

AGENDA
North Carolina Land and Water Fund
Acquisition Committee Meeting
February 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and will have a physical location on the 4th floor of the Nature Research Center located at 121 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC in room 4508. If any member of the public would like to join to the meeting via MS Teams or in person, please contact Terri Murray at teresa.murray@ncdcr.gov or 919-707-9400 in advance for links or directions.

Committee Members:

Jason Walser (Chair), John Wilson, Ann Browning, Greer Cawood, Amy Grissom, David Womack

COMMENCEMENT

1) Call to Order (Chair)

a) Welcome

b) Roll call

c) Compliance with General Statute § 138A-15

General Statute § 138A-15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any Trustee knows of any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to matters on the agenda. If any Trustee knows of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, please state so at this time.

d) Please put cell phones on vibrate or turn off, and if you are joining remotely, mute your audio and turn off your video unless you are called upon to speak

e) Revisions, additions, and adoption of the agenda

2) Executive Director's Update (Will Summer)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to make comments to the Board (Chair)

The NCLWF policy manual states that comments shall be limited to subjects of business falling within the jurisdiction of the NCLWF. The NCLWF welcomes public comments on general issues. Comments will not be allowed on individual projects before the NCLWF for funding during the regular meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

BUSINESS

1) Program Manager's Update (Marissa Hartzler)

Staff will provide the committee with a program update.

2) Unique Places to Save Scope Change Request (Marissa Hartzler)

Staff will present a request for a scope change to grant contract 2020-098 from Unique Places to Save.

3) Durham County Conservation Agreement Amendment Request (Justin Mercer)

Staff will present a request to amend a dedication under the Nature Preserves Act in Durham County recorded as part of Natural Heritage Trust Fund grants awarded from 2003 to 2006.

4) Fletcher Conservation Easement Amendment Request (Justin Mercer)

Staff will present a request to amend a conservation easement in Pitt County recorded as part of 2004A-012.

5) Reconsideration of Stewardship Costs as Part of the Rating System (Marissa Hartzler)

Staff will propose removing the NCLWF line item for deposit into the stewardship endowment from consideration in the rating system.

6) Easement Amendment Policy Updates (Justin Mercer)

Staff will present the existing policy and discuss potential clarifications and improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Action Item**Staff member:** Marissa Hartzler

Agenda Item 2) Unique Places to Save Scope Revision Request**Background**

At the November 2022 Acquisition Committee meeting, the Committee heard a request from Unique Places to Save (UPTS) on the 2020-098 Ramseur Dam project, awarded for the purchase and protection of approximately 4.06 acres along the Deep River in Randolph County.

UPTS requested to increase the scope of the project, purchasing the entire 9.7 acres for \$35,700, with a bargain sale of \$6,300, recording a declaration of covenants and restrictions on the entire 9.7 acres, with third party rights of enforcement to the State. At its current condition, the Deep River is non-navigable due in part to an existing dam. A proposed, although not yet permitted dam removal may increase the dry land at the site which could be protected by inclusion in the project and declaration of covenants and restrictions. The proposed scope and budget changes do not result in a change to the project score, and even discounting the additional potential dry acreage to be protected, this proposal results in a decrease in unit cost of 46%.

A motion to approve the staff recommendation to change the scope of the contract to allow for the acquisition of up to 9.7 acres at a total NCLWF contribution not to exceed \$48,200 was passed with four affirmative votes and one abstention. At the December 2022 Board Meeting, the motion from the Acquisition Committee was tabled pending discussion regarding a potential assignment of the right to remove the dam to the Town of Ramseur and an update on a NOAA grant application for dam removal.

Since the Board Meeting, UPTS has informed NCLWF staff that the pending grant has been awarded, and the Ramseur Dam is one of three dams targeted for outreach, modeling, permitting, removal, restoration, and monitoring through that grant. In addition, they have been in talks with their dam removal contractor, RES, to negotiate a 10-year no-cost assignment of the rights to the dam to the Town of Ramseur or its assigns. The resulting MOU will be reviewed by all parties, including DNCR legal counsel as part of standard closing review.

Staff recommendation

Amend the November 2022 motion to allow for the acquisition of up to 9.7 acres at a total NCLWF contribution not to exceed \$48,200 provided that the rights to the dam are subject to a no-cost assignment to the Town of Ramseur or its assigns should the removal not be completed by 2033.

Committee action needed

Approve or amend the staff recommendation and make a recommendation to the Board.

Attachments: map, budget

Original project map, 2020



Project Number: 2020-098

Project Name: UPTS Ramseur Dam

Overall Proposed Impacts to Score		
	Points	Notes
Original Score	72	
Change in Scope	0	
Change in Budget	0	
Proposed Change	72	
Lowest Funded	74	*This project was advanced onto the provisional list due to public access potential

Scope Outputs	
	Acres
Original	4.06
Proposed	9.7

Change in Scope Output (acres) 138.92%

Unit Costs			
	Total Project Cost	Acres	Cost/Acre
Original	\$ 127,500	4.06	\$ 31,404
Proposed	\$ 69,500	9.7	\$ 7,165

Change in Unit Costs -77.18%

Original Budget			
Item	NCLWF Grant Amount	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost
Acquisition	\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 100,000
Transaction Costs	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Property Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contract Administration	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Total	\$ 87,500	\$ 40,000	\$ 127,500
Funding Percentages	68.63%	31.37%	100%

Change in Match Percentage -2.31%

Proposed Budget			
Item	NCLWF Grant Amount	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost
Acquisition	\$ 35,700	\$ 6,300	\$ 42,000
Transaction Costs	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Property Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contract Administration	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Total	\$ 48,200	\$ 21,300	\$ 69,500
Funding Percentages	69.35%	30.65%	100%

Is there a change to matching resource sources?

Yes

Original Matching Resources Scoring					
Line Item	Source	Amount	Percent	Multiplier	Points
Bargain sale	Private funds	\$ 25,000	20%	0.22	4.314
Private funds	Private funds	\$ 15,000	12%	0.22	2.588
Total	-	\$ 40,000	-	-	7

Proposed Matching Resources Scoring					
Line Item	Source	Amount	Percent	Multiplier	Points
Bargain sale	Private funds	\$ 6,300	9%	0.22	1.994
Private funds	Private funds	\$ 15,000	22%	0.22	4.748
Total	-	\$ 21,300	-	-	7

Change in Matching Resources Score 0

Action Item**Staff member:** Justin Mercer

Agenda Item 3) Durham County Conservation Agreement Amendment Request

Durham County requests amendment of the dedication agreement protecting the Eno River Diabase Sill Plant Conservation Preserve to facilitate installation of a new sewer line.

Background

Between 2003 and 2006 the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF) awarded three grants totaling \$1,147,850 to the Eno River Association for the purchase of approximately 191 acres transferred to the State, to be managed by the North Carolina Plant Conservation Program (PCP). In 2010, qualifying portions of the Eno River Diabase Sill Plant Conservation Preserve were dedicated under the Nature Preserves Act. As the de facto successor trust fund after the dissolution of the NHTF in 2013, the decision to amend this dedication lies in part with the NCLWF board.

In late 2022, the PCP notified the Natural Heritage Program (NHP) of the intent of Durham County to acquire a 0.369-acre permanent easement for subterranean utility right-of-way and a 0.58-acre temporary construction easement to install a new 20" force main along Snow Hill Road through dedicated primary area. The new force main will connect to a pump station on Snow Hill Road near the Durham Technical Community College and travel south to a pump station near the Eno River. This new force main will replace a portion of an existing aging and undersized force main.

NHP staff interprets that the dedication must be amended to facilitate this project, but the project will not require that any area be removed from dedication. On February 1, 2023, the Natural Heritage Advisory Committee (NHAC) met and discussed this request. Committee members voted unanimously to accept the proposal to amend the dedication to add the right to allow the subterranean utility easement and the temporary construction easement.

Staff recommendation

Staff recommends that the Acquisition Committee approve the amendment request to facilitate the subterranean sewer easement and temporary construction easement. Compensation due to NCLWF, if any, is to be determined at the sole discretion of the NCLWF Board.

Committee action needed

Approve, amend, or deny the staff recommendation and make a recommendation to the board.

Attachments: Request packet, excerpt from NHAC meeting minutes, a current copy of the Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy can be found with agenda item 6.



Hazen and Sawyer
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February 3, 2023

Mr. Justin Mercer
Stewardship Manager
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NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
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**Re: Snow Hill Road Pump Station Force Main – Request to Cross DMS Easement
Durham County, North Carolina**

Dear Mr. Mercer:

On behalf of the Durham County Department of Engineering and Environmental Services (Durham County), we respectfully submit this request to approve the construction of the Snow Hill Road Force Main Project within a DMS easement.

The Snow Hill Force Main is a 15,000 linear foot pipeline connecting the newly built Snow Hill Pump Station (SHRPS) with the Eno Pump Station. From the Eno Pump Station flow is conveyed to the North Durham Water Reclamation Facility. The SHRPS and force main are funded by Durham County but will be owned and operated by the City of Durham. The new 20-inch force main parallels the route of the existing 12-inch force main that served the replaced SHRPS. The force main runs along Snow Hill Road and turns east before reaching Snow Valley Road to head towards the Eno Pump Station. Crossing of the existing DMS Easement are proposed to occur during the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) under the Eno River.

1. Purpose and Need of Project

Durham County has experienced growth in the industrial and residential sectors within the Snow Hill Basin, causing existing wastewater pump stations to near their pumping capacities. The Snow Hill Road Pump Station and Force Main Project provides a much-needed expansion of the sewer infrastructure capacity in Durham County to sustain existing and future growth. This project replaced the existing SHRPS with a new SHRPS, increasing its pumping capacity from 1.6 MGD to approximately 8.6 MGD. For the SHRPS to convey this new flow, the existing 12-inch force main needs to be upsized to 20-inches.

At the river crossings, the force main will transition from 20-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) to 24-inch high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE). This is because HDPE is suited better for HDD since it has fusible joints. The size increase in the pipe is due to HDPE having a larger wall thickness, resulting in an outer diameter of 24-inch to achieve an inside diameter of 20-inch. The HDD installation method for this portion of the force main was selected to minimize the disturbance to the Eno River and the surrounding area. HDD is a trenchless installation with minimal excavations required only at each end of the installation.

2. Proposed Impacts to the Conservation Easement

Part of the proposed force main route includes a necessary crossing of the Eno River that occurs near the state property located at 1718 Infinity Road, shown in **Easement Exhibit Parcel 17**, which is part of the Permanent Conservation Easement (PCE). The proposed route will result in temporary impacts to the PCE to make way for the pullback operations of the horizontal directional drilling across the river. The force main will require a subterranean utility easement (SUE). The subterranean easement is a 30'x15' protected easement centered on the force main. It does not provide surface access or any other restrictions at the surface. The start of the restricted area of the subterranean easement within the property varies between 33 feet and 68 feet below the existing grade. The SUE is identified in red on Sheet C12 and C13 of the plan sheets enclosed in this letter.

Two other state properties, located at 5717 Wanderlust Lane and 5723 Wanderlust Lane, shown in **Easement Exhibits Parcel 18 and 19**, will also be impacted by a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE). Impacts on these properties will only occur during construction and will be restored to existing conditions upon completion of the project. These easements are also identified in red on Sheet C11 enclosed in this letter.

3. Proposed Impacts to Mitigation Assets

No impacts to stream or wetland mitigation assets will occur during the construction of the force main as a result of the implementation of the trenchless installation method

4. Avoidance and Mitigation Measures

Open-cutting through the Eno River in lieu of the HDD was initially considered to avoid any impact on the PCE. This option however was ruled out due to the direct and indirect impacts a trench through the river would have on the aquatic ecosystem and structure of the river. Open-cut installation also presented constructability issues because of the presence of an island adjacent to the river crossing point. An HDD (trenchless) construction through the Eno River and the surrounding area was found to be the least environmentally impactful option. **Figure 1** shows a layout of the open cut alternative.

During pipe pullback operations for horizontal directional drilling, a minimum of 200 feet of straight pipe is required to enter the borehole before curving the HDPE pipe to follow the force main alignment. In **Figure 2**, the fused HDPE for pipe pullback is shown as a dashed line for all design alternatives.

Figure 3 shows the original design alignment in blue, which had the HDD Exit Point at Sta 78+00 and transition coupling at Sta 79+00. During design review, the City of Durham requested that the transition coupling be moved to Sta 77+00 to avoid construction and installation of this coupling within the hill. Given HDD geometry constraints, moving the transition coupling to Sta 77+00 moves the HDD Exit Point to Sta 76+60. To keep 200 feet of straight pipe for pipe pullback, this pushed the fused pipe layout further east, requiring additional LOD. This modified alignment also assumed a tighter curve in the fused HDPE. While this minimized the additional LOD required, a tighter curve resulted in increased pullback force and associated increased construction risk.

Hazen proposed a compromise to the City of Durham to shift the transition coupling further east out of the hill while keeping the fused pipe radius as originally designed to reduce construction risk. This alignment, which was adopted for the final design, is shown in purple. Additional LOD was required to accommodate this design change. The design change will also not cause any surface disturbances within the SUE area.

Full avoidance of the conservation easement is not feasible for the force main. To avoid crossing beneath the restricted property, the alignment must shift to the south as shown in **Figure 4**. Given HDD geometry constraints in the subsurface geology, curve radii are limited to a minimum of 1200 feet. Implementation of these design constraints results in an alignment that crosses beneath 7 private properties and several structures.

5. Vicinity Map

A vicinity map can be found on **Figure 5** showing the force main route crossing the PCE properties.

6. Supporting Documents (Enclosed)

- Easement Exhibits for impacted properties. Easement Exhibit Parcel 17, 18, and 19.
- Open Cut Alternative. Figure 1
- HDD crossing pullback map, Figure 2.
- HDD Profile. Figure 3.
- Alternative crossings map. Figure 4.
- Project vicinity map. Figure 5.
- Force Main Route Plan Sheets.

7. Remediation Plan for Temporary Easement Impacts

After completion of the HDD and force main installation, areas with the TCE will be restored by placing topsoil over all disturbed areas. The surface will then be seeded for permanent grass using the hydraulic seeding method. The Contractor will be responsible for the satisfactory growth of grass for a period of one year after project completion.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns related to this letter or enclosures.

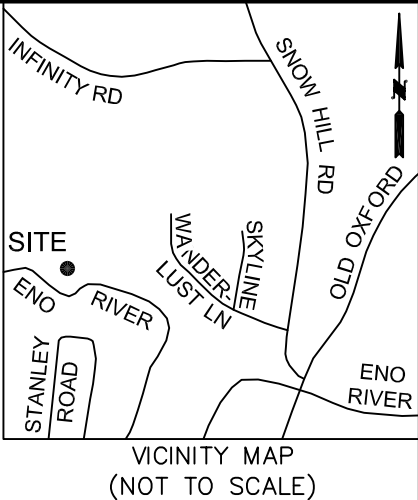
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Brian Porter, PE
Senior Associate, Hazen and Sawyer

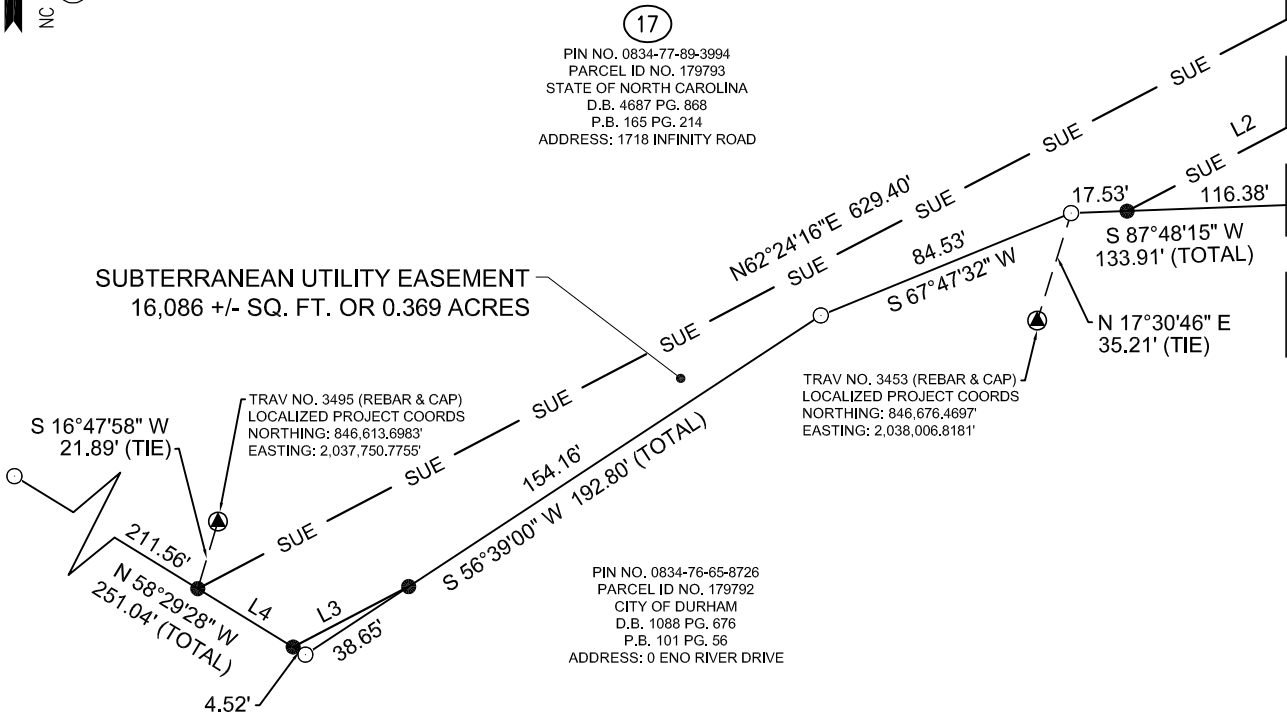
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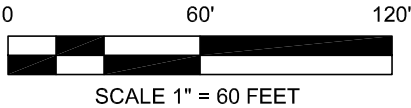
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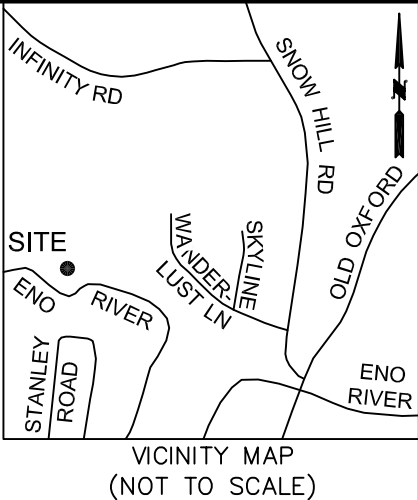


