

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 15, 2013

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Field Office 151 Patton Avenue, Room 208 Asheville, NC 28801-5006

- ATTN: Ms. Loretta Beckwith NCDOT Coordinator
- Subject: Application for Section 404 Nationwide Permit 23, 33, 13 and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 309 over Featherstone Creek on SR 1528 (Locust Grove Road) in Henderson County, Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1528(6), Division 14, TIP No. B-4988, Debit \$570 from WBS 40156.1.1.

Dear Madam:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace Bridge No. 309 over Featherstone Creek on SR 1529 with a 77' long, 8'x6' double-barrel reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC) on the existing alignment. Traffic will be maintained during construction via an offsite detour.

There will be 78 linear feet of permanent impacts, 126 linear feet (0.02 ac) of temporary impacts and 75 linear feet of bank stabilization due to installation of the proposed RCBC.

Please see enclosed copies of the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), EEP acceptance letter, stormwater management plan, permit drawings and design plans for the above-referenced project. The Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was completed in April 2012 and distributed shortly thereafter. Additional copies are available upon request.

This project is located in a trout county, therefore comments from the NCWRC will be required prior to authorization by the Corps of Engineers. By copy of this letter and attachment, NCDOT hereby requests NCWRC Review. NCDOT requests that NCWRC forward their comments to the Corps of Engineers and the NCDOT within 30 calendar days of receipt of this application.

This project calls for a letting date of February 18, 2014 and a review date of December 31, 2013; however, the let date may advance as additional funding becomes available.

A copy of this permit application and its distribution list will be posted on the NCDOT Website at: http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Erin Cheely at (919) 707-6108.

Sincerely f. Lusk

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Manager Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit

cc: NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List





Office Use Only: Corps action ID no. _____

DWQ project no.

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	Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form							
Α.	Applicant Information							
1.	Processing							
1a.	Type(s) of approval sought from Corps:	the	Section 404 Permit Secti	on 10 Permit				
1b.	Specify Nationwide Permit (NWP) number: 1	13 23 33 or General Permit (GP) n	number:				
1c.	Has the NWP or GP number bee	en verified b	by the Corps?	Yes	🛛 No			
1d.	Type(s) of approval sought from	the DWQ (check all that apply):					
	A01 Water Quality Certification	n – Regula	r 🗌 Non-404 Jurisdictiona	al General Permi	t			
	401 Water Quality Certification	on – Expres	s 🛛 Riparian Buffer Autho	orization				
1e.	Is this notification solely for the re-	ecord	For the record only for DWQ 401	For the record	only for Corps Permit:			
	because whiten approval is not i	equireu	\Box Yes \Box No	🗌 Yes	🖾 No			
1f.	 Is payment into a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program proposed for mitigation of impacts? If so, attach the acceptance letter from mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program. 							
1g.	Is the project located in any of N below.	C's twenty	coastal counties. If yes, answer 1h	🗌 Yes	🖾 No			
1h.	Is the project located within a NC	DCM Area	of Environmental Concern (AEC)?	Yes	🛛 No			
2.	Project Information							
2a.	Name of project:	Replacem	nent of Bridge 309 over Featherstone	Creek on SR 1	528			
2b.	County:	Henderso	n					
2c.	Nearest municipality / town:	Henderso	onville					
2d.	Subdivision name:	not applic	cable					
2e.	NCDOT only, T.I.P. or state project no:	B-4988						
3.	Owner Information	•						
За.	Name(s) on Recorded Deed:	North Car	rolina Department of Transportation					
3b.	Deed Book and Page No.	not applic	cable					
3c.	Responsible Party (for LLC if applicable):	not applicable						
3d.	Street address:	1598 Mail	1598 Mail Service Center					
3e.	City, state, zip:	Raleigh, N	NC 27699-1598					
3f.	Telephone no.:	(919) 707	-6108					
3g.	Fax no.:	(919) 212	2-5785					
3h.	Email address:	ekcheely	@ncdot.gov					

4. Applicant Information (if diff	Applicant Information (if different from owner)					
4a. Applicant is:	Agent Other, specify:					
4b. Name:	not applicable					
4c. Business name (if applicable):						
4d. Street address:						
4e. City, state, zip:						
4f. Telephone no.:						
4g. Fax no.:						
4h. Email address:						
5. Agent/Consultant Informatio	n (if applicable)					
5a. Name:	not applicable					
5b. Business name (if applicable):						
5c. Street address:						
5d. City, state, zip:						
5e. Telephone no.:						
5f. Fax no.:						
5g. Email address:						

