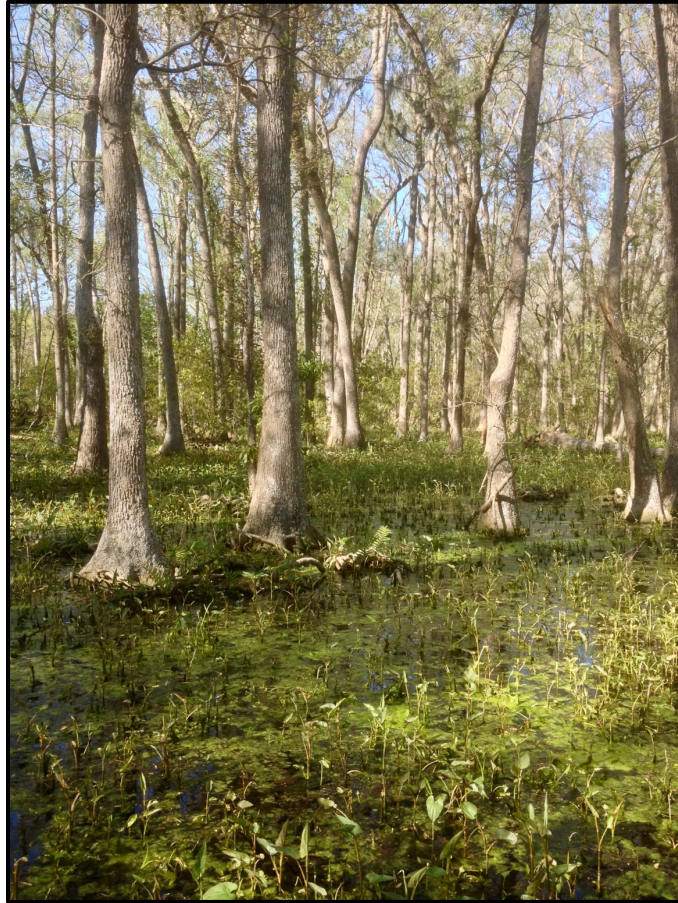


**PALMETTO HALL
RECYCLED WATER PROJECT
Hilton Head Public Service District
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**

2016-2017 BIENNIAL BIOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

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1. Introduction

THIS BIENNIAL REPORT analyzes results from two-years of biological monitoring of Recycled Water (RW), projects in the Palmetto Hall community, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The Hilton Head Public Service District (“HHPSD”) discharged RW (advanced-treated domestic dechlorinated influent) into two freshwater wetlands in the Palmetto Hall community: the Forest Wetland (“Wooded Wetland” in permit documents) and the Golf Course Wetland (“Grassy Wetland” in permit documents). The following report describes scientific findings during the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. The PSD has discharged RW in the wetlands since the late 1990s.

The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (No. SC0046191) requires specific biological monitoring parameters for the Palmetto Hall RW projects. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) modified the permit on October 24, 2005. The permit revised maximum and RW loading totals, monitoring for vegetation, and the scientific report schedule. In compliance with the permit, and to maintain the ecological database, this report presents monitoring results for the ecological parameters: dry-down (no-flow) periods, weather effects, ecological change, wildlife and other changes exceeding the “threshold of concern,” whether ecological or operational.

Consistent with the (NPDES) permit specifications, the following monitoring results are compared with conditions in the 1999 Baseline monitoring results (reported February 1, 2000). This report includes the site description, methodology summary, monitoring results, conclusions and recommendations, references and appendices.

2. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The RW projects are located in the private 750-acre residential and golf community of Palmetto Hall, on lower, northeastern Hilton Head Island, in southern Beaufort County, South Carolina (Figure 2-1). Palmetto Hall features two golf courses: the Arthur Hills Course and Robert Cupp Course. The RW projects are located in natural (not manmade) wetlands contiguous to these facilities (Figure 2-2). See the Annual and Baseline Report for 1999 for a detailed description of the physical and biological conditions of the projects. Figure 2-1 Forest wetland boundaries have not changed. However, the native

