

Appendix D

Correspondence

1. Section 106 Consultation letter sent to Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) and South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH)

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- Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
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- Cherokee Nation
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- Eastern Band of Cherokee of Indians
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
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- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
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- United Keetoowah Band

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4. Responses received

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Telephone Conversation Record

1. Mr. Theodore Isham, THPO for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, called Julie Morgan, Archaeologist, PD on 6 Jan 2017. The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma wished to convey its interest in continued consultation regarding this action.



SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Planning Division

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David Crass, Ph.D.
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Director, Historic Preservation Division
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Jewett Center for Historic Preservation
2610 Georgia Highway 155, SW
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281

Dear Dr. Crass:

The Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USAGE), is initiating a feasibility-level study to determine if changes or reallocations are warranted to meet current and future needs in the Savannah River basin for flood control, water supply, fish and wildlife enhancement, drought control, water quality, recreation, and other related purposes. This study, known as the Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study (SRBCS), will focus on current operational plans for three Federal reservoirs (Hartwell Lake, J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Richard B. Russell Lake). Due to funding constraints, the SRBCS has been divided into interim phases. Interim 1, completed in 2006, resulted in an updated Drought Contingency Plan. The 2006 plan was revised in 2012 (Georgia Historic Preservation Division Project Number HP-091005-002). Interim 2, the current phase, will incorporate new data from 2007 – 2013 to update the Drought Contingency Plan.

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In keeping with Federal regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, USAGE would like to initiate consultation with your office for the

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Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study Interim Study 2 Drought Control Plan Update. USAGE respectfully requests any information you can share concerning

historical properties, traditional cultural properties, or sacred sites located within the project area to assist us in our decision-making process. We are inviting your comments on the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4 and welcome your input on this project.

Questions regarding this action may be directed to Ms. Julie Morgan, Archaeologist, Planning Division at (706) 856-0378, or email, julie.a.morgan@usace.army.mil. You may mail responses to: Hartwell Project, ATTN: J. Morgan, 5625 Anderson Highway, Hartwell, Georgia 30643, or email them to Ms. Morgan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William G. Bailey".

William G. Bailey, P.E.
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure



SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Executive Office

Ms. Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Dear Ms. Butler-Wolfe:

The Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is initiating a feasibility-level study to determine if changes or reallocations are warranted to meet current and future needs in the Savannah River Basin for flood control, water supply, fish and wildlife enhancement, drought control, water quality, recreation, and other related purposes. This study, known as the Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study (SRBCS), will focus on current operational plans for three Federal reservoirs (Hartwell Lake, J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Richard B. Russell Lake). Due to funding constraints, the SRBCS has been divided into interim phases. Interim 1, completed in 2006, resulted in an updated Drought Contingency Plan. Interim 2, the current phase, will incorporate new data from 2007 – 2013 to update the Drought Contingency Plan.

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In keeping with Federal regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, USACE would like to initiate consultation with your tribe for this project. Among other things, we would like this consultation to address the cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800). We are inviting your comments on the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4.

Your response to this letter, acknowledging your interest in participating in this undertaking as a consulting party, in identifying any historic properties, including

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Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) that may exist within the project's APE, and providing any key tribal contacts, is greatly appreciated. We are also inviting comments regarding any other tribal concerns the proposed project may raise. Please provide a response within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter so that we may discuss this undertaking and any of those identified areas of interest. We are forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Leonard Longhorn, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Julie Morgan, Archaeologist, at 706-856-0378, or email: julie.a.morgan@usace.army.mil. Responses may be mailed directly to Ms. Morgan at USACE, Hartwell Project Office, ATTN: J. Morgan, 5625 Anderson Highway, Hartwell, Georgia, 30643 or sent to the email address.

