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<b>Title</b>	<i>Virginia's Stream Mitigation Monitoring and Success Criteria: Application and Appropriateness</i>
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>There are significant regulatory requirements that apply to stream mitigation projects that require substantial assessments, planning, and monitoring. These requirements begin with the application of the Unified Stream Methodology (USM), and include Monitoring Plans, Success Criteria, and Credit Release Schedules for mitigation banks (banks). These components are closely integrated and dependent upon the appropriate delineation of Restoration linear footage, various specific instream enhancement activities and their effective linear footage, as well as Riparian Area enhancement and preservation activities and acreages. Williamsburg Environmental Group, Inc. (WEG) has successfully applied and utilized these components on a multitude of projects, and offer a practitioner's perspective. Perhaps the most critical component, Success Criteria, remains highly debated amongst stream restoration practitioners as we seek to develop ecologically driven Success Criteria. How is ecological success determined utilizing enforceable criteria? Virginia's Success Criteria is enforceable, but does it help demonstrate ecological success? Is their applicability appropriate in all circumstances? Are the stated tolerances appropriate for determining success? Further data analysis and coordination between regulators and practitioners will ensure appropriate criteria and requirements.</p>