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Mr. Jones

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has reviewed the Town of Knightdale's (the Town's) proposed Land Management Plan dated November 6, 2025, for the establishment of a low-intensity-use environmental education park within the Mingo Creek Mitigation Parcel. NCDOT concurs the natural trail system will have minimal effect on the ecological and mitigation value of the site provided the Town adheres to the proposed plan and conditions which include:

- Performing site maintenance and checking the park no less than weekly for litter/debris.
- Providing signage to ensure park visitors stay on marked paths.
- Inspecting Park for vehicle and foot trespass, dumping, hunting, and other non-permitted access/uses that could potentially impact site mitigation value.
- Eliminating all stream crossings on proposed trails.
- Using existing paths and easements to reduce the amount of vegetation that will be required to be removed/trimmed.
- Performing an updated wetland delineation near proposed trails to avoid critical protected areas.
- Clearing trees less than 2-inch caliper within proposed 30 ft² scenic vista area and installing wooden post fencing for safety.
- Establishing controls to limit proposed trailheads to pedestrian traffic.

Additionally, NCDOT has previously informed the Town of the other following requirements and/or conditions to ensure the Site's ecological integrity and mitigation value which include:

- The Town will provide the NCDOT and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), for approval, the proposed design, footprint, and construction materials for any future Town of Knightdale greenway located within the Mingo Creek Mitigation Site including the location and quantities of any stream and/or wetland resources impacted.

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- The Town is responsible for the cost and replacement of ALL mitigation credits impacted by the proposed project.
- The Town will be responsible for contacting, negotiating, and/or obtaining permission from the City of Raleigh and Duke Power to encroach upon, perform construction, and/or allow pedestrian access upon any utility easements used as trails or viewing areas located within the Mingo Creek Mitigation Site.
- The Town will explore options for property acquisition along Hodge Road for any future trail heads (Outside the Mingo Creek Mitigation Site Parcels).
- The Town will be responsible for performing a safety analysis/risk assessment for the proposed educational park and placement of all trails.

The Environmental Analysis Unit (EAU) will recommend the Town of Knightdale to proceed with the proposed Land Management Plan without the need for further action unless the USACE responds within two weeks to the contrary. Please contact me by phone at 919-707-6146 or email at lypaugh@ncdot.gov with any questions or comments. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Sincerely,



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