Enhancement of an oxbow and wetlands at Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area

Completion Report

Natural Resource Injury Assessment Restoration Project (1 of 3)

November 24, 2015

Project Summary

The week of September 28, 2015, restoration and enhancement work began at Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area. This effort was funded through the Natural Resource Restoration Trust Fund per consent order No. 09 CH 905, *People of the State of Illinois v. Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company*.

Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (BBSFWA) is a 2,376 acre site located along the Rock River west of Prophetstown, Illinois. The BBSFWA is a very complex system that is highly influenced by Rock River flood pulses and other natural disturbances, readily changing site conditions. The site is owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and preserved by Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watersheds Protection Program Floodplain easements (75-5A12-1-8698; 75-5A12-1-8699; 75-5A12-1-8700).

The project repaired and enhanced a large oxbow system within BBSFWA that directly borders the Rock River as well as several small wetlands south of the oxbow (Figure 1).

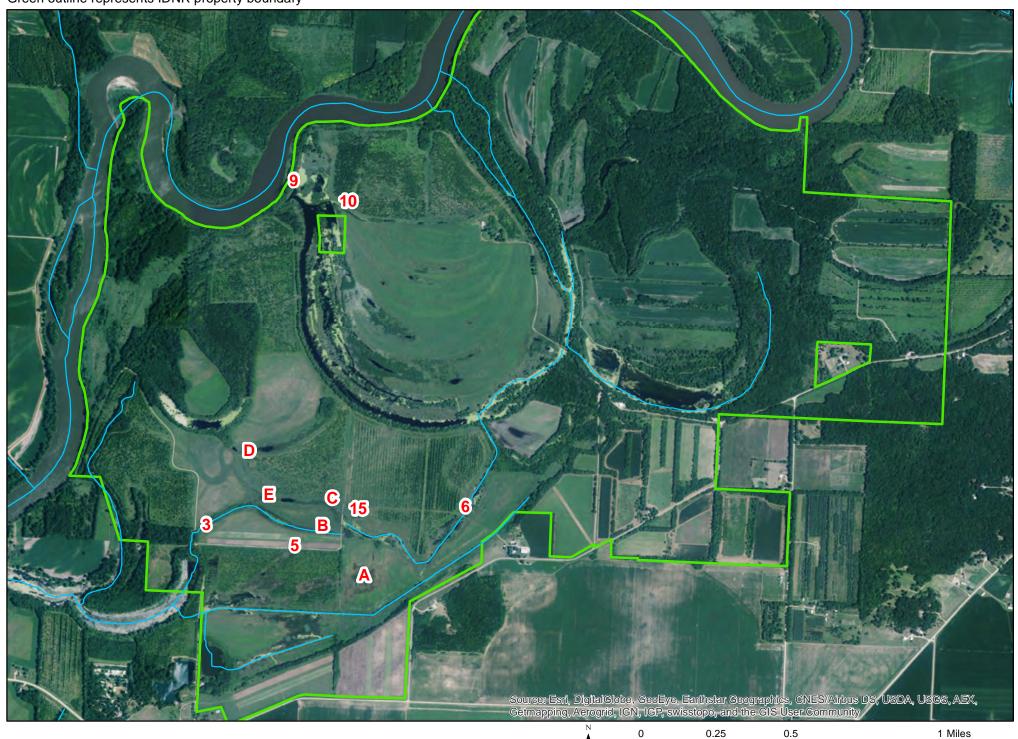
Oxbow Restoration (9 and 10): In early 2000s, NRCS implemented various site restoration projects, including, but not limited to, a crossing with a flap gate to control water in a small ditch (10) and a notched levee with water control structure (9) on the large oxbow island (Figure 2). Fall of 2015, the crossing was repaired and reinforced allowing for a stable crossing onto the island during prescribed burns, other natural resource management actions, and maintenance activities. Widening the levee in the vicinity of structure #9 and stabilizing the notch was completed, allowing for better management of the water levels in the large oxbow system to enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Completely armoring the notch should also stop the gully from advancing further into the wetland.

<u>Wetland Restoration (A, B, C, D, E, 3, 5, 6 and 15):</u> In areas depicted as A, B, C, D, E, 3, 5, 6 and 15 on Figure 1, minor excavations, armoring a wetland overflow and spring seep drainage, and installation of water control structures were implemented in an effort to facilitate floodwater storage, in turn providing additional shallow water wetland habitat for natural resources.

The project was completed October 15, 2015.

Figure 1. Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife wetland area, Oxbow and Wetland Repair and Enhancement Restoration Project

