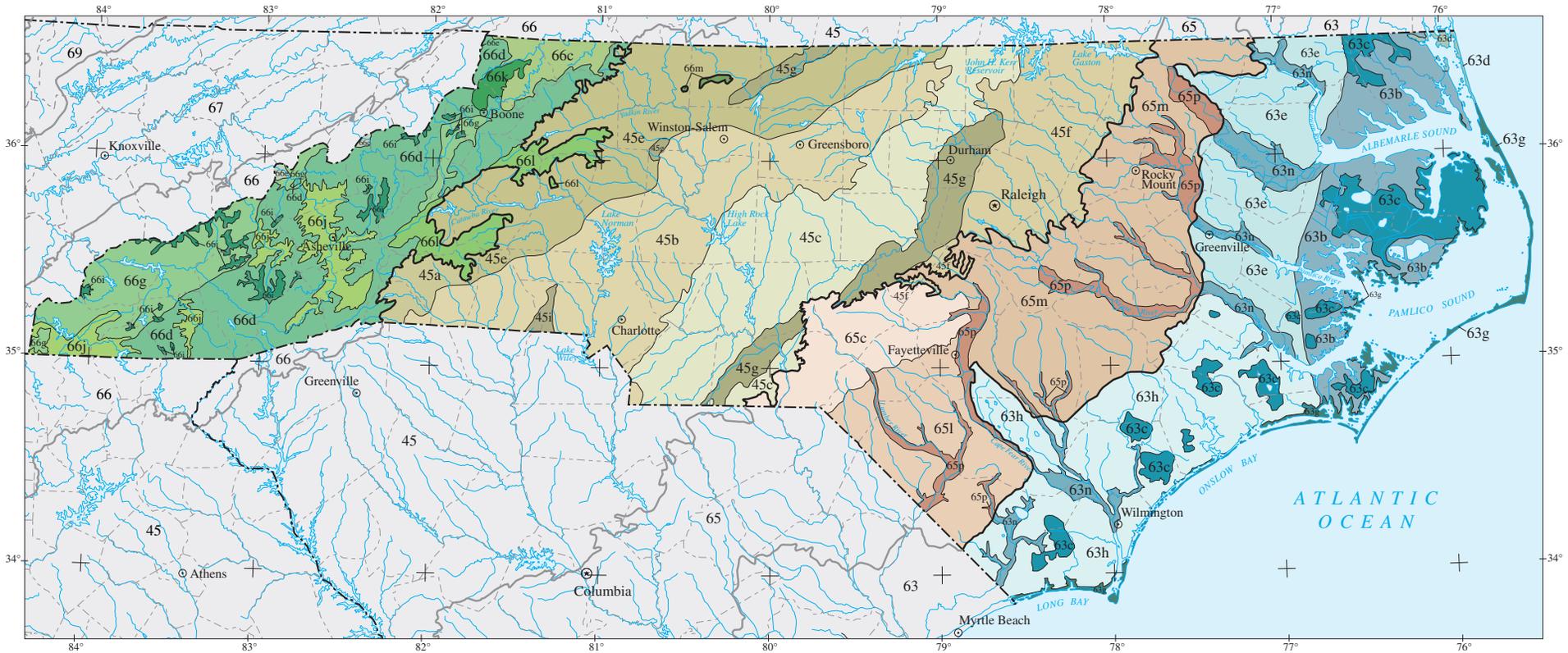
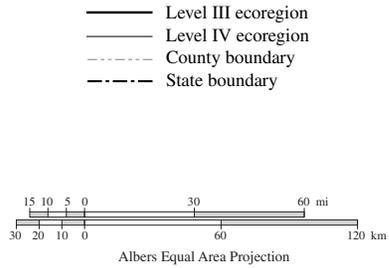


Ecoregions of North Carolina



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| 45 Piedmont | 65 Southeastern Plains |
| 45a Southern Inner Piedmont | 65c Sand Hills |
| 45b Southern Outer Piedmont | 65l Atlantic Southern Loam Plains |
| 45c Carolina Slate Belt | 65m Rolling Coastal Plain |
| 45e Northern Inner Piedmont | 65p Southeastern Floodplains and Low Terraces |
| 45f Northern Outer Piedmont | |
| 45g Triassic Basins | 66 Blue Ridge |
| 45i Kings Mountain | 66c New River Plateau |
| | 66d Southern Crystalline Ridges and Mountains |
| 63 Middle Atlantic Coastal Plain | 66e Southern Sedimentary Ridges |
| 63b Chesapeake-Pamlico Lowlands and Tidal Marshes | 66g Southern Metasedimentary Mountains |
| 63c Nonriverine Swamps and Peatlands | 66i High Mountains |
| 63d Virginian Barrier Islands and Coastal Marshes | 66j Broad Basins |
| 63e Mid-Atlantic Flatwoods | 66k Amphibolite Mountains |
| 63g Carolinian Barrier Islands and Coastal Marshes | 66l Eastern Blue Ridge Foothills |
| 63h Carolina Flatwoods | 66m Sauratown Mountains |
| 63n Mid-Atlantic Floodplains and Low Terraces | |



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