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**NOTIFICATION**

**Initiation of Section 106 Process for  
GDOT Project CSNHS-0006-00(335), Fulton and Forsyth Counties**

**P.I. No. 0006335**

**March 3, 2006**

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 installation of the GDOT NaviGator system along SR 400 from the SR 120/Old Milton Parkway interchange to the SR 20/Buford Highway interchange for a total of 12 miles (see attached Figures 1A through 1D). Included in the proposed project would be four changeable message signs (CMS), vehicle detection coverage (VDC), closed circuit television cameras (CCTV), fiber optic trunk lines, and ramp meters.

The following outlines the proposed facilities included in the proposed project:

This project would extend the fiber trunk line along SR 400 from SR 120/Old Milton Parkway to the northern project limit at SR 20/Buford Highway.

**Communications Plan**

This project would extend the fiber trunk line along SR 400 from SR 120/Old Milton Parkway to the northern project limit at SR 20/Buford Highway. Fiber optic trunk lines would be located on both sides of SR 400 as close to the back of the right-of-way as possible. The trunk line may enter the paved shoulder to cross bridges and at other locations where it is not feasible to locate outside the paved shoulder. The trunk line would be carried within continuous conduit duct banks, which would have 4-2" conduits.

**CCTV**

CCTV Type B Dome cameras would be designed to provide continuous coverage of SR 400 within the project limits. These cameras would be mounted on eighty-foot concrete poles located off the shoulder of the highway. However, where appropriate, some cameras may be mounted on poles behind guardrail, on bridge overpasses, or on overhead sign structures.

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This project would include surveillance cameras with typical spacing every 2/3 mile to provide interchange coverage as well as at ramp meter locations. The poles or other mounting apparatus for the cameras are included in this project.

### **VDS**

VDS camera locations have been chosen to provide an average spacing of 1/3 mile along the project limits, as well as at each ramp meter location. These cameras would be mounted on eighty-foot concrete poles located mainly off the shoulder of the highway at the back of the clear zone. However, where appropriate, some cameras may be mounted on existing sign structures or on poles behind guardrail. The poles or other mounting apparatus for the cameras are included in this project.

### **Changeable Message Signs (CMS)**

Four (4) CMS are proposed for this project. Each sign would be 3' x 21', mounted on overhead structures. The locations of each of the four signs are as follows: The first CMS would be located on SR 400 northbound, prior to the McFarland Road interchange. The second CMS would be located on SR 400 southbound, prior to the McFarland Road interchange. The third CMS would be located on SR 400 northbound prior to the SR 20/Buford Highway interchange. The fourth CMS would be located on SR 400 southbound prior to the SR 141/Peachtree Parkway interchange. Each sign would provide information on SR 400 and I-285 travel conditions, as well as local construction and delay information.

### **Hubs**

This project would tie into existing Hub Q on the SR 400 corridor. The hub building would serve as a field connection point for the various devices installed on this project. No additional hubs are proposed at this time.

### **Ramp Meters**

Ramp Meters would be installed along SR 400 at all northbound and southbound entrance ramps. Each ramp meter would require at least one IVDS to monitor mainline freeway operations, as well as CCTV for visual coverage. All supporting hardware, devices, poles and/or mast arms, lane markings, traffic signal equipment, and signage for the installation of ramp meters are in this project.

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is would consist of the existing 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 existing right-of-way and view shed of the proposed project exists.

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 (GASHPO), 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. 0006335**) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the GASHPO and the Fulton County Department of Environment & community Development, and the Forsyth County Commission. 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, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, 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.