В.	B. Project Information and Prior Project History							
1.	Property Identification							
1a.	Property identification no. (tax PIN or parcel ID):	not applicable						
1b.	Site coordinates (in decimal degrees):	Latitude: 35.39058 Longitude: - 82.44411 (DD.DDDDDD) (-DD.DDDDDD)						
1c.	Property size:	0.7 acre						
2.	Surface Waters							
2a.	Name of nearest body of water (stream, river, etc.) to proposed project:	Featherstone Creek						
2b.	Water Quality Classification of nearest receiving water:	С						
2c.	River basin:	French Broad						
3.	Project Description							
За.	 Describe the existing conditions on the site and the general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: The land use within the vicinity of the project consists of about 65% forest land (including mixed hardwood and acid cove forests), 20% developed or disturbed lands (roadsides and residential areas) and 15% cultivated land (agricultural fields and pastures). 							
3b.	List the total estimated acreage of all existing wetlands on the 0	property:						
3c.	. List the total estimated linear feet of all existing streams (intermittent and perennial) on the property: 230							
3d.	. Explain the purpose of the proposed project:							
	The purpose of this project is to replace a structurally deficient appraisal of 2 of 9) bridge.	(sufficiency rating of 20 of 100 and structural evaluation						
3e.	Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equi The project involves replacing a 25-foot single-span bridge wit (RCBC) on the existing alignment with an off-site detour. Stand cranes will be used.	pment to be used: h a 76'9" long, 2 @ 8'x6' reinforced concrete box culvert dard road building equipment, such as trucks, dozers, and						
4.	Jurisdictional Determinations							
4a.	Have jurisdictional wetland or stream determinations by the Corps or State been requested or obtained for this property / project (including all prior phases) in the past? Comments: Only perennial streams, no prior JD needed	🗌 Yes 🛛 No 🗌 Unknown						
4b.	If the Corps made the jurisdictional determination, what type of determination was made?	Preliminary E Final						
4c.	If yes, who delineated the jurisdictional areas? Name (if known): Jason Dilday	Agency/Consultant Company: NCDOT Other:						
4d.	If yes, list the dates of the Corps jurisdictional determinations of	or State determinations and attach documentation.						
5.	Project History							
5a.	Have permits or certifications been requested or obtained for this project (including all prior phases) in the past?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No 🗌 Unknown						
5b.	If yes, explain in detail according to "help file" instructions.							
6.	Future Project Plans							
6a.	Is this a phased project?	🗌 Yes 🛛 No						
6b.	If yes, explain.							

C. Proposed Impacts Inventory									
1. Impacts Summ	1. Impacts Summary								
1a. Which sections	were completed b	elow for your project	(check all that a	apply):					
U Wetlands	U Wetlands Streams - tributaries Buffers								
Open Waters	Open Waters Pond Construction								
2. Wetland Impac	2. Wetland Impacts								
If there are wetland i	If there are wetland impacts proposed on the site, then complete this question for each wetland area impacted.								
2a. Wetland impact	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e. Type of jurisd	iction	2f.			
number – Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Type of impact	Type of wetland (if known)	Forested	(Corps - 404 DWQ – non-404	, 10 I, other)	Ar	ea of impact (acres)		
Site 1 🗌 P 🗌 T			Yes No	Corps					
Site 2 🗌 P 🗌 T			☐ Yes ☐ No	Corps					
Site 3 🗌 P 🗌 T			☐ Yes ☐ No	Corps					
Site 4 🗌 P 🗌 T			☐ Yes ☐ No	Corps					
				2g. Total wetlar	nd impacts	0 0	Permanent Temporary		
2h. Comments: No v	vetlands within cor	nstruction limits							
3. Stream Impacts If there are perennia guestion for all strea	s I or intermittent str m sites impacted.	eam impacts (includi	ing temporary ir	npacts) proposed on t	he site, then	com	plete this		
3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.		3g.		
Stream impact	Type of impact	Stream name	Perennial (PER) or	Type of	Average stream wid) dth	Impact length		
Permanent (P) or			intermittent	(Corps - 404, 10	(feet)	JUI	(linear feet)		
Temporary (T)			(INT)?	DWQ – non-404, other)					
Site 1 🛛 P 🗌 T	Culvert (RCBC)	Featherstone Creek	⊠ PER □ INT	Corps	7		78		
Site 1 🛛 P 🗌 T	Bank Stabilization	Featherstone Creek	⊠ PER □ INT	Corps	7		75		
Site 1 🗌 P 🖾 T	Culvert (RCBC)	Featherstone Creek	⊠ PER □ INT	Corps	7		126 (0.02 ac)		
Site 2 🗌 P 🗌 T			PER	Corps					
Site 3 🗌 P 🗌 T			PER	Corps					
Site 4 🗌 P 🗌 T			PER INT	Corps					
			3h.	Total stream and tri	butary impa	icts	153 Perm 126 Temp		
3i. Comments: Repla the inlet and outlet a maintained. Tempo	ace bridge with 2@ s well due to the fl rary impacts are a	8'x6' RCBC. Perma loodplain bench cons t inlet & outlet of prop	anent impacts re struction. The e bosed RCBC as	esulting from new RCE xisting alignment of F sociated with its insta	BC itself. Bar eatherstone llation.	nk sta Cree	abilization at k will be		

