

APPENDIX C
AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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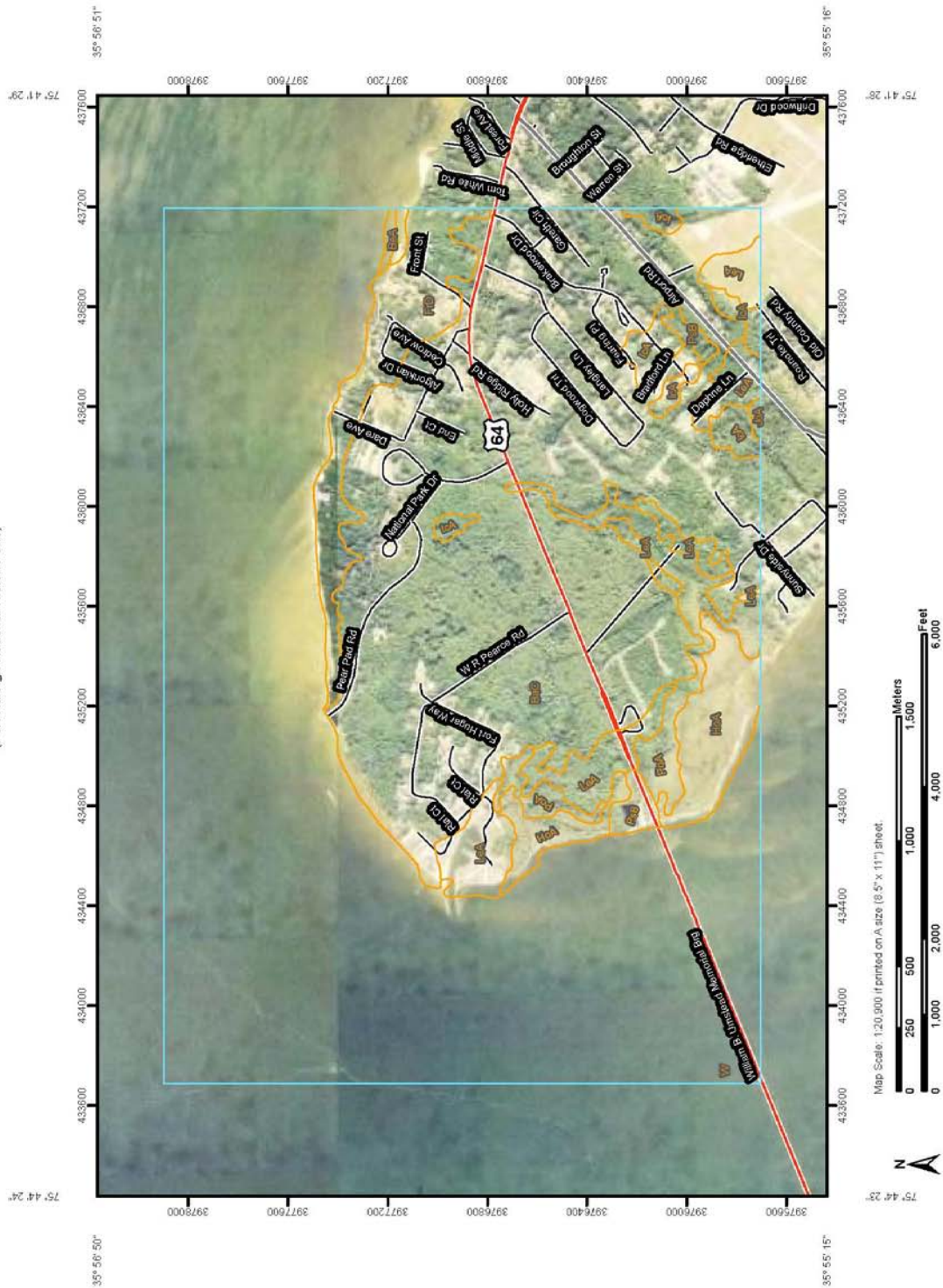
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













































C.3 – Special Status Species Supporting Information

C.1. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey, Soil Map – Dare County, North Carolina

Soil Map—Dare County, North Carolina
(Fort Raleigh National Historic Site)



MAP LEGEND

	Area of Interest (AOI)		Very Stony Spot
	Area of Interest (AOI)		Wet Spot
	Soils		Other
	Soil Map Units		Special Line Features
	Special Point Features		Gully
	Blowout		Short Steep Slope
	Borrow Pit		Other
	Clay Spot		Political Features
	Closed Depression		Cities
	Gravel Pit		Water Features
	Gravelly Spot		Streams and Canals
	Landfill		Transportation
	Lava Flow		Rails
	Marsh or swamp		Interstate Highways
	Mine or Quarry		US Routes
	Miscellaneous Water		Major Roads
	Perennial Water		Local Roads
	Rock Outcrop		
	Saline Spot		
	Sandy Spot		
	Severely Eroded Spot		
	Sinkhole		
	Slide or Slip		
	Sodic Spot		
	Spoil Area		
	Stony Spot		

MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:20,900 If printed on A size (8.5" x 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000. Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 18N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Dare County, North Carolina
Survey Area Data: Version 12, Jul 16, 2009

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 8/26/2006

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Dare County, North Carolina (NC055)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
BaC	Baymeade fine sand, 0 to 10 percent slopes	721.9	34.8%
BeA	Beaches, 0 to 2 percent slopes, storm tidal	2.5	0.1%
FrD	Fripp fine sand, 2 to 30 percent slopes	77.3	3.7%
HoA	Hobonny muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	62.9	3.0%
IcA	Icaria loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	34.8	1.7%
JoA	Johns loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1.4	0.1%
LeA	Leon fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	81.9	3.9%
PoA	Ponzer muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	54.7	2.6%
PsB	Psamments, 0 to 6 percent slopes	12.6	0.6%
W	Water	1,025.7	49.4%
Totals for Area of Interest		2,075.6	100.0%

**C.2. Federal Emergency Management Agency Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map Panels for
Dare County, North Carolina - Fort Raleigh National Historic Site Area**

C.3. Special Status Species Supporting Information

Table C.3.1. Information on Listed Species that May Occur Near Fort Raleigh National Historic Site not Affected by Actions Proposed in this General Management Plan

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Status	Habitat and Occurrence
West Indian manatee (<i>Trichechus manatus</i>)	Federal: Endangered NC: Endangered	<p>West Indian manatees occur in warm shallow waters (near shore, salt water bays, and estuarine habitats) of subtropical regions of the Atlantic coast ranging from coastal North Carolina to the Florida Keys, into the Gulf of Mexico and west to the Louisiana coast. In areas north of Florida, the species is primarily a migrant or irregular visitor and has been recorded in North Carolina waters from June to October. Seasonal migrations along the Atlantic coast range from 125 to 190 miles (O'Shea and Ludlow 1992 in NatureServe 2010). Manatees may overwinter (October to April) in North Carolina in warm water discharges from coastal power plants. Manatees observed along the coast are often in water 3-5 meters deep (prefer a depth of 1-2 meters), usually in areas lacking strong current and are consistently associated with freshwater sources (Lefebvre et al. 1989 in NatureServe 2010). Manatees consume almost exclusively submerged aquatic vegetation and sometimes shoreline vegetation. The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program reports the last manatee sighting in October of 1986 within 2 miles of the national historic site (NCNHP 2011). Threats include habitat loss and degradation, and mortality from boat collisions, hunting, fishing, red tide poisoning, entrapment in water control structures, entanglement in fishing gear, and exposure to cold temperatures (Nature Serve 2010).</p> <p>Rationale: The last recorded observation of the west Indian manatee was in 1986 within 2 miles of the national historic site, with a poor chance of persisting for an extended period of time (NCNHP 2011). Actions proposed under this general management plan would not directly or indirectly affect the listed West Indian manatee or adversely modify designated critical habitat. The West Indian manatee would be further addressed under the Outer Banks Group Shoreline Erosion Management Plan and related National Environmental Compliance Act assessment prior to any protection or modification of the national historic site's shoreline. Therefore this species was not further assessed under this General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.</p>
Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>)	Federal: Threatened NC: Threatened	<p>The loggerhead sea turtle is a federally-listed threatened species inhabiting continental shelves, bays, estuaries, and lagoons in temperate, subtropical, and tropical waters. Loggerhead sea turtles have a varied diet but feed mainly on mollusks, crustaceans, and horseshoe crabs (Dodd 1992). In the Atlantic, the range of the Loggerhead sea turtle extends from Newfoundland to as far south as Argentina. During the summer, nesting occurs in the lower latitudes. Mating takes place in late March to early June, and eggs are laid throughout the summer. The primary Atlantic nesting sites are along the east coast of Florida, with additional sites in Georgia, the Carolinas, and the Gulf Coast of Florida. The loggerhead sea turtle was listed as threatened throughout its range in 1978, with the most significant threats to the loggerhead sea turtle populations being coastal development, commercial fisheries, and pollution. Loggerhead sea turtles are the most abundant species in U.S. coastal waters, and are often captured incidentally by shrimp trawling (NMFS 2005).</p> <p>Rationale: Actions proposed under this general management plan would not directly or indirectly affect the listed Loggerhead sea turtle or adversely</p>

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		modify designated critical habitat. The loggerhead sea turtle would be further addressed under the Outer Banks Group Shoreline Erosion Management Plan and related National Environmental Compliance Act assessment prior to any protection or modification of the national historic site's shoreline. Therefore this species was further assessed under this General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.
Shortnose sturgeon (<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>)	Federal: Endangered NC: Endangered	<p>The shortnose sturgeon is found along the Atlantic coast from New Brunswick to Florida. Historically, the species was widely reported in North Carolina rivers, however current distribution is not well known. This species occurs sparsely in the Cape Fear River drainage, Albemarle Sound, and Pamlico Sound (unconfirmed report). The species has also been reported in the Cape Fear River, Pee Dee River, and Roanoke River (close proximity to the river's mouth). Shortnose sturgeon migrate from ocean/ estuaries into freshwater rivers between February and May, and spawn April through June. Spawning habitat generally consists of sand to boulder sized substrate of inland freshwater rivers with low to moderate flow (0.2-1.8 meters per second) (NatureServe 2010). Ocean and estuary habitat consists of deep pools, soft substrate and vegetated bottoms. Shortnose sturgeons feed on mollusks, crustaceans, insect larvae, and polychaete worms (NatureServe2010). Threats to the species include overfishing, degradation of habitat by erosion, siltation, toxic pollution, and dams that interfere with upstream migration to spawning areas (NCNHP 2010). The last recorded observation occurred near the national historic site on May 18, 1998 (NCNHP 2011).</p> <p>Rationale: The Shortnose sturgeon has recently been verified to still exist within 2 miles of the national historic site, but there is insufficient information to estimate its viability/ecological integrity (NCNHP 2010). Actions proposed under this general management plan would not directly or indirectly affect the listed Shortnose sturgeon or adversely modify designated critical habitat. The West Indian manatee would be further addressed under the Outer Banks Group Shoreline Erosion Management Plan and related National Environmental Compliance Act assessment prior to any protection or modification of the national historic site's shoreline. Therefore this species was not further assessed under this General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.</p>
Sand heather (<i>Hudsonia tomentosa</i>)	NC: Significantly Rare	<p>Sand heather occurs in dunes and maritime forest openings, and flowers May-June (Fussell, 1997b). The species was extirpated from the national historic site due to dune erosion and succession of the Maritime Evergreen Forest (pers. comm. NCNHP 2010 in NPS 2011)</p> <p>Rationale: Sand heather was extirpated from the national historic site due to dune erosion and succession of the Maritime Evergreen Forest. Therefore this species was not further assessed under this General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.</p>

