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**Asa Hutchinson**  
Governor

**Stacy Hurst**  
Secretary

June 2, 2021

Marty Garrity, Director  
Bureau of Legislative Research  
Executive Secretary, Arkansas Legislative Council  
Arkansas State Capitol, Room 315  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: State Park Property Acquisition

Dear Ms. Garrity:

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks Division (ASP) seeks acquisition by donation of select properties to protect and preserve natural, cultural, and historic resources and provide additional recreational and educational opportunities for park visitors. The following is a brief description of the proposed acquisition. Additional details are provided in attached documents. Grant funds will be utilized for development of this priority property.

- **Delta Heritage Trail State Park:** ASP proposes acquisition through donation of lots and partial lots all within Block 19 of Arkansas City, along with the donation of a platted alleyway to be abandoned all totaling approximately 1.10 acres of land adjacent to the Delta Heritage Trail State Park's Arkansas City Trailhead.

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 22-4-106, I am respectfully requesting your favorable advice to complete this property acquisition. Initial approval of this acquisition was granted by the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission on April 22, 2021. Favorable advice from Governor Hutchinson was received on May 24, 2021 and favorable advice from the Department of Finance and Administration was received on May 26, 2021 (enclosed). I ask that you place our request on the June 18, 2021 ALC meeting. If you or your staff have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 501-324-9162. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stacy Hurst'.

Stacy Hurst  
Secretary

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DHT Land Donation at Arkansas City - Site Plan

cc: Grady Spann, Division Director (w/encl.)  
Jim Andrews, General Counsel (w/encl.)  
Caleb Osborne, Chief of Staff (w/encl.)  
Leslie Fiskens, Chief of Legislative Affairs (w/encl.)  
Jeff King, Manager of Planning and Development (w/encl.)  
Melinda Miller, Real Estate Officer (w/encl.)

## **Delta Heritage Trail Land Donation at Arkansas City – Purpose & Summary**

### **Property Description:**

*The subject property is located in part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 33, Township 12 South, Range 1 West. More particularly, it is located within the city limits of Arkansas City and described as a part of Lot 5, all of Lots 6-9, a part of Lot 10, all of Lots 25 and 26, and part of the platted alleyway all within Block 19, Original Town of Arkansas City, Desha County.*

*Estimated acreage is approximately 1.10 acres, subject to a revised land survey.*

### **Purpose:**

As part of the requirements of the Walton Family Foundation Grant to the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism (ADPHT) for completion of the Delta Heritage Trail (DHT), a recognition piece for the life and accomplishments of John H. Johnson (J.H.J.) is to be included as a component of the trail development.

Through discussion with the Walton Family Foundation and with the Friends of J.H.J. group, ADPHT Planning and Development (P&D) staff have determined that our existing land holdings and opportunities in Arkansas City would not be sufficient to support the proposed recognition piece and its support facilities. P&D also does not recommend locating a J.H.J component in any other DHT location, due to Arkansas City being the birthplace and boyhood home of John H. Johnson.

As such, ADPHT is recommending that land adjacent to our existing DHT Robert S. Moore, Jr. Arkansas City Trailhead be acquired for the development of the J.H.J component through a donation of land to ADPHT. Both the City of Arkansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore are agreeable to donation of the properties for development by ADPHT per the attached map.

### **Estimated cost:**

Acquisition is planned as a land donation to ADPHT. Costs for the acquisition would be limited to those for land survey, title search, title commitment, title insurance policy, and all other relevant and normal closing costs.

### **Location Map:**

See attachments.

## Jeff King

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**From:** Grady Spann  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:30 PM  
**To:** Jeff King  
**Subject:** FW: Acquisition by donation

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**Subject:** RE: Acquisition by donation

Fixed Assets will need information on the donation when it occurs to record it as an asset.

Cynthia Dunlap  
501-682-2039

**From:** Stacy Hurst <[Stacy.Hurst@arkansas.gov](mailto:Stacy.Hurst@arkansas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:18 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Acquisition by donation

Not sure to whom this needs to go?



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**Subject:** Acquisition by donation

Secretary Hurst,

The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration has reviewed the proposed acquisition by donation of the lots and partial lots all within Block 19 of Arkansas City totaling approximately 1.10 acres of land adjacent to the Delta Heritage Trail State Park's Arkansas City Trailhead and provides favorable advice. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Respectfully

Alan



**Alan McVey**

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## Jeff King

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**From:** Jim Andrews  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:41 PM  
**To:** Grady Spann; Shea Lewis; Jeff King  
**Cc:** Caleb Osborne (DAH)  
**Subject:** FW: Request Letter

Jeff,

Please see below. The Governor's office has been consulted on the donation of 1.10 acres at the Delta Heritage Trailhead.

Please proceed with the other consultations required by ACA 22-4-106.

Thanks,

Jim

**From:** Chris Fletcher <[chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov](mailto:chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:31 PM  
**To:** Jim Andrews <[Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov](mailto:Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Caleb Osborne (DAH) <[Caleb.Osborne@arkansas.gov](mailto:Caleb.Osborne@arkansas.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request Letter

Good Afternoon, Jim,

The Governor has reviewed and provided favorable advice on the proposed donation in Desha County. Please feel free to proceed with the next steps in this process. I am happy to provide further detail and answer any additional questions, if helpful.

Sincerely,  
Chris

**From:** Jim Andrews <[Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov](mailto:Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:19 PM  
**To:** Chris Fletcher <[chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov](mailto:chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request Letter

Thank you, sir!

Bet,

Jim

**From:** Chris Fletcher <[chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov](mailto:chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 3:37 PM  
**To:** Jim Andrews <[Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov](mailto:Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request Letter

Hi Jim,

I will get this information into a memo for the Governor. I will follow up if he has any additional questions. We should hopefully have an answer by end of week! I hope you are doing well!

Sincerely,  
Chris

**From:** Jim Andrews <[Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov](mailto:Jim.Andrews@arkansas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Chris Fletcher <[chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov](mailto:chris.fletcher@governor.arkansas.gov)>  
**Subject:** Request Letter  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon, Chris.

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 22-4-106, ADPHT seeks the consultation and advice of the Governor in regard to the acceptance of a donated parcel of 1.10 acres for the Delta Heritage Trail.

Many thanks and best regards,

Jim Andrews



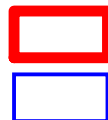
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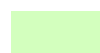


# Proposed Property Donation



Proposed Property Donation (1.1ac)

Desha County Tax Parcels



State Park

Agency Name  
 Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism  
 One Capitol Mall - Little Rock, AR 72201

Location  
 Delta Heritage State Park

City  
 Arkansas City

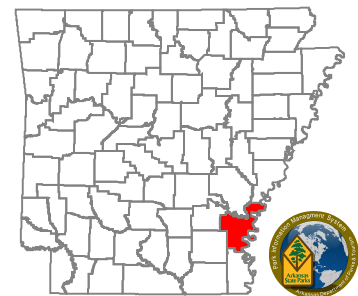
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Description  
 Proposed Property Donation  
 and Easement Abandonment  
 at Arkansas City DHT Trailhead