4. Open	Water In	npacts									
If there are the U.S. the	e propose nen indivi	ed impacts to lakes, dually list all open y	ponds, e vater imp	estuari bacts b	es, tributar elow.	ries, sounds	s, the	e Atlantic Oo	cean, or	any other ope	n water of
4a.		4b.	4c.				4d.		4	ə.	
Open v	vater	Name of		T . (2)	o of imposi		14	latarbadyty		Area of impo	(a a r a a)
Permaner	nt (P) or	(if applicable)		тур	e or impaci		vv	aterbody ty	pe	Area or impa	act (acres)
Tempora	ary (Ť)	(II)									
01 🗌 F	р 🗌 Т										
02 🗌 F	р 🗌 Т										
O3 🗌 F	р∏т										
04 🗌 F	р∏т										
4f. Total open water impa							acts	0 Permanent 0 Temporary			
4g. Comm	4g. Comments: No open water within construction limits.										
5. Pond	or Lake	Construction									
If pond or	lake cons	struction proposed,	then con	nplete	the chart b	elow.					
5a.	5b.		5c.				5d.			5e.	
Pond ID	Pro	posed use or	wetland impacts (acres)				Stream imp		(acre		
number	purpose of pond		Flood	ded	Filled	Excavate	ed	Flooded	Filled	Excavated	Flooded
P1											
P2											
		5f. Total									
5g. Comm	ents:										
5h. Is a dam high hazard permit required?				ΠY	es	🗌 No	lf y	/es, permit l	D no:		
5i. Expec	5i. Expected pond surface area (acres):										
5j. Size o	of pond w	atershed (acres):									
5k. Metho	od of cons	struction:									

6. Buffer Impacts (for DWQ)									
If project will impact a protected riparian buffer, then complete the chart below. If yes, then individually list all buffer impacts below. If any impacts require mitigation, then you MUST fill out Section D of this form.									
6a. Project is in which	protected basin?	☐ Neuse ☐ Catawba	☐ Tar-Pamlico ☐ Randleman	Other:					
6b. Buffer impact	6c.	6d.	6e.	6f.	6g.				
number – Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Reason for impact	Stream name	Buffer mitigation required?	Zone 1 impact (square feet)	Zone 2 impact (square feet)				
B1 🗌 P 🗌 T			☐ Yes ☐ No						
B2 🗌 P 🗌 T			☐ Yes ☐ No						
ВЗ 🗌 Р 🗌 Т			☐ Yes ☐ No						
	6h. Total buffer impacts								
6i. Comments: This project is not located within a protected buffer area.									

D. Impact Justification and Mitigation							
1. Avoidance and Minimization							
1a. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize	the proposed impacts in designing project.						
The proposed double-barrel reinforced concrete box culver the existing bridge, maintaining the existing channel location on the inlet and outlet ends of the RCBC will direct the stree being utilized for high-water events. The overflow cell will sill at each end. Natural stone bed material will be placed crossing is only 1.3 miles and the proposed culvert has be with the existing stream to the greatest extent practicable.	The proposed double-barrel reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC) will be located on the same alignment and grade as the existing bridge, maintaining the existing channel location and alignment of Featherstone Creek. A floodplain bench on the inlet and outlet ends of the RCBC will direct the stream through the baseflow cell, with the remaining overflow cell being utilized for high-water events. The overflow cell will have a 2' sill at each end, and the baseflow cell will have a 1.5' sill at each end. Natural stone bed material will be placed in the baseflow barrel. The drainage area for the existing crossing is only 1.3 miles and the proposed culvert has been designed such that the slope and velocities are consistent with the existing stream to the greatest extent practicable.						
1b. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize	the proposed impacts through construction techniques.						
Traffic will be maintained off-site during construction. Best construction to attempt to reduce the stormwater impacts t	Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized during on the receiving stream due to erosion and runoff.						
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 Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State?	⊠ Yes □ No If no, explain:						
2b. If yes, mitigation is required by (check all that apply):	🖾 DWQ 🛛 Corps						
2c. If yes, which mitigation option will be used for this project?	 Mitigation bank Payment to in-lieu fee program Permittee Responsible Mitigation 						
3. Complete if Using a Mitigation Bank							
3a. Name of Mitigation Bank: not applicable							
3b. Credits Purchased (attach receipt and letter)	Type Quantity						
3c. Comments:							
4. Complete if Making a Payment to In-lieu Fee Program							
4a. Approval letter from in-lieu fee program is attached.	⊠ Yes						
4b. Stream mitigation requested:	Total requested is 153 linear feet. 153 linear feet (@1:1 for NCDWQ); 78 linear feet (@ 2:1 for USACE)						
4c. If using stream mitigation, stream temperature:	🗌 warm 🛛 cool 🔤 cold						
4d. Buffer mitigation requested (DWQ only):	0 square feet						
4e. Riparian wetland mitigation requested:	0 acres						
4f. Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested:	0 acres						
4g. Coastal (tidal) wetland mitigation requested:	0 acres						
4h. Comments: Total mitigation required by USACE: 78 linear flinear feet @ 1:1. The NCDOT does not propose mitigation for with the installation of the new RCBC. These temporary impact Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, do not constitute Loss of W mitigation.	eet (likely at 2:1). Total mitigation required by NCDWQ: 153 the 126 linear feet of temporary stream impacts associated ts do not require fill in the stream bed and, therefore, under Vaters of the U.S. and are not subject to compensatory						

5. Complete if Using a Permittee Responsible Mitigation Plan

5a. If using a permittee responsible mitigation plan, provide a description of the proposed mitigation plan.

