

**Railroad Abandonment in Prince Edward County , VA (DHR File No.2014-0040)****Joshua Wayland** to: Andrea.kampinen

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Hi Andrea,

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of summer! I was just contacted by the Bill Mullens, the representative of Norfolk Southern Railway Company regarding a railroad abandonment in Prince Edward County. You and I spoke about this case some time ago; it is located adjacent to the High Bridge Trail State Park, near Pamplin City. The DHR File Number is 2014-0040 and the Surface Transportation Board Docket Number is AB 290 (Sub-No. 361X). As you might remember, my agency issued a decision on May 6 that imposed a condition to prevent the railroad from salvaging the railroad until the Section 106 process is complete.

Back when the case first started, you requested that the railroad conduct an DHR archives search in order to help you identify any historic properties in the project APE. Mr. Mullens sent me the results of the archives this afternoon and asked me to forward them to you; please find them attached. Since it's already rather late in the day, I will follow up with you by phone tomorrow to make sure that you got the files that you need. I will be happy to send any additional information that might you might find useful- just let me know.



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Thanks as always and warm regards,

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May 27, 2014

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RE: **ORC Project Review Archives Search**
Rail Line- Pamplin City

Dear William A. Mullins:

Thank you for your recent request for information from our archives on previously recorded archaeological and architectural resources within the area of potential effect, as delineated on your map, for the above-referenced project. Please note that your request for information from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Archives concerning the location of historic resources does not relieve you or your client from possible obligations under state or federal historic preservation regulations. I strongly recommend that you contact **Roger Kirchen**, DHR's Resource Services and Review Division at (804) 482-6091, if you have any questions concerning state and federal regulatory requirements.

Enclosed are the maps showing the locations of any archaeological or architectural resources within your project area. Copies of files on resources found within your project area are also enclosed. These copies include survey and site forms, photographs, and other pertinent material.

Also included is a spreadsheet printout from our architectural database with information on properties within your project area. The printout contains the DHR file number, resource name, register status (the "V/N" column), eligibility status ("Y" for potentially eligible, "N" for not potentially eligible and blank if not previously evaluated by DHR), and date of eligibility determination.

We have also examined our records for information concerning eligibility determinations for archaeological sites within your project area. If any such determinations have been made, a spreadsheet printout from our archaeological database with information on sites within your project area has been included. The printout contains the DHR site number, resource name, register status, eligibility status ("Y" for eligible, "N" for not eligible, "potentially" if found potentially eligible and blank if not previously evaluated by DHR), and date of eligibility determination.

Finally, an invoice is enclosed for the charges incurred through your use of our archives search service.

