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November 13, 2008

Mr. Ray Aycock, Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Jackson Field Office
6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A
Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Aycock:

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Dr. Susan Rees
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District
Planning Division
109 St. Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Rees:

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Ms. Michelle Vinson
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Vinson:

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Mr. Andy Prosser
Bureau Director
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
P.O. Box 1609
Jackson, MS 39215

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Prosser:

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Mr. Don Underwood
Executive Director
Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 23005
Jackson, MS 39225-3005

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Underwood:

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Mr. James D. Giattina, Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4
Water Management Division
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth St, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Giattina:

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Mr. Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
100 W. Capitol Street, Suite 1321 Federal Building
Jackson MS 39269

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

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Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Chief
Mississippi Department of Transportation -Environmental Division
Administration Building
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

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Ms. Robin Zantow
Administrative Assistant
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

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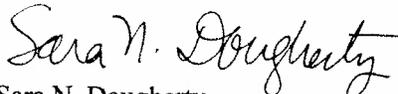
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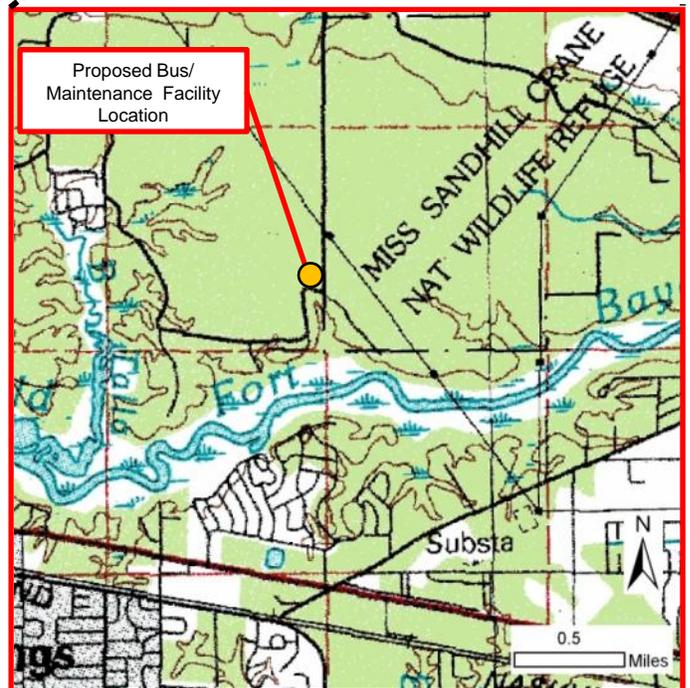
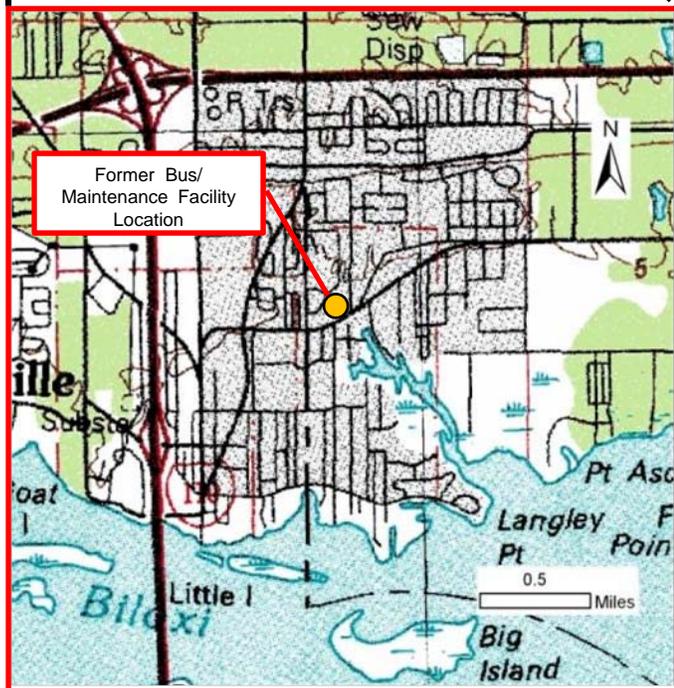
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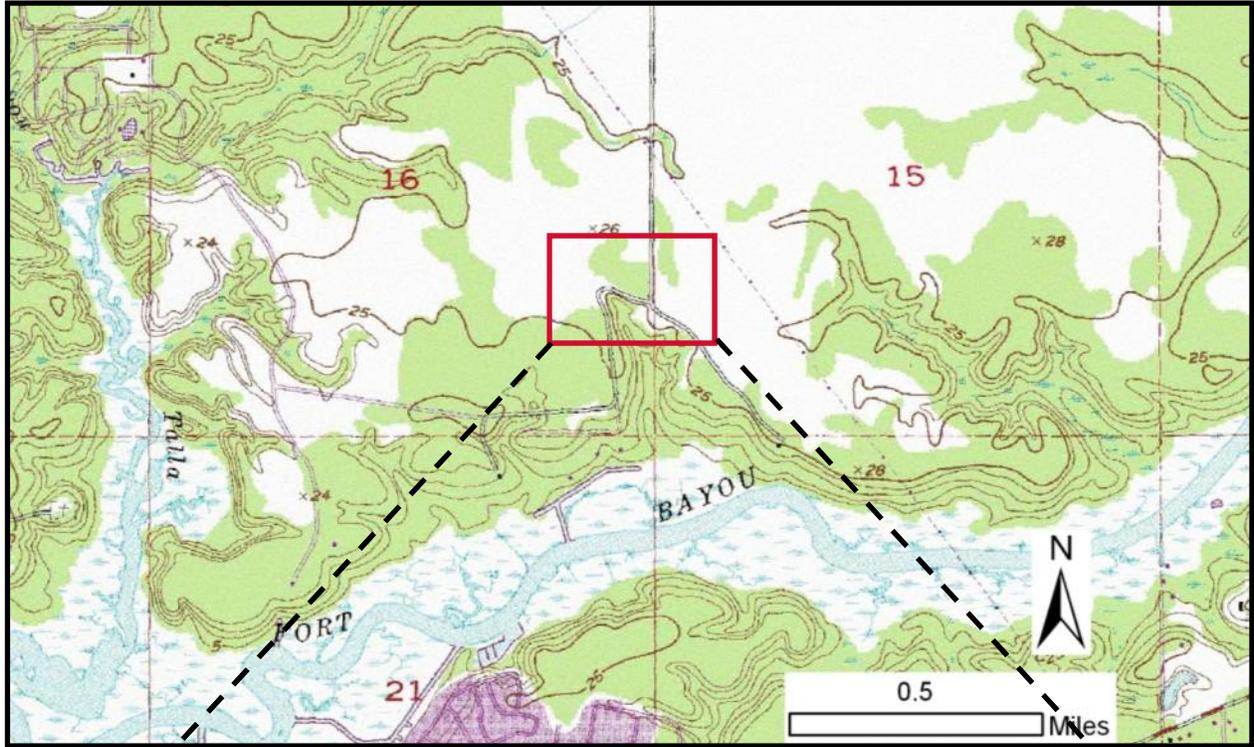
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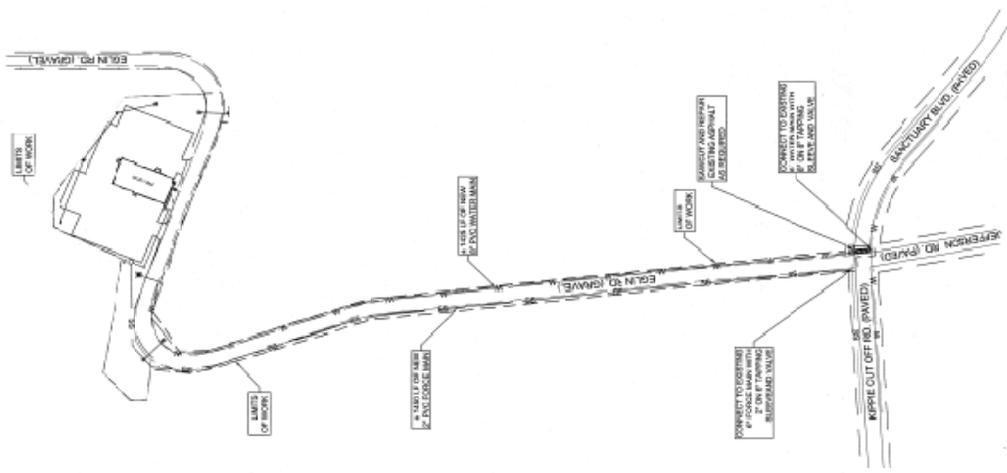
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CLIENT Jackson County School District			TITLE		PROJECT AREA
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REVISION NO	DES BY				PROJ NO 43002003
SCALE As shown	DR BY				FIGURE 1
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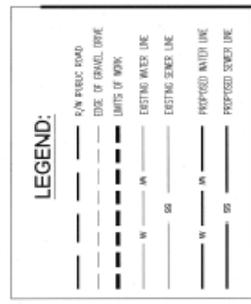
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2. OVERALL UTILITY PLAN
 CADW SCALE: 1" = 30'



