

MEMORANDUM

To: Capital Project Coordinators

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Subject: Uniform Floodplain Management Policy for State Property

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On January 25, 2024, the North Carolina Department of Administration ("NCDOA") adopted major revisions to the Uniform Floodplain Management Policy, also known as "Executive Order No. 123" ("EO123"). The new provisions are known as the "Uniform Floodplain Management Policy for State Property" (the "Policy"). [A copy of the "Policy" can be found on the State Construction Office website.](#)

Article 1 of the Policy rescinds EO123. However, given the magnitude of the changes, NCDOA has established a transition period of approximately twelve (12) months where both policies can be used. The transition period ends February 1, 2025.

This transition period is designed to incentivize the expeditious application, permitting, and construction of projects already in design under the previous Uniform Floodplain Management Policy (EO123), while simultaneously recognizing that pivoting to new standards has cost and time implications relevant to design and development.

Acknowledging that project funding and schedule determined early in the project development cycle can influence overall success, projects established prior to the issuance of the "Policy", but that are submitted for plan review after the transition period has expired, may be reviewed, and permitted under EO123 with the written approval of the Floodplain Development Waiver Committee as defined by the "Policy".