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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Initiation of Section 106 Process for**

**GDOT Projects STP-0006-00(880), STP-0006-00(879), STP-0005-00(905),**

**STP-0006-00(890), Dekalb County**

**P.I. Nos. 0006880, 0006879, 0005905, 0006890**

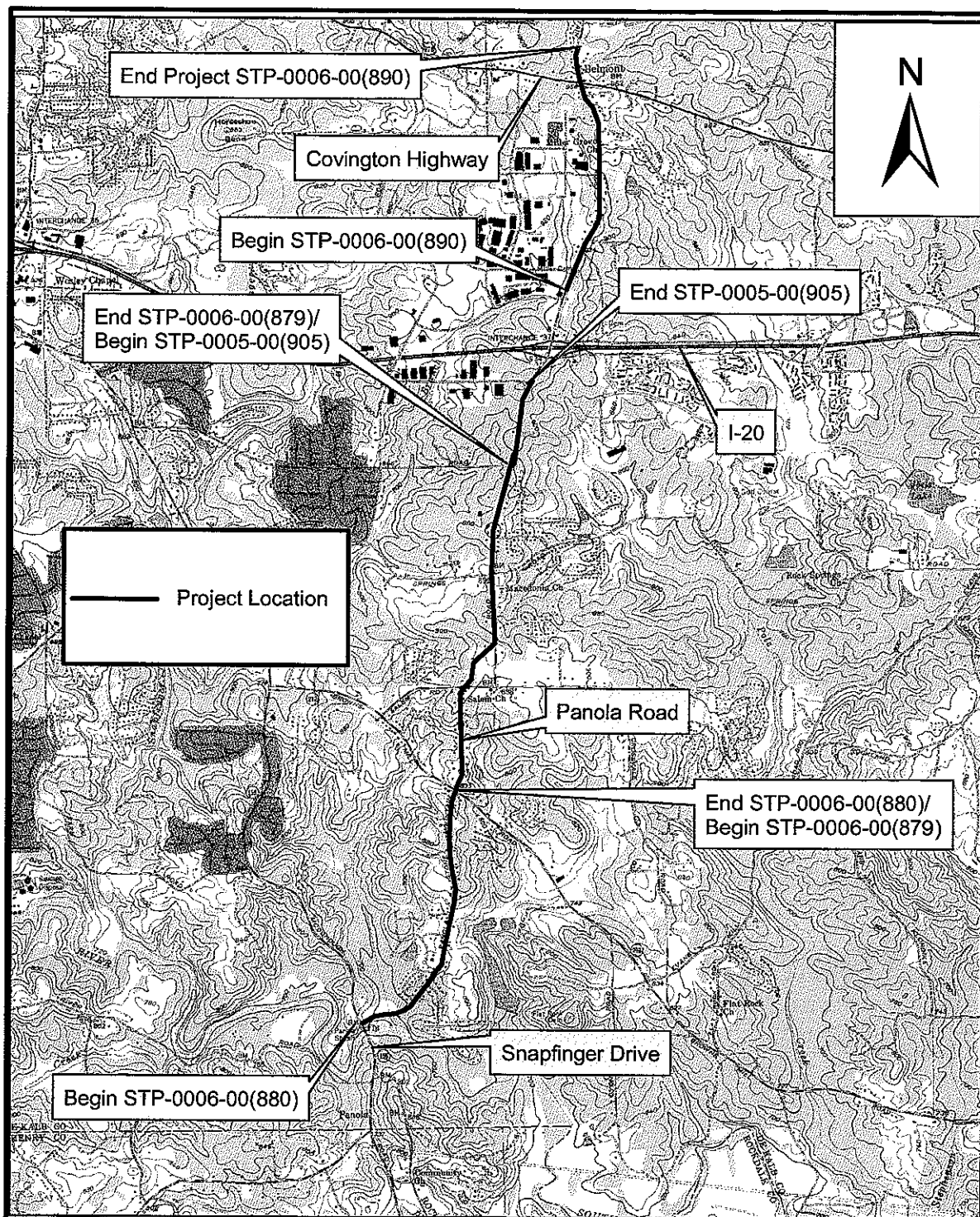
**January 12, 2007**

The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of project development for these proposed transportation projects. 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 projects have 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 these proposed projects.

The proposed projects would consist of widening the existing roadway of Panola Road between Snapfinger Road (SR 155) and Covington Highway in Dekalb County (see Figure 1). Bike lanes, sidewalks, and medians would be constructed along the widened roadway. The south end of the existing roadway (south of the I-20 interchange) would be widened from two 12-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) to three 12-foot travel lanes with a 20-foot varying flush /raised median. The north end of the existing roadway (north of the I-20 interchange) would be widened from four 12-foot travel lanes (two in each direction) to six 12-foot travel lanes (three in each direction) with a variable 20- to 32-foot raised median. In addition, the proposed project would construct four-foot bike lanes and five-foot sidewalks along the entire project corridor. All crossroad intersections would be improved, including improvements to approach lane configurations and turn lane lengths.

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 projects (refer to Figure 1). No potential for indirect effects outside of the proposed right-of-way and view shed of the proposed projects 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



**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Location Map**

GDOT Projects STP-0006-00(880), STP-0006-00(879),  
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Source: Redan, GA Quadrangle  
USGS 7.5' Series  
(Topographic)

Not To Scale



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 these projects should be directed to:

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

Attn: Grant D. Hudson

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification numbers (P.I. Nos. 0006880, 0006879, 0005905, 0006890) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for these projects are the Atlanta Regional Commission, the GASHPO, the Dekalb County Historic Preservation Commission, the Dekalb Historical Society and the Dekalb 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: 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 projects' APE.

Four properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed projects' APE in the 1997 Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) ongoing Dekalb County survey. These survey sites are Nos. 18686, 18687, 19018, and 19026.

The proposed projects will be field surveyed for both historic properties and archaeological sites. The Criteria for Evaluation 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 Grant D. Hudson (770-333-9484 or [ghudson@edwards-pitman.com](mailto:ghudson@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 Bonnie Peacock of (770-431-8666 or [bpeacock@ARCADIS-US.com](mailto:bpeacock@ARCADIS-US.com)) of ARCADIS.