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Subject: Cultural Resource Notes Update

Good Afternoon Everyone:

There were a few comments that were submitted on the Cultural Resource Conservation Group Meeting Notes after I had already sent out the final copy. I have thus revised the final version to include these comments, and the new version can be viewed on the website at http://www.saludahydrorelicense.com/rcgroups.htm. For future reference, please stick to due dates that are assigned to documents. Although there is some flexibility, it can become cumbersome to send out multiple final versions. I understand that most of us have very busy schedules, and these things will often get pushed to the back of the line. However, the minutes are usually no more than few pages long and I allow a couple weeks for review. I send out a reminder a couple days before they are due, and if you do not have any comments or changes, well that is perfectly fine too. Thanks so much for your participation and I look forward to seeing a lot of you this week.

Sincerely,
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Subject: FW: Cultural Resources Meeting Notes

Good Morning,

Thank you to those of you who have replied with comments to the meeting notes. If any of you have comments and have not sent them yet, please do so today. I will be finalizing them early tomorrow morning and sending them out. Thanks again, Alison

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Saluda Relicensing: September 8th CRCG meeting notes

Good morning everyone,

Attached for you reference are the final meeting notes from the September 8, 2006 Cultural Resources Conservation Group. Please disregard the previous meeting notes I sent out a week ago, a minor edit was made.

2006-09-08 Cultural Resources ...

Thanks,

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ACTION ITEMS:

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Bill Argentieri

- Find a pre-Lake Murray dam map

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- Contact Saluda Shoals Park about booking a room for the next meeting

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: ***Date: March 2*, 2007**
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Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

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Next meeting

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Attachment A
Meeting Agenda for the Cultural Resource Conservation Group

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9:30 AM -12:00 Noon

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2007-7-12 draft Meeting Minute...

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Collectively, the group reviewed each of the significant sites (*list will be attached when notes are converted to PDF*) and the recommendations for each site. Wenonah Haire asked if the artifacts are located to the interior of site 38NE636. Green noted that some of the artifacts were along the shoreline, however most were more interiorly located.

When discussing site 38NE638, Bill Argentieri asked what the options were in the future. Green noted that there were several options that included data recovery or mitigation for a more significant site. On site 38NE639, Green explained that stability was not feasible without destroying the historic character of the site. Green explained that the revised recommendation was to monitor the site during drawdowns below 350 PD.

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The group took some site to discuss 38LX531. This site is recommended as eligible for NRHP and stabilization or mitigation is recommended. There were discussions about performing a data recovery on this site. It was noted that some of the artifacts were located in adjoining property, and the property owners will not allow SCE&G to go through with the data recovery. It was explained that an attorney from SCE&G will discuss this with the homeowners' attorneys. Green also added that there is erosion on that site, most of which is occurring on the private property. Green also noted that the site was possibly more significant on the private property. Green suggested performing a more intensive survey at this site, to provide mitigation for another site. Rebekah Dobrasko noted that that may be an option. Haire also agreed that it was worth discussion as long as there were still routine checks on the mitigated areas. Green explained that they did not see any evidence of looting at any of the sites.

Green reviewed what had taken place since the last meeting with the group. He explained that they have submitted the draft Stage II survey report to the agencies. He noted that he also have started the draft of the HPMP. Haire and Sandra Reinhardt noted that they did want to be signatories to the Programmatic Agreement. Argentieri also noted that they were also looking into providing brochures on Cultural/Historic resources in the Lake Murray visitors center and a display at Saluda Shoals park.

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2007-3-2 final Meeting Minutes...

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Subject: CRCG Meeting Agenda

FYI - here is the meeting agenda for the CRCG Meeting this Friday.

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Meeting Agenda for the Cultural Resource Conservation Group

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March 2, 2007
9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

9:30 – 9:40	Welcome and introduction.
9:40 – 10:50	PowerPoint presentation on the results of the Stage II cultural resource investigations.
10:50 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:30	Discussion and Questions
11:30 – 12:00	Action Items
12:00	Schedule next meeting and adjourn

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Subject: Management Summary for Saluda Hydro Stage II Investigations

Hello all:

Attached is a manangement summary of the results of our Stage II Intensive Survey conducted for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 516). This document is being provided to you in anticipation of our Cultural Resource Conservation Group (CRCG) meeting next Friday (3/2). If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 803-561-9024. Hope to see you all there.

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Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Saluda Counties, South Carolina
S&ME Project No. 1619-06-111

Dear Bill,

From October 25, 2005 through January 24, 2007, Stage II archaeological investigations within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 516) were performed in Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Saluda Counties, South Carolina. These investigations, which were initiated by TRC, Inc., were continued by S&ME, Inc. beginning in February 2006. All work was conducted on behalf of South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) as part of their Application for New License for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project. These investigations were carried out in general accordance with S&ME Proposal No. 1614-4516-06, dated February 19, 2006.

