

# **Ecological Assessment Report**

## **Lower Badger Mill Creek Property**

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#### 1.0 Introduction

Heartland Ecological Group, Inc. ("Heartland") completed an ecological assessment of the Lower Badger Mill Creek Property on October 2, 2023, at the request of the City of Madison Engineering Division (the "City"). Fieldwork was completed by Sarah Kraszewski, a Senior Ecologist and Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS) at Heartland. The City identified an approximate 38-acre portion of the City's property as the "Study Area" for this assessment. The Study Area is southeast of the intersection of Meadow Road and Valley View Road, in Section 32, T7N, R8E, City of Madison, Dane County, WI (Figure 1, Appendix A). The Study Area is identified with the following two addresses: 1524 Feather Edge Drive and 1661 Meadow Road.

The City is constructing a flood mitigation project at the Study Area that includes dredging of an existing open water wetland and conversion to a stormwater pond, creation of three stormwater ponds, channel realignment, bridge construction, and sanitary sewer installation. The purpose of the ecological assessment was to identify and evaluate the ecological quality of the plant communities that were not disturbed by the flood mitigation project. The City may use the results of this assessment to guide the restoration planning of the natural communities within the Study Area. This report provides a description of the Study Area based on publicly available resources and historic aerial imagery, assessment methods, a description of the plant communities and floristic quality observed in the field, vegetation lists, representative photographs, and figures depicting the identified plant communities.



#### 2.0 Site Characteristic Assessment

Publicly available resources were utilized including the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) *WI* 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic) Map and the WNDR's 24k Hydro Flowlines (Rivers and Streams) data layer (Figure 2, Appendix A), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service's (NRCS) Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) Web Soil Survey (Figure 3, Appendix A), and aerial imagery available through the USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) and Dane County's Land Information Office (Appendix B).

A review of historic aerial imagery indicates that the Study Area was used for agricultural purposes prior to the 1940s (Appendix B). The 1937 orthophoto depicts the entire Study Area divided into fields for agricultural production with only scattered trees present along some of the field perimeters. Land use conditions appeared relatively consistent until at least 1987. By 1995, three wetland/pond areas appear to have been excavated within the Study Area including a large pond in the northwest portion, a small pond in the southcentral portion, and a large pond in the southeast portion. In 2004 the majority of the Study Area, apart from the ponds, appeared to be in agricultural use and residential developments were constructed to the east of the Study Area. By 2005, it appears that agricultural production was reduced in the northwest portion of the Study Area and a swale became evident within the agricultural field in the northeast portion of the Study Area that may have received surface water flow from the residential development to the east. Conditions appear to have become progressively wetter within the Study Area over time, with surface water visible outside of the ponds in 2010 and 2013 imagery. Agricultural land use continued; however, cropped and haved areas appeared to get smaller over time and perennial vegetation became established within wetland areas.

The WDNR's *Rivers and Streams* data layer depicts an intermittent waterway that initiates near Meadow Road within the Study Area. This unnamed intermittent waterway has Waterbody Identification Code (WBIC) 5036012 and is a tributary to Badger Mill Creek, which is located approximately 5 miles to the south of the Study Area. The City refers to the waterway as Lower Badger Mill Creek. Based on the topographic map and Dane County one-foot contours, the Study Area appears to be located at a low elevation compared to the



surrounding areas and appears to receive drainage from the west, northeast, and east.

Drainage appears to continue to the south of the Study Area along Lower Badger Mill Creek.

Soils within the Study Area consist of a variety of silt loams including Plano (PoB), Troxel (TrB), Radford (RaA), Marshan (Mc), McHenry (MdC2), and Kegonsa (KeB). The NRCS identifies Marshan silt loam as hydric (100%) and Radford silt loam as predominantly non-hydric (1-15%). The remaining soil types mapped within the Study Area are considered non-hydric.

## 3.0 Field Assessment Methods

The field assessment was completed via a pedestrian meander survey across the Study Area to identify plant communities that were not disturbed by recent stormwater facility, stream realignment, and/or maintenance path and roadway construction. If multiple areas of a plant community were observed and these areas were determined to have different vegetation composition, these distinct stands were further distinguished by placing a number after the community designation. For example, three different upland meadow communities were identified based on vegetation composition and were described as Upland Meadow 1 (UPL1), Upland Meadow 2 (UPL2), and Upland Meadow 3 (UPL3). Distinct plant community boundaries were mapped using a Global Positioning System (GPS) in the field and then digitized onto recent aerial photography using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology at the office. A plant species list was compiled for each distinct plant community and the cover of each identified species was estimated by assigning a cover class value based on a Modified Braun-Blanquet Cover Class Scale as follows:

Cover Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
% Areal Cover	<1%	1-5%	5-10%	10-25%	25-50%	50-75%	75-100%

Representative photographs were taken across the Study Area and wildlife observations were recorded.



Species lists collected during the meander survey were entered into the Universal FQA Calculator (Freyman et al. 2016) using the predetermined Coefficient of Conservatism (C values) and wetland indicator status assigned to each species in the Wisconsin (WDNR) - NCNE Wetland Region (Northern and South-central Wisconsin) FQA database (Chung-Gibson et al. 2017). A Floristic Quality Assessment (FQA) was performed for each distinct plant community. The FQA method is based on calculating the mean C value and species richness to determine a Floristic Quality Index (FQI) for the plant community. C values are assigned to individual plant species based on their tolerance to degradation and the degree to which the species is found in remnant habitats (Freyman et al. 2016). A C value of 0 is applied to a species that demonstrates little fidelity to any remnant natural community; whereas a C value of 10 is applied to plants that are almost always restricted to pre-settlement remnant communities. Values lower than 4 generally represent weedy or common species and values close to 10 represent more conservative, rare, or disturbance intolerant species (Swink and Wilhelm 1994).

FQI = Mean C ( $\sqrt{N}$ ), where:

C is the Coefficient of Conservatism, and

N is the species richness value.

Non-native species were included in 'All Species' calculations and were assigned a value of zero. The mean C and FQI were calculated for each distinct plant community.

## 4.0 Results and Discussion

### 4.1 Existing Conditions

Four wetland community types (degraded wet meadow, hardwood swamp, shrub-carr, and seasonally flooded basin) and three upland community types (old field, upland meadow, and upland woodland) were identified and described within the Study Area. Plant communities are depicted on Figure 4 and the approximate acreage of each plant community is provided in the figure legend (Appendix A). Plant communities are summarized in Table 1 below. Representative photographs were taken from photo points depicted on Figure 4 and are provided in Appendix C. Species lists and FQA metrics for each distinct plant community are



provided in Appendix D. Plant community types that had multiple distinct vegetation assemblages are distinguished with numbers on Figure 4 that correspond to the species list name in Appendix D (e.g., Upland Meadow 1, 2, 3, etc.).

Areas that had been recently seeded, matted, or otherwise disturbed by stormwater facility construction are not depicted as a plant community on Figure 4. The constructed stormwater pond perimeters, approximate maintenance path locations, bridge, and the Lower Badger Mill Creek alignment depicted on Figure 4 were taken from the City's CAD data, which was provided to Heartland. Additional features shown on Figure 4 include a mowed path in the northeastern portion of the Study Area, an old spoil pile with tree growth, and a parking lot utilized by an adjacent business in the southwest portion.

