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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –in Pitt County, North Carolina, AB-290 (Sub-No. 414X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") is filing a verified notice of exemption to abandon rail service over an approximately one-mile long, unmileposted, rail line, extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue (the "Line") in Pitt County, North Carolina. A \$5,200.00 filing fee has been paid via Pay.gov. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: at 202-663-7831 or by e-mail: at czorbaugh@mullinslawgroup.net. If I am unavailable, you may contact William A. Mullins, who can be reached at (202) 663-7823 or by e-mail at wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net.

Sincerely,

Crystal M. Zorbaugh

Counsel for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

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Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby submits a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances) for NSR to abandon rail service over an approximately one-mile long, unmileposted, rail line,¹ extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickerson Avenue, (the “Line”) in Pitt County, North Carolina. The Line has been out of service for well over two years.² Following abandonment, NSR will not be salvaging the Line’s rail and related track material. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken as a result of the abandonment.

¹ According to NSR’s research, the land for this line was originally acquired by the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company (“R&PS”) in 1906. See Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, et al., Valuation Docket, 84 I.C.C. 693 at 753 (1925) (“NSR Valuation Report”). (“[R&PS], chartered originally as the Raleigh and Eastern North Carolina Railroad Company planned a line from Raleigh to Washington and thence southward to New Bern. In 1903 authorization was made to construct from Raleigh to Washington.”). In 1906, the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company was formed as a consolidation of the properties of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company, the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company, and several other entities. See NSR Valuation Report at 745. In 1908, the Norfolk and Southern Railway entered receivership, and in a 1910 reorganization returned to the name Norfolk Southern Railroad. See NSR Valuation Report at 797. By 1910, Norfolk Southern Railroad completed the remainder of the R&PS rail line, between Zebulon, NC, and Chocowinity, NC. The Line branches off from Zebulon, NC to Chocowinity, NC segment of the former R&PS rail line near Greenville, NC. Since 1910, the Line has remained owned by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which is part of what is presently known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Specifically, in 1974, the Southern Railway Company bought the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which through mergers and consolidations became part of what is known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company today.

² NSR has not provided service to any shippers in over five years.

Accordingly, NSR believes that no stormwater mitigation measures including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will be required. The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territory 27834. The entirety of the Line is in Pitt County, North Carolina. No customers have been served on the Line for more than five years.

Per the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(b) and (d), NSR provides the following information in support of this notice of abandonment:

Certification: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

NSR certifies that the Line satisfies the criteria for abandonment under the exemption provisions at 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F. See Certification of Michael McClellan, Vice President (Exhibit A). During the past two years, no local traffic has moved over the Line and any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period.

Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

The proposed abandonment will be consummated on or after December 20, 2024 (50 days after filing the notice of exemption).

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.22(a)(1)-(4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)

Exact name of applicant (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)):

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(2)):

Norfolk Southern Railway Company is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Board's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV.

Relief sought (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)):

NSR hereby invokes the Board's two-year-out-of-service class exemption procedures to abandon rail service over an approximately one-mile long, unmileposted, rail line, extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue in Pitt County, North Carolina. All track is in Pitt County, North Carolina. The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territory 27834.

Map (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)):

A detailed map showing the location of the Line is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Applicant's representatives (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)):

NSR's representatives to whom correspondence should be sent are as follows:

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USPS ZIP codes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)):

The Line is in the following United States Postal Zip Code territory: 27834.

Suitability of the Line for Other Public Purposes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)):

NSR has a mixture fee simple ownership and easement rights to the right-of-way underlying the Line proposed for abandonment; thus, NSR may have a corridor available for redeployment for alternative public use(s). The Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way. As appropriate, NSR is willing promptly to make available any information in its possession to anyone requesting it.

Labor Protection

Because the Line has been inactive for over two years, no railroad employees will be adversely affected by the exercise of abandonment authority. Nevertheless, the interests of NSR's employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor

protective conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co – Abandonment – Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certifications

Attached hereto as Exhibit C are Certificates of Service and Publication certifying compliance with the advance notice and newspaper publication requirements set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12, respectively. Attached as part of Exhibit D is a certificate of compliance with the advance notice requirements for Environmental and Historic Reports (“E&HR”) as set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11.

Environmental and Historic Report

As is reflected in the certificate of compliance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (see Exhibit D), NSR has prepared a combined E&HR in anticipation of the proposed abandonment portion of the proceeding, which conforms to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. A copy of the E&HR is attached hereto as Attachment 1 to Exhibit D (§ 1105.11 certification).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Crystal M. Zorbaugh

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VERIFICATION

Verification

I, Michael McClellan, Vice President for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"), hereby verify under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing abandonment notice of exemption is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to make such verification on behalf of NSR in connection with this proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board.

Executed this 28 day of October, 2024



Michael McClellan
Vice President
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF GEORGIA:

SS:

CITY OF ATLANTA :

Michael McClellan makes oath and says that he is Vice President for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"); that the approximately one-mile long, unmileposted, rail line, extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue in Pitt County, North Carolina (the "Line"), over which service is to be abandoned, is subject to his supervision and direction; that no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two (2) years and any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines and that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period.



Michael McClellan
Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28 day of October, 2024.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

April 19, 2026

SHANNON EPPERS

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF GEORGIA - FULTON COUNTY

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 19, 2026

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EXHIBIT B

MAP



GREENVILLE, NC
PITT COUNTY

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Legend

Track

— Abandon (not leased)

- - - Carolina Coastal Railway Lease



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EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE/PUBLICATION

Certificate of Service of Advance Notice

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) – Notice

I certify that, on October 21, 2024, in keeping with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1), I caused the following parties to be served with the written notice of intent of Norfolk Southern Railway Company to invoke the Board’s notice of exemption procedures to abandon rail service over an approximately one-mile long, unmileposted, rail line, extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue in Pitt County, North Carolina (the “Line”). I further certify that the Line does not contain any federally granted right of way.

Public Service Commission, et al.

North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
5th Floor
Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Rail Division
1553 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1533

Department of Defense (Military Traffic Management Command, Transportation Engineering Agency, Railroads for National Defense Program)

Sean Neef
Headquarters Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
Railroads for National Defense Program
1 Soldier Way, Rm 3129
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5006

The National Park Service, Recreation Resources Assistance Division

Mr. Bob Ratcliffe, Chief
Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service

Randy Moore
Chief of Forest Service
US Forest Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.
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October 31, 2024

/s/ *Crystal M. Zorbaugh*

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Certificate of Newspaper Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 – Newspaper Notice

I certify that a “Notice of Intent to Abandon Rail Service” was published in the form prescribed by the Board for abandonment notices of exemption (49 C.F.R. § 1105.12). The notice was published one time on October 24, 2024 in The Daily Reflector, a newspaper of general circulation in Pitt County, North Carolina.

October 31, 2024

/s/ Crystal M. Zorbaugh

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EXHIBIT D

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Certificate of Compliance

49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 – Advance Distribution of Environmental and Historic Report

I hereby certify that, on September 23, 2024, a copy of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's Consolidated Environmental and Historic Report for the proposed abandonment encompassed by AB-290 (Sub-No. 414X), accompanied by a transmittal letter conforming to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11, was served upon the following entities as prescribed by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (copies of the transmittal letters are also appended hereto as part of Attachment 1):

The Honorable P. J. Connelly, Mayor 200 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27835	Ramona Bartos Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer North Carolina Historic Preservation Office 4617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4617
Janis Gallagher County Manager, Pitt County 1717 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27834	Jeananne Gettle Acting Regional Administrator United States EPA – Region 4 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Room 5204-S Washington, DC 20250	North Carolina Department of Administration State Environmental Review Clearinghouse 1301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27669-1301
Tim Beard, State Conservationist USDA NRCS State Office 4407 Bland Road Suite 117 Raleigh, NC 27609	Kelly Spivey District Manager, Washington District North Carolina DEQ Division of Coastal Management 943 Washington Square Mall Washington, NC 27889
Mike Oetker, Regional Director United States Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region 4 1875 Century Boulevard Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30345	North Carolina Department of Environment Quality Washington Regional Office 943 Washington Square Mall Washington, NC 27889
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Raleigh Ecological Services Field Office 3916 Sunset Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27607	Jason T. Orthner, PE, CPM, Director North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division 1553 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1533
Communications and Outreach Branch, NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey, SSMC3 #9340 1315 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282	United States EPA Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Mail Code 1101-A Washington, DC 20460

United States Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District 69 Darlington Drive Wilmington, NC 28403	Mark Foust, Regional Director National Park Service Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303
Deirdre Hewitt National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Program Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303	Bob Ratcliffe, Chief Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program 1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344 Washington, DC 20240

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/s/ ***Crystal M. Zorbaugh***

Crystal M. Zorbaugh

Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

ATTACHMENT 1

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
INCLUDING SAMPLE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Combined Environmental and Historic Report

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Combined Environmental and Historic Report

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) submits this Combined Environmental and Historic Report (“E&HR”) pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d), respectively, in connection with NSR’s proposed abandonment of an approximately one mile unmileposted rail line,¹ extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue (the “Line”) in Pitt County, North Carolina.

