# Smith Branch Monitoring Sites Monitoring Data Summary for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Data Gaps

- The SMIA turbidity sensor became fouled for a brief period between May 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> that was removed from the dataset.
- There are several gaps in the SMIB data. The reasons for these gaps are explained below:
  - The SMIB specific conductivity and temperature sensors became unsubmerged from May 14<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. During this period, the specific conductivity and temperature data was deleted, as well as the pH and DO data which are temperature-dependent parameters.
  - Several periods of turbidity data were deleted due to sensor fouling.
  - Several periods of specific conductivity were deleted because the sensor became unsubmerged from the water.
- The website experienced reporting issues with the CS451 pressure transducers at ROCA and ROCB from May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, therefore no CS451 stage data was recorded during that brief period.

### SCDHEC Standards

- Neither of the Smith Branch stations recorded pH values outside of the acceptable SCDHEC range of 6 to 8.5.
- The SMIA and SMIB stations recorded average DO concentrations of 7.3 mg/L and 7.8 mg/L, respectively, which are both well above the SCDHEC daily average standard of 5 mg/L.
- The minimum DO concentrations recorded at both SMIA and SMIB were 4.5 mg/L and 6.0 mg/L, respectively, which are well above the SCDHEC discrete minimum standard of 4 mg/L.

### Storm Events

- The SMIA station recorded 5 storms (at least 0.1 inches) in this monitoring period resulting in 3.3 inches of precipitation. The SMIB station also recorded 5 storms (at least 0.1 inches) resulting in 3.8 inches of precipitation.
- The Smith Branch monitoring stations both recorded typical water quality responses to the storm events observed during this monitoring period.
- The maximum antecedent dry time since the last significant precipitation event (at least 0.1 inch) was approximately 24.5 days in the Smith Branch watershed, occurring prior to the June 5<sup>th</sup> storm event.

#### Potential Illicit Discharges and Abnormal Events

- The SMIA turbidity data increased on May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> that do not appear to be driven by storm events. No other water quality parameters were impacted during these times, so it is possible that these increases may have been caused by construction in the area upstream of the SMIA station.
- There were no potential illicit discharges in the Smith Branch watershed during this monitoring period.

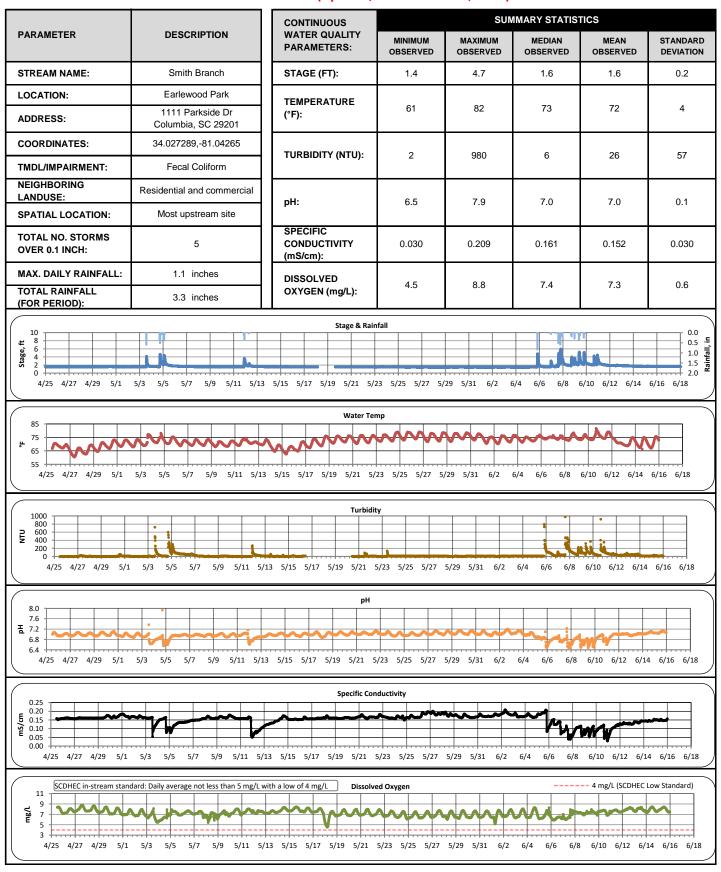
#### Flow Measurements

• No flow measurements were taken in this watershed during this monitoring period.





### Smith Branch A (April 25, 2019 -- June 18, 2019)



Note: Data gaps appear when the sonde is removed for calibration or when the flow depth is below the sensors

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# **Explanation of Statistics:**

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### Grab Sample Data:

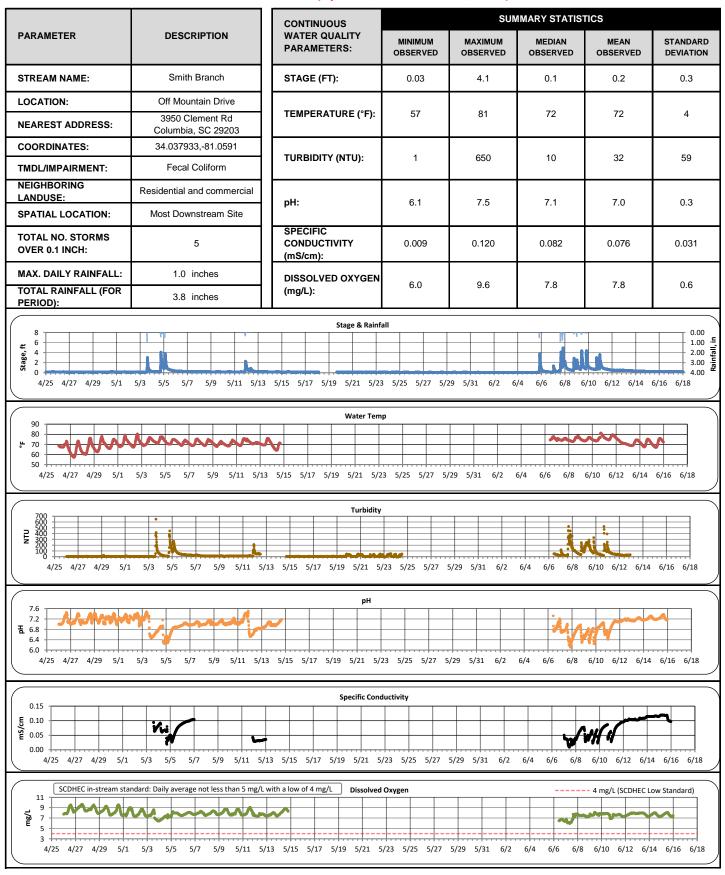
Analyte (units)	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Sample 4	
	5/20/2019		6/10/2019		6/10/2019			
	Time	Result	Time	Result	Time	Result	Time	Result
Escherichia coli (MPN/100mL)	14:36	290	15:15	3440	15:55	16330		
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	14:36	1.5	15:15	401	15:55	374		
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)								
Total Nitrogen (mg/L)								

Note: Sample 1 and Sample 3 were collected during dry weather conditions. Sample 2 was collected during wet weather conditions.





#### Smith Branch B (April 25, 2019 -- June 18, 2019)



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### Smith Branch B (April 25, 2019 -- June 18, 2019)

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MINIMUM OBSERVED	The minimum of the values recorded by the datasonde in 15 minute intervals.
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### Sampled Data:

Analyte (units)	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Sample 4	
	6/10/2019							
	Time	Result	Time	Result	Time	Result	Time	Result
Escherichia coli (MPN/100mL)	16:17	8704						
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	16:17	660						
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)								
Total Nitrogen (mg/L)								

Note: This sample was collected during wet weather conditions.