

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



* Sykesville * Taneytown * Union Bridge * Westminster
Carroll County Government

WRCC Meeting Summary

February 28, 2024

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- John Dick, Westminster
- Gary Dye, New Windsor
- Delbert Green, Manchester
- Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- Alex Perricone, Manchester
- Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

CC PLM:

- Daphne Daly
- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Mitch Masser
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Pat Varga
- Hannah Weber

Health Department:

- Richard Brace

CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B

Guest Speakers:

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1. Opening Statement

Chair – Kevin Hann

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht

Mr. Wieprecht expressed concern that, outside the WRCC, there is less desire to work cooperatively with the municipalities.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – January 24, 2024

Approval of the January meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Jim Wieprecht and seconded by Alex Perricone to approve the January 24, 2024, meeting summary. Motion carried.

3. Stream Temperature Evaluation Data – Byron Madigan

- Mr. Madigan walked the WRCC members through an overview of the structures evaluated for their impact on stream temperature.
- Mr. Madigan gave this presentation at the Maryland Water Monitoring Council conference in November. MDE is aware that PLM staff are working on this.
- Streams with a Use III Designation are considered cool/cold water streams and have associated temperature requirements to maintain. The maximum temperature outside the

mixing zone may not exceed 68°F or the ambient temperature of the surface waters, whichever is greater. (COMAR 26.08.03.03-.05)

- Sand filter stormwater management facilities are being evaluated for their impact on stream temperatures. It takes 10 to 12 years for the project to mature and see the ultimate benefits. The data is showing decreased temperatures, but the temperatures are not as low yet as MDE wants them to be.

Reference/Attachment:

- *PowerPoint: Thermal Evaluation of Upland Stormwater BMPs*

4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne

- Task 1.2: Automation of Portions of Buildable Land Inventory Model: Task completed.
- Task 2: Groundwater Allocability: Task completed.
- Task 3: Emerging Contaminants: Task completed.
- Task 4: MDE TIPP Spreadsheet Comparison: Hazen is working on corrections to the TIPP spreadsheets.
- Task 5: Climate Change Impacts: Task completed.
- Task 6: Update 2010 WRE Supporting Documents: Hazen is working on revisions based on staff comments on the draft documents.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O’Meara

- Ms. O’Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.

Reference/Attachment:

- *Municipal Project Status, February 2024*

6. PFAS Discussion

- Mr. Hann shared that EPA recently released that \$18.9 Million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to address emerging contaminants like PFAS in drinking water will be available to Maryland.
- The PFAS MCL is anticipated to be finalized by EPA at the end of March 2024.
- Mr. Hann and Mr. Swanson indicated that, despite public outreach, they have not received much feedback from the public on PFAS in the drinking water. Mr. Hann requested a copy be sent to the municipalities of the letter the Town of Mount Airy recently sent out regarding PFAS.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

7. Other

- March WRCC Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2024. Par Varga will be the guest speaker on the topic of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS). This presentation was rescheduled from December.
- MDE Proposed Stormwater Regulations: As part of MDE’s A-StoRM effort, MDE is updating the State stormwater regulations. A Stakeholder Consulting Group was formed by MDE to help guide and provide feedback on this process. Mr. Heyn is a member of this group. In early February, MDE sent the Group a draft of the proposed regulations. Planning & Land Management (PLM) staff are reviewing the changes. A comment letter will be drafted. The draft comments will be shared with the municipalities for feedback prior to sending. Comments are due to MDE by May 7, 2024.

- Hydrologic Conditions Update: Mr. Neal recently sent out an update on current hydrologic conditions for Carroll County. WRCC members indicated they would like to continue to receive these updates on a monthly basis.
- MDE Stormwater Tour: Ms. Dinne shared that the tour with Marland Department of the Environment (MDE) is scheduled for Monday, May 13. The municipalities are invited to participate. Ms. O'Meara's staff will be working on handouts and speakers for each facility.
- Legislative Update: Ms. Dinne reviewed proposed bills related to water resources or environment in which the municipalities may be interested. She provided a table listing the bills, a link to the bill on the Maryland General Assembly website, and current status. The table was updated to include additional bills introduced since the last WRCC meeting.
- New NPDES Environmental Compliance Specialist: Ms. Hirt introduced Mitch Masser. Mr. Masser will join in the upcoming meetings with each municipality to get to know the municipal staff, the towns/cities, and their systems.
- Good Housekeeping Plans (GHP): Resource Management staff will begin to address new permit requirements related to these plans to ensure adequate progress is being made to submit these items in the third year of the permit. Last year, staff started developing an inventory to identify properties that would need to develop a GHP. Any municipalities that have not yet sent the information can mark up the map, scan it, and send it to Mr. Edwards or Mr. Masser.
- Salt Management Plans (SMP): The permit also requires SMPs to be developed. Steve Miller developed a template for these plans to be available to the other municipalities. Any municipality that has an SMP already can email it to Mr. Edwards or Mr. Masser. Staff will be available to the others to help walk them through the template.
- Storm Drain Maps: Storm drain maps were available for several of the municipalities to take with them. Additional copies can be printed if requested. Ms. Hirt asked the municipalities to check over their maps to ensure nothing was missed.
- Spring Outreach Events: Planning for events is underway. Materials are available to the municipalities, or a Resource Management booth can be requested. Ms. Hirt asked for dates to be provided soon to ensure they get scheduled on staffs' calendars.
- New Water Resource Technician: Garrett Tucker joined the Water Resources staff as the Water Resource Technician. He may join in on the individual meetings with the municipalities.
- Lead & Copper Rule: MDE has not yet provided a final spreadsheet tool to use for the inventory. Inventories are due in October 2024.

Reference/Attachment:

- *WRCC Legislative Update: 2024 General Assembly Proposed Water/Environmental Resource Legislation, February 28, 2024*

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Alex Perricone to adjourn the February 28, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024*

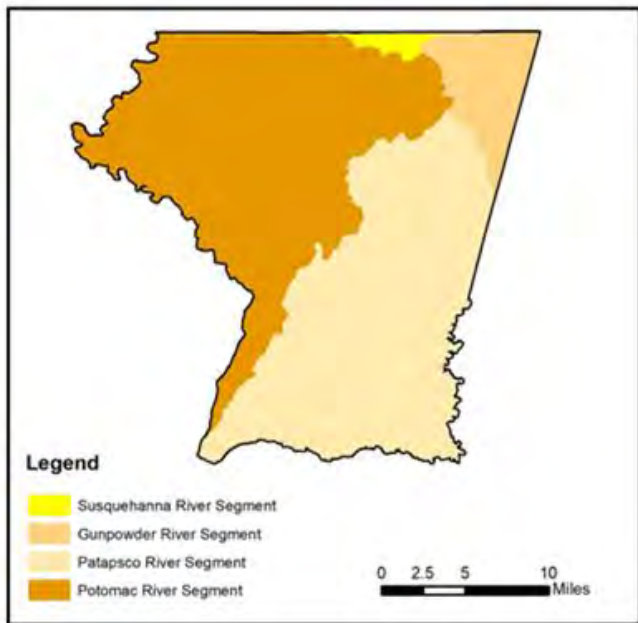
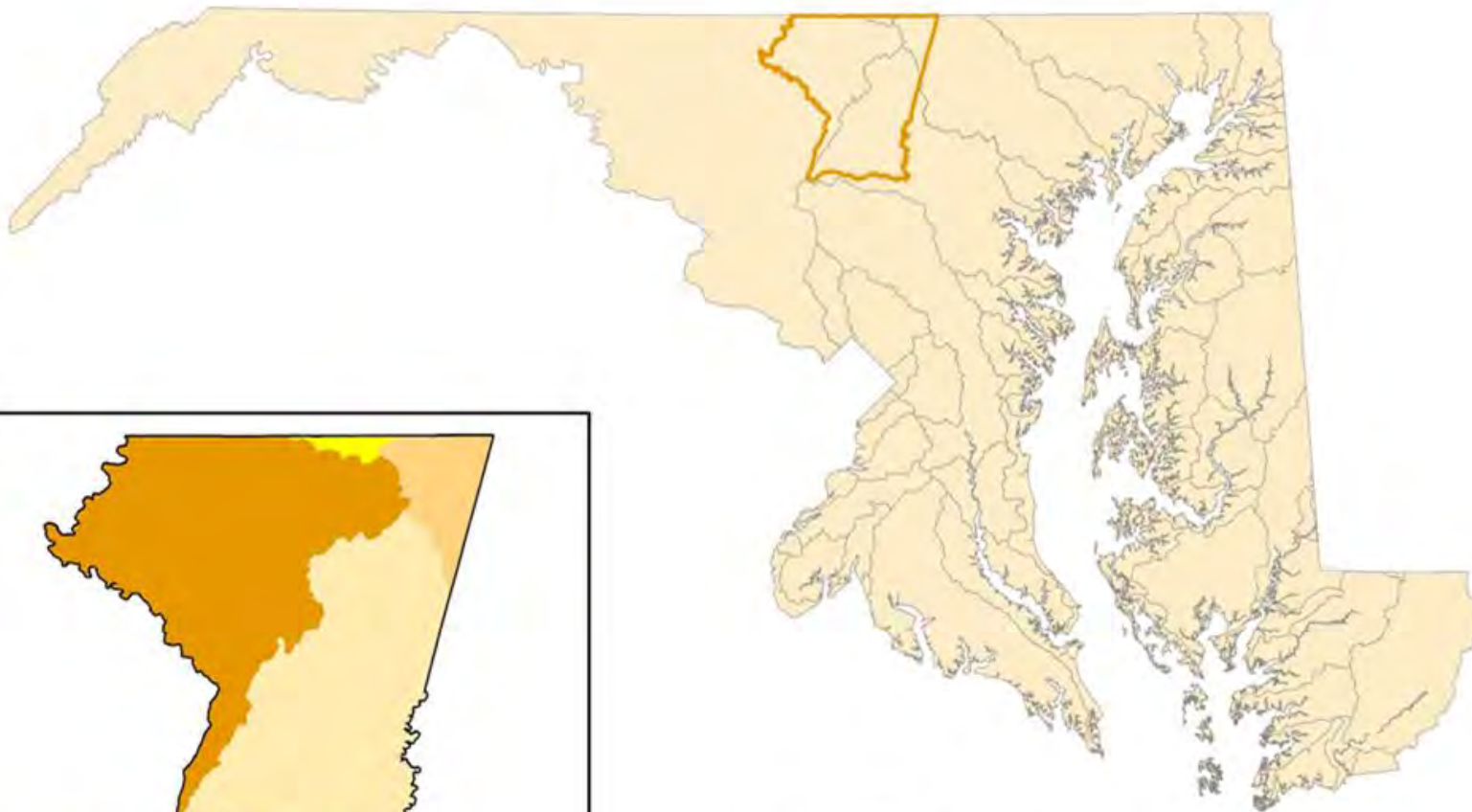
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Thermal Evaluation of Upland Stormwater BMPs

Impact of Design Modifications to Buffer Stream
Temperatures in Urbanized Watersheds

Byron Madigan
Water Resources Supervisor
Carroll County Government

Carroll County Chesapeake Bay River Segments



Legend

- Susquehanna River Segment
- Gunpowder River Segment
- Patapsco River Segment
- Potomac River Segment

