## PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 07-127

**APPLICANT:** Cypress Equities

(Attn: Mark Rone)

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**LOCATION:** Greensboro Village is adjacent to Volunteer State Community College and immediately past Blaise Road on the north side of US 31E, Gallatin, Sumner County, TN

**WATERSHED DESCRIPTION**: Rankin Branch, Cumberland River Watershed (HUC 05130201). Subject property and surrounding property consists of hay fields and pasture with very few trees. One unnamed tributary to Rankin Branch and five distinct wetland areas exist on the Greensboro property. Two of the wetlands will be avoided, but three would be filled with clean earth and stone. Two impacted wetlands are monocultures of fescue while the third is emergent. The total impacts to these three sites total 0.72-acre. The three wetlands and unnamed tributary to Rankin Branch are considered Tier 1 waters, not high quality. As with Rankin Branch, the unnamed tributary is intermittent.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project consists of a large commercial development involving several large retail outlets. In order to develop the property an unnamed tributary to Rankin Branch is proposed for relocation (541.48 feet) along the northern property boundary with Vol State Community College. The stream would emerge from a bottomless 10' x 6' x 100' concrete box culvert and its flow placed in a relocated channel (342.07 feet) that would connect with the existing TDOT culvert under US 31E. Total loss of stream footage would be 8.84 feet. In addition, 120 linear feet will be placed in a culvert between the two relocated segments. The unnamed tributary would be filled with clean material along its entire 862.82 feet. In addition, Rankin Branch would be crossed at three locations using bridges with no filling below ordinary high water. The project would also impact 0.72-acre of jurisdictional wetlands. Wetland 1 is located along the Vol State Community College boundary and is 0.22-acre. Clean material would be placed in this wetland to allow access to the rear of the Major Anchor. Likewise, Wetlands 2 (0.23-acre) & 5 (0.27-acre) would be filed with clean material to allow fill for small businesses. Wetlands 3 & 4 were avoided.

Because the relocated channels cannot be designed to replicate the original channel's sinuosity, slope, and pool and riffle complex (geomorphological features), and for the placement of 120 linear feet of the unnamed tributary in a culvert, Cypress Equities proposes to enhance 2,083 feet of Rankin Branch by establishing a 50-foot riparian buffer along both sides of the creek, which would be protected through the division's landuse restrictions. This buffer would be planted with red maple, willow & Shumard oaks, sweetgum, and American sycamore trees. In addition, stream mitigation would include strategically placing no more than 10 aquatic habitat stream deflectors along a 2,083-foot segment of stream.

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In order to off-set impacts from filling the two fescue wetlands (1 & 2) and the emergent wetland (5), Cypress Equities proposes to create forested and shrub-shrub wetlands in three separate areas (1.36 ac + 0.90 ac + 0.98 ac = 3.24 ac) to mitigate the loss of 0.72-acre of jurisdictional wetlands at a replacement ratio of 4.5:1. The shrub-shrub wetlands would be created under the TVA powerlines.

To handle floodplain management requirements, Cypress Equities will utilize a proposed road crossing as a temporary impoundment structure to create a ~9-acre dry detention pond upstream of the Cypress Equities proposed development. Rankin Branch or its 50-foot riparian buffer on either side of the waterway will not be impacted by construction, except for the footprint of the roadway crossing. The remainder of the pool area will be excavated and planted with native arborescent vegetation.

The applicant will develop a comprehensive stream and wetland monitoring plan with annual reports submitted to the COE and this office

