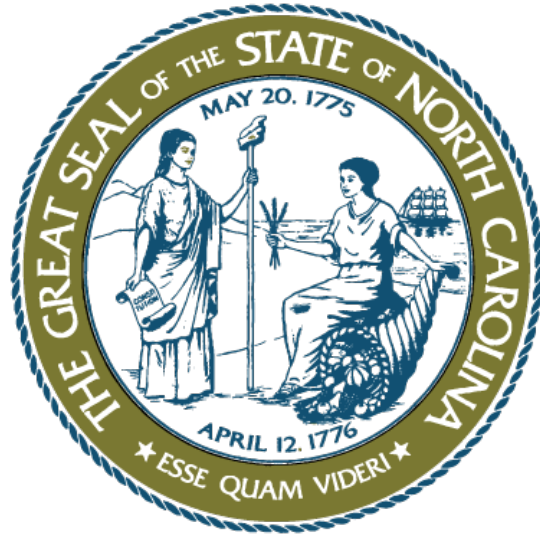


CLASS 30 - LEADERSHIP NORTH CAROLINA
ENVIRONMENT SESSION
THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2023

Connecting the Dots





NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT of
COMMERCE

Our mission is to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians.

To do that, the Department works closely with local, regional, national and international organizations to propel economic, community and workforce development for the state.

What if I told you...

GOVERNMENT

EDUCATION

\$100B OPPORTUNITY

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENT



A Win-Win-Win for North Carolina

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What is this mystery industry?

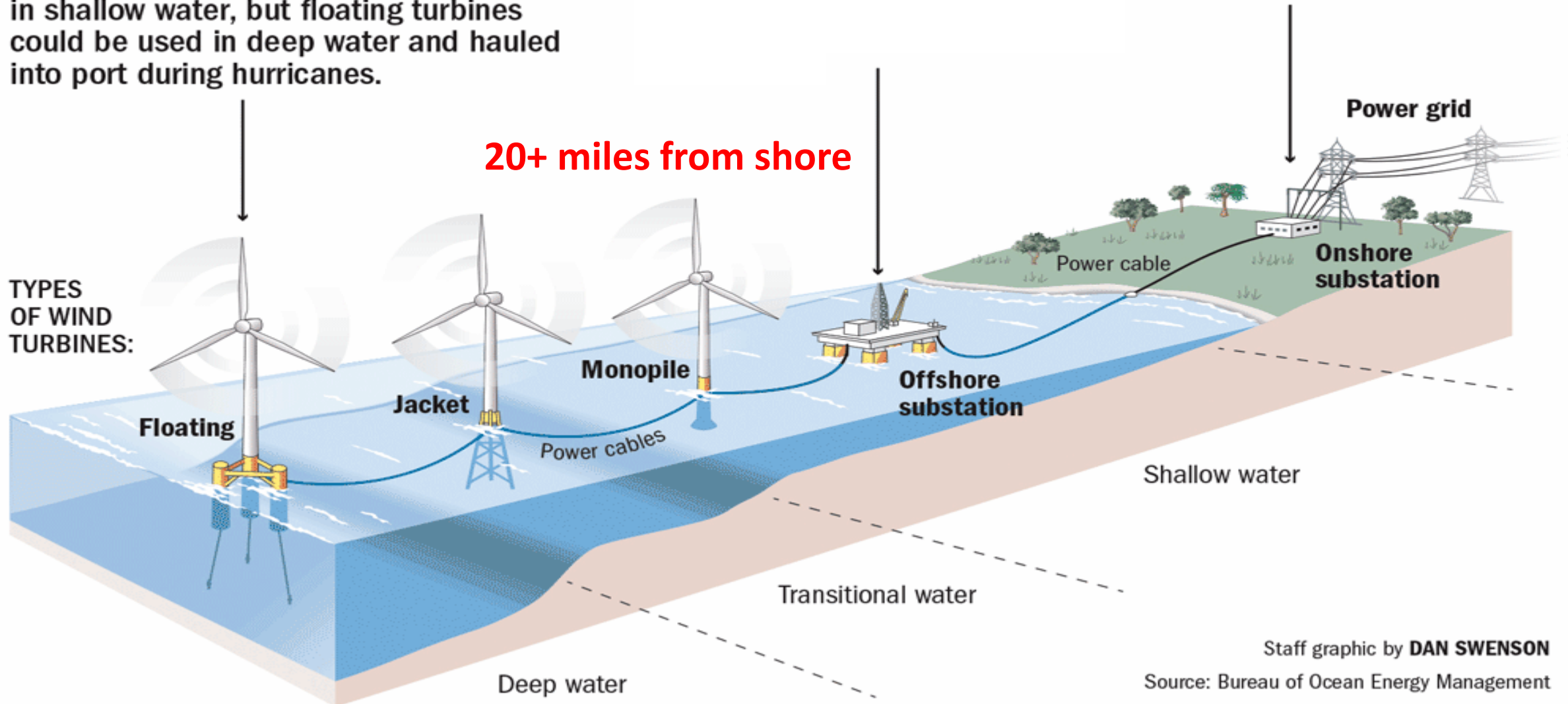


How an offshore wind farm works

Turbines are often placed in groups in areas with optimal wind speeds. Most are stationary or fixed to a location in shallow water, but floating turbines could be used in deep water and hauled into port during hurricanes.

Energy captured by turbines is transmitted by cables to substations.

Electricity flows to an onshore substation linked to the power grid.



Staff graphic by **DAN SWENSON**

Source: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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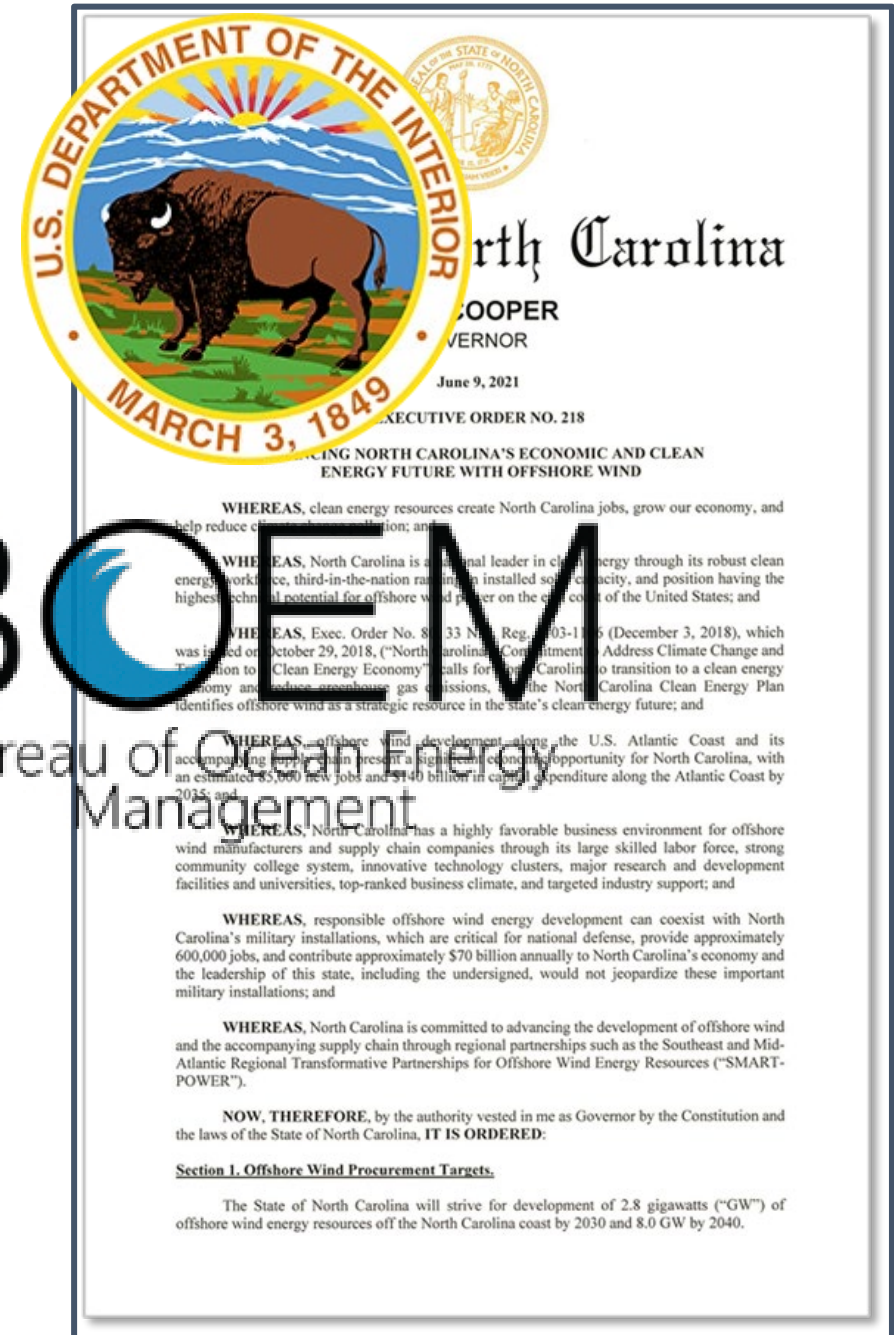
1. Regulated and Supported

- **Federal Government**

- OCSLA; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (Interior)
- 30 GW by 2030; 100 GW by 2050
- Inflation Reduction Act