0 2.5 5 10 Miles

Legend

- Carroll County Border
- Chesapeake Bay River Segments

0 20 40 80 Miles



Cool and Cold-Water Resources

"Current" Use Class Designations



Patapsco Brown Trout

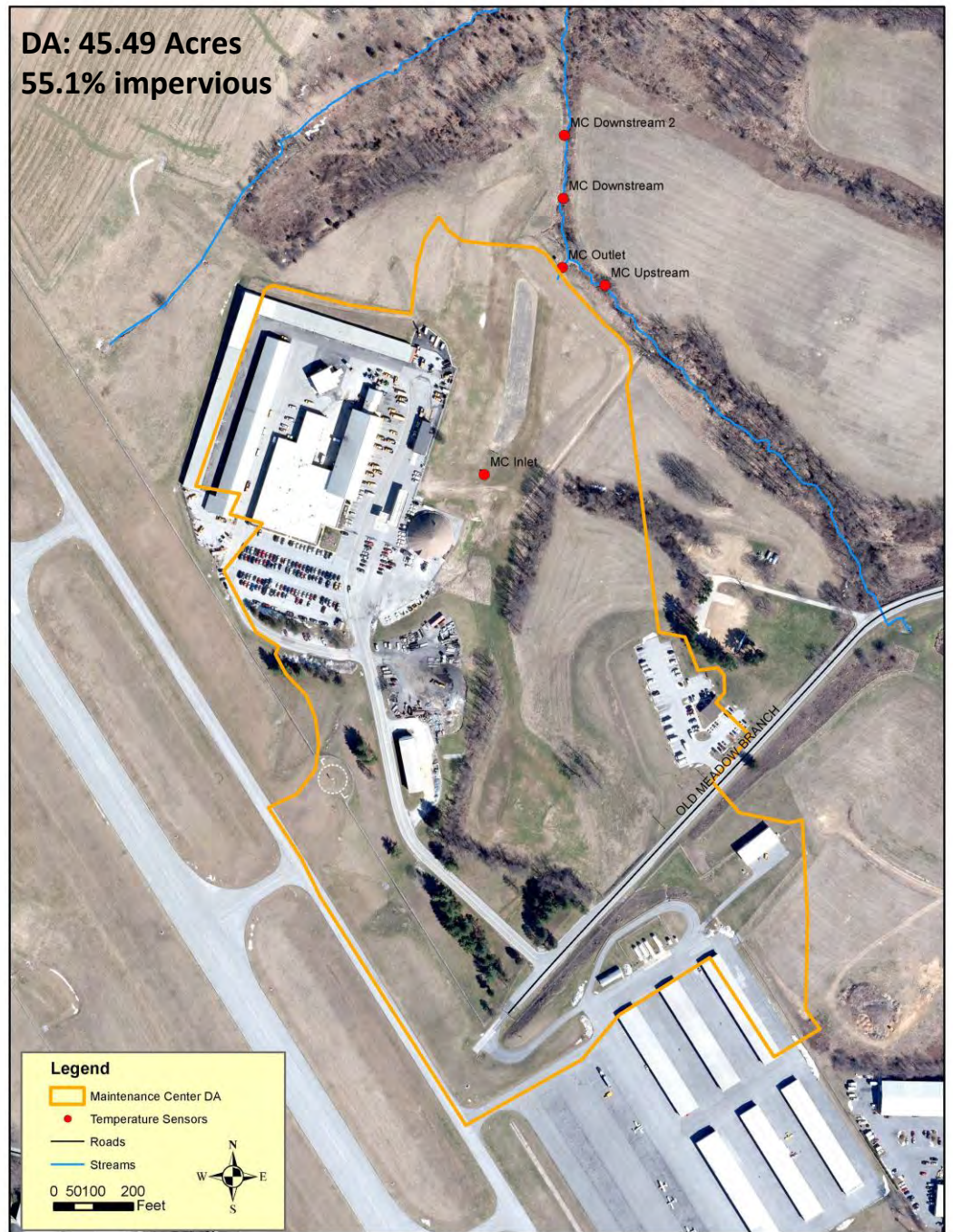
Prettyboy Brook Trout



Sand Filter



DA: 45.49 Acres
55.1% impervious

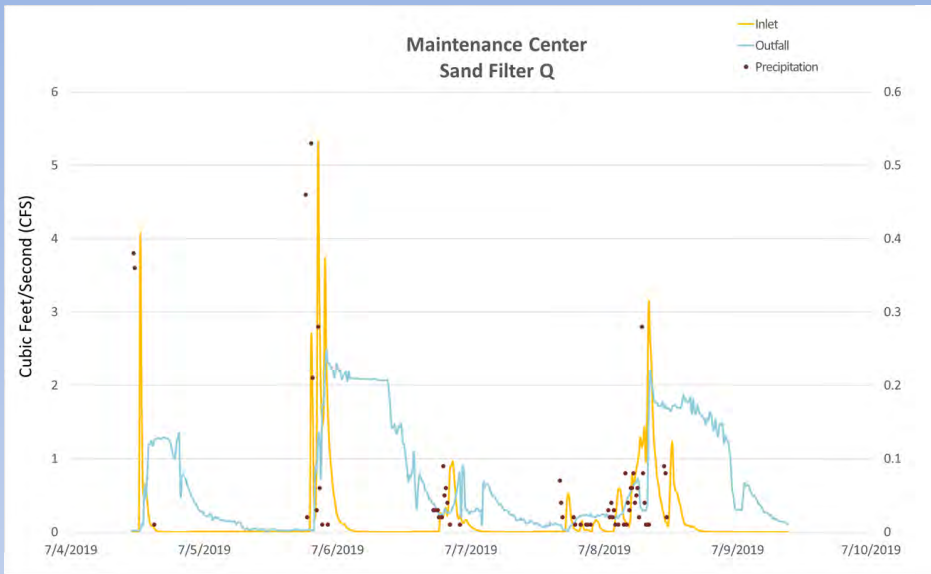


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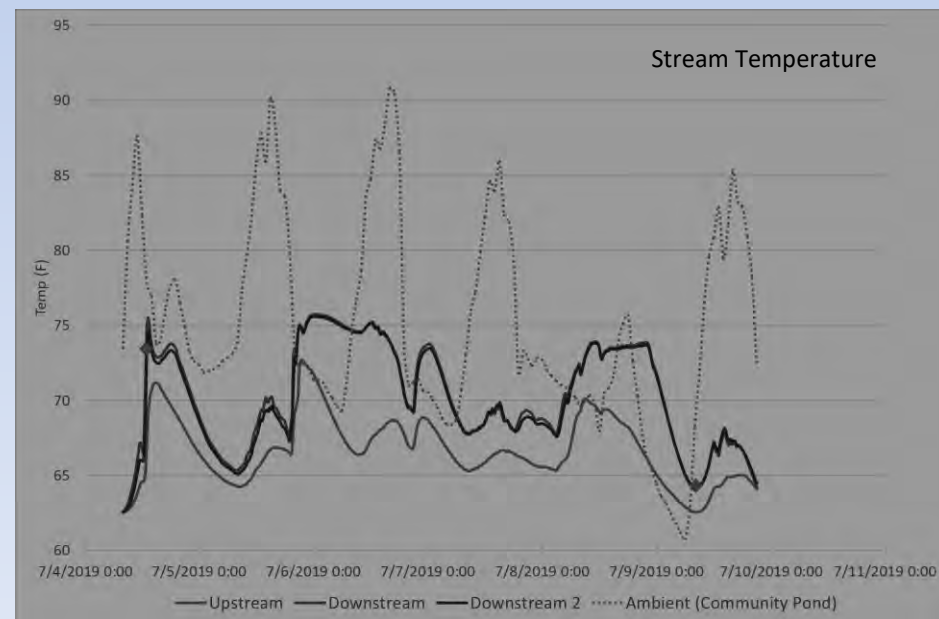
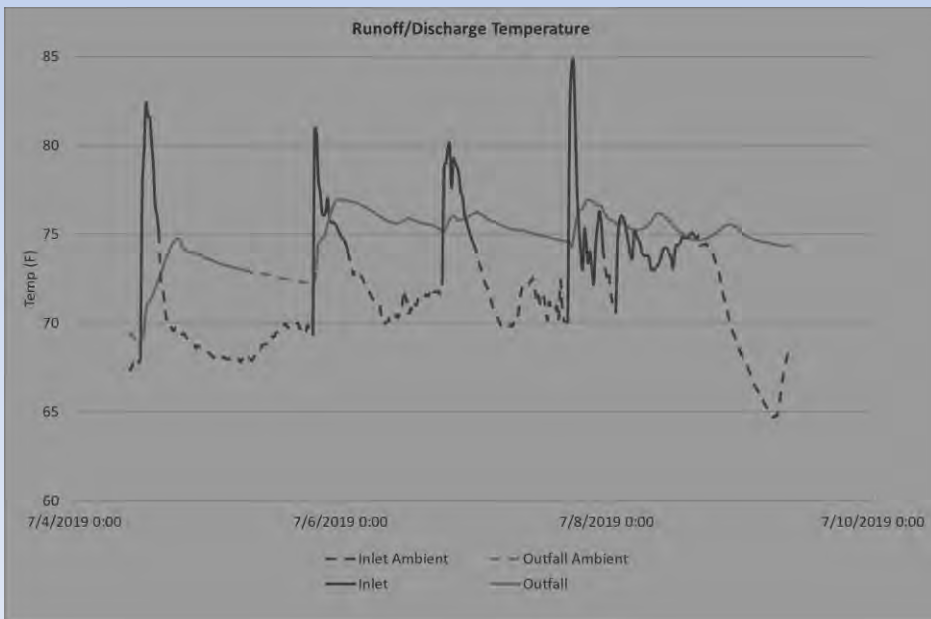
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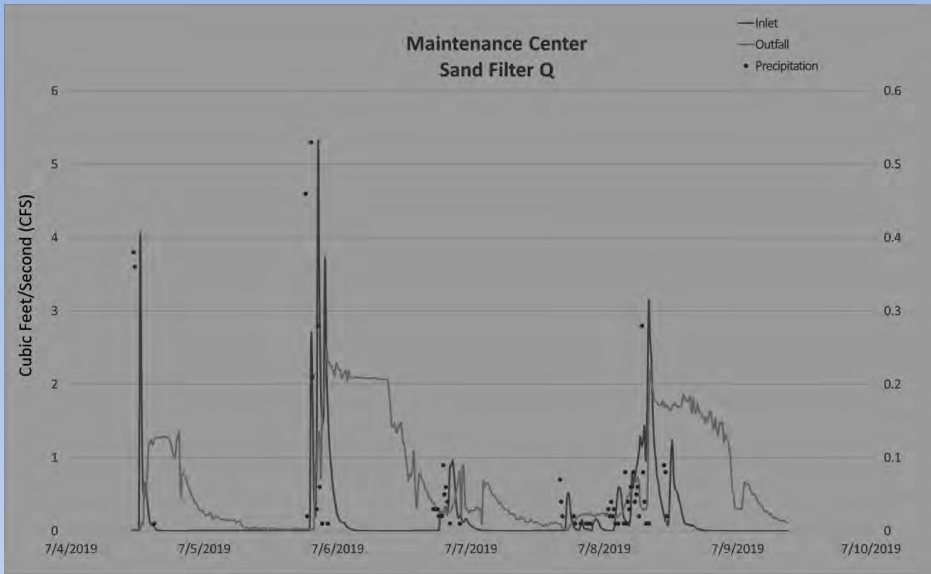


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7/11/2019	0.54"	
7/17/2019 - 7/18/2019	1.05"	
7/22/2019 - 7/23/2019	2.08"	Temp Trends Analyzed
2020 Storms		
7/6/2020	1.13"	Temp Trends Analyzed
7/22/2020	0.55"	
8/3/2020 - 8/4/2020	2.22"	Temp Trends Analyzed
9/2/2020 - 9/3/2020	1.15"	
2021 Storms		
6/30/2021-7/1/2021	0.82"	
7/12/2021	0.58"	
7/17/2021	0.62"	
7/29/2021	0.67"	
8/11/2021	1.35"	
8/16/2021 - 8/18/21	2.83"	
9/1/2021	3.46"	
2022 Storms		
7/6/2022-7/7/2022	1.68"	Inlet Sensor damaged
7/12/2022	1.31"	
7/16/2022	0.56"	
7/31/2022	0.74"	
8/9/2022	1.42"	
8/15/2022	1.41"	
2023 Storms		
7/3/2023	0.36"	Dry Channel
7/15/2023	0.52"	
7/21/2023	0.99"	
7/28/2023	0.48"	
8/6/2023-8/7/2023	1.57"	

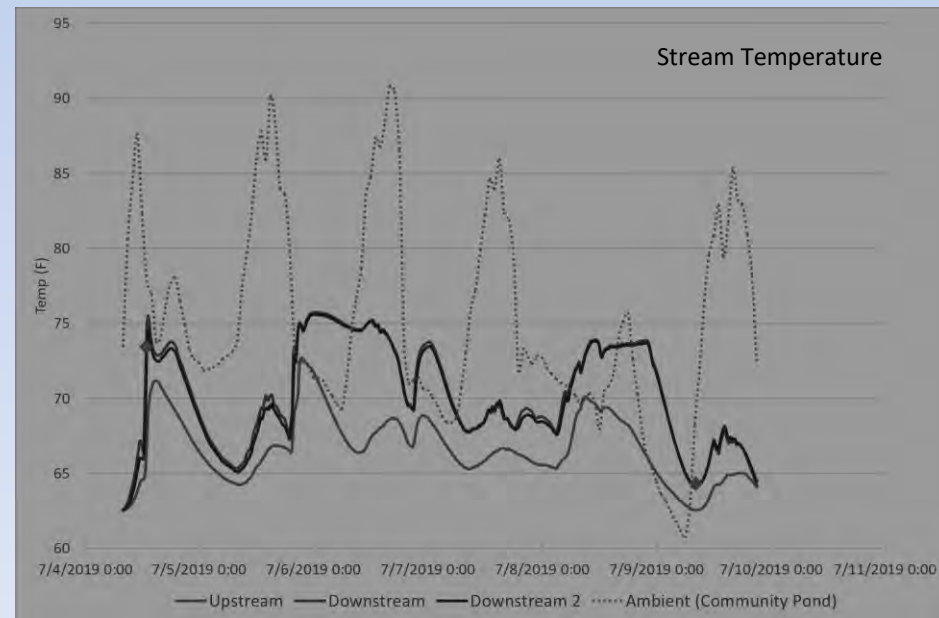
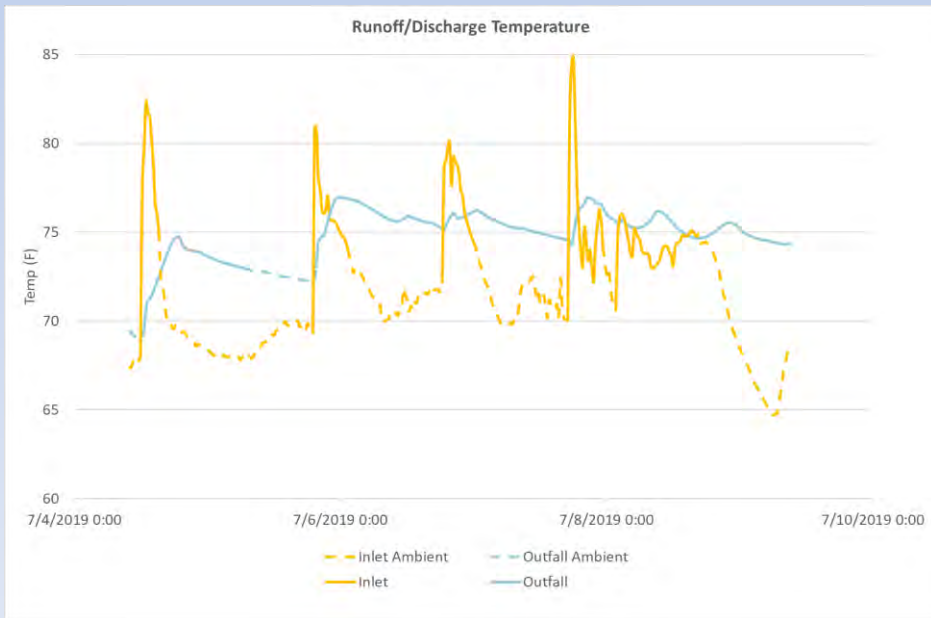


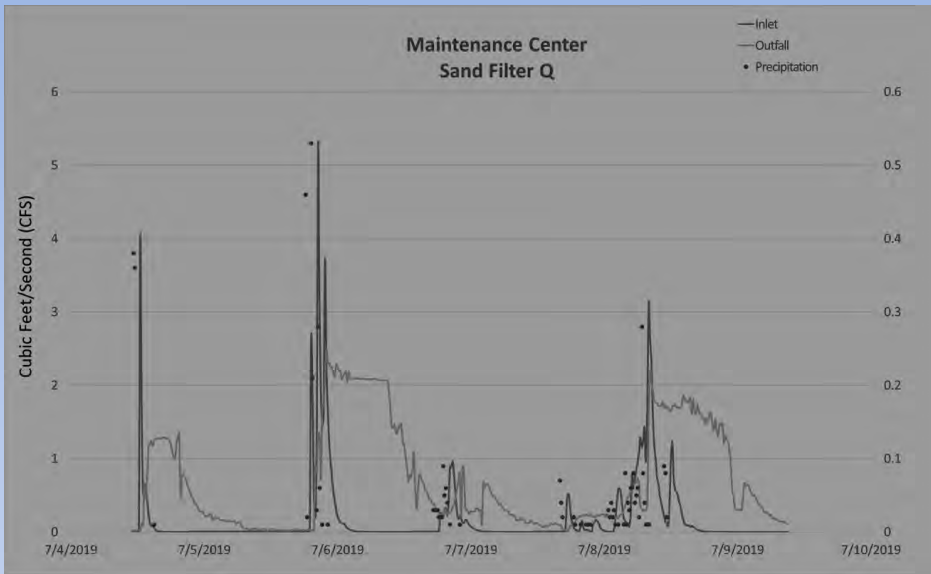
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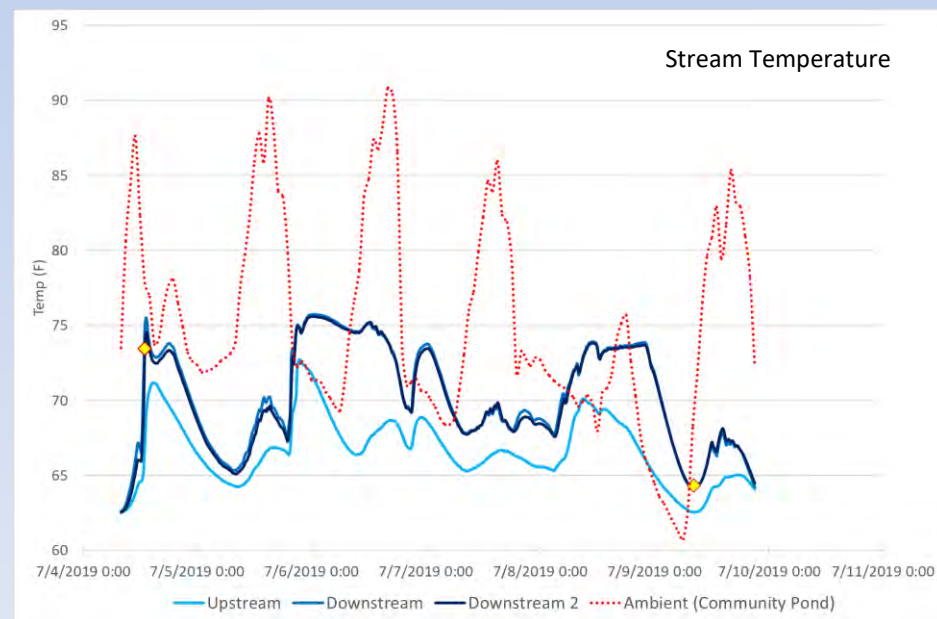
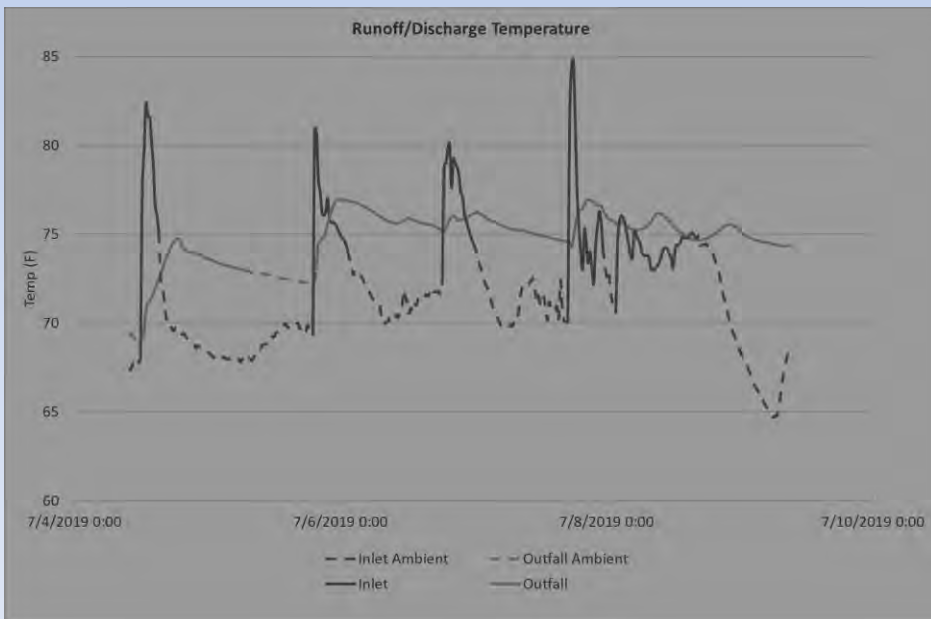


