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NCNHDE-7954

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Dear David Johnson:

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NCNHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide information about natural heritage resources for the project referenced above.

Based on the project area mapped with your request, a query of the NCNHP database, indicates that there are no records for rare species, important natural communities, natural areas, and/or conservation/managed areas within the proposed project boundary. Please note that although there may be no documentation of natural heritage elements within the project boundary, it does not imply or confirm their absence; the area may not have been surveyed. The results of this query should not be substituted for field surveys where suitable habitat exists. In the event that rare species are found within the project area, please contact the NCNHP so that we may update our records.

The attached 'Potential Occurrences' table summarizes rare species and natural communities that have been documented within a one-mile radius of the property boundary. The proximity of these records suggests that these natural heritage elements may potentially be present in the project area if suitable habitat exists. Tables of natural areas and conservation/managed areas within a one-mile radius of the project area, if any, are also included in this report.

If a Federally-listed species is found within the project area or is indicated within a one-mile radius of the project area, the NCNHP recommends contacting the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for guidance. Contact information for USFWS offices in North Carolina is found here: <https://www.fws.gov/offices/Directory/ListOffices.cfm?statecode=37>.

Please note that natural heritage element data are maintained for the purposes of conservation planning, project review, and scientific research, and are not intended for use as the primary criteria for regulatory decisions. Information provided by the NCNHP database may not be published without prior written notification to the NCNHP, and the NCNHP must be credited as an information source in these publications. Maps of NCNHP data may not be redistributed without permission.

The NC Natural Heritage Program may follow this letter with additional correspondence if a Dedicated Nature Preserve, Registered Heritage Area, Clean Water Management Trust Fund easement, or Federally-listed species are documented near the project area.

If you have questions regarding the information provided in this letter or need additional assistance, please contact Rodney A. Butler at rodney.butler@ncdcr.gov or 919-707-8603.

Sincerely,
NC Natural Heritage Program

Natural Heritage Element Occurrences, Natural Areas, and Managed Areas Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area
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Element Occurrences Documented Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area

Taxonomic Group	EO ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observation Date	Element Occurrence Rank	Accuracy	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
Dragonfly or Damselfly	4051	Gomphurus septima	Septima's Clubtail	1999-05-03	A	4-Low	---	Significantly Rare	G2	S3
Freshwater Bivalve	21811	Alasmidonta varicosa	Brook Floater	1972-06	H	3-Medium	---	Endangered	G3	S3
Freshwater Bivalve	8654	Lampsilis cariosa	Yellow Lampmussel	2006-12-18	D	3-Medium	---	Endangered	G3G4	S3
Freshwater Fish	5025	Notropis mekistocholas	Cape Fear Shiner	1992-10-01	E	3-Medium	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1
Natural Community	2533	Floodplain Pool	---	2006	A?	4-Low	---	---	G3	S2
Natural Community	15138	Mesic Mixed Hardwood Forest (Piedmont Subtype)	---	2012	B	2-High	---	---	G3G4	S4
Natural Community	13395	Piedmont Levee Forest (Typic Subtype)	---	2012	B	2-High	---	---	G3G4	S3S4
Vascular Plant	25935	Phacelia covillei	Buttercup Phacelia	2008-04-07	A	2-High	---	Significantly Rare Throughout	G3	S3

Natural Areas Documented Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area

