

Proposal: Phase I Archaeological Survey for Brookshire Park, Gordon County, Georgia (Revised)



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INTRODUCTION

Gordon County has requested a Phase I archaeological survey in order to assist their efforts in constructing a passive park at an existing boat ramp located at 2331-2417 Roland Hayes Parkway SW in Calhoun. The proposed park would consist of additional parking, a picnic pavilion, a walking trail, and frisbee golf course. The previously unsurveyed portion of the parent tract (proposed archaeological survey area) is approximately 4.5 acres in size. Prior to the construction of the boat ramp in 2010, a limited archaeological survey was conducted in the vicinity of the boat ramp and a prehistoric archaeological site was identified. According to the October 26, 2020 response letter from the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD), the previously identified archaeological site is eligible for inclusion to the NRHP. GA HPD has recommended that a Phase I archaeological survey be conducted of the previously unsurveyed portion of the parent tract of land to determine the boundary of the identified archaeological site as well as the site's integrity since it has likely been disturbed by the construction of the boat ramp.

SCOPE OF WORK

ECA understands that the scope of work would include a Phase I archaeological survey and report of an area measuring up to, but not to exceed approximately 4.5 acres (unsurveyed portion of the parent tract). The archaeological survey would include background research, archaeological fieldwork, and a report of our findings. All aspects of the Phase I Archaeological Survey and Report will be completed to the specifications provided in the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists' guidelines for archaeological investigation (GCPA 2019).

1. **Background Research** – ECA will examine the records at the Georgia Archaeological Site File (GASF) as well as Georgia's Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources GIS GNAHRGIS in order to review relevant data related to the identified archaeological sites on the parent tract and nearby properties. In addition, records such as historic aerial photographs, historic maps, plat and deed records, or any other pertinent information identified at local or state archives may also be reviewed.
2. **Fieldwork** – ECA will conduct a thorough subsurface and pedestrian survey of the proposed survey area and to identify the presence or absence of cultural resources on the property. A pedestrian survey will be conducted at 5-meter (16-foot) intervals across the proposed survey area (approximately 4.5 acres in size). Subsurface testing would consist of close-interval shovel testing at approximate 15-meter (50-foot) intervals throughout the proposed survey area. In total, approximately 90 shovel test pits are proposed. If cultural features or dense artifact scatters are encountered additional shovel test pits or 1-meter by 1-meter test units may be necessary.



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3. **Laboratory Analysis and Report** – ECA will conduct a preliminary analysis of artifacts identified during fieldwork investigations and prepare these artifacts for curation. After the artifacts are analyzed and processed, they will be returned to the Gordon County government. In the event that artifacts are recovered, ECA will compile a new site form or update the existing site form and submit to the GASF. ECA will also prepare a report of our findings which will be completed to the standards provided in the GCPA’s Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological surveys (GCPA 2019).

FEE ESTIMATE

ECA will perform the outlined scope of work according to the following pricing schedule:

1. Background Research	\$900
2. Fieldwork (Total)	\$4,206
3. Laboratory Analysis and Report	\$7,144
Total	\$12,250

*The above outlined scope of work does not include geophysical testing, artifact curation, metal detector survey, cemetery delineation, or burial relocation.

SCHEDULE

ECA is prepared to begin work on the outlined scopes within one week of notice to proceed. Background research will be completed within 10 business days of project authorization. The archaeological survey and report will be completed and delivered to Gordon County for their review and comment within approximately eight (8) weeks of project authorization. In the event that the project is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, or other issues arise, ECA will maintain open lines of communication with all parties in order to efficiently and accurately address concerns.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

ECA currently employs twelve professional archaeologists and four architectural historians/historic preservation specialists. Members of ECA’s cultural resource staff exceed the Secretary of Interior’s qualifications standards for Archaeologists and Historians and excel in professionalism and productivity. Our cultural resources staff have a combined total of 160 years of experience conducting all phases of archaeological and architectural investigation and report preparation.

Dina M. Bazzill, MA, RPA is the Vice-President of ECA’s Cultural Department and is a Secretary of the Interior-Qualified Archaeologist and Historian. She has an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Missouri State University with an emphasis in Archaeology. She received her Master’s in Maritime Studies from East Carolina University with an emphasis in Underwater Archaeology. Ms. Bazzill has eighteen years of experience conducting cultural resource assessments, archaeological fieldwork, lab work, and authoring and reviewing reports.



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Matthew T. Beazley, MA, RPA, Principal Investigator, is a Secretary of the Interior-Qualified Archaeologist and Historian. He has an undergraduate degree in History from Georgia College and State University. He received his Master's in liberal studies with an emphasis in Anthropology from North Carolina State University. Mr. Beazley has seventeen years of experience conducting cultural resource assessments, archaeological fieldwork, lab work, and authoring and reviewing reports.

Joe Anderson, MA, Principal Archaeologist, is a Secretary of the Interior-Qualified Archaeologist and Historian. He has an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Auburn University. He received his Master's in Anthropology from the University of Alabama. Mr. Anderson has ten years of experience conducting cultural resource assessments, archaeological fieldwork, lab work, and authoring reports.

Laurel Bartlett, Ph.D., Principal Architectural Historian, is a Secretary of the Interior-Qualified Architectural Historian and Historian. She has a Masters in Historic Preservation from Clemson University and the College of Charleston. She received her Doctorate in Planning, Design, and the Built Environment from Clemson University with a concentration in Historic Preservation completing visitor impact research at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Dr. Bartlett has ten years of professional Historic Preservation experience and seven years of experience conducting cultural resource assessments, architectural history surveys, HABS/HAER documentation, NRHP evaluations, and authoring and reviewing reports. She has supervised and conducted all aspects of architectural historic surveys throughout the southeast, including hundreds of surveys for transportation and infrastructure-related undertakings.

CLOSURE

Thank you for the opportunity. ECA understands the significance of this endeavor and we appreciate the opportunity to provide you this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dina M. Bazzill at (770) 667-2040 x. 111, dina.bazzill@eca-usa.com.

Sincerely,
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Attachment A
Aerial Photograph of Proposed Survey Area



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Approximate property boundary in red. Proposed archaeological survey area in blue.

Attachment B
SHPO Letter



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October 26, 2020

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**RE: LWCF: Add Park to Boat Ramp, Brookshire Park,
2331-2417 Roland Hayes Parkway SW, Calhoun
Gordon County, Georgia
HP-200930-028**

Dear Ms. Bishop:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the information submitted concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the National Park Service and its applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

The subject project consists of creating a passive park at an existing circa 2010 boat ramp located at 2331-2417 Roland Hayes Parkway SW in Calhoun, including adding parking, a picnic pavilion, a walking trail, and frisbee golf. Based on the information received and additional desktop research, HPD finds that the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible archaeological site 9GO302 is within the proposed project's area of potential effect (APE). However, the previous survey did not cover the entire APE and the site boundary has not been fully delineated. To determine the extent of the site, HPD recommends having a Phase I archaeological survey conducted by a Secretary of the Interior's-qualified archaeologist for the remainder of the APE. Additionally, if significant ground disturbance has occurred in the past ten (10) years, HPD also recommends verifying whether site 9GO302 retains integrity.

We look forward to reviewing the requested information and working with you as this project progresses. Please refer to project number **HP-200930-028** in any future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 389-7851 or Jennifer.dixon@dca.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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