# Starway Village Apartments

Protection of Wetlands (EO 11990) Determination

#### Starway Village Apartments Project EO 11990 Protection of Wetlands Determination Affordable Housing Development Fund Program November 17, 2022

#### Introduction & Overview

The purpose of EO 11990 Protection of Wetlands is "to avoid to the extent possible the long- and shortterm adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands and to avoid direct or indirect support of new construction in wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative." This determination contains the analysis prescribed by 24 CFR Part 55.

This project involves U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding for construction of new affordable, multifamily housing consisting of seven buildings containing 278 apartment units for low- and moderate-income families. The analysis that follows focuses on wetland impacts, as there are direct wetland impacts associated with this project. Based on the type of land use and facility and other case characteristics described herein, it is concluded that there is a reasonable basis to proceed with funding for this proposed action within a wetland. The CDBG-DR funding is administered through the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) Affordable Housing Development Fund Program which is developing safer and more resilient communities while increasing the availability of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families. Thus, alternatives preventing or impeding the development of safer and more resilient communities along with increasing affordable housing options are not considered reasonable alternatives.

#### **Description of Proposed Action & Land Use**

The proposed action consists of an affordable housing multifamily development located on an approximate 15.67-acre tract located at 2346 Carolina Beach Road in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401. The four parcels that comprise the project site include R06013-021-001-000, R06018-002-006-001, R06014-001-001-000, and R06014-001-004-000. The proposed action entails construction of 278 units in seven apartment buildings (three and four stories), two playgrounds, a clubhouse, a pool, parking, two stormwater detention ponds, and landscaping improvements. An extension of Maryland Avenue to Carolina Beach Road across the southern portion of the site is also proposed. The development will be conducted in two phases.

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel Number 3720312600K (eff. 8/28/18), the proposed action site is wholly located in Zone X (Areas of Minimal Flood Hazard), outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and 100-year floodplain. The proposed action site does not include any areas of regulatory floodway. There are no Preliminary FIRMs available at the FEMA Flood Map Service Center for the proposed action site. A manmade ditch located on the southern and eastern portions of the proposed action site is not considered a HUD wetland or open water and, thus, is excluded from this EO 11990 Determination.

This proposed action will assist the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County in providing affordable housing for the local community. The City is seeking to address the shortage in affordable housing inventory exacerbated by the effects of Hurricane Florence. The State of North Carolina was adversely impacted by the landfall of Hurricanes Matthew (October 8, 2016) and Florence (September 14, 2018). These hurricanes damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes worsening the affordable housing shortage.

#### **Applicable Regulatory Procedure Per EO 11990**

The proposed action corresponds with a noncritical action not excluded under 24 CFR §55.12. Funding is permissible for new construction in the wetland if the proposed action is processed under §55.20 and the findings of the determination are affirmative to suggest that the project may proceed. Based on information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jurisdictional Determination (JD) (see **Appendix 1**), there will be new construction within an isolated, freshwater, emergent/scrub-shrub wetland (0.24-acre) on the northern portion of the proposed action site. Due to the use of HUD funds, compliance with EO 11990 through completion of the 8-step process under 24 CFR 55.20 is required for projects with wetland impacts regardless of whether the USACE has authorized or requires a general or regional Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit. Thus, in accordance with the decision-making process set forth in 24 CFR Part 55, this analysis focuses on wetlands.

#### Step 1. Determine Whether the Proposed Action Results in New Construction in Wetland.

Based on the USACE Jurisdictional Determination, the proposed action is located in non-federal (isolated/non-jurisdictional), freshwater wetland, as shown in **Appendix 1**. The HUD definition of wetlands under 24 CFR 55.2(b)(11) includes non-jurisdictional, isolated wetlands. The proposed action is considered new construction in wetlands as the development will involve fill and grading for a proposed stormwater management pond and fill for a stable foundation for one of the apartment buildings (Building 2).

According to the USACE, the proposed action will not require a CWA Section 404 Permit. However, the proposed impact to the wetland qualifies to use the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Water Resources (DWR) State General Permit for Impacts to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters (Permit Number: IWGP100000) issued on July 15, 2022. This General Permit is issued in conformity with the requirements of North Carolina Regulations in 15A NCAC 02H .1300, as amended by Session Law 2015-286, for the discharge of fill material to isolated wetlands and isolated surface waters of the State of North Carolina. Per the North Carolina Wetland Assessment Method (NCWAM) manual, the onsite wetland has been classified as a Basin Wetland (see **Appendix 1**). The proposed action's activities will be completed in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements and conditions. Permits required for this proposed project shall be obtained before commencing work and appended to the environmental review record when received from the permitting agencies.

#### Step 2. Initiate Public Notice for Early Review of Proposal.

Because the proposed action involves new construction in wetlands, NCORR published an early notice that allowed for public and agency input on the decision to provide funding for construction and development activities. The early public notice and 15-day comment period is complete. No public comments were received.

The early notice and corresponding 15-day public comment period started on October 21, 2022 with the "Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland" being published in the Wilmington Star-News newspaper, with the 15-day period expiring on November 7, 2022. The notice targeted local residents within the community. The notice was also posted at <a href="https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policies-reports/environmental-reviews">https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policies-reports/environmental-reviews</a> and sent via Federal Express and email to the following federal and state agencies on October 21, 2022: HUD NC Field Office; Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); USACE; NC State Environmental Clearinghouse; and NC Housing Finance Agency. The notice was also sent to New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington. (See Appendix 2 for the early notice distributed to these agencies, the newspaper publication affidavit, and distribution documentation).

#### Step 3. Identify and Evaluate Practicable Alternatives to Locating the Proposed Action in a Wetland.

The North Carolina Affordable Housing Development Fund Program empowers the State's most impacted communities with the technical expertise needed to develop thorough and implementable reconstruction plans to build physically, socially, and economically resilient and sustainable communities.

Multiple alternatives were considered for the current proposed action. The four sites that were considered include:

- <u>Site 1: 1149 N. Kerr Avenue, Wilmington NC 28405</u>: Site 1 was unfeasible for three reasons: (1) NCDOT is improving the Kerr/MLK intersection and the contemplated future southbound turn lane on Kerr Avenue will block access to the site; (2) the site location required building an expensive bridge over an environmentally sensitive creek; and (3) the site location sits at the back end of the Wilmington International Airport and there was concern about noise pollution adversely impacting future tenants.
- <u>Site 2: 316 Marlboro St., Wilmington NC 28403</u>: Site 2 was unfeasible because the seller was unwilling to sell at a price that allowed the applicant to build a 100% affordable apartment development.
- <u>Site 3: 5529 Park Avenue, Wilmington NC 28403:</u> Site 3 was unfeasible because the seller was unwilling to sell at a price that allowed the applicant to build a 100% affordable apartment development.
- <u>Site 4: 2346 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28401 (Preferred Alternative)</u>: Site 4 was considered the preferred alternative as it was ideal for the development due to the close proximity and availability of existing utility services to the site. The proposed action will be a multifamily, affordable housing complex that will provide new, safe housing that is needed in the area for low-and middle-income households. The proposed action will assist the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County to provide affordable housing for the local community. The site is zoned MD-17 (High-density multiple-dwelling residential) that allows for an increase in housing diversity and allows those residents to utilize existing goods and services within one mile of the site according to the Staff Summary Report. This site was found to be a suitable site with minimal adverse environmental impacts for affordable, multifamily housing in an area that needs it.

In summary, alternative Sites 1-3 were evaluated, but were determined not feasible for the reasons listed above. In addition, these sites were not as competitive using the State's scoring criteria for LIHTC awards. Site 4 was chosen because it met most of the NCHFA 2021 QAP scoring criteria. There are very few sites in the southern Wilmington area that fall within the 1.5-mile driving distances from grocery stores, pharmacies, etc., that make up the most consequential portion of the scoring criteria. Ultimately, Site 4 was chosen as the most suitable location for the proposed action.

Another alternative for the current proposed action is the "No Action" Alternative. With the No Action Alternative, affordable housing would not be provided for low-income families in the local community. The City would need to find other options to address the shortage in affordable housing inventory exacerbated by the effects of hurricanes that recently damaged and destroyed homes. Thus, the "No Action" Alternative is not feasible in relation to the desired objective of creating affordable housing options in the City.

The above-identified alternatives will be re-evaluated in response to public comments received.

# *Step 4.* Identify & Evaluate Potential Direct & Indirect Impacts Associated with Occupancy or Modification of the Wetland and Potential Direct & Indirect Support of Wetland Development that Could Result from Proposed Action.

The proposed direct impacts include new construction within a freshwater, emergent/scrub-shrub wetland (0.24-acre) on the northern portion of the proposed action site that involve fill and grading for a proposed stormwater management pond and fill for a stable foundation for one of the apartment buildings (Building 2).

#### Wetland Evaluation

The purpose of wetland evaluation is to consider factors relevant to a proposed action's effect on the survival and quality of any wetlands to be disturbed. These factors should include public health (including water supply and water quality), maintenance of natural systems, cost increases attributed to construction in wetland, and other uses of wetland in the public interest. The USACE Jurisdictional Determination and wetland delineation map indicate one wetland area located on the proposed action site. The proposed action will result in permanent impacts to approximately 0.24 acre of isolated wetland. These impacts will consist of fill and grading for a proposed stormwater management pond and fill for a stable foundation for one of the apartment buildings (Building 2). Further, mitigation measures are incorporated into the design plans, and permit requirements and conditions will be complied with during construction.

# Public health, safety, and welfare, including water supply, quality, recharge, and discharge; pollution; flood and storm hazards and hazard protection; and sediment and erosion.

The onsite, depressional basin wetland functions as collection point for stormwater from the Starway Flea Market and surrounding commercial properties. The natural and beneficial functions and values related to hydrology and water quality include slowing down stormwater runoff, providing surface and subsurface retention, and filtering out pollutants. The two stormwater management ponds for the proposed action will assist with reducing potential flooding on the site and in the immediate area. According to a University of Florida/IFAS article (https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/SS695), "Stormwater ponds' primary purpose is flood control, and they are designed to intercept stormwater runoff (precipitation that runs off our buildings, roads, parking lots, and sidewalks), but they also provide other services like a place for sediment to settle out of the water column, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities like birding, and pollutant removal. Overall, stormwater ponds help mitigate the impacts of urban stormwater runoff while protecting our natural waterways from nutrient loading, erosion, sedimentation, and algal blooms." Further, there are no 100-year or 500-year floodplains or regulatory floodway present on the site. Therefore, the proposed action should not increase impacts to *public health, safety, and welfare*.

Water supply wells were not identified at the proposed action site. The site will be provided with municipal water from the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA). The proposed action should not negatively affect the municipal water supply of the region. Plans and specifications for the construction, expansion, or alteration of a public water system must be approved by the NC DEQ DWR Public Water Supply Section prior to the award of a contract or the initiation of construction as per 15A NCAC 18C .0300 et. seq. All public water supply systems must comply with state and federal drinking water monitoring requirements. If existing water lines will be relocated during the construction, plans for the water line relocation must be submitted to the NC DEQ DWR Public Water Supply Section. The proposed action will not include the discharge of sewer to surfaces of the site or surrounding properties. The site will be provided with municipal water water service.

The proposed project will have a state stormwater permit, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and Approval, which is being developed as required. A NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (NCG010000) is also usually issued should design features meet minimum requirements. BMPs for erosion and sedimentation control will be utilized during construction. Further, the proposed project will comply, if required, with 15A NCAC 2H 1000 State Stormwater Permitting Programs that regulate site development and post-construction stormwater runoff control. According to NC DEQ, areas subject to these permit programs include all 20 coastal counties, and various other counties and watersheds throughout the State. The proposed project will conform to construction requirements of the State of North Carolina and New Hanover County.

According to the USACE, the proposed project will not require a CWA Section 404 Permit. However, the NC DEQ, DWR State General Permit for Impacts to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters (Permit Number: IWGP100000) issued on July 15, 2022 applies to this project. This General Permit is issued in conformity with the requirements of North Carolina regulations in 15A NCAC 02H .1300, as amended by Session Law 2015-286, for the discharge of fill material to isolated wetlands and isolated surface waters of the State of North Carolina. Per the NCWAM manual, the onsite wetland has been classified as a Basin Wetland. According to the NC DEQ DWR-WQRS Section comments (Starway Village Apartments Project Environmental Assessment [EA] - Attachment 34), it is "recommended to schedule a site visit with 401 Water quality staff to discuss the proposal and to ensure compliance will be maintained per 401 surface Water requirements, surface water standards and buffer rules. If wetland, riparian buffers or stream impacts are proposed, this project will need to comply with/secure a 404 permit from the USACE, obtain a 401 Water Quality Certification authorization and a riparian buffer authorization." The proposed action's activities will be completed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements and conditions. Permits required for this proposed action shall be obtained before commencing work and appended to the environmental review record when received from the permitting agencies.

Maintenance of natural systems, including conservation and long-term productivity of existing flora and fauna; species and habitat diversity and stability; natural hydrologic function; wetland type; fish; wildlife; timber; and food and fiber resources.

Two stormwater ponds will be built for the proposed action and provide stormwater retention functions, thus, replacing the natural function of the onsite, isolated wetland to be impacted. These ponds can also provide wildlife habitat. Native plants will be utilized in the site's landscaping design. Thus, the proposed action has been designed and mitigation measures incorporated to have the minimal impacts on these features.

According to the Phase I ESA and Protected Species Assessment site visits, the proposed action site consists of cleared dirt and gravel parking areas and a large commercial building with large bay doors formerly operated as the Starway Flea Market. The smaller parcels along Carolina Beach Road consist of two single-family residential lots with grass lawns, a commercial car retail outbuilding, and associated parking areas. There are approximately 3 acres of pine-mixed hardwood wooded areas, a depressional, basin wetland (0.24 acre) surrounded by uplands on the northern portion of the site, and a manmade ditch on the southern and eastern portions of the proposed action site. The proposed action site is situated in an area of dense residential, commercial, and industrial development. During the 24 CFR 58 environmental review process, "no effect" determinations were made for federally-listed, protected (threatened or endangered), candidate and proposed species, except for the NLEB, and a "no Eagle Act permit required" determination. The proposed action is Self-certification Letter, 10-step project review package, and signed NLEB 4(d) Rule Streamlined Consultation Form were submitted to the USFWS on October 17, 2022 as notification of its determination and requested acknowledgement of receipt and determination that the proposed action "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the NLEB." Under the NLEB 4(d) Rule Streamlined Consultation

Form, "[i]f the USFWS does not respond within 30 days from submittal of this form, the action agency may presume that its determination is informed by the best available information and that its project responsibilities under7(a)(2) with respect to the NLEB are fulfilled through the USFWS January 5, 2016, Programmatic BO. USFWS has not contacted NCORR for additional information. A response has not been received from the USFWS, however, if a response is received then it will be included in the environmental review record. The Grant Recipient will update this determination annually for multi-year activities. The USFWS recommends to avoid tree clearing from April 1 to October 31 for the NLEB. It is also recommended to conduct vegetation and tree clearing from September 1-April 30 to avoid impacts to nesting migratory birds (nesting season is typically May-August).

The proposed action's activities will be completed in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements and conditions. Permits required for this proposed action shall be obtained before commencing work and appended to the environmental review record when received from the permitting agencies. Thus, there will be minimal to no effect on living resources such as natural systems such as flora and fauna, timber, and food and fiber resources.

# Cost increases attributed to wetland-required new construction and mitigation measures to minimize harm to wetlands that may result from such use.

The proposed scope of work involves native plants used in landscaping and two stormwater retention ponds built on the site, including one large pond in the location of the wetland. The stormwater retention ponds will require regular maintenance, as needed, but retention ponds are standard requirements for similar development sites in Wilmington. These additional costs are minimal along with additional work and reports required. These costs include Wetland Delineation (field work): \$4,000, Permits (civil engineer's time to file/coordinate): \$3,500, and Army Corps Jurisdictional Determination Application Fee: \$500. The alternative sites that were evaluated and discussed in Step 3 had a significantly higher purchase price than those that can be attributed to these additional wetland-required costs. There are no anticipated cost increases attributed to additional mitigation measures to minimize harm to wetlands as these measures are built into existing plans. Since the impacts to wetlands are less than one acre, no compensatory mitigation is required.

#### Other uses of wetland in the public interest, including recreational, scientific, and cultural uses.

The wetland located on the northern portion of the proposed action site is surrounded by development on all sides. The wetland is proposed to be completely filled. There are no identifiable recreational, scientific, or cultural uses of the wetland that will be impacted by the proposed action.

As part of the 24 CFR 58 environmental review, the NC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Chief Bill Harris and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the Catawba Indian Nation were consulted regarding any historic or tribal resources in the area that could be affected by the proposed action. On November 14, 2022, the NC SHPO responded that the project will have no effect on historic properties. On November 10, 2022, the Catawba Indian Nation's THPO responded that the "Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. However, the Catawba are to be notified if Native American artifacts and/ or human remains are located during the ground disturbance phase of this project." The SHPO and Catawba Indian Nation consultation documentation is included in the Starway Village Apartments Project EA.

# *Step 5.* Where Practicable, Design or Modify the Proposed Action to Minimize the Potential Adverse Impacts to the Wetland and to Restore and Preserve its Natural and Beneficial Functions and Values.

The onsite, depressional, basin wetland functions as collection point for stormwater from the Starway Flea Market and surrounding commercial properties. The natural and beneficial functions and values related to hydrology and water quality include slowing down stormwater runoff, providing surface and subsurface retention, and filtering out pollutants. The two stormwater management ponds for the proposed action will assist with reducing potential flooding on the site and in the immediate area. The proposed action was designed to minimize impacts from removal of the wetland by constructing a larger stormwater pond in the same location. It was not feasible to design the proposed action to avoid the wetland due to the size of the site, four-story building limit by local zoning, NCHFA design criteria, and the need for at least 278 units. As the impacts to wetlands are less than one acre, no compensatory mitigation is required.

The proposed project will have a state stormwater permit, SWPPP, and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and Approval, which is being developed as required. A NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (NCG010000) is also usually issued should design features meet minimum requirements. BMPs for erosion and sedimentation control will be utilized during construction. Further, the proposed project will comply, if required, with 15A NCAC 2H 1000 State Stormwater Permitting Programs that regulate site development and post-construction stormwater runoff control. According to NC DEQ, areas subject to these permit programs include all 20 coastal counties, and various other counties and watersheds throughout the State. The proposed project will conform to construction requirements of the State of North Carolina and New Hanover County. The short-term construction impacts will be mitigated by BMPs for debris, dust, and erosion control during construction activities. Native plants will be used in the site's landscaping design.

The two proposed stormwater ponds will also assist with erosion control and sedimentation. Stormwater ponds can provide services like a place for sediment to settle out of the water column, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities like birding, and pollutant removal. A University of Florida/IFAS article notes "[o]verall, stormwater ponds help mitigate the impacts of urban stormwater runoff while protecting our natural waterways from nutrient loading, erosion, sedimentation, and algal blooms." An Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and Approval will be required for the site. Further, the proposed action will comply with all federal, State and local permit conditions and requirements. These mitigation measures will help minimize flood water level for the area, intercept stormwater runoff, and filter out pollutants. The stormwater ponds will intercept runoff similar to the functions of the onsite wetland, with one large pond being constructed in the area of the wetland.

#### Step 6. Reevaluate the Alternatives and Proposed Action.

Sites 1-3 were not feasible due to anticipated traffic issues, bridge expenses over an environmentally sensitive creek, airport noise issues, economic viability of the proposed action related to seller's high purchase price, and non-competitive scores within the State's scoring criteria for LIHTC awards.

