

## Atlantic Ocean Basin

The Atlantic Ocean Basin is comprised of two HUCs (02040303 and 02040304) encompassing the eastern half of Virginia's Eastern Shore whose coastal lagoons and barrier islands are largely unaltered by human impact and are considered the best remaining Atlantic coast wilderness. The basin is located within the Conservancy's Chesapeake Bay Lowlands Ecoregion and has significant acreage protected through local, state, federal and private efforts. Conservation targets include nearshore Atlantic marine fauna, coastal estuarine and lagoon systems, the barrier island systems, migratory shorebirds, waterfowl, land birds and raptors, and breeding barrier island and lagoon birds.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Atlantic Ocean Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. In 2022, one project was monitored, three projects received budget approvals, one project was proposed with an IEL issued, and one project had a signed SDP and began construction.

**Table 1: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Atlantic Ocean Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
AO-4	M	0.00	19.46	0.00	0.00	32.39	51.85	3.57	3.57	0.00	43.64
AO-6	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AO-7	P	17.18	0.00	0.36	7.52	1.51	26.51	18.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>17.18</b>	<b>19.46</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>7.52</b>	<b>33.90</b>	<b>78.36</b>	<b>22.42</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43.64</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>8.67</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>9.10</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>22.42</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>198.15</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>0.00</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 2: Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Atlantic Ocean Basin**

Project Information		Tidal Wetland	SAV	Oyster	Tidal	Tidal	Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	
Project ID	Status	Rest	Rest	Rest	Enh	Pres					
AO-1	C	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	
AO-2	C	0.00	0.00	3.01	0.00	0.00	3.01	0.00	0.60	0.60	
AO-3	C	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	
AO-8	P	4.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.10	5.28	0.00	0.00	
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>4.48</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23.01</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>4.60</b>	
<b>Total Acres of Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>1.95</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>1.71</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>5.28</b>						
<b>*Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>308.77</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>4.60</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
*It should be noted that the restoration in this basin is "out of kind" and is credited at a 5:1 ratio											

### AO-1 Virginia Coast Reserve (SAV Beds)

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2007 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**AO-2 Virginia Coast Reserve (Oyster Beds)**

The project was officially closed in 2011. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

**AO-3 Virginia Coast Reserve (SAV Beds II)**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2008 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**AO-4 Oyster (Cubberly)**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide wetland, stream, and upland buffer preservation on approximately 53 acres of private land placed under deed restriction by the Conservancy. The site is located along Cobb Mill Creek near Oyster Harbor in Northampton County, Virginia. The mitigation site includes 19.5 acres of forested wetlands along Cobb Mill Creek, 32.4 acres of upland buffer, and 4,966 linear feet of frontage along Cobb Mill Creek and an unnamed tributary to Cobb Mill Creek near Oyster Slip within the barrier island lagoon system. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the Initial Evaluation Letter (IEL) provided by the Corps on August 8, 2012. A wetland delineation of the site was confirmed in 2016. The Conservancy submitted the SDP on July 02, 2019, and submitted revisions to a few of the documents comprising the SDP on July 23, 2020 and May 31, 2022. The SDP is pending IRT approval, with signature expected early in 2023. The final funding plan for the site was approved in 2022. The IRT directed the Conservancy to proceed with monitoring while the SDP was under review. Year 3 monitoring of the project occurred in 2022. The project is expected to generate 3.57 non-tidal wetland credits. No credits have been released to date. No stream credits are proposed at this site. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**AO-6 Phillips Creek**

This project did not move forward and was officially closed in 2019.

**AO-7 Willis Wharf (Custis)**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide 18.85 non-tidal wetland credits generated on 26 acres in Northampton County, VA. The site drains to Machipongo Creek which discharges to the Atlantic Ocean. The project proposes 17.18 acres of non-tidal wetland restoration, 0.36 acres of wetland enhancement, 7.52 acres of upland buffer restoration, and 1.51 acres of upland buffer preservation. The property is situated on a mineral soil flat that has been actively drained for decades. It was in agricultural production, with limited productivity. Proposed activities include ditch plugging, minor grading, berm construction, and planting of native trees.

This project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract. An Initial Evaluation Letter was received on June 4, 2020, to proceed with design development. The SDP was approved on September 7, 2022, and construction began in October 2022. The final budget was approved on November 29, 2022. Construction completion is anticipated

in early 2023 with year 1 monitoring beginning in spring 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**AO-8 Machipongo River (RES aka Willowdale)**

This 8.1-acre mitigation site is located in Accomack County and is situated on a tributary of the Machipongo River which drains to the Atlantic Ocean. The purpose of this project is to provide 4.48 acres of restored tidal wetland and 3.35 acres of restored upland buffer and is expected to produce a total of 5.28 tidal wetland credits. The site is situated along the edge of a large mineral soil flat and consists of two actively farmed agricultural fields that are bisected by an existing unnamed tidal creek and its associated marshes. This project aims to excavate the fields down to tidal wetland elevations and planting them with native tidal vegetation.

This mitigation project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract. The project was proposed on August 24, 2022, with an Initial Evaluation Letter issued on November 4, 2022. An initial budget was submitted on September 27, 2022 and approved on December 20, 2022. Protection and development of the design plans will occur in 2023.

**Big Sandy River Basin**

The Big Sandy River Basin is comprised of two HUCs (0507202 and 0507201) that flow northwest out of the Appalachian Mountains of Southwestern Virginia into Kentucky and West Virginia. This basin is within the Conservancy’s Cumberland and Southern Ridge and Valley and Central Appalachian Ecoregions.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Big Sandy River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for all approved projects may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. There is no new activity within this basin.

**Table 3: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Big Sandy River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)	
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres						
BS-2	C	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.00	
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>							<b>0.11</b>					
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>							<b>0.15</b>					
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>							<b>0.00</b>					
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>							<b>141.67</b>					
<b>Total Released Credits</b>							<b>0.15</b>					
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress								
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed								
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure								
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).												

**Table 4: USM Stream Summary for the Big Sandy River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Activity (lf)			Upland Buffer (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock	Rest	Pres					
BS-2	C	1,293	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,293	1,293
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,293</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,293</b>
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>				<b>1,293</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>0</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>1,293</b>							
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**BS-2 Big Sandy Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

The project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

**Chesapeake Bay Basin**

The Chesapeake Bay Basin is comprised of five HUCs (02080101, 02080102, 02080108, 02080110, and 02080111) that surround one of the largest and most productive bay ecosystems on the east coast of the United States. The basin is located within the Conservancy’s Chesapeake Bay Lowlands Ecoregion, and is the focal area of several conservation groups, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, as well as efforts of federal, state, and local governments. Conservation targets include migratory waterfowl, high-energy beaches, and bayside estuarine systems.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Chesapeake Bay Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete descriptions of projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. No new projects were proposed in 2022. Two projects in this basin were monitored in 2022, three credit requests were submitted and approved, one budget request was approved, one closure request was approved, one SDP was approved, and another SDP is pending approval. In addition, three GSA revision requests were approved.



**Table 7: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Chesapeake Bay Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
CB-3*	C	24.24	6,613	Riparian buffer preservation of 6,613 lf along the right bank of Dragon Run with an existing mature wooded buffer extending 100 to 225 feet from the edge of the protected stream and wetland complex.	Reported under the wetlands summary
CB-4*	C	5.55	2,205	Riparian buffer preservation of 2,205 lf along the right bank of Timber Branch Swamp with an existing mature wooded buffer extending 100 feet from the edge of the protected stream and wetland complex.	Reported under the wetlands summary
CB-6*	C	7.12	1,550	Riparian buffer preservation of 1,550 lf along the right bank of Dragon Run with an existing mature wooded buffer extending 200 feet from the edge of the protected stream and wetland complex.	0.00
CB-8/YK-4*	CR	0.00	13,975	Riparian buffer preservation along un-named tributaries.	Reported under the wetlands summary
CB-11*	C	1.4	1,889	Riparian buffer preservation of 1,889 lf along the right bank of Dragon Run with an existing mature wooded buffer extending 200 feet from the edge of the protected stream and wetland complex.	0.00
CB-19*	M	0	333	Riparian buffer preservation along un-named tributary existing as wetlands.	Reported under the wetlands summary
CB-21*	M	0.00	1,322	Riparian buffer preservation along un-named tributary existing as wetlands.	Reported under the wetlands summary
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>38.31</b>	<b>27,887</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>1,399</b>	*Project includes wetland mitigation		
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					

**CB-1 Dameron Marsh (Smith 1)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland establishment, non-tidal and tidal wetland preservation, and upland buffer restoration and preservation at the Dameron Marsh property in Northumberland County. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on October 9, 1997. The site was purchased by the Conservancy on December 10, 1997. The site is now managed as a State Natural Area Preserve (NAP) by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Natural Heritage Program. Long-term protection is achieved through the dedication and maintenance of the site as a NAP.

Mitigation monitoring of the site was conducted from 2002 to 2011. 2011 was the tenth year of monitoring. In coordination with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, control of the invasive species *Phragmites australis* (common reed) has been completed within portions of the property since 2001. In 2010, a modified invasive species management plan was adopted to incorporate three more consecutive years of control

efforts. Multiple treatments have occurred every year from 2012 to 2016, thereby greatly reducing the monocultures of common reed on the site. The Conservancy submitted a final credit release request and credit schedule in 2016, followed by an IRT site visit in December 2016. The release and schedule were approved in 2017. The project generated 40.54 non-tidal wetland and 1.86 tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. The Conservancy submitted a request in April 2020 to close the project; the request was approved on December 21, 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**CB-2 New Point Comfort (Trimmer)**

The project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-3 Dragon Run (Calhoun 1; Piedmont Farms)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-4 Dragon Run (Byrd)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-5/CH-12 Eastern Virginia Phragmites Control**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-6 Dragon Run (Calhoun 2; Piedmont Farms)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-7 Dragon Run (Calhoun 3; Piedmont Farms)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-8/YK-4 Upper Crab Neck (BP America)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at the Upper Crab Neck (BP America) site in York County. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on April 21, 2005, and on February 22, 2007. The property was donated to the Conservancy by BP America on May 11, 2006. The Conservancy plans to transfer this site to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) subject to Corps approval of the deed restriction. No additional monitoring is required for this project.

A delineation of surface waters and wetlands was confirmed by the Corps in April 2002

and the mapping from this delineation was used to estimate wetland and upland acres in Chesapeake Bay Basin and York River Basin using GIS. An updated delineation was confirmed by the Corps in 2016. The project is expected to generate 56.05 non-tidal wetland and 0.10 tidal wetland credits. No credits have been released from the project to date. A credit release request was submitted on September 22, 2021, and is pending IRT approval which is contingent on the finalization of land protection. Also submitted with the credit request was a credit schedule and a geographic service area request, both of which were approved on November 9, 2022. The Conservancy is negotiating a transfer of the property and will request official closure of the project once the transfer is completed, and credits are released.

**CB-9 Guinea Neck Site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-10 East River (Brooks/Ober)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-11 Dragon Run (Friends of Dragon Run)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-12 Guilford Shores Site**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-13 Dameron Marsh/Hughlett Point/Fleet Bay (Thompson et al.)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-14 York Complex (Harris Creek Site)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-15 Dragon Run Site**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CB-16 Jacobus Creek (Hampton)**

The purpose of this project is to perform wetland and upland buffer preservation on the



bayside of Northampton County, Virginia. On September 24, 2008, the Corps approved this project. The long-term protection of the site was accomplished through the recording of a donated conservation easement to the Conservancy on December 8, 2008. Monitoring and enforcement of the easement will provide the long-term protection. No additional monitoring will be required for this project.

A surface water delineation of the site was conducted in 2013 and 2014 to determine mitigation crediting. This delineation found 0.59 acres of non-tidal forested wetlands and 3.52 acres of tidal emergent wetlands and was confirmed by the Corps in March 2016. The project generated 0.12 non-tidal wetland and 0.37 tidal wetland credits, all of which were released in 2018. The Conservancy will request closure of this project in 2023.

#### **CB-17 Dameron Marsh/Hughlett Point/Fleet Bay (William Thompson)**

The purpose of this project is to provide non-tidal and tidal wetland restoration, tidal and non-tidal preservation, and upland buffer preservation of this 223-acre site in Northumberland County, Virginia. On November 2, 2008, the Corps approved funding for the restoration and preservation of the site. The long-term protection of the site was accomplished through the recordation of a conservation easement held by the Conservancy on December 23, 2008. Long-term protection will be achieved through the monitoring and enforcement of the easement by the Conservancy. Through partnership with the Conservancy, the property was purchased by the Northern Neck Land Conservancy in 2020.

The Conservancy has been working with a design consultant since 2012 on this project. A site development plan was submitted to the IRT for review and approval in 2015. Due to the increased need for tidal credits within this basin, the wetland mitigation plan was redesigned in 2016 to include a larger tidal wetland component. After several iterations of the draft SDP, the Conservancy submitted a revised SDP in August 2020; comments from the IRT were received and additional design changes occurred to the plan set. The SDP is pending approval. Implementation of the design is expected to occur in 2023 once the SDP is signed. The project is expected to generate 16.07 non-tidal wetland and 9.58 tidal wetland credits. No credits have been released to date. Invasive species management is ongoing and will continue to ensure site success. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CB-18 Dragon Run Site #2**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **CB-19 Dragon Run (Carlson)**

This 176.5-acre property is located along Dragon Run in Gloucester County and King and Queen County, Virginia. The purpose of this project is to provide 2.18 acres of non-tidal wetland restoration and enhancement, 110.4 acres of non-tidal wetland restoration, 7 acres of upland restoration, 40 acres of buffer preservation, and stream preservation. On May 18, 2009, the Corps approved funding for the restoration and preservation of the site. The Conservancy purchased the property in July 2009.

