Environmental Report for the New Asheville – Enka 115kV West Line in Buncombe County, NC



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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) proposes to design, build, and operate a new 115kV overhead electric transmission line to ensure continuation of reliable electric service to customers in western North Carolina. The new 115kV transmission line will extend generally north and west approximately 7.6 miles from an existing substation at PEC's Asheville Generating Plant (located at Skyland south of Asheville) to PEC's existing Enka Substation (located south of Enka near the intersection of Smoky Park Highway and Sand Hill Road). The entire project is located in Buncombe County, North Carolina. A USGS topographic map is included for review (Figure Key and 1-11).

The purpose of this environmental report is to document the results of the desktop and field surveys that were conducted to:

- Determine the occurrence of or the potential for existence of state and federally listed plant and animal species within the proposed transmission line corridor that are known to occur in Buncombe County and, in particular, within a 2-mile radius of the project area; and
- Identify general habitat types within the proposed transmission line corridor, including jurisdictional streams and wetlands.

Completion of this assessment was directed by and complies with four current state and federal regulations: Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC 1531-1543), North Carolina Endangered Species Act (N.C.G.S. Sect. 113 article 25), and North Carolina Plant Protection and Conservation Act of 1979 (N.C.G.S. Sect. 19b 106: 202.12-22); Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344), 33 CFR Part 328.3(b).

### 2.0 METHODOLOGY

Recent database information for listed species was acquired from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the NC Natural Heritage Program (NHP) database on May 10, 2010 concerning the existence or potential existence of federally or state listed species within Buncombe County, North Carolina and within a 2-mile radius of the proposed transmission line corridor.

During a desktop survey, the preferred habitat type for each listed species was identified and compared to the observed habitat type identified within the proposed transmission line corridor: riparian forest, mixed pine/hardwood, mixed upland hardwood, mountain mixed pine, herbaceous cover, streams, and wetlands. Species were then categorically excluded from the field survey based on their preferred habitat and the commonality of the preferred habitat and the existing habitat. Field surveys of the proposed transmission line corridor were conducted from May 11 through 27, 2010. For the purposes of this assessment a 50-foot wide corridor on either side of the 7.6-mile proposed transmission line center-line was reviewed. Total area within the proposed transmission line corridor is approximately 92 acres. Fauna were identified to the taxonomic unit level necessary to determine if the observed specimen is a protected species. Flora were identified to the lowest taxonomic level readily discernible in the field during the time of survey.

ClearWater Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) completed a delineation of "waters of the United States" (wetlands and streams) from May 11 through 27, 2010. Stream and wetland maps are included for review (Figure Key and 1-11).

Wetlands identified on site include areas with the presence of three wetland criteria as outlined in the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (1987 Manual): presence of hydric soil, hydrophytic vegetation, and evidence of wetland hydrology and connectivity. Indicators of hydrology include, but are not limited to, saturation in the upper 12 inches of the soil profile, drift lines, water marks, and sediment deposits. In general, hydric soils have a chroma 1 or less, with or without oxidized root channels; or chroma 2 or less with oxidized root channels in the upper 12 inches of the "A" horizon. Vegetation holding "FAC", "FAC+", "FACW", or "OBL" designations are considered to be hydrophytic. Plant communities in subject areas include hydrophytic vegetation at a proportion of at least 50 percent.

Channel determinations are based primarily on the definition of "waters of the United States" found in 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 328. The jurisdictional extent is considered the upper limits of the ordinary high water mark as identified in the field. The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) District Office has provided additional regional guidance for jurisdictional designations on drainage features. Only those channels with adequate groundwater discharge to maintain intermittent or perennial flow are found to be jurisdictional.

### 3.0 HABITAT DESCRIPTION

### 3.1 Riparian Forest

Riparian forests are located adjacent to Pond Branch and unnamed tributaries, Boring Mill Branch and unnamed tributaries, the French Broad River and unnamed tributaries, and Clayton Creek and unnamed tributaries. Because the riparian forest areas represent the interface between the aquatic and upland areas on site, the vegetation in the riparian area has characteristics of both aquatic and upland habitats. Many of the plant species in the riparian area require increased amounts of water and are adapted to alluvial soils with shallow water table conditions. Tree growth rate is high and vegetation under the canopy is denser and includes a wide variety of shrubs, grasses, and other herbaceous species. Species common in this habitat type that were observed include: red maple (*Acer rubrum*), tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*), American holly (*Ilex opaca*), black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), service berry (*Amelanchier arborea*), witch-hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), spice bush (*Lindera benzoin*), wild yam (*Dioscorea villosa*), rattlesnake plantain (*Goodyera pubescens*), and cinnamon fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomea*).

### 3.2 Mixed Pine/Hardwood

The mixed pine/hardwood forest is well-developed and is comprised of a closedcanopy dominated by deciduous hardwood trees on mesic soils. There is a diverse assemblage of deciduous and evergreen tree species in the canopy and understory, shade-tolerant shrubs, and a sparse groundcover. Species common in this habitat type that were observed include: shortleaf pine (*Pinus echinata*), tulip poplar, white pine (*Pinus strobus*), Northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), red maple, flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), American holly, sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), false Solomon's seal (*Maianthemum racemosa*), and poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*).

## 3.3 Mixed Upland Hardwood

Upland hardwood forest habitat occurs on upland sites that lack a significant presence of pine and on soils that retain water. A continuous, often dense, canopy of deciduous trees characterizes this habitat. Older forests commonly have several nearly closed layers of woody plants, including a well defined canopy, understory, and shrub layer. These layers combine to produce continuous cover. Species common in this habitat type that were observed include: tulip poplar, white oak (*Quercus alba*), red maple, mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*), sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*), Christmas fern, false Solomon's seal, and Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*).

### 3.4 Mountain Mixed Pine

Mixed pine forest habitat occurs on upland sites that lack a significant presence of hardwoods and on soils that are acidic. A continuous, often dense, canopy of pines and a locally dense shrub layer characterizes this habitat. Species common in this habitat type that were observed include: white pine, Virginia pine (*Pinus virginiana*), chestnut oak (*Quercus montana*), lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*), wild azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*), rosebay rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*), and mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*).

### 3.5 Herbaceous Cover

Areas of herbaceous cover within the proposed transmission line corridor lack a significant presence of tress and shrubs and include those areas maintained for livestock, utility line corridors (i.e. existing transmission line), and herbaceous wetlands (Section 3.7). Herbaceous plants are those that are non-woody and usually die back following each growing season. These include grasses and forbs; the latter being the broad-leaved herbaceous plants including wildflowers and "weeds". Theses naturally occurring herbaceous plants are a valuable source of food and cover for wildlife. Species common in this habitat type that were observed include: ox-eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), English plantain

(*Plantago lanceolata*), bulbous buttercup (*Ranunculus bulbosus*), goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*), white clover (*Trifolium repens*), narrowleaf vetch (*Vicia sativa spp. nigra*), sweet vernal grass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*), and orchard grass (*Dactylis glomerata*).

### 3.6 Streams

Streams within the proposed transmission line corridor include Pond Branch, Boring Mill Branch, the French Broad River, Clayton Creek, and unnamed tributaries. Unnamed tributaries on site hold the same stream classification as the named tributary into which they flow. The French Broad River is classified as a Class "B" water by the NC Division of Water Quality (DWQ); all other tributaries are classified as Class "C" waters.

**Class "B" Waters** are those waters protected for primary recreation, including frequent or organized swimming and other uses suitable for Class "C" waters. Discharges and sources of water pollution which preclude any of these uses on either a short-term or long-term basis shall be considered to be a violation of water quality standards.

**Class "C" Waters** are those waters protected for secondary recreation, fishing, wildlife, fish and aquatic life propagation and survival, agriculture and other uses suitable for class "C". Secondary recreation includes wading, boating, and other uses involving human body contact with water where such activities take place in an infrequent, unorganized, or incidental manner. There are no restrictions on watershed development or types of discharges.

### 3.7 Wetlands

Forested and herbaceous wetlands exist within the proposed transmission line corridor. Species common in this habitat type include: American sycamore, ironwood (*Carpinus caroliniana*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), tag alder (*Lindera benzoin*), arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), yellowroot (*Xanthorhiza simplicissima*), Joe-pye weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*), jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), and great bladder sedge (*Carex intumescens*). Data form for wetlands within the transmission line corridor are included for review (Appendix A).

A list of all plant species observed on site is included for review (Appendix B).

### 4.0 LISTED SPECIES

The NHP and FWS identify 158 state and federally listed plant and animal species as existing or potentially existing in Buncombe County. The NHP identifies 51 state and federally listed plant and animal species as existing or potentially existing within the Asheville, Enka, and Skyland USGS topographic quadrangles. More specifically, the NHP identifies 20 state and federally listed plant and animal species existing or potentially existing within 2-miles of the proposed transmission line corridor. The table below lists the

20 species identified by the NHP. These species were included in the desktop and field surveys.

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Scientific Name	Common Name	<u>State</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Habitat</u> Present	Significant Effect
Invertebrate Animal					
Macdunnoa brunnea	A Mayfly	SR	None	Y	N
Vascular Plant					
Dendrolycopodium dendroideum	Prickly Ground-pine	SR-P	None	Ν	Ν
Helianthus occidentalis	Naked-stem Sunflower	SR-P	None	Y	Ν
Hexastylis rhombiformis	French Broad Heartleaf	Т	FSC	Y	Ν
Lysimachia fraseri	Fraser's Loosestrife	Е	FSC	Y	Ν
Spiraea virginiana	Virginia Spiraea	Е	Т	Ν	N
Vertebrate Animal					
Ambystoma talpoideum	Mole Salamander	SC	None	Y	N
Apalone spinifera spinifera	Eastern Spiny Softshell	SC	None	Y	Ν
Crotalus horridus	Timber Rattlesnake	SC	None	Y	Ν
Cryptobranchus alleganiensis	Hellbender	SC	FSC	Y	Ν
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler	SC	FSC	Y	N
Erimystax insignis eristigma	Mountain Blotched Chub	SR	FSC	Y	N
Eumeces anthracinus	Coal Skink	SR	None	Y	Ν
Glyptemys muhlenbergii	Bog Turtle	Т	T(S/A)	Y	Ν
Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed Salamander	SC	None	Y	Ν
Myotis leibii	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	SC	FSC	Ν	Ν
Necturus maculosus	Common Mudpuppy	SC	None	Y	Ν
Percina williamsii	Sickle Darter	SC	FSC	Y	N
Vertebrate Animal					
Polyodon spathula	Paddlefish	Е	FSC	Y	N
Vireo gilvus	Warbling Vireo	SR	None	Y	N

Table 1. State and Federally Listed Species

Source: US Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, May/June 2010 See Appendix C for explanation of codes.

### 4.1 Impacts to State and Federally Listed Species

None of the species listed in Table 1 were observed on site during the pedestrian survey. It is the opinion of CEC, that the species listed above will not be directly impacted by construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor.