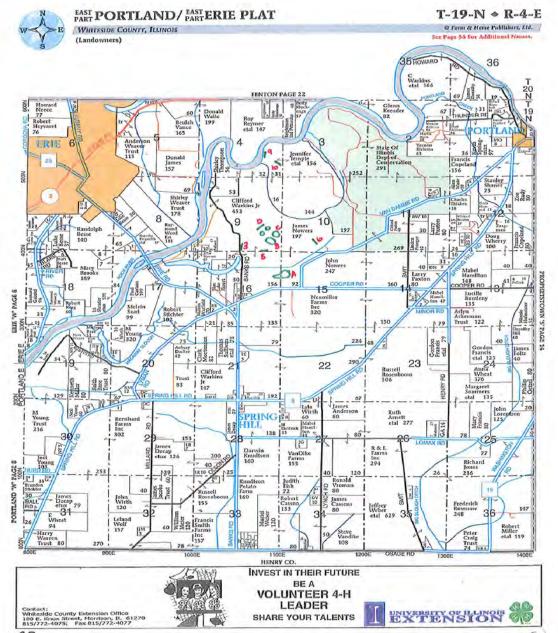
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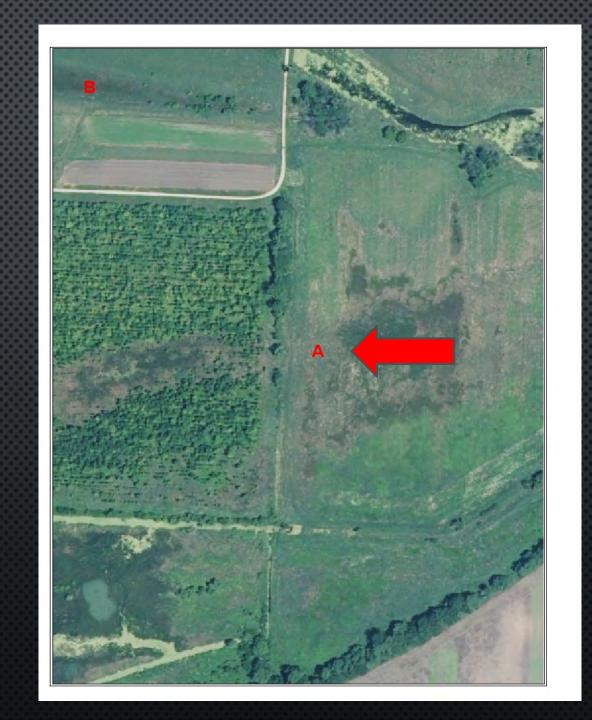


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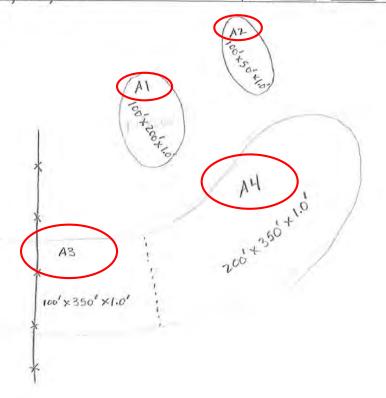






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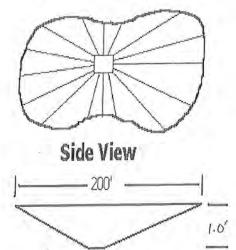


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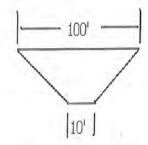
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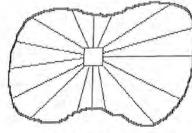
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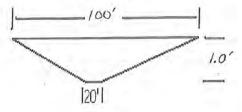
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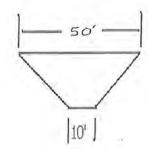




