

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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ATTN: Ms. Lori Beckwith Ms. Amy Chapman

NCDOT Coordinator NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: Request for Modification and Renewal for Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 and

**Section 401 Water Quality Certification** for the Proposed Replacement of Bridge 103 on NC 268 over Mitchell River in Surry County. Division 11, TIP BR-0048. Debit \$570.00

from WBS 49079.1.1.

Reference: 1) Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14, Action ID No. SAW-2020-01910, January 29, 2021

2) Section 401 General Water Quality Certification No. 4135, NCDWR Project No.

20201518, November 23, 2020

#### Dear Mesdames:

The purpose of this letter is to request modification and renewal [reverification] of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 and associated North Carolina Division of Water Resources (NCDWR) Section 401 Water Quality Certification under a Regional General Permit 50 for the above referenced project.

Revisions resulting in changes to permitted impacts proposed include an additional 30 linear feet of stream bank stabilization (Permit Site 1A) under the old and new bridge location to protect the waters edge and immediate bank areas.

Previously permitted stream impacts included 12 linear feet of stream bank stabilization at the outlet of a new ditch, and 0.12 acre of temporary stream impacts from causeways needed for removal of the existing bridge and construction of the new one. There are no wetland impacts.

The revised stream impacts for the project total 42 linear feet of stream bank stabilization 0.12 acre of temporary stream impacts.

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Please see the enclosed revised permit sheet and impact summary sheet. Total impacts are shown in Table 1 below, with modifications in red. A narrative describing the revision is presented below.

Table 1: BR-0048 Total Stream Impacts (modifications shown in red)

		Pern	nanent	LICACE	NCDWR		
Permit Site	Stream Name/ NRTR ID	Channel Impacts If (ac)	Bank Stabilization If (ac)	Channel Impacts ac (lf)	Impacts ac Required Mitigation Mit	Required Mitigation If	
1	Mitchell River*		1		1		
1A	Mitchell River		30 (<0.01)				
2	Mitchell River						
3	Mitchell River		12 (<0.01)				
Total	Stream Impacts	0	42 (<0.01)	0.12	0	0	
Total	on cam impacts		42 0.01)	(192)	U	0	

<sup>\*</sup> Perennial, Class C

#### Site 1A

This is a new site resulting in an additional 30 linear feet of bank stabilization along the Mitchell River. Stabilizing the banks under the old and new bridge locations will protect the waters edge and immediate bank area. The river appears to have migrated closer to the west/end bent one side, so additional protection will be helpful, and given the sandy nature of the soils, it will be difficult to pull out the concrete slope protection on the east/end bent one side and regrade the banks with just coir fiber as the stabilization.

Rip rap will only be placed on the waters edge and up a few feet to the top of bank on the west/end bent one side, and up the slope along the east/end bent two side to or near the bench for the proposed greenway. Therefore, including the greenway bench, there will still be a wide, rock-free bench on both sides for wildlife usage.

A good portion of the banks in this location are already hardened with concrete, so the only new impacts to the stream would be 30 linear feet of bank stabilization. See the attached drawing showing the impact location. This would not be a loss of water and no mitigation for this impact will be required.

No changes have occurred to special commitments for this project. Tribal coordination was completed prior to issuance of the original permits.

Section 7 is up to date. As of January 13, 2023 IPaC lists four protected species within the project area: gray bat, northern long-eared bat (NLEB), bog turtle, and Schweinitz's sunflower. Tricolored bat is listed as a proposed species. Tree clearing has already occurred for this project. If any other tree needs to be removed in order to demolish the existing bridge, it will be done outside of active bat season. No habitat is present for the gray bat or bog turtle. While NLEB does show up in IPaC within the project area, this

project is outside the local range used by the USFWS Asheville Regulatory Field office (AFO), and therefore No Effect. Habitat does exist for Schweinitz's sunflower, but surveys performed on September 19, 2018, October 5, 2020, and September 23, 2022 did not identify any individuals of this species. The biological conclusion for this species remains No Effect.

NCDOT requests to modify and renew/reissue the permit for this project under RGP 50. Application is hereby made for modification and of the USACE 404 permit and the 401 WQC from NCDWR. We have provided a method of debiting \$570.00 to be submitted to the NCDWR for processing the WQC modification and renewal for BR-0048, as noted in the subject line of this application.

A copy of this permit application and its distribution list will be posted in the NCDOT website at <a href="http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental">http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental</a>. Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Erin Cheely at either ekcheely@ncdot.gov or (919) 323-5192.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Turchy

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Environmental Coordination and Permitting Group Leader

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NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List

## Project Submittal Interim Form



Updated September 4, 2020

Please note: fields mark	ked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all
mandatory questions ar	e answered.
Project Type: *	For the Record Only (Courtesy Copy)  New Project  Modification/New Project with Existing ID
	<ul><li>More Information Response</li><li>Other Agency Comments</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Pre-Application Submittal</li><li>Re-Issuance\Renewal Request</li></ul>
	Stream or Buffer Appeal
Pre-Filing Meeting Dat	te Request was submitted on:
2/9/2021	
Project Contact I	nformation
Name:	Erin Cheely Who is submitting the information?
Email Address: *	ekcheely@ncdot.gov
Project Information	on
Existing ID #: *	Existing Version: *
20201518 20170001 (no dashes)	1 1
Project Name: *	BR-0048
Is this a public transp	ortation project?*
Yes	
O No	
Is this a DOT project?	*
Yes	
O No	
Is the project located	within a NC DCM Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)?*
Yes      No      Unkr	nown
TIP#:	WBS#:
BR-0048	49079.1.1 (Applies to DOT projects only)

#### Please upload all files that need to be submited.

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

BR-0048 Modification and Renewal Surry January 2023.pdf 5.31MB

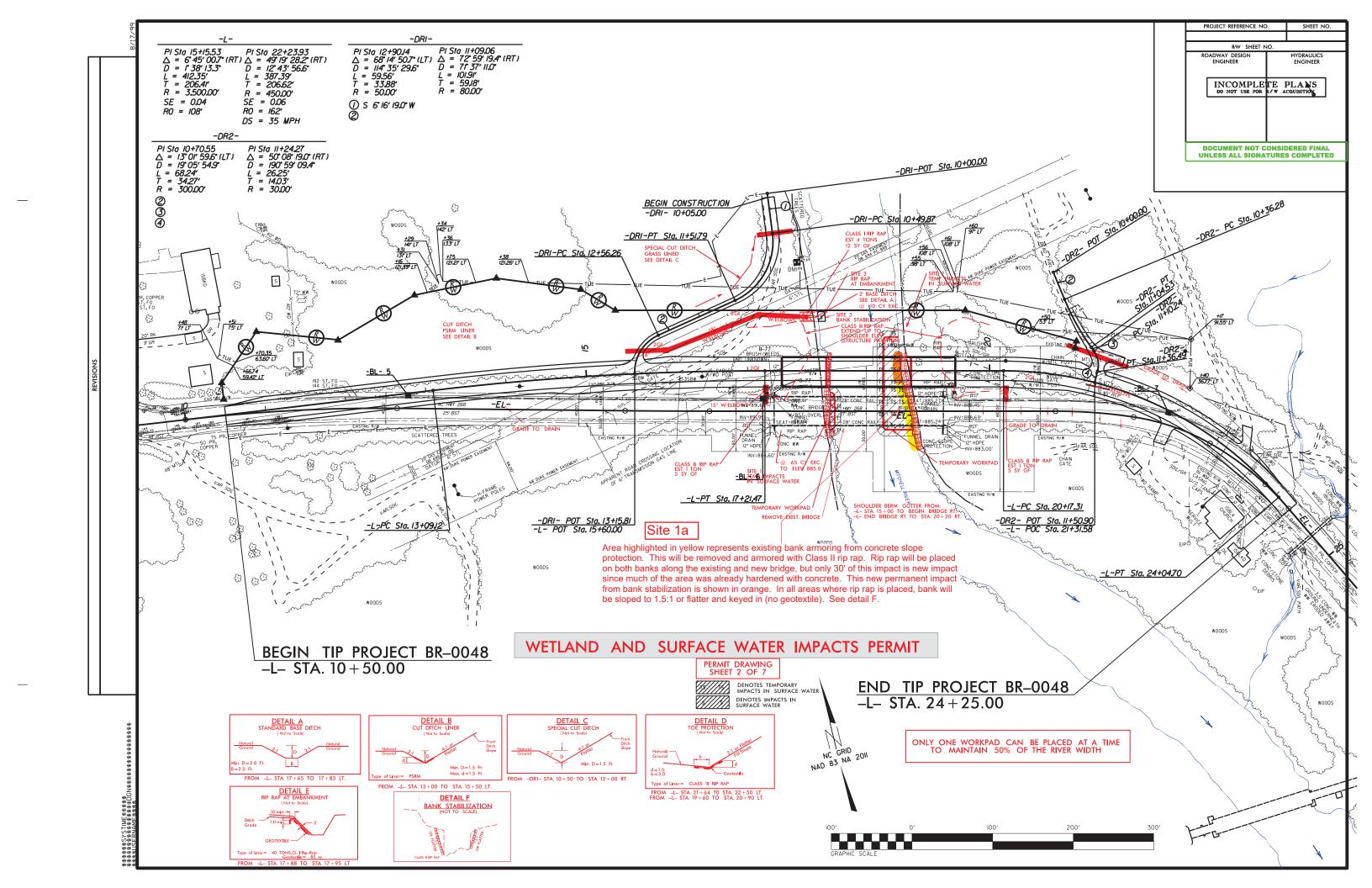
Only pdf or kmz files are accepted.

