



US Army Corps
Of Engineers
Wilmington District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Issue Date: August 27, 2008
Comment Deadline: September 27, 2008
Corps Action ID #: SAW-2008-02460

All interested parties are hereby advised that the Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for work within jurisdictional waters of the United States. Specific plans and location information are described below and shown on the attached plans. This Public Notice and all attached plans are also available on the Wilmington District Web Site at: http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/WETLANDS/Notices/Current_notices.html

Applicant: Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.
N. C. Department of Transportation
1598 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Authority

The Corps will evaluate this application and decide whether to issue, conditionally issue, or deny the proposed work pursuant to applicable procedures of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899.

Location

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to construct the southern section of Crescent Road from US 70 to US 258 in Lenoir County, west of Kinston (T.I.P. no. R-2719A). The project is approximately 4 miles in length and is the last section of R-2719 to be completed. The proposed roadway is a four-lane divided freeway constructed on new location beginning at US 70 east of the bridges over Falling Creek and terminating at US 258. The project is located in the Neuse River Basin and lies within the Hydrologic Unit 03020202. The project crosses Falling Creek and five unnamed tributaries to Falling Creek, which then flows to the Neuse River.

Existing Site Conditions

The project area lies in the rural region of Lenoir County. Land uses in the area consist primarily of agriculture, forestry, and low-density residential and commercial development. Most of the proposed road alignment for R-2719A is currently agriculture and forest lands.

Summary of Wetland and Stream Impacts for R-2719A

Permanent Wetland Impacts (ac)		Temporary Wetland Impacts (ac)		Permanent Stream Impacts (ft)	Temporary Stream Impacts (ft)
Riparian	Non-Riparian	Fill	Hand Clearing		
2.7	9.35	0.35	1.15	2,363	1,227

NCDOT proposes mitigating wetland and stream impacts at a ratio of 1:1 using mitigation sites listed in the following table. The following mitigation sites are located within Hydrologic Units 03020201 and 03020202.

Summary of Proposed Wetland Mitigation for R-2719A

Mitigation Site	Status	HUC Unit	Riparian Restoration (ac)	Non-Riparian Restoration (ac)
Banks School Road (Site 2)	Onsite	03020202	0.68	0.0
Jeffrey's Warehouse	Offsite	03020201	2.02	2.76
NEU-CONMBI-Casey King	Offsite	03020202	0.0	6.59

Summary of Proposed Stream Mitigation for R-2719A

Mitigation Site	Status	HUC Unit	Stream Restoration (ft)
Banks School Road (Site 1)	Onsite	03020202	2,077
Banks School Road (Site 2)	Onsite	03020202	286

Applicant's Stated Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve transportation deficiencies along US 70 and US 258 and to support the projected transportation needs with a better east-west route.

Project Description

The following description of work is taken from data provided by the applicant. The proposed project is approximately 4 miles in length and involves constructing a four-lane, full control of access freeway with interchanges at locations with major traffic movements, and

grade separations at minor crossroads and railroads. For Section A the proposed project would permanently impact 12.05 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 2,363 linear feet of streams. There will be 0.35 acres of temporary fill and 1.15 acres of hand-clearing in wetlands and 1,227 linear feet of temporary impacts in surface waters.

Other Required Authorizations

This notice and all applicable application materials are being forwarded to the appropriate State agencies for review. The Corps will generally not make a final permit decision until the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) issues, denies, or waives State certification required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (PL 92-500). The receipt of the application and this public notice combined with the appropriate application fee at the North Carolina Division of Water Quality central office in Raleigh will constitute initial receipt of an application for a 401 Water Quality Certification. A waiver will be deemed to occur if the NCDWQ fails to act on this request for certification within sixty days of the date of the receipt of this notice in the NCDWQ Central Office. Additional information regarding the Clean Water Act certification may be reviewed at the NCDWQ Central Office, 401 Oversight and Express Permits Unit, 2321 Crabtree Boulevard, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604-2260. All persons desiring to make comments regarding the application for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act should do so in writing delivered to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ), 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1650 Attention: Mr. Brian Wrenn by September 26, 2008.

Essential Fish Habitat

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Corps' initial determination is that the proposed project will not adversely impact EFH or associated fisheries managed by the South Atlantic or Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Councils or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Cultural Resources

The Corps has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and has determined that registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are located within the project area and/or will be affected by the proposed work.

Endangered Species

The Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant and consulted the latest North Carolina Natural Heritage Database. Based on available information, the Corps has determined pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, that the proposed project will have no effect on federally listed endangered or threatened species or their formally designated critical habitat.

