

**i. MITIGATION MONITORING REPORT COVER SHEET**  
**CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**Corps Permit Number:** 2011-100

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**Summary Paragraph: (purpose of approved project, acreage & type of aquatic resources impacted, & mitigation acreage and type of aquatic resources authorized to compensate for the aquatic impacts)**

The Waln Creek/ Battle Creek riparian enhancement mitigation site is intended to replace the functions and values lost over many years as a result of channelization and vegetation manipulation associated with its previous land uses, most recent as a golf course. This permit authorized the placement of up to 516 cubic yards and removal of up to 900 cubic yards of material below the Ordinary High Water line of Waln Creek and Battle Creek. The fill and removal activities enabled the relocation of the Waln Creek channel to enhance local riparian functions. In addition, riparian buffer planting efforts along the existing and relocated channel sections were to help mitigate for the fill and removal activities.

**Written Description of Compensatory Mitigation Site (include identifiable landmarks, including information to locate the site perimeters):**

The mitigation work extends both north and south of the Waln Street crossing of Waln Creek. Plantings extend northward to a residential subdivision in strips ~50 feet to either side of the creek, as well as southward to Battle Creek, where the planting area widens to nearly 400 feet.

**Directions to the Mitigation Site:**

The site can be reached via Commercial Street SE (Business Route 99) south of its intersection with Kuebler Boulevard. Continue south to Waln Street, and turn right (heading west). The Waln Creek channel is crossed approximately 1,000 feet west of Commercial Street.

**Commencement of Compensatory Mitigation:** Fall 2012  
**Completion of Compensatory Mitigation:** Fall 2017

**Statement of Performance Standards Being Met:**

None specified in Corps permit; report below addresses DSL standards

**Dates of Recent Corrective / Maintenance Activities (since last report submission):** Beaver protection installed on 100 trees in November 2016; extensive live cuttings installed along channel

**Specific Recommendations for additional corrective/remedial actions:**

- Periodic weed control measures will continue on as-need basis
- Plant protective measures to address beaver activity will be implemented as needed

## 2. WALN CREEK/BATTLE CREEK MITIGATION PLAN PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

### A. Location

The mitigation site is located at:

- T8S, R3W, Section 23B; Tax lots 100, 101, 200, 300, and 400
- Lat: 44.864813<sup>0</sup> Long: -123.023656<sup>0</sup>
- The site can be reached via Commercial Street SE (Business Route 99) south of its intersection with Kuebler Boulevard. Continue south to Waln Street, and turn right (heading west). The Waln Creek channel is crossed approximately 1,000 feet west of Commercial Street.

### B. Mitigation Goals and Objectives

The Waln Creek/ Battle Creek riparian enhancement mitigation site is intended to replace the functions and values lost over many years as a result of channelization and vegetation manipulation associated with its previous land uses, most recent as a golf course. The permits issued by DSL (No. 47781-RF) and the Corps (NWP No. 2011-100) authorized the placement of up to 516 cubic yards and removal of up to 900 cubic yards of material below the Ordinary High Water line of Waln Creek and Battle Creek. The fill and removal activities enabled the relocation of the Waln Creek channel to enhance local riparian functions. In addition, riparian buffer planting efforts along the existing and relocated channel sections were to help mitigate for the fill and removal activities.

Following the channel relocation and riparian buffer soil preparation activities, seven species of trees and nine species of shrubs were planted, and the site was seeded with a diverse native grass seed mix.

#### Riparian Vegetation Success Criteria

The DSL permit stipulated that several success criteria be met by the mitigation activities; the Corps permit did not specify performance standards. The DSL standards to be met are:

No.	Condition	DSL Performance Standard
30	Establishment of Permanent Monitoring locations required	Permanent plots must be established...in sufficient number and locations to be representative of the site.
31	Native Species Cover	The cover of native species, as defined in the USDA Plants Database, in the herbaceous stratum is at least 60%.
32	Invasive Species Cover	The cover of invasive species is no more than 10% [ <i>includes further details on what may constitute an invasive</i> ]
33	Bare Substrate Cover	Bare substrate represents no more than 20% cover.
34	Woody Vegetation	The density of woody vegetation is at least 1,600 live native plants (shrubs) and/or stems (trees) per acre OR the cover of native woody vegetation on the site is at least 50%...standard must be achieved for 2 years without irrigation.
35	Species Diversity	By Year 3 and thereafter, there are at least 6 different native species. To qualify, a species must have at least 5% average cover in the habitat class, and occur in at least 10% of the plots sampled.

## Stream Channel Success Criteria

In addition to the above riparian vegetation performance standards, an interagency agreement brokered by the City of Salem to establish a Stream Mitigation Bank (to include the Waln Creek channel improvements) also requires that several performance standards that relate to stream morphology be met:

No.	Condition	Mitigation Bank Performance Standard
VI.b.i.	Permanent Monitoring locations	Four permanent cross sections will be established on Waln Creek during the first monitoring year, as follows....[approx. locations described in text of bank agreement]
VI.b.ii	Lateral Stability and Bank Erosion/Migration	Lateral stability and bank erosion/migration will be assessed through annual cross sectional surveys done at permanently established cross section locations. Comparison of cross sections to those done in previous years shall indicate that bank erosion is not occurring at a rate that would result in lateral instability or excessive channel migration. Bank erosion at the cross section locations shall remain at <0.1 ft. / yr., as measured by the cross section surveys.
VI.b.iii	Incision and Floodplain Connectivity	The degree of incision and floodplain connectivity will be assessed through the annual cross-sectional surveys done at permanently established cross section locations. Comparison of cross sections to those done in previous years shall indicate that the streambed is not downcutting and that the stream remains connected to its floodplain at the 1.2-year recurrence interval, as designed. The bank height ratio (BHR), which is a direct measure of channel incision, will be calculated from the cross sections. The BHR shall remain between 1.0 and 1.2 to confirm that the channel is not incising and remains connected to the floodplain benches.

The permanent monitoring locations were just established this last year (the fourth year of riparian vegetation monitoring), and as a consequence cross sections in subsequent years are less likely to capture significant channel erosion that could have occurred in previous years, even upon comparison with next year's measurements. Nevertheless, there may still be detectable changes to channel structure as a result of ongoing beaver activity or unusually strong storm events.

These standards are further addressed below in Section D.

## C. Maintenance and Management Actions

Following the fourth year monitoring report, only limited weed control measures were exercised at the site during 2017. As in previous years, these measures have primarily targeted invasive species such as reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*); however, with the ongoing removal of some streamside woody vegetation by beavers, the reed canarygrass cover along the streambanks in particular has persisted or even increased in some reaches, and may warrant additional control efforts in 2018.

Given the high densities of woody plantings persisting across the site, only limited remedial woody plantings were installed during 2017. Several hundred willow and red-osier cuttings were installed along the banks of Waln Creek, primarily in response to recent losses from beaver activity. In addition over 100 maturing saplings (primarily cottonwood, Oregon ash, and white alder) were protected with wire mesh to deter future beaver deprecations.

Since groundcover was relatively continuous and comprised primarily of non-invasive species, no additional seeding has been warranted to date.

## **D. Monitoring Methods**

### **Vegetation Monitoring**

Vegetation monitoring followed the routine methods specified in the DSL Removal-Fill Guidelines (as laid out in the *Routine Monitoring Guidance for Vegetation* (interim draft 2009).

A total of twenty-seven 15-foot radius circular plots were sampled to determine woody plant survival and density, covering nearly 10% of the study area. Groundcover development was also assessed using two 1-meter square quadrats positioned at opposite ends of each circular plot.

Data collected in the woody plant sampling plots was then tabulated in an MS Excel spreadsheet (Appendix A), and the mean, standard error, standard deviation, and confidence interval (for an 80% confidence level) of the sampled population were calculated for the total live count for all plots.

Similarly, the groundcover plots were tabulated and analyzed for relative success per the routine DSL performance standards for groundcover development. These standards include cover by native woody and herbaceous species, as well as cover by non-native and invasive species.

