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May 18, 2018

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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Ms. Linton-Peters,

This letter invites you to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) regarding the above-referenced rail line construction project. As you may know, on August 3, 2017, Palmetto Railways (Palmetto or Applicant) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502, for authority to construct and operate a 22.7-mile new rail line in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

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- First, to learn whether the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is interested in participating as a Section 106 Consulting Party. We have enclosed a Consultation Options Form (Attachment B) that we hope makes it easier for you to select the level of involvement that you are interested in. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume that you do not want to participate as a Section 106 Consulting Party.
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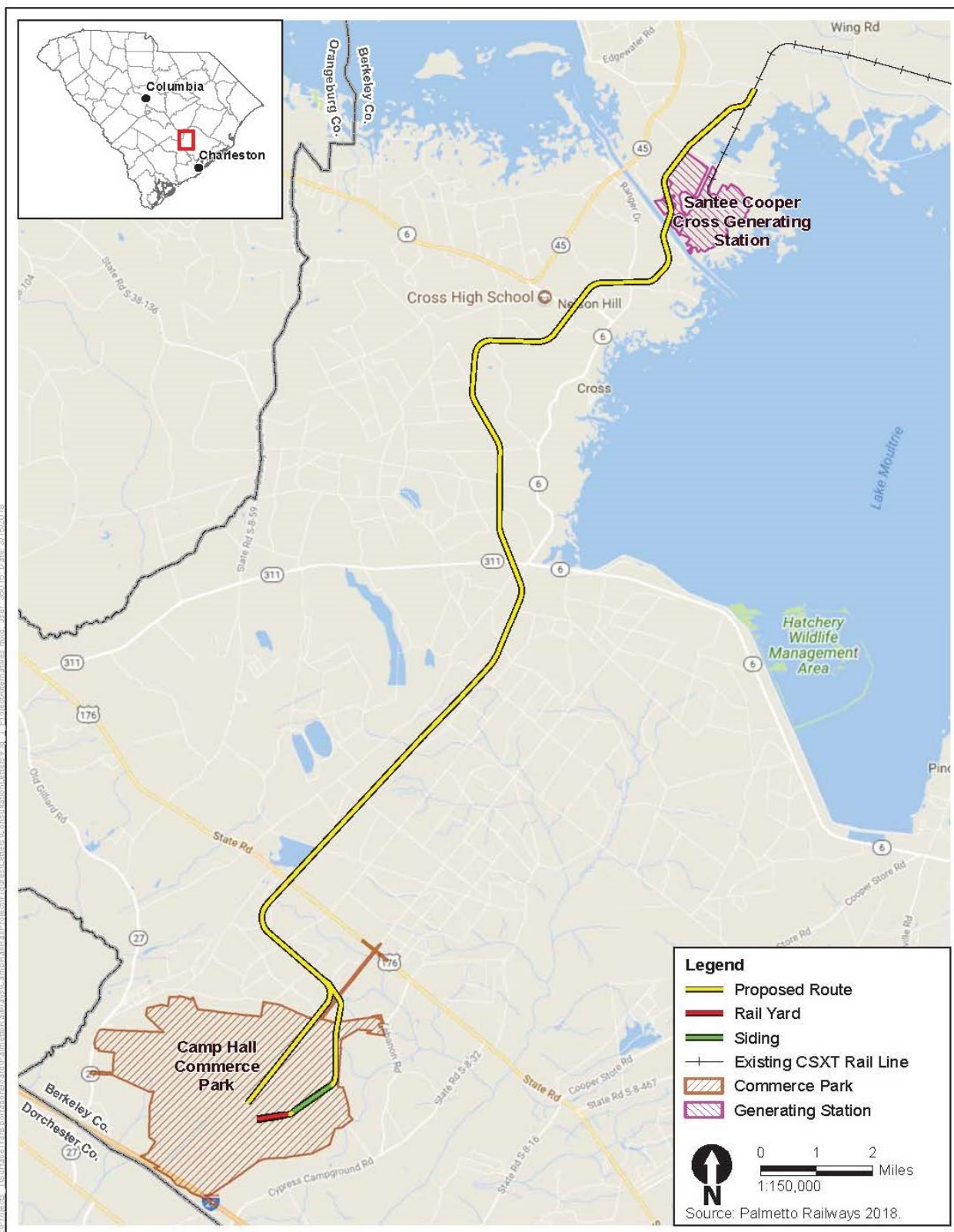
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Victoria Rutson
Director
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Attachments:

- A. Map of Proposed Route
- B. NHPA Section 106 Consultation Options Form

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**ATTACHMENT B: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 CONSULTATION
OPTIONS FORM**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Surface Transportation Board Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways – Construction and Operation
Exemption—in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

Project Name: Palmetto Railways Proposed Rail Line

Please check all the appropriate response(s) that apply from the list

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Name of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission designated contact for Section 106 Consultation for the Surface Transportation Board's decision on whether to allow Palmetto Railways to construct and operate a new rail line in South Carolina:

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Name: _____

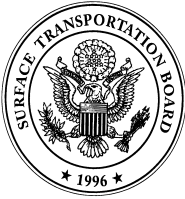
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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

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John Winkle, Federal Railroad Administration

