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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Ball Ground Land Conservation Project
City of Ball Ground (Cherokee County)
GEFA Loan No. LC-2019-003

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The project consists of acquiring Roberts Lake property for habitat and water quality protection.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific eligibility categories: habitat protection/restoration and surface water protection/restoration. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public scrutiny upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at Ball Ground City Hall in Cherokee County, Georgia.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit comments within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice via email to josh.hayes@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.

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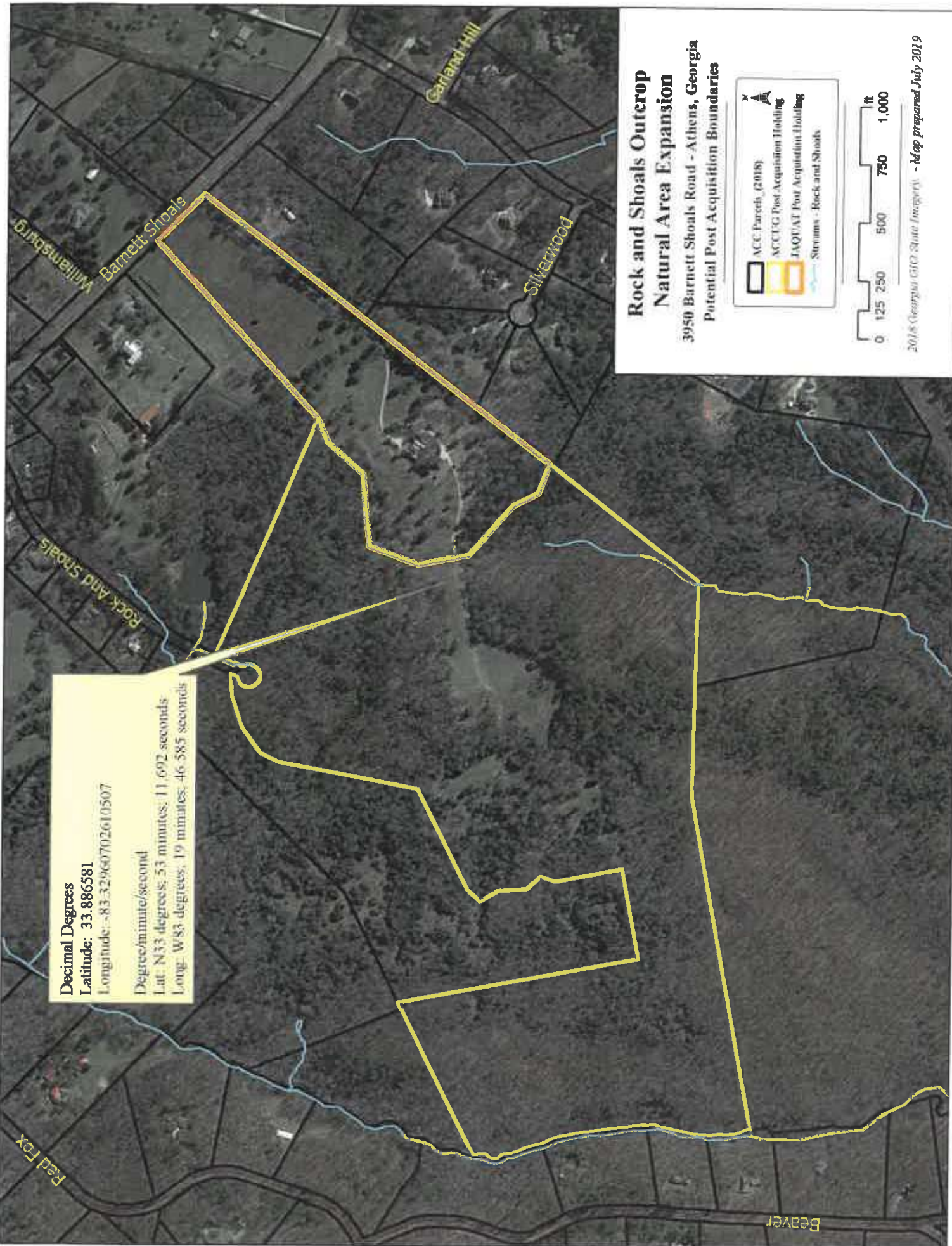
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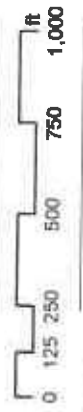
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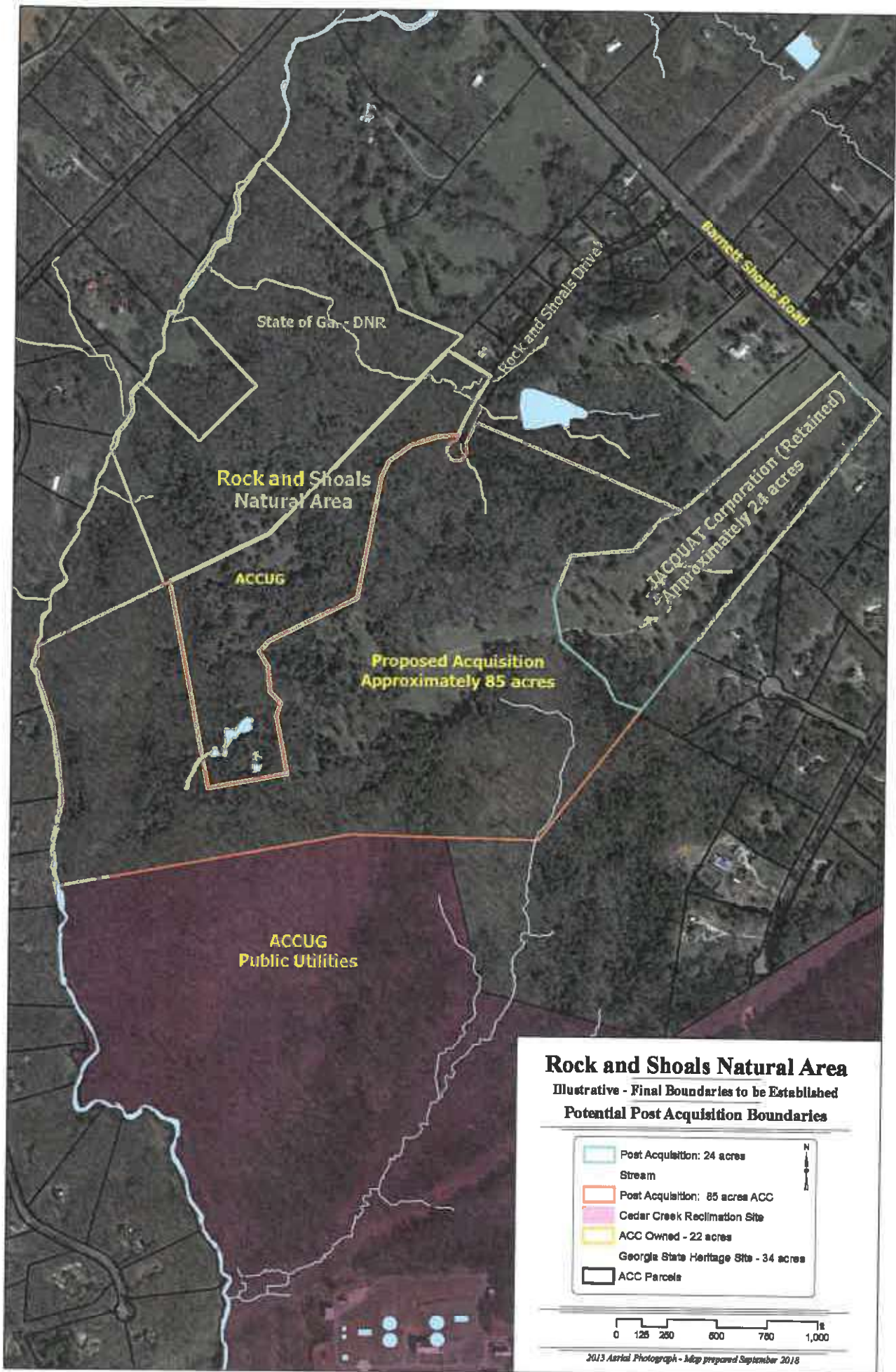
**Rock and Shoals Outcrop
Natural Area Expansion**
3950 Barnett Shoals Road - Athens, Georgia
Potential Post-Acquisition Boundaries

Legend:

- ACC Parcels (2018)
- ACCUG Post-Acquisition Holding
- JAQUAT Post-Acquisition Holding
- Streams - Rock and Shoals



2018 Georgia GIC State Inventory - Map prepared July 2019



Rock and Shoals Natural Area

Illustrative - Final Boundaries to be Established

Potential Post Acquisition Boundaries

- Post Acquisition: 24 acres
- Stream
- Post Acquisition: 85 acres ACC
- Cedar Creek Reclamation Site
- ACC Owned - 22 acres
- Georgia State Heritage Site - 34 acres
- ACC Parcels



2013 Aerial Photograph - Map prepared September 2018