Sincerely,

Marvin L. Griffin, P.E.
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

Enclosure

Project Location and Description

The study area consists of the main stem of the Savannah River Basin, which includes all or portions of 44 Counties within Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. The surface area of the basin consists of approximately 10,577 square miles; of which approximately 5,821 are in Georgia, 4,581 are in South Carolina, and 175 square miles lie in North Carolina (Figure 1). Savannah District maintains five existing projects on the Savannah River: Hartwell Dam and Lake, Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake, J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake, Savannah River Below Augusta Navigation Project, and Savannah Harbor Navigation Project (Figure 2). The first three are multi-purpose projects with substantial dams and reservoirs, the fourth is a shallow-draft navigation project (including a lock and dam) and the fifth is a deep-draft navigation project. USACE operates and manages three Federal impoundments on the Savannah River, Hartwell Dam, Russell Dam and Thurmond Dam, as a system in accordance with a Water Control Manual.

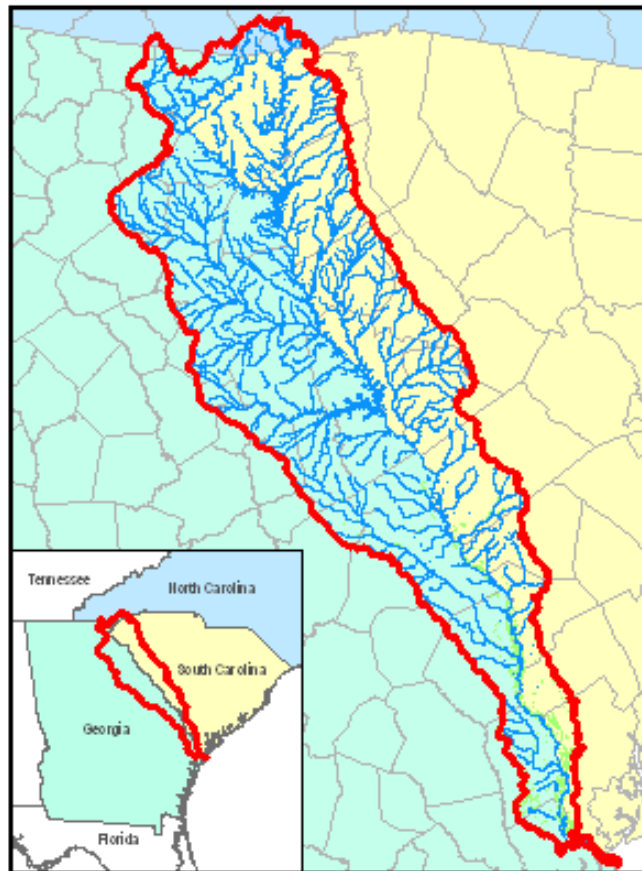


Figure 1. Savannah River Basin

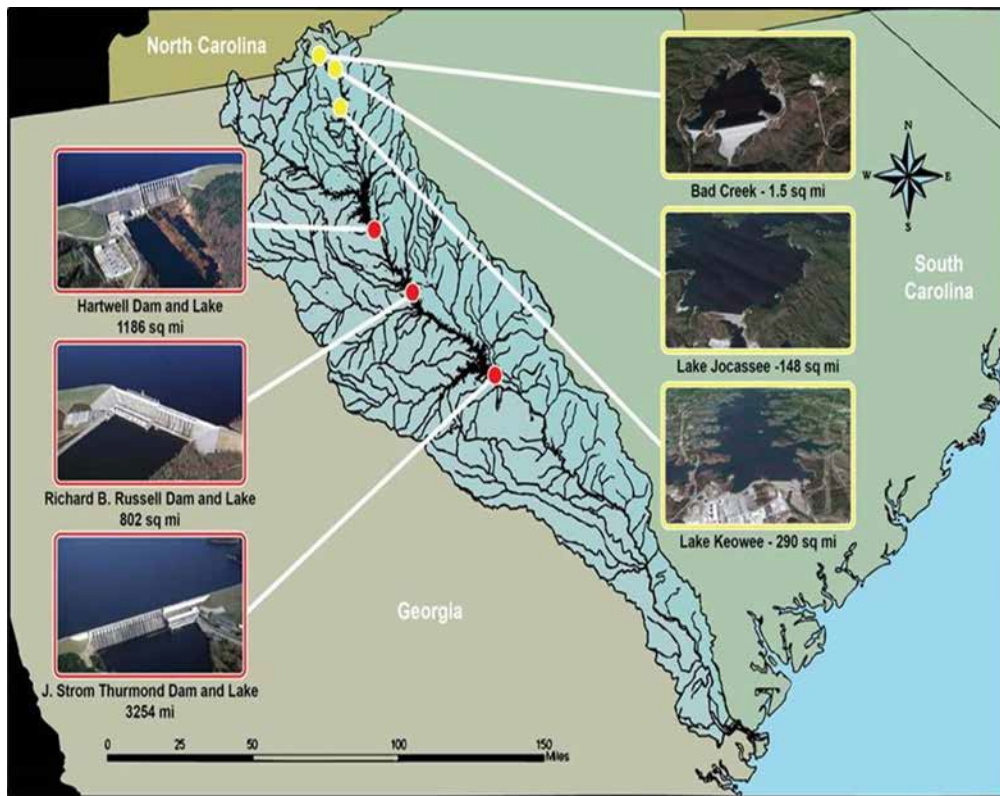


Figure 2. Savannah District Multipurpose Projects (in red) on Savannah River

Although the basin is predominantly rural, metropolitan areas are experiencing significant growth and development pressures. The growth is occurring primarily in the areas of Augusta and Savannah, Georgia, although many smaller cities and towns are also growing. There are several functions the river serves including providing water for, drinking, energy, municipal/industrial, and agriculture.

The storage at each of the three multipurpose projects on the Savannah River is congressionally authorized to be used for specific purposes including Flood Control, Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Management, Hydropower, Water Supply, Water Quality, and Navigation. The storage at each multipurpose project is divided into three zones: Flood Control, Conservation, and Inactive Storage (Figure 3).

A long-term drought strategy, the Savannah River Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), was implemented in March 1989. The 1989 DCP is a component of the Water Control Manual and was developed to address the effects of the Savannah District water control management activities on those impoundments and the downstream portion of the river, and to assist the States of Georgia and South Carolina in drought contingency planning in their water management responsibilities for the Savannah River

Basin. The DCP was revised in 2006 and again in 2012 after drought cycles necessitated modifications to the operation of the multi-purpose projects.

