

1 develop and recommend to the General Assembly and to the Environmental Review
2 Commission a plan to improve the mapping and digital representation of surface waters
3 in North Carolina; and

4 Whereas, the Geographic Information Coordinating Council established a
5 Stream Mapping Working Group composed of State, local, and federal agencies to
6 develop the plan; and

7 Whereas, the Stream Mapping Working Group determined user requirements,
8 mapping specifications, implementation options, and developed a time line and a budget
9 for stream mapping; and

10 Whereas, in 2005 the Geographic Information Coordinating Council
11 recommended the adoption of the "Implementation Plan to Improve Mapping and
12 Digital Representation of Surface Waters," at a cost of \$16,236,500 over five years; and

13 Whereas, the General Assembly appropriated \$2,685,000 to fund Phase I of
14 the Implementation Plan to Improve Mapping and Digital Representation of Surface
15 Waters in western North Carolina in S.L. 2005-1, the Hurricane Recovery Act of 2005;
16 and

17 Whereas, the State Water Infrastructure Commission has recommended that
18 the 2007 Session of the General Assembly appropriate \$3,428,500 for Phase II of the
19 Implementation Plan to Improve Mapping and Digital Representation of Surface
20 Waters, which encompasses portions of the Broad, Cape Fear, Catawba, Neuse,
21 Roanoke, Yadkin, and White Oak river basins, in its November 2006 report to the
22 Environmental Review Commission; and

23 Whereas, the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis will complete
24 Phase I of the Plan on time and within budget in 2007; Now, therefore,
25 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

26 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
27 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of three million four
28 hundred twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,428,500) for the 2007-2008
29 fiscal year to fund Phase II of the Implementation Plan to Improve Mapping and Digital
30 Representation of Surface Waters.

31 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
32 make the mapping and digital representation of surface waters available to other State
33 agencies and the public as soon as practicable via the Internet on NC OneMap.

34 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
35 seek funds from federal agencies, including, but not limited to, the Federal Emergency
36 Management Agency, United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States
37 Environmental Protection Agency, United States Geological Survey, and United States
38 Department of Agriculture to help fund the Implementation Plan to Improve Mapping
39 and Digital Representation of Surface Waters.

40 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective 1 July 2007.