



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILMINGTON DISTRICT
151 Patton Avenue, Room 208
Asheville, NC 28801-5006

August 8, 2025

Regulatory Division
SAW-2025-01360

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Attention: Mr. Kevin Hining
Division 11 PDEA Engineer
801 Statesville Road
PO Box 250
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659
Sent Via Email: kjhining@ncdot.gov

Dear Mr. Hining,

This letter is in response to the application you submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Wilmington District, WRDA/Transportation Branch on July 9, 2025, for a Department of the Army general permit verification to replace a bridge that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Helene. This project will replace Bridge No. 187 over Meat Camp Creek on SR 1339 in Watauga County, North Carolina (36.2921, - 81.6717) and has been assigned file number SAW-2025-01360. In order to perform this work, NCDOT proposes to conduct the following activities in waters of the U.S.:

Summary of Proposed Impacts

Impact ID #	NWP / GP #	Open Water (ac)		Wetland (ac)		Stream (lf)	
		Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent
Site 1 (Meat Camp Creek)	<u>NWP 14</u>					122' (dewater)	
Impact Totals		0	0	0	0	122'	0
Total Loss of waters of the U.S. (wetlands and/or open waters)			0	Total Loss of waters of the U.S.			0
Required wetland compensatory mitigation			0	Required stream compensatory mitigation			0

We have reviewed the proposed activities in waters of the U.S. and have determined that the activities are authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 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 following:

- enclosed NWP general and regional conditions
- information in the PCN and attachments to include the enclosed plans

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If the extent of the project area and/or nature of the authorized impacts to waters are modified, a request detailing the proposed changes must be submitted to this office for written approval before work is initiated. Any deviation from the terms and conditions of the permit, the special conditions of this letter, the information contained in the PCN, or your submitted plans, may subject the permittee to enforcement action.

This verification is valid until March 14, 2026, unless the subject NWP is suspended, revoked, or is modified prior to that date such that the activity no longer complies with the terms and conditions of the NWP.

This general permit verification and any associated authorizations 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 Lori Beckwith, Regulatory Project Manager of the WRDA/Transportation Branch at 828-230-0483, by mail at the above address, or by email at loretta.a.beckwith@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

Compliance Certification Form

File Number: SAW-2025-01360

County: Watauga

Permittee: NCDOT, Mr. Kevin Hining

**Project Name: NCDOT / Hurricane Helene / DF18311.2095784 / Br 187 / SR 1339 /
Watauga / Div 11**

Date Verification Issued: August 8, 2025

Project Manager: Lori Beckwith

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the following address:

**US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Wilmington District
Attn: Lori Beckwith
151 Patton Avenue, Room 208
Asheville, NC 28801-5006
or
loretta.a.beckwith@usace.army.mil**

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U. S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. Failure to comply with any terms or conditions of this authorization may result in the USACE suspending, modifying or revoking the authorization and/or issuing a Class I administrative penalty, or initiating other appropriate legal action.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit, and mitigation (if applicable), has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit and verification letter, including all applicable conditions.

