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**INTERIM REPORT
FOR RESTORATION OF THE WEST COVE
OF WHITMAN'S POND
1999-2000**

WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The bioremediation of the West Cove of Whitman's Pond commenced on May 18th, 2000 and concluded on December 5th. During that time, the Restorer clearly reduced the growth of Millfoil within a zone of impact that reached approximately 100 feet from the treatment raft. This is believed to be the result of a reduction in available nitrogen caused by the Restorers aggressive nitrification bioreactor.

Bottom sediment digestion is also suggested by data trends from testing in autumn 1999 and 2000. While no statistically valid conclusions can be drawn from the limited number of samples, it does appear that the organic portion of the sediments was reduced within the Restorers zone of impact.

Wildlife flourished around the Restorer, although this had some negative impacts on the establishment of healthy, mature plants. Operators used several replanting strategies to counter aggressive grazing by herons, geese and swans. Eventually a physical barrier proved most effective. The operational plan for 2001 includes the installation of bird netting above both the internal attached growth media reactors and the perimeter plant rafts. Biological strategies include planting less palatable species on the outer perimeter, with the more succulent and palatable young shoots farther from the reach of long-necked fowl.

It was regrettable that the heavy grazing also damaged the aesthetic qualities of the Restorer. Despite some excellent root growth below the plant rafts, the top growth looked rather anemic throughout the summer. Ocean Arks International had hoped to participate in a media event with the Town and the Whitman's Pond Committee, but the Restorer never quite looked up to the occasion. The 2001 operational plan calls for a concerted effort to establish some flowering bulbs on the Restorer for some early summer color. While bulbs produce less treatment surface than many native wetland species, they do contribute to a celebratory atmosphere for the public and the non-technical press.

It is the hope of Ocean Arks International that the most damaging sources of pollution into the West Cove have been controlled, and that the Restorer has indeed turned the corner on the rehabilitation of this lovely body of water. Continued operation and monitoring in 2001 should advance the understanding of the cove's recovery, with the long-term goal of naturally restoring a sustainable ecology.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 History

Local residents tell of a time a century ago when the West Cove basin was an apple orchard. When a dam was installed on Whitman's Pond early last century, it turned West Cove into a lovely pond, with 9 to 10 feet of water in the center.

Several decades of sewage seepage, storm overflows and excessive fertilization of surrounding properties have caused a dramatic decline in the water quality and recreational potential of the West Cove of Whitman's Pond. High nutrient levels, decreased water circulation and high water temperatures, caused by thermal stratification, denied sufficient oxygen to the subsurface environment, accelerating the accumulation of organic sediments. Accumulated deep sediments have reduced the water volume and decreased the depth of the water column significantly. This has caused increased temperatures and a proliferation of nuisance aquatic plants. Aquatic life has suffered a reduction in species diversity and populations, such that only the hardiest species can be found during the summer months.



Aquatic Weed.

In short, West Cove was on an accelerated trajectory to becoming a marsh through the process of eutrophication. For example, build-up of aquatic weeds and organic sediments render the western corner of the pond impassable by watercraft.

Over the past decade a variety of chemical herbicides were used in attempts to eliminate or control aquatic weeds in the pond. These efforts proved unsuccessful in the long term as they killed beneficial species such as water lilies, yet had no lasting impact on the aquatic weed populations of Purple Loosestrife.

Aluminum salts in the form of Aluminum Sulfate, or Alum, were spread in the pond in hopes of sealing the sediments. Aluminum is often used to bind soluble phosphorus in sediments rendering it biologically unavailable. In this way, the plant life would be denied this primary plant nutrient. No recent water chemistry has been available for Ocean Arks International's analysis, but the effort clearly failed to have a long-term impact on the nuisance plant species.

1.2 Timeline

In April of 1999 the Town of Weymouth issued a Request for Proposal for the bioremediation of the West Cove of Whitman's Pond. On 25 August, 1999 a contract was awarded to Ocean Arks International (OAI) for a four-phase program that included:



Phase 1:

- survey and map the location of existing plant species
- set marker buoys on a grid pattern and take sediment depth measurements

Phase 2:

- construction and installation of a floating Restorer
- on-shore installation of electrical equipment and aeration blowers
- limited rehabilitation of the South Cove Restorer

Phase 3

- operational oversight of the Restorer through the 2000 growing season
- plant maintenance, the addition of new species, and replacement plants
- bioaugmentation with BactaPur™ bacterial formulations
- distribution of micronutrient minerals

Phase 4

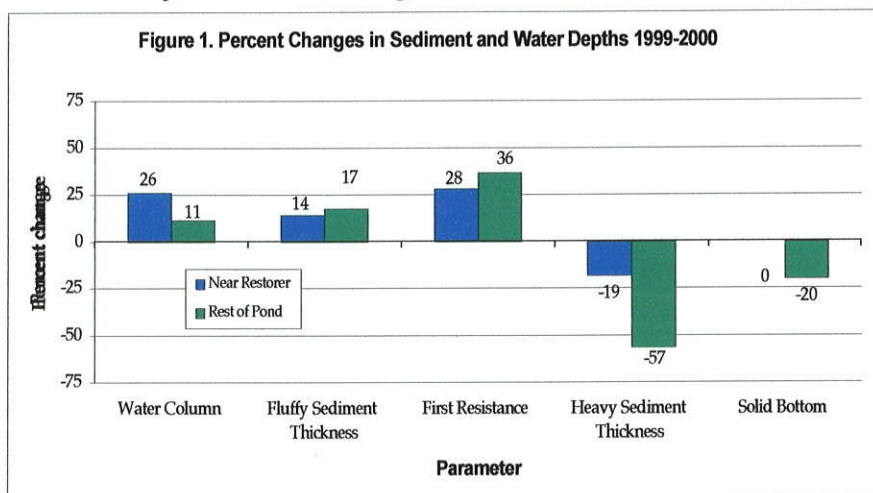
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Field analysis for Phase 1 was completed on September 8, 9, and 10, 1999. Plant collection and taxonomy was completed by Gerald Myers, staff botanist at Living Technologies Inc. and horticultural operator of the South Burlington Living Machine wastewater treatment facility. Paul Zabriskie, Michael Carr and Lauren Roth of OAI placed location markers and conducted sediment measurements. Preliminary, graphical results of the Phase 1 investigation were provided to the Whitman's Pond Committee for presentation at the last Weymouth Town Meeting (Appendix D). Final results of the Phase 1 investigation are included later in this report.

Restorer represent those sediments immediately impacted by the Restorer and are compared with samples taken from other parts of the pond. This summarized data is presented in Table 1 below. Detailed data for specific collection points can be found in Appendix B.

Table 1. Water column and sediment depth for Weymouth Pond, 1999 and 2000.						
All units are in cm.		Water Column	Fluffy Sediment Thickness	First Resistance	Heavy Sediment Thickness	Solid Bottom
Near Restorer	1999	51.3	32	79	122	201
	2000	64.8	36.5	101.3	99.1	200.3
	Difference	13.4	4.5	22.3	-22.9	-0.7
Rest of Pond	1999	42.3	34.6	69.2	120.7	189.8
	2000	53.6	52.1	105.6	64.1	169.8
	Difference	11.3	17.5	36.5	-56.6	-20.1

A data point at the Southwest Corner of the pond (Appendix B) indicates no change in water column or sediment depth and is assumed to be in a location that is relatively stable. Taking this as an indication that pond water levels have not



changed over the course of two years we can assume that any changes in water column depth reflect an increase or decrease in sediment depth. Figure 1 summarizes the changes (%) in water depth and several layers of sediments between 1999 and 2000. Water column

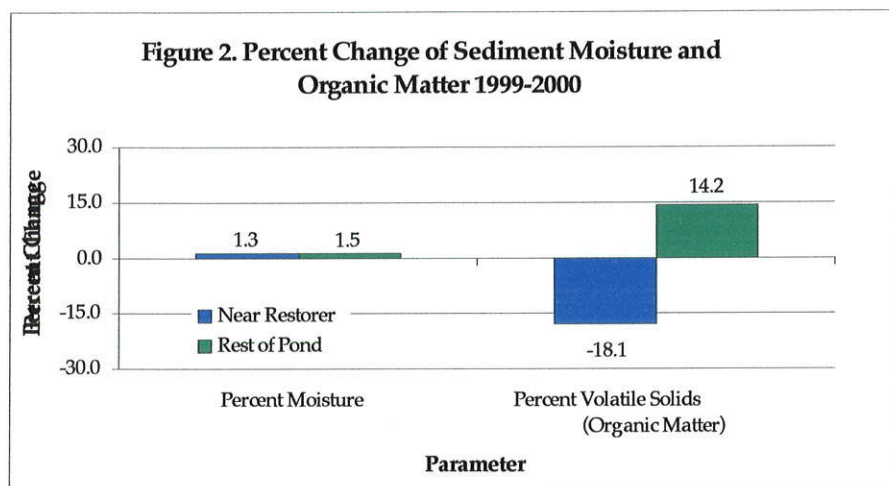
depth increased significantly more near the Restorer than in other parts of the pond. This suggests that organic matter in top sediments has been digested by organisms seeded from the Restorer. Furthermore, this finding is supported by the fact that fluffy sediments (top sediments with a high organic matter content) increased significantly less in the area near the Restorer than in other parts of the pond. The reason for fluffy sediment increase throughout the pond is likely to be a result of the time in which samples were taken. Samples in 1999 were taken during September, before most plant dieback, while samples from 2000 were taken in mid-November, after plant dieback. Since decaying plants contribute to fluffy sediment thickness, a lower increase of fluffy sediments near the Restorer suggests that fewer plants are growing near the Restorer than in other parts of the lake. This idea is supported by plant observations presented discussed in Section 5.

