Lafayette Creek – Fourth Annual Monitoring Report 2009 CORPS Permit No. SAJ-2001-1118 (IP-DEB) Issued 2/4/05 Walton County

Impact: US 331 Freeport Re-alignment; 8.63 Acre impact

Monitoring date: October 30, 2009

SCOPE

A wetland restoration/mitigation plan was developed for the realignment of US 331 at Freeport from SR 20 to Owl Head Road. Wetland impacts totaled 8.63 acres of moderate to high quality forested wetlands (FLUCCS 615) and wet pine flatwoods (FLUCCS 626).

PROPOSED MITIGATION

In 2006, a total of 490 acres were acquired by the Northwest Florida Water Management District (Figure 1 and 2). In 2006, the NWFWMD acquired the 3,160-acre Lafayette Creek tract. To mitigate for the wetland impacts associated with the US 331 realignment, approximately 490 acres containing approximately 312 acres of freshwater stream and hydric or mesic pine flatwoods as well as 178 acres of upland buffer were selected as suitable mitigation for the wetland impacts.

MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

The restoration plan called for native upland pine forest buffers (FLUCCS 411) to be restored from existing slash and sand pine plantation using restoration techniques that may include thinning of bedded slash pine, eradication of sand pine, potential seeding of herbaceous vegetation, prescribed fire, brush reduction and perpetual ecological management. Actual restoration techniques implemented were dependent upon site-specific conditions and adaptive management. In both upland and wetland polygons, management strategies of nuisance and exotic species will be implemented as necessary.

Of the approximately 390 acres of wetlands that remain available for FDOT mitigation, ~260 acres that border major stream channels will be preserved as bottomland systems (FLUCCS 615), with ecological lift being generated from buffer improvements, exotics and nuisance species management, and implementation of perpetual management for ecological integrity. Approximately 120 wetland acres along minor stream tributaries and ~10 acres of isolated wetlands will be restored from FLUCCS 614 (Titi Swamp) to a mix of FLUCCS 613 (Gum Swamp) and FLUCCS 625 (Hydric Pine Flatwoods). Restoration activities include prescribed fire, shrub layer reduction, planting of appropriate wetland vegetation, exotics and nuisance species control, and restoration of upland buffers.

WORK SCHEDULE

o Land acquired: 2006

- o The failing culverts and a dilapidated bridge were removed: August 2006
- o The bridge and culvert replacement: Completed 2007
- Native upland pine forest buffers (FLUCCS 411; 178 acres) were restored from existing sand pine plantation to sandhill through eradication of the sand pine: July 24th and completed on September 4, 2006
- o Longleaf pine seedlings were planted in the uplands adjacent to Lafayette Creek in Sections 4, 5, 6 and 31: **February 2007**
- o Due to the drought in 2007, a supplemental planting of long leaf pine occurred in 2008.
- o A total of 51 acres adjacent to the unnamed stream in Section 31 were direct planted with wire grass seed: **January 10, 2007.**
- o In addition wire grass tublings on 3 foot centers for were planted: March 2007 and January 2008.
- o Fire was re-introduced to the site in accordance with the approved burn plan: Initial fuel reduction burns were conducted **September 22 and October 30, 2006**
- Exotics species monitoring for the wetlands and associated upland buffer has been conducted yearly: 2005-2008
- Patchy cover of Bahia grass and a small patch of cogon grass was observed adjacent to the ravine system. Areas were treated in August and September 2008 with herbicides designed to eradicate the exotics while not impacting the natives. These areas were treated again in April and July 2009.
- o The sandhill adjacent to the upper ravine has some patchy Bahia grass cover, remaining from before acquisition when the area was an abandoned sod farm. Herbicide treatments have helped reduce the Bahia grass cover and additional treatments are planned for Spring and Summer 2010. One small, less than 0.25 acre, patch of Cogon grass remains. It was treated again in 2009 and will be treated in 2010.
- o The sandhills continue to develop adjacent to the upper ravine, and cover and diversity continue to increase. The sandhill adjacent to the lower ravine is healthy and wire grass cover continues to increase. No Bahia or cogon grass has been observed in this area.
- Additional planting of wire grass and long leaf pine in the 250 acres adjacent to the upper ravine and warm season burn in the sandhill adjacent to the lower ravine. Completed January 2009
- o Live oak trees that are spreading into the 250-acre sandhill area will be thinned to <150 trees per acre. **Proposed for 2010.**

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- 1. No observable decline in vegetation community health. Community diversity and community health is stable in the wetlands and increasing in adjacent sandhills (Table 1 and 2).
- 2. Species diversity is, at a minimum, stable in each wetland polygon. **Stable and increasing since 2006.**
- 3. No more than 1% coverage of invasive exotics and 5% coverage of nuisance native and non-invasive exotic species. The cover of the non-invasive exotics (Bahia grass) has only been observed adjacent to the upper ravine and is on the order of 5-10% coverage.
- 4. No more than 200 pine trees (longleaf or slash) per acre (saplings or mature trees) in upland areas. Long leaf pine cover is less than 200 trees per acre.

Conclusions:

In the wetland system, the fuel load is low to moderate; exhibits a relatively open shrub stratum with no exotic/nuisance/invasives noted. Overall, community appears healthy and is appropriately diverse and stratified. In the adjacent uplands, fuel load is minimal, approximately 5-10% bahia grass coverage on average, shrub stratum virtually absent, and presence of some oaks (primarily sand post oak, turkey, bluejack, and water oak). There is approximately 80% groundcover by desirable grasses and herbs.

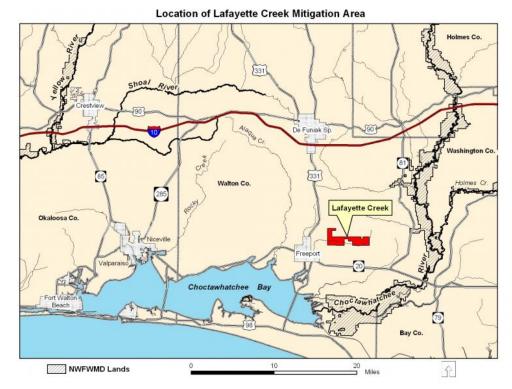
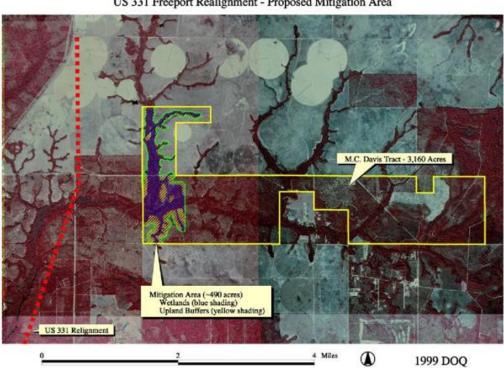


Figure 1. Location map for Lafayette Creek Mitigation Site



US 331 Freeport Realignment - Proposed Mitigation Area

Figure 2. Mitigation area map



Figures 3 (1) & 4 (6). Sandhill adjacent to upper ravine (Former Bahia grass pasture)



Figures 5 (7) & 6 (8). Upland sandhill, thinned, burned, seeded with wire grass and planted with longleaf pine seedlings (Adjacent to upper ravine).



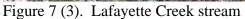




Figure 8 (4). Lafayette Creek floodplain

(#) is the photo number as referenced in the Field Forms.

