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## BUFFER AREA 3 – WARRIEWOOD VALLEY

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability
AHD	Australian Height Datum
ARI	Average Recurrence Interval
ARR	Australian Rainfall and Runoff
DIPNR	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources
DLWC	Department of Land and Water Conservation NSW
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DTM	Digital Terrain Model
FPDM	Floodplain Development Manual
FPL	Flood Planning Level
FPM	Floodplain Management Manual
FPRMS	Floodplain Risk Management Study
FSL	Flood Surface Level
GIS	Geographic Information System
ha	Hectare (Area = 10,000m <sup>2</sup> )
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
MGA	Map Grid Australia
m <sup>3</sup> /s	Cubic meters per second
PMF	Probable Maximum Flood
PMP	Probable Maximum Precipitation
RCP	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
RCBC	Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert
RTA	Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SMP	Stormwater Management Plan
TIN	Triangular Irregular Network

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Brown Consulting (NSW) Pty Ltd has been commissioned to provide a stormwater management plan for the application at 14-18 Boondah Road, Warriewood Valley in the Pittwater local government area. This report and its associated drawings provide a concept plan for the stormwater management of the proposed residential development.

The following drawings in **Appendix A** should be read in conjunction with this stormwater management plan:

A1	Existing 100 Year Flood Levels
A2	Existing PMF Flood Levels
A3	Existing 100 Year Flood Hazards
A4	Existing PMF Flood Hazards
A5	Stormwater Management Plan
A6	Typical Cross Sections
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A13	100 Year 2hr High Tailwater Flood Level Difference
A14	100 Year 2hr Low Tailwater Flood Level Difference
A15	100 Year 36hr High Tailwater Flood Level Difference
A16	100 Year 9hr Low Tailwater Flood Level Difference
A17	PMF 2hr High Tide Flood Level Difference

## **1.1 SITE LOCATION & DESCRIPTION**

The site is located within the Warriewood Valley Urban Release Area known as Buffer Area 3 (formally Sector 14) within the lower reaches of Fern Creek. Fern Creek has been heavily modified as part of the residential development upstream of the site and flows into Warriewood Wetlands downstream of the site.

The site is currently occupied by a number of rural lots with residential dwellings, metal and concrete block sheds and stables, concrete and bitumen driveways and parking areas. The existing land use is predominately rural residential with horse/cattle paddocks, however industrial uses and agricultural plantation also exist within the site.

The vegetation within the site is made of maintained grassed areas within the residential lots, areas of dense Lantana and Poplar plantation with small pockets of bushland.

## **1.2 THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

The Application is for the construction of units in Buffer Area 3 Warriewood Valley. The development will utilise stormwater quality and quantity controls in accordance with industry 'best practice management', and more specifically to meet the objectives of Pittwater Council's "Water Management Specification". This will include stormwater reuse for each dwelling in accordance with the NSW government's BASIX, in addition to utilising stormwater treatments such as bioretention basins and pollutant traps. The development will also provide on-site detention to maintain existing flow regimes and provide additional flood storage to ensure no loss in floodplain volume for Fern Creek.

The proposed staging shall consist of the construction of the first 313 units. However the stormwater management scheme has been design to cater for the ultimate construction of the whole development area and therefore more than sufficiently caters for the first stage of development.



## **1.3 PREVIOUS STUDIES**

### **1.3.1 *Warriewood Valley Buffer Area 3 Water Management Report - Rezoning Application Stage (Aug 2005, Patterson Britton)***

Patterson Britton & Partners prepared a Water Management Report for the Rezoning Application for a new residential subdivision. The report addressed impacts of the proposed development on water management issues including hydrological assessments, water quality assessments and management, flood attenuation and stormwater quantity management.

### **1.3.2 *Warriewood Valley Flood Study (April 2005, Lawson and Treloar) Addendum 1 (July 2005, Candno Lawson Treloar)***

Candno Lawson Treloar undertook a flood study of the Warriewood Valley catchment to define the nature and extent of flooding. The runoff hydrographs for the study were estimated using the XP-RAFTS rainfall-runoff modelling package. The hydraulic modelling of Warriewood Valley catchment was undertaken using (SOBEK) an integrated 1D/2D hydraulic model developed by Delft Hydraulics. This model enables efficient integration between river hydraulics, where flow can be considered 1D, and the over bank floodplain where flows are best described by a 2D model.

The study produced flood levels and flood hazard mapping for a number of storm events ranging from the 5 year ARI to the PMF.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 WARRIEWOOD VALLEY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATION**

This study has been developed in accordance with Pittwater Councils (2001) Stormwater Management Specification for the Warriewood Valley Urban Release Area. The key issues outlined by this specification include:

#### **Stormwater Quantity Management**

- Developed hydrograph must be within  $\pm 10\%$  of the pre-developed hydrograph,
- Peak flow from the sector to be within  $\pm 5\%$  of the peak flow given in Appendix A of Pitt Water Council specification.
- Developed peak flow to be no greater than pre-developed conditions,
- All OSD above ground structures to be located above the 100 year ARI flood level,
- Stormwater reuse to be utilised for the development

#### **Flooding**

- Estimation of flood levels for pre and post development,
- Floor levels to be +500 mm above the 1% AEP flood in Fern Creek,
- Water quality control devices to be above the 20% AEP flood level,
- Flood hazard and evacuation associated with the PMF to be considered if it flows through residential areas.

#### **Stormwater Quality**

- Load based modelling of pre and post development using a daily load model for 90<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> percentile rainfall years,
- Ensure post developed pollutant loads do not exceed existing loads,
- Concept design of stormwater treatment facilities,

#### **Water Balance**

- Water balance modelling for pre and post development,

### **3 FLOOD MODELLING**

The hydraulic modelling of the study area was undertaken using the SOBEK hydraulic model developed by Cardno Lawson Treloar for the Warriewood Valley flood study. SOBEK is an integrated 1D/2D hydraulic model that can model one dimensional flow characteristics such as creek sync channels in conjunction with two-dimensional flows across floodplains.

The hydraulic modelling examined a total of 7 flooding scenarios, being:

- 100 year ARI 2 hour duration with high tide in Narrabeen Lagoon
- 100 year ARI 2 hour duration with low tide in Narrabeen Lagoon
- 100 year ARI 36 hour duration with low tide in Narrabeen Lagoon
- 100 year ARI 9 hour duration with high tide in Narrabeen Lagoon
- PMF 2 hour duration with high tide in Narrabeen Lagoon
- PMF 2 hour duration with low tide in Narrabeen Lagoon
- PMF 90 minute duration with low tide in Narrabeen Lagoon

#### **3.1 SURVEY & DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL (DEM)**

A Ground level survey of the site was undertaken by John B White Surveyors. The survey included spot levels throughout the site and identified existing building and structures, ponds and trees. A digital elevation model (DEM) incorporating 5m x 5m grids was produced of the study area using the survey data. This DEM was used as the 2D surface in SOBEK and nested into the existing DEM used in the Warriewood Valley flood study (Cardno Lawson Treloar).

#### **3.2 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS**

The upstream and downstream boundary conditions were the same as adopted in the Warriewood Valley flood Study. The downstream boundaries located within Narrabeen Lagoon were the constant water boundaries for both the high and low lagoon levels scenarios.

#### **3.3 FRICTION COEFFICIENTS**

The friction coefficients were the same as modelled in the Warriewood Valley Flood Study. The 2D modelling used a grid of Manning's roughness 'n' values that were estimated from landuse determined

from aerial photography and site visits. The range of Manning's values used is shown in **Table 3.1** as presented in the Warriewood Valley Flood Study.

The proposed development will be located on fill areas will be located above the 100 year ARI flood level no specific Manning's value were adopted for those areas.

**Table 3.1 Manning's Coefficients**

<b>Manning's Coefficient</b>	<b>Description of Landuse</b>
0.16	Forest/Heavy Scrub.
0.20	Urban
0.015	Roads.
0.02	Open Spaces/Paddocks
0.01	Open Water

Source: Warriewood Valley Flood Study (Cardno Lawson Treloar 2005)

### **3.4 EXISTING FLOOD LEVELS**

The existing flood levels for the 100 year ARI 2 hour duration storm event are presented in **Figure A1** (Appendix A). The flood levels within the site vary from 3.40 m AHD within Fern Creek at the western site boundary to 3.11 m AHD within Warriewood Wetlands.

For both the high and low tide scenario's the flood levels are generated by the ponding levels within the Warriewood Wetlands/Narrabeen Lagoon. During the 100 year ARI event the flood levels within the wetlands drown out the majority of Fern Creek, with only the upper reaches (at the western site boundary) providing any flow conveyance.

The existing flood levels for the PMF 2 hr duration storm event are presented in **Figure A2** (Appendix A). For the PMF scenario the flooding is generated by the flood level of 4.59m AHD within Warriewood Wetlands (high level). Flows overtop Macpherson Street and flow along the western site boundary to the wetlands.

### **3.5 EXISTING FLOOD HAZARD**

The existing flood hazard for the 100 year ARI and PMF storm events are presented in **figures A3** and **A4** respectively. The flood hazard was determined using the product of the flood velocity and depth. Results of modelling for the 100 year ARI event indicated a significant area with high hazard within Fern

Creek and low hazard across the flood plain. Modelling results indicated that the majority of the site would be classified as high hazard for the PMF storm event, which is mostly due to the high flood depths associated with the PMF.

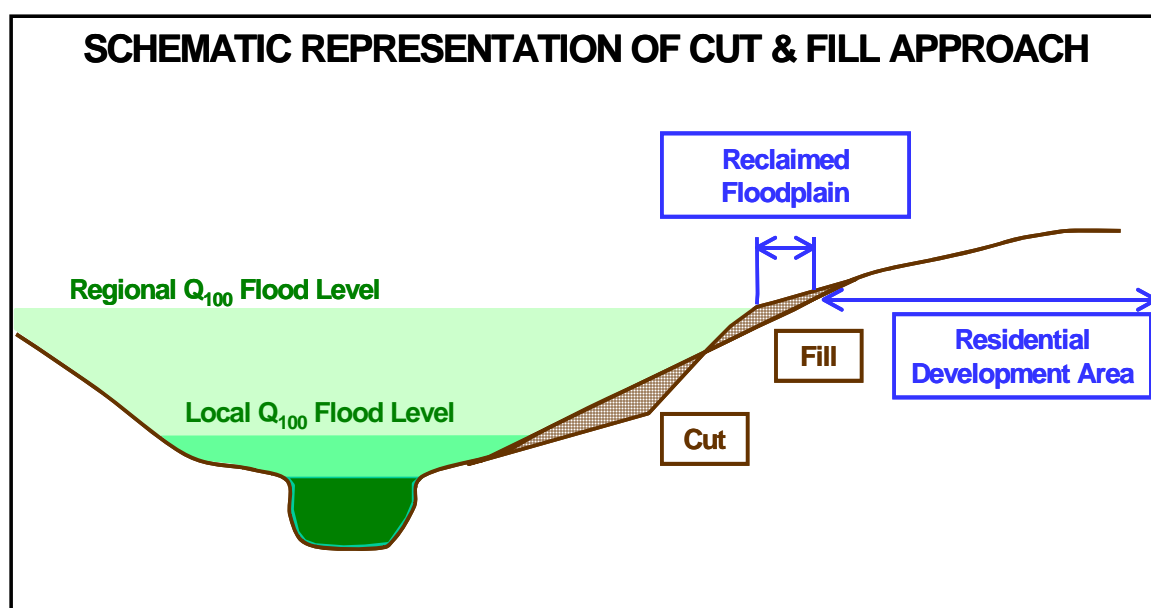
### 3.6 EXISTING FLOOD STORAGE

Based on the flood level rasters and existing survey information, a total flood storage of approximately 64,000m<sup>3</sup> exists below the existing 100 year ARI flood level.

### 3.7 PROPOSED EARTHWORKS STRATEGY

The filling strategy adopted as part of this application was to fill land within the floodplain to a minimum level of RL 4.32 m. To ensure no net loss of floodplain storage below the 100 year ARI flood level, it is proposed to excavate non-filled areas within the floodplain to compensate for filled areas to provide the balance of floodplain storage (Figure 1).

The modelled fill/cut strategy results in no net loss in existing flood storage compared with the volume of floodplain storage in the developed scenario below the 100 year ARI flood level. The positive effects of this strategy is that flood storage is moved from areas high in the floodplain to a level lower in the floodplain. This provides greater flood storage for more frequent floods (say up to the 10 year ARI) than currently exists, and potentially reduces flood levels for those flood events.



**Figure 1 Schematic Representation of Cut and Fill Strategy**

Floodplain storage is provided through the excavation of an area adjacent to the proposed fill platforms at a cut batter no greater than 1(V) in 4(H). The excavation area is setback within the site boundaries. The total surface area of the proposed flood storage (excavation) area is approximately 0.8 ha to achieve no decrease in flood storage for all events up to the 100 year ARI.

The proposed bulk earthworks strategy and typical cross sections are shown in **Appendix A**.

### **3.8 Hydraulic Modelling Results – Developed Scenario**

A detail TIN was created in 12D of the proposed development and earthworks and converted to a raster grid (DEM) for use in the SOBEK model. The proposed terrain was nested into the existing DEM used in the Warriewood Valley flood study (Cardno Lawson Treloar) and modelled in SOBEK. The results of the hydraulic modelling are shown in **Appendix A** for both the high and low tailwater conditions.

### **3.9 FLOOD LEVEL DIFFERENCE**

**Figures A.13 - A.17** in Appendix A show the flood level difference resulting from the proposed development for the 100 year ARI and PMF storm events.

For the 100 year ARI the figures show the expected afflux is no greater than 0.02m however there is generally a flood level decrease to less than 0.01m increase throughout the majority of the site. Such a result is expected given that the area is dominated by regional flooding of Warriewood Wetlands/Narrabeen Lagoon.

For the PMF event there is an overall decrease in flood levels across the flood plain as a result of the additional flood storage in the low lying areas. A localised increase of up to 0.04m is experienced within Boondah Road. The 2D hydraulic modelling also indicated an artificial flood increase greater than 0.05m within Macpherson Street upstream of the site as a result of the constriction of the flow path along the western site boundary.

As discussed the 2D hydraulic modelling of the concept design terrain was represented by a raster surface used in SOBEK. A raster is a regular grid of user defined size containing representative elevations, therefore there will always be some simplification of the terrain when converting a triangle TIN file to a grid. The 5m x 5m grid used for the study area did not accurately model the local overland

flow path along the western boundary and therefore showed elevated flood levels. The flow path is designed for flow convenience and therefore best represents in a 1D model, **section 3.13** present the HEC-RAS 1D model developed for the flow path along the western boundary.

