



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

DANIEL H. JOHNSON
SECRETARY

July 28, 2026

MEMORANDUM TO: Division Environmental and Construction Units

FROM:  Michael A. Turchy, ECAP Group Leader
Environmental Analysis Unit

SUBJECT: Environmental Permits for the Replacement of:
Haywood Bridge 219 over Jonathans Creek on SR 1306 (Evans Cove Road)
Division 14, WBS DF18314.2044190.

Please find enclosed the following permits for this project:

Agency	Permit Type	Expiration
US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Clean Water Act Permit	Nationwide Permit 3 Action ID: SAW-2026-01053 Dated July 24, 2026	March 14, 2031
NC Division of Water Resources Section 401 Water Quality Certification	Water Quality Certification No. 8562 Project ID: 20260722 <i>Written authorization not required.</i>	expires with above Permit

Work is authorized by the above-referenced documents and must be accomplished in strict accordance with the permitted plans.

The Environmental Coordination and Permitting Group (ECAP) or the Division Environmental Office must be consulted if any deviation from the permit(s) or accompanying drawings is required.

404 Permit (USACE)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILMINGTON DISTRICT
WRDA TRANSPORTATION BRANCH
69 DARLINGTON AVENUE
WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA 28403

July 24, 2026

Regulatory Division
SAW-2026-01053

Sent Via email: recrowther@ncdot.gov

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Mr. Robert Crowther
1598 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Mr. Crowther:

This letter is in response to the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) you submitted to the Wilmington District, WRDA/Transportation Branch on June 9, 2026, for a Department of the Army Nationwide Permit (NWP) verification. This project has been assigned the file number SAW-2026-01053 and is known as Bridge 219 replacement project. This file number should be referenced in all correspondence concerning this project.

A review of the information provided indicates that the proposed work would include the replacement of a bridge damaged by Hurricane Helene and will result in the permanent impact to 62 lf of stream channel due to bank stabilization and the temporary impact to 70 lf of stream channel due to dewatering. The project is located where Evans Cove Road crosses Jonathan Creek in Maggie Valley, Haywood County, North Carolina; Latitude 35.518111 and Longitude -83.086222.

We have determined that the proposed work is authorized by NWP 3 pursuant to authorities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C § 1344). The proposed work must be accomplished in strict accordance with the general permit conditions, any regional conditions, the special conditions listed in this letter, the application materials, and the enclosed plans. If the extent of the project area and/or nature of the authorized impacts to waters are modified, a revised PCN must be submitted to this office for written approval before work is initiated. Any violation of permit conditions or deviation from your submitted plans may subject the permittee to enforcement action.

This verification is valid until March 15, 2031, unless prior to this date the subject NWP(s) is suspended, revoked, or is modified such that the activity no longer complies with the terms and conditions of this NWP. If you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

Project Specific Special Conditions:

1. This Department of the Army permit does not authorize you to take an endangered species, in particular the federally listed or proposed gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*). In order to legally take a listed species, you must have separate authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (e.g., an ESA Section 10 permit, or a BO under ESA Section 7, with "incidental take" provisions with which you must comply). The enclosed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion (BO) contains mandatory terms and conditions to implement the reasonable and prudent measures that are associated with "incidental take" that is also specified in the BO. Your authorization under this permit is conditional upon your compliance with all of the mandatory terms and conditions associated with incidental take of the attached BO, which terms and conditions are incorporated by reference in this permit. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions associated with incidental take of the BO, where a take of the listed species occurs, would constitute an unauthorized take, and it would also constitute non-compliance with your permit. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the appropriate authority to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of its BO, and with the ESA.
2. Per the NC Wildlife Resources Commission's June 10, 2026 letter, NCDOT shall adhere to the October 15 to April 15 trout moratorium for instream disturbance for this project. Additionally, design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds shall be implemented with this project.