Construction occurred in fall 2014 and planting in winter 2015. Invasive species management is ongoing and will continue to ensure site success. Monitoring and reporting occurred in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019 and in 2021. The Year 7 (2021) monitoring report was submitted in March 2022. The project is expected to generate 15.14 non-tidal wetland credits. A credit request, an INU management plan, and a Geographic Service Area request were all approved on May 26, 2022. A total of 14.79 credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **CB-20 Dragon Run Site #3**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

### **CB-21 Deep Creek (Level Ponds)**

The purpose of this project is to provide 17.9 acres of non-tidal wetland restoration, 2.44 acres of non-tidal wetland preservation, and 28.75 acres of upland buffer preservation on a 49-acre property in Accomack County, Virginia. On April 19, 2011, the Corps approved funding for the restoration and preservation of the site.

Construction was completed in 2012, and planting of the site was completed in May 2013. Supplemental plantings were completed in spring 2014, spring 2016, and in the winter of 2020/21. Invasive species management is ongoing and will continue to ensure site success. A Year 9 supplemental report was submitted in March 2022 and the final year of monitoring occurred in summer 2022. A credit request and the INU management plan were approved on May 26, 2022. A Geographic Service Area request was approved November 29, 2022. The project is expected to generate 18.52 non-tidal wetland credits of which 11.5 credits have been released to date. The Year 10 final monitoring report and credit request will be submitted in early 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **CB-22 Church Neck (Oliver)**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide non-tidal and tidal wetland, stream and riparian area preservation on approximately 197 acres of private land which has been placed under easement with the Conservancy. The mitigation site includes 5,764 linear feet of tidal creeks adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay and nearly 8 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and 15 acres of upland buffer along Westerhouse Creek, which is part of the Chesapeake Bay Drainage. A project approval letter and initial budget approval letter were provided by the Corps on December 10, 2012. The final budget was approved on December 20, 2022. A wetland delineation was confirmed by the Corps in July 2016. Revisions to the site development plan were submitted in June 2022 and the SDP was signed on December 2, 2022. The IRT directed the Conservancy to proceed with monitoring while the SDP was under review. Therefore, the Year 3 monitoring of the project occurred in 2022. A credit request for the project was approved on December 13, 2022, for a release of 1.31 non-tidal wetland credits and 0.33 tidal wetland credits, which is the entirety of the project's credits. Additional information regarding this mitigation site

may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## Chowan River Basin

The Chowan River Basin is comprised of five HUCs (03010201, 03010202, 03010203, 03010204, and 03010205) located in southeastern Virginia extending into northeastern North Carolina. It encompasses the northernmost portion of the Albemarle-Pamlico drainage and is among the best developed embayed wetland environments of the outer Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain Ecoregion estuary and includes much of the original extent of the Great Dismal Swamp. Conservation targets include blackwater swamp aquatic system, riverine and basin swamp forest, brownwater tributaries and rivers, Atlantic white cedar swamp, bottomland hardwood forest, Roanoke logperch, Atlantic pigtoe, red-cockaded woodpecker, and seepage wetlands.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Chowan River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. No new projects were proposed in 2022. One credit request was submitted and three were approved in 2022. In addition, seven GSA revision requests were approved. Two sites within this basin were closed in 2022.

**Table 8: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Chowan River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
CH-1	PC	0.00	92.87	0.00	0.00	21.24	114.11	0.00	8.80	8.80	0.00
CH-2	C	0.00	51.80	0.00	0.00	2.40	54.20	0.00	5.30	5.30	0.00
CH-3	C	2.66	0.00	0.00	7.60	0.00	10.26	0.00	3.17	3.17	0.00
CH-4	C	0.00	9.45	0.00	0.00	3.75	13.20	0.00	1.13	1.13	0.00
CH-5	C	12.00	706.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	724.00	0.00	82.75	82.75	11.00
CH-6	C	19.44	7.52	0.00	1.39	2.62	30.97	0.00	20.42	20.42	0.00
CH-7	CR	16.51	0.00	0.00	2.54	0.00	19.05	16.68	16.68	5.94	0.00
CH-8	CR	50.40	79.70	0.00	2.00	0.70	132.80	58.54	58.54	0.00	0.00
CH-9/ LJ-4	CR	70.70	114.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.60	0.00	82.19	82.19	0.00
CH-10	CR	27.50	129.71	0.00	0.00	15.13	172.34	0.00	40.68	40.68	0.00
CH-11	CR	21.70	0.00	0.00	1.85	0.00	23.55	21.82	21.82	8.36	0.00
CH-13	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
CH-15	CR	0.00	31.58	0.00	0.00	0.56	32.14	0.00	3.35	3.35	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>220.91</b>	<b>1223.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15.38</b>	<b>52.40</b>	<b>1512.22</b>	<b>97.04</b>	<b>344.83</b>	<b>262.09</b>	<b>161.00</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>54.04</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>96.03</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>82.74</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>408.8</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>262.09</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 9: Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Chowan River Basin**

Project Information		Tidal Wetland	Tidal	Tidal	Upland Buffer	Mitigation	Proposed	Completed	Released
Project ID	Status	Rest	Enh	Pres	Pres	Acres	Credits	Credits	Credits
CH-1	PC	0.00	0.00	4.64	0.00	4.64	0.00	0.39	0.39
CB-5/CH-12	C	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	1.40	1.40
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>4.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>74.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.79</b>
<b>Total Acres of Tidal Impacts</b>			<b>0.08</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>			<b>0.08</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>			<b>0</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>			<b>0</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>			<b>1.79</b>						
P - Planning / site development review					I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress				
M - Mitigation monitoring					C - Closed				
CR - Pending credit release					PC - Pending project closure				

**Table 10: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Chowan River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
CH-15*	PC	0.00	4,932	Riparian buffer preservation along 4,932 lf of the Blackwater River and tributaries, preserved as existing wetlands	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,932</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>911</b>		*Project includes wetland mitigation	
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					

**Table 11: USM Stream Project Summary for the Chowan River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Length (lf)	Stream Activity (lf)		Buffer Activity (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status		Rest/Enh	Livestock Exclusion	Rest	Pres					
CH-1	PC	6119	0	0	0.00	32.20	32.20	0.00	0	673	673
CH-17*	C	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
CH-19	C	1335	1335	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1335	1335
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		<b>7454</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>32.20</b>	<b>32.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>			<b>4329</b>								
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>			<b>3,214</b>								
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>			<b>0</b>								
<b>Total Released Credits</b>			<b>2,008</b>								
P - Planning / site development review					I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress						
M - Mitigation monitoring					C - Closed						
CR - Pending credit release					PC - Pending project closure						
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											
*Project includes wetland mitigation											

**CH-1 Northwest River (Kellam Riganto)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at the Northwest River (Kellam Riganto) property in the City of Chesapeake. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on December 20, 1995. Subsequent funding was approved on August 28, 2008.

The site was purchased by the Conservancy on December 22, 1995. Long-term protection is achieved through Conservancy ownership. No additional monitoring is required for this project. An assessment-level wetland delineation of the site was submitted to the Corps

and all credits were released in 2013. The project generated 11.48 non-tidal wetland and 0.39 tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. The Conservancy submitted a request to close the project in January 2019 which is pending approval from the IRT. On June 28, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area to comply with changes to Virginia Code. A credit request was approved on December 19, 2022, which converted non-tidal wetland credits to USM credits, and thereby released 673 USM credits and debited 2.68 non-tidal wetland credits. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CH-2 North Landing River (Onesimus Ministries)**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **CH-3 Dismal Swamp (Bruff)**

The project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **CH-4 North Landing River (Mayo)**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **CH-5 Northwest River (Benefits)**

The project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **CH-6 Northwest River (Hall)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer restoration and upland buffer preservation at the Northwest River (Hall) property in southern Chesapeake. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on May 26, 1999. Additional background information is available in the 2008 Annual Report.

Due to the overall success of the site in meeting wetland criteria in most years, the Conservancy conducted a comprehensive wetland delineation of the site to determine mitigation credits in early 2012. The delineation was confirmed by the Corps in the summer of 2012 and all credits were released in 2013. The project generated 20.42 non-tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. On June 28, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area to comply with changes to Virginia Code. The Conservancy submitted a request to close the project in 2019 which was approved on December 21, 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CH-7 Nawney Creek (Knight)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer restoration

at the Nawney Creek (Knight) property in Virginia Beach. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on May 23, 2000. The site was purchased by the Conservancy on September 27, 2000, and long-term protection is achieved through this ownership.

Monitoring was completed in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2013. Additional supplemental hydrology monitoring was conducted from 2014 to 2019. A final delineation was confirmed by the Corps in June 2016. The project is expected to generate 16.68 non-tidal wetland credits, and 5.94 credits have been released to date. On June 28, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area for this project to comply with changes to Virginia Code. The Conservancy plans to submit a final credit release request in 2023 and will be requesting closure of the project pending release of credits. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CH-8 Northwest River (Su)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration and upland buffer restoration and non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at the Northwest River (Su) property in southern Chesapeake. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on March 16, 2001. Additional funding for this project was approved on February 8, 2008. The site was purchased by the Conservancy on April 28, 2000, and long-term protection is achieved through this ownership. Two adjacent properties (projects CH-5 and CH-6) were acquired in earlier purchases, together representing significant wetland restoration and preservation acres.

Mitigation monitoring was conducted from 2002 to 2011. 2011 represented the tenth year of mitigation monitoring for this project. The Conservancy conducted a comprehensive wetland delineation of the site to determine mitigation credits; this was confirmed by the Corps in June 2012. The Conservancy conducted additional hydrology monitoring in 2012 through 2016 to gather additional data to support credit release. The project is expected to generate 58.54 non-tidal wetland credits. No credits have been released to date; however, the Conservancy submitted a request for credit release in 2017 and the request is pending IRT approval. On June 28, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area to comply with changes to Virginia Code. Upon implementation of protection and credit release, the Conservancy anticipates closing this project in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CH-9/LJ-4 Northwest River (Stephens)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration and upland buffer restoration and non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at the Northwest River (Stephens) property in Chesapeake. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on July 17, 2002. The Conservancy proposed to restore wetlands and uplands through site modifications and to preserve wetlands and uplands. The site was purchased by the Conservancy on November 15, 2002, and long-term protection is achieved through this ownership.

Mitigation monitoring of the site has been conducted since 2004. The tenth and final year

of monitoring was conducted in 2013. The final delineation was confirmed in December 2013. The project initially had generated 82.49 non-tidal wetland credits per basin, all of which have been released to date. The Conservancy submitted a request for an adjustment of credits due to the existence of a utility right-of-way; this request was approved on August 24, 2022 and debited the project 0.3 non-tidal wetland credits from each basin. The Conservancy anticipates closing this project in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CH-10 Northwest River (Powers)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration and non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at the Northwest River (Powers) property in Chesapeake. The initial funding for this project was approved by the Corps on March 7, 2003. The Conservancy requested additional funding for acquisition and restoration, which was authorized by the Corps on October 27, 2004. The site was purchased by the Conservancy on January 31, 2001, and the site has been designated as a Natural Area Preserve under the management of Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

Construction occurred in late 2004, followed by planting in spring 2005. Mitigation monitoring and reporting of the site has been conducted since 2005, with the tenth year of monitoring occurring in 2014. Corrective action for invasive species occurred in 2015 to meet success standards. The Conservancy conducted a final delineation of the site to determine mitigation credits in 2015 and this delineation was confirmed by the Corps in August 2016. The project generated 40.68 non-tidal wetland credits, with the final credit release being approved by the IRT in 2021. On June 28, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area to comply with changes to Virginia Code. The Conservancy anticipates closing this project in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **CH-11 Nawney Creek (Fentress)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer restoration at the Nawney Creek (Fentress) property in Virginia Beach. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on December 19, 2003. The site was purchased by the Conservancy on December 13, 2003, and long-term protection is achieved through this ownership.

The tenth and final year of monitoring was conducted in 2013. A final delineation was conducted in the summer of 2015 and confirmed by the Corps in June 2016. The project is expected to generate 21.82 non-tidal wetland credits of which 8.36 credits have been released to date. On June 28, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area to comply with changes to Virginia Code. The Conservancy plans to submit a final credit release request in 2023 and will be requesting closure of the project pending release of credits. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**CB-5/CH-12 Eastern Virginia Phragmites Control**

A summary of the project details is included under the Chesapeake Bay Basin.

**CH-13 Northwest River (SP Forests LLC)**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CH-14 Raccoon Creek Pinelands Site**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CH-15 Blackwater River (Owen)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream, wetland, and riparian buffer preservation along the Blackwater River in Surry County, Virginia. On September 28, 2009, the Corps approved funding for the costs associated with conducting a stream and wetland delineation along with acquisition of a conservation easement. The overall site is 58 acres, comprised of approximately 32 acres of wetlands, 4,932 linear feet of streams, and 23 acres of upland buffer that will be preserved in perpetuity, protected from all development, timber harvesting and other land disturbing activities. These areas will be preserved to protect the water quality of the nearby aquatic systems. The long-term protection of the site was accomplished through the recordation of a conservation easement, which was granted to the Conservancy on November 20, 2009.

The Conservancy submitted the final surface water delineation in 2016 and this was confirmed by the Corps in August 2016. The project generated 3.35 non-tidal wetland credits. The Conservancy submitted a credit release request in 2017, and a revised request in April 2021 and January 2022. This credit request was approved on November 8, 2022, along with an approval for the geographic service area revision request to comply with changes to Virginia Code. The Conservancy anticipates requesting closure of this project in 2023.

**CH-16 Nottoway River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CH-17 Piney Grove Preserve**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2012 and 2017 Annual Reports for details on this project.

**CH-18 Nottoway River site**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide wetland creation, upland buffer restoration, and upland buffer preservation on the 40-acre. This project is not moving forward due to landowner constraints.



