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Quarterly Dam Inspection Report

Murphey Candler Park Dam, City of Brookhaven

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Embankment (Earth) Dam Inspection Form

Name of Dam: Murphey Candler Park Dam	Inspection: 04/26/2022 8:30 am						
Location of Dam (County): DeKalb County, GA							
Inspected by (Print Name): <u>Sam Crampton/Seth Bradley/ Matt Deshotel/Carly Federman/David Taylor</u> Weather: <u>Sunny to Cloudy</u>							
If an inspection item requires further action on your part, place a check mark to the left of	the number of the item.						
A. <u>Crest</u> (refer to Glossary for description)							
1. How would you describe the vegetation on the crest? (Check all that apply)							
	Sparse						
Other/Corrective Action (describe): The crest of the dam has a 20-ft wide aspha	1 <u> </u>						
pedestrian walkway on either side. The narrow areas between the asphalt road	*						
sparse, recently mowed grass.							
 2. Are there any trees or other inappropriate or excessive vegetation on the crest? 	Yes No ✓						
If yes, describe (type of vegetation, size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action:							
□ 3. Is there a paved road or driveway on the crest? Yes \checkmark No							
If yes, describe the condition (for example, good condition, numerous cracks, n							
functional and in good condition (See Photos 1 and 2). Some minor cracks were	• •						
locations as described in item 5 of this section (See Photos 3- 5).							
\Box 4. Are there any depressions, ruts or holes on the crest? Yes	No						
If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action: There is a minor depres							
by the end of the road guard rail. This depression appears unchanged since the	previous report in October (See Photo 5).						
Cracks remain in the concrete sidewalk pavement and the asphalt road at this lo	ocation. These do not appear to be in any						
area of critical concern but should continue to be monitored.							
\Box 5. Are there any cracks on the crest? Yes \checkmark No							
If yes, describe (length and width, location, direction of cracking, etc.)/Correction	ive Action: Several minor longitudinal						
cracks were observed towards the downstream edge of the roadway just left of	the center of the dam (See Photos 3 and 4).						
Longitudinal cracking can be an indication of embankment slide, although ther	e is no evidence that is what is causing these						
specific cracks. These cracks should continue to be monitored to ensure they d	o not increase in size or width, or otherwise						
worsen. The depressed area at the left, downstream edge of the dam crest (discu	ussed in item 4 above) has created a semi-						
circular crack in the pavement (See Photo 5). These cracks should be monitored	d to ensure they do not increase in size or						
otherwise worsen.							
6. Other observations on the crest/Corrective Action:							
B. <u>Upstream Slope</u> (refer to Glossary for description)							
1. What is the reservoir level today? At Normal Pool \checkmark Above Normal Pool	Feet Below Normal PoolFeet						
2. How would you describe the vegetation on the upstream slope? (Check all that ap	ply)						
Recently Mowed Overgrown Good Cover S	parse						
Other/Corrective Action (describe): The upstream slope is primarily covered w	ith unevenly distributed riprap and patches						
of vegetative growth. The upstream slope was observed to have been cleared of							
2022 inspection, however regrowth from previously cut back stumps as well as	new growth was observed during this						
inspection. (See Photos 6 and 7).							
3. Are there any trees or other inappropriate or excessive vegetation on the slope?	Yes <u>\checkmark</u> No						

↑ Check if corrective action is noted/required.

If yes, describe (type of vegetation, size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action: <u>The slope was notably observed to be</u> recently cleared during the January 2022 inspection. This was a good first step in preventing further growth of potentially destabilizing root systems. It is recommended that woody vegetation and saplings continue to regularly be cut down to the base as they appear. Larger remaining stumps should be extracted from the dam and any voids created from this process should be backfilled and compacted. Unless removed and properly backfilled these stumps will slowly decay and leave voids in the soil and provide access points for concentrated flow of water leading to erosion of the dam slope. Note that any tree or shrub with a diameter of 8 inches or larger requires engineer oversight for removal. Though no vegetation or stumps of this diameter were observed, there is at least one stump close to that size near the waterline at the right side of the dam (See Photo 9). Some vegetation previously cut back to the root has also begun showing signs of regrowth. (See Photos 6-10). Some riprap has been disturbed to allow for removal of woody vegetation. One large depression is located towards the left side of the dam (See Photo 10). If must be moved as part of the process of clearing vegetation it's important that the riprap be redistributed again to provide even coverage after the work is completed.

- □ 4. Are there any depressions, bulges, ruts or holes (such as animal burrows) on the slope? Yes <u>√</u> No_____
 If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action: <u>Multiple depressions due to inadequate riprap coverage were</u> <u>observed along the upstream face of the dam. See comments in items 3 and 7 of this section for more detail.</u>
- 5. Are there any eroded areas on the slope (such as wave erosion along the shoreline)? Yes <u>√</u> No______
 If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)/Corrective Action: Significant erosion of the soil beneath the riprap continues to progress near the left wing wall of the concrete spillway. The erosion depth is up to 2-ft vertically in some locations immediately adjacent to the end of the left wing wall, comparison with previous inspection photos shows that 6 inches of soil have eroded since the December 2020 inspection in one location. (See Photos 11- 13). There is both undercutting and erosion perpendicular to the wall. Horizontal undercutting adjacent to the wing wall seen in Photo 11 has removed soil up to one foot under the wingwall. Future rain and high flow events can cause increased erosion and undercutting. Corrective actions are required and include filling and compacting the soil near the concrete spillway. Repairs are necessary to prevent further erosion. There is insufficient riprap coverage in the area immediately adjacent to the right wing wall also, as noted in previous inspection reports (See Photos 27 and 30). Soil has started to erode from beneath the sidewalk on the upstream side of the dam crest as well, leaving a void several inches beneath the sidewalk in some places. (See Photo 21). Recommend backfilling soil in the void beneath the sidewalk and placing a filter material and additional well-graded riprap to prevent continued erosion.
- □ 6. Are there any cracks, sloughs or slides (vertical cliffs) on the slope? Yes_____ No____ If yes, describe (length, width, height, location, etc.)/Corrective Action:_____
- ✓ 7. Is there any type of slope protection along the shoreline (such as riprap)? Yes _____ No_____
 If yes, describe what type and its condition (for example, riprap adequate, inadequate, sparse)/Corrective Action:
 <u>Coverage of riprap is inconsistent across the width and height of the dam face (See Photos 6, 9, 14-16). Inconsistent coverage at lower elevations leaves opportunity for concentrated flows and subsequent erosion. Similarly, the upper section of the dam face lacks adequate riprap coverage to provide protection at higher water levels. Recommend replacing riprap as needed across dam face to create uniform coverage up to sidewalk elevation. Notable areas include: 1) The right (west) side of the dam near the concrete spillway where it is visibly very sparse compared to the rest of the dam face (See Photo 15), 2) Several makeshift pathways leading from the pedestrian walkway to the water near the upstream left abutment and near the principle spillway riser (See Photo 16). As Discussed in item 5 above, potential consequences of insufficient riprap coverage include providing opportunities for concentrated flows of water, leading to channelization and erosion of the dam slope. Corrective action includes placing a filter material and well-graded riprap along the dam face to create adequate uniform coverage of the slope up to the sidewalk elevation.
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- 8. Other observations on the upstream slope/Corrective Action:
- ↑ Check if corrective action is noted/required.