**Table 1. Plant Community Summary** 

Plant Community	Dominant Species	General Notes	
Degraded Wet Meadow	Reed canary grass	Low quality herbaceous wetland that lacks seasonal ponding, found across the Study Area	
Hardwood Swamp 1 (HS1)	Eastern cottonwood, sandbar willow, and reed canary grass	Small wooded wetland in northern portion of Study Area	
Hardwood Swamp 2 (HS2)	River birch, Bell's honeysuckle, and reed canary grass	Small wooded wetland in eastern portion of Study Area	
Shrub-Carr	Sandbar willow, reed canary grass, and eastern cottonwood	Small sandbar willow dominated wetland	
Seasonally Flooded Basin 1 (SFB1)	Pennsylvania knotweed	Historically excavated ponds in the northern and southern portions of Study Area that appear to be seasonally ponded and dominated by annual species. The southern basin appears to have long durations of open water.	
Seasonally Flooded Basin 2 (SFB2)	Rice cut grass	Historically excavated pond in southwest portion of Study Area that appears to be seasonally ponded	
Old Field	Fall panic grass and giant foxtail	Fallow agricultural field along eastern perimeter of Study Area with weedy vegetation establishment	
Upland Meadow 1 (UPL1)	Reed canary grass and Canada goldenrod	Three upland meadow areas in northwestern portion of Study Area	

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Plant Community	<b>Dominant Species</b>	General Notes	
Upland Meadow 2 (UPL2)	Canada goldenrod, crown vetch, reed canary grass, globular coneflower, and black locust	Upland meadow in northeastern portion of Study Area with scattered native prairie species present but overall dominated by invasive species including black locust saplings in northern portion. Mowed path down center.	
Upland Meadow 3 (UPL3)	Orchard grass, Queen Anne's lace, fescue, crown vetch, and Canada goldenrod	Upland meadow in southwestern portion of Study Area, dominated by Eurasian cool season grasses and non-native forbs	
Upland Woodland	Bell's honeysuckle, black locust, box elder, silver maple, black walnut, and orchard grass	Disturbed upland woodlands. Southwestern community contains areas of prior upland meadow that have been encroached by black locust.	

No remnant or high-quality plant communities were observed within the Study Area, which was anticipated given the history of agricultural land use. Overall, plant communities within the Study Area were low quality based on low native species richness and cover and were degraded by non-native and invasive species (Appendix D). Although several native prairie species were observed in Upland Meadow 2, the dominance of invasive species such as crown vetch and black locust have negatively impacted the floristic and habitat quality. The stand of river birch within Hardwood Swamp 2 is desirable; however, there are few other native species present in the forested wetland and surrounding areas. The Upland Woodand community in the southwest corner does contain scattered native species; however, the overall wooded area is not representative of a natural community and is extensively degraded by invasive shrubs and herbaceous species.

Wildlife and signs of wildlife observed while conducting the meander surveys included small mammals, white-tailed deer, and frogs. Observed insects included grasshoppers and monarch butterflies. Observed birds included killdeer, Canada geese, gray catbirds, blue jays, black-capped chickadees, sparrows, rock doves, mallards, great blue heron, and wood ducks. Canada geese were primarily observed within the newly constructed stormwater ponds and the rock doves were observed around the newly constructed pond slopes. The large seasonally flooded basin in the southern portion of the Study Area (SFB1) appears to



provide good waterfowl habitat within open water areas. This area likely supports migrating waterfowl, provides amphibian habitat, and provides a water source for other wildlife.

#### **Restoration Opportunities** 4.2

Although the existing plant communities are generally low quality, there are restoration opportunities throughout the Study Area to enhance wildlife and pollinator habitat, improve floristic quality, enhance the restoration of Lower Badger Mill Creek, and improve aesthetics for the adjacent landowners and property users. These enhancements and restoration opportunities will become increasingly more important as the surrounding landscape is developed for residential use. The areas of greatest wildlife habitat potential appear to be the seasonally flooded basins, particularly the large basin in the southern portion of the Study Area that has open water components for much of the growing season. Habitat could be further enhanced by restoring the degraded wet meadow areas around the seasonally flooded basins to native wet meadow/wet prairie vegetation. These communities would provide native perennial cover with a diversity of wildflowers to attract insects and graminoids that provide nesting habitat and cover. Encouraging a diversity of insects will provide food sources for birds, frogs, and bats. Restoring the adjacent wetland areas will also improve habitat for birds and amphibians. Structures such as sunning logs for turtles could be added to areas that frequently have open water.

It is recommended that invasive trees and shrubs be removed across the Study Area, including black locust, common buckthorn, and invasive bush honeysuckle. Upland meadow and old field areas that will not be impacted by future road construction are suitable for prairie restoration following removal of existing vegetation and invasive species control. Shortgrass prairie plantings could provide an aesthetically pleasing landscape along the future roads and bike paths, buffer the adjacent wetland areas with deep-rooted perennials that would assist with infiltration, and provide nesting habitat and food sources for small birds and pollinators. Woodland areas can be enhanced by controlling invasive species and adding additional native species to improve floristic diversity and habitat. Plant community restoration should be assessed comprehensively with the restoration of the newly constructed stormwater facilities.



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## 5.0 Conclusion

Heartland completed an ecological assessment at the Lower Badger Mill Creek Property on October 2, 2023, to assess areas not impacted or disturbed by recent flood mitigation project work. The ecological assessment was completed on behalf of the City of Madison Engineering Division. The Study Area was historically used for agricultural purposes and had been entirely cleared of natural plant communities prior to the 1940s.

Four wetland plant communities and three upland plant communities were identified and assessed. Overall, the plant communities had low floristic quality and were dominated by non-native and invasive species. Although the floristic quality of the plant communities was low, the Study Area is currently providing wildlife habitat which can be further enhanced by removing invasive species and restoring native plant communities such as wet meadow, wet prairie, and shortgrass upland prairie. Restoration of native plant communities may improve floristic quality, storm and floodwater storage, aquatic life and wildlife habitat, and human use values in a landscape that is being rapidly developed for residential use.