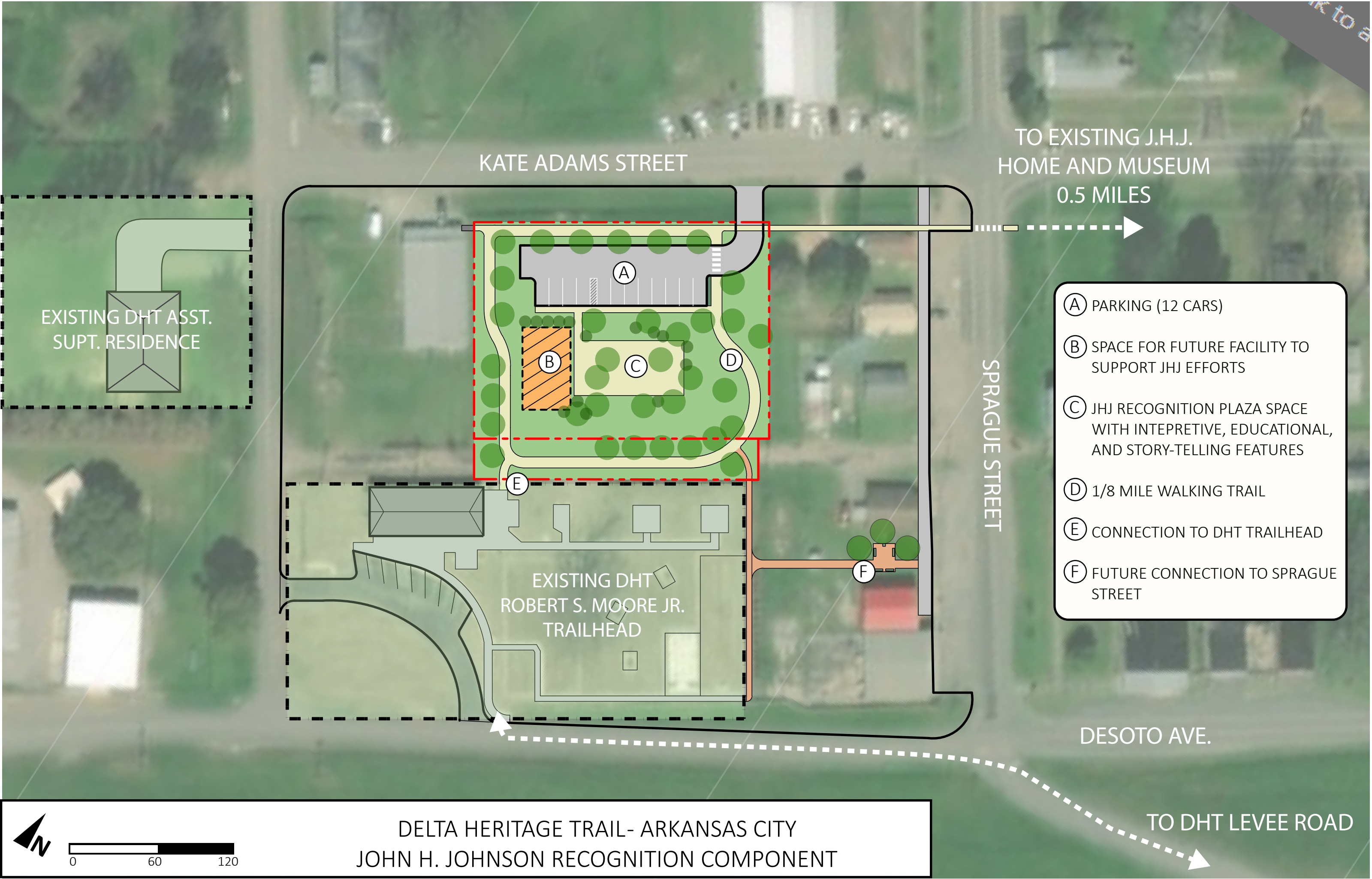
### Notice of Intent:

This map has been created by the Arkansas State Parks GIS Unit of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for the purpose of depicting general location(s) of subject property. Pursuant to § 22-4-106 - Establishing and acquiring property for State Parks. Unauthorized use is prohibited.  
 Date of Map Production:

4/13/2021







KATE ADAMS STREET

TO EXISTING J.H.J.  
HOME AND MUSEUM  
0.5 MILES

EXISTING DHT ASST.  
SUPT. RESIDENCE

SPRAGUE STREET

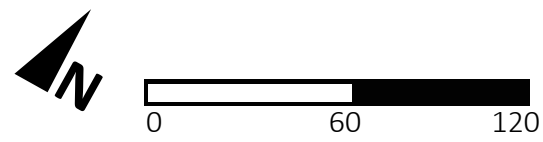
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- (B) SPACE FOR FUTURE FACILITY TO SUPPORT JHJ EFFORTS
- (C) JHJ RECOGNITION PLAZA SPACE WITH INTERPRETIVE, EDUCATIONAL, AND STORY-TELLING FEATURES
- (D) 1/8 MILE WALKING TRAIL
- (E) CONNECTION TO DHT TRAILHEAD
- (F) FUTURE CONNECTION TO SPRAGUE STREET

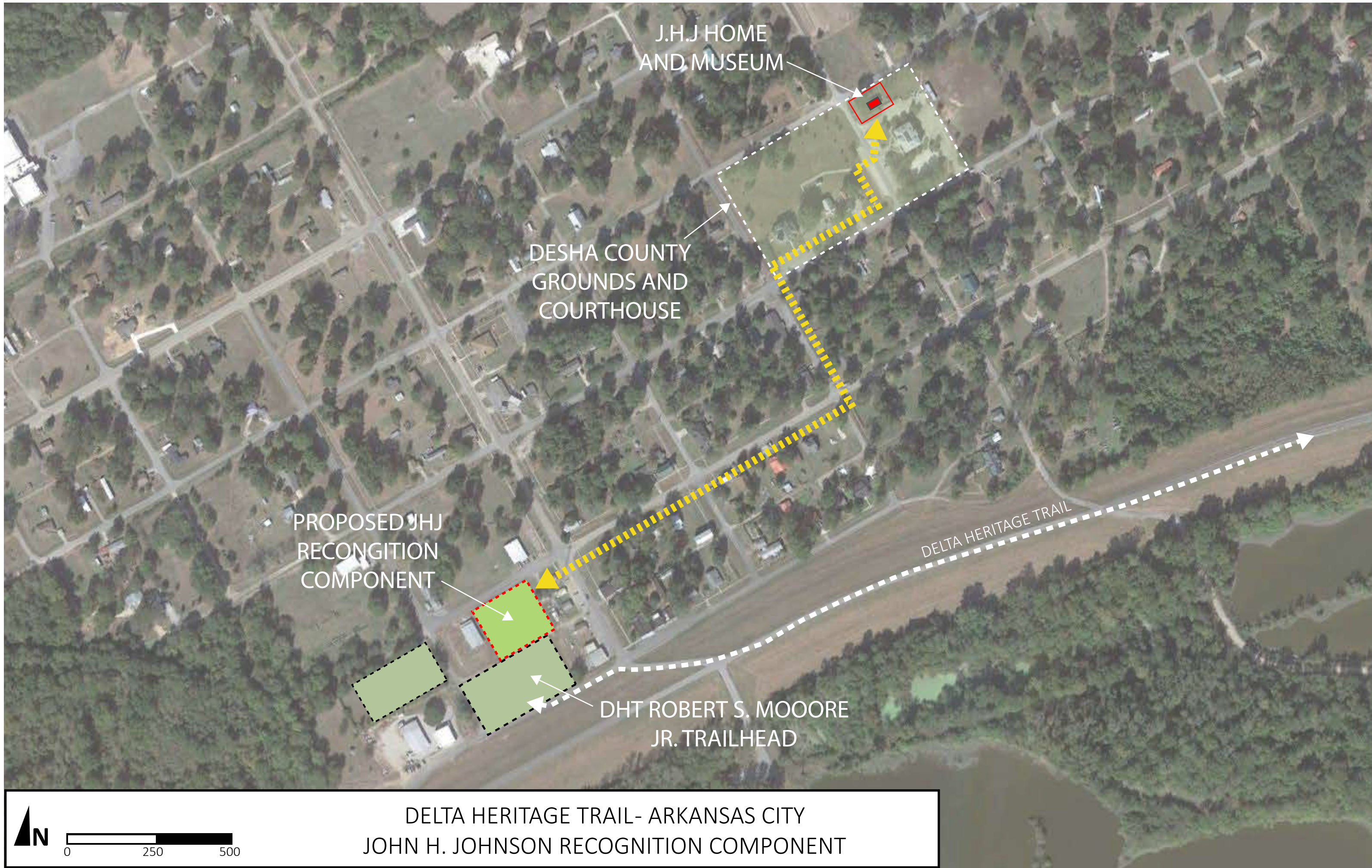
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ROBERT S. MOORE JR.  
TRAILHEAD

DESOTO AVE.

TO DHT LEVEE ROAD

DELTA HERITAGE TRAIL- ARKANSAS CITY  
JOHN H. JOHNSON RECOGNITION COMPONENT





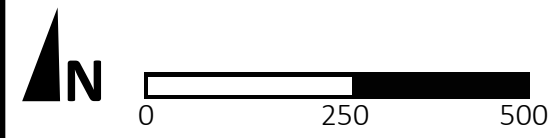
J.H.J HOME AND MUSEUM

DESHA COUNTY GROUNDS AND COURTHOUSE

PROPOSED JHJ RECONGITION COMPONENT

DHT ROBERT S. MOOORE JR. TRAILHEAD

DELTA HERITAGE TRAIL



DELTA HERITAGE TRAIL- ARKANSAS CITY  
JOHN H. JOHNSON RECOGNITION COMPONENT