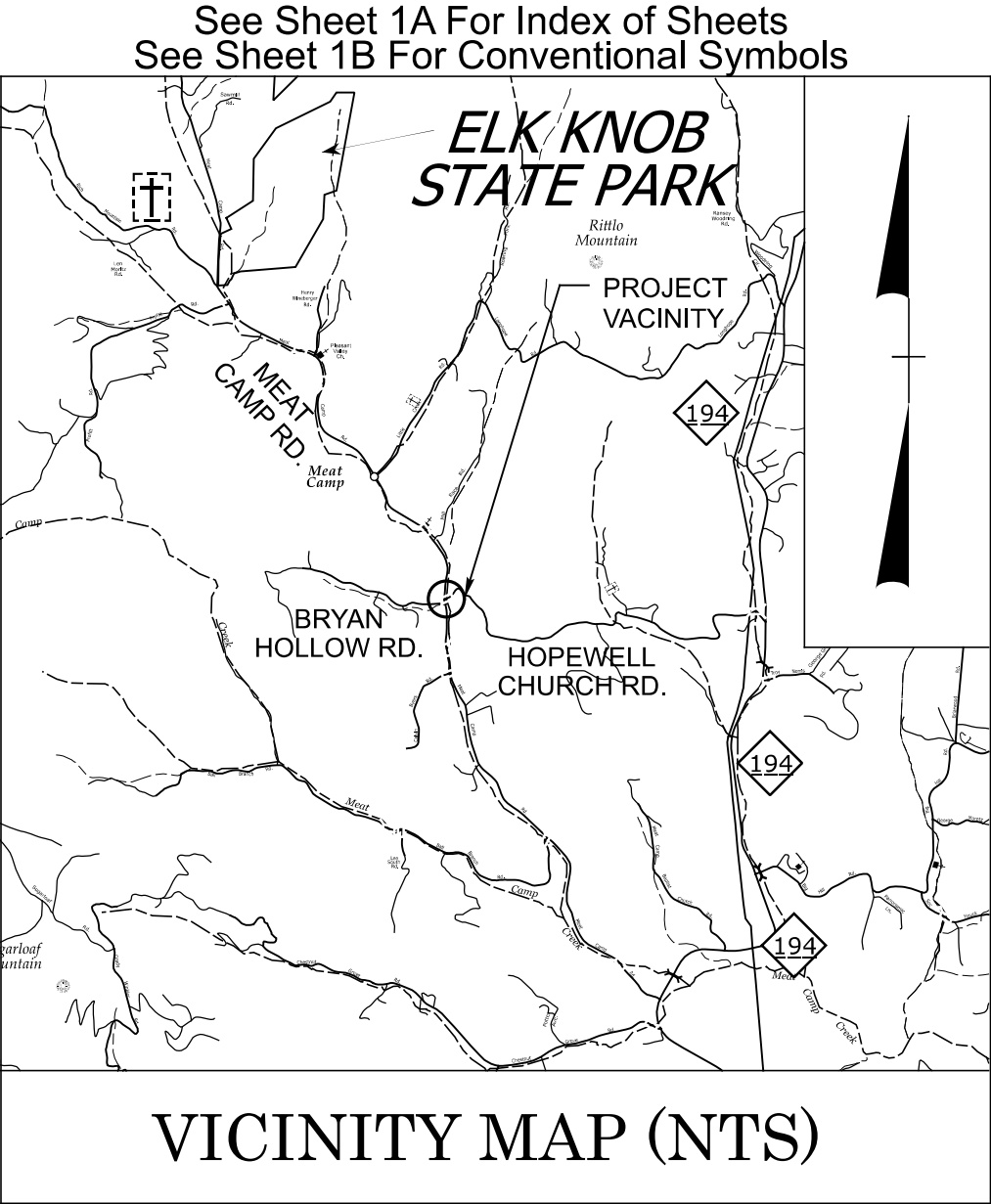
Date Authorized Work Started: _____ Completed: _____

Describe any deviations from permit (attach drawing(s) depicting the deviations):

