Public Notice

The Town of Jonesville, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) Have Determined That Impacts to NCLWF Managed Area ID 3468 Meets the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966, Section 4(f) Regulations of a *De Minimis* Impact

What is being planned?

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to improve access management along NC 67/US 21 in Elkin and Jonesville, North Carolina. The proposed improvements include roundabouts at the intersections of West Main Street and Elm Street, and Elm Street and North Bridge Street to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in Surry and Yadkin Counties. The project also includes rehabilitating the bridge on West Main Street over the Yadkin River.

What is this notice?

The proposed project has received funding from the USDOT and is therefore subject to the USDOT Act of 1966, Section 4(f) of USDOT law, now codified in 49 U.S.C. §303 and 23 U.S.C. §138. Section 4(f) protects public parks, recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites from impacts due to transportation project development. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) managed area ID 3468 is a Section 4(f) property; therefore, NCLWF managed area 3468 must be evaluated to ensure compliance with the legislation.

It is the Town of Jonesville, NCDOT, and NCLWF's current position that the proposed impacts to the NCLWF managed area ID 3468 by NCDOT's transportation improvement project, be determined as *de minimis* impacts. For parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges, a *de minimis* impact is one that will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f). In order for FHWA to consider finalizing a *de minimis* impact determination, an opportunity for public review and comment must be provided, and the Town of Jonesville requires this public input to concur with FHWA's finding.

Where you come in

Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(b)(2), notice is hereby provided of the proposed *de minimis* finding determination. Comments should be submitted via email to:

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Public comments will be accepted until September 20, 2025. Responses or replies to the public comments may not be required, depending on the substantiative nature of the comments; however, all comments and responses will be documented in the administrative record for the proposed project.