Golf Course Project Chowan (Cho-wahn) County

- Population 14,382. Edenton 5,359.
- Agribusiness, marine fisheries, and light manufacturing.
- 35,000 tourist/year.
- Chowan River/Albemarle Sound





Albemarle Sound Estuary





Chowan Golf Club Drainage Outlets PreBMP Project









Chowan Golf Course Drainage Problems August 2001.

Chowan River/Albemarle Sound Summer 1972



Recurring Blooms in 1976 and 1978

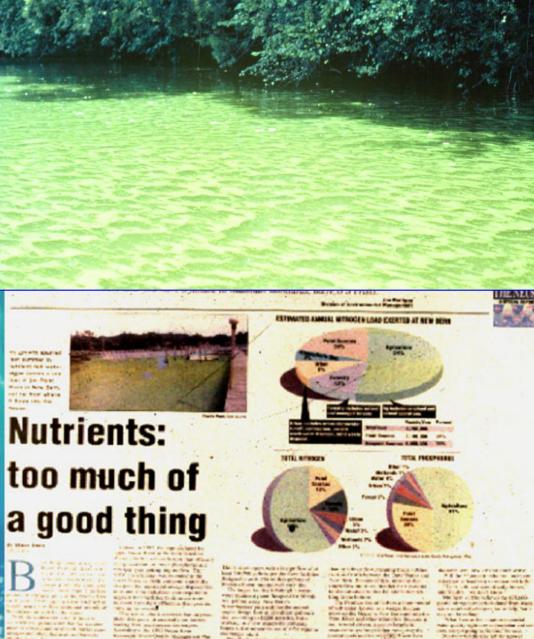




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Objectives of Chowan Golf Club Water Quality Improvement Project

- Improve drainage and playability of course
- Provide storm water storage and retention
- Nutrient reduction through use of nutrient management
- Create buffers and constructed wetlands along and within drainage network and protect with conservation easement
- Improve overall management of fertilizers, chemicals, and water (irrigation)

Partners

Natural Resources Conservation Service











Chowan Golf Course Project Partnership

- Albemarle RC&D project and grant coordination
- NRCS design technical assistance
- CES design, monitoring and evaluation
- Country Club donated land and agreed to constraints of conservation easements, 20% BMP
- County Legal and administrative support
- NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund \$417K for WQ BMPs
- 319 provided \$127K for monitoring



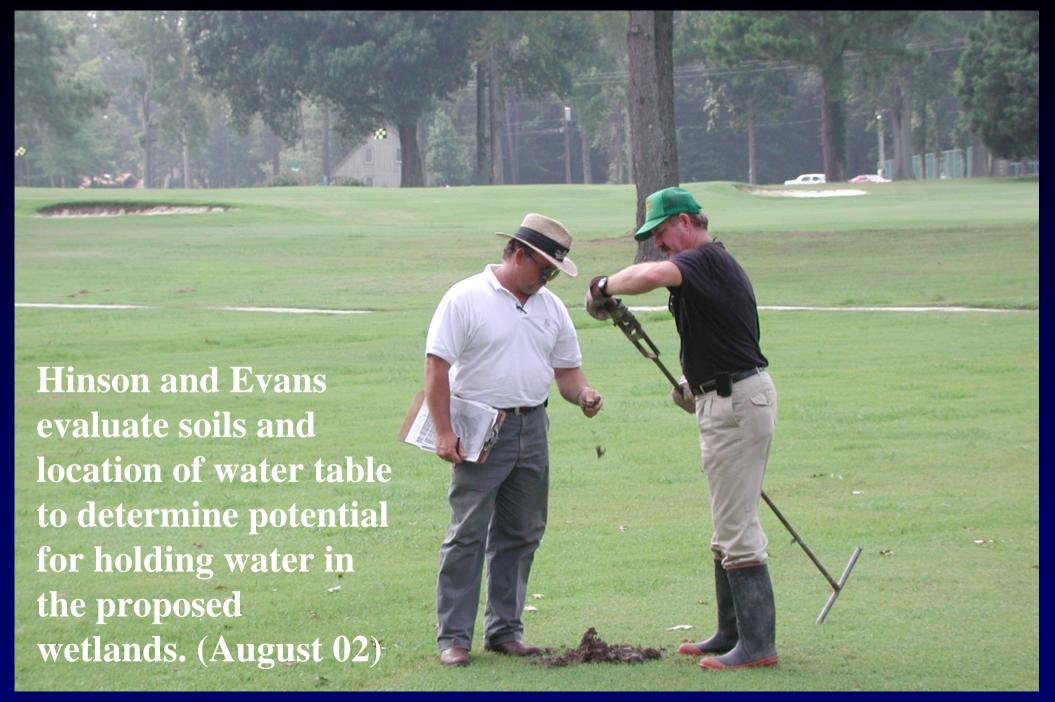
Identifying Locations for Constructed Wetlands





