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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Design and Construction
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

September 13, 2024

Re: DHR No.: 2024-2714-B
Project: Big Shoals-Septic Systems Replacement

To Whom It May Concern:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

Our office reviewed additional information we received on the proposed undertaking after our initial review. Based on this information, this office recommends that ground-disturbing activities associated with this project be monitored by a professional archaeologist. The purpose of monitoring will be to identify archaeological deposits or significant artifacts that may be encountered. Should significant archaeological deposits, features or artifacts be encountered, the archaeologist must be empowered to direct the project activities to shift away from such resources. This discretionary power would enable the monitor to contact this office and to determine measures that must be taken to avoid, minimize adverse effects to the site; or to proceed to recover the archaeological resources in a professional manner. When the archaeologist has completed recordation and/or recovery measures the project activities would be allowed to continue as planned. At completion of the project, the archaeological monitor must compile a monitoring report in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code to be forwarded to this office. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

The Division of Historical Resources cannot endorse specific archaeological or historic preservation consultants. However, the American Cultural Resources Association maintains a listing of professional consultants at www.acra-crm.org, and the Register of Professional Archaeologists maintains a membership directory at www.rpanet.org. The Division encourages checking references and recent work history.

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In addition, because the project will occur on state lands, it will require a 1A-32 permit. The consultant should contact Nicholas Yarbrough at the Bureau of Archaeological Research (StateLandsPermits@DOS.myflorida.com or 850-245-6438). For further information see link <https://dos.myflorida.com/historical/archaeology/public-lands/research-permits/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tobias, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at Jennifer.Tobias@dos.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly L. Chase" with "For" written below it.

Alissa S. Lotane
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