Request for Categorical Exclusion
from Substantive Environmental Review (CE)

Instructions:
1. Provide the WIF number for the project for which you are requesting consideration.
2. Fill out the Applicant's formal name. For a county authority, please specify which county. "County Water District VII" is not a complete name; "ABC County Water District VII" is a complete name.
3. Check all applicable exclusions. Failure to check an applicable exclusion will result in the rejection of your request.
4. Either the "authorized representative" or the Professional Engineer must sign the form. If the Professional Engineer signs the form, the Professional Engineer must seal the form.
5. Submit as part of the ER/EID, following the "Factsheet: Instructions for Applicants Seeking a Federal Categorical Exclusion" available at http://portal.nccdenr.org/web/wl/drinkingswater/factsheets.

WIF No.: 1899
Applicant: Town of Woodland
Project Name: Replacement Water Supply Well

Construction of new 175 gpm water supply Well #3 in the Upper Cape Fear Aquifer to replace existing Well #1. The project will include a test/observation well and production well. Well will include casing with gravel-packed screens to approximate 350’ depth, submersible turbine pump, column piping and wellhead, electrical, well house, disinfection equipment, emergency back-up generator with auto-transfer switch, approximately 150 linear feet of 8-inch water main, and proper abandonment of existing Well #1. Project is proposed to be constructed on property located at the southeast corner of the North Linden Street/Ashe Street intersection. Well #3 will not increase capacity from that of the original Well #1.

I certify that the project described in the application for state-supplied financial assistance meets all of the applicable general criteria listed in 15A NCAC 01C .0408 (1), and consists solely of activities exempted under the specific criteria of 15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2) checked below:

Please check all the exclusion(s) that apply:

☑ Potable water systems including the construction or rehabilitation of wells for water supply purposes with associated groundwater withdrawals of less than 1,000,000 gallons per day where such withdrawals are not expected to cause alterations in established land use patterns, or degradation of groundwater or surface water quality.

[15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(c)].

Other potable water systems including the following:

☐ Improvements to water treatment plants that involve less than 1,000,000 gallons per day added capacity and total design withdrawal less than one-fifth of the 7-day, 10-year low flow of the contributing stream;

[15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(i)]

☐ Improvements not intended to add capacity to the facility; [15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(ii)]

☒ Installation of waterlines and appurtenances in existing rights-of-way for streets or utilities, or water lines and appurtenances less than five miles in length and having only directional bore stream crossings or no stream crossings; [NCGS § 113A-12(1) & 15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(iii)]

☐ Construction of water tanks, or booster pumping or secondary or remote disinfection stations;

[15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(b)(iv)]

☐ Dams less than 25 feet in height and having less than 50 acre-feet or storage capacity [15A NCAC 01C .0408 (2)(h)] (Notes: #1 Dam projects are ineligible for federally recognized CE. #2 Only off-stream raw water reservoirs for pre-treatment purposes are eligible for SRF funding.)
I further certify that the project does not have a significant direct, indirect, cumulative or secondary adverse environmental impact as described in 15A NCAC 01C .0306, and that none of the following descriptions apply to the project:

- the proposed activity may have a potential for significant adverse effects on wetlands; surface waters such as rivers, streams and estuaries; parklands; game lands; prime agricultural or forest lands; or areas of local, state or federally recognized scenic, recreational, archaeological, ecological, scientific research or historical value, including secondary impacts; or would threaten a species identified on the Department of Interior's or the state's threatened and endangered species lists; [15A NCAC 01C .0306 (1)] or
- the proposed activity could cause changes in industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, or silvicultural land use concentrations or distributions which would be expected to create adverse water quality, instream flow, air quality, or ground water impacts; or affect long-term recreational benefits, fish, wildlife, or their natural habitats; [15A NCAC 01C .0306 (2)] or
- the proposed activity has secondary impacts, or is part of cumulative impacts, not generally covered in the approval process for the state action, and that may result in a potential risk to human health or the environment; [15A NCAC 01C .0306 (3)].

Therefore, I believe our project is eligible for consideration for a CE from the State's environmental assessment review processes and request that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) concur with this determination.