Site 4 at 2346 Carolina Beach Road (Preferred Alternative) was determined to be a suitable site using the NCHFA scoring system and its close proximity and availability of existing utility services and surrounding existing development. No other suitable alternative sites were identified and reviewed. As such, this option was deemed most feasible. The proposed action was designed to minimize impacts from removal of the wetland by constructing a larger stormwater pond in the same location.

The "No Action" Alternative would not address the purpose and need of the proposed action. The City would need to find other options to address the shortage in affordable housing inventory exacerbated by the effects of hurricanes that recently damaged and destroyed homes. Therefore, the "No Action" Alternative examined is not considered desirable, and the proposed action is still practicable in light of potential adverse

impacts on the wetland and the potential to disrupt the natural and beneficial functions and values of this isolated wetland.

Implementation of the proposed action will abide by all applicable federal, State and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements and conditions. Permits required for this proposed project shall be obtained before commencing work and appended to the environmental review record when received from the permitting agencies. The impacts of these alternatives will be re-evaluated in response to any public comments received.

#### Step 7. Issue Findings and Public Explanation.

It is the finding of this report that there is no better alternative than to provide funding for the Starway Village Apartments Project. The City would need to find other suitable options to address the shortage in affordable housing inventory exacerbated by the effects of the recent hurricanes.

A final notice, formally known as "Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland" was being published in accordance with 24 CFR 55. However, this notice was combined with the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF) for a 15-day comment period. The 15-day comment period started with the combined notice publishing in the Wilmington Star-News newspaper on November 18, 2022 and expires on December 5, 2022. The notice was also posted at https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policiesreports/environmental-reviews and sent via Federal Express and email to the following state and federal agencies on November 18, 2022: HUD NC Field Office; FEMA; EPA; USFWS; USACE; NC State Environmental Clearinghouse; and NC Housing Finance Agency. The notice was also sent to New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington. (See Appendix 3 for the final notice distributed to these agencies). Any comments received will be addressed, if significant, and added to the EA.

#### Step 8. Continuing Responsibility of Responsible Entity & Recipient.

NCORR is the responsible entity and will provide educational materials, when available. It is acknowledged there is a continuing responsibility by the responsible entity to ensure, to the extent feasible and necessary, compliance with the Steps herein.

# **Appendix 1**

**USACE** Jurisdictional Determination

### **USFWS NWI Map**

**Site Plans** 

NCDEQ-DWR State General Permit for Impacts to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters (Permit Number: IWGP100000)

Dichotomous Key to General North Carolina Wetland Types

NCWAM Wetland Rating Sheet/Assessment Form

**Site Photographs** 

## Electronically Transmitted U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WILMINGTON DISTRICT

#### Action Id. SAW-2021-01647 County: New Hanover U.S.G.S. Quad: NC-Wilmington

#### NOTIFICATION OF JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

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Size (acres)	<u>16</u>	Nearest Town	Wilmington
Nearest Waterway	Cape Fear River	River Basin	Cape Fear
USGS HUC	03030005	Coordinates	Latitude: 34.196388
			Longitude: -77.939694
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Location description: The project area is located at 2346 Carolina Beach Road in Wilmington.

#### **Indicate Which of the Following Apply:**

#### A. Preliminary Determination

□ There appear to be **waters, including wetlands** on the above described project area/property, that may be subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)(33 USC § 1344) and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) (33 USC § 403). The **waters, including wetlands** have been delineated, and the delineation has been verified by the Corps to be sufficiently accurate and reliable. The approximate boundaries of these waters are shown on the enclosed delineation map dated **DATE**. Therefore this preliminary jurisdiction determination may be used in the permit evaluation process, including determining compensatory mitigation. For purposes of computation of impacts, compensatory mitigation requirements, and other resource protection measures, a permit decision made on the basis of a preliminary JD will treat all waters and wetlands that would be affected in any way by the permitted activity on the site as if they are jurisdictional waters of the U.S. This preliminary determination is not an appealable action under the Regulatory Program Administrative Appeal Process (Reference 33 CFR Part 331). However, you may request an approved JD, which is an appealable action, by contacting the Corps district for further instruction.

□ There appear to be **waters, including wetlands** on the above described project area/property, that may be subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)(33 USC § 1344) and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) (33 USC § 403). However, since the **waters, including wetlands** have not been properly delineated, this preliminary jurisdiction determination may not be used in the permit evaluation process. Without a verified wetland delineation, this preliminary determination is merely an effective presumption of CWA/RHA jurisdiction over all of the **waters, including wetlands** at the project area, which is not sufficiently accurate and reliable to support an enforceable permit decision. We recommend that you have the **waters, including wetlands** on your project area/property delineated. As the Corps may not be able to accomplish this wetland delineation in a timely manner, you may wish to obtain a consultant to conduct a delineation that can be verified by the Corps.

#### **B.** Approved Determination

□ There are Navigable Waters of the United States within the above described project area/property subject to the permit requirements of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) (33 USC § 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)(33 USC § 1344). Unless there is a change in law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.

There are **waters, including wetlands**on the above described project area/property subject to the permit requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 USC § 1344). Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.

We recommend you have the **waters, including wetlands** on your project area/property delineated. As the Corps may not be able to accomplish this wetland delineation in a timely manner, you may wish to obtain a consultant to conduct a delineation that can be verified by the Corps.

The waters, including wetlands on your project area/property have been delineated and the delineation has been verified by the Corps. The approximate boundaries of these waters are shown on the enclosed delineation map dated. We strongly suggest

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you have this delineation surveyed. Upon completion, this survey should be reviewed and verified by the Corps. Once verified, this survey will provide an accurate depiction of all areas subject to CWA jurisdiction on your property which, provided there is no change in the law or our published regulations, may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years.

The waters, including wetlands have been delineated and surveyed and are accurately depicted on the plat signed by the

Corps Regulatory Official identified below on **DATE**. Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.

- There are no waters of the U.S., to include wetlands, present on the above described project area/property which are subject to the permit requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.
- The property is located in one of the 20 Coastal Counties subject to regulation under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA). You should contact the Division of Coastal Management in Morehead City, NC, at (252) 808-2808 to determine their requirements.

Placement of dredged or fill material within waters of the US, including wetlands, without a Department of the Army permit may constitute a violation of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1311). Placement of dredged or fill material, construction or placement of structures, or work within navigable waters of the United States without a Department of the Army permit may constitute a violation of Sections 9 and/or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC § 401 and/or 403). If you have any questions regarding this determination and/or the Corps regulatory program, please contact **Brad Shaver** at <u>910-251-4611</u> or **brad.e.shaver@usace.army.mil**.

# C. Basis For Determination: Basis For Determination: <u>See the approved jurisdictional determination</u> <u>form dated 08/04/2021.</u>

#### D. Remarks: Desktop determination.

#### E. Attention USDA Program Participants

This delineation/determination has been conducted to identify the limits of Corps' Clean Water Act jurisdiction for the particular site identified in this request. The delineation/determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. If you or your tenant are USDA Program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, prior to starting work.

# **F.** Appeals Information (This information applies only to approved jurisdictional determinations as indicated in B. above)

If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the following address:

US Army Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Division Attn: Mr. Philip A. Shannin Administrative Appeal Review Officer 60 Forsyth Street SW, Floor M9 Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8803 <u>AND</u> PHILIP.A.SHANNIN@USACE.ARMY.MIL In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by 10/03/2021.

\*\*It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this correspondence.\*\*

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Corps Regulatory Official:

Date of JD: <u>08/04/2021</u> Expiration Date of JD: <u>08/03/2026</u>

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Figure 3: Delineated Features Map Starway Village Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC June 2021



#### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 08/04/2021 ORM Number: SAW-2021-01647 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: NC City: Wilmington County/Parish/Borough: New Hanover

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 34.196388 Longitude -77.939694

#### **II. FINDINGS**

- **A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
  - The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
  - □ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
  - □ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
  - There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

#### B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination				
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.				

#### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup>						
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination		
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.		

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):							
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination			
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.			

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):						
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination		
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):							
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination			
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.			

#### D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters (	(b)(1) – (b	)(12)):4		
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
W1	0.24	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Wetland W1 is a low lying, concave depression located in the northeast corner of the project site adjacent to a gravel roadway. Hydrology within wetland W1 was at the surface, with standing/ponded water present throughout the area. No potentially jurisdictional connections were observed flowing from the wetland feature nor was there any signatures on available lidar. Wetland W1 is not adjacent to an (a)(1), (2), or (3) water.
Ditch 1	733	Linear Feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1).	Ditch 1 is a manmade, constructed ditch within uplands. Ditch 1 is not a tributary under (a)(2), was not a tributary under (a)(2) when it was constructed, was not constructed in an adjacent wetland, and does not contribute surface flow to an (a)(1) water in a typical year. According to soils data the ditch was constructed in non- hydric soils, Lynchburg.

#### **III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- **A. Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
  - Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Title(s) and date(s)
     This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
     Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).
  - □ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
  - □ Photographs: Select. Title(s) and/or date(s).
  - □ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
  - Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
  - Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B*.
  - ☑ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: NHC 1977

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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- USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- ☑ USGS topographic maps: Wilmington

#### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	Lidar QL2

B. Typical year assessment(s): The results of the Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) indicate that prior to the day of our detail delineation (June 19, 2021), the project study area and its vicinity were experiencing

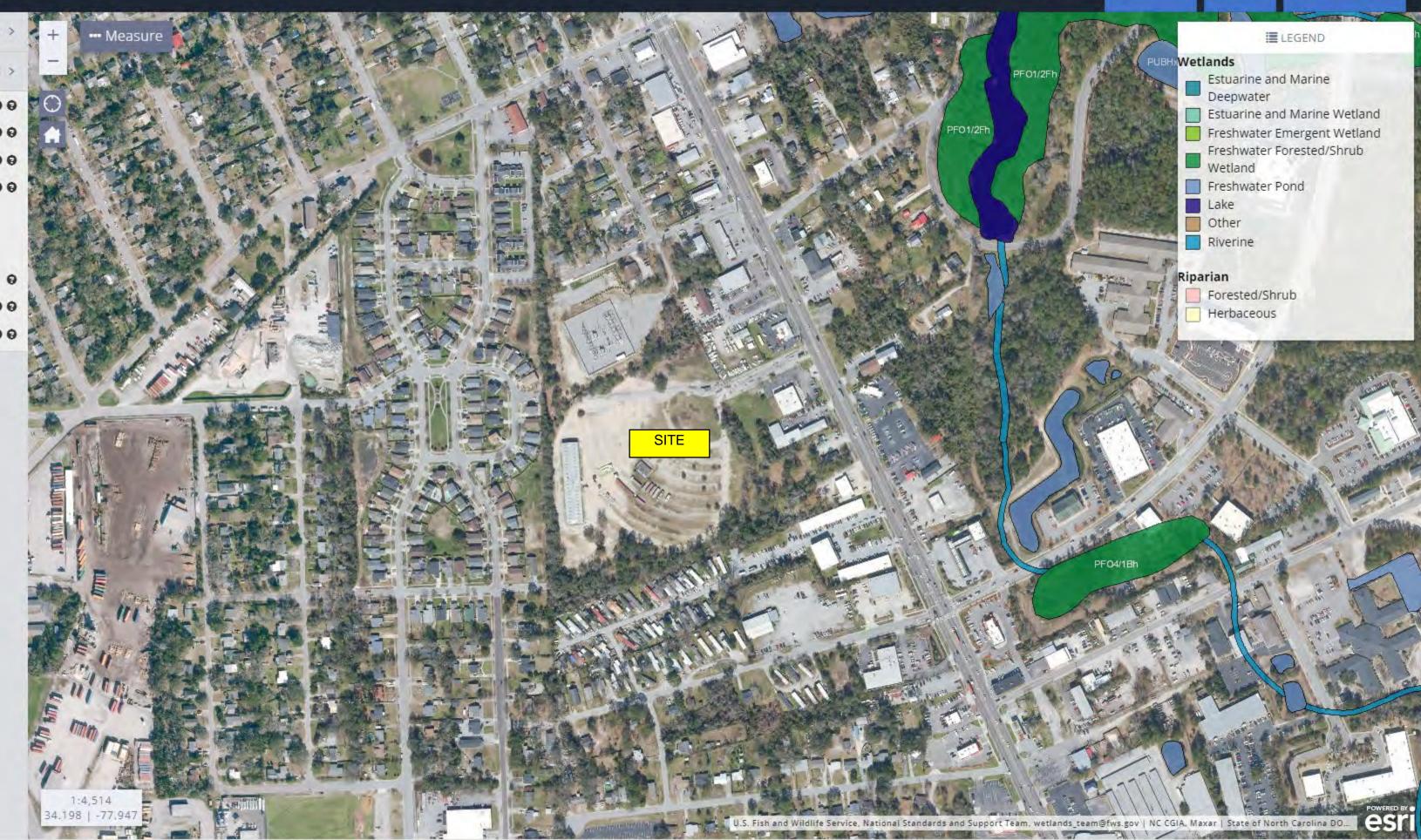
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C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A

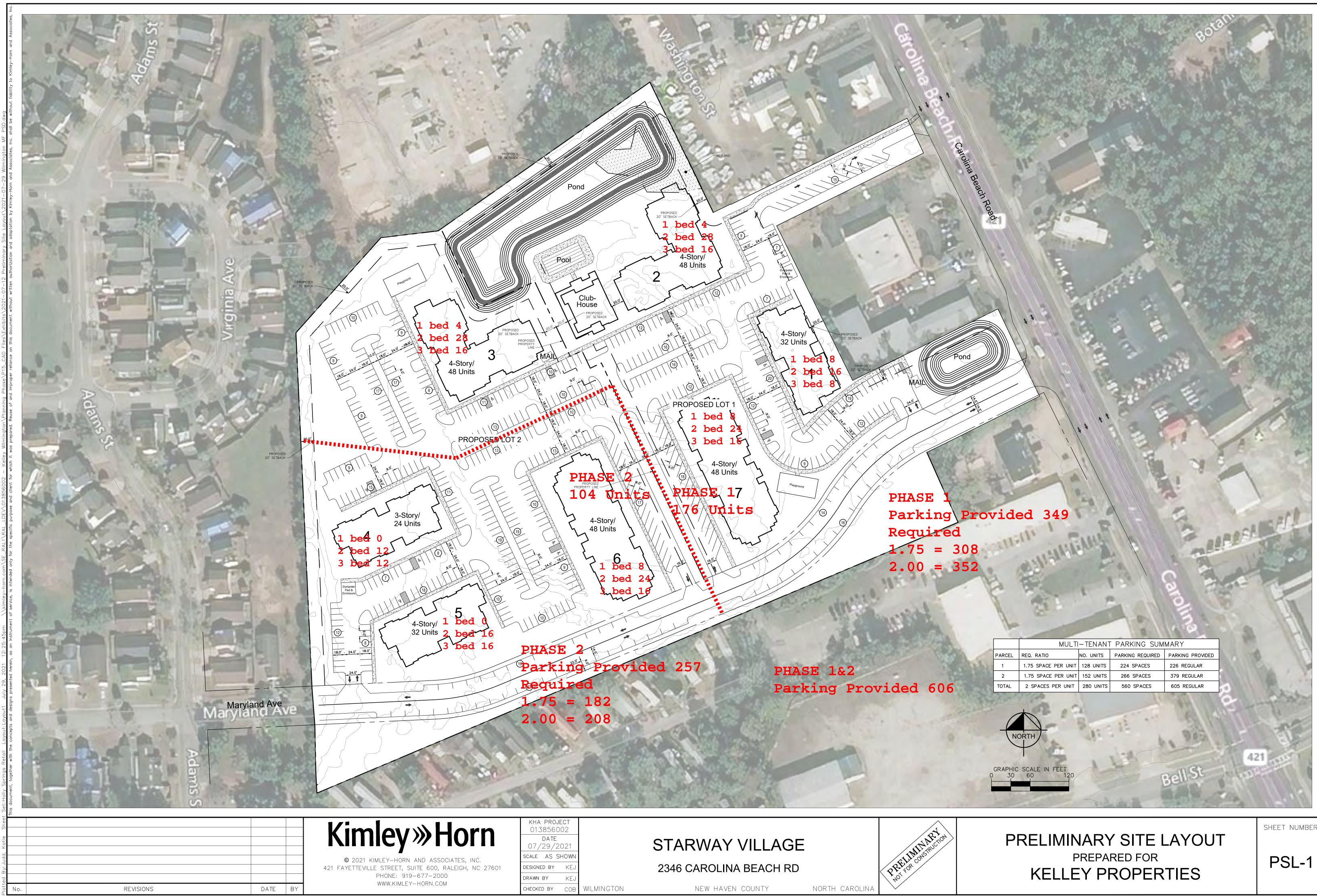
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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

#### STATE GENERAL PERMIT FOR IMPACTS TO ISOLATED WETLANDS AND ISOLATED WATERS PERMIT NUMBER: IWGP100000

#### FOR PROJECTS IMPACTING LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO ONE (1) ACRE OF ISOLATED WETLANDS OR ISOLATED OPEN WATERS AND/OR LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET OF ISOLATED STREAMS

In accordance with the provision of Article 21 of Chapter 143, General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and other lawful standards and regulations, including 15A NCAC 02H .1300, as amended by Session Law 2015-286, and 15A NCAC 02B .0200, promulgated and adopted by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, permission is hereby granted to all owners or operators of activities which impact isolated wetlands and isolated surface waters in accordance with the conditions set forth in this General Permit.

This General Permit is issued in conformity with the requirements of North Carolina Regulations in 15A NCAC 02H .1300 as amended by Session Law 2015-286 for the discharge of fill material to isolated wetlands and isolated surface waters of the State of North Carolina.

The State of North Carolina certifies that the specified category of activity will not violate applicable portions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Public Laws 92-500 and 95-217 if conducted in accordance with the conditions hereinafter set forth.

This General Permit shall become effective on July 15, 2022.

This General Permit shall expire on July 15, 2027 or unless otherwise rescinded after public notice or until deemed appropriate by the Director of the NC Division of Water Resources.

Signed this day: July 15, 2022

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DocuSianed by: Michael Pietra

for Richard E. Rogers, Jr. Director

Pursuant to Session Law 2015-286, this Permit shall apply only to isolated wetlands as defined in 15A NCAC 02H .1301 that are Basin Wetlands and Bogs and no other wetland types as described in the North Carolina Wetland Assessment User Manual prepared by the North Carolina Wetland Functional Assessment Team, version 4.1 October 2010.

Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02H .1305 as amended by Session Law 2015-286 impacts less than or equal to one (1) acre of isolated wetlands for the entire project in the coastal region, less than or equal to one-half (1/2) acre of isolated wetlands for the entire project in the piedmont region, or less than or equal to one-third (1/3) acre of isolated in the mountain region for the entire project are deemed to be permitted as long as they comply with 15A NCAC 02H .1305. The Coastal, Piedmont and Mountain Regions are depicted in Attachment A.

For streams that are isolated surface waters as defined in 15A NCAC 02H .1301, this Permit shall only apply to intermittent and perennial streams as determined by the most current version of the DWR Surface Water Identification Manual.

