



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

December 13, 2023

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Field Office
151 Patton Avenue, Room 208
Asheville, NC 28805

NC Division of Water Resources
Transportation Permitting Branch
1617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-1617

ATTN: Ms. Lori Beckwith,
NCDOT Coordinator

Mr. Kevin Mitchell
NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Application for Section 404 Regional General Permit 50, and Section 401 Water Quality Certification** for the Proposed Replacement of Bridge #110142 on SR 2027 (Martin Creek Rd.) over Martin Creek in Buncombe County, Division 13, TIP No. B-6016, Debit \$323 from WBS 48211.1.1.

Dear Madam and Sir:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace bridge #110142 on SR 2027 (Martin Creek Rd.) over Martin Creek with a new bridge at the existing location. Traffic will be maintained on existing utilizing a temporary pipe detour, while a new bridge is constructed.

As a result of stabilizing banks under the new bridge, ditch and pipe outlet, there will be a total of 55 linear feet of permanent stream bank stabilization impacts, and 87 linear feet (0.02 ac) of temporary impacts. These impacts do not require permanent fill in the stream bed, therefore, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, do not constitute Loss of Waters of the U.S., and are not subject to compensatory mitigation.

Please see enclosed copies of the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), Stormwater Management Plan, Permit Drawings, Protected Species Info, Archaeology and Historic Reports, Tribal Coordination Documents, and Categorical Exclusion (CE).

A copy of this permit application has been posted on the NCDOT Website at:
<http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Michael Turchy at maturchy@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael A. Turchy".

for Michael A. Turchy
Environmental Coordination and Permitting Group Leader

cc: NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List

Pre-Construction Notification



Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form

For Nationwide Permits and Regional General Permits
(along with corresponding Water Quality Certifications)

October 2, 2023 Ver 4.3

Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.

Also, if at any point you wish to print a copy of the E-PCN, all you need to do is right-click on the document and you can print a copy of the form.

Below is a link to the online help file.

<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&id=2196924>

A. Processing Information

If this is a courtesy copy, please fill in this with the submission date.

Does this project involve maintenance dredging funded by the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund or involve the distribution or transmission of energy or fuel, including natural gas, diesel, petroleum, or electricity? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is this project connected with ARPA funding? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

County (or Counties) where the project is located: *

Buncombe

Is this a NCDMS Project? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Click Yes, only if NCDMS is the applicant or co-applicant.

DO NOT CHECK YES, UNLESS YOU ARE DMS OR CO-APPLICANT.

Is this project a public transportation project? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

This is any publicly funded by municipal, state or federal funds road, rail, airport transportation project.

Is this a NCDOT Project? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

(NCDOT only) T.I.P. or state project number:

B-6016

WBS # *

48211.1.1

(for NCDOT use only)

1a. Type(s) of approval sought from the Corps: *

- ☒ Section 404 Permit (wetlands, streams and waters, Clean Water Act)
☐ Section 10 Permit (navigable waters, tidal waters, Rivers and Harbors Act)

Has this PCN previously been submitted? *

☐ Yes
☒ No

1b. What type(s) of permit(s) do you wish to seek authorization? *

- ☐ Nationwide Permit (NWP)
☒ Regional General Permit (RGP)
☐ Standard (IP)

1c. Has the NWP or GP number been verified by the Corps? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Regional General Permit (RGP) Number:

201902350 - Work associated with bridge construction, widening, replacement, and interchanges

RGP Numbers (for multiple RGPs):

List all RGP numbers you are applying for not on the drop down list.

1d. Type(s) of approval sought from the DWR: *

check all that apply

- ☒ 401 Water Quality Certification - Regular
☐ Non-404 Jurisdictional General Permit
☐ Individual 401 Water Quality Certification

- ☐ 401 Water Quality Certification - Express
☐ Riparian Buffer Authorization

1e. Is this notification solely for the record because written approval is not required?

*

For the record only for DWR 401 Certification:

☐ Yes ☒ No

For the record only for Corps Permit:

☐ Yes ☒ No

1f. Is this an after-the-fact permit application? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

1g. Is payment into a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program proposed for mitigation of impacts?

If so, attach the acceptance letter from mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Acceptance Letter Attachment

Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attach document

FILE TYPE MUST BE PDF

1h. Is the project located in any of NC's twenty coastal counties? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

1j. Is the project located in a designated trout watershed? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

You must submit a copy of the appropriate Wildlife Resource Commission Office.

Link to trout information: <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Permit-Program/Agency-Coordination/Trout.aspx>

B. Applicant Information



1a. Who is the Primary Contact? *

Michael Turchy

1b. Primary Contact Email: *

maturchy@ncdot.gov

1c. Primary Contact Phone: *

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

(919)707-6157

1d. Who is applying for the permit? *

☐ Owner

(Check all that apply)

☒ Applicant (other than owner)

1e. Is there an Agent/Consultant for this project? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Owner Information

2a. Name(s) on recorded deed: *

NCDOT

2b. Deed book and page no.:

2c. Contact Person:

(for Corporations)

2d. Address *

Street Address

1598 Mail Service Center

Address Line 2

City

Raleigh

Postal / Zip Code

27699-1598

State / Province / Region

NC

Country

US

2e. Telephone Number: *

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

(919)707-6157

2f. Fax Number:

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

2g. Email Address: *

maturchy@ncdot.gov

3. Applicant Information (if different from owner)

3a. Name: *

Michael Turchy

3b. Business Name:

(if applicable)

3c. Address *

Street Address

1598 Mail Service Center

Address Line 2

City

Raleigh

Postal / Zip Code

27699-1598

State / Province / Region

NC

Country

US

3d. Telephone Number: *

(919)707-6157

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

3e. Fax Number:

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

3f. Email Address: *

maturchy@ncdot.gov

C. Project Information and Prior Project History

1. Project Information

1a. Name of project: *

B-6016 - Bridge 142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027

1b. Subdivision name:

(if appropriate)

1c. Nearest municipality / town: *

Barnardsville, NC

2. Project Identification

2a. Property Identification Number:

(tax PIN or parcel ID)

2b. Property size:

(in acres)

1.50

2c. Project Address

Street Address

Martins Creek Rd

Address Line 2

City

Barnardsville

Postal / Zip Code

28709

State / Province / Region

NC

Country

US

2d. Site coordinates in decimal degrees

Please collect site coordinates in decimal degrees. Use between 4-6 digits (unless you are using a survey-grade GPS device) after the decimal place as appropriate, based on how the location was determined. (For example, most mobile phones with GPS provide locational precision in decimal degrees to map coordinates to 5 or 6 digits after the decimal place.)

Latitude: *

35.790025

ex: 34.208504

Longitude: *

-82.423995

-77.796371

3. Surface Waters

3a. Name of the nearest body of water to proposed project: *

Martin's Creek

3b. Water Resources Classification of nearest receiving water: *

WS-II; Tr; HQW

[Surface Water Lookup](#)

3c. What river basin(s) is your project located in? *

French Broad

3d. Please provide the 12-digit HUC in which the project is located. *

060101050803

[River Basin Lookup](#)

4. Project Description and History

4a. Describe the existing conditions on the site and the general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: *

The project is located in a rural part of the NC mountains, near the Pisgah National Forest in Buncombe County. The area consists of heavily intact forested land, pasture/agriculture land that is regularly maintained, paved roadways with maintained shoulders, and scattered residential properties. Aerial photographs suggest some areas of forest, adjacent to the PSA, may have been thinned/logged in past years. The PSA is primarily maintained/disturbed roadside and yard frontage, pavement, and a thin strip of forest near the bridge at Martin's Creek.

4b. Have Corps permits or DWR certifications been obtained for this project (including all prior phases) in the past? *

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

4f. List the total estimated acreage of all existing wetlands on the property:

0

4g. List the total estimated linear feet of all existing streams on the property:

(intermittent and perennial)

240

4h. Explain the purpose of the proposed project: *

The purpose of the project is to replace the structurally deficient Bridge #110142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 (Martin Creek Rd.) in Buncombe County, NC east of Barnardsville. Built in 1971, the bridge now has a sufficiency rating of 48.08.

4i. Describe the overall project in detail, including indirect impacts and the type of equipment to be used: *

The existing bridge is a 21' long by 25' wide (timber floor on I-beams) single span bridge and consists of two 9' paved travel lanes with 0.5' paved shoulders. The proposed grade will be about 1' above existing ground within the vicinity of the bridge and roughly matching existing ground approximately 70 ft northeast of the bridge and 80 ft southwest of the bridge.

The existing bridge has openings below the bridge rail that discharge directly to Martin Creek. The proposed bridge will have no direct discharge into the river. Stormwater runoff from the bridge is to flow to a grated inlet located just outside of the approach slab in the southwest quadrant and will be diffused with a riprap pad at the proposed pipe outlet in the southeast quadrant. All proposed stormwater runoff is discharged as far away from the stream and at the lowest velocities as practicable.

5. Jurisdictional Determinations

5a. Have the wetlands or streams been delineated on the property or proposed impact areas? *

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Comments:

Only named perennial stream Martin Creek within project area.

5b. If the Corps made a jurisdictional determination, what type of determination was made? *

☐ Preliminary ☐ Approved ☒ Not Verified ☐ Unknown ☐ N/A

Corps AID Number:

Example: SAW-2017-99999

5c. If 5a is yes, who delineated the jurisdictional areas?

Name (if known):

Agency/Consultant Company: Three Oaks

Other:

6. Future Project Plans

6a. Is this a phased project? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any other NWP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permits(s) used, or intended to be used, to authorize any part of the proposed project or related activity? This includes other separate and distant crossing for linear projects that require Department of the Army authorization but don't require pre-construction notification.

D. Proposed Impacts Inventory

1. Impacts Summary

1a. Where are the impacts associated with your project? (check all that apply):

☐ Wetlands ☒ Streams-tributaries ☐ Buffers
☐ Open Waters ☐ Pond Construction

3. Stream Impacts

If there are perennial or intermittent stream impacts (including temporary impacts) proposed on the site, then complete this question for all stream sites impacted.

"S." will be used in the table below to represent the word "stream".

	3a. Reason for impact ^{*(?)}	3b. Impact type [*]	3c. Type of impact [*]	3d. S. name [*]	3e. Stream Type ^{*(?)}	3f. Type of Jurisdiction [*]	3g. S. width [*]	3h. Impact length [*]
S1	Site 1: Outfall 18" RCP III	Permanent	Bank Stabilization	Martin Creek	Perennial	Both	10 Average (feet)	12 (linear feet)
S2	Site 2a: Outfall 15" RCP-IV	Permanent	Bank Stabilization	Martin Creek	Perennial	Both	10 Average (feet)	23 (linear feet)
S3	Site 2b: Temp Access - Dewatering/Fill	Temporary	Dewatering	Martin Creek	Perennial	Both	10 Average (feet)	87 (linear feet)
S4	Site 2c: Bridge - Excavation	Permanent	Bank Stabilization	Martin Creek	Perennial	Both	10 Average (feet)	20 (linear feet)

** All Perennial or Intermittent streams must be verified by DWR or delegated local government.

3i. Total jurisdictional ditch impact in square feet:

0

3i. Total permanent stream impacts:

55

3i. Total temporary stream impacts:

87

3i. Total stream and ditch impacts:

142

3j. Comments:

2b = Temporary impacts for a temporary pipe detour to maintain traffic, which substantially reduces impacts relative to the alternative construction method of staged construction.

E. Impact Justification and Mitigation

1. Avoidance and Minimization

1a. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts in designing the project: *

Bridge spans the water body; The proposed bridge will have no direct discharge into the river. Stormwater runoff from the bridge is to flow to a grated inlet located just outside of the approach slab in the southwest quadrant and will be diffused with a riprap pad at the proposed pipe outlet in the southeast quadrant. All proposed stormwater runoff is discharged as far away from the stream and at the lowest velocities as practicable.

1b. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts through construction techniques: *

A temporary pipe detour to maintain traffic was utilized, which substantially reduced impacts relative to the alternative construction method of staged construction. Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds will be adhered to.

2. Compensatory Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State

2a. Does the project require Compensatory Mitigation for impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2b. If this project DOES NOT require Compensatory Mitigation, explain why:

All permanent impacts are due to bank stabilization which is not considered a loss of waters/mitigable impact. Remaining impacts are temporary.

NC Stream Temperature Classification Maps can be found under the Mitigation Concepts tab on the Wilmington District's [RIBITS](#) website.

F. Stormwater Management and Diffuse Flow Plan (required by DWR)

*** Recent changes to the stormwater rules have required updates to this section .***

1. Diffuse Flow Plan

1a. Does the project include or is it adjacent to protected riparian buffers identified within one of the NC Riparian Buffer Protection Rules?

☐ Yes ☒ No

For a list of options to meet the diffuse flow requirements, click [here](#).

If no, explain why:

The project is located within the French Broad River basin to which no riparian buffer rules apply.

2. Stormwater Management Plan

2a. Is this a NCDOT project subject to compliance with NCDOT's Individual NPDES permit NCS000250? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

see permit drawings.

G. Supplementary Information



1. Environmental Documentation

1a. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

1b. If you answered "yes" to the above, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or State (North Carolina) Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

1c. If you answered "yes" to the above, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearing House? (If so, attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter.) *

☒ Yes ☐ No

2. Violations (DWR Requirement)

2a. Is the site in violation of DWR Water Quality Certification Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .1300), or DWR Surface Water or Wetland Standards or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200)? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Cumulative Impacts (DWR Requirement)

3a. Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

3b. If you answered "no," provide a short narrative description.

Due to the minimal transportation impact resulting from this bridge replacement, this project is not anticipated to stimulate growth or influence nearby land use. The project replaces an existing structure with a similar structure.

4. Sewage Disposal (DWR Requirement)

4a. Is sewage disposal required by DWR for this project? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

5. Endangered Species and Designated Critical Habitat (Corps Requirement)

5a. Will this project occur in or near an area with federally protected species or habitat? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

5b. Have you checked with the USFWS concerning Endangered Species Act impacts? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

5c. If yes, indicate the USFWS Field Office you have contacted.

Asheville

5d. Is another Federal agency involved? *

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

What Federal Agency is involved?

FHWA

5e. Is this a DOT project located within Division's 1-8? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

5f. Will you cut any trees in order to conduct the work in waters of the U.S.? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

5g. Does this project involve bridge maintenance or removal? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

5g(1). If yes, have you inspected the bridge for signs of bat use such as staining, guano, bats, etc.? Representative photos of signs of bat use can be found in the NLEB SLOPES, Appendix F, pages 3-7.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Link to the NLEB SLOPES document: http://saw-reg.usace.army.mil/NLEB/1-30-17-signed_NLEB-SLOPES&apps.pdf

If you answered "Yes" to 5g(1), did you discover any signs of bat use? *

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

*** If yes, please show the location of the bridge on the permit drawings/project plans.

5h. Does this project involve the construction/installation of a wind turbine(s)?* *

☐ Yes ☒ No

5i. Does this project involve (1) blasting, and/or (2) other percussive activities that will be conducted by machines, such as jackhammers, mechanized pile drivers, etc.? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

5j. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Endangered Species or Designated Critical Habitat? *

FHWA is the lead agency.

Informal concurrence request sent to USFWS 12/6/23. See attached request letter for a summary of protected species info within the project area.

6. Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requirement)

6a. Will this project occur in or near an area designated as an Essential Fish Habitat? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

6b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact an Essential Fish Habitat? *

<https://www.habitat.noaa.gov/apps/efhmapper/>

7. Historic or Prehistoric Cultural Resources (Corps Requirement)

Link to the State Historic Preservation Office Historic Properties Map (does not include archaeological data: <http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/>)

7a. Will this project occur in or near an area that the state, federal or tribal governments have designated as having historic or cultural preservation status (e.g., National Historic Trust designation or properties significant in North Carolina history and archaeology)? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

7b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact historic or archeological resources? *

See attached cultural resource info and tribal coordination.

8. Flood Zone Designation (Corps Requirement)

Link to the FEMA Floodplain Maps: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>

8a. Will this project occur in a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

8b. If yes, explain how project meets FEMA requirements:

This project meets the FEMA requirements by obtaining State Floodplain Compliance (SFC) approval through the Hydraulics Unit's Highway Floodplain Program.

