

NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation



Project ATLAS: Improving Project Development through GIS

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Project Delivery at NCDOT- The Process

- Step 1: Planning
 - Comprehensive Transportation Planning (20-25 years)
- Step 2: Prioritization and Programming
 - State Transportation Improvement Program (10 years)
- Step 3: Project Development and Env. Analysis
 - Project is funded and proposed project is evaluated for environmental impacts (NEPA/SEPA)
- Step 4: Design
- Step 5: Property Acquisition
- Step 6: Construction



How does NCDOT measure up?



How did ATLAS get started?

- August 2017, the Environmental Analysis Unit (EAU) here at NCDOT approached the GIS Unit to help them make project delivery more efficient.
- The EAU are heavy GIS users (predictive modeling, field verifications, impact maps)they wanted to leverage this powerful tool to improve project delivery.

Where does ATLAS fit into Project Delivery at NCDOT?

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Secretary's Priorities

Better Transportation Service for North Carolina

Our Mission: Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina.



and Analysis Systems

Technology

Real Time Data Collection, Analysis, Storage, and Reporting Across all Modes, Units, Facilities and Operations to Obtain and Sustain Full Time Situational Awareness



NCDOT Project ATLAS



Advancing Transportation through Linkages, Automation, and Screening

- Goal is to streamline project development by utilizing GIS tools, applications, and data
- Adheres to Secretary's Priorities for Improved Program Delivery
- Accelerated project delivery has strong economic impact and enhances NC's economic competitiveness



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Current State of Project Development



Future Projects

The 2020-2029 draft State Transportation Improvement Program consists of 1,663 projects.

Transportation Mode	Total Projects
Aviation	86
Bicycle/Pedestrian	235
Ferry	6
Highway	1,266, including: - 181 bridge projects - 83 interstate maintenance projects - 37 safety projects
Public Transit	23
Rail	47
Total	1,663



Disciplines involved



Current State of Project Development

- No standards for required deliverables
- There is a central repository for project's and their associated nonspatial data (PDF's, Word Doc's etc.) (No spatial data is collected.)
- There is a business process, but it is mostly manual
- GIS data used to do reports is not standard across projects or firms working on projects.
 - Data is downloaded and worked on in ArcMap and becomes out of date
- There is no spatial context for a project or past projects and no central repository for related spatial data
- There are a series of enterprise applications that support different aspects project delivery but these applications are not integrated

Drawings to Diagrams





Overall Picture Takes Shape

- Over 80 interviews with business units across the agency by October 2017.
- Understanding emerges that there are deficiencies with many aspects of the project development process- not just data itself
- The Project Managers need better information before a project begins...
 "An informed scoping meeting"







Initial Cataloging of Data



Data Facts

- 27 Parent Agencies
- 54 Root Web Service Locations
- 563 Total Layers

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• 140 Used in Screening a project



Layers Top 5 Contributors

Organization	Count
NCDOT, GIS Unit	154
US Geological Survey (USGS)	75
NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (CGIA)	74
NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	60
US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	33

Screening Layers Top 5 Contributors

Organization	Count
NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	30
NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (CGIA)	21
US Geological Survey (USGS)	18
NCDOT, GIS Unit	14
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	10



Data Breakdown



Data Breakdown



Data Developed through ATLAS

130 New Layers are being created

Environmental Predictive Modeling Data Capture Project Deliverables with GIS Data

Newly Created Support Data

GIS Specific Goals Developed

#	Business Goal
1.	Provide the transportation project community a searchable gateway to all spatial data used in project delivery at NCDOT.
2.	Create a tool that screens NCDOT STIP projects against spatial project data for significant impact areas.
3.	Provide a platform for project managers to view their project, their project's impacts, and other significant information related to managing that project.
4.	Stand-up an enterprise GIS SDE for NCDOT project data.
5.	Create enterprise GIS data for project delivery.

From Goals to Tools

Search Tool

April 2019

A gateway to search and retrieve verifiable, current and accurate project related data.

Addresses NCDOT's need to have R consistent data available to Project Managers and Consultants.

Screening Tool

April 2019

A powerful web-based tool to evaluate potential impacts to NCDOT projects using GIS data and predictive modeling.

Allows Project Managers and NCDOT Consultants to understand and coordinate earlier about challenges projects will encounter.

ATLAS Workbench

April 2019

A unified toolset for Project Managers to assess and monitor their projects via the web.

Allows Project Managers and Consultants a common platform to access current project data, historic project data, current deliverable status, and visualize project progress.