Table C.3.1. Listed Species of Concern

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	State Status
Shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	Endangered
West Indian manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Northern diamondback terrapin	<i>Malaclemys terrapin terrapin</i>	Species of Concern	Special Concern
Black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	Species of Concern	Special Concern
Blue witch grass	<i>Dichanthelium caeruleum</i>		Endangered
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	Threatened
Carolina watersnake	<i>Nerodia sipedon williamengelsi</i>		Special Concern
Sand heather	<i>Hudsonia tomentosa</i>		Significantly Rare
Ringed witch grass	<i>Dichanthelium annulum</i>		Significantly Rare
Moundlily yucca	<i>Yucca gloriosa</i>		Significantly Rare
Giant swallowtail butterfly	<i>Papilio cresphontes</i>		Significantly Rare
Northern oak hairstreak butterfly	<i>Satyrium favonius ontario</i>		Significantly Rare

Source: NPS 2011.

Table C.3.2. Government Performance and Results Act, Species Of Management, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

Common Name	Scientific name	Federal Status	State Status	NPS Desired Condition Details
black-throated green warbler - coastal plain population	<i>Dendroica virens waynei</i>		State Listed - Significantly Rare	NPSpecies Present in Park
peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		State Listed - Endangered	NPSpecies Present in Park; annual nest and fledge chicks
little metalmark	<i>Calephrys hesseli</i>		State Listed - Significantly Rare	NPSpecies Present in Park
timber rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>		State Listed - Special Concern	NPSpecies Present in Park
northern diamondback terrapin	<i>Malaclemys terrapin terrapin</i>		State Listed - Special Concern	NPSpecies Present in Park
Carolina water snake	<i>Nerodia sipedon williamengelsi</i>		State Listed - Special Concern	NPSpecies Present in Park
twig-rush	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>		State Listed - Significantly Rare - Other	Fussell 1997 reported observation; species threatened by beach migration
saltmarsh spikerush	<i>Eleocharis halophila</i>		State Listed - Threatened	Fussell 1997 reported tentative observation of species; probably present; threatened by common reed and development
winged seedbox	<i>Ludwigia alata</i>		State Listed - Significantly Rare - Peripheral	Fussell 1997 reported observation; species threatened by beach migration and common reed in marsh
moundlily yucca	<i>Yucca gloriosa</i>		State Listed - Significantly Rare - Peripheral	NPSpecies Probably Present; present on Harriot Nature Trail; need to confirm ID

Source: NPS 2010

Table C.3.3. North Carolina Natural Heritage Program 2-Mile Radius Search Results

Scientific name	EO Nb	Common Name	Date Last Observed	EO Rank	EO Accuracy	State Protected Status	Federal Protection Status	State Rank	Global Rank	Habitat Comments
<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	21	Shortnose Sturgeon	1998-05-18	E	Medium	E	E	S1	G3	Brackish water of larger rivers and estuaries; spawns in freshwater areas.
<i>Dichanthelium annulum</i>	14	Ringed Witch Grass	1958-09-09	H	Low	SR-P		S1	GNR	Dry sandy or rocky open woods and borders of thickets
<i>Dichanthelium caeruleum</i>	4	Blue Witch Grass	1898-06-10	H	Very Low	E		S1S2	G2G3	Wet savannas with a calcareous influence
<i>Hudsonia tomentosa</i>	7	Sand Heather	1936-06-04	X	Low	T		S2	G5	Openings in maritime forest, blowouts, and dunes
<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>	21	Diamondback Terrapin	1887-PRE	H	Very Low	SC	FSC, in part	S3	G4	Salt or brackish marshes, estuaries [NHP previously tracked records at the subspecies level; as there is uncertainty about identity of turtles in NC at the subspecies level, and as it is listed as State Special Concern by WRC only at the species level, NHP is now tracking only at the species level. NOTE: The northern subspecies (essentially Dare County) – M.t. terrapin – has a U.S. status of FSC; the southern subspecies (essentially the southern half of the coast) –M.t. centrata – has no U.S. status.
Maritime evergreen forest	14		2010-06-28	C	High			S1	G2G3	
<i>Nerodia sipedon</i>	20	Carolina	1992	E	Very Low	SC		S3	G5T3	Salt of brackish marshes (endemic to