8c. What source(s) did you use to make the floodplain determination? *

FEMA floodmaps

Miscellaneous

Comments

Please use the space below to attach all required documentation or any additional information you feel is helpful for application review. Documents should be combined into one file when possible, with a Cover Letter, Table of Contents, and a Cover Sheet for each Section preferred.

[Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attach document](#)

B-6016 Buncombe December 13 2023.pdf

7.92MB

File must be PDF or KMZ

Signature

*

☒ By checking the box and signing below, I certify that:

- The project proponent hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- The project proponent hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.
- I have given true, accurate, and complete information on this form;
- I agree that submission of this PCN form is a "transaction" subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the PCN form.

Full Name: *

Erin Cheely

Signature *

Erin K. Cheely

Date

12/13/2023

Permit Drawings



North Carolina Department of Transportation

Highway Stormwater Program
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR NCDOT PROJECTS

(Version 3.00; Released August 2021)

WBS Element: 48209.3.1		TIP/Proj No: B-6016		County(ies): Buncombe		Page 1 of 2	
General Project Information							
WBS Element:		48211.1.1		TIP Number: B-6016		Project Type: Bridge Replacement	
NCDOT Contact:		Yates Allen (Division Environmental Officer)		Contractor / Designer:		TGS Engineers (David B. Petty, PE)	
	Address:	NCDOT Highway Division 13 55 Orange Street Asheville, NC 28801			Address:	706 Hillsborough Street Suite 200 Raleigh NC, 27603	
	Phone:	828-250-3002			Phone:	919-773-8887 ext. 104	
	Email:	yallen@ncdot.gov			Email:	dpetty@tgsengineers.com	
City/Town:		Barnardsville		County(ies):		Buncombe	
River Basin(s):		French Broad		CAMA County?		No	
Wetlands within Project Limits?		No					
Project Description							
Project Length (lin. miles or feet):		0.076 miles		Surrounding Land Use:		wooded, farmland, low density residential	
		Proposed Project		Existing Site			
Project Built-Up Area (ac.)		0.2 ac.		0.2 ac.			
Typical Cross Section Description:		Two 10' paved travel lanes with 3' graded shoulders (7' to guardrail, 3' paved).		Two 9' paved travel lanes with 0.5' paved shoulders.			
Annual Avg Daily Traffic (veh/hr/day):		Design/Future: 200		Year: 2023		Existing: 200	
General Project Narrative: (Description of Minimization of Water Quality Impacts)		NCDOT STIP B-6016 involves the replacement of Bridge #110142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 (Martin Creek Rd.) in Buncombe County, NC east of Barnardsville. Proposed 55' long by 27' wide (21" cored slab units) single span bridge to replace existing 21' long by 25' wide (timber floor on I-beams) single span bridge. The proposed grade will be about 1' above existing ground within the vicinity of the bridge and roughly matching existing ground approximately 70 ft northeast of the bridge and 80 ft southwest of the bridge. The existing bridge has openings below the bridge rail that discharge directly to Martin Creek. The proposed bridge will have no direct discharge into the river. Stormwater runoff from the bridge is to flow to a grated inlet located just outside of the approach slab in the southwest quadrant and will be diffused with a riprap pad at the proposed pipe outlet in the southeast quadrant. All proposed stormwater runoff is discharged as far away from the stream and at the lowest velocities as practicable.					



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General Project Information

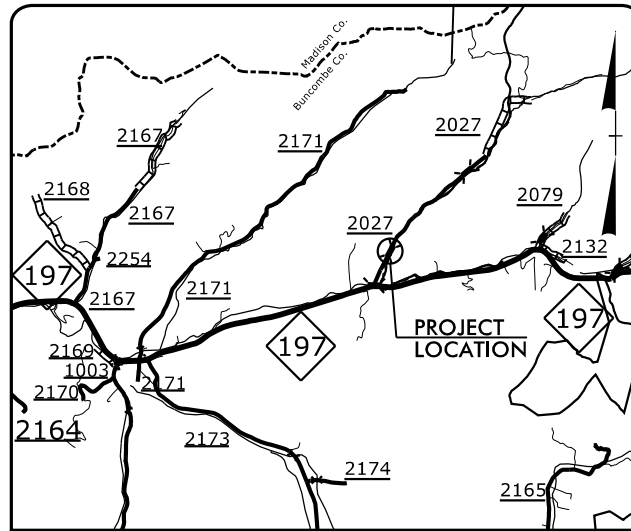
Waterbody Information

Surface Water Body (1):	Martin Creek	NCDWR Stream Index No.:	6-96-3-5
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body	Primary Classification:	Water Supply II (WS-II)	
	Supplemental Classification:	Trout Waters (Tr)	(HQW)
Other Stream Classification:	None		
Impairments:	None		
Aquatic T&E Species?	No	Comments:	
NRTR Stream ID:	no NRTR	Buffer Rules in Effect:	N/A
Project Includes Bridge Spanning Water Body?	Yes	Deck Drains Discharge Over Buffer?	No
Deck Drains Discharge Over Water Body?	No	(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)	(If yes, describe in the General Project Narrative; if no, justify in the General Project Narrative)
(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)			
Surface Water Body (2):		NCDWR Stream Index No.:	
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body	Primary Classification:		
	Supplemental Classification:		
Other Stream Classification:			
Impairments:			
Aquatic T&E Species?		Comments:	
NRTR Stream ID:		Buffer Rules in Effect:	
Project Includes Bridge Spanning Water Body?		Deck Drains Discharge Over Buffer?	
Deck Drains Discharge Over Water Body?		(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)	(If yes, describe in the General Project Narrative; if no, justify in the General Project Narrative)
(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)			
Surface Water Body (3):		NCDWR Stream Index No.:	
NCDWR Surface Water Classification for Water Body	Primary Classification:		
	Supplemental Classification:		
Other Stream Classification:			
Impairments:			
Aquatic T&E Species?		Comments:	
NRTR Stream ID:		Buffer Rules in Effect:	
Project Includes Bridge Spanning Water Body?		Deck Drains Discharge Over Buffer?	
Deck Drains Discharge Over Water Body?		(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)	(If yes, describe in the General Project Narrative; if no, justify in the General Project Narrative)
(If yes, provide justification in the General Project Narrative)			

TIP PROJECT: B-6016

CONTRACT: C204406

See Sheet 1A For Index of Sheets



VICINITY MAP

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

BUNCOMBE COUNTY

**LOCATION: BRIDGE #100142 OVER MARTIN CREEK
ON SR 2027 (MARTINS CREEK RD)**

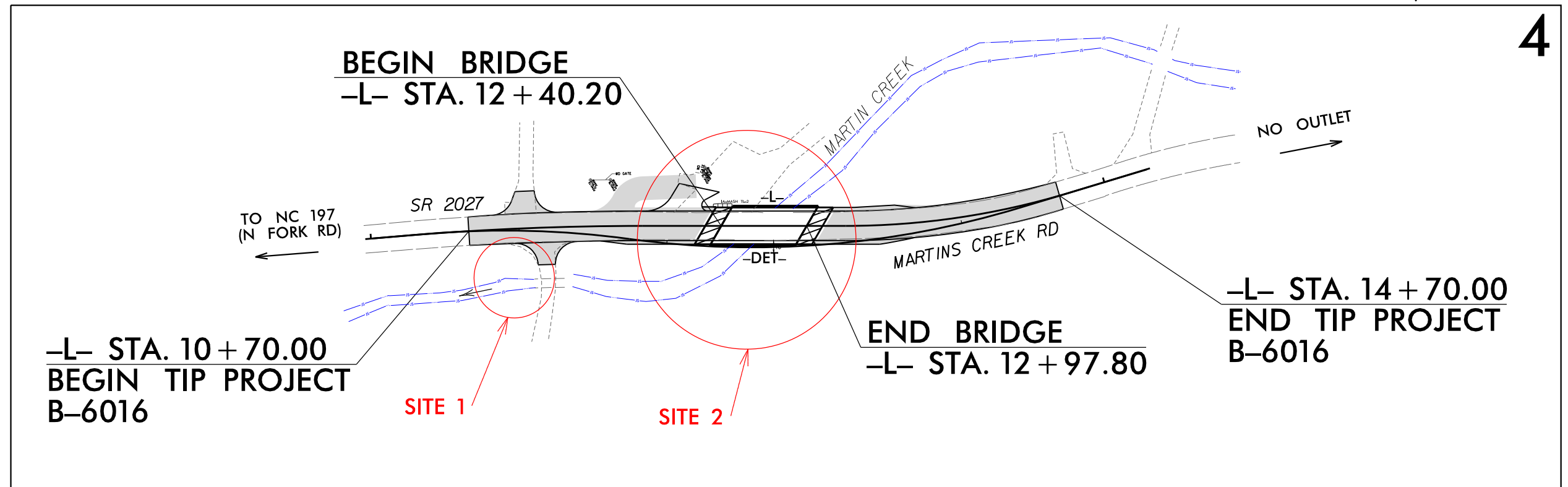
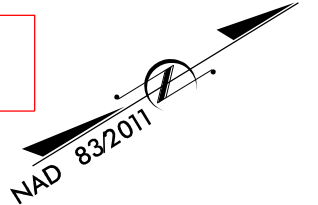
TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING AND STRUCTURE

WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER IMPACTS PERMIT

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	B-6016	1	
STATE PROJ. NO.	F. A. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION	
48209.3.1	BRZ-1781(001)	PE	
48209.3.1	BRZ-1781(001)	R/W & UTIL.	
48209.3.1	BRZ-1781(001)	CONST.	

PERMIT DRAWINGS
SUBMITTAL A-009
DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2023

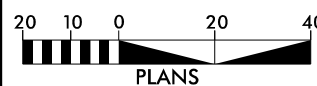
PERMIT DRAWING
SHEET 1 OF 4



**CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED
TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY METHOD II.
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LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT B-6016 #100142	=0.011 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT B-6016 #100142	=0.076 MILES

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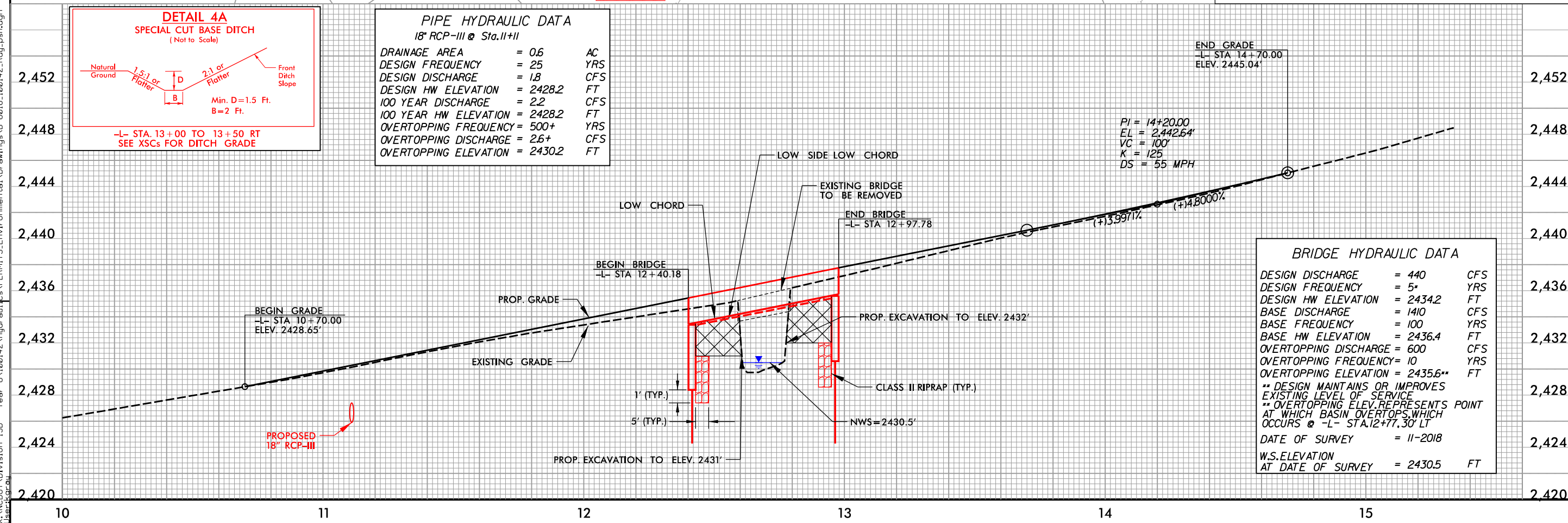
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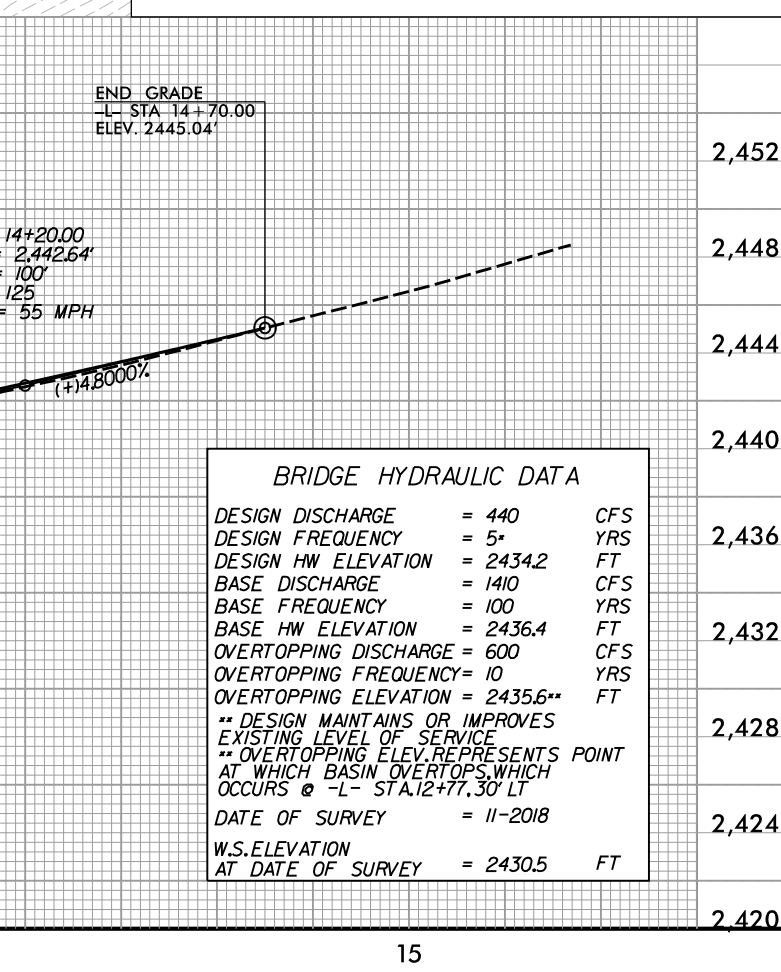
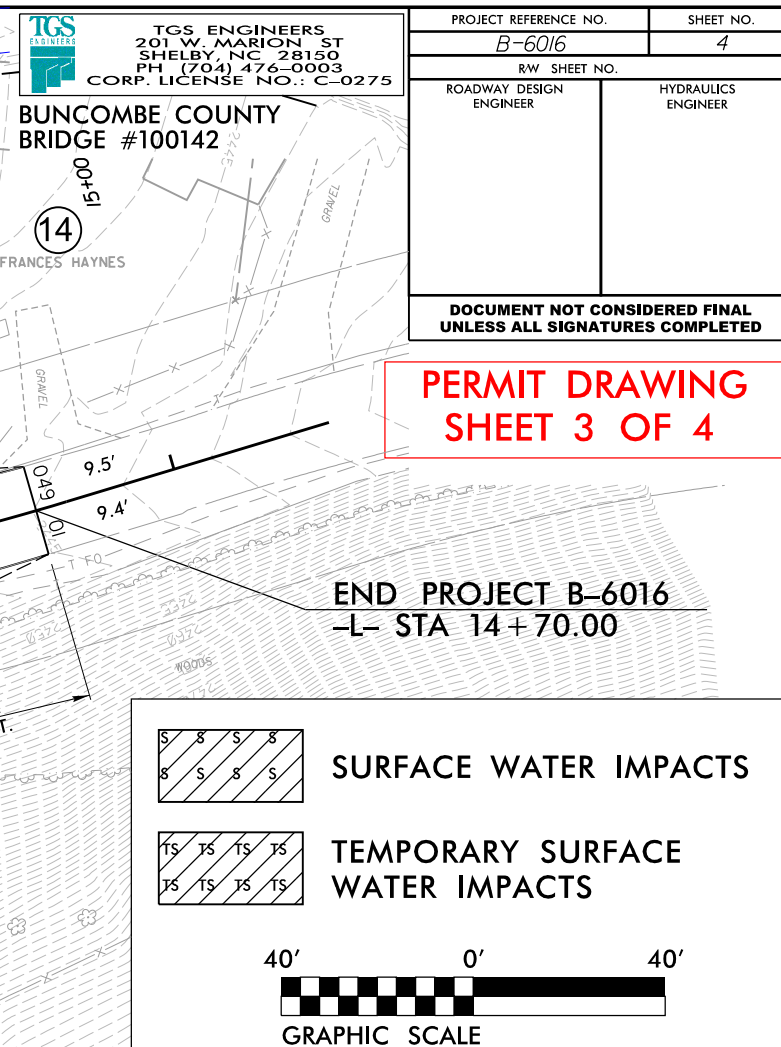
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A geological map showing a gravel area (GRAVEL) and a road (ROAD). The map includes various geological features and symbols, such as dashed lines, solid lines, and arrows, indicating different geological units and structures. The gravel area is labeled 'GRAVEL' and the road is labeled 'ROAD'.



WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER IMPACTS SUMMARY

			WETLAND IMPACTS					SURFACE WATER IMPACTS				
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size / Type	Permanent Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Temp. Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Excavation in Wetlands (ac)	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Hand Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Permanent SW impacts (ac)	Temp. SW impacts (ac)	Existing Channel Impacts Permanent (ft)	Existing Channel Impacts Temp. (ft)	Natural Stream Design (ft)
1	-L- 10+93 to 11+06 RT	Bank Stabilization						< 0.01		12		
2	-L- 12+06 to 12+35 RT	Bank Stabilization						< 0.01		23		
2**	-L- 12+11 to 12+93 LT & RT	Temp Dewatering / Temp Access Fill							0.02		87	
2	-L- 12+81 to 13+05 LT	Bank Stabilization						< 0.01		20		
TOTALS*:								< 0.01	0.02	55	87	0

*Rounded totals are sum of actual impacts

NOTES:

**Temporary impacts for a temporary pipe detour to maintain traffic, which substantially reduces impacts relative to the alternative construction method of staged construction.

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December 6, 2023

Ms. Janet A. Mizzi
Field Office Supervisor
US Fish and Wildlife Service
160 Zillicoa Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Subject: **Section 7 Concurrence Request** for the replacement of bridge number 142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 (Martins Creek Road) in Buncombe County, WBS No. 48211.1.1 in Division 13, **TIP No. B-6016**

Reference: Bat Survey Report, dated November 23, 2023

Dear Ms. Mizzi:

The purpose of this letter is to request concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA). The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace bridge 142 over Martin Creek in Buncombe County.

As of November 30, 2023, the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) lists the following federally protected species in the project area. Little brown bat, while not yet listed in IPaC for this area, has been included in the table below.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	Habitat Present	Biological Conclusion
<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog turtle	SAT	No	Not Required
<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	Gray bat	Endangered	Yes	MA-NLAA
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern long-eared bat	Endangered	Yes	MA-NLAA
<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Tricolored bat	Proposed Endangered*	Yes	MA-NLAA
<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little brown bat	Future Listing	Yes	MA-NLAA
<i>Sarracenia rubra ssp. jonesii</i>	Mountain sweet pitcher-plant	Endangered	No	No Effect
<i>Gymnoderma lineare</i>	Rock gnome lichen	Endangered	No	No Effect

SAT – Similarity of Appearance (Threatened); MA-NLAA – May Affect - Not Likely to Adversely Affect

* Proposed for federal listing

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Species Summary – Bats

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT, Division 13) proposes to replace Bridge No. 142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 in Buncombe County, TIP No. B-6016. The existing bridge is a single span structure with steel beams, timber deck, and guard rails and concrete end walls. The overall length of the structure is 21 feet. No culverts meeting NCDOT's Standard Operating Procedures for Preliminary Bat Habitat Assessments were identified meeting the criteria of greater than 3 feet wide and 60 feet in length during this site visit.

On May 15, 2019, NCDOT biologists assessed all structures in the project study area. There are no suitable roosting crevices present on this creosote covered timber bridge. No evidence of bats (bats, staining, guano) was observed on the structure. Trees greater than 3" dbh occur within the project footprint. There are no known caves or mines within one half mile of the project footprint and no caves or mines were observed during the field visit. Large, continuous forests are present in the project vicinity, providing potential foraging and commuting habitat.

Species	Federal Status	Habitat Present ¹	Biological Conclusion	Distance to Nearest Record ²
MYGR	Endangered	Yes	MA-NLAA	3.12 miles SE
MYSE	Threatened	Yes	MA-NLAA	7.1 miles NE
PESU	Proposed Endangered	Yes	MA-NLAA	7.1 miles NE
MYLU ³	Future Listing	Yes	MA-NLAA	7.1 miles NE

¹ Detailed habitat information shown in table below

² Nearest known record from latest NHP, WRC, or NCDOT data

³ Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), which may become federally listed in the future (FL), may also be found in Buncombe County

MA-NLAA – May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect

Species	Summer Roosting		Winter Roosting	Foraging Habitat	Commuting Habitat
	Tree	Structure			
MYGR	NA	X	X	✓	✓
MYSE	✓	X	X	✓	✓
PESU	✓	X	X	✓	✓
MYLU	✓	X	X	✓	✓

A Biological Conclusion of **May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect** is given to each of the above species based on the presence of suitable foraging and commuting habitat. No evidence of federally listed bats was found on the structures, no caves or mines are in the area, and a large area of alternative available suitable habitat exists in the project vicinity. Permanent roadway lighting is not present in the project area and BSG is not aware of any plans to install new roadway lighting with this project.

Temporary lighting for nighttime construction will not be necessary between April 1 and October 15. There is currently no permanent lighting within the project area and no new lighting will be added as a result of this project. Tree clearing is currently planned to begin once concurrence with the Service is achieved and is anticipated to be completed prior to the active season. Blasting could possibly be utilized for this project but would occur after tree clearing and between April 1 and October 15. Other percussive activities that could occur due to this project include guardrail installation, pile driving, possible rock hammering, and bridge demolition. Bridge demolition is anticipated to be completed during the winter months (October 16 – March 31).

Pursuant to the ESA Handbook Section 3.5, NCDOT does not request concurrence from the Service for the remaining species, but identifies them below:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	Survey Date(s)	Habitat Present	Biological Conclusion
<i>Clemmys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog turtle	SAT	N/A	No	Not Required
<i>Sarracenia rubra ssp. jonesii</i>	Mountain sweet pitcher-plant	Endangered	N/A	No	No Effect
<i>Gymnoderma lineare</i>	Rock gnome lichen	Endangered	N/A	No	No Effect

SAT – Similarity of Appearance (Threatened)

NCDOT, under the delegation authority provided in 50 CFR § 402.08 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), believes that the requirements of Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA have been satisfied and hereby request your concurrence.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Cheely at ekcheely@ncdot.gov or 919-707-6108.

Sincerely,



Erin Cheely, ECAP Western Team Lead
Environmental Analysis Unit

Enclosures:

Bat Survey Report, dated November 23, 2023

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Ms. Holland Youngman, USFWS

Mr. Yates Allen, DEO-Div. 13, NCDOT

Mr. Tyler Stanton, NCDOT BSG-EAU



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November 29, 2023

TO: Erin Cheely, Western Regional Team Lead
ECAP, EAU

FROM: Melissa Miller, Environmental Program Consultant
Biological Surveys Group, EAU

SUBJECT: Section 7 survey results for the gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*, MYGR), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*, MYSE), tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*, PESU) and little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*, MYLU), associated with the replacement of Bridge No. 142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 in Buncombe County, **TIP No. B-6016**.

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As of November 29, 2023, the following federally protected bat species are listed in IPaC (<https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>) as occurring in the action area:

Species	Federal Status	Habitat Present*	Biological Conclusion	Distance to Nearest Record**
<i>MYGR</i>	E	Yes	MANLTAA	3.12 mile SE
<i>MYSE</i>	T	Yes	MANLTAA	7.1 mile NE
<i>PESU</i>	PE	Yes	MANLTAA	7.1 mile NE
<i>MYLU</i> ***	FL	Yes	MANLTAA	7.1 mile NE

*See detailed habitat information in table below

**Nearest known record from latest NHP, WRC, or NCDOT data

*** The Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), which may become federally listed in the future (FL), may also be found in Buncombe County.

MANLTAA=May Affect Not Likely To Adversely Affect

Presence (✓) or Probable Absence (X) of various habitat types for bat species present in project area.

Species	Summer Roosting		Winter Roosting	Foraging Habitat	Commuting Habitat
	Tree	Structure			
MYGR	NA	X	X	✓	✓
MYSE	✓	X	X	✓	✓
PESU	✓	X	X	✓	✓
MYLU	✓	X	X	✓	✓

A Biological Conclusion of May Affect Not Likely To Adversely Affect is given to each of the above species based on the presence of suitable foraging and commuting habitat. No evidence of bats was found on the structure, no caves or mines are in the area, and a large area of alternative available suitable habitat exists in the project vicinity. Permanent roadway lighting is not present in the project area and BSG is not aware of any plans to install new roadway lighting with this project. If nighttime work during the bat active season becomes necessary, temporary lighting will only be used to illuminate work areas. If avoidance and minimization measures, such as prohibiting tree clearing during the active season can be implemented, this project is Not Likely to Adversely Affect federally listed bats.

If you need any additional information, please contact Melissa Miller at 919-707-6127.

Archaeology



**NO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
ELIGIBLE OR LISTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES
PRESENT FORM**



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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No: **B-6016** County: **Buncombe**
 WBS No: 48211.1.1 Document: **CE**
 F.A. No: **BRZ-2027(001)** Funding: ☐ State ☒ Federal
 Federal Permit Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No Permit Type: **USACE**

Project Description:

The project calls for the replacement of Bridge No. 142 on SR 2027 (Martins Creek Road) over Martin Creek in Buncombe County (TIP B-6016). The archaeological Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project is defined as an approximately 600-foot (182.88 m) long corridor running 300 feet (91.44 m) north and south from the center of the bridge. The corridor is approximately 100 feet (30.48 m) wide extending 50 feet (15.24 m) from either side of the centerline.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Archaeology Group reviewed the subject project and determined:

- ☒ There are no National Register listed or eligible ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES present within the project's area of potential effects. (Attach any notes or documents as needed)
- ☐ No subsurface archaeological investigations were required for this project.
- ☒ Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources.
- ☒ Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources considered eligible for the National Register.
- ☒ All identified archaeological sites located within the APE have been considered and all compliance for archaeological resources with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and GS 121-12(a) has been completed for this project.

SUMMARY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:

NC DOT has conducted an archaeological investigation for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 142 in Buncombe County, North Carolina. The project area is located north of Asheville and south of Burnsville and plotted in the southern portion of the Barnardsville USGS 7.5' topographic quadrangle (Figure 1).

Background Research

A site files search was conducted by Casey Kirby at the Office of State Archaeology (OSA) on September 13, 2018. No known archaeological sites are identified within the APE, and no previous investigations or reviews have been carried out within the project area. However, four sites (31BN50–31BN53) are recorded within a mile of the bridge. These sites were all report to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by local residents but were never formally investigated. As a result, information is limited. The sites yielded precontact material and are situated either on the Martin Creek or North Fork Ivy Creek floodplain in a setting like that of the current project area.

According to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office online data base (HPOWEB 2018), there are no known historic architectural resources within the APE that may yield intact archaeological deposits.

County and regional maps prior to the 20th century that were inspected provide only general details concerning the region illustrating just major roads and settlements. The 1902 USGS Mount Mitchell topographic map is one of the first to provide a reliable location for the project (Figure 2). This map depicts a road similar to the modern road alignment with a crossing over Martin Creek near the current bridge. Structures are also plotted north and south of this crossing, but likely outside of the project area. The 1920 *Soil Map for Buncombe County*, however, illustrate the same road but places it further west with no crossing over Martin Creek (Perkins et al. 1920) (Figure 3). This may be an inaccurate depiction as the later 1938 *North Carolina State Highway Map for Buncombe County* returns the crossing to current placement (NCSHPCW 1938) (Figure 4).

The USDA soil survey map for Buncombe County shows the project area made up mostly of the Dellwood-Reddies complex (USDA NRCS 2018) (Figure 5). This soil series is typically found on floodplains with a slope of 0 to 3 percent. It is subject to occasionally flooding and is considered moderately well drained. The hillside to the northeast is composed of Tate loam (TaD), but the neighboring Edneyville-Chestnut complex (EdE) likely extends into this area as well. Both are well drained with the Tate series sloped at 15 to 30 percent and the Edneyville-Chestnut complex at 30 to 50 percent. According to the contour image and confirmed by the field investigation, these soils cover a wider area than what is depicted on the soil map. The steeply sloped soils occupy the entire northeast quadrant. Soils with a slope of 15 percent or more are not suitable for most early settlement activities, but the floodplain soils, which are dry and level, are favorably for occupation.

Fieldwork Results

The archaeological field reconnaissance and survey for the replacement of Bridge No. 142 was carried out on October 1, 2018. This included systematic shovel testing at 20-meter (ca. 65.62 feet) intervals in the northwest quadrant and two judgmental tests south of the bridge. Closer interval shovel tests were not possible due to obstructions such as plants, trees, private drives, and a buried septic tank. Additional testing was determined not necessary south of the bridge after observing that soils had been modified through earth moving activities. Therefore, only two judgmental tests were excavated to record soil composition. A surface inspection was conducted in the southwest quadrant, since this was the only area

exposed. No resources were observed on the surface. Furthermore, no shovel testing occurred in areas with obvious disturbance, along steep slope of 15 percent or more, or in areas covered by impervious surfaces such as pavement. A total of six shovel tests (STs) were excavated of which none yielded cultural material (see Figure 5).

Bridge No. 142 and Martins Creek Road run basically north to south over Martins Creek, which flows south into North Fork Ivy Creek (see Figure 5). These waterways are part of the French Broad drainage basin. The project area is rural consisting of residential lawns, houses, and a forested hillside. A floodplain is south of the bridge, and a sloping terrace is to the northwest. Martins Creek is just east of the road in the southeast quadrant; while in the northwest quadrant, it extends outside of the APE before bending back towards the road. The stream has been modified or straightened in the southeast quadrant. Fill material occupies the narrow strip of soil between the road and the stream at this location, which was confirmed by a subsurface test (Figure 6). A steep hillside makes up the northeast quadrant (Figure 7). It has been cut back to allow for the road. The residential property in the southwest quadrant has recently been cleared and graded surrounding the house (Figure 8). The purpose for this is unknown. A shovel test was placed in a grassy portion of the property. It contained fill to at least 50 cm (ca. 20 in) below the surface before a rock layer was encountered. The loamy fill contained metal fragments throughout and a heavy concentration of cobbles. A paved church parking lot is also present just south of this property (Figure 9). The final residential property to the northwest was only minimally disturbed, mostly from a septic tank just south of the house; however, obstructions such as plants, trees, and gravel drives prevented closer interval testing (Figure 10).

The soil stratigraphy in the northwest quadrant consisted of two layers. In the two shovel tests just south of the private drive, the surface layer is a dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay loam that is 25 to 30 cm (ca. 10 to 12 in) thick. This is followed by subsoil, which is a brown (7.5YR 4/4) clay loam. In the two northern shovel tests, soil erosion has reduced the surface layer to less than 5 cm (ca. 2 in) thick. Subsoil is also a reddish brown (5YR 4/4) clay in this portion of the project area.