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## Appendix A | Figures

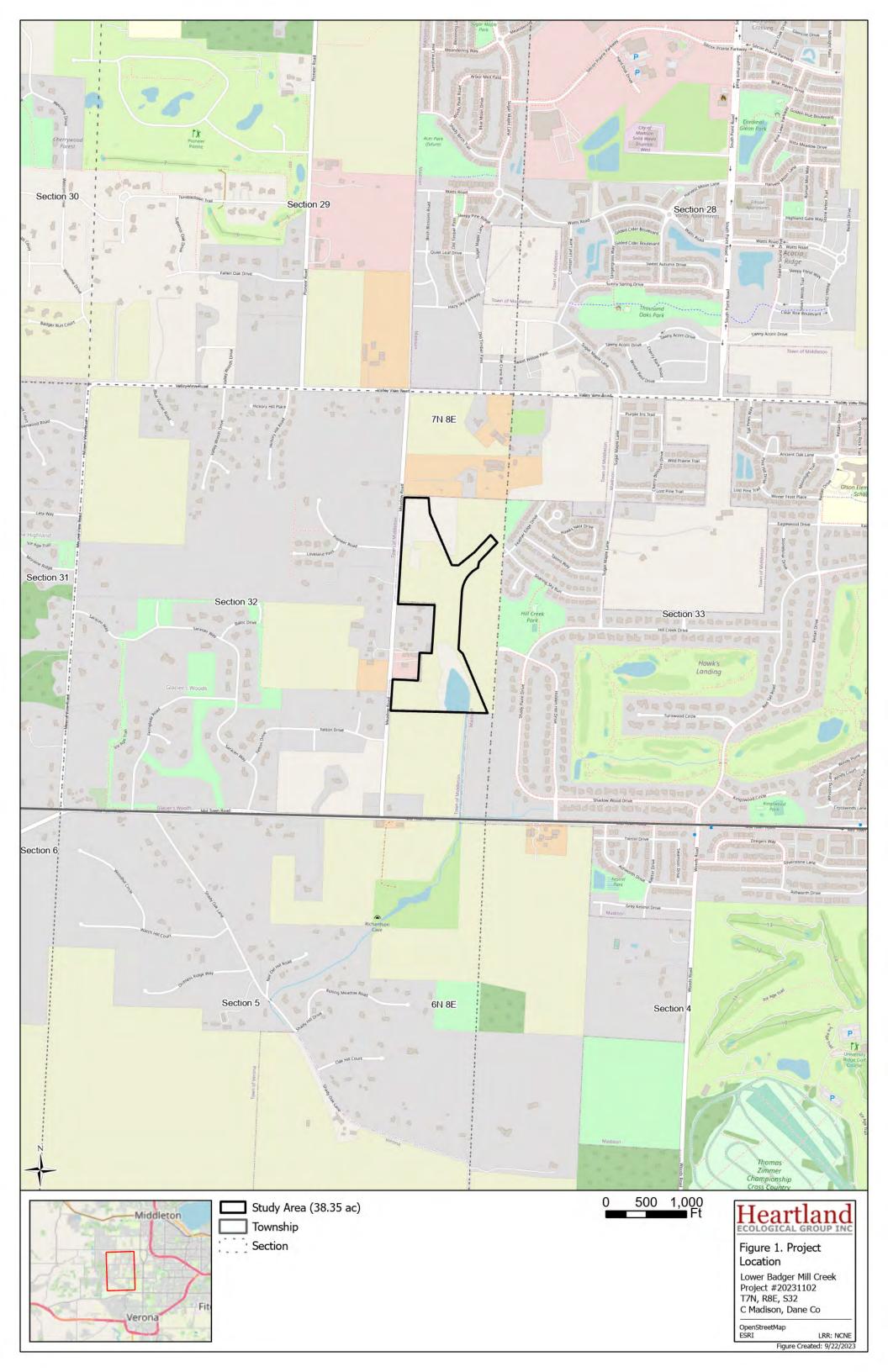
Figure 1. Project Location

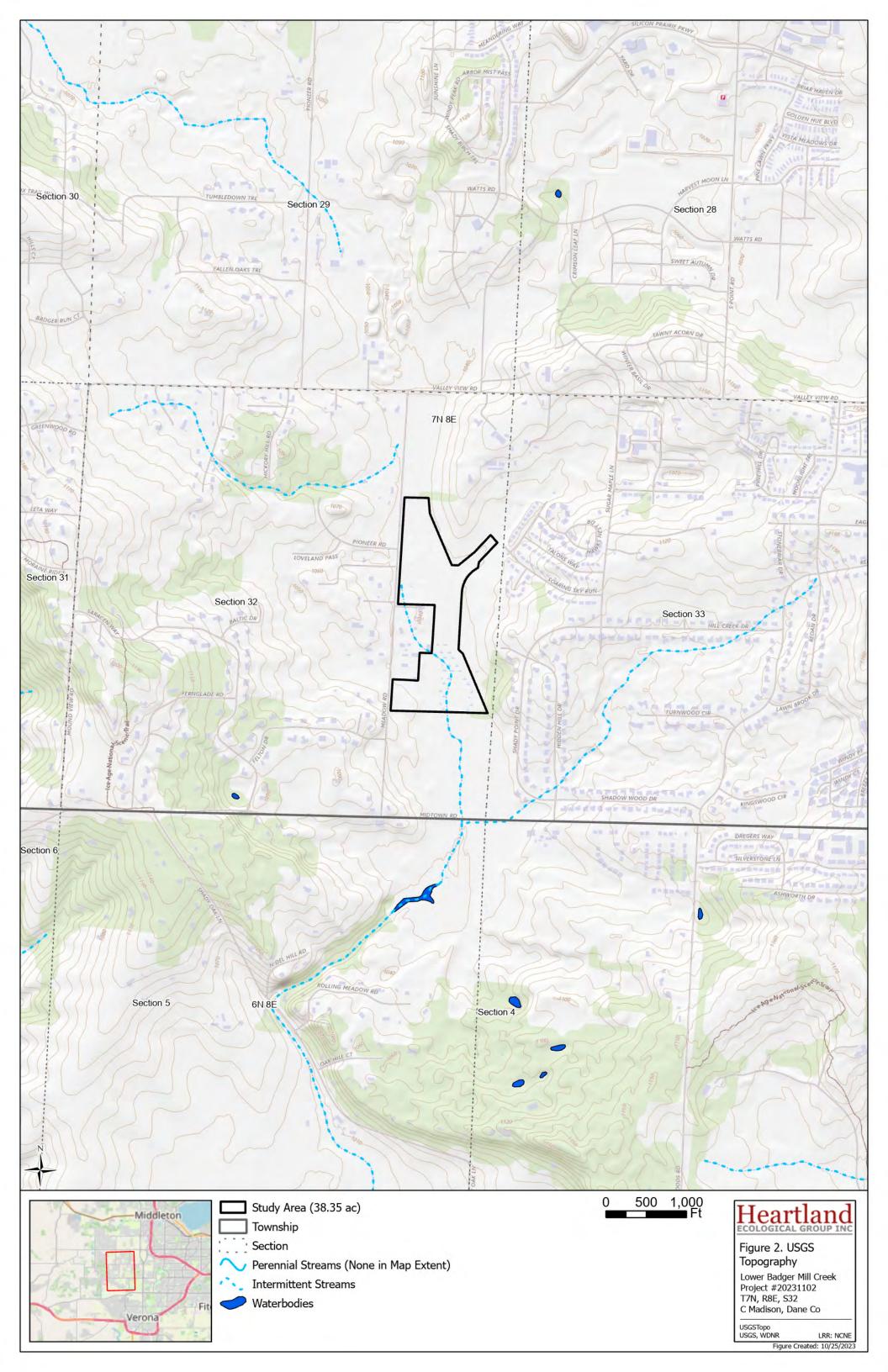
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Figure 3. NRCS Hydric Soils

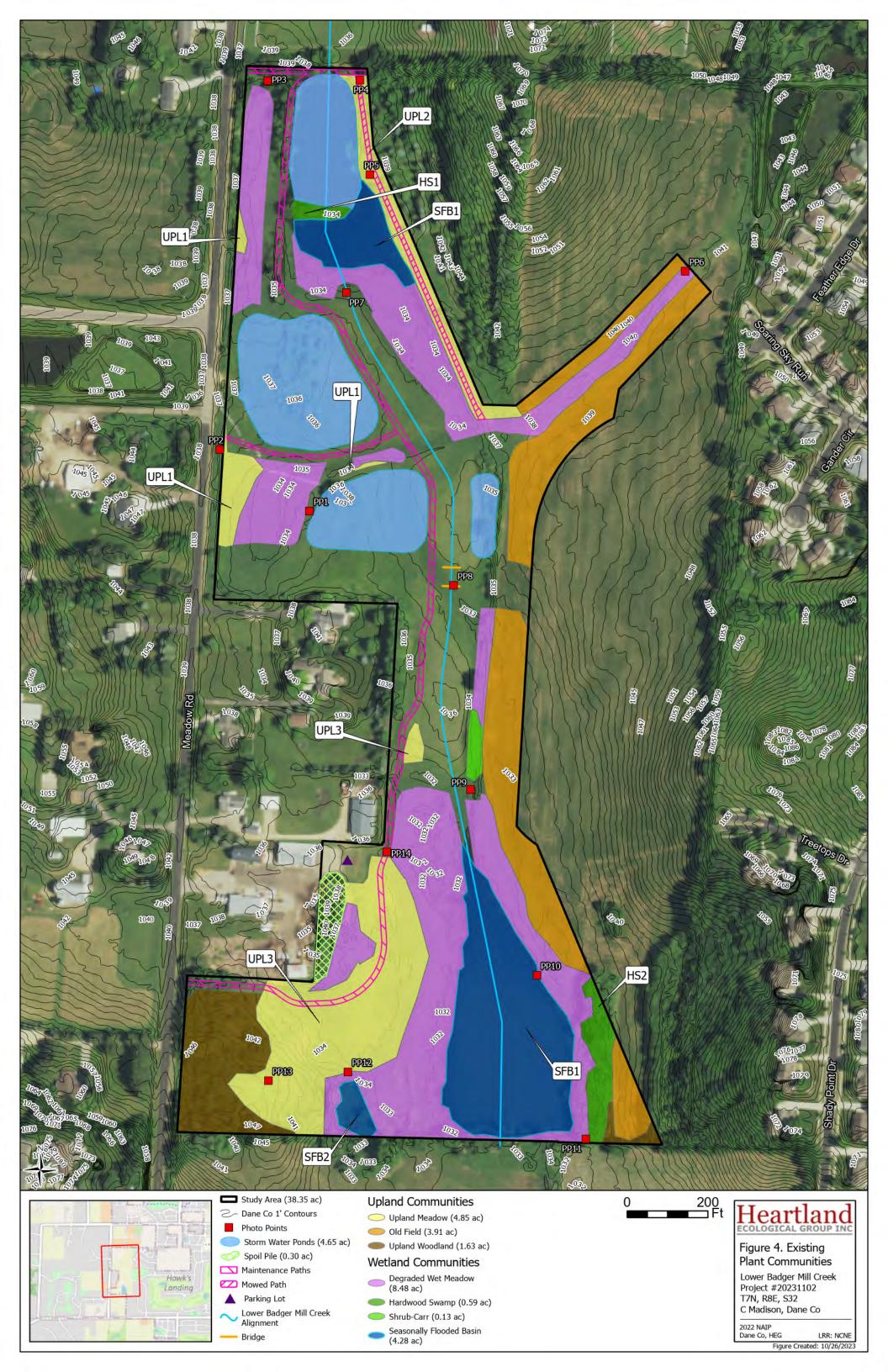
Figure 4. Existing Plant Communities

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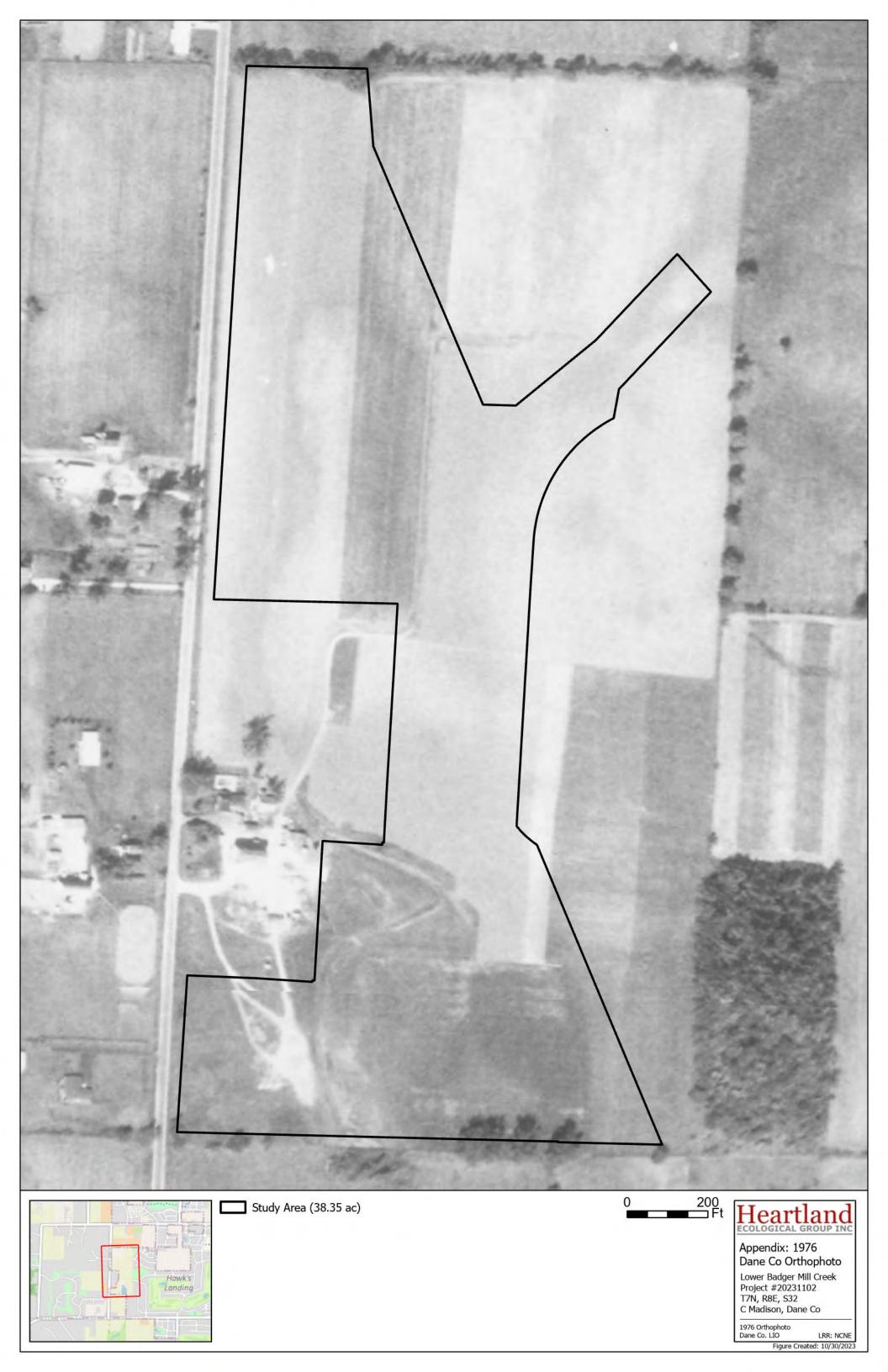
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# Appendix B | Historic Aerial Imagery

