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Governor

NICHOLAS J. TENNYSON
Secretary

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Dear Landowner:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (Department) is constantly working to provide better and safer transportation facilities for public uses in North Carolina. The effects that these proposed facilities have on the human and natural environment are of great concern to the Department and must be adequately described in environmental documents, such as Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements. As part of this process, the Department is obligated to identify and document environmental resources so that they can be avoided or impacts reduced. Streams and wetlands are two of the resources that must be identified during the review process. **The Department has begun planning studies to upgrade U.S. 70 to a freeway from Lynn Road (S.R. 1921) in Durham to west of T.W. Alexander Boulevard (S.R. 3067) in Raleigh and convert the at-grade intersection of U.S. 70 with South Miami Boulevard (SR 1959)/Mineral Springs Road (SR 1917)/Sherron Road (SR 1811) to an interchange, Durham and Wake Counties. STIP Project U-5720.** Additional project information can be found at the following website: <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US70DurhamRaleigh>.

Over the next several weeks, representatives of the Department, as well as the US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Regulatory Division, may be present on your property for the purposes of conducting or verifying the limits of waters and wetlands pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. These representatives will be wearing orange safety vests, have picture ID badges, and will be hanging pink and black flagging, or ribbons, on trees and shrubs to identify the limits of streams and wetlands, if present, on the property. This flagging ***does not*** indicate the location of a proposed transportation project, but it is very important in our environmental review process. Please do not disturb this flagging.

Please note that if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has already issued a Jurisdictional Determination on your property confirming the presence of streams and/or wetlands, or if you have general questions or comments about the project, contact the NCDOT Project Manager Zahid Baloch, PE, by mail at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone 919-707-6012, or via email at zbaloch@ncdot.gov. If you call, please mention NCDOT project number U-5720.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PHS", written over a horizontal line.

for Philip S. Harris III, P.E., C.P.M.
Natural Environment Section Head

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