

## NOTIFICATION

**Initiation of Section 106 Process for  
GDOT Project CSSTP-0006-00(902)-D, Douglas County**

**P.I. No. 0006902-D**

**November 29, 2005**

The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of project development for this proposed transportation project. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department has determined that because of the nature and the scope of this undertaking, the proposed project has the potential to cause effects to historic properties if any such properties exist in the project area. The Department is attempting to identify historic properties already listed in the National Register of Historic Places and any properties not already listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project.

The proposed project would consist of the widening of Chapel Hill Road to provide northbound and southbound right-turn lanes at Central Church Road/Bomar Road. Bomar Road would be widened to provide for a westbound left-turn lane and a thru right-turn lane. Central Church Road would be widened to provide for eastbound right-turn, left-turn and thru lanes. The signals along Chapel Hill Road at Willow Ridge Road and Central Church Road/Bomar Road would be upgraded and coordinated with fiber optic interconnect. The project would also involve the reconstruction of the left-turn lane transition tapers along Chapel Hill Road just north of Central Church Road and just south of Willow Ridge Road.

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE would consist of the proposed right-of-way; within which all construction and ground-disturbing activity would be confined, and would include all properties within the view shed of the proposed project (refer to attached Figure 1). No potential for indirect effects outside of the proposed right-of-way and view shed of the proposed project exists. No additional access to the existing facility would be provided and existing access to the facility would either be maintained or modified. The proposed project would only improve the operational efficiency of the existing roadway.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer, to identify potential consulting parties and to invite them to participate in the Section 106 process. This Notification letter is one of several methods the Department uses to encourage public participation in this process and it serves as your invitation to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for this project.



A written request to become a consulting party for cultural resources for this project should be directed to:

Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.  
1250 Winchester Parkway  
Suite 200  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Attn: Leslie H. Brown

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (**P.I. No. 006902-D**) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia SHPO, the Douglas County Historical Society and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. If you are aware of other organizations or individuals interested in cultural resources in the project area not already identified, please forward their names to the Department.

Also, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration Georgia Division (FHWA), in keeping with a government-to-government relationship and in compliance with 36CFR800, the following tribal governments are invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project: Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Chickasaw Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Florida, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and the United Keetoowah Band of Indians. Responses to this Notification regarding tribal concerns should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Eric Duff, the Department's Native American liaison, at the above address.

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of this undertaking. This review of existing information revealed that no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the National Register, no National Historic Landmarks and no bridges determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register in the updated Georgia Historic Bridge Survey (GHBS) are located within the proposed project's APE.

