U-2412A UCS-741A

Summary of Project Area, Survey, & Flight

Project

• SR 1486/ SR 4121 (Jamestown Parkway) from I-74 to west of SR 1480 (Vickrey Road) in Guilford County

Image Acquisition

- ucs-741a, DOP 03/07/19, DJI Inspire 2 Drone, DGI Zenmuse X4s camera, FL 8.8 mm, flying height 400ft AMGL
- flown long axis with a west/east direction of flight with nominal 0.116 ft GSD
- weather conditions were overcast, cool, and minimal wind
- manned aircraft flight cs-741a, DOP 03/07/19, Vexcel UltraCam Eagle M3 camera

Survey/Control

- GNSS exposure station data available via GeoCue Loki ASP system
- horizontal datum NAD 1983 (Conus), vertical datum NAVD 88, geoid G12NC, Hawthorne Reset localization point
- no control issues

Project Graphic with Image Background



- March 07, 2019 UAS Flight (UCS-741A)
- Long axis (west/east) oriented nadir flight lines
- 143 images (planned 80% forward and side overlap)

Ground Control Points and Checkpoints Locations



 Orthophoto with 6 field surveyed ground control points, 21independent checkpoints consisting of Aeropoints and field surveyed checkpoints, exposure stations, & original project boundary

Classified Point Cloud Boundary

(from 03-07-19 UAS Flight)



Classified Point Cloud Boundary = 16.2 Acres

Void Areas are Indicated in Pink

Image Alignment Results

Independent Checkpoint Accuracy 6 GCP Only

	Point ID	X error (ft)	Y error (ft)	Z error (ft)
No. Points =		21	21	21
Min (ft) =		-0.055	-0.100	-0.316
Max (ft) =		0.121	0.120	1.139
Mean (ft) =		0.041	-0.004	0.329
Std Dev (ft) =		0.045	0.053	0.478
RMSE (ft) =		0.060	0.052	0.571
FVA (ft) =				1.120
RMSE R (ft) =		0.080		
Case 1 95% CE(ft) =		0.138		
Case 2 ~ CE(ft) =		0.137		

No GNSS Block Shift applied

Independent Checkpoint Accuracy 6 GCP + Exposure Stations

	Point ID	X error (ft)	Y error (ft)	Z error (ft)
No. Points =		21	21	21
Min (ft) =		-0.122	-0.253	-0.260
Max (ft) =		0.177	0.111	0.313
Mean (ft) =		0.029	-0.019	0.039
Std Dev (ft) =		0.095	0.081	0.153
RMSE (ft) =		0.097	0.082	0.154
FVA (ft) =				0.302
RMSE R (ft) =		0.127		
Case 1 95% CE(ft) =		0.220		
Case 2 ~ CE(ft) =		0.219		

GNSS Block Shift applied (0.215 ft, -0.196 ft, -0.553 ft)

Dense Point Cloud Accuracy Results

Vertical RMS Summary Statistics for Check Points using Classified Point Cloud

The following table provides a summary of the vertical RMS statistics for all Check point measurements taken from the classified Point Cloud data.

Check Point RMS Statistics					
Parameter	X residual	Y residual	Z residual		
Number of Points			15		
Maximum (ft.)			0.178		
Minimum (ft.)			-0.226		
Mean (ft.)			-0.044		
Standard Deviation (ft.)			0.120		
RMSE (ft.)			0.123		
95% Accuracy (ft)			0.242		
99.74% Accuracy (ft)			0.370		

76,123,580 points for 16.2 acres

Classified Point Cloud Boundary from 03-07-20 UAS Flight

Point Cloud Generation Process is fully automated so whatever is shown in imagery is captured

1-Foot DEM Accuracy Results

Vertical RMS Summary Statistics for Check Points using 1-foot DEM

The following table provides a summary of the vertical RMS statistics for all Check point measurements taken from the 1-foot DEM data.

Check Point RMS Statistics					
Parameter	X residual	Y residual	Z residuai		
Number of Points			15		
Maximum (ft.)			0.153		
Minimum (ft.)			-0.187		
Mean (ft.)			-0.034		
Standard Deviation (ft.)			0.105		
RMSE (ft.)			0.107		
95% Accuracy (ft)			0.209		
99.74% Accuracy (ft)			0.320		

647,213 points for 16.2 acres

Classified Point Cloud Boundary from 03-07-19 UAS Flight

Point Cloud Generation Process is fully automated so whatever is shown in imagery is captured

2.5-Foot DEM Accuracy Results

Vertical RMS Summary Statistics for Check Points using 2.5-foot DEM

The following table provides a summary of the vertical RMS statistics for all Check point measurements taken from the 2.5-foot DEM data.

Check Point RMS Statistics					
Parameter	X residual Y residual		Z residual		
Number of Points			15		
Maximum (ft.)			0.261		
Minimum (ft.)			-0.165		
Mean (ft.)			0.037		
Standard Deviation (ft.)			0.126		
RMSE (ft.)			0.127		
95% Accuracy (ft)			0.250		
99.74% Accuracy (ft)		Ţ	0.382		

103,523 points for 16.2 acres

Classified Point Cloud Boundary from 03-07-19 UAS Flight

Point Cloud Generation Process is fully automated so whatever is shown in imagery is captured

Summary of Earthwork Quantities (Volume Boundary with Voids from 03-07-19 UAS Flight) Summary of Earthwork Quantities

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(as Compared to Original DTM collected from Manned Aircraft Mission)

Comparison DTM	Mission Date	Point Spacing	Voided Areas	Cut
		(ft)	Excluded	(cubic yards)
UAS Mission UCS-741A	03/07/2019	2.5	Yes	804.385
UAS Mission UCS-741A	03/07/2019	1	Yes 🔔	809.426



Manned Flight DTM Accuracy Results

Vertical RMS Summary Statistics for Check Points using Manned Flight DTM

The following table provides a summary of the Vertical RMS statistics for all Check point measurements taken from the Manned Flight DTM data.

Check Point RMS Statistics					
Parameter	X residual	Y residual	Z residual		
Number of Points			15		
Maximum (ft.)			0.421		
Minimum (ft.)			-0.380		
Mean (ft.)			0.053		
Standard Deviation (ft.)			0.220		
RMSE (ft.)			0.219		
95% Accuracy (ft)			0.429		
99.74% Accuracy (ft)			0.657		

Manned flight DTM has break lines and a 10' grid spacing for points

Vertical RMS Summary Statistics for Check Points using ISDM Stereo View at 60 Degrees

The following table provides a summary of the vertical RMS statistics for all check point stereoscopic measurements using a base to height ratio near 0.30 for manned flight stereo pairs with a 60% overlap.

Check Point RMS Statistics					
Parameter	X residual	Y residual	Z residual		
Number of Points			15		
Maximum (ft.)			0.076		
Minimum (ft.)			-0.113		
Mean (ft.)			-0.010		
Standard Deviation (ft.)			0.059		
RMSE (ft.)			0.058		
95% Accuracy (ft)			0.113		
99.74% Accuracy (ft)			0.174		

Summary Table of RMSE & 95% FVA

Platform	Camera Size & Type	No. of Images	Date of Photography	Product	No. of Independent Check Points	RMSE Z (ft)	FVA (ft)
LIAC	20 Mpixel	160	2/4/2020	AT (GCP only)	21	0.571	1.120
UAS	non-metric	100	2/4/2020	AT (GCP+ GNSS)	21	0.154	0.302
	20 Mpixel	160	2/4/2020	**2 Image Stereo Measurement (80% FOL)	15	N/A	N/A
UAS	non-metric	100	2/4/2020	**2 Image Stereo Measurement (60% FOL)	15	N/A	N/A
Manned Aircraft	450 Mpixel metric	4	1/28/2020	2 Image Stereo Measurement (60% FOL)	15	0.058	0.113
				Dense Point Cloud	15	0.123	0.242
UAS	20 Mipixei	160	2/4/2020	1 feet DEM*	15	0.107	0.209
	non-metric			2.5 foot DEM*	15	0.127	0.250
Manned Aircraft	450 Mpixel metric	4	1/28/2020	DTM* (breaklines & 10 foot spaced points)	15	0.219	0.429

*Standard delivery products (note 2.5 foot DEM may exceed CADD software limits due to number of points)

** AgiSoft Metashape software was used to process the UAS data and it has no 2 image stereo measurement capabilities

U-2412A Original Flight Conclusions

- Target RMSE accuracy values are an X and Y (Easting & Northing) of 0.12 ft and Z (Elevation) of 0.18 ft. The image alignment (aerotriangulation) results using 6 ground control points and GNSS PPK camera station positions yielded RMSE values of 0.097 ft in X, 0.082 ft in Y, and 0.154 ft in Z, all well below the target accuracy values.
- The 1 ft DEM contains 625% more points than the 2.5 ft DEM, thus making the 2.5 ft DEM file size much smaller and more manageable. With a cut difference of only 5.04 cubic yards between the 1 ft DEM and 2.5 ft DEM over 16.2 acres one can conclude that the 2.5 ft DEM is dense enough data to provide for accurate volumetric calculations and comparisons and the 1 ft DEM is not necessary.
- The 2.5 ft UAS DEM has a lower RMSE Z and FVA than the DTM collected from the Manned flight. The denser 2.5 ft DEM point interval captures the overall terrain better than the break lines and 10 ft point interval of the DTM.
- Since there is a limit to the amount of data that can be input into our CADD software, UAS imagery projects are not ideal for larger mapping areas.
- Projects best suited for utilizing UAS imagery should have cleared ground with little to no vegetation.