Pre-Construction Notification



Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form

For Nationwide Permits and Regional General Permits

(along with corresponding Water Quality Certifications)

December 4, 2023 Ver 4.3

Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.

Also, if at any point you wish to print a copy of the E-PCN, all you need to do is right-click on the document and you can print a copy of the form.

Below is a link to the online help file.

https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&id=2196924

A. Processing Information

If this is a courtesy copy, please fill in this with the submission date.

Does this project involve maintenance dredging funded by the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund, electric generation projects located at an existing or former electric generating facility, or involve the distribution or transmission of energy or fuel, including natural gas, diesel, petroleum, or electricity? *

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Is this application for a project associated with emergency response/repairs from Hurricane Helene impacts to your project or property?

🔵 Yes 🍥 No

Is this project connected with ARPA funding or S.L. 2023-134 (earmark)?*

ARPA S.L. 2023-134 (earmark) No

County (or Counties) where the project is located: *

Alamance

Is this a NCDMS Project*

Yes No Click Yes, only if NCDMS is the applicant or co-applicant.

DO NOT CHECK YES, UNLESS YOU ARE DMS OR CO-APPLICANT.

Is this project a public transportation project?*

Yes No

This is any publicly funded by municipal, state or federal funds road, rail, airport transportation project.

Is this a NCDOT Project?*

Yes No

(NCDOT only) T.I.P. or state project number:

BR-0060

WBS #*

67060.1.1 (for NCDOT use only)

1a. Type(s) of approval sought from the Corps: *

Section 404 Permit (wetlands, streams and waters, Clean Water Act)

Section 10 Permit (navigable waters, tidal waters, Rivers and Harbors Act)

Has this PCN previously been submitted?*

Yes

No

1b. What type(s) of permit(s) do you wish to seek authorization?*

Nationwide Permit (NWP)

Regional General Permit (RGP)

Standard (IP)

1c. Has the NWP or GP number been verified by the Corps?*

🔵 Yes 🍥 No

Regional General Permit (RGP) Number:

201902350 - Work associated with bridge construction, widening, replacement, and interchanges

RGP Numbers (for multiple RGPS):		
List all RGP numbers you are applying for not on the drop dow	wn list.	
1d. Type(s) of approval sought from the DWR:	*	
check all that apply		
401 Water Quality Certification - Regular		401 Water Quality Certification - Express
Non-404 Jurisdictional General Permit		Riparian Buffer Authorization
Minimular 401 Water Quality Certification		
1e. Is this notification solely for the record bec	ause written approval is not required?	
		*
For the record only for DWR 401 Certification:		⊖ Yes ⊚ No
For the record only for Corps Permit:		⊖ Yes ⊚ No
1f. Is this an after-the-fact permit application?	*	
◯ Yes	No	
1g. Is payment into a mitigation bank or in-lieu	fee program proposed for mitigation of impacts	5?
If so, attach the acceptance letter from mitigation bank or in-lie	eu fee program.	
Yes	○ No	
Acceptance Letter Attachment		
Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attach de	ocument	
FILE TYPE MUST BE PDF		
1h. Is the project located in any of NC's twenty	coastal counties?*	
⊖ Yes	No	
1j. Is the project located in a designated trout	watershed?*	
◯ Yes ● No		

Link to trout information: http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Permit-Program/Agency-Coordination/Trout.aspx

B. Applicant Information

1a. Who is the Primary Contact?* William A. Barrett 1c. Primary Contact Phone: * 1b. Primary Contact Email: * (xxx)xxx-xxxx wabarrett@ncdot.gov 1d. Who is applying for the permit?* Owner (Check all that apply) 1e. Is there an Agent/Consultant for this project?*

(919)707-6103

Applicant (other than owner)

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2. Owner Information

2a. Name(s) on recorded deed: * NCDOT

2b. Deed book and page no.:

2c. Contact Person:

(for Corporations)

2d. Address*

🔵 Yes 🍥 No

Street Address
1598 Mail Service Center
Address Line 2
City
Raleigh
Postal / Zip Code
27699-1598

State / Province / Region NC Country

US

2e. Telephone Number:*

(xxx)xxx-xxxx (919)707-6108

2f. Fax Number:

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

ekcheely@ncdot.gov

3. Applicant Information (if different from owner)

3a. Name:*	
William A. Barrett	
3b. Business Name:	
(if applicable)	
3c. Address*	
Street Address	
1598 Mail Service Center	
Address Line 2	
City	State / Province / Region
Raleigh	NC
Postal / Zip Code	Country
27699-1598	US
3d. Telephone Number: *	
(919)707-6103	3e. Fax Number:
(xxx)xxx-xxxx	(χαχ)χαχουσια
3f. Email Address: *	
wabarrett@ncdot.gov	

C. Project Information and Prior Project History 1. Project Information

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1a. Name of project: *

BR-0060 - Bridge 14 on NC 87 over Cane Creek

1b. Subdivision name: (if appropriate)

1c. Nearest municipality / town: *

Eli Whitney

2. Project Identification

2c. Project Address Street Address Address Line 2 City State / Province / Region Postal / Zin Code Country	2a. Property Identification Number: (tax PIN or parcel ID)	2b. Property size: (in acres)
Address Line 2 City State / Province / Region Postal / Zin Code Country	2c. Project Address	
City State / Province / Region	Street Address Address Line 2	
Tostar, Ep oodo	City Postal / Zip Code	State / Province / Region Country

2d. Site coordinates in decimal degrees

Please collect site coordinates in decimal degrees. Use between 4-6 digits (unless you are using a survey-grade GPS device) after the decimal place as appropriate, based on how the location was determined. (For example, most mobile phones with GPS provide locational precision in decimal degrees to map coordinates to 5 or 6 digits after the decimal place.)

Latitude: *	Longitude: *
35.884544	-79.295853
ex: 34.208504	-77.796371

3. Surface Waters

3a. Name of the nearest body of water to proposed project: *

Cane Creek

3b. Water Resources Classification of nearest receiving water: *

WS-V; NSW

Surface Water Lookup

3c. What river basin(s) is your project located in?*

030300020505

River Basin Lookup

4. Project Description and History

4a. Describe the existing conditions on the site and the general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: *

Bridge Project. Existing conditions: Project BR-0060 includes replacing Bridge No. 000014, located on N.C. 87 over Cane Creek in Alamance County. The replacement structure will be a bridge approximately 230 feet long providing a minimum 36-foot clear deck width. The bridge will include two 12-foot lanes with 6-foot offsets on both sides. The bridge length is based on preliminary design information and is set by hydraulic requirements. The approach roadway will extend approximately 788 feet from the west end of the new bridge and 1,230 feet from the east end of the new bridge. The approaches will be widened to include a 24-foot pavement width providing two 12-foot lanes, 8-foot shoulders (2-foot paved) on both sides (13-foot shoulders where guardrail is included). The roadway will be designed as a Minor Arterial using Regional Tier guidelines with a 60mph design speed. The new bridge will be constructed in its existing location. Traffic will be detoured onsite and will utilize a detour bridge that will be constructed just north of the existing bridge.

General land use: The bridge lies south of the unincorporated community of Eli Whitney, NC and is surrounded by mostly open, wooded and agricultural properties, with sparse residential properties and few commercial properties.

4b. Have Corps permits or DWR certifications been obtained for this project (including all prior phases) in the past?*

🔵 Yes 🔍 No 🔵 Unknown

4f. List the total estimated acreage of all existing wetlands on the property:

0.12

4g. List the total estimated linear feet of all existing streams on the property:

(intermittent and perennial)

947

4h. Explain the purpose of the proposed project: *

The purpose of this project is to replace a structurally deficient bridge. Bridge No. 000014 was built in 1929, was widened in 1969, and is considered structurally deficient with a substructure rating of 4 out of 9 by FHWA standards. There is notable cracking and spalling. The most recent bridge inspection for the structure was on 12/15/2020.

4i. Describe the overall project in detail, including indirect impacts and the type of equipment to be used: *

The existing bridge carries NC 87 over Cane Creek between Lewis Road and Greenhill Road.

The new bridge will be constructed in its existing location. Traffic will be detoured onsite and will utilize a detour bridge that will be constructed just north of the existing bridge. The replacement structure will be a bridge approximately 230 feet long providing a minimum 36-foot clear deck width. The 3-span structure will consist of 1@50', 1 @ 95', and 1 @85' girders with 4-foot deep caps. The bridge will include two 12-foot lanes with 6-foot paved shoulders. The bridge length is based on preliminary design information and is set by hydraulic requirements.