Team is also supporting: Automation, Data Creation, and Post Deployment App Management Tool.

Search Tool

- Key Functionality
 - Search for data by document type, DOT discipline, and keyword
 - Download data package in GBD and DGN formats
 - View data package on a map

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2	2012 Integrated Reporting Water Quality Assessments	This data set contains the detailed water quality assessment for the 3,381 waterbodies in North Carolina where assessment data or information were available. The data assessed were from over 5,000 monitoring stations with data and information mostly collected in calendar years 2006-2010. This data set includes parameters assessed and water quality rating.	NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources	
X	303d and 305b Streams (ESM Layer)	303d and 305b Streams for ESM application hosted by NCDOT.	NCDOT, GIS Engineering Transportation Systems, GIS Unit	
	Albemarle - Pamlico National Estuary Partnership Map	AP map is an interactive mapping application designed to provide geographic information about the Albemarle-Pamlico (A-P) watershed and APNEP.	NC Department of Environmental Quality, Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership	
8	Alluvial Fans	Location and attributes of alluvial fan studies. Only the 1-percent-annual- chance flood is mapped for alluvial fans. The alluvial fan could be mapped as: Zone AO areas with depths and velocities; Zone AO areas with just depths; or Zone A, AE, or X. This information is needed for the Summary of Alluvial Fan Analyses and Results of Alluvial Fan Analyses tables in the FIS report.	Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency	
۲	Anadromous Fish Spawning Areas	NC DEQ maps here: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/afsa-maps	NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries	
Use checkboxes to select data sets you would like to Download or View on Map, then hit Download or View on Map button. You will then be prompted to define your geographic area of interest.				

ATLAS Search Tool

About Additional Resources Help

Search Home » Area of Interest » Map View





Screening Tool

- Key Functionality
 - Screen against 60+ key data layers for area impacts
 - Ability to screen STIP and SPOT projects, uploaded study area, or draw a study area
 - Produce screening report that measures impact totals by individual data set
 - Provide ability to download impacts data sets
 - View impact data on a map



About Additional Resources Help

Screening Home » Screen By Project ID

Screen By Project ID

Utilize the Project ID Search and/or select your project from the map with the map Selection Tools. Only projects highlighted on the map will be included in your Study Area when you click Next.

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project. Use check boxes to add layers to your screening. Click the layer name to to preview the layer on the map, view layer information, or set sub-report fields for specific layers.





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Project Development Screening Report



ACEC Presentation Screening -U-5891

Report Description:

ATLAS screening for ACEC presentation for U-5891.

Buffer Size: 1000 Feet

STIP/SPOT U-5891, H090577 ID:

STIP/SPOT Description:

U-5891: I-540 TO NORTH OF NC 98. WIDEN TO MULTILANE DIVIDED ROADWAY.



Summary of Potential Impacts

Impact Type	Potential Impacts
Conservation Area	Yes
Fish and Aquatics	No
Hydrography	Yes

Fish and Aquatics	Count	Total Coverage	Nearest
NC Heritage Fishing Nursery Areas	0	0 ac	0
NOAA Essential Fish Habitat	0	0 ac	0
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	0	0 ac	0
Hydrography	Count	Total Coverage	Nearest
303d and 305b Streams (ESM Layer)	7	8778.0 ft	529.7 ft
FEMA Stream Study Type (ESM Layer)	5	11245.5 ft	476.9 ft
NC DEQ Water Supply Watershed IV	4	10855.4 ft	529.7 ft
USGS 24K Streams 2014	4	8778.0 ft	529.7 ft
NC DEQ Water Supply Watersheds	2	1053.6 ac	N/A
NC DEQ Draft 303d Category 5 Assessments	1	3834.1 ft	N/A
DWR Trout Waters 2014 (ESM Layer)	0	0 ft	0
High Quality Water and Outstanding Resource Water Management. Zones	0	0 ac	0
NC Wild and Scenic Rivers	0	0 ft	0
NOAA Designated Critical Resource Waters	0	0 ac	0
USDA Forest Service Wild and Scenic Rivers	0	0 ft	0
WRC Trout Waters	0	0 ft	0
Physiography	Count	Total Coverage	Nearest
NCDOT SSURGO Soils	144	1053.6 ac	17.5 ft
US EPA Level III Ecoregions	1	1611.4 ac	N/A
US EPA Level IV Ecoregions	1	1611.4 ac	N/A
Utilities	Count	Total Coverage	Nearest
NC Public Water Supply Water Sources	5	N/A	461.6 ft
NC Water Supply intakes	5	N/A	461.3 ft
NC Surface Water Intakes	0	N/A	0
Sanitary Sewer Systems - Land Application Areas	0	N/A	0
Sanitary Sewer Systems - Pumping Stations	0	N/A	0
Water Distribution Systems - Water Pumping Stations	0	N/A	0

