U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Community Development Programs

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD

FORMAT II

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project: DeKalb County Performing Arts & Community Center

Program: EDI – Special Projects

Community Development Department DeKalb County Government Date: July 2, 2007

PROJECT ABSTRACT

FORMAT II ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Name of Grantee: DeKalb County Government

Application/Grant Number: B-02-SP-GA-0157

From:7/2/07

To:

(check one)
Original X
Revisions
Amendments

Name and Title of Certifying Officer: Chris H. Morris, Director

Project Name: DeKalb County Performing Arts & Community Center

Location of Physical Development: 3181 Rainbow Drive, Decatur, GA 30032

Lead Agency: DeKalb County Community Development Department

Address: 1807 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30032

Project Representative: Chris H. Morris

Address: Same as above

Project Contact: Same as above

Address:

Project Abstract

Project Summary Description:

The Performing Arts and Community Center will be constructed on County owned property located on Rainbow Drive in Decatur. The proposed project consists of the design and construction of a 35,000 square foot performing arts center in South DeKalb County. The facility will include a state-of-the-art 500 seat auditorium/ musical theater; 104 Black Box Theater; art classrooms, a community education room, an interactive historical education center hosted by Wonderland Gardens, and a 62-foot high exhibition gallery that will feature work from local artists.

Project Budget:

COST	Total	EDI Share	Non-EDI	Source of Non-
CATEGORY	Budget		Share	EDI Share *
Building Cost	\$5,662,722		\$5,662,722	
Construction				
Cost	\$ 221,670		\$ 221,670	
Equipment	\$1,649,500		\$1,649,500	
Site	\$1,305,100		\$1,305,100	
Professional Fee	\$1,556,170	\$100,000	\$1,456,170	
FF&E	\$ 50,100		\$ 50,100	
Exhibit Area	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	
CM at Rick	\$ 804,643		\$ 804,643	
Contractor Fees				
Contingency	\$ 1,134,981		\$ 1,134,981	
Total	\$12,484,786	\$100,000	\$12,384,786	

^{*}Source of None EDI Share: Host Funds, 2006 Park Bond Program, and Park Bond Interest Development Authority, Estimated Earn Interest (to cover any deficient)



Project Data

Purpose of Project:

The purpose of the project is to design and construct a state-of-the-art performing arts center in South DeKalb County. The Center will provide space performances, classrooms for adults and children to take arts and crafts classes. It will host special events such as wedding receptions, banquets and other community meetings.

Status of Project:

The concept phase is more than 50 percent complete. The architect is currently reviewing with other design professionals, who are germane to design, constructability and determining the final design project estimate. Construction is estimated to begin between late in the fall of 2008 and will take 15 to 18 months to complete.



Project Data (continued)

Project and Area Description:

The proposed project will be located on the former site of the 20 acre Mathis Dairy property at 3181 Rainbow Drive, Decatur. It will share the property with Rainbow Park also known as Wonderland Gardens. The proposed project is also located across the street from Greenforest Community Baptist Church. There is a residential subdivision of single family homes located immediately east of the property and the South DeKalb Mall is located about a mile away from the property.

Existing Conditions and Trends:

The site is located in South DeKalb County and is surrounded by primarily residential property. The site is immediately bordered to the north by Rainbow Drive, a private residence, and the Green Forest Baptist Church; to the south a residential subdivision; to the east a residential subdivision that contains two small lakes; and to the west private residences. There are no commercial or industrial facilities located within a 0.12-mile radius of the site. The former site of the DeKalb County Shoal Creek waste water treatment plant is located approximately 1,500 feet south of the subject site.



CHECKLIST OF APPLICABLE STATUES AND REGULATIONS

Project Name and Identification #: DeKalb County Performing Arts Center B-02-SP-GA-0157

Statutory Checklist

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Area of Statutory – Regulatory Compliance (Precise citations for applicable statutes and regulations are printed following this checklist.)	Not Applicable to this Project	Consultation Required	Review Required *	Permits required*	Determination of Consistency	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions required*	Reference to Notes Providing Documentation Sources and Correspondence
HISTORIC PROPERTIES						X	There is a house on the property that is over 30 years old that has some asbestos. See Attachment # C-1
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT		X					Not in the floodplain according to Overview Map #1799991.1s Etowah Environmental Services See Attached map
WETLANDS PROTECTION		X					National Wetlands Inventory USGS 7.5.' Minute Southeast Atlanta Quadrangle Map 1992 See Attached map
COASTAL AREAS PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT	X		į				Not Applicable to the Upper Piedmont Region of Georgia.
WATER QUALITY: SOLE SOURCE AQUIFERS	Х						None in Georgia per the EPA.
ENDANGERED SPECIES	X						Property is in a developed Urban Area.
WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS	X						None in DeKalb County per U.S. DOI and Georgia DNR inventories.
AIR QUALITY	X						Not Applicable



Statutory Checklist (continued) *Attach evidence that required actions have been taken

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FARMLANDS PROTECTION	Х						Not applicable to DeKalb County per USDA Soil Conservation Service
NOISE	X				-		Not applicable, See Attachment # C-10
RUNWAY CLEAR ZONES	X						This site is outside of existing airport zones. See Attachment C-11
THERMAL AND EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS	X						Not applicable per the Phase I Environmental Assessment 11/21/07
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	Х						Not applicable. This project will not trigger environmental justice statues.



PERMITS, LICENSES, FORMS OF COMPLIANCE UNDER OTHER LAWS

(FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS)

Statutory Checklist (continued) *Attach evidence that required actions have been taken

OTHER AREAS OF STATUTORY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE APPLICABLE TO PROJECT	Not Applicable to this Project	Consultation Required	Review Required *	Permits required*	Determination of Consistency	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions required*	Reference to Notes Providing Documentation Sources and Correspondence
WATER QUALITY	X						Not applicable there are no designated drinking water source in DeKalb County.
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	X						Not in proximity of sanitary landfill or hazardous waste site.
FISH AND WILDLIFE	X						No fish or protected wildlife on site.
STATE OR LOCAL STATUES (TO BE ADDED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY)							



Statutory Checklist (continued)

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

This project is consistent with applicable federal laws and standards. The project is not anticipated to have any adverse affect on the environment. A Phase I Environmental Assessment was completed for this project on November 21, 2006. Based on that Assessment there were no onsite recognized environmental conditions that were identified at the proposed project site. However, it was recommended that prior to site development, all of the debris on the site, including (roofing, construction materials, and old tires) be removed by a qualified contractor and be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations.

Summary of Environmental Conditions:

State laws require all regulated asbestos containing material be abated from the building prior to demolition and that removal is by a Georgia licensed abatement contractor. It was recommended that a comprehensive pre-demolition asbestos inspection be completed in the brick house that is on the subject property prior to demolition.

Statutory Checklist (continued)

Project Modifications and Alternatives Considered:	
There are no project modifications or alternative to be considered.	
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Mitigation Measures Needed:

The mitigation measures needed includes a comprehensive pre-demolition asbestos inspection to be completed in the brick house that is located on the property prior to demolition.



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List of Applicable Federal Statues and Regulations

Noise	Farmlands
HUD Regulations (24 CFR Part 51, Subpart B)	Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 +)
Air Quality	Water Quality
Clean Air Act of 1970 as Amended (42 U.S.C 7401-76 42) EPA Regulation 40 CFR Part 50 Partially 40 CFR Part 51.52.61.	Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1376) Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C 300f-300j-10) as amended U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Implementing Regulations 40 CFR Parts 100-149
Historic Properties	Solid Waste Disposal
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Section 106 (16 U.S.C. 470-470+1) * Preservation of Historic and Archaeological Data Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.469-169c) Executive Order 11593 - Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment * Except as provided in 24 CFR 58.17 and Section 7(i)(1), United Stares Housing Act of 1937, as amended.	Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6901-6987) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Implementing Regulations 40 CFR Parts 240-265
Coastal Areas	Man-made Hazards
Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1451-1464) Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982 (16 U.S.C. 3501 +) Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1271 +)	HUD Regulations (24 CFR Part 51, Subpart C and Subpart D)
Wetlands and Floodplains	Fish and Wildlife
Executive Order 11990 - Protection of Wetlands Executive Order 11988 - Floodplain Management and U.S. Water Resources Council Guidelines	Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666c)
	Endangered Species
	Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 -1543)