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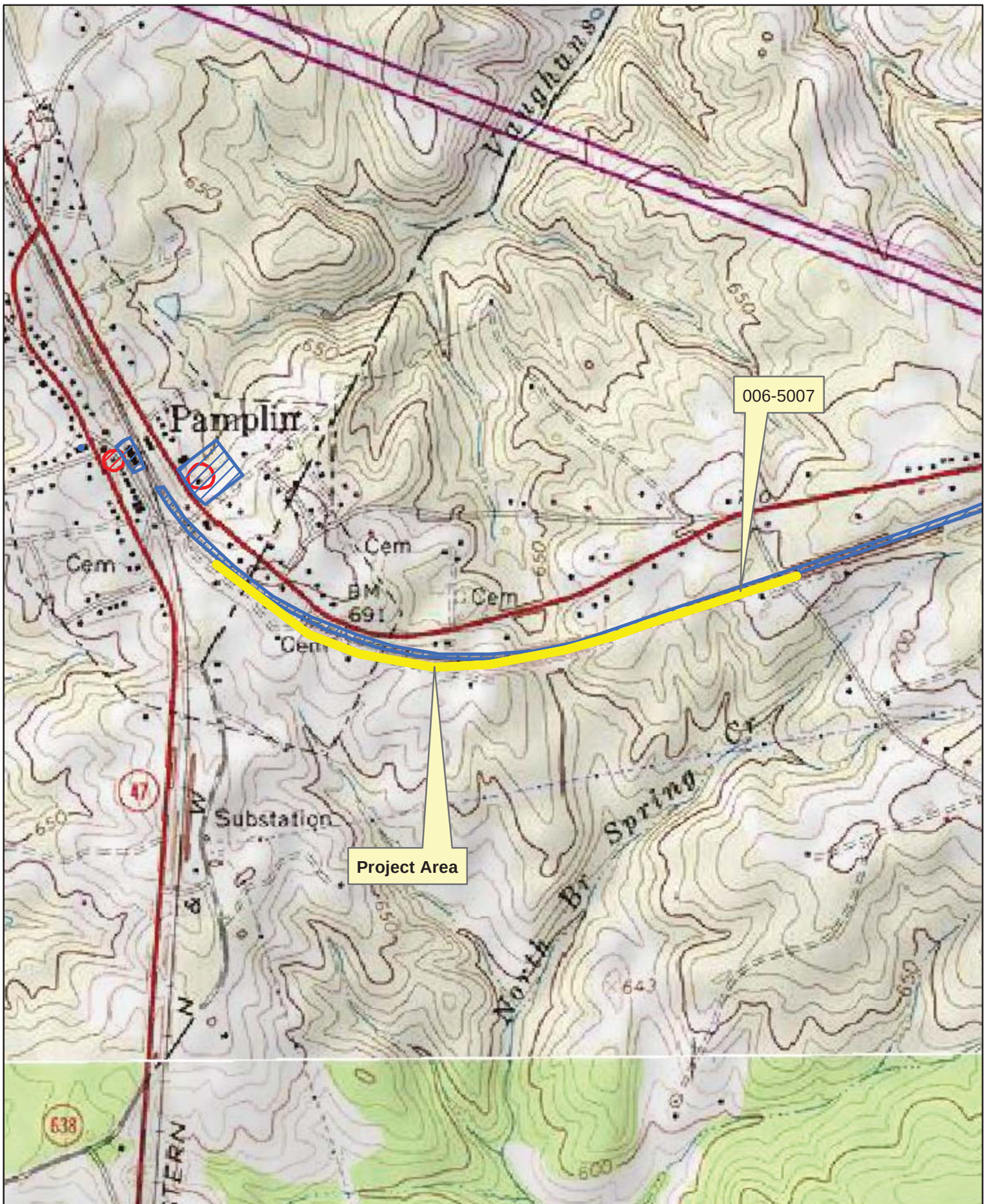
fitness of the data for any purpose. The absence of historic resources in DHR records does not necessarily mean that no historic properties are present. It is advisable to check with local government planning offices for information on any properties that may meet the age and significance tests of the National Register criteria and have not yet been recorded in the DHR archives. Also, the area in question may not have been systematically surveyed for resources, possibly necessitating a survey and submittal of that data with your Project Review application.

Sincerely,



Lauren Leake
Archives - DHR

DHR_File_No	Resource_Name	City_County	Quad	Register_Easement	Comment	Eligibility	Eligibility_Date	City_County_Type
006-5007	High Bridge Trail State Park (Norfolk Southern Rail Line)	Appomattox	Farmville et al		nomination, 2009(?)	Y	01-Jul-04	CO



Abandonment of 1 Mile of Norfolk Southern Rail Line-
 Town of Pamplin
 Prince Edward, VA
 May 27, 2014
 L. Leake

Legend

- Project Area
- Architecture Resources
- Archaeological Resources

Sources: VDHR 2013, USGS 2002
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1 inch = 1,000 feet



Property Information

Property Names

Name Explanation	Name
Historic	Norfolk Southern Rail Line
Current	High Bridge Trail State Park

Property Evaluation Status

DHR Staff: Potentially Eligible

This Property is associated with the High Bridge Trail State Park.

Property Addresses

Current - Route 460

County/Independent City(s): Appomattox (County), Cumberland (County), Nottoway (County), Prince Edward (County)

Incorporated Town(s): No Data

Zip Code(s): No Data

Magisterial District(s): No Data

Tax Parcel(s): No Data

USGS Quad(s): CREWE WEST, FARMVILLE, GREEN BAY, PAMPLIN, PROSPECT, RICE

Additional Property Information

Architecture Setting: Transportation Corridor

Acreage: 608

Site Description:

31 mile stretch of abandoned rail line in Appomattox and Nottoway counties.

