

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION FORM
T.I.P. No. R-3100 A/B**

October 15, 2016

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Consultation Phase: Construction Consultation
- B. Project Description: Proposed Widening of NC 16 from North Tower Road (SR 1895) to Claremont Road (SR 1801), Catawba County
- C. Federal Project: Federal Aid No. STP-16(4)
WBS No.: 34522.1.1
- D. Document Type:
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| EA | January 1998 |
| FONSI | December 1998 |
| Re-evaluation of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact | June 15, 2012 |
| Right of Way (ROW) Consultation (First) | April 10, 2013 |
| Right of Way (ROW) Consultation (Second) | October 9, 2014 |

II. CONCLUSIONS

The above environmental document has been reevaluated as required by 23 CFR 771. It was determined that the current proposed action is essentially the same as the original proposed action. Proposed changes, if any, are noted below in Section III. It has been determined that anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts were accurately described in the above referenced document(s) unless noted otherwise herein. Therefore, the original Administrative Action remains valid.

III. CHANGES IN PROPOSED ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

Since the Reevaluation of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) completed in June 2012, and Second Right of Way Consultation October 9, 2014 no significant changes has been proposed.

- The water classification for the streams identified in the October 9, 2014 re-evaluation remains accurate.

- With the exception of the Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), the list of Protected Species remains unchanged since the last Environmental Review. As anticipated in the last Environmental Review, the Northern long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) has been added to the list of protected species for Catawba County.

NCDOT has determined that the proposed action does not require separate consultation on the grounds that the proposed action is consistent with the final Section 4(d) rule, codified at 50 C.F.R. § 17.40(o) and effective February 16, 2016. NCDOT may presume its determination is informed by best available information and consider Section 7 responsibilities fulfilled for NLEB.

- Habitat for Schweinitz’s sunflower was re surveyed in 2015. The biological conclusions for the species remains “No Effect.”

IV. LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

NCDOT will implement all practical measures and procedures to minimize and avoid environmental impacts. See attached list of Project Commitments.

V. COORDINATION

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch personnel have discussed current project proposals with others as follows:

Design Engineer:	Kanchana Noland	<u>09/12/2016</u> Date
Permits Specialist:	Michael A. Turchy	<u>09/12/16</u> Date
Hydraulics Engineer:	William S. Zerman	<u>09-12-2016</u> Date
FHWA Area Engineer:	Ron Lucas	<u>10-18-2016</u> Date

VI. NCDOT CONCURRENCE

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Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit

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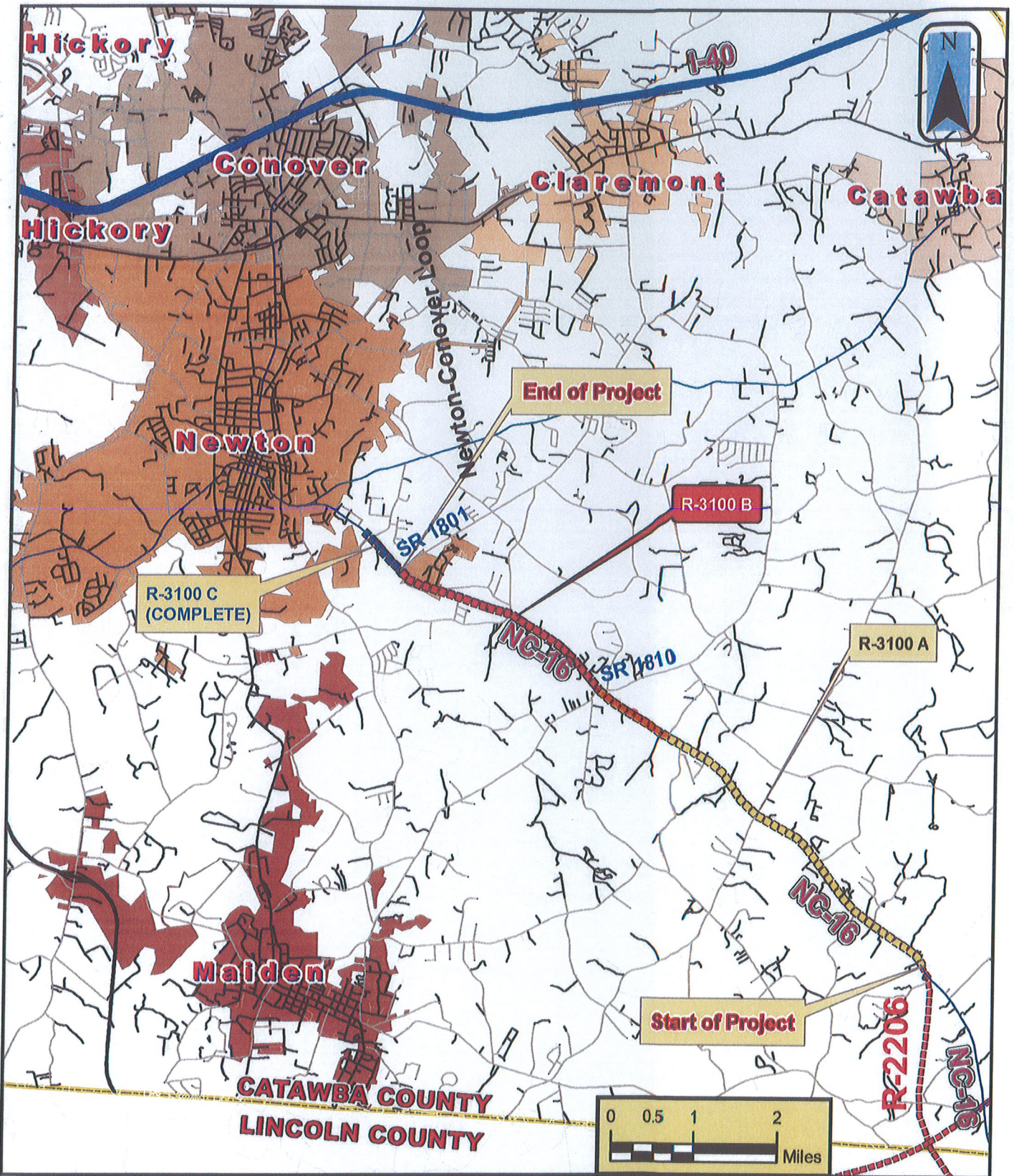
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VII. FHWA CONCURRENCE

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Date



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS BRANCH

VICINITY MAP
WIDENING OF NC 16 FROM
NORTH OF TOWER ROAD (SR 1895)
TO CALEB SETZER ROAD (SR 1800), NEWTON.

CATAWBA COUNTY
TIP PROJECT R-3100

County:	CATAWBA
Div:	12
TIP#	R-3100
WBS:	34522.1.1
Date:	MAY 2012

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PROJECT COMMITMENTS

**Proposed widening of NC 16 from North Tower Road (SR 1895) to
Claremont Road (SR 1801), Catawba County
Federal Aid Project No. STP – 16 (4)
State Project No. 8.1792501
WBS No. 34522.1.1
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Changes or additions to the project commitments as shown in the environmental documents for the project are printed in *italics*.

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit/Division-Construction

- NCDOT's Design Standards for Sensitive watersheds will be implemented. Provisions to preclude unnecessary contamination by toxic substance during the construction interval will also be strictly enforced to protect the High Quality Waters on Maiden Creek.

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit/Natural Environmental Unit

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