1. PARTIAL UTILITY PLAN
 CADW SCALE: 1" = 30'



- UTILITY NOTES:**
- CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES AND CONNECTION POINTS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
 - SEE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS FOR INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES AND CONNECTIONS. MECHANICAL PADS AND/OR OTHER ITEMS NOT DETAILED BY CIVIL.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL FITTINGS AS REQUIRED TO THE EXISTING WATER MAIN AND SEWER MAIN AND TO THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER CLEAN OUTS AND TO THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER MAINS AND TO THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER MAINS AND TO THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER MAINS.
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Source: Guild Hardy Architects PA, Biloxi, MS

CLIENT Jackson County School District		TITLE	
PROJ St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility		PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN	
REVISION NO	DES BY	PROJ NO	43002003
SCALE	DR BY	FIGURE	3
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PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

Client Name: FEMA		Site Location: St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Relocation Project Eglin Road, Ocean Springs, MS	Project No. 43002003
Photo No. 1	Date: 10/31/08		
Direction Photo Taken: West			
Description: View of the proposed project site frontage along Eglin Road.			

Photo No. 2	Date: 10/31/08		
Direction Photo Taken: North			
Description: Interior view of the proposed project site.			



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ralph Thornton
Area Soil Scientist
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
113 Fairfield Drive, Suite 110
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

**Re: REVISED Form AD 1006 – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Project,
Jackson County, Mississippi**

Dear Mr. Thornton:

In response to your telephone conversation with Mr. Mehmet Secilmis of NISTAC on October 30, 2008, a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form AD 1006 for the above-referenced project was sent to you on November 11, 2008. Since then, additional information on the project has been received, which modifies our original estimates for soil disturbance. Attached are the revised form and a graphic showing the soils on the project site and the areas of impact (Figure 1).

