



Princeville, NC (Flood Risk Management)

- **Sponsor: State of North Carolina**
- **Fully funded under Public Law 116-20 Supplemental Program for project construction**
- **Current working estimate of \$39,600,000 approved by OMB**
- **Ongoing validation study and coordination with project stakeholders**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 1

DATE: 01 APRIL 2022

1. **AUTHORIZATION:** Water Resources Development Act of 2016.
2. **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Princeville is located on the Tar River in Edgecombe County, NC. The study area includes that portion of the Tar River basin that may impact flooding in the vicinity of Princeville. The 2016 authorized plan includes extending a portion of the existing levee to the east to improve the level of flood risk reduction provided to the main historic area of Princeville; raising local roadways, installing culvert flapgates, and construction of a shoulder levee along U.S. Highway 64 interchange.
3. **COST ESTIMATE:** Project Construction (Price level as of 01 October 2020):

Total Estimated Project Cost:		
\$	25,740,000	Federal
\$	13,860,000	Non-Federal
\$	39,600,000	Total
4. **FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION THRU FY 2021:** \$1,925,000
5. **FY 2022 ALLOCATION AMOUNT:** \$665,000. Project fully funded under the PL 116-20 Disaster Relief Act of 2019 appropriations bill for project construction.
6. **FY 2023 ALLOCATION AMOUNT:** \$TBD. Project fully funded under the PL 116-20 Disaster Relief Act of 2019 appropriations bill for project construction.
7. **PROJECT STATUS:** Chief's Report was signed on February 23, 2016. Project has not executed a Design Agreement nor a Project Partnership Agreement to date. Funds are being

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used for additional modeling iterations and to update the cost estimate, engineering, real estate, economics, and environmental compliance. This will be documented in a validation report which is currently scheduled for completion in August 2023.

8. **OTHER INFORMATION:** The Town of Princeville has a unique historic and cultural importance in American history as the first town in the United States founded by freed slaves. After the extensive damage the town suffered from flooding due to Hurricane Floyd, President Clinton signed an Executive Order (E.O. 13146) in February 2000 which led to the initiation of studies to identify flood risk management alternative measures.

The Town of Princeville suffered frequent and severe flooding, up until the construction of a Corps' Section 205 Continuing Authorities Program project (1967), which was based, on the "Design Event" (historical flood event) of 1919. Hurricanes Floyd (1999), a greater than 0.2% event, and Matthew (2016) caused catastrophic flooding of the town, and loss of a significant number of residences and homes.

During report approval ASA (CW) Jo Ellen Darcy supported the recommended plan stating, "I am granting an exception to the NED plan selection rule..." "...(the selected plan) is more comprehensive and best balances flood risk reduction, life and safety considerations, cost effectiveness and preservation of the cultural environment while fully responding to the E.O. 13146."