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Attn: Alyssa McManus, Transportation Compliance Review Program

RE: **Cultural Resource Effects Determination Letter**
US 301 from Fowler Avenue to SR 56 PD&E Study
Work Program Item (WPI) Segment No.: 255796-1
Florida Division of Historical Resources (FDHR)No.: 2015-345B
Counties: Hillsborough & Pasco

Dear Dr. Parsons:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for US 301 in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties to determine alternative roadway improvements along the corridor. The study limits are from Fowler Avenue (SR 582) in Hillsborough County to SR 56 in Pasco County, a distance of approximately 13.1 miles. The purpose of the US 301 PD&E study is to document the need for additional capacity within the study corridor and to evaluate the costs and impacts associated with providing this additional capacity. The proposed improvements involve widening US 301 from the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. This improvement is necessary to provide additional capacity to accommodate the future travel demand that will be generated by the projected population and employment growth in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. This is a state funded project, and it is expected to have an "Individual 404" permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

As part of the PD&E Study, a *Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) Report* was prepared in June 2017, on behalf of the FDOT, District Seven, by Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (ACI) of Sarasota, Florida, in association with AIM Engineering & Surveying. The objective of the CRAS was to locate and identify any archaeological sites and historic resources located within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) and to assess, to the extent possible, their significance as per the criteria of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The archaeological APE was defined as the existing and proposed right-of-way (ROW); the historical/architectural APE included the footprint of construction within the existing ROW and immediately adjacent property parcels within 200 feet (ft) of the ROW.

As a result of the CRAS, the Hillsborough River State Park (HRSP) New Deal Resources building complex resource group (8HI13526) and its five contributing resources (8HI03890-8HI03894) were identified within the APE and were determined eligible for listing in the NRHP. The buildings are clustered together near the auxiliary entrance to the HRSP slightly north of the main entrance. These five resources, which include a fire tower (8HI03890), two sheds (8HI03891 & 8HI03892), a ranger's residence (8HI03893), and

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an interpretive center (8HI03894) retain a great deal of integrity and represent excellent examples of Rustic and Industrial Vernacular architecture, New Deal planning, and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) construction methods in the state of Florida. As such, the HRSP New Deal Resources resource group (8HI13526) and its five contributing resources (8HI03890-8HI03894) are eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Engineering, and Architecture. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the findings of the CRAS on July 27, 2017 (FDHR Project File No. 2015-345B) (**Attachment A**).

Furthermore, a copy of the CRAS was also submitted to the HRSP in 2017; however, no comments were received from the HRSP. Additional coordination with the HRSP and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) staff during the PD&E Study included two meetings in 2015 and 2017. See **Attachment B** for a copy of the 2015 and 2017 meeting minutes.

The objective of this Effects Determination Letter is to analyze the potential effects (primary and secondary) of the proposed undertaking to the historic properties located within the project APE. Although this is a state funded project and follows Chapter 267 Florida Statutes, a USACE permit is anticipated; therefore, this effects determination is also being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), as amended. As such, 36 CFR Part 800 was used to evaluate the effects. This information is provided so that the FDOT, District 7 and SHPO can determine if the proposed undertaking will have an adverse effect or not on the aforementioned historic properties.

Since the original CRAS report was reviewed by the SHPO in July 2017, FDOT has made minor changes to the project corridor typical section between Stacy Road and SR 56. The minor change includes 5-ft paved outside shoulders instead of 12-ft paved outside shoulders; and the addition of a 12-ft shared use path on the west side of the roadway rather than 7-ft buffered bike lanes. Location maps of the project corridor, location of the historic properties, the revised Typical Section, and the November 2021 Concept Plans are included in **Attachment C**. The proposed ROW will maintain the same 235-ft width as described in the 2017 CRAS.

The FDOT, District 7 has applied the Criteria of Adverse Effects found in 36 CFR Part 800.5 to the historic properties determined eligible for listing in the NRHP located within the APE. This letter provides information for consultation with the SHPO and FDOT. ACI conducted a site visit on August 20, 2021, to identify and analyze the project direct and indirect effects to the NRHP eligible building complex (8HI13526) and the five previously recorded resources which comprise the resource group (8HI03890-8HI03894). As a result of the site visit, all buildings are still extant, and no significant alterations were observed since the properties were determined NRHP-eligible in 2017 (**Attachment D**). The scope of work at this location includes a majority of the proposed widening (206-ft) will be constructed on the east side of the existing ROW to accommodate an additional two lanes of roadway. Proposed widening on the west side of US 301 includes an additional 39-ft of ROW to accommodate a 12-ft shared-use path. The resource group is located on the west side of US 301 adjacent to the southbound lane which will utilize the existing pavement. The additional proposed ROW will not touch the resource group boundaries.

The existing setting of the HRSP New Deal Resources building complex resource group (8HI13526) and its five contributing resources (8HI03890-8HI03894) remains unchanged in relation to US 301. In the area adjacent to the resource group, US 301 is a two-lane rural roadway with the exception of a merge lane that was added to the northbound lane on the east side of US 301. The view from the resource group toward US 301 is currently blocked by dense vegetation and trees. The proposed changes in the area of the state park include ROW acquisition where clearing and grubbing is expected to accommodate a 12-ft shared-use path.

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The removal of vegetation should be minimal and should not change the views to or from US 301 and the resource group. The proposed project will not impact the use or the current and future access to this historic property. In addition, the Noise Study Report for the PD&E study indicated that there were no noise impacts to the HRSP New Deal Resources building complex resource group (8HI13526).

Based on the scope of work, the proposed project will not further alter the existing aesthetic conditions of the HRSP New Deal Resources resource group (8HI13526), nor will it further alter the setting in a negative way that will diminish or destroy the qualities and characteristics for which these properties are eligible for listing in the NRHP. The property is significant under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Engineering, and Architecture. As such, the findings suggest **No Adverse Effect** to the HRSP New Deal Resources resource group (8HI13526) and its five contributing resources (8HI03890-8HI03894). See **Attachment E** for a copy of the HRSP New Deal Resources resource group (8HI13526) Florida Master Site File (FMSF) form.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at (813) 975-6637 or email me at crystal.geiger@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) finds this Effects Determination Coordination Letter and attached information complete and sufficient and concurs/ does not concur with the recommendations and findings provided in this cover letter for SHPO/FDHR Project File Number 2015-345D. Or, the SHPO finds the attached contains insufficient information.

