



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3640

March 07 2012

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
SAS-2007-00388

PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah District

Public Scoping Meetings: The Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will host three public scoping meetings at the following dates/locations, to solicit comments regarding the scope and types of analysis that should be applied to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for the Glades Reservoir Project in Hall County, Georgia.

- a. MEETING 1: DATE: March 20, 2012
TIME: 4-8 PM (Eastern Time)
LOCATION: Gainesville State College
3820 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, Georgia 30566 (See Enclosure 1)
- b. MEETING 2: DATE: March 21, 2012
TIME: 4-8 PM (Central Time)
LOCATION: Lexington Auburn University Convention Center
1577 South College Street
Auburn, Alabama, 36832 (See Enclosure 2)
- c. MEETING 3: DATE: March 22, 2012
TIME: 4-8 PM (Eastern Time)
LOCATION: Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve
108 Island Drive
Eastpoint, Florida 32328 (See Enclosure 3)

Purpose and Format of the Meetings: The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that would affect the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. The comments received will be used to determine potential impacts that should be studied in detail and alternatives that should be considered in the EIS. The scoping meeting will feature various exhibits staffed with subject matter experts, maps, displays and handouts. The meetings will be conducted such that individuals can arrive anytime during the meeting times, visit information tables regarding different aspects of the project, and provide comments in writing, at a computer station, or verbally to a court recorder.

Background: On June 10, 2011, the Hall County Board of Commissioners submitted a revised application for the Glades Reservoir Project. The proposed 850-acre reservoir would supply 72 million gallons per day (mgd), and would impact approximately 39.2 acres of wetland and 94,851 linear feet of stream. By letter dated July 8, 2011, the USACE informed Hall County that

preparation of an EIS would be required. The EIS is being prepared by a third party contractor under the directions of the USACE.

The USACE published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register, Volume 77, Number 33, pages 9634-9635, on February 17, 2012, to prepare an EIS for the proposed Glades Reservoir Project in Hall County, Georgia (copy enclosed). The EIS will assess the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the reservoir, raw water conveyances, associated facilities, and rights of way. It will address Federal, state, and local requirements, environmental issues concerning the proposed action, and permit reviews. As the lead Federal agency for issuing permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the USACE must evaluate any proposed construction that involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the US.

The proposed Glades Reservoir Project includes: 1) a new pumped-storage reservoir (Glades Reservoir); 2) a raw water intake and pump station at the Chattahoochee River; 3) a pipeline between the Chattahoochee River pump station and the Glades Reservoir; 4) a raw water intake and pump station at the proposed Glades Reservoir; and 5) a pipeline between the Chattahoochee River pump station and the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir. Water would be pumped from the Chattahoochee River to the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir, located in eastern Hall County, Georgia, for treatment and distribution to Hall County customers. The proposed reservoir would be located on Flat Creek, a tributary to the Chattahoochee River upstream of Lake Sidney Lanier. Hall County would operate the proposed Glades Reservoir as a flow augmentation reservoir. Water pumped from the proposed reservoir would be used to maintain minimum stream flow levels during periods of low flow in the Chattahoochee River. Hall County proposes the project to provide needed water supply through the year 2060. The proposed project could potentially affect river basins in Georgia, eastern Alabama and the Florida panhandle.

Comment Period: The NOI is immediately followed by a 60-day public comment period, or scoping period, to develop an understanding of concerns and issues expressed by interested parties. Comments received during this period and at the scoping meetings will be recorded in a scoping report and will be considered in development of the draft EIS. The public will have another opportunity to comment on the draft and final EIS documents. The deadline to submit comments regarding the scoping process is **April 17, 2012**. Comments can be provided at the scoping meetings; entered online at www.gladesreservoir.com; or mailed to: Regulatory Division, Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

