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Sent Via email: lypaugh@ncdot.gov

Leilani Paugh
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N.C. Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Paugh:

Reference the Department of the Army permit issued to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), on April 25, 2002, for the discharges of fill material in waters of the United States, including wetlands, for construction of the US 64 Knightdale Bypass (T.I.P. No. R-2547), in the Neuse River Basin, Wake County, North Carolina, and the subsequent modifications for additional impacts dated May 4, 2004, and February 16, 2005 (Action ID 200220819). This permit included a mitigation requirement for 28.6 acres of wetland preservation, along with upland buffer preservation, at the Mingo Creek mitigation site in Wake County.

Reference also your January 20, 2026 letter (enclosed), requesting modification to the mitigation site to allow the Town of Knightdale (the Town) to implement their proposed *Land Management Plan, Mingo Creek Mitigation Parcel (LMP)*, enclosed, revised November 6, 2025, for the establishment of a low-intensity-use environmental education park within the Mingo Creek Mitigation Parcel. You confirm that NCDOT has reviewed the proposed *LMP*, and concurs that 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 stated conditions.

We have reviewed the requested revision, and determined that it is appropriate and reasonable, and that no public notice is required. Therefore, we concur with your findings and grant permission for the compensatory mitigation modification as described in the *LMP*. No additional compensatory mitigation will be required based on the current information.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Eric Alsmeyer at (919) 817-1570.

Sincerely,

M. Scott Jones, PWS
WRDA / Transportation Branch Chief

Enclosures