- **State of North Carolina**

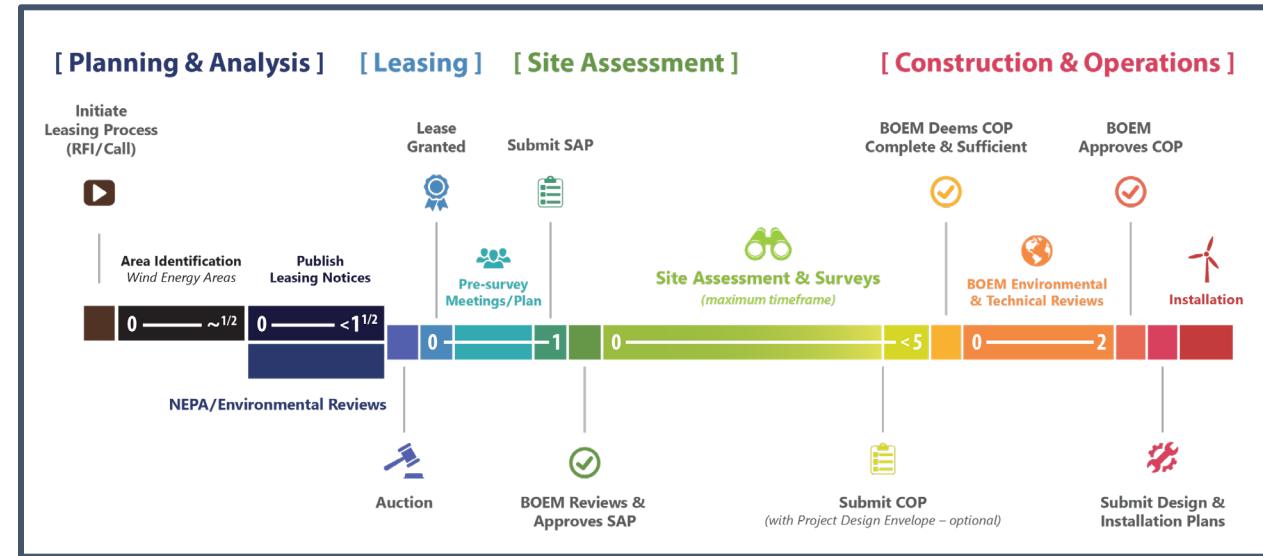
- DEQ, Commerce, Utilities Commission, etc.
- EO 218: 2.8 GW by 2030; 8 GW by 2040
- H951, G.S. 143 Article 21C



Offshore Wind Federal Jurisdiction (*mostly*)

- **Federal Government**

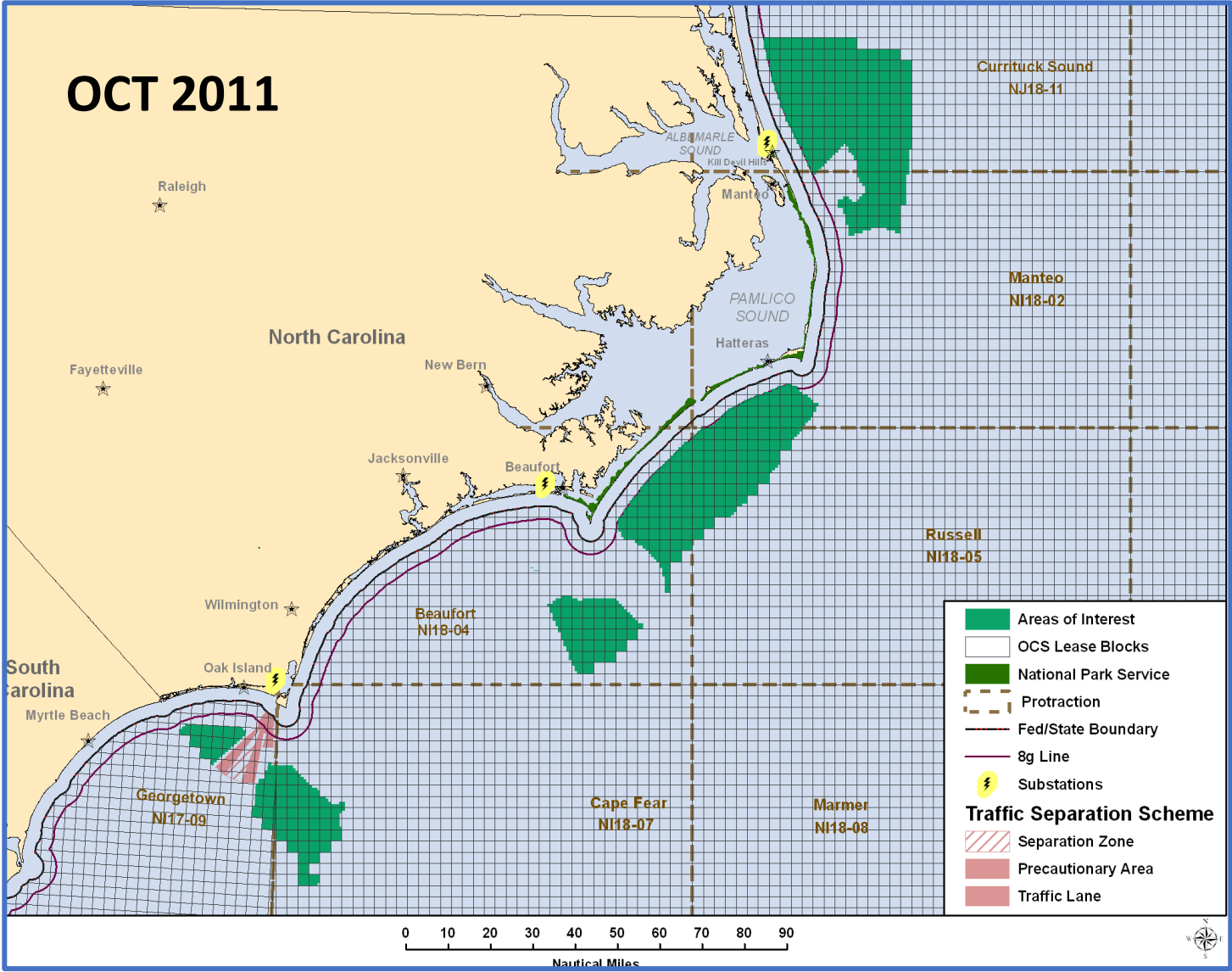
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (Interior)
- Responsible for activities in the Outer Continental Shelf
 - Oil and gas
 - Renewable energy
 - Sand / mineral resources
- Robust deconfliction process prior to any leasing
 - Results in the identification of “Wind Energy Areas”



7 – 10+ years from planning to operations

NC Wind Energy Area (WEA) Identification

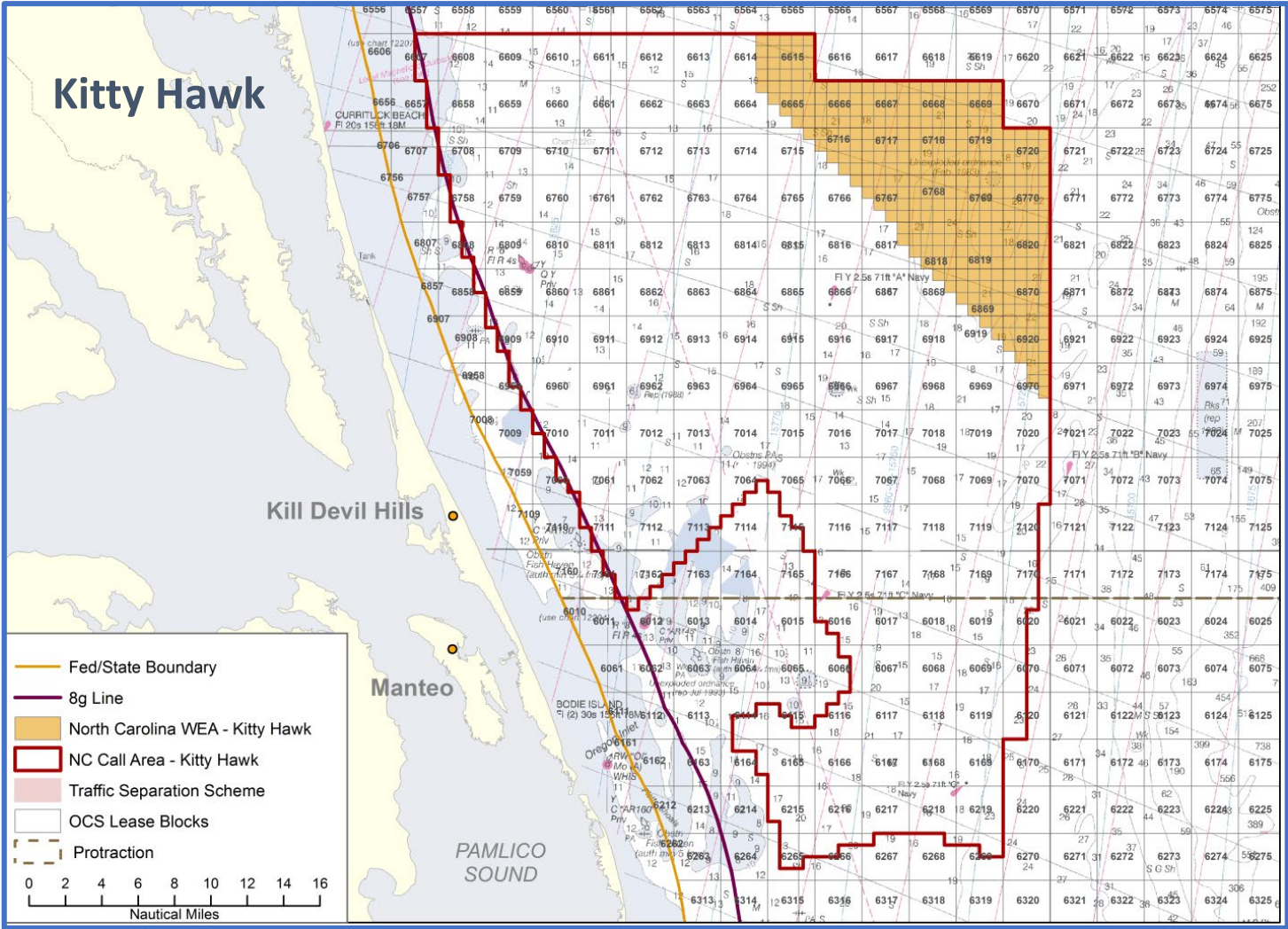
(aka DECONFLICTION)



- **October 2011**
- **5 Areas of Interest**

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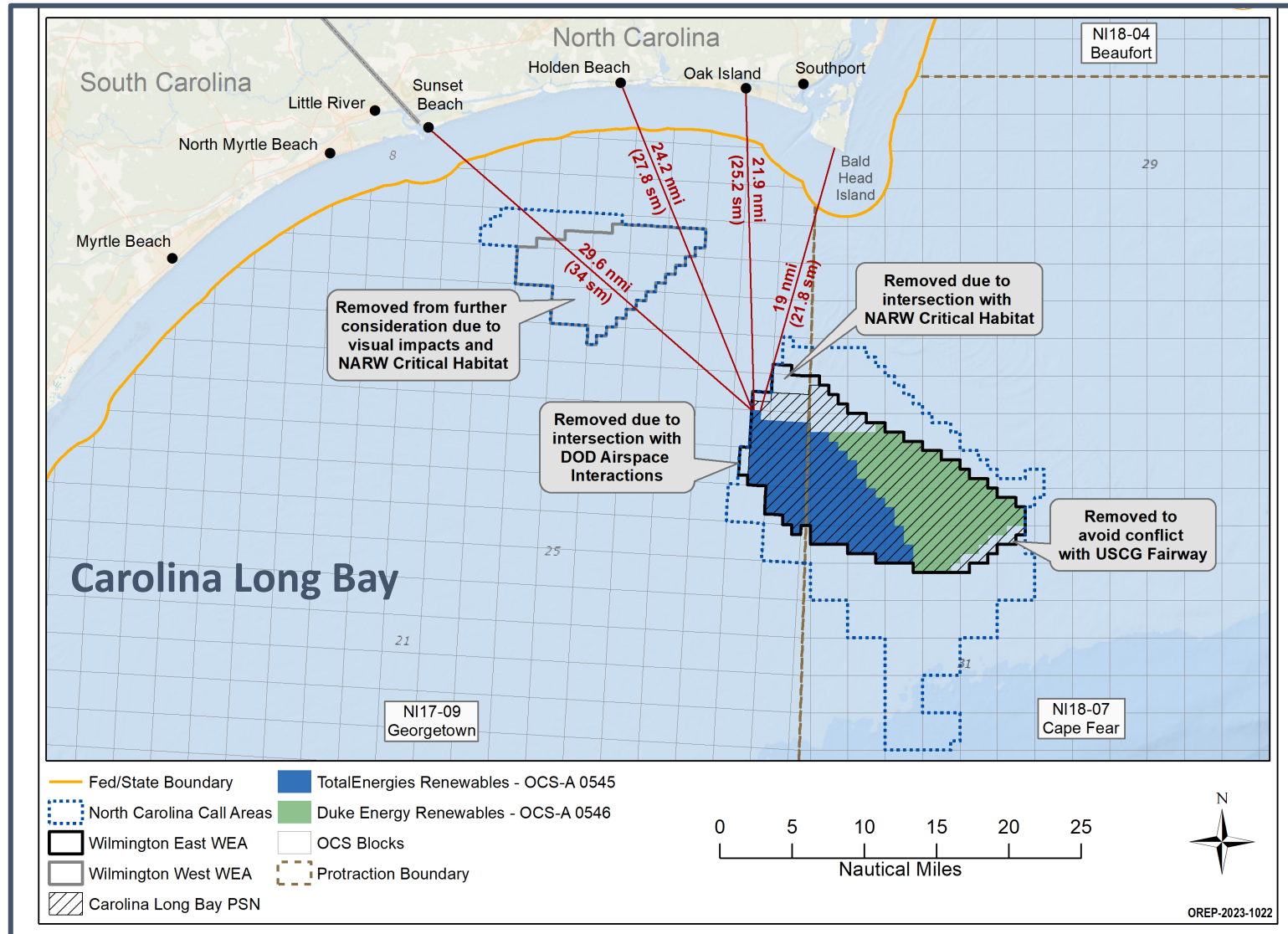
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- August 2014
- WEAs announced

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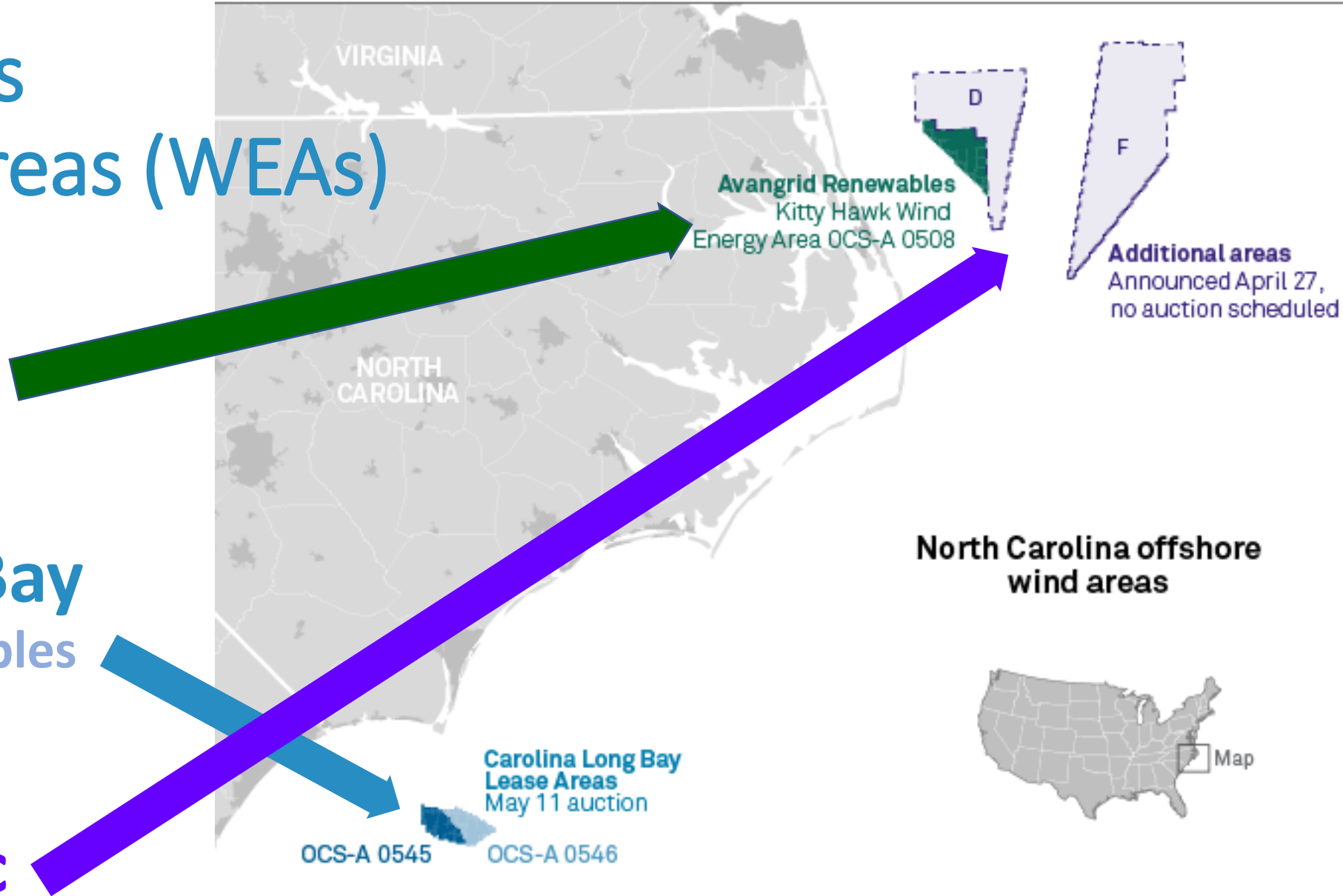
**August 2014 to
March 2022**

North Carolina's Wind Energy Areas (WEAs)

Kitty Hawk
Avangrid Renewables

Carolina Long Bay
Duke Energy Renewables
Wind & TotalEnergies

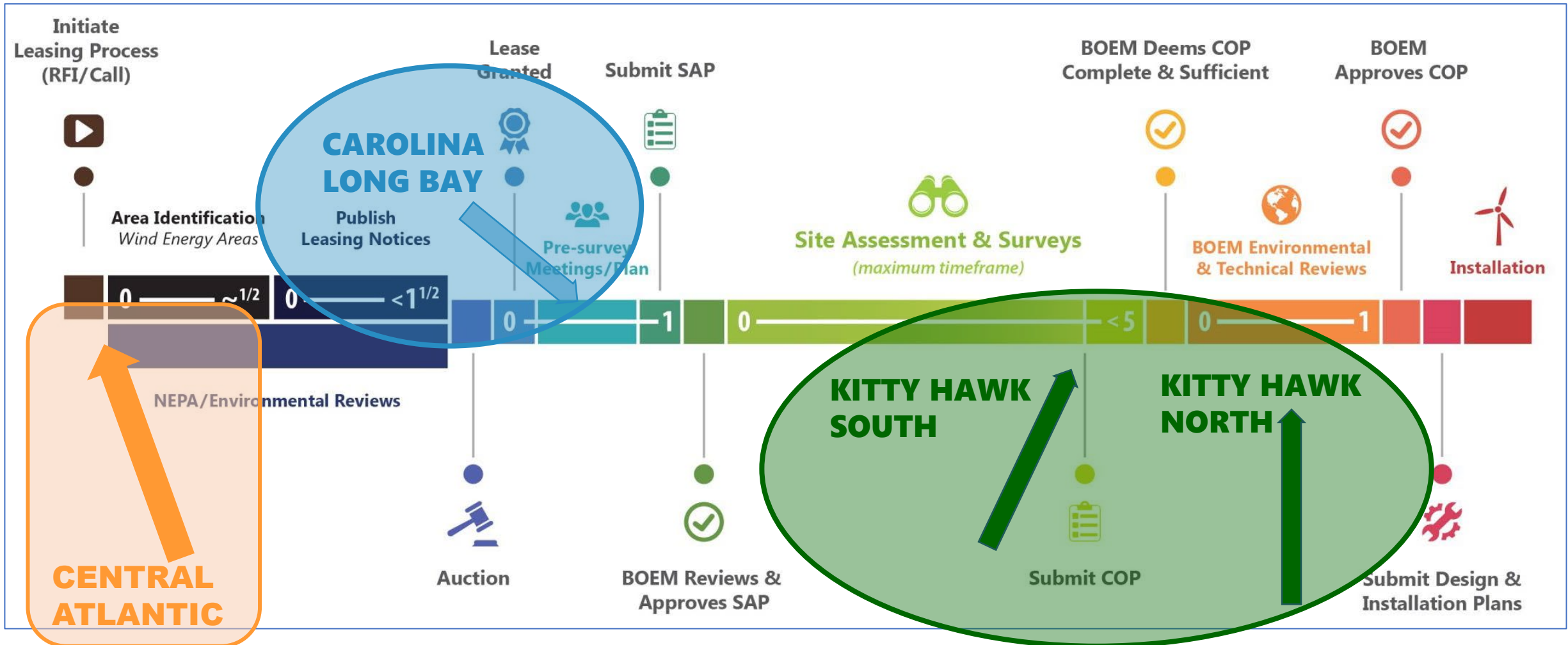
Central Atlantic
Under review/evaluation