The Eastern small-footed bat requires caves, mines, and/or hollow trees year round for roosting. No caves or mines are located along the proposed transmission line corridor; and few dead stands were identified although there are many fallen trees within portions of the proposed transmission line corridor. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor will not have a significant effect on this species.

The common mudpuppy, Eastern spiny softshell, and hellbender are found in large streams and rivers. The proposed transmission line corridor will cross the French Broad River three times but will not directly impact the river. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor will not have a significant effect on these species.

Bog turtles prefer open wet meadow/pasture habitats. Some wetlands within the proposed transmission line corridor are herbaceous wetlands and may be suitable for bog turtle. It is likely that maintenance of the existing transmission line corridor contributes to the presence of the habitat by restricting tree growth and forested conditions. Currently, permanent impacts are not proposed in the herbaceous wetlands that represent the most suitable bog turtle habitat. Maintenance on the proposed transmission line will be consistent with maintenance on the existing line. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on this species.

Virginia spiraea and naked-stem sunflower have been listed as "destroyed" by the NHP. The last observation of these species was 1919 and 1897, respectively. These species were not observed during field surveys. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

Sandy bottomlands and alluvial meadows are the preferred habitat for Fraser's loosestrife. Moderately suitable habitat for Fraser's loosestrife is present adjacent to the French Broad River. The last observation of this species was 1897. This species was not observed during field surveys. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on this species.

Warbling vireo and cerulean warbler are birds which prefer hardwood forest or riparian hardwood forest habitats. Hardwood forests exist within the proposed transmission line corridor. Both species are transient and are not year-round residents in western North Carolina. Birds will only be temporarily displaced during construction of the proposed transmission line. These species, which breed in western North Carolina in the summer season or fly through during migration, will find nesting areas and stop-over shelter outside of the existing and proposed transmission line corridor. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

Prickly ground-pine prefers mountain bald habitats. Balds do not exist within the proposed transmission line corridor. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor will not have a significant effect on these species.

The coal skink prefers rocky slopes, wooded hillsides, and road banks. Suitable habitat for the coal skink exists within the proposed transmission line corridor. The coal skink may be temporarily displaced; however, impacts will be minimal. Additionally, the coal skink has been listed as "historic" by the NHP. The last observation of this species was 1937. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

French Broad heartleaf prefers cove forests in the mountain and piedmont region of North Carolina. Cove forests do exist within the proposed transmission line corridor. French Broad heartleaf was not observed during field surveys. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

Mole salamanders prefer fish-free semi-permanent woodland ponds. Moderately suitable habitat for the species exists within the proposed transmission line corridor; however, impacts will be minimal and associated with clearing and not actual tower placement or permanent fill. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

Four-toed salamanders prefer pools, bogs, and wetland within hardwood forests. Suitable habitat for four-toed salamanders exists within the proposed transmission line corridor. Impacts will be minimal and associated with clearing and not actual tower placement or permanent fill. Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

Timber rattlesnake occupies a variety of habitats depending on the time of year. Summer ranges include heavily forested areas, rocky hillsides, and fields bordered by forests. In early fall, timber rattlesnake begin moving towards their winter hibernation dens which are typically rocky outcrops with deep crevices leading well below the frost line. Habitat for timber rattlesnake is present within the proposed transmission line corridor; however, the species was not observed during field surveys. Members of this species are transient and would be able to move to more suitable areas during construction and maintenance. Additionally, the NHP's last recorded observation date was 1960 with the element occurrence accuracy identified as "very low". Construction and maintenance of the proposed transmission line corridor is not likely to have a significant effect on these species.

Sickle darter, *Macdunnoa brunnea*, mountain blotched chub, and paddlefish are known to occur or historically occur in the French Broad River or drainage. The proposed transmission line corridor will cross the French Broad River three times but will not directly impact the river. Additionally, there will be no permanent impacts to streams within the proposed transmission line corridor. Construction and installation of the proposed transmission line corridor will not have a significant effect on these species.

### 5.0 Summary and Conclusion

The site is mostly forested with mixed pine/hardwood and mixed upland hardwood forests as the dominant forest types. The proposed transmission line corridor will cross several streams and wetlands. Although forested habitat occurs on significant portions of the proposed transmission line corridor, the nature of the forested habitat provides little in the way of high quality or unique wildlife habitat. While these forested areas do provide habitat for some species, the proposed transmission line corridor could not be considered unique or significant in its contribution to wildlife habitat. Because the areas that will be disturbed provide relatively common habitat, impacts are not likely to be significant.

Based upon the desktop and field surveys, along with the habitat assessment, it is the opinion of CEC that:

- the forest types on site are not an unusual or rare habitat for the region,
- federally and state listed species are not present within the proposed transmission line corridor, and
- construction of the proposed transmission line is not likely to threaten the continued existence of listed species or their preferred habitat.

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- North Carolina Natural Heritage Program database. Species accounts at http://www.ncnhp.org.

### 7.0 Statement of Qualifications

ClearWater Environmental Consultants, Inc. was formed as a professional environmental consulting firm in 2002 devoted to environmental services in the areas of wetland delineation, stream evaluation, habitat assessments, threatened and endangered species surveys, NEPA/SEPA environmental assessments, environmental permitting, development planning, and consulting. ClearWater Environmental Consultants, Inc.