SHPO Comments:

Kelly L Chase
For

Dr. Timothy Parsons, Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida Division of Historical Resources

02/17/2022

Date

Attachments:

- Attachment A: SHPO Concurrence Letter (July 27, 2017)
- Attachment B: HRSP/Florida Department of Environmental Protection meeting minutes (2015 & 2017)
- Attachment C: Project Maps, Typical Sections, and November 2021 Concept Plans
- Attachment D: Site Visit Photographs (August 20, 2021)
- Attachment E: HRSP New Deal Resources Resource Group (8HI13526) FMSF Form

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Attachment A:
SHPO Concurrence Letter (July 27, 2017)



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Attention: Alyssa McManus, Transportation Compliance Review Program

**Re: Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS)
US 301 from Fowler Avenue to Proposed SR 56 PD&E Study
Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida
Work Program Item Segment No.: 255796-1**

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Dear Dr. Parsons:

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The proposed action involves widening US 301 from the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. This improvement is necessary to provide additional capacity to accommodate the future travel demand that will be generated by the projected population and employment growth in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. US 301 is a major north-south roadway that traverses both counties, and provides connectivity to many of Florida's major roadways including I-4, I-75, SR 54, and SR 52. This roadway is a vital link in the regional transportation network and also serves as an emergency evacuation route.

Enclosed is one (1) copy of the Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) that was prepared for the above referenced project. Also enclosed are 40 new and updated Florida Master Site File (FMSF) forms (8HI43, 8HI305, 8HI3890-8HI3894, 8HI6940, 8HI11700-8HI11703, 8HI12137, 8HI13503-8HI13520, 8HI13526, 8HI13597-8HI13602, 8PA2675 and 8PA02976), a Survey Log, and a CD containing these documents.

The purpose of this CRAS was to locate and identify any archaeological sites and historic resources located within the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) and to assess, to the extent possible, their significance regarding eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The archaeological APE consists of the existing and any proposed right-of-way (ROW) that would be needed to implement the proposed project. The historic/architectural APE consists of the archaeological APE and the property parcels within 200 feet (ft.) of the proposed ROW.

Background research revealed that there are six archaeological sites (8HI00043, 8HI00305, 8HI00405, 8HI00494, 8HI5929, and 8HI6940) within or adjacent to the APE. Additionally, the NRHP-listed archaeological site, 8HI00112 (Fort Foster), is located just east of the archaeological APE. Through the development of the research design, 40 areas of high and moderate archaeological potential were identified. As a result of the archaeological field survey, three previously recorded archaeological sites (8HI00043, 8HI00305, and 8HI06940), five new archaeological sites (8HI13597-8HI13599, 8HI13601, and 8HI13602), one linear resource (8HI13600/8PA02976), and seven archaeological occurrences (AOs) were identified within the project APE. None of the previously or newly recorded resources is considered eligible for listing in the NRHP due to their low research potential or lack of integrity.

As a result of the architectural field survey, a total of 30 historic resources were identified within the project APE. Of these, 11 were previously recorded and 19 were newly identified. The 11 previously recorded resources (8HI3890-8HI3894, 8HI12137, 8PA2675, 8HI11700-8HI11703) include nine buildings and two resource groups, while the 19 newly recorded resources (8HI13503-8HI13520, 8HI13526) include 18 buildings and a building complex resource group. The newly recorded buildings are all typical examples of the Masonry Vernacular and Frame Vernacular architectural styles built between 1920 and 1967. All lack noteworthy architectural or design attributes, and limited research did not reveal any significant historic associations to persons or events. In addition, the area these buildings are in lacks the potential to be considered a historic district. As such, none is considered potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP, either individually or as part of a historic district.

Newly recorded building complex resource group 8HI13526 is known as "HRSP New Deal Resources" and is comprised of five previously recorded resources (8HI03890-8HI03894) clustered together near the auxiliary entrance to the Hillsborough River State Park (HRSP) slightly north of the main entrance. These five resources, which include two sheds, a ranger's residence, an interpretive center and a fire tower retain a great deal of integrity and represent excellent examples of Rustic and Industrial Vernacular architecture, New Deal planning, and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) construction methods in the state of Florida. Thus, the HRSP New Deal Resources resource group (8HI13526) and the previously recorded buildings it is comprised of (8HI3890-8HI3894) are eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Engineering, and Architecture.

This information is being provided in accordance with the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended), which are implemented by the

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Attachment B:
HRSP/Florida Department of Environmental Protection meeting minutes (2015 & 2017)

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Date: January 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Hillsborough River State Park Recreation Hall
15402 US 301 N., Thonotosassa, Florida.

Subject: Small group meeting: FPID# 255796-1: US 301 PD&E Study from Fowler Avenue to
Proposed SR 56 PD&E study presentation
WPI Segment No. 255796-1
Hillsborough and Pasco Counties

Attendees: Lilliam Escalera – FDOT
Diane Martin – Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of Park
Planning, Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP)
Sine Murray - DEP Office of Park Planning, DRP
Ezell Givens - DEP Office of Park Planning, DRP
Brian Pinson - DEP Park Manager
Patricia Cross - DEP Assistant Park Manager
Bob Finck and Jeffrey Jacquin – AIM
(Sign in sheet attached)

Prepared by: Bob Finck, AIM (utilizing meeting notes prepared by Diane Martin, DEP)

The purpose of this meeting was to present the current project status and data associated with the evaluation of the engineering and environmental effects of the proposed widening of US 301 from an existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. As part of the Department's public involvement plan the solicitation of stakeholder input during this phase of the PD&E study is essential to assist the decision-making process as related to the proposed improvements. This meeting focused on the proposed project's potential effects on the Hillsborough River State Park.

Bob Finck, the consultant project manager, began the meeting by providing a brief overview of the project's history, beginning in June of 2015 and continuing to the present, as it relates to the current proposed typical sections and the concept development process. Mr. Finck then referred to a roll plot of the proposed concept showing the engineering details associated with the widening of US 301 including the proposed ROW, business and residential relocations, shared use path locations and utility concerns to assist with the discussion. A PowerPoint presentation was then shown to highlight details related to the proposed project's description (including access management and proposed typical sections) and need, the PD&E Study process, current project status, funding schedule, website location and FDOT contact information. Additional details included information related to Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) lines, the Old Fort King Trail and Hillsborough

The meeting minutes contained herein represent the author's understanding of the discussions which occurred during the referenced meeting. Any attendee who does not entirely agree with the summary or can offer additional information that should be noted within these minutes, please call **Bob Finck** at **(813) 574-0221** within seven days.