As of May 5, 2022.
Map credit: Joe Felizadio
Sources: U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

BOEM Renewable Energy Development Process

Timeline for Area Identification to Leasing to Operations



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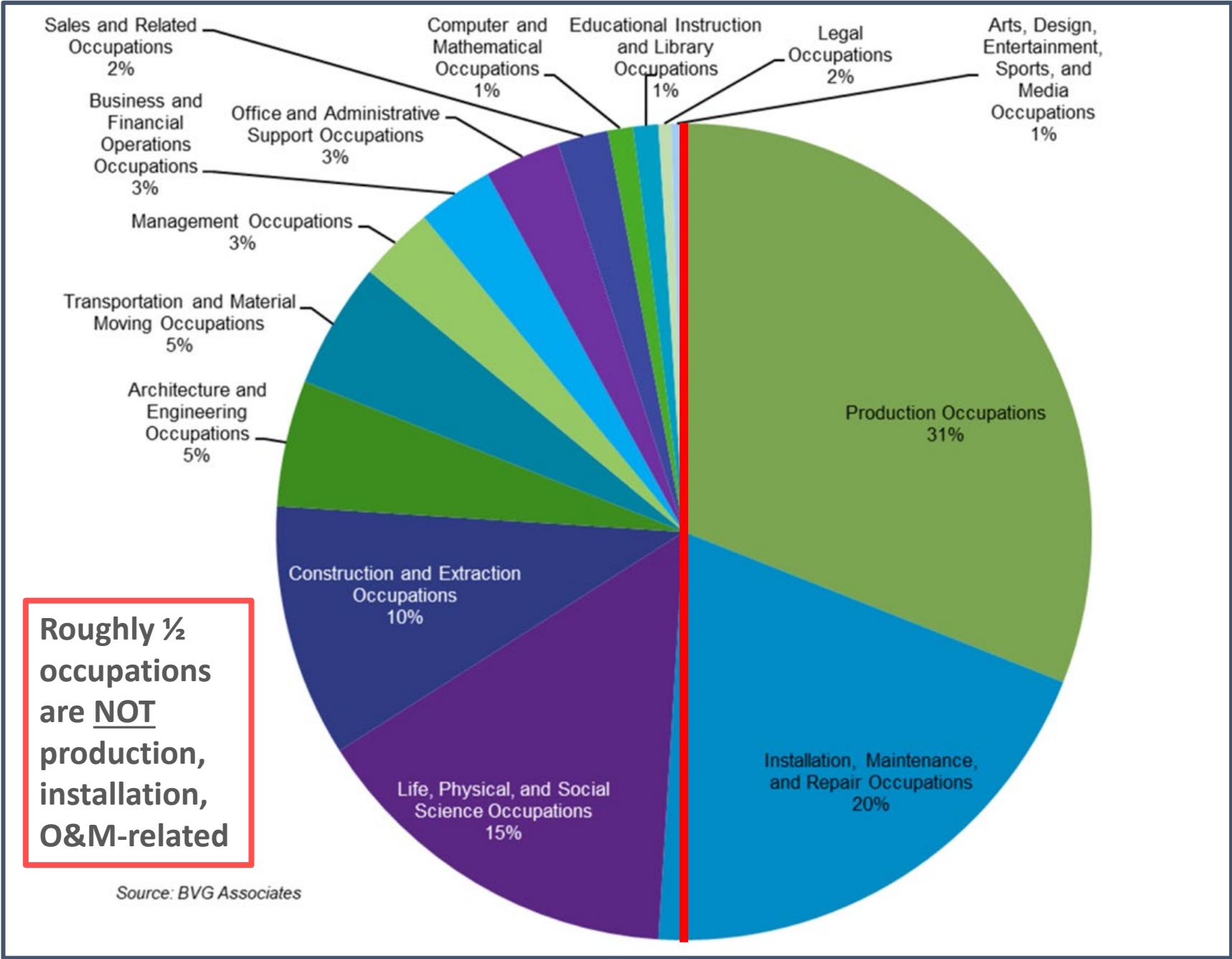
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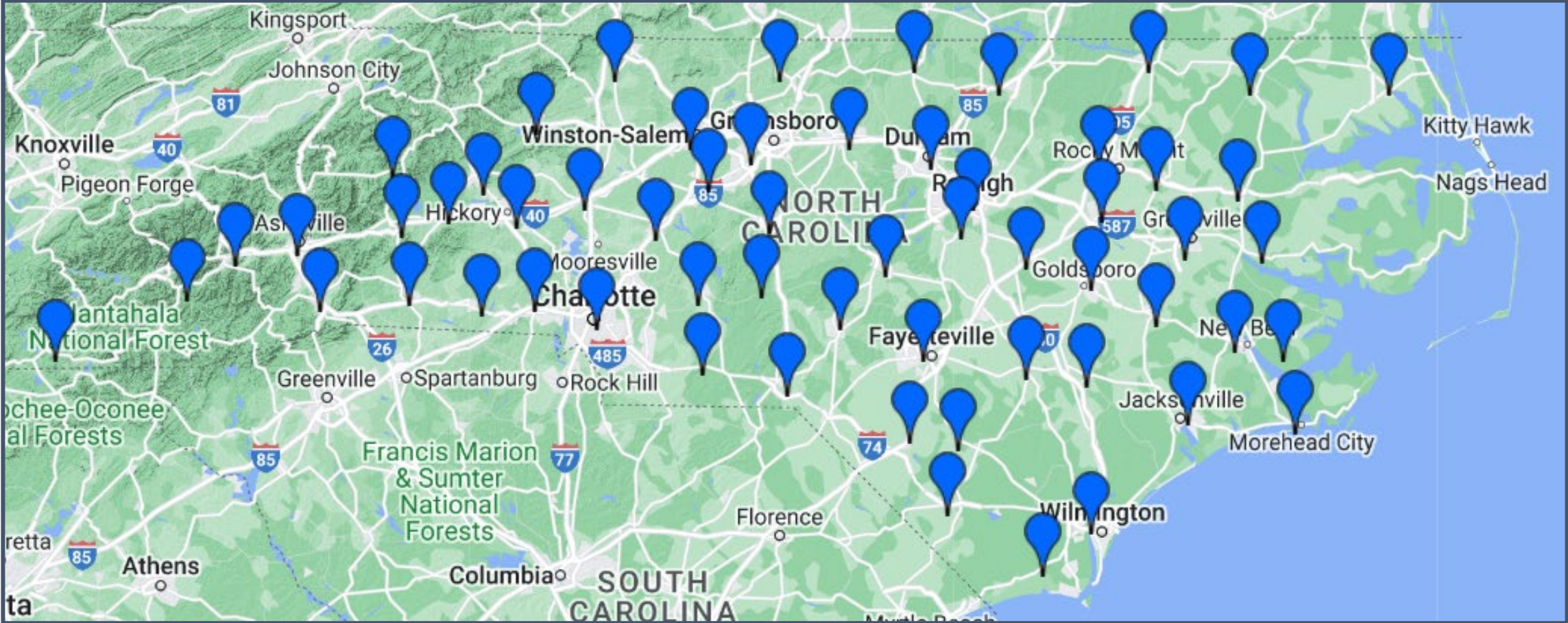


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2. Jobs in Every Trade / Occupation



Training, Transitioning, and Reskilling Creates opportunities for people to STAY in NC

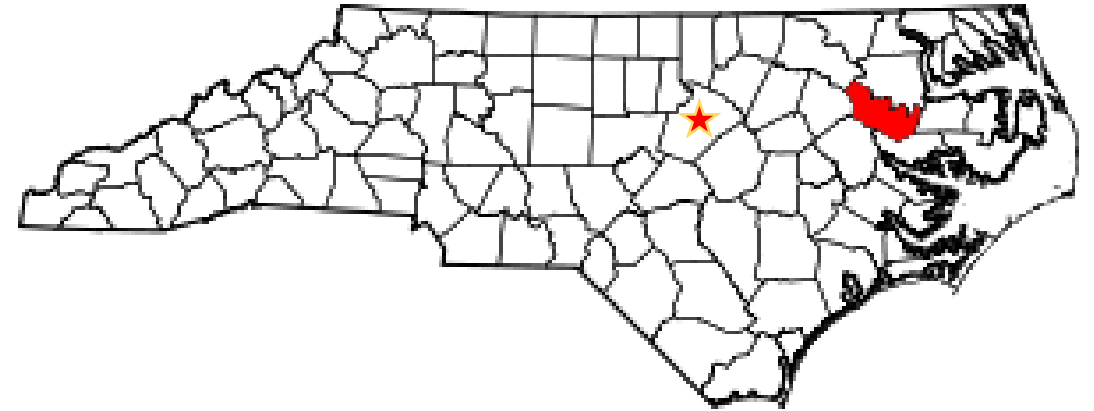


Training, Transitioning, and Reskilling

Creates opportunities for people to REMAIN in Rural NC, i.e.