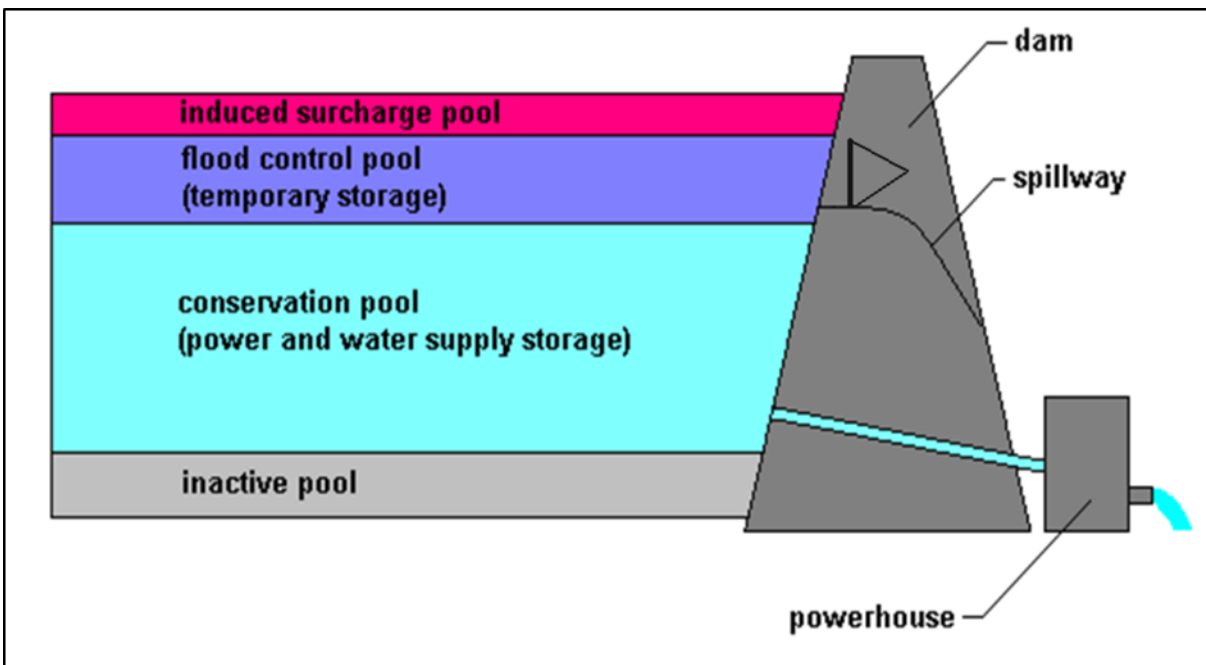


Figure 3. Typical Multi-purpose Project Pool Levels

The Water Control Manual and DCP prescribe a regulation guide curve to facilitate the water control regulation for the Corps' storage reservoirs. The guide curve for each federal project defines the top of conservation storage water surface elevation. Water management regulation decisions strive to maintain the pool elevation at the top of the conservation guide curve elevation or at the highest elevation possible while meeting project purposes. The middle zone of each pool, the storage residing between the guide curve and the top of the inactive storage, is designated conservation storage. The water stored in the conservation zone is used to meet all of the authorized project purposes other than Flood Control.

The main purpose of the Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study is to address the current and future needs of the basin for flood risk management, hydropower, water supply, fish and wildlife management, recreation, and other water resource related issues. There is a pressing need to examine comprehensive storage reallocation strategies to provide more sustainable solutions to water resource allocation throughout the Savannah River Basin. The current study will incorporate new data sets from 2007 - 2013 to examine the minimum discharges that are needed to best meet multi-purpose project needs, needs of downstream users, and needs of environmental resources during drought conditions. The study will yield a more comprehensive update to the DCP.

In addition to the No Action Alternative (NAA) USACE will be analyzing six alternatives that focus on current operational plans for Hartwell Lake, J. Strom Thurmond Lake and

Richard B. Russell Lake and how changes to the operational plans may affect (adversely or positively) flood control, water supply, fish and wildlife enhancement, drought control, water quality, recreation, and other related purposes. The alternatives cover a full range of potential drought flow scenarios that will address problems associated with increased water demands, limited locations for drought resilient water sources and the need to maintain adequate flow through environmentally sensitive areas downstream. Alternatives are differentiated by the rate of water flowing into Hartwell and Thurmond reservoirs, lake elevations and the amount of release, or discharge from Thurmond Lake.

The NAA represents the most likely anticipated future condition if there is no change to the current Drought Contingency Plan. Alternative 1 (Extreme Low Flow) will identify breakpoints in infrastructure and environmental resources caused by low river flows. Alternative 2 (Raise Level 3) will address increased conservation pool (i.e., water supply storage) opportunities by changing the daily average water release rate for Drought Level 3. Alternative 3 (Environmental) will set discharge targets based on environmental needs during drought conditions. Alternative 4 will maintain a constant rate of discharge from Thurmond Lake whenever the basin is in a drought, regardless of the drought level. Alternative 5 is similar to Alternative 3 (Environmental), but uses different discharge rates and rates of flow at specific points downstream. Alternative 6 is similar to Alternative 5, but pulls the water storage pool down further in the conservation pool, with the objective being to use more of the conservation pool to maintain set discharge rates.