River State Park. More specific details of the conversation that occurred during the presentation are included below:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The proposed project begins in Hillsborough County at the intersection of US 301 and SR 582/Fowler Avenue.
- The proposed project ends in Pasco County at the intersection of US 301 and the proposed extension of SR 56, just south of Zephyrhills Correctional.
- The project proposes widening of US301 to a four-lane, divided highway.
- The proposed project will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities from Fowler Avenue to the proposed extension of SR56.
- FDOT District 7 will need an additional 135 feet of right-of-way (current r/w is 100') based on the proposed rural typical section from Stacy Road to proposed SR56.
- The proposed project will impact state park lands (on both sides of US 301 in some areas).
- FDOT is currently conducting a PD&E Study with a targeted completion scheduled for the fall of 2017.
- The design phase is currently funded for fiscal year 2019.
- The construction and right-of-way phases are currently not funded.
- There are not any Section 4(f) requirements associated with this project since it is not federally funded.
- The environmental document will be a State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR).
- Supporting environmental documentation will include a Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) that includes cultural resource assessment coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), a Contamination Screening Evaluation Report (CSER) and a Natural Resources Evaluation (NRE).
- US301 is currently designated an Emergency Evacuation Route.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- DRP and FDOT discussed whether to move the shared use path to the park side of US301 (the roadway would have 7' wide paved shoulders). The shared use path is currently proposed to be 10'- 12' wide.
- FDOT stated they will be relocating the three wooden bridges associated with the Old Fort King Trail from their current location on the east side of US 301 to the park side of US301 (west side).
- DRP recommends fencing along the sidewalk near the Fort, from the gate to the bridge, to protect park property from trespassers.

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- DRP recommends installing an emergency access system, such as a traffic device/light and crosswalk, at the passenger tram crossover, which would effectively stop traffic during tram operations going back and forth across US301.
- DRP recommends several safety items be considered by FDOT, including installing a flashing sign before the bridge warning motorists of the upcoming tram crossover (current speed limit is 60 mph); possible reduction of vehicular speed in this area; possible connector access under the bridge (which was a safety solution at SR40); and construction of an overpass over US301, which would provide optimum safety for both tram passengers and motorists
- The DRP Park Manager will provide details on tram crossings (how many per day/busy season, etc.) and will coordinate with DRP's Office of Park Planning and FDOT.
- FDOT agrees to carefully analyze the design for a tram crossover and to coordinate the design with DRP.
- DRP recommends that FDOT obtain a traffic study to justify what type of improvements would be recommended at the tram crossover.
- DRP recommends that FDOT install a directional median cut at the park entrance to facilitate the entry and exit of park visitors in the safest possible manner.
- DRP suggests consideration of appropriate signage along the roadway to warn approaching motorists of active control burns and smoke.
- DRP and FDOT should work closely on the design of stormwater management facilities needed as part of the project. DRP recommends solutions that do not require the use of retention ponds within the park boundary and points out that any design would need to divert or minimize any additional flow into the park.
- FDOT informs DRP that roadside ditches would be constructed and a full drainage analysis would be completed during the PD&E Study. FDOT agrees to coordinate drainage plans with DRP.
- FDOT explains that the southern end of project (near Fowler Ave.) is problematic since FGT has existing gas lines along the east side of US301 (Fowler Ave. to south of Stacy Road – approximately 3 miles). The proposed design will either have to avoid this area or relocate the gas lines.
- DRP recommends that FDOT evaluate the need for wildlife crossing(s) and fencing during the PD&E Study, and that FDOT coordinate with FFWCC to obtain current data.
- DRP informs FDOT that the Division's Historic Preservationist would be reviewing the details of the proposed project as part of DRP's overall review.
- DRP explains that the approval process for FDOT to obtain the upland easement will be dependent upon compliance with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy (attached). This includes FDOT satisfying the Policy's additional compensation requirement to provide replacement lands or goods and/or services to DRP based on 1.5 times the appraised value of the easement area.
- DRP confirms the lease between DRP and the County expires in April of 2022.

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Date: August 21, 2015 at 11 am in the District Seven EMO Conference Room

Subject: FDEP Meeting regarding state lands adjacent to US 301
WPI Segment No. 255796-1
US 301 PD&E Study from Fowler Avenue to Future SR 56
Hillsborough and Pasco Counties

Attendee: see attached sign-in sheet

Prepared by: Bob Finck, AIM

Stephanie Pierce began the meeting with introductions of the attendees both in person and on the bridge line. The list of attendees is provided on the sign-in sheet attached to these minutes (attendees with check marks are those that participated via telephone).

Sean Donahoo explained the general details of the project including the proposed improvements from 2 to 4 lanes with a planned schedule of 18 months. He further explained the reason for this meeting today was to discuss the challenges involved with acquiring additional right-of-way (ROW) through several areas of the project corridor where state-owned lands are located on both sides of the roadway. In order to assist with creating the typical section package and alignment alternative we wanted to discuss the options available with DEP and FDOT staff at this early stage of the project. More specific details of the conversation are included below:

- US 301 currently rests within 100 feet of ROW and approximately another 100 feet will be needed for the improvement.
- Sheets 17-20 on the base map plan sheets are of most interest for this discussion since this is the Hillsborough River State Park (HRSP) area.
- Lew Scruggs detailed the historical significance of HRSP and pointed out that the entire park is actually a cultural resource with several historical structures (built by the CCC in the 1930's) and Fort Foster located on the property. He asked about the applicability of a Section 4(f) evaluation as part of the project.
- Kirk Bogen explained that Section 4(f) requirements would not apply since there will be no federal funding expected and the environmental document will be a SEIR. However, the cultural resource assessment will follow the state process which includes coordination with SHPO.

