



Emergency Management
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

North Carolina Geodetic Survey (NCGS): Positioning NC today and for the future!



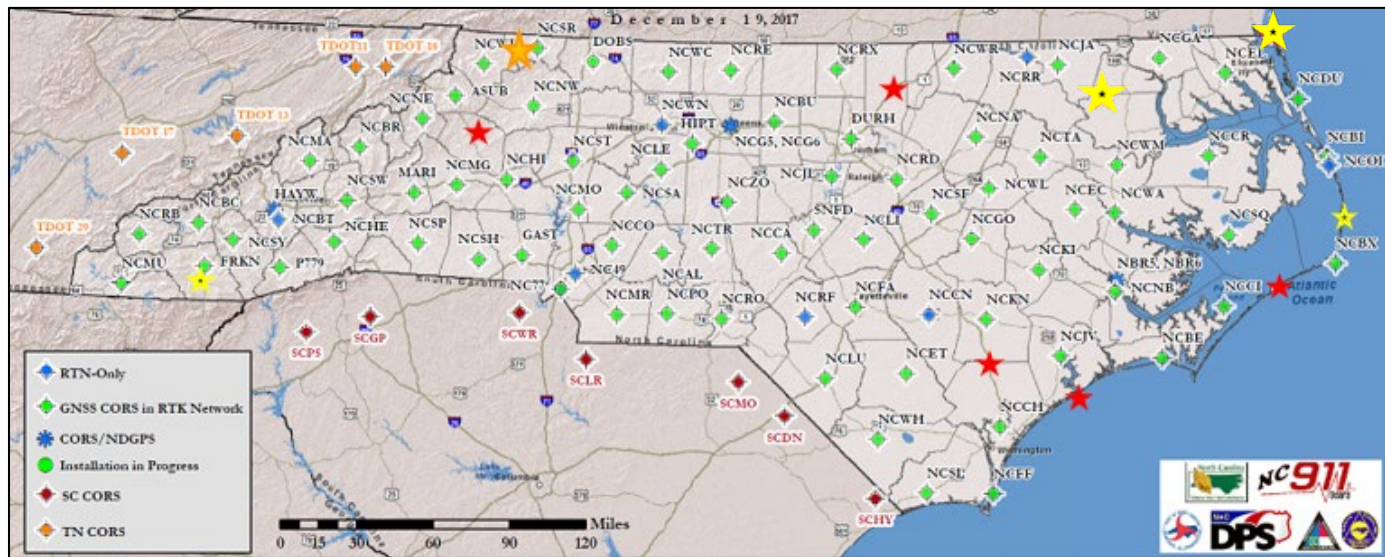
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Geodetic Control





North Carolina (NC) Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network

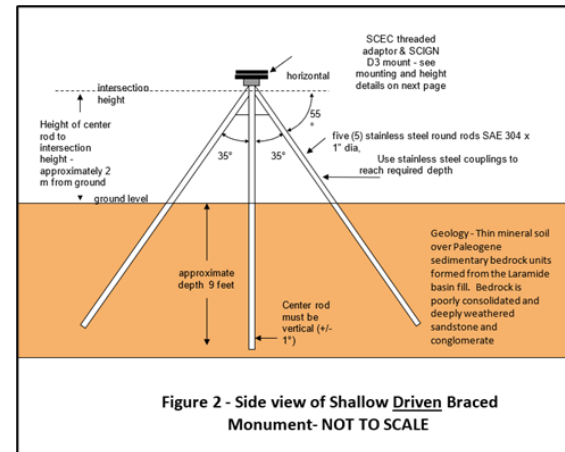


Future CORS location = ★
 CORS installed = ★
 Earthquake CORS = ★





Peanut Belt Research Station CORS (NCLW)