Previous Section 106 Consultation

In 2012 when the Drought Contingency Plan was last updated, Savannah District drafted a Programmatic Agreement (PA) as specified under 36CFR800.14b(1)(ii) to develop a survey strategy to understand the effects of hydrologic changes on cultural resources at JST Lake and Hartwell Lake. The PA allows Savannah District to complete needed studies and postpone its determination of effects while studies are taking place. Although the PA was developed during the Section 106 of the NHPA compliance for the Drought Contingency Plan update in 2012, it is written to address impacts associated with all water level fluctuations. The PA contains a strategy for identifying shoreline and submerged archaeological sites and assessing the impacts that may be caused by hydrologic changes. Studies outlined in the PA will be implemented as funding becomes available. To date, no additional investigations have been conducted to comply with the PA due to funding constraints. Undertakings and assessments of effects on cultural resources are determined on a project by project basis to comply with Section 106.

Savannah District coordinated with the Georgia and South Carolina State Historic Preservation Offices when drafting the Programmatic Agreement and incorporated all comments into the agreement in August 2012. Coordination with tribes was also conducted at that time. No tribes expressed interest in being a signatory or concurring party. The document was never signed by USACE or the SHPOs, however, USACE interprets the document as legally binding. A copy of the PA is attached. USACE will

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continue to operate under the terms of the 2012 PA fulfill Section 106 compliance for the present study.

**PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT
AMONG THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT,
THE GEORGIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, AND
THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Savannah District), operates and maintains Hartwell Lake and J. Strom Thurmond Lake (the Projects); and,

WHEREAS, the Corps managed-lands associated with management of the Projects also include the banks of the Savannah River on the Georgia and South Carolina sides stretching from the headwaters of Hartwell Lake to below J. Strom Thurmond Dam; and,

WHEREAS, the Projects were constructed prior to the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the now inundated lands and associated banks of the Savannah River were not surveyed for historic properties prior to inundation; and,

WHEREAS, since their creation, the lake elevations have been managed using criteria developed to address the needs of hydropower, water supply, environmental resources, and recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the Savannah District proposes to alter the criteria for managing lake elevations and the effects of the existing criteria and the proposed criteria upon historic properties are unknown; and,

WHEREAS, the Projects lie within the States of South Carolina and Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Savannah District recognizes that the changing elevations of the lakes may have an effect upon historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and has consulted with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council), the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (Georgia SHPO), the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer (South Carolina SHPO), and Native American Tribes pursuant to regulation 36 CFR Part 800 implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470h-2(f)); Section 110(f) of the same Act (16 U.S.C. Section 470h-2[f]), and Section 111 of the same Act (16 U.S.C. Section 470h-3); and

WHEREAS, the Council was invited to consult on this undertaking and has chosen not to participate; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Savannah District, the Consulting Parties composed of the Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO agree that the project shall be administered in accordance with the following stipulations to satisfy Savannah District's Section 106 responsibilities for all individual aspects of the project.