NISTAC has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed relocation project and FEMA has requested that NISTAC submit Form AD 1006 to NRCS on their behalf.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by telephone at 973-739-9400 x 3211, electronic mail at sdougherty@dewberry.com, or U.S. mail at 600 Parsippany Road, Suite 301, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Sincerely,

NISTAC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara N. Dougherty", is written over the typed name.

Sara N. Dougherty
Geologist

STEPS IN THE PROCESSING THE FARMLAND AND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

- Step 1 - Federal agencies (or Federally funded projects) involved in proposed projects that may convert farmland, as defined in the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) to nonagricultural uses, will initially complete Parts I and III of the form. For Corridor type projects, the Federal agency shall use form NRCS-CPA-106 in place of form AD-1006. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) process may also be accessed by visiting the FPPA website, <http://fppa.nrcs.usda.gov/lesa/>.
- Step 2 - Originator (Federal Agency) will send one original copy of the form together with appropriate scaled maps indicating location(s) of project site(s), to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) local Field Office or USDA Service Center and retain a copy for their files. (NRCS has offices in most counties in the U.S. The USDA Office Information Locator may be found at http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip_public/USA_map, or the offices can usually be found in the Phone Book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. A list of field offices is available from the NRCS State Conservationist and State Office in each State.)
- Step 3 - NRCS will, within 10 working days after receipt of the completed form, make a determination as to whether the site(s) of the proposed project contains prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland. (When a site visit or land evaluation system design is needed, NRCS will respond within 30 working days.
- Step 4 - For sites where farmland covered by the FPPA will be converted by the proposed project, NRCS will complete Parts II, IV and V of the form.
- Step 5 - NRCS will return the original copy of the form to the Federal agency involved in the project, and retain a file copy for NRCS records.
- Step 6 - The Federal agency involved in the proposed project will complete Parts VI and VII of the form and return the form with the final selected site to the servicing NRCS office.
- Step 7 - The Federal agency providing financial or technical assistance to the proposed project will make a determination as to whether the proposed conversion is consistent with the FPPA.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

(For Federal Agency)

Part I: When completing the "County and State" questions, list all the local governments that are responsible for local land use controls where site(s) are to be evaluated.

Part III: When completing item B (Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly), include the following:

1. Acres not being directly converted but that would no longer be capable of being farmed after the conversion, because the conversion would restrict access to them or other major change in the ability to use the land for agriculture.
2. Acres planned to receive services from an infrastructure project as indicated in the project justification (e.g. highways, utilities planned build out capacity) that will cause a direct conversion.

Part VI: Do not complete Part VI using the standard format if a State or Local site assessment is used. With local and NRCS assistance, use the local Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA).

1. Assign the maximum points for each site assessment criterion as shown in § 658.5(b) of CFR. In cases of corridor-type project such as transportation, power line and flood control, criteria #5 and #6 will not apply and will, be weighted zero, however, criterion #8 will be weighed a maximum of 25 points and criterion #11 a maximum of 25 points.
2. Federal agencies may assign relative weights among the 12 site assessment criteria other than those shown on the FPPA rule after submitting individual agency FPPA policy for review and comment to NRCS. In all cases where other weights are assigned, relative adjustments must be made to maintain the maximum total points at 160. For project sites where the total points equal or exceed 160, consider alternative actions, as appropriate, that could reduce adverse impacts (e.g. Alternative Sites, Modifications or Mitigation).

Part VII: In computing the "Total Site Assessment Points" where a State or local site assessment is used and the total maximum number of points is other than 160, convert the site assessment points to a base of 160.

Example: if the Site Assessment maximum is 200 points, and the alternative Site "A" is rated 180 points:

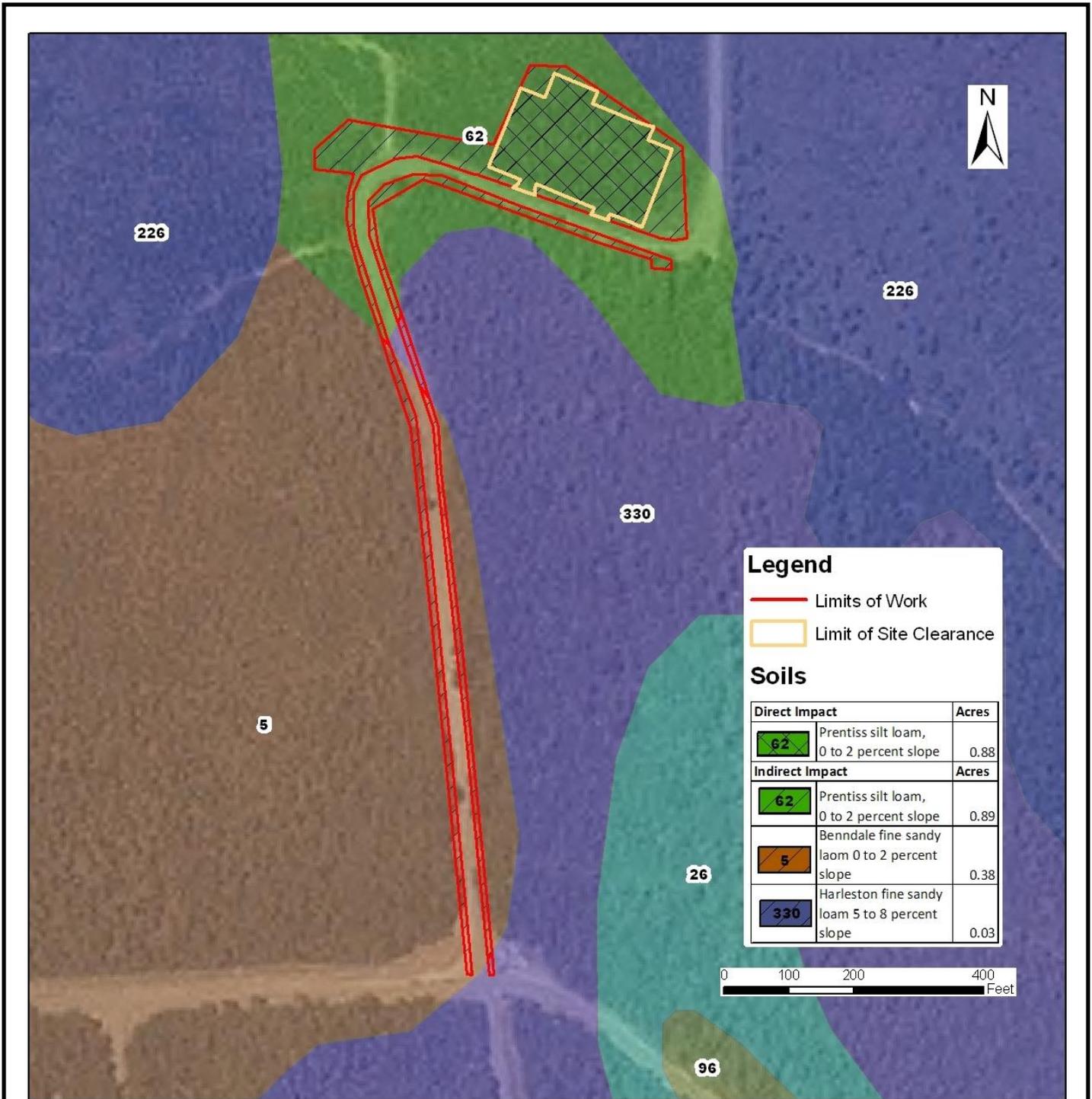
$$\frac{\text{Total points assigned Site A}}{\text{Maximum points possible}} = \frac{180}{200} \times 160 = 144 \text{ points for Site A}$$