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Prepared by: Braunwin H. Camp, Senior Planner

Date: July 11, 2007



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Project Name and Identification #:

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Impact Categories	No Impact Anticipated	Potentially Beneficial	Potentially Adverse (Requires Documentation Only)	Potentially Adverse (Requires More Study)	Needs Mitigation	Requires Project Modification	Source or Documentation (Note date of contact or page reference) Additional Material may be attached
Land Development		_					
Conformance With Comprehensive Plan and Zoning		X					Potentially Beneficial DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan
Compatibility and Urban Impact	X			<u></u> :			No Impact Anticipated See Attachment D1(b)
Slope	X					÷	No Impact Anticipated per Phase I Environmental 11/21/06
Erosion	Х		-				No Impact Anticipated per Phase I Environmental 11/21/06
Soil Suitability	X				_		No Impact Anticipated per Phase I Environmental 11/21/06
Hazard and Nuisances, Including Site Safety	Х						No Impact Anticipated per Phase I Environmental 11/21/06
Energy Consumption	X						No Impact Anticipated per Phase I Environmental 11/21/06



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Noise							
Effects of Ambient Noise on Project and Contribution to Community Noise Levels	X						No Impact Anticipated. See Attachment D-2
Environmental Design and Historic Values							
Visual Quality – Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale		X					Potentially Beneficial, DeKalb County Planning
Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources		X					Potentially Beneficial, DeKalb County Community Development See Attachment D-3(b)
Socioeconomic							
Demographic Character Changes	X						No Impact Anticipated
Displacement	X					:	No Impact Anticipated
Employment and Income Patterns		X					Potentially Beneficial. See Attachment D-4(c)



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Community Facilities and Services							
Educational Facilities		X			•		Potentially Beneficial, DeKalb County Community Development Dept. See Attachment D-5(a)
Commercial Facilities	Х					-	No Impact Anticipated.
Solid Waste	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Wastewater	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Storm water	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Water Supply	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Social Services	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Health Care	X						No Impact Anticipated, per DeKalb County Community Development



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Public Safety							
Police	X						No Impact Anticipated, per DeKalb County Planning Department
Fire	X						No Impact Anticipated, per DeKalb County Planning Department
Emergency Medical	X						No Impact Anticipated, per DeKalb County Planning Department
Open Space and Recreation						,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Open Space		X					Potentially Beneficial per DeKalb County Parks & Recreation
Recreation		X					Potentially Beneficial per DeKalb County Parks & Recreation



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Natural Features	-			· • •			
Water Resources	X						No Impact anticipated. There are no sole source aquifers in Georgia.
Surface Water	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Floodplain	X						No Impact Anticipated, per FEMA Floodplain Map.
Wetlands	X						No Impact Anticipated, per USGS Wetlands Maps.
Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands	X						No Impact Anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Review, 11/21/06
Vegetation and Wildlife	X						No Impact Anticipated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:		
This project as implemented will be consistent and comply with environmental review regulations of NEPA and other provisions of law or authorities citied in 24 CFR 58.5. no adverse impact is anticipated	' There	fore
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Summary of Environmental Conditions:

There are no environmental conditions that will impact the development of this facility. The summary of the Phase I Environmental concluded the following: During this project no off-site facilities that appeared to have the potential to create a Recognized Environmental Condition on the subject site. However, it is recommended that prior to site development, all of the debris on the site be removed by a qualified contractor and be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local Regulations. We also recommend that a comprehensive pre-demolition asbestos inspection be completed in the brick house prior to demolition.

Project Modifications and Alternatives Considered:

No project modifications or alternatives were considered.

