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TO: DENR-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

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RE: Update on DWR Reorganization; New and updated application forms; Proposed Bank Parcel Development Package in the Neuse River Basin

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>.

I. Update on DWR Reorganization in Central Office

As part of the reorganization of the Division of Water Resources, the following changes have been made:

- The “*Wetlands and Stormwater Branch*” is now the “*Wetlands Branch.*”
- The “*Wetlands, Buffers, Stormwater – Compliance and Permitting (Webscape) Unit*” is now the “*401 & Buffer Permitting Unit.*”
- The staff in the *Program Development Unit* will be reporting directly to the Branch Chief, Cyndi Karoly.

There have not been any changes to mailing addresses or phone numbers for staff in the Central Office.

For government (NCDOT/municipal) transportation projects:

sent by the US Postal Service:

NC DWR, Transportation Permitting Unit
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For all other projects:

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II. New and Updated Application Forms

In an effort to improve customer service and expedite processing of applications, DWR has updated the application form for shoreline stabilization projects. The updated form and help document can be found online at:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/certsandpermits/apply/forms>.

DWR has also updated and consolidated the application form for minor and major variances to the riparian buffer rules. The updated form and help document can be found online at:

http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/riparianbuffers/authorizations_variances.

Finally, DWR has developed a new application form for buffer authorizations. This form should be used when applying for a buffer authorization only. The new form and help document can be found online at:

http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/riparianbuffers/authorizations_variances.

When applying for a buffer authorization in conjunction with stream, wetland and/or open water impacts, please continue to use the Pre-construction Notification Form (PCN), which can be found online at:

<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram/Permits/NationwidePermits/PreconstructionNotification.aspx>.

III. Proposed Bank Parcel Development Package in the Neuse River Basin

An Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument for Restoration Systems, LLC was approved on March 17, 2008.

Restoration Systems, LLC has submitted a proposed Bank Parcel Development Package (BPDP) for the Pancho Riparian Buffer and Nutrient Offset bank parcel, which is located in the Neuse River Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 03020201) near Goldsboro, in western Wayne County. Stormwater runoff from this site drains into Kennedy Mill Branch.

The proposed bank parcel will be used to generate approximately 14.8 acres of Neuse riparian buffer and/or nutrient offset mitigation. Restoration of Neuse riparian buffers will provide approximately 3.5 acres (152,460 ft²) of Neuse riparian buffer credits. Restoration of other riparian areas will generate approximately 11.34 acres (25,776.04 lbs of nitrogen) of nutrient offset credits.

Nutrient offset credits generated at this proposed site can be used to satisfy nutrient offset requirements for development projects pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0235 located within the 8-digit USGS HUC 03020201 of the Neuse River Basin, excluding the Falls Lake Watershed. Neuse riparian buffer credits generated at this proposed bank site can be used to satisfy buffer mitigation requirements for impacts pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0242 within the Neuse River Basin. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) has no further comments on the proposed BPDP.

The proposed Pancho Riparian Buffer and Nutrient Offset BPDP can be found online at: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>. Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to Katie Merritt at (katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov or 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650). All comments received by DWR by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on November 4, 2013 will be considered during preparation and approval of the final BPDP. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Merritt at 919-807-6371.

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