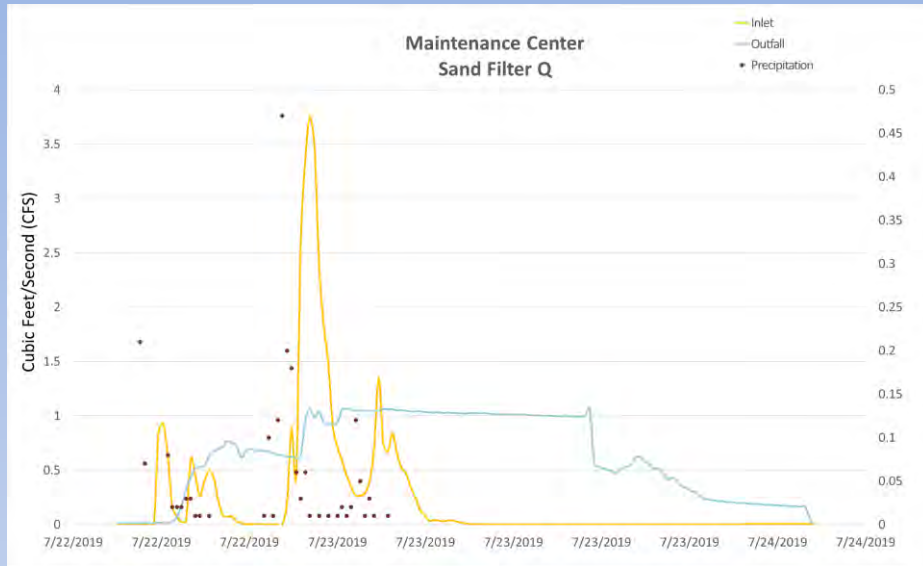
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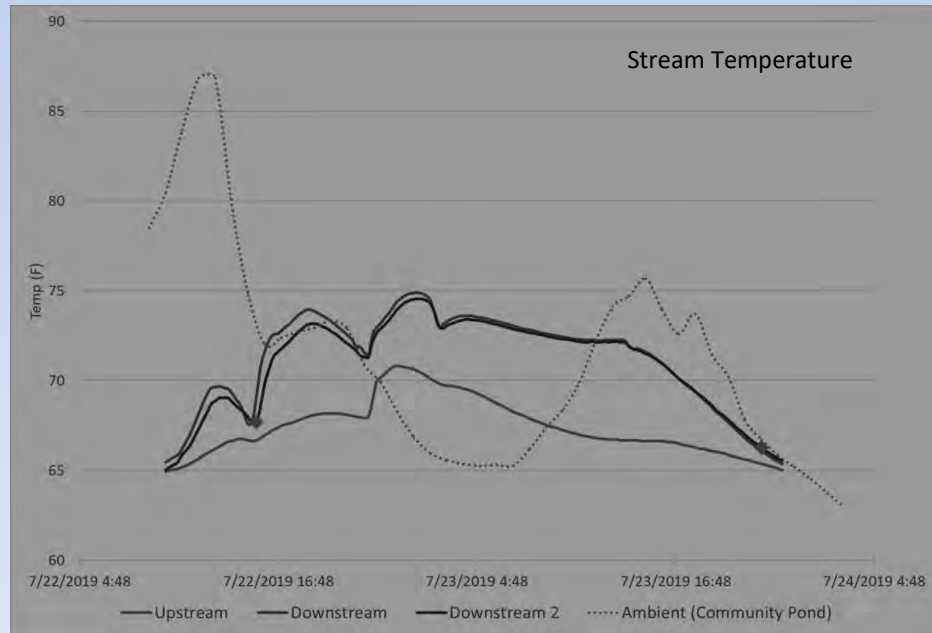
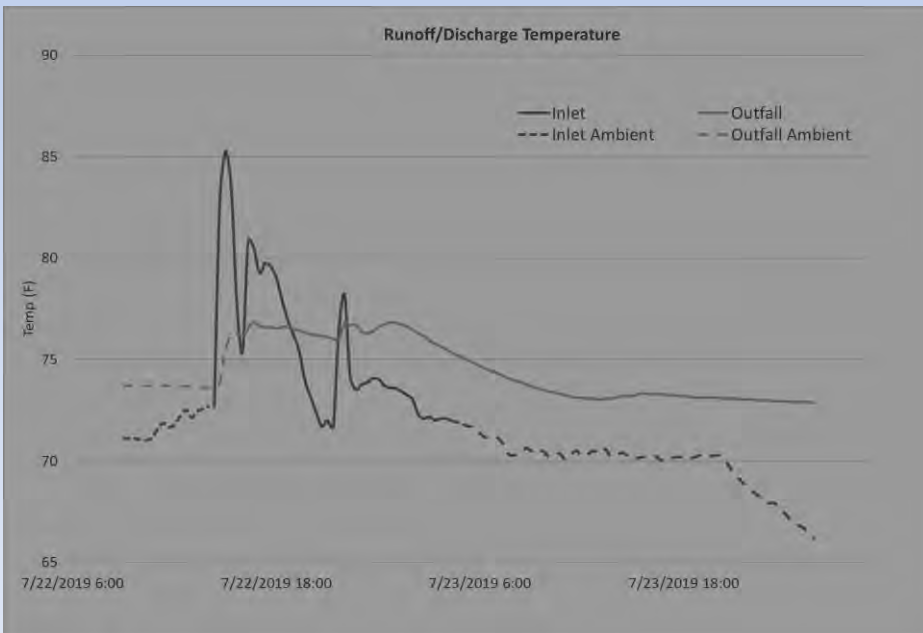
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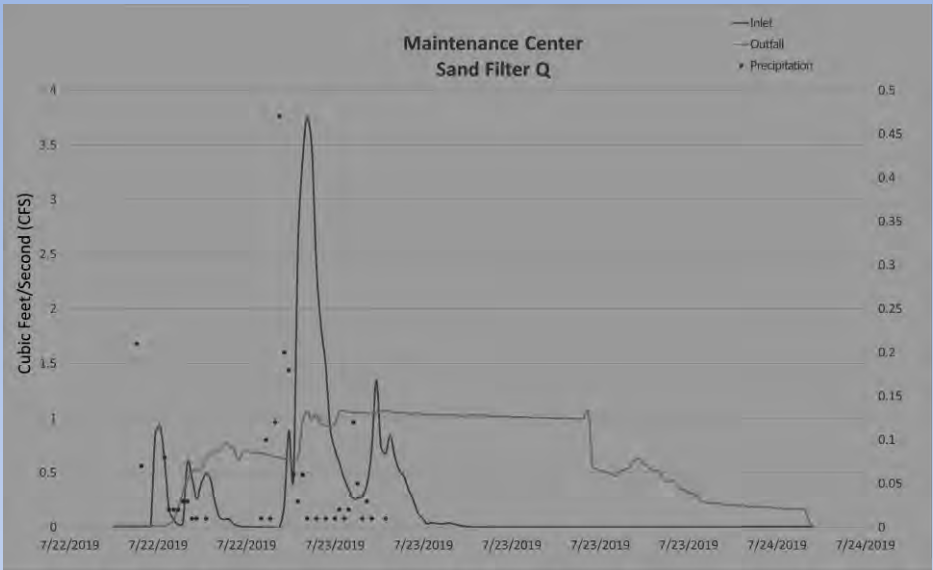




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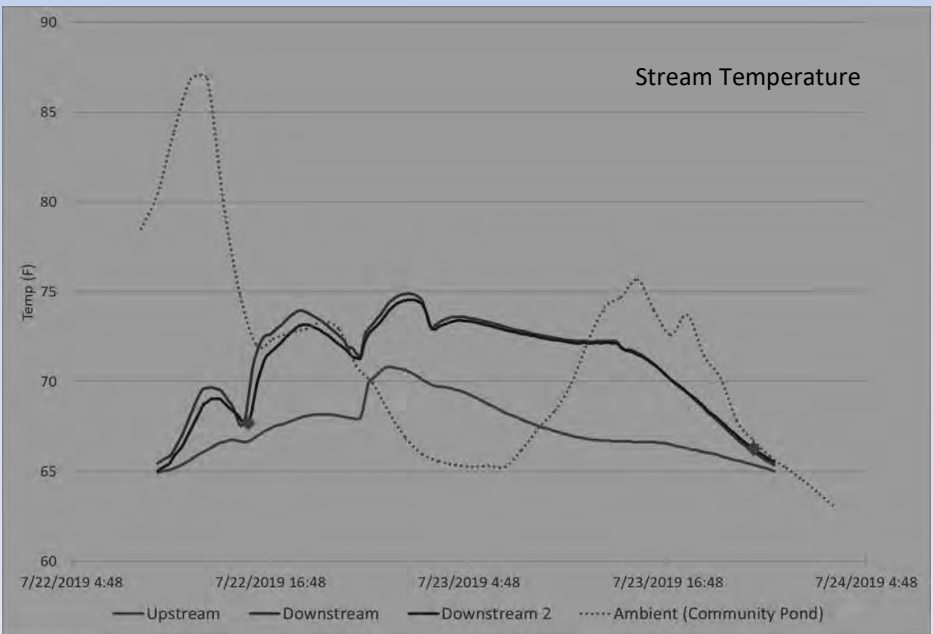
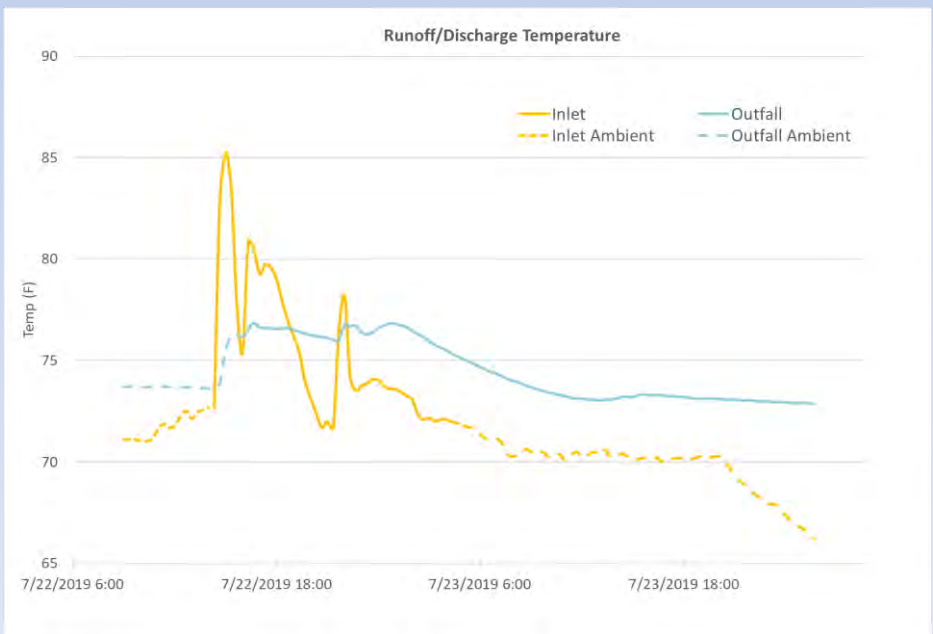
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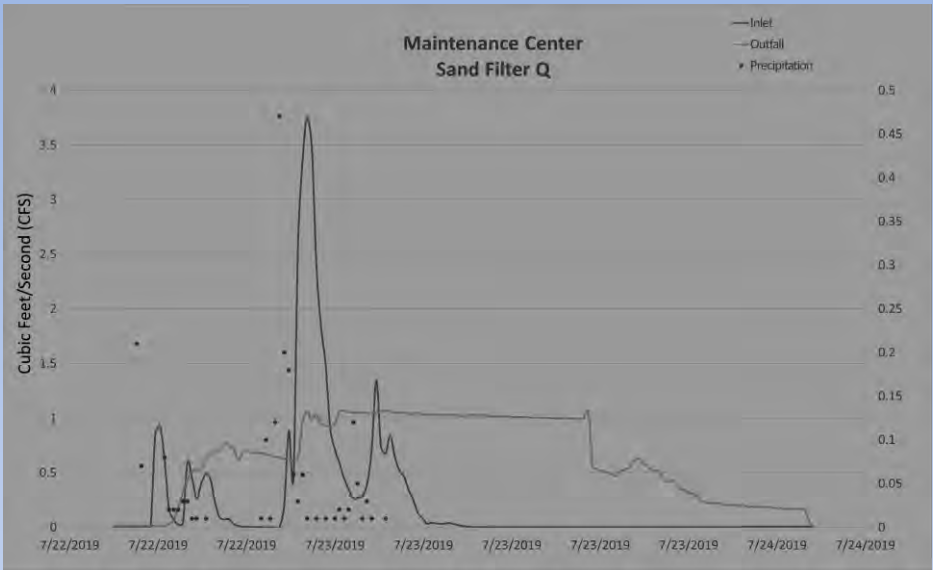




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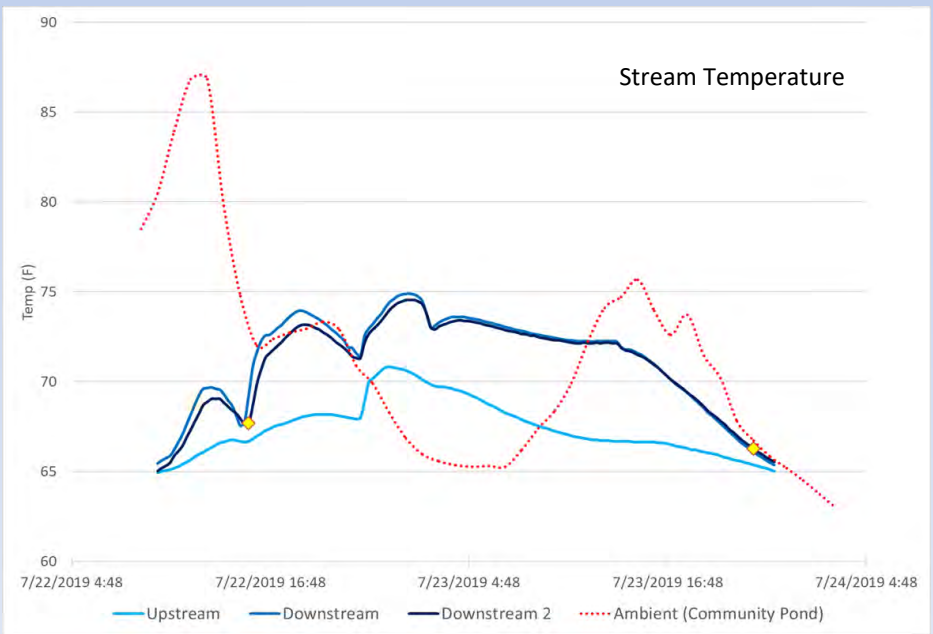
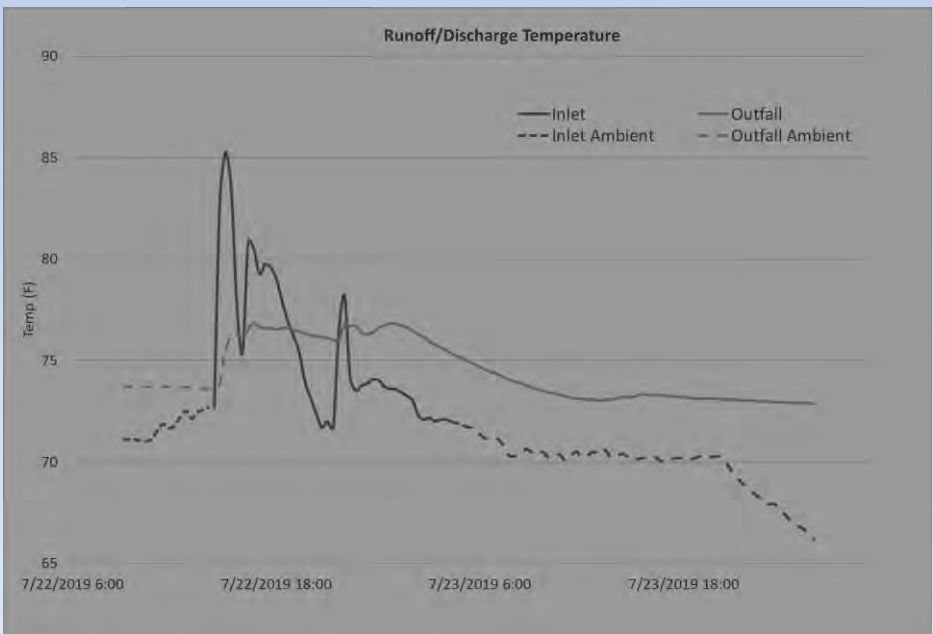
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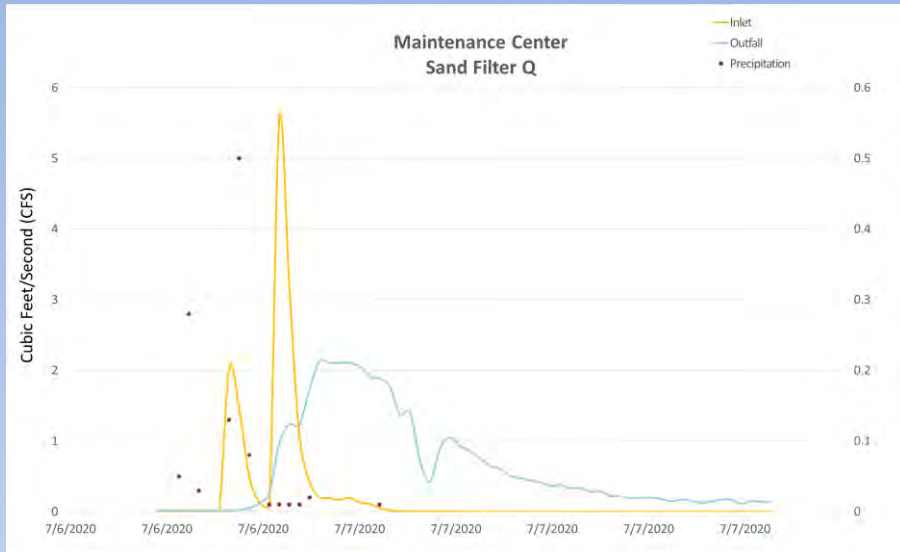




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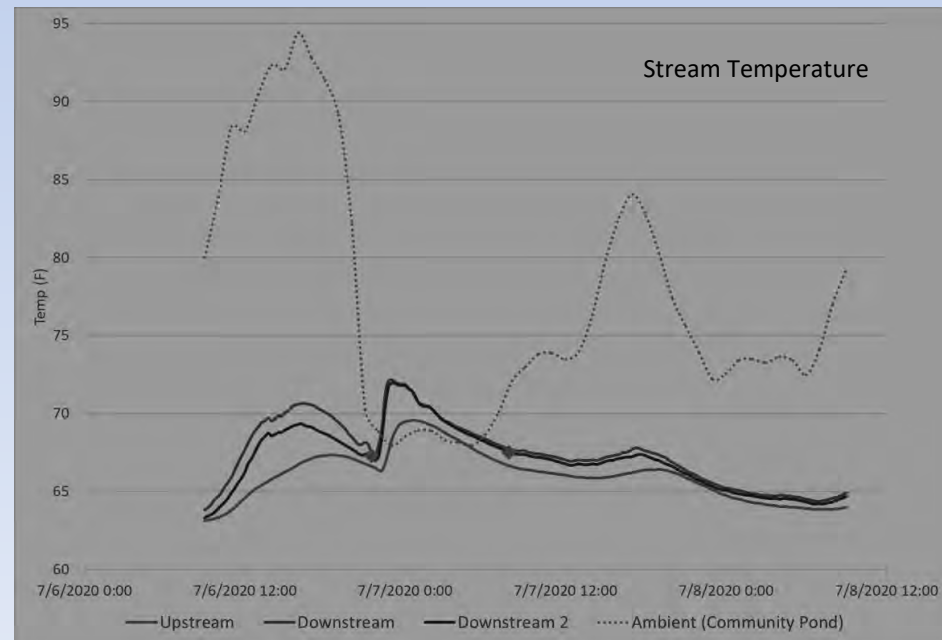
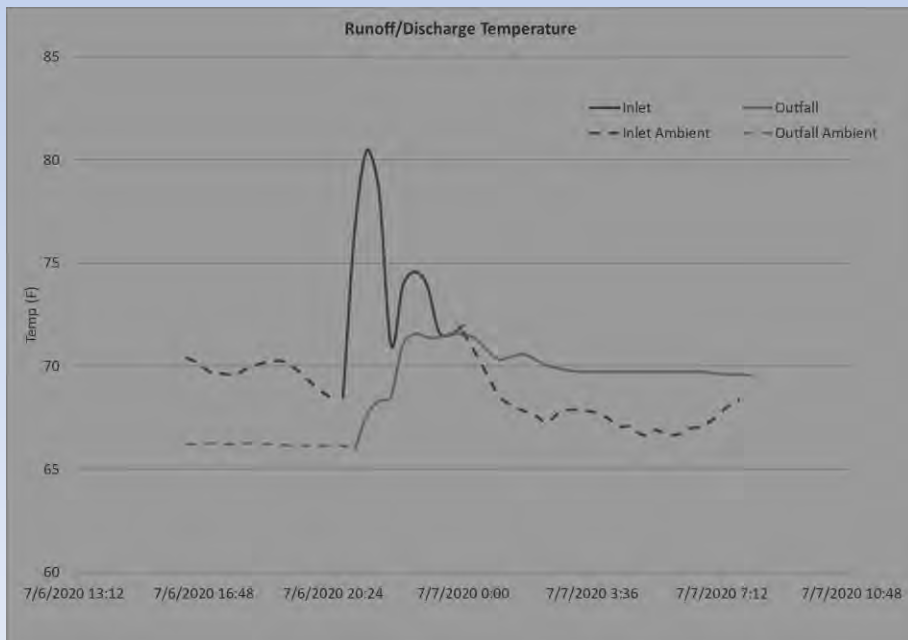
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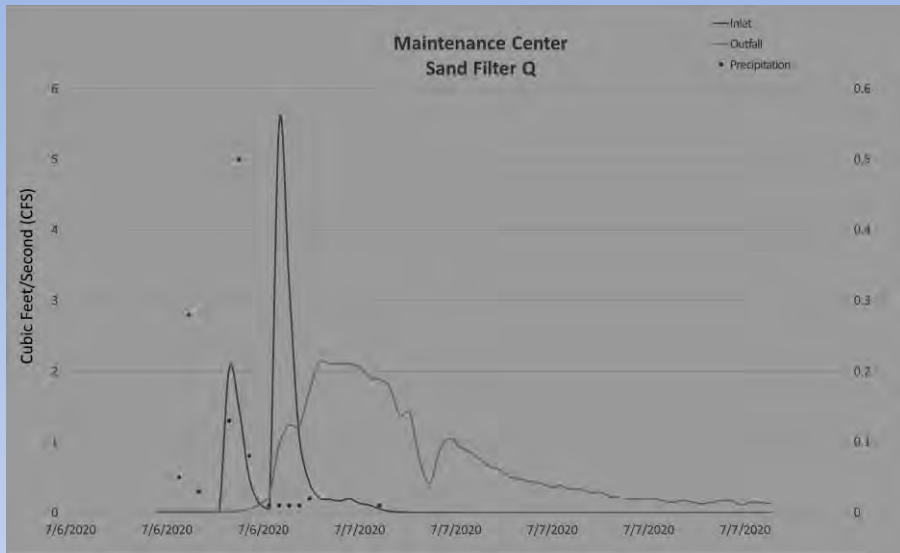




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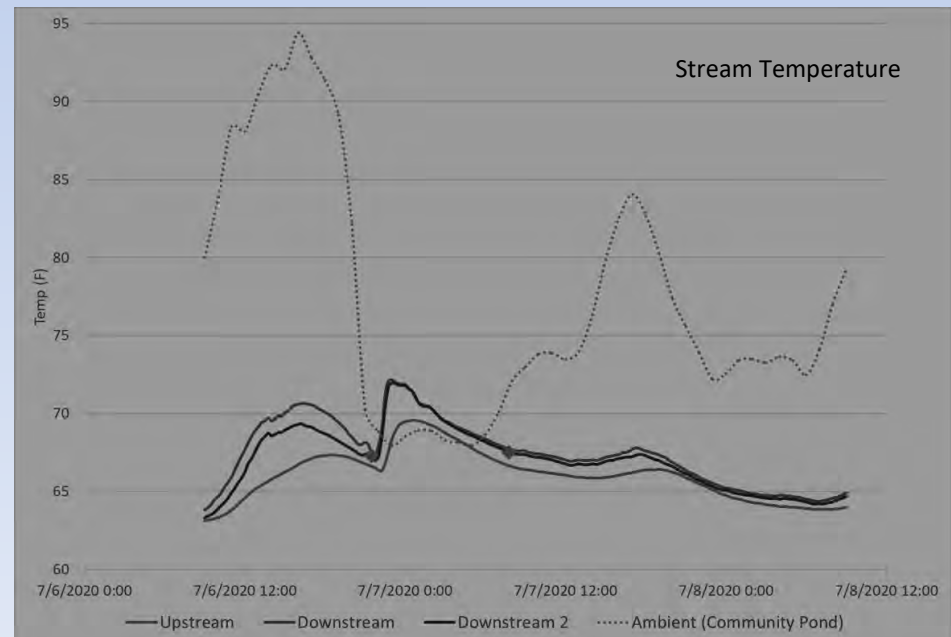
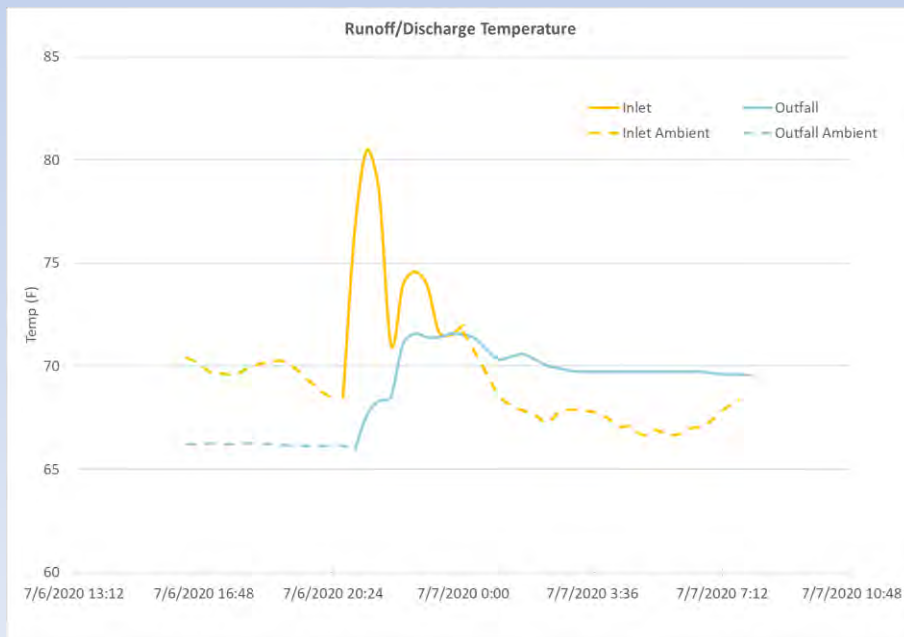
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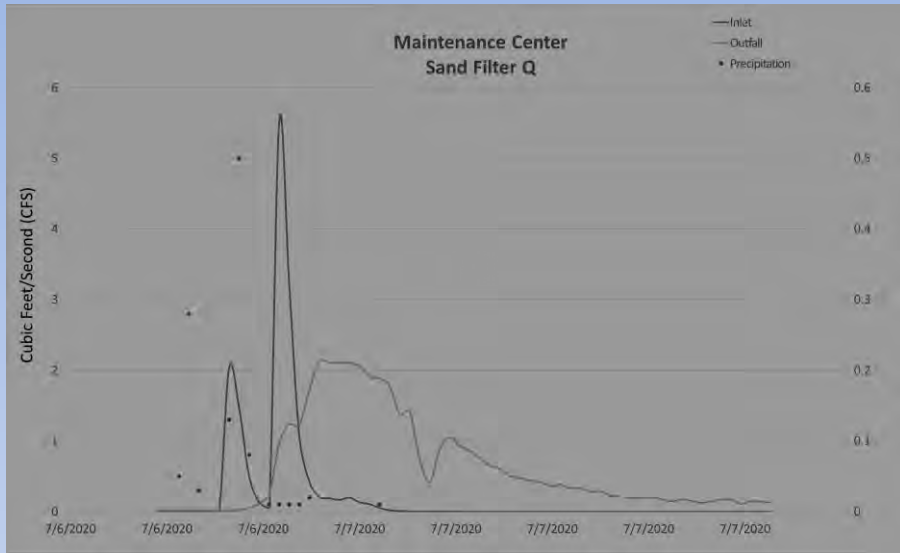




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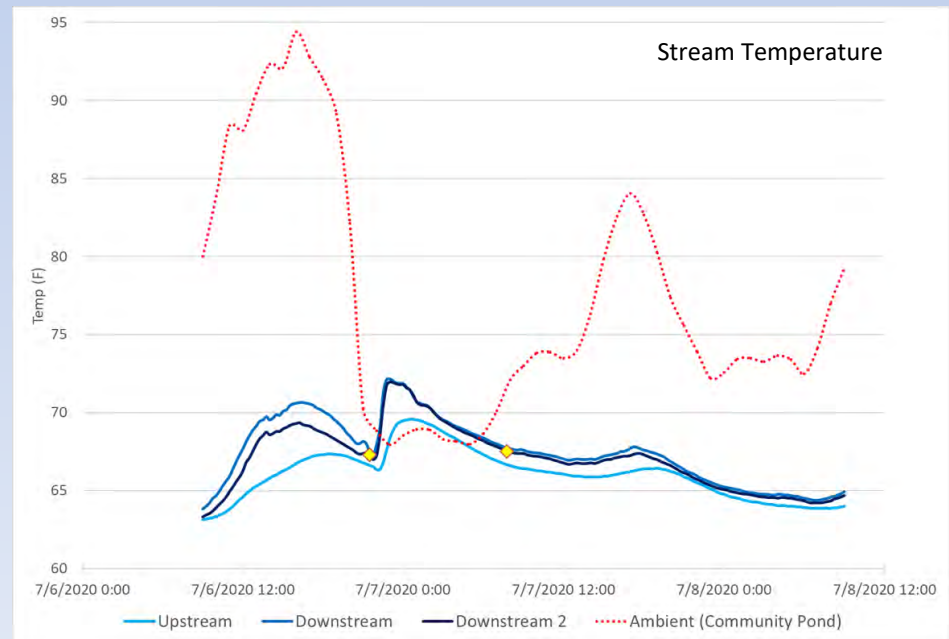
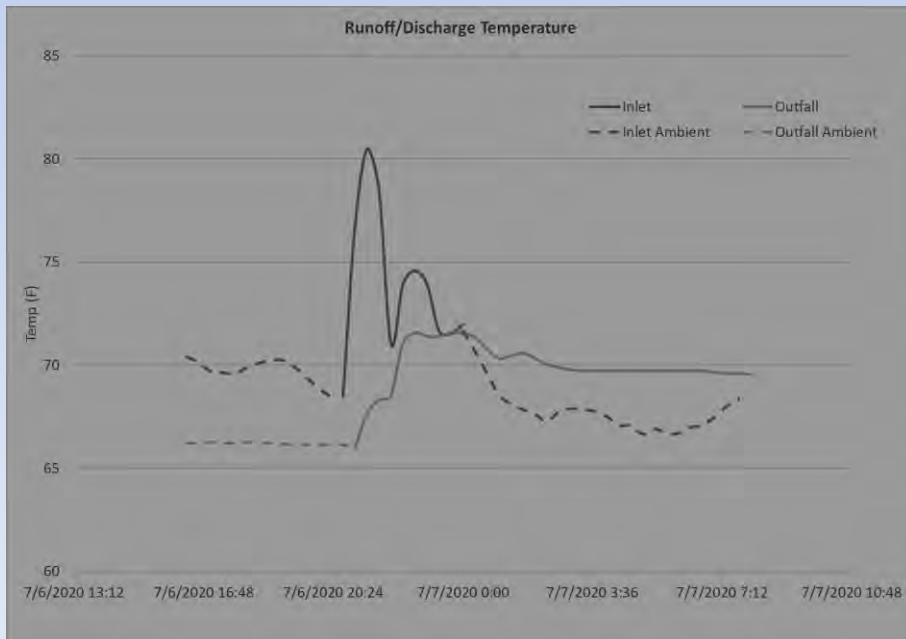
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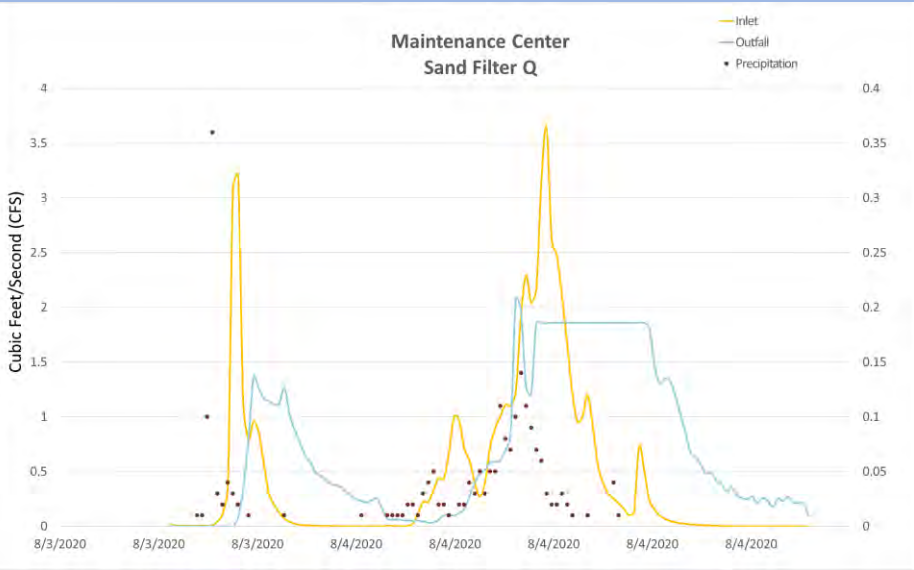