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- Mr. Scruggs asked if it would be possible to split the ROW between each side of US 301 instead of taking 100 feet from only one side, and if so will the stormwater management facilities fit within the proposed ROW.
- Mr. Donahoo answered that yes, it would be possible to split especially if it involved only one land owner (such as this state property). He further explained that the SW facilities may fit if a linear design but most likely will need to be offsite.
- Patti Cross mentioned that the HRSP property currently drains to the Hillsborough River and reminded everyone to keep in mind that the HR is currently classified an Outstanding Florida Waterway.
- Ms. Cross said that upon preliminary review of the plan sheets it looks as though widening to the east would result in fewer impacts to the HRSP property since the old railroad bed runs parallel to US 301 through this area. However, there are a lot of potential archaeological materials in this area. If widening to the west, then the new roadway would be very close to the historic CCC structures, so may need to split (as mentioned earlier) in the Ranch Road area
- Todd Bogner cited the very wet nature of the HRSP lands along the west side of US 301 as a concern if widening to the west.
- Ms. Cross added that there are two large events held at the park annually that use the RR bed as a parking area so this would have to be re-assessed if used for the improvement since there is not enough parking available inside the park currently.
- Ms. Cross also mentioned that the park uses a tram during these events to transfer visitors to Fort Foster from the park via the Ranch Road entrance. This tram would have to cross four lanes of high speed traffic with the improvement project.
 - *Regarding the Trams crossing 301, we give tours of Fort Foster on a weekly basis, as often as every Wednesday (in the winter), Saturday and Sunday (year round) depending on weather. The trams do not run during the special events generally speaking.*
- Ms. Cross mentioned an existing lack of access to HRSP parcel U-08-27-21-ZZZ-000003-27640.0, located along the east side of US 301 in the vicinity of station 825 +00. She stated that this parcel is currently accessed via the adjacent Hickory Hills Land Company parcel U-08-27-21-ZZZ-000003-27610.0. She asked if access to the park will be maintained.
 - *There is actually a concern about access to our property on the East side of 301, both north of the river and south of Ranch Road (which is, I believe, the one you reference). Same issue on both is a lack of access, currently requiring us to coordinate entering private property first before accessing State Park lands. Our desire is that this project will allow us access directly off of 301 at two points, eliminating our need to pass through private lands.*
- Mr. Bogen replied that access to the HRSP will be maintained by this study's yet-to-be-determined recommended alternative.
- Matthew Hodges said that there are several listed plant species located on the east side near Model Dairy Road. One example is the endangered Brooksville Bellflower. He added that DEP has GIS layers of these locations that he would provide to the

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consultant team for use on this project. He also said that they have the master site file for the historic properties in the park and would provide this as well.

- *I believe it was mentioned by DOT staff present that our copies of the master site files were unnecessary as they either already had them or had direct access to them through the Department of State, Division of Historic Resources. So it was my understanding that DEP would not be providing the site files.*
- Ms. Cross mentioned that the paved portion of the Old Fort King Trail is located on the east side of US 301 from a crossing at John B. Sargent Park to another crossing further north (2.2 miles), where it connects with 6.7 miles of unpaved trail through SWFWMD and HRSP land on the west side. She believes the paved portion may have been created through a Rails to Trails partnership with the county originally.
- Ms. Cross further added that SWFWMD maintains the trail on their section and the HRSP portion is managed by DEP. Most of the unpaved trail on the west side of US 301 is very wet most of the year.

Scheduled project events discussed:

- Public Workshop to be held in December 2015.
- Public Hearing to be held in the summer of 2016.

-- End of Minutes --

- *Italicized comments represent amendments to bullets # 11, 12 and 14 received by Patti Cross via e-mail on 9/16/15 for clarification and subsequent incorporation into these minutes.*

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US 301 (GALL BOULEVARD)

FROM FOWLER AVENUE TO FUTURE SR 56

Project Development and Environment Study

Subject: Alignment Meeting with FDEP (Hillsborough River State Park)

Date: Aug 21, 2015 at 11 am

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FROM FOWLER AVENUE TO FUTURE SR 56

Project Development and Environment Study

Subject: Alignment Meeting with FDEP (Hillsborough River State Park)

Date: Aug 21, 2015 at 11 am

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**Attachment C:
Project Maps, Typical Sections, and November 2021 Concept Plans**

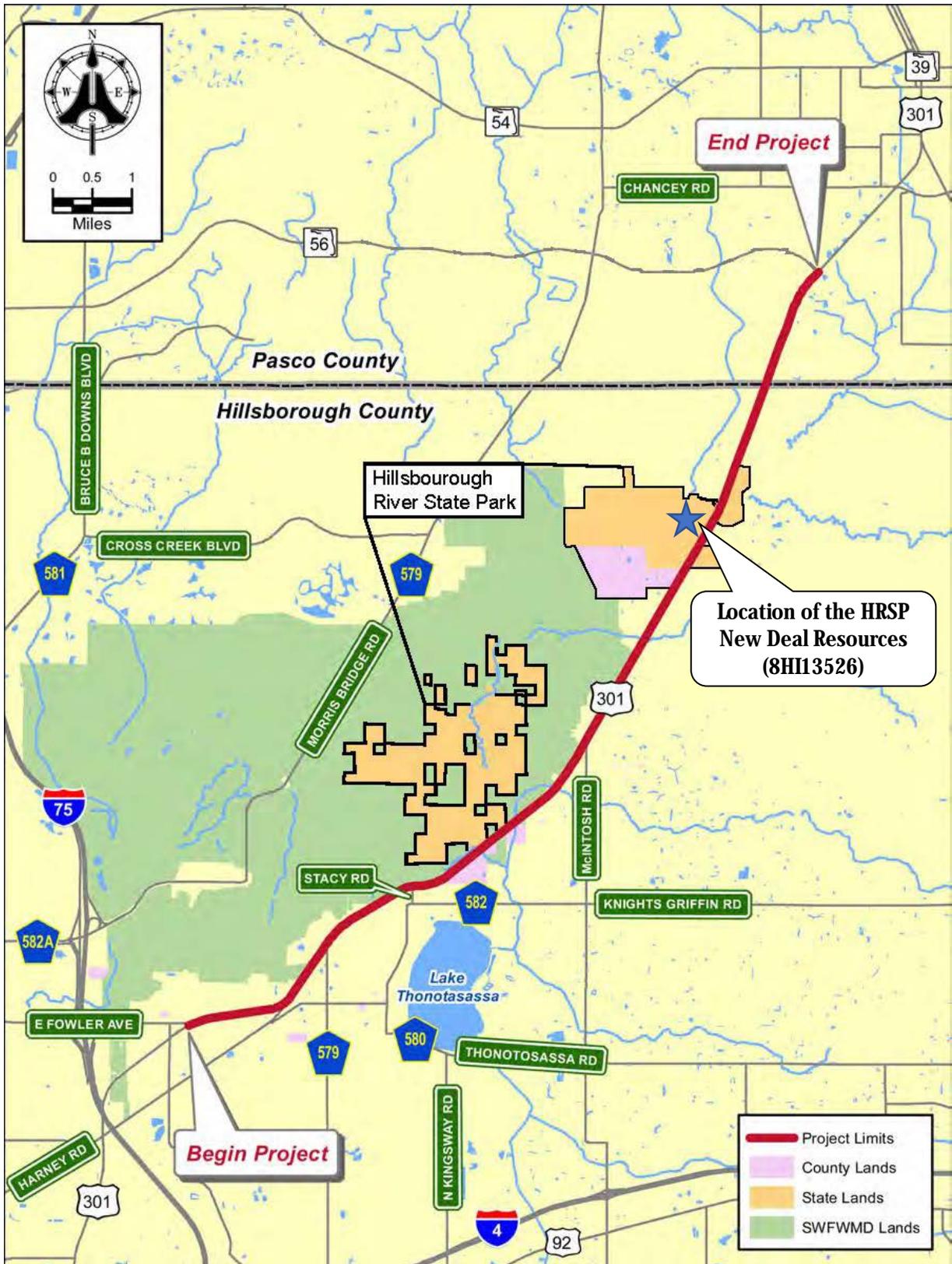


Figure 1. Project Location Map.

