

August 30, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson  
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***RE: Cultural Resources Survey for Intersection Improvements at S-485 (Old Cherokee Road) and S-408 (Pilgrim Church Road), Lexington 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 safety improvements to the intersection of Old Cherokee Road and Pilgrim Church Road in **Lexington County**, South Carolina. The improvements include the addition of left turn lanes and a recreation of the current intersection by rerouting Catawba Trail and S-485. New right-of-way (ROW) will be required to complete the project.

The archaeological area of potential effect (APE) runs approximately 160 meters along Old Cherokee Road and Pilgrim Church Road. The project area extended approximately 360 meters along Catawba Trail and continuing to Old Cherokee Road for the planned rerouting S-485 and Catawba Trail. The APE for archaeological resources for the project consists of land that will be acquired as new ROW as well as those areas within the existing ROW that might be affected by the undertaking. The APE for architectural resources consists of a 300 foot buffer around the archaeological APE

One archaeological resource (38LX680) and one isolated find were identified during the survey. Site 38LX680, also known as the Wingard Farm, is an archaeological component associated with historic resources 0995 and 0995.01 – 0995.05. As the site was outside of the current archaeological APE, it was not shovel tested and its eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is unassessed. Because the standing structures were also recorded as architectural resources they are discussed below. The isolated find consisted of a quartz biface fragment and a Bristol glazed stoneware sherd.

A total of 12 aboveground resources were documented during these investigations. As mentioned above, site number 0995 (38LX680) includes the main house and five sub-numbers (0995.01 – 0995.05). The site is a vacant farm complex consisting of a circa 1880 I-house and five outbuildings. The resource was evaluated and recommended **eligible** for the NRHP under Criterion C for architecture. The outbuildings are recommended **eligible** under Criterion C for contributing to the site as a whole. Resource 1002 is a heavily renovated I-house (c. 1890) with three associated outbuildings (1002.01 – 1002.03). Resource 1003 (c. 1930) is a residential structure with a single outbuilding (1003.01). All of these resources lack significance or integrity under NRHP criteria A, B, and C. Therefore they are recommended **not eligible** for the NRHP.

The project will require some ROW from the NRHP-eligible Wingard Farm complex (Site numbers 0995 and 0995.01 – 0995.05). This site consists of a main farmhouse, several dependent structures, and a farm landscape. SCDOT's project will require ROW from the eligible boundary area of this resource. However, the necessary ROW will be on the periphery of the eligible



boundary area (which is already bordered by roadways), will not result in impacts to any structures, and will not significantly change the characteristics of the complex crucial to its NRHP eligibility. SCDOT has minimized ROW acquisition in the portion of the complex containing eligible/contributing structures so that no new ROW will be acquired adjacent to those structures (see attached figures). SCDOT therefore recommends that the proposed project would have no adverse effect upon the Wingard Farm complex and that the project as a whole would in turn have no adverse effect to historic resources.

Based on SHPO concurrence with the proposed project's effect determination Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to make a de minimis finding regarding impacts to this site, thus satisfying the requirements of Section 4(f).

In accordance with the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), November 29, 2011, SCDOT is providing this information as agency official designee, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2, to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

It is requested that you review the enclosed material and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence with SCDOT findings, thus completing the Section 106 consultation process. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,



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I (do not) concur in the above determination.

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 8/30/2019

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