I understand that DENR may determine that the proposed activity is of such an unusual nature or has such widespread implications that a concern for its environmental effects has been identified by DENR or expressed to DENR. I understand that, in this case, the activity may be ineligible for CE under 15A NCAC 01C .0306 (4).

☒ We are applying for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan and include the required comment letters. OR
☐ We are not applying for the DWSRF.

M. Blaine Humphrey, P.E., Rivers & Associates, Inc.
Authorized Representative or Engineer Printed Name

M. Blaine Humphrey
Authorized Representative or Engineer Signature & Date

Project Manager
Authorized Representative or Engineer Title

State Use Only (Review)

Reviewed by: ☐ DMG
Date: ☐ 8-16-2016

Departmental Approval: ☐ Vincent Judi Tomain
Date: ☐ 8-16-2016

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North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

April 14, 2016

Robert Collier  
Town of Woodland  
123 East Main Street  
Woodland, NC 27897

Re: Town of Woodland Water Supply Well Replacement, WIF-1899, Northampton County, ER 16-0535

Dear Mr. Collier:

We have received information concerning the above project.

We have conducted a review of the project and are aware of no historic resources which would be affected by the project. Therefore, we have no comment on the project as proposed.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

Renee Gledhill-Earley

Ramona M. Bartos
August 12, 2016

Mr. David Giachini, P.E.
NCDEQ
Division of Water Infrastructure
1633 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1633

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact – USACE
Woodland Water Supply Well Replacement Project

Dear Mr. Giachini:

Based upon our review of the current proposed well site and the anticipated improvements required, we have determined that no permitting will be required by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Thank you for consideration of this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,

M. Blaine Humphrey, P.E.
Project Manager

cc: Mr. Robert Collier, Town of Woodland
    Mark Garner, AICP, Rivers and Associates, Inc.
    File
August 5, 2016

Andrew Mitchell
Rivers and Associates
PO Box 929
Greenville, NC 27835

Re: Town of Woodland Replacement Water Supply Well – Northampton County, NC

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter is to inform you that a list of all federally-protected endangered and threatened species with known occurrences in North Carolina is now available on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Service) web page at http://www.fws.gov/raleigh. Therefore, if you have projects that occur within the Raleigh Field Office’s area of responsibility (see attached county list), you no longer need to contact the Raleigh Field Office for a list of federally-protected species.

Our web page contains a complete and frequently updated list of all endangered and threatened species protected by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)(Act), and a list of federal species of concern\(^1\) that are known to occur in each county in North Carolina.

Section 7 of the Act requires that all federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative), in consultation with the Service, insure that any action federally authorized, funded, or carried out by such agencies is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any federally-listed endangered or threatened species. A biological assessment or evaluation may be prepared to fulfill that requirement and in determining whether additional consultation with the Service is necessary. In addition to the federally-protected species list, information on the species’ life histories and habitats and information on completing a biological assessment or evaluation and can be found on our web page at http://www.fws.gov/raleigh. Please check the web site often for updated information or changes.

\(^1\) The term “federal species of concern” refers to those species which the Service believes might be in need of concentrated conservation actions. Federal species of concern receive no legal protection and their designation does not necessarily imply that the species will eventually be proposed for listing as a federally endangered or threatened species. However, we recommend that all practicable measures be taken to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to federal species of concern.
If your project contains suitable habitat for any of the federally-listed species known to be present within the county where your project occurs, the proposed action has the potential to adversely affect those species. As such, we recommend that surveys be conducted to determine the species’ presence or absence within the project area. The use of North Carolina Natural Heritage program data should not be substituted for actual field surveys.

If you determine that the proposed action may affect (i.e., likely to adversely affect or not likely to adversely affect) a federally-protected species, you should notify this office with your determination, the results of your surveys, survey methodologies, and an analysis of the effects of the action on listed species, including consideration of direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, before conducting any activities that might affect the species. If you determine that the proposed action will have no effect (i.e., no beneficial or adverse, direct or indirect effect) on federally listed species, then you are not required to contact our office for concurrence (unless an Environmental Impact Statement is prepared). However, you should maintain a complete record of the assessment, including steps leading to your determination of effect, the qualified personnel conducting the assessment, habitat conditions, site photographs, and any other related articles.