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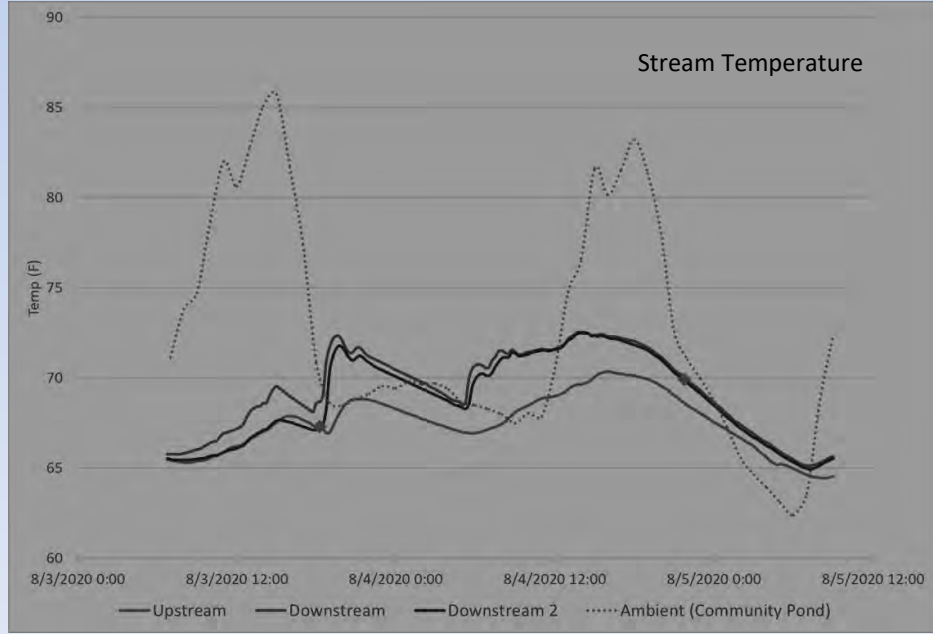
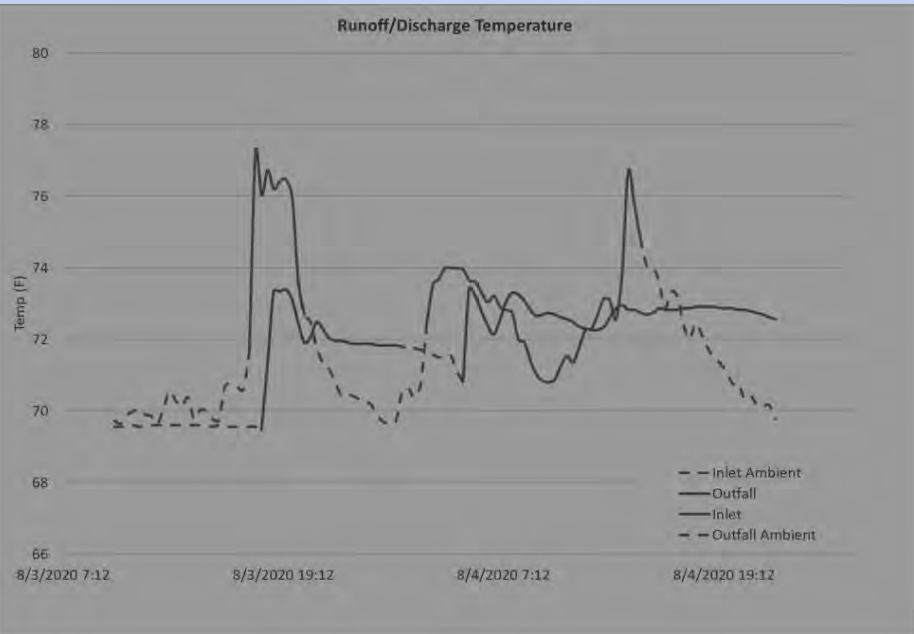
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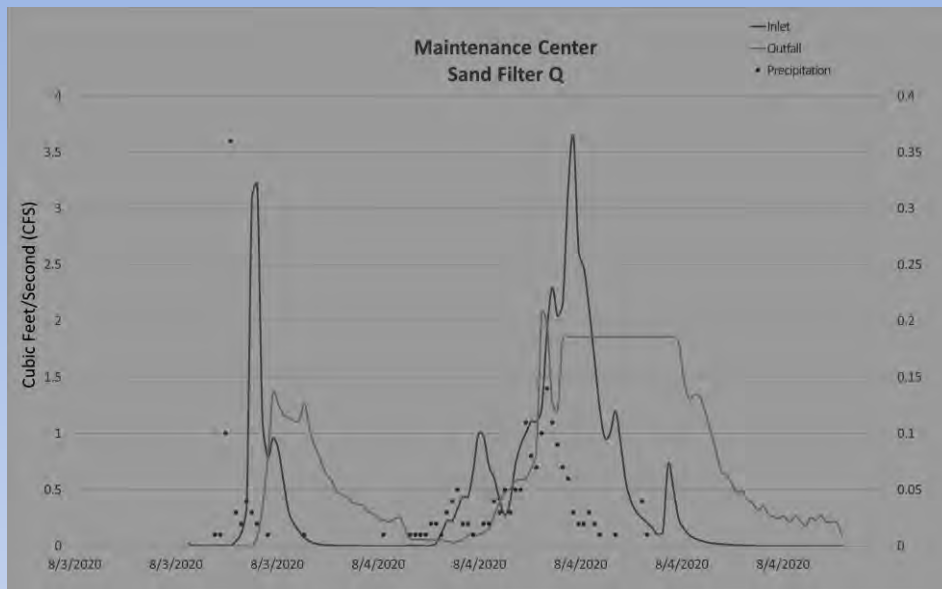




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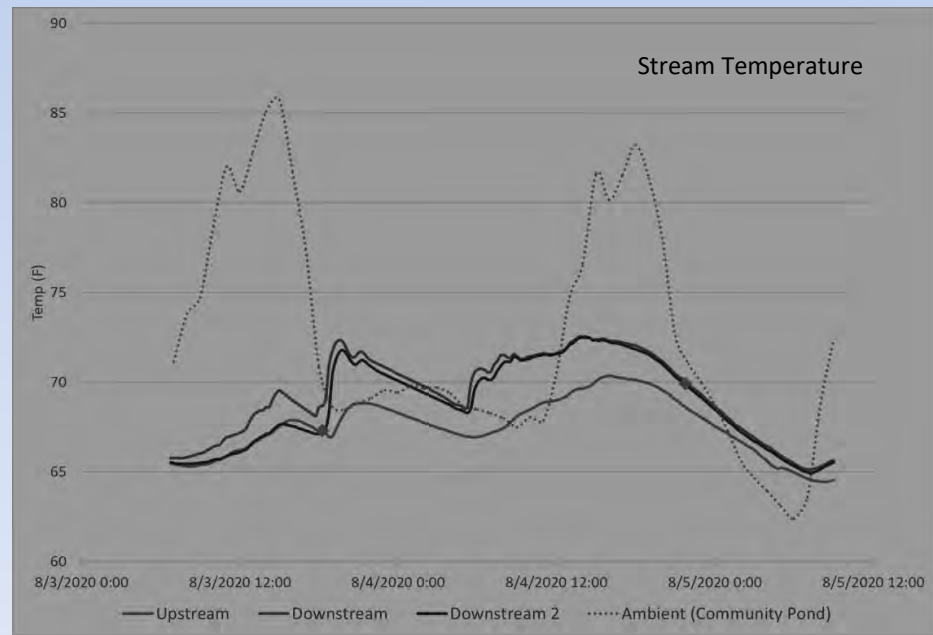
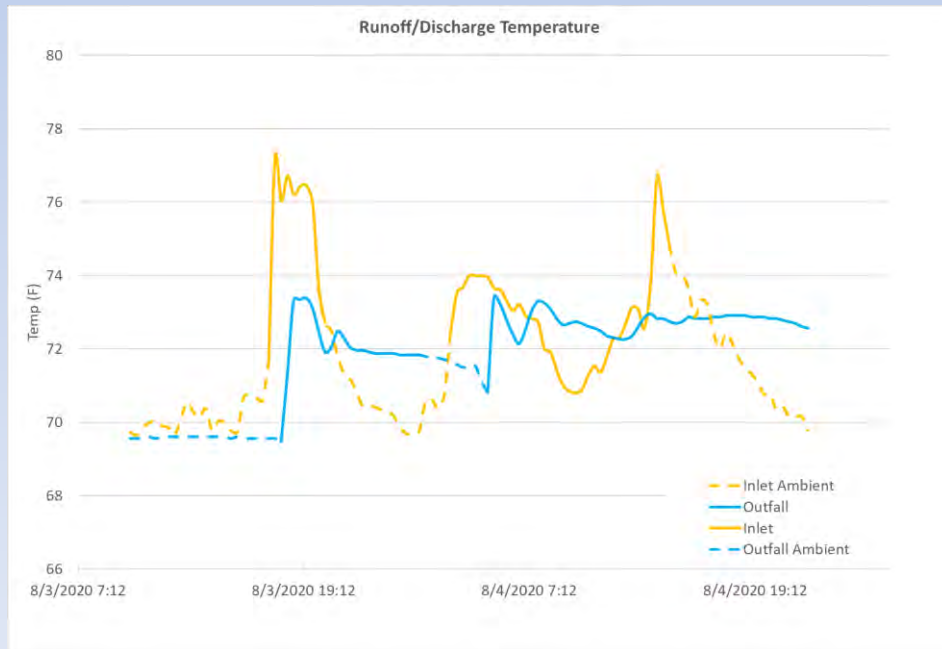
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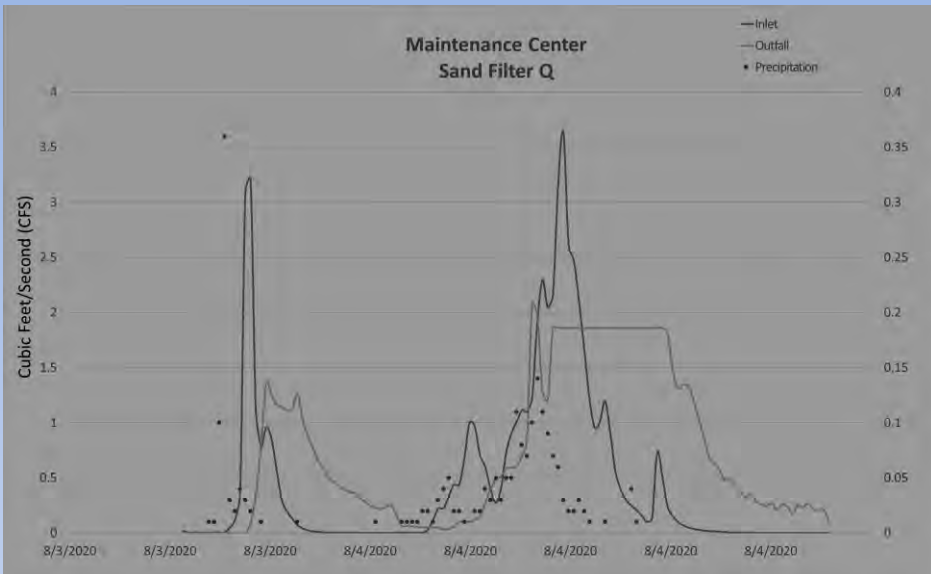




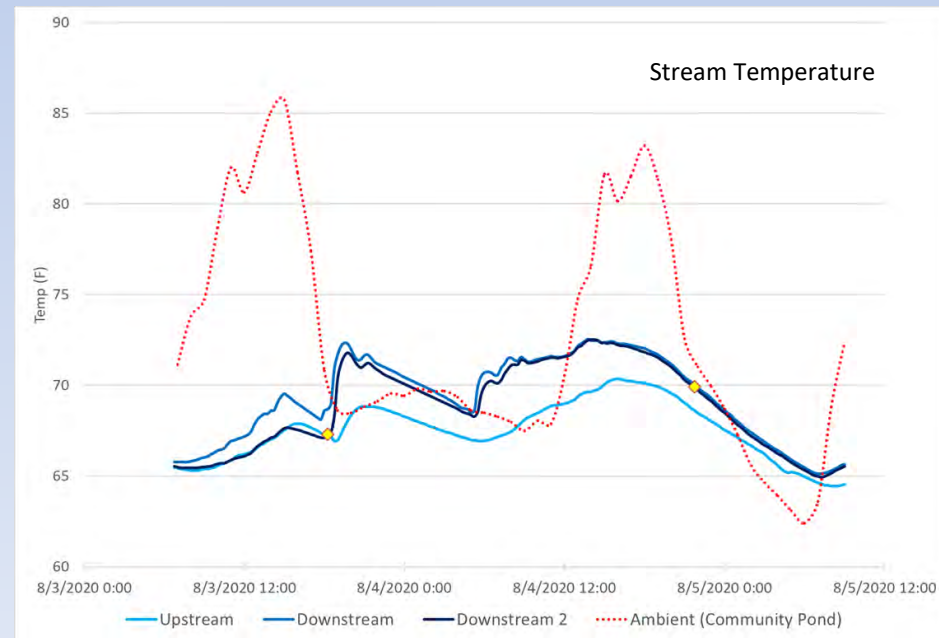
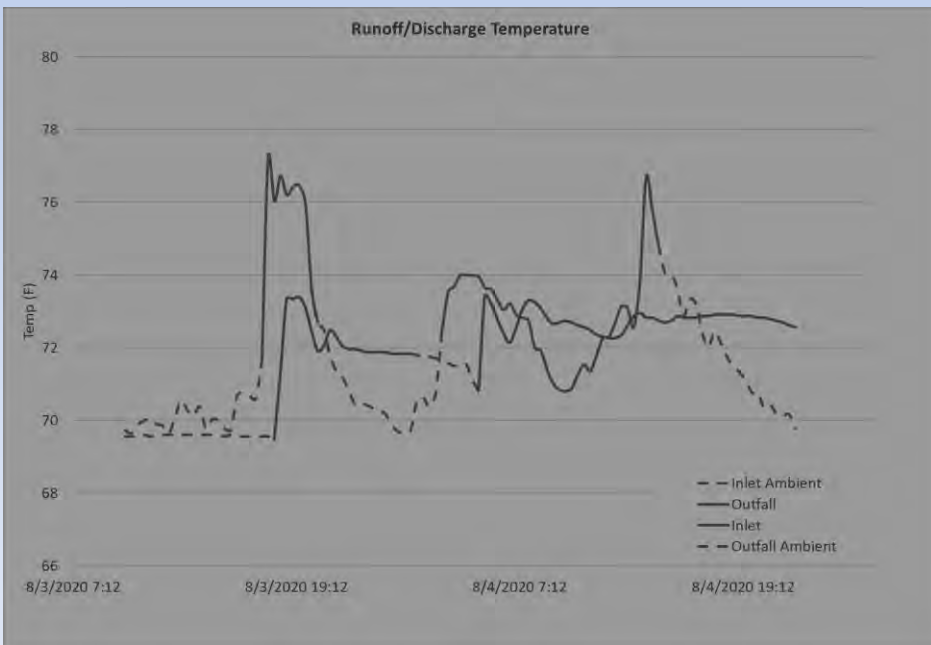
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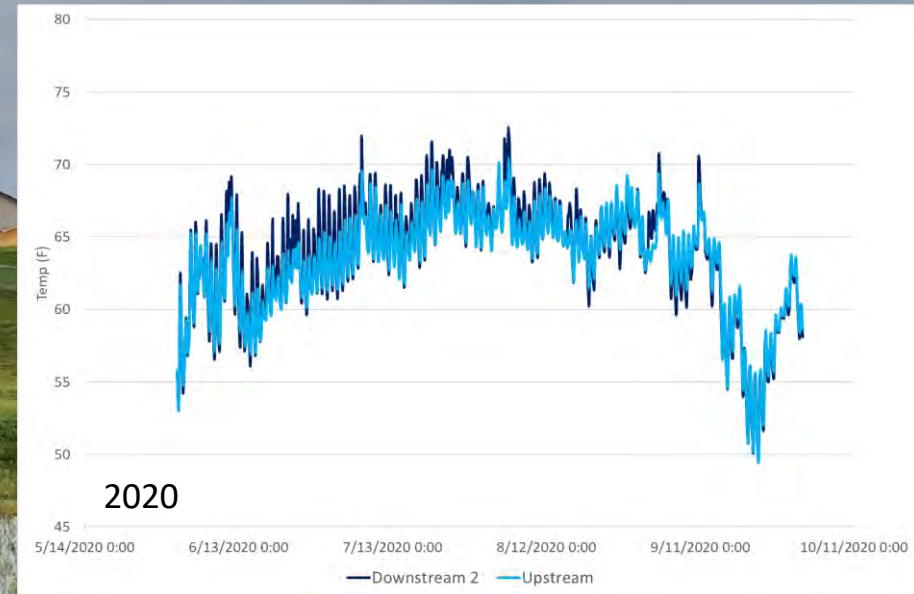
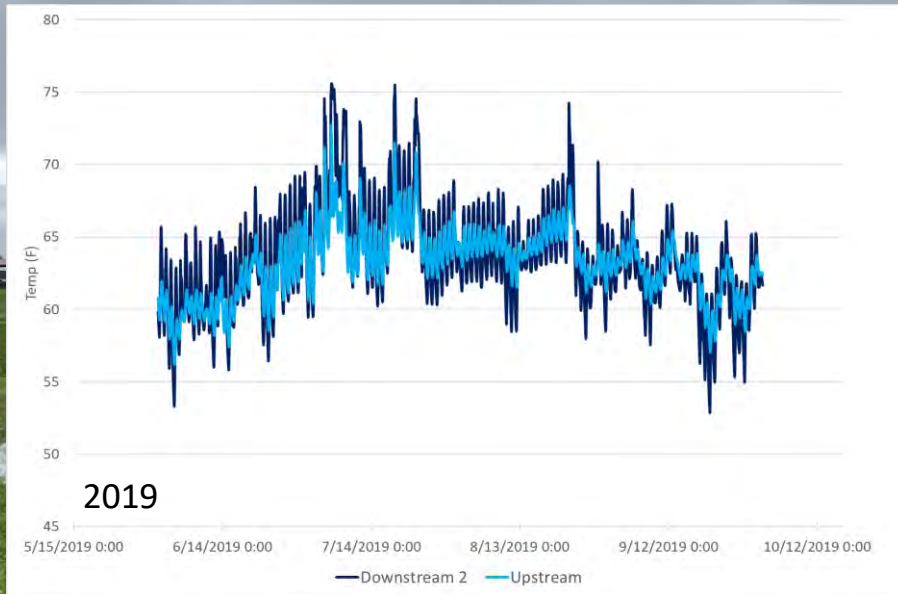
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Summer Stream Temperatures

