

Phase I Archaeological Survey Requirement
for Conserve Georgia Grant Project
Through Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program
Awarded to Jefferson County, Georgia
“Where the Moss Meets the River: Ogeechee Master Plan”

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Overview of Standards

Jefferson County is seeking a qualified firm meeting National Park Service, “*Archaeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines (as Amended and Annotated), Professional Qualification Standards,*” to conduct a Phase I archaeological survey within its 230-acre Ogeechee Crossing Park. The purpose of the Phase I archaeological survey is to meet standards for Section 106 compliance of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) for Jefferson County’s Conserve Georgia grant, “Where the Moss Meets the River: Master Plan Implementation for Ogeechee Crossing Park.”

The Phase I survey should follow closely “Georgia Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations (revised 2019),” including but not limited to:

- 1) Preliminary Literature Review and Records Research,
- 2) Field Methods for Archaeological Survey (Phase I),
- 3) Artifact Processing, Data Analysis, and Curation
and
- 4) Reporting Results following: V.A. Report Content

Artifacts recovered may be recorded, conserved, and stored locally at the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum, or by discussion at another location.

Proposals should include the name (s) of the principal investigators and project archaeologists or staff. Survey methodology. Costs. Qualifications of firm to do the project. Project timeline should be included.

Project is being funded with Conserve Georgia grant funds.

A Phase I Environmental has already been completed and can be requested for reference.

Deadline for proposal submission: Friday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m.
Proposals regarding the Phase I archaeological survey must be submitted by e-mail to:
Anne Floyd, CSRA RC, afloyd@csrarc.ga.gov

Evaluation of proposals and selection of a firm will be done by a Jefferson County committee examining ability of firm and past experience with Phase I archaeological surveys, qualifications of firm, costs, and timeline of when project can be started and completed.

The final survey report will be submitted to the GA DNR/Historic Preservation Division for review and approval.

Questions regarding the Phase I Archaeological Survey may be directed to Anne Floyd, CSRA RC by e-mail, afloyd@csrarc.ga.gov or by phone (706) 210-2015 direct.

Please see Facebook page for Ogeechee Crossing Park for photos and events.

Extract from GA DNR/Historic Preservation Division letter, June 8, 2020

RE: GOSP: Improve Ogeechee Crossing Park,
1928 TE Buchannon Road, Louisville
GP-200515-004

A letter of comment from Jennifer Dixon, Environmental Review & Preservation Planning, GA DNR/Historic Preservation Division is attached. It covers two different items. The need for a Phase I archaeological survey at Ogeechee Crossing Park is in paragraph three:

“Regarding archaeological resources, HPD finds that there is a high probability for intact archaeological resources to be present in the project area. Therefore, HPD recommends conducting a Phase I archaeological survey prior to commencing any ground disturbing activities. The survey should include both proposed parking areas, the campground loop area, in addition to any equipment staging areas or newly constructed roadways that may be required to access the project area. The archaeological investigations should be conducted by a professional archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s *Professional Qualification Standards* and the survey methods should closely follow the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists’ recommended survey standards.”

Trails

Width of Trails: 10 feet

Area of Potential Effect for Trails: 12 feet on either side of center line of trail

No ground disturbance anticipated: Only clearing and mulching

Anticipated Ground Disturbance

Sidewalks	4 inches
Restroom buildings	12 inches for footings
Parking lots	Surface grading for grass removal and paving with triple surface

Description of Park Grant Project

The project "Where the Moss Meets the River: Masterplan Implementation for Ogeechee Crossing Park" is located southwest of Louisville in rural Jefferson County. Conserve Georgia funds will provide needed assistance for full development of this 230-acre lowland forest bordering the meandering Ogeechee River. Since 1998, Jefferson County has owned/ operated the Park with limited amenities. This development will expand opportunities for recreation, healthy living and wellness, learning about nature, and conservation of land for public use. Total of the three sites for development, (A) (B) and (C), is less than five acres.

(A) North Park Facilities: New triple-surface entrance road constructed from SR 171 with signage and gate (presently, pasture). Trailhead facility will have 48-space parking area buffered with rain garden, restrooms/welcome center, sidewalks, and kiosk. "River Trail," 3.6 miles or 1.75 acres, begins a competition-ready mountain biking/hiking trail with a trailhead-kiosk that covers north, central, and south portions of the park. South of the parking area, an open pavilion on a concrete pad provides visitor "viewing" of beginning/end of the "Tree Trail," 3.1 miles or 1.5 acres, of a competition ready, cross country course. The two trails are each four feet wide.

(B) East Park Facilities: Existing Park entrance from 1928 T.E. Buchannon Road (near SR 24) will be widened/divided for RVs/buses. A one-way loop trail provides travel throughout the camping area. An existing playground will be enhanced with raised berms butterfly garden and gazebo, open picnic shelter, restrooms with showers, and 16-space parking area. Loop trail travels to 14 campsites each with electricity, potable water, and fire ring for visitor camping in the park. A dump station will be constructed.

West side of (B), 18-space parking lot will accommodate buses and connects to "Sun Trail," 0.01 miles where visitors/students walk to-

(C) Outdoor Classroom: Amphitheater with curvilinear walkway of granite fines has pervious sealant for ADA compliance. Eight wooden benches seat 62 people and have wheelchair spaces. Trail transitions with sloping terrain to a curving wooden boardwalk with a four-foot granite sundial center that provides a lecture platform and presentation space. A boulder with plaque honors Jefferson County teachers and has stumps for seating. Large tree will have stylized "C"-shaped wooden bench.