**Martin
Community
College**

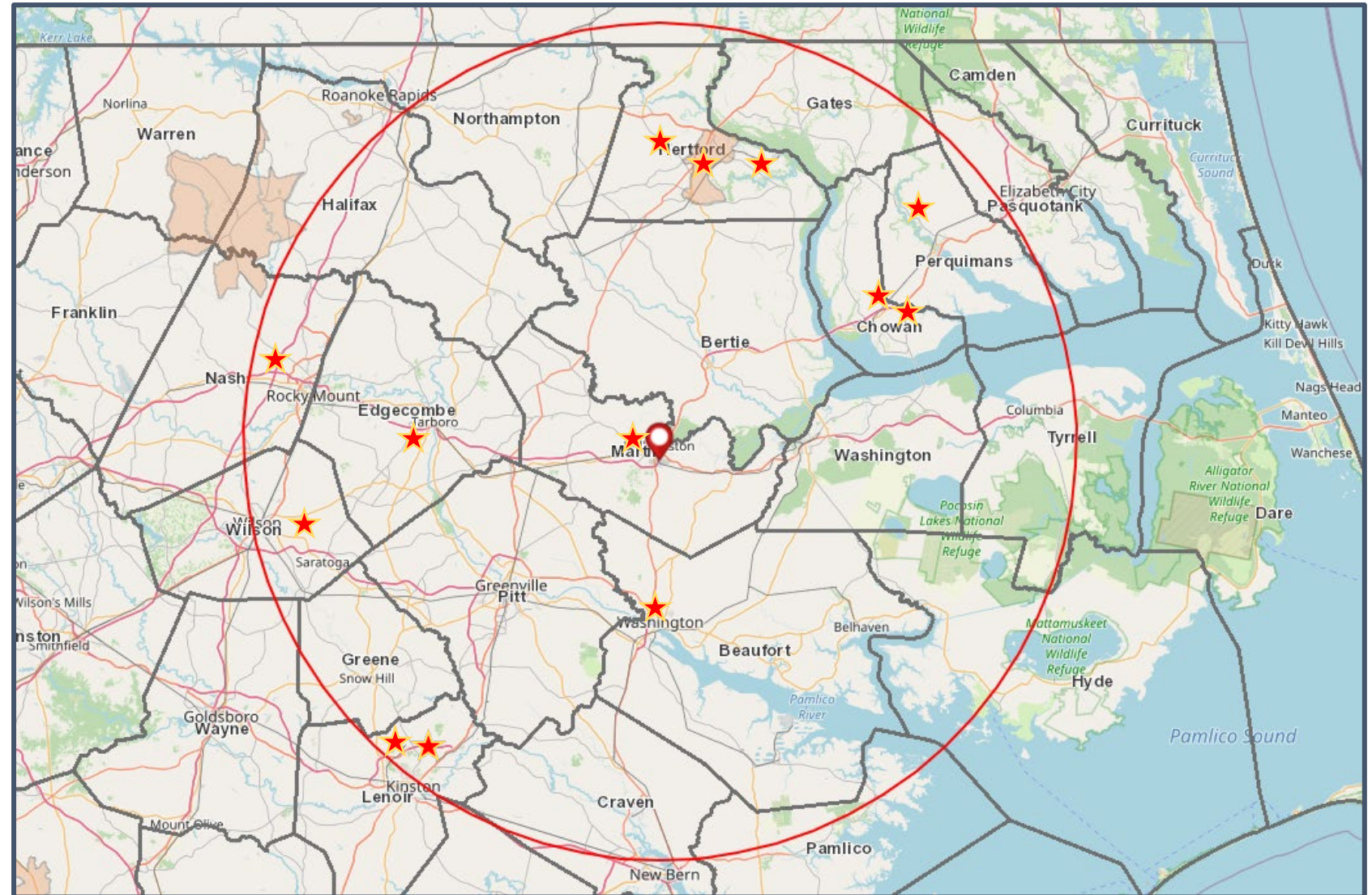


- Accounting & Finance
- Applied Engineering Technology
- Business Administration
- Computer-Integrated Machining

- Electrical Systems Technology
- Industrial Systems Technology
- Information Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Welding Technology

Within 50-miles of Martin County Seat...

- Offshore and marine trades
- Power systems and automation
- Power transformers
- Steel manufacturing, fabrication, and products
- Lubrication systems and parts
- Metal fabricators
- Welding
- 3-D molding
- Consulting, contractors
- Industrial maintenance



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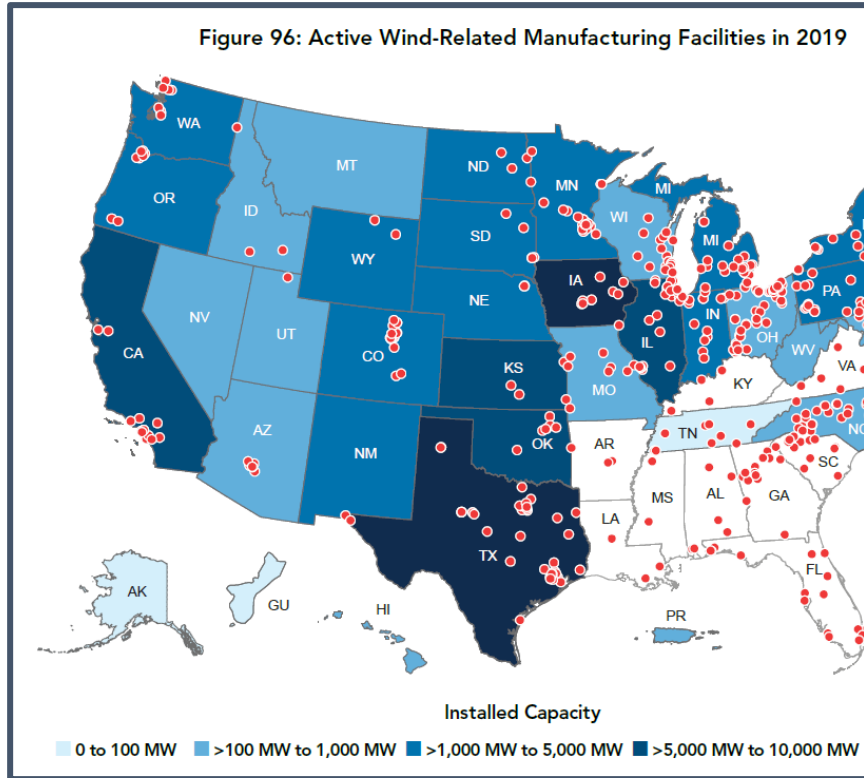
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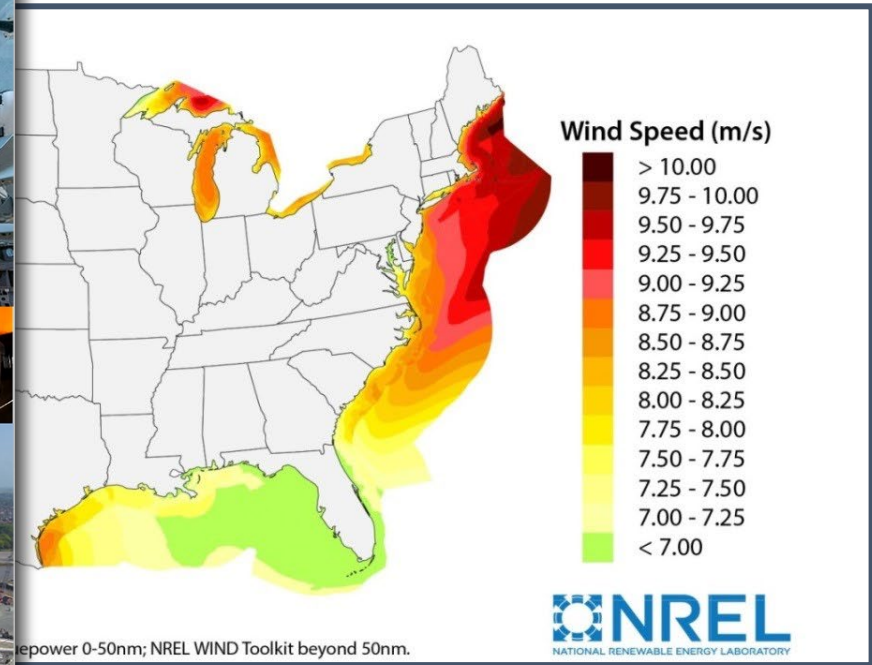


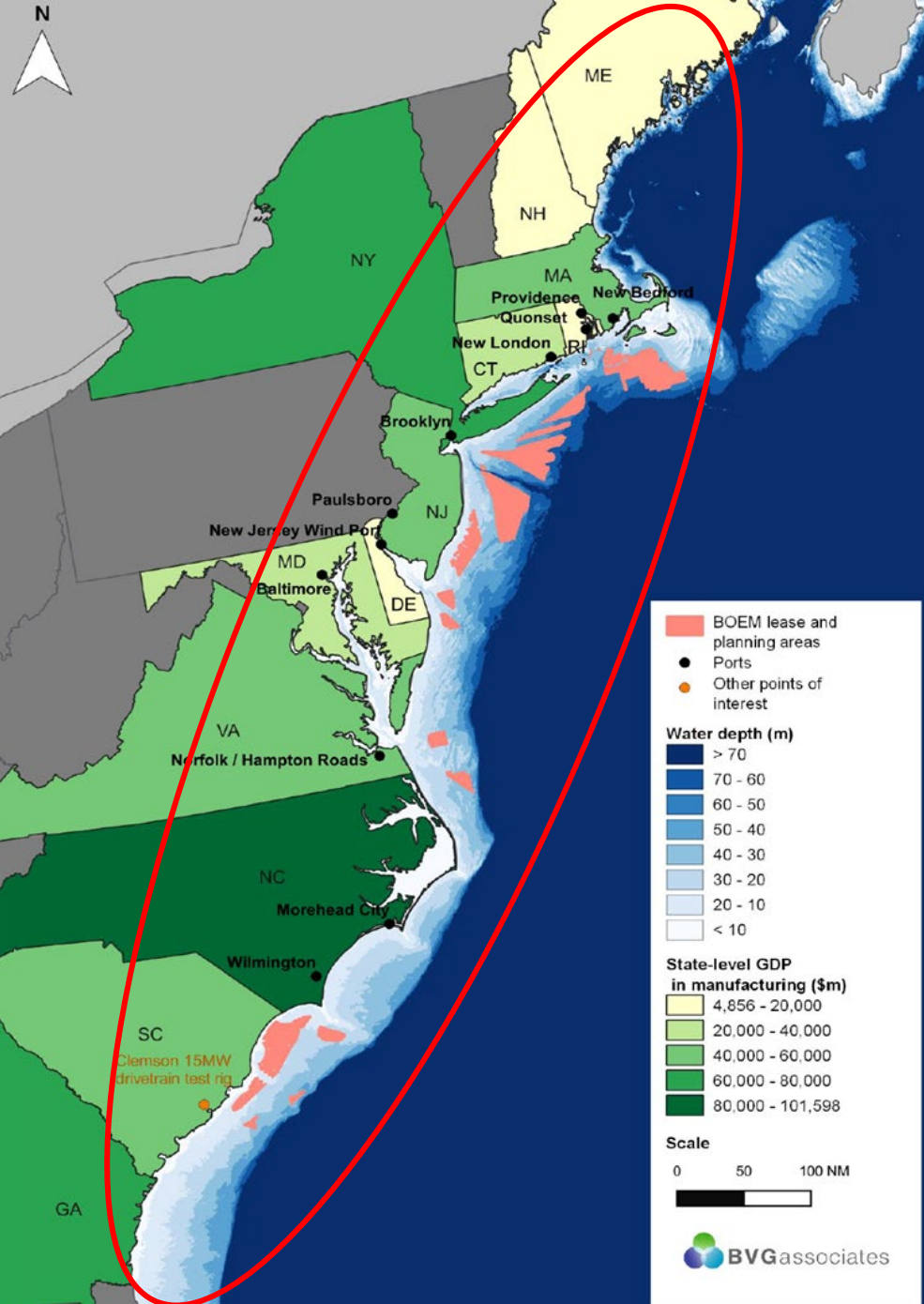
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3. Potential \$100B Investment Opportunity



