



## **NORTH CAROLINA**

Department of Transportation



# NCDOT - Division of Aviation UAS Program Office

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October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

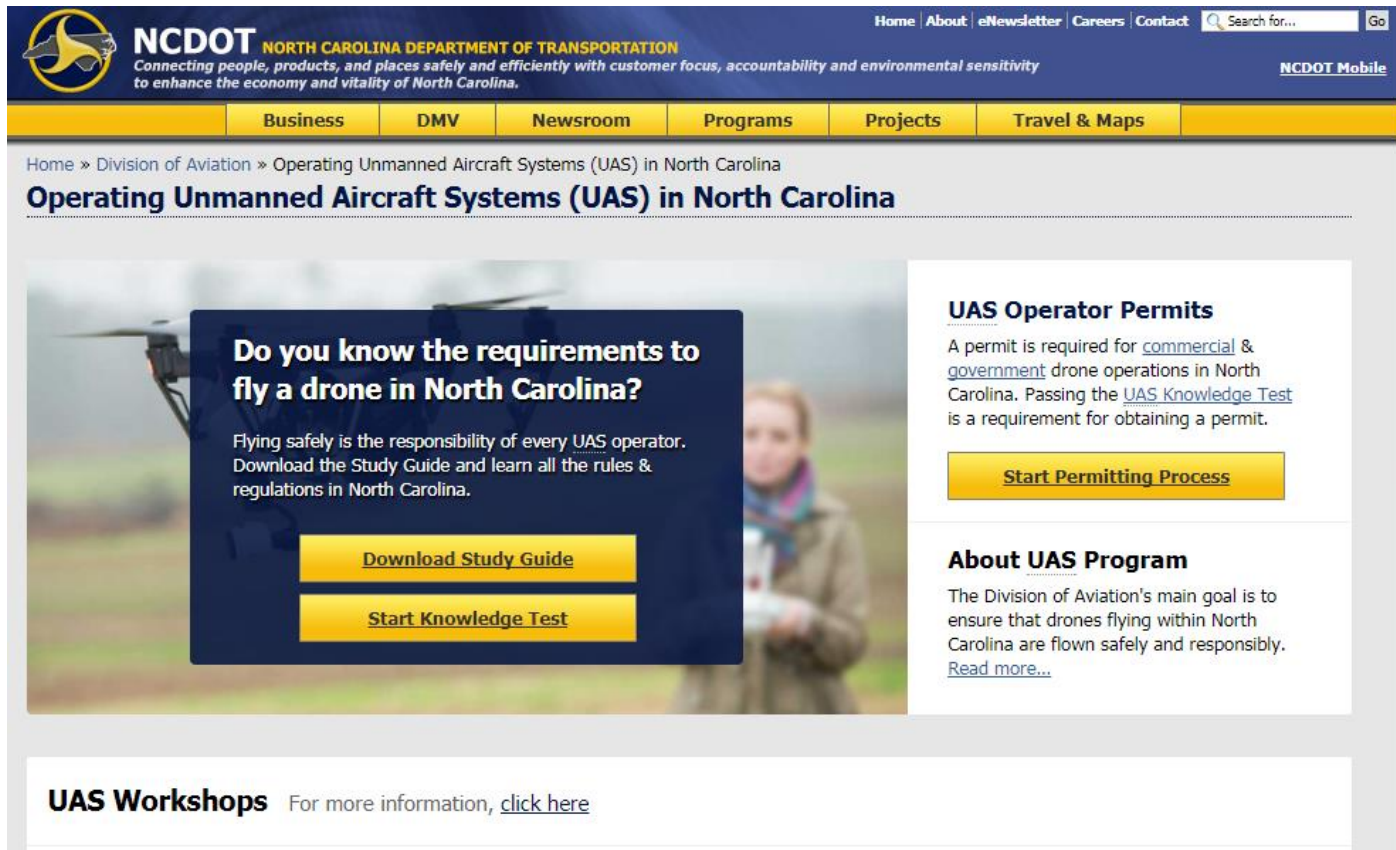
# Thomasville Workshop



**Location** – Davidson County Community College  
**Address** - Mary E. Rittling Conference Center  
297 DCC Road, Thomasville, NC 27360  
**Visit** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas/>



# DOA Website



The screenshot shows the NCDOT website header with the logo and navigation links. Below the header is a yellow navigation bar with links for Business, DMV, Newsroom, Programs, Projects, and Travel & Maps. The main content area is titled "Operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in North Carolina" and features a large banner with a drone and a person. The banner contains the text "Do you know the requirements to fly a drone in North Carolina?" and "Flying safely is the responsibility of every UAS operator. Download the Study Guide and learn all the rules & regulations in North Carolina." Below this text are two yellow buttons: "Download Study Guide" and "Start Knowledge Test". To the right of the banner is a section titled "UAS Operator Permits" with text explaining that a permit is required for commercial and government drone operations and that passing the UAS Knowledge Test is a requirement. Below this text is a yellow button labeled "Start Permitting Process". Further down is a section titled "About UAS Program" with text explaining the Division of Aviation's main goal and a link to "Read more...". At the bottom of the page is a section titled "UAS Workshops" with a link to "click here" for more information.

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

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## Operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in North Carolina

**Do you know the requirements to fly a drone in North Carolina?**

Flying safely is the responsibility of every UAS operator. Download the Study Guide and learn all the rules & regulations in North Carolina.

[Download Study Guide](#)

[Start Knowledge Test](#)

### UAS Operator Permits

A permit is required for [commercial](#) & [government](#) drone operations in North Carolina. Passing the [UAS Knowledge Test](#) is a requirement for obtaining a permit.

[Start Permitting Process](#)

### About UAS Program

The Division of Aviation's main goal is to ensure that drones flying within North Carolina are flown safely and responsibly. [Read more...](#)

**UAS Workshops** For more information, [click here](#)

<https://www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas/>

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# NC Drone Safe



#ncdronesafe

# Presenters

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- North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors
- Precision Hawk
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- NCDOT Photogrammetry
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# Presenters



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# Flight Demo & Data Discussion



# Welcome!

## Bobby Walston

### *Director*



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# NC Community College

On September 15, 2017 the NC State Board of Community Colleges approved a new UAS course to be offered by any of the 58 community colleges across the state. The course provides 24 hours of instruction to prepare students for FAA Part 107 and the NCDOT UAS Operators Permit. Topics in the course focus on safe flight theory, flight operations, and flight training.



# NC State Highway Patrol

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 NCSHP had a press release with NCDOT to unveil the newly implemented UAS usage for collision reconstruction and investigation. The UAS will also provide the NCSHP Aviation Unit more time to focus on life saving missions such as search and rescue of missing persons across the state. The NCSHP currently has 2 UAS in deployment and seven members that have their FAA Part 107



# Wings of Freedom Tour

DOA invites you to the Collings Foundation's 'Wings of Freedom Tour' from Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at RDU airport for a one-of-a-kind chance to see living aviation history. The tour features four living WWII aircraft – a B-17 Flying Fortress, a Consolidated B-24 Liberator, a B-25 Mitchell bomber and a P-51 Mustang. Visitors may also experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft.

Address –

1050 Meridian Drive,  
Morrisville, NC, 27560

Website – <http://www.collingsfoundation.org/>





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# UAS Regulatory Landscape

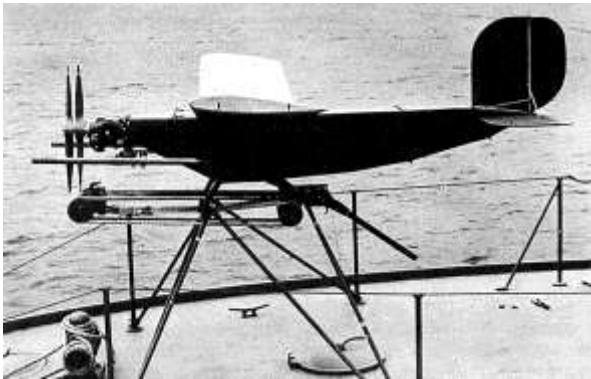
Basil Yap, UAS Program Manager

October 12, 2017



# Quick Drone History Fact

- Radioplane OQ-2 was the first mass-produced drone in the US
- Used to train Army and Navy anti-aircraft gunners during WW2
- The first instance of “Drone” being associated with remotely piloted vehicle



# Division of Aviation Mission

Promote the economic well being of North Carolina through air transportation system development and improved aviation safety and education.



# Division of Aviation Core Functions

Provide:

- Aviation Safety and Education Programs
- State and Federal Airport Grant Programs
- Air transportation, operations, and support for state agencies
- Management of the state's Unmanned Aircraft System Program



# Aviation in North Carolina

Annually:

- 29.1 million total passenger enplanements
- 3.2 million total aircraft operations
- Over 1.4 billion pounds of air cargo

Pilots and Aircraft:

- 17,760 Pilots
- 7,139 Manned Aircraft
- **> 20,253 UAVs\***

\*as of Feb. 2, 2017 per FAA FOIA Library





# Drone Regulations

- Critical to UAS Program Development
  - Constantly Evolving
- Federal Regulations
  - Airspace Safety for Manned and Unmanned Aircraft
- State and Local Regulations
  - Privacy, Safety, Launch and Recovery

# UAS Operator Permits

## Federal

- Pass a UAS knowledge test at FAA testing center and TSA background check
- Apply for Remote Pilot Certificate



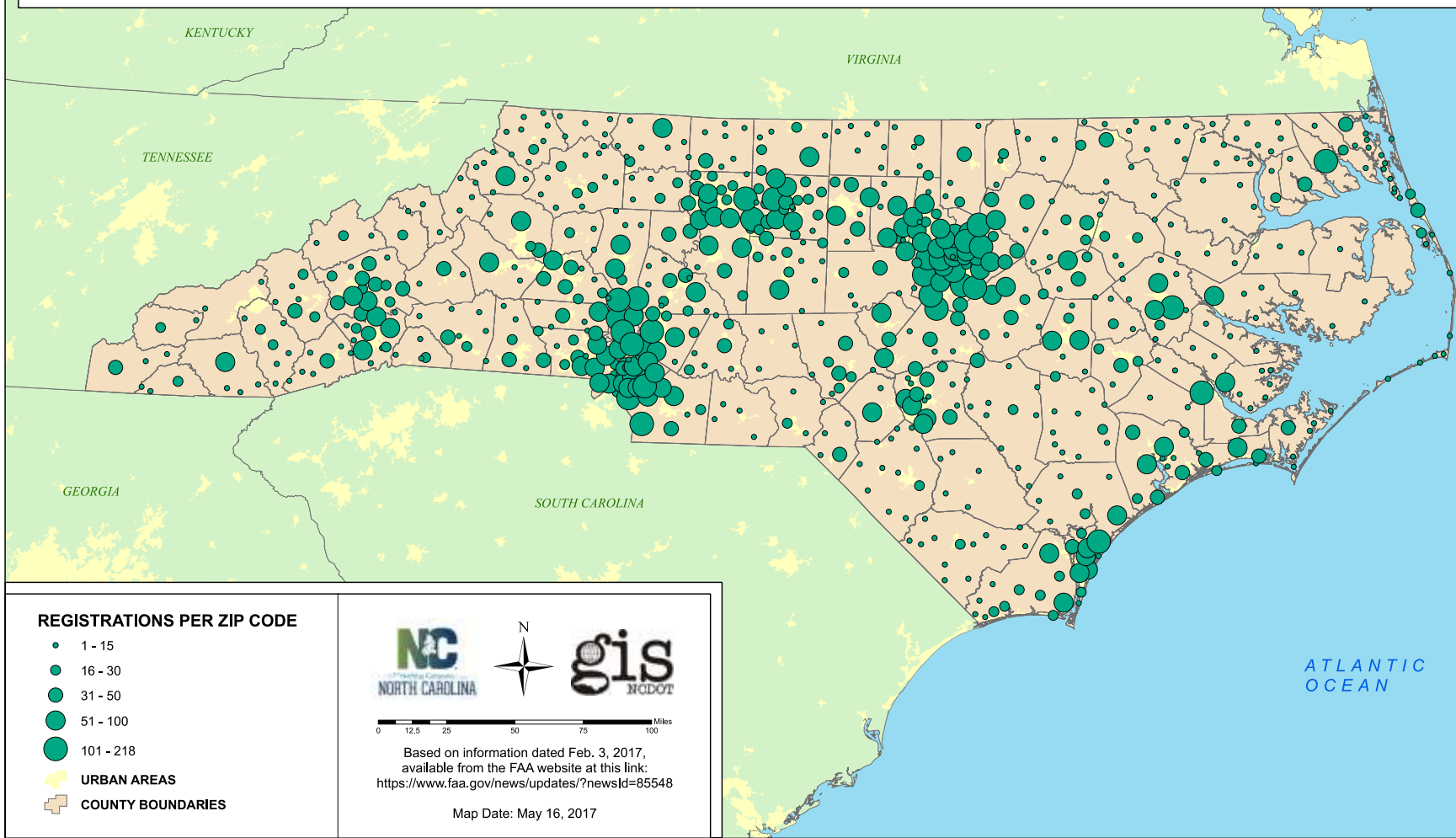
## North Carolina

- Pass NC UAS Knowledge test online
- Apply for commercial or government NC Operator Permit online
- [www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas](http://www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas)



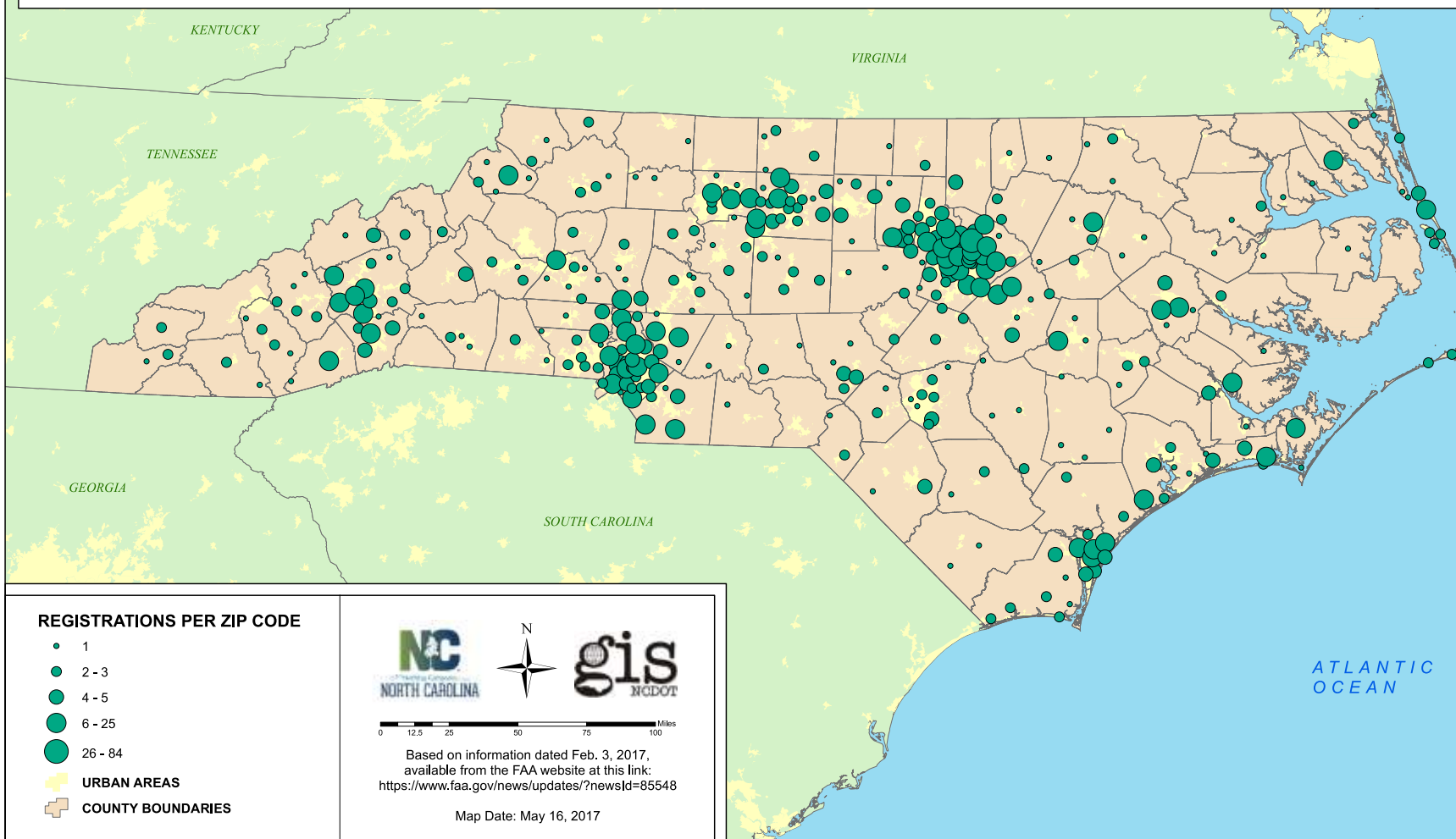
# HOBBYIST DRONE REGISTRATIONS - NORTH CAROLINA

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS IN STATE: 18,934



# NON-HOBBYIST DRONE REGISTRATIONS - NORTH CAROLINA

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS IN STATE: 1,319



# North Carolina's Airport System

72 Publicly Owned Airports in North Carolina

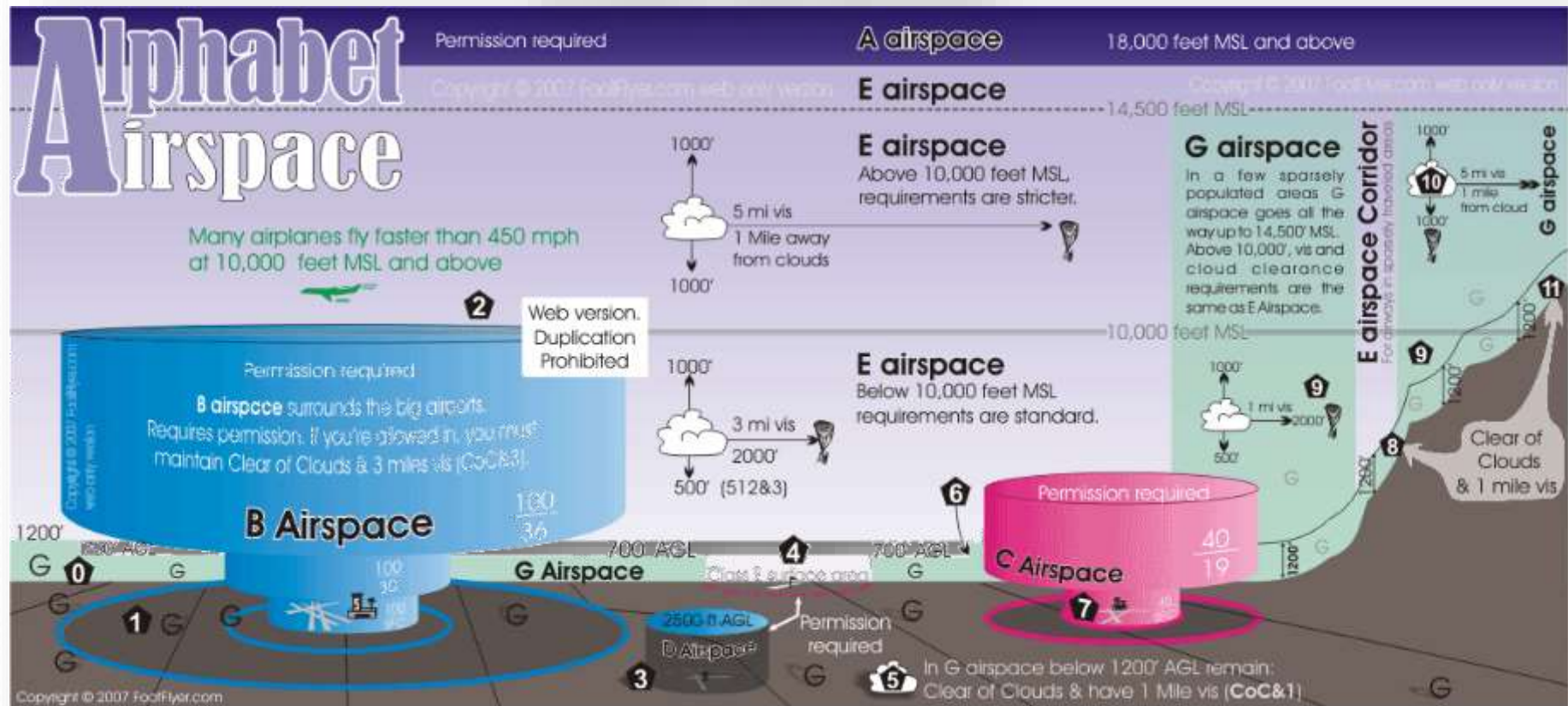




# Federal UAS Regulations



## Airspace Management



# Federal UAS Regulations



## Hobbyist or Recreational

- 14 CFR Part 101 (E) – Special Rule for Model Aircraft
  - Must fly within line of sight
  - Must notify an airport of operations within 5 statute miles
  - Must not interfere with manned aircraft
  - Must follow community based standards
  - Must fly solely for hobby or recreation
- 14 CFR Part 107 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
  - Obtain Remote Pilot Certificate from FAA (2 years)
  - 16 years or older
  - Fly during day and civil twilight
  - Max altitude of 400 ft. AGL
  - Max speed of 100 mph
  - Must fly within line of sight
  - Cannot fly over people not involved with the operation
  - Class G airspace

# Federal UAS Regulations



## Commercial and Government

- 14 CFR Part 107 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Obtain Remote Pilot Certificate from FAA (2 years)
- 16 years or older
- Aircraft weighs less than 55 lbs.
- Fly during day and civil twilight\*
- Max altitude of 400 ft. AGL\*
- Max speed of 100 mph
- Must fly within line of sight\*
- Cannot fly over people not involved with the operation\*
- Class G airspace\*

## Other options

- 333 Exemptions
- Certificate of Authorization (COA)


\*Waivers for certain small UAS operating rules

# Federal UAS Regulations



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**Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

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- Resources
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- Report an Accident
- Request a Part 107 Waiver or Operation in Controlled Airspace** →
- Part 107 Waivers Granted
- UAS Facility Maps

FAA Home » Unmanned Aircraft Systems » Request a Part 107 Waiver or Operation in Controlled Airspace

## Request a Part 107 Waiver or Operation in Controlled Airspace

 The previous Part 107 waiver and authorization form has been split into two separate request forms — one for airspace waiver/authorization requests, and another for non-airspace Part 107 waiver requests.

If you need both an airspace waiver/authorization **and** a non-airspace waiver, you will need to submit each form separately. See directions below.

[View instructions for extending an Airspace Authorization.](#)

The FAA will strive to review and issue decisions on waiver and authorization requests within **90 days**. Processing times will vary based on the complexity of your request.

### Directions

**Top Tasks**

- [View the 2017 Symposium Presentations](#)
- [Register your UAS](#)
- [Become a UAS pilot](#)
- [Request a Part 107 Waiver or Operation in Controlled Airspace](#)
- [Report an Accident](#)

**More Information**

- [14 CFR Part 107](#)
- [§ 107.205 List of Regulations Subject to Waiver](#)

[https://www.faa.gov/uas/request\\_waiver/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/request_waiver/)





# Future of Airspace Authorizations

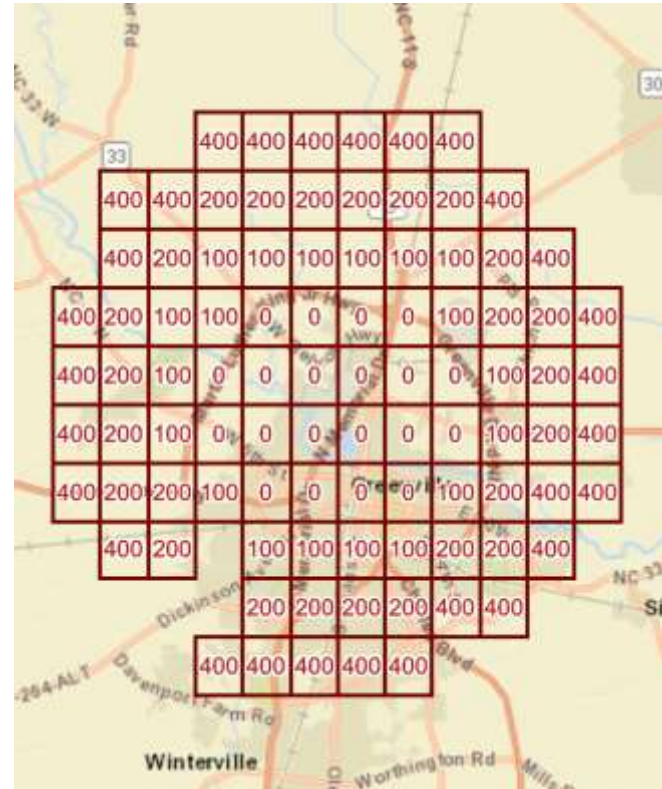
## Waiver/Airspace

Currently

- Online Portal
- 90 days or less

Future

- LAANC should help with Airspace Authorizations
- Test run this fall





# Federal UAS Regulations



- UAS over .55 lbs. must be registered with the FAA\*
- <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>
- \$5 registration fee
- UAS must be labeled
- Hobbyist – One number for all aircraft
- Non-Hobbyist – Each aircraft has unique number

\*As of May 19,2017, hobbyist operating under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft no longer are required to register their drone

## Do I need to register my Unmanned Aircraft?

You need to register your aircraft if it weighs between **0.55 lbs.** (250 grams) and up to **55 lbs.** (25 kg) and you are not flying under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.



You will be subject to civil and criminal penalties if you meet the criteria to register an unmanned aircraft and do not register.

REGISTER

# Model Aircraft Ruling

- John A. Taylor vs. FAA
- Ruling May 19, 2017
- Requiring operators under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft to register drones is unlawful
- “In short, Section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act prohibits the FAA from promulgating “any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft.” The Registration Rule is a rule regarding model aircraft. Therefore, the Registration Rule is unlawful to the extent that it applies to model aircraft. “

**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

Argued March 14, 2017

Decided May 19, 2017

No. 15-1495

JOHN A. TAYLOR,  
PETITIONER

v.

MICHAEL P. HUERTA, AS ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL  
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION,  
RESPONDENT

Consolidated with 16-1008, 16-1011

On Petitions for Review of Orders  
of the Federal Aviation Administration

*John A. Taylor*, pro se, argued the cause and filed the briefs  
for petitioner.

*R. Ben Sperry* was on the brief for *amicus curiae*  
TechFreedom in support of petitioner.

*Abby C. Wright*, Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice,  
argued the cause for respondent. With her on the brief were  
*Benjamin C. Mizer*, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney  
General at the time the brief was filed, *Michael S. Raab*,  
Attorney, and *Paul M. Geier*, Assistant General Counsel for



# Military Airspace

- National Security UAS Flight Restrictions
- FAA and DoD have restricted UAS operations over 132 military facilities.
- The restrictions are up to 400' AGL, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Facilities can be found here: <http://uas-faa.opendata.arcgis.com/>
- Other FAA restricted areas for civil operations apply to UAS operators



County	Base	FAA ID
Onslow	Marine Corps Air Station New River	20170410-DOD-New River-MCAS New River 2
Carteret	MCALF Bogue, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	20161222-DOD-MCALF Bogue-Auxiliary Landing Field (ALF) Bogue CDSA by NOTAM during scheduled operations only.
Jones	MCOLF Oak Grove, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	20161222-DOD-Oak Grove-Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Oak Grove CDSA by NOTAM. Heavy use as an uncontrolled airport.
Richmond	Fort Bragg, NC	20161222-DOD-Fort Bragg-Mackall AAF
Cumberland	Fort Bragg, NC	20161222-DOD-Fort Bragg-Simmons AAF
Stanly	Stanly County, NC	20161222-DOD-Stanly County-Stanly County
Onslow	MCB Camp Lejeune	20170508-DOD-MCB Camp Lejeune

# Congressional Action

- Drone Federalism Act
  - S.1272
- Drone Innovation Act
  - H.R. 2930
- Both bills shift the regulatory authority to local and state governments while preserving defined parts of federal preemption
- Bard College released a study stating 135 local governments in 31 states enacted drone legislation





# State UAS Regulations



- North Carolina General Assembly passed UAS bills into law in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Chapter 14 – Criminal Law
  - § 14-7.45 Crimes committed by use of UAS
  - § 14.280.3 Interference with manned aircraft by UAS
  - § 14.401.24 Unlawful possession and use of UAS (Weapon attached)
  - § 14.401.25 Unlawful distribution of images
- Chapter 15A – Criminal Procedure
  - § 15A-300.1 Restrictions on use of UAS
  - § 15A-300.2 Regulation of launch and recovery sites
  - " § 15A-300.3. Use of an unmanned aircraft system near a confinement or correctional facility prohibited.
- Chapter 63 – Aeronautics
  - § 63-95 Training required for operations of UAS (Knowledge Testing)
  - § 63-96 Permit required for commercial operation of UAS
- Chapter 113 – Conservation and Development
  - § 113-295 Unlawful harassment of persons taking wildlife resources



# State UAS Regulations



- § 63-95 Training required for operations of UAS (Knowledge Testing)
  - The Division of Aviation will develop and administer a UAS Knowledge Test
  - Applicable to both government and commercial operators who operate in North Carolina
  - The test can be completed online and is the first part of the permitting process
- § 63-96 Permit required for commercial operation of UAS
  - Must be 16 years of age
  - Must provide a drivers license number
  - Must meet the federal requirements for access to the airspace (Remote pilot certificate)
  - Applies to commercial operators only
  - Application for permit is completed online

# NCDOT Aviation UAS Website – One Stop

Take the Test

Get Permit

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**Types of UAS Operation** Detailed information, guidelines and restrictions for drone pilots.

[Commercial](#) [Government Operations](#) [Recreational](#)

Help

Access FAQs, Fact Sheets, NC Statues

Learn

*Different types of UAS operations*

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# State UAS Regulations



## HB337

- Clarifies model aircraft applicability
- Remove restrictions around special imaging
- Adds emergency management exception
- Brings the NC UAS Permit in line with Federal requirements (age and Identification)
- Signed into law July 21, 2017
- Effective December 1, 2017

## HB128

- Establishes § 15A-300.3. Use of an unmanned aircraft system near a confinement or correctional facility prohibited.
- Exceptions for commercial operators
- Signed into law July 25, 2017
- Effective December 1, 2017

# NC UAS Operator Checklist

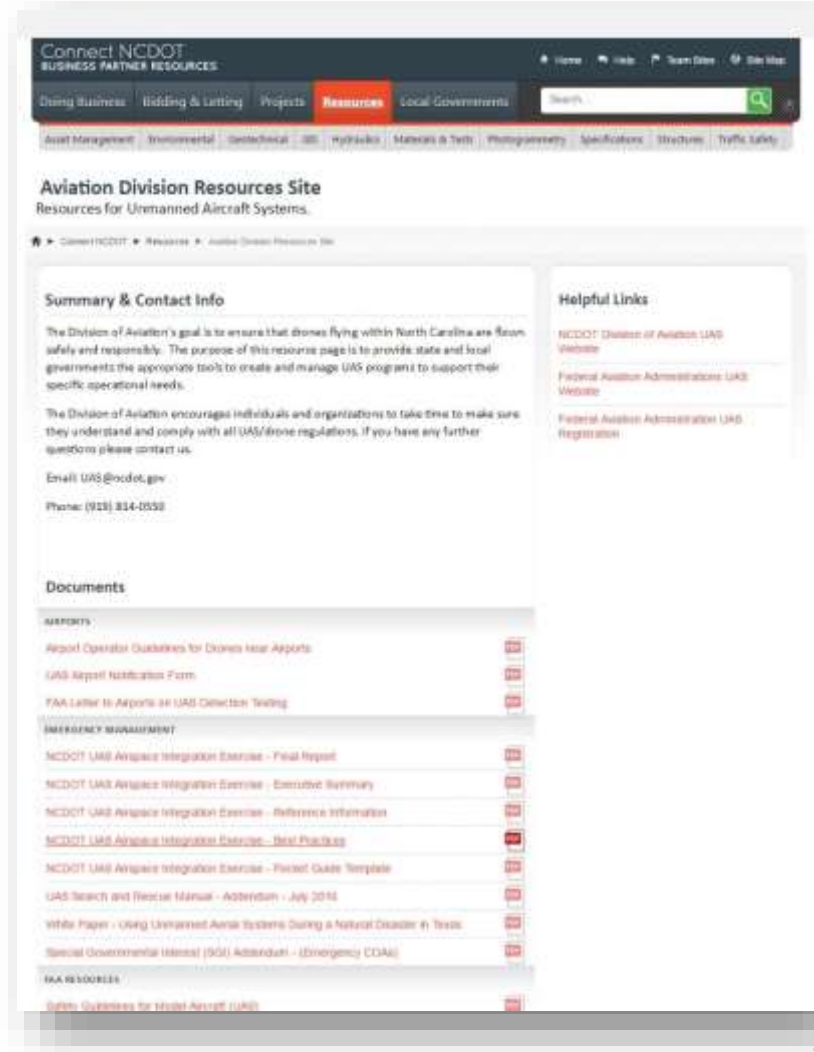
- ✓ FAA Authorization – Must obtain:
  - Remote Pilot Certificate (under Part 107)
  - Or hold a 333 exemption
- ✓ FAA UAS Registration
  - All UAS/Drones above .55lbs
- ✓ NC Knowledge Test
  - Take and pass the test on the NCDOT Division of Aviation website
- ✓ NC Government Operator Permit or NC Commercial Operators Permit
  - Once you have passed your NC UAS Knowledge Test, you may obtain a permit
  - Need to have an airman certificate to complete the process
  - No fee charged at this time
- ✓ Insurance (best practice)



# NCDOT UAS Resource Page

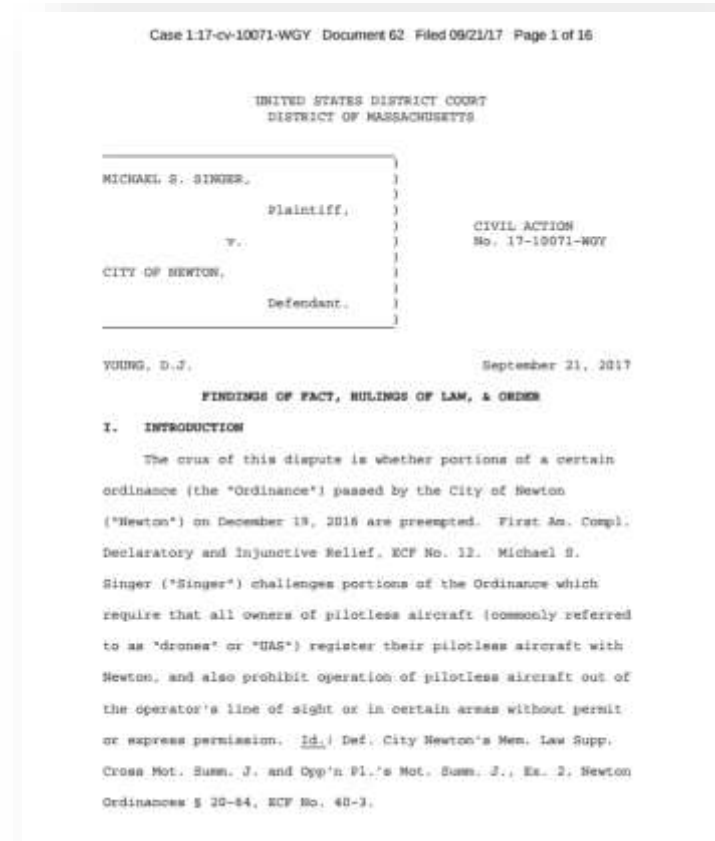
Publicly available online:

- List of NC General Statutes
- Best Practices
- UAS Research Reports
- UAS Related Links
- FAA Resources
- Law Enforcement Resources
- Emergency Management Resources
- Airport Operator Resources
- <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Pages/Aviation-Division-Resources.aspx>



# Local Ordinance Ruling

- Singer vs Newton
- Ruling September 21, 2017
- Four ordinances were conflict preempted
- Registration of UAS
- Altitude restrictions over private property without permission
- Altitude restrictions over public property
- Restriction on beyond visual line of sight operations



# Questions

[www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas](http://www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas)

[www.faa.gov/uas](http://www.faa.gov/uas)

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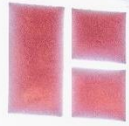
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# Cody Whitelock



- ▶ Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering 2015
- ▶ Virtual Design & Construction Engineer Manager
- ▶ 6 years Experience with BIM  
(Building Information Modeling)
- ▶ 3 years Flying Drones (100+ Hours)
- ▶ RC/Fixed Wing/Quad Experience





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surplus equipment  
sed from the US  
ment after WWII.