Evaluation

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values (in accordance with Executive Order 11988), land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving the discharge of dredged or fill materials in waters of the United States, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines.

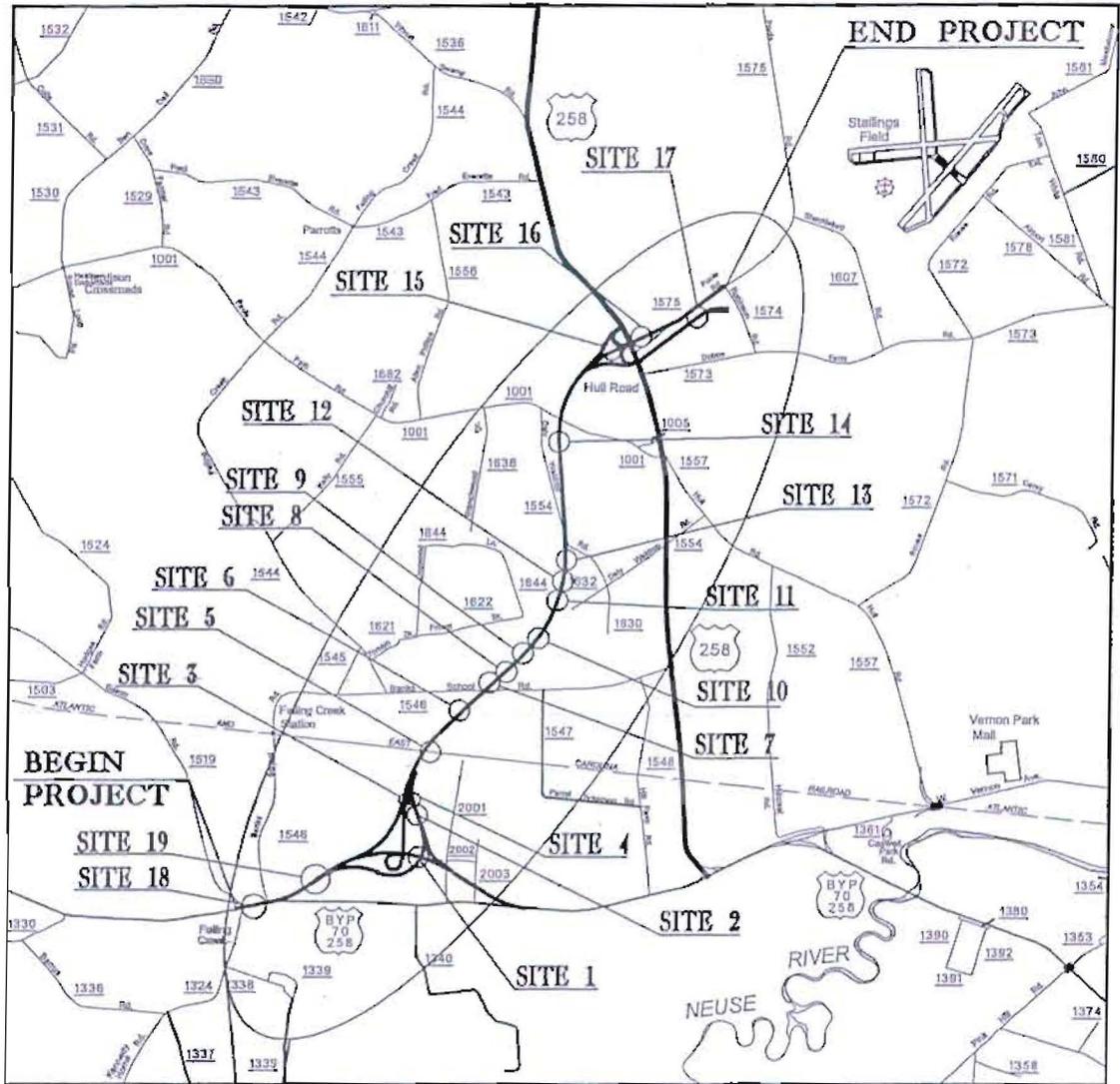
Commenting Information

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials, including any consolidate State Viewpoint or written position of the Governor; Indian Tribes and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing shall be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.

Written comments pertinent to the proposed work, as outlined above, will be received by the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, until 5pm, September 26, 2008. Comments should be submitted to US Army Corps of Engineer, attn: William Wescott Post Office Box 1000, Washington, NC 27889.

WETLAND SITE MAP



SITE

Permit Drawing
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NCDOT
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 LENOIR COUNTY
 PROJECT: 34501.1 (R-2719A)
 CRESCENT ROAD
 IN KINSTON FROM
 US 70 TO US 258

SHEET OF 5 / 26 / 06

6/3/2006
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See Sheet 1-A For Index of Sheets
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

LENOIR COUNTY

LOCATION: CRESCENT ROAD IN KINSTON FROM
US 70 TO US 258

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, PAVING, STRUCTURES, DRAINAGE

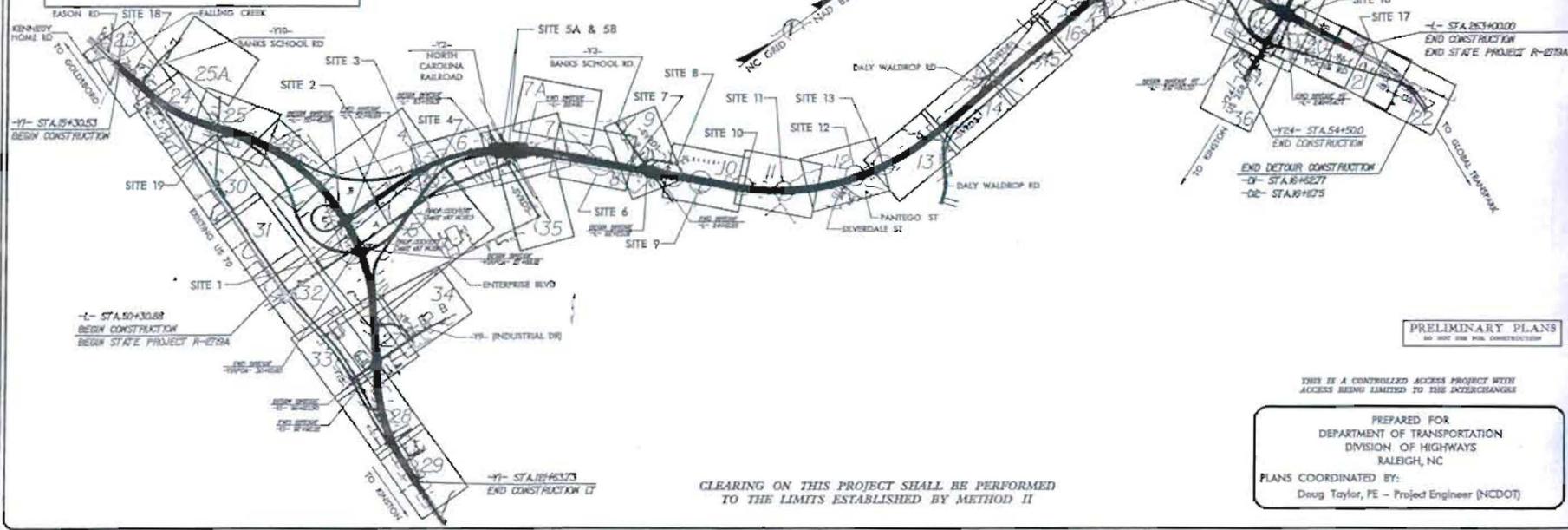
R-2719A: WETLAND SITE MAP

STATE	PROJECT NUMBER APPROXIMATE MILE	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	R-2719A	1	
STATE PROJECT	S.A. PROJECT	DESIGNATOR	
34501.1.1	STP-0224(3)	FE	
34501.2.4	STP-0224(8)	ROW, LHM	

Permit Drawing
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TIP PROJECT: R-2719A



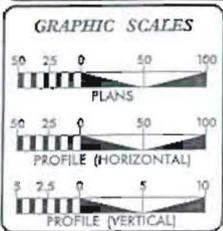
PRELIMINARY PLANS
DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION

THIS IS A CONTROLLED ACCESS PROJECT WITH
ACCESS BEING LIMITED TO THE INTERCHANGES

PREPARED FOR
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
RALEIGH, NC
PLANS COORDINATED BY:
Doug Taylor, PE - Projed Engineer (NCDOT)

CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED
TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD II

CONTRACT:



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2007 =	26,510
ADT 2027 =	46,060
DHV =	10 %
D =	55 %
T =	14 %
V =	70 MPH
* TTST 10% DUAL 4%	

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT R-2719A =	3.772 MI
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT R-2719A =	0.256 MI
TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT R-2719A =	4.028 MI

NOTE: SOUTHBOUND LANES WERE USED FOR PROJECT LENGTH CALCULATIONS

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RIGHT OF WAY DATE: AUGUST 31, 2005

LETTING DATE: OCTOBER 2008

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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

STATE ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

ROW PLANS 2005