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July 9, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: David B. Leonard, PE
DDC Engineer

FROM: Celia Foushee *CF*
Division Assistant Project Manager

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SUBJECT: Environmental Document for WBS 3603.3.28 in Atkinson, Pender County

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. This letter will serve as the environmental document for the subject project which is federally funded.

Project Description: Per the attached preliminary and partial plan set for a sidewalk section in Atkinson, NC the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to let a contract to install sidewalks and curb ramps. The sidewalk will be located along NC 53 (Church Street) beginning at the intersection of NC 53 and Stringfield Street (non-system) and ending at the intersection of NC 53 and Beattys Bridge Road (non-system) and will be 895 feet long.

Findings: The project was field reviewed on December 18, 2013. During this review, it was determined that no jurisdictional resources would be impacted. Therefore, neither a 404 nor a 401 permit is required to construct the project.

In addition, consultation with NCDOT's Human Environment Section Staff in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office and Office of State Archaeology has determined that the project is cleared for impacts to cultural resources (see attached reviews).

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23 Section 771.117, this project has been declared a Type 1 Categorical Exclusion and will not require any further NEPA approval by FHWA at this time. Please place this letter in your project file as evidence that the environmental document has been completed.

If there are any changes in the project location or scope of work, you must contact this office for another review.

Enclosures:

1. Cultural resources clearance forms for historic architecture (signed March 25, 2014) and archaeology (signed March 26, 2014)

cc: Mr. Chad Kimes, P.E. NCDOT (electronic copy)
Mr. Al Edgerton, NCDOT (electronic copy)

14-05-0011



HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPES NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES PRESENT OR AFFECTED FORM

This form only pertains to Historic Architecture and Landscapes for this project. It is not valid for Archaeological Resources. You must consult separately with the Archaeology Group.

PROJECT INFORMATION

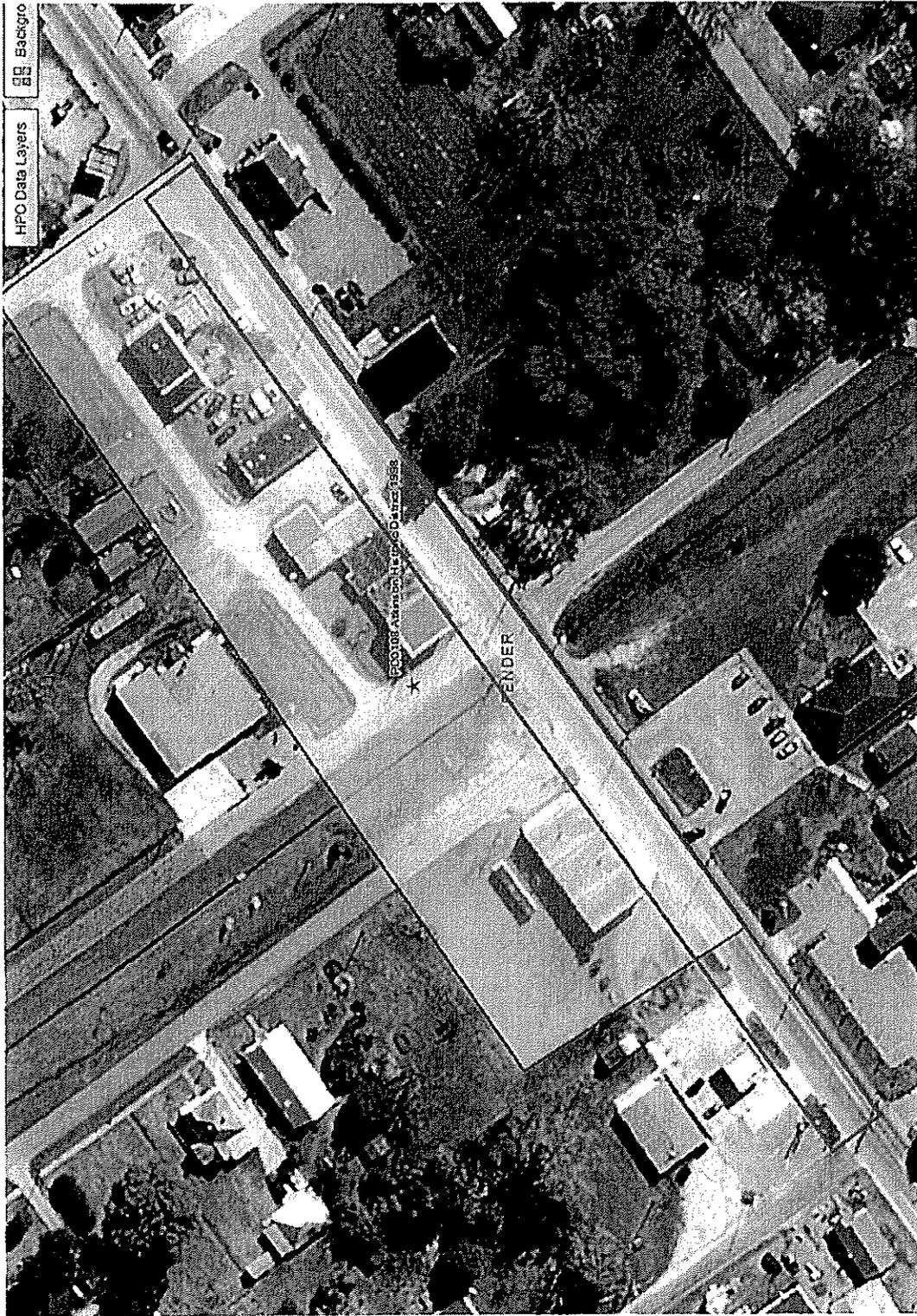
<i>Project No:</i>		<i>County:</i>	Pender
<i>WBS No.:</i>	3603.3.28	<i>Document Type:</i>	PCE
<i>Fed. Aid No:</i>	000S-424	<i>Funding:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal
<i>Federal Permit(s):</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Permit Type(s):</i>	N/A
<u>Project Description:</u> Install concrete sidewalk and curb ramps along NC 53 (Church Street) from Stringfield street to Beatty's Bridge Road in the town of Atkinson.			

SUMMARY OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPES REVIEW

- There are no National Register-listed or Study Listed properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are no properties less than fifty years old which are considered to meet Criteria Consideration G within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are no properties within the project's area of potential effects.
- There are properties over fifty years old within the area of potential effects, but they do not meet the criteria for listing on the National Register.
- There are no historic properties present or affected by this project. (Attach any notes or documents as needed.)

Date of field visit: June 24, 2014

<u>Description of review activities, results, and conclusions:</u> Review of HPO quad maps, HPO GIS information, historic designations roster, and indexes was undertaken on May 22, 2014. The project falls within the Atkinson Historic District, a study listed property. A survey was required. The Study Listed Historic District will not be affected by this project as the proposed sidewalks will tie into existing sidewalks that line West Church Street. If design plans change, additional review will be required.
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Historic Architecture and Landscapes NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES PRESENT OR AFFECTED form for Minor Transportation Projects as Qualified in the 2007 Programmatic Agreement.

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**NO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY REQUIRED FORM**

This form only pertains to ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES for this project. It is not valid for Historic Architecture and Landscapes. You must consult separately with the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Group.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project No: 14-05-0011 County: Pender
 WBS No: 3603.3.28 Document: PCE
 F.A. No: OOOS-424 Funding: State Federal

Federal Permit Required? Yes No Permit Type: N/A

Project Description: NCDOT proposes to install/retrofit existing sidewalks and curb ramps along NC 53 (Church Street) from Stringfield Street to Beatty's Bridge Road in the town of Atkinson. The project length is 0.15 miles, about 840 feet. No new ROW is required. This is a federally funded undertaking, therefore Section 106 of the NHPA applies. The Area of Potential Effects for archaeological review is limited to the width and length of the construction footprint for the new or upgraded sidewalk facility.

SUMMARY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW***Brief description of review activities, results of review, and conclusions:***

Aerial mapping viewing was conducted of the proposed project area and a virtual drive-by was viewed. The Office of State Archaeology was visited on June 2, 2014 to review archaeological survey and site mapping. There are no archaeological sites documented with the OSA at the project locations. Most of the APE for this project has already been disturbed by the existing modern sidewalk facility. No NRHP properties are within the archaeological APE, however the Atkinson Historic District is on the NC Study List. NCDOT architectural historians were consulted regarding historic above ground resources.