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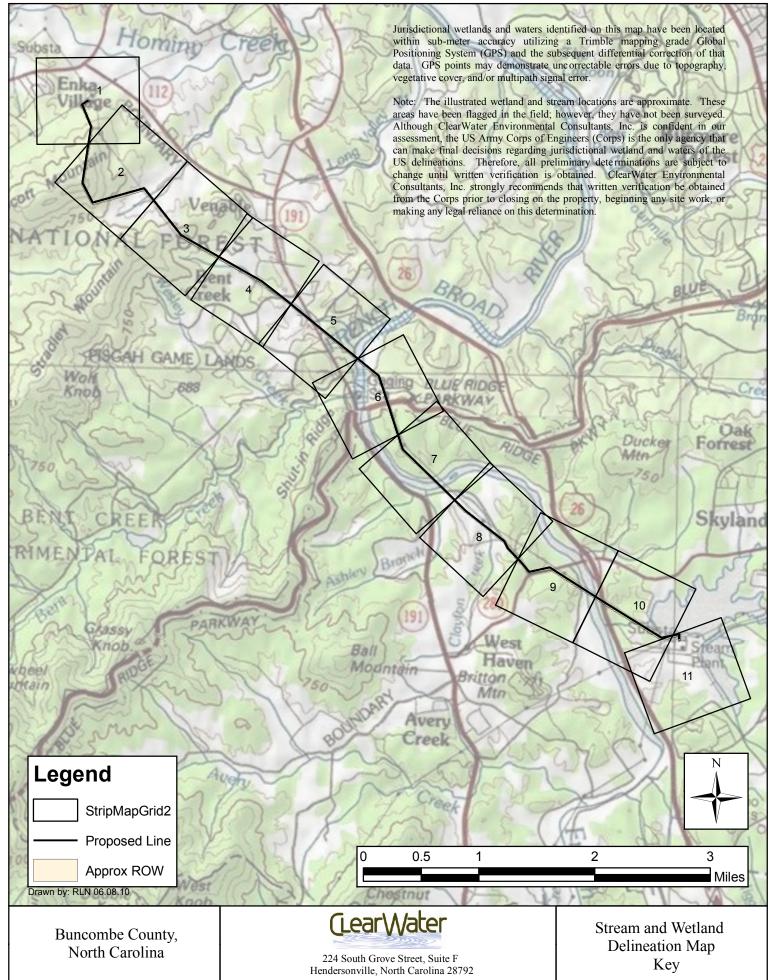
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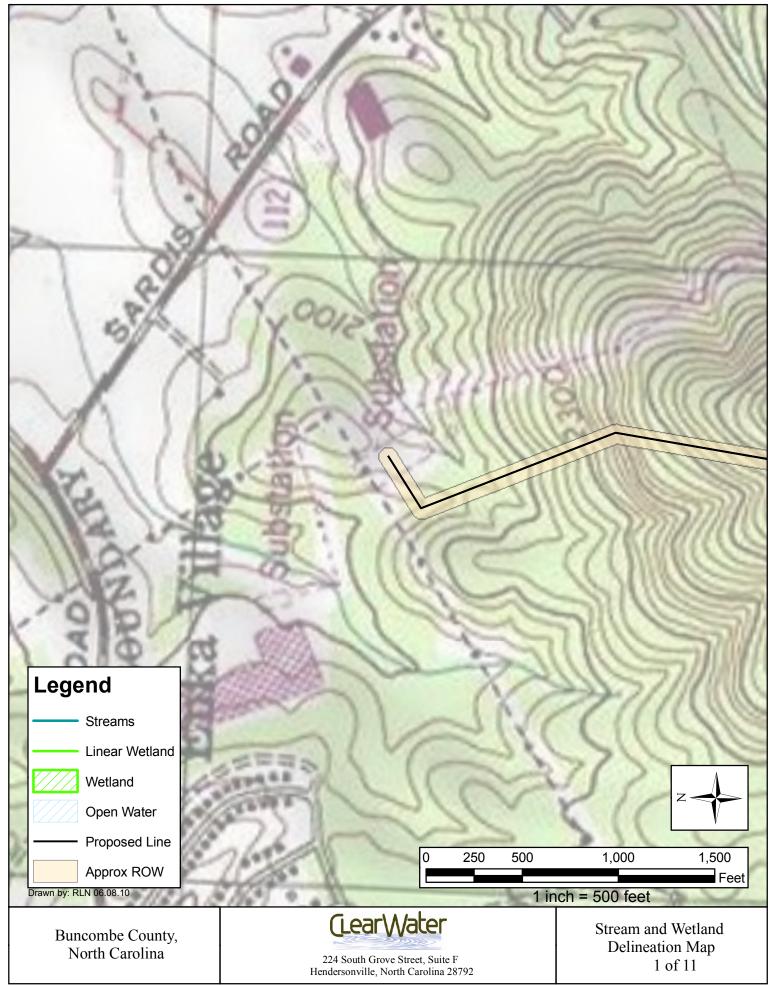
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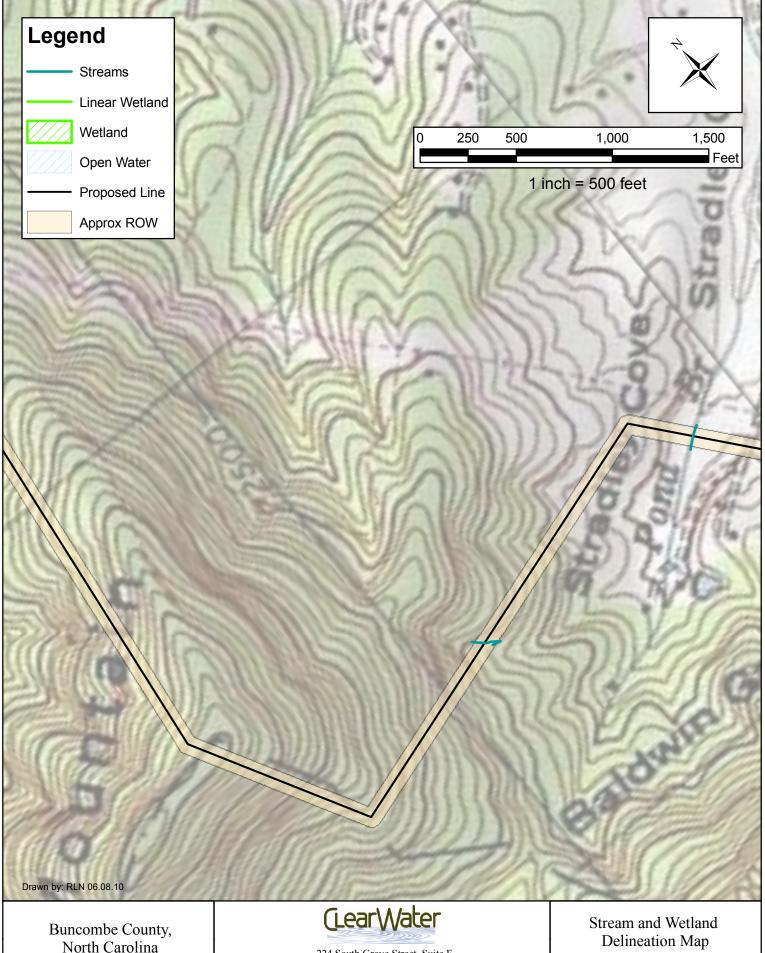
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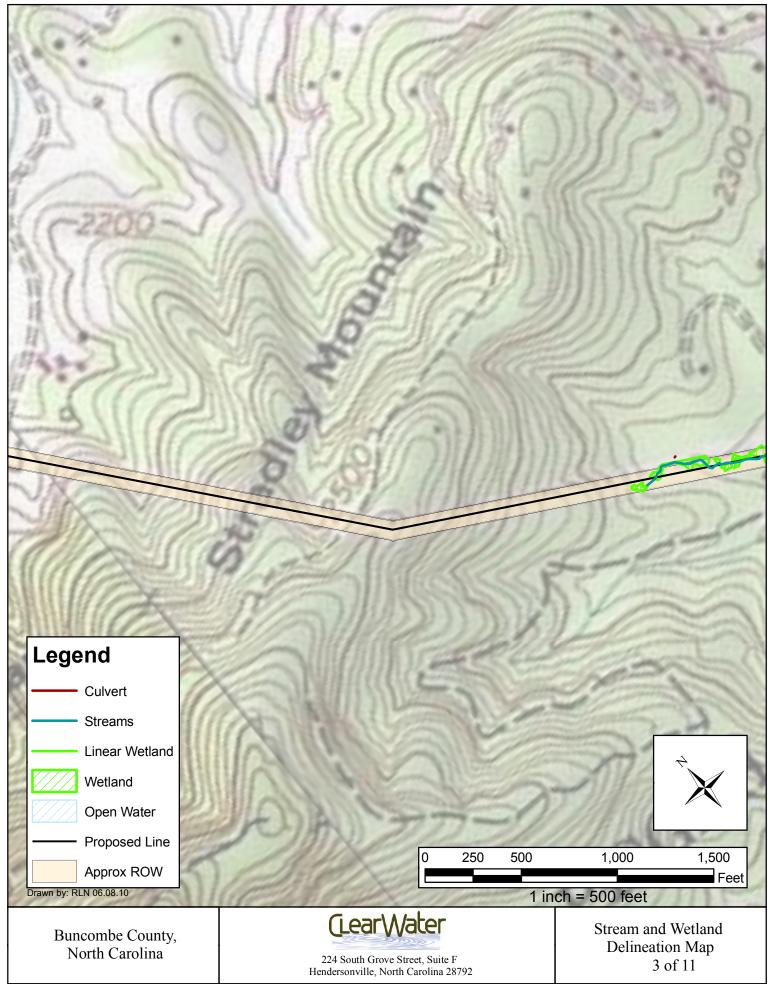
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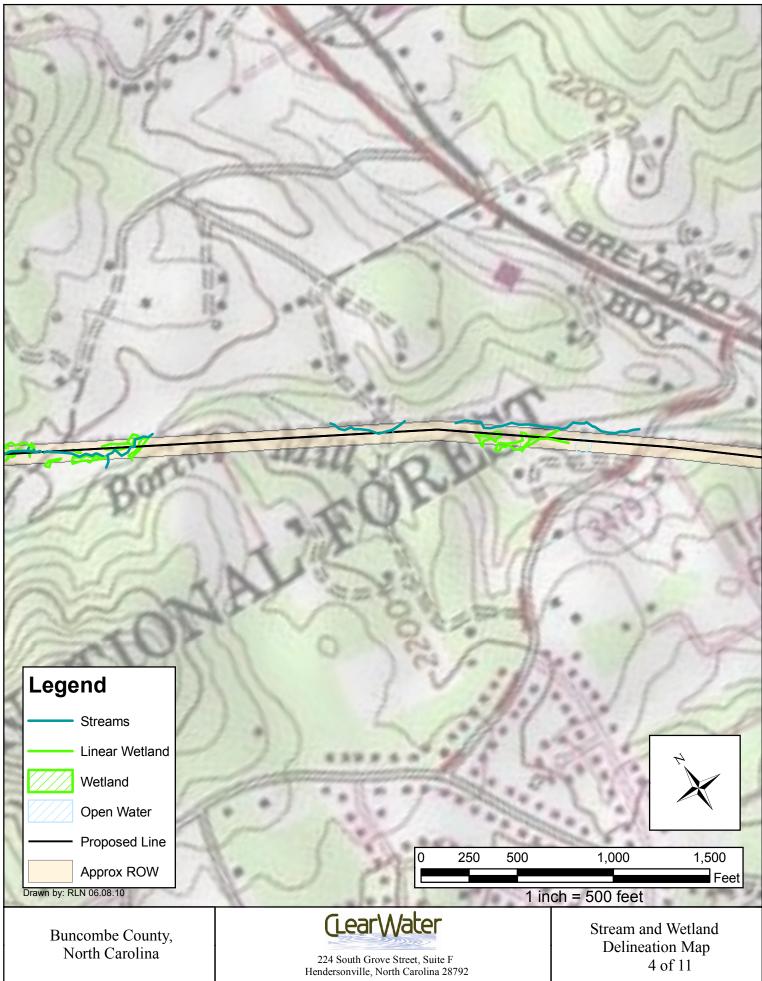


