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## **ALASKA BASELINE EROSION ASSESSMENT**

# **Erosion Information Paper - Council, Alaska**

Current as of May 6, 2008

### **Community Information**

Council, population 9, is at the terminus of the Nome/Council Road, 60 miles northeast of Nome and is on both banks of the Niukluk River. The community is unincorporated in the unorganized borough in the Cape Nome Recording District. The community is not occupied year-round.

### **Description of Erosion Problem**

The Council community map completed by the State of Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs in 1980 indicates floodprone areas, but does not delineate areas of erosion. No community erosion survey was completed and no Corps information was found regarding erosion in Council. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration *National Climatic Data Center Event Record* stated an October 2004 storm surge cut through the Nome-Council Road at Mile 22, resulting in the isolation of approximately 10 seasonally occupied residences in Council.

### **Potential Damages**

Extensive erosion repairs for the Nome-Council Road are included in the 2004-2008 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities *Transportation Improvement Plan* (STIP, Amendment #8).

### **Photos and Diagrams**

No photos were provided by the community or other sources. Attached is a diagram of the community, although no erosion areas have been identified.

### **References**

DCRA. 1980. *Council map*. Division of Community and Regional Affairs.

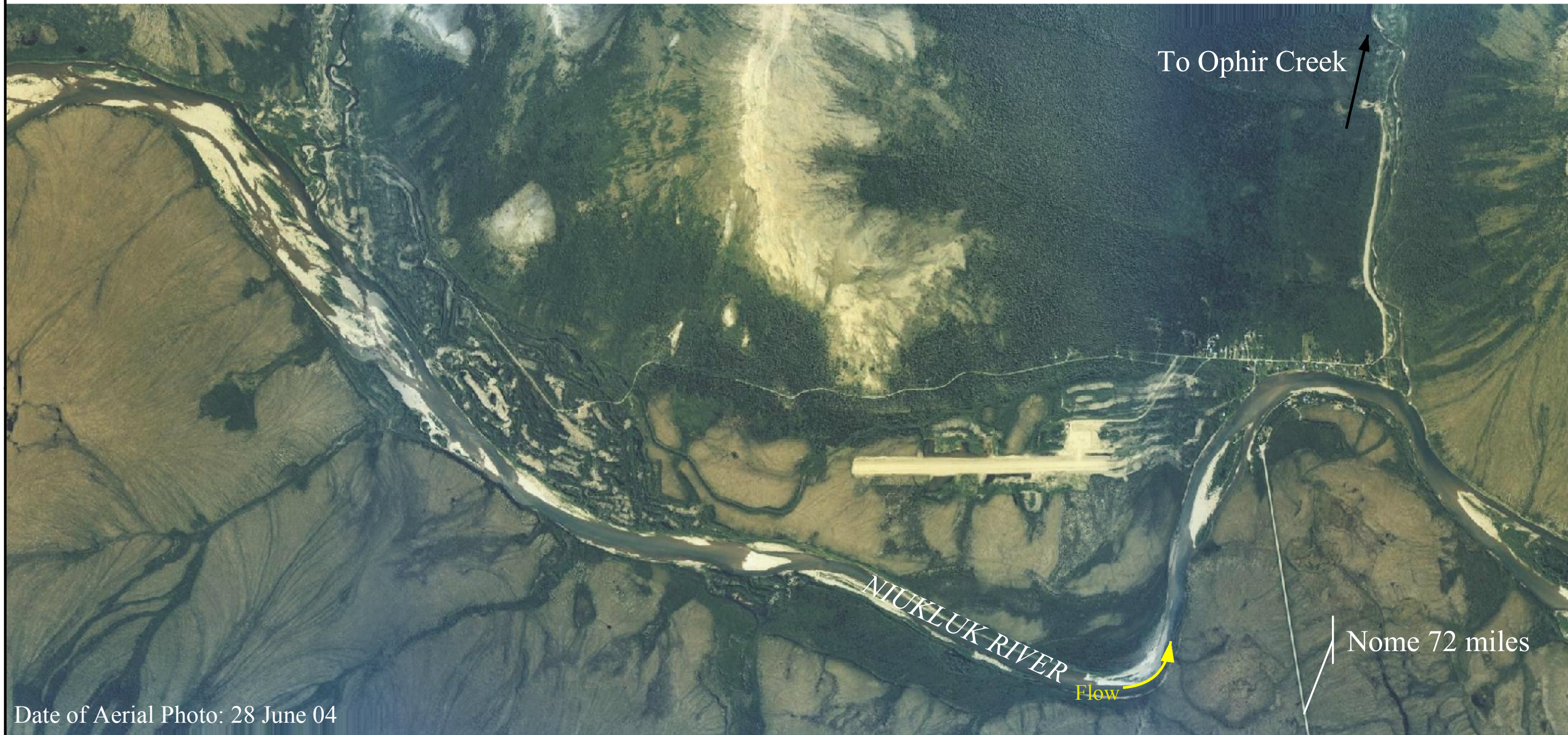
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### **Additional Information**

This information paper, as well as those for other communities, can be accessed on the internet at [www.alaskaerosion.com](http://www.alaskaerosion.com). For more information please contact the Corps of Engineers, project manager at (907) 753-5694 or email [Alaska.Erosion.POA@usace.army.mil](mailto:Alaska.Erosion.POA@usace.army.mil)





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