Baseline Assessment – Stream Attributes

Revisit

****Additional field visits were attempted on 2/8/2022, however data could not be collected due to the stream being located outside of the existing perimeter controls. For those streams, professional judgment was used to assign proxy values based on comparable streams in proximity.***

Reach S-C36 Downstream (Pipeline ROW) Intermittent
Spread H
Montgomery County, Virginia

Data	Included
Photos	✓
USM Form (Virginia Only)	✓
SWVM Form	Proxy Stream Information Utilized; Refer to Master Stream Summary Table
FCI Calculator and HGM Form	
RBP Physical Characteristics Form	
Water Quality Data	
RBP Habitat Form	
RBP Benthic Form	
Benthic Identification Sheet	
Wolman Pebble Count	
RiverMorph Data Sheet	
Longitudinal Profile and Cross Sections	

Photo Type: SE VIEW
Location, Orientation, Photographer Initials: View of ROW looking SE, ES

Photo Type: SW VIEW
Location, Orientation, Photographer Initials: View of ROW looking SW, ES

Stream Assessment Form (Form 1)

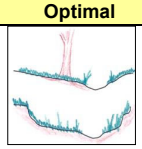
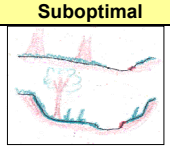
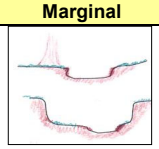
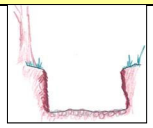
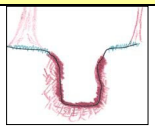
Unified Stream Methodology for use in Virginia

For use in wadeable channels classified as intermittent or perennial

Project #	Project Name (Applicant)	Locality	Cowardin Class.	HUC	Date	SAR #	Impact Length	Impact Factor
22865.06	Mountain Valley Pipeline (Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC)	Montgomery County	R4	03010101	8/6/21	S-C36 DS	36	1

Name(s) of Evaluator(s)	Stream Name and Information	SAR Length
TC, SB, ES	UNT to Flatwoods Branch	44

1. Channel Condition: Assess the cross-section of the stream and prevailing condition (erosion, aggradation)

	Conditional Category					
	Optimal	Suboptimal	Marginal	Poor	Severe	
Channel Condition	 Very little incision or active erosion; 80-100% stable banks. Vegetative surface protection or natural rock, prominent (80-100%). AND/OR Stable point bars / bankfull benches are present. Access to their original floodplain or fully developed wide bankfull benches. Mid-channel bars and transverse bars few. Transient sediment deposition covers less than 10% of bottom.	 Slightly incised, few areas of active erosion or unprotected banks. Majority of banks are stable (60-80%). Vegetative protection or natural rock prominent (60-80%) AND/OR Depositional features contribute to stability. The bankfull and low flow channels are well defined. Stream likely has access to bankfull benches,or newly developed floodplains along portions of the reach. Transient sediment covers 10-40% of the stream bottom.	 Often incised, but less than Severe or Poor. Banks more stable than Severe or Poor due to lower bank slopes. Erosion may be present on 40-60% of both banks. Vegetative protection on 40-60% of banks. Streambanks may be vertical or undercut. AND/OR 40-60% Sediment may be temporary / transient, contribute instability. Deposition that contribute to stability, may be forming/present. AND/OR V-shaped channels have vegetative protection on > 40% of the banks and depositional features which contribute to stability.	 Overwidened/incised. Vertically / laterally unstable. Likely to widen further. Majority of both banks are near vertical. Erosion present on 60-80% of banks. Vegetative protection present on 20-40% of banks, and is insufficient to prevent erosion. AND/OR 60-80% of the stream is covered by sediment. Sediment is temporary / transient in nature, and contributing to instability. AND/OR V-shaped channels have vegetative protection is present on > 40% of the banks and stable sediment deposition is absent.	 Deeply incised (or excavated), vertical/lateral instability. Severe incision, flow contained within the banks. Streambed below average rooting depth, majority of banks vertical/undercut. Vegetative protection present on less than 20% of banks, is not preventing erosion. Obvious bank sloughing present. Erosion/raw banks on 80-100%. AND/OR Aggrading channel. Greater than 80% of stream bed is covered by deposition, contributing to instability. Multiple thread channels and/or subterranean flow.	CI
Scores	3	2.4	2	1.6	1	2.40
NOTES>>						

2. RIPARIAN BUFFERS: Assess both bank's 100 foot riparian areas along the entire SAR. (rough measurements of length & width may be acceptable)

