

ATTACHMENT J

LOWER FLOW SENSITIVITY STUDY



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Subject: **Low Flow Sensitivity Analysis**
Congaree River Remediation Project
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Zeli:

This letter presents a summary of the results of WSP USA's (WSP) Low Flow Sensitivity Analysis Memo; dated July 26, 2019.

The analysis was completed to determine changes in water surface elevation and floodplain widths in the Congaree River due to construction of the proposed Area-1 and Area-2 cofferdam structures, during low flow conditions. The following three flow rates were considered in the analysis:

- Approximate normal flow rate = 8,564 cfs (average based on USGS data analysis)
- Flow rate that results in water just below the cofferdam crest elevation = 26,000 cfs
- Flow rate that results in water level midway between normal flow level and cofferdam crest = 17,000 cfs

The HEC-RAS model results summarized in Table 1 show the addition of the proposed Area-1 cofferdam structure results in maximum increases in water surface elevation of 0.5 ft, 0.4 ft, and 0.3 ft for the normal, mid-point, and cofferdam crest flows, respectively. The maximum increase in floodplain width of 8.1 ft is experienced on the right (west) bank, 100 ft downstream of Gervais Street bridge for mid-point conditions. The maximum increases in floodplain width for the normal and crest flows are 3.6 ft and 1.4 ft, respectively. However, the typical increase in floodplain width upstream of the Area-1 structure is less than 1.5 ft for the three low flow conditions considered.

The HEC-RAS model results show the addition of the proposed Area-2 cofferdam structure results in maximum increases in water surface elevation of 0.1 ft for the three low flow conditions considered. The maximum increase in floodplain extent of 1.8 ft is experienced on the right (west) bank, 100 ft downstream of Gervais Street bridge for mid-point conditions. The maximum increases in floodplain width for the normal and crest flows are 1.3 ft and 0.6 ft, respectively. However, the typical increase in floodplain width upstream of the Area-2 structure is less than 1 ft for the three low flow conditions considered.

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Table 1: Summary of Low Flow Sensitivity Analysis Results

Cofferdam	Variable	Normal Flow	Mid-Point Flow	Crest Flow
Area-1	Maximum change in W.S. Elevation (ft)	0.5	0.4	0.3
	Maximum change in Left (East) Bank Floodplain (ft)	3.5	1.2	1.1
	Maximum change in Right (West) Bank Floodplain (ft)	3.6	8.1	1.4
Area-2	Maximum change in W.S. Elevation (ft)	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Maximum change in Left (East) Bank Floodplain (ft)	1.3	1.3	0.6
	Maximum change in Right (West) Bank Floodplain (ft)	1.0	1.8	0.4

The HEC-RAS model results have been used to create floodplain extent maps, to compare the extents for the three low flow conditions considered with and without the Area-1 and Area-2 cofferdams (modeled separately). These maps show that the change in floodplain extent due to construction of the cofferdams is negligible. Based on a review of aerial photographs, no additional properties are impacted by floodwater due to construction of the Area-1 or Area-2 cofferdams.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact John Osterle at 412-535-9823 or john.osterle@wsp.com.

Kind regards,

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Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this calculation is to perform a low flow sensitivity analysis for the affected area along the Congaree River in Columbia, South Carolina, due to the separate installation of two rock fill cofferdams around Areas 1 and 2.

A hydraulic analysis was previously completed to determine the impact of the proposed cofferdam structures on the Base Flood Elevations (BFE) for existing conditions as detailed in WSP's Hydraulic Analysis Memo, completed in April 2019 (WSP, 2019). This calculation uses the HEC-RAS model developed for the previous hydraulic analysis to simulate low flow conditions for the Corrected Effective, Proposed (Area-1), and Proposed (Area-2) models.

A plan view showing the extents of the cofferdams is included on Figure 1, based on Apex Drawing "Stakeholder Approved MRA Plan Sediment Remediation Areas" (Apex, 2019).

