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TO: DENR-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch

RE: MBI for Riparian Buffer Mitigation & Nutrient Offset Credits in the Falls Lake Watershed

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/401-wetlands-buffer-permits/401-public-notices>.

I. MBI for Riparian Buffer Mitigation & Nutrient Offset Credits in the Falls Lake Watershed

A Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI) has been prepared by Wildlands Holdings II, LLC for review and approval by the Division of Water Resources under 15A NCAC 02B .0295 and 15A NCAC 02B .0240. This MBI, if approved, will allow Wildlands Holdings II, LLC to sell riparian buffer mitigation credits within the Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03020201 of Neuse River Basin and nutrient offset credits within the Falls Lake Watershed. A site-specific Bank Parcel Development Package will be submitted for review and approval once the MBI has been finalized.

The proposed MBI can be found online at:

<http://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/0/doc/359259/Page1.aspx>

Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to Katie Merritt at (katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov or 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617). All comments received by DWR by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 1, 2016 will be considered during preparation and approval of the final MBI. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Merritt at 919-807-6371