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SUBJECT GDOT Project CSMSL-0007-00 (946), Henry County;
P.I. #0007946 and HP #060725-001:
Survey Report.

Attached is the Survey Report for the subject project. This document describes the Department's efforts to identify historic properties located within the proposed project's area of potential effects and the evaluation of all identified properties through the application of the Criteria of Eligibility to determine eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

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SURVEY REPORT

GDOT PROJECT CSMSL-0007-00(946), HENRY COUNTY

P.I. #0007946

HP #060725-001

The proposed project was field surveyed for historic properties in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and amendments thereto. The survey boundary and methodology were established using the GDOT/FHWA Cultural Resource Survey Guidelines. These guidelines were established as a result of past interaction with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and his staff and were agreed upon by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the SHPO.

The proposed project would plan, design and construct a 12 foot wide linear trail connecting Clark Park and Gardner Park via a tunnel under Norfolk Southern Railroad. The project would begin at the existing trail in Clark Park, continue northeast for approximately 250 feet, tunnel under the railroad for approximately 50 feet, and continue approximately 300 feet to terminate at the existing trail in Gardner Park (see attached location map).

The area of potential effects (APE), as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(d), is the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties if any such properties exist. Based on the nature and the scope of the undertaking, the guidance in the GDOT/FHWA Cultural Resources Survey Guidelines and past experience with similar projects, the Department has evaluated and defined the APE for this proposed project. Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the area of potential direct effects is limited to the proposed trail and viewshed of the proposed project, within which all construction and ground disturbing activity would be confined (refer to attached location map). No potential for indirect effects outside of the proposed trail and viewshed of the proposed project exists.

The review of existing information on previously identified historic properties revealed that no National Register listed properties, proposed National Register nominations, National Historic Landmarks, or bridges determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register in the updated Georgia Historic Bridge Survey (GHBS) were identified within the proposed project's APE.

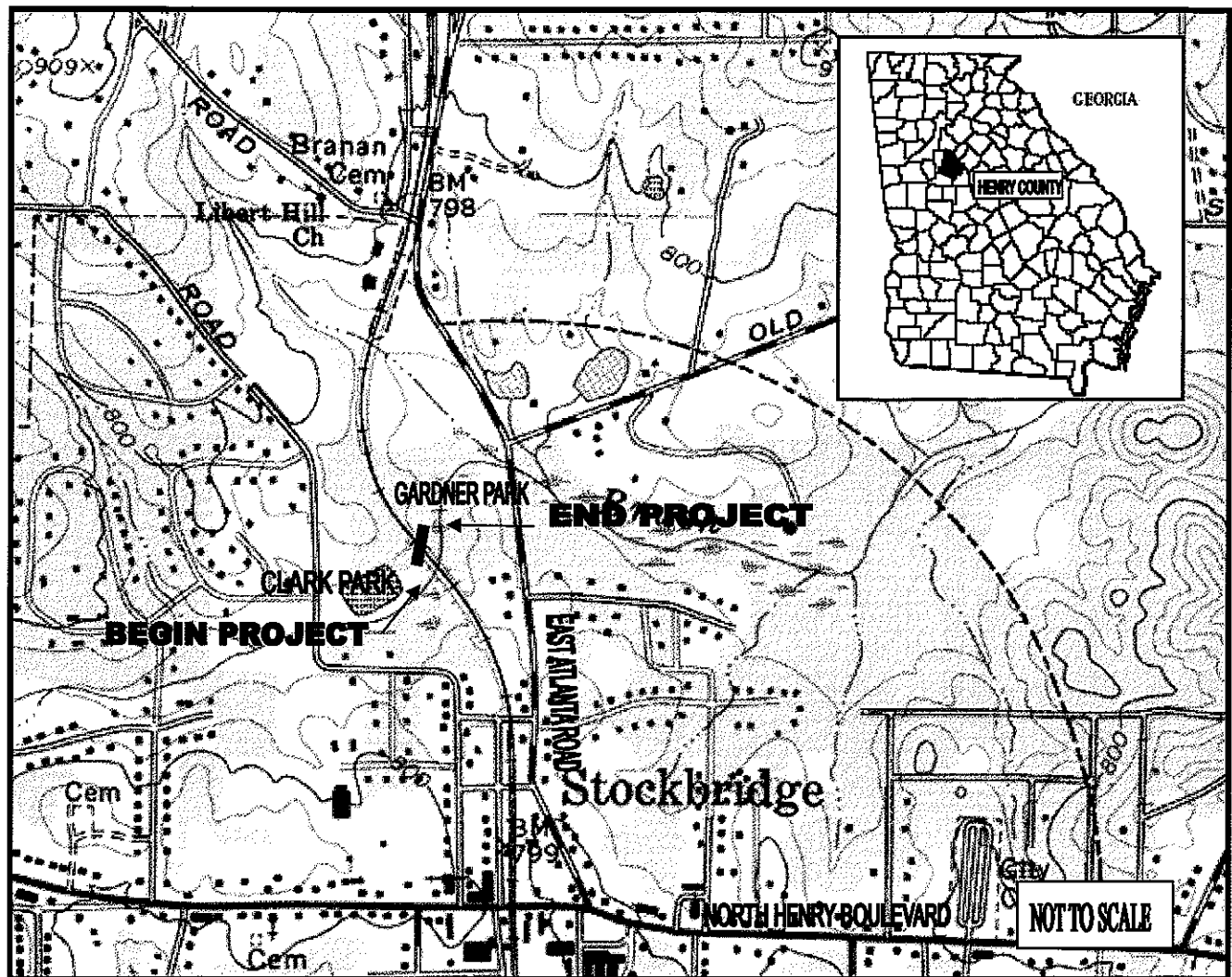
In addition no properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1998 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Henry County Survey.