Background Information

In the spring and summer of 2005, a Stage I cultural resources reconnaissance survey was performed on Lake Murray and portions of lower Saluda River (Norris et al., 2005). The purpose of the investigation was to identify areas that were likely to contain significant cultural resources, including those areas that were undeveloped and were not heavily eroded. During the reconnaissance, an effort was made to re-locate previously recorded sites and identify previously unrecorded archaeological sites. As part of this same effort, an historic and architectural resource survey was performed within the APE. The purpose of this investigation was to identify previously recorded and undocumented historic properties and assess their eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Stage I archaeological investigations resulted in the revisit of 42 previously recorded sites and the identification of 40 new sites. In addition, 184 portions of shoreline and riverbank totaling 88.82 miles, 139 islands in Lake Murray, and seven islands in the Lower Saluda River were identified that were likely to contain significant archaeological resources. These areas were to be investigated using an intensive (Stage II) archaeological survey. Also, 10 of the 42 previously recorded archaeological sites and the 40 sites documented during the Stage I survey were to be revisited and their NRHP status assessed.

The historic resource investigation revisited seven previously recorded resources and identified eight previously undocumented resources. Of the seven known historic resources, only one, the Saluda Dam Complex, may be affected by the operation of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project. This resource will be discussed in an upcoming Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). Of the eight newly recorded historic resources, only the Epting Campground was recommended eligible for the NRHP (Norris et al., 2005). The Epting Campground, however, is not being affected by the project and needs no additional consideration at this time.

Stage II Archaeological Investigations

Stage II archaeological survey of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project area involved the investigation of those areas discussed above that were recommended for intensive survey. In addition, the Treehouse Site (38LX531) was recognized as being an important pre-contact archaeological resource that was undergoing active erosion. As such, it was subjected to Phase II archaeological testing.

Intensive archaeological survey involved the investigation of recommended areas within 50 ft. of the 360 ft. AMSL maximum pool elevation. Shovel tests were excavated along this corridor at 30-m intervals and the soil was screened through 1/4 inch hardware mesh. Shovel tests were excavated to subsoil, or in the case of deep floodplain deposits on the Saluda River, to 80 cm below surface (cmbs). When artifacts were recovered, additional shovel tests were excavated at 15-m intervals to determine the boundaries of the site. No shovel tests were excavated more than 100 ft. outside of the project corridor. Artifacts, when recovered, were bagged by provenience and returned to the lab for analysis.

Landowner objections and environmental conditions limited access to some of the survey areas. As a result, archaeological survey was conducted on 125 out of 139 islands in Lake Murray. Four islands were removed from consideration due to landowner objection and 10 islands were inundated and inaccessible. The 10 islands that could not be accessed are narrow spits of saturated river terrace that support vegetation, but are not likely to contain archaeological sites. In addition, 175 of the 184 sections of shoreline and riverbank were surveyed. Four of the areas around Lake Murray were removed from consideration due to landowner objection and five areas long the Lower Saluda River were removed from consideration (based on consultation with the SHPO) as it was determined they were not being impacted by the project. Similarly, five of the seven islands in the Lower Saluda River that were originally slated for intensive survey were not investigated for the same reason.

As a result of the Stage II intensive survey, 156 archaeological sites and 42 isolated finds were investigated (Table 1). Of these resources, 137 sites and 42 isolated finds are recommended ineligible for the NRHP and should not require any additional cultural resource investigations. The Tree House Site (38LX531) is recommended eligible for the NRHP, and 18 sites are recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP (Figure 1, Table 1). These include 10 pre-contact sites (38LX531, 38NE636, 38NE638, 38SA128, 38SA129, S&ME 49, S&ME 110, S&ME 114, S&ME 140, and S&ME 146), five historic house sites (38LX537, 38LX539, 38LX540, 38LX554 and 38LX555), one pre-contact and historic period site (S&ME 151), one historic ferry (38NE639), and two historic cemeteries (38NE666 and SME126). Each of these sites is discussed below.

Tree House Site (38LX531)

The Treehouse Site (38LX531) is a deeply buried, stratified pre-contact archaeological deposit located on a high bluff of the Lower Saluda River east of the Saluda Hydroelectric Dam (Figure 1). Discovered during the Stage II survey, initial shovel testing suggested that the site consisted of Late Archaic and Woodland/Mississippian materials to a depth of 130-cm across an area measuring 80 m north-south by 540 m east-west. At least three rock cluster features (presumably hearths) were recognized at the site, two in shovel tests and another eroding out of the bluff.