Reduction of invasive plants such as water milfoil was a primary goal of this restoration project. Fluffy sediments may also have increased less near the Restorer because seeded microorganisms from the Restorer should accelerate natural rates of organic matter breakdown.

The increase in depth of top and mid level sediments and the decrease in depth of heavy bottom sediments raises many questions. It is possible that bottom sediments are becoming loosened and converting into lighter, less packed top sediments. Alternatively, this result could be the result of sampling error. Standard sediment measurements over the course of several years are necessary to discern what might be occurring.

4. VOLATILE SOLIDS DATA

Organic matter is the component of sediments that can be broken down through biochemical reactions of microorganisms that are propagated in the Restorer and

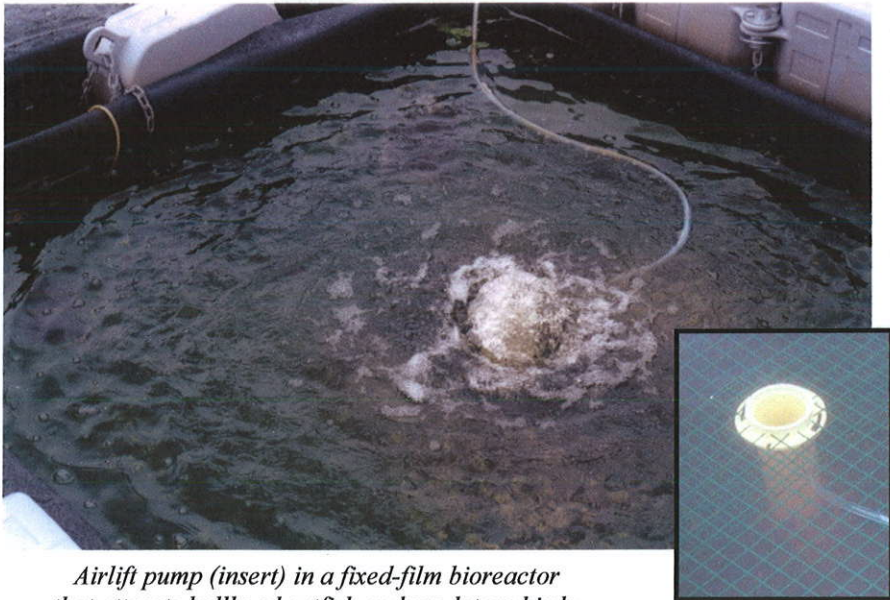


dispersed into the Weymouth pond system. Thus, if the Restorer is operating properly we would assume the percent of organic matter (measured as volatile solids) in top sediments to decrease in areas closer to the

Restorer. Such reductions appear to have occurred between the years of 1999 and 2000 (Figure 2). Increases in organic matter in parts of the pond not near the Restorer may be due to plant diebacks that occur in the fall. Such dieback occurred after the 1999 samples were taken but prior to the 2000 samples. Sources of organic pollution, unknown to the writers, could also be contributing to organic matter build-up throughout the pond. Percent moisture of the two grouped sets of samples changed only slightly and in a very similar way suggesting that data collected during 1999 and 2000 is comparable (Figure 2). However, insufficient data exists to develop a statistically valid statement, and sampling error could have occurred in either 1999 or 2000. More complete standard testing over the course of a longer period of time is necessary to determine whether the reduction in organic matter of top sediments is indeed occurring near the Restorer.

However, the West Cove Restorer did suffer setbacks from the local swans and geese. Many of the plants selected by OAI for their treatment effectiveness are among those most palatable to waterfowl. Favored species had to be replanted several times during the 2000 growing season. Appendix E includes lists of those plants that were grown (and eaten) in the summer of 2000. The placement of a monofilament strand around the outer perimeter of the Restorer did slow the grazing, but additional efforts will be required in 2001. See the 2001 preliminary operational plan for more information.

Bioaugmentation, the introduction of beneficial bacteria, was part of the operational regimen. BactaPur™, a formulation produced by Aquaresearch Ltd., of North Hatley, Quebec, was added to both the fixed-film reactors and plant zones during regular operational visits. Bioaugmentation re-inoculates the Restorer with



Airlift pump (insert) in a fixed-film bioreactor that attracts bullhead catfish and predatory birds

a variety of specialized bacterial species. Formulations used include *Nitrosomonas* and *Nitrobacter*, autotrophic bacteria that naturally convert ammonia into nitrate and on into inert nitrogen gas. Other bacterial species are proven to accelerate digestion of carbonaceous bottom sediments.

Research shows that accelerated bacterial digestion will not occur in an environment limited by the micronutrients required for cellular production. Unfortunately, when Alum was injected in the West Cove sediments, many essential micronutrients were locked-up in compounds with aluminum salts. To counter this condition, supplements of micronutrients were spread in the Restorer reactors, plant rafts, and surrounding sediments during each operator inspection.

2.2 Operational Plan for 2001

Several minor structural modifications are planned for 2001. These include monofilament and netting to prevent ducks, geese, swans and signets from climbing onto the plant rafts to graze on tender plant shoots. Once established, most mature plants are no longer palatable to waterfowl.

Bird netting will also be installed over the internal reactors to prevent herons from landing on the reactors. While the hunting herons provided a heart-warming visual for shoreline residents, the Restorer will function more efficiently if catfish are allowed to feed on the surface of the reactors. Operators will continue to release catfish to maintain appropriate populations.

Modifications to the aeration design will expand the influence of aeration on the sediments. OAI tested an aeration design that eliminated conventional check-valves and pressure relief valves at the blowers. This design delivered far more air to the Restorer than was anticipated by the aeration engineers at AREA Systems Specialist, Inc. The 2001 design will take advantage of the excess air using self-ballasted Hinde aeration tubing.

In accord with the second year operational protocol, mooring chains will be lengthened to allow the Restorer to migrate over a larger area of the West Cove. This will further expand the zone of influence around the Restorer. In future years it is anticipated that the Restorer will be moved to other locations around the pond to degrade older sediments in remote locations away from the dominant Southwest to Northeast flow in the West Cove.

Ocean Arks International also plans to seek funding for expanded deep sediment testing in the West Cove. As a point of interest outside of its contractual obligations, OAI has been testing bottom sediments from West Cove for percent solids and percent volatile solids. The results are discussed in the following sections. These results pose some interesting questions that require deep sediment testing to investigate.

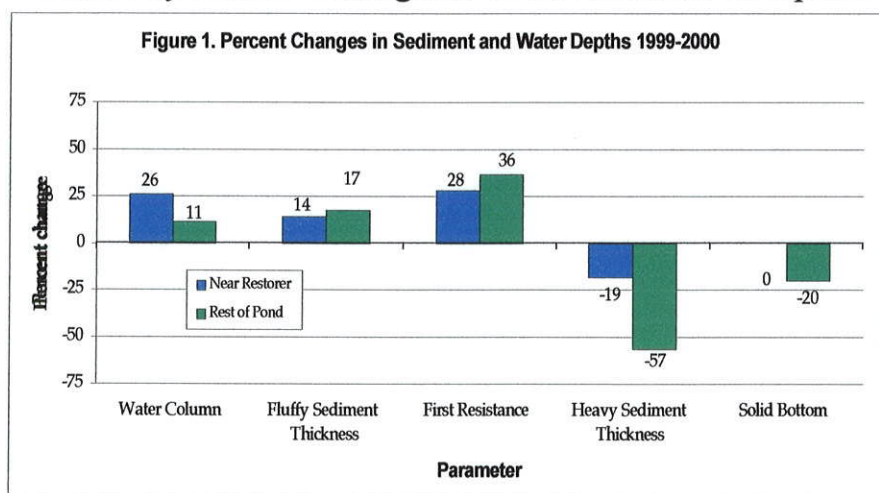
3. SEDIMENT AND WATER COLUMN DEPTH DATA

The condition of bottom sediments is the best indicator of the state of a pond. Sediment data are more reliable than water data because changes in sediments occur on a much slower time scale. For purposes of comparison in this report, sediment data was broken into two groups. Samples taken within 25 meters of the