#### Describe the attachments or add comments:

- - I, the project proponent, hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
  - I, 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 agree that submission of this online 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 online form.

Signature: *	
	Hichael Tunchy

**Submittal Date:** 



				WE	TLAND IMP	ACTS		,	SURFACE	WATER IM	PACTS	
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	-L- 18+00.7 to 18+15.5	Causeway	,	( )	( )	( )	( )	,	0.02	( )	62	
1a		Bank Stabilization						< 0.01		30		
2	-L- 18+60.4 to 19+07.3	Causeway							0.10		130	
3	-L- 17+65 to 17+95	Rip Rap at Embankment						< 0.01		12		
		Bank Stabilization										
ΓΟΤΑΙ	0*							< 0.01	0.12	42	192	0

*Rounded	totals	are	sum	οf	actual	impacts

NOTES:

NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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# Previous Application

October 2020

#### **BR-0048 Surry Permit Application Distribution**

#### Turchy, Michael A <maturchy@ncdot.gov>

Thu 10/29/2020 10:06 PM

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The permit application for BR-0048 (the replacement of Bridge 103 on NC 268 over Mitchell River in Surry County) has been posted to the NCDOT Permit Application Website.

The file named "BR-0048 Surry October 20 2020" can be viewed/downloaded at: <a href="https://xfer.services.ncdot.gov/pdea/PermApps">https://xfer.services.ncdot.gov/pdea/PermApps</a>

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Direct Link to Application:

https://xfer.services.ncdot.gov/pdea/PermApps/BR-0048%20Surry%20October%2030%20202.pdf

The electronic Pre-Construction Notification (ePCN) was submitted to the USACE, NCDWR, NCWRC, and USFWS on October 29, 2020.

Thank you, Michael

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October 30, 2020

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

ATTN: Ms. Lori Beckwith

NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: Application for Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14, and Section 401 Water

**Quality Certification** for the Proposed Replacement of Bridge 103 on NC 268 over Mitchell River in Surry County, Division 11, TIP No. BR-0048, Debit \$570

from WBS 49079.1.1.

#### Dear Madam:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace bridge number 103 on NC 268 with a new bridge just north of the existing alignment. Traffic will utilize the existing bridge during construction.

As a result of replacing the existing bridge, there will be 12 linear feet of stream bank stabilization at the outlet of a new ditch, and 0.12 acre of temporary stream impacts from causeways needed for removal of the existing bridge and construction of the new one.

Please see enclosed copies of the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), bat memo, Catawba response letter, Stormwater Management Plan, and Permit Drawings. A Minimum Criteria Determination Checklist (MCDC) was completed in May 2019 and distributed shortly thereafter. Additional copies are available upon request.

This project calls for a letting date of June 15, 2021 and a review date of April 27, 2021.

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 contact Erin Cheely at ekcheely@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6108.

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Sincerely,

Philip S. Harris III, P.E., C.P.M.

Environmental Analysis Unit Head

cc: NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List





#### **Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form**

For Nationwide Permits and Regional General Permits (along with corresponding Water Quality Certifications)

April 11, 2020 Ver 3.1

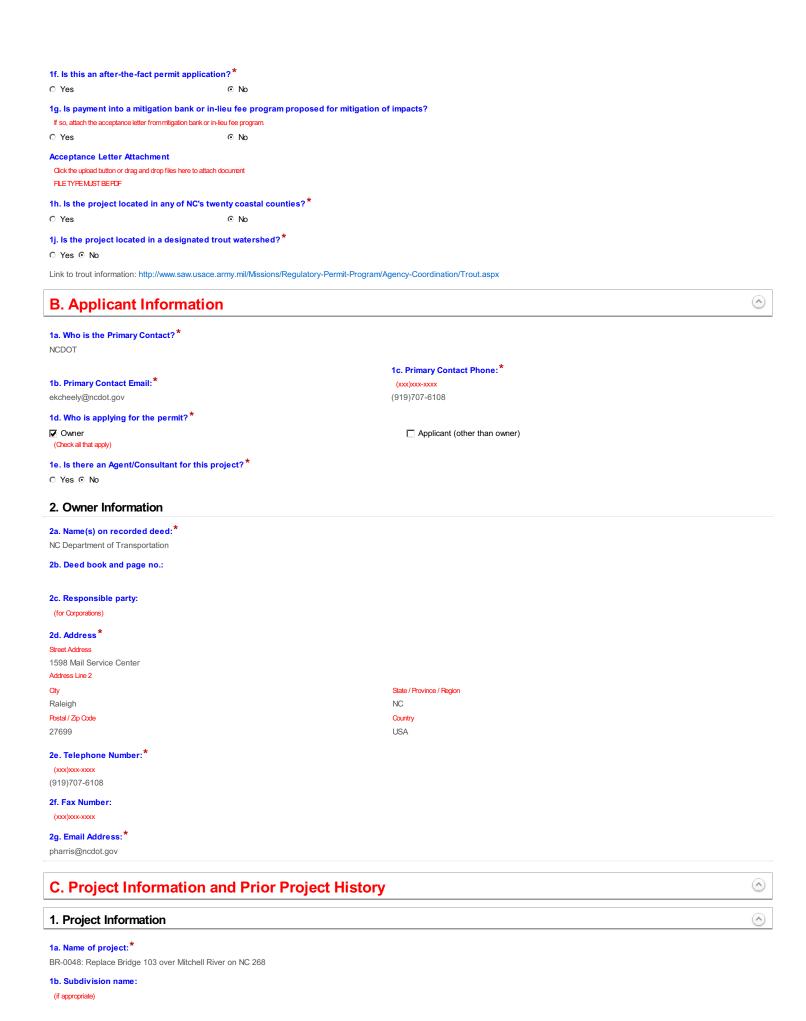
Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk \*below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.

