

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

APPEARANCE FORM FOR COMPLETION BY PERSON/PERSONS DESIRING  
TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(please contact Annette Berry, County Clerk or Jim Ledbetter, County administrator to process this  
request form to appear before the Board of Commissioners)

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ENOG - Environmental Defense of Ga  
Organization, if any, on whose behalf you wish to appear

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Address of organization

Subject matter which you wish to discuss and a statement as to what you desire to have done:

Historic Preservation - Preserve the Home of  
the Cherokee

Do you expect to make a complaint, or report of improper action on the part of any department or  
official or other employee? YES  NO

If yes, please list the name and title of that person or department

Give reasons for your complaint or request. Give dates, places and what was done or not done and  
why you consider it to be improper or in need of improvements.

Signature: [Signature] Date 9/17/21

APPROVED BY: [Signature] Date: 9-21-2021  
Board of Commissioner, County Administrator, or others

Environmental Defense of Georgia (EDOG), with its members, and along with the public's support, would like to ask the Gordon County Board of Commissioners to consider requesting the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to come along side EDOG to take the steps of implementing the following actions to protect and preserve our national history -

“To guide the selection of properties included in the National Register, the National Park Service (NPS) has developed the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. These criteria are standards by which every property that is nominated to the National Register is judged. In addition, the NPS has developed criteria for the recognition of nationally significant properties, which are designated National Historic Landmarks and prehistoric and historic units of the National Park System. Both these sets of criteria were developed to be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation, which are uniform, national standards from Preservation activities.

This publication explains how the NPS applies these criteria in evaluating the wide range of properties that may be significant in local, State, and national history.

It should be used by anyone who must decide if a particular property qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places.

Listing properties in the National Register is an important step in a nationwide preservation process. The responsibility for the identification, initial evaluation, nomination, and treatment of historic resources lies with private individuals, State historic preservation offices, and Federal preservation offices, local governments, and Indian tribes. The final evaluation and listing of properties in the National Register is the responsibility of the Keeper of the National Register.”

*Quoted from How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation document dated 1990*

The Audubon area of Gordon County is the proposed site as listed below:

1. Thousand plus years of (Creek Indian or) Muscogean Indian Chiefdom located on the Coosawattee River before 1540. Home of the Muscogee Indian.
2. Hernando de DeSoto came in 1540 to the Chiefdom located on the Coosawattee River. Historical site of Hernando de DeSoto.
3. Cherokee Indians move into North Georgia in the mid-1700s re-establishing a capital called 'Ustanali' on the banks of the Coosawattee River near what is known as the town of Audubon. The true home of the Cherokee from Pine Chapel to Carter's Dam.
4. The town of Audubon named after Naturalist, John James Audubon, in 1825, because of his time spent here drawing his portfolio before it was published. The temporary home of John James Audubon.
5. In 1864, William Tecumseh Sherman's Army camped in and around the town of Audubon and much of Northern Gordon County after fighting the Battle of Resaca. This is the home of the place the Army of the North regrouped, resupplied, and strategized how to burn much of the rest of Georgia to the ground. William Tecumseh Sherman.

These 5 points are a start of a list that contain many more facts and could be part of the national registry on their own. Although we of Gordon County are behind the time of this historic preservation opportunity, before public or private companies come in to develop, steps to begin this process can begin now.

Environmental Defense of Georgia (EDOG), with its members, and along with the public's support, would like to ask the Gordon County Board of Commissioners to consider joining the request of Coosa River Basin Initiative (CRBI) in applying for the protection of the Coosawattee River to receive 'Wild and Scenic River Designation'. This is a process that may take as many as 5 years to achieve. We will need the support of both Gordon County and Murray County Commissioners to get this initiated. EDOG would simply ask the Gordon County Commissioners to ask Kyle Ellis, Calhoun City Director of Water and Wastewater, with assisting CRBI, EDOG, DNR, etc. on this project going forward. Greg Hogan, Murray County Commissioner, is in full support of this designation for the Coosawattee River as well.