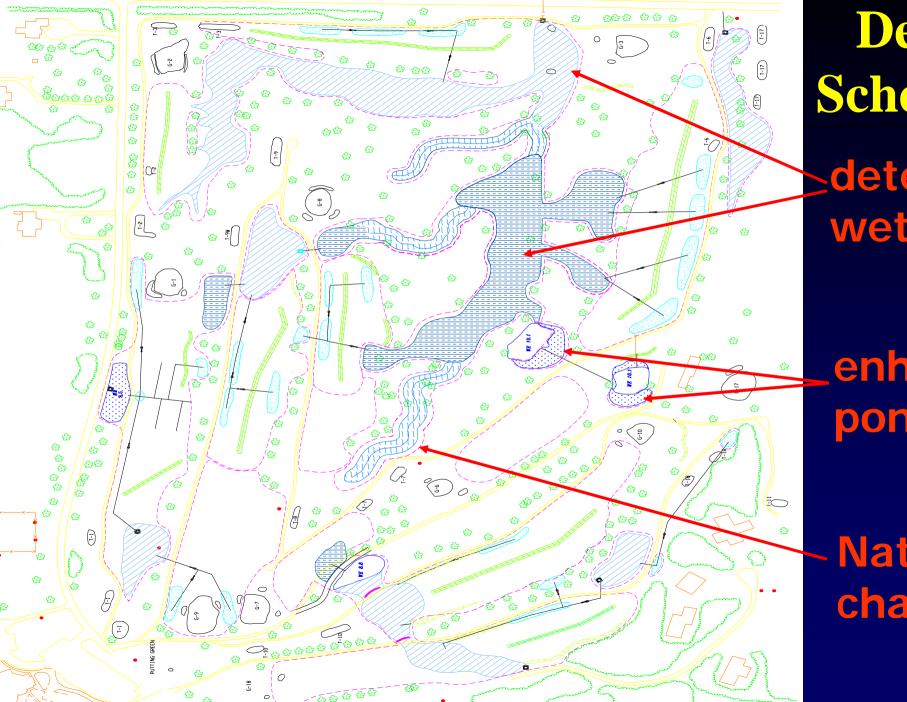






Design Objectives and Procedures

- Improve drainage and playability of course
- Peak and total discharge to less than existing
- Minimize earth moving
- Balance cut and fill
- Achieve contract wetland conservation easement area
- Detention designed for 3-7 day draw downs
- 2-8" normal pool depths, 1-2' channels
- Incorporate natural channel design into drainage network