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/0/edoc/624704/PCN%20Help%20File%202018-1-30.pdf

A. Processing Information		<u> </u>
County (or Counties) where the project is locate	d:*	
Surry		
Is this a NCDMS Project *		
○ Yes ○ No Olick Yes, only if NODMS is the applicant or co-applicant.		
Is this project a public transportation project?*		
<ul> <li>Yes O No</li> <li>This is any publicly funded by municipal, state or federal funds road,</li> </ul>	rail, airport transportation project.	
Is this a NCDOT Project?*		
⊙ Yes ○ No		
(NCDOT only) T.I.P. or state project number: BR-0048		
WBS#*		
67048.1.1 (for NCDOT use only)		
1a. Type(s) of approval sought from the Corps:*		
<ul><li>Section 404 Permit (wetlands, streams and waters,</li><li>Section 10 Permit (navigable waters, tidal waters, F</li></ul>	*	
1b. What type(s) of permit(s) do you wish to seek	authorization?*	
<ul><li>✓ Nationwide Permit (NWP)</li><li>☐ Regional General Permit (RGP)</li></ul>		
Standard (IP)		
		e contact your Corps representative concerning submittals for standard permits. All required items that miscellaneous upload area located at the bottom of this form.
1c. Has the NWP or GP number been verified by	the Corps?*	
○ Yes ⊙ No		
Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number:	14 - Linear transportation	
, ,	14 - Ellical transportation	
NWP Numbers (for multiple NWPS):  List all NW numbers you are applying for not on the drop down list.		
1d. Type(s) of approval sought from the DWR:*		
check all that apply		
<ul> <li>✓ 401 Water Quality Certification - Regular</li> <li>✓ Non-404 Jurisdictional General Permit</li> <li>✓ Individual Permit</li> </ul>		<ul><li>☐ 401 Water Quality Certification - Express</li><li>☐ Riparian Buffer Authorization</li></ul>
1e. Is this notification solely for the record became	use written approval is not required?	
		*
For the record only for DWR 401 Certification:		C Yes ⓒ No
For the record only for Corps Permit:		C Yes ⊙ No



#### 1c. Nearest municipality / town: \*

Burch

#### 2. Project Identification

2a. Property Identification Number:

(tax PIN or parcel ID) (in acres)

2c. Project Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

Oty State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code 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.)

2b. Property size:

Latitude: Longitude: \*
36.277359 -80.77069
ex: 34.208504 -77.796371

#### 3. Surface Waters

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

Mitchell River

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

С

Surface Water Lookup

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

Yadkin-PeeDee

3d. Please provide the 12-digit HUC in which the project is located.\*

030401010504

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:

Surrounding land use is residential and forested interspersed with some agriculture.

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

○ Yes ⊙ No ○ Unknown

4d. Attach an 8 1/2 X 11 excerpt from the most recent version of the USGS topographic map indicating the location of the project site. (for DWR)

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4e. Attach an 8 1/2 X 11 excerpt from the most recent version of the published County NRCS Soil Survey map depicting the project site. (for DWR)

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

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

(intermittent and perennial)

690

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

Replace a deficient bridge that is approaching the end of its useful life to provide a safe crossing.

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

This project is the replacement of NCDOT Structure Bridge #850103. The existing bridge length is 210 feet (1 @ 70', 1 @ 70', and 1 @ 70' RC Deck on I-beams) while the proposed bridge will be 215 feet (1 @ 55', 1 @ 105', and 1 @ 55' 63" MBT). The new bridge will be placed immediately north of the existing structure and traffic maintained on the existing bridge during construction. Standard road building equipment such as trucks, dozers, and cranes will be used.

4j. Please upload project drawings for the proposed project.

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

BR-0048 Final Permit Drawings.pdf

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#### 5 Jurisdictional Determinations

5. Jurisulctional Determination	DIIS		
5a. Have the wetlands or streams been d	elineated on the property or proposed impact areas	? <b>*</b>	
⊙ Yes	C No	C Unknown	
Comments: Only two perennial streams identified (no wet impacted by this project.	ands), and only one of those (Mitchell River) is		
5b. If the Corps made a jurisdictional det	ermination, what type of determination was made?*		
C Preliminary C Approved C Not Verified	○ Unknown ○ N/A		
Corps AID Number: Example: SAW-2017-99999			
5c. If 5a is yes, who delineated the jurisd	ictional areas?		
Name (if known):	Erin Cheely, Jeff Hemphill		
Agency/Consultant Company:	NCDOT		
Other:			
5d1. Jurisdictional determination upload  Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attack  File type must be PDF	th document		
6. Future Project Plans			
6a. Is this a phased project?*  O Yes	€ No		
		be used, to authorize any part of the proposed project or related activity? This e Army authorization but don't require pre-construction notification.	
D. Proposed Impacts Ir	ventory		$\bigcirc$
1. Impacts Summary			
1a. Where are the impacts associated with	h your project? (check all that apply):		
☐ Wetlands ☐ Open Waters	<ul><li>✓ Streams-tributaries</li><li>☐ Pond Construction</li></ul>	☐ Buffers	

#### 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 *		3f. Type of Jurisdiction *	og. o. man.	3h. Impact length*
S1	Causeway	Temporary	Workpad/Causeway	Mitchell River	Perennial	Both	75 Average (feet)	62 (linear feet)
S2	Causeway	Temporary	Workpad/Causeway	Mitchell River	Perennial	Both	75 Average (feet)	130 (linear feet)
S3	Bank Stabilization	Permanent	Bank Stabilization	Mitchell River	Perennial	Both	75 Average (feet)	12 (linear feet)

<sup>\*\*</sup> All Perennial or Intermittent streams must be verified by DWR or delegated local government.

3i. Total jurisdictional ditch impact in square feet:

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3i. Total permanent stream impacts:

12

3i. Total temporary stream impacts:

192

3i. Total stream and ditch impacts:

204

3j. Comments:

Total acreage of temporary impacts from causeways is 0.12 acre.

#### 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 existing bridge has 12" HDPE funnel drains on both ends of the bridge. The proposed bridge will have deck drains on the right side that are outside top of banks and not over the water. The roadway runoff will be discharged on to riprap pads located as far away from the river as practicable. A shoulder berm gutter will be placed at the beginning and end of the bridge on the right side to help guide the road runoff to the two Gls.

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

Temporary causeways will be used to remove existing abutments and set proposed interior girders. Only one workpad will be placed at a time to maintain 50% of the river width. Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge during construction. NCDOT will adhere to Best Management Practices for Construction and Maintenance Activities.

#### 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?

2b. If this project DOES NOT require Compensatory Mitigation, explain why:

The NCDOT does not propose mitigation for the temporary and bank stabilization impacts associated with this project. These impacts do not require permanent fill in the stream bed, therefore, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, do not constitute Loss of Waters of the U.S., and are not subject to compensatory mitigation.

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

#### 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?

C Yes © No

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

If no, explain why:

No buffered resources within project area.

#### 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**



#### 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 C 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 ON

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 C No

**NEPA or SEPA Final Approval Letter** 

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#### 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)? \*

C Yes © No

3. Cumulative Impacts (DWR	Requirement)	
3a. Will this project (based on past and re	easonably anticipated future impacts) result © No	in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality?*
<b>3b. If you answered "no," provide a short</b> Due to the minimal transportation impact resu growth. Therefore, a detailed indirect or cumu	Iting from this bridge replacement, this project wil	I neither influence nearby land uses nor stimulate
4. Sewage Disposal (DWR R	equirement)	
<b>4a.</b> Is sewage disposal required by DWR f	or this project?*	
5. Endangered Species and	Designated Critical Habitat (Co	orps Requirement)
5a. Will this project occur in or near an ar	rea with federally protected species or habit	at?*
⊙ Yes	C No	
5b. Have you checked with the USFWS co	oncerning Endangered Species Act impacts?  ⊙ No	*
5d. Is another Federal agency involved? O	* © No	C Unknown
5e. Is this a DOT project located within Di C Yes ⊙ No	vision's 1-8?*	
5f. Will you cut any trees in order to cond ⓒ Yes ♡ No	uct the work in waters of the U.S.?*	
5g. Does this project involve bridge main ⊙ Yes ○ No	itenance or removal?*	
5g(1). If yes, have you inspected the bride Appendix F, pages 3-7.	ge for signs of bat use such as staining, gua	ano, bats, etc.? Representative photos of signs of bat use can be found in the NLEB SLOPE:
⊙ Yes ○ No		
Link to the NLEB SLOPES document: http://saw	-reg.usace.army.mil/NLEB/1-30-17-signed_NLEB-SL0	DPES&apps.pdf
If you answered "Yes" to 5g(1), did you di ○ Yes ○ No ○ Unknown	scover any signs of bat use?*	
*** If yes, please show the location of the	bridge on the permit drawings/project plans	5.
5h. Does this project involve the constru C Yes © No	ction/installation of a wind turbine(s)?**	
5i. Does this project involve (1) blasting, ⊙ Yes ○ No	and/or (2) other percussive activities that w	rill be conducted by machines, such as jackhammers, mechanized pile drivers, etc.?*
If yes, please provide details to include to Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attact File must be PDF		n, and specific location of this activity on the property.
As of 7/17/20, the USFWS lists five protected	species for Surry County. See attached memo for sof all areas of habitat were conducted by NCDC	ngered Species or Designated Critical Habitat?*  r gray bat and NLEB info. Habitat is present for  VT biologists and no individuals of this species were
No habitat is present for the bog turtle, and sr	mall whorled pogonia is listed as historical for Sur	ry County, therefore surveys are not required.
Consultation Documentation Upload		
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#### 6. Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requirement)