### **Stream Channel Monitoring**

Stream channel monitoring has been implemented according to the methodology specified in the Salem Stream Mitigation Bank/ Waln Creek Enhancement and Battle Creek Culvert Removal Project Prospectus (PHS 2013) and the Umbrella Mitigation Bank Instrument (City of Salem 2012). Four permanent cross sections have been established along Waln Creek at the approximate locations specified in the stream mitigation bank agreement, with each of the eight endpoints comprised of a 5-foot long section of rebar placed halfway into an augered 30-inch deep pit and secured using Quikrete fast-setting concrete mix. Since these were not installed until the 4<sup>th</sup> summer of vegetation monitoring (2016), an absolute baseline of the initial post-construction conditions at the site cannot be provided. Nevertheless, a comparison can now be made between the 2016 and 2017 cross-sections.

Elevational measurements were made at one-foot intervals through each channel section, using a laser leveler and Stadia rod. Since this is the second series of cross-sections, a direct comparison with last year can be made to determine whether the performance standards for bank stability and floodplain connectivity have been met. As such, the current Index Values of the Bank Erodibility Hazard Index (BEHI) rating system have been determined for the four cross-section locations, and will be compared with last year's measurements. The four BEHI index value datasheets are included in Appendix C, along with each cross-section.

## **E. Monitoring Data Locations**

### **Vegetation Monitoring**

Data plots were established by first generating a randomized, self-avoiding series of points distributed across the site. A shapefile was created using this list of Easting and Northing coordinates, which was then used in a GPS unit to locate each point in the field. Plot centers were then staked with white PVC tubing for permanence and visibility. Table 1 below lists the coordinates for each plot, while the sampling layout is depicted in Figure 2 (Appendix B).

**Table 1. Easting and Northing Coordinates\* for Sample Plots within the Waln Creek/Battle Creek Riparian mitigation site in Salem, OR**

Sample Plot	Easting	Northing	Sample Plot	Easting	Northing
1	7547940.88	447345.19	15	7547804.51	446270.96
2	7547940.88	447200.81	16	7547730.85	446238.95
3	7547949.28	446927.46	17	7547724.73	446297.46
4	7547949.28	446831.41	18	7547646.11	446300.08
5	7547949.28	446774.75	19	7547721.84	446364.39
6	7547966.40	446467.48	20	7547774.03	446360.09
7	7548025.11	446302.73	21	7547833.08	446374.50
8	7548087.45	446170.07	22	7547873.33	446510.49
9	7548107.78	446048.27	23	7547873.46	446566.78
10	7548134.32	445978.97	24	7547864.28	446768.36
11	7547947.56	446059.03	25	7547864.28	446942.42
12	7547951.35	446114.48	26	7547865.28	447274.96
13	7547980.36	446183.98	27	7547865.28	447417.57
14	7547842.36	446204.46			

\*Coordinate System: Oregon State Plane North NAD83 (international feet)

### Stream Channel Morphology Monitoring

The four cross-sectional transects were established at the approximate locations specified in the bank agreement. Final placement of each transect was adjusted to a limited degree to minimize travel through heavy vegetation. Locations of each transect endpoint were documented by GPS; coordinates are listed in Table 2 below.

**Table 2. Easting and Northing Coordinates\* for Transect monuments within the Waln Creek/Battle Creek Riparian mitigation site in Salem, OR**

Transect Monument	Easting	Northing
A-W	7548023	446034
A-E	7548054	446043
B-W	7547981	446312
B-E	7548010	446321
C-W	7547943	446484
C-E	7547911	446494
D-W	7547884	446880
D-E	7547917	446880

\*Coordinate System: Oregon State Plane North NAD83 (international feet)

## F. Hydrology Methods and Context

The intent of the vegetation enhancement measures along the Waln Creek riparian corridor was primarily to improve its water quality and wildlife functions through dense tree and shrub plantings and invasive vegetation management. As such, hydrologic monitoring (beyond that associated with stream morphology changes discussed above) is not pertinent to this project.

### 3. RESULTS

#### A. Vegetation Standards

##### **Performance Standard 1 Result:**

*Native Species Cover:* The cover of native species, as defined in the USDA Plants Database, in the herbaceous stratum is at least 60%.

##### ***Summary Metric:***

This standard was not quite met in the fifth year, even when artificially bare ground is taken into account. The sampling plots provided a mean of approximately 47% (80% CI), while the amount of ground taken up by a gravel and plastic ‘mulch’ used around each shrub and tree planting averaged approximately 8% of each plot, with nearly as much bare ground remaining (average 7.5%) much of which is comprised of organic litter. When the artificially ‘bare ground’ component is factored in, the native herbaceous stratum may still approximate only 55%.

##### **Performance Standard 2 Result:**

*Invasive Species Cover:* The cover of invasive species is no more than 10%. A plant species should automatically be labeled as invasive if it appears on the current ODA noxious weed list, plus known problem species including *Phalaris arundinacea*, *Mentha pulegium*, *Holcus lanatus*, *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, and the last crop plant if it is non-native. Non-native plants should be labeled as such if they are listed as non-native on the USDA Plants Database. Beginning in Year 2 of monitoring, DSL will consider a non-native plant species invasive if it comprises more than 15% cover in 10% or more of the sample plots in any habitat class, and increases in cover or frequency from the previous monitoring period. Plants that meet this definition will be considered invasive for all successive years of monitoring. After the site has matured to the stage when desirable canopy species reach 50% cover, the cover of invasive understory species may increase but may not exceed 30%

##### ***Summary Metric:***

This standard has been met again for the fifth year, with the sampling plots providing a mean of 2.93% (80% CI) for invasive herbaceous species. No invasive woody species were detected within the sampling plots this year.

##### **Performance Standard 3 Result:**

*Bare Substrate Cover:* Bare substrate represents no more than 20% cover.

##### ***Summary Metric:***

This standard has been met for the fifth year, especially when artificially bare substrate is taken into account. The sampling plots now provide an overall mean of 15.5% (80% CI) of bare substrate, with approximately half of this cover being comprised of bare soil or thatch. The other half of this bare cover is comprised of portions of squares of gravel/plastic ‘mulch’ that were installed around each woody planting. This artificial substrate may gradually fill in with accumulated litter, but is limited in its ability to establish longlived groundcover.

**Performance Standard 4 Result:**

**Woody Vegetation:** *The density of woody vegetation is at least 1,600 live native plants (shrubs) and/or stems (trees) per acre OR the cover of native woody vegetation on the site is at least 50%. Native species volunteering on the site may be included, dead plants do not count, and the standard must be achieved for 2 years without irrigation.*

**Summary Metric:**

This standard has been met again for the fifth year, with the sampling plots providing an estimated density of approximately 2,821 plants per acre for the 4.78-acre planting area. This density is based on an estimated 13,486 plants overall, for a survival rate of 138% (80% CI) relative to the specified number of planted woody species.

Table 3 lists the woody plantings originally specified for the Waln Creek/Battle Creek riparian mitigation area, along with the number of plants surviving in July 2017. A more detailed breakdown of actual counts and associated statistics is included on spreadsheets in the Appendix A.

**Table 3. Summary of 2017 Woody Plant Estimates for the Waln Creek/Battle Creek Riparian mitigation site in Salem, OR**

Botanical Name	Common Name	Original No's Spec'd	July 2017 Sampling Estimates*	Estimated % Survival**
<b>TREES</b>				
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Bigleaf maple	907	0	0
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White alder	1,209	753	62
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Douglas hawthorn	302	306	101
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash	1,511	1,496	99
<i>Malus fusca</i>	Pacific crabapple	302	66	22
<i>Populus balsamifera</i> <i>spp. trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	1,209	1,125	93
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Western red cedar	605	11	2
<b>SHRUBS</b>				
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-osier dogwood	557	874	157
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Twinberry	557	1,682	302
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific ninebark	557	546	98
<i>Rosa nutkana, R. pisocarpa</i>	Nootka rose, clustered rose	668	3,047 total roses counted	456
<i>Sambucus cerulea</i>	blue elderberry	371	0	0
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	Douglas spirea	371	1,769	479
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry	631	1,813	287
<b>TOTAL WOODY PLANTINGS</b>		<b>9,757</b>	<b>13,486</b>	<b>138% overall</b>

\*Based on extrapolated values from overall mean of 45.74 plants per sampling unit [factor of 208,400 sf (overall area)/706 sf (sampling unit)=295.18]; individual spp. counts have been similarly inferred

\*\*As shown on the attached spreadsheet, the extrapolated mean (13,486) may vary based on the assigned confidence interval. For example, at a sampling CI of 80%, the mean could range anywhere from 12,525 to 14,258. Consequently, the overall survival rate varies from 128% to 146% of the original numbers planted.

