Dominion Energy Southeast Services, Inc. 400 Otarre Parkway Cayce, SC 29033



September 18, 2020

Mr. Greg Cassidy State Voluntary Cleanup Program Bureau of Land and Waste Management South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Congaree River Project

Attachment P – Restoration - Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

In support of the Dominion Energy South Carolina (DESC) Congaree River Project, the attached Restoration - Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan will be included as Attachment P in the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit application that will be submitted by September 30, 2020.

This Plan was developed to provide additional details regarding restoration activities, in particular the planned riverbank and shoreline restoration activities that will be completed for the Stakeholder-Developed Modified Removal Action (MRA) activities.

The Department's written approval/concurrence of this Attachment is an important component of the permit application submittal to the USACE.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Paul Biery of DESC at 803-217-5016.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Effinger, P.E.

Director, Environmental Services

**Enclosures** 

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### ATTACHMENT P

RESTORATION OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING PLAN

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# CONGAREE RIVER SITE COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA



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### RESTORATION OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING PLAN

### CONGAREE RIVER SITE COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

### INTRODUCTION

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (DESC) plans to complete a Stakeholder-Developed Modified Removal Action (MRA) to address the occurrence of a tar-like material (TLM) that is commingled with sediment along the eastern shoreline of the Congaree River, just south of the Gervais Street Bridge in Columbia, South Carolina. The project area location is shown on Figure 1. The TLM is believed to be a coal tar material that originated from the Huger Street former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site, located approximately 1,000 feet to the northeast of the project area. The proposed work is being performed by DESC at the direction of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and is subject to permits and approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and other agencies.

The overall objective of this project is to remove impacted sediment from the Congaree River. The current plan is to complete an MRA that consists of the removal of impacted sediment from two separate areas as depicted in Figure 2. The removal areas are close to the shoreline and therefore more susceptible to human dermal contact or exposure, and include locations where more concentrated or thicker deposits of TLM are known to exist. A temporary cofferdam will be constructed for each area to facilitate removal of the impacted sediment in phases. After the temporary cofferdam is constructed, the isolated area will be dewatered, and the impacted sediment removed and transported off-site for disposal. Following completion of the impacted sediment removal activities in each phase and removal of the cofferdam, this Restoration Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan will be implemented.

The active, or in-the-river construction season for building or relocating the cofferdam will be from May through October of each year. DESC has also requested permission to work behind the cofferdam year-round, with minimal site activity projected during the months of December through April.

This Plan was developed to provide additional details regarding restoration activities, in particular the planned riverbank and shoreline restoration activities that will be completed. This Plan includes the use of bio-restoration techniques for the riverbank and riparian areas disturbed by MRA activities. Due to unknown factors such as the exact extent and depth of TLM impacts immediately adjacent to the shoreline, and the resulting uncertainty of slope stability while removing the impacted sediment, the actual approach, locations and techniques for shoreline protection are assumed and may need modified during installation. This plan will serve as a guide for the planned restoration techniques and recognizes that actual site conditions will dictate the exact extent, location, and materials of construction for the shoreline restoration.

### **REMOVAL ACTION ACTIVITIES**

Initial project activities will consist of constructing the landside support zone prior to installing the cofferdam around each MRA area. Figure 2 shows the MRA areas and conceptual site operations layout

with landside support zone components. The landside support zone will consist of a series of gravel roads and equipment/material storage areas and temporary structures.

The cofferdams will be constructed to isolate the planned work areas from the remainder of the river and facilitate dewatering and excavation of the impacted sediment. After the cofferdam is in place and the area dewatered, the sediment removal activities will commence. To the extent practical, the existing riverbank will remain undisturbed. However, many areas of the existing shoreline/riverbank will be impacted and require restoration. After sediment removal in each area is completed, the cofferdam components will be completely removed from the river and disturbed portions of the riverbank will be restored. Landside support zone equipment and structures will be demobilized after sediment removal is completed and the landside operations area will be restored to pre-MRA conditions. Specific site restoration activities associated with the river, landside operations, and riverbank and shoreline areas are described below.