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<i>Papilio cresphontes</i>	21	Giant Swallowtail	2007-09-18	C?	Medium	SR		S2S3	G5	Primarily coastal in maritime forests of thickets; also in foothills and mountains near hoptree; host plants – prickly-ash (<i>Zanthoxylum</i>), hoptree (<i>Ptelea</i>)
<i>Satyrion favonius Ontario</i>	2	Northern Oak Hairstreak	1977	H	Low	SR		S2S3	G4T4	Oak-dominated woods, usually in dry sites; host plants – oaks (<i>quercus</i>)
<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	21	West Indian manatee	1986-10	D	Very Low	E	E	S1N	G2	Warm waters of estuaries and river mouths

Source: NCNHP 2011

Element of Natural Diversity (or simply, "Element"): any natural feature. Natural features tracked by the NCNHP include: (1) rare plant and animal species, sub-species, varieties, and populations; (2) rare and high-quality natural communities; and (3) notable animal assemblages, such as heronries and shorebird nesting areas.

Element Occurrence (EO): a specific occurrence of an element of natural diversity. All Eos are mapped as polygons. An EO polygon includes the land and/or water occupied by the element and any locational uncertainty associated with the record.

EO Accuracy: a rough measure of the accuracy the mapped EO. Possible values are: Very High Greater than 95% of the polygon is occupied by the element.

High - Between 80% and 95% of the polygon is occupied by the element.

Medium - Between 20% and 80% of the polygon is occupied by the element.

Low - Between 5% and 20% of the polygon is occupied by the element.

Very Low - Less than 5% of the polygon is occupied by the element.

Unknown - The percentage of the polygon is occupied by the element is unknown.

Blank - An Estimated Representational Accuracy has not been assigned.

EO Number: a number assigned to each occurrence of a specific element. For example, the fourth record for *Carex lutea* entered into our database would be assigned an EO number of 4.

EO Rank: an assessment of viability (for species or animal assemblages) or ecological integrity (for natural communities). Possible values are:

A - Excellent estimated viability/ecological integrity The EO has an excellent chance of persisting for an extended period of time.

B - Good estimated viability/ecological integrity The EO has a good chance of persisting for an extended period of time.

C - Fair estimated viability/ecological integrity The EO has a fair chance of persisting for an extended period of time.

D - Poor estimated viability/ecological integrity The EO has a poor chance of persisting for an extended period of time.

E - Verified extant (viability/ecological integrity not assessed) The EO has recently been verified to still exist, but there is insufficient information to estimate its viability/ecological integrity.

F - Failed to find Recent surveys failed to relocate an EO previously reported, but there is no evidence occurrence has been destroyed.

H - Historical There is no recent survey information to verify the continued existence of an EO previously reported.

X - Extirpated The EO is known to be destroyed.

U - Unrankable The EO cannot be assigned a rank because of insufficient information.

NR - Not ranked The EO has not yet been assigned a rank.

_? - There is uncertainty about the rank (used as a qualifier of the above ranks).

Note: For occurrences with a mixed rank (e.g., "AC"), the actual rank is uncertain and lies somewhere within the range specified.

Date: Typically, the date an occurrence was last observed is entered as "yyyy-mm-dd", where "yyyy" is the four-digit year, "mm" is the month as a number, and "dd" is the day. Occasionally this date is not precisely known and is entered in an alternate format. Some examples of alternate values are:

2001-08: During August 2001

1953: During 1953

1871-pre: Before 1871

1995-post: After 1995

1975-spr: In the spring of 1975

1992-sum: In the summer of 1992

1975-fall: In the fall of 1975

1960-1961-wi: In the winter of 1960-61

1955-circa: Sometime around 1955

1990s: Sometime during the 1990's

1960s-early: Sometime during the early 1960's

2002-2005: Between 2002 and 2005

1998?: Possibly 1998