### **3.10 FLOOD HAZARD**

**Figures A11** and **A12** show the flood hazard mapping for the proposed development. The figures indicate the flood hazard is not aggravated as a result of the proposed development

### **3.11 FLOOD PLANNING LEVEL**

The flood planning level for the proposed development is 0.5m above the 100 year ARI flood level within Fern Creek. The flood planning level for the proposed development varies from 3.61m to 3.90m AHD. However the proposed minimum floor level has been set at 4.5m AHD, well above the flood planning level.

### **3.12 FLOOD EVACUATION**

The modelling has shown that during the extreme events the site is predominately flood free with no dwelling subject to inundation. The primary flood evacuation for the site would be vertical evacuation therefore occupants remain inside the dwellings and move to the upper levels.

### **3.13 CLIMATE CHANGE**

Cardno Lawson and Treloar undertook sensitivity analysis from two separate flood studies to estimate the likely climate change impact on the study site.

The scenarios assessed in the estimates are based on the DECC Practical Considerations of Climate Change Guidelines document released in 2007 and in accordance with NSW Sea Level Rise Policy. Three scenarios have been assessed, a low, medium and high scenario.

- Low Scenario – 0.18m increase in ocean levels, 10% increase in rainfall intensities
- Medium Scenario – 0.55m increase in ocean levels, 20% increase in rainfall intensities
- High Scenario – 0.91m increase in ocean levels, 30% increase in rainfall intensities

The current modelling utilised a peak flood level in Narrabeen Lagoon in a 100 year ARI event of 2.71m AHD, this level is based on a flood study undertaken by MHL in 1990. It is noted that this study did not incorporate climate change into the analysis.

A sensitivity analysis was undertaken on the ocean levels in a 100 year ARI event and the adopted design event assumed a 2 m AHD peak water level in the ocean. The sensitivity analysis included a peak ocean level of 2.7m AHD, 1.5m AHD and a normal tide level (0.6m AHD). This analysis has been used to estimate the effect of an increase in ocean levels as a result of climate change on the 100 year ARI flood level in the lagoon, assuming a linear interpolation between the sensitivity results. A 10% increase in rainfall intensities was assumed to result in a 10% increase in input flows to the Lagoon (and similarly for 20% and 30% scenarios), this is considered a conservative assumption. This analysis then provided the estimates on the Narrabeen Lagoon Levels in the 100 year ARI event under a low, medium and high scenario.

A sensitivity analysis was undertaken on flows and on downstream boundary levels as a part of the Warriewood Valley Flood Study. In both cases, variations of +/- 20% were undertaken. The sensitivity analysis on the downstream water levels allowed the estimate of likely effects of the higher Lagoon levels and increase in rainfall intensity on the study site.

The following increases in flood levels were provided by Cardno Lawson and Treloar to estimate the possible effect of climate change on flood levels within the development site.

**Table 3.2            Increases in flood levels as a result of possible climate change**

<b>Climate Change Scenario</b>	<b>Increase in Flood Level (m)</b>
Low	0.15
Medium	0.3
High	0.45

Source: Warriewood Valley Flood Study (Cardno Lawson Treloar)

Given the estimated increases in flood levels, it is expected that flood levels within the site would increase to 3.56m - 3.85m AHD as a result of the high climate change scenario (worse case) for the 100 Year ARI storm event. The proposed minimum floor levels have been set at 4.5m AHD, well above the expected 100 year ARI flood level which is increased as a result of climate change.



### 3.14 OVERLAND FLOW PATH ALONG WESTERN BOUNDARY

A minor overland flow path is proposed to pass along the western boundary to convey flows from Macpherson Street to Fern Creek during the PMF. The flowpath cross section has been based on the details provided with the Warriewood Valley Buffer Area 3 Water Management Report Rezoning Application Stage (Patterson Britton).

The modelling of the existing and developed scenario was undertaken using HEC-RAS (V3.1.3), a 1D hydraulic model developed by US Army Corps of Engineers. The upstream boundary condition was the inflow hydrograph taken from a measuring station within the SOBEK model for the PMF event and the downstream boundary condition is the water level control taken from the maximum flood level within the SOBEK model for the high and low tide scenario downstream of the flow path as modelled for the PMF event.

**Table 3.3 PMF flood Levels with High Tide in the Overland Flow Path**

Section	Existing PMF Flood Level (m, AHD)	Developed PMF Flood Level (m, AHD)	PMF Flood Level Increase (m, AHD)
140	5.38	4.62	-0.76
130	5.36	4.61	-0.75
120	5.3	4.61	-0.69
110	5.08	4.61	-0.47
100	4.71	4.6	-0.11
90	4.6	4.6	0
80	4.6	4.6	0
70	4.6	4.6	0
60	4.6	4.6	0
50	4.6	4.6	0
40	4.6	4.6	0
30	4.6	4.6	0
20	4.6	4.6	0
10	4.6	4.6	0

**Table 3.4 PMF flood Levels with Low Tide in the Overland Flow Path**

Section	Existing PMF Flood Level (m, AHD)	Developed PMF Flood Level (m, AHD)	PMF Flood Level Increase (m, AHD)
140	5.38	4.08	-1.3
130	5.36	4.26	-1.1
120	5.3	4.18	-1.12
110	5.08	4.12	-0.96
100	4.71	4.07	-0.64
90	4.56	4.04	-0.52
80	4.39	4.02	-0.37
70	4.06	4	-0.06

Section	Existing PMF Flood Level	Developed PMF Flood Level	PMF Flood Level Increase
60	4	4	0
50	4	4	0
40	4	4	0
30	4	4	0
20	4	4	0
10	4	4	0

The results of the HEC-RAS hydraulic modelling shows no increase in flood levels during the PMF event as a result of the proposed development.

## 4 WATER BALANCE MODELLING

A daily water balance model was developed for pre and post development of the site using MUSIC.

### 4.1 MODEL ASSUMPTIONS

This model used daily rainfall data from the Bureau of meteorology Station at Mona Vale to estimate daily runoff volumes. The period of record covered 31 years from January 1972 to the end of 2002. Evaporation data used were daily averages for each month.

For developed conditions, the rainwater reuse is proposed to be used for external purposes (irrigation and car wash bays). An annual water requirement was based on the 16 KL per 100m<sup>2</sup> of garden presented for Sydney by the National Water Commission (2008) *Requirements for Installation of Rainwater and Greywater Systems in Australia*. The annual demand was scaled according to the daily evapotranspiration data. The rainwater storage tanks can be located in the building basements and top-up from Sydney Water mains of up to 10% tank capacity is recommended.

### 4.2 WATER BALANCE SUMMARY

The music model was set up for the total development area and was split up into landuse source nodes including road corridors, roof areas and pervious areas with percentage impervious values of 78%, 90% and 5% respectively. The roof areas drain to the rainwater tanks with overflow directed to the bioretention basins. All over areas drain directly to the bioretention basins.

The water balance modelling estimated the following total rainfall depths for statistically representative rainfall years:

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| • 10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Rainfall Year | 744 mm   |
| • Average rainfall year                     | 1,090 mm |
| • 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile rainfall year | 1,537 mm |

The water balance model results are shown in **Table 4.1**.

<b>Table 4.1 Water Balance Modelling Results</b>		
	Pre-development Runoff	Post-Development Runoff with Stormwater Re-use
<i>Site</i>		
10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Rainfall Year (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0	0
Average rainfall year (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.00086	0.00085
90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile rainfall year (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.00073	0.0016
Flow (ML/yr)	27.2	27.1

The model shows that development would not increase runoff volumes from that of existing conditions. This has been achieved by incorporating a stormwater reuse component for each dwelling.

In attempt to minimise reductions of environmental flows to Fern Creek and Warriewood Wetlands, rainwater reuse has been limited to runoff from roof areas. Within the site all roads and lot areas bypass the rainwater tanks and continue to flow to Fern Creek through the water quality treatment devices and on-site detention. The water balance modelling suggests that the environmental flows to Fern Creek will be maintained with associated rainwater reuse.

## 5 STORMWATER DRAINAGE CONCEPT PLAN (SDCP)

A requirement of Pittwater Council is to provide a Stormwater Concept Management Plan. This plan is shown in **Figure A5**, which identifies:

- Location & size of Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices (SQIDs)
- Location and size of the OSD systems,
- 1% AEP and PMF extents – post development
- Flood Storage – post development
- Surface overland flowpaths

## 6 STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

### 6.1 MODELLING METHODOLOGY

Water quality modelling of the proposed development has been undertaken using the Model for Urban Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation (MUSIC) software package developed by the Cooperative Research Centre for Catchment Hydrology (CRCCH). MUSIC enables the user to model the transfer of pollutants through a catchment and provides an aid in determining the treatment strategy required to meet the water quality objectives applicable to the site. The critical pollutants to be modelled are Gross Pollutants, Total Nitrogen (TN), Total Phosphorous (TP) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

The generation, transfer and removal of these critical pollutants will be modelled through the treatment strategy employed. Only the critical pollutants will be further addressed in this report, however the treatment devices will provide mitigation of other pollutant loads, such as heavy metals, since they are predominantly associated with fine sediment. The Primary Pollutant trap will intercept pollutants such as litter, rubbish, leaves etc therefore minimising the runoff of oxygen demanding substances.

The event mean concentrations (EMC) used were taken from the Warriewood Valley Water Management Specification, as shown in Table 6.1.

<b>Table 6.1 Pollutant EMC Values &amp; Runoff Coefficients</b>			
<b>Landuse</b>	<b>TSS (mg/L)</b>	<b>TP (mg/L)</b>	<b>TN (mg/L)</b>
Urban	100	0.3	1.5
Rural Residential	35	0.1	1
Horticultural	45	0.2	2.5
Pasture	15	0.04	0.5
Forest/Native Vegetation	10	0.03	0.32

Source: Warriewood Valley Water Management Specifications (2001)

## **6.2 MODELLING STORMWATER OF MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

Pollutant export analysis has been undertaken for three scenarios using MUSIC. The three models are:

- Existing Scenario – Pre-developed site
- Developed Scenario – site developed as proposed, without any stormwater quality treatment; and
- Mitigated Scenario – site developed as proposed with stormwater quality treatment.

It should be noted that the updated version of the MUSIC program (v.3.01) was used for the modelling.

### **6.2.1 Source Nodes**

For modelling with MUSIC, subject sites have to be classified into different land uses that are represented as source nodes. The source nodes that have been used in the modelling are Agriculture and Urban. Each are used for various land uses within the site for the existing and developed scenarios. The two types of source nodes used in the MUSIC modelling have used the following total impervious percentages:

- Agriculture - An impervious percentage of 5% was used for the existing scenario and areas of open space
- Urban – An impervious percentage of 80% was used for road carriage ways, 90% for roof areas, and 5% for pervious areas.

Soil properties for each source node are set as defaults use by MUSIC for the two respective source node types. Mean estimation and serial autocorrelation set to zero has also been adopted.

### **6.2.2 Drainage Links**

No routing has been adopted for all drainage links within each model. This assumption is due to the type of SQID's modelled and the limited overland flow lengths. It is believed this assumption will produce more conservative results.

## 6.3 RESULTS FOR THE EXISTING & DEVELOPED SCENARIO'S

**Table 6.2 and 6.3** summarises the results of the existing and developed (without mitigation) scenario pollutants loads generated from the site.

**Table 6.2 Existing pollutant Loads**

Percentile Year	TSS Conc. (mg/L)	TP Conc. (mg/L)	TN Conc. (mg/L)
<b>Site A</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	25.1	0.131	1.18
mean	25.5	0.132	1.19
90 <sup>th</sup>	25.1	0.132	1.19
Mean Annual Loads (kg/Yr)	558	2.1	23.8
<b>Site B</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	25.1	0.131	1.18
mean	25.5	0.132	1.19
90 <sup>th</sup>	25.1	0.132	1.19
Mean Annual Loads (kg/Yr)	272	1.02	9.67

**Table 6.3 Developed (no mitigation) pollutant Loads**

Percentile Year	TSS Conc. (mg/L)	TP Conc. (mg/L)	TN Conc. (mg/L)
<b>Site A</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	12.6	0.151	1.5
mean	29.1	0.176	1.86
90 <sup>th</sup>	99	0.29	2.09
Mean Annual Loads (kg/Yr)	1840	5.84	33
<b>Site B</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	12.6	0.151	1.5
mean	29.1	0.176	1.86
90 <sup>th</sup>	99	0.29	2.09
Mean Annual Loads (kg/Yr)	929	2.94	16.4

The objective of the stormwater quality treatment strategy is to treat stormwater to an acceptable level such that pollutant loads are no worse then existing runoff quality conditions.

## 6.4 PROPOSED STORMWATER TREATMENT STRATEGY – SITE A

The water quality treatment for Site A will consist of:

- Stormwater re-use of dwelling roof runoff by utilising rainwater tanks,
- Primary pollutant trap capable of removing gross pollutants, sediment and oils to pre-treat road and lot drainage, and
- A bioretention basin which will receive flows from the pollutant traps.

The estimates of pollutant loads from Site A with stormwater treatment are shown in **Table 6.4**.

**Table 6.4 Site A - Pollutant Loads with Stormwater Treatment**

	TSS	TP	TN
Percentile Year	Conc. (mg/L)	Conc. (mg/L)	Conc. (mg/L)
10th	0	0	0
mean	1.12	0.033	0.61
90th	3.91	0.077	1.16
Mean Annual Loads (kg/Yr)	69.7	1.35	17.2
Existing Mean	25.5	0.132	1.19

### 6.4.1 Bioretention Basin Concept Design

#### Bioretention Basin Sizing

Filter Media depth	600 mm
Filter Media Surface Area	600 m <sup>2</sup>
Extended Detention Depth	300 mm

#### Filter Media Specification

Filter Media Type	Loamy Sand (0.45 mm)
Hydraulic Conductivity	180 mm/h
Sub-surface Drain Type	Ag Drain (min 0.5% grade) 100 & 150mm slotted pipe

#### Surface Treatment on Filter Media

Plants selected for use in bioretention systems need to be able to tolerate periods of inundation, as these systems can be expected to have a proportion of the soil profile saturated for several days. The



selection of a loamy sand soil with a hydraulic conductivity in the range of 100-200mm/h will normally ensure soils are not waterlogged, which has been accommodated in the concept design.

Plants with extensive fibrous root systems are generally preferred as they prevent the filter media from clogging. Plants with a spreading, rhizomatous or suckering habit are also preferred. The filter must be planted to ensure it does not clog, and a stone layer at the surface could be used if required, although no mulch should be placed on the filter.