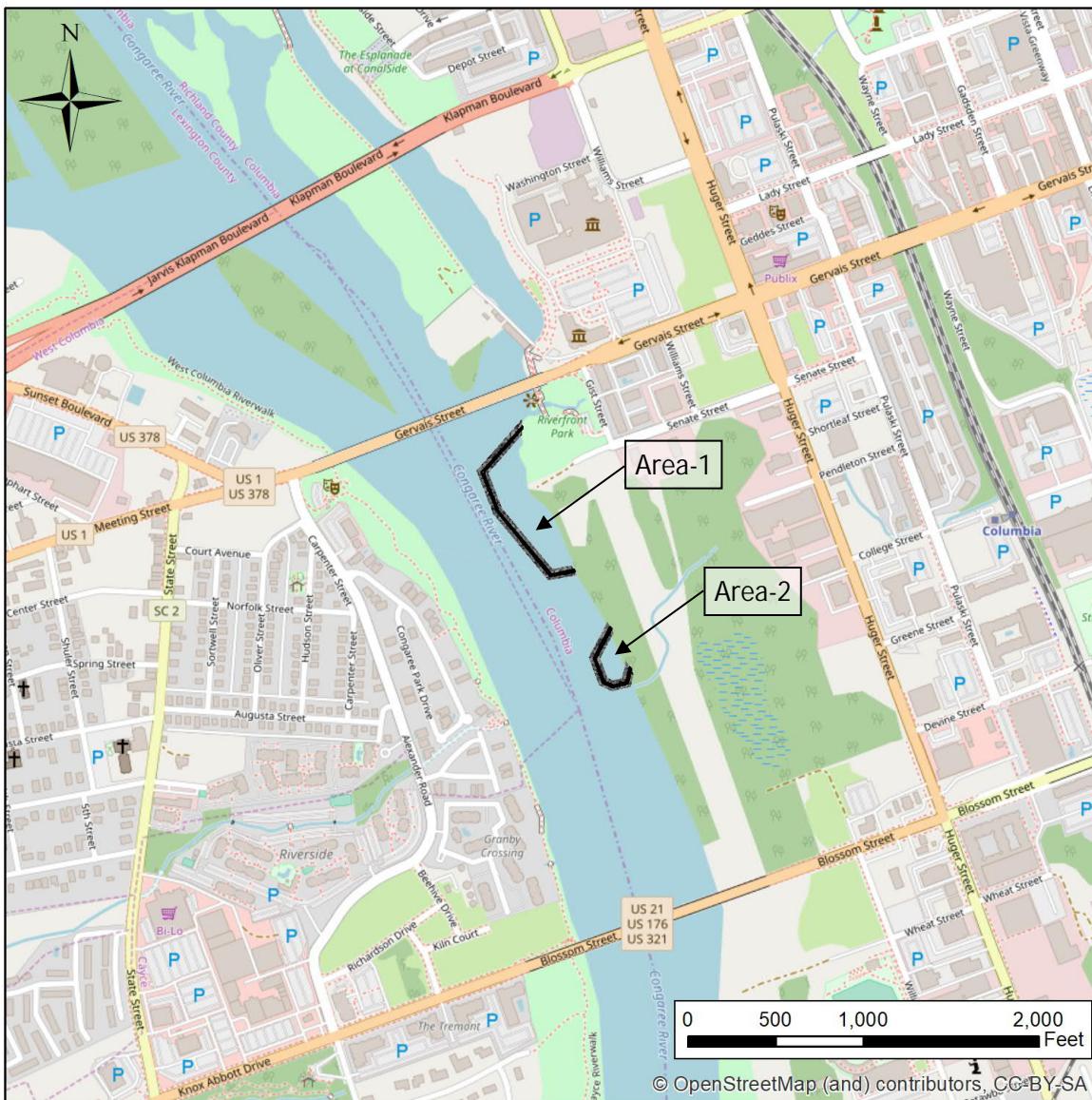


Figure 1: Plan View of Proposed Cofferdams



Description of Methodology Used

WSP (2019) provides full details of the HEC-RAS models developed for the previous hydraulic analysis, which considered the 10-year, 50-year, and 100-year flood events. No changes have been made to the HEC-RAS models for this low flow sensitivity analysis apart from to update the inflow boundary conditions to represent low flow conditions.

The following key characteristics of the HEC-RAS model are repeated below for clarity. Full details can be obtained from WSP (2019).

- The HEC-RAS model was developed from FEMA's Current Effective Model of the Congaree River, and was used to complete unsteady state simulations using HEC-RAS Version 4.1 (USACE, 2010).
- The HEC-RAS model is referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88). The United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage data is referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29). All elevations in this calculation are referenced to NAVD88, unless specifically stated otherwise. The datum shift to convert from NAVD88 to NGVD29 is +0.787 ft, as determined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Vertcon tool (NOAA, 2019).
- The typical crest elevation of the rockfill berm cofferdam structures is 123.7 ft NAVD88. To control the locations of overtopping during high river levels, spillway sections are included in the cofferdam design which are 1 ft lower than the typical crest elevation. The level of protection provided by the cofferdam structures is therefore 122.7 ft NAVD88, and when water levels in the river exceed this elevation the areas behind the cofferdams will begin to flood.
- The proposed Area-1 and Area-2 cofferdams are analyzed as separate proposed conditions models, to reflect the phased approach being followed for the project.
- The cofferdams are represented in the model using the HEC-RAS 'levee' feature. This ensures that the storage volume within the river channel behind the cofferdam is only taken into account when the water level exceeds the crest elevation. Therefore, during low flow conditions the area behind the cofferdams remains dry.

Calculation Input

The HEC-RAS model developed in WSP's previous hydraulic analysis (WSP, 2019) was used to complete low flow simulations. The only change made to the model is to update the boundary conditions to represent low flow conditions as detailed below.

Boundary Conditions

Boundary conditions were required to represent the following conditions, as specified in WSP's scope of work:

- Approximate normal flow rate (based on USGS data analysis)
- Flow rate that results in water just below the cofferdam crest elevation
- Flow rate that results in water level midway between normal flow level and cofferdam crest

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage 02169500 is located on the Congaree River on the west bank opposite the locations of the proposed cofferdams. The USGS gage data (USGS, 2019) was reviewed and all

approved daily-mean flow data was downloaded, covering the period from May 1984 through March 2019, i.e. approximately 35 years of data as shown in Figure 2.

The average of the approved mean-daily flow values was calculated as 8,564 cfs and this was adopted as the approximate normal flow rate for the purposes of this calculation. This flow rate results in a water level of approximately 116.6 ft NAVD88 at the upstream end of the Area-1 cofferdam.

