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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Reedy Creek Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

[REDACTED]

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

South Boston

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#5 (W. C. Daniel)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

051

COUNTY

City of South Boston 780

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of South Boston

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

South Boston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 24592

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Circuit Court of Halifax County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Halifax

STATE

Virginia 24558

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Archaeological Site Survey

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Research Center for Archaeology, Wren Kitchen,
College of William and Mary

CITY, TOWN

Williamsburg

STATE

Virginia 23186

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Limited testing in 1974 (Reeves, 1974) and extensive testing of the western portion of the site in 1975 suggested the existence of a palisaded late prehistoric village and associated midden.

Excavations in 1975 were limited to the western portion of the site which has since been destroyed by the expansion of the South Boston Sewage Treatment Plant facilities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The excavations revealed eight burials, postmolds representing a probable palisade, numerous storage features, house patterns, and a unique subterranean feature with associated trenches. Faunal and floral preservation varied from poor to excellent.

Sparse occupation of the site occurred from the Early through the Late Archaic periods. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (1970-72). The recovery of numerous steatite bowl fragments and Savannah River points suggest increased utilization of the site toward the close of the Late Archaic period (2000-1000 B.C.). All of the Archaic material was recovered from the plowzone and as refuse in Woodland features. The faunal and floral data suggest seasonal occupations during this Woodland period.

Late Woodland period occupation is represented by the Clarksville assemblage. A radio-carbon date of A.D. 1150 ± 65 (UGA 1258) obtained from a Clarksville feature probably represents a middle date for the Clarksville occupation (A.D. 900-1400). Wet screening of contents of Clarksville features recovered corn kernels, beans, hickory nuts, walnuts, acorns, persimmon seeds, choke cherry pits, maypops, and grape seeds. Substantial quantities of faunal remains of various species of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, mussels, and snails were recovered.

18 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reedy Creek site (44 Ha 22) is a multi-component, riverine oriented site of significance in evaluating relationships existing between the Middle Woodland period, Clements phase, and the Late Woodland period, Clarksville phase. The remains of an extensive village, midden deposits, and excellent preservation of subsistence materials enhance the value of the site to the