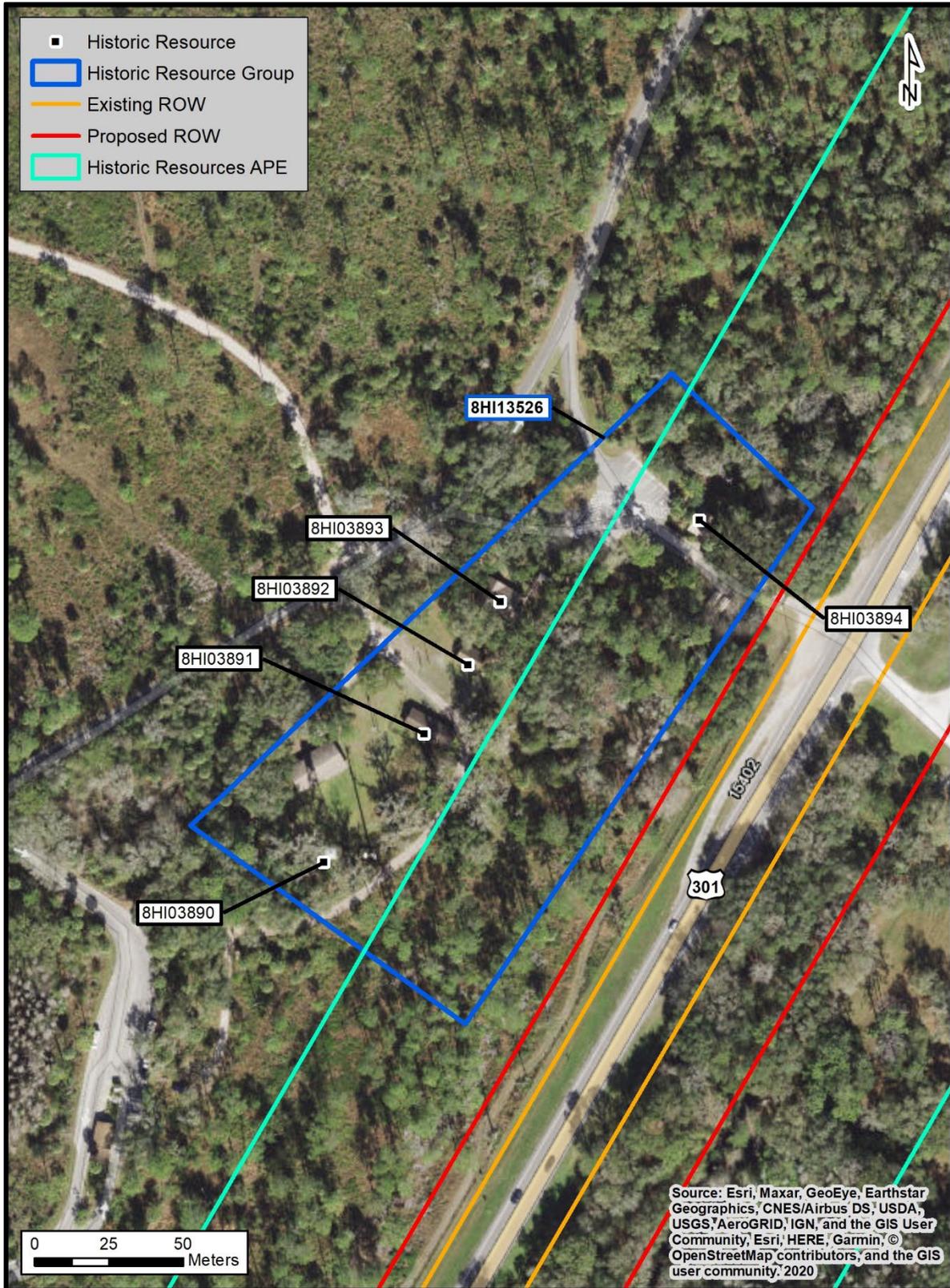


Figure 2. Location of the HRSP New Deal Resources building complex resource group (8HI13526) and its five contributing resources.