Design Schematic

detention wetlands

enhanced ponds

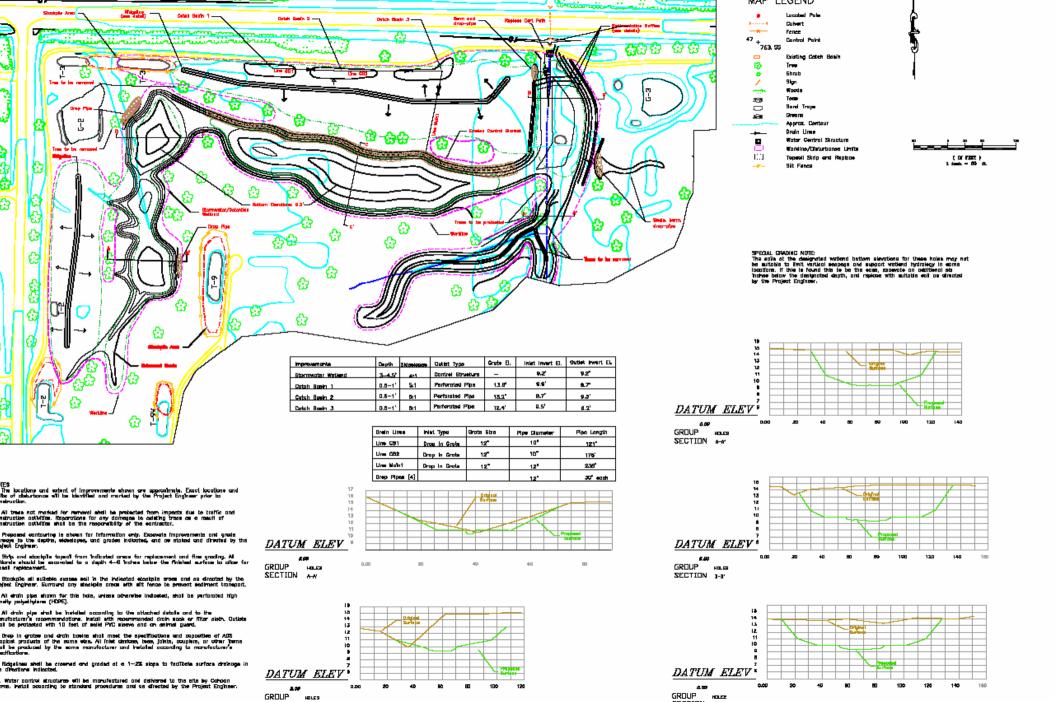
Natural channels



Planning meetings with local Board and County Manager































About half of the plants planted in the constructed wetland cells were transplanted from nearby agricultural ditches.















Perpetual Conservation Easement

- Pesticide, nutrient, irrigation and drainage management plan developed by NRCS and CES
- Management plan is condition of permanent conservation easement protecting 26 acres of constructed wetlands and riparian zones
- Conservation easement held by County.

 Modifications must be approved by county commissioners upon recommendation of county NRCS and CES.



Objectives of 319 Monitoring Project

Demonstrate practicality of incorporating characteristics of natural stream and wetland systems into golf course design and water management.

• Monitor and evaluate hydrology and water quality treatment effectiveness of storm water wetlands and riparian buffer BMPs.



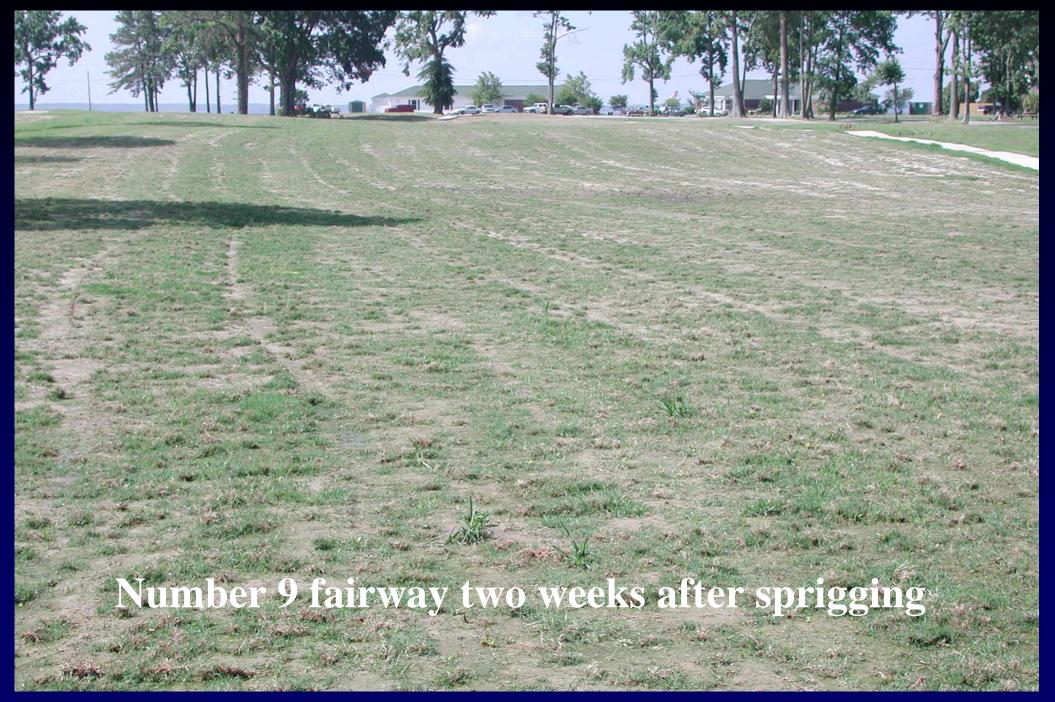
Background monitoring at the 4 outlet stations with. automatic samplers installed July, 03