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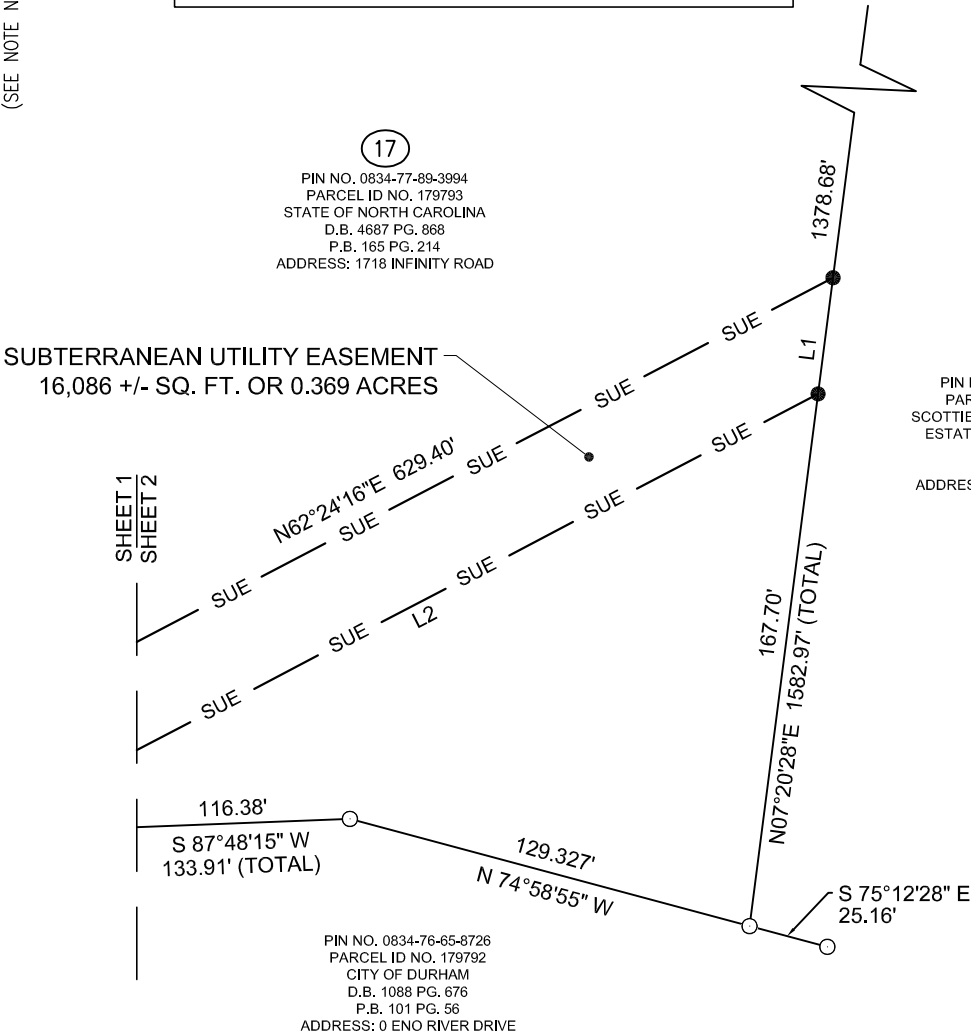
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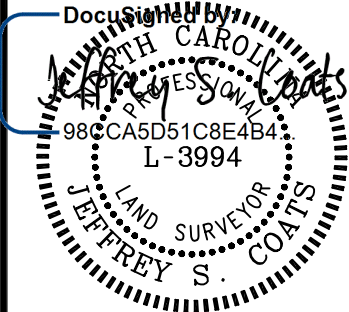
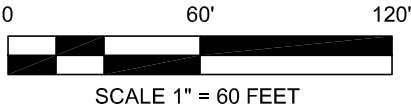
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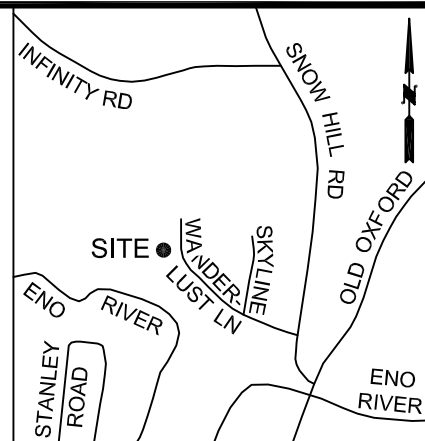


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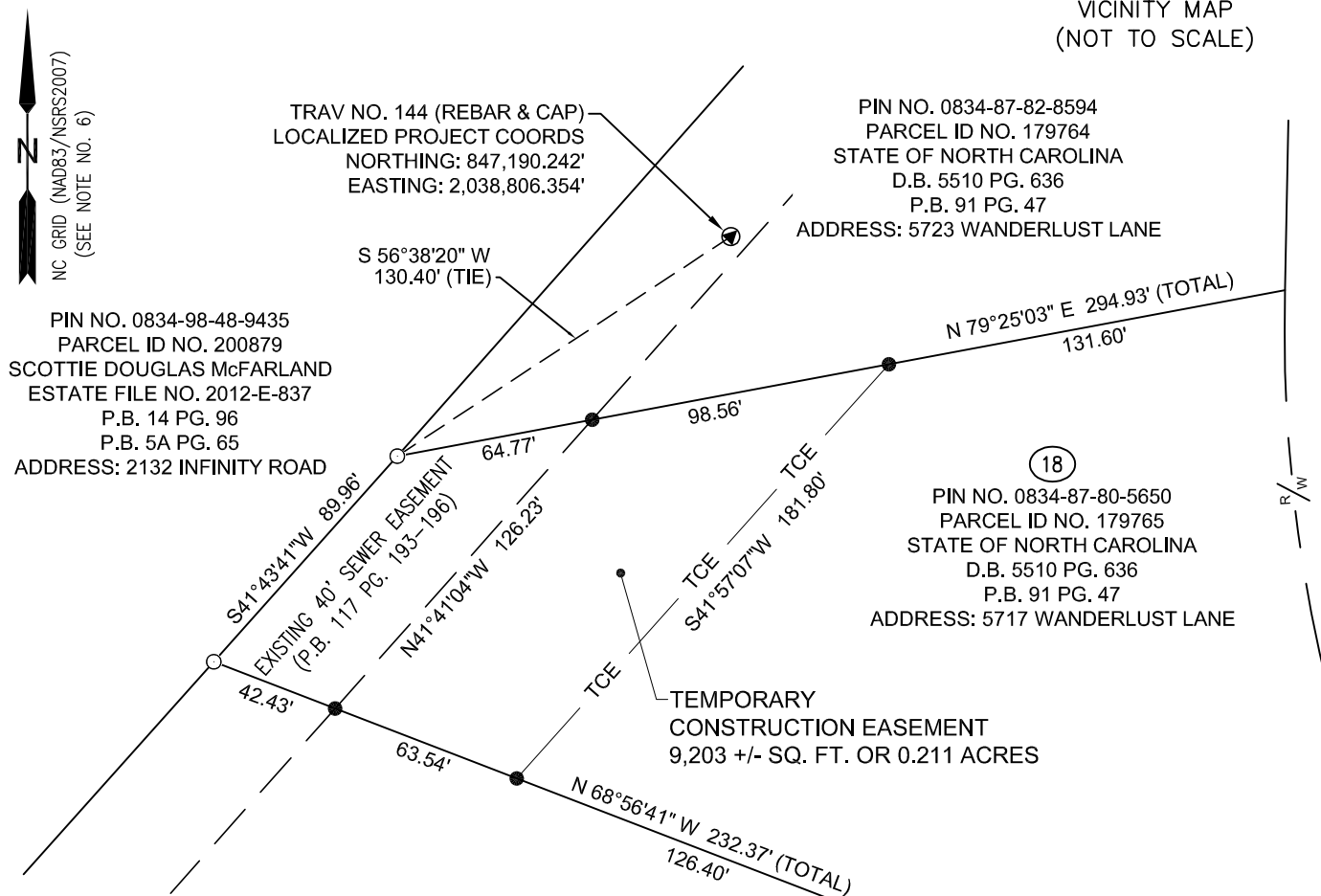
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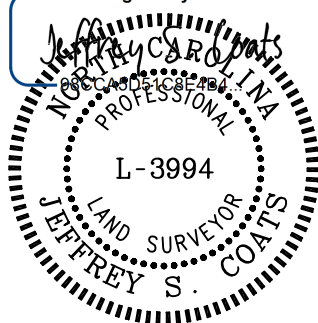


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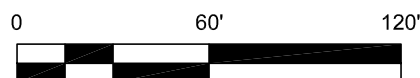
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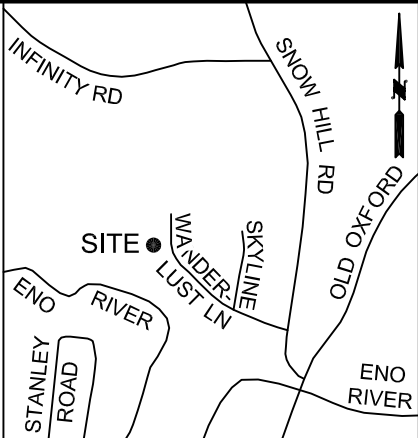


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P.B. 5A PG. 65
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LOCALIZED PROJECT COORDS
NORTHING: 847,190.242'
EASTING: 2,038,806.354'

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WANDERLUST LANE
60' R/W (P.B. 119 PG. 105)

S56°38'20"W
130.40' (TIE)

N41°43'41"E
89.96'

N41°34'11"E 445.04' (TOTAL)
270.57'

N41°4'104"E 185.26'

98.56'

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EXISTING 30'
SEWER EASEMENT
(P.B. 91 PG. 47)

L1

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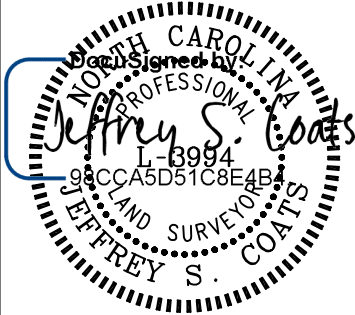
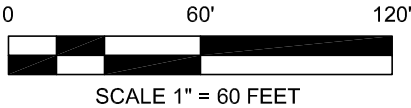
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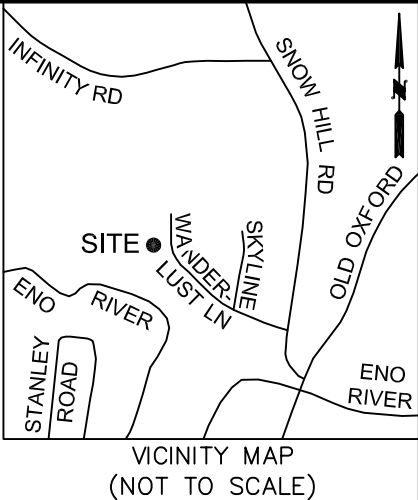


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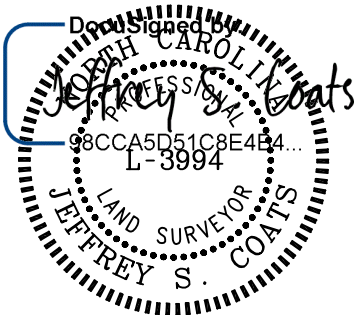


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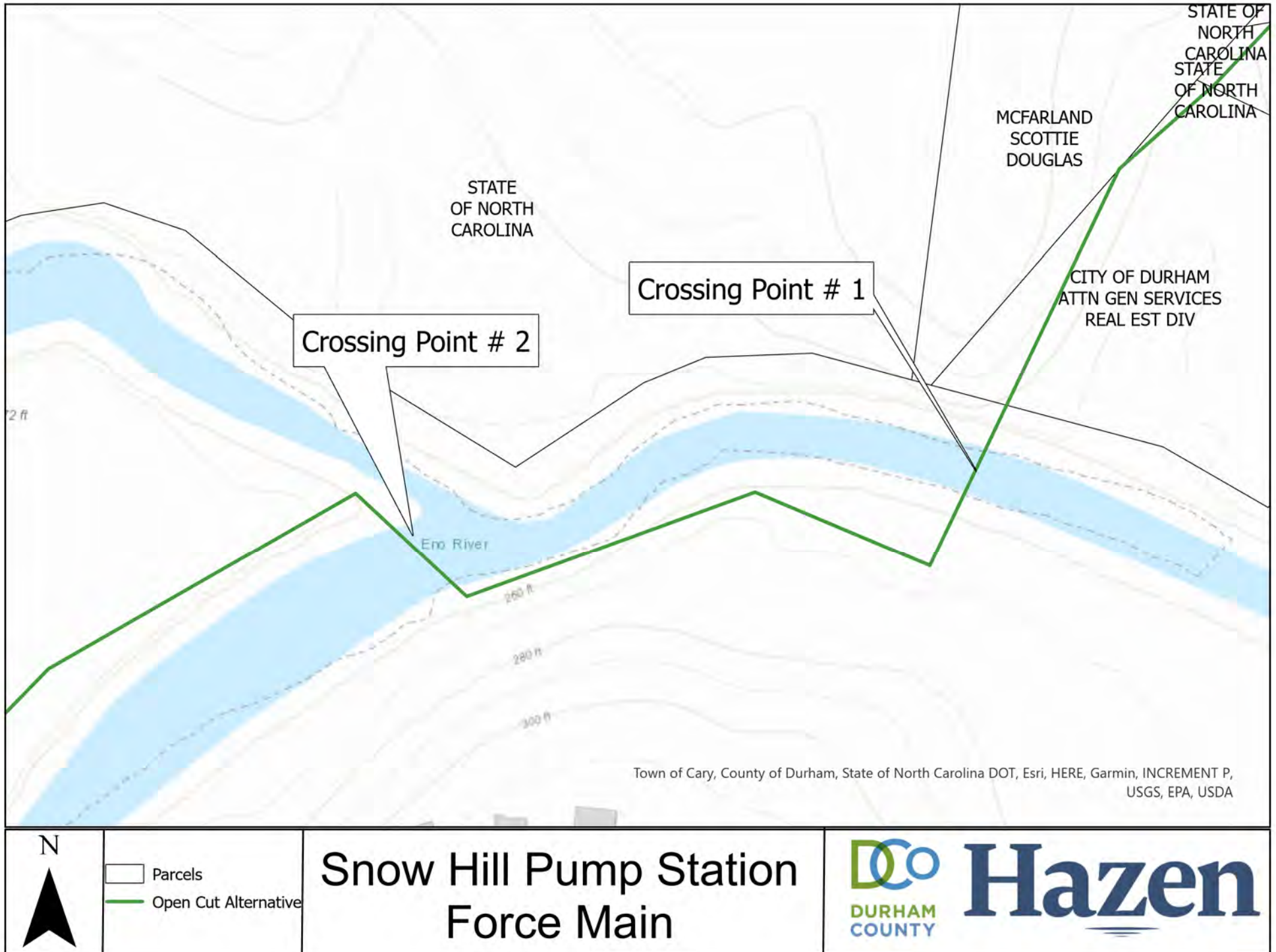


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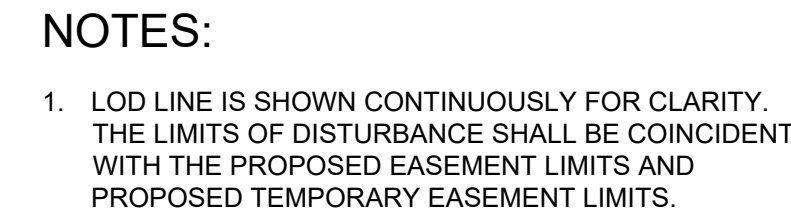
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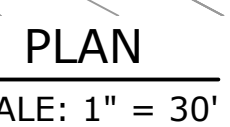
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Original Design:
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78+00 (puts transition
coupling at Sta 79+00)

Final Design:
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(transition coupling at ~Sta 77+75)

SCALE: 1" = 30'

A horizontal graphic scale bar. It is divided into four segments. The first segment is labeled '30' and has a black and white checkerboard pattern. The second segment is labeled '15' and is solid black. The third segment is labeled '0' and is solid white. The fourth segment is labeled '3' and is solid black. The segments are separated by thin white lines.

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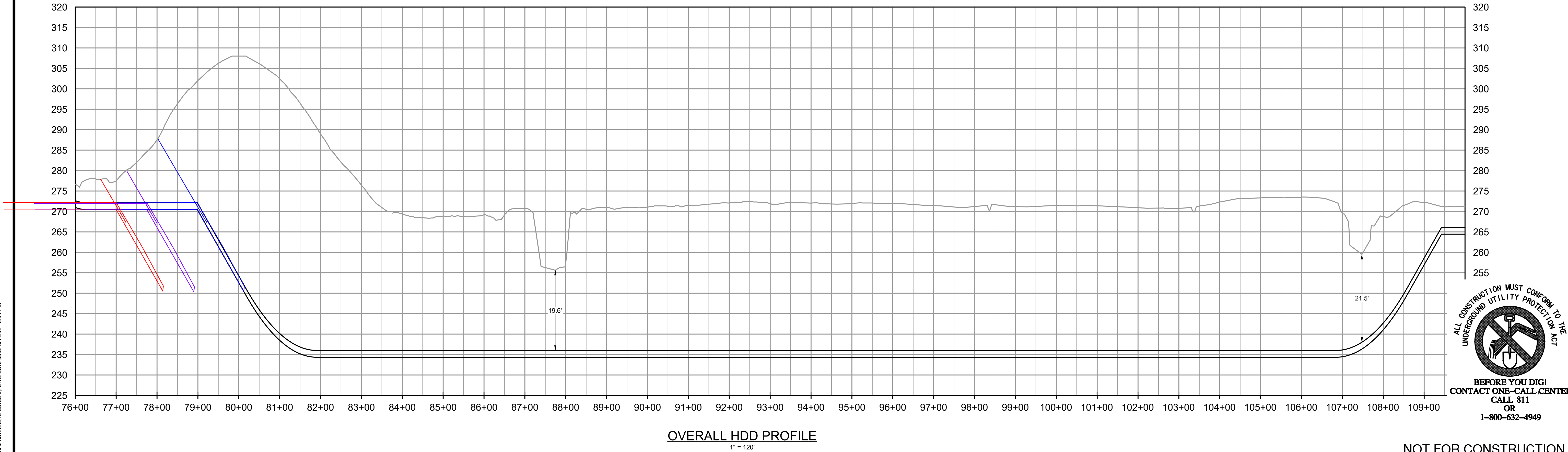
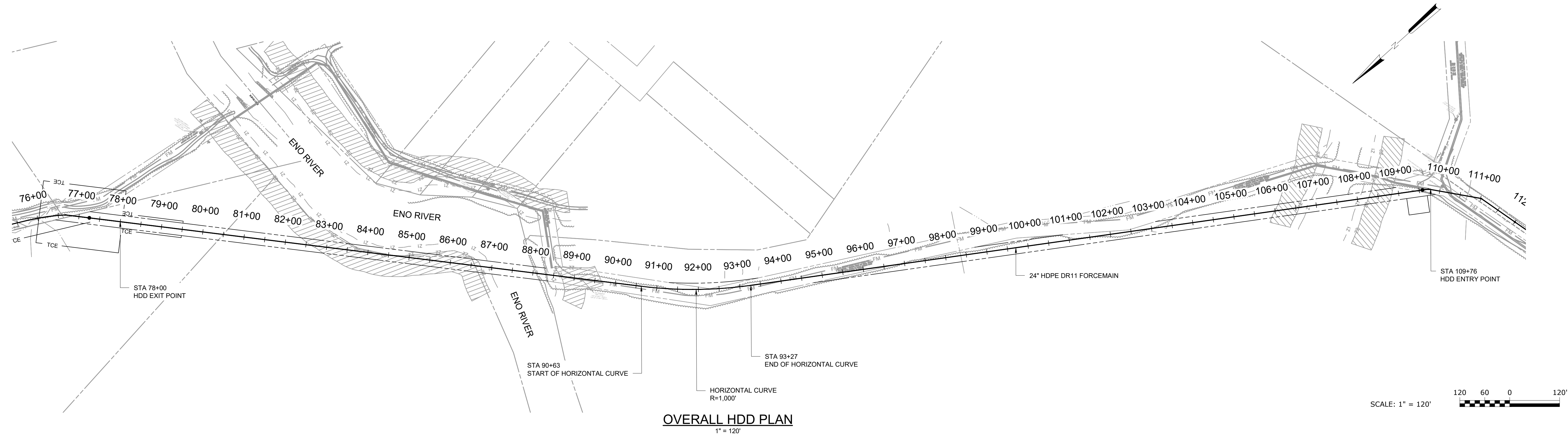
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20" FORCE MAIN
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STATION 70+00 TO 77+00