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1985  
Barnhill purchases  
Oscar Miller Contractor,  
which includes an asphalt  
plant in Raleigh.



Barnhill is named  
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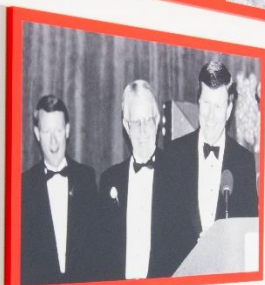


1950's

1952  
Robert buys RW's interest  
in Barnhill & Long and  
renames the company  
Barnhill Contracting  
Company. Later that year  
Barnhill is awarded its  
first major project, a  
farm-to-market road from  
Abeokuta to Mofebers.



1987  
Bob Barnhill is named  
President of the company.  
Robert E. Barnhill, Sr.  
becomes Chief Executive  
Officer and Chairman of  
the Board.



1990's

1992  
Barnhill acquires the  
Barnhill Division and  
moves to Dallas, TX  
and City Center.



2000's



BPC

2012  
Barnhill purchases the  
assets of Barnes Paving,  
adding an asphalt plant  
in Lumberton.

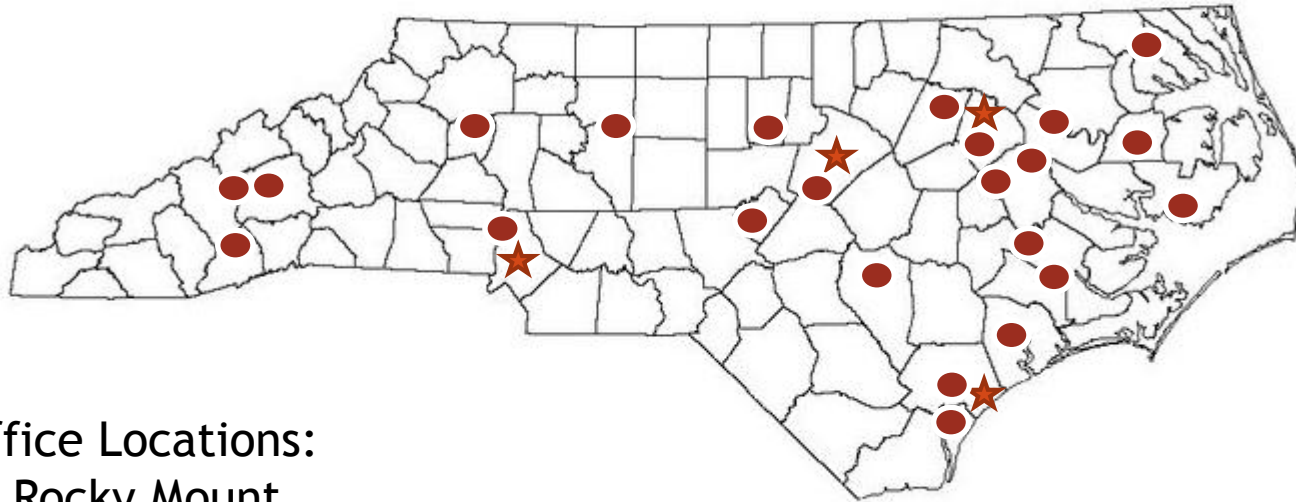


2014  
The company moves its  
corporate headquarters  
from Dallas to  
Houston, Texas.



# History

## NORTH CAROLINA



- ★ Office Locations:
- Rocky Mount  
(Headquarters)
  - Raleigh
  - Charlotte
  - Wilmington

● Project Locations



# Rankings

**#135** ENR Top

Contractors in US

**#16** ENR Southeast

Top Contractors in

Region

**#1** Triangle Business

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Contractors in the

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**#2** Triangle Business

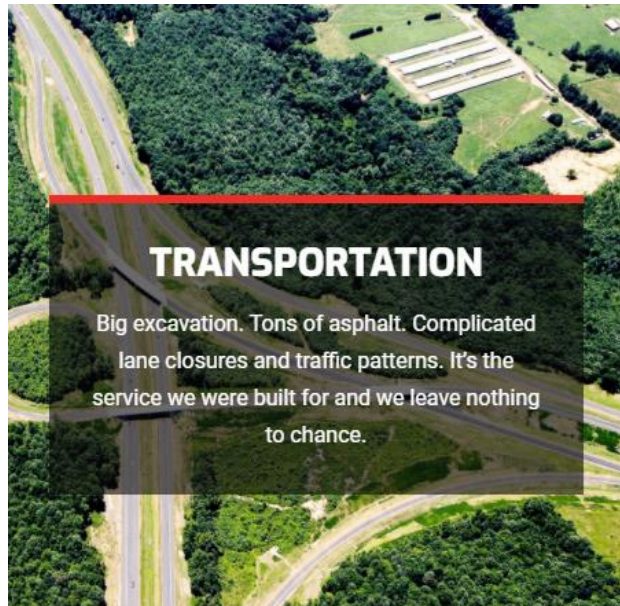
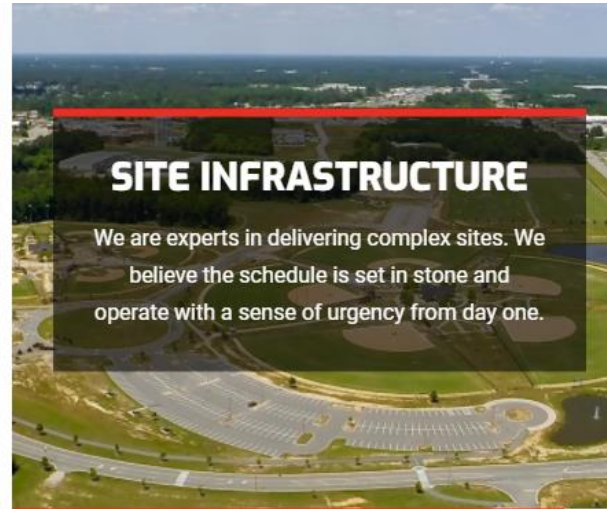
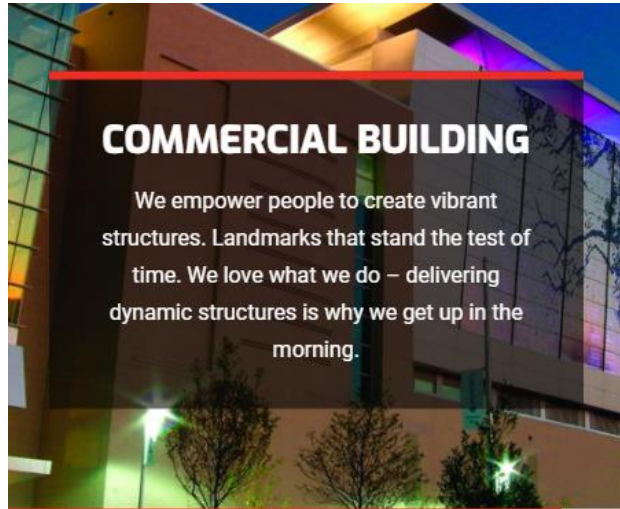
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Contractors in NC

**#11** Business NC

Top Privately Held

Companies







# WAKE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER





**RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER**





**NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART**





**THE DILLON – DOWNTOWN RALEIGH**





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**DURHAM INNOVATION DISTRICT**



# Barnhill Fleet



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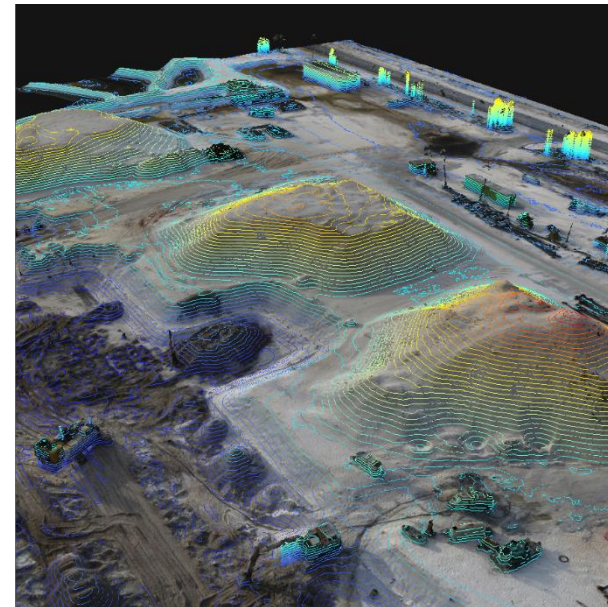
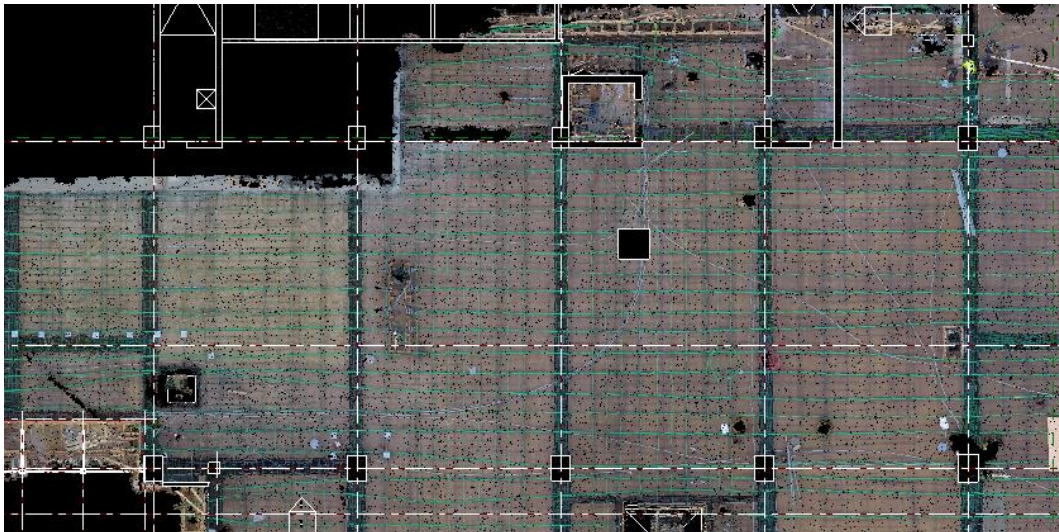
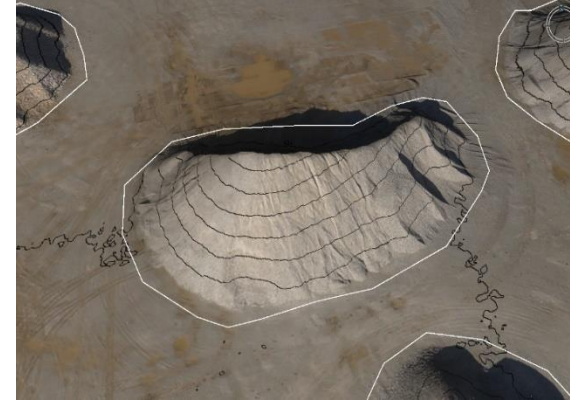




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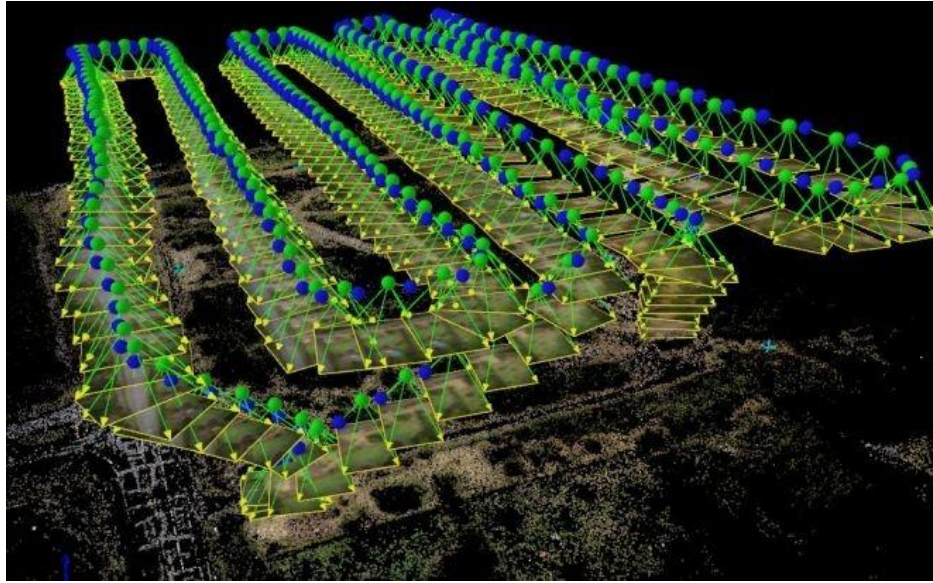


- Site Progress
- Marketing
- Post Tension Inspection
- Construction Inspection
- Contours
- Stock Pile Analysis
- Site Logistics Planning





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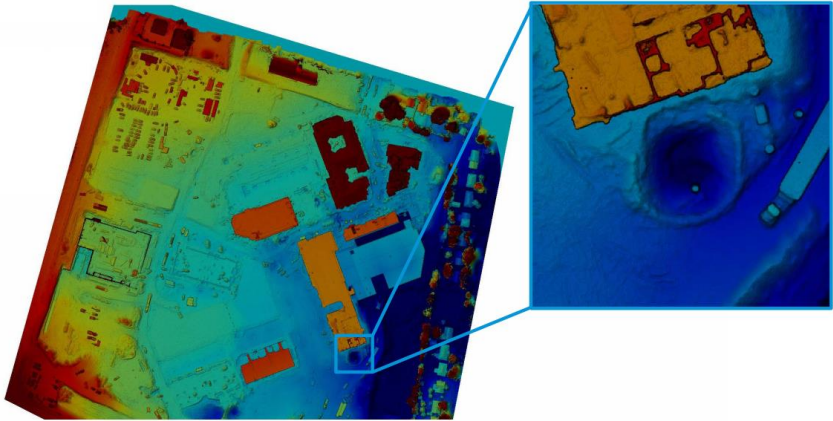




High-Res Orthomosaic Map



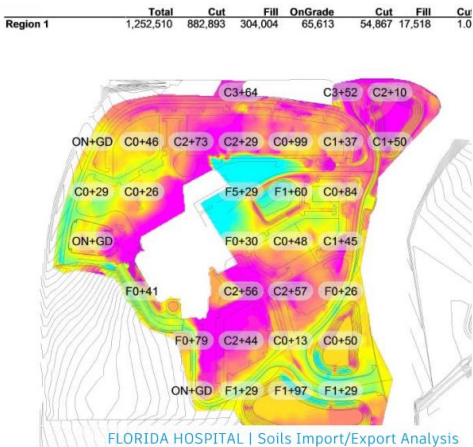
Elevation Digital Surface Model



Point Cloud Fly-Through



Aerial Survey Outputs & Results



# SITE LOGISTICS FOR BUILDINGS USING INFRAWORKS/DRONE





# SITE LOGISTICS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE USING INFRAWORKS/DRONE



# Challenges of Drone Laws in Construction

## Part 107 Airspace Authorizations

### 107.41 Authorization vs Waiver



#### Authorization

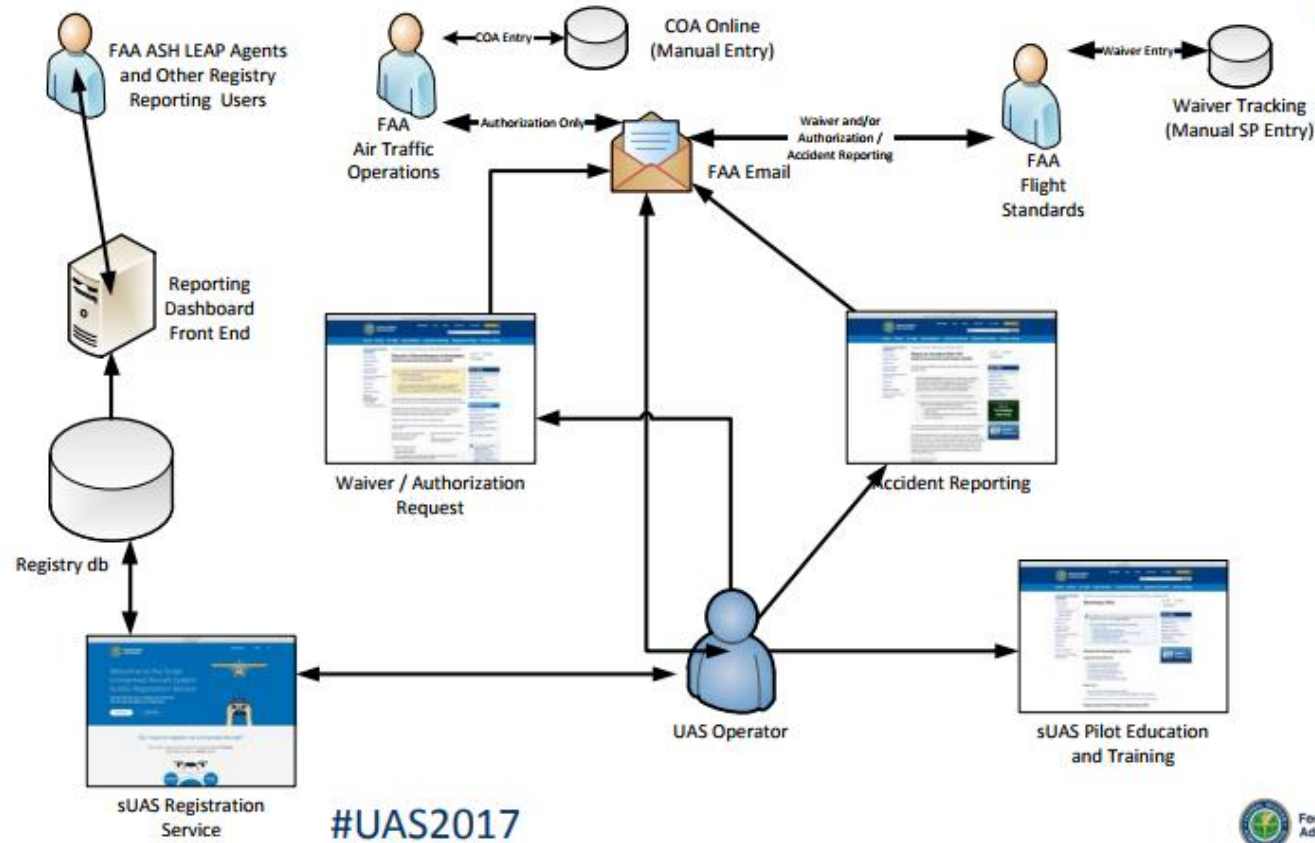
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- Limited operational area
- Quicker to process

#### Waiver

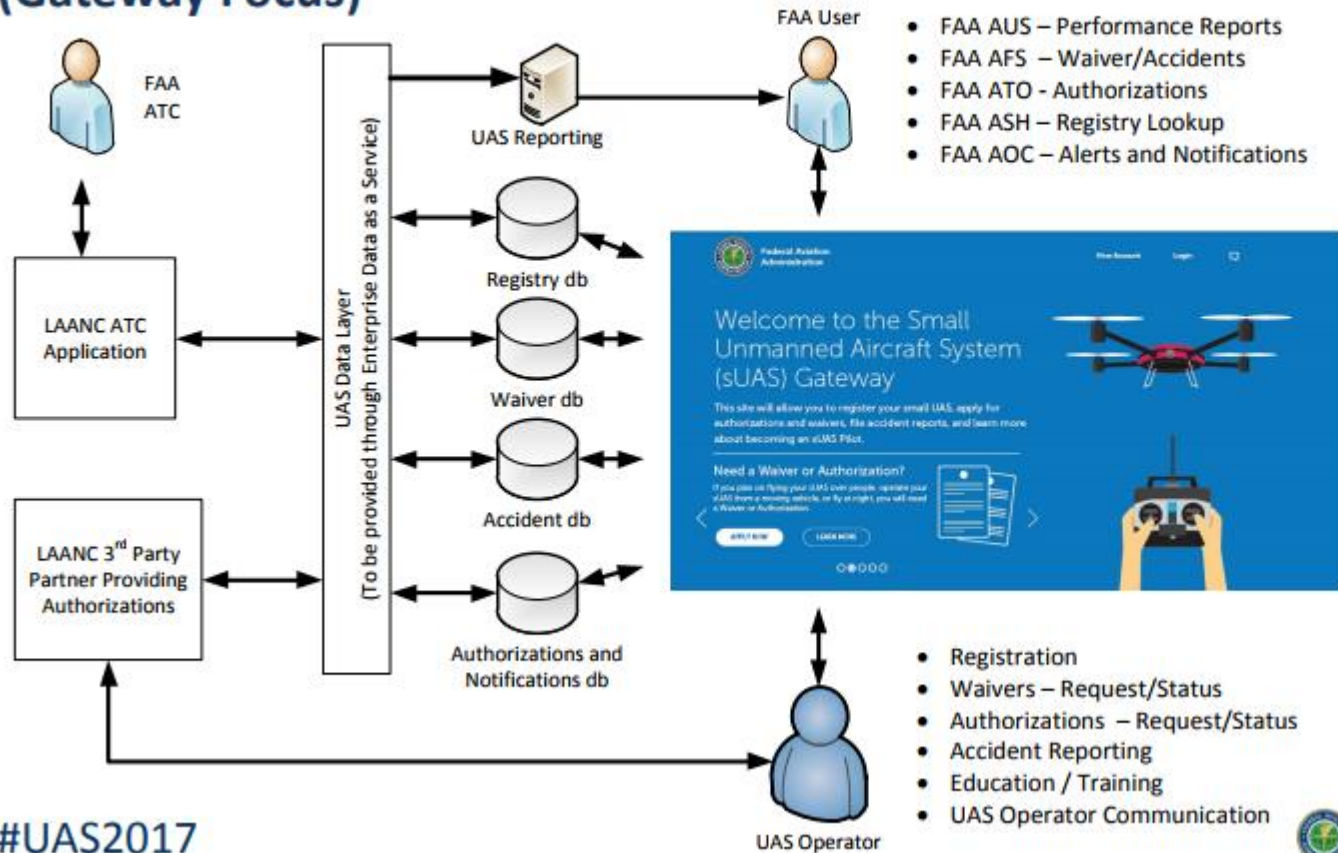
- Up to 2 years
- Long term recurring operations
- Broad access to controlled airspace
- 90+ days to process



# Current sUAS Operator Experience



# Future sUAS Operator Experience (Gateway Focus)



#UAS2017





# Other Challenges





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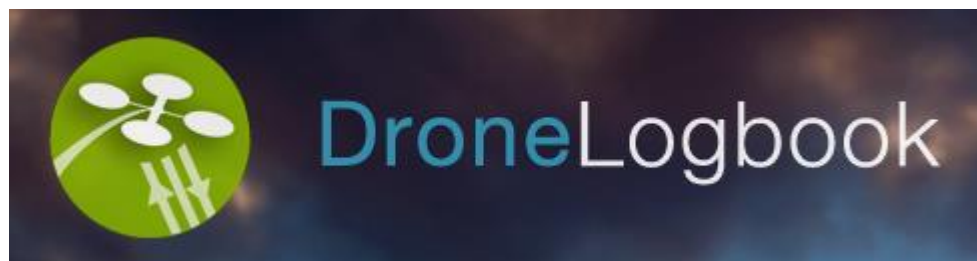


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#1 App for Drone  
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# AIRMAP



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QUESTIONS?

# **NCDOT Division of Aviation**

**DRONE WORKSHOP  
FOR COMMERCIAL AND  
GOVERNMENT OPERATORS  
PIEDMONT-TRIAD**

**Thomasville, NC  
October 12, 2017**

## **Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Surveying**

**NC Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors**

David Tuttle, Board Counsel  
Mark Mazanek, Director of Firm Licensure



# Where we're headed!

## WHAT THE BOARD HAS SAID ABOUT UAS

Article in Newsletter

FAA and State Regulation of the Flying  
Board Regulation of the Work Product

## BOARD POLICIES

What are policies?

Where can you find them?

## SPECIFIC POLICIES

## QUESTIONS

# The Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors

## THE BOARD:

Four Professional Engineers

Three Professional Land Surveyors

Two Public Members

## RESPONSIBILITY:

§ 89C-2. In order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, the practice of engineering and the practice of land surveying in this State are hereby declared to be subject to regulation in the public interest. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice engineering or land surveying in this State, as defined in the provisions of this Chapter

# Regulation of the Practice of Engineering and Land Surveying

[www.ncbels.org](http://www.ncbels.org) Rules and Laws

- ❑ NCGS 89C – The Statute
- ❑ NCAC Title 21 Chapter 56 – The Rules in the NC Administrative Code





**§ 89C-23. Unlawful to practice engineering or land surveying without licensure; unlawful use of title or terms; penalties; Attorney General to be legal adviser.**

Any person who shall **practice, or offer to practice,** engineering or land surveying in this State without first being licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, or any person, firm, partnership, organization, association, corporation, or other entity using or employing the words "engineer" or "engineering" or "professional engineer" or "professional engineering" or "land surveyor" or "land surveying," or any modification or derivative of those words in its name or form of business or activity except as licensed under this Chapter or in pursuit of activities exempted by this Chapter, ... in addition to **injunctive procedures** set out hereinbefore, shall be **guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.**

# Photogrammetry

Photogrammetry is within the practice of land surveying as defined in GS 89C-3(7):

5. Determining the configuration or contour of the earth's surface or the position of fixed objects on the earth's surface by measuring lines and angles and applying the principles of mathematics or photogrammetry;

# What the Board has said about UAS

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### Notice

The Fall 2016 newsletter is now available.

**Fall 2016 (eReader version)**

**Fall 2016 (pdf version)**

For any Professional Engineer or Professional Land Surveyor that has not yet renewed their license for 2016, the last day to do so



# *The North Carolina Bulletin*

The Newsletter of the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors

*May 2016 Spring Issue*



# *Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in North Carolina*

*by Richard M. Benton, PLS  
Board Vice Chair & Surveying Committee Chair*



# Popularity

“Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), Drone, no matter what you call them, it seems you can’t pick up a professional magazine anymore without being bombarded by advertisements and articles for this newly emerging technology. Currently UAS are being used for agriculture crop land analysis, quantities, stock pile measurement, topographic surveys, utility line inspection, mineral exploration, geophysical surveys, search and rescue and disaster analysis just to name a few.”

# Regulation of the Flying

“The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has exclusive sovereignty over airspace in the United States (49 U.C. Code) including the airspace above private property. The FAA establishes the operating rules governing that airspace in the form of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR’s) which cover pilot and aircraft certification requirements.”

North Carolina Department of Transportation  
Division of Aviation (NCDOT/DOA) regulation.

# Regulation of the Flying

“Engineers and Surveyors using UAS for inspections, aerial photography, topographic surveys, etc. is considered commercial use even if intended for in-house use only.”

A PE or PLS must meet all regulations for flying, just as the pilots must meet all regulations for engineering and surveying with respect to any work product produced that falls within the definition of engineering or land surveying in NC General Statute 89C-3.



# Regulation of the Flying

Any individual or company using UAS technology in NC must meet ALL Federal, State and Local requirements prior to its use on every project.

Failure to meet ALL Federal, State and Local requirements prior to any UAS use may result in a violation of Board Rule 21 NCAC 56 .0701(b): “A licensee shall conduct the practice in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.”

# Regulation of the Work Product

UAS mapping is photogrammetry

The difference is the aircraft and metric camera or sensor is being replaced with a smaller unmanned vehicle and a non-metric camera or sensor, it's still photogrammetry.

As with any Engineering or Surveying issue brought before the Board, the licensee will be required to explain his or her actions. An answer like *“the software does it for me”* is not a good idea.

# Regulation of the Work Product

“It is the responsibility of the professional licensee to mitigate potential violations involving the use of UAS in North Carolina by ensuring all federal, state, and local requirements have been met prior to the use of UAS technology. It is important to note that UAS technology is like any other tool available to the professional and, therefore, must be used in a way that meets current engineering, surveying, and mapping standards and procedures.”



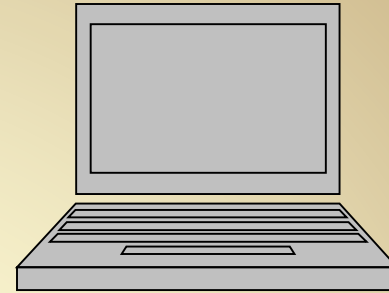
# Regulation of the Work Product

“The Rules of Professional Conduct per 21 NCAC 56 .0701(g)(2) requires a licensee who has knowledge or reason to believe that another person or firm may be in violation of the Board Rules (21 NCAC 56) or of the North Carolina Engineering and Land Surveying Act (G.S. 89C), to present such information to the Board in writing in the form of a complaint and shall cooperate with the Board in furnishing such further information or assistance as may be required by the Board.”

# Regulation of the Work Product

“This should in no way be construed as an attempt to limit competition in this rapidly growing technology but as a duty to protect the public as charged under North Carolina General Statute Chapter 89C-2 *“In order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, the practice of engineering and the practice of land surveying in this State are hereby declared to be subject to regulation in the public interest.”*

# Policies/Guidelines



**<http://www.ncbels.org/policies.html>**

Policies explain a Board application of the Statutes or Rules, often in response to repeated questions.

The Guidelines give assistance from the Board to provide education on a topic, typically generated by the Board when a need is seen to further educate on an area of practice.





