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SUBJECT GDOT Project STP00-0164-01(029), Clayton and Fayette Counties;
P.I. #721440 and HP # 970424-004:
Request for Change in Eligibility for the Mundy House.

Project STP00-0164-01(029) would consist of the widening and reconstruction of SR 54 from just north of McDonough Road in Fayette County and extending to US 19/US 41/Tara Boulevard in Clayton County. Originally, five eligible historic properties were identified within the proposed project's APE in 1997. These historic properties were the Jackson House, Camp House, Brown House (demolished), Mundy House, and the Callaway House (demolished). In 2007, the Blalock House, Gilbert Farm, and the Wallace House were identified as eligible properties during the update to the historic survey; another eligible property identified in 2009 was the A.J. Mundy House. In the original Assessment of Effects dated 1997, as well as the subsequent Revised Assessment of Effects and Addendums (dated 2008 and 2009), it was determined that project implementation would result in a Finding of No Adverse Effect to the Jackson House, Camp House, Blalock House, Gilbert Farm, Wallace House, and the A.J. Mundy House; a revised finding of Adverse Effect was determined to the Mundy House.

Since that time, it was reported that the Mundy House had been recently demolished (phone conversation with Mr. Alan Cox on July 23, 2010). A Department historian field checked and verified this report on July 28, 2010 and found that the house associated with this property was no longer extant (see attached photographs of the current site). Although two chicken houses associated with the property are extant on the property, the 1997 site plan sketch and field photographs (see attachment) show that a barn/equipment storage shed had once been located between the house and chicken houses; however, this outbuilding was not present on the property during a 2008 site visit. Also, it is unknown if the building at the rear of the property is extant as much of this area was inaccessible due to dense vegetation.

Although the chicken houses illustrate the agricultural past of the property, the property as a whole no longer conveys significance under Criterion A for agriculture. With the main house

recently demolished, the loss of other agricultural outbuildings, and the former agricultural fields apparently planted with pines, this property is no longer an intact example of a late nineteenth to mid-twentieth century agricultural complex. In addition, the chicken houses themselves are neither early nor good examples of this typology and do not possess any architectural significance. Therefore, this property no longer possesses significance under Criterion C for architecture.

Since this main house associated with this resource is no longer extant and the property no longer conveys significance or integrity, the Department recommends the Mundy House be considered ineligible for inclusion in the National Register.

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CONCUR:  DATE: 8/12/10
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