In addition to the archaeological investigation, geomorphological investigations were conducted by David Leigh, Ph.D., a geomorphologist with the University of Georgia. His investigation identified three distinct stratigraphic units predicted to contain buried cultural materials as deep as 3.5 m below the ground surface, the oldest dating to the Late Pleistocene (Leigh 2006). Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL) samples taken during Dr. Leigh's investigation confirmed that "levee sands began accumulating on the paleo-floodplain during the terminal Pleistocene, circa 11,000 to 15,000 years ago" (David Leigh, unpublished communication 2006).

A total of 404 artifacts were recovered from the initial survey at the site. The bulk of the artifacts (n=377) were found from shovel tests between 20 and 130 cmbs. Most of the artifacts (n=306) consisted of lithic debitage, including flakes and shatter. Lithic tools recovered included one Savannah River point fragment (Late Archaic), one small triangular point fragment (Late Woodland/Mississippian), one unidentified projectile point fragment, two bifaces, one retouched flake, and one hammerstone fragment. The remaining lithic artifacts included five core fragments and 19 pieces of fire-cracked rock (FCR). Ceramic artifacts made up only 13.6 percent of the total artifacts, including 13 check stamped sherds, three simple stamped sherds, two linear check stamped sherds, one cord-and-dowel marked sherd, 18 plain pottery sherds and 18 unidentifiable sherds (i.e. eroded or less than ½ inch in size). Seven small fragments of mammal bone and three unidentified bone fragments were also recovered, suggesting that faunal material may be well preserved at the site.

As the site was experiencing active erosion, a Phase II testing program was developed and implemented to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of the artifact-bearing deposits. The results of the testing would form the basis of a plan for resolving the adverse effects that were occurring. Unfortunately, two of the four current landowners would not allow additional investigations on the site, so testing was limited to property owned by SCE&G and the Bursey Family. In all, 77 7-inch auger tests, four deep trackhoe trenches and four test units were excavated.

Although artifact analysis is still underway, some preliminary results can be presented. The site contains well-preserved, stratified deposits dating from the Late Paleoindian through Mississippian periods (ca. 11,500–800 years before present (B.P.). Artifacts were found as deep as 320 cmbs and a possible hearth (Feature 4) found in Trench 1 at the top of the paleo-floodplain yielded a radiocarbon date of 10,137±62 radiocarbon years before present (11,405–12,043 calendar years before present, corrected). Currently, this is the oldest credible radiocarbon date relating to human occupation in South Carolina. In addition, OSL dates from the site ranging from 7,800–14,000 years B.P. corroborate the age of the earliest deposits and the stabilization of the levee at the end of the Pleistocene.

In sum, the Tree House site appears to be one of the most important archaeological sites in South Carolina, and possibly the entire southeastern U.S. The site offers a unique opportunity to explore human occupations of the Saluda River Valley dating back more than 11,500 years and is recommended as being eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Because of the importance of this site, and because it is experiencing active erosion, we recommend that a plan for resolving the adverse effects of erosion through the stabilization of the bluff or the mitigation of adverse effects through archaeological data recovery begin as quickly as possible.

38LX537

Site 38LX537 is mid-nineteenth to early twentieth century house site located on a small island approximately 220 m west of Counts/Wessinger Island (Figure 1). Prior to inundation, this area was situated along a ridge top overlooking a tributary of the Saluda River to the west. The site measures approximately 70 m north-south by 50 m east-west. Vegetation at the site consists of mixed hardwoods and pines with a very dense understory. Surface visibility in wooded areas of the site was negligible; however, visibility was 100 percent along the exposed shoreline where a scatter of artifacts is present. Two large chimney falls are located on the site containing hand-made bricks. Eleven artifacts were recovered from the surface and from six shovel tests that extended to 30 cmbs. Artifacts include whiteware, yelloware and amethyst glass. Historic research suggests that this site may be associated with the Job F. Wingard House and the Bernard Wingard House, known to be submerged not far from this location. Architectural features and relatively intact soils suggest that this site may yield important information relevant to nineteenth and early twentieth century lifeways. Based on this, site 38LX537 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38LX539

Site 38LX539 is a mid-nineteenth to early twentieth century house site located on a small island just east of Rock Island in the southeastern portion of Lake Murray (Figure 1). Before the construction of the dam, this area was situated on a ridge nose overlooking the Saluda River to the northeast. The site measures approximately 30 m north-south by 15 m east-west; vegetation at the site consists of mixed hardwoods with a dense understory. The site boundaries were determined by the presence of two chimney falls containing hand-made brick as well as six shovel test excavated in a cruciform pattern around the chimneys. Three of the shovel tests contained artifacts to a depth of 30 cmbs. Nineteen artifacts were recovered, including whiteware, aqua glass and one cut nail indicative of a nineteenth and/or twentieth century occupation. The presence of intact soils and architectural features suggest that subsurface features may be preserved at 38LX539. Based on this, site 38LX539 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38LX540