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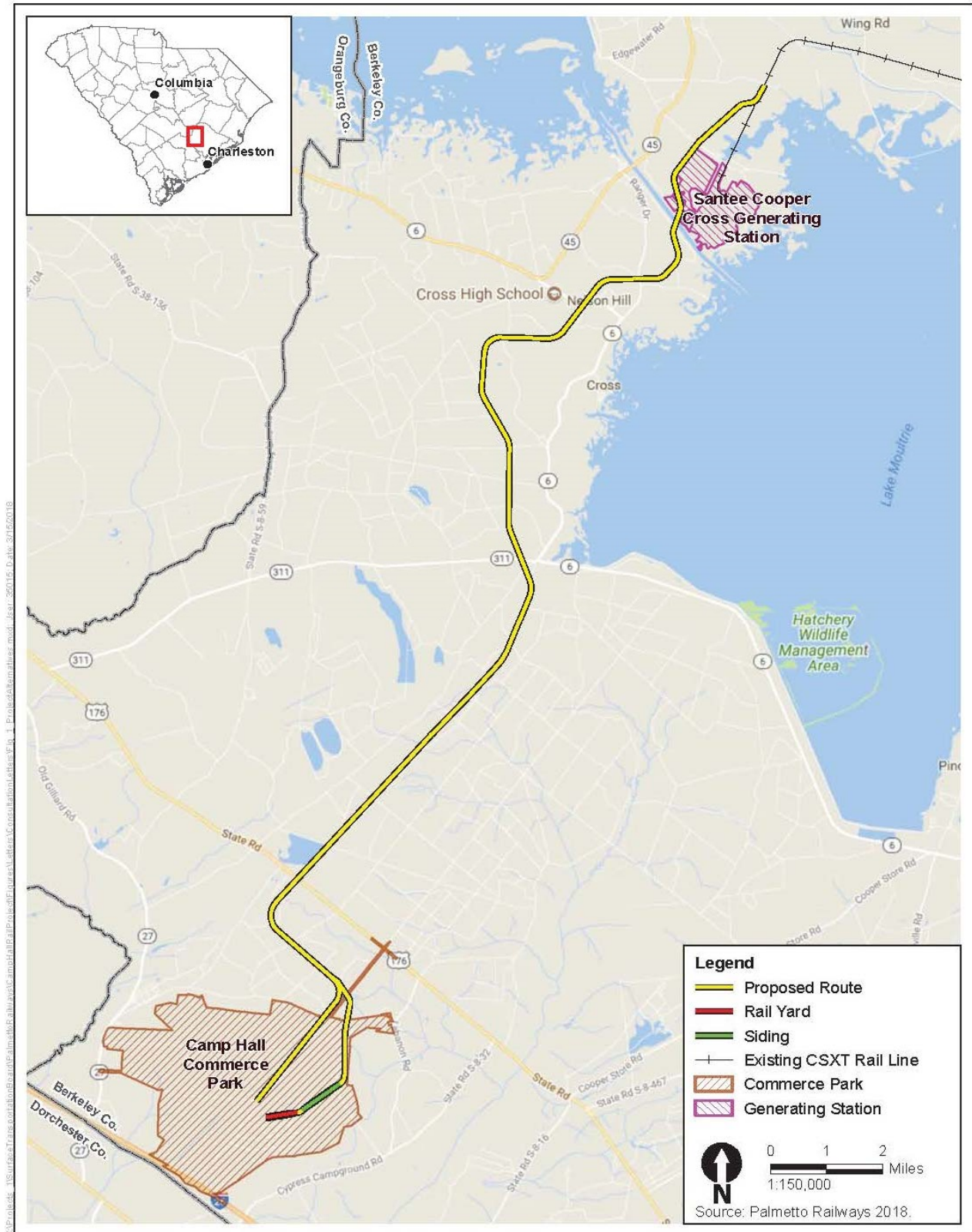
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CC: Marlys Osterhues, Chief of Environmental and Corridor Planning

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- A. Map of Proposed Route
- B. NHPA Section 106 Consultation Options Form

ATTACHMENT A: MAP OF PROPOSED ROUTE



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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Ms. Osterhues,