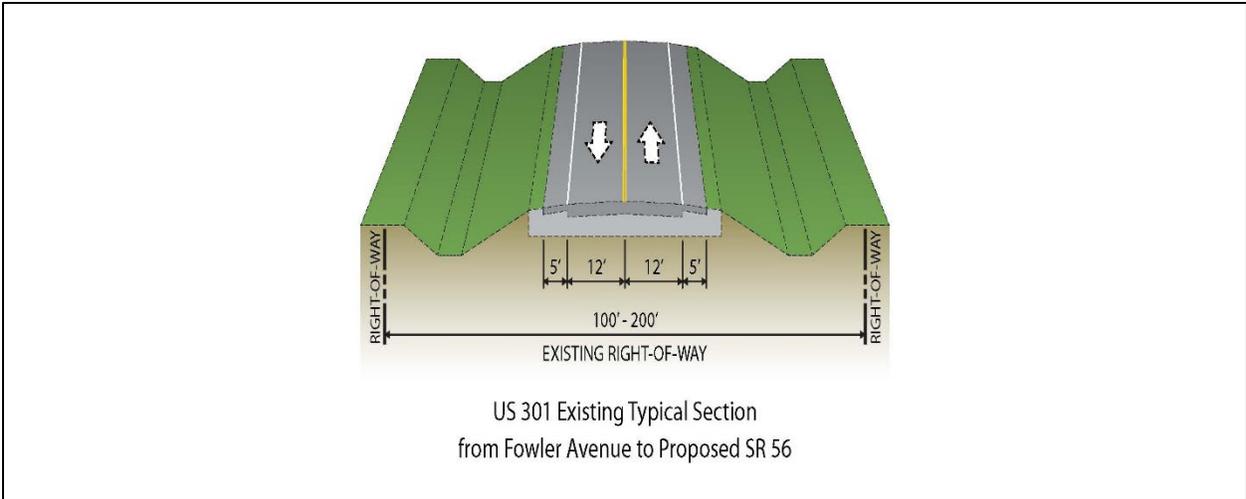


Figure 3. Existing US 301 Typical Section

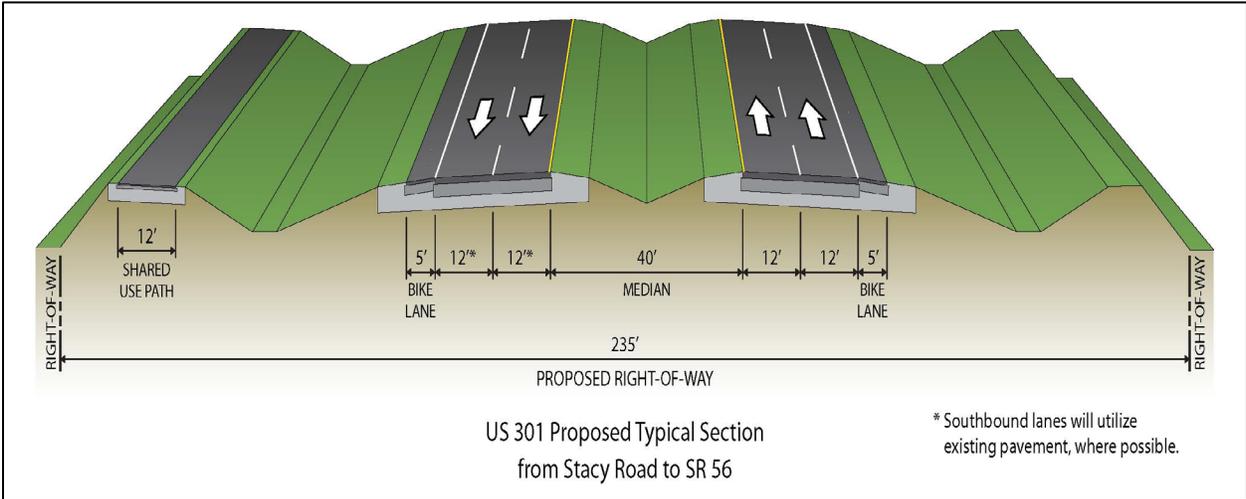
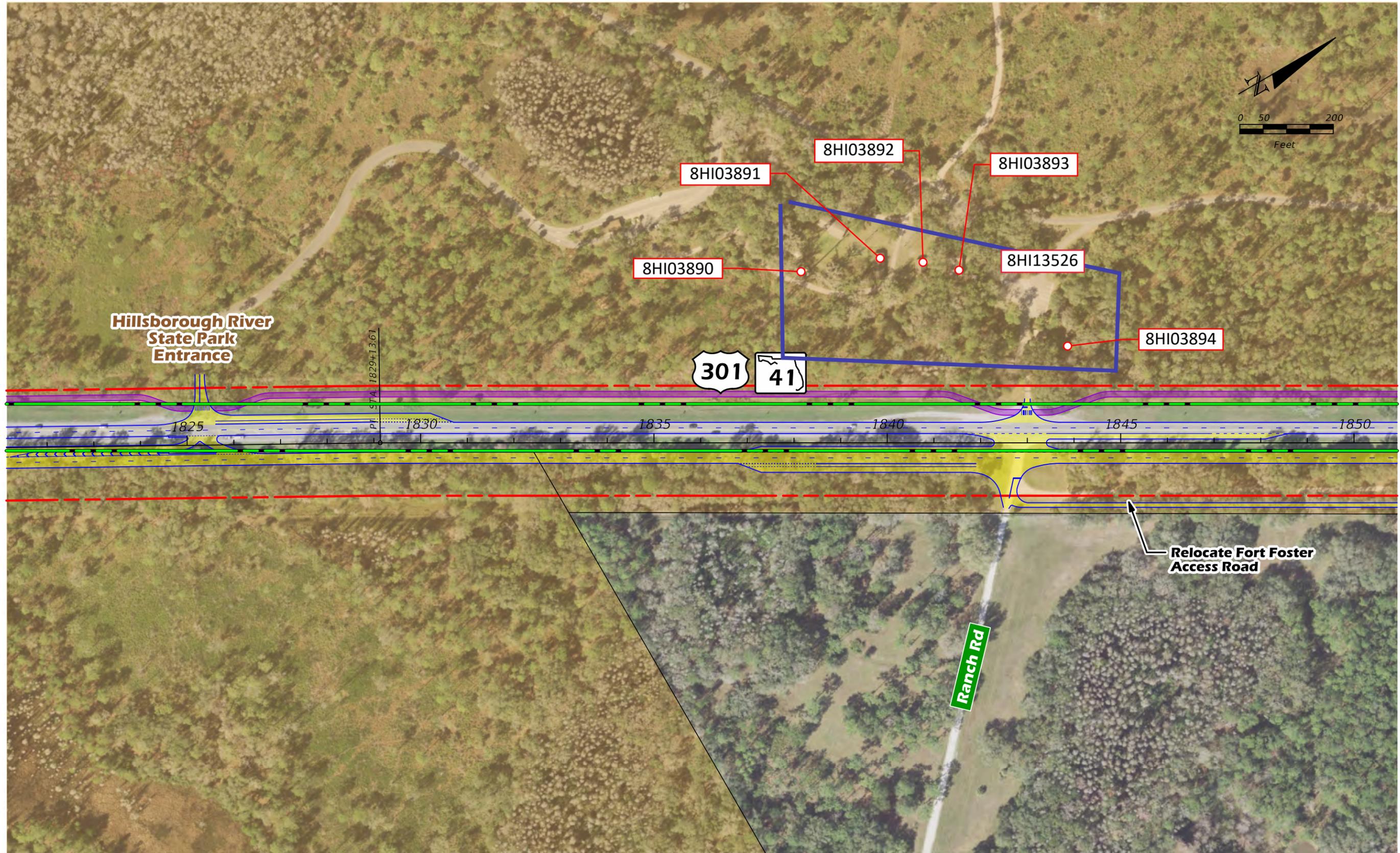


Figure 4. Proposed Rural Typical Section



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	CSX TRANSPORTATION				PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY		

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**Attachment D:
Site Visit Photographs (August 20, 2021)**



Photo 1. Representative view, HRSP New Deal Building Complex Resource Group (8HI13526), looking southwest.



Photo 2. Fire Tower (8HI03890), looking southwest.



Photo 3. Maintenance Shed 1 (8HI03891), looking southwest.