Cumulative Rainfall June 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019:
14.28"

Cumulative Rainfall June 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020:
11.12"



Location	Avg. Temp (F)	% Above 68F
Upstream	61.14	2.85%
Downstream 2	63.54	10.24%
Ambient	72.23	

Location	Avg. Temp (F)	% Above 68F
Upstream	63.41	5.12%
Downstream 2	63.76	10.13%
Ambient	72.26	

Willow Pond w/ Gravel Lens- Eden Farms Stream Restoration



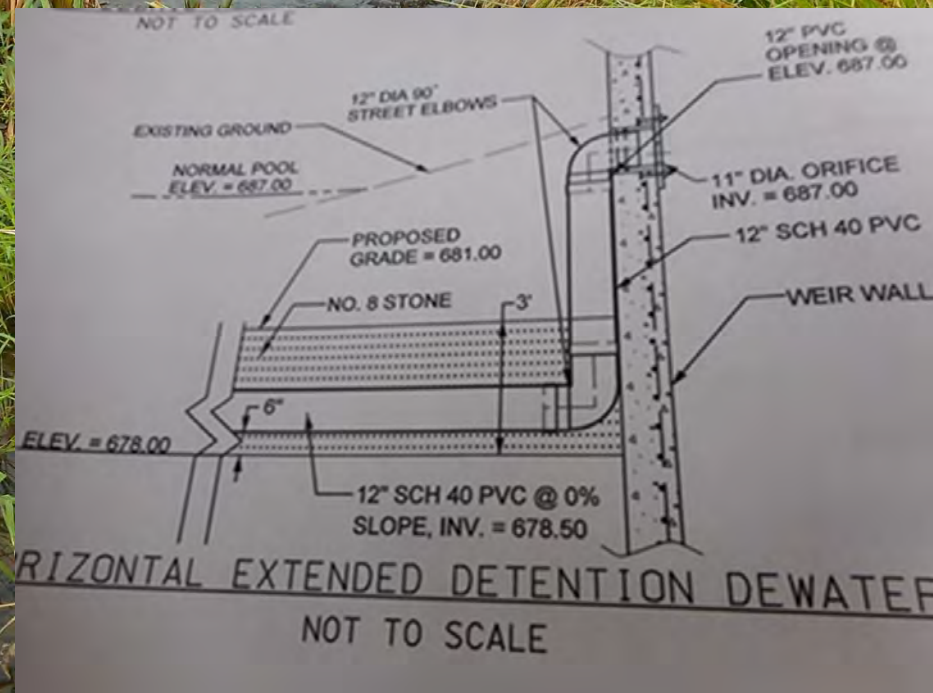


- **Control Vs. Treatment**

- Bottom withdraw Vs. Gravel substrate ("gravel lens")
 - UNH Thermal Study

- **Thermal Response?**

- **2-year design storm - BUBBA**






Legend

- Temperature Sensors
- Restored Reach
- Streams

0 200 400 800 Feet



Gravel Lens Wet Pond

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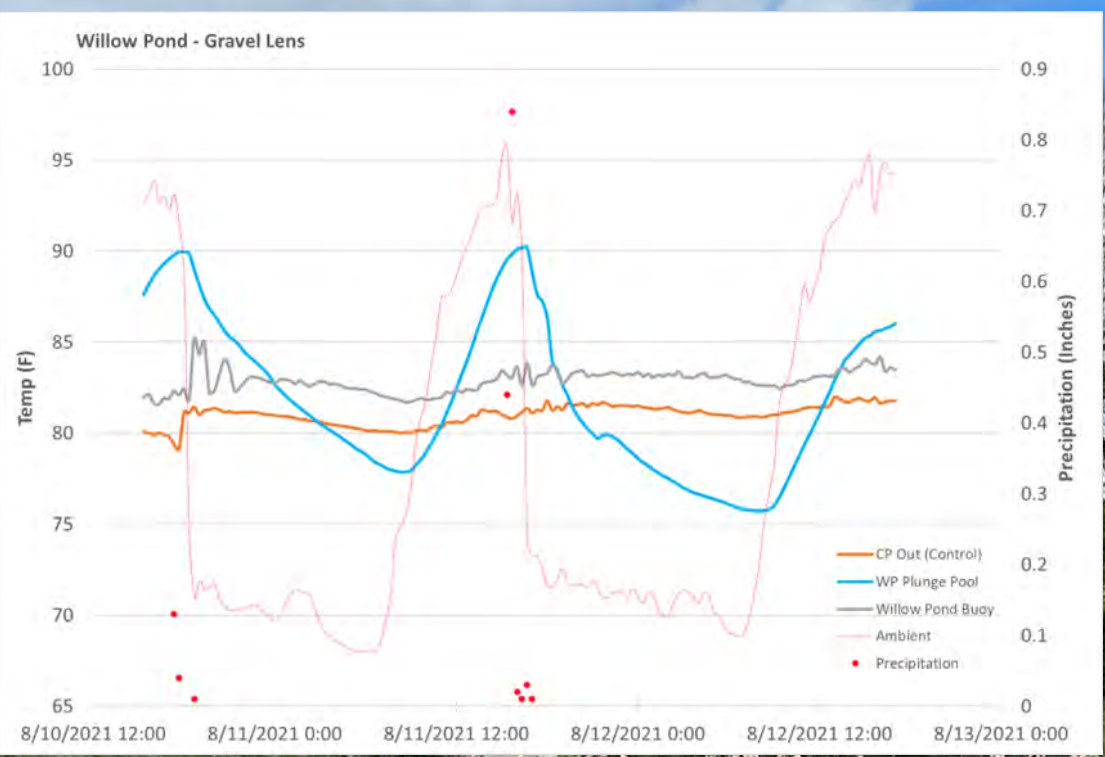
2021 Thermal Season



Buoy Launch 5/15/2021

Plunge Pool Sensor





Orifice w/ U20L HOB0 Pressure Sensor

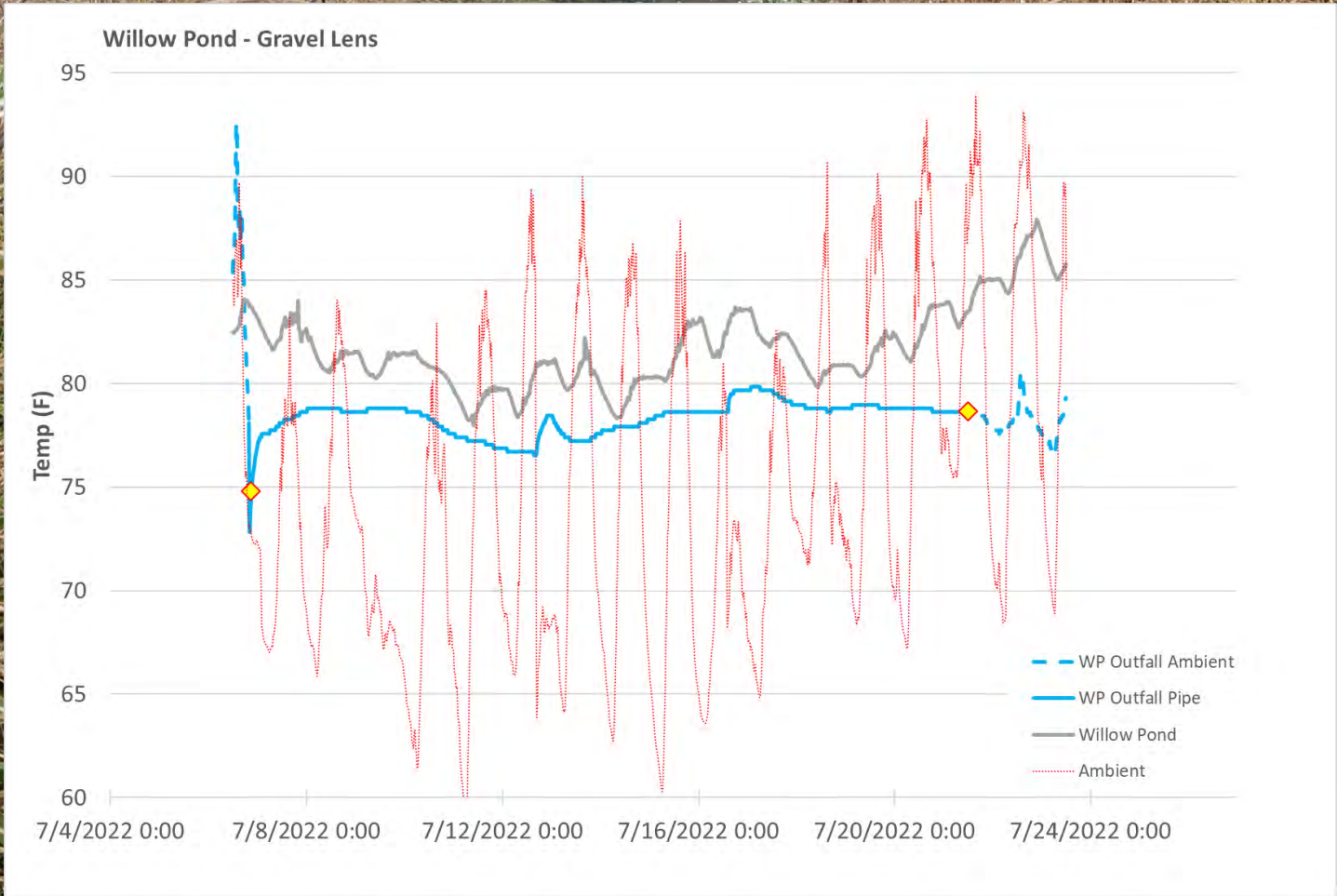
2021 Thermal Season





**July 6-23, 2022
4.29" Precipitation**

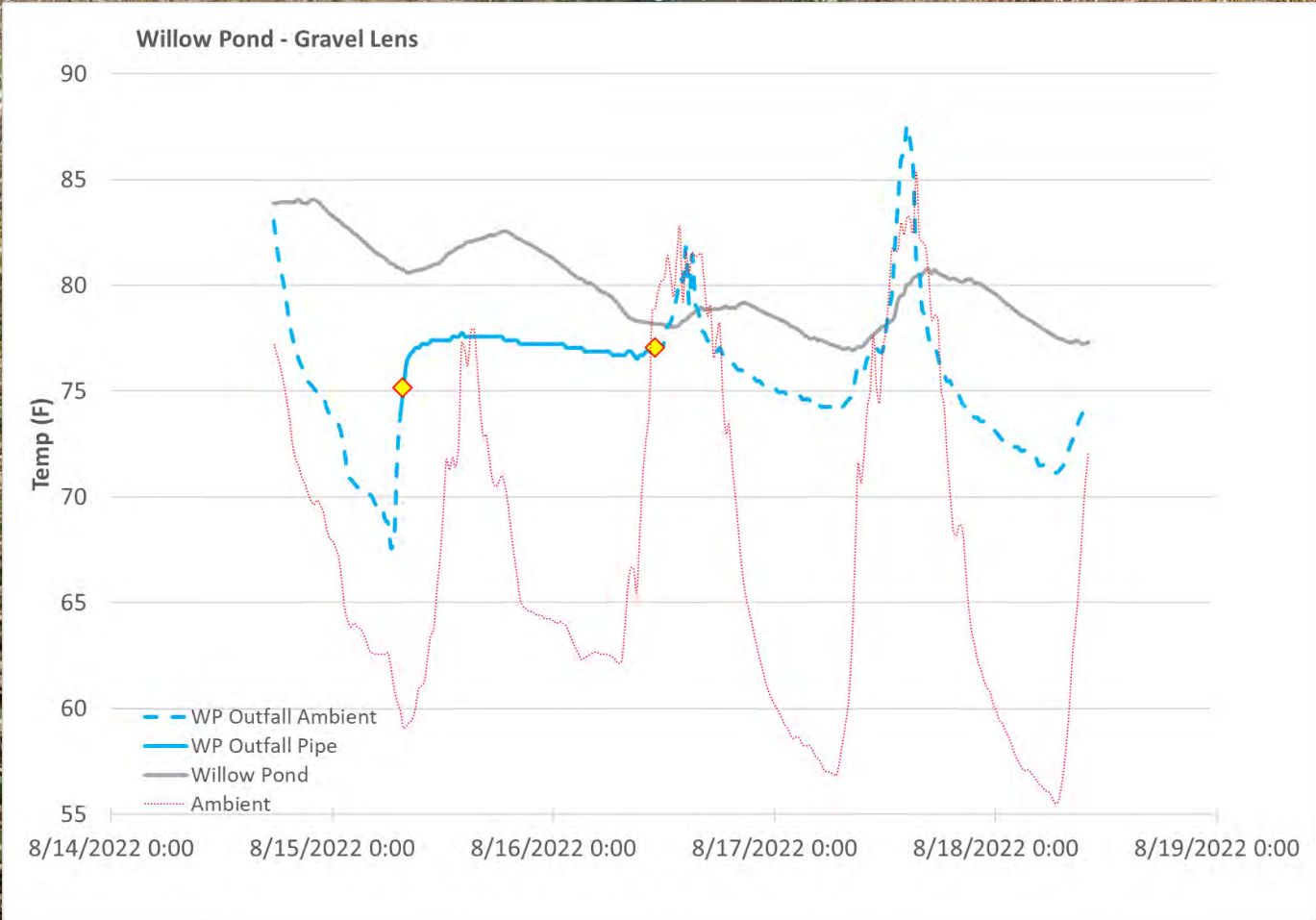
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Willow Buoy	84.00	81.21
Willow Outfall	79.85	78.33