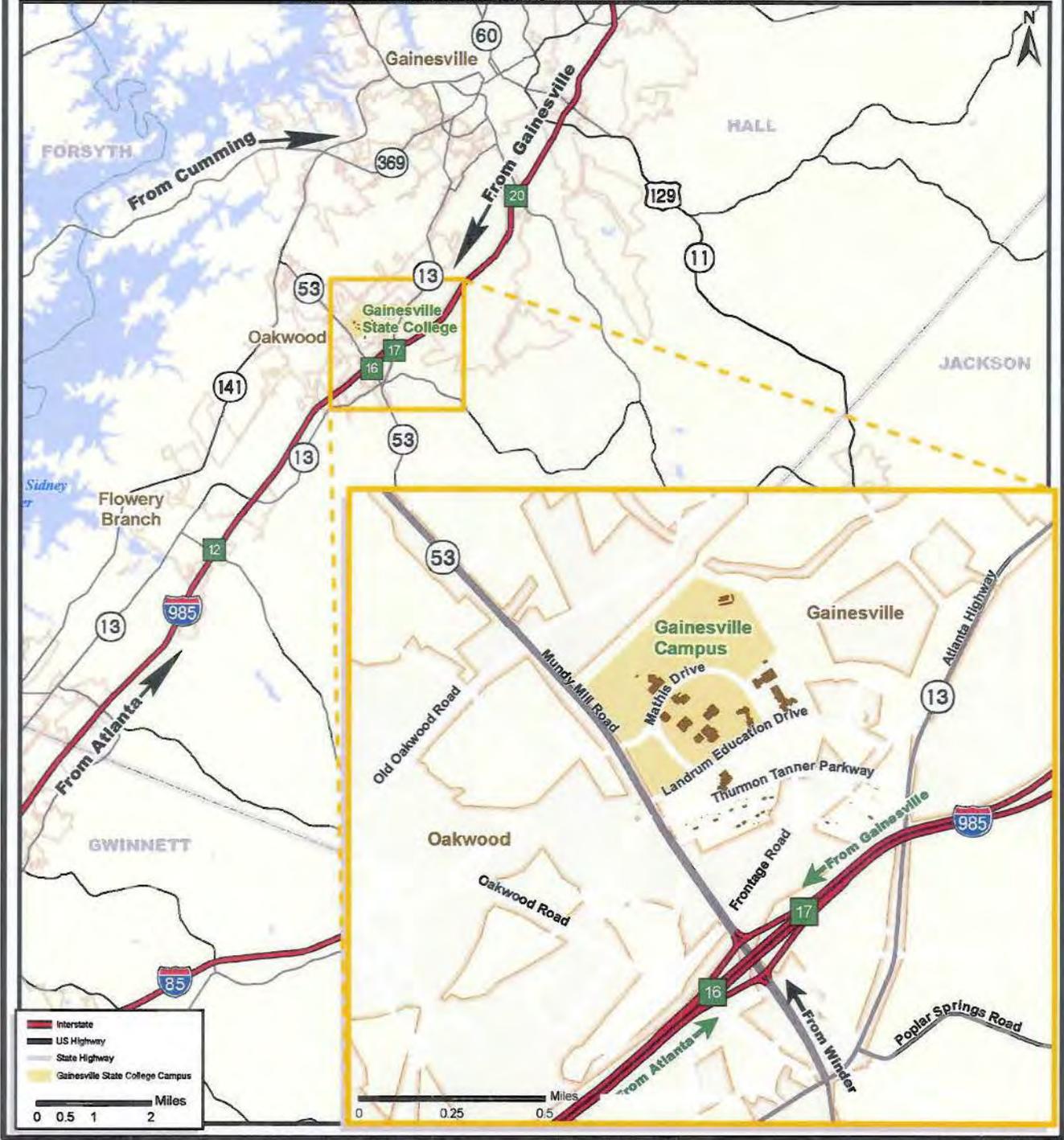
Additional Information: For more details on the proposed Glades Reservoir project, visit www.gladesreservoir.com. For additional information on the Corps of Engineers' Regulatory permitting procedures, visit: www.sas.usace.army.mil/regulatory or contact Mr. Richard Morgan of the Regulatory Division, Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers at (912) 652-5139.