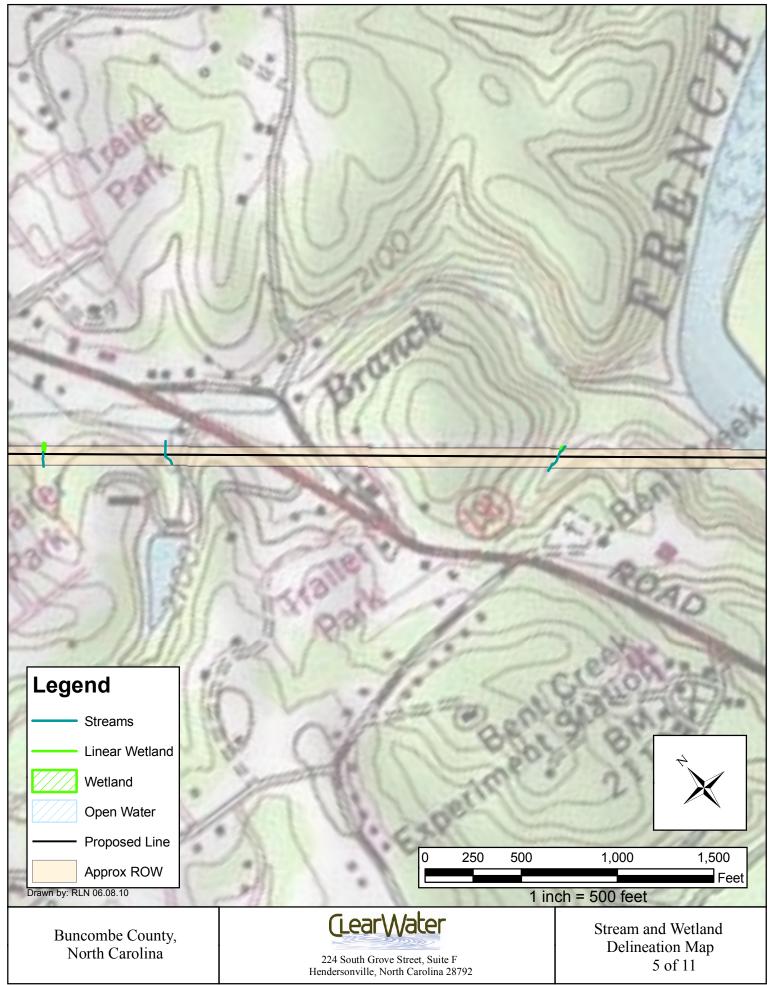


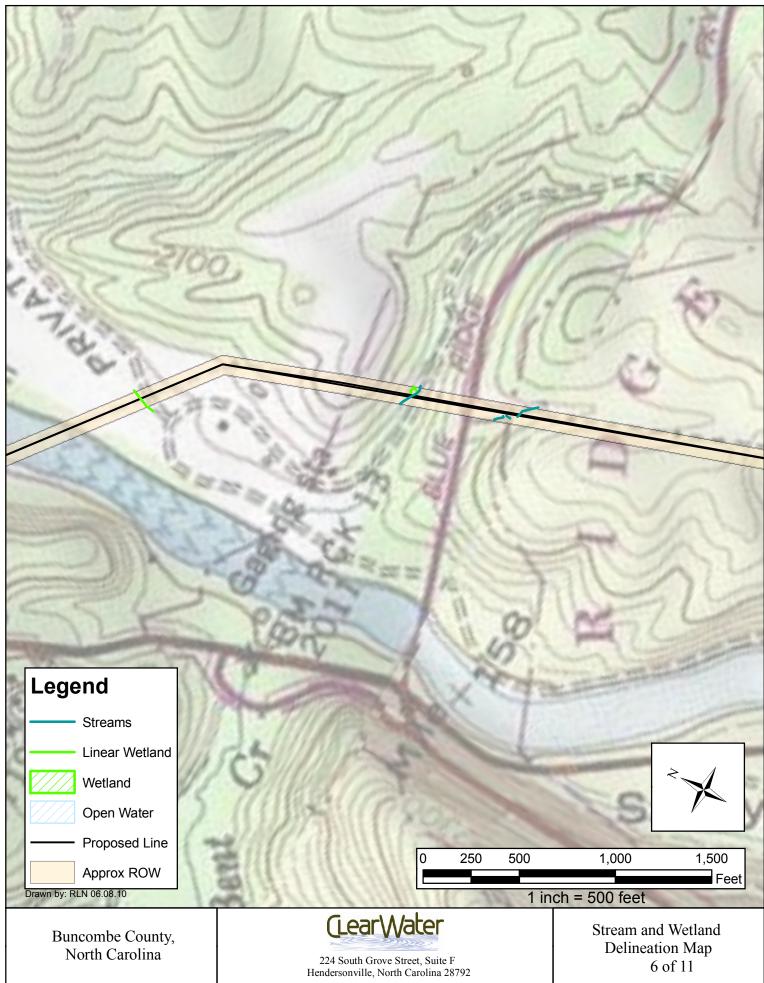


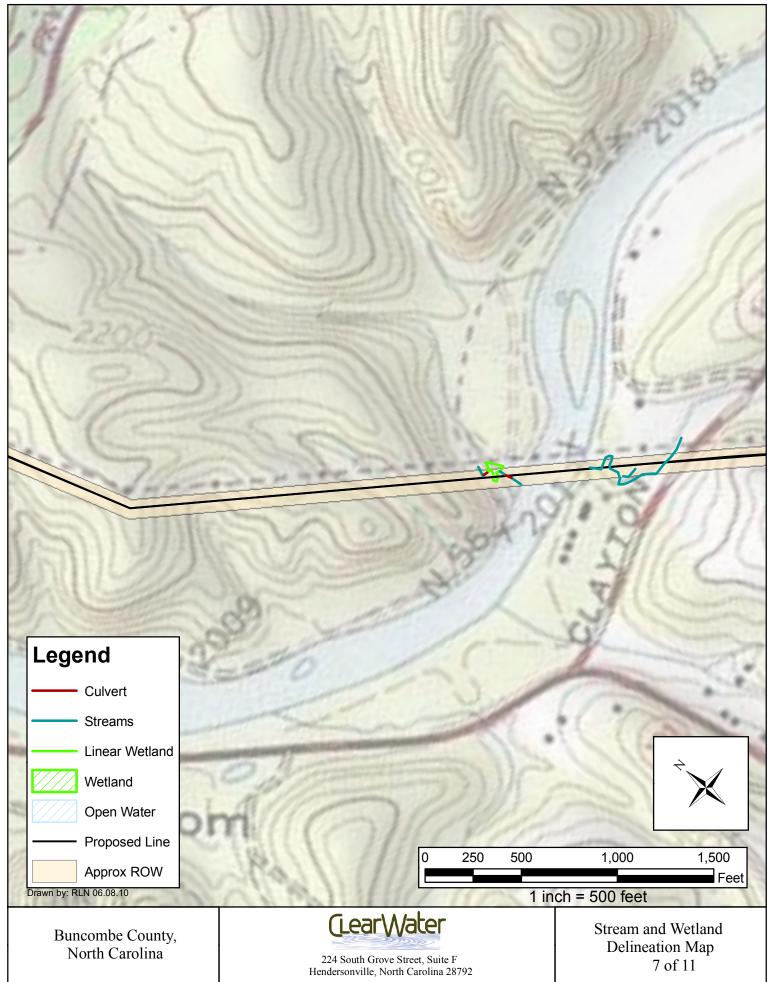
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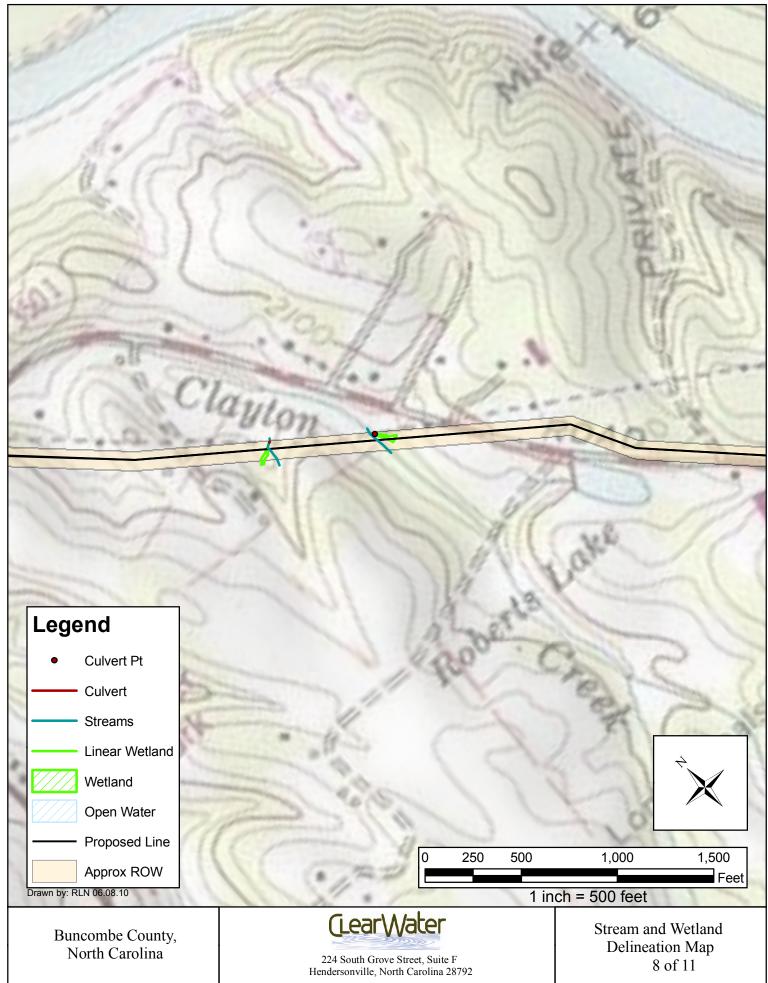