<sup>1</sup>Since the numerous rose plantings were typically not in flower or fruit when tallied, they were not distinguished as to species. As such, the total estimate is for *Rosa* spp., and the estimated total was divided equally between species.

### **Performance Standard 5 Result:**

**Species Diversity:** *By Year 3 and thereafter, there are at least 6 different native species. To qualify, a species must have at least 5% average cover in the habitat class, and occur in at least 10% of plots sampled.*

#### **Summary metric:**

This standard is not currently met if sampling on a species by species basis only; at this time two woody species (*Alnus rhombifolia* and *Rosa nutkana*) and two grasses (*Agrostis exarata* and *Hordeum brachyantherum*) exceed this criterion. However, if considered in terms of functional groups, the two *Deschampsia* species now combine to exceed the standard, and 3 additional shrub species (*Cornus*, *Lonicera*, *Spiraea*) combine to meet the standard as well, resulting in at least 6 different species or species assemblages now meeting the standard. In addition, the cover of at least 8 of the tree and shrub species will only increase with time and are likely to exceed this standard within a few years.

Currently, the cover values for woody plantings can only address those plants that overlap with the one meter<sup>2</sup> quadrants, despite having an average density of 46 woody plants in each of the larger (15'-radius) plots. Unfortunately, it is not practicable to obtain accurate cover estimates across the larger plots while using our current sampling methodologies. It is apparent both from sampling and on an anecdotal basis that the developing woody plant community is quite diverse and is on a trajectory to exceed this standard on an individual species basis as well.

### **B. Hydrology Standards Result**

Not Applicable

### **C. Delineation of Wetland Acreage Achieved**

Not Applicable

### **D. Stream Channel Morphology Results**

Since cross-section measurements have now been collected and channel sections depicted graphically for two consecutive years, a direct comparison with the previous year is now possible. Graphical overlays of Channel Sections A to D for both 2016 and 2017 were generated to show whether significant changes to bed/bank morphology had occurred over the past year (Figures 9 to 12).

Virtually no distinctions can be made between the two years for Channel Sections A, C, and D; however, the bed and banks at Channel Section B have been modified somewhat during this time. One side of the channel has been broadened by up to 2 feet while the other side appears to have been built up by 0.5 feet or more. However, please note that there has been beaver dam activity in the vicinity, with increased water depths at different times of year. This factor appears to have resulted in significant siltation, some minor local bank slumping, and expanded reed canarygrass growth along the banks. The poorly consolidated silts and developing root mats have likely contributed to bottom dimension changes as well.



With regard to the two stream channel success criteria, only Criterion VI.b.ii (Lateral Stability and Bank Erosion/Migration) appears to be significant with Channel Section B showing evidence of such changes. However, given the lack of changes at other sections, it is highly unlikely that channel modifying instabilities are occurring.

With regard to Criterion VI.b.iii (Incision and Floodplain Connectivity), none of the channel sections indicate any change in the bank height ratio (BHR), which remains 1.0 at each section. The 2016 BEHI forms are included in the Appendix.

## **4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **A. Project Status**

#### **Groundcover Development**

Groundcover estimates within the riparian planting area currently fall below the standard for native cover (47% versus the >60% standard), especially when the artificially bare (gravel/plastic) substrate is not taken into account. However, even when this artificial substrate (which currently accounts for approximately 8% average cover in plots) is discounted, the native groundcover standard is still not met.

However, the cover standards for both invasive herbaceous (<10%) and invasive woody (<10%) species have been met.

The dominant groundcover species is still meadow barley, with spike bentgrass, sickle-keeled lupine, and tufted hairgrass also common. The most common non-natives are creeping bentgrass, hairy hawkbit, and birds-foot trefoil; however, these represent relatively low overall cover.

#### **Woody Plant Survival and Density**

Woody plant survival in 2017 continues to be high relative to the number of plants specified, at 138% overall, and relatively few dead plants were encountered. More importantly, the estimated stem density was approximately 2,821 plants per acre for the 4.78-acre planting area, significantly above the performance target of 1,600 stems per acre. Since most plants persisting this year are thriving and have developed strong root systems, this standard should continue to be met in subsequent years as well.

#### **Stream Channel Morphology Findings**

As mentioned above, a comparison of channel section measurements for 2016 and 2017 indicated minimal changes, except in the case of Channel Section B. At this location, the apparent bottom and bank changes are most likely explained by the ongoing beaver activity (water ponding behind dams, sediment accumulations, bank slumping, an increase in reed canarygrass along the banks). In addition, the calculations for the Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) at each cross section again indicate that the stream channel has an overall low level of susceptibility to erosion (BEHI index ranges from 19 to 20.5), with bank/height ratio remaining at 1.0. This index is based on multiple factors, including bank height and angle, root depth and density, bank material, and surface protection. Given the relatively low gradient, low velocity channel as well as its relatively well vegetated banks, the BEHI index is unlikely to appreciably change over time. In fact, none of the measures used to determine the BEHI index have changed during the past year.

## **B. Recommendations**

### **Remedial Planting**

Given the high stem densities observed in 2017 as well as in past years, no remedial woody plantings are either recommended or warranted at this time.

### **Weed Control**

Invasive species such as reed canarygrass, Canada thistle, St. Johns' wort, and Himalayan blackberry persist in scattered locations across the site, and generally do not represent infestations.

However, reed canarygrass is well established along the channel, as it responds especially well to the hydrologic changes associated with beaver activity. Weed control efforts should be continued on an as-need basis to detect and control any emerging populations through either physical removal or chemical spot treatments.

### **Beaver Damage Control**

The potential for plant losses due to beaver activity remains a valid concern. With beaver losses significant along streambanks and also farther from the channel, steps were taken this past winter and spring to offset those losses. Several hundred willow and red-osier cuttings were installed along the channel, and over 100 tree saplings were protected using wire mesh guards.

This initial program will be observed through the coming years to determine whether further protective measures will be necessary to preserve the developing riparian plant community.

Further measures that may be implemented during the winter and spring of 2017-18 and beyond include (1) the planting of additional willow and cottonwood stakes on the channel banks and on adjacent terraces in order to enhance beaver-impacted areas, and (2) the protection of additional trees with exclusionary fencing.

## **5. MAPS AND FIGURES**

Appendix A includes the woody vegetation and groundcover data sheets. Appendix B includes Figures 1 through 7. Figure 1 depicts the overall grading and site plan for the Waln Creek/Battle Creek riparian enhancement area. Figure 2 provides the buffer planting areas, sample plot, channel cross-section locations, and photopoint locations, while Figure 3 provides the species list and typical spacing. Figure 4 includes a recent aerial of the project vicinity, and Figures 5 to 8 provide photodocumentation of the site. Appendix C includes each channel cross-section (Figures 9 to 12) along with the 2016 BEHI worksheets, which have not changed.

# Appendix A

## Sampling Data









17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Mean (by spp.)	plants per SF	inferred plant #'s	STDEV BY SPP.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.0000	0	0.00
0	9	4	0	1	3	3	1	7	0	1	2.56	0.0036	753	2.85
0	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	4	3	3	1.04	0.0015	306	1.16
2	4	0	0	3	5	9	11	12	4	6	5.07	0.0072	1496	3.36
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.22	0.0003	66	0.51
4	2	6	1	0	3	2	0	10	3	3	3.81	0.0054	1125	4.38
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	0.0001	11	0.19
3	3	2	7	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2.96	0.0042	874	2.98
7	10	2	3	2	1	6	10	8	4	18	5.70	0.0081	1682	4.35
1	0	2	10	0	1	0	1	3	7	10	1.85	0.0026	546	2.85
0	4	0	10	26	3	5	2	9	6	6	10.33	0.0146	3047	8.93
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.0000	0	0.00
2	15	5	2	5	8	8	7	17	1	6	6.00	0.0085	1769	5.25
4	3	10	3	6	6	10	8	3	6	7	6.15	0.0087	1813	5.59
											<u>Overall Mean</u>			<u>Overall SD</u>
23	50	33	36	43	33	45	41	74	36	61	45.74	0.0647	13486	11.29

Notes:

For 80% Confidence Level, mean count per sample can range from 42.48 to 48.36

For 80% Confidence Level, the extrapolated mean total of 13,486 plants can actually vary from 12,525 to 14,258 plants.

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48.36    0.0684    14258

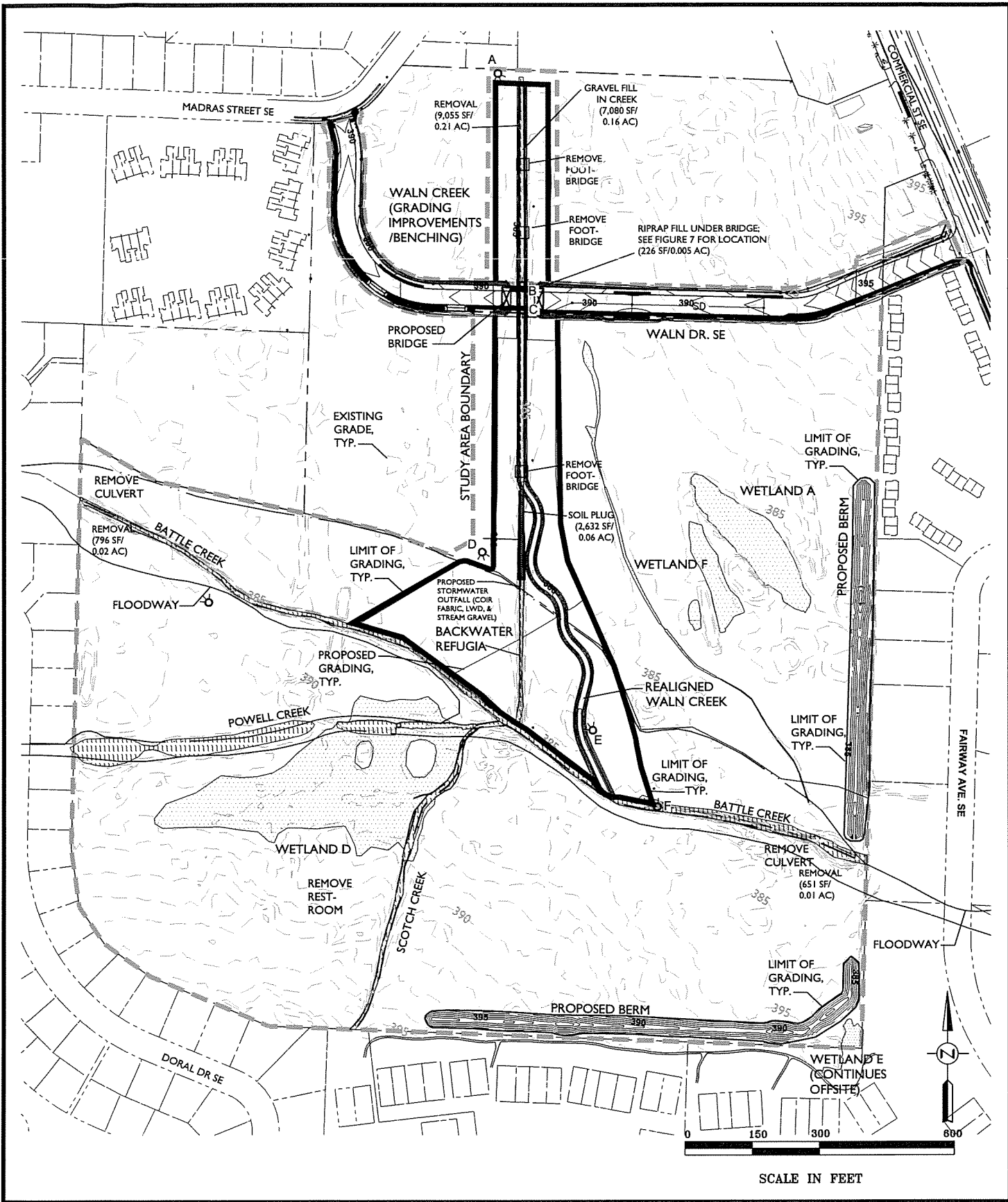
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Standard Error	2.232744484
Median	46
Mode	50
Standard Deviation	11.38480769
Sample Variance	129.6138462
Kurtosis	0.267243468
Skewness	0.430631569
Range	51
Minimum	23
Maximum	74
Sum	1181
Count	26
Confidence Level(80.0%)	2.9390622

# Appendix B

## Figures





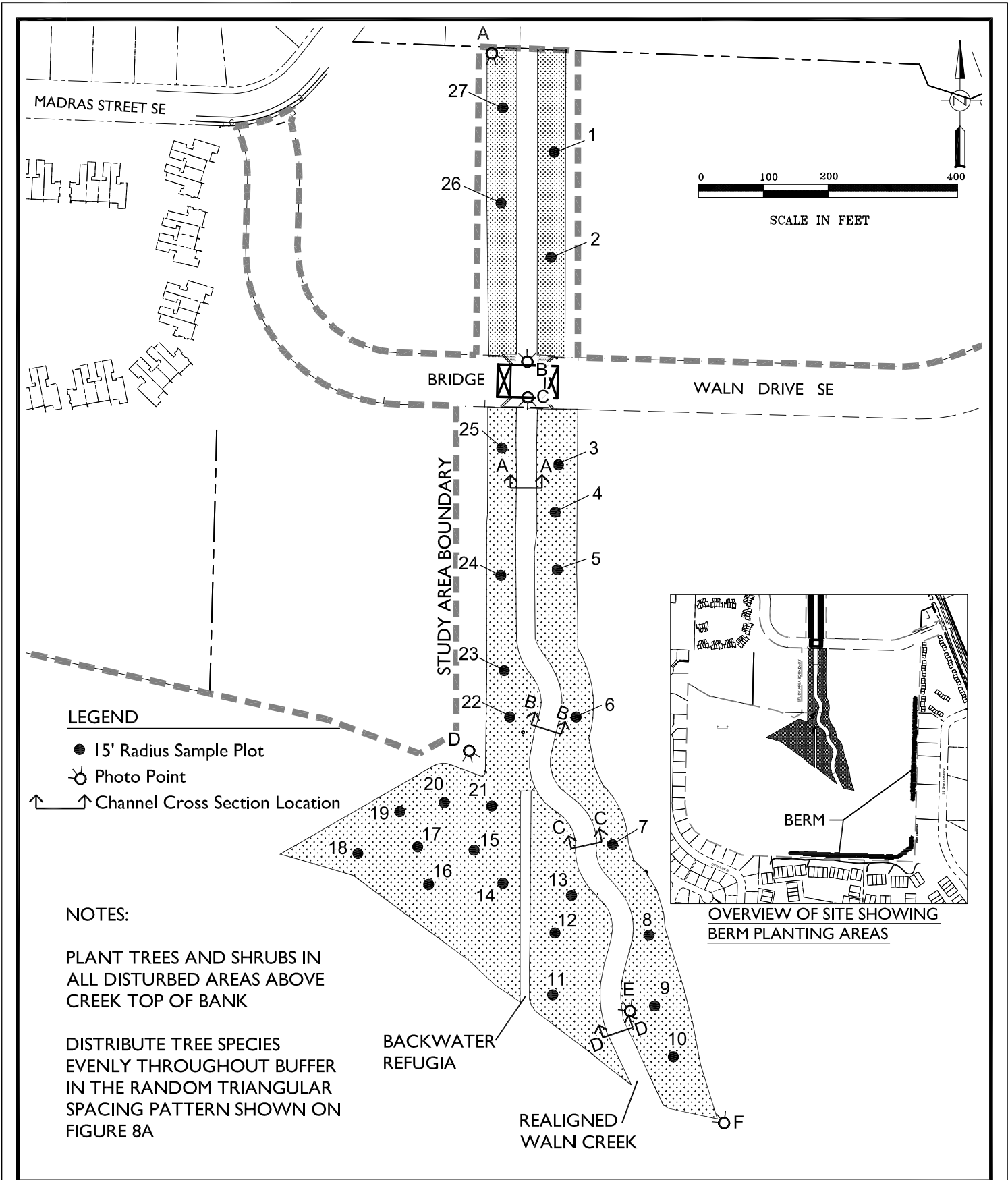


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Overall Grading and site plan at the Waln Creek and Battle Creek enhancement project in Salem, Oregon, showing limits of riparian buffer enhancement area. Provided by OTAK, Inc., 2011.

