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MEMORANDUM TO: Jim Stanfill, Strategic Planning Supervisor
NC Ecosystems Enhancement Program

FROM: Bruce O. Ellis, CLM, PWS, Assistant Unit Head
NCDOT, Natural Environment Unit 

SUBJECT: Mitigation Transfer Request, Goldsboro Outer Loop, Wayne and
Lenior Counties, TIP No. R-2554.

NCDOT Natural Environment Unit requests a transfer of 26.84 acres of wetland mitigation from the Bear Creek Mitigation Bank, located in CU 03020202, Lenior County. The wetland mitigation from this site will be used as on-site mitigation for the Goldsboro Bypass at a ratio of 1:1.

Please contact me at 919 715-1418 if you have any questions.

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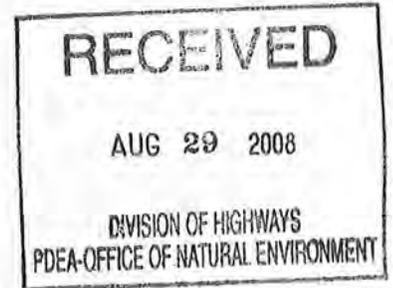
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August 28, 2008

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Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Subject: Transfer of Riparian Wetland Mitigation Credits for Case by Case Mitigation Negotiations

R-2554, Goldsboro Bypass, Wayne and Lenoir Counties

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) has received your letter dated January 6, 2008. In response, EEP has transferred mitigation assets from the Bear Creek Mitigation Bank to NCDOT in support of your efforts to negotiate the use of these assets to meet requirements associated with the above referenced project. Based on the information provided in your request the following amount of mitigation assets and credits has been transferred to NCDOT:

Project Name	Identification Number	Mitigation Type	Quantity (Feet or Acres)	Credits
Bear Creek Mitigation Bank	25	Riparian Wetland Restoration	26.84 acres	26.84

Concurrently, the riparian wetland impacts associated with this TIP number will be removed from the NCDOT's Impact Projection Database (mitigation order) and EEP is no longer responsible for generating the mitigation credits to offset these stream and non-riparian impacts.

The Bear Creek mitigation site was established under a Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI) and is subject to credit releases during the life of the project. Based on the mitigation plan and MBI, the mitigation project is projected to contain a total of 165.0

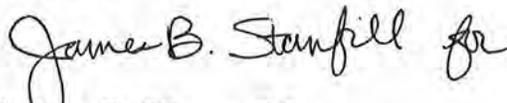


riparian wetland credits (88 restoration credits and 77 restoration equivalent credits). As of June 30, 2008, EEP had documentation confirming that fifteen percent of the total anticipated riparian wetland credits have been released (13.20 restoration credits and 11.55 restoration equivalent credits). As of August 7, 2008, mitigation debits from this site were 5.423 restoration credits and 4.06 restoration equivalent credits. Due to an administrative oversight by the consultant, no additional wetland credits have been officially released from this site. Based on discussions with the NCDOT and the consultant overseeing the completion of the Bear Creek site, EEP understands that the Mitigation Bank Review Team (MBRT) has agreed to release 75% of the total anticipated riparian wetland credits (66 restoration credits and 57.75 restoration equivalent credits for a total of 123.75 riparian wetland credits); however, no documentation of this release has been received by EEP. Until EEP receives documentation from the MBRT that the credits are released, no additional debits can be made to this mitigation bank for riparian wetland requirements in this cataloging unit.

EEP understands that if the NCDOT does not require the full amount of riparian wetland mitigation assets listed above to satisfy the mitigation requirements for this TIP project, then the unused amount will be transferred back to the EEP for utilization on future mitigation needs within cataloging unit 03020202 in the Neuse River basin per the Memorandum of Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. If the NCDOT needs additional riparian wetland mitigation credits from the Bear Creek Mitigation Bank in order to complete negotiations, an additional request to transfer mitigation credits will be necessary.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Beth Harmon at 919-715-1929.

Sincerely,



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