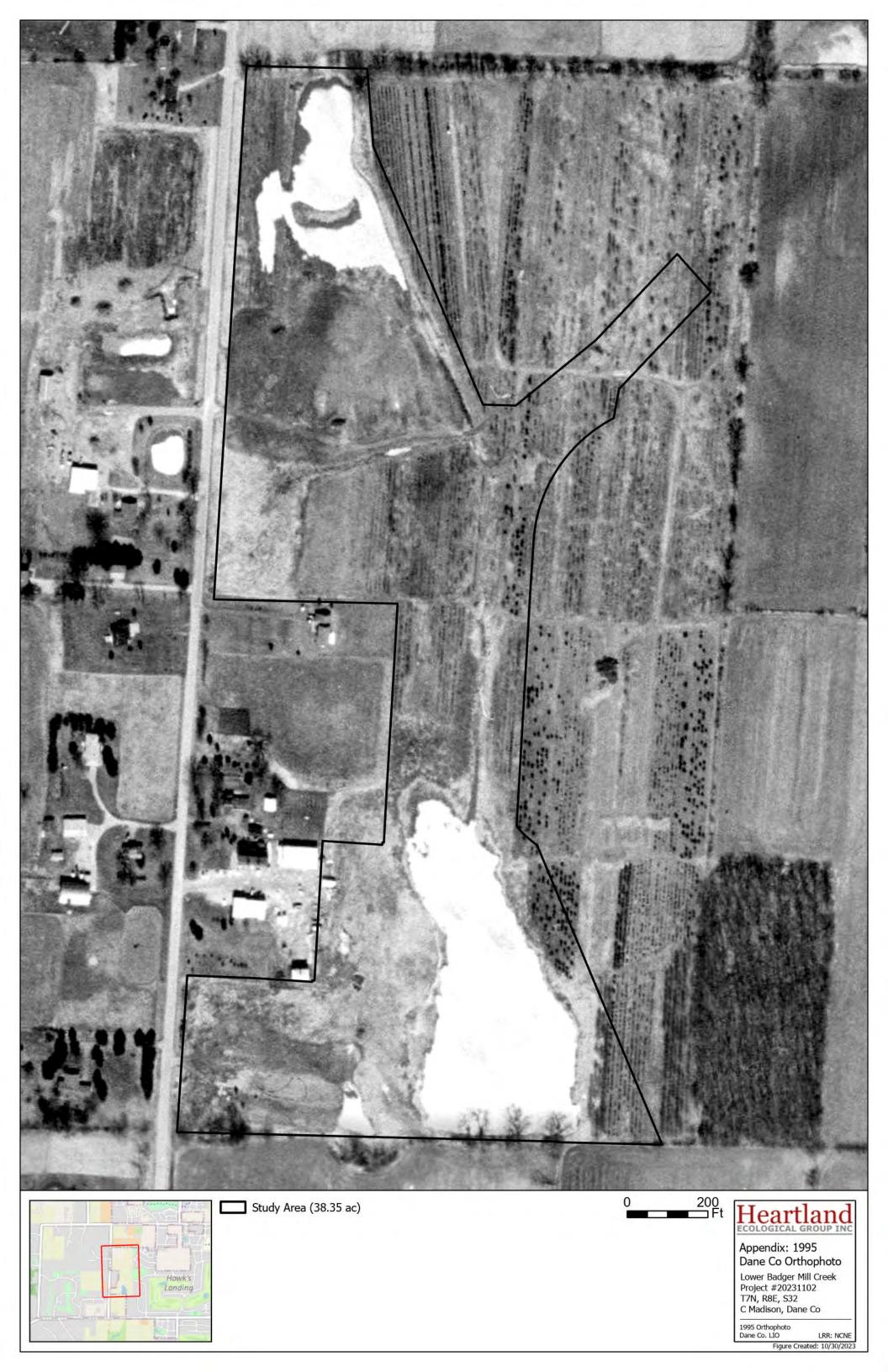
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2006 NAIP USDA