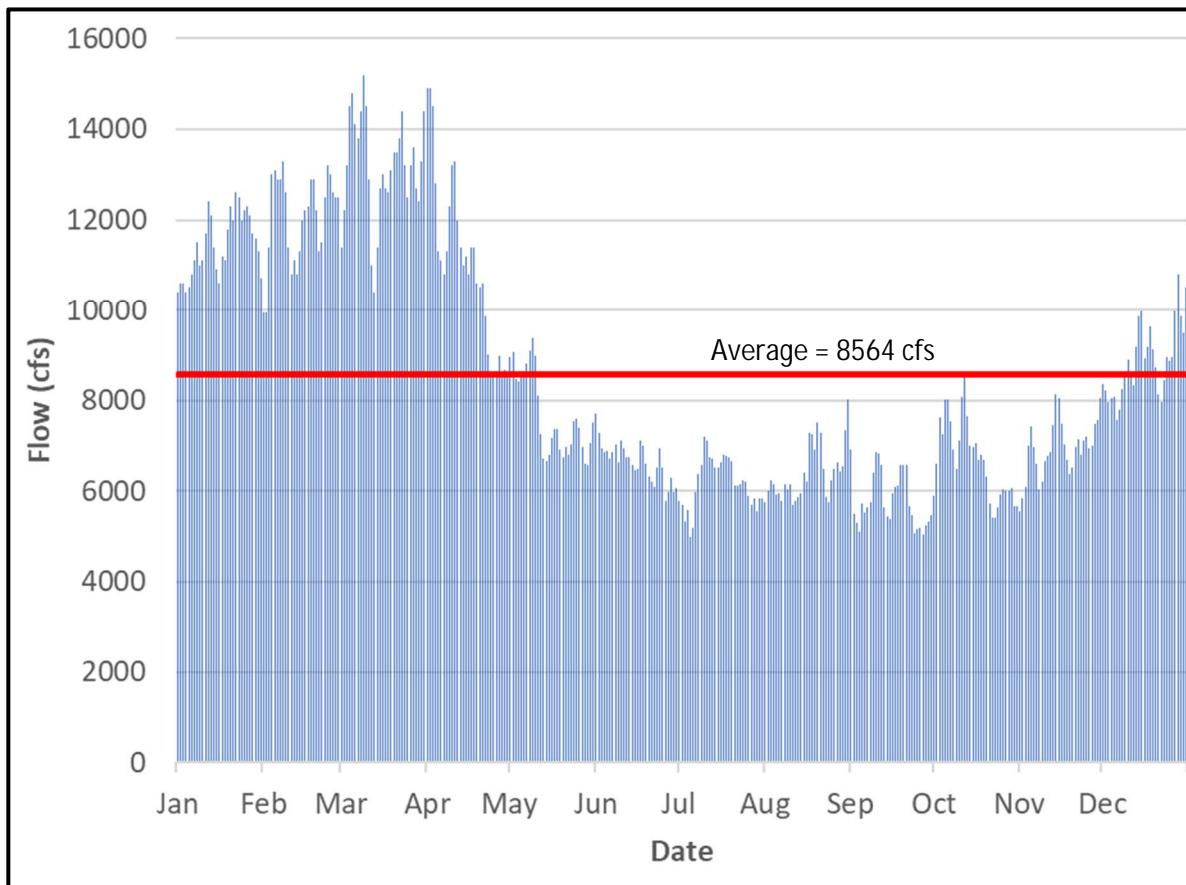


Figure 2: USGS Gage 02169500 Daily-Mean Flow Data, May 1984 through March 2019

Initial test runs were completed to determine the flow rate that would result in a water level just below the cofferdam crest elevation, i.e. the crest elevation of 122.7 ft NAVD88 at the overtopping spillways, above which water starts to flood the area behind the cofferdams.

The normal flow rate of 8,564 cfs was used as the initial flow in the river and the flow rate was increased over time. The water levels from the test runs were reviewed at the upstream end of the Area-1 cofferdam to determine the flow that resulted in a water level just below 122.7 ft NAVD88. The 'crest flow' was determined to be approximately 26,000 cfs.

Results were also reviewed to determine the flow that resulted in a water level midway between the cofferdam crest and normal water levels, i.e. approximately 119.5 ft NAVD88. The 'mid-point flow' was determined to be approximately 17,000 cfs.

Unsteady state (time-varying) inflow boundary conditions were developed for the three low flow scenarios to be analyzed. All boundary conditions begin at the normal flow value (8,564 cfs), and for the midpoint and crest flow

conditions the flow rate is increased by approximately 1,500 cfs every 30 mins until the desired flow rate (17,000 or 26,000 cfs) is achieved. The inflow is then held constant until the end of the 47 hour model run, which allows the flows and velocities in the model to stabilize at the specified flow rate. The results are taken at the end of the run, 47 hours after the simulation begins. The inflow boundaries were developed to ensure there were no model instabilities associated with rapidly changing inflow conditions.

The final inflow boundary conditions are shown on Figure 3.