# Activities meeting any one (1) of the following thresholds or circumstances require <u>written</u> <u>approval</u> from the Division of Water Resources (DWR):

- a) If any of the conditions of this Permit (listed below) cannot be met; or
- b) Any impacts to isolated streams from excavation or dredging other than excavation or dredging that is conducted as preparation for installing temporary or permanent fill or structures; or
- c) Any isolated stream relocation or stream restoration other than stream relocations that are conducted for the purpose of proper culvert installation, alignment, protection, repair or maintenance where the relocation length is equal to or less than 50 feet in length and the relocated stream is designed and installed based on current natural channel techniques; or
- d) Total temporary and permanent impacts to isolated streams for the entire project greater than 150 linear feet; or
- e) Total temporary and permanent impacts to isolated wetlands or isolated open waters equal to or greater than one (1) acre for the entire project in the Coastal Region;
- f) Total temporary and permanent impacts to isolated wetlands or isolated open waters equal to or greater than one-half (1/2) acre for the entire project in the Piedmont Region; or
- g) Total temporary and permanent impacts to isolated wetlands or isolated open waters equal to or greater than one-third (1/3) acre for the entire project in the Mountain Region; or
- h) Any high-density project, as defined in 15A NCAC 02H .1003(2)(a) and by the density thresholds specified in 15A NCAC 02H .1017, which;
  - i. Disturbs one acre or more of land (including a project that disturbs less than one acre of land that is part of a larger common plan of development or sale); and
  - ii. Has permanent isolated wetland, isolated stream or isolated open water impacts; and
  - iii. Is proposing new built-upon area; and

 iv. Does not have a stormwater management plan reviewed and approved under a state stormwater program<sup>1</sup> or a state-approved local government stormwater program<sup>2</sup>.

Projects that have vested rights, exemptions, or grandfathering from state or locallyimplemented stormwater programs and projects that satisfy state or locallyimplemented stormwater programs through use of community in-lieu programs require written approval;

- i) Any impacts to isolated subject water bodies and/or state regulated riparian buffers along isolated subject water bodies in the Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, or Catawba River Basins or in the Randleman Lake, Jordan Lake or Goose Creek Watersheds (or any other basin or watershed with State Regulated Riparian Area Protection Rules [Buffer Rules] in effect at the time of application) unless:
  - i. The activities are listed as "EXEMPT" or "DEEMED ALLOWABLE" from these rules; or
  - ii. A Buffer Authorization Certificate is issued by the NC Division of Coastal Management (DCM); or
  - A Buffer Authorization Certificate, Certificate with Exception, or a Minor Variance is issued by a delegated or designated local government implementing a state riparian buffer program pursuant to 143-215.23.

# Activities included in this General Permit that do not meet one of the thresholds listed above do *not* require written approval from the DWR.

In accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .1303(f), the Director of the North Carolina Division of Water Resources may require submission of a formal application for an Individual Permit for any project if it is deemed in the public's best interest or determined that the project is likely to have a significant adverse effect upon water quality, including state or federally listed endangered or threatened aquatic species, or will degrade the waters so that existing uses of the waters or downstream waters are precluded.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. In accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .1305(c) & (d) as amended by Session Law 2015-286 and in accordance with Session Law 2017-10, compensatory mitigation may be required for losses greater than 300 linear feet of isolated perennial streams and/or greater than one (1) acre of isolated wetland impacts in the Coastal Region, one-half (1/2) acre of isolated impacts in the Piedmont Region, and one-third (1/3) acre of isolated wetland impacts in the Mountain Region. Impacts associated with the removal of a dam shall not require mitigation when the removal complies with the requirements of Part 3 of Article 21 in Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Impacts to isolated wetlands shall not be combined with 404 jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of determining when impact

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> e.g. Coastal Counties, HQW, ORW, or state-implemented Phase II NPDES

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> e.g. Delegated Phase II NPDES, Water Supply Watershed, Nutrient-Sensitive Waters, or Universal Stormwater Management Program

thresholds trigger a mitigation requirement. Pursuant to Session Law 2015-286, mitigation requirements for impacts to isolated wetlands shall only apply to the amount of impact that exceeds the thresholds set out in this Condition. For linear publicly owned and maintained transportation projects that are not determined to be part of a larger common plan of development by the US Army Corps of Engineers, compensatory mitigation may be required for losses of greater than 300 linear feet per perennial stream. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(c)(6)

Compensatory stream and/or wetland mitigation shall be proposed and completed in compliance with G.S. 143-214.11. For applicants proposing to conduct mitigation within a project site, a complete mitigation proposal developed in accordance with the most recent guidance issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District shall be submitted for review and approval with the application for impacts.

- 2. The plans and specifications for the project are incorporated into the Certificate of Coverage by reference and are an enforceable part of the Permit. Any modifications to the project requires notification to DWR and may require submittal of an application for a modification to DWR with the appropriate fee. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1301; 15A NCAC 02H .1302
- 3. If this General Permit is used to access residential, commercial or industrial building sites, then all parcels owned by the permittee that are part of the single and complete project authorized by this General Permit must be buildable without additional impacts to streams or wetlands. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1302(a); 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- For road construction purposes, this General Permit shall only be utilized from natural high ground to natural high ground. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1302(a); 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 5. Deed notifications or similar mechanisms shall be placed on all lots/parcels with retained wetlands, waters, and state regulated riparian buffers within the project boundaries in order to assure compliance with NC Water Quality Certification Rules (15A NCAC 02H .0500), NC Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 02H .1300), Federally Non-Jurisdictional Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 02H .1400) and/or State Regulated Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 02B .0200). These mechanisms shall be put in place at the time of recording of the property or individual parcels, whichever is appropriate. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1302(a); 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- For all dam removal projects meeting the definition under G.S. 143-215.25 and requirements under G.S. 143-215.27 of a professionally supervised dam removal, the applicant shall provide documentation that any sediment that may be released has similar or lower level of contamination than sediment sampled from downstream of the dam in accordance with Session Law 2017-145. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1302; 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200; S.L. 2017-145;

- 7. If this General Permit is used for utility related impacts, then the following Conditions shall apply to those impacts.
  - a. All sewer lines shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with Title 15A NCAC Chapter 02T, applicable Minimum Design Criteria (MDC), and/or Alternative Design Criteria. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
  - Any utility construction corridor that is parallel to a stream or open water shall not be closer than 10 feet to the top of bank or ordinary high-water mark. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
  - c. Where there are temporary or permanent impacts from stream crossings, utility lines shall cross the stream channel at a perpendicular angle (i.e., intersect the surface water at an angle between 75 degrees and 105 degrees). Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
  - d. Construction corridors in wetlands and/or across stream channels shall be minimized to the maximum extent practicable and shall not exceed 50 feet wide for oil and gas utility lines and 40 feet wide for all other utility lines.

For construction corridors in wetlands and across stream channels, stumps shall be grubbed only as needed to install the utility and remaining stumps shall be cut off at grade level. The general stripping of topsoil within wetlands along the construction corridor is prohibited. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)

- e. Permanent maintained access corridors in wetlands and across stream channels shall be restricted to the minimum width practicable and shall not exceed 30 feet wide except at manhole locations. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- f. For all utility lines constructed within wetlands, an anti-seep collar shall be placed at the downstream (utility line gradient) wetland boundary and every 150 feet up the gradient until the utility exits the wetland. Anti-seep collars may be constructed with class B concrete, compacted clay, PVC pipe, or metal collars. Wetland crossings that are directionally drilled, and perpendicular wetland crossings that are open cut and less than 150 feet long do not require anti-seep collars. The compacted clay shall have a specific infiltration of 1 X 10<sup>-5</sup> cm/sec or less. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)

The following specifications shall apply to class B concrete:

- i. Minimum cement content, sacks per cubic yard with rounded coarse aggregate 5.0
- ii. Minimum cement content, sacks per cubic yard with angular coarse aggregate 5.5
- iii. Maximum water-cement ratio gallons per sack 6.8
- iv. Slump range 2" to 4"
- v. Minimum strength 28-day psi 2,500

g. The permittee shall have a specific plan for restoring wetland contours to pre-construction conditions. Any excess material shall be removed to a high ground disposal area.

The mixing of topsoil and subsoils within the wetlands along utility corridors shall be minimized to the greatest extent practical. During excavation, the soils shall be placed on fabric to minimize impacts whenever possible. Topsoil excavated from utility trenches must be piled separately from subsoils and shall be backfilled into the trench only after the subsoils have been placed and compacted. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)

- 8. The permittee shall report to the appropriate DWR Regional Office any noncompliance with, and/or any violation of, stream or wetland standards [15A NCAC 02B .0200], including but not limited to sediment impacts to streams or wetlands. Information shall be provided orally within 24 hours (or the next business day if a weekend or holiday) from the time the permittee became aware of the non-compliance circumstances. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 9. No waste, spoil, solids, or fill of any kind shall occur in wetlands or waters beyond the footprint of the impacts (including temporary impacts) established in a Certificate of Coverage for use of this General Permit. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305; 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 10. All activities shall be in compliance with any applicable State Regulated Riparian Buffer Rules in Chapter 2B of Title 15A in the North Carolina Administrative Code. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 11. When applicable, all construction activities shall be performed and maintained in full compliance with G.S. Chapter 113A Article 4 (Sediment and Pollution Control Act of 1973). Regardless of applicability of the Sediment and Pollution Control Act, all projects shall incorporate appropriate Best Management Practices for the control of sediment and erosion so that no violations of state water quality standards, statutes, or rules occur.

Design, installation, operation, and maintenance of all sediment and erosion control measures shall be equal to or exceed the requirements specified in the most recent version of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual, or for linear transportation projects, the North Caroline Department of Transportation Sediment and Erosion Control Manual.

All devices shall be maintained on all construction sites, borrow sites, and waste pile (spoil) sites, including contractor-owned or leased borrow pits associated with the project. Sufficient materials required for stabilization and/or repair of erosion control measures and stormwater routing and treatment shall be on site at all times.

For borrow pit sites, the erosion and sediment control measures shall be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the North Carolina Surface Mining Manual. Reclamation measures and implementation shall comply with the reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act and the Mining Act of 1971.

If the project occurs in waters or watersheds classified as Primary Nursery Areas (PNAs), SA, WS-I, WS-II, High Quality Waters (HQW), or Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW), then the sedimentation and erosion control designs shall comply with the requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 04B .0124, Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b)(2); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200; 15A NCAC 02B .0231

- 12. Sediment and erosion control measures shall not be installed in wetland or waters except within the footprint of temporary or permanent impacts otherwise authorized by this Certification. If placed within authorized impact areas, then placement of such measures shall not be conducted in a manner that results in dis-equilibrium of any wetlands, streambeds, or streambanks. Any silt fence installed within wetlands shall be removed from wetlands and the natural grade restored within two (2) months of the date that DEMLR or locally delegated program has released the specific area within the project to ensure wetland standards are maintained upon completion of the project. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200; 15A NCAC 02B .0231
- Erosion control matting that incorporates plastic mesh and/or plastic twine shall not be used along streambanks or within wetlands. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 14. If the project is covered by NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit Number NCG010000 or NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit Number NCG250000, full compliance with permit conditions including the erosion & sedimentation control plan, inspections and maintenance, self-monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements is required. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) shall be required to be in full compliance with the conditions related to construction activities within the most recent version of their Individual NPDES Stormwater Permit Number NCS000250. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200; 15A NCAC 02B .0231
- 15. All work in or adjacent to streams shall be conducted so that the flowing stream does not come in contact with the disturbed area. Approved best management practices from the most current version of the NC Sediment and Erosion Control Manual, or the NC Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Activities Manual, such as sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams, and other diversion structures shall be used to minimize excavation in flowing water. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200
- 16. If activities must occur during periods of high biological activity (e.g. sea turtle nesting, fish spawning, or bird nesting), then biological monitoring may be required at the request of other state or federal agencies and coordinated with these activities.

All moratoriums on construction activities established by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) shall be implemented. Exceptions to this condition require written approval by the resource agency responsible for the given moratorium.

Work within a designated trout watershed of North Carolina (as identified by the Wilmington District of the US Army Corps of Engineers,) or identified state or federal endangered or threatened species habitat, shall be coordinated with the appropriate WRC, USFWS, NMFS, and/or DMF personnel. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 04B .0125

- 17. In-stream structures installed to mimic natural channel geomorphology such as cross-vanes, sills, step-pool structures, etc. shall be designed and installed in such a manner that allow for continued aquatic life movement. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 18. Culverts shall be designed and installed in such a manner that the original stream profiles are not altered and allow for aquatic life movement during low flows. The dimension, pattern, and profile of the stream above and below a pipe or culvert shall not be modified by widening the stream channel or by reducing the depth of the stream in connection with the construction activity. The width, height, and gradient of a proposed culvert shall be such as to pass the average historical low flow and spring flow without adversely altering flow velocity. If the width of the culvert is wider than the stream channel, the culvert shall include multiple boxes/pipes, baffles, benches and/or sills to maintain the natural width of the stream channel. If multiple culverts/pipes/barrels are used, low flows shall be accommodated in one culvert/pipe and additional culverts/pipes shall be installed such that they receive only flows above bankfull.

Placement of culverts and other structures in streams shall be below the elevation of the streambed by one foot for all culverts with a diameter greater than 48 inches, and 20% of the culvert diameter for culverts having a diameter less than or equal to 48 inches, to allow for low flow passage of water and aquatic life. If the culvert outlet is submerged within a pool or scour hole and designed to provide for aquatic passage, then culvert burial into the streambed is not required.

For structures less than 72" in diameter/width and in area where topographic constraints dictate culvert slopes will be greater than 2.5%, culvert burial is not required, provided that all alternative options for flattening the slope have been investigated and aquatic life movement/connectivity has been provided when possible (e.g. rock ladders, cross-vanes, sills, baffles etc.). Notification, including supporting documentation to include a location map of the culvert, culvert profile drawings, and slope calculations, shall be provided to DWR 30 calendar days prior to the installation of the culvert.

When bedrock is present in culvert locations, culvert burial is not required, provided that there is sufficient documentation of the presence of bedrock. Notification, including supporting documentation such as a location map of the culvert, geotechnical reports, photographs, etc. shall be provided to DWR a minimum of 30 calendar days prior to the installation of the culvert. If bedrock is discovered during construction, then DWR shall be notified by phone or email within 24 hours of discovery.

Installation of culverts in wetlands shall ensure continuity of water movement and be designed to adequately accommodate high water or flood conditions. When roadways, causeways, or other fill projects are constructed across FEMA-designated floodways or

wetlands, openings such as culverts or bridges shall be provided to maintain the natural hydrology of the system as well as prevent constriction of the floodway that may result in destabilization of streams or wetlands.

The establishment of native woody vegetation and other soft stream bank stabilization techniques shall be used where practicable instead of rip-rap or other bank hardening methods. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)

- 19. Bridge deck drains shall not discharge directly into the stream. Stormwater shall be directed across the bridge and pre-treated through site-appropriate means to the maximum extent practicable (e.g. grassed swales, pre-formed scour holes, vegetated buffers, etc.) before entering the stream. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 20. Application of fertilizer to establish planted/seeded vegetation within disturbed riparian areas and/or wetlands shall be conducted at agronomic rates and shall comply with all other Federal, State and Local regulations. Fertilizer application shall be accomplished in a manner that minimizes the risk of contact between the fertilizer and surface waters. Citation: 15A 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0231; 15A NCAC 02B .0211
- 21. If concrete is used during construction, then all necessary measures shall be taken to prevent direct contact between uncured or curing concrete and waters of the state. Water that inadvertently contacts uncured concrete shall not be discharged to waters of the state. Citation: 15A 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200
- 22. All proposed and approved temporary fill and culverts shall be removed and the impacted area shall be returned to natural conditions within 60 calendar days after the temporary impact is no longer necessary. The impacted areas shall be restored to original grade, including each stream's original cross-sectional dimensions, planform pattern, and longitudinal bed profile. All temporarily impacted sites shall be restored and stabilized with native vegetation. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 23. All proposed and approved temporary pipes/culverts/rip-rap pads etc. in streams shall be installed as outlined in the most recent edition of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Planning and Design Manual or the North Carolina Surface Mining Manual or the North Carolina Department of Transportation Best Management Practices for Construction and Maintenance Activities so as not to restrict stream flow or cause dis-equilibrium. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 24. Any rip-rap required for proper culvert placement, stream stabilization, or restoration of temporarily disturbed areas shall be restricted to the area directly impacted by the approved construction activity. All rip-rap shall be placed such that the original streambed elevation and streambank contours are restored and maintained and shall consist of clean rock or masonry material free of debris or toxic pollutants. Placement of rip-rap or other approved materials shall not result in de-stabilization of the stream bed or banks upstream or downstream of the area or be installed in a manner that precludes aquatic life passage. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)

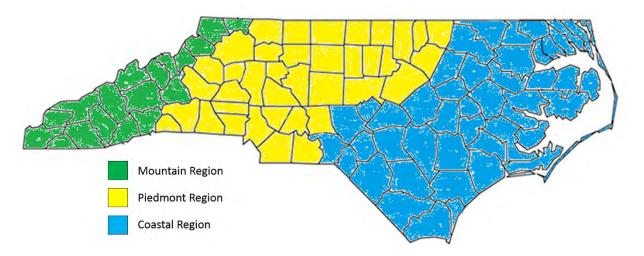
- 25. Any rip-rap used for stream or shoreline stabilization shall be of a size and density to prevent movement by wave, current action, or stream flows, and shall consist of clean rock or masonry material free of debris or toxic pollutants. Rip-rap shall not be installed in the streambed except in specific areas required for velocity control and to ensure structural integrity of bank stabilization measures. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0201
- 26. Rip-rap groins proposed in accordance with 15A NCAC 07H .1401 (NC Division of Coastal Management General Permit for construction of Groins in Estuarine and Public Trust Waters and Ocean Hazard Areas) shall meet all the specific conditions for design and construction specified in 15A NCAC 07H .1405. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 07H .1400 et seq.
- 27. All mechanized equipment operated near surface waters shall be inspected and maintained regularly to prevent contamination of surface waters from fuels, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other toxic materials. Construction shall be staged in order to minimize the exposure of equipment to surface waters to the maximum extent practicable. Fueling, lubrication, and general equipment maintenance shall be performed in a manner to prevent, to the maximum extent practicable, contamination of surface waters by fuels and oils. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0200
- Heavy equipment working in wetlands shall be placed on mats or other measures shall be taken to minimize soil disturbance and compaction. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); 15A NCAC 02B .0231
- 29. In accordance with G. S. 143-215.85(b), the permittee shall report any petroleum spill of 25 gallons or more; any spill regardless of amount that causes a sheen on surface waters; any petroleum spill regardless of amount occurring within 100 feet of surface waters; and any petroleum spill less than 25 gallons that cannot be cleaned up within 24 hours. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c); N.C.G.S 143-215.85(b)
- 30. The permittee and their authorized agents shall conduct all activities in a manner consistent with State water quality standards (including any requirements resulting from compliance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act), and any other appropriate requirements of State and Federal Law. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 31. The permittee shall require its contractors and/or agents to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit in the construction and maintenance of this project, and shall provide each of its contractors and/or agents associated with the construction or maintenance of this project with a copy of this General Permit. A copy of this General Permit shall be available at the project site during the construction and maintenance of this project. Citation: 15A NCAC 02H .1305(b); 15A NCAC 02H .1304(c)
- 32. This General Permit grants permission to the Director, an authorized representative of the Director, or DWR staff, upon the presentation of proper credentials, to enter the property during normal business hours. Citation: G.S. 143-215.3(a)(2)

History Note: This Isolated Wetlands General Permit (IWGP100000) issued July 15, 2022 replaces IWGP100000 issued December 1, 2017; March 3, 2017; March 2, 2016; March 12, 2012; October 31, 2008; and October 3, 2003.

#### Attachment A

The Coastal Region, Piedmont Region and Mountain Region shall be as follows:

- "Coastal Region" includes Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson Counties.
- "Piedmont Region" includes Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties.
- "Mountain Region" includes Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey Counties.



When a landowner believes their property is not in the correct region for purposes of regulating impacts to isolated wetlands under Title 15A NCAC 02H .1305(d)(2), they may have a soil scientist conduct a site-specific evaluation to determine the soil series. The soil scientist shall be an individual who is currently licensed or authorized to practice soil science under G.S. 89F by the North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists. The landowner shall submit the soil report to the Division of Water Resources. Soil series that occur in North Carolina have been categorized by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the US Department of Agriculture as follows:

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Mountains						
Alarka	Chandler	Cullowhee	Hayesville	Maymead	Saluda	Thurmont
Anakeesta	Cheoah	Dellwood	Heintooga	Micaville	Santeetlah	Тоссоа
Arkaqua	Chester	Dillard	Hemphill	Nantahala	Saunook	Toecane
Ashe	Chestnut	Dillsboro	Hiwassee	Nikwasi	Sauratown	Toxaway
Balsam	Chestoa	Ditney	Horsetrough	Northcove	Shinbone	Transylvania
Bandana	Chiltoskie	Edneytown	Huntdale	Nowhere	Skyuka	Trimont
Biltmore	Cleveland	Edneyville	lotla	Oconaluftee	Smokemont	Tsali
Braddock	Cliffield	Ela	Jeffrey	Ostin	Snowbird	Tuckasegee
Bradson	Clifford	Ellijay	Junaluska	Oteen	Soco	Tusquitee
Brasstown	Clifton	Elsinboro	Kanuga	Peaks	Spivey	Unaka
Breakneck	Clingman	Evard	Keener	Pigeonroost	Statler	Unicoi
Brevard	Codorus	Fannin	Kinkora	Pineola	Stecoah	Unison
Brownwood	Colvard	Farner	Lauada	Pinnacle	Suches	Walnut
Buladean	Comus	Fontaflora	Leatherwood	Plott	Swannanoa	Watauga
Burton	Cowee	French	Longhope	Porters	Sylco	Wayah
Cades	Craggey	Greenlee	Lonon	Pullback	Sylva	Wesser
Calvin	Crossnore	Guyot	Lostcove	Rabun	Tanasee	Whiteoak
Cashiers	Cruso	Harmiller	Luftee	Reddies	Tate	Whiteside
Cataloochee	Cullasaja	Hatboro	Mars Hill	Rosman	Thunder	Zillicoa
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Piedmont						
Alamance	Cecil	Exway	Leaksville	Nathalie	Riverview	Turbeville
Altavista	Chewacla	Fairview	Lignum	Oak Level	Ronda	Tussahaw
Appling	Cid	Georgeville	Lloyd	Oakboro	Rowan	Uwharrie
Appomattox	Claycreek	Goldston	Louisa	Orange	Saw	Vance
Armenia	Cliffside	Granville	Louisburg	Ostin	Secrest	Wadesboro
Ashlar	Clover	Green Level	Madison	Pacolet	Sedgefield	Wake
Augusta	Colfax	Grover	Mandale	Pactolus	Siloam	Warne
Ayersville	Congaree	Gwinnett	Masada	Peakin	Skyuka	Wate
Badin	Coronaca	Halifax	Mattaponi	Peawick	Spartanburg	Wateree
Banister	Creedmoor	Hallison	Mayodan	Penhook	Spray	Wedowee
Bannertown	Cullen	Haw River	McQueen	Pfafftown	Spriggs	Wehadkee
Belews Lake	Dan River	Helena	Meadowfield	Picture	Starr	Westfield
Bentley	Danripple	Herndon	Mecklenburg	Pilot Mountain	Stoneville	White Store
Bethera	Davidson	Hibriten	Merry Oaks	Pinkston	Stott Knob	Wickham
Bethlehem	Davie	Hiwassee	Misenheimer	Pinoka	Tarrus	Wilkes
Biscoe	Delila	Hornsboro	Mocksville	Pittsboro	Tatum	Winnsboro
Brickhaven	Devotion	Hulett	Monacan	Poindexter	Tillery	Woolwine
Buncombe	Dorian	Iredell	Moncure	Polkton	Toast	Worsham
Callison	Durham	Jackland	Montonia	Poplar Forest	Тоссоа	Wynott
Carbonton	Elbert	Kinkora	Mooshaunee	Rasalo	Tomlin	Yadkin
Cartecay	Enon	Kirksey	Nanford	Rhodhiss	Totier	Zion
Casville	Enott	Lackstown	Nason	Rion		

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Coastal						
Acredale	Butters	Dogue	Hydeland	McColl	Paxville	Tarboro
Ailey	Byars	Dorovan	Icaria	Meggett	Peakin	Tetotum
Alaga	Cainhoy	Dothan	Invershiel	Mooshaunee	Pelion	Thursa
Alpin	Candor	Dragston	Johns	Muckalee	Pender	Toisnot
Arapahoe	Cape Fear	Duckston	Johnston	Munden	Perquimans	Tomahawk
Argent	Cape Lookout	Dunbar	Kalmia	Murville	Pettigrew	Tomotley
Augusta	Caroline	Duplin	Kenansville	Myatt	Plummer	Torhunta
Autryville	Carteret	Echaw	Kinston	Nahunta	Pocalla	Troup
Aycock	Centenary	Emporia	Kureb	Nakina	Polawana	Uchee
Backbay	Chapanoke	Engelhard	Lakeland	Nankin	Ponzer	Valhalla
Ballahack	Charleston	Exum	Leaf	Nawney	Portsmouth	Varina
Barclay	Chastain	Faceville	Lenoir	Neeses	Pungo	Vaucluse
Bayboro	Chenneby	Foreston	Leon	Newhan	Rains	Wagram
Baymeade	Chesapeake	Fork	Liddell	Newholland	Rimini	Wahee
Belhaven	Chipley	Fortescue	Lillington	Nimmo	Roanoke	Wakulla
Bertie	Chowan	Fripp	Longshoal	Nixonton	Roper	Wando
Bethera	Conaby	Fuquay	Lucy	Noboco	Rumford	Wasda
Bibb	Conetoe	Gertie	Lumbee	Norfolk	Rutlege	Weeksville
Bladen	Corolla	Gilead	Lynchburg	Ocilla	Scuppernong	Wilbanks
Blaney	Cowarts	Goldsboro	Lynn Haven	Onslow	Seabrook	Winton
Blanton	Coxville	Grantham	Mandarin	Orangeburg	Seagate	Woodington
Bohicket	Craven	Grifton	Mantachie	Osier	Shellbluff	Wrightsboro
Bojac	Croatan	Gritney	Marlboro	Ousley	Stallings	Wysocking
Bolling	Currituck	Gullrock	Marvyn	Pactolus	State	Yaupon
Bonneau	Dare	Hobonny	Masontown	Pamlico	Stockade	Yeopim
Bragg	Deloss	Hobucken	Maxton	Pantego	Suffolk	Yonges
Brookman	Delway	Hyde	Mayodan	Pasquotank		

## Dichotomous Key to General North Carolina Wetland Types

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Before using this key, the assessor should read and become familiar with descriptions of the general wetland types. The assessor should use best professional judgment to verify that the wetland type determined with the use of this key matches the written description (see User Manual page number following wetland type name).

The following rule should be used to assist in the selection of the most appropriate general wetland type. Narrative descriptions are also available to assist in this choice (see User Manual Section 3.1).

Wetlands with alterations (man-made or natural) should generally be classified as the original, naturally occurring type if this determination can be made. However, if the full range of stable, existing, wetland parameters (vegetation, hydrology, and soils) better resembles another wetland type because of long-established, permanent alterations, the wetland should be classified as this current, more appropriate type.

If there is evidence suggesting the wetland is a type other than the keyed type, the wetland may be classified as the evidenced type. Also, if the wetland does not appear to conform to any of the following general types, the site should be evaluated based on what the assessor believes is the closest wetland type. If the wetland is "intensively managed" or "intensively disturbed," the assessor should note this fact on the field assessment form and then select the most appropriate general wetland type based on the guidance provided above.

- I. Wetland affected by lunar or wind tide, may include woody areas contiguous with tidal marsh
  - A. Wetland affected, at least occasionally, by brackish or salt water
    - i. Dominated by herbaceous vegetation Salt/Brackish Marsh (p. 12)
    - ii. Dominated by woody vegetation Estuarine Woody Wetland (p. 15)
  - B. Wetland primarily affected by freshwater
    - i. Dominated by herbaceous vegetation Tidal Freshwater Marsh (p. 17)
    - ii. Dominated by woody vegetation Riverine Swamp Forest (p. 19)
- II. Wetland not affected by tides
  - A. Not in a geomorphic floodplain or a natural topographic crenulation <u>and</u> not contiguous with an open water 20 acres or larger
    - i. On a side slope **Seep** (p. 24)
    - ii. On interstream divides <u>or</u> on a coastal island
      - 1. Flats on interstream divides in Coastal Plain ecoregions
        - a. Dominated by deciduous trees
          - i. Seasonally saturated to seasonally inundated (typically dominated by sweetgum and oaks) **Hardwood Flat** (p. 26)
          - ii. Seasonally to semi-permanently inundated (typically dominated by cypress and black gum) **Non-Riverine Swamp Forest** (p. 28)
        - b. Dominated by evergreens
          - i. Dominated by dense, waxy shrub species (typically include gallberries, fetterbushes, honeycup, greenbriar); canopy may include pond pine, Atlantic white cedar, and bays **Pocosin** (p. 30)
          - ii. Not dominated by dense, waxy shrub species
            - 1. Dominated by long-leaf or pond pine and wire grass Pine Savanna (p. 32)
            - 2. Dominated by loblolly or slash pines Pine Flat (p. 33)
      - 2. In depressions surrounded by uplands anywhere in the state (mafic depressions, lime sinks, Carolina bays) or contiguous with an open water

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- 2. In depressions surrounded by uplands anywhere in the state (mafic depressions, lime sinks, Carolina bays) or contiguous with an open water (repeated from the previous page)
  - a. Dominated by dense, waxy shrub species (typically include gallberries, fetterbushes, honeycup, greenbriar); canopy may include pond pine, Atlantic white cedar, and bays <u>and</u> not characterized by clay-based soils– **Pocosin** (p. 30)
  - b. Not dominated by dense, waxy shrub species <u>and</u> not characterized by a peat-filled bay **Basin Wetland** (p. 35)
- B. In a geomorphic floodplain or a natural topographic crenulation <u>or</u> contiguous with an open water 20 acres or larger
  - i. Northern Inner Piedmont or Blue Ridge Mountains ecoregions and dense herbaceous or mixed shrub/herbaceous vegetation with characteristic bog species (see wetland type description), with or without tree canopy; at least semi-permanent saturation; typically on organic or mucky soils; sphagnum moss commonly present **Bog** (p. 37)
  - ii. Anywhere in the state and not Bog
    - 1. Dominated by herbaceous vegetation. At least semi-permanently inundated or saturated. Includes lacustrine and riparian fringe and beaver ponds with dense herbaceous vegetation; sphagnum moss scarce or absent – **Non-Tidal Freshwater Marsh** (p. 40)
    - 2. Dominated by woody vegetation. Trees may be present on edges or hummocks.
      - a. Localized depression and semi-permanently inundated Floodplain Pool (p. 43)
        b. Not "a"
        - i. Less than second-order stream <u>or</u> in a topographic crenulation without a stream. Diffuse surface flow and groundwater more important than overbank flooding.
          - 1. Seasonally to semi-permanently saturated <u>and/or</u> only intermittently inundated **Headwater Forest** (p. 45)
          - 2. Seasonally to semi-permanently inundated **Riverine Swamp Forest** (p. 19)
        - ii. Second-order or greater stream <u>or</u> contiguous with an open water 20 acres or larger
          - 1. Intermittently to seasonally inundated (may be dominated by sweetgum, ash, sycamore, and oaks) **Bottomland Hardwood Forest** (p. 49)
          - Seasonally to semi-permanently inundated (may be dominated by cypress and blackgums in Coastal Plain and ash, overcup oak, and elms in Piedmont and Mountains) – Riverine Swamp Forest (p. 19)

<sup>1</sup>See stream order schematic diagrams in User Manual Appendix F.

# 3.1.11 Basin Wetland

Basin Wetlands occur throughout the state in depressions surrounded by uplands (usually on interstream flats or in localized depressions). This wetland type may also occur on the fringe of small open waters (less than 20 acres in size). Wetlands fringing larger water bodies are subject to hydrology more closely matching riparian conditions and are therefore considered Riverine Swamp Forest or Non-Tidal Freshwater Marsh. The size threshold used to determine small versus large open waters was taken from Cowardin et al. (1979). Basin Wetlands are seasonally to semi-permanently inundated but may lose surface hydrology during later portions of the growing season. Sources of water are perched groundwater, groundwater discharge, overland runoff, and precipitation. Seasonal waterlines are often apparent on the vegetation. Basin Wetlands generally occur on mineral soils. Basin Wetlands may be characterized by a variety of mineral soil types ranging in particle size and type from sandy soils associated with Coastal Plain lime sinks and inter-dune swales to clay-based soils underlying mafic depressions. Vegetation structure within this wetland type may vary widely from forest in mafic depressions and ephemeral pools, to primarily herbaceous or emergent in lime sinks, manexcavated depressions, and along the shorelines of small open waters.

Reference wetlands (see Section 3.2) are available for some forms of this wetland type, but since this wetland type is so heterogeneous, an assessor must recognize that an appropriate reference must be considered on a case-by-case basis. Sub-types of Basin Wetland that are considered to have reference wetlands include mafic depressions and Carolina bays. Non-reference Basin Wetlands most frequently include the wetland edges of excavated farm ponds. Basin Wetlands vary in size based on the variable landscape positions that they may occupy. This wetland type is generally surrounded by uplands, but may occasionally transition to Pine Savanna, Pocosin, or Pine Flat.

Basin Wetland comprises NCNHP types Vernal Pool, Cypress Savanna, Upland Depression Swamp Forest, Small Depression Pond, Inner Dune Pond, and Upland Pool. This wetland type is not separately identified in the NCDCM methodology, but would likely be included in the Swamp Forest (non-riverine) and Freshwater Marsh in some cases. Basin Wetland corresponds to the HGM classes Depression (sub-classes Isolated Groundwater, Isolated Precipitation, and Human Impounded or Excavated) and Estuarine (sub-class Impounded). Appendix D provides a cross-reference of wetland types across three classification systems.

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Wetland Site Name	e Wetland A (0.24 ac)	Date	8/31/2022
Wetland Type	e Basin Wetland	Assessor Name/Organization	C. Daves (S&ME)
Notes on Field Asses	sment Form (Y/N)		YES
Presence of regulator	ry considerations (Y/N)		NO
Wetland is intensively	/ managed (Y/N)		YES
Assessment area is lo	ocated within 50 feet of a natural tributary or othe	er open water (Y/N)	
Assessment area is s	substantially altered by beaver (Y/N)		NO
Assessment area exp	periences overbank flooding during normal rainfa	Il conditions (Y/N)	NO
Assessment area is c	on a coastal island (Y/N)		NO
Sub-function Rating	J Summary		
Function	Sub-function	Metrics	Rating
Hydrology	Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA
	Sub-Surface Storage and Retention	Condition	NA
Water Quality	Pathogen Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Particulate Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Soluble Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA
		Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
	Physical Change	Condition	NA
		Condition/Opportunity	NA

	Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NA
Pollution Change	Condition	HIGH
	Condition/Opportunity	HIGH
	Opportunity Presence? (Y/N)	NO
Physical Structure	Condition	MEDIUM
Landscape Patch Structure	Condition	LOW
Vegetation Composition	Condition	LOW
Metrics/Notes Condition		Rating <b>HIGH</b>
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		HIGH
Condition/Opportun	ity	HIGH
Opportunity Presen	ce? (Y/N)	NO
Condition		LOW
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USACE AID#: SAW-2021-01647	NCDWR #:	
Project Name Starway Village Apts.	Date of Evaluation 8/31/2022	
Applicant/Owner Name Starway Village Apts. I/II LLC	Wetland Site Name Wetland A (0.24 ac)	
Wetland Type Basin Wetland	Assessor Name/Organization C. Daves (S&ME)	
Level III Ecoregion Middle Atlantic Coastal Plain	Nearest Named Water Body Greenfield Lake	
River Basin Cape Fear	USGS 8-Digit Catalogue Unit 03030005 (Cape Fear)	
County New Hanover	NCDWR Region Wilmington	
• Yes ON Precipitation within 48 hrs?	Latitude/Longitude (deci-degrees) 34.1973°N/-77.9393°W	
Ves No Precipitation within 48 hrs?     Latitude/Longitude (deci-degrees) 34.19/3*N/-77.9393*W  Evidence of stressors affecting the assessment area (may not be within the assessment area)  Please circle and/or make note on last page if evidence of stressors is apparent. Consider departure from reference, if appropriate, in recent past (for instance, approximately within 10 years). Noteworthy stressors include, but are not limited to the following.      Hydrological modifications (examples: ditches, dams, beaver dams, dikes, berms, ponds, etc.)      Surface and sub-surface discharges into the wetland (examples: discharges containing obvious pollutants, presence of nearby     septic tanks, underground storage tanks (USTs), hog lagoons, etc.)      Signs of vegetation stress (examples: wegetation mortality, insect damage, disease, storm damage, salt intrusion, etc.)      Habitat/plant community alteration (examples: mowing, clear-cutting, exotics, etc.)  Is the assessment area intensively managed?     Yes No  Regulatory Considerations - Were regulatory considerations evaluated?     Anadromous fish     Federally protected species or State endangered or threatened species     NCDWR riparian buffer rule in effect     Abuts a Primary Nursery Area (PNA)     Publicly owned property		
<ul> <li>N.C. Division of Coastal Management Area of Environmental Concern</li> <li>Abuts a stream with a NCDWQ classification of SA or supplemental cl</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Designated NCNHP reference community</li> <li>Abuts a 303(d)-listed stream or a tributary to a 303(d)-listed stream</li> </ul>		
What type of natural stream is associated with the wetland, if any? (check all that apply)         Blackwater         Brownwater         Tidal (if tidal, check one of the following boxes)       Lunar         Wind       Both         Is the assessment area on a coastal island?       Yes         Is the assessment area's surface water storage capacity or duration substantially altered by beaver?       Yes		
Does the assessment area experience overbank flooding during normal	rainfall conditions? O Yes O No	
sedimentation, fire-plow lanes, skidder tracks, bedding, alteration examples: mechanical disturbance, herbicides less diversity [if appropriate], hydrologic alteration)	e (GS) in the assessment area and vegetation structure e (see User Manual). If a reference is not applicable, (ground surface alteration examples: vehicle tracks, excessive fill, soil compaction, obvious pollutants) (vegetation structure s, salt intrusion [where appropriate], exotic species, grazing,	
<ol> <li>Surface and Sub-Surface Storage Capacity and Duration – assessm Check a box in each column. Consider surface storage capacity and d duration (Sub). Consider both increase and decrease in hydrology. A d while a ditch &gt; 1 foot deep is expected to affect both surface and sub-su Surf Sub</li> <li>A (A) Water storage capacity and duration are not altered.</li> </ol>	luration (Surf) and sub-surface storage capacity and itch ≤ 1 foot deep is considered to affect surface water only,	
B       B       Water storage capacity or duration are altered, but not s         C       C       C         Water storage capacity or duration are substantially alter       change) (examples: draining, flooding, soil compaction, soil c	ubstantially (typically, not sufficient to change vegetation). red (typically, alteration sufficient to result in vegetation filling, excessive sedimentation, underground utility lines).	
<ol> <li>Water Storage/Surface Relief – assessment area/wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes)         Check a box in each column for each group below. Select the appropriate storage for the assessment area (AA) and the wetland type (WT).     </li> </ol>		
AA WT		
	priate storage for the assessment area (AA) and the wetland	
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C Evidence that maximum depth of inundation is less than 1 foot

### 4. Soil Texture/Structure – assessment area condition metric (skip for all marshes)

Check a box from each of the three soil property groups below. Dig soil profile in the dominant assessment area landscape feature. Make soil observations within the 12 inches. Use most recent National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils guidance for regional indicators.

- 4a. 💽 A Sandy soil
  - C B Loamy or clayey soils exhibiting redoximorphic features (concentrations, depletions, or rhizospheres)
  - C Loamy or clayey soils not exhibiting redoximorphic features
  - D Loamy or clayey gleyed soil
  - E Histosol or histic epipedon
- 4b. 💽 A Soil ribbon < 1 inch
  - C B Soil ribbon ≥ 1 inch
- 4c. A No peat or muck presence
- B A peat or muck presence

### 5. Discharge into Wetland – opportunity metric

**Check a box in each column.** Consider surface pollutants or discharges (Surf) and sub-surface pollutants or discharges (Sub). Examples of sub-surface discharges include presence of nearby septic tank, underground storage tank (UST), etc.

Surf Sub

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- A A Little or no evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the assessment area
- C B C B Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges entering the wetland and stressing, but not overwhelming the treatment capacity of the assessment area
- C C Noticeable evidence of pollutants or discharges (pathogen, particulate, or soluble) entering the assessment area and potentially overwhelming the treatment capacity of the wetland (water discoloration, dead vegetation, excessive sedimentation, odor)

### 6. Land Use - opportunity metric (skip for non-riparian wetlands)

**Check all that apply (at least one box in each column).** Evaluation involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. Consider sources draining to assessment area within entire upstream watershed (WS), within 5 miles <u>and</u> within the watershed draining to the assessment area (5M), and within 2 miles <u>and</u> within the watershed draining to the assessment area (5M), and within 2 miles <u>and</u> within the watershed draining to the assessment area (2M). Effective riparian buffers are considered to be 50 feet wide in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont ecoregions and 30 feet wide in the Blue Ridge Mountains ecoregion. WS 5 M 2M

- □ A □ A □ A ≥ 10% impervious surfaces
- B B Confined animal operations (or other local, concentrated source of pollutants)
- $\square C \square C \square C \ge 20\%$  coverage of pasture
- $\square$  D  $\square$  D  $\square$  D  $\ge 20\%$  coverage of agricultural land (regularly plowed land)
- □ E □ E □ E ≥ 20% coverage of maintained grass/herb
- $\square F \square F \square F \ge 20\%$  coverage of clear-cut land

G G G Little or no opportunity to improve water quality. Lack of opportunity may result from little or no disturbance in the watershed <u>or</u> hydrologic alterations that prevent dainage <u>and/or</u> overbank flow from affectio the assessment area.

### 7. Wetland Acting as Vegetated Buffer – assessment area/wetland complex condition metric (skip for non-riparian wetlands) 7a. Is assessment area within 50 feet of a tributary or other open water?

- Yes No If Yes, continue to 7b. If No, skip to Metric 8.
- 7b. How much of the first 50 feet from the bank is weltand? (Wetland buffer need only be present on one side of the water body. Make buffer judgment based on the average width of wetland. Record a note if a portion of the buffer has been removed or disturbed.)
  - C A ≥ 50 feet
  - B From 30 to < 50 feet
  - C From 15 to < 30 feet
  - D From 5 to < 15 feet
  - E < 5 feet or buffer bypassed by ditches
- 7c. Tributary width. If the tributary is anastomosed, combine widths of channels/braids for a total width.
  - $\bigcirc$  < 15-feet wide  $\bigcirc$  > 15-feet wide  $\bigcirc$  Other open water (no tributary present)
- 7d. Do roots of assessment area vegetation extend into the bank of the tributary/open water?
- 🖸 Yes 🛛 🗋 No
- 7e. Is tributary or other open water sheltered or exposed?
  - C Sheltered adjacent open water with width < 2500 feet and no regular boat traffic.
  - Exposed adjacent open water with width ≥ 2500 feet or regular boat traffic.

# 8. Wetland Width at the Assessment Area – wetland type/wetland complex condition metric (evaluate WT for all marshes and Estuarine Woody Wetland only; evaluate WC for Bottomland Hardwood Forest, Headwater Forest, and Riverine Swamp Forest only)

Check a box in each column. Select the average width for the wetland type at the assessment area (WT) and the wetland complex at the assessment area (WC). See User Manual for WT and WC boundaries.

WT WC

- C A C A ≥ 100 feet
- C B C B From 80 to < 100 feet
- C C From 50 to < 80 feet
- D D From 40 to < 50 feet
- C E C E From 30 to < 40 feet
- C F C F From 15 to < 30 feet
- C G C G From 5 to < 15 feet
- 🖸 H 🛛 🗍 🖌 < 5 feet

#### 9. Inundation Duration – assessment area condition metric (skip for non-riparian wetlands) Answer for assessment area dominant landform.

Evidence of short-duration inundation (< 7 consecutive days) C:A

- ÖВ Evidence of saturation, without evidence of inundation
- Evidence of long-duration inundation or very long-duration inundation (7 to 30 consecutive days or more) CC

### 10. Indicators of Deposition - assessment area condition metric (skip for non-riparian wetlands and all marshes)

Consider recent deposition only (no plant growth since deposition).

- OA. Sediment deposition is not excessive, but at approximately natural levels.
- ŐВ Sediment deposition is excessive, but not overwhelming the wetland.
- O C Sediment deposition is excessive and is overwhelming the wetland.

### 11. Wetland Size - wetland type/wetland complex condition metric

Check a box in each column. Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This metric evaluates three aspects of the wetland area: the size of the wetland type (WT), the size of the wetland complex (WC), and the size of the forested wetland (FW) (if applicable, see User Manual). See the User Manual for boundaries of these evaluation areas. If assessment area is clear-cut, select "K" for the FW column.

- WТ WC FW (if applicable)
- CΑ  $\Box A$ CΑ ≥ 500 acres
- Ğв Сс ŌВ ΩB. From 100 to < 500 acres ŌC. Ō C From 50 to < 100 acres
- ÖΡ ÓР From 25 to < 50 acres O D
- ŌE. From 10 to < 25 acres CE. OE.
- ĞΕ. ΘE. ÖE. From 5 to < 10 acres
- ĞG ÔG ÔG From 1 to < 5 acres
- ŌН ŌH. ŌH. From 0.5 to < 1 acre
- ÕL. ĕı. ĒΠ. From 0.1 to < 0.5 acre
- Ō٦ OJ. OJ-From 0.01 to < 0.1 acre
- < 0.01 acre or assessment area is clear-cut ŌΚ ŌK. ΞK

### 12. Wetland Intactness - wetland type condition metric (evaluate for Pocosins only)

- C A Pocosin is the full extent (≥ 90%) of its natural landscape size.
- OB. Pocosin is < 90% of the full extent of its natural landscape size.

### 13. Connectivity to Other Natural Areas – landscape condition metric

#### 13a. Check appropriate box(es) (a box may be checked in each column). Involves a GIS effort with field adjustment. This evaluates whether the wetland is well connected (Well) and/or loosely connected (Loosely) to the landscape patch, the contiguous metric naturally vegetated area and open water (if appropriate). Boundaries are formed by four-lane roads, regularly maintained utility line corridors the width of a four-lane road or wider, urban landscapes, fields (pasture open and agriculture), or water > 300 feet wide. Well Loosely

- > 500 acres C A CA.
- ŎВ ŌΒ. From 100 to < 500 acres
- ČC D ČC D From 50 to < 100 acres
- From 10 to < 50 acres
- ΞE. C:E < 10 acres
- iΩ E. -ÆE Wetland type has a poor or no connection to other natural habitats

### 13b. Evaluate for marshes only.

Yes ON Wetland type has a surface hydrology connection to open waters/stream or tidal wetlands.

### 14. Edge Effect - wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes and Estuarine Woody Wetland)

May involve a GIS effort with field adjustment. Estimate distance from wetland type boundary to artificial edges. Artificial edges include non-forested areas ≥ 40 feet wide such as fields, development, roads, regularly maintained utility line corridors and clear-cuts. Consider the eight main points of the compass. Artificial edge occurs within 150 feet in how many directions? If the assessment area is clear-cut, select option "C."

- CΑ 0
- ŌΒ. 1 to 4
- . Э.С 5 to 8

### 15. Vegetative Composition - assessment area condition metric (skip for all marshes and Pine Flat)

- CA. Vegetation is close to reference condition in species present and their proportions. Lower strata composed of appropriate species, with exotic plants absent or sparse within the assessment area.
- Vegetation is different from reference condition in species diversity or proportions, but still largely composed of native species CB. characteristic of the wetland type. This may include communities of weedy native species that develop after clearcutting or clearing. It also includes communities with exotics present, but not dominant, over a large portion of the expected strata.
- Ω Vegetation severely altered from reference in composition, or expected species are unnaturally absent (planted stands of noncharacteristic species or at least one stratum inappropriately composed of a single species), or exotic species are dominant in at least one stratum.

### 16. Vegetative Diversity - assessment area condition metric (evaluate for Non-tidal Freshwater Marsh only)

- O A Vegetation diversity is high and is composed primarily of native species (<10% cover of exotics).
- ŌВ. Vegetation diversity is low or has > 10% to 50% cover of exotics.
- C C Vegetation is dominated by exotic species (>50% cover of exotics).

### 17. Vegetative Structure - assessment area/wetland type condition metric

- 17a. Is vegetation present?
  - Yes C No If Yes, continue to 17b. If No, skip to Metric 18.
- 17b. Evaluate percent coverage of assessment area vegetation for all marshes only. Skip to 17c for non-marsh wetlands.
  - C A ≥ 25% coverage of vegetation
  - OB. < 25% coverage of vegetation

WT

### 17c. Check a box in each column for each stratum. Evaluate this portion of the metric for non-marsh wetlands. Consider structure in airspace above the assessment area (AA) and the wetland type (WT) separately.

- AA C A C A Canopy closed, or nearly closed, with natural gaps associated with natural processes
- ŌВ ŌВ Canopy present, but opened more than natural gaps
- Canop ΘC €C Canopy sparse or absent
- Mid-Story C A CA Dense mid-story/sapling layer
  - ŌВ ΩB. Moderate density mid-story/sapling layer
  - ΘC • C Mid-story/sapling layer sparse or absent
- $\bigcirc A$  $\Box A$ Dense shrub layer
- Shrub €B ⊕ B. Moderate density shrub layer
  - ŌC. Shrub layer sparse or absent CC
- ⊂ A  $\square A$ Dense herb laver
- Herb ŒВ ŌВ Moderate density herb layer
  - 🖲 C • C Herb layer sparse or absent

### 18. Snags - wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes)

C A Large snags (more than one) are visible (> 12-inches DBH, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). ΘB Not A

### 19. Diameter Class Distribution - wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes)

- CA. Majority of canopy trees have stems > 6 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH); many large trees (> 12 inches DBH) are present.
- ΩB Majority of canopy trees have stems between 6 and 12 inches DBH, few are > 12-inch DBH.
- ΘC Majority of canopy trees are < 6 inches DBH or no trees.

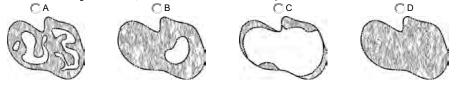
### 20. Large Woody Debris - wetland type condition metric (skip for all marshes)

Include both natural debris and man-placed natural debris.

ΠA Large logs (more than one) are visible (> 12 inches in diameter, or large relative to species present and landscape stability). ΘB Not A

### 21. Vegetation/Open Water Dispersion - wetland type/open water condition metric (evaluate for Non-Tidal Freshwater Marsh only)

Select the figure that best describes the amount of interspersion between vegetation and open water in the growing season. Patterned areas indicate vegetated areas, while solid white areas indicate open water.

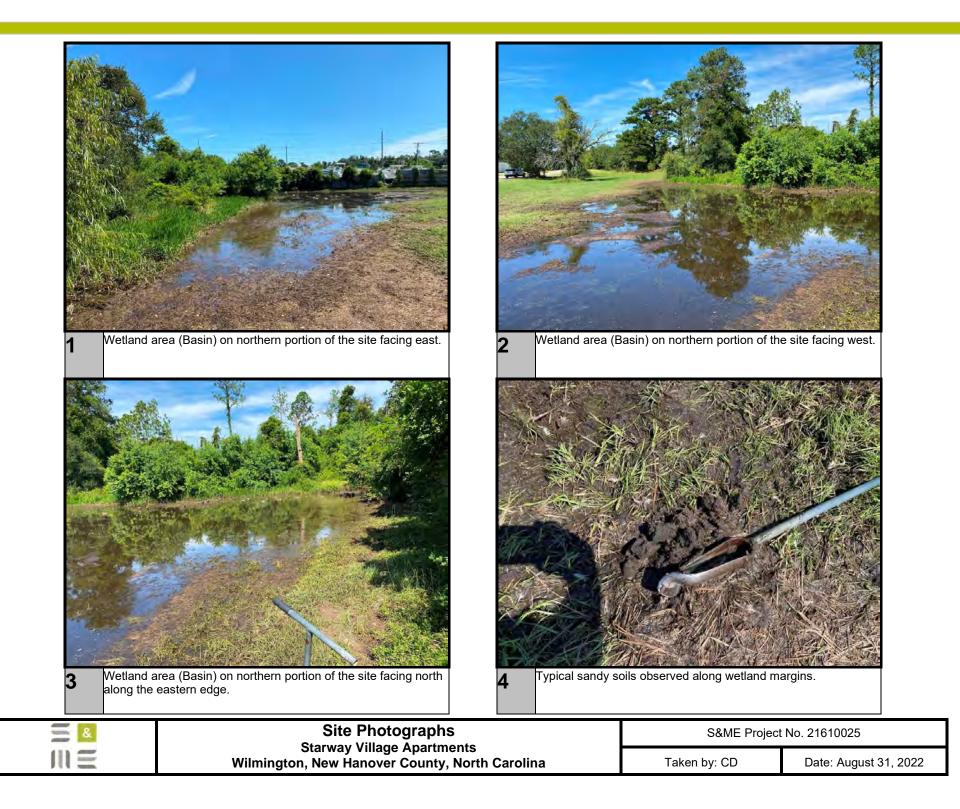


### 22. Hydrologic Connectivity - assessment area condition metric (evaluate for riparian wetlands and Salt/Brackish Marsh only) Examples of activities that may severely alter hydrologic connectivity include intensive ditching, fill, sedimentation, channelization,

- diversion, man-made berms, beaver dams, and stream incision. Documentation required if evaluated as B, C, or D.
- C A Overbank and overland flow are not severely altered in the assessment area.
- ŌВ Overbank flow is severely altered in the assessment area.
- ČC OD Overland flow is severely altered in the assessment area.
- Both overbank and overland flow are severely altered in the assessment area.

### Notes

Wetland is routinely mowed and maintained. Invasives such as Chinese tallow (Triadica sebifera) and common reed (Phragmites australis) observed in nonmowed area. Depressional, basin-like wetland that appears to collect stormwater runoff from surrounding Starway Flea Market property and commercial business directly to the east and northeast.



# Appendix 2

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland in Wilmington Star-News newspaper (October 21, 2022), Newspaper Publication Affidavit, and Distribution Documentation



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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## EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A WETLAND

## STARWAY VILLAGE APARTMENTS 2346 CAROLINA BEACH ROAD, WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 28401

### October 21, 2022

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) has received an application from Starway Village I/II, LLC to use Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding from the Affordable Housing Development Fund Program to construct the Starway Village Apartments (hereinafter, the "Proposed Activity") and is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations (24 CFR Part 55). There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, to provide the public an opportunity to express concerns and share information about the Proposed Activity, including alternative locations outside of the wetland. Second, adequate public notice is an important public education tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands facilitates and enhances governmental efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Funding for the Proposed Activity will be provided by the HUD CDBG-DR program for Hurricane Florence storm recovery activities in North Carolina.

The Proposed Activity is needed to address an affordable housing inventory shortage, which was exacerbated by the impacts of Hurricanes Matthew (Oct. 8, 2016) and Florence (Sept. 14, 2018), when hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed. Starway Village Apartments will provide a multifamily residential development for low- and middle-income households. The Proposed Activity will assist the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County to provide affordable housing options for the local community. The Proposed Activity entails construction of a new multifamily, affordable housing project consisting of seven apartment buildings containing 278 units in seven apartment buildings (3 and 4 stories), two playgrounds, a clubhouse, a pool, parking, two stormwater detention ponds, and landscaped areas. An extension of Maryland Avenue to Carolina Beach Road across the southern portion of the site is also proposed. The development will be conducted in two phases. The proposed development will occur on an approximate 15.67-acre tract located at 2346 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, New Hanover

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The Proposed Activity will result in only permanent impacts to an approximately 0.24 acre isolated wetland. This depressional, basin wetland functions as collection point for stormwater from the Starway Flea Market and surrounding commercial properties. The natural and beneficial functions and values related to hydrology and water quality include slowing down stormwater runoff, providing surface and subsurface retention, and filtering out pollutants. Proposed Activity impacts will consist of fill and grading for a proposed stormwater management pond and fill for a stable foundation for one of the apartment buildings (Building 2).

Wetland maps based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination and the NC Division of Water Resources General Permit and Wetland Assessment Form with further information on functions and values are available for review at https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policies-reports/environmental-reviews. A full description of the Proposed Activity and maps may also be viewed in person by appointment only at: NCORR, 200 Park Offices Drive, Durham, NC 27713. Call (984) 833-5350 to make an appointment.

Written comments must be received by NCORR at the following address on or before November 7, 2022: Laura Hogshead, Director, NCORR, ATTN: Starway Village Apartments, P.O. Box 110465, Durham, NC 27709. Comments may also be submitted by email to publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov with "ATTN: Starway Village Apartments Comments" in the subject line.

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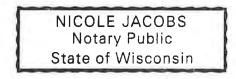
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#### Planning Board – Wrightsville Beach

The public shall take notice that In accordance with chapter 155.4.1.3 of the town's Unified Development Ordinance, the Wrightsville Beach Planning Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on November 1, 2022, or as soon thereafter in the Town Hall Coun-cil Chambers, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC, to consider the following:

Discuss and review a text amendment to the Unified Development ordinance:

• Section 155.2.10 (B) (15) Elevators and lifts are allowed in the setbacks and may encroach 4 feet into the side-yard or rear-yard setback area.

### Notice To Creditors

EXECUTOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER The undersigned, having quali-fied as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Christopher Meyers, deceased on 8/28/2022, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immedicorporations indebted to said estate will please make immedi-ate payment to the undersigned. This 30th day of September, 2022. Amy Lauren Meyers 3211 Kellerton Place Wilmington, NC 28409 Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Christopher Meyers

Thomas Christopher Meyers NOTICE TO CREDITORS EXECUTOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER FILE #2022-E-1344 The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Barbara Fay Dormon, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the <u>7th day of Janu-ary, 2023</u>, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immedi-ate payment to the undersigned. ate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 7th day of October, 2022. James Malcolm Monroe Dorman (Executor)

10/7,10/14,10/21,10/28/22

EXECUTOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Gail D. Lane, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of undersigned on or perore me, m day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immedi-ate payment to the undersigned. This the 7th day of October, 2022. Karen Ligotino

# Notice To Creditors

# NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having quali-fied as Executor of the Estate of Jeanne Bloor Rose, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the under-signed on or before the 30th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immedi-ate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of September, 2022

Samuel Rose III, Executor of the Estate of Jeanne Bloor Rose 8918 Bluff Cour Wilmington, NC 28411

MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC 1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101 Wilmington, NC 28403

EXECUTOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Jonathan Todd Turner, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of Janu-ary, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 21st day of October, 2022.

EXECUTOR Dr. Lynwood C. Turner 1914 Stanton Road Kinston, NC 28504

Executor of the Estate of Jonathan Todd Turner

EXECUTOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

NEW HANOVER The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of William Henry Young, Jr., deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st

said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immedi-ate payment to the undersigned. This the 21st day of October, 2022 2022 Stephen Eric Young, Executor

Villiam Henry Young, Live 10/2014 William Henry Young, Jr. 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11/2022

**Public Notices** 

TOWN OF BELVILLE BELVILLE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

### Public Notices **V** Public Notices CITY OF WILMINGTON CITY

MEETING NOTICE A meeting of the Wilmington Ur-ban Area MPO Board will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 3PM in the 6th Floor Confer-ence Room at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC. Members of the public can attend the meet

Street, Wilmington, NC. Members of the public can attend the meet-ing in person or virtually through the Zoom platform at www.zoom. us/ioin or by phone by dialing (301)715-8592 with meeting ID 839 6910 7282 and passcode 920663. The MPO Board, comprised of elected officials from local go-vernments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation, sets pri-orities for regional transportation area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation, sets pri-orities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure in-vestments in the Wilmington area. A 15-minute public com-ment period will be held. Please contact the WMPO at 910-341-3258 in advance, if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period. Optionally, pub-lic comments may be submitted by emailing wmpo@wilmingtonnc .gov or by leaving a message at (910)341-3258 before 5PM on Octo-ber 25th. Public comments re-ceived by email or by phone will be played or read aloud by staff during the meeting. Per the adopted Public Participation Plan, public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director, Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

State of North Carolina, New Hanover County File No. 22-SP-464, Mary Freeman Ford, et al. vs Heirs of Robert Bruce Free-man, Jr., Notice of Service of Process by Publication, To: Unknown Heirs of Robert Bruce Freeman, Jr. Take notice that a pleading seeking relief was filed in the above-entitled action on September 23, 2022. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Petitioners are seeking an Order declaring that they are the only true heirs of Robert Bruce Freeman, Jr.. You are required to appear and make your presence known to such pleading within 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to date of the first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 30th day of September, 2022. Thomas R. Harvey III c/o Ship man & Wright, LLP, 575 Military Cutoff Rd, Suite 106, Wilmington, NC 78405 NC 28405.

CITY OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL will hold a public meeting Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 102 North 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC. Due to public health and safety concerns from COVID-19, public participa-tion may be limited. Public comments can be submitted via the public comment form (https://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/d epartments/city-council/city-coun-cil-public-hearing-comment-form). The meeting will be streaming live at

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https://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/gt v8. A legislative hearing will be held for the following: • <u>General Rezoning:</u> Property containing 0.13 acres +/- (Parcel ID: R05409-001-012-000) located at 107 Castle Street from CB, Community Business to HDR, Historic District - Residential. Patrick O'Mahony, Associate Planner (Z-5-1022) • LDC Maintenance: To amend

Planner (Z-5-1022) • LDC Maintenance: To amend the Land Development Code for various amendments and clean-up items related to Permitted Uses, Use-Specific standards, Site Development Requirements, Administrative Provisions, and Measurements and Definitions. Nicole Smith, Senior Planner (LDC-2-1022) • LDC Amendment: Amend 18-

(LDC-2-1022) • <u>LDC Amendment</u>: Amend 18-390 (A)(6) for the number of free-standing signs permitted in the MX district. Abie Bonevac, Asso-ciate Planner

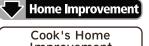
MX district. Abie Bonevac, Asso-ciate Planner • LDC Amendment: Amend Arti-cle 5. Division 5. Signs to correct errors and inconsistencies identi-fied during implementation and to align with recent case law pertaining to commercial speech. Kathryn Thurston, Zoning Admin-istrator (LDC-3-1022) PLEASE TAKE NOTE: the City Council may change the existing zoning classification of the area covered by a petition, or any part or parts thereof, to the classifica-tion requested or to a higher clas-sification or classifications with-out the necessity of withdrawal or modification of the petition. All interested partied are invited to interested partied are invited to comment or attend.



EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A WETLAND STARWAY VILLAGE APARTMENTS 2346 CAROLINA BEACH ROAD, WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 28401 October 21, 2022 To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals This is to give notice that the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) has received an application from Starway Village I/II, LLC to use Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding from the Affordable Housing Development Fund Program to construct the Starway Village Apartments (hereinafter, the "Proposed Activity") and is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations (24 CFR Part 55). There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, to provide the public an opportunity to express concerns and share information about the Proposed Activity, including alternative locations outside of the wetland. Second, adequate public notice is an important public educa-tion tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands facilitates and enhances governmental efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. tion tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands facilitates and enhances governmental efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Funding for the Proposed Activity will be provided by the HUD CDBG-DR program for Hurri-cane Florence storm recovery activities in North Carolina. The Proposed Activity is needed to address an affordable housing inventory shortage, which was exacerbated by the impacts of Hurri-canes Matthew (Oct. 8, 2016) and Florence (Sept. 14, 2018), when hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed. Starway Village Apartments will provide a multifamily residential development for low- and middle-income households, thus, assisting the City of Wilm-ington and New Hanover County to provide affordable housing options for the local community. The Proposed Activity entails new construc-tion of a multifamily, residential development, a clubhouse, a pool, parking, two stormwater detention ponds, and land-scaped areas. An extension of Maryland Avenue to Carolina Beach Road across the southern portion of the site is also proposed. The development will be conducted in two phases. The proposed develop-ment will occur on an approximate 15.67-acre tract located at 2346 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC 28401. The Proposed Activity will result in only permanent impacts to an approximately 0.24-acre isolated wetland. This depressional, basin wetland functions as collection point for stormwater from the Starway Flea Market and surrounding commercial properties. The natural and beneficial functions and values related to hydrology and water quality wetland functions as collection point for stormwater from the Starway Flea Market and surrounding commercial properties. The natural and beneficial functions and values related to hydrology and water quality include slowing down stormwater runoff, providing surface and subsurface retention, and filtering out pollutants. Proposed Activity impacts will consist of fill and grading for a proposed stormwater management pond and fill for a stable foundation for Apartment Build-ing 2. ing 2. Wetland maps based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdic-tional Determination and the NC Division of Water Resources General Permit and Wetland Assessment Form with further information on functions and values are available for review at https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policies-reports/environmen-tal-reviews. A full description of the Proposed Activity and maps may also be viewed in person by appointment only at: NCORR, 200 Park Offices Drive, Durham, NC 27713. Call (984) 833- 5350 to make an appointment appointment. Written comments must be received by NCORR at the following address on or before November 7, 2022: Laura Hogshead, Director, NCORR, ATTN: Starway Village Apartments, P.O. Box 110465, Durham, NC 27709. Comments may also be submitted by email to publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov with "ATTN: Starway Village Apart-ments Comments" in the subject line. Date: October 21, 2022 Oct 21, 2022 (adv) 7940893 appointment.

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## Govt Public Notices

Planning Board – Wrightsville Beach The public shall take notice that In accordance with NCGS 160D-601, the Wrightsville Beach Planning Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on November 1, 2022, or as soon on November 1, 2022, or as soon thereafter in the Town Hall Coun-cil Chambers, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC, to consider the following: Discuss and review a text amendment to the Unified Devel-opment endingnes.

opment ordinance:
Amend Exhibit A, Definitions "Mixed Use Commercial-Residential"

dential" • Amend Section 155.9.1.5 Required Off-Street Parking • Amend Section 155.6.5.5 Mini-mum Side and Rear Yard Setbacks for Special Uses • Amend Section 155.7.26 by Adding Subsection K Screening for Mechanical Equipment on Flat Roof Structures in the C-3 district

Amend Section 155.7.6 (C)
 Procedures Subsection (1) Appli-cation Subsection (1) Appli-cation Subsmittal Requirements
 Oct 21, 2022 (adv) 7924558

1111 Silky Dogwood Trail Apex NC 27502 Executrix of the Estate of Gail D. Lane (adv) #7879056 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY

NEW HANOVER COUNTY All persons, firms and corpora-tions having claims against the Estate of Will Forden, File No: 2022E1427, deceased, of New Hanover County, NC, are notified to present the same to the per-sonal representative listed below sonal representative listed below on or before January 13, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of October, 2022. Theresa Forden, Administrator of the Estate 1880 Lafayette Ave., #20G Bronx, NY 10473

EVECUTOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immedi-ate payment to the undersigned. ate payment to the undersigned. This the 30th day of September, 2022.

Fonteler W. Johnson 725 Grathwol Drive Wilmington, NC 28405 Executor of the Estate of Emma Wells

DATE: TUES, NOV. 1, 2022 TIME: 6:30 p.m. PLACE:

TIME: 6:30 p.m. PLACE: BELVILLE TOWN HALL 63 RIVER ROAD BELVILLE, NC 28451 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Belville Planning Board for the purpose of reviewing and decid-ing upon a Preliminary Plat and Site Plan Application for the proposed River Road Apart-ments, as submitted by CSD Engineering, for property owned by Urban Smart Growth Belville LLC, located at 245 River Road (PIN 038KA005), in Belville, North Carolina. A copy of the Site Plan Applica-tion is available for public inspec-tion at the Town Hall in advance of the meeting date. Interested persone may approximation and the public

of the meeting date. Interested persons may appear at the public hearing and comment on the proposed development. Posted: 10-21-22; 10-28-22 Sharon A. Niemann, Town Clerk

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Publication 10/21/22, comments end 11/7/22		
FEDERAL AGENCIES		
Agency	Name & Address	Method
HUD NC	Mr. Lenwood E. Smith, II Environmental Protection Specialist Greensboro Field Office U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 1500 Pinecroft Road, Suite 401	Lenwood.E.Smith@hud.gov
FEMA, Region IV	Greensboro, NC 27407-3838 Ms. Gracia B. Szczech, Regional Administrator U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security FEMA, Region IV 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road Atlanta, GA 30341	FedEx
US EPA, Region 4	Mr. John Blevins, Acting Regional Administrator U.S. EPA, Region 4 Laboratory Services & Applied Science Div. 980 College Station Road Athens, GA 30605-2720	FedEx
US EPA, Region 4	Ms. Ntale Kajumba, NEPA Coordinator U.S. EPA, Region 4 Laboratory Services & Applied Science Div. 980 College Station Road Athens, GA 30605-2720	Kajumba.ntale@epa.gov cc: <u>blevins.john@epa.gov</u>
USFWS – Raleigh Field Office	USFWS – Raleigh Field Office ATTN: John Ellis P.O. Box 33726 Raleigh, NC 27636 ph.: 919-856-4520, ext. 26	john_ellis@fws.gov cc: <u>leigh_mann@fws.gov</u>
USACE – Wilmington District	Mr. Brad Shaver USACE – Wilmington District 69 Darlington Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403	Brad.E.Shaver@usace.army.mil

r.	<b>TRIBES, NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES (v</b>	who asked to be notified)
Catawba Indian Nation	Dr. Wenonah George Haire, THPO ATTN: THPO Archaeology Dept. Catawba Indian Nation 1536 Tom Steven Road Rock Hill, SC 29730	Does not want Notice
Catawba Indian Nation	Chief Bill Harris Catawba Indian Nation 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC 29730	Does not want Notice
	NC STATE AGENCIES	
STATE CLEARING- HOUSE	Ms. Crystal Best North Carolina Department of Administration State Environmental Review Clearinghouse 1301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1301	State.Clearinghouse@doa.nc.gov crystal.best@doa.nc.gov
NCHFA	Ronda G. Moore Senior Attorney, Manager of Real Estate Transactions North Carolina Housing Finance Agency P.O. Box 28066 Raleigh, NC 27611-8066 Phone: 919-875-3621	rgmoore@nchfa.com
LOCAL AGENCIES		
NEW HANOVER COUNTY	Chris Coudriet, County Manager County Government Complex 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 195 Wilmington, NC 28403	ccoudriet@nhcgov.com
NEW HANOVER COUNTY	Rebekah Roth, CZO, AICP Planning Director 230 Government Center Dr, Suite 110 Wilmington, NC 28403 Phone 910-798-7165	rroth@nhcgov.com
СІТҮ	Ms. Penelope Spicer-Sudbury City Clerk P.O. Box 1810 Wilmington, NC 28402 Phone: 910.341.7816	penny.spicer- sidbury@wilmingtonnc.gov (she will disburse/post)

From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:28 AM
То:	Smith, Lenwood E
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover
	County, NC
Attachments:	NCORR Early Notice Starway Village Final 10.21.22.pdf

Hello Lenwood:

Please find attached the Public Notice for HUD 24 CFR §55.20(b) - *Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland* publishing October 21, 2022 for the NCORR Affordable Housing Development Fund Program's Starway Village Apartments proposed project in the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Andrea

From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:32 AM
То:	Kajumba.ntale@epa.gov
Cc:	blevins.john@epa.gov
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover
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Sincerely,

Andrea

From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:33 AM
То:	john_ellis@fws.gov
Cc:	leigh_mann@fws.gov
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover
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Sincerely,

Andrea

From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:34 AM
То:	Brad.E.Shaver@usace.army.mil
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover
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From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:36 AM
То:	State Clearinghouse
Cc:	Best, Crystal
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC
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Sincerely,

Andrea

From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:37 AM
То:	rgmoore@nchfa.com
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover
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From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:38 AM
То:	ccoudriet@nhcgov.com
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From:	Gievers, Andrea
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:39 AM
То:	rroth@nhcgov.com
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From:	Gievers, Andrea	
Sent:	Friday, October 21, 2022 10:39 AM	
То:	penny.spicer-sidbury@wilmingtonnc.gov	
Subject:	Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover	
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From:Gievers, AndreaSent:Friday, October 21, 2022 3:26 PMTo:State ClearinghouseSubject:RE: Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover<br/>County, NC

FYI, this is the Early Notice as a public notice under 24 CFR 55.20. Thanks! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gievers

From: State Clearinghouse
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 3:19 PM
To: Gievers, Andrea <andrea.l.gievers@rebuild.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC

This project was previously submitted on October 17, 2022 and is currently circulating for review and comment. The comment period ends November 16, 2022. Comments will be forwarded to you once the project closes.

Thank you,



### Crystal Best Administrative Assistant

984-236-0023 <u>State.Clearinghouse@doa.nc.gov</u> 116 West Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603 1301 Mail Service Center ncadmin.nc.gov

From: Gievers, Andrea <<u>andrea.l.gievers@rebuild.nc.gov</u>>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:36 AM
To: State Clearinghouse <<u>State.Clearinghouse@doa.nc.gov</u>>
Cc: Best, Crystal <<u>crystal.best@doa.nc.gov</u>>
Subject: Public Notice - Early Notice - Starway Village Apartments, Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC

Hello:

Please find attached the Public Notice for HUD 24 CFR §55.20(b) - *Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland* publishing October 21, 2022 for the NCORR Affordable Housing Development Fund Program's Starway Village Apartments proposed project in the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC. The last day of the comment period is November 7, 2022. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

### Andrea

Andrea Gievers, JD, MSEL, ERM Environmental SME Community Development NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency <u>Andrea.L.Gievers@Rebuild.NC.Gov</u> (845) 682-1700

Email correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized state official.

# **Appendix 3**

FONSI/ NOIRROF/ Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland in Wilmington Star-News newspaper (November 18, 2022), Newspaper Publication Affidavit (to be added), and Distribution Documentation (to be added in full)



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Office of Recovery and Resiliency

Roy Cooper, Governor Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary Laura H. Hogshead, Director

## <u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u> COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (*FONSI*), NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (*NOI-RROF*), AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A WETLAND

# STARWAY VILLAGE APARTMENTS 2346 CAROLINA BEACH ROAD, WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC 28401

# **NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

**Name of Responsible Entity and Recipient:** North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR), P.O. Box 110465, Durham, NC 27709. Contact: Director Laura Hogshead (984) 833-5350.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 58.43, this combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF), and Final Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland satisfies three separate procedural requirements for project activities proposed to be undertaken by NCORR.

**Project Description:** NCORR is responsible for the direct administration of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in North Carolina. NCORR proposes to provide CDBG-DR funding of \$9,000,000.00 for the Starway Village Apartments ("Proposed Activity"), which is on an approximate 15.67-acre tract located at 2346 Carolina Beach Rd. (US Highway 421), Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401. The Proposed Activity is anticipated to have a total cost of \$68,759,433.00. The Proposed Activity will involve the new construction of a multifamily, affordable housing project consisting of 278 units in seven apartment buildings (3 and 4 stories) including two playgrounds, a clubhouse, a pool, parking, two stormwater detention ponds, and landscaped areas. An extension of Maryland Avenue east across the southern portion of the site to Carolina Beach Road is also proposed. The development will be conducted in two phases. The City is seeking to address the affordable housing inventory shortage exacerbated by

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the effects of the landfall of Hurricanes Matthew (October 8, 2016) and Florence (September 14, 2018). Starway Village Apartments will provide a multifamily residential development for lowand middle-income households in the City of Wilmington. Funding for the Proposed Activity will be provided by the Affordable Housing Development Fund Program for Hurricane Florence storm recovery activities in North Carolina.

# PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A WETLAND

NCORR has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Wetlands Protection. The Proposed Activity will result in only permanent impacts to an approximately 0.24-acre isolated, freshwater, emergent/scrub-shrub wetland on the northern portion of the site. This depressional basin wetland functions as a collection point for stormwater from the Starway Flea Market and surrounding commercial properties. The natural and beneficial functions and values related to hydrology and water quality include slowing down stormwater runoff, providing surface and subsurface retention, and filtering out pollutants. Proposed Activity impacts will consist of fill and grading for a proposed stormwater management pond and fill for a stable foundation for one apartment building (Building 2).

NCORR has considered the alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: this site is the most suitable, feasible location for this affordable housing project out of four sites considered; the other sites were not selected based on anticipated traffic issues, bridge expenses over an environmentally sensitive creek, airport noise issues, economic viability of the proposed action related to seller's high purchase price, and non-competitive scores within the State's scoring criteria for LIHTC awards; the "No Action" alternative would not address the City's affordable housing shortage; and mitigation measures include two proposed stormwater ponds, project design to minimize impacts from removal of the wetland by constructing a larger stormwater pond in the same location, and native plants in the site's landscaping design.

Since the action will include new construction in wetland, EO 11990 requires that the Proposed Activity not be supported if there are practicable alternatives to new construction in wetlands. NCORR has reevaluated the alternatives to building in wetland, and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. According to the US Army Corps of Engineers, a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit is not required. The NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources' State General Permit for Impacts to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters #IWGP100000 (July 15, 2022) applies to the Proposed Activity. Erosion and sedimentation control plan approval, stormwater (NPDES and State) permits, and other applicable permits from State and local jurisdictions will be obtained before commencing work. The Proposed Activity will be completed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements and conditions. Alternatives and the 8-step process have been further documented in the EO 11990 Protection of Wetlands Determination which is available for review.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment have an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, adequate public notice is an important public education tool. The dissemination of information and request

for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Activity has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. The EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Subject to public comments, no further review of the Proposed Activity is anticipated. NCORR has determined that the EA for the project identified herein complies with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. NCORR has determined that the Proposed Activity will have no significant impact on the human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement under NEPA.

**Public Review:** Public viewing of the EA and EO 11990 Protection of Wetlands Determination is available online at <u>https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/about/plans-policies-reports/environmental-reviews</u>. Documents may also be viewed in person by appointment only at: NCORR, 200 Park Offices Drive, Durham, NC 27713. Call (984) 833-5350 to make an appointment.

Further information may be requested by writing to the above address, emailing <u>publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov</u> or by calling (984) 833-5350. This combined notice is being sent to individuals and groups known to be interested in these activities, local news media, appropriate local, state and federal agencies, the regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction, and the HUD Field Office, and is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected community.

**Public Comments on the Proposed Activity within Wetland, FONSI and/or NOIRROF:** Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the Proposed Activity. The public is hereby advised to specify in their comments which "notice" their comments address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before December 5, 2022 at <u>publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov</u>. Written comments may also be submitted by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before December 5, 2022, and addressed to: Laura Hogshead, Director, NCORR, ATTN: Starway Village Apartments, P.O. Box 110465, Durham, NC 27709. All comments must be received on or before December 5, 2022 or they will not be considered. If modifications result from public comment, these will be made prior to proceeding with the submission of a request for release of funds.

