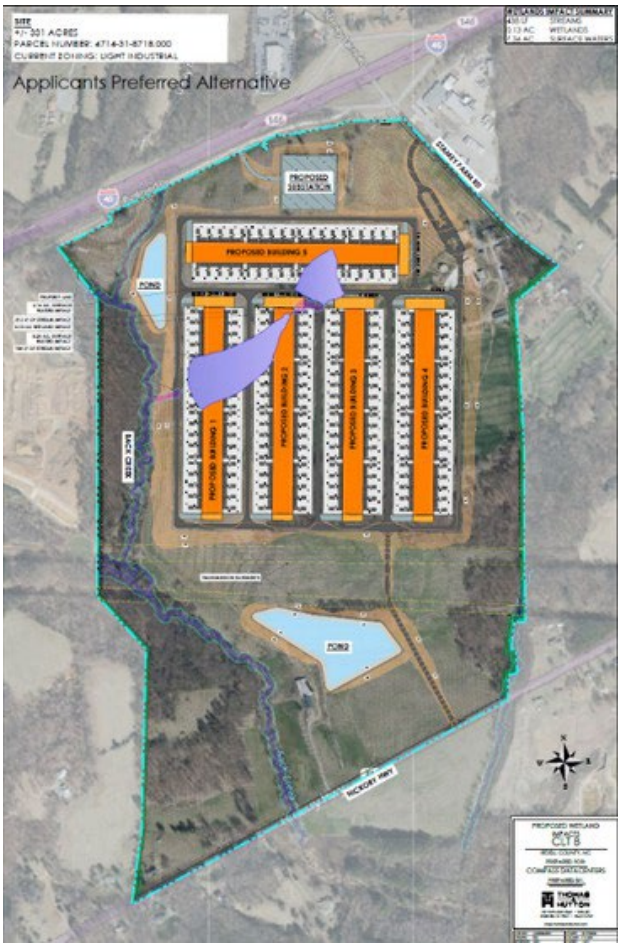
NCDEQ to hold public hearing on water quality impacts for Stamey Farm Road Datacenter in Statesville

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Resources (DWR) received an application for a Clean Water Act Individual 401 Water Quality Certification from Compass Datacenters, Inc. (Compass) related to the proposed construction of five (5) single-story data center buildings, approximately 270,000 square feet each, with one (1) on-site substation in Iredell County.



What is the certification for?
Per Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, state 401 water quality certifications are required for federally permitted or licensed activities, including construction or operations of facilities that could result in a discharge to navigable waters.

The Individual 401 Water Quality Certification would assess whether the proposal would meet state water quality standards, and whether the project has avoided or minimized impacts to surface waters or wetlands, among other considerations.

What's in the application?
According to the application and supplemental documents, the project would permanently impact 0.13 acres of jurisdictional wetlands, 7.36 acres of open waters, and 438 linear feet of jurisdictional streams.

How can I comment on the certification application?
DWR is holding a public hearing on September 28, 2026, where verbal and written comments will be accepted. The public hearing information is listed below along with information on how to submit written comments. Comments received by DWR will be considered in the decision on the application.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPT. 28
Submit comments using any of the following options:
In-person: Monday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m., Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Campus, Joe Troutman Auditorium, 701 West Front St, Statesville 28677. Speaker registration opens at 5:30 p.m.
Mail: Public comments may be mailed to: Samantha Wooten, 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1617.
Email: Comments will be accepted online until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026. Please submit written comments using this link (No. 20260426; Version 1 using this link 4):
https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/401_Public_Notice_Comments
Questions? Contact Josh Kastrinsky at josh.kastrinsky@deq.nc.gov, 919-707-3645.

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