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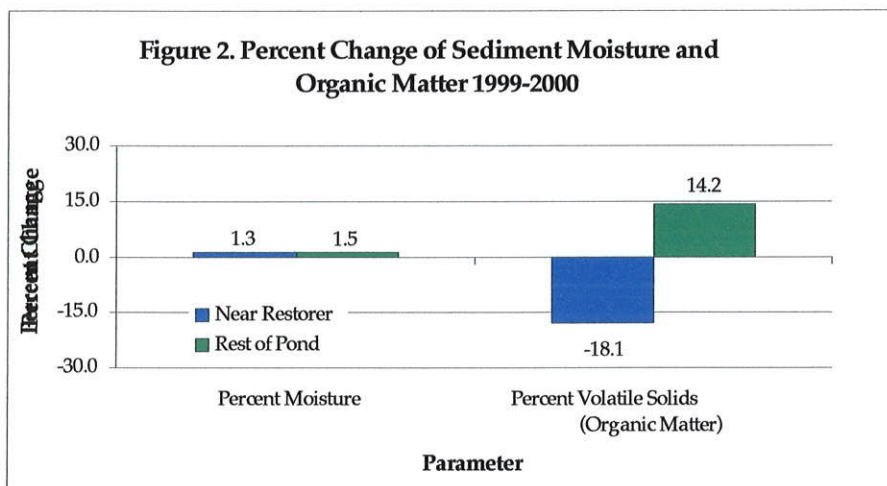
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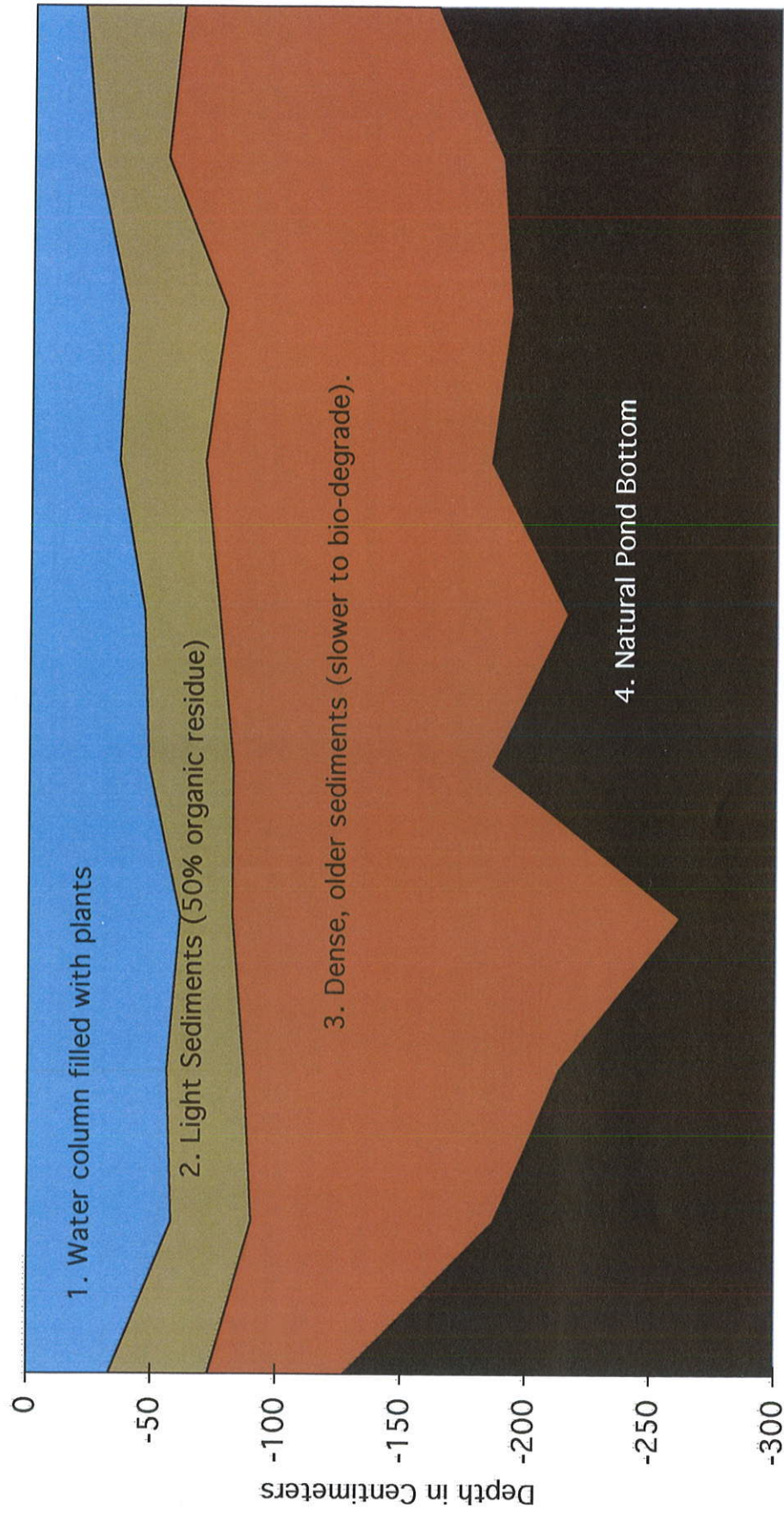
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Weymouth Sediments Data

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Percent Volatile Solids			
1999	2000	Change	
52%	46%	6%	Southwest Corner (green/orange buoy)
	47%		West side, middle, orange buoy
	60%		Northwest, near submerged tree and bushes
63%	51%	11%	At corner of west leg and north leg
	42%		25 meters west of Restorer
54%	45%	9%	25 meters north of restorer
52%			25 meters east of restorer
42%	43%	1%	2nd from north end
33%	72%	39%	North end
	44%		near culvert under the road
43%	45%	2%	100 meters north of Restorer (no buoy) Top sample
	94%		100 meters north of Restorer (no buoy) Bottom sample
			near blower shed
			southeast near island
			south of restorer, near fences
32%			interior of Restorer
95%			interior of Restorer, hard pan
65%			interior of Restorer
94%			interior of Restorer, hard pan
91%			interior of Restorer

Depth of Sediments in West Cove September 9, 1999



Appendix B

Sediment Depth Data, 1999

Location, 99	2000	Water Column (cm)	Fluffy Sediment Thickness	First Resistance (cm)	Heavy Sediment Thickness	Solid Bottom (cm)
1, Buoy	1	38	40	78	115	193
2, Buoy		26	29	54	135	189
2	9	33	40	73	54	127
2, Surface						
3	10	53	45	98	135	233
6	8	58	32	90	97	187
8	11	56	31	87	126	213
10		61	21	82	180	262
12	4	60				
13	6	48	34	82	104	186
13a	7					
14	13			62	178	240
15	3			17	66	83
16 & 17	5	46	30	76	140	216
16 & 23	2	36	35	70	115	185
17				73	158	231
17a						
18	14			55	108	163
24	15	20	40	60	102	162
Units in centimeters						
		45	34	70	121	191

Square Meters ...> 83600 83600 83600
 Cubic Meters Volume ...> 37,234 28,541 101,045
 9.16 <-- millions of gallons of water in pond

Sediment Depth Data, 2000

14-Nov-00

depths in inches, 11/14/00

Water Column (cm)	Fluffy Sediment Thickness	First Resistance (cm)	Heavy Sediment Thickness	Solid Bottom (cm)	depths in inches, 11/14/00
1	38	41	79	104	183 Southwest C 15 31 72
2	38	43	81	114	196 West side, i 15 32 77
3	36	34	70	22	91 Northwest, 14 27.5 36
4	38	50	88	77	165 At corner o 15 34.5 65
5	64	43	107	114	221 25 meters 25 42 87
6	81	24	105	102	207 25 meters 32 41.5 81.5
7	76	29	105	103	208 25 meters 30 41.5 82
8	72	17	89	89	178 2nd from n 28.5 35 70
9	66	48	114	18	132 North end 26 45 52
10	71	130	201	38	239 near culver 28 79 94
11					100 meters north of Restorer (no buoy) Top sample
12					100 meters north of Restorer (no buoy) Bottom sample
13	61	30	91	86	178 near blowel 24 36 70
14	46	41	86	84	170 southeast r 18 34 67
15	70	17	86	112	198 south of re: 27.5 34 78
T1					interior of Restorer
B1					interior of Restorer, hard pan
T2					interior of Restorer
M2					interior of Restorer, hard pan
B2					interior of Restorer

Units in centimeters

58	42	100	82	182
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Square Meters ...> 83600 83600 83600

Cubic Meters Volume ...> 48,676 35,118 68,358

11.97 <-- millions of gallons of water in pond

Change from 1999 ----> 11,442 m3 more water (32,686) m3 less dense sediments

6,578 m3 more fluffy sediments

18.7% more light sediments

2.81 million gallons more water

23.5% increase in water volume

Volatile Solids Data, 1999

[illegible]

Volatile Solids Data, 2000

Volatile Solids Data, 2000										
14-Nov-00		Tare	Wet		Dry		Ashed Sample	Ashed Grams	Percent Moisture	Percent Volatile Solids
		Sample	Wet grams	Sample	Dry grams					
1	44.4760	59.6810	15.2050	45.5155	1.0395	45.0370	0.5610	93%	46%	
2	43.6825	64.2424	20.5599	45.0020	1.3195	44.3760	0.6935	94%	47%	
3	43.6710	49.2626	5.5916	43.9115	0.2405	43.7679	0.0969	96%	60%	
4	44.7100	50.2950	5.5850	44.9940	0.2840	44.8480	0.1380	95%	51%	
5	45.8872	51.0210	5.1338	46.2622	0.3750	46.1050	0.2178	93%	42%	
6	45.1833	49.9222	4.7389	45.5035	0.3202	45.3610	0.1777	93%	45%	
7										
8	44.0722	48.8450	4.7728	44.3963	0.3241	44.2560	0.1838	93%	43%	
9	45.8971	78.7971	32.9000	49.9520	4.0549	47.0181	1.1210	88%	72%	
10	44.0835	55.0251	10.9416	44.8150	0.7315	44.4951	0.4116	93%	44%	
11	45.1889	55.4275	10.2386	46.0340	0.8451	45.6500	0.4611	92%	45%	
12	44.8328	56.2250	11.3922	46.2080	1.3752	44.9120	0.0792	88%	94%	
13										
14										
15										
T1	44.7024	52.4850	7.7826	45.4543	0.7519	45.2136	0.5112	90%	32%	
B1	44.7165	47.6029	2.8864	45.0824	0.3659	44.7350	0.0185	87%	95%	
T2	44.8258	50.2640	5.4382	45.3000	0.4742	44.9903	0.1645	91%	65%	
M2	44.7156	52.6100	7.8944	46.0252	1.3096	44.7940	0.0784	83%	94%	
B2	44.4700	50.5155	6.0455	45.1035	0.6335	44.5275	0.0575	90%	91%	



Many of the nuisance plant species are opportunistic aggressors in an environment of excess nutrients. The Restorer works to starve the unwelcome species by digesting the stockpiles of food that exist in sediments and floating sludge.