Summary and Recommendations

The archeological investigations for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 142 in Buncombe County identified no archaeological resources within the APE. The area south of the bridge is disturbed consisting of fill, while the northeast is steeply sloped. The property to the northwest is minimally disturbed, but testing yielded negative results. No further archaeological work is recommended for this bridge replacement project. However, if design plans change to impact areas outside of the APE, then further archaeological work will be required.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

See attached: ☒ Map(s) ☐ Previous Survey Info ☒ Photos ☐ Correspondence
Signed:



C. Damon Jones
NCDOT ARCHAEOLOGIST

11/29/18

Date

REFERENCES CITED

HPOWEB

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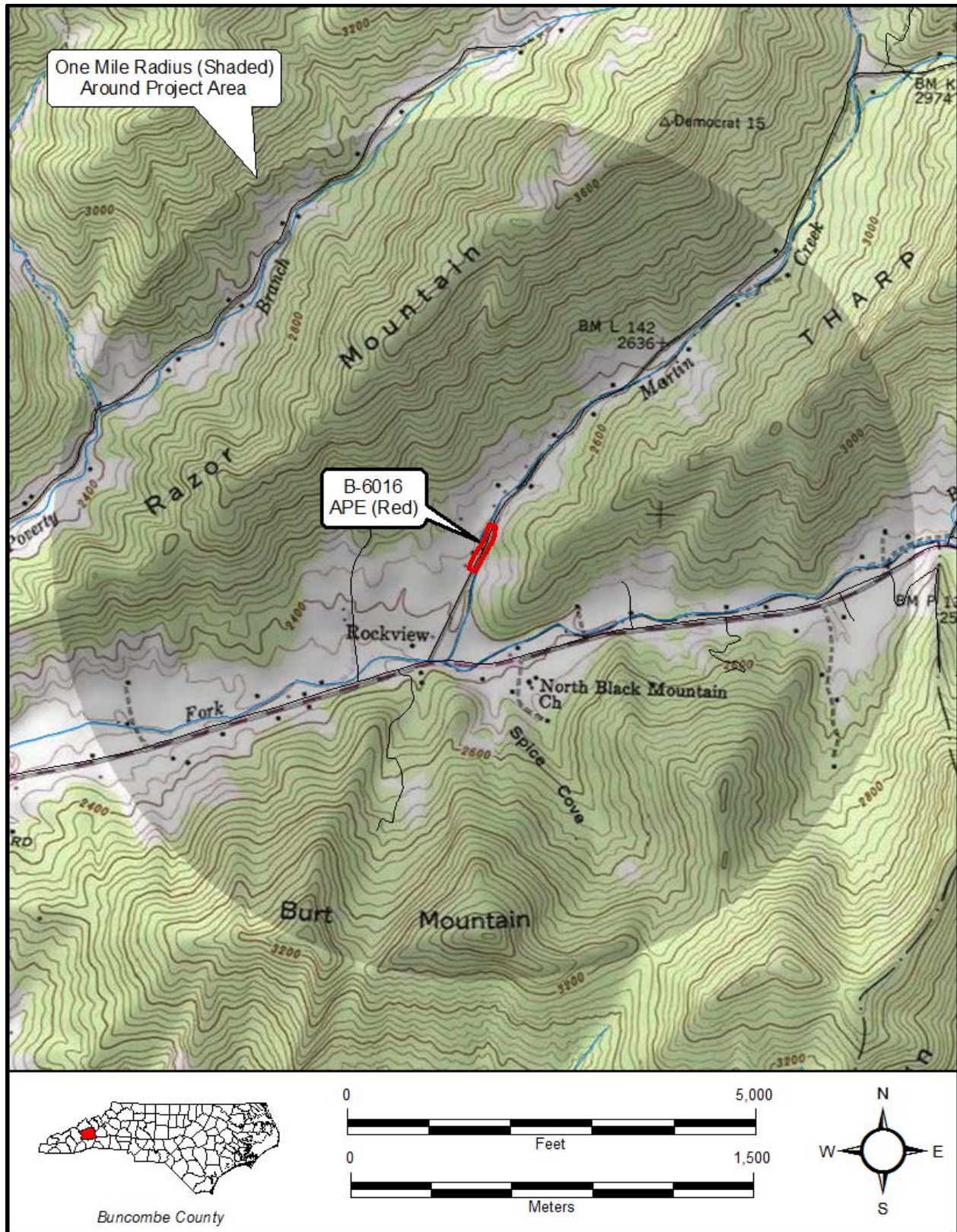


Figure 1. Topographic Setting of the Project Area, Barnardsville (2013), NC, USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle.

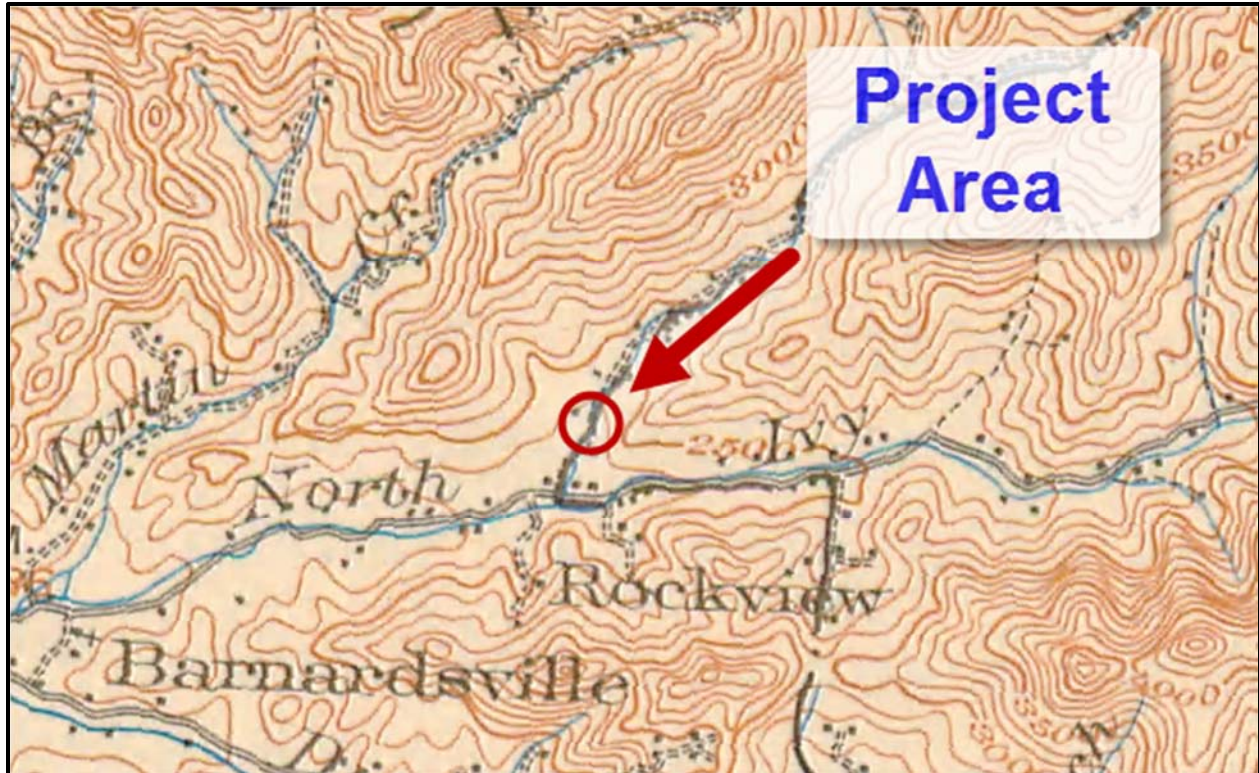


Figure 2. The 1902 Mount Mitchell USGS topographic map showing the location of the project area.

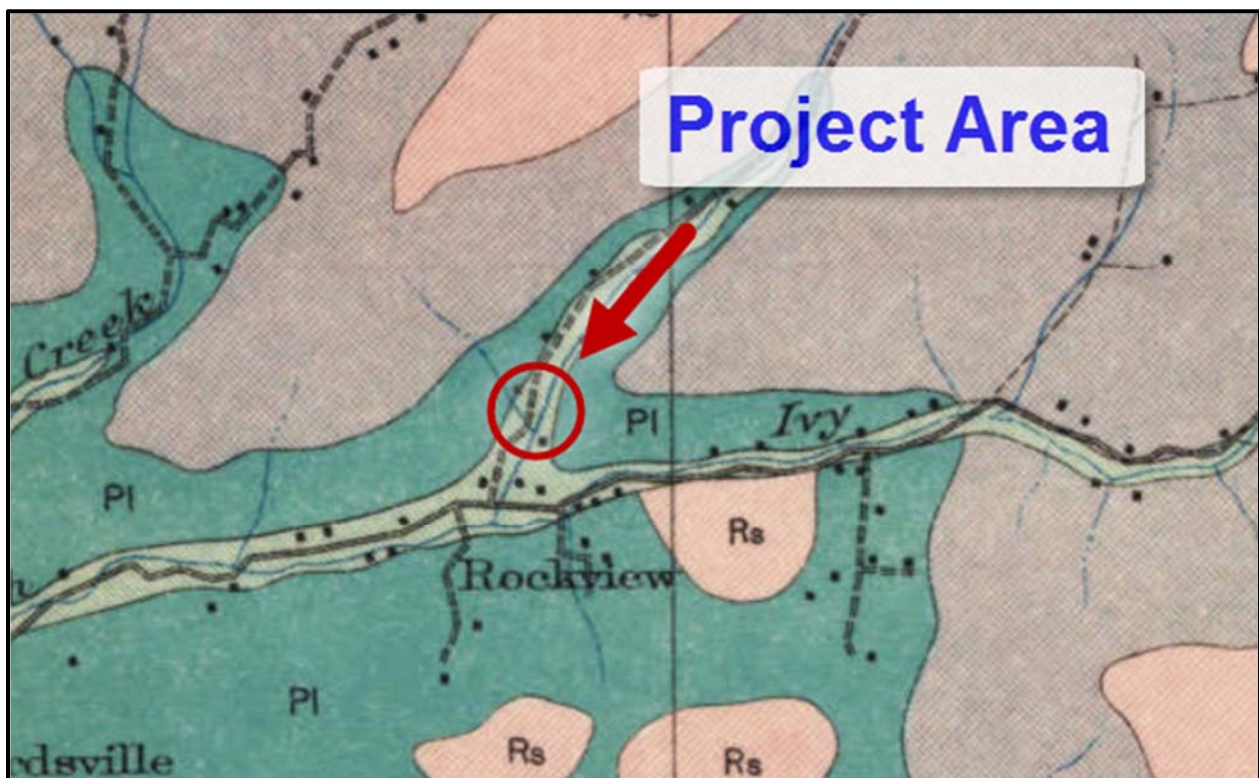


Figure 3. The 1920 Soil Map for Buncombe County showing the location of the project area.

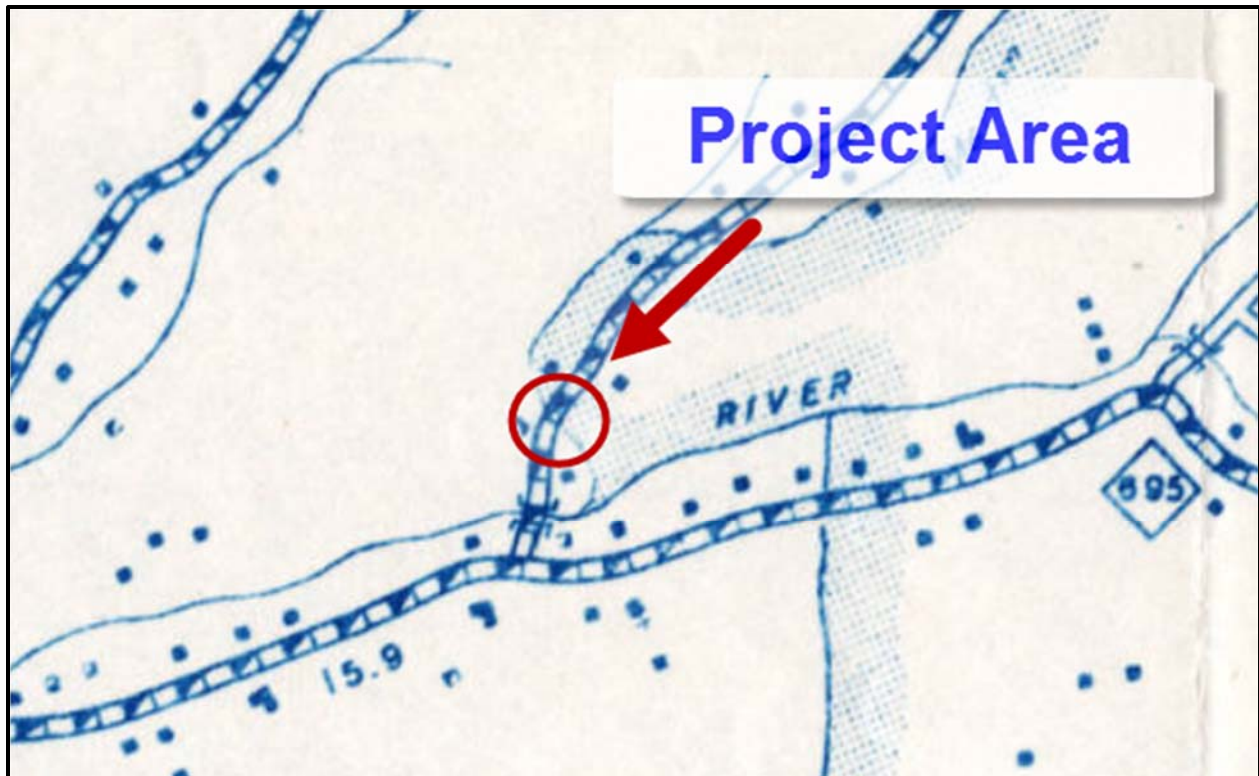


Figure 4. The 1938 North Carolina State Highway Map for Buncombe County showing the location of the project area.



Figure 6. Area of fill between the road and Martins Creek in the southeast quadrant, looking south.



Figure 7. View of the hillside in the northeast quadrant, looking south.



Figure 8. Residential property in the southwest quadrant showing cleared ground surface, looking south.



Figure 9. Church parking lot in the southwest quadrant, looking west.



Figure 10. Residential property in the northwest quadrant, looking southwest.

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HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPES NO SURVEY REQUIRED FORM

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No:	B-6016	County:	Buncombe
WBS No.:	48211.1.1	Document Type:	CE
Fed. Aid No:	BRZ-2027(001)	Funding:	☐ State ☒ Federal
Federal Permit(s):	☒ Yes ☐ No	Permit Type(s):	USACE
Project Description: Replace Bridge No. 142 on SR 2027 (Martins Creek Road) over Martins Creek.			