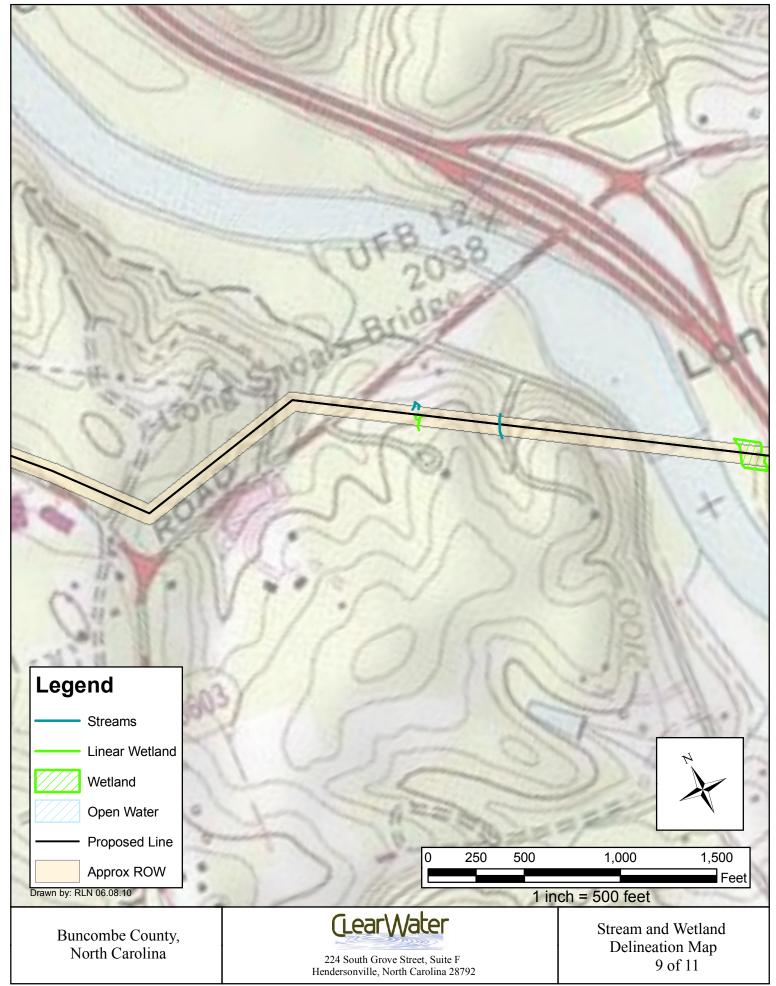


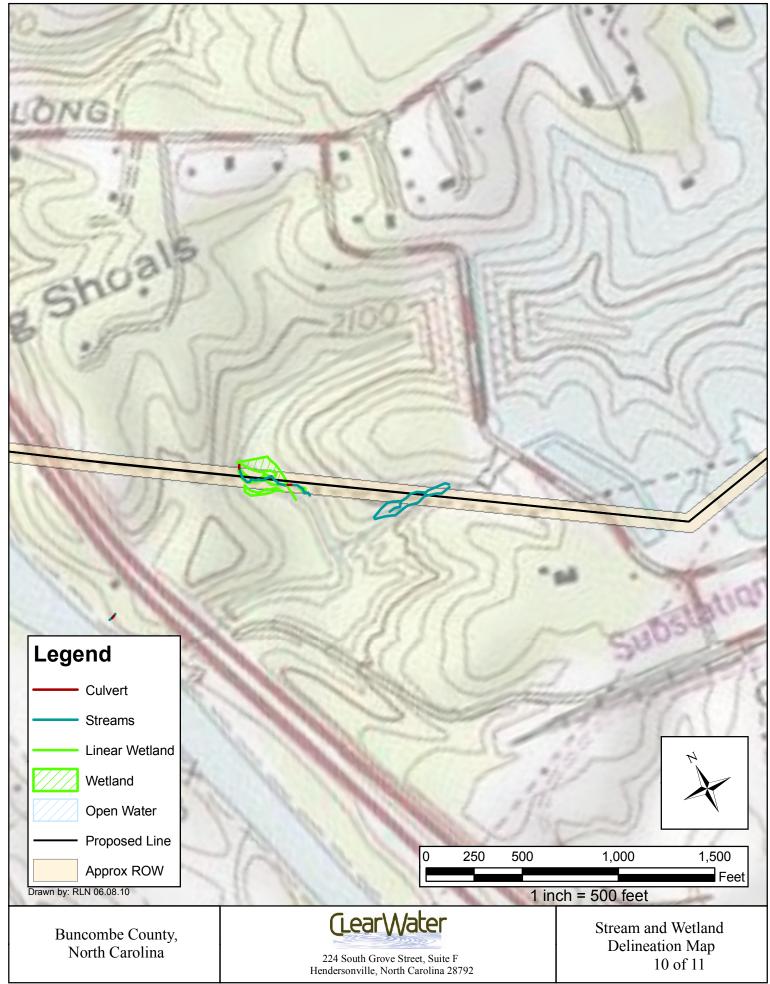


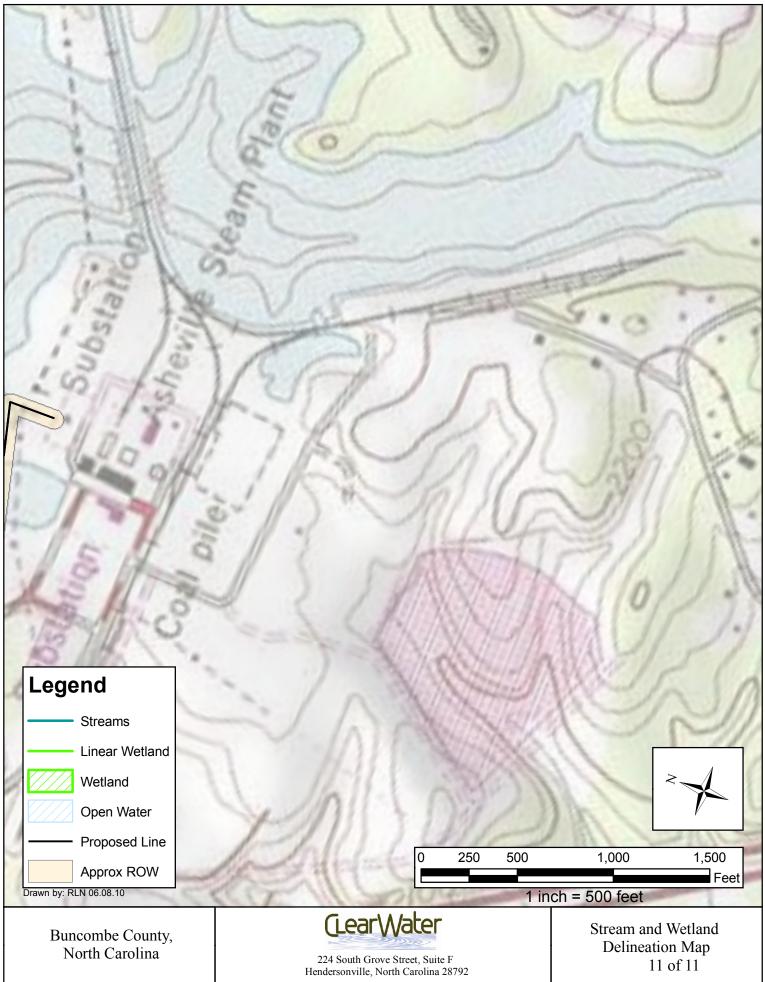












Appendix A Wetland Data Forms

## DATA FORM ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION (1987 COE Wetlands Determination Manual)

Project / Site:Asheville-Enka 115kV LineApplicant / Owner:Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.Investigator:Rebekah Newton, Clement Riddle	Date: 05/25/10 County: <u>Buncombe</u> State: NC
Do normal circumstances exist on the site?YesXNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNoXIs the area a potential problem area?YesNoX(explain on reverse if needed)YesNoX	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:BD

## VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	
<ol> <li>Acer rubrum</li> <li>Betula nigra</li> <li>Salix nigra</li> <li>Cornus florida</li> <li>Ligustrum sinense</li> <li>Lonicera japonica</li> <li>Carex spp</li> <li>Carex lurida</li> </ol>	T T T S V H H	FAC FACW OBL FACU FAC FAC- SFACW OBL	9. Arundinaria gigantea         10. Microstegium viminium         11. Polystichum acrostichoides         12. Toxicodendron radicans         13.         14.         15.         16.	H H V V	FACW FAC+ FAC FAC	
Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $10/12 = 83\%$						
Remarks:						

## HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge Aerial Photographs Other	Wetland Hydrology Indicators Primary Indicators: Inundated Saturated in Unner 10"		
<u>x</u> No Recorded Data Available	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water Marks Drift Lines		
Field Observations:	Sediment Deposits Drainage Patterns in Wetlands		
Depth of Surface Water: 0->12 (in.)	Secondary Indicators:		
Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>0-3 (i</u> n.)	x Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" x Water-Stained Leaves		
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0-3 (in.)	Local Soil Survey Data <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test <u>Other (Explain in Remarks)</u>		
Remarks: Old pond.			

## SOILS

	Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):Drainage Class:						
Taxonomy (Subgroup):				Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No		
Profile Des Depth (inches)	cription: Horizon	Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.		
0-12	A	10YR4/2	10YR4/6	few/distinct	loam		
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Hydric S	oil Indicato	ors:					
Histosol       Concretions         Histic Epipedon       High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils         Sulfidic Odor       Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils         Aquic Moisture Regime       Listed On Local Hydric Soils List         Reducing Conditions       Listed on National Hydric Soils List         x       Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors       Other (Explain in Remarks)							
Remarks	:						

## WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

## DATA FORM ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION (1987 COE Wetlands Determination Manual)

Project / Site:Asheville-Enka 115kV LineApplicant / Owner:Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.Investigator:Rebekah Newton, Clement Riddle, Julie Smoak	Date: 05/11/10 County: <u>Buncombe</u> State: NC
Do normal circumstances exist on the site?Yes_XNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNoXIs the area a potential problem area?YesNoX(explain on reverse if needed)YesYes	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:CD/CE

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Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $14/15 = 93\%$						
Remarks:						

## HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge	Wetland Hydrology Indicators		
Aerial Photographs	Primary Indicators:		
Other	<u>x</u> Inundated		
	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12" x Water Marks		
<u>x</u> No Recorded Data Available	Drift Lines		
	x Sediment Deposits		
Field Observations:	Drainage Patterns in Wetlands		
Depth of Surface Water: <u>0-1</u> (in.)	Secondary Indicators:		
Depth to Free Water in Pit: 0-1 (in.)	_x Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" x Water-Stained Leaves		
	Local Soil Survey Data		
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	x FAC-Neutral Test		
	Other (Explain in Remarks)		
Remarks:			

## SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):					Drainage Class		
Taxonomy (Subgroup):				Confirm Mapped Type? Yes No			
	Horizon	Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist) 10YR4/1 10YR2/1		ell Moist)	Mottle <u>Abundance/Contrast</u>		
Hydric So	oil Indicato	ors:					
Histosol       Concretions         Histic Epipedon       High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils         Sulfidic Odor       Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils         Aquic Moisture Regime       Listed On Local Hydric Soils List         Reducing Conditions       Listed on National Hydric Soils List         x       Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors       Other (Explain in Remarks)							
Remarks							
WETLAND DETERMINATION							
Wetland	vtic Vegeta Hydrology bils Presen		Yes <u>x</u>	No No No	-		_ No
Remarks							

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Do normal circumstances exist on the site?YesXNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNoXIs the area a potential problem area?YesNoX(explain on reverse if needed)YesNoX	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:K

## VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	
<ol> <li>Acer rubrum</li> <li>Liriodendron tulipifera</li> <li>Platanus occidentialis</li> <li>Carpinus caroliniana</li> <li>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</li> <li>Ilex opaca</li> <li>Alnus serrulata</li> <li>Lindera benzoin</li> </ol>	T T T T T S S	FAC FACW- FAC FACW FAC- FACW+ FACW+	<ul> <li>9. Viburnum dentatum</li> <li>10. Xanthorhiza simplicissima</li> <li>11. Rosa multiflora</li> <li>12. Eupatorium fistulosum</li> <li>13. Impatiens capensis</li> <li>14. Osmunda regalis</li> <li>15. Podophyllum peltatum</li> <li>16. Carex intumescens</li> </ul>	S S H H H H H	FAC FACW- UPL FAC+ FACW OBL FACU FACW	
Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $13/15 = 81\%$						
Remarks:						

## HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge Aerial Photographs Other x No Recorded Data Available Field Observations:	Wetland Hydrology Indicators  Primary Indicators: Inundated X Saturated in Upper 12" Water Marks Drift Lines X Sediment Deposits
	<u>x</u> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands
Depth of Surface Water: 0 (in.)	Secondary Indicators:
Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>2 (i</u> n.)	x Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" x Water-Stained Leaves
Depth to Saturated Soil: 2 (in.)	Local Soil Survey Data <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks:	

## SOILS

Map Unit (Series a		<u>.</u>			Drainage Class	:	
Taxonom	y (Subgro	up):			Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes	No
0-4	Horizon A	10YR3/2		I Moist)	Mottle <u>Abundance/Contrast</u>	loam	
Hydric Soil Indicators:        Histosol      Concretions        Histic Epipedon      High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils        X_Sulfidic Odor      Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils							
X	Reducin	oisture Regime g Conditions or Low-Chroma Co	olors	Liste	d On Local Hydric Soil d on National Hydric S r (Explain in Remarks)	oils List	
Remarks	:						
WETLA		ERMINATION					
Wetland	/tic Vegeta Hydrology bils Presen		Yes <u>x</u> Yes <u>x</u> Yes <u>x</u>	No	ls the Sampling Within a Wetla		No
Remarks							

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Do normal circumstances exist on the site?       Yes_X       No         Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?       Yes No_X         Is the area a potential problem area?       Yes No_X         (explain on reverse if needed)       Yes No_X	Transect ID:

## VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator
<ol> <li>Salix nigra</li> <li>Barbarea vulgaris</li> <li>Cicuta maculata</li> <li>Eupatorium fistulosum</li> <li>Eupatorium perfoliatum</li> <li>Impatiens capensis</li> <li>Sagittaria latifolia</li> <li>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</li> </ol>	<u>S</u> <u>H</u> <u>H</u> <u>H</u> <u>H</u> <u>H</u> <u>H</u>	OBL FAC OBL FAC+ FACW+ FACW OBL FAC	9.       Verbasina alternifolia         10.       Carex spp         11.       Dichanthelium clandestinum         12.       Microstegium viminium         13.       14.         15.       16.	<u>H</u> <u>H</u> <u>H</u> 	FAC >FACW FACW FAC
Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $12/12 = 100\%$					
Remarks:					

## HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge Aerial Photographs Other       x    No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators  Primary Indicators:
Depth of Surface Water: <u>0-&gt;12 (in.)</u>	Secondary Indicators:
Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>0-2 (i</u> n.)	x Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" x Water-Stained Leaves
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	Local Soil Survey Data <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test Other (Explain in Remarks)
<b>Remarks:</b> Beaver impounded.	