Table 1. Species List for Lafayette Creek Ravine 10/30/09

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Scientific Name	Common Name		% Cover
Scientific Name	Common Name	Ravine	သိ
		8	%
Acer rubrum	Red maple	Х	5-10
Agalinis purpurea	Purple false foxgloves		5 10
Amsonia ciliata	Bluestar		
Andropogon virginicus	Broom sedge		
Aristida stricta var. beyrichiana	Wiregrass		
Arundinaria gigantea	Giant cane	Х	5
Asclepias humistrata	Milkweed		
Asimina parviflora	Paw paw		
Astragalus villosus	Hairy milk vetch		
Baccharis glomeruliflora	Groundsel tree		
Balduina angustifolia	Coastal plain honeycomb head		
Baptisia lanceolata	Pineland wild indigo		
Callicarpa americana	Beauty berry	X	<5
Carex tenax	Caric sedge	X	<5
Clethra alinfolia	Sweet pepper bush	X	5
Cliftonia monoplylla	Black ti ti	X	5-10
Cnidoscolus stimulosus	Tread softly		
Cyrilla racemiflora	Red titi	X	10
Dalea pinnata	Summer-farewell		
Dicanthelium spp.	Panic grass	X	<5
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon		
Eupatorium compositifolium	Dog fennel		
Gnaphalium pensylvanicum	Cudweed		
Helianthemum carolinianum	Rock-rose		
Hypericum gentinoides	Pineweed		
Ilex coriacea	Large gallberry	X	10
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon	X	5-10
Kalmia latifolia*	Mountain laurel		
Licania michauzii	Gopher apple		
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip poplar	X	5
Lithospermum caroliniense	Pucoon		
Lupinus diffuses	Sky-blue lupine		
Lupinus perennis	Sundial lupine		
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern magnolia		
Magnolia virginiana	Silver bay	X	10
Myrica inodorata	Odorless wax myrtle	X	<5
Nyssa biflora	Black gum	X	15
Opuntia humifusa	Prickly-pear cactus		
Osmunda regalis	Royal fern	X	<5
Oxydendron arboreum	Sourwood	X	5-10
Paspalum notatum	Bahia grass		_
Persea borbonia	Red bay	X	5
Persea paulistris	Silk bay	X	5
Phytocalla americana	Pokeweed		
Pinus clausa	Sand Pine		
Pinus elliottii	Slash pine	X	5
Pinus palustris Pityopsis aspera	Longleaf pine Pineland silkgrass		
Polygonella sp.	Jointweed Jointweed		+
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Quercus geminata	Sand live oak		
Quercus hemisphaerica	Diamond oak		
Quercus incana	Blue jack oak		
Quercus incuna Quercus laevis	Turkey oak		
Quercus taevis Quercus laurifolia	Laurel oak		
Quercus margaretta	Sand post oak		
Quercus margarena Quercus nigra	Water oak	X	5
Rhododendron sp.	Azalea	X	5
Rubus cuneifolius	Sand blackberry	Α	,
Sagittaria latifolia	Broadleaf arrowhead	х	<5
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Scientific Name	Common Name	Ravine	% Cover
Salix caroliniana	Willow		
Schrankia microphylla	Sensitive briar		
Serenoa repens	Saw palmetto	X	<5
Smilax bonna-nox	Greenbriar	X	<5
Smilax laurifolia	Bamboo vine	X	<5
Smilax smallii	Greenbriar		
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum moss	X	<5
Taxodium sp.	Cypress	X	5-10
Tephrosia virginiana	Devil's Shoestring		
Tradescantia hirsutiflora	Hairy spiderwort		
Typha latifolia	Cattail		
Vaccinium arboreum	Sparkleberry		
Vaccinium corymbosum	High-bush blueberry	X	<5
Vaccinium elliottii	Elliott's blueberry	X	5
Vitus rotundifolia	Muscadine grape		_
Woodwardia areolata	Netted chain fern	X	<5
Woodwardia virginica	Virginia chain fern	X	<5
Yucca filamentosa	Adam's needle		