SUMMARY OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPES REVIEW

<u>Description of review activities, results, and conclusions:</u> Review of HPO quad maps, HPO GIS information, historic designations roster, and indexes was undertaken on September 12, 2018. Based on this review, there are no existing NR, SL, LD, DE, or SS properties in the Area of Potential Effects, which is 300' from each end of the bridge and 75' from the centerline each way. All properties were surveyed through Google Street view, and there are no properties over fifty years of age eligible for National Register listing. Bridge No. 142 is not eligible for NR listing. There are no National Register listed or eligible properties and no survey is required. If design plans change, additional review will be required. <u>Why the available information provides a reliable basis for reasonably predicting that there are no unidentified significant historic architectural or landscape resources in the project area:</u> HPO quad maps and GIS information recording NR, SL, LD, DE, and SS properties for the Buncombe County survey, Buncombe County GIS/Tax information, and Google Maps are considered valid for the purposes of determining the likelihood of historic resources being present. There are no National Register listed or eligible properties within the APE and no survey is required.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

☒ Map(s)
 ☐ Previous Survey Info.
 ☐ Photos
 ☐ Correspondence
 ☐ Design Plans

FINDING BY NCDOT ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

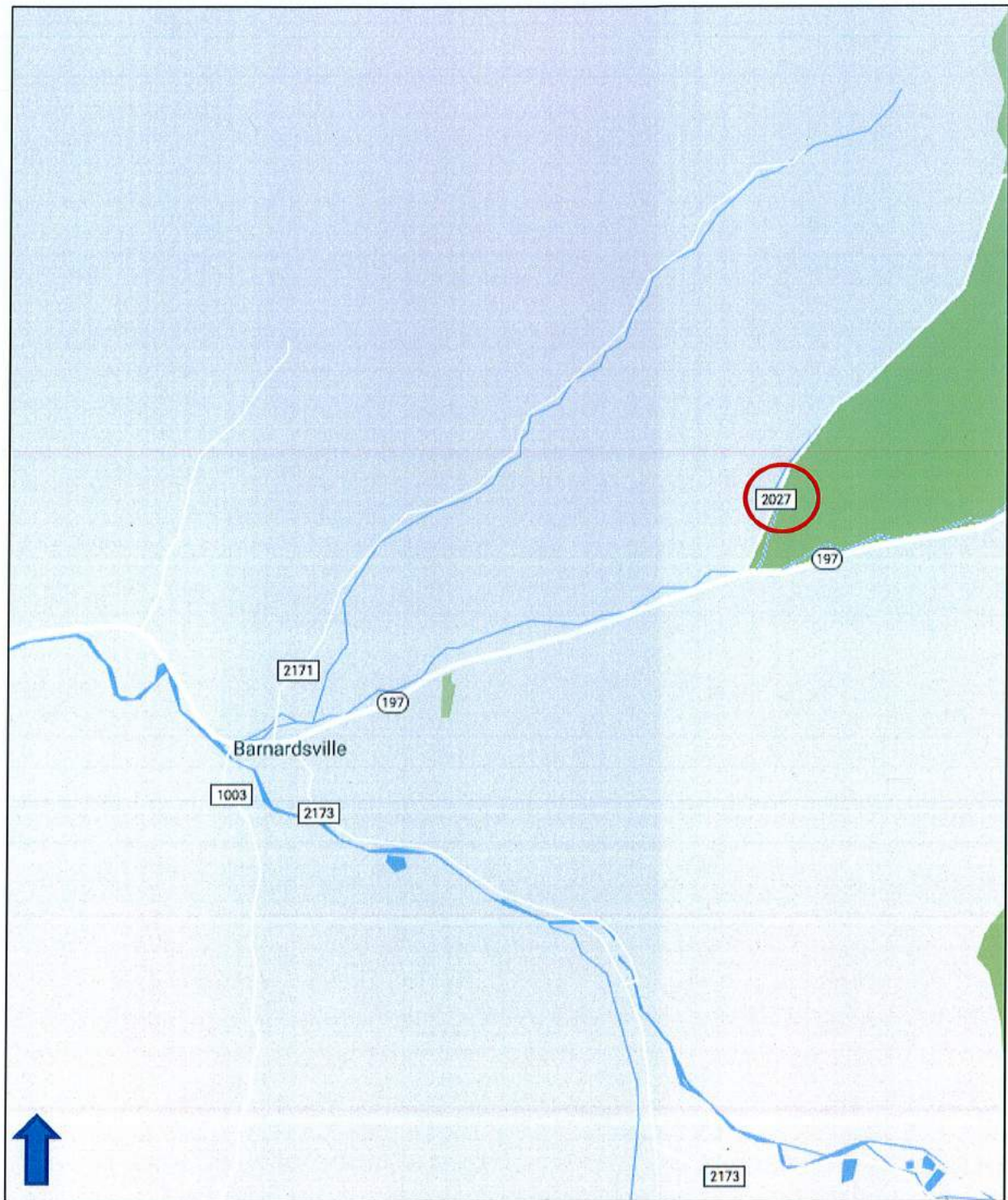
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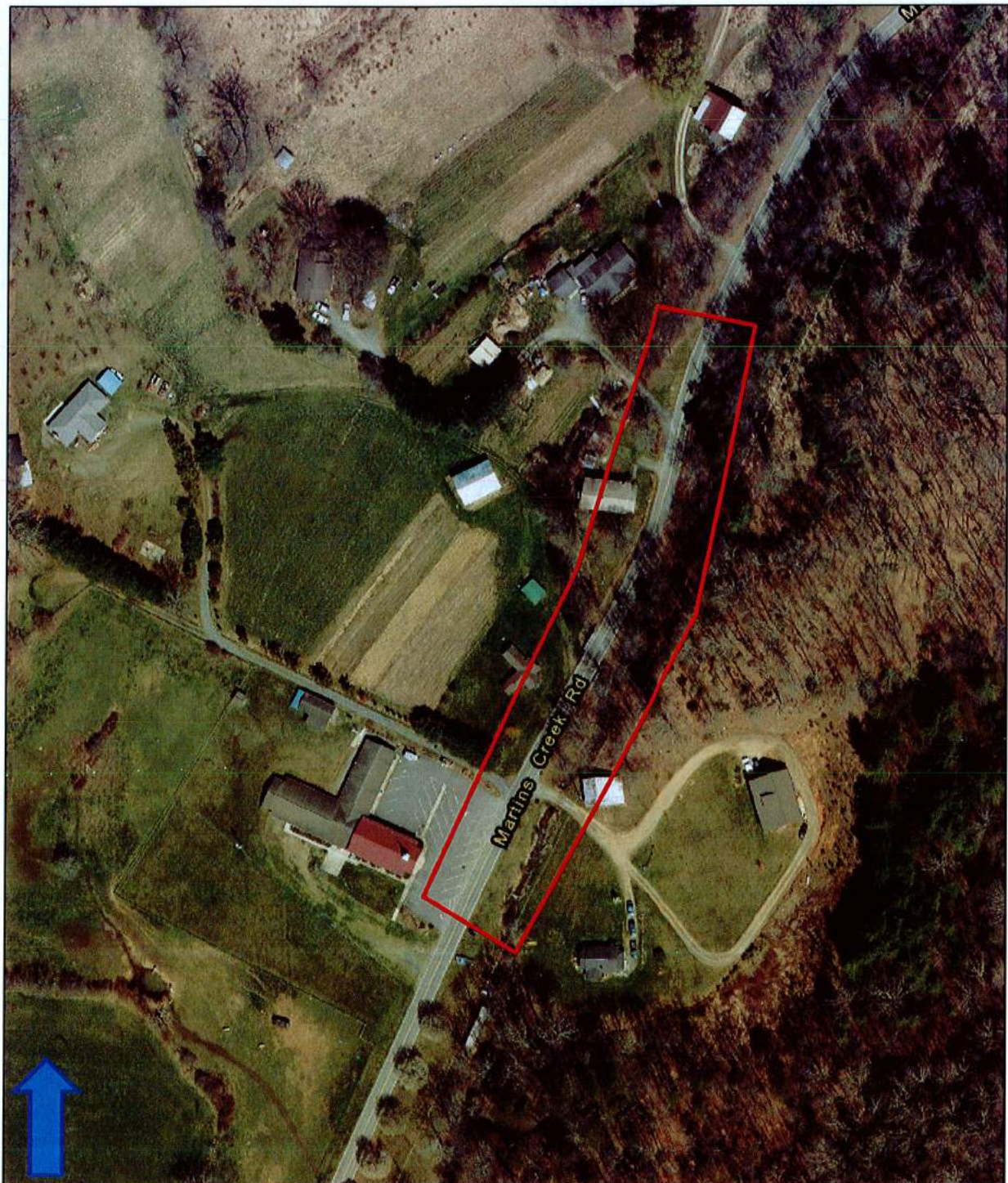
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9/12/2018

Date



Project Location.



State Historic Preservation Office GIS.



Looking northeast on Martins Creek Road towards Bridge No. 142.



Looking southwest on Martins Creek Road towards Bridge No. 142.

Tribal Coordination



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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October 14, 2022

Dr. Wenonah Haire
Catawba Indian Nation
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
1536 Tom Steven Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Dear Dr. Haire,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is starting the project development, environmental, and engineering studies for the replacement of Bridge No. 100142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 (Martin's Creek Road) in Buncombe County as project B-6016. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and a Permit is anticipated under the Section 404 Process with the USACE. The project vicinity map is attached.

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October 14, 2022

Ms. Elizabeth Toombs
Cherokee Nation
Tribal Historic Preserve Officer
PO Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Dear Ms. Toombs,

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Mr. Russel Townsend
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2077 Governors Island Road
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Ms. LeeAnne Wendt
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Dear Ms. Wendt,

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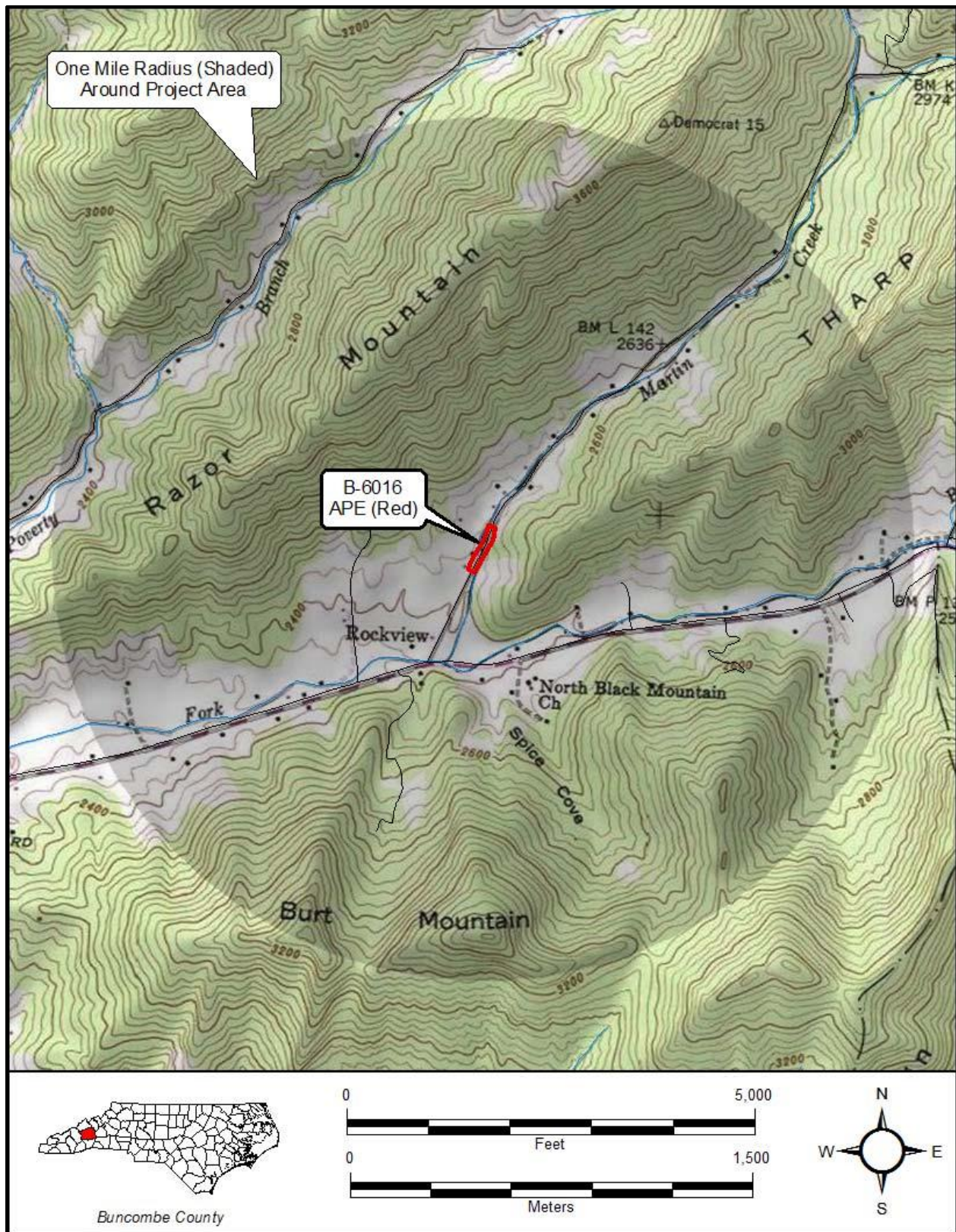


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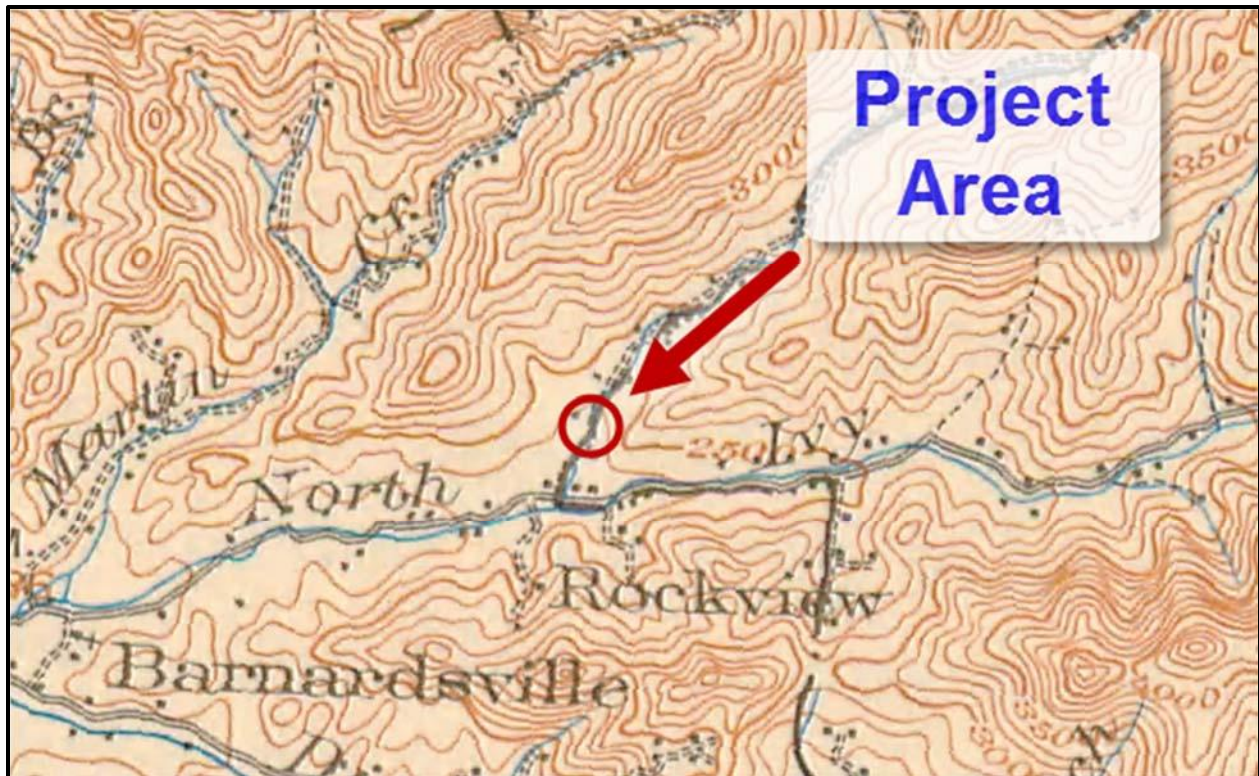