### **CH-19 Cheroenhaka Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

The Conservancy released a request for proposals (RFP) in November 2018 for a stream mitigation project or stream credit purchase in the Chowan River Basin. After thoughtful consideration of proposals, the Conservancy, with the IRT support, submitted a request in March 2019 for approval to purchase stream credits from the Cheroenhaka Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank located in Southampton County. The bank submitted a competitive proposal for credit purchase that would enable the Trust Fund to offset most of the existing liabilities in a relatively short amount of time. The bank site also aligns with the VARTF Compensation Planning Framework priority areas. The purchase was approved by the Corps on June 13, 2019. The purchase of 1,335 USM credits was completed on August 28, 2019, following IRT approval of the bank's credit release. The Conservancy requested closure of this project in November 2020, which was approved on December 21, 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **Lower James River Basin**

The Lower James River Basin is comprised of two HUCs (02080206 and 02080208) encompassing the portion of the James River from Richmond east to Norfolk. This basin is located within both the Conservancy's Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain and the Chesapeake Bay Lowlands Ecoregions and is the focal area of several conservation groups, including the James River Association and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, as well as efforts of federal, state and local governments. Conservation targets include tidal freshwater and brackish marshes, Chesapeake Bay lowlands estuarine and stream systems, waterfowl and colonial nesting waterbirds, blue crabs, and spawning habitat for striped bass, shad, herring, and yellow perch.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Lower James River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. No new projects were proposed in 2022. One project was monitored, one project had a GSA revision request approved, 1 delineation was confirmed, and two credit requests were approved in 2022.

Due to historical hydrology modifications, one of the non-tidal projects (CH-9/LJ-4) mitigates for impacts within both the Lower James River Basin and the Chowan River Basin. The total funds authorized by the Corps and crediting value for this project have been appropriately divided between the two basins.

**Table 12: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Lower James River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)	
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres						
LJ-1	C	32.44	214.72	0.00	10.21	3.86	261.23	0.00	54.78	54.78	0.00	
LJ-4/CH-9	CR	70.70	114.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.60	0.00	82.19	82.19	0.00	
LJ-6	C	0.00	64.70	0.00	0.00	29.60	94.30	0.00	7.95	7.95	0.00	
LJ-7	P	12.19	76.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.79	19.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	
LJ-8	C	0.00	368.61	0.00	0.00	47.30	415.91	0.00	33.09	33.09	516.45	
LJ-10	M	11.63	20.88	0.00	0.00	89.49	122.00	19.10	19.10	6.56	37.42	
LJ-11	PC	0.00	104.21	0.00	0.00	79.11	183.32	0.00	14.81	14.81	74.51	
LJ-12	PC	0.00	14.99	0.00	0.00	70.20	85.19	0.00	5.01	5.01	29.42	
LJ-13	C	0.00	5.34	0.00	0.00	0.71	6.05	0.00	0.60	0.60	0.00	
LJ-14	M	0.00	1.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.14	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	
LJ-15	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>126.96</b>	<b>986.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.21</b>	<b>320.27</b>	<b>1443.53</b>	<b>39.06</b>	<b>217.64</b>	<b>204.99</b>	<b>657.80</b>	
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>98.45</b>							
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>183.18</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>32.50</b>							
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>129.0</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>204.99</b>							
P - Planning / site development review		I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress										
M - Mitigation monitoring		C - Closed										
CR - Pending credit release		PC - Pending project closure										
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).												

**Table 13: Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Lower James River Basin**

Project Information		Tidal Wetland	SAV	Oyster	Tidal	Tidal	Mitigation	Proposed	Completed	Released		
Project ID	Status	Rest	Rest	Rest	Enh	Pres	Acres	Credits	Credits	Credits		
LJ-3	C	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.07	0.07		
LJ-8	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.94	11.94	0.00	1.00	1.00		
LJ-10	M	40.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.51	43.79	42.66	42.66	11.09		
LJ-15	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>40.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15.45</b>	<b>56.07</b>	<b>42.66</b>	<b>43.73</b>	<b>12.16</b>		
<b>Total Acres of Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>2.52</b>							
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>2.20</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>31.57</b>							
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>1,598.41</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>12.16</b>							
P - Planning / site development review		I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress										
M - Mitigation monitoring		C - Closed										
CR - Pending credit release		PC - Pending project closure										

**Table 14: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Lower James River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
LJ-2	C	0.04	104	Stabilized a headcut with a series of step pools serving as grade control within an unnamed tributary to Upham Brook. Stream banks were shaped along 104 lf of channel to provide additional floodplain area.	0.00
LJ-10*	M	37.42	7,699	Removal of a dam on Lake Charles fed by several tributary streams, primarily Kimages Creek. Restoration will be accomplished through the removal of a portion of the existing dam where it intersects the preexisting stream channel and the planting of the wetlands created by this dam breach.	Reported under non-tidal wetland summary
LJ-11*	PC	0.00	6,054	Stream preservation along 6,054 lf of the Chickahominy River unnamed tributaries. Riparian buffer preservation along both banks of the river and streams. Buffer on the Chickahominy exists as wetlands for 300'. Buffer on the tributaries is 200' wide, and portions exist as wetlands.	Reported under non-tidal wetland summary
LJ-12*	PC	0.00	12,429	Two hundred foot buffers will be preserved on both wetland and stream systems along the James River, two unnamed tributaries that flow directly into the James River, and 15 acres of PFO wetlands.	Reported under non-tidal wetland summary
LJ-13*	C	0.00	1,010	Stream preservation along 232 lf of the James River and 778 lf of Harris Creek. Preservation of riparian buffer on the north bank of the James River and both banks of Harris Creek (portions exist as wetlands).	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>37.46</b>	<b>27,296</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>			<b>22,361</b>	*Project includes wetland mitigation	
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					

**Table 15: USM Stream Project Summary for the Lower James River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Length (lf)	Stream Activity (lf)		Buffer Activity (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status		Rest/Enh	Livestock Exclusion	Rest	Pres					
LJ-11*	M	745	454	0	0.21	6.12	6.50	Reported under the wetlands summary	647	647	599
LJ-14*	M	1844	0	0	6.20	0.00	7.64	2.65	459	459	0
LJ-15*	C	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
LJ-16	CR	9605	9605	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	9605	9605
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12194</b>	<b>10059</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.41</b>	<b>6.12</b>	<b>14.14</b>	<b>2.65</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>10711</b>	<b>10204</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>			<b>10,728</b>								
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>			<b>14,439</b>		+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>			<b>507</b>								
<b>Total Released Credits</b>			<b>10,204</b>		*Project includes wetland mitigation						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**LJ-1 Chickahominy River (Walters)**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2007 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**LJ-2 Chickahominy River (Cheswick Park)**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**LJ-3 VMRC Oyster Reef**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**CH-9/LJ-4 Northwest River (Stephens)**

The Stephens property (detailed under the Chowan River Basin) is also included as part of Lower James River Basin due to the split drainage.

**LJ-5 Isle of Wight Site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**LJ-6 Chickahominy River (Rogers-Chenault)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**LJ-7 Great Dismal Swamp Northwest Section (Jacobson et al.)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration and enhancement, upland buffer restoration, and non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at this 84-acre property in Chesapeake. The property contains approximately 54 acres of cropland, 22 acres of forested wetlands and several acres of drained forested wetland and upland forest. In the past a ditch system was installed on this site to lower the ground water table to make farming more successful. This project was approved in 2006 by the Corps and the property was purchased by the Conservancy in 2007.

A shallow groundwater table study was conducted at the site during the 2007 growing season. A preliminary design was completed in 2009 and was presented to the City for review. This site has been low priority due to existing basin impacts and no actions have been completed to develop the mitigation activities. However, renewed efforts for mitigation design and development began in 2020. A site assessment and feasibility report were produced in 2020. Hydrology wells were installed in late winter 2021 and have been collecting groundwater data. An IRT site visit occurred in May 2021 with verbal support to move forward with plans. A wetland delineation was confirmed by the Corps on October 14, 2022. A request for proposals was posted on December 20, 2022, with plans to move forward with consultant selection and design development in 2023. The Conservancy anticipates submitting an SDP in late 2023.

**LJ-8 Lower Chickahominy River (Church Point Farm, LLC)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2007 and 2009 Annual

Reports for details on this project.

**LJ-9 James River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2010. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**LJ-10 James River (VCU)**

Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to provide restoration of the natural stream channel and wetland habitats resulting from the removal of the dam at the mouth of Kimages Creek on the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Rice Center property. The property is located along the James River in Charles City County.

Restoration of the site was initiated in late 2010 and consisted of the removal of approximately 180 linear feet of the existing dam where it intersects the pre-existing stream channel of Kimages Creek. The project also includes re-establishment of native wetland plant communities in the former impounded areas. Planting was completed in April/May 2014. Several corrective actions, including prescribed burns, cutting, and herbicide application were undertaken in 2013 through 2020. Invasive species management will continue as needed to ensure site success. Management of beaver populations started at the site in 2018 and has continued through 2022. Supplemental planting to ensure success occurred in 2014 and 2015. Mitigation monitoring of the wetlands began in 2014, with the final monitoring (year 10) occurring in 2023. The final stream monitoring event will also be conducted in 2023. The project is expected to generate 19.1 non-tidal and 42.66 tidal wetland credits of which 6.56 non-tidal and 11.09 tidal wetland credits have been released to date. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it does not generate USM credit. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**LJ-11 Chickahominy River (Wilson)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct a non-tidal wetland, stream preservation, and stream restoration project along the Chickahominy River and tributaries in Henrico and New Kent Counties. The project provides approximately 189 acres of preservation, and includes 104 acres of non-tidal wetland preservation, 85 acres of upland buffer preservation and 6,245 linear feet of stream preservation. Approximately 75 acres will be counted as additional protected acreage. The site is located downstream of LJ-1 and upstream of LJ-6.

Initial funding for preservation activities was approved by the Corps on August 28, 2008. Additional funding was approved in August 2010. The Conservancy completed acquisition of a conservation easement on the property in 2015. A credit release request for the wetland preservation component of this project (Phase I), totaling 14.81 credits, was submitted in 2016 and approved in 2017. All wetland credits have been released from this project. This portion of the project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it does not generate USM credit.

The Conservancy submitted a proposal in 2013 to add stream restoration activities (Phase II), including dam removal and restoration of 454 linear feet of stream and 0.21 acres of riparian buffer. The Phase II portion of the project is proceeding under the guidance of the site development plan signed in March 2015. Stream restoration construction was completed in early 2017. Minor stream and buffer maintenance activities were completed in December 2019. Year 7 monitoring of the stream restoration will be completed in 2023. The project is expected to generate 647 USM credits. The release of 80 USM credits based on Year 5 monitoring was approved October 14, 2022. A total of 599 USM credits have been released to date. On October 14, 2022, the IRT approved the revisions to the geographic service area to comply with changes to Virginia Code. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **LJ-12 James River (Blair's Wharf)**

Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct a stream, wetland and riparian buffer preservation project at Blair's Wharf on the James River, in Prince George County, Virginia. The 124.14-acre property includes 15 acres of wetland preservation and 73 acres of upland buffer preservation. It also provides protection of 3,031 linear feet frontage along the James River, and 9,398 linear feet along unnamed tributaries that flow directly into the James River. This property is near the Trust Fund projects LJ-10 and LJ-13, Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, and several Virginia Outdoors Foundation easements and other state and federal land holdings.

The property has been transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A comprehensive wetland and stream delineation was completed on the property in 2015 and confirmed by the Corps in August 2016. Demolition of a house on the property was completed in 2017. A credit release request was submitted and approved by the IRT in 2021. All credits have been released from the project, totaling 5.01 non-tidal wetland credits. A GSA revision request was submitted and approved by the IRT in 2021 following changes to Virginia Code. The Conservancy anticipates requesting project closure in 2023.

### **LJ-13 James River (VCU – Harris)**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2010 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

### **LJ-14 Lower Chickahominy (Fowlkes)**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide wetland and stream preservation and buffer enhancement on approximately 10 acres of land purchased by the Conservancy. The site is located within the boundary of the 5,200-acre Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area managed by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) in Charles City County, Virginia. A surface water delineation for the site was confirmed in December 2013. The mitigation site includes 0.12 acres of non-tidal emergent wetlands and 1.02 acres of non-tidal forested wetlands and 1,844 linear feet of unnamed tributaries to Morris Creek near the mouth of the Chickahominy River which drains to the James River.

The project is proceeding under the guidance of the SDP submitted in August 2016 and signed in December 2019. The project is expected to generate 0.11 non-tidal wetland and 459 USM credits. Buffer enhancement through invasive species removal began in 2020. Year 3 monitoring was completed in 2022. No credits have been released to date. The Conservancy anticipates transfer of the property to DWR and subsequent submittal of a credit release request in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **LJ-15 Chippokes Creek site**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2013 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

#### **LJ-16 Lower James Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

This project involves the purchase of stream credits from the Lower James Stream Mitigation Bank, located in Surry County. The purchase was approved by the Corps on November 1, 2018. The purchase of 9,605 USM credits will be completed in phases, following IRT approval of the bank's credit releases. All credits have been purchased, and the Conservancy will request to close this project in 2023.

### **Middle James River Basin**

The Middle James River Basin is comprised of four HUCs (02080203, 02080204, 02080205 and 02080207) encompassing the portion of the James River from the Blue Ridge Parkway east to Richmond. This basin is located within the Conservancy's Piedmont Ecoregion. Conservation targets include small Piedmont streams and tributaries, James spiny mussel, isolated wetlands, and working and old growth forests.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Middle James River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. One project was monitored, and one credit release request, one closure request, and one budget were approved, one delineation was confirmed, one delineation was submitted and is pending confirmation, and one IEL was issued in 2022. No new projects were proposed in 2022, but the feasibility of expanding a project was explored.

