



South Carolina Department of Transportation
On Behalf of the Federal Highway Administration - South Carolina Division Office



PROCESSING FORM FOR PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS
NON MAJOR FEDERAL ACTIONS

State ID P038302

Fed Project # P038302

Route S-340

County Laurens

Part 1 - Project Description

Include the Project Name/Description

S-340 (Hellams Circle) over Mountain Creek Bridge Replacement

The purpose of this project is to replace the bridge to eliminate the load restriction placed on it. The existing bridge is posted for load restrictions due to being substandard. It has a sufficiency rating of 46.1. The proposed repair involves replacing the current 42' long bridge with a new bridge on the same alignment using low volume design criteria.

NEPA studies revealed no significant impacts or effects to resources within the project study area.

It is not anticipated that new right of way will be required for the replacement of these structures. Should additional right of way be needed, it will be minor temporary or permanent strips. Existing right of way for most locations is 33'. Given the rural locations and field studies conducted, new acquisitions are not anticipated to have negative effects to resources or landowners and will be located within the existing project study area.

Part 2 - PCE Type

Select the appropriate Categorical Exclusion from 23 CFR Part 771.117 that best fits the entire project from the drop-down menu. **Reference Appendix A of the PCE Agreement for a more detailed description of each CE contained in 23 CFR 771.117.**

23 CFR 771.117(c) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or railroad crossing improvements

23 CFR 771.117(d)

Part 3 - Thresholds

To be processed as a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) the following conditions must be met in addition to the General Criteria (as outlined in the PCE Agreement between FHWA-SC and SCDOT). Place a "X" in the appropriate box below. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the below criteria, SCDOT will consult with FHWA-SC to determine the appropriate level of NEPA documentation required and forward to FHWA-SC for approval. ***Reference Part 4 of the Processing form or Section IV of the PCE Agreement for more details and definitions regarding each threshold.**

1.	Involves any unusual circumstances as described in <u>*23 CFR Part 771.117(b)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.	The acquisition of more than <u>*minor amounts</u> of temporary or permanent strips of right-of-way	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Part 3 - Thresholds Continued

3.	Involves acquisitions that result in residential or non-residential displacements	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4.	Results in capacity expansion of a roadway by adding through lanes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5.	Involves construction that would result in <u>*major traffic disruptions</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.	Involves <u>*changes in access control</u> requiring FHWA approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7.	An adverse effect determination under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8.	Use of Section 4(f) property that cannot be documented with a FHWA <i>de minimis</i> determination or a programmatic Section 4(f) other than the programmatic evaluation for the use of historic bridges	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
9.	Any use of a Section 6(f) property	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
10.	Requires an Individual USACE 404 Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
11.	Requires an Individual U.S. Coast Guard Permit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
12.	Work encroaching in a regulatory floodway, adversely affecting the base floodplain (100 yr.) pursuant to E.O. 11988 and 23 CFR Part 650 Subpart A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
13.	Construction in, across, or adjacent to a river designated as a National Wild and Scenic River	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14.	Involves an increase of 15 dBA or greater on any noise receptor or abatement measures are found to be feasible and reasonable due to noise impacts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
15.	May affect and is likely to adversely affect a Federally listed species or designated critical habitat or projects with impacts subject to the BGEPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
16.	Involves acquisition of land for hardship, protective purposes, or early acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
17.	Does not meet the latest Conformity Determination for air quality non-attainment areas (if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
18.	Any known or potential <u>major</u> hazardous waste sites within the right-of-way.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
19.	Is not included in or is inconsistent with the STIP and/or TIP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Part 3 Continued - Additional criteria to be completed for disposal of excess right-of-way PCE

1. Is the parcel part of a SCDOT environmental mitigation effort or could it be used for environmental mitigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Is there a formal plan to use this parcel for a future transportation project (is it part of an approved LRTP)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part 4 - Threshold Definitions

Unusual Circumstances (23 CFR Part 771.117) - Unusual circumstances are defined as:

- a. Significant environmental impacts;
- b. Substantial controversy on environmental grounds;
- c. Significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the DOT ACT or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; or
- d. Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement, or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action.