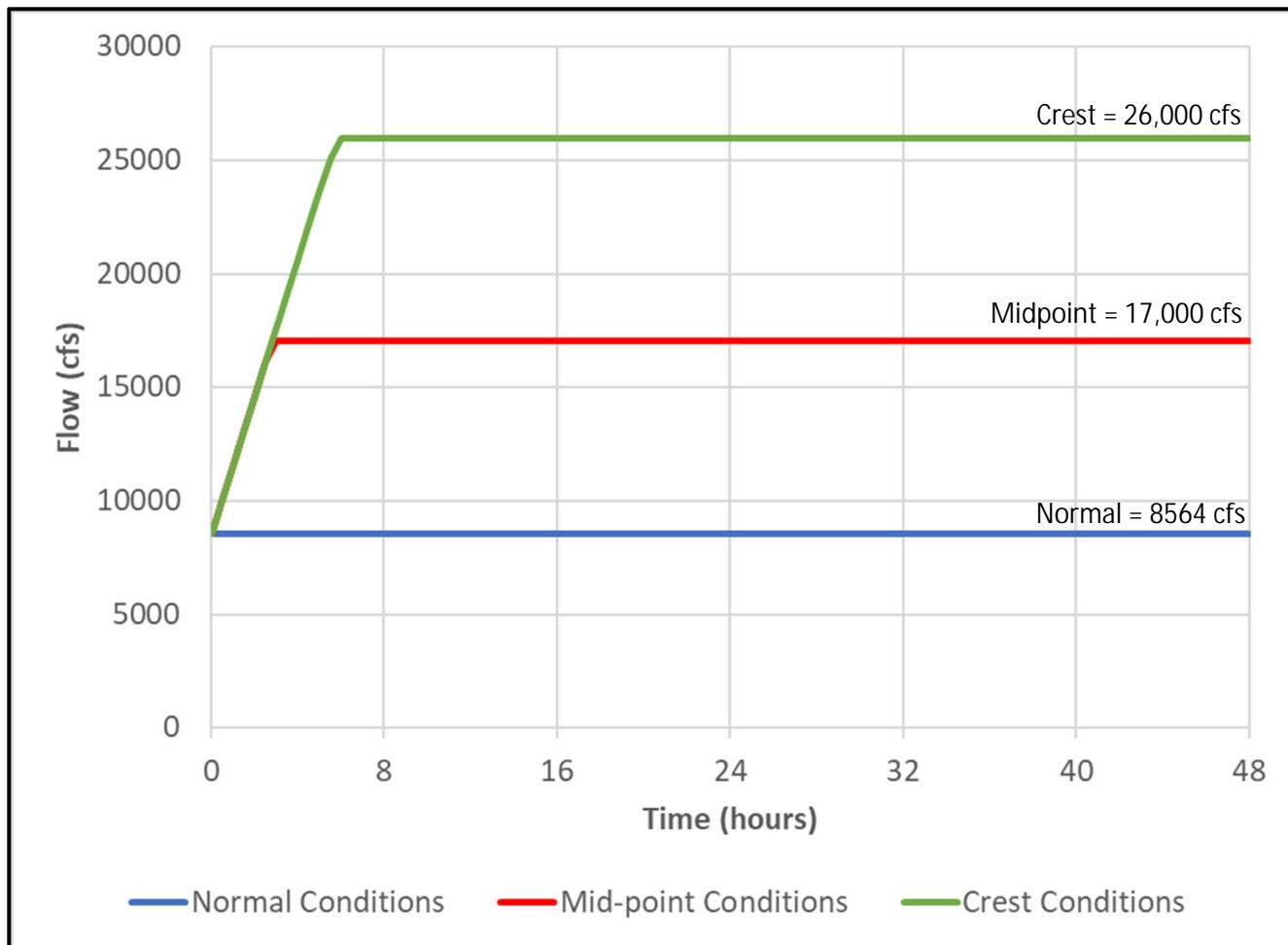


Figure 3: Low Flow Upstream Inflow Boundary Conditions

Numerical Calculations

All hydraulic analysis calculations are performed within the HEC-RAS Version 4.1 (USACE, 2010). The unsteady flow analysis parameters such as computational interval and hydrograph output interval were not modified i.e., the parameters used are identical to the parameters for the current effective model provided by FEMA and used in the previous hydraulic analysis (WSP, 2019).

Calculation Output

The electronic input and output files for all hydraulic models are provided in Appendix A. The HEC-RAS Output Tables are provided in Appendix B.

Figure 4 shows the HEC-RAS model schematic zoomed into the project area for the Corrected Effective model. The purpose of this figure is to provide the Cross Section/River Station numbering when reviewing results output. A full size/resolution version of Figure 4 is also provided in Appendix C.



Figure 4: Corrected Effective HEC-RAS Model Schematic (Project Area)

Results

The model results have been extracted at the end of the run (after 47 hours) when the flow conditions in the model have stabilized after the inflow boundary condition ramps up at the start of the run.

Table 1 and Table 2 summarize the water surface elevations and change in floodplain widths, respectively, of the corrected effective and proposed Area-1 hydraulic model runs for the normal, mid-point, and crest flow conditions. The results demonstrate that the impact of the proposed Area-1 cofferdam structure is greatest for lower flow rates, when the cross-sectional area loss due to the structure accounts for a bigger proportion of the total flow in the channel.

Table 1 shows that for the normal flow rate an increase in water level of up to 0.5 ft is experienced immediately upstream of the Area-1 cofferdam structure, with no increases predicted in the middle of the structure and further downstream. For the mid-point and cofferdam crest flow conditions, the increase upstream of the Area-1 structure is up to 0.4 ft and 0.3 ft, respectively. No increases are also predicted in the middle of the structure and further downstream.