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[Commissioning Policy BP-0501-1 Rev.1](#)

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[Conservation Easements Policy BP-1502-1](#)

[Construction Staking BP-1003-1](#)

[Design/Installation of Petroleum Storage Tanks BP-1603-1 Rev.1](#)

[Easement Policy for Existing and New Easements BP-1709-1](#)

[Elevated Recreational Facilities BP-1112-1](#)

[Engineering Surveys BP-1005-3 Rev. 2](#)

[Fire Alarm System Design BP-0709-1](#)

[Hydrographic Surveys Policy BP-1110-1](#)

[Information Transport System Design BP-0607-1](#)

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[On-Site Wastewater System Design BP-1007-1](#)  
[Positional Tie Reporting Policy BP-1012-02 Rev.1](#)  
[Responsible Charge for Equipment 0501-2](#)  
[Roofing Systems BP-1405-1 Rev 2](#)  
[Spill Prevention and Counter Measure Plans BP-1709-2](#)  
[Stair Design and Structural Shop Drawings BP-1005-1](#)  
[Stream Restoration Services BP-1005-2 Rev.1](#)  
[Subsurface Utilities Location Data Policy BP-1012-01](#)  
[Truss Placement - Commercial 9906-1 Rev 1](#)  
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[Volume Computation Surveys BP-1007-2](#)  
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[Foundation Repair Company Guidelines](#)

[Survey Ties Guidelines \(rev\)](#)

[GIS Inclusions/Exclusions Guidelines](#)

[Incidental Streets and Storm Sewer Systems Design](#)

[Sample PLAT](#)

[Report of Survey Project Documentation Rev.1](#)

[Tie Guidelines and Report of Survey Presentation 11-22-2013](#)

[Seal Brochure](#)

[Mini-Brooks Act, Qualifications Based Selection, GS 143-64.31 et seq. \(pdf slide presentations\)](#)

[Basic Mini-Brooks with abbreviated Design-Build](#)

[Supplement of Design-Build Statutes with analysis](#)



## Policy Title and Number

Each policy has a descriptive title and a number that indicates that it is a Board Policy (BP) - 2 digit year and 2 digit month of approval – policy number in the month and a revision number if revised (Rev. 1).

Example:

Title: Construction Staking Policy

Policy Number: BP-1003-1  
(Board Policy approved 2010, March policy # 1)

# Policy Approval and Review

Each policy has the date of the Board meeting at which the policy was approved.

Each policy is to be reviewed every three years to see if still relevant or whether it requires revision, has been superseded or should be rescinded.

Example:

Date for Board Approval: 3/11/10

Date to be Reviewed: 2013

Date Approved: 3/11/10

Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Policy Searches

Each policy has the category and keywords listed to allow for organizing the policies and for searching.

Example:

Category(s): Surveying Practice

Keywords: Construction Staking, Surveying



# Highlighted Policies

Oblique Aerial Imaging Policy BP-0510-2

Volume Computation Surveys BP1007-2

Wetlands Mapping BP-1005-4 Rev 2

# Policies

## Oblique Aerial Imaging BP-0510-2

The service of oblique aerial imaging falls within the definition of the practice of land surveying in G.S. 89C – 3(7) based on the information reviewed by the Board on October 12, 2005. The making of the oblique image product where it involves geodesy (including the use of GPS and geodetic reference datums), photogrammetry, or geo-referenced to existing orthos, requires the education, training and experience of a licensed professional land surveyor under G.S. 89C. Further, the production of orthos is within the practice of land surveying.

Such services require that the individuals in responsible charge of the work and the company be licensed with the Board and comply with the Standards of Practice for Land Surveying in North Carolina (21 NCAC 56.1600).

# Policies

## Volume Computation Surveys BP1007-2

The practice of providing a volume computation survey (sometimes referred to as a quantity survey) falls within the definition of land surveying as defined in GS 89C-3(7)a. and shall be done under the responsible charge of a Professional Land Surveyor. This includes, but is not limited to, the measuring and reporting of quantities of dredging, cut and fill and stock piles.



# Policies

## Wetlands Mapping BP-1005-4 Rev 2

Wetlands Survey: A survey showing the boundaries of an area delineated as “jurisdictional waters of the US.” Wetland Boundaries shall be tied by course and distance to either 1) property corners that are properly monumented and verified, or 2) project boundaries that have been properly monumented, or 3) NC State Plane Coordinates System. This shall be done in a manner that permits future surveyors to readily retrace the wetland boundary. The calculated ratio of precision before adjustments or statement of positional accuracy of such ties must be consistent with the land use classification of the parcel being surveyed as described in Board Rule 21-56.1603.

# Policies

## Wetlands Mapping BP-1005-4 Rev 2 (Cont'd)

Data collection and platting of these types of wetland boundaries must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a ~~surveyor~~ PLS. A PLS or PE may only accept wetlands survey data from a PLS for the purpose of showing the information on survey plats, engineering drawings (other than Preliminary Planning drawings), permits or reports.

# Policies

## Wetlands Mapping BP-1005-4 Rev 2 (Cont'd)

Any location data generated by delineators is only for the use of the PLS in performing a survey of the wetland boundary and should be noted with a disclaimer to that effect. The preliminary wetland map with a disclaimer by the delineators, that the location data is not to be relied upon for accuracy and is only for appropriate use by a PLS or PE, may be used by a PE for Preliminary Planning Purposes. If equipment other than survey grade accuracy equipment is used on the survey, a statement indicating the equipment, procedure, and position tolerances (21-56.1608) used for the work must be clearly stated on the plat or work product. Only surveyed wetlands may be placed on a property plat.



# Policies

## Wetlands Mapping BP-1005-4 Rev 2 (Cont'd)

Data provided by a Government Agency can be depicted as long as the source of the information used is disclosed and denoted as lines not surveyed within the plat or report.

The mapping of ~~conservation easements~~, buffers or other boundaries shall be done by, or under the responsible charge of, a PLS and conform to the same requirements as stated for wetland boundaries.

# Guidelines

## GIS Inclusions/Exclusions Guidelines

Development of the guidelines

Authoritative

Stated Accuracy

The “Chart”

# GIS – What does or does not require a PLS?

## Development of Inclusions/Exclusions Chart

- ❑ The Surveying Committee of the Board
- ❑ Based upon the Model Law of the NCEES
- ❑ In conjunction with the NC Geographic Information Coordinating Council (GICC).

Board Guideline – GIS Mapping

[http://www.ncbels.org/forms/gisinc\\_excl.pdf](http://www.ncbels.org/forms/gisinc_excl.pdf)

How and when to use GIS data.



# GIS – What does or does not require a PLS?

If “authoritative” or to a “stated accuracy”

## “Authoritative” as used in the Chart

Authoritative: Authoritative shall mean presented as trustworthy and competent for reliance upon by the public or if provided to a stated accuracy.

Examples of Authoritative are:

Measurements and mapping applications suitable for engineering design, determination of boundaries (including, but not limited to, ownership boundaries, easements, political boundaries, jurisdictional boundaries), the locations of fixed works or topography, enforcement of regulations that pertain to the location of improvements or fixed works, or the certification of declaration of positional accuracy of any spatial data therein.

# GIS Mapping – PLS required (or not)

## GIS Inclusions/Exclusions Guidelines - April 2008, Revised October 2011 North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors

This chart, while not all inclusive, assists in determining items of GIS data that are included or excluded from the definition of Land Surveying in G.S. 89C-3(7). The definition includes all location data that is issued for an authoritative purpose. Authoritative shall mean presented as trustworthy and competent for reliance upon by the public or if provided to a stated accuracy.

<b><u>Board Description</u></b>	<b><u>GICC Data Layer Description</u></b>	<b><u>Land Surveying Committee Responses</u></b>
<b>Orthophotography</b>	Large-scale scanned and rectified aerial photographs	Inclusion
<b>Cadastral</b>	County-based private and public property boundaries including easements	Inclusion
<b>Roads</b>	Centerlines, including rights-of-way	Inclusion
<b>Municipal Boundaries</b>	City/town boundaries	Inclusion
<b>County Boundaries</b>	County borders	Inclusion
<b>ETJs</b>	Extra-territorial jurisdictions – areas not in a municipality, but under authority of the city or town	Inclusion
<b>Surface Waters</b>	Locations and names of streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc., including mean high water marks	Inclusion - Locations and names of streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc., including mean high water marks and when the survey is done to determine authoritative location of stream, waterway or location of mean high water.
<b>Geodetic Control</b>	Horizontal and vertical survey control locations	Inclusion
<b>Elevation</b>	Ground elevations (depicted as contours, X/Y/Z points, elevation models, TINs?)	Inclusion
<b>Land Use</b>	Cadastral-based land use	Exclusion
<b>Land Cover</b>	Statewide land cover - 1996	Exclusion
<b>Flood Zones</b>	Areas inundated by flood waters (1% annual chance, .2%annual chance, flood ways)	Inclusion
<b>Soils</b>	Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database produced by US Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service	Inclusion if used to determine authoritative location of soils. Determination of soils to be done by Soil Scientists.
<b>Public Lands</b>	Non-taxable lands maintained in county cadastral databases	Inclusion
<b>Railroads</b>	Locations of railroad lines including rights-of-way	Inclusion
<b>Airports</b>	Airport/airfield property boundaries and easements	Inclusion
<b>Schools</b>	Point locations of public and non-public grade schools	Exclusion
<b>Colleges/Universities</b>	Point locations of state universities and private colleges and universities	Exclusion
<b>Hospitals</b>	Point locations of hospitals	Exclusion
<b>Storm Surge Inundation</b>	Estimated coastal areas inundated by hurricane storm surge	Inclusion for PEs and PLSSs. Models are developed by PEs using data collected by PLS.
<b>Surface Water Intakes</b>	Point locations where communities draw raw water from a lake, river, or stream, treat it, and distribute treated water to customers	Exclusion
<b>NPDES</b>	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System -locations of individually permitted wastewater discharged into surface waters	Exclusion unless federal, state or local authority requires survey.

<b>Police Stations</b>	Point locations of police stations	Exclusion
<b>Fire Stations</b>	Point locations of fire stations	Exclusion
<b>Landfills</b>	Point locations of municipal/county landfills	Exclusion
<b>Watersheds</b>	Water supply watersheds	Inclusion
<b>Wetlands</b>	Wetlands areas from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory	Inclusion
<b>Hazardous Disposal Sites</b>	Areas identifying locations of uncontrolled and unregulated, hazardous waste sites (formerly called	Inclusion
<b>Building Footprints</b>	Perimeter outlines of buildings	Inclusion when authoritative location is required, such as Land Title Surveys, Brownfield Surveys, etc.
<b>Future Land Use</b>	Cadastral-based, potential land use based on current zoning	Exclusion
<b>Water Lines</b>	Water pipe distribution network and accompanying	Inclusion
<b>Sewer Lines</b>	Sanitary sewer pipe network and accompanying features	Inclusion
<b>Stormwater Lines</b>	Stormwater network and accompanying features	Inclusion
<b>NC House Districts</b>	Boundaries of NC House Districts	Exclusion
<b>NC Senate Districts</b>	Boundaries of NC Senate Districts	Exclusion
<b>US Congressional Districts</b>	Boundaries of US Congressional Districts	Exclusion
<b>Census Boundaries</b>	2000 US Census boundaries for tracts, blocks, and block groups	Exclusion
<b>Power Transmission Lines</b>	Transmission network and accompanying features	Exclusion for inventory applications. Inclusion where survey is for authoritative location or a stated accuracy.
<b>Natural Gas Pipelines</b>	Transmission network and accompanying features	Exclusion for inventory applications. Inclusion where survey is for authoritative location or a stated accuracy.
<b>Septic Tanks</b>	Point locations of septic features	Exclusion for inventory applications. Inclusion where survey is for authoritative location or a stated accuracy.
<b>Telecommunication Lines</b>	Telephone, cable television, and other communication features such as towers	Exclusion for inventory applications. Inclusion where survey is for authoritative location or a stated accuracy.
<b>Wells</b>	Point locations	Exclusion for inventory applications. Inclusion where survey is for authoritative location or a stated accuracy.
<b>Mineral Rights Boundaries</b>		Inclusion if for authoritative location or stated accuracy of the boundary.
<b>Mining Resources</b>		Exclusion
<b>Greenways</b>		Inclusion when the survey is to determine the fee simple or easement corridor of the greenway.
<b>Sidewalks</b>		Exclusion
<b>Cemeteries</b>		Exclusion if general point location for inventory purpose of locating cemetery. Inclusion if the boundaries of the cemeteries are being determined or established.
<b>Archaeological Sites</b>		Exclusion
<b>Historic Sites and Structures</b>		Exclusion



# So What Now?

Great opportunities for collaboration between UAS pilots and PLS surveyors.

Provides the advanced technology tools and the professional knowledge and license of the PLS to best serve the client with accurate efficient mapping and provide for the public protection.

Firms can combine both activities, as has been done by some photogrammetric firms. Licensing with the Board is required.

# LICENSING and COMPLIANCE FOR A SURVEYING BUSINESS

If anyone in your firm performs surveying services for customers or clients, even as part of your primary service or product, then the firm must be licensed with the Board.

Rule applies to businesses offering surveying services for North Carolina projects, including businesses located or headquartered in other states.

# Forming and Licensing a Business Entity

Forming a Business Entity

Types of Entities and Requirements

Initial Licensing with the Board



# Firm Licensure

A firm applying for licensure will fall within one of the following classifications:

- Professional Corporation [G. S. 55B]
- Professional Limited Liability Company [G. S. 57D]
- Partnership (Includes General Partnerships, Limited Partnerships & Limited Liability Limited Partnerships) [G. S. 59]
- Sole Proprietorship
- Pre-69 Corporation
- Chapter 87 Corporation [G. S. 87]

# Firm Licensure

Link to Business Firm information

<http://www.ncbels.org/businesses.html>

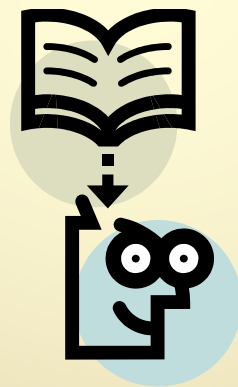
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Business Firm Chart

Contact Mark Mazanek, Director of Firm Licensure at [mmazanek@ncbels.org](mailto:mmazanek@ncbels.org) with questions and to receive an emailed application packet.

# QUESTIONS





# UAS Implementation at Duke Energy



- Development of
  - Standard Operating Procedures
  - Safety Management System
  - UAS Use Policy
- Structured approach to training
  - Online ground school (educate on safe operations & prepare for FAA Part 107 written test)
  - Hands on training to build expertise
- Subject Matter Expertise for UAS



All third party contractors desiring to use any aerial asset (plane, helicopter, drone) are required to be vetted by the aviation department prior to conducting work for Duke Energy.

The screenshot shows the PowerAdvocate Sourcing Intelligence interface. At the top, there are tabs for Market Intelligence, Sourcing Intelligence (selected), and Supplier Intelligence. Below this, the RF number 70051 is displayed, along with the title 'sUAS Services - RFI'. The opening and closing dates are shown as 05/24/17 08:00:00 AM EDT and 12/31/17 04:00:00 PM EST, with 117 days remaining. A series of tabs (Setup, Status, RFI, Submittals, Commercial, Technical, Pricing, Messaging) are visible, with RFI being the active tab. Below the tabs, there are buttons for 'Download Selected Files' and 'Add Document(s)'. A table lists various documents with checkboxes in the 'Document Type' column and descriptions in the 'Document Description' column.

Document Type	Document Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	01. sUAS RFI - Phase 2 - IMPORTANT_INFORMATION_READ_FIRST
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	02 DE UAV Company Questionnaire Final 08-25-2016
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	03 2016 Health and Safety Handbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	04 Supplier Diversity Certification
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	05 Diversity Definition
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	06 PowerAdvocate Quick Start Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial and Administrative	UAS Flight Notification Procedures - Version 1

To: **Potential UAS Service Providers**

Subject: **Duke Energy Insurance Requirement**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Your firm has been identified as a potential respondent to the UAS Service Provider review process.

The purpose of the Request for Information is to identify qualified suppliers to be placed on the UAS approved service provider list for Duke Energy.

UAS Service Providers for Duke Energy must meet the Insurance requirements listed below.:

1. Do you have or will you provide aviation liability coverage of at least \$10 million for each occurrence? **YES/NO**
2. Will your insurance carrier name Duke Energy as an additional insured to the aviation liability policy on a primary and non-contributory basis? **YES/NO**
3. Do you have or will you provide professional liability/errors and omissions insurance with limits of at least \$1 million for each claim or wrongful act? **YES/NO**



### Leverage:

- Lean Startup Mentality
- Agile Approach to Organizational Development
- Ability to Grow & Mature With The Market
- Shared Resources and Expertise

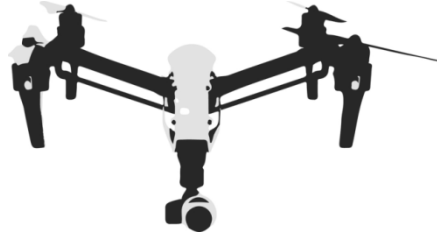
### Deliver:

- Safer Operations
- Risk Mitigation
- Innovative Solutions to BU Challenges
- Operational Cost Reductions



### Notable Use Cases

- Solar Plant Inspection
- Transmission Line Inspection
- Distribution Line Inspection
- Economic Development
- Corporate Communications
- Disaster/ Emergency Response

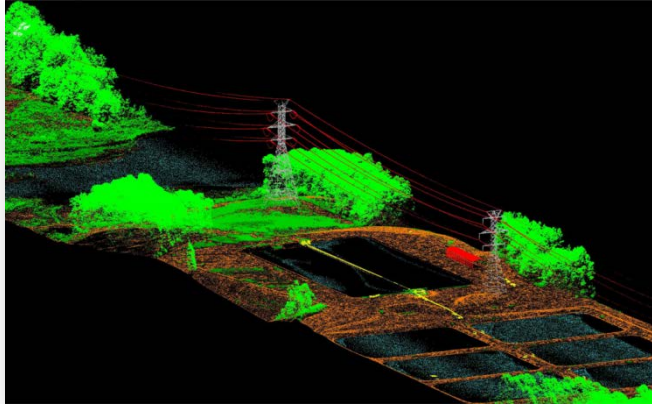


### Notable Data Products

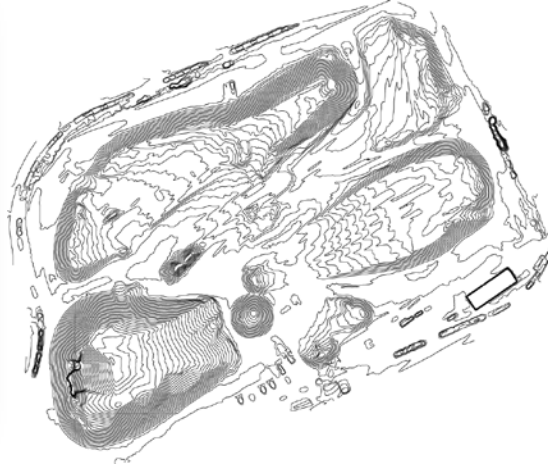
- 2D/ 3D orthomosaic and volume estimates
- Transmission Line Stringing
- High definition video and stills
- Temperature mapping
- IR images of solar panels to detect "hot spots"



LiDAR



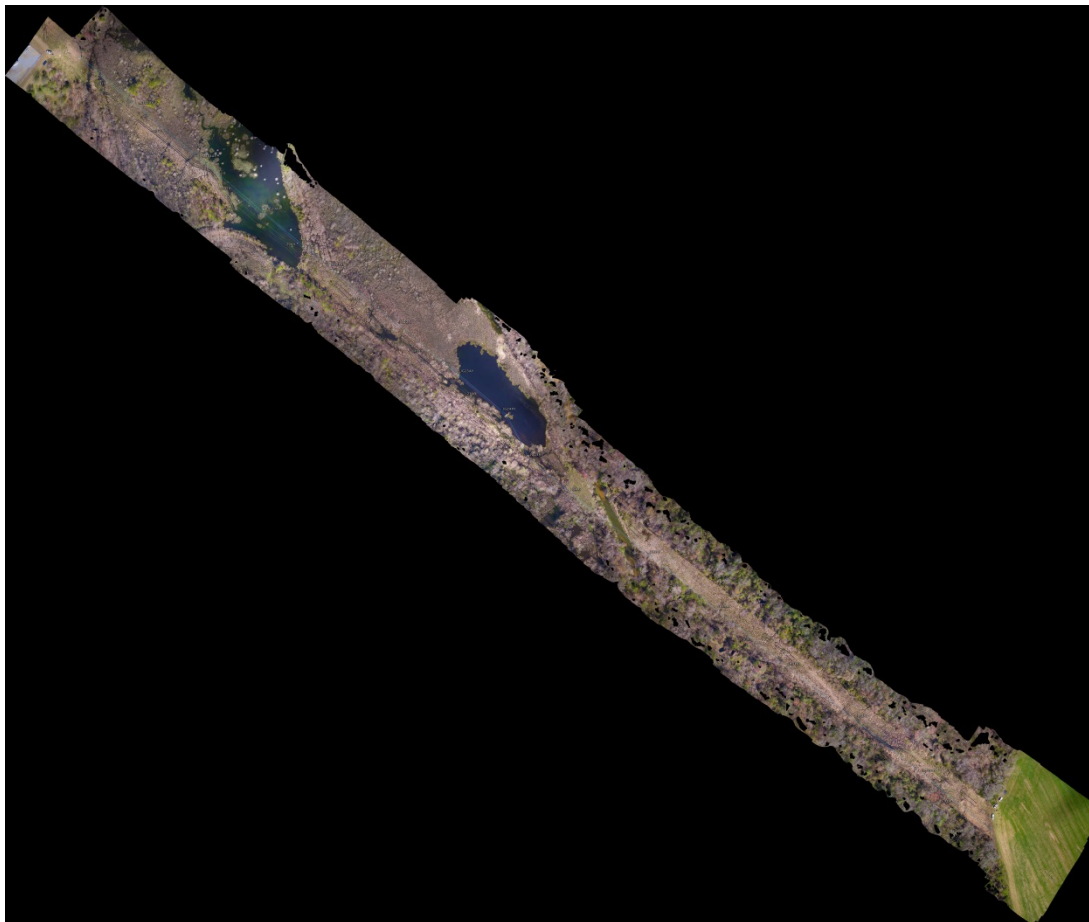
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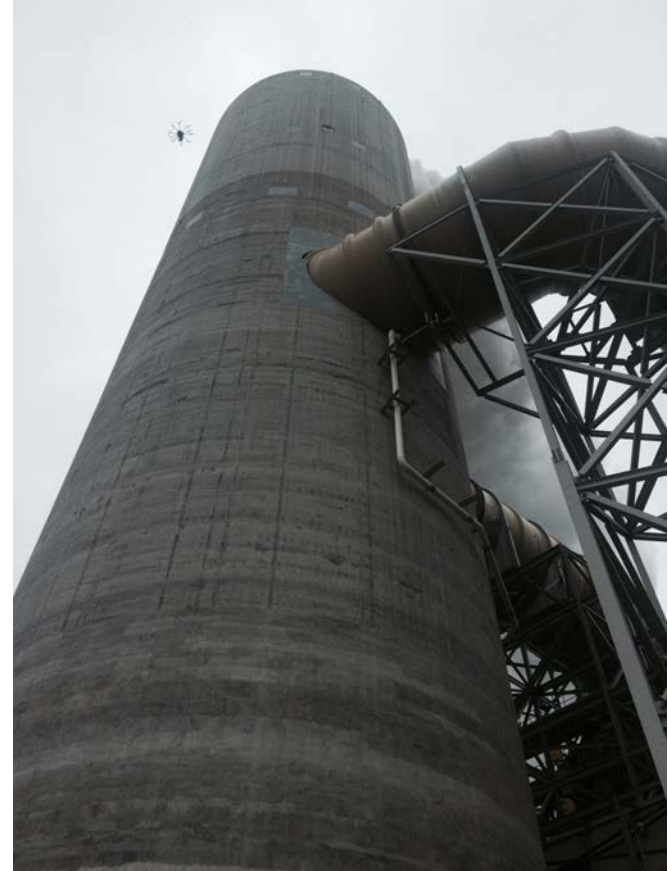
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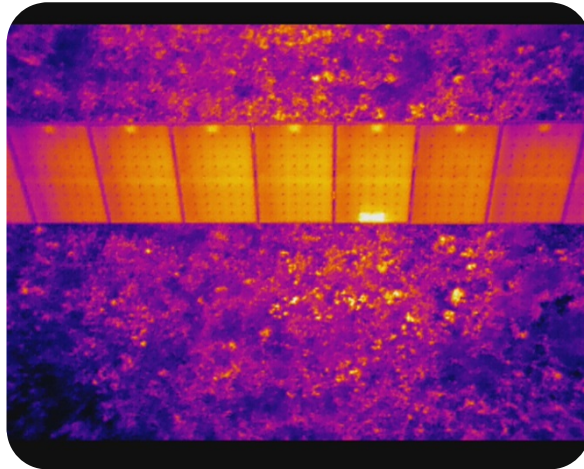
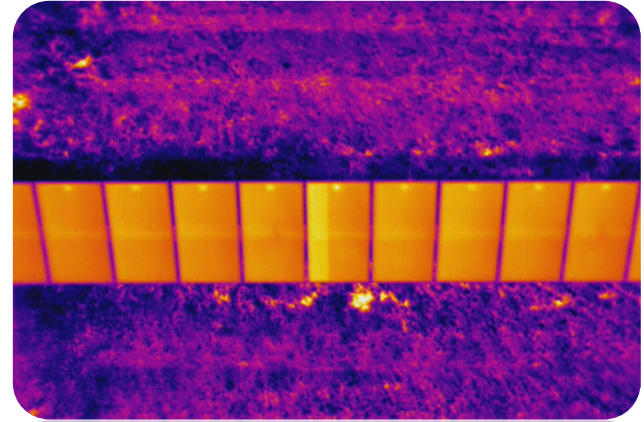
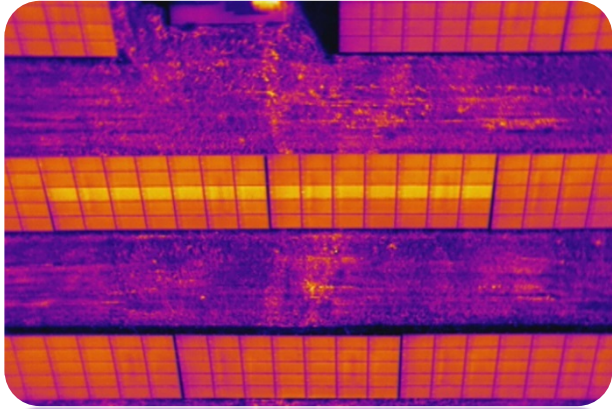




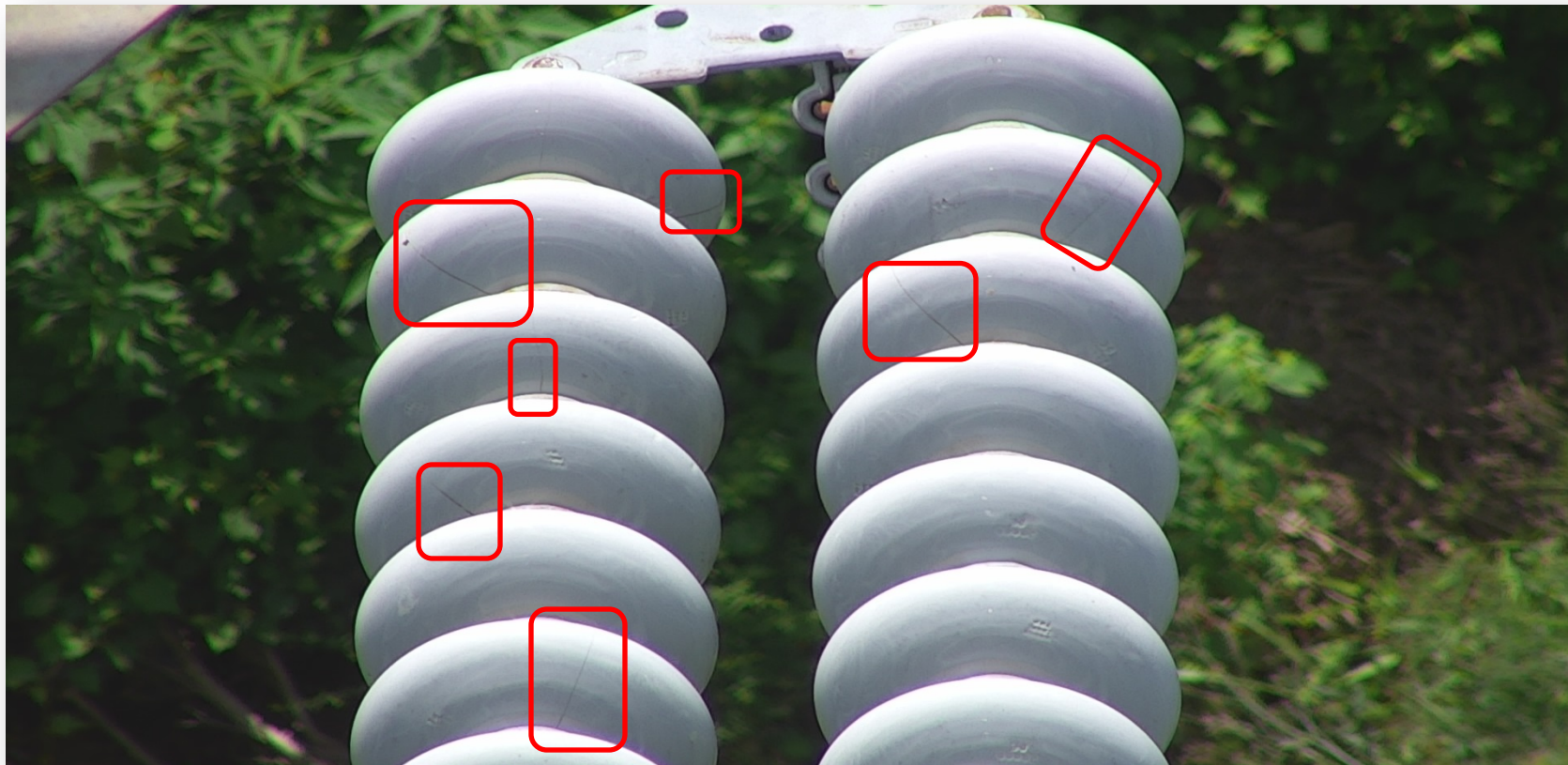


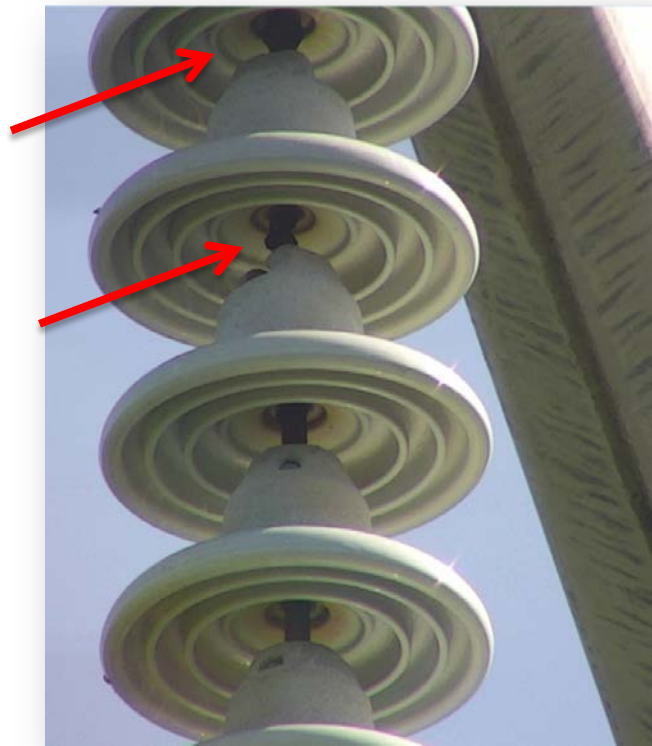
## Vertical Infrastructure Inspection













## Storm Damage Assessments









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# Considerations for Generating Photogrammetric Survey Products in North Carolina with Cameras on UAS Platforms

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# Presentation Outline

- Governing Authority for Photogrammetric Surveys in North Carolina
- Photogrammetric Surveying Functions & Products
- Metric versus Non-Metric Cameras
- Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys
- Examples of Product Quality



# Governing Authority for Photogrammetric Surveys in North Carolina



## North Carolina Rules and Laws

In order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, the practice of engineering and land surveying in North Carolina are subject to regulation. The North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors is responsible for implementation of the North Carolina General Statute 89C and for making and enforcing rules as they pertain to the practice of engineering and land surveying in the State of North Carolina. The following documents specify these rules and laws:

**Board Rules** (Title 21, Chapter 56, NCAC)

**North Carolina Engineering and Land Surveying Act** (NCGS 89C)

**MiniBrooks Act** (NCGS 143-64.31-143-64.34)

**Mapping Requirements for Recordable Maps** (NCGS 47-30 with revisions effective 7-1-2017)

**Professional Corporation Act** (NCGS 55B)

# Governing Authority for Photogrammetric Surveys in North Carolina

- NCGS 89C-3(7)a. defines “Practice of Land Surveying” in part as:

(7) Practice of land surveying. –

a. Providing professional services such as consultation, investigation, testimony, evaluation, planning, mapping, assembling, and interpreting reliable scientific measurements and information relative to the location, size, shape, or physical features of the earth, improvements on the earth, the space above the earth, or any part of the earth, whether the gathering of information for the providing of these services is accomplished by conventional ground measurements, by aerial photography, by global positioning via satellites, or by a combination of any of these methods, and the utilization and development of these facts and interpretations into an orderly survey map, plan, report, description, or project. The practice of land surveying includes the following:

# Governing Authority for Photogrammetric Surveys in North Carolina

- 21 NCAC 56.1606(a)(3) defines “Specifications for Topographic and Planimetric Mapping, including Ground, Airborne, and Spaceborne surveys” in part as:

"Airborne and spaceborne surveys" are defined as the use of photogrammetry, LIDAR, IFSAR, or other similar measurement technologies for obtaining reliable information about physical objects and the environment, including terrain surface, through the process of recording, measuring, and interpreting images and patterns of electromagnetic radiant energy and other phenomena. This Rule establishes minimum allowable photogrammetric production procedures and standards for photogrammetric mapping and digital data production.