Stipulations

The Savannah District, subject to availability of funds, shall reinitiate consultation under Section 106 with the Consulting Parties and Native American Tribes and shall ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Savannah District and the Consulting Parties shall identify the need for and scope of, archeological surveys of areas that are affected by changes in lake elevations. The surveys shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification (48 F.R. 44720-23) and take into account any standards and guidelines developed by the Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO. The surveys shall be conducted in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO, and reports of the survey shall be submitted to the Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO for review and comment.
2. The Savannah District shall evaluate properties identified through the surveys in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. If the survey results in the identification of properties that are eligible for, or included in, the National Register of Historic Places, Savannah District shall consult with the appropriate SHPO and interested Native American Tribes to determine the effect of the proposed project upon those resources in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.5.
3. The Savannah District shall identify and evaluate alternatives to mitigate adverse effects to properties determined eligible for inclusion, or included in, the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.6 in consultation with the Georgia and South Carolina SHPOs and interested Native American Tribes.
4. The Savannah District shall insure that all mitigation measures are developed in consultation with the Georgia SHPO or South Carolina SHPO as appropriate for the recovery of archaeological or historical data from properties determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Mitigation activities may consist of, but are not limited to, data recovery, Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record recordation, other built environment documentation, archival research, and protection of historic structures and engineering elements. Research designs shall be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716) and take into account the Council's publication, *Treatment of Archeological Properties* (Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 1980), and any standards and guidelines set forth by the Georgia SHPO and South Carolina SHPO. The plans shall specify, at a minimum:
 - a. the property, properties, or portions of properties where mitigation is to be carried out;
 - b. any property, properties, or portions of properties that will be destroyed without mitigation;
 - c. the research questions to be addressed through the mitigation, with an explanation of their relevance and importance;
 - d. the methods to be used, with an explanation of their relevance to the research questions;
 - e. the methods to be used in analysis, data management, and dissemination of data, including a schedule;

- f. the proposed disposition of recovered materials and records;
 - g. proposed methods for involving the interested public in the data recovery;
 - h. proposed methods for disseminating results of the work to the interested public;
 - i. proposed methods by which local historic sites and historic preservation agencies and individuals will be kept informed of the work and afforded the opportunity to participate; and,
 - j. a proposed schedule for the submission of progress reports to the Savannah District, the Georgia SHPO, and the South Carolina SHPO.
5. The data recovery or mitigation plans shall be submitted by the Savannah District to the Georgia SHPO and/or South Carolina SHPO (as appropriate) for 45 days review. Unless the Georgia SHPO or South Carolina SHPO objects within 45 days after receipt of a data recovery or mitigation plan, the Savannah District shall ensure that it is implemented.
6. The Savannah District shall ensure that all archeological survey, testing, and data recovery work carried out pursuant to this Programmatic Agreement is carried out by or under the direct supervision of a person or persons meeting at a minimum the standards for archeologist set forth in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeological Documentation (48 F.R. 44716-42).
7. The Savannah District shall ensure that all materials and records resulting from survey, testing, and data recovery are curated in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79.
8. The Savannah District shall ensure that all final archeological reports resulting from actions pursuant to this agreement will be provided to the Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO. The Savannah District shall ensure that all such reports are responsive to the contemporary professional standards, and to the Department of Interior's Format Standards for Final Reports of Data Recovery Programs (42 F.R. 5377-79).
9. Any party to this Programmatic Agreement may request that it be amended, whereupon the parties will consult in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.6(c)(7) to consider amendment.
10. The Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO may monitor activities carried out pursuant to this Programmatic Agreement, and the Council will review such activities if so requested. The Savannah District will cooperate with the Georgia SHPO and the South Carolina SHPO in carrying out their monitoring and review responsibilities.
11. The parties to this agreement shall consult to review implementation of the terms of this agreement and determine whether revisions are needed. If revisions are needed, the parties to this agreement will consult in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 to make such revisions.
12. Any party to this agreement may terminate it by providing 30 days notice to the other parties, provided that the parties will consult during the period prior to termination to seek

agreement on amendments or other actions that would avoid termination. In the event of termination, the Savannah District will comply with 36 CFR Parts 800.4 through 800.6 with regard to individual undertakings covered by this Programmatic Agreement.

13. Should the Georgia SHPO or South Carolina SHPO object within 45 days to any actions proposed pursuant to the agreement, the Savannah District shall consult with the objecting party to resolve the objection. If the Savannah District determines that the objection cannot be resolved, the Savannah District shall request further comments of the Council pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.7. Any Council comment provided in response to such a request will be taken into account by the Savannah District in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.7 with reference only to the subject of the dispute; the Savannah District's responsibility to carry out all actions under this agreement that are not the subjects of the dispute will remain unchanged.

