



**NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY
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**NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY INITIATES \$1.5 MILLION
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

RALEIGH, NC –The North Carolina Railroad Company (NCR) will be replacing and improving railroad drainage facilities in Dover, N.C., in Lenoir County, that will greatly improve storm runoff removal and help prevent standing pools of water in the rail corridor, which extends through town. The project involves primarily the area from the Old US 70 grade crossing to the Main Street crossing. Work began January 15th and should be complete in about five months.

Upgrades on the storm water drainage system include the construction of a new retaining wall and the installation of new concrete pipes. Norfolk Southern is managing the project; work is being done by Crowder Construction. The project cost of approximately \$1.5 million comes from NCR's Capital Improvement funds, and part of a \$120 million set of projects through 2012.

"This project is a good example of our commitment to build a better railroad for the people of North Carolina," says Scott Saylor, NCR President. "The improved drainage system protects the railroad from erosion and helps prevent water pooling in Dover's downtown area. Rail service to the Port at Morehead City, our military bases and rail-served industries in eastern North Carolina is critically important to economic development, especially in the current economic climate."

The North Carolina Railroad Company owns and manages the 317-mile rail corridor extending from Morehead City to Charlotte. The railroad carries 60 freight trains and eight passenger trains daily. NCR is the state's oldest corporation and remains at the forefront of rail improvements and partnership development to promote jobs and rail-served industry across the state. It touches nearly a quarter of the state's economy.

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