

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources to Hold a Public Information Meeting for the Change of Use of a Heritage Preserve at the Chief Vann House Historic Site**

On Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR), in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed change of use of heritage preserve property for the Chief Vann House Historic Site (CVHHS) in association with a GDOT project in Murray County, P.I. Number 0007047. The public meeting will be held in the Old Spring Place Methodist Church, located at 237 Elm Street, Spring Place, Georgia 30705.

This public meeting will explain the change of use required from CVHHS for the bridge replacement on SR 52 Alternate at Town Branch in Murray County. There will be a brief formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to record all verbal comments. Comment cards will also be provided for those that would like to submit written comments.

The proposed GDOT project would require 0.22± acres of permanent easement from CVHHS to allow for construction of the new bridge. Of the total 0.22± acres, the change of use for the heritage preserve applies to only 0.194± acres. To minimize the impact to the CVHHS, GDOT will use silt fence, hay bales, fabric and rock ditch check dams, and riprap, as needed, to control erosion during construction. Orange Barrier Fence (OBF) will also be placed at the easement limits to signify the environmentally sensitive areas and construction limits. The erosion control measures and OBF will be removed when all disturbed areas are stabilized and construction is complete.

Written public comments will be received through the end of the day on Friday, June 15, 2018. Comments should be legible, concise and limited to the proposed permanent easement. Written statements may be submitted to Daniel Brown, Georgia Department of Natural Resources: Real Estate Office, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 1352 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 or emailed to [Daniel.Brown2@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Daniel.Brown2@dnr.ga.gov). Information related to the change of use is available by calling the Real Estate Office at 404-656-5165.