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## NEPA Categorical Exclusion Guidance for LCWF/LPRF/RTP Grantees



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# Preparing a Categorical Exclusion Request

In order for local governments or agencies to receive grant funds from the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Recreation Educational Services (TDEC-RES), they must complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for their project. A grant contract will not be executed until the NEPA process has been completed and is on file with TDEC-RES. The first step in this process is to complete the Environmental Screening Form found in [Attachment 1](#) of this guidance. This tool provided by the National Park Service (NPS) is used to identify the level of environmental documentation to support the recommendation that the project meets the criteria to be categorically excluded (CE) from further NEPA review or if further analysis through an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be needed. If it is found that an EA or EIS will be necessary, please contact your PARTAS Consultant for further guidance (table on page 10).

This guidance provides information and assistance in completing the NEPA process for low-impact projects as defined in [Attachment 2](#) of this guidance. These low-impact projects can be processed under NEPA as a Categorical Exclusion (CE). A review packet is compiled and sent to state and federal review agencies to give them an opportunity to review the project and its impacts on the human environment for their areas of expertise. Once this consultation is completed, the appropriate CE form is prepared using the review agency responses and other research to support the project meeting the criteria of a categorically excluded project. A sample review packet, example state/federal review agency responses and sample completed CE forms are located in the Appendix. Each project is unique so these examples may not show exactly what your prepared CE will look like but serves as a guide for the process.

## THE REVIEW PACKET

A review packet is sent to the agencies shown on the Environmental Clearance Contact List in [Attachment 3](#). Any projects funded with federal dollars, Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) or Recreational Trail Program (RTP), are required to be reviewed by all agencies shown on the list. State funded projects, Local Parks & Recreation Fund (LPRF), do not require review by the federal agencies and TDEC's State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). Use the sample review packet and the list below to compile your project's review packet. The review packet can be sent in one email to all the required agencies using one attachment. Typically the attachment is too large to send through email, an alternative for sending large files is WeTransfer, a cloud-based free file transfer service. Depending if you distribute the review packet by hard copy or email to the state/federal review agencies, be sure to state a 30-day (calendar, not business) comment period from the date of the cover letter or email.

Items to include in the project review packet:

1. Cover letter on agency letterhead that includes what type of grant funds will be used on the project (if federal, specifically refer to federal funds to ensure required language in responses from federal agencies) and a brief description of the project. The cover letter shown on the sample review packet should not be followed too closely as it is from TDEC-RES during a grant application round.
2. Page listing what is included in the review packet:
  - Project contact information - name, address, telephone, email of a local staff person who may be contacted by review agencies regarding the project.
  - Topographical map
  - Other suitable maps
  - Project narrative

- Photographs of the area
  - Parcel property information
  - Preliminary site plan
  - Quadrangle name and number
  - Latitude/longitude for a central point in project area
3. Topographical map showing location of the project and quadrangle (USGS 7 ½ series map, clearly indicating location of project elements, boundary of project areas potential effects).
  4. Vicinity map showing location of project in the city and county showing all major roads and rivers. Include any other maps that would be beneficial to the reviewing agencies.
  5. Project narrative that describes the undertaking under review in sufficient detail to enable a reader completely unfamiliar with the project or its location to gain a full understanding of the undertaking and all its elements and their potential effect directly or indirectly with the area of potential effects.
  6. Photographs of project site
  7. Parcel property information – can use State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Real Estate Assessment Data, tax map, tax card, etc.
  8. Preliminary site plan
  9. Copy of public hearing results to allow the public to comment on the proposed project. (See Public Involvement Requirements below)

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The requirements of NEPA in regard to public involvement are outlined in 40 CFR 1506.6. Those regulations require agencies to:

- Make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing their NEPA procedures;
- Provide public notice of NEPA-related hearings, public meetings and the availability of NEPA documents;
- Hold or sponsor public hearings or meetings in accordance with the agency’s statutory requirements; and
- Solicit public comment.

Attach to the CE form documentation of public involvement – advertisements, posting of information to the public, agendas, minutes, sign-in sheets, etc.

## STATE/FEDERAL REVIEW AGENCY RESPONSES

You must receive responses from federal agencies and SHPO (if LWCF or RTP project) to complete the CE form even if it takes longer than 30 days; however, if state agencies do not respond in the 30-day period, after appropriate documented follow-up to confirm the review packet was received, you can note in the appropriate section on the CE form *{name of agency} did not respond within 30 day response period* and it is assumed that there are no issues. You must attach copies of all review agency response letters/emails to the completed CE form.

*If U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service response did not include a reference to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act on a federally funded project, please request it as it is mandatory. Look for the statement, “We believe the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, are fulfilled.”*

Review the responses for any requirements – permits needed, actions that must be taken, reports or surveys required before clearance can be issued, etc. Sample reviewing agency responses are located in the Appendix with highlighting to show the responses to look for. Any requested/required items must be completed prior to preparing the CE form. If permits are required, copies of permits must be attached to the CE form. If a reviewing agency required additional information (report or survey), provide what was requested to the reviewing agency to obtain clearance from the agency prior to completing the CE form. Attach to the CE form any requested reports or surveys to show compliance. Condensed reviewing agency responses are inserted in the corresponding section of the CE form as shown in the section Filling Out The CE Form of this guidance. Examples of statements to insert in fields are given in *italics*, please modify example statements to reflect the actual response from the agency.

## FILLING OUT THE CE FORM

The CE forms can be found at <http://tn.gov/environment/article/res-recreation-educational-services-grants> For LPRF or LWCF projects, use **LWCF/LPRF/NRTF/RTP Grant Report and Application (CN-0429)** (pages 9-13). For RTP projects, use **Recreational Trails Program - Categorical Exclusion (CN-1435)**. Information is provided in this section to complete either CE form, differences in the two forms are color coded – green is for the LWCF/LPRF CE form and blue is for the RTP CE form. Below is a matrix connecting reviewing agency responses to the appropriate section(s) on the CE forms.

| Reviewing Agency Responses to CE Form Section                                      |   |   |
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|  | LWCF/LPRF CE Form Section                             | RTP CE Form Section   |
| <b>State Reviewing Agencies:</b>   |   |   |
| TDEC Division of Archaeology   | Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act | 8. Cultural Resources (Architectural/Historical and Archaeological) |
| TDEC Division of Natural Areas   | Endangered Species Act of 1973                        | 3. Endangered Species   |
| TDEC Division of Remediation   | Hazardous Waste Evaluation                            | 11. Hazardous Materials   |
| TDEC Division of Water Resources ( <i>broken out by specific reference below</i> ) |   |   |
| <i>Construction activities in streams</i>  | Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958            | 2. Streams/Wetlands   |
| <i>Wetlands</i>  | Protection of Wetlands – Executive Order 11990        | 2. Streams/Wetlands   |
| TDEC Underground Storage Tanks   | Hazardous Waste Evaluation                            | 11. Hazardous Materials   |
| TDEC’s State Historic Preservation Office  | Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act | 8. Cultural Resources (Architectural/Historical and Archaeological) |
| <b>Federal Reviewing Agencies:</b>   |   |   |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ( <i>broken out by specific reference below</i> )     |   |   |
| <i>Construction activities in streams</i>  | Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958            | 2. Streams/Wetlands   |
| <i>Wetlands</i>  | Protection of Wetlands – Executive Order 11990        | 2. Streams/Wetlands   |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ( <i>broken out by specific reference below</i> )   |   |   |
| <i>Species/habitat</i>   | Endangered Species Act of 1973                        | 3. Endangered Species   |
| <i>Construction activities in streams</i>  | Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958            | 2. Streams/Wetlands   |
| <i>Wetlands</i>  | Protection of Wetlands – Executive Order 11990        | 2. Streams/Wetlands   |

The following tables provide information for each section, listed in order as on the LWCF/LPRF CE form. The RTP CE form sections are shown with the corresponding sections of the LWCF/LPRF CE form. There are a few sections that are unique to only one form. Use the color coding to quickly find sections that pertain to the form you are using – green for the LWCF/LPRF CE form and blue for the RTP CE form.

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| <b>Land Use Impacts</b><br><b>a. Right of Way Acquisition and Relocation Impacts</b>  | <b>1. Right of Way</b>      |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 2</b>   | <b>RTP CE Form – page 5</b> |
| To qualify for a CE, the project must not require the acquisition of more than one acre of right of way (includes permanent easements) and must not result in the displacement of any commercial or residential occupants. Modify example statement if project involves right of way activity of no more than one acre. <u>If project requires purchase of more than one acre of right of way or permanent easement(s) or involves the displacement of commercial or residential occupants, contact your PARTAS Consultant for guidance (table on page 10).</u> |                             |
| <b>Example statement:</b> <i>This project involves no right of way acquisition activity or displacement of any commercial or residential occupants.</i>   |                             |

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| <b>Land Use Impacts</b><br><b>b. Project consistency with local, state and regional plans</b>   |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 2</b>   |
| Used to verify project does not conflict with local zoning regulations, land use designations, local/state/regional General Plans, Recreational Plans, etc. |
| <b>Example statement:</b> <i>This project is consistent with local, state and regional plans.</i>   |

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| <b>Land Use Impacts</b><br><b>c. Any impact to farmland that is either prime, unique, of statewide importance, or of local importance</b>  | <b>5. Farmland</b>          |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 2</b>  | <b>RTP CE Form – page 7</b> |
| The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land. If land does not contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland, the FPPA does not apply. Prime farmland is designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To determine if the project area is designated as prime farmland, use the Web Soil Survey Tool located at <a href="http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/">http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/</a> to find the Farmland Classification for the project area. If you have not used this tool before, click on Getting Started with Web Soil Survey for helpful information. |                             |
| <b>Example statement:</b> <i>A web soil survey from the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed the project will not impact any farmland that is designated as prime, unique, or of statewide or local importance.</i>   |                             |

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| <b>Air Quality Evaluation</b><br><b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 2</b>   | <b>7. Air Quality</b><br><b>RTP CE Form – page 7</b> |
| Rarely applies to recreation projects. Determine if the project will adversely impact air quality (significantly increase traffic congestion, etc.). |  |
| <b>Example statement:</b> <i>There are no anticipated adverse impacts to air quality as a result of construction or other proposed activities.</i>   |  |

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| <b>Noise Impact Evaluation</b>  |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 2</b>   |
| Rarely applies to recreation projects. Determine if the project will create an increase in noise levels that will adversely impact neighboring entities/people. |
| <b>Example statement:</b> <i>No adverse increase in noise levels are anticipated as a result of the activities associated with this project.</i>                |

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| <b>Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act</b>  | <b>8. Cultural Resources (Architectural/Historical and Archaeological)</b>   |
|   | <b>10. Native American Coordination</b>  |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 3</b>   | <b>RTP CE Form – page 8</b>  |
| Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Advisory Council implementing regulations (36 CFR 800) requires federal agencies (or federally funded projects) to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The goal of consultation is identify historic properties potentially affected by the project, assess its affects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. Section 106 consultation includes making a reasonable and good faith effort to identify and consult with Indian tribes to provide an opportunity to comment on potential effects on historic Native Indian properties. <u>Native American coordination for any federally funded projects will be completed by TDEC RES staff.</u> Record responses from TDEC’s SHPO (LWCF or RTP only) and TDEC’s Division of Archaeology in this section. |  |
| <p><b>Example statement for LPRF projects:</b> <i>Section 106 review not required for state funded projects. TDEC’s Division of Archaeology reviewed the project and stated no archaeological resources will be adversely affected. Response letter attached.</i></p> <p><b>Example statement for LWCF projects:</b> <i>This project will not affect any architectural, historical, or archaeological resources as determined by TDEC’s State Historic Preservation Office and TDEC’s Division of Archaeology. Response letters attached.</i></p>   | <p><b>Example statement for 8. Cultural Resources section:</b> <i>This project will not affect any architectural, historical, or archaeological resources as determined by TDEC’s State Historic Preservation Office and TDEC’s Division of Archaeology. Response letters attached.</i></p> <p><b>TDEC-RES staff will enter statement for 10. Native American Coordination</b></p> |

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| <b>Endangered Species Act of 1973</b>   | <b>3. Endangered Species</b>   |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 3</b>   | <b>RTP CE Form – page 5-6</b>  |
| <p>The Endangered Species Act of 1973 is to protect federally or state listed or proposed species including critical habitat for these species. Record responses from U.S. Fish and Wildlife (LWCF or RTP only) and TDEC’s Division of Natural Areas that are related to endangered species or critical habitat in this section.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Example statement for LPRF projects:</b> <i>Federal review not required for state funded projects; however TDEC’s Division of Natural Areas reviewed this project and stated they do not anticipate any adverse impacts to rare species. Response letter attached.</i></p> <p><b>Example statement for LWCF projects:</b> <i>The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed this project and determined that no federally listed or proposed species, or designated critical habitat are known to exist within the project impact area and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, are fulfilled. TDEC’s Division of Natural Areas stated they do not anticipate any adverse impacts to state-listed species. Response letters attached.</i></p> | <p><b>Example statement:</b> <i>The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed this project and determined that no federally listed or proposed species, or designated critical habitat are known to exist within the project impact area and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, are fulfilled. TDEC’s Division of Natural Areas stated they do not anticipate any adverse impacts to state-listed species. Response letters attached.</i></p> |

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| <b>Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958</b>   |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 3</b>   |
| <p>This act requires consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the fish and wildlife agencies of States where the "waters of any stream or other body of water are proposed or authorized, permitted or licensed to be impounded, diverted . . . or otherwise controlled or modified" by any agency under a Federal permit or license. Consultation is to be undertaken for the purpose of "preventing loss of and damage to wildlife resources." Record responses from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (LWCF or RTP only) and TDEC’s Division of Water Resources that are related to construction activities in or near streams in this section.</p>   |
| <p><b>Example statement for LPRF projects:</b> <i>TDEC’s Division of Water Resources stated to ensure all appropriate permits are in place before construction and appropriate erosion prevention and sediment control measures must be installed and maintained.</i></p> <p><b>Example statement for LWCF projects:</b> <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended that best management practices should be utilized to minimize runoff sediment into streams. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the proposed project and found that it will not involve impacts to the waters of the United States. Therefore, there will not be a discharge of fill material into a jurisdictional water of the U.S. and a DA Permit will not be required for the proposed work at the subject location. TDEC’s Division of Water Resources stated to ensure all appropriate permits are in place before construction and appropriate erosion prevention and sediment control measures must be installed and maintained. Response letters attached.</i></p> |