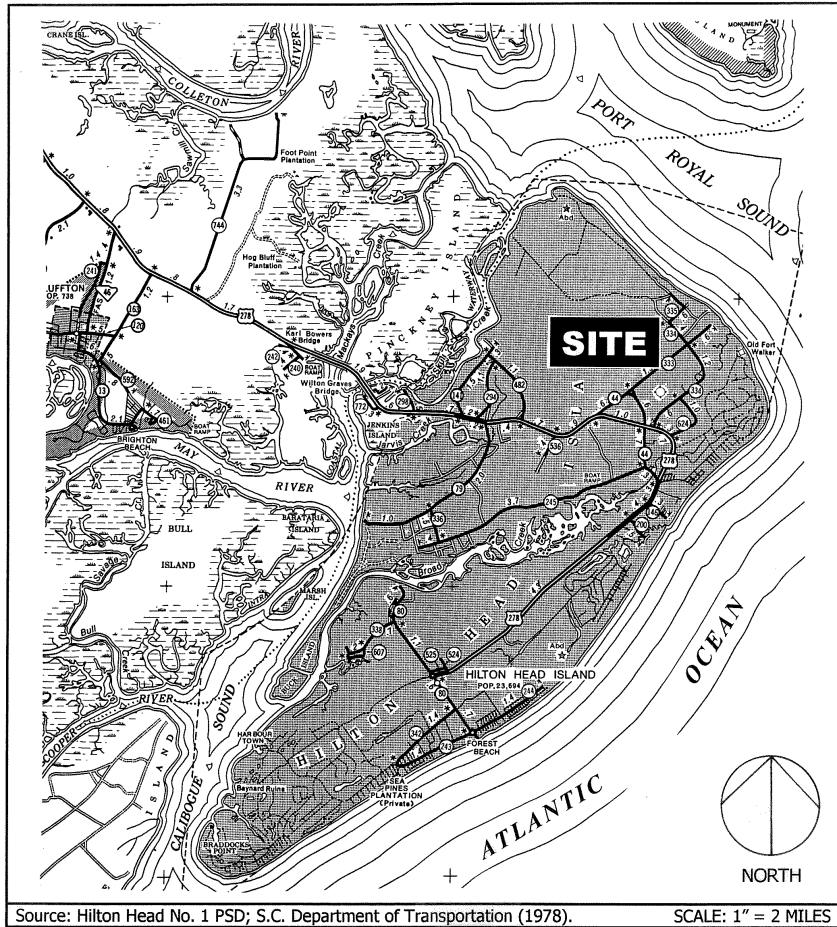
wetlands interior communities *have* changed since the Baseline monitoring. The wetlands *have* changed more rapidly through ecological succession since the Baseline. The supply of RW has enhanced the rate of succession and vegetation growth—especially trees—since the Baseline. In contrast, the wetlands have been impacted by climate change effects including drought and flooding. This has impacted biodiversity of plant and wildlife. But regular RW flow has been a stabilizing resource supporting ecological succession and biological diversity. The sustainable RW program has been in operation for the Hilton Head Public Service District since 1986—and in Palmetto Hall since 1999. RW is processed and distributed by Hilton Head Public Service District in two, large freshwater wetlands -- Forest and Golf Course to (1) provide additional uptake of water and nutrients; (2) eliminate discharges to other waters, such as tidal streams; and (3) enhance the natural hydrology and ecological conditions of the receiving wetlands, which have been impacted by land development and climate change. This report describes that climate-driven impacts continue in this RW project area.

For more information see the original Baseline report for this Project, contact Hilton Head Public Service District, or Ballantine Environmental Resources.

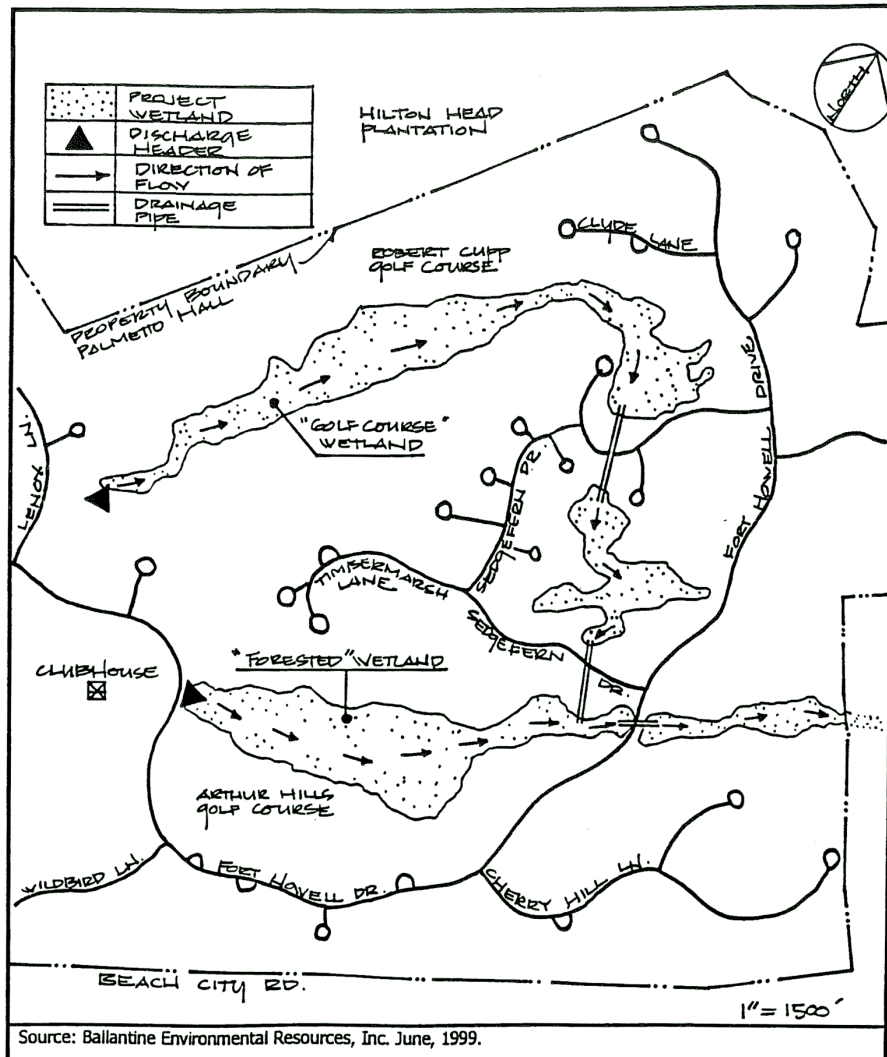
2.1 Site Description

The Forest Wetland (Figure 2-2) is 98 acres in area with significant long-term water storage capacity and wildlife value. One inch of water throughout this wetland is equal to 2.7 million gallons. The average elevation is 10-15 feet MSL. The linear wetland is part of the watershed drainage via percolation and slow overland flow toward Port Royal Sound. The hydric soils on the northern wetland edge, adjacent to Sedge-fern Drive, are the eastern edges of the lower wetland that store groundwater at a high level through most of the year. The Golf Course Wetland (Figure 2-3) is a palustrine-emergent marsh and palustrine-successional mixed pine-flatwood forest. A significant resource, in this wetland is the largest remaining sawgrass community on Hilton Head Island. The wetland has a seasonally and artificially flooded and/or saturated water regime. A header at the southern, upper end of the wetland discharges RW via low aerial spray. Sheet-flow moves through the wetland in a north-easterly direction, then turns to the southeast, and finally may discharge into the nearby Forest Wetland.