***Note: The description of any deviations on this form does not constitute approval by the USACE.**

Signature of Permittee

Date



FIELD INSPECTION PLAN SET

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

WATAUGA COUNTY

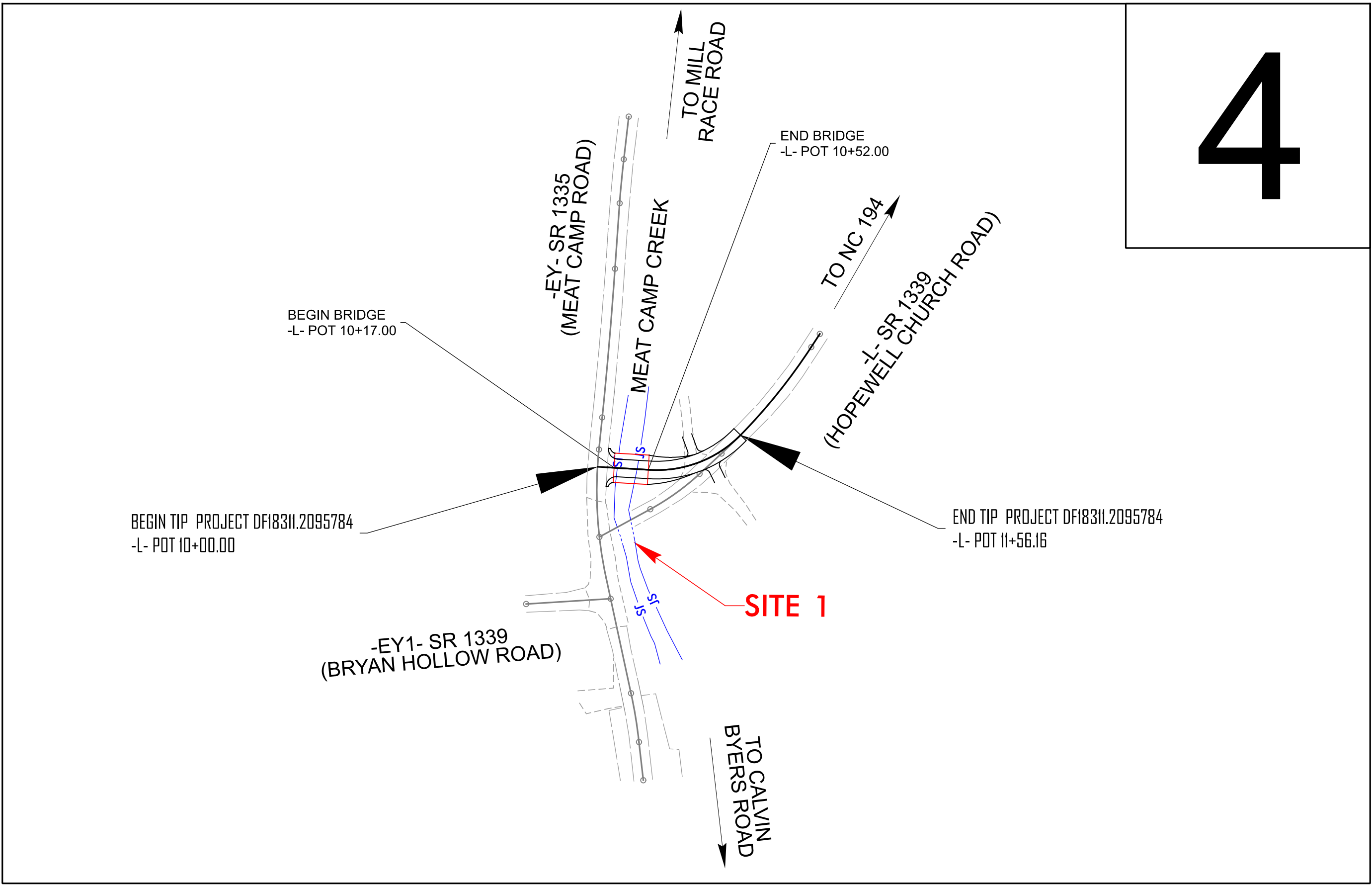
LOCATION: *REPLACE BRIDGE 187 ON SR 1339
(HOPEWELL CHURCH RD.)
OVER MEAT CAMP CREEK*

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

WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER IMPACTS PERMIT

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	DF18311.2095784	11	
STATE PROJ. NO.		F. A. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION
DF18311.2095784		N/A	PE
DF18311.2095784		N/A	ROW & UTILITY
DF18311.2095784		N/A	CONSTRUCTION

PERMIT DRAWING
SHEET 1 OF 5



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THIS PROJECT IS NOT WITHIN ANY MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES. CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD III

INCOMPLETE PLANS
DO NOT USE FOR R/W ACQUISITION

DOCUMENT NOT CONSIDERED FINAL
UNLESS ALL SIGNATURES COMPLETED

GRAPHIC SCALES

0 50 100
PLANS

0 50 100
PROFILE (HORIZONTAL)

0 10 20
PROFILE (VERTICAL)

DESIGN DATA

ADT 2025 = 250
ADT 2026 = 250

K = N/A %
D = N/A %
T = N/A % *
V = 30 MPH

* TTST =N/A DUAL N/A
FUNC CLASS = LOCAL
AASHTO
LOW VOLUME ROADS
DESIGN GUIDELINES

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH OF ROADWAY TIP PROJECT
DF18311.2095784 = 0.021 MILES

LENGTH OF STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT
DF18311.2095784 = 0.007 MILES

TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT
DF18311.2095784 = 0.028 MILES

Prepared in the Office of:

2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
MAY 9, 2025

LETTING DATE:
JUNE 30, 2025

VHB Engineering NC, P.C. (C-3705)
940 Main Campus Drive, Suite 500
Raleigh, NC 27606