For assistance in completing this form or FPPA process, contact the local NRCS Field Office or USDA Service Center.

NRCS employees, consult the FPPA Manual and/or policy for additional instructions to complete the AD-1006 form.

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request: 11/14/2008			
Name of Project: <i>St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility</i>		Federal Agency Involved: FEMA			
Proposed Land Use: <i>Bus/Maintenance Facility and Parking Lot</i>		County and State: Jackson County, MS			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS		Person Completing Form:	
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)</i>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %			
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		0.88			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		1.3			
C. Total Acres In Site		2.18			
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland					
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland					
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted					
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value					
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)					
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria <i>(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)</i>		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)			
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)			
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)			
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)			
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160			
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100			
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160			
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260			
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Reason For Selection:					
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:					Date:



Source: Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database for Jackson County, Mississippi U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service <http://SoilDataMart.nrcs.usda.gov/>

CLIENT Jackson County School District				TITLE FARMLAND SOILS	
PROJ St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility					
REVISION NO	DES BY				PROJ NO 43002003
SCALE As shown	DR BY				FIGURE 1
FILE	CHK BY				



Natural Resources Conservation Service
113 Fairfield Drive, Suite 110
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(601)296-1173 (phone)
(601)296-1253 (fax)

Subject: LESA Site Assessment, Jackson Co.

Date: Nov. 19, 2008

To: Sara N. Dougherty
Geologist
Dewberry & Davis, LLC
600 Parsippany Road, Suite 301
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Thank you for the opportunity to review your proposed project with St. Martin Bus and Maintenance Facility in Jackson Co. Attached is the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for the proposed project. This parcel has prime farmland soils on the site. Therefore there will be conversion of farmland for this parcel of 2.18 acres. If I can be of farther assistance call me at 601-296-1173.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph M. Thornton".

Ralph M. Thornton
Area Soil Scientist

cc: Wesley Kerr, AC, Hattiesburg, MS
Tyree Harrington, Lead DC, Gulfport, MS

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request: 11/14/2008			
Name of Project: St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility		Federal Agency Involved: FEMA			
Proposed Land Use: Bus/Maintenance Facility and Parking Lot		County and State: Jackson County, MS			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS: 11/10/08	Person Completing Form: Ralph Thornton		
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated: 0	Average Farm Size: 76
Major Crop(s): Hayland, Peanuts, & small grains	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 162,580 % 33.6	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 162,580 % 33.6			
Name of Land Evaluation System Used: L.E.S.A.	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System: None	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS: 11/19/08			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		0.88			
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PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		2.18			
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland					
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0.000013			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		16.5			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		82.5			
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)			
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)			
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)			
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)			
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160			
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100			
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160			
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260			
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection:	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Reason For Selection:					
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:					Date:

(See Instructions on reverse side)

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request: 11/14/2008			
Name of Project: <i>St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility</i>		Federal Agency Involved: FEMA			
Proposed Land Use: <i>Bus/Maintenance Facility and Parking Lot</i>		County and State: Jackson County, MS			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS: <i>11/10/08</i>		Person Completing Form: <i>Ralph Thornton</i>	
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)</i>		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated: <i>0</i>	Average Farm Size: <i>76</i>
Major Crop(s): <i>Hayland, Peanuts, small grains</i>	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: <i>162,580</i> % <i>33.6</i>	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <i>162,580</i> % <i>33.6</i>			
Name of Land Evaluation System Used: <i>L.E.S.A.</i>	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System: <i>None</i>	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS: <i>11/17/08</i>			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
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C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		<i>0.000013</i>			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		<i>16.5</i>			
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1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)	<i>15</i>		
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)	<i>10</i>		
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)	<i>0</i>		
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)	<i>0</i>		
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)	<i>15</i>		
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)	<i>0</i>		
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)	<i>0</i>		
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)	<i>10</i>		
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)	<i>5</i>		
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)	<i>0</i>		
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)	<i>0</i>		
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)	<i>5</i>		
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	<i>60</i>		
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	<i>82.5</i>		
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160	<i>60</i>		
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	<i>142.5</i>		
Site Selected: <i>A</i>	Date Of Selection: <i>12/2/2008</i>	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Reason For Selection: <i>Only viable alternative</i>					
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form: <i>Nicholas</i>					Date: <i>12-09-08</i>
<i>(See Instructions on reverse side)</i>					