Despite heavy growth of nuisance aquatic plant species, the pond still supports the microbial life required for the Restorer to digest the sediments and clean the water. Above a large snail suns itself on a lily pad during Ocean Arks' recent sampling inspection.



Floating sludge clogs the water column at the northern end of the West Cove. With a texture of chocolate mayonnaise on a hot day, these late summer mats of “bio-solids” are a primary target of the Restorer. Due to the shallow depths and hydrodynamics of the pond, elimination via bio-digestion will probably occur in the summer of 2001.

Appendix E

PLANT INVENTORY FOR WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Initial Planting:

Plant	Common Name	Quantity
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	1
<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	Water Willow	25
<i>Dryopteris thelypteris</i>	Marsh Fern	100
<i>Hydrocotyle verticillata</i>	Water Pennywort	100
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag Iris	10
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Duckweed	approx. 1 sq meter
<i>Peltandra virginica</i>	Tuckahoe	25
<i>Pontedaria cordata</i>	Pickerel Weed	25
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	2
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black Willow	25
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizards Tail	100
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Common Cattail	50

June Planting:

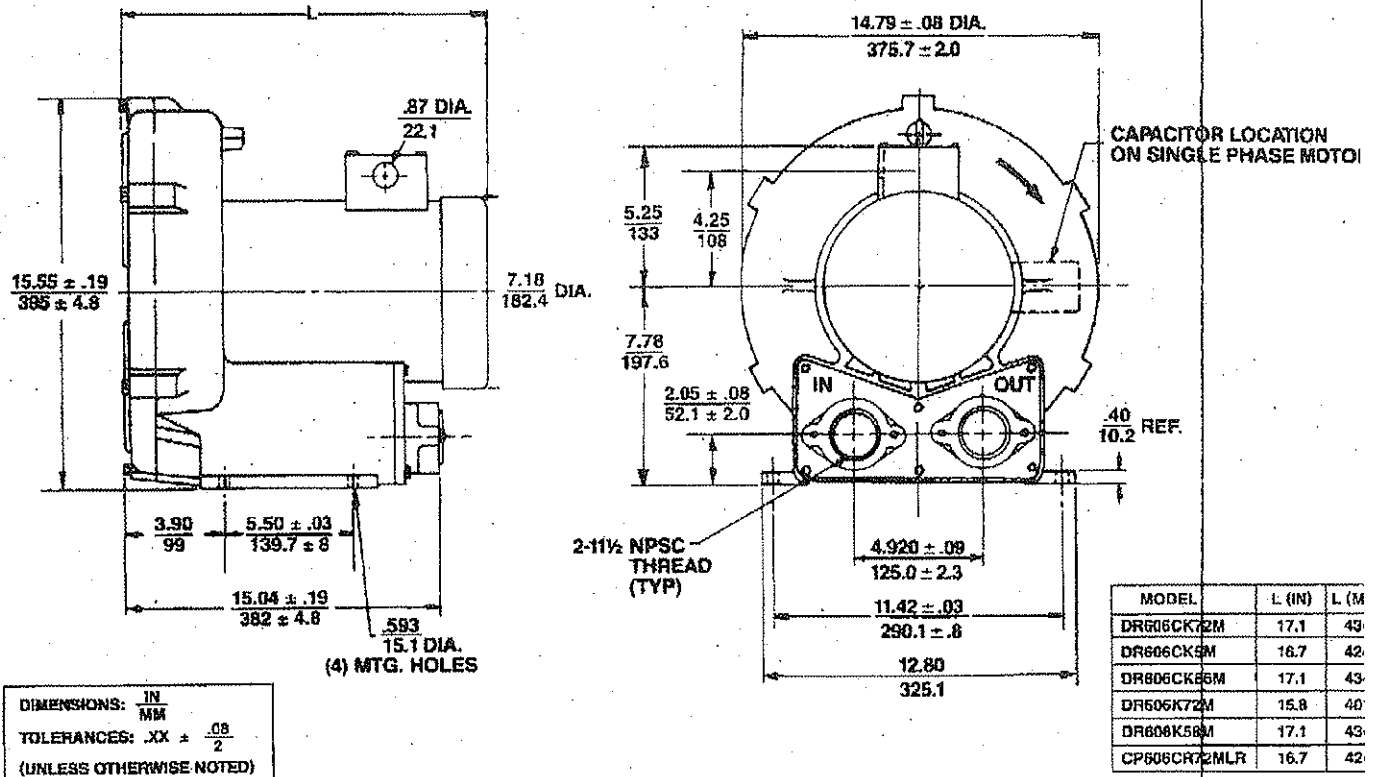
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<i>Peltandra virginica</i>	Tuckahoe	1
<i>Pontedaria cordata</i>	Pickerel Weed	10
<i>Salix sp. (coll. Native)</i>	Willow	5
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black Willow	25
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizards Tail	10
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	Wool Grass	25
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Common Cattail	7

July Planting:

Plant	Common Name	Quantity
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Narrow-Leaved Cattail	500

**DR 606 & CP 60
Regenerative Blowers**

Scale CAD drawing available upon request

**SPECIFICATIONS**

MODEL	DR606CK72M	DR606CK5M	DR606CK86M	DR606K72M	DR606K58M	DR606D72M	CP606CR72ML
Part No.	038526	038532	038530	038527	038529	080077	038247
Motor Enclosure - Shaft Material	TEFC - CS	TEFC - CS	TEFC - CS	TEFC - CS	TEFC - CS	TEFC - CS	ChemTEFC - S
Horsepower	4	4	4	3	3	5	Same as DR606CK72M
Voltage ¹	230/460	230	575	230/460	115/230	208-230/460	038526
Phase - Frequency ¹	Three - 60 Hz	Single - 60 Hz	Three - 60 Hz	Three - 60 Hz	Single - 60 Hz	Three - 60 Hz	except add Chemical Processing (CP) features from catalog inside front cov
Insulation Class ²	F	F	F	F	F	F	
NEMA Rated Motor Amps	10.4/5.2	17.4	4.1	7.6/3.8	24.9/12.4	14-12.8/6.4	
Service Factor	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.15	1.0	1.15	
Locked Rotor Amps	94/47	121	80	88/44	194/97	96/48	
Max. Blower Amps ³	11.4/5.7	18	4.56	9.5/4.75	27.8/13.9	11-10/5	
Recommended NEMA Starter Size	1/0	2	0	0/0	1.5/1	1/1	
Shipping Weight	98 lb (45 kg)	106 lb (48 kg)	92 lb (42 kg)	96 lb (44 kg)	98 lb (45 kg)	98 lb (45 kg)	

¹ Rotron motors are designed to handle a broad range of world voltages and power supply variations. Our dual voltage 3 phase motors are factory tested and certified to operate on both: 208-230/415-460 VAC-3 ph-60 Hz and 190-208/380-415 VAC-3 ph-50 Hz. Our dual voltage 1 phase motors are factory tested and certified to operate on both: 104-115/208-230 VAC-1 ph-60 Hz and 100-110/200-230 VAC-1 ph-50 Hz. All voltages above can handle a ±10% voltage fluctuation. Special wound motors can be ordered for voltages outside the certified range.

² Maximum operating temperature: Motor winding temperature (winding rise plus ambient) should not exceed 140°C for Class F rated motors or 120°C for Class B rated motors. Blower outlet air temperature should not exceed 140°C (air temperature rise plus inlet temperature). Performance curve maximum pressure and suction points are based on a 40°C inlet and ambient temperature. Consult factory for inlet and ambient temperatures above 40°C.

³ Maximum blower amps corresponds to the performance point at which the motor or blower temperature rise with a 40°C inlet and ambient temperature reaches the maximum operating temperature.

DR 606 & CP 606 Regenerative Blower

FEATURES

- Manufactured in the USA – ISO 9001 compliant
- CE compliant – Declaration of Conformity on file
- Maximum flow: 200 SCFM
- Maximum pressure: 100 IWG
- Maximum vacuum: 6.1" Hg (83 IWG)
- Standard motor: 4.0 HP, TEFC
- Cast aluminum blower housing, impeller & cover; cast iron flanges (threaded)
- UL & CSA approved motor with permanently sealed ball bearings
- Inlet & outlet internal muffling
- Quiet operation within OSHA standards

MOTOR OPTIONS

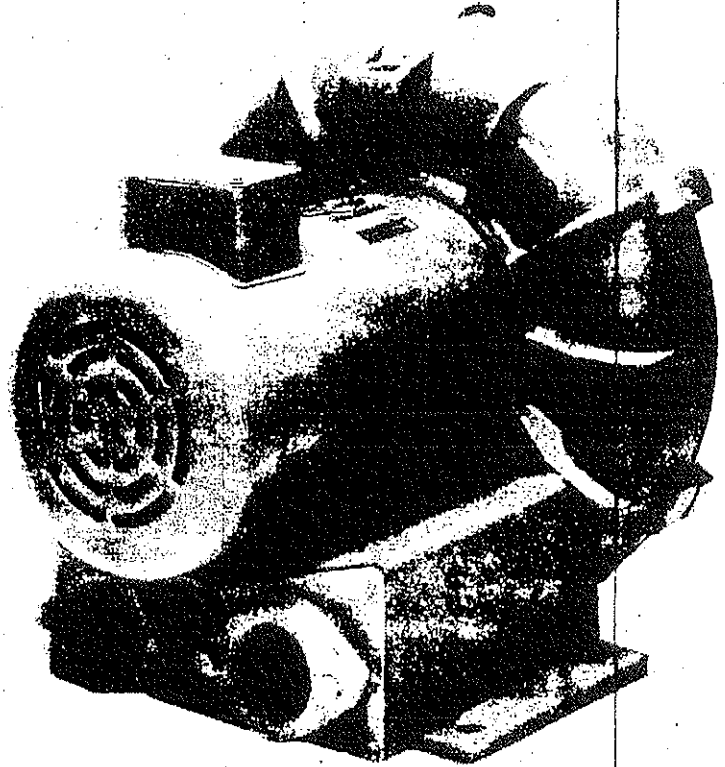
- International voltage & frequency (Hz)
- Chemical duty, high efficiency, inverter duty or industry-specific designs
- Various horsepower for application-specific needs