Environmental Assessment

Project Name and Identification No.:	
1.	Is project in compliance with applicable laws and regulations? YES
2.	Is an EIS required? NO
3.	A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be made. Project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment? NO
ENV	TRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FINDING
On the	basis of the environmental assessment of the above project, I have made the following finding.
X	A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Date: _	7/16/07
Signatı	are of Certifying Officer: Miss H. Marw
Title of	f Certifying Officer: Director
Agency	y: DeKalb County Community Development Department
Addres	s: 1807 Candler Road December GA 20126

ATTACHMENT 1 South DeKalb County Performing Arts Center

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Performing Arts and Community Center will be constructed on County owned property located on Rainbow Drive in Decatur. The proposed project consists of the design and construction of a 35,000 square foot performing arts center in South DeKalb County. The facility will include a state-of-the-art 500 seat auditorium/ musical theater; 104 Black Box Theater; art classrooms, a community education room, an interactive historical education center hosted by Wonderland Gardens, and a 62-foot high exhibition gallery that will feature work from local artists.

B. **PROJECT FUNDING**

The following is the estimated project cost breaks down:

Building: \$ 5,662,722 Construction: \$ 221,670 Equipment: \$ 1.649,500 Site: \$ 1,305,100 Professional Fees: \$1,556,170 FF&E: 50,100 Exhibit Area: 100,000 CM at Risk Contractor Fee 804,643 Contingency \$ 1,134,981 TOTAL: \$12,484,786

The source of the funding is anticipated as the following: Source of Non – EDI Share consists of County HOST Funds, 2006 Parks Bond Program, and Park Bond Interest Development Authority, Estimated Earn Interest (to cover any deficient)

C. STATUTORY CHECKLIST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- 1. <u>Historic Properties</u> Consultation: Phase I Environmental Assessment 11/21/07. Finding: There is a house on the property that was built in the 1930's. It is recommended that a comprehensive pre-demolition asbestos inspection be completed in the brick house prior to demolition.
- 2. <u>Floodplain Management</u> Consultation: Federal Emergency Management Agency. Finding: Not applicable. Construction will not involve any delineated flood plains.

- 3. Wetlands Protection Consultation: USGS Topographic Map
- Costal Areas Protection and Management Not applicable to the Upper Piedmont Region of Georgia. Consultation Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
- 5. <u>Water Quality: Sole Source Aquifers</u> Not applicable, there are no sole source aquifers in Georgia per the EPA.
- 6. <u>Endangered Species</u> Not applicable, none in the area per the DeKalb County Planning Department.
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Not applicable, none in DeKalb County per the DeKalb County Planning Department.
- 8. <u>Air Quality</u> Not applicable, there will be no demolition that will have any affect on the air quality.
- Farmlands Protection Consultation: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. Finding: not applicable; There are no agriculture-zoned soils in DeKalb County.
- Noise Not applicable. Consultation: HUD regulations 24CFR51-B; HUD publications <u>The Noise Guidebook</u> and <u>The Noise Assessment Guidelines</u> and DeKalb County Code Section 10-2002(b)(10) & (15).
- 11. Runway Clear Zones, Clear Zone and Accident Potential Zones Not applicable. This site is outside of existing airport zones. None in this portion of the County per the DeKalb County Planning Department.
- 12. <u>Thermal and Explosive Hazards</u> Consultation: Not applicable based on Phase I Environmental Assessment 11/21/06
- 13. <u>Environmental Justice</u> Not applicable. Environmental Justice statue will not apply to this project.
- 14. Water Quality Not applicable. There are not designated drinking water sources in DeKalb County.
- 15. <u>Solid Waste Disposal -</u> Not applicable. Not in the proximity of sanitary landfill or hazardous waste sites
- 16. <u>Fish and Wild Life-</u> Not applicable. There are no fish or protected wildlife on the site

D. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST</u>

1. Land Development

- (a) Conformance with Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Potentially Beneficial. The County has a team in place with members from Community Development, Parks Director, facilities management, art directors, planning director, managers and executive staff.
- (b)Compatibility with Urban Impact No Impact anticipated. This project is compatible with the County policy and growth. Source: DeKalb County Planning Department.
- (c) Slope -No impact per the Phase I Environmental Study, 11/21/06
- (d) Erosion -No impact per Phase I Environmental Study, 11/21/06
- (e) Soil Suitability No impact anticipated per Phase I Environmental Study, 1/21/06
- (f) Hazards and Nuisances, Including Site Safety No impact anticipated per Phase I Environmental Study, 11/21/06
- (g) Energy Consumption No impact anticipated.