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| Floodplain Management – Executive Order 11988   | 4. Floodplain/Floodway |
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| LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 3  | RTP CE Form – page 6   |
| <p>The purpose of Executive Order 11988 is to avoid to the extent possible the long and short-term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of flood plains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development wherever there is a practicable alternative. Low impact uses include recreational areas with no buildings, athletic fields, hiker-biker trails, parking areas with gravel or pervious surface, etc. You can find helpful information on floodplain management at <a href="http://www.tn.gov/ecd/pdf/FEMA/NFIP_TN_Quick_Guide.pdf">http://www.tn.gov/ecd/pdf/FEMA/NFIP_TN_Quick_Guide.pdf</a>. If the project does include construction of any structures, a preliminary analysis must be conducted to determine whether the project will encroach on any base (100-year) floodplain and/or regulatory floodway. You must provide a copy of the Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the project area. Go to the FEMA Map Service Center at <a href="http://www.msc.fema.gov">www.msc.fema.gov</a> to create a FIRMette, print and attach to the CE form.</p> |                        |
| <p>If the project <u>does not</u> involve construction of any structures, use the following example statement:<br/> <b>Example statement:</b> <i>The project will not involve construction of any structures that would significantly impede flow or displace water in the event of a flood.</i></p> <p>If the project <u>involves</u> construction of structures, use the following example statement:<br/> <b>Example statement:</b> <i>The project area is located in Zone X of FEMA floodmap 47183C0201D and not in a floodway area (FEMA FIRM map attached)</i></p>  |                        |

| Protection of Wetlands – Executive Order 11990  | 2. Streams/Wetlands  |
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| LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 3  | RTP CE Form – page 5   |
| <p>The purpose of Executive Order 11990 is to “minimize the destruction, loss or degradation of wetlands and to preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial value of wetlands.” To meet these objectives, the order requires any federally funded project to consider alternatives to wetland sites and limit potential damage if an activity affecting a wetland cannot be avoided. ." Record responses from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (LWCF or RTP only) and TDEC’s Division of Water Resources that are related to wetlands in this section.</p>                    |  |
| <p><b>Example statement for LPRF projects:</b> <i>TDEC’s Division of Water Resources reviewed the project and did not reference any impacts on wetlands. Response letter attached.</i></p> <p><b>Example statement for LWCF projects:</b> <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated their information does not indicate that wetlands exist in the vicinity of the project. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated that no work would be performed in wetlands. TDEC’s Division of Water Resources reviewed the project and did not reference any impacts on wetlands. Response letters attached.</i></p> | <p><b>Example statement:</b> <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated their information does not indicate that wetlands exist in the vicinity of the project. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated that no work would be performed in wetlands. TDEC’s Division of Water Resources reviewed the project and did not reference any impacts on wetlands. Response letters attached.</i></p> |

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| <b>Hazardous Waste Evaluation</b>   | <b>11. Hazardous Materials</b> |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 3</b>   | <b>RTP CE Form – page 9</b>    |
| <p>Hazardous waste sites are regulated primarily by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). RCRA regulates the ongoing manufacture, storage, use, treatment, transportation and disposal of hazardous substances/wastes from manufacture to final disposal. CERCLA is designated to control, clean up and designate liability for abandoned, uncontrolled or inactive waste sites. Service stations and underground storage tank (UST) sites are regulated by the Tennessee Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Act. The preferred option of dealing with hazardous waste sites is avoidance, unless the risks of proceeding can be justified. Contaminated property can cause excessive project delays, impacts, costs and liability. TDEC’s Division of Underground Storage Tanks and Division of Remediation must be provided an opportunity to review the project and respond with any findings. If remediation of a hazardous waste site is warranted, a Categorical Exclusion cannot be used for environmental review.</p> |                                |
| <p><b>Example statement:</b> <i>TDEC’s Division of Underground Storage Tanks reviewed project and stated a review of their records indicates there are no known issues in the project area. TDEC’s Division of Remediation stated there are no active DoR sites on or adjacent to the project location. Response letters attached.</i></p>  |                                |

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| <b>Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966</b>  | <b>9. Section 4(f)</b>      |
| <b>LWCF/LPRF CE Form – page 4</b>  | <b>RTP CE Form – page 8</b> |
| <p>Section 4(f) applies only to U.S. Department of Transportation programs and projects.</p>   |                             |
| <p><b>Example statement:</b> <i>This project does not involve any transportation activities, Section 4(f) review not required.</i></p> | <p>No entry required</p>    |

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| <b>6. Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>  |  |
| <b>RTP CE Form – page 7</b>   |  |
| <p>Rivers are designated under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. According to the Act, “certain selected rivers of the nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.” Currently, Tennessee has only one river that has been designated a National Wild and Scenic River: the Obed River in Morgan and Cumberland Counties on the Cumberland Plateau in East Tennessee. You should confirm your project will not impact any recently added federally designated rivers in the project area by going to <a href="http://www.rivers.gov/tennessee.php">http://www.rivers.gov/tennessee.php</a>. The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 designated state scenic rivers, you must also check to see if your project area will impact any state designated rivers. A list and map showing the state’s 13 designated scenic rivers can be found at <a href="http://tn.gov/environment/topic/na-sr-scenic-rivers">http://tn.gov/environment/topic/na-sr-scenic-rivers</a></p> |  |
| <p><b>Example statement:</b> <i>This project does not impact any federally-designated or state-designated Wild and Scenic Rivers confirmed at <a href="http://www.rivers.gov/tennessee.php">http://www.rivers.gov/tennessee.php</a> and <a href="http://www.tn.gov/environment/natural-areas/scenic-rivers.shtml">http://www.tn.gov/environment/natural-areas/scenic-rivers.shtml</a> on 4/11/2014.</i></p>   |  |

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## 12. Environmental Justice

### RTP CE Form – page 9

Pursuant to Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority Populations and Low-income Populations, federal agencies (and recipients of federal funds) must identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental health effects on minority and low-income populations in the United States. Most recreation projects will have little or no potential to impact EJ populations. You must check U.S. Census data to determine if EJ populations are present in your project area. If they are present, but the project will not have an impact to such populations, use the following example statement:

**Example statement:** *Minority and/or low income populations are present in the project area, but the proposed project does not have the potential to have disproportionately high and adverse impact on such populations.*

### Signature Pages for LWCF/LPRF Form only:

Signature for Complete CE/Pending Permits: Not applicable for awarded grant projects. Only used for submitting CE's with grant applications.

Signature for Complete CE: Signature of same person authorized to sign grant contract (typically mayor) signs on Authorized Representatives Signature line, insert printed name, title and date

### Green Sheet for RTP form only

If there were any commitments to reviewing agencies to meet clearance requirements, list them here and click the box next to Commitments are involved on the project as well as page 10. If no commitments, select radio button next to Commitments are not involved on the project. Commitments are anything that was requested by the reviewing agencies to complete or ensure was completed (permits, best management practices, etc.)

### Attachment Order

When the CE form is completed, required attachments should be placed behind the CE form in the order they are referenced in the form. If a reviewing agency response is used in more than one section, the first time it is referenced dictates where the attachment is placed in the order. See recommended attachment order for both forms below.

| LWCF/LPRF CE Form Attachment Order:   | RTP CE Form Attachment Order:                                |
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| SHPO response letter (not required for LPRF projects)                           | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers response letter                 |
| TDEC's Division of Archaeology response letter                                  | TDEC's Division of Water Resources response letter           |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service response letter (not required for LPRF projects) | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service response letter               |
| TDEC's Division of Natural Areas response letter                                | TDEC's Division of Natural Areas response letter             |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineer response letter (not required for LPRF projects)    | FIRM floodplain map (if project has structures)              |
| TDEC's Division of Water Resources response letter                              | SHPO response letter   |
| FIRM floodplain map (if project has structures)                                 | TDEC's Division of Archeology response letter                |
| TDEC's Division of Underground Storage Tanks response letter                    | TDEC's Division of Underground Storage Tanks response letter |
| TDEC's Division of Remediation response letter                                  | TDEC's Division of Remediation response letter               |

## SUBMISSION OF CE REQUEST

When the CE form is completed with required attachments and the preparer and local government official have signed in the appropriate places, the entire packet must be submitted to TDEC-RES electronically. TDEC-RES staff will insert the appropriate STIP/TIP sheet for RTP projects and the tribal review documentation and statement for the Section 106 Historical Preservation Act/Cultural Resources sections of both types of CE forms.

Be sure the CE form is submitted in its original form (can make entries) and attachments are in a separate pdf file. You can either break up the attachments to send them through email or use WeTransfer if the attachment file is too large. If you have any questions or run into any issues sending your files, call (615) 532-0748 or your PARTAS Consultant.

TDEC-RES will review the CE request and approve by signature. Once the CE request is executed, the final form and attachments will be emailed to the email address provided for the project contact. The completion of the NEPA process will allow execution of a grant contract to begin the grant project. Please direct any questions to your PARTAS Consultant. See table below for contacts by county.

| <b>PARTAS Consultant by County</b>  |         |            |            |   |            |
|---|---------|------------|------------|---|------------|
| Western TN  |         | Middle TN  |            | Eastern TN  |            |
| Gerald Parish, RES Director<br>(731) 695-1545<br><a href="mailto:Gerald.Parish@tn.gov">Gerald.Parish@tn.gov</a> |         |            |            | April Johnson, PARTAS Manager<br>(865) 898-0956<br><a href="mailto:April.Johnson@tn.gov">April.Johnson@tn.gov</a> |            |
| Benton  | Perry   | Bedford    | Marion     | Anderson  | Morgan     |
| Carroll   | Shelby  | Bledsoe    | Marshall   | Blount  | Polk       |
| Chester   | Stewart | Cannon     | Maury      | Bradley   | Roane      |
| Crockett  | Tipton  | Cheatham   | Montgomery | Campbell  | Scott      |
| Decatur   | Wayne   | Clay       | Moore      | Carter  | Sevier     |
| Dyer  | Weakley | Coffee     | Overton    | Claiborne   | Sullivan   |
| Fayette   |         | Cumberland | Pickett    | Cocke   | Unicoi     |
| Gibson  |         | Davidson   | Putnam     | Grainger  | Union      |
| Hardeman  |         | DeKalb     | Rhea       | Greene  | Washington |
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| Henry   |         | Giles      | Smith      | Hawkins   |            |
| Houston   |         | Grundy     | Sumner     | Jefferson   |            |
| Humphreys   |         | Hickman    | Trousdale  | Johnson   |            |
| Lake  |         | Jackson    | Van Buren  | Knox  |            |
| Lauderdale  |         | Lawrence   | Warren     | Loudon  |            |
| Madison   |         | Lewis      | White      | McMinn  |            |
| McNairy   |         | Lincoln    | Williamson | Meigs   |            |
| Obion   |         | Macon      | Wilson     | Monroe  |            |

## Attachment 1 – Environmental Screening Form

| A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES<br>Indicate potential for adverse impacts. Use a separate sheet to clarify responses                              | Not Applicable-<br>Resource does not exist | No/Negligible Impacts-<br>Exists but no or negligible impacts | Minor Impacts | Impacts Exceed Minor<br>EA/EIS required | More Data Needed to Determine Degree of Impact<br>EA/EIS required |
|--|--|---|---------------|---|---|
| 1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 2. Air quality   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 3. Sound (noise impacts)   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 4. Water quality/quantity  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 5. Stream flow characteristics   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 6. Marine/estuarine  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 7. Floodplains/wetlands  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 9. Circulation, transportation   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing                                   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc.  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 12. Unique or important wildlife/ wildlife habitat   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 13. Unique or important fish/habitat   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 15. Recreation resources, land, parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc. |  |   |               |   |   |
| 16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.                                       |  |   |               |   |   |
| 19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 20. Minority and low-income populations  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies  |  |   |               |   |   |
| 23. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated   |  |   |               |   |   |
| 24. Other important environmental resources to address.  |  |   |               |   |   |

| B. MANDATORY CRITERIA<br>Will your grant project...  | Yes | No | To be determined |
|--|-----|----|------------------|
| 1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?  |     |    |                  |
| 2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas. |     |    |                  |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?  |     |    |                  |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?   |     |    |                  |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?   |     |    |                  |
| 6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?   |     |    |                  |
| 7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office.  |     |    |                  |
| 8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.  |     |    |                  |
| 9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?   |     |    |                  |
| 10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?   |     |    |                  |
| 11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?  |     |    |                  |
| 12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?   |     |    |                  |

**Environmental Reviewers**

**The following individual(s) provided input in the completion of the environmental screening form.**  
*List all reviewers including name, title, agency, field of expertise. Keep all environmental review records and data on this proposal in state compliance file for any future program review and/or audit.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.**  
*List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection.*

- 1.
- 2.
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## Attachment 2 – Definition of Categorical Exclusion

A NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) is a category of actions that meet the definition contained in 40 CFR 1508.4, and, based on past experience with similar actions, do not involve significant environmental impacts. These are actions that do not:

- Induce significant impacts to planned growth or land use for the area;
- Require the relocation of significant numbers of people;
- Have a significant impact on any natural, cultural, recreational, historic or other resource;
- Involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts;
- Have significant impacts on travel patterns; or
- Otherwise individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts.

The following are the NEPA Categorical Exclusions approved for use with all TDEC-RES and National Park Service (NPS) grant funding.

### A. Actions related to general administration

- (1) Changes or amendments to an approved action when such changes would cause no environmental impact.
  - time extensions with no change in project scope or with a reduction in project scope;
  - deleting work and no other work is added back into the project scope;
  - changing project cost with no change in project scope or with a reduction in project scope;
  - making administrative changes that do not affect the project scope.
- (2) Minor boundary changes that are accomplished through existing statutory authorities and that result in no change in land use.
- (3) Re-issuance/renewal of permits, rights-of-way, or easements not involving new environmental impacts provided that the impacts of the original actions were evaluated in an environmental document.
- (4) Conversion of existing permits to rights-of-way, when such conversions neither continue nor potentially initiate adverse environmental conditions, provided that the impacts of the original actions were evaluated in an environmental document.
- (5) Issuances, extensions, renewals, re-issuances, or minor modifications of concession contracts or permits that do not entail new construction or any potential for new environmental impact as a result of concession operations.
- (6) Incidental business permits (formerly called commercial use licenses) involving no construction or potential for new environmental impact.
- (7) Leasing of historic properties in accordance with 36 CFR 18 and NPS-38.

#### **40 CFR Sec. 1508.4 Categorical exclusion.**

"Categorical exclusion" means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency in implementation of these regulations (Sec. 1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. An agency may decide in its procedures or otherwise, to prepare environmental assessments for the reasons stated in Sec. 1508.9 even though it is not required to do so. Any procedures under this section shall provide for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect.