4 Enclosures

1-3. Location Maps for Scoping Meetings
4. Notice of Intent

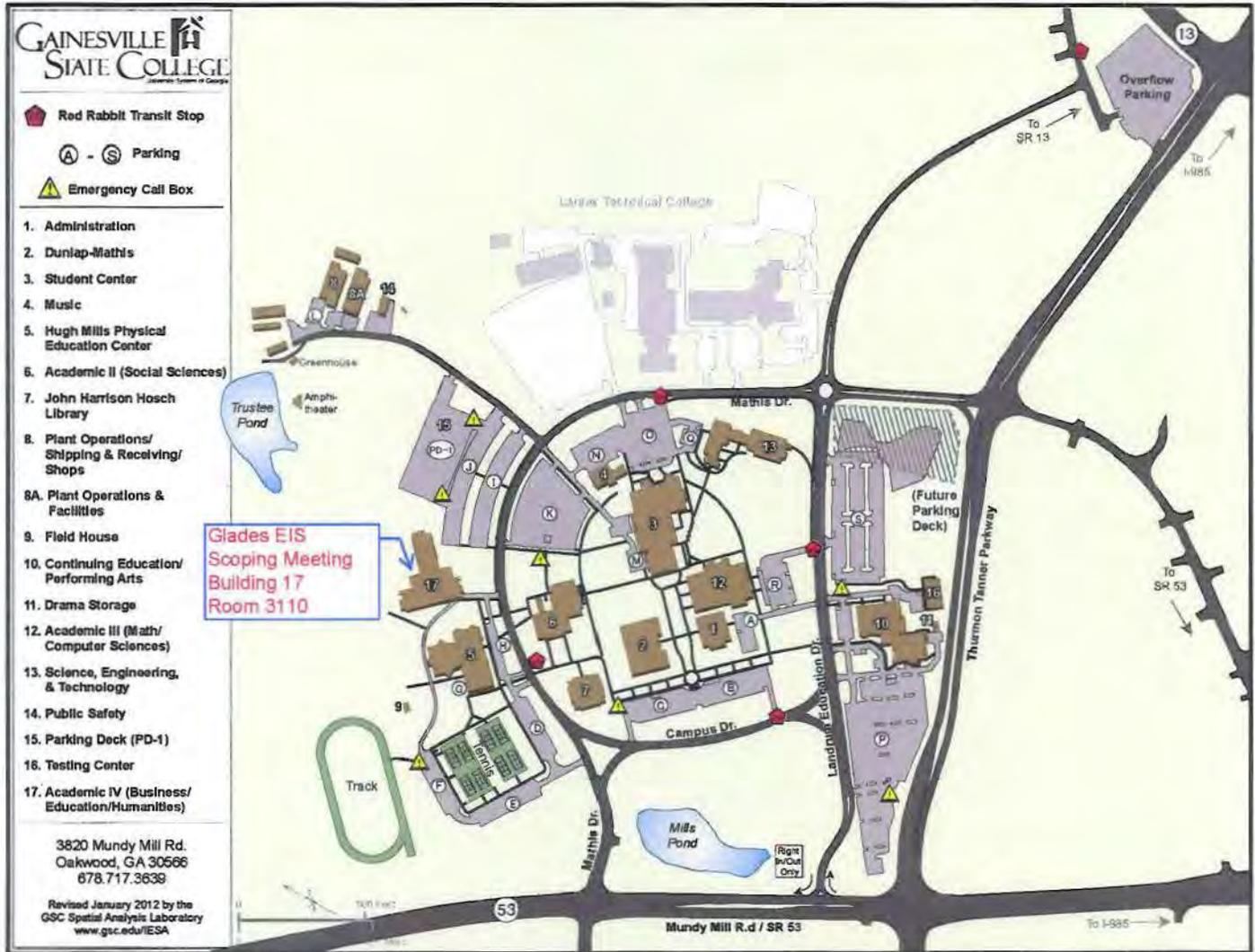
LOCATION MAP

Gainesville Campus 3820 Mundy Mill Rd. Oakwood, GA 30566



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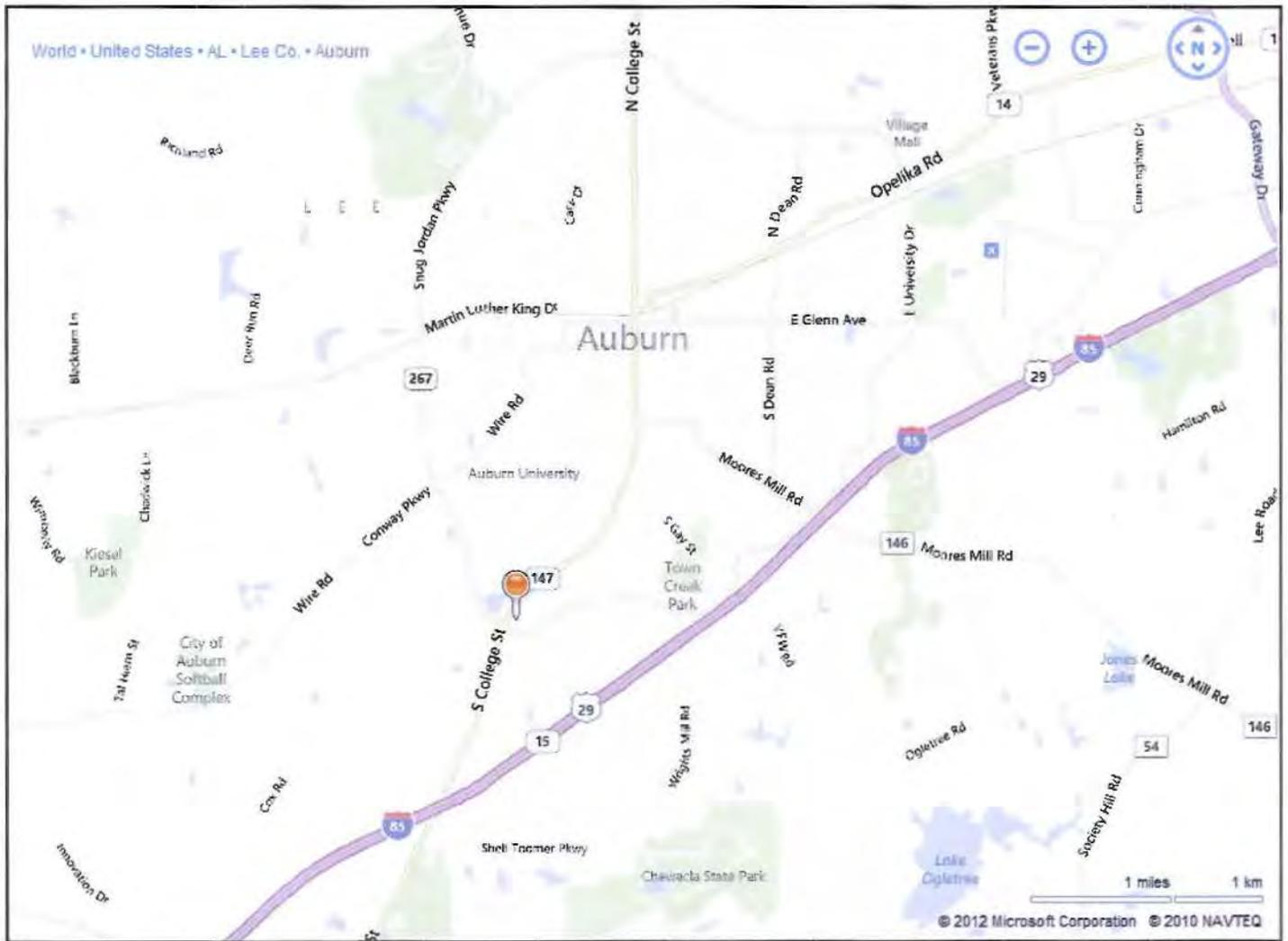
Gainesville State College – Building 17, Academic IV, Room 3110

From the North: Take Highway 365 South to Interstate 985 to Exit 17. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp and stay in the right lane. Turn right at the second traffic light onto Mathis Drive.