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

○ Yes

○ No

6b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact an Essential Fish Habitat?  $^{\star}$ 

NMFS County Index

#### 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/

	ear an area that the state, federal or tribal g significant in North Carolina history and arch	governments have designated as having historic or cultural preservation status (e.g., National Hist haeology\?*	toric
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<b>7b. What data sources did you us</b> Tribal coordination	se to determine whether your site would imp	pact historic or archeological resources?*	
7c. Historic or Prehistoric Inform	nation Upload		
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BR-0048 Catawba Response 2019-7	193-36.pdf	597.75KB	
File must be PDF			
8. Flood Zone Designa	tion (Corps Requirement)		
Link to the FEMA Floodplain Map	ps: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search		
8a. Will this project occur in a FE	EMA-designated 100-year floodplain?*		
© Yes	C No		
8b. If yes, explain how project me	eets FEMA requirements:		
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FEMA Maps	o make the floodplain determination?*		
Miscellaneous			
Comments			
There will be 1.4 acres of tree clearing	ing on this project.		
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Michael Tunchy			
Date			
10/29/2020			

#### RE: Pre-Filing Notification for Raleigh Let Projects in the 12 MLL

#### Carpenter, Kristi < kristilynn.carpenter@ncdenr.gov>

Wed 10/21/2020 5:36 PM

To: Dagnino, Carla S <cdagnino@ncdot.gov>; Chapman, Amy <amy.chapman@ncdenr.gov>; Wanucha, Dave <dave.wanucha@ncdenr.gov>; Hood, Donna <donna.hood@ncdenr.gov>; Ridings, Rob <rob.ridings@ncdenr.gov>; Steenhuis, Joanne <joanne.steenhuis@ncdenr.gov>; Ward, Garcy <qarcy.ward@ncdenr.gov>

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1 attachments (18 KB)

Pre Filing Notification List of Projects from 12 MLL Through Sept 21 to NCDWR (002).xlsx;

#### All.

Please see the attached spreadsheet which has added columns with the DWR project and version number for each project listed along a link to each project in Laserfiche.

All notifications are in our system with the original notification date of 9/28/2020.

Please utilize the added DWR information when sending the applications for the listed projects.

Please contact me if there are any questions/concerns.

Thanks,

Kristi Lynn Carpenter

From: Dagnino, Carla S <cdagnino@ncdot.gov> Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 12:09 PM

**To:** Chapman, Amy <amy.chapman@ncdenr.gov>; Carpenter,Kristi <kristilynn.carpenter@ncdenr.gov>; Wanucha, Dave <dave.wanucha@ncdenr.gov>; Hood, Donna <donna.hood@ncdenr.gov>; Ridings, Rob <rob.ridings@ncdenr.gov>; Steenhuis, Joanne <joanne.steenhuis@ncdenr.gov>; Ward, Garcy <garcy.ward@ncdenr.gov>

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All,

Please see the attached letter and request for the Pre-Filing Notification. We are not requesting a meeting for the attached projects and would like this letter and attachment to represent the notification in Laser Fiche.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Thank you! Carla

#### Carla Dagnino

Environmental Coordination and Permitting Group Leader Environmental Analysis Unit NC Department of Transportation

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# Projects Potentially Requiring Notification per New 401 EPA Rule 12 Month Let List SEPT 2020 - SEPT 2021 (from 36 Month Let List)

DWR Rep	NCDOT Contact	Let Date	TIP	Let Type	Div	County	Project Description	Type of Previous DWR Correspondence	DWR # Version	# Received Laserfiche Link
Wanucha	Bill Barrett	09/21/2021	B-5728	Raleigh Letting	7	Alamance	REPLACE BRIDGE 112 OVER REEDY FORK CREEK IN OSSIPEE ON NC 87	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201505 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326036&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Hood	Erin Cheely	05/18/2021	B-4407	Raleigh Letting	10	Anson, Stanly	BRIDGE 70 OVER ROCKY RIVER ON US 52	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201506 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326038&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Hood	Erin Cheely	03/16/2021	B-5818	Raleigh Letting	10	Anson	REPLACE BRIDGE 11 OVER DEADFALL CREEK ON NC 109	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201507 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326055&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Hood	Bill Barrett	07/20/2021	BR-0107	Raleigh Letting	12	Iredell	SR 1577 BRIDGE 131 REPLACE BRIDGE 131 OVER TO SNOW CREEK.	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201508 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326056&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Hood	Rail Division	08/17/2021	P-5705A	Raleigh Letting	10	Mecklenburg	CHARLOTTE WYE CONNECTION - RAIL	No Files found in Laserfiche	20181692 2	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326025&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Ridings	Chris Murray	02/16/2021	B-5318	DDRL	5	Wake	REPLACE BRIDGE 910126 OVER SMITHS CREEK SR 2044 (LIGON MILLROAD) IN WAKE FOREST	Laserfiche Files: Scoping Letter	20201509 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326057&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Gordon Cashin	07/20/2021	B-5624	Raleigh Letting	3	Brunswick	BRIDGE 57 OVER JUNIPER CREEK ON NC 211	Laserfiche Files: P/JD Package	20201510 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326058&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Gordon Cashin	07/20/2021	D 5642	Raleigh Letting	2	Brunswick	BRIDGE 65 OVER HOOD CREEK ON NC 87	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201511 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326059&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steermus	Gordon Cashin	07/20/2021	D-3042	Raleigh Letting	3	Brunswick	BRIDGE 80 OVER FIGURE CRING 67	No riies tourio in Laserriche	20201512 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326060&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Chris Rivenbark	05/18/2021	BR-0017	Raleigh Letting	3	Duplin	BRIDGE 300012 ON NC 11 OVER LITTLE ROCKFISH CREEK	Laserfiche Files: P/JD Package		,
Steenhuis	Greg Price	07/20/2021	I-5878	DDRL	6	Harnett	I-95 AT US 421 (EXIT 73) AND SR 1793 (POPE ROAD) (EXIT 72).IMPROVE INTERCHANGES. WIDEN TO EIGHT LANES. (COMB W/I-5883 & I-5996B).	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201513 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326061&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Greg Price	07/20/2021	I-5883	DDRL	6	Harnett	I-95 AT SR 1808 (JONESBORO ROAD) (EXIT 75) TO NORTH OF SR 1709 (HODGES CHAPEL ROAD) (EXIT 77). IMPROVE INTERCHANGES. WIDEN TO EIGHT LANES. (COMB W/I-5878 & I-5996B).	Laserfiche Files: Scoping Letter and JD Request	20201514 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326062&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Greg Price	07/20/2021	I-5986B	DDRL	6	Harnett, Johnston	I-95 FROM SR 1709 (HODGES CHAPEL ROAD - EXIT 77) TO I-40 (EXIT 81). WIDEN TO EIGHT LANES HARNETT/JONSTON COUNTIES. (COMB W/I-5878 & I-5883).	No Files found in Laserfiche	20190214 3	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326029&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Jason Dilday	04/20/2021	R-2561CA	DDRL	6	Columbus	NC 87 AT NC 11. CONSTRUCT INTERCHANGE.	Laserfiche Files: P/JD Package	20201515 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326063&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Steenhuis	Greg Price	04/20/2021	R-5797	DDRL	6	Columbus	US 74 AT SR 1506 (BOARDMAN ROAD)	Laserfiche Files: P/JD Package	20201516 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326064&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Wanucha	Kevin Hining	07/20/2021	17BP.11.R.15	DDRL	11	Wilkes	BRIDGE 419 ON SR 1148 OVER NAKED CREEK.	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201517 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326065&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Wanucha	Erin Cheely	06/15/2021	BR-0048	Raleigh Letting	11	Surry	BRIDGE 103 ON NC 268 OVER MITCHELL RIVER REPLACE BRIDGE.	Laserfiche Files: Start of Study Letter	20201518 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326066&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Wanucha	Jeff Hemphill	07/20/2021	BR-0108	Raleigh Letting	11	Wilkes	SR 2418 BRIDGE 4 REPLACE BRIDGE 4 OVER LITTLE HUNTING CREEK.	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201519 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326067&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Ward	Jason Dilday	09/21/2021	B-4926	DDRL	2	Lenoir	NEUSE RIVER - REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 20 AND 34 OVER NEUSE RIVEROVERFLOW ON NC 55	Laserfiche Files: Previous NW 6	20181733 2	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326028&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Ward	Deanna Riffey	09/21/2021	B-5614	Raleigh Letting	2	Beaufort	REPLACE BRIDGE 9 OVER BLOUNTS CREEK ON SR 1112	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201520 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326068&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Ward	Deanna Riffey	05/18/2021	B-5619	Raleigh Letting	2	Lenoir	REPLACE BRIDGE 52 OVER NEUSE RIVER AND REPLACE BRIDGE 152 OVER NEUSE RIVER OVERFLOW ON SR 1389 (HARDY BRIDGE ROAD	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201521 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326069&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources
Ward	Deanna Riffey	09/21/2021	BR-0004	Raleigh Letting	2	Beaufort	BRIDGE 060066 ON US 264 OVER PUNGO RIVER	No Files found in Laserfiche	20201522 1	9/28/2020 https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?id=1326070&dbid=0&repo=WaterResources