	Conditional Category							NOTES>>
	Optimal	Suboptimal		Marginal		Poor		
Riparian Buffers	Tree stratum (dbh > 3 inches) present, with > 60% tree canopy cover. Wetlands located within the riparian areas.	**High Suboptimal:** Riparian areas with tree stratum (dbh > 3 inches) present, with 30% to 60% tree canopy cover and containing both herbaceous and shrub layers or a non-maintained understory.	**Low Suboptimal:** Riparian areas with tree stratum (dbh > 3 inches) present, with 30% to 60% tree canopy cover and a maintained understory. Recent cutover (dense vegetation).	**High Marginal:** Non-maintained, dense herbaceous vegetation with either a shrub layer or a tree layer (dbh > 3 inches) present, with <30% tree canopy cover.	**Low Marginal:** Non-maintained, dense herbaceous vegetation, riparian areas lacking shrub and tree stratum, hay production, ponds, open water. If present, tree stratum (dbh >3 inches) present, with <30% tree canopy cover with maintained understory.	**High Poor:** Lawns, mowed, and maintained areas, nurseries; no-till cropland; actively grazed pasture, sparsely vegetated non-maintained area, recently seeded and stabilized, or other comparable condition.	**Low Poor:** Impervious surfaces, mine spoil lands, denuded surfaces, row crops, active feed lots, trails, or other comparable conditions.	
		High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	
Scores	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.85	0.75	0.6	0.5	

1. Delineate riparian areas along each stream bank into Condition Categories and Condition Scores using the descriptors.
2. Determine square footage for each by measuring or estimating length and width. Calculators are provided for you below.
3. Enter the % Riparian Area and Score for each riparian category in the blocks below.

Ensure the sums of % Riparian Blocks equal 100

Right Bank	% Riparian Area>	90%	10%					100%	
	Score >	1.5	0.5						
									CI= (Sum % RA * Scores*0.01)/2
Left Bank	% Riparian Area>	55%	15%	30%				100%	Rt Bank CI > 1.40 CI
	Score >	1.5	0.85	0.5					Lt Bank CI > 1.10 1.25

3. INSTREAM HABITAT: Varied substrate sizes, water velocity and depths; woody and leafy debris; stable substrate; low embededness; shade; undercut banks; root mats; SAV; riffle/pool complexes, stable features.

	Conditional Category				NOTES>>	
	Optimal	Suboptimal	Marginal	Poor		
Instream Habitat/ Available Cover	Habitat elements are typically present in greater than 50% of the reach.	Stable habitat elements are typically present in 30-50% of the reach and are adequate for maintenance of populations.	Stable habitat elements are typically present in 10-30% of the reach and are adequate for maintenance of populations.	Habitat elements listed above are lacking or are unstable. Habitat elements are typically present in less than 10% of the reach.	Stream Gradient	CI
Scores	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.5	High	0.50

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4. CHANNEL ALTERATION: Stream crossings, riprap, concrete, gabions, or concrete blocks, straightening of channel, channelization, embankments, spoil piles, constrictions, livestock

	Conditional Category						NOTES>>	
	Negligible	Minor		Moderate		Severe		
Channel Alteration	Channelization, dredging, alteration, or hardening absent. Stream has an unaltered pattern or has naturalized.	Less than 20% of the stream reach is disrupted by any of the channel alterations listed in the parameter guidelines.	20-40% of the stream reach is disrupted by any of the channel alterations listed in the parameter guidelines.	40 - 60% of reach is disrupted by any of the channel alterations listed in the parameter guidelines. If stream has been channelized, normal stable stream meander pattern has not recovered.	60 - 80% of reach is disrupted by any of the channel alterations listed in the parameter guidelines. If stream has been channelized, normal stable stream meander pattern has not recovered.	Greater than 80% of reach is disrupted by any of the channel alterations listed in the parameter guidelines AND/OR 80% of banks shored with gabion, riprap, or cement.		CI
Scores	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5		1.50

REACH CONDITION INDEX and STREAM CONDITION UNITS FOR THIS REACH

NOTE: **The CIs and RCI should be rounded to 2 decimal places. The CR should be rounded to a whole number.**

THE REACH CONDITION INDEX (RCI) >>	**1.13**

RCI= (Sum of all CI's)/5, except if stream is ephemeral RCI = (Riparian CI/2)

COMPENSATION REQUIREMENT (CR) >>	**41**

CR = RCI X L_I X IF

INSERT PHOTOS:

(WSSI Photo Location "L:\22000s\22800\22865.06\Admin\05-ENVR\Field Data\Spread H\Field Forms\S-C36 DS\Photos\S-C36_2021-09-10_10-03-46.jpeg")

View of ROW; stream does not cross pipe centerline. Timber mat bridge covers majority of reach, which is mostly vegetated and located within a wetland area. Assessment is limited to areas within the temporary ROW.

DESCRIBE PROPOSED IMPACT:

PROVIDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER