

# ATLAS July 2021 News

## Latest ATLAS Application Upgrade Is Live

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### Changes to ATLAS Workbench, Screening Tool, & Search Tool.

The ATLAS team has released application changes and enhancements on **July 14th, 2021**. The ATLAS team continues to conduct outreach to maintain requested changes to current Workbench tabs (Project Management, Hydraulics, Permitting, Utilities, and more). The new Final Environmental Documentation tab is the latest tab to be added to ATLAS Workbench.

### Highlights and New Features

- Major Workbench loading speed improvements.
- Collapsible groups on Workbench Tabs.
- Automatic file renaming in the Workbench.
- Legend added to Project ID selection in Screening Tool.
- Cache Busting.
- Ability to cancel a screening.

ATLAS Tip Sheets, available [here](#), have been updated to reflect changes included with this application release. For a full list of changes and enhancements implemented in the latest ATLAS release, please see the full [ATLAS Quarter 2 release notes](#).

## ATLAS Quarter 2 Release Webinar and General Training

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**Save the Date!**  
**July 28 at 10AM**  
**ATLAS Quarterly Webinar**

The ATLAS Team will hold a webinar on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10-11AM to demo ATLAS application enhancements from our ATLAS Quarter 2 Release and host a Q&A for attendees. All are welcome to attend! A recording will also be made available [here](#) after the webinar.

## ATLAS New User and Refresher Trainings

General ATLAS trainings are held monthly; see the schedule [here](#). Audience for these trainings are DOT staff, consultants, and other project partners that are new to ATLAS or users that want a refresher. Specialized training sessions can be scheduled upon request to the ATLAS Help Desk [atlas@ncdot.gov](mailto:atlas@ncdot.gov).

## New GIS-Based Project Screenings Templates

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### New GIS-Based Project Screenings Templates Coming to ATLAS

The ATLAS Team has developed templates within the [ATLAS Screening Tool](#) to help project teams identify protected resources early in project development. These new NCDOT Screening templates will include pre-selected statewide key layers of interest grouped by topic, such as potential recreational Section 4(f) resources or protected waters. These are particularly helpful early in the planning process to identify potential resources in a project study area.

### Current NCDOT Templates

- Merger Pre-Screening
- Section 4(f) Historic
- Section 4(f) Recreation
- Clean Water Act Resources
- Section 6(f) and Conservation Lands
- Federal Lands, Railroads, and Airports
- Flood Data
- Coastal Resources

These screening templates allow quick access to the most current data and can be used to quickly identify potential resources near a project by pulling existing data. Users now have these NCDOT templates available for screening. They are available for use at any time and are most useful in the early planning process. Additional templates will continue to be added in the future, with additional data updated to existing templates. NCDOT templates are anticipated to be available in late July 2021.