

August 25, 2023

Mr. Tommy Fennel  
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Wilmington District Corps of Engineers  
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Dear Mr. Fennel:

This correspondence is related to the letter which the North Carolina Global TransPark (NCGTP) Authority received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on April 17, 2023 concerning the Section 404 permit for the NCGTP (Action ID. SAW 1992-02851), currently set to expire in October 2028. In this letter, the USACE stated that a significant reassessment of the NCGTP environmental documentation may be required for permit renewal, and as a result, approved wetland mitigation credits developed for the NCGTP could be at risk. To avoid such risk, the USACE recommended that the NCGTP Authority move to include the existing wetland mitigation credits under the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument (UMBI) so that they would be protected in the future. The NCGTP Authority intends to pursue this recommendation and seeks authorization for this action. Enclosed, please find the UMBI Addendum documentation prepared by NCDOT Environmental Analysis Unit. NCGTP Authority requests that USACE review the proposed documentation and provide any comments so that this action can be finalized. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact XXXX. Thank you for your help in protecting these valuable mitigation assets.

Sincerely,

Preston Hunter  
Executive Director  
North Carolina Global TransPark Authority