higher ground. Additional transfer of water occurs through a low area between this site and a long narrow wetland along IL Route 127. Water leaves the site primarily via evapotranspiration and slowly through soil infiltration.

Size of watershed: Less than 2.59 km<sup>2</sup> (1 mi<sup>2</sup>).

Other field evidence observed: This site has been excavated to hold water for longer periods. Areas of inundation, sediment deposits, drift, bare areas indicating ponded water, algal mats, mud cracks, and blackened leaves have been observed at this site.

**Wetland hydrology:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** A depressional landscape position and field evidence of saturation and inundation suggest that this site is saturated for a sufficient duration to satisfy the wetland hydrology criterion.

### DETERMINATION AND RATIONALE:

**Is the site a wetland?**

Yes: X      No:

**Rationale for decision:**

Dominant hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology are present; therefore, this site is a wetland. The NWI does not code this site as a wetland.

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1B (page 3 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

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**SPECIES LIST**

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<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	three-seeded mercury	herb	FACU	0
<i>Acer negundo</i>	box elder	herb	FACW-	1
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	red maple	herb	FAC	5
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	sweetflag	herb	OBL	4
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	red top	herb	FACW	0
<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>	tall waterhemp	herb	OBL	1
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	common ragweed	herb	FACU	0
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	giant ragweed	herb	FAC+	0
<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	long-leaved ammannia	herb	OBL	5
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broom sedge	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>	dogbane	herb	FAC	2
<i>Aster ontarionis</i>	Ontario aster	herb	FAC	4
<i>Aster simplex</i>	panicled aster	herb	FACW	3
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	frost flower	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	common beggar's ticks	herb	FACW	1
<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	false nettle	herb	OBL	3
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	false aster	herb	FACW	5
<i>Callitriche heterophylla</i>	large water starwort	herb	OBL	5
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet creeper	w-vine, herb	FAC	2
<i>Carex annectens</i>	large yellow fox sedge	herb	FACW	3
<i>Carex caroliniana</i>	sedge	herb	FAC	7
<i>Carex hyalinolepis</i>	southern lake sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex normalis</i>	sedge	herb	FACW	4
<i>Carex shortiana</i>	Short's sedge	herb	FACW+	4
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	awl-fruited oval sedge	herb	FACW+	3
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	herb	OBL	3
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	buttonbush	shrub	OBL	4
<i>Chamaesyce maculata</i>	nodding spurge	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Cicuta maculata</i>	water hemlock	herb	OBL	4
<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	green thorn	shrub, herb	FACW	5
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nut-sedge	herb	FACW	0
<i>Cyperus strigosus</i>	straw-colored flatsedge	herb	FACW	0

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

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<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	hairy crab grass	herb	FACU	*
<i>Diodia virginiana</i>	large buttonweed	herb	FACW	4
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	persimmon	shrub, herb	FAC	2
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	barnyard grass	herb	OBL	0
<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	yerba de tajo	herb	FACW	2
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	needle spike rush	herb	OBL	3
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	blunt spike rush	herb	OBL	2
<i>Eleocharis verrucosa</i>	slender spike rush	herb	OBL	6
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	common boneset	herb	FACW+	4
<i>Eupatorium serotinum</i>	late boneset	herb	FAC+	1
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	green ash	shrub	FACW	2
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	honey locust	herb	FAC	2
<i>Glyceria arkansana</i>	Arkansas manna grass	herb	OBL	10
<i>Gratiola virginiana</i>	round-fruited hedge hyssop	herb	OBL	5
<i>Hibiscus lasiocarpus</i>	hairy rose mallow	herb	FACW+	5
<i>Ipomoea lacunosa</i>	small white morning-glory	herb	FACW	1
<i>Ipomoea pandurata</i>	wild sweet potato vine	herb	FACU	2
<i>Iris</i> sp. (cultivated)	iris	herb	----	*
<i>Iva annua</i>	marsh elder	herb	FAC	0
<i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	common rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	stout rush	herb	OBL	6
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	rice cutgrass	herb	OBL	3
<i>Leptochloa fascicularis</i>	bearded sprangle top	herb	OBL	0
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	sericea lespedeza	herb	NI	*
<i>Lindernia dubia</i>	false pimpernel	herb	OBL	5
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	sweet gum	shrub, herb	FACW	6
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal-flower	herb	OBL	6
<i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	seedbox	herb	OBL	5
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	8
<i>Ludwigia palustris americana</i>	marsh purslane	herb	OBL	4
<i>Ludwigia polycarpa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	5
<i>Mimulus alatus</i>	winged monkey flower	herb	OBL	6

