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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.

Case by Case Mitigation Request, Jacksonville Bypass,  
Onslow County, TIP No.U-4007

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 White Oak River basin, CU 03030001. NCDOT requests that EEP transfer the following acres from the Croatan Mitigation Site, located in Neuse River basin CU 03020204, to offset project related impacts.

Riparian Wetland 20.0 acres restoration

The NCDOT Natural Environment Unit is pursuing "case by case" wetland mitigation options for TIP U-4007 and will propose using mitigation credits generated by the Croatan Mitigation Site in CU 03020204. The request is for additional acreage pursuant to Section 404 permit conditions.

Concurrently, riparian wetland impacts associated with this TIP should be removed from the NCDOT's Impact Projection Database (mitigation order) dated February 1, 2010. 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  
Beth Harmon, DOT Coordinator, EEP  
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May 25, 2010

Mr. Bruce Ellis, CLM, PWS  
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Dear Mr. Ellis:

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

**U-4007, US 17 Improvements from Jacksonville Bypass to Drummer Kellum Road, Onslow County, White Oak River Basin (03030001)**

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) has received your request dated May 20, 2009 for riparian wetland assets. In response, EEP has transferred the riparian wetland mitigation assets from the Croatan Mitigation Site 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:

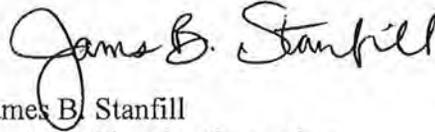
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Identification Number</b>	<b>Mitigation Type</b>	<b>Quantity (Feet or Acres)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Croatan	104	Riparian Restoration	20.0	20.0

Consequently, 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 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 03020204 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 wetland mitigation credits from the Croatan Mitigation site 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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