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Figure 3



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	N. JOHNSON				
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0	1/2"	1"			
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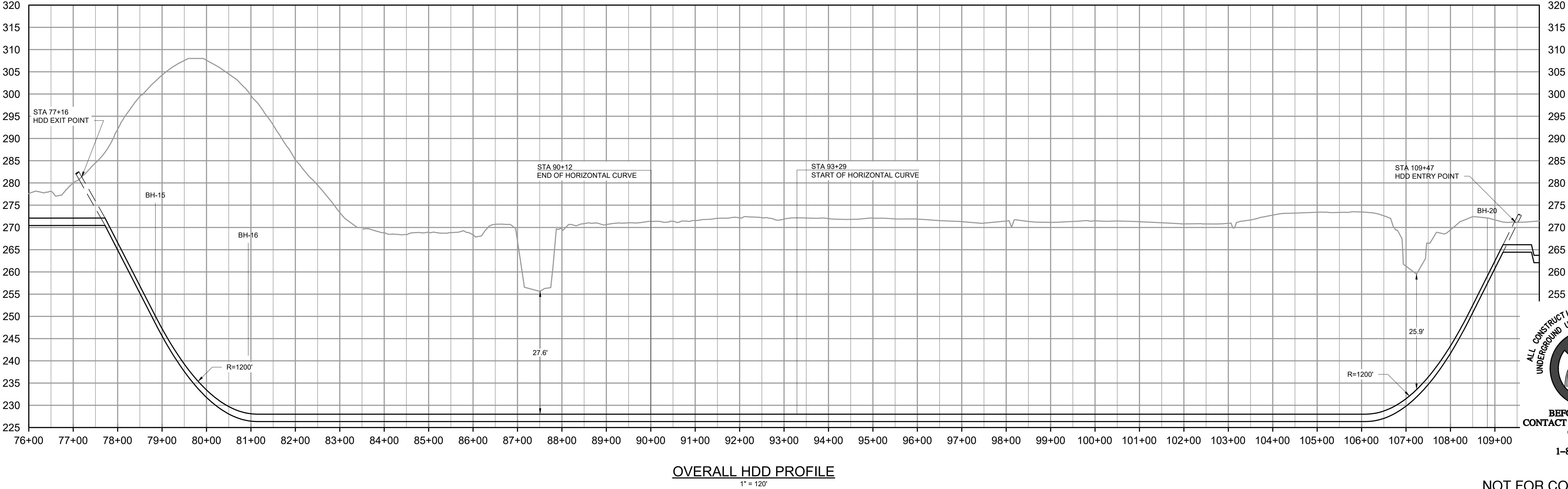
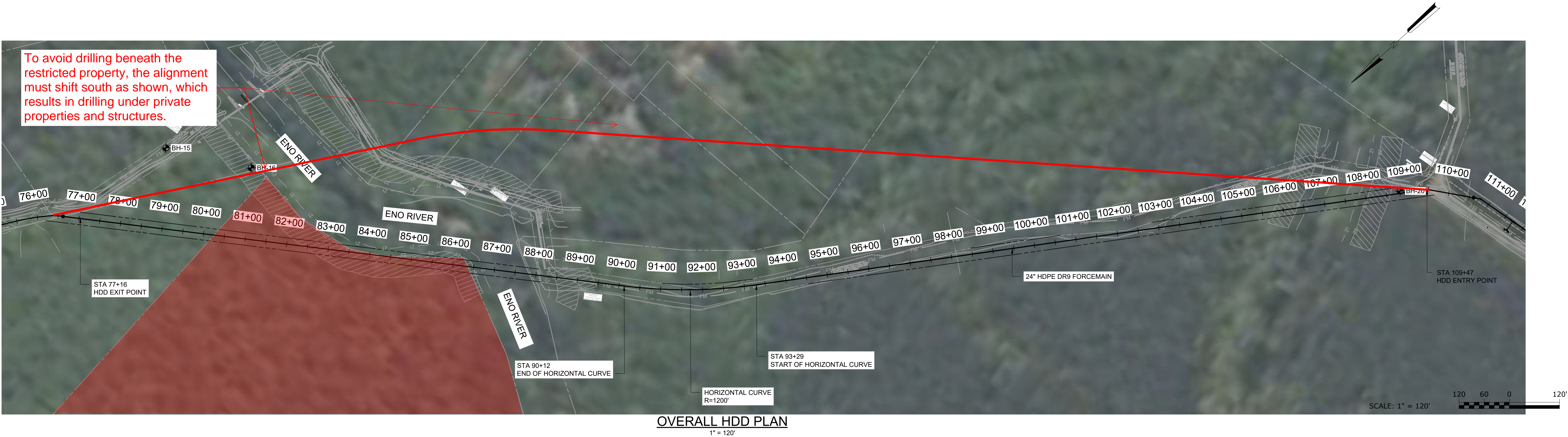
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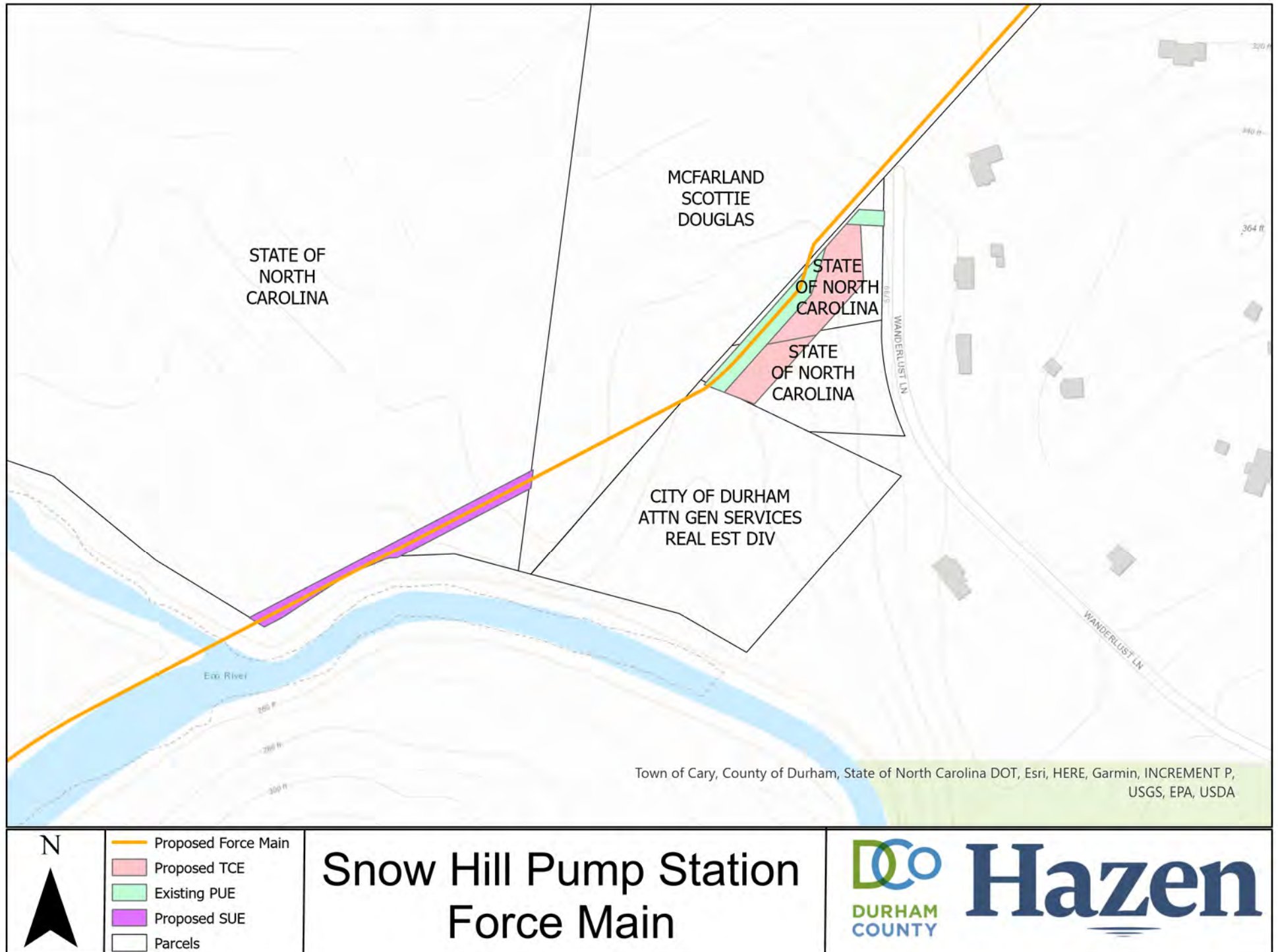
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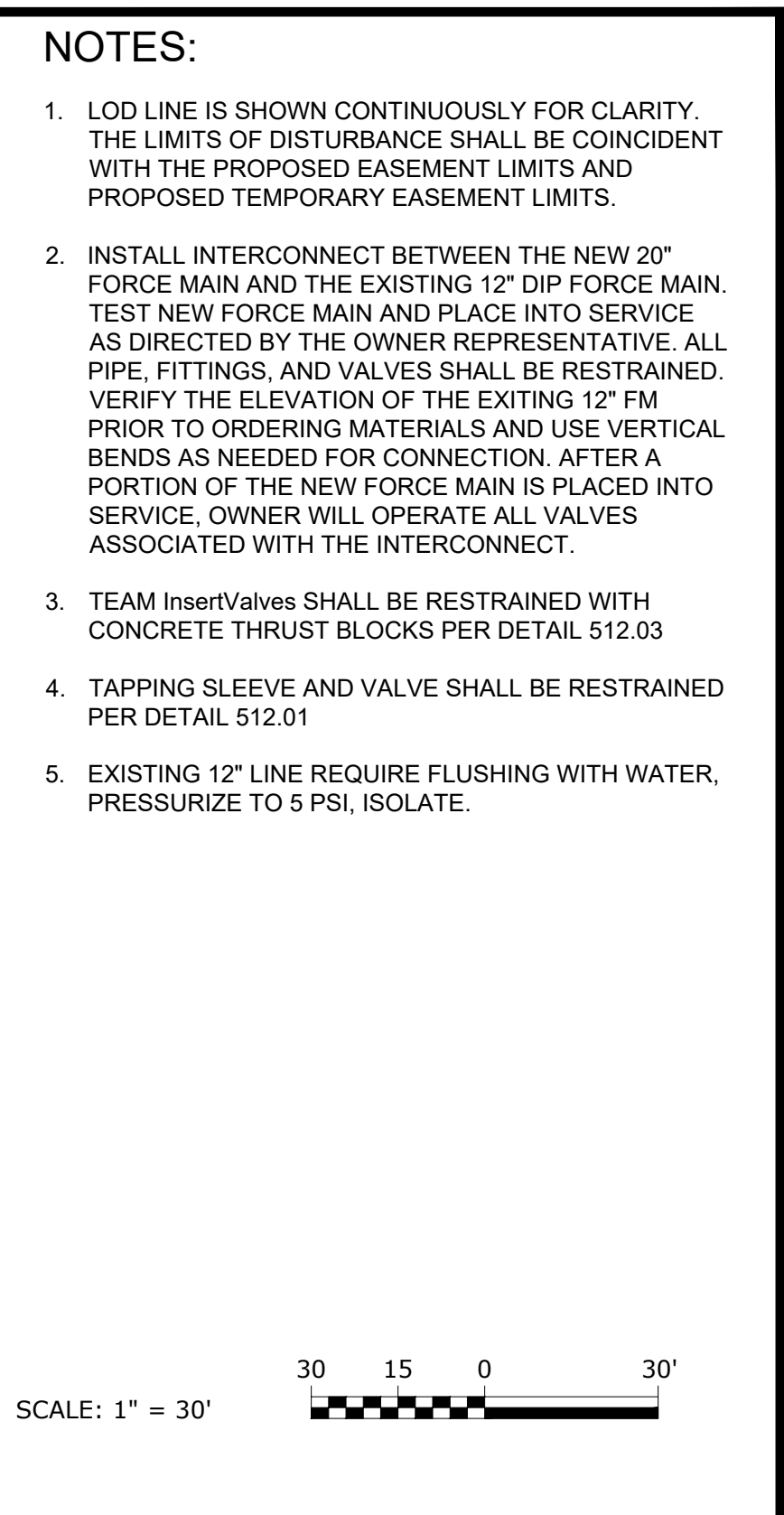
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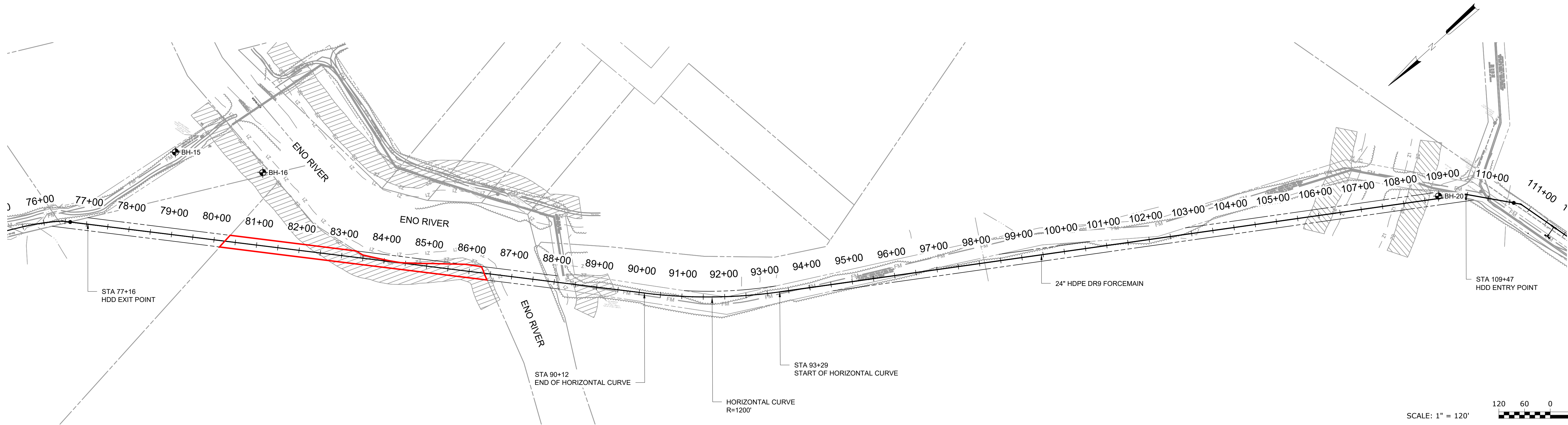


Plan Sheets with Proposed Easements

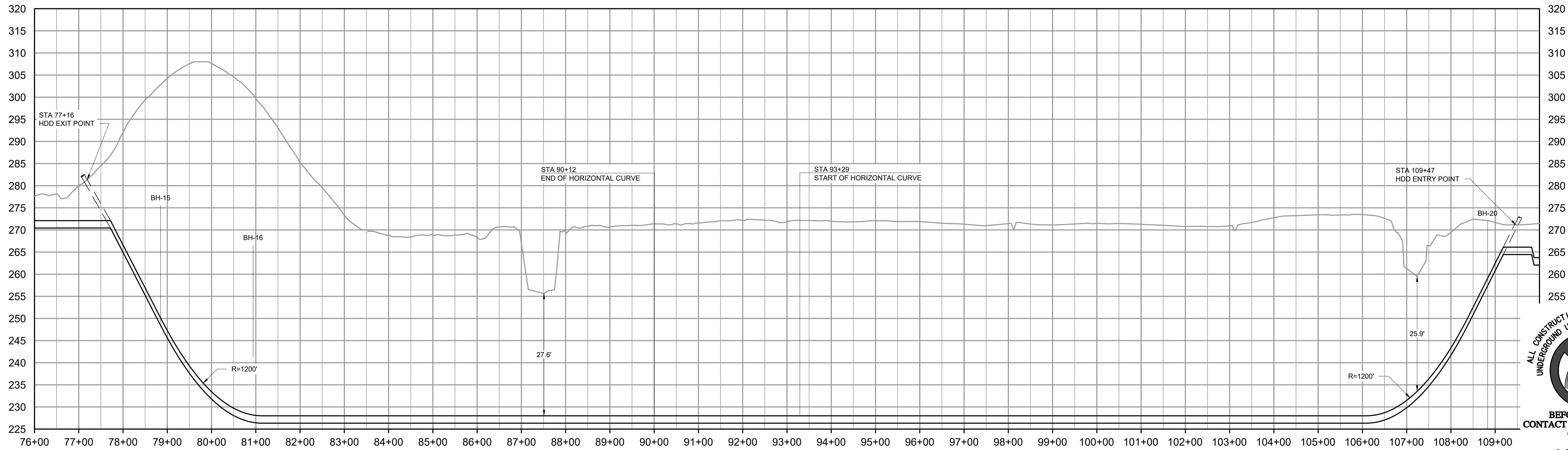


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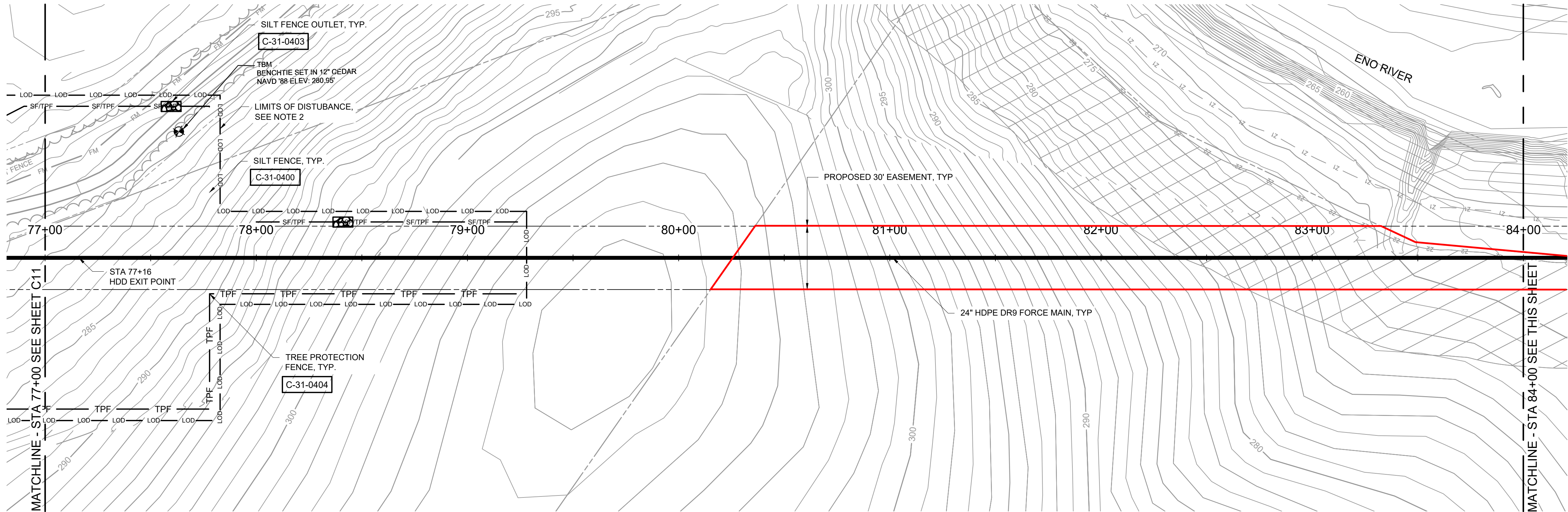
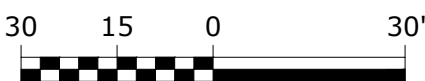
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PLAN
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Dedication Management Proposals for Project Review - Plant Conservation Preserve (this agenda item was moved up on the agenda to match the 2:00 discussion time that had been previously given to the guests).