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE:** Gallatin

36.36017 -86.50356

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Mike Lee

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

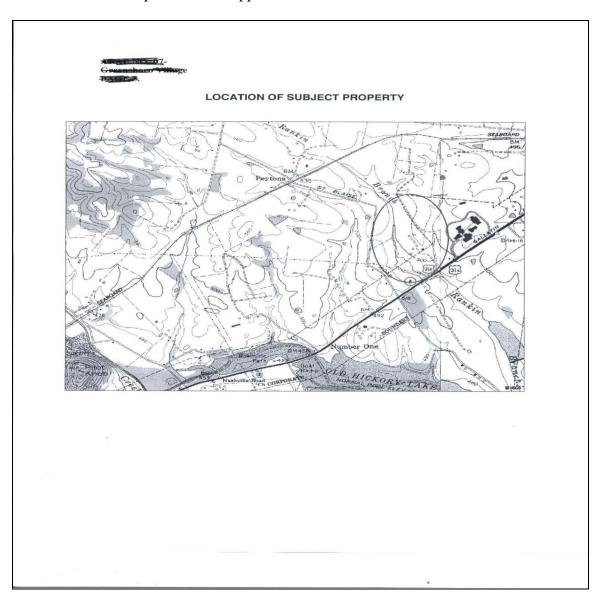
Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

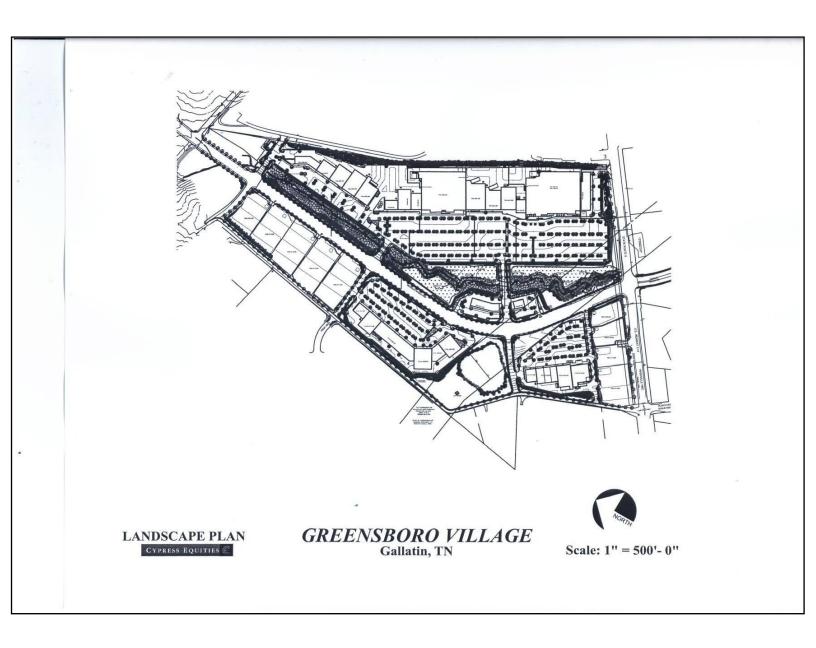
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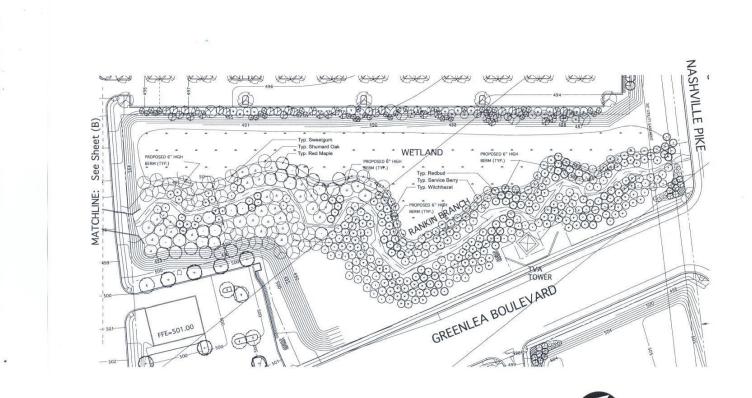
In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.