^{*} State Threatened Species

Table 2. Species List for Lafayette Creek Uplands 10/30/09

Scientific Name	Common Name	Uplands (North)	Uplands (South)	% Cover (Upl-north/ Upl-south)
Agalinis purpurea	Purple false foxgloves			
Amsonia ciliata	Bluestar			
Andropogon virginicus	Broom sedge	X	X	5/5
Aristida stricta var. beyrichiana	Wiregrass	X	X	5/5
Asclepias humistrata	Milkweed			
Asimina parviflora	Paw paw			
Astragalus villosus	Hairy milk vetch			
Baccharis glomeruliflora	Groundsel tree			
Balduina angustifolia	Coastal plain honeycomb head			
Baptisia lanceolata	Pineland wild indigo	X		<5
Callicarpa americana	Beauty berry			
Carex tenax	Caric sedge			
Chysoma paucifloculosa	Woody goldenrod		X	80
Clethra alinfolia	Sweet pepper bush			
Cliftonia monoplylla	Black ti ti			
Cnidoscolus stimulosus	Tread softly	X	X	<5/<5
Dalea pinnata	Summer-farewell	X	X	<5/<5
Dicanthelium spp.	Panic grass	X	X	<5/<5
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon	X	X	<5/<5
Eupatorium compositifolium	Dog fennel	X	X	<5/<5
Gnaphalium pensylvanicum	Cudweed			
Helianthemum carolinianum	Rock-rose			
Hypericum gentinoides	Pineweed	X	X	<5/<5
Ilex coriacea	Large gallberry			
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon			
Kalmia latifolia*	Mountain laurel			
Licania michauzii	Gopher apple			
Lithospermum caroliniense	Pucoon			
Lupinus diffuses	Sky-blue lupine			
Lupinus perennis	Sundial lupine			
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern magnolia			
Magnolia virginiana	Silver bay			
Myrica inodorata	Odorless wax myrtle			
Opuntia humifusa	Prickly-pear cactus	X	Х	<5/<5

Scientific Name	Common Name	Uplands (North)	Uplands (South)	% Cover (Upl-north/ Upl-south)
Oxydendron arboreum	Sourwood			
Paspalum notatum	Bahia grass	X		5-10
Persea borbonia	Red bay			
Persea paulistris	Silk bay			
Phytocalla americana	Pokeweed			
Pinus clausa	Sand Pine	X		5
Pinus elliottii	Slash pine			
Pinus palustris, grass stage	Longleaf pine	X	X	<5/<5
Pityopsis aspera	Pineland silkgrass	X	X	<5/<5
Polygonella sp.	Jointweed	X	X	<5/5
Pteridium aquilinum	Brachen fern	X	X	<5/5
Quercus geminata	Sand live oak			
Quercus hemisphaerica	Diamond oak			
Quercus incana	Blue jack oak	X		5
Quercus laevis	Turkey oak	X	X	5/5
Quercus laurifolia	Laurel oak			
Quercus margaretta	Sand post oak	X		5
Quercus nigra	Water oak	X		5
Rubus cuneifolius	Sand blackberry	X	X	<5/<5
Salix caroliniana	Willow			
Schrankia microphylla	Sensitive briar	X	X	<5/5
Serenoa repens	Saw palmetto	X	X	<5/<5
Smilax auriculata	Ear-leaf greenbriar		X	<5
Smilax bona-nox	Greenbriar			
Smilax smallii	Greenbriar			
Tephrosia virginiana	Devil's Shoestring			
Tradescantia hirsutiflora	Hairy spiderwort			
Typha latifolia	Cattail			
Vaccinium arboreum	Sparkleberry			
Vitus rotundifolia	Muscadine grape			
Woodwardia areolata	Netted chain fern			
Woodwardia virginica	Virginia chain fern			
Yucca filamentosa	Adam's needle			
Unidentified dark green/silvery clumping low- growing grass, no flowers/seed head		х		80

Site Inspection Field Form	
Project: Lafayette Creek	Date: October 30, 2009
Name(s) of Data Collectors: Brandon Tidwell	Weather: ptly cloudy; windy; hi 70s/low 80s
Environmental Description: Photos 2, 3, and 4	

Polygon: Lafayette Creek and associated floodplain and seep slope GPS Location: see map for location – GPS would not acquire satellites -

Time: 1100

On at least a yearly basis, the site will be inspected as follows:

A: Perimeter for signs of trespassing, fencing and signage integrity and infestation by exotic or nuisance vegetation;

No signs of trespassing. Fencing/signage at access gate intact.

B: Internal Roads (Both public and maintenance) for signs of dumping or trespassing, erosion, bridges and road integrity, and exotic or nuisance species infestations;

No dumping/trespassing noted. Erosion minimal – road near creek crossings are terraced and covered with relatively large gravel to control downhill erosion.

C: All construction areas for stabilization and re-vegetation, structure, operation, and integrity; N/A

D: Representative polygons for each UMAM community for fuel load, exotic or nuisance species, planted material survival, groundcover, and shrub condition.