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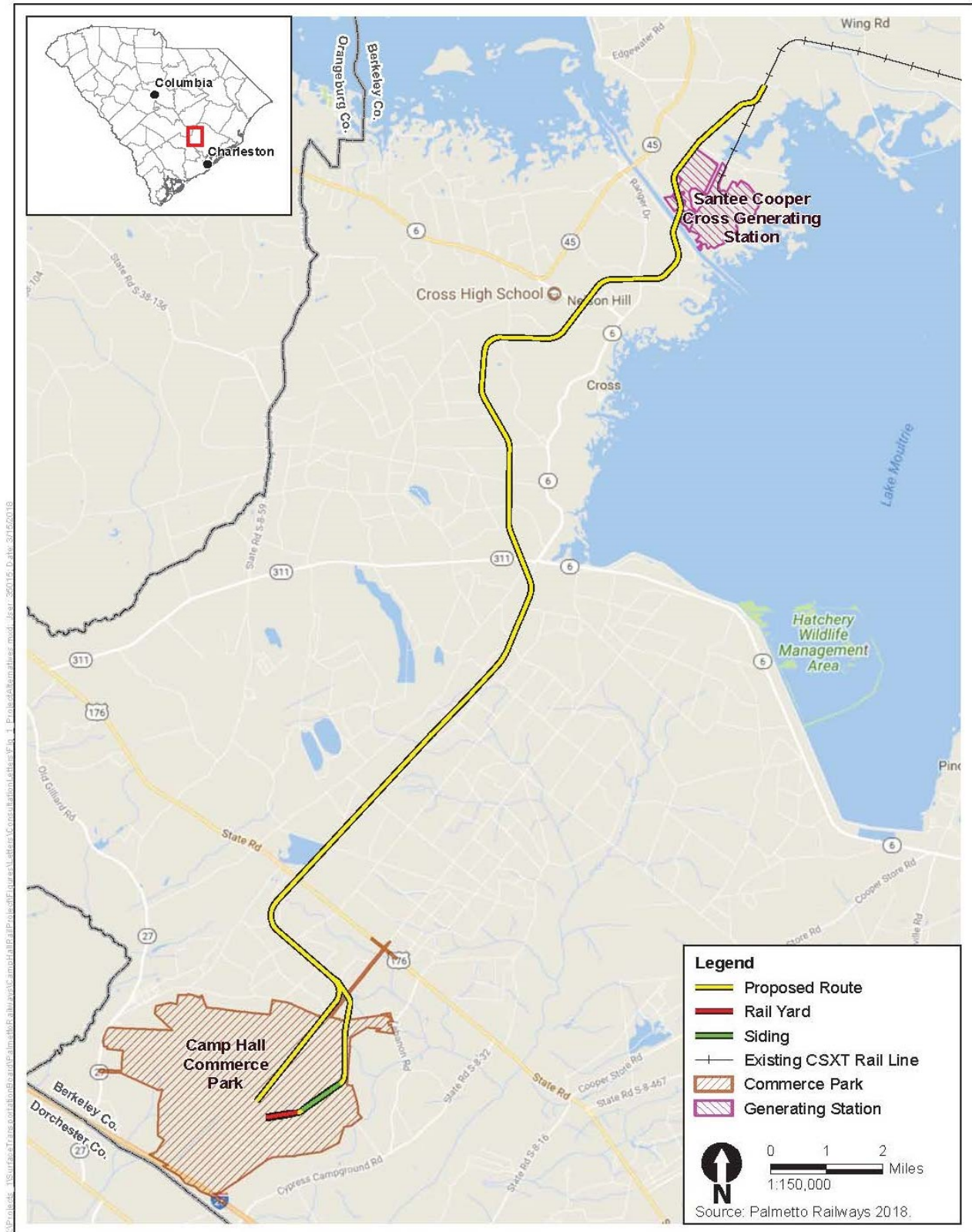
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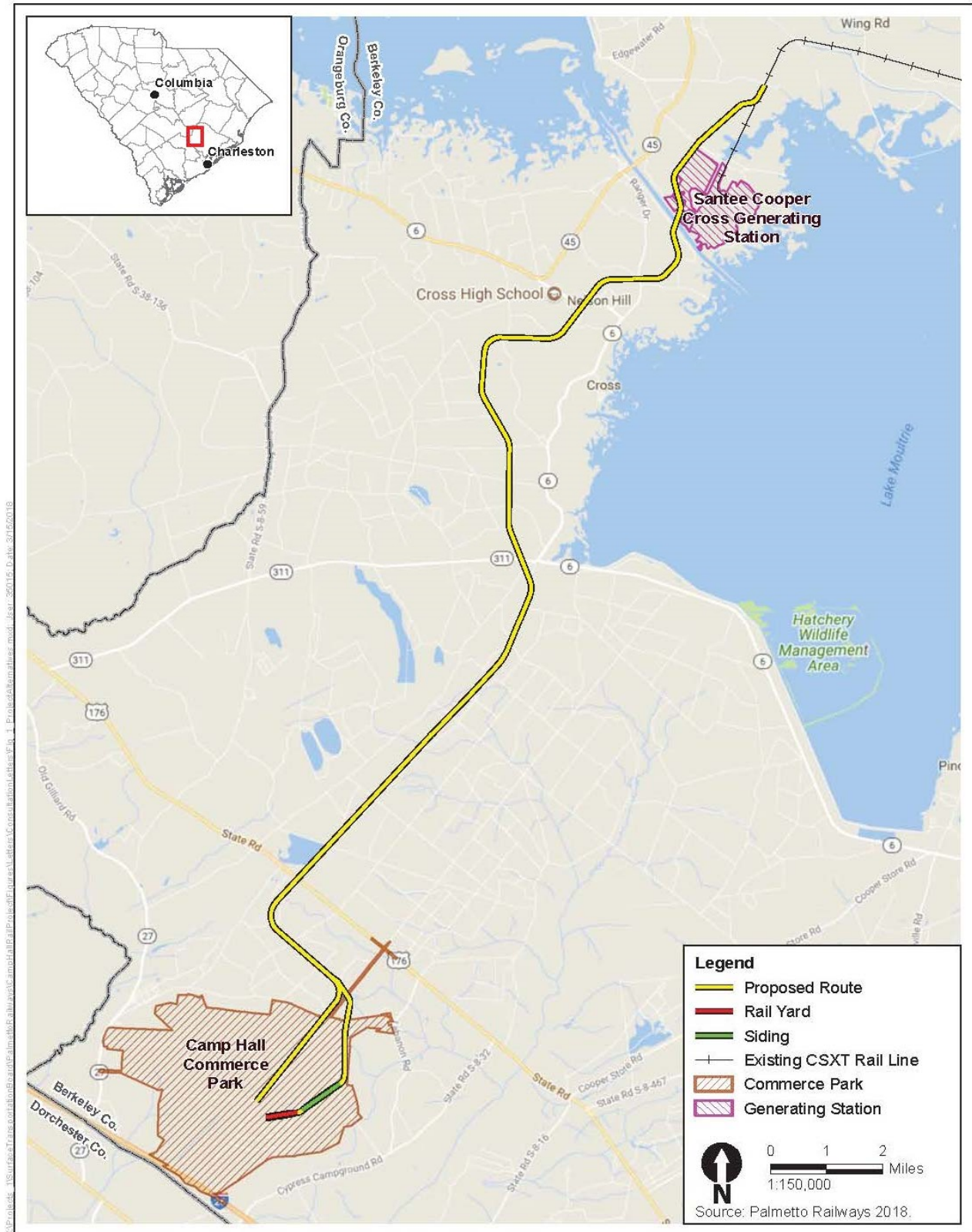
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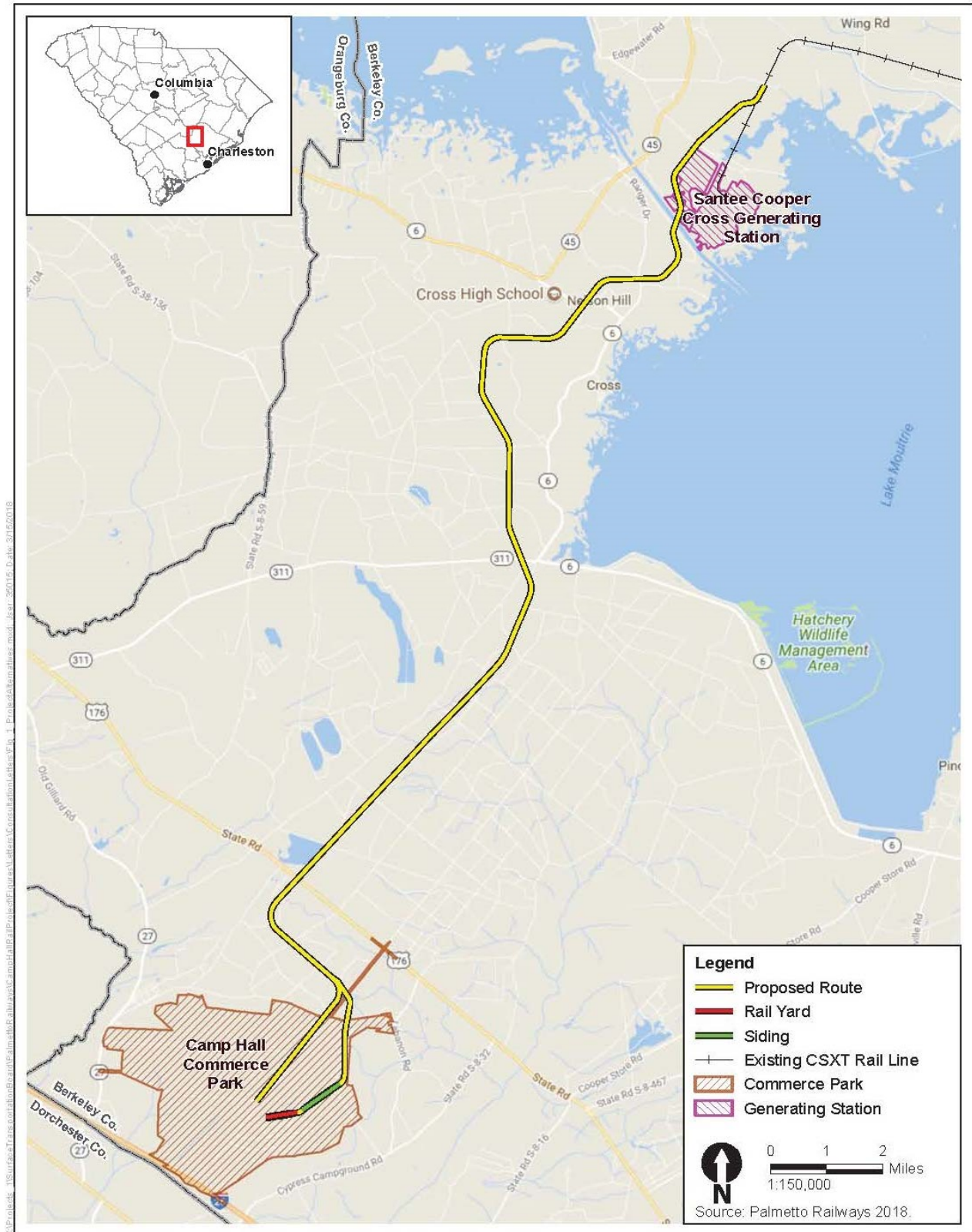
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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