# Photogrammetric Surveying Functions & Products

- **Camera Calibration** – determine internal camera geometry
- **Aerotriangulation** – determine position and orientation of camera at mid-exposure point
- **Stereocompilation** - manually measure graphic planimetric (buildings, roads, etc) and digital terrain model (DTM) data (break lines and mass points) using overlapping image pairs
- **Orthophoto Generation** – differentially rectify individual image frames and mosaic into single image map
- **Elevation Data Generation** – manual or automated elevation measurements (DTM or Point Cloud)

# Metric versus Non-Metric Cameras

- Metric aerial mapping cameras have precise, accurate interior geometry
  - Fixed focal length lens
  - Defined principal point offset
  - Defined radial and decentering lens distortion
  - Defined pixel element size in tenths of microns
  - 100's to 400's of megapixels
  - Weight hundreds of pounds
  - Produced one at a time
  - **CALIBRATED!**

# Metric versus Non-Metric Cameras

- Non-metric cameras do not have precise, accurate interior geometry
  - 10-20 megapixels
  - Weight a few pounds
  - Mass produced
  - **Not calibrated**



# Metric versus Non-Metric Cameras

- Metric aerial mapping cameras - multiple camera heads with panchromatic, red, green, blue, and NIR CCD (charged coupled device) arrays
- Interfaced with gyro stabilized mount with survey grade GNSS-IMU
  - position and orientation at exposure mid pulse
- Cost is varies with largest format cameras at \$1,000,000 +



# Metric versus Non-Metric Cameras

- Non-metric cameras are composed of a single red, green, blue CMOS (complementary metal-oxide semiconductor) array
- Not interfaced with gyro stabilized mount
- Typically low grade GNSS without IMU
  - No exposure mid pulse time data
- Cost is around \$500 + \$2,000



- More information on CCD versus CMOS sensors can be found at:  
<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/cameras-photography/digital/question362.htm>

# Metric versus Non-Metric Cameras





# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

- 21 NCAC 56.1606(h) states

A certificate, substantially in the following form, shall be affixed to all maps or reports: " I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that this project was completed under my direct and responsible charge from an actual survey made under my supervision; that this \_\_\_\_\_ (insert as appropriate: ground, airborne or spaceborne) survey was performed at the \_\_\_\_\_ percent confidence level to meet Federal Geographic Data Committee Standards; that this survey was performed to meet the requirements for a topographic/planimetric survey to the accuracy of Class \_\_\_\_\_ and vertical accuracy when applicable to the Class \_\_\_\_\_ standard, and that the original data was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_; that the survey was completed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_; that contours shown as [broken lines] may not meet the stated standard; and all coordinates are based on \_\_\_\_\_ 'NAD 83' and realization (date of adjustment of coordinate system) or 'NAD 27' and all elevations are based on \_\_\_\_\_ (NGVD 29, NAVD 88, or other)."

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

- National Map Accuracy Standards (1947)
  - <https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/1999/0171/report.pdf>
  - USDOT Reference Guide Outline - Specifications for Aerial Surveys and Mapping by Photogrammetric Methods for Highways (1968)
  - Could not locate hyperlink
- ASPRS Accuracy Standards for Large-Scale Maps (1990)
  - [http://www.asprs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/1990\\_jul\\_1068-1070.pdf](http://www.asprs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/1990_jul_1068-1070.pdf)

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

- FGDC-STD-007-1998 (1998)
  - Applicable to planimetric and topographic maps
  - Establishes the methodology to test horizontal and vertical accuracy
  - Requires 20 independent check points from higher order survey
  - Contains formulas to separately compute horizontal and vertical accuracy
    - RMSE (Root Mean Square Error) – 1 sigma (68.3%) confidence level
    - Accuracy at the 95% confidence level
  - <https://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/accuracy/part3/chapter3>



# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

- ASPRS Positional Accuracy Standards for Digital Geospatial Data (2014)
  - Builds on accuracy testing methodology from FGDC-STD-007-1998
    - RMSE (Root Mean Square Error) – 1 sigma (68.3%) confidence level
    - Accuracy at the 95% confidence level
  - Applicable to digital orthoimagery, digital planimetric data and digital elevation data (all sensor technology)
    - Also includes additional accuracy measures, such as orthoimagery seam lines, aerial triangulation accuracy, . . . ., delineation of low confidence areas for vertical data, and the required number and spatial distribution of checkpoints based on project area
  - [http://www.asprs.org/a/society/committees/standards/Positional\\_Accuracy\\_Standards.pdf](http://www.asprs.org/a/society/committees/standards/Positional_Accuracy_Standards.pdf)

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

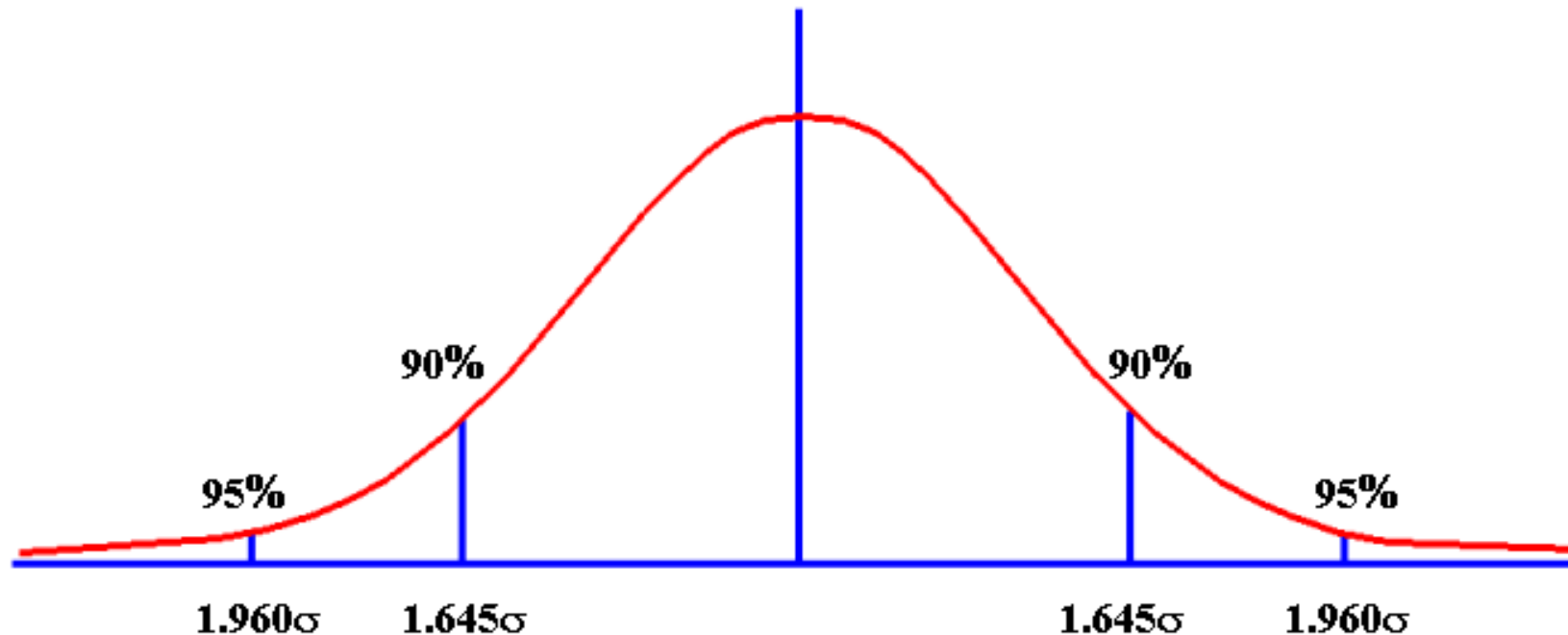
- ASPRS Positional Accuracy Standards for Digital Geospatial Data (2014)

TABLE C.1 RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF CHECKPOINTS BASED ON AREA

Project Area (Square Kilometers)	Horizontal Accuracy Testing of Orthoimagery and Planimetrics	Vertical and Horizontal Accuracy Testing of Elevation Data sets		
	Total Number of Static 2D/3D Checkpoints (clearly-defined points)	Number of Static 3D Checkpoints in NVA <sup>9</sup>	Number of Static 3D Checkpoints in VVA	Total Number of Static 3D Checkpoints
≤500	20	20	5	25
501-750	25	20	10	30
751-1000	30	25	15	40
1001-1250	35	30	20	50
1251-1500	40	35	25	60
1501-1750	45	40	30	70
1751-2000	50	45	35	80
2001-2250	55	50	40	90
2251-2500	60	55	45	100

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

- Normal Distribution, Confidence Level, and the Bell Shaped Curve
  - 1 sigma ( $1\sigma$ ) level equals 68.3% of area under the curve → RMSE



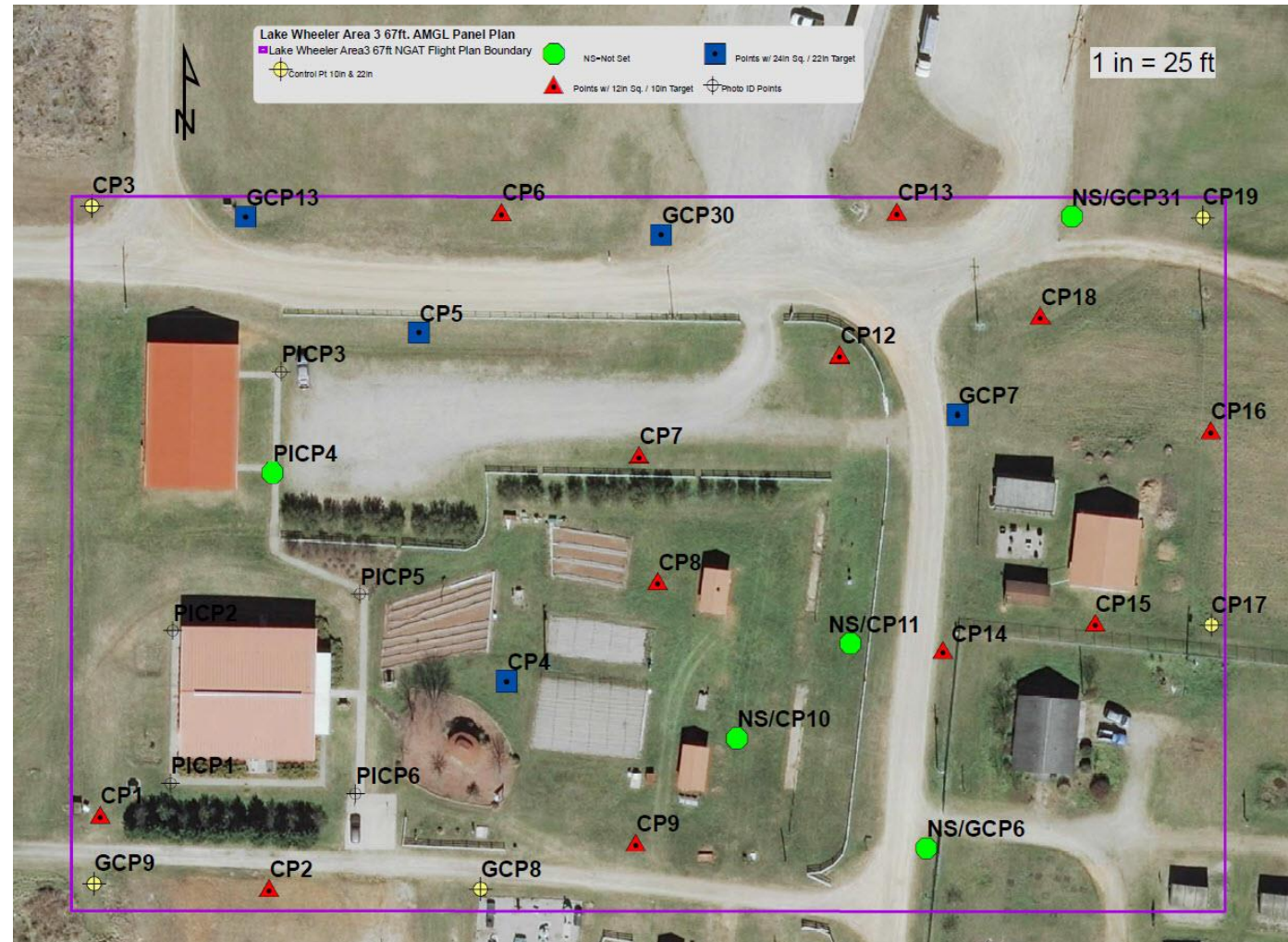


# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

- NCSU Lake Wheeler Farm
  - Trimble ZX5 multicopter with Olympus E-PL7 camera
  - June 1, 2016 flight
  - 80% forward overlap and 80% side overlap
  - Nominal 0.5 inch pixel from approximately 167 feet above ground
  - 5 control points all signalized targets
  - 21 independent check points all signalized targets
  - Signalized targets 10 inch and 22 inch in diameter
  - Processed data set using Agisoft Photoscan
  - Agisoft image quality estimate at approximately 0.7

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

# NCSU Lake Wheeler Farm

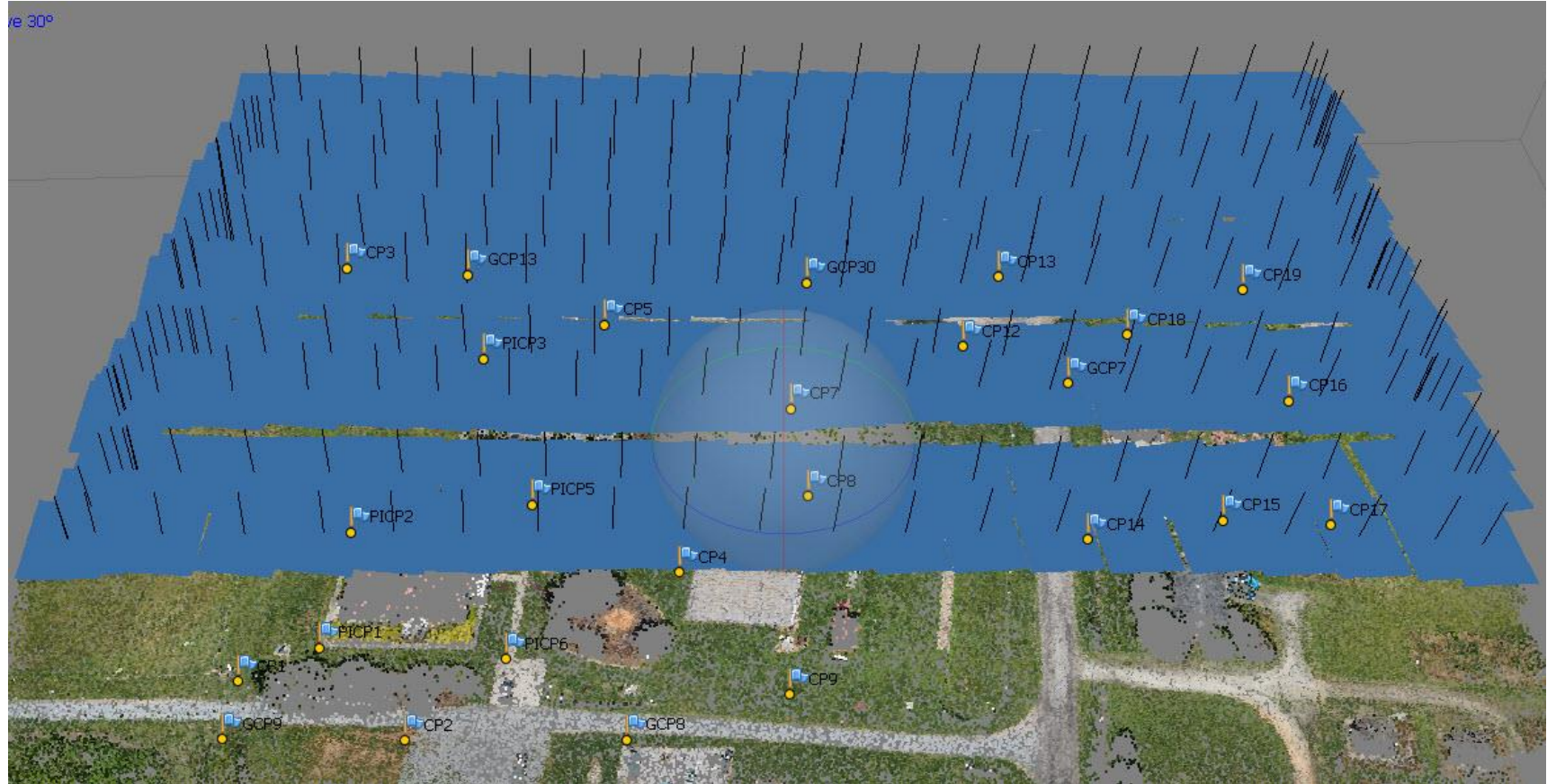




# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

## NCSU Lake Wheeler Farm

- 9 flight lines
- 238 images





# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

NCSU Lake  
Wheeler Farm

Aerotriangulation  
Results

Input Weights

- 0.03 ft for control
- 0.1 pixel image
- No graduation selection applied

5 Control Points	Control Point Statistics	Point ID	X error (ft)	Y error (ft)	Z error (ft)	Error (ft)	Projections	Error (pix)
	No. Points =		5	5	5	5	5.0	5
	Min (ft) =		-0.11	-0.05	-0.17	0.11	7.0	0.25
	Max (ft) =		0.10	0.06	0.13	0.21	26.0	0.44
	Mean (ft) =		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	16.4	0.34
	Std Dev (ft) =		0.08	0.05	0.16	0.04	6.8	0.08
	RMSE (ft) =		0.07	0.05	0.14	0.16	17.5	0.35
	FVA (ft) =				0.27			
	RMSE R (ft) =		0.08					
	Case 1 95% CE(ft) =		0.14					
	Case 2 ~ CE(ft) =		0.14					

21 Check Points	Control Point Statistics	Point ID	X error (ft)	Y error (ft)	Z error (ft)	Error (ft)	Projections	Error (pix)
	No. Points =		21	21	21	21	21.0	21
	Min (ft) =		-0.18	-0.12	-0.27	0.09	8.0	0.20
	Max (ft) =		0.26	0.13	0.09	0.29	24.0	0.49
	Mean (ft) =		-0.03	0.01	-0.09	0.18	13.1	0.33
	Std Dev (ft) =		0.12	0.06	0.10	0.06	3.7	0.09
	RMSE (ft) =		0.12	0.06	0.13	0.19	13.6	0.34
	FVA (ft) =				0.26			
	RMSE R (ft) =		0.14					
	Case 1 95% CE(ft) =		0.23					
	Case 2 ~ CE(ft) =		0.22					

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

## NCSU Lake Wheeler Farm Aerotriangulation Results

<b>5 Control Points</b>	Control Point Statistics	Point ID	X error (ft)	Y error (ft)	Z error (ft)	Error (ft)	Projections	Error (pix)
	No. Points =		5	5	5	5	5.0	5
	Min (ft) =		-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	0.03	7.0	0.10
	Max (ft) =		0.07	0.03	0.03	0.08	26.0	0.23
	Mean (ft) =		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	16.4	0.17
	Std Dev (ft) =		0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	6.8	0.06
	RMSE (ft) =		0.04	0.03	0.03	0.06	17.5	0.18
	FVA (ft) =				0.05			
	RMSE R (ft) =		0.05					
	Case 1 95% CE(ft) =		0.09					
	Case 2 ~ CE(ft) =		0.09					

## Input Weights

- 0.0066 ft for control
- 0.1 pixel image
- 0.2 graduation selection applied

<b>21 Check Points</b>	Control Point Statistics	Point ID	X error (ft)	Y error (ft)	Z error (ft)	Error (ft)	Projections	Error (pix)
	No. Points =		21	21	21	21	21.0	21
	Min (ft) =		-0.08	-0.14	-0.09	0.01	8.0	0.08
	Max (ft) =		0.20	0.06	0.06	0.21	24.0	0.29
	Mean (ft) =		0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.08	13.1	0.16
	Std Dev (ft) =		0.07	0.05	0.04	0.05	3.7	0.06
	RMSE (ft) =		0.07	0.05	0.04	0.09	13.6	0.17
	FVA (ft) =				0.07			
	RMSE R (ft) =		0.08					
	Case 1 95% CE(ft) =		0.14					
	Case 2 ~ CE(ft) =		0.14					

# Geometric Accuracy Assessment for Photogrammetric Surveys

## NCSU Lake Wheeler Farm Orthophoto & Point Cloud Results

### Input Weights

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- 0.1 pixel image
- 0.2 graduation selection applied

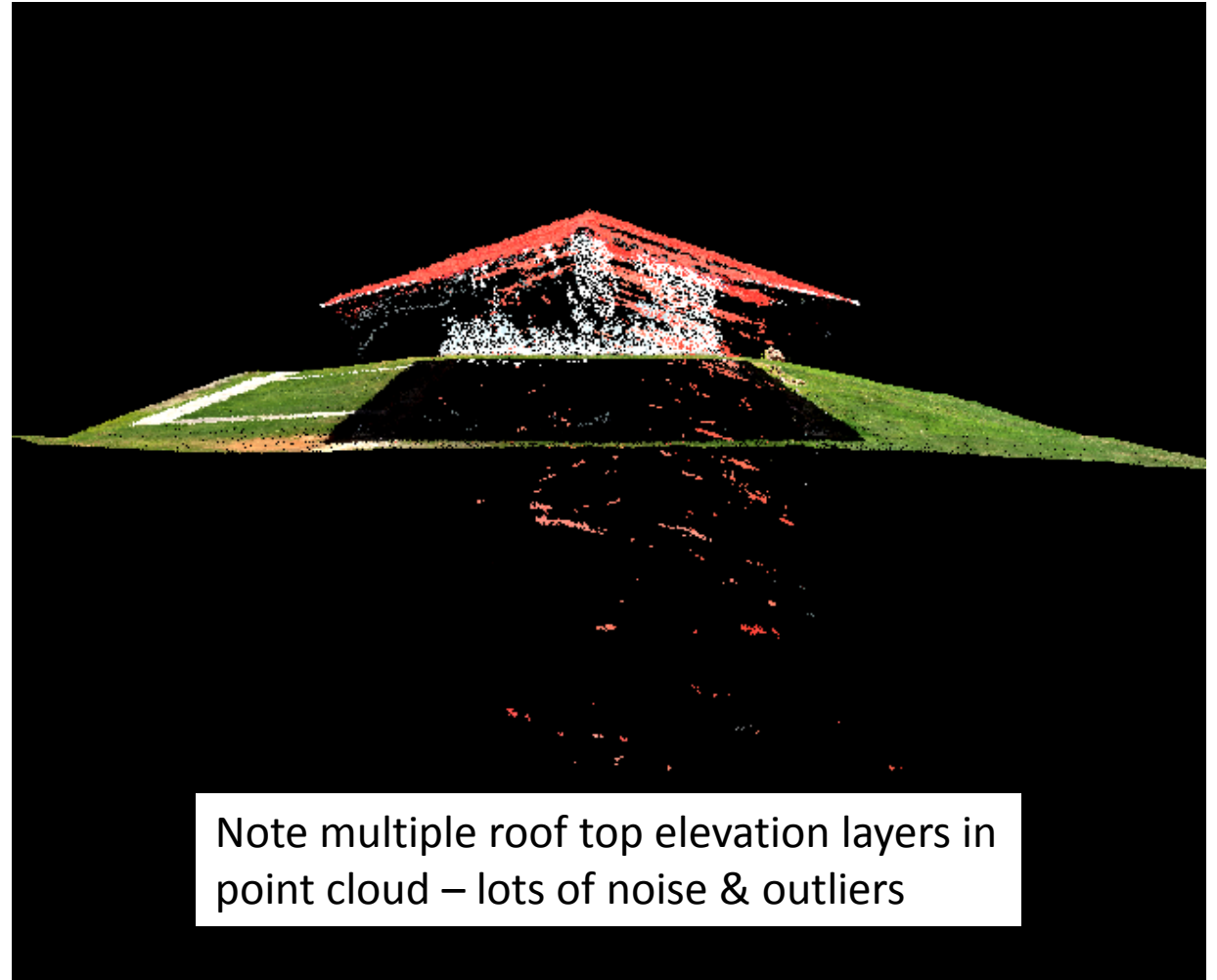
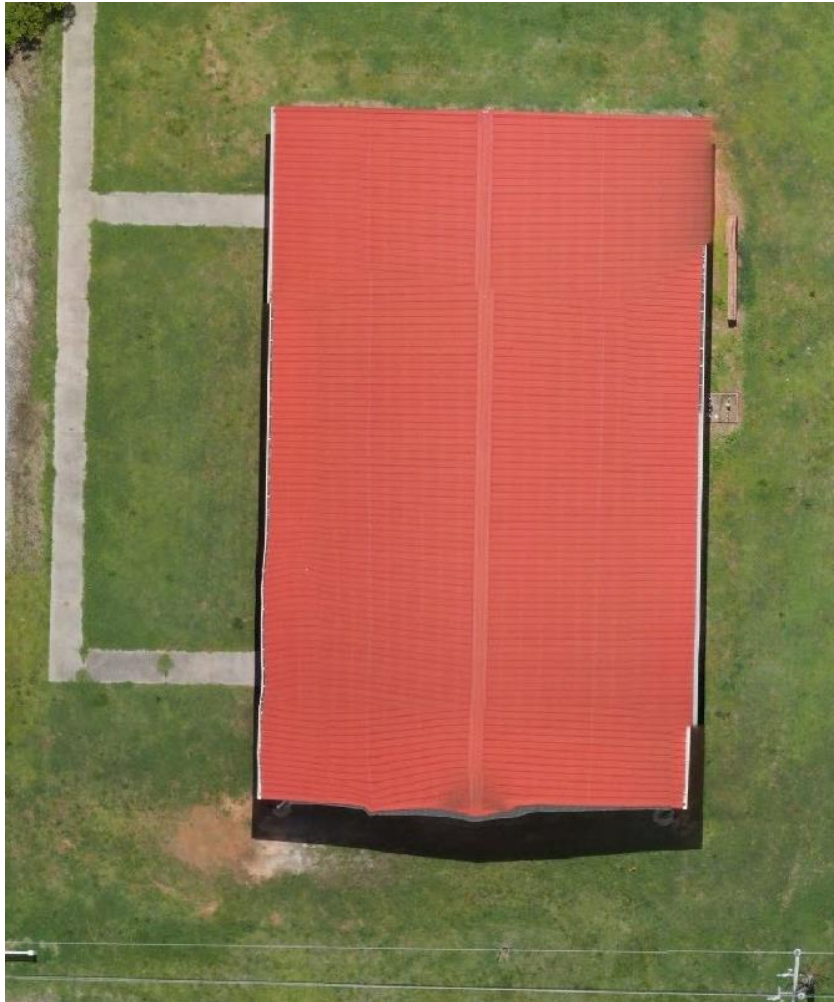
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Mean (ft) =	0.01	0.04	0.01
RMSE (ft) =	0.08	0.06	0.05
FVA (ft) =			<b>0.10</b>
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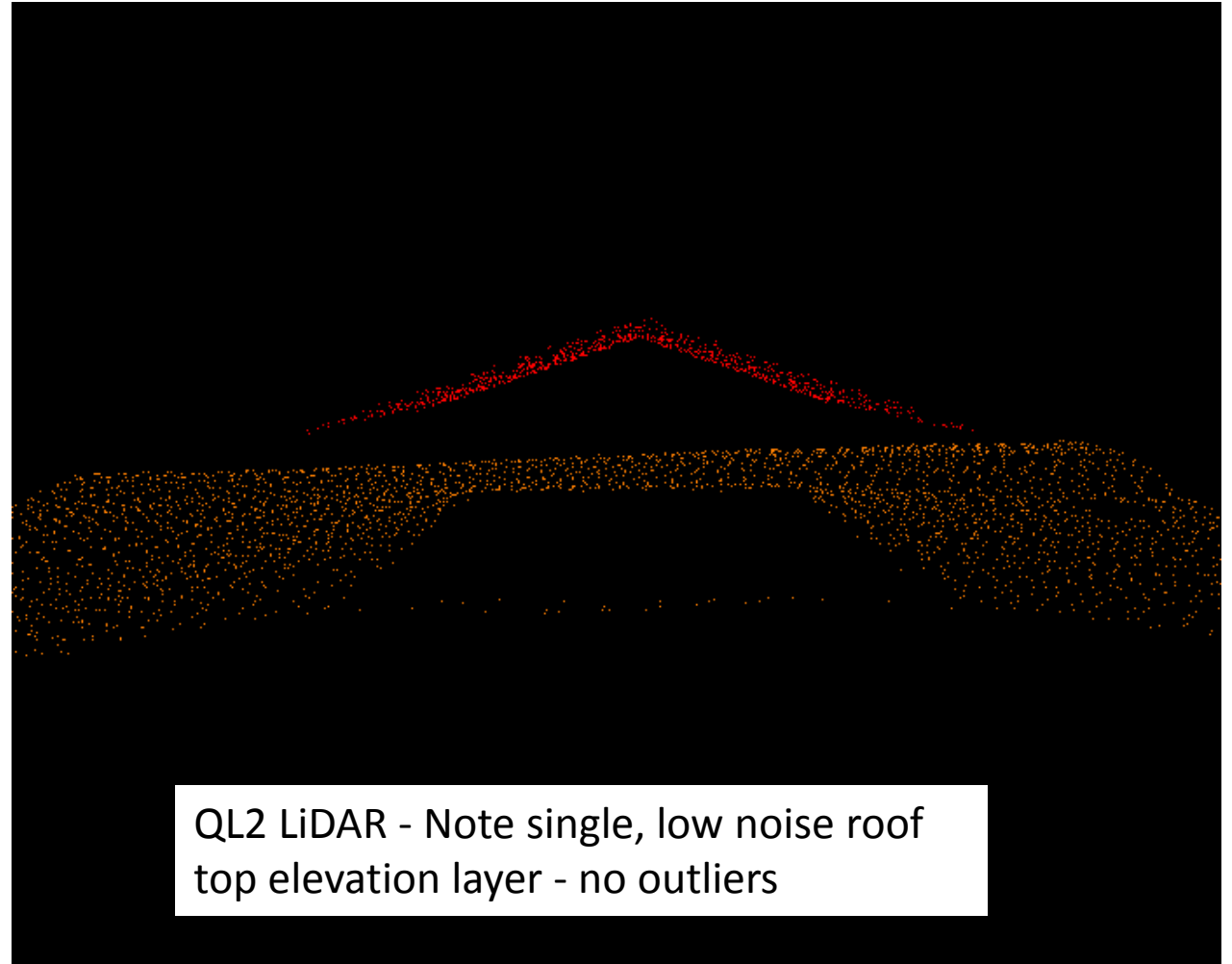
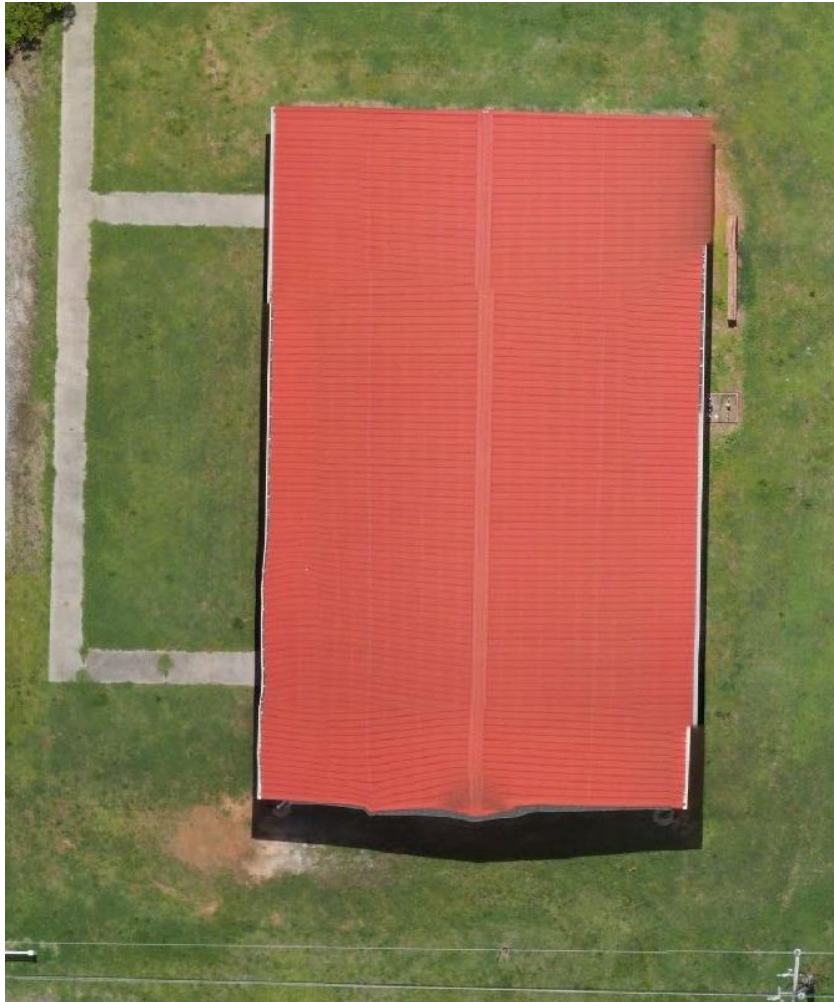
# Examples of Product Quality

