

NEPA/404 MERGER TEAM MEETING AGREEMENT

Concurrence Point No. 4A: Avoidance and Minimization

PROJECT NO./TIP NO./ NAME/DESCRIPTION:

WBS Element: 34508.1.1

TIP Project Number: R-2822B

TIP Description: NC 143 Improvements, from West Buffalo Creek to NC 143 Business west of Robbinsville.

Human Environment

- In order to avoid impacts to the Chickalee Cemetery, an approximately 385-foot long retaining wall with a maximum height of 25-feet will be constructed along the eastbound side of NC 143. **This minimization measure will result in no impacts to the Chickalee Cemetery.**
- Fill slopes of 1.5:1 will be utilized in the vicinity of archaeological site # 31GH227 to eliminate fill within the site boundary. **This minimization measure will result in no impacts to the archaeological site.**
- In order to reduce property impacts at the NC 143/NC 143 Business intersection, the intersection will not be realigned to make NC 143 the primary through move. Only the skew at the NC 143 (west) will be realigned. **This minimization measure will reduce the number of relocates by one business and one residence.**

The Merger Team has concurred on this date of _____ with the selection of the Least Environmentally Damaging and Practicable Alternative as stated above, as indicated by the signatures below.

USACE	Crystal Amschler	Date	NCDWR	Kevin Barnett	Date
USFWS	Claire Ellwanger	Date	NCWRC	Marla Chambers	Date
USFS*	USFS Concurrence Received	Date	SHPO	Renee Gledhill-Earley	Date
ECBI THPO*		Date	TVA	Ashley Farless	Date
UKB THPO	Karen Pritchett	Date	USEPA	Amanetta Somerville	Date
Cherokee Nation*		Date	NCDOT	Wanda Austin	Date