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2008 NAIP USDA



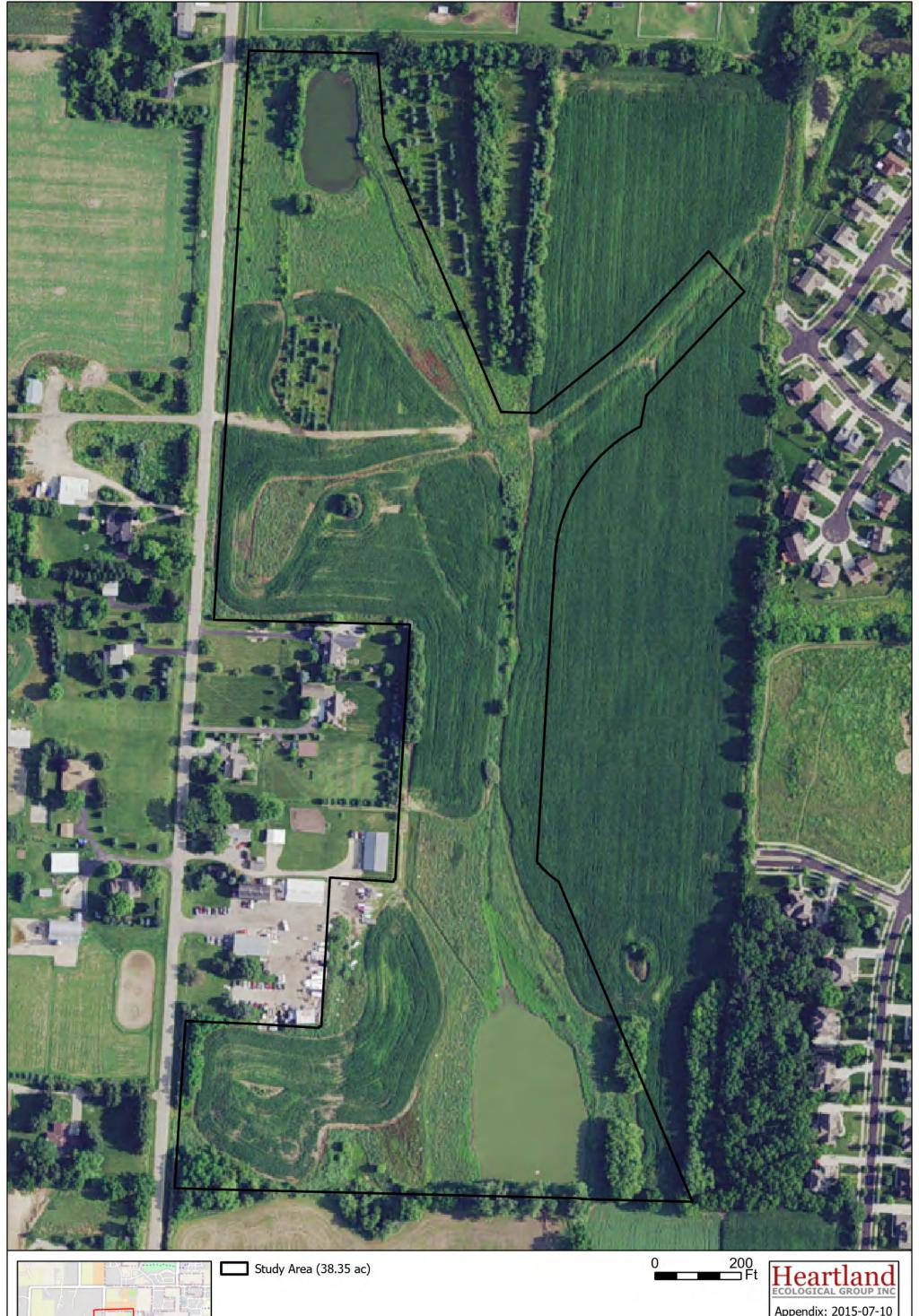




Appendix: 2013-07-04 NAIP Aerial Imagery

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2013 NAIP USDA





Appendix: 2015-07-10 NAIP Aerial Imagery

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2015 NAIP USDA





Appendix: 2017-09-03 NAIP Aerial Imagery

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2017 NAIP USDA





Appendix: 2018-07-28 NAIP Aerial Imagery

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2018 NAIP USDA



Appendix: 2020-08-29 NAIP Aerial Imagery

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2020 NAIP USDA





Appendix: 2022-06-26 NAIP Aerial Imagery

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# Appendix C | Photographs

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Photo #1 Photo point 1, view north of degraded wet meadow



Photo #3 Photo point 1, view south of stormwater pond slope (left) and degraded wet meadow (right)



Photo #5 Photo point 2, view north along Meadow Road ROW and newly seeded stormwater pond perimeter



**Photo #2** Photo point 1, view east toward stormwater pond



Photo #4 Photo point 1, view west of degraded
 wet meadow with upland meadow
 (UPL1) in background



**Photo #6** Photo point 2, view east along maintenance path



Photo #7 Photo point 2, view south of upland meadow (UPL1)



Photo #9 Photo point 3, view south of degraded wet meadow and shrubby ROW along Meadow Road



Photo #11 Photo point 3, view east along maintenance path at northwest corner of the Study Area



Photo #8 Photo point 2, view southeast along recently restored path perimeter and upland meadow (UPL1)



Photo #10 Photo point 3, view southeast along maintenance path perimeter and degraded wet meadow



Photo #12 Photo point 4, view south along upland meadow (UPL2) with black locust saplings





Photo #13 Photo point 5, view north of upland meadow (UPL2) above stormwater pond (to left)



Photo #15 Photo point 5, view southwest of stormwater pond with hardwood swamp (HS1) in background



Photo #17 Photo point 7, view NNW of degraded wet meadow with SFB1 and HS1 in background



**Photo #14** Photo point 5, view south toward seasonally flooded basin (SFB1)



Photo #16 Photo point 6, view SSW along mowed degraded wet meadow with old field along the perimeters



Photo #18 Photo point 7, view SSE along constructed swale for Lower Badger Mill Creek

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Photo #19 Photo point 8, view northwest from bridge



Photo #21 Photo point 8, view southeast from bridge along Lower Badger Mill Creek



Photo #23 Photo point 9, view east in recently disturbed stormwater utility corridor with old field in background



**Photo #20** Photo point 8, view northeast from bridge



**Photo #22** Photo point 9, view north towards shrub-carr



Photo #24 Photo point 9, view south along eastern bank of Lower Badger Mill Creek





Photo #25 Photo point 9, view west across Lower Badger Mill Creek



Photo #27 Photo point 10, view east of degraded wet meadow with hardwood swamp in background



**Photo #29** Photo point 10, view west of seasonally flooded basin



Photo #26 Photo point 10, view north along transition from seasonally flooded basin to degraded wet meadow



Photo #28 Photo point 10, view south of seasonally flooded basin with ponding



Photo #30 Photo point 11, view north along perimeter of degraded wet meadow and hardwood swamp (HS2)



Photo #31 Photo point 11, view northwest toward seasonally flooded basin from south edge of Study Area



Photo #33 Photo point 12, view north of upland meadow (UPL3)



Photo #35 Photo point 13, view north from upland meadow (UPL3) toward upland woodland



**Photo #32** Photo point 12, view south of seasonally flooded basin (SFB2)



Photo #34 Photo point 12, view east of upland meadow (UPL3, left) and degraded wet meadow (right)



Photo #36 Photo point 13, view northeast of upland meadow (UPL3)

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Photo #37 Photo point 13, view east of upland meadow (UPL3)



Photo #39 Photo point 14, view north along maintenance path along western Study Area perimeter



**Photo #41** Photo point 14, view south along maintenance path



Photo #38 Photo point 13, view west from upland meadow (UPL3) toward upland woodland



**Photo #40** Photo point 14, view east towards degraded wet meadow



Photo #42 Photo point 14, view WSW toward area of encroachment by adjacent business



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## Appendix D | Vegetation Lists

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- Table D-11. Upland Woodland Species List

Table D-1. Degraded Wet Meadow Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Abutilon theophrasti	piemarker	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Acer negundo	box elder	native	tree	0	FAC	1
Acer saccharinum	silver maple	native	tree	2	FACW	2
Agrostis gigantea	redtop	non-native	grass	0	FACW	2
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	annual bur-sage	native	forb	0	FACU	2
Ambrosia trifida	giant ragweed	native	forb	0	FAC	1
Betula nigra	river birch	native	tree	6	FACW	1
Bolboschoenus fluviatilis	river bulrush	native	sedge	6	OBL	2
Chenopodium simplex	maple-leaved goosefoot	native	forb	1	UPL	1
Cyperus esculentus	field nut sedge	native	sedge	0	FACW	2
Echinochloa crus-galli	barnyard grass	non-native	grass	0	FAC	2
Euthamia graminifolia	common flat-topped goldenrod	native	forb	4	FAC	1
Festuca arundinacea	reed fescue	non-native	grass	0	FACU	2
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash	native	tree	2	FACW	1
Lonicera x bella	Bell's honeysuckle	non-native	shrub	0	FACU	1
Panicum dichotomiflorum	fall panic grass	native	grass	0	FACW	2
Persicaria lapathifolia	curly-top knotweed	native	forb	2	FACW	1
Persicaria maculosa	heart's-ease	non-native	forb	0	FAC	1
Persicaria pensylvanica	Pennsylvania knotweed	native	forb	1	FACW	1
Persicaria punctata	dotted smartweed	native	forb	5	OBL	1
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	7
Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	native	tree	2	FAC	1
Salix eriocephala	diamond willow	native	shrub	4	FACW	1
Salix interior	sandbar willow	native	shrub	2	FACW	1
Salix petiolaris	meadow willow	native	shrub	6	FACW	2
Scirpus cyperinus	wool-grass	native	sedge	4	OBL	2
Solidago canadensis	Canadian goldenrod	native	forb	1	FACU	3
Trifolium hybridum	alsike clover	non-native	forb	0	FACU	1
Vitis riparia	frost grape	native	vine	2	FAC	1