BLOWER OPTIONS

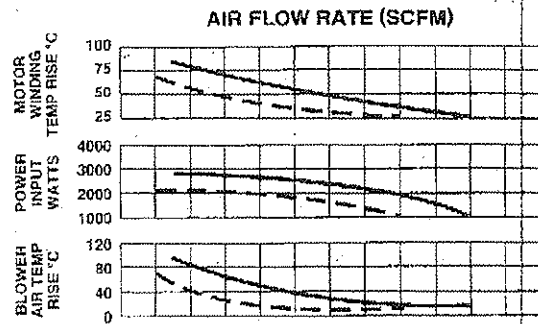
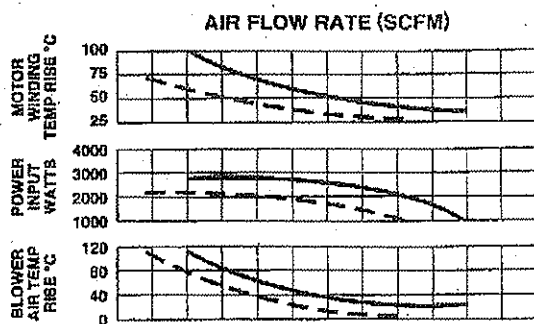
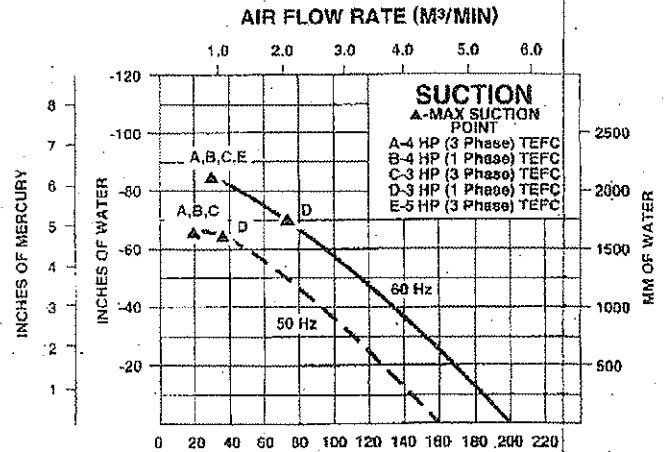
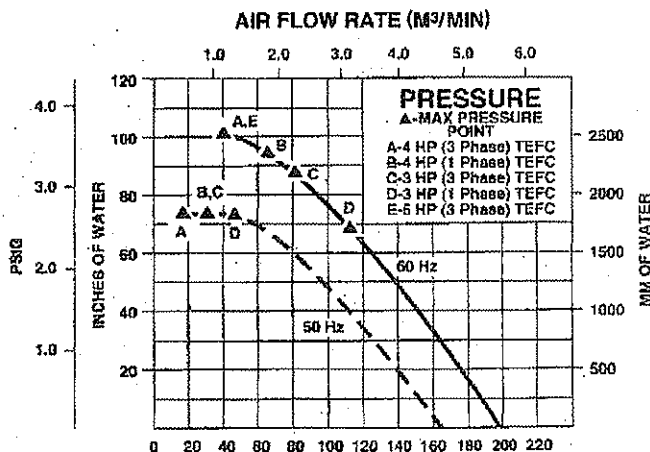
- Corrosion resistant surface treatments & sealing options
- Remote drive (motorless) models
- Slip-on or face flanges for application-specific needs

ACCESSORIES (See Catalog Accessory Section)

- Flowmeters reading in SCFM
- Filters & moisture separators
- Pressure gauges, vacuum gauges & relief valves
- Switches – air flow, pressure, vacuum or temperature
- External mufflers for additional silencing
- Air knives (used on blow-off applications)
- Variable frequency drive package



BLOWER PERFORMANCE AT STANDARD CONDITIONS





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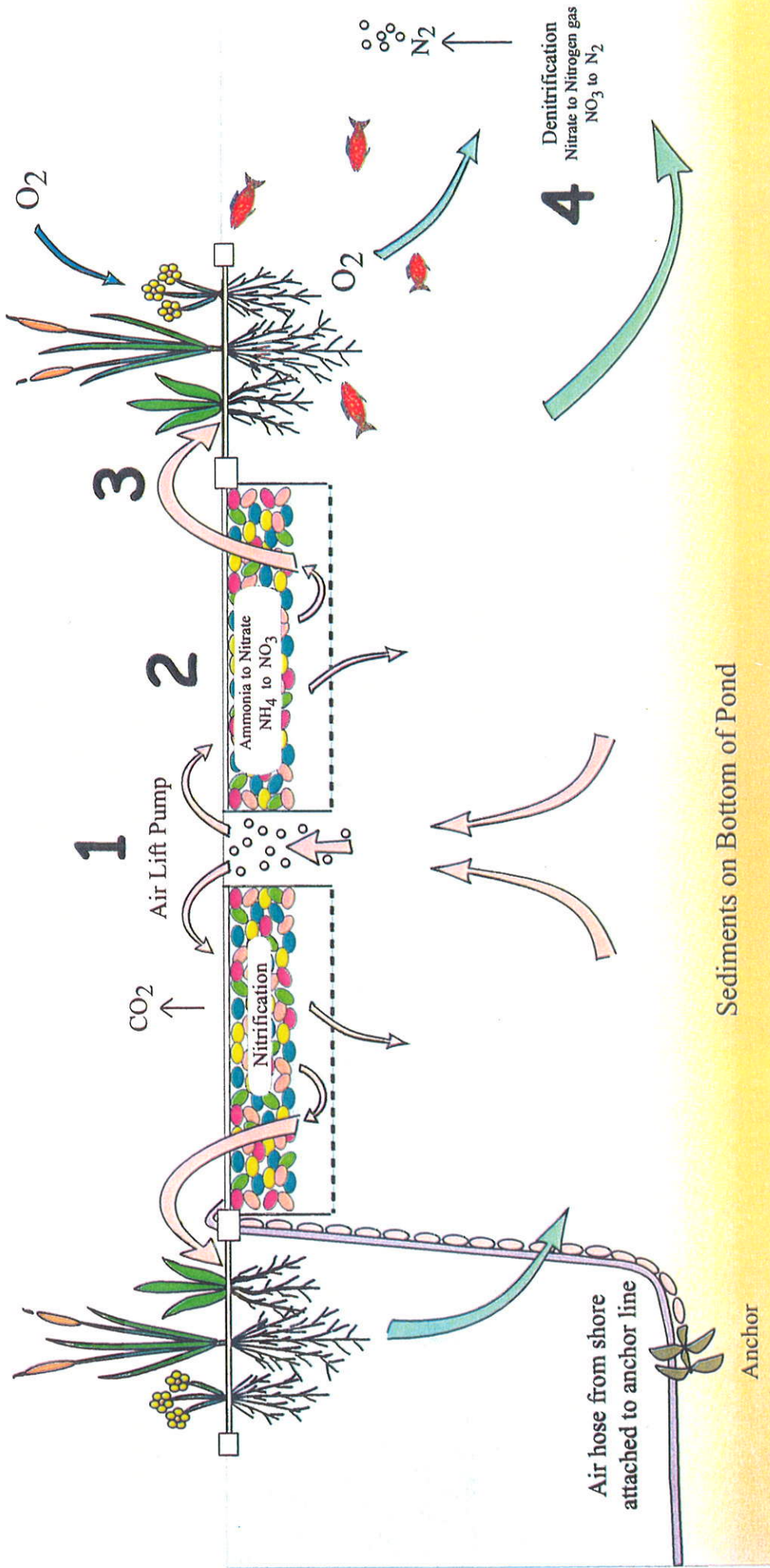
The Restorer™

The Restorer™ "jump starts" the pond ecology, enabling organisms to metabolized nutrients in the pond.