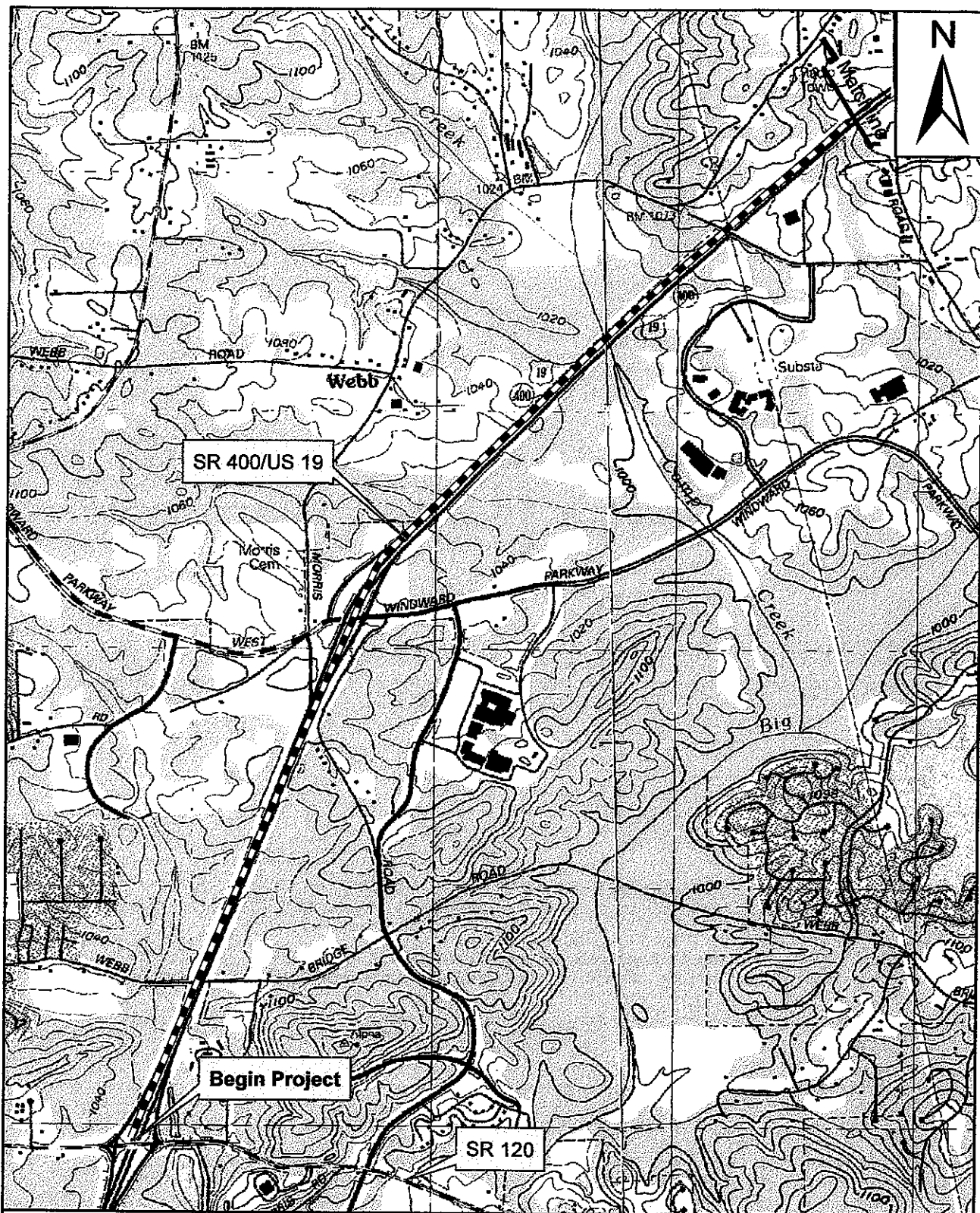
Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of this undertaking. This review of existing information revealed that no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the National Register, no National Historic Landmarks 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. No properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1976 Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) Fulton County survey, the 1995 GADNR Fulton County, North Fulton and Sandy Springs only survey or the 1992 GADNR Forsyth County survey.



Even though no properties 50 years old or older were identified within the APE in the 1976 GADNR Fulton County survey, the 1995 GADNR Fulton County, North Fulton and Sandy Springs only survey or the 1992 GADNR Forsyth 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 GASHPO 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 Mike Holt (770-754-0755 or [mike\\_holt@gspnet.com](mailto:mike_holt@gspnet.com)) of Gresham, Smith and Partners.