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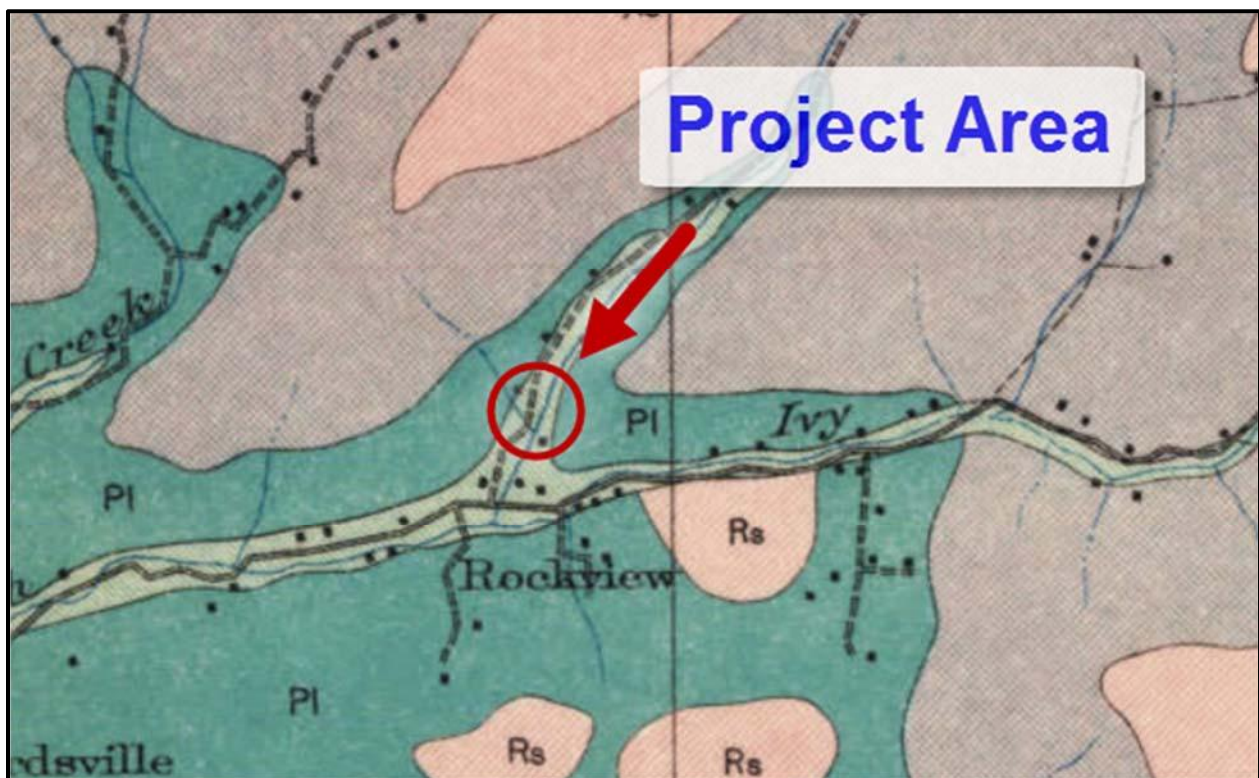


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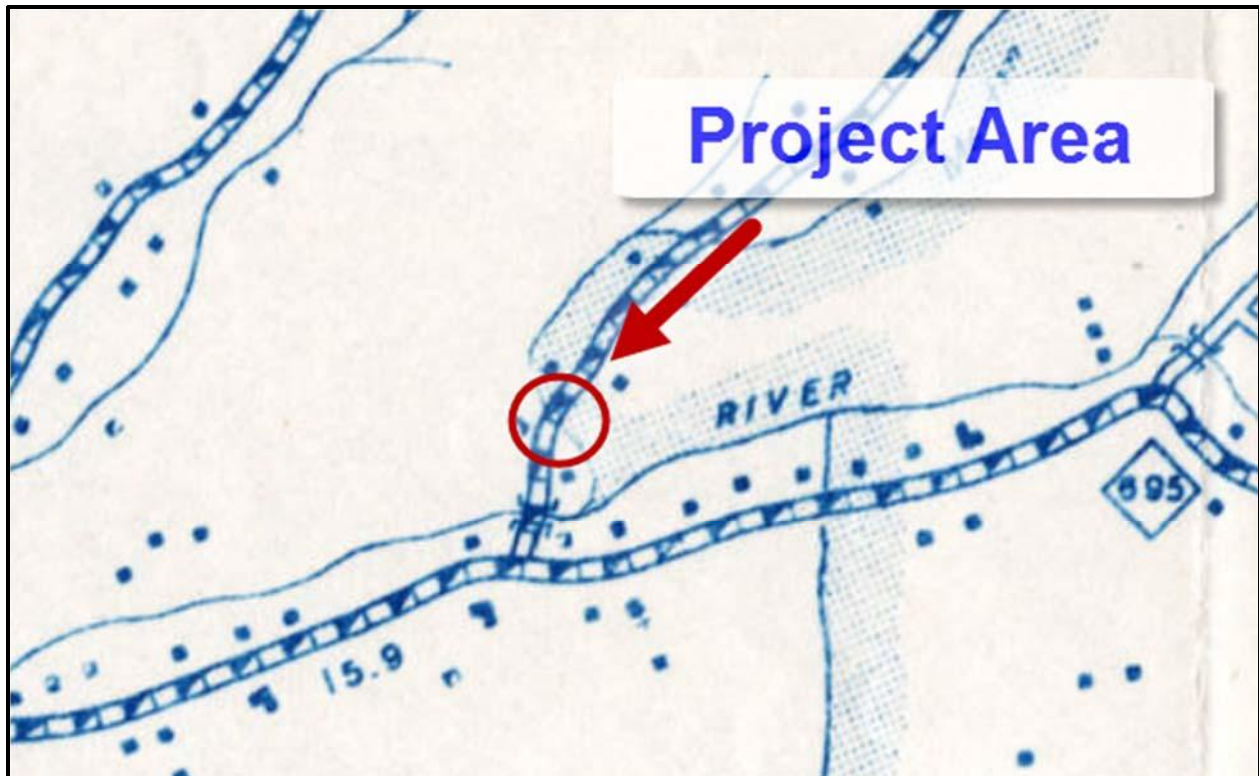


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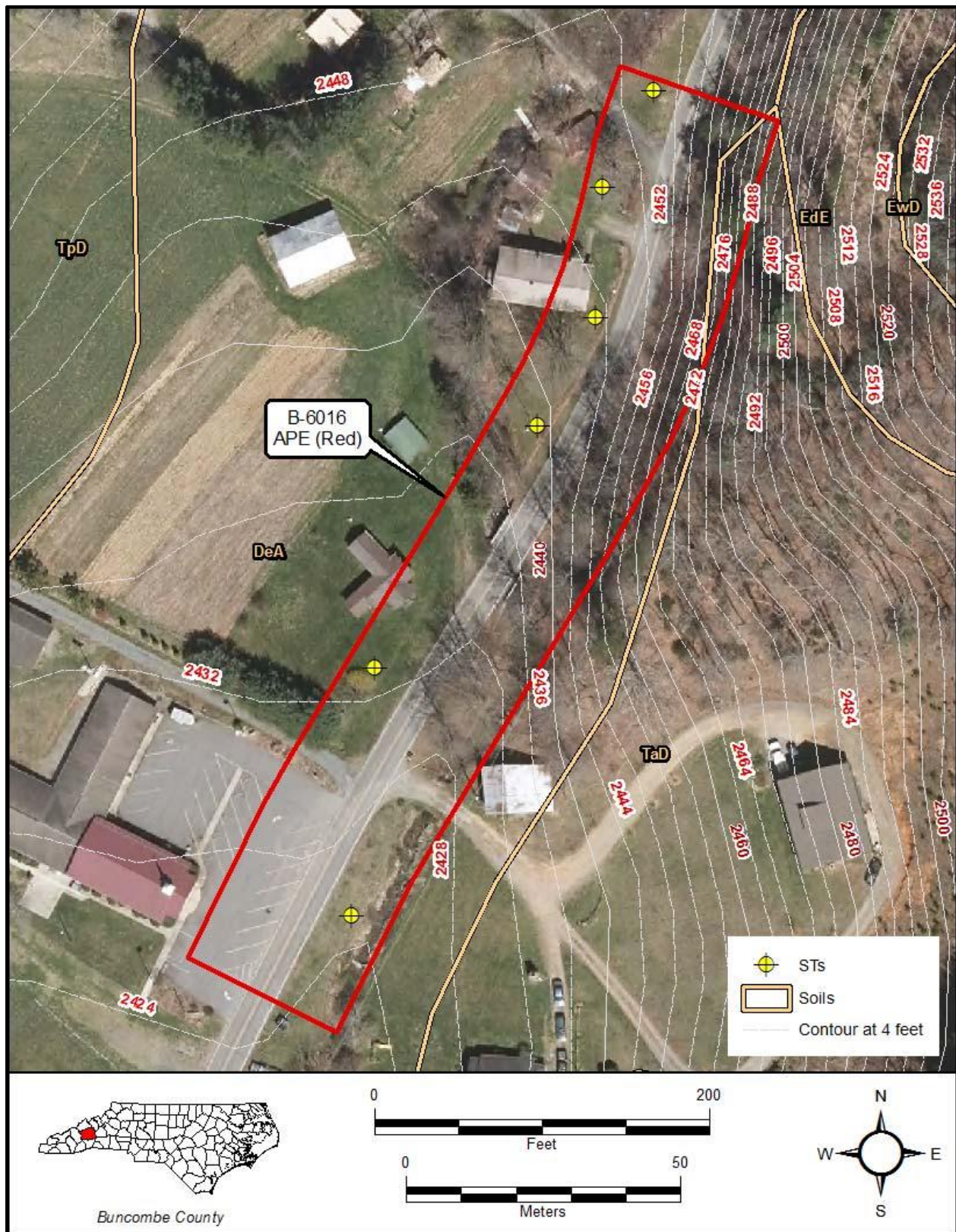


Figure 5. Aerial View of the project area showing soils, contours, development, and ST placement.

NEPA/SEPA Document

Type I and II Ground Disturbing Categorical Exclusion Action Classification Form

STIP Project No.	<u>B-6016</u>
WBS Element	<u>48209.1.1</u>
Federal Project No.	<u>BRZ-1781 (001)</u>

- A. Project Description: (Include project scope and location, including Municipality and County. Refer to the attached project location map and photos.)

Bridge Replacement for Bridge 100142 over Martin Creek on SR 2027 (Martin's Creek Road), Buncombe County, NC. The bridge will be replaced with a single span bridge.

- B. Description of Need and Purpose:

The project is needed to replace a structurally deficient bridge.

- C. Categorical Exclusion Action Classification: (Check one)

☒ TYPE I

☐ TYPE II

- D. Proposed Improvements –

28. Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e)(1-6).

- E. Special Project Information: (Provide a description of relevant project information, which may include: vicinity map, costs, alternative analysis (if any), traffic control and staging, and resource agency/public involvement).

The project will use stage construction and maintain one travel lane with temporary signals.

F. Project Impact Criteria Checklists:

<u>Type I & II - Ground Disturbing Actions</u>			
<u>FHWA APPROVAL ACTIVITIES THRESHOLD CRITERIA</u>			
If any of questions 1-7 are marked "yes" then the CE will require FHWA approval.		Yes	No
1	Does the project require formal consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)?	☐	☒
2	Does the project result in impacts subject to the conditions of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGPA)?	☐	☒
3	Does the project generate substantial controversy or public opposition, for any reason, following appropriate public involvement?	☐	☒
4	Does the project cause disproportionately high and adverse impacts relative to low-income and/or minority populations?	☐	☒
5	Does the project involve a residential or commercial displacement, or a substantial amount of right of way acquisition?	☐	☒
6	Does the project require an Individual Section 4(f) approval?	☐	☒
7	Does the project include adverse effects that cannot be resolved with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) or have an adverse effect on a National Historic Landmark (NHL)?	☐	☒
If any of questions 8 through 31 are marked "yes" then additional information will be required for those questions in Section G.			
<u>Other Considerations</u>		Yes	No
8	Does the project result in a finding of "may affect not likely to adversely affect" for listed species, or designated critical habitat under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)?	☒	☐
9	Does the project impact anadromous fish?	☐	☒
10	Does the project impact waters classified as Outstanding Resource Water (ORW), High Quality Water (HQW), Water Supply Watershed Critical Areas, 303(d) listed impaired water bodies, buffer rules, or Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)?	☒	☐
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12	Does the project require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Individual Section 404 Permit?	☐	☒
13	Will the project require an easement from a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensed facility?	☐	☒
14	Does the project include a Section 106 of the NHPA effects determination other than a no effect, including archaeological remains?	☐	☒

<u>Other Considerations (continued)</u>		Yes	No
15	Does the project involve hazardous materials and landfills?	☐	☒
16	Does the project require work encroaching and adversely affecting a regulatory floodway or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 23 CFR 650 subpart A?	☐	☒
17	Is the project in a Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) county and substantially affects the coastal zone and/or any Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)?	☐	☒
18	Does the project require a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) permit?	☐	☒
19	Does the project involve construction activities in, across, or adjacent to a designated Wild and Scenic River present within the project area?	☐	☒
20	Does the project involve Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) resources?	☐	☒
21	Does the project impact federal lands (e.g. U.S. Forest Service (USFS), USFWS, etc.) or Tribal Lands?	☐	☒
22	Does the project involve any changes in access control?	☐	☒
23	Does the project have a permanent adverse effect on local traffic patterns or community cohesiveness?	☐	☒
24	Will maintenance of traffic cause substantial disruption?	☐	☒
25	Is the project inconsistent with the STIP or the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (where applicable)?	☐	☒
26	Does the project require the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act, the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with public-use money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property?	☐	☒
27	Does the project involve Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) buyout properties under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)?	☐	☒
28	Does the project include a <i>de minimis</i> or programmatic Section 4(f)?	☐	☒
29	Is the project considered a Type I under the NCDOT's Noise Policy?	☐	☒
30	Is there prime or important farmland soil impacted by this project as defined by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)?	☐	☒
31	Are there other issues that arose during the project development process that affected the project decision?	☐	☒

G. Additional Documentation as Required from Section F

8. The Northern Long-eared Bat (NLEB) is listed as a threatened species on the current U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) list of protected species in Buncombe County. However, the project study area is not located within a county or watershed known to contain NLEB hibernation or maternity roost sites. Therefore, the project has met the criteria required for the USFWS 4(d) Rule, and any associated take is exempt. Due to the exemption under the 4(d)

ruling, it has been determined that the proposed project “May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect” the NLEB.

The Gray bat is listed as endangered on the USFWS list of proposed species for Buncombe County. The bridge was surveyed for signs of bat presence/usage on April 2, 2019 and no evidence of either was found. Due to the stream size, structure type (steel beams), no evidence of bat usage, and distance from a large river, the project will have “No Effect” on the gray bat.

10 and 11. Martin Creek is within a Corps Designated Trout Watershed and is Class WS-II, Trout, HQW by NC DEQ. Since the project is bridge to bridge, stream impacts will be limited to bank stabilization, if necessary.

H. Project Commitments

**Buncombe County
Bridge 100142
Federal Project No. BRZ-1781(001)
WBS No. 48209.1.1
TIP No. B-6016**

The project is not likely to affect any properties or archaeological sites listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. NCDOT will complete Section 106 Tribal consultation following completion of the design.

All activities will follow NCDOT best management practices for erosion control.

Categorical Exclusion Approval

STIP Project No.	<u>B-6016</u>
WBS Element	<u>48209.1.1</u>
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Division Bridge Program Manager



Approved

If all of the threshold questions (1 through 7) of Section F are answered "no," NCDOT approves this Categorical Exclusion.



Certified

If any of the threshold questions (1 through 7) of Section F are answered "yes," NCDOT certifies this Categorical Exclusion.

4/11/2019

Date

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Steve Cannon

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Project Development Engineer

FHWA Approved: For Projects Certified by NCDOT (above), FHWA signature required.

Date

John F. Sullivan, III, PE, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration



**NO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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PRESENT FORM**



This form only pertains to ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES for this project. It is not valid for Historic Architecture and Landscapes. You must consult separately with the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Group.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No: **B-6016** County: **Buncombe**
 WBS No: 48211.1.1 Document: **CE**
 F.A. No: **BRZ-2027(001)** Funding: ☐ State ☒ Federal
 Federal Permit Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No Permit Type: **USACE**

Project Description:

The project calls for the replacement of Bridge No. 142 on SR 2027 (Martins Creek Road) over Martin Creek in Buncombe County (TIP B-6016). The archaeological Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project is defined as an approximately 600-foot (182.88 m) long corridor running 300 feet (91.44 m) north and south from the center of the bridge. The corridor is approximately 100 feet (30.48 m) wide extending 50 feet (15.24 m) from either side of the centerline.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Archaeology Group reviewed the subject project and determined:

- ☒ There are no National Register listed or eligible ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES present within the project's area of potential effects. (Attach any notes or documents as needed)
- ☐ No subsurface archaeological investigations were required for this project.
- ☒ Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources.
- ☒ Subsurface investigations did not reveal the presence of any archaeological resources considered eligible for the National Register.
- ☒ All identified archaeological sites located within the APE have been considered and all compliance for archaeological resources with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and GS 121-12(a) has been completed for this project.