Figure 2-1. Location Maps



2-2 Site Map: Forest Wetland

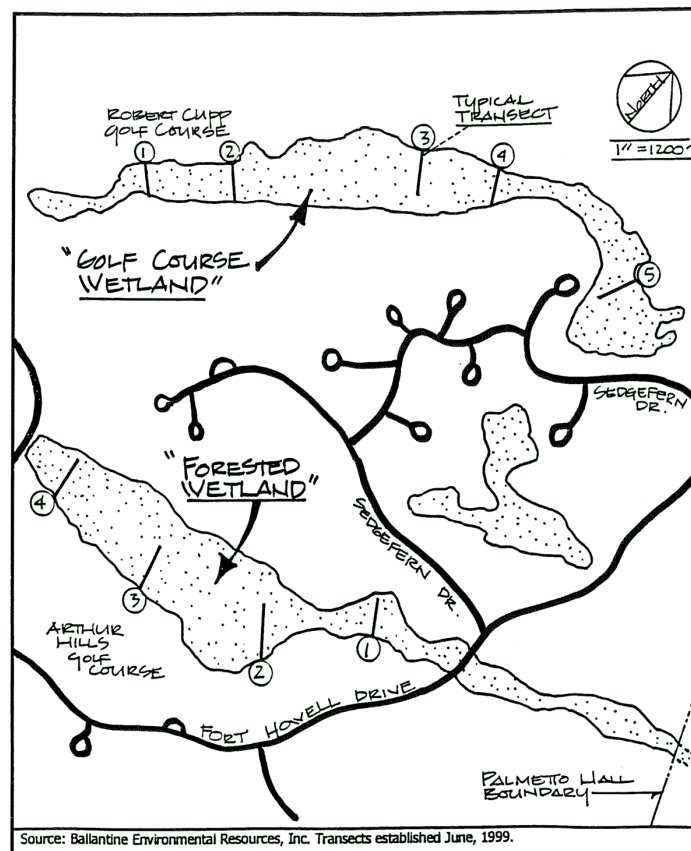


This map shows the site/location of the two project wetlands on northern Hilton Head Island. Notice the proximity to Port Royal Sound. This area is associated with a prehistoric shoreline and wetland. Soils in the area are often "hydric"—easily saturated or inundated in rainstorms or floods.

This linear basin has an average elevation of 10-15 feet mean sea level (MSL). It is a virgin old-growth hardwood forest association with most trees 50 to > 100 years in age—or technically: a palustrine-forest, bottomland hardwood community with a

seasonally and artificially-flooded water regime. RW is discharged by aerial spray from a header at the western end of the wetland. One inch of RW throughout this wetland is equal to 2.4 million gallons. Since the Baseline, Ballantine Environmental Resources has consulted and conducted scientific measurement and reporting in compliance with the SCDHEC NPEDS permit for this RW project, our monitoring has reported data for the overall ecological condition, hydrology, vegetation, wildlife, and any other factors that may or do impact the RW Project. The Conclusions and Recommendations assess the status of the wetlands and provide guidance for operational modifications, if practical, or justified environmentally.

2-3. Golf Course Wetland



Sheet-flow drains in an eastward direction through the wetland, then through downstream off-site wetlands, on its way to Port Royal Sound (Figure 2-3).

3. Monitoring Methodology

3-1. MONITORING SCHEDULE

As stipulated by the NPDES Permit No.SC0046191, Ballantine Environmental Resources monitored the project wetlands biennially in 2016 and 2017. We monitored hydrology, vegetation, and wildlife.

Of note, in the period between the two monitoring cycles, Hilton Head Island was impacted by Hurricane Matthew (October, 2016). The fallen debris from this storm interrupted the normal monitoring schedule. Monitoring was implemented in growing season of 2017.

3-2. MONITORING DATA

We used the line-transect and quadrat intercept method of data collection. In the Forest and Golf Course Wetland projects we maintain transects spanning the width of each wetland. Permanent sampling quadrat stations are established at equidistant point intercepts on the transects. Figures 2-2 and 2-3 show the location of monitoring transects in the project wetlands.

Our collected field data includes:

- *Water depth* measured at each station.
- *Vegetation* measured at each station. We recorded the diversity, dominance, and density of canopy species in cen-acre (1/100 acre) quadrats. In the shrub and groundcover stratum, we measured species diversity, dominance, and density in mil-acre (1/1,000 acre) stations.
- *Wildlife*: We identified macro-invertebrates (benthic, aerial and other) in stations and along transects. We recorded fish species identified visually in appropriate habitats at stations. We also identified indicator vertebrates visually or physically (by vocalizations, “sign,” tracks, or trails).
- *Significant impacts*: We documented wetland impacts from natural causes. Such impacts include flood, drought, storms, plant disease, invasive or “nuisance” species, and wildlife activity, as well as human impacts (e.g., trash

dumping, mowing, vegetation removal, ditching or filling, or vandalism were also noted.

- A detailed description of monitoring methods and calculations is provided in the “Palmetto Hall Reclaimed Water Project Description” (April 15, 1999), included in the Annual and Baseline Report.

3-3. REPORTS

The current SCDHEC NPDES permit requires biennial reports. However, as needed by Hilton Head PSD, Ballantine Environmental Resources provides additional monitoring, updates, outreach publications, and site investigation about the two RW projects.

This *Biennial Biological Monitoring Report* compares data collected in the growing and dormant seasons of 2016-2017 with conditions in the Baseline, according to parameters ascribed by the SCDHEC. We submit all reports to the Hilton Head PSD, which forwards the information to SCDHEC and other stakeholders.

4. Monitoring Results

NPDES Wetland Parameters

2016-2017

PALMETTO HALL RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

Hilton Head Island, SC

NPDES Permit No. No.SC0046191

S.C. DHEC Monitoring Parameters

Forest Wetland and Golf Course Wetland

Palmetto Hall, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

2016-2017 Conditions Compared with The 1996 Baseline Year

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Parameter A. Hydroperiod

A-1. Biennial RW loading averaged annually compared to 40-year average rainfall and the Baseline.

The 40-year average rainfall, or “hydroperiod” for Hilton Head Island is 51 inches per year (acre-inches). This is the Baseline against which to compare the sum of annual RW loading plus rainfall in inches as recorded by HHPSD. In 2016-2017 the Golf Course and Forest Wetlands received above-average rainfall: 7% above the historical 50-year mean.

Over the two-year monitoring period, the project area received 87 acre-inches of RW, distributed as 74 acre-inches in the Forest Wetland and 11 inches in the Golf Course Wetland.

A-2. Depth of water in the RW wetlands. The average depth of water in the Forest Wetland was 3 inches, similar to the depth in the Baseline (2.8 inches). The deepest water was 12 inches in the center channel of this bottomland system. Approximately 60 percent of the wetland was inundated—compared to 83 percent coverage in the Baseline.

In the Golf Course Wetland, the average depth was less than 1 inch—shallower than in the Baseline (8 inches). The only surface water we observed

was a shallow (3 inches) channel trickling down the center portion of the wetland in a westerly direction.

A-3. Distribution of Water in the Wetlands. Surface water covered 50 percent of the ground in the Forest Wetland and <5% percent of the Golf Course wetland. In the Forest Wetland standing, water appeared to be of long duration. In the Golf Course wetland the only water was of short duration—in the above mentioned channel.

A-4. Hydrology Compared to the Baseline. Surface water was less widespread and shallower than in the Baseline in each wetland. The effect of SCDHEC mandated dry-down (no flow) periods has substantially lowered the ground water tables in each wetland.

Parameter B. Canopy Species

B-1. Basal Area of Trees. In the Forest Wetland, the basal area of trees declined by 15% or less due to windthrow from Hurricane Matthew. As was observed in other wetlands, trees facing the North-Northwest exposure were most vulnerable to blow-down. The interior of the wetland is still populated by mature hardwoods such as swamp blackgum and red maple. The density of these trees baffled the strong winds and protected the inner forest.

On the Golf Course wetland, pine trees were vulnerable in exposed areas and were felled by storm winds. These trees were removed prior to our latest monitoring. Windfall of other trees offered a beneficial mass of branches and limbs on the perimeter of this wetland. This debris provides shelter habitat for songbirds, reptiles, and amphibians.

B-2. Density of Canopy Trees. Basal area, related to tree density, dropped in the wetlands due to the hurricane. The average decline in the Forested wetland was 10-15%, likewise in the Golf Course wetland.

B-3. Importance Value. In order of importance value, an ecological standard of productivity, trees of the wetlands are: swamp blackgum, red maple, sweetgum, water oak, loblolly pine, pond pine and Carolina willow.

Parameter C.
Shrub and Groundcover Species
Averaged for the wetland and compared to the Baseline

C-1. Species Diversity. Compared to and since the Baseline, species diversity declined moderately in all strata due to the hurricane. We estimate that this decline was a range of 10-20%. However, the decline did not impact the wetland function for storing and filtering RW. The declines in groundcover will be mitigated by regrowth hastened by more sunlight reaching the ground.

C-2. Total Cover of Dominant Species. Dominant trees, described above currently provide the approximated cover:

- Forest wetland: 85% cover
- Golf Course wetland: 45% cover

C-3. Importance Value. This parameter is the comparative sum of relative dominance, (maximum 100 points), density (maximum 100 points), frequency (maximum 100 points) and wildlife habitat (maximum 100 points)—rated on an optimum score of 400 points. The Forest Wetland Importance Value has been reduced to 350, fundamentally due to the effects of Hurricane Matthew. The Golf Course wetland: due to recurring dry-down, hurricane, and low flow of RW this wetland has declined to a score of 150. Dieback of the rare sawgrass community is a primary impact in this wetland.

Parameter D. Nuisance Plant Species

Nuisance plant species occur almost entirely when there is a decline in one parameter of the wetland. In the case of Palmetto Hall, nuisance grasses and invasive pines have degraded formerly rare sawgrass wetlands. Additionally, as a result of recurring drought, dry down, and hurricane flooding, the sawgrass marsh has declined almost 100%. It appears that this wetland will undergo shrub growth followed by invasion of loblolly pine. This change is natural but the lost sawgrass marsh cannot be replicated or restored. Addition of RW will not bring the sawgrass marsh back, we predict. With the exception of pines, we have not observed the invasion or recurrence of invasive plant species described in previous reports.