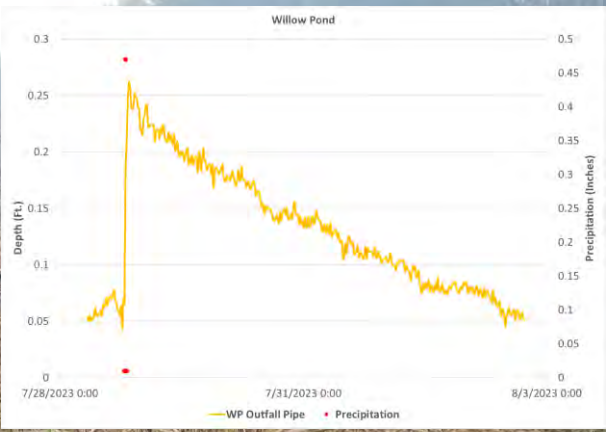


August 15, 2022 1.41" Precipitation

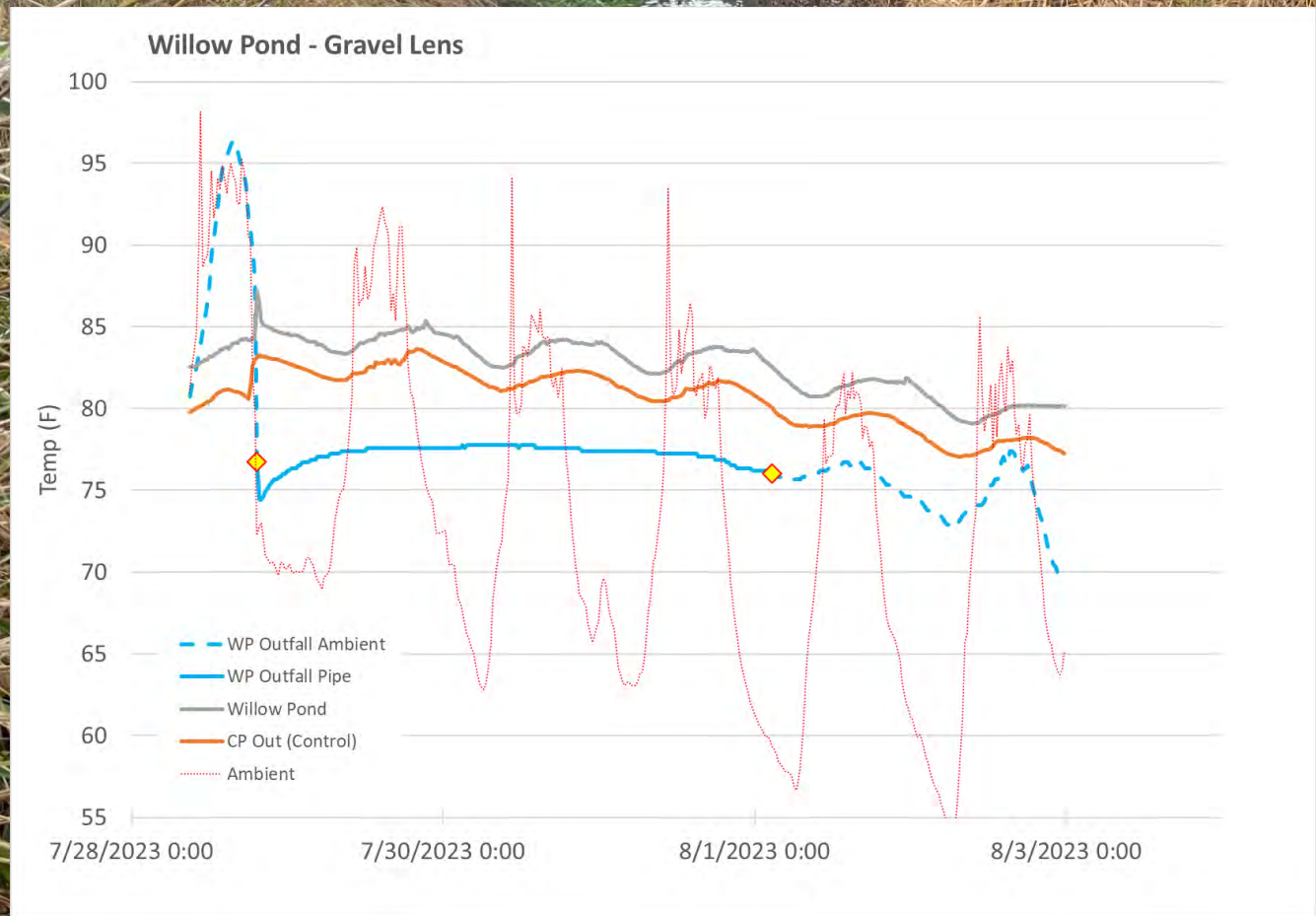
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Willow Buoy	82.53	80.80
Willow Outfall	77.57	77.10

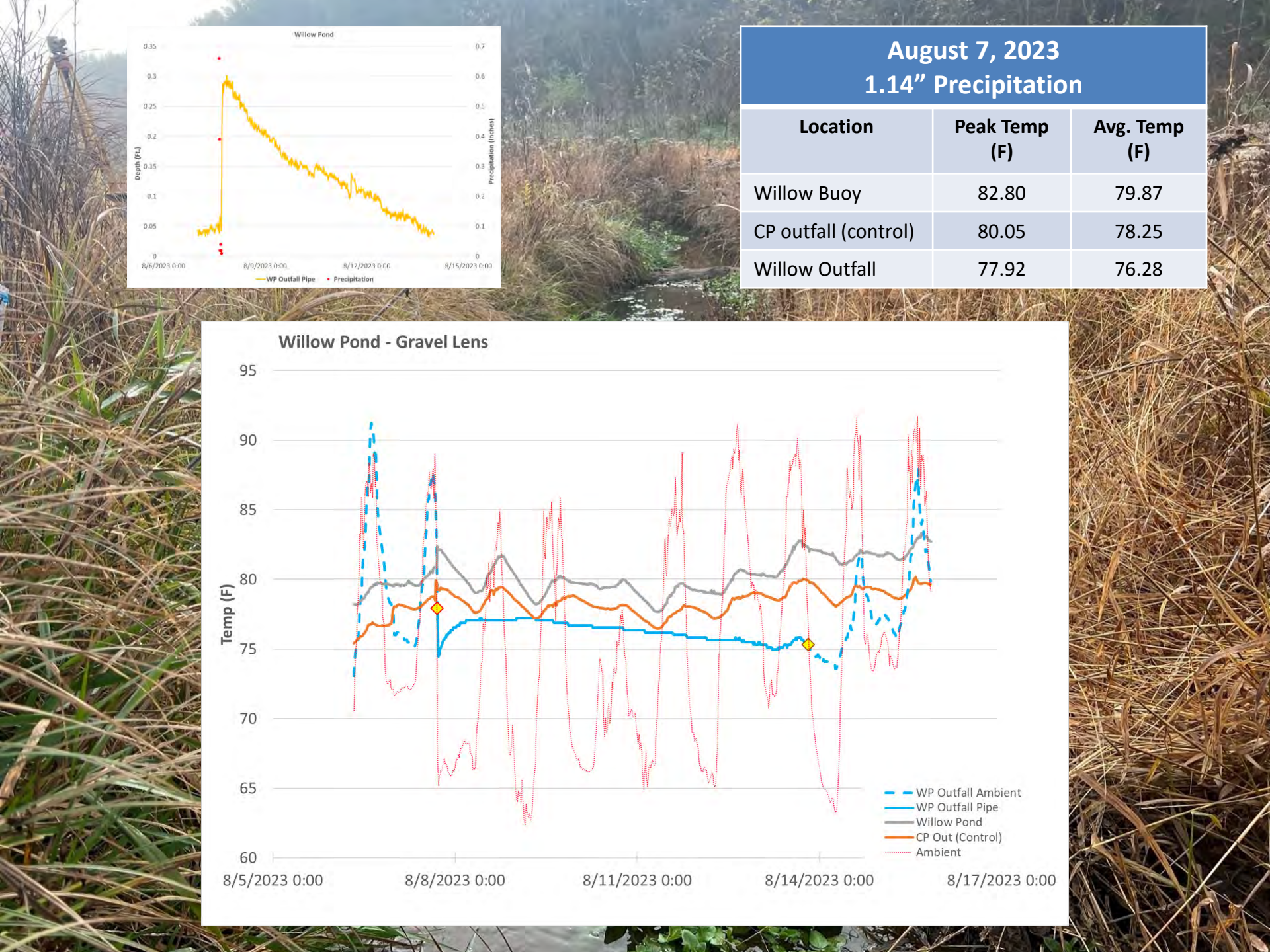


July 28, 2023
0.48" Precipitation
(0.99" 7/21 – no discharge)



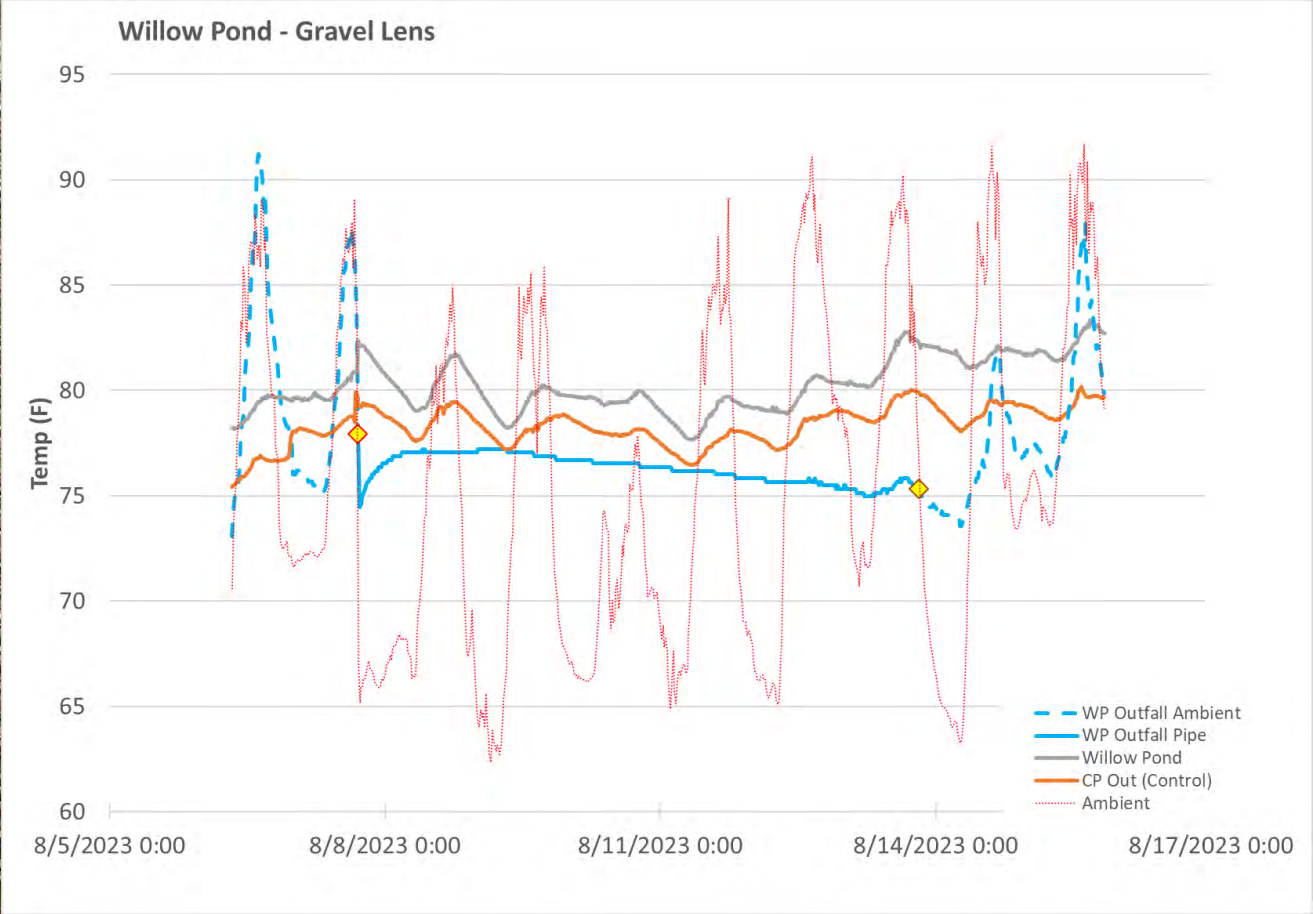
Location	Peak Temp (F)	Avg. Temp (F)
Willow Buoy	87.21	83.76
CP outfall (control)	83.60	81.90
Willow Outfall	77.75	77.19





August 7, 2023 1.14" Precipitation

Location	Peak Temp (F)	Avg. Temp (F)
Willow Buoy	82.80	79.87
CP outfall (control)	80.05	78.25
Willow Outfall	77.92	76.28



1 More Study.....

Wet Pool w/ Submerged
Gravel Wetland



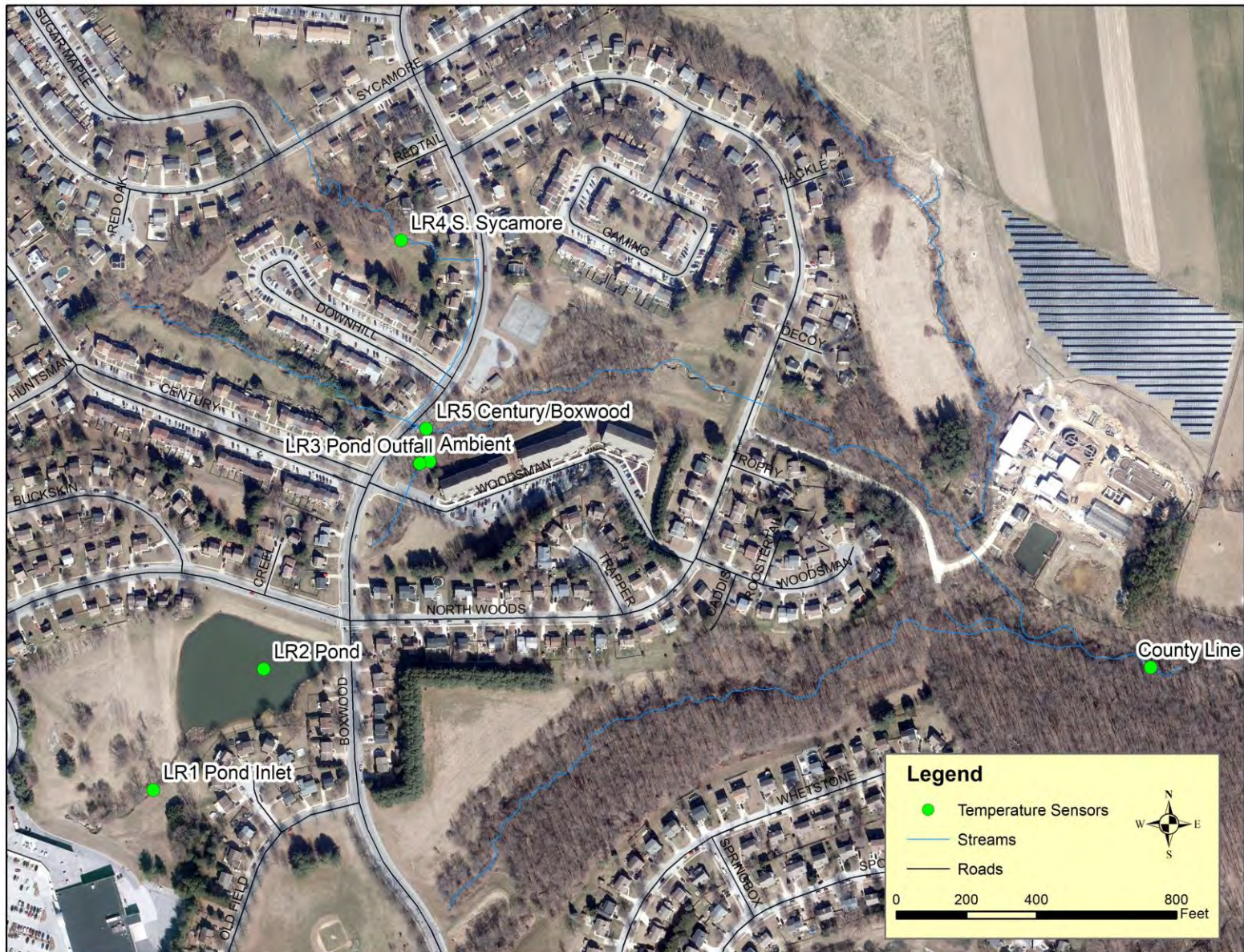
2020 Aerial



Concept Design

Wet Pool - Submerged Gravel Wetland Combination

Deployed: May 2020

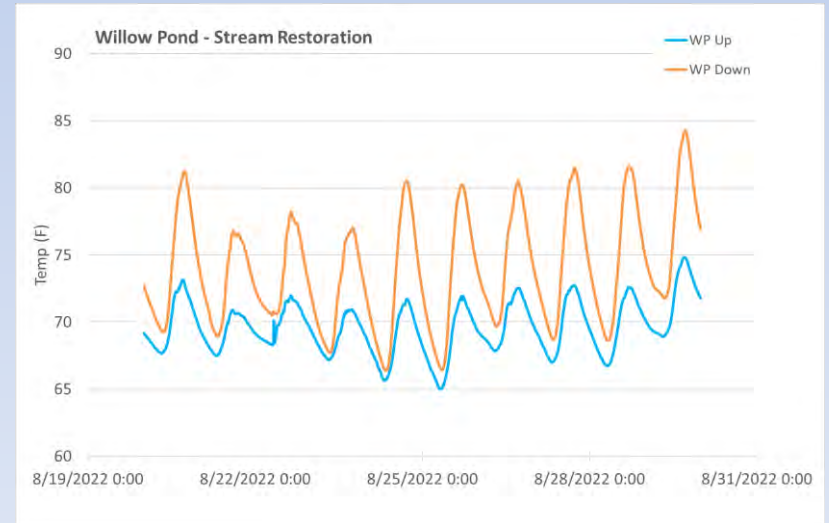
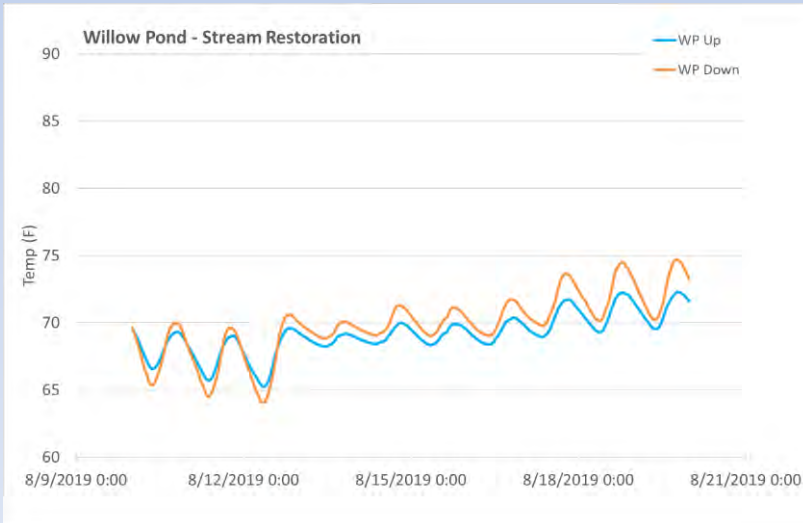


Shading



Pre-Restoration w/ Canopy

Post-Restoration no Canopy



9 days, 0.06" rain – 0.09" 96 hours prior.
 Avg. Up = 69.13F, Avg. Down = 69.82F
 (0.69F) Greater Downstream

9 days, 0.05" rain – 0.0" 96 hours prior.
 Avg. Up = 69.63F, Avg. Down = 73.99F
 (4.36F) Greater Downstream

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Thank You!!