SUMMARY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:

NC DOT has conducted an archaeological investigation for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 142 in Buncombe County, North Carolina. The project area is located north of Asheville and south of Burnsville and plotted in the southern portion of the Barnardsville USGS 7.5' topographic quadrangle (Figure 1).

Background Research

A site files search was conducted by Casey Kirby at the Office of State Archaeology (OSA) on September 13, 2018. No known archaeological sites are identified within the APE, and no previous investigations or reviews have been carried out within the project area. However, four sites (31BN50–31BN53) are recorded within a mile of the bridge. These sites were all report to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by local residents but were never formally investigated. As a result, information is limited. The sites yielded precontact material and are situated either on the Martin Creek or North Fork Ivy Creek floodplain in a setting like that of the current project area.

According to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office online data base (HPOWEB 2018), there are no known historic architectural resources within the APE that may yield intact archaeological deposits.

County and regional maps prior to the 20th century that were inspected provide only general details concerning the region illustrating just major roads and settlements. The 1902 USGS Mount Mitchell topographic map is one of the first to provide a reliable location for the project (Figure 2). This map depicts a road similar to the modern road alignment with a crossing over Martin Creek near the current bridge. Structures are also plotted north and south of this crossing, but likely outside of the project area. The 1920 *Soil Map for Buncombe County*, however, illustrate the same road but places it further west with no crossing over Martin Creek (Perkins et al. 1920) (Figure 3). This may be an inaccurate depiction as the later 1938 *North Carolina State Highway Map for Buncombe County* returns the crossing to current placement (NCSHPCW 1938) (Figure 4).

The USDA soil survey map for Buncombe County shows the project area made up mostly of the Dellwood-Reddies complex (USDA NRCS 2018) (Figure 5). This soil series is typically found on floodplains with a slope of 0 to 3 percent. It is subject to occasionally flooding and is considered moderately well drained. The hillside to the northeast is composed of Tate loam (TaD), but the neighboring Edneyville-Chestnut complex (EdE) likely extends into this area as well. Both are well drained with the Tate series sloped at 15 to 30 percent and the Edneyville-Chestnut complex at 30 to 50 percent. According to the contour image and confirmed by the field investigation, these soils cover a wider area than what is depicted on the soil map. The steeply sloped soils occupy the entire northeast quadrant. Soils with a slope of 15 percent or more are not suitable for most early settlement activities, but the floodplain soils, which are dry and level, are favorably for occupation.

Fieldwork Results

The archaeological field reconnaissance and survey for the replacement of Bridge No. 142 was carried out on October 1, 2018. This included systematic shovel testing at 20-meter (ca. 65.62 feet) intervals in the northwest quadrant and two judgmental tests south of the bridge. Closer interval shovel tests were not possible due to obstructions such as plants, trees, private drives, and a buried septic tank. Additional testing was determined not necessary south of the bridge after observing that soils had been modified through earth moving activities. Therefore, only two judgmental tests were excavated to record soil composition. A surface inspection was conducted in the southwest quadrant, since this was the only area

exposed. No resources were observed on the surface. Furthermore, no shovel testing occurred in areas with obvious disturbance, along steep slope of 15 percent or more, or in areas covered by impervious surfaces such as pavement. A total of six shovel tests (STs) were excavated of which none yielded cultural material (see Figure 5).

Bridge No. 142 and Martins Creek Road run basically north to south over Martins Creek, which flows south into North Fork Ivy Creek (see Figure 5). These waterways are part of the French Broad drainage basin. The project area is rural consisting of residential lawns, houses, and a forested hillside. A floodplain is south of the bridge, and a sloping terrace is to the northwest. Martins Creek is just east of the road in the southeast quadrant; while in the northwest quadrant, it extends outside of the APE before bending back towards the road. The stream has been modified or straightened in the southeast quadrant. Fill material occupies the narrow strip of soil between the road and the stream at this location, which was confirmed by a subsurface test (Figure 6). A steep hillside makes up the northeast quadrant (Figure 7). It has been cut back to allow for the road. The residential property in the southwest quadrant has recently been cleared and graded surrounding the house (Figure 8). The purpose for this is unknown. A shovel test was placed in a grassy portion of the property. It contained fill to at least 50 cm (ca. 20 in) below the surface before a rock layer was encountered. The loamy fill contained metal fragments throughout and a heavy concentration of cobbles. A paved church parking lot is also present just south of this property (Figure 9). The final residential property to the northwest was only minimally disturbed, mostly from a septic tank just south of the house; however, obstructions such as plants, trees, and gravel drives prevented closer interval testing (Figure 10).

The soil stratigraphy in the northwest quadrant consisted of two layers. In the two shovel tests just south of the private drive, the surface layer is a dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay loam that is 25 to 30 cm (ca. 10 to 12 in) thick. This is followed by subsoil, which is a brown (7.5YR 4/4) clay loam. In the two northern shovel tests, soil erosion has reduced the surface layer to less than 5 cm (ca. 2 in) thick. Subsoil is also a reddish brown (5YR 4/4) clay in this portion of the project area.

Summary and Recommendations

The archeological investigations for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 142 in Buncombe County identified no archaeological resources within the APE. The area south of the bridge is disturbed consisting of fill, while the northeast is steeply sloped. The property to the northwest is minimally disturbed, but testing yielded negative results. No further archaeological work is recommended for this bridge replacement project. However, if design plans change to impact areas outside of the APE, then further archaeological work will be required.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

See attached: ☒ Map(s) ☐ Previous Survey Info ☒ Photos ☐ Correspondence
Signed:



C. Damon Jones
NCDOT ARCHAEOLOGIST

11/29/18

Date

REFERENCES CITED

HPOWEB

2018 North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office GIS Web Service.
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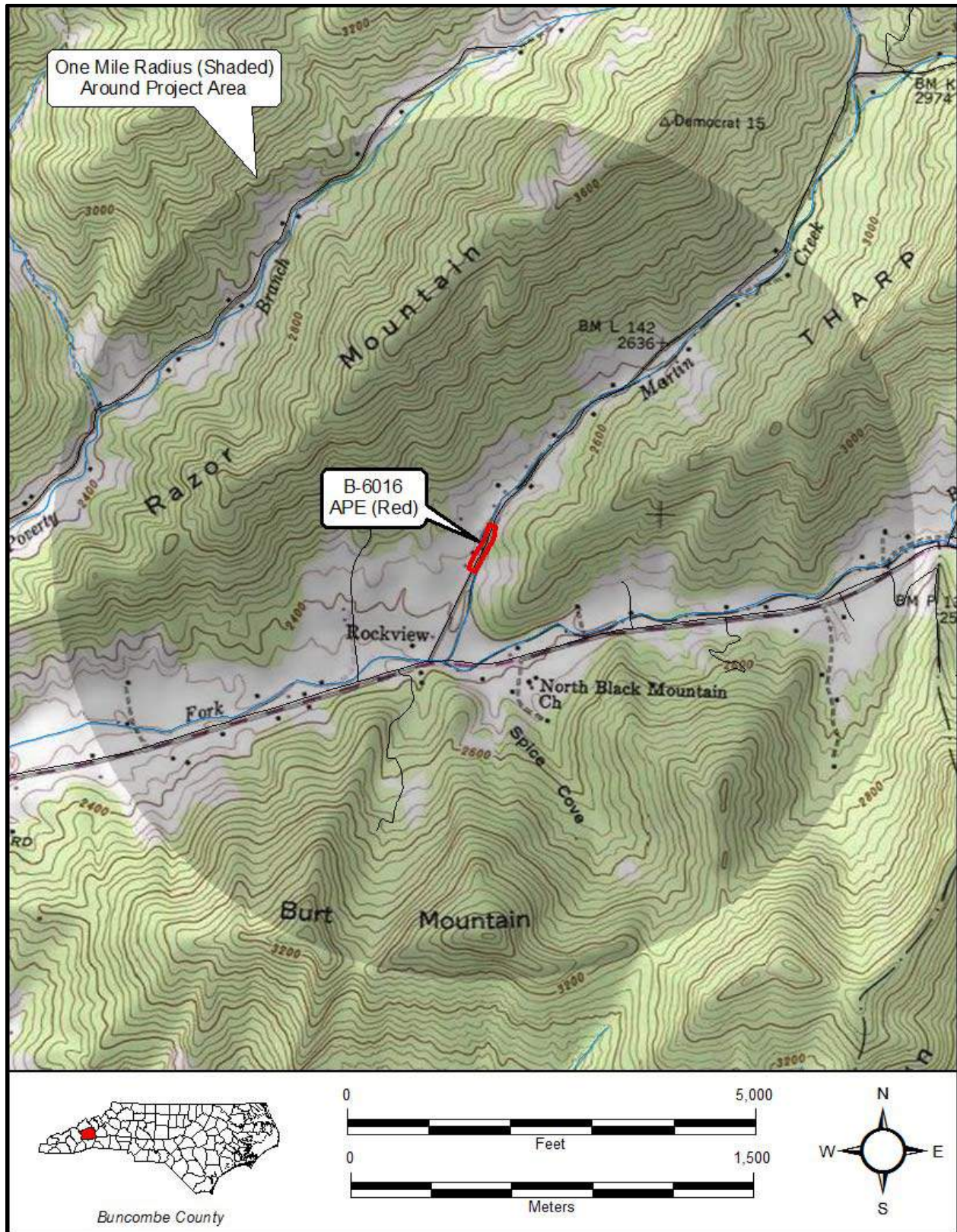


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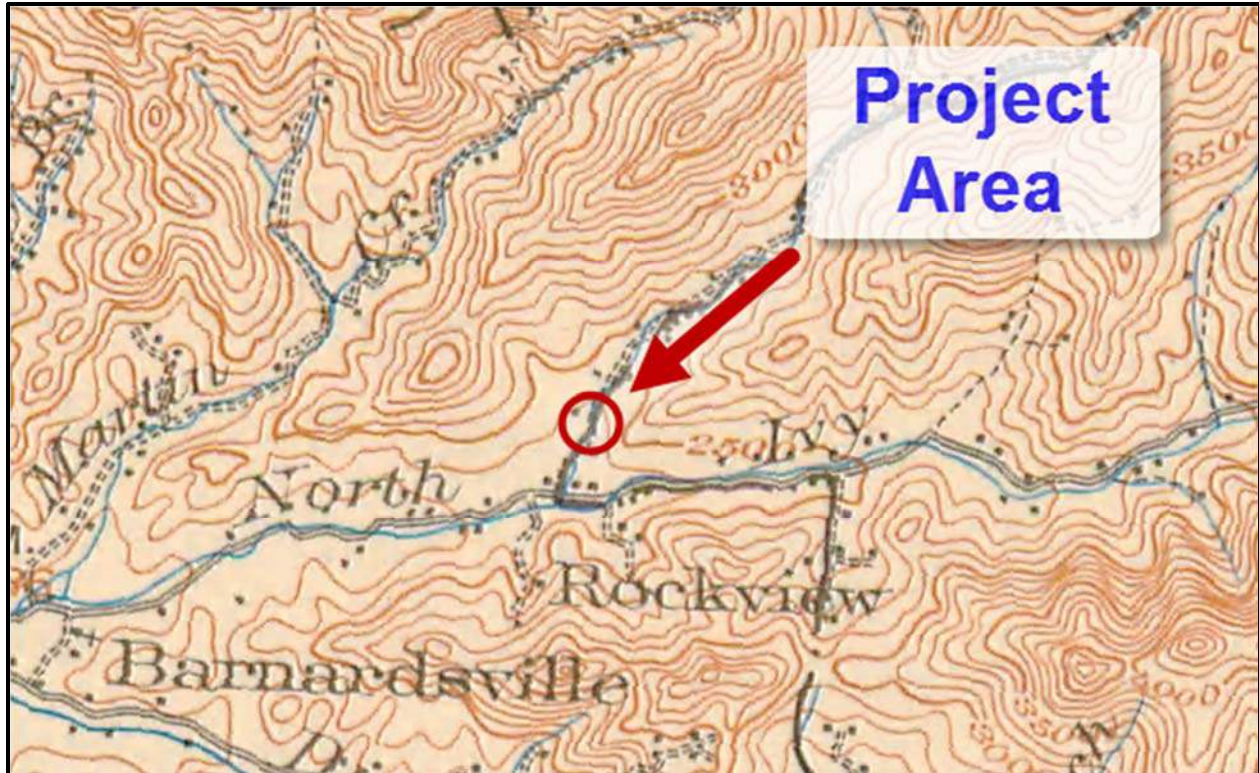


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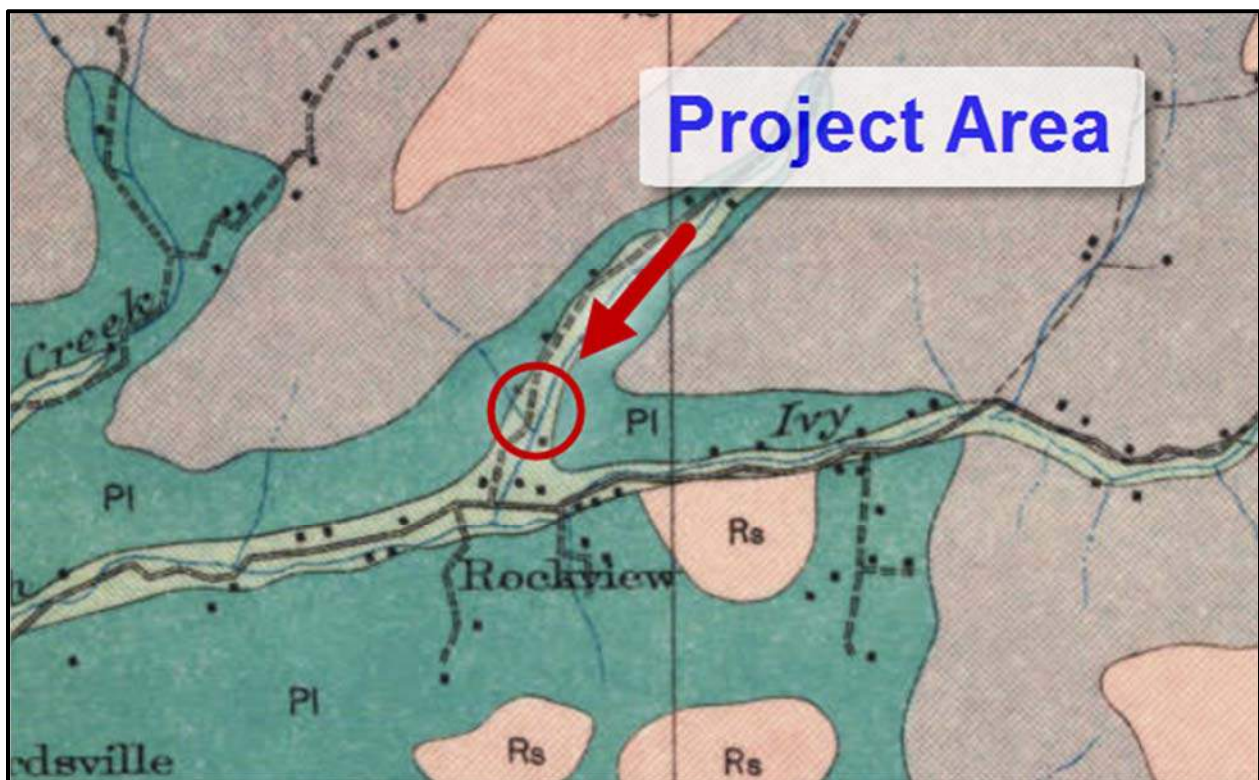