- Point Cloud
  - Noise and outliers
  - Particularly noticeable on features with low contrast
  - Particularly noticeable on features elevated above ground
- Orthophoto
  - Distorted features
  - Blurriness

# Examples of Product Quality – Point Cloud



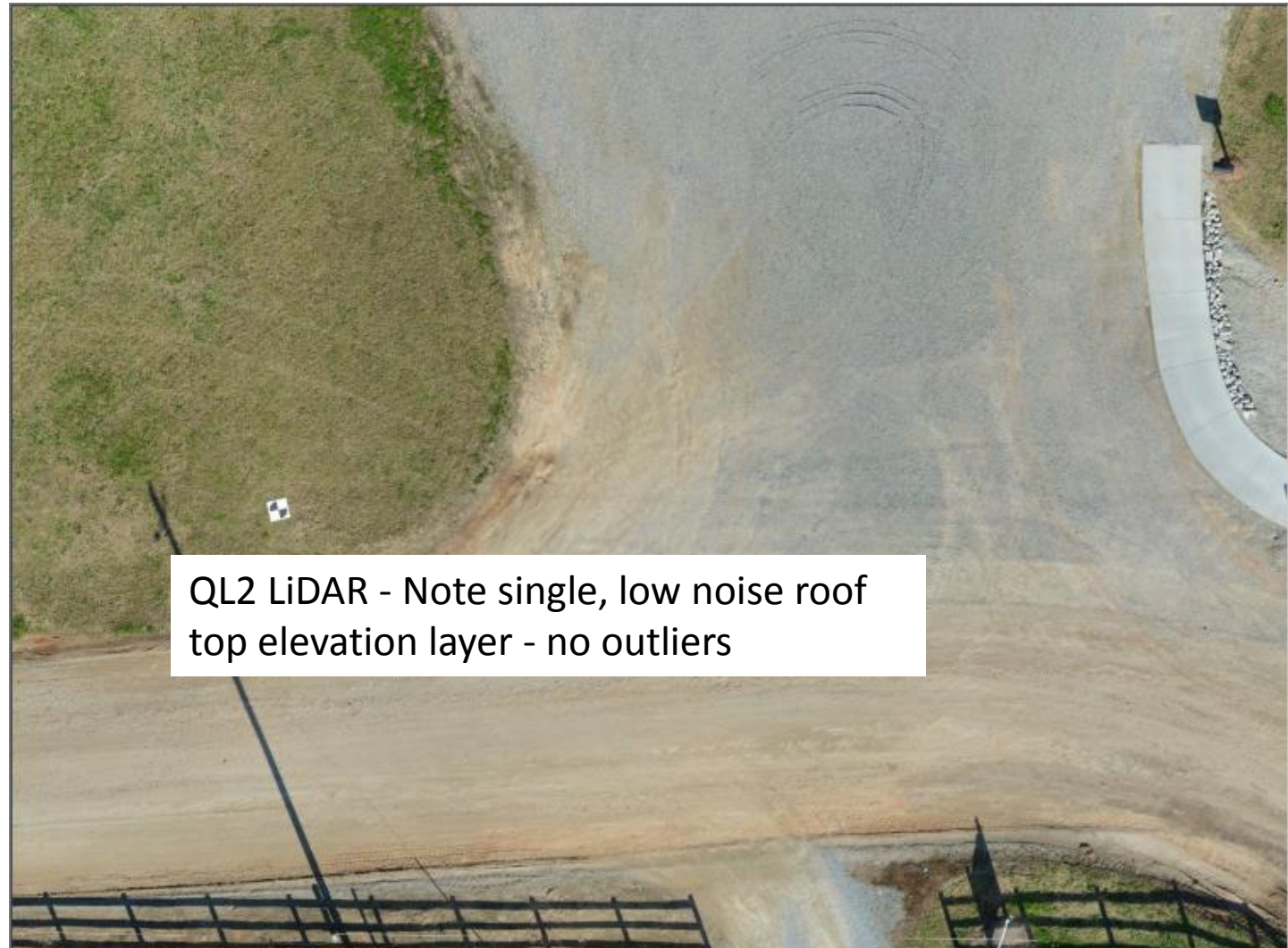
# Examples of Product Quality – Point Cloud



QL2 LiDAR - Note single, low noise roof top elevation layer - no outliers



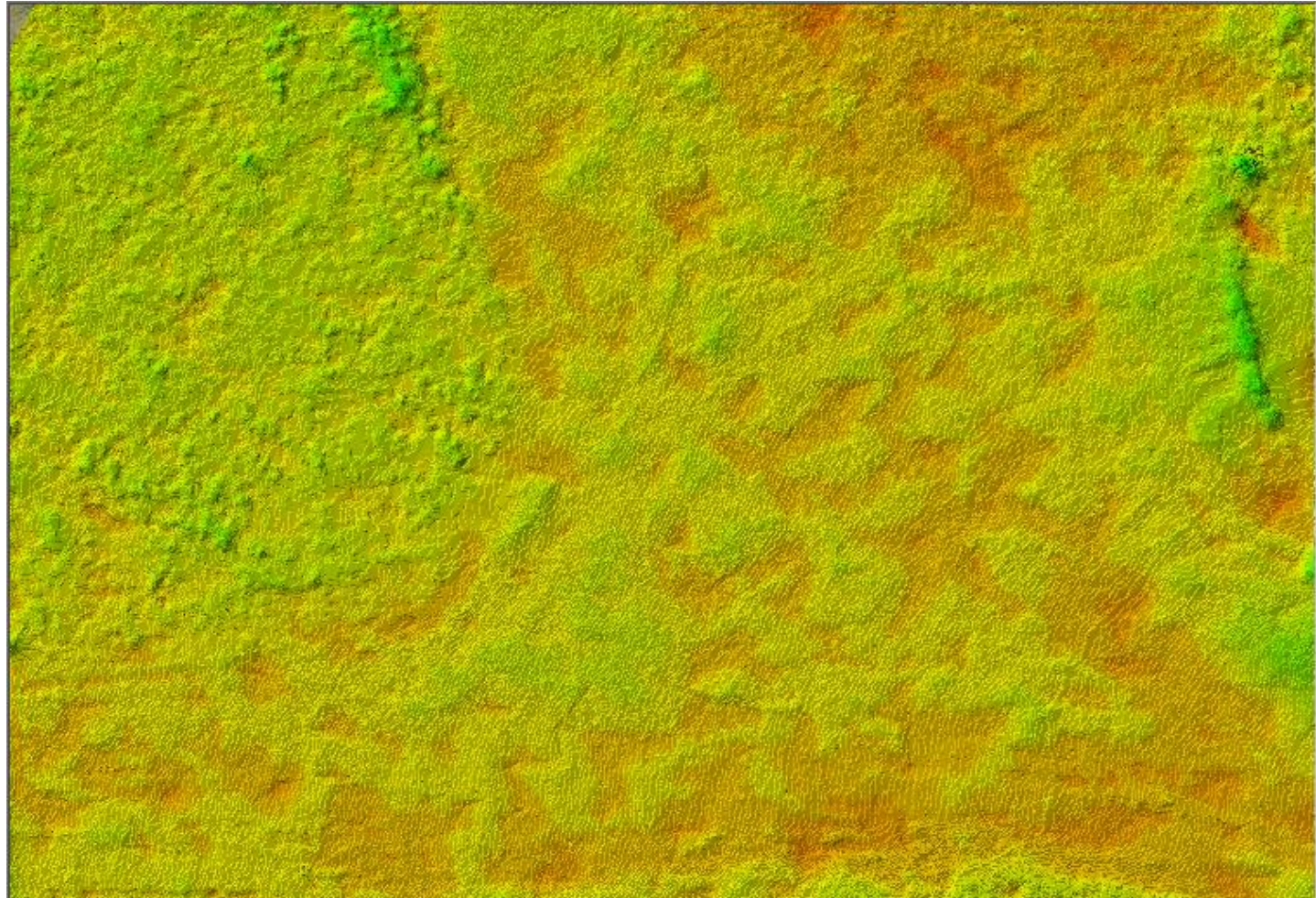
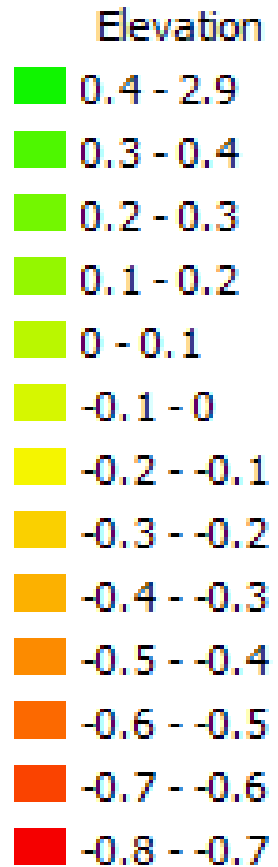
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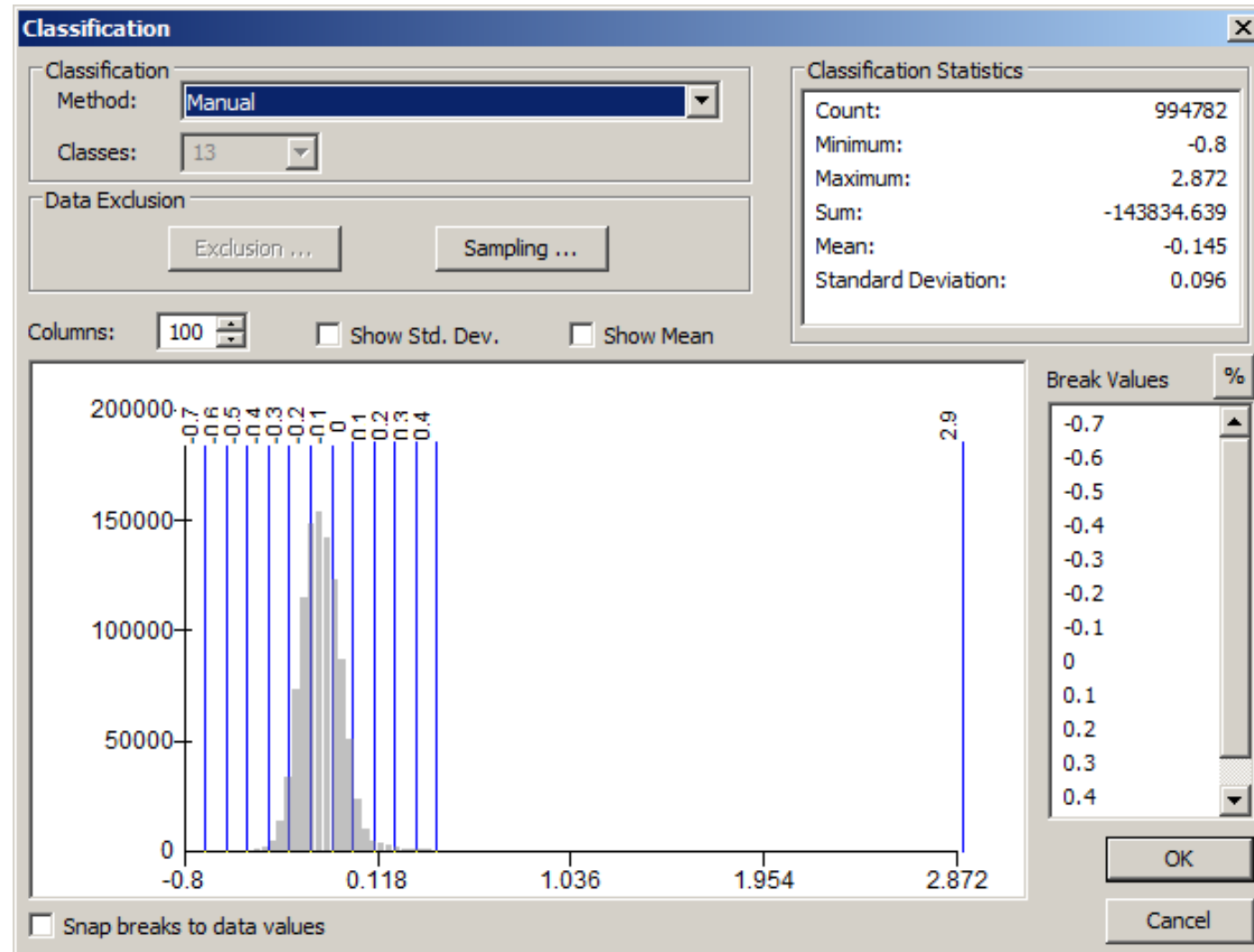
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Negative value means UAS Point Cloud is below QL2 LiDAR

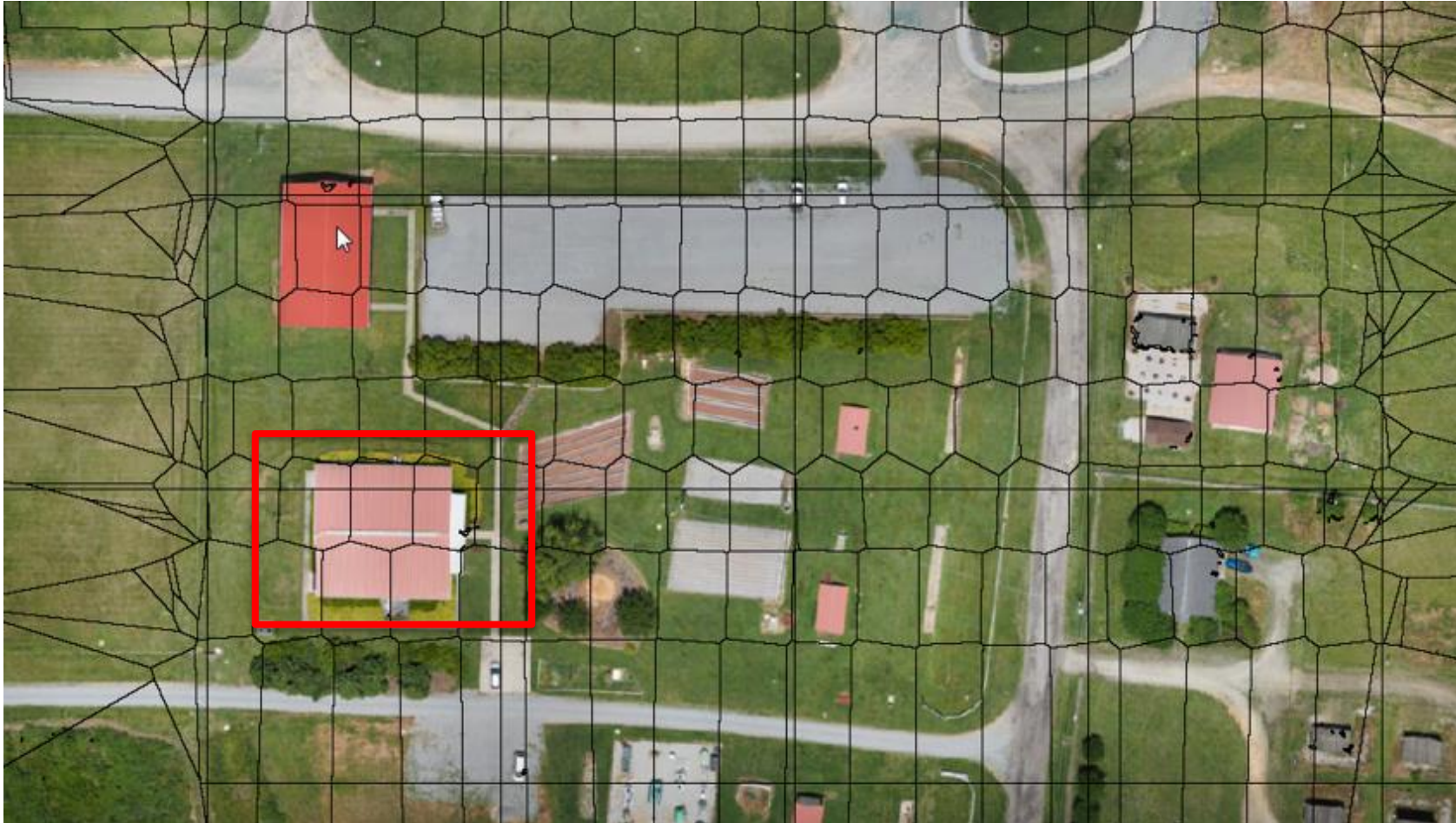
# Examples of Product Quality – Point Cloud

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# Examples of Product Quality – Distorted Features

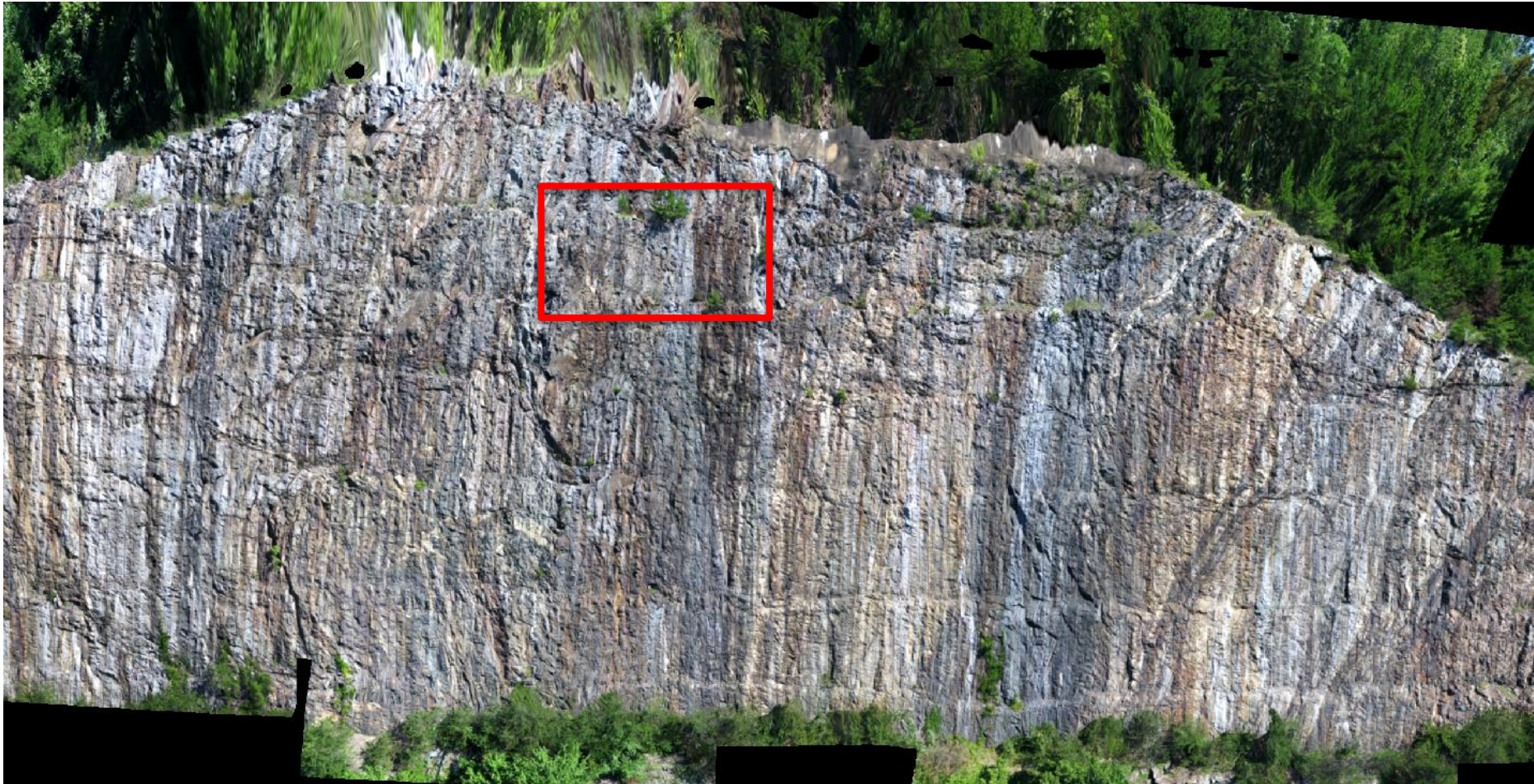


# Examples of Product Quality – Distorted Features





# Examples of Product Quality – Distorted Features





# Examples of Product Quality – Distorted Features





# Examples of Product Quality - Blurriness



# Examples of Product Quality - Bluriness





# Questions

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# NCDOT DRONE WORKSHOP

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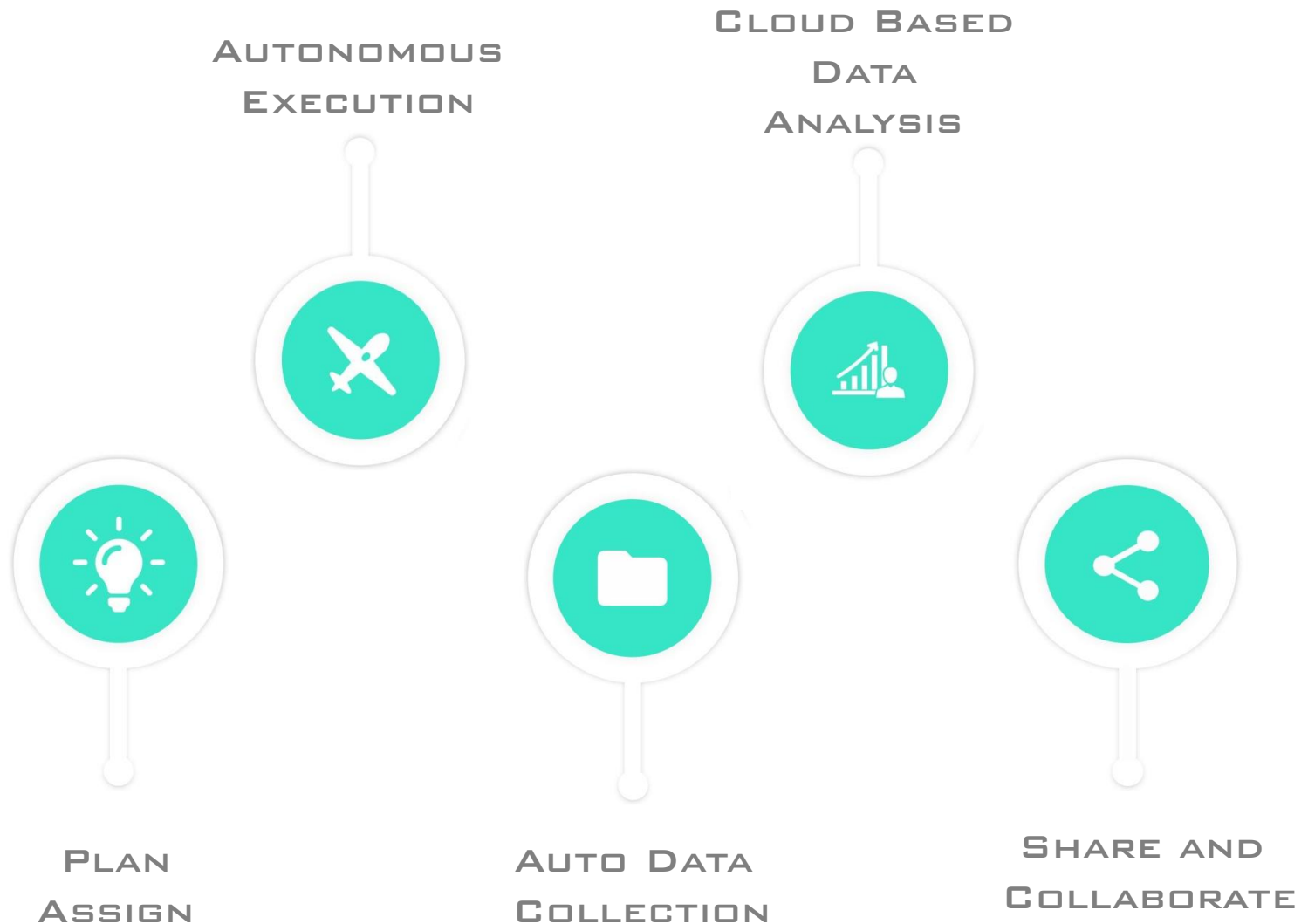
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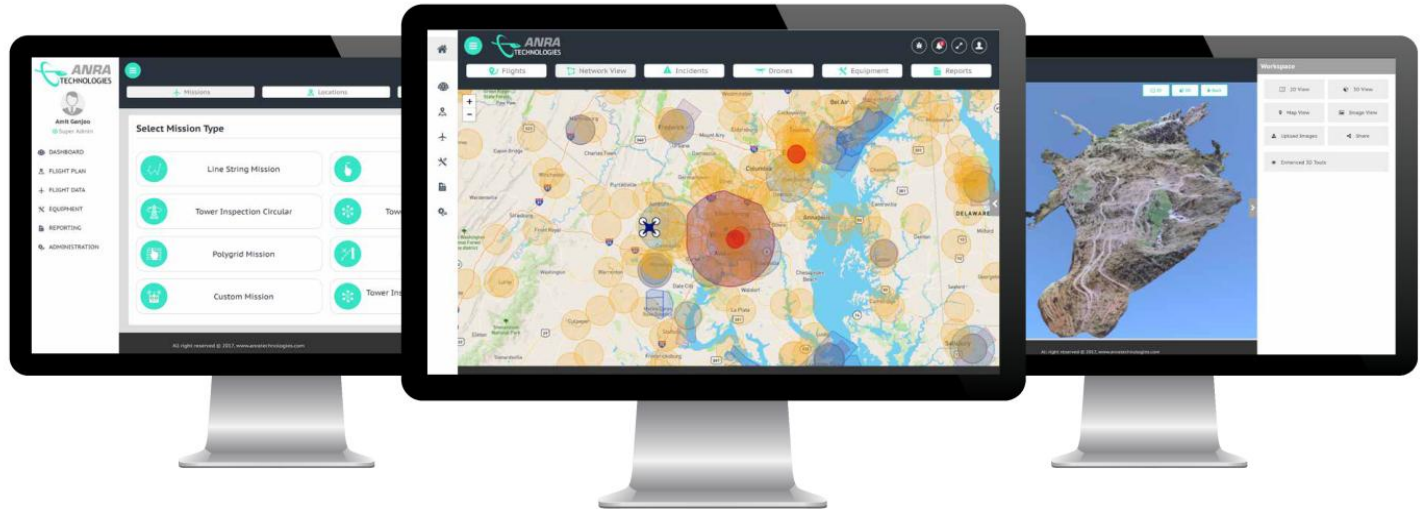


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AIRSPACE AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

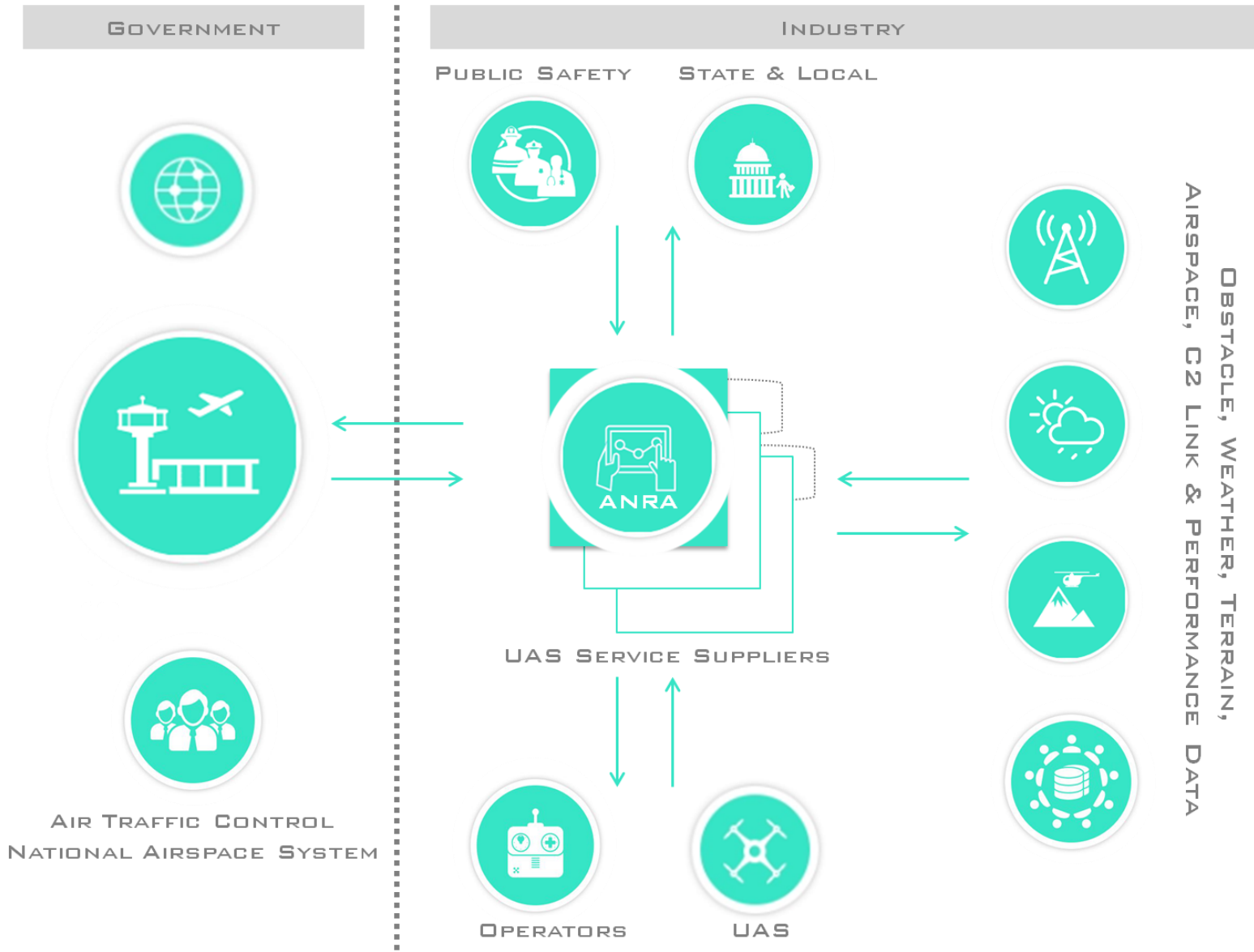
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# DRONESS(TM) UTM SYSTEM





# UAS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (UTM)

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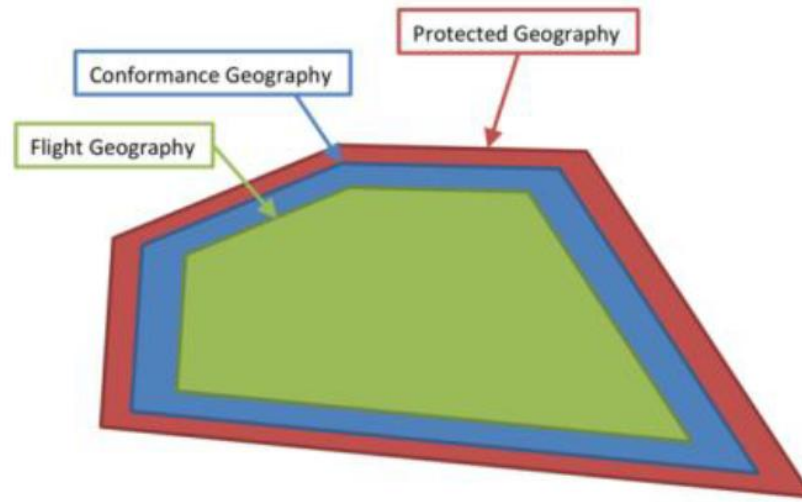
- SYSTEM WILL ALLOW SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND FAIR ACCESS TO THE LOW ALTITUDE AIRSPACE FOR SMALL UAS.
- A KEY COMPONENT WITHIN UTM WILL BE THE SET OF USS SERVICE SUPPLIERS, WHICH SUPPORT UAS OPERATORS IN PLANNING, EXECUTING, AND COMMUNICATING THEIR OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UTM SYSTEM.
- MUCH OF WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED “TRADITIONAL” AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WILL ACTUALLY BE PERFORMED COLLABORATIVELY BY THIS SET OF USSS AND NOT THE ANSP.