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1B (page 5 of 6)

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

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<i>Panicum implicatum</i>	old field panic grass	herb	FAC	2
<i>Panicum rigidulum</i>	munro grass	herb	FACW	6
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	prairie switchgrass	herb	FAC+	4
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	large passion-flower	herb	FACU	3
<i>Penthorum sedoides</i>	ditch stonecrop	herb	OBL	2
<i>Phyllanthus caroliniensis</i>	phyllanthus	herb	FAC	5
<i>Pluchea camphorata</i>	camphor weed	herb	FACW	7
<i>Polygonum cespitosum</i>	creeping smartweed	herb	UPL	*
<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	mild water pepper	herb	OBL	4
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	curttop lady's thumb	herb	FACW+	0
<i>Polygonum pennsylvanicum</i>	giant smartweed	herb	FACW+	1
<i>Polygonum punctatum</i>	dotted smartweed	herb	OBL	3
<i>Potentilla simplex</i>	common cinquefoil	herb	FACU-	3
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	pin oak	shrub, herb	FACW	4
<i>Rosa setigera</i>	Illinois rose	shrub	FACU+	5
<i>Rotala ramosior</i>	tooth-cup	herb	OBL	4
<i>Rubus pensylvanicus</i>	blackberry	shrub	FAC-	2
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock	herb	FAC+	*
<i>Salix nigra</i>	black willow	shrub	OBL	3
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	wool grass	herb	OBL	5
<i>Setaria faberi</i>	giant foxtail	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Setaria glauca</i>	pigeon grass	herb	FAC	*
<i>Sida spinosa</i>	prickly sida	herb	FACU	*
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	horse nettle	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	herb	FACU	1
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	late goldenrod	herb	FACW	3
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	American germander	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	poison ivy	herb	FAC+	1
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	cattail	herb	OBL	1
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American elm	herb	FACW-	5

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site 1B (page 6 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Emergent Pond

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**SPECIES LIST**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	tall ironweed	herb	FAC	4
<i>Vitis aestivalis</i>	summer grape	w-vine	FACU	4
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	cocklebur	herb	FAC	0

♦ Coefficient of Conservatism (Taft *et al.* 1997)

\*Non-native species

mean C value (mCv) =  $\sum C/N = 284/91 = 3.1$

FQI =  $\sum C/\sqrt{N} = 284/(\sqrt{91}) = 29.8$

## ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION

Site 2 (page 1 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

**Date:** 27 May and 25-26 August 2008 **Project Name:** FAS 1907 (IL 127)

**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Wet Meadow

**Legal Description:** NE1/4, NE1/4, NW1/4, Section 31, T. 14 S., R. 1 W.

**Location:** This wet meadow/marsh consists of two parcels in the center of the mitigation area. The largest parcel is located 251 m (825 ft) north of Supermax Road and 83.8 m (275 ft) west of IL 127. The smaller parcel is 183 m (600 ft) north of Supermax Road and 64.8 m (213 ft) west of IL 127.

Do normal environmental conditions exist at this site? Yes: X No:  
Has the vegetation, soils, or hydrology been significantly disturbed? Yes: No: X

### VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	Indicator Status	Stratum
1. <i>Aster vimineus</i>	FACW-	herb
2. <i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	OBL	herb
3. <i>Iva annua</i>	FAC	herb
4. <i>Juncus nodatus</i>	OBL	herb

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Hydrophytic vegetation:** Yes: X No:

**Rationale:** Greater than 50% of the dominants are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC.

### SOILS

Series and phase: Cape silty clay loam

On Alexander County hydric soils list? Yes: X No:

Is the soil a histosol? Yes: No: X Histic epipedon present? Yes: No: X

Redox concentrations: Yes: X No: Redox depletions: Yes: X No:

Matrix color: 2.5Y 6/2 and 2.5Y 6/1

Other indicators: This soil is found in a depressional area.

Note: At least one foot of the topsoil has been excavated at this site in order to lower this area.

**Hydric soils:** Yes: X No:

**Rationale:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service classifies Cape silty clay loam as having aquic conditions. This soil has iron masses and an iron depleted matrix. Additionally, this soil meets the NRCS hydric soil indicator F3. These characteristics are evidence of a hydric soil.

## ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION

Site #2 (page 2 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

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### HYDROLOGY

Inundated: Yes:                      No: X      Depth of standing water: NA

Depth to saturated soil: 0 to 1.02 m (0 to 40 in)

Overview of hydrological flow through the system: This site is located in an excavated depression. Water enters this site via precipitation and sheet flow from adjacent higher ground. Water leaves the site primarily through soil infiltration and evapotranspiration. Some water may also leave through sheet flow to the south (toward Site 3).

Size of watershed: Less than 2.59 km<sup>2</sup> (1 mi<sup>2</sup>).

Other field evidence observed: This site has been excavated to hold water for longer periods. Bare areas indicating some ponded water, saturated soil, algal mats, mud cracks, and blackened leaves have been observed at this site.

**Wetland hydrology:** Yes: X      No:

**Rationale:** A depressional landscape position and field evidence of saturation and inundation suggest that this site is saturated for a sufficient duration to satisfy the wetland hydrology criterion.

### DETERMINATION AND RATIONALE:

<b>Is the site a wetland?</b>	Yes: X    No:
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<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	three-seeded mercury	herb	FACU	0
<i>Acer negundo</i>	box elder	shrub	FACW-	1
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	red top	herb	FACW	0
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	broad-leaf water-plantain	herb	OBL	2
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	common ragweed	herb	FACU	0
<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	long-leaved ammannia	herb	OBL	5
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broom sedge	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Aster ontarionis</i>	Ontario aster	herb	FAC	4
<i>Aster pilosus</i>	hairy aster	herb	FACU+	0
<i>Aster simplex</i>	panicled aster	herb	FACW	3
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	frost flower	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	false aster	herb	FACW	5
<i>Bromus commutatus</i>	hairy brome	herb	UPL	*
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet creeper	w-vine, herb	FAC	2
<i>Carex annectens</i>	large yellow fox sedge	herb	FACW	3
<i>Carex caroliniana</i>	sedge	herb	FAC	7
<i>Carex crinita</i>	fringed sedge	herb	OBL	8
<i>Carex frankii</i>	Frank's sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex granularis</i>	meadow sedge	herb	FACW+	2
<i>Carex lurida</i>	sedge	herb	OBL	7
<i>Carex normalis</i>	sedge	herb	FACW	4
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	awl-fruited oval sedge	herb	FACW+	3
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	herb	OBL	3
<i>Cerastium vulgatum</i>	common mouse-ear chickweed	herb	FACU	*
<i>Chamaesyce humistrata</i>	milk spurge	herb	FACW	1
<i>Chamaesyce maculata</i>	nodding spurge	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Cyperus strigosus</i>	straw-colored flatsedge	herb	FACW	0
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	barnyard grass	herb	OBL	0
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	blunt spike rush	herb	OBL	2

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<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye	herb	FAC-	4
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye	herb	FACW-	4
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	annual fleabane	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	common boneset	herb	FACW+	4
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	tall fescue	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	green ash	herb	FACW	2
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	fowl manna grass	herb	OBL	4
<i>Gratiola virginiana</i>	round-fruited hedge hyssop	herb	OBL	5
<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i>	ivy-leaved morning glory	herb	FAC	*
<i>Ipomoea lacunosa</i>	small white morning-glory	herb	FACW	1
<i>Iva annua</i>	marsh elder	herb	FAC	0
<i>Juncus acuminatus</i>	knotty-leaved rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus biflorus</i>	two-flowered rush	herb	FACW	5
<i>Juncus diffusissimus</i>	rush	herb	FACW	7
<i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	common rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus interior</i>	inland rush	herb	FAC+	3
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	stout rush	herb	OBL	6
<i>Juncus secundus</i>	rush	herb	FAC-	6
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	path rush	herb	FAC	0
<i>Juncus torreyi</i>	Torrey's rush	herb	FACW	3
<i>Krigia caespitosa</i>	dwarf dandelion	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	rice cutgrass	herb	OBL	3
<i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	seedbox	herb	OBL	5
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	8
<i>Ludwigia palustris americana</i>	marsh purslane	herb	OBL	4
<i>Ludwigia polycarpa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	5
<i>Myosotis verna</i>	scorpion grass	herb	FAC-	3
<i>Panicum clandestinum</i>	deer-tongue grass	herb	FACW	4
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	prairie switchgrass	herb	FAC+	4