From the South: Take Interstate 85 North to Interstate 985 to Exit 16. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp and stay in the right lane. Turn right at the third traffic light onto Mathis Drive.

From 400 North: Take exit 17. Turn Right off exit ramp. Go to second light and turn right onto Browns Bridge Road which is also 369. Follow 369 for 12 miles. At light, turn right onto McEver Road which is also 53. Go to third light, turn Left onto Mundy Mill Road. Follow Mundy Mill Road for about 1.5 miles, Gainesville State College will be on your Left.

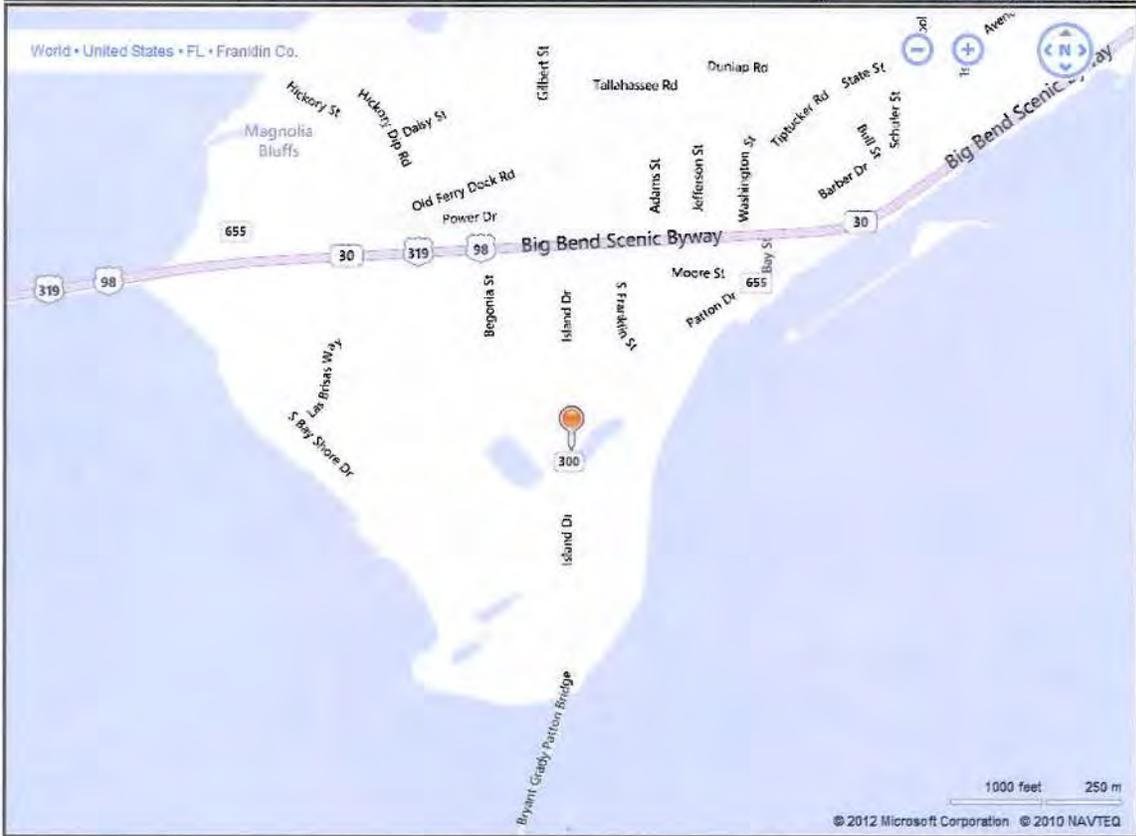
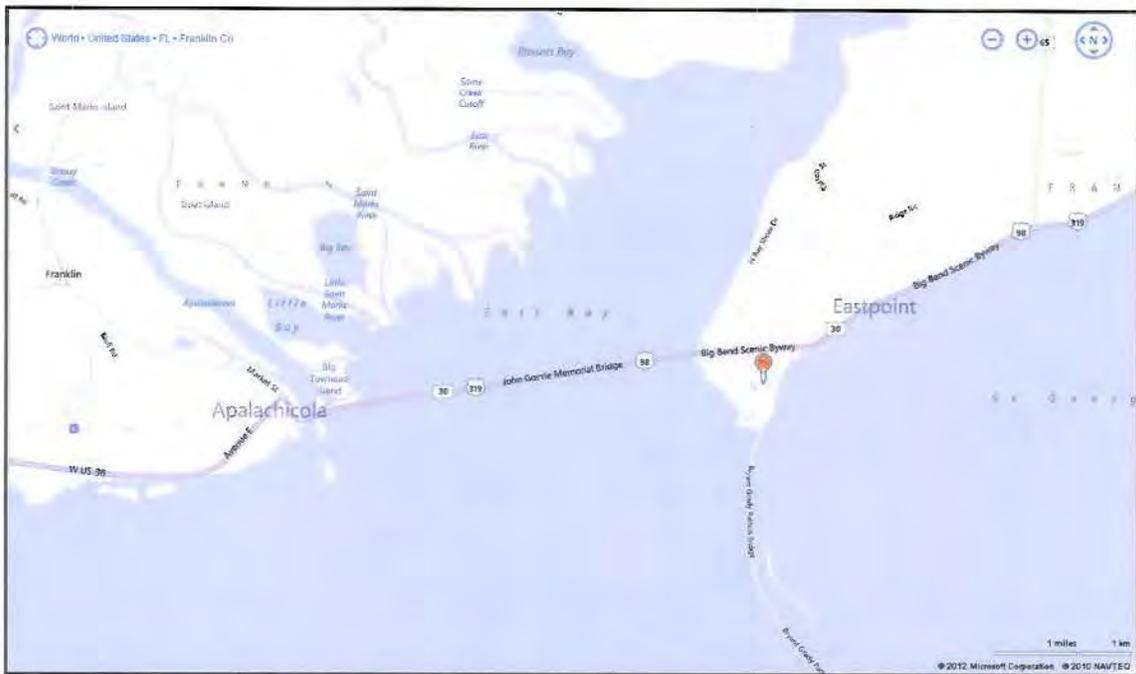
All other points: The physical address for Gainesville State College is 3820 Mundy Mill Road (Highway 53), Oakwood, Georgia 30566, and is easily accessible from I-985 and many secondary roads.