## SOILS

	Map Unit Name Series and Phase):Drainage Class:								
Taxonomy (Subgroup):				Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No				
Profile Des Depth (inches)	<u>cription:</u> Horizon	Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.				
0-2	Α	10YR3/2	<u>.</u>		loam				
3+	A	10YR3/2	10YR4/6	few/faint	loam				
Hydric Se	oil Indicato	ors:							
Histosol       Concretions         Histic Epipedon       High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils         x       Sulfidic Odor       Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils         Aquic Moisture Regime       Listed On Local Hydric Soils List         x       Reducing Conditions       Listed on National Hydric Soils List         x       Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors       Other (Explain in Remarks)									
Remarks	:								

## WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

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Do normal circumstances exist on the site?YesXNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNoXIs the area a potential problem area?YesNoX(explain on reverse if needed)YesNoX	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:RD

## VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	
<ol> <li>Betula nigra</li> <li>Platanus occidentalis</li> <li>Salix nigra</li> <li>Alnus serrulata</li> <li>Cornus amomum</li> <li>Physocarpus opulifolius</li> <li>Sambucus canadensis</li> <li>Vitis labrusca</li> </ol>	T T S S S V	FACW FACW- OBL FACW+ FAC+ FAC- FACW- FAC+	<ul> <li>9. Boehmeria cylindrica</li> <li>10. Impatiens capensis</li> <li>11. Lobelia cardinalis</li> <li>12. Peltandra virginica</li> <li>13. Carex crinita</li> <li>14. Carex lurida</li> <li>15. Dichanthelium clandestinum</li> <li>16. Juncus effusus</li> </ul>	H H H H H H H H	FACW+ FACW+ OBL FACW+ OBL FACW FACW+	
Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $15/16 = 94\%$						
Remarks:						
Remarks:						

## HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks):           Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge          Aerial Photographs          Other	Wetland Hydrology Indicators Primary Indicators:Inundated
<u>x</u> No Recorded Data Available	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water Marks Drift Lines
Field Observations:	Sediment Deposits Drainage Patterns in Wetlands
Depth of Surface Water: 0-3 (in.)	Secondary Indicators:
Depth to Free Water in Pit: 0 (in.)	<u>x</u> Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water-Stained Leaves
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	Local Soil Survey Data <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test <u>Other (Explain in Remarks)</u>
Remarks:	

## SOILS

Map Unit (Series a					_Drainage Class:			
Taxonomy (Subgroup):					Confirm Mapped Type? Yes No			
0-4	Horizon A	10YR3/2	2YR8/4	oist) Al	ottle oundance/Contrast fine/distinct	loam		
Hydric Soil Indicators:         Histosol       Concretions         Histic Epipedon       High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils         Sulfidic Odor       Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils         Aquic Moisture Regime       Listed On Local Hydric Soils List         x       Reducing Conditions								
Remarks	:							
WETLA		ERMINATION						
Wetland	ytic Vegeta Hydrology oils Preser		Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No	o o o	Is the Sampling Within a Wetla		<u> </u>	
Remarks	:							

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## VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator
<ol> <li>Alnus serrulata</li> <li>Lobelia cardinalis</li> <li>Carex crinita</li> <li>Carex intumescens</li> <li>Carex lurida</li> <li>Dichanthelium clandestinum</li> <li>Microstegium viminium</li> </ol>	S H H H H H	FACW+ FACW+ FACW FACW OBL FACW FAC+	9 10 11 12 13 13 14 15 16		
Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $7/7 = 100\%$					
Remarks:					

## HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge	Wetland Hydrology Indicators
Aerial Photographs	Primary Indicators:
Other	Inundated
	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12"
x No Recorded Data Available	Water Marks
	Drift Lines
Field Observations:	<u>x</u> Sediment Deposits
	Drainage Patterns in Wetlands
Depth of Surface Water: 0 (in.)	Secondary Indicators:
Depth to Free Water in Pit: 1 (in.)	Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12"
Depth to Free Water in Pit: $1$ (in.)	<u>x</u> Water-Stained Leaves
	Local Soil Survey Data
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	<u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test
	Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks:	

## SOILS

Map Unit (Series a		lame d Phase):Drainage Class:			
Taxonom	ny (Subgro	up):		Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No
Profile Des Depth (inches)		Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
<u>0-3</u> <u>4+</u>	A A	10YR6/3 10YR3/1			loam loam
Hydric S	oil Indicato	ors:	-		
HistosolConcretionsHistic EpipedonHigh Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy SoilsxSulfidic OdorOrganic Streaking in Sandy SoilsAquic Moisture RegimeListed On Local Hydric Soils ListxReducing ConditionsListed on National Hydric Soils ListxGleyed or Low-Chroma ColorsOther (Explain in Remarks)					
Remarks	:				

## WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

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Do normal circumstances exist on the site?YesXNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNoXIs the area a potential problem area?YesNoX(explain on reverse if needed)YesYesNoX	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:RG

# VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator
<ol> <li>Cornus amomum</li> <li>Commelina communis</li> <li>Eupatorium fistulosum</li> <li>Peltandra virginica</li> <li>Carex crinita</li> <li>Dichanthelium clandestinum</li> <li>Juncus effusus</li> <li>S.</li> </ol>	S H H H H H H	FACW+ FAC FAC+ OBL FACW+ FACW FACW+	9 10 11 12 13 13 14 15 16		
Percent of Dominant Species	that are	OBL, FACW	, or FAC excluding FAC-).	7/7 =	100%
Remarks:					

Pecorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge Aerial Photographs Other	Wetland Hydrology Indicators Primary Indicators:
No Recorded Data Available Field Observations:	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water Marks Drift Lines <u>x</u> Sediment Deposits x Drainage Patterns in Wetlands
Depth of Surface Water:0-3 (in.)Depth to Free Water in Pit:0-1 (in.)Depth to Saturated Soil:0 (in.)	Secondary Indicators: <u>x</u> Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water-Stained Leaves Local Soil Survey Data <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks:	

Map Unit (Series a				Drainage Class	:
Taxonon	ny (Subgro	up):		Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No
Profile Des Depth (inches) 0-1 2+	<u>Horizon</u> <u>A</u>	Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist) 10YR2/1 10YR5/2	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist) 10YR5/8	Mottle <u>Abundance/Contrast</u> many/distinct	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc. loam loam
-	x Reducin x Gleyed o	pipedon	High Orga Liste Liste	cretions Organic Content in Su Inic Streaking in Sandy Ind On Local Hydric Soil Ind on National Hydric S In (Explain in Remarks)	ls List coils List

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

Project / Site:Asheville-Enka 115kV LineApplicant / Owner:Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.Investigator:Rebekah Newton, Clement Riddle	Date: 05/14/10 County: <u>Buncombe</u> State: NC
Do normal circumstances exist on the site?YesXNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNoXIs the area a potential problem area?YesNoX(explain on reverse if needed)YesNoX	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:RN

# VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator
<ol> <li>Acer rubrum</li> <li>Liriodendron tulipifera</li> <li>Platanus occidentialis</li> <li>Alnus serrulata</li> <li>Lindera benzoin</li> <li>Rosa multiflora</li> <li>Sambucus canadensis</li> <li>Carex spp</li> </ol>	T T S S S H	FAC FACW- FACW+ FACW UPL FACW- >FACW	9. Impatiens capensis         10. Juncus effusus         11. Osmunda cinnamomea         12.         13.         14.         15.         16.	<u>H</u> <u>H</u> ———	FACW FACW+ FACW+
Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC excluding FAC-). $10/11 = 91\%$					
Remarks:					

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge	Wetland Hydrology Indicators		
Aerial Photographs Other	Primary Indicators:		
x No Recorded Data Available	x Saturated in Upper 12"		
	Drift Lines		
Field Observations:	Sediment Deposits Drainage Patterns in Wetlands		
Depth of Surface Water: 0-5 (in.)	Secondary Indicators:		
Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>0-2 (i</u> n.)	Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" Water-Stained Leaves		
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	Local Soil Survey Data     X     FAC-Neutral Test     Other (Explain in Remarks)		
Remarks:			

Map Unit (Series a				Drainage Class:	
Taxonom	ıy (Subgro	up):		Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No
Profile Des Depth (inches) 0-12		Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist) 10YR2/1	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle <u>Abundance/Contrast</u>	Texture, Concretions, <u>Structure, etc.</u> loam
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Hydric So	oil Indicato	rs:			
	Reducin	oipedon	High Orga Liste Liste	retions Organic Content in Su nic Streaking in Sandy d On Local Hydric Soil d on National Hydric S r (Explain in Remarks)	s List
Remarks	:				

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No Yes <u>x</u> No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

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Do normal circumstances exist on the site?Yes_XNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?Yes_No_XIs the area a potential problem area?Yes_No_X(explain on reverse if needed)Yes_No_X	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:R

# VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator
<ol> <li>Acer rubrum</li> <li>Toxicdendron radicans</li> <li>Rosa multiflora</li> <li>Ligustrum sinense</li> <li>Lindera benzoin</li> <li>Impatiens capensis</li> <li>Carex spp</li> <li>.</li> </ol>	T V S S H H	FAC FAC UPL FAC FACW FACW >FACW	9 10 11 12 13 13 14 15 16		
Percent of Dominant Species	that are	OBL, FACW	, or FAC excluding FAC-).	6/7 =	86%
Remarks:					

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge	Wetland Hydrology Indicators
Aerial Photographs Other	Primary Indicators:
<u>x</u> No Recorded Data Available	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water Marks <u>Drift Lines</u>
Field Observations:	Sediment Deposits Drainage Patterns in Wetlands
Depth of Surface Water: <u>0-1</u> (in.)	Secondary Indicators:
Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>0-2 (i</u> n.)	Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" Water-Stained Leaves
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	Local Soil Survey Data <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks:	

Map Unit (Series a				Drainage Class	
Taxonom	ıy (Subgro	up):		Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No
Profile Des Depth (inches)	cription: Horizon	Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-12	A	10YR2/1	10YR3/6	few/distinct	loam
				·	
Hydric So	oil Indicato	ors:			
	Histosol Histic Ep			cretions Organic Content in Su	Irface Layer in Sandy Soils
	Sulfidic	Odor	Orga	nic Streaking in Sandy	Soils
		oisture Regime g Conditions	Liste	ed On Local Hydric Soil ed on National Hydric S	oils List
	Gleyed c	or Low-Chroma Colo	ors Othe	r (Explain in Remarks)	
Remarks	:				

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes_x_No Yes_x_No Yes_x_No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

Project / Site:Asheville-Enka 115kV LineApplicant / Owner:Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.Investigator:Rebekah Newton, Clement Riddle	Date: 05/14/10 County: <u>Buncombe</u> State: NC
Do normal circumstances exist on the site?Yes_XNoIs the site significantly disturbed (Atypical situation)?YesNo_XIs the area a potential problem area?YesNo_X(explain on reverse if needed)YesNo_X	Community ID: <u>WL</u> Transect ID: Plot ID:RT

# VEGETATION

Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	<u>Stratum</u>	Indicator
<ol> <li>Acer rubrum</li> <li>Liriodendron tulipifera</li> <li>Rosa multiflora</li> <li>Sambucus canadensis</li> <li>Lindera benzoin</li> <li>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</li> <li>Carex spp</li> <li>Impatiens capensis</li> </ol>	T S S S H H	FAC FAC UPL FACW- FACW FACW- SFACW FACW	9. Eupatorium fistulosum         10.         11.         12.         13.         14.         15.         16.		FAC+
Percent of Dominant Species	that are	OBL, FACW	/, or FAC excluding FAC-).	8/9 =	89%
Remarks:					