C. <u>Downstream Slope</u> (refer to Glossary for description)

1. How would you describe the vegetation on the downstream slope? (Check all that apply)

		Recently Mowed Overgrown Good Cover Sparse
		Other/Corrective Action (describe): The downstream slope of the dam is covered in well maintained recently mowed grass
		(See Photo 17 and 18). Several patches of missing grass on the left side of the downstream slope have exposed the
		underlying soil (See Photos 19, and 20). Recommend these areas be re-seeded and monitored to ensure that they don't
		grow larger or lead to increased erosion. There is a large area of soil exposed by equipment used to place riprap around the
		batting cages on the right side of the downstream slope, to the left of the spillway (See Photo 23). This area should be
		seeded with grass or otherwise stabilized to prevent soil erosion.
	2. Ar	e there any trees or other inappropriate or excessive vegetation on the slope? Yes No
		If yes, describe (type of vegetation, size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action:
	3. Ar	e there any depressions, bulges, ruts or holes (such as animal burrows) on the slope? Yes No
		If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action.
\checkmark	4. Ar	e there any eroded areas on the slope (such as along abutment contacts)? Yes \checkmark No
		If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)/Corrective Action: Minor erosion/bare spots were observed in high-
		traffic areas such as near the sprinkler box, the batting cages, principal spillway outlet box and near the right downstream
		abutment. A moderate area of erosion remains near the batting cages left of the spillway, apparently caused by equipment
		traffic from applying the new riprap protection around the adjacent retaining wall. (See Photo 23). Several patches of
		missing grass on the left side of the downstream slope have exposed the underlying soil (See Photos 19, and 20).
		Corrective actions in these areas includes filling in bare spots, compacting and grassing or adding a layer of gravel if grass
		continues not to grow.
	5. Ar	e there any cracks, sloughs or slides (vertical cliffs) on the slope? Yes No
		If yes, describe (length, width, height, location, etc.)/Corrective Action:
	6. Ar	e there any wet areas or areas of hydrophilic (lush, water-loving) vegetation? Yes No
		If yes, describe (size of area, location, etc.)/Corrective Action:
	7. Do	any wet areas indicate seepage through the dam (such as rust-colored, stained water)? Yes No N/A
		If yes, describe (for example, new area of seepage, no change from past observations, size of area, location) /Corrective
		Action:
	8. Ar	e there any leaks (flowing water) from the slope or beyond the toe of the dam? Yes No
		If yes, describe (location, rate of flow, turbidity of flow)/Corrective Action:
\checkmark	9. Ot	her observations on the downstream slope/Corrective Action: An animal guard on the toe drain located roughly at the center
		of the downstream dam face should be straightened and secured from the bottom to provide adequate barrier against small
		animals entering the drainpipe (See Photo 24). Previously noted minor damage to a utility box adjacent to a small concrete
		marker on the right side of the downstream face near the dam crest remains with no evidence of repair (See Photo 22). As
		previously noted, a hole has formed in the fiberglass structure on the downstream side of the box. It appears that the soil
		near the hole in the structure has begun to erode. This hole should be repaired, and soil should be backfilled to ensure
		erosion does not continue to worsen around the utility box. Riprap has been placed around several of the retaining walls for
		the adjacent baseball facilities, a good step for erosion protection. Evidence of minor vandalism was observed in the form
		of rocks from the recently applied riprap lying in the spillway. (See Photo 45). Though unlikely to cause any damage in
		small numbers, it could lead to larger issues over a long enough timespan, at a minimum leading to reduced erosion
		protection due to loss of the riprap.

- **D.** <u>Plunge Pool</u> (refer to Glossary for description)
- 1. Is there any type of erosion protection around the plunge pool (such as riprap)?

↑ Check if corrective action is noted/required.

If yes, describe what type and its condition (for example, riprap - adequate, inadequate, obstructed by vegetation) <u>Chute blocks and baffle blocks are used to dissipate the water energy. Additionally, riprap is used downstream of the</u> <u>stilling basin to protect the natural channel bottom from erosion. The current channel erosion protection measures appear</u> <u>adequate and functional. New riprap bank protection placed along channel downstream of plunge pool is functioning well.</u>

- ✓ 2. Is there any erosion and or seeps around or going into the plunge pool? Yes_✓_ No____
 If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.) /Corrective Action: There is potentially a cavity forming beneath the lower right (west) face of the spillway directly above the plunge pool (See Photo 43). During the December 2019 and October 2021 inspections, striking the face of the spillway with a survey rod produced a hollow tone in this location, distinct from solid sounds produced by striking elsewhere on the spillway. There is no readily apparent cause of the cavity. Further investigation with ground penetrating radar or another suitable non-destructive method is recommended to confirm the existence and size of any cavity. Corrective action includes injecting flowable fill or other suitable material into the cavity and monitoring the area for any signs of worsening condition. Investigation is strongly recommended to determine if corrective action is needed. A cavity in this location poses a significant risk and has potential to cause costly spillway failure if left unaddressed. This area was not examined during this inspection.
- 3. Other observations around the plunge pool/Corrective Action:
 <u>1</u>). Erosion previously observed at the right stream bank downstream of the plunge pool immediately next to the storm drain headwall has been addressed by placing new riprap bank protection along both side of the channel.

