

Hampton - Jasper County Line

Savannah River to a point along the Coosawhatchie River







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Overview

- Reason for boundary clarification
- Why is the SC Geodetic Survey the chosen agency
- The requirements and duties of the SC Geodetic Survey
- Explanation of our methods
- Boundary clarification procedure
- Legal process for individuals disagreeing with SCGS findings
- Statutory description of county boundary
- Research and findings
- Monumentation and Survey
- Conclusion

The Reason...

- Passage of time and growth has led to confusion over statutory county descriptions and the locations of county boundary lines
- Exact and precise locations and boundaries of state's political subdivisions are critical for services, enforcement of property rights and election of public officials.
- Technology exists now to cost-effectively provide definite and permanent markers of boundary lines
- Necessary for state government and political subdivisions

Why the SC Geodetic Survey?

- Over the last 30+ years, the South Carolina Geodetic Survey has worked with South Carolina counties to help resolve some of the ambiguities present in the current Code of Law
- SC Geodetic Survey was also used in the clarification of the NC/SC boundary
- In the early 90's Greenville and Spartanburg counties asked the Geodetic Survey to help them work out the location of their Statutory Boundary. Their boundary was clarified and placed into law.
- After it's completion the General Assembly decided to enact legislation assigning the SC Geodetic Survey as the mediator to resolve disputes between counties.

The duties of the SC Geodetic Survey (SCGS) with respect to determining county boundaries

SC Code of Laws §27-2-105
Act No. 262 of 2014

- (1994) Dispute between two or more counties- SCGS will act as mediator to resolve the dispute
- (1994/2014) SCGS to assist counties in defining and monumenting the locations of county boundaries and positioning the monuments using geodetic surveys where counties are ill-defined, unmarked, or poorly marked
- (2014) SCGS will clarify county boundaries as defined in Chapter 3, Title 4
- (2014) SCGS will analyze archival and other evidence and perform field surveys to position geographically all county boundaries in accordance with statutory descriptions
- (2014) To amend section 27-2-105, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the duties of the South Carolina Geodetic Survey (SCGS) with respect to determining county boundaries, so as to authorize and direct the SCGS to clarify county boundaries and mediate boundary disputes between counties by providing a procedure allowing the SCGS administratively to adjust county boundaries, to provide the procedures including notice that SCGS must follow in making such adjustments, to provide that affected parties may appeal these adjustments to the Administrative Law Court in a de novo hearing, to provide the method of determining the effective date of these administrative county boundary adjustments and the notice requirements for these adjustments to be effective and to provide that nothing contained in this administrative process restricts the authority of the General Assembly by legislative enactment to adjust or otherwise clarify county boundaries by legislative enactment.

MONUMENTS

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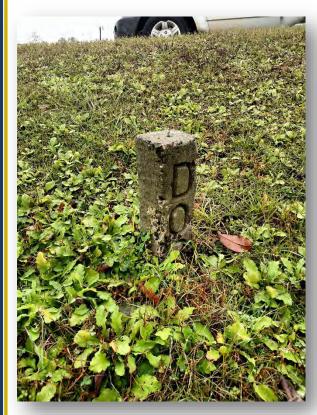
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Geodetic Surveys & Common Geographic Coordinate Systems Why we use them for boundary surveys.



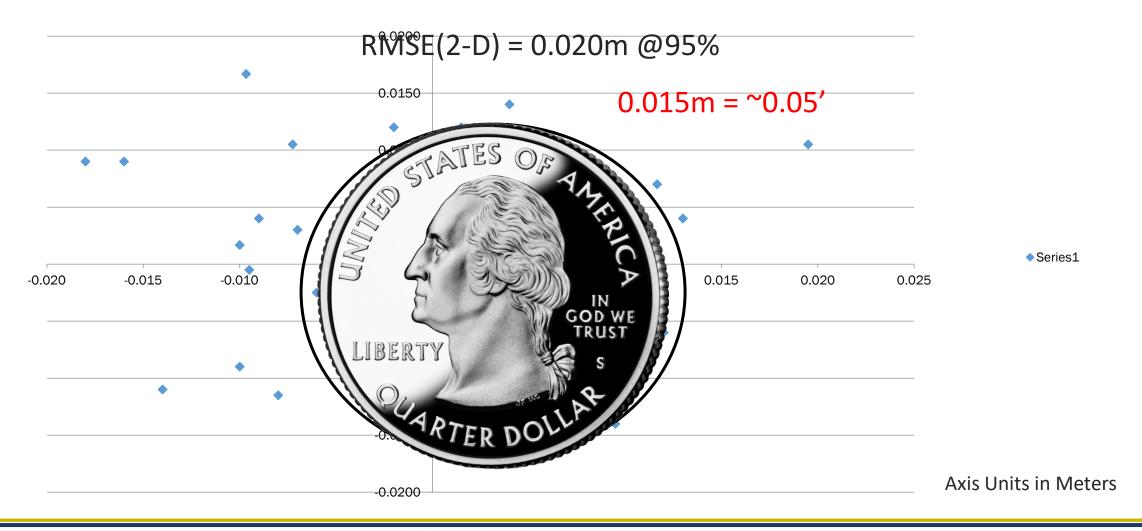






Scatter Gram of Differences Between Observations

2 - Five Minute Sessions



Steps for Clarifying Boundaries SC Code of Law SECTION 27-2-105

SCGS Requirements:

- Upon reestablishing county boundary, SCGS shall certify its work and within 30 days of certification:
 - Provide copies to the administrator of each affected county;
 - Provide written notification to affected parties
 - Provide notice and copies to the public through its official website and or other means it considers appropriate; and
 - Notify as it determines appropriate, other affected state and federal agencies
- (Initiates 60 Day Appeal Process)
- Certified Surveys submitted to Secretary of State, Register of Deeds Offices, and South Carolina Department of Archives with Cover Letter
- Date of the cover letter is the date the surveys become effective
- Introduce Legislation to update Code of Law to reflect clarified boundary with State Plane Coordinates

SCGS Steps for Clarifying Boundaries

- Notify County Administrators in advance of planned work
- Conduct historical research for documentary evidence of boundaries*
- Perform field work to locate monuments and corroborating evidence and position on State Plane Coordinates*
- Share preliminary findings with county officials for impact analysis and to plan public meetings
- Hold public meeting
- Receive feedback and input from local officials and public
- Review and update findings, as appropriate
- Certify plats*
- Send out mailings to affected parties along boundary*
- 60day window for appeals*
- Record/File plats*

SC Code of Law SECTION 27-2-105

- Affected Parties Disagreeing with SCGS:
 - May file request for a contested case hearing with the SC Administrative Law Court
 - This decision may be appealed
 - "Affected Party"
 - Governing body of an affected county
 - Governing body of a political subdivision of this State
 - An elected official, other than a statewide elected official
 - A property owner or an individual residing in the certification zone
 - A business entity located in the certification zone
 - A nonresident individual who owns or leases real property situated in the certification zone

Chapter 5, Title 4

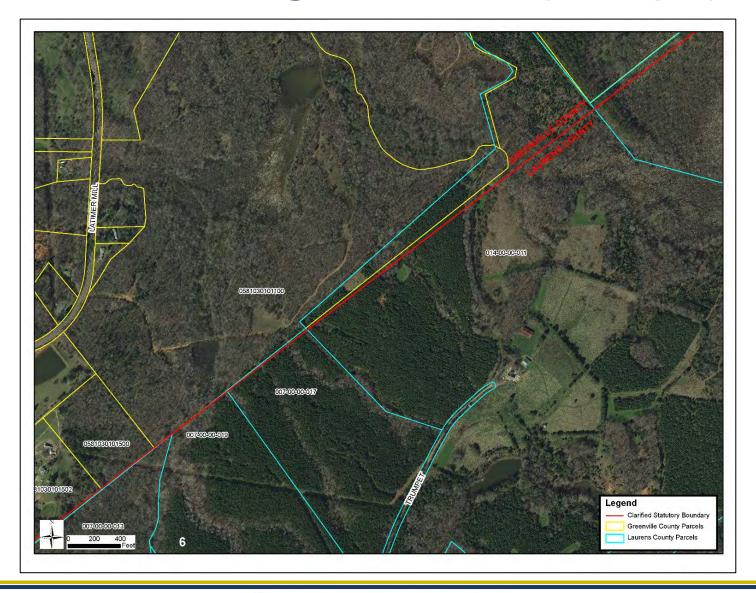
Change of Boundaries

- S.C. Code § 4-5-120: Procedure for annexing part of county- governing body or 10 percent of registered voters petition in writing, shall deposit with the clerk of court an amount of money sufficient to cover the expenses of surveys, plats, annexation commission and the election to be held to determine whether the proposed annexation shall be effected and then file such resolution or petition in the office of the clerk of court
- S.C. Code § 4-5-130: Appointment of Commission for annexation- once presented to the governor then within 30 days the governor shall appoint a commission of four persons
- S.C. Code § 4-5-140: Employment of Surveyors- commission may contract for survey and location of the proposed change of line and for such purpose may employ 3 surveyors
- S.C. Code § 4-5-170: Governor shall order election; voting place; eligible electors- to be held in an area sought to be transferred and an election to be held in the county to which the area is proposed to be transferred
- Propose and adopt Legislation

Public Meeting Notification (Example)



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Lines are Established by Legislative Acts

Acts and Joint Resolutions of the Great Assembly of South Carolina An Act to Establish Jasper County

Section 1

SECTION 1. An Act to Establish Jasper County

"...Beginning at a point in the Savannah River, where the township line between Lawton and Goethe townships on one side and Robert and Coosawhatchie on the other, in Hampton County, intersects the South Carolina-Georgia State line;..."

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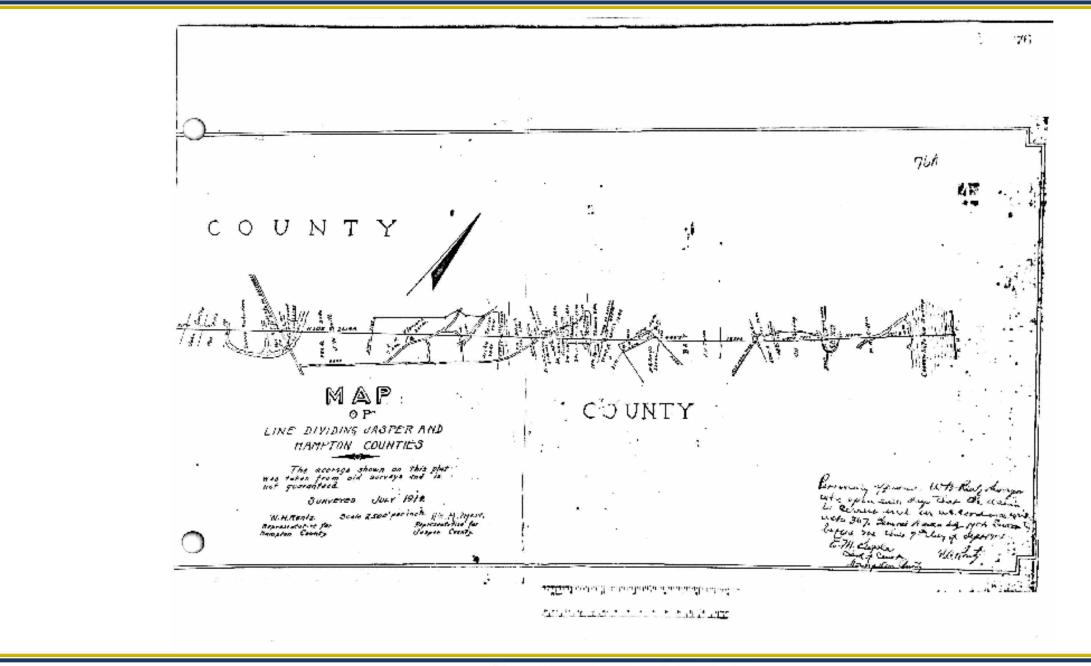
South Carolina Code of Laws (Unannotated)Chapter 3 Boundaries of Existing Counties

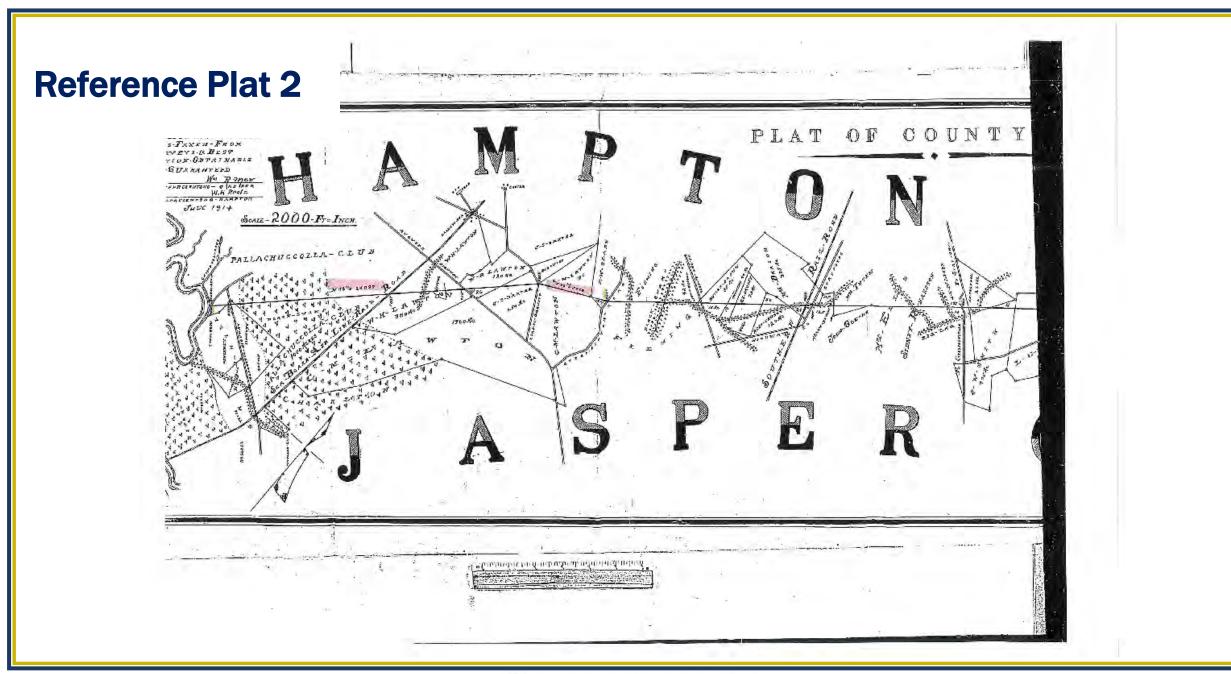
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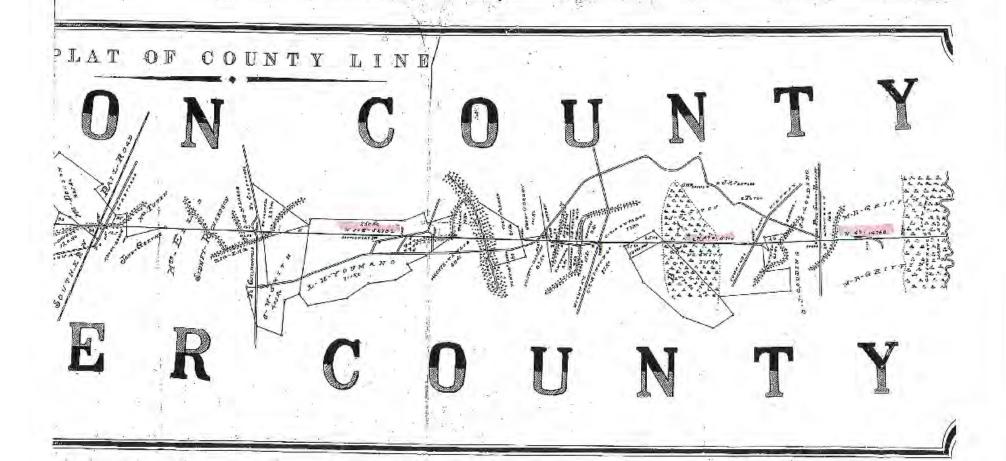
"Hampton County is bounded as follows: on the northeast by Colleton County from which it is separated by the Combahee and Salkehatchie Rivers; on the northwest by Allendale County; on the southwest by the Savannah River which separates it from the state of Georgia and on the southeast by the counties of Jasper and Beaufort."

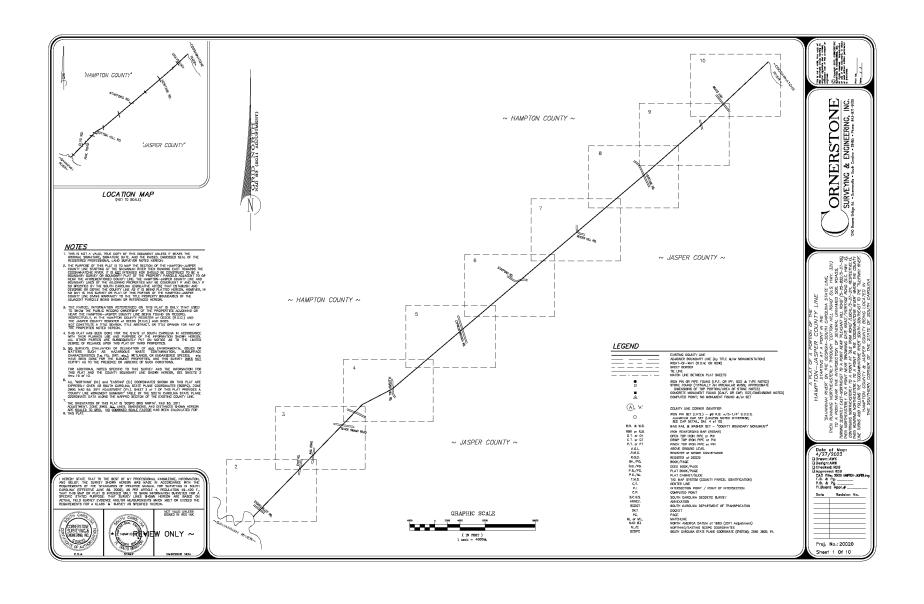
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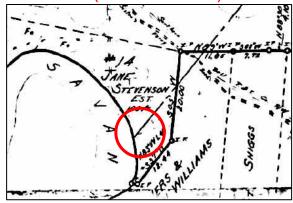
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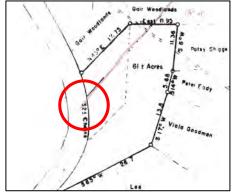






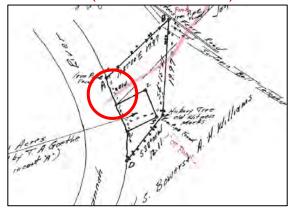
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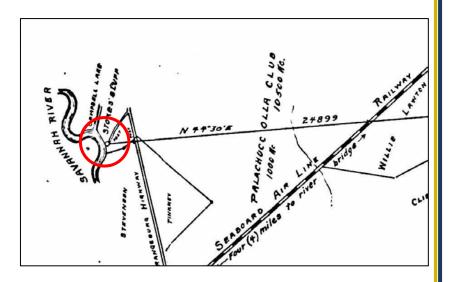


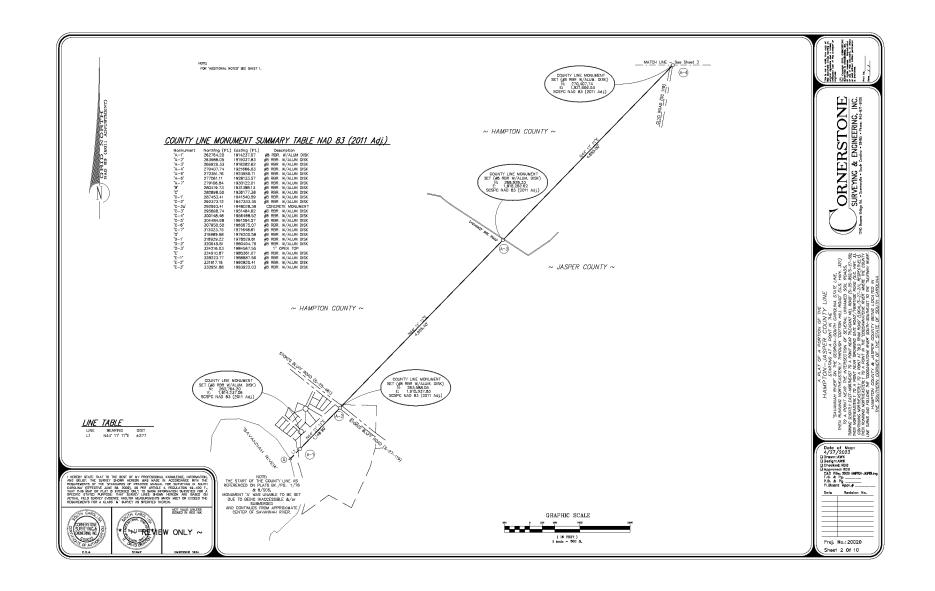


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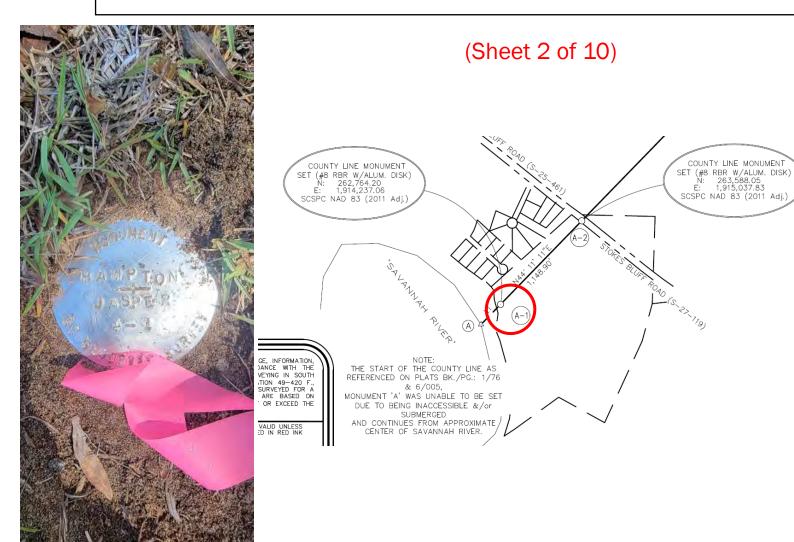
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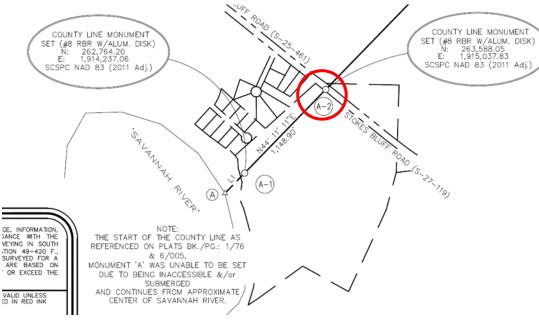




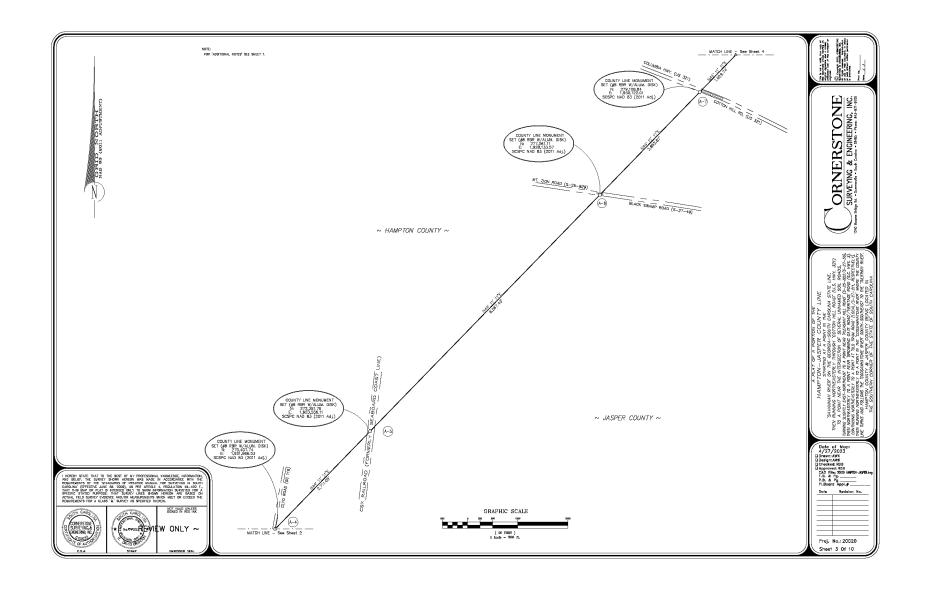
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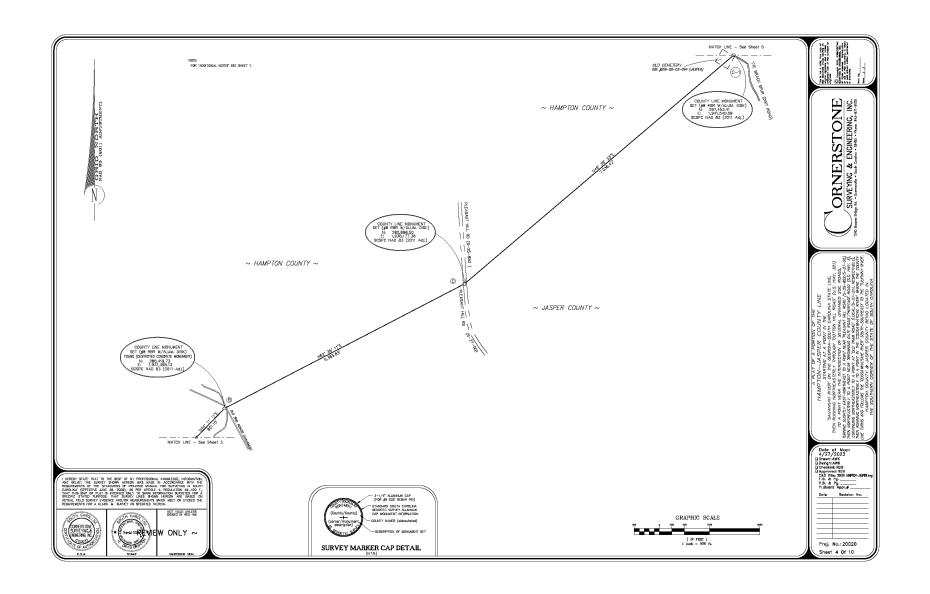


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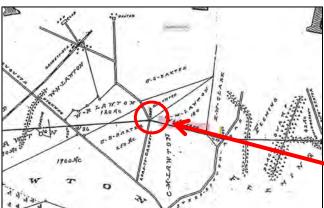


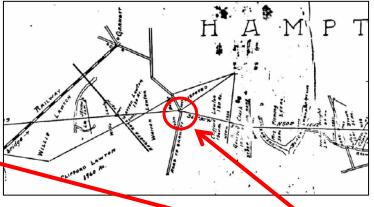




Hampton County / Jasper County Line Monument Monument B









Former Destroyed Concrete Monument



COUNTY LINE MONUMENT
SET (#8 RBR W/ALUM. DISK)
FOUND (DESTROYD CONCRETE MONUMENT)
N. 280,419.73
E: 1,931,396.13
SCSPC NAD 83 (2011 Adj.)

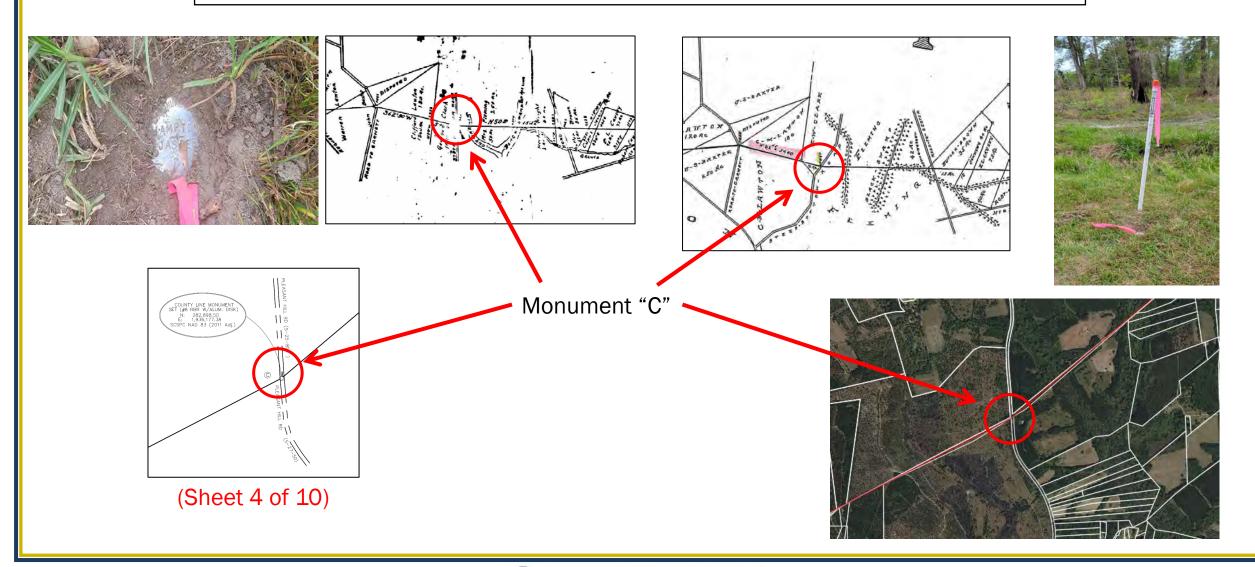
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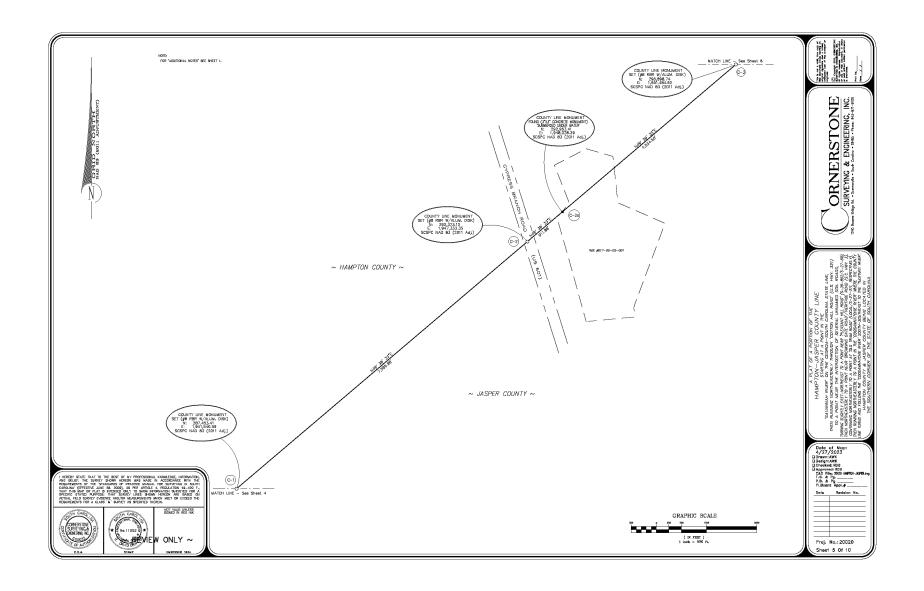
MATCH LINE - See Sheet 3

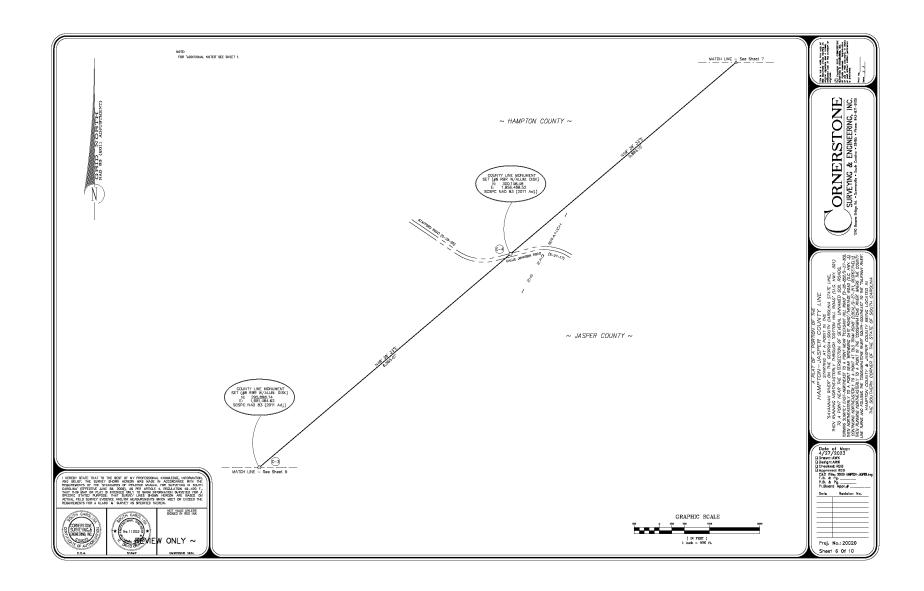
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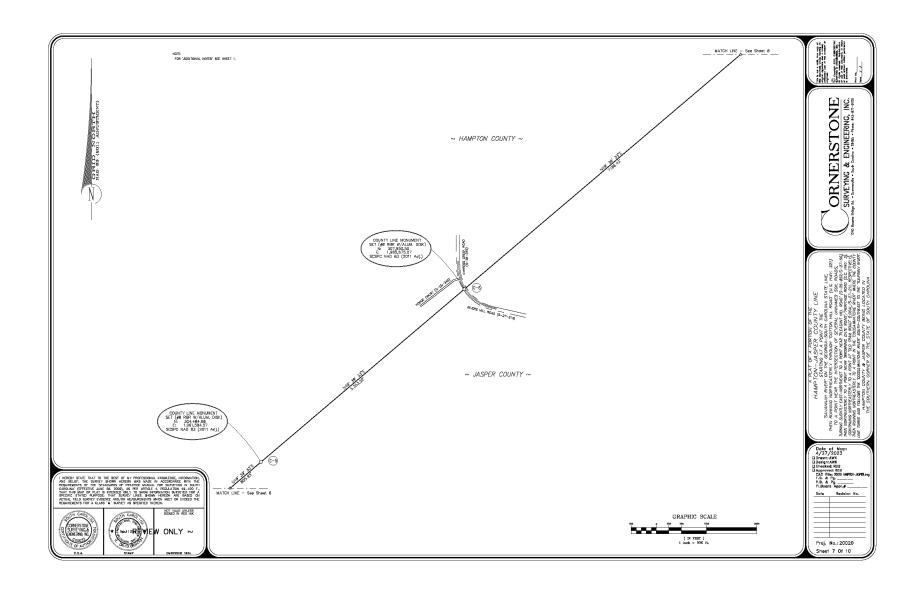
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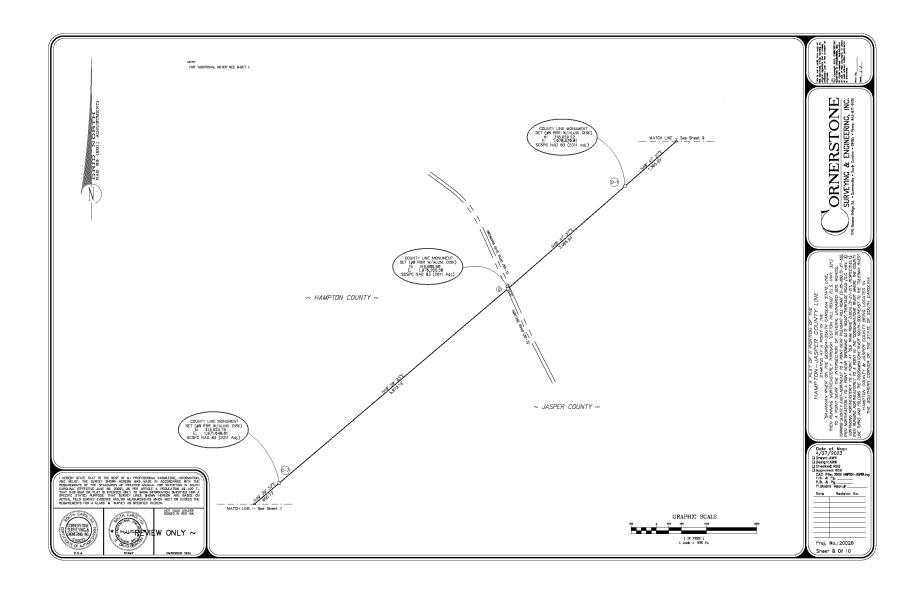
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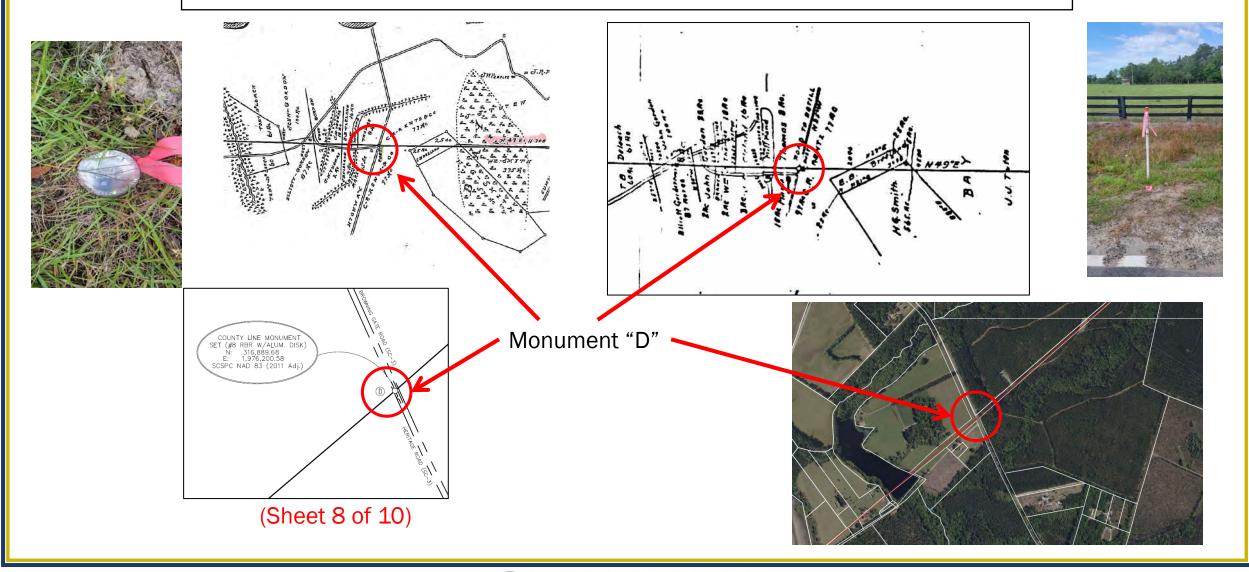


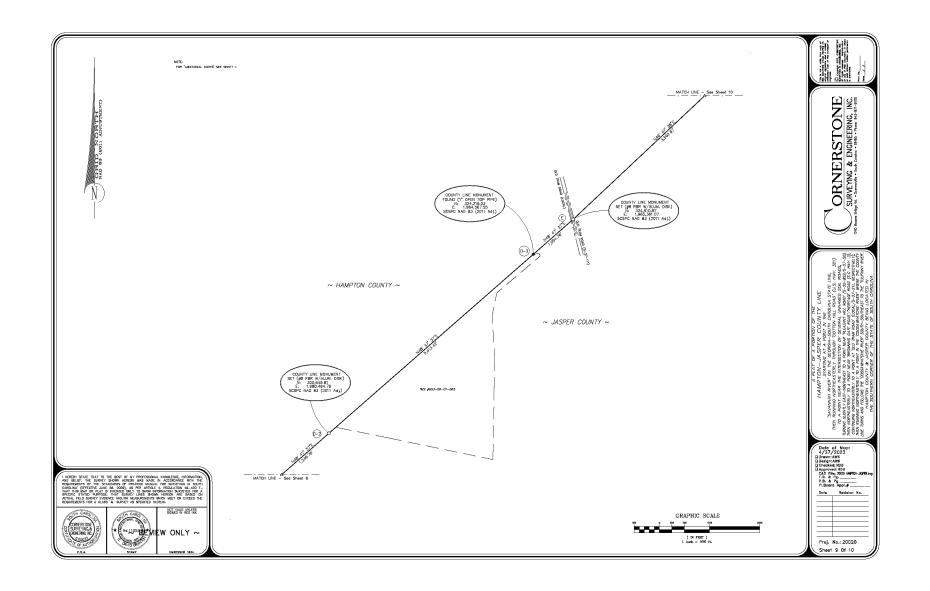






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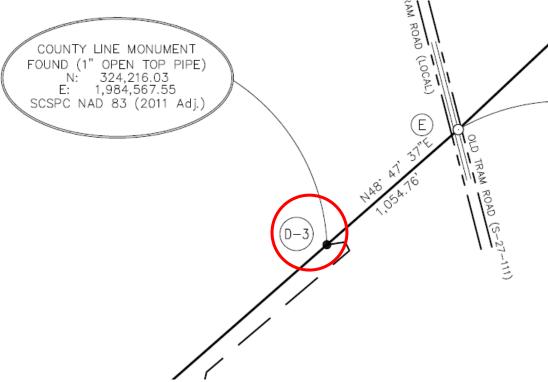




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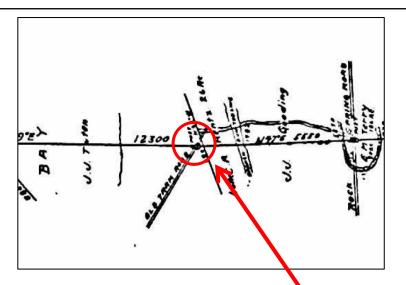


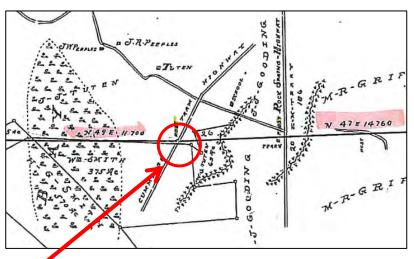




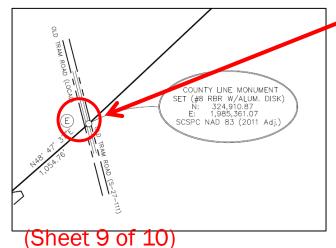
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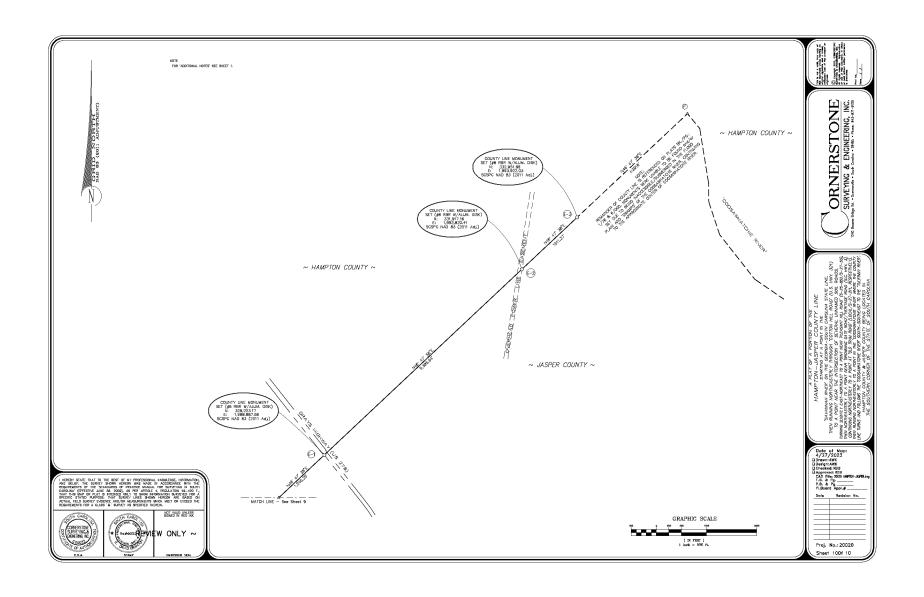






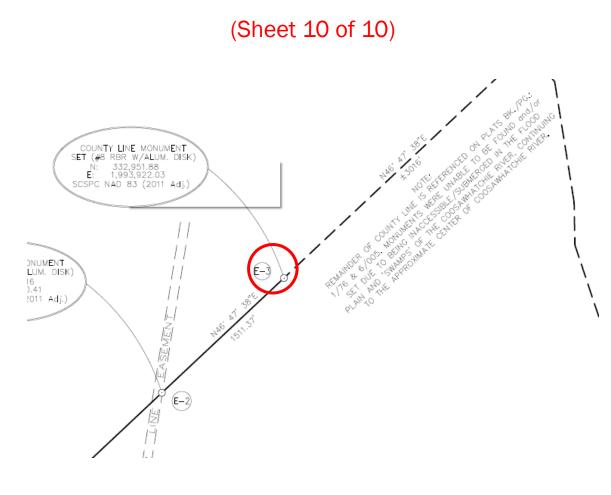


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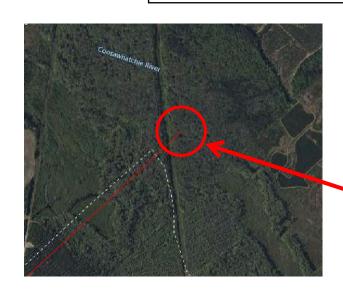
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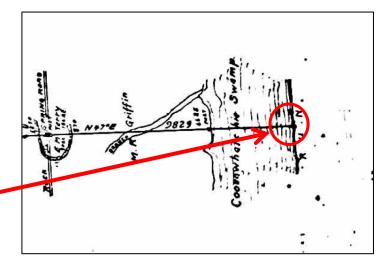


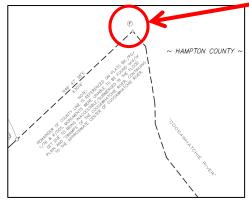


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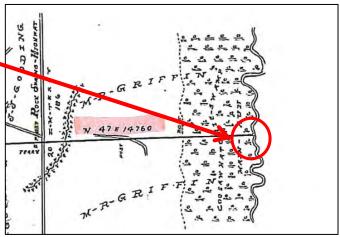


Monument "F"





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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- -PUBLIC MEETING
- -CERTIFICATION OF PLAT
- -NOTIFY AFFECTED PARTIES
- -60 DAY APPEAL WINDOW
- -RECORD/FILE PLAT UNDER COVER LETTER
- -DATE OF LETTER IS THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BOUNDARY

Project Page:

https://rfa.sc.gov/programs-services/geodetic/county/HAMP-JASP

QUESTIONS?

Or Information You Would Like to Provide?

PLEASE CALL: 803-734-3793

or EMAIL: <u>boundary@rfa.sc.gov</u>

We Will Work to Address Questions Promptly or Direct Questions to the Appropriate Agency or Jurisdictional Entity