Brief Explanation of why the available information provides a reliable basis for reasonably predicting that there are no unidentified historic properties in the APE:

This project is a length series of new or updated sidewalk and curb ramps. The APE has already been disturbed by the existing sidewalk which is to be improved and replaced, driveways and commercial parking lots. There are no documented archaeological resources within the APE. Further, NCDOT architectural historians recommend no further work for their cultural resources review. This small scale undertaking is unlikely to adversely affect any NRHP eligible resources. No additional archaeological investigations are warranted.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

See attached: Map(s) Previous Survey Info Photos Correspondence
 Photocopy of County Survey Notes Other:

FINDING BY NCDOT ARCHAEOLOGIST**NO ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY REQUIRED**


 NCDOT ARCHAEOLOGIST II

June 26, 2014

Date

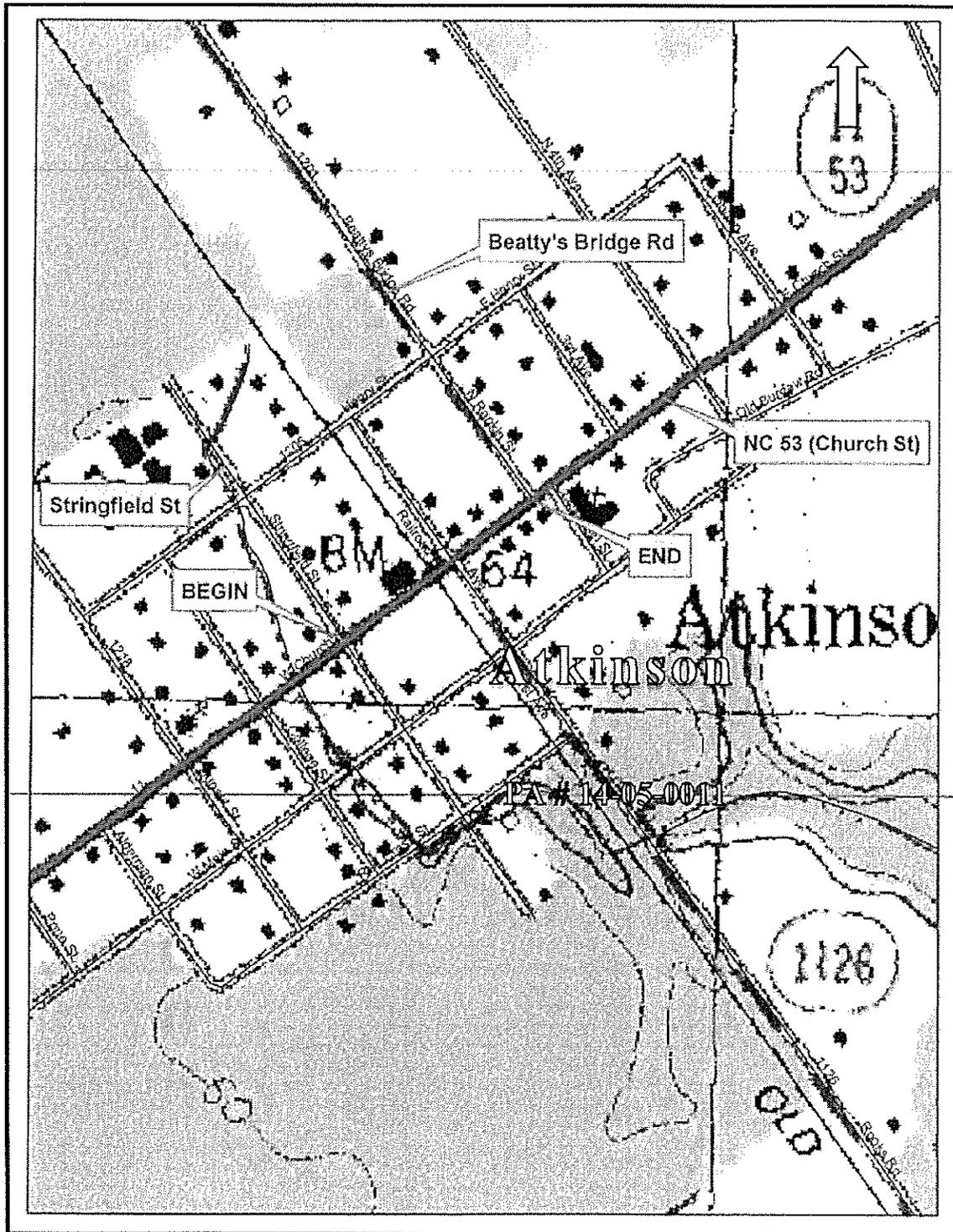


Figure 1. Excerpt from USGS quadrangle (Atkinson) showing downtown Atkinson with proposed sidewalk improvement location noted.

