



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Wilmington District

## **NCDOT Kinston Bypass (US70) Lenoir/Jones Counties, NC (Regulatory Permitting)**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 3

DATE: 10 MARCH 2023

1. **PROJECT:**

Construction of a 21-mile bypass around Kinston, Lenoir and Jones County, NC. The preferred alternative is a combined improve existing and new location roadway built to interstate standards.

2. **CONCERNS/CHALLENGES:**

Historic Preservation Act: Adverse effects to the Civil War era, Wyse Fork Battlefield from roadway improvements and construction of a new interchange. Currently coordinating with the ACHP, SHPO, and several consulting parties.

Public concerns: Effects on adjacent properties and water quality impacts to streams and within the watershed to include potential flooding, etc.

Major USACE concerns: Beyond the impacts to the battlefield, this is an EIS level project with a complex alternatives analysis, and substantial aquatic impacts (65+ acres of wetlands) requiring a robust compensatory mitigation proposal.

3. **CURRENT STATUS:**

Draft EIS released on JUL 2019.

Completed the R-2553 Kinston Bypass Burial Treatment Plan due to the potential for human remains in the battlefield area.

Comments on the draft 106 MOA received from SHPO in DEC 2022.

Requesting the ACHP assist with the remaining portions of the 106 consultation.

4. **NEXT STEPS:**

Finalize avoidance and minimization measures for the Wyse Fork Battlefield.

Complete the Section 106 MOA for the entire project.

Complete the Final EIS and ROD.

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