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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION
TO MODIFY A**

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

TITLE: Trent River Bank Stabilization, Trenton and Pollocksville, Jones County, NC

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:

Begins: July 20, 2020
Expires: August 20, 2020

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army Section 408 (Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; 33 U.S.C. 408) approval to conduct proposed work at federally constructed navigation and clearing and snagging projects of the United States, as described below. Written comments are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the requested alteration. Comments received will become part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) administrative record and will be considered in determining whether to approve the request. Comments supporting, opposing, or identifying concerns that should be considered by the USACE in its decision process are welcome. Comments providing substantive information and/or a rationale for the commenter's position are the most helpful. Comments regarding the proposed work should reference the USACE public notice number (ECP-2020-S408-0002) and must reach the USACE via email or mail no later than the above comment period expiration date (August 20, 2020) to become part of the public record and be considered in the USACE's decision.

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REQUESTER: In compliance with Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408; hereinafter Section 408), Jones County has requested permission to stabilize the existing shoreline at six different locations along the Trent River. The proposed projects will take place within the Trent River federal navigation project, and the Oriental and Trent River federal clearing and snagging project (Figures 1 and 2).

LOCATION: The proposed action includes six bank stabilization locations along the Trent River. Two of these projects, located off South Market Street and Haiti Street in Trenton, NC are part of the federal clearing and snagging project. Whereas, the remaining four projects, located off 2nd Street, 3rd Street, Oak Grove Road and Harriet Lane in Pollocksville, NC are part of the federal navigation project. The six projects are located in Trenton and Pollocksville, NC, Jones County, North Carolina (Figure 3).

REQUESTER'S PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action is to stabilize the existing shoreline at six different locations along the Trent River that were eroded by Hurricane

Florence. The shoreline will be stabilized with riprap and placed using a combination of an excavator, mini truck loader, and a dump truck. The riprap will be placed along a total of 699 linear feet of shoreline with an average placement depth of 3.47 feet by 6 feet wide below normal water level into the Trent River. This proposed shoreline stabilization will provide protection for six structures along the Trent River, including five residential structures and one church.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 408. A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations. An approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to grant the requested permission for federal project modification under Section 408 will be based on several factors and will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of the request for modification will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team and will consider, but not necessarily be limited to, the following factors:

1. Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination. The review team will determine if the proposed alteration would limit the ability of the project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes, or outputs. The decision whether to approve a request for modification would be based on a determination of no impairments.
2. Injurious to the Public Interest Determination. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest.

SUMMARY: It should be noted that materials submitted as part of Section 408 requests become part of the public record and will be available to the general public under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to obtain materials under the FOIA or make an appointment to view the project file at the USACE Wilmington District's Office of Counsel.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed action must do so in writing no later than **August 20, 2020**. It is presumed that all parties receiving this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed action as described.