- (8) Modifications or revisions to existing regulations, or the promulgation of new regulations for NPS-administered areas, provided the modifications, revisions, or new regulations do not:
  - a) increase public use to the extent of compromising the nature and character of the area or cause physical damage to it.
  - b) introduce incompatible uses that might compromise the nature and characteristics of the area or cause physical damage to it.
  - c) conflict with adjacent ownerships or land uses.
  - d) cause a nuisance to adjacent owners or occupants.

#### **B. Plans, studies, and reports**

- (1) Changes or amendments to an approved plan, when such changes have no potential for environmental impact.
- (2) Cultural resources maintenance guides, collection management plans, and historic furnishings reports.
- (3) Interpretive plans (interpretive prospectuses, audio-visual plans, museum exhibit plans, wayside exhibit plans).
- (4) Plans, including priorities, justifications, and strategies, for non-manipulative research, monitoring, inventorying, and information-gathering.
- (5) Agreements for plans and studies.
- (6) Authorization, funding, or approval for the preparation of statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plans (SCORPs).
- (7) Adoption or approval of academic or research surveys, studies, reports, and similar documents that do not contain and will not result in NPS recommendations.
- (8) Land protection plans that propose changes to existing land or visitor use when the changes have no potential for environmental impact.

#### **C. Actions related to development**

- (1) Land acquisition within established park boundaries, if future anticipated uses would have no potential for environmental impact.
- (2) Land exchanges that will not lead to anticipated changes in the use of land and that have no potential for environmental impact.
- (3) Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds, and trails.
- (4) Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or Cyclic Maintenance Guide or if the action would not adversely affect the cultural resource.
- (5) Installation of grant eligible signs, displays, and kiosks.
- (6) Installation of navigation aids.
- (7) Experimental testing of short duration (no more than one season) of mass transit systems, and changes in operation of existing systems, that have no potential for environmental impact.
- (8) Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or

appearance –for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs and campfire circles.

- (9) Repair, resurfacing, striping, installation of traffic control devices, and repair/replacement of guardrails, culverts, signs, and other minor existing features on existing roads when no potential for environmental impact exists.
- (10) Changes in sanitary facilities operation resulting in no new environmental effects.
- (11) Installation of wells, comfort stations, and pit or vault toilets in areas of existing use and in developed areas.
- (12) Minor trail relocation or development of compatible trail networks on logging roads or other established routes.
- (13) Upgrading or adding new overhead utility facilities on existing poles, or on replacement poles that do not change existing pole line configurations.
- (14) Issuance of rights-of-way for overhead utility lines to an individual building or well from an existing line where installation will not result in visual intrusion and will involve no clearance of vegetation other than for placement of poles.
- (15) Issuance of rights-of-way for minor overhead utility lines not involving placement of poles or towers and not involving vegetation management or visual intrusion in an area administered by NPS.
- (16) Installation of underground utilities in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance or areas within an existing road prism or within an existing overhead utility right-of-way.
- (17) Minor landscaping in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance.
- (18) Installation of fencing enclosures, exclosures, or boundary fencing posing no effect on wildlife migrations.

**D. Actions related to visitor use**

- (1) Minor changes in amounts or types of visitor use for the purpose of ensuring visitor safety or resource protection in accordance with existing regulations.
- (2) Minor changes in programs and regulations pertaining to visitor activities.
- (3) Issuance of permits for demonstrations, gatherings, ceremonies, concerts, arts and crafts shows, and so forth, entailing only short-term or readily remediable environmental disturbance.
- (4) Designation of trailside camping zones with minimal or no improvements.

**E. Actions related to resource management and protection**

- (1) Archeological surveys and permits involving only surface collection or small-scale test excavations.
- (2) Restoration of non-controversial (based on internal scoping requirements in section 2.6) native species into suitable habitats within their historic range.
- (3) Removal of individual members of a non-threatened/endangered species or populations of pests and exotic plants that pose an imminent danger to visitors or an immediate threat to park resources.
- (4) Removal of non-historic materials and structures in order to restore natural conditions when the removal has no potential for environmental impacts, including impacts to cultural landscapes or archeological resources.
- (5) Development of standards for, and identification, nomination, certification, and determination of, eligibility of properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the National Historic Landmark

and National Natural Landmark Programs, and biosphere reserves.

- (6) Non-destructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research, and monitoring activities (this is also a Departmental CE).
- (7) Designation of environmental study areas and research natural areas, including those closed temporarily or permanently to the public, unless the potential for environmental (including socioeconomic) impact exists.

**F. Actions related to grant programs**

- (1) Proposed actions essentially the same as those listed in paragraphs A-E above *not shaded in gray*.
- (2) Grants for acquisition to areas that will continue in the same use or lower density use with no additional disturbance to the natural setting or type of use.
- (3) Grants for replacement or renovation of facilities at their same location without altering the kind and amount of recreational, historical, or cultural resources of the area or the integrity of the existing setting.
- (4) Grants for construction of facilities on lands acquired under a previous NPS or other federal grant, provided that the development is in accord with plans submitted with the acquisition grant, and that environmental documents have been completed on the impacts of the proposal funded by the original grant.
- (5) Grants for the construction of new facilities within an existing park or recreation area, provided that the facilities will not:
  - (a) conflict with adjacent ownerships or land use, or cause a nuisance to adjacent owners or occupants, such as would happen if use were extended beyond daylight hours.
  - (b) introduce motorized recreation vehicles, including off-road vehicles, personal water craft, and snowmobiles.
  - (c) introduce active recreation pursuits into a passive recreation area.
  - (d) increase public use or introduce non-compatible uses to the extent of compromising the nature and character of the property or causing physical damage to it.
  - (e) add or alter access to the park from the surrounding area.
- (6) Grants for the restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization, preservation, and reconstruction (or the authorization thereof) of properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, at their same location, and provided that such actions:
  - (a) will not alter the integrity of the property or its setting
  - (b) will not increase public use of the area to the extent of compromising the nature and character of the property.

## Attachment 3 – Environmental Clearance Contact List

Letters of clearance or compliance with Federal environmental laws must be obtained from each of the applicable agencies below. State-funded LPRF projects do not need to send review packets to Tennessee Historical Commission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Emailing review packet in single email to all agencies is acceptable as long as all documents in the packet are legible and in color.

### STATE AGENCIES:

#### DIVISION OF ARCHAEOLOGY

ATTN: Mr. Michael C. Moore  
State Archaeologist and Director  
Cole Building #3  
1216 Foster Avenue  
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(615) 741-1588  
[Mike.C.Moore@tn.gov](mailto:Mike.C.Moore@tn.gov)  
cc: [Mark.Norton@tn.gov](mailto:Mark.Norton@tn.gov)

#### DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS

ATTN: Mr. Roger McCoy  
TN Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
312 Rosa Parks Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37243  
(615) 532-0431  
[Roger.McCoy@tn.gov](mailto:Roger.McCoy@tn.gov)

#### DIVISION OF REMEDIATION

ATTN: Barry Brawley, Deputy  
Director Field Operations  
TN Tower, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243  
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[Barry.Brawley@tn.gov](mailto:Barry.Brawley@tn.gov)

#### DIVISION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

ATTN: Stan Boyd, Director  
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Nashville, TN 37243  
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#### DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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[Jimmy.R.Smith@tn.gov](mailto:Jimmy.R.Smith@tn.gov)

#### TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

(not necessary for LPRF projects)  
ATTN: Mr. Patrick McIntyre  
Clover Bottom Mansion  
2941 Lebanon Road  
Nashville, TN 37243-0442  
Contact: Dr. Joe Garrison  
(615) 532-1550, extension 103  
[Joseph.Garrison@tn.gov](mailto:Joseph.Garrison@tn.gov)

### FEDERAL AGENCIES: (not necessary for LPRF projects)

#### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

ATTN: Lisa R. Morris  
Regulatory Branch  
3701 Bell Road  
Nashville, TN 37214  
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#### U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

ATTN: Mary Jennings  
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(931) 528-6481  
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cc: [Tammy\\_Bilbrey@fws.gov](mailto:Tammy_Bilbrey@fws.gov)

# Appendix

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# Sample Review Packet



Use local government/  
agency letterhead

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

RECREATION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-0435

(615) 532-0748

Modify to suit grant  
program providing  
funding & reword  
for awarded project

Reviewing Agency,

November 04, 2013

The following project has submitted an application for Recreation Trails Program (RTP) 2013 grant cycle. The division of Recreation and Educational Services (RES) administers these funds and is assisting the applicant in the Environmental Review.

Please review the following project and provide your comments directly to me so that I can put together the Categorical Exclusion packet for this applicant.

The Town of Surgoinsville will use the federal funds to construct an 8 feet wide, 100 feet long paved trail from an existing pavilion at Creek side Park to connect to Riverfront Park. The trail would be a walking, biking, and hiking trail to safely reach Riverfront. The funds will also be used to construct a much needed restroom facilities at River Front Park.

Brief description of project - state  
if using federal funds

Thank you for your review and comments on this project. Please have your comments submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Contact me directly, or the local contact listed below, if you have any questions or need any more information.

Give 30 days to  
receive comments

Bill Avant  
GIS/Land Acquisition Manager, TDEC

Person completing  
CE process



**Included in this review packet:**

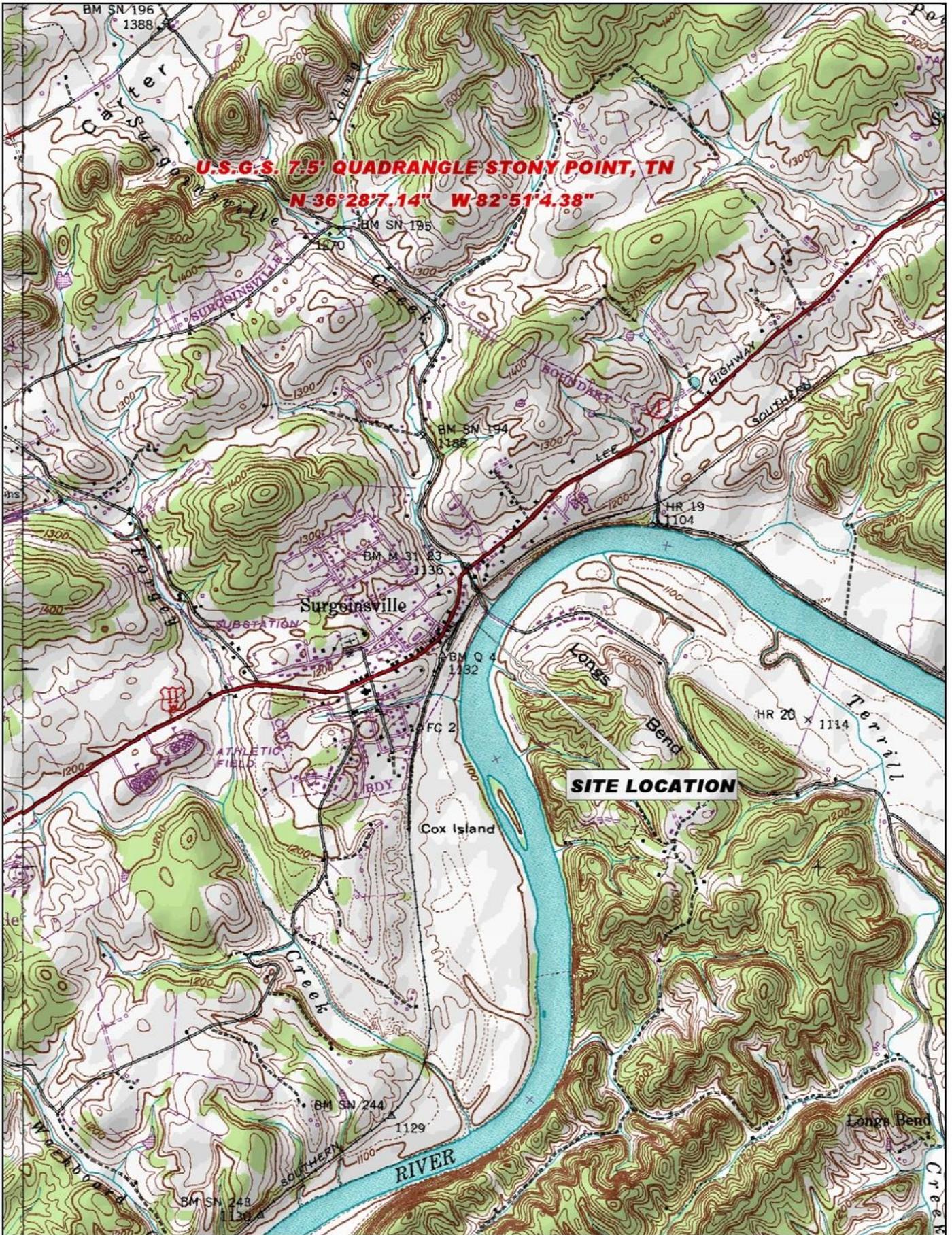
- **Local Contact:**

- Application Prepared by: Semone Burleson
- E-Mail: sburleson@ftdd.org
- Organization: First Tennessee Development District
- Telephone: (423) 722-5090

Use contact information for person to contact regarding this CE review

- Project Contact (Person responsible for daily management of project)
- Name: Johnny Greer
- Telephone: (423) 345-2213
- Title: Mayor of Surgoinsville
- E-Mail: mayorgreer@bellsouth.net