### **RESTORATION PLANS**

### **River Restoration**

DESC plans on removing all sediment and gravel, small rocks, etc. (both visually impacted with TLM and visually unimpacted material) from the removal areas to the extent practical. Large rocks that are visually unimpacted may be temporarily relocated within the work area to facilitate sediment removal and then returned to their approximate original locations. As an additional measure, DESC plans to pressure wash the exposed bedrock bottom of the river where necessary. Water generated during the pressure washing stage will be collected and removed from the excavation for treatment and discharge to the City of Columbia Public Owned Treatment Works (POTW). The intent is to remove any residual staining or impacts due to the presence of TLM, if practical.

Current plans do not include replacing any removed material with backfill. The impacted sediment will be removed down to the top of the underlying bedrock. In many areas, this will only require removal of several inches of sediment. Following completion of the removal activities, the cofferdam will be removed and over time, the natural depositional processes of the river will restore the river bottom to natural conditions. This process will allow for natural re-deposition of sediment within the removal area based on current river hydraulics. Not replacing the impacted sediment with fill material will also eliminate the potential for backfill materials to be washed downstream and deposited in other areas or degrade other habitats through siltation, etc.

#### **Landside Restoration**

Prior to mobilization, a Notice of Intent will be submitted to the City of Columbia for coverage under South Carolina NPDES General Permit For Stormwater Discharges From Construction Activities SC100000. This submittal will include a Comprehensive Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan which includes a Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Plan (SMSCP). The SMSCP provides details on erosion and sediment control methods to be established, maintained and inspected at the site during active operations, as well as plans for final restoration following completion of landside activities. The general approach to final restoration of the landside operations areas is to restore the locations to pre-MRA conditions to the extent practical.

### **Riverbank and Shoreline Restoration**

Figure 2 provides the site operations plan scenario and highlights the approximate areas where the eastern shoreline of the riverbank will likely be disturbed as a result of MRA activities. It is estimated that approximately 1,300 linear feet of the project area shoreline may be impacted by MRA activities. Shoreline disturbances will be limited to the extent practical. These locations include access roads and cofferdam/riverbank tie-in locations. Available delineation data suggest that TLM is not located within the riverbank soil and as a result, much of the riverbank and riparian corridor may be left undisturbed.

Areas where disturbance may not be necessary will be demarcated with flagging or fencing to ensure they are not impacted by removal operations or heavy equipment movement unless required. Oversight personnel will routinely monitor these areas in order to prevent unnecessary impacts. In areas where shoreline impacts are necessary, and/or the removal of impacted sediment results in slope failure, DESC will conduct restoration activities. Restoration will include recreating the approximate shoreline slope, stabilization of the bank via riprap and/or bioengineered solutions, and restoration of vegetative cover where practical. DESC's goals are to minimize riverbank disturbance where possible, to restore disturbed areas to natural pre-MRA conditions, and to utilize bioengineering techniques and structures to the extent practical when repairing impacted shoreline. Figure 2 provides the currently envisioned shoreline restoration scenario. Figures 3 through 6 show details of riverbank restoration/stabilization alternatives and examples of potential techniques that will be utilized. The restoration approach consists of four major components:

- 1. Minimization of impacts and protection of areas where disturbance is not required (Figure 2);
- Use of "hardscaping" or riprap type stabilization measures in high velocity/high turbulence areas
  to safeguard against future bank erosion (primarily limited to northern portion of Area 1) [refer to
  details on Figure 3];
- 3. Use of riprap to stabilize the transition area between the excavated area and the undisturbed shoreline at and below normal water level (refer to Detail 4-1 on Figure 4); and
- 4. Use of bioengineered solutions in areas less susceptible to future erosion (refer to details on Figures 4 through 6).

As stated above, portions of the riparian corridor where disturbance may not be necessary will be demarcated to ensure that they are not impacted unless required. This preservation technique will be a key component of the overall project. In high water velocity or turbulent areas, stabilization of the shoreline will take priority over re-establishing vegetative cover. As a result, in some areas it will be necessary to utilize restoration techniques and material that is more resistant to erosion (i.e., hardscape) in order to ensure that the bank is capable of withstanding high velocity and turbulent flows. Typical techniques utilized in these areas include placement of geotextile and riprap, which will serve to fortify the bank and resist future erosion over time (Figure 3). As currently envisioned, these stabilization practices will likely be necessary in the northern portion of Area 1.

Removal operations will necessitate creation of a small cut at the toe of the existing riverbank slope where excavation of material is discontinued. Geotextile and riprap will be placed in this transition zone in order to support and protect the riverbank from sloughing or collapsing. The specific detail for this technique is provided as Detail 4-1 on Figure 4. The riprap placement will be minimized to the extent practical and should not significantly extend above the normal waterline in most areas. Over time,

sediment will likely accumulate in the voids within the riprap placement area and serve to re-establish the current shoreline aesthetic characteristics.

In areas where river flow characteristics are more conducive, bioengineered solutions, such as those shown on Figures 4 through 6, will be employed. These alternatives primarily focus on incorporating vegetative restoration with stabilization. Shoreline cover recreation such as staging partially submerged trees (Figure 5) or other habitat enhancements will also be conducted, as feasible. In some areas, it may be appropriate to plant native southeastern shrubs, grasses and forbs (Figure 6) secured by a biodegradable mat. As currently envisioned, the disturbed shoreline downstream of the Senate Street alluvial fan can be restored using these techniques (Figure 2).

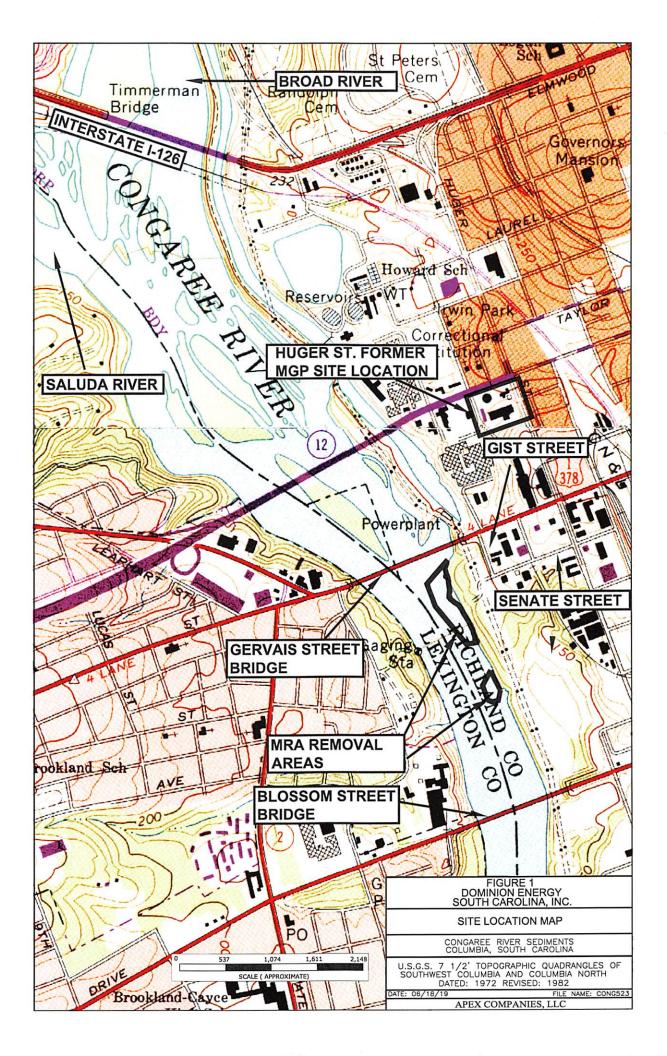
Following completion of the MRA sediment removal and restoration activities, the riverbank and shoreline area will be monitored to assure restoration was successful. Periodic inspections will occur on a monthly basis or following significant weather-related events for a period of one year, unless property owner redevelopment plans result in an earlier change to restored conditions. Should issues be identified during inspections that warrant mitigation, DESC will implement repairs to the affected area(s), as necessary, to assure sufficient stabilization.

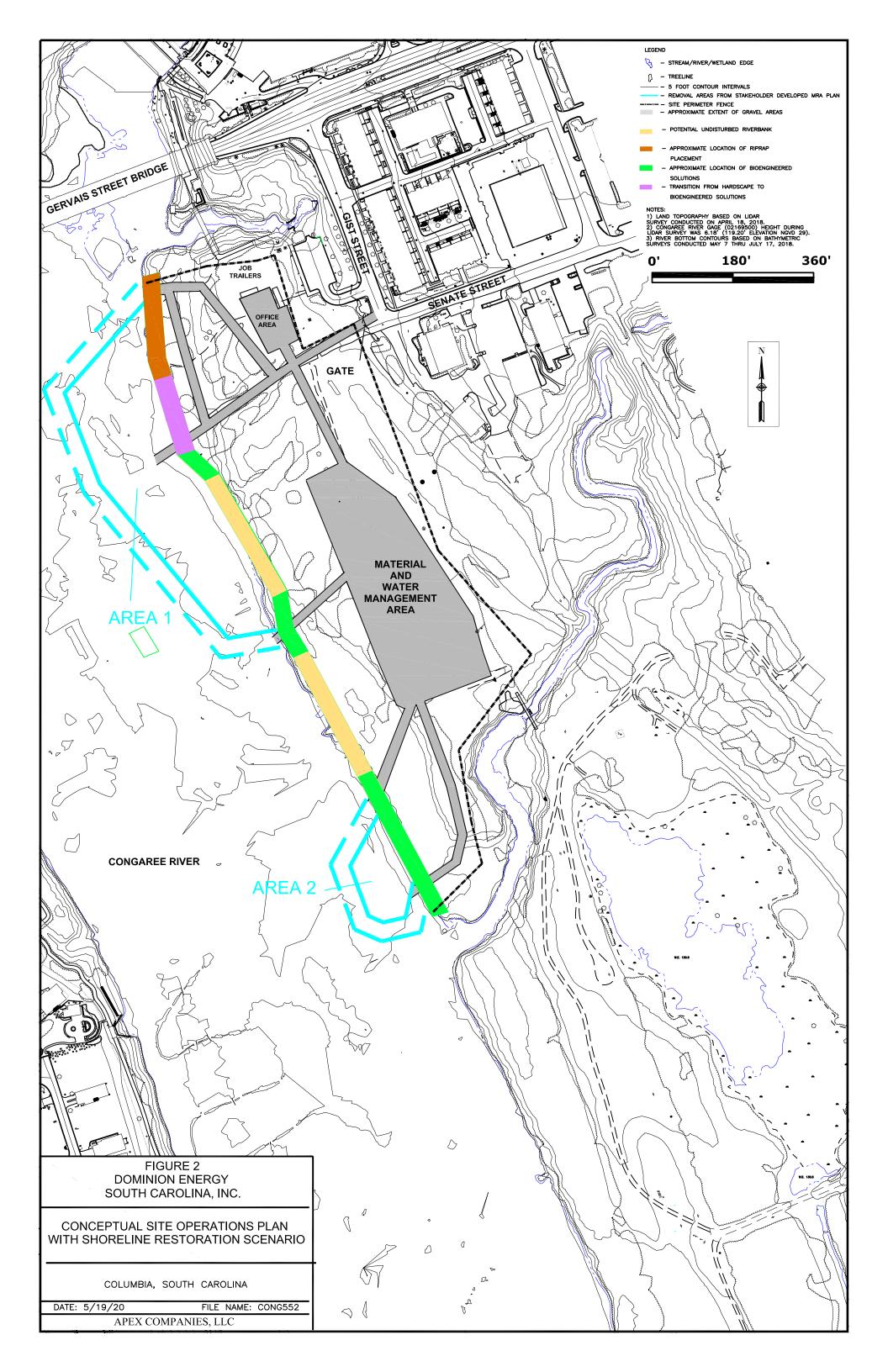
As project plans are further developed, certain details or specifications regarding restoration may be modified in order to reflect minor changes or input from applicable experts and/or the property owner. The USACE, SCDHEC and other agencies, as may be appropriate, will be made aware of any major modifications to planned activities prior to implementation.

