

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Charleston District  
Checklist for 2012 Nationwide Permit Review  
Nationwide Permit 27**

**Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities  
(10/404)**

SAC#: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Waterway/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section I. Activities Authorized by NWP 27** *Complete both Sections I and II*

1. Are the activities in waters of the U.S. associated with the restoration, enhancement, and establishment of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and riparian areas, the restoration and enhancement of non-tidal streams and other non-tidal open waters, and the rehabilitation or enhancement of tidal streams, tidal wetlands, and tidal open waters AND do these activities result in net increases in aquatic resource function and services?

Yes       No

2. Do the activities include, but are not limited to, the following: The removal of accumulated sediments; the installation, removal, and maintenance of small water control structures, dikes, and berms, as well as discharges of dredged or fill material to restore appropriate stream channel configurations after small water control structures, dikes, and berms, are removed; the installation of current deflectors; the enhancement, restoration, or establishment of riffle and pool stream structure; the placement of in-stream habitat structures; modifications of the stream bed and/or banks to restore or establish stream meanders; the backfilling of artificial channels; the removal of existing drainage structures, such as drain tiles, and the filling, blocking, or reshaping of drainage ditches to restore wetland hydrology; the installation of structures or fills necessary to establish or re-establish wetland or stream hydrology; the construction of small nesting islands; the construction of open water areas; the construction of oyster habitat over unvegetated bottom in tidal waters; shellfish seeding; activities needed to reestablish vegetation, including plowing or discing for seed bed preparation and the planting of appropriate wetland species; reestablishment of submerged aquatic vegetation in areas where those plant communities previously existed; reestablishment of tidal wetlands in tidal waters where those wetlands previously existed; mechanized land clearing to remove non-native invasive, exotic, or nuisance vegetation; and other related activities.

Yes       No

3. Will only native plant species be planted at the site?
- Yes     No     N/A
4. Does the activity involve the relocation of non-tidal waters, including non-tidal wetlands and streams, on the project site?
- Yes     No
5. If the activity involves the relocation of non-tidal waters, including non-tidal wetlands and streams on the project site, does the relocation provide net increases in aquatic resource functions and services?
- Yes     No     N/A
6. Except for activities that include the relocation of non-tidal waters on the project site, does the activity involve the conversion of a stream or natural wetland to another aquatic habitat (e.g., stream to wetland or vice versa) or uplands? *Note: Changes in wetland plant communities that occur when wetland hydrology is more fully restored during wetland rehabilitation activities are not considered a conversion to another aquatic habitat type.*
- Yes     No
7. Does the activity involve stream channelization OR the relocation of tidal waters of the conversion of tidal waters, including tidal wetlands, to other aquatic uses, such as the conversion of tidal wetlands into open water impoundments?
- Yes     No
8. Does the discharge cause the loss of greater than 300 linear feet of streambed?
- Yes     No
9. Is the activity proposed in designated critical resource waters or their adjacent wetlands? (critical resource waters include NOAA-managed marine sanctuaries and marine monuments, and National Estuarine Research Reserves)
- Yes\*     No

10. Does the activity comply with all of the NWP General and Regional Conditions, including mitigation, endangered species, and cultural resources, and if any Federally listed species and/or designated critical habitat occurs in the action area, have you made an effect determination and properly documented it in the administrative record?

Yes       No

## Section II. Notification and Reporting Requirements

*\* A Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) is required for the proposed activity if "no" is checked for #1, #2, AND #3 below*

1. Will the activities be conducted on non- Federal public lands and private lands, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a binding stream enhancement or restoration agreement or wetland enhancement, restoration, or establishment agreement between the landowner and the U.S. FWS, NRCS, FSA, NMFS, NOS, USFS or their designated state cooperating agencies?

Yes       No\* (PCN required if "no" #1, #2, & #3)

2. Are the activities part of a voluntary stream or wetland restoration or enhancement action, or wetland establishment action, documented by the NRCS or USDA Technical Service Provider pursuant to NRCS Field Office Technical Guide standards?

Yes       No\* (PCN required if "no" for #1, #2 & #3)

3. Are the activities for the reclamation of surface coal mine lands, in accordance with an SMCRA permit issued by the OSMRE or the applicable state agency?

Yes       No\* (PCN required if "no" for #1, #2 & #3)

4. If a "yes" box was checked for #1, #2, or #3, has a copy of the following been submitted to the district engineer: a) The binding stream enhancement or restoration agreement or wetland enhancement, restoration, or establishment agreement, or a project description, including project plans and location map; b) the NRCS or USDA Technical Service Provider documentation for the voluntary stream enhancement or restoration action or wetland restoration, enhancement, or establishment action; OR c) the SMCRA permit issued by OSMRE or the applicable state agency?

Yes       No       N/A

5. Does the report identified in #4 above include information on baseline ecological conditions on the project site, such as a delineation of wetlands, streams, and/or other aquatic habitats AND was a copy of the report submitted to the district engineer at least 30 days prior to commencing activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this NWP?

Yes       No       N/A

TO QUALIFY FOR THE NWP, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, EVERY NUMBERED ITEM MUST HAVE A CHECKED BOX.

\* - REQUIRES A PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN) TO THE DISTRICT ENGINEER. **SEE THE SEPARATE PCN CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THE PROSPECTIVE PERMITTEE SUBMITS THE REQUISITE INFORMATION.** Remember, determination of completeness must be made within 30 days of the date of receipt. If all required information is not provided, the prospective permittee will be notified that the preconstruction notification (PCN) is still incomplete and the review will not commence until all requested information has been received. If the applicant has not received any written notice from the DE within **45 days** of the date of receipt of the PCN, ***the verification is issued by default.***

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_