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RE: DHR Project File No.: 2019-3804 Received by DHR: June 25, 2019
Application No.: 0333362-002 EI E29
Project: *Beach Rd and Sweptson Bridge Force Main Replacement*
County: Charlotte

To Whom It May Concern:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapters 267.061 and 373.414, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

A review of the Florida Master Site File indicates that the project area is less than thirty-seven (37) m from a recorded archaeological site, 8CH25, whose eligibility for inclusion in the *National Register of Historic Places* has not been evaluated by our office and at which human remains were encountered. Further, the project area has not been surveyed for historical and archaeological resources. While our office notes that part of the project area is in very poorly-drained Wulfert muck, other archaeological sites with associated human remains, including 8CH487, 8CH2160, and 8CH488, have been identified in Charlotte County within Wulfert Muck.

Based on its proximity to archaeological site 8CH25 and the potential for encountering human remains during ground-disturbing activities, we recommend that the project area be subjected to a professional cultural resource assessment survey. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, *Florida Statutes*. The resultant survey report should conform to the provisions of Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code, and should be sent to our office upon completion. The report will help us complete the review process and provide comments or recommendations to the permitting agency in a timely fashion.

The Division of Historical Resources cannot endorse specific archaeological or historic preservation consultants. However, the American Cultural Resources Association maintains a listing of professional consultants at www.acra-crm.org, and the Register of Professional Archaeologists maintains a membership directory at www.rpanet.org. The Division encourages checking references and recent work history.

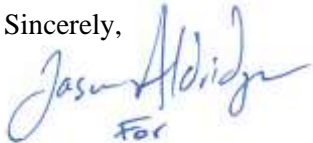
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If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Hall, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at Kristen.Hall@dos.myflorida.com, or by telephone at 850.245.6342 or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,



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