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FIGURE  
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Riparian planting plan overview at the Waln Creek and Battle Creek enhancement project in Salem, Oregon, showing sample plot and photo point locations.

FIGURE

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TREES

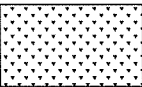
QUANTITY	COMMON NAME / Botanical name:	Size and Description	Spacing
* 1,511	OREGON ASH / <i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.
1,209	WHITE ALDER / <i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.
302	DOUGLAS HAWTHORNE / <i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.
302	WESTERN CRABAPPLE / <i>Malus fusca</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.
* 605	WESTERN RED CEDAR / <i>Thuja plicata</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.
* 1,209	BLACK COTTONWOOD / <i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.
907	BIG LEAF MAPLE / <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Bare root	7.2' o.c.

\* Plant Closer to Stream

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QTY	ABBREV. COMMON NAME / Botanical name:	Size and description	Spacing
557	CORSEA RED-OSIER DOGWOOD / <i>Cornus sericea</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
557	LONINV TWINBERY / <i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
371	SPIDOU DOUGLAS SPIREA / <i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
557	PHYCAP PACIFIC NINEBARK / <i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
371	SAMCER BLUE ELDERBERRY / <i>Sambucus cerulea</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
334	ROSNUT NOOTKA ROSE / <i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
334	ROSPIS SWAMP ROSE / <i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.
631	SYMALB SNOWBERRY / <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Bare root	4.7' o.c.

SEED MIX

SYMBOL	QUANTITY	COMMON NAME / Botanical name:	LBS / ACRE
	5.69 Acres	SPIKE BENTGRASS / <i>Agrostis exarata</i>	2.18 lbs / acre
	247,643 SF	TUFTED HAIRGRASSE / <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	2.18 lbs / acre
		SLENDER HAIRGRASS / <i>Deschampsia elongata</i>	2.18 lbs / acre
		WESTERN FESCUE / <i>Festuca occidentalis</i>	8.71 lbs / acre
		TALL MANNAGRASS / <i>Glyceria elata</i>	2.18 lbs / acre
		MEADOW BARLEY / <i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	43.56 lbs / acre
		STREMBANK LUPINE / <i>Lupinus rivularis</i>	13.07 lbs / acre

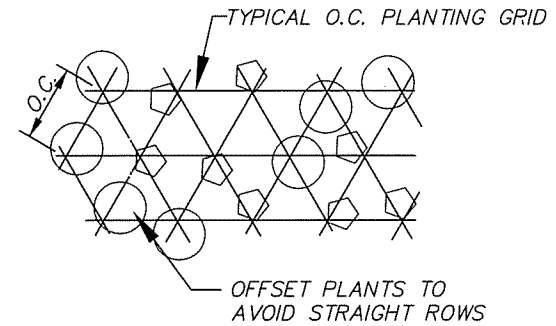
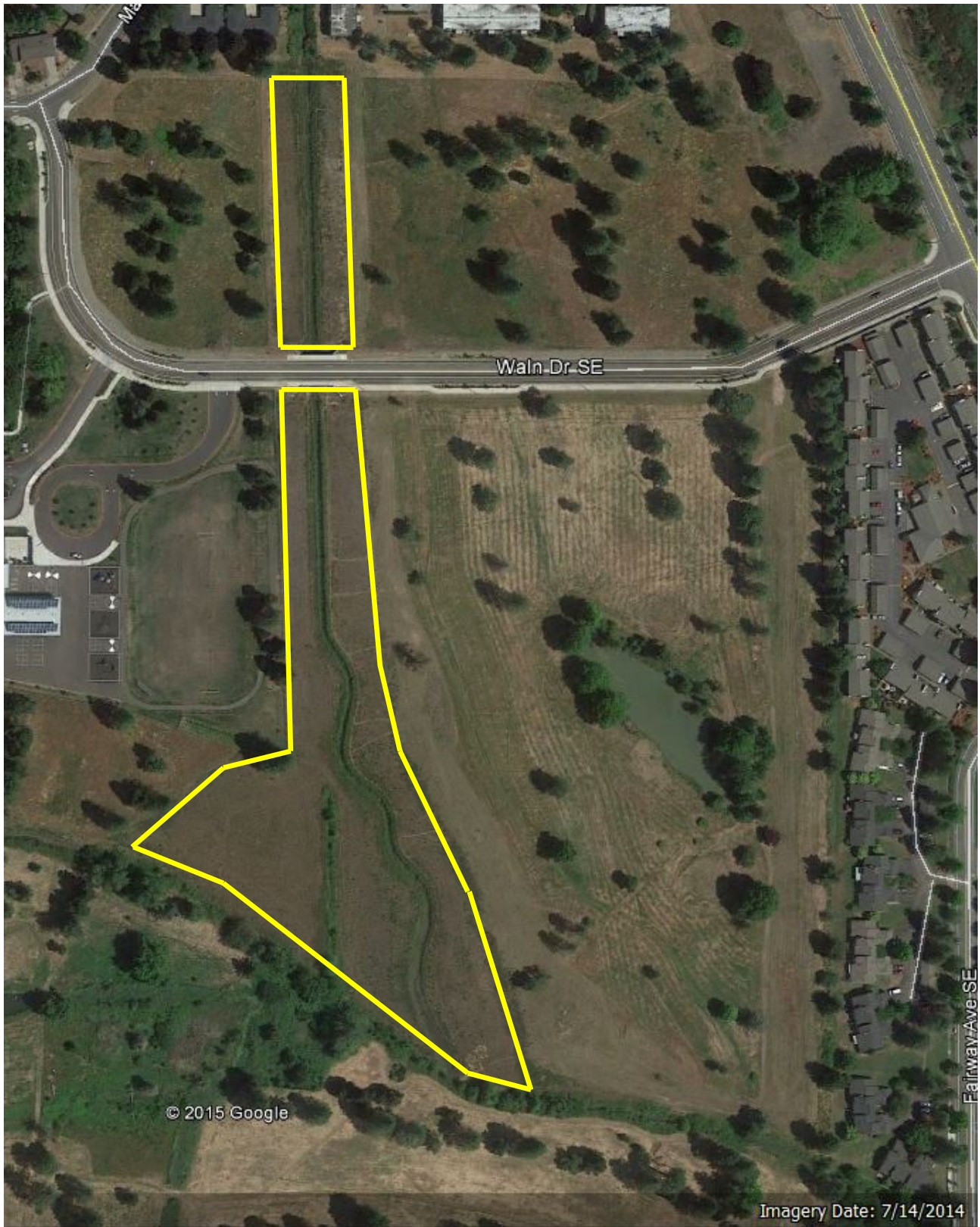


FIGURE  
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Plant list and planting grid at the Waln Creek and Battle Creek enhancement project in Salem, Oregon. Provided by OTAK, Inc., 2011.

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Aerial photograph (2014)  
Waln Creek-Battle Creek riparian enhancement project area in Salem,  
Oregon. The riparian buffer planting area is outlined in yellow.  
(Photo source: GoogleEarth)

FIGURE  
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**Photo A:**

Looks south from northern boundary of mitigation area

Photo was taken on 7/14/2017

**Photo B:**

Looks north from bridge at Wain Drive SE

Photo was taken on 7/11/2017



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Wain Creek/Battle Creek riparian mitigation area in Salem, Oregon.

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**Photo C:**

Looks south from Wain Drive SE bridge

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**Photo D:**

Looks south from west side of mitigation area.

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FIGURE

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**Photo E:**

Looks north along channel in southern portion of mitigation site, toward active beaver dam.

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**Photo F:**

Looks northwest from southeast edge of mitigation area

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Date & Time: Thu Jun 29 12:47:31 PDT 2017  
Position: +044.86333° / -123.02355°  
Altitude: 396ft  
Datum: WGS-84  
Azimuth/Bearing: 064° N64E 1138mils (True)  
Elevation Angle: -08.5°  
Horizon Angle: +00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
waln cr trans b



Photo shows obtaining measurements at channel section B, from west bank of Wain Creek.

Photo was taken on 6/29/2017

Photo shows obtaining measurements at channel section C, from west bank of Wain Creek.