- **USGS 7 ½ minute series topo map**
- **Other suitable maps**
- **Project Proposal**
- **Photographs of the area**
- **Parcel property information**
- **Preliminary Site Plan**
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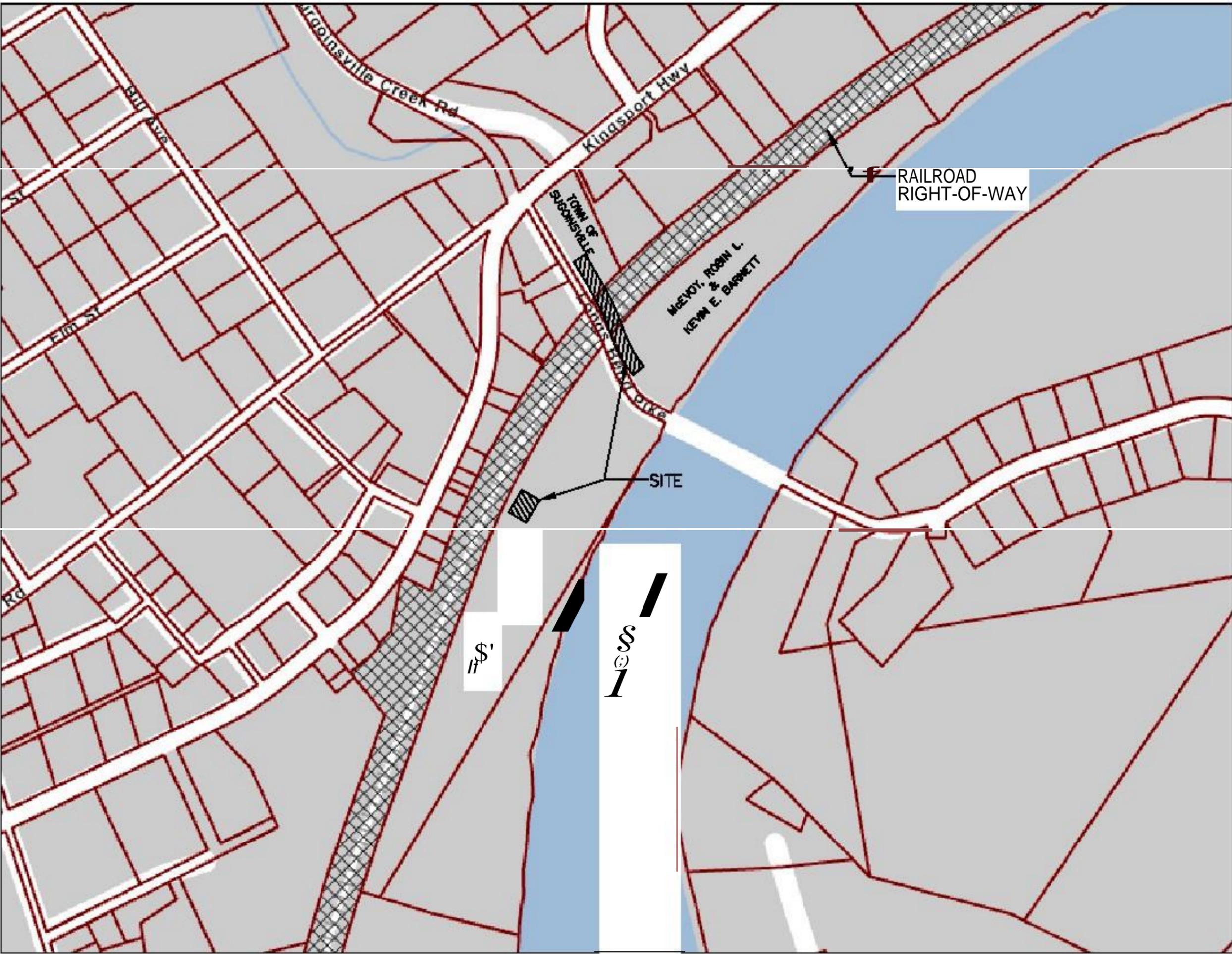


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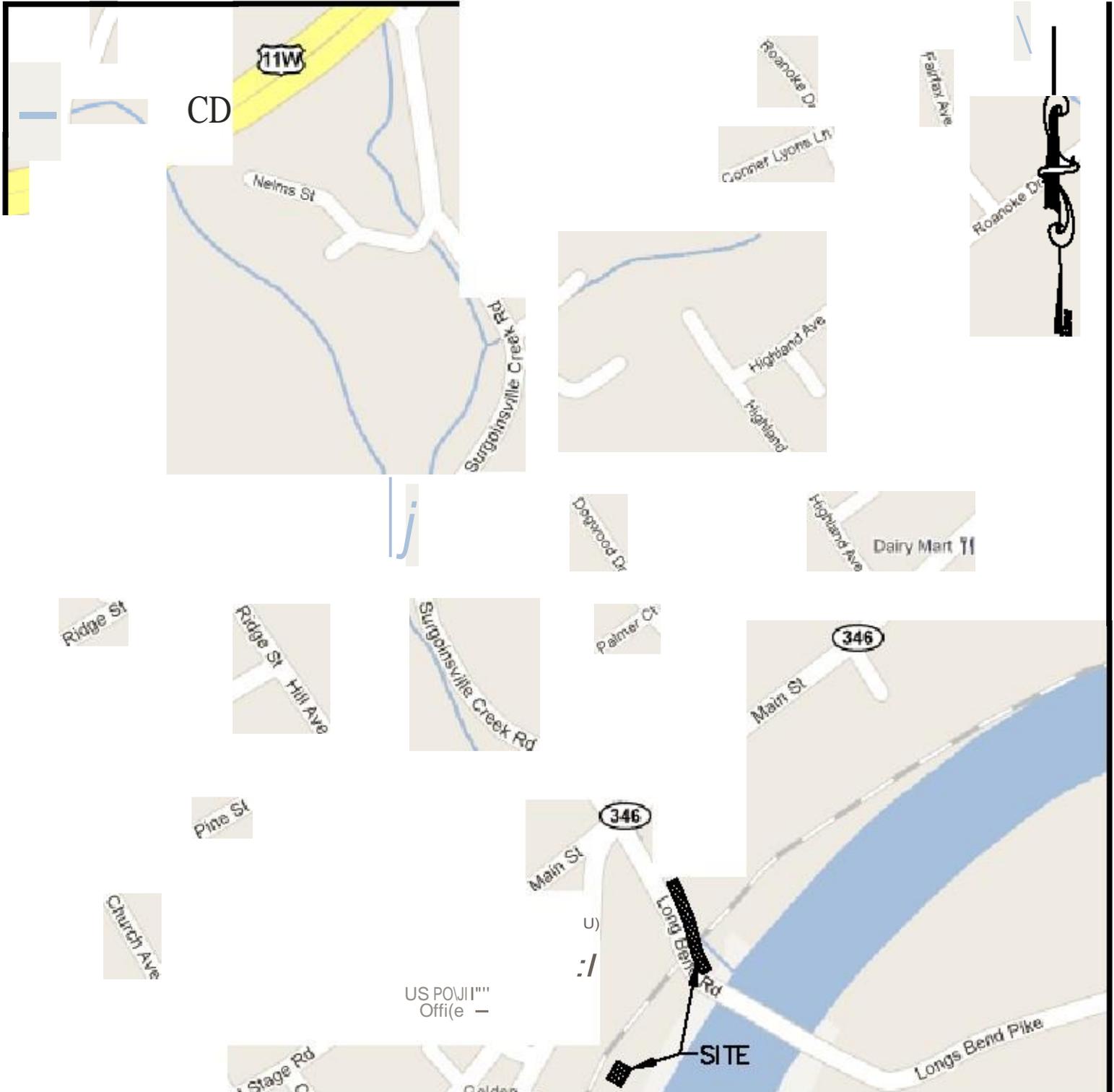
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**PROJECT: SURGOINVILLE - RIVERVIEW PARK RESTROOMS**

**PREPARED FOR: TC\_, OF SURGOINSW.LE**

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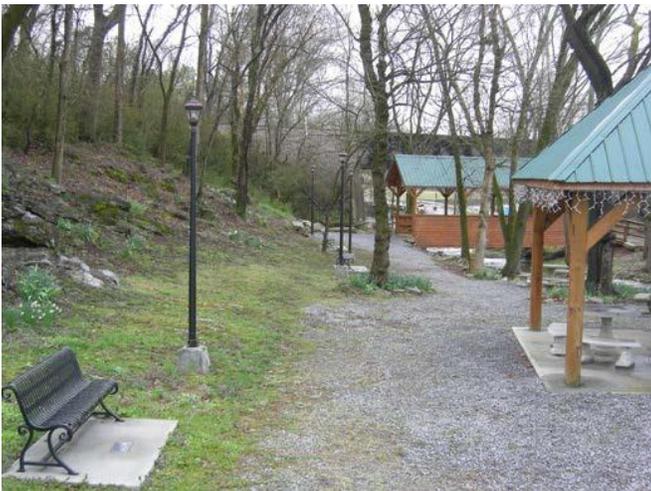
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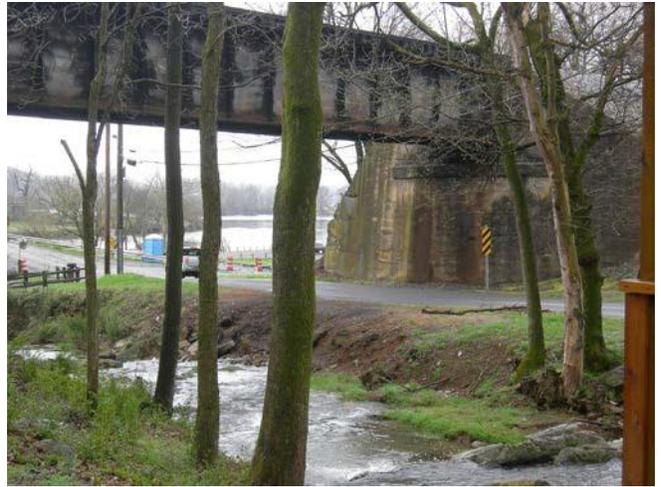
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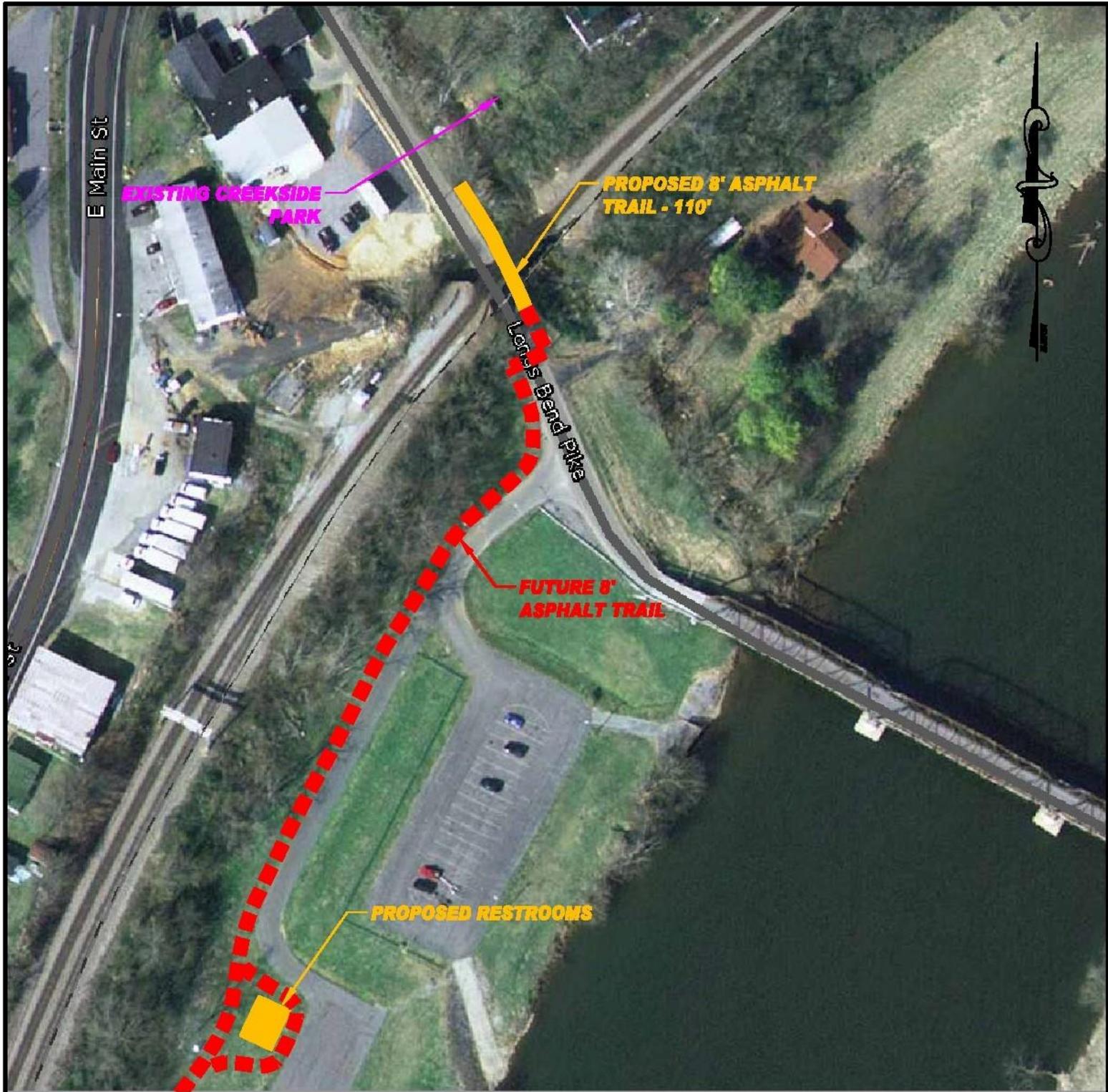


A view from Creekside towards Riverside Park where the trail would be constructed