This NWP verification does not preclude the necessity to obtain any other Federal, State, or local permits, licenses, and/or certifications, which may be required.

If you have any questions related to this verification or have issues accessing documents referenced in this letter, please contact Crystal Amschler, Project Manager of the WRDA/Transportation Branch at 828-526-6013, by mail at the above address, or by email at crystal.c.amschler@usace.army.mil. Please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Scott Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. Scott Jones, PWS
WRDA / Transportation Branch Chief
USACE - Wilmington District

Enclosures

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT For use of this form, see Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; the proponent agency is CECW-COR.		Form Approved - OMB No. 0710-0003 Expires 2027-10-31												
The Agency Disclosure Notice (ADN)														
The Public reporting burden for this collection of information, 0710-0003, is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.														
PURPOSE: This form is used by recipients of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Regulatory permits to certify compliance with the permit terms and conditions. Your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.														
Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Regulatory Office. The certification can be submitted by email at crystal.c.amschler@usace.army.mil or by mail at the below address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District Office Street Address: 151 Patton Ave Room 208 City: Asheville State: North Carolina Zip Code: 28801														
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PERMITTEE'S CERTIFICATION														
Date Work Started: _____ Date Work Completed: _____ Enclose photographs showing the completed project <i>(if available)</i>. I _____ hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit has been completed in accordance with all of the permit terms and conditions, and that any required compensatory mitigation has been completed in accordance with the permit conditions.														
Name	Date	Signature												

401 Certification (NCDWR)

*Written
Authorization
Not Required*

Permitted Drawings



North Carolina Department of Transportation

Highway Stormwater Program
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR NCDOT PROJECTS

(Version 3.02; Released April 23, 2024)

WBS Element: C202550 TIP/Proj No.: DF18314.2044190 County(ies): Haywood Page 2 of 2