April 2008: The High Bridge Trail State Park encompasses 608 acres along a 33.5 mile stretch of an abandoned railroad corridor. The line extends between Pamplin, on the west, and Burkesville, on the east, and roughly parallels U.S. Route 460. The corridor passes through several small towns in a largely rural region. Much of the immediate vicinity of the corridor is heavily wooded. The two bridges cross, in a southeasterly-northwesterly direction, the low-lying flood plain of the Appomattox River. Conifers and deciduous trees forest the area to either side of the crossing, while small shrubs vegetate the cleared land around the bridge piers. The 1914 bridge is sited slightly northeast of the 1854 remains and extends between two, steep, wooded bluffs. The railroad tracks were removed from the corridor in 2005, and the grade is currently covered in crushed stone. Wooden utility poles line much of the rail-bed.

April 2008: There are no secondary resources associated with this property.

Surveyor Assessment:

End Year: 1865
Date Source: Written Data
Type: Historical Event
Notes: Union troops tried to burn bridge to block the Confederate retreat to Appomattox.

2004: 33-mile stretch of rail line that includes the pre-Civil War era High Bridge (with a new trestle dating to 1912) is being abandoned by Norfolk Southern. The corridor has strong Civil War connections and the bridge, though the trestle is a replacement, is a well-known landmark and was regularly painted and photographed from the 1850s forward.

RTD article, 10/27/2004: "On April 6, 1865, Union forces tried to burn the bridge to block the Confederate retreat to Appomattox. Confederate cavalry saved the bridge, and the next day Confederate forces crossed the bridge and succeeded in burning the four western sections, one of which fell into the river. Union troops crossed the river on the lower wagon bridge."

2007: Soon to be converted to the new High Bridge Trail State Park, for use by the general public for a number of non-motorized activities, including hiking, running, bicycling and horseback riding. Decking and side rails will be added to High Bridge, and the track will be removed for the trail along the course of the entire 31 mile park.

April 2008:

Surveyor Recommendation: Legacy

Ownership

Ownership Category	Ownership Entity
State Govt	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Primary Resource Information

Resource Category: Transportation
Resource Type: Rail-Related
Date of Construction: 1854
Historic Time Period: Antebellum Period (1830 - 1860)
Historic Context(s): Commerce/Trade, Industry/Processing/Extraction, Military/Defense, Technology/Engineering, Transportation/Communication
Architectural Style: No Discernable Style
Form: *No Data*
Number of Stories: *No Data*
Condition: Good
Interior Plan: *No Data*
Threats to Resource: Development

Architectural Description:

2004: 33-mile stretch of railroad between Pamplin and Burkeville. Rail line includes High Bridge, about 15 minutes east of Farmville by rail. Built in 1854 of wooden stone piers.

2007: 31-mile stretch of rail line was transferred to the state from Norfolk Southern, for use as a rails-to-trails connecting Pamplin to Burkeville, running through Prospect, Farmville, High Bridge and Rice.

April 2008: The 608-acre district encompasses the 33.5-mile stretch of abandoned railroad corridor that extends between the towns of Pamplin and Burkeville, passing through Farmville, Rice, and Prospect. The corridor includes the site of two architecturally- and historically-significant bridges that cross the Appomattox River and a major Civil War battle.

Secondary Resource Information

Secondary Resource #1

Resource Category: *No Data*
Resource Type: *No Data*
Architectural Style: *No Data*
Form: *No Data*
Date of Construction: *No Data*
Condition: *No Data*
Threats to Resource: *No Data*
Architectural Description:

No Data

Historic District Information

Historic District Name: High Bridge Trail State Park
Local Historic District Name: *No Data*
Historic District Significance: *No Data*

CRM Events

Event Type: NRHP Nomination

DHR ID: 006-5007
Staff Name: Andre, Elizabeth
Event Date: 4/9/2008
Staff Comment

No Data

Event Type: DHR Staff: Potentially Eligible

DHR ID: 006-5007

Staff Name: DHR

Event Date: 7/1/2004

Staff Comment

Project Review
Marc Holma presenting:
Norfolk & Southern Railroad, Appomattox and Nottoway counties, DHR Project Review File Number 2004-0835, DHR File Number 006-5007.
The resource, a 33 mile stretch of the Norfolk & Southern railroad that includes the pre-Civil War –era High Bridge (with a new trestle dating to 1912) is being abandoned by Norfolk & Southern. The corridor has strong Civil War connections, and the bridge – though the trestle is a replacement – is a well-known landmark and was regularly painted and photographed from the 1850s forward. The committee recommends that the corridor is potentially eligible for listing for its Civil War associations and its role in the transportation history of the Commonwealth.