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<i>Paspalum laeve</i>	smooth lens grass	herb	UPL	2
<i>Penthorum sedoides</i>	ditch stonecrop	herb	OBL	2
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass	herb	FACW+	*
<i>Phyla lanceolata</i>	fog-fruit	herb	OBL	1
<i>Physalis angulata</i>	ground cherry	herb	FAC	*
<i>Polygonum pensylvanicum</i>	giant smartweed	herb	FACW+	1
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	slender mountain mint	herb	FAC	4
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	cursed crowfoot	herb	OBL	3
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock	herb	FAC+	*
<i>Salix nigra</i>	black willow	shrub	OBL	3
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	little bluestem	herb	FACU-	5
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	wool grass	herb	OBL	5
<i>Scirpus pendulus</i>	red bulrush	herb	OBL	3
<i>Senecio glabellus</i>	butterweed	herb	OBL	0
<i>Setaria faberi</i>	giant foxtail	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Setaria glauca</i>	pigeon grass	herb	FAC	*
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	common blue-eyed grass	herb	FACW-	5
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	horse nettle	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	herb	FACU	1
♣ <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	bald cypress	tree	OBL	7
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	poison ivy	herb	FAC+	1
<i>Trifolium hybridum</i>	alsike clover	herb	FAC-	*
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	red clover	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	narrow-leaved cattail	herb	OBL	*
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	cattail	herb	OBL	1
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American elm	shrub	FACW-	5
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	winter vetch	herb	UPL	*
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	cocklebur	herb	FAC	0

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◆ Coefficient of Conservatism (Taft *et al.* 1997)

♣ denotes planted species

\*Non-native species

without planted species:

$$\text{mean C value (mCv)} = \sum C/N = 216/73 = 3.0$$

$$\text{FQI} = \text{mCv}/(\sqrt{N}) = 216/(\sqrt{73}) = 25.3$$

with planted tree species:

$$\text{mean C value (mCv)} = \sum C/N = 223/74 = 3.0$$

$$\text{FQI} = \text{mCv}/(\sqrt{N}) = 223/(\sqrt{74}) = 25.9$$

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**Location:** This emergent pond w/fringe is located in the southeast corner of the mitigation area. The site begins approximately 7.6 m (25 ft) north of Supermax Road and 7.6 m (25 ft) west of IL 127.

Do normal environmental conditions exist at this site? Yes: X No:  
Has the vegetation, soils, or hydrology been significantly disturbed? Yes: No: X

**VEGETATION**

<b>Dominant Plant Species</b>	<b>Indicator Status</b>	<b>Stratum</b>	<b>Importance Value (IV)*</b>
1. <i>Juncus nodatus</i>	OBL	herb	13.2863
2. <i>Ludwigia peploides glabrescens</i>	OBL	herb	8.1131
3. <i>Acorus calamus</i>	OBL	herb	7.8764
4. <i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	FACW	herb	7.2665
5. <i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	FAC	herb	6.9113
6. <i>Iva annua</i>	FAC	herb	6.4783
7. <i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	OBL	herb	6.2357

\*based on quantitative vegetation sampling; Table 9

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 100%

**Hydrophytic vegetation:** Yes: X No:

**Rationale:** Greater than 50% of the dominants are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC.

**SOILS**

Series and phase: Cape silty clay loam

On Alexander County hydric soils list? Yes: X No:

Is the soil a histosol? Yes: No: X Histic epipedon present? Yes: No: X

Redox concentrations: Yes: X No: Redox depletions: Yes: X No:

Matrix color: 2.5Y 6/2 and 5Y 7/1

Other indicators: This soil is found in a depressional area.

Note: At least one foot of the topsoil has been excavated at this site in order to lower this area.

**Hydric soils:** Yes: X No:

**Rationale:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service classifies Cape silty clay loam as having aquic conditions. This soil has iron masses and an iron depleted matrix. Additionally, this soil meets the NRCS hydric soil indicator F3. These characteristics are evidence of a hydric soil.

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### HYDROLOGY

Inundated: Yes: X (in part) No: Depth of standing water: up to 0.3 m (1 ft)

Depth to saturated soil: 0 to 1.02 m (0 to 40 in)

Overview of hydrological flow through the system: This site is located in an excavated depression. Water enters this site through precipitation and sheetflow from adjacent higher ground. Water leaves the site primarily through slow soil infiltration and evapotranspiration. Further transfer of water is possible during high water events through culverts on the south and east side of the wetland. Size of watershed: Less than 2.59 km<sup>2</sup> (1 mi<sup>2</sup>).

Other field evidence observed: This site has been excavated to hold water for longer periods. Areas of inundation and saturation, sediment deposits, drift, bare areas indicating ponded water, algal mats, mud cracks, and blackened leaves have been observed at this site.

**Wetland hydrology:** Yes: X No:

**Rationale:** A depressional landscape position and field evidence of saturation and inundation suggest that this site is saturated for a sufficient duration to satisfy the wetland hydrology criterion.

