

Report to the Environmental Review Commission

Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Sec. 29 REFORM AGENCY REVIEW OF ENGINEERING WORK

January 14, 2015

Name of Local Government Unit: *Town of Rutherford College*

Approved/delegated program subject to reporting requirements:

☐ Sedimentation/erosion control

☒ Stormwater

☐ Water/sewer

☐ Cross-connection

☐ 401 certifications

☐ Other *Type program name*

Type name of person preparing report

Elinor A. Hiltz, AICP

Type date

Jan 2, 2015

*Submit this report electronically to Mariah Matheson, Commission Assistant,
Environmental Review Commission, at Mariah.Matheson@ncleg.net.*

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Please attach any written procedures that may have been developed to implement the provisions of this law.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures whereby plan reviewers distinguish between plan changes that are required by statutory or other legal authority and those that the reviewer offers as suggestions for improvement. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(1) for further details about this requirement.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program identifies the statutory or regulatory authority for any revisions or requests for additional information that are required by the program in order to grant the requested plan permit, approval, or license. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(2) for further details about this requirement.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures for local governments to follow when (1) a Professional Engineer submits a sealed design or practice that is not in the local government's guidance, manuals, or standard operating procedures, and (2) the submitting Professional Engineer requests additional internal review of that design or practice. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program established a procedure whereby the plan reviewer's supervisor OR the approving/delegating state agency can provide further review and oversight of these design details. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program either employs a Professional Engineer who can conduct further review of these innovative designs, or maintains a list of consulting Professional Engineers of the local government unit's choice that may conduct this review, if requested by and paid for by the submitting Professional Engineer. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program established an informal internal process to address disputes when a plan reviewer identifies a change to the plans as being "required" under a specific, identified legal authority. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(2) for further details about this requirement.

X Check to indicate that this plan review program discontinued use of the word "engineer" in the job titles of all program employees whose responsibilities include review of plans in affected programs, *unless* those employees hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h) for further details about this requirement.

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☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program reviewed the titles of all employees conducting plan reviews for this program. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program proposed revisions to those employees' job titles in order to eliminate use of the word "engineer" when publicly identifying those employees, if those employees do not hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(2) for further details about this requirement.

Additional information:

The primary plan reviewer is Elinor A. Hiltz whose job title is *Planner* or *Planning Director*.

Kenneth Geathers Jr., *Town Manager*, is an alternate plan reviewer.

Rutherford College has no engineers on staff but contracts with West Consultants, Inc. for water, sewer, and road design/engineering services. Their point of contact, Benjie Thomas, is a licensed P.E.

Wayne Watkins of DENR's Asheville Regional Office reviews Rutherford College/Burke County's soil and erosion control plans. His title is *Environmental Specialist*.

List of Plan Review Professional Engineers

Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Sec 29 "Reform Agency Review of Engineering Work"

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