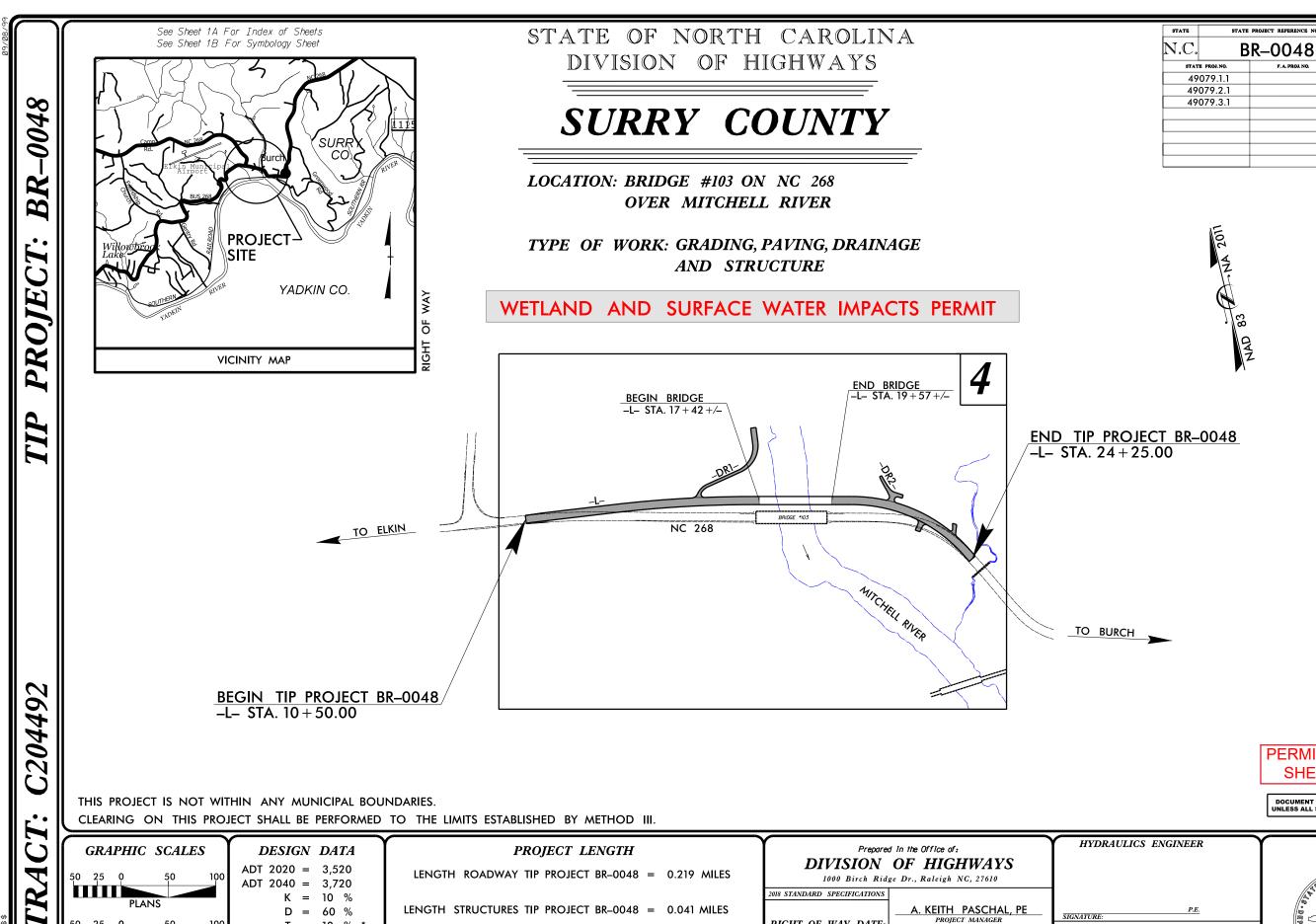
(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)

#### **North Carolina Department of Transportation**

## **Highway Stormwater Program**



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Version 2.08; Released April 2018) FOR NCDOT PROJECTS **WBS Element:** 67048.1.1 TIP No.: BR-0048 Page County(ies): Surry **General Project Information** WBS Element: 57048.1.1 **TIP Number:** BR-0048 Bridge Replacement Date: 9/10/2020 **Project Type:** NCDOT Contact: A. Keith Paschal, PE Contractor / Designer: Hannah Mann Address: Address: 1000 Birch Ridge Dr 1000 Birch Ridge Dr Raleigh, NC 27610 Raleigh, NC 27610 Phone: 919-707-6481 Phone: 919-707-6741 Email: kpaschal@ncdot.gov Email: hpmann@ncdot.gov Elkin City/Town: County(ies): Surry CAMA County? River Basin(s): Yadkin-Pee Dee No No Wetlands within Project Limits? **Project Description** Rural 0.26 **Surrounding Land Use:** Project Length (lin. miles or feet): **Proposed Project Existing Site** Project Built-Upon Area (ac.) Typical Cross Section Description: NC 268: Two twelve feet wide paved lanes (total 24 feet wide), eight feet wide shoulder NC 268: open shoulder section, two eleven feet wide paved lanes (total 22 feet wide) on each side (eleven feet wide with guardrail). The first five feet of the shoulder is paved. Annual Avg Daily Traffic (veh/hr/day): Design/Future: Year: 2040 2020 3720 Existing: 3520 Year: This project is the replacement of the NCDOT Structure Bridge #850103. The existing bridge length is 210 feet (1 @ 70', 1 @ 70', and 1 @ 70' RC Deck on I-Beams) while the General Project Narrative: (Description of Minimization of Water proposed bridge will be 215 feet (1 @ 55', 1 @ 105', 1 @ 55' 63" MBT). Temporary causeways are needed to remove existing abutments and set proposed interior girders. Only one workpad can be placed at a time to maintain 50% of the river width. The existing bridge has 12" HDPE funnel drains on both ends of the bridge. The proposed bridge will Quality Impacts) have deck drains on the right side that are outside top of banks and not over the water. The roadway runoff will be discharged onto rip rap pads located as far away from the river as practicable. A shoulder berm gutter will be placed at the beginning and end of the bridge on the right side to help guide the road runoff to the two 2Gls. **Waterbody Information** Surface Water Body (1): Mitchell River NCDWR Stream Index No.: 12.62-(12.5) **Primary Classification:** Class C NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body Supplemental Classification: Other Stream Classification: None Impairments: None No Aquatic T&E Species? Comments: **NRTR Stream ID:** 12-62-(12.5) **Buffer Rules in Effect:** N/A No **Deck Drains Discharge Over Buffer? Dissipator Pads Provided in Buffer?** N/A Project Includes Bridge Spanning Water Body? (If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative) (If yes, describe in the General Project Narrative; if no, justify in the Deck Drains Discharge Over Water Body? No General Project Narrative)



TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT BR-0048 = 0.260 MILES

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:

**DECEMBER 4, 2019** 

LETTING DATE:

JUNE 15, 2021

TATIA L. WHITE, PE, PLS

SHERRI E. CALHOUN, PE

SHEET NO.

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PERMIT DRAWING SHEET 1 OF 7

ROADWAY DESIGN

**ENGINEER** 

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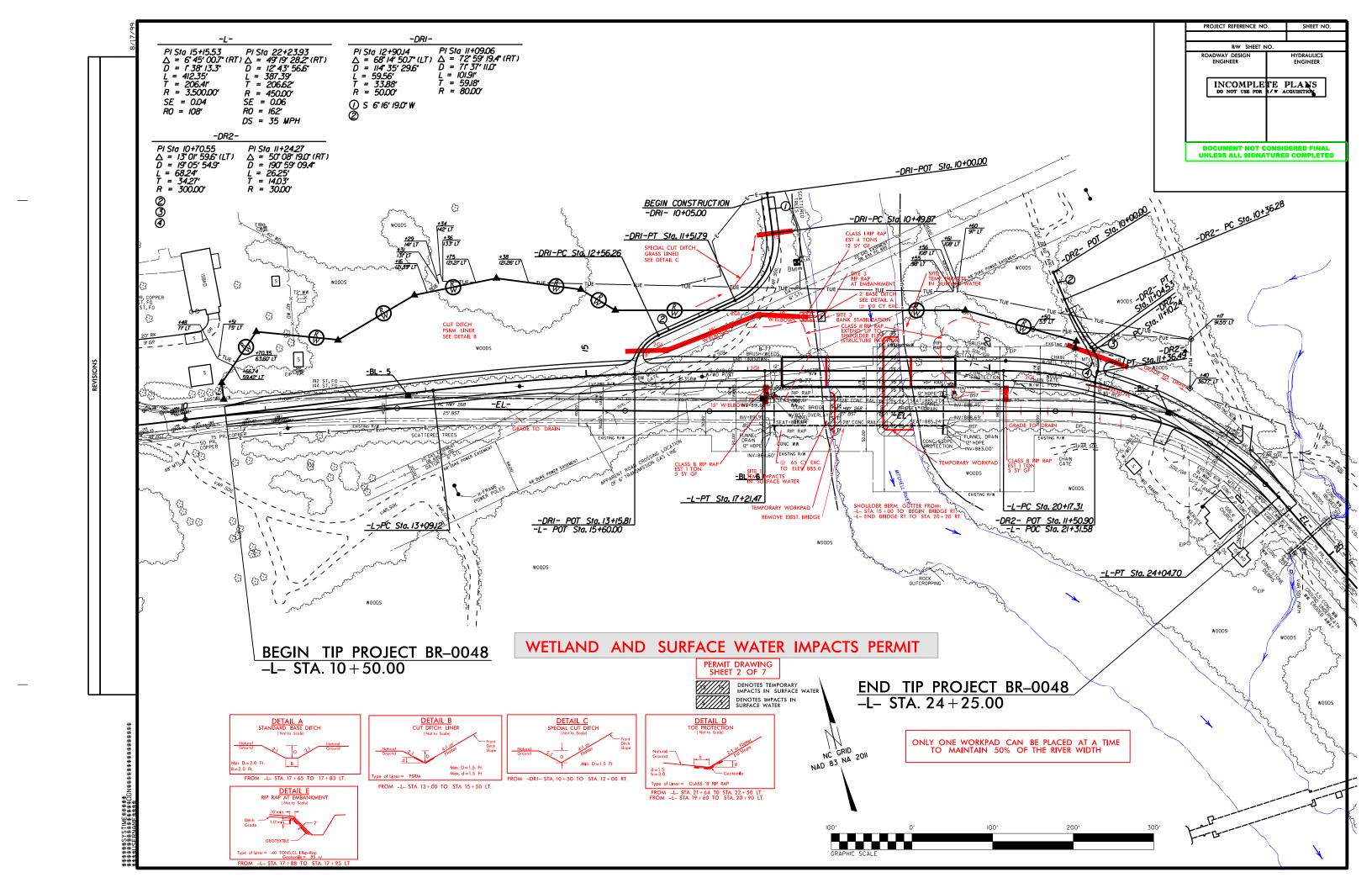