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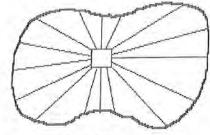
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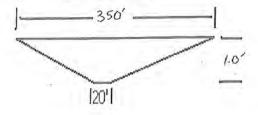
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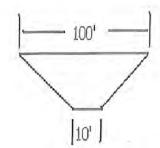
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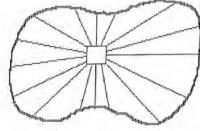
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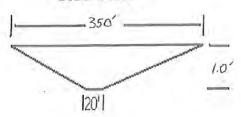
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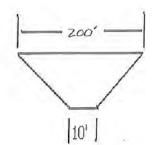
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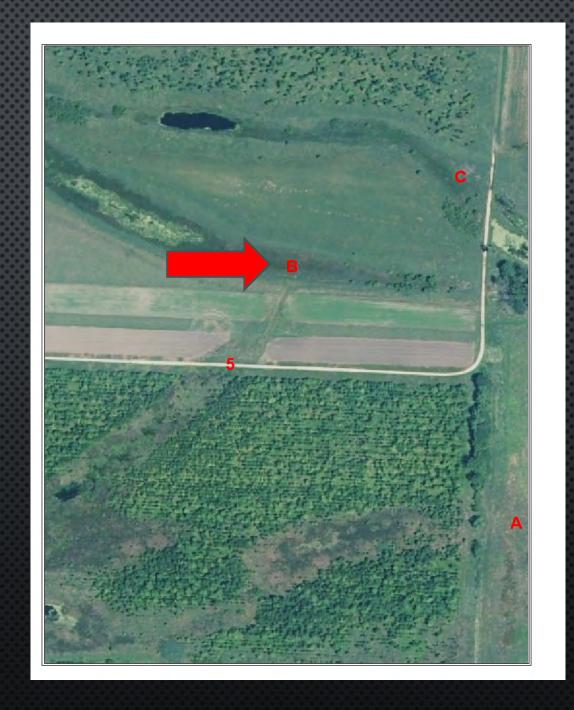
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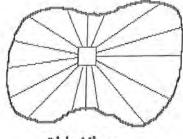
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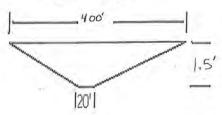
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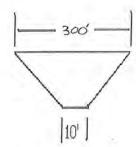
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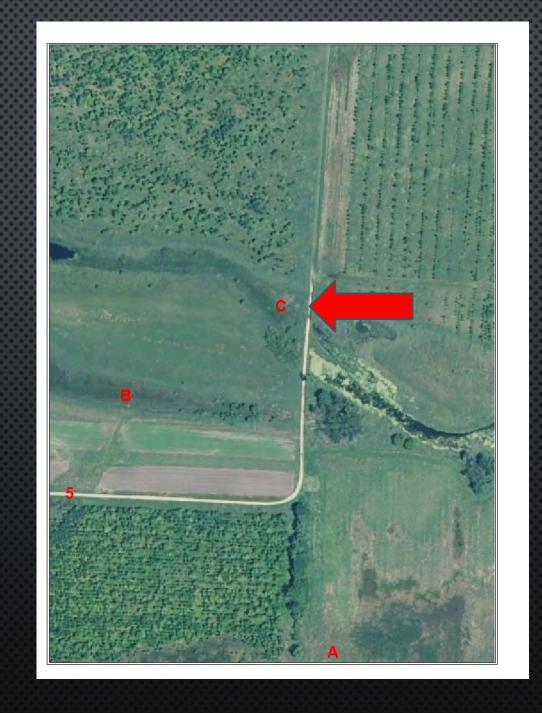
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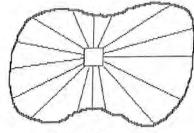
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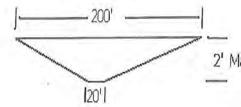
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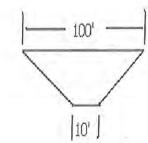
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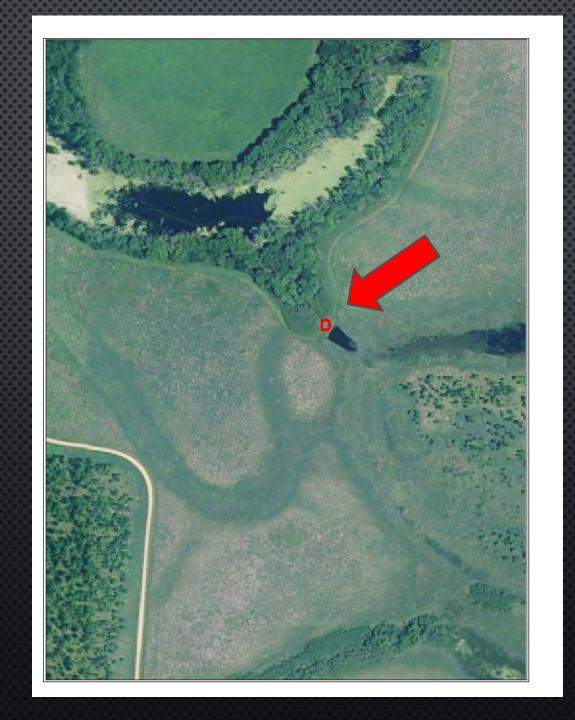


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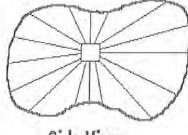
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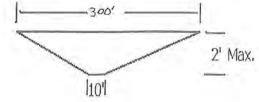
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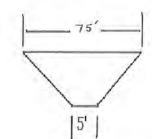
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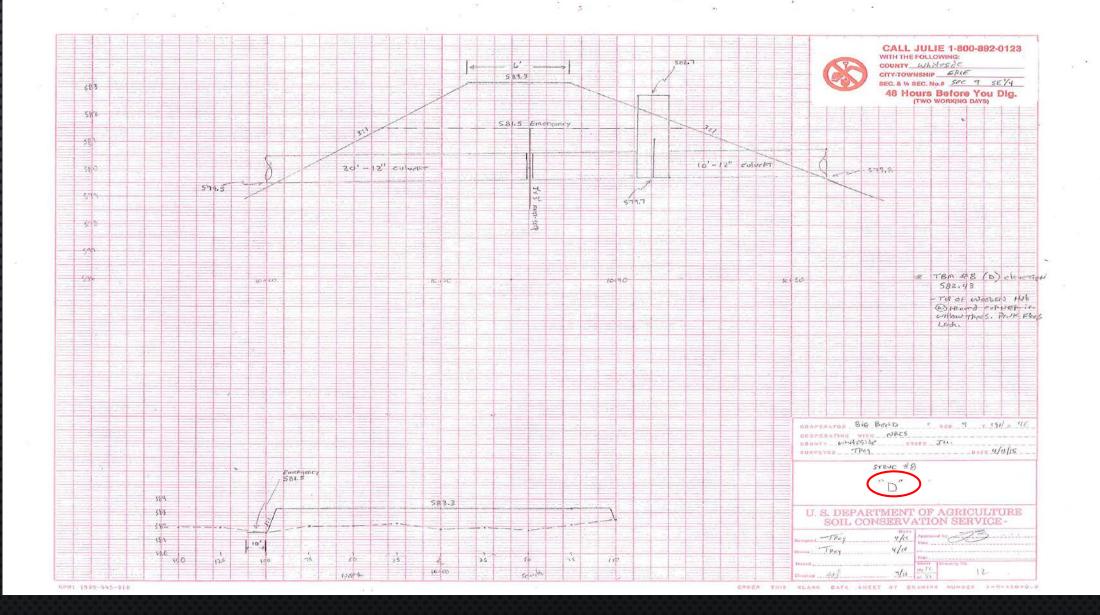


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Critical Area Planting

Illinois Job Sheet - 342

June 2011

Field/Site: "D"	Area (Acres or 1000 ft ²): c.3 4c
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Planned by: Troy Brown SCT	

Definition

The establishment of permanent vegetation on sites that have or are expected to have high erosion rates, and on sites that have physical, chemical or biological conditions that prevent the establishment of vegetation with normal practices.



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Conditions where practice applies

On areas with existing or expected high rates of erosion or degraded sites that usually cannot be stabilized by ordinary conservation treatment and/or management, and if left untreated, could be severely damaged by erosion or sedimentation or could cause significant off-site damage. Examples are dams, dikes, mine spoils, levee cuts, fills, surfaced mined areas, and denuded or guillied areas. The practice also applies to vegetating concentrated flow channels such as natural or constructed waterways.

Seedbed preparation and seeding

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Sketch of Area to be treated

See Attached Photo

Seed, Lime, and Fertilizer (Specify rates per acre or per 1000 ft2)

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Companion Crop	Spring oats / Summor wheat or rya	20 lbc	(o lbs
Seed (PLS#/Ac.)	Smooth Bromegrass	30 lbs	9 lbs
	Alfalfa	9 lbs	3 lbs
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Mulch	straw	2 tons	
Anchor	Disk 2 inch deep		

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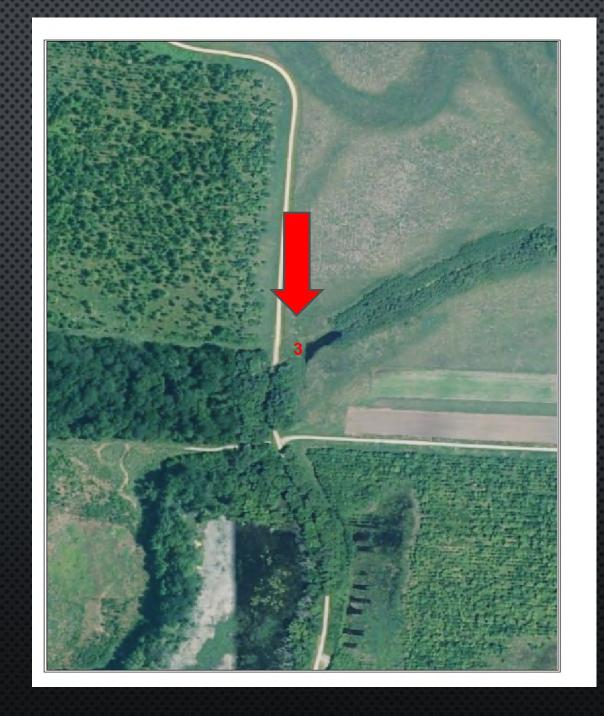
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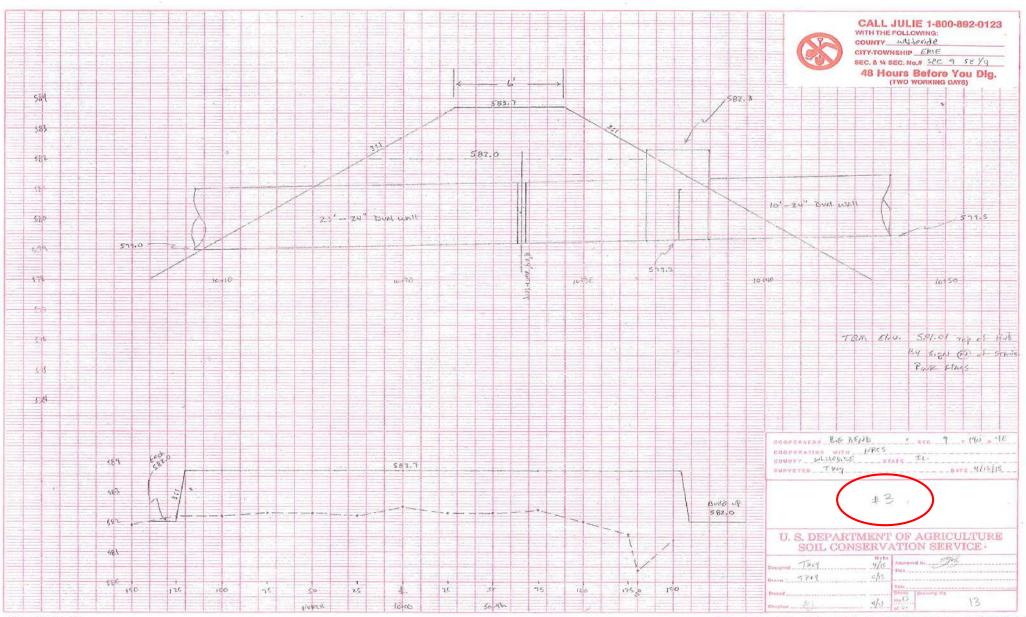
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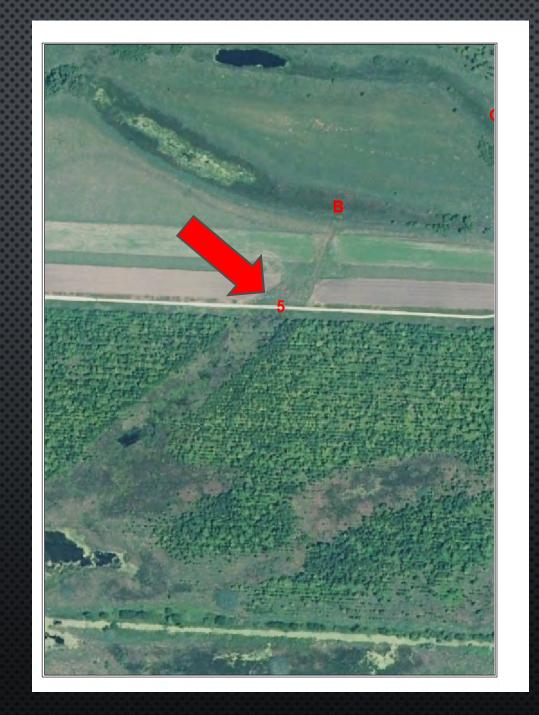
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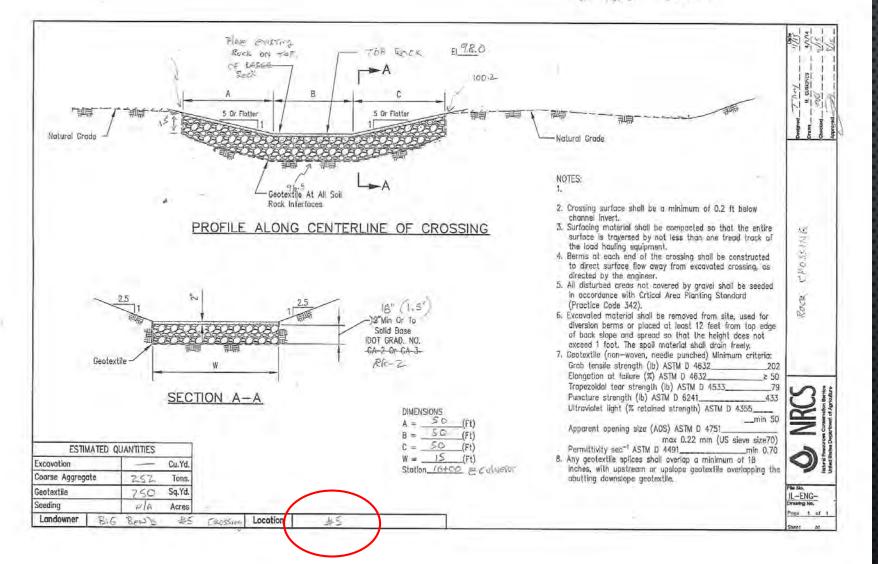
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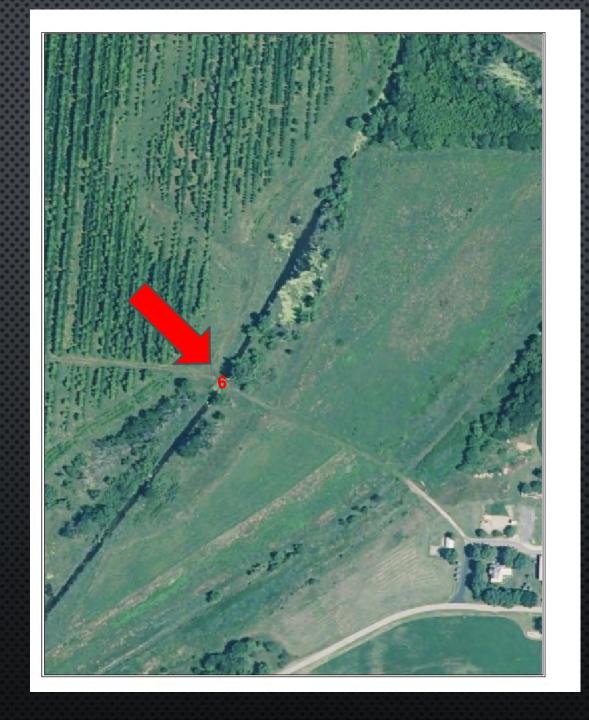
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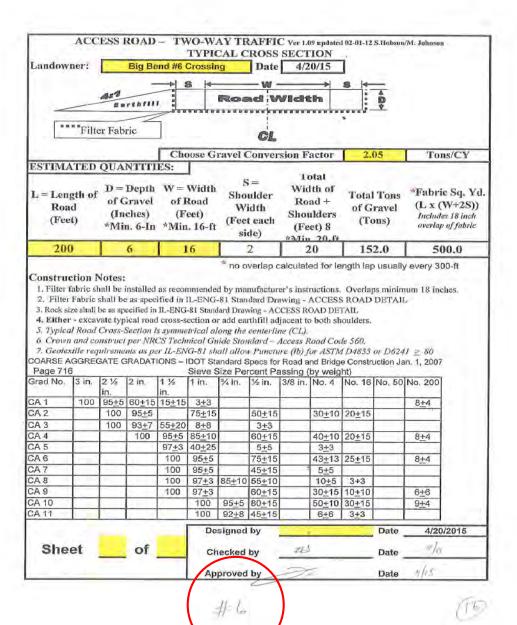




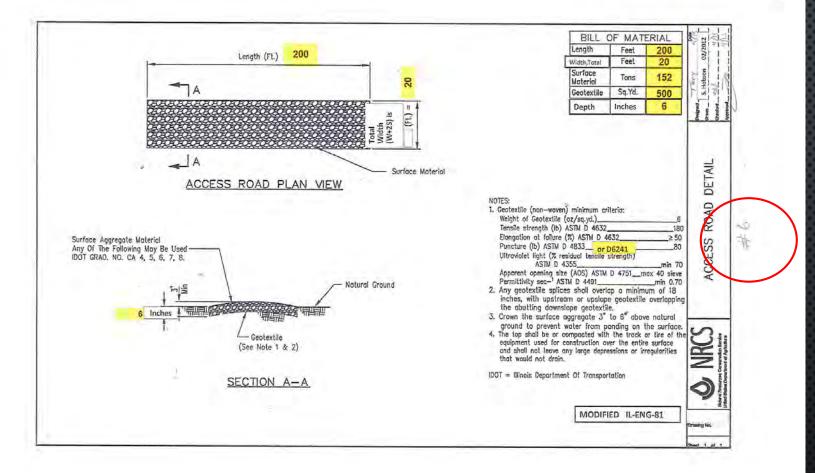


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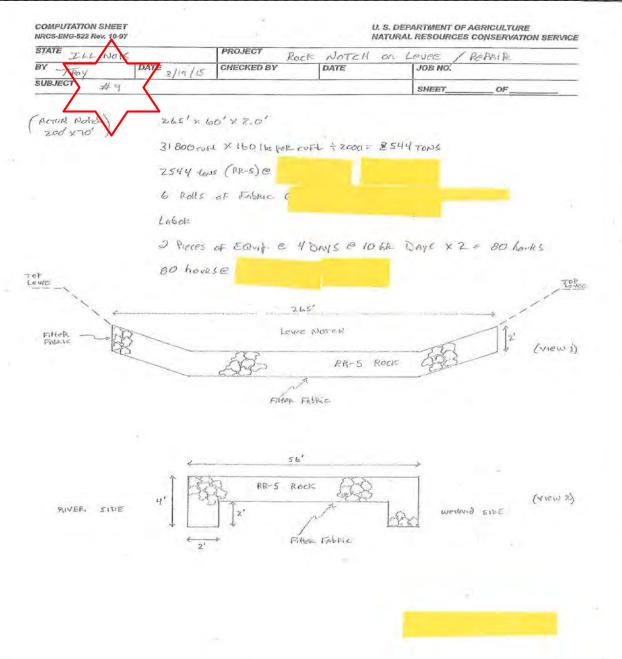




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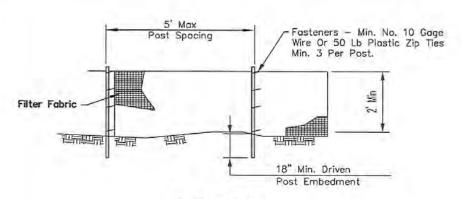
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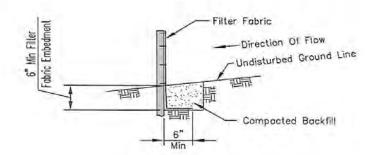




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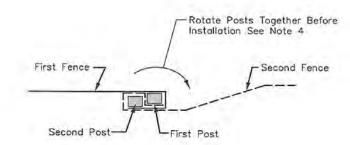
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NOTES:

- Temporary silt fence shall be installed prior to any grading work in the area to be protected. Fence shall be maintained throughout the construction period and removed in conjunction with the final grading and site stabilization.
- Filter fabric shall meet the requirements of material specification 592
 Geotextile Table 1 or 2, Class I with equivalent opening size of at least
 30 for nonwoven and 50 for woven.
- Fence posts shall be either wood post with a minimum cross—sectional area of 1.5" X 1.5" or a standard steel post.
- 4. When splices are necessary make splice at post according to splice detail. Place the end post of the second fence inside the end post of the first fence. Rotate both posts together at least 180 degrees to create a tight seal with the fabric material. Cut the fabric near the bottom of the posts to accommodate the 6 inch flap. Then drive both posts and bury the flap. Compact backfill well.