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	21	2.4	11.0
All Species	29	1.7	9.2

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

Table D-2. Hardwood Swamp 1 (HS1) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Asclepias syriaca	common milkweed	native	forb	1	UPL	2
Asclepias verticillata	whorled milkweed	native	forb	2	UPL	1
Bromus inermis	Hungarian brome	non-native	grass	0	UPL	2
Carex vulpinoidea	brown fox sedge	native	sedge	2	OBL	1
Juniperus virginiana	eastern red-cedar	native	tree	3	FACU	2
Lonicera x bella	Bell's honeysuckle	non-native	shrub	0	FACU	3
Melilotus officinalis	yellow sweet-clover	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Persicaria pensylvanica	Pennsylvania knotweed	native	forb	1	FACW	2
Persicaria punctata	dotted smartweed	native	forb	5	OBL	2
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	5
Poa pratensis	Kentucky bluegrass	non-native	grass	0	FACU	2
Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	native	tree	2	FAC	6
Rhamnus cathartica	common buckthorn	non-native	shrub	0	FAC	2
Rubus idaeus var. strigosus	American red raspberry	native	shrub	3	UPL	1
Rumex crispus	curly dock	non-native	forb	0	FAC	2
Salix interior	sandbar willow	native	shrub	2	FACW	5
Solidago canadensis	Canadian goldenrod	native	forb	1	FACU	3
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England aster	native	forb	3	FACW	3
Symphyotrichum pilosum	frost aster	native	forb	1	FACU	2
Vitis riparia	frost grape	native	vine	2	FAC	2

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	13	2.2	7.9
All Species	20	1.4	6.3

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

Table D-3. Hardwood Swamp 2 (HS2) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Betula nigra	river birch	native	tree	6	FACW	6
Juglans nigra	black walnut	native	tree	3	FACU	3
Lonicera x bella	Bell's honeysuckle	non-native	shrub	0	FACU	6
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	4

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	2	4.5	6.4
All Species	4	2.3	4.6

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

**Table D-4. Shrub-Carr Species List** 

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	6
Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	native	tree	2	FAC	4
Salix interior	sandbar willow	native	shrub	2	FACW	6

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	2	2.0	2.8
All Species	3	1.3	2.3

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

Table D-5. Seasonally Flooded Basin 1 (SFB1) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Abutilon theophrasti	piemarker	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Bidens cernua	nodding beggar-ticks	native	forb	4	OBL	2
Echinochloa crus-galli	barnyard grass	non-native	grass	0	FAC	3
Persicaria lapathifolia	curly-top knotweed	native	forb	2	FACW	3
Persicaria pensylvanica	Pennsylvania knotweed	native	forb	1	FACW	7
Persicaria punctata	dotted smartweed	native	forb	5	OBL	2
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	3
Rorippa palustris	bog yellow-cress	native	forb	3	OBL	2
Rumex crispus	curly dock	non-native	forb	0	FAC	3

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	5	3.0	6.7
All Species	9	1.7	5.1

Cover Classes:					
1	<1%				
2	1-5%				
3	5-10%				
4	10-25%				
5	25-50%				
6	50-75%				
7	75-100%				

Table D-6. Seasonally Flooded Basin 2 (SFB2) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Alisma subcordatum	American water-plantain	native	forb	3	OBL	1
Bidens cernua	nodding beggar-ticks	native	forb	4	OBL	2
Bolboschoenus fluviatilis	river bulrush	native	sedge	6	OBL	3
Echinochloa crus-galli	barnyard grass	non-native	grass	0	FAC	4
Erechtites hieraciifolius	American burn-weed	native	forb	2	FACU	2
Impatiens capensis	orange jewelweed	native	forb	2	FACW	1
Leersia oryzoides	rice cut grass	native	grass	3	OBL	7
Panicum dichotomiflorum	fall panic grass	native	grass	0	FACW	4
Persicaria pensylvanica	Pennsylvania knotweed	native	forb	1	FACW	2
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	4

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	8	2.6	7.4
All Species	10	2.1	6.6

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

Table D-7. Old Field Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Abutilon theophrasti	piemarker	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Amaranthus tuberculatus	rough-fruited amaranth	native	forb	3	OBL	2
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	annual bur-sage	native	forb	0	FACU	3
Carduus acanthoides	plumeless thistle	non-native	forb	0	UPL	2
Chenopodium simplex	maple-leaved goosefoot	native	forb	1	UPL	3
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	3
Conyza canadensis	Canadian horseweed	native	forb	0	FACU	3
Daucus carota	Queen Anne's-lace	non-native	forb	0	UPL	2
Echinochloa crus-galli	barnyard grass	non-native	grass	0	FAC	3
Elymus virginicus	common eastern wild-rye	native	grass	6	FACW	1
Erechtites hieraciifolius	American burn-weed	native	forb	2	UPL	3
Erigeron annuus	annual fleabane	native	forb	0	FACU	2
Eriochloa villosa	Chinese cup grass	non-native	grass	0	UPL	3
Panicum dichotomiflorum	fall panic grass	native	grass	0	FACW	5
Pastinaca sativa	wild parsnip	non-native	forb	0	UPL	1
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	3
Rumex crispus	curly dock	non-native	forb	0	FAC	3
Salix interior	sandbar willow	native	shrub	2	FACW	2
Setaria faberi	giant foxtail	non-native	grass	0	FACU	4
Solidago canadensis	Canadian goldenrod	native	forb	1	FACU	2
Sonchus arvensis	field sow-thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	1
Sonchus asper	prickly sow-thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Symphyotrichum pilosum	frost aster	native	forb	1	FACU	2

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	11	1.5	5.0
All Species	24	0.7	3.4

Cover Classes:					
<1%					
1-5%					
5-10%					
10-25%					
25-50%					
50-75%					
75-100%					

Table D-8. Upland Meadow 1 (UPL1) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Acer saccharinum	silver maple	native	tree	2	FACW	1
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	annual bur-sage	native	forb	0	FACU	2
Asclepias syriaca	common milkweed	native	forb	1	UPL	1
Bromus inermis	Hungarian brome	non-native	grass	0	UPL	2
Daucus carota	Queen Anne's-lace	non-native	forb	0	UPL	2
Erigeron annuus	annual fleabane	native	forb	0	FACU	2
Festuca arundinacea	reed fescue	non-native	grass	0	FACU	2
Juglans nigra	black walnut	native	tree	3	FACU	1
Kuhnia eupatoriodes var. corymbulosa	false boneset	native	forb	5	UPL	2
Lotus corniculatus	bird's-foot trefoil	non-native	forb	0	FACU	3
Morus alba	Russian mulberry	non-native	tree	0	FACU	1
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	7
Poa pratensis	Kentucky bluegrass	non-native	grass	0	FACU	3
Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	native	tree	2	FAC	2
Securigera varia	crown-vetch	non-native	forb	0	UPL	2
Setaria faberi	giant foxtail	non-native	grass	0	FACU	2
Solidago canadensis	Canadian goldenrod	native	forb	1	FACU	5
Sonchus arvensis	field sow-thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	3
Symphyotrichum lateriflorum	side-flowering aster	native	forb	3	FAC	1
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England aster	native	forb	3	FACW	1
Symphyotrichum pilosum	frost aster	native	forb	1	FACU	3
Tanacetum vulgare	common tansy	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Taraxacum officinale	common dandelion	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Trifolium pratense	red clover	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Vitis riparia	frost grape	native	vine	2	FAC	1