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RANKIN BRANCH (A)

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GREENSBORO VILLAGE
Gallatin, TN

Scale: 1" = 100'- 0"

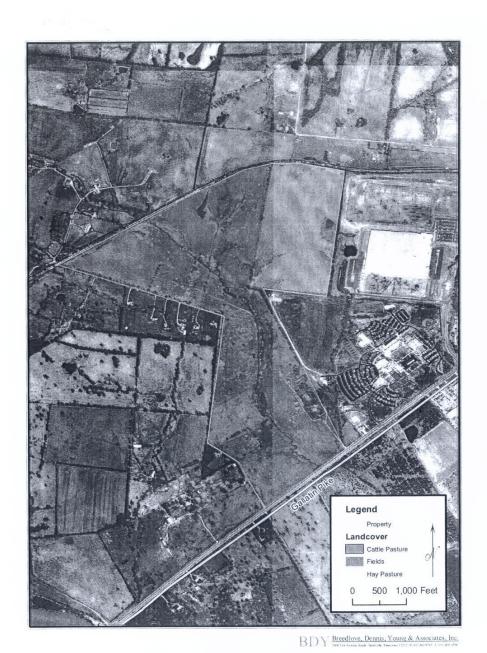
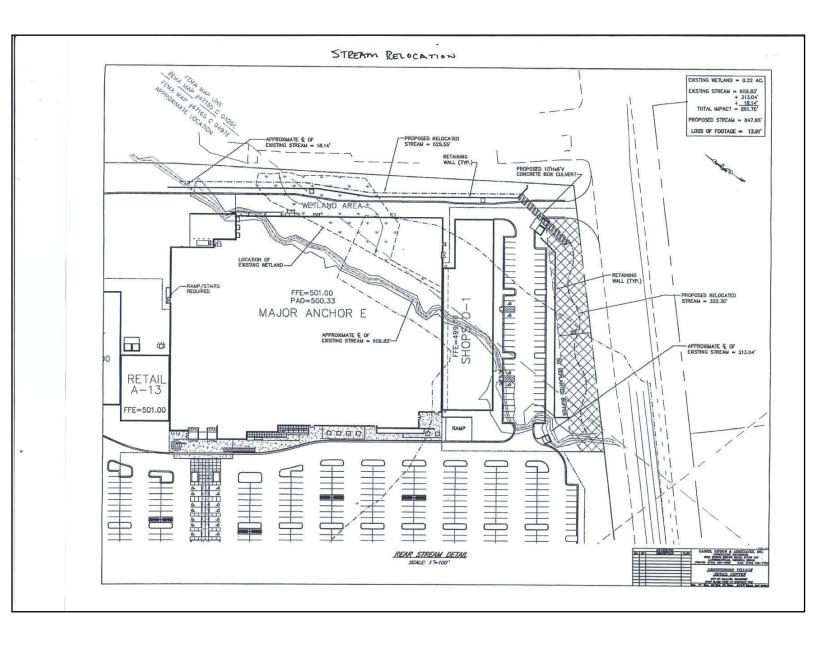
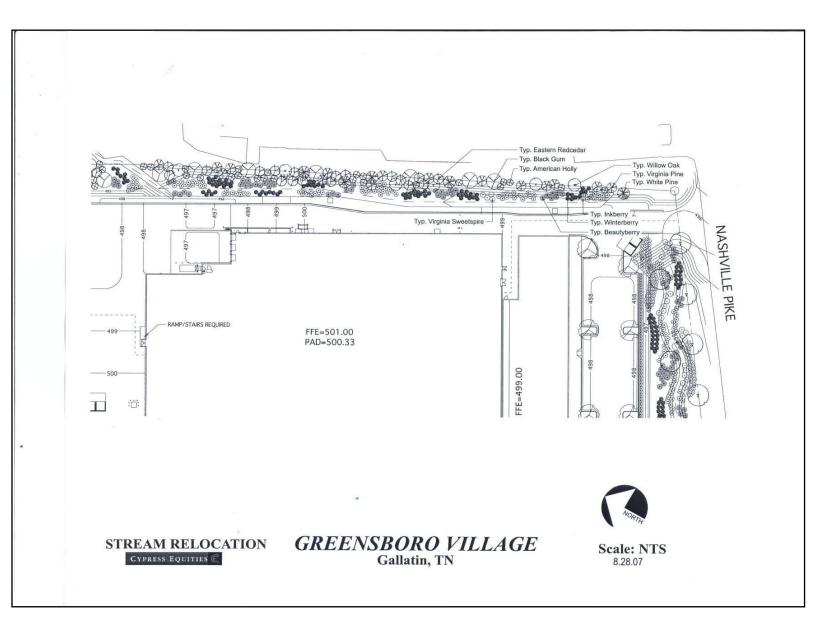