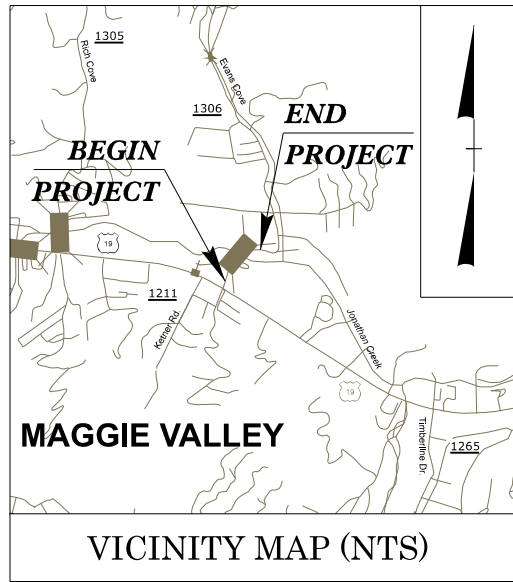
General Project Information

Waterbody Information

Surface Water Body (1):	Jonathan Creek		NCDWR Stream Index No.:	5-26-(7)	
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body	Primary Classification:		Class C		
	Supplemental Classification:		Trout Waters (Tr)		
Other Stream Classification:	None				
Impairments:	None				
Aquatic T&E Species?	No	Comments:			
NRTR Stream ID:	Jonathan Creek		Buffer Rules in Effect:	N/A	
Project Includes Bridge Spanning Water Body?	Yes	Deck Drains Discharge Over Buffer?	No	Dissipator Pads Provided in Buffer?	