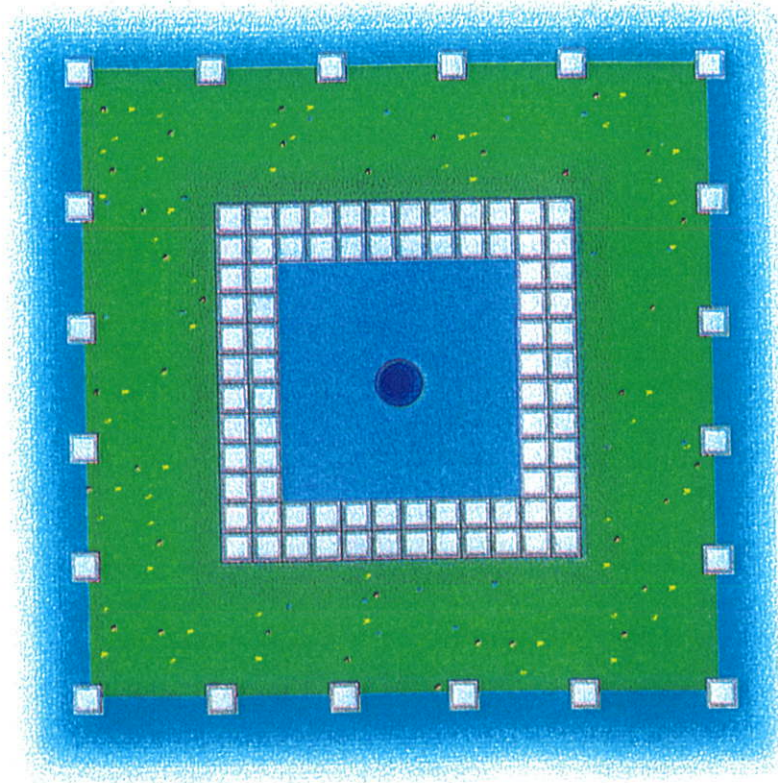
- 1) Air lift raises nutrient-rich sediments from bottom of pond and oxygenates the water.
- 2) Nutrients flow downward through porous media containing nitrifying bacteria.
- 3) A second air lift passes water over roots of aquatic plants at periphery of the Lake Restorer.
- 4) Nitrate is consumed by oxygen-hungry micro-organisms in sediments, releasing nitrogen gas.

The Restorer™ helps the pond ecology repair itself by creating important habitat, by adding oxygen, and recirculating water within the pond.

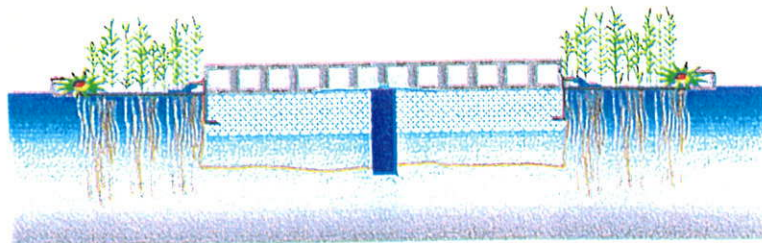
Aquatic plants pump
oxygen down to their roots



Restorer III



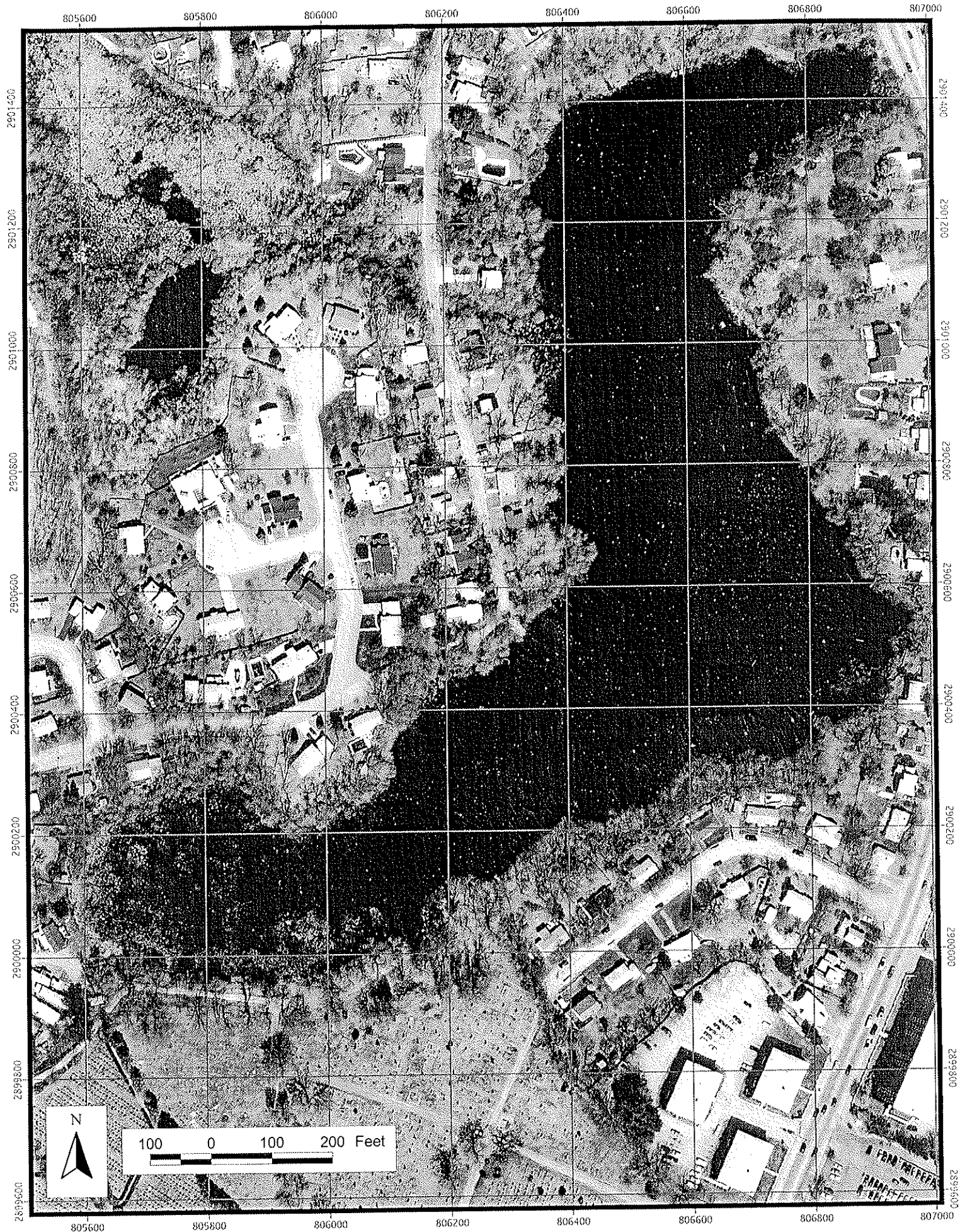
PLAN VIEW



CROSS SECTION

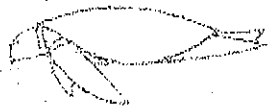
RESTORER III SPECIFICATIONS

Bouyancy:	9,500 kg displacement
Overall Pond Surface Area:	100 M ²
Manufactured Media Volume:	18 M ³
Aeration Capacity:	50 SCFM
Hydraulic Throughput:	9,000 M ³ /D (2,375,000 gpd)



Appendix H

Operational Log Sheets - West Cove



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove ~~X~~ South Cove _____

Date: May 18th

Time: all day

Weather: cloudy late afternoon thunderstorms

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan, Jim, Mike Carr, Paul Z.

Guests: Jim Cunningham
Arthur Matthews

Mechanical:

Blower temperature good.

Blower bearings/noise none.

Filter maintenance new on both blowers

Pipelines secure ✓

Pressure relief 48" and blowing off heavily

Mechanical adjustment & observations - Electrical installed
WOW - more air than projected. tested

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors - added additional media.

Other notable issues / adjustments adjustments to the cables
supporting the reactors.

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added 10 liters to plant racks and reactors

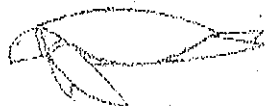
Plants added full planting with purchased stock and native transpl

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

We're operational !



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Location: West Cove ☒ South Cove ☐

Date: May 24

Time: 10:00

Weather: clear 70°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature ☒

Blower bearings/noise ☒

Filter maintenance ☒

Pipelines secure needs ballast.

Pressure relief - heavy blow off - way more air than projected

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors - filamentous algae starting to foul reactors.

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added

Plants added

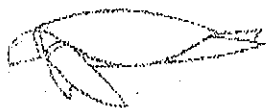
Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Re-set many plants. Birds are walking on rafts; knock down and nubble. Water may still be too cold for some species to kick in.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

will need to replant some species. Call to Burlington



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove ~~X~~ South Cove _____

Date: June 6th

Time: 10:00

Weather: overcast 75°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK

Blower bearings/noise Quiet

Filter maintenance N

Pipelines secure - OK - need ballast to sink further in pond so as not to obstruct

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations boaters

All Air 100%

Structural:

Buoyancy - needed for under Coin rafts.

Media Reactors good

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added N

Bacteria added N

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Plant rack mostly submerged -
will adjust some supplemental
floatation.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

* geese chowing on soft center of new shoots.



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Location: West Cove ☒ South Cove ☐

Date: 6-9-00

Time: 9:30 AM

Weather: Clear / Sunny - Warm

OAI Staff/Contractors: M. and CARR

Guests: JONATHAN TODD

Mechanical:

Blower temperature FINE

Blower bearings/noise NONE

Filter maintenance OK

Pipelines secure YES

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy OK

Media Reactors OK

Other notable issues / adjustments Sank air lines - Secured at influent to Restorer

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added

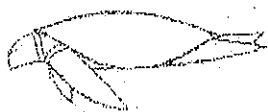
Plants added

Acration adjustments NONE

Plant maintenance Tidy up Rocks - Removed dead / eaten stems

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

SANK AIR LINE TO RESTORER
- 2 @ 2"



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Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: June 22

Time: 11:30 - 5:30

Weather: partly cloudy, 78°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Paul Zabriskie, Ben Zabriskie,

Guests: Jonathan Todd

Jim Cunningham,

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK

Blower bearings/noise Quiet - new gasket on blower housing

Filter maintenance cleaned

Pipelines secure OK

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy added float under plant rafts.

Media Reactors cattfish and snails.