Recorded Data (Describe In Remarks): Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge	Wetland Hydrology Indicators
Aerial Photographs	Primary Indicators:
Other	<u>x</u> Inundated
x No Recorded Data Available	<u>x</u> Saturated in Upper 12" <u>x</u> Water Marks
	Drift Lines Sediment Deposits
Field Observations:	x Drainage Patterns in Wetlands
Depth of Surface Water: 0-1 (in.)	Secondary Indicators:
Depth to Free Water in Pit: 0-2 (in.)	Oxidized Roots Channels in Upper 12" x Water-Stained Leaves
•	Local Soil Survey Data
Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)	<u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test
	Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks:	

Map Unit (Series a				Drainage Class	
Taxonom	ıy (Subgro	up):		Confirm Mappe	d Type? Yes No
Profile Des Depth (inches)	cription: Horizon	Matrix Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-12	A	10YR2/1	10YR3/6	few/distinct	loam
				·	
				·	
Hydric So	oil Indicato	ors:			
	Histosol Histic Ep			cretions Organic Content in Su	Irface Layer in Sandy Soils
	Sulfidic	Odor	Orga	nic Streaking in Sandy	Soils
		oisture Regime g Conditions	Liste	ed On Local Hydric Soil ed on National Hydric S	oils List
	Gleyed c	or Low-Chroma Colo	ors Othe	r (Explain in Remarks)	
Remarks	:				

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Wetland Hydrology Present? Hydric Soils Present?	Yes_x_No Yes_x_No Yes_x_No	Is the Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <u>x</u> No
Remarks:		

Appendix B List of Observed Plant Species

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Canopy		
	Acer rubrum	red maple
	Carya glabra	pignut hickory
	Carya tomentosa	mockernut hickory
	Fraxinus americana	American ash
	Juglans nigra	black walnut
	Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum
	Liriodendron tulipifera	tulip poplar
	Pinus echinata	shortleaf pine
	Pinus strobus	white pine
	Pinus virginiana	Virginia pine
	Platanus occidentalis	American sycamore
	Prunus serotina	black cherry
	Quercus alba	white oak
	Quercus coccinea	scarlet oak
	$\tilde{Q}$ uercus falcata	Southern red oak
	$\tilde{c}$	chestnut oak
	$\tilde{Q}$ uercus rubra	Northern red oak
	$\tilde{Q}$ uercus velutina	black oak
	Salix nigra	black willow
	Tsuga canadensis	Eastern hemlock
Understory		
	Acer pensylvanicum	striped maple
	Acer rubrum	red maple
	Ailanthus altissima	tree-of-heaven
	Betula lenta	sweet birch
	Betula nigra	river birch
	Carpinus caroliniana	ironwood
	Carya tomentosa	mockernut hickory
	Cornus florida	flowering dogwood
	Diospyros virginiana	persimmon
	Fagus grandifolia	American beech
	Fraxinus americana	American ash
	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	green ash
	Halesia tetraptera var.	
	tetraptera	common silverbell
	Ilex opaca	American holly
	Juglans nigra	black walnut
	Ligustrum sinense	common privet
	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	tulip poplar
	Morus rubra	red mulberry

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Understory	Nyssa biflora	swamp gum
	Nyssa sylvatica	black gum
	Oxydendrum arboreum	sourwood
	Pinus strobus	white pine
	Prunus serotina	black cherry
	Quercus rubra	Northern red oak
	Quercus velutina	black oak
	Robinia pseudo -acacia	black locust
	Salix nigra	black willow
Shrub		
	Acer pensylvanicum	striped maple (young)
	Alnus serrulata	tag alder
	Amelanchier arborea	serviceberry
	Amorpha fruticosa	mountain indigo bush
	Aralia spinosa	devil's walking stick
	Berberis canadensis	American barberry
	Castanea dentata	American chestnut
	Clethra acuminata	mountain sweet pepperbush
	Cornus amomum	silky dogwood
	Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian olive
	Euonymus americanus	hearts-a-bustin'
	Fraxinus americana	American ash (saplings)
	Hamamelis virgiana var.	
	virginiana	witch hazel
	Ilex decidua var. decidua	possumhaw holly
	Ilex opaca	American holly
	Itea virginica	Virginia sweetspire
	Kalmia carolina	Southern sheepkill
	Kalmia latifolia	mountain laurel
	Leucothoe fontanesiana	mountain dog hobble
	Ligustrum sinense	common privet
	Lindera benzoin	spicebush
	Mahonia bealei	leatherleaf Mahonia
	Morus rubra	red mulberry
	Physocarpus opulifolius	common ninebark
	Prunus serotina	black cherry
	Pyrularia pubera	buffalo nut
	Rhododendron	
	calendulaceum	flame azalea
	Rhododendron maximum	rosebay Rhododendron
	Rhus glabra	smooth sumac

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Shrub	Rosa multiflora	multiflora rose
	Rubus flagellaris	dewberry
	Rubus phoenicolasius	wineberry
	Rubus spp.	blackberry
	Sambucus canadensis	elderberry
	Sassafras albidum	sassafras
	Vaccinium corymbosum	highbush blueberry
	Vaccinium pallidum	lowbush blueberry
	Viburnum dentatum	arrowwood
	Viburnum nudum	possumhaw viburnum
	Xanthorhiza simplicisima	yellow root
Herb		
	Achillea millefolium	yarrow
	Adiantum pedatum	maidenhair fern
	Agrimonia parviflora	Southern agrimony
	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	ragweed
	Anemonella thalictroides	rue-anemone
	Angelica venosa	hairy Angelica
	Antennaria plantaginifolia	plantain pussy toes
	Arisaema triphyllum	Jack-in-the-pulpit
	Asplenium platyneuron	ebony spleenwort
	Barbarea vulgaris	common wintercress
	Boehmeria cylindrica	false nettle
	Cardamine diphylla	toothwort
	Cardamine hirsuta	hairy bittercress
	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i> ssp. <i>vulgare</i>	mouse-ear chickweed
	Chimaphila maculata	spotted wintergreen
	Cicuta maculata	water hemlock
	Cimicifuga racemosa	black cohosh
	Commelina communis	Asiatic dayflower
	Conopholis americana	squawroot
	Cypripedium acaule	pink lady's slipper
	Dioscorea quaternata	whorled wild yam
	Dioscorea villosa	wild yam
	Diphasiastrum digitatum	common running pine
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	Epigaea repens	trailing arbutus
	Eupatorium fistulosum	Joe-pye-weed
	Eupatorium perfoliatum	boneset

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Herb	Fragaria virginiana	wild strawberry
	Galium aparine	bedstraw
	Galium circaezans var.	l - l-t
	circaezans	bedstraw
	Geranium maculatum	wild geranium
	Goodyera pubescens	rattlesnake plantain
	Heuchera americana	American alumroot
	Hexastylis arifolia	arrowhead heartleaf
	Hieracium venosum	rattlesnake weed
	Houstonia purpurea var. purpurea	summer bluet
	Huperzia lucidula	shining clubmoss
	Hylodesmum nudiflorum	trick-trefoil
	Hypericum spp.	St. John's wort
	Hypochaeris radicata	spotted cat's-ear
	<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	yellow stargrass
	Impatiens capensis	jewel weed
	<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	morning glory
	Iris cristata	dwarf-crested Iris
	Isotria verticillata	large-whorled pogonia
	Lespedeza cuneata	sericea lespedeza
	Leucanthemum vulgare	ox-eye daisy
	Lobelia cardinalis	cardinal flower
	Lobelia puberula	downy lobelia
	Maianthemum racemosum ssp. Racemosum	false Solomon's seal
	Medeola virginiana	Indian cucumber root
	Mitchella repens	partridge berry
	Myosotic scorpiodes	water scorpion grass
	Nuttallanthus canadensis	toadflax
	Osmorhiza claytonii	sweet Cicely
	Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis	royal fern
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	Ôsmundastrum cinnamomeum	cinnamon fern
	Oxalis dilenii	wood sorrel
	Oxalis violacea	violet wood sorrel
	Packera aurea	golden ragwort

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Herb	Peltandra virginica	green arrow-arum
	Penstemon australis	Southeastern beardtongue
	Persicaria longiseta	tufted knotweed
	Persicaria sagittata	tearthumb
	Phytolacca americana	poke weed
	Plantago lanceolata	English plantain
	Podophyllum peltatum	May-apple
	Polystichum acrostichoides	Christmas fern
	Potentilla indica	Indian strawberry
	Pteridium aquilinum	bracken fern
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	Ranunculus abortivus	kidneyleaf buttercup
	Ranunculus bulbosus	bulbous buttercup
	Reynoutria japonica	Japanese knotweed
	Rumex acetocella	sourgrass
	Rumex crispus ssp. crispus	curly dock
	Sagittaria latifolia	arrowhead
	Salvia lyrata	lyre-leaf sage
	Sanguinaria canadensis	bloodroot
	Sceptridium biternatum	Southern grape fern
	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	stout blue-eyed grass
	Solanum carolinense var. carolinense	horse nettle
	Solidago spp.	goldenrod
	Stellaria media	chickweed
	Taraxacum officinale	common dandelion
	Thelypteris noveboracensis	New York fern
	Tipularia discolor	cranefly orchid
	Toxi codendron radicans	poison ivy
	Trifolium dubium	least hop clover
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	Trifolium pratense	red clover
	Trifolium repens	white clover
	Trillium spp.	trillium (not in flower)
	Triodanus perfoliata	Venus' looking glass
	Urtica chamaedryoides	dwarf stinging nettle
	Uvularia perfoliata	perfoliate bellwort

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Herb	Uvularia sessilifolia	sessile-leaf bellwort
	Valerianella radiata	corn-salad
	Verbasina alternifolia	common wingstem
	Vicia sativa ssp. Nigra	narrowleaf vetch
	Vicia tetrasperma	slender vetch
	Viola sororia	common blue violet
	Viola spp.	violet
	Woodwardia areolata	netted chain fern
Vine		
	Celastrus orbiculatus	Oriental bittersweet
	Clematis virginiana	virgin's bower
	Hedera helix	English ivy
	Lonicera japonica	Japanese honeysuckle
	Parthenocissus	x7
	quinquefolia	Virginia creeper
	Smilax bona -nox	greenbrier
	Smilax glauca	whiteleaf greenbrier
	Smilax rotundifolia	common greenbrier
	Toxicodendron radicans	poison ivy
	Vitis labrusca	fox grape
	Vitis rotundifolia	muscadine
	Wisteria frutescens	American wisteria
	Wisteria sinensis	Chinese Wisteria
Grass		
	Andropogon virginicus var. virginicus	broomsedge
	Anthoxanthum odoratum	sweet vernal grass
	Arundinaria gigantea	river cane
	Bromus pubescens	common Eastern brome
	Carex crinita var. crinita	fringed sedge
	Carex intumescens	greater bladder sedge
	Carex lurida	shallow sedge
	Cyperus pseudovegetus	green flatsedge
	Dactylis glomerata	orchard grass
	Dichanthelium	deer tongue witchgross
	clandestinum	deer-tongue witchgrass
	Dichanthelium dichotomum	forked witchgrass
	Glyceria striata var. striata	fowl manna grass
	Juncus effusus	common rush

Stratum	Scientific Name	Common Name
Grass	Microstegium viminium	Nepalese browntop
	Miscanthus sinensis	Chinese silvergrass

# Appendix C Explanation of Codes

#### **EXPLANATION OF CODES FOR COUNTY AND QUAD STATUS LISTS**

The county and quadrangle status lists provided by the NC Natural Heritage Program tally the elements of natural diversity (rare plants and animals, rare and exemplary natural communities, and special animal habitats) known to occur in all North Carolina counties and USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles. The information on which these lists is based comes from a variety of sources, including field surveys, museums, herbaria, scientific literature, and personal communications. These lists are dynamic, with new records continually being added and old records being revised as new information is received. As a result, a list cannot be considered a definitive record of the elements of natural diversity present in a given county or quad and should not be used as a substitute for field surveys.