Building North Carolina's Offshore Wind Supply Chain
 The roadmap for leveraging manufacturing and infrastructure advantages
 March 2021





North Carolina

An OSW Manufacturing Powerhouse

1. Ranks 5th for manufacturing GDP in U.S. & 1st on East Coast
2. Employs > 470,000 workers at 10,250 companies (1st in Southeast)
3. Can supply major-, lower-level components, and materials for entire East Coast OSW market
4. Waterfront infrastructure assets

OSW is a HUGE Economic & Business Development Opportunity



A Supply Chain Road Map for Offshore Wind Energy in the United States

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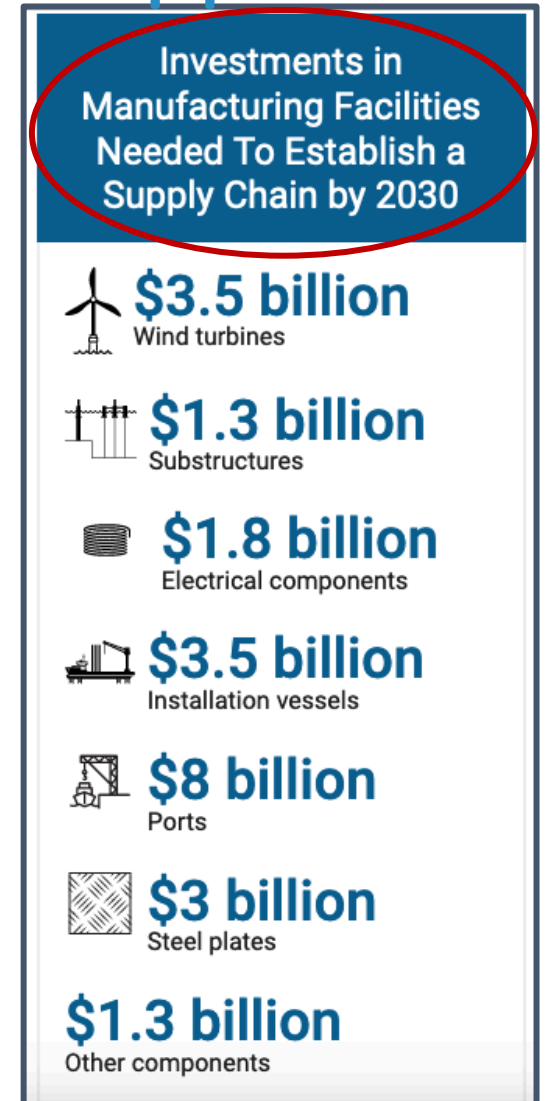
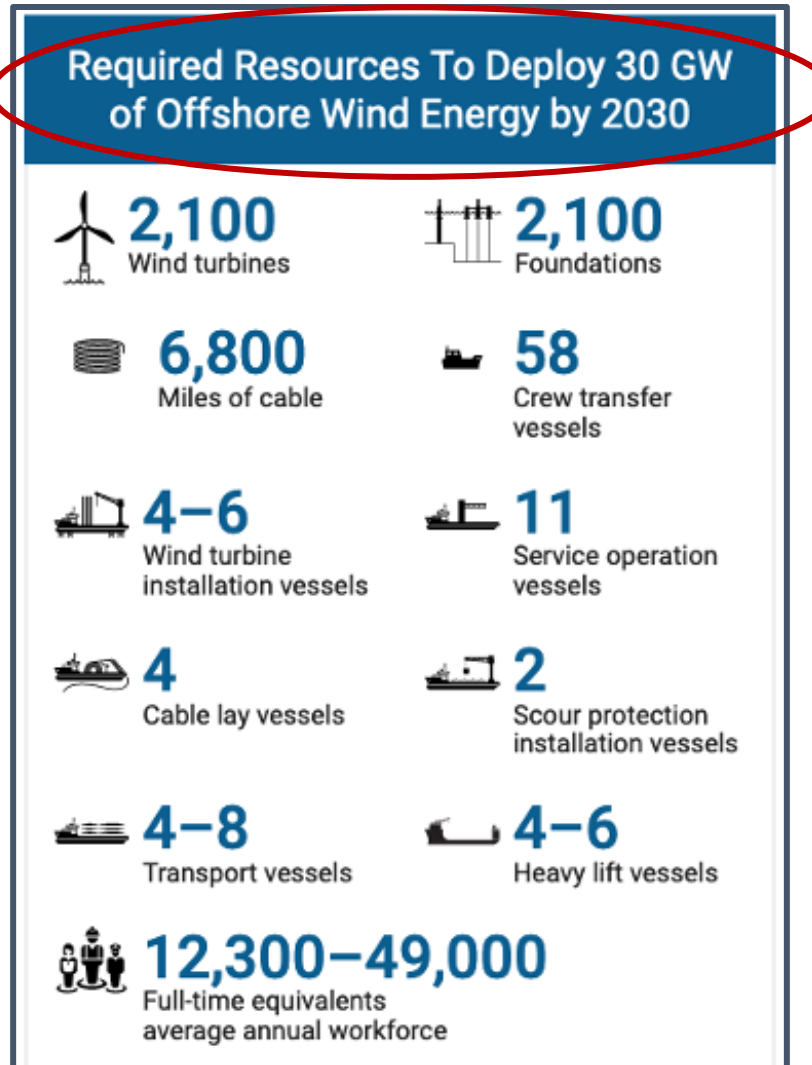
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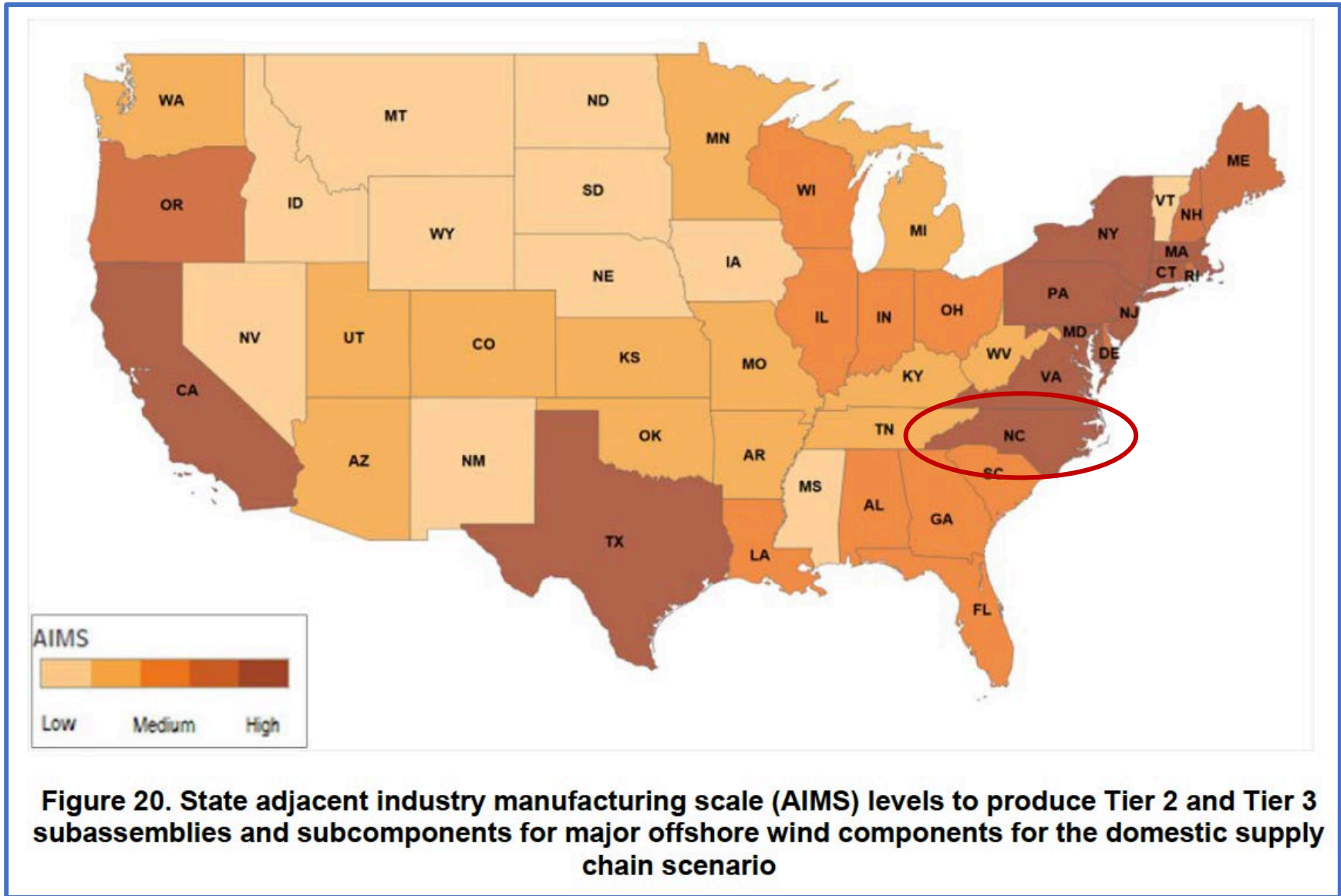
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**NC projected to
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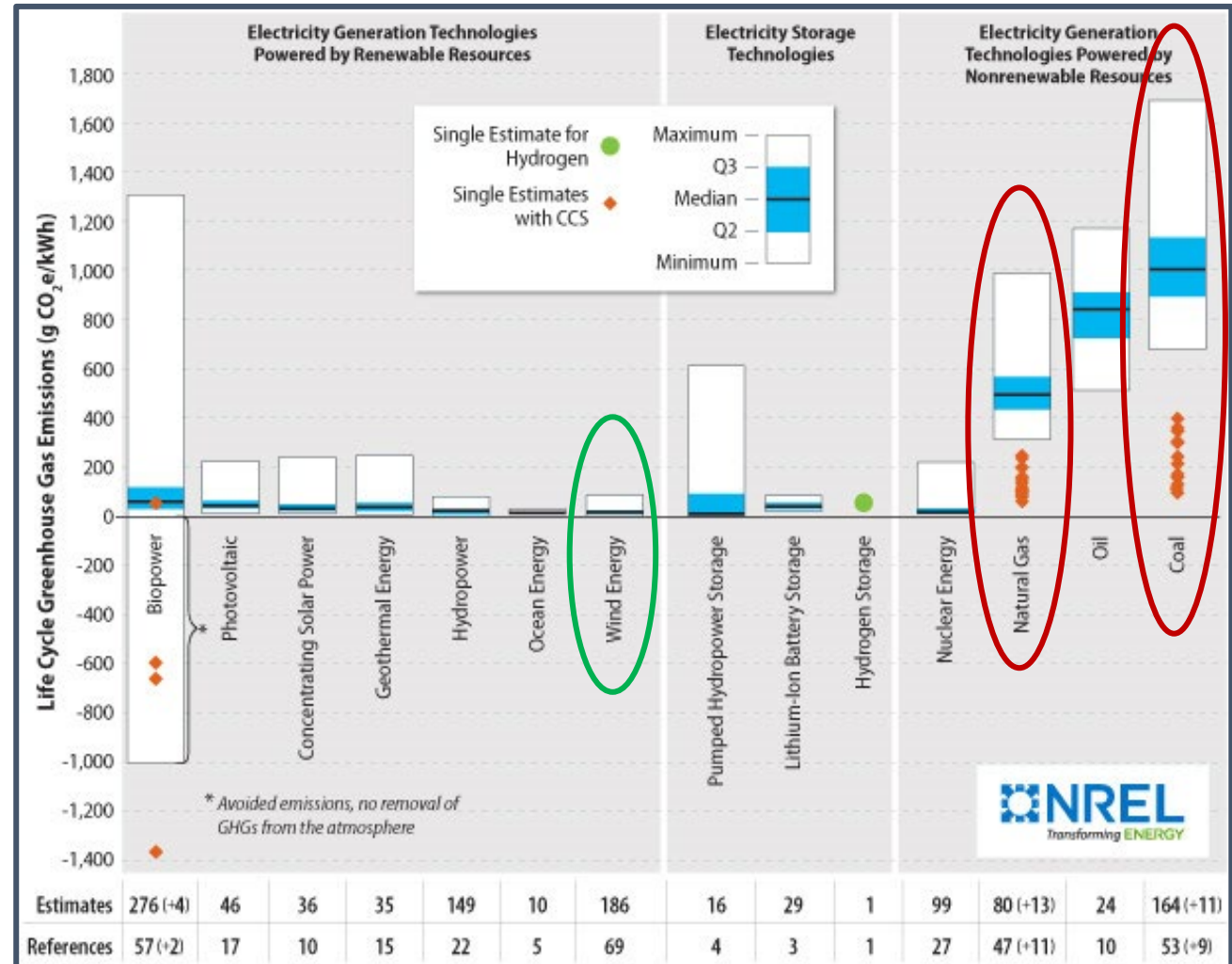
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4. Renewable, Carbon-Free Energy Resource