Other notable issues / adjustments

cattfish seem to be cleaning off filamentous algae!

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added 5 liters

Plants added - see list - partial planting.

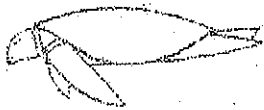
Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

Pond weeds growing vigorously along shoreline.

no sign yet around restorer.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: Sat June 24

Time: 1:30

Weather: rain 80°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Paul Z, Ben Z

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature
Blower bearings/noise
Filter maintenance
Pipelines secure
Pressure relief
Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy - seems to be holding well under plant rafts.
Media Reactors
Other notable issues / adjustments

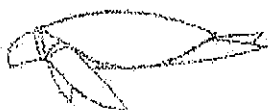
Biological

Minerals added
Bacteria added
Plants added
Aeration adjustments
Plant maintenance

Finished planting second lot.

Released 2 catfish from inner reactors.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: July 11

Time: 8:30

Weather: 75° P+4 Cl.

OAI Staff/Contractors: John Todd, Ph.D.

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK

Blower bearings/noise

Filter maintenance N

Pipelines secure X

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added 5 liters

Plants added

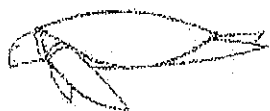
Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Plants having difficulty, due to
predation from waterfowl. Removed several
dead specimens.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

Attached growth looks good. Bullhead Catfish in
2 internal reactors, both grazed clean.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: July 26

Time: 2:00

Weather: partly cloudy 75°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature Fine
Blower bearings/noise Quiet
Filter maintenance Yes
Pipelines secure ✓
Pressure relief tightened on raft
Mechanical adjustment & observations

*Mike -
need to arrange
overnight shipping
of Catfish stock to
10 Shanks Pond
Falmouth. JT*

Structural:

Buoyancy
Media Reactors good
Other notable issues / adjustments Installed Monofilament to
obstruct birds.

Biological

Minerals added - Kelp meal, 5 Kg
Bacteria added 5 liters in reactors and on plant rafts
Plants added
Aeration adjustments
Plant maintenance plants still suffering. all new shoots
being eaten.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

single strand of monofilament around perimeter -
removed 2 skulls from catfish from internal reactors.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: August 2

Time: 10-3

Weather: Overcast 75°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan Todd, Roberto Obando

Guests: _____

Mechanical:

- Blower temperature ✓
- Blower bearings/noise OK
- Filter maintenance ✓
- Pipelines secure ✓
- Pressure relief OK
- Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

- Buoyancy
- Media Reactors
- Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

- Minerals added
- Bacteria added
- Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

80 lbs to Restorer cells
160 lbs to plant rafts and 50' radius around restorer
plants look better than they have all season. Monofilament must be working.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

planted 300 narrow leaf cat tails, bare root stock.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: Aug 15.

Time: 2:45

Weather: overcast

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan, Stuart

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature ✓

Blower bearings/noise OK

Filter maintenance cleaned

Pipelines secure X

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations none required, ever it seems.
"like that!"

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors - catfish bones abound: released one.

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added 40 lbs. Epsom

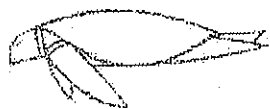
Bacteria added 5 liters

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance - new narrowleaf seem to be unhappy -
could be transplant shock. Do not appear to be eaten.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: September 12

Time: 11:00

Weather: Sunny 70's

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan

Guests: Jim Cunningham. — gave Jim tour of the site.

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK

Blower bearings/noise ✓

Filter maintenance N

Pipelines secure OK

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations

we saw significant improvements in the water column around the Restorm vs. away from The Restorm. Discussed plant problems at length.

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

80 lbs. Ecomin
5 liters

Plants still struggling, although grazing is greatly reduced with Monofilament.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: Sept 22

Time: 5:00

Weather: Overcast 65°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan Todd

Guests:

Mechanical:

- Blower temperature —
- Blower bearings/noise —
- Filter maintenance ✓
- Pipelines secure ✓
- Pressure relief —
- Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

- Buoyancy —
- Media Reactors —
- Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

- Minerals added
- Bacteria added
- Plants added
- Aeration adjustments
- Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

All is well here. Off to meeting of Whales and Ponds Committee. Have brief presentation on Restorer performance, issues, other updates.

Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove ☒ South Cove ☐

Date: September 25th

Time: 10:00

Weather: Rain 60°

OAI Staff/Contractors:

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature - switched blowers.

Blower bearings/noise OK

Filter maintenance cleaned both

Pipelines secure OK

Pressure relief 48" - glued it on.

Mechanical adjustment & observations Replaced PVC ☒ connection at blower housing.

Structural:

Buoyancy good.

Media Reactors clean due to more catfish and huge snails

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added N

Bacteria added N

Plants added N

Aeration adjustments None butabone.

Plant maintenance - reset several plants, removed some down or so that didn't make it.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

tightened mono fittings

checked mooring connections for wear - none.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: October 13

Time: 12:00

Weather: Sunny 65°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK

Blower bearings/noise OK

Filter maintenance Y

Pipelines secure OK - reset

Pressure relief re-glued blow-off. need to modify in 2001

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments

secured air lines on frame to reduce vibration and wind exposure.

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added

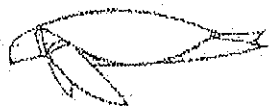
Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

40 lbs Ecomin
5 liters bactapur

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove X South Cove _____

Date: November 15th

Time: 11:00 - 4:00

Weather: raining, low 50's

OAI Staff/Contractors: Paul Zabriskie, John Todd, Ph.D.

Guests: Jonathan Todd, Erika Brown.

Mechanical:

Blower temperature good

Blower bearings/noise good, quiet

Filter maintenance Y

Pipelines secure Y

Pressure relief 48"

Mechanical adjustment & observations

prepare to shut down when pond nears freezing. Dec.?

P2 measured 10.8 - 11.0

running AMPS (@ 230 VAC)

at the blower.

Structural:

Buoyancy all OK.

Media Reactors good. snail egg deposits. catfish bones and skull.

Other notable issues / adjustments Saw and photographed a great Blue Heron on SE media cell

Biological

Minerals added 80 lbs Ecomin to Restorer, 80 lbs to pond

Bacteria added 5 liters

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance Aquatic plants still active... some look best

They have all year.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

Full depth and sediment measurements around entire pond (14 stat

Samples taken for %H₂O and %Volatile until sample jar broke.

Appendix I

Operational Log Sheets – South Cove



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove _____ South Cove X

Date: May 17th

Time: 3:30

Weather: cloudy cool.

OAI Staff/Contractors: ZABRISKIE, SARGERT

Guests:

Mechanical: building locked - no evaluation of mechanical

Blower temperature

Blower bearings/noise

Filter maintenance

Pipelines secure

Pressure relief

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural: needs help. some woodwork to sturdy-up corner.

Buoyancy

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments live holes can be adapted to make this Reston operate more like current generation in West Cove. Air lines are beat.

Biological

Minerals added lots of volunteer plants and old perennials. Wa

Bacteria added still too cold for much growth. Dead

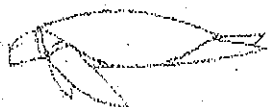
Plants added canada goose carcass in one cell.

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

need to find drawing from when this was made to evaluate structural repairs. Jonathan will need to check blowers. This can be made to work.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove _____ South Cove ✓

Date: 6-9-00

Time: 2 45

Weather: Sunny & warm

OAI Staff/Contractors: Mike Carr

Guests: Jonathan Todd

Mechanical:

Blower temperature

Blower bearings/noise

Filter maintenance

Pipelines secure

Pressure relief

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

While quite worn down, the Restorer continues to operate. New growth is taking hold. Blowers questionable. ST to keep an eye on.



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove _____ South Cove X

Date: June 27

Time: 9:00

Weather: PC 80°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan Todd and Jonathan Mercacappa

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature
Blower bearings/noise
Filter maintenance
Pipelines secure
Pressure relief
Mechanical adjustment & observations

Both blowers are down and need o/f or replacement. Existing system is low volume / high pressure - May be worth looking at replacing with more efficient blowers.

Structural:

Buoyancy
Media Reactors
Other notable issues / adjustments

Minor carpentry repairs. Aerial structure is rotting and has limited life left.

Biological

Minerals added
Bacteria added
Plants added
Aeration adjustments
Plant maintenance

Perennials from previous years are well established although look shabby. Some volunteer annuals also quite good root density. Removed some purple loosestrife.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove _____ South Cove X

Date: 26th July

Time: 8 - 2

Weather: partly cloudy 75°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan Todd, Stuart Barker

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature

Blower bearings/noise

Filter maintenance

Pipelines secure

Pressure relief

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Picked up rebuilt compressor in Fairhaven in the am and installed it on South Cove

This compressor now drives the intake airlift, with treated water flowing by gravity to outlet and discharge (also through muskrat holes).

Structural:

Buoyancy stabilized

Media Reactors nylon net media in serviceable condition

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added

Bacteria added 5 litres

Plants added

Aeration adjustments above

Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Location: West Cove _____ South Cove X

Date: August 15

Time: 1:30

Weather: Overcast 75

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan, Stuart Baker

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK

Blower bearings/noise always loud.

Filter maintenance ✓

Pipelines secure ✓

Pressure relief OK

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Installed second Sweetwater
AQ7 blower/compressor to
power the internal airlift. The
is done to simultaneously run
influent (from compressor #1) and
internal re-circ. Muskrat
holes allow accelerated flow
through ala - the west cone.

Structural:

Buoyancy holding.