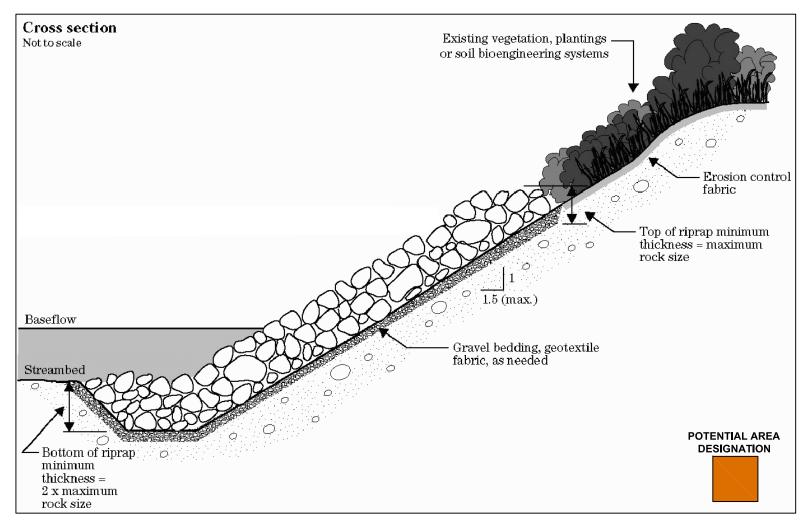
### Attachment A

### **Table and Figures**

Figure 1	Project Area Location
Figure 2	Conceptual Site Operations Plan with Shoreline Restoration Scenario
Figure 3	Riverbank Stabilization Details
Figure 4	Riverbank Toe Stabilization and Bioengineering Option Details
Figure 5	Bioengineered Stabilization Option Details
Figure 6	Bioengineered Stabilization Option Details







Cross section
Not to scale

Baseflow

Streambed

Riprap

Dead stout stake used to secure gestextile fabric

POTENTIAL AREA DESIGNATION

Live stake

3-2 TYPICAL RIPRAP RIVER BANK STABILIZATION WITH JOINT PLANTING (OR OTHER HARDSCAPE MATERIAL)

# 3-1 TYPICAL RIPRAP RIVER BANK STABILIZATION (OR OTHER HARDSCAPE MATERIAL)

### NOTES:

- 1. RIPRAP BANK STABILIZATION WILL BE UTILIZED IN AREAS WITH HIGH VELOCITY AND OR TURBULENT RIVER FLOWS TO GUARD AGAINST FUTURE RIVERBANK EROSION.
- 2. JOINT PLANTING (DETAIL 3-2) WILL BE CONDUCTED, IF FEASIBLE, TO PROVIDE VEGETATIVE COVER IN RIPRAP AREAS AND TO PROVIDE A TRANSITION TO OTHER BIOENGINEERED AREAS.
- 3. DETAILS OBTAINED FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK (ISSUED 1996) PART 650 CHAPTER 16 STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION.
- 4. INSTALLATION OF SHORELINE RESTORATION COMPONENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED STANDARDS AS OUTLINE IN THE ABOVE REFERENCE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK.
- 5. TABLES 1, 2 AND 3 ON FIGURE 6 PROVIDE PLANT SPECIFICATIONS.