Photo 4. Maintenance Shed 2 (8HI03892), looking east.



Photo 5. Ranger's Residence (8HI03893), looking east.



Photo 6. Interpretive Center (8HI03894), looking northeast.

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Attachment E:
HRSP New Deal Resources Resource Group (8HI13526) FMSF Form



RESOURCE GROUP FORM
FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE
Version 4.0 1/07

Site #8 HI13526
Field Date 11-17-2015
Form Date 1-6-2016
Recorder# 1

[X] Original
[] Update

NOTE: Use this form to document districts, landscapes, building complexes and linear resources as described in the box below. Cultural resources contributing to the Resource Group should also be documented individually at the Site File. Do not use this form for National Register multiple property submissions (MPSs). National Register MPSs are treated as Site File manuscripts and are associated to the individual resources included under the MPS cover using the Site File manuscript number.

Check ONE box that best describes the Resource Group:

- [] Historic district (NR category "district"): buildings and NR structures only: NO archaeological sites
[] Archaeological district (NR category "district"): archaeological sites only: NO buildings or NR structures
[] Mixed district (NR category "district"): includes more than one type of cultural resource (example: archaeological sites and buildings)
[X] Building complex (NR category usually "building(s)": multiple buildings in close spatial and functional association
[] Designed historic landscape (NR category usually "district" or "site"): can include multiple resources (see National Register Bulletin #18, page 2 for more detailed definition and examples: e.g. parks, golf courses, campuses, resorts, etc.)
[] Rural historic landscape (NR category usually "district" or "site"): can include multiple resources and resources not formally designed (see National Register Bulletin #30, Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Rural Historic Landscapes for more detailed definition and examples: e.g. farmsteads, fish camps, lumber camps, traditional ceremonial sites, etc.)
[] Linear resource (NR category usually "structure"): Linear resources are a special type of rural historic landscape and can include canals, railways, roads, etc.

Resource Group Name HRSP New Deal Resources Multiple Listing [DHR only]
Project Name PD&E, US 301 Fowler to 56 FMSF Survey #
National Register Category (please check one): [X]building(s) []structure []district []site []object
Linear Resource Type (if applicable): []canal []railway []road []other (describe):
Ownership: []private-profit []private-nonprofit []private-individual []private-nonspecific []city []county [X]state []federal []Native American []foreign []unknown

LOCATION & MAPPING

Street Number Direction Street Name Street Type Suffix Direction
Address: 15402 N US 301 Highway
City/Town (within 3 miles) Thonotosassa In Current City Limits? []yes [X]no []unknown
County or Counties (do not abbreviate) Hillsborough
Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) Hillsborough River State Park
1) Township 27S Range 21E Section 8 1/4 section: []NW []SW []SE []NE Irregular-name:
2) Township Range Section 1/4 section: []NW []SW []SE []NE
3) Township Range Section 1/4 section: []NW []SW []SE []NE
4) Township Range Section 1/4 section: []NW []SW []SE []NE
USGS 7.5' Map(s) 1) Name ZEPHYRHILLS USGS Date 1975
2) Name USGS Date
Plat, Aerial, or Other Map (map's name, originating office with location)
Landgrant
Verbal Description of Boundaries (description does not replace required map) Resources are within the boundaries of the Hillsborough River State Park, located in the northeast corner of Hillsborough County, 9 miles north of Tampa and 6 miles south of Zephyrhills on US Highway 301. Individually recorded as 8HI03890-8HI03894.

Table with 3 columns: DHR USE ONLY, OFFICIAL EVALUATION, DHR USE ONLY. Contains fields for NR List Date, Owner Objection, SHPO/KEEPER criteria, and dates.

HISTORY & DESCRIPTION

Construction Year: 1938 [] approximately [x] year listed or earlier [] year listed or later
Architect/Designer(last name first): Builder(last name first): Civilian Conservation Corps
Total number of individual resources included in this Resource Group: # of contributing 5 # of non-contributing
Time period(s) of significance (choose a period from the list or type in date range(s), e.g. 1895-1925)
1. Depression/New Deal 1930-1940 3.
2. 4.
Narrative Description (National Register Bulletin 16A pp. 33-34; fit a summary into 3 lines or attach supplementary sheets if needed) See continuation sheet.

RESEARCH METHODS (check all that apply)

- [x] FMSF record search (sites/surveys) [] library research [] building permits [] Sanborn maps
[] FL State Archives/photo collection [] city directory [] occupant/owner interview [] plat maps
[x] property appraiser / tax records [] newspaper files [] neighbor interview [] Public Lands Survey (DEP)
[x] cultural resource survey [] historic photos [] interior inspection [] HABS/HAER record search
[x] other methods (specify) USDA historic aerial photographs

Bibliographic References (give FMSF Manuscript # if relevant) Publication of Archival Library & Museum Materials (PALMM), accessible online at: http://susdl.fcla.edu/

OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE

Potentially eligible individually for National Register of Historic Places? [x] yes [] no [] insufficient information
Potentially eligible as contributor to a National Register district? [] yes [x] no [] insufficient information
Explanation of Evaluation (required, see National Register Bulletin 16A p. 48-49. Attach longer statement, if needed, on separate sheet.) See continuation sheet.

Area(s) of Historical Significance (see National Register Bulletin 15, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)
1. Architecture 3. 5.
2. Community planning & development 4. 6.

DOCUMENTATION

Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents
1) Document type All materials at one location Maintaining organization Archaeological Consultants Inc
Document description Photos, maps, field notes File or accession #'s P15077
2) Document type Maintaining organization
Document description File or accession #'s

RECORDER INFORMATION

Recorder Name Thomas J. Wilson Affiliation Archaeological Consultants Inc
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(address / phone / fax / e-mail)

Required Attachments

- 1 PHOTOCOPY OF USGS 7.5' MAP WITH DISTRICT BOUNDARY CLEARLY MARKED
2 LARGE SCALE STREET, PLAT OR PARCEL MAP WITH RESOURCES MAPPED & LABELED
3 TABULATION OF ALL INCLUDED RESOURCES (name, FMSF #, contributing? Y/N, resource category, street address or township-range-section if no address)
4 PHOTOS OF GENERAL STREETScape OR VIEWS (Optional: aerial photos, views of typical resources) Photos may be archival B&W prints OR digital image files. If submitting digital image files, they must be included on disk or CD AND in hard copy format (plain paper is acceptable). Digital images must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.

