

INTERPRETATIONS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Center for Public Archaeology's Phase I investigation of the Capitol Trail/Possum Park Road intersection did not reveal any cultural resources eligible for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Both historic and prehistoric remains consisted of light scatters of material derived from disturbed contexts. Therefore, it is recommended that no additional cultural research investigations be conducted within the Possum Park/Capitol Trail intersection improvements project area.

The ephemeral nature of the prehistoric remains within and adjacent to the project area is interpreted as the remnants of limited exploitative forays by local prehistoric groups. Although there are numerous sites, primarily on the High Coastal Plain, within two miles of the study location, the poorly drained soils within the vicinity may not have provided predictable annual resources or suitable locations for campsites. Given the proximity of the better drained soils within the Coastal Plain, round-trip forays into the Piedmont Uplands of the project area were probably the traditional practice of local prehistoric populations. Historically, the project area was apparently used only as a cultivated field. No structures were erected upon it. Therefore, no archaeological resources have been identified within the project area and as such no additional investigations are deemed necessary.