The approach roadway will extend approximately 788 feet from the west end of the new bridge and 1,230 feet from the east end of the new bridge. The approaches will be widened to include a 24-foot pavement width providing two 12-foot lanes, 8-foot shoulders (2-foot paved) on both sides (13-foot shoulders where guardrail is included). The roadway will be designed as a Minor Arterial using Regional Tier guidelines with a 60mph design speed.

The proposed temporary structure is a 1 @ 130' detour bridge with 4-foot deep caps, located downstream from the existing alignment.

Standard road and bridge-building equipment such as trucks, dozers, and cranes will be used.

5. Jurisdictional Determinations

5a. Have the wetlands or streams been delin	eated on the property or proposed impact areas?*	
Yes	No	Unknown
Comments:		
5b. If the Corps made a jurisdictional determ	nination, what type of determination was made?*	
O Preliminary O Approved O Not Verified	Unknown 🔘 N/A	
Corps AID Number:		
Example: SAW-2017-99999		
5c. If 5a is yes, who delineated the jurisdicti	onal areas?	
Name (if known):	Adam Efird, Annie Welch, and John Dorney	
Agency/Consultant Company:	Moffatt & Nichol	
Other:		
6. Future Project Plans		
6a. Is this a phased project?*		
◯ Yes	No	
Are any other NWP(s), regional general pern separate and distant crossing for linear proj	nit(s), or individual permits(s) used, or intended to ects that require Department of the Army authoriza	be used, to authorize any part of the proposed project or related activity? This includes other tion but don't require pre-construction notification.

no

D. Proposed Impacts Inventory

1. Impacts Summary

1a. Where are the impacts associated with your project? (check all that apply):

WetlandsOpen Waters

Streams-tributaries
 Pond Construction

Buffers

2. Wetland Impacts

If there are wetland impacts proposed on the site, then complete this question for each wetland area impacted.

"W." will be used in the table below to represent the word "wetland".

2a. Site #* (?)	2a1 Reason * (?)	2b. Impact type * (?)	2c. Type of W. *	2d. W. name [*]	2e. Forested *	2f. Type of Jurisdicition * (?)	2g. Impact area *
1	Detour	Т	Floodplain Pool	WA	No	Corps	0.021 (acres)
2	Mechanized clearing	Р	Floodplain Pool	WA	No	Corps	0.025 (acres)
2	Fill slope	Р	Floodplain Pool	WA	No	Corps	0.002 (acres)
WU1	Mechanized clearing	Р	Floodplain Pool	WA	No	Corps	0.025 (acres)
WU2	Mechanized clearing	Р	Floodplain Pool	WA	No	Corps	0.025 (acres)

2g. Total Temporary Wetland Impact

0.021

2g. Total Permanent Wetland Impact

0.077

2g. Total Wetland Impact

0.098

2i. Comments:

0.05 ac of the total wetland impacts are due to temporary access for utility relocations (sites WU1, WU2)

3. Stream Impacts

If there are perennial or intermittent stream impacts (including temporary impacts) proposed on the site, then complete this question for all stream sites impacted.

"S." will be used in the table below to represent the word "stream".

	3a. Reason for impact * (?)	3b.Impact type *	3c. Type of impact *	3d. S. name [*]	3e. Stream Type * (?)	3f. Type of Jurisdiction *	3g. S. width *	3h. Impact length *
S1	Bridge/pier removal	Temporary	Workpad/Causeway	Cane Creek	Perennial	Both	50 Average (feet)	44 (linear feet)

** All Perennial or Intermittent streams must be verified by DWR or delegated local government.

3i. Total jurisdictional ditch impact in square feet:

0

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3i. Total permanent stream impacts:
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0

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3i. Total temporary stream impacts:
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44

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3i. Total stream and ditch impacts:
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44

3j. Comments:

The temporary stream impact does not span the width of the stream; the area of impact is 0.013 acre.

6. Buffer Impacts (for DWR)

If project will impact a protected riparian buffer, then complete the chart below. Individually list all buffer impacts below.

6a. Project is in which protect basin(s)?*

Check all that apply

- Neuse
- Catawba
- Goose Creek

Other

6b. Impact Type * (?)	6c. Per or Temp* (?)	6d. Stream name *	6e. Buffer mitigation required?*	6f. Zone 1 impact*	6g. Zone 2 impact [*]
Allowable	Ρ	Cane Creek	No	10,858 (square feet)	7,644 (square feet)
Allowable w/ Mitigation	Ρ	Cane Creek	Yes	5,202 (square feet)	3,640 (square feet)
Allowable w/ Mitigation	Р	SA (UT to Cane Creek)	Yes	435 (square feet)	2,555 (square feet)
Allowable	т	Cane Creek	No	1,953 (square feet)	1,300 (square feet)

Tar-Pamlico

Randleman

Jordan Lake

6h. Total buffer impacts:

	Zone 1	Zone 2
Total Temporary impacts:	1,953.00	1,300.00
	Zone 1	Zone 2
Total Permanent impacts:	16,495.00	13,839.00
	Zone 1	Zone 2
Total combined buffer impacts:	18,448.00	15,139.00
6i. Comments:		

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The first "Allowable" impact is associated with the bridge.

The "Allowable w/ Mitigation" impacts are Parallel Impacts.

The 2nd "Allowable" impact is associated with aerial utility crossing

E. Impact Justification and Mitigation

1. Avoidance and Minimization

1a. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts in designing the project: *

The proposed bridge does not utilize deck drains.

Runoff from the bridge roadway and paved shoulders at the bridge approaches drains into inlets. The stormwater is then diffused at a riprap pad outlet prior to discharging into Cane Creek

The existing abutment on the start of bridge side is to be retained and cut off to avoid impacts to Cane Creek along the streambank and channel from the removal of the abutment and its foundation.

There is a riprap outlet pad provided in Buffer Zone 2 at station -L- 26+17 RT. Its purpose is to diffuse the stormwater flow from the proposed roadway into the riparian buffer zone of Stream SA, a tributary into Cane Creek

The detour alignment is downstream from the existing alignment to minimize impacts to the jurisdictional streams that run parallel to the existing roadway on the upstream side of the crossina

The slopes from the Detour were steepened to 2:1 slopes to minimize the fill in wetlands and mechanized clearing impacts to the wetland.

1b. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts through construction techniques: *

NCDOT will utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction.

2. Compensatory Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State

2a. Does the project require Compensatory	Mitigation for impacts to Wa	aters of the U.S. or Waters of the State?

Yes No No

2c. If yes, mitigation is required by (check all that apply): Corps

DWR

2d. If yes, which mitigation option(s) will be used for this project?

Mitigation bank Zerver Payment to in-lieu fee program Permittee Responsible Mitigation

4. Complete if Making a Payment to In-lieu Fee Program

4a. Approval letter from in-lieu fee program is attached.

Yes No

4b. Stream mitigation requested:

(linear feet) 0

NC Stream Temperature Classification Maps can be found under the Mitigation Concepts tab on the Wilmington District's RIBITS website.

4d. Buffer mitigation requested (DWR only):	4e. Riparian wetland mitigation requested:
(square feet)	(acres)
11832	0.03
4f. Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested:	4g. Coastal (tidal) wetland mitigation requested:
(acres)	(acres)

4h. Comments

6. Buffer mitigation (State Regulated Riparian Buffer Rules) - required by DWR

6a. Will the project result in an impact within a protected riparian buffer that requires buffer mitigation? If yes, you must fill out this entire form - please contact DWR for more information.

Yes
No

6b. If yes, then identify the square feet of impact to each zone of the riparian buffer that requires mitigation calculate the amount of mitigation required in the table below.

6.195

	6c. Reason for impact	6d. Total impact (square feet)	Multiplier	6e. Required mitigation (square feet)	
Zone 1	parallel impacts	5,637	2	11,274	
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Zone 2

parallel impacts

6f. Total buffer mitigation required

20567

6g. If buffer mitigation is required, is payment to a mitigation bank or NC Division of Mitigation Services proposed?

Yes No

6j. Comments:

F. Stormwater Management and Diffuse Flow Plan (required by DWR)

*** Recent changes to the stormwater rules have required updates to this section .***

1. Diffuse Flow Plan

1a. Does the project include or is it adjacent to protected riparian buffers identified within one of the NC Riparian Buffer Protection Rules?

Yes

🔘 No

1b. All buffer impacts and high ground impacts require diffuse flow or other form of stormwater treatment. If the project is subject to a state implemented riparian buffer protection program, include a plan that fully documents how diffuse flow will be maintained.

All Stormwater Control Measures (SCM)s must be designed in accordance with the NC Stormwater Design Manual. Associated supplement forms and other documentation shall be provided.

What type of SCM are you providing?

Level Spreader

Vegetated Conveyance (lower SHWT)

Wetland Swale (higher SHWT)

Other SCM that removes minimum 30% nitrogen

Proposed project will not create concentrated stormwater flow through the buffer

(check all that apply)

For a list of options to meet the diffuse flow requirements, click here.