ATLAS Workbench

- Key Functionality
 - Flexible in conjunction with policy changes
 - Advanced Map Viewer
 - Integration with SharePoint (Scoping and PreConstruction)
 - Ingestion of standard deliverable data (PDF and spatial data deliverables)
 - View your project within the context of surrounding projects and data for those projects

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Map Workbench

Basic Project Info Scoping ~ Public/Local Involvement 1 Merger Survey & Photogrammetry Traffic Community Characteristic Report (CCR) 🗸 Natural Resources Indirect & Cumulative Effects (ICE) Air Quality . Noise Analysis Cultural Resources Geo-Environmental Land Use Scenario Assessment (LUSA) Community Impact Assessment (CIA) ~ **Project Conclusion** 1

Natural Resources

Is Natural Resources required?

Yes ONO

a. Natural Resources;

* Was Jurisdictional Area Delineation completed?

🔍 Yes 🛛 🔍 No

* Were T&E surveys completed?

Yes No

* What effect will the project have on Threatened and Endangered Species or their critical habitat?

* Select species that are potentially impacted:

None selected -

* Are there any species for which biological conclusions are unresolved?

Yes No

If so, which and why?

* Has the USFWS requested a Biological Assessment during Section 7 consultation?

○ Yes ○ No

Workbench: Data Flow



Workbench – Snowball Effect

Put Data into Action

Harvest Project Data

Establish Project Data Repository

Build Tools to Enforce Standards

Development of Standards

Application Management Tool

- Key Functionality
 - Add/remove layers
 - Manage deliverables types
 - Manage workbench questions
 - Update About, Application Disclaimers, Additional Resources, and Help



ATLAS Application Management Portal

Manage ATLAS Search Tool Manage ATLAS Screening Tool Manage ATLAS Workbench Manage ATLAS Disclaimer Manage ATLAS About Manage ATLAS Additional Resources Manage ATLAS Help

ATLAS Application Management Portal

Manage » Search Tool » Manage Search Results

Layer Name	Linked Documents	Linked Categories
2012 Integrated Reporting Water Quality Assessments	NRTR , FeasibilityDesign -	Natural Environment -
2015RareRoadsidePopulations_pt_nodupl.shp	None selected -	None -
2016 Traffic Segments Primary	Traffic Forecast , Traffic	Congestion Management -
2016 Traffic Segments Secondary	Traffic Forecast , Traffic	Congestion Management -
303d and 305b Streams (ESM Layer)	5 selected -	Miscellaneous -
911 Response with Transport Capability	CCR -	Human Environment -
911 Response without Transport Capability	CCR -	Human Environment -
Air Medical/Specialty Care Transport	CCR -	Human Environment -
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Apply Changes

Cancel

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ATLAS Application Management Portal

Home » Decision Tree Administration

Select a part of the decision tree to configure:

Categories Groups Controls

Configure Controls for Natural Resources Add Control									
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_	1	Was Jurisdictional Area Delineation completed?	Yes No	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		
	2	Were T&E surveys completed?	Yes No	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		
	3	What effect will the project have on Threatened and Endangered Species or their critical habitat?	Dropdow n	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		
	4	Select species that are potentially impacted:	Multiple Select	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		
	5	Are there any species for which biological conclusions are unresolved?	Yes No	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		
	6	If so, which and why?	Text	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		
	7	Has the USFWS requested a Biological Assessment during Section 7 consultation?	Yes No	Edit	Delete	Up	Down		

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ATLAS in the GIS Landscape



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Importance of continued data access Government Shutdown Agency's State Agencies ⊂ederal ncies server is down **Local Agencies** NCDOT'S ATLAS Webservices

Important Notes on ATLAS

- We are not eliminating field work
 - Field work is still a major component of all projects. For the first time we will be capturing this data for all projects undergoing environmental evaluation.
- We are not eliminating jobs
 - We are helping project teams do their jobs more effectively and efficiently.
- We are pushing more work earlier in the process to help scheduling, budgeting and scoping
- We are helping to deliver better projects within our program delivery goals by:
 - Improving GIS data and management
 - Improving processes

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