E. Principal and Emergency Spillways (refer to Glossary for description)

- 1. What types of spillways does the dam have (such as corrugated metal, concrete or siphon pipe; concrete or earth channel)?
 Principal Spillway <u>30-inch diameter CMP with concrete riser</u> Emergency Spillway <u>Concrete Channel</u>
 Other/Corrective Action:
- □ 2. Has the emergency spillway activated (had flow) since the last inspection? Yes <u>√</u> No_____
 If yes describe (date(s) of flow, reason for activation, depth of flow) /Corrective Action: <u>The emergency spillway</u> experiences continuous service flows (See Photo 29).
- ✓ 3. For pipe spillways, is the intake obstructed in any way (such as with excessive debris)? Yes _____ No ____ If yes, describe (type of debris, reason for obstruction, etc.) /Corrective Action: On 6/21/2017, DeKalb County Fire & Rescue divers inspected the principal upstream riser structure (See Photo 28). The divers did not identify any issues in the outer part of the riser or sluice gate. They did note that the orifice was buried in soft silt. An inspection has not been performed since. Wasps have built a nest inside the riser tube. The wasp nest should be removed to avoid potential hazards during any maintenance or emergency operation of the spillway riser.
- 4. For pipe spillways, what is the condition of any trash racks (for example, adequate, inadequate, damaged)? /Corrective Action:
 <u>Pipe is submerged and could not be observed. Divers on 6/21/2017 indicated that trash racks appeared to be in-place and consistent with the plans provided by GA SDP. An inspection has not been performed since.</u>
- ✓ 5. For pipe spillways, are there any visible cracks, separations or holes in the pipe(s) (intake or outlet)? Yes_✓ No If yes, describe (location, width of crack or separation, etc.)/Corrective Action: <u>Crawler type CCTV of the principal spillway pipe captured on March 20, 2020 was provided to Dewberry. Review of this footage indicated deteriorated sections of the pipe, some joint separation and soil intrusion. As previously discussed with city officials, the principal spillway should be rehabilitated. It is not recommended to operate the spillway for non-emergency purposes until this has occurred. In the event of an emergency, operation of the spillway should be performed with extreme caution, including but not limited to closing of the road over the dam, continuous monitoring, and being prepared to fully implement the emergency action plan to mitigate the potential for loss of life in the event of a dam failure. The outlet to the pipe was visually inspected from the brick chamber on the downstream slope. Dewberry is currently assisting Brookhaven with plans to use CIPP to rehabilitate the emergency spillway.
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- ↑ Check if corrective action is noted/required.