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Gregg Waugh, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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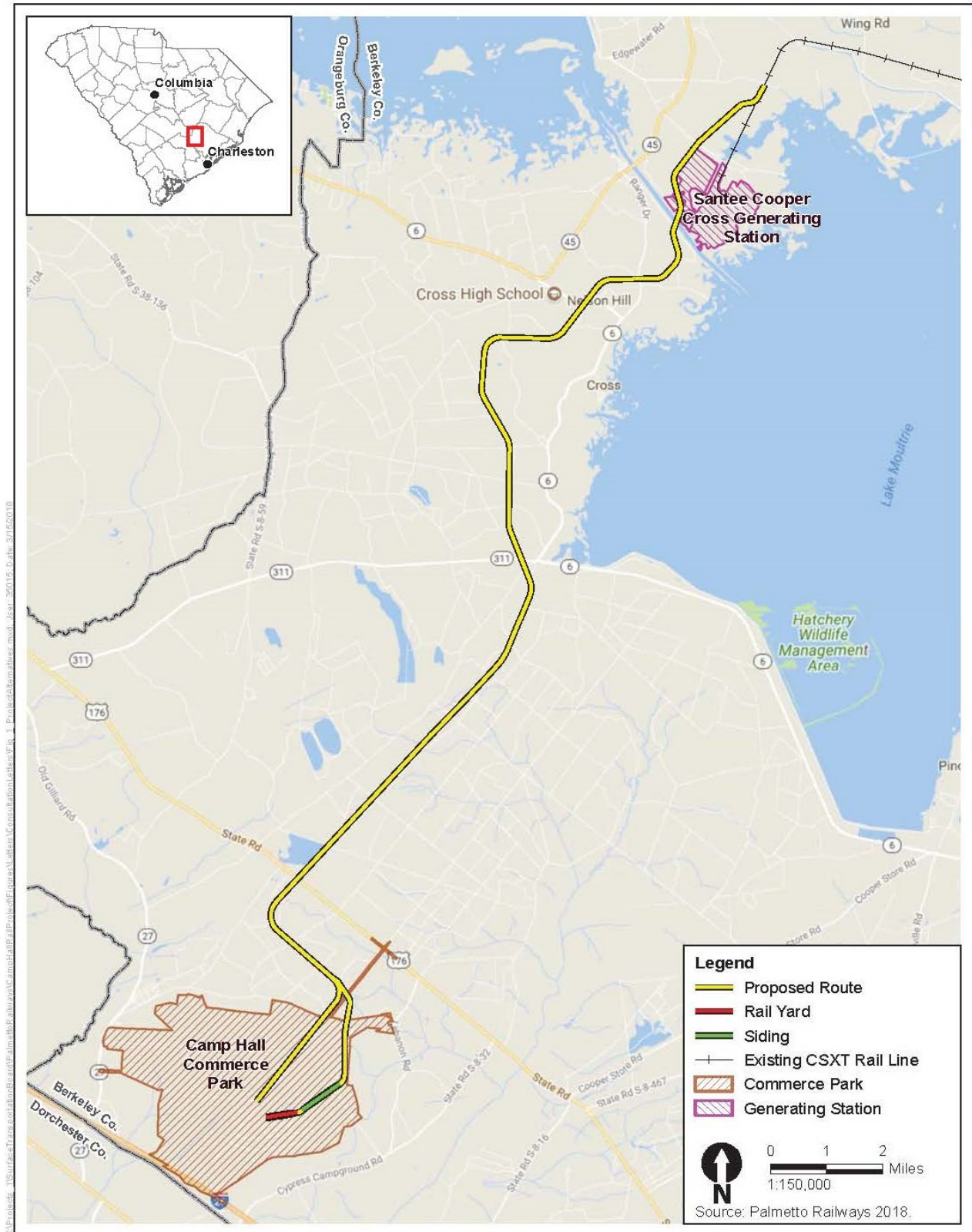
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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