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Narrative Description: The building complex resource group known as the HRSP New Deal Resources is comprised of four Rustic style buildings (a maintenance shed, a storage shed, a ranger’s residence, and an interpretive center) and one Industrial Vernacular fire tower built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) as part of Hillsborough River State Park between 1934-1938 and previously recorded as 8HI03890-8HI03894 (**Table 1**). The resource group boundaries are the proposed NRHP-eligible boundaries and contain the significant historic structures and access roads (**Figure 1**). Distinguishing architectural details include log walls, square-hewn timbers, and cypress plank siding (**Photos 1-5**). The five resources that comprise the HRSP New Deal Resources Resource Group are in proximity to the US 301 project APE.

Table 1. Previously Recorded Resources Comprising Resource Group 8HI13526

FMSF Number	Address	Year Built	Style	Function	SHPO Determination
8HI03890	Hillsborough River State Park	c. 1936	Masonry Vernacular	Fire Tower	Not Evaluated
8HI03891	Hillsborough River State Park	c. 1936	Rustic	Maintenance Shed 1	Not Evaluated
8HI03892	Hillsborough River State Park	c. 1936	Rustic	Maintenance Shed 2	Not Evaluated
8HI03893	Hillsborough River State Park	c. 1936	Rustic	Ranger’s Residence	Not Evaluated
8HI03894	Hillsborough River State Park	c. 1936	Rustic	Interpretive Center	Not Evaluated

The CCC was established in 1933 (Executive Order 6101) to enlist unemployed males for six months to work on federal and state lands for the “prevention of forest fires, floods and soil erosion, plant pest and disease control, the construction, maintenance or repair of paths trails and fire lanes and any incidental work.” The CCC began its work in Hillsborough State Park in 1934. Initially, the land along the river was cleared and decayed trees and underbrush were removed to make room for a swimming area and future building construction. The lands were terraced with limestone embankments to prevent erosion. Between 1934 and 1938, a caretaker’s cottage, support buildings, fire tower, residences for park personnel, and recreational facilities were built (**Figures 2 and 3**). The latter included a concession stand, picnic pavilions, barbecue pit, shelters and tables, entrance station, and suspension bridge. Five overnight cabins were also erected, but these have since been demolished (Adams et al. 1989). It cost \$0.25 a car to get in and boasted numerous trails along the bank of the river and through the inland hammocks. Over 70 species of trees and shrubs were identified for the visitors (FWP 1939:538).

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Figure 1. Aerial view of Resource Group 8HI13526 showing proposed resource group boundary and location of contributing resources 8HI03890-8HI03894. Image courtesy Esri.



Photo 1. Fire Tower (8HI03890), facing southwest.

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Photo 2. Maintenance Shed 1 (8HI03891), facing south.



Photo 3. Maintenance Shed 2 (8HI03892), facing east.

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Photo 4. Ranger's Residence (8HI03893), facing east.



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Figure 2. 1941 aerial of Hillsborough River State Park (USDA 1941).

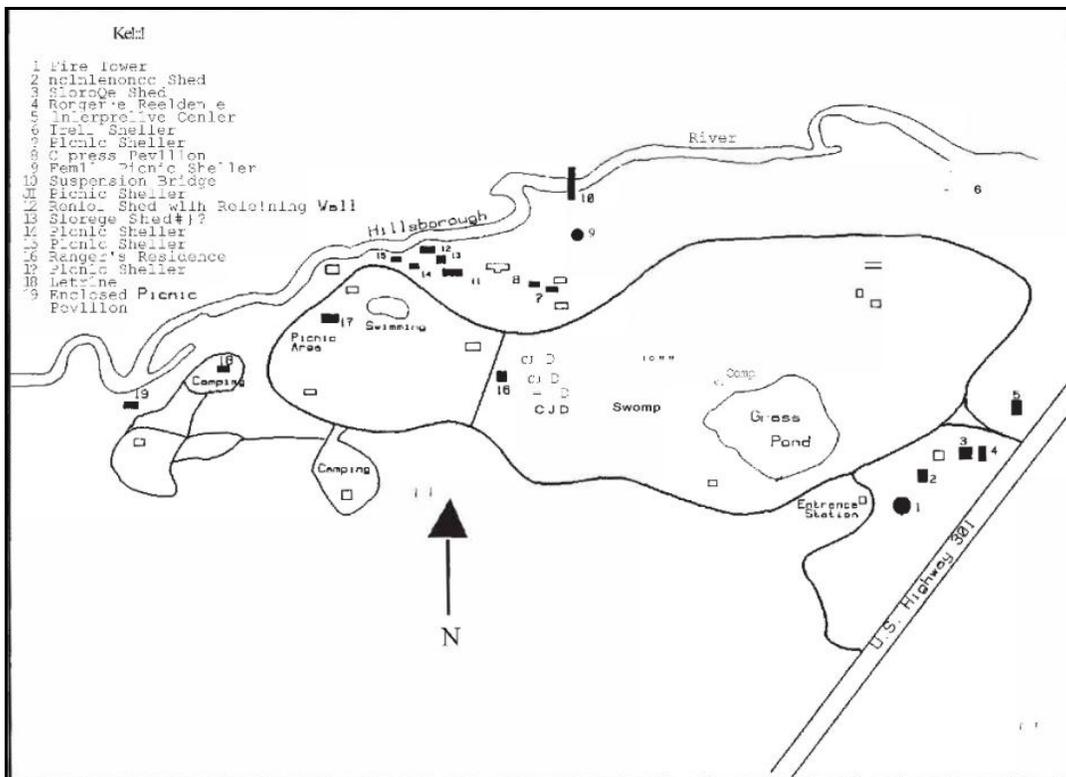


Figure 3. CCC facilities at Hillsborough River State Park (Adams et al. 1989).

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Explanation of Evaluation: The five resources comprising the HRSP New Deal Resources building complex resource group retain a great deal of integrity and represent excellent examples of Rustic and Industrial Vernacular architecture, New Deal planning, and CCC construction methods in the state of Florida. As a result, the resource group is considered eligible for listing in the NRHP under National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History, Engineering, and Architecture.

An additional 13 buildings/structures within the boundaries of Hillsborough River State Park, were constructed between 1957 and 2003 and are typical examples of the Frame and Masonry Vernacular architectural styles with no known significant historic associations or ties to the early period of construction associated with the CCC and the establishment of the park. None are in close proximity to US 301; they are located further west and will have no involvement with the proposed undertaking. A full evaluation of the entire HRSP and its NRHP eligibility is beyond the scope of this project.

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PHOTOGRAPH



AERIAL MAP





USGS

Zephyrhills

Township 27 South, Range 21 East, Section 08