### Sub-surface Drainage

100 mm & 150mm Ag drain will be placed in a 150-200 mm thick fine gravel layer below a 100 mm thick sand transition layer located immediately below the filter media. The grading of the transition layer should be:

- 1.4 mm                      100% passing
- 1.0 mm                      80%
- 0.7 mm                      44%
- 0.5 mm                      8.4% passing

The maximum spacing of the Ag drain is to be maximum 2 m spacing centre to centre.

The proposed bioretention filter will incorporate a **HPDE or Bentofix liner** or equivalent beneath the gravel layer to ensure no infiltration into the surrounding soil occurs.

## 6.5 PROPOSED STORMWATER TREATMENT STRATEGY – SITE B

The water quality treatment for Site B will consist of:

- Stormwater re-use of dwelling roof runoff by utilising rainwater tanks,
- Primary pollutant trap capable of removing gross pollutants, sediment and oils to pre-treat road and lot drainage, and
- A bioretention basin which will receive flows from the pollutant traps.

The estimates of pollutant loads from Site B with stormwater treatment are shown in **Table 6.5**.

**Table 6.5                      Site B - Pollutant Loads with Stormwater Treatment**

	TSS	TP	TN
Percentile Year	Conc. (mg/L)	Conc. (mg/L)	Conc. (mg/L)
10th	0	0	0
mean	1.25	0.033	0.568
90th	4.48	0.083	1.16
Mean Annual Loads (kg/Yr)	39.3	0.62	7.38
Existing Mean	25.5	0.132	1.19

### 6.5.1 Biofiltration Basin Concept Design

#### Biofiltration Basin Sizing

Filter Media depth	600 mm
Filter Media Surface Area	260 m <sup>2</sup>
Extended Detention Depth	300 mm

#### Filter Media Specification

Filter Media Type	Loamy Sand (0.45 mm)
Hydraulic Conductivity	180 mm/h
Sub-surface Drain Type	Ag Drain (min 0.5% grade) 100 & 150mm slotted pipe

#### Surface Treatment on Filter Media

Plants selected for use in bioretention systems need to be able to tolerate periods of inundation, as these systems can be expected to have a proportion of the soil profile saturated for several days. The selection of a sandy loam soil with a hydraulic conductivity in the range of 100-200mm/h will normally ensure soils are not waterlogged, which has been accommodated in the concept design.

Plants with extensive fibrous root systems are generally preferred as they prevent the filter media from clogging. Plants with a spreading, rhizomatous or suckering habit are also preferred. The filter must be planted to ensure it does not clog, and a stone layer at the surface could be used if required, although no mulch should be placed on the filter.

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- 1.4 mm 100% passing
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- 0.7 mm 44%
- 0.5 mm 8.4% passing

The maximum spacing of the Ag drain is to be maximum 2 m spacings centre to centre.

The proposed bio-filtration filter will incorporate a **HPDE or Bentofix liner** beneath the gravel layer to ensure no infiltration into the surrounding soil occurs.

## **6.6 MAINTENANCE**

The pollutant traps shall be inspected every three months to establish the frequency of cleaning required. At a minimum the traps will require cleaning every six months.

The bioretention basins will be self cleaning when planted appropriately and fitted with a back flush system (pipe riser). Maintenance will be limited to landscaping and weed control.

## **6.7 MOSQUITO RISK**

Mosquitoes require still permeant water bodies to lay eggs. As the bioretention basins do not hold water and will be self draining, the risk of mosquito breeding is considered minimal to none.

## **6.8 WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

Water quality monitoring was undertaken as part of the rezoning application and details are presented in the Warriewood Valley Buffer Area 3 Water Management Report Rezoning Application (Patterson Britton, 2005).

## 7 ONSITE DETENTION REQUIREMENTS

The Warriewood Valley Water Management Specification provides site storage requirements (SSR) and permissible site discharge (PSD) for Sector 14 (buffer area 3). These were estimated from the *XP-RAFTS* modelling undertaken by Lawson & Treloar for Pittwater Council. These factors were determined as being:

- SSR 519 m<sup>3</sup>/ha
- PSD for 1% AEP 2 hr Storm 109 l/s/ha

The PSD and SSR were verified using the *RAFTS* hydrological component of the *DRAINS* model. This software has a more advanced detention basin modelling component than *XP-RAFTS* that allows multiple orifices to be modelled and hydrographs examined. Initial and continuing losses adopted were those used in the Narrabeen Creek Flood Study by Lawson & Treloar Pty Ltd for Pittwater Council.

### 7.1 ONSITE DETENTION REQUIREMENTS - SITE A

The hydrological parameters adopted for the existing catchment conditions were the same as for the *RAFTS* modelling undertaken by Lawson & Treloar, being:

Existing Mannings 'n'	0.05
Developed Mannings 'n'	0.025
Slope	1%
Contributing catchment area	4.32 ha

The proposed OSD system for Site A is shown in **Figure A5**. The OSD system will utilise 2240 m<sup>3</sup> of storage located in a bio-filtration basin. The *DRAINS* modelling results indicate that the development of Site A (with OSD) would not increase the peak flow compared with existing conditions. Results of modelling are shown in **Table 7.1**.

**Table 7.1 Summary of Peak Flows - Site A**

ARI Storm	Existing Conditions (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	PSD* (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Developed With OSD (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
100	0.461	0.470	0.452

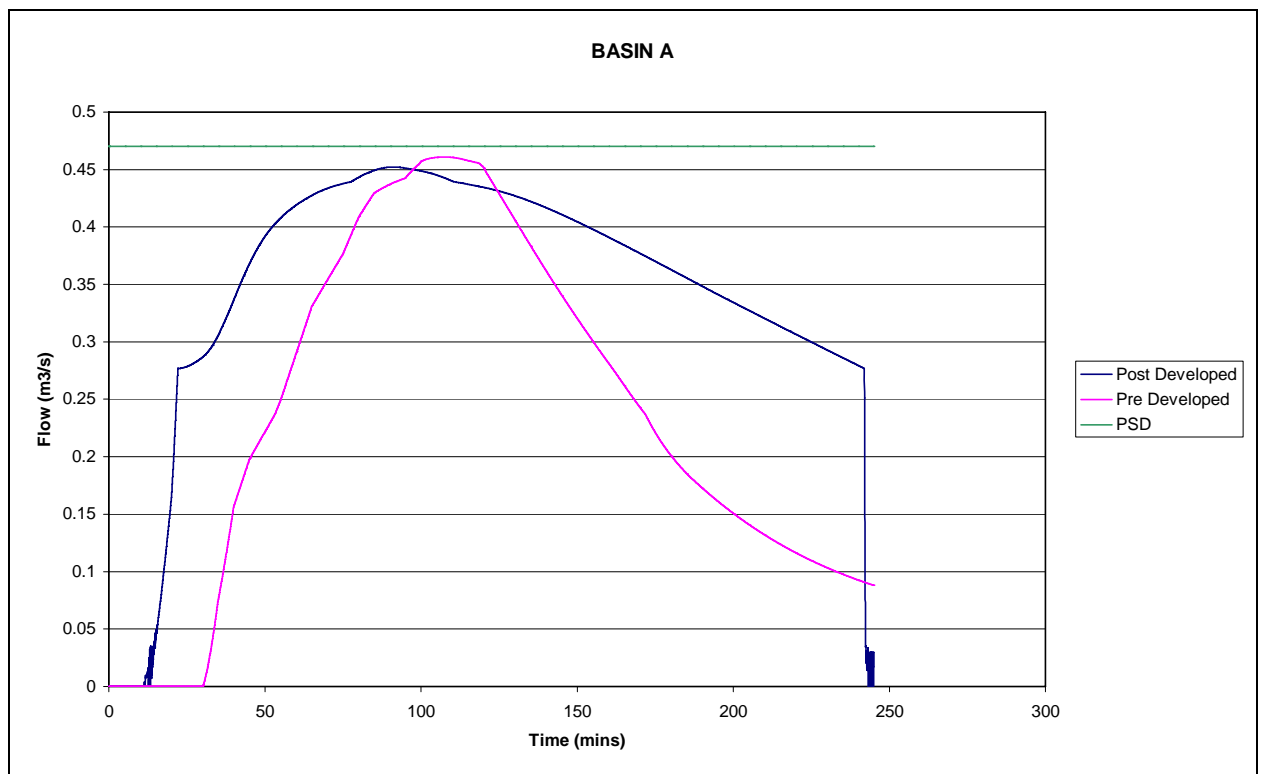
\*PSD from the Warriewood Valley Urban Release Area Water Management Specification (2001)

## Basin A

The concept outlet arrangement from the Site A OSD outlet is:

- Orifice 495 mm at centre RL 3.17 m
- Emergency overflow weir at RL 4.18 m
- 100 Year ARI top water level RL 4.17 m
- Outlet using a 600 mm RCP at IL 3.17 m

The OSD system has been designed with significant storage at low elevations to ensure that there is no pronounced 'tail' of the hydrograph and that the times of peak and hydrograph shapes are similar (**Figure 2**). Furthermore, the system has been designed to ensure the storage is above the 100 year ARI flood regional levels within the Fern Creek floodplain.



**Figure 2     2 hour 100 year ARI Storm Hydrograph – Site A**

### 7.1.1 Freeboard

Floor levels for properties adjacent to the OSD basin have been set at least 0.3m above the 1 in 100 year ARI flood level. An emergency spillway has been provided discharging to Fern Creek with ample capacity to cater for all flows off the site.

## 7.2 ONSITE DETENTION REQUIREMENTS - SITE B

Site B catchment was modelled in *DRAINS* using the *RAFTS* hydrological component. A total catchment of 1.03ha is proposed to drain to the basin. The proposed OSD system for Site B is shown in **Figure A5**. The OSD system will utilise 540 m<sup>3</sup> of storage located in a bioretention basin. The results of *DRAINS* modelling indicates that the development of Site B would not increase the peak flow from that of existing conditions with the provision of OSD, as shown in **Table 7.2**.

The developed model parameters included;

Developed Mannings 'n'	0.025 (paved)
Slope	1%
Contributing catchment area	1.03 ha

**Table 7.2 Summary of Peak Flows - Site B**

ARI Storm	Existing Conditions	PSD*	Developed With OSD
100	0.192	0.112	0.112

\*PSD from the Warriewood Valley Urban Release Area Water Management Specification (2001)

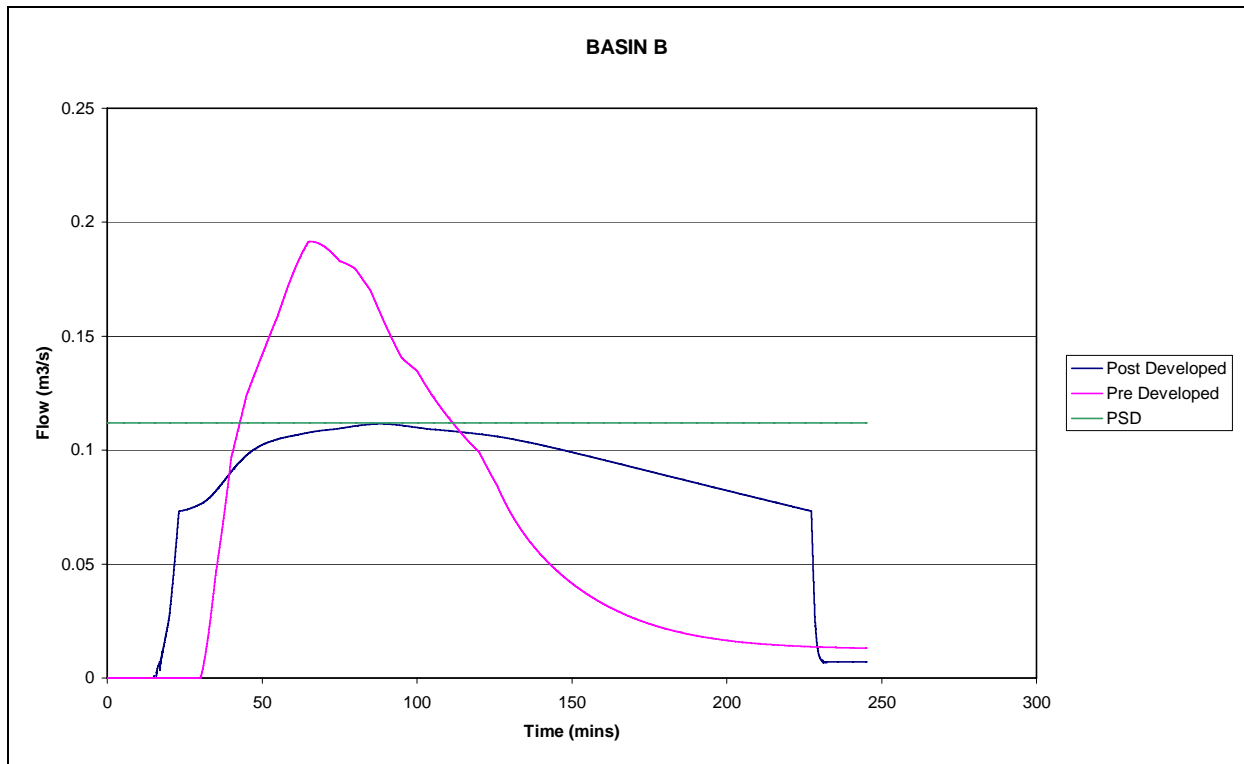
The proposed OSD system utilises a bioretention basin to provide storage of 540 m<sup>3</sup>.

### Basin B

The concept outlet arrangement from the Site B OSD outlet is:

- Orifice 235 mm at centre RL 3.17 m
- Emergency overflow weir at RL 4.18 m
- 100 Year ARI top water level RL 4.17 m
- Outlet using a 525 mm RCP at IL 3.17 m

The OSD system has been designed to ensure that there is no pronounced 'tail' on the falling limb of the hydrograph and that the times of peak and hydrograph shapes are similar (**Figure 3**). The system has been designed to ensure the storage is above the 100 year ARI flood regional levels with Fern Creek floodplain.



**Figure 3 2 hour 100 year ARI Storm Hydrograph – Site B**

### **7.2.1 Freeboard**

Floor levels for properties adjacent to the OSD have been set at least 0.3m above the 1 in 100 year ARI flood level. An emergency spillway has been provided discharging to Fern Creek with ample capacity to cater for all flows off the site.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

The development exists upstream of the Warriewood Wetlands. As part of the proposal the 25m Core Riparian Zone (CRZ) and the 25m Asset Protection Zone including the 10m vegetation buffer for the wetlands have been identified.

A Vegetation Management Plan has been produced for the proposed development area (not as part of this report). The plan identifies the removal of exotic species of vegetation and replaced with native vegetation within the CRZ and Asset Protection Zone.



## **8 CONCLUSIONS**

The stormwater management plan for buffer area 3 Warriewood Valley has been prepared in accordance with Pittwater Councils Water Management Specification. The stormwater components used in the development will meet the principle objectives being:

- Ensuring that peak flows are maintained at a rate not exceeding that of existing conditions, while maintaining a similar design storm hydrograph,
- Improving water quality of stormwater discharging from the site such that pollutant loads are no worse than that of existing conditions,
- Ensuring that the average annual flows from the site are no greater than that of existing conditions,
- Promoting WSUD in the design,

Extensive landscaping to the proposed drainage lines and public domain will complement the stormwater drainage design. The use of indigenous vegetation will assist in enhancing the biodiversity of habitat along the drainage reserves.

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## 10 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

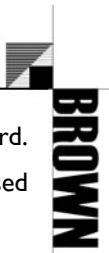
Afflux	The rise in water level upstream of a hydraulic structure such as a bridge or culvert, caused by losses incurred from the hydraulic structure.
Australian Height Datum	National survey datum corresponding approximately to mean sea level.
Annual Exceedance Probability	The chance of a flood of a given size or larger occurring in any one year, generally expressed as percentage probability. For example, a 100 year ARI flood is a 1% AEP flood. An important implication is that when a 1% AEP flood occurs, there is still a 1% probability that it could occur the following year.
Average Recurrence Interval	Is the long term average number of years between the occurrence of a flood as big as, or larger than the selected flood event.
Catchment	The catchment at a particular point is the area of land which drains to that point.
Design floor level	The minimum (lowest) floor level specified for a building.
Design flood	A hypothetical flood representing a specific likelihood of occurrence (for example the 100 year or 1% probability flood). The design flood may comprise two or more single source dominated floods.
Development	Existing or proposed works which may or may not impact upon flooding. Typical works are filling of land, and the construction of roads, floodways and buildings.
Discharge	The rate of flow of water measured in terms of volume over time. It is not the velocity of flow which is a measure of how fast the water is moving rather than how much is moving. Discharge and flow are interchangeable.
Digital Terrain Model	A three-dimensional model of the ground surface that can be represented as a series of grids with each cell representing an elevation (DEM) or a series of interconnected triangles with elevations (TIN).
Effective warning time	The available time that a community has from receiving a flood warning to when the flood reaches their location.
Flood	Above average river or creek flows which overtop banks and inundate floodplains.
Flood awareness	An appreciation of the likely threats and consequences of flooding and an understanding of any flood warning and evacuation procedures. Communities with a high degree of flood awareness respond to flood warnings promptly and efficiently, greatly reducing the potential for damage and loss of life and limb. Communities with a low degree of flood awareness may not fully appreciate the importance of flood warnings and flood preparedness and consequently suffer greater personal and economic losses.
Flood behaviour	The pattern / characteristics / nature of a flood.
Flooding	The State Emergency Service uses the following definitions in flood warnings:

	<p><i>Minor flooding:</i> causes inconvenience such as closing of minor roads and the submergence of low level bridges</p> <p><i>Moderate flooding:</i> low-lying areas inundated requiring removal of stock and/or evacuation of some houses. Main traffic bridges may be covered.</p> <p><i>Major flooding:</i> extensive rural areas are flooded with properties, villages and towns isolated and/or appreciable urban areas are flooded.</p>
Flood frequency analysis	An analysis of historical flood records to determine estimates of design flood flows.
Flood fringe	Land which may be affected by flooding but is not designated as a floodway or flood storage.
Flood hazard	The potential threat to property or persons due to flooding.
Flood level	The height or elevation of flood waters relative to a datum (typically the Australian Height Datum). Also referred to as “stage”.
Flood liable land	Land inundated up to the probable maximum flood – flood prone land.
Floodplain	Land adjacent to a river or creek which is inundated by floods up to the probable maximum flood that is designated as flood prone land.
Flood Planning Levels	Are the combinations of flood levels and freeboards selected for planning purposes to account for uncertainty in the estimate of the flood level.
Flood proofing	Measures taken to improve or modify the design, construction and alteration of buildings to minimise or eliminate flood damages and threats to life and limb.
Floodplain Management	The coordinated management of activities which occur on flood liable land.
Floodplain Management Manual	A document by the NSW Government (2001) that provides a guideline for the management of flood liable land. This document describes the process of a floodplain risk management study.
Flood source	The source of the flood waters.
Floodplain Management Standard	A set of conditions and policies which define the benchmark from which floodplain management options are compared and assessed.
Flood standard	The flood selected for planning and floodplain management activities. The flood may be an historical or design flood. It should be based on an understanding of the flood behaviour and the associated flood hazard. It should also take into account social, economic and ecological considerations.
Flood storages	Floodplain areas which are important for the temporary storage of flood waters during a flood.
Floodways	Those areas of the floodplain where a significant discharge of flow occurs during floods. They are often aligned with naturally defined channels. Floodways are areas that, even if they are partially blocked, would cause significant redistribution of flood flows, or a significant increase in flood levels.

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Freeboard	A factor of safety usually expressed as a height above the flood standard. Freeboard tends to compensate for the factors such as wave action, localised hydraulic effects and uncertainties in the design flood levels.
Geographical Information System	A form of computer software developed for mapping applications and data storage. Useful for generating terrain models and processing data for input into flood estimation models.
High hazard	Danger to life and limb; evacuation difficult; potential for structural damage, high social disruption and economic losses. High hazard areas are those areas subject to a combination of flood depth and flow velocity that are deemed to cause the above issues to persons or property.
Historical flood	A flood which has actually occurred – Flood of Record.
Hydraulic	The term given to the study of water flow in rivers, estuaries with coastal systems.
Hydrograph	A graph showing how a river or creek's discharge changes with time.
Hydrology	The term given to the study of the rain-runoff process in catchments.
Low hazard	Flood depths and velocities are sufficiently low that people and their possessions can be evacuated.
Management plan	A clear and concise document, normally containing diagrams and maps, describing a series of actions that will allow an area to be managed in a coordinated manner to achieve defined objectives.
Map Grid Australia	A national coordinate system used for the mapping of features on a representation of the earth's surface. Based on the geographic coordinate system 'Geodetic Datum of Australia 1994'.
Peak flood level, flow or velocity	The maximum flood level, flow or velocity occurring during a flood event.
Probable Maximum Flood	An extreme flood deemed to be the maximum flood likely to occur at a particular location.
Probable Maximum Precipitation	The greatest depth of rainfall for a given duration meteorologically possible over a particular location. Used to estimate the probable maximum flood.
Probability	A statistical measure of the likely frequency or occurrence of flooding.
Riparian Zone	Areas that are located adjacent to watercourses. Their definition is vague and can be characterised by landform, vegetation, legislation or their function.
Runoff	The amount of rainfall from a catchment which actually ends up as flowing water in the river or creek.
Stage	Equivalent to water level above a specific datum- see flood level.
Stage hydrograph	A graph of water level over time.
Triangular Irregular Network	A mass of interconnected triangles used to model three-dimensional surfaces such as the ground (see DTM) and the surface of a flood.

Velocity

The speed at which the flood waters are moving. Typically, modelled velocities in a river or creek are quoted as the depth and width averaged velocity, i.e. the average velocity across the whole river or creek section.