Lexington Auburn University Convention Center

1577 South College Street, Auburn, AL 36832

Lower Ballroom



Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve

108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328

Location

The ANERR is located in the Florida panhandle approximately equidistant from Tallahassee and Panama City.

Counties - Franklin, Gulf, Calhoun and Liberty

Nearby towns or cities - Apalachicola, Eastpoint, Port St. Joe, and Wewahitchaka

Adjacent roads: U.S. Hwy. 98, SR 65

availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Renea Yates; *renea-yates@us.army.mil* or 571.256.4325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following topics are on the agenda for discussion:

- Gravesite Accountability Task Force Report (22 December 2011)
 - Fiscal Stewardship and Information Technology Update
 - Army National Cemeteries Program Campaign Plan
 - Subcommittee Activities:
 - "Honor" Subcommittee: Independent recommendations of methods to address the long-term future of the Army National Cemeteries, including how best to extend the active burials and on what ANC should focus once all available space has been utilized.
 - "Remember" Subcommittee: Recommendations on preserving the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier including the cracks in the large marble sarcophagus, the adjacent marble slabs, and the potential replacement marble stone for the sarcophagus already gifted to the Army.
 - "Explore" Subcommittee: Recommendations Section 60 Mementos study and improving the quality of visitors' experiences now and for generations to come.
- The Commission's mission is to provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, independent advice and recommendations on the Army National Cemeteries Program, including, but not limited to:
- a. Management and operational issues, including bereavement practices;
 - b. Plans and strategies for addressing long-term governance challenges;
 - c. Resource planning and allocation; and
 - d. Any other matters relating to Army National Cemeteries that the Commission's co-chairs, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, may decide to consider.

