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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kate Husband  
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SUBJECT: Addendum to Historic Structures Survey Report, Widening SR 1005 (Startown Road) from  
US 70 to NC10, R-5113, Hickory, Catawba County, ER 17-3030

Thank you for your memorandum of May 3, 2018, transmitting the additional information for the above-referenced undertaking. The addendum provides helpful information and addresses the questions raised in our January 12, 2018, response to the Historic Structures Survey Report.

We concur that the following properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the reasons outlined in the addendum.

- W.R. Lutz Farmsite, 2461 Startown Road (CT0782)
- J.B. Lutz House, 2733 Startown Road (CT0781)
- Cicero Cline House, 3336 Startown Road (CT0779)
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3761 Startown Road (CT1576)

As explained and we concur, C.F. Bolick House, 2954 Startown Road (CT0780) should remain unevaluated.

The St. Paul's Reformed Church, 2387 Dove Street (CT0403) should remain listed on the National Register for the reasons provided in the 2017 report.

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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**ER 17-3030**

May 3, 2018

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**SUBJECT:** ER 17-3030: R-5113 Additional Information, Catawba County

Enclosed please find additional information as requested in the January 12, 2018 memorandum. Please contact me by phone (919-707-6075) or email (klhusband@ncdot.gov) if you have any additional questions or comments. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Re: Additional Information/Architectural Evaluation Associated with the Widening of SR 1005 from US 70 to NC 10 in Hickory, Catawba County, North Carolina. TIP No. R-5113. WBS No. 42364.1.1. SHPO No. ER 17-3030.**

Dear Kate:

On behalf of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Dovetail Cultural Resource Group (Dovetail) conducted additional architectural studies on the SR 1005 widening project in Hickory, North Carolina. This project was the subject of an initial evaluation in the fall of 2017. A report was authored by Dovetail and submitted to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NCHPO) for their review. Six resources were the subject of intensive-level architectural study during the initial work: W.R. Lutz Farmsite (CT0782), J.B. Lutz House (CT0781), C.F. Bolick House (CT0780), Cicero Cline House (CT0779), St. Paul's Reformed Church, (CT0403), and St. Paul Lutheran Church (CT1576). In a letter dated January 12, 2018, the NCHPO concurred with the report recommendations on the Cicero Cline House (CT0779) and St. Paul's Reformed Church (CT0403). The NCHPO requested additional data on the remaining four resources to complete their analysis. This additional research and fieldwork were conducted by Dovetail in March and April 2018. This current letter report includes data on all questions posed by the NCHPO based on our revisit of the project area.

### **W.R. Lutz Farmsite (CT0782)**

The W.R. Lutz Farmsite was recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) during the original study of this area. Based on their preliminary review of the report, the NCHPO requested two additional sets of data to complete their analysis of this property: additional photographs of two resources (the tenant house and a second barn) and presentation of comparative nearby dairies.

The tenant house, built around 1935, is a one-story, three-bay vernacular dwelling. Additional photographs of this resource were captured in March 2018 from approved right of ways; access to the property was not granted (Photo 1–Photo 5, pp. 2–4). Based on the additional documentation, it appears that the building underwent modifications in the 1950s and again in the 1990s or early 2000s including the addition of aluminum siding, replacing some of the original wooden windows with one-over-one, aluminum, framed double-hung-sash windows, and replacing the original roof cladding with modern asphalt shingles. The dwelling has also been unoccupied for several years and exhibits poor to fair integrity including a compromised frame structural system, damage to the windows, and dilapidation of the front entry porch.

The second barn also has noted integrity issues and has not been in use for many years. Although vegetative growth blocked the view of the barn from some viewsheds from the right of way, the March 2018 revisit confirmed the poor condition of this building (Photo 6–Photo 8, pp. 5–6). The weatherboard has fallen off of large sections of the frame structural system and the pieces that remain are warped and friable. The standing-seam metal roof is also missing part of its cladding, and some of the rafters have rotted through. Few modern alternations were noted.



Photo 1: W.B. Lutz Tenant House, West Oblique.