2. Noise

Effects of Ambient Noise on Project and Contribution to Community Noise Level – No Impact anticipated. Consultation: HUD regulations 24CFR51-B; HUD publications <u>The Noise Guidebook</u> and <u>The Noise Assessment Guidelines</u> and DeKalb County Code Section 10-2002(b)(10) & (15).

3. Environmental Design and Historic Values

- (a) Visual Quality- Coherence, diversity, compatible use and scale. Potentially Beneficial
- (b) Historic, Cultural and Architectural Resources- Potentially Beneficial. This project will enhance the Cultural and Architectural resources in South DeKalb County.

4. Socioeconomic

(a) Demographic Character Changes - No impact anticipated.

- (b) Displacement- No impact anticipated. The project will not involve the movement or displacement of any residents or significant structures.
- (c) Employment and Income Patterns-Potentially Beneficial. This project will potentially create jobs and provide employment opportunities in South DeKalb County.

5. Community Facilities and Service

- (a) Educational Facilities Potentially Beneficial. This facility will provide space for art and theatre classes.
- (b) Commercial Facilities- No impact anticipated.
- (c) Solid Waste No impact anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Assessment 11/21/06.
- (e) Wastewater- No impact anticipated, per Phase I Environmental Assessment 11/21/06.
- (f) Storm water- No impact anticipated, according to the Phase I Environmental Study 11/21/06.
- (g) Water Supply- No impact anticipated. DeKalb County supplies potable drinking water to this area.
- (h) Social Services No impact anticipated.
- (i) Health Care No impact anticipated.

Public Safety

Police - No Impact anticipated.

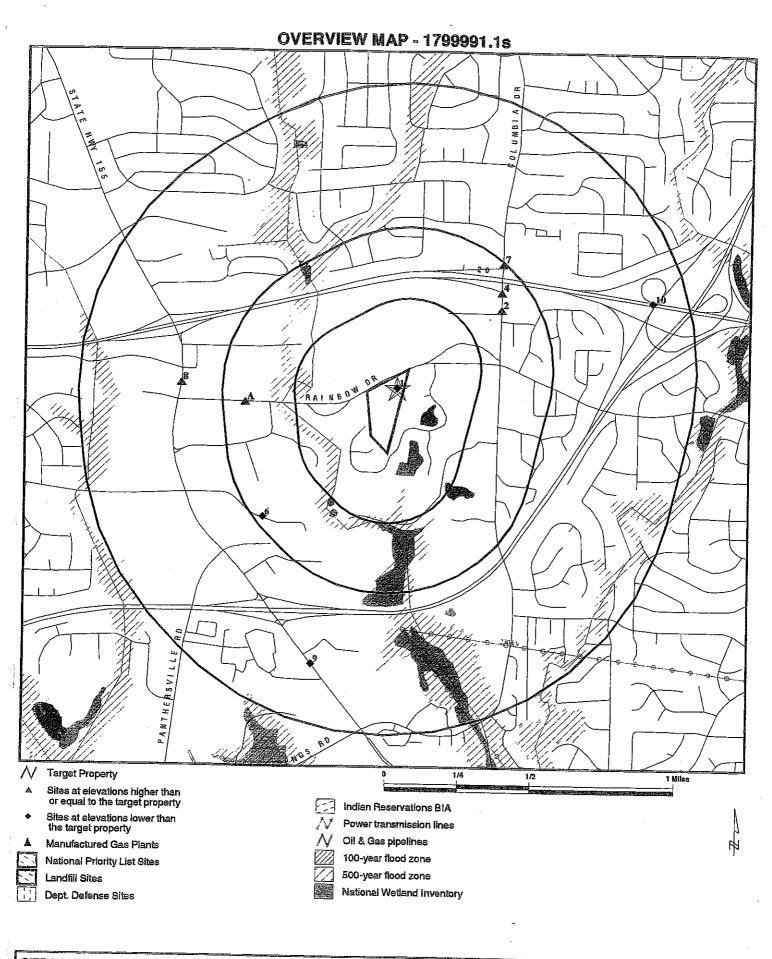
Fire, Emergency, Medical – No impact anticipated.