River Front Park





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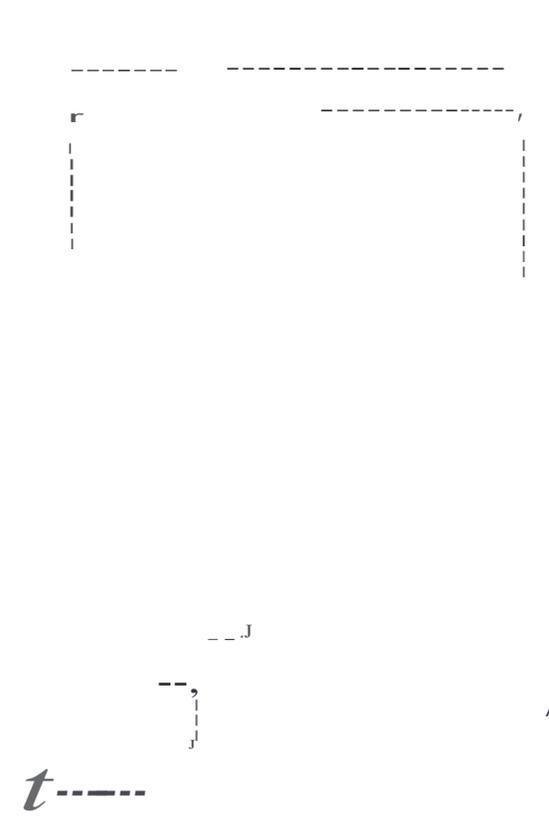
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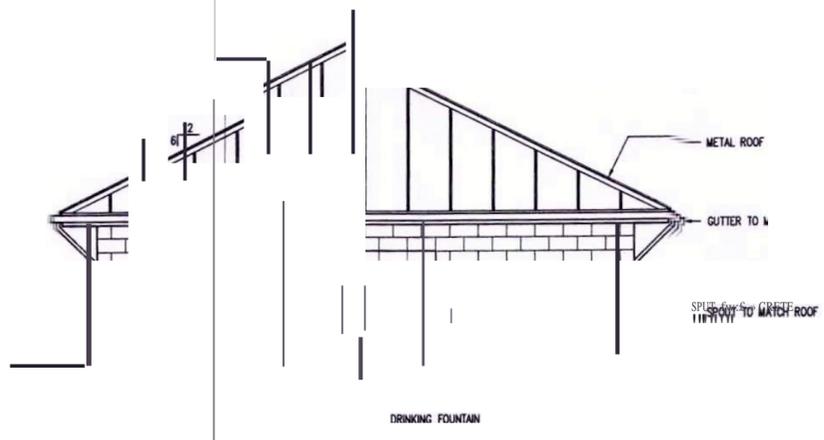
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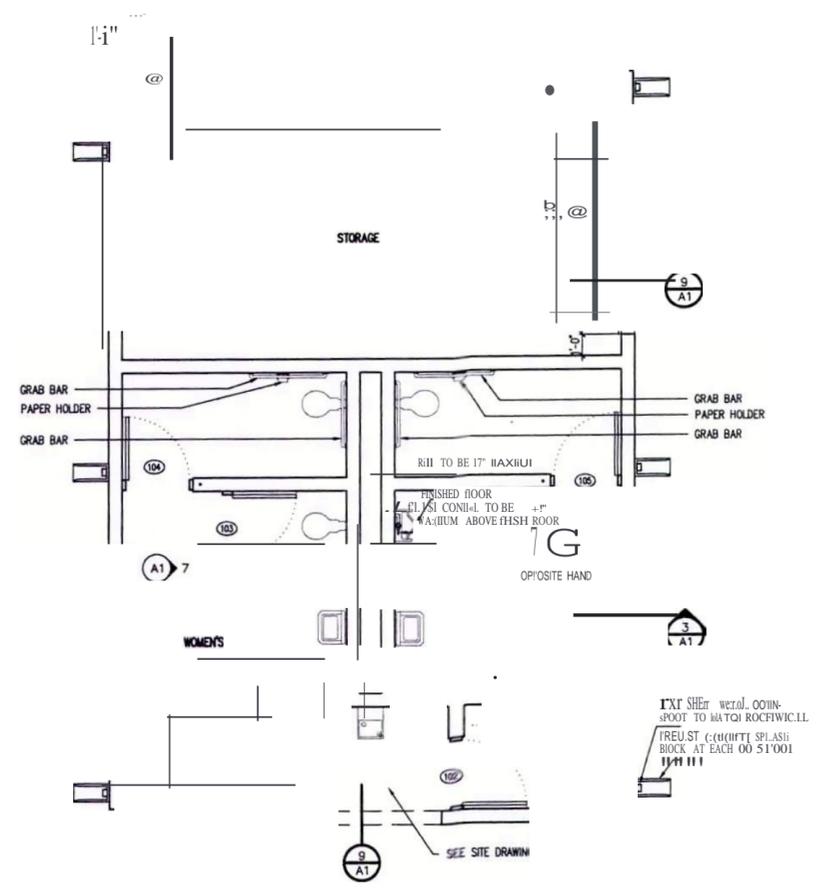
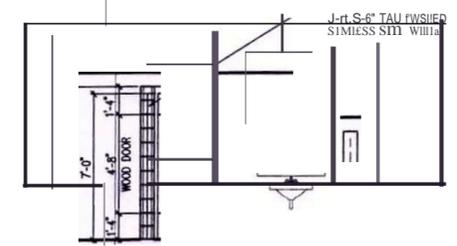
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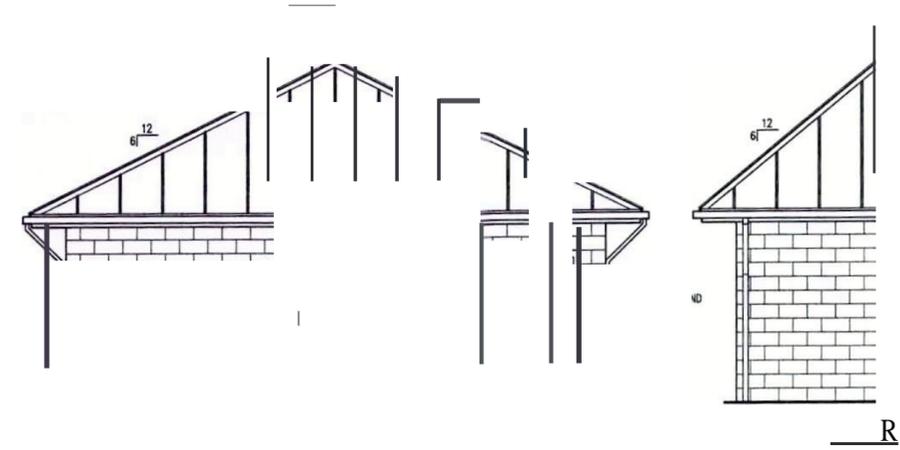
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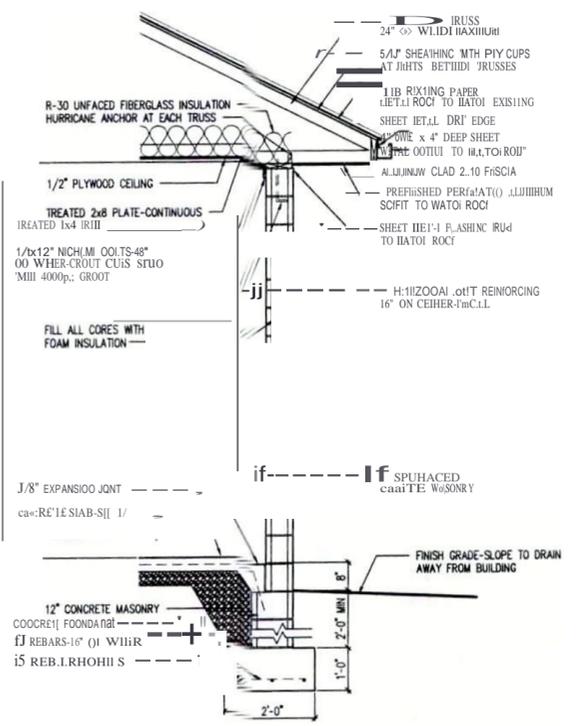
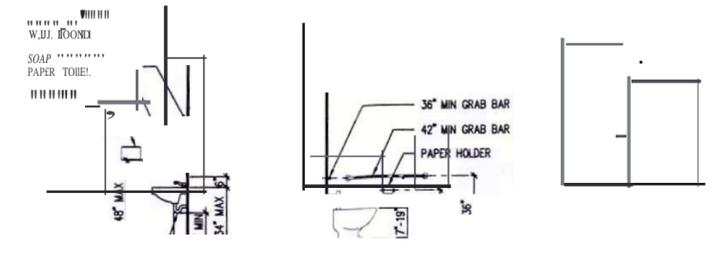


**BATHROOM FLOOR PLAN**  
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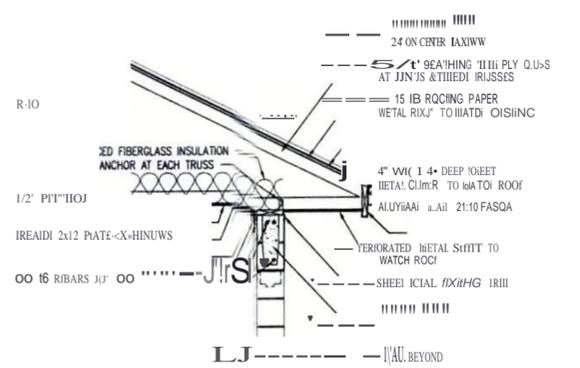
1"x1" SHER. WEROL. COIN-  
SPOT TO MATCH ROOFWIC.LL  
TREAT. C. (HIGHT) PLASH  
BLOCK AT EACH 00 5'001  
1/4" = 1'



**REAR ELEVATION**  
1/4" = 1'



**WALL**



Of ERVIm, NESSEE  
OWNER:  
TOWN

PLAN,  
PLAN, W-JJ

1. NOTES FOR RESTROOM BUILDING: THESE NOTES APPLY ONLY TO THIS PROJECT.  
 2. REFER TO OTHER DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY TYSINGER, HAMPTON & PARTNERS, INC. IN CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE THE BUILDING LIMITS.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PURCHASE ALL BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED. THE ARCHITECT HAS NOT BEEN RETAINED TO MAKE PERIODIC CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS. THE ARCHITECT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHANGES MADE WITHOUT HIS WRITTEN APPROVAL. UNLESS SPECIFIC NOTES REQUIRE EXCEEDING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1999 STANDARD BUILDING CODE AND ITS CURRENT AMENDMENTS. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE FROM FACE OF WOOD, FACE OF MASONRY, AND FACE OF CONCRETE UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE.

**WORK**

ALL FOUNDATIONS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR A MINIMUM SOIL BEARING CAPACITY OF 1500 POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT. REMOVE TOPSOIL UNDER THE BUILDING SLAB AND TO A DISTANCE OF 5'-0" AROUND THE BUILDING SLAB. BEFORE BACKFILLING, PRODFROLL THE ENTIRE EXCAVATED AREA WITH A DOUBLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK LOADED WITH 3 CUBIC YARDS OF SOIL. IF ANY AREAS DEFLECT, THE SOIL IN THE AREA IS TO BE EXCAVATED DOWN TO FIRM SOILS AND THE AREA RETESTED BY PRODFROLLING. REPEAT THIS PROCEDURE UNTIL THE ENTIRE EXCAVATED AREA WITHSTANDS PRODFROLLING WITHOUT DEFLECTION. SOILS UNDER FOUNDATIONS AND SLAB ARE TO BE COMPACTED TO 98% MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY PER ASTM D1557-78. TREAT UNDER THE SLAB AND AROUND THE BUILDING TO PREVENT THE INFESTATION OF TERMITES.

**CONCRETE**

ALL CONCRETE TO BE 3000 P.S.I., 28 DAY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH. ALL EXTERIOR CONCRETE TO BE 4000PSI AIR ENTRAINED. ALL STEEL REINFORCING TO BE ASTM A615-74 GRADE 60. LAP REINFORCING BAR SPLICES 36 DIAMETERS (12" MINIMUM). MESH 6" MIN. ALL CONCRETE REQUIREMENTS

**MASONRY**

ALL CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS SHALL BE GRADE N, TYPE I, ASTM C 90, LIGHT WEIGHT. ALL MORTAR TO BE ASTM C 270 TYPE I. HORIZONTAL JOINT REINFORCING SHALL BE #3 BARS AND W.7 CROSS SECTIONS. GROUT FOR FILLING MASONRY SHALL BE PRE-MIXED MORTAR. INSTALL GROUT USING THE LOW-LET GROUT METHOD. INDIVIDUAL POURS SHALL NOT EXCEED 4'-0" HIGH. TERMINATE GROUT POURS 1-1/2" BELOW TOP COURSE OF POUR. BOND BEAM AND LINTELS SHALL BE POURED FULL IN ONE CONTINUOUS POUR. VERTICAL STEEL REINFORCING SHALL BE CONTINUOUS FROM FOUNDATION AND HOOKED INTO BOND BEAMS.

**STEEL**

ALL STEEL TO BE ASTM A 36.

**WOOD AND PLASTICS**

ALL WOOD FRAMING TO BE SPRUCE NUMBER 2 OR BETTER. PLYWOOD ROOF DECKING SHALL BE 5/8" CDX WITH 24" O MINIMUM SPAN BAYING. GALVANIZED HURRICANE ANCHORS SHALL BE SIMPSON STRONG-TIE H2.5 STRONG AND HURRICANE ANCHOR. ENGINEERED ROOF TRUSSES SHALL BE DESIGNED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LICENSED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OBTAINED BY THE TRUSS FABRICATOR. THE TRUSSES ARE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1999 EDITION OF THE STANDARD BUILDING CODE. DESIGN DRAWINGS AND CALCULATIONS BEARING THE STAMP OF THE ENGINEER SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO FABRICATION. INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRACING TRUSSES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO ERECTION. ALL EXTERIOR PAINTED WOOD SHALL BE NUMBER 1 WHITE PINE OR SMOOTH FINISH RED CEDAR. ALL EXTERIOR WOOD TRIM SHALL BE COVERED WITH PREFINISHED STEEL OR ALUMINUM TO MATCH ROOF.

**THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION**

FASCIA, GUTTER, DOWNSPOUT, AND SOFFIT COLOR SHALL MATCH EXISTING. ALL CEILING BELOW ATTICS SHALL BE INSULATED WITH FIBERGLASS BATTIS OR BLOWN FIBERGLASS. THE METAL ROOF SHALL BE BERRIDGE BATTEN SEAM WITH DEEP VEE ROOF PANELS WITH MATCHING SOFFITS, GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, FLASHING AND TRIM. PANELS SHALL BE 24-GAUGE HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED STEEL, ASTM A 446-85, GRADE C, G-90 COATING ASTM 525-86. PANEL FINISH SHALL BE MANUFACTURER'S INVAR 500 FLUOROCARBON COATING. COLOR TO MATCH EXISTING EXTERIOR MASONRY WALL. UNGROUTED CORES SHALL BE FILLED WITH TAILORED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, INC., CORE-FILL-500 FOAM IN PLACE INSULATION R VALUE OF 4.6 PER INCH.

**DOORS AND WINDOWS**

PROVIDE DOORS, FRAMES AND HARDWARE AS FOLLOWS:  
 DOORS 101 AND 102--3'-0"x7'-0"x1-3/4" STEEL  
 HINGES: HAGAR BB191  
 PUSH: HAGAR 4518 305  
 PULL: HAGAR 4518 305 WITH 4G PULL  
 LOCKSET: SCHLAGE B436P  
 WEATHERSTRIPPING: NATIONAL GUARD PRODUCTS 700SKB & 1190KB  
 THRESHOLD: NATIONAL GUARD PRODUCTS 4250KB  
 CLOSER: LCN 4010 - PARALLEL ARM  
 STOP: HAGAR 234W  
 DOORS 103, 104 AND 105 --3'-0"x4'-8"x1-3/4" SOLID CORE WOOD  
 HINGES: HAGAR 1191  
 LOCKSET: SCHLAGE D405 RHODES  
 DOORS 106--3'-0"x7'-0"x1-3/4" STEEL  
 HINGES: HAGAR BB191  
 LOCKSET: SCHLAGE L8070 x 06 TRIM  
 WEATHERSTRIPPING: NATIONAL GUARD PRODUCTS 700SKB & 1190KB  
 DOORS 107--PROVIDE OVERHEAD DOOR CORPORATION S93 SERIES THERMADORE SECTIONAL OVERHEAD DOOR WITH 5 PIN TUMBLER MASTER KEYPED TO LOCKSETS.  
 ALL DOOR FRAMES TO BE STEEL, 3-4" WIDE (2" JAMB) BY 7-4" TALL (4" HEAD).  
 ALL HARDWARE TO BE OIL RUBBED BRONZE FINISH. CLOSURES ARE TO HAVE MATCHING PAINTED BRONZE FINISH.  
 ALL DOOR HARDWARE SHALL CONFORM TO THE TENNESSEE STATE HANDICAPPED CODE, AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, AND THE 1994 EDITION OF THE STANDARD BUILDING CODE.  
 ALL STEEL DOOR FRAMES TO BE STEEL DOOR  
 ALL STEEL DOORS TO BE STEEL DOOR INSTITU  
 18 GAGE FACES.  
 PROVIDE MASTER KEY SYSTEM OF KEYS.