A total of one (1) additional property 50 years of age or older not identified in the DNR survey was identified within the proposed project's APE during the field survey. This property is the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway Atlanta Division, constructed between 1881 and 1882, which runs from Macon to Rome, Georgia and is located in the project area between two Stockbridge city parks (Clark Community Park and Gardner Park).

In addition to the Georgia SHPO, other potential consulting parties were identified based on the nature of the undertaking and the guidance in the GDOT/FHWA Cultural Resource Survey Guidelines. The other potential consulting parties invited to participate in the Section 106 process were the Atlanta Regional Commission, Henry County Historical Society, the City of Stockbridge and the Henry County Commission. The consulting parties were informed of our efforts to identify historic properties by consulting existing information and the results of those efforts and asked to provide information on any unidentified National Register listed or eligible properties within the project's APE by a Notification dated July 18, 2006 (see Notification in Appendix A). A response dated August 1, 2006 was received from the Georgia SHPO as a result of the Department's invitation to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process.

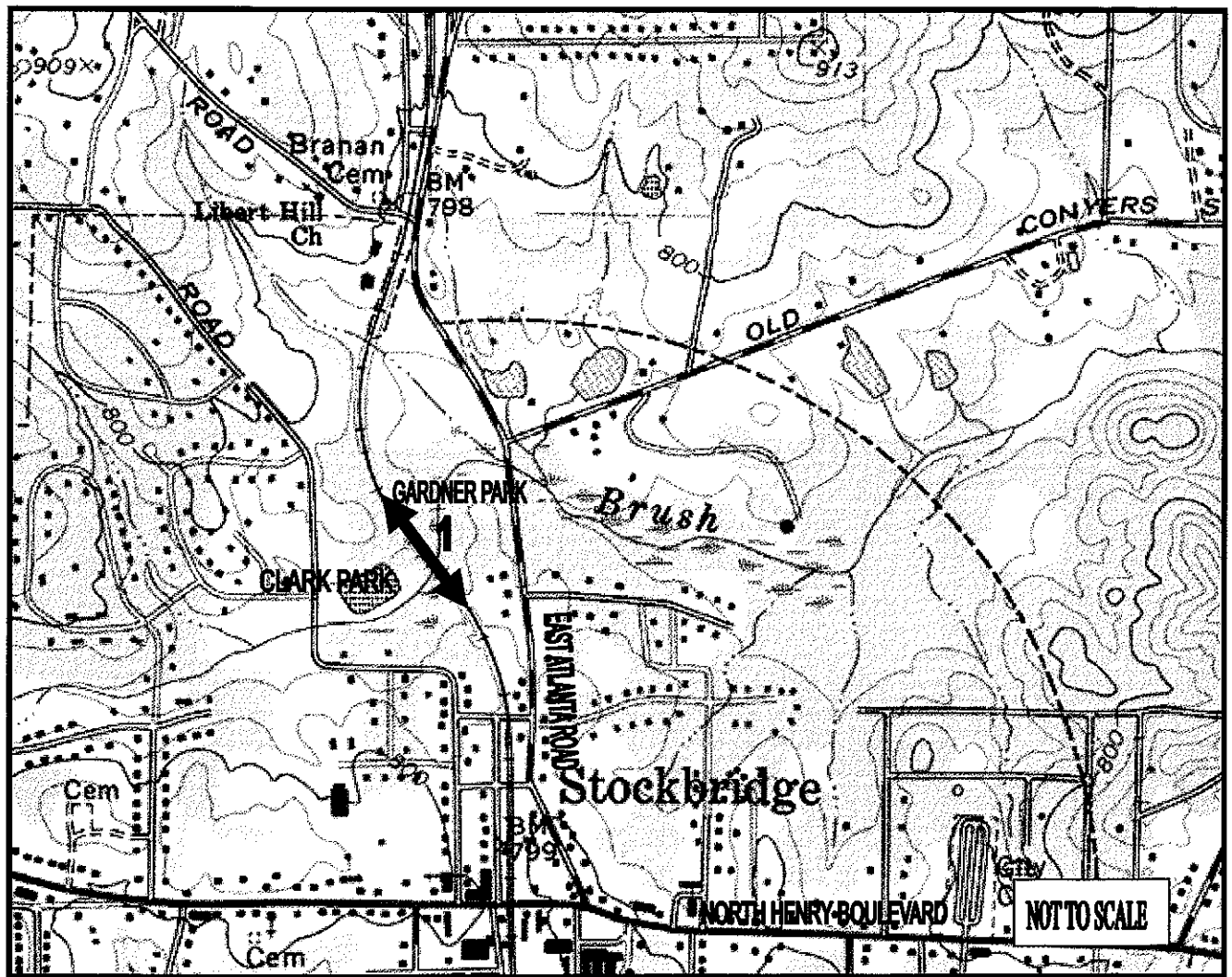
For each property 50 years old or older identified within the APE, a Property Information Form with attached photographs has been prepared. The Criteria of Eligibility was applied to each property and a recommendation regarding National Register eligibility has been made.