Table 2 shows that a maximum increase in floodplain width of 8.1 ft is experienced on the right (west) bank approximately 100 ft downstream of Gervais Street bridge for mid-point conditions. This is the location where the greatest increase in water level occurs, and the topography of the river bank is also inclined at a shallower gradient than the typical section at flood elevations around 119.5-120.0 ft NAVD88. These two factors combined explain why this is the location of the maximum change in floodplain extent.

However, the increase in floodplain width upstream of the Area-1 structure is typically less than 1.5 ft for the three low flow conditions considered. The increase in floodplain width is determined by the specific topography at the flood level experienced at each specific cross section, i.e. if the topography is flat and low-lying then a small increase in water level can result in a greater increase in width. Therefore, the change in width does not necessarily correlate to the total flow in the river channel (as does the change in water surface elevation).

Construction of the Area-1 cofferdam structure reduces the width of the floodplain adjacent to the cofferdam, as shown by the negative values in Table 2.

Figures C1 through C3 (in Appendix C) show the floodplain extents for the three low flow conditions considered with and without the Area-1 cofferdam. These maps show that the changes in floodplain extent due to construction of the cofferdam is negligible. Based on a review of aerial photographs, no additional properties are impacted by floodwater due to construction of the Area-1 cofferdam.

Table 1: Comparison of Corrected Effective and Proposed Area-1 Model Water Surface Elevations; Normal, Mid-Point, and Cofferdam Crest Flow Rates

Cross Section/ River Station	Water Surface Elevation (ft NAVD88)								
	Normal Flow			Mid-Point Flow			Cofferdam Crest Flow		
	Corrected	Proposed	Change ^a	Corrected	Proposed	Change ^a	Corrected	Proposed	Change ^a
288770	136.540	136.555	0.0	137.689	137.656	0.0	138.115	138.010	-0.1
287472	128.954	128.952	0.0	130.051	130.055	0.0	130.904	130.924	0.0
286338	121.996	122.045	0.0	123.764	123.833	0.1	125.468	125.624	0.2
286106	121.259	121.327	0.1	122.764	122.899	0.1	124.919	125.103	0.2
284778	118.632	119.015	0.4	121.319	121.646	0.3	124.310	124.559	0.2
284565 ^b	116.856	117.284	0.4	119.631	119.972	0.3	122.657	122.912	0.3
284431	116.638	117.143	0.5	119.496	119.856	0.4	122.553	122.815	0.3
284408 ^c	116.613	116.953	0.3	119.481	119.662	0.2	122.543	122.631	0.1
284395 ^c	116.596	116.932	0.3	119.474	119.651	0.2	122.537	122.620	0.1
284372 ^c	116.579	116.915	0.3	119.464	119.642	0.2	122.530	122.613	0.1
284267 ^c	116.480	116.666	0.2	119.407	119.492	0.1	122.486	122.506	0.0
284060 ^c	116.379	116.401	0.0	119.329	119.289	0.0	122.425	122.331	-0.1
283820 ^c	116.336	116.312	0.0	119.286	119.218	-0.1	122.384	122.278	-0.1
283636 ^c	116.310	116.279	0.0	119.253	119.187	-0.1	122.350	122.258	-0.1
283611 ^c	116.302	116.271	0.0	119.241	119.180	-0.1	122.337	122.256	-0.1
283601 ^c	116.295	116.260	0.0	119.233	119.166	-0.1	122.329	122.241	-0.1
283574	116.270	116.270	0.0	119.202	119.202	0.0	122.301	122.301	0.0
283490	116.205	116.205	0.0	119.138	119.138	0.0	122.247	122.247	0.0
283342	116.147	116.147	0.0	119.093	119.093	0.0	122.213	122.213	0.0
283203	116.114	116.114	0.0	119.064	119.064	0.0	122.190	122.190	0.0
283179	116.116	116.116	0.0	119.067	119.067	0.0	122.192	122.192	0.0
283169	116.115	116.115	0.0	119.066	119.066	0.0	122.191	122.191	0.0
283139	116.104	116.104	0.0	119.054	119.054	0.0	122.180	122.180	0.0
283093	116.089	116.089	0.0	119.038	119.038	0.0	122.168	122.168	0.0
283052	116.085	116.085	0.0	119.035	119.035	0.0	122.164	122.164	0.0
283001	116.078	116.078	0.0	119.028	119.028	0.0	122.159	122.159	0.0
282937	116.050	116.050	0.0	118.996	118.997	0.0	122.130	122.130	0.0
282912	116.030	116.030	0.0	118.977	118.977	0.0	122.116	122.116	0.0
282902	116.018	116.018	0.0	118.968	118.968	0.0	122.110	122.110	0.0
282874	115.973	115.973	0.0	118.941	118.941	0.0	122.096	122.096	0.0
282707	115.673	115.673	0.0	118.760	118.760	0.0	121.964	121.964	0.0
282424	115.453	115.453	0.0	118.674	118.674	0.0	121.923	121.923	0.0
282071	115.004	115.004	0.0	118.490	118.490	0.0	121.804	121.804	0.0
281647 ^d	114.654	114.654	0.0	118.370	118.370	0.0	121.726	121.726	0.0
281423	114.343	114.343	0.0	118.226	118.226	0.0	121.538	121.538	0.0
279961	113.809	113.809	0.0	117.951	117.951	0.0	121.306	121.306	0.0
279605	113.744	113.744	0.0	117.900	117.900	0.0	121.257	121.257	0.0
278919	113.612	113.612	0.0	117.801	117.801	0.0	121.166	121.166	0.0