**Table 16: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Middle James River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)	
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres						
*MJ-1	C	24.78	2.19	0.00	32.90	2.52	62.39	0.00	28.69	28.69	38.03	
*MJ-3	C	0.00	87.12	0.00	0.00	12.50	97.00	0.00	9.00	9.00	469.00	
*MJ-5-8, 10-11	M	9.13	8.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.13	0.00	10.44	10.44	0.00	
MJ-13	P	13.84	0.00	4.57	25.49	0.00	43.90	18.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>47.75</b>	<b>97.44</b>	<b>4.57</b>	<b>58.39</b>	<b>15.02</b>	<b>211.42</b>	<b>18.36</b>	<b>48.13</b>	<b>48.13</b>	<b>507.03</b>	
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>38.41</b>		*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation					
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>70.96</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>18.36</b>							
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>124.3</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>48.13</b>							
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress								
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed								
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure								
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).												

**Table 17: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Middle James River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)		
MJ-1*	C	53.58	10,778	Restoration and enhancement of 2,908 lf and preservation of 1,689 lf of unnamed tributaries to the North Fork of the Rivanna River. Riparian buffer planting and preservation 200' wide along tributaries. Riparian buffer planting and preservation (250 feet wide) along a total of 6,181 lf of the North Fork (right bank) and South Fork (left bank) of the Rivanna River.	Reported under the wetlands summary		
MJ-3*	C	434.00	36,907	Riparian buffer preservation of 8,280 lf on the right bank of the James River with buffer ranging from 100 to 300 feet. Stream system preservation of 12,200 lf of Deep Creek, with buffer 300 feet wide. Stream system preservation of 9,420 lf of headwater tributaries to the James River with buffer of 200 feet along each bank. Stream system preservation of 7,920 lf of a headwater tributary to the James River with an existing mature wooded buffer of 300 feet along each bank.	Reported under the wetlands summary		
MJ-4	C	20.00	5,280	Riparian buffer preservation on 1,009 lf of the left bank of the Moorman's River with mature wooded buffer width of 100 feet. Stream system preservation along both banks of 3,254 lf of Slate Branch and tributaries with an existing mature wooded buffer width of 100 feet. Riparian buffer preservation along 1,017 lf of the right bank of Slate Branch with an existing mature wooded buffer width of 100 feet.	59.00		
MJ-5-8, 10-11	M	32.37	11,269	Stream restoration along 7,372 lf of Meadow Creek and stream preservation along 3,897 lf of Meadow Creek and unnamed tributaries. Buffer restoration and enhancement of 9 acres and buffer preservation of 32 acres.	0.00		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>539.95</b>	<b>64,234</b>	*Project includes wetland mitigation			
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>32,679</b>					
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress			
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed			
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure			
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).							



**Table 18: USM Stream Project Summary for the Middle James River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Length (lf)	Stream Activity (lf)		Buffer Activity (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status		Rest/Enh	Livestock Exclusion	Rest	Pres					
MJ-12	C	516	516	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	516	516
<b>Totals</b>		<b>516</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>516</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>			<b>1,863</b>								
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>			<b>1,839</b>		+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>			<b>0</b>								
<b>Total Released Credits</b>			<b>516</b>		*Project includes wetland mitigation						
P - Planning / site development review			I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress								
M - Mitigation monitoring			C - Closed								
CR - Pending credit release			PC - Pending project closure								
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**MJ-1 Rivanna River (Lamb)**

Please reference the 2007 and 2008 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer restoration, stream restoration and enhancement, and riparian buffer planting activities at the Lamb property (also known as the Forks of the Rivanna project) in Albemarle County. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on April 10, 2001, October 20, 2003, and November 19, 2007.

Wetland restoration activities began in 2005. Stream restoration and enhancement activities were completed in 2005 on 2,908 linear feet of unnamed tributaries to the North Fork of the Rivanna River. Planting of live stakes along both tributaries was completed in March 2006. A forested buffer was planted along the restored wetlands and tributaries, and along 6,181 linear feet of the North Fork and South Fork of the Rivanna River and an additional 1,689 linear feet of tributaries in 2003. Due to impacts of invasive species, the buffer was replanted in 2009. Invasive species and beaver management were conducted throughout the monitoring period.

Year 10 monitoring of the wetland restoration area was completed in 2014. The final delineation was confirmed by the Corps in 2015. The wetland restoration and preservation activities generated 26.25 non-tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. Year 10 geomorphic monitoring of the stream restoration was completed in 2015. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it did not generate USM credit. Year 10 monitoring of the stream buffer, wetland buffer, and the live stakes planted along the stream restoration/enhancement reaches occurred in 2019. The wetland buffer activities generated 2.44 non-tidal wetland credits which were released in 2020. All credits, totaling 28.69 non-tidal wetland credits, have been released from the project. The Conservancy submitted the project closure request in February 2021, and the request was approved by the IRT in November 2022.

In 2018, an incident of herbicide misapplication was discovered in the areas of the site where a contractor applied the herbicide imazapyr to manage for invasive species. VARTF staff conducted site assessments utilizing transects in 2018 and 2019 to determine the extent of the damage. Assessment results showed impacts to approximately 32 acres of the site with an average tree mortality of 50% from the imazapyr application. VARTF took proactive corrective action measures by planting trees in the most highly impacted areas of the site in spring 2020 and reached a settlement agreement with the contractor for damages in 2022.

Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**MJ-2 Rivanna Watershed site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**MJ-3 Beaumont (Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2007 and 2009 Annual Reports for details on this project.

**MJ-4 Southern Shenandoah (Bennett)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2007 and 2009 Annual Reports for details on this project.

**MJ-5 Rivanna Watershed (Meadow Creek site 1)**

Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of the MJ-5, MJ-6, MJ-7, MJ-8, MJ-10, and MJ-11 projects is to conduct stream mitigation on six adjacent sites along Meadow Creek in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on November 16, 2007, December 16, 2008, and December 21, 2009. The project includes stream restoration, enhancement, and preservation, and riparian buffer enhancement and preservation along approximately 7,400 linear feet of Meadow Creek and tributaries.

Construction began in spring 2012 and was completed in early 2013. Planting was completed in the 2012/2013 dormant season. Supplemental planting was completed in 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2020, and streambank repair was completed in 2020. Invasive species management occurred through 2022 to ensure site success. Stream cleanups are also held on a regular basis. Year 10 geomorphic, biological, and vegetation monitoring and Year 3 monitoring of the stream repair areas were conducted in 2022. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it does not generate USM credit.

The initial project proposals focused on stream and buffer restoration and wetland preservation but did not seek wetland credit. However, the stream mitigation activities, primarily Priority 1 restoration to reconnect the stream to its floodplain, significantly expanded the extent of wetlands on the mitigation site. A stream and wetland delineation for the project was completed in Fall 2021 and was confirmed on August 12, 2022. To account for the restoration of wetlands on this project, the Conservancy submitted a proposal to add wetland credits to the project in October 2021 which was approved by the IRT. Based on the results of the delineation, a request to release 10.44 non-tidal wetland credits was submitted on May 23, 2022, and the IRT approved the request on August 12, 2022. The Conservancy anticipates submitting a closure request in 2023. Additional

information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**MJ-6 Rivanna Watershed (Meadow Creek site 2)**

Project description is detailed above at MJ-5.

**MJ-7 Rivanna Watershed (Meadow Creek site 3)**

Project description is detailed above at MJ-5.

**MJ-8 Rivanna Watershed (Meadow Creek site 4)**

Project description is detailed above at MJ-5.

**MJ-9 Southern Shenandoah site**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**MJ-10 Rivanna Watershed (Area 3)**

Project description is detailed above at MJ-5.

**MJ-11 Rivanna Watershed (Area 4)**

Project description is detailed above at MJ-5.

**MJ-12 Innisfree Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2017 Annual Report for details on this project.

**MJ-13 James River (State Farm DOC)**

The purpose of this project is to provide non-tidal wetland restoration and enhancement, and upland buffer restoration on 43 acres of floodplain along the James River at the Department of Corrections' State Farm facility in Powhatan County, with a credit generation of approximately 18 NTW credits. Additionally, stream restoration, livestock exclusion, riparian planting, and dam removal are also being investigated for feasibility at the site; USM credit generation is to be determined. Hydrology wells have been installed onsite and collecting data since 2020. A pre-application request was submitted in October 2020, and a proposal was submitted to the IRT in February 2021 with an Initial Evaluation Letter issued on January 28, 2022. After a Request for Proposals, a contractor was selected in 2022 to perform mitigation activities; the contract has been undergoing legal review and will be finalized in early 2023. A delineation was submitted in 2022 and is pending confirmation. Additionally, an initial budget was submitted and approved on December 20, 2022. This project is in conjunction with a larger environmental initiative by the Governor's office for riparian restoration of state lands. The Conservancy anticipates

submitting an SDP in late 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## Upper James River Basin

The Upper James River Basin is comprised of two HUCs (02080201 and 02080202) encompassing the portion of the James River from the West Virginia border east to the Blue Ridge Parkway. This basin is located within the Conservancy’s Central Appalachian Ecoregion. Conservation targets include Central Appalachian river systems (with interest to the Cowpasture River and the associated tributaries), montane, non-alluvial wetlands, cave invertebrate communities, bats, alluvial forests and grasslands, pine-oak-heath woodlands, and Central Appalachian mixed hardwood forests.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Upper James River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. No new projects were proposed in 2022.

**Table 19: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Upper James River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
UJ-1	PC	2.34	0.00	1.78	4.73	5.01	13.86	0.00	3.68	3.68	0.61
UJ-4	P	5.17	8.68	4.87	0.09	11.62	30.43	8.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>7.51</b>	<b>8.68</b>	<b>6.65</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>16.63</b>	<b>44.29</b>	<b>8.25</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>8.09</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>12.61</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>8.25</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>93</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>3.68</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 20: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Upper James River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
SH-3/ UJ-3	C	104.40	7,609	Stream and riparian buffer preservation in the Shenandoah River Basin of 12,894 lf along both banks of Laurel Fork with a buffer ranging from 100-2,000 ft, 7,960 lf along both banks of Barkley Run with buffer widths ranging from 100-900 ft, 2,692 lf along one bank of Schoolhouse Run with buffer widths along the right bank of 100 feet and left bank of 35-100 ft, 2,569 lf along the left bank of Collins Run with a buffer width of 100 ft, and 6,108 lf along both banks of Blights Run with buffer widths on the right bank of 20-100 ft and left bank of 100 ft. Stream and riparian buffer preservation in the Upper James River Basin of 7,609 lf along both banks of Backs Creek and its tributaries with buffer width limited to the property boundary up to 100 ft.	reported under SH-3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>104.40</b>	<b>7,609</b>		
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>0</b>		*Project includes wetland mitigation	
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					

**UJ-1 Warm Springs Mountain/Cowpasture River (Phillips)**

Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration and creation and upland buffer restoration at the Phillips property in Bath County. The restoration of the site was completed in the spring of 2008. The site design included the restoration of 3.09 acres of non-tidal wetlands, the enhancement of 1.78 acres of non-tidal wetlands and the restoration of 3.81 acres of upland forested buffer. Wetlands restoration and creation is supported by groundwater seeps located in a former pasture.

Mitigation monitoring has been conducted since 2009; Year 10 monitoring occurred in 2018. To address invasive plant issues, herbicidal treatment was implemented in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2018. Corrective action occurred in the winter of 2016 to replace stems damaged by contractors during treatment efforts in 2015. Additional native seeding and tree tube removal occurred in 2017. Based on conversations with the IRT and a site visit, the Conservancy also installed additional hydrology wells and vegetation monitoring plots and conducted additional monitoring in 2017 (Year 9) to better assess the condition of the project. The project is expected to generate 3.684.43 non-tidal wetland credits of which 1.07 credits have been released to date. A final wetland delineation was completed in September 2019 and was confirmed by the Corps in December 2019. The Conservancy submitted a final credit release request in 2020 which was approved by the Corps in October 2020. Project closure is anticipated in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **UJ-2 Warm Springs Mountain/Cowpasture River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **SH-3/UJ-3 Laurel Fork (Rifle Ridge Farm, LLC)**

This project mitigates for stream impacts in both the Shenandoah and Upper James River Basins. Projects details are given under the SH-3 description.

#### **UJ-4 James River (Cole)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration, enhancement, and preservation, and upland buffer restoration and preservation on the Cole property in Augusta County. The project is situated on a 544-acre cattle farm and is adjacent to the Cowpasture River which drains to the James River. The mitigation site will encompass a total of 35 acres. The project is proposed to generate a total of 18.61 NTW credits, of which 12.79 will be no-net-loss. Mitigation activities will include grading, berm construction, ditch plugging, native tree planting, and invasive control. A proposal was approved by the Corps in 2018. An Initial Evaluation Letter was provided to the Conservancy in early 2019 and a subsequent notice to proceed was given in June 2019. The Conservancy began initial development tasks in 2019 including delineation and a feasibility plan, and a draft design was developed in 2020. A small stream component was added to the design in 2022; the updated draft concept plan was received by the Conservancy in December 2022 and is expected to be finalized in early 2023. The Conservancy anticipates submittal of the SDP in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **New River Basin**

The New River Basin is comprised of two HUCs (05050001 and 05050002). This basin is located within the Conservancy's Central Appalachian Ecoregion. Conservation targets include small, Central Appalachian streams and tributaries and general locations encompassing habitat for known Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Natural Heritage elements.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the New River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. In 2022, the construction and planting for the stream and wetland restoration at NW-3 Webb was completed and Year 1 monitoring was conducted. A credit request was also approved for one project.

**Table 21: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the New River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
NW-3	M	4.20	0.00	6.76	22.27	5.83	39.06	8.22	8.22	0.00	16.80
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>4.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6.76</b>	<b>22.27</b>	<b>5.83</b>	<b>39.06</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16.80</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>5.04</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>6.97</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>8.22</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>83.3</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>0.00</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 22: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the New River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)		
NW-1	M	11.73	5,048	Stream enhancement, livestock exclusion, riparian area enhancement, and riparian area preservation along 5,048 lf of the New River and tributaries	0.00		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>11.73</b>	<b>5,048</b>		<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>5,048</b>	*Project includes wetland mitigation				
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress			
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed			
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure			
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).							