Filing Written Statement: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow the public to speak; however, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Commission. Written statements must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the following address: Army National Cemeteries Advisory Commission, ATTN: Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (LTC Yates), Arlington National

Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia 22211 not later than 5 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2012. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Army National Cemeteries Advisory Commission until the next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Commission Chairperson and ensure they are provided to the members of the Army National Cemeteries Advisory Commission.

Brenda S. Bowen,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army: Corps of Engineers

Public Scoping Meetings and Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Glades Reservoir

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District, has received an application (File Number SAS-2007-00388) for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) from the Hall County Board of Commissioners (Applicant) for a proposed water supply reservoir project to be located in Hall County, Georgia. The proposed project would be comprised of a new pump-storage water supply reservoir (Glades Reservoir), as well as pipelines and pumping stations to withdraw water from the Chattahoochee River and to connect with the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir. Water would be pumped to the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir located in eastern Hall County for treatment and distribution to Hall County customers. The Applicant believes this action is needed to supply water for Hall County through the year 2060.

The primary federal involvement associated with the proposed action is the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands. It is estimated, by the Applicant, that 39.2 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and approximately 95,000 linear feet of streams would be adversely affected by the proposed action. Federal

authorizations for the proposed project would constitute a "major federal action." Based on the potential impacts, both individually and cumulatively, the USACE intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act to render a final decision on the permit application.

The USACE's decision will be to either issue, issue with modification or deny a Department of the Army permit for the proposed action. The EIS will assess the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the reservoir, raw water conveyances, associated facilities, and appurtenances. The EIS is intended to be sufficient in scope to address federal, state and local requirements, environmental issues concerning the proposed action, and permit reviews.

DATES: The scoping period will commence with the publication of this notice. The formal scoping period will end 60 days after the publication of this notice. Comments regarding issues relative to the proposed project should be received by April 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attention: Regulatory Division, 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401-3640. You may also submit written comments online at <http://www.gladesreservoir.com>. Documents pertinent to the proposed project may be examined at the Web site <http://www.gladesreservoir.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Morgan, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (912) 652-5139.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USACE Savannah District intends to prepare an EIS on the proposed Glades Reservoir project. The Hall County Board of Commissioners proposes this project and is the applicant for a Department of the Army permit (File Number SAS-2007-00388).

1. Project Description: The Glades Reservoir is a proposed pumped-storage reservoir on Flat Creek, a tributary to the Chattahoochee River upstream of Lake Sidney Lanier. The drainage area for the proposed Glades Reservoir is estimated to be 17.6 square miles. The proposed dam would impound an approximately 850-acre reservoir at a normal pool elevation of 1180 feet mean sea level (msl) and provide 11.7 billion gallons of water storage capacity. The proposed Glades Reservoir would be located approximately 12 miles northeast of Gainesville, Georgia, northeast of US 23/

365, near the US 23/365 State Route (SR) 52 intersection.

The proposed Glades Reservoir water supply project would be comprised of a new water supply reservoir, as well as pipelines and pumping stations for withdrawing water from the Chattahoochee River and for interconnecting with the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir. Water would be withdrawn from the Cedar Creek Reservoir for treatment and distribution to customers in Hall County.

The total system (Glades Reservoir-Cedar Creek Reservoir system) safe yield is estimated to be 80 million gallons per day (mgd) (on an annual average daily basis), which includes 7.5 mgd of safe yield from the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir. The Glades Reservoir water supply project is proposed to meet an unmet projected water demand of 72.5 mgd in 2060.