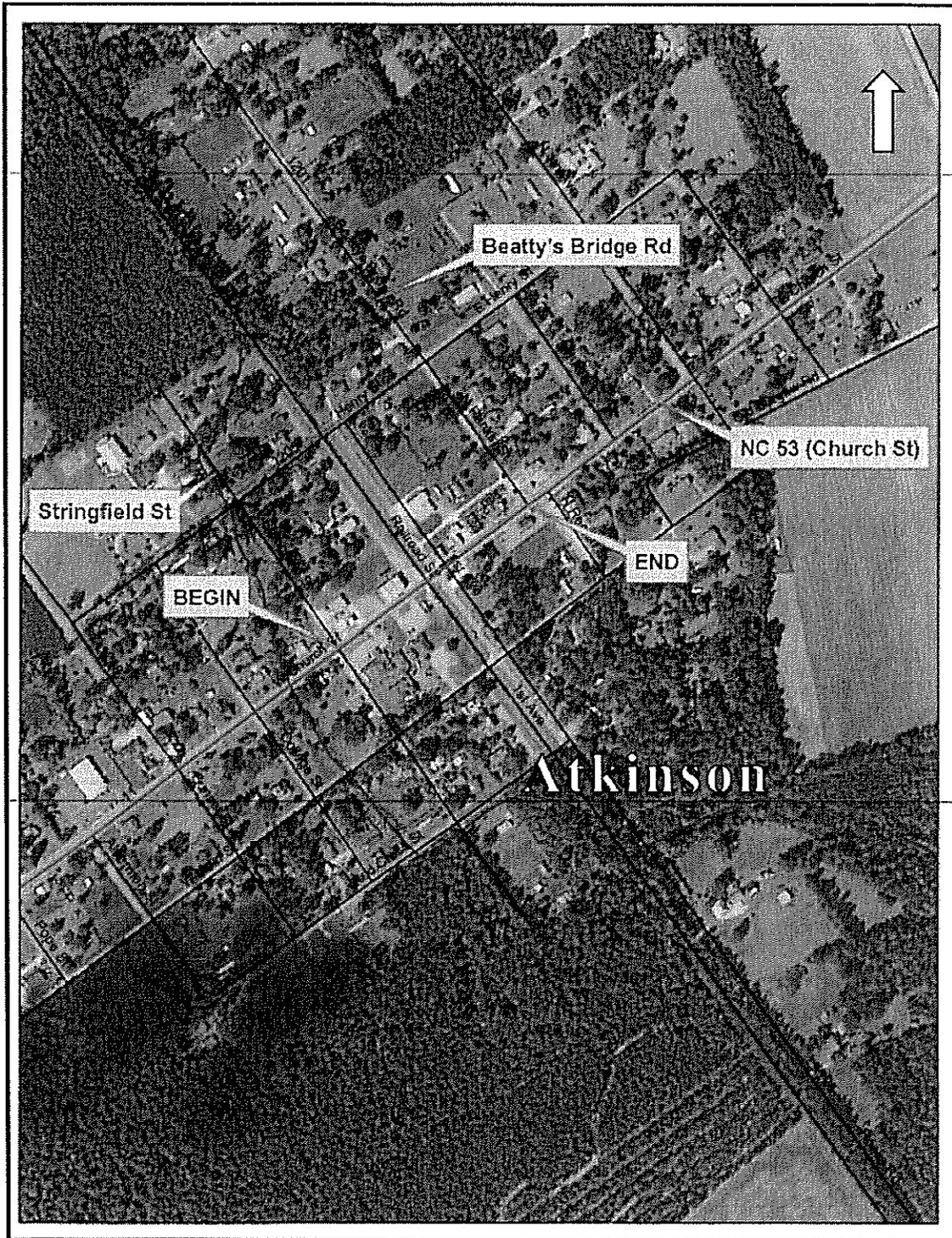


Figure 2. Aerial Mapping showing development at the project area and vicinity in Atkinson, Pender County.