- WHAT IS NEEDED FOR UTM?
  - PLANNING OF UAS OPERATIONS
  - DECONFLICTION OF THE UTM AIRSPACE
  - PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY DATA TO UAS OPERATORS DURING OPERATIONS
  - BRIDGING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN UAS OPERATORS AND ANSPs
  - AUTHENTICATION & AUTHORIZATION
  - REGISTRATION AND REMOTE IDENTIFICATION
  - LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT

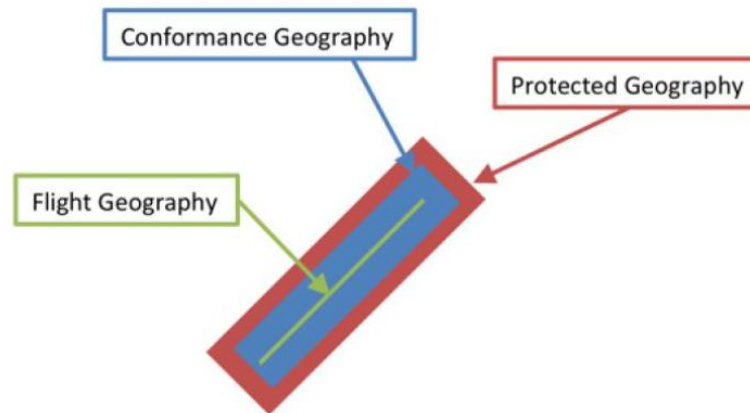
- **FLEXIBILITY WHERE POSSIBLE AND STRUCTURE WHERE NECESSARY**
  - MUCH FLEXIBILITY IS OFFERED TO OPERATORS AND OPERATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO DEMAND AND NO CAPACITY IMBALANCE.
  - WHEN THE DEMAND IS OVER CAPACITY AS IN CASE OF MULTIPLE UAS WANTING TO OPERATE AT THE SAME AIRSPACE AT THE SAME TIME, THEN STRUCTURES SUCH AS CORRIDORS, ALTITUDE FOR DIRECTION, AND CROSSING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE INCORPORATED.
- **RISK BASED APPROACH WHERE GEOGRAPHICAL NEEDS AND USE CASES WILL DICTATE THE PERFORMANCE**
  - BASED ON THE RISKS ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR (E.G., REMOTE AIRSPACE VS. CONGESTED URBAN AIRSPACE) AS WELL THE AREA OF OPERATIONS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE USE CASE (E.G., SURVEILLANCE OF PIPELINE OR ELECTRIC WIRES VS. DELIVERIES ALL THE WAY TO THE DOOR STEP)



# FLIGHT GEOGRAPHIES



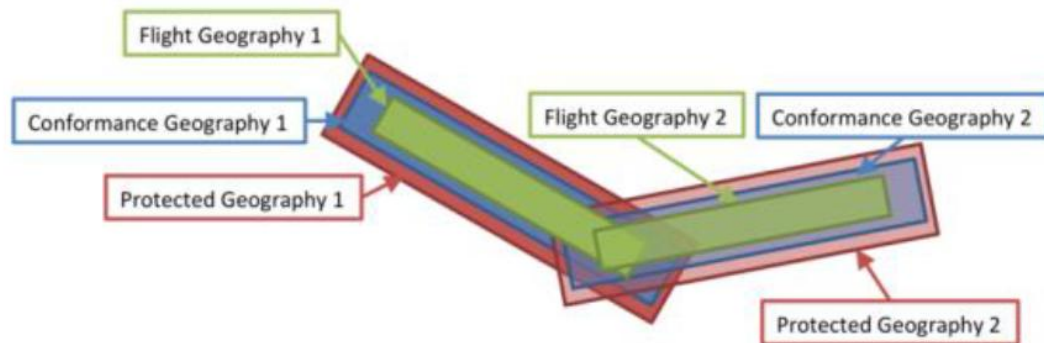
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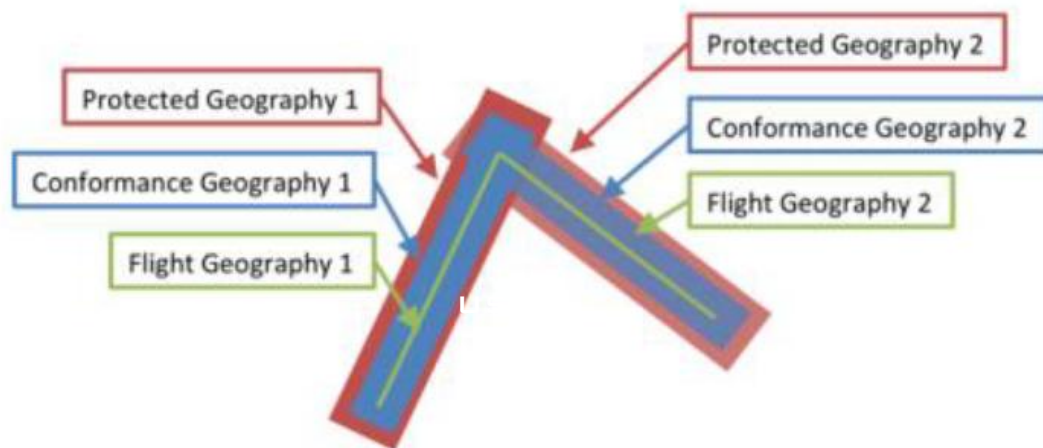
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# FLIGHT PLAN & AIRSPACE RESERVATIONS



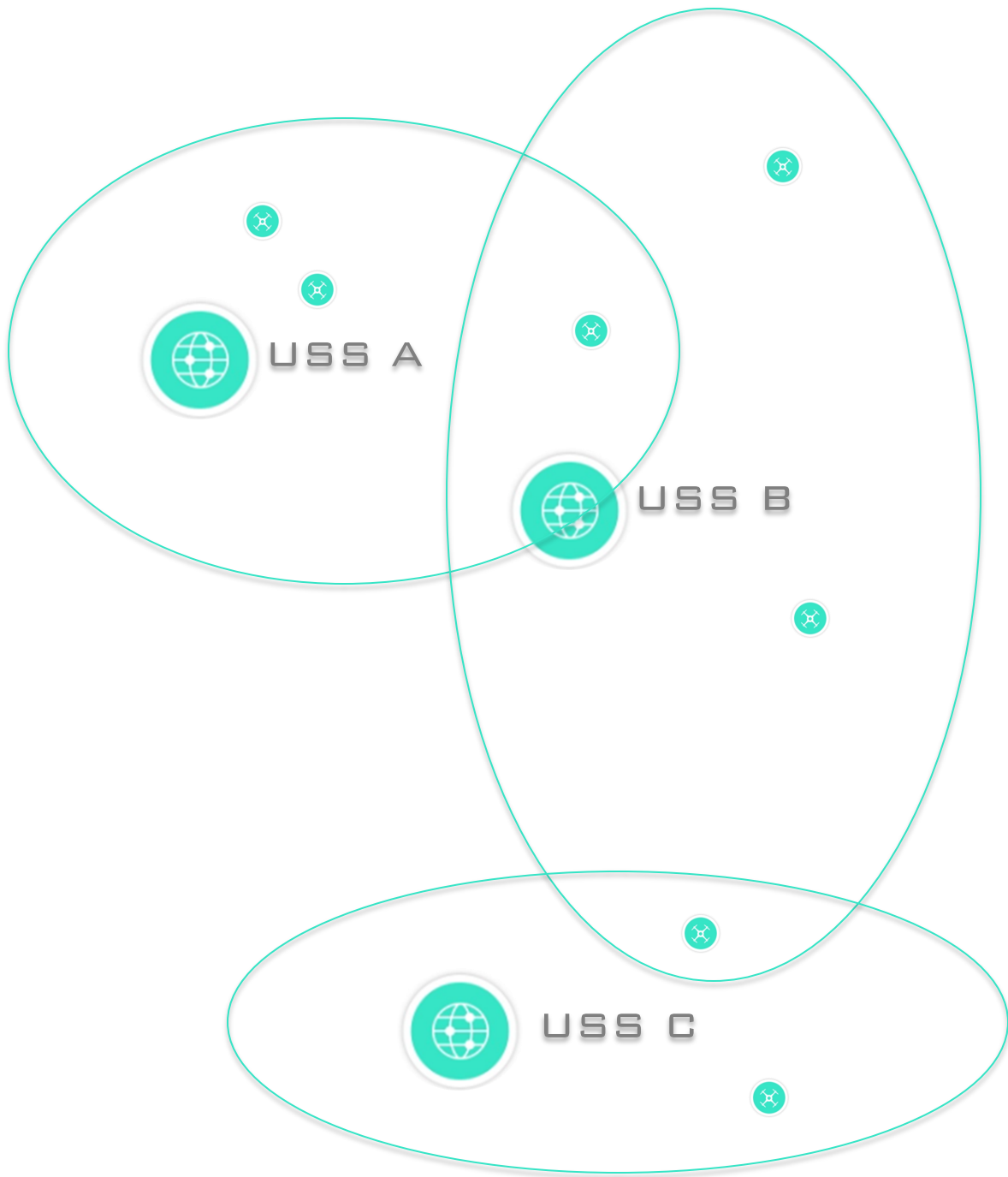
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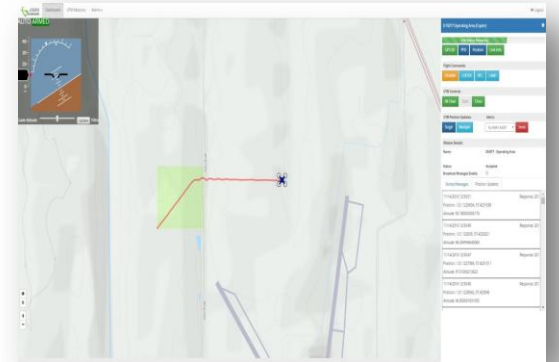
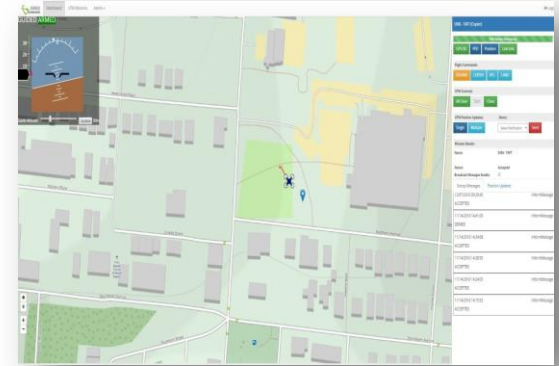
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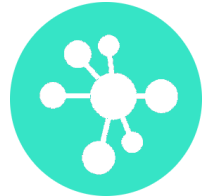
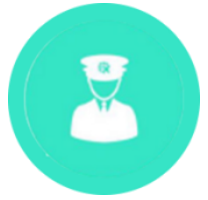
# DRONEUSS FEATURES

- OPERATOR INTERFACE
- PUBLIC PORTAL
- UREP CAPABILITY
- WX AND OTHER DATA SERVICES
- USS DISCOVERY SERVICE
- USS-TO-USS NEGOTIATION
- END-TO-END UREP
- FIMS NEGOTIATION
- REMOTE ID
- USS-USS NEGOTIATION



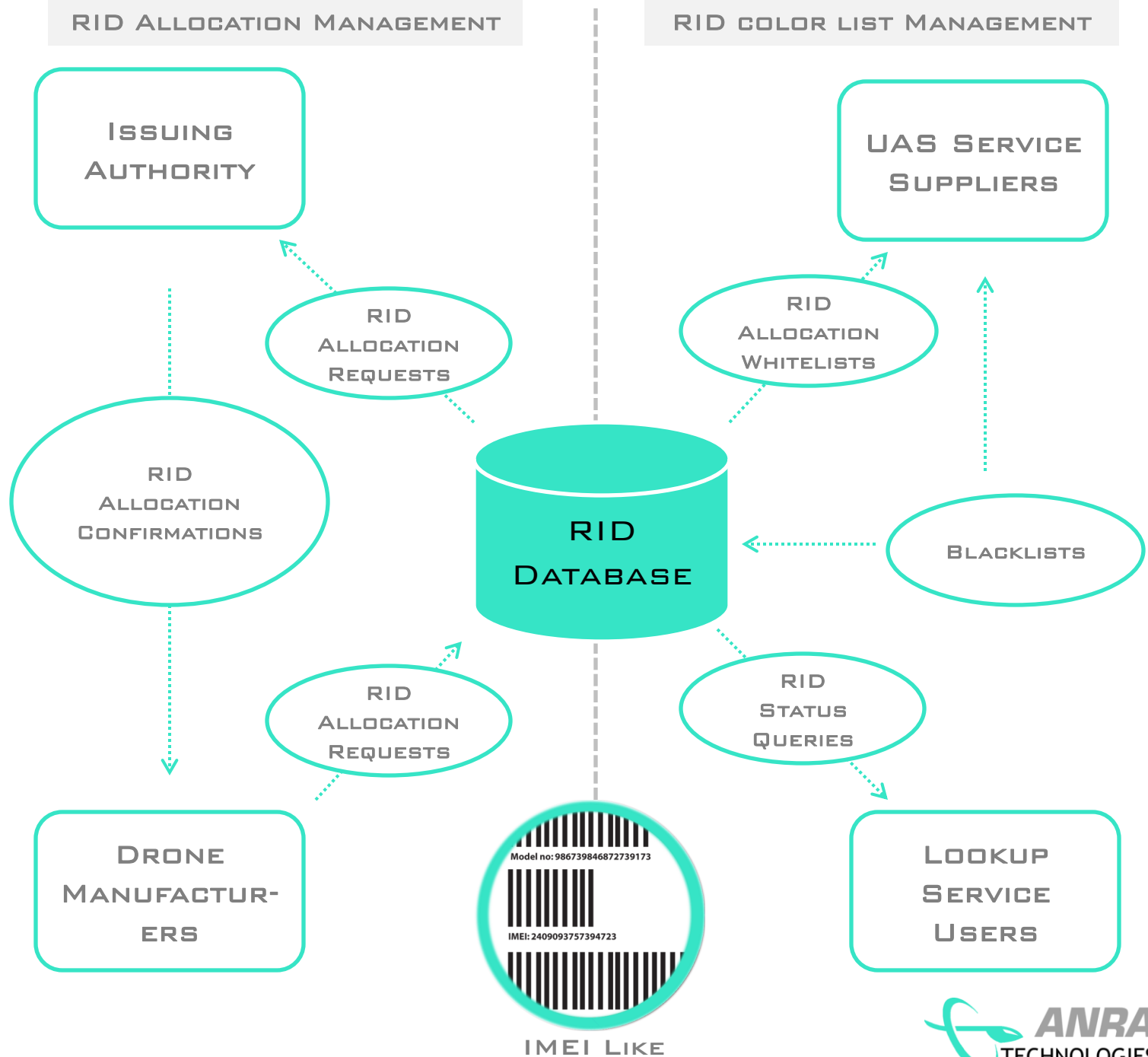
# REGISTRATION AND REMOTE ID

- **REQUIRED FOR THE HUMAN STAKEHOLDERS**
  - LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC
- **TO MAKE STRATEGIC DECISIONS RELATED TO MISSION MANAGEMENT**
  - LAUNCH, EXECUTION, AND/OR TERMINATION OF AIRSPACE OPERATIONS.
- **ENSURE AUTHENTICITY**
  - ONLY AUTHENTICATED AND APPROVED UAS CAN OPERATE IN THE GIVEN AIRSPACE.



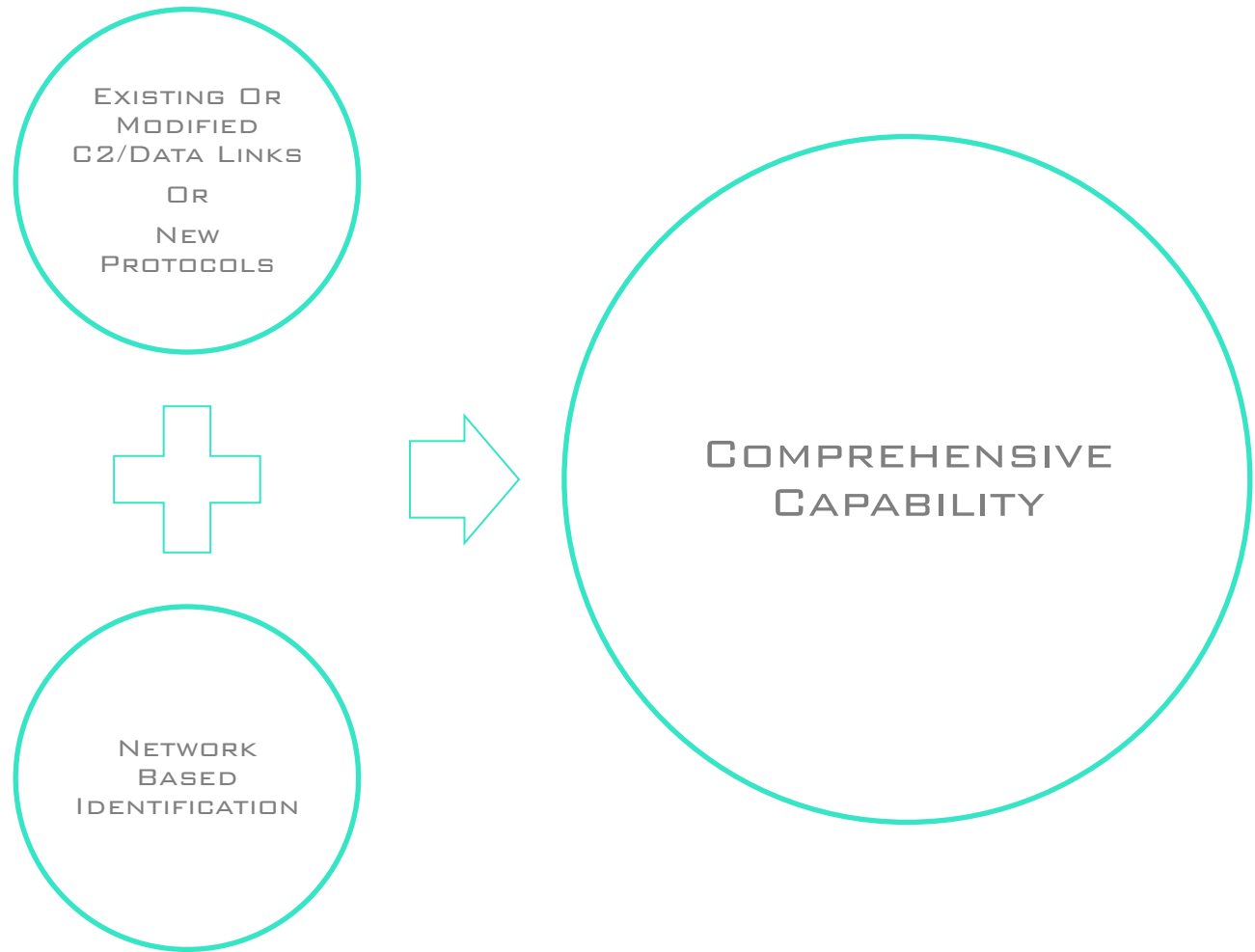
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# MANAGING AUTHORITY

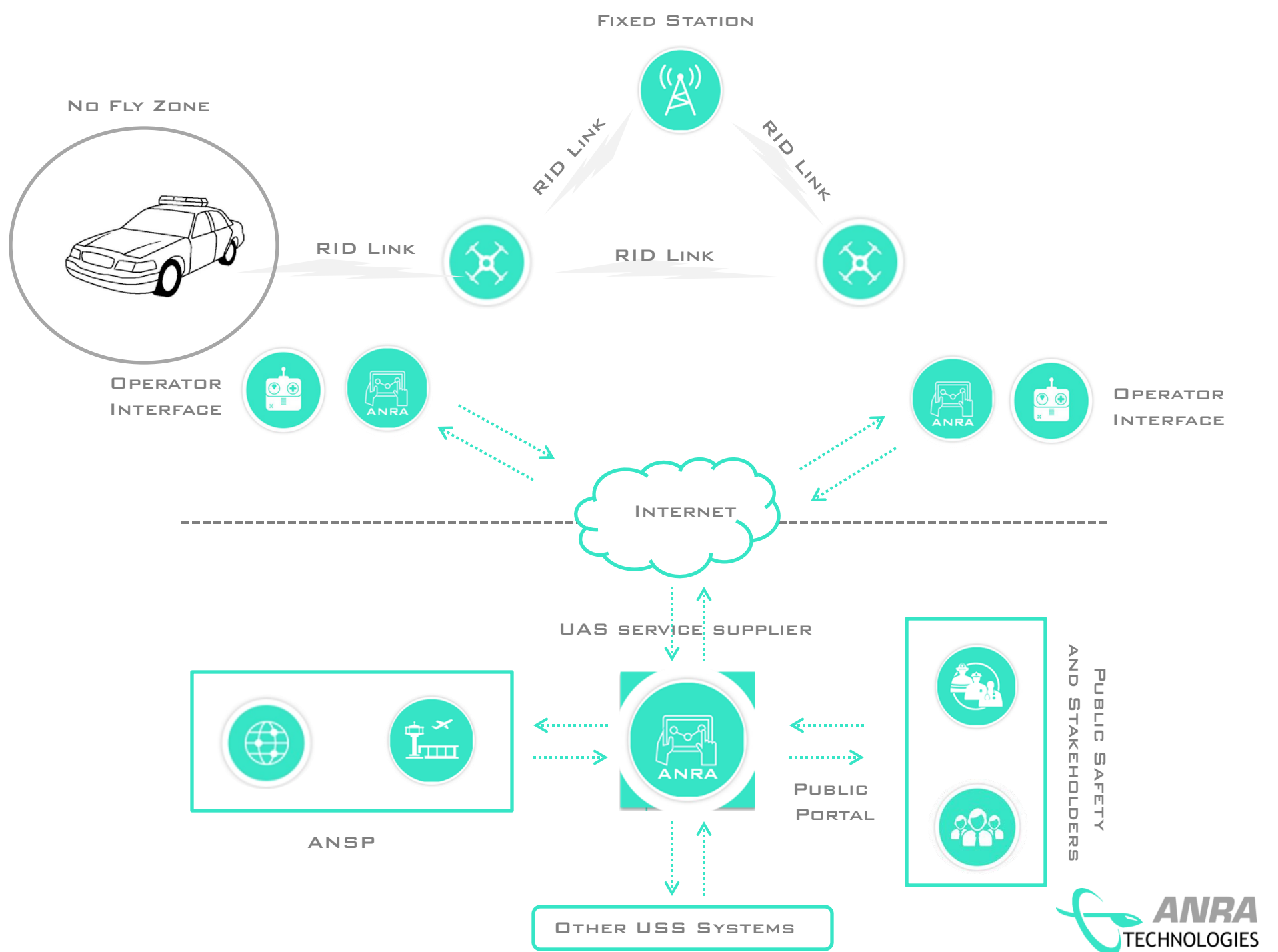




# IDENTIFICATION CHANNELS



NO ONE SOLUTION FITS ALL – NEED MULTI  
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GO  
**UNMANNED**  
EXPERT UAV SYSTEMS

**BENCHMARK**  
TOOL AND SUPPLY, INC

# ABOUT GO UNMANNED



Go Unmanned was founded in 2015 as a division of Benchmark Tool & Supply. We offer commercial-grade, fixed-wing and multi-rotor drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for the construction, surveying, engineering, agriculture, inspection and emergency services fields.



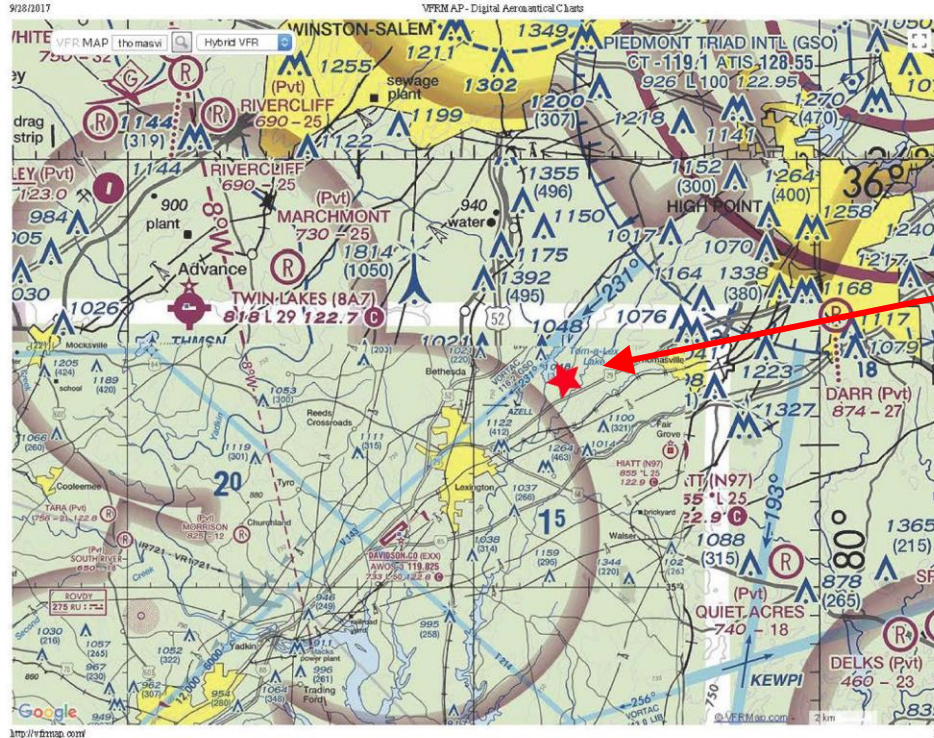


# FLIGHT OPS CHECKLIST

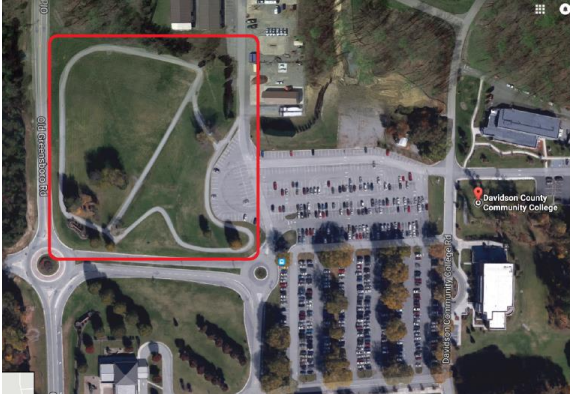
Go Unmanned Flight Ops Checklist				
Company: _____ Date: _____				
<b>To be completed PRIOR to departure to site</b>				
Location(s), Address or Lat/Long: _____				
AIRSPACE				
Nearest Airport: _____		Direction and Range: _____		Freq: _____
Platform Registration: <input type="checkbox"/>	Platform Log: <input type="checkbox"/>	UAS Certificate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Valid ID: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Illness <input type="checkbox"/>	Medication <input type="checkbox"/>	Stress <input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> Eat/Hydration <input type="checkbox"/>
Expected On-Site Weather: Time: _____ Winds Dir: _____ Spd: _____ Lowest Cloud Base: _____				
DISPATCH/MANAGEMENT PPR: _____				
<b>To be completed on site and within 15 minutes PRIOR to Takeoff</b>				
<b>WEATHER</b> <a href="http://www.aviationweather.gov">www.aviationweather.gov</a>	<b>RADAR</b>	No Precipitation within 10 nm <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>METAR/ATIS</b>	WINDS	Visibility: _____ SM	TEMP: _____ DEW: _____
	UTC: _____	Dir: _____ Vel: _____	Lowest Cloud Base: _____ FT	
<b>Crew/Crew Resource Management</b>				
Remote Pilot-In-Command: _____				
Pilot at Controls: _____				
Visual Observer: _____				
Trainee: _____				
Trainee: _____				
<b>Mission Brief</b> <i>To be briefed in full presence of crew</i>	Mission <input type="checkbox"/>	Altitude(s) <input type="checkbox"/>	Communication process/ Channels/ Radio Check (if used) <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Duration <input type="checkbox"/>		Lost Comms Procedures <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Obstructions and Hazards <input type="checkbox"/>		Call Signs <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Emergency Procedures</b>	Lost Link, Fly Away EP: <input type="checkbox"/>		Return to home verified functioning properly: <input type="checkbox"/>	



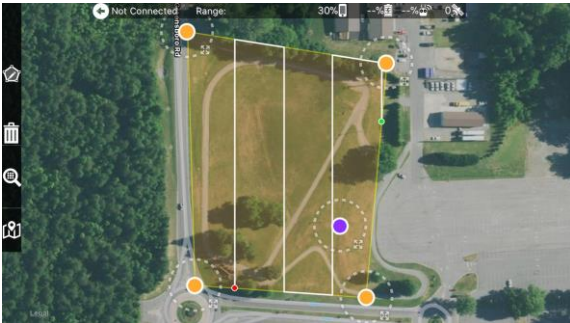
# CLASS G AIRSPACE



# FLIGHT MISSION



- The intent of our mission is to safely obtain data of this outdoor courtyard.
- With this data, engineers and construction professionals will have a georeferenced 3D model of the site.



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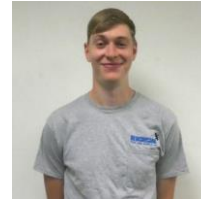
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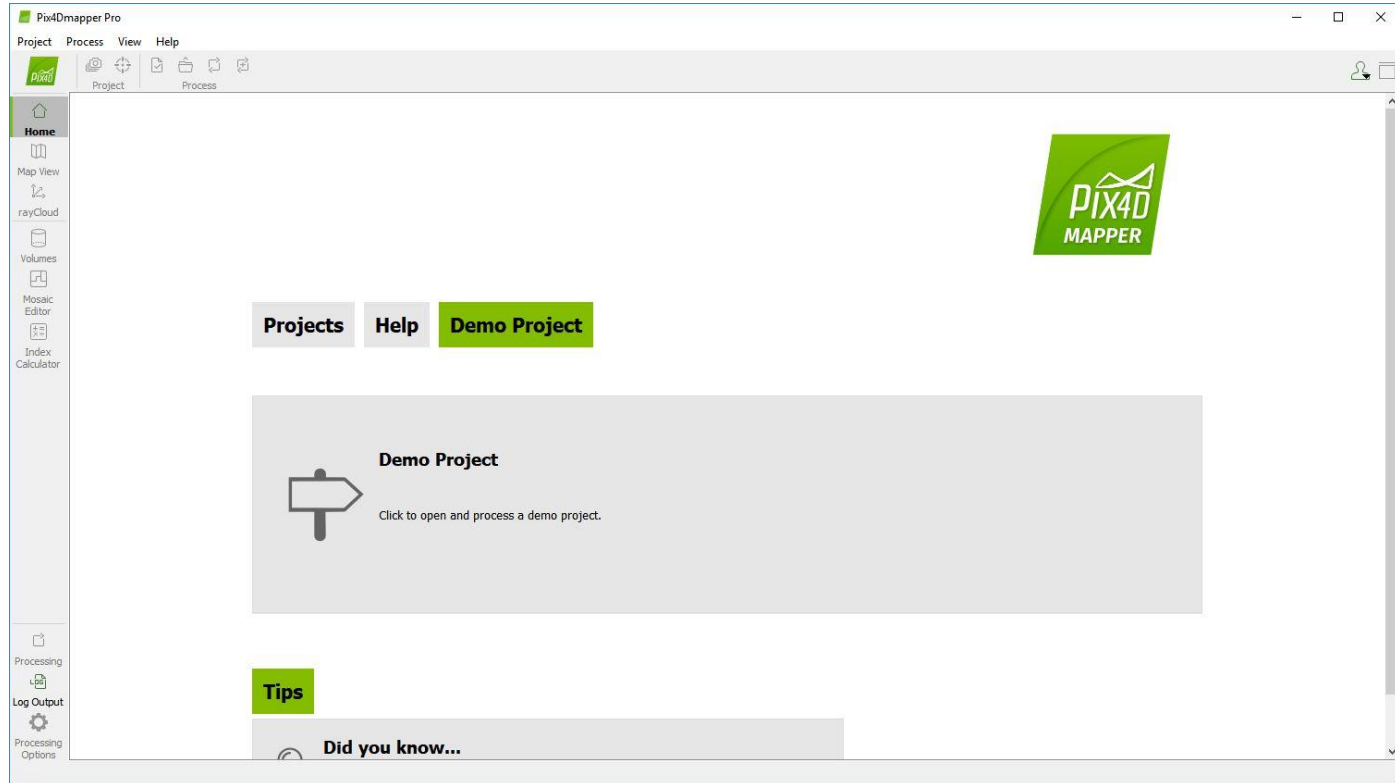
# ABOUT GSC SURVEYING



- GSC Surveying was started in 1999 by Greg Crowder, specializing in highway construction surveying.
- Benchmark Tool & Supply, Inc. was started in 2004 by Greg Crowder and Chuck Harris as a leader in machine control technology. In 2014, they added a UAV Division to Benchmark called Go Unmanned, Inc.



# PIX4D PROCESSING





# CREATE PROJECT

**New Project** [X]

This wizard creates a new project.  
Choose a name, a directory location and a type for your new project.

Name:

Create In:

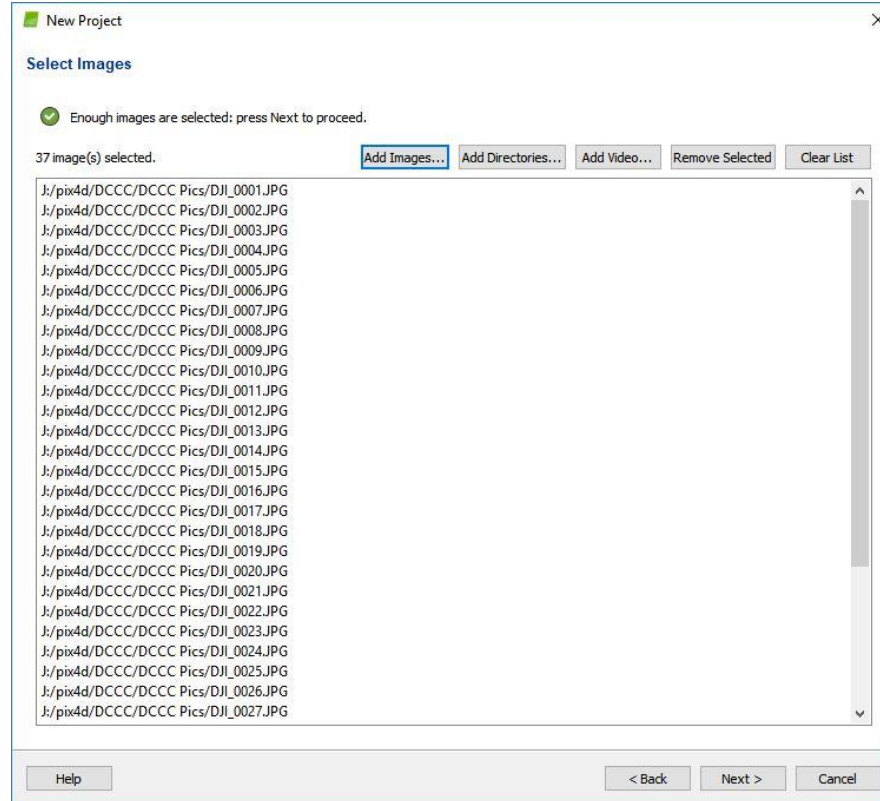
☐ Use As Default Project Location

Project Type

☒ New Project

☐ Project Merged from Existing Projects

# IMPORT PHOTOS




# CAMERA PARAMETERS

New Project

**Image Properties**

Image Geolocation

Coordinate System


☒  Datum: World Geodetic System 1984; Coordinate System: WGS 84 (egm96) Edit...