**FINISHES**

ALL INTERIOR SURFACES SHALL BE:  
 A. STEEL DOORS AND FRAMES: 1 ALKYD ENAMEL (GLOSS FINISH).  
 B. INTERIOR MASONRY: 1 COAT BLOCK FILLER; 2 COATS WATER-BASED EPOXY (SEMI-GLOSS FINISH).  
 C. INTERIOR WOOD: 1 COAT ALKYD ENAMEL UNDERCOATER; 2 COATS ALKYD ENAMEL (SEMI-GLOSS FINISH).

**SPECIALTIES**

PROVIDE STAINLESS STEEL TOILET AND BATH ACCESSORIES AND MIRRORS MANUFACTURED OF TYPE AND SIZES INDICATED BY BOROCC CORPORATION. PROVIDE ADA COMPLIANT BEST SIGN COMPANY HC 300 6"x8" MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RESTROOM SIGNS.

**EQUIPMENT (NOT USED)**

**FURNISHINGS (NOT USED)**

**SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION (NOT USED)**

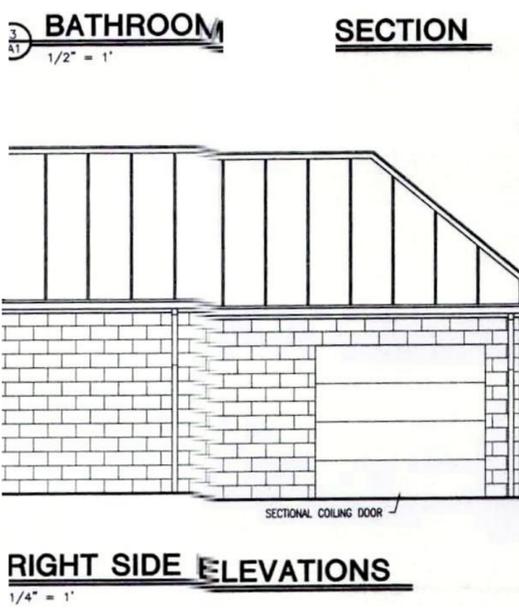
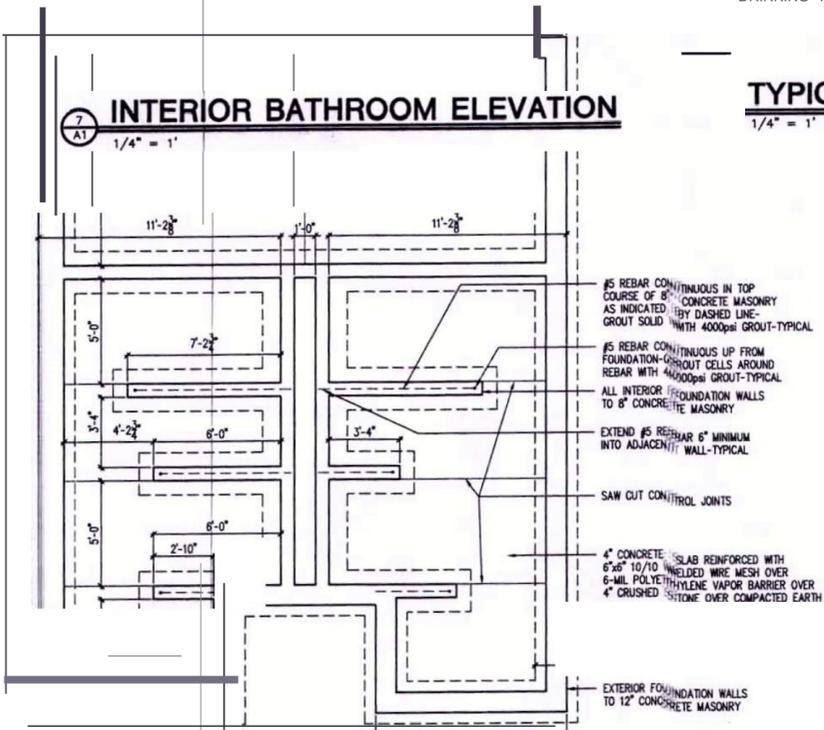
**CONVEYING SYSTEMS (NOT USED)**

**MECHANICAL**

SEE MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING DRAWINGS.

**ELECTRICAL**

SEE ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS.



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PROJECT: ERWIN TRAIL RESTROOM FACILITY

LOCATION: ERWIN, TENNESSEE  
 DRAWING TITLE: RESTROOM F1 FOUNDATION SECTION, EXT ELEVATIONS, ELEVATION, MOUNTING HEIGHTS SECTION DETAIL AND GENERAL NOTES

ISSUE DATE:  
 PROJECT NO: 0112703C  
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1' DWG. NO.  
 DRAWN BY: HMM  
 DATE: 10-23-01  
 CHECKED BY:  
 DATE:

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Monday, November 04, 2013

Main St, Surgoinsville, TN  
Hawkins County, TN parcel# 066H C 002

## Property Report

### Location

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Property Address</b> | Main St<br>Surgoinsville, TN |
| <b>Subdivision</b>      |                              |
| <b>County</b>           | Hawkins County, TN           |

### Current Owner

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Name</b>            | Town Of Surgoinsville                     |
| <b>Mailing Address</b> | Po Box 67<br>Surgoinsville, TN 37873-0067 |

### Property Summary

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Property Type</b>    | City Exempt           |
| <b>Land Use</b>         | Undevel & Unused Land |
| <b>Improvement Type</b> |                       |
| <b>Square Feet</b>      |                       |



### General Parcel Information

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Parcel/Tax ID</b>        | 066H C 002.00 |
| <b>Special Int</b>          | 000           |
| <b>Alternate Parcel ID</b>  |               |
| <b>Land Map</b>             | 066I          |
| <b>District/Ward</b>        | 05            |
| <b>2010 Census Trct/Blk</b> | 504/1         |

| Date       | Amount  | Buyer/Owners                     | Buyer/Owners 2 | Instrument | Quality      | Book/Page or Document# |
|------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 06/30/2009 |         | Town Of Surgoinsville            |                |            |              | 977/753                |
| 03/31/2006 | \$7,000 | Surgoinsville Medical Center Inc |                | Accepted   | Completely   | 797/707                |
|            |         |                                  |                | Waranty    | Qualified    |                        |
|            |         |                                  |                | Deed Sale  |              |                        |
| 05/18/1992 | \$3,000 |                                  |                | Physical   | Disqualified | 345/503                |
|            |         |                                  |                | Difference |              |                        |
| 05/18/1992 |         | Monroe Wayne S & Gladiolia       |                |            |              | 346/503                |
| 02/17/1973 |         | Jones Clifford E & Wanda         |                |            |              | 202/460                |

### Tax Assessment

| Appraisals                    | Amount         | Taxes                | Amount     | Jurisdiction  | Rate   |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Tax Year</b>               | 2012           | <b>City Taxes</b>    | \$0        | Surgoinsville | 1.2000 |
| <b>Appraised Land</b>         | \$7,400        | <b>County Taxes</b>  | \$0        | Hawkins       | 2.3450 |
| <b>Appraised Improvements</b> | \$0            | <b>Total Taxes</b>   | <b>\$0</b> |               |        |
| <b>Total Tax Appraisal</b>    | <b>\$7,400</b> | <b>Exempt Amount</b> |            |               |        |
| <b>Total Assessment</b>       | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>Exempt Reason</b> |            |               |        |

### Mortgage History

No mortgages were found for this parcel.

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No Buildings were found for this parcel.

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**Property Characteristics: Extra Features**

No extra features were found for this parcel.

|                           |                        |                        |                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Land Use</b>           | Undevel & Unused Land  | <b>Lot Dimensions</b>  | 152.87 X 310M IRR |
| <b>Block/Lot</b>          |                        | <b>Lot Square Feet</b> |                   |
| <b>Latitude/Longitude</b> | 36.470665°/-82.851178° | <b>Acreage</b>         |                   |

|                        |         |                                  |            |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Gas Source</b>      | None    | <b>Road Type</b>                 | St Highway |
| <b>Electric Source</b> | Public  | <b>Topography</b>                | Rolling    |
| <b>Water Source</b>    | Public  | <b>District Trend</b>            | Static     |
| <b>Sewer Source</b>    | None    | <b>Special School District 1</b> | 0          |
| <b>Zoning Code</b>     |         | <b>Special School District 2</b> | 0          |
| <b>Owner Type</b>      | Private |                                  |            |

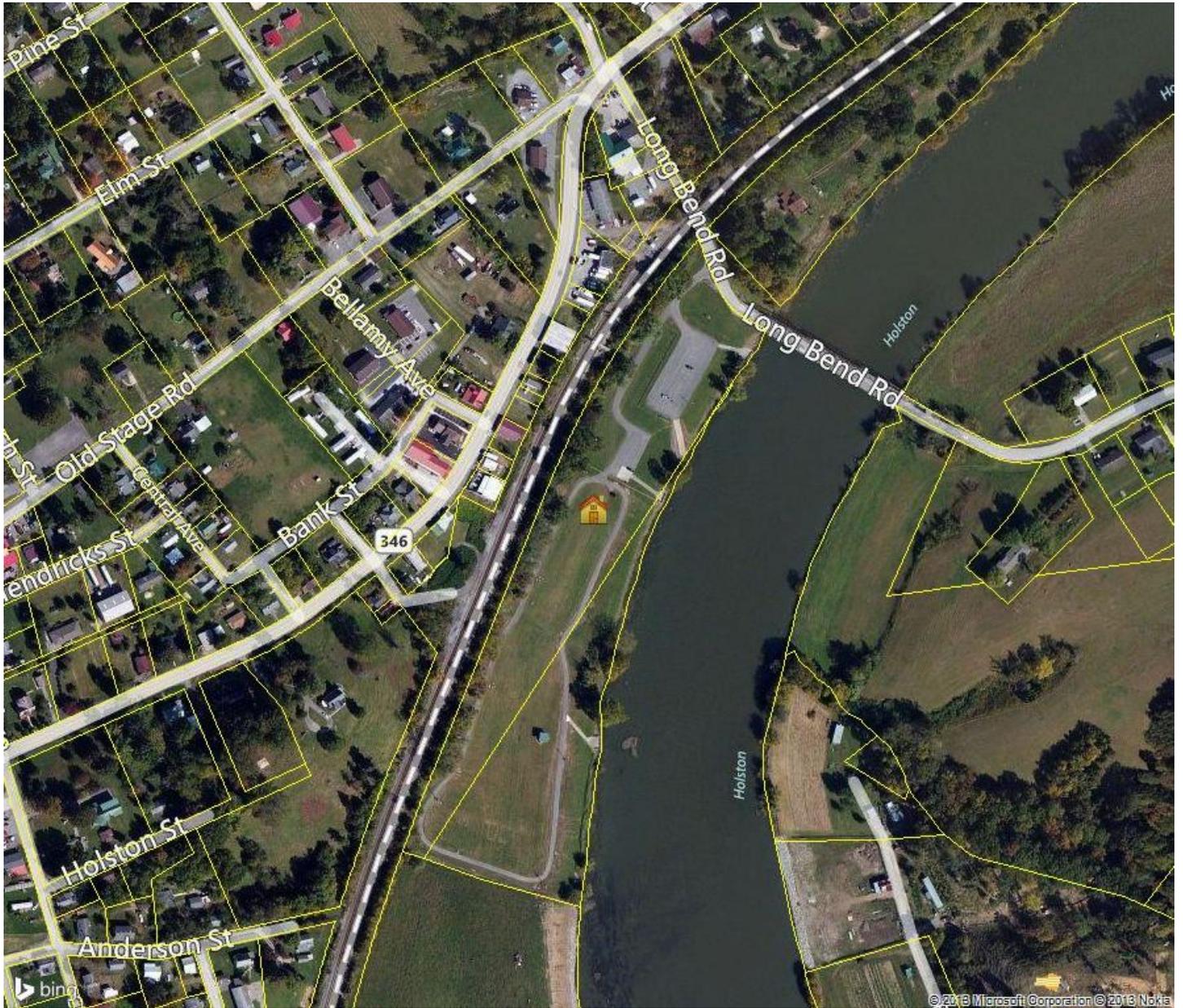
**Legal Description**

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| <b>Subdivision</b>   |    | <b>Plat Book/Page</b> |  |
| <b>Block/Lot</b>     |    | <b>Description</b>    |  |
| <b>District/Ward</b> | 05 |                       |  |

**Flood Zone Information**

| Zone Code | Flood Risk | Description   | FIRM Panel ID | Firm Panel Eff. Date |
|-----------|------------|---|---------------|----------------------|
| X         | Minimal    | Area of minimal flood hazard, usually depicted on FIRMs as above the 500-year flood level.  | 47073C0255D   | 07/03/2006           |
| A         | High       | Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event generally determined using approximate methodologies. Because detailed hydraulic analyses have not been performed, no Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) or flood depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements and floodplain management standards apply. | 47073C0255D   | 07/03/2006           |

Zone Source: FEMA DFIRM Data



Map for Parcel Address: Longs Bend Rd Surgoinsville, TN, Parcel ID: 066

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Monday, November 04, 2013

Longs Bend Rd, Surgoinsville, TN  
Hawkins County, TN parcel# 066 0

## Property Report

### Location

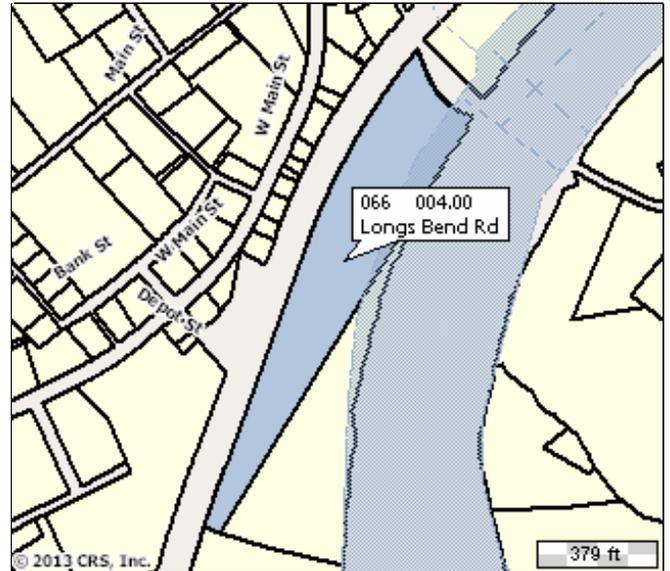
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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Property Address</b> | Longs Bend Rd<br>Surgoinsville, TN |
| <b>Subdivision</b>      |                                    |
| <b>County</b>           | Hawkins County, TN                 |