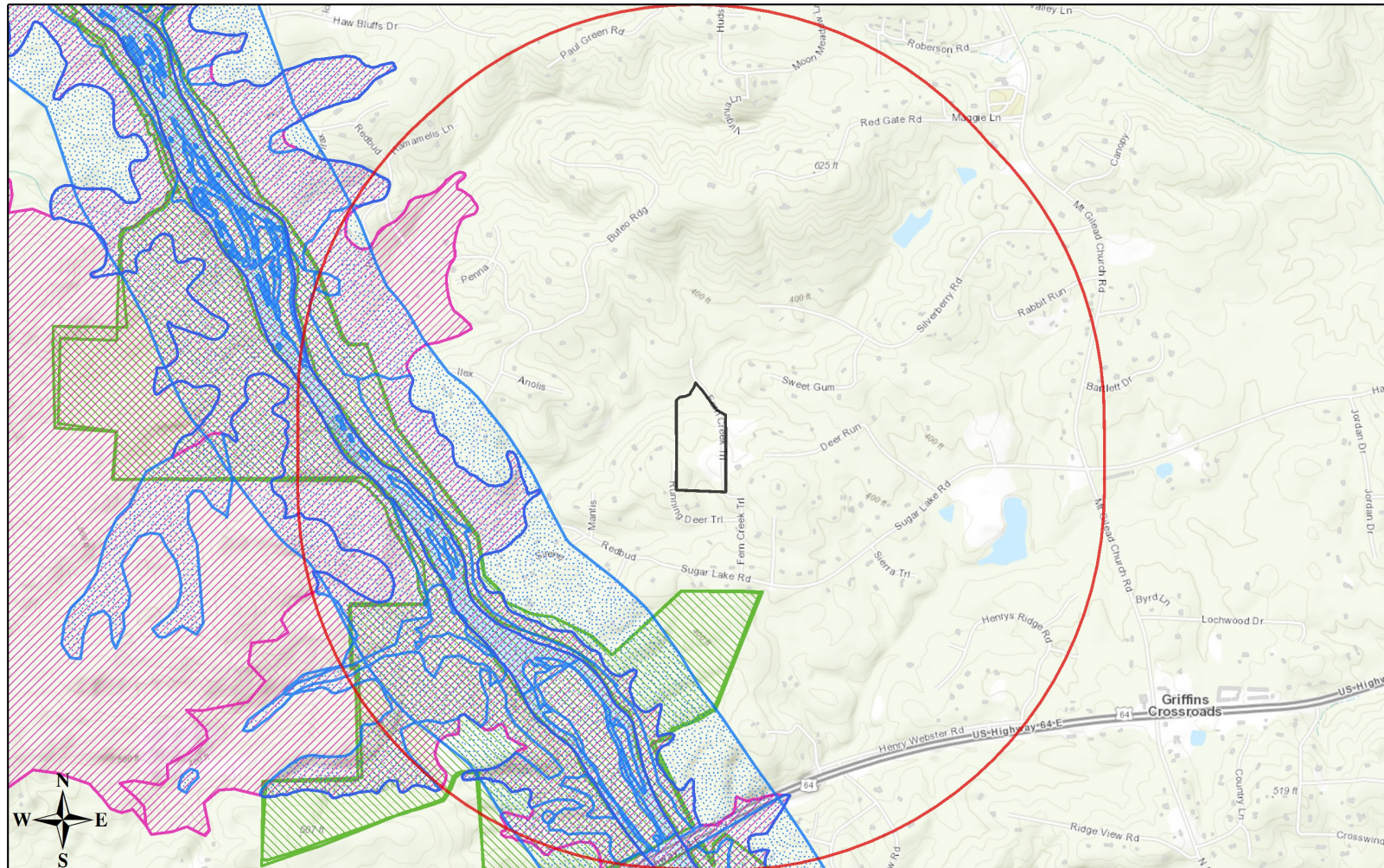
Site Name	Representational Rating	Collective Rating
Pittsboro Wilderness	R5 (General)	C5 (General)
Haw River Levees and Bluffs	R2 (Very High)	C4 (Moderate)
CPF/Haw River Aquatic Habitat	R1 (Exceptional)	C3 (High)

Managed Areas Documented Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area

Managed Area Name	Owner	Owner Type
NC Division of Mitigation Services Easement	NC DEQ, Division of Mitigation Services	State
Lower Haw River State Natural Area	NC DNCR, Division of Parks and Recreation	State

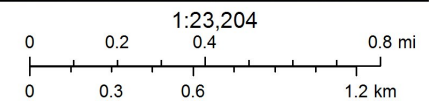
Definitions and an explanation of status designations and codes can be found at <https://ncnhde.natureserve.org/content/help>. Data query generated on January 15, 2019; source: NCNHP, Q4 Oct 2018. Please resubmit your information request if more than one year elapses before project initiation as new information is continually added to the NCNHP database.

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- Project Boundary
- Buffered Project Boundary
- Natural Heritage Element Occurrence (NHEO)
- NHP Natural Area (NHNA)
- Managed Area (MAREA)



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