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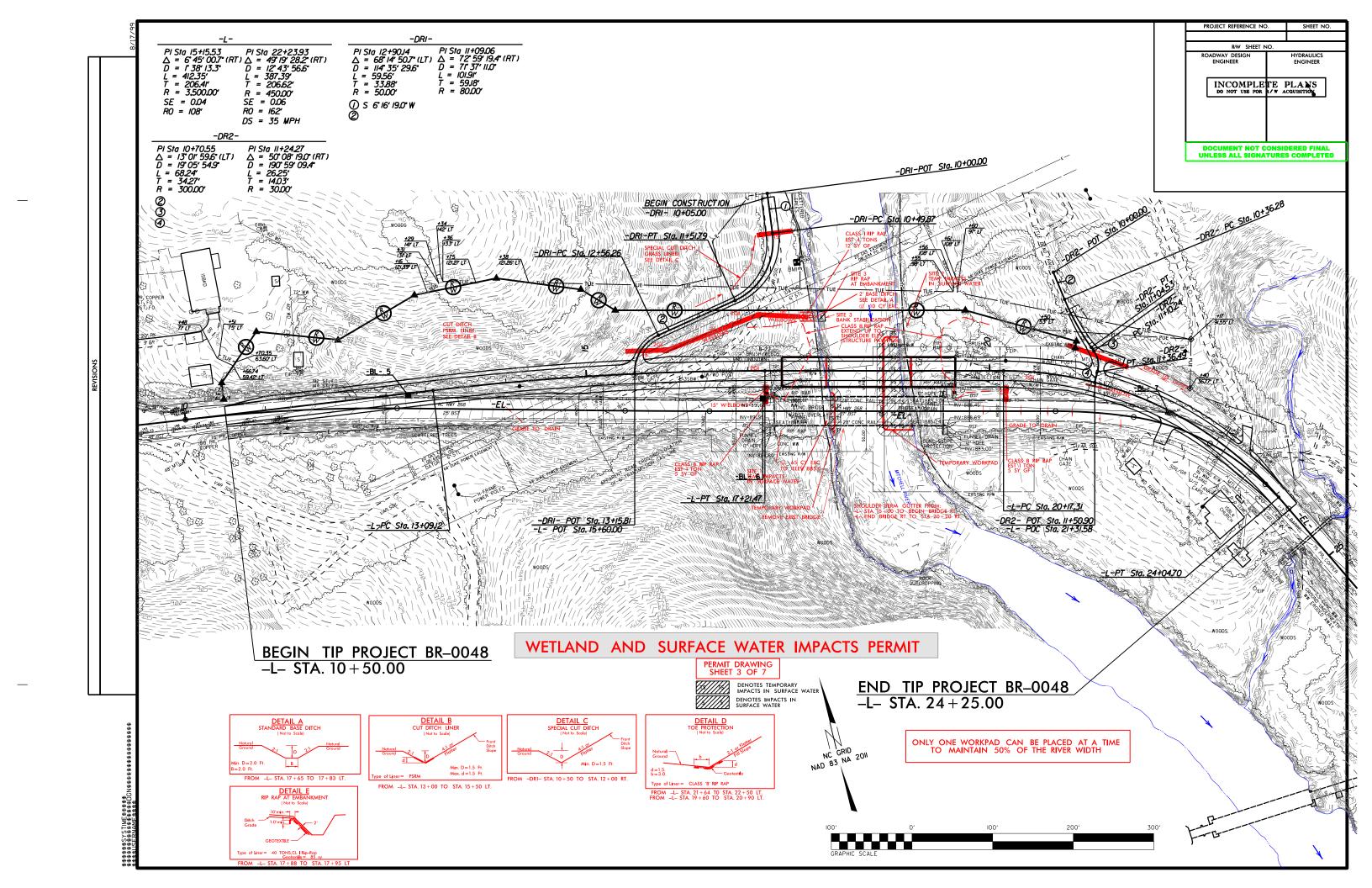
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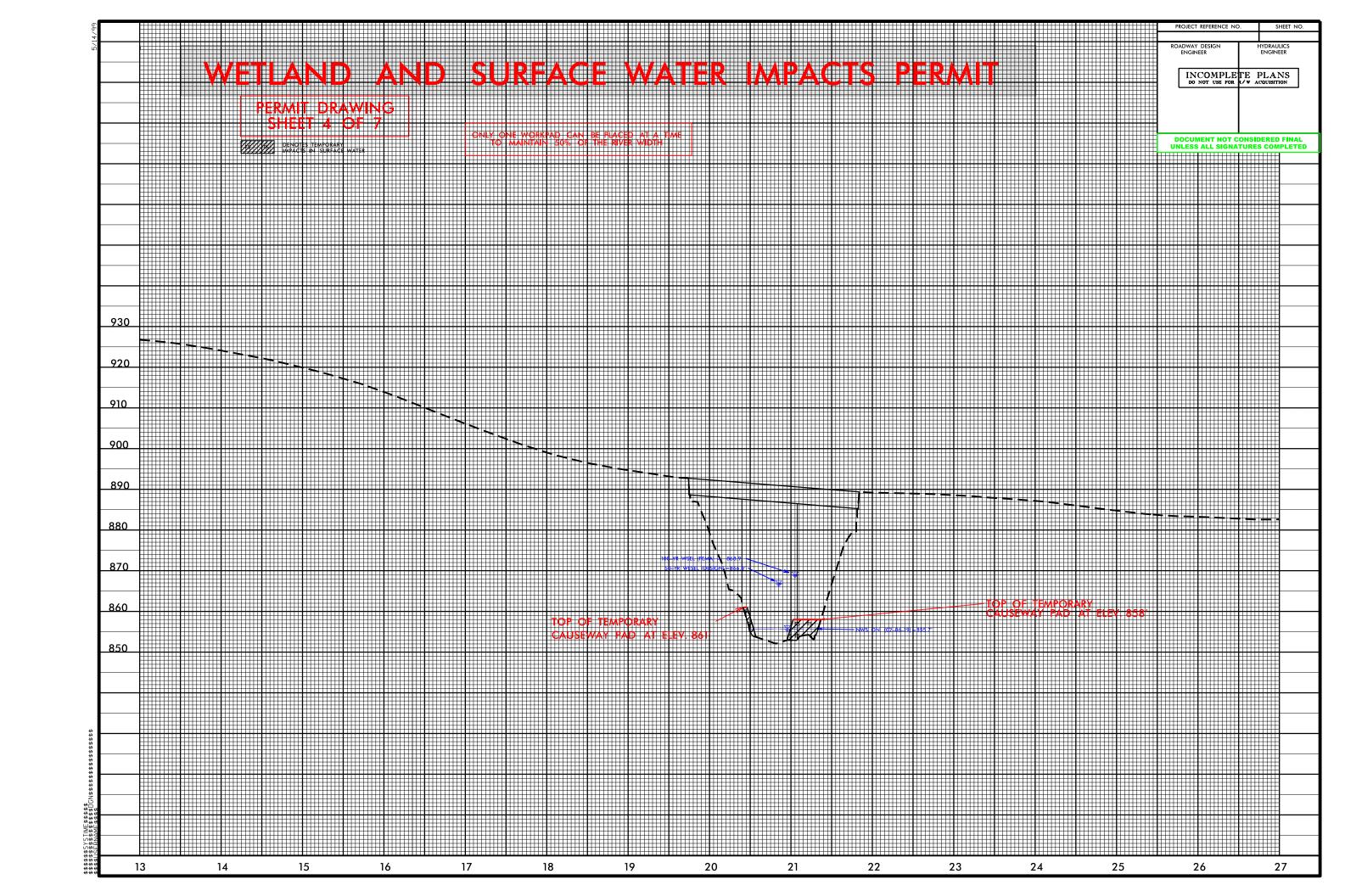
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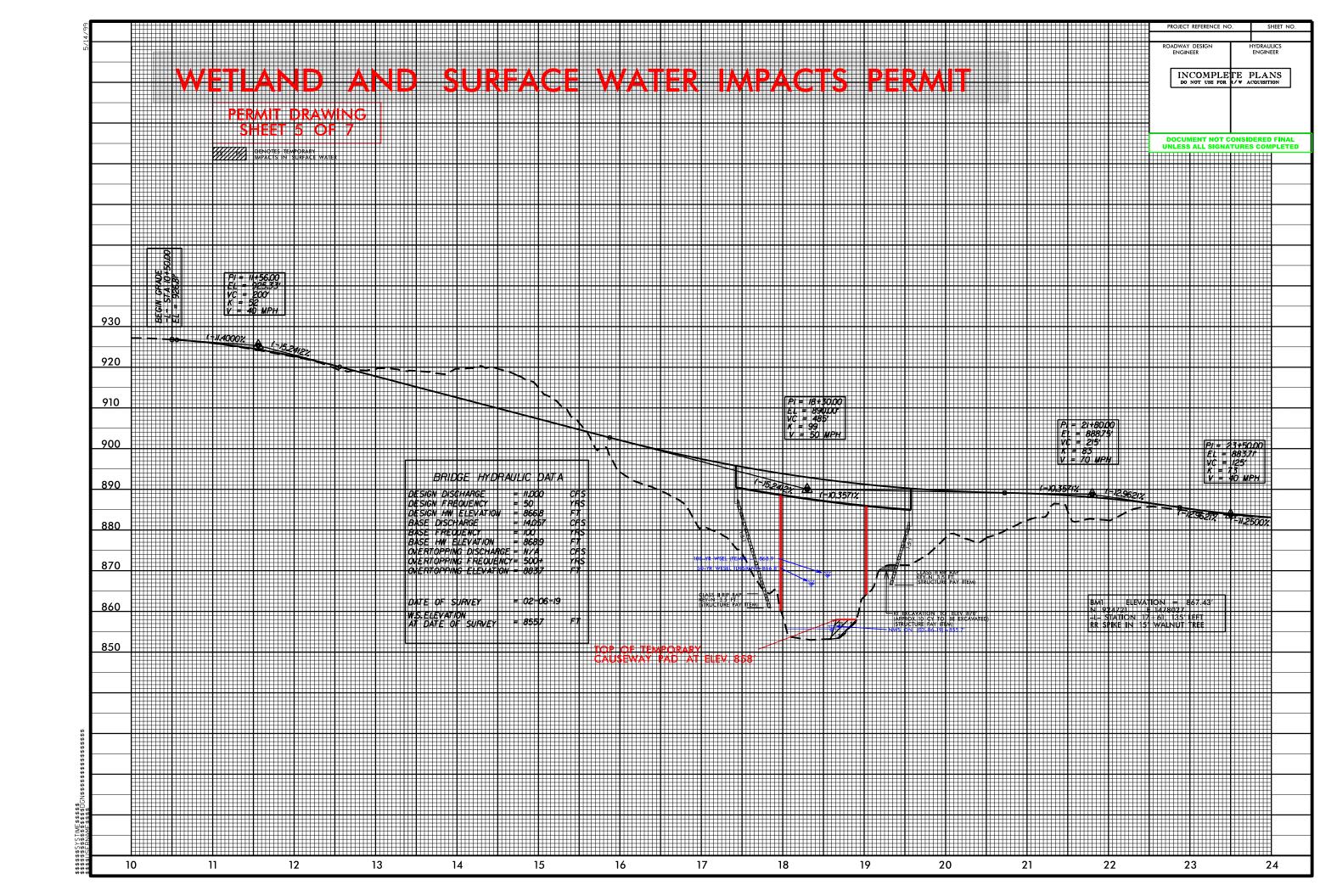
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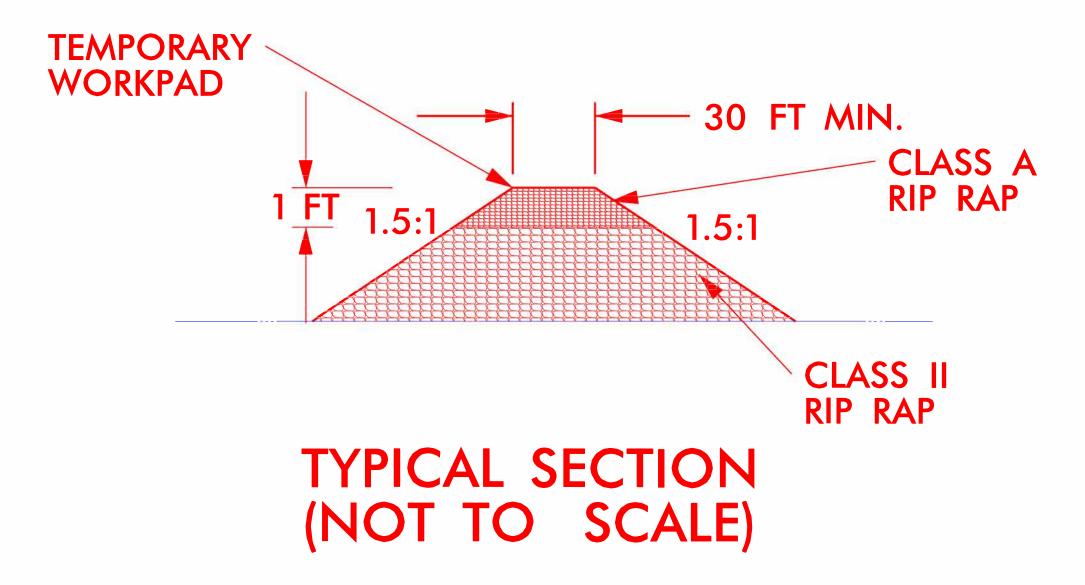