Minor Amount of Right-of-Way (ROW):

A minor amount of ROW is defined as less than 3 acres per linear mile for linear projects or less than 10 acres of impacts for non-linear projects (eg: intersections, bridges), and no removal of major property improvements. Examples of major improvements include residential and business structures, or the removal of other features which would change the functional utility of the property. Removal of minor improvements, such as fencing, landscaping, sprinkler systems, and mailboxes would be allowed.

Major Traffic Disruptions:

A major traffic disruption is defined as an action that would result in: a) adverse effects to through-traffic businesses or schools, b) substantial change in environmental impacts, or c) public controversy associated with the use of the temporary road, detour, or ramp closure.

Changes in Access Control:

Requires approval from FHWA for changes in access control on the Interstate system (eg: Interchange Modification Reports or Interchange Justification Reports).

Additional Comments if Needed:

Part of CLRB 2020-1 DB package

Relevant field studies and environmental reviews have been completed to determine that the project meets the criteria set forth in the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Agreement signed by FHWA-SC and SCDOT. It is understood that any additions/deletions to the project may void environmentally processing the project as presently classified; consequently, any engineering changes must be brought to the attention of SCDOT Environmental Services Office immediately. A copy of this form is included in the project file and one (1) copy has been provided to FHWA.

Prepared By:

WILL MCGOLDRICK

Date

May 17, 2019



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Primavera:

☐ Yes☐ No

P2S Date:

Does the project contain

commitments?: (if Yes attach to form) ☒ Yes☐ No

Date: 05/17/2019

SCDOT
NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS FORM



Project ID : P038300 County : Laurens District : District 2 Doc Type: PCE Total # of Commitments: 5

Project Name: S-110 over North Lick Creek Bridge Replacement

The Environmental Commitment **Contractor Responsible** measures listed below **are to be included in the contract and must be implemented**. It is the responsibility of the Program Manager to make sure the Environmental Commitment **SCDOT Responsible** measures are adhered to. If there are questions regarding the commitments listed please contact:

CONTACT NAME: WILL MCGOLDRICK

PHONE #: 803-737-1326

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS FOR THE PROJECT

Water Quality

NEPA Doc Ref:

Responsibility:

CONTRACTOR

The contractor will be required to minimize possible water quality impacts through implementation of BMPs, reflecting policies contained in 23 CFR 650B and the Department's Supplemental Specification on Erosion Control Measures (latest edition) and Supplemental Technical Specifications on Seeding (latest edition). Other measures including seeding, silt fences, sediment basins, etc. as appropriate will be implemented during construction to minimize impacts to water quality.

Non-Standard Commitment

NEPA Doc Ref:

Responsibility:

CONTRACTOR

MIGRATORY BIRDS

The federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC § 703-711, states that it is unlawful to pursue, hunt, take, capture or kill; attempt to take, capture or kill; possess, offer to or sell, barter, purchase, deliver or cause to be shipped, exported, imported, transported, carried or received any migratory bird, part, nest, egg or product, manufactured or not. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 in regard to the avoidance of taking of individual migratory birds and the destruction of their active nests.

The Contractor will notify the Resident Construction Engineer (RCE) at least four (4) weeks prior to construction/demolition/maintenance of bridges and box culverts. The RCE will coordinate with SCDOT Environmental Services Office (ESO), Compliance Division, to determine if there are any active birds using the structure. SCDOT will be responsible for the removal/management of any active bird nests.


Stormwater

NEPA Doc Ref:

Responsibility:

CONTRACTOR

Stormwater control measures, both during construction and post-construction, are required for SCDOT projects with land disturbance and/or constructed in the vicinity of 303(d), TMDL, ORW, tidal, and other sensitive waters in accordance with the SCDOT's MS4 Permit. The selected contractor would be required to minimize potential stormwater impacts through implementation of construction best management practices, reflecting policies contained in 23 CFR 650 B and SCDOT's Supplemental Specifications on Seed and Erosion Control Measures (latest edition).

Project ID : <input type="text" value="P038300"/>	SCDOT NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS FORM	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS FOR THE PROJECT		

Cultural Resources	NEPA Doc Ref: <input type="text"/>	Responsibility: <input type="text" value="CONTRACTOR"/>
<p>The contractor and subcontractors must notify their workers to watch for the presence of any prehistoric or historic remains, including but not limited to arrowheads, pottery, ceramics, flakes, bones, graves, gravestones, or brick concentrations during the construction phase of the project, if any such remains are encountered, the Resident Construction Engineer (RCE) will be immediately notified and all work in the vicinity of the discovered materials and site work shall cease until the SCDOT Archaeologist directs otherwise.</p>		

Non-Standard Commitment	NEPA Doc Ref: <input type="text"/>	Responsibility: <input type="text" value="CONTRACTOR"/>
<div><div>General Permit</div><div><p>From field studies, it appears areas within the project study would be jurisdictional waters of the US. All attempts will be made to avoid these features. If these areas cannot be avoided during bridge replacement, a Department of the Army Section 404 permit must be obtained from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to impact. Based on preliminary examinations, it is anticipated the project would meet stipulations allowable SCDOT's USACE General Permit (GP). Required mitigation will come from USACE approved mitigation banks for unavoidable impacts.</p></div></div>		

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Cultural Resources Project Screening Form

File Number: PIN: Route: County:

Project Name:

Type 1: Resurfacing, installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, traffic signals, passenger shelters, railroad warning devices, installation of rumble strips, and landscaping

Project Type

Type 2: Bridge replacements on alignment, construction of bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and intersection improvements

Type 3: Projects that do not fall into Type 1 and Type 2 categories (e.g. road widening)

Comments

The project replaces the load restricted bridge carrying S-340 over Mountain Creek in Laurens County. A small amount of new right-of-way (ROW) may be required. The Project Study Area (PSA) was established as a 100 ft wide corridor along the S-340 for a distance of 700 ft on either side of the bridge, widening to 200 ft at the bridge. Within the PSA, the cultural resources (CR) area of potential effect (APE) was set as a corridor 100 ft wide, 200 ft at the bridge, and extending 250 feet east and 400 ft west from either side of the bridge. The architectural APE was a 300 ft buffer around the archaeological APE. Background review indicated a previously recorded cultural resource, a historic bridge (Asset # 2388), was present within the APE. The resource was previously determined not NRHP eligible. A CR survey was conducted on May 9, 2019 and consisted of a pedestrian reconnaissance of the APE augmented by shovel test pits (STPs) at 30 meter intervals. Ten STPs were excavated. Four potential STP locations were examined but not excavated due to exposed surface or wetlands. All STPs were negative. One historic resource (2412), a mid-century residence, was recorded. This resource is recommended not NRHP eligible. No additional CR investigations are recommended.

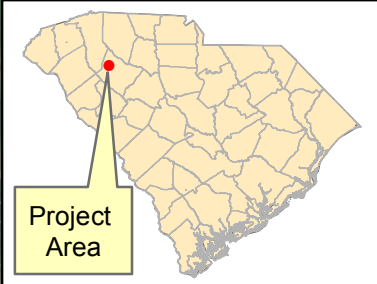
Effect Determination:

*SHPO consultation is required for all Type 3 projects and any project with a No Adverse or Adverse Effect Determination.