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	12	1.9	6.6
All Species	25	0.9	4.5

Cover Classes:					
1	<1%				
2	1-5%				
3	5-10%				
4	10-25%				
5	25-50%				
6	50-75%				
7	75-100%				

Table D-9. Upland Meadow 2 (UPL2) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Native	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Abutilon theophrasti	piemarker	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Arctium minus	common burdock	non-native	forb	0	FACU	3
Asclepias syriaca	common milkweed	native	forb	1	UPL	2
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Cornus racemosa	gray dogwood	native	shrub	2	FAC	2
Daucus carota	Queen Anne's-lace	non-native	forb	0	UPL	3
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild-rye	native	grass	4	FACU	1
Erigeron annuus	annual fleabane	native	forb	0	FACU	1
Heliopsis helianthoides	false sunflower	native	forb	5	FACU	2
Lonicera x bella	Bell's honeysuckle	non-native	shrub	0	FACU	2
Monarda fistulosa	bee balm	native	forb	3	FACU	2
Parthenium integrifolium	American feverfew	native	forb	8	UPL	1
Pastinaca sativa	wild parsnip	non-native	forb	0	UPL	2
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	4
Poa pratensis	Kentucky bluegrass	non-native	grass	0	FACU	3
Populus deltoides	eastern cottonwood	native	tree	2	FAC	1
Prunus americana	American plum	native	shrub	3	UPL	2
Prunus serotina	wild black cherry	native	tree	3	FACU	1
Ratibida pinnata	globular coneflower	native	forb	4	UPL	4
Robinia pseudoacacia	black locust	non-native	tree	0	FACU	4
Rudbeckia hirta	black-eyed Susan	native	forb	4	FACU	1
Rumex crispus	curly dock	non-native	forb	0	FAC	1
Securigera varia	crown-vetch	non-native	forb	0	UPL	5
Solidago canadensis	Canadian goldenrod	native	forb	1	FACU	5
Solidago rigida	rigid goldenrod	native	forb	5	FACU	2
Symphyotrichum lanceolatum	panicled aster	native	forb	4	FACW	2
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England aster	native	forb	3	FACW	3
Symphyotrichum pilosum	frost aster	native	forb	1	FACU	2
Taraxacum officinale	common dandelion	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Vitis riparia	frost grape	native	vine	2	FAC	2

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	18	3.1	13.2
All Species	30	1.8	9.9

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

Table D-10. Upland Meadow 3 (UPL3) Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Acer negundo	box elder	native	tree	0	FAC	3
Agrostis gigantea	redtop	non-native	grass	0	FACW	3
Bromus inermis	Hungarian brome	non-native	grass	0	UPL	2
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Dactylis glomerata	orchard grass	non-native	grass	0	FACU	5
Daucus carota	Queen Anne's-lace	non-native	forb	0	UPL	5
Erigeron annuus	annual fleabane	native	forb	0	FACU	2
Festuca arundinacea	reed fescue	non-native	grass	0	FACU	5
Helianthus strumosus	pale-leaved woodland sunflower	native	forb	4	FACU	2
Lotus corniculatus	bird's-foot trefoil	non-native	forb	0	FACU	3
Miscanthus sacchariflorus	Amur silver grass	non-native	grass	0	UPL	2
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	3
Robinia pseudoacacia	black locust	non-native	tree	0	FACU	2
Rubus idaeus var. strigosus	American red raspberry	native	shrub	3	FAC	2
Securigera varia	crown-vetch	non-native	forb	0	UPL	5
Solidago canadensis	Canadian goldenrod	native	forb	1	FACU	4
Symphyotrichum lateriflorum	side-flowering aster	native	forb	3	FAC	2
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England aster	native	forb	3	FACW	1
Symphyotrichum pilosum	frost aster	native	forb	1	FACU	2
Trifolium pratense	red clover	non-native	forb	0	FACU	2
Vitis riparia	frost grape	native	vine	2	FAC	2

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	9	1.9	5.7
All Species	21	0.8	3.7

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			

Table D-11. Upland Woodland Species List

Scientific Name	Common Name	Nativity	Physiognomy	Coefficient of Conservatism	NC-NE Wetland Indicator	Cover Class
Acer negundo	box elder	native	tree	0	FAC	4
Acer saccharinum	silver maple	native	tree	2	FACW	4
Ageratina altissima	white snakeroot	native	forb	1	FACU	3
Ambrosia trifida	giant ragweed	native	forb	0	FAC	1
Arctium minus	common burdock	non-native	forb	0	FACU	3
Bromus inermis	Hungarian brome	non-native	grass	0	UPL	3
Dactylis glomerata	orchard grass	non-native	grass	0	FACU	4
Eriochloa villosa	Chinese cup grass	non-native	grass	0	UPL	2
Geum canadense	white avens	native	forb	2	FAC	3
Hackelia virginiana	beggar's-lice	native	forb	3	FACU	3
Juglans nigra	black walnut	native	tree	3	FACU	4
Leonurus cardiaca	motherwort	non-native	forb	0	UPL	1
Lonicera x bella	Bell's honeysuckle	non-native	shrub	0	FACU	5
Panicum dichotomiflorum	fall panic grass	native	grass	0	FACW	2
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia creeper	native	vine	5	FACU	1
Persicaria virginiana	jumpseed	native	forb	7	FAC	1
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canary grass	non-native	grass	0	FACW	2
Pilea pumila	Canadian clearweed	native	forb	3	FACW	2
Rhamnus cathartica	common buckthorn	non-native	shrub	0	FAC	2
Ribes cynosbati	dogberry	native	shrub	3	FACU	1
Robinia pseudoacacia	black locust	non-native	tree	0	FACU	5
Rubus allegheniensis	Allegheny blackberry	native	shrub	2	FACU	1
Rubus idaeus var. strigosus	American red raspberry	native	shrub	3	UPL	2
Rubus occidentalis	black-cap	native	shrub	2	UPL	2
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	sweet black-eyed Susan	native	forb	7	FACU	1
Setaria faberi	giant foxtail	non-native	grass	0	FACU	2
Solidago gigantea	giant goldenrod	native	forb	3	FACW	1
Symphyotrichum lateriflorum	side-flowering aster	native	forb	3	FAC	2
Úrtica dioica	stinging nettle	native	forb	1	FAC	3
Verbena urticifolia	nettle-leaved vervain	native	forb	2	FAC	1
Viola sororia	common blue violet	native	forb	3	FAC	3

FQA Metrics	Species Richness	Mean C Value	FQI
Native	21	2.6	11.9
All Species	31	1.8	10.0

Cover Classes:				
1	<1%			
2	1-5%			
3	5-10%			
4	10-25%			
5	25-50%			
6	50-75%			
7	75-100%			