With regard to the above-referenced project, we offer the following remarks. Our comments are submitted pursuant to, and in accordance with, provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Based on the information provided and other information available, it appears that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, their formally designated critical habitat, or species currently proposed for listing under the Act at these sites. We believe that the requirements of section 7(a)(2) of the Act have been satisfied for your project. Please remember that obligations under section 7 consultation must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered; (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner that was not considered in this review; or, (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat determined that may be affected by the identified action.

However, the Service is concerned about the potential impacts the proposed action might have on aquatic species. Aquatic resources are highly susceptible to sedimentation. Therefore, we recommend that all practicable measures be taken to avoid adverse impacts to aquatic species, including implementing directional boring methods and stringent sediment and erosion control measures. An erosion and sedimentation control plan should be submitted to and approved by the North Carolina Division of Land Resources, Land Quality Section prior to construction. Erosion and sedimentation controls should be installed and maintained between the construction site and any nearby down-gradient surface waters. In addition, we recommend maintaining natural, vegetated buffers on all streams and creeks adjacent to the project site.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has developed a Guidance Memorandum (a copy can be found on our website at (http://www.fws.gov/raleigh) to address and mitigate secondary and cumulative impacts to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources and water quality. We recommend that you consider this document in the development of your projects and in completing an initiation package for consultation (if necessary).
We hope you find our web page useful and informative and that following the process described above will reduce the time required, and eliminate the need, for general correspondence for species’ lists. If you have any questions or comments, please contact John Ellis of this office at (919) 856-4520 ext. 26.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pete Benjamin
Field Supervisor
List of Counties in the Service’s Raleigh Field Office Area of Responsibility

Alamance
Beaufort
Bertie
Bladen
Brunswick
Camden
Carteret
Caswell
Chatham
Chowan
Columbus
Craven
Cumberland
Currituck
Dare
Duplin
Durham
Edgecombe
Franklin
Gates
Granville
Greene
Guilford
Halifax
Harnett
Hertford
Hoke
Hyde
Johnston
Jones
Lee
Lenoir
Martin
Montgomery
Moore
Nash
New Hanover
Northampton
Onslow
Orange
Pamlico
Pasquotank
Pender
Perquimans
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Randolph
Richmond
Robeson
Rockingham
Sampson
Scotland
Tyrrell
Vance
Wake
Warren
Washington
Wayne
Wilson
# Review Checklist: Request for Categorical Exclusion for DWSRF Projects

**Applicant:** WOODLAND, TOWN OF  
**WIF #** 1899

**PWS ID:** 0466040  
**P&S Serial #**

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## Required for all Requests for Categorical Exclusion (CEs)

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☐ Blanket letter from applicant OK?  
☒ Comments from agency OK? April 14, 2016 |
☐ By "no permits required" comment letter from USACOE  
☐ By sealed & signed "no jurisdiction" blanket comment letter from applicant’s engineer  
☒ By sealed & signed "no permits required" blanket comment letter from applicant’s engineer August 12, 2016  
☐ By sealed & signed "all permits in place" blanket comment letter from applicant’s engineer |
| Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11990 | US Fish & Wildlife Service for signoff  
☒ Comments from USFWS OK August 5, 2016  
☐ By sealed & signed blanket letter from applicant’s engineer for project scopes that don’t require comments (see factsheet)  
☐ By sealed & signed blanket letter from applicant’s engineer after 30 days pass without USFWS comment |
| Endangered Species Act, Pub. L. 93-205, as amended | DWSRF Funding Unit and the local PWSS Regional Engineer |
| Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Pub. L. 83-624, as amended | |
| Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Pub. L. 90-542, as amended | |
| Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898 | Based on responses given by PWSS-RE to those questions included on the EJ questionnaire, which was provided to the RE during the priority review period: |
| Project benefits the entire service area. | |
| Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Pub. L. 97-348 | |
| Coastal Zone Management Act, Pub. L 92-583, as amended | |

☐ Signed Request for CE posted on Web? (optional) 

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