14. If any unanticipated archaeological sites and/or human skeletal remains are discovered during archaeological surveys, Savannah District shall secure the area in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and shall notify the Georgia SHPO or the South Carolina SHPO, as applicable, and interested Native American Tribes, by telephone, followed by written communication, as soon as practicable. Savannah District, the Georgia SHPO or South Carolina SHPO, as applicable, and Native American Tribes shall assess the situation and recommend a course of action within two business days after such notification.

15. Until such time as all surveys have been completed in accordance with the terms of this agreement, Savannah District will provide an annual status report to the Council, Georgia and South Carolina SHPOs, and affiliated Federally-recognized Native American Tribes to review implementation of the terms of this agreement and to determine whether amendments are needed. If amendments are needed, the signatories to this agreement will consult, in accordance with Stipulation 9 of this agreement, to make such revisions. The first status report will be submitted to the consulting parties one year after the date this agreement is ratified. Alternatively, an annual meeting may occur to review implementation of the terms of this agreement and to determine whether amendments are needed, and will serve in lieu of an annual report.

16. At any time during implementation to the measures stipulated in this agreement, should an objection to any such measure be raised by a Native American Tribe or another member of the public, the Savannah District shall take the objection into account and consult as needed with the objecting party, the Georgia SHPO, and the South Carolina SHPO to resolve the objection.

17. In the event the Savannah District does not carry out the terms of the Programmatic Agreement, the Savannah District will comply with 36 CFR Parts 800.4 through 800.6 with regard to individual undertakings covered by this Programmatic Agreement.

18. This Agreement shall be effective when all Signatories have signed it and will automatically terminate on the tenth anniversary thereof, unless each of the Signatories agrees to extend the term hereof through an amendment per Stipulation 9. All Signatories will meet prior to the termination date to discuss extending the term.

19. Execution and implementation of this Programmatic Agreement evidences that the Savannah District has satisfied its Section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings of the program.

20. Nothing herein shall constitute, or be deemed to constitute, an obligation of future appropriations by the United States.

SIGNATORIES

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT:

DATE: _____
Jeffrey M. Hall
Colonel, US Army
Commanding

GEORGIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER:

DATE: _____
David Crass, Ph.D., Division Director and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER:

DATE: _____
Elizabeth Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

CONCURRING PARTIES

CATAWBA INDIAN NATION:

_____ DATE: _____
William Harris, Chief

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OF OKLAHOMA:

_____ DATE: _____
George Tiger, Principal Chief

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS
COMMISSIONER

DR. DAVID CRASS
DIVISION DIRECTOR

December 22, 2016

William G. Bailey, P.E.
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Savannah District, Corps of Engineers
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Attn: Julie Morgan, Archaeologist

**RE: Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study/Drought Contingency Plan
Statewide, Georgia
HP-091005-002**

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received initial study information concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Thank you for notifying us of this proposed project. We look forward to receiving Section 106 compliance documentation, when it becomes available, and working with you as this project progresses.

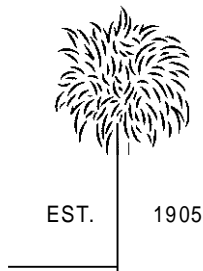
Regarding known historic properties, HPD has collections of research files, including National Register of Historic Places, Historic Resource Survey, Identified Sites, and Environmental Review, publically available for USACE use, if needed. Please see our website for information on making an appointment to research these files. Additionally, USACE may find it helpful to check GNAHRGIS, Georgia's web-based geographical information system that has information about previously identified archaeological and historic resources. It is available at <https://www.gnahrgis.org>. Please note that information about archaeological sites is restricted in GNAHRGIS and not all historic resources are included. Furthermore, USACE may find it helpful to contact the Georgia Archaeological Site Files for information regarding previously identified archaeological sites.

