



Name of Project:

### 5.2 COASTAL RESOURCES

#### 5.2.3 Non-Tidal Wetlands

**Non-Tidal Wetlands Policy 1 – Removal or Alteration is Generally Prohibited Unless There Is No Practicable Alternative, in Which Case, Impacts are First Minimized & Then Mitigated to Replace Ecological Values Lost.** Removal, excavation, grading, dredging, dumping, or discharging of, or filling a non-tidal wetland with materials of any kind, including the driving of piles and placing of obstructions; changing existing drainage characteristics, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics; disturbing the water level or water table; or removing or destroying plant life that would alter the character of a non-tidal wetland is prohibited unless: The proposed project has no practicable alternative; adverse impacts are first avoided and then minimized based on consideration of existing topography, vegetation, fish and wildlife resources, and hydrological conditions; comprehensive watershed management plans are considered; and the proposed project does not cause or contribute to an individual or cumulative effect that degrades aquatic ecosystem diversity, productivity, and stability, plankton, fish, shellfish, and wildlife, recreational and economic values, and public welfare, surface water quality, or ground water quality. Mitigation measures are required to replace the ecological values associated with non-tidal wetlands that are impaired by activities described above. MDE (C3) COMAR 26.23.01.01; COMAR 26.23.02.04, .06; COMAR 26.23.04.02.

Select appropriate response:

Project will be consistent with the Removal or Alteration is Generally Prohibited Unless There Is No Practicable Alternative, in Which Case, Impacts are First Minimized & Then Mitigated to Replace Ecological Values Lost policy.

Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy: