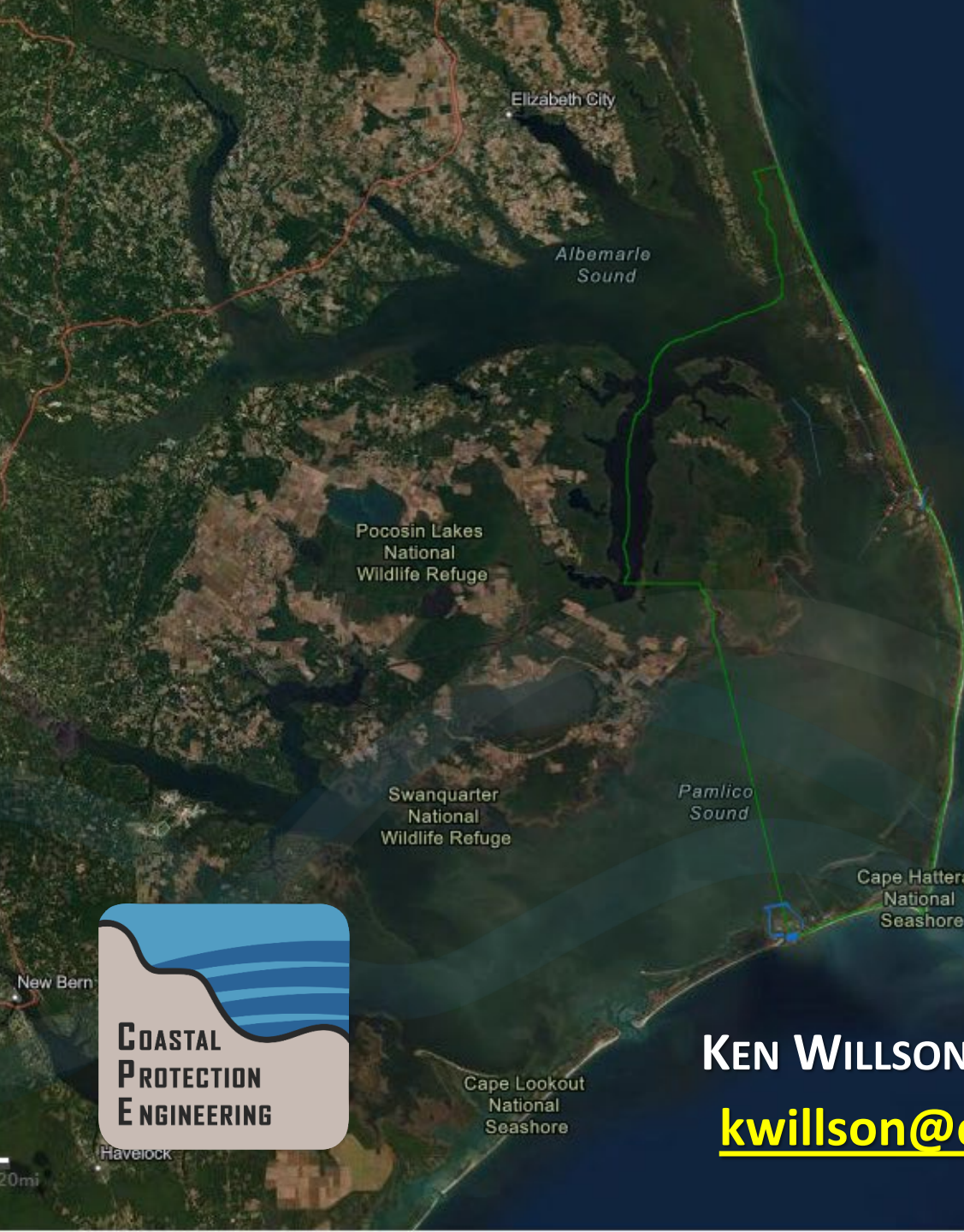


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# DARE COUNTY DREDGE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT



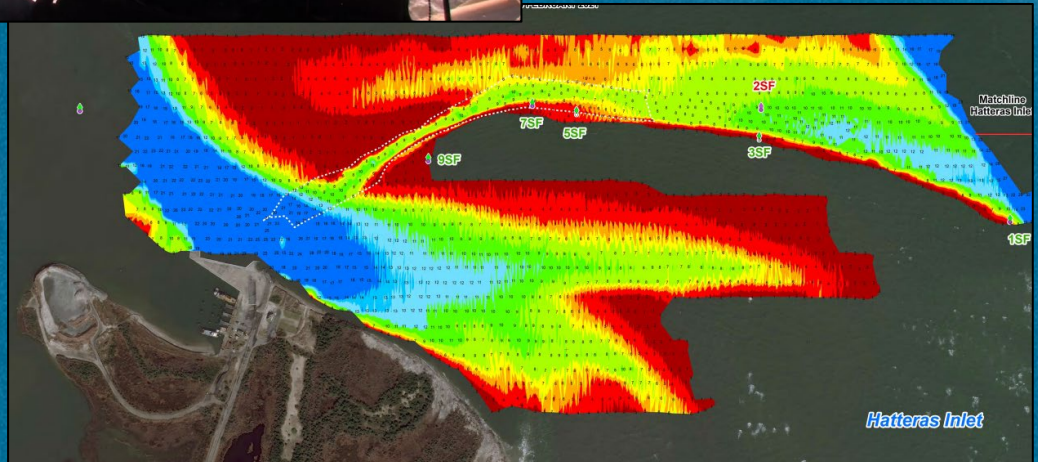
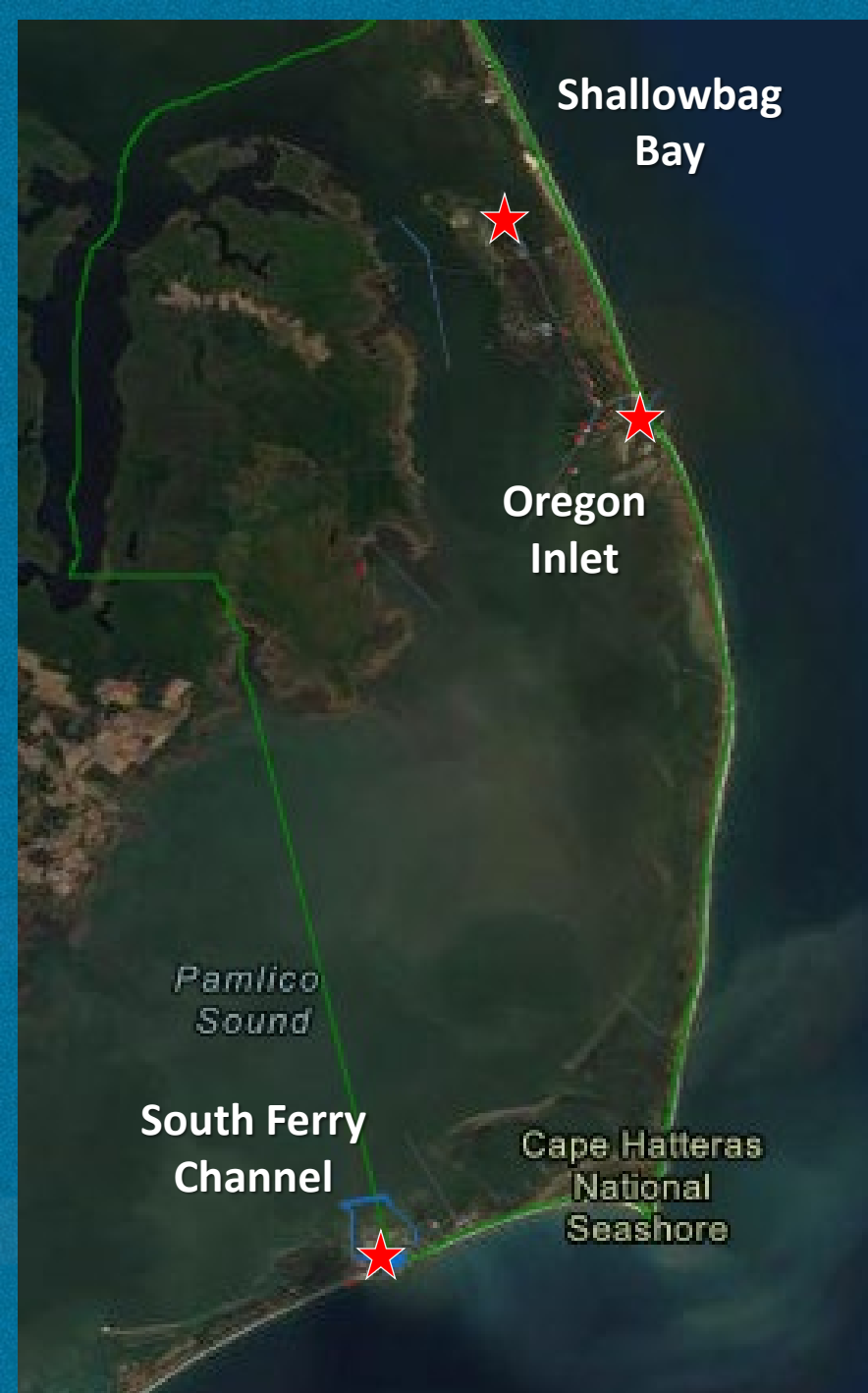
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# Goals of the Project:

- Provide additional dredge material capacity
- Identify disposal alternatives that enhance Coastal Resilience

# Phases of the Project:

1. Needs Assessment
2. Develop Concepts to Evaluate
3. Evaluation Criteria
4. Provide County Recommendations (Short-Term & Long-Term):
5. Obtain permits for short-term alternatives



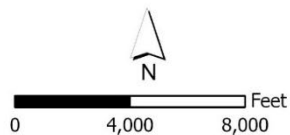


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Legend:

- Channels
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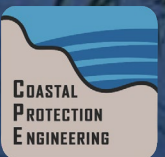
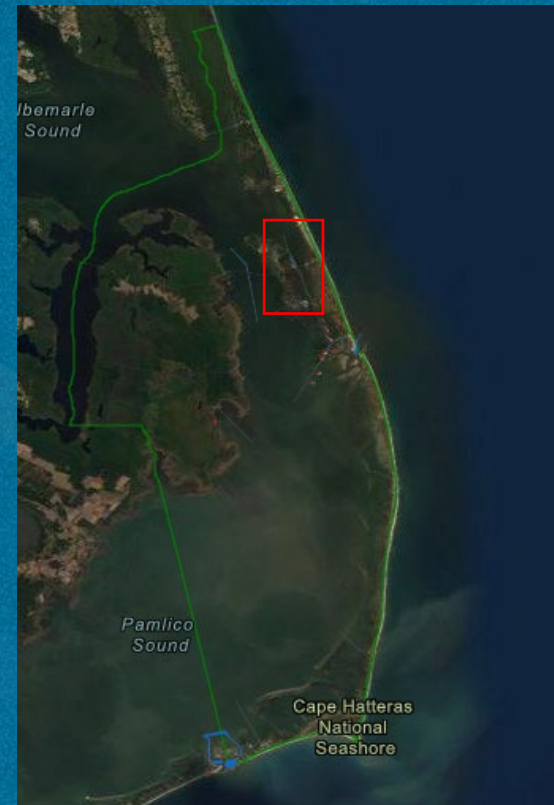
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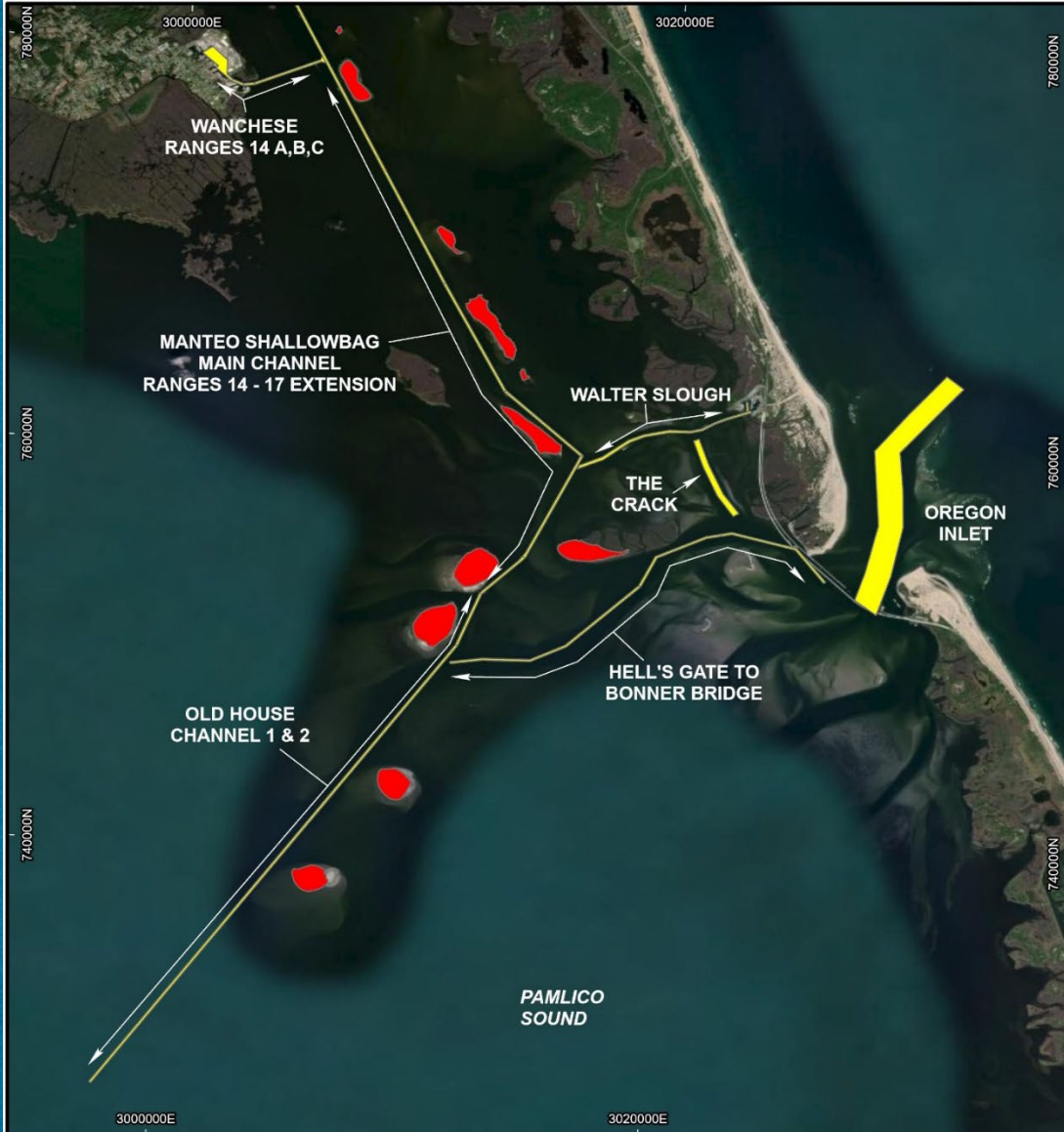
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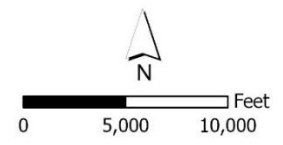
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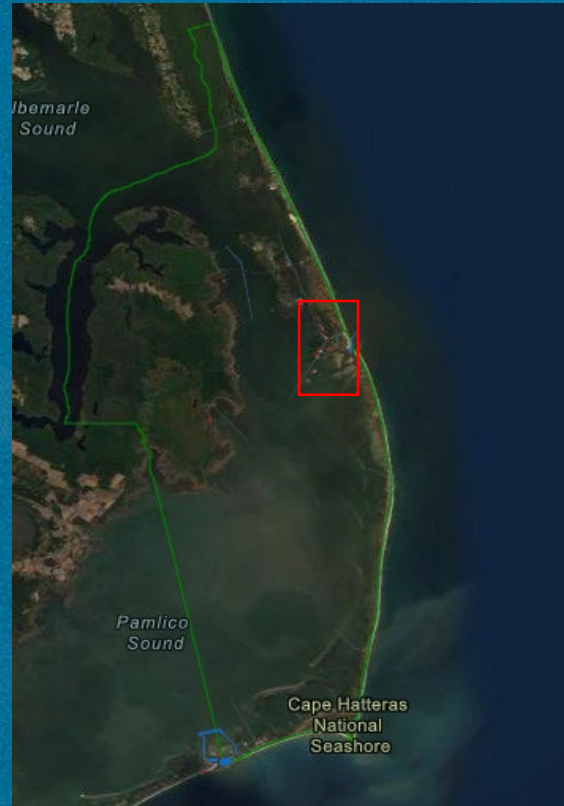
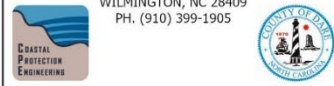
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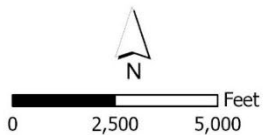
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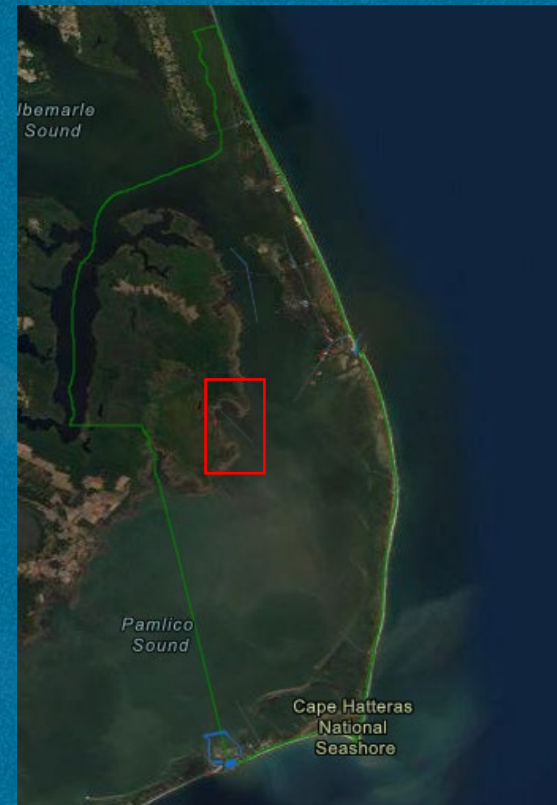
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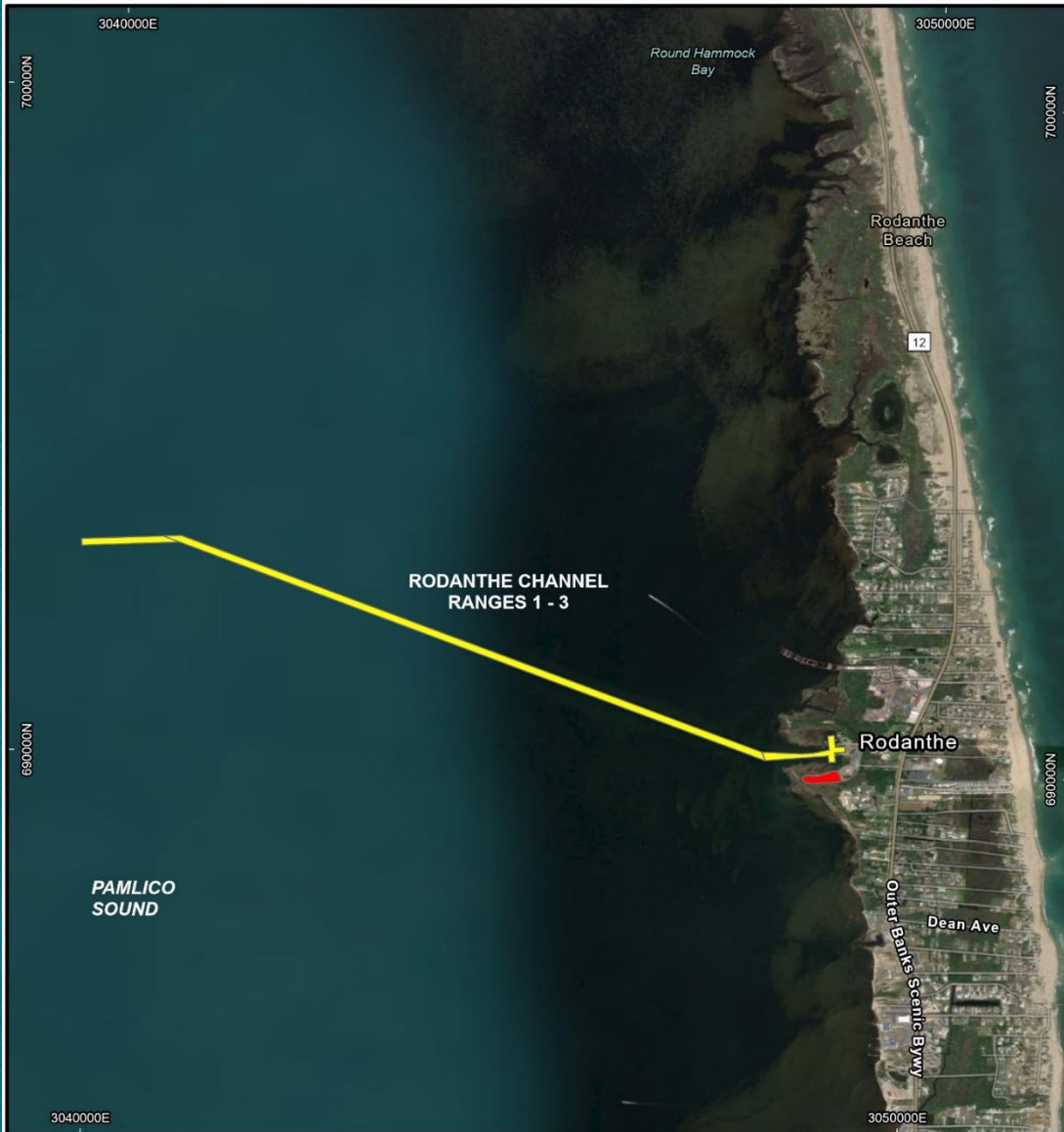
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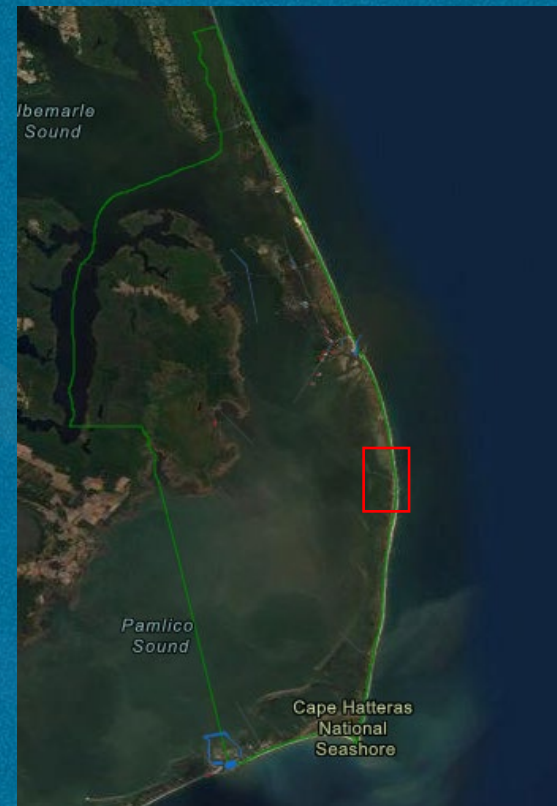
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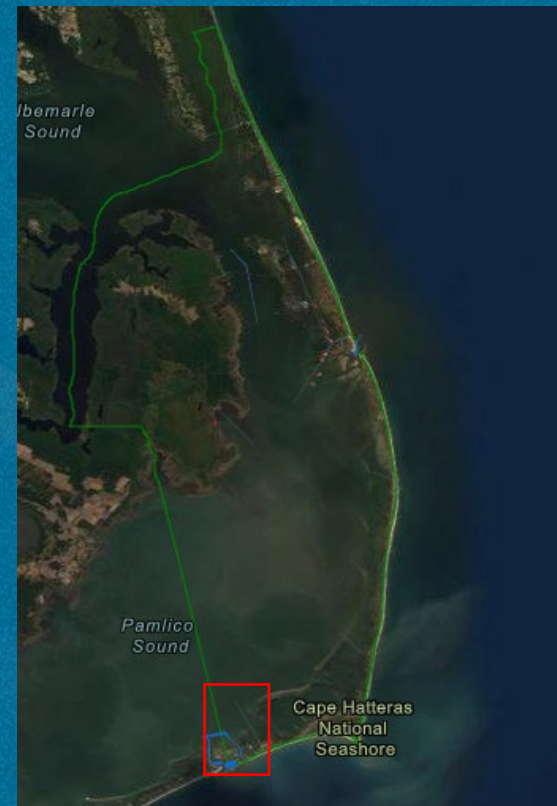
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# Project Area:

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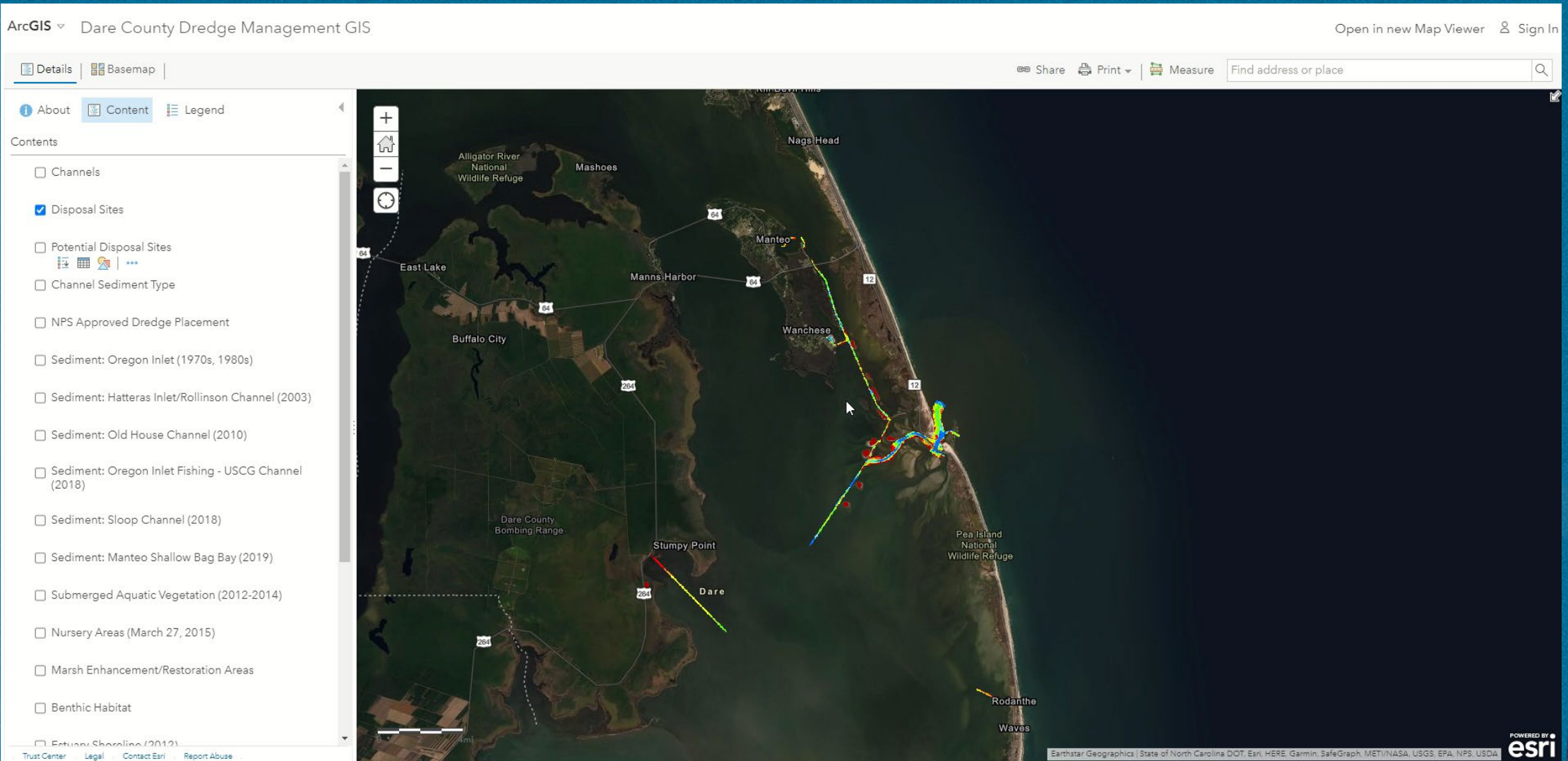
- Maintenance Statistics: (# of Events, Volume per event, Frequency, etc.)
- Type of Material Dredged (% Silt, % Sand, % Gravel, USCS)