13 Eno River Diabase Sill – Snow Hill Force Main – Scott

- Durham Co. request for amendment to articles of dedication to allow easements as part of replacing aging/too small sewer line.
 - Two requests in primary dedicated area:
 - Permanent subterranean utility right-of-way easement
 - Temporary construction easement to install force main
 - PCP staff surveyed the proposed easement area in Oct 2022 and found no element occurrences or areas of concern within the temporary construction easement or the area above the proposed subterranean utility easement.
- Permanent subterranean utility easement discussion:
 - Jeff Marcus wonders what happens if a break/leak happens, or repair is needed.
 - Brian Porter (Doster and Associates) explained that if there was an issue with the force main they would seal it off and directional drill. The pipe is made with high density polyethylene which does not corrode, and if were to fail, it would be more likely to fail during construction.
 - Will Summer asked about the existing utility easement which extends south off property.
 - Brian Porter explained that it would be very destructive to try and go through the island and connect to the existing easement and that directional drilling has less environmental impact.
 - Leslie Starke has no concerns with the subterranean easement.
- Temporary Construction Easement discussion
 - If the NHAC agrees that the temporary construction easement is not inconsistent with the dedication, NHP recommends utilizing language similar to that crafted for the Temporary Construction Easement at Bunker Hill Cover Bridge DNP.
 - Mike Schafale asked why the existing easement cannot be used and Brian Porter explained that they can't make the turn without widening the easement. They will need to take out additional vegetation and trees to get the pipe through and fuse it.
 - Leslie Starke asked for a clearer picture of what the vegetation removal would look like. She requests larger or older trees be discussed with PCP before removal.

- Jeff Marcus suggests adding language that the City of Durham will coordinate with PCP on vegetation removal and revegetation, and older trees will be retained if possible.
- Zoe Hansen Burnet replied that this language will need to be in the easement document. Details can be worked out by PCP in the easement.
- Tony Doster commented that the more you complicate a temporary work easement the more you make it difficult to enforce. He stated that we shouldn't lose the big picture of the sewer upgrade protecting water quality. He states that given the minimal impact on the nature preserve, we don't want to impede this work from taking place.
- Lee Leidy asked about the total area of impact. Brian Porter responded that it is 0.58 acres for the temporary construction easement and 0.36 acres for the subterranean easement. The temporary easement will last approximately 6 months after all approvals during and after which they will establish sediment control and provide permanent vegetation.
- Leslie Starke noted that disturbances and non-native invasive species are her biggest concerns as the manager of the site, and they want some assurance that non-native species will not be planted or introduced.
- Jay Leutze mentioned that in his experience, his organization [Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy] makes cleaning of equipment a special condition before it enters the site, to prevent the spread of non-native invasive species.
- Jeff Marcus reminded us that these details may be spelled out in the easement agreement.
- Zoe Hansen Burnet said NHP staff could include language to have a supervisory role in the next steps. Scott Pohlman responded that he is fine to follow PCPs leadership. NHP supports PCP's stewardship of the nature preserve.
- Jeff Marcus wondered if the underground part of this project even requires an amendment to the dedication since it is subterranean only and the dedication is to protect surface resources.
- Zoe Hansen Burnet replied that yes it will require an amendment, since the articles of dedication are not limited to aboveground resources and waterways.

***Randolph Harrison moved to accept the proposal to amend the dedication allowing the subterranean utility easement and the temporary construction easement. Tony Doster seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent. Ron Myers was absent.

Action Item**Staff member:** Justin Mercer

Agenda Item 4) 2004A-012 Fletcher Conservation Easement Amendment Request

Fred Fletcher, the original grantor, requests an amendment to the conservation easement to redefine the buildable area of the property.

Background

In 2004, the North Carolina Land and Water Fund awarded a grant in the amount of \$240,000 to the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust for the acquisition of a conservation easement on approximately 204 acres along the Tar River in Pitt County. The resulting conservation easement assigned to the State of North Carolina designated ~25.44 acres as upland area and reserved rights including the construction of up to six horse sheds, construction of roads and utilities to serve up to nine home sites on the adjoining 16.31 acres designated as "Upland Acres Held for Development," equestrian trails, a riding ring, and fencing of pasture/paddocks.

To date, this easement has been amended three times, with two landowner-initiated requests:

- 2006 - the easement was amended at the request of the landowner to reconfigure parcels to avoid the need for a new paved road built to State standards. This resulted in the release of easement on 2.0486 acres and the addition of 2.1746 acres to the easement and reduction of homesites to four single family residential parcels.
- 2008 - 0.3 acres were released at the request of NCDOT to facilitate a bridge replacement.
- 2010 - the easement was amended at the request of the landowner to allow for a subdivision that created the four residential lots previously envisioned.

In October 2022, Mr. Fletcher formally submitted a request to amend the conservation easement in further pursuit of creating the four developable lots envisioned in 2006. Mr. Fletcher requests release of approximately 0.643 acres of the "Upland Area Under Conservation Easement" in exchange for protection of 0.643 acres of wooded area not currently under protection and removal of a 20,000 square foot cover on the riding arena to reduce total impervious surface.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Acquisition Committee give careful consideration to the request with special attention given to the intent of the original easement and its amendments and the criteria set by the Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy (STW-001).

Committee Action Needed

Approve, amend, or deny the staff recommendation and make a recommendation to the board.

Attachments: Landowner correspondence, original easement and amendments, survey plat(s), and associated maps, a current copy of the Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy can be found with agenda item 6.

April 18, 2022

Jesica Blake
Associate Director
North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
Wilmington NC

Dear Ms. Blake:

The Preserve Conservation Equestrian Community is proud of its long-standing relationship with the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust. We hope that we have met or exceeded your expectations with respect to best management practices, adherence to the use limitations imposed by the Conservation Easement and that you consider our community as an ideal partner.

When we initially developed the Preserve our goal was to create an equestrian community consisting of 5 large farm estate lots. We subsequently, at a purchaser's request, combined lots 2 & 4 that became Lot 2 and thus Lot 5 became Lot 4. This is important to you in that it reduced the number of households that could be constructed in the Preserve, thus, lessening the overall potential total for impervious surfaces that could be built in the community.

All 4 lots consist of a minimum of 10 acres with a mix of acres under the CE and some reserved for a "building envelope" which contains enough land area sufficient to construct a home and related horse farm buildings. This envelope is not a "deeded" parcel, but rather, dotted lines on a recorded plat.

After the re-combination of Lots 2 & 4 (which became Lot 2), Lot 4 (previously Lot 5) now consists of 13.7 acres of which 12.28 acres are under the Conservation Easement. The 1.84 ac differential that is excluded from the CE represents .42 acre on which a small barn sits and 1.42 ac which is the homesite/building envelope for Lot 4. Again, these "envelopes" are not deeded parcels.

However, nearly half, .69 ac of the 1.42 ac homesite envelope for Lot 4 was inadvertently placed in the wooded area near the Tar River, leaving the wooded area unprotected and exposed to disruption of the natural habitat from clearing and construction of impervious surfaces.

So, with all this said, we are simply seeking your approval for the following:

Permission to shift the corners of the building envelope completely out of the wooded area sufficient to result in an equal swap of square footage of the wooded portion of the envelope that is NOT under the CE for the exact same square footage of cleared area that IS currently under the CE (as shown on the attached drawing).

One thing to keep in mind. Because the building envelope of Lot 4 is not a recorded parcel, but rather represented by dotted lines on a plat, this action does not require any

modification to property lines, deed description or the total land area under the CE. The attached drawing illustrates the location of both the current and proposed building envelopes.

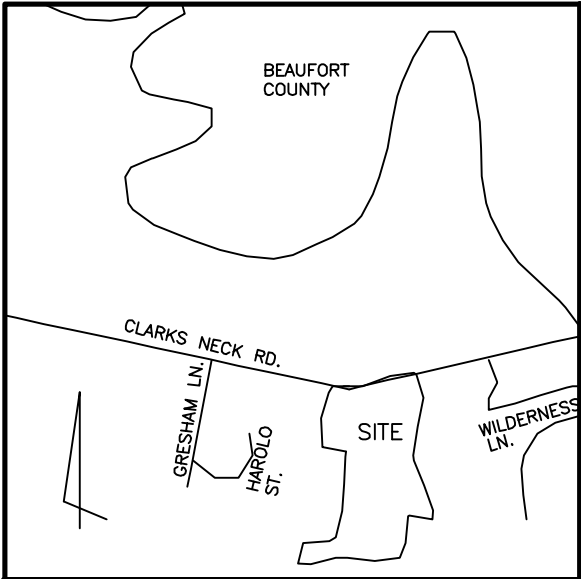
While there are some benefits to the Grantor, we hope you will recognize the significant “public benefit” resulting from this change and, thus, approve this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Fletcher Jr.

Fred Fletcher, Jr.

Grantor



NORTH (M.B. 73, P. 15)

NOTES

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- THE LOT 4 AREA

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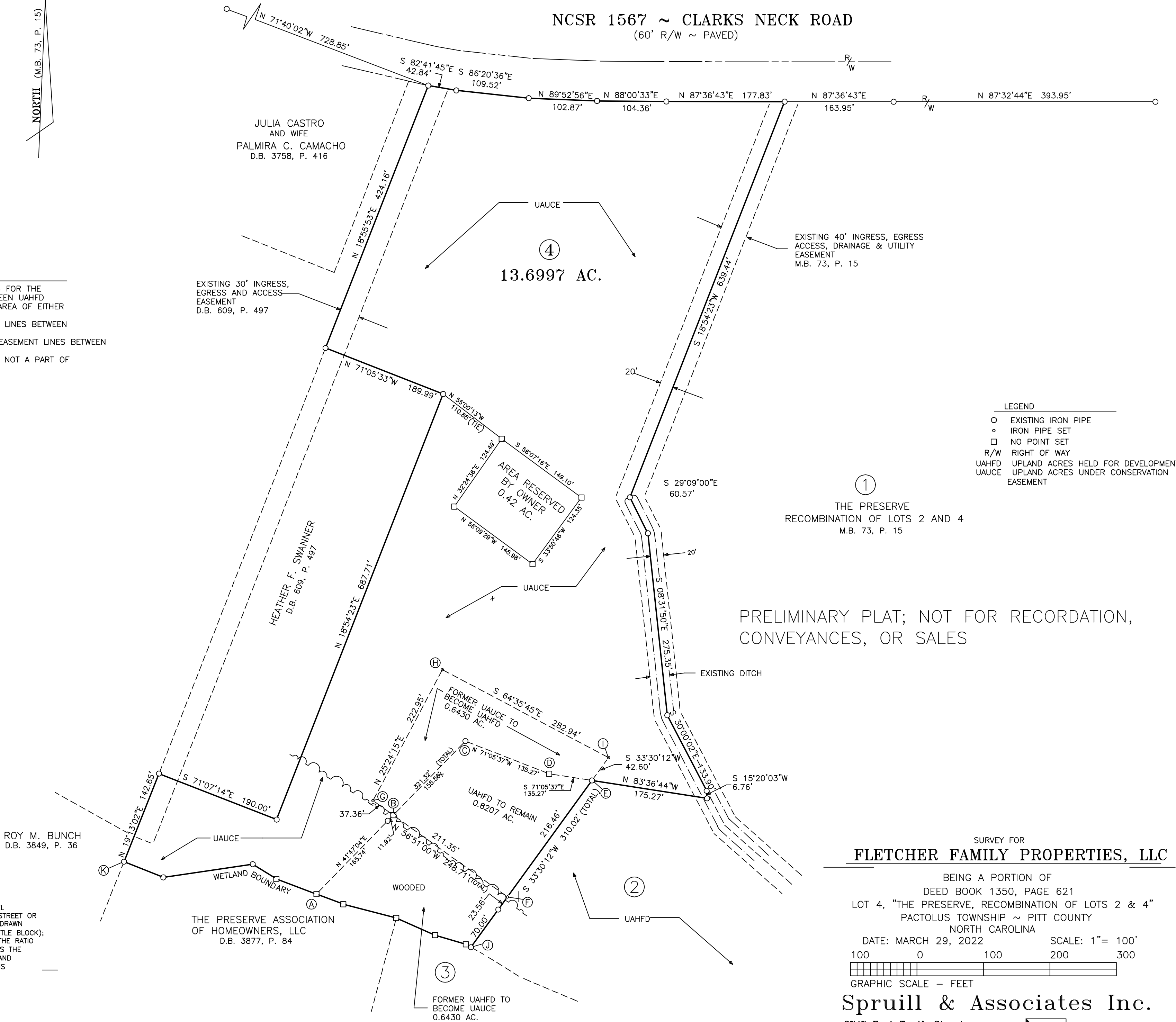
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STEPHEN N. SPRUILL

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 - UAHFD UPLAND ACRES HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT
 - UAUCE UPLAND ACRES UNDER CONSERVATION EASEMENT

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THE PRESERVE
RECOMBINATION OF LOTS 2 AND 4
M.B. 73, P. 15

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SURVEY FOR FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC

BEING A PORTION OF
DEED BOOK 1350, PAGE 621
LOT 4, "THE PRESERVE, RECOMBINATION OF LOTS 2 & 4"
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NORTH CAROLINA

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Good afternoon Justin.

I'm submitting another attempt to get the building envelope lines rearranged on Lot 4 of the Preserve subdivision as originally proposed. This time I can offer the removal of the entire steel cover to riding arena which will represent a removal of 20,000+/- SF of impervious surface from the community and the lot that is the subject of my request.

I am hopeful that this, and the below comments addressing the "considerations" for such a request, will serve as a fair trade off for the .64 acre swap of upland development land for .64 ac of CE land that I formerly requested.

Let me begin by addressing the below "considerations" you provided in your email response to me on April 7, 22. I have also attached a copy of the Grantor Rights section of the CE for your convenience.

From: Mercer, Justin E <justin.mercer@ncdcr.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Fred Fletcher <ffletcher@fletcherstrategies.com>; Jessica Blake <jesica@coastallandtrust.org>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Tar River- Fletcher 2004A-012

Good Morning, Mr. Fletcher,

I apologize for not getting back to you Monday as previously indicated. I did have some discussion with our leadership about your request, and we did confirm that an amendment would be necessary in order to move the boundaries of the buildable area. When we met last week, we discussed whether or not this would be needed based on the area in question being depicted by a dashed line rather than a solid boundary line. While the dashed line does not reflect a property boundary, it is our understanding that it does represent the easement boundary. This isn't a building envelope in the traditional sense, but rather an area that was altogether excluded from the easement to facilitate development.

When considering amendment requests, our board follows an established Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy that outlines a number of considerations. Any request that involves changes to easement boundaries and does not involve a public works project must seek board approval and meet the following requirements:

[Fletcher] The equal swap of .64 acres of upland building envelope for .64 acres of conservation easement plus the proposed removal of the riding arena cover representing over 20,000+ SF of impervious surface should adequately meet the below considerations:

1. Clearly serve the public interest and provide public or community benefit**[Fletcher]** Public and community benefit. Less runoff into the Tar River
2. Have a net beneficial effect on the relevant conservation values protected by the easement**[Fletcher]** Reduces the overall impervious surface to well below the limits imposed by the CE. According to the Grantor Rights granted in the CE, Grantor is permitted to develop 8 additional residential lots to the existing house and construct impervious access roads to each. In reality the Grantor/Developer developed only 4 additional lots, 2 of which have been recombined to make a net of 3 new lots & one existing. Access has been provided via well maintained gravel roads serving all lots in the subdivision..
3. Must not result in private benefit other than the benefit inherent to the conservation agreement**[Fletcher]** ***There is no private benefit to the Grantor/developer beyond those original financial benefits for the Grantor/developer in return for limiting the development to no more than 9 residential lots as granted to the Grantor/developer by in the CE. Lot 4 is the only lot remaining that is unsold and if the request for re-alignment of the building envelop is not approved, it will make the lot less marketable and likely cause the Grantor/Developer to incur a financial loss.***
4. Must be consistent with the conservation purposes(s) and intent of the easement**[Fletcher]** The intent of the easement was to provide for an equestrian community of consisting of 9 lots specifically to be used for equestrian recreational uses via a development partnership between the Grantor/developer and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. The proposed equal swap and removal of the arena cover should be well within the intent and purposes of the CE and the partnership
5. Must be consistent with the documented intent of the donor(s), other grantors, and any direct funding source**[Fletcher]** The intent of the Clean Water Management Trust fund, the Coastal Land Trust and the Grantor/Developer was to provide for the development of 8 residential lots and, in the process, ensure the perpetual protection of 178 acres of wetlands, approximately 20 acres of uplands, and approximately 2 miles of sensitive shoreline along the Tar Rivers and Tranters Creek. Lot 4 is remaining lot and the equal swap of land and re-alignment of the building envelope falls well within the intent of the donors, grantors, funding source and the NCCLT beneficiary
6. Demonstrate that no practicable alternatives exist and that the impacts have been minimized**[Fletcher]** . There is no practical alternative and, in fact, there is only a positive impact that would result from an equal swap of cleared upland CE acreage and wooded upland CE acreage. The wooded acreage would serve as an additional buffer between the homesite and the wetlands.

I've not yet heard back from other project partners on this request, so it is difficult for me to

comment on that at this time. I do think that there is a case to be made for meeting numbers 2, 4, and 6, but our staff gets hung up on numbers 1 and 3. In our discussions, it was difficult for staff to see a clear community benefit or service to the public resulting from this request. Furthermore, it's difficult to make a case that the primary purpose of this request isn't to benefit a private landowner.