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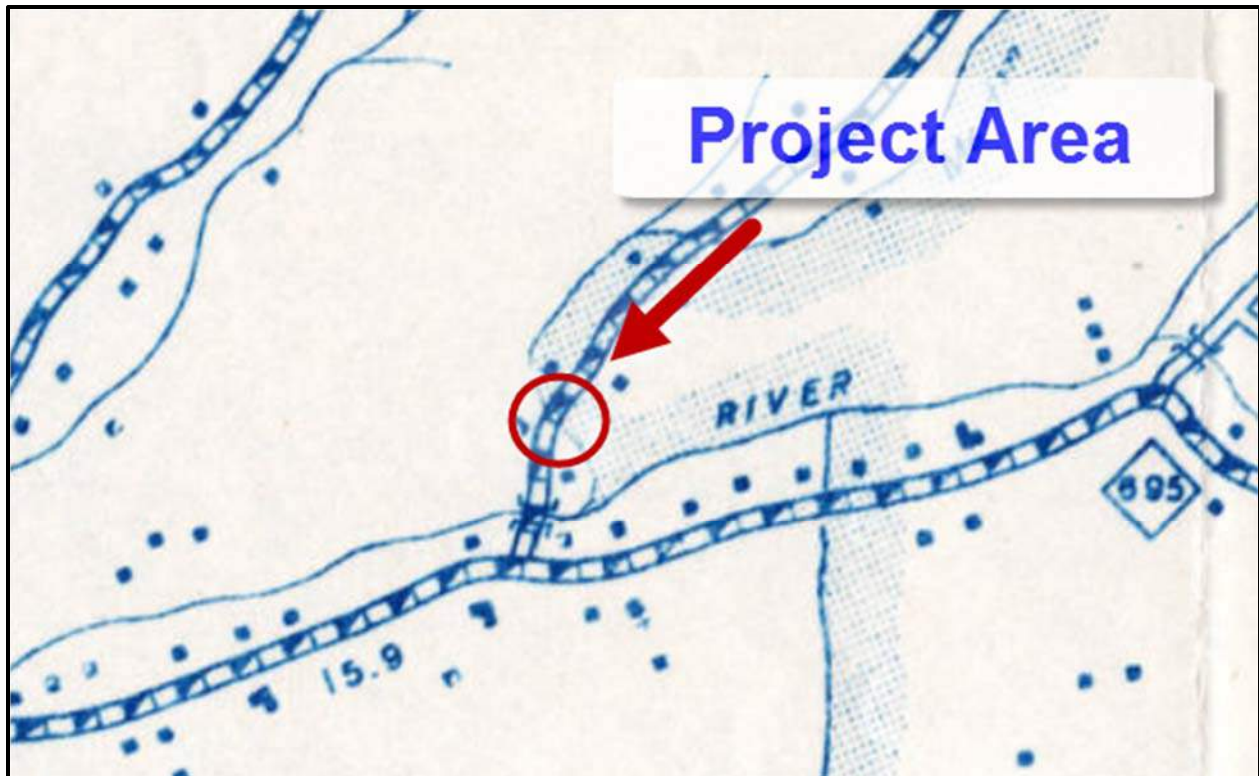


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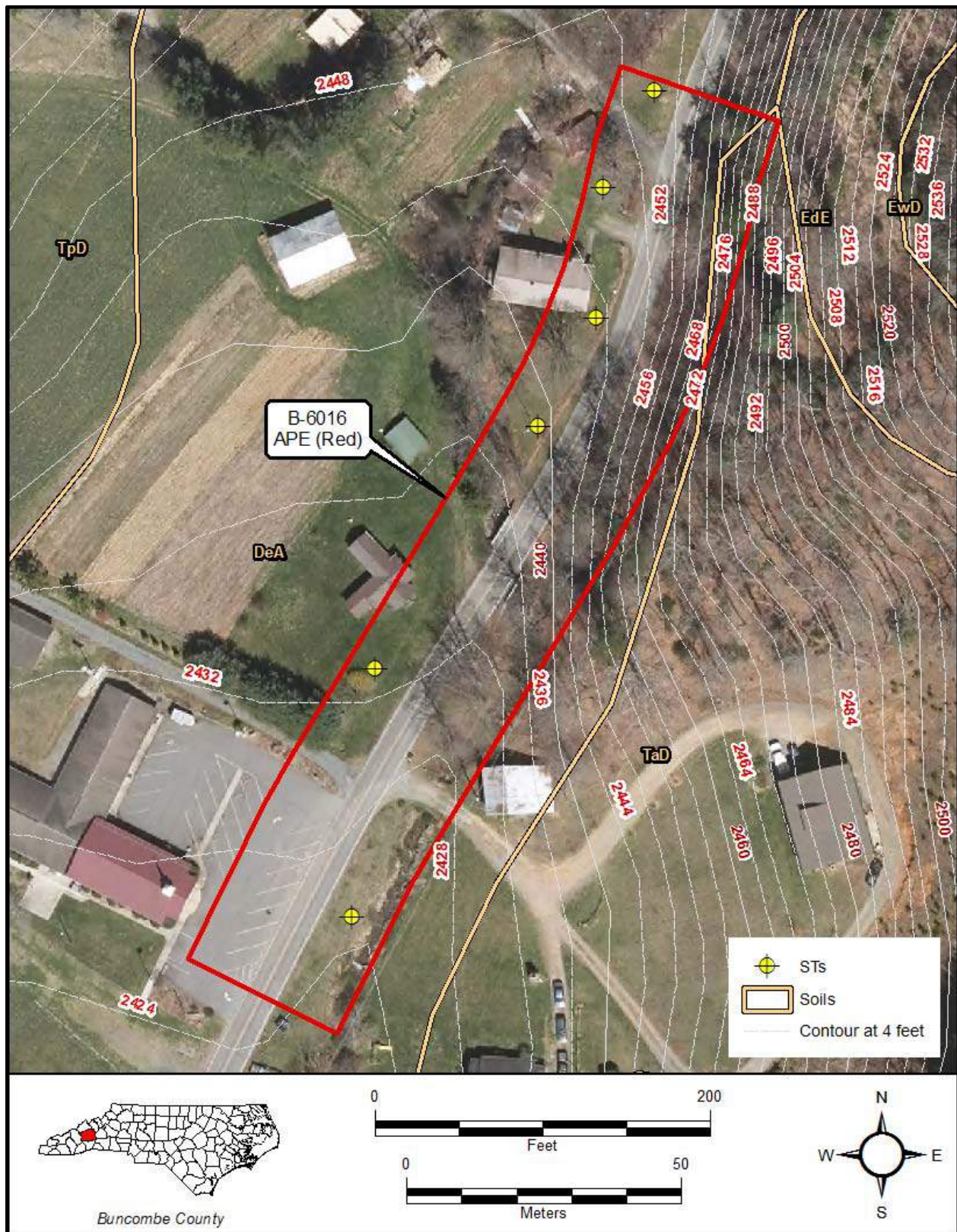


Figure 5. Aerial View of the project area showing soils, contours, development, and ST placement.



Figure 6. Area of fill between the road and Martins Creek in the southeast quadrant, looking south.



Figure 7. View of the hillside in the northeast quadrant, looking south.



Figure 8. Residential property in the southwest quadrant showing cleared ground surface, looking south.



Figure 9. Church parking lot in the southwest quadrant, looking west.



Figure 10. Residential property in the northwest quadrant, looking southwest.

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HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPES NO SURVEY REQUIRED FORM

This form only pertains to Historic Architecture and Landscapes for this project. It is not valid for Archaeological Resources. You must consult separately with the Archaeology Group.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No:	B-6016	County:	Buncombe
WBS No.:	48211.1.1	Document Type:	CE
Fed. Aid No:	BRZ-2027(001)	Funding:	☐ State ☒ Federal
Federal Permit(s):	☒ Yes ☐ No	Permit Type(s):	USACE
<u>Project Description:</u> Replace Bridge No. 142 on SR 2027 (Martins Creek Road) over Martins Creek.			

SUMMARY OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPES REVIEW

<u>Description of review activities, results, and conclusions:</u> Review of HPO quad maps, HPO GIS information, historic designations roster, and indexes was undertaken on September 12, 2018. Based on this review, there are no existing NR, SL, LD, DE, or SS properties in the Area of Potential Effects, which is 300' from each end of the bridge and 75' from the centerline each way. All properties were surveyed through Google Street view, and there are no properties over fifty years of age eligible for National Register listing. Bridge No. 142 is not eligible for NR listing. There are no National Register listed or eligible properties and no survey is required. If design plans change, additional review will be required. <u>Why the available information provides a reliable basis for reasonably predicting that there are no unidentified significant historic architectural or landscape resources in the project area:</u> HPO quad maps and GIS information recording NR, SL, LD, DE, and SS properties for the Buncombe County survey, Buncombe County GIS/Tax information, and Google Maps are considered valid for the purposes of determining the likelihood of historic resources being present. There are no National Register listed or eligible properties within the APE and no survey is required.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

☒ Map(s)
 ☐ Previous Survey Info.
 ☐ Photos
 ☐ Correspondence
 ☐ Design Plans

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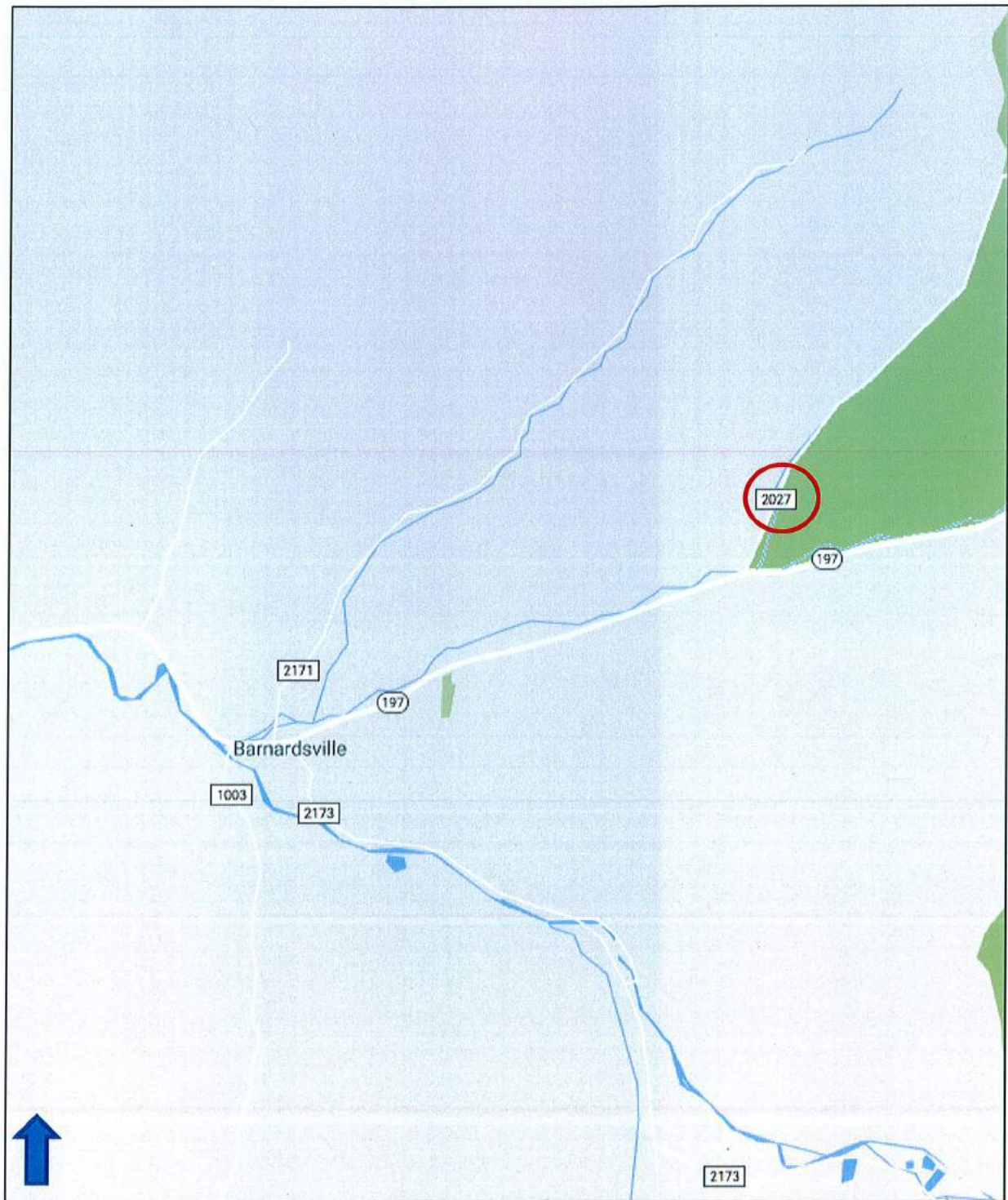
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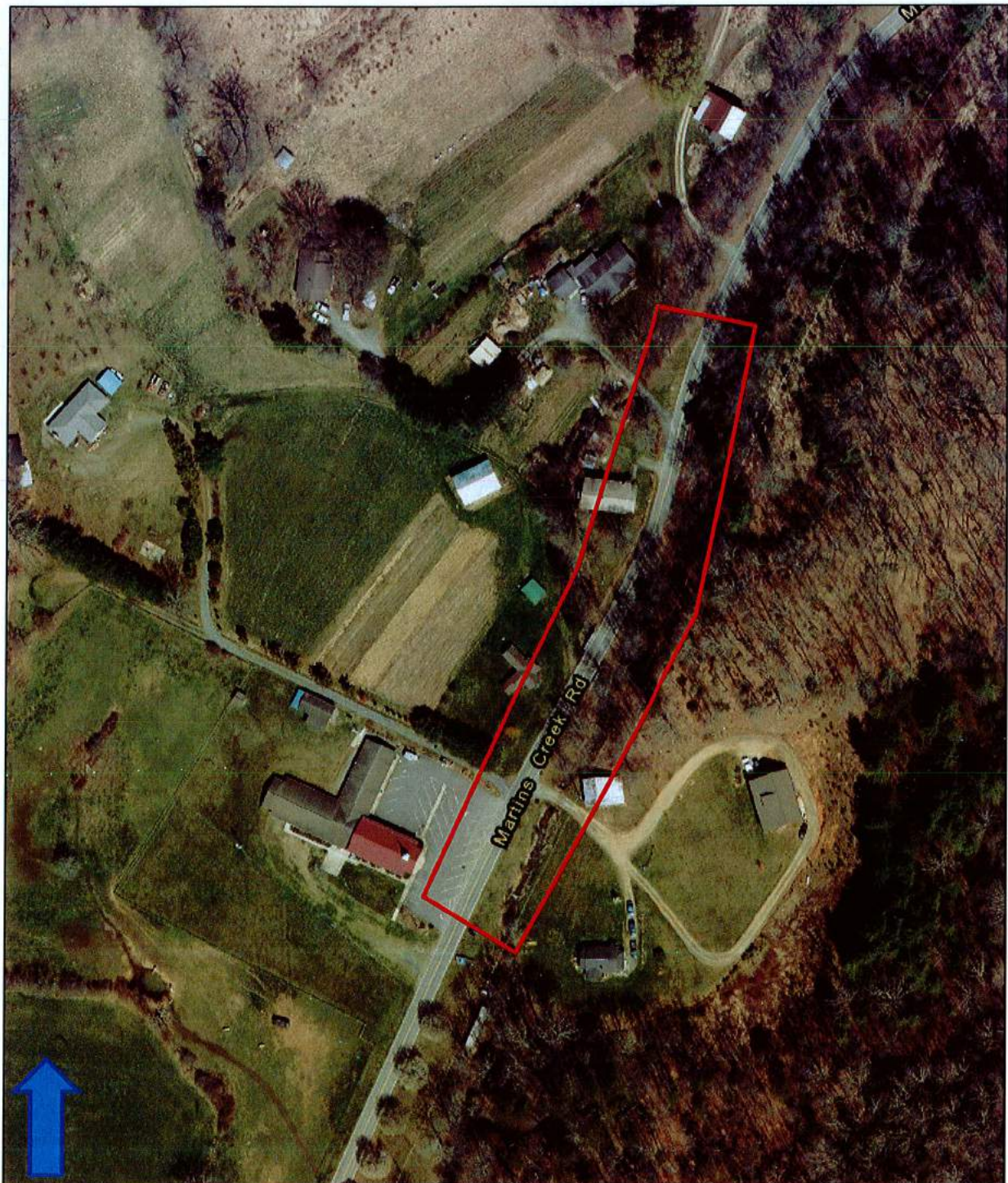
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Looking northeast on Martins Creek Road towards Bridge No. 142.



Looking southwest on Martins Creek Road towards Bridge No. 142.