6. Buffer	6. Buffer Mitigation (State Regulated Riparian Buffer Rules) – required by DWQ								
6a. Will the buffer n	project result in an impact wit nitigation?	🗌 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.									
Zone	6c. Reason for impact	6d. Total impact (square feet)	Multiplier	6e. Required mitigation (square feet)					
Zone 1			3 (2 for Catawba)						
Zone 2			1.5						
		6f. Total buffer	mitigation required:						
6g. If buffer mitigation is required, discuss what type of mitigation is proposed (e.g., payment to private mitigation bank, permittee responsible riparian buffer restoration, payment into an approved in-lieu fee fund).									
6h. Comme	6h. Comments:								

E. Stormwater Management and Diffuse Flow Plan (required by DWQ)							
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. If yes, then is a diffuse flow plan included? If not, explain why.Comments: If required from 1a, see attached buffer permit drawings.	☐ Yes	🗌 No					
2. Stormwater Management Plan							
2a. What is the overall percent imperviousness of this project?	N/A						
2b. Does this project require a Stormwater Management Plan?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No					
2c. If this project DOES NOT require a Stormwater Management Plan, explain why:							
2d. If this project DOES require a Stormwater Management Plan, then provide a brief, na See attached permit drawings.	2d. If this project DOES require a Stormwater Management Plan, then provide a brief, narrative description of the plan: See attached permit drawings.						
2e. Who will be responsible for the review of the Stormwater Management Plan?	Certified Loc DWQ Storm DWQ 401 U	al Government water Program nit					
3. Certified Local Government Stormwater Review							
3a. In which local government's jurisdiction is this project?	not applicable						
3b. Which of the following locally-implemented stormwater management programs apply (check all that apply):	Phase II NSW USMP Water Suppl Other:	y Watershed					
3c. Has the approved Stormwater Management Plan with proof of approval been attached?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No					
4. DWQ Stormwater Program Review	I						
4a. Which of the following state-implemented stormwater management programs apply (check all that apply):	 Coastal cou HQW ORW Session La Other: 	nties w 2006-246					
4b. Has the approved Stormwater Management Plan with proof of approval been attached?	☐ Yes	No N/A					
5. DWQ 401 Unit Stormwater Review	1						
5a. Does the Stormwater Management Plan meet the appropriate requirements?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No N/A					
5b. Have all of the 401 Unit submittal requirements been met?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No N/A					

F.	F. Supplementary Information						
1.	Environmental Documentation (DWQ Requirement)						
1a.	Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No				
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)?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No				
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.)	🛛 Yes	🗌 No				
	Comments: Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) approved 4/26/12						
2.	Violations (DWQ Requirement)						
2a.	Is the site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .1300), DWQ Surface Water or Wetland Standards, or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200)?	☐ Yes	🖾 No				
2b.	Is this an after-the-fact permit application?	🗌 Yes	🖾 No				
2c.	If you answered "yes" to one or both of the above questions, provide an explanation of	of the violation(s):					
3.	Cumulative Impacts (DWQ Requirement)						
За.	Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality?	□ Yes ⊠ No					
3b.	If you answered "yes" to the above, submit a qualitative or quantitative cumulative imp most recent DWQ policy. If you answered "no," provide a short narrative description.	pact analysis in a	ccordance with the				
	Due to the minimal transportation impact resulting from this bridge replacement, this project will neither influence nearby land uses nor stimulate growth. Therefore, a detailed indirect or cumulative effects study will not be necessary.						
4.	Sewage Disposal (DWQ Requirement)						
4a.	Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge or discharge project, or available capacity of the subject facility.	arge) of wastewat	er generated from				

5.	5. Endangered Species and Designated Critical Habitat (Corps Requirement)							
5a.	Will this project occur in or near an area with federally protected species or habitat?	⊠ Yes	🗌 No					
5b.	Have you checked with the USFWS concerning Endangered Species Act impacts?	☐ Yes	🖾 No					
5c.	If yes, ind icate the USFWS Field Office you have contacted.	RaleighAsheville						
5d.	What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact E Habitat?	ndangered Species or	Designated Critical					
	Of the eight federally listed species for Henderson County, only two species, small whorled pogonia and white irisette, have potential habitat located within the construction limits of this project. The project area was surveyed by NCDOT biologists in 2007 and 2012 for small whorled pogonia and white irisette, and no individuals of either species were found. This project will have no effect on any Federally Threatened or Endangered species listed for Henderson County.							
6.	Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requirement)							
6a.	Will this project occur in or near an area designated as essential fish habitat?	🗌 Yes	🖾 No					
6b.	6b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Essential Fish Habitat? NMFS County Index							
7.	Historic or Prehistoric Cultural Resources (Corps Requirement)							
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)?	☐ Yes	🖾 No					
7b.	What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact h NEPA Documentation	storic or archeological	resources?					
8. F	lood 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: NCDOT Hydraulics Unit	coordination with FEN	ЛА					
8c.	8c. What source(s) did you use to make the floodplain determination? FEMA Maps							
	Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph D Applicant/Agent's Printed Name (Agent's signature is valid only if an authorization letter from the applicant is provided.) 7-15-13 Date 7-15-13							



July 9, 2013

Mr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D. Manager, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1548 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Subject: EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

B-4988, Replace Bridge Number 309 over Featherstone Creek on SR 1528, Henderson County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide the compensatory stream mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on July 3, 2013, the impacts are located in CU 06010105 of the French Broad River basin in the Southern Mountains (SM) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

French Broad	Stream			Wetlands			Buffer (Sq. Ft.)	
06010105 SM	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh	Zone 1	Zone 2
Impacts (feet/acres)	0	153.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Some of the stream and wetland impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at a 1:1 mitigation ratio. See permit application for details.

