

Appendix I

Cultural Resource Correspondence on the Princeville, North Carolina Flood Risk Management Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment



**North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
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February 18, 2014

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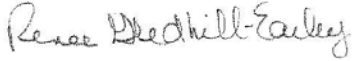
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for Ramona M. Bartos



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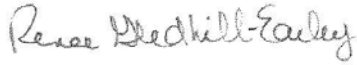
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January 8, 2016

Engineering, Construction, and Planning Division

Mrs. Renee Gledhill-Earley, Environmental Review Coordinator
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Dear Mrs. Gledhill-Earley:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District (Corps) is requesting consultation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act associated with the Princeville Flood Damage Reduction Study (Project), Edgecombe County, North Carolina. The N.C. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has assigned reference number ER 09-0898 to this Project.

In response to "revised project description" and "public notice of modified design" Project documents, SHPO provided the Corps recommendations regarding survey needs on February 18, 2014, and May 6, 2015, respectively (Attachments 1 and 2). Specifically, SHPO recommended a comprehensive archaeological survey by an experienced archaeologist of the approximately 10-acre area associated with the earthen levee (Levee) oriented S/SE from US 258 nearly 3,600 linear feet to NC 111 (Figure 1). According to SHPO, this area has never been systematically surveyed to determine the location or significance of archaeological resources and is considered to have a high probability area for the presence of Native American archaeological resources.

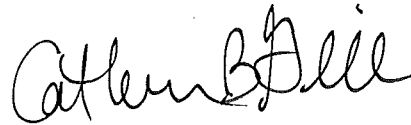
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The Corps acknowledges that consultation is ongoing and that prior to project implementation, consultation will be finalized pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

At your earliest convenience, please provide your written concurrence with this path forward for completion of consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Princeville Flood Damage Reduction Study. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Justin Bashaw, Environmental Resources Section, at Justin.P.Bashaw@usace.army.mil, or you may call him at (910) 251-4581

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Catheren B. Gill, P.E.
Chief, Engineering, Construction
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Enclosures

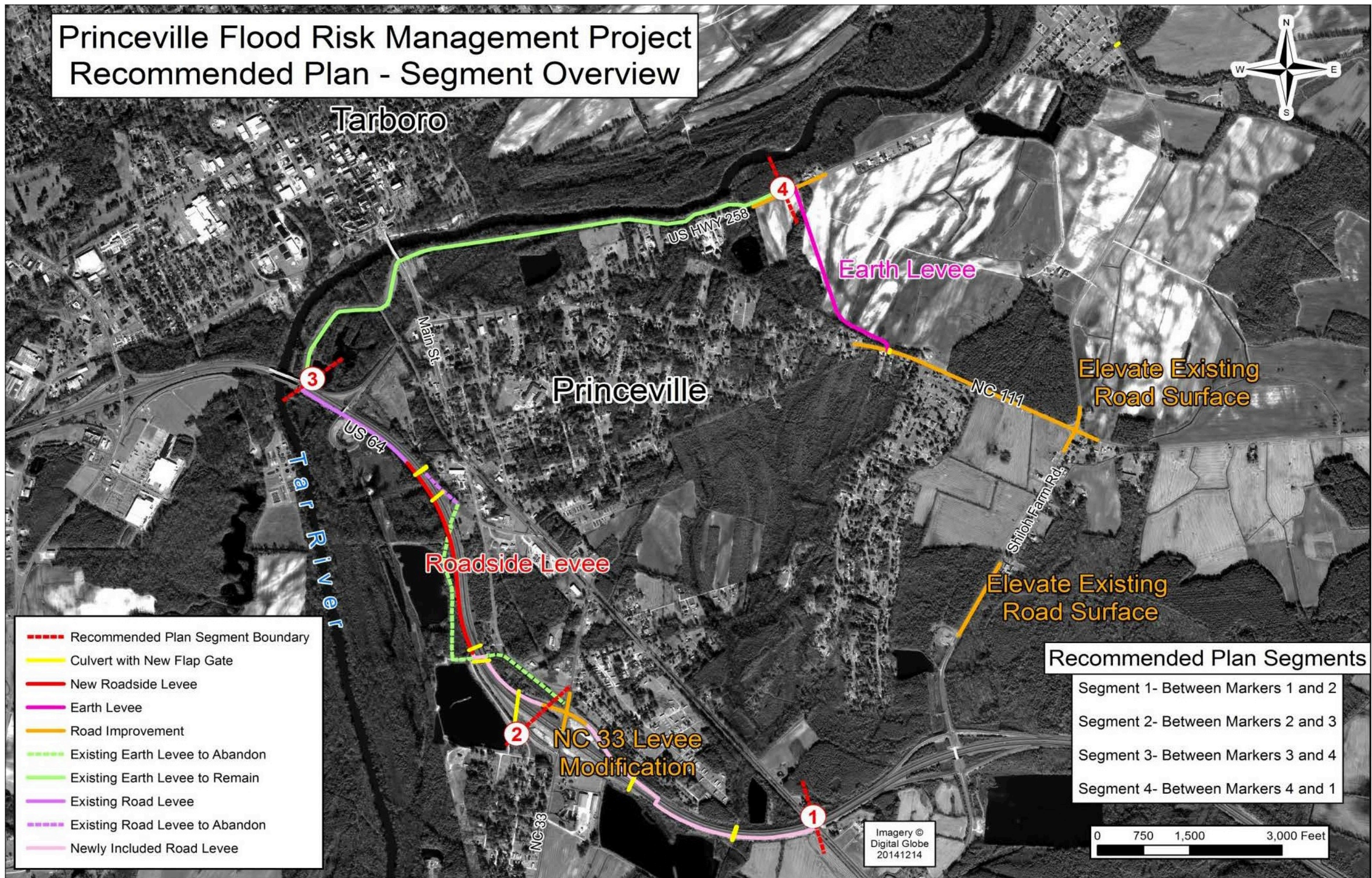


Figure 1. Project location map.

Attachment 1

North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office Response Letter
February 18, 2014



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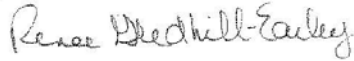
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Attachment 2

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May 6, 2015



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