Open Space and Recreation

Open Space, Recreation – Potentially Beneficial. The County will share the property with Wonderland Gardens now called Rainbow Park.

8. Natural Features

- (a) Water Resources No impact anticipated. There are no sole source aquifers in Georgia. DeKalb County supplies potable drinking water to this area.
- (b) Surface Water No impact anticipated, per the Phase I Environmental Review 11/21/06.
- (c) Floodplains No impact anticipated. Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA MAP Finding: Construction will not involve any delineated flood plains.
- (d) Wetlands- No impact anticipated per USGS Wetlands Map.
- (e) Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands No Impact.
- (f) Vegetation and Wildlife No impact anticipated.

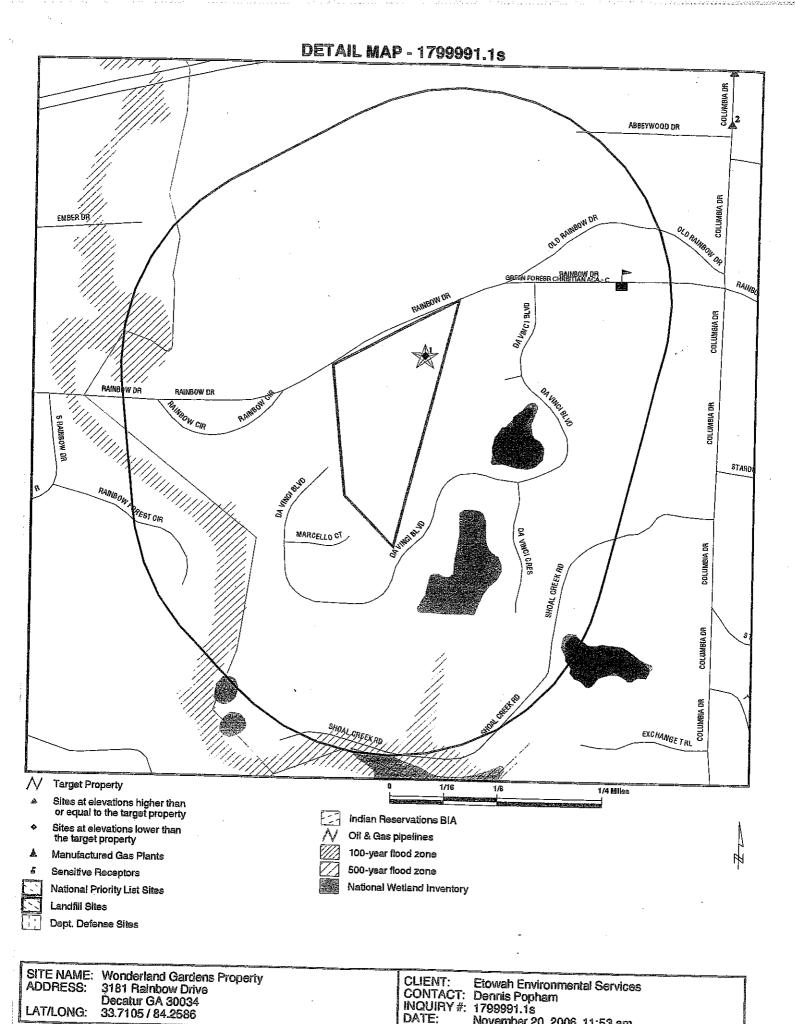


SITE NAME: Wonderland Gardens Property ADDRESS: 3181 Rainbow Drive

ADDRESS: 3181 Rainbow Drive Decatur GA 30034 LAT/LONG: 33.7105 / 84.2586 CLIENT: Etowah Environmental Services CONTACT: Dennis Popham

CONTACT: Dennis Pophar INQUIRY #: 1799991.1s DATE: November 20.

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