



## Princeville, NC (Flood Risk Management)

- **Sponsor: State of North Carolina**
- **Funded under the 2019 Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-20)**
- **Ongoing validation efforts and coordination with project stakeholders**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 1

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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 validation efforts include portions of the Tar River basin that may be impacted by construction of the 2016 authorized project 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 flap gates, and construction of a shoulder levee along U.S. Highway 64 interchange.
3. **COST ESTIMATE:** Project Construction (Price level as of 01 October 2020):
 

<b>Total Estimated Project Cost:</b>		
\$	25,740,000	Federal
\$	<u>13,860,000</u>	Non-Federal
\$	39,600,000	Total
4. **FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION THRU FY 2022:** \$2,669,000. Project funded for construction under the PL 116-20, Disaster Relief Act of 2019.
5. **FY 2023 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION:** \$0. Project funded for construction under the PL 116-20, Disaster Relief Act of 2019.
6. **FY 2024 ALLOCATION AMOUNT:** \$TBD. Project funded for construction under the PL 116-20, Disaster Relief Act of 2019.

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7. **PROJECT STATUS:** Chief's Report was signed on February 23, 2016. Project has not executed a Project Partnership Agreement to date because of concerns over induced flooding potentially linked to the authorized project. Additional modeling iterations have been underway.

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 formerly enslaved people.

In 1967, USACE, with Edgecombe County providing local cooperation requirements, constructed the current levee under Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1942. The design was based on the historical flood event of 1919.

In 1999 Hurricane Floyd cause extensive damage the town, and 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 in Princeville.

During the feasibility report approval Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), 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."

Again in 2016, Hurricane Matthew caused catastrophic flooding of the town, and loss of a significant number of residences.