Parameter E. Exceeding the Threshold of Concern: Canopy

The Gulf Course Wetland was damaged by the hurricane causing tree fall and loss of limbs on the windward side. This community is undergoing ecological succession from a mixed forest-marsh to a more dense pine flatwood association. This emerging pineland is less biologically diverse. The Forest Wetland had less damage to trees due to its geographic position. The density of hardwood trees provided a form of “safety in numbers” for the dense, mature swamp blackgum forest. The primary tree loss was due to the hurricane as expressed above, but overall, the forest remains vibrant and productive.

**Parameter F.
Exceeding the Threshold of Concern:
Shrub and Groundcover**

The Forest shrub and groundcover suffered very little damage due to the protective nature of the dominant hardwood trees. This community is highly resilient. The Golf Course wetland was exposed to wind and water depredation. The primary example of the impact was flooding and sedimentation in the former sawgrass marsh which declined substantially by storm flooding and sedimentation.



Dieback of the Salt Marsh Community in the Golf Course Wetland.

Parameter G. Natural Causes

The natural causes of change in the wetlands, in order of prevalence were: isolated tree fall, stormwater flooding, sedimentation, dieback of rare species (sawgrass), and alteration of drainage patterns in the wetlands.

Parameter H. Benthic Macro-Invertebrates

In the Forest Wetland, we saw fewer species and smaller populations of fish and macro invertebrates, possibly due to the severity of storms and disruption of habitat and impact of dry-down. However, the prevalence of debris in the wetland is likely to offer new cover and breeding areas for fish and invertebrates. In the Golf Course Wetland, the low water and clusters of blown-down cover also will offer new habitat for invertebrates but less so for fish until the dry-down requirement is suspended.

Parameter I. Fish

The fish populations will take longer to recover from storm damage. Fish species reported in prior reports are primarily insectivorous. With the regeneration of the population of invertebrates, fish population should recover--as long as there is sufficient water in the wetlands. We observed a lower number of wading birds hunting fish in the pools of the Forest Wetland and ponds of the Golf Course Wetland. This is an indication of habitat alteration due to storm damage and low water.

Parameter J. Endangered or Threatened Species

In the course of monitoring the Palmetto Hall wetlands, we observed no federally or state of South Carolina-listed endangered or threatened wildlife

species in the Palmetto Hall RW wetlands. These species are: Heel-spitter clam, Northern myotis bat, and Red Knot.

Parameter K. No Discharge Period In the Wetland

From 2016 to 2017 the Golf Course Wetland received only 8% of available RW water. The prolonged dry-down reduced habitat diversity and productivity significantly. The Forest Wetland received a more regular monthly supply of RW. Habitat was not impacted by dry-down in this wetland.



Sturdy swamp blackgums in The Forest Wetland

Conclusions and Recommendations

CONCLUSIONS

This Biennial Report analyzed the results from biological monitoring in 2016 through 2017 of RW operations in the Palmetto Hall Forest and Golf Course Wetlands. Comparison of the two-years' data with conditions in the baseline year 1999 leads to the following conclusions:

1. Hurricane Matthew has had a continuing impact on the wetlands.
2. The most impacted wetland has been the Golf Course component.
3. The Golf Course Wetland is in transition and has become less ecologically productive. Without more regular supply of RW water, this wetland will mature as a drier pineland.
4. Both wetlands will recover slowly due to the scale of the disruption of the storms, however, the Forest Wetland is more mature, deeper and larger. This community should recover much more quickly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Operational changes are recommended: To rectify significant natural and human impacts, eliminate the rigid dry-down mandate and instead, apply dry-down only as a flexible alternative to benefit the ecology of the wetland, rather than stress it. This action will; (1) help sustain critical functions of the wetlands, including water quality enhancement sought by the U.S. Clean Water Act; (2) preserve critical habitat for protected international migratory wildlife, such as the songbirds and raptors that currently use the wetlands.
2. Continue to detail specific impacts of climate change on the RW wetlands. This is vital to assure the success of the RW project.
3. Hilton Head PSD should continue its successful outreach program to educate customers and the general public about the valuable Recycled Water Program pioneered on Hilton Head Island.

6. Glossary

Adsorption Accumulation of liquids or solids on the surface of leaves.

Basal Area The cross-sectional area of a tree trunk measured in square inches or square feet at 4.5 feet above ground.

Biennial A duration of two years.

Bottomland A low terrain that contains freshwater or a high water table.

Climate Change Any significant change in the measures of climate lasting for an extended period of time. Climate change includes major changes in temperature, precipitation, or wind patterns, among others, that occur over several decades or longer.

Colonial Wading Birds Herons, egrets and ibises and other long-legged water birds that nest in dense communities called "rookeries."

Cover The degree to which above-ground portions of vegetation cover the ground surface. Also called areal cover.

Dominance The measure of a plant species compared with other species, based on areal cover (groundcover) and caliper inches converted to basal area (trees).

Density The number of individuals of a species per unit area.

Dry-down A mandated period in which no Recycled Water flows into a wetland.

Drought A period of abnormally low rainfall that affects growing or living conditions.

Ecological Succession The process in which communities of plant and animal species in a particular area are replaced over time by a series of different and more complex communities.

Endangered Species A species of plant or animal that is in danger of going extinct.

Emergent Plant A plant with its lower part underwater and its upper part, usually leaves and flowers, above the water surface.

