

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE FOR NORTHEAST ALABAMA REGIONAL MEGASITE

Various levels of environmental analysis were conducted in 5 different sections. Below is a description for each section.

1. Northeast Alabama Regional Megasite (approximately 670 acres) – Main site. GMC conducted a full Waters of the U.S. Delineation (wetlands and streams), an Endangered and Threatened Species survey with USFWS concurrence, and a Cultural Resources survey with SHPO concurrence. Phase I ESA for this property was done by others (652 acres).
2. NEAR Megasite Additional 320 Acres (320 acres) – North of main site. Etowah County only purchased approximately 240 acres of the 320 acre site; therefore 80 acres were studied that are not within the current park site boundary. GMC conducted a Phase I ESA, a full Waters of the U.S. Delineation (wetlands and streams), an Endangered and Threatened Species survey with USFWS concurrence, and a Cultural Resources survey.
3. NEAR Megasite Industrial Access Road – Access road built from Highway 11 into the park boundary. GMC conducted a full Waters of the U.S. Delineation (wetlands and streams), an Endangered and Threatened Species survey with USFWS concurrence, and a Cultural Resources survey with concurrence. In addition, GMC assisted in the acquisition of a wetland permit for the road construction. A Phase I ESA was not conducted by GMC on the access road.
4. NEAR Megasite 40 Acres Tract (40 acres) – Located on the northwest corner of the main. GMC conducted a Phase I ESA, a full Waters of the U.S. Delineation (wetlands and streams), an Endangered and Threatened Species survey with USFWS concurrence, and a Cultural Resources survey with SHPO concurrence.
5. NEAR Megasite Outparcels – Located on the south end and the northwest corner of the main site. GMC conducted a Phase I ESA, a full Waters of the U.S. Delineation (wetlands and streams), an Endangered and Threatened Species survey with USFWS concurrence, and a Cultural Resources survey with SHPO concurrence.