Site 38LX540 is a mid-nineteenth to early twentieth century house site located on Rock Island in the southeastern portion of Lake Murray (Figure 1). Prior to inundation this area was situated on a ridge nose overlooking the Saluda River. The site measures approximately 30 m north-south by 25 m east-west and is defined by the distribution of positive shovel tests and two large chimney falls. The chimneys contain hand-made brick. Vegetation consists of mixed hardwoods and pines and a moderate understory. A cruciform pattern of nine shovel tests was excavated at 15 and 30 m intervals radiating out from the center

of the chimney falls. Three of these shovel tests produced artifacts from as deep as 25 cmbs. Six artifacts were recovered, including alkaline glazed stoneware, aqua glass, and whiteware. Historic maps indicate that this resource may be associated with the historic Warren Ferry that crossed the Saluda near this location. Architectural features, well preserved soils, and its possible association with an historically significant ferry suggests that this resource is potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38LX554

Site 38LX554 is a nineteenth and early twentieth century site consisting of a subsurface artifact deposit and the remains at least one house located on Count/Wessinger Island in the eastern portion of the lake (Figure 1). Vegetation on the site is pine and cedar with light understory. The site measures 120 m north-south by 75 m east-west, and is defined by a tight cluster of 13 positive shovel tests in the vicinity of three brick piles. Twenty-eight artifacts were recovered from the surface and from shovel tests as deep as 30 cmbs. Diagnostic artifacts include salt-glazed stoneware, whiteware, yellowware, shell edged pearlware, aqua glass, green glass, amber glass, and a Mercury dime dating to 1902. The historic artifact deposit associated with architectural features suggests that significant information may be obtained at this site. As a result, site 38LX554 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38LX555

Site 38LX555 is an historic artifact deposit associated with a stone-lined cellar, three brick piles, and a scatter of roofing tin on Count/Wessinger Island in the eastern portion of the lake (Figure 1). Site dimensions were determined to be 75-x-75 m and were defined by the distribution of six positive shovel tests, a sparse surface scatter, and the architectural features. Vegetation at the site consists of pine and hardwood trees. Twenty-eight artifacts were recovered from six shovel tests and the surface. These artifacts include whiteware, pearlware, alkaline glazed stoneware, brick, cut nails, green glass, and clear glass. Artifacts were recovered to a depth of 35 cmbs. This site could yield significant information about historic residents of the area and is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38NE636

Site 38NE636 is a pre-contact lithic scatter located on a ridge nose that extends out into the Bush River in the western half of the reservoir (Figure 1). This site measures approximately 160 m east-west by 75 m north-south. Vegetation at the site consists of mature pine and hardwood trees with a shrubby understory. Six shovel tests were excavated at the site, all of which produced pre-contact artifacts. The sandy soils are well preserved near the top of the landform, but erosion is impacting the margins. Twenty-three pieces of lithic debitage were recovered from intact soils to a depth of 40 cmbs. The site contains a moderate density of artifacts in relatively well-preserved contexts. As such, 38NE636 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38NE638

Site 38NE638 is Middle Archaic and possible Mississippian period lithic scatter located on a low ridge nose that extends out into the Saluda River at its confluence with Beaverdam Creek. Vegetation at the site consists of mature hardwoods with some shrubby understory. Six shovel tests were excavated at the site along two parallel transects down the spine of this landform. Site boundaries were defined by water,

which bound the landform on all sides. Site 38NE638 measures 100 m north-south by 40-m east-west. Artifacts were recovered in five of the six shovel tests to a depth of 35 cmbs. A total of 110 lithic artifacts were recovered, including a Middle Archaic Morrow Mountain point and a fragment of a Mississippian triangular point. Raw materials were dominated by quartz and rhyolite, but also included chert. The site contains a very high density and moderate diversity of artifacts that could yield significant information about the pre-contact period of the area. As a result, site 38NE638 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38NE639

Site 38NE639 consists of the northern side of Bouknight's Ferry, an eighteenth century crossing of the Saluda River located at the western end of Lake Murray (Figure 1). The site contains a narrow earthen berm that extends approximately 65 m from the northern bank into the river. Shovel tests were excavated on the berm and on the river bank, but no artifacts were recovered. This man made causeway is approximately 5-m wide at the bank of the river, but tapers to a narrow point in the river. Erosion is contributing to the narrowing of the causeway and deteriorating this artificial landform. Because this area is associated with Bouknight's Ferry, it may have an important historical association and is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38NE666