**Table 23: USM Stream Project Summary for the New River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Length (lf)	Stream Activity (lf)		Buffer Activity (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status		Rest/Enh	Livestock Exclusion	Rest	Pres					
NW-1	M	2718	1609	2718	1.34	4.97	6.31	0.00	1848	1848	1763
NW-3	M	6864	4610	6864	0.03	3.66	3.69	reported under NTW	8399	8399	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9582</b>	<b>6219</b>	<b>9582</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>8.63</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10247</b>	<b>10247</b>	<b>1763</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>			<b>5373</b>								
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>			<b>5,440</b>		*Project includes pre-USM and USM funding						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>			<b>8,484</b>								
<b>Total Released Credits</b>			<b>1,763</b>		*Project includes wetland mitigation						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**NW-1 New River (Phipps)**

Please reference the 2011 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and riparian buffer enhancement and livestock exclusion activities along the New River and tributaries in Grayson County, Virginia. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on June 22, 2011, and June 20, 2012. Stream enhancement and livestock exclusion activities were completed in summer/fall 2013. Planting was completed during the 2013/14 dormant season. Invasive species management is ongoing and will continue to ensure site success. Year 7 monitoring of the mitigation activities was

completed in 2020 and Year 10 monitoring will be completed in 2023. The project is funded in part using USM funds and is expected to generate 1,848 USM credits. A total of 1,763 credits have been released to date. A request for release of 66 credits was approved on August 24, 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **NW-3 Reed Island Creek (Webb)**

Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and wetland mitigation on a 60-acre property in Carroll County, VA. The property contains extensive frontage on unnamed tributaries to Grassy Creek, and approximately 16 acres of floodplain which contained evidence of prior conversion of wetlands to pasture. Mitigation activities included 4,610 linear feet of stream restoration, 4.2 acres of wetland restoration, 6.76 acres of wetland enhancement, 2,254 linear feet of stream preservation, 22.3 acres of buffer restoration, and 9.5 acres of buffer preservation. The project also included exclusion of livestock from the mitigation site. An important goal of this project is also to protect, and, where possible, expand habitat for the bog turtle.

The Conservancy submitted a prospectus for the project in August 2015. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the SDP signed in 2020. The property was acquired by TNC in March 2016. A stream and wetland delineation of the site was confirmed in August 2016. The final design was finalized in 2021. Livestock exclusion and stream and wetland restoration construction were completed in December 2021. Planting in the wetlands and buffer areas was completed in early 2022. Year 1 monitoring was also completed in 2022. The project is expected to generate 8.22 non-tidal wetland credits and 8,399 USM credits. No credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## **Potomac River Basin**

The Potomac River Basin is comprised of three HUCs (02070008, 02070010, and 02070011) encompassing the Lower Potomac east of the Blue Ridge to the Bay. This basin is located within the Conservancy's Piedmont Ecoregion. Conservation targets include small Piedmont streams and tributaries, sportfish and nongame fish populations, and estuarine and riverine systems.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Potomac River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. One new project was proposed with IEL issued in 2022, and one delineation was submitted and is pending confirmation. One closure request was also approved. In addition, three GSA revision requests were approved.



**Table 24: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Potomac River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
*PO-1	C	44.23	36.40	12.26	0.87	55.89	149.65	0.00	53.17	53.17	10.35
*PO-5	C	7.08	0.00	1.23	10.23	0.78	19.32	0.00	8.31	8.31	Reported under the streams summary
*PO-6	C	0.00	385.00	0.00	0.00	144.00	529.00	0.00	39.16	39.16	0.00
*PO-7	C	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	49.28	109.28	0.00	7.44	7.44	0.00
PO-9	P	4.8	1.2	0	23.39	49.42	78.81	9.41	0	0	10.64
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>56.11</b>	<b>482.60</b>	<b>13.49</b>	<b>34.49</b>	<b>299.37</b>	<b>886.06</b>	<b>9.41</b>	<b>108.08</b>	<b>108.08</b>	<b>20.99</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>30.48</b>		*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation				
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>47.43</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>9.41</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>184.1</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>108.08</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 25: Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Potomac River Basin**

Project Information		Tidal Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
*PO-6	C	0.00	108.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.00	0.00	8.96	8.96	0.00
*PO-7	C	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.75	0.75	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>117.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>117.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Acres of Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>2.20</b>		*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation				
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>2.20</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>0.00</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>0.0</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>9.71</b>						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							

**Table 26: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Potomac River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)	
PO-1*	C	7.24	1,600	Priority 1 relocation of 300 lf and Priority 2 restoration of 650 lf of an unnamed tributary to Chotank Creek with an existing mature wooded buffer ranging from 50 to over 200 feet along each bank. Livestock exclusion fencing installed to protect 1,600 lf of stream channel and a small pond.	0.00	
PO-2	C	5.20	1,608	Priority 1 restoration of 1,608 lf along two unnamed tributaries to Dogue Creek. The channels buffered by an existing mature forest (with several small areas of buffer enhancement) ranging from 50 to 150 feet along each bank.	0.00	
PO-5	C	22.00	7,326	Livestock exclusion, channel restoration and riparian buffer restoration activities along 7,326 lf of Bolling Branch and tributaries. In addition, stream and buffer preservation along 131 lf of an unnamed tributary.	77.69	
PO-6	C	306.00	79,445	Stream system preservation along both banks of 53,175 lf of twelve unnamed tributaries to Accokeek and Potomac Creeks with an existing mature wooded buffer. Riparian buffer preservation along 26,270 lf of one bank of Accokeek and Potomac Creeks with an existing mature wooded buffer.	737.00	
PO-7	C	238.00	30,797	Stream system preservation along both banks of 22,863 lf of five unnamed tributaries to Accokeek and Potomac Creeks with an existing mature wooded buffer. Riparian buffer preservation along 7,934 lf of one bank of Accokeek and Potomac Creeks with an existing mature wooded buffer.	746.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>578.44</b>	<b>120,776</b>		<b>1560.69</b>	
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>73,142</b>		*Project includes wetland mitigation		
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress		
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed		
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure		
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).						

**Table 27: USM Stream Summary for the Potomac River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Activity (lf)			Upland Buffer (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock	Rest	Pres					
PO-8	P	24,182	6,718	6,189	173.09	17.22	190.31	625.69	33,812	1,858	0
PO-10	P	5,348	14,426	0	13.20	186.90	200.10	0.00	11,917	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>29,530</b>	<b>21,144</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>45,729</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>				<b>28,845</b>							
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>				<b>32,888</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>45,729</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>0</b>							
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**PO-1 Caledon (Nash)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. A Geographic Service Area request was approved June 28, 2022. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**PO-2 Dogue Creek (Kingstowne)**

Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream restoration and riparian buffer enhancement activities at a property in Fairfax County. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on October 6, 2006, and February 2, 2007. Stream restoration construction was completed in early 2011. Mitigation activities entailed restoration of 1,608 linear feet of tributaries to Dogue Creek and invasive species control and planting along the stream banks and riparian buffer. Post-restoration invasive species management has been ongoing throughout the monitoring period. A minor repair to an in-stream structure was completed in early 2017. The Year 10 monitoring of the stream and buffer was completed in 2020. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it did not generate USM credit. The Conservancy submitted a request to close the project in March 2021 and the request was approved in December 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**PO-3 Goose Creek Site**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

**PO-4 Goose Creek Site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**PO-5 Goose Creek (Bluewildlife, LLC)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**PO-6 Crow's Nest (Stafford Lakes Partnership, Phase I)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. A Geographic Service Area request was approved June 28, 2022. Please reference the 2008 and 2009 Annual Reports for details on this project.

**PO-7 Crow's Nest Phase II**

This project was officially closed in 2009. A Geographic Service Area request was approved June 28, 2022. Please reference the 2008 and 2009 Annual Reports for details on this project.

**PO-8 Goose Creek (Cattail L.C.)**

The purpose of this project is to provide stream restoration, enhancement, and preservation, upland buffer restoration and preservation, and livestock exclusion on 29,000 linear feet of stream on an approximately 816-acre site in Loudoun County, Virginia. This property contains unnamed tributaries of Crooked Run, a major tributary of Goose Creek, which is a state scenic waterway and Conservancy priority waterway.

The vast majority of the streams on the site have little to no buffer and have been directly impacted from current or past agricultural activities including straightening and ditching. The history of intensive farming activities on the site have spurred widespread channel instability that has led to the degradation of in-stream and riparian habitat, and overall poor water quality conditions throughout the project area over time.

The Conservancy received approval from the IRT to complete conservation easement acquisition and feasibility analysis on the property in 2011. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project approval letter and budget approval letter provided by the Corps on April 15, 2011. The Conservancy completed initial preservation activities and removal of livestock with acquisition of a conservation easement over the riparian areas in 2011. A surface water delineation was completed and confirmed in 2015. A concept design was developed in late 2015. The Conservancy submitted a pre-application for Phase II of the mitigation site, which includes stream and buffer restoration, enhancement and preservation activities in February of 2016. A site visit with the agencies was held in October 2016. The Conservancy submitted a site development plan for the project in June 2019, and received IRT comments in April and May 2020, and September 2022. The Conservancy anticipates finalizing the SDP and the design for the project in 2023. The project is expected to generate approximately 34,000 USM credits. No credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**PO-9 Potomac River (Black Oak – Kuhn)**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide 9.41 non-tidal wetland credits generated on 89 acres in Loudoun County, VA. The site drains to Limestone Branch which is a tributary of the Potomac River. The project proposes 4.8 acres of NTW creation, 1.2 acres of NTW preservation, 23.39 acres of upland buffer restoration, and 49.42 acres of upland buffer preservation. The property has rare karst topography and vernal pools, which is unique in the Piedmont region. Significant assemblages of amphibians and other obligate vernal pool species have been documented onsite. The property is owned by the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy (LWC).

Proposed activities include grading, berm construction, and planting of native trees. A feasibility report and concept design were submitted to TNC in July 2019, based on analysis of onsite topographic surveys, soil surveys, groundwater monitoring data, water budgets, and existing wetland evaluations. A proposal for project development was submitted to the IRT in December 2019. An Initial Evaluation Letter was received on March 19, 2020, to proceed with final design development. A delineation was submitted in 2022 and is pending confirmation. The draft SDP will be submitted in 2023 to the IRT. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **PO-10 Potomac River (Walnut Hill)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream mitigation along tributaries to the Potomac River in Westmoreland County. The project is proceeding under the initial evaluation letter (IEL) provided by the Corps on December 20, 2022. The property is in private ownership and will be protected with a conservation easement.

The site contains 17,788 linear feet of stream channel, 14.17 acres of an open water impoundment and approximately 31 acres of non-tidal wetlands. The northern portion of the property is currently unimproved and partially wooded, with several streams and associated tributaries that traverse the property flowing towards Bundy's Swamp. The largest of the streams on-site flows west to east through a large recreational pond. The majority of the wetlands are located in the forested floodplains of Walnut Hill Run and Bundy's Swamp. Approximately 40 acres of the property was timbered in the Spring of 2015, and the primary land use is recreation. The southern portion of the site is currently used primarily for agriculture. Due to current and historic land use practices in the surrounding watershed, some of the on-site streams have become incised and are prime candidates for restoration.

A variety of design techniques are proposed for the stream restoration activities, with the goal of restoring dynamically stable channel pattern, profile, and dimension, and consequently returning the natural function, stability, and biological condition of the streams. Several reaches will be restored using natural channel design techniques and one reach is proposed to be restored using beaver dam analogs and woody structures to arrest headcutting within the system and recreate a braided stream/wetland complex through the valley bottom. This project will also include stream restoration by reestablishing stream channels after pond and dam removal. Through a combination of dam removal, stream restoration, riparian plantings, preservation, and invasive species management, the overall system can be guided along the channel evolution cycle to a more stable and ecologically functioning stage. This restoration will provide improved terrestrial and aquatic habitat, flow and connectivity to the watershed, allow fish passage, and establish riparian buffer. Mitigation areas will be surrounded by a 300-foot riparian buffer, either preserved if currently forested or planted if the land is cleared. The project is expected to generate approximately 11,917 USM stream credits. No wetland credit is proposed.

The Conservancy submitted the proposal in September 2022 and received the IEL in December 2022. An initial funding plan was submitted in October 2022 and is pending IRT approval. The Conservancy anticipates submitting the site development plan in 2023. This project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## Rappahannock River Basin

The Rappahannock River Basin is comprised of two HUCs (02080103 and 02080104) encompassing the headwaters of the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers east to the Chesapeake Bay. This basin is located within both the Conservancy's Piedmont and Chesapeake Bay Lowlands ecoregions. Conservation targets include small, Blue Ridge foothill streams and inner Piedmont streams, tributaries, and rivers, anadromous fishes, freshwater mussels, seepage wetlands, tidal freshwater system, migratory land birds and raptors, Coastal Plain mixed pine-hardwood forest matrix, Piedmont forest matrix, and calcareous forest.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Rappahannock River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in the earlier reports as indicated. Updates are given for each project as applicable. No new projects were proposed in 2022. A delineation, credit release request, and closure request were submitted for one site, and the delineation was confirmed.