When adequate flows are available in the Chattahoochee River, water would be withdrawn from the Chattahoochee River and delivered to the Hall County through the existing Cedar Creek Reservoir.

When insufficient flow occurs, water would be released from the Glades Reservoir to meet water supply demand while maintaining the minimum in-stream flow in the Chattahoochee River.

In May 2011, a Jurisdictional Waters of the U.S. Delineation was conducted by the Applicant on the reservoir site using sub-meter global positioning system (GPS). The delineation determined that the impacts at elevation 1,180 feet msl would be 39.2 acres of wetlands and approximately 95,000 linear feet of stream.

2. Scoping and Public Involvement Process: The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will affect the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. Some areas of potential significant impact have been identified, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Loss of aquatic resources, including wetlands
- b. Water quality
- c. Water quantity, including downstream impacts
- d. Air quality
- e. Secondary and cumulative impacts
- f. Federal navigation
- g. Federal projects
- h. Socioeconomics, including environmental justice
- i. Cultural resources
- j. Threatened and endangered species.

The EIS process is being implemented so that the application can be fully evaluated and a permit decision can be made. The purpose of the EIS scoping

meetings is to gather information on the subjects to be studied in detail in the EIS.

3. Purpose and Need. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide sufficient water supply to meet projected water demand in Hall County through the year 2060.

4. Alternatives. An evaluation of alternatives to the Applicant's preferred alternative initially being considered includes a No Action alternative, alternatives that would avoid, minimize and compensate for impacts to the aquatic environment, alternatives utilizing alternative practices, and other reasonable alternatives that will be developed through the project scoping process which may also meet the identified purpose and need.

5. Additional Resources to be Evaluated. Resource areas to be evaluated that have been identified to date include the following: potential direct effects to waters of the U.S. including aquatic species; environmental justice; socioeconomic environment; archaeological and cultural resources; recreation and recreational resources; energy supply and natural resources; hazardous waste and materials; aesthetics; public health and safety; navigation; erosion and accretion; cumulative impacts; public benefit and needs of the people along with potential effects on the human environment. All parties who express interest will be given an opportunity to participate in the process.

6. Public Scoping Meetings. Three public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations/dates:

- a. March 20, 2012, 4 to 8 p.m. at Gainesville State College, 3820 Mundy Mill Road, Oakwood, GA 30566
- b. March 21, 2012, 4 to 8 p.m. at Lexington Auburn University Convention Center, 1577 South College Street, Auburn, AL 36832;
- c. March 22, 2012, 4 to 8 p.m. at Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328

The USACE will announce the public scoping meetings through local news media and the Web page at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. Comments are encouraged from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties so that the scope of the EIS may be properly identified.

7. Coordination. The proposed action is being coordinated with a number of Federal, state, regional and local agencies including, but not limited to, the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division. These agencies were requested by the USACE Savannah District to be cooperating agencies for this EIS per Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1501.6. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division have agreed to participate in the EIS process as cooperating agencies. Other agencies, including the state resource protection agencies of the States of Alabama and Florida and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may also comment during the scoping process.

8. Availability of the Draft EIS. The USACE currently expects the Draft EIS to be made available to the public by December 30, 2012.

Russell L. Kaiser,
Chief, Regulatory Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Cooperation With the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Improvement of a 27.3 Mile Segment of US Highway 64 in Tyrrell and Dare Counties, NC

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Wilmington District, Wilmington Regulatory Division is issuing this notice to advise the public that a State of North Carolina funded Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared for the improvement of US 64 to a multilane facility, and replacement of the Lindsay C. Warren bridge, in Tyrrell and Dare Counties, North Carolina (TIP Projects R-2544 and R-2545).

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS will be received until April 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Bill Biddlecome, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Regulatory Field Office, 2407 West 5th Street, Washington, NC 27889 or Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit, North Carolina Department of Transportation, 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548.

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