Site 38NE666 is a cemetery of unknown age and affiliation located in the southwestern portion of Miriam Island (Figure 1). Prior to inundation this area was situated on a ridge nose overlooking the Saluda River to the south. The site measures approximately 25 m north-south by 15 m east-west and vegetation at the site consists of young hardwoods and pines with a dense understory. The site contains six graves indicated by depressions and/or markers; the graves are oriented with the headstones facing west. Three of the graves contain heavily eroded headstones and footstones. The remaining three graves contain fragments of either headstones or footstones. A smaller depression containing no markers lies immediately west of the others and may contain a seventh grave. Fieldstones are scattered throughout the site, especially in the eastern portion, which could be the remains of a low stone wall that demarcated the cemetery. This cemetery may be associated with important local historic figures and/or could contain significant bioarchaeological information. Based on this, site 38NE666 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38SA128

Site 38SA128 is a large, pre-contact artifact scatter located on an island in the Little Saluda River at the southwest end of Lake Murray. Vegetation at the site consists of pine and hardwood trees with a light understory. The site measures approximately 180 m north-south by 280 m east-west. Artifacts were recovered as deep as 40 cmbs. A total of 36 artifacts was recovered in shovel tests and on the surface of the site, including six ceramic sherds and 30 pieces of lithic debitage. Lithic raw materials include quartz, rhyolite, and chert. The density and diversity of the artifacts, as well as the relatively good preservation of the deposits suggest that it may produce significant information. As a result, site 38SA128 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

38SA129

Site 38SA129 is a 65-x-45-m lithic scatter located on an island adjoining site 38SA128 (Figure 1) and shares some similar characteristics. Vegetation at the site consists of pine and hardwood trees with a light understory. Thirteen pieces of lithic debitage were recovered from six shovel tests to a depth of 40 cmbs. Like 38SA128, this site may be able to provide significant information about the pre-contact inhabitants of the area and it is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

The Duck Site (S&ME 49)

The Duck Site (S&ME 49) is located on an island in the western reaches of the Saluda River (Figure 1) that is being considered for the use of a duck habitat area. The site, which measures approximately 110 m east-west by 50 m north-south, was investigated using a series of 15-m interval shovel tests. Seventy-nine artifacts were recovered from the site, including one ceramic sherd, FCR, and lithic debitage. Eight of the 11 shovel tests excavated contained artifacts to a depth of 40 cmbs, some of which were found within an undisturbed soil horizon. The site contains a relatively high density of artifacts found in a well preserved archaeological context. As such, the Duck Site is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

S&ME 110

Site S&ME 110 is a pre-contact artifact scatter located on the shore of Cloud's Creek on the western end of the reservoir (Figure 1). The site is located on a high ridge and the vegetation consists of a mature pine and hardwood forest. The site measures approximately 50 x 80 m in size and was defined by 15-m interval shovel tests placed on the top of the ridge. A total of 43 artifacts was recovered from the site, including 36 found in nine positive shovel tests. Artifacts were found as deep as 40 cmbs. The only ceramic sherd recovered on this site is eroded and unidentifiable; however, the artifact density and depth of the deposits suggest that significant data may be obtainable from this site. As such, site S&ME 110 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

S&ME 114

Site S&ME 114 is a moderately dense pre-contact artifact scatter located on a small island in Clouds's Creek (Figure 1). The spit of land is a narrow ridge nose that, when the lake is at maximum pool, is a small island measuring no more then 30 m east-west by 50 m north-south. Three shovel tests were placed down the spine of the landform at 15-m intervals. Twenty-five artifacts were collected on the site, eighteen of which came from the eroded surface of the shoreline. The remainder of the artifacts was recovered in two consecutive shovel tests to a depth of 40 cmbs. The soil profile on the landform indicates there may be well preserved soils from which intact archaeological deposits may be found. Based on this, site S&ME 114 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

S&ME 126

Site S&ME 126 is a 30-x-30-m historic cemetery located on an island in the Little Saluda that, prior to inundation, was a broad ridge top. The site is located in a mature hardwood forest. No fence marks the

cemetery; however, a low berm on the south side of the site suggests that a fence line may have been present at this location. Twenty grave depressions were recognized, but only nine headstones were noted. All of the grave markers consist of eroded fieldstones and no inscriptions were visible. This site is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP as it may be associated with historically significant individuals or contain significant bioarchaeological information.

S&ME 140

Site SM&E 140 is a pre-contact artifact scatter located on a ridge nose extending into the Little Saluda River on the southwestern end of the reservoir (Figure 1). Vegetation at the site consists of mature hardwoods and thick leaf-litter yielding no surface visibility. The only surface artifacts collected on the site came from a large tree fall that brought artifacts to the surface. The site measures 30 m north-south by 50 m east-west, and is defined by the distribution of nine positive shovel tests. Twenty artifacts, including one preform and 19 pieces of lithic debitage were recovered from as deep as 40 cmbs. The site contains deep, well drained soils and has a moderately dense, discrete artifact deposit. Based on this information, site S&ME 140 could yield important information regarding the pre-contact inhabitants of the area and is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

S&ME 146

Site S&ME 146 is an Early Archaic lithic scatter located on an island in Cloud's Creek in the southwest portion of Lake Murray (Figure 1). Previous to inundation, this landform was a broad ridge nose. Vegetation at the site consists of pines and hardwoods with a moderately dense understory. Seventeen shovel tests were excavated across the island, 10 of which contained artifacts. The site measures 75 m north-south by 135 m east-west and covers the entire island. Eighty-seven lithic artifacts were recovered from this site, including a Kirk projectile point indicative of the Early Archaic Period, as well as one scraper, one utilized flake, a perform, and rhyolite, quartz, and chert debitage. Artifacts were recovered up to 25 cmbs, but the well drained, sandy soils terminate at subsoil found at 30 cmbs. The dense artifact assemblage recovered from this island could yield important about the Early Archaic Period in this area and is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

S&ME 151

Site S&ME 151 is a multi-component archaeological site located on a broad ridge nose in the Little Saluda River at the southwestern portion of the lake (Figure 1). This site is located immediately south of sites 38SA128 and 38SA129. The site measures 210 m east-west by 45 m north-south, and is defined by the excavation of 18 positive shovel tests and the presence of the lake to the north, east, and west. The historic component of the site consists of a nineteenth/twentieth century house site containing a basement depression, a raised house pad, a chimney fall, and historic artifacts. The historic component, all of which is restricted to a 45-x-45-m area in the northeastern corner of the site, intrudes on a dense, pre-contact era deposit. Pre-contact artifacts were recovered to a depth of 40 cmbs and include 24 pieces of lithic debitage. As historic features are preserved at the site, and pre-contact artifacts were recovered from as deep as 40 cmbs, it is possible that both the pre-contact and historic components of site S&ME 151 may yield significant information about the inhabitants of the area. Based on this, site S&ME 151 is recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP.

Summary and Recommendations

Stage II archaeological investigations of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project area resulted in the investigation of 156 archaeological sites (Table 1) and 42 isolated finds. Eighteen of the archaeological sites are recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP, and one site, the Tree House Site, is recommended eligible for the NRHP (Figure 1). These include 10 pre-contact sites (Sites 38LX531, 38NE636, 38NE638, 38SA128, 38SA129, S&ME 49, S&ME 110, S&ME 114, S&ME 140, S&ME 146), five historic house sites (Sites 38LX537, 38LX539, 38LX540, 38LX554 and 38LX555), one site containing a pre-contact and historic component (S&ME 151), one historic ferry site (Site 38NE639), and two historic cemeteries (Sites 38NE666 and S&ME126).

Potentially eligible archaeological sites 38NE636, 38NE638, 38NE639, 38SA128, 38SA129, SM&E 49 (The Duck Site), S&ME 110, S&ME 114, S&ME 146, and S&ME 151 are all experiencing some level of erosion. Because they are being impacted by project operations, it is recommended that the shoreline of these sites be stabilized, or that they be subject to Phase II archaeological testing to determine their National Register status (i.e., eligible or not eligible).

Potentially eligible archaeological resources 38LX537, 38LX539, 38LX540, 38LX554, 38LX555, 38NE666, S&ME 126, and S&ME 140 currently are not being impacted by project operations. As such, no additional work should be necessary at this time. However, these sites should be periodically monitored to check for erosion or other impacts. In addition, these sites would need additional consideration (i.e., Phase II testing) if they were to be impacted by future construction or project operations covered under the new license.

The Treehouse Site (38LX531) is a unique and valuable cultural resource that is eligible for listing in the NRHP. Currently it is being eroded, some of which is due to project operations. Because of the site's importance, S&ME recommends that SCE&G, in consultation with the FERC, the State Historic Preservation Office, and other consulting parties devise a plan to resolve the adverse effects that are occurring to this site. This could include stabilizing the riverbank at the site, and/or developing and implementing a data recovery plan.

The remaining 137 archaeological sites (Table 1) and 42 isolated finds are recommended ineligible for the NRHP and no additional work should be necessary for these resources.