**Table 28: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Rappahannock Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
RP-5	PC	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.00	4.23	4.90	0.00	0.28	0.28	0.00
RP-8	C	0.00	11.49	0.00	0.00	8.31	19.80	0.00	1.56	1.56	56.30
RP-9	C	0.00	7.60	0.00	0.00	14.00	21.60	0.00	1.20	1.20	53.00
RP-10	C	0.00	7.30	0.00	0.00	25.50	32.80	0.00	2.85	2.85	54.60
RP-11	PC	17.15	5.16	0.60	8.46	2.92	34.29	0.00	18.62	18.62	20.48
RP-12	C	2.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.92	0.00	2.92	2.92	0.00
RP-15	P	0.00	0.00	12.39	16.71	0.00	29.10	5.52	0.00	0.00	Reported under the streams summary
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>20.07</b>	<b>32.22</b>	<b>12.99</b>	<b>25.17</b>	<b>54.96</b>	<b>145.41</b>	<b>5.52</b>	<b>27.43</b>	<b>27.43</b>	<b>184.38</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>10.32</b>		<small>*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation</small>				
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>19.50</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>5.52</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>194.5</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>27.43</b>						
<small>P - Planning / site development review</small>				<small>I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress</small>							
<small>M - Mitigation monitoring</small>				<small>C - Closed</small>							
<small>CR - Pending credit release</small>				<small>PC - Pending project closure</small>							

**Table 29: Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Rappahannock River Basin**

Project Information		Tidal	Tidal	Tidal	Upland Buffer	Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)	
Project ID	Status	Rest	Enh	Pres	Pres						
RP-1	C	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	1.60	1.60	0.00	
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Acres of Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>0.04</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>0.04</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>0</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>0</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>1.6</b>						
<small>P - Planning / site development review</small>				<small>I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress</small>							
<small>M - Mitigation monitoring</small>				<small>C - Closed</small>							
<small>CR - Pending credit release</small>				<small>PC - Pending project closure</small>							

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage
RP-2	C	28.00	7,742	Riparian buffer planting (approximately 100 to 300 feet wide) along both banks of 2,000 lf of stream channel. Livestock exclusion fencing installed to protect 7,742 lf of unnamed tributaries to Mountain Run and a pond.	0.00
RP-3	C	NA	NA	Installed an Alaskan steep-pass structure in White Oak Run to allow the migration of anadromous fishes.	NA
RP-4+	PC	1274.00	309,621	Riparian buffer preservation along 63,722 lf of the Rappahannock River, 56,509 lf of the Rapidan River, and 189,390 lf of tributaries to the two rivers. Protected buffers are 100 foot wide predominantly mature woodlands. Funding for this project is both pre-USM and USM.	2815.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1302.00</b>	<b>317,363</b>		<b>2815.00</b>
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>10,771</b>	*Project includes wetland mitigation		
P - Planning / site development review M - Mitigation monitoring CR - Pending credit release				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress C - Closed PC - Pending project closure	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					
+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding					

Project Information		Stream Activity (lf)			Upland Buffer (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)	Total Channel Length (lf)	Proposed Credits (CC)	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock Exclusion	Rest	Pres						
RP-4*	PC	0	46,236	0	0.00	211.00	211.00	0.00	46,236	6,805	6805	6450
RP-15	P	3298	4,144	7442	34.81	0.00	34.81	53.09	7,442	7,819	0	0
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>3,298</b>	<b>50,380</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>34.81</b>	<b>211.00</b>	<b>245.81</b>	<b>53.09</b>	<b>53,678</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>6,805</b>	<b>6,450</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>				<b>11,363</b>								
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>				<b>10,555</b>	+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>8,174</b>								
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>6,450</b>								
P - Planning / site development review M - Mitigation monitoring CR - Pending credit release				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress C - Closed PC - Pending project closure								
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).												

### **RP-1 Rappahannock River Phragmites Control**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

### **RP-2 Linden Farm**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

### **RP-3 Rappahannock River Fish Passage**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for

details on this project.

#### **RP-4 Upper Rappahannock (City of Fredericksburg)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and associated upland riparian buffer preservation along approximately 67 miles of the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers (and associated tributaries) on a property owned by the City of Fredericksburg. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on July 27, 2006, December 15, 2006, February 22, 2007, and May 7, 2008. The Conservancy and partners purchased a conservation easement on approximately 4,232 acres along the two major rivers. The Conservancy, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources co-hold the easement.

This project was partially funded with USM funding and is expected to generate 6,805 USM credits. A total of 6,450 credits have been released to date. The Conservancy submitted a surface water delineation and a request for release of final credits and project closure in September 2022. The delineation was confirmed in December 2022 and the credit release and closure requests are currently pending IRT approval. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **RP-5 Rappahannock River (Wellford)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and upland buffer preservation at the Wellford property in Richmond County. The funding for this project was approved by the Corps on April 21, 2005. Subsequent funding was approved on August 28, 2008. The Conservancy proposed to buy the timber rights for an 18-acre portion of the property including wetlands and upland buffer. The property was placed under easement on April 5, 2005, which is held and monitored by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF). Long-term protection of this site is achieved through the monitoring and enforcement of this easement by VOF. No additional monitoring is required for this project.

A wetland delineation of the mitigation area was completed in 2008. This project generated 0.28 non-tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. A credit release request was submitted in 2016 and was approved in June 2019. The Conservancy anticipates requesting project closure in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **RP-6 Rapidan River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

#### **RP-7 Upper Rappahannock Forest Block Site**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.



**RP-8 Upper Rappahannock Forest Block (Collawn, R.)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RP-9 Rappahannock River (Rose)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RP-10 Rappahannock River (Rose II)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RP-11 Mountain Run (EBX)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct a non-tidal wetland restoration and creation, wetland enhancement and preservation and upland buffer restoration, enhancement and preservation adjacent to Mountain Run in Orange County. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for additional background information on this site.

Construction of the wetlands mitigation project was completed in April 2009. This project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract. Mitigation monitoring has been conducted for this site since 2009. Year 10 monitoring occurred in 2018. The project generated 18.62 non-tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. A final credit release request was submitted in January 2019 and approved in December 2019. The Conservancy will submit a request for project closure in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**RP-12 Rappahannock River (Norman's Ford – Jamie Craig)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RP-13 Rappahannock River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2011. Please reference the 2011 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RP-15 Hazel River (Adduci)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and wetland mitigation on a property along the Hazel River in Culpeper County. The Conservancy submitted a proposal for the project in June 2018 and the project is proceeding under the guidance of the Initial Evaluation Letter (IEL) provided by the Corps on October 18, 2018. The Conservancy purchased the 117-acre property in December 2018.

The property has been in agricultural use for many years and is currently used to pasture cattle. The cattle have access to all waterways on the property. Portions of the tributaries on the property exhibit significant streambank erosion and instability, an inappropriate and unstable pattern, and a lack of suitable habitat features and riffle-pool complexes. The floodplain consists of heavily grazed pasture with minimal woody vegetation. Several invasive species have been documented in the buffer area. The floodplain also contains 12.39 acres of non-tidal emergent wetlands. Cattle access and grazing activities have degraded wetland quality, and native wetland vegetation has been displaced by pasture grasses.

Mitigation activities will include livestock exclusion, stream restoration, stream preservation, wetland enhancement, and buffer re-establishment along approximately 4,144 linear feet of Hazel River and 3,298 linear feet of tributaries to Hazel River. The initial site delineation was confirmed in December 2019. An existing conditions and feasibility assessment were also completed in December 2019. The preliminary design was completed in September 2020. The Conservancy submitted a proposal in February 2021 to expand the project to include wetland mitigation. The IEL for the addition of wetlands was received from the IRT in December 2021. The site development plan was also submitted in September 2021 and is pending IRT approval. The project is expected to generate 7,819 USM credits and 5.52 non-tidal wetland credits. No credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## **Roanoke River Basin**

The Roanoke River Basin is comprised of seven HUCs (03010101, 03010102, 03010103, 03010104, 03010105, 03010106 and 0304010) encompassing the Roanoke headwaters and the Dan River draining south into North Carolina. This basin is located within both the Conservancy's Piedmont and Central Appalachian Forest ecoregions. Conservation targets include Ridge and Valley rivers, calcareous seeps/fens, basic mesic forests, acidic oak pine forests, calcareous woodlands/forests, and warm water fish communities including orangefin madtom, Roanoke hogsucker, bigeye jumprock, Roanoke logperch and riverweed darter.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Roanoke River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. No new projects were proposed in 2022, though one project was proposed to expand the scope and include additional mitigation activities. The SDP for that project was also submitted in 2022. One site was monitored, one delineation was confirmed, and two credit release requests and two closure requests were also approved in 2022.

**Table 32: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Roanoke River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
RO-3*	M	3.91	4.65	0.42	3.08	3.72	15.78	5.17	5.17	4.47	0.00
RO-9*	P	5.76	0.00	6.96	7.76	0.00	20.48	8.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
RO-11	PC	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	6.00	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>15.67</b>	<b>4.65</b>	<b>7.38</b>	<b>10.84</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>42.26</b>	<b>13.97</b>	<b>11.17</b>	<b>10.47</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-tidal Impacts</b>				<b>12.09</b>							
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>				<b>20.18</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>9.50</b>							
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>				<b>129.61</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>10.47</b>							
*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation											
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 33: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Roanoke River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)		
RO-1	C	36.50	5,220	Riparian buffer preservation along 2,379 lf of the right bank of Little Stony Creek with an existing mature wooded buffer width of 200 feet. Within this reach, riparian buffer preservation along 659 lf of the left bank with an existing mature wooded buffer width of primarily 125 feet. Stream system preservation along both banks of 2,841 lf of three unnamed tributaries to Little Stony Creek with an existing mature wooded buffer width of 200 feet (except for several areas of a minimum 125 foot buffer).	16.50		
RO-2	C	3.96	788	Riparian buffer preservation along 788 lf of the right bank of Little Stony Creek with an existing mature wooded buffer width of 200 feet. Within this reach, riparian buffer preservation along 300 lf of the left bank with an existing mature wooded buffer width of 50 feet.	9.79		
*RO-3	M	11.30	3,481	Stream restoration along 3,150 lf of the South Fork of the Goose Creek, preservation of 331 lf of South Fork Goose Creek and tributaries, and riparian buffer restoration and preservation along the entire project length.	0.00		
RO-5	C	102.90	13,022	Riparian buffer preservation along 13,022 lf of Dry Branch and tributaries. Invasive species removal and reforestation along 800 lf of Dry Branch.	461.10		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>154.66</b>	<b>22,511</b>		<b>487.39</b>		
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>			<b>4,635</b>	*Project includes wetland mitigation			
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress			
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed			
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure			
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).							

**Table 34: USM Stream Summary for the Roanoke River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Activity (ff)			Upland Buffer (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock	Rest	Pres					
RO-6	C	0	6,747	0	13.80	50.20	178.00	44.00	2,367	2,367	2,367
RO-7	C	2,500	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	2,500	2,500
RO-9	P	5,586	0	4,116	15.20	0.00	15.20	0.00	9,504	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>8,086</b>	<b>6,747</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>50.20</b>	<b>193.20</b>	<b>44.00</b>	<b>11,871</b>	<b>4,867</b>	<b>4,867</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>				<b>10,757</b>							
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>				<b>9,388</b>	+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>9,504</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>4,867</b>							
P - Planning / site development review		I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress									
M - Mitigation monitoring		C - Closed									
CR - Pending credit release		PC - Pending project closure									
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**RO-1 Apple Orchard Mountain (Edwards)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RO-2 Apple Orchard Mountain (City of Bedford)**

This project was officially closed in 2008. Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RO-3 Goose Creek-Roanoke (Bedford County)**

Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland and stream mitigation at Montvale Park in Bedford County. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on February 22, 2007, February 8, 2008, and December 16, 2008. The project will generate approximately 4 acres of wetland restoration/creation, 0.4 acres of wetland enhancement, 5 acres of wetland preservation, and restoration and preservation of the associated wetland buffer areas. The project will also generate 3,150 linear feet of stream restoration.

Stream and wetland restoration construction was completed in August 2010. Soon after construction completion, the restored stream suffered damage following a storm in September 2010. Repairs were completed and the site was planted in early 2013. Supplemental planting was completed in 2014, 2015, and 2016 to increase density where needed. Minor stream maintenance was also completed in 2016, 2018, and 2020. Additional supplemental planting was conducted in 2017, 2018, and 2020 in locations where streambank maintenance was conducted, and in 2017 to replace stream buffer plantings impacted by storm events in 2016. Invasive species control has been ongoing and continued through 2022. Beaver have been noted on the site and management began in late 2017. Year 10 monitoring was conducted in 2022. The project is expected to generate 5.17 non-tidal wetland credits of which 4.47 credits have been released to date. A wetland credit release request was submitted in February 2020 and was approved in August 2022. The Conservancy anticipates submitting the final credit release request and closure request in 2023 following the final site delineation. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it does not generate USM credit. Additional information regarding this

mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**RO-4 Turkeycock Mountain (Grassy Fork site)**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

**RO-5 Poor Mountain (Sanzone)**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2008 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**RO-6 Roanoke Headwaters (Blake)**

Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream system preservation, streambank enhancement, and riparian buffer enhancement on Mill Creek and tributaries in the Roanoke Headwaters in Montgomery County, Virginia. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on September 28, 2009, August 11, 2010, July 22, 2011, and August 3, 2016. Mitigation activities at the site include buffer preservation and enhancement (invasive species removal and planting) along approximately 6,748 linear feet of Mill Creek and tributaries. Autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellate*) removal and planting with native trees and shrubs was conducted in 2011 and 2012.

Supplemental planting was conducted in early 2016 to increase density where needed. Invasive species management was ongoing throughout the monitoring period. Year 10 monitoring was conducted in 2020. The project generated 2,367 USM credits, all of which have been released. The final credit release request was submitted in January 2021 and a project closure request was submitted in October 2021. Both requests were approved in 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**RO-7 Turkeycock Mountain (Roanoke Stream Credit Purchase)**

This project was officially closed in 2017. Please reference the 2013 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**RO-8 Roanoke River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**RO-9 Bluestone Creek Site**

Please reference the 2017 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and wetland mitigation on a 17-acre property in Charlotte County, VA. The property contains frontage on an unnamed tributary to Tanyard Branch, which drains to Bluestone Creek, a TNC aquatic portfolio waterway.