This impact and associated mitigation need were under projected by the NCDOT in the 2013 impact data. EEP will commit to implement sufficient compensatory stream mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project as determined by the regulatory agencies using the delivery timeline listed in Section F.3.c.iii of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Ecosystem Enhancement Program 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 EEP.

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

Sincerely.

James B. Stanfill **EEP** Asset Management Supervisor

cc:

Ms. Lori Beckwith, USACE - Asheville Regulatory Field Office Ms. Amy Chapman, Division of Water Quality, Wetlands/401 Unit Ms. Amy Euliss, Division of Water Quality - Winston-Salem Office File: B-4988

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North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway Stormwater Program

(Version 1.2; Released Se	eptember 2011)		FOR LINEAR ROA	DWAY PROJECTS		i an				
Project/TP No.;	<u>B-4988</u>	County(les):	Henderson					Pag	<u>e 1</u>	<u>of 2</u>
			General Proje	ect information						
Project No.:		B-4988		Project Type:	Bridge Repla	scement		Date:	3/5/2013	
NCDOT Contact:		Randy Henegar, P.E.	a jaaraa ka ga ta ha ba bab	Contractor / Desi	gner:					
	Address:	1020 Birchridge Dr.			Address	:				
		Raleigh N.C. 27610	승규는 것은 것을 못 하는 것을 가지?							
	Phone:	919-707-6700	<u>an la Part Addes an asabet</u>		Phone	: Retailer auf		ter de la composition de la compositio	<u>.</u>	
	Email:	rhenegar@ncdot.gov	and the second		Email	: and a second of	e synthesister Aller states	a statue et		
City/Town:		Hendersonville		County(ies):	Hend	erson		11-11-11-11-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-		
River Basin(s):		French Broad		CAMA County?	<u> </u>	<u>lo</u>				
Primary Receiving V	Vater:	Featherstone Creek	tala di salah seria d	NCDWQ Stream I	ndex No.:	6-55-12		est de la		
NCDWQ Surface Wa	ter Classification	for Primary Receiving Water	Primary:	Class	C [pater 4]]		<u>a de la seconda d</u>			•
			Supplemental:		an the second		delet un compositionen.			
Other Stream Classi	fication:					i tust eben gete a	<u> </u>		1	_
303(d) Impairments:		None			يو فيوند ف		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Buffer Rules in Effe	<u>et</u>	IN/A								
			Project D	escription						
Project Length (lin.	Miles or feet):	0.045 miles	Surrounding Land Use:				Residential		·	
			Proposed Project				Exis	ting Site		
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Sheet No.	Station (From / To)	Feature Impacted	Water / Wetland / Buffer Type	Receiving Surface Water Name	NRTR Map ID	NCDWQ Stream Index	NCDWQ Surface Water Classification	303(d) Impairments	Type of Impact	Existing SCM	Proposed SCM
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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS HENDERSON COUNTY PROJECT: 40156.1.1 (B-4988)

REPLACE BRIDGE #309 ON SR 1528 OVER FEATHERSTONE CREEK

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	FINAL PAVEMENT SCHEDULE
C1	PROP. APPROX. $21\!\!2''$ ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE SF9.5A, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 137.5 LBS. PER SQ. YD. IN EACH OF TWO LAYERS.
C2	PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE SF9.5A, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 110 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT TO EXCEED $1\frac{1}{2}$ " IN DEPTH.
D1	PROP. APPROX. $2^{1}\!2''$ ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE I19.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 285 LBS. PER SQ. YD.
D2	PROP. VAR, DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE I19.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH, TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT LESS THAN 2^{1}_{2} " IN DEPTH OR GREATER THAN 4" IN DEPTH.
E1	PROP. APPROX. 4" ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 456 LBS. PER SQ. YD.
E2	PROP. VAR. DEPTH ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0B, AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 114 LBS. PER SQ. YD. PER 1" DEPTH. TO BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT LESS THAN 3" IN DEPTH OR GREATER THAN $5^{1}2^{\prime\prime}$ IN DEPTH.
R1	SHOULDER BERM GUTTER.
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U	EXISTING PAVEMENT.
W	VARIABLE DEPTH ASPHALT PAVEMENT. (SEE WEDGING DETAIL)

NOTE: PAVEMENT EDGE SLOPES ARE 1:1 UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ACTION CLASSIFICATION FORM

TIP Project No.	B-4988
W.B.S. No.	40156.1.1
Federal Project No.	BRZ-1528(6)

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Traffic will be detoured off-site during construction (see Figure 1).

B. <u>Purpose and Need</u>:

NCDOT Bridge Management Unit records indicate Bridge No. 309 has a sufficiency rating of 20 out of a possible 100 for a new structure.

The bridge is considered structurally deficient due to superstructure condition of 4 out of 9 and a structural evaluation appraisal of 2 out of 9 according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards and therefore eligible for FHWA's Highway Bridge Program.

The bridge deck and rails of Bridge No. 309 have timber elements that are fortynine years old. Timber components have a typical life expectancy between 40 to 50 years due to the natural deterioration rate of wood. Rehabilitation of a timber structure is generally practical only when a few elements are damaged or prematurely deteriorated. However, past a certain degree of deterioration, most timber elements become impractical to maintain and upon eligibility are programmed for replacement. Timber components of bridge No. 309 are experiencing an increasing degree of deterioration that can no longer be addressed by reasonable maintenance activities; therefore, the bridge is approaching the end of its useful life.