Closing

Artifact analyses and reporting are proceeding and we predict that a draft report will be available by mid-March, 2007. S&ME appreciates the opportunity to have provided you with these cultural resource

services. If you have questions about this management summary, or need additional services, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 561-9024 or via e-mail at bgreen@smeinc.com.

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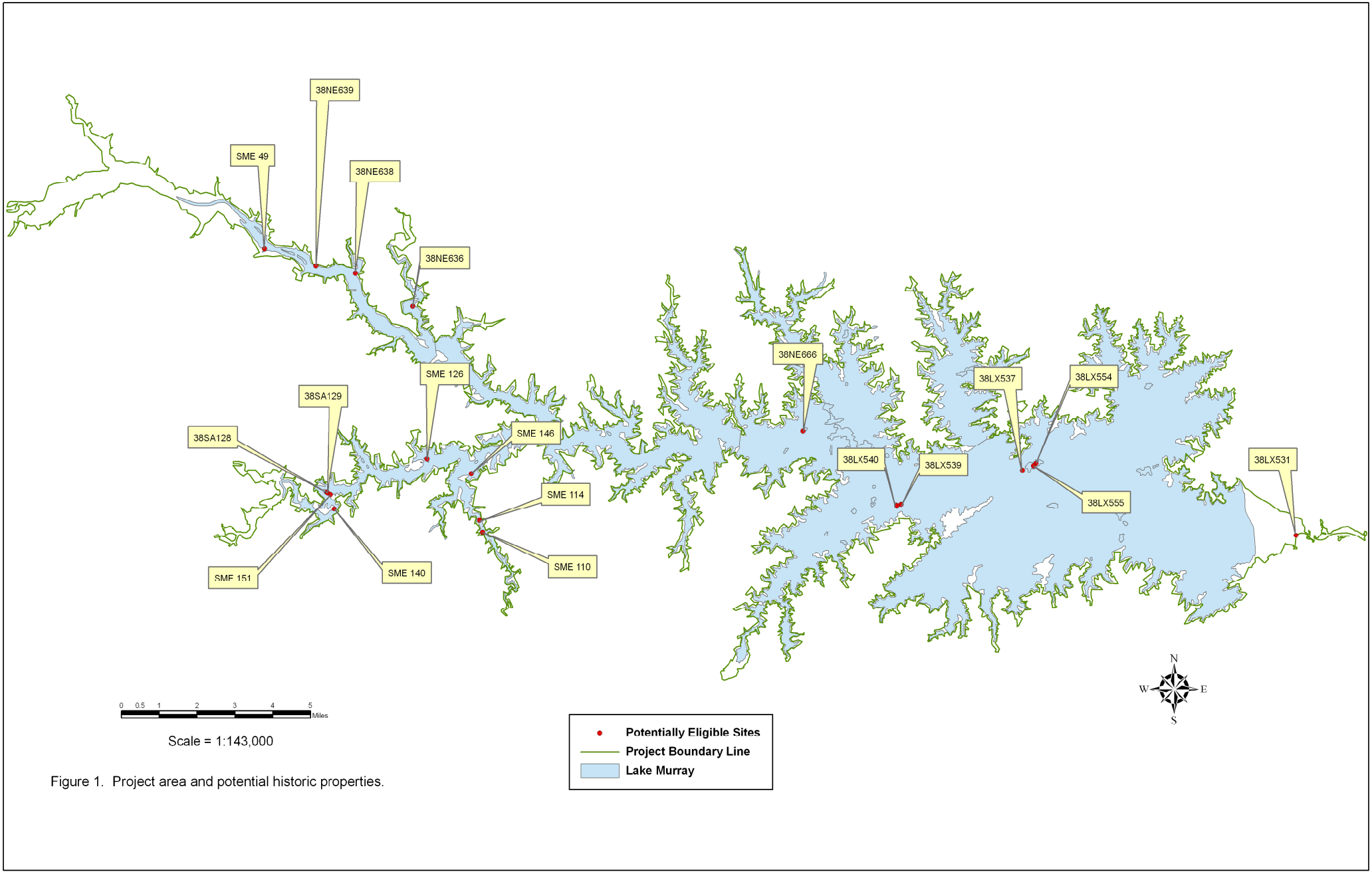

Figure 1. Project area and potential historic properties.

Table 1. Archaeological Sites Investigated During the Stage II Survey.