- -fuel load low to moderate
- -relatively open shrub stratum
- -no exotic/nuisance/invasives noted
- -overall, community appears healthy and is appropriately diverse and stratified

Vegetation Assessment Field Form Qualitative Assessment: Lafayette Creek

Project: Date:

Name(s) of Data Collectors: Brandon Tidwell Weather:

Environmental Description: Photo #'s

Polygon: GPS Location: Time: Nuisance Species: Fuel Load:

Wildlife Observations: Numerous passerines/songbirds noted

Water depth: +/- 10 inches; varies along creek

Is the community observed along the walk path representative of the community being measured? Yes

To what degree is the restoration in this area trending towards success? No management has been performed in this

polygon

Potential Problems and solutions: None

Potential Problems and so	nutions. None								
Scientific Name	Common Name	Ravine	Uplands	Walk paths	% Cover	Condition	Dominant Species	Natural Recruitment	Flowering/ Fruiting
Acer rubrum	Red maple	X			5-10				
Agalinis purpurea	Purple false foxgloves								
Amsonia ciliata	Bluestar								
Andropogon virginicus	Broom sedge								
Aristida stricta var. beyrichiana	Wiregrass								
Arundinaria gigantea	Giant cane	X			5				
Asclepias humistrata	Milkweed								
Asimina parviflora	Paw paw								
Astragalus villosus	Hairy milk vetch								
Baccharis glomeruliflora	Groundsel tree								
Balduina angustifolia	Coastal plain honeycomb head								
Baptisia lanceolata	Pineland wild indigo								
Callicarpa americana	Beauty berry	Х			<5				
Carex tenax	Caric sedge	Х			<5				
Clethra alinfolia	Sweet pepper bush	Х			5				
Cliftonia monoplylla	Black ti ti	Х			5-10				
Cnidoscolus stimulosus	Tread softly								
Cyrilla racemiflora	Red titi	Х			10		X		
Dalea pinnata	Summer-farewell								
Dicanthelium spp.	Panic grass	Х			<5				
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon								
Eupatorium compositifolium	Dog fennel								
Gnaphalium pensylvanicum	Cudweed								
Helianthemum carolinianum	Rock-rose								
Hypericum gentinoides	Pineweed								
Ilex coriacea	Large gallberry	X			10		X		
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon	X			5-10				
Kalmia latifolia*	Mountain laurel								
Licania michauzii	Gopher apple								
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip poplar	X			5				
Lithospermum caroliniense	Pucoon								
Lupinus diffuses	Sky-blue lupine								
Lupinus perennis	Sundial lupine								
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern magnolia								
Magnolia virginiana	Silver bay	X			10		X		
Myrica inodorata	Odorless wax myrtle	X			<5				
Nyssa biflora	Black gum	X			15		X		
Opuntia humifusa	Prickly-pear cactus								
Osmunda regalis	Royal fern	X			<5				
Oxydendron arboreum	Sourwood	X			5-10				
Paspalum notatum	Bahia grass								