Photo was taken on 6/29/2017

Date & Time: Thu Jun 29 11:00:57 PDT 2017  
Position: +044.86283° / -123.02332°  
Altitude: 397ft  
Datum: WGS-84  
Azimuth/Bearing: 071° N71E 1262mils (True)  
Elevation Angle: -10.9°  
Horizon Angle: +01.4°  
Zoom: 1X  
wain creek-transsect c



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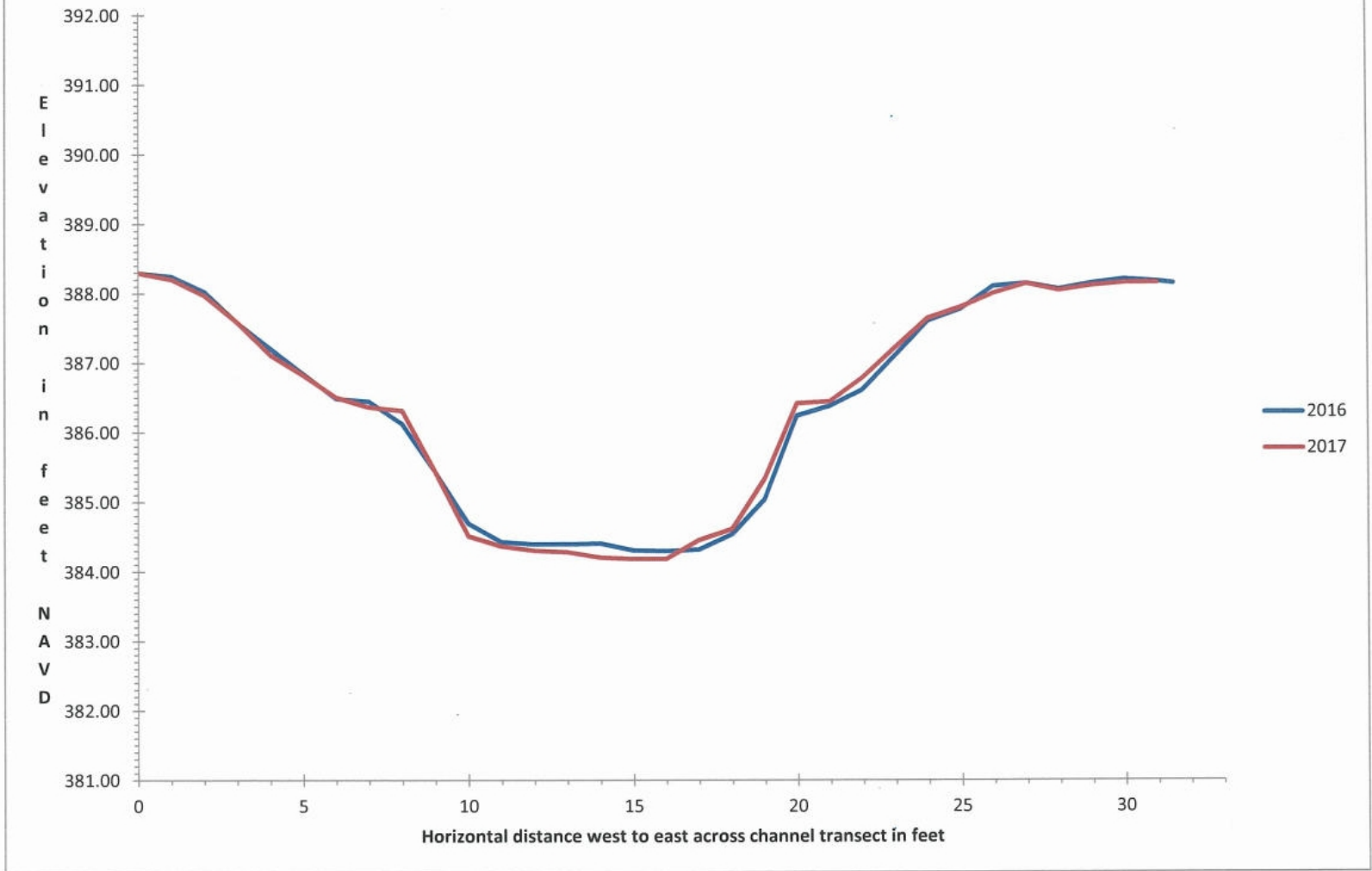


# Appendix C

**2016/2017 Channel Cross-Sections  
2016 BEHI Worksheets**



### Channel section A vertical exaggeration x2



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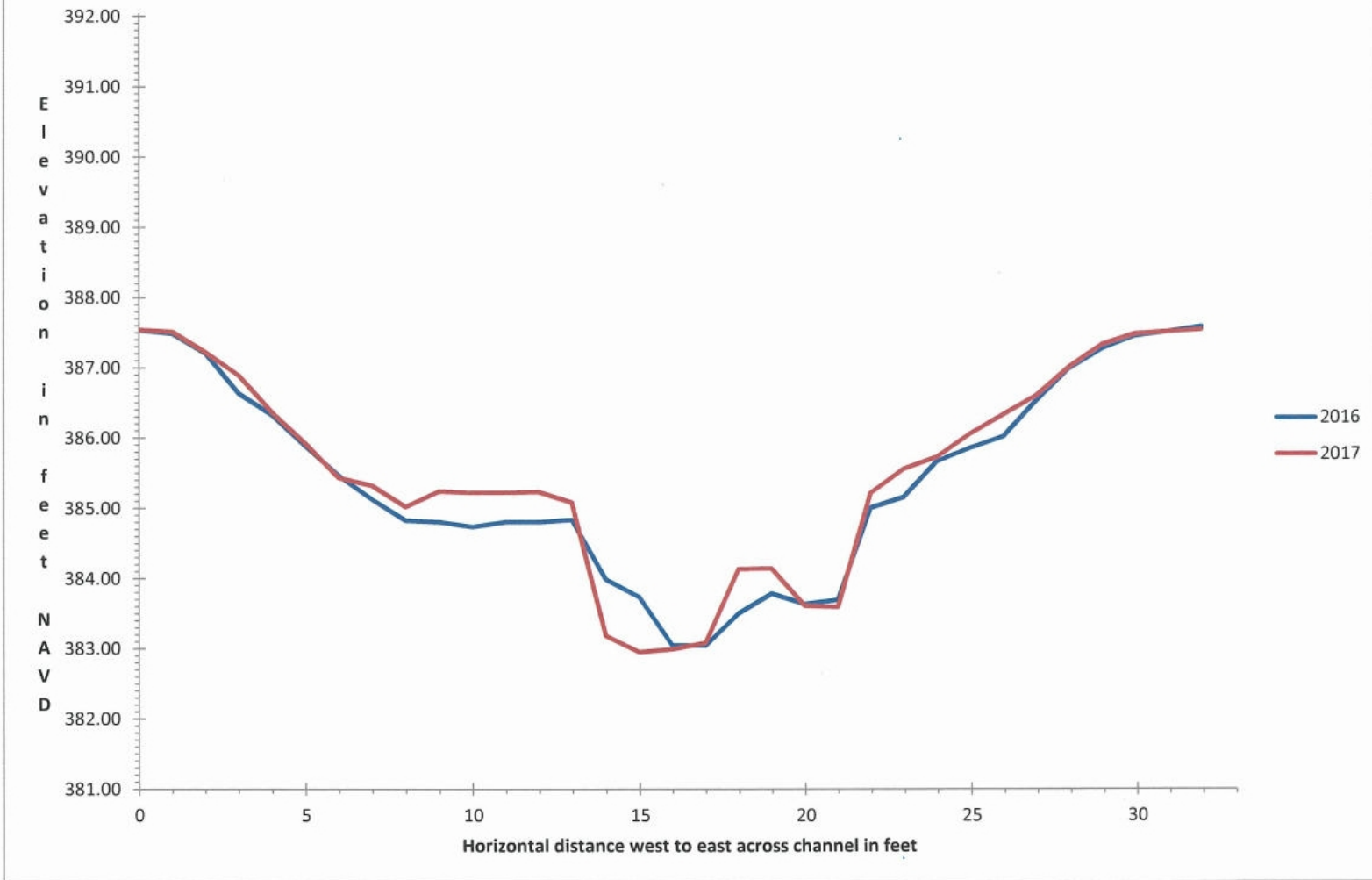
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Stream Channel Cross Section A, 2017  
Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank site, Salem, Oregon

