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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: Request to Transfer Wetland Mitigation Credits to NCDOT
for Case by Case Mitigation Negotiations.

B-4019, Replace Bridge 103 over Runyon Creek on NC 32,
Beaufort County.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) transfer mitigation assets and credits in order for the NCDOT to complete case by case negotiation with the regulatory agencies to satisfy the mitigation requirements associated with the above referenced project. The proposed project is located in the Tar Pamlico River Basin, CU 03020104. NCDOT requests that EEP transfer the following acres from the Grimesland Mitigation site located in the Tar Pamlico River Basin CU 03020103 to offset project related impacts.

Riparian Wetland: 1 acre creation

The NCDOT Natural Environment Unit is pursuing "case by case" wetland mitigation options for Bridge 103 and will propose using mitigation credits generated by the Grimesland Mitigation Site in CU 03020103. NCDOT intends to submit to request to the regulatory agencies utilizing a 1:1 mitigation ratio for project related impacts.

Concurrently, the riparian and non riparian wetland impacts associated with this TIP should be removed from the NCDOT's Impact Projection Database (mitigation order) dated February 2, 2007. The NCDOT acknowledges that EEP is no longer responsible for generating the mitigation assets and credits to offset these wetland impacts associated with this TIP project.

Please contact me at 919 431-6754 if you have any questions.

Cc: Bill Gilmore, P.E., Director, EEP
Phil Harris, P.E., Unit Head, NEU
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February 9, 2009

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Dear Mr. Ellis:

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

B-4019, Replace Bridge Number 103 over Runyon Creek on NC 32, Beaufort County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) has received your request dated February 3, 2009 for riparian wetland assets. In response, EEP has transferred the mitigation assets from the Grimesland Mitigation site (Phase 1) 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, EEP has updated the amount of mitigation assets and credits transferred. The following amount of mitigation assets and credits has been transferred to NCDOT:

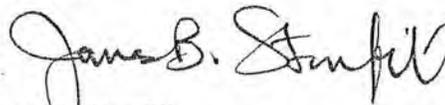
| Project Name | Identification Number | Mitigation Type | Quantity (Feet or Acres) | Credits |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Grimesland Site (Phase 1) | 156 | Riparian Wetland Creation | 1 | 0.33 |

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.

EEP understands that if the NCDOT does not require the full amount of 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 03020103 in the Tar-Pamlico 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 wetland mitigation credits from the Grimesland Mitigation site (Phase 1) in order to complete negotiations, an additional request to transfer mitigation 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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