Notes:

- a. 'Change' is calculated by subtracting 'Proposed' from 'Corrected' and rounding to one decimal place
- b. Located downstream of Gervais Street bridge
- c. Area-1 cofferdam
- d. Located upstream of Blossom Street bridge

Table 2: Comparison of Corrected Effective and Proposed Area-1 Model Floodplain Widths; Normal, Mid-Point, and Cofferdam Crest Flow Rates

Cross Section/ River Station	Change in Floodplain Width (ft)					
	Normal Flow		Mid-Point Flow		Cofferdam Crest Flow	
	Left (East) Bank	Right (West) Bank	Left (East) Bank	Right (West) Bank	Left (East) Bank	Right (West) Bank
288770	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.3
287472	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
286338	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.0	1.2
286106	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.4
284778	0.7	1.2	0.6	7.7	0.4	1.0
284565 ^a	0.8	1.3	0.3	8.1	0.4	1.0
284431	3.5	3.6	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.8
284408 ^b	-37.5	3.6	-50.0	0.8	-59.5	0.3
284395 ^b	-58.2	3.0	-71.0	0.8	-80.8	0.3
284372 ^b	-95.8	2.7	-110.6	0.6	-122.7	0.2
284267 ^b	-229.3	1.1	-242.2	0.3	-252.2	0.1
284060 ^b	-206.6	0.1	-250.7	-0.1	-281.3	-0.2
283820 ^b	-198.3	0.0	-210.7	-0.1	-219.4	-0.2
283636 ^b	-133.1	-0.1	-142.9	-0.2	-152.8	-0.2
283611 ^b	-126.6	-0.1	-134.4	-0.2	-141.5	-0.2
283601 ^b	-124.8	-0.1	-131.9	-0.2	-138.9	-0.1
283574	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283490	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283342	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283203	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283179	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283169	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283139	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283093	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283052	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
283001	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282937	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282912	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282902	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282874	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282707	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282424	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282071	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
281647 ^c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
281423	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
279961	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
279605	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
278919	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes:

- a. Located downstream of Gervais Street bridge
- b. Area-1 cofferdam
- c. Located upstream of Blossom Street bridge

Table 3 and Table 4 summarize the water surface elevations and change in floodplain widths, respectively, of the corrected effective and proposed Area-2 hydraulic model runs for the normal, mid-point, and crest flow conditions. The results demonstrate that the impact of the proposed Area-2 cofferdam structure is relatively consistent for the normal, mid-point, and cofferdam crest flow conditions.

Table 3 shows that for the three low flow conditions considered, an increase in water level of 0.1 ft is experienced immediately upstream of the Area-2 cofferdam structure, with no increases predicted adjacent to the structure and further downstream.

Table 4 shows that a maximum increase in floodplain width of 1.8 ft is experienced on the right (west) bank approximately 100 ft downstream of Gervais Street bridge for mid-point conditions. As previously discussed the topography of the river bank is inclined at a shallower gradient than the typical section at flood elevations around 119.5-120.0 ft NAVD88, which explains why the maximum change is experienced at this location. However, the increase in floodplain width upstream of the Area-2 structure is typically less than 1 ft for the three low flow conditions considered.

Construction of the Area-2 cofferdam structure reduces the width of the floodplain adjacent to the cofferdam, as shown by the negative values in Table 4.

Figures C1 through C3 (in Appendix C) show the floodplain extents for the three low flow conditions considered with and without the Area-2 cofferdam. These maps show that the changes in floodplain extent due to construction of the cofferdam is negligible. Based on a review of aerial photographs, no additional properties are impacted by floodwater due to construction of the Area-2 cofferdam.

Table 3: Comparison of Corrected Effective and Proposed Area-2 Model Water Surface Elevations; Normal, Mid-Point, and Cofferdam Crest Flow Rates