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added 160 lbs Ecominerals

Bacteria added 5 liters

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance - Plants seem extremely hardy. Mostly
native, some invasive removed.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Location: West Cove _____ South Cove X

Date: Sept 22

Time: 4:30

Weather: overcast 65°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan Todd

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature

Blower bearings/noise

Filter maintenance

Pipelines secure

Pressure relief

Mechanical adjustment & observations

Visual inspection from shore.
all looks good. Blowers
sound normal.

Structural:

Buoyancy

Media Reactors

Other notable issues / adjustments

Will give brief
update of South Cove
during my presentation to
Whitman Pond Committee
tonight.

Biological

Minerals added

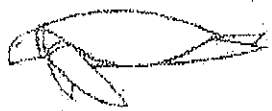
Bacteria added

Plants added

Aeration adjustments

Plant maintenance

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Location: West Cove _____ South Cove ✓

Date: October 13

Time: 11:00

Weather: Sunny 65°

OAI Staff/Contractors: Jonathan

Guests:

Mechanical:

Blower temperature Ok
Blower bearings/noise loud as usual
Filter maintenance Ok
Pipelines secure Ok
Pressure relief Ok
Mechanical adjustment & observations

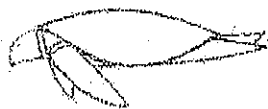
Structural:

Buoyancy - holding for now. structure is questionable
Media Reactors as far as overwinter
Other notable issues / adjustments

Biological

Minerals added 40 lbs. Ecomin
Bacteria added 5 liters Bacta-Pur
Plants added
Aeration adjustments
Plant maintenance - not exactly an English Garden,
but good operation plant root mass.

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities



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Weymouth Restorer Operations Log Sheets

Location: West Cove _____ South Cove X

Date: November 15

Time: 10:30

Weather: rain, overcast, cold.

OAI Staff/Contractors: Paul Labraskie, John Todd, P.H.D.

Guests: Jonathan Todd, Erica Brown

Mechanical:

Blower temperature OK. Blowers removed for year-end servicing.
Blower bearings/noise
Filter maintenance
Pipelines secure
Pressure relief
Mechanical adjustment & observations

Structural:

Buoyancy — looks fragile on Southeast corner —
Media Reactors ice may take its toll — wood is
Other notable issues / adjustments pretty beat.

Biological

Minerals added
Bacteria added
Plants added
Aeration adjustments
Plant maintenance — plants are hardy. still acting but
looks like many have set in for winter

Other notable items / issues / adjustments / activities

end of season operations at South Cove.

Appendix J

VEGETATION CONTOUR MAP FLAX POND, September 1999

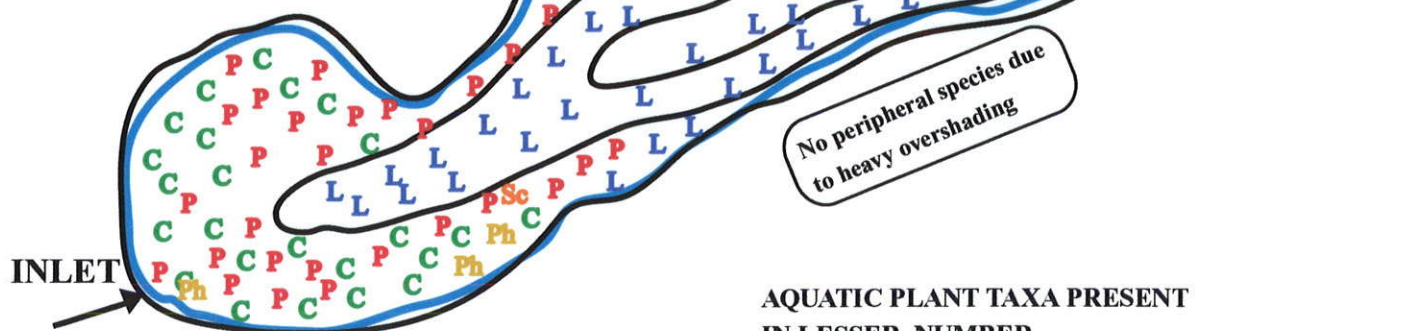
OUTLET

KEY TO PREDOMINANT VEGETATION

- P** Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) - most predominant peripheral perennial. Heavy colonization.
- L** Water Lilies (*Nymphaea odorata*)
- C** Cattails (*Typha* sp.)
- Ph** Reeds (*Phragmites* sp.)
- B** Button Bush (less than 5 plants)
- Sc** Bulrush (*Scirpus* sp.)
- AR** Swamp Alder (*Alnus rugosa*)
- PA** Silver Fleece Vine (*Polygonum aubertii*)
- AI** Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

SHRUBS WITHIN 20 FEET OF SHORELINE

- Winter Berry (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)
- Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)
- Willow (*Salix* spp.)



OTHER BOTANICAL NOTES

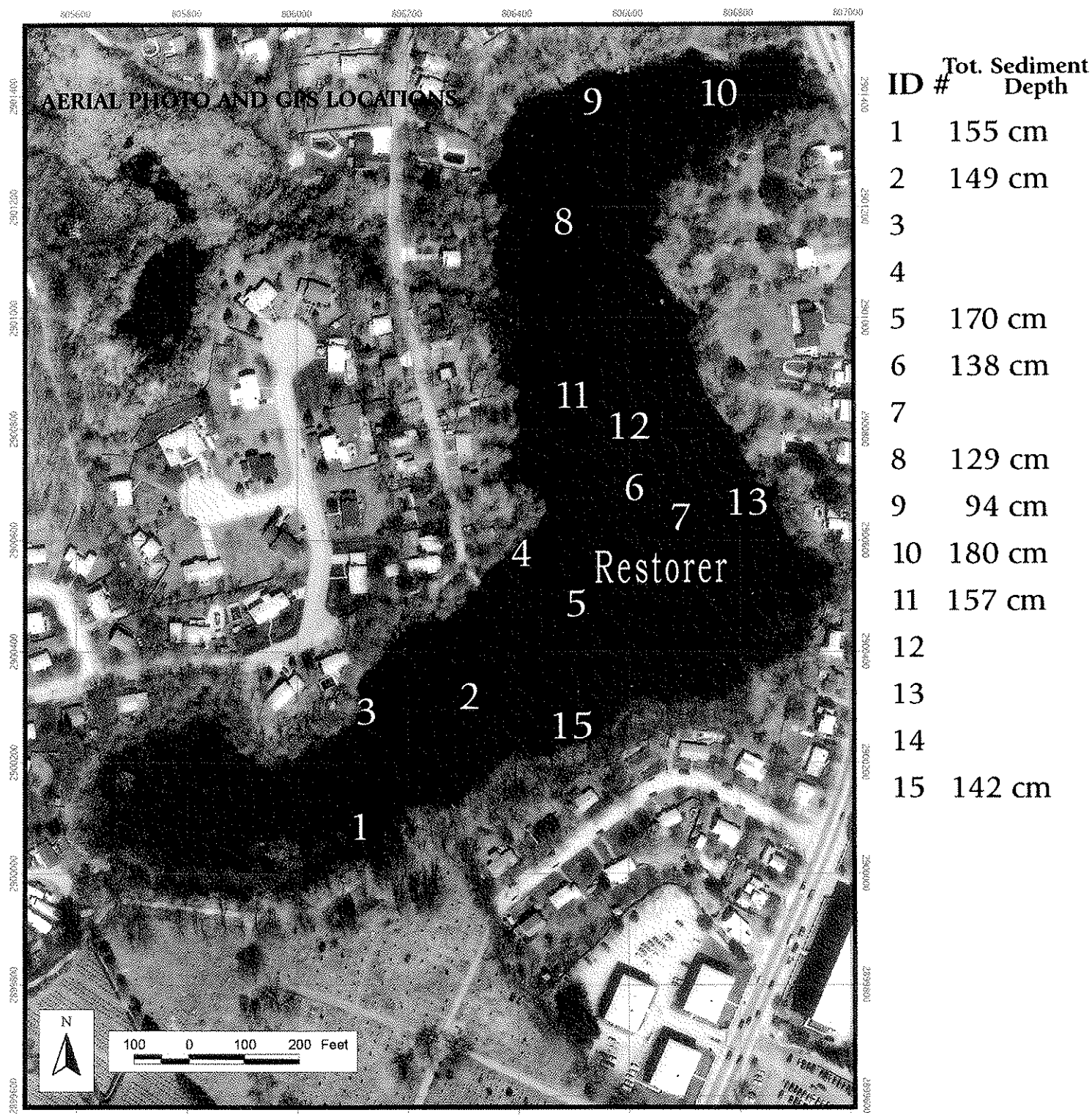
- * Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoaccia*) saplings (3'-8') scattered throughout. This species is invasive in Vermont.
- * Surprisingly few grasses, sedges, or rushes.
- * *Lythrum* represents 60% of the area covered by emergent vegetation.

AQUATIC PLANT TAXA PRESENT IN LESSER NUMBER

- Duckweed (*Lemna minor*)
- Spike Rush (*Eleocharis* sp.)
- Sedge (*Cyperus* spp.)
- False Nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrica*)
- Pickrel Weed (*Pontederia cordata*)
- Smart Weed (*Polygonum* spp.)
- Water Shield (*Brasenia schreberi*)
- Arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*)
- Beggar's Tick (*Bidens* spp.)
- Touch Me Not (*Impatiens* spp.)

Appendix K

Map of Intitial Sediment Depths, 1999



Note: For complete sediment depth profiles for 1999 and 2000, please see Appendix B.