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April 23, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Devens  
NC Department of Transportation  
Project Development and Environmental Analysis

FROM: Ramona M. Bartos *RMB for Ramona M. Bartos*

SUBJECT: Independence Boulevard Extension, Randall Parkway to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway,  
U-4434, New Hanover County, ER 04-2963

We have reviewed the revised study area for the Independence Boulevard Extension between Randall Parkway and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

The area of potential effect associated with the Smith Creek Parkway corridor (Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway), Section C was surveyed in 1994 by NCDOT archaeologists. Because of this a significant portion of the northern study area will not require attention. The archaeologists working on the Independence Boulevard Extension project should concentrate their survey on landform types typically associated with the occurrence of archaeological sites. While prehistoric and historic occupation sites are important, abandoned industrial sites may be significant and perhaps the more abundant, particularly in the vicinity of Smith Creek. If significant archaeological sites are identified, appropriate measures should be taken to avoid or minimize adverse impacts.

We have determined that the project as proposed will not have an effect on any historic structures.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

cc: Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT

From: [Gledhill-earley\\_Renee](mailto:Gledhill-earley_Renee)  
To: [Furr\\_Mary\\_Pope](mailto:Furr_Mary_Pope)  
Subject: RE: New Hanover County reviewer  
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 2:47:33 PM  
Attachments: [image003.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)

Yes, I feel okay with the no survey call. Justin reviewed it and he was very thorough.  
Renee

**Please note, effective October 9th, my phone number changed to 919-814-6579**

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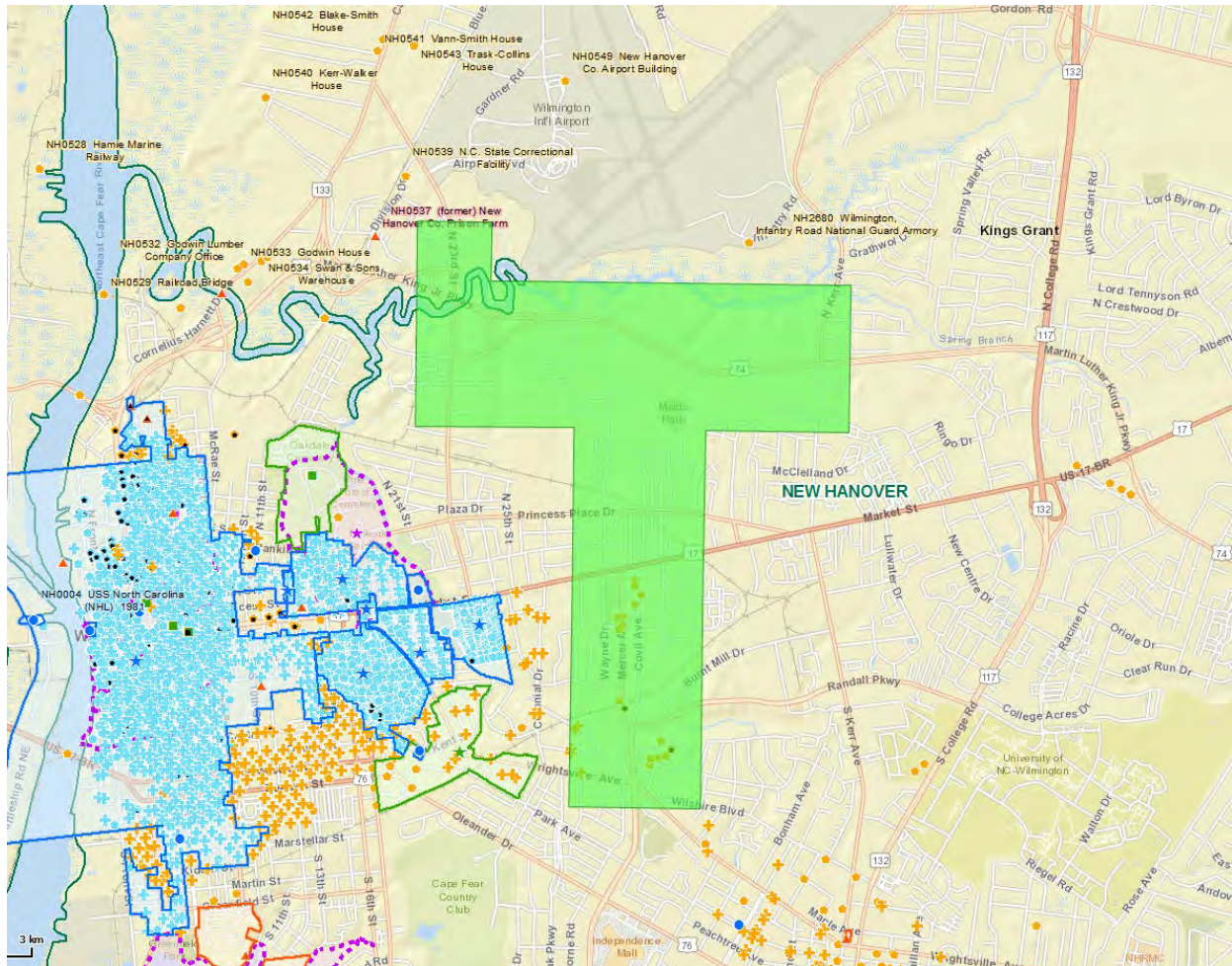


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**Please Note:** Requests for project review or responses to our review comments should be sent to our Environmental Review mailbox at [environmental.review@ncdcr.gov](mailto:environmental.review@ncdcr.gov). Otherwise, I will have to return your request and ask that you send it to the proper mailbox. This will cause delays in your project. Information on email project submittal is at: [http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/er\\_email\\_submittal.html](http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/er_email_submittal.html)

From: Furr, Mary Pope <mfurr@ncdot.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 2:39 PM  
To: Gledhill-earley, Renee <renee.gledhill-earley@ncdcr.gov>  
Subject: New Hanover County reviewer

I'm reviewing project U-4434, which your office provided scoping comments in 2012 (attached). No survey was recommended. It is an EIS level project. The project area shown in green below is generally the same study area provided to you in 2012. Are you still OK with the no survey call? I drove through the area last Friday and a didn't see anything that stood out as eligible, but I just wanted to check. Mostly commercial development and some low income housing.



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**North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
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Deputy Secretary Kevin Cherry

March 31, 2020

Matthew Jorgenson, RPA  
AECOM, Inc.  
701 Corporate Center Driver, Suite 475  
Raleigh, NC 27607

Re: Report: Intensive Archaeological Survey and Evaluation TIP U-4434 Independence Boulevard Extension  
New Hanover County, North Carolina. ER 04-2963, Bib#8208

Mr. Jorgenson:

Thank you for submitting the above reference report detailing the archaeological work performed within the APE of the proposed Independence Boulevard Extension in Wilmington. The report was well researched and the fieldwork well focused.

To reiterate the findings, two archaeological sites were identified. The historic Maides Park Cemetery, 31NH886, was determined to be outside of the current APE for the project and no further work is recommended. One prehistoric site was discovered, 31NH887, within the current APE and adjacent to the Martin Luther King Parkway.

Testing revealed that site 31NH887 contains material evidence of 5000 years of short-term habitations. Despite the site's proximity to the MLK Parkway, it still retains integrity indicating its likelihood to yield information important to prehistory. AECOM recommends that the site be subjected to data recovery excavations if avoidance is not possible.

We recommend that mitigation in the form of additional data recovery be conducted because the site's proximity to the MLK Parkway and the future Independence Boulevard intersection make avoidance of this important archaeological site improbable. We further recommend that disturbance by the NCDOT Wildflower Program, for which a portion of the site is currently being used, be discontinued until the archaeology is complete

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Sincerely,  


 Ramona Bartos, Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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