Mitigation activities will include removal of livestock, stream restoration, wetland creation and enhancement, and buffer restoration. The project is expected to generate 9,504 USM credits and 8.8 non-tidal wetland credits. The Conservancy submitted a pre-application for Phase I of the project in July 2017 and submitted the proposal in August 2018. The Initial Evaluation Letter (IEL) was received on December 11, 2018. The initial site delineation was confirmed by the Corps in December 2019 and the preliminary design was completed in February 2020. The site development plan for Phase I was submitted in September 2020 and IRT comments were received in December 2020. The revised site development plan was submitted in July 2021 and comments were received in August 2022. The Conservancy anticipates submitting the revised SDP for Phase I in early 2023. To account for increased mitigation need in this basin, the Conservancy submitted a proposal to add Phase II to the project to expand the stream and wetland mitigation activities in March 2022 and submitted the SDP for Phase II in August 2022. The Phase II SDP is pending IRT approval. A delineation covering the Phase II project area was confirmed by the Corps in November 2022. This project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **RO-10 Big Otter Creek Site**

Project did not move forward past Proposal stage. No additional reporting for this project is provided.

#### **RO-11 Roanoke River Bannister Bend**

The Conservancy proposed to purchase non-tidal wetland credits from Bannister Bend Mitigation Bank in December 2019. The Conservancy will purchase 6.0 wetland credits from the Bank site located in Pittsylvania County. These credits will offset the remaining liabilities within the Roanoke River basin. The Conservancy had been searching for additional wetland mitigation projects to offset the basin liability for a number of years and had most recently released a request for proposals for mitigation projects or credit purchase in the Roanoke River Basin in November 2018. No bids were submitted. Bannister Bend Mitigation Bank negotiated a competitive price for the sale of 6.0 wetland credits to the Conservancy. The Bank site aligns with the revisions to the VARTF Compensation Planning Framework, which are still in progress. The approved geographic service area of the bank includes most of the Roanoke River basin.

The purchase was approved by the Corps on December 17, 2019. The purchase of credits will be completed in 2020. This project was closed in 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the bank site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## Shenandoah River Basin

The Shenandoah River Basin is comprised of four HUCs (02070004, 02070005, 02070006, and 02070007) encompassing the headwaters of the Shenandoah River to the Potomac River. This basin is located within the Conservancy’s Central Appalachian Forest Ecoregion. Conservation targets include Blue Ridge stream and tributaries, Central Appalachian mixed hardwood forest matrix, cave invertebrate communities, endangered wood turtles, freshwater mussels, and sportfish and nongame fish populations.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the Shenandoah River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. In 2022, one site was monitored, one new project was proposed and IEL issued, one budget approval was received, and a revised SDP for one project was submitted.

**Table 35: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Shenandoah River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
*SH-3 / UJ-3	C	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00
SH-4	CR	10.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.26	17.68	11.20	11.20	8.59	0.72
*SH-7	P	5.71	0.00	0.00	13.71	0.00	19.42	7.20	0.00	0.00	22.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>16.13</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13.71</b>	<b>7.26</b>	<b>55.10</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>12.69</b>	<b>10.08</b>	<b>22.72</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>17.30</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>21.62</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>9.81</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>93.2</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>10.08</b>		*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation				
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 36: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Shenandoah River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
SH-1	C	16.10	1,745	Livestock exclusion and riparian buffer planting 200 feet wide along each bank of 1,745 linear feet of Buffalo Marsh Run. Channel banks along this reach stabilized with live stakes.	94.00
SH-2 <sup>+</sup>	C	9.95	3,973	Restoration, enhancement, and preservation of 3,973 linear feet of Blacks Run, Seibert Creek, and an unnamed tributary. Riparian buffer planting ranging from 20 to 200 feet wide along both banks of Blacks Run, 20 to 80 feet wide along both banks of Seibert Creek, and 50 to 110 feet wide along both banks of the unnamed tributary. Funding for this project is both pre-USM and USM.	0.00
SH-3 / UJ-3*	C	482.60	32,223	Riparian buffer preservation along 13,144 lf of the both banks of Laurel Fork, and along left bank of 3,847 lf of Collins Run, and along both banks of 4,563 lf of Buck Creek. Stream system preservation along both banks of 8397 lf of three unnamed tributaries to Laurel Fork; both banks of 2255 lf of an unnamed tributary to Laurel Fork; both banks of 6108 lf of Blights Run; and both banks of 3,046 lf of two unnamed tributaries to Buck Creek.	1076.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>508.65</b>	<b>37,941</b>		<b>1170.00</b>
<b>Total Impacts:</b>		<b>12,128 lf</b>			
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	
+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding				*Project includes wetland mitigation	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					

**Table 37: USM Stream Summary for the Shenandoah River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Activity (lf)			Upland Buffer (Ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock	Rest	Pres					
SH-2 <sup>+</sup>	C	1040	0	0	2.77	0.00	2.77	0.00	0	1331	1331
SH-5	C	0	1,465	0	0.00	10.85	10.85	9.74	0	483	483
SH-6	P	1450	7,437	8887	53.03	0.00	53.03	77.10	6823	0	0
SH-7*	P	4360	0	4360	1.58	0.00	1.58	0.00	6042	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6850</b>	<b>8902</b>	<b>13247</b>	<b>57.38</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>68.23</b>	<b>86.84</b>	<b>12865</b>	<b>1814</b>	<b>1814</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>					<b>6898</b>						
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>					<b>6,537</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>12,865</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>1814</b>						
					*Project includes wetland mitigation						
					+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**SH-1 Cedar Creek (Mowery)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.



**SH-2 Blacks Run (City of Harrisonburg)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**SH-3/UJ-3 Laurel Fork (Rifle Ridge Farm, LLC)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2007 and 2009 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**SH-4 Shenandoah Mountain/Cow Knob (Smith)**

Please reference the 2008 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland restoration activities on a portion of a 200-acre property located in Fulks Run, Virginia. Long-term protection of the site will be accomplished through the monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement on the property. The project will include a total of approximately 10.4 acres of wetland mitigation, including an appropriate mix of upland buffer (100-foot minimum), and emergent, scrub/shrub and forested wetland community types. This project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract.

The final mitigation plan was completed in 2010. An approved conservation easement with Potomac Conservancy was recorded in October of 2011. Wetland restoration activities commenced in May of 2012 and were completed in July of 2012. Planting of woody vegetation was conducted prior to the onset of the 2013 growing season. An Adaptive Management Plan was submitted by the contractor to the IRT in 2016 to address planting and invasive success and was approved by the IRT in January 2017. Implementation of these adaptive strategies began in 2017.

Year 10 monitoring occurred in 2022. The project is expected to generate 11.2 non-tidal wetland credits, and 8.59 credits have been released to date. A final credit release request will be submitted in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**SH-5 Cedar Creek (Swartz)**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2008 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**SH-6 Shenandoah River (Cedar Creek)**

Please reference the 2014 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream restoration and preservation, livestock exclusion, and riparian buffer restoration along Cedar Creek and unnamed tributaries in Warren County. The project is proceeding under the initial evaluation letters (IELs) provided by the Corps on February 4, 2014, and October 9, 2019. The initial proposal was for stream mitigation activities. The Conservancy submitted a proposal to add

wetland mitigation to the project in April 2019, which was approved in October 2019. However, following additional coordination with the regulatory agencies, the proposed wetland mitigation area was removed from the project due to historic resource concerns. The property is owned by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and the mitigation area was protected with a conservation easement recorded in June 2015.

A surface water delineation was confirmed in September 2014 and updated and re-confirmed in 2019. Pre-planting invasive species management began in 2015, and invasive species management will continue as needed to ensure site success. The Conservancy submitted the site development plan (SDP) for the project in 2016 and received comments from the IRT. Design work for the stream restoration and wetland mitigation activities was completed in 2019. The Conservancy submitted a revised SDP in March 2022, and the SDP is pending IRT approval. A funding plan for the site was approved in December 2022. The project is expected to generate 6,823 USM stream credits. No credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

#### **SH-7 South Fork Shenandoah River site**

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and wetland mitigation along Goose Creek and tributaries in Augusta County. The project is proceeding under the initial evaluation letter (IEL) provided by the Corps on December 21, 2022. The property is in private ownership and will be protected with a conservation easement.

The site contains frontage on approximately 3,030 linear feet of Goose Creek and 1,330 linear feet of two unnamed tributaries to Goose Creek. The property has been in agricultural use for many years and is currently used to pasture cattle. The cattle have access to all waterways on the property. Portions of the waterways on the property exhibit significant streambank erosion and instability, an inappropriate and unstable pattern, and a lack of suitable habitat features and riffle-pool complexes. The floodplain consists of grazed pasture with minimal woody vegetation. Approximately 15 acres of floodplain along the streams contains 95% hydric soils.

Mitigation activities for this project will include livestock exclusion, stream restoration, wetland restoration/creation, and buffer re-establishment. Livestock will be excluded from the mitigation site, and the streams will be restored using natural channel design techniques to re-establish an appropriate and stable dimension, pattern, and profile. Based on site assessment and analysis using LiDAR and GIS, the property also has the potential to generate an estimated 5.7 acres of wetland restoration/creation. The existing pasture in the floodplain will also be restored to a native forested buffer. The project is expected to generate approximately 6,000 USM stream credits and 7 non-tidal wetland credits.

The Conservancy submitted the pre-application request in April 2022 and the proposal in July 2022. An initial funding plan was submitted in September 2022 and was approved in December 2022. The Conservancy anticipates completing a surface water delineation, preliminary design work, and submittal of the site development plan in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## Tennessee River Basin

The Tennessee River Basin is comprised of four HUCs (06010205, 06010206, 06010101, and 06010102) encompassing the headwaters of the Clinch, Holston, and Powell Rivers draining south into Tennessee. This basin is located within the Conservancy's Cumberland and Southern Ridge Valley Ecoregion. Conservation targets include endemic mussels and associated assemblages, Appalachian bogs, fens and seeps, Southern Appalachian Forest matrix, upper Tennessee fish community, bats, karst communities, calcareous river-fronting slope communities and limestone and dolomite barrens.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for impacts within the Tennessee River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable. One site was monitored and one closure request was approved in 2022.

**Table 38: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the Tennessee River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation	Proposed	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
TN-3	C	0.00	0.00	4.01	0.00	2.11	6.12	0.00	1.44	1.44	0.00
TN-8	M	18.20	0.00	6.60	9.50	1.70	36.00	22.17	22.17	14.80	0.00
TN-13	CR	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	2.94	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>24.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.61</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>48.62</b>	<b>28.67</b>	<b>30.11</b>	<b>19.18</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-tidal Impacts</b>				<b>22.23</b>							
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>				<b>31.44</b>							
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>10.93</b>							
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>				<b>111.11</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>19.18</b>							
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**Table 39: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the Tennessee River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
TN-1	C	15.50	6,000	Riparian buffer preservation of 4,000 lf along the right bank of the Clinch River and 2,000 lf along both banks of Cub Creek with an existing mature wooded buffer ranging from 75 to 100 feet wide. Livestock exclusion fencing installed to protect the same reaches of the Clinch River and Cub Creek.	284.50
TN-2	C	6.00	1,590	Priority 1 relocation of 1,281 lf of Rattle Creek and preservation of 309 lf. Riparian buffer planting ranging from 35 to 250 feet along each bank for the length of the channel. Reconfiguration of an off-line pond and buffer plantings approximately 25 feet wide from the pond. Livestock exclusion fencing installed to protect 1,590 linear feet of the stream and the pond.	0.00
TN-5	PC	13.70	3,201	Stream channel and riparian buffer preservation along 3,201 linear feet of the Clinch River. Riparian buffer preservation will include an existing forested buffer ranging from 130 to 200 feet wide.	14.59
TN-9	M	10.01	2,455	Stream channel and riparian buffer preservation and enhancement along 2,455 linear feet of the Powell River and tributary. Riparian buffer preservation and enhancement will include a 200 foot buffer on the south bank of the Powell River and a 100 foot buffer along both banks of the tributary.	28.99
TN-10*	M	35.72	8,272	Livestock exclusion, stream channel and riparian buffer preservation and enhancement along 8,272 linear feet of the Powell River and Hardy Creek. Riparian buffer preservation and enhancement will include a 200 foot buffer on the Powell River and Hardy Creek.	Reported under USM summary
<b>Totals</b>		<b>80.93</b>	<b>21518</b>		<b>328.08</b>
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>5,332</b>		*Project includes pre-USM and USM funding	
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).					

**Table 40: USM Stream Summary for the Tennessee River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Activity (lf)			Upland Buffer (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock	Rest	Pres					
TN-10+	M	0	2,757	2,757	7.18	4.84	12.02	236.26	1,903	1,903	1,793
TN-11	M	0	7,091	0	8.60	70.80	83.45	77.55	1,529	1,529	1,388
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>15.78</b>	<b>75.64</b>	<b>95.47</b>	<b>313.81</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>3,181</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>					<b>4,612</b>						
<b>Total Compensation Required (TCR)</b>					<b>3,335</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits (CC)</b>					<b>251</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>3,181</b>						
					+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding						
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**TN-1 Gray's Island (Holston Land Company)**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**TN-2 Barns Chapel (Garry Smith Enterprises, Inc.)**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2008 and 2017 Annual Reports for additional details on this project.

**TN-3 Barns Chapel (Atwell)**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**TN-4 Upper Clinch River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2007. Please reference the 2007 Annual Report for details on this project.

**TN-5 Pinnacle (Rich)**

The purpose of this project is to complete a stream mitigation project on the Rich Tract in Russell County, Virginia. Stream preservation will be conducted on approximately 3,393 linear feet of stream channel. Funding for this project was approved by the Corps on June 16, 2008. The landowner sold the Conservancy 28.29 acres of property, providing a buffer ranging from approximately 130 feet to over 200 feet adjacent to the main stem of the Clinch River. Long-term protection of the site will be achieved through a deed restriction. Conservancy staff completed a surface water delineation of the site on April 20, 2009, and the Corps provided confirmation in January 2010. Based on the delineation, the 28.29-acre property contains 13.7 acres of riparian buffer mitigation area and 14.59 additional protected acres. The property preserves 3,201 linear feet of the Clinch River. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it does not generate USM credit. The Conservancy transferred ownership of the property to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation in February 2017. A project closure request was approved in 2022. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**TN-6 Rich Mountain Site**

This project was officially closed in 2016. Please reference the 2016 Annual Report for details on this project.