THAD DUNCAN, PE
PROJECT ENGINEER

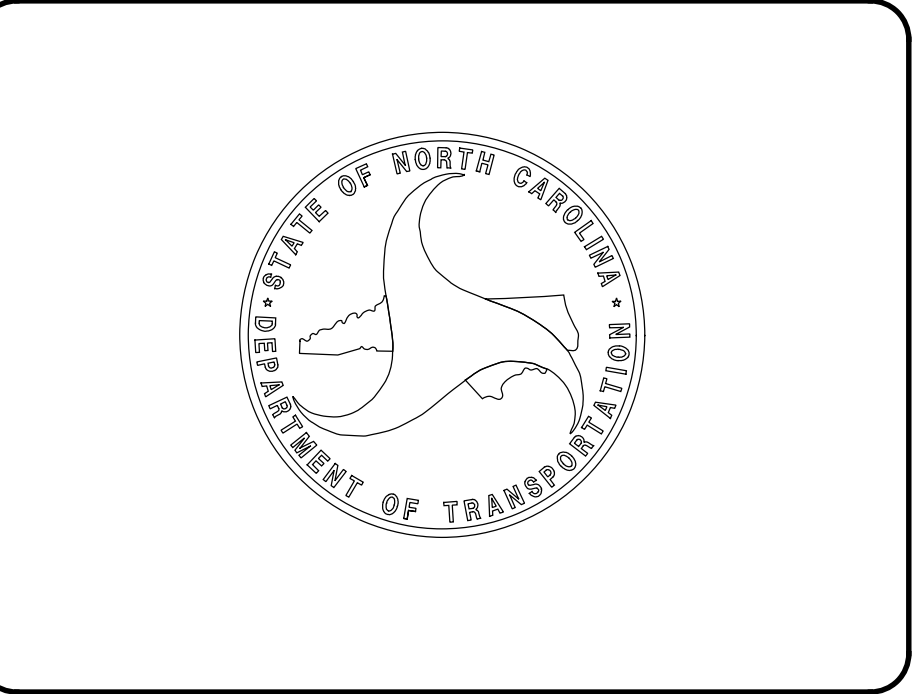
DANIEL GLEASON, PE
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

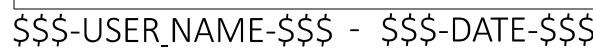
ROB WEISZ, PE
NCDOT CONTACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

SIGNATURE: P.E.
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

SIGNATURE: P.E.





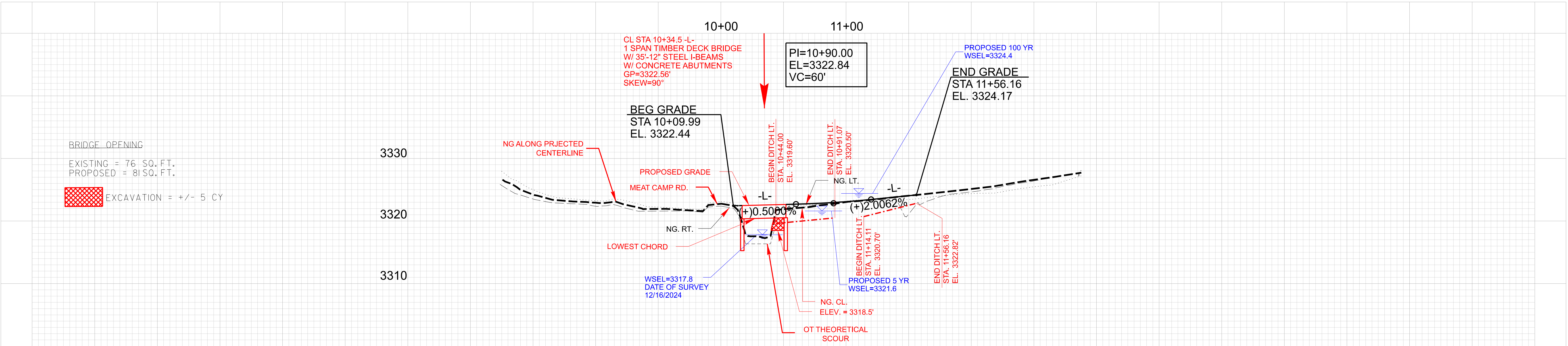


TS TS TEMPORARY SURFACE WATER IMPACTS

50' 0' 100'

GRAPHIC SCALE

PERMIT DRAWING
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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)
1	10+20 - 10+44 -L-	Bridge replace/bank stabilization							0.05		122	
TOTALS*:									0.05	0	122	0

*Rounded totals are sum of actual impacts

NOTES:

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