 \Box 6. For pipe spillways, are there any apparent leaks in the pipe(s)? Yes No_ If yes, describe (location, rate of flow from leak, etc.)/Corrective Action 7. For pipe spillways, how would you describe the overall condition of the pipe(s)? (Check all that apply) Functioning Normally____ Not Functional_____ Deteriorated_____ Damaged_____ Adequate____ Inadequate_____ \checkmark 8. For concrete or earth channel spillways, is the entrance or channel obstructed in any way? Yes 🗸 No If yes, describe (type of obstruction, location, etc.)/Corrective Action: A small amount of woody debris has collected at the upstream end of the spillway platform (See Photo 29). This debris should continue to be removed as it collects. The mat of grassy vegetation growing from the right bank into the concrete spillway was previously cleared. It remains much improved from the previous overgrown state, but the location should be monitored for vegetation and silt collecting again. (See Photo 30). Grass should be periodically cut back and removed as it grows back to prevent increased accumulation of sediment and debris in the spillway. Grass between spillway slabs was dormant in the previous inspection but has resumed growing again. Concrete joints upstream and downstream of the West Nancy Creek Drive bridge also needs to be resealed, as noted in section 12 below (See Photos 35, and 40). 9. For earth channel spillways, how would you describe the vegetation in the spillway? (Check all that apply) Recently Mowed_ Overgrown_ Good Cover___ Sparse_ Other (describe)/Corrective Action: N/A 10. For earth channel spillways, are there any trees or other inappropriate vegetation in the spillway? Yes No_ If yes, describe (type of vegetation, size, location, etc.)/Corrective Action: N/A 11. For earth channel spillways, are there any eroded areas in the spillway? Yes No If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)/Corrective Action: N/A \checkmark 12. For concrete channel spillways, are there any cracks or holes in the spillway? Yes ✓ No If yes, describe (width of crack or hole, location, etc.)/Corrective Action: The cutoff wall at the upstream face of the concrete spillway appeared to be in good condition and functioning well. 1) There are multiple areas of uplifting concrete at the joint of the spillway and the masonry wall on the left side of the flume, downstream of West Nancy Creek Drive (See Photos 31- 33). Corrective action includes sealing the cracks to prevent widening or lengthening. Concrete is completely separated from one of these locations, leaving a hole 2 to 3 inches deep at the masonry wall joint (See Photo 33). Corrective action includes grouting and patching holes left behind by chipped or spalling concrete. 2) The caulk in the joints between the spillway bottom and the retaining walls along the left side of the spillway is missing or eroded over the majority of the spillway length (See Photo 32). Corrective action includes removing old caulk and reapplying caulk to the joints between the spillway base and the retaining walls of the spillway along its entire length. 3) Along the masonry retaining wall at the left side of the concrete spillway, there are cracks and areas missing grout between many of the stones (See Photo 36-39). Vines and other vegetation previously observed growing on the masonry wall directly downstream of West Nancy Creek Drive have begun growing again in warmer temperatures. (See Photo 39). Corrective action includes removing any remaining vegetation and re-grouting impacted areas. The prescribed repairs should be considered a provisional solution, and the aging masonry wall should eventually be replaced with a concrete wall. 4) Caulk between concrete slabs making up the spillway bottom is peeling and working loose from the lateral seams in multiple locations. The lateral seam directly upstream of the West Nancy Creek Drive bridge was observed to be undermined, and a cavity roughly 6 inches deep directly under the joint was observed. As noted in previous reports, caulk is also peeling from the lateral seam downstream of the bridge (See Photos 40 and 41). Corrective action includes removing old caulk and replacing with new caulk. 4) Concrete has completely separated from the bottom of a vertical crack at the top right of the plunge pool face (See Photo 44). This area of the spillway sees continuous flows, and the cracked concrete is a potential entry point for water to erode soil beneath the spillway. Corrective action includes sealing the cracks to prevent widening or lengthening. 5) Some of the trees and vegetation growing along the fence line on both sides of the spillway were

previously cut back but have begun growing again (See Photo 42). Corrective action includes cutting/removing trees/vegetation including the remaining lower trunks of cut trees to prevent new growth. Any holes must be filled and compacted. It is recommended that any trees within 15 feet of the spillway walls be removed. Grass previously dormant in colder temperatures during the Jan 2022 inspection has resumed growing (See Photo 35). All grassy vegetation should be cleared from the spillway channel and joints resealed. Previously completed repairs to spillway slab adjacent to concrete wall appear to be holding up well (See Photo 34).

- □ 13. For concrete channel spillways, are there any leaks or evidence of undermining (flow under the concrete)? Yes_____ No ____ If yes, describe (location, rate of flow from leak, indicators of undermining, etc.)/Corrective Action:______
 - 14. For earth or concrete channel spillways, how would you describe the overall condition of the spillway? (Check all that apply)

 Functioning Normally ✓
 Not Functional____
 Deteriorated____
 Damaged _____
 Adequate_____
- 15. Other observations on the spillways/Corrective Action:

