



**TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL**

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SUBJECT: STIP Project No. HO-0013  
Downtown Intersection Improvements  
Chapel Hill, Orange County, NC

Dear Agency Member,

The Town of Chapel Hill has started the project development, environmental, and engineering studies for project HO-0013 in Chapel Hill, Orange County, NC. This project proposes to upgrade the existing signalized intersections at West Franklin Street/North Graham Street and East Franklin Street/Columbia Street. Upgrades would include metal signal poles with mast arms and minor curb and gutter repairs around the base of the poles. The coordinates of this project are approximately 35.909874, -79.064216 and 35.913147, -79.055793.

The project is included in the NCDOT 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with right-of-way acquisition scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and construction beginning in FY 2026. This schedule is subject to change. The project is federally funded, and a federal environmental document will be prepared; a Categorical Exclusion is anticipated. A scoping meeting is not anticipated at this time.

Attached for your review and comment is a vicinity map and an environmental features map for the proposed project. We would appreciate any information you may have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts of the project. If applicable, please identify any permits or approvals that may be required by your agency.

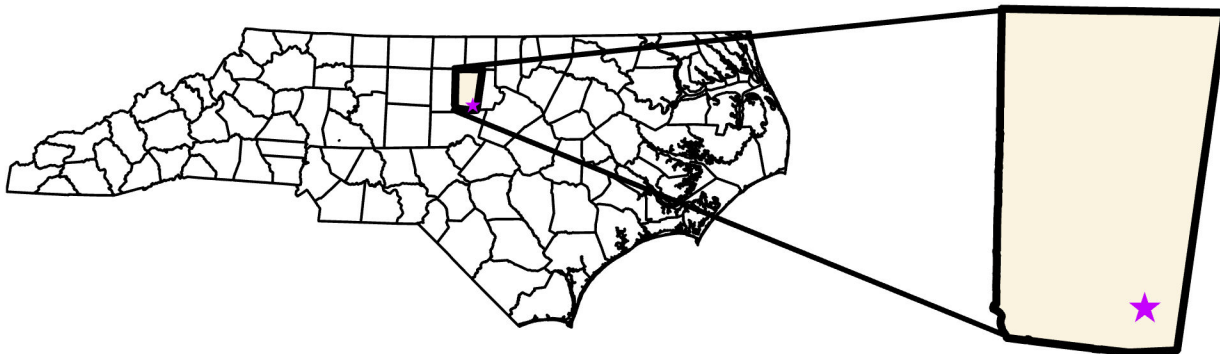
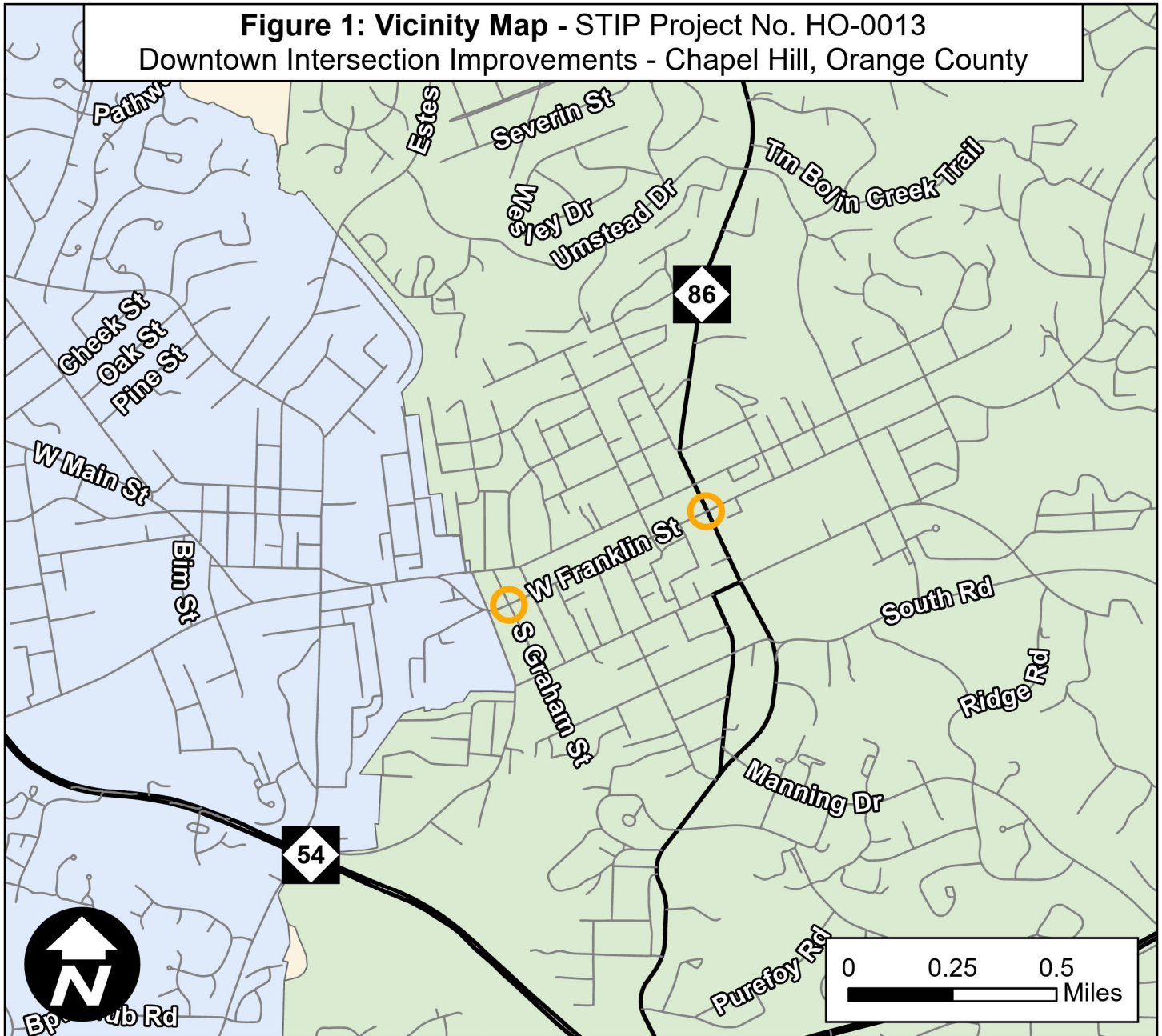
Please provide written comments by September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact the consultant, Austin Butera, at (919) 653-2958 or by email at [austin.butera@kimley-horn.com](mailto:austin.butera@kimley-horn.com). Please include the Project Number HO-0013 in all correspondence and comments. Thank you for your assistance in the project development process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Gehris".

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**Figure 1: Vicinity Map - STIP Project No. HO-0013**  
Downtown Intersection Improvements - Chapel Hill, Orange County

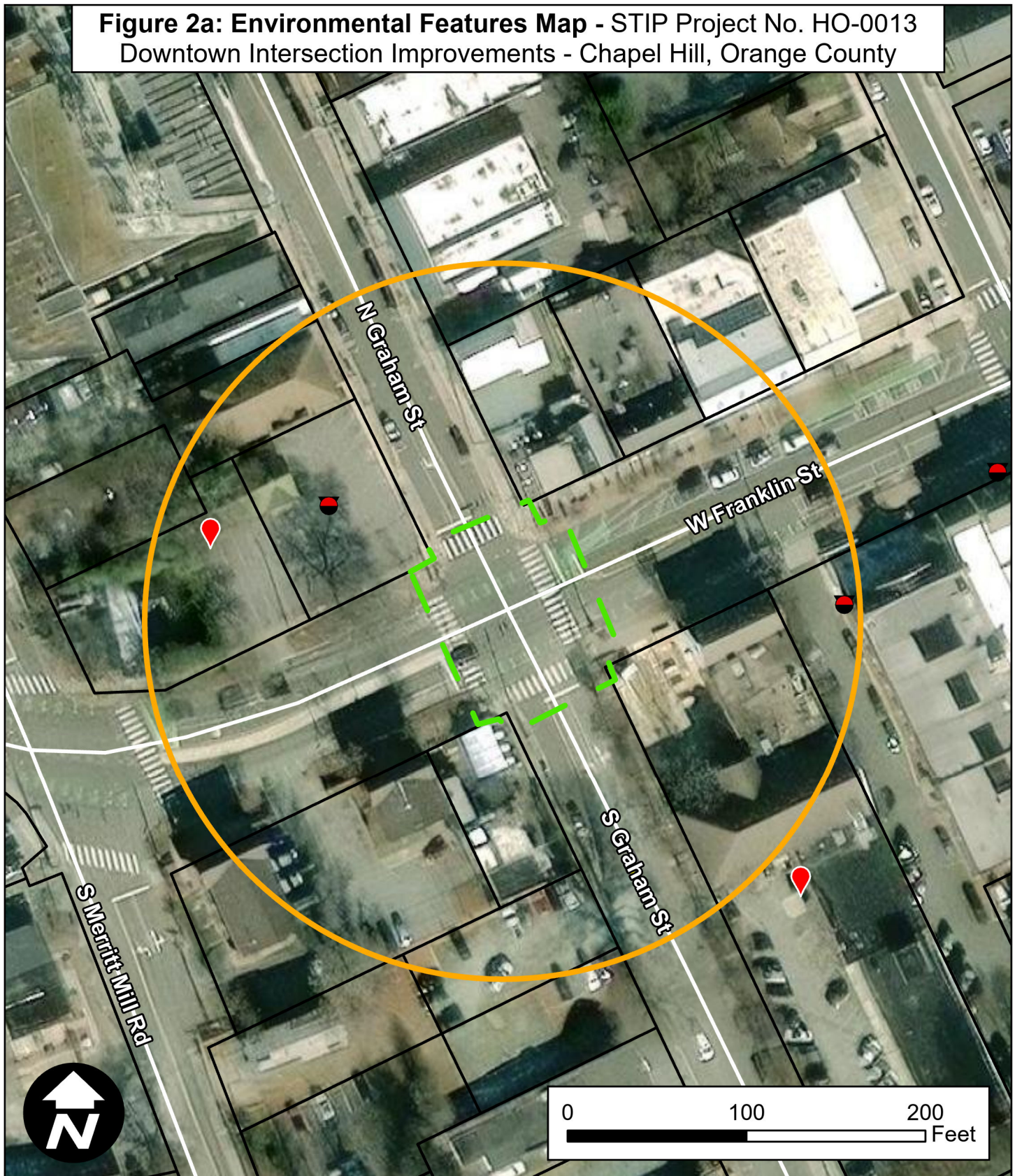


- Study Area
- ★ Project Vicinity
- Orange County

- Chapel Hill
- Carrboro



**Figure 2a: Environmental Features Map - STIP Project No. HO-0013**  
Downtown Intersection Improvements - Chapel Hill, Orange County

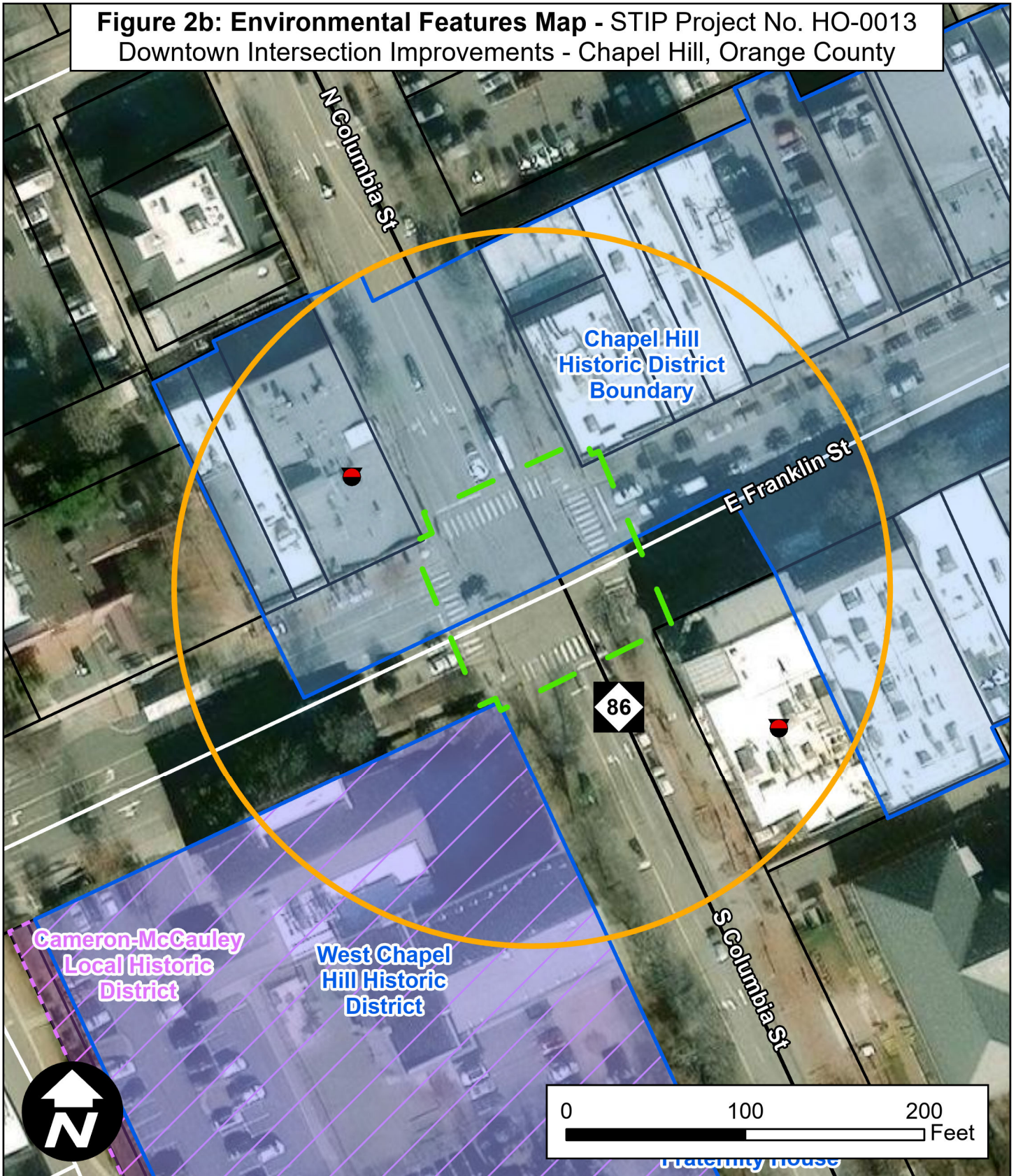


- Study Area
- Limits of Construction
- Parcel Boundaries
- Brownfield Sites (NCDEQ)

- UST Incidents (NCDEQ)
- UST Active Facilities (NCDEQ)



**Figure 2b: Environmental Features Map - STIP Project No. HO-0013**  
Downtown Intersection Improvements - Chapel Hill, Orange County



- Study Area
- Limits of Construction
- Parcel Boundaries

- NR Districts (SHPO)
- Local Districts (SHPO)

- UST Incidents (NCDEQ)