Bibliographic Information

Bibliography:

No Data

Property Notes:

No Data

Project Bibliographic Information:

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Name: Calkins, Christopher

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Name: Bradshaw, Clarence

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Name: Orth, Kathryn

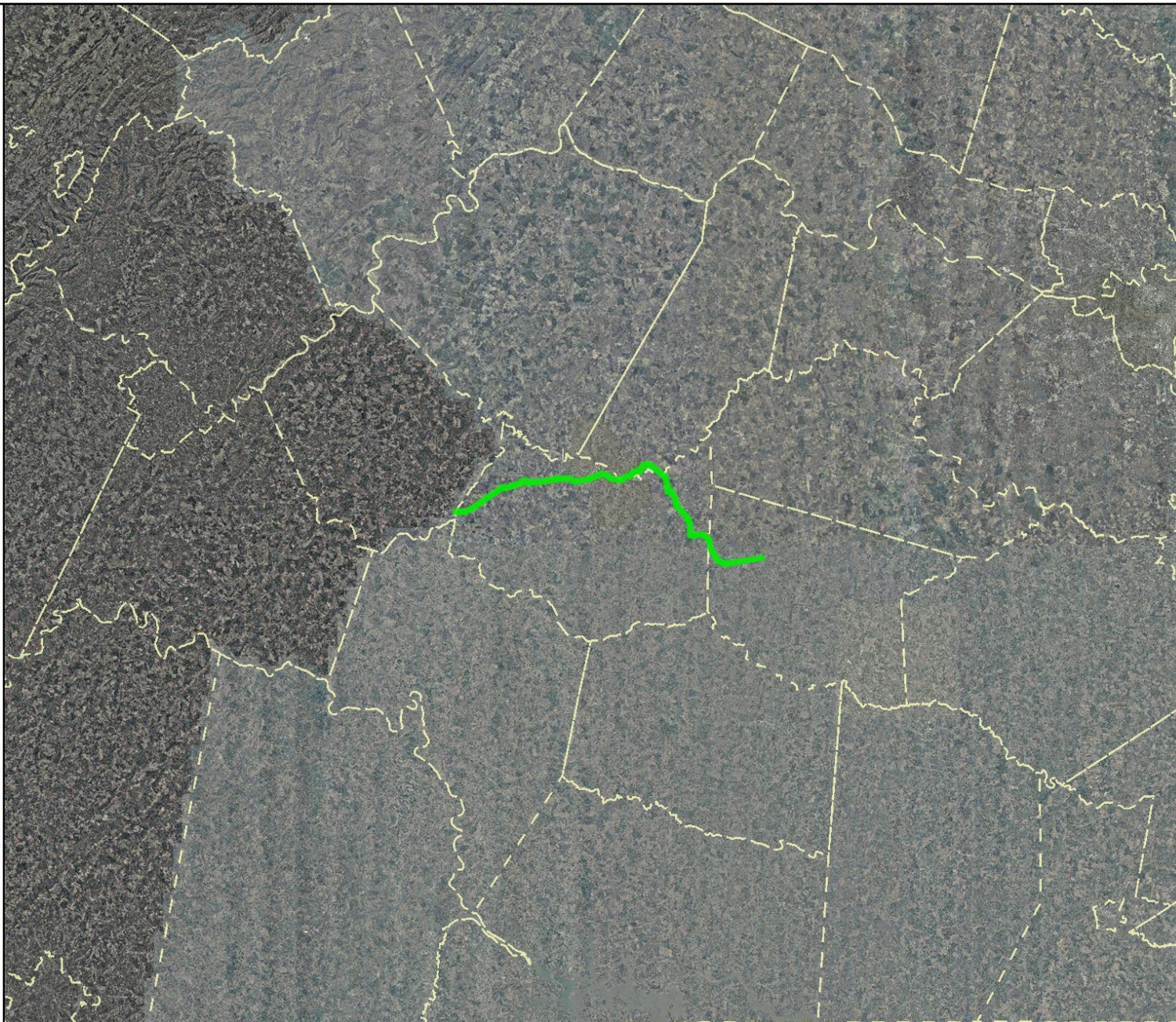
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Legend

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Title: Architecture Labels

Date: 5/27/2014

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