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### Channel section B vertical exaggeration x2



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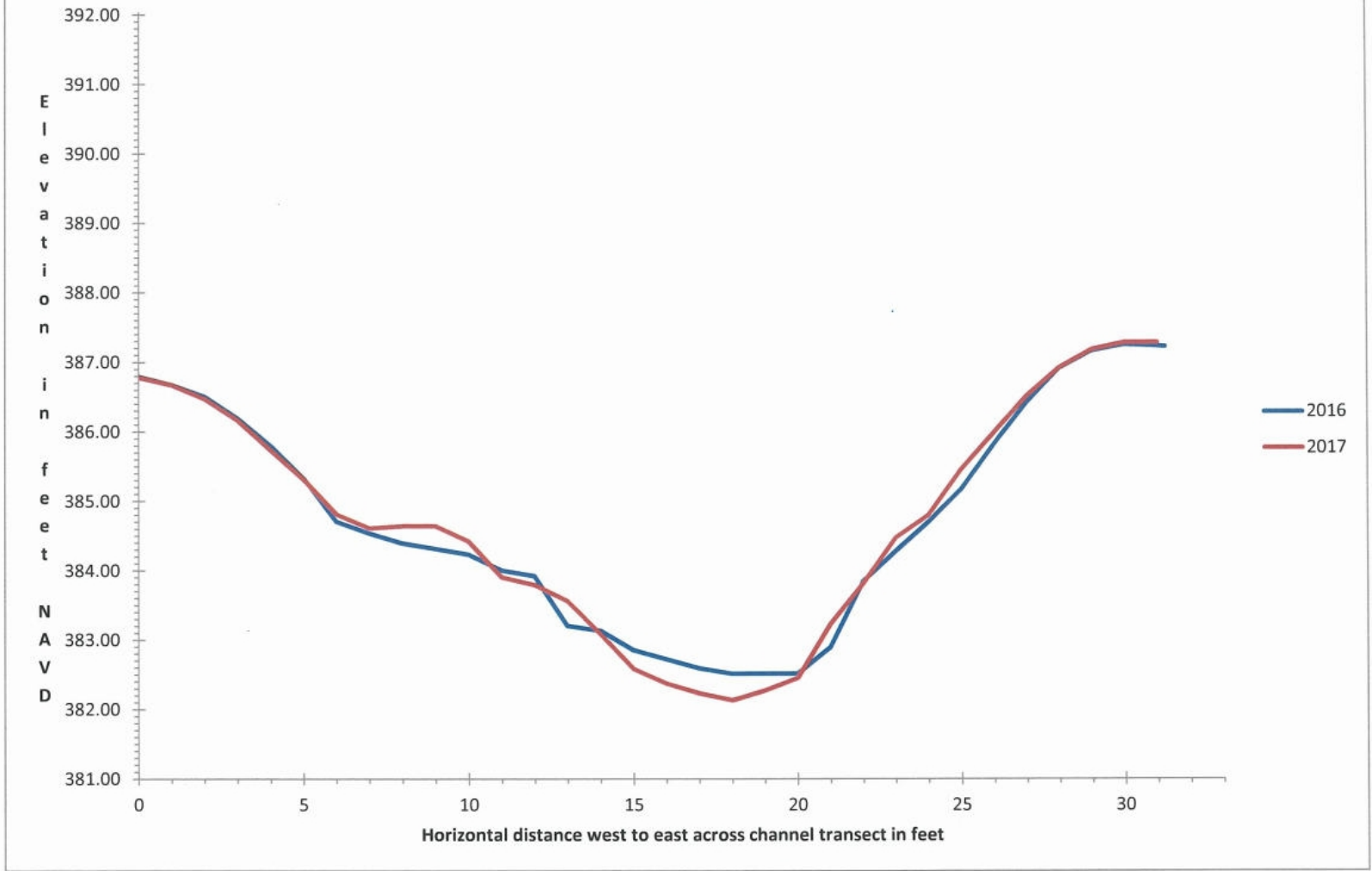


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Stream Channel Cross Section B, 2017  
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### Channel section C vertical exaggeration 2x



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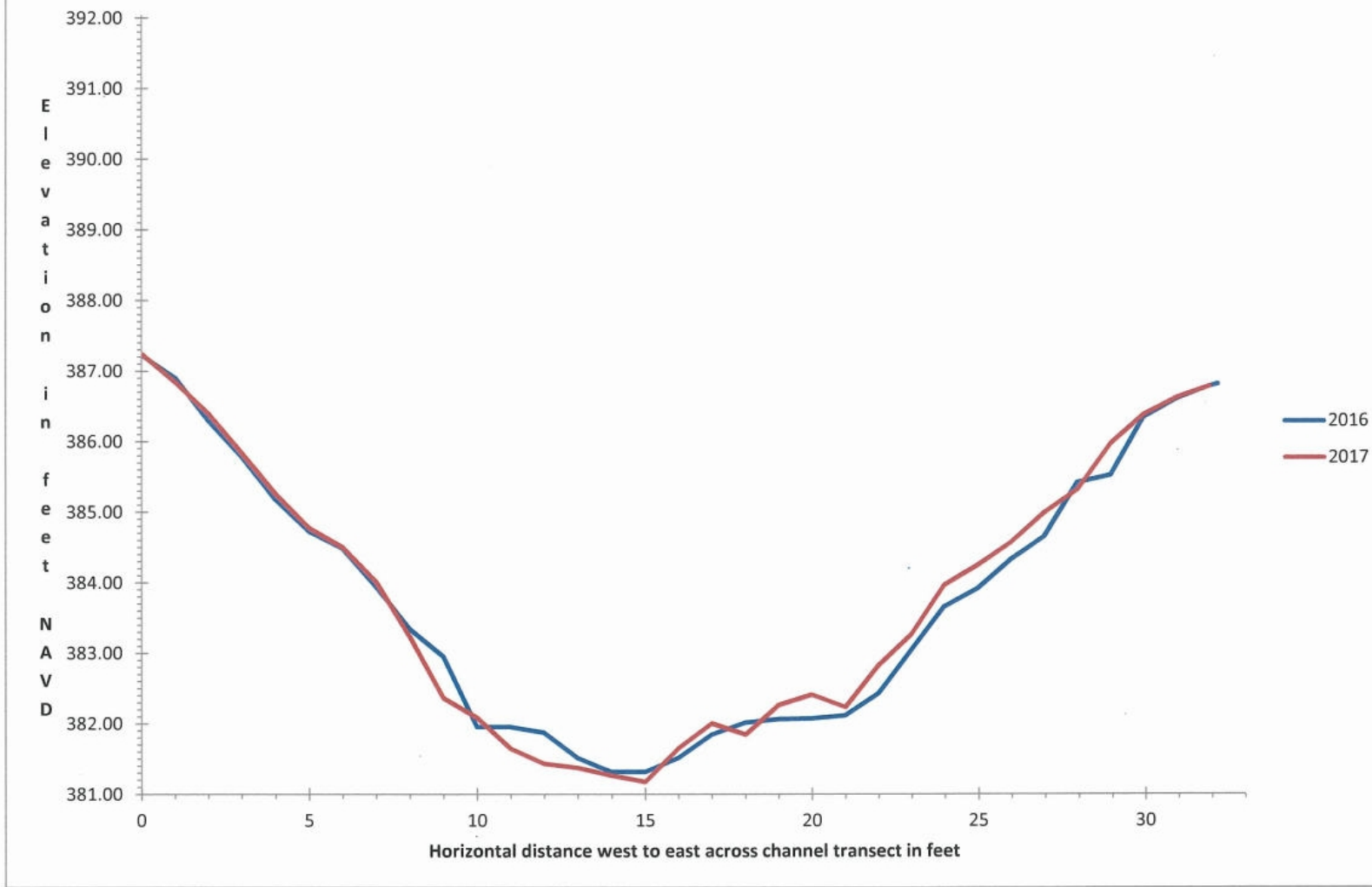
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Stream Channel Cross Section C, 2017  
Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank site, Salem, Oregon

FIGURE

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### Channel section D vertical exaggeration x2



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Stream Channel Cross Section D, 2017  
Waln Creek Stream Mitigation Bank site, Salem, Oregon

FIGURE

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**Worksheet 3-11.** Form to calculate Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) variables and an overall BEHI rating (Rosgen, 1996, 2001b, 2006b). Use **Figure 3-7** with BEHI variables to determine BEHI score.

Stream: <u>Wain Cr</u>	Location: <u>Salem, OR</u>
Station: <u>A</u>	Observers: <u>FS/DG</u>
Date: _____	Stream Type: _____
	Valley Type: _____

<b>Study Bank Height / Bankfull Height (C)</b> (Fig. 3-7)				<b>BEHI Score</b>
Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>3.8</u> (A)	Bankfull Height (ft) = <u>3.8</u> (B)	(A) / (B) = <u>1.0</u> (C)		<u>1</u>
<b>Root Depth / Study Bank Height (E)</b>				
Root Depth (ft) = <u>~1.5</u> (D)	Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>3.8</u> (A)	(D) / (A) = <u>0.4</u> (E)		<u>5</u>
<b>Weighted Root Density (G)</b>				
Root Density as % = <u>~30</u> (F)		(F) × (E) = <u>12</u> (G)		<u>8</u>
<b>Bank Angle (H)</b>				
Bank Angle as Degrees = <u>20</u> (H)				<u>2</u>
<b>Surface Protection (I)</b>				
Surface Protection as % = <u>80</u> (I)				<u>2</u>

<b>Bank Material Adjustment:</b>		<b>Bank Material Adjustment</b>
Bedrock (Overall Very Low BEHI)	→	<u>∅</u>
Boulders (Overall Low BEHI)		
Cobble (Subtract 10 points if uniform med. to large cobble)		
Gravel or Composite Matrix (Add 5-10 points depending on percentage of bank material that is composed of sand)		
Sand (Add 10 points)		
Silt/Clay (No adjustment)		<u>∅</u>

Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme	<b>Adjective Rating and Total Score</b>
5 - 9.5	10 - 19.5	20 - 29.5	30 - 39.5	40 - 45	46 - 50	
→						<u>Low</u>
						<u>18</u>

**Bank Sketch**

**Worksheet 3-11.** Form to calculate Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) variables and an overall BEHI rating (Rosgen, 1996, 2001b, 2006b). Use **Figure 3-7** with BEHI variables to determine BEHI score.

Stream: <u>Waln Cr.</u>	Location: <u>Salem, OR</u>
Station: <u>B</u>	Observers: <u>FS/DO</u>
Date:	Stream Type:      Valley Type:

<b>Study Bank Height / Bankfull Height (C)</b> (Fig. 3-7)				<b>BEHI Score</b>
Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>4.5</u> (A)	Bankfull Height (ft) = <u>4.5</u> (B)	(A) / (B) = <u>1.0</u> (C)		<u>1</u>
<b>Root Depth / Study Bank Height (E)</b>				
Root Depth (ft) = <u>~1.5</u> (D)	Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>4.5</u> (A)	(D) / (A) = <u>0.33</u> (E)		<u>6</u>
<b>Weighted Root Density (G)</b>				
Root Density as % = <u>30</u> (F)	(F) × (E) = <u>9.9</u> (G)			<u>8</u>
<b>Bank Angle (H)</b>				
Bank Angle as Degrees = <u>17.5</u> (H)				<u>2</u>
<b>Surface Protection (I)</b>				
Surface Protection as % = <u>80</u> (I)				<u>2</u>

<b>Bank Material Adjustment:</b>		<b>Bank Material Adjustment</b>	<u>0</u>
Bedrock (Overall Very Low BEHI) Boulders (Overall Low BEHI) Cobble (Subtract 10 points if uniform med. to large cobble) Gravel or Composite Matrix (Add 5-10 points depending on percentage of bank material that is composed of sand) Sand (Add 10 points) Silt/Clay (No adjustment)	→		
		<b>Stratification Adjustment</b>	<u>0</u>
		Add 5-10 points, depending on position of unstable layers in relation to bankfull stage	

Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme	<b>Adjective Rating and Total Score</b>	<u>Low</u>
5 - 9.5	10 - 19.5	20 - 29.5	30 - 39.5	40 - 45	46 - 50	→	<u>19</u>

**Bank Sketch**

**Worksheet 3-11.** Form to calculate Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) variables and an overall BEHI rating (Rosgen, 1996, 2001b, 2006b). Use **Figure 3-7** with BEHI variables to determine BEHI score.

Stream: <u>Walm Cr.</u>	Location: <u>Salem, OR</u>
Station: <u>C</u>	Observers: <u>FS/DG.</u>
Date: _____	Stream Type: _____
	Valley Type: _____

<b>Study Bank Height / Bankfull Height ( C )</b>				BEHI Score (Fig. 3-7)
Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>4.3</u> (A)	Bankfull Height (ft) = <u>4.3</u> (B)	(A) / (B) = <u>1.0</u> (C)		<b>1</b>
<b>Root Depth / Study Bank Height ( E )</b>				
Root Depth (ft) = <u>1.5</u> (D)	Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>4.3</u> (A)	(D) / (A) = <u>0.35</u> (E)		<b>5</b>
<b>Weighted Root Density ( G )</b>				
Root Density as % = <u>30</u> (F)	(F) × (E) = <u>10.5</u> (G)			<b>8.5</b>
<b>Bank Angle ( H )</b>				
Bank Angle as Degrees = <u>23.5</u> (H)				<b>2</b>
<b>Surface Protection ( I )</b>				
Surface Protection as % = <u>80</u> (I)				<b>2</b>

<b>Bank Material Adjustment:</b>	<b>Bank Material Adjustment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bedrock (Overall Very Low BEHI)</li> <li>Boulders (Overall Low BEHI)</li> <li>Cobble (Subtract 10 points if uniform med. to large cobble)</li> <li>Gravel or Composite Matrix (Add 5-10 points depending on percentage of bank material that is composed of sand)</li> <li>Sand (Add 10 points)</li> <li>Silt/Clay (No adjustment)</li> </ul>	<b>Stratification Adjustment</b> Add 5-10 points, depending on position of unstable layers in relation to bankfull stage
<b>Bank Material Adjustment</b>	<b>Stratification Adjustment</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme	Adjective Rating and Total Score
5 - 9.5	10 - 19.5	20 - 29.5	30 - 39.5	40 - 45	46 - 50	<b>Low</b> <b>18.5</b>

**Bank Sketch**



**Worksheet 3-11.** Form to calculate Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) variables and an overall BEHI rating (Rosgen, 1996, 2001b, 2006b). Use **Figure 3-7** with BEHI variables to determine BEHI score.

Stream: <u>Wain Cr.</u>	Location: <u>Salem, OR</u>
Station: <u>D</u>	Observers: <u>FS/DG</u>
Date:	Stream Type:      Valley Type:

<b>Study Bank Height / Bankfull Height ( C )</b> (Fig. 3-7)				<b>BEHI Score</b>
Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>5.6</u> (A)	Bankfull Height (ft) = <u>5.6</u> (B)	(A) / (B) = <u>1.0</u> (C)		1
<b>Root Depth / Study Bank Height ( E )</b>				
Root Depth (ft) = <u>1.5</u> (D)	Study Bank Height (ft) = <u>5.6</u> (A)	(D) / (A) = <u>0.27</u> (E)		6
<b>Weighted Root Density ( G )</b>				
Root Density as % = <u>30</u> (F)	(F) × (E) = <u>8.1</u> (G)			8.5
<b>Bank Angle ( H )</b>				
Bank Angle as Degrees = <u>21</u> (H)				2
<b>Surface Protection ( I )</b>				
Surface Protection as % = <u>80</u> (I)				2

<b>Bank Material Adjustment:</b>		<b>Bank Material Adjustment</b>
Bedrock (Overall Very Low BEHI)	→	0
Boulders (Overall Low BEHI)		
Cobble (Subtract 10 points if uniform med. to large cobble)		
Gravel or Composite Matrix (Add 5-10 points depending on percentage of bank material that is composed of sand)		
Sand (Add 10 points)		
Silt/Clay (No adjustment)		

<b>Stratification Adjustment</b>		<b>Stratification Adjustment</b>
Add 5-10 points, depending on position of unstable layers in relation to bankfull stage		0

Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme	<b>Adjective Rating and Total Score</b>
5 - 9.5	10 - 19.5	20 - 29.5	30 - 39.5	40 - 45	46 - 50	Low
						19.5

**Bank Sketch**