# FIGURE 3 DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

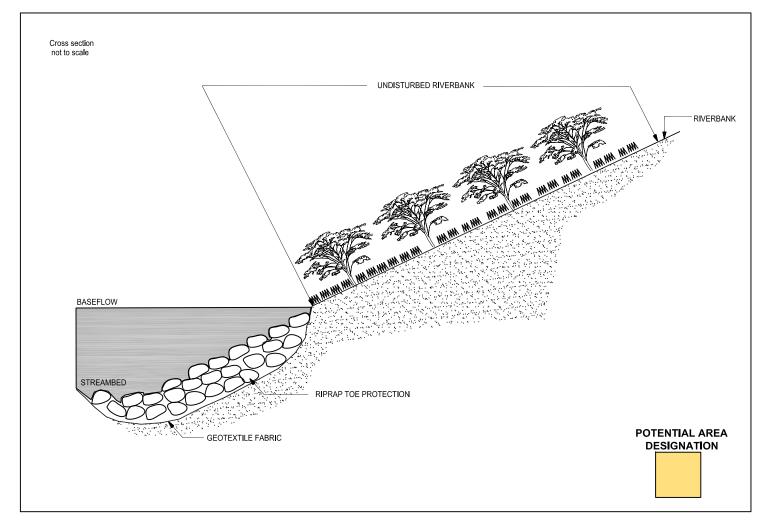
# RIVERBANK STABILIZATION DETAILS

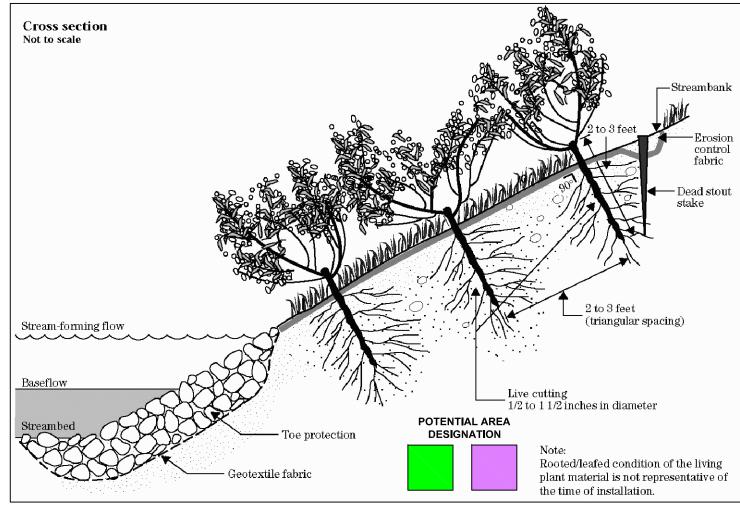
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4-1 UNDISTURBED RIVER BANK TOE STABILIZATION

4-2 JOINT PLANTING BIOENGINEERED BANK STABILIZATION OPTION DETAIL

### NOTES:

- 1. GEOTEXTILE AND RIPRAP (DETAIL 4-1) WILL BE UTILIZED TO STABILIZE EXCAVATED AREAS AT THE TOE OF RIVERBANK SLOPES TO PREVENT SLOUGHING OR COLLAPSING. RIPRAP PLACEMENT WILL TERMINATE AT OR BELOW THE APPROXIMATE NORMAL WATERLINE.
- 2. LIVE STAKES (DETAIL 4-2) WILL POTENTIALLY BE UTILIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER BIOENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, AS NEEDED, IN AREAS WHERE RIVERBANK DISTURBANCE EXTENDS SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE NORMAL WATERLINE AND RIVER FLOW VELOCITY AND TURBULENCE CONDITIONS DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STABILIZATION MEASURES.
- 3. DETAILS OBTAINED FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK (ISSUED 1996) PART 650 CHAPTER 16 STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION.
- 4. INSTALLATION OF SHORELINE RESTORATION COMPONENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED STANDARDS AS OUTLINE IN THE ABOVE REFERENCE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK.
- 5. TABLES 1, 2 AND 3 ON FIGURE 5 PROVIDE PLANT SPECIFICATIONS.

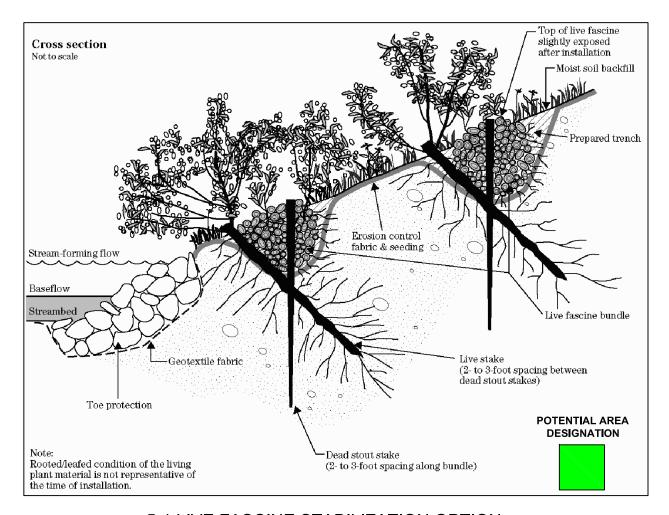
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RIVERBANK TOE STABILIZATION
AND BIOENGINEERING OPTION DETAILS

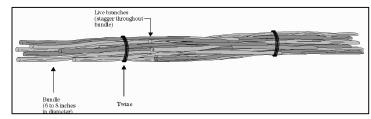
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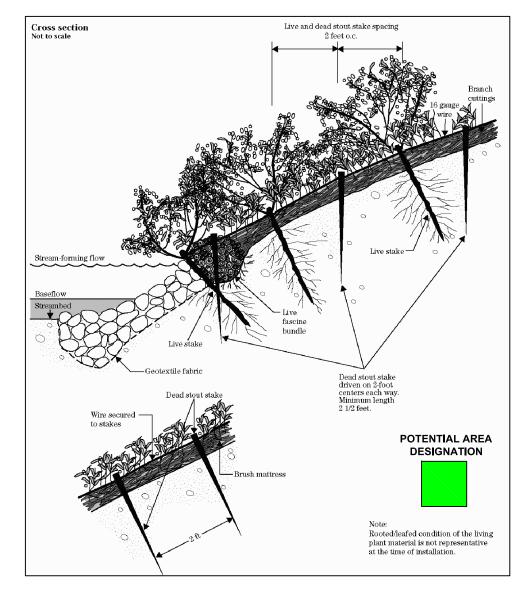
### 5-1 LIVE FASCINE STABILIZATION OPTION



5-2 LIVE FASCINE DETAIL

### NOTES:

- 1. LIVE FASCINES (DETAIL 5-1) ARE AN OPTION FOR FLATTER SLOPE (3:1 OR FLATTER) STABILIZATION IN AREAS WHERE RIVER VELOCITY AND TURBULENCE CONDITIONS DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STABILIZATION MEASURES.
- 2. LIVE FASCINES (DETAIL 5-2) ARE LONG BUNDLES OF BRANCH CUTTINGS THAT CONTAIN SOME LIVE BRANCHES.
- 3. BRUSHMATTRESS PROVIDE A COMBINATION OF LIVE STAKES, LIVE FASCINES AND BRANCH CUTTINGS AND PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION FROM EROSION OF STEEPER SLOPES OR AREAS OF HIGHER VELOCITY RIVER FLOW.
- 4. DETAILS OBTAINED FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK (ISSUED 1996) PART 650 CHAPTER 16 STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION.
- 5. INSTALLATION OF SHORELINE RESTORATION COMPONENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED STANDARDS AS OUTLINE IN THE ABOVE REFERENCE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK.
- 6. TABLES 1, 2 AND 3 ON FIGURE 6 PROVIDE PLANT SPECIFICATIONS.



5-3 BRUSHMATTRESS BANK STABILIZATION OPTION DETAIL

### FIGURE 5 DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

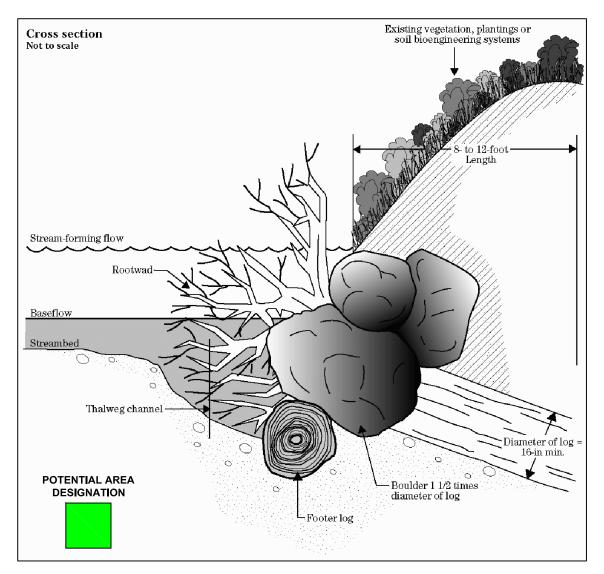
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6-1 LOG, ROOTWAD AND BOULDER REVETMENT STABILIZATION OPTION DETAIL

TABLE 1 GRASSES AND FORBES

Schientific Name	Common Name	Soil Preference	Drought Tolerance	Shade Tolerance	Flood Tolerance
Ammophila breviligulata	American beachgrass	sands	fair	poor	
Andropogon gerardii	Big bluestem	loams	good	poor	fair
Arundo donax	Giant reed	sandy	good	poor	poor
Herarthria altissima	Limpograss	sandy	poor	poor	good
Panicum amarulum	Coastal panicgrass	sands to loams	good	poor	good
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	loams to sands	good	poor	good
Paspalum vaginatum	Seashore paspalum	sandy		poor	good
Pennisetum purpureum	Elephant grass			poor	
Spartina pectinata	Prairie cordgrass	sands to loams	good	fair	fair
Zizaniopsis miliacea	Giant cutgrass	loam	poor	poor	good