### DETERMINATION AND RATIONALE:

**Is the site a wetland?**

Yes: X No:

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<i>Acorus calamus</i>	sweetflag	herb	OBL	4
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	red top	herb	FACW	0
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	broad-leaf water-plantain	herb	OBL	2
<i>Allium vineale</i>	field garlic	herb	FACU	*
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	common ragweed	herb	FACU	0
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	giant ragweed	herb	FAC+	0
<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	long-leaved ammannia	herb	OBL	5
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broom sedge	herb	FAC-	1
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<i>Aster simplex</i>	panicled aster	herb	FACW	3
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	frost flower	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Bidens aristosa</i>	swamp marigold	herb	FACW	1
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	common beggar's ticks	herb	FACW	1
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	false aster	herb	FACW	5
<i>Bromus commutatus</i>	hairy brome	herb	UPL	*
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet creeper	herb	FAC	2
<i>Carex annectens</i>	large yellow fox sedge	herb	FACW	3
<i>Carex frankii</i>	Frank's sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex hyalinolepis</i>	southern lake sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex normalis</i>	sedge	herb	FACW	4
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	herb	OBL	3
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	hackberry	shrub	FAC-	3
<i>Chamaesyce humistrata</i>	milk spurge	herb	FACW	1
<i>Chamaesyce maculata</i>	nodding spurge	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Cocculus carolinus</i>	snailseed	herb	FAC	6
<i>Cyperus acuminatus</i>	taperleaf flat sedge	herb	OBL	2
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nut-sedge	herb	FACW	0
<i>Cyperus pseudovegetus</i>	false green flat sedge	herb	FACW	5

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<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's lace	herb	UPL	*
<i>Desmodium</i> sp.	beggar's ticks	herb	----	--
<i>Diodia virginiana</i>	large buttonweed	herb	FACW	4
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	persimmon	herb	FAC	2
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	barnyard grass	herb	OBL	0
<i>Eclipta prostrata</i>	yerba de tajo	herb	FACW	2
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	needle spike rush	herb	OBL	3
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	blunt spike rush	herb	OBL	2
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye	herb	FAC-	4
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye	herb	FACW-	4
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	annual fleabane	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Eupatorium serotinum</i>	late boneset	herb	FAC+	1
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	tall fescue	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	green ash	shrub	FACW	2
<i>Galium tinctorium</i>	stiff bedstraw	herb	OBL	6
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	fowl manna grass	herb	OBL	4
<i>Gratiola neglecta</i>	clammy hedge hyssop	herb	OBL	5
<i>Gratiola virginiana</i>	round-fruited hedge hyssop	herb	OBL	5
<i>Heliotropium indicum</i>	Indian heliotrope	herb	FACW	*
<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i>	ivy-leaved morning glory	herb	FAC	*
<i>Ipomoea lacunosa</i>	small white morning-glory	herb	FACW	1
<i>Iris</i> sp. (cultivated)	iris	herb	----	*
<i>Iva annua</i>	marsh elder	herb	FAC	0
<i>Juncus acuminatus</i>	knotty-leaved rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus dudleyi</i>	Dudley's rush	herb	FAC	4
<i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	common rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus marginatus</i>	grass-leaved rush	herb	FACW	5
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	stout rush	herb	OBL	6
<i>Juncus secundus</i>	rush	herb	FAC-	6
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	path rush	herb	FAC	0
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<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	sericea lespedeza	herb	NI	*
<i>Lindernia dubia</i>	false pimpernel	herb	OBL	5
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	birdsfoot-trefoil	herb	FAC-	*
<i>Ludwigia glandulosa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	8
<i>Ludwigia palustris americana</i>	marsh purslane	herb	OBL	4
<i>Ludwigia peploides glabrescens</i>	creeping primrose willow	herb	OBL	5
<i>Ludwigia polycarpa</i>	false loosestrife	herb	OBL	5
<i>Lycopus americanus</i>	common water horehound	herb	OBL	3
<i>Lycopus virginicus</i>	bugle weed	herb	OBL	5
<i>Morus alba</i>	white mulberry	herb	FAC	*
<i>Panicum rigidulum</i>	munro grass	herb	FACW	6
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	prairie switchgrass	herb	FAC+	4
<i>Paspalum laeve</i>	smooth lens grass	herb	UPL	2
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	large passion-flower	herb	FACU	3
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	foxglove beard-tongue	herb	FAC-	4
<i>Phyla lanceolata</i>	fog-fruit	herb	OBL	1
<i>Pluchea camphorata</i>	camphor weed	herb	FACW	7
<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>	common smartweed	herb	OBL	*
<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>	mild water pepper	herb	OBL	4
<i>Polygonum pennsylvanicum</i>	giant smartweed	herb	FACW+	1
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	pickerelweed	herb	OBL	8
<i>Populus deltoides</i>	eastern cottonwood	shrub	FAC+	2
<i>Populus heterophylla</i>	swamp cottonwood	shrub	OBL	8
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	slender mountain mint	herb	FAC	4
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	common mountain mint	herb	FACW+	5
<i>Ranunculus sardous</i>	buttercup	herb	FAC	*
<i>Riccia/Ricciacarpus</i> sp.	liverwort	----	----	--
<i>Rorippa islandica</i>	marsh yellow cress	herb	OBL	4
<i>Rorippa sessiliflora</i>	sessile-flowered cress	herb	OBL	3
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	multiflora rose	shrub	FACU	*