¹ According to NSR’s research, the land for this line was originally acquired by the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company (“R&PS”) in 1906. See Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, et al., Valuation Docket, 84 I.C.C. 693 at 753 (1925) (“NSR Valuation Report”). (“[R&PS], chartered originally as the Raleigh and Eastern North Carolina Railroad Company, planned a line from Raleigh to Washington and thence southward to New Bern. In 1903 authorization was made to construct from Raleigh to Washington.”). In 1906, the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company was formed as a consolidation of the properties of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company, the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company, and several other entities. See NSR Valuation Report at 745. . In 1908, the Norfolk and Southern Railway entered receivership, and in a 1910 reorganization returned to the name Norfolk Southern Railroad. See NSR Valuation Report at 797. By 1910, Norfolk Southern Railroad completed the remainder of the R&PS rail line, between Zebulon, NC and Chocowinity, NC. The Line branches off from the Zebulon, NC to Chocowinity, NC segment of the former R&PS rail line near Greenville, NC. Since 1910, the Line has remained owned by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which is part of what is presently known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Specifically, in 1974, the Southern Railway Company bought the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which through mergers and consolidations became part of what is known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company today.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(1)

Proposed Action and Alternatives

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

RESPONSE: NSR is seeking to abandon an approximately 1.0 mile unmileposted rail line extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue. There are no structures (bridges) on the Line.

No customers have been served on the Line for more than five years. Following abandonment, NSR will not be salvaging the Line's rail and related track material. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken as a result of the abandonment. Accordingly, NSR believes that no storm water mitigation measures including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will be required.

The alternative to abandonment is to not abandon the Line. This alternative is not satisfactory. NSR would continue to incur opportunity and other holding costs that would need to be covered by non-existent shippers were the Line to be retained.

A map depicting the Line and is attached as **Appendix A**. An example of NSR's letter to federal, state and local government agencies along with a list of the consulting agencies that NSR has contacted is attached as **Appendix B**. Comments received as a result of NSR's written requests for feedback can be found in **Appendix C**.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(2) Transportation system.

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

RESPONSE: Effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns would be negligible. There is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(3) Land use.

(i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

RESPONSE: An outline of future land use plans has been requested from the City of Greenville, North Carolina and Pitt County, North Carolina which were asked to comment on the consistency of the proposed abandonment of the Line with existing land use plans. The land adjoining the Line consists of a combination of residential and commercial areas. In correspondence received August 22, 2024, the City of Greenville advised the Line would be incorporated into the city's greenway system and the abandonment is in compliance with the city's future land use. NSR has offered the Line to the City of Greenville for a trail. In correspondence dated September 5, 2024, Pitt County advised it did not have jurisdiction in this area and to contact the City of Greenville. See Agency Comments/Responses in **Appendix C**.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

RESPONSE: NSR does not believe the abandonment will have any adverse impact on prime agricultural land. As indicated above, the Line traverse residential and commercial areas and not prime agricultural land. Nevertheless, a copy of this E&HR was mailed to The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service ("USDA NRCS") on

September 23, 2024 for its information and to provide USDA NRCS an opportunity to comment. See E&HR Consultation Letter Example and Service List, attached as **Appendix B**. In a response dated October 1, 2024, the North Carolina State Office of the National Resources Conservation Service opined, “We have determined the proposed project will cause no adverse impact to the soils and/or farmlands of Pitt County. The area in question includes land already in, or committed to, urban development; or it is not considered Prime Farmland.” **See Appendix C**.

(iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by Sec. 1105.9.

RESPONSE: The Line does not appear to be located within a coastal zone. However, a copy of the E&HR was mailed to the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management for its comments and feedback. See Appendix B.

(iv) If the proposed action is an abandonment state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

RESPONSE: NSR has a mixture fee simple ownership and easement rights to the right-of-way underlying the Line proposed for abandonment; thus, NSR may have a corridor available for redeployment for alternative public use(s). The Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(4) Energy.

(i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

RESPONSE: Development and transportation of energy resources will not be affected by the abandonment. There is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

RESPONSE: Movement or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be affected by the abandonment. There is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

RESPONSE: The proposed action will not result in any material impact in overall energy efficiency because there is no NSR rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:

(A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or

(B) An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

RESPONSE: The diversion of traffic to motor carriers will not exceed the thresholds set forth at 49 CFR §1105.7(e)(4) as no diversions will occur. Accordingly, there is no need to produce data on diverted traffic or to quantify the net change in energy consumption.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(5) Air.

(i) If the proposed action will result in either:

(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or

(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or

(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either:

(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line,

(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity), or

(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50

vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and Freon®) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(6) Noise.

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause:

(i) An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or

(ii) An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater.

If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(7) Safety.

(i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

RESPONSE: Abandonment of the Line will have no adverse impact on public health and safety.

(ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

(iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous

materials involved.

RESPONSE: NSR has no knowledge of hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way or in areas adjacent to the Line.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(8) Biological Resources.

(i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.

RESPONSE: NSR does not believe the abandonment will have any adverse impact on surrounding habitats and species. However, a copy of this E&HR has been mailed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USF&W”) to ascertain any impacts to surrounding habitats and species. See Appendix B. In addition, NSR has completed the desktop review process using the USF&W IPaC web portal. That review process indicated this abandonment would have no effect on surrounding habitats and species. NSR agrees with the USF&W IPaC web portal results, specifically because NSR is not conducting salvage, there will be no change in surrounding habitats resulting from the abandonment.

(ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

RESPONSE: According to NSR’s review of local maps, NSR determined that the Line does not pass through state parks or forests, national parks or forests, or wildlife sanctuaries. As such, no adverse effects on wildlife sanctuaries, national parks or forests, or state parks or forests are anticipated. Nevertheless, NSR has notified the National Park Service (“NPS”) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated September 23, 2024. NPS has been supplied with a copy of this Report. See Appendix B.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(9) Water.

(i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

RESPONSE: NSR does not intend to remove or alter the contour of the roadbed underlying the Line to be abandoned by way of excavation or other ground-disturbance activity. Accordingly, no soils will be disturbed as a result of the proposed abandonment, and no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. There are no plans to undertake in-stream work, or dredge and/or use any fill materials in connection with the proposed abandonment, so, for this reason also, the proposed abandonment will not result in water quality impacts. NSR currently provides no rail service over the Line and has not done so for more than twenty years.

Consultation has been requested from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (“NCDEQ”) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA Region 4”) by letters dated September 23, 2024. A copy of this report was attached to each of these letters. See Appendix B. In correspondence received from NCDEQ on August 30, 2024, NCDEQ provided feedback regarding the proposed abandonment. See Appendix C.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

RESPONSE: NSR believes that – (1) no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required for the proposed abandonment, and (2) no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. As NSR will not be salvaging the Line’s rail and related track material, the geometry of the roadbed will not be altered and no in-stream work is contemplated. For this reason, NSR believes that a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required. Moreover, no discernible effects on either 100-year flood plains or adjacent wetlands are expected

in connection with the proposed abandonment. Consultation was requested from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District Headquarters (“USACE”) by letter dated September 23 , 2024. A copy of this Report was attached to the letter. See Appendix B.

(iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action.

RESPONSE: NSR does not plan to remove or alter the roadbed underlying the Line, or to undertake in-stream work or to dredge or use any fill materials. There will be no excavation or other ground-disturbance activity, and, because no soils will be disturbed, no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. NSR anticipates that the abandonment will not affect water quality and that additional permitting under Section 402 will not be required. Nevertheless, NSR has requested input from the EPA Region 4, and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality by letter dated September 23 , 2024. A copy of this Report was attached to the letter. See Appendix B.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(10) Proposed Mitigation.

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

RESPONSE: Abandonment of the Line is not expected to produce adverse environmental impacts for the reasons set forth above. To reiterate, NSR is not salvaging the materials on the line in association with this abandonment. Therefore, NSR is of the opinion that mitigating action is unnecessary. However, NSR will undertake all reasonable mitigation associated with these activities as directed by the Board to assure the abandonment does not produce adverse

environmental impacts, including consulting with federal, state, and/or local agencies on any mitigation measures they may recommend to the Board.

HISTORIC REPORT

49 CFR 1105.8(d)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

NSR proposes to abandon an approximately 1.0 mile unposted rail line -mile rail line, extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue (the “Line”) in Pitt County, NC. No customers have been served on the Line for at least than five years.

Following abandonment, no salvage activities will be performed. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is and existing drainage systems will remain intact. No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken. Accordingly, NSR believes that no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required.

The alternative to abandonment is to not abandon the Line and retain the track in place. This alternative is not satisfactory. NSR would continue to incur opportunity and other holding costs that would need to be covered by non-existent shippers were the Line to be retained. A map depicting the Line is attached in **Appendix A**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) **U.S.G.S. Topographic Map** – U.S.G.S. Topographic maps depicting the location of the proposed abandonment are attached as Appendix D. These topographic maps were furnished to

the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office as part of a complete copy of this report on September 23, 2024. See Appendix B.

(2) **Written Description of Right of Way** – The right-of-way width ranges from 15 feet to 30 feet along the main track centerline. Pursuant to Surface Transportation Board policy, the railroad's right-of-way will constitute the Area of Potential Effect (“APE”) for this undertaking. The Line runs adjacent to residential and commercial areas. The topography is generally flat.

(3) **Photographs** - As there are no structures on the line, no submission of photographs is necessary.

(4) **Date of Construction of Structures** – There are no structures on the line.

(5) **History of Operations and Changes Contemplated** – According to NSR’s research, the land for this line was originally acquired by the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company (“R&PS”) in 1906. See Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, et al., Valuation Docket, 84 I.C.C. 693 at 753 (1925) (“NSR Valuation Report”). (“[R&PS], chartered originally as the Raleigh and Eastern North Carolina Railroad Company, planned a line from Raleigh to Washington and thence southward to New Bern. In 1903 authorization was made to construct from Raleigh to Washington.”). In 1906, the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company was formed as a consolidation of the properties of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company, the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company, and several other entities. See NSR Valuation Report at 745. In 1908, the Norfolk and Southern Railway entered receivership, and in a 1910 reorganization returned to the name Norfolk Southern Railroad. See NSR Valuation Report at 797. By 1910, Norfolk Southern Railroad completed the remainder of the R&PS rail line, between Zebulon, NC and Chocowinity, NC. The Line branches off from the Zebulon, NC to Chocowinity, NC segment of the former R&PS rail line near Greenville, NC. Since 1910, the Line has remained owned by

the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which is now part of what is presently known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Specifically, in 1974, the Southern Railway Company acquired the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which through mergers and consolidations became part of what is known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company today. NSR currently contemplates no changes to the Line and NSR will not conduct salvage. As information, the line abuts a lease to the Carolina Coastal Railway, but is not a part of that lease.

(6) **Summary of Documents In Carrier's Possession That Might Be Useful for**

Documenting a Structure That Is Found To Be Historic – There are no structures on the line.

(7) **Opinion Regarding Criteria For Listing In The National Register Of Historic Places**

There are no structures within the APE for this project. Thus, there are no structures on the Line or other reasons for the Line itself, which would meet the criteria for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*. Based on this, NSR has no reason to believe that there is any likelihood of finding archaeological resources or historic properties on the Line proposed for abandonment, especially since no salvage is to be undertaken. In correspondence dated September 3, 2024, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office opined, “We have conducted a review of the project and are aware of no historic resources which would be affected by the project.”

(8) **Subsurface Ground Conditions That Might Affect Archaeological Recovery**

Based on its records, NSR is not aware of any prior subsurface ground disturbances or environmental conditions that would affect archaeological recovery. Moreover, abandonment of the Line and will not affect any potential archaeological resources. The subsurface of the right-of-way was initially disturbed in the construction of the railroad line by grading and filling.

Abandonment of the Line will not result in activities below the surface, or below the level of initial disturbance, as no salvage is being performed.

(9) **Follow-Up Information** – Additional information will be provided as appropriate.

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

AB-290 (Sub. No. 414X)

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
– PROPOSED ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION-
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APPENDIX A

Map



**GREENVILLE, NC
PITT COUNTY**

DOCKET AB 290 (Sub No. 414X)

Legend

Track

— Abandon (not leased)

- - - Carolina Coastal Railway Lease

0 160 320 640 Feet



DATE: 07-11-2024
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Sample Consultation Letter & Recipient List



Norfolk Southern Corporation
650 Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Scott Plum
Director – Strategic Planning
470 463 6627
scott.plum@nscorp.com

September XX, 2024

[ENTITY}

RE: AB-290 (Sub-No. 414X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – In Pitt County, North Carolina

[GREETING]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon of an approximately one mile unmileposted rail line,¹ extending from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue (the “Line”) in Pitt County, North Carolina.

Enclosed is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report (Report) which describes the proposed abandonment and other pertinent information. A map of the proposed track abandonment can be found in **Appendix A** of this report. **Appendix B** of this report lists the various agencies receiving it. **Appendix C** of this report lists the various agency responses.

NSR does not anticipate adverse environmental impacts as NSR will not be conducting salvage operations; however, if you identify any adverse environmental effects, please describe the actions that would assist in alleviating them. Please provide us with a written response indicating any concerns or lack thereof, which will be included in the Report and sent to the

¹ According to NSR’s research, the land for this line was originally acquired by the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company (“R&PS”) in 1906. See Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, et al., Valuation Docket, 84 I.C.C. 693 at 753 (1925) (“NSR Valuation Report”). (“[R&PS], chartered originally as the Raleigh and Eastern North Carolina Railroad Company, planned a line from Raleigh to Washington and thence southward to New Bern. In 1903 authorization was made to construct from Raleigh to Washington.”). In 1906, the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company was formed as a consolidation of the properties of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company, the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company, and several other entities. See NSR Valuation Report at 745. . In 1908, the Norfolk and Southern Railway entered receivership, and in a 1910 reorganization returned to the name Norfolk Southern Railroad. See NSR Valuation Report at 797. By 1910, Norfolk Southern Railroad completed the remainder of the R&PS rail line, between Zebulon, NC and Chocowinity, NC. The Line branches off from the Zebulon, NC to Chocowinty, NC segment of the former R&PS rail line near Greenville, NC. Since 1910, the Line has remained owned by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which is part of what is presently known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Specifically, in 1974, the Southern Railway Company bought the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which through mergers and consolidations became part of what is known as the Norfolk Southern Railway Company today.

Surface Transportation Board (STB).

This Report is being provided so that you may submit information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of the proceeding. If you believe any of the information is incorrect, if you think pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's Environmental Review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) by telephone at (202) 245-0245 or by mail to:

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106
Washington DC 20423-0001

Questions regarding the abandonment process generally, offers of financial assistance, and/or public use or trail use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Based on information in our possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. However, any documentation in NSR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. Please refer to the above Docket when contacting the STB.

Applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action. For this reason your written comments (with a copy to us) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. In order for us to consider your input prior to filing with the STB, NSR must receive your comments within three weeks. Please provide information to Scott Plum by email or by mail at:

Scott Plum, Director
Strategic Planning, Box 7
Norfolk Southern Corporation
650 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
(470) 463-6627
scott.plum@nscorp.com

Best regards,

Scott D. Plum

Attachment

RECIPIENT LIST

Proposed Rail Line Abandonment on Norfolk Southern Railway Company's approximately one mile unposted rail line segment in Pitt County, NC.

The Honorable P. J. Connelly Mayor 200 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27835	Ramona Bartos Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer North Carolina Historic Preservation Office 4617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4617
Janis Gallagher County Manager, Pitt County 1717 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27834	Jeaneanne Gettle Acting Regional Administrator United States EPA – Region 4 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Room 5204-S Washington, DC 20250	North Carolina Department of Administration State Environmental Review Clearinghouse 1301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27669-1301
Tim Beard, State Conservationist USDA NRCS State Office 4407 Bland Road Suite 117 Raleigh, NC 27609	Kelly Spivey District Manager, Washington District North Carolina DEQ Division of Coastal Management 943 Washington Square Mall Washington, NC 27889
Mike Oetker, Regional Director United States Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region 4 1875 Century Boulevard Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30345	North Carolina Department of Environment Quality Washington Regional Office 943 Washington Square Mall Washington, NC 27889
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Raleigh Ecological Services Field Office 3916 Sunset Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27607	Jason T. Orthner, PE, CPM, Director North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division 1553 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1533
Communications and Outreach Branch, NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey, SSMC3 #9340 1315 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282	United States EPA Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Mail Code 1101-A Washington, DC 20460
United States Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District 69 Darlington Drive Wilmington, NC 28403	Mark Foust, Regional Director National Park Service Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

Deirdre Hewitt National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Program Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303	
Bob Ratcliffe, Chief Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program 1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344 Washington, DC 20240	

ATTACHMENT 2

**CONSULTING AGENCY RESPONSES TO
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
(POST-CIRCULATION)**

**BEFORE THE
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APPENDIX C

Agency Comments/Responses



**PITT COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BUILDING**
1717 W. 5th STREET
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 27834-1696
TELEPHONE: (252) 902-3250
FAX: (252) 830-2576

Jonas Hill
Director

August 9, 2024

Norfolk Southern Corporation
Attn: Scott Plum, Director – Strategic Planning – Box 7
650 West Peachtree St, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Subject: AB-290 (Sub-No. 414X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment – in
Greenville, NC

Dear Mr. Plum,

Thank you for notifying Pitt County of the proposed abandonment of the spur track located along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and West 14th Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line and the City of Greenville, NC Line.

After reviewing the matter, I have determined that Pitt County does not have planning or zoning jurisdiction within this area. As such, we recommend that you contact the City of Greenville directly, as they have the appropriate authority to address any concerns or provide guidance regarding this proposal.

Please feel free to reach out if you require further assistance or have any other inquiries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonas Hill", is written over a horizontal line.

Jonas Hill
Planning Director
Pitt County Planning Department

Cc: Janis Gallagher, County Manager



PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Scott Plum
Norfolk Southern Corporation
650 W. Peachtree St., NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Mr. Plum,

This is a response to your letter concerning the abandonment of a spur track located along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and W. 14th Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line in the City of Greenville. I have reviewed the City's Future Land Use and Character Map, which expresses the City's intent for how Greenville should grow in the future.

This specific section of track is intended to be incorporated into the City's greenway system as part of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) project. This is a nearly \$42 million road reconstruction, streetscape and greenway improvement project that was approved by City Council in 2023.

This specific section of track is shown on the City's Future Land Use and Character Map in the following land use characters: Uptown Edge (UE), University/Institutional (UI), Uptown Neighborhood (UN), and Mixed Use (MU). All of the land use characters include "civic" uses as an appropriate land use. Civic uses include greenways.

As such, the abandonment of the spur track is considered in compliance with the City's Future Land Use and Character Map. Please see the attached Future Land Use and Character Map that illustrates the location of the spur track as well as the land use characters.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (252) 329-4507 or cgooby@greenvillenc.gov.

Sincerely,

Chantae M. Gooby

Chantae M. Gooby
Chief Planner

Attachment: Future Land Use and Character Map

Doc. # 1197659

cc: Michael Cowin, City Manager
Dene' Alexander, Assistant City Manager
Valerie Shiuwegar, City Clerk
Les Everett, Director of Planning and Development Services
Lisa Kirby, Director of Engineering

Future Land Use and Character Map

Horizons2026 Future Land Use

Activity Centers

- UC-Uptown Core
- UE-Uptown Edge
- MUHI-Mixed Use, High Intensity
- MU-Mixed Use

- C-Commercial
- OI-Office & Institutional

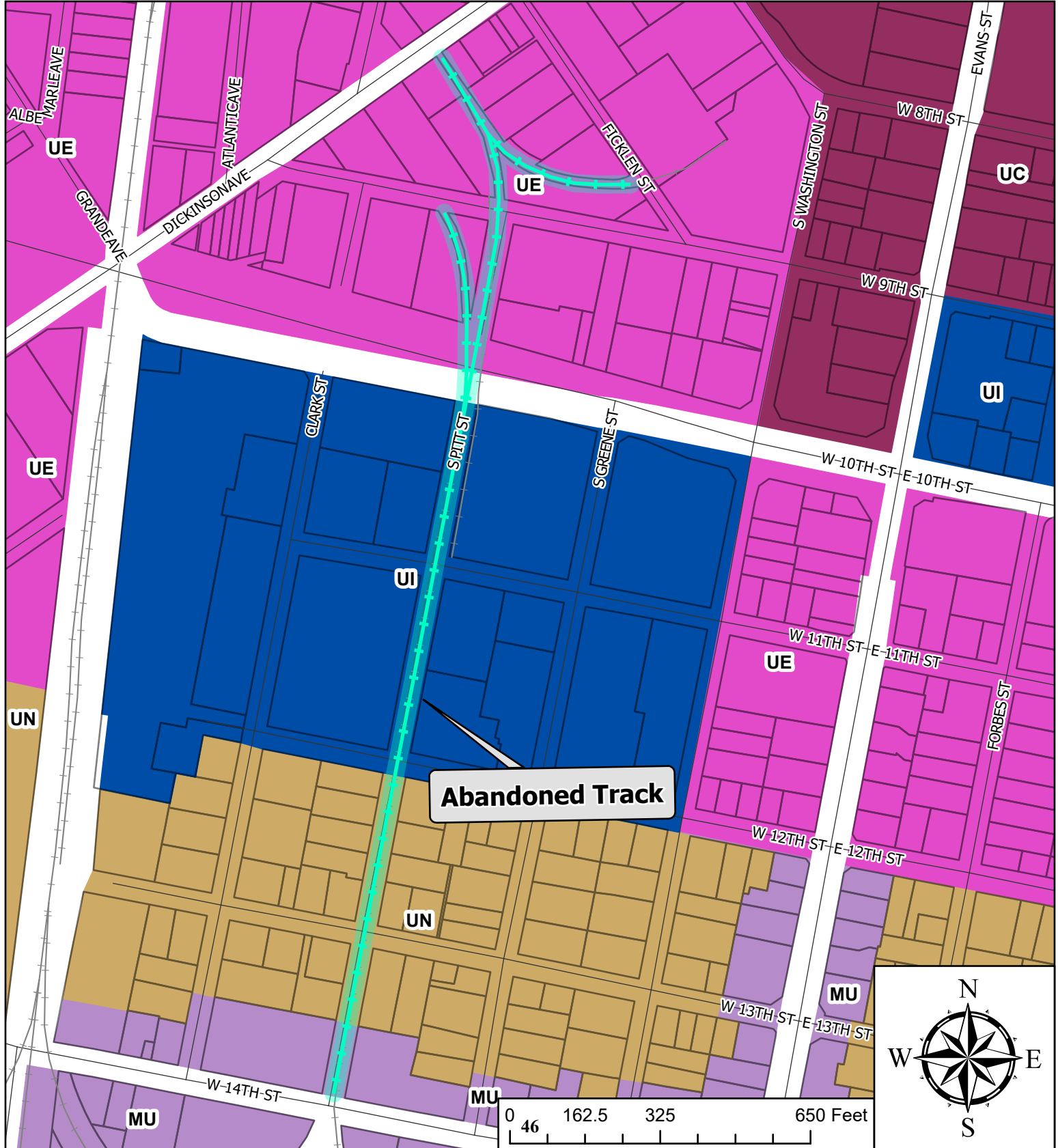
Neighborhoods

- UN-Uptown Neighborhood
- TNMH-Traditional Neighborhood, Medium to High Density
- TNLM-Traditional Neighborhood, Low to Medium Density
- HDR-Residential, High Density

