

## North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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TO: DENR-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, 401 & Buffer Permitting Unit

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RE: Proposed Riparian Buffer Mitigation and Nutrient Offset BPDP in the Neuse River Basin –

Wildlands Holdings, LLC

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

## I. <u>Proposed Riparian Buffer Mitigation & Nutrient Offset Bank Parcel Development Package in</u> the Neuse River Basin

A Neuse Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument for Wildlands Holdings, LLC was approved on July 3, 2012 and updated on April 1, 2015.

Wildlands Holdings, LLC has submitted a proposed Bank Parcel Development Package (BPDP) for the Caraway Creek Riparian Buffer and Nutrient Offset bank parcel, which is located in the Neuse River Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 03020201) near Goldsboro, in Wayne County.

The proposed bank parcel will be used to generate approximately 50 acres of Neuse riparian buffer and/or nutrient offset mitigation. Restoration of Neuse riparian buffers will provide approximately 15.07 acres (656,624 ft²) of Neuse riparian buffer credits. Preservation of Neuse riparian buffers will provide approximately 6.91 acres (30,147 ft²) of Neuse Preservation buffer credits. Restoration of other riparian areas will generate approximately 27.92 acres of nutrient offset credits which yields 63,498 pounds of nitrogen. This Bank is being proposed in two phases.

Nutrient offset credits generated at this proposed site can be used to satisfy nutrient offset requirements for development projects pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0235 located within the 8-digit USGS HUC 03020201 of the Neuse River Basin, excluding the Falls Lake Watershed. Neuse riparian buffer credits generated at this proposed bank site can be used to satisfy buffer mitigation requirements for impacts pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0295 within the Neuse River

Basin. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) has no further comments on the proposed BPDP.

The proposed Caraway Creek Riparian Buffer and Nutrient Offset BPDP can be found online at: <a href="http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document\_library/get\_file?uuid=5a5bded0-c79d-4cc2-a06d-50b528bdc548&groupId=38364">http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document\_library/get\_file?uuid=5a5bded0-c79d-4cc2-a06d-50b528bdc548&groupId=38364</a>. Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to Katie Merritt at (<a href="mailto:katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov">katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov</a> or 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617). All comments received by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on July 7, 2015 will be considered during preparation and approval of the final BPDP. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Merritt at 919-807-6371.

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