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Big Bend 2015 Statement of Work

- 1 The duration of the project shall be no more than 2 weeks/14 days once the bid has been awarded and mobilization approval by the IDNR and the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 2 Contractor mobilization to site shall be within 7 days of IDNR and Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District approval.
- 3 Stabilization of spoil material (per NRCS specifications) shall be in place before deposition in the designated areas (see enclosed map).
- 4 Erosion and sediment control measures shall consist of the following as called for by NRCS specifications: silt fence around the spoil area and critical seeding on all rebuild berms.
- 5 Stockpiling of rock shall be in an area near site number nine. Pile will be done in such a manner as to not damage existing trees and will be for no more than 7 days from the beginning work on site number 9. All remaining rock must removed within 7 days after site 9 is complete.
- 6 All ingress and egress shall be on existing roads and trails. Any damage to roads or trails is the responsibility of the bid awardee (contractor) to repair.
- 7 All state, local, and federal labor/wage laws must be adhered to including prevailing wage laws. A prevailing wage certification must be signed by the bid awardee (contractor).
- 8 Once all site projects are certified as built according to NRCS specifications and the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District and IDNR approve, a single payment will be issued. No partial payments will be issued.
- 9 As much as is practical all existing practices including roads, trails, native grass, wetlands, and trees/shrubs shall be protected.
- 10 Contacts for the project are IDNR and the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 11 IDNR and the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

James Harry 9/24/15

Additional tasks completed for the subject restoration project:

Site #9.

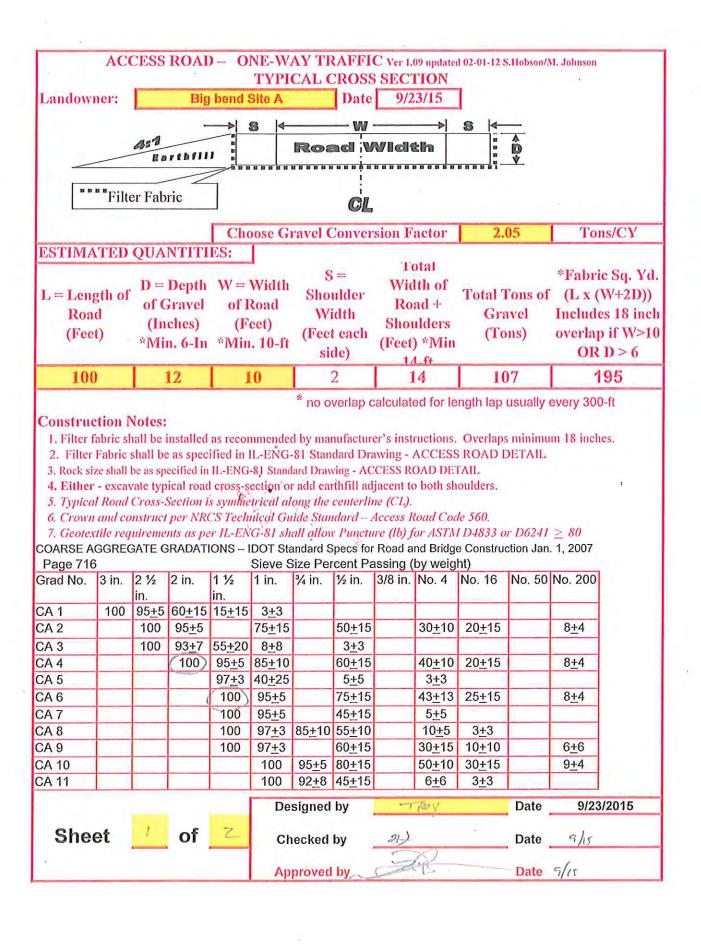
- Extension on 3' water control structure
- 4 trash panels

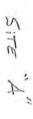
Site A. Rock and Fabric for 100' crossing

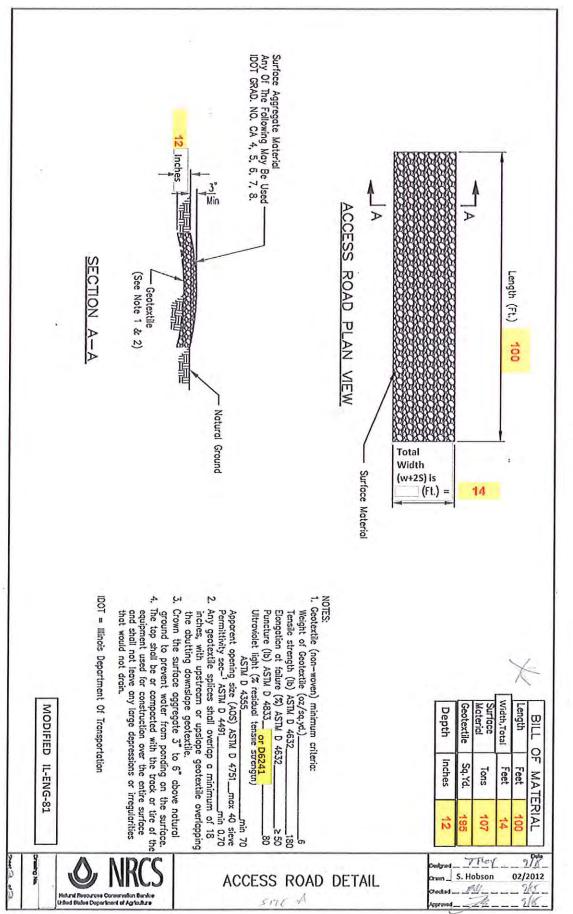
Site #15. Rock and Fabric for 850' crossing