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site #3 (page 6 of 6)

**Field Investigators:** Marcum, Keene, Ketzner, and Larimore

**Date:** 27 May and 25-26 August 2008 **Project Name:** FAS 1907 (IL 127)

**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Emergent Pond w/fringe

**Legal Description:** SE1/4, NE1/4, NW1/4, Section 31, T. 14 S., R. 1 W.

**Location:** This emergent pond w/fringe is located in the southeast corner of the mitigation area. The site begins approximately 7.6 m (25 ft) north of Supermax Road and 7.6 m (25 ft) west of IL 127.

**SPECIES LIST (continued)**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Rotala ramosior</i>	tooth-cup	herb	OBL	4
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock	herb	FAC+	*
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	arrowhead	herb	OBL	4
<i>Salix nigra</i>	black willow	shrub	OBL	3
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	wool grass	herb	OBL	5
<i>Senecio glabellus</i>	butterweed	herb	OBL	0
<i>Setaria glauca</i>	pigeon grass	herb	FAC	*
<i>Sida spinosa</i>	prickly sida	herb	FACU	*
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	horse nettle	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	herb	FACU	1
♣ <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	bald cypress	sapling, shrub	OBL	7
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	American germander	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	red clover	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	cattail	herb	OBL	1
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American elm	shrub, herb	FACW-	5
<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	Missouri ironweed	herb	FAC+	5
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	winter vetch	herb	UPL	*
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	cocklebur	herb	FAC	0

♦ Coefficient of Conservatism (Taft *et al.* 1997)

♣ denotes planted species

\*Non-native species

without planted species:

$$\text{mean C value (mCv)} = \sum C/N = 284/92 = 3.1$$

$$\text{FQI} = \text{mCv}/(\sqrt{N}) = 284/(\sqrt{92}) = 29.6$$

with planted tree species:

$$\text{mean C value (mCv)} = \sum C/N = 291/93 = 3.1$$

$$\text{FQI} = \text{mCv}/(\sqrt{N}) = 291/(\sqrt{93}) = 30.2$$

**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site #4 (page 1 of 6)

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Shrubland (proposed floodplain forest)

**Legal Description:** E1/2, NE1/4, NW1/4, Section 31, T. 14 S., R. 1 W.

**Location:** This shrubland is located along the west boundary of the mitigation area. It extends from approximately 7.6 m (25 ft) to 320.0 m (1050 ft) north of Supermax Road.

Do normal environmental conditions exist at this site? Yes:  No:   
Has the vegetation, soils, or hydrology been significantly disturbed? Yes:  No:

**VEGETATION**

<b>Dominant Plant Species</b>	<b>Indicator Status</b>	<b>Stratum</b>
1. <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	planted	sapling/shrub
2. <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	planted	sapling/shrub
3. <i>Quercus palustris</i>	planted	sapling/shrub
4. <i>Campsis radicans</i>	FAC	woody vine
5. <i>Agrostis alba</i>	FACW	herb
6. <i>Elymus canadensis</i>	FAC-	herb
7. <i>Solidago canadensis</i>	FACU	herb

Percentage of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC: 50%

**Hydrophytic vegetation:** Yes:  No:

**Rationale:** Only 50% of the dominants are OBL, FACW, FAC+, or FAC.

**SOILS**

Series and phase: Undetermined

On Alexander County hydric soils list? Undetermined

Is the soil a histosol? Yes:  No:  Histic epipedon present? Yes:  No:

Redox concentrations: Yes:  No:  Redox depletions: Yes:  No:

Matrix color: 10YR 4/3

Other indicators: None

**Hydric soils:** Yes:  No:  (but area may contain some hydric soils)

**Rationale:** This soil is found higher on the landscape. It has some iron concretions but lacks the required depleted soil matrix.

## ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION

Site #4 (page 2 of 6)

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Shrubland (proposed floodplain forest)

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### HYDROLOGY

Inundated: Yes: No: X Depth of standing water: NA

Depth to saturated soil: > 1.27 m (> 50 in)

Overview of hydrological flow through the system: This site is at a slightly to noticeably higher elevation than Sites 2 and 3. It is level to slightly sloping towards the lower ground. Water enters this site through precipitation and leaves quickly as sheetflow to Sites 2 and 3.

Size of watershed: Less than 2.59 km<sup>2</sup> (1 mi<sup>2</sup>).

Other field evidence observed: none

**Wetland hydrology:** Yes: No: X

**Rationale:** Field observations suggest that this site is both too high of elevation and too sloping to satisfy the wetland hydrology criterion. In our opinion, the site is not saturated long enough during the growing season to meet the wetland hydrology criterion.

### DETERMINATION AND RATIONALE:

<b>Is the site a wetland?</b>	Yes: No: X
<b>Rationale for decision:</b>	Dominant hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology are all absent; therefore, this site is not a wetland. The NWI does not code this site as a wetland.

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**ROUTINE ON-SITE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Site #4 (page 3 of 6)

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**SPECIES LIST**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	three-seeded mercury	herb	FACU	0
<i>Acer negundo</i>	box elder	shrub, herb	FACW-	1
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	common milfoil	herb	FACU	*
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	red top	herb	FACW	0
<i>Allium vineale</i>	field garlic	herb	FACU	*
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	common ragweed	herb	FACU	0
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	giant ragweed	herb	FAC+	0
<i>Ampelopsis cordata</i>	raccoon grape	w-vine	FAC+	2
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broom sedge	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Apocynum sibiricum</i>	Indian hemp	herb	FAC+	2
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	common mugwort	herb	UPL	*
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	common milkweed	herb	UPL	0
<i>Aster ontarionis</i>	Ontario aster	herb	FAC	4
<i>Aster pilosus</i>	hairy aster	herb	FACU+	0
<i>Aster vimineus</i>	frost flower	herb	FACW-	3
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	false aster	herb	FACW	5
<i>Bromus commutatus</i>	hairy brome	herb	UPL	*
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet creeper	shrub, w-vine, herb	FAC	2
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	musk thistle	herb	UPL	*
<i>Carex annectens</i>	large yellow fox sedge	herb	FACW	3
<i>Carex cephalophora</i>	short-headed bracted sedge	herb	FACU	3
<i>Carex frankii</i>	Frank's sedge	herb	OBL	4
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	awl-fruited oval sedge	herb	FACW+	3
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	herb	OBL	3
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	bachelor's button	herb	UPL	*
<i>Cerastium vulgatum</i>	common mouse-ear chickweed	herb	FACU	*
<i>Chamaesyce maculata</i>	nodding spurge	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Cirsium discolor</i>	pasture thistle	herb	UPL	3
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	horseweed	herb	FAC-	0
<i>Cynanchum laeve</i>	blue vine	herb	FAC	1
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	orchard grass	herb	FACU	*

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**County:** Alexander

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**SPECIES LIST (continued)**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
<i>Desmodium paniculatum</i>	panicled tick trefoil	herb	FACU	2
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	persimmon	shrub	FAC	2
<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	barnyard grass	herb	OBL	0
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye	herb	FAC-	4
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye	herb	FACW-	4
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	annual fleabane	herb	FAC-	1
<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	blue bonset	herb	FAC+	3
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	common boneset	herb	FACW+	4
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	tall fescue	herb	FACU+	*
♣ <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	green ash	sapling/shrub	FACW	2
<i>Galium aparine</i>	annual bedstraw	herb	FACU	0
<i>Geranium carolinianum</i>	wild cranesbill	herb	UPL	2
<i>Gnaphalium obtusifolium</i>	catfoot	herb	UPL	2
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	divergent sunflower	herb	UPL	5
<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i>	ivy-leaved morning glory	herb	FAC	*
<i>Ipomoea lacunosa</i>	small white morning-glory	herb	FACW	1
<i>Iva annua</i>	marsh elder	herb	FAC	0
<i>Juncus effusus solutus</i>	common rush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Juncus nodatus</i>	stout rush	herb	OBL	6
<i>Juncus secundus</i>	rush	herb	FAC-	6
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	sericea lespedeza	herb	NI	*
♣ <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	sweet gum	sapling/shrub	FACW	6
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	black medic	herb	FAC-	*
<i>Melilotus alba</i>	white sweet clover	herb	FACU	*
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	yellow sweet clover	herb	FACU	*
<i>Oxalis stricta</i>	yellow wood sorrel	herb	FACU	0
<i>Panicum anceps</i>	panic grass	herb	FACW	3
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	prairie switchgrass	herb	FAC+	4
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	large passion-flower	herb	FACU	3
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass	herb	FACW+	*
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	herb	FACU	*
<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	pokeweed	herb	FAC-	1