I think that it is this last part that has resulted in the compensation policy that I mentioned to you last week. When this easement was first amended in 2006, we did not have any sort of established amendments policy nor stewardship staff and you were able to do a 1:1 exchange of land. Our policy was created in 2012 and requires that in situations like this where the decision to amend is at the sole discretion of our board, the NCLWF must be compensated by a ratio of at least 3:1. That compensation can be either monetary or land swap at the board's discretion. As you have initially proposed a land swap, we would need at least 1.92 acres in exchange for the proposed termination of 0.64 acres.

Ultimately, it is up to you if you still want to pursue a request to our board. In the case this moves forward, I will present your request in the context of the policy referenced above and let the board make the final decision. I will not attempt to speak for them, but my impression is that this request would not be viewed favorably, especially without compensation that aligns with policy. As the agenda has been set for Monday's Acquisition Committee meeting, and we have surpassed the required 2-week public notice for discussion of amendments, our next meeting will be in September. Unfortunately, that meeting is typically reserved for reviewing grant proposals and awarding funds and does not have the flexibility to consider additional business. As mentioned previously, that means that we would be looking at December as the earliest that we could seek a decision on your request.

Please let me know if any further discussion is needed and if you wish to move forward with your request. As we move closer to the December meeting, I may need additional information including all past monitoring reports from NCCLT that are not currently in NCLWF records.

Justin E. Mercer

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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:09 AM

To: Mercer, Justin E <justin.mercer@ncdcr.gov>; Jessica Blake <jesica@coastallandtrust.org>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Tar River- Fletcher 2004A-012

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Got it. Good timing.

Justin, if a "drop by" tomorrow is "highly probable", then let's do that.

Consider my schedule as being clear so pick your slot.

Also, I have attached a summary of our request along with a map showing the existing and the proposed building envelop lines. Thought this might be helpful for you to have in advance of our meeting.

From: Mercer, Justin E <justin.mercer@ncdcr.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 8:38 AM

To: Fred Fletcher <ffletcher@fletcherstrategies.com>; Jessica Blake <jesica@coastallandtrust.org>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Tar River- Fletcher 2004A-012

Hello Fred,

I was in the process of typing this message when yours came through. My apologies, but I've had a change of schedule due to high winds at the coast and will not be making the trip today. Unfortunately, I've had to reschedule for tomorrow, which impacts our proposed backup Teams meeting. I can arrange for a virtual meeting today or can try to arrange to drop by tomorrow afternoon. Otherwise, I am open Friday for a virtual meeting. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience. Please let me know if an alternate time/date will work.

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Good morning Justin.

Wondering if your schedule for your trip to Hyde County has firmed up?

From: Mercer, Justin E <justin.mercer@ncdcr.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:14 PM

To: Fred Fletcher <ffletcher@fletcherstrategies.com>; Jesica Blake <jesica@coastallandtrust.org>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Tar River- Fletcher 2004A-012

Fred,

My trip to Hyde County on Tuesday is to meet with Jessica's colleagues, Walker and Janice. I will touch base with them in the next couple of days to try and figure out scheduling for the day. If meeting you on site doesn't work out, I will propose a MS Teams meeting on Wednesday after lunch. As of now, I can likely be flexible on the exact timing if there is a preferable option for you and/or Jesica.

Justin E. Mercer

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Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 2:37 PM

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Summer, Will <will.summer@ncdcr.gov>

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Thanks for your response Justin. It's a rare occasion I'm flexible Tuesday as I'm open all day for a site visit which, of course, is surely preferred.

I would also suggest we schedule a Zoom call for either Wed or Fri just in case fail to connect F2F on Tuesday.

Jessica, I'm not sure you need to make the site visit but I expect you'd want to Zoom in on Wed or Fri if it come to that.

In the meantime...

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Summer, Will <will.summer@ncdcr.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Tar River- Fletcher 2004A-012

Hello Jessica and Fred,

My apologies for not getting back to you last week. I am juggling the responsibilities of two positions at the moment and have just not had the opportunity to fully review this yet. I am planning on being out of the office Wednesday through Friday this week, but would be happy to set up an initial discussion for next week if that works. I currently have availability Wednesday or Friday of next week. I would offer to meet on site next Tuesday as I will have the pass very near this property on my way to/from Hyde County, but I can't be certain of the timing.

As far as the process itself goes, it will depend on exactly what the resulting impacts will be. Unfortunately, it is not a short process. It will begin with a desktop review of the easement, past monitoring reports and correspondence, and available GIS data. If the impact reaches a certain threshold, it must go to our acquisition committee and ultimately our board for approval. There is not enough time to get this request thoroughly reviewed in time for our May board meeting, so the next opportunity will be December. If it does not reach that threshold, a decision can be made at the staff level much sooner. However, in either case, all amendments currently must be reviewed by the State Property Office and get final approval by the Council of State (Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, etc.). This part is totally out of our control, so I would expect a 12–18-month timeline in the event your request is granted.

With that said, easement amendments are not taken lightly and are not granted unless certain criteria are met. In general, amendments should be in the public interest rather than that of the property owner. Not knowing the exact situation here, it doesn't sound like that is the case, but I'm willing to listen to your request. I've not yet read through the easement for this property, but I will need some additional information before I can review. First, I will need a justification for why the current configuration of the home site is not suitable/why the proposed configuration is better. Secondly, I need a map that depicts the home site as specified by the easement as well as the proposed site. Jessica should be able to help with that; shapefiles would be helpful as well. I am in the process of reviewing/revising our procedures for amendment requests and can discuss additional

needs if/when they are triggered through review.

Unless Will has a particular interest in staying involved in the process, I think we can take him off the email chain moving forward. He will certainly be looped back in on the back side as he will have to co-sign any approval, but I think that we can hammer out the details without trying to work around his schedule. Let me know if either of those days next week will work for the two of you.

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Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 9:27 AM

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Good morning Justin and Will and thank you Jessica.

Thought I should reach out to you and make the connection so we can start the conversation. What information specifically do you need to process my request? I'm available most of this week for a call. What works for you two?

My contact info is below.

In the meantime...

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From: Jessica Blake <jessica@coastallandtrust.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 12:17 PM
To: justin.mercer@ncdcr.gov; will.summer@ncdcr.gov; Fred Fletcher
<ffletcher@fletcherstrategies.com>
Subject: Tar River- Fletcher 2004A-012

Justin and Will,

I have spoken with landowner Fred Fletcher about a landowner request he has regarding his conservation property. He is proposing a slight reconfiguration of one of the home sites that would not have any acreage change but would change the boundaries of the home site. We would like to speak with you about this request and also would like to understand the process NC Land and Water Fund has for this type of request. Fred Fletcher is included in this email to connect you all with him directly.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or if you would like to set up a time to speak further.

Best,

Jessica



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TAR RIVER/FLETCHER TRACT**

Prepared by: Clean Water Management Trust Fund and North Carolina Coastal Land Trust

mail: After Recording, Return to: North Carolina Coastal Land Trust - see below

Fletcher, Ray & Satterfield, LLP

131 Racine Drive, Suite 201 Wilmington, NC 28403

18th THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT ("Conservation Easement") is made on this day of March, 2005 by and between Fletcher Family Properties, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company with an address at 6870 Clark's Neck Road, Washington, North Carolina 27889 ("**Grantor**") and the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of State of North Carolina with an address at 131 Racine Drive, Suite 101, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, its successors and assigns ("**Grantee**").

RECITALS & CONSERVATION PURPOSES

A. Grantor is the sole owner in fee simple of the property containing 225 acres more or less, located in Pactolus Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described in an instrument recorded in Book 1350, Page 621, less and except all that certain three acre tract described in an instrument recorded in Book 609, Page 497 and depicted on a map recorded in Map Book 45, Page 132, all in the Pitt County Registry (hereinafter the "**Property**"); and

B. Grantor and Grantee have agreed to set aside 204.02 acres of the Property (as described herein below and hereinafter referred to as the "**Easement Area**"), for the purpose of creating a Conservation Easement to preserve, enhance, restore, and maintain the natural features and resources of the Easement Area, to provide habitat for native plants and animals, to improve and maintain water quality, and to control runoff of sediment (hereinafter the "**Conservation Values**").

C. The Easement Area is described as all of Tracts A, B, and C, as depicted on a

survey (hereinafter the "**Survey**") dated January 21, 2005, last revised February 12, 2005, entitled "Fletcher Family Properties, L.L.C." prepared by Jarvis Associates, P.A. Engineers, Planners, Surveyors, recorded in Plat Book 163, Slide 12, Pitt County Registry, together with the right of ingress, egress and regress over, upon and across the Property to and from the Easement Area.

D. Grantee is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of promoting the preservation of ecologically valuable lands, natural and wildlife habitat, and lands with significant natural and open space values in the State of North Carolina for charitable, scientific, educational and aesthetic purposes.

E. Grantor and Grantee recognize that the Easement Area is located adjacent to the Tar River and Tranters Creek, its tributary, and the Easement Area has been deemed by the State of North Carolina to qualify as a riparian buffer, addressing the cleanup and prevention of pollution of the State's surface waters, and the establishment of a network of riparian buffers. Moreover, Grantor and Grantee recognize that the Easement Area has other Conservation Values including fish and wildlife conservation, open space, and scenic values.

F. The Clean Water Management Trust Fund, ("**Fund**") with an address at 1651 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1651 is an agency of the State of North Carolina ("**State**"), with an address at c/o State Property Office, 1321 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1321, and is authorized by Article 18, Chapter 113A of the General Statutes of North Carolina to finance projects and to acquire land and interests in land, including conservation easements for riparian buffers for the purposes of providing environmental protection for surface waters and urban drinking water supplies; and

G. Grantee has received a grant from the Fund identified as Grant Agreement No. 2004A-012 ("**Grant Agreement**") for acquisition of a Conservation Easement in consideration of which Grantor has agreed that the Easement Area will be conserved and managed in a manner that will protect the quality of waters of the Tar River and otherwise promote the public purposes authorized by Article 18, Chapter 113A of the North Carolina General Statutes ("**N.C.G.S.**")

H. The Grantor, Grantee, State and Fund (collectively referred to herein as the "**Parties**") hereto intend that the Conservation Values of the Easement Area will be preserved and managed pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Grant Agreement entered into between the Grantee and the Fund on January 20, 2005, incorporated herein by reference, and available for inspection in the offices of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Grantor, and Fund. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that Grantee will accept this Conservation Easement; that the State will be the ultimate Grantee and holder of this Conservation Easement; and, that Grantor has received consideration for granting this Conservation Easement to the Grantee and restricting the uses of the Easement Area; and

I. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that the Easement Area is currently unimproved except for a pond, a picnic shelter, and two pastures, all of which are located on the upland portion of the Easement Area denoted on the Survey. The characteristics of the Easement

Area, its current use and state of improvement are described in an Environmental Documentation Report (the "**Report**") that is on file in the offices of the Grantee and the Fund, and available for public inspection. The Parties acknowledge that the Report is the appropriate basis for monitoring compliance with the objectives of preserving the conservation and water quality values; and that it is not intended to preclude the use of other evidence (e.g. surveys, appraisals) to establish the present condition of the Easement Area if there is a controversy over such present condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits recited herein, together with other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, the Grantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably gives, grants and conveys forever and in perpetuity to the Grantee, its successors and assigns, and the Grantee hereby accepts, this Conservation Easement of the nature and character and to the extent hereinafter set forth in, over, through and across the Easement Area, together with the right and easement to preserve and protect the Conservation Values.

The purposes of this Conservation Easement are to provide environmental protection for surface waters and to protect the wildlife and natural heritage values and it shall be so held, maintained, and used therefore. It is the further purpose of this Conservation Easement to prevent any use of the Easement Area that will significantly impair or interfere with the preservation of said Conservation Values. Grantor intends that this Conservation Easement will restrict the use of the Easement Area to such activities as are consistent with the Conservation Values described in the Recitals herein.

ARTICLE I. DURATION OF EASEMENT

This Conservation Easement shall be perpetual. It is an easement in gross, runs with the land, and is enforceable by Grantee against Grantor, its representatives, successors, assigns, lessees, agents and licensees.

ARTICLE II. RIGHTS RESERVED TO GRANTOR

Grantor reserves certain rights accruing from fee simple ownership of the Easement Area, including the right to engage in or permit others to engage in uses of the Easement Area that are not inconsistent with the purpose(s) of this Conservation Easement. All rights reserved by Grantor are reserved for Grantor, its representatives, successors, and assigns, and are considered to be consistent with the conservation purposes of this Conservation Easement. The following rights are expressly reserved:

A. Passive Recreational Use. Grantor reserves the right to engage and permit others to engage in passive recreational uses of the Easement Area, requiring no surface alteration of the land except as set forth in Article II, Section B, par. 2 herein and posing no threat to the Conservation Values, including, without limitation, walking, fishing, or animal and plant observation, and any other purpose consistent with maintaining the Conservation Values of this Conservation Easement. Grantor reserves the right to lease and license hunting, fishing, nature and historic tours, photography and filming, horseback riding, and other similar passive or

"ecotourist" type commercial recreational activities and uses; provided; however that all such activities must not significantly impair or interfere with the Conservation Values of the Easement Area as set forth in the Recitals hereinabove. Furthermore, such activities shall not violate the standard set forth in Section 2031(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any successor section, which prohibits more than a *de minimus* use for a commercial recreational activity.

B. Equestrian and Other Uses of the Upland Portion of the Easement Area. Grantor reserves the following rights and uses with respect to the upland portion (25.44 acres) of the Easement Area as depicted on the Survey as "UPLAND ACRES UNDER CONSERVATION EASEMENT 1107799.43 \pm SQFT 25.44 \pm ACRES TRACT B" ("**Upland Area**"):

1. Equestrian use, including the right to lease such use; provided that if Grantor leases such use, Grantor shall remain liable for compliance with all terms and conditions under this Conservation Easement and shall cause any such lessee to so comply.
2. Construction of up to six (6) small horse walk-in sheds constructed pursuant to all required permits, and in a location within the Upland Area that best promotes the Conservation Values.
3. The right to maintain, repair and replace, but not to enlarge, the existing picnic shelter and pond in their existing locations on the date hereof.
4. The right to construct impervious access roads, entry features and above-ground and underground utilities (the "**Improvements**") on the Upland Area (provided however, the impervious surface of the Improvements are limited in the manner provided herein) serving no more than nine (9) single-family residential lots (eight (8) plus the existing single-family home site) developed on that portion of the Property depicted on the Survey as "UPLAND ACRES 'HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT' 710463.60 \pm SQFT 16.31 \pm ACRES TRACT D" ("**Upland Acres Held for Development**"). The Improvements can be located only on the Upland Area and must have a limit on the percentage of impervious surface coverage as previously referenced and further described below.
5. The right to construct horse riding trails, and a ring/arena pursuant to a plan approved in advance and in writing by Grantee and concurred with by the Fund.
6. The right to maintain and fence the Upland Area as pasture and paddocks, including installation of wells and aquifers for irrigation and the reshaping of land topography where appropriate to collect and minimize storm water runoff from the Upland Area, provided however that: all such construction and use is (i) approved by or in compliance with "Best Management Practices" for pasture areas as set forth by the Natural Resource Conservation Service or the local Soil and Water Conservation District, as applicable; ii) in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations; and iii) in a location within the Upland Area that best promotes the Conservation Values.
7. The right to use motor vehicles in connection with the rights reserved by Grantor under this Article II.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article II or elsewhere in this Conservation Easement (a) the rights reserved by the Grantor on the Upland Area are allowed as an amenity to no more than nine (9) single-family residential lots (eight (8) plus the existing single-family home site) developed on the Upland Acres Held for Development; (b) the existing home site located on the balance of the parent parcel outside the Easement Area will continue to be afforded access to Tranters Creek via the wetlands portion of the Easement Area; (c) no additional home sites will have access to Tranters Creek through the wetlands portion of the Easement Area; (d) the total amount of impervious surfaces within the Upland Area shall be less than one percent (1%) of the total Easement Area; and (e) Grantor's uses and activities shall not violate the standard set forth in Section 2031(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any successor section, which prohibits more than a *de minimus* use for a commercial recreational activity; and the uses and the rights of Grantor hereunder shall be so limited.

ARTICLE III. PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

Any activity on, or use of, the Easement Area inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement is prohibited. The Easement Area shall be maintained in its natural, scenic, wooded and open condition and restricted from any development or use that would impair or interfere with the conservation purposes of this Conservation Easement.

Except for those rights specifically reserved to Grantor in Article II and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following activities and uses are expressly prohibited or restricted.

A. Industrial and Commercial Use. Industrial and commercial activities and any right of passage for such purposes are prohibited on the Easement Area, except for certain commercial ecotourism uses as noted in Article II above.

B. Agricultural, Grazing and Horticultural Use. Agriculture, grazing, horticultural and animal husbandry operations are prohibited on the Easement Area, except as noted in Article II above for use of the Upland Area for equestrian and related uses.

C. Disturbance of Natural Features, Plants and Animals. There shall be no cutting or removal of trees, or the disturbance of other natural features within the Easement Area except as noted in Article II above and for the following: (1) as incidental to boundary marking, fencing, signage, (2) selective cutting and prescribed burning or clearing of vegetation and the application of mutually approved herbicides and pesticides for fire containment, protection and damage, insect and disease control, storm-related damage, human safety, restoration of hydrology, wetlands enhancement and/or control of non-native plants; subject however to a written plan for same prepared by a registered forester, (3) hunting and fishing pursuant to applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations; and (4) removal of damaged trees and debris caused by storm and fire and posing a threat to life or property.

D. Construction of Buildings and Recreational Use. There shall be no constructing or placing of any building, mobile home, asphalt or concrete pavement, billboard or other

advertising display, antenna, utility pole, tower, conduit, line, pier landing, dock or any other temporary or permanent structure or facility on or above the Easement Area except within the Upland Area as noted in Article II above and for the following: placement and display of no trespassing signs, local, state or federal traffic or similar informational signs, for sale or lease signs, boundary fencing, entry signs, signs identifying the Conservation Values and purposes of the Easement Area, and/or signs identifying the Grantor as owner of the Property, the Grantee and State as holders of this Conservation Easement, and the Fund as the source of funding for the acquisition of the Conservation Easement; signs proclaiming that the Easement Area will remain in its protected state, educational and interpretative signs, identification labels or any other similar temporary or permanent signs, reasonably satisfactory to the Fund.

E. Mineral Use, Excavation, Dredging. There shall be no filling, excavation, dredging, mining or drilling; no removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock, peat, minerals or other materials, and no change in the topography of the land in any manner except as necessary for the purpose of combating erosion or incidental to any conservation management activities otherwise permitted in the Easement Area.

F. Wetlands and Water Quality. Except as set forth in Article II above, there shall be no pollution or alteration of water bodies and no construction or other activities that would be detrimental to water purity or that would alter natural water levels, drainage, sedimentation and/or flow in or over the Easement Area or into any surface waters, or cause soil degradation or erosion, nor any diking, dredging, alteration, draining, filling or removal of wetlands, except activities to restore natural hydrology, wetlands enhancement, or to enhance or improve water quality as permitted by state and any other appropriate authorities.

H. Dumping. Dumping of soil, trash, ashes, garbage, waste, abandoned vehicles, appliances, or machinery, or other materials on the Easement Area is prohibited. Manure from the equestrian facility permitted in Article II above must be either disposed of offsite or may be applied to the pasture in the Upland Area if applied at agronomic rates as published by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

I. Conveyance and Subdivision. The Easement Area may not be subdivided, partitioned nor conveyed, except in its current configuration as an entity or block of property.

J. Mitigation. There shall be no use of the Easement Area or any portion thereof to satisfy compensatory mitigation requirements under 33 U.S.C. Section 1344 or N.C.G.S. 143-214.11 or any successor or replacement provision of the foregoing.

ARTICLE IV. ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES

A. Enforcement. To accomplish the purposes of this Conservation Easement, Grantee is allowed to prevent any activity on or use of the Easement Area that is inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement, and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Easement Area that may have been damaged by such activity or use. Upon any breach of the terms of this Conservation Easement by Grantor that comes to the attention of the Grantee, the Grantee shall, except as provided below, notify the Grantor in writing of such

breach. The Grantor shall have ninety (90) days after receipt of such notice to correct the conditions constituting such breach. If the breach remains uncured after ninety (90) days, the Grantee may enforce this Conservation Easement by appropriate legal proceedings including damages, injunctive and other relief. The Grantee shall also have the power and authority, consistent with its statutory authority: (a) to prevent any impairment of the Easement Area by acts which may be unlawful or in violation of this Conservation Easement; (b) to otherwise preserve or protect its interest in the Easement Area; or (c) to seek damages from any appropriate person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee reserves the immediate right, without notice, to obtain a temporary restraining order, injunctive or other appropriate relief if the breach of the term of this Conservation Easement is or would irreversibly or otherwise materially impair the benefits to be derived from this Conservation Easement. The Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that under such circumstances damage to the Grantee would be irreparable and remedies at law will be inadequate. The rights and remedies of the Grantee provided hereunder shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other rights and remedies available to Grantee in connection with this Conservation Easement, including, without limitation, those set forth in the Grant Agreement under which this Conservation Easement was obtained.

B. Right of Entry and Inspection. Grantee, its employees and agents and its successors and assigns, and the Fund, have the right, with reasonable notice, to enter the Property and Easement Area at reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the Easement Area to determine whether the Grantor, Grantor's representatives, successors or assigns are complying with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Conservation Easement.

C. Condemnation. Whenever all or part of the Property is taken by exercise of eminent domain by public, corporate or other authority, or by negotiated sale in lieu of condemnation, so as to abrogate the restrictions imposed by this Conservation Easement, the Grantor shall immediately give notice to Grantee, State and the Fund, and shall take all appropriate actions at the time of such taking or sale to recover the full value of the taking and all incidental or direct damages resulting from the taking. The Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall be entitled to a portion of the proceeds of such sale, exchange, involuntary conversion of the Property, or any damage award with respect to any judicial proceeding. Such portion shall be equal to the fair market value of the Grantee's, its successors and assigns, interest in the Property on the date of the recording of this Conservation Easement. "Proceeds of Sale" shall mean the cash value of all money and property paid, transferred or contributed in consideration for, or as otherwise required as a condition to the sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of the Conservation Area, or any damages otherwise awarded as a result of judicial proceeding, *minus* the Grantor's expenses from such transaction or proceeding. Grantee shall use its share of the Proceeds of Sale in a manner consistent with the conservation purposes set forth herein.

D. Changed Conditions. When a change in conditions gives rise to the extinguishment of this Conservation Easement or a material term or provision hereof by judicial proceeding, the Grantee, its successor and assigns, shall be entitled to a portion of the proceeds of such sale, exchange, involuntary conversion of the Property, or any damage award with respect to any judicial proceeding. Such portion shall be equal to the fair market value of the Grantee's, its successors and assigns, interest in the Property on the date of the recording of this Conservation Easement. "Proceeds of Sale" shall mean the cash value of all money and property

paid, transferred or contributed in consideration for, or as otherwise required as a condition to the sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of the Easement Area, or any damages otherwise awarded as a result of judicial proceeding, *minus* the Grantor's expenses from such transaction or proceeding. Grantee shall use its share of the Proceeds of Sale in a manner consistent with the conservation purposes set forth herein.

E. Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury or change in the Easement Area caused by third parties, resulting from causes beyond the Grantor's control, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm, and earth movement, or from any prudent action taken in good faith by the Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to life, damage to Easement Area or harm to the Easement Area resulting from such causes.

F. Costs of Enforcement. Any costs incurred by Grantee in enforcing the terms of this Conservation Easement against Grantor, including, without limitation, any costs of restoration necessitated by Grantor's acts or omissions in violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement, shall be borne by Grantor.

G. No Waiver. Enforcement of this Conservation Easement shall be at the discretion of the Grantee and any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights hereunder in the event of any breach of any term set forth herein shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term or of any subsequent breach of the same or of any other term of this Conservation Easement or of Grantee's rights. No delay or omission by Grantee in exercise of any right or remedy shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

ARTICLE V. DOCUMENTATION AND TITLE

A. Easement Area Condition. The Parties acknowledge that the Easement Area is undeveloped, with no improvements other than as described herein and in the Report, and general service and utility easements and rights of way of record.

B. Title. The Grantor covenants and represents and warrants (i) that the Grantor is the sole owner and is seized of the Property and the Easement Area in fee simple and has good right to grant and convey the aforesaid Conservation Easement; (ii) that there is legal access to the Property and the Easement Area, that the Easement Area is free and clear of any and all encumbrances, except easements of record, none of which would nullify, impair or limit in any way the terms or effect of this Conservation Easement; and (iii) Grantor shall defend its title against the claims of all persons whomsoever, and Grantor covenants that the Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to monitor and defend the terms of the aforesaid Conservation Easement.

ARTICLE VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Subsequent Transfers of the Fee. Grantor agrees for itself, its successors and assigns, that in the event it transfers the Property, or any portion thereof, to include the Easement

Area described herein, to notify the Grantee and the State in writing of the names and addresses of any party to whom the Property is to be transferred at or prior to the time said transfer is consummated. Grantor, for itself, its successors and assigns, further agrees to make specific reference to this Conservation Easement in a separate paragraph of any subsequent lease, deed, or other legal instrument by which any interest in the Property or Easement Area is conveyed.

B. Subsequent Transfers of the Conservation Easement. The Parties hereto recognize and agree that the benefits of this Conservation Easement are in gross and assignable with any such assignee having all the rights and remedies of Grantee hereunder. The Parties hereby covenant and agree, that in the event this Conservation Easement is transferred or assigned, the transferee or assignee of the Conservation Easement will be a qualified organization as that term is defined in Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor section, and the regulations promulgated there under (the "**Internal Revenue Code**") which is organized or operated primarily for one of the conservation purposes specified in Section 170(h)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, and a qualified holder as that term is defined in NCGS §121-35 (2) or any successor statute. The Parties further covenant and agree that the terms of the transfer or the assignment will be such that the transferee or assignee will be required to continue to carry out in perpetuity the conservation purposes that the contribution was originally intended to advance as set forth in the Recitals herein. Grantee, its successors or assigns, hereby covenants and agrees that subsequent to any transfer as provided for herein, it will continue to monitor and observe the Easement Area in perpetuity for such purposes set forth by this Conservation Easement and Grant Agreement, and to report to the Fund and the State any observed violations on the Easement Area.

C. Existing Responsibilities of Grantor and Grantee Not Affected. Other than as specified herein, this Conservation Easement is not intended to impose any legal or other responsibility on the Grantee, or in any way to affect any existing obligation to the Grantor as owner of the Property, which includes the Easement Area. Among other things, this shall apply to:

1. Taxes. The Grantor shall continue to be solely responsible for payment of all taxes and assessments levied against the Property. If the Grantee is ever required to pay any taxes or assessments on its interest in the Easement Area, the Grantor will reimburse the Grantee for the same.
2. Upkeep and Maintenance. The Grantor shall continue to be solely responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Easement Area, to the extent it may be required by law. The Grantee shall have no obligation for the upkeep or maintenance of the Easement Area.
3. Liability and Indemnification. If the Grantee is ever required by a court to pay damages resulting from personal injury or property damage that occurs on the Easement Area, the Grantor shall indemnify and reimburse the Grantee for these payments, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees and other expenses of defending itself, unless the Grantee has committed a deliberate act that is determined to be the sole cause of the injury or damage. In addition, Grantor warrants that Grantee shall be maintained as an additional insured on Grantor's liability insurance policies covering the

Property.

D. Conservation Purpose.

1. Grantor and Grantee, for itself, its successors and assigns, agrees that this Conservation Easement shall be held exclusively for conservation purposes set forth by the Grant Agreement, this Conservation Easement and as specified in Section 170(h)(4)(A).
2. Unless otherwise specifically set forth in this Conservation Easement, nothing herein shall convey to or establish for the public a right of access over the Property and Easement Area.
3. This Conservation Easement shall be construed to promote the purposes of the North Carolina enabling statute set forth in N.C.G.S. 121-34 et seq. which authorizes the creation of conservation agreements for purposes including those set forth in the Recitals herein, and the conservation purposes of this Conservation Easement, including such purposes as are defined in Section 170(h)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

E. Recording. Grantee shall record this instrument and any amendment hereto in timely fashion in the official records of Pitt County, North Carolina, and may re-record it at any time as may be required to preserve Grantee's rights.

F. Notices. All notices, requests or other communications permitted or required by this Agreement shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the parties as set forth above, or to such other addresses such party may establish in writing to the other. All such items shall be deemed given or made three (3) days after being placed in the United States mail as herein provided. In any case where the terms of this Conservation Easement require the consent of any party, such consent shall be requested by written notice. Such consent shall be deemed denied unless, within ninety (90) days after receipt of notice, a written notice of approval and the reason therefore has been mailed to the party requesting consent.

G. Amendments. Grantor and Grantee, or their successors in interest in the Easement Area, are free to jointly amend this Conservation Easement to meet changing conditions, provided that no amendment will be allowed that is inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement or affects the perpetual duration of this Conservation Easement. Such amendment(s) require the written consent of both Grantor and Grantee and shall be effective upon recording in the public records of Pitt County, North Carolina.

H. Environmental Condition of the Property. The Grantor warrants, represents and covenants to the Grantee that to the best of its knowledge after appropriate inquiry and investigation that: (a) the Property described herein is and at all times hereafter will continue to be in full compliance with all federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, and (b) as of the date hereof there are no hazardous materials, substances, wastes, or environmentally regulated substances (including, without limitation, any materials containing asbestos) located on, in or under the Property or used in connection therewith, and that there is no environmental

condition existing on the Property or the Easement Area that may prohibit or impede use of the Property or the Easement Area for the purposes set forth herein and the Grantor will not allow such uses or conditions.

I. Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the Conservation Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings or agreements relating to the Conservation Easement. If any provision is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Conservation Easement, and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, shall not be affected thereby. The Parties hereto intend this document to be an instrument executed under seal. If any party is an individual, partnership or limited liability company, such party hereby adopts the word "SEAL" following his/her signature and the name of the partnership or limited liability company as his/her/its legal seal. The Recitals set forth above and the exhibits, if any, attached hereto are incorporated herein by reference.

J. Indemnity. The Grantor agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, protect, indemnify and hold harmless Grantee from and against all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, fines, penalties, costs and expenses suffered as a direct or indirect result of any violation of any federal, state, or local environmental or land use law or regulation or of the use or presence of hazardous substance, waste or other regulated material in, on or under the property.

K. Interpretation. This Conservation Easement shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and any ambiguities herein shall be resolved so as to give maximum effect to the conservation purposes sought to be protected herein.

L. Parties. Every provision of this Conservation Easement that applies to the Grantors or to the Grantee shall likewise apply to their respective heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and grantees, and all other successors in interest herein.

M. Merger. The Parties agree that the terms of this Conservation Easement shall survive any merger of the fee and easement interest in the Property and Easement Area.

N. Subsequent Liens and Transfers. No provisions of this Conservation Easement shall be construed as impairing the ability of Grantors to use this Easement Area for collateral for borrowing purposes, provided that any mortgage or lien arising there from shall be subordinated to this Conservation Easement. The Property owner shall not convey the Property or any interest therein, and shall not incur, assume, or suffer to exist any lien upon or with respect to the Property without disclosing to the prospective buyer the Conservation Easement and the obligations of the Property owner and limitations on use of the Property.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST, its successors and assigns, forever. The covenants agreed to and the terms, conditions, restrictions and purposes imposed as aforesaid shall be binding upon Grantor, Grantor's representatives, successors and assigns, and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Easement Area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor and Grantee, by authority duly given, have hereunto caused these presents to be executed in such form as to be binding, to be effective upon the date of recordation in the public records of Pitt County, North Carolina.

GRANTOR

Fletcher Family Properties, LLC, a NC limited liability company

BY: *Fred Fletcher, Jr.* (Seal)
Fred Fletcher, Jr.
Member/Manager

Catherine S. Fletcher (Seal)
Catherine S. Fletcher
Member/Manager

State of North Carolina
County of Beaufort

I, Lesley B. Woolard, a Notary Public of Beaufort County and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that Fred Fletcher, Jr. personally appeared, who being by me first duly sworn, says that he is a member and a manager of Fletcher Family Properties, LLC, the limited liability company described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he executed said instrument in the limited liability company name by subscribing his name thereto; and that the instrument is the act and deed of said limited liability company. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 13th day of March, 2004.

My Commission Expires: 11-1-06 Lesley B. Woolard Notary Public

[Notarial Seal]

State of North Carolina
County of Beaufort

I, Lesley B. Woolard, a Notary Public of Beaufort County and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that Catherine S. Fletcher personally appeared, who being by me first duly sworn, says that she is a member and a manager of Fletcher Family Properties, LLC, the limited liability company described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he executed said instrument in the limited liability company name by subscribing his name thereto; and that the instrument is the act and deed of said limited liability company. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 13th day of March, 2004.

My Commission Expires: 11-1-06 Lesley B. Woolard Notary Public

[Notarial Seal]

GRANTEE

North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
A North Carolina non-profit corporation

Mannah Heet
By: _____

Its: _____ President

Attest:

Camilla M. Herlevich
By: Camilla M. Herlevich, Assistant Secretary



I, Catherine G. Gorum, a Notary Public in and for said County and State do hereby certify that Camilla M. Herlevich personally appeared before me this day and duly acknowledged that she is the Assistant Secretary of NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, and that by authority only given and as the act of the Company, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by Mannah Heet its _____ President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by her as its Assistant Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this 14th day of March, 2004.

Catherine G. Gorum
Notary Public

My commission expires: Jan 24, 2007



NORTH CAROLINA: Pitt County

The foregoing certificate(s) of Lesley B. Woodard and Catherine G. Gorum

Notary(ies) Public is (are) certified to be correct. Filed for registration at 2:58 o'clock P M. this 29 day of March 2005.

JUDY J. TART, Register of Deeds

By Judy J. Tart

Assistant/Deputy Register of Deeds

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COUNTY OF PITT

ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Prepared by: Clean Water Management Trust Fund and North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
After Recording, Return to: Clean Water Management Trust Fund

This **ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT** ("Assignment") is executed as of the 18th day of March, 2005, by **NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST**, a nonprofit North Carolina corporation ("Trust"), to and in favor of the **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**, ("State" or "Assignee"), acting by and through the **NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND** with its address at 1651 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1651 ("Fund").

RECITALS

A. Trust is Grantee of that certain Conservation Easement dated March 18, 2005 and recorded in Book 1885 at Page 13 Pitt County Registry, ("Conservation Easement"), from Grantor therein, Fletcher Family Properties, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company with an address at 6870 Clark's Neck Road, Washington, North Carolina 27889, ("Grantor") over certain property located in the Tar River Basin in Pitt County, North Carolina described therein and herein below.

B Grantor is the sole owner in fee simple of the property containing 225 acres more or less, located in Pactolus Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described in an instrument recorded in Book 1350, Page 621, less and except all that certain three acre tract described in an instrument recorded in Book 609, Page 497 and depicted on a map recorded in Map Book 45, Page 132, all in the Pitt County Registry (hereinafter the "Property"); and

C. The property subject to the Conservation Easement (hereinafter referred to as the "Easement Area") is 204.02 acres, more or less, is described as all of Tracts A, B, and C as depicted on a survey dated January 21, 2005, last revised February 12, 2005, entitled "Fletcher Family Properties, L.L.C." prepared by Jarvis Associates, P.A. Engineers, Planners, Surveyors, recorded in Plat Book 63, Slide 19, Pitt County Registry, together with the right of ingress, egress and regress over, upon and across the Property to and from the Easement Area.

D. The Clean Water Management Trust Fund, with an address at 1651 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1651 ("Fund") is an agency of the State of North Carolina ("State"), and is authorized by Article 18, Chapter 113A of the General Statutes of North Carolina to finance projects and to acquire land and interests in land, including conservation easements for riparian buffers for the purposes of providing environmental protection for surface waters and urban drinking water supplies; and

E. Trust has receive a grant from the Fund to purchase a conservation easement for the purpose of protecting water quality, as more particularly described in the Grant Agreement dated January 20, 2005 entered into between the Trust and State identified as Grant Agreement # 2004A-012 ("Grant Agreement") and the application and supporting materials which are on file with the State in connection with the Grant Agreement, which Grant Agreement is incorporated herein by reference. The conservation purposes include protection of riparian buffers for the purposes of providing environmental protection for surface waters and urban drinking water supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of monies coming in whole or in part from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund of the State of North Carolina, in fulfillment of terms of the Grant Agreement identified herein, and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Trust does hereby assign, transfer, set over, convey and deliver to the State and State, acting by and through Clean Water Management Trust Fund, hereby accepts all Trust's rights, duties and interests in the Conservation Easement, incorporated herein by this reference, including but not limited to the right of ingress, regress and egress to said Property as set forth therein. **However**, the Trust hereby expressly reserves from this conveyance the *nonexclusive rights* it initially acquired by the Conservation Easement to monitor and to observe the Conservation Easement and the right of ingress, regress and egress to the Property for such purposes as described in said Conservation Easement and Grant Agreement.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Trust and Assignee, by authority duly given, have hereunto caused these presents to be executed in such form as to be binding, to be effective upon the date of recordation in the public records of Pitt County, North Carolina.

TRUST:

NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST

By: Hannah Holt
Hannah Holt, President

ATTEST:

By: Camilla M. Herlevich
Camilla M. Herlevich, Ass't Secretary



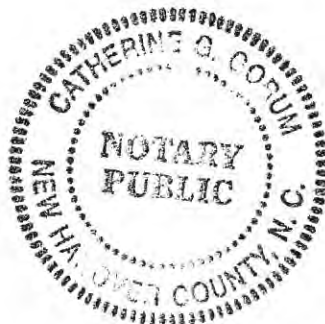
NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

I, Catherine G. Gorum, a Notary Public of New Hanover County, North Carolina do hereby certify that Camilla M. Herlevich personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is the Assistant Secretary of **NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST**, a non-profit corporation, and that by authority duly given and as act of the corporation the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by Hannah Holt, its President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by herself as its assistant secretary.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 11th day of March, 2005.

Catherine G. Gorum
Catherine G. Gorum
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: January 24, 2007



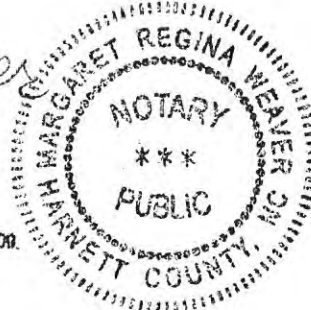
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ASSIGNEE:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BY AND THROUGH
NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUNDBY: William E. Holman
William E. Holman, Executive Director
North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust FundNORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
HARRIS

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid county and state, do hereby certify that **WILLIAM E. HOLMAN** personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he is the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** of **NORTH CAROLINA CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND**, an agency of the State of North Carolina acting on the behalf of said state, and that by authority duly given he executed the foregoing and annexed instrument for the purposes and intents therein expressed. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal this the 17 day of March, 2005.

Margaret Regina Weaver
NOTARY PUBLIC
Stamp/Seal

My commission expires: My Commission Expires 7-28-2009

NORTH CAROLINA: Pitt County

The foregoing certificate(s) of

Catherine G. Corum and
Margaret Regina Weaver
Notary(ies) Public is (are) certified to be correct. Filed for registration at 2:59 o'clock 7 M. this 29
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JUDY J. TART, Register of Deeds

By

Judy J. Tart
Assistant/Deputy Register of Deeds



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DEED OF RELEASE

Prepared by and after Recording Return to:

Ms. Robin M. Hammond, Esquire
Real Property Counsel
NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
1651 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1651

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF PITT

Parcel No. 049531
CWMTF No. 2004A-012

THIS DEED OF RELEASE, made, given, and effective as of the 25th day of September, 2008, by the **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**, Grantor, to **FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC**, Grantee, a North Carolina limited liability company doing business in and around Pitt County, North Carolina.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (the "Fund") entered into a grant agreement styled as CWMTF No. 2004A-012 between the Fund and North Carolina Coastal Land Trust ("NCCLT"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said grant agreement, Grantee conveyed to NCCLT that certain Conservation Easement recorded on March 29, 2005 in Book 1885, Page 13, Pitt County Registry, encumbering the real property described therein (the "Property"), which is located in the Pactolus Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and is a portion of the property of Fletcher Family Properties, LLC as recorded in Deed Book 1350, Page 621 of the Pitt County Registry, and further depicted on a map filed in Plat Cabinet 63, Slide 12, Pitt County Registry; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of said grant agreement, NCCLT assigned the Conservation Easement to the State by and through the Fund, said assignment being recorded in Book 1885, Page 26, Pitt County Registry; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is in the process of replacing the bridge crossing Tranter's Creek and has requested that the State release from the Conservation Easement the area necessary to accomplish such bridge replacement.

CWMTF No. 2004A-012

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Conservation Easement, the Fund should be compensated for the easement area lost pursuant to the value of the Conservation Easement as of the date it was recorded. Further, the Conservation Easement requires the Fund to use the condemnation proceeds in a manner consistent with the goals of the Conservation Easement.

WHEREAS, the Fund’s Board of Trustees considered this request at its meeting held on June 9, 2008 in Raleigh, North Carolina and voted to recommend approval to the North Carolina Council of State; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Council of State considered this request at its meeting on August 5, 2008 in Raleigh, North Carolina, and voted to approve the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, Grantor, for one dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release and forever quitclaim unto Grantee, its heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, all right, title and interest which it may have in the following 2.0486-acre portion of the Property, said portion being more particularly described as follows:

Point of beginning being the northeast corner of the Property, and being S 47° 30’ 13” E, 46.56 feet from a point in the center line of -L- Sta. 21+00; thence to a point on a bearing of S 00° 00’ 00” E, a distance of 28.9 feet; thence to a point on a bearing of N 89° 23’ 04” W, a distance of 36.8 feet; thence to a point on a bearing of N 87° 37’ 19” W, a distance of 164.0 feet; thence to a point on a bearing of N 86° 27’ 44” W, a distance of 299.7 feet; thence to a point on a bearing of N 00° 52’ 24” E, a distance of 20.0 feet; thence along a circular curve 300.2 feet and having a radius of 11429.2 feet. The chord of said curve being on a bearing of S 88° 22’ 28” E, a distance of 300.2 feet; thence to a point on a bearing of S 87° 37’ 19” E, a distance of 199.6 feet; returning to the point and place of beginning.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land and premises to Grantee and its heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, free and discharged from the encumbrance of the Conservation Easement. Except insofar as the aforesaid lands are released, the encumbrance of the Conservation Easement on the remaining real property described therein shall remain in full force and effect.

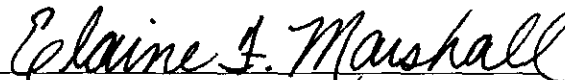
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[See next page for signatures and acknowledgement.]

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the State of North Carolina has caused this instrument to be executed in its name by MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor, attested by ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State, and the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina hereunto affixed, by virtue of the power and authority aforesaid, all as of the day and year first above written.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

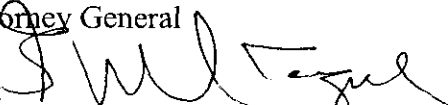
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By: 
Secretary of State

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROY COOPER
Attorney General

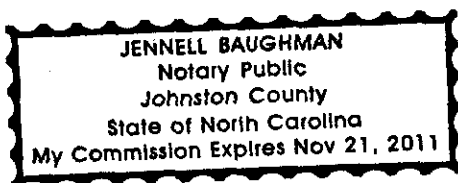
By: 
Assistant Attorney General

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

I, Jennell Baughman, a Notary Public for Johnston County, North Carolina, do certify that ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the State, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, sealed with the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, and attested by herself as Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this the 25th day of September, 2008.



Jennell Baughman
Notary Public
Print Name: Jennell Baughman

My commission expires: 11-21-2011


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**MODIFICATION TO CONSERVATION EASEMENT
(TAR RIVER/FLETCHER TRACT)**

Prepared by: Wayland Sermons, Esquire and Robin Hammond, CWMTF Real Property Counsel

After Recording

Return to: *Nail*

**NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
Attn: Real Property Counsel
1651 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1651**

**NORTH CAROLINA
PITT COUNTY**

**Parcel No. 049531
CWMTF No. 2004A-012**

THIS MODIFICATION to Conservation Easement, hereinafter referred to as "Modification" is made on this ____ day of _____ 2006, by and between **FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC, a NC limited liability company**, with an address of 6870 Clark's Neck Road, Washington, North Carolina 27889, ("Grantor") and **NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND ("Fund")**, an independent agency of the **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ("State")**.

RECITALS:

A. On the 29th day of March, 2005, Grantor did give grant and convey unto North Carolina Coastal Land Trust ("NCCLT") a Conservation Easement in that certain property containing 225 acres, more or less, located in Pactolus Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, said Conservation Easement being recorded in Book 1885, Page 13, Pitt County Registry, and the property subject thereto being depicted on a plat recorded in Plat Cabinet 63, Slide 12, Pitt County Registry and is hereinafter referred to as the "Property."

B. The Conservation Easement was conveyed to NCCLT pursuant to a grant agreement styled as CWMTF No. 2004A-012 (the "Grant") between NCCLT and the Fund.

C. Pursuant to the terms of the Grant, a delegation of authority from the State Property Office, and as authorized by Chapter 113A, Article 18 of the North Carolina General Statutes, NCCLT assigned the Conservation Easement to the State, by and through the Fund, by that certain Assignment of Conservation Easement recorded in Book 1885, Page 26, Pitt County Registry.

D. The Conservation Easement, among things, sets forth in Article II thereof, "Rights Reserved to Grantor," and further provides that Grantor is allowed to divide the upland area of the Property into no more than nine (9) single-family home sites (eight (8) lots plus the existing single-family home site located adjacent to the Property).

E. Grantor desires to subject the Property to a recombination that will result in a reduction in the number of lots planned for development, and will release 2.0486 acres of the Property from the Conservation Easement in exchange for 2.1746 acres of real property added thereto, said recombination being illustrated on a map attached hereto for illustrative purposes only, as Exhibit "A."

F. Article V, paragraph G of the Conservation Easement allows the same to be amended to meet changing conditions, provided that no amendment shall be inconsistent with the purposes of the Conservation Easement or perpetual duration of said Conservation Easement.

G. The recombination and exchange of real property will decrease density of the proposed development, and will eliminate the need to construct a paved road to State standards to serve said development, all of which will reduce the impact of the development on the Property and the Conservation Easement.

H. In order to accomplish the recombination, release and exchange of real property encumbered by the Conservation Easement, the Board of Trustees of the Fund and the North Carolina Council of State must approve the request, the Governor of the State must execute the instrument releasing the 2.069-acre portion of the Property from the Conservation Easement, and the Grantor and the Chairman of the Fund's Board of Trustees must execute this Modification.

I. The Fund's Board of Trustees considered this request at its meeting held on August 14, 2006 in Wallace, North Carolina and voted to amend the Conservation Easement and to recommend to the North Carolina Council of State that it approve the release of the 2.0486-acre portion of the Property.

J. The North Carolina Council of State considered this request at its meeting on September 12, 2006 in Raleigh, North Carolina, and voted to accept the Fund's recommendation and to authorize the Governor of the State to execute an instrument releasing the 2.069-acre portion of the Property from the Conservation Easement.

K. The Governor of the State has executed a Deed of Release recorded in Book 2235, Page 393, Pitt County Registry, releasing the 2.0486-acre portion of the Property described therein from the Conservation Easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations to them paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor and the Fund, on behalf of the State, do hereby modify and amend the Conservation Easement as follows:

1. Article II, paragraph B, is to be modified and amended as follows:
By the deletion of the following language:

"a. The rights reserved by the Grantor on the upland area are allowed as an amenity to no more than nine (9) single family residential lots (eight (8) plus the existing single family home site) developed on that appurtenant portion of the Property which is not subject to this Conservation Easement."

In place thereof, insert the following language:

"a. The rights reserved by the Grantor on the upland area are allowed as an amenity to no more than four (4) single family residential parcels (three (3) plus the existing single family home site) developed on that appurtenant portion of the Property which is not subject to this Conservation Easement."

2. The parties hereto amend the description of the Property subject to the Conservation Easement by acknowledging the release from the Conservation Easement of the 2.0486-acre parcel described in the Deed of Release, and by adding to the Property described in the Conservation Easement a 2.1746-acre parcel depicted on Exhibit A and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an existing PK nail located at the centerline intersection of NCSR 1567 (Clark's Neck Road) and Gresham Lane; thence S 71° 36' 26" E 728.84 feet to an existing iron pipe and N 88° 47' 00" E 1094.53 feet to an iron pipe on the southern right-of-way of NCSR 1567; thence leaving said right-of-way S 23° 45' 44" W 799.01 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**; thence from said beginning point S 18° 34' 11" W 188.37 feet to a point; thence along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 1131.49 feet, a central angle of 03° 52' 24", an arc length of 76.49 feet and a chord of S 15° 52' 42" W 76.48 feet to a point; thence along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 842.43 feet, a central angle of 13° 39' 55", an arc length of 200.92 feet and a chord of S 06° 17' 54" W 200.45 feet to a point; thence S 01° 20' 13" E 19.94 feet to a point; thence S 02° 01' 42" E 20.31 feet to a point; thence along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 35.00 feet, a central angle of 43° 45' 59", an arc length of 26.74 feet and a chord of S 19° 51' 07" W 26.09 feet to a point; thence along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 55.00 feet, a central angle of 03° 52' 12", an arc length of 3.71 feet and a chord of S

39° 49' 37" W 3.71 feet to a point; thence N 50° 55' 53" W 213.83 feet to a point; thence N 30° 00' 02" W 52.76 feet to a point; thence N 15° 20' 03" E 165.47 feet to a point; thence N 18° 34' 11" E 30 feet to a point; thence N 21° 13' 58" E 223.27 feet to a point; thence S 71° 24' 01" E 180.61 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**, containing 2.1746 acres and being a portion of the property of Fletcher Family Properties, LLC as described in Deed Book 1350, Page 621 of the Pitt County Registry and being that same area depicted as "Upland Acres Under Conservation Easement" on the map of survey attached hereto entitled "Easement Survey for Fletcher Family Properties, LLC," dated August 18, 2006, and prepared by Spruill and Associates, Inc., said map being incorporated herein by reference.

3. That other than the modification and amendment specifically contained herein and in the Deed of Release, all the rest and remainder of the terms of the Conservation Easement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be executed by its Operating Manager, all by proper authority duly given, and Fund has caused this instrument to be executed in its name, by authority duly given by its Board of Trustees after being duly authorized by the laws and procedure of the State of North Carolina.

**FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC,
A North Carolina limited Liability Company**

BY:


Fred Fletcher, Jr., Operating Manager

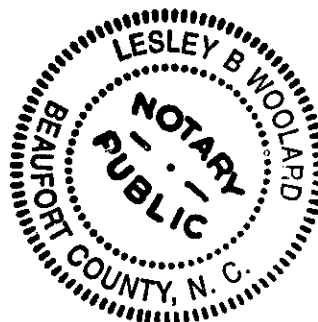
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Beaufort

I, Lesley B. Woolard, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **FRED FLETCHER, JR.**, who is personally known by me or has produced satisfactory evidence of identity, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is Operating Manager of **FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC, a NC limited liability company**, and acknowledged, on behalf of said limited liability company, the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purposes and intents therein expressed. Witness my hand and official seal, this the 15th day of December, 2006.

Lesley B. Woolard, NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name: Lesley B. Woolard

My Commission Expires: 11-1-2011.



**NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT
TRUST FUND, an independent agency of the State of
North Carolina**

BY: William E. Holman (SEAL)
William E. Holman, Executive Director

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

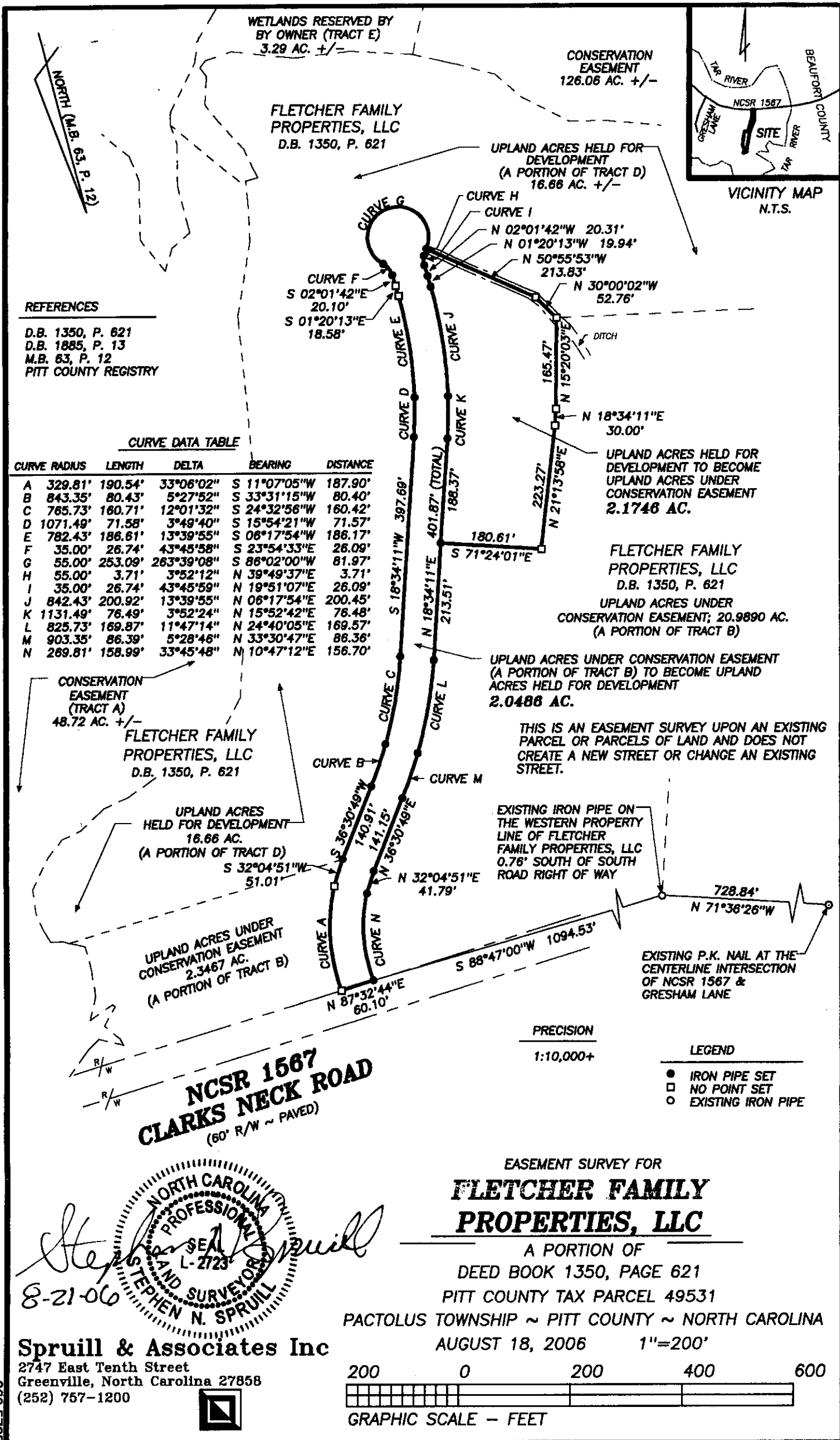
I, Robin M. Hammond, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that William E. Holman, who is personally known by me or has produced satisfactory evidence of identity, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is Executive Director the **NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND, an independent agency of the State of North Carolina**, and acknowledged, on behalf of said agency, the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purposes and intents therein expressed. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 13th day of Dec., 2006.

Robin M. Hammond, NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name: ROBIN M. HAMMOND

My Commission Expires: 10-3-2009.



EXHIBIT A





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**SECOND MODIFICATION TO CONSERVATION EASEMENT
(TAR RIVER/FLETCHER TRACT)**

Prepared by: Gary B. Davis, Mattox, Davis, Barnhill & Edwards, P.A.

After Recording Return to: *mail* NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
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1651 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1651

**NORTH CAROLINA
PITT COUNTY**

**Parcel No. 049531
CWMTF No. 2004A-012**

THIS SECOND MODIFICATION to Conservation Easement, hereinafter referred to as "Second Modification" is made on this 30 day of March, 2010, by and between **FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC, a NC Limited Liability Company**, with an address of 6870 Clark's Neck Road, Washington, North Carolina 27889, ("**Grantor**") and **NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND ("Fund")**, an independent agency of the **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ("State")**.

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B. The Conservation Easement was conveyed to NCCLT pursuant to a grant agreement styled as CWMTF No. 2004A-012 (the "Grant") between NCCLT and the Fund.

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C. Pursuant to the terms of the Grant, a delegation of authority from the State Property Office, and as authorized by Chapter 113A, Article 18 of the North Carolina General Statutes, NCCLT assigned the Conservation Easement to the State, by and through the Fund, by that certain Assignment of Conservation Easement recorded in Book 1885, Page 26, Pitt County Registry.