Site No.	Description	NRHP Recommendation	Management Recommendation
38LX469*	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX488*	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX510*	Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX511*	Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX512*	Pre-contact and historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX513*	Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX514*	Historic cemetery	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX515*	Historic cemetery	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX516*	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX517*	Historic and Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX520*	Historic and Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX522*	Historic and Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX524*	Historic and Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX526*	Meetze Family Cemetery	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX531	Paleoindian–Mississippian artifact scatter	Eligible	Stabilization and/or Mitigation
38LX532/ 38RD1294	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX533	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX534	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX536	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX537	19th/20th century house site	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
38LX538	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX539	19th/20th century house site	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
38LX540	19th/20th century house site	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
38LX541	20th century house; Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX542	20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX543	19th/20th century house site; Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX544	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX545	historic well	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX546	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX547	19th/20th century house site; Archaic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX548	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX549	19th/20th century house site; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX550	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX553	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX554	19th/20th century house site	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
38LX555	19th/20th century house site	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
38LX556	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX559	Historic house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX560	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work

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38LX561	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX562	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX563	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX564	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX565	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX566	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX567	Pre-contact and historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX568	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX569	Historic artifact scatter; Pre-contact isolate	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX570	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX571	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX572	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX573	Early Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38LX574	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE29*	Archaic–Mississippian artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE632*	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE633*	Historic and Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE634*	Historic and Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE636*	Pre-contact artifact scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
38NE637*	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE638*	Middle Archaic and Mississippian lithic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
38NE639*	Bouknight Ferry Causeway	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
38NE640*	Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE641*	Train trestle footings	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE642*	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE643*	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE664	Archaic to Woodland artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE665	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38NE666	Historic cemetery	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
38RD1284*	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38RD1285*	Historic house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38RD1286*	Historic house site; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38RD1314	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38RD1315	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
38RD1316	Archaic lithic scatter; historic isolate	Not Eligible	No further work
38RD1317	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA105*	Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA109*	Historic house site; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA112*	Historic house site; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA113*	Historic house site; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA115*	Historic mine shaft	Not Eligible	No further work

Site No.	Description	NRHP Recommendation	Management Recommendation
38SA117*	Historic trace	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA118*	Pre-contact artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA120*	Historic trace associated with ferry	Not Eligible	No further work
38SA128	Woodland–Mississippian artifact scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
38SA129	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
S&ME 41	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 49	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
S&ME 67	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 68	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 73	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 74	19th/20th century artifact scatter; Early Archaic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 75	Mississippian lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 77	Historic well and artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 82	Pre-contact quarry site	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 83	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 84	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 87	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 89	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 90	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 91	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 92	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 93	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 94	Pre-contact and historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 96	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 97	Middle Archaic lithic; Pre-contact ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 98	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 100	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 101	Late Archaic–Early Woodland lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 102	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 103	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 104	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 105	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 106	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 107	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 109	Middle Archaic lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 110	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
S&ME 113	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 114	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
S&ME 115	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 117	Historic ceramic scatter; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work

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S&ME 118	Historic ceramic scatter; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 119	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 120	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 122	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 124	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 125	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 126	Historic cemetery	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
S&ME 127	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 128	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 129	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 130	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 131	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 132	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 133	Mississippian lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 134	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 135	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 139	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 140	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Potentially Eligible	No further work at this time/Monitoring
S&ME 142	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 146	Early Archaic lithic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
S&ME 147	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 148	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 151	19th/20th century house site; Pre-contact lithic scatter	Potentially Eligible	Stabilization or Phase II Testing
S&ME 154	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 157	Pre-contact lithic and ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
S&ME 158	Pre-contact lithic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-6	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-13	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-14	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-15	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-16	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-17	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-18	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-19	Historic ceramic scatter	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-21	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work
TRC-24	19th/20th century house site	Not Eligible	No further work

Note: Sites with temporary numbers (e.g., S&ME 5) are awaiting official site numbers from the state.
* Previously recorded sites.

Hello all:

As a reminder, the next CRCG meeting will be held on March 2 at 9:30 AM at the S&ME office in Columbia. The address is 134 Suber Road, which is located just off Fernandina Road (the frontage road for I-26) between St. Andrews and Piney Grove roads. Hope to see you all there.

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Hello folks,
Attached are the meeting notes from the July 12th Cultural RCG. These are in draft form, so if you have any changes or additions, please let me know before August 16th. I will finalize them at that time.
Thanks, Alison

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Hello All,
Attached is the final set of meeting notes from the March 2 Cultural RCG meeting. All of the comments received were incorporated. Thanks! Alison

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Will do. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
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To: Alison Guth
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Subject: RE: Declined: Cultural Resources

Please do add Chuck to your list and remove me. I've copied him on this email so you have his email. Thanks. His phone is 803-896-6181 if you need it.

Valerie

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Hello Valerie,

I just received your email, as I have been out of the office for the past two days. I do not have Chuck on my list, but I can certainly add him to the email distribution if need be. Just let me know! :) Thanks, Alison