Evapotranspiration The process in which water is changed into vapor by atmospheric pressure, wind, humidity, solar radiation, and released through plant leaves and bark.

Flyway A globally fixed route along which birds (e.g., songbirds and waterfowl) migrate.

Frequency The distribution of individuals of a plant species in an area.

Growing Season The portion of the year that is frost-free.

Habitat A place where a plant or animal lives. A productive habitat provides sufficient food, cover and water.

Hardwood A broad-leaved tree such blackgum, red maple, or sweet gum.

Hydrology The properties, distribution and circulation of water.

Hydroperiod The average annual cycle of rainfall of a location.

Importance Value The relative influence of a plant species in a plant community, obtained by summing relative dominance, density and frequency.

Indicator Species A species that indicates whether an ecosystem is vibrant or degrading.

Keystone Species A species that affects other species in a community.

Macro-Invertebrate An animal species lacking a backbone and which can be seen without the aid of optical magnification.

Neotropical The geographic region including Central and South America.

NPDES National Pollution Discharge System permit under the Clean Water Act.

Old-growth Forest A forest community with large trees for the site and species type; multiple canopy layers; and wide spacing between trees. Example: the Palmetto Hall Forest Wetland.

Palustrine A freshwater community. Example: Palmetto Hall Golf Course Wetland.

Recycled Water Advanced-treated domestic water discharged into wetlands to restore ecological functions, values, wildlife habitat, and human recreation opportunities. Formerly named "reclaimed water."

Surface Plant A species of vegetation that keeps leaves above the surface of the water.

Wetland An area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration to support vegetation adapted to saturated or flooded soil.

7. Wetland Vegetation
Inventory of Observed Plant Species:
1999-Present

FOREST WETLAND

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Blackgum	<i>Nyssa biflora</i>
Broomsedge Bluestem	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>
Bur Marigold	<i>Bidens laevis</i>
Button Bush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Carolina Willow	<i>Salix caroliniana</i>
Climbing Hempweed	<i>Mikania scandens</i>
Cushion Moss	<i>Leucobryum glaucum</i>
Creeping Primrose	<i>Ludwigia palustris</i>
Dog Fennel	<i>Eupatorium capillifolium</i>
Duckweed	<i>Lemna minor</i>
Duckweed	<i>Lemna vadiiviana</i>
False Nettle	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>
Fetterbush	<i>Lyonia lucida</i>
Floating Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia inflata</i>
Frog's Bit	<i>Limnobium spongia</i>
Gallberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i>
Grass-leaved	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
Highbush Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>
Lizard Tail	<i>Saururus cernuus</i>
Loblolly Pine	<i>Pinus taeda</i>
Maidencane	<i>Panicum hemitomon</i>
Marsh Pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle umbellata</i>
Mosquito Fern	<i>Azolla caroliniana</i>
Netted Chainfern	<i>Woodwardia areolata</i>
Pickereelweed	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>
Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>
Poison Ivy	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>
Pond Pine	<i>Pinus serotina</i>
Primrose Willow	<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>
Red Bay	<i>Persea borbonia</i>
Red Bay/Swamp Red Bay	<i>Persea palustris</i>
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Red-root	<i>Lachnanthes caroliniana</i>
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>
Shade Mudflower	<i>Micranthemum umbrosum</i>

Southern Blueflag Iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>
Spanish Moss	<i>Tillandsia usneiodes</i>
Sweet Gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
Switch Grass Panicum	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>
Virginia Chainfern	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>
Walter's Sedge	<i>Carex walteri</i>
Water Net	<i>Hydrodictyon</i> sp.
Water Pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>
Water Pepper	<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>
Waxmyrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
Wingstem	<i>Verbesina occidentalis</i>
Wolffia (Water Meal)	<i>Wolffia punctata</i>
Yellow Cyperus	<i>Cyperus flavescens</i>

Total: 47 Species

GOLF COURSE WETLAND

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Black-Gum	<i>Nyssa biflora</i>
Blue-green Algae	<i>Lyngbya</i> sp.
Bracken Fern	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
Broomsedge Bluestem	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>
Bur marigold	<i>Bidens laevis</i>
Carolina Willow	<i>Salix caroliniana</i>
Cattail (Tall)	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
Chinese Tallowtree	<i>Sapium sebifera</i>
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>
Climbing Hempweed	<i>Mikania scandens</i>
Cushion Moss	<i>Leucobryum glaucum</i>
Dahoon Holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>
Duckweed	<i>Lemna vadiiviana</i>
False Nettle	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>
Fetterbush	<i>Lyonia lucida</i>
Floating Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia inflata</i>
Gallberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i>
Giant Cane	<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>
Giant Plume Grass	<i>Erianthus gigantea</i>
Loblolly Pine	<i>Pinus taeda</i>
Maidencane	<i>Panicum hemitomon</i>
Marsh Pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle umbellata</i>
Mosquito Fern	<i>Azolla caroliniana</i>
Netted Chainfern	<i>Woodwardia areolata</i>
Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>
Pickerelweed	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>
Plume Grass	<i>Setaria magna</i>