2. Stormwater Management Plan

2a. Is this a NCDOT project subject to compliance with NCDOT's Individual NPDES permit NCS000250?*

Yes No

Comments:

G. Supplementary Information

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1. Environmental Documentation

1a. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land?*

Yes

1b. If you answered "yes" to the above, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or State (North Carolina) Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)?*

1c. If you answered "yes" to the above, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearing House? (If so, attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter.)*

2. Violations (DWR Requirement)

2a. Is the site in violation of DWR Water Quality Certification Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .1300), or DWR Surface Water or Wetland Standards or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200)?*

Yes

No

3. Cumulative Impacts (DWR Requirement)

3a. Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality?*

Ves No

3b. If you answered "no," provide a short narrative description.

Due to minimal transportation impact resulting from the bridge replacement, the project will not stimulate growth but may influence nearby land use.

4. Sewage Disposal (DWR Requirement)

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4a. Is sewage disposal required by DWR for this project?*
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🔍 Yes 🔍 No 🔍 N/A

5. Endangered Species and Designated Critical Habitat (Corps Requirement)



6. Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requirement)

6a. Will this project occur in or near an area designated as an Essential Fish Habitat?*

Ves No

6b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact an Essential Fish Habitat?* National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

7. Historic or Prehistoric Cultural Resources (Corps Requirement)

Link to the State Historic Preservation Office Historic Properties Map (does not include archaeological data: http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/

7a. Will this project occur in or near an area that the state, federal or tribal governments have designated as having historic or cultural preservation status (e.g., National Historic Trust designation or properties significant in North Carolina history and archaeology)?*

7b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact historic or archeological resources?* Archaeological Form/Letter and Historic Properties and Landscapes Form/Letter (attached).

8. Flood Zone Designation (Corps Requirement)

8a. Will this project occur in a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain?*

Yes

No

8b. If yes, explain how project meets FEMA requirements:

This project meets the FEMA requirements by obtaining State Floodplain Compliance (SFC) approval through the Hydraulics Unit's Highway Floodplain Program.

8c. What source(s) did you use to make the floodplain determination?*

FEMA Floodplain maps.

Miscellaneous

Comments

Please use the space below to attach all required documentation or any additional information you feel is helpful for application review. Documents should be combined into one file when possible, with a Cover Letter, Table of Contents, and a Cover Sheet for each Section preferred.

Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attach document

BR-0060 Alamance July 07 2025.pdf File must be PDF or KMZ

22.46MB

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Signature

By checking the box and signing below, I certify that:

- The project proponent hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief'; and
- The project proponent hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time. I have given true, accurate, and complete information on this form;
- I agree that submission of this PCN form is a "transaction" subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- . I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the PCN form.

Full Name:*

Erin K. Cheely

Signature*



Date

7/7/2025

Permit Drawings

North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway Stormwater Stormwater Bighway Stormwater StormWater Protocol Protocol<											
WBS Element:	67060.1.1	TIP/Proi No: BR-0060		County(ies):	Alamance				Page 1		of 2
			Ga	noral Project I	nformation						
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NCDOT Contact:	Addross:				Contractor / Desig	ner: Addross:					
	Audress.					Address.	MOFFAIT	& NICHUL			
	1000 BIRCH RIDGE DRIVE				4700 FALL	S OF NEUSE RD, SUIT	E 300				
		RALEIGH, NC 27610					RALEIGH,	NC 27609			
	Phone:	(919) 707-6711				Phone:	(919) /81-4	4626			
	Email:	: gcail@ncdot				Email:	jdavenport	@moffattnichol.com			
City/Town:		Pitts	boro		County(ies):	Alama	nce				
River Basin(s):		Cape Fear			CAMA County?	No)				
wetlands within Proj	ect Limits?	Yes									
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Project Length (lin. n	niles or feet):	0.43	Surrounding L	and Use:	Agriculture, Forest	r					
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Project Built-Upon A	rea (ac.)			ac.			1.5	ac.			
Typical Cross Sectio	n Description:	THE PROPOSED ROADWAY WIL		ALIGNMENT V					GNMENT WITH	12' TRA'	VEL LANES,
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		TRAVEL LANES AND 6' PAVED S	HOULDERS.								
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North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway Stormwater Program STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (Version 3.00; Released August 2021) WBS Element: 67060 1 1 TIP/Proi No : BR-0060 Country(ise): Alemance Page 2 of 2												
WBS Element: 67060.1.1	IIP/Proj No.: BR-0060 County(ies): Alamance Page 2											
			General Project	Information								
			Waterbody Inf	formation								
Surface Water Body (1):	Ca	ane Creek (South	side of Haw River)	NCDWR Stream Ir	idex No.:		16-28					
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body			Primary Classification:	Water Supply	√ (WS-V)							
			Supplemental Classification:	Nutrient Sensitive \	Waters (NSW)							
Other Stream Classification:												
Impairments:	Noi	ne										
Aquatic T&E Species?	No	Comments:	Cape Fear shiner are listed as ES	SA federally protected	d species but r	no known occurances were fo	ound within 1 mi	e of the stud	y area.			
NRTR Stream ID:	Cane Creek				1	Buffer Rules in Effect:		Jord	an Lake			
Project Includes Bridge Spanning Water	r Body?	Yes	Deck Drains Discharge Over Bu	uffer?	No	Dissipator Pads Provided	in Buffer?		Yes			
Deck Drains Discharge Over Water Bod	y?	No	(If yes, provide justification in	the General Project	Narrative)	(If yes, describe in the Ge	eneral Project N aral Project Nar	arrative; if no	o, justify in the			
(If yes, provide justification in the	General Project Na	arrative)				Gen		alive)				
Surface Water Body (2):				NCDWR Stream In	idex No.:				1			
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body			Primary Classification:						-			
Other Stream Classification:												
Impairments:		-										
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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS UTILITIES UNIT 1555 MAIL SERVICE CENTER RALEIGH, NC 27699–1555 PHONE (919) 707–6690 FAX (919) 250–4151

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April 9, 2025

Mr. Jamie Lancaster, P.E. Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

Mitigation Acceptance Letter: **TIP BR-0060**, Replace Bridge 000014 on NC 87 over Cane Creek, Alamance County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) will provide the mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on April 8, 2025, the impacts are located in CU 03030002 of the Cape Fear River basin as follows:

Stream		Stream			Wetlands		
and Wetlands	Service Area	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh
Impacts	Cape Fear 03030002	0	0	0	0.030	0	0

*Some of the impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at various ratios. See permit application for details. DMS will provide the amount of stream and wetland mitigation included in the environmental permits.

All buffer mitigation requests and approvals are administrated through the Riparian Restoration Buffer Fund. The NCDOT will be responsible to ensure that appropriate compensation for the buffer mitigation will be provided in the agreed upon method of fund transfer. Upon receipt of the NCDWR's Buffer Authorization Certification, DMS will transfer funds from the NCDOT Fund into the Riparian Restoration Buffer Fund. Upon completion of transfer payment, NCDOT will have completed its riparian buffer mitigation responsibility for TIP BR-0060. Subsequently, DMS will conduct a review of current NCDOT ILF Program mitigation projects in the river basin to determine if available buffer mitigation credits exist. If there are buffer mitigation credits available, then the Riparian Restoration Buffer Fund will purchase the appropriate amount of buffer mitigation credits from NCDOT ILF Program.



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Mr. Lancaster April 9, 2025 Page Two NCDOT TIP BR-0060

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Buller	Service Area	Zone 1	Zone 2	TOTAL		
Impacts	Cape Fear Jordan Haw Arm	5,637.000	6,195.000	11,832.000		

The impacts and associated mitigation needs were not projected by the NCDOT in the 2025 impact data. NCDEQ – DMS will commit to implement sufficient compensatory mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project as determined by the regulatory agencies in accordance with the In-Lieu Fee Instrument dated July 28, 2010. If the above referenced impact amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from NCDEQ – DMS.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Beth Harmon at 919-707-8420.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Harmon

Elizabeth A. Harmon DMS NCDOT ILF Coordinator

cc: Mr. Scott Jones, USACE Ms. Kristie Carpenter, NCDWR Mr. Brad Chilton, NCDOT – EAU File: BR-0060



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July 1, 2025

Mr. Jamie Lancaster, P.E. Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

Subject:

Mitigation Acceptance Letter: **TIP BR-0060** (**Utility**), Replace Bridge 000014 on NC 87 over Cane Creek, Alamance County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) will provide the mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on June 27 and July 1, 2025, the impacts are located in CU 03030002 of the Cape Fear River basin as follows:

Stream		Stream			Wetlands		
and Wetlands	Service Area	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh
Impacts	Cape Fear 03030002	0	0	0	0.050	0	0

*Some of the impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at various ratios. See permit application for details. DMS will provide the amount of stream and wetland mitigation included in the environmental permits.