D. The Conservation Easement was modified by that certain Modification to Conservation Easement recorded in Book 2235, Page 597. Reference is also made to Deed of Release in Book 2235, Page 593, Pitt County Registry.

E. It was the intention of the parties in entering into the Modification to Conservation Easement referenced above, that the four (4) single-family home sites (three (3) lots, plus the existing single-family home site) should include certain portions of the Conservation Easement area, which will remain subject to the Conservation Easement, but nevertheless would be considered to be part of said single-family home sites.

F. Article III, paragraph I of the Conservation Easement, provides that the easement area may not be subdivided, partitioned nor conveyed, except in its current configuration as an entity or block of property.

G. There has been recorded in the Pitt County Registry in Map Book 73, Page 15, a "Second Revision to Survey for the Preserve Re-combination of Lots 2 and 4" showing four single-family home sites as contemplated by the Conservation Easement, each of which said single-family home sites contains a portion of the Conservation Easement area.

H. The parties desire to modify the Conservation Easement to the extent that the subdivision of the Conservation Easement area is permitted, but only as shown in the plat of record in Map Book 73, Page 15, Pitt County Registry.


NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations to them paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor and the Fund, on behalf of the State, do hereby modify and amend the Conservation Easement as follows:

1. Article III, paragraph I is to be modified and amended as follows:
By the deletion of said paragraph, and in place thereof, the insertion of the following language:
 - I. Conveyance and Subdivision. The easement area may not be subdivided, partitioned or conveyed, except in its current configuration as an entity or block of property, except that the subdivision of the easement area is permitted in the manner shown in Map Book 73, Page 15, Pitt County Registry.

2. That other than the modification and amendment specifically contained herein, all the rest and remainder of the terms of the Conservation Easement, as previously modified shall remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be executed by its Operating Manager, all by proper authority duly given, and Fund has caused this instrument to be executed in its name, by authority duly given by its Board of Trustees after being duly authorized by the laws and procedure of the State of North Carolina.

**FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC,
A North Carolina Limited Liability Company**

BY: 
Fred Fletcher, Jr., Operating Manager

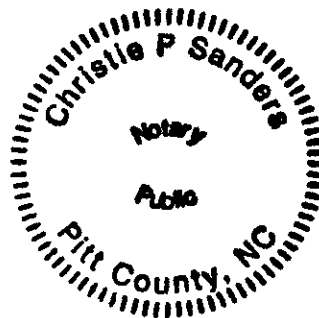
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Pitt**

I, Christie P. Sanders, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Fred Fletcher, Jr.**, who is personally known by me or has produced satisfactory evidence of identity, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he is Operating Manager of **FLETCHER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company**, and acknowledged, on behalf of said limited liability company, the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purposes and intents therein expressed. Witness my hand and official seal, this the 9th day of March, 2010.

Christie P. Sanders, NOTARY PUBLIC

Christie P. Sanders Printed Name

My Commission expires: 10/10/2011



NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND,
An independent agency of the State of North Carolina

BY:

Richard E. Rogers, Jr.

(SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Wake

I, Penny JO Adams, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Richard E. Rogers, Jr., who is personally known by me or has produced satisfactory evidence of identity, personally came before me this day and acknowledge that he is Executive Director of **NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND, an independent agency of the State of North Carolina**, and acknowledge, on behalf of said agency, the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purposes and intents therein express. Witness my hand and official seal, this the 3 day of march, 2010

Penny JO Adams

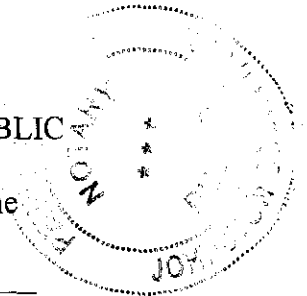
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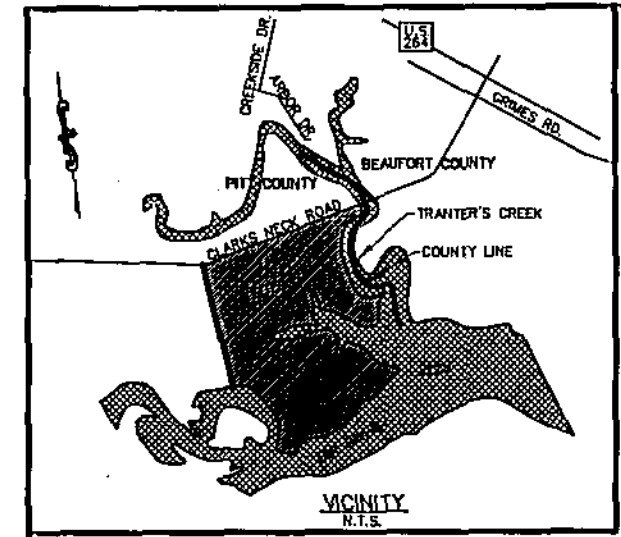
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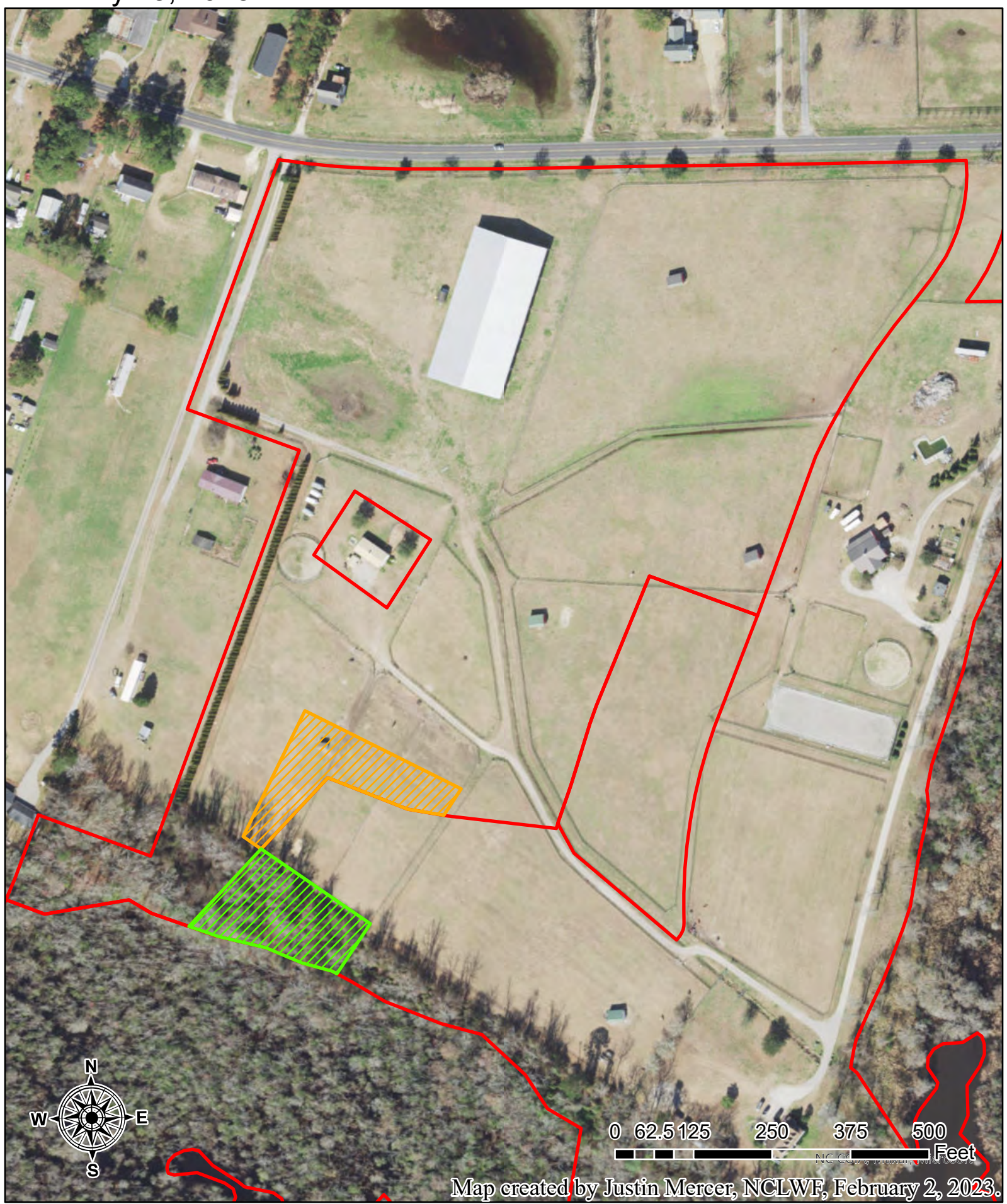
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- NCLWF Easement
- Proposed_Release
- Proposed_Addition



Action Item**Staff member(s): Marissa Hartzler****Agenda Item 5) Stewardship costs as Part of the Application Rating System****Background**

Stewardship funds are required for all Acquisition Program projects that result in a State-held conservation easement. These funds are transferred into the NCLWF Conservation Easement Endowment and made available for annual reimbursement of monitoring expenses. Adequate funds must be allocated in each project budget to ensure that NCLWF can pay for monitoring in perpetuity. However, staff's current interpretation of the Application Rating System may incentivize underestimating stewardship funds through the calculation of points in the Value - Matching Resources section:

Value (20 points)

A. Matching Resources (maximum 20 points). Matching resources will be given a value based on the percentage and type of match. Any fraction in the final total will be rounded up.

1. Private funds (including bargain sale and donated value) = % of total x 0.22
2. Federal or local government funds = % of total x 0.18
3. Other State funds = % of total x 0.14

Matching Value Example: In this example, the request is for \$40K from NCLWF with matching resources coming in the form of cash from a land trust, bargain sale from the landowner (\$30K) and a federal grant (\$30K):			
Match source	Match (%)	Multiplier	Points
Private funds, including bargain sales and property value			
	30%	0.22	6.6
Federal or local government funds			
	30%	0.18	5.4
Other State funds			
	0%	0.14	0
TOTAL			12

Staff will present an alternate method of calculating the Matching Resources section that could be implemented as early as the 2023 Grant Cycle.

Staff recommendation

Staff requests Acquisition Committee direction to remove the value of stewardship funds retained by the State from consideration of Matching Resources in the scoring system.

Committee action needed

Approve, amend, or deny the staff recommendation and make a recommendation to the board.

Action Item**Staff member(s): Justin Mercer**

Agenda Item 6) STW-001 Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy Revision**Background**

On rare occasions, permanent conservation agreements may need to be modified or amended. NCLWF has an amendments policy, first adopted in 2013 and updated as needed over the years, that provides requirements, compensation, and delegation of approval for amendments. Through application of this policy and changing legislative requirements, staff have identified areas for improvement and further revisions.

In 2015, the NC General Assembly enacted § 121-39.1. Termination or modification of agreements requiring public bodies of the State to conduct a conservation benefit analysis prior to any modification or termination of a conservation agreement. Conservation agreements may only be modified if the conservation benefit analysis concludes that the modification results in greater benefit to conservation purposes. Defining and establishing criteria for a conservation benefit analysis is delegated to the agency requesting conservation agreement modification, however NCLWF's current policy lacks definition of conservation benefit analysis.

Other areas identified for clarification include identifying broader categories of amendment types and their delegations, defining when and what type of compensation, land swap, or combination thereof is required, and reaffirmation of criteria for major amendments.

Staff recommendation

Staff will present an overview of the current policy and practices for reviewing amendment requests as well as areas that need further clarification.

Committee action needed

Provide direction to staff in drafting revisions to the existing policy and establish criteria for a conservation benefit analysis consistent with § 121-39.1.

Attachments: STW-001 Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy, NC G.S. 121-39.1



Stewardship Program Policies:

Conservation Agreement Amendment Policy (STW-001)

Background: On rare occasions, permanent conservation agreements may need to be modified or amended. This policy was established and approved by the Board to provide a consistent and predictable process for these cases.

Policy:

The North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) was established in 1996 primarily to protect water quality interests in the State. In 2013, the purpose of the NCLWF was expanded to include the protection of natural heritage, historic and cultural resources as well as to buffer military bases. In addition, with the dissolution of the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF) in 2013, the North Carolina Land and Water Fund became the de facto appointed body for matters that would have gone before the NHTF in the past. Therefore, this document pertains to changes to conservation agreements initially entered into by either of the aforementioned funds.

When the Board elects to fund a land protection project, there are two arrangements in which the State retains an interest in perpetuity: 1) a State-held conservation easement, and 2) dedications under either the State Nature Preserves Act or State Nature and Historic Preserve Dedication Act. There may also be term agreements that exist only for a set number of years. These instruments, hereafter referred to broadly as “conservation agreements,” should be designed and written so as to avoid the need for an amendment or modification of the agreed upon terms. It is the State’s presumption that they will not be amended or modified. In exceptional cases or in unforeseen circumstances, this presumption may be rebutted provided the procedures outlined below are met. Among other factors, the original intent of the agreement will be considered.

Because every property is unique, no decision by the Board with respect to an amendment of a conservation agreement shall form a precedent with respect to any other request for an amendment. Although this amendment policy sets forth certain guidelines and procedures, nothing herein shall be deemed to impair the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Trustees. An amendment is an extraordinary procedure and not available to a landowner as a matter of right. All amendments must comply with applicable federal, state and local laws.

- I. **Minor amendments** – These amendments, as described below, have been deemed to be small in scale or impact, and the Board has delegated consideration and approval to staff.
 - A. Amendments to language – Changes to the language of a conservation agreement that do not affect the spatial boundaries.
 1. *Technical amendments or corrections* – Adjustments that have no effect on the conservation values or correct a clerical error in the language may be approved at the staff



level.

2. *Other amendments* – All other amendments to language not covered under section I.A.1 must be taken to the NCLWF Board for consideration per the guidance in section II.

B. Amendments to boundary – Changes to the spatial boundary of an agreement.

1. *Amendments to accommodate public works projects* (i.e. roads, bridges, sewer and water lines or associated infrastructure) may be approved at staff level if the following conditions are met:
 - a. The amendment would affect less than 1 acre or 5% of the easement area, whichever is smaller.
 - b. The project would be perpendicular or minimal distance parallel to surface water if any riparian buffers are affected.
2. *Other boundary amendments* – All other amendments to the boundary not covered under section I.B.1 must be taken to the NCLWF Board for consideration per the guidance in section II.

II. **Major amendments** – All amendments not explicitly covered above will be considered by the Board and must be affirmed by a two-thirds vote in order to pass.

- A. Public works projects – Amendments to accommodate public works projects that are not covered above may be adopted by the NCLWF Board.
- B. Public Drinking Water Supply Reservoir – After the Record of Decision has been issued (final location has been permitted) an easement or portions of an easement may be amended by the NCLWF Board for development of a public drinking water supply reservoir.
- C. Other Circumstances – All proposals for amendment of easements for circumstances not covered above must meet the following criteria:
 1. Clearly serve the public interest and provide a public or community benefit
 2. Have a net beneficial effect on the relevant conservation values protected by the easement
 3. Not result in private benefit other than the benefit inherent to the conservation agreement
 4. Must be consistent with the conservation purpose(s) and intent of the easement
 5. Must be consistent with the documented intent of the donor(s), other grantors and any direct funding source
 6. Demonstrate that no practicable alternatives exist and that the impacts have been minimized

III. **Approved amendment requirements** – The following outlines the expectations for approved amendments:

- A. Compensation – The NCLWF must be made whole from any loss of monetary or conservation



value resulting from an amendment. In the case of an amendment required as the result of the State or a municipality's power to take private property for public use, the NCLWF may elect to be reimbursed, at minimum, the current fair market value, as determined by the State Property Office, or pro-rated amount of the investment at the time of the grant contract, whichever is greater. In other cases where the approval of the amendment is solely at the Board's discretion, the terms of compensation, whether monetary or by land swap, should be generously to the favor of the NCLWF and its conservation interests by a ratio of at least 3:1. Any exchange of land shall consist of land of equal or greater conservation value.

Funds reimbursed to NCLWF from an easement amendment will be returned to the appropriate program area.

- B. Other costs – All costs associated with the amendment, including survey, transaction, increased stewardship, and any fees charged by the State Property Office, will be paid by the party making the request.

IV. **Amendment request requirements** – The following outlines the required information for amendment requests:

- A. The name, address, and phone number of the property owner.
- B. The nature of the activity proposed to be conducted.
- C. The location of the activity.
- D. A map of sufficient detail to accurately delineate the boundaries of the land proposed to be impacted to carry out the activity, including the location and dimensions of any disturbance associated with the activity.
- E. An explanation of why this plan for the activity cannot be practically accomplished, reduced or reconfigured to better minimize disturbance to the easement, preserve aquatic life and habitat and protect water quality.
- F. Plans for any best management practices proposed to be used to control the impacts associated with the activity.

V. **Notifications** – For any major amendments, the following parties will be notified at least two weeks before a Board decision is scheduled:

- A. The original parties associated with the conservation agreement that is proposed to be amended.
- B. The general public and other interested parties.

Versions	Revisions
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September 16, 2014	Revised and Adopted
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§ 121-39.1. Termination or modification of agreements.

(a) Easements secured by the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, including perpetual agricultural conservation easements and forest land easements, military base protection and flyway easements regardless of funding source, or any other agricultural conservation easement that has been secured, in whole or in part, with federal funds and where at least one party to the agreement is a public body of this State, shall not be terminated or modified for the purpose of economic development.

(b) Prior to any modification or termination of a conservation agreement where at least one party to the agreement is a public body of this State, the agency requesting the conservation agreement modification or termination shall conduct a conservation benefit analysis. The criteria for the conservation benefit analysis shall be established by the agency requesting the conservation agreement modification or termination. Conservation agreements may only be modified or terminated if the conservation benefit analysis concludes that the modification or termination results in a greater benefit to conservation purposes consistent with this Article.

(c) The conservation benefit analysis conducted by the requesting agency shall be reported to the Council of State prior to the vote of the Council of State on the final decision to modify the agreement.

(d) Notwithstanding any authority given to a public body of this State, including the State, any of its agencies, any city, county, district or other political subdivision, municipal or public corporation, or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing, to release or terminate conservation easements under other law, this section shall apply to conservation agreements that are intended to be effective perpetually or that are terminated or modified prior to the period of time stipulated in the agreement, and where at least one party to the agreement is a public body of this State, including the State, any of its agencies, any city, county, district or other political subdivision, municipal or public corporation, or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

(e) Parties to a conservation agreement may include a provision at the time an agreement is executed requiring the consent of the grantor or the grantor's successors in interest to terminate or modify the agreement for any purpose.

(f) Any agency managing a conservation agreement program may adopt rules governing its procedure for termination or modification of a conservation agreement, provided that any such rules may be no less stringent than the requirements of this section.

(g) This section shall not apply to a condemnation action initiated by a condemnor governed by Article 6 of Chapter 40A of the General Statutes or to a voluntary termination or modification affecting no more than the lesser of two percent (2%) or one acre of the total easement area of the conservation agreement when requested by a public utility, the Department of Transportation, or a government entity having eminent domain authority under Article 3 of Chapter 40A of the General Statutes. (2015-263, s. 13(a); 2017-108, s. 14.)