Geolocation and Orientation

☒ Geolocated Images: 37 out of 37 Clear From EXIF From File... To File...

Geolocation Accuracy: ☒ Standard ☐ Low ☐ Custom

Selected Camera Model

☒  FC6310\_8\_8\_5472x3648 (RGB) Edit...

Enabled	Image	Group	Latitude [degree]	Longitude [degree]	Altitude [m]	Accuracy Horz [m]	Acc V
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Help < Back Next > Cancel

# COORDINATE SYSTEM

New Project

Select Output Coordinate System

Selected Coordinate System

 Datum: North American Datum 1983  
Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane North Carolina FIPS 3200 Feet (egm96)


Output/GCP Coordinate System

Unit:

☐ Arbitrary Coordinate System [ft]

☒ Auto Detected: NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_North\_Carolina\_FIPS\_3200\_Feet

☐ Known Coordinate System [ft]

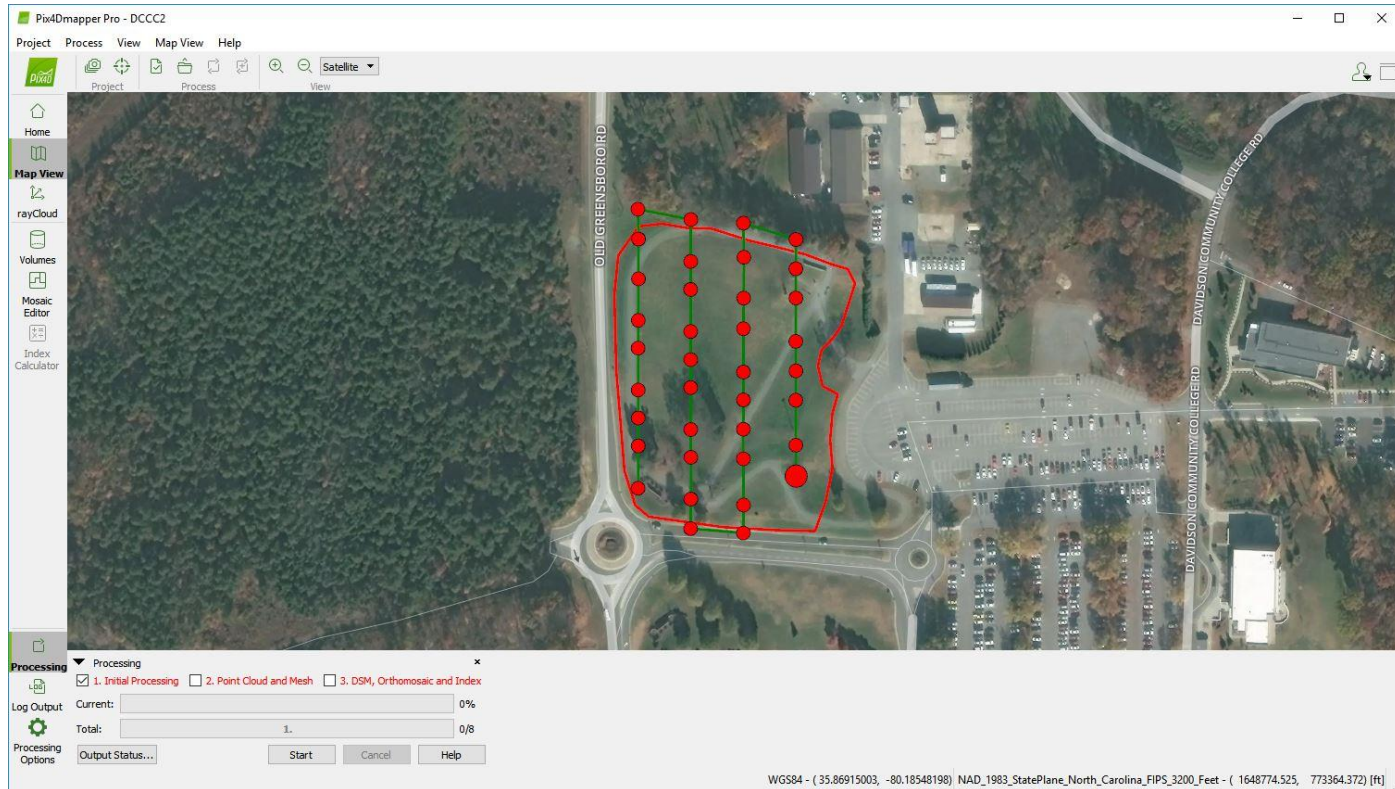


☐ Advanced Coordinate Options

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# INSPECT DATA



# GROUND CONTROL & PROCESS

GCP/MTP Manager

GCP Coordinate System

Datum: North American Datum 1983; Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane North Carolina FIPS 3200 Feet (egm96)

Edit...

GCP/MTP Table

	Label	Type	X [ft]	Y [ft]	Z [ft]	Accuracy Horz [ft]	Accuracy Vert [ft]
0	1524729	3D GCP	1649255.976	773088.680	724.034	0.020	0.020
0	1541135	3D GCP	1649475.914	773035.685	739.260	0.020	0.020
0	1541345	3D GCP	1649203.155	772810.282	738.722	0.020	0.020
0	1545380	3D GCP	1649432.935	772655.046	746.849	0.020	0.020

Import GCPs...

Export GCPs...

Add Point

Remove Points

0/4 GCPs with enough image marks

Import Marks...

Export Marks...

GCP/MTP Editor

In order to compute the 3D position of a GCP/MTP, it needs to be marked on at least two images.  
In order to take GCPs into account for georeferencing the project, at least 3 GCPs need to be marked.  
Marking GCPs/MTPs after step 1. Initial Processing requires the user to run Process > Reoptimize.  
The GCPs/MTP accuracy can be verified in the Quality Report or in the rayCloud Editor.

(Recommended) Use the rayCloud Editor after step 1. Initial Processing is done. This allows a fast and precise point marking.

rayCloud Editor...

Use the Basic Editor either  
1) before running step 1. Initial Processing, or  
2) when using non-geolocated images, or  
3) when using an arbitrary coordinate system.

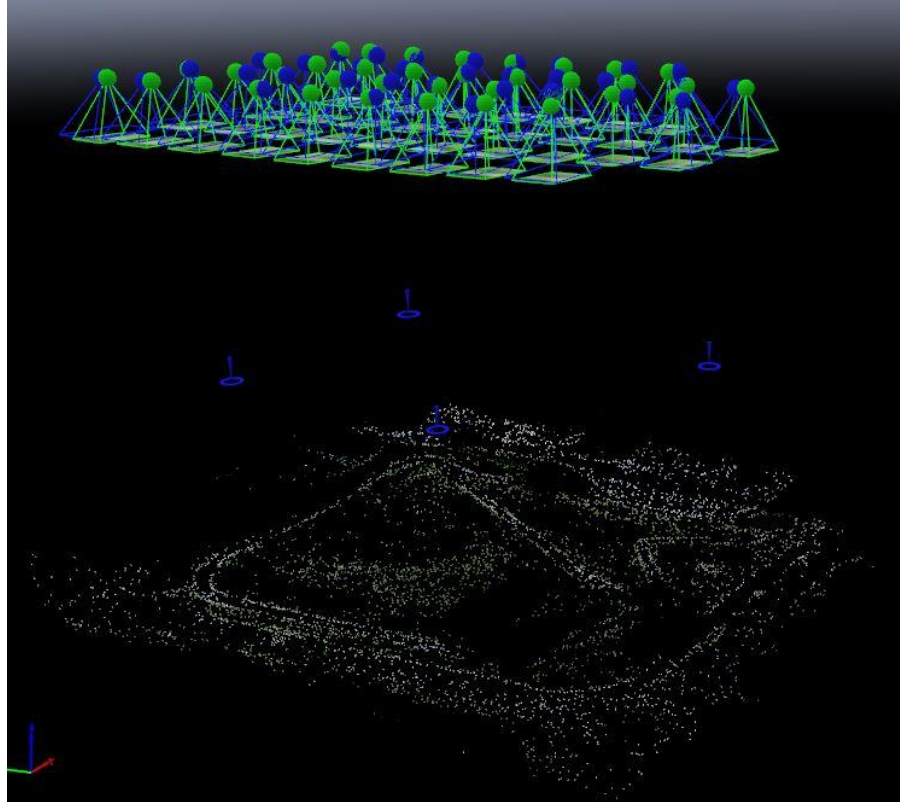
Basic Editor...

OK

Cancel

Help

# GROUND CONTROL EXPLAINED



# MARK POINTS

**Selection**

**1524729 (3D GCP)**

Label: 1524729

Type: 3D GCP

X [ft]: 1649255.976

Y [ft]: 773088.680

Z [ft]: 724.034

Horizontal Accuracy [ft]: 0.020

Vertical Accuracy [ft]: 0.020

Number of Marked Images: 8

$S_u^2$  [pixel]: 0.2524

Theoretical Error  $S(X,Y,Z)$  [ft]: 0.018, 0.016, 0.097

Maximal Orthogonal Ray Distance  $D(X,Y,Z)$  [ft]: 0.075, 0.014, -0.009

Error to GCP Initial Position [ft]: 10.370, -10.464, 203.004

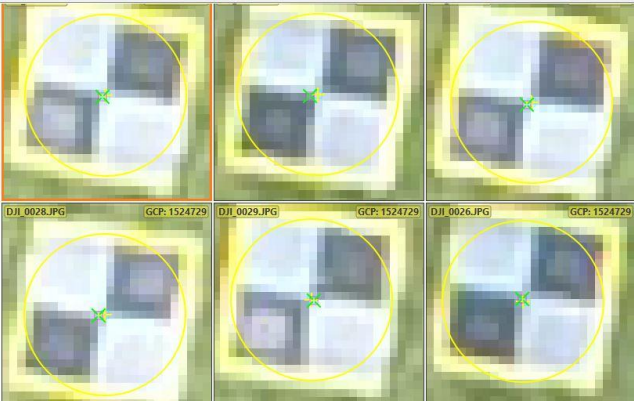
Initial Position [ft]: 1649255.976, 773088.680, 724.034

Computed Position [ft]: 1649245.606, 773099.144, 521.030

Automatic Marking Apply Cancel Help

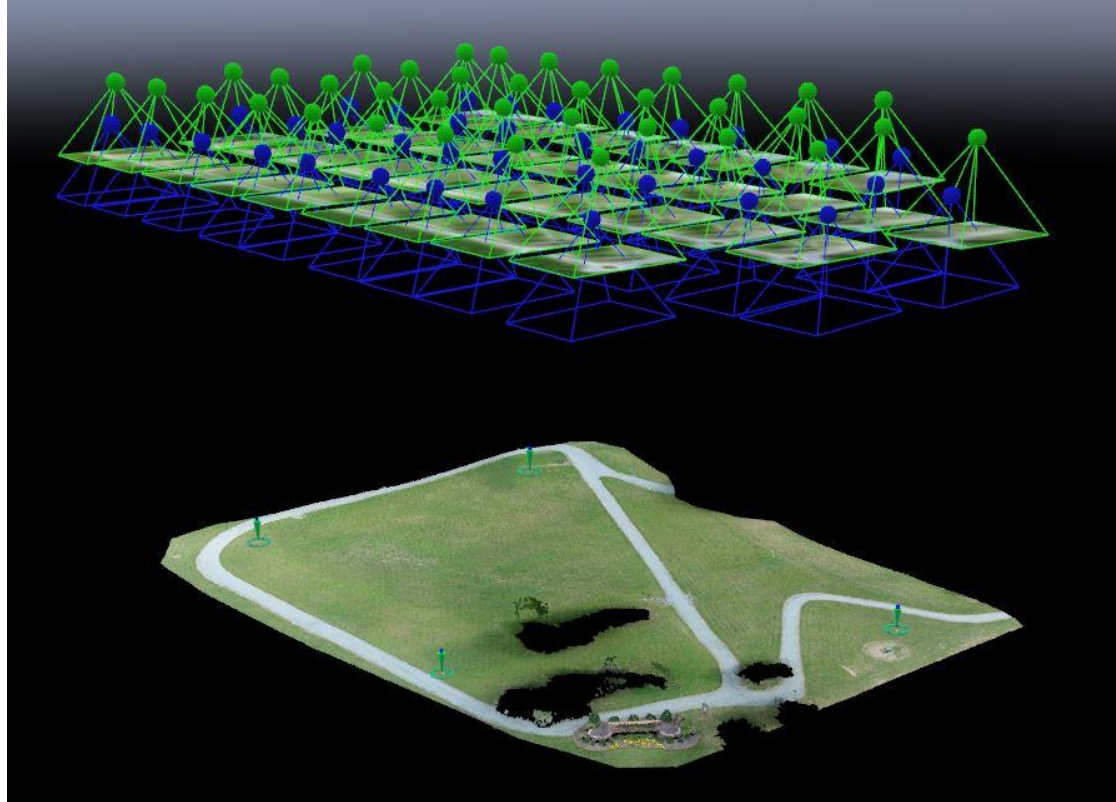
**Images**

Image Size Zoom Level

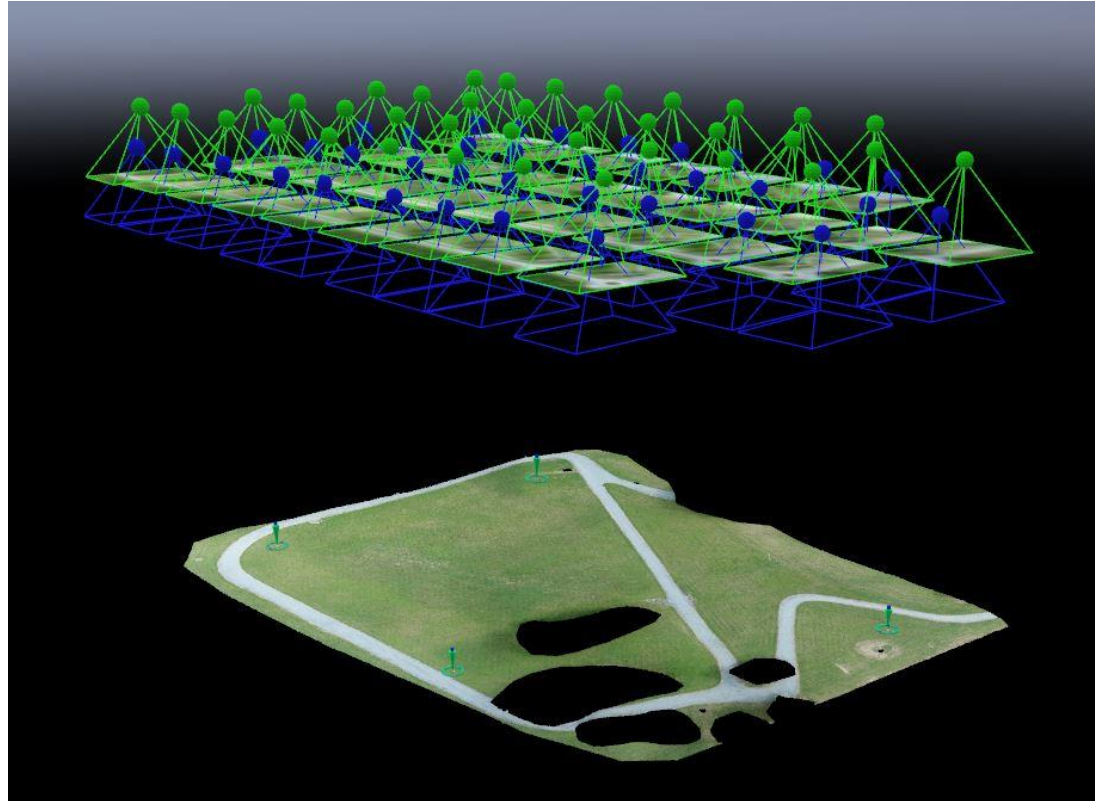




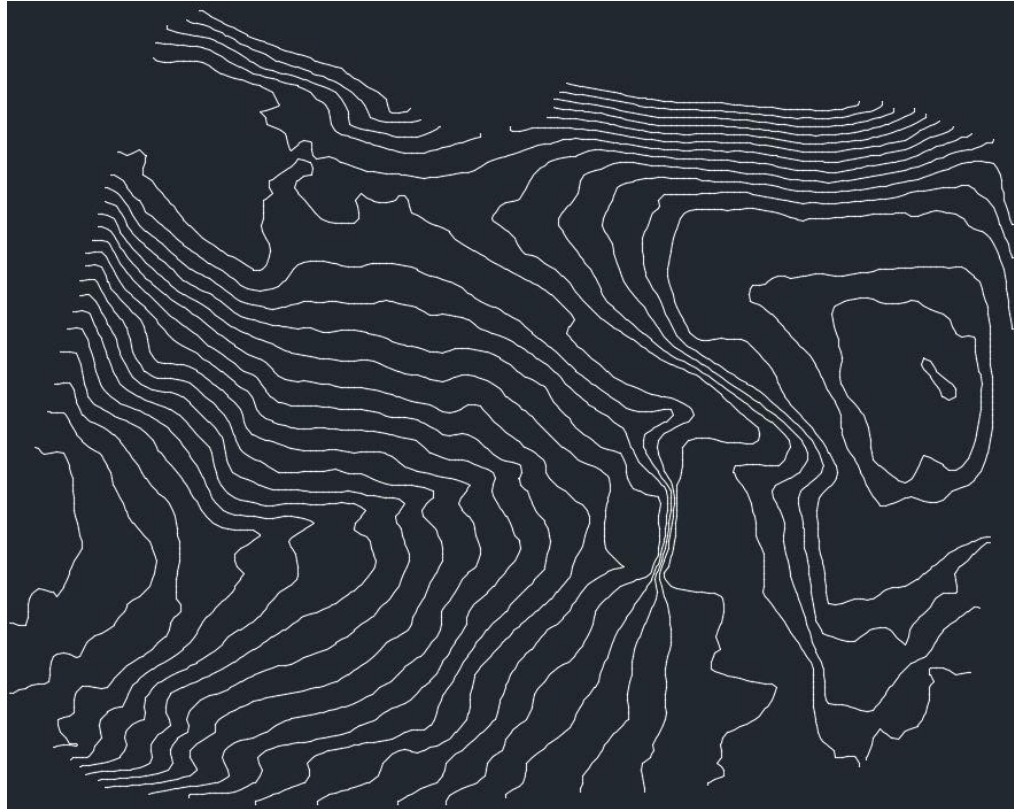
# DENSIFIED POINT CLOUD



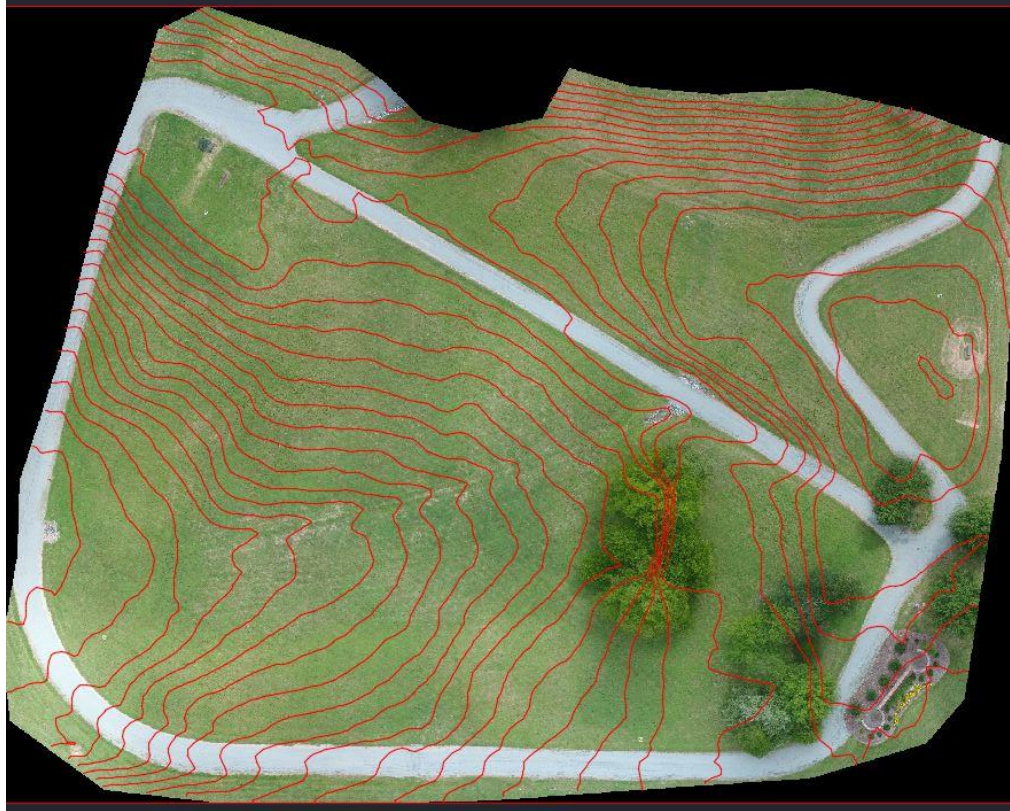
# FINISHED POINT CLOUD



# DATA OUTPUT



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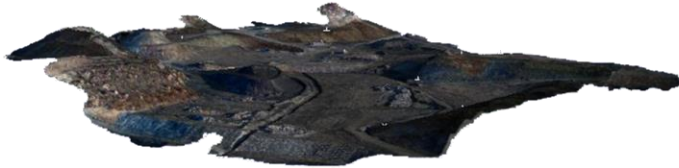




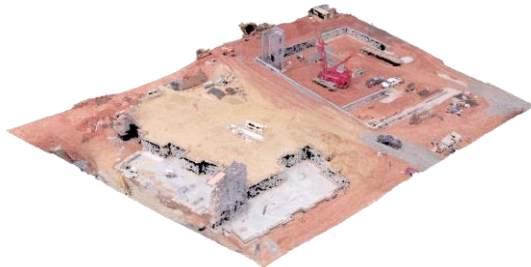
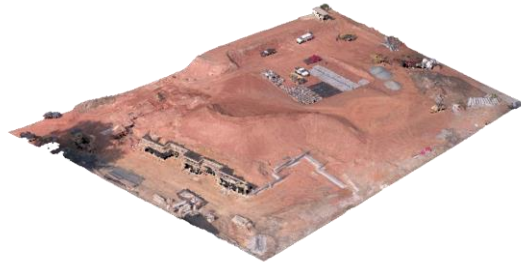
# UAVS USES IN CONSTRUCTION



- As-builts / Progress
- Quantity Checks
- Borrow Pit Surveys
- Documentation



# AS BUILTS / PROGRESS



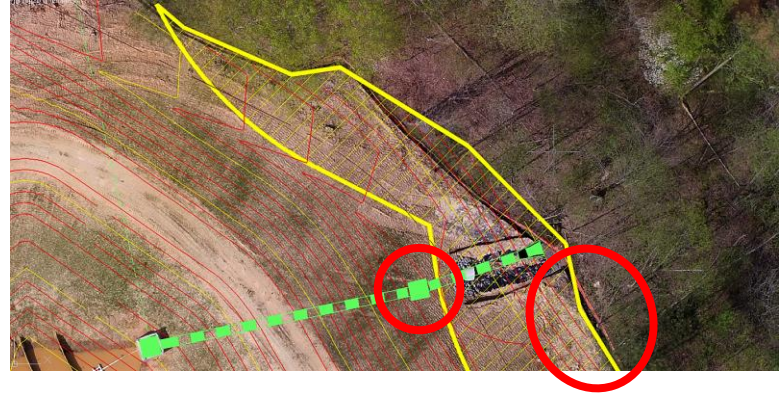
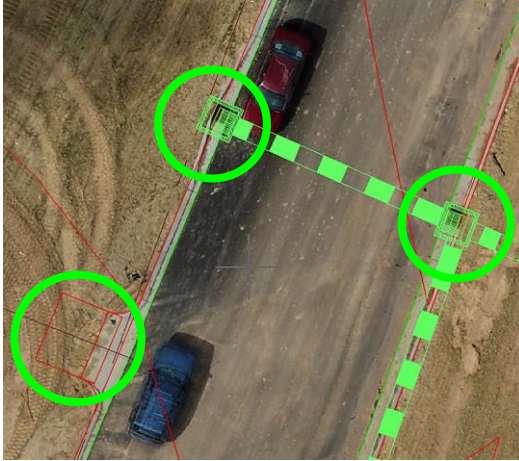
- Capture data throughout the entire process
- Keep track of work that has been completed
- Share data with stakeholders and team members

# BORROW PIT SURVEYS



- Cover large areas in less time
- Safer than walking in pit
- Higher detail than traditional methods

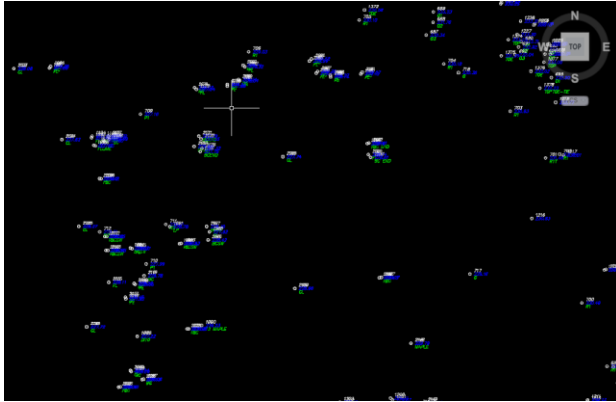
# DOCUMENTATION



- Document work
- Identify Conflicts
- Compare design to as-built conditions



# SURVEYING



## Traditional Base & Rover

- Surveyor walks around with a GPS rover and stakes out points



## UAV Aerial Mapping

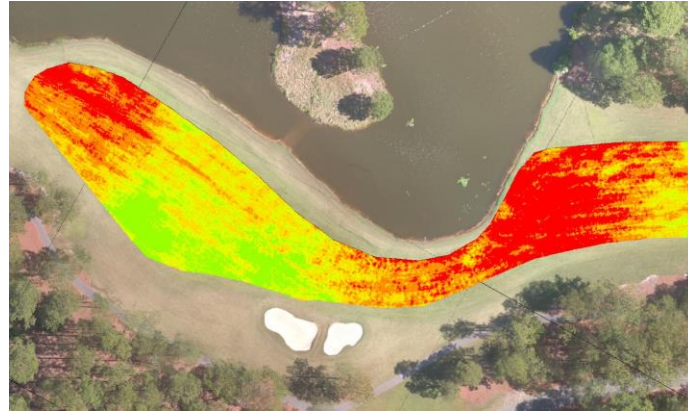
- Blanketed coverage of a site.
- More information that you can collect traditionally.

# INSPECTION



- Increased Safety
- Avoid climbing dangerous slopes
- Peripheral photos

# GOLF COURSES



- Delineation of spray areas for automated sprayers
- High resolution imagery for golf course designers
- NDVI imagery for turf health

# ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS

- Pipeline Inspection
- Building Inspection
- Equipment Inventory
- Safety Records
- Mining Exploration
- Insurance
- Bridge Mapping
- Pinpoint Gas Leaks
- Inspect Electrical Equipment
- Solar Farm Inspection
- Collect Wetland Data
- Inspect Dams
- Monitor Shoreline Erosion
- Map Roadways
- Disaster Response
- Search and Rescue
- Crop Scouting



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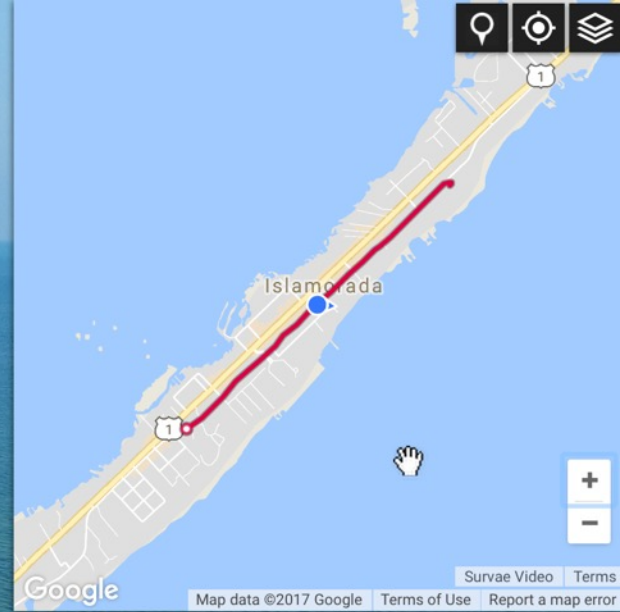


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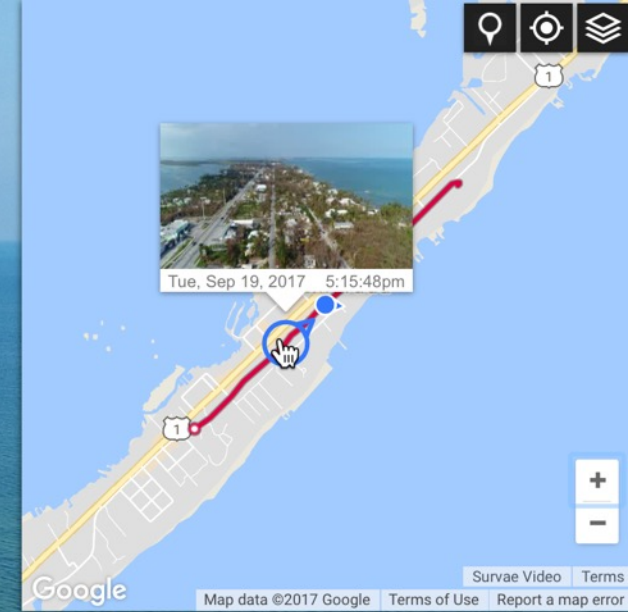
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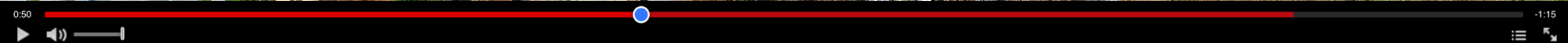
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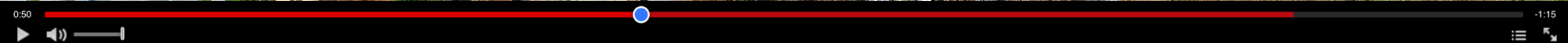
Hover over the route to preview a location.





Click to go to that place.



