

Standard Checklist

Name of Riparian-Wetland Area: Hitchcock Creek

Date: May 26, 2004 Segment/Reach ID: Reach 8, After Bridge 513 PFC 308

Miles: _____ Elevation: _____ GPS: N 36, 28. 178' W 121, 43. 454'

ID Team Observers: Clive Sanders, Danica Zupic Time: _____

Yes	No	N/A	HYDROLOGY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1) Floodplain above bankfull is inundated in "relatively frequent" events
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Where beaver dams are present they are active and stable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3) Sinuosity, width/depth ratio, and gradient are in balance with the landscape setting (i.e., landform, geology, and bioclimatic region)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4) Riparian-wetland area is widening or has achieved potential extent
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5) Upland watershed is not contributing to riparian-wetland degradation

Yes	No	N/A	VEGETATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6) There is diverse age-class distribution of riparian-wetland vegetation (recruitment for maintenance/recovery)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7) There is diverse composition of riparian-wetland vegetation (for maintenance/recovery)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8) Species present indicate maintenance of riparian-wetland soil moisture characteristics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9) Streambank Vegetation is comprised of those plants or plant communities that have root masses capable of withstanding high-streamflow events
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10) Riparian-wetland plants exhibit high vigor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11) Adequate riparian-wetland vegetative cover is present to protect banks and dissipate energy during high flows
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12) Plant communities are an adequate source of coarse and/or large woody material (for maintenance/recovery)

Yes	No	N/A	EROSION/DEPOSITION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13) Floodplain and channel characteristics (i.e., rocks, overflow channels, coarse and/or large woody material) are adequate to dissipate energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14) Point bars are revegetating with riparian-wetland vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15) Lateral stream movement is associated with natural sinuosity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16) System is vertically stable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17) Stream is in balance with the water and sediment being supplied by the watershed (i.e., no excessive erosion or deposition)

Summary Determination

Functional Rating:

Proper Functioning Condition
Functional—At Risk
Nonfunctional
Unknown

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Trend for Functional—At Risk:

Upward
Downward
Not Apparent

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Are factors contributing to unacceptable conditions outside the control of the manager?

Yes
No

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, what are those factors?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flow regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Upstream channel conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channelization | <input type="checkbox"/> Road encroachment | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil field water discharge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Augmented flows | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Natural steep banks</u> | |



Remarks

There are three large eroding and headcut hillsides that may be contributing to the large sediment piles found throughout the reach and on either side of Bridge 513 (See Pictures 2 and 4). The creek is also undercutting these three hillsides and exposing roots.

There were three spots where yard waste had been dumped.

Where vegetation can grow, it is diverse in both composition and age- class. There are some areas with a predominance of Vinca major

There are several buttressed walls that seem to be stable although one that lays at angle is becoming undercut (See Pictures 1 and 3).

This stretch ended at House #26 Southbank
GPS N 36,28.088 W 121,43.425 Elevation 317 ft.

Picture 1



Checklist Comments

#5, 17 The eroding hillsides are contributing sediment and an excess of sediment has been found throughout the creek.

#11 While there is diverse vegetation there is not enough due the hillsides and buttressed banks to dissipate flows.

#13 There is not currently LWD, rocks or other channel characteristics to dissipate flow.

#16 The three eroding hillsides with undercut trees are not stable.

Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4