**TN-7 Upper Clinch River Site**

This project was officially closed in 2011. Please reference the 2011 Annual Report for details on this project.

### **TN-8 North Fork Holston (KCI / Johnson & Waddle)**

The purpose of this project is to complete a 31.9-acre wetland mitigation project on two tracts in Smyth County, Virginia. Funding for this project was approved by the Corps on August 11, 2010. This project is being managed through a full delivery contract. All aspects of the project through the monitoring and delivery of credits will be handled under this contract.

The project consists of wetland restoration, creation, and enhancement activities on properties owned by two separate landowners. The properties are located in close proximity to one another and adjacent to the North Fork Holston River, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Saltville, Virginia. Combined, the project parcels encompass approximately 262 acres, much of which is dedicated to agriculture and pastureland. Combined, wetland mitigation activities on the project parcels will provide for restoration/creation of 19.8 acres of wetlands, and enhancement of 1.0 acre of existing wetlands. An additional 100-foot upland buffer will be established. The mitigation area has been placed under a conservation easement.

Land protection activities were finalized in January 2012, and the final mitigation plan was completed in June of 2012. Wetland restoration activities commenced in September of 2012 and were completed in December of 2012. Planting of woody vegetation was conducted in early 2013, prior to the growing season. A supplemental planting also occurred in early 2017.

Year 10 monitoring occurred in 2022. This project is expected to generate 22.17 non-tidal wetland credits of which 12.98 credits have been released to date. A final credit release will be submitted in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **TN-9 Cedars (Brooks)**

Please reference the 2010 Annual Report for additional details on this project.

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream and riparian buffer preservation and stream buffer enhancement on a 42-acre property containing frontage on the Powell River and a tributary to the Powell River in Lee County. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the project and budget approval letters provided by the Corps on July 2, 2010. Buffer planting was completed in early 2011. The boundary of the mitigation site was updated in 2017 to reflect a boundary survey. The boundary update extended the buffer into the adjacent field. As a result, a supplemental planting was conducted in early 2017 to fill in this previously unplanted area.

Year 10 monitoring of the buffer enhancement area was conducted in 2020. Invasive species management was ongoing throughout the monitoring period. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it does not generate USM credit. The Conservancy submitted a request to close the project in February 2021. The request is pending IRT approval and is expected to be approved following completion of land protection. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**TN-10 Cedars (Bowen)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct stream preservation, buffer enhancement, and livestock exclusion on Hardy Creek and the Powell River in Lee County, Virginia. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the site development plan signed in 2018. Mitigation activities include livestock exclusion, buffer preservation and buffer planting along the Powell River and Hardy Creek.

Livestock exclusion fencing was installed in early 2013 and buffer planting occurred in early 2017. Invasive species management began in 2013 and will continue as needed to ensure success. The site development plan was submitted in August 2015 and was signed in March 2018. Year 5 monitoring was conducted in 2021 and Year 7 monitoring is scheduled for 2023. This project was partially funded using USM funds and is expected to generate 1,903 USM credits. A total of 1,793 credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**TN-11 Pinnacle (Underwood)**

The purpose of this mitigation site is to provide stream and riparian area preservation and enhancement on a site located adjacent to the Pinnacle Natural Area Preserve in Russell County, Virginia. The mitigation activities include buffer planting and preservation along the Clinch River and tributaries. The project is proceeding under the guidance of the site development plan signed in 2018.

The site development plan was submitted in February 2016 and was signed in October 2018. Invasive species management began in 2013 and will continue as needed to ensure success. The buffer planting was completed in December 2016. Year 5 monitoring was conducted in 2021 and Year 7 monitoring is scheduled for 2023. This project is expected to generate 1,529 USM credits, and 1,388 credits have been released to date. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**TN-12 South Fork Holston River site**

This project did not proceed. Please reference the 2021 Annual Report for details on this project.

**TN-13 Benges Creek Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

The Conservancy released a request for proposals (RFP) in November 2018 for a non-tidal wetland mitigation project or non-tidal wetland credit purchase in the Tennessee River Basin. After thoughtful consideration of proposals, the Conservancy, with the IRT support, submitted a request in April 2019 for approval to purchase stream credits from the Benges Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank located in Scott County. The bank submitted a competitive proposal for credit purchase that would enable the Trust Fund to offset most of the existing liabilities in a relatively short amount of time. The bank site also aligns with the VARTF Compensation Planning Framework priority areas. The purchase was approved by the Corps on March 31, 2020. The purchase of 2.94 non-tidal wetland credits was completed on September 14, 2020, following IRT approval of the bank's credit release. An additional

3.56 credits will be purchased once released. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

## York River Basin

The York River Basin is comprised of three HUCs (02080105, 02080106, and 02080107) encompassing the headwaters of the Mattaponi, Pamunkey and York rivers draining east into the Bay. This basin is located within both the Conservancy’s Piedmont and Chesapeake Bay Lowland ecoregions. Conservation targets include tidal freshwater systems, small Piedmont streams and tributaries, bald cypress forests, anadromous fishes, migratory land birds and raptors, seepage wetlands, Coastal Plain mixed pine-hardwood forest matrix, and calcareous forests.

The projects discussed in this section serve as mitigation for permitted impacts within the York River Basin for which the Fund was used as compensatory mitigation. Complete project descriptions for projects approved prior to 2022 may be found in earlier reports as indicated below. Updates are given for each project as applicable.

**Table 41: Non-Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the York River Basin**

Project Information		NT Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
YK-1	C	0.00	6.24	0.00	0.00	14.56	20.80	0.00	1.35	1.35	0.00
YK-2	PC	68.77	24.66	1.50	32.08	42.65	169.66	0.00	79.64	79.64	32.97
*YK-3	C	0.00	2.11	0.00	0.00	2.15	4.26	0.00	0.32	0.32	34.32
CB-8/ YK-4*	CR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.19
*YK-5	CR	4.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.58	4.58	4.58	0.00	0.00
*YK-6	C	0.00	29.88	0.00	0.00	10.84	40.72	0.00	3.53	3.53	31.78
YK-7	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	18.00	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00
YK-10	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.00
YK-12	PC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>73.35</b>	<b>62.89</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>32.08</b>	<b>88.20</b>	<b>258.02</b>	<b>4.58</b>	<b>90.32</b>	<b>85.74</b>	<b>240.26</b>
<b>Total Acres of Non-Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>9.36</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>17.77</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>4.58</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>783.7</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>85.74</b>		*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation				
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							

**Table 42: Tidal Wetland Project Summary for the York River Basin**

Project Information		Tidal Wetland (Ac)			Upland (Ac)		Mitigation Acres	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits	Additional Protected Acres (ac)
Project ID	Status	Rest/Cr	Pres	Enh	Rest	Pres					
*YK-5	CR	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.44	3.44	3.44	0.62	0.00
<b>Sub-totals</b>		<b>3.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Acres of Tidal Impacts</b>					<b>2.15</b>						
<b>Total Mitigation Liability</b>					<b>1.8</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>					<b>2.82</b>						
<b>Percent of Wetland Acreage Replacement</b>					<b>160</b>						
<b>Total Released Credits</b>					<b>0.62</b>		*Project includes stream or tidal wetland mitigation				
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							



**Table 43: Pre-USM Stream Project Summary for the York River Basin**

Project ID	Project Status	Stream Mitigation Area (ac)	Channel Length in Mitigation Area (lf)	Mitigation Activity Description	Additional Protected Acreage (ac)
YK-1*	C	0.00	3,950	Riparian buffer preservation of 3,950 lf along the right bank of the Po River with a mature wooded buffer existing as wetlands.	Reported under the wetlands summary
YK-3*	C	7.42	978	Riparian buffer preservation of 978 lf along the right bank of Dragon Run with an existing mature wooded buffer extending 200 feet from the edge of the protected stream and wetland complex.	Reported under the wetlands summary
YK-5*	M	5.30	5,330	Dam removal and stream restoration of 1,730 lf of channel and riparian buffer restoration along 3,600 lf along Holt's Creek the Pamunkey River.	0.00
YK-6*	C	0.00	4,537	Riparian buffer preservation along 4,537 lf of one bank of the Mattaponi River with existing forested buffer extending as wetlands.	Reported under the wetlands summary
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12.72</b>	<b>14,795</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Impacts (lf)</b>		<b>1,282</b>	*Project includes tidal or non-tidal mitigation activity		
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress	
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed	
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure	

**Table 44: USM Stream Summary for the York River Basin**

Project Information		Stream Activity (lf)			Upland Buffer (ac)		Mitigation (ac)	Additional Protected (ac)	Proposed Credits	Completed Credits	Released Credits
Project ID	Status	Rest/Enh	Pres	Livestock	Rest	Pres					
YK-11	C	9	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	9	9
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>				<b>369</b>							
<b>Total Compensation Required</b>				<b>363</b>		+Project includes pre-USM and USM funding					
<b>Total Proposed Credits</b>				<b>0</b>							
<b>Total Released Credits</b>				<b>9</b>							
P - Planning / site development review				I - Restoration/Enhancement/Creation activities in progress							
M - Mitigation monitoring				C - Closed							
CR - Pending credit release				PC - Pending project closure							
Additional Protected Acreage refers to acreage included under the protective instrument placed on the property by the program which does not qualify for mitigation due to specified allowable activities (e.g., silviculture, agriculture).											

**YK-1 Po River (Leonard)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-2 Mattaponi River (Gwathmey 1)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct a non-tidal wetland and upland buffer restoration, wetland enhancement and wetland and upland preservation project at the Gwathmey project in King William County. The initial funding for this project was approved by the Corps on February 5 and 20, 2004. Goals for the project include restoration/creation of 67.5 acres of forested wetlands on approximately 76.9 acres of former agricultural land,

which was abandoned in 2004. Restoration efforts began in 2006 and included plugging of field ditches, creation of several seasonally flooded ponds, construction of a berm system, deep ripping of the surface soil, and planting of 44,450 bare root seedlings and 9,600 shrubs. Long-term protection will be achieved in accordance with the conservation easement which is held and monitored annually by the Conservancy.

Mitigation monitoring has been conducted on the site since 2007 and Year 10 monitoring occurred in 2016. Corrective actions to address invasive plants were undertaken in 2013 through 2016. A final wetland delineation was confirmed by the Corps in October 2016. This project generated 79.64 non-tidal wetland credits, all of which have been released. The Conservancy anticipates requesting project closure in 2023. Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

### **YK-3 Dragon Run (Beldon)**

The project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for more details on this project.

### **CB-8/YK-4 Upper Crab Neck (BP North America)**

The details of this project are included under the Chesapeake Bay River Basin summary.

### **YK-5 Cumberland Marsh (Healthvest, Inc.)**

The purpose of this project is to conduct non-tidal wetland, tidal wetland, and stream restoration at the Cumberland Marsh Preserve in New Kent County. The funding was initially approved by the Corps on July 1, 2005, with additional funds approved on February 22, 2007, and August 11, 2010. The Conservancy has owned and managed the preserve since December 28, 1993. The preserve is comprised of a mixture of freshwater tidal marsh, open-water impoundments and wooded upland, and provides habitat for wetlands species and migrating waterfowl, as well as a large population of the federally-threatened sensitive joint vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*). Long-term protection of the site is achieved through ownership by the Conservancy.

Feasibility studies completed in 2007 confirmed that the dam and impoundment were not structurally stable, and that their removal combined with restoration of a natural stream channel and associated wetlands would benefit water quality and habitat. Design and construction plans were completed in 2009. The project involved removal of two earthen embankment dams located on an unnamed tributary to Holts Creek, which drains to the Pamunkey River. Wetland, stream and buffer restoration activities began in 2010. In addition to the restoration activities at the impoundments, TNC enhanced the wooded riparian buffer along sections of Holt's Creek and the Pamunkey River through the planting of additional hardwoods to extend the existing wooded buffers to 100-200 feet.

Monitoring of wetland vegetation and stream channel stability has been conducted since 2011. Year 10 monitoring of the buffer enhancement area was conducted in 2019, and the Conservancy submitted a requested in December 2019 to discontinue stream buffer monitoring, which was approved in 2020. Year 10 wetland and stream monitoring occurred in 2020. The project is expected to generate 2.06 non-tidal wetland credits, 1.56

non-tidal wetland buffer, and 4.14 tidal wetland credits. No non-tidal wetland credits have been released to date, though 0.62 tidal wetland credits have been released. The project did not utilize USM stream funding, so it did not generate USM credit. Invasive species treatment was ongoing through 2022. A supplemental planting occurred in early 2018. A final delineation and credit release request will be submitted in early 2023.

In 2018, an incident of herbicide misapplication was discovered in the areas of the site where a contractor applied the herbicide imazapyr to manage for invasive species. VARTF staff conducted site assessments utilizing transects in 2018 and 2019 to determine the extent of the damage. Assessment results showed impacts to approximately 1.5 acres of the forested wetland portion of the site with an average tree mortality of 50% from the imazapyr application. VARTF is currently seeking damages from the contractor and took proactive corrective action measures to help the site meet success criteria as quickly as possible by planting trees in the most highly impacted areas of the site in spring 2020. Most of the site has a density of healthy trees that will continue to meet success criteria without the need for additional planting, and VARTF staff will continue to assess the site to ensure that all areas are successful.

Additional information regarding this mitigation site may be found in the site cyber repository on RIBITS.

**YK-6 Mattaponi River (Atwood)**

This project was officially closed in 2020. Please reference the 2020 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-7 Mattaponi River (Gwathmey 3)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-8 Mattaponi River (Bach 1)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-9 Mattaponi River Site 2**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-10 Mattaponi River (Bach 2)**

This project was officially closed in 2009. Please reference the 2009 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-11 York River Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase**

This project was officially closed in 2018. Please reference the 2017 Annual Report for details on this project.

**YK-12 Mattaponi River (Mills)**

This project did not move forward.