Of the one (1) property 50 years old or older that was surveyed and to which the Criteria of Eligibility was applied, one (1) has been recommended eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.



Project Location Map
GDOT CSMSL-0007-00(946),
P.I. #0007946,
Henry County





Resource Location Map
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Henry County



PROPERTY INFORMATION FORM

Property Identification: The East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway (ETV&G) Atlanta Division is also identified as Property #1 in the field notes and on the project location map. This property was not identified in the 1998 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Henry County Survey.

Location: The property is located between Clark Community Park to the west and Gardner Park to the east (refer to project location map). The rail line connects Macon, Georgia to Rome, Georgia.

Date(s) of Development: According to background research, this rail line was constructed between 1881 and 1882.

Description: The structure is identified as the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway (ETV&G) Atlanta Division rail line, which runs more or less northwesterly between Macon and Rome (through Atlanta), connecting the former Georgia Southern Railroad to the north and the Macon and Brunswick Railroad to the south. In the vicinity of the project area, the ETV&G is a linear resource consisting generally of one rail line of (2) 4.70'± gauge track with eight-foot ties on approximately a 15-foot ballast bed. The line is situated on a hill approximately thirty feet (30') above the surrounding topography. The setting of the rail bed includes agricultural, suburban, industrial, rural, and urban surroundings.

The ETV&G was created in Tennessee in 1869 when the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad and the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad merged. In 1880-81 the ETV&G acquired the Georgia Southern Railroad and the Macon and Brunswick Railroad. The ETV&G decided to construct a line connecting the two newly acquired lines, called the Atlanta Division. This line, running from Macon to Rome, through Atlanta (and Stockbridge) was completed in 1882. In 1886 the railroad was sold and reorganized as the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway and was controlled by the Richmond and West Terminal Point Company from 1887 to 1892. The ETV&G eventually became part of the Southern Railway in 1895.

National Register Recommendation: The property is considered **Eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

National Register Criteria and Level of Significance: Property #1 was evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register using the National Register Criteria for Evaluation as outlined in 36 CFR Part 60.4. There are no known associations with individuals whose specific contributions to history can be identified and documented with this property. No associations were indicated or suggested as a result of background research on the project area and deed research on the property, in any response to the Department's early consultation correspondence received from consulting parties or in an interview with the current occupants of the property. Therefore, there was no basis for evaluating the property under Criteria B. This property does not appear to have the potential to be the principal source of important information. Therefore, there was no basis for evaluating the property under Criterion D.

Property #1 was evaluated under Criteria A and C, and appears to possess a state level of significance in the areas of transportation, commerce, and industrial history as well as structural design as a significant intact transportation corridor. The ETV&G retains the linear quality associated with a rail corridor. It also appears to have retained the original engineered rail bed.

