



HCFCD Planting Plan

Zube Stormwater Detention Basin and Conveyance Improvement Project

Project ID: L500-01-00-E002

Vegetation Planting Plan

Vegetation along the restored Little Cypress Creek will be planted in two distinct zones.

- 1. Riparian Corridor plantings will be planted along a 200-foot wide zone (100-feet on either side of the channel).
- 2. Geomorphic Stabilization plantings will be planted on the outside meander bends for the purpose of stabilizing the geomorphic stream banks. Please note that the Geomorphic Stabilization zones are located within the 200-foot Riparian Corridor zones, although they are two distinct planting zones that are exclusive of each other.

Riparian Corridor Planting Plan

The restored Little Cypress Creek riparian corridor will initially be stabilized and re-vegetated immediately following construction with Bermuda grass in accordance with Harris County Flood Control District) HCFCD standard specifications. The riparian corridor of Little Cypress Creek will be re-established with native woody trees to a minimum width of 200 feet, averaging 100 feet on either side of the channel. The riparian corridor will be planted during the first tree-planting season following completion of construction and turf establishment. Proposed riparian corridor tree species include a mixture of readily available species from the list of trees located in Attachment 1. Tree plantings will include 3- to 5-gallon container tree saplings on 15-foot to 25-foot centers.

Geomorphic Stabilization Planting Plan

Live stakes from native species such as black willow, sycamore, and cottonwood will be planted on some of the outside meander bends for added streambank stability. Live stakes will be used on the bends where the radius of curvature is tighter or the channel nears the detention basin toe of slope. Attachment 2, Sheets #54 to #77 illustrate the Natural Stable Channel Design and the proposed locations of the geomorphic (outer bend) stabilization planting areas. Sheet #82 in Attachment 1 provides details of the outer bend revegetation plan, which includes native grass hydroseed and a mix of live staking (60%) and 3-gallon container trees (40%). Container trees to be planted may include any mix of species as listed in Attachment 1. All woody species planted within the geomorphic stabilization planting zones will be planted on 6-foot centers.

Vegetation Maintenance Plan

The District maintains earthen turf grass facilities through full-service contracts that provide for the normal removal of debris and mowing three (3) times per year during the growing season. Additional requests for maintenance can be made on an as needed basis by the public or staff through the District's Citizen Service Center. Herbicide application for the control of nuisance and 2

invasive species, such as Johnson grass, is strategically coordinated with mowing operations by District field crews, as needed, to achieve optimal control of undesirable species.

District tree planting contracts include a two-year service agreement to maintain newly planted trees with regular watering. After the first two years when trees have become established, trees are maintained by the District. Sensitive habitat maintenance contractors are also employed by the District and will maintain the riparian buffer with invasive species management on an as needed basis. As the native riparian buffer becomes established over time, the need for mowing and invasive species control will diminish.

Vegetation Monitoring Plan

The District will monitor the proposed Little Cypress Creek stream restoration for vegetation establishment over a three-year monitoring period. The District's turf grass establishment program will conduct regular vegetation inspections within the 200-foot wide riparian corridor until the turf grasses have achieved the minimum success criteria of 75% coverage. Additional overseeding will be applied as necessary until the site achieves the minimum coverage required for site stabilization.

The District will monitor installed trees over a three-year monitoring period within the 200-foot wide riparian corridor zone. Success will be determined by achieving a percent survival of at least 75%. If it is determined that success criteria for survivability are not being met during required annual monitoring events, additional tree plantings will be conducted as necessary until at least 75% of the trees that have been planted are documented to have survived.

An annual monitoring report would be submitted to the USACE by the District for a minimum of three years, or until all success criteria noted above are obtained and documented in an annual monitoring report.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Tree Species List

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Tree Species List

loblolly pine
bald cypress
bur oak
green ash
cedar elm
American elm
pecan
water oak
sycamore
river birch
redbud
cherry laurel
possumhaw
arrowwood
American beautyberry
pond cypress
black gum
black walnut
black locust
cedar elm
Chickasaw plum
ironwood
live oak
post oak
southern magnolia
spicebush
sugarberry
swamp chestnut oak
sweetgum
water hickory
water tupelo
wax myrtle
willow oak
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ATTACHMENT 2 – Natural Stable Channel Design

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