- LMDR-Residential, Low to Medium Density

Special Districts

- UI-University Institutional
- MC-Medical Core
- MT-Medical Transition
- IL-Industrial/Logistics
- PCOS-Potential Conservation & Open Space





STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

J.R. "JOEY" HOPKINS
SECRETARY

DATE: August 29, 2024

TO: North Carolina State Clearinghouse
Department of Administration
Intergovernmental Review

FROM: Ashley Rodgers PE, Transportation Engineer
Transportation Planning Division *aym*

SUBJECT: 25-E-0000-0016 – Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment of
a spur track located along Pitt Street between Dickinson Ave and W 14th
Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line in the City of Greenville,
NC

Thank you for allowing the Transportation Planning Division to review the project proposal. There are no significant concerns related to this project. However, in reviewing the information, below are some comments to be aware of.

Two STIP projects are in the vicinity of this project (see map [here](#)):

- U-5606: SR 1598 (Dickinson Ave) from NC 11 to Reade Circle (under construction)
- EB-6042: Multiuse path at various locations along the Tar River, Moye Blvd, the Norfolk-Southern Rail Corridor, and Town Creek in Greenville

The Pitt County CTP also recommends multiple bike and pedestrian projects in this area. The CTP maps are at the following NCDOT website: <http://www.tinyurl.com/PittCTP>. The 2050 Greenville Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan recommends proposed bike lanes, multiuse paths, and sidewalks in this vicinity, as well as intersection improvements and access management projects. The 2050 MTP may be viewed here: <https://greenvillenc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/28701/638562253167300000>.

Finally, the 10th Street Safety project feasibility study is underway overlaps with the area of your proposed project, including a potential proposed grade separated pedestrian crossing. More information can be found here:

<https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/engineering/greenville-urban-area-metropolitan-planning-organization/10th-street-pedestrian-crossing-feasibility-study>

If you have any questions, please email me at alrodgers@ncdot.gov or call me at 919-707-0947.

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**North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office**

Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

Governor Roy Cooper
Secretary D. Reid Wilson

Office of Archives and History
Deputy Secretary, Darin J. Waters, Ph.D.

September 3, 2024

Scott Plum
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650 West Peachtree Street NW
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scott.plum@nscorp.com

Re: Abandon Norfolk Southern line spur track along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and West 14th Street, Greenville, Pitt County, 25-E-0000-0016, ER 24-1893

Dear Mr. Plum:

Thank you for your letter of August 5, 2024, regarding the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the submission and offer the following comments.

We have conducted a review of the project and are aware of no historic resources which would be affected by the project. Therefore, we have no comment on the project as proposed.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@dncr.nc.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

for Ramona Bartos, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer



Natural Resources
Conservation Service

10/1/2024

North Carolina
State Office

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North Carolina 27609
Voice 919-873-2132
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Scott Plum, Director
Strategic Planning, Box 7
Norfolk Southern Corporation
650 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Scott:

The following information is in response to your request soliciting comments regarding the Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment project in Pitt County, NC.

After reviewing the proposed actions in which you state:

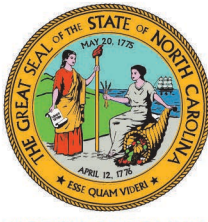
"No ballast will be removed, and no soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken as a result of the abandonment."

We have determined the proposed project will cause no adverse impact to the soils and/or farmlands of Pitt County. The area in question includes land already in, or committed to, urban development; or is not considered Prime Farmland. The area in question is exempt of the FPPA regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (919) 873-2132.

Ryan Janway, Natural Resource Specialist
4407 Bland Rd
Raleigh, NC 27609

cc:
Tim Beard, State Conservationist, NC
Mike Jones, State Soil Scientist, NC



NORTH CAROLINA
Environmental Quality

ROY COOPER
Governor

ELIZABETH S. BISER
Secretary

To: Kadisha Molyneaux
State Clearinghouse
NC Department of Administration

From: Lyn Biles
Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service
Washington Regional Office

Re: 25-0016
Environmental Review - Proposal to abandon a spur track
located along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and W
14th Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line in the
City of Greenville, NC ("Line"), STB Docket No. AB-290, Sub
No. 414X.
Pitt County

Date: August 30, 2024

The Department of Environment Quality has reviewed the proposal for the referenced project. Please find attached the comments for the applicants consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Attachments



North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
217 West Jones Street | 501601 Mail Service Center | Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1601
919.707.8600

ROY COOPER
Governor
ELIZABETH S. BISER
Secretary
MICHAEL SCOTT
Director



Date: August 14, 2024

To: Michael Scott, Director
Division of Waste Management

Through: Janet Macdonald
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch

From: Katie C Tatum
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch

Subject: NEPA Project # 25-0016 Norfolk Southern Corporation, Pitt County, North Carolina

The Superfund Section has reviewed the proximity of sites under its jurisdiction to the Norfolk Southern Corporation project. Proposed project is to abandon a spur track along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and W 14th Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line in the City of Greenville, NC ("Line").

Thirteen (13) Superfund Section sites and nine (9) Brownfields Program Sites were identified within one mile of the project as shown on the attached report. The Superfund Section recommends that site files be reviewed to ensure that appropriate precautions are incorporated into any construction activities that encounter potentially contaminated soil or groundwater. Superfund Section files can be viewed at: <http://deq.nc.gov/waste-management-laserfiche>.

Please contact Janet Macdonald at 919.707.8349 if you have any questions concerning the Superfund Section review portion of this SEPA/NEPA inquiry.

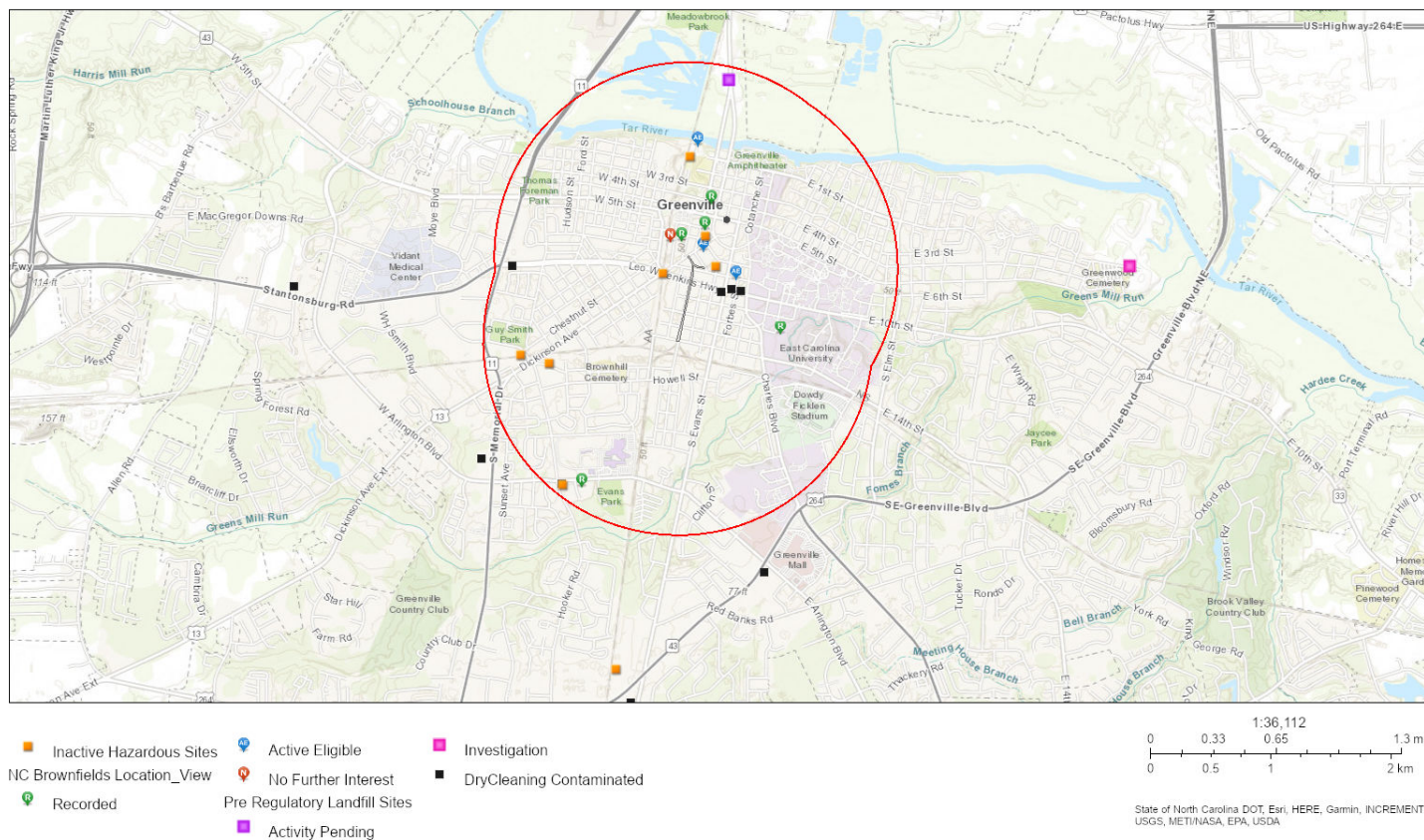


Area of Interest (AOI) Information

Pitt County NEPA project 25-0016

Area : 2,643.62 acres

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Summary

Name	Count	Area(acres)	Length(mi)
Certified DSCA Sites	5	N/A	N/A
Federal Remediation Branch Sites	0	N/A	N/A
Inactive Hazardous Sites	7	N/A	N/A
Pre-Regulatory Landfill Sites	1	N/A	N/A
Brownfields Program Sites	9	N/A	N/A

Certified DSCA Sites

#	Site_ID	Site_Name	Count
1	DC740006	Rabo Cleaners	1
2	DC740007	One Hour Martinizing	1
3	DC740008	Stadium Cleaners	1
4	DC740010	Scott's Cleaners	1
5	DC740011	Scott's Cleaners	1

Inactive Hazardous Sites

#	EPAID	SITENAME	Count
1	NCD986188886	GREENVILLE COAL GAS PLANT	1
2	NONCD0001113	SOUTHERN STATES (FORMER)	1
3	NONCD0002836	RABO CLEANERS	1
4	NONCD0002874	MOHAWK-KARASTAN	1
5	NONCD0002941	GRANDE AVE PCE	1
6	NONCD0003026	HARRIS & ROGERS TOBACCO SALES	1
7	NONCD0003055	UNIX PROPERTY	1

Pre-Regulatory Landfill Sites

#	EPAID	SITENAME	Count
1	NONCD0000661	unknown #1 - Pitt	1

Brownfields Program Sites

#	BF_ID	BF_Name	Count
1	2004216074	Pugh Tire & Service Center	1
2	2004616074	Sidewalk Development	1
3	1401910074	Kings Arms	1
4	1202108074	Carolina Cove Apts (RN)	1
5	1605612074	Imperial Campus II	1
6	2200318074	Life Science Building	1
7	1203708074	Imperial Campus	1
8	2501221074	Greenville MGP	1
9	2604522074	W Z Morton Warehouse (RN)	1

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Secretary

MICHAEL SCOTT

Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Scott, Division Director through Sharon Brinkley

FROM: Amanda Thompson, Environmental Senior Specialist – Solid Waste Section

DATE: August 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Review: SW 25-0016 – Pitt County (Environmental Review – Norfolk Southern Corporation – Proposal to abandon a spur track located along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and W 14th Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line in the city of Greenville.)

The Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section (Section) has reviewed the documents submitted for the subject project in Pitt County, NC. Based on the information provided in this document, the Section at this time does not see an adverse impact on the surrounding communities and likewise knows of no situations in the communities which would affect this project.

For any planned or proposed projects, it is recommended that during any land clearing, demolition, and construction, Norfolk Southern Corporation and/or its contractors would make every feasible effort to minimize the generation of waste, to recycle materials for which viable markets exist, and to use recycled products and materials in the development of this project where suitable. **Any waste generated by and of the project that cannot be beneficially reused or recycled as described, may require disposal of at a solid waste management facility permitted by the Division. The Section strongly recommends that Norfolk Southern Corporation require all contractors to provide proof of proper disposal for all generated waste to permitted facilities.**

Permitted solid waste management facilities are listed on the Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section portal site at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/waste-management-rules-data/solid-waste-management-annual-reports/solid-waste-permitted-facility-list>

And the site locator tool at:

<https://ncdenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7dd59be2750b40bebebf49fc383f688>

Questions regarding solid waste management for this project should be directed to Mr. Ray Williams, Environmental Senior Specialist, Solid Waste Section, at (252) 948-3955.

cc: Ray Williams, Environmental Senior Specialist



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After review of this project, it has been determined that the DEQ permit(s) and/or approvals indicated may need to be obtained for this project to comply with North Carolina Law. Questions regarding these permits should be addressed to the Regional Office indicated on the reverse of the form. All applications, information and guidelines relative to these plans and permits are available from the same Regional Office.

	PERMITS	SPECIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES or REQUIREMENTS	Normal Process Time (Statutory time limit)
☐	Permit to construct & operate wastewater treatment facilities, non-standard sewer system extensions & sewer systems that do not discharge into state surface waters.	Application 90 days before begins construction or award of construction contracts. On-site inspection may be required. Post-application technical conference usual.	30 days (90 days)
☐	Permit to construct & operate, sewer extensions involving gravity sewers, pump stations and force mains discharging into a sewer collection system	Fast-Track Permitting program consists of the submittal of an application and an engineer's certification that the project meets all applicable State rules and Division Minimum Design Criteria.	30 days (N/A)
☐	NPDES - permit to discharge into surface water and/or permit to operate and construct wastewater facilities discharging into state surface waters.	Application 180 days before begins activity. On-site inspection. Pre-application conference usual. Additionally, obtain permit to construct wastewater treatment facility granted after NPDES. Reply time, 30 days after receipt of plans or issue of NPDES permit-whichever is later.	90-120 days (N/A)
☐	Water Use Permit	Pre-application technical conference usually necessary.	30 days (N/A)
☐	Well Construction Permit	Complete application must be received, and permit issued prior to the installation of a groundwater monitoring well located on property not owned by the applicant, and for a large capacity (>100,000 gallons per day) water supply well.	7 days (15 days)
☐	Dredge and Fill Permit	Application copy must be served on each adjacent riparian property owner. On-site inspection. Pre-application conference usual. Filling may require Easement to Fill from N.C. Department of Administration and Federal Dredge and Fill Permit.	55 days (90 days)
☐	Permit to construct & operate Air Pollution Abatement facilities and/or Emission Sources as per 15 A NCAC (2Q.O100 thru 2Q.O300)	Application must be submitted, and permit received prior to construction and operation of the source. If a permit is required in an area without local zoning, then there are additional requirements and timelines (2Q.O113).	90 days
☒	Any open burning associated with subject proposal must be in compliance with 15 A NCAC 2D.1900	N/A	60 days (90 days)
☒	Demolition or renovations of structures containing asbestos material must be in compliance with 15 A NCAC 20.1110 (a) (1) which requires notification and removal prior to demolition. Contact Asbestos Control Group 919-707-5950	Please Note - The Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, must be notified of plans to demolish a building, including residences for commercial or industrial expansion, even if no asbestos is present in the building.	60 days (90 days)
☐	The Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 must be properly addressed for any land disturbing activity. An erosion & sedimentation control plan will be required if one or more acres are to be disturbed. Plan must be filed with and approved by applicable Regional Office (Land Quality Section) at least 30 days before beginning activity. A NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (NCG010000) is also usually issued should design features meet minimum requirements. A fee of \$100 for the first acre or any part of an acre. An express review option is available with additional fees.		20 days (30 days)
☐	Sedimentation and erosion control must be addressed in accordance with NCDOT's approved program. Particular attention should be given to design and installation of appropriate perimeter sediment trapping devices as well as stable Stormwater conveyances and outlets.		(30 days)
☐	Sedimentation and erosion control must be addressed in accordance with _____ Local Government's approved program. Particular attention should be given to design and installation of appropriate perimeter sediment trapping devices as well as stable Stormwater conveyances and outlets.		Based on Local Program
☐	Compliance with 15A NCAC 04B .0125 – Buffers Zones for Trout Waters shall have an undisturbed buffer zone 25 feet wide or of sufficient width to confine visible siltation within the twenty-five percent (25%) of the buffer zone nearest the land-disturbing activity, whichever is greater.		
☐	Compliance with 15A NCAC 2H .0126 - NPDES Stormwater Program which regulates three types of activities: Industrial, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System & Construction activities that disturb ≥1 acre.		30-60 days (90 days)
☐	Compliance with 15A NCAC 2H 1000 -State Stormwater Permitting Programs regulate site development and post-construction stormwater runoff control. Areas subject to these permit programs include all 20 coastal counties, and various other counties and watersheds throughout the state.		45 days (90 days)