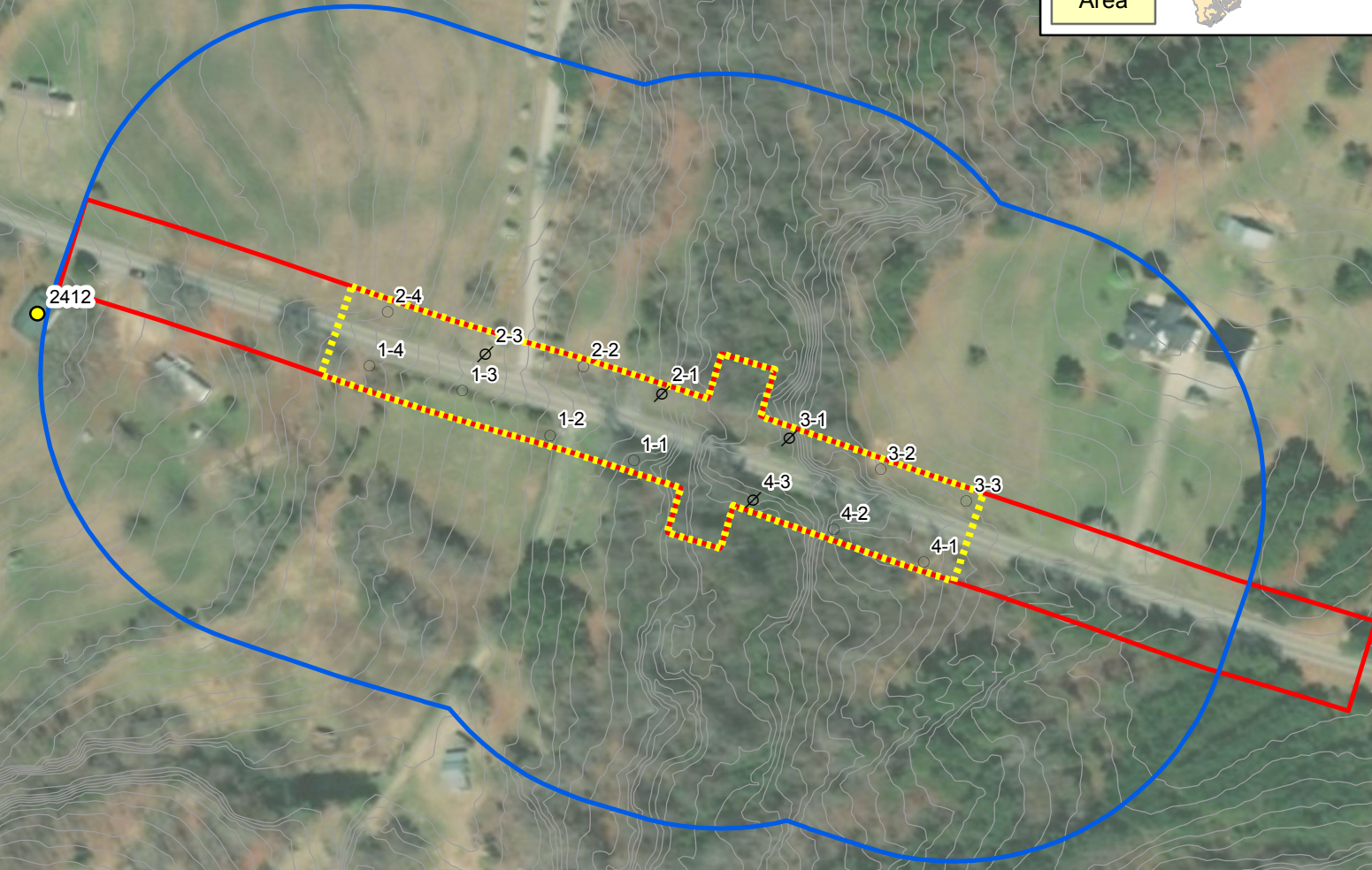
This screening form was developed to satisfy documentation requirements for Type I and Type II projects under a Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. For Type I and Type II projects that have no effect on historic properties, the completion of this screening form with supporting documentation (e.g. ArchSite Map) provides evidence of FHWA and SCDOT's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Prepared by:

Review Date:



Project Area



- Negative STP
- ∅ Unexcavated STP
- ▭ Architectural APE
- ▭ Archaeological APE
- ▭ Project Study Area
- 2 Ft Contour
- Newly Recorded Resource

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

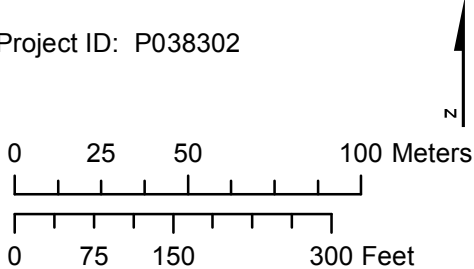
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Laurens County
Load Restricted Bridges

**S-340 over
Mountain Creek**

Project ID: P038302



Biological Survey of S-340 over Mountain Creek
Laurens County, S.C.
April 1, 2019
PIN 38302

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act a field survey was conducted on the proposed new right of way. The following list of threatened (T) and endangered (E) species was obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Animals

Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) - E
Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)- T

Methods

The project area was examined by GIS and Google Earth reconnaissance methods on April 1, 2019. Habitats surveyed were determined by each species' ecological requirements.

Results

The project entails replacing the bridge over North Lick Creek. The project area is mostly rural with a few residences.

According to the Heritage Trust database of endangered, threatened and rare species, the above listed species has not been found in the vicinity of the project. There is no foraging area for the red-cockaded woodpecker. The project area is within the white nose syndrome zone for the Northern long-eared bat but not within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum and not near any known maternity roost trees. Based on lack of suitable habitat and/or no observations of the listed species, results of the threatened and endangered species study indicate that the proposed action will have no effect upon any threatened or endangered species or critical habitats currently listed by the USFWS.

Ann-Marie Altman

April 1, 2019

Date: 4-12-19

PERMIT DETERMINATION

FROM WILL MCGOLDRICK COMPANY SCDOT

CONTACT INFO (phone and/or email) 803-737-1326; MCGOLDRIWR@SCDOT.ORG

SCDOT PROJECT ENGINEER BRAD REYNOLDS

TO Will McGoldrick - Design Build Coordinator

Project Description S-340 (Hellams Circle) over Mountain Creek Bridge
Replacement

Route or Road No. S-340 County LAURENS

CONST. PIN P038302 OTHER PINS or STRUCTURE # 3070034000100

RESPONSE:

☒ It has been determined that no permits are required because:
no features present

☐ The following permit(s) is/are necessary:
(Please check which type(s) of permit the project will need)

USACE Permit ☐ GP ☐ IP ☐ 401 ☐ JD

OCRM Permit ☐ CAP ☐ CZC

Navigable ☐ SCDHEC NAVGP — if checked a USCG and/or USACE navigable permit may also be required, but will be determined during the NEPA and Permitting stages.

Other _____

Water Classification: FW

Print and attach the SCDHEC water quality report

303(d) listed ☒ no ☐ yes, for * _____

TMDL developed ☐ no ☒ yes, for * FECAL

*List all that apply using the SCDHEC abbreviations

Comments: _____

The determination above was based on the most recently available information at the time. This is a preliminary determination and is subject to change if the design of the project is modified.

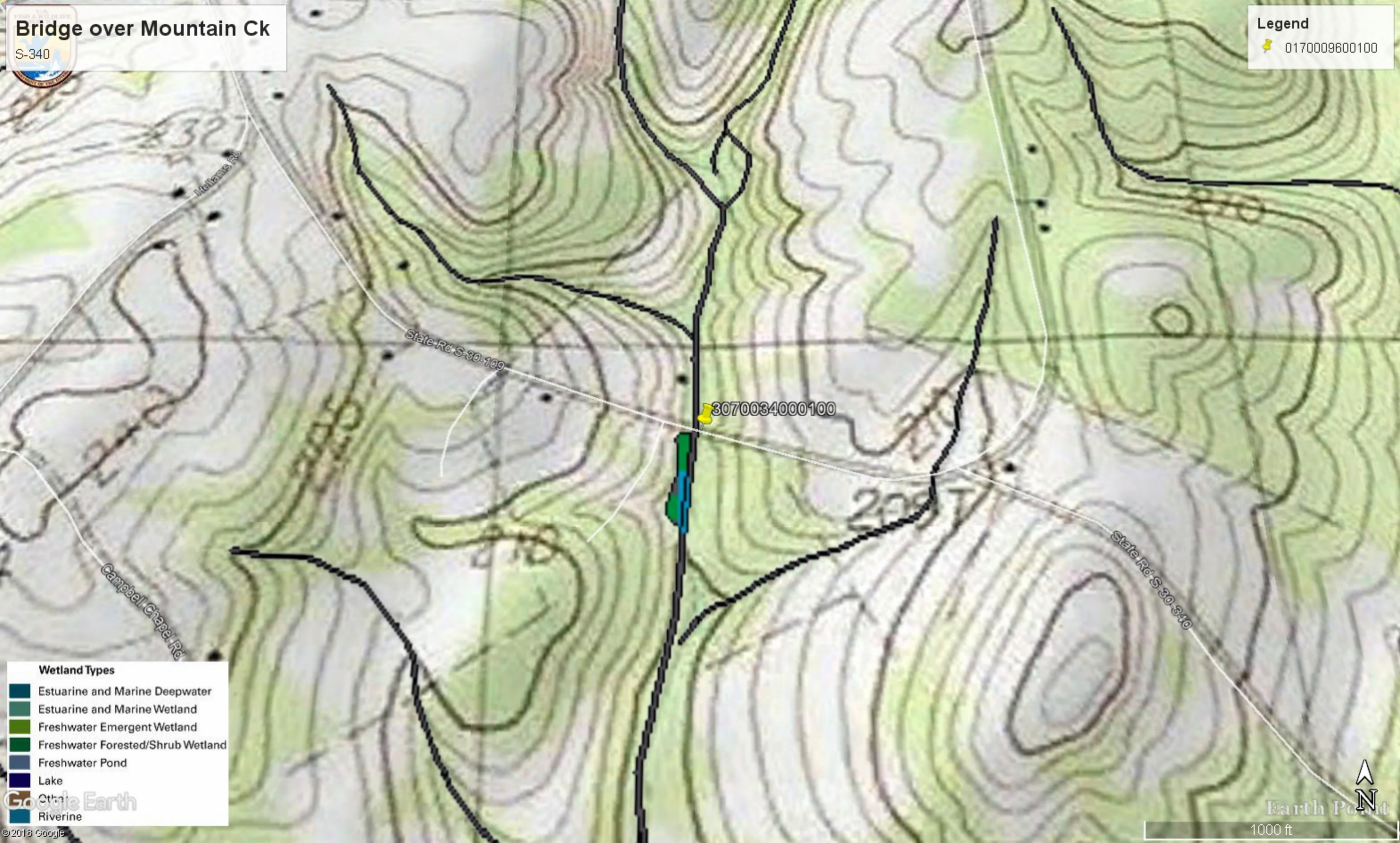
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Biologist, SCDOT/Consultant

4-12-19

Date



Wetland Types

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

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Watershed and Water Quality Information

General Information

Applicant Name: SCDOT

Permit Type: MS4

Latitude: 34.589113

Longitude: -82.141724

MS4 Designation: Not in designated area

Monitoring Station: S-321

Within Coastal Critical Area:

Water Classification (Provisional): FW

Waterbody Name: Unnamed Trib

Entered Waterbody Name:

Parameter Descriptions

NH3N	Ammonia	FC	Fecal Coliform
CR	Chromium	FCB	Fecal Coliform (Shellfish)
CU	Copper	BIO	Macroinvertebrates (Bio)
HG	Mercury	TP	(Lakes) Phosphorus
NI	Nickel	TN	(Lakes) Nitrogen
PB	Lead	CHLA	(Lakes) Chlorophyll a
ZN	Zinc	ENTERO	(Beach) Enterococcus
DO	Dissolved Oxygen	HGF	Mercury (Fish)
PH	pH	PCB	PCB (Fish)

Impaired Status (downstream sites)

Station	NH3N	CR	CU	HG	NI	PB	ZN	DO	PH	TURBIDITY	ECOLI	FCB	BIO	TP	TN	CHLA	ENTERO	HGF	PCB
S-321	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	T	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RL-11113	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F	F	F	A	A	X	F	F	F	X	X	X
RL-14145	F	F	F	F	F	X	F	A	A	A	A	A	X	A	A	A	X	X	X
RL-10109	A	A	A	A	A	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	A	A	A	X	X	X

F = Standards Fully Supported

A = Assessed at Upstream Station

T = Within TMDL Approved Watershed

N = Standards Not Supported

X = Parameter Not Assessed at Station

Parameters to be addressed (those not supporting standards)

ECOLI

Fish Consumption Advisory

TMDL Information - TMDL Parameters to be addressed

In TMDL Watershed: Yes

TMDL Site: S-321

TMDL Report No: 019-04

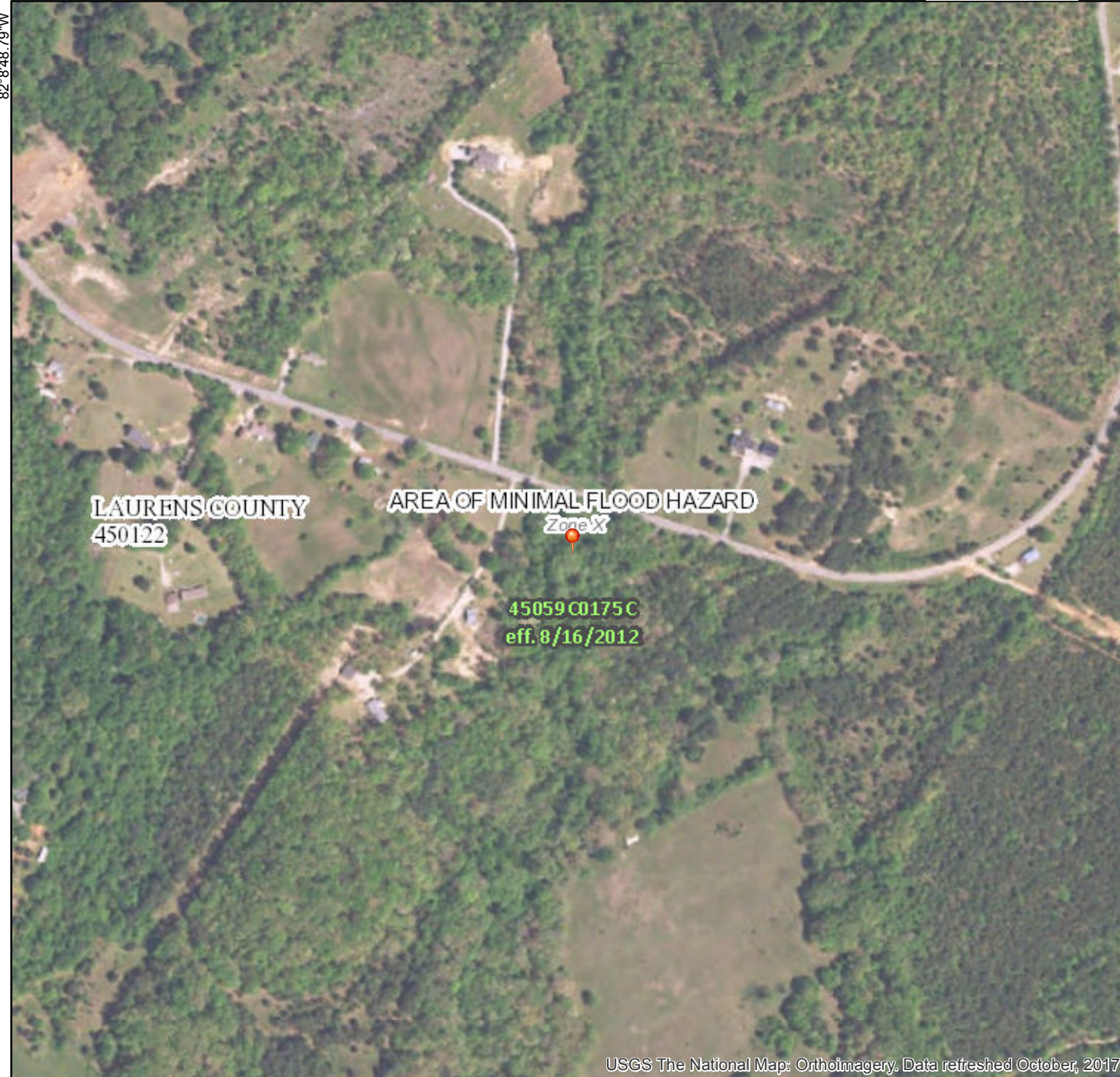
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TMDL Document Link: http://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/docs/HomeAndEnvironment/Docs/tmdl_rabon_fc.pdf

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



34°35'34.79"N



USGS The National Map: Orthoimagery. Data refreshed October, 2017.

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34°35'5.16"N

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5
		Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
MAP PANELS		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
		Hydrographic Feature
		Digital Data Available
		No Digital Data Available
		Unmapped



The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

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