Cross Section/ River Station	Water Surface Elevation (ft NAVD88)								
	Normal Flow			Mid-Point Flow			Cofferdam Crest Flow		
	Corrected	Proposed	Change ^a	Corrected	Proposed	Change ^a	Corrected	Proposed	Change ^a
288770	136.540	136.542	0.0	137.689	137.682	0.0	138.115	138.086	0.0
287472	128.954	128.954	0.0	130.051	130.052	0.0	130.904	130.909	0.0
286338	121.996	122.002	0.0	123.764	123.779	0.0	125.468	125.511	0.0
286106	121.259	121.268	0.0	122.764	122.794	0.0	124.919	124.970	0.1
284778	118.632	118.687	0.1	121.319	121.394	0.1	124.310	124.380	0.1
284565 ^b	116.856	116.917	0.1	119.631	119.710	0.1	122.657	122.729	0.1
284431	116.638	116.713	0.1	119.496	119.579	0.1	122.553	122.627	0.1
284408	116.613	116.691	0.1	119.481	119.565	0.1	122.543	122.617	0.1
284395	116.596	116.675	0.1	119.474	119.558	0.1	122.537	122.611	0.1
284372	116.579	116.660	0.1	119.464	119.549	0.1	122.530	122.604	0.1
284267	116.480	116.568	0.1	119.407	119.494	0.1	122.486	122.562	0.1
284060	116.379	116.473	0.1	119.329	119.419	0.1	122.425	122.502	0.1
283820	116.336	116.433	0.1	119.286	119.378	0.1	122.384	122.462	0.1
283636	116.310	116.409	0.1	119.253	119.346	0.1	122.350	122.429	0.1
283611	116.302	116.400	0.1	119.241	119.334	0.1	122.337	122.416	0.1
283601	116.295	116.394	0.1	119.233	119.326	0.1	122.329	122.408	0.1
283574	116.270	116.370	0.1	119.202	119.296	0.1	122.301	122.380	0.1
283490	116.205	116.309	0.1	119.138	119.235	0.1	122.247	122.327	0.1
283342	116.147	116.256	0.1	119.093	119.191	0.1	122.213	122.294	0.1
283203	116.114	116.224	0.1	119.064	119.163	0.1	122.190	122.271	0.1
283179 ^c	116.116	116.179	0.1	119.067	119.090	0.0	122.192	122.182	0.0
283169 ^c	116.115	116.176	0.1	119.066	119.088	0.0	122.191	122.181	0.0
283139 ^c	116.104	116.126	0.0	119.054	119.028	0.0	122.180	122.124	-0.1
283093 ^c	116.089	116.106	0.0	119.038	119.021	0.0	122.168	122.129	0.0
283052 ^c	116.085	116.083	0.0	119.035	118.991	0.0	122.164	122.093	-0.1
283001 ^c	116.078	116.061	0.0	119.028	118.967	-0.1	122.159	122.070	-0.1
282937 ^c	116.050	115.985	-0.1	118.996	118.886	-0.1	122.130	121.997	-0.1
282912 ^c	116.030	115.957	-0.1	118.977	118.867	-0.1	122.116	121.988	-0.1
282902 ^c	116.018	115.936	-0.1	118.968	118.850	-0.1	122.110	121.977	-0.1
282874	115.973	115.973	0.0	118.941	118.941	0.0	122.096	122.096	0.0
282707	115.673	115.673	0.0	118.760	118.760	0.0	121.964	121.964	0.0
282424	115.453	115.453	0.0	118.674	118.674	0.0	121.923	121.923	0.0
282071	115.004	115.004	0.0	118.490	118.490	0.0	121.804	121.804	0.0
281647 ^d	114.654	114.654	0.0	118.370	118.370	0.0	121.726	121.726	0.0
281423	114.343	114.343	0.0	118.226	118.226	0.0	121.538	121.538	0.0
279961	113.809	113.809	0.0	117.951	117.951	0.0	121.306	121.306	0.0
279605	113.744	113.744	0.0	117.900	117.900	0.0	121.257	121.257	0.0
278919	113.612	113.612	0.0	117.801	117.801	0.0	121.166	121.166	0.0

Notes:

- a. 'Change' is calculated by subtracting 'Proposed' from 'Corrected' and rounding to one decimal place
- b. Located downstream of Gervais Street bridge
- c. Area-2 cofferdam
- d. Located upstream of Blossom Street bridge

Table 4: Comparison of Corrected Effective and Proposed Area-2 Model Floodplain Widths; Normal, Mid-Point, and Cofferdam Crest Flow Rates

Cross Section/ River Station	Change in Floodplain Width (ft)					
	Normal Flow		Mid-Point Flow		Cofferdam Crest Flow	
	Left (East) Bank	Right (West) Bank	Left (East) Bank	Right (West) Bank	Left (East) Bank	Right (West) Bank
288770	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
287472	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
286338	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
286106	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
284778	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.8	0.1	0.3
284565 ^a	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.8	0.1	0.3
284431	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
284408	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
284395	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
284372	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
284267	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
284060	1.3	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.2
283820	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
283636	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
283611	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
283601	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
283574	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
283490	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
283342	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
283203	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
283179 ^b	-40.5	0.2	-49.8	0.1	-58.2	0.0
283169 ^b	-51.9	0.3	-60.6	0.1	-68.7	0.0
283139 ^b	-83.1	0.1	-91.4	-0.1	-99.3	-0.1
283093 ^b	-141.2	0.1	-149.6	-0.1	-157.1	-0.2
283052 ^b	-148.2	0.0	-156.3	-0.1	-163.9	-0.2
283001 ^b	-156.2	-0.1	-163.9	-0.2	-171.8	-0.2
282937 ^b	-161.7	-0.2	-170.6	-0.3	-179.8	-0.3
282912 ^b	-145.2	-0.2	-164.7	-0.3	-205.9	-0.3
282902 ^b	-139.0	-0.3	-179.4	-0.3	-206.1	-0.3
282874	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282707	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282424	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
282071	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
281647 ^c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
281423	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
279961	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
279605	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
278919	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes:

- a. Located downstream of Gervais Street bridge
- b. Area-2 cofferdam
- c. Located upstream of Blossom Street bridge



Conclusion/Summary

The results in Table 1 and Table 2 show the addition of the proposed Area-1 cofferdam structure results in maximum increases in water surface elevation of 0.5 ft, 0.4 ft, and 0.3 ft for the normal, mid-point, and cofferdam crest flows, respectively. The maximum increases in floodplain width of 8.1 ft is experienced on the right (west) bank, 100 ft downstream of Gervais Street bridge for mid-point conditions. However, the typical increase in floodplain width upstream of the Area-1 structure is less than 1.5 ft for the three low flow conditions considered.