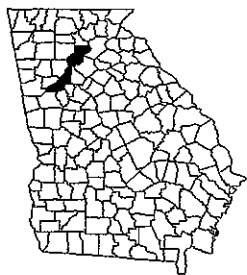
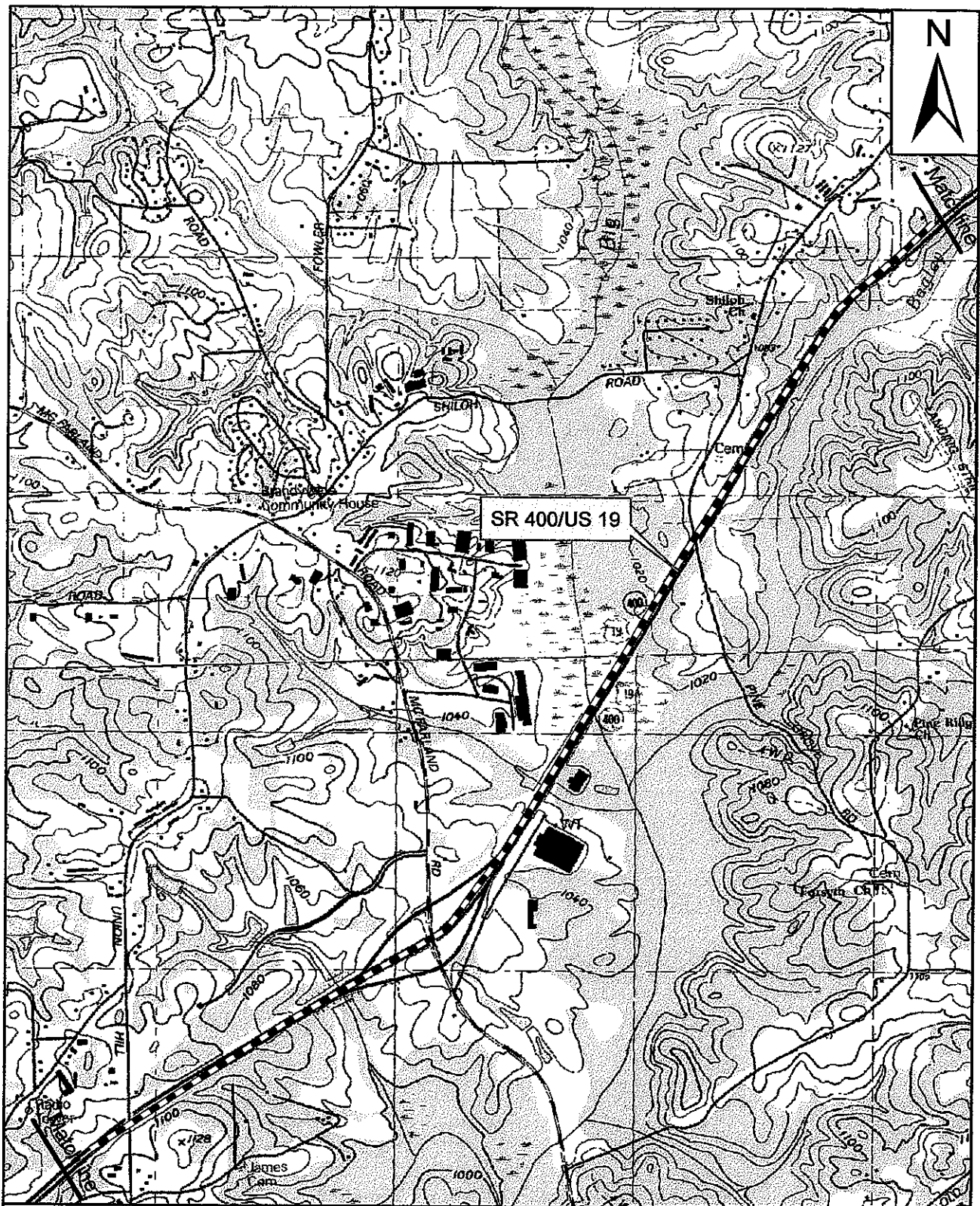


**FIGURE 1A**  
**Project Location**

GDOT Project CSNHS-0006-00(335), Fulton & Forsyth Counties  
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Source: Duluth and Roswell  
GA Quadrangles/  
USGS 7.5' Series (Topographic)