The impacts associated with this mitigation acceptance letter are associated with the Utility portion of TIP BR-0060 and not for the impacts associated with the replacement of the bridge. The mitigation acceptance letter issued on April 9, 2025, for the impacts associated with the replacement of the bridge remains in effect. The impacts and associated mitigation needs were not projected by the NCDOT in the 2025 impact data. NCDEQ – DMS will commit to implement sufficient compensatory mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project as determined by the regulatory agencies in accordance with the In-Lieu Fee Instrument dated July 28, 2010. If the above referenced impact amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from NCDEQ – DMS.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Beth Harmon at 919-707-8420.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth A. Harmon DMS NCDOT ILF Coordinator

cc: Mr. Scott Jones, USACE Ms. Kristie Carpenter, NCDWR Mr. Brad Chilton, NCDOT – EAU File: BR-0060 Utility Revised



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Protected Species/ Section 7

United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Raleigh ES Field Office Post Office Box 33726 Raleigh, North Carolina 27636-3726 December 27, 2023



William A. Barrett NC Department of Transportation Environmental Analysis Unit 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Barrett:

This letter is in response to your letter of December 19, 2023 and attached Freshwater Fish Survey Report which provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) with the biological conclusion of the North Carolina Department of Transportation that the replacement of Bridge No. 000014 on NC 87 over Cane Creek in Alamance County (STIP No. BR-0060) may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the federally endangered Cape Fear Shiner (*Notropis mekistocholas*). The following response is provided in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

According to information provided, a fish survey was conducted at the project site on June 2, 2022. The survey extended 100 meters upstream and 400 meters downstream of the bridge. No Cape Fear Shiners were observed, and the closest known occurrence is approximately 10 river miles downstream in the Haw River. Based on the survey results and other available information, the Service concurs with your conclusion that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Cape Fear Shiner. We also acknowledge that the federally endangered Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and proposed endangered Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) have previously been addressed through Programmatic Biological/ Conference Opinions. We believe that the requirements of Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA have been satisfied. We remind you that obligations under Section 7 consultation must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered in this review; (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner that was not considered in this review; or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat determined that may be affected by this identified action. If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact Mr. Gary Jordan at gary_jordan@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

for Pete Benjamin Field Supervisor <u>Electronic copy</u>: Eric Alsmeyer, USACE, Wake Forest, NC Travis Wilson, NCWRC, Creedmoor, NC Jerry Parker, NCDOT, Greensboro, NC

Archaeology



NO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES ELIGIBLE OR LISTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES PRESENT FORM



This form only pertains to ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES for this project. It is not valid for Historic Architecture and Landscapes. You must consult separately with the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Team.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No:	B-0060	County:	Alamance	
WBS No:	67060.1.1	Document:	MCC	
<i>F.A. No:</i>		Funding:	State	E Federal
Federal Permit	Required?	Yes No Perm	<i>iit Type:</i> US	ACE tbd

Project Description: NCDOT proposes construction of a replacement bridge on NC 87 over Cane Creek in Alamance County between Saxapahaw and Pittsboro (see Figure 1). Alternatives may include an on-site detour or bridge construction adjacent to the existing route.

For purposes of this investigation, the archaeological Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes all areas and soils likely to be disturbed during the construction, including up to the limits of any new right of way, cut and fill lines, and easements, permanent or temporary. The original project length for the cultural resources screening was 1500 feet, 0.28 miles, roughly centered on the current bridge. The width is 400 feet, two hundred to either side of NC 87 which allows coverage and a buffer for multiple designs. For the survey, preliminary mapping of alternatives was then available therefore the APE was revised to include additional, tapered length on both ends for a total of 2300 feet, 0.44 miles (see Figure 2).

The project is state funded though will require a permit by the USACE, thus Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act applies for this federal undertaking.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Archaeology Team has reviewed the subject project and determined:

- There are no National Register listed ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES within the project's area of potential effects. (Attach any notes or documents as needed.)
 - No subsurface archaeological investigations were required for this project.
 - Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources.
- Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources considered eligible for the National Register.
- All identified archaeological sites located within the APE have been considered and all compliance for archaeological resources with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and GS 121-12(a) has been completed for this project.

Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:

The undertaking was reviewed for archaeology and determined to require a survey to determine if there may be impacts to significant archaeological remains under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (see PA 18-09-0004 Archaeological Survey Required Form dated 9/19/2019). The decision notes relatively close proximity to archaeological site 31Am148, also known as the Guthrie Site UNC-CH 31Am145, west of the bridge on the opposite side of the adjacent agricultural field about 600 feet from the roadway and bridge, UNC-CH conducted extensive testing

at this site in the 1980s which included twelve large excavation blocks and 3900 auger tests. The site form, report and personal communication with the lead Archaeologist suggest that the site did not extend to the east across the field and into the project APE. Proximity to 31Am138 rather than the environmental context, the recommendation to conduct a survey of higher probability landforms for archaeological sites was made for this project, especially because it may have impacts beyond the original roadway and bridge construction. See the survey required form for more details.

Soils, topographic and LIDAR mapping were examined prior to fieldwork to identify landforms with greater probability to contain archaeological sites, especially significant, intact resources. Areas of lower probability were also noted. The APE was tranferred to field GPS equipment which was used to navigate and plan subsurface testing, and also to record and map specific locations and results.

Archaeological testing of the APE was conducted on April 28, 2021 by NCDOT Archaeologists Brian Overton and Shane C. Petersen. A total of eleven shovel test pits were fully excavated and screened (1/4 inch) on the well drained, upland, grassy landform north of the bridge with a concentration of effort east of NC 87. The cut for the roadway and other landscape modification, including a possible unpaved old or farm road, was evident during fieldwork. The west side of the roadway was included in the subsurface methodology (see Figure 3), too, but was much narrower, modified and also heavily eroded with saprolitic soils present.

For this project, all of the STPs were placed along transects parallel to NC 87 at an interval of 30 meters in grassy fields. Cuts and modifications to the landform were apparent inside the APE especially the northeast quadrant. The typical soil profile recorded from all of the shovel test pits showed a shallow A horizon with weak, recent topsoil development. This zone was about 5 to 10 cm in depth with 2.5 YR 4/6, 5/6 and 5/8, 5 YR 4/6 and 5/6, or 10 YR 5/6 clay loams, if present. The subsoil was encountered quickly past a depth of 5 to 12 cmbs, a clay which was sometimes saprolitic, as noted on all of the northwest quadrant near STPs 9, 10 and 11.

Three of the eleven shovel test pits yielded a total of six artifacts. STP 4 was the first positive test followed by 15 m radials STP 7 and 8 resulted. This resulted in documentation of archaeological site 31Am464 (see Figure 4), a lithic scatter of Native American origin. A heavily eroded landform, STP 4 was only dug to a depth of 10 cm of 2.5 YR 5/8 clay loam soil. Other shovel test pits along the planned intervals of this transect were negative, containing similar stratigraphy and no other cultural materials. The site boundary was established using a combination of negative shovel test pits, the NC 87 road cut to the west and downsloping terrain to the east and south. The artifacts are described below.

Archaeological site 31Am464 was identified during excavation of three positive shovel test pits on an extensively eroded hilltop overlooking Cane Creek. Erosion at the site, which had patches gravelly soil where no grass was growing, was evident on the ground surface.

STP 4, one of the 30-m interval units in the northeastern transect, contained one artifact, a chipped stone project point or knife fragment, specifically the tip. The raw material is metavolcanic stone. While the tip lacks the diagnostic information that a cspp/k base provides, the size suggests it represents the Archaic period. Two radial tests at 15-m, STP 7 to the east just before the topography drops in that direction, and STP 8 to the north, yielded metavolcanic and quartz debitage consisting of interior flakes or shatter. In total six artifacts were identified, one cspp/k tip and five pieces of debitage. The Office of State Archaeology assigned the following accession number: 2021.0126.

This low density site has a small number of artifacts in a heavily eroded context. None of the lithic artifacts were diagnostic, though one probably is a fragment of an Archaic cspp/k. No ceramics were recovered. No cultural features were identified in the thin, grassy topsoil or subsoil below. Lacking diagnostic or abundant artifacts, features or other data, 31Am464 is not likely to contain significant, new information about Native American activities and lifeways. The site is recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Pedestrian survey north of Cane Creek within the APE confirmed the modified topography that resulted from construction of the highway and bridge, also ditching and the natural and migrating stream channel present north of Cane Creek. More low, frequently flooded soils were present south of Cane Creek, especially southeast of the bridge where water was pooling on top of or near the surface of the ground. As expected, these lower, often wet, areas demonstated and confirmed a lowered probability to contain archaeological remains, especially significant, intact deposits.

The southern limits of the project gradually climb from the low bottoms and had been noted as a possible location for subsurface testing. However, visual inspection and selective soil probes and turning over the A horizon with a shovel showed more eroded soils on a sloped hillside. A relatively level landform more suitable to contain an archaeological site was not present until and beyond the far limits of the APE to the south. Noting the sloped landform and heavily eroded context, no shovel test pits were excavated towards the southern end of the APE.

As expected, the Guthrie Site, 31Am148 (also noted as 31Am145), was not encountered during the archaeological investigation. The mapped location and site plan of the excavation place the site outside of the APE about six hundred feet to the west

In summary, the entire APE was subjected to a pedestrian inspection to look for surface artifacts and above ground features like walls, cellars or cemeteries; none were observed. The hill tops and side slopes were visibly eroded with bare subsoil exposed in spots. The lower elevations contained characteristically wet soils, or were sloped or modified for drainage and the highway bridge. Eleven shovel test pits were excavated and screened on the relatively level northern upland within the APE. One of the shovel test pits on the transect northeast of the bridge contained a cspp/k tip in a very eroded context. Nearby, two of the radial tests yielded a small number of lithic debitage. The site is now registered with the Office of State Archaeology as 31Am464. A low density lithic site lacking diagnostic artifacts on an eroded landform, the site is not recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Site 31Am464 may be directly impacted by proposed plans or avoided depending on the selected alternative, on-site temporary detours and construction approach.

(This project falls within a North Carolina County in which the following federally recognized tribes have expressed an interest: the Catawba Indian Nation. We recommend that you ensure that this documentation is forwarded to these tribes using the process described in the current NCDOT Tribal Protocol and PA Procedures Manual.)

SUPPORT D	OCUMENTA	ATION		
See attached:	Map(s)	Previous Survey Info	Photos	Correspondence
Signed:	Other:			
Brian P. Ovi	ERTON			7/9/2021

NCDOT ARCHAEOLOGIST

Date

ARTIFACT INVENTORY

PA 18-	09-0004	SITE 31Am464	Accession Number:	2021-0126
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STP 4	plow	zone, eroded		
	1 cspp/k frag	gment, Archaic, tip, me	tavolcanic	
STP 7	east 1	radial of STP 4, plowzc	ne, eroded	
	2 interior fla	kes, metavolcanic		
	1 shatter, qu	artz		
STP 8	north	radial of STP 4, plowz	zone, eroded	
	1 flake fragn	nent, metavolcanic		
	1 shatter, qu	artz		



Figure 1. Vicinity USGS mapping (Saxapahaw) showing the location of the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 0014 on NC 87 over Cane Creek, TIP BR-0060 / PA 18-09-0004, northwest of Pittsboro. The APE is shown in yellow.

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Figure 2. Aerial showing environmental context, updated APE, and shovel test pits for TIP BR-0060 / PA 18-09-0004. 31Am464 is mapped in red. The new APE, yellow, is longer than the original. An interior outline shows limits of proposed alternatives.

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Figure 3. LIDAR-based elevation map of the northern half of the revised APE, yellow, containing the newly recorded 31Am464, shown in red, and shovel test placement including three positive pits. Note the subsurface tested hilltop, sloped and low terrain.

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18-09-0004



HISTORIC ARCHICTECTURE AND LANDSCAPES NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES PRESENT OR AFFECTED FORM

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No:	BR-0060	County:	Alamance				
WBS No.:	67060.1.1	Document	MCC				
		Type:					
Fed. Aid No:		Funding:	State Federal				
Federal	Yes No	Permit	USACE				
Permit(s):		Type(s):					
Project Description:							
Replace Bridge No. 14 on NC 87 over Cane Creek							

SUMMARY OF HISTORIC ARCHICTECTURE AND LANDSCAPES REVIEW

- \boxtimes There are no National Register-listed or Study Listed properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- \boxtimes There are no properties less than fifty years old which are considered to meet Criteria Consideration G within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are no properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are properties over fifty years old within the area of potential effects, but they do not meet the criteria for listing on the National Register.
- \boxtimes There are no historic properties present or affected by this project. (Attach any notes or documents as needed.)

Date of field visit: n/a

Description of review activities, results, and conclusions:

Review of HPO quad maps, relevant background reports, historic designations roster, and indexes was undertaken on October 3, 2018. A search of Alamance County Tax Parcel Data did not reveal any properties over fifty years of age. There is a property south of the project area which dates from 1890. If the project area extends farther south, please resubmit for further review. No historic properties will be affected by this project.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

 \boxtimes Map(s)

Previous Survey Info. Photos Correspondence

Design Plans

FINDING BY NCDOT ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Historic Architecture and Landscapes – NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES PRESENT OF AFFECTED

Shel Leap

NCDOT Architectural Historian

October 3, 2018

Date



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Historic Architecture and Landscapes NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES PRESENT OR AFFECTED form for Minor Transportation Projects as Qualified in the 2007 Programmatic Agreement.



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Tribal Coordination

[External] RE: NCDOT Projects BR-0060, BR-0069, & BR-0097 - Project Study Letters

Kaleigh Pollak <Kaleigh@monacannation.com>

Mon 8/9/2021 4:55 PM

To: Peterson, Tierre R <trpeterson@ncdot.gov> Cc: Tribal Office <TribalOffice@monacannation.com>

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting us regarding the proposed projects.

The Monacan Indian Nation is a federally recognized sovereign tribe, headquartered on Bear Mountain in Amherst County. Citizens of the Nation are descended from Virginia and North Carolina Eastern Siouan cultural and linguistic groups, and our ancestral territory includes Virginia west of the fall line of the rivers, sections of southeastern West Virginia, and portions of northern North Carolina. At this time, the active Monacan consultation areas include:

Virginia: Albemarle, Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, Clarke, Craig, Culpepper, Cumberland, Dickenson, Floyd, Fluvanna, Franklin, Frederick, Giles, Goochland, Grayson, Greene, Halifax, Henry, Highland, Lee, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nelson, Orange, Page, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Russell, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Tazewell, Warren, Washington, Wise, and Wythe Counties, and all contiguous cities.

West Virginia: Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Pendleton, Pocahontas, and Summers Counties.

North Carolina: Alamance, Caswell, Granville, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Vance, and Warren Counties.

At this time, the Nation does not wish to actively participate in this consultation project, because:

	This project is outside our ancestral territory
Х	The project's impacts are anticipated to be minimal
	The project is more closely related to, which should be contacted to participate in consultation
	The tribal office does not currently have the capacity to participate in this project
	Other:

However, the Nation requests to be contacted if:

- Sites associated with native history may be impacted by this project;
- Adverse effects associated with this project are identified;
- Human remains are encountered during this project;
- Unanticipated native cultural remains are encountered during this project;
- Other tribes consulting on this project cease consultation; or
- The project size or scope becomes larger or more potentially destructive than currently described.

Please do not make any assumptions about future consultation interests based on this decision, as priorities and information may change. We request that you send any future consultation communications in electronic form to <u>Kaleigh@MonacanNation.com</u>. We appreciate your outreach to the Monacan Indian Nation and look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you,

Kaleigh Pollak **Program Manager** Monacan Indian Nation O: (434) 363-4864 C: (434) 473-1029 111 Highview Drive Madison Heights, VA 24572



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Subject: FW: NCDOT Projects BR-0060, BR-0069, & BR-0097 - Project Study Letters

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Ms. Kaleigh Pollak,

Please see the attached project study letter for NCDOT Projects BR-0060, BR-0069, and BR-0097 If you have any questions or comments, please let us know by September 6, 2021.

Sincerely,

Tierre Peterson, PE Team Leader - PEF Coordination Structures Management Unit

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Office 803-328-2427 Fax 803-328-5791

September 10, 2021

Attention: David Stutts NC Department of Transportation 1581 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699

Re. THPO #TCNS #Project Description2021-193-165BR-0060, BR-0069 and BR-0097

Dear Mr. Stutts,

The Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. However, the Catawba are to be notified if Native American artifacts and / or human remains are located during the ground disturbance phase of this project.

If you have questions please contact Caitlin Rogers at 803-328-2427 ext. 226, or e-mail Caitlin.Rogers@catawba.com.

Sincerely,

Cattle Rogers for

Wenonah G. Haire Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

NEPA/SEPA Document

Type I or II Categorical Exclusion Action Classification Form

TIP Project No.	BR-0060
WBS Element	67060.1.1
Federal Project No.	N/A

A. <u>Project Description:</u>

Structures Management Unit (SMU) Bridge Program Project BR-0060 includes replacing Bridge No. 000014, located on N.C. 87 over Cane Creek in Alamance County. The bridge lies south of the unincorporated community of Eli Whitney, NC and is surrounded by mostly open, wooded and agricultural properties, with sparse residential properties and few commercial properties.

The replacement structure will be a bridge approximately 230 feet long providing a minimum 36foot clear deck width. The bridge will include two 12-foot lanes with 6-foot offsets on both sides. The bridge length is based on preliminary design information and is set by hydraulic requirements. The approach roadway will extend approximately 788 feet from the west end of the new bridge and 1,230 feet from the east end of the new bridge. The approaches will be widened to include a 24-foot pavement width providing two 12-foot lanes, 8-foot shoulders (2-foot paved) on both sides (13-foot shoulders where guardrail is included). The roadway will be designed as a Minor Arterial using Regional Tier guidelines with a 60mph design speed. See attached figures for reference.

The new bridge will be constructed in its existing location. Traffic will be detoured onsite and will utilize a detour bridge that will be constructed just north of the existing bridge.

See maps below for reference.

B. Description of Need and Purpose:

Estimated remaining life of bridge was 6 years according to the inspection conducted in 2016. Priority maintenance was issued during this inspection as well. The purpose of this project is to replace a structurally deficient bridge.

Bridge No. 000014 was built in 1929, was widened in 1969 and is considered structurally deficient with a substructure rating of 4 out of 9 by FHWA standards. There is notable cracking and spalling. The most recent bridge inspection for the structure was on 12/15/2020.

C. <u>Categorical Exclusion Action Classification:</u>

Type I(A) - Ground Disturbing Action

D. Proposed Improvements:

28. Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e)(1-6).

E. Special Project Information:

Estimated Costs

Туре	Estimated Costs 2022
Construction Cost (65% Plans, Oct. 2022)	\$6,900,000
Right-of-Way	\$273,200
Utilities	\$138,000
Total	\$7,311,200

Roadway Traffic Data is as follows:

ADT 2023 = 3,000 ADT 2043 = 3,300 K = 10% D = 60% T = 7% TTST = 3% Dual = 4% V = 60 mph

The Functional Classification is a Minor Arterial – Regional Tier.

There are no anticipated design exceptions.

Alternative analysis (if any):

Alternative 1 was chosen for this project, placing the temporary on-site detour on the eastern side of the proposed alignment. This alternative had less stream impacts, less right-of-way to purchase, and lower overall cost.

Other alternatives considered were:

- a. An On-site detour (Alternative 2) on the west side was investigated but Cane Creek turns south and parallels the road on this side. The impacts to the creek were higher with a detour designed on this side of the road. The overall cost was higher, as was the needed right-of-way to purchase.
- b. This is an NC route, and a detour route would need to provide similar lane and shoulder widths. There is no suitable offsite detour available in this area, therefore the offsite detour option was not deemed feasible.

Public Involvement:

A project newsletter was sent on 07/05/2022 to 113 adjacent or nearby affected property owners on this project. Property owners were invited to comment. No comments have been received to date.

Outreach was made to the Catawba and Monacan Tribal Nations during the planning process. A response was received from the Catawba Nation stating, "*The Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American*

archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. However, the Catawba are to be notified if Native American artifacts and / or human remains are located during the ground disturbance phase of this project." We received no response from the Monacan Nation.

Water Resources:

Water resources in the study area drain into the Haw River which is part of the Cape Fear River Basin. Hydrologic Unit 03030002. Four potential jurisdictional streams were identified in the study area (see Stream Table below). North Carolina Stream Assessment Method (NCSAM) and Division of Water Resources (DWR) stream identification forms are included in a separate Jurisdictional Determination (JD) Package. The jurisdictional streams in the study area have been designated as warm water streams for the purposes of stream mitigation.

Streamside riparian zones within the study area are protected under provisions of the Jordan Lake Watershed Buffer Rule administered by NCDWR. The table below indicates which streams are subject to buffer rule protection.

Map ID	Length (ft.)	Classif.	Comp. Mitigation Required	River Basin Buffer Ruled?	NCDWR Index Number	Best Usage Classif.
Cane Creek	891	Perennial	Yes	Yes	16-28	WS-V; NSW
SA	244	Perennial	Yes	Yes	16-28	WS-V; NSW
SB	40	Ephemeral	No	No	16-28	WS-V; NSW
SC	192	Ephemeral	No	No	16-28	WS-V; NSW
Total	1,367					

Status of streams in the study area

Two jurisdictional wetlands were identified within the study area (see Wetland Table below). The location of these wetlands is shown in Figure 3. All wetlands in the study area drain into the Haw River which is part of the Cape Fear River Basin, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Hydrologic Unit 03030002. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) wetland determination forms and North Carolina Wetland Assessment Method (NCWAM) forms for each site are included in a separate Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD) Package.

Map NCWAM Forested NCWAM Hydrologic 404/401 Area (ac.) in ID Classification Rating Classification Or 401 Study Area WA 404/401 Bottomland No Hardwood Low Riparian 0.1233 Forest WB Bottomland Yes 404/401 Hardwood Riparian 0.0013 Low Forest 0.1246 Total

Characteristics of wetlands in the study area

There are no streams that have been designated as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW). There are no designated High Quality Waters (HQW) or water supply watersheds (WS-I or WS-II)

within or within 1.0 mile downstream of the study area. The North Carolina 2022 Final 303(d) list of impaired waters does not identify any streams within the study area as an impaired water.

One surface water feature was identified in the study area (see table below). This pond is connected to Cane Creek by a non-jurisdictional ephemeral channel.

Surface waters in the study area

Surface Water	Map ID of Connection	Area (ac) in Study Area
Pond	PA	0.0287 acres

Findings from Natural Resources Technical Report:

The biological conclusion for Cape Fear Shiner is "May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect (MA-NLAA), one of two federally listed species within the BR-0060 project study area per USFWS IPaC database and NOAA NMFS.

The biological conclusion is currently "Unresolved" for the Tricolored bat. Since the completion of the NRTR, the tricolored bat (Perimyotis subflavus) has been added as "Proposed Endangered" to the list of protected species for this project. Note: without the results of the surveys for Tricolored bat, it is not yet known if "formal concurrence" is required. NCDOT will ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act for tricolored bat (and all protected species) for the project.

See Section G below.

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F. Project Impact Criteria Checklists:

F2. Ground Disturbing Actions – Type I (Appendix A) & Type II (Appendix B)

Proposed improvement(s) that fit Type I Actions (NCDOT-FHWA CE Programmatic Agreement, Appendix A) including 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 18, 21, 22 (ground disturbing), 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, &/or 30; &/or Type II Actions (NCDOT-FHWA CE Programmatic Agreement, Appendix B) answer the project impact threshold questions (below) and questions 8 – 31.

- If any question 1-7 is checked "Yes" then NCDOT certification for FHWA approval is required.
 - If any question 8-31 is checked "Yes" then additional information will be required for those questions in Section G.

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14	Does the project include a Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) effects determination other than a No Effect, including archaeological remains?		V
15	Does the project involve GeoEnvironmental Sites of Concerns such as gas stations, dry cleaners, landfills, etc.?		\checkmark
16	Does the project require work encroaching and adversely affecting a regulatory floodway or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 23 CFR 650 subpart A?	V	
17	Is the project in a Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) county and substantially affects the coastal zone and/or any Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)?		\checkmark
18	Does the project require a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) permit?		\checkmark
19	Does the project involve construction activities in, across, or adjacent to a designated Wild and Scenic River present within the project area?		\checkmark
20	Does the project involve Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) resources?		\checkmark
21	Does the project impact federal lands (e.g. U.S. Forest Service (USFS), USFWS, etc.) or Tribal Lands?		\checkmark
22	Does the project involve any changes in access control or the modification or construction of an interchange on an interstate?		\mathbf{V}
23	Does the project have a permanent adverse effect on local traffic patterns or community cohesiveness?		\checkmark
24	Will maintenance of traffic cause substantial disruption?		\mathbf{V}
25	Is the project inconsistent with the STIP, and where applicable, the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?		\checkmark
26	Does the project require the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act, the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Tribal Lands, or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with public-use money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property?		V
27	Does the project involve Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) buyout properties under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)?		\checkmark
28	Does the project include a <i>de minimis</i> or programmatic Section 4(f)?		\checkmark
29	Is the project considered a Type I under the NCDOT Noise Policy?		\checkmark
30	Is there prime or important farmland soil impacted by this project as defined by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)?	\checkmark	
31	Are there other issues that arose during the project development process that affected the project decision?		\checkmark

G. Additional Documentation as Required from Section F (ONLY for questions marked 'Yes'):

Question 8 - Is an Endangered Species Act (ESA) determination unresolved or is the project covered by a Programmatic Agreement under Section 7?

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	Habitat Present	Biological Conclusion
Notropis mekistocholas	Cape Fear shiner	E	Yes	MA-NLAA
Perimyotis subflavus	Tricolored bat	PE	Yes	Unresolved

¹ IPaC data checked on January 9, 2023

E - Endangered PE – Proposed Endangered

Cape Fear shiner

USFWS optimal survey window: April – June (tributaries); year-round (large rivers)

Biological Conclusion: May Affect – Not Likely to Adversely Affect

A fish survey was conducted on June 2, 2022, for the Cape Fear Shiner in Cane Creek. The Cape Fear Shiner was not collected during the survey, but several congeners were collected. Additionally, there are no reservoirs between the project study area and the closest EO of the species. Suitable habitat (i.e., riffle/run/pool sequences) is present within the surveyed section of Cane Creek for the Cape Fear Shiner. However, due to the absence of Water Willow beds and boulder substrates, the surveyed section of Cane Creek is considered marginally suitable habitat for the Cape Fear Shiner.

Considering the survey results, the lack of impediments from the nearest EO, and the presence of marginally suitable habitat, it can be concluded that the completion of this project may affect but, is not likely to adversely affect the Cape Fear Shiner.

Tricolored bat

USFWS optimal survey window: Structure checks May 1-September 15

Biological Conclusion: Unresolved

A review of NCNHP records dated November 30, 2022 indicates no known occurrences within 1.0 mile of the study area.

Since the completion of the NRTR, the tricolored bat (Perimyotis subflavus) has been added as "Proposed Endangered" to the list of protected species for this project. NCDOT will ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act for tricolored bat (and all protected species) for the project. Concurrence for this species will be resolved prior to permitting.

Question 10 - Riparian Buffer Rules

Streamside riparian zones within the study area are protected under provisions of the Jordan Lake Watershed Buffer administered by NCDWR. Potential impacts to protected stream buffers will be determined once a final alignment and design have been determined.

Question 16 - FEMA Floodplain

This project involves construction activities on or adjacent to a FEMA-regulated stream(s). Therefore, the Division will submit sealed as-built construction plans to the NCDOT Hydraulics Unit upon completion of project construction, certifying that the drainage structure(s) and roadway embankment that are located within the 100-year floodplain were built as shown in the construction plans, both horizontally and vertically.

The Hydraulics Unit will coordinate with the NC Floodplain Mapping Program (FMP) to determine the status of the project with regard to applicability of NCDOT'S Memorandum of Agreement, or approval of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and subsequent final Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

Question 30 – Farmlands

There will be no permanent conversion of farmlands for the temporary easement to accommodate the onsite detour. In conversation with NCDOT EAU, it was determined that a Preliminary Screening of Farmland Conversion Impacts (NRCS Form AD-1006) initiative is not needed.
H. Project Commitments:

NCDOT PROJECT COMMITMENTS

TIP Project No. **BR-0060** Replace Bridge No. 000014 on NC 87 Over Cane Creek Alamance County Federal Aid Project No. N/A WBS Element 67060.1.1

NCDOT Roadside Environmental and EAU - N.C. River Basin Buffer Rules

Streamside riparian zones within the study area are protected under provisions of the Jordan Lake Watershed Buffer administered by NCDWR. Potential impacts to protected stream buffers will be determined once a final alignment and design have been determined.

NCDOT EAU - ESA federally protected species within the Study Area

<u>Cape Fear Shiner</u> – Survey/screening information and a biological conclusion will be provided by the NCDOT Biological Surveys Group. Based on a data request from the NCNHP (NCNHDE-13595) received on December 31, 2020, there are no records of this species in the project area or within one mile of the project area. *Post survey, the Biological Conclusion for the Cape Fear Shiner is May Affect – Not Likely to Adversely Affect.*

NCDOT Division 7 - N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Contact

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) requests that they be contacted by NCDOT prior to the implementation of this project regarding the potential for state list mussels to be present within the project study area. Travis Wilson, Eastern NCDOT Permit Coordinator with NCWRC, is the point of contact for this.

NCDOT Division 7 - FEMA

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NCDOT Hydraulic Design Unit - FEMA

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I. Categorical Exclusion Approval:

TIP Project No.	BR-0060	
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Date for John F. Sullivan, III, PE, Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration

Note: Prior to ROW or Construction authorization, a consultation may be required (please see Section VII of the NCDOT-FHWA CE Programmatic Agreement for more details).



Figure 1: Vicinity Map



Figure 2: Project Study Area Map



Figure 3: Jurisdictional Features Present Map



ATLAS Screening Area

Study Area BR-0060

Bat Bridge Habitat - High Probability

Water Supply-V: Nutrient Sensitive Water; 303(d) and 305(b): 4t: Category 4 Hg Only (2008 listing, Exceeding Criteria)

NC Natural Heritage Natural Areas: Collective Rating: C3 (High), Representational Rating: R2 (Very High)



Cane Creek - WS-V:NSW

Water Supply-V - Waters protected as water supplies

which are generally upstream and draining to Class WS-IV waters or waters used by industry to supply their employees with drinking water or as waters formerly used as water supply. These waters are also protected for Class C uses. More information is available on the Water Supply Watershed Protection Program Homepage. While not a classification, the designated area of a critical area associated with a water supply watershed is 1/2 mile and draining to a riverine or normal pool elevation of a reservoir. The protected area is generally 10 miles run of river, and for a reservoir, it is 5 miles and draining to normal pool elevation of the reservoir. NSW:Nutrient Sensitive waters

Figure 4: NC ATLAS Screening Map

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400 Feet Complete Study Area: 400 Feet ATLAS IPaC Ranges: Cape Fear Shiner, Endangered Tricolored Bat, Proposed Endangered NC Jordan Lake Watershed Boundary NC_DEQ Major Basin: Cape Fear NC_DEQ Riparian Buffer Area: Jordan Lake Buffer NC - Jordan Lake Watershed Boundary



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY REQUIRED FORM This form only pertains to ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES for this project. It is not valid for Historic Architecture and Landscapes. You must consult separately with the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Group.



PROJECT INFORMATION

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Project Description: NCDOT proposes construction of replacement bridge on NC 87 over Cane Creek in Alamance County between Saxapahaw and Pittsboro. Alternatives may include on-site detours or bridge construction adjacent to the existing route.

For purposes of this investigation, the archaeological Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes all areas and soils likely to be disturbed during the construction including right of way, cut and fill lines and easements. The working APE may be refined as designs are further developed. The project length is 1500 feet, or about 0.28 miles. The width is 400 feet, two hundred to either side of NC 87.

The project is state funded and but will be permitted by the USACE; thus Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act applies.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES REVIEW: SURVEY REQUIRED

Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:

USGS mapping and aerial photography was examined (see Figures 1 and 2). Most of the surrounding terrain is wooded or open agricultural land in a rural setting. The terrain dips down into the Cane Creek drainage with some likely artificially built-up soil to launch the bridge.

Archaeological background research shows that several archaeological sites have been recorded along the Haw River and Cane Creek drainages, many by UNC-CH as part of a larger research project. Of special interest for the review is the investigations of 31Am148 (also known as UNC-CH 31Am145), west of the bridge that was conducted by UNC-CH in the 1980s. Data recovery efforts included surface inspections of the freshly plowed field, mapping results of 3900 auger tests, and twelve 10x10 ft excavations blocks. The results suggested the Native American site represents a small occupation with some intact features in areas while other portions are eroded and/or more extensively plowed-disturbed. Mapped some six hundred feet away, it is unlikely that the site would be impacted by the bridge construction wich is located overtop somewhat lower terrain with less likelihood for cultural horizons.

No cemteries are present in close proximity to the bridge replacement project according to USGS mapping and the GIS database of cemeteries maintained by NCDOT Archaeologist, Paul Mohler.

While the project limits are somewhat confined, alternatives may include construction expansion adjacent to the current bridge. Undocumented archaeological sites may be present within the archaeological APE that were note recorded during previous investingations. There is potential for intact, significant archaeological resources, ones that might be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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An archaeological survey including a complete surface inspection and areas of limited subsurface testing, if warranted, is recommended for this project under Section 106 to identify any significant archaeological sites which may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places within the APE. We can complete these investigations using one of the Archaeology Group's on-call firms or if Division 7 would like to manage and complete the survey they can use a NCDOT prequalified archaeologist under contract with one of the Division's on-call firms. We can provide a scope of work for the Division to use, but we do need to know within seven days which path the Division plans to follow. All products produced by the Division's consultant will need to be submitted to the Archaeology Group for review, acceptance, and submittal to the Office of State Archaeology as per the Programmatic Agreement. We would be happy to discuss this approach with you.

Please note that the project falls within a county, Alamance, in which the Catawba Indian Nation has expressed interest. We suggest that the Division contact all federal agencies involved with the project to determine their individual Tribal Consultation requirements.

SUPPORT DOCUMENT	ATION		
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PROJECT INFORMATION

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For purposes of this investigation, the archaeological Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes all areas and soils likely to be disturbed during the construction, including up to the limits of any new right of way, cut and fill lines, and easements, permanent or temporary. The original project length for the cultural resources screening was 1500 feet, 0.28 miles, roughly centered on the current bridge. The width is 400 feet, two hundred to either side of NC 87 which allows coverage and a buffer for multiple designs. For the survey, preliminary mapping of alternatives was then available therefore the APE was revised to include additional, tapered length on both ends for a total of 2300 feet, 0.44 miles (see Figure 2).

The project is state funded though will require a permit by the USACE, thus Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act applies for this federal undertaking.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Archaeology Team has reviewed the subject project and determined:

- There are no National Register listed ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES within the project's area of potential effects. (Attach any notes or documents as needed.)
 - No subsurface archaeological investigations were required for this project.
 - Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources.
- Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources considered eligible for the National Register.
- All identified archaeological sites located within the APE have been considered and all compliance for archaeological resources with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and GS 121-12(a) has been completed for this project.

Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:

The undertaking was reviewed for archaeology and determined to require a survey to determine if there may be impacts to significant archaeological remains under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (see PA 18-09-0004 Archaeological Survey Required Form dated 9/19/2019). The decision notes relatively close proximity to archaeological site 31Am148, also known as the Guthrie Site UNC-CH 31Am145, west of the bridge on the opposite side of the adjacent agricultural field about 600 feet from the roadway and bridge, UNC-CH conducted extensive testing

at this site in the 1980s which included twelve large excavation blocks and 3900 auger tests. The site form, report and personal communication with the lead Archaeologist suggest that the site did not extend to the east across the field and into the project APE. Proximity to 31Am138 rather than the environmental context, the recommendation to conduct a survey of higher probability landforms for archaeological sites was made for this project, especially because it may have impacts beyond the original roadway and bridge construction. See the survey required form for more details.

Soils, topographic and LIDAR mapping were examined prior to fieldwork to identify landforms with greater probability to contain archaeological sites, especially significant, intact resources. Areas of lower probability were also noted. The APE was tranferred to field GPS equipment which was used to navigate and plan subsurface testing, and also to record and map specific locations and results.

Archaeological testing of the APE was conducted on April 28, 2021 by NCDOT Archaeologists Brian Overton and Shane C. Petersen. A total of eleven shovel test pits were fully excavated and screened (1/4 inch) on the well drained, upland, grassy landform north of the bridge with a concentration of effort east of NC 87. The cut for the roadway and other landscape modification, including a possible unpaved old or farm road, was evident during fieldwork. The west side of the roadway was included in the subsurface methodology (see Figure 3), too, but was much narrower, modified and also heavily eroded with saprolitic soils present.

For this project, all of the STPs were placed along transects parallel to NC 87 at an interval of 30 meters in grassy fields. Cuts and modifications to the landform were apparent inside the APE especially the northeast quadrant. The typical soil profile recorded from all of the shovel test pits showed a shallow A horizon with weak, recent topsoil development. This zone was about 5 to 10 cm in depth with 2.5 YR 4/6, 5/6 and 5/8, 5 YR 4/6 and 5/6, or 10 YR 5/6 clay loams, if present. The subsoil was encountered quickly past a depth of 5 to 12 cmbs, a clay which was sometimes saprolitic, as noted on all of the northwest quadrant near STPs 9, 10 and 11.

Three of the eleven shovel test pits yielded a total of six artifacts. STP 4 was the first positive test followed by 15 m radials STP 7 and 8 resulted. This resulted in documentation of archaeological site 31Am464 (see Figure 4), a lithic scatter of Native American origin. A heavily eroded landform, STP 4 was only dug to a depth of 10 cm of 2.5 YR 5/8 clay loam soil. Other shovel test pits along the planned intervals of this transect were negative, containing similar stratigraphy and no other cultural materials. The site boundary was established using a combination of negative shovel test pits, the NC 87 road cut to the west and downsloping terrain to the east and south. The artifacts are described below.

Archaeological site 31Am464 was identified during excavation of three positive shovel test pits on an extensively eroded hilltop overlooking Cane Creek. Erosion at the site, which had patches gravelly soil where no grass was growing, was evident on the ground surface.

STP 4, one of the 30-m interval units in the northeastern transect, contained one artifact, a chipped stone project point or knife fragment, specifically the tip. The raw material is metavolcanic stone. While the tip lacks the diagnostic information that a cspp/k base provides, the size suggests it represents the Archaic period. Two radial tests at 15-m, STP 7 to the east just before the topography drops in that direction, and STP 8 to the north, yielded metavolcanic and quartz debitage consisting of interior flakes or shatter. In total six artifacts were identified, one cspp/k tip and five pieces of debitage. The Office of State Archaeology assigned the following accession number: 2021.0126.

This low density site has a small number of artifacts in a heavily eroded context. None of the lithic artifacts were diagnostic, though one probably is a fragment of an Archaic cspp/k. No ceramics were recovered. No cultural features were identified in the thin, grassy topsoil or subsoil below. Lacking diagnostic or abundant artifacts, features or other data, 31Am464 is not likely to contain significant, new information about Native American activities and lifeways. The site is recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Pedestrian survey north of Cane Creek within the APE confirmed the modified topography that resulted from construction of the highway and bridge, also ditching and the natural and migrating stream channel present north of Cane Creek. More low, frequently flooded soils were present south of Cane Creek, especially southeast of the bridge where water was pooling on top of or near the surface of the ground. As expected, these lower, often wet, areas demonstated and confirmed a lowered probability to contain archaeological remains, especially significant, intact deposits.

The southern limits of the project gradually climb from the low bottoms and had been noted as a possible location for subsurface testing. However, visual inspection and selective soil probes and turning over the A horizon with a shovel showed more eroded soils on a sloped hillside. A relatively level landform more suitable to contain an archaeological site was not present until and beyond the far limits of the APE to the south. Noting the sloped landform and heavily eroded context, no shovel test pits were excavated towards the southern end of the APE.

As expected, the Guthrie Site, 31Am148 (also noted as 31Am145), was not encountered during the archaeological investigation. The mapped location and site plan of the excavation place the site outside of the APE about six hundred feet to the west

In summary, the entire APE was subjected to a pedestrian inspection to look for surface artifacts and above ground features like walls, cellars or cemeteries; none were observed. The hill tops and side slopes were visibly eroded with bare subsoil exposed in spots. The lower elevations contained characteristically wet soils, or were sloped or modified for drainage and the highway bridge. Eleven shovel test pits were excavated and screened on the relatively level northern upland within the APE. One of the shovel test pits on the transect northeast of the bridge contained a cspp/k tip in a very eroded context. Nearby, two of the radial tests yielded a small number of lithic debitage. The site is now registered with the Office of State Archaeology as 31Am464. A low density lithic site lacking diagnostic artifacts on an eroded landform, the site is not recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Site 31Am464 may be directly impacted by proposed plans or avoided depending on the selected alternative, on-site temporary detours and construction approach.

(This project falls within a North Carolina County in which the following federally recognized tribes have expressed an interest: the Catawba Indian Nation. We recommend that you ensure that this documentation is forwarded to these tribes using the process described in the current NCDOT Tribal Protocol and PA Procedures Manual.)

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HISTORIC ARCHICTECTURE AND LANDSCAPES NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES PRESENT OR AFFECTED FORM

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PROJECT INFORMATION

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SUMMARY OF HISTORIC ARCHICTECTURE AND LANDSCAPES REVIEW

- \boxtimes There are no National Register-listed or Study Listed properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- \boxtimes There are no properties less than fifty years old which are considered to meet Criteria Consideration G within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are no properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are properties over fifty years old within the area of potential effects, but they do not meet the criteria for listing on the National Register.
- \boxtimes There are no historic properties present or affected by this project. (Attach any notes or documents as needed.)

Date of field visit: n/a

Description of review activities, results, and conclusions:

Review of HPO quad maps, relevant background reports, historic designations roster, and indexes was undertaken on October 3, 2018. A search of Alamance County Tax Parcel Data did not reveal any properties over fifty years of age. There is a property south of the project area which dates from 1890. If the project area extends farther south, please resubmit for further review. No historic properties will be affected by this project.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

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Design Plans



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