



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Wilmington District

Mid Atlantic Logistics
Park Project
Brunswick County, NC
(Regulatory)

- **Regulatory Action: Reviewing Brunswick County’s proposal to construct a 1,100-acre Industrial Park equipped with resource utilities and rail service.**
- **Current concerns: Potential economic implications and Congressional interest; significant impacts to waters of the US; unclear project purpose and need; avoidance and minimization; and alternatives.**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC - 7

DATE: 23 February 2015

1. **PURPOSE.**

To provide information regarding the current status of Brunswick County Economic Development Commission’s proposal to develop Mid Atlantic Logistics Park, approximately 1,100 acres located north of U.S. Hwy 74/76, near Northwest, Brunswick County, North Carolina. Action ID: SAW-2008-01015

2. **BACKGROUND.**

a. In 2011, Mr. William Grainger applied for an Individual Permit requesting impacts to construct 3.5 million square feet of building space and 6.8 million square feet of associated access drives, storage yard and parking areas under the name “Project Soccer”. The 400-acre project area was only a portion of the original tract, and proposed to impact approximately 10 acres of freshwater wetlands. At the time the Environmental Assessment NEPA document was being prepared, the permit request was withdrawn due to the prospective developer choosing an alternate site for the facility.

b. In August 2014, Jim Bradshaw of the Brunswick County Economic Development Commission requested a meeting with his consultant (Land Management Group), the landowner and the Corps to discuss permitting an industrial plant for a different portion of the property, and also conceptual plans for the entire 1,100 acres. The county had interest from a particular (unnamed) developer who was scouting for sites nationwide, and the Mid Atlantic Logistics Park was chosen as one of the final locations.

c. A meeting was held on August 26, 2104 with the Corps to discuss their plans to develop the space. The project included proposed impacts to +/- 24 acres of wetlands and +/- 1,500 linear feet of tributary. Very little detail was offered to support the project’s purpose and need, and little effort was made to avoid and minimize impacts to jurisdictional resources. The Corps summarized

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the permitting process and additional information needed for the Corps to evaluate and make a decision under the NEPA process.

d. By email dated September 3, 2014, the Corps communicated to Land Management Group and Mr. Bradshaw that for a project of this size, they would need to explore on and off site alternatives as well as further avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands and Waters of the U. S. Mr. Bradshaw replied requesting an additional meeting with the Corps, in hopes to expedite the permitting process and prevent missed opportunities for economic development in the future. The county's consultant cancelled a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2014, in order to gather additional information/details on the site and the project.

3. **CURRENT STATUS.**

There has been no activity on this project since September 19, 2014. The Corps is waiting to hear back from Land Management Group on how the county would like to proceed.