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☐	Mining Permit	On-site inspection usual. Surety bond filed with DEQ Bond amount varies with type mine and number of acres of affected land. Affected area greater than one acre must be permitted. The appropriate bond must be received before the permit can be issued.	30 days (60 days)
☐	Dam Safety Permit	If permit required, application 60 days before begin construction. Applicant must hire N.C. qualified engineer to prepare plans, inspect construction, and certify construction is according to DEQ approved plans. May also require a permit under mosquito control program. And a 404 permit from Corps of Engineers. An inspection of site is necessary to verify Hazard Classification. A minimum fee of \$200.00 must accompany the application. An additional processing fee based on a percentage, or the total project cost will be required upon completion.	30 days (60 days)
☐	Oil Refining Facilities	N/A	90-120 days (N/A)
☐	Permit to drill exploratory oil or gas well	File surety bond of \$5,000 with DEQ running to State of NC conditional that any well opened by drill operator shall, upon abandonment, be plugged according to DEQ rules and regulations.	10 days N/A
☐	Geophysical Exploration Permit	Application filed with DEQ at least 10 days prior to issue of permit. Application by letter. No standard application forms.	10 days N/A
☐	State Lakes Construction Permit	Application fee based on structure size is charged. Must include descriptions & drawings of structure & proof of ownership of riparian property	15-20 days N/A
☐	401 Water Quality Certification	Compliance with the T15A 02H .0500 Certifications are required whenever construction or operation of facilities will result in a discharge into navigable water as described in 33 CFR part 323.	60 days (130 days)
☐	Compliance with Catawba, Goose Creek, Jordan Lake, Randleman, Tar Pamlico or Neuse Riparian Buffer Rules is required. Buffer requirements: http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/401-wetlands-buffer-permits/401-riparian-buffer-protection-program		
☐	Nutrient Offset: Loading requirements for nitrogen and phosphorus in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico River basins, and in the Jordan and Falls Lake watersheds, as part of the nutrient-management strategies in these areas. DWR nutrient offset information: http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/nonpoint-source-management/nutrient-offset-information		
☐	CAMA Permit for MAJOR development	\$250.00 - \$475.00 fee must accompany application	75 days (150 days)
☐	CAMA Permit for MINOR development	\$100.00 fee must accompany application	22 days (25 days)
☐	Abandonment of any wells, if required must be in accordance with Title 15A. Subchapter 2C.0100.		
☐	Notification of the proper regional office is requested if "orphan" underground storage tanks (USTS) are discovered during any excavation operation.		
☐	Plans and specifications for the construction, expansion, or alteration of a public water system must be approved by the Division of Water Resources/Public Water Supply Section prior to the award of a contract or the initiation of construction as per 15A NCAC 18C .0300 et. seq., Plans and specifications should be submitted to 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1634. All public water supply systems must comply with state and federal drinking water monitoring requirements. For more information, contact the Public Water Supply Section, (919) 707-9100.		30 days
☐	If existing water lines will be relocated during the construction, plans for the water line relocation must be submitted to the Division of Water Resources/Public Water Supply Section at 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1634. For more information, contact the Public Water Supply Section, (919) 707-9100.		30 days
☐	Plans and specifications for the construction, expansion, or alteration of the _____ water system must be approved through the _____ delegated plan approval authority. Please contact them at _____ for further information.		

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Other Comments (attach additional pages as necessary, being certain to comment authority)

Division	Initials	No comment	Comments	Date Review
DAQ	FDB	☒	No Comments	8/19/2024
DWR-WQROS (Aquifer & Surface)	&	☐	&	/ /
DWR-PWS	CWW	☒	No Comments	8/12/2024
DEMLR (LQ & SW)		☐		/ /
DWM – UST		☐		/ /
Other Comments	GW	☒		8/21/2024

REGIONAL OFFICES

Questions regarding these permits should be addressed to the Regional Office marked below.

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| ☐ Asheville Regional Office
2090 U.S. 70 Highway
Swannanoa, NC 28778-8211
Phone: 828-296-4500
Fax: 828-299-7043 | ☐ Fayetteville Regional Office
225 Green Street, Suite 714,
Fayetteville, NC 28301-5043
Phone: 910-433-3300
Fax: 910-486-0707 | ☐ Mooresville Regional Office
610 East Center Avenue, Suite 301,
Mooresville, NC 28115
Phone: 704-663-1699
Fax: 704-663-6040 |
| ☐ Raleigh Regional Office
3800 Barrett Drive,
Raleigh, NC 27609
Phone: 919-791-4200
Fax: 919-571-4718 | ☒ Washington Regional Office
943 Washington Square Mall,
Washington, NC 27889
Phone: 252-946-6481
Fax: 252-975-3716 | ☐ Wilmington Regional Office
127 Cardinal Drive Ext.,
Wilmington, NC 28405
Phone: 910-796-7215
Fax: 910-350-2004 |
| | ☐ Winston-Salem Regional Office
450 Hanes Mill Road, Suite 300,
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Phone: 336-776-9800
Fax: 336-776-9797 | |

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TO: Lyn Biles, Environmental Coordinator

FROM: Allison Ward, Regional UST Supervisor

COPY: Sharon Brinkley, Administrative Secretary

DATE: August 30, 2024

RE: Environmental Review – Project Number 25-0016 - Proposal to abandon a spur track located along Pitt Street between Dickinson Avenue and W 14th Street, connecting to the Norfolk Southern Line in the City of Greenville, NC ("Line"). STB Docket No. AB-290, Sub No. 414X.

Review of the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank (UST), and Non-UST Databases does not indicate any active petroleum releases within the project area. Please note numerous closed petroleum releases are located adjacent to the proposed project area. These include incidents 15240, 14136, 11241, 86679, 22427. Please use the Division of Waste Management site locator tool at <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/science-data-and-reports/waste-management-gis-data-and-maps> to view specific incidents and associated documents. I reviewed the above proposal and determined that this project should not have any adverse impact upon groundwater. The following comments are pertinent to my review:

1. The Washington Regional Office (WaRO) UST Section recommends removal of any abandoned or out-of-use petroleum USTs or petroleum above ground storage tanks (ASTs) within the project area. The UST Section should be contacted regarding use of any proposed or on-site petroleum USTs or ASTs. We may be reached at (252) 948-3800.
2. Any petroleum USTs or ASTs must be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations. For additional information on petroleum ASTs, it is advisable that the North Carolina Department of Insurance at (919) 661-5880 ext. 239, USEPA (404) 562-8761, local fire department, and Local Building Inspectors be contacted.
3. Any petroleum spills must be contained, and the area of impact must be properly restored. Petroleum spills of significant quantity must be reported to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality – Division of Waste Management Underground Storage Tank Section in the Washington Regional Office at (252) 948-3800.
4. Any soils excavated during demolition or construction that show evidence of petroleum contamination, such as stained soil, odors, or free product must be reported immediately to the local Fire Marshall to determine whether explosive or inhalation hazards exist. Also, notify the UST Section of the Washington Regional Office at (252) 948-3800. Petroleum contaminated soils must be handled in accordance with all applicable regulations.



