

September 24, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson  
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***RE: Cultural Resources of the Repair of Washout on S-14-76 Old River Road Project,  
Clarendon County, South Carolina.***

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the proposed repair to the washout on S-14-76 Old River Road in **Clarendon County**, South Carolina. The project area is approximately 0.38 miles in length. The archaeological area of potential effect (APE) was considered 100 feet to either side of the centerline and the architectural APE was 300 feet from centerline. The new bridge and roadway will be built on the existing alignment and grade.

One previously recorded archaeological resource was recorded within the project area, site 38CR1009. This resource, originally recorded in the 1970s and consisting of the architectural remains of a historic mill, was revisited during this investigation. No artifacts were recovered from any of the shovel tests or found on areas of exposed ground surface.

No previously recorded architectural resources were present within the architectural APE. However, several additional historic resources were identified that were associated with archaeological site 38CR1009. All of these resources are now subsumed under a proposed historic district, Site Number 0305, (Elliott's Millpond Historic District). This proposed district has 9 sub-numbers associated with it. Resources 0305.01 and 0305.02 are the grist mill and millpond, respectively, and are the two elements that originally made up 38CR1009 when it was originally recorded. Resource 0305.03 is the millpond dam and resource 0305.04 is the spillway/floodgates. Resource 0305.05 is the original boundary of archaeological site 38CR1009 but with revisions to include newly identified twentieth century features that were identified within the boundary. These new features include brick piers and a chimney base associated with a house/clubhouse, an intact brick barbecue pit, and a partially collapsed picnic shelter. Resource 0305.06 is the R.S. Elliott & Sons Store. Resource 0305.07 is a shed next to the store and 0305.08 is the Remini Lumber Company barn/drying shed. Resource 0305.09 is a blacksmith shop.

The R.S. Elliott & Sons Store (0305.06) should be considered individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A for its role in local commerce. Additionally, the store should be considered eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C for architecture. None of the other resources are considered individually eligible for the NRHP.



The millpond dam (0305.03) is breached and, as a result, the millpond (0305.02) is no longer intact. Since their forms are no longer intact and their damage detracts from the potential significance of the district, these two resources are considered noncontributing resources to the proposed historic district. The remaining resources are considered contributing elements to the district.

The proposed Elliott's Millpond Historic District is a good example of a local turn-of-the-twentieth century rural industrial complex in Clarendon County. The operation has been owned by the same family since 1906. It remained operative through the mid-twentieth century, with the final component, the R.S. Elliott & Sons Store, closing in 1970. The proposed district is recommended **eligible** for the NRHP under Criterion A in the area of industry. The period of significance is 1906 – 1970.

Aside from temporary, minor noise and visual effects occurring while the repairs are underway, the proposed repairs to the washout on S-14-76 Old River Road will not negatively impact the proposed Elliott's Millpond Historic District. The proposed repairs will not impact the surrounding wetland and wooded environment, therefore, not impacting the integrity of location, setting, or design of the proposed district or the individually eligible 0305.06.

Based on the results of the background research and field investigations, the Department has determined that there will be **no adverse effect** by the proposed undertaking.

Per the terms of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on October 6, 2017, the Department is providing this information on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. It is requested that you review the enclosed material, and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence in the Department's findings. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,



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Archaeologist

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I (~~do not~~) concur in the above determination.

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 9/26/19

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