Wind energy has a comparatively modest life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions footprint



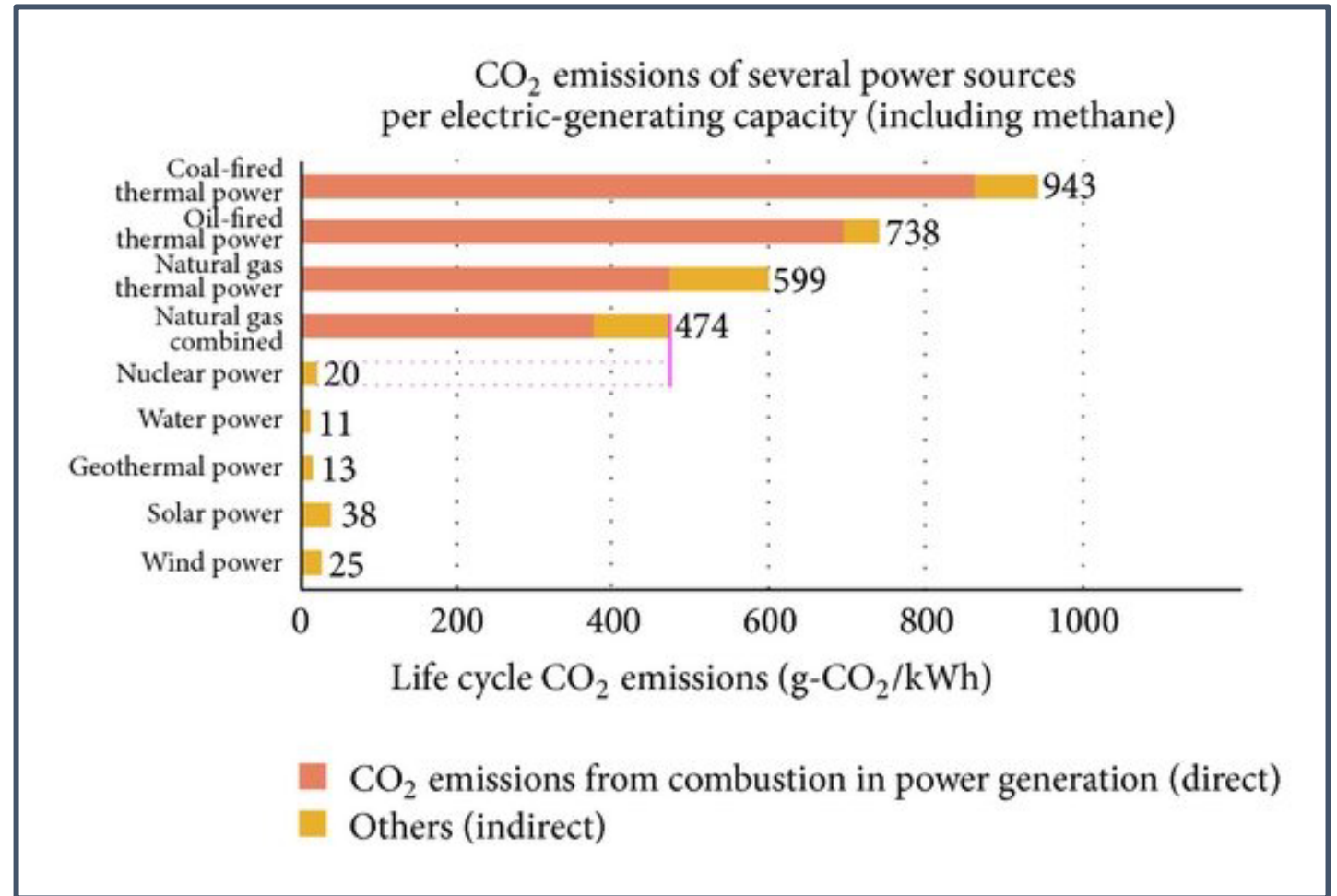
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Renewable, Carbon-Free Energy Resource (cont'd)

Wind turbines average just 25 grams of CO₂ emissions per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity generated compared to:

- 38g/kWh for solar
- 474-599g/kWh for natural gas
- 943g/kWh for coal



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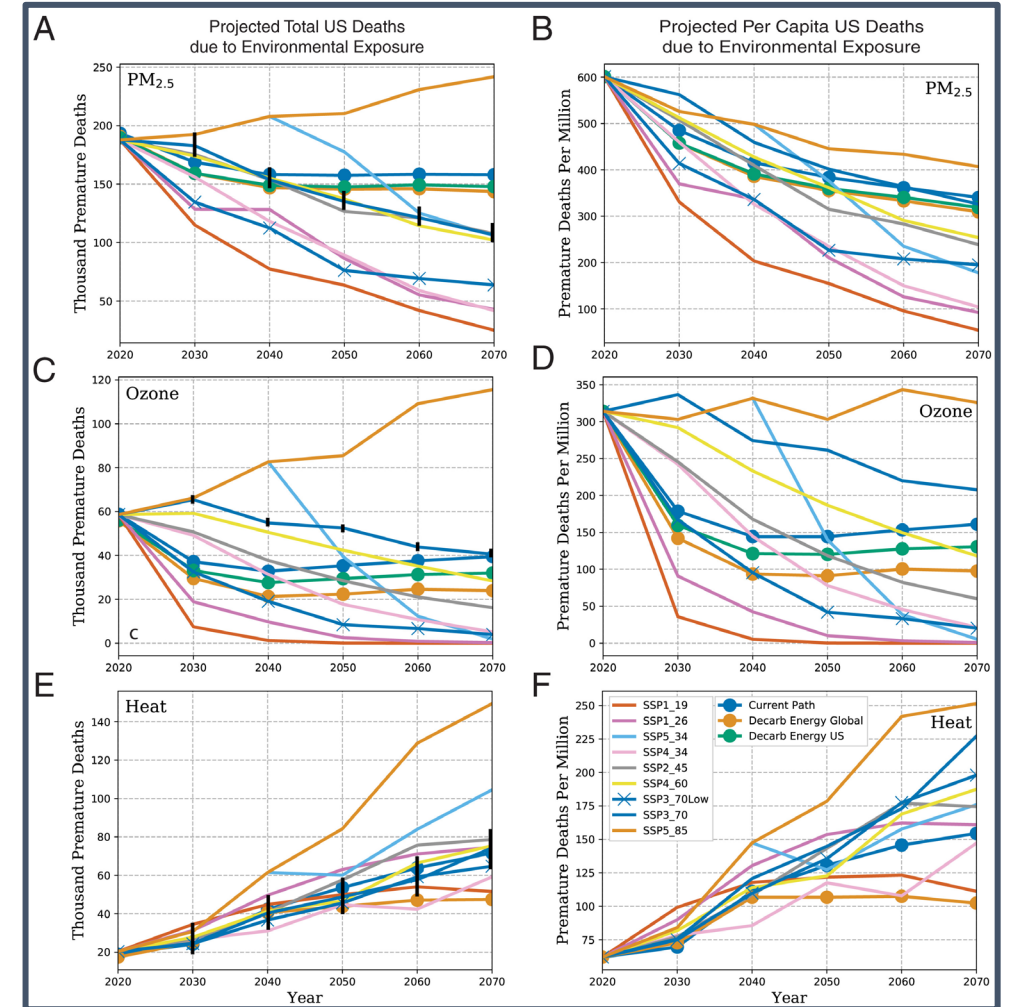
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5. Improved Air Quality = Public Health Benefits