Deck Drains Discharge Over Water Body?	No	(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)		(If yes, describe in the General Project Narrative; if no, justify in the General Project Narrative)	
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Surface Water Body (2):			NCDWR Stream Index No.:		
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body	Primary Classification:				
	Supplemental Classification:				
Other Stream Classification:					
Impairments:					
Aquatic T&E Species?		Comments:			
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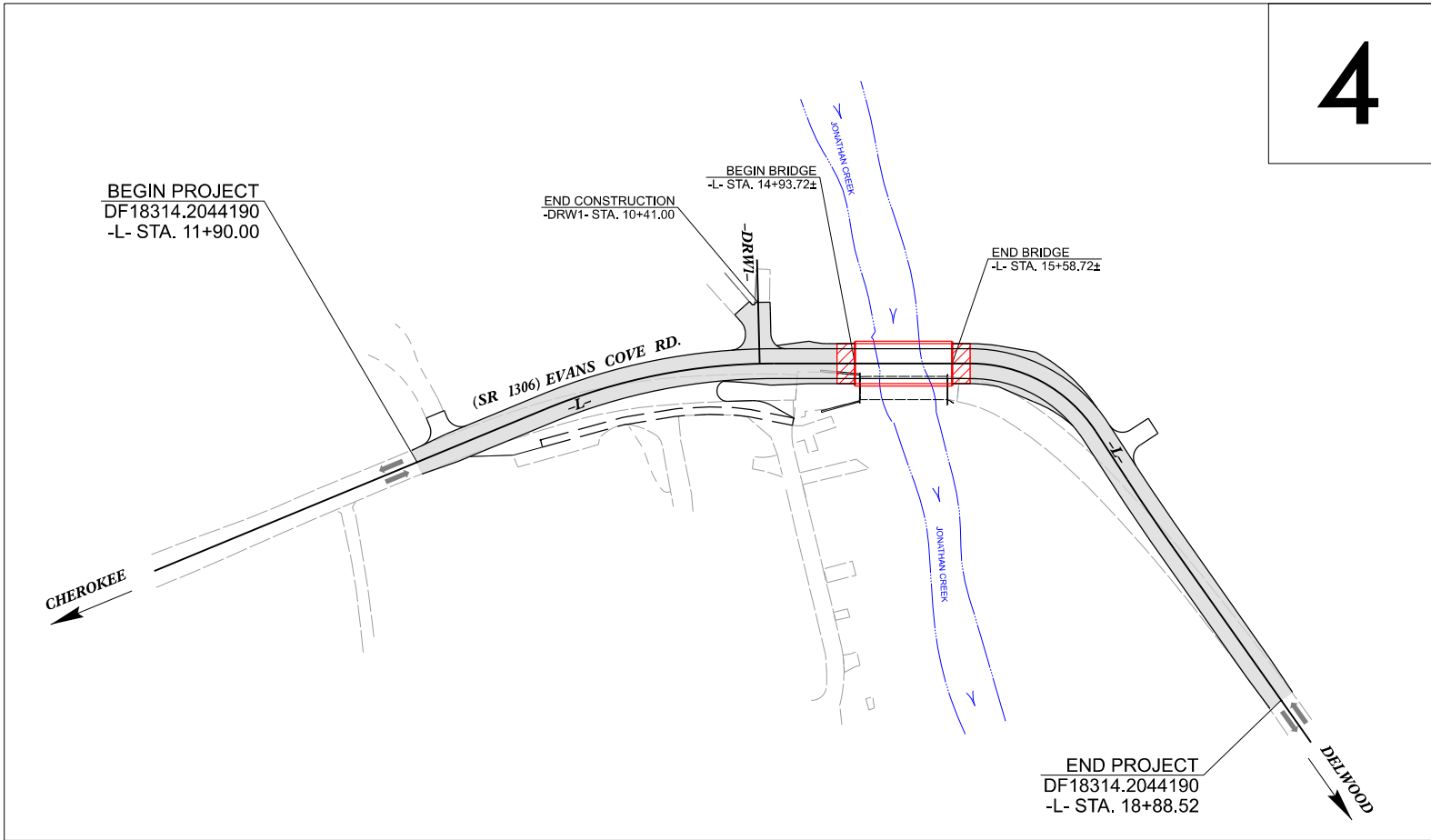
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SHEET 1 OF 6

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HAYWOOD COUNTY

LOCATION: *BRIDGE NO. 430219 OVER JONATHAN CREEK
ON SR 1306 (EVANS COVE RD.)*

TYPE OF WORK: *GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING & STRUCTURE*

WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER IMPACTS PERMIT

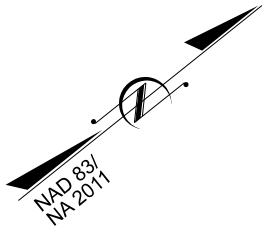


STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	DF18314.2044190	11	
STATE PROJ. NO.	F. A. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION	
		PE	
		ROW	
		UTILITY	
		CONST.	



RIGHT OF WAY PLANS
C-006 MARCH 26, 2026

RELEASE FOR
CONSTRUCTION
DATE: _____



BUCKEYE BRIDGE, LLC
P.O. BOX 1367
CANTON, NC 28716
(828)648-4511

THERE IS NO CONTROL OF ACCESS ON THIS PROJECT.
THIS PROJECT IS NOT WITHIN ANY MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.
CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD II.

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GRAPHIC SCALES

30 15 0 30 60
PLANS

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PROFILE (HORIZONTAL)

6 3 0 6 12
PROFILE (VERTICAL)

DESIGN DATA

ADT 2025 = 500
ADT 2045 = 610
K = N/A
D = N/A
T = N/A
V = 30 MPH

FUNC CLASS = LOCAL
SUB-REGIONAL TIER

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH OF ROADWAY TIP PROJECT DF18314.2044190 = 0.120 MILES
LENGTH OF STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT DF18314.2044190 = 0.012 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT DF18314.2044190 = 0.132 MILES

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ZACK SHULER
NCDOT CONTACT

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
FEBRUARY 16, 2026

LETTING DATE:
APRIL 27, 2026

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

SIGNATURE: _____
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

SIGNATURE: _____
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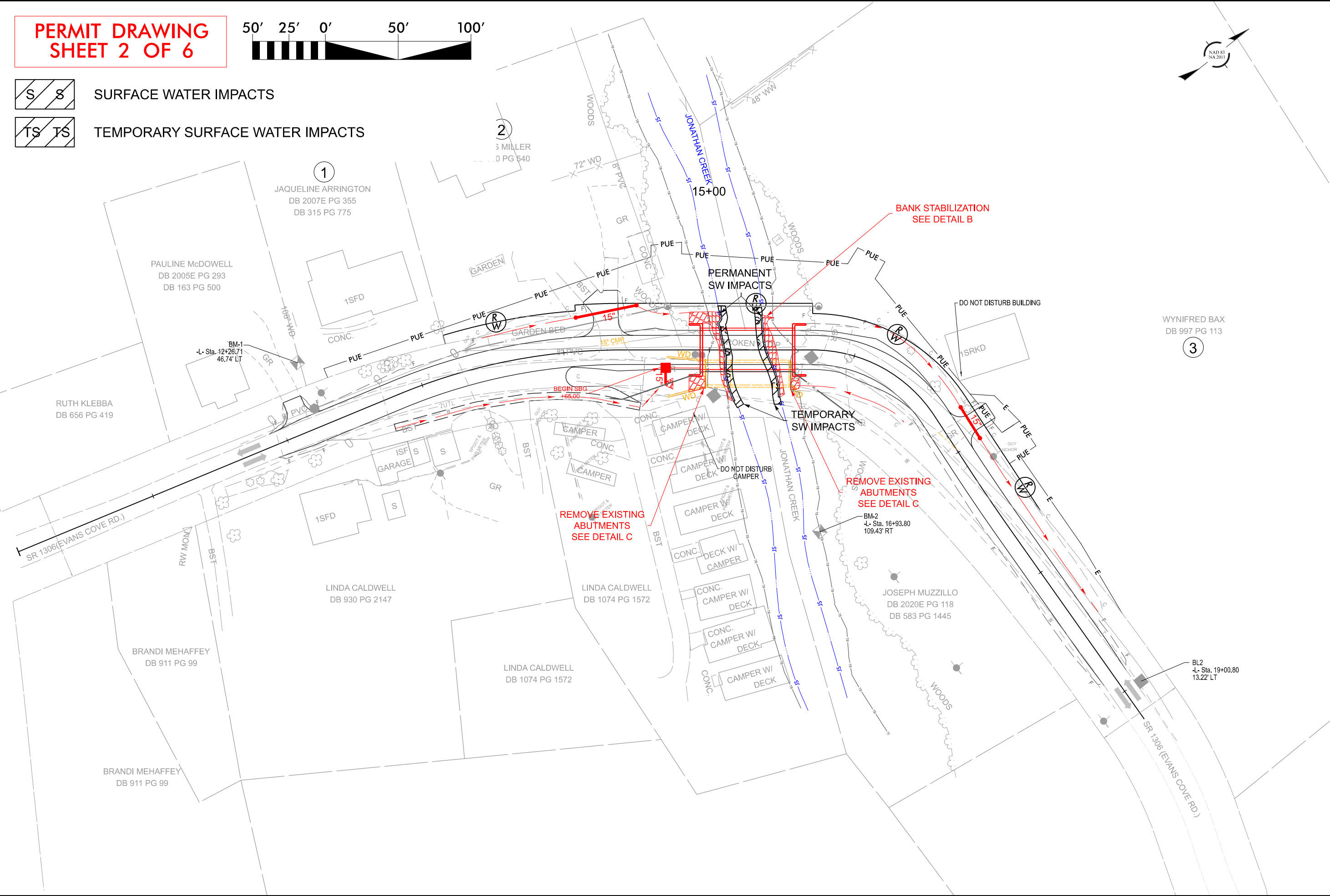
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SURFACE WATER IMPACTS



TEMPORARY SURFACE WATER IMPACTS



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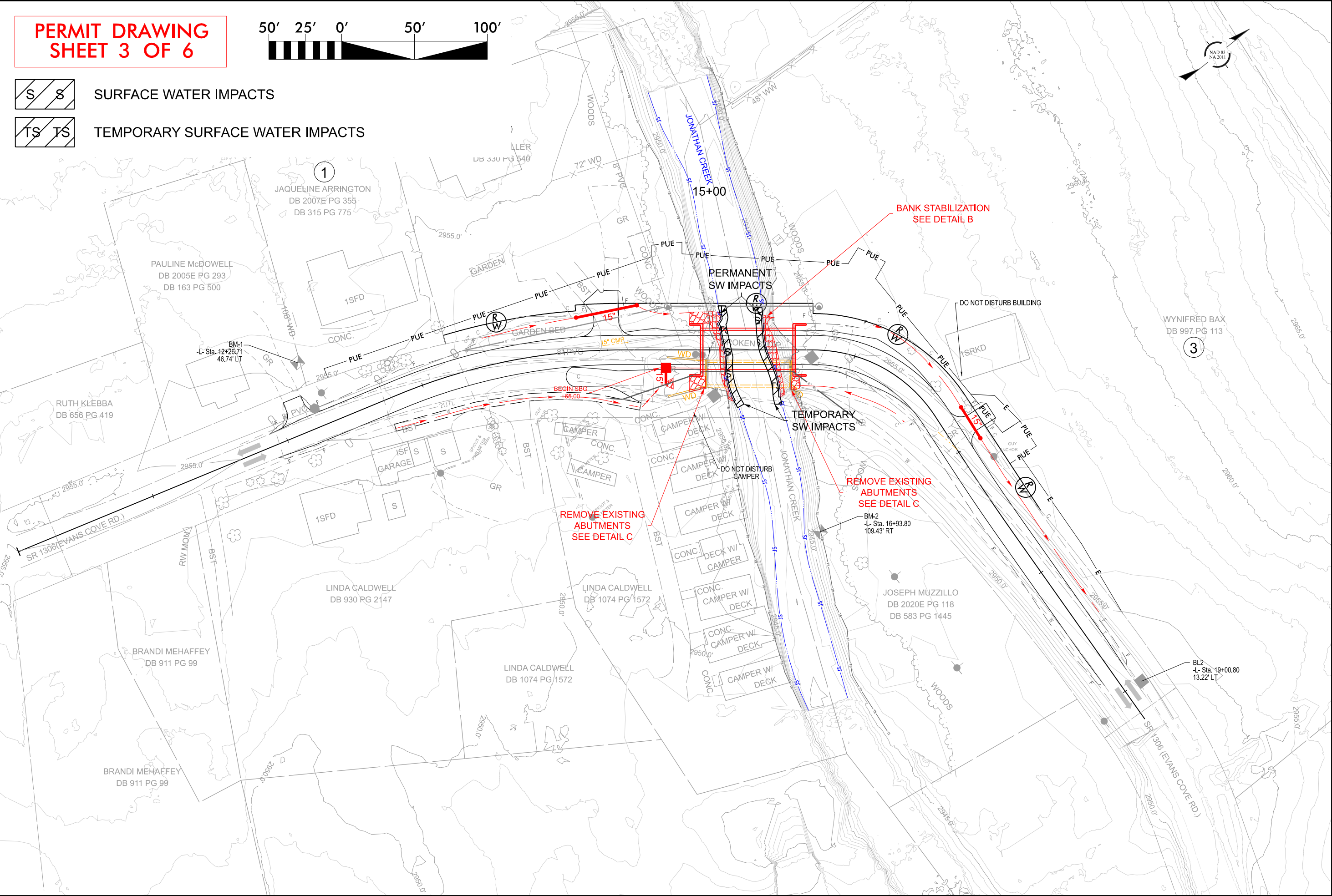
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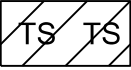
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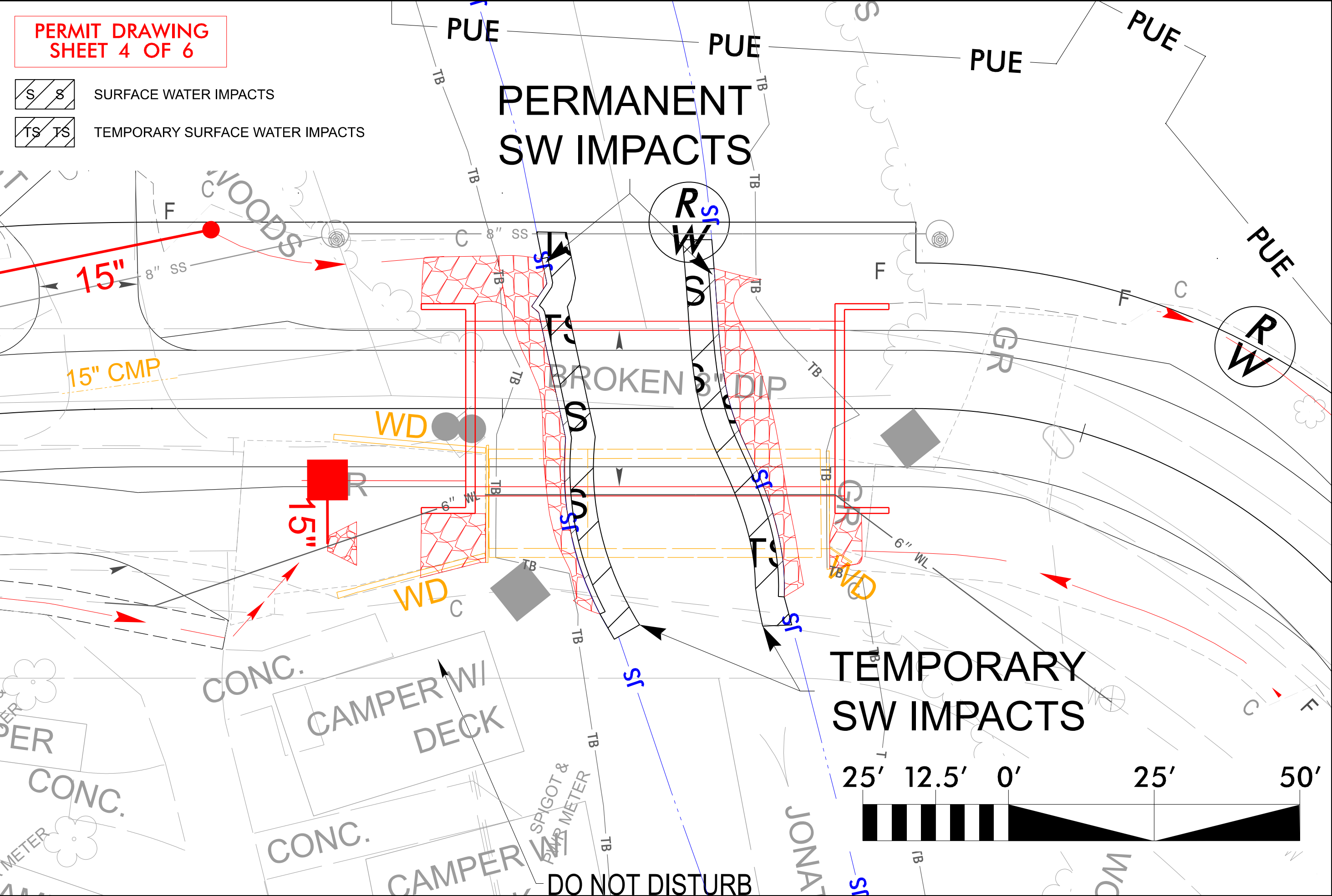
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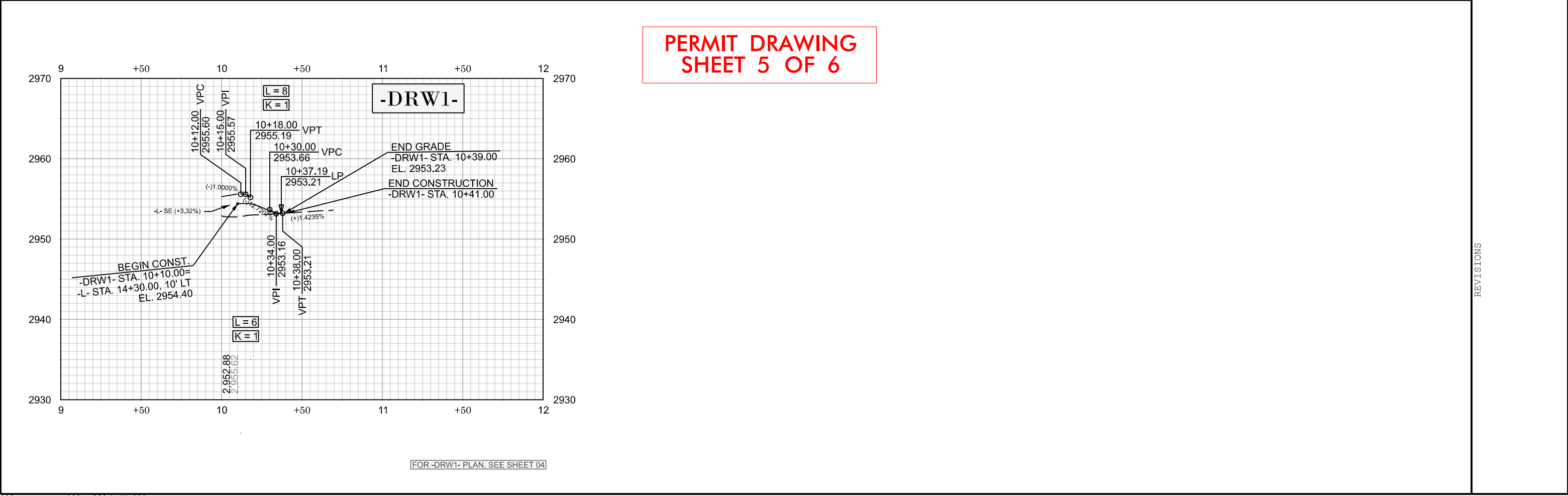
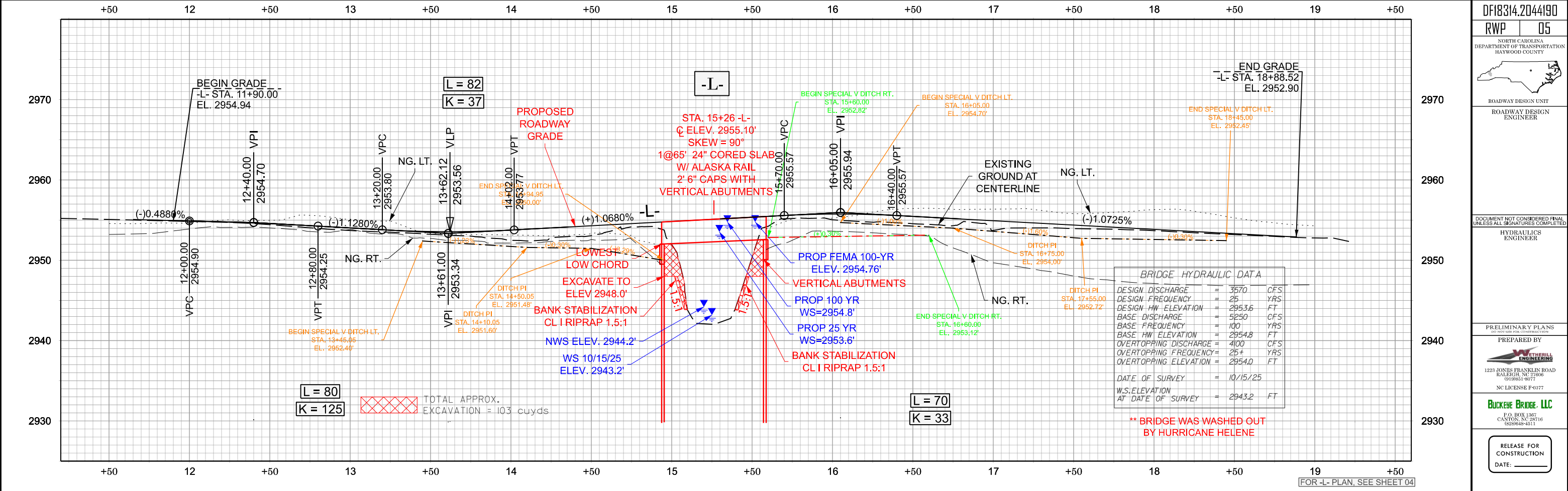
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WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER IMPACTS SUMMARY

			WETLAND IMPACTS					SURFACE WATER IMPACTS				
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size / Type	Permanent Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Temp. Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Excavation in Wetlands (ac)	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Hand Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Permanent SW impacts (ac)	Temp. SW impacts (ac)	Existing Channel Impacts Permanent (ft)	Existing Channel Impacts Temp. (ft)	Natural Stream Design (ft)
	-L- 14+90 TO 15+52	BANK STABILIZATION						< 0.01	0.01	62	70	
TOTALS*:								< 0.01	0.01	62	70	0

*Rounded totals are sum of actual impacts

NOTES:

NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

4/7/2026

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