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ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

County of Franklin

THIS ASSIGNMENT is made on the 29 day of Dec., 2004, by and between **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** to the **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**, (the "**STATE**" or "**ASSIGNEE**") acting by and through the **NORTH CAROLINA ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ("EEP")**

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, EEP has agreed to provide funding to **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** for the purchase of a Conservation Easement over real property situated along Sandy Creek within the Upper Tar River Basin, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the funding, the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** has, on the 29th day of Dec, 2004, acquired Conservation Easements, over the property of **WILLIAM H. O'NEAL & MARY B. O'NEAL**, which easements are recorded in Deed Book 1449, Page 489, Franklin County Registry, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** desires to assign its right, title, and interest in the Conservation Easement to the **STATE**, and the **STATE** has agreed to this Assignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of funding paid by **EEP** to the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY**; the mutual benefits accruing to the **STATE**, the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY**, and the public from the Conservation Easement herein referenced and

assigned, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** conveys and assigns to the **STATE**, acting by and through the **EEP**, all the rights, title, easement, privilege and interest (and subject to all conditions contained therein), in those Conservation Easements conveyed to the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** by **WILLIAM H. O'NEAL & MARY B. O'NEAL** dated the 29 day of Dec, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 1449, Page, 489, Franklin County.

The **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY** hereby expressly reserves from this Assignment the rights to make "Educational Visits" found in found in Section III A, and the nonexclusive rights initially acquired by the Conservation Easement to inspect monitor, enforce and maintain the Conservation Easement found in Sections III and IV, and to access the property for such purposes as described in the easement.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said right, privilege and easement herein granted and assigned to the **STATE**, its successors and assigns in perpetuity.

AND the **ASSIGNOR** covenants that it is properly vested with the Conservation Easement; has the right to assign the same to the **ASSIGNEE**; that the Easement is free from encumbrances except as may be expressly excepted to by the terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement; and that the **ASSIGNOR** will warrant and defend title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY**, has executed the foregoing in its corporate name, under seal, signed by the **BOARD PRESIDENT** with proper authorization by **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY**, the date and year first above written.

TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY

By: _____ (SEAL)
Ernest B. Averett, III
Board President
Tar River Land Conservancy

ATTEST

By: _____
Jeffrey A. Fisher
Executive Director/
Assistant Secretary
Tar River Land Conservancy

Acknowledgement

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GRANVILLE

I, NANCY J. DAVIS, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ernest B. Averett, III personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Board President of the **TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY**, a North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation, and that by the authority duly given as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Board President and attested by Jeffrey A. Fisher, its Executive Director and Assistant Secretary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notary Seal this the 29th day of December, 2004.

Nancy J. Davis
Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/16/08

NANCY J. DAVIS
NOTARY
PUBLIC
GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.

North Carolina-Franklin County
The foregoing certificate of Nancy J. Davis, a Notary Public, is certified to be correct and duly recorded this 29th day of December, 2004.
Linda H. Stone
Linda H. Stone, Register of Deeds
by: Betty Shannington Deputy