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Section 408 Coordinator

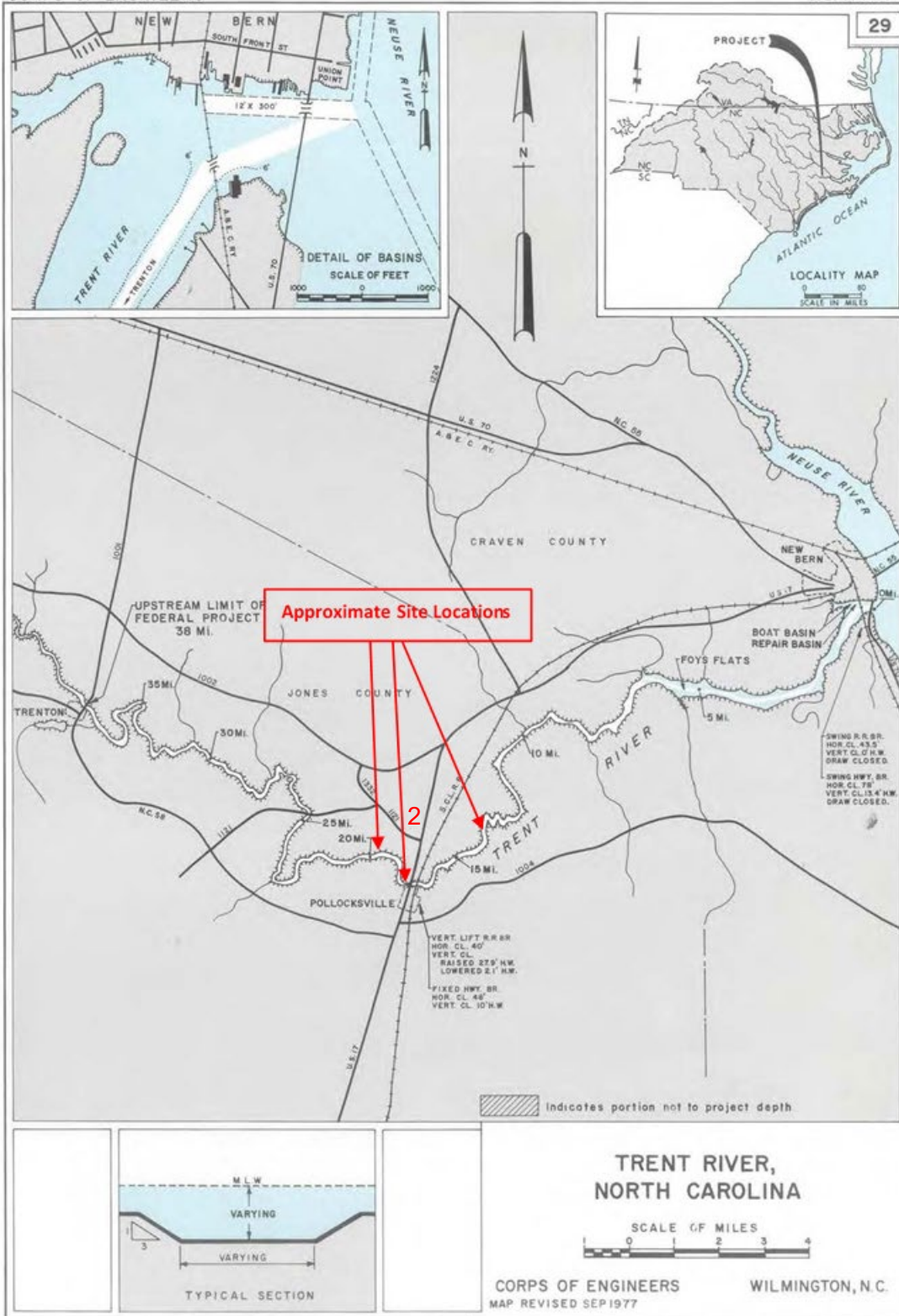


Figure 1. Trent River, North Carolina, Federal Project Map.