5. Any questions or concerns regarding spills from petroleum USTs, ASTs, or vehicles should be directed to the UST Section at (252) 948-3800.

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Due Date: 8-30-2024

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☐ Mooresville	☒ DWR - Public Water	☒ Water Resources Mgmt (Public Water, Planning & Water Quality Program)
☐ Raleigh	☒ DEMLR (LQ & SW)	☒ DWR-Transportation Unit <u>Garcy</u>
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☐ Wilmington		☐ Marine Fisheries
☐ Winston Salem		☐ CC & PS Div. of Emergency Mgmt
		☐ DMF-Shellfish Sanitation
		☒ Wildlife <u>Maria</u>
		☒ Wildlife/DOT <u>Travis</u>

Manager Sign-Off/Region:	Date: 8/29/24	In-House Reviewer/Agency: Melodi Deaver, DWM Hazardous Waste
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Response (check all applicable)

☐ No objection to project as proposed.
 ☒ No Comment
 ☐ Insufficient information to complete review
 ☐ Other (specify or attach comments)

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Manager Sign-Off/Region:	Date: 8/15/2024	In-House Reviewer/Agency: DWR/WRM David Wainwright
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Response (check all applicable)

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☐ Insufficient information to complete review

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☐ Winston Salem			

Manager Sign-Off/Region:	Date: <u>8-16-2024</u>	In-House Reviewer/Agency: <u>Maria Travis Nilsen / NCNRC</u>
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Response (check all applicable)

☐ No objection to project as proposed.

☒ No Comment

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**BEFORE THE
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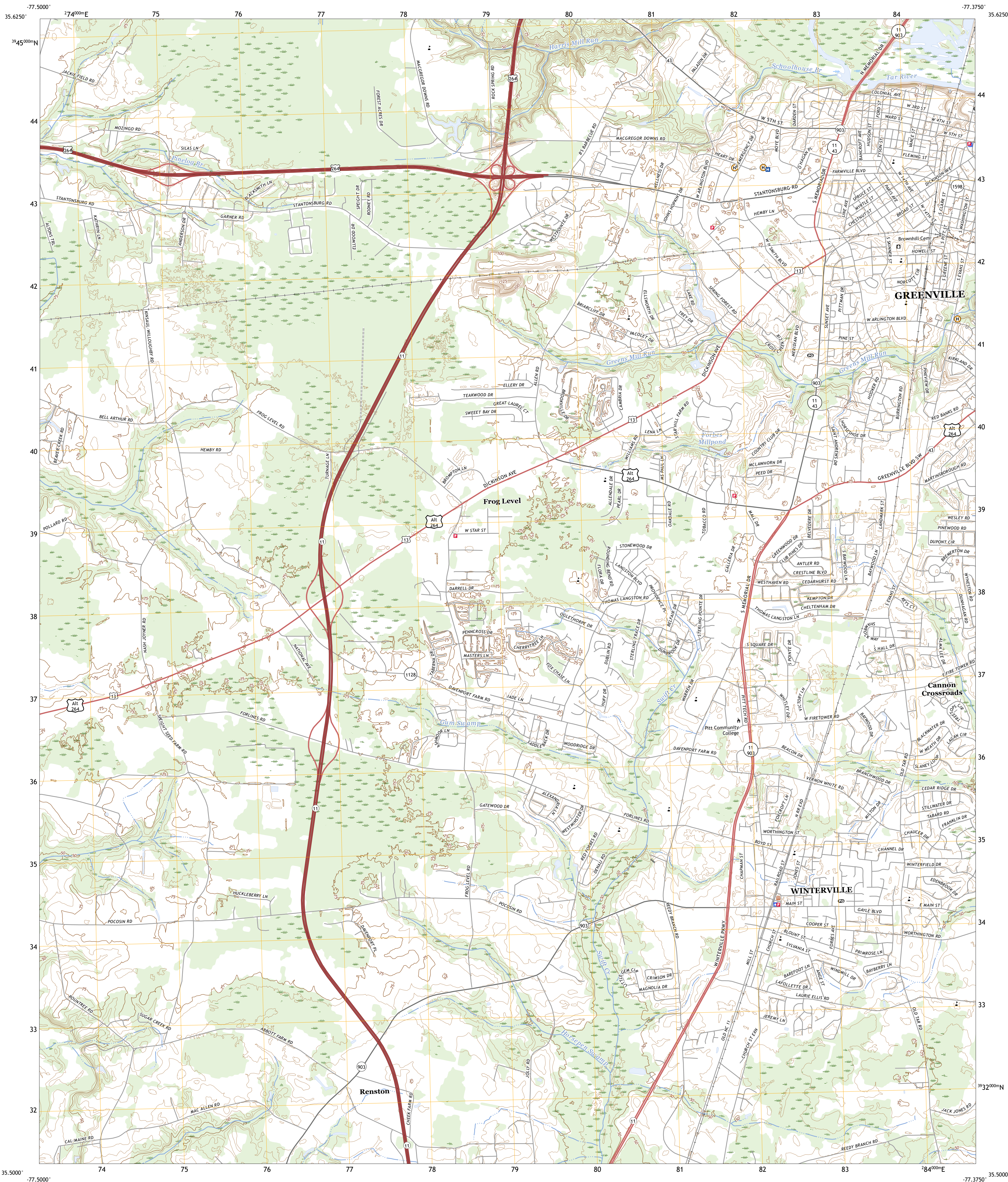
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**NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
– PROPOSED ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION-
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Combined Environmental and Historic Report

APPENDIX D

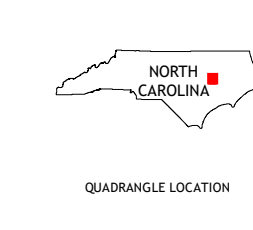
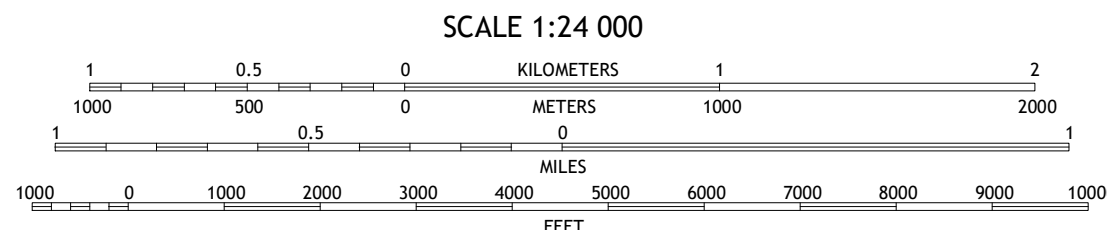
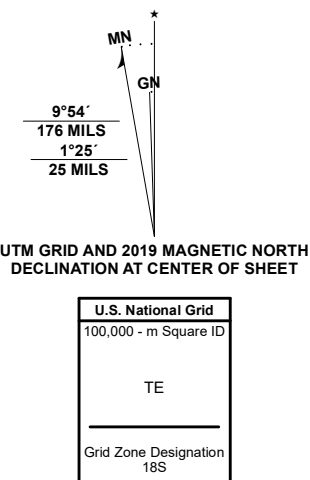
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Wetlands.....FWS National Wetlands Inventory Not Available



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ADJOINING QUADRANGLES

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Expressway	Local Connector
Secondary Hwy	Local Road
Ramp	4WD
Interstate Route	US Route
	State Route

