



## CONGAREE RIVER PROJECT

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

### QUARTERLY REPORT – FOURTH QUARTER 2020

#### SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone/Event</u>
October 6, 2020	In an email, the USACE provided the “latest” Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) template [word file] for archaeological sites for DESC to provide input. This version of the MOA will supersede the draft version included in the Permit Application submittal. Additionally, in this same email, the USACE requested that the site be evaluated for the presence of the Smooth Coneflower and Georgia Aster flowers.
October 8, 2020	SCDHEC coordinated with DESC regarding scheduling a conference call to discuss the upcoming Stakeholders call and subsequent SCDHEC Public Meeting. Also, in this email, DESC inquired as to the progress on SCDHEC’s UXO management decision.
October 9, 2020	SCDHEC forwarded the final weekly report to the Stakeholders.
October 12, 2020	DESC forwarded the final weekly report to the USACE. The USACE acknowledged receipt.
October 12, 2020	SCDHEC forwarded an email to DESC. The email contained SCDHEC’s recommended protocol for a UXO “response chain” regarding local law enforcement agencies.
October 12, 2020	DESC participated in a conference call with SCDHEC to discuss plans for an upcoming Stakeholder meeting and a future SCDHEC Public Meeting.
October 16, 2020	SCDHEC forwarded an email to DESC. The email (dated October 15, 2020) from the USACE was a response to SCDHEC and explained the USACE’s position and/or conditions for potentially providing USACE-UXO oversight for the project.
October 16, 2020	DESC participated in a SCDHEC – Stakeholder conference call that discussed many project-related issues and preliminary plans for the next SCDHEC – Public Meeting.



- October 23, 2020 DESC completed the field work associated with evaluating the site for the presence of the Smooth Coneflower and Georgia Aster, per the USACE's official request dated October 27, 2020. [The USACE had previously indicated the need for this study in an email dated October 6, 2020.]
- October 27, 2020 DESC received a written request for additional information from the USACE regarding the September 29 submittal. The correspondence also included comments to the Permit Application that the USACE had received from SCDNR.
- November 2, 2020 SCDHEC provided an informational postcard to the Stakeholders that was intended to make the public aware of the November 17, 2020 public meeting.
- November 6, 2020 DESC completed a routine river inspection. No problems or issues were observed.
- November 10, 2020 DESC worked with TRC (project archaeologist) to produce a revised "redline" MOA and requisite revised figures, per the USACE's request on October 27, 2020.
- November 13, 2020 DESC provided an updated project timeline to SCDHEC.
- November 16, 2020 SCDHEC provided a list of questions to DESC that had been received in advance of the November 17, 2020 Public Meeting.
- November 16, 2020 In response to SDHEC's request, DESC's consultants provided additional cofferdam drawings depicting the maximum height of the proposed cofferdam in Area 1.
- November 17, 2020 SCDHEC conducted a virtual Public Meeting to discuss the status of the Stakeholder-Developed Modified Removal Action.
- November 19, 2020 DESC worked to coordinate a follow-up meeting with SCDHEC and other local residents that were unable to participate in the SCDHEC Public Meeting conducted on November 17.
- November 24, 2020 DESC requested a time extension (until December 18, 2020) from the USACE to provide a more complete response to the October 27, 2020 request for additional information.
- November 25, 2020 The USACE provided approval of the time extension request noted above.
- December 4, 2020 DESC's consultants received the revised Draft UXO plans from Titan (UXO contractor).
- December 7 & 8, 2020 DESC's consultants conducted the field work associated with evaluating the current condition of the pavement at Senate, Gist and William Streets.



- December 10, 2020 DESC and its consultants conducted a conference call to discuss comments to the Draft UXO plans for the Stakeholder-Developed MRA with Titan (UXO contractor).
- December 15, 2020 DESC submitted additional information as requested by the USACE on October 27, 2020. The information included:
- a revised “redline” Memorandum of Agreement (MOA);
  - Georgia Aster & Smooth Coneflower Survey;
  - Response to one SCDNR Comment;
  - Status update on other “Draft” plans included in the September 29, 2020 Permit Application submittal.
- December 16, 2020 The USACE acknowledged receipt of DESC’s submittal of additional information on December 15, 2020, as originally requested by the USACE on October 27, 2020.
- December 17, 2020 DESC completed a routine river inspection. No problems or issues were observed.
- December 21, 2020 DESC’s consultants provided comments to Titan (UXO contractor) regarding three updated UXO plans.
- December 30, 2020 DESC’s consultants conducted a conference call with TRC (project archaeologist) and discussed the status of the revised MOA; and potential staffing and equipment requirements to support the archaeological facet of the MRA.
- December 30, 2020 DESC’s consultants provided detailed, river-bed contour maps to Titan (UXO contractor) regarding the two MRA removal areas.