C. <u>Proposed Improvements</u>:

Circle one or more of the following Type II improvements which apply to the project:

- 1. Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (e.g., parking, weaving, turning, climbing).
 - a. Restoring, Resurfacing, Rehabilitating, and Reconstructing pavement (3R and 4R improvements)
 - b. Widening roadway and shoulders without adding through lanes
 - c. Modernizing gore treatments
 - d. Constructing lane improvements (merge, auxiliary, and turn lanes)
 - e. Adding shoulder drains
 - f. Replacing and rehabilitating culverts, inlets, and drainage pipes, including safety treatments
 - g. Providing driveway pipes
 - h. Performing minor bridge widening (less than one through lane)
 - i. Slide Stabilization
 - j. Structural BMP's for water quality improvement
- 2. Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting.
 - a. Installing ramp metering devices
 - b. Installing lights
 - c. Adding or upgrading guardrail
 - d. Installing safety barriers including Jersey type barriers and pier protection
 - e. Installing or replacing impact attenuators
 - f. Upgrading medians including adding or upgrading median barriers
 - g. Improving intersections including relocation and/or realignment
 - h. Making minor roadway realignment
 - i. Channelizing traffic
 - j. Performing clear zone safety improvements including removing hazards and flattening slopes
 - k. Implementing traffic aid systems, signals, and motorist aid
 - 1. Installing bridge safety hardware including bridge rail retrofit
- 3. Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings.
 - a. Rehabilitating, reconstructing, or replacing bridge approach slabs
 - b. Rehabilitating or replacing bridge decks
 - c. Rehabilitating bridges including painting (no red lead paint), scour

repair, fender systems, and minor structural improvements

- Replacing a bridge (structure and/or fill)
- 4. Transportation corridor fringe parking facilities.
- 5. Construction of new truck weigh stations or rest areas.

- 6. Approvals for disposal of excess right-of-way or for joint or limited use of right-of-way, where the proposed use does not have significant adverse impacts.
- 7. Approvals for changes in access control.
- 8. Construction of new bus storage and maintenance facilities in areas used predominantly for industrial or transportation purposes where such construction is not inconsistent with existing zoning and located on or near a street with adequate capacity to handle anticipated bus and support vehicle traffic.
- 9. Rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing rail and bus buildings and ancillary facilities where only minor amounts of additional land are required and there is not a substantial increase in the number of users.
- 10. Construction of bus transfer facilities (an open area consisting of passenger shelters, boarding areas, kiosks and related street improvements) when located in a commercial area or other high activity center in which there is adequate street capacity for projected bus traffic.
- 11. Construction of rail storage and maintenance facilities in areas used predominantly for industrial or transportation purposes where such construction is not inconsistent with existing zoning and where there is no significant noise impact on the surrounding community.
- 12. Acquisition of land for hardship or protective purposes, advance land acquisition loans under section 3(b) of the UMT Act. Hardship and protective buying will be permitted only for a particular parcel or a limited number of parcels. These types of land acquisition qualify for a CE only where the acquisition will not limit the evaluation of alternatives, including shifts in alignment for planned construction projects, which may be required in the NEPA process. No project development on such land may proceed until the NEPA process has been completed.
- 13. Acquisition and construction of wetland, stream and endangered species mitigation sites.
- 14. Remedial activities involving the removal, treatment or monitoring of soil or groundwater contamination pursuant to state or federal remediation guidelines.

D. <u>Special Project Information:</u>

The estimated costs, based on 2012 prices, are as follows:

Structure	\$ 148,000
Roadway Approaches	\$ 118,000
Detour Structure and Approaches	- 0 -
Structure Removal	\$ 15,000
Misc. & Mob.	\$ 51,000
Eng. & Contingencies	\$ 58,000
Total Construction Cost	\$ 390,000
Right-of-way Costs	\$ 19,975
Right-of-way Utility Costs	\$ 10,240
Total Project Cost	\$ 420,215

Estimated Traffic:

Current	-	400 vpd
Year 2035	-	1900 vpd
TTST	-	1%
Dual	-	7%

Accidents: Traffic Engineering has evaluated a recent ten year period and found two accidents occurring in the vicinity of the project. From the crash analysis there does not appear to be identifiable crash patterns or obvious safety hazards within the vicinity of the structure.

Design Exceptions: There are no anticipated design exceptions for this project.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations: This portion of SR 1528 is not a part of a designated bicycle route nor is it listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as a bicycle project. Additionally, there is no indication of significant bike or pedestrian usage at the bridge. Neither permanent nor temporary bicycle or pedestrian accommodations are required for this project.

Bridge Demolition: Bridge No. 309 has a timber bridge deck and timber rails. The substructure is Yount Masonry and the girders are I-beams. The bridge should be possible to remove with no resulting debris in the water based on standard demolition practices.

Alternatives Discussion:

No Build – The no build alternative would result in eventually closing the road which is unacceptable given the volume of traffic served by SR 1528.

Rehabilitation – The bridge was constructed in 1963 and the timber materials within the bridge are reaching the end of their useful life. Rehabilitation would require replacing the timber components which would constitute effectively replacing the bridge.

Offsite Detour – Bridge No. 309 will be replaced on the existing alignment. Traffic will be detoured offsite (see Figure 1) during the construction period. <u>NCDOT Guidelines for Evaluation of Offsite Detours for Bridge Replacement Projects</u> considers multiple project variables beginning with the additional time traveled by the average road user resulting from the offsite detour. The offsite detour for this project would include SR 1560 and SR 1622. The detour for the average road user would result in a delay of less than 5 minutes (1.4 miles additional travel). Up to a 4-month duration of construction is expected on this project.

Based on the Guidelines, the use of an offsite detour requires evaluating EMS and school transportation needs. Henderson County Emergency Services along with Henderson County Schools Transportation have indicated that an offsite detour is acceptable. NCDOT Division 14 has indicated that the condition of all roads, bridges and intersections along the detour are acceptable without improvement and concur with the use of the detour.

Onsite Detour – An onsite detour was not evaluated due to the presence of an acceptable offsite detour.

Staged Construction – Staged construction was not considered because of the availability of an acceptable offsite detour.

New Alignment – Given that the alignment for SR 1528 is acceptable, a new alignment was not considered as an alternative.

Structure Type: The current structure is a bridge built in 1963 and has a drainage area of 1.3 square miles. The reason for building a bridge was not because a culvert would not work but because the design, materials and labor were not practical in the time when this structure was built. Based on the drainage area and design discharges, a 2 @ 8-foot wide by 6-foot high reinforced concrete box culvert was determined to be adequate from a hydraulics standpoint. The culvert will be buried 1.5 feet below the streambed and will be designed with sills at the inlet and outlet ends of the culvert. A 1.5-foot sill will be placed in the main flow barrel and 2-foot high sills will placed in the other barrel with floodplain benches at the entrance and outlet of the culvert to maintain normal channel flow. The culvert will be designed such that the slope and velocities are consistent with the existing stream to the extent practicable. Because culverts generally cost less, require less maintenance throughout their service life and last longer than bridges, a culvert is the preferred structure type.

Other Agency Comments:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided the following project comments:

- 1. Bridge supports should not be placed in the stream, if possible.
- 2. Bridge deck drains should not discharge directly into the stream, and stormwater should be pre-treated prior to discharge to a stream or wetland.
- 3. Mechanical landclearing adjacent to the bridge should be limited to the extent possible, to avoid impacts to wetlands and streams in the project area.

Response: NCDOT will be replacing the existing bridge with a culvert. Please see discussion of Structure Type on Page 5. NCDOT can best manage its water quality impacts by performing work in and around bodies of water with the utmost care and by using Best Management Practices (BMPs) that focus on minimizing sediment loss from a project.

Public Involvement:

A letter was sent by the Location & Surveys Unit to all property owners affected directly by this project. Property owners were invited to comment. No comments have been received to date.

E. <u>Threshold Criteria</u>

The following evaluation of threshold criteria must be completed for Type II actions

ECOI	LOGICAL	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(1)	Will the project have a substantial impact on any unique or important natural resource?		X
(2)	Does the project involve habitat where federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur?	x	
(3)	Will the project affect anadramous fish?		X
(4)	If the project involves wetlands, is the amount of permanent and/or temporary wetland taking less than one-tenth (1/10) of an acre and have all practicable measures to avoid and minimize wetland takings been evaluated?	_ <u>X</u> _	

(5)	Will the project require the use of U. S. Forest Service lands?		<u>X</u>
(6)	Will the quality of adjacent water resources be adversely impacted by proposed construction activities?		<u> </u>
(7)	Does the project involve waters classified as Outstanding Resources Waters (ORW) and/or High Quality Waters (HQW)?		_ <u>X</u>
(8)	Will the project require fill in waters of the United States in any of the designated mountain trout counties?	X	
(9)	Does the project involve any known underground storage tanks (UST's) or hazardous materials sites?		<u> </u>
<u>PERM</u>	ITS AND COORDINATION	YES	NO
(10)	If the project is located within a CAMA county, will the project significantly affect the coastal zone and/or any "Area of Environmental Concern" (AEC)?		<u>x</u>
(11)	Does the project involve Coastal Barrier Resources Act resources?		<u> </u>
(12)	Will a U. S. Coast Guard permit be required?		<u>X</u>
(13)	Could the project result in the modification of any existing regulatory floodway?	X	
(14)	Will the project require any stream relocations or channel changes?		<u>X</u>
SOCIA	L, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(15)	Will the project induce substantial impacts to planned growth or land use for the area?		_X
(16)	Will the project require the relocation of any family or business?		<u>X</u>
(17)	Will the project have a disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effect on any minority or low-income population?		_ <u>x</u>
(18)	If the project involves the acquisition of right of way, is the amount of right of way acquisition considered minor?	<u> </u>	

