Determination of Minor Construction Activity

North Carolina Division of Water Quality
Construction Grants and Loans Section

Project Applicant: Town of Black Mountain
Date: July 29, 2009
Project Number: 2W370873-01
Estimated Project Cost: $ 412,480
Estimated Funding Amount: $ 412,480

Project Description: The Town of Black Mountain proposes to construct a regional project to reduce the adverse stormwater quality impacts of urban stormwater runoff to Tomahawk Branch, Lake Tomahawk, and the Swannanoa River. This entire project will take place on Town of Black Mountain property. This project involves the construction of 6 off-line regional extended stormwater wetland detention/sedimentation areas upstream of Lake Tomahawk and the replacement of the existing inlet control structure and valve. This project will create over 21.5 acre-feet (34,600 yd^3) of additional storage capacity and prevent sediment (TSS) from entering the lake by providing sediment removal and storage in a location designed for easy sediment removal. The new regional stormwater detention areas will utilize native riparian wetland vegetation to assist in the removal of additional urban runoff pollutants such as nitrogen and phosphorus. The new stormwater detention areas will also provide flood control and reduce the erosive velocities of stormwater runoff

The above named applicant intends to apply for assistance from the State Revolving Fund program associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to construct the wastewater facilities described above. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the procedures (NCAC 15A Subchapter 1C) for conformance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The DWQ has determined that this project is a minor construction activity, and that the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by DWQ. This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality, Construction Grants and Loans Section, and is available for public review at www.nccgl.net.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Mr. Kim H. Colson, P.E., Assistant Chief, Construction Grants and Loans Section, Division of Water Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1633, or he may be reached by phone at (919) 715-6212.

Sincerely,

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