Figure 2. Generalized landcover at site located west of Gallatin, Tennessee as shown on a 1999 aerial photograph.

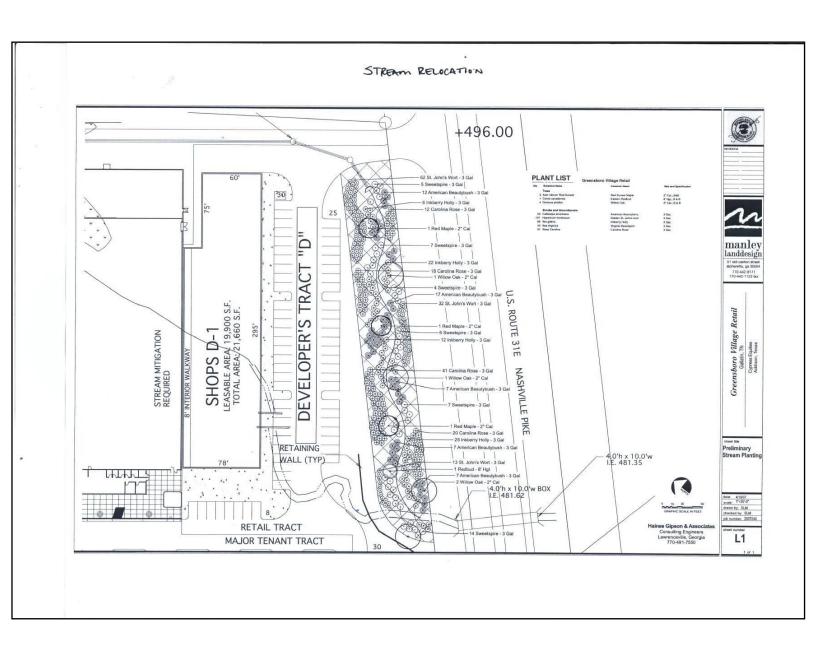
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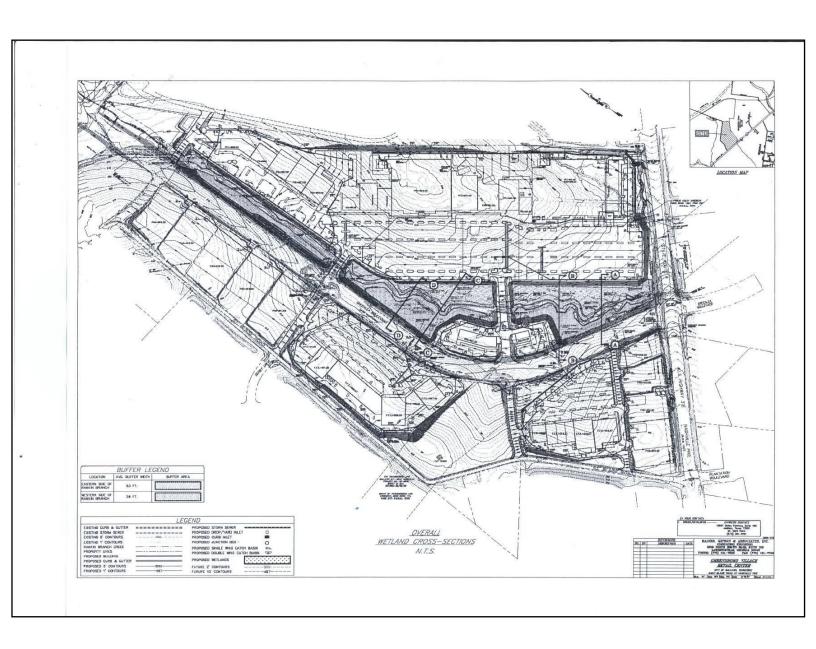
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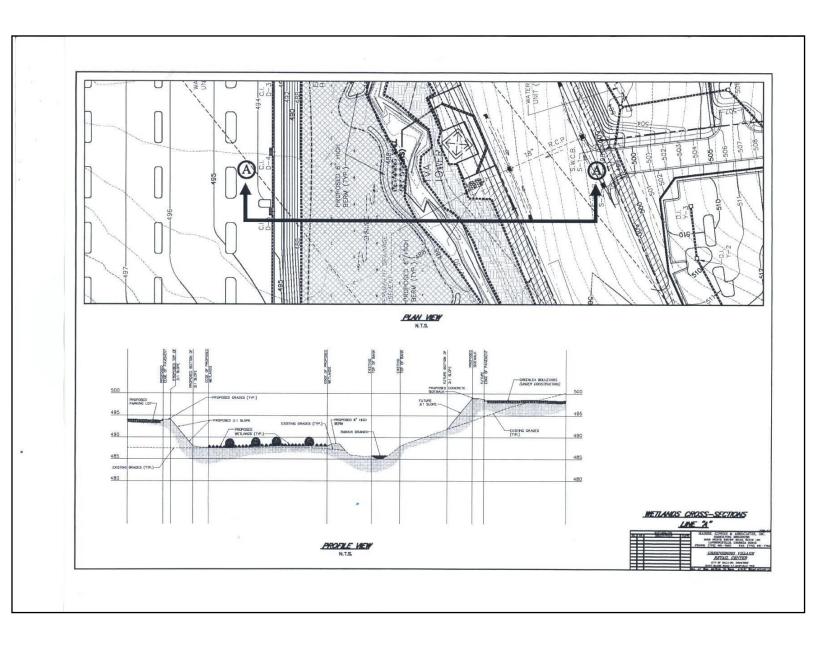
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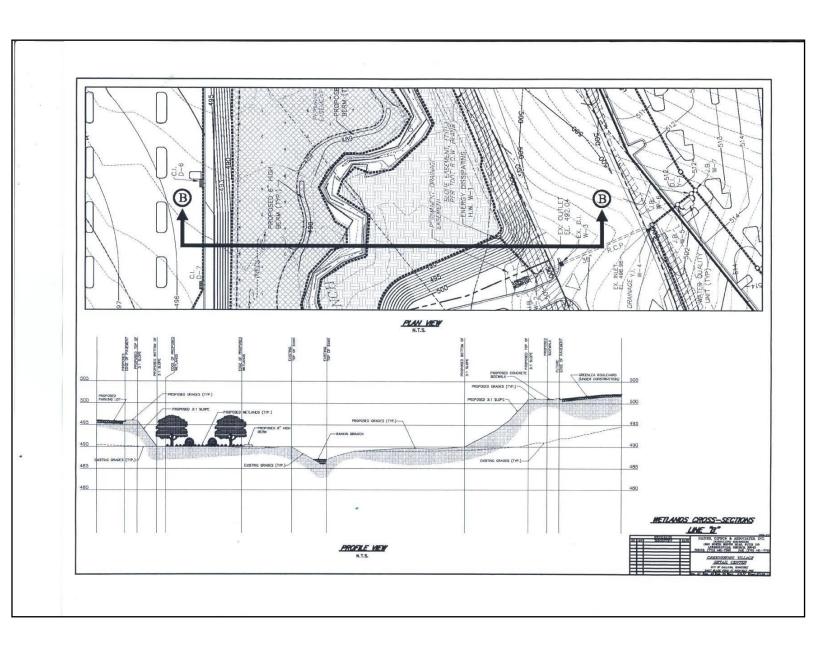
