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Re: *Desktop Cultural Resources Environmental Screening Survey for the Proposed Old Clyattville Road Widening Project in Lowndes County, Georgia.*

Ms. Norris,

Per your request for a desktop survey to locate previously recorded cultural resources within and/or near the proposed Old Clyattville Road Widening Project (26.7 acres[ac]) located in Lowndes County, Georgia, TerraXplorations, Inc. (TerraX) provides the following information.

BACKGROUND RESEARCH

A literature and document search was conducted in order to gather pertinent background information regarding the subject property and its surroundings. This research included inspection of the Georgia Archaeological Site File (GASF) database (GASF 2023), Georgia's Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources Geographic Information System (GNAHRGIS) database (GNAHRGIS 2023), the Georgia Cemetery Locator (2021), the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (National Park Service [NPS] 2023), and various available historic maps (Nationwide Environmental Title Research [NETR] 2023; United States Geological Survey [USGS] 2023). The proposed project area depicted in this desktop consists of 26.7 ac located in Lowndes County, Georgia (Figures 1 and 2).

A search of the GASF and GNAHRGIS database identified four previous cultural resources surveys within a 1-km search radius of the potential project area (Figure 3; Table 1). Of these four cultural resource surveys, three are Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Interdepartment Correspondence Letters (6984, 6987, and 12343) and one is a Phase I Archaeological Survey report (973). Of the four surveys, three intersect with the proposed project area; GASF Report Nos. 6984, 6987, and 12343. Brief summaries of these reports are listed below.

GASF Report No. 6984. GASF Report No. 6984 is a GDOT Interdepartment Correspondence Letter from 1987 and concerned the widening of St. Augustine Road and Old Clyattville Road between River Street to Industrial Boulevard. The methods are not described within the report, but the report states that a Level II archaeological survey was conducted, which is equivalent to a Phase I archaeological survey. The investigation found no significant archaeological resources within the proposed project corridor (Bowen 1987).

GASF Report No. 6987. GASF Report No. 6987 is a GDOT Interdepartment Correspondence Letter from 1996 and concerned the replacement of the bridge over Mud Swamp along County Route (CR) 785. The methods are not described within the report, but the report states that a Level II archaeological survey was