FEMA

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December 5, 2008

Mr. Jim Woodrick
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Historic Preservation Division
P.O. Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Woodrick:

The Jackson County School District (District) has applied for federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an improved project to relocate the St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility to a new location approximately 6 miles away. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the District Bus/Maintenance Facilities were located in Buildings N and P on the St. Martin Middle School Campus on Lemoyne Boulevard. These facilities were located within the 100-year floodplain and the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Zone. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Mississippi, inundating and destroying the two bus/maintenance buildings. With damages in excess of the 50% repair/replacement ratio, FEMA's criteria for demolition and replacement of the facilities were met.

The District proposes to relocate its Bus/Maintenance Facility to a new site located on Elgin Road in Ocean Springs (see Figures 1 and 2). The proposed project site is outside the 100-year floodplain and ABFE. The proposed project site is wooded, bound on the north and west by forest, and on the south and east by Elgin Road, which will provide access to the site (see Photographic Log).

As proposed, the new facility is a one-story 5,641-square-foot pre-engineered steel building with a mechanical platform. The bus maintenance portion of the building will contain two bus repair bays, one service truck bay, an office, a lounge area, and a storage area. The maintenance portion of the building will contain maintenance areas for carpentry, plumbing and electrical repairs, and storage. The new building will rest on a concrete slab on grade and will be designed to meet the IBC 2003 building code at a minimum. An asphalt parking area with 37 spaces will surround the building on three sides. There are no utilities on site; all utilities will be brought to the site from the south where Elgin Road intersects with Yellow Jacket Boulevard (see Figure 3). Correspondence with the Architects of Guild Hardy revealed that 2 feet of fill will be added to the existing grade to elevate it to 27 feet. The Architects also mentioned that approximately 1 foot of existing soil will be removed from the entire site before the addition of fill.

Paul Drummond, a FEMA Archaeologist qualified under the *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards* (36 CFR Part 61) in the discipline of archaeology, conducted an assessment of the project's potential to affect historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE is the geographic area within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if such properties exist. For archaeological resources, the APE consists of the proposed project site, defined as the legal parcel on which the facility will be located; for above-ground historic properties, the APE is extended out to a 0.5-mile radius around the proposed project site, as established through FEMA consultation with the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

On July 30, 2008, Mr. Drummond visited the site and determined that no historic properties were visible within the APE. However, the project area is within a high-probability area for archaeological resources as it is located on the terrace of Fort Bayou and at the head of a drainage leading directly into Fort Bayou. Four (4) large Phase 1 archaeological surveys have been conducted in similar environments within a 2-mile radius of the project area. All have produced negative results. Most notably, 07-016 and 07-137, were 40-acre assessments done by FEMA contractors in connection with the replacement of local school buildings. Both surveys were conducted less than 1 mile to the west of the APE. Survey number 99-206 was a 200-acre assessment along the terrace of Fort Bayou and conducted less than 1 mile south of the APE. The final assessment, 84-179, was a small private survey on the south side of Fort Bayou conducted approximately 1 mile south of the APE.

The APE is surrounded by forest on all sides and no residential buildings currently exist within the 0.5 mile radius. The nearest residential buildings are approximately 1 mile south and southeast and are new construction.

In conclusion, several Phase 1 archaeological surveys have been conducted within a 2-mile radius of the project area and all have produced negative results. However, due to the fact that 1 foot of soil will be removed from the site, FEMA has determined that the entire site area will be tested for subsurface cultural resources.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Paul Drummond by telephone at (228) 594-2960 or electronic mail at paul.a.drummond@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Michael Grisham
Environmental Liaison Officer
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December 5, 2008

Mr. Kenneth H. Carleton
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39305

Re: Request for Project Review – St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility Relocation Project, City of Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi

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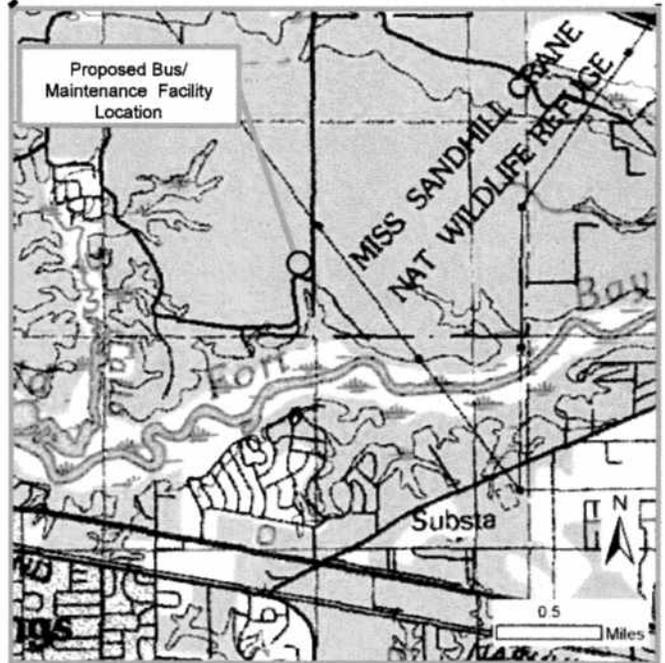
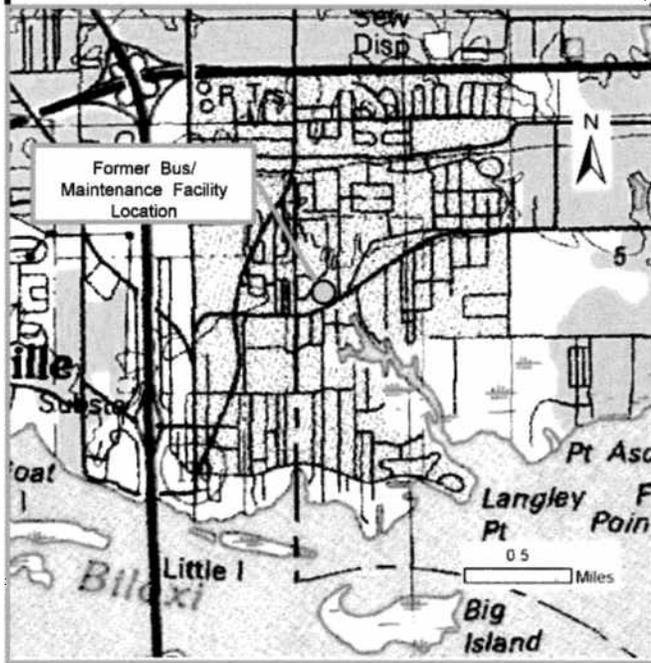
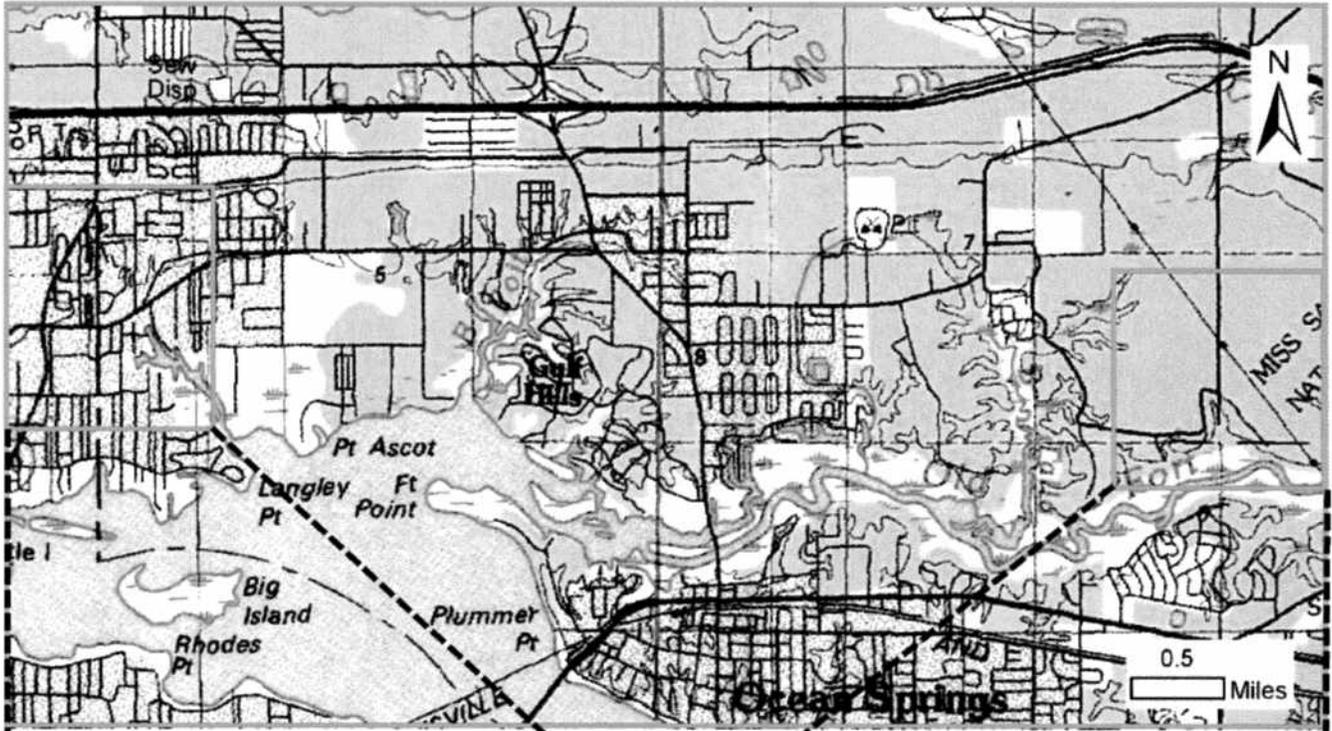
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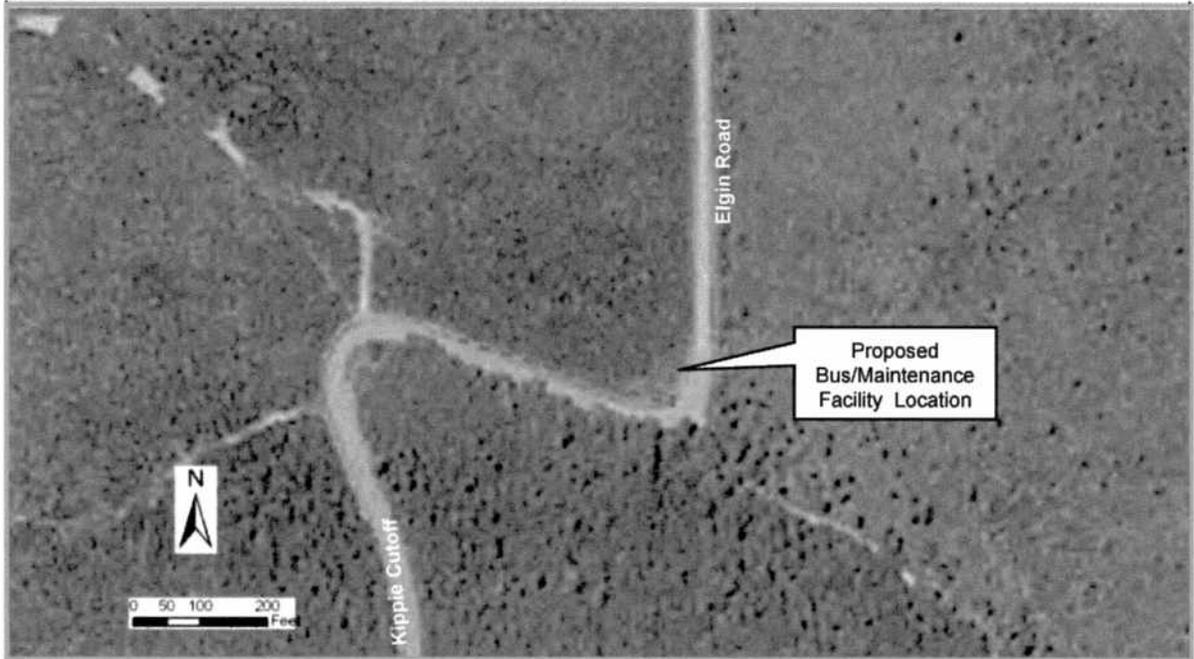
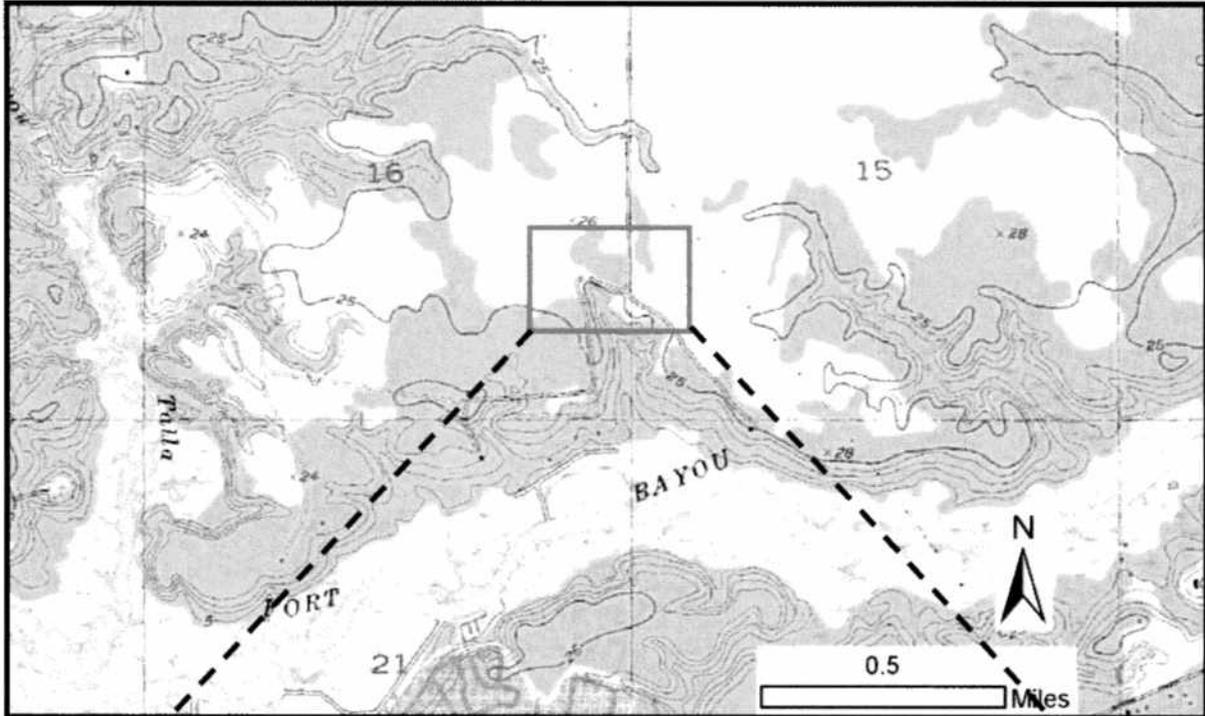