## **11 APPENDICES**

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## **APPENDIX A**

## **DRAWINGS**



**APPENDIX B**

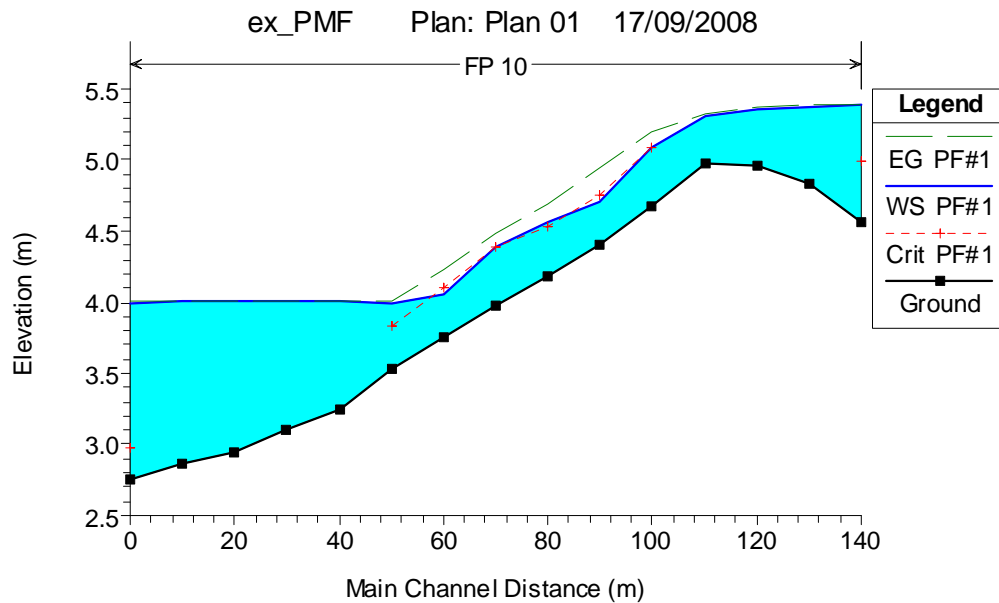
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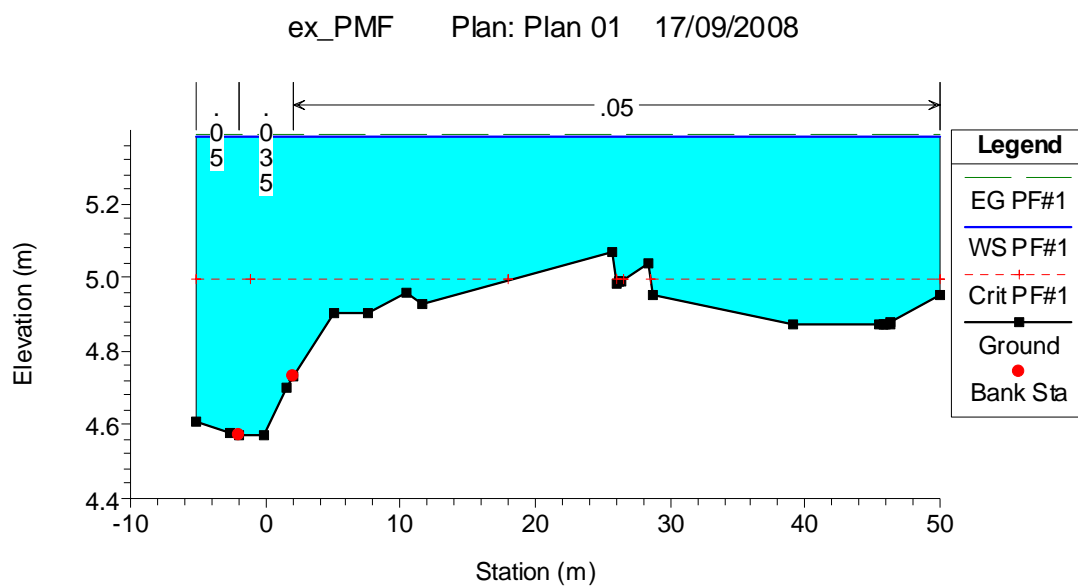
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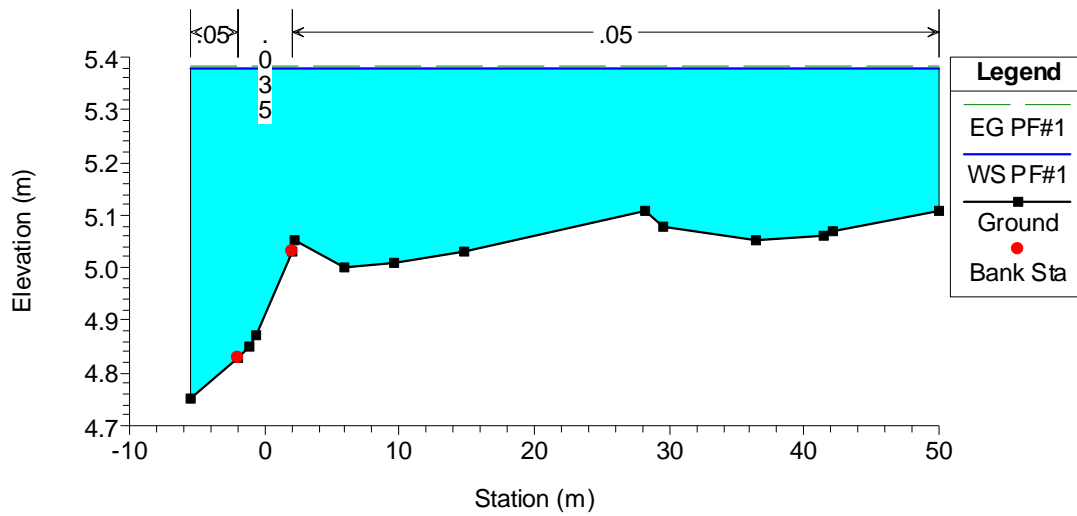
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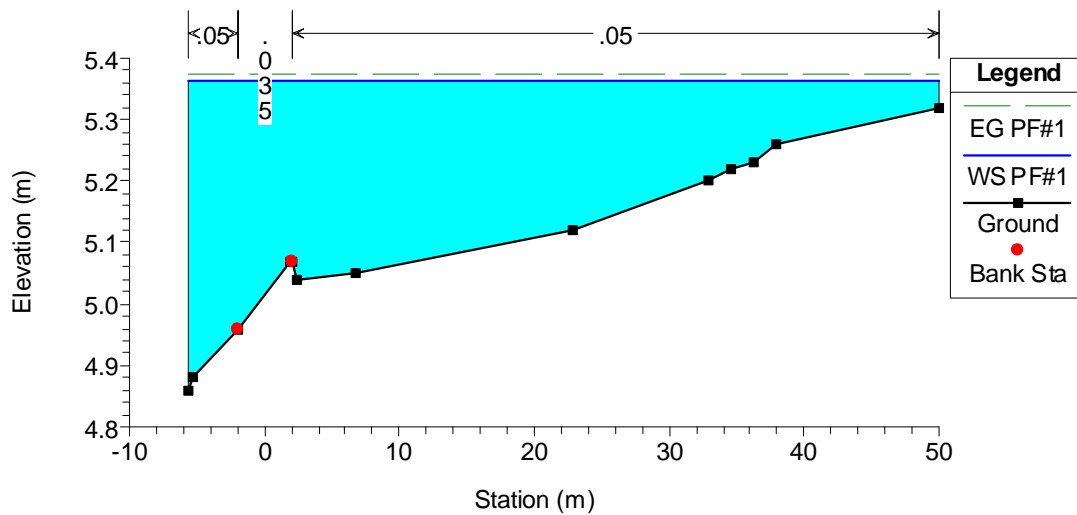
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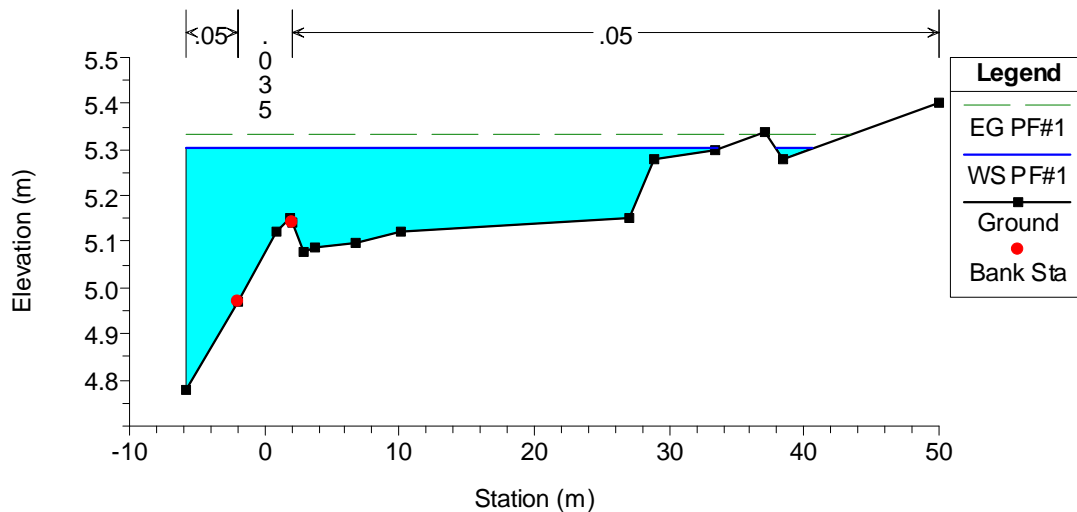
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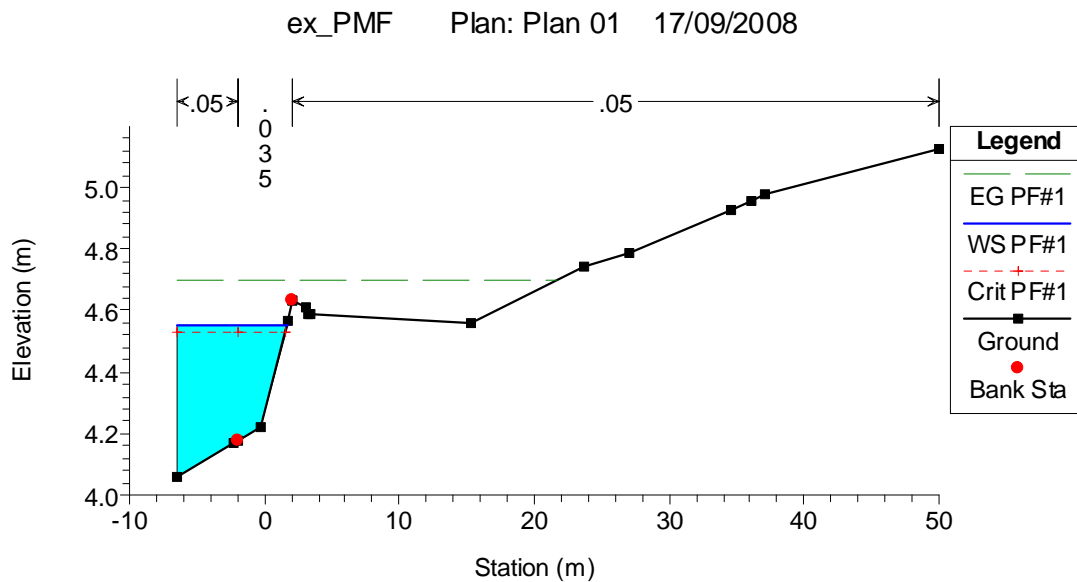
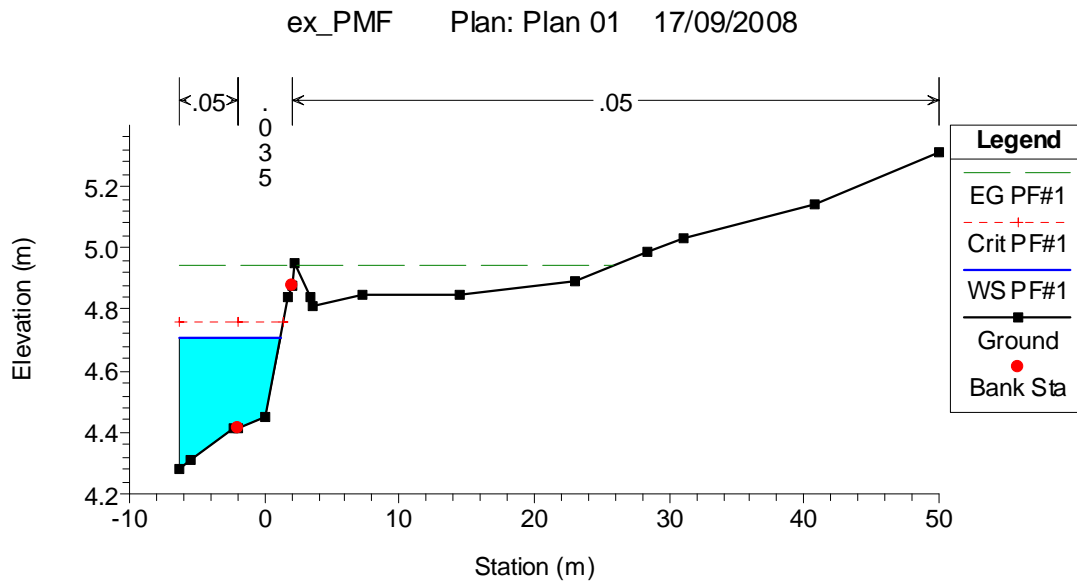
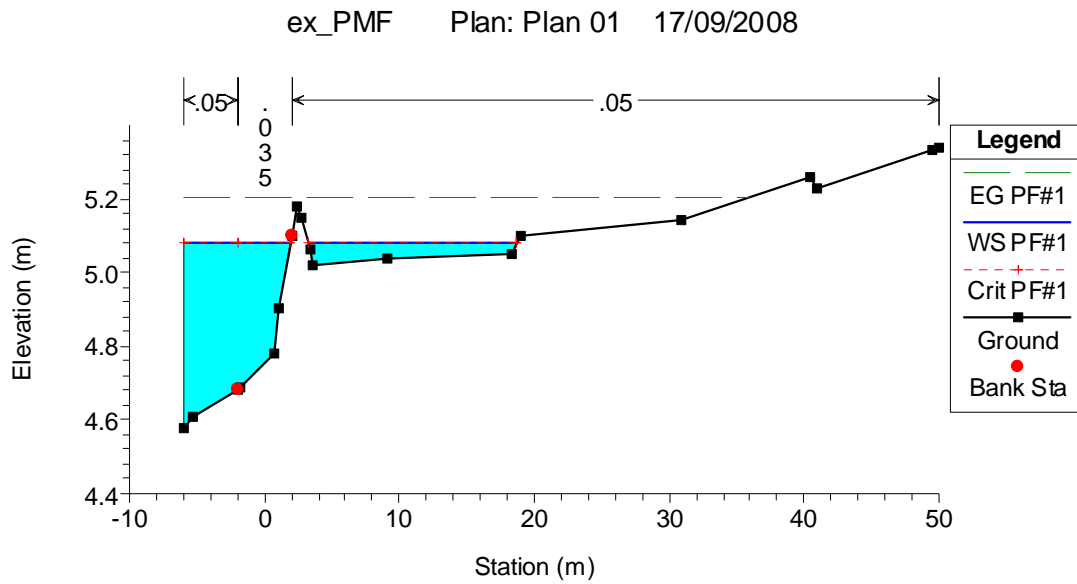


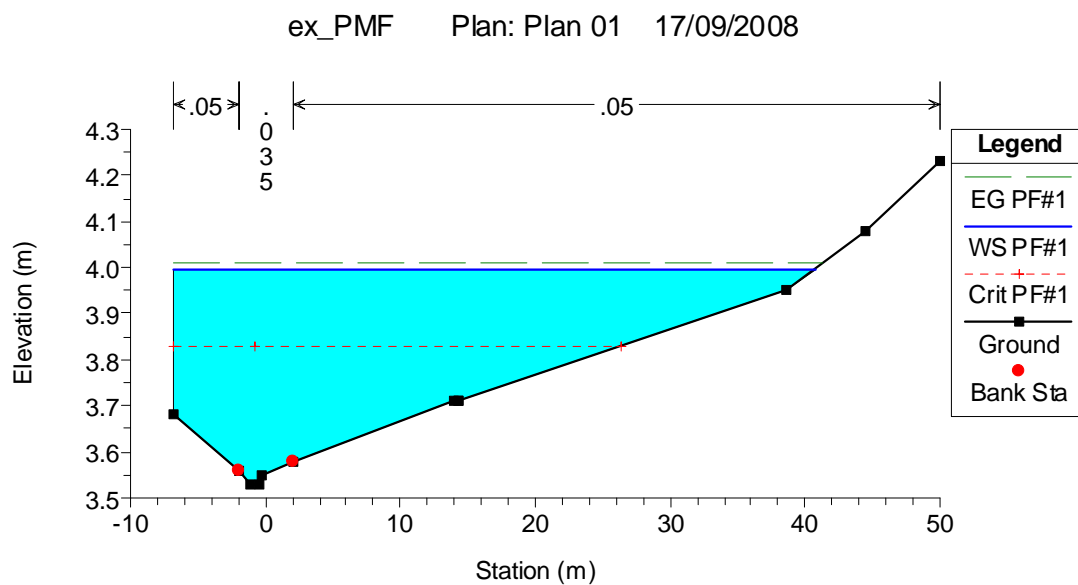
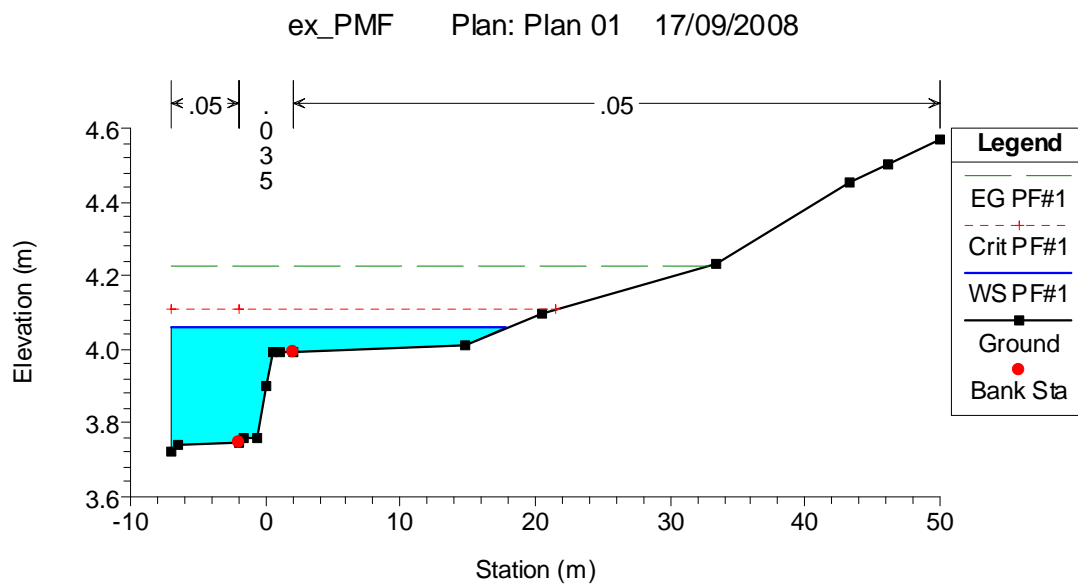
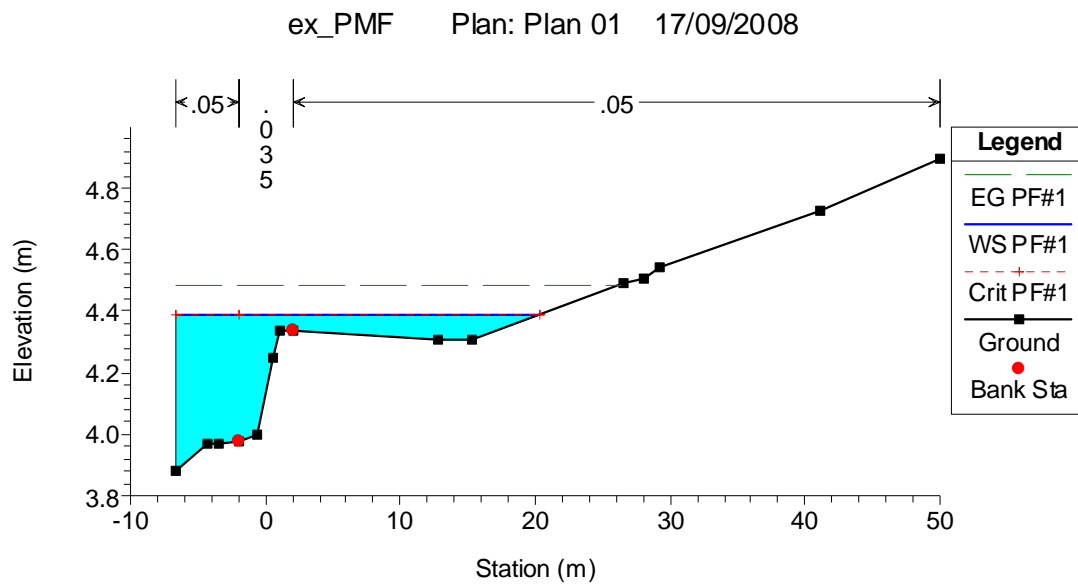
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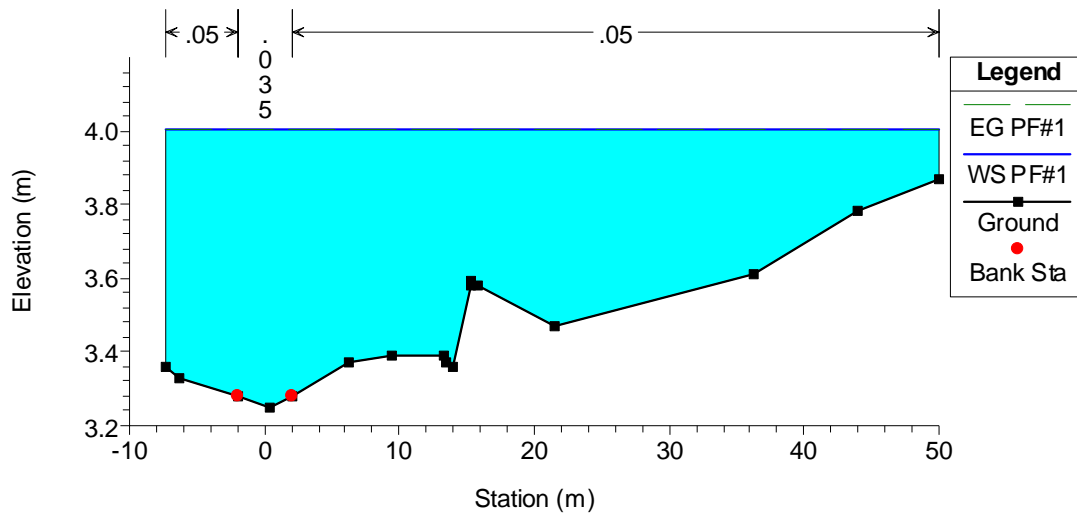
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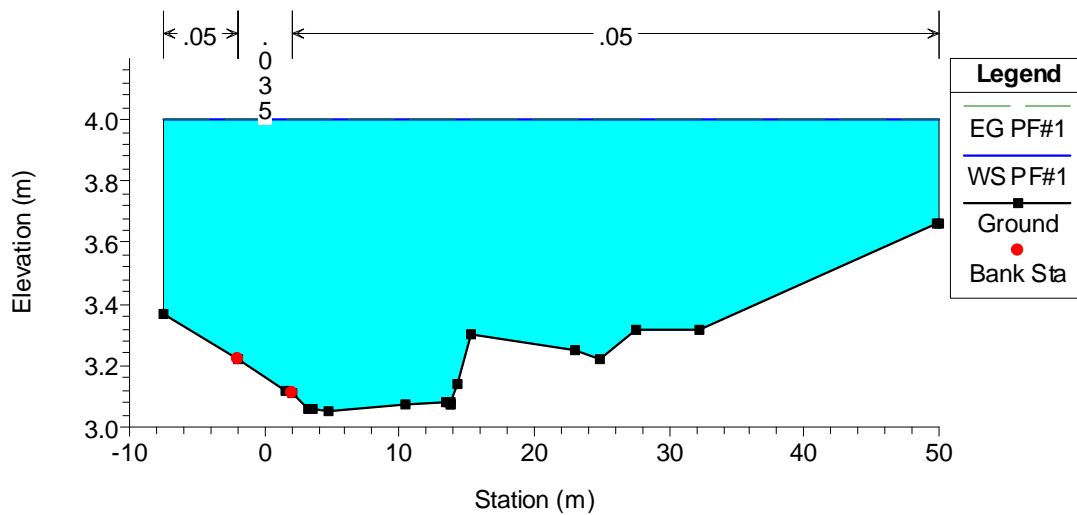




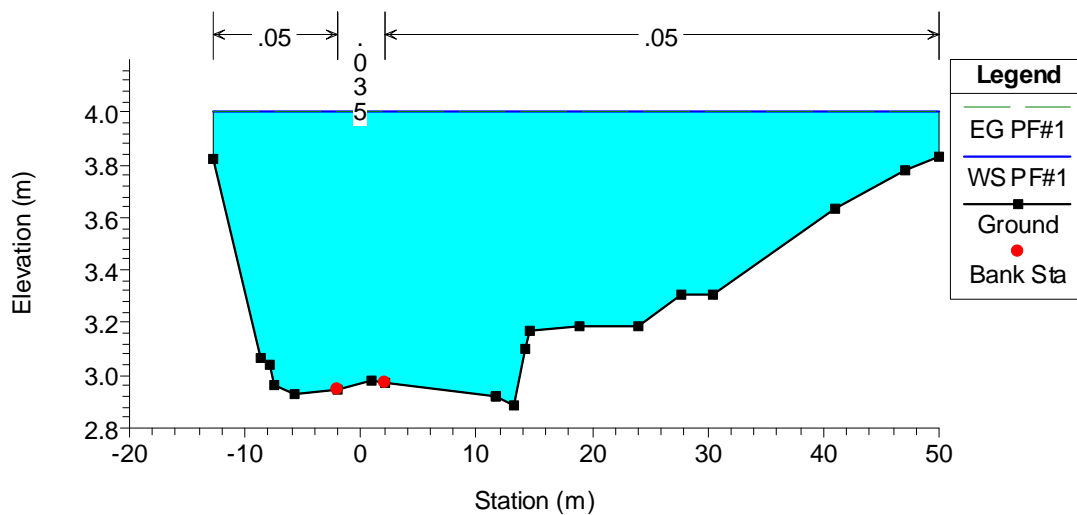
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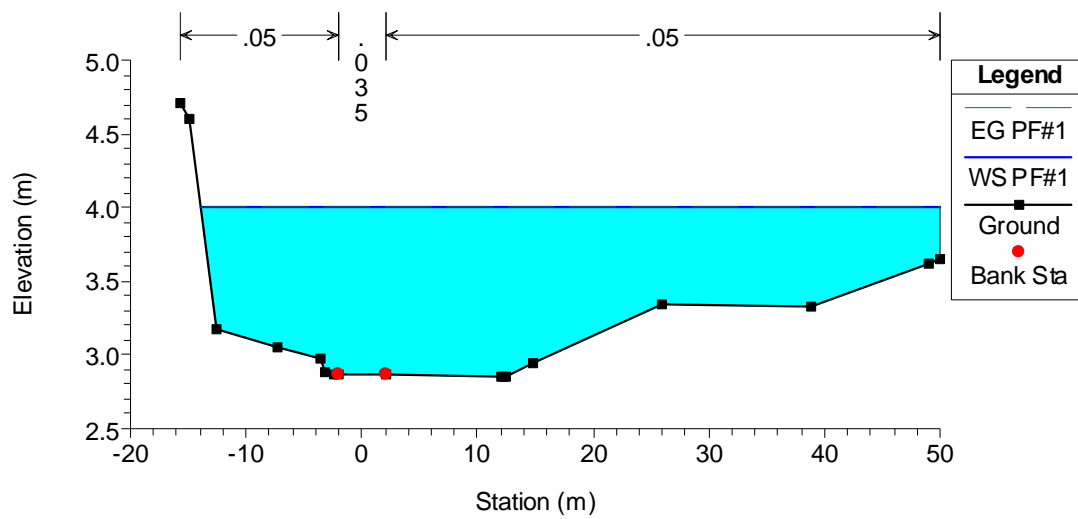
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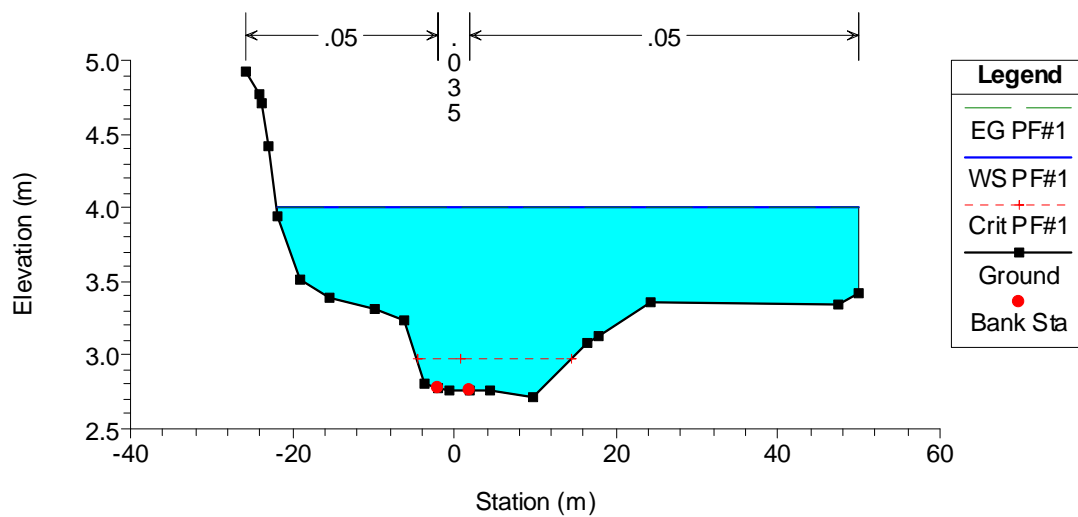
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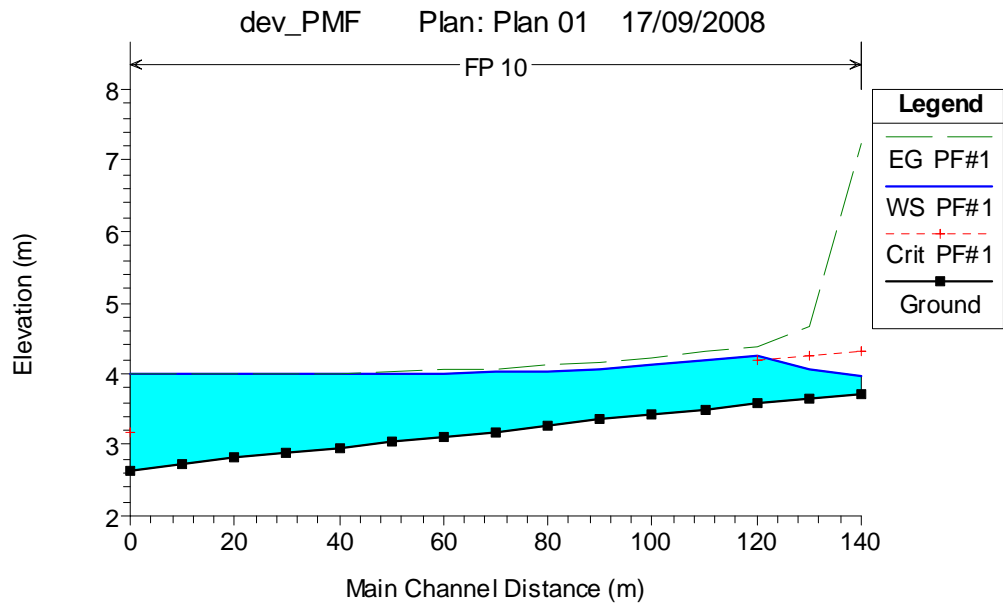
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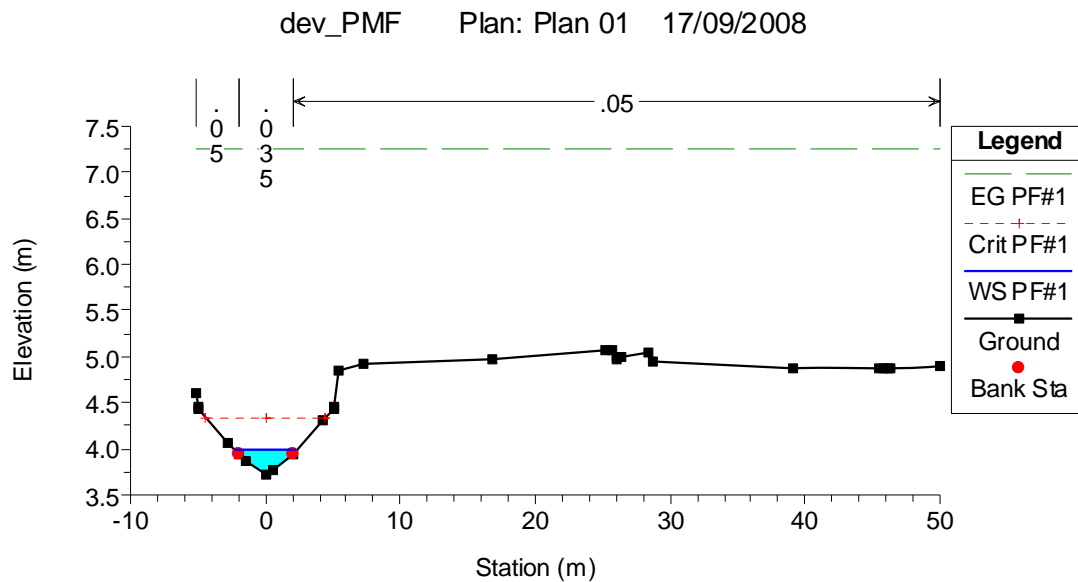


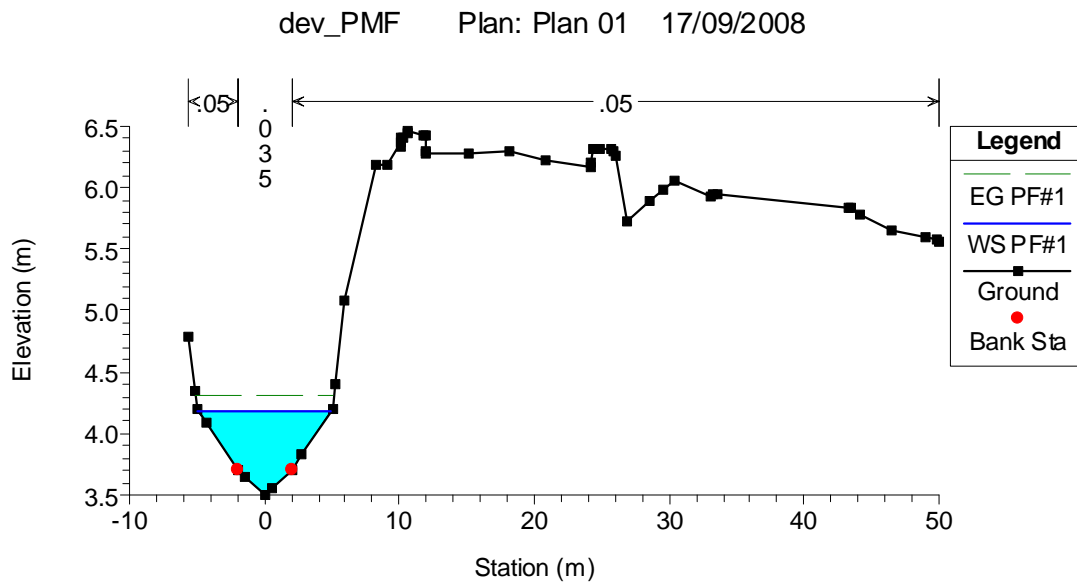
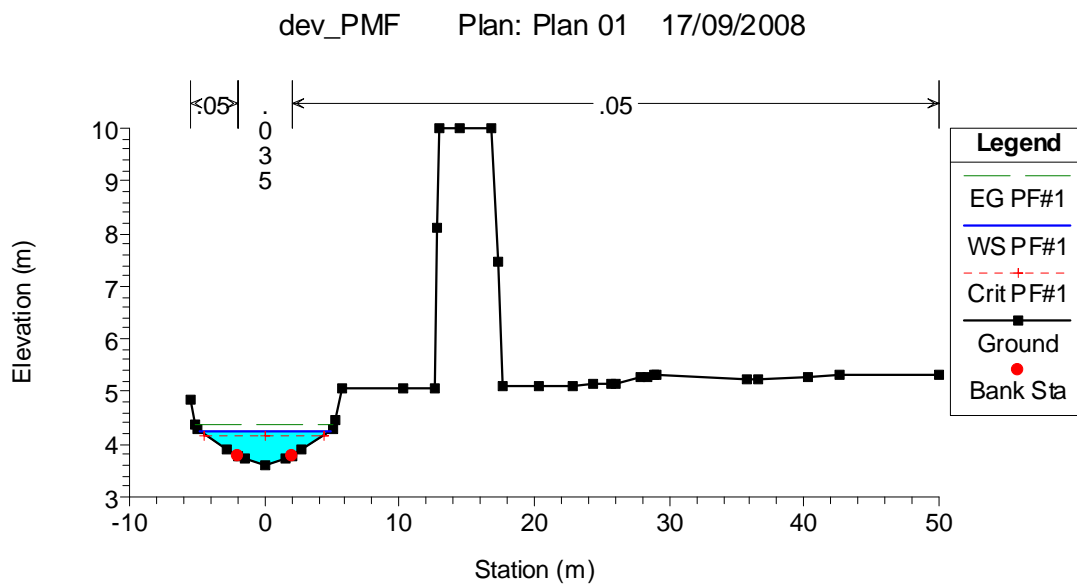
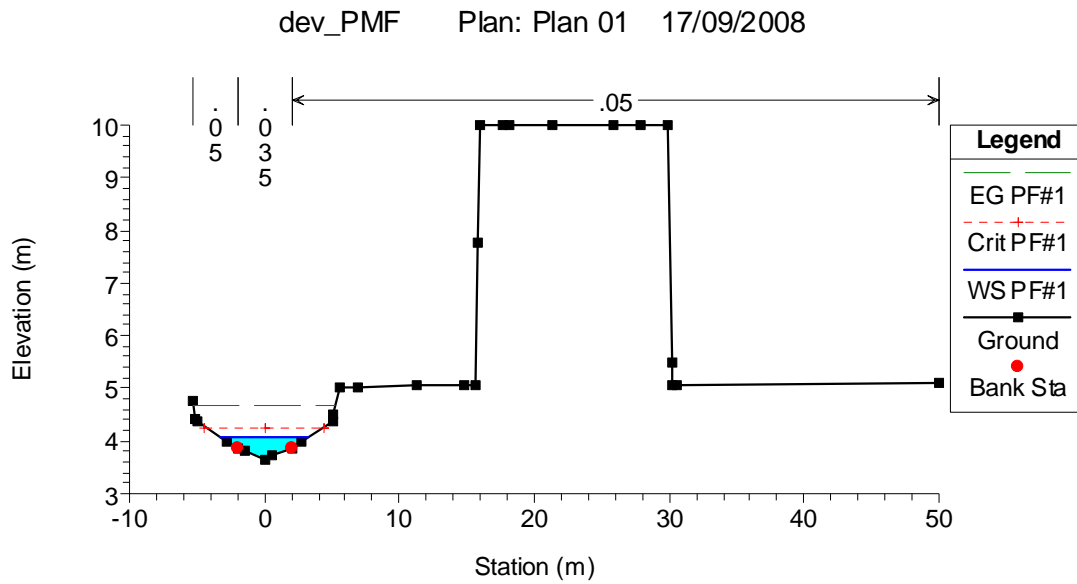
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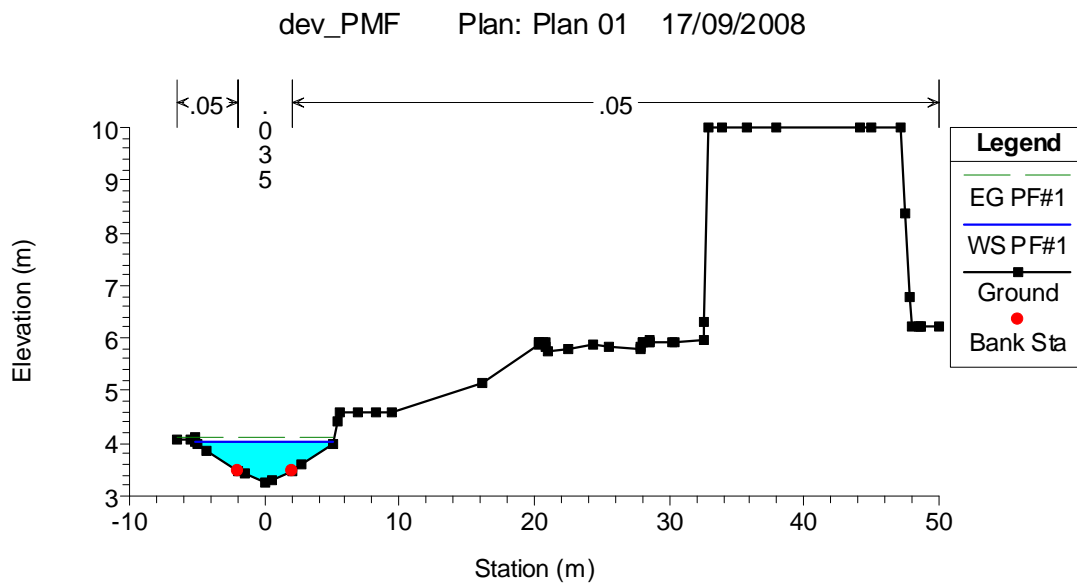
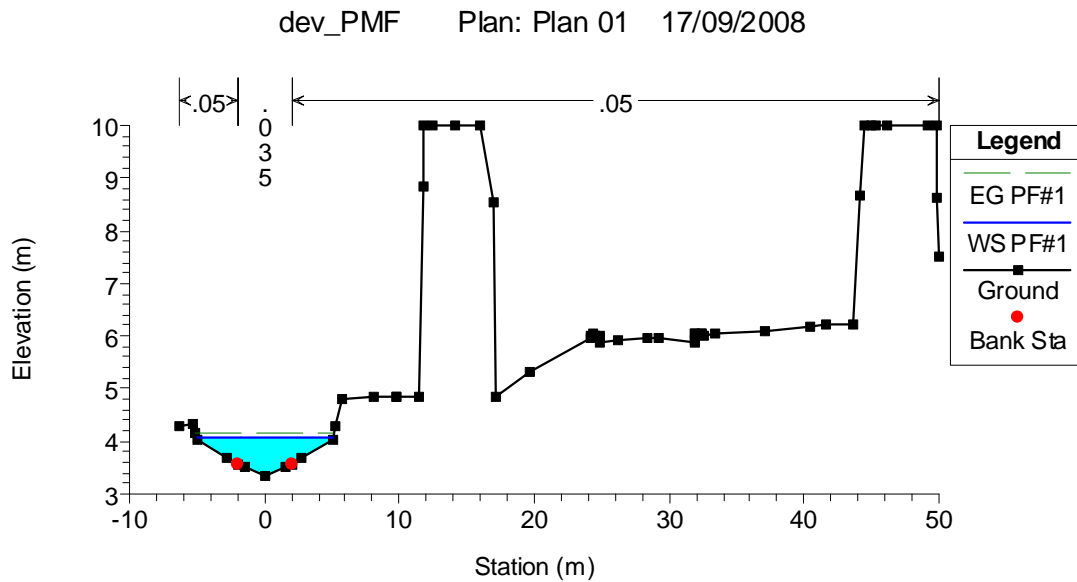
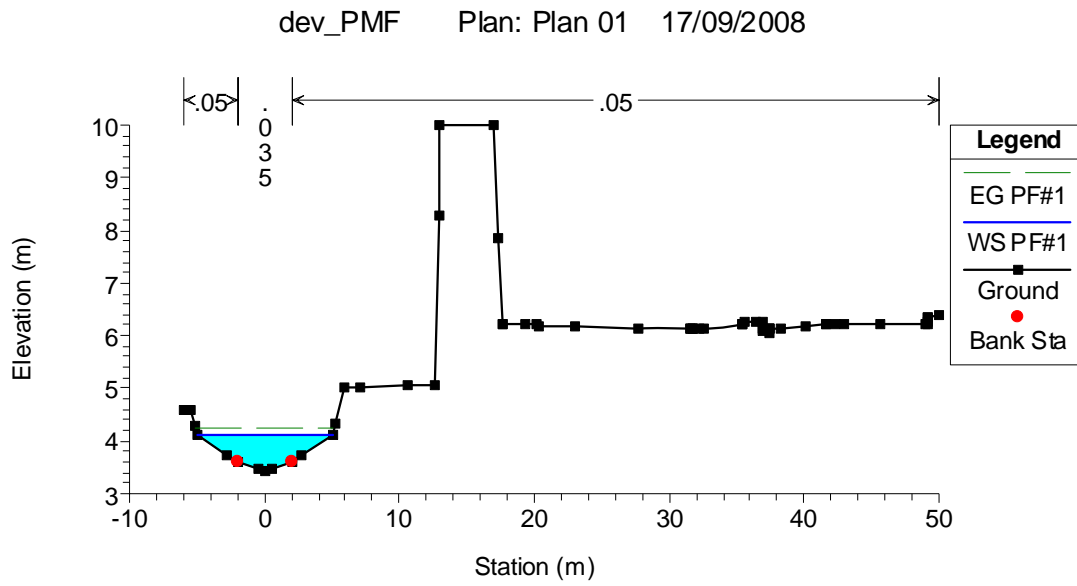
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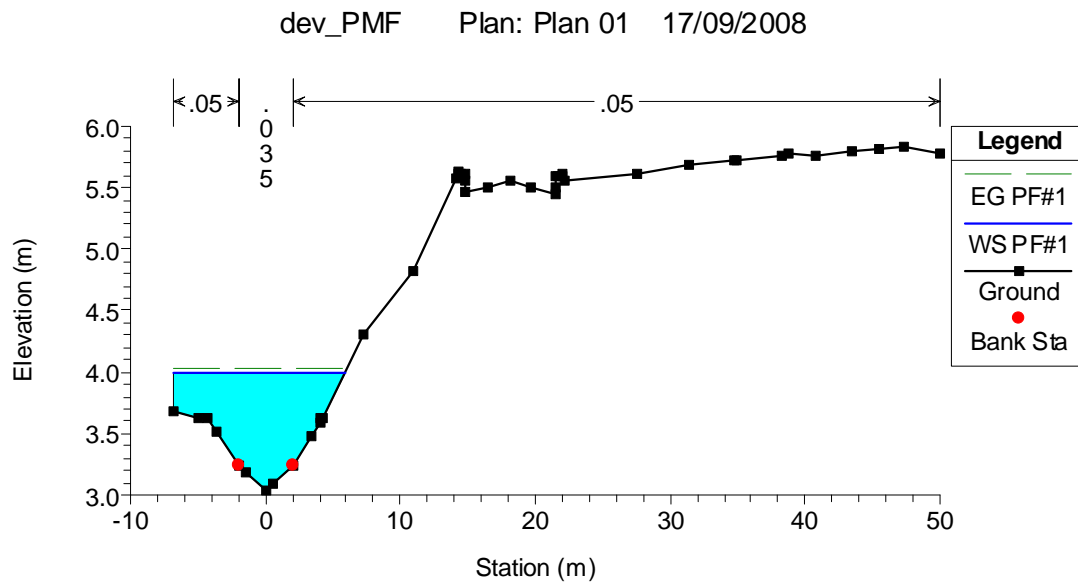
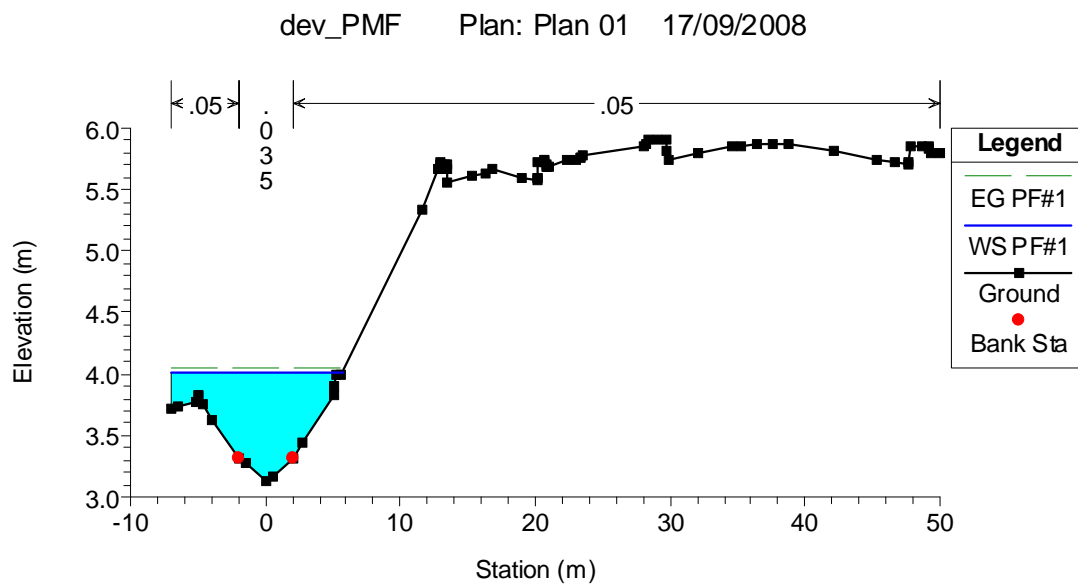
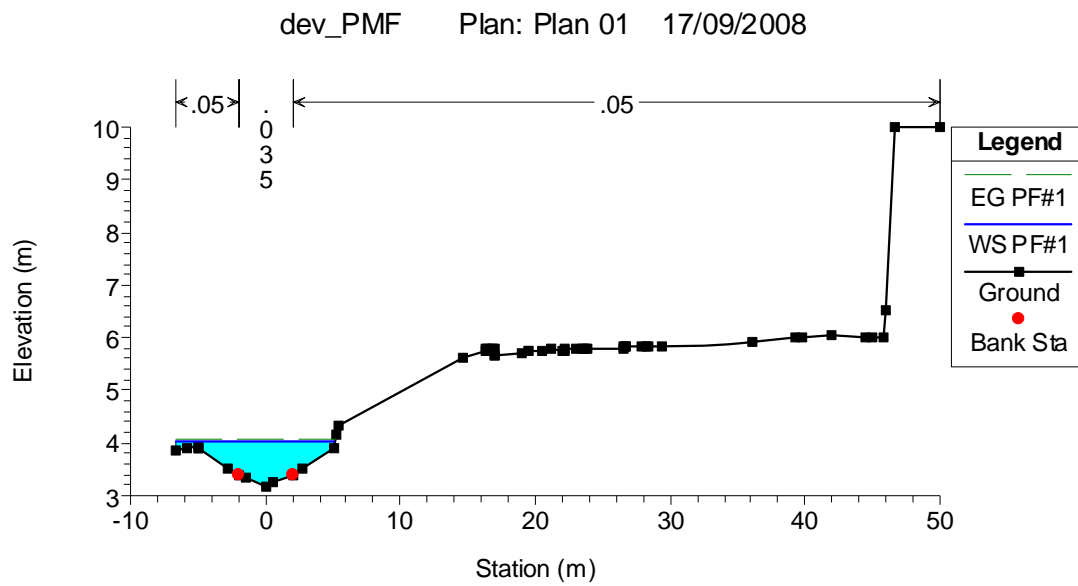


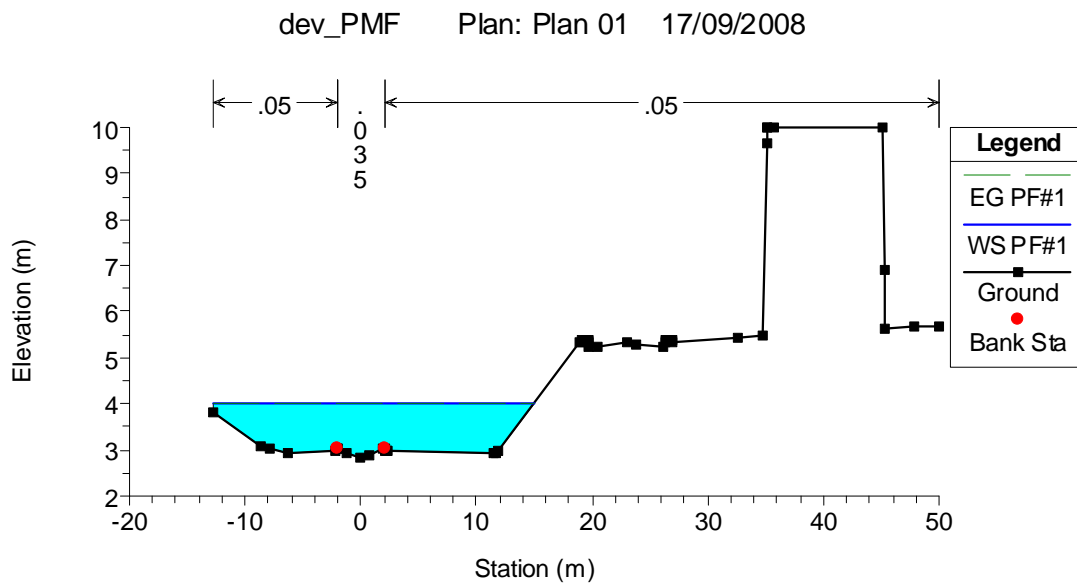
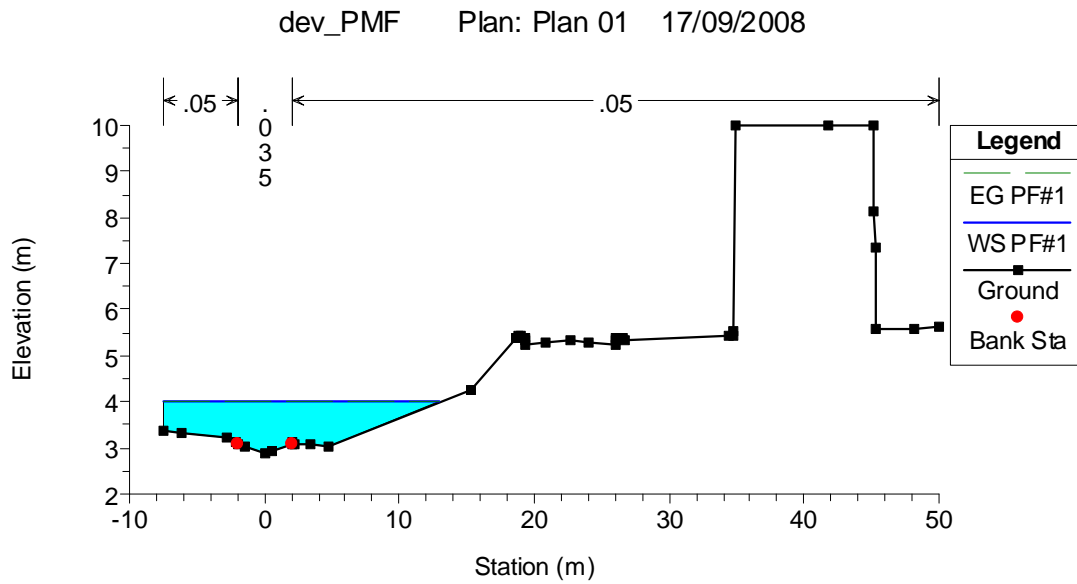
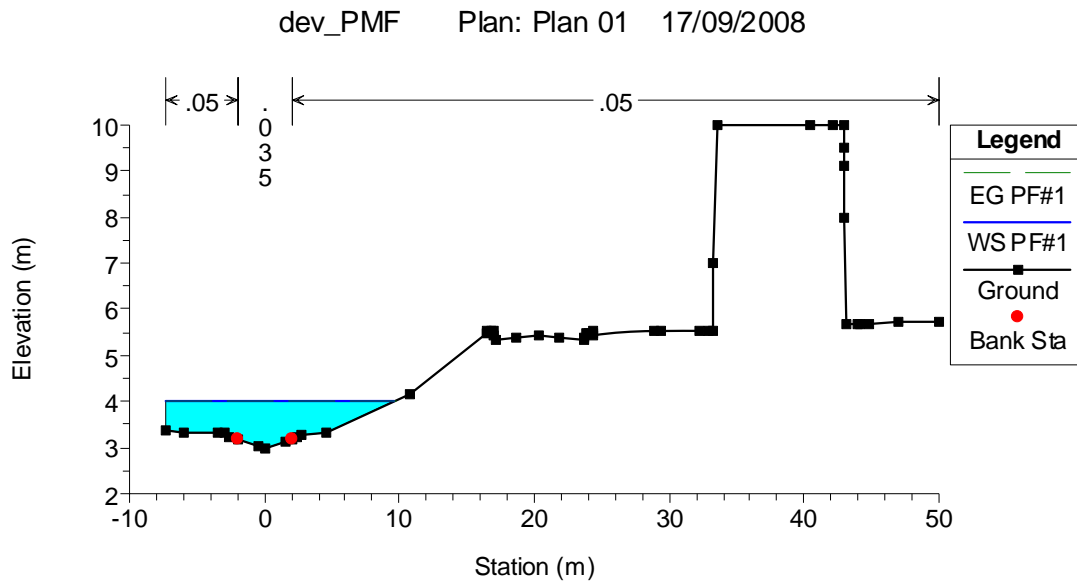
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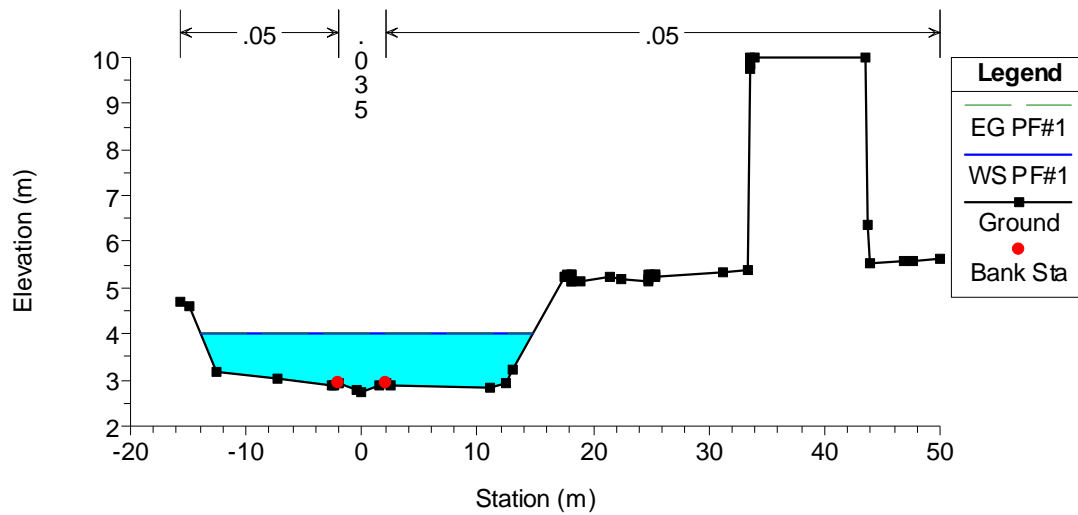




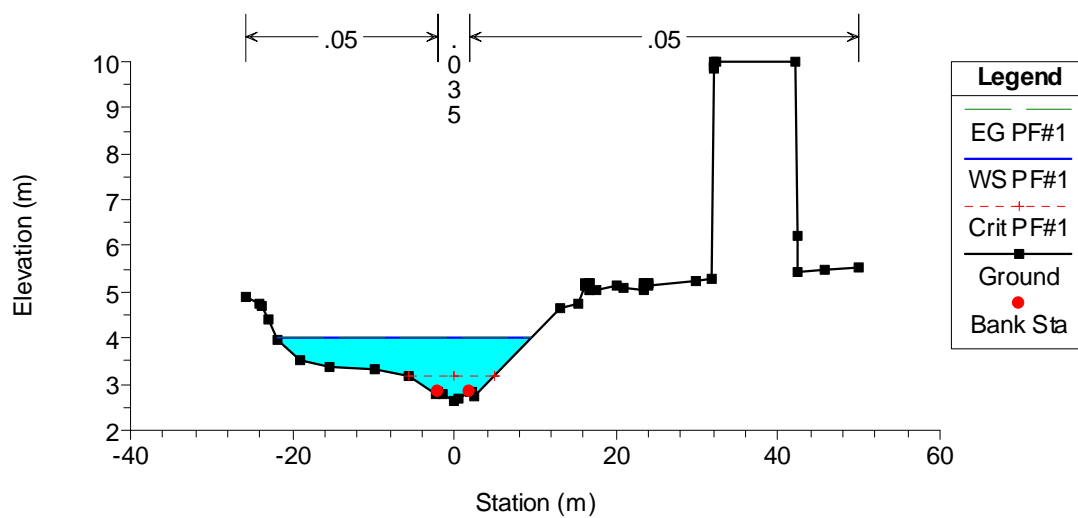




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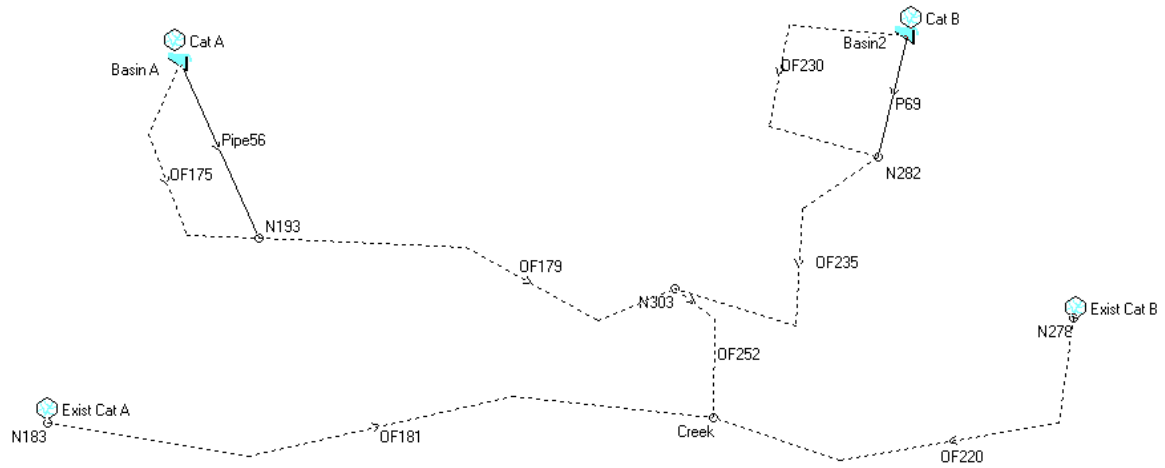


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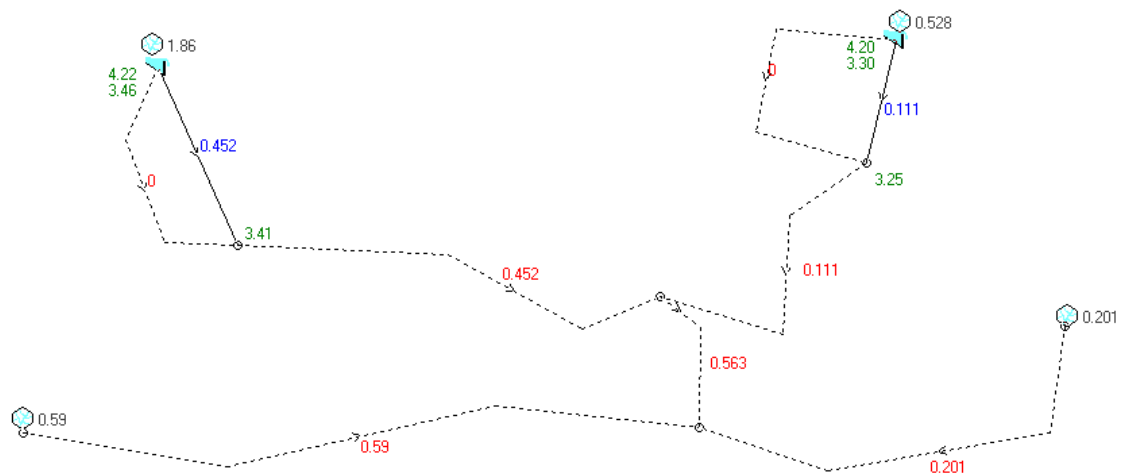


## **APPENDIX D**

### **DRAINS RESULTS**



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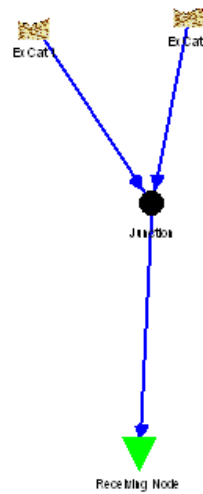




## **APPENDIX E**

### **MUSIC RESULTS**

### Existing



### Proposed