### Current Owner

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Name</b>            | State Of Tenn                                    |
| <b>Mailing Address</b> | 511 Union St Ste 730<br>Nashville, TN 37219-1733 |

### Property Summary

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Property Type</b>    | State Exempt              |
| <b>Land Use</b>         | Undeveloped & Unused Land |
| <b>Improvement Type</b> |                           |
| <b>Square Feet</b>      |                           |



|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Parcel/Tax ID</b>        | 066 004.00 |
| <b>Special Int</b>          | 000        |
| <b>Alternate Parcel ID</b>  |            |
| <b>Land Map</b>             | 066        |
| <b>District/Ward</b>        | 05         |
| <b>2010 Census Trct/Bik</b> | 504/3      |

| Date       | Amount Buyer/Owners | Buyer/Owners                        | Instrument | Quality | Book/Page or Document# |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------------|
| 08/17/1992 |                     | State Of Tennessee                  | 2          |         | 348/351                |
| 02/06/1992 |                     | White John H & Sam W Bartholomew Jr |            |         | 344/25                 |
| 03/27/1975 |                     | Ross John W & Et Al %John H White   |            |         | 224/425                |

### Tax Assessment

| Appraisals                    | Amount          | Taxes                | Amount     | Jurisdiction  | Rate   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Tax Year</b>               | 2012            | <b>City Taxes</b>    | \$0        | Surgoinsville | 1.2000 |
| <b>Appraised Land</b>         | \$64,900        | <b>County Taxes</b>  | \$0        | Hawkins       | 2.3450 |
| <b>Appraised Improvements</b> | \$0             | <b>Total Taxes</b>   | <b>\$0</b> |               |        |
| <b>Total Tax Appraisal</b>    | <b>\$64,900</b> | <b>Exempt Amount</b> |            |               |        |
| <b>Total Assessment</b>       | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>Exempt Reason</b> |            |               |        |

### Mortgage History

No mortgages were found for this parcel.

No Buildings were found for this parcel.

No extra features were found for this parcel.

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**Property Characteristics: Lot**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------|
| <b>Land Use</b>           | Undevel & Unused Land  | <b>Lot Dimensions</b>  |      |
| <b>Block/Lot</b>          |                        | <b>Lot Square Feet</b> |      |
| <b>Latitude/Longitude</b> | 36.468050°/-82.851825° | <b>Acreage</b>         | 6.60 |

|                        |            |                                  |        |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Gas Source</b>      | None       | <b>Road Type</b>                 | Paved  |
| <b>Electric Source</b> | Public     | <b>Topography</b>                | Level  |
| <b>Water Source</b>    | Individual | <b>District Trend</b>            | Static |
| <b>Sewer Source</b>    | Individual | <b>Special School District 1</b> | 0      |
| <b>Zoning Code</b>     |            | <b>Special School District 2</b> | 0      |
| <b>Owner Type</b>      | Private    |                                  |        |

**Legal Description**

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|----------------------|----|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Subdivision</b>   |    | <b>Plat Book/Page</b> |  |
| <b>Block/Lot</b>     |    | <b>Description</b>    |  |
| <b>District/Ward</b> | 05 |                       |  |

**Flood Zone Information**

| <b>Zone Code</b> | <b>Flood Risk</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>FIRM Panel ID</b> | <b>Firm Panel Eff. Date</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|
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Zone Source: FEMA DFIRM Data

## Examples of State/Federal Review Agency Responses

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
NASHVILLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
3701 BELL ROAD  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37214

November 20, 2013

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Reference No. LRN-2013-01268; Proposed Recreation Trails Program (RTP) 2013 Grant, to construct a bridge and walking train (in Cemetery Park) to connect two city parks separated by Calfkiller River, City of Sparta, Smith county, Tennessee

Mr. Bill Avant  
GIS/Land Acquisition Manager, TDEC  
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0435

No clear reference to wetlands, reference below pertains to construction activities

Dear Mr. Avant:

This is in regard to your recent request for information on Proposed Recreation Trails Program (RTP) 2013 Grant, to construct a bridge and walking train (in Cemetery Park) to connect two city parks separated by Calfkiller River, City of Sparta, Smith county, Tennessee.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has regulatory responsibilities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403). Under Section 10, the USACE regulates any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the U.S. Under Section 404, the USACE regulates the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands.

A review of the information provided indicates an activity that the activity would involve work in waters of the US (streams and/or wetlands). Therefore, a Department of the Army (DA) permit would be required. However, we understand that the project proposal may not have specific design plans at this time, and this inquiry is an initial review to obtain grant funds. Therefore, we have no objections to the applicant receiving grant funds provided the applicant applies for and obtains any required permits prior to any disturbance to streams and/or wetlands that may occur due to project construction. The applicant may apply at any time.

Construction activities in or near streams reference

We appreciate your awareness of our regulatory program. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above address or telephone (615) 369-7500.

Sincerely,

Project Manager  
Operations Division

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES  
William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

## MEMORANDUM

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To: Mr. Bill Avant  
GIS/Land Acquisition Manager  
2nd Floor William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower

From: Jennifer Watson  
Division of Water Resources

Date: November 19, 2013

RE: Recreational Trails Grant Program  
City of Sparta

No reference given for wetlands

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The Division has reviewed the information that was submitted in your email of October 31, 2013, regarding the abovementioned project. The City of Sparta proposes to utilize RTP funds to build a 7 W x 165' L bridge and 5' W x 925' L concrete walking trail (in Cemetery Park) to connect two city parks separated by Calfkiller River, thus completing a final link in a community walking trail started in 1998.

There are a couple of records of the Federally Endangered Bluemask Darter in the area.

The City of Sparta will need to ensure that all appropriate permits are in place before construction may begin including, but not limited, to an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP), needed for any alterations to waters of the state, and coverage under Tennessee's General NPDES Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activities (CGP) needed for any land disturbance of one acre or more. Also, appropriate erosion prevention and sediment control measures must be installed and maintained throughout the duration of the project.

Construction in or near streams reference

Please understand that there may be other regulatory programs applicable to this project that are administered by other divisions of the Department of Environment and Conservation. The applicant is responsible to determine all regulatory programs that are applicable to this project.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Jennifer Watson at (615) 532-0359 or email at [Jennifer.Watson@tn.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Watson@tn.gov).



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
446 Neal Street  
Cookeville, TN 38501

December 2, 2013

Mr. Bill Avant  
GSI/ Land Acquisition Manager  
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Recreation Education Services  
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Subject: FWS #14-CPA-0117. City of Sparta Recreation Trails Program  
2013 Grant Cycle. White County, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Avant:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 31, 2013, regarding the construction of a 5 foot wide by 925 foot long concrete walking trail and a 7 foot wide by 165 foot long bridge that would connect two city parks in Sparta, Tennessee. The proposed suspension bridge would cross the Calfkiller River. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) personnel have reviewed the information submitted, and we offer the following comments.

Information available to the Service does not indicate that wetlands exist in the vicinity of the proposed project. However, our wetland determination has been made in the absence of a field inspection and does not constitute a wetland delineation for the purposes of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation should be contacted if other evidence, particularly that obtained during an on-site inspection, indicates the potential presence of wetlands. [Wetlands reference](#)

Our database and the information provided indicate that suitable roosting habitat to the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the proposed federally endangered northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) may exist within the project area and would likely be altered by the proposed action. Habitat that is suitable for use by these species during summer includes trees, snags, and similar structures. Although they have used trees smaller than five inches diameter at breast height, structure that is five inches and larger is considered adequate size at this time. The structure must have exfoliating bark, crevices, or other characteristics to provide adequate shelter for one or more bats. [Endangered species reference](#)

On November 26, 2013 Sarah Sorenson of my staff had a phone conversation with Mr. Paul Lebovitz. Mr. Lebovitz, Landscape Architect for the project, indicated that trees may need to be removed but they would try to avoid tree removal, when possible. We recommend that disturbance of the suitable roosting habitat be avoided and minimized to the greatest extent possible. If tree removal is necessary a qualified individual should assess potential impacts and determine if the proposed project may affect Indiana bats and nor project involves Federal funding or a Federal pe copy of your assessment and findings to this off "may affect" could require initiation of formal c Federal funding or Federal permit is involved, you may submit your assessment and findings directly to us.

Sometimes U.S. Fish and Wildlife will use a stamp on the review packet's cover letter stating compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Continuation of endangered species reference

Our records indicate that the federally endangered bluemass darter (*Etheostoma akatulo*), Cumberland pigtoe, (*Pleurobema gibberum*), and gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) occur near the project. In order to avoid impacts to this species best management practices BMPs should be utilized throughout the entire construction project to minimize runoff of sediment and other contaminants into Calkiller River. All sediment structures should be inspected and cleaned regularly to ensure the maximum level of sediment control. If structures fail or are found to be inadequate, work should cease and not resume until appropriate corrective measures have been taken. Stream banks should be reseeded with native vegetation beneficial to wildlife immediately following completion of the stream crossing, disturbed surfaces should be restored to original contours and excess materials removed to a properly confined upland area

Construction activities in or near streams reference

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed action. If you have any questions regarding the information which we have provided, please contact Sarah Sorenson of my staff at 9311525-4991 or at [sarah\\_sorenson@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_sorenson@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

Mary E. Jennings  
Field Supervisor

From: [Roger McCoy](#)  
To: [flliUvant](#)  
Subject: RE: RTP - 2013 - City of Sparta - review for CE  
Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 3:50:47 PM

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Bill –

The Division of Natural Areas has reviewed the project and have no further comments. As there are some rare fish in the river near the project area, I forwarded your note to Rob Todd of TWRA.

Sincerely,

Roger McCoy  
Director  
Tennessee Division of Natural Areas  
Floor 2, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
[roger.mccoy@tn.gov](mailto:roger.mccoy@tn.gov)  
615-532-0437  
<http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/>

Some reviewing agencies will respond with an email instead of an official letter

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**From:** Bill Avant  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:27 AM  
**To:** [Bradley.n.bishop@usace.army.mil](mailto:Bradley.n.bishop@usace.army.mil); [Mary\\_E\\_Jennings@fws.gov](mailto:Mary_E_Jennings@fws.gov); Andy Binford; Lisa Pugh; Mike C. Moore; Mark Norton; Roger McCoy; Joseph Garrison; Jennifer Watson  
**Cc:** Robert Richards; Gerald Parish  
**Subject:** RTP - 2013 - City of Sparta - review for CE

Reviewing Agency,

The following project has submitted an application for Recreation Trails Program (RTP) 2013 grant cycle. The division of Recreation and Educational Services (RES) administers these funds and is assisting the applicant in the Environmental Review.

Please review the attached project and provide your comments directly to me so that I can put together the Categorical Exclusion for this applicant.

The City of Sparta wishes to build 7' W x 165' L bridge and 5' W x 925' L concrete walking trail (in Cemetery Park) to connect two city parks separated by Calfkiller River, thus completing a final link in a community walking trail started in 1998.



TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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OFFICE: (615) 532-1550  
www.tnhistoricalcommission.org

November 21, 2013

Mr. Bill Avant  
TDEC – Recreation Educational Services  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0435

RE: NPS, BRIDGE CONNECTING 2 CITY PARKS, SPARTA, WHITE COUNTY

Dear Mr. Avant:

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-referenced undertaking received on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 for compliance by the participating federal agency or applicant for federal assistance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Procedures for implementing Section 106 of the Act are codified at 36 CFR 800 (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, 77698-77739).

After considering the documentation submitted, it is our opinion that there are no National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties affected by this undertaking. This determination is made either because of the location, scope and/or nature of the undertaking, and/or because of the size of the area of potential effect; or because no listed or eligible properties exist in the area of potential effect; or because the undertaking will not alter any characteristics of an identified eligible or listed property that qualify the property for listing in the National Register or alter such property's location, setting or use. Therefore, this office has no objections to your proceeding with the project.

If your agency proposes any modifications in current project plans or discovers any archaeological remains during the ground disturbance or construction phase, please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you are applying for federal funds, license or permit, you should submit this letter as evidence of consultation under Section 106 to the appropriate federal agency, which, in turn, should contact us as required by 36 CFR 800. If you represent a federal agency, you should submit a formal determination of eligibility and effect to us for comment. You may direct questions or comments to Jennifer M. Barnett (615) 741-1588, ext. 105. This office appreciates your cooperation.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

EPM/jmb

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF ARCHAEOLOGY  
Cole Building 113, 1216 Foster Avenue  
NASHVILLE, TN 37210  
(615) 741-1588 FAX (615) 741-7329

October 31, 2013

Mr. Bill Avant  
GIS/Land Acquisition Manager  
Recreation Education & Services  
10th Floor – L&C Tower  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: RTP Grant – City of Sparta Walking Trail

Dear Mr. Avant:

The above-referenced project was reviewed under our responsibilities set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated 11-6-108. **This project, as currently proposed, should have no effect upon significant archaeological resources.**

For the applicant's information, a court order from Chancery Court must be obtained prior to the removal of any human graves. If human remains are encountered or accidentally uncovered by earthmoving activities, all activity within the immediate area must cease. The county coroner or medical examiner, a local law enforcement agency, and the state archaeologist's office should be notified at once (Tennessee Code Annotated 11-6-107d).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 741-1588, ext. 113.

Mark Norton  
State Programs Archaeologist



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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**  
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November 1, 2013

Mr. Bill Avant  
Land Acquisitions/GIS Recreational  
Educational Services William R.  
Snodgrass Tennessee Tower  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0435

RE: Environmental Review – Sparta River Bridge  
South Carter Street River Park, White County

Dear Mr. Avant,

The Division of Underground Storage Tanks (Division) has reviewed the October 31, 2013 environmental inquiry for the referenced location. The Cookeville Field Office, UST division is not aware of any UST issues on the designated properties.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, call (931) 432-7622.