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Barry Dragon, U.S. Coast Guard

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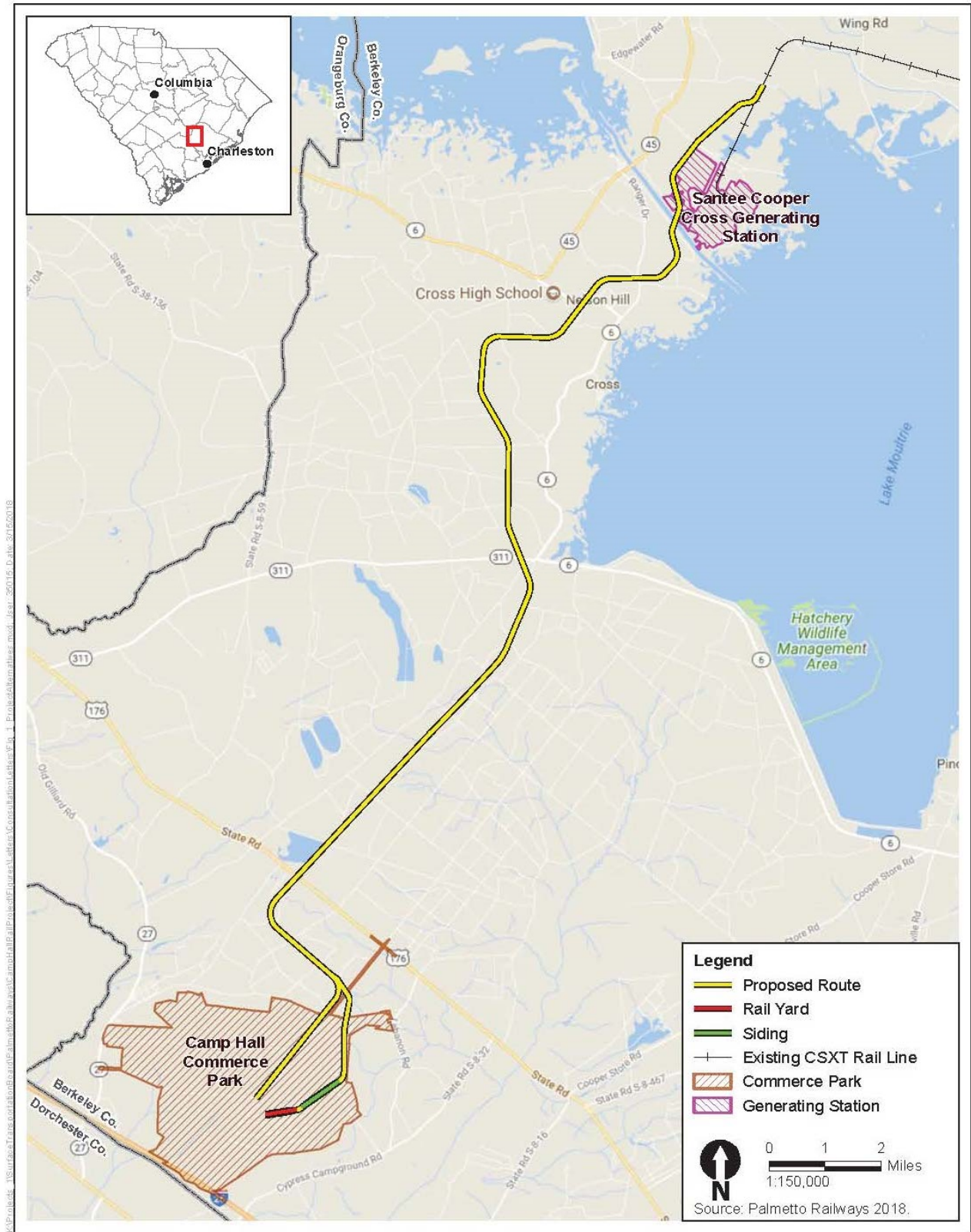
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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Ms. English,

This letter invites you to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) regarding the above-referenced rail line construction project. As you may know, on August 3, 2017, Palmetto Railways (Palmetto or Applicant) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502, for authority to construct and operate a 22.7-mile new rail line in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (Corps) are conducting an environmental and historic preservation review of the proposed rail line construction project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related laws and regulations, including Section 106, and its implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

This letter has two purposes:

- First, to learn whether USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is interested in participating as a Section 106 Consulting Party. We have enclosed a Consultation Options Form (Attachment B) that we hope makes it easier for you to select the level of involvement that you are interested in. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume that you do not want to participate as a Section 106 Consulting Party.
- Second, to provide an opportunity for you to submit comments on either historic properties and/or potential effects to historic properties that may be located in the area and that should be afforded close attention in the environmental analysis.

For your reference, Attachment A to this letter includes a map of the proposed route currently being considered. Additional information on this project is available on the project website at camphallrailnepa.com. Attachment B is the Consultations Options Form discussed above.

Ann English, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Diana Wood of my staff is leading OEA's Section 106 consultation for the project. You may contact her at 202-245-0302 or Diana.Wood@stb.gov with any questions. You may also contact David Bauer of ICF, OEA's independent third-party consultant, at David.Bauer@icf.com.