F. Instrumentation (refer to Glossary for description)

- ✓ For drains, is an animal guard installed at the outlet of each drain? Yes_____ No _√
 If no, which drains lack animal guards? /Corrective Action: The damaged animal guard at the toe drain located near the center of the downstream slope observed in previous inspections has not been repaired (See Photo 24), it is recommended that the bars be straightened and secured at the bottom of the pipe to function effectively Animal guards are missing from four of the spillway underdrains on the right side of the spillway (See Photo 43). Corrective action includes replacing missing animal guards.
- 3. For drains, measure the rate of flow from each drain and record below (use additional pages if necessary):

Designation/Location of Drain	Flow Rate	Flow Rate in GPM*	Turbidity of Flow (describe – clear, muddy, etc.)
Toe drain downstream slope	None	None	None
Primary principal drain	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. Ar	e there any piezometers on the dam? Yes No_ \checkmark				
	If yes, describe the condition (for example, good condition, damaged, etc.)/Corrective Action:				
□ 5. Fo	r piezometers, does each piezometer have a cap with a lock? Yes No				
	If no, which piezometers need caps (to prevent rain water intrusion) and/or locks (to prevent	vent tampering)? /	Corrective		
	Action:				
□ 6. Fo	r piezometers, are you able to take a measurement (depth to water) in each piezometer?	Yes	No		
If yes, record depth to water (in feet) in each piezometer, record on a separate page, and attach to this form.					

↑ Check if corrective action is noted/required.

- ☐ 7. Are there any other monitoring devices on the dam? Yes____ No_✓ If yes, describe what type and the condition (for example, monitoring wells - good condition, damaged) /Corrective Action:
- 8. Other observations on instrumentation/Corrective Action:
 *GPM (gallons per minute): to convert from oz/sec multiply by 0.4688; to convert from ml/sec multiply by 0.01585

Photographs

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At a minimum, photographs should be taken of the crest, upstream slope, downstream slope and any other notable features. List of photographs (be sure to date stamp the photos):



7. View of upstream side looking towards right abutment 8. View of vegetation on upstream face of the dam



9. View of stump close to diameter requiring engineer oversight for removal, located on right side of upstream dam face at waterline



11. Inadequate riprap grading at the left wing wall of the concrete spillway resulting in erosion and undercutting of riprap. See Photo 12 for location of this photo.



10. View of disturbed riprap around cut back woody vegetation on upstream face of the dam



12. Inadequate riprap grading at the left wing wall of the concrete spillway resulting in erosion and undercutting of riprap. Red circled area is location of Photo 13, yellow arrow pointing towards location of Photo 11





13. Inadequate riprap grading at the left wing wall of the concrete spillway resulting in erosion and undercutting of riprap



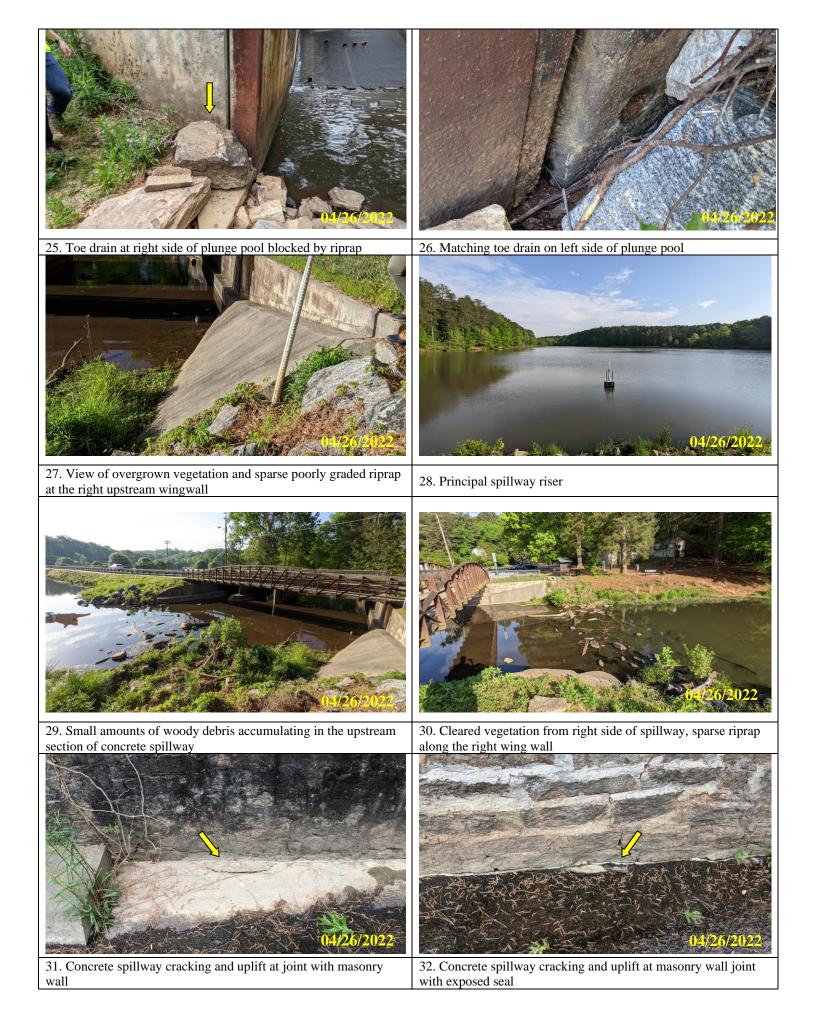
15. Very sparse riprap coverage at right side of upstream dam face