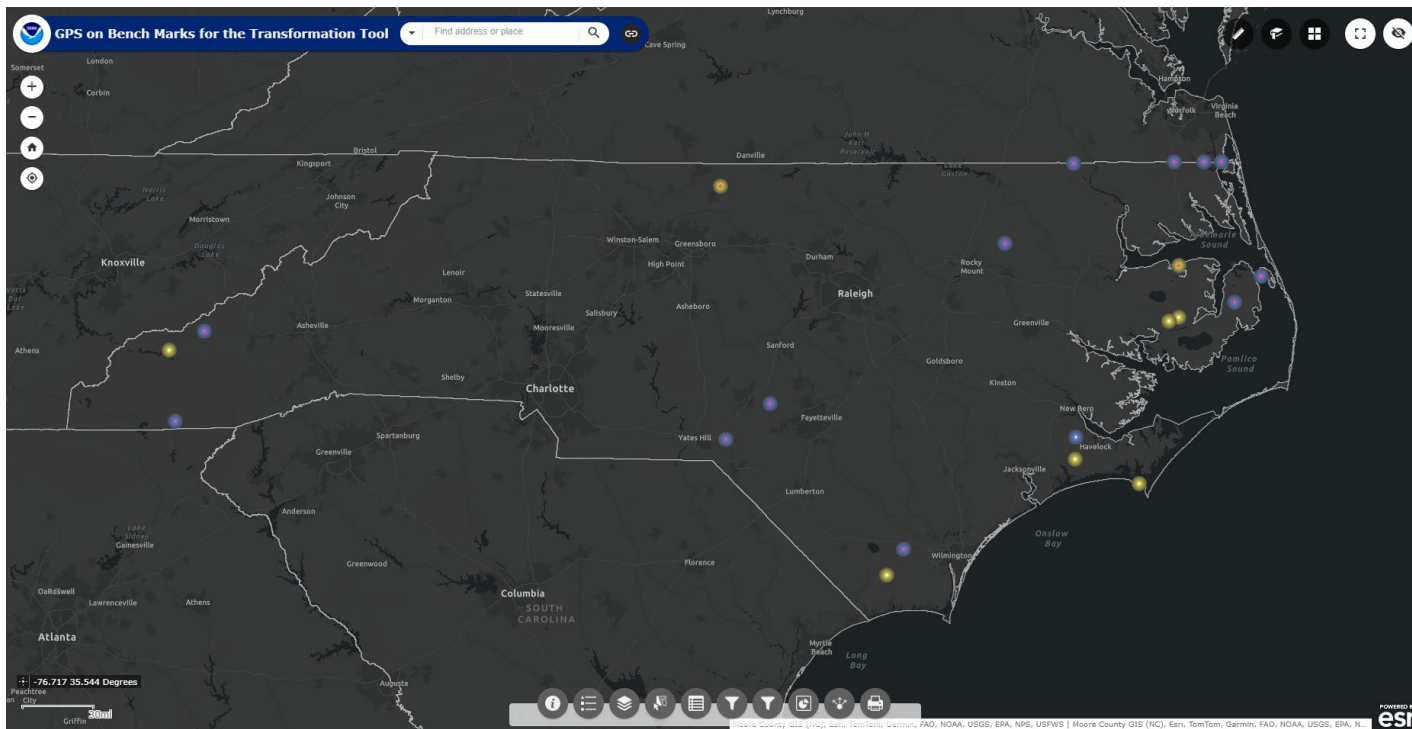


SCEC = Southern California Earthquake Center
SAE = SAE International



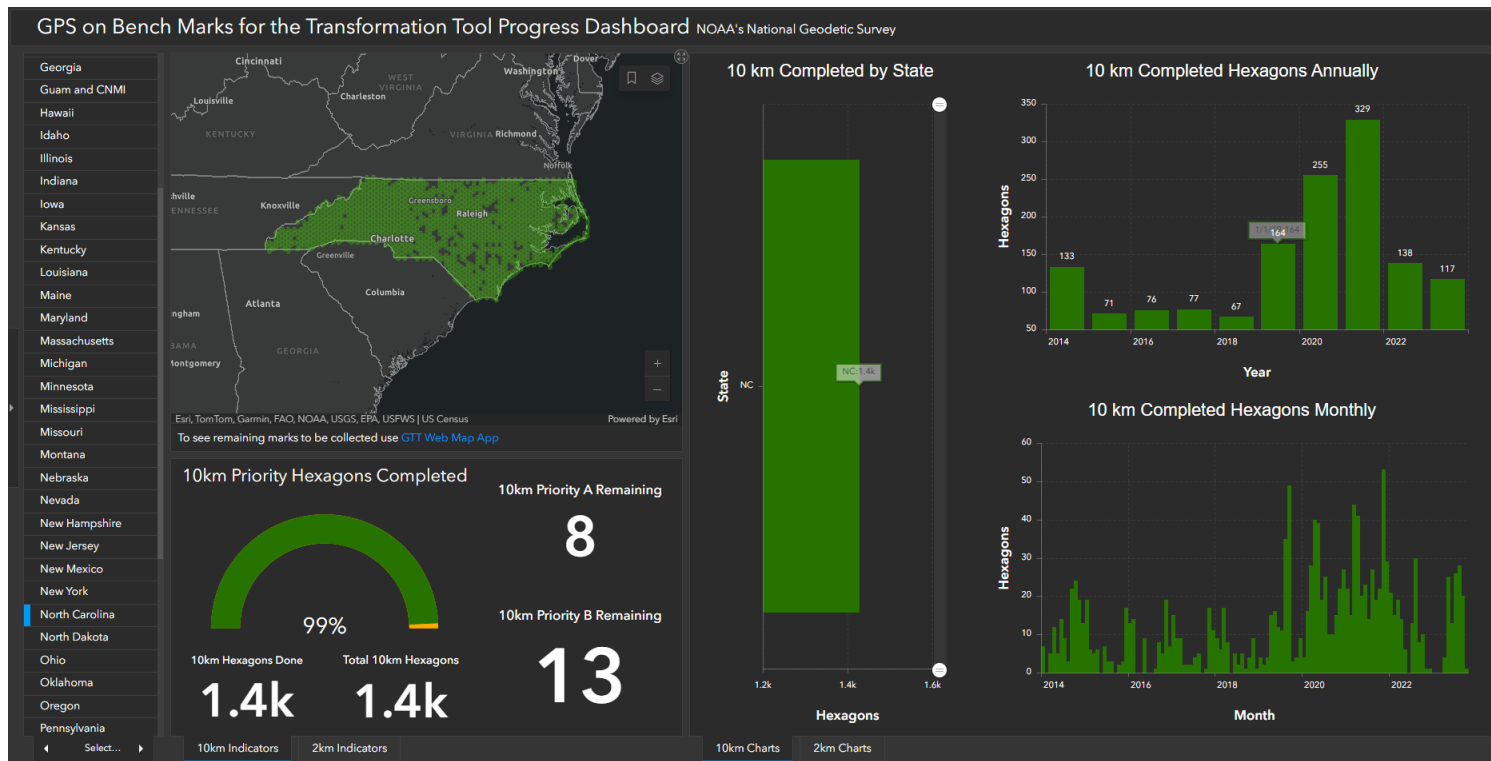
GPS on Bench Marks Project

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North Carolina's Progress Dashboard





New Datums are Coming! 2025-2026

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New Datums

NOAA is Replacing NAD 83 and NAVD 88.
NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) will be replacing the datums of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), including the **North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)** and the **North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)**. NGS will provide the tools to easily transform between the new and old datums. Read the NGS Ten-Year Plan and visit the **New Datums Web page** on our site to learn more.

Benefits
The new reference frames (geometric and geopotential) will rely primarily on **Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)**, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS), as well as on a gravimetric geoid model resulting from NGS' **Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum (GRAV-D)** Project.

The target accuracy of differential orthometric heights (heights relative to sea level) in the geopotential reference frame will be 2 centimeters over any distance, where possible.

What You Can Expect
The magnitude of change with the new datums will vary depending on the datum you are using and your geographic location. The new geometric datum will change latitude, longitude, and ellipsoid height between 1 and 4 meters. In the conterminous United States (CONUS), the new vertical datum will change heights on average 50 centimeters, with approximately a 1-meter tilt towards the Pacific Northwest.

The new datums will extend across CONUS and U.S. territories. The terrestrial reference frames replacing NAD 83 will be consistent with geocentric global reference frames defining latitude and longitude. The geopotential datum replacing NAVD 88 will be based on a gravimetric geoid model, enhanced by data from NGS' Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum (GRAV-D) Project.

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