Sincerely,

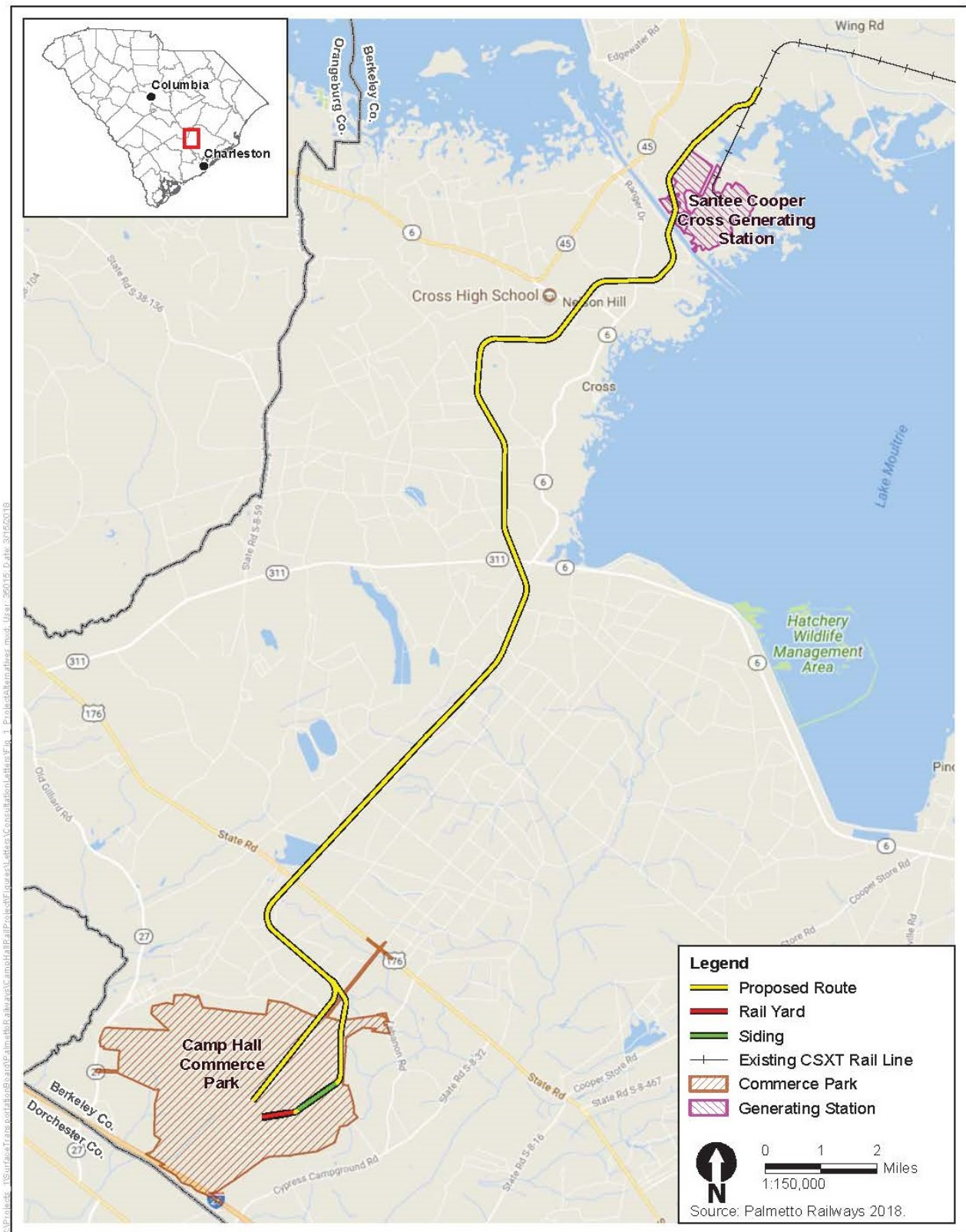
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Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Attachments:

- A. Map of Proposed Route
- B. NHPA Section 106 Consultation Options Form

ATTACHMENT A: MAP OF PROPOSED ROUTE



**ATTACHMENT B: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 CONSULTATION
OPTIONS FORM**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Exemption—in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

Project Name: Palmetto Railways Proposed Rail Line

Please check all the appropriate response(s) that apply from the list

_____ We have no interests associated with Palmetto Railways' proposed rail line and further consultation with our organization is not required.

_____ We want to continue to receive project information by mail and participate in the public involvement process.

_____ We have an interest in Palmetto's proposed rail line and want to participate as a "Consulting Party" in the Section 106 of the NHPA process.

_____ We have included comments regarding potential historic properties in the project area and/or potential impacts to historic properties on the back of this form or on additional sheets.

Name of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service designated contact for Section 106 Consultation for the Surface Transportation Board's decision on whether to allow Palmetto Railways to construct and operate a new rail line in South Carolina:

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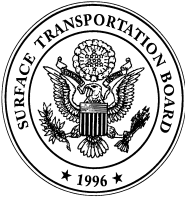
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Office of Environmental Analysis

May 18, 2018

Christopher Militscher
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Ctr
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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Mr. Militscher,

This letter invites you to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) regarding the above-referenced rail line construction project. As you may know, on August 3, 2017, Palmetto Railways (Palmetto or Applicant) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502, for authority to construct and operate a 22.7-mile new rail line in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

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This letter has two purposes:

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Christopher Militscher, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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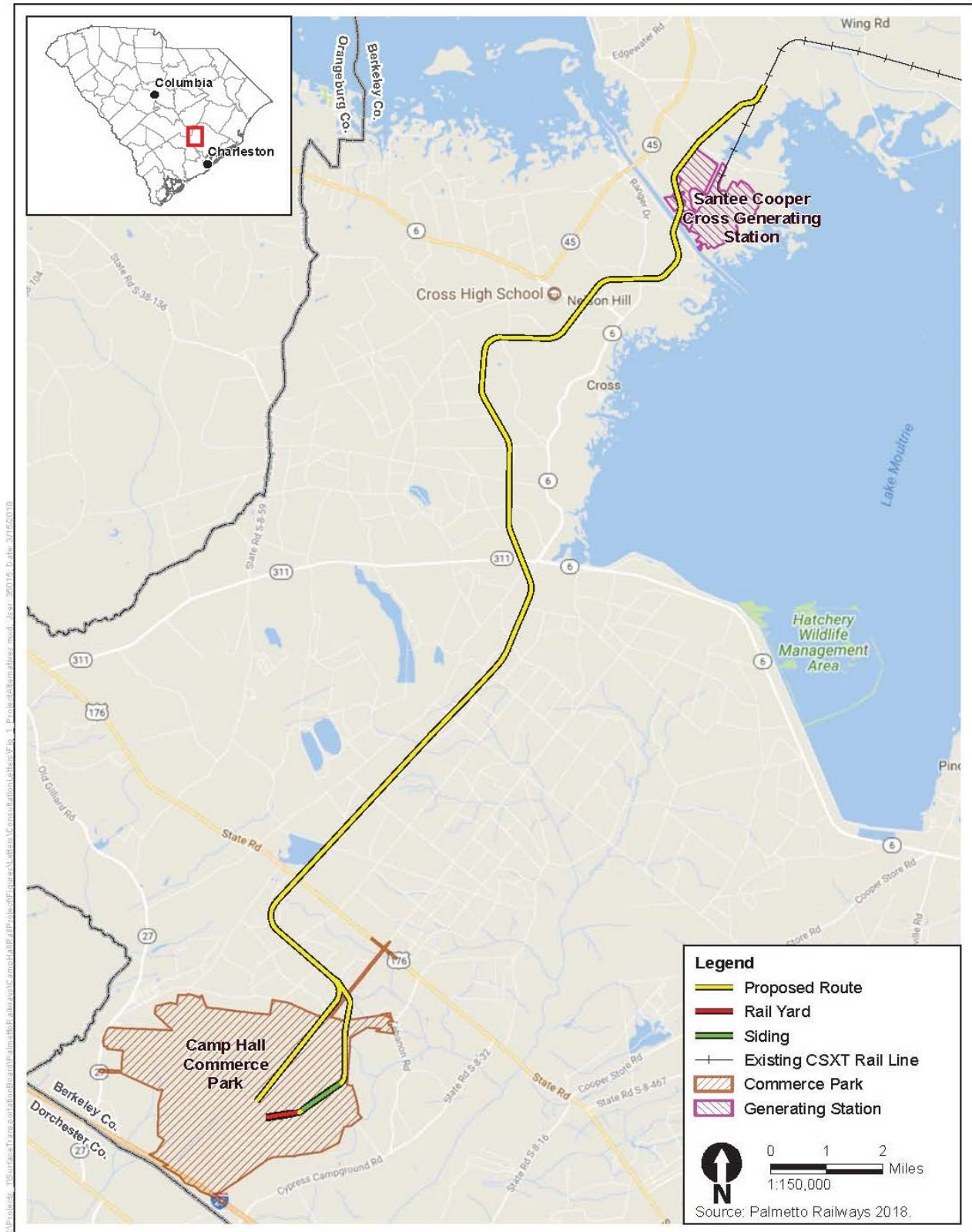
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Director
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Name of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated contact for Section 106 Consultation for the Surface Transportation Board's decision on whether to allow Palmetto Railways to construct and operate a new rail line in South Carolina:

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May 18, 2018

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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Mr. McCoy,

This letter invites you to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) regarding the above-referenced rail line construction project. As you may know, on August 3, 2017, Palmetto Railways (Palmetto or Applicant) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502, for authority to construct and operate a 22.7-mile new rail line in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

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This letter has two purposes:

- First, to learn whether the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is interested in participating as a Section 106 Consulting Party. We have enclosed a Consultation Options Form (Attachment B) that we hope makes it easier for you to select the level of involvement that you are interested in. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume that you do not want to participate as a Section 106 Consulting Party.
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Tom McCoy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

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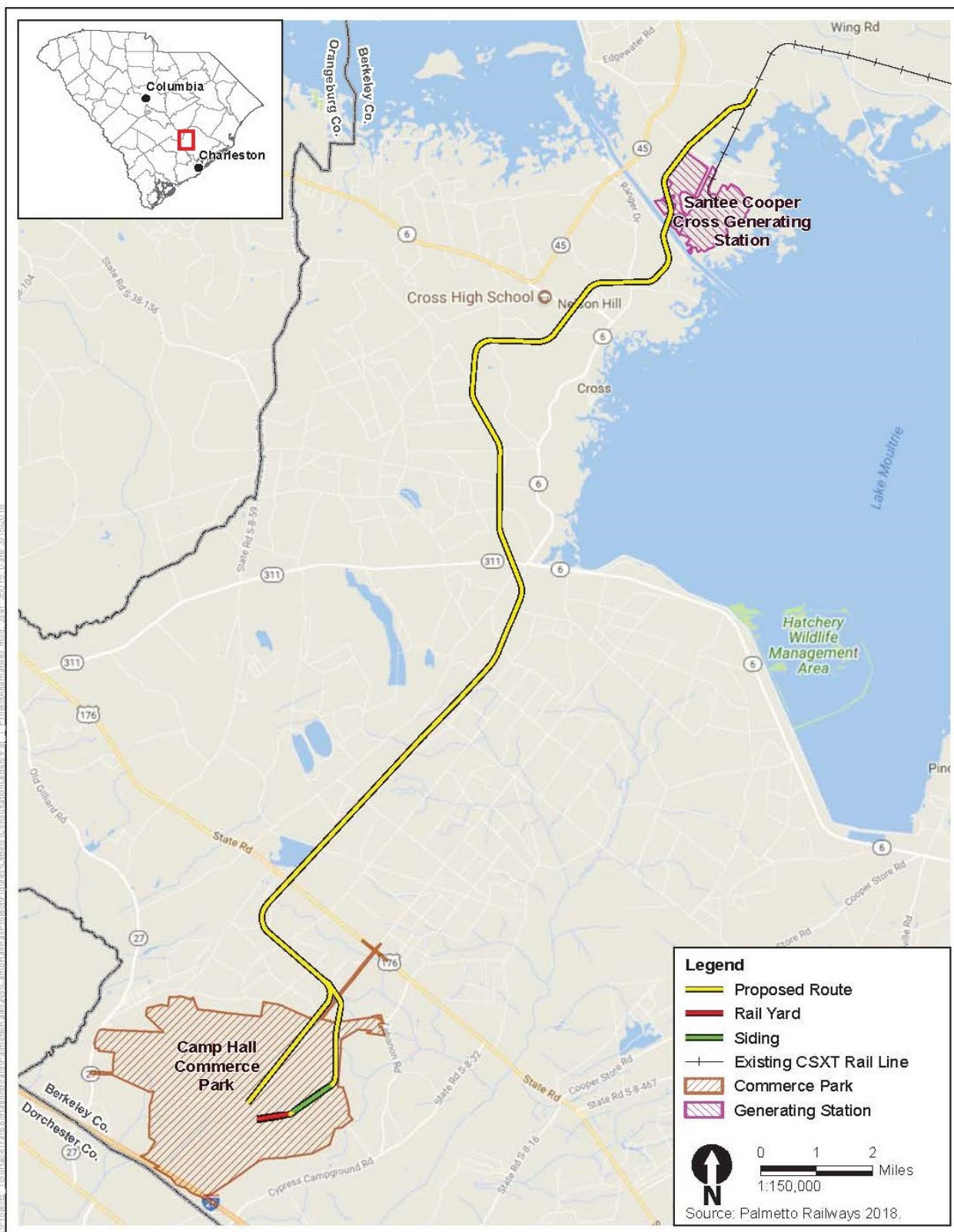
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Name of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated contact for Section 106 Consultation for the Surface Transportation Board's decision on whether to allow Palmetto Railways to construct and operate a new rail line in South Carolina:

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May 18, 2018

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Re: Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; **Invitation to Section 106 Consultation**

Dear Mr. Leader,

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Jonathan Leader, USC/SC Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology

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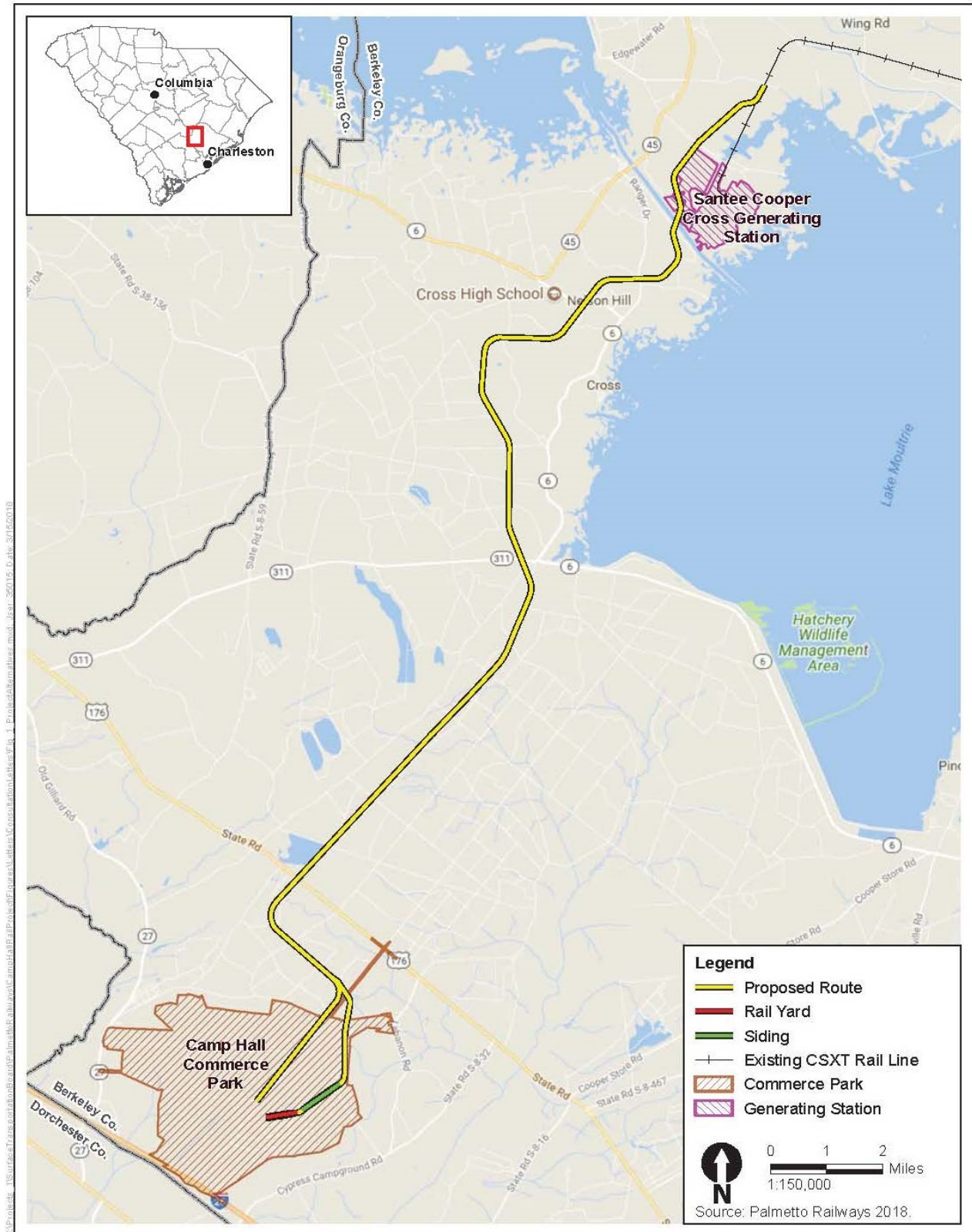
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