TABLE 2
PLANTS SUITABLE FOR ROOTING

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Type	Rooting Ability (from cutting)
Acer negundo	Boxelder		
Asimina triloba	Pawpaw	small tree	poor to fair
Baccharis balimifolia	Groundsel bush	medium shrub	good
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	large shrub	fair to good
Cornus amomum	Silky dogwood	small shrub	fair
Cornus sericia	Red osier dogwood		
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honeylocust	medium tree	poor to fair
Populus deltoides	Eastern cottonwood	tall tree	very good
Robinia sp.	Black locust		
Salix discolor	Pussy willow	large shrub	very good
Salix nigra	Black willow	small to large tree	good to excel
Salix purpurea	Purpleosier willow	medium tree	excel
Sambucus canadensis	American elder	medium shrub	good
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	medium to tall shrub	good
Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry	large shrub	fair to good

TABLE 3
WOODY PLANTS

WOODY PLANTS								
Scientific Name	Common Name Plant Type		Establishment Speed					
Acer negundo	Boxelder	small to medium tree	fast					
Acer rubrum	Red maple	medium tree	fast					
Alnus serrulata	Smooth alder	large shrub	medium					
Amorpha fruitcosa	False indigo	shrub	fast					
Aronia arbutifolia	Red Chokeberry	shrub	fast					
Asimina triloba	Pawpaw	small tree						
Betula nigra	River birch	medium to large tree	fast					
Carpinis caroliniana	American hornbeam	small tree	slow					
Carya cordiformis	Bitternut hickory	tree						
Catalpa bignonioides	Southern catalpa	tree	fair					
Celtis laevigata	Sugarberry	medium tree	slow					
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry	medium tree	slow					
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	large shrub	medium					
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe tree	small tree						
Clethera ainifolia	Sweet Pepperbush	shrub						
Cornus amomum	Silky dogwood	small shrub	medium					
Cornus florida	Flowering dogwood	small tree	fair					
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon	medium tree	fair					
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green ash	medium tree	fast					
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honeylocust	medium tree	fast					
llex decidua	Possomhaw	large shrub to small tree						
llex opaca	American holly	small tree	medium					
llex verticillata	Winterberry	small to large shrub						
Juglans nigra	Balck walnut	medium tree	fair					
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern redcedar	large tree	medium					
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum	large tree						
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip poplar	large tree	fast					
Magnolia virginiana	Sweetbay	small tree						
Nyssa sylcatica	Blackgum	tall tree	slow					
Ostrya virginiana	Hophornbean	small tree	slow					
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	large tree	fast					
Populus deltoides	Eastern cottonwood	tall tree	fast					
Quercus alba	White oak	large tree	slow					
Quercus lyrata	Overcup oak	medium tree	slow					
Quercus michauxii	Swamp chestnut oak	medium tree	fair					
Quercus nigra	Water oak	medium tree	slow					
Quercus phellos	Willow oak	medium to large tree	medium					
Quercus shumardii	Shumard oak	large tree	slow					
Rhododenron atlanticum	Coast azalea	small shrub						
Rhododendron viscosum	Swamp azalea	shrub						
Salix nigra	Black willow	small to large tree	fast					
Viburnum nudum	Swamp haw	large shrub						

### NOTES:

- 1. LOG, ROOTWAD AND BOULDER REVETMENTS MAY BE UTILIZED SPORADICALLY TO PROVIDE OVERHEAD COVER AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT ALONG THE DISTURBED SHORELINE.
- 2. DETAILS OBTAINED FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK (ISSUED 1996) PART 650 CHAPTER 16 STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION.
- 3. INSTALLATION OF SHORELINE RESTORATION COMPONENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED STANDARDS AS OUTLINE IN THE ABOVE REFERENCE ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK.
- 6. PLANTING OPTIONS OBTAINED FROM THE "STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE STABILIZATION TECHNIQUES TO CONTROL EROSION AND PROTECT PROPERTY" GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

# FIGURE 6 DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

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