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June 13, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kate Husband  
Office of Human Environment  
NCDOT Division of Highways

FROM: Renee Gledhill-Earley *Renee Gledhill-Earley*  
Environmental Review Coordinator

SUBJECT: Historic Structures Survey Report for Improvements to NC 279, W-5212N,  
PA 16-10-0002, Gaston County, ER 17-0547

Thank you for your April 18, 2017, email transmitting the information provided by MdM Historical Consultants in response to our questions about the boundaries for the Forrest Allen Farm (GS3217) and Beaver Dam School (GS1314).

We agree with the adjustment made to the boundary of the school by reducing it to one side of the road as shown by the black boundary line in the clarification. We will add this boundary to our GIS.

We are still uncertain about the boundaries for the Forrest Allen Farm since the only additional information provided was text and not the photographs requested so that we could determine the relationship of the buildings to the road and the landscape. Additional photographs of the setting would be helpful, especially along the Dallas-Cherryville Highway. It appears that the road right-of-way is the proposed boundary, but there is no explanation of how or why it was selected.

We have determined that some of the Survey Site Numbers used in the report are incorrect. This is not the fault of the authors, but a problem with double-numbering on our part. Please note and make the consultant aware of this oversight and ask that they use the correct numbers in their updated report.

- ◆ The Survey Site Number for Beaver Dam School - GS1314 is correct and should not be changed.
- ◆ The incorrect/old Survey Site Number for Forrest Allen Farm is GS3212. It should be changed to the new number GS3217
- ◆ The incorrect/old Survey Site Number for Allendale Homes is GS3213. It should be changed to the new number GS3218.
- ◆ The incorrect/old Survey Site Number for Mount Beulah Baptist Church is GS3214. It should be changed to the new number GS3219.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or [environmental.review@ncdcr.gov](mailto:environmental.review@ncdcr.gov). In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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**Edmonds, Andrew S**

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**Subject:** Site ID number changes for ER 17-0547 / W-5212N

Renee, the new Site IDs are as follows:

Forrest Allen Farm – GS3217	(old Site ID: GS3212)
Allendale Homes – GS3218	(old Site ID: GS3213)
Mount Beulah Baptist Church – GS3219	(old Site ID: GS3214)

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The Beaver Dam School – GS1314 – has not had a change in Site ID.

--ASE.

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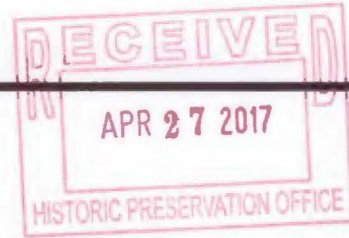
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**From:** Husband, Katherine L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:37 AM  
**To:** DCR - Environmental\_Review  
**Subject:** ER 17-0547 Response  
**Attachments:** W5212-N boundary clarification.pdf

Attached please find a response memo from our consultants concerning questions about the Forrest Allen Farm and Beaver Dam School for W-5212N in Gaston County (ER 17-0547). Thank you and I look forward to receiving your comments.

ER 17-0547

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April 13, 2017

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RE: Improvements to NC 279, W-5212N, Gaston County  
PA 16-10-0002  
ER 17-0547  
National Register Boundary Clarifications:  
Beaver Dam School (GS1314)  
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Dear Katherine:

In response to Renee Gledhill-Earley's memo of April 7, 2017 regarding National Register boundaries for the above-referenced properties, MDM Historical Consultants offers the following additional information:

Forrest Allen Farm (GS3212), including Allendale Homes (GS3213)

The boundary for the farm reflects the property's multiple uses over time. The farm has served as an agricultural operation where mostly cattle have been raised, but also a retail function reflected by the survival of the roadside store operated by Forrest Allen and Forrest Allen Jr. beginning around 1930. The acreage has also supported Forrest Allen Jr.'s rental property business where he built five brick houses or duplexes in the mid-1950s and early 1960s. The 1950s rental houses remain on the parcel containing the 1936 bungalow and its associated buildings. The 1964 Allendale Homes rental houses are on a separate 1.04-acre parcel that was historically part of the larger Forrest Allen Farm until Forrest Allen sold the houses in 1979.

The buildings on the Forrest Allen Farm are located roughly in the southeast quadrant of the forty-acre farm property along the north side of NC 279 (Cherryville-Dallas Highway). Pastureland where cattle and horses graze is located west and north of the buildings. A stand of trees lines the northern part of the parcel. A pond is located at the northwest corner of the farm. Approximately thirty acres of the forty-acre farm is agricultural land—not occupied by buildings. The Allendale Homes are about 900 feet west of the farm's buildings on a one-acre parcel situated at the northeast intersection of Mauney Road and NC 279. The forty-one-acre

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National Register-eligible parcel encompasses the historic buildings and landscape associated with the Forrest Allen Farm and those resources that reflect the agricultural and business activities of Forrest Allen and Forrest Allen Jr. (see figures 1 and 2).



Figure 1: Aerial view of Forrest Allen Farm showing parcel lines, location of buildings and structures, and the National Register boundaries

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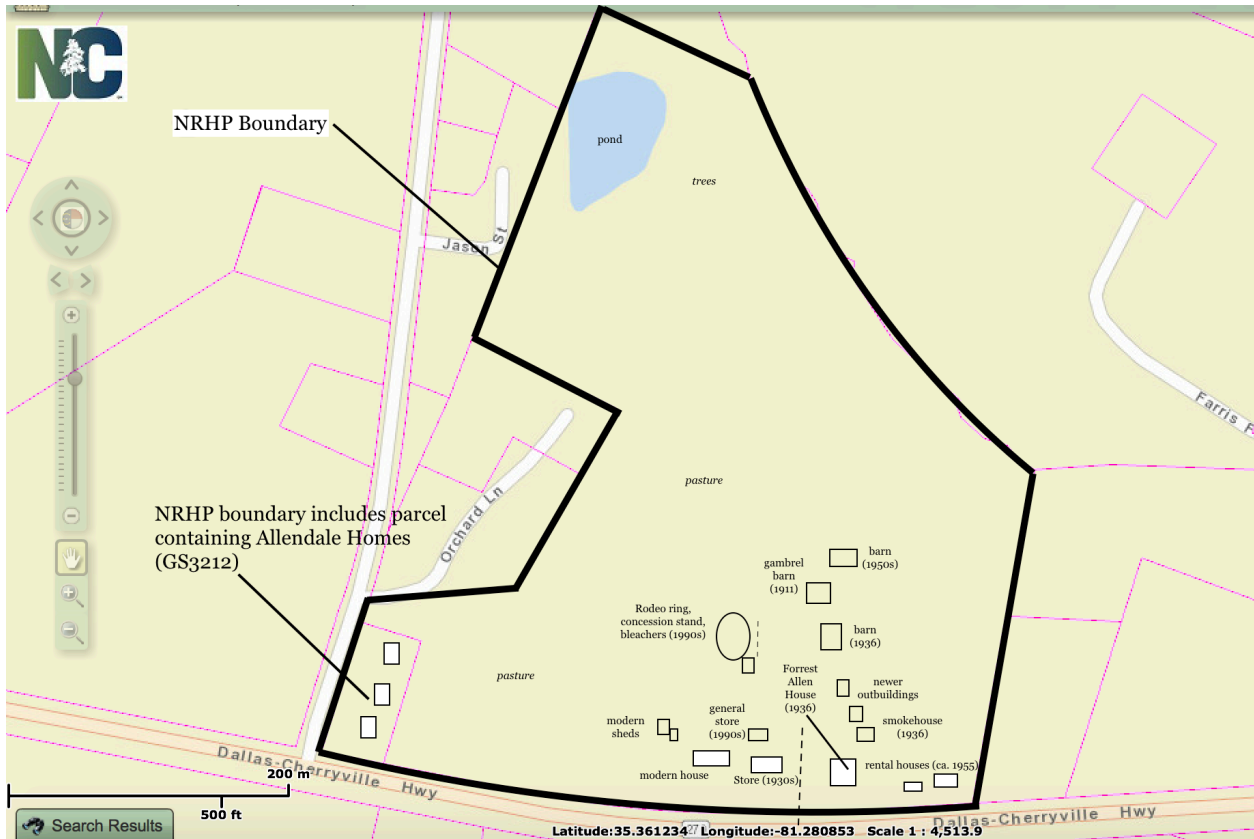


Figure 2: Site plan for Forrest Allen Farm (GS3212), including Allendale Homes (GS3213)

### Beaver Dam School (GS1314)

The National Register boundary for Beaver Dam School is adjusted to eliminate the .06-acre triangular area northwest of the school and on the opposite side of Carson Hunter Road from the historic building. The south side right-of-way for Carson Hunter Road provides a clear and discernable northwest boundary for the former Rosenwald School (see figures 3 and 4).

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Figure 3: Carson Hunter Road, view to the northeast. School to the right out of frame.

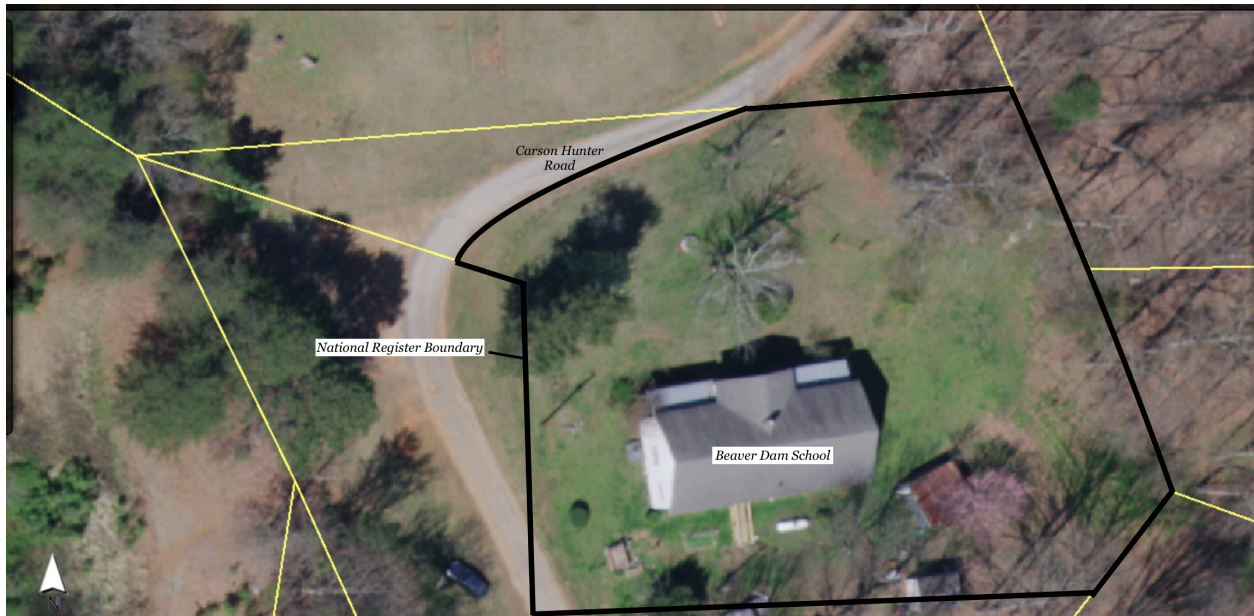


Figure 4: Aerial showing National Register boundary for Beaver Dam School. Yellow lines indicate parcel boundaries, while black line shows National Register boundary.

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If you have further questions about the boundaries for the above-referenced projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Martin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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