Site E. Construction of 1.4 acre shallow water area









SITE

Name BIG BEND

Program # _____ Contract # _

Date <u>9/22/15</u>

Tract_

_____ Farm _____

Cost Estimate For Wetland

By: Jim Doeden 1/18/00

Typical Wetland Sizes

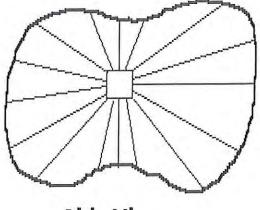
200' X300'

2211 Cu. Yds.

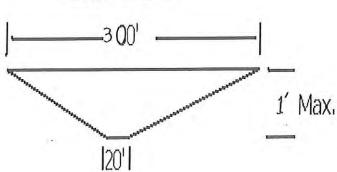
Minimum side slopes

8:1

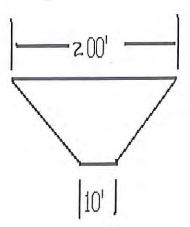
Top View



Side View



End View



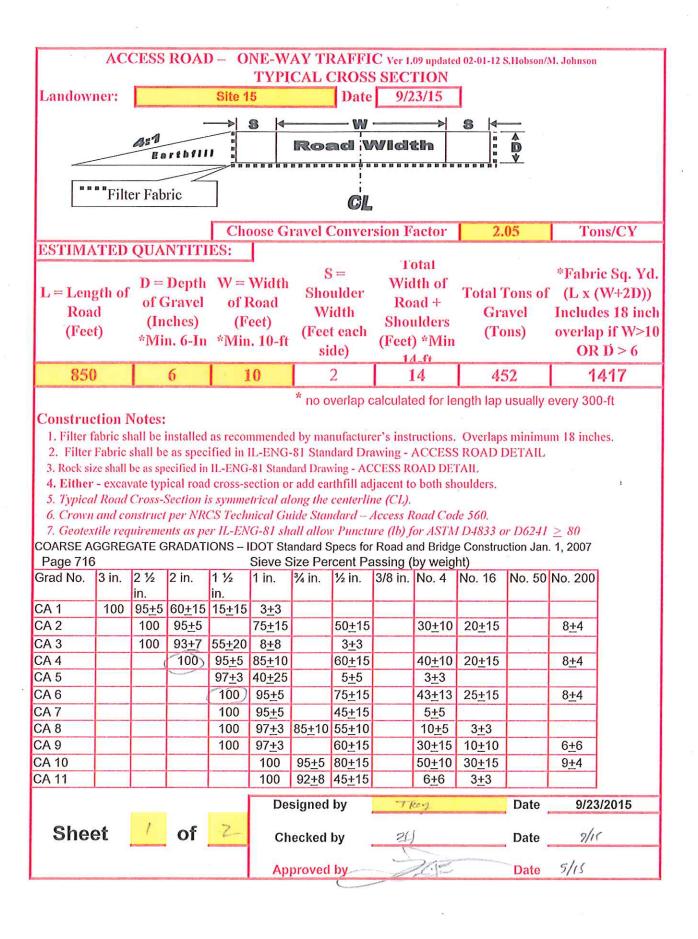


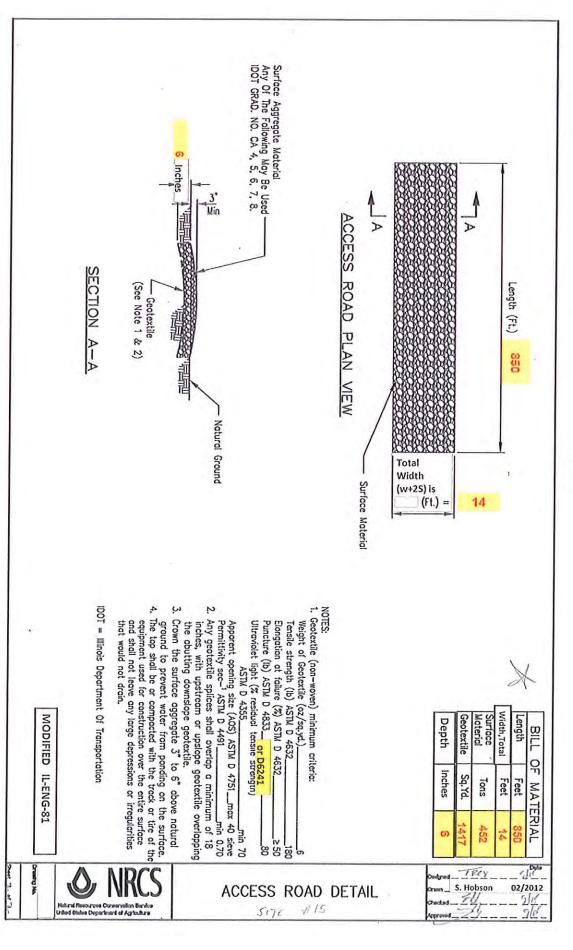
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Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District



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November 23, 2015

Dear Beth Whetsell,

Per our phone conversation, here are the documents you requested pertaining to the Big Bend Project. The projects performed at Big Bend SWFA have been completed and do meet NRCS specifications.

Any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call us at 815-772-2124 ext 3.

Sincerely,

Patricia Paxson, Administrative Coordinator

Whiteside County SWCD