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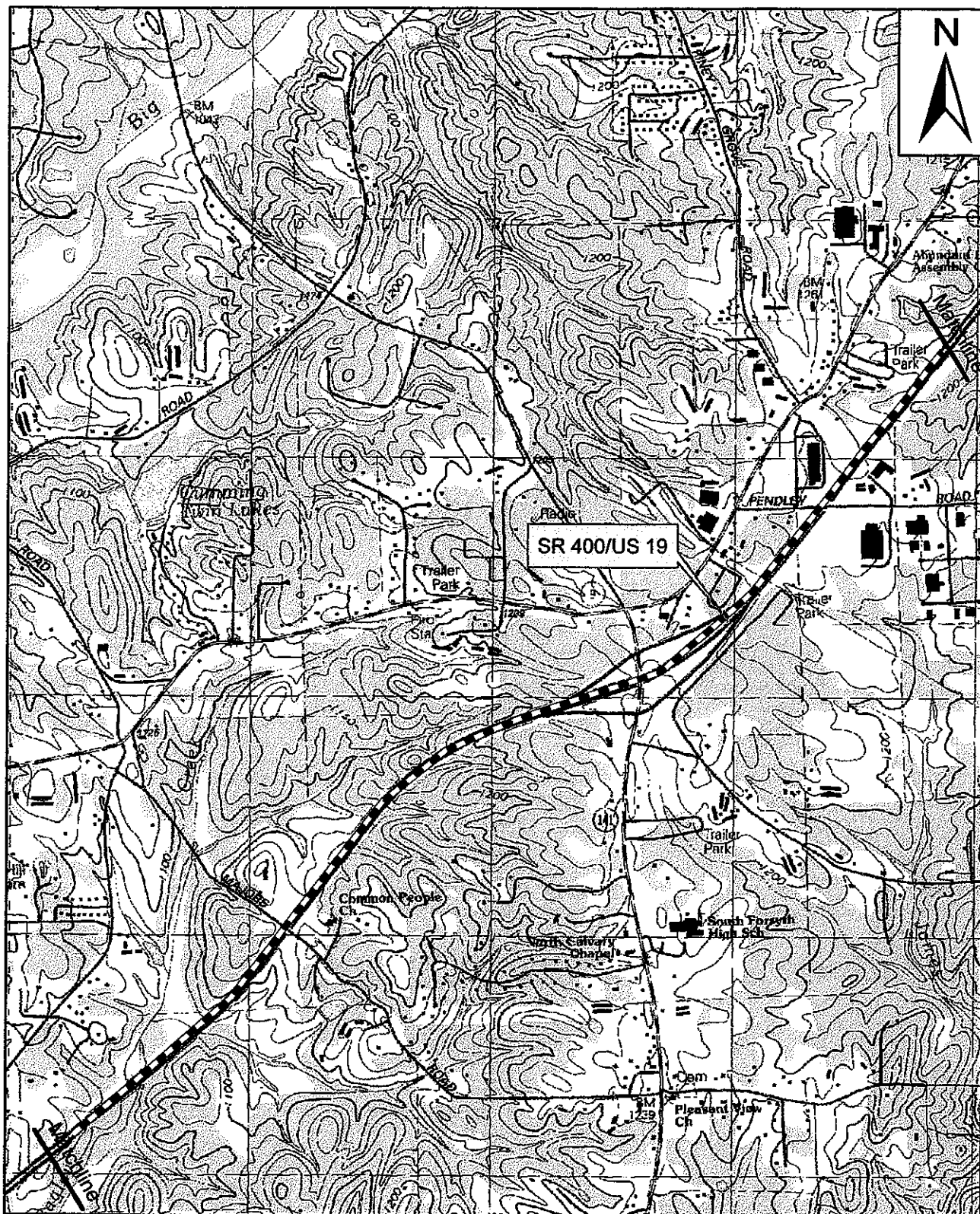
### FIGURE 1B Project Location

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GA Quadrangles/  
USGS 7.5' Series (Topographic)

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**FIGURE 1C**  
**Project Location**

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