# Stakeholder Engagement:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- NC Department of Transportation
- National Parks Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- The North Carolina Coastal Federation
- North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission



# Needs Assessment:





# Concept Alternatives:

- Placement of material along the shoreline to provide erosion mitigation and shoreline protection;
- Creation and restoration of bird islands that provide increased habitat;
- Thin layer placement of sediment in marshes to help these types of habitat keep up with sea level rise;
- Development of new confined disposal facilities (CDF) that can be mined for public or private benefit;
- The modification of CDFs to increase capacity;
- Marsh restoration projects like the Wanchese Section 204 Project; and
- Various concepts to facilitate routine maintenance conducted with the PPP dredge



# Alternatives Screening:

- Relative Cost;
- Long-Term Capacity Provided
- Relative Difficulty to Permit
- Necessity to Obtain Easements and/or the Need to Acquire Property
- Potential for Cost Sharing with Partners
- Amount of Beneficial Uses



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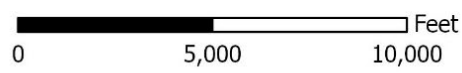


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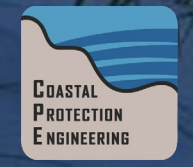


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6. Beneficial Use of Dredge Material Pilot Projects



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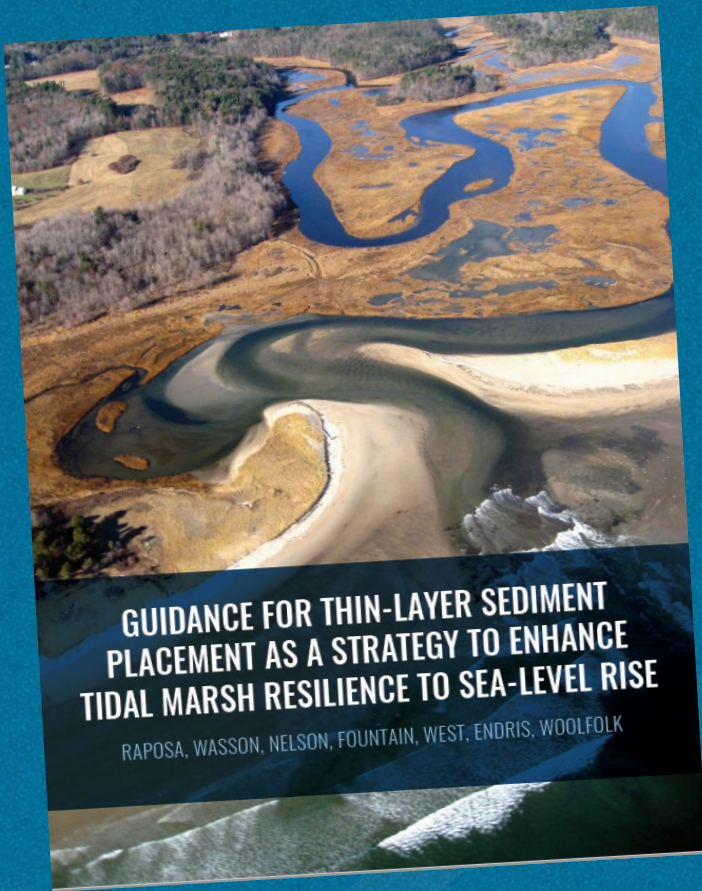
*The majority of dredged material in the Wilmington District consists of sand, silt, mud, and clay that is not suitable for beach placement. The State of North Carolina does not have nearshore placement provisions that allow for or provide criteria for placement of material with higher fine material content than beach quality material. An opportunity for a research proposal could include an analysis of non-beach-quality material in key project areas to determine the volume and value of sediment that could be placed beneficially if the state's percent-fines regulations were modified or exempted.*



# *The USACE 2020 Regional Sediment Management Optimization Update*

*Open water and TLP are two strategies that keep sediment in the active system; save available capacity in upland and offshore placement areas; and are typically the least-cost placement options. Wetland creation projects can support healthy ecosystems and provide significant placement capacity. These strategies, as well as other potential opportunities such as filling of relict dredge holes and coastal and wetland habitat restoration projects, could be explored by the Wilmington District.*





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- *Modern tidal marsh ecosystems evolved over thousands of years to withstand the storm-driven deposition of large volumes of sediment on the marsh plain.*
- *flood management infrastructure... have in many locations altered the natural movement of water and sediment from watersheds to tidal wetlands, and from high-energy shorelines to low-energy backbarrier embayments.*
- *TLP has the potential to functionally re-create these natural episodic processes, thereby improving and maintaining topographic, substrate, and ecological diversity in tidal wetlands.*
- *The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency encourages the use of dredged sediment and provides a general approach and steps for considering dredging and beneficial use.*
- *Since the TLP approach is one of the few viable alternatives to protect marshes in their current locations, and since past projects and experimental plots have shown promise, we recommend that funders and permittees facilitate the implementation of project-scale (beyond plot-scale), carefully selected, well-designed and monitored restoration projects using TLP.*



**THANK YOU!**

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