# **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION**

On or after December 6, 2022, the NCORR certifying officer will submit a request and certification to HUD for the release of CDBG-DR funds as authorized by related laws and policies for the purpose of implementing this part of the North Carolina CDBG-DR program.

NCORR certifies to HUD that Laura Hogshead, in her capacity as Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows NCORR to use CDBG-DR program funds.

**Objection to Release of Funds:** HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and NCORR's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors may contact HUD or the NCORR Certifying Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The only permissible grounds for objections claiming a responsible entity's non-compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 are: (a) Certification was not executed by NCORR's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the responsible entity has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of environmental certification; or (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Phone: (202) 402-4649, or emailed to <u>disaster recovery@hud.gov</u>.

Laura Hogshead Certifying Officer November 18, 2022

# FONSI/ NOIRROF/ FINAL NOTICE WETLAND DISTRIBUTION LIST

## STARWAY VILLAGE APARTMENTS 2346 CAROLINA BEACH ROAD, WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 28401

Publication 11/18/22, comments end 12/5/22				
FEDERAL AGENCIES				
Agency	Name & Address	Method		
HUD NC	Mr. Lenwood E. Smith, II Environmental Protection Specialist Greensboro Field Office U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	Lenwood.E.Smith@hud.gov		
	1500 Pinecroft Road, Suite 401			
FEMA, Region IV	Greensboro, NC 27407-3838 Ms. Gracia B. Szczech, Regional Administrator U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security FEMA, Region IV 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road Atlanta, GA 30341	FedEx		
US EPA, Region 4	Mr. John Blevins, Acting Regional Administrator U.S. EPA, Region 4 Laboratory Services & Applied Science Div. 980 College Station Road Athens, GA 30605-2720	FedEx		
US EPA, Region 4	Ms. Ntale Kajumba, NEPA Coordinator U.S. EPA, Region 4 Laboratory Services & Applied Science Div. 980 College Station Road Athens, GA 30605-2720	<u>Kajumba.ntale@epa.gov</u> cc: <u>blevins.john@epa.gov</u>		
USFWS – Raleigh Field Office	USFWS – Raleigh Field Office ATTN: John Ellis P.O. Box 33726 Raleigh, NC 27636 ph.: 919-856-4520, ext. 26	john_ellis@fws.gov cc: leigh_mann@fws.gov		
USACE – Wilmington District	Mr. Brad Shaver USACE – Wilmington District 69 Darlington Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403	Brad.E.Shaver@usace.army.mil		

TRIBES, NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES (who asked to be notified)				
Catawba Indian Nation	Dr. Wenonah George Haire, THPO ATTN: THPO Archaeology Dept. Catawba Indian Nation 1536 Tom Steven Road Rock Hill, SC 29730	Does not want Notice		
Catawba Indian Nation	Chief Bill Harris Catawba Indian Nation 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC 29730	Does not want Notice		
NC STATE AGENCIES				
STATE CLEARING- HOUSE	Ms. Crystal Best North Carolina Department of Administration State Environmental Review Clearinghouse 1301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1301	State.Clearinghouse@doa.nc.gov crystal.best@doa.nc.gov		
NCHFA	Ronda G. Moore Senior Attorney, Manager of Real Estate Transactions North Carolina Housing Finance Agency P.O. Box 28066 Raleigh, NC 27611-8066 Phone: 919-875-3621	rgmoore@nchfa.com		
	LOCAL AGENCIES	I		
NEW HANOVER COUNTY	Chris Coudriet, County Manager County Government Complex 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 195 Wilmington, NC 28403	ccoudriet@nhcgov.com		
NEW HANOVER COUNTY	Rebekah Roth, CZO, AICP Planning Director 230 Government Center Dr, Suite 110 Wilmington, NC 28403 Phone 910-798-7165	rroth@nhcgov.com		
СІТҮ	Ms. Penelope Spicer-Sudbury City Clerk P.O. Box 1810 Wilmington, NC 28402 Phone: 910.341.7816	penny.spicer- sidbury@wilmingtonnc.gov (she will disburse/post)		

**Request for Jurisdictional Determination** 

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# Jurisdictional Determination Request



This form is intended for use by anyone requesting a jurisdictional determination (JD) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District (Corps). Please include all supporting information, as described within each category, with your request. You may submit your request via mail, electronic mail, or facsimile. Requests should be sent to the appropriate project manager of the county in which the property is located. A current list of project managers by assigned counties can be found on-line at:

<u>http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram/Contact/CountyLocator.aspx</u>, by calling 910-251-4633, or by contacting any of the field offices listed below. Once your request is received you will be contacted by a Corps project manager.

### ASHEVILLE & CHARLOTTE REGULATORY FIELD OFFICES

US Army Corps of Engineers 151 Patton Avenue, Room 208 Asheville, North Carolina 28801-5006 General Number: (828) 271-7980 Fax Number: (828) 281-8120

### **RALEIGH REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE**

US Army Corps of Engineers 3331 Heritage Trade Drive, Suite 105 Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587 General Number: (919) 554-4884 Fax Number: (919) 562-0421

### WASHINGTON REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 2407 West Fifth Street Washington, North Carolina 27889 General Number: (910) 251-4610 Fax Number: (252) 975-1399

### WILMINGTON REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 69 Darlington Avenue Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 General Number: 910-251-4633 Fax Number: (910) 251-4025

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

### All requestors must complete Parts A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

<u>NOTE TO CONSULTANTS AND AGENCIES</u>: If you are requesting a JD on behalf of a paying client or your agency, please note the specific submittal requirements in **Part H**.

<u>NOTE ON PART D – PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZATION:</u> Please be aware that all JD requests must include the current property owner authorization for the Corps to proceed with the determination, which may include inspection of the property when necessary. This form must be signed by the current property owner(s) or the owner(s) authorized agent to be considered a complete request.

<u>NOTE ON PART D - NCDOT REQUESTS:</u> Property owner authorization/notification for JD requests associated with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) projects will be conducted according to the current NCDOT/USACE protocols.

<u>NOTE TO USDA PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS</u>: A Corps approved or preliminary JD may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. If you or your tenant are USDA Program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should also request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, prior to starting work.

# Jurisdictional Determination Request

<b>A.</b>	PARCEL INFORM	ATION 2346 Carolina Beach Road				
	City, State:	Wilm	ingtor	, NC		
	County: N		ew Hanover County			
	Parcel Index Number	(s) (PIN)	):	3126-04-5192; 3126-14-0439; 3126-14-0157; 3126-14-1164; 3126-13-1923		
B.	<b>REQUESTOR INFORMAT</b> Name:			Horn; ATTN: Mackenzie Richards		
	Mailing Address:		421 I	Fayetteville Street, Suite 600		
			Rale	igh, NC 27601		
	Telephone Number:		(919) 678-4154			
	Electronic Mail Addro Select one:	Electronic Mail Address: Select one:		Mackenzie.Richards@kimley-horn.com		
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	$\checkmark$ I am an Autho	orized Ag	gent or Environmental Consultant <sup>1</sup>			
	Interested Buy	er or U	nder Co	ntract to Purchase		
	Other, please explain.					
C.	<b>PROPERTY OWNE</b> Name:	CR INFO		<b>FION</b> <sup>2</sup> Housing Developers,LLC; ATTN: Brad Queener		
	Mailing Address:		P.O. Box 526			
			Aynor, SC 29511			
	Telephone Number:		(840)	222-6483		
	Electronic Mail Addre	ess:	brad	@bradleydevelopers.com		

<sup>1</sup> Must provide completed Agent Authorization Form/Letter.
 <sup>2</sup> Documentation of ownership also needs to be provided with request (copy of Deed, County GIS/Parcel/Tax Record).

## **D. PROPERTY ACCESS CERTIFICATION**<sup>3,4</sup>

By signing below, I authorize representatives of the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to enter upon the property herein described for the purpose of conducting onsite investigations, if necessary, and issuing a jurisdictional determination pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. I, the undersigned, am either a duly authorized owner of record of the property identified herein, or acting as the duly authorized agent of the owner of record of the property.

## Mackenzie Richards

Print Name
Capacity: Owner $\checkmark$ Authorized Agent <sup>5</sup>
7/29/2021
Date M. Richard
Signatura

Signature

## E. REASON FOR JD REQUEST: (Check as many as applicable)

I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities on this parcel which would be designed to avoid all aquatic resources.

I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities on this parcel which would be designed to avoid all jurisdictional aquatic resources under Corps authority.

I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities on this parcel which may require authorization from the Corps, and the JD would be used to avoid and minimize impacts to jurisdictional aquatic resources and as an initial step in a future permitting process.

I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities on this parcel which may require authorization from the Corps; this request is accompanied by my permit application and the JD is to be used in the permitting process.

I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities in a navigable water of the U.S. which is included on the district Section 10 list and/or is subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

A Corps JD is required in order obtain my local/state authorization.

 $\checkmark$  I intend to contest jurisdiction over a particular aquatic resource and request the Corps confirm that jurisdiction does/does not exist over the aquatic resource on the parcel.

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I believe that the site may be comprised entirely of dry land.

Other:\_

<sup>4</sup> If there are multiple parcels owned by different parties, please provide the following for each additional parcel on a continuation sheet.

Must provide agent authorization form/letter signed by owner(s).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For NCDOT requests following the current NCDOT/USACE protocols, skip to Part E.

## F. JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD) TYPE (Select One)

I am requesting that the Corps provide a preliminary JD for the property identified herein.

A Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD) provides an indication that there may be "waters of the United States" or "navigable waters of the United States" on a property. PJDs are sufficient as the basis for permit decisions. For the purposes of permitting, all waters and wetlands on the property will be treated as if they are jurisdictional "waters of the United States". PJDs cannot be appealed (33 C.F.R. 331.2); however, a PJD is "preliminary" in the sense that an approved JD can be requested at any time. PJDs do not expire.

I am requesting that the Corps provide an <u>approved</u> JD for the property identified herein.

An Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) is a determination that jurisdictional "waters of the United States" or "navigable waters of the United States" are either present or absent on a site. An approved JD identifies the limits of waters on a site determined to be jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act and/or Rivers and Harbors Act. Approved JDs are sufficient as the basis for permit decisions. AJDs are appealable (33 C.F.R. 331.2). The results of the AJD will be posted on the Corps website. A landowner, permit applicant, or other "affected party" (33 C.F.R. 331.2) who receives an AJD may rely upon the AJD for five years (subject to certain limited exceptions explained in Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02).

I am unclear as to which JD I would like to request and require additional information to inform my decision.

## G. ALL REQUESTS

Map of Property or Project Area. This Map must clearly depict the boundaries of the review area.

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Size of Property or Review Area <u>16</u> acres.

The property boundary (or review area boundary) is clearly physically marked on the site.

## H. REQUESTS FROM CONSULTANTS

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Project Coordinates (Decimal Degrees): Latitude: 34.196388 Longitude: -77.939694



A legible delineation map depicting the aquatic resources and the property/review area. Delineation maps must be no larger than 11x17 and should contain the following: (Corps signature of submitted survey plats will occur after the submitted delineation map has been reviewed and approved).<sup>6</sup>

- North Arrow
- Graphical Scale
- Boundary of Review Area
- Date
- Location of data points for each Wetland Determination Data Form or tributary assessment reach.

## For Approved Jurisdictional Determinations:

- Jurisdictional wetland features should be labeled as Wetland Waters of the US, 404 wetlands, etc. Please include the acreage of these features.
- Jurisdictional non-wetland features (i.e. tidal/navigable waters, tributaries, impoundments) should be labeled as Non-Wetland Waters of the US, stream, tributary, open water, relatively permanent water, pond, etc. Please include the acreage or linear length of each of these features as appropriate.
- Isolated waters, waters that lack a significant nexus to navigable waters, or nonjurisdictional upland features should be identified as Non-Jurisdictional. Please include a justification in the label regarding why the feature is non-jurisdictional (i.e. "Isolated", "No Significant Nexus", or "Upland Feature"). Please include the acreage or linear length of these features as appropriate.

For Preliminary Jurisdictional Determinations:

Wetland and non-wetland features should not be identified as Jurisdictional, 404, Waters of the United States, or anything that implies jurisdiction. These features can be identified as Potential Waters of the United States, Potential Non-wetland Waters of the United States, wetland, stream, open water, etc. Please include the acreage and linear length of these features as appropriate.



Completed Wetland Determination Data Forms for appropriate region (at least one wetland and one upland form needs to be completed for each wetland type)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Please refer to the guidance document titled "Survey Standards for Jurisdictional Determinations" to ensure that the supplied map meets the necessary mapping standards. <u>http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Permit-Program/Jurisdiction/</u>

## Jurisdictional Determination Request

$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Completed appropriate Jurisdictional Determination form</li> <li>PJDs, please complete a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form<sup>7</sup> and include the Aquatic Resource Table</li> <li>AJDs, please complete an Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form<sup>8</sup></li> </ul>
$\checkmark$	Vicinity Map
$\checkmark$	Aerial Photograph
$\checkmark$	USGS Topographic Map
$\checkmark$	Soil Survey Map
	Other Maps, as appropriate (e.g. National Wetland Inventory Map, Proposed Site Plan, previous delineation maps, LIDAR maps, FEMA floodplain maps)
	Landscape Photos (if taken)
	NCSAM and/or NCWAM Assessment Forms and Rating Sheets
	NC Division of Water Resources Stream Identification Forms
	Other Assessment Forms

<sup>7</sup> www.saw.usace.army.mil/Portals/59/docs/regulatory/regdocs/JD/RGL\_08-02\_App\_A\_Prelim\_JD\_Form\_fillable.pdf
 <sup>8</sup> Please see http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Permit-Program/Jurisdiction/

**Principal Purpose:** The information that you provide will be used in evaluating your request to determine whether there are any aquatic resources within the project area subject to federal jurisdiction under the regulatory authorities referenced above.

**Routine Uses:** This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public, and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by federal law. Your name and property location where federal jurisdiction is to be determined will be included in the approved jurisdictional determination (AJD), which will be made available to the public on the District's website and on the Headquarters USAGE website.

**Disclosure:** Submission of requested information is voluntary; however, if information is not provided, the request for an AJD cannot be evaluated nor can an AJD be issued.



#### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

## I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): Select. ORM Number: N/A Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: NC City: Wilmington County/Parish/Borough: New Hanover

County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 34.196388 Longitude -77.939694

#### **II. FINDINGS**

- **A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
  - □ The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A
  - □ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
  - □ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
  - There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

#### B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.

#### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup>							
(a)(1) Name	ne (a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination			
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.			

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):							
(a)(2) Name	ne (a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination			
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.			

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):							
(a)(3) Name (a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination				
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.			

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):							
(a)(4) Name	ne (a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination			
N/A.	N/A. N/A.		N/A.	N/A.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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### D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded wa	Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ : <sup>4</sup>							
Exclusion	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination				
Name								
W1	0.24	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Wetland W1 is a low-lying, concave depression located in the northeast corner of the project site adjacent to a gravel roadway. Hydrology within wetland W1 was at the surface, with standing/ponded water present throughout the area. No potentially jurisdictional connections were observed flowing from the wetland feature. Wetland W1 is not adjacent to an (a)(1), (2), or (3) water.				
Ditch 1	733	linear feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1).	Ditch 1 is a manmade, constructed ditch within uplands. Ditch 1 is not a tributary under (a)(2), was not a tributary under (a)(2) when it was constructed, was not constructed in an adjacent wetland, and does not contribute surface flow to an (a)(1) water in a typical year.				

#### **III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- **A.** Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
  - Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Kimley-Horn This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: N/A
  - Data sheets prepared by the Corps: N/A
  - Photographs: Aerial: NC Orthoimagery (2018)
  - Corps site visit(s) conducted on: N/A
  - Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): N/A
  - Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
  - ☑ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: New Hanover County (1977)
  - □ USFWS NWI maps: N/A
  - USGS topographic maps: Wilmington (1:24,000)

#### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USACE Sources	N/A.
LiDAR data/maps	North Carolina Spatial Data Download, accessed June 24, 2021.
FEMA/FIRM maps	N/A.

- **B.** Typical year assessment(s): The results of the Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) indicate that prior to the day of our detail delineation (June 19, 2021), the project study area and its vicinity were experiencing normal conditions.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A

	AGENT AUTHORIZATION FORM
Name:	BROD VISCOR / BRADLEY HOUSIN DEVELOPENS
Address:	101. ENGA DECI
Phone:	843-222-6483

Project Name/Description: Starway Village Date:

The Department of the Army U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District

Attention:	Brad Shaver
Field Office:	Wilmington Regulatory Field Office

Re: Wetland Related Consulting and Permitting

To Whom It May Concern:

**Bradley Housing Developers, LLC** hereby designates and authorizes Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to act in my/our behalf as my/our agent <u>solely</u> for the purpose of processing Jurisdictional Determinations, and to furnish upon request supplemental information in support of applications, etc. from this day forward until successful completion of the permitting process or revocation by the owner.

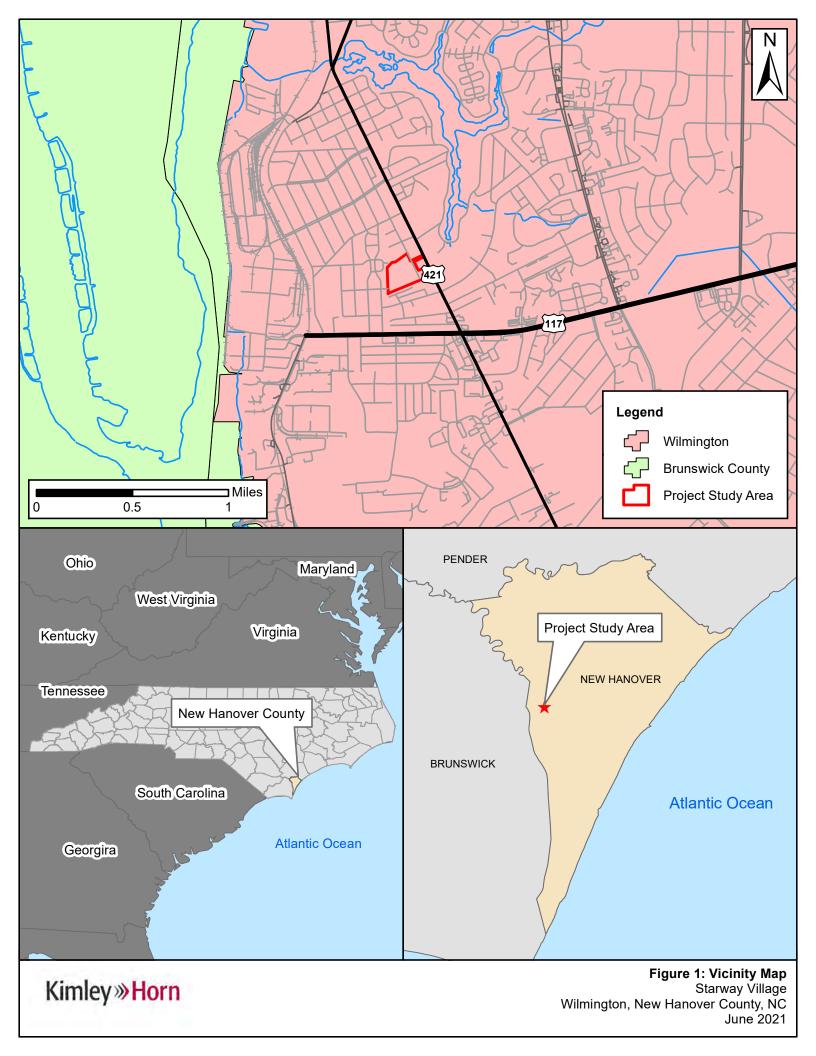
In addition, I, the undersigned, a duly authorized optionee of the property/properties identified herein, do authorize representatives of the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to enter upon the property herein described for the purpose of conducting on-site investigations and issuing a determination associated with Waters of the U.S. subject to Federal jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

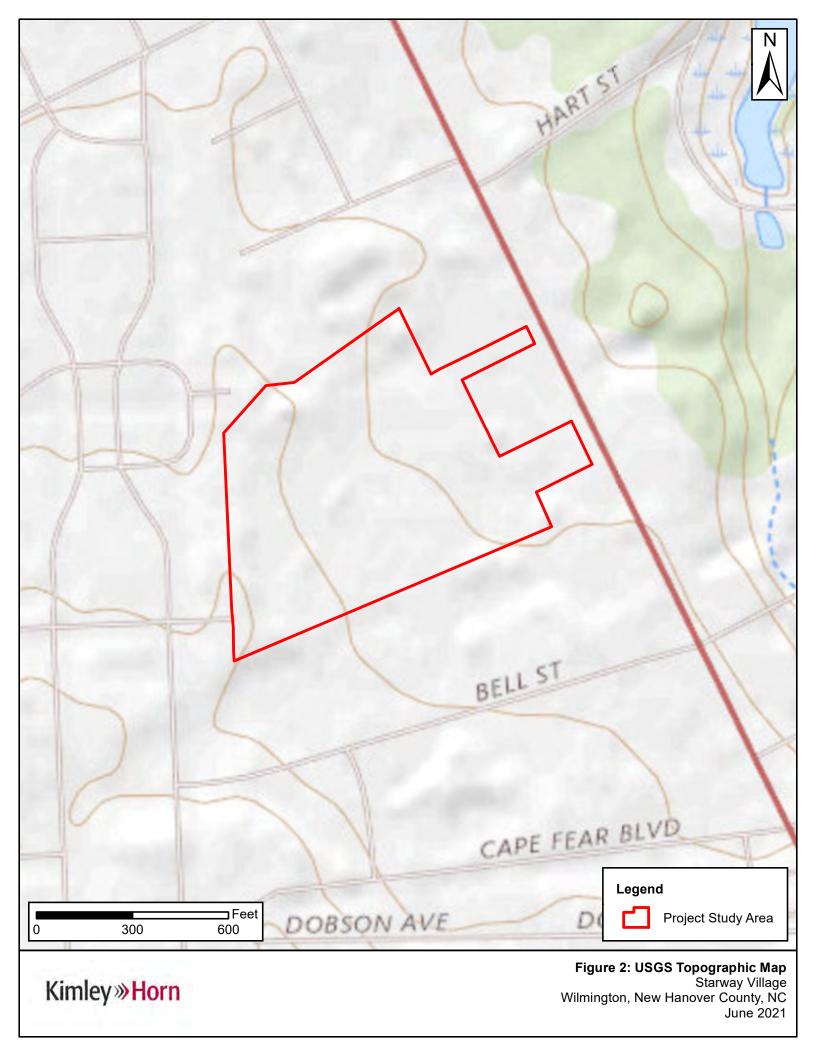
Authorized this the o day of

Print Responsible Party's Name

Résponsible Party's Signature

Cc: Rick Trone NC Division of Water Resources 401 & Buffer Permitting Unit 1650 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1650

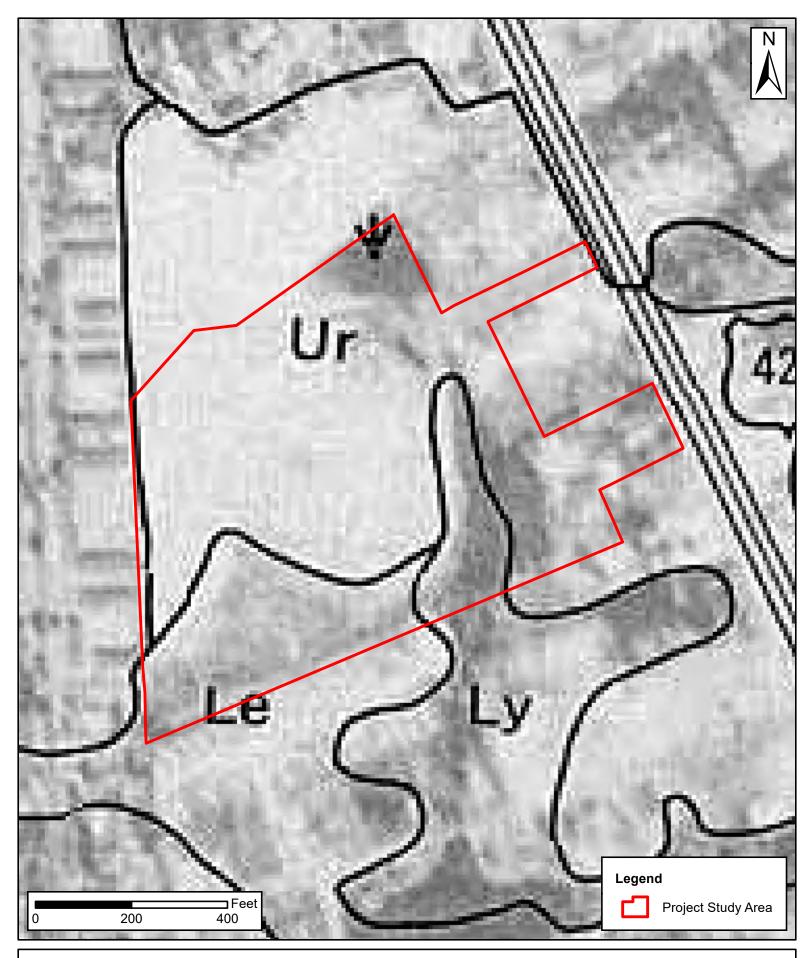






Kimley *Worn* 

Figure 3: Delineated Features Map Starway Village Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC June 2021



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**Figure 4: NRCS Soil Survey Map** Starway Village Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC June 2021

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA SHEET – Atlantic and Gulf Coa See ERDC/EL TR-07-24; the proponent agency is CECV	OMB Control #: 0710-xxxx, Exp: Pending Requirement Control Symbol EXEMPT: (Authority: AR 335-15, paragraph 5-2a)				
Applicant/Owner: Bradley Housing Developers, LLC	County: <u>Wilmington/Ne</u> ownship, Range: N/A	State: NC Sa	mpling Date: <u>6/19/</u> mpling Point: <u>W1</u>		
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Hillslope Local relief (c		): None	Datum: NAD		
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrologysignificantly disturbed? Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrologynaturally problematic? SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling	(If needed, explain	nstances" present? any answers in Remar	ks.)		
	Sampled Area a Wetland?	Yes No	<u>x</u>		
Remarks: The upland point W1-UP was taken approximately 15 feet from and 6 inches hig located on a slight hillslope adjacent to the gravel roadway on the site. No vegeta surface water or jurisdictional connection was identified flowing from Wetland W	ation or hydrology was		•		

#### HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:			Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)			
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is requi	ired; check all that apply)		Surface Soil Cracks (B6)			
Surface Water (A1)	Aquatic Fauna (B13)		Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)			
High Water Table (A2)	Marl Deposits (B15) (LRR U)		Drainage Patterns (B10)			
Saturation (A3)	Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	Moss Trim Lines (B16)				
Water Marks (B1)	Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Ro	Dry-Season Water Table (C2)				
Sediment Deposits (B2)						
Drift Deposits (B3)	Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils	s (C6)	Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)			
Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	Thin Muck Surface (C7)		Geomorphic Position (D2)			
Iron Deposits (B5)	Other (Explain in Remarks)		Shallow Aquitard (D3)			
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B	7)		FAC-Neutral Test (D5)			
Water-Stained Leaves (B9)			Sphagnum Moss (D8) (LRR T, U)			
Field Observations:						
Surface Water Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):					
Water Table Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):					
Saturation Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):	Wetland	Hydrology Present? Yes No X			
(includes capillary fringe)						
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, mo	onitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspe	ections), if a	available:			
Remarks:						
No primary or secondry hydrology indicators	s were present at the upland data form loca	ation.				

## VEGETATION (Four Strata) – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: W1-UP

	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 )	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1.       2.				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:(A)
3				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)
5				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)
7.				Prevalence Index worksheet:
8.				Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
	=	Total Cover		OBL species 0 x 1 = 0
50% of total cover:	20%	of total cover:		FACW species 0 x 2 = 0
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 30 )				FAC species 40 x 3 =20
1				FACU species 0 x 4 = 0
2.				UPL species <u>0</u> x 5 = <u>0</u>
3.				Column Totals: 40 (A) 120 (B)
4.				Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.00
5.				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
6.				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
7.				X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
8		Tatal Origina		3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^{1}$
		Total Cover		Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
50% of total cover:	20%	of total cover:		
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ) 1. <i>Festuca spp.</i>	40	Yes	FAC	1
2	40	163	TAC	<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
3.				Definitions of Four Vegetation Strata:
4.				<b>Tree</b> – Woody plants, excluding vines, 3 in. (7.6 cm) or
5.				more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
6.				
7.				Sapling/Shrub – Woody plants, excluding vines, less
8.				than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
9				
10				Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless
12.				of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
12.	40 =	Total Cover		Woody Vine – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
50% of total cover: 20		of total cover:	8	height.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 )	2070			
1				
2				
3.				
1				
5.				
		Total Cover		Hydrophytic
50% of total cover:		of total cover:		Vegetation Present? Yes X No
Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptation The area where the upland data point was collected		but had no of	her vegetatio	n present to document.
	3. 40004,			

SOIL

Profile Desc	ription: (Describe t	o the dept	in needed to doc	ument the l	ndicator or co	onfirm the a	bsence of ind	icators.)		
Depth	Matrix			x Features	<u>_</u> _					
inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	% T	ype <sup>1</sup> Loc <sup>2</sup>	Textu	re	Ren	narks	
0-4	10YR 2/2	100				Sand	у	>30% uncoat	ed sand grains	
4-16	2.5Y 5/4	100				Sand	у			
Type: C=Co	oncentration, D=Deple	etion, RM=	Reduced Matrix, M	/IS=Masked	Sand Grains.	<sup>2</sup> Lo	ocation: PL=Po	ore Lining, M=	Matrix.	
lydric Soil	Indicators: (Applical	ble to all L	RRs, unless othe	erwise note	ed.)	Inc	licators for Pr	oblematic Hy	dric Soils <sup>3</sup> :	
Histosol	(A1)		Thin Dark S	urface (S9)	(LRR S, T, U)		1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR O)			
Histic Ep	oipedon (A2)		Barrier Islan	ds 1 cm Mu	ck (S12)		2 cm Muck (A10) <b>(LRR S)</b>			
Black Hi	stic (A3)		(MLRA 153B, 153D)				Coast Prairie Redox (A16)			
Hydroge	n Sulfide (A4)		Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR O)				(outside MLRA 150A)			
Stratified	l Layers (A5)		Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)				Reduced Vertic (F18)			
Organic	Bodies (A6) (LRR P,	T, U)	Depleted Matrix (F3)				(outside MLRA 150A, 150B)			
5 cm Mu	cky Mineral (A7) <b>(LR</b>	R P, T, U)	Redox Dark Surface (F6)				Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (LRR P, T			
Muck Pr	esence (A8) <b>(LRR U)</b>		Depleted Dark Surface (F7)				Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20)			
1 cm Mu	ck (A9) <b>(LRR P, T)</b>		Redox Depr	essions (F8	)		(MLRA 153B)			
Depleted	Below Dark Surface	(A11)	Marl (F10) (	LRR U)			Red Parent M			
Thick Da	ark Surface (A12)		Depleted Oc	hric (F11) <b>(</b>	MLRA 151)		Very Shallow	Dark Surface	(F22)	
Coast Pr	airie Redox (A16) ( <b>M</b>	LRA 150A	) Iron-Mangar	iese Masse	s (F12) <b>(LRR C</b>	D, P, T)	(outside M	LRA 138, 152	A in FL, 154)	
Sandy M	lucky Mineral (S1) <b>(L</b> l	RR O, S)	Umbric Surf	ace (F13) <b>(L</b>	.RR P, T, U)		Barrier Island	s Low Chrom	a Matrix (TS7)	
	leyed Matrix (S4)		Delta Ochric	· /·					( )	
	edox (S5)			· /·	, ILRA 150A, 15	50B)	Other (Explain in Remarks)			
	Matrix (S6)				ils (F19) <b>(MLR</b>	· —	_	,		
	face (S7) <b>(LRR P, S</b> ,	T, U)		•	. , .	•				
	e Below Surface (S8)		Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) (MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D)			,	<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and			
(LRR S, T, U)		Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)				wetland hydrology must be present,				
(	-, -, -,			8, 152A in	. ,			urbed or prob		
Restrictive I	_ayer (if observed):									
Type:										
Depth (inches):						Hydric S		Yes		

The upper layer of sandy soils had over 30% of uncoated sand grains present.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA SHEET – Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Regi See ERDC/EL TR-07-24; the proponent agency is CECW-CO-R	OMB Control #: 0710-xxxx, Exp: Pending Requirement Control Symbol EXEMPT: (Authority: AR 335-15, paragraph 5-2a)
Project/Site: Starway Village City/County: Wilmington	on/New Hanover Sampling Date: 6/19/21
Applicant/Owner: Bradley Housing Developers, LLC	State: NC Sampling Point: W1-WET
Investigator(s): Mackenzie Richards (Kimley-Horn) Section, Township, Range:	N/A
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex,	none): Concave Slope (%): 0-1
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR T, MLRA 153A Lat: 34.197293 Long: -	
Soil Map Unit Name: Ur - Urban land	
	No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Circumstances" present? Yes X No
	plain any answers in Remarks.)
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locati	
	ions, transects, important reatures, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?       Yes       X       No       Is the Sampled Area         Hydric Soil Present?       Yes       X       No       within a Wetland?         Wetland Hydrology Present?       Yes       X       No       within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Remarks: Wetland 1 is a low-lying depression located in the northeast corner of the project site adjacent to a water throughout with both saturation and the water table located at the surface. Wetland W1 is a	о , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

#### Remarks:

(includes capillary fringe)

Both saturation and a water table were present at the surface of the wetland, as standing/ponded water was present throughout the site.

## **VEGETATION (Four Strata)** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: W1-WET

	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 )	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1.       2.				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:5(A)
3				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)
5.				
6.				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)
7.				Prevalence Index worksheet:
8.				Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
		=Total Cover		OBL species 35 x 1 = 35
50% of total cover:	20%	of total cover:		FACW species 90 x 2 = 180
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 30 )				FAC species 35 x 3 = 105
1. Triadica sebifera	15	Yes	FAC	FACU species 0 x 4 = 0
2. <u>Salix caroliniana</u>	5	Yes	OBL	UPL species $0 \times 5 = 0$
3.				Column Totals: 160 (A) 320 (B)
4.				Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.00
5.				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
6.				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
7. 8.				X 2 - Dominance Test is $>50\%$
8.	20	=Total Cover		X 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
50% of total cover: 10		of total cover:	4	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 30 )	J2070		- 4	
1. Persicaria amphibia	20	Yes	OBL	
Phragmites australis	40	Yes	FACW	<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
3. Chasmanthium latifolium	10	No	FAC	Definitions of Four Vegetation Strata:
4. Carex spp.	10	No	FAC	<b>Tree</b> – Woody plants, excluding vines, 3 in. (7.6 cm) or
5. Juncus effusus	10	No	OBL	more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of
6.				height.
7.				
8.				<b>Sapling/Shrub</b> – Woody plants, excluding vines, less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
9.				
10.				
11.				<b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
12.				of Size, and woody planto loss than size it tail.
	90	=Total Cover		Woody Vine – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
50% of total cover: 4	5 20%	of total cover:	18	height.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 )			<b></b>	
1. Wisteria frutescens	50	Yes	FACW	
2.				
3				
4				
5				Hydrophytic
		=Total Cover		Vegetation
50% of total cover: 2	5 20%	of total cover:	10	Present? Yes <u>X</u> No
Remarks: (If observed, list morphological adaptation	is below.)			
No canopy layer was observed at this point.				

SOIL

	cription: (Describe	to the dep						absence	er maloatoroly		
Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	ox Featur %	es Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>	Text	ure	Remarks		
· · · ·			· · ·								
0-8	10YR 4/2	95	7.5YR 4/6	5	С	М	Sandy		Prominent redox concentrations		
8-16	5YR 2.5/1	100					Mucky	Sand	Muck		
Type: C=Co	oncentration, D=Depl	etion, RM=	Reduced Matrix, I	MS=Masl	ked Sand	l Grains.	<sup>2</sup> l	_ocation:	PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.		
lydric Soil	Indicators: (Applica	ble to all l	RRs, unless oth	erwise n	oted.)		Ir	ndicators	for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :		
Histosol	(A1)		Thin Dark S	Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR S, T, U)					1 cm Muck (A9) <b>(LRR O)</b>		
Histic Ep	oipedon (A2)		Barrier Islands 1 cm Muck (S12)					2 cm Muck (A10) <b>(LRR S)</b>			
Black Hi	stic (A3)		(MLRA 1	(MLRA 153B, 153D)				Coast Prairie Redox (A16)			
Hydroge	n Sulfide (A4)		Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR O)					(outside MLRA 150A)			
Stratified	l Layers (A5)		Loamy Gley	Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)				Reduced Vertic (F18)			
Organic	Bodies (A6) (LRR P,	T, U)	Depleted Ma	Depleted Matrix (F3)					(outside MLRA 150A, 150B)		
5 cm Mu	icky Mineral (A7) <b>(LR</b>	R P, T, U)	Redox Dark	Redox Dark Surface (F6)					Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (LRR P, T		
Muck Pr	esence (A8) (LRR U)		Depleted Dark Surface (F7)					Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20)			
1 cm Mu	ick (A9) <b>(LRR P, T)</b>		Redox Depressions (F8)					(MLRA 153B)			
Depleted	Below Dark Surface	e (A11)	Marl (F10) (	Marl (F10) <b>(LRR U)</b>					Red Parent Material (F21)		
Thick Da	ark Surface (A12)		Depleted Oc	chric (F1	1) (MLRA	A 151)	_	Very S	hallow Dark Surface (F22)		
Coast Pr	rairie Redox (A16) ( <b>M</b>	LRA 150A	) Iron-Mangai	nese Mas	sses (F12	2) (LRR O	, P, T) —	(out	side MLRA 138, 152A in FL, 154)		
Sandy M	lucky Mineral (S1) <b>(L</b>	RR O, S)	Umbric Surf	ace (F13	) (LRR F	P, T, U)		Barrier	Islands Low Chroma Matrix (TS7)		
Sandy G	Bleyed Matrix (S4)		Delta Ochric (F17) <b>(MLRA 151)</b>				_	(MLRA 153B, 153D)			
X Sandy R	ledox (S5)		Reduced Vertic (F18) (MLRA 150A, 150B)				)B)	B) Other (Explain in Remarks)			
Stripped	Matrix (S6)		Piedmont Fl	Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149A)					· · · · ·		
Dark Su	rface (S7) (LRR P, S	, T, U)	Anomalous	Bright Fle	oodplain	Soils (F20	))				
Polyvalue Below Surface (S8)				Anomalous Bright Floodplain Soils (F20) (MLRA 149A, 153C, 153D)				<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and			
(LRR S, T, U)		Very Shallo	•	• •			wetland hydrology must be present,				
•			(MLRA 13	88, 152A	in FL, 1	54)		unle	ess disturbed or problematic.		
Restrictive I	Layer (if observed):										
Type:											
Dopth (ir	nches):						Hydric	Soil Pres	ent? Yes X No		

A prescence of muck was found at a depth of 8 inches.