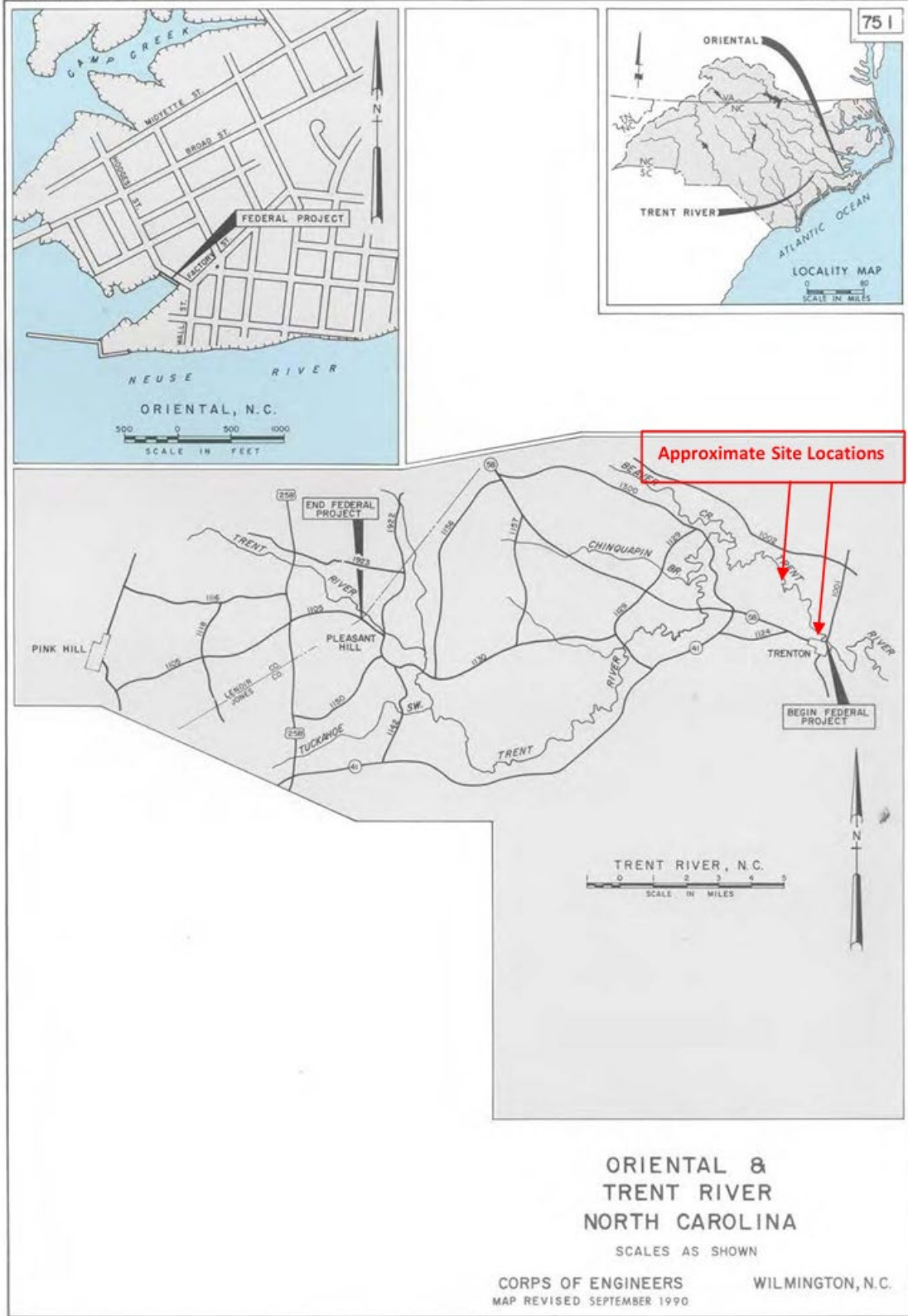


Figure 2. Oriental and Trent River, North Carolina Federal Project Map

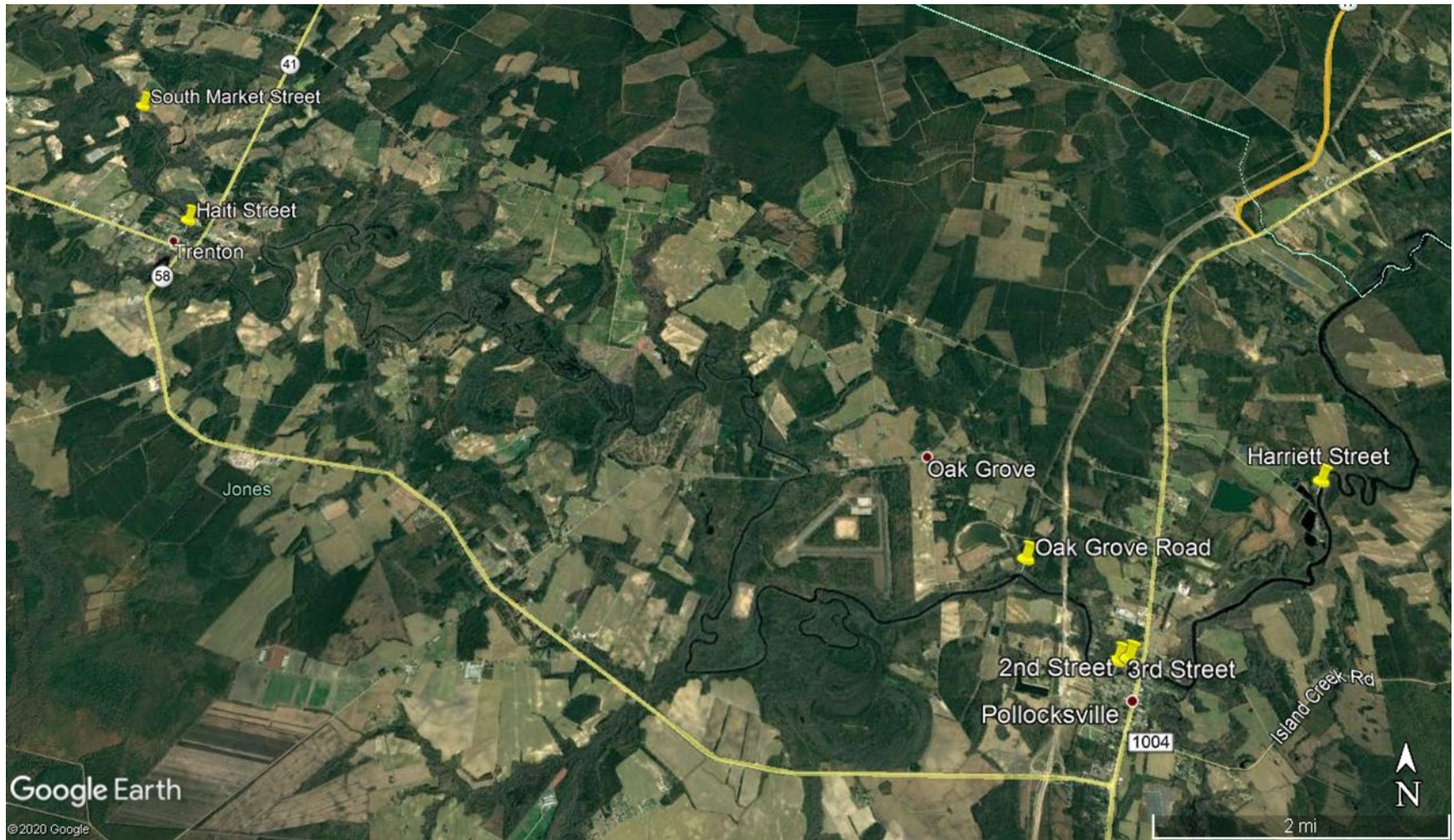


Figure 3. Project Location Map