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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Guilford County Property Owners

**FROM:**  Matt Wilkerson, Archaeology Team Leader

Cultural Resources Group

Environmental Analysis Unit

**SUBJECT:** Intensive Archaeological Survey and Testing

This memorandum is to inform you that prior to completion of the final environmental documentation, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be conducting archaeological surveys around Bridge No. 229 on Shatterly Road (SR 3118), Bridge No. 427 on Poley Road (SR 2704), and Bridge No. 183 on Running Creek Road (SR 2710). This work is needed to comply with federal regulations and is being completed by New South Associates, Inc. (New South).

To conduct the archaeological survey, New South was supplied with preliminary mapping from the NCDOT. State law authorizes the NCDOT to conduct environmental studies on private property in order to comply with state and federal laws and regulations. This often involves excavating small test holes and/or units to examine soils. In some cases though, when an archaeological site is discovered, it is necessary to extend the archaeological work outside of the proposed locations to define the edges of the site.

Personnel from New South will be careful to respect the wishes of private property owners regarding the condition of their land and will endeavor to leave the property in good condition and backfill any excavation units they dig. If you have any specific questions regarding the proposed project, please contact me at (919) 707-6089 or Paul J. Mohler, NCDOT Archaeologist, at (919) 707-6080.

cc: Paul J. Mohler, Archaeology

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