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Ravine	Uplands	Walk paths	% Cover	Condition	Dominant Species	Natural Recruitment	Flowering/ Fruiting
Persea borbonia	Red bay	X			5				
Persea paulistris	Silk bay	X			5				
Phytocalla americana	Pokeweed								
Pinus clausa	Sand Pine								
Pinus elliottii	Slash pine	X			5				
Pinus palustris	Longleaf pine								
Pityopsis aspera	Pineland silkgrass								
Polygonella sp.	Jointweed								
Pteridium aquilinum	Brachen fern								
Quercus geminata	Sand live oak								
Quercus hemisphaerica	Diamond oak								
Quercus incana	Blue jack oak								
Quercus laevis	Turkey oak								
Quercus laurifolia	Laurel oak								
Quercus margaretta	Sand post oak								
Quercus nigra	Water oak	Х			5				
Rhododendron sp.	Azalea	X			5				
Rubus cuneifolius	Sand blackberry	7.			3				
Sagittaria latifolia	Broadleaf arrowhead	х			<5				1
Salix caroliniana	Willow	Λ			\ <u>J</u>				-
Schrankia microphylla	Sensitive briar								1
Serenoa repens	Saw palmetto	x			<5				-
Smilax bonna-nox	Greenbriar	X			<5				
Smilax laurifolia	Bamboo vine	X			<5				
Smilax smallii	Greenbriar	^			\ J				
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum moss	х			<5				
Taxodium sp.	1 0				5-10				-
	Cypress Devil's Shoestring	X			3-10				-
Tephrosia virginiana Tradescantia hirsutiflora	Hairy spiderwort								-
- v	Cattail								-
Typha latifolia									-
Vaccinium arboreum	Sparkleberry								-
Vaccinium corymbosum	High-bush blueberry	X			<5				
Vaccinium elliottii	Elliott's blueberry	X			5				
Vitus rotundifolia	Muscadine grape				_				-
Woodwardia areolata	Netted chain fern	X			<5				-
Woodwardia virginica	Virginia chain fern	X			<5				
Yucca filamentosa	Adam's needle								
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^{*}Florida-threatened species

Site Inspection Field Form	
Project: Lafayette Creek	Date: October 30, 2009
Name(s) of Data Collectors: Brandon Tidwell	Weather: ptly cloudy; windy; hi 70s/low 80s

Environmental Description: Photo # 5

Polygon: Upland buffer north of powerline

GPS Location: see map for location - GPS would not acquire satellites -

Time: 1100

On at least a yearly basis, the site will be inspected as follows:

A: Perimeter for signs of trespassing, fencing and signage integrity and infestation by exotic or nuisance vegetation;

No signs of trespassing. Fencing/signage at access gate intact. Some bahia grass noted within and landward of up buffer.

B: Internal Roads (Both public and maintenance) for signs of dumping or trespassing, erosion, bridges and road integrity, and exotic or nuisance species infestations;

No dumping/trespassing noted. Erosion minimal – road near creek crossings are terraced and covered with relatively large gravel to control downhill erosion.

C: All construction areas for stabilization and re-vegetation, structure, operation, and integrity; N/A

D: Representative polygons for each UMAM community for fuel load, exotic or nuisance species, planted material survival, groundcover, and shrub condition.

- -fuel load minimal
- -approximately 5-10% bahia grass coverage on average
- -minimal wiregrass noted
- -shrub stratum virtually absent
- -some oaks primarily sand post oak, turkey, bluejack, and water oak
- -approximately 80% groundcover by desirable grasses and herbs
- -very few longleaf pine seedlings noted

Vegetation Assessment Field Form Qualitative Assessment: Lafayette Creek
Project: Date:
Name(s) of Data Collectors: Brandon Tidwell Weather:
Environmental Description: Photo #'s
Polygon: GPS Location: Time:
Nuisance Species: Fuel Load:

 $Wild life\ Observations:\ Deer\ and\ small\ mammal\ tracks.\ \ Numerous\ passerines/song birds\ noted.$