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Site #4 (page 5 of 6)

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Shrubland (proposed floodplain forest)

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**SPECIES LIST (continued)**

Scientific name	Common name	Stratum	Wetland indicator status	C♦
♣ <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	sycamore	sapling/shrub	FACW	3
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky bluegrass	herb	FAC-	*
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Bradford pear	shrub	UPL	*
♣ <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	swamp white oak	sapling/shrub	FACW+	7
♣ <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	overcup oak	sapling/shrub	OBL	7
<i>Quercus marilandica</i>	blackjack oak	shrub	UPL	7
<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	cherrybark oak	shrub	FAC	5
♣ <i>Quercus palustris</i>	pin oak	sapling/shrub	FACW	4
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	multiflora rose	shrub	FACU	*
<i>Rosa setigera</i>	Illinois rose	shrub	FACU+	5
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock	herb	FAC+	*
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	dark green bulrush	herb	OBL	4
<i>Senecio glabellus</i>	butterweed	herb	OBL	0
<i>Setaria faberi</i>	giant foxtail	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Setaria glauca</i>	pigeon grass	herb	FAC	*
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	horse nettle	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Solanum ptycanthum</i>	black nightshade	herb	FACU-	0
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	herb	FACU	1
<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Johnson grass	herb	FACU	*
♣ <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	bald cypress	sapling/shrub	OBL	7
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	hedge parsley	herb	UPL	*
<i>Tridens flavus</i>	common purple top	herb	UPL	1
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	low hop clover	herb	UPL	*
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	red clover	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	white clover	herb	FACU+	*
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American elm	shrub	FACW-	5
<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Siberian elm	shrub	UPL	*
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	woolly mullein	herb	UPL	*
<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>	white vervain	herb	FAC+	3
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	tall ironweed	herb	FAC	4
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	winter vetch	herb	UPL	*
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	cocklebur	herb	FAC	0

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Site #4 (page 6 of 6)

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**State:** Illinois

**County:** Alexander

**Site Name:** Shrubland (proposed floodplain forest)

**Legal Description:** E1/2, NE1/4, NW1/4, Section 31, T. 14 S., R. 1 W.

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◆ Coefficient of Conservatism (Taft *et al.* 1997)

♣ denotes planted species

\*Non-native species

without planted species:

mean C value ( $mCv$ ) =  $\sum C/N = 136/59 = 2.3$

FQI =  $mCv/(\sqrt{N}) = 136/(\sqrt{59}) = 17.7$

with planted tree species:

mean C value ( $mCv$ ) =  $\sum C/N = 172/66 = 2.6$

FQI =  $mCv/(\sqrt{N}) = 172/(\sqrt{66}) = 21.2$

**Appendix 3. Photos of wetland creation sites**

**A. May 27, 2008**



**B. August 26, 2008**



**Photo 1. View of the east half of Site 1, emergent pond/wet meadow, from the south end (at the V). The trees to the left of the picture are on the peninsula between the east and west half of Site 1.**

A. May 27, 2008



B. August 26, 2008



**Photo 2. View of the west half of Site 1, emergent pond/wet meadow, looking toward the north. The trees to the right of the picture are on the peninsula between the east and west half of Site 1.**

A. May 27, 2008



B. August 26, 2008



**Photo 3. View of the east side of Site 1, emergent pond/wet meadow, looking south from the north end. The trees to the right of the picture are on the peninsula between the east and west half of Site 1.**

A. May 27, 2008



B. August 26, 2008



**Photo 4. View of Site 2, wet meadow/marsh, looking south toward Supermax Road. Note the planted tree on the right side of the photo.**

A. May 27, 2008



B. August 26, 2008



**Photo 5. View of Site 3, the emergent pond w/fringe, from the culvert at Supermax Road looking to the north. IL 127 is barely visible at the right edge of the photo.**