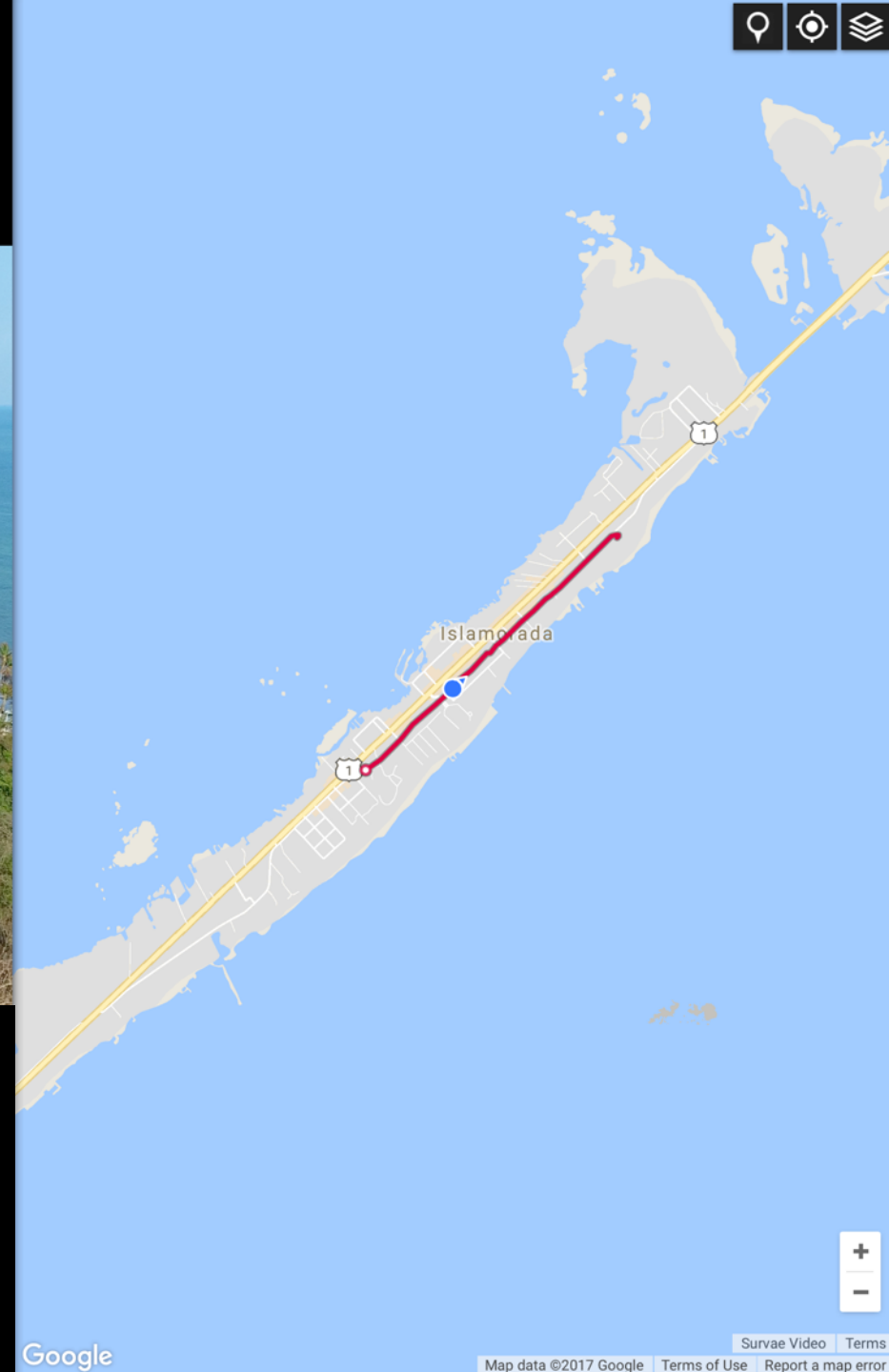


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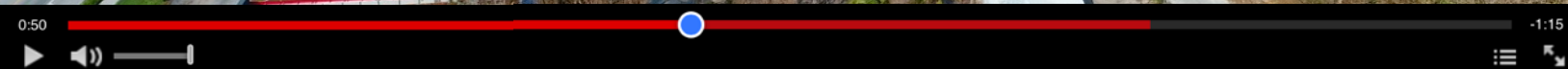




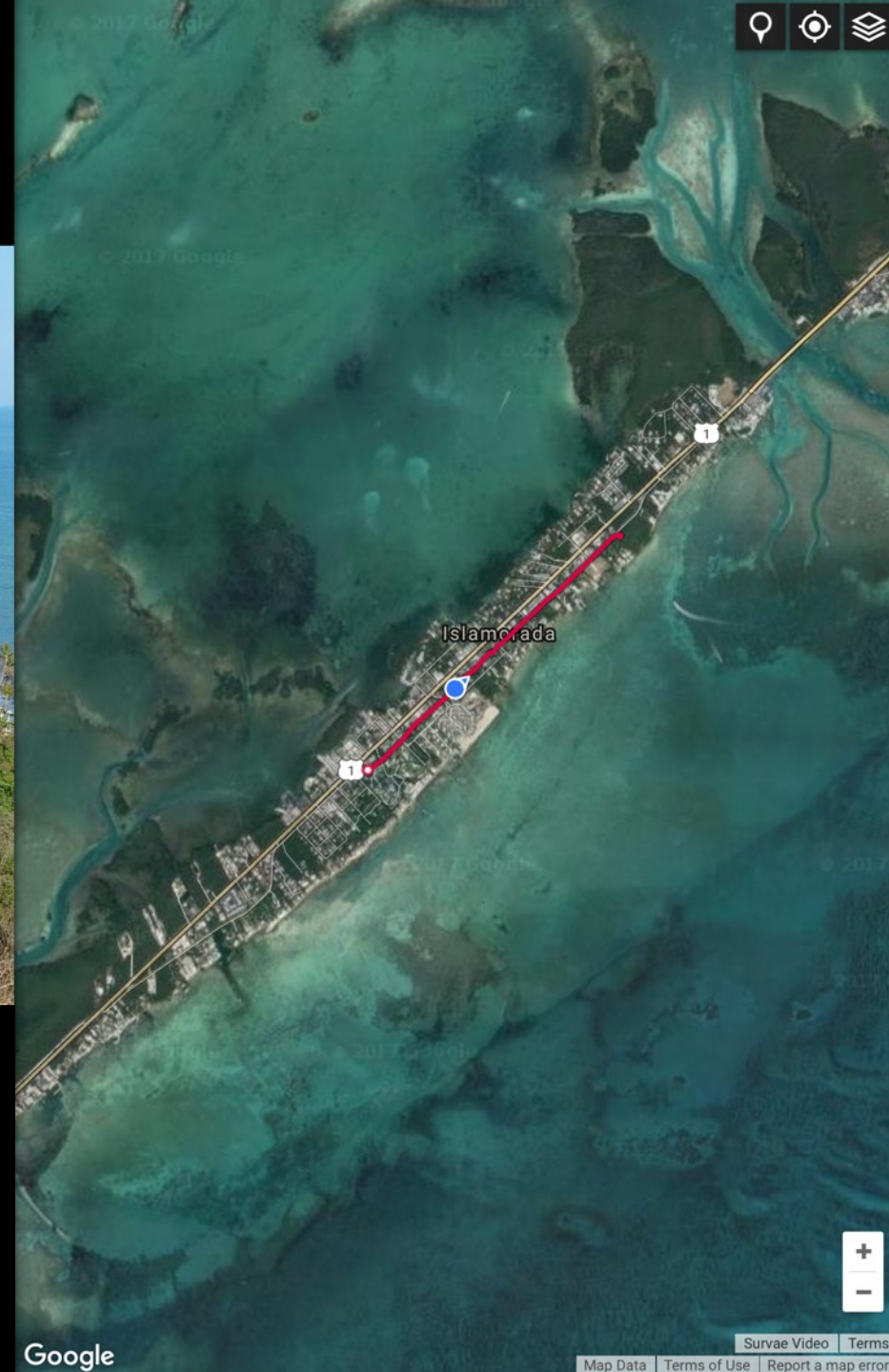
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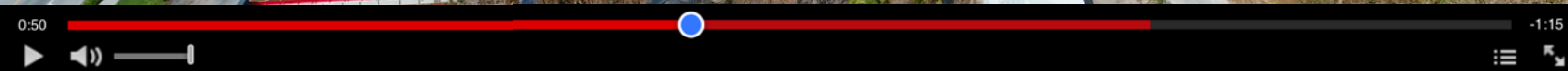
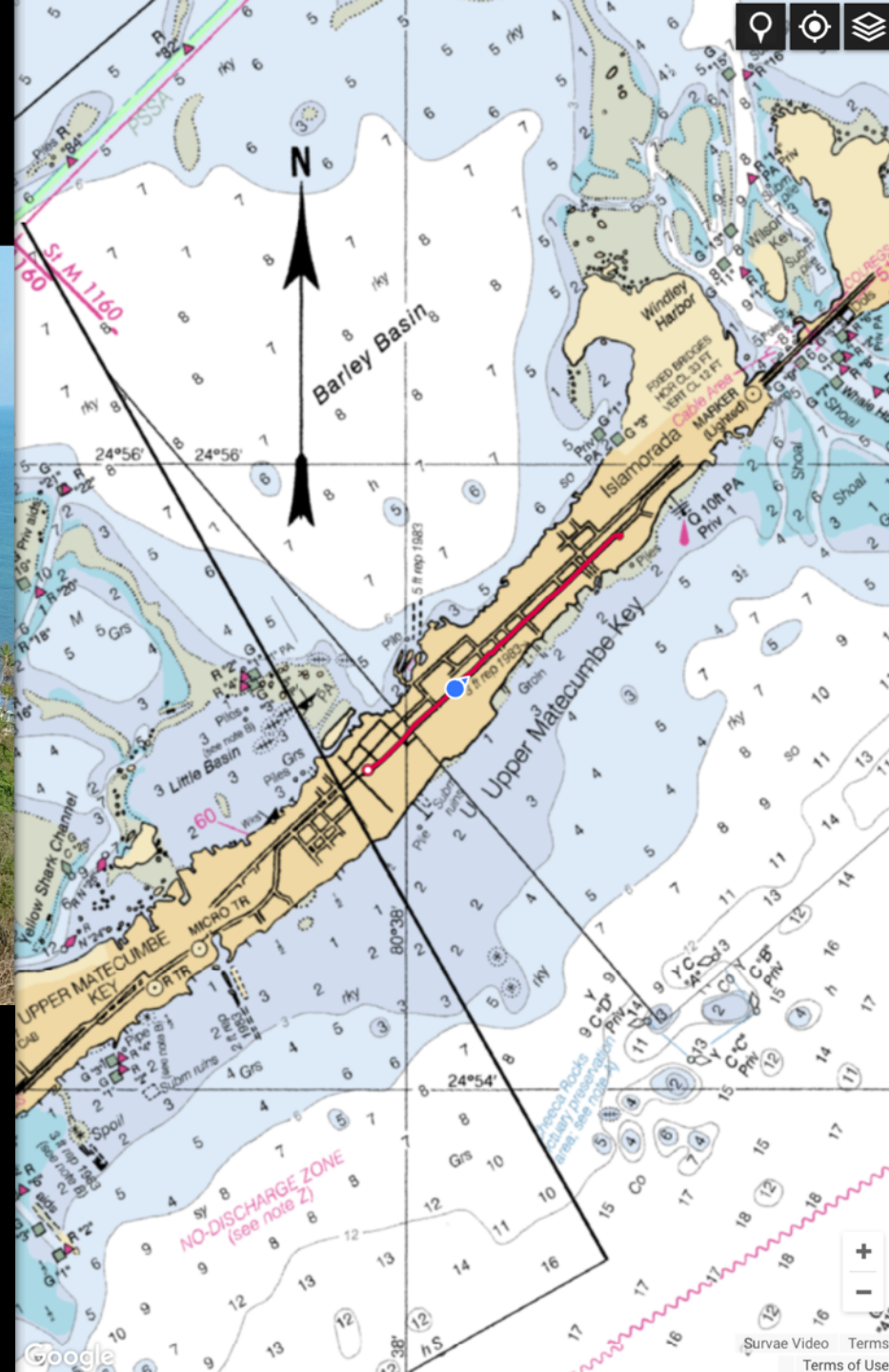




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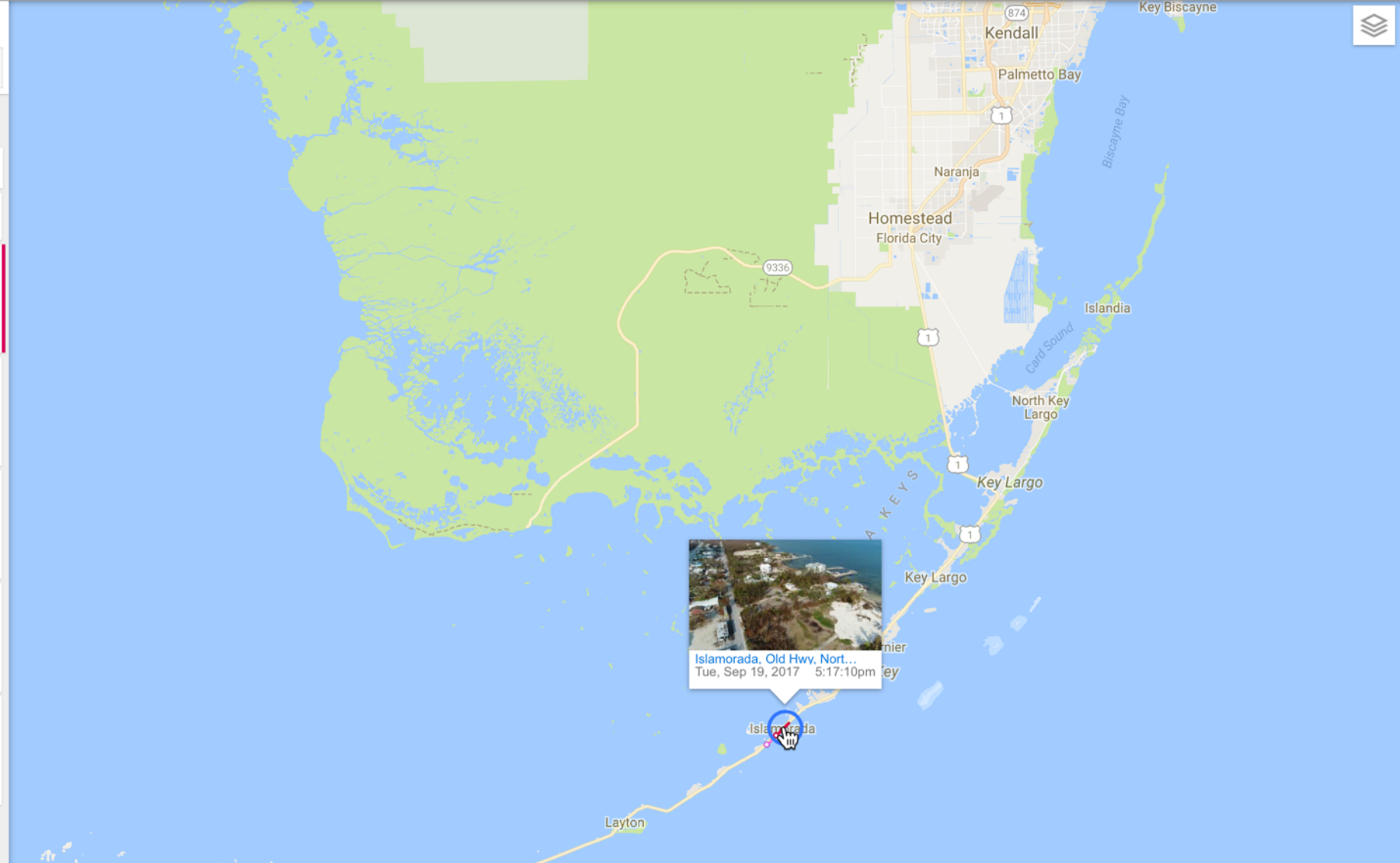
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A map of the Islamorada, Florida area, showing the coastline and surrounding waters. The map includes labels for various locations such as Islamorada, Old Hwy, North, FL; Islamorada, Old Hwy - south, FL; North Bay Village, Hurricane Aftermath ...; North Bay Village, FL - test; and North Bay Village, FL. The map also shows the Florida Keys, including Key Largo, Key Biscayne, and Key West. A blue line indicates a flight path or route along the coast. A small inset map shows a zoomed-in view of the Islamorada, Old Hwy, North, FL area, with a red circle highlighting a specific location. The map is overlaid with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The bottom of the map shows the Google logo and copyright information.


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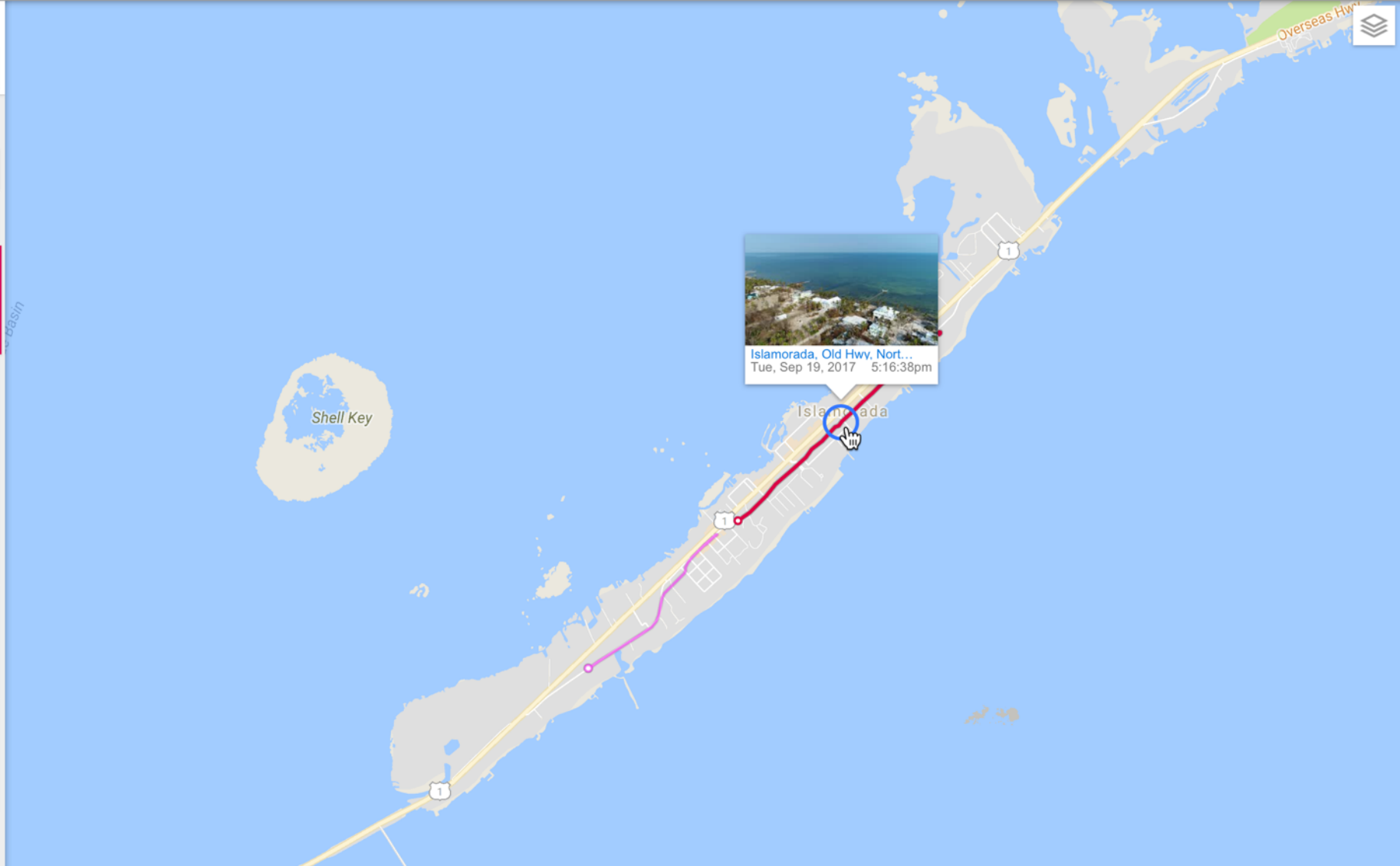
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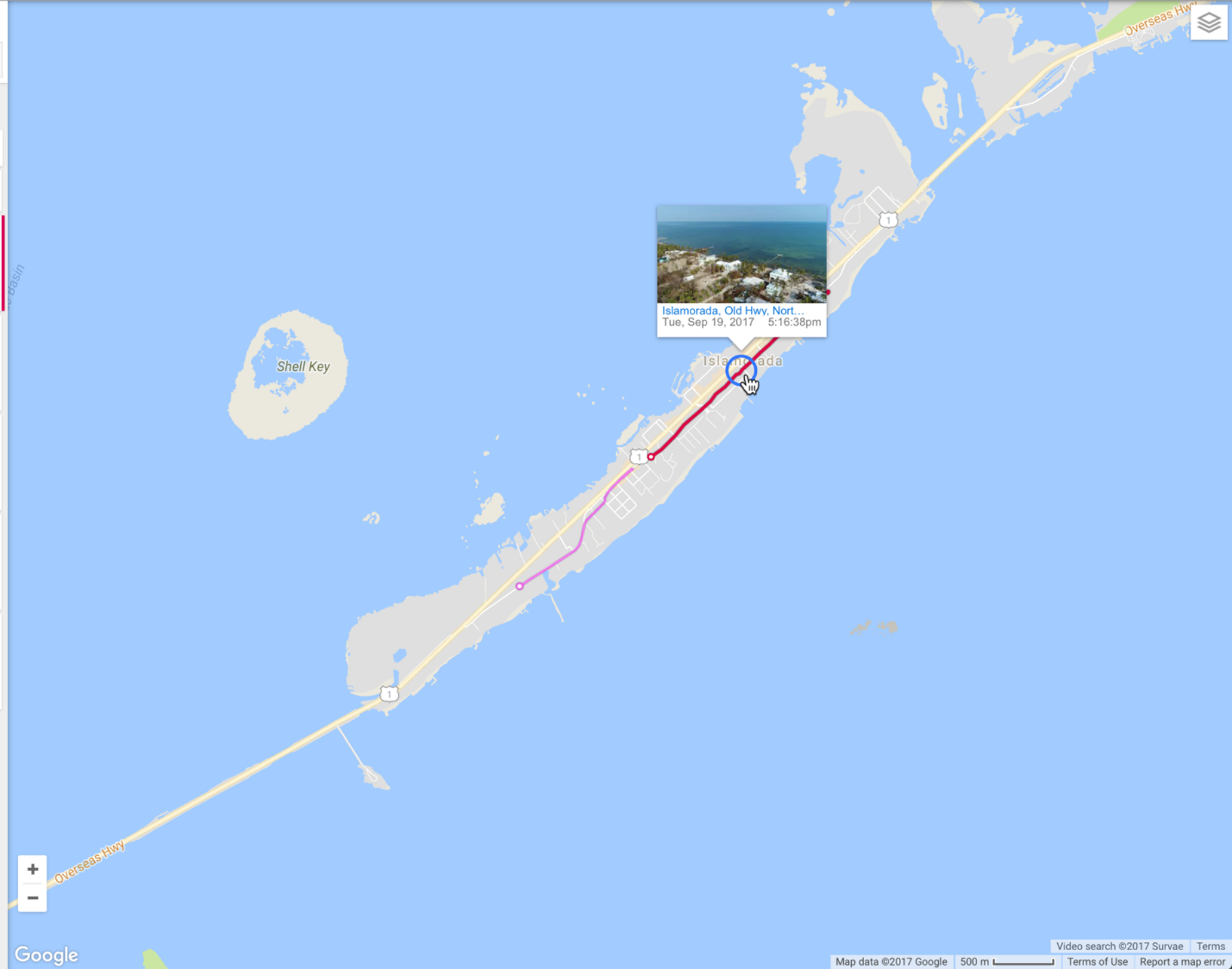
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# North Carolina State Highway Patrol

## Collision Reconstruction Unit

### Trooper Brian Leventhal







# What is Collision Reconstruction?

Collision Reconstruction is the scientific process of investigating, analyzing, and drawing conclusions about the causes and events during a vehicle collision.

## We are Investigators!



# Collision Reconstruction Unit



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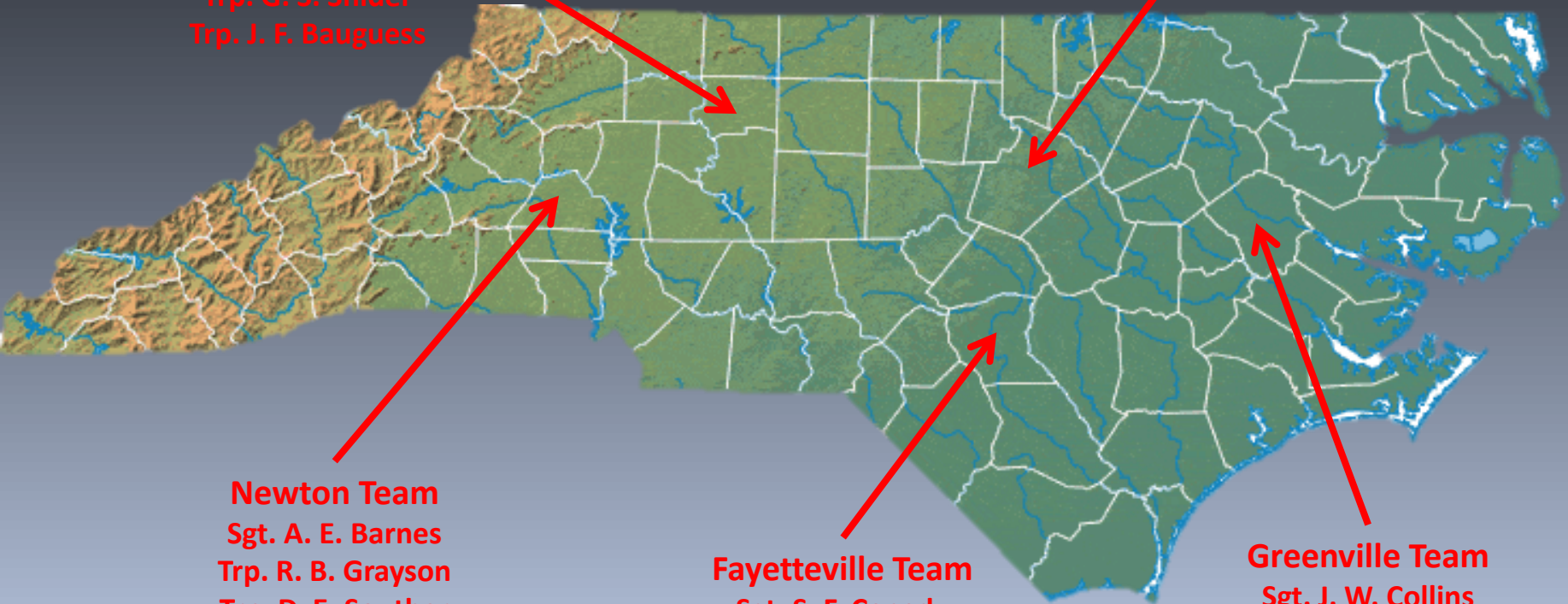
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# Our Mission



- **Collision Reconstruction**
- **Crime Scene Documentation**
- **Respond to Natural Disasters**
- **Respond to Public Disturbances**





# Previous Methods of Measurement & Documentation

200' Measuring Tape

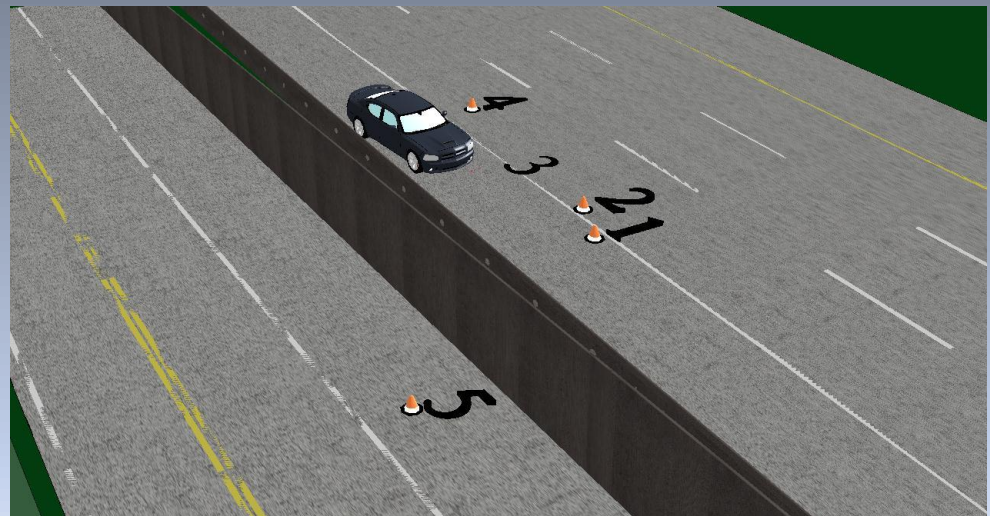
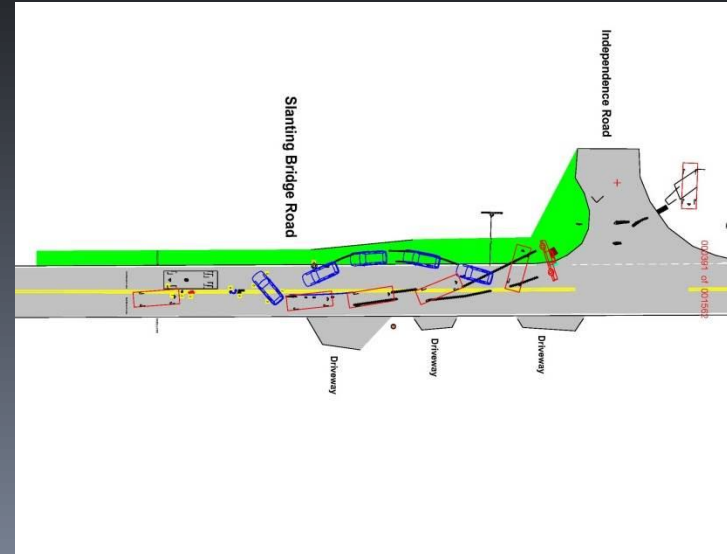


Nikon Total Station





# Finished Product





# Current Method of Measurement & Documentation

## Pros

- Accurate
- Detailed
- Measurable
- 3D Images

## Cons

- Time Consuming



**FARO Focus3D X330  
Laser Scanner**





# Finished Product



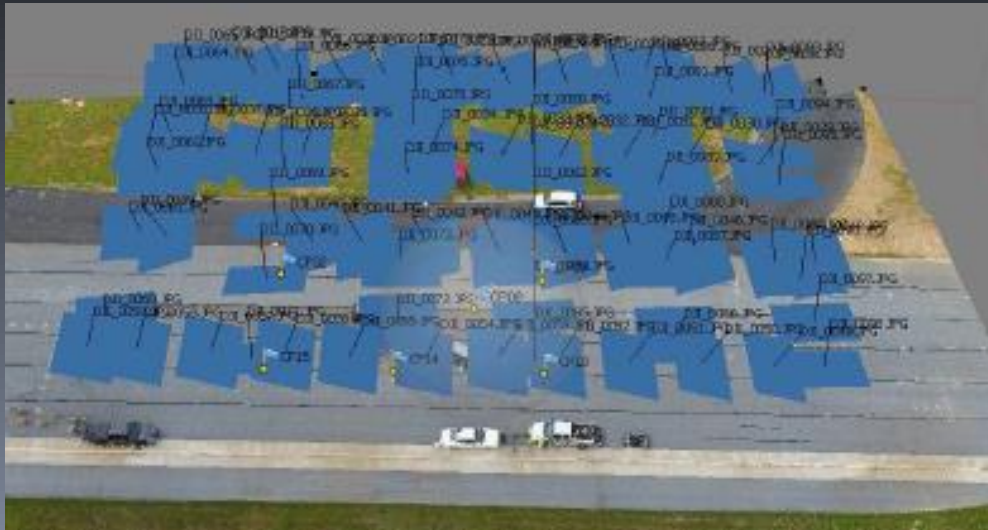


# More Efficient Method of Measurement & Documentation





# Finished Product



## Pros

- Accurate
- Detailed
- Measurable
- 3D Images

## Cons

- Time Consuming



Images and data provided by the UAS Program Office  
Division of Aviation – NCDOT from the  
Collision Scene Reconstruction using  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Study





# Finished Product Fly Through





# A New Perspective







# Study of Collision Scene Reconstruction using Unmanned Aircraft Systems

- Study conducted on May 22, 2017 at the Buncombe County Public Safety Training Facility
- UAS Program Office, Division of Aviation – NCDOT
- NCSHP Collision Reconstruction Unit
- 40 mph head-on collision
- Scene was mapped by NCDOT DOA UAS Flight Team using 3 different UAS's (DJI Mavic Pro, Phantom 4, & Inspire 2)
- NCSHP Collision Reconstruction Unit mapped the same scene with the FARO Focus3D X330 Laser Scanner







# Accuracy

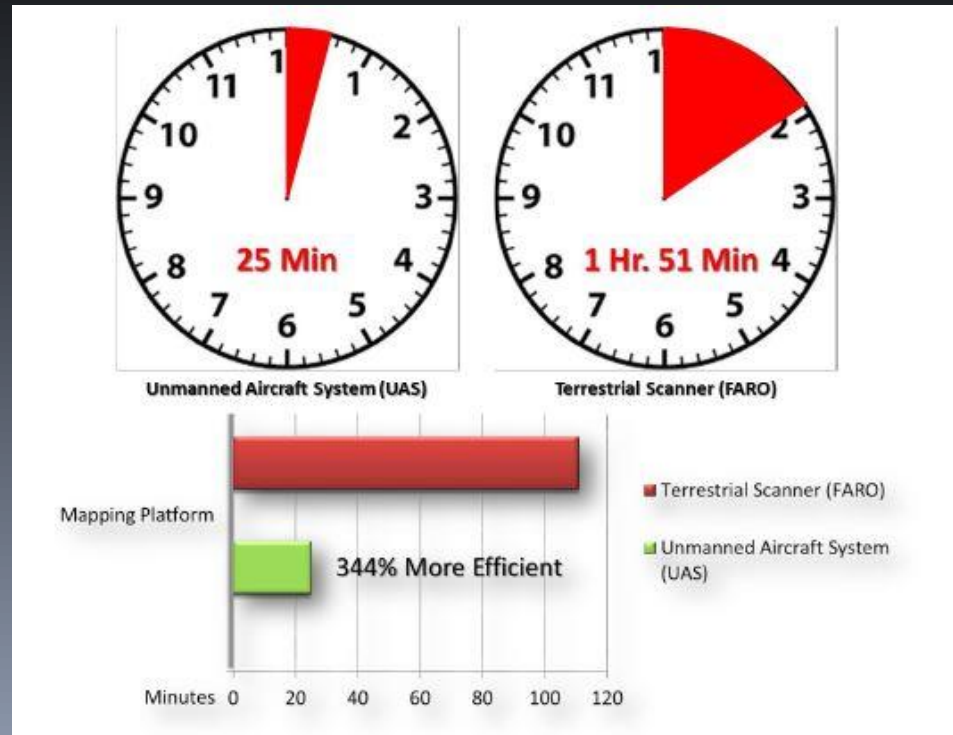
- Determined using 6 ground control points
- Points were surveyed by NCDOT Field Survey Office
- Accuracy was found to be within .03 ft. (.36 in.)



Skid comparison



# Time to Map Comparison





# 40 mph Head-on Collision







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