Water depth: N/A

Is the community observed along the walk path representative of the community being measured? Yes To what degree is the restoration in this area trending towards success? Bahia grass approximately 5-10% cover on average, very few longleaf pine seedlings noted, overall doing well and trending towards success criteria. Potential Problems and solutions: Suggest replanting of longleaf and continued management of bahia grass.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ravine	Uplands (North)	Uplands (South)	Walk paths	% Cover	Condition	Dominant Species	Natural Recruitment	Flowering/ Fruiting
Agalinis purpurea	Purple false foxgloves									
Amsonia ciliata	Bluestar									
Andropogon virginicus	Broom sedge		X			5				
Aristida stricta var. beyrichiana	Wiregrass		X			5				
Asclepias humistrata	Milkweed									
Asimina parviflora	Paw paw									
Astragalus villosus	Hairy milk vetch									
Baccharis glomeruliflora	Groundsel tree									
Balduina angustifolia	Coastal plain honeycomb head									
Baptisia lanceolata	Pineland wild indigo		X			<5				
Callicarpa americana	Beauty berry									
Carex tenax	Caric sedge									
Clethra alinfolia	Sweet pepper bush									
Cliftonia monoplylla	Black ti ti									
Cnidoscolus stimulosus	Tread softly		X			<5				
Dalea pinnata	Summer-farewell		X			<5				
Dicanthelium spp.	Panic grass		X			<5				
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon		X			<5				
Eupatorium compositifolium	Dog fennel		X			<5				
Gnaphalium pensylvanicum	Cudweed									
Helianthemum carolinianum	Rock-rose									
Hypericum gentinoides	Pineweed		X			<5				
Ilex coriacea	Large gallberry									
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon									
Kalmia latifolia*	Mountain laurel									
Licania michauzii	Gopher apple									
Lithospermum caroliniense	Pucoon									
Lupinus diffuses	Sky-blue lupine									
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Magnolia grandiflora	Southern magnolia									
Magnolia virginiana	Silver bay									
Myrica inodorata	Odorless wax myrtle									
Opuntia humifusa	Prickly-pear cactus		X			<5				
Oxydendron arboreum	Sourwood									
Paspalum notatum	Bahia grass		X			5-10				
Persea borbonia	Red bay									
Persea paulistris	Silk bay									$oxed{oxed}$
Phytocalla americana	Pokeweed									$oxed{oxed}$
Pinus clausa	Sand Pine		X			5				

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Pinus palustris	Longleaf pine		х			<5	Grass stage			
Pityopsis aspera	Pineland silkgrass		X			<5				
Polygonella sp.	Jointweed		X			<5				
Pteridium aquilinum	Brachen fern		X			<5				
Quercus geminata	Sand live oak									
Quercus hemisphaerica	Diamond oak									
Quercus incana	Blue jack oak		X			5				
Quercus laevis	Turkey oak		X			5				
Quercus laurifolia	Laurel oak									
Quercus margaretta	Sand post oak		X			5				
Quercus nigra	Water oak		X			5				
Rubus cuneifolius	Sand blackberry		X			<5				
Salix caroliniana	Willow									
Schrankia microphylla	Sensitive briar		X			<5				
Serenoa repens	Saw palmetto		X			<5				
Smilax bonna-nox	Greenbriar									
Smilax smallii	Greenbriar									
Tephrosia virginiana	Devil's Shoestring									
Tradescantia hirsutiflora	Hairy spiderwort									
Typha latifolia	Cattail									
Vaccinium arboreum	Sparkleberry									
Vitus rotundifolia	Muscadine grape									
Woodwardia areolata	Netted chain fern									
Woodwardia virginica	Virginia chain fern									
Yucca filamentosa	Adam's needle									
Unidentified dark green/silvery clumping low- growing grass – no			x			80		X		
flowers/seed head – see pics *Florida-threatened species										

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Project: Lafayette Creek	Date: October 30, 2009
Name(s) of Data Collectors: Brandon Tidwell	Weather: ptly cloudy; windy; hi 70s/low 80s
Environmental Description: Photo #'s 1,6,7,8,9	

Polygon: Upland buffer south of powerline

GPS Location: see map for location – GPS would not acquire satellites -

Time: 1030

On at least a yearly basis, the site will be inspected as follows:

A: Perimeter for signs of trespassing, fencing and signage integrity and infestation by exotic or nuisance vegetation;

No signs of trespassing. Fencing/signage at access gate intact. No infestation noted.

B: Internal Roads (Both public and maintenance) for signs of dumping or trespassing, erosion, bridges and road integrity, and exotic or nuisance species infestations;

No dumping/trespassing noted. Erosion minimal – road near creek crossings are terraced and covered with relatively large gravel to control downhill erosion.

C: All construction areas for stabilization and re-vegetation, structure, operation, and integrity; N/A

D: Representative polygons for each UMAM community for fuel load, exotic or nuisance species, planted material survival, groundcover, and shrub condition.