The results in Table 3 and Table 4 show the addition of the proposed Area-2 cofferdam structure results in maximum increases in water surface elevation of 0.1 ft for the three low flow conditions considered. The maximum increase in floodplain extent of 1.8 ft is experienced on the right (west) bank, 100 ft downstream of Gervais Street bridge for mid-point conditions. However, the typical increase in floodplain width upstream of the Area-2 structure is less than 1 ft for the three low flow conditions considered.

Figures C1 through C3 (in Appendix C) show the floodplain extents for the three low flow conditions considered with and without the Area-1 and Area-2 cofferdams (modeled separately). These maps show that the changes in floodplain extent due to construction of the cofferdams is negligible. Based on a review of aerial photographs, no additional properties are impacted by floodwater due to construction of the Area-1 or Area-2 cofferdam.

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APPENDICES



Appendix A: Electronic Files



Appendix B: HEC-RAS Output Tables

HEC-RAS River: Congaree River Reach: Reach-1 Profile: 02JAN2012 2300 (Continued)

Reach	River Sta	Profile	Plan	Q Total (cfs)	Min Ch El (ft)	W.S. Elev (ft)	Crit W.S. (ft)	E.G. Elev (ft)	E.G. Slope (ft/ft)	Vel Chnl (ft/s)	Flow Area (sq ft)	Top Width (ft)	Froude # Chl
Reach-1	222472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD2	16999.98	90.62	105.413		105.51	0.000143	2.45	6929.12	647.76	0.13
Reach-1	222472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-CorrectedC	26000.00	90.62	108.096		108.23	0.000169	2.98	8724.19	692.57	0.15
Reach-1	222472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD1	26000.00	90.62	108.096		108.23	0.000169	2.98	8724.19	692.57	0.15
Reach-1	222472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD2	25999.98	90.62	108.096		108.23	0.000169	2.98	8724.19	692.57	0.15
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-CorrectedC	8564.01	93.07	101.621		101.73	0.000397	2.69	3182.72	559.77	0.20
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-ProposedD1	8564.00	93.07	101.621		101.73	0.000397	2.69	3182.72	559.77	0.20
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-ProposedD2	8563.99	93.07	101.621		101.73	0.000397	2.69	3182.72	559.77	0.20
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-CorrectedC	17000.00	93.07	104.723		104.90	0.000408	3.40	4994.89	629.66	0.21
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD1	16999.99	93.07	104.723		104.90	0.000408	3.40	4994.89	629.66	0.21
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD2	17000.02	93.07	104.723		104.90	0.000408	3.40	4994.89	629.66	0.21
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-CorrectedC	26000.00	93.07	107.363		107.59	0.000417	3.83	6787.04	728.13	0.22
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD1	25999.99	93.07	107.363		107.59	0.000417	3.83	6787.04	728.13	0.22
Reach-1	220272	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD2	26000.01	93.07	107.363		107.59	0.000417	3.83	6787.04	728.13	0.22
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-CorrectedC	8564.00	91.92	100.415		100.55	0.000445	3.00	2858.77	458.88	0.21
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-ProposedD1	8563.99	91.92	100.415		100.55	0.000445	3.00	2858.77	458.88	0.21
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-ProposedD2	8564.01	91.92	100.415		100.55	0.000445	3.00	2858.77	458.88	0.21
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-CorrectedC	16999.99	91.92	103.407		103.66	0.000482	4.02	4233.46	460.02	0.23
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD1	17000.00	91.92	103.407		103.66	0.000482	4.02	4233.46	460.02	0.23
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD2	17000.00	91.92	103.407		103.66	0.000482	4.02	4233.46	460.02	0.23
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-CorrectedC	26000.01	91.92	105.936		106.30	0.000509	4.82	5398.03	460.99	0.25
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD1	26000.02	91.92	105.936		106.30	0.000509	4.82	5398.03	460.99	0.25
Reach-1	217472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD2	25999.98	91.92	105.936		106.30	0.000509	4.82	5398.03	460.99	0.25
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-CorrectedC	8564.00	91.48	100.018	95.60	100.13	0.000400	2.70	3175.67	559.64	0.20
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-ProposedD1	8564.00	91.48	100.018	95.60	100.13	0.000400	2.70	3175.67	559.64	0.20
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	Norm-ProposedD2	8563.99	91.48	100.018	95.59	100.13	0.000400	2.70	3175.67	559.64	0.20
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-CorrectedC	17000.00	91.48	103.029	97.23	103.22	0.000400	3.46	4909.70	593.40	0.21
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD1	17000.00	91.48	103.029	97.23	103.22	0.000400	3.46	4909.70	593.40	0.21
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	MidPt-ProposedD2	17000.00	91.48	103.029	97.23	103.22	0.000400	3.46	4909.70	593.40	0.21
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-CorrectedC	25999.99	91.48	105.589	98.34	105.84	0.000400	4.02	6466.61	622.94	0.22
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD1	25999.98	91.48	105.589	98.34	105.84	0.000400	4.02	6466.61	622.94	0.22
Reach-1	216472	02JAN2012 2300	Crest-ProposedD2	26000.01	91.48	105.589	98.34	105.84	0.000400	4.02	6466.61	622.94	0.22



Appendix C: Full Size/Resolution Figures

Low Flow Analysis Memo - Congaree River Remediation Project
Figure 4: Corrected Effective HEC-RAS Model Schematic (Project Area)
(expanded/full resolution version)