In regards to the previously drafted programmatic agreement (PA), HPD recommends reviewing, revising, if needed, and executing the PA in order to remain in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

Please refer to project number **HP-091005-002** in future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jennifer.dixon@dnr.ga.gov or (770) 389-7851.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dixon, MHP, LEED Green Associate
Program Manager
Environmental Review & Preservation Planning



December 20, 2016

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
ARCHIVES @ HISTORY

Mr. William G. Bailey
Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401-3640

Re: Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study (Hartwell Lake, J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Richard B. Russell Lake)
Interim Study 2 Drought Control Plan
Multiple Counties, South Carolina
SHPO No. 16-EJ0090

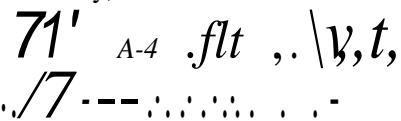
Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter of November 23, 2016 which we received on November 29, regarding the above-named project. We also received a project description with overview maps as supporting documentation. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and is implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

We appreciate the overview of the project and the status of previous Section 106 consultation through 2012, including the development of a draft programmatic agreement. With the revisions suggested by the South Carolina and Georgia SHPOs, our office was prepared to sign the agreement. Thank you for clarifying that the Corps interprets the document as legally binding although it was not signed, and that the Corps continues to operate under its terms to fulfill Section 106 commitments. To date, 110 investigations have been carried out as outlined in the agreement due to funding constraints. Please let us know if and when studies are being planned.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6168 or ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,


E. Johnson

Director; Historical Services; State SHPO
State Historic Preservation Office

Cc: Julie Morgan, Corps

From: [E. Spain](#)
To: [Morgan-Ryan, Julie A CIV USARMY CESAS \(US\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study.
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:51:34 PM

Dear Ms. Morgan,
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town has received notice of the Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study from the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At this time Thlopthlocco Tribal Town has an interest in this project. Please keep us informed as the project develops. Thank you.

Emman Spain, THPO
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
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DATE: 03 – January – 17

TO: United States Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District
Hartwell Project Office
ATTN: Ms. Julie A. Morgan
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PROJECT: Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study (SRBCS)

Ms. Morgan:

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI THPO) accepts the invitation to comment on this proposed section 106 activity under §36CFR800.

It is the opinion of the EBCI THPO that no cultural resources important to the Cherokee people should be adversely impacted by this proposed federal undertaking. As such, this proposed undertaking may proceed as planned. In the event that project design plans change, or cultural resources or human remains are inadvertently discovered during site prep and construction phase, the EBCI THPO requests that all work cease and be notified so we may continue the nation-to-nation consultation process as stipulated under §36CFR800.

If we can be of further service, or if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at (828) 359-6852.

Sincerely,

Holly Austin
Tribal Historical Preservation Office
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

From: [David Proctor](#)
To: [Morgan-Ryan, Julie A CIV USARMY CESAS \(US\)](#)
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Julie A. Morgan
Archeologist
USACE
Savannah District

Ms. Morgan:

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the request for comments for the Savannah River Basin Project. The 27 counties referenced in Georgia are within our historic area of interest. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation would like to participate in any consultations in reference to this project. We wish to request copies of archeological reports, project maps, LA SHPO responses and other reports as they become available so we can review the project in detail. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Thank You,

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Federal and state agencies, museums, and consulting partners, as of October 1, 2015 please send all Section 106 project notices as well as all NAGPRA notices to our new section106@mcn-nsn.gov. Notices concerning these projects will no longer be sent to individual staff member's emails. We will be accepting and responding using the new Section 106 email. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 918-732-7733.

Telephone Conversation Record

1. Mr. Theodore Isham, THPO for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, called Julie Morgan, Archaeologist, PD on 6 Jan 2017. The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma wished to convey its interest in continued consultation regarding this action.