- -fuel load minimal
- -no exotic/invasive/nuisance noted
- -wiregrass plugs doing well; excellent survivorship and growth
- -shrubs defoliated mostly
- -minimal coverage of oaks
- -approximately 80% groundcover by desirable grasses and herbs
- -very few longleaf pine seedlings noted; very poor survivorship
- -many dead *Smilax* spp. vines

Vegetation Assessment Field Form Qualitative Assessment: Lafayette Creek
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Nuisance Species: Fuel Load:

Wildlife Observations: Deer and small mammal tracks. Numerous passerines/songbirds noted.

Water depth: N/A

Is the community observed along the walk path representative of the community being measured? Yes To what degree is the restoration in this area trending towards success? Wire grass plugs doing very well, very few longleaf pine seedlings noted, oaks well-thinned, Bahia grass <5% cover, overall doing well and trending towards success criteria.

Potential Problems and solutions: Suggest replanting of longleaf

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Ravine	Uplands (North)	Uplands (South)	Walk paths	% Cover	Condition	Dominant Species	Natural Recruitment	Flowering/ Fruiting
Agalinis purpurea	Purple false foxgloves									
Amsonia ciliata	Bluestar									
Andropogon virginicus	Broom sedge			X		5				
Aristida stricta var. beyrichiana	Wiregrass			Х		5				
Asclepias humistrata	Milkweed									
Asimina parviflora	Paw paw									
Astragalus villosus	Hairy milk vetch									
Baccharis glomeruliflora	Groundsel tree									
Balduina angustifolia	Coastal plain honeycomb head									
Baptisia lanceolata	Pineland wild indigo									
Callicarpa americana	Beauty berry									
Carex tenax	Caric sedge									
Chrysoma sp. (see photos)	?			X		80		X		
Clethra alinfolia	Sweet pepper bush									
Cliftonia monoplylla	Black ti ti									
Cnidoscolus stimulosus	Tread softly			X		<5				
Dalea pinnata	Summer-farewell			X		<5				
Dicanthelium spp.	Panic grass			X		<5				
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon			X		<5				
Eupatorium compositifolium	Dog fennel			X		<5				
Gnaphalium pensylvanicum	Cudweed			X		<5				
Helianthemum carolinianum	Rock-rose									
Hypericum gentinoides	Pineweed			X		<5				
Ilex coriacea	Large gallberry									
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon									
Kalmia latifolia*	Mountain laurel									
Licania michauzii	Gopher apple									
Lithospermum caroliniense	Pucoon									
Lupinus diffuses	Sky-blue lupine									
Lupinus perennis	Sundial lupine									
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern magnolia									
Magnolia virginiana	Silver bay									
Myrica inodorata	Odorless wax myrtle									
Opuntia humifusa	Prickly-pear cactus			X		<5				
Oxydendron arboreum	Sourwood									
Paspalum notatum	Bahia grass									
Persea borbonia	Red bay									

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Persea paulistris	Silk bay									
Phytocalla americana	Pokeweed									
Pinus clausa	Sand Pine									
Pinus elliottii	Slash pine									
Pinus palustris	Longleaf pine			x		<5	Grass stage			
Pityopsis aspera	Pineland silkgrass			X		<5				
Polygonella sp.	Jointweed			X		5				
Pteridium aquilinum	Brachen fern			X		5				
Quercus geminata	Sand live oak									
Quercus hemisphaerica	Diamond oak									
Quercus incana	Blue jack oak									
Quercus laevis	Turkey oak			X		5				
Quercus laurifolia	Laurel oak									
Quercus margaretta	Sand post oak									
Quercus nigra	Water oak									
Rubus cuneifolius	Sand blackberry			X		<5				
Salix caroliniana	Willow									
Schrankia microphylla	Sensitive briar			X		5				
Serenoa repens	Saw palmetto			X		<5				
Smilax bonna-nox	Greenbriar									
Smilax smallii	Greenbriar									
Smilax auriculata	Ear-leaf greenbrier			X		<5				
Tephrosia virginiana	Devil's Shoestring									
Tradescantia hirsutiflora	Hairy spiderwort									
Typha latifolia	Cattail									
Vaccinium arboreum	Sparkleberry									
Vitus rotundifolia	Muscadine grape									
Woodwardia areolata	Netted chain fern									
Woodwardia virginica	Virginia chain fern									
*Florida threatened species	Adam's needle									

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