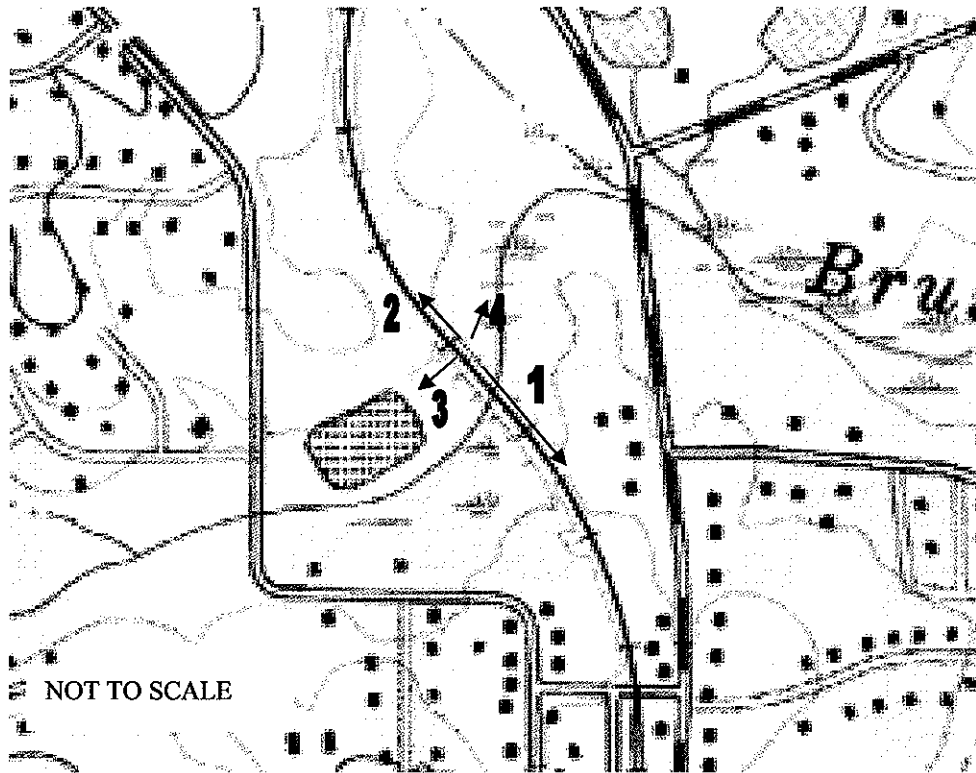
Integrity: The East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway (ETV&G) Atlanta Division rail bed has been determined to possess integrity in the areas of location, setting, design, feeling and association. It retains its original location. Within the project area, Clark Community Park is located to the west. To the east is located Gardner Park. Both parks are heavily wooded. As a result of the design remaining unchanged, the resource does evoke a sense of a particular period of time, and retains its integrity of feeling. The rail line is associated with the growth and expansion of the country, and therefore retains integrity of association.

Proposed Boundary (Justification and Description): The proposed National Register boundary of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway (ETV&G) Atlanta Division corresponds to the rail bed itself, generally containing railroad ties, rails, and gravel bed. The average width of the rail bed is approximately 15 feet. The proposed boundary (the right-of-way of the Southern Railway) contains all National Register qualifying characteristics and features of the property.

UTM Coordinates: N/A.

Prepared: Completed pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(c) in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for GDOT Project CSML-0007-00(946) , Henry County by:

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**Site Plan, Photo Key for the ETV&G Railway Atlanta Division
GDOT Project CSMSL-0007-00(946),
P.I. #0007946,
Henry County**

Property #1



Photo #1

View of rail line to the southeast.



Photo #2

View of rail line to the northwest.

Property #1



Photo #3

View of project area (Clark Community Park) to the southwest.



Photo #4

View of project area (Gardner Park) to the northeast.

APPENDIX A
NOTIFICATION
AND
EARLY CONSULTATION CORRESPONDENCE



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NOTIFICATION

**Initiation of Section 106 Process for
GDOT Project CSMSL-0007-00(946), _Henry County**

P.I. #0007946

July 18, 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.

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Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is limited to the proposed trail and viewshed of the proposed project, within which all construction and ground disturbing activity would be confined (refer to attached location map). No potential for indirect effects outside of the proposed trail and viewshed 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, 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:

Annette Loomis
Annette Loomis Historic Preservation
959 Southers Circle
Suwanee, GA 30024

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (P.I. #0007946) 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, Henry County Historical Society, the City of Stockbridge and the Henry 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: 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.

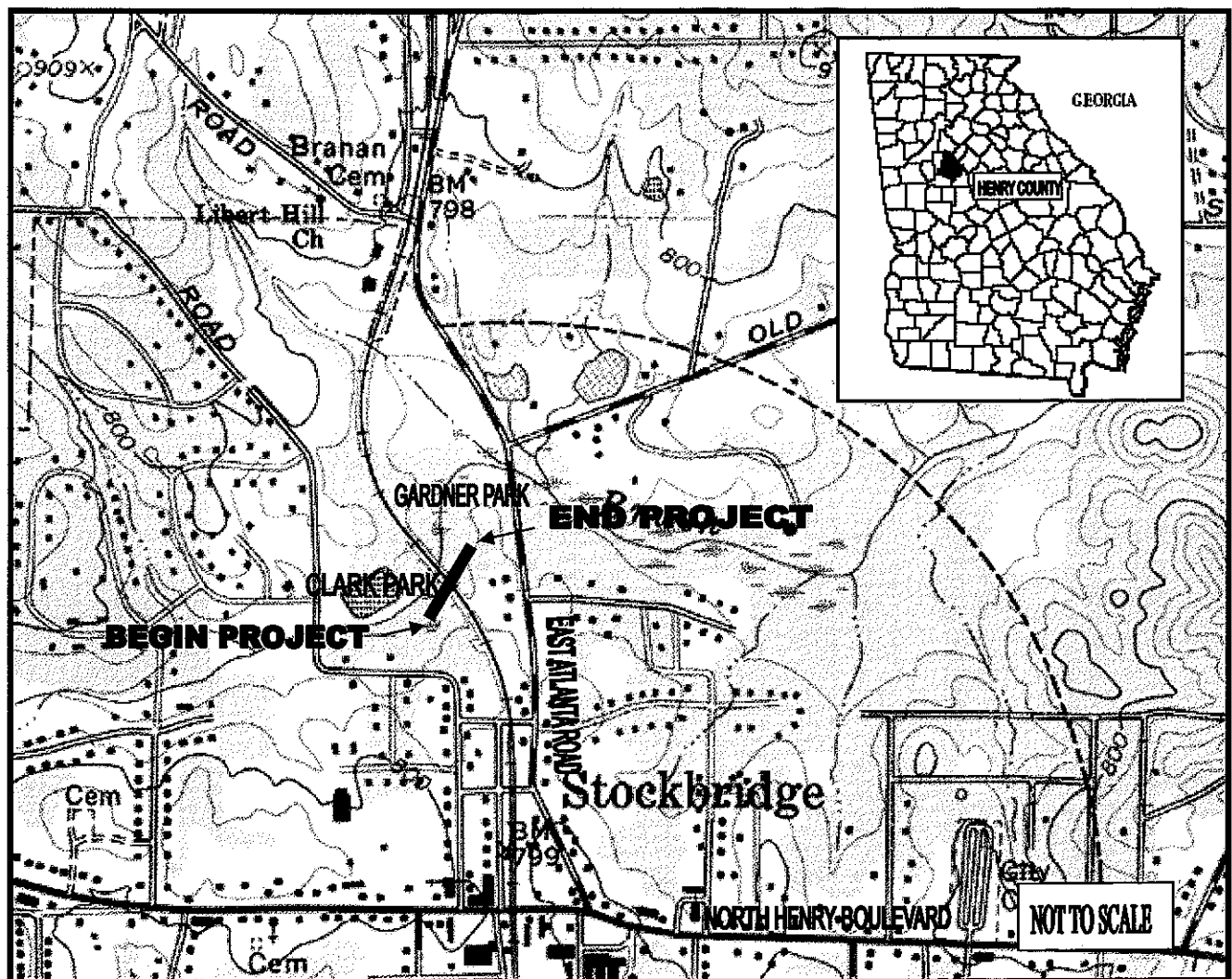
Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of this undertaking. This review of existing information revealed that no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the National Register, no National Historic Landmarks 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 1998 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Henry County Survey.

Even though no properties 50 years old or older were identified within the APE in the 1998 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Henry County survey, because the survey did not include the city of Stockbridge the proposed project will be field surveyed for both historic properties and archaeological sites and 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 Annette Loomis (678-467-0541 or name of loomis1@mindspring.com); archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Eric Anthony Duff (404-699-4437, Eric.Duff@dot.state.ga.us) of this office. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Thomas Howell, P.E., (706) 646-6500, of the Department's District 3 Office.



Project Location Map
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Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

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Historic Preservation Division

RE: Receipt of Early Coordination Information

Project Title: P.I. #0007946; CSMSL-0007-00(946)
Construct Trail Connecting Clarke Park and Gardner Park

Project Number: HP-060725-001

County: Henry

DATE: August 1, 2006

The Historic Preservation Division has received the early coordination information required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA). Thank you for submitting this information, and we look forward to working with you in the future as this project progresses.

AS:mav

cc: Annette Loomis, Annette Loomis Historic Preservation