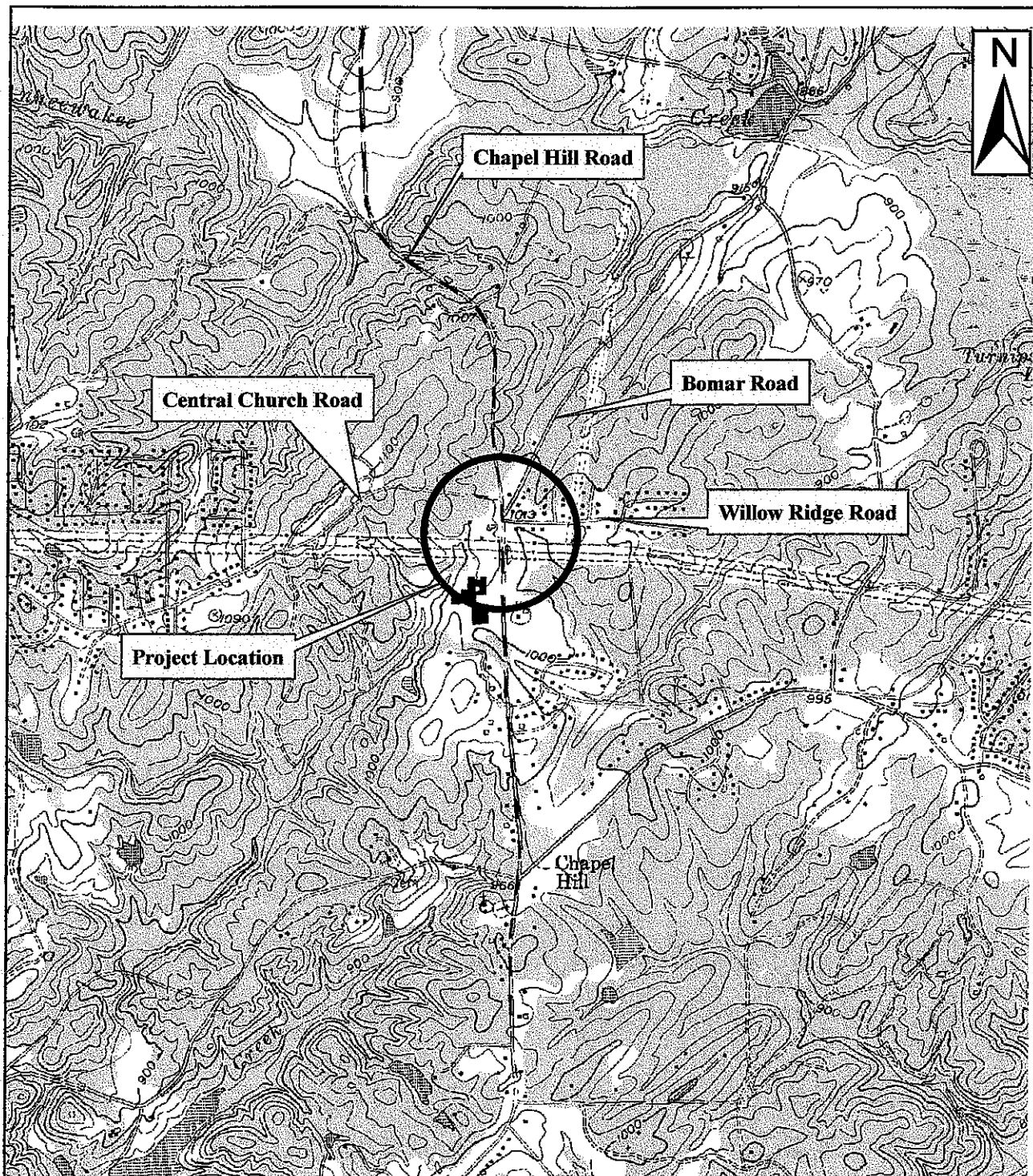
Even though no properties 50 years old or older were identified within the APE in the 1998 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Douglas County survey, because buildings or structures were identified within the APE by consulting aerial photography and topographic maps, the proposed project will be field surveyed for both historic properties and archaeological sites. The Criteria of Eligibility will be applied to any identified properties in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and other consulting parties to determine if any of those properties are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Consulting parties are also invited to provide information concerning any historic or archaeological properties already listed in the National Register or that could be eligible for listing in the National Register that are not identified in this Notification letter. In accordance



with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department will assess project effects to any identified historic properties as preliminary project plans become available, endeavor to minimize harm to all identified historic properties and produce an Assessment of Effects report. This document will be provided to all consulting parties for comment when completed.

Individuals and organizations that do not wish to become a consulting party, but would still like to comment on the proposed project will also have that opportunity throughout the plan development process. Historic resource concerns can be addressed to Leslie Brown (770-333-9484 or [lbrown@edwards-pitman.com](mailto:lbrown@edwards-pitman.com)) of Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.; archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Eric Anthony Duff (404-699-4406 or [eric.duff@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:eric.duff@dot.state.ga.us)) of the Department's Office of Environment/Location. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Sean Johnston (678 533-3921 or [sean.johnston@Kimley-Horn.com](mailto:sean.johnston@Kimley-Horn.com)) of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.



**Figure 1**  
**Project Location**  
**CSSTP-0006-00(902)-D, Douglas County**  
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 Chapel Hill Road and Central Church Road/Bomar Road  
 Chapel Hill Road and Willow Ridge Road  
 Intersection Improvements

Source: Campbellton, GA Quadrangle  
 USGS 7.5' Series (Topographic)

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