Photo 2: W.B. Lutz Tenant House, Southeast Elevation.



Photo 3: Tenant House Porch Detail, Looking North.



Photo 4: Example of Aluminum-Framed Replacement Window, Southeast Elevation



Photo 5: Example of Original Four-Over-One Wood Window, Southeast Elevation.



Photo 6: Second Barn on the W.R. Lutz Farmsite, South Oblique.



Photo 7: Second Barn on the W.R. Lutz Farmsite, Northwest Elevation.



Photo 8: Detail of Framing on Second Barn, Looking Southwest.

To compare this property to other dairy farmstead in the region, two nearby properties were documented for contextual data. Similar to the W.R. Lutz Farmsite, access was not granted to these two properties and photodocumentation occurred from public right of ways. The Piedmont Jersey Farm is located at 4399 Richie Road in Lincolnton, North Carolina, approximately 10 miles south of the W.R. Lutz Farmsite in Lincoln County (Figure 1, p. 7). The property is an active dairy farm operated by another branch of the Lutz family. The current owner, Corey Lutz, obtained the property from his parents, Charles and Ethel Lutz, in 1997 (Lincoln County Deed Book 990:801). Upon purchase, Corey erected a new manufactured home near the roadway but continued the dairying operation that had been in his family for several years (Country Folks 2013). The property contains the manufactured home as well as two silos, two lounging sheds, a milking parlor, a garage, an equipment shed, and several barns (Photo 9–Photo 13, pp. 8–10). All of the farm buildings are in good to excellent condition and represent the Lutz dairying tradition in this region.





Figure 1: Piedmont Jerseys Dairy Farm (Google 2018).



Photo 9: Piedmont Jerseys Dairy Farm at 4399 Richie Road in Lincoln County.



Photo 10: Overview of the Piedmont Jerseys Dairy Farm, Looking Southwest.



Photo 11: Overview of Modern Dairy Buildings, Looking North.



Photo 12: Detail of Silos, Barn, Milking Parlor, and Equipment Shed, Looking West.



Photo 13: Historic Barn at the Piedmont Jerseys Dairy Farm, Looking North.

A non-Lutz dairying operation was documented at 2939 Emmanuel Church Road in Conover, about 7 miles east of the W.B. Lutz property. It is currently owned by the Huffman family. This operation includes a primary dwelling built in 1974, two barns, an equipment shed, a silo, and a dairying parlor (Figure 2, p. 11; Photo 14, p. 11). It was once part of a much larger agricultural parcel that was subdivided in 1966 (Catawba County Plat Book 13:26). Some of the outbuildings on this farm are newer than those at the W.R. Lutz Farmsite but all are in excellent condition and continue to be used for dairying (Photo 15–Photo 16, p. 12). The dairying parlor/milking barn appears to have been constructed in the 1930s but an exact construction date could not be located (Photo 17–Photo 19, pp. 13–14).

### **J.B. Lutz House (CT0781)**

In December 2017, Dovetail recommended the J.B. Lutz House eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion B. However, upon review, NCHPO staff determined that alterations to the house and a loss of agricultural outbuildings associated with the life of J.B. Lutz resulted in such significant loss of integrity that this resource should be considered not eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A–D. Dovetail and the NCDOT accept this determination.



Figure 2: Hoffman Farm at 2839 Emmanuel Church Road in Catawba County (Google 2018).



Photo 14: Main Dwelling at Hoffman Farm, Primary (East) Elevation.



Photo 15: Overview of Modern Dairy Buildings, Facing North.



Photo 16: Detail of Equipment Shed, Facing North.



Photo 17: Historic Dairy Outbuildings to West of Main House, Facing North.



Photo 18: Detail of Historic Dairy Buildings, Facing North.



Photo 19: Additional View of Dairy Barn, Facing Southwest.

### **C.F. Bolick House (CT0780)**

The Dovetail 2017 survey resulted in a recommendation that this resource was not eligible for the NRHP. In their January 2018 review, the NCHPO suggested that the property remain unevaluated at this time as there is not enough definitive information to result in a determination of eligibility. Dovetail and the NCDOT accept this determination.

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church (CT1576)**

This resource was recommended as not eligible for the NRHP in the original analysis. Based on their review of the ensuing evaluation-level report, the NCHPO requested several additional pieces of information before an eligibility determination could be made, including additional examples of Gothic Revival and second- and third-generation churches in the area to create a more thorough comparative context, additional examples of nearby church complexes with parsonages on site, more information on the circa 1990 renovations to the church, and interior photos.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 3761 Startown Road in Newton. The property includes the church, a parsonage with associated carport, two storage sheds, a sign, and a playset. The primary resource is a one-and-a-half-story, three-bay church built in 1924 in the Gothic Revival style on a linear plan (Photo 20, p. 16). In 1956, a large, two-and-a-half-story, five-bay addition was appended to the west elevation of the church. The



footprint of the new educational wing is slightly larger than the original church's massing, and the building is taller than the church (Figure 3, p. 16; Photo 21–Photo 22, p. 17). This addition was renovated in 1990 including the installation of vinyl windows, new roof cladding, and new metal doors (Photo 23–Photo 24, p. 18). Other exterior changes made to the church since its construction include the addition of a parsonage in 1947, new large parking lot, and erecting a carport appended to the educational wing in 1990 (see Photo 21).

Access to the main space of the 1924 church was allowed during the current revisit but no other spaces were open for visual inspection. This space comprises a single open nave with an associated chancel (Photo 25, p. 19). The chancel is framed by a gothic arch. The basic plan of this space has not been modified since it was originally constructed, and the pews and light fixtures are original. Numerous changes were made to this space in 1990, though, including the installation of decorative woodwork (beams and brackets to the ceiling and wainscoting to the walls). In addition, flooring was changed throughout the interior of the building, new doors were installed throughout the entire building (Photo 26, p. 19), and a new wall configuration was established in the addition, modifying the original 1956 plan.

The associated parsonage is a one-story, three-bay, single-family dwelling constructed around 1947 in the Minimal Traditional style with Tudor Revival elements. Two additions were built off of the primary structural system around 1990. As requested, additional photos are provided here of this secondary building (Photo 27–Photo 28, p. 20).

To place this property in context, several nearby churches were documented including some with on-site parsonages and others that are second- and third-generation churches built on the same sites as earlier ecclesiastic buildings.

Christ Lutheran Church/Christ Lutheran Church Parsonage (CT0155)—now known as Mount Zion Baptist Church—is located at 416 2nd Avenue SE in Hickory. It has been recorded with the NCHPO but not evaluated. Built in 1930, this Gothic Revival Church exhibits similar characteristics to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church including an almost identical nave and chancel (Photo 29–Photo 31, pp. 21–22). With the exception of new carpet, the nave and chancel retain their original materials and design. A parsonage is located to the west of the church building; it was built in 1930 in the Colonial Revival style (Photo 32, p. 22). A fellowship hall was built to the rear of the church in the third quarter of the twentieth century (Photo 33, p. 23). This one-story building is not appended to the church. The basic design of this church mirrors the circa 1924 St. Paul's church. However, the original church building at Christ Lutheran retains its historic integrity of materials and design and does not exhibit a large addition, such as that seen on St. Paul's. The Fellowship Hall is a stand-alone building, thus preserving the footprint of the original structure. In addition, the parsonage continues to be used by the church rather than rented to an outside party, such as that exhibited at St. Paul's.



Photo 20: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Southeast Oblique.



Figure 3: St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Google 2018). Note the size of the addition (left) in comparison to the primary massing (right).



Photo 21: Rear (East) of Addition on St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Photo 22: Interface of Main Church (Left) and Addition (Right).  
Note the circa-1990 carport.



Photo 23: Replacement Vinyl Window on St. Paul's Church Addition.



Photo 24: Replacement Door on St. Paul's Church Addition.



Photo 25: Interior of Nave in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Looking West Towards Chancel.



Photo 26: Example of Replacement Flooring in St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Photo 27: St. Paul's Parsonage, Primary (West) Elevation.



Photo 28: St. Paul's Parsonage, Southwest Oblique.



Photo 29: Christ Lutheran Church (now Mount Zion), Southeast Oblique.  
Note parsonage to right.



Photo 30: Christ Lutheran Church, Detail of South Elevation.



Photo 31: Interior of Christ Lutheran Church (PreservationNC 2018).



Photo 32: Parsonage at Christ Lutheran Church, Primary (West) Elevation.





Photo 33: Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran Church, Northwest Oblique.

Another nearby church with good integrity is the Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church at 2110 Mt Olive Church Road (Photo 34– Photo 35, p. 24). This resource has not been recorded with the NCHPO. Built in the 1940s, this Colonial Revival church retains its original scale and massing as well as the majority of its external architectural details. Only the front doors have been replaced. An educational building was constructed in the 1960s to the northeast of the original church (Photo 36, p. 25), and an on-site parsonage can be found to the southeast (Photo 37–Photo 38, pp. 25–26). The parsonage was also built in the 1940s in the Minimal Traditional style with Colonial Revival elements. Like Christ Lutheran Church listed above, all secondary resources are located away from the original church, thus maintaining the original flow and massing of the historic church.

Two second/third generation churches were also photodocumented as comparative examples for St. Paul’s. Grace Lutheran Church (CT0945, CT0400) is located at 4536 Hickory Lincolnton Highway in Newton. The first church in this area was built in 1797. It was replaced in 1858 by a brick building that still stands today (Photo 39, p. 26). A third, much larger church was built across the street in 1942 to accommodate the growing congregation but this building burned in 1948 (NCHPO n.d.a.). The extant building was constructed in 1949 (Photo 40, p. 27). Resources that are part of this church property include the 1858 church, the 1949 church, a parsonage (Photo 41, p. 27), and a cemetery. All are currently used and have excellent integrity.



Photo 34: Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Primary (Southwest) Elevation.



Photo 35: Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, West Oblique.



Photo 36: Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Education Building, Primary (Southwest) Elevation.



Photo 37: Overview of Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church (Left) and Parsonage (Right), Looking Southeast.



Photo 38: Trinity Hmong Parsonage, West Oblique.



Photo 39: Original Circa-1852 Building, Grace Lutheran Church, Northeast Oblique.



Photo 40: Grace Lutheran Church, Primary (West) Elevation.



Photo 41: Grace Lutheran Church Parsonage, Southwest Oblique.

Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 2035 Old Conover-Startown Road in Newton, has not been recorded with the NCHPO. The original church associated with this congregation is the Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (CT0007), built in 1818 and listed in the NRHP (Photo 42). Due to growing attendance, a larger church was constructed across the road in 1952 (Photo 43) (Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 2018). This building exhibits elements of both the Gothic Revival and Tudor Revival styles. The property contains the 1952 church, a parsonage (Photo 44, p. 29), and a shed. All are still used by the congregation.



Photo 42: Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Original Circa-1818 Building, Southwest Oblique.



Photo 43: Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Primary (Southwest) Elevation.



Photo 44: Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Oblique.

If any additional data is needed, please let us know. We can be reached at [kbarile@dovetailcrg.com](mailto:kbarile@dovetailcrg.com)/ [hstaton@dovetailcrg.com](mailto:hstaton@dovetailcrg.com) or 540-899-9170.

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## References

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### Country Folks

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### Google

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### Lincoln County Deed Book

n.d. Various Deed Books on File. Lincoln County Register of Deeds, Lincolnton, North Carolina.

### North Carolina Historic Preservation Office (NCHPO)

n.d.a. North Carolina Historic Preservation Office Architectural Survey Form: Grace Lutheran Church (CT0945, CT0400), Catawba County, North Carolina. Copy on file in the Department of Cultural Resources, Survey and National Register Branch, Raleigh, North Carolina.

### Old St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2018 Church History and Information. Electronic document, <http://www.oldstpaulslutheran.org/page/180016546/180105457/Church-History-and-Information>, accessed April 2018.

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