Sincerely,

Elwin Hannah, UST Field Office Manager  
Cookeville Environmental Field Office

C: Jeni Lind Brinkman, Cookeville EFO  
Phil Chambers, KFO/UST



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

Division of Remediation  
312 Rosa L. Parks  
14<sup>h</sup> Floor

Nashville, TN 37243

Date: November 4, 2013

Re: City of Sparta  
Cemetery Park; Construction of a bridge and concrete walking trail

Dear: Bill Avant

The Division of Remediation (DoR) has received your environmental review request on March 9, 2010, regarding the construction of a bridge and concrete walking trial in Cemetery Park in Sparta, TN, in White County. After reviewing your maps and our project files, we concluded that **There are no active DoR sites on or adjacent to the referenced location.**

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to call Erin Sutton, our Knoxville Field Office manager, at (865) 594-5480

Sincerely,

Andy Binford  
Director

RAB:RED

cc: Knoxville Field Office  
Central Office files

**Sample Completed CE Form for LWCF/LPRF projects**



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
RECREATION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION  
William R Snodgrass TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243  
PH: 615-532-0748 FAX: 615-532-0732  
LWCF/LPRF/NRTF/RTP

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REQUEST**

**PARK PROJECT NAME: 2014 LPRF Park Place Green Park Playground and Picnic Area**

**Project: 2014 LPRF Park Place Green Park Playground and Picnic Area**

**Location: Parkplace, Park County, TN**

**Funding Year: 2014**

**Coordinates: -89.123456, 783123456**

**Contact Person for Environmental Review: First Last, Title First, Last, Title**

**Phone Number: (555) 555-5555**

**Project Sponsor: City of Parkplace**

**Contact (Name and e-mail): First, Lst, Title, e-mail address**

**Project Description and Purpose**

**a. Description of proposed project**

The City of Parkplace proposes to renovate an existing playground and install new picnic tables, trash receptacles and BBQ stands at Green Park. Green Park is a community park on 2.35 acres in a residential area of Parkplace.

**b. Purpose and need of project**

The current playground equipment at Green Park is approximately 20 years old and is no longer safe for our children to play on. With grant funding we will install a new playground on the existing footprint to bring the play equipment up to current safety standards. Currently there is no opportunity for families to picnic at Green Park, we will install new picnic tables, trash receptacles and BBQ stands for families to enjoy a day out together at their community park.

**Land Use Impacts**

**c. Right of Way Acquisition and Relocation Impacts**

This project involves no right of way acquisition activity or displacement of any commercial or residential occupants.

**d. Project consistency with local, state and regional plans**

This project is consistent with local, state and regional plans.

**e. Any impact to farmland that is either prime, unique, of statewide importance, or of local importance.**

A web soil survey from the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed the project will not impact any farmland that is designated as prime, unique, or of statewide or local importance.

**Air Quality Evaluation**

There are no anticipated adverse impacts to air quality as a result of construction or other proposed activities.

**Noise Impact Evaluation**

No adverse increase in noise levels are anticipated as a result of activities associated with this project.

**Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Section 106 review by TDEC's State Historic Preservation Office is not required for state funded projects. TDEC's Division of Archaeology reviewed the project and stated no archaeological resources will be adversely affected. Response letter attached.

**Endangered Species Act of 1973**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed this project and determined that no federally listed or proposed species, or designated critical habitat are known to exist within the project impact area and the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, are fulfilled. TDEC's Division of Natural Area's stated they do not anticipate any adverse impacts to state-listed species. Response letters attached.

### **Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958**

.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended that best management practices should be utilized to minimize runoff sediment into streams. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the proposed project and found that it will not involve impacts to the waters of the United States. Therefore, there will not be a discharge of fill material into a jurisdictional water of the U.S. and a DA Permit will not be required for the proposed work at the subject location. TDEC's Division of Water Resources stated to ensure all appropriate permits are in place before construction and appropriate erosion prevention and sediment control measures must be installed and maintained. Response letters attached.

### **Floodplain management - Executive Order 11988**

The project will not involve construction of any structures that would significantly impede flow or displace water in the event of a flood.

### **Protection of Wetlands - Executive order 11990**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated their information does not indicate that wetlands exist in the vicinity of the project. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated that no work would be performed in wetlands. TDEC's Division of Water Resources reviewed the project and did not reference any impacts on wetlands. Response letters attached.

### **Hazardous Waste Evaluation**

TDEC's Division of Unerground Storage Tanks reviewed the project and stated a review of their records indicates there are no known issues in the project area. TDEC's Division of Remediation stated there are no active DoR sites on or adjacent to the project location. Response letters attached.

### **Other Impacts**







STATE OF TENNESSEE  
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
 RECREATION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION  
 W.R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor  
 Nashville, TN 37243  
 PH: (615) 532-0748 FAX: (615) 532-0732

**Recreational Trails Program (RTP)  
 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)  
 C-List Categorical Exclusion (CE)**

**Memorandum**

To: File: 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

From: Name: Jeff Young  
 Title: Mayor  
 Organization: City of Sparta  
 Address: 6 Liberty Square (P.O. Box 30)  
 City State Zip: Sparta, TN 38583-2044

Date: Apr 29, 2014

**Project Information**

Project Name/Description: 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

City/Town/County Name(s): City of Sparta, White County

Metro Planning Org. (MPO)  
 Rural Planning Org. (RPO)  
 Transportation Planning Org.(TPO)

Center Hill RPO

Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Planning**

- This project is in an MPO/TPO - The relevant Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) page is attached.
- This project is in an RPO - The relevant State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) page is attached.

**Project Description and Need**

Include a description of the program, the project and its setting.

The City of Sparta wishes to build 7'W x 165' L bridge and 5'W x 925'L concrete walking trail (in Cemetery Park) to connect two city parks separated by Calfkilmer River, thus completing a final link in a community trail started in 1998.

Project Name/Description: 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

City/Town/County Name(s): City of Sparta, White County

## Review Criteria

No Yes

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|----|---|--|
| 1  | <b>Right of Way</b> - Does the proposed action require the acquisition of more than 1.0 acres of right-of-way or permanent easements, or involve displacements of any commercial or residential occupants?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 2A | <b>Streams/Wetlands</b> - Does the proposed action require a U.S. Coast Guard construction permit or an Individual U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit?   | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 2B | <b>Streams/Wetlands</b> - Does the proposed project involve impoundment (surface area of 10 acres or more), diversion, channel deepening, or other modification of a stream or other water body as regulated by the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?                     | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 3  | <b>Endangered Species</b> - Does the proposed action result in adverse impacts to endangered species and/or critical habitat of species protected by the Endangered Species Act?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 4  | <b>Floodplain/Floodway</b> - Does the proposed action involve work encroaching on a regulatory floodway or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 5A | <b>Farmland</b> - Does the project convert farmland to a non-agricultural use?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 5B | <b>Farmland</b> - If the answer to 5A is YES, do the total points on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form equal 160 or greater?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 6  | <b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b> - Does the proposed action involve construction in, across, or adjacent to a river designated as a component of the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 7  | <b>Air Quality</b> - Will an Air Quality Analysis be needed?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 8  | <b>Cultural Resources (Architectural/Historical and Archaeological)</b> - Does the proposed action have a Section 106 Adverse Effect on properties eligible for, or listed in, the National Register of Historical Places?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 9  | <b>Section 4(f)</b> - Are the provisions of Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act applicable to this project?   | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 10 | <b>Native American Coordination</b> - If the project requires Native American coordination, were any responses received from the tribes indicating possible controversy?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 11 | <b>Hazardous Materials</b> - Does the proposed action affect a known hazardous materials site?  | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 12 | <b>Environmental Justice</b> - Does the proposed action result in disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations as defined in the Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898 and in FHWA Order 6640.23A? | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| 13 | <b>Other</b> - Are there other environmental issues of concern?   | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> No |

If the answer to all the above questions is NO, the proposed action qualifies for processing as a C-List Categorical Exclusion.

If the answer to any of the above questions is YES, contact the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA Recreational Trails Program Manager) to confirm the level of environmental documentation.

Project Name/Description: 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

City/Town/County Name(s): City of Sparta, White County

### Preparer's Certification

This document has been reviewed for compliance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. It has been prepared in compliance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1500-1508 and 23 CFR 771. I hereby certify that I have read and understand 23 CFR 771.117(c).

This document has been prepared by experienced, technically competent, and knowledgeable professionals. I can attest to the document's quality, accuracy, and completeness. By signing this document I am further certifying that, to the best of my knowledge, it meets the criteria for a C-List Categorical Exclusion.

Prepared by:  Date 4/29/2014

Name: Debbie Smith  
Title: Grants Analyst  
Organization or Firm: Recreation Education Services, TDEC  
Phone: (615) 532-0051  
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Local Government  
Representative Signature  
(if prepared by local  
government)

 Date 4-30-14

Name: Jeff Young  
Title: Mayor  
Organization: City of Sparta  
Phone: (931) 738-5082  
E-Mail Address: send to: mcarmichael@citlink.net

Project Name/Description: 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

City/Town/County Name(s): City of Sparta, White County

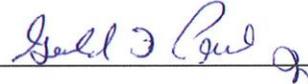
**FOR TDEC RECREATION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION USE ONLY**

The TDEC Recreation Educational Services Division has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with environmental laws and regulations. It is our determination that the project will not, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. This project meets the criteria of a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(c) and therefore does not normally require further NEPA approvals by FHWA.

Reviewed by:  Date: 5-1-14

Name: Debbie Smith

Title: Grants Analyst

Approved by:  Date: 5-1-14

Name: Gerald Parish

Title: Director, RES

cc:

City/Town/County Name(s): 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

Project Name/Description: City of Sparta, White County

## Additional Information (Preparer to provide additional information as necessary)

### 1. Right-of-Way

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project involves no right of way acquisition activity or displacement of any commercial or residential occupants.

### 2. Streams/Wetlands

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

The Department of the Army Corps of Engineers reviewed this project stating the project indicates activity that involves work in waters of the US (streams and/or wetlands) and that a Department of the Army (DA) permit will be required. TDEC's Division of Water Resources reviewed the project noting to ensure any appropriate permits need to be in place prior to construction. Response letters attached.

### 3. Endangered Species

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

The United Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed this project and determined that their records indicate that the federally endangered bluemask darter (*Etheostoma akatulo*), Cumberland pigtoe (*Pleurobema gibberum*), and gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) occur near the project. In order to avoid impacts to these species, best management practices should be utilized through the entire construction period. Also noted is that suitable roosting habitat for the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) may exist in the project area. A habitat suitability survey was conducted in March 2014 finding one tree that would be suitable roosting habitat. The tree was marked with white flagging tape and permanent marker. If the tree will need to be removed, it will be removed between October 15 and March 31.

- The proposed project has been coordinated with the US Fish & Wildlife Services (USFWS) Endangered Species Office. The USFWS response dated Dec 2, 2013 stated: (include USFWS response in space below)

Our database and the information provided indicate that suitable roosting habitat for the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the proposed federally endangered northern longeared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) may exist within the project area and would likely be altered by the proposed action. On November 26, 2013, Sarah Sorenson of my staff had a phone conversation with Mr. Paul Lebovitz. Mr. Lebovitz, Landscape Architect for the project, indicated that trees may need to be removed but they would try to avoid tree removal, when possible. We recommend that disturbance of the suitable roosting habitat be avoided and minimized to the greatest extent possible.

City/Town/County Name(s): 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

Project Name/Description: City of Sparta, White County

### 3. Endangered Species (continued)

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

- The proposed project has been coordinated with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The TWRA response dated \_\_\_\_\_ stated: (include TWRA response in space below)

Project was forwarded to TWRA by TDEC's Division of Natural Areas, no response was received.

- The proposed project has been coordinated with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Natural Areas. The TDEC response dated Nov 6, 2013 stated: (include TDEC response in space below)

The Division of Natural Areas has reviewed the project and have no further comments. As there are some rare fish in the river near the project area, I forwarded your note to Rob Todd of TWRA.

### 4. Floodplain/Foodway

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

The project area is located in Zone AE of FEMA floodmap 47185C0165D and is subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event (FEMA FIRM map attached).

City/Town/County Name(s): 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

Project Name/Description: City of Sparta, White County

**5. Farmland**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project does not involve any prime farmland, forest or wetland resources. No negative impacts are foreseen for important or unique state, regional or local land base resources.

**6. Wild and Scenic Rivers**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project does not impact any federally-designated or state-designated Wild and Scenic Rivers confirmed at <http://www.rivers.gov/tennessee.php> and <http://www.tn.gov/environment/natural-areas/scenic-rivers.shtml> on 4/29/2014.

**7. Air Quality**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project does not propose activities that would necessitate an air quality analysis. Best management practices will be used to minimize any possible short term air quality impacts associated with project construction.

City/Town/County Name(s): 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

Project Name/Description: City of Sparta, White County

**8. Cultural Resources (Architectural/Historical and Archaeological)**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project will not affect any architectural, historical or archaeological resources as determined by TDEC's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and TDEC's Division of Archaeology. Response letters are attached.

- The proposed project has been coordinated with the TDEC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The SHPO response dated Nov 21, 2013 stated: (include TDEC response in space below)

It is our opinion that there are no National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties affected by this undertaking.

Division of Archaeology dated October 31, 2013:

The project, as currently proposed, should have no effect upon significant archaeological resources.

**9. Section 4(f)**

Projects funded under the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are exempt from the requirements of Section 4(f) under 23USC § 206(h)(2). This exemption allows FHWA to approve RTP projects which are located on land within publicly owned parks or recreation areas without requiring a waiver or other Section 4(f) documentation.

**10. Native American Coordination**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project was provided to the interested tribes on February 3, 2014 with a 30 day response period ending March 5, 2014. No responses were received from any of the tribes. Email notifications attached.

City/Town/County Name(s): 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

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**11. Hazardous Materials**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

TDEC's Environmental Field Office's Division of Underground Storage Tanks provided clearance on November 1, 2013 stating a review of their records indicates there are no known issues in the project area. Response letter attached.

TDEC's Division of Remediation provided clearance on November 4, 2013 stating they concluded there are no active DoR sites on or adjacent to the project location.

**12. Environmental Justice**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

This project does not propose any activities that will impact any minority or low-income populations, no known impacts are foreseen for EJ populations.

**13. Other**

List any additional information, including a list of any material included in the attachment.

Leave blank if no other issues.

City/Town/County Name(s): 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

Project Name/Description: City of Sparta, White County

## Commitments

Commitments are involved on the project and the list is found on the Environmental Commitments Green Sheet (see page 11)

Commitments are not involved on the project.

Project Name/Description: 2013 RTP Sparta River Bridge and Trail

City/Town/County Name(s): City of Sparta, White County

Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Apr 29, 2014

Commitments are involved on the project.

## Environmental Commitments

### List of Environmental Commitments

List Project-Specific Commitments below:

A Department of Army (DA) permit will be required for any activity that involves work in waters of the US.  
Bat study conducted March 10, 2014

From response letters  
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