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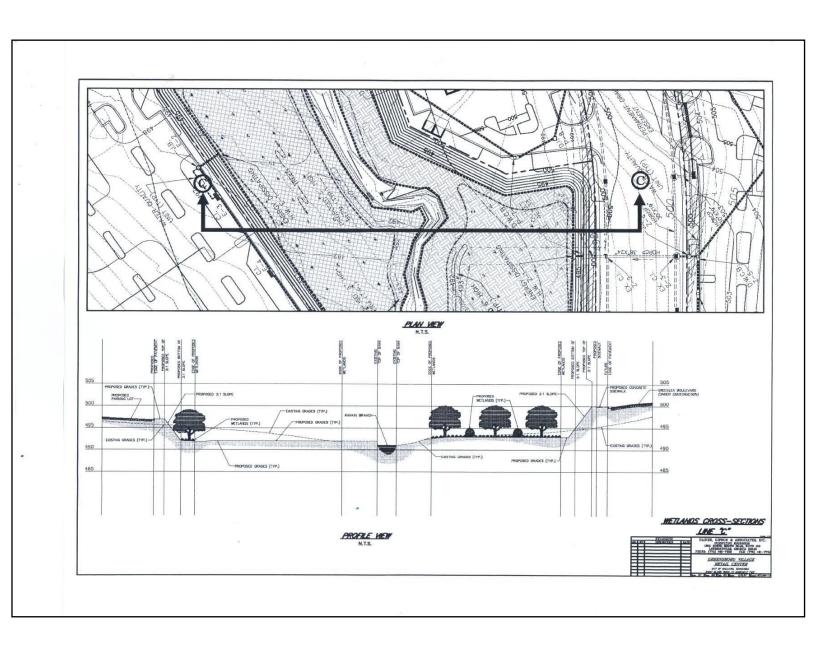
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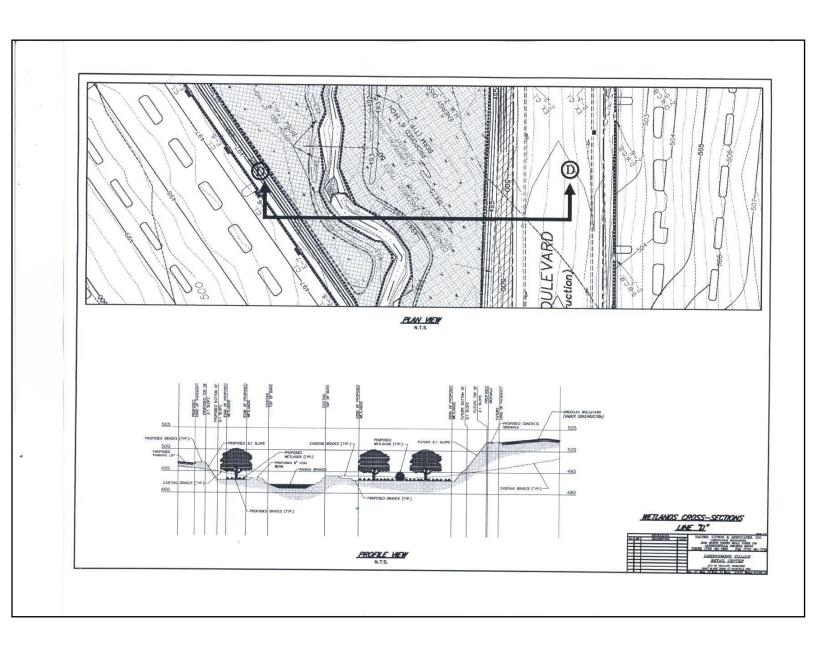
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16. Small wooded area along eastern boundary of property dominated by hackberry, bush honeysuckle, privet, multiflora rose, and cedar.

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9. View upstream along Rankin Branch where riparian buffer is dominated by herbaceous species such as fescue with occasional populations of sedges.



10. Exposed bedrock along Rankin Branch that has been colonized by stonecrop, nostoc, geranium. (note fescue and other old-field type species encroaching on area)