Poison Ivy	Toxicodendron radicans
Red Maple	Acer rubrum
Red Bay	Persea borbonia
Red-root	Lachnanthes caroliniana
Royal Fern	Osmunda regalis
Saw Palmetto	Serenoa repens
Sawgrass	Cladium jamaicense
Sedge sp.	Carex sp.
Smartweed (Dense-flower)	Polygonum densiflorum
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus
Southern Blueflag Iris	Iris versicolor
Spanish Moss	Tillandsia usneiodes
Swamp Dewberry	Rubus hispidus
Swamp Knotweed	Polygonum hydropiperoides
Virginia Chainfern	Woodwardia virginica
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia
Water Milfoil	Myriophyllum sp.
Water Net Algae	Hydrodictyon sp.
Water Pennywort	Hydrocotyle ranunculoides
Water Spider Orchid	Habenaria repens
Waxmyrtle	Myrica cerifera
Wolffia (Water Meal)	Wolffia punctata

Total: 48 Species

8. Wetland Wildlife
Inventory of Observed Animal Species: 1999-Present

FOREST WETLAND

Common Name: _____ Scientific Name:

VERTEBRATES

Amphibians: 4 Species

Green Treefrog	<i>Hyla cinerea</i>
Southern Dusky Salamander	<i>Desmognathus auriculatus</i>
Southern Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudracis nigrata</i>
Southern Leopard Frog	<i>Rana sphenoccephala</i>

Birds: 29 Species

American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Barred Owl	<i>trix varia</i>
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Parus carolinensis</i>
Carolina Wren	<i>Thyrothorus ludovicianus</i>
Chuck-Will's Widow	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>
Common Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Eastern Phoebe	<i>ayornis phoebe</i>
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Osprey	<i>Panodiun haliaetus</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmusi</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Parus bicolor</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>

Fish: 1 Species

Eastern Mosquitofish

Gambusia affinis

Mammals: 4 Species

Eastern Gray Squirrel
Raccoon
White-tailed Deer
hiltonensis

Sciurus carolinensis
Procyon lotor
Odicoileus virginianus

Reptiles: 6 Species

American Alligator
Five-lined Skink
Green Anole
Southern Black Racer
Eastern Cottonmouth
Northern Copperhead

Alligator mississippiensis
Eumeces fasciatus
Anolis carolinensis carolinensis
Coluber constrictus priapus
Agkistrodon piscovorus
Agkistrodon controratrix-mokasen

Macro-Invertebrates

Arachnids: 16 Species

Black and Yellow Argiope Spider
Brown Daddy-long-legs
Carolina Wolf Spider
Comb-footed Spider
Chigger (Harvestmite)
Dwarf Spider
Forest Wolf Spider
Golden Silk Spider
Jumping Spider
Mabel Orchard Spider
Sheetweb Spider
Six-spotted Fishing Spider
Thin-legged Wolf Spider
Water Mite
Water Spider
White Micranthena Spider

Argiope aurantia
Phalangium opilio
Lycosa carolinensis
Anelosimus studiosus
Trombicula sp.
Ostearius melonopyius
Lycosa gulosa
Nephila clavipes
Metaphidippus galathen
Leucauge mabelae
Linyphiinnia sp.
Dolomedes triton
Pardosa sp.
Hygrobates sp.
Argyronera aquatica
Micranthena mitrata

Copepods: 2 Species

Calanoid Copepod
Diaptomus Copepod

Copepoda sp.
Diaptomus sp.

Crustaceans: 2 Species

Isopod
Scud

Asellus sp.
Hyaella azteca

Diplopods: 2 Species

Millipede
Millipede

Sirobolid sp.
Platydesmid sp.

Insects: 46 Species

American Dagger Moth
Angular-winged Katydid
Black-faced Skimmer Dragonfly
Black Salt marsh Mosquito
Broad-shouldered Water Strider
Brown Daddy-long-legs
Chironomid midge
Common Water Strider
Crane Fly
Creeping Water Bug
Deerfly
Earwig
Elmid Beetle
Field Cricket
Fire Ant
Golden Salt marsh Mosquito
Green Clearwing Dragonfly
Green Darner Dragonfly
Green Midge
Green Water Strider
Katydid
Marsh Fly
Mydas Fly
Mud Dauber Wasp
Leaf Beetle
Leafhopper
Long-legged Fly
Love Bug
Nessus Sphinx Moth
Northern Katydid
Palamedes Swallowtail Butterfly

Acronicta americana
Microcentrum retinerve
Libellul cyanea
Aedes taeniorynchus
Microvelia borealis
Phalngium opiolo
Chironomid sp.
Gerris remigis
Tipula sp.
Pelocoris sp.
Chrysops sp.
Foricula sp.
Stenelnis lateralis
Gryllus pennsylvanicus
Solenopsis gominata
Aedes sollicitans
Erythemis simpliciollis
Ajax junius
Tanytarsus sp.
Gerris sp.
Pseudophyllinae sp.
Tetanocera sp.
Mydas clavatus
Sceliphron caementarium
Donacia sp.
Cicallid sp.
Dolichoplus longipennis
Plecia nearctica
Amphion nessus
Pterophylla camefolia
Pterourus palamedes

Periodical Cicada
Planthopper
Scarab Beetle
Southern House Mosquito
Small Whirligig Beetle
Southern Spread-wing Damselfly
Summer Mosquito
Tree-hole Mosquito
Water Boatman
Water Lily Leaf Beetle
Water Strider – Broad-shouldered
Water Strider
Water Treader
White Fly
Widow Dragonfly
Yellow Jacket

Magiccada sp.
Delphacid sp.
Scarabaedid sp.
Culex pipiens quinquefasciatus
Gyrinus sp.
Lestes australis
Aedes atlanticus
Aedes triseriatus
Corixa sp.
Donacid sp.
Microvelia borealis
Gerris marginatus
Mesovelia mulsanti
Aleyrodid sp.
Libellula lucoasa
Vespula sp.

Isoptera: 1 Species

Eastern Subterranean Termite

Reticulitermes flavipes

Mollusca: 1 Species

Hairy Wheel Snail

Gyraulus hirsutus

Tadpole Shrimp: 1 Species

Tadpole Shrimp

Triops longicaudatus

Water Fleas: 1 Species

Water Flea

Daphnia pulex

Total: 110 Species

GOLF COURSE WETLAND

Common Name: _____

Scientific Name: _____

VERTEBRATES

Amphibians: 1 Species

Green Treefrog

Hyla cinerea

Birds: 37 Species

American Black Duck

Anas rubripes

American Coot

Fulica americana

American Robin

Turdus migratorius

Anhinga

Anhinga anhinga

Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax violacea

Blue Jay

Cyanocitta cristata

Carolina Chickadee

Parus carolinensis

Carolina Wren

Thyrothorus ludovicianus

Cedar Waxwing

Bombycilla cedrorum

Common Crow

Corvus brachyrhynchos

Common Grackle

Quiscalus quiscula

Common Yellow-shafted Flicker

Colaptes auratus

Eastern Bluebird

Sialia sialis

Great Blue Heron

Ardea herodias

Great Crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus crinitus

Great Egret

Casmerodius albus

Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus

Green-backed Heron

Butorides striatus

Moorhen (Common Gallinule)

Gallinula chloropus

Northern Cardinal

Cardinalis cardinalis

Osprey

Panodiun haliaetus

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus

Pileated Woodpecker

Dryocopus pileatus

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Melanerpes carolinus

Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus

Red-shouldered Hawk

Buteo lineatus

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

Rufous-sided Towhee

Pipilo erythrophthalmusi

Snowy Egret

Egretta thula

Tufted Titmouse
Turkey Vulture
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Wood Duck
Wood Stork
White Ibis

Parus bicolor
Cathartes aura
Coccyzus americanus
Dendroica coronata
Aix sponsa
Mycteria americana
Eudocimus albus

Fish: 1 Species

Eastern Mosquitofish

Gambusia affinis

Mammals: 4 Species

Eastern Gray Squirrel
Raccoon
River Otter
White-tailed Deer
hiltonensis

Sciurus carolinensis
Procyon lotor
Lutra canadensis
Odocoileus virginianus-

Reptiles: 4 Species

American Alligator
Eastern Cottonmouth
piscovorus
Green Anole
Yellow-bellied Slider

Alligator mississippiensis
Agkistrodon piscivorus-

Anolis carolinensis carolinensis
Chrysemys scripta scriptai

Macro-Invertebrates

Arachnids: 9 Species

American Dog Tick
Forest Wolf Spider
Dwarf Spider
Golden Silk Spider
Pirate Wolf Spider
Red Freshwater Mite
Six-spotted Fishing Spider
Wasp Spider
Water Mite

Dermacento variabilis
Lycosa gulosa
Mycriphantinae sp.
Nephila clavipes
Pirata piraticus
Limnocharus americana
Dolomedes triton
Halcti sp.
Hygrobatas sp.

Crustaceans: 4 Species

Scud
Scud

Gammarus fasciatus
Hyaella asteca

Sow Bug
Water Flea

Insects: 35 Species

American Dagger Moth
Black Carpenter Ant
Black Fly
Black Salt marsh Mosquito
Citrine Forktail Damselfly
Chironomid Midge
Condyllostylid Long-legged Fly
Common Water Strider
Crawling Water Beetle
Deerfly
Eastern Malaria Mosquito
Eastern Tent Moth
Field Cricket
Green Clearwing Dragonfly
Green Darner Dragonfly
Green Midge
House Fly
Leaf Beetle
Lightning Bug
Marsh Fly
Meadow Grasshopper
Net-winged Damselfly
Pale Bluet Dragonfly
Periodical Cicada
Plant Bug
Planthopper
Red Skimmer Dragonfly
Shore Fly
Southern House Mosquito
Spotless Nine-spotted Ladybug

Swift Long-winged Skimmer
Thrip
Water Scorpion
Water Strider – Broad-shouldered
Whirligig Beetle

Oniscus asellus
Daphnia pulex

Insects: 36 Species

Aconicta americana
Camponotus pennsylvanicus
Simulium sp.
Aedes taeniorhynchus
Ischnura hastata
Chironomid sp.
Condyllostylid sp.
Gerris remigis
Peltodytes lengi
Chrysops sp.
Aedes quidrimaculatus
Malicosma americanum
Gryllus pennsylvanicus
Erythemis simplicollis
Anax junius
Tanytarsus sp.
Musca domestica
Donacia sp.
Lampyrid sp.
Tetanocera sp.
Convuphalinae sp.
Argia sp.
Enallagma hastata
Magiciudadada sp.
Mirid sp.
Delphacid sp.
Libellula saturata
Ephyrdid sp.
Culex pipiens quinquefasciatus
Coccinella novemnota
franciscana
Pachydiplax longipennis
Thysanoptera sp.
Ranatra sp.
sMicrovelia borealis
Dineutes americanas

Isoptera: 1 Species

Eastern Subterranean Termite

Reticulitermes flavipes

Worms: 2 Species

Earthworm
Flatworm

Lumbricus terrestris.
Dugesia tigrina

Mollusks: 3 Species

Hairy Wheel Snail
Little Pond Snail
Winkle Snail

Gyraulus hirsutus
Amnicola limnosa
Viviparus intertextus

Total: 100 Species

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