

Other (State)

Rare Species, Natural Communities, Natural Areas, and Managed Areas

What Activities Require This Permit? This is not a permit, but it is information that is required for certain environmental documents and permit applications. Specifically, permit applications or other environmental documents that require information on the status and proximity of priority natural areas, natural communities, areas managed for conservation (managed areas), or rare plants and animals, including Federal or State listed species, to project sites.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? This is not a permit. However, the purpose is to provide information that is needed to evaluate the likelihood and nature of ecological impacts of proposed projects.

Who Issues This Permit? The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program provides this information.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? At this time, there are no fees for this information. However, the Program has been authorized to implement fees for access to certain data online.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? When fees for online data access are implemented, credit card payments will be via the Natural Heritage Program website.

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, 1651 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1651.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? There is no application. The best method to obtain data is through our Natural Heritage Program Map Viewer Web site. The Natural Heritage Program Map Viewer allows users to obtain a list of natural communities, known occurrences of rare plants and animals, natural areas, and conservation managed areas within one mile of a given location that the user chooses. The Map Viewer is accessed at:

<http://ncnhp.org/data>.

To request information about a specific site or about rare species, please visit the following web page for more information about this process: <http://ncnhp.org/data/request-information>.

GIS files of this data are available for downloading from the NC One Map Web site (<http://www.nconemap.com/>). Other options for getting this data are also described on the Natural Heritage Web site or can be learned by contacting a [Natural Heritage Program staff member](#).

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? NA. Requests for natural heritage data are usually answered within two weeks.

Where Do I Submit My Application? NA.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? NA.

Notes/Comments: The use of Natural Heritage Program data should not be substituted for actual field surveys, particularly if a project area contains suitable habitat for rare species, significant natural communities or natural areas.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: G.S. 113A-164.4 (3)

Link: <http://ncnhp.org/>

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