(19)	Will the project involve any changes in access control?		X
(20)	Will the project substantially alter the usefulness and/or land use of adjacent property?		x
(21)	Will the project have an adverse effect on permanent local traffic patterns or community cohesiveness?		<u>x</u>
(22)	Is the project included in an approved thoroughfare plan and/or Transportation Improvement Program (and is, therefore, in conformance with the Clean Air Act of 1990)?	<u>X</u>	
(23)	Is the project anticipated to cause an increase in traffic volumes?		X
(24)	Will traffic be maintained during construction using existing roads, staged construction, or on-site detours?	<u>X</u>	
(25)	If the project is a bridge replacement project, will the bridge be replaced at its existing location (along the existing facility) and will all construction proposed in association with the bridge replacement project be contained on the existing facility?	<u> </u>	
(26)	Is there substantial controversy on social, economic, or environmental grounds concerning the project?		X
(27)	Is the project consistent with all Federal, State, and local laws relating to the environmental aspects of the project?	<u>X</u>	
(28)	Will the project have an "effect" on structures/properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places?		X
(29)	Will the project affect any archaeological remains which are important to history or pre-history?		X
(30)	Will the project require the use of Section 4(f) resources (public parks, recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, historic sites, or historic bridges, as defined in Section 4(f) of the U. S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966)?		X
(31)	Will the project result in any conversion of assisted public recreation sites or facilities to non-recreation uses, as defined by Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, as amended?		<u>X</u>
(32)	Will the project involve construction in, across, or adjacent to a river designated as a component of or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers?		x

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F. Additional Documentation Required for Unfavorable Responses in Part E

Response to Question 2: Marginal habitat for small whorled pogonia exists within the project study area, primarily in the southeast quadrant. The forested area in this quadrant is primarily composed of white pine and hardwoods with a fairly open shrub layer. A walking visual survey of all potential areas of habitat within the study area was conducted by NCDOT biologists on July 3, 2007. No individuals of this species were observed. A known population of small whorled pogonia located off of US 64 in Transylvania County was visited earlier that same day. The plants at the known site were up, in good condition and still within their reproductive cycle. A check of the NHP database on January 9, 2008 showed no known occurrences of small whorled pogonia within 1.0 mile of the study area.

Marginal habitat for white irisette exists within the project study area, primarily in the southeast quadrant. The forested area in this quadrant is primarily composed of white pine and hardwoods with a fairly open shrub layer. A walking visual survey of all potential areas of habitat within the study area was conducted by NCDOT biologists on July 3, 2007. No individuals of this species were observed. A check of the NHP database on January 9, 2008 showed no known occurrences of white irisette within 1.0 mile of the study area.

Response to Question 8: A small amount of fill may be required between the bank of Featherstone Creek and the side of the box culvert. The amount of fill will be minimized or eliminated during final design and construction. In addition, the concrete floor of the culvert will be buried underneath the stream.

Response to Question 13: Henderson County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Currently the effective FEMA floodplain mapping indicates that the subject crossing is located within a flood hazard zone designated as Zone A. However, restudy is in progress for Henderson County, and according to preliminary study information available from NC Floodplain Mapping Program, this flood zone will be upgraded to a Zone AE, where 100-year base flood elevations will be established in a "Limited Detailed Flood Study". The Hydraulics Unit will coordinate with FEMA to determine if a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and a subsequent final Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) are required for the project. If required, the Division Resident Engineer will submit sealed as-built construction plans to the Hydraulics Unit upon project completion certifying the project was built as shown on the construction plans.

G. **CE** Approval

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W.B.S. No.	40156.1.1
Federal Project No.	BRZ-1528(6)

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Categorical Exclusion Action Classification:

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Approved:

Bridge Project Development Engineer

Project Development & Environmental Analysis Unit

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<u>4 / 24 / 12</u> Date

Project Planning Engineer Project Development & Environmental Analysis Unit

For Type II(B) projects only:

<u>U-JG-12</u> Date <u>John F. Sullivan, III, PE, Division Administrator</u> For Federal Highway Administration

PROJECT COMMITMENTS:

Henderson County Bridge No. 309 on SR 1528 Over Featherstone Creek Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1528(6) W.B.S. No. 40156.1.1 T.I.P. No. B-4988

Division 14 Construction

In order to have time to adequately reroute school busses, Henderson County Schools will be contacted at (828) 697-4739 at least one month prior to road closure. Additionally, school bus turnaround areas will be provided during construction.

Henderson County Emergency Services will be contacted at (828) 697-4827 at least one month prior to road closure to make the necessary temporary reassignments to primary response units.

This project involves construction activities on or adjacent to FEMA-regulated stream(s). Therefore, the Division shall submit sealed as-built construction plans to the 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.

Hydraulics Unit

The Hydraulics Unit will coordinate with the NC Floodplain Mapping Program (FMP), to determine status of 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).

Structure Design Unit

The proposed project is located in the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Land Management District. The project will require approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act.

Natural Environment Unit

Re-surveys for the Small Whorled Pogonia and the White Irisette within the project area will be conducted prior to construction, within the appropriate survey window for each species.

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Peter B. Sandbeck, Administrator

Preconstruction Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

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April 29, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bryan Kluchar Bridge Project Development Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation

FROM: Peter Sandbeck Pseler Sandbeck

SUBJECT: Bridge 309 on SR 1528 over Featherstone Creek, B-4988, Henderson County, ER 09-0894

Thank you for your letter of April 9, 2009, concerning the above project.

We have conducted a review of the proposed undertaking and are aware of no historic resources which would be affected by the project. Therefore, we have no comment on the undertaking as proposed.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

cc:	Mary Pope Furr, NCDOT
	Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT