

NC Board of Geographic Names June 2025 SMAC

- Five proposals for consideration
- Two unnamed waterbodies with local support
- Two unnamed waterbodies with local no objections
- One renaming with a local objection
- Request SMAC to vote on each as we go through the summaries

NC Board of Geographic Names Procedures

- Considers proposals
- Makes recommendations to the SMAC
- SMAC makes the recommendations to the USBGN (SMAC does not have to concur with NC BGN)
- US BGN makes final decisions

Unnamed small excavation to Lake Caroline

Proponent Information

- Pitt County supports the naming
- 12 acre dredged Lake
- Commemorative name honors Caroline Daniels (1995-2012)

NC BGN Discussion

- From US BGN- commemorative names should have a direct long-term association with the geographic feature or have made a significant contribution to the community or nation.
- NC BGN and US BGN(?) do not think the above conditions have been met. US BGN recommended other ways to remember Caroline

NC BGN does not recommend the new name

Unnamed urban ditch to Bear Brook

Proponent Information

- Montreat approves the naming
- 0.2 mile unnamed tributary
- Name has to do with Bears sightings/activities

NC BGN Discussion

- Under parking lots for the most part
- Name is not unique there are 40+ Bear Creeks in NC
- Upper Swannanoa River is part of a restoration plan that encourages naming unnamed creeks to engage the community in the restoration process

NC BGN recommends the new name.

Unnamed stream to Cathys Creek

Proponent Information

- No opinion from Polk County or Spartenburg County
- 1.3 mile unnamed tributary
- Commemorative name honors Cathy Cash

NC BGN Discussion

- Meets commemorative naming conditions
- There are five Catheys Creeks in NC

NC BGN recommends the new name.

Unnamed impoundment to North Gambill Lake

Proponent Information

- No objections from Forsyth County
- 3.3 ac reservoir upstream of Middle Gambill Lake
- Name associated with Middle Gambill Lake and Gambill family
- USACE dam inventory

NC BGN Discussion

- Proposed name is "directionally inconsistent"
- There does not appear to be a Lower Gambill Lake
- Underlying stream is unnamed

NC BGN is neutral with some recommendations

- Propose directionally consistent names for all three impoundments
- Propose a name for the stream

Conrad Lake to Lake Lindsey

Proponent Information

- Town of Lewisville objects to name change
- No opinion from Forsyth County
- 3 acre reservoir
- Name is associated with Lincoln- but the connection does not appear to be commemorative
- Plantation house owned by the Conrads and several enslaved housing remnants on the property.
- Remove the name Conrad as it is associated with "antiquated antics"
- US BGN asked about the commemorative name status
- New property owners (proponents) are in the process of removing the structures
- Lewisville Historical Society -Conrad family has a long history in the area. Near another county historic site Hilltop House. The Conrad name is common in the area. The historical society does not support the erasure of history from the community

NC BGN Discussion

- Proposed name does not have a local connection
- Agreement with historical society regarding erasure of local history

NC BGN does not recommend the name change

NC BGN Charter Update

- Updating to clarify who will appoint NC BGN members
- Currently short two members
- Also big thanks to David for keeping all this organized and easy to review