CODE	STATUS	CODE	STATUS
E	Endangered	SR	Significantly Rare
Т	Threatened	EX	Extirpated
SC	Special Concern	P_	Proposed (used only as a qualifier of the ranks above)
С	Candidate		

#### STATE STATUS

NOTE: the definitions of state statuses of plants and animals differ. Below are summaries of the statuses for each group.

**Plant statuses** are determined by the Plant Conservation Program (NC Department of Agriculture) and the Natural Heritage Program (NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources). Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species are protected by state law (Plant Protection and Conservation Act, 1979). Candidate and Significantly Rare designations indicate rarity and the need for population monitoring and conservation action. Note that plants can have a double status, e.g., E-SC, indicates that while the plant is endangered, it is collected or sold under regulation.

CODE	STATUS	DEFINITION
E	Endangered	"Any species or higher taxon of plant whose continued existence as a viable component of the State's flora is determined to be in jeopardy" (GS 19B 106: 202.12). (Endangered species may not be removed from the wild except when a permit is obtained for research, propagation, or rescue which will enhance the survival of the species.)
Т	Threatened	"Any resident species of plant which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range" (GS 19B 106:202.12). (Regulations are the same as for Endangered species.)
SC	Special Concern	"Any species of plant in North Carolina which requires monitoring but which may be collected and sold under regulations adopted under the provisions of [the Plant Protection and Conservation Act]" (GS 19B 106:202.12). (Special Concern species which are not also listed as Endangered or Threatened may be collected from the wild and sold under specific regulations. Propagated material only of Special Concern species which are also listed as Endangered or Threatened may be traded or sold under specific regulations.)
С	Candidate	Species which are very rare in North Carolina, generally with 1-20 populations in the state, generally substantially reduced in numbers by habitat destruction (and sometimes also by direct exploitation or disease). These species are also either rare throughout their ranges (fewer than 100 populations total) or disjunct in North Carolina from a main range in a different part of the country or world. Also included are species which may have 20-50 populations in North Carolina, but fewer than 50 populations rangewide. These are species which have the preponderance of their distribution in North Carolina and whose fate depends largely on their conservation here. Also included are many species known to have once occurred in North Carolina but with no known extant occurrences in the state (historical or extirpated species); if these species are relocated in the state, they are likely to be listed as Endangered or Threatened. If present land use trends continue, candidate species are likely to merit listing as Endangered or Threatened.

SR	Significantly Rare	Species which are very rare in North Carolina, generally with 1-20 populations in the state, generally substantially reduced in numbers by habitat destruction (and sometimes also by direct exploitation or disease). These species are generally more common somewhere else in their ranges, occurring in North Carolina peripherally to their main ranges, mostly in habitats which are unusual in North Carolina. Also included are some species with 20-100 populations in North Carolina, if they also have only 50-100 populations rangewide and are declining.
-L	Limited	The range of the species is <b>limited</b> to North Carolina and adjacent states (endemic or near endemic). These are species which may have 20-50 populations in North Carolina, but fewer than 50 populations rangewide. The preponderance of their distribution is in North Carolina and their fate depends largely on conservation here. Also included are some species with 20-100 populations in North Carolina, if they also have only 50-100 populations rangewide and declining.
-T	Throughout	These species are rare <b>throughout</b> their ranges (fewer than 100 populations total)
-D	Disjunct	The species is <b>disjunct</b> to NC from a main range in a different part of the country or world.
-P	Peripheral	The species is at the <b>periphery</b> of its range in NC. These species are generally more common somewhere else in their ranges, occurring in North Carolina peripherally to their main ranges, mostly in habitats which are unusual in North Carolina.
-0	Other	The range of the species is sporadic or cannot be described by the <b>other</b> Significantly Rare categories
P_	Proposed	A species which has been formally proposed for listing as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern, but has not yet completed the legally mandated listing process.

Animal statuses are determined by the Wildlife Resources Commission and the Natural Heritage Program. Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, freshwater fishes, and freshwater and terrestrial mollusks have legal protection status in North Carolina (Wildlife Resources Commission). The Significantly Rare designation indicates rarity and the need for population monitoring and conservation action.

CODE	STATUS	DEFINITION
E	Endangered	"Any native or once-native species of wild animal whose continued existence as a viable component of the State's fauna is determined by the Wildlife Resources Commission to be in jeopardy or any species of wild animal determined to be an 'endangered species' pursuant to the Endangered Species Act." (Article 25 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes; 1987).
T	Threatened	"Any native or once-native species of wild animal which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range, or one that is designated as a threatened species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act." (Article 25 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes; 1987).
SC	Special Concern	"Any species of wild animal native or once-native to North Carolina which is determined by the Wildlife Resources Commission to require monitoring but which may be taken under regulations adopted under the provisions of this Article." (Article 25 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes; 1987).
SR	Significantly Rare	Any species which has not been listed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission as an Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern species, but which exists in the state in small numbers and has been determined by the N.C. Natural Heritage Program to need monitoring. (This is a N.C. Natural Heritage Program designation.) Significantly Rare species include "peripheral" species, whereby North Carolina lies at the periphery of the species' range (such as Hermit Thrush). The designation also includes marine and estuarine fishes identified as "Vulnerable" by the N.C. State Museum of Biological Sciences (Ross et al., 1988, <u>Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Fauna of North Carolina. Part II. A Reevaluation of the Marine and Estuarine Fishes)</u> .
EX	Extirpated	A species which is no longer believed to occur in the state.
P_	Proposed	Species has been proposed by a Scientific Council as a status (Endangered, Threatened, Special Concern, Watch List, or for De-listing) that is different from the current status, but the status has not yet been adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission and by the General Assembly as law. In the lists of rare species in this book, these proposed statuses are listed in parentheses below the current status. Only those proposed statuses that are different from the current statuses are listed.

#### FEDERAL STATUS

These statuses are designated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Federally listed Endangered and Threatened species are protected under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended through the 100th Congress. Unless otherwise noted, definitions are taken from the *Federal Register*, Vol. 56, No. 225, November 21, 1991 (50 CFR Part 17).

CODE	STATUS	DEFINITION
Ε	Endangered	A taxon "in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range."
Т	Threatened	A taxon "likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range."
EXN	Endangered, nonessential experimental population.	The Endangered Species Act permits the reintroduction of endangered animals as "nonessential experimental" populations. Such populations, considered nonessential to the survival of the species, are managed with fewer restrictions than populations listed as endangered.
T(S/A)	Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance.	The Endangered Species Act authorizes the treatment of a species (subspecies or population segment) as threatened even though it is not otherwise listed as threatened if: (a) The species so closely resembles in appearance a threatened species that enforcement personnel would have substantial difficulty in differentiating between the listed and unlisted species; (b) the effect of this substantial difficulty is an additional threat to a threatened species; and (c) such treatment of an unlisted species will substantially facilitate the enforcement and further the policy of the Act. The American Alligator has this designation due to similarity of appearance to other rare crocodilians. The Bog Turtle (southern population) has this designation due to similarity of appearance to similarity of appearance to Bog Turtles in the threatened northern population.
С	Candidate.	A taxon under consideration for which there is sufficient information to support listing. This category was formerly designated as a Candidate 1 (C1) species.

FSC	Federal "Species of Concern"	(Also called "Species at Risk"). Formerly defined as a taxon under consideration for which there is insufficient information to support listing; formerly designated as a Candidate 2 (C2) species.
PE	Proposed Endangered	Species has been proposed for listing as endangered.
PD	Proposed De-listed	Species has been proposed for de-listing.

#### **GLOBAL AND STATE RANKS**

These ranks are determined by The Nature Conservancy's system of measuring rarity and threat status. "Global" refers to worldwide ranks and "State" to statewide ranks.

STATE RANK	DEFINITIONS
S1	Critically imperiled in North Carolina because of extreme rarity or otherwise very vulnerable to extirpation in the state.
S2	Imperiled in North Carolina because of rarity or otherwise vulnerable to extirpation in the state.
<b>S</b> 3	Rare or uncommon in North Carolina.
S4	Apparently secure in North Carolina, with many occurrences.
S5	Demonstrably secure in North Carolina and essentially ineradicable under present conditions.
SA	Accidental or casual; one to several records for North Carolina, but the state is outside the normal range of the species.

SH	Historic record: the element is either extirpated from the county or quad, or there have not been any recent surveys to verify its continued existence.	
SR	Reported from North Carolina, but without persuasive documentation for either accepting or rejecting the report.	
SX	Believ	ved to be extirpated from North Carolina.
SU	Possil	bly in peril in North Carolina, but status uncertain; more information is needed.
S?	Unrar	nked, or rank uncertain.
S_B	Rank	of breeding population in the state. Used for migratory species only.
S_N	Rank	of non-breeding population in the state. Used for migratory species only.
SZ_	Popul	ation is not of significant conservation concern; applies to transitory, migratory species.
GLC RAN		DEFINITIONS
G1	<u> </u>	Critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity or otherwise very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.
G2		Imperiled globally because of rarity or otherwise vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.
G3		Either very rare and local throughout its range, or found locally in a restricted area.
G4		Apparently secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range (especially at the periphery).
G5		Demonstrably secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range (especially at the periphery).
GH		Of historical occurrence throughout its range.
GX		Believed to be extinct throughout its range.

G?	Unranked, or rank uncertain.
G_Q	Of questionable taxonomic status.
G_T_	Status of subspecies or variety; the G-rank refers to the species as a whole, the T-rank to the subspecies.

#### **ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS**

Elements within a county or quad are subdivided into "Current", "Historic", "Obscure" or "Potential" records.

Current record: the element has been observed in the county or quad recently. Historic record: the element is either extirpated from the county or quad, or there have not been any recent surveys to verify its continued existence. Obscure record: the date the element was last observed in the county or quad is uncertain. Potential record: the element has the potential to be found in the county or quad.