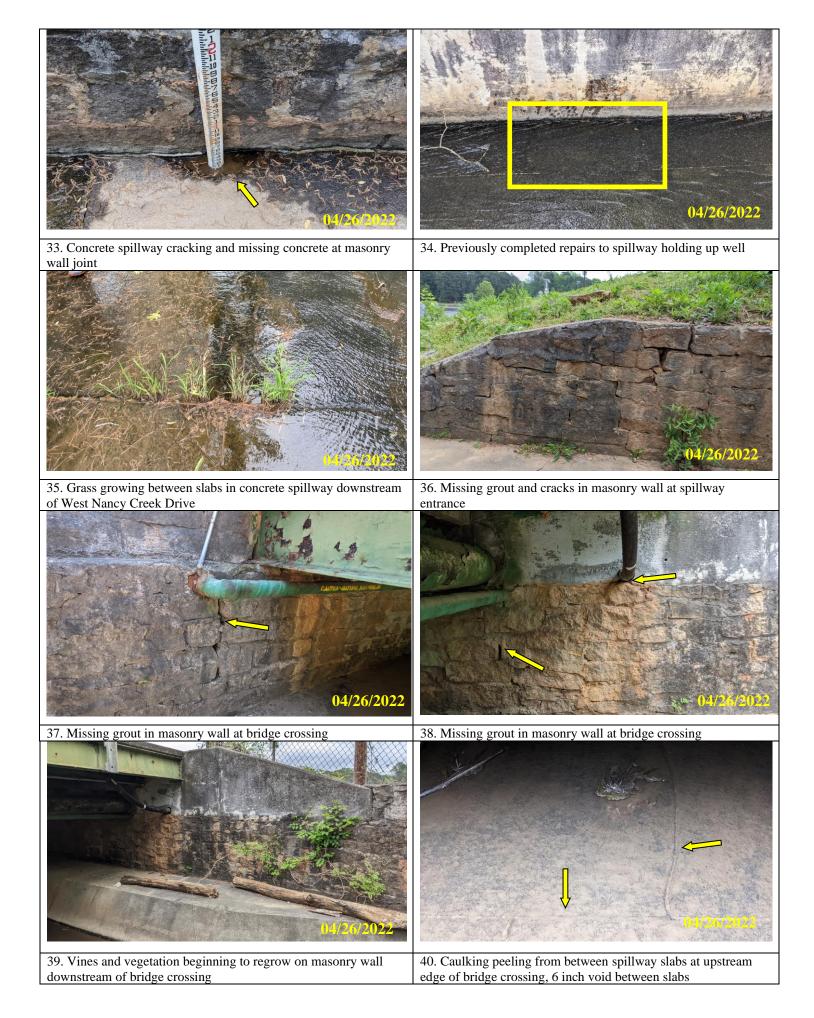
14. Sparse riprap near pedestrian walkway



16. Pedestrian pathway showing sparse riprap near principal spillway riser







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