Catch Basins: Inflow to Wetlands





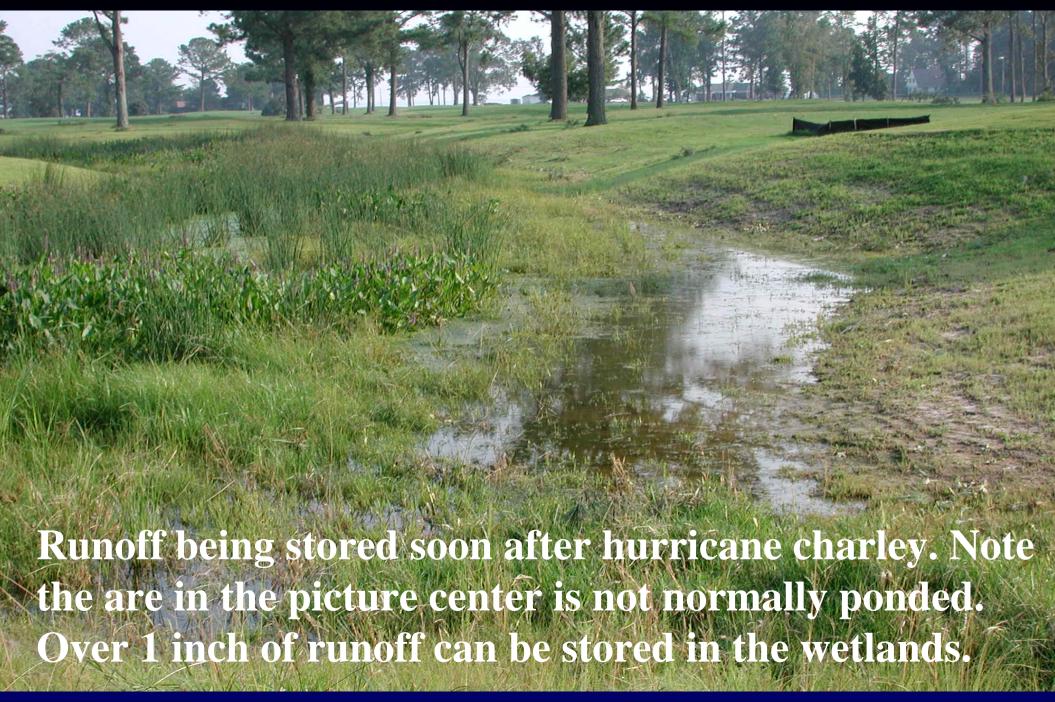
• The remaining discussion included data slides for research in progress. These data have been removed and are not being distributed until the data have been reviewed and published.













Temporary storage during 3.5 inch storm







Number 1 fairway wetland



Number 3 wetland (main outlet)



Special Inside: Handy Pull-Out on Pesticide Storage