# TEMPORARY WORKPAD DETAIL



PERMIT DRAWING SHEET 6 OF 7

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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
1	-L- 18+00.7 to 18+15.5	Causeway	,	( )	,	( )	( )	. ,	0.02	( )	62	
2	-L- 18+60.4 to 19+07.3	Causeway							0.10		130	
3	-L- 17+65 to 17+95	Rip Rap at Embankment Bank Stabilization						< 0.01		12		
OTAL	C*·							< 0.01	0.12	12	192	0

*Rounded	totals	are	sum	οf	actual	impacts

NOTES:

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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

J. ERIC BOYETTE
SECRETARY

July 30, 2020

TO: Erin Cheely, Environmental Program Consultant

Environmental Coordination & Permitting Group, EAU

FROM: Melissa Miller, Environmental Program Consultant

Biological Surveys Group, EAU

SUBJECT: Section 7 survey results for the northern long-eared bat (Myotis

septentrionalis) and gray bat (Myotis grisescens) associated with the replacement of Bridge No. 103 over the Mitchell River on NC 268 in Surry

County, TIP No. BR-0048.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT, Division 11) proposes to replace Bridge No. 103 over the Mitchell River on NC 268 in Surry County, TIP No. BR-0048. The existing bridge is a three span structure with steel beams, concrete deck, end walls and guard rails. The overall length of the structure is 210 feet.

#### Northern long-eared bat

The project to replace Bridge No. 103 has been reviewed for effects on the northern long-eared bat (NLEB). As of May 4, 2015, NLEB is listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. As of July 30, 2020, NLEB is listed by USFWS (<a href="http://www.fws.gov/raleigh/species/cntylist/nc counties.html">http://www.fws.gov/raleigh/species/cntylist/nc counties.html</a>) as "probable/potential" in Surry County.

According to the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NHP) Biotics Database, most recently updated April 2020, the nearest NLEB hibernacula record is 59 miles southwest of the project and no known NLEB roost trees occur within 150 feet of the project area.

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NCDOT has also reviewed the USFWS Asheville Field office website (<a href="http://www.fws.gov/asheville/htmls/project review/NLEB in WNC.html">http://www.fws.gov/asheville/htmls/project review/NLEB in WNC.html</a>) for consistency with NHP records. This project is located entirely outside of the red highlighted areas (12-digit HUC) that the USFWS Asheville Field Office has determined to be representative of an area that may require consultation. The closest 12 digit (030501010502) red HUC is approximately 57 miles away (Upper Wilson Creek).

On May 30, 2018, NCDOT biologists assessed Bridge No. 103 for potential northern long-eared bat habitat. No crevices suitable for roosting were present on the structure. No evidence (bats, staining, and guano) of bats was observed. Snags and shaggy barked trees greater than 3"dbh are present within the project area. Based on the presence of suitable roost trees, NCDOT recommends a Biological Conclusion of *May Affect Not Likely To Adversely Affect* for the northern long-eared bat. To minimize impacts to potential roosting habitat, a tree clearing moratorium may be required between April 15 and August 15 of any year.

#### Gray bat

The project to replace Bridge No. 103 has also been reviewed for effects on the gray bat (MYGR). As of April 28, 1976, the gray bat was listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as "Endangered" under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. According to the USFWS Surry County webpage (accessed July 30, 2020), (<a href="http://www.fws.gov/raleigh/species/cntylist/nc\_counties.html">http://www.fws.gov/raleigh/species/cntylist/nc\_counties.html</a>), the gray bat is listed by USFWS as "current" in Surry County.

According to the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NHP) Biotics Database, most recently updated in April 2020, MYGR have not been documented in Surry County. NHP data indicate that **the closest known occurrence of MYGR is approximately 91 miles west of the project site.** In September 2019, a gray bat was found roosting in a bridge in Surry County 10 miles north of the project (*personal correspondence*). As of this writing, the Surry County occurrence is not yet reflected in the NHP Biotics Database.

On May 30, 2018, NCDOT biologists assessed bridge No. 103 for potential bat habitat. No crevices suitable for roosting were present on the structure. No evidence (bats, staining, and guano) of bats was observed. No caves or mines are located within the project footprint or within line of sight of the bridge. Based on the lack of evidence of bats, and the lack of caves or mines in the project vicinity NCDOT recommends a Biological Conclusion of **NO EFFECT** for gray bats.

Final design, tree clearing, and percussive activities information will be provided in the permit application.

If you need any additional information, please contact Melissa Miller at 919-707-6127.

Catawba Indian Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office 1536 Tom Steven Road Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

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



October 4, 2019

Attention: Philip S. Harris NC Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699

Re. THPO#

TCNS#

**Project Description** 

2019-193-36

Replacement of Bridge No. 103 over Mitchell River on NC 268 in Surry Co. BR-0048

Dear Mr. Harris,

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 caitlinh@ccppcrafts.com.

Sincerely,

Cattle Roger for Wenonah G. Haire

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer