

**Appendix G**  
**SHPO Consultation**



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Re: Town Creek Federal Navigation Project, Submerged Cultural Resources Survey, Draft  
McClellanville, Charleston County, South Carolina  
SHPO Project No. 22-RL0136

Dear Andrea Farmer:

Thank you for your project submittal which we received on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regarding the Town Creek Federal Navigation Project, Submerged Cultural Resources Survey, Draft. We also received a copy of the *Town Creek Federal Navigation Project, Charleston County, South Carolina, Submerged Cultural Resources Survey* as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes including those with state recognition, local governments, or the public.

The SHPO concurs with the remote-sensing survey methodologies utilized within the *Town Creek Federal Navigation Project, Charleston County, South Carolina, Submerged Cultural Resources Survey*. Our office concurs, based upon the results of the remote sensing survey within the proposed spoil deposit area and the Town Creek entrance channel area, that the proposed undertaking will have no impact on any submerged cultural resources. Our office concurs that depositing dredge spoil within the proposed spoil deposit area will provide additional protection for material generating the identified magnetic anomalies. Our office also concurs that dredging operations within the Town Creek entrance channel area should be conducted under the assumption that that the ferrous debris identified could potentially be associated with historical ordinance. The SHPO has no further comments and accepts the report as final.

The SHPO would recommend conducting further consultation with the Maritime Research Division (MRD) of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) for their review of the submerged cultural resources survey, if they have not already been contacted.

Based on the Corps' description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the results of the submerged cultural resources survey, our office concurs with the Corps' assessment that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the Town Creek Federal Navigation Project.

To complete the reporting process, upon SCIAA-MRD's approval, please provide at least three (3) hard copies of a final report: one (1) bound hard copy and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for the SHPO; one (1) bound and one (1) unbound hard copies and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for SCIAA. Investigators should send all copies directly to the SHPO. The SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

Please ensure that a copy of our comments letter is included in the Appendices and Attachments of the final report.

Please provide GIS shapefiles for the surveyed area. Shapefiles for identified archaeological sites should be coordinated with SCIAA. Shapefiles should be compatible with ArcGIS (.shp file format) and should be sent as a bundle in .zip format. For additional information, please see our [GIS Data Submission Requirements](#).

Please ensure that all Draft and Final survey deliverables (reports, survey forms and photographs, and GIS shapefiles) are sent to the SHPO at the same time using the same medium (e.g., DVD-RW, thumb drive, or FTP/file sharing site) to assist in project tracking. Files should be sent to [rc@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:rc@scdah.sc.gov). This new email address is only to be used for submitting survey deliverables. Contact your assigned reviewer directly for any questions or concerns.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal materials. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 22-RL0136 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6168 or [RLarsen@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:RLarsen@scdah.sc.gov).

Sincerely,

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