- Reducing GHG emissions to mitigate climate change can result in health co-benefits
- Over the next 50 years, meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement could prevent (in the U.S.):
 - 4.5M premature deaths
 - 1.4M hospitalizations/ER visits
 - 300M lost workdays
 - 1.7M incidences of dementia
 - 440M tons of crop losses nationwide



<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/esnt/2021/reducing-emissions-to-mitigate-climate-change-could-yield-dramatic-health-benefits-by-2030>

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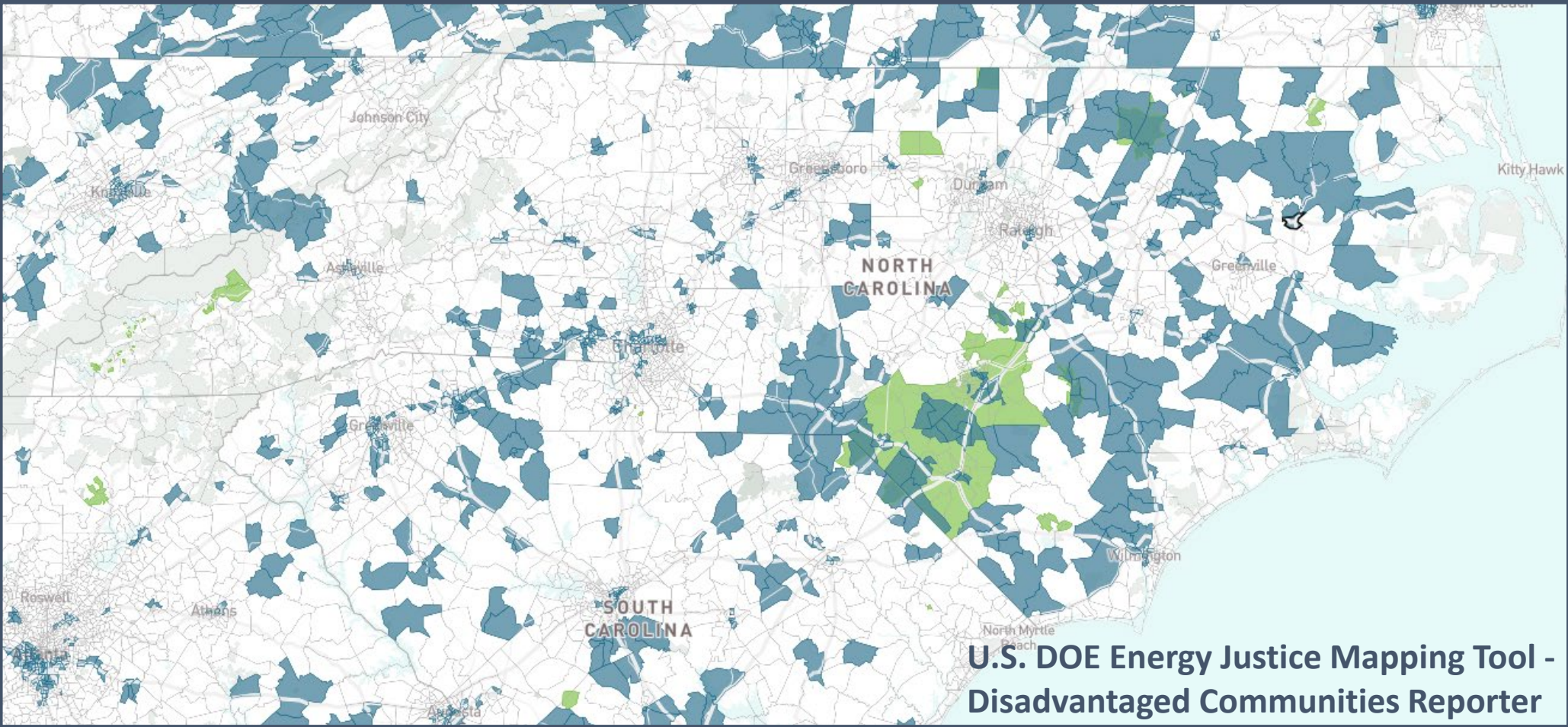
6. Investments in Under-served/-resourced Communities

- **Presidential EO 14008: *Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad***
- **Gubernatorial EO 246: *NC's Transformation to a Clean, Equitable Economy***
 - Economy-wide GHG reductions
 - Increase # of registered ZEVs
 - Justice and equity embedded throughout executive agencies



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Offshore Wind Investments in Underserved/Under-resourced Communities



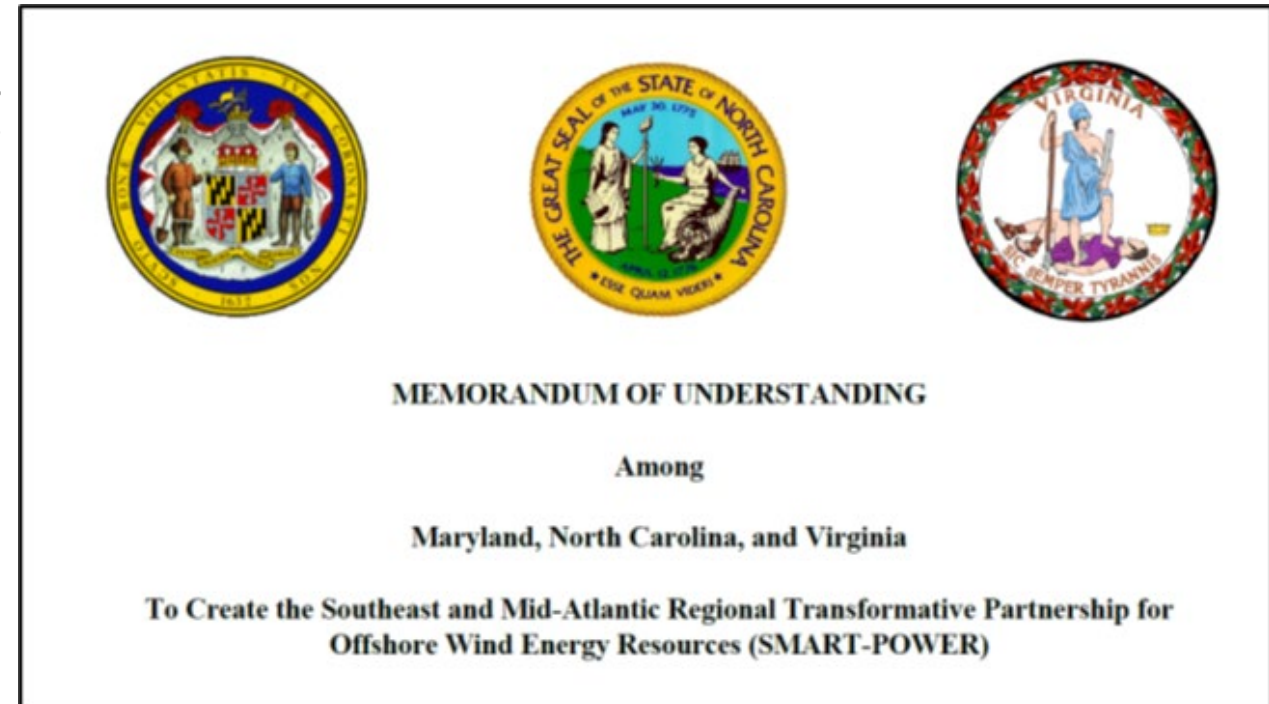
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Seizing NC's Offshore Wind Opportunity

NC TOWERS, SMART-POWER, and other acronyms



- **EO 218 created NC TOWERS**
 - Focus on economic opportunity and workforce development
 - Four subcommittees working to accomplish directives
- **SMART-POWER regional partnership**
- **MOUs signed with the UK and Denmark**



Offshore Wind is a Win-Win-Win-Win-Win-Win for North Carolina

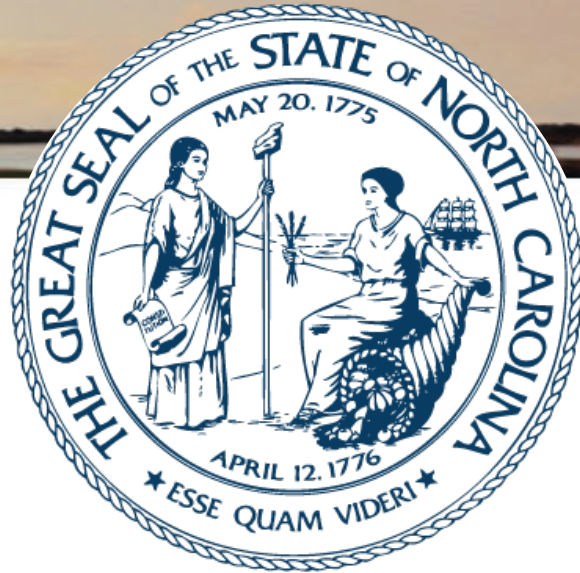
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Call to action/Question for you



What are you willing to do to bring these opportunities to your communities?



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Additional Resources

1. Visit the [NC TOWERS website](#), meetings and subcommittees
2. Subscribe to our [monthly newsletter / OSW industry list](#)
3. Learn more about [NC OSW efforts](#)
4. Contact me directly!

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North Carolina and the Offshore Wind Industry

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