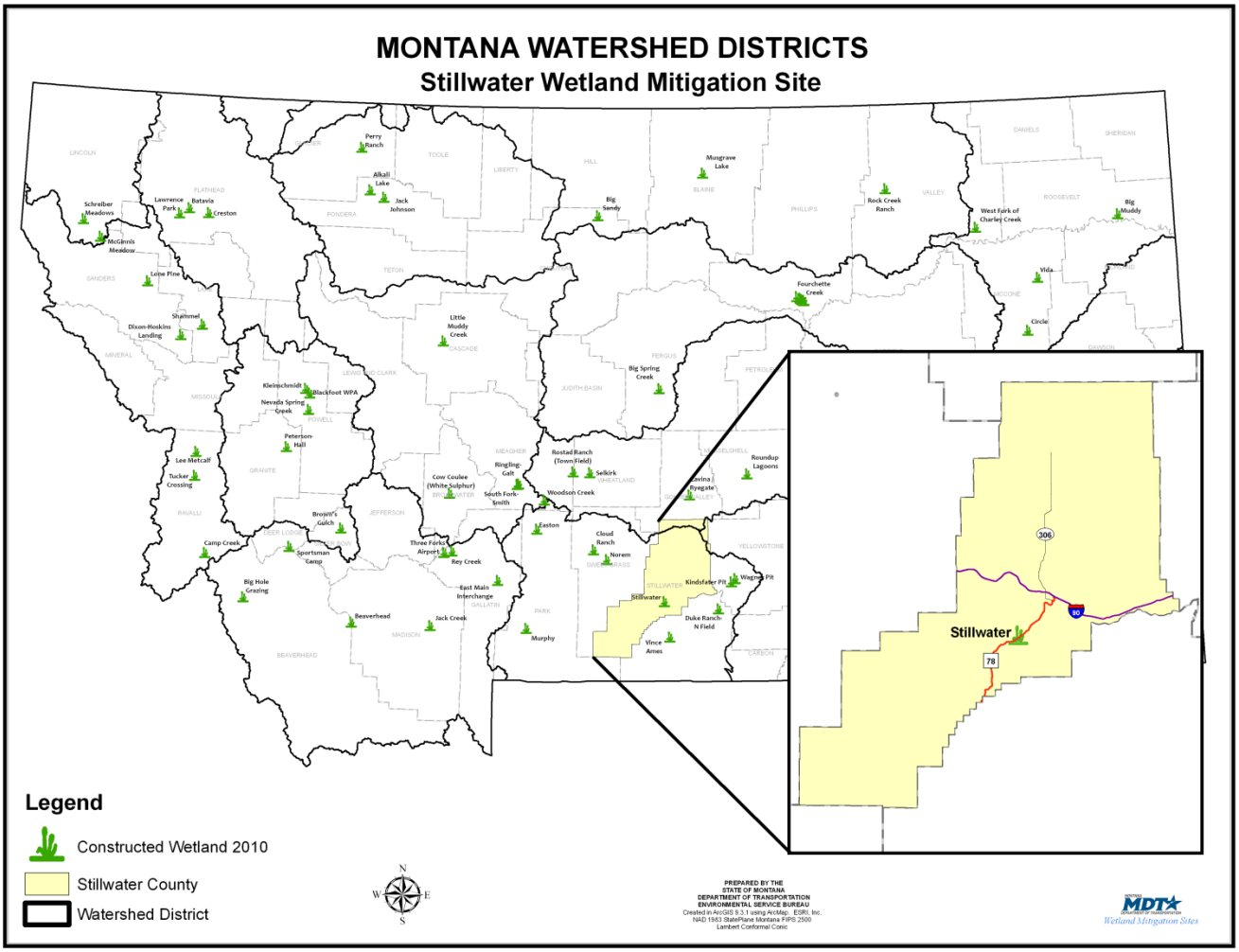
STILLWATER

Watershed # 13-Upper Yellowstone River Basin
Stillwater County, Montana



LAND OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Stillwater River wetland was constructed in the spring of 1999 to mitigate wetland impacts associated with a proposed Federal Aviation Administration expansion of the Columbus airport, and a proposed MDT highway reconstruction project between Absarokee and Columbus. The site is located in Upper Yellowstone River Basin Watershed (#13) in Stillwater County southwest of the interstate interchange at Columbus. This restoration project provided approximately 9 acres of mitigation credits to mitigate transportation projects in the watershed.

WETLAND INHABITANTS

REPTILES and AMPHIBIANS	
Painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta*)	
Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*)	
BIRDS	
American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*)	**Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*)**
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)	Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*)
American Coot (*Fulica americana*)	**House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)**
Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)	**Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)**
Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*)	**Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*)**
Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*)	**Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)**
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)	**Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)**
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)	Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)
Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)	Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)
Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)	Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)
Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*)	**Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)**
Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*)	Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)
Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*)	Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*)
Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)	**Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)**
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)	Sora (*Porzana Carolina*)
Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)	**Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)**
Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*)	**Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)**
Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)	Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)	Western Bluebird (*Sialis mexicana*)
Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)	**Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)**
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)	Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*)
Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)	Western Wood Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)	Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)
Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)	**Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*)**
Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*)	**Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)**
	Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*)
MAMMALS	
Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)	
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)	
Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethica*)	
Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)	
Rabbit (*Lepus spp.*)	

[1]**Bolded** species indicate those documented within the analysis area in 2005.



Common Nighthawk



Northern Flicker

WETLAND VEGETATION

Dominant wetland vegetation

Three community types were observed

Type 1- Broad-leaf cattail (*Typha latifolia)*

Type 2- Sedge/Rush/Bulrush (*Carex* spp./*Juncus* spp./*Scirpus* spp)

Type 3- Slender wheatgrass/ Kentucky bluegrass (*Agropyron trachycaulus/Poa pratensis)*



Beaked sedge

Stillwater



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