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FEMA-1604-DR-MS



Source: 30X60 Minute U.S.G.S. Topographic Map, Biloxi, MS, AL, LA. 1982

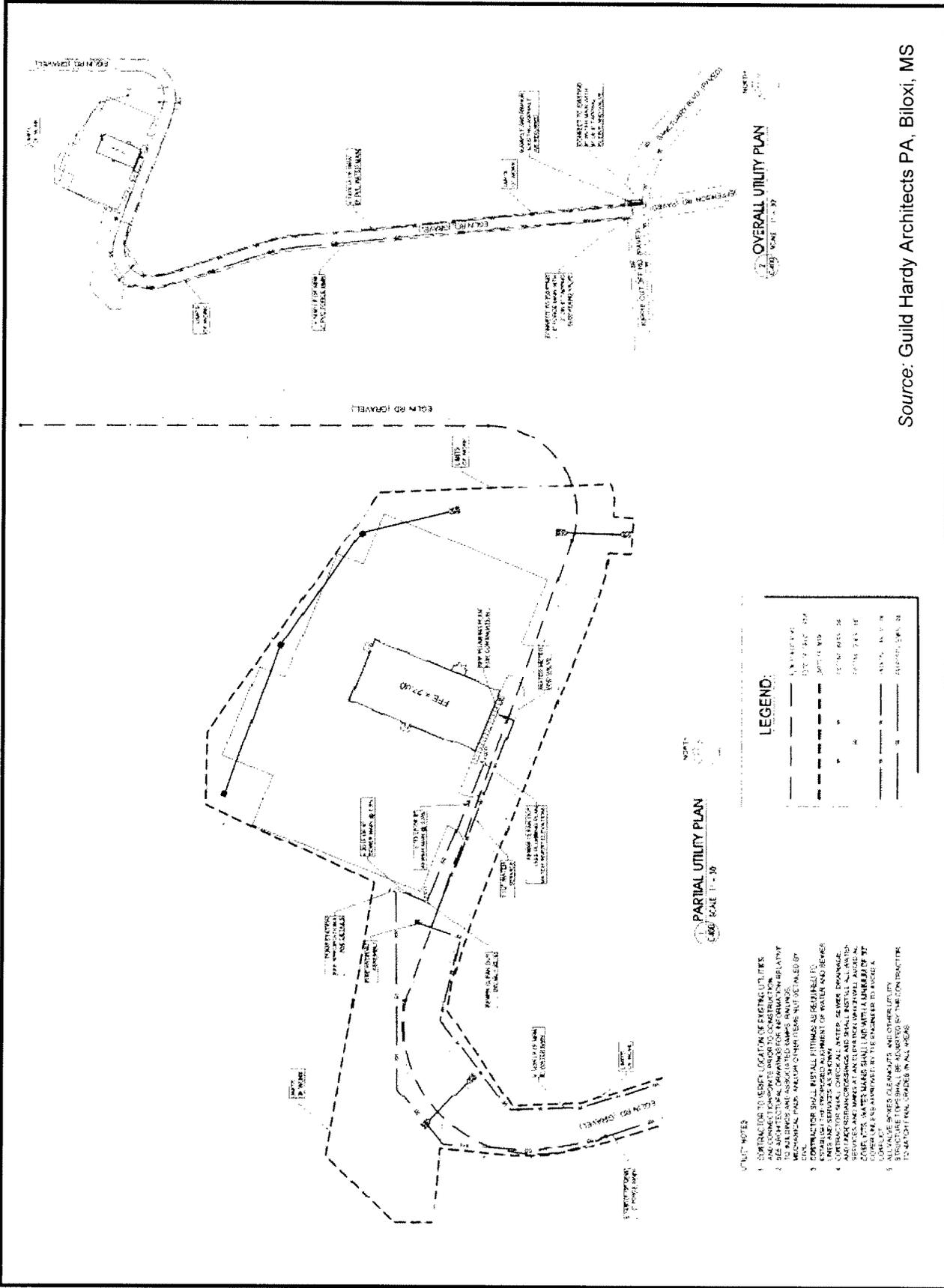
CLIENT Jackson County School District			TITLE		PROJECT AREA
PROJ St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility					
REVISION NO	DES BY				PROJ NO 43002003
SCALE As shown	DR BY				FIGURE
FILE	CHK BY				1



CLIENT Jackson County School District			
PROJ St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility			
REVISION NO	DES BY		
SCALE As shown	DR BY		
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TITLE		PROJECT LOCATION	
		PROJ NO	43002003
		FIGURE	2





Source: Guild Hardy Architects PA, Biloxi, MS

CLIENT Jackson County School District		TITLE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN	
PROJ St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility	PROJ NO 43002003		
REVISION NO	FIGURE 3		
SCALE			
FILE		DES BY	
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		CHK BY	

Client Name:

Jackson County School District

Site Location:

Elgin Rd., Ocean Springs, MS. Jackson County

Project No.Date
12/3/08Data
PointPhoto
No.
1**Direction Photo Taken:**

East facing west.

Description:South frontage of APE
along Elgin Rd.Date
12/3/08Data
PointPhoto
No.
2**Direction Photo Taken:**

West facing east

Description:Southeast corner of APE
showing typical vegetation.

Client Name: Jackson County School District			Site Location: Elgin Rd., Ocean Springs, MS. Jackson County			Project No.		
Date 12/3/08	Data Point	Photo No. 3						
Direction Photo Taken: South facing north								
Description: Interior showing existing vegetation.								

Date 12/3/08	Data Point	Photo No. 4						
Direction Photo Taken: North facing south								
Description: Interior showing existing vegetation.								

Client Name:

Jackson County School District

Site Location:

Elgin Rd., Ocean Springs, MS. Jackson County

Project No.**Date**
12/3/08**Data**
Point**Photo**
No.
5**Direction Photo Taken:**

Southeast facing northwest

Description:Southern edge of APE
showing vegetation and
dumped trash.



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RE: Proposed relocation of the St. Martin Bus/Maintenance Facility, City of Ocean Springs, MDAH Project Log #12-052-08, Jackson County

Dear Mike:

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resource assessment, received on December 10, 2008, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, we would not recommend Phase I testing of the project area. However, should FEMA determine to proceed with a Phase I survey, we will be happy to review the resulting report and comment accordingly.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,


Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

c: Clearinghouse for Federal Programs