Willow Stream Restoration/Gravel
Lens Wet Pond



MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PROJECT STATUS

February 28, 2024

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Michael's Property (Hampstead) – Project is on hold until Town has obtained approval from property owners to move forward.

Meadow Ridge Basin 2 (Westminster) – Retrofit of existing facility to provide water quality through a surface sand filter. This site is adjacent to the pump station at the edge of the City limits. The RFP was emailed out to the five County Engineering term contractors, with proposals due back March 1st, 2024.

Hampstead Valley 2/3 (Hampstead) – Hampstead Valley facilities 2 and 3 will be retrofit as a stream restoration project to decommission Sycamore Drive as a roadway embankment. The design will include a stream restoration beginning immediately downstream of the proposed Hampstead Valley 1 facility and continue to Sycamore Drive.

CONCEPT DESIGN:

Hampstead Valley 1 (Hampstead) – Retrofit of existing detention basin to a surface sand filter. Site is located just south of Lower Beckleysville Road near a production well. CLSI submitted a revised concept plan for review on December 7th, the plan is being reviewed.

Manchester East (Manchester) – CLSI is working on the concept design of a new stormwater facility north of Manchester Valley High School, adjacent to the pump station. CLSI submitted a concept plan February 16th.

New Windsor Wetland (New Windsor) - A new wetland facility is proposed adjacent to the Maryland Midland Railroad tracks and Dickenson Run. The proposed improvements include removing the existing inlet adjacent to the intersection of Water St and Church St, replacing it with a diversion structure that will route the 1-year storm discharges to the proposed wetland facility. We are working through the design with the engineer for a structure to balance the facility on both sides of the sewer main. Comments have been provided to the engineer.

Public Safety Training Center (Westminster Well)- A retrofit for the Public Safety Training Center pond is in progress for the facility design and PFAS remediation. WRA is finalizing the concept plan for the surface sand filter. We are continuing to work with Building Construction to coordinate design efforts for erosion and sediment control. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 23rd to talk with the design engineer.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN:

Hampstead Valley 4 (Hampstead) – A new surface sand filter and stream restoration project is proposed between Century Street and Downhill Trail. Culverts at Downhill Trail require realignment into the HOA parcel for dam breach approval. Soil borings are scheduled to be completed by KCI on Friday, February 24th.

Roberts Field Wet Facility (Hampstead) – Retrofit of wet pond to new hybrid wet pond/submerged gravel wetland. The recent concept submittal was approved with comments from the Town and Stormwater Management. Wallace Montgomery & Associates (WMA) is working on the preliminary plans. A revised grading plan was provided this month to be submitted with the grant application to DNR Grants Gateway. We anticipate resubmission of the preliminary plan by the end of February. Kleinfelder was selected to perform the geotechnical borings, we anticipate this occurring in early March. We will reach out to the Town once we have a date set.

FINAL DESIGN:

CONSTRUCTION:

PLANNING PROJECTS:

Little Pipe Creek Restoration Opportunities –CWP has developed a spreadsheet to prioritize projects and has identified five potential projects. The County plans to submit an application to NFWF for technical assistance to complete a design on one of the projects identified within the City of Westminster.

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:

All the municipal plantings have completed their maintenance period and are now the responsibility of the municipalities. Please make sure that these areas are being mowed at least three (3) times per season.



WRCC Legislative Update



2024 General Assembly Proposed Water/Environmental Resource Legislation

Status: As of February 28, 2024

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p>SB 96/HB 24 ENVIRONMENT - IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AND STATE AGENCY ACTIONS Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a climate and environmental equity evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for residents of the State to opt in to text, phone, e-mail, or regular mail notifications regarding any facility with a pending or final permit approval in or adjacent to the resident's census tract; altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies; etc.</p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0096F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0096F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SB: Hearing 3/5 ◆ HB: Hearing 2/21 <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MML: Not tracking (as of 2/15) ◆ MACO: Not tracking (as of 2/28) ◆ LRM Position: No action <p>➤ Other: Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: SB0743 / HB0840</p>
<p>SB 274/HB 17 CHARTER COUNTIES - COMPREHENSIVE PLANS - AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING Altering requirements for the housing element of a charter county's comprehensive plan to include requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; requiring the housing element of a comprehensive plan that is enacted or amended on or after January 1, 2025, to include an assessment of fair housing to ensure that the county is affirmatively furthering fair housing; etc.</p> <p><i>*Bill imposes a local government mandate, which is a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit.</i></p> <p>Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0274F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0017F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SB: Hearing 1/25; favorable; passed Senate ◆ HB: Hearing 2/6; favorable; passed House <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MML: Not tracking (as of 2/15) ◆ MACO: Not tracking (as of 2/28) ◆ LRM Position: No action <p>➤ Other: requested by MDP</p>

Bill + Description

Status + Position

SB 356/HB 3

LAND USE - EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - REQUIREMENTS

Requiring local jurisdictions to establish and implement an expedited development review process for certain proposed affordable housing developments; applying the process to a charitable organization seeking to develop affordable housing on its own land and a public housing authority proposing to develop affordable housing on land owned by a charity or a government entity; and establishing a good-faith waiver for local jurisdictions that cannot implement an expedited development review process.

**Bill imposes a local government mandate, which is a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit.*

Bills:

- **SB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0356F.pdf>
 - **HB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0003F.pdf>
- ♦ Discussed @ WRCC meeting 1/26/2024

> Status:

- ♦ **SB:** Hearing 2/1
- ♦ **HB:** Hearing 1/30

> Positions:

- ♦ **MML:** Hold
- ♦ **MACO:** Support w Amendments
- ♦ **LRM Position:** No action

> **Other:** Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: [SB0903](#)

SB 484/HB 538

LAND USE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – ZONING DENSITY AND PERMITTING (HOUSING EXPANSION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024)

Prohibiting a local legislative body from prohibiting the placement of a certain manufactured home in certain residential zoning districts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from using an element of an adequate public facilities law to deny certain permits for certain State-funded affordable housing projects or other qualified projects or to restrict or limit the development of the projects in a certain manner; etc.

Bills:

- **SB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0484F.pdf>
 - **HB:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0538F.pdf>
- ♦ Discussed @ WRCC meeting 1/26/2024

> Status:

- ♦ **SB:** Hearing 3/1
- ♦ **HB:** Hearing 2/20

> Positions:

- ♦ **MML:** Support w Amendments
- ♦ **MACO:** Support w Amendments
- ♦ **LRM Position:** No action

> **Other:** requested by Administration

HB 516

CLIMATE CRISIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT OF 2024

Description: Establishing the Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment to provide for the assessment of greenhouse gas pollution fees, the provision of certain benefits to households and employers, and the funding of certain climate-related activities; providing for the collection and use of certain greenhouse gas pollution fees; establishing the Household and Employer Benefit Fund and the Climate Crisis Infrastructure Fund as special, nonlapsing funds; etc.

- **Bill:** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0516F.pdf>
- ♦ Discussed @ WRCC meeting 1/26/2024

> Status:

- ♦ **SB:** n/a
- ♦ **HB:** Hearing 2/29 (EM)

> Positions:

- ♦ **MML:** Not tracking (as of 2/15)
- ♦ **MACO:** Not tracking (as of 2/28)
- ♦ **LRM Position:** n/a

> **Other:** Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: [HB0171](#)

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UNLIKELY TO PASS 🚧

MOVING FORWARD 🏃

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p>SB 572 ENVIRONMENT – COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER DOCUMENTS, DATA, AND INFORMATION – REQUIREMENTS Description: Requiring a water utility operating in the State to post on its website or provide to the Department of the Environment documents, data, and information required as part of the water utility's annual water quality consumer confidence report; requiring a certain local government to provide or post on its website certain data and information to a certain water utility; prohibiting the Department from imposing more than a certain amount in fines on certain water utilities for each reporting year; etc. Bill: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0572F.pdf <i>♦ Emailed to WRCC 1/26/2024</i></p>	<p>> Status: <i>♦ SB:</i> Hearing 2/6 <i>♦ HB:</i> n/a > Positions: <i>♦ MML:</i> Support w Amendments <i>♦ MACO:</i> Support w Amendments <i>♦ LRM Position:</i> n/a</p>
<p>SB 710 WATER UTILITIES SHUTOFF PROTECTIONS Description: Authorizing a certain water utility to temporarily shut off service for reasons of health or safety or in a State or national emergency, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service for certain reasons; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service on receipt of certain information; and prohibiting the sale of property solely to enforce a lien imposed for unpaid water, sewer, or sanitary system charges, fees, or assessments except in certain circumstances. Bill: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0710F.pdf <i>♦ Emailed to WRCC 1/31/2024</i></p>	<p>> Status: <i>♦ SB:</i> Hearing 2/29 <i>♦ HB:</i> n/a > Positions: <i>♦ MML:</i> Watch <i>♦ MACO:</i> Not tracking (as of 2/28) <i>♦ LRM Position:</i> n/a > Other: Introduced in 2023 Regular Session as: SB0883</p>
<p>SB 726/HB 1478 BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES – DECOMMISSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON Description: Altering the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include, beginning in fiscal year 2026, 100% of certain costs related to the decommissioning of certain wastewater treatment lagoons. Bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0726F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1478F.pdf <i>♦ Emailed to WRCC 1/31/2024; 2/14/2024</i></p>	<p>> Status: <i>♦ SB:</i> Hearing 2/20 <i>♦ HB:</i> Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules) > Positions: <i>♦ MML:</i> Not tracking (as of 2/15) <i>♦ MACO:</i> Support <i>♦ LRM Position:</i> n/a</p>

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p>SB 835/HB 992 ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS Description: Requiring a local health department or county government with certain 4 delegated authority to submit, on or before a certain date, a schedule of review times 5 for certain well and septic program permits to the Department of the Environment 6 for approval; requiring a local health department or county government to submit 7 well and septic program permit data to the Department for review at a certain 8 frequency under certain circumstances; and generally relating to local health 9 departments or county governments and well and septic program permits. Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0835F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0992F.pdf <p>♦ Emailed to WRCC 2/23/2024</p>	<p>› Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SB: Hearing 2/20 ♦ HB: Hearing 2/28 <p>› Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ MML: Not tracking (as of 2/28) ♦ MACO: Not tracking (as of 2/28) ♦ LRM Position: n/a
<p>HB 908 ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLIERS OF WATER – NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS Description: Altering certain notice requirements that a supplier of water must give to the Department of the Environment and certain individuals and entities under certain circumstances; requiring a supplier of water to give notice to the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management if there is a positive test for E. coli in the system and immediately begin certain preparations; requiring each community water system to ensure that certain testing is performed on water provided by the system; etc. Bill: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0908F.pdf</p> <p>♦ Emailed to WRCC 2/5/2024</p>	<p>› Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SB: n/a ♦ HB: withdrawn by sponsor <p>› Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ MML: Not tracking ♦ MACO: No position/Letter of Information ♦ LRM Position: n/a
<p>SB 956/HB 1153 ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION (PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION ACT) Description: Establishing the discharge limit for PFAS chemicals in any water, including stormwater, discharged from a significant industrial user to be 4 parts per trillion; requiring a significant industrial user to reduce PFAS chemicals from the water it discharges to a publicly owned treatment works in a certain manner; requiring a significant industrial user to store, reuse, and dispose of certain PFAS chemicals in a certain manner; etc. Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0956F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1153F.pdf <p>♦ Emailed to WRCC 2/15/2024</p>	<p>› Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SB: Hearing 2/20 ♦ HB: Hearing 3/1 <p>› Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ MML: Watch ♦ MACO: Support w Amendments ♦ LRM Position: No action

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p>SB 969/HB 1165 STREAM AND WATERSHED RESTORATION – STREAM RESTORATION CONTRACTOR LICENSING AND CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS RESTORATION AND FUNDING (WHOLE WATERSHED ACT) Description: Establishing the Stream Restoration Contractors Licensing Board; requiring a person to be licensed as a stream restoration contractor or be employed by an individual or entity that is licensed as a stream restoration contractor before the person performs or solicits to perform stream restoration contractor services in the State, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide notice of a certain violation to a stream restoration contractor; etc. Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb0969F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1165F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SB: Hearing 3/5 ◆ HB: Hearing 3/1 <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MML: Watch ◆ MACO: Support w Amendments ➤ LRM Position: Oppose <p>➤ Note: 2 other stream restoration bills (SB 798; HB 1284) were also introduced, but this one is the one that is likely to pass.</p>
<p>HB 1055 ENVIRONMENT – HIGHWAYS – SALT APPLICATION Description: Requiring each State agency, county, and municipality to maintain certain records of its highway salt application and submit to the Department of the Environment by a certain date each year a report on its highway salt application for the previous winter season; and generally relating to highway salt application. Bill: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1055F.pdf</p>	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SB: Favorable Report with Amendments (JP) ◆ HB: Hearing 2/27 <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MML: Watch ◆ MACO: Support w Amendments ➤ LRM Position: Oppose
<p>HB 1074 ENVIRONMENT – INDUSTRIAL SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT Description: Establishing an industrial sludge utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing industrial sludge in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide certain notices and information to certain persons; applying certain provisions of law regarding public notice and participation to industrial sludge utilization permits; authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where industrial sludge is utilized; and generally relating to industrial sludge utilization permits. Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1074F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb0991F.pdf 	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SB: Favorable Report with Amendments (JP) ◆ HB: Hearing 2/27 <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MML: Watch ◆ MACO: Support w Amendments ➤ LRM Position: BCC Support; PLM request clarification <p>➤ Note: Sponsors include Carroll delegation members Ready, West, Bouchat, Rose, & Tomlinson</p>

Bill + Description	Status + Position
<p>SB 1173/HB 1512 BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES – SUNSET REPEAL Description: Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law that expand the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to a certain existing municipal wastewater facility. Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1174F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1512F.pdf <p>♦ Emailed to WRCC 2/23/2024</p>	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SB: Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules) ♦ HB: Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules) <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ MML: ♦ MACO: Pending ♦ LRM Position: Support; no action
<p>SB 1174/HB 1509 BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED Description: Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law that expand the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to a certain existing municipal wastewater facility. Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/sb/sb1174F.pdf • HB: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1509F.pdf <p>♦ Emailed to WRCC 2/23/2024</p>	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SB: Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules) ♦ HB: Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules) <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ MML: ♦ MACO: Not tracking (as of 2/28) ♦ LRM Position: Oppose
<p>HB 1511 FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – MODIFICATIONS Description: Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to update a certain model local government ordinance and adopt certain regulations relating to forest conservation on or before July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, respectively; delaying the dates on which certain provisions of the Forest Conservation Act will apply to certain solarvoltaic facilities and forest conservation plans; and delaying the effective date of certain provisions of the Forest Conservation Act. Bill: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1511F.pdf</p>	<p>➤ Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ SB: n/a ♦ HB: Hearing not yet scheduled (Rules) <p>➤ Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ MML: Not tracking (as of 2/28) ♦ MACO: Pending ♦ LRM Position: Support