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September 13, 2005

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Re: Reconnaissance – Level Survey Report, Letter Form: Sections A and B of Morrisville Parkway, Phase III, NC 55 to Green Level Church Road, Town of Cary, (ST – 1123), Wake County, ER05-1875

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for the transmission of your reconnaissance survey concerning the above project.

For purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur that the following properties are not eligible for the National Register:

- (Resource A) House at 910 Twyla Road, Cary
- (Resource B) Farm at Green Hope School Road, Cary
- ♦ (Resource C) Batchelor House/House at 7316 Green Hope School Road, Cary Z WA 0983
- (Resource D) Batchelor House/House at 7326 Green Hope Road, Cary

Therefore, we have no further comment on Sections A and B of the project as proposed. 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 919-733-4763. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

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Peter Sandbeck

Russ Overton, Town of Cary

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Wake County #488

Recon Level Survey: Morrisville Parkway (NC 55 to Green Level Church Road) ER 05-1875



Ms. Renee Gledhill-Earley Environmental Review Coordinator North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office Division of Archives and History 4617 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-4617

August 16, 2005

Re: Reconnaissance-Level Inventory: Sections A and B of Morrisville Parkway Phase III, Town of Cary, Wake County, North Carolina (ST-1123)

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Architectural Survey

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Dear Renee,

The Town of Cary is proposing to construct an extension of Morrisville Parkway (Phase III). This phase of the project would extend westward from NC 55 to Green Level Church Road, as shown on the thick blue line on the attached Figure 1. The project is further broken into four sections, which are also depicted on Figure 1. The westernmost section, of 2,487 linear feet, is to be constructed by a developer. The 6,243-linear-foot-long easternmost section—Section C—is to be developed by the Town of Cary. This letter report assesses resources appearing to be more than 50 years old that are located within Sections A and B only. Section A, to be developed by the Town, extends for 1,905 linear feet. Section B, also to be developed by the Town, is located at the site of the proposed I-540/Morrisville Parkway Extension interchange. It includes 1,430 linear feet of roadway and an additional 8,806 linear feet of ramps.

Within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of Sections A and B, URS senior architectural historian Marvin A. Brown conducted a reconnaissance-level inventory on July 20, 2005. He mapped and photographed four resources that appear to be more than 50 years old. URS believes that none of these resources, which are depicted and briefly described below, are historically or architecturally significant and that none of them are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. They are also not believed to be eligible for National Register listing as a historic district, as they do not appear to comprise or be part of a significant distinguishable assemblage. Modern resources are scattered throughout the area. The resources are located on Figures 1 and 2, attached. Photographs are appended to this letter.

House at 910 Twyla Road, Cary (Resource A)

This one-story, gable-front, artificially sided, frame house appears to date from the 1930s or 1940s. If faces eastward toward Twyla Road. A small, shed-roofed, altered, full-facade porch extends from its three-bay, west-facing, front elevation. Two sheds and a privy that appear to be contemporary with the house stand just to the north (Plates 1-3).

This house was not included in Kelly Lally's 1991 inventory of Wake County. She did not complete a survey form for it and did not note its presence in any way on the Green Level USGS

inventory map.

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Farm at 7317 Green Hope School Road, Cary (Resource B)

The one-story, gable-front, artificially sided, frame house that anchors this farm appears to date from the 1930s or 1940s. An altered porch shades its three west-facing front bays. The house is similar in appearance and scale to the nearby house on Twyla Road. Spread to the house's east rear are approximately ten small outbuildings, primarily sheds, that appear to also date from the mid-twentieth century (Plates 4-6).

Kelly Lally did not complete an inventory form for this property as part of her 1991 survey of the county. She did however include a short notation of the farmhouse—1⊕3cgf—on the Green Level quadrangle sheet.

Batchelor House/House at 7316 Green Hope School Road, Cary (Resource C)

This one-story, artificially sided, single-pile, frame house appears to date from the last decade of the nineteenth century or the first decade of the twentieth. It has three principal gables, two at its north and south side elevations and a third—a blind façade gable—centered above its east-facing front entry. An altered shed roof shades the three bays of its front façade. To the house's north is a frame outbuilding sided with weathered vertical boards, which was once a packhouse or tobacco barn (Plate 7-9).

In 1991, as part of her Wake County survey, Kelly Lally inventoried this house, and the one below (Resource D), as a single entry. She called the resources the Batchelor Houses and assigned them inventory number WA-983. Her narrative entry for the houses is the following:

Altered 1 and 1/2 story triple-A house with earlier rear ell and 1 story triple-A tenant house with rear ell to the east of the main dwelling. Both built around the turn of the century and associated with the Batchelor family farm. The farm was owned by the Wimberly family for many years in the 19th century and was acquired by the Batchelors through marriage. Vandora Batchelor, who also owned land in the area, had a store and post office nearby called Ewing beginning in 1892. It is unknown how long Mr. Batchelor operated this establishment.

She did recommend that either of the houses was eligible for National Register listing and they are not included on the North Carolina Study List of resources that may be eligible for such listing.

Batchelor House/House at 7326 Green Hope School Road, Cary (Resource D)

This one-and-half-story, artificially sided, single-pile, frame house has a gable-end roof and a façade gable, lit by a window, centered over its south-facing front elevation. An almost full-façade, hipped-roof porch shades its three front bays. Brick end chimneys bracket the house. To its rear extends a one-story, single-pile, gable-end ell. The ell's east elevation is shaded by a porch later enclosed at one end. The house and ell appear to date from the last decade of the nineteenth century or the opening decade of the twentieth (Plates 10-12).

In the opinion of URS, none of the inventoried resources merit further investigation, as none appear eligible for National Register listing. The Town of Cary would appreciate a concurrence from your office on this opinion or a recommendation of what further work should be undertaken to assess the eligibility of the resources. If you have any questions, please call me at 461-1538. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Marvin A. Brown Senior Architectural Historian

cc: Russ Overton, P.E., Town of Cary Kim Leight, URS



Plate 1: House at 910 Twyla Road—west front and south side elevations



Plate 2: House at 910 Twyla Road—looking northeast at sheds to north of house



Plate 3: House at 910 Twyla Road—looking southeast from shed toward house



Plate 4: Farm at 7317 Green Hope School Road—looking southwest at north side and east rear elevations of house and outbuildings



Plate 5: Farm at 7317 Green Hope School Road—looking south at north side elevations of house and outbuildings



Plate 6: Farm at 7317 Green Hope School Road—looking northeast at west front and south side elevations of house and shed



Plate 7: House at 7316 Green Hope School Road—south side and east front elevations



Plate 8: House at 7316 Green Hope School Road—east front elevation

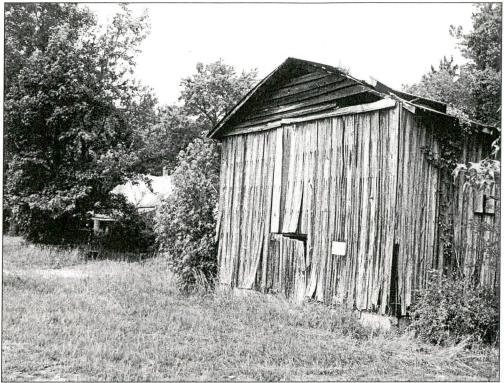


Plate 9: House at 7316 Green Hope School Road—south side and east front elevations_of outbuilding; house at left



Plate 10: House at 7326 Green Hope School Road—south front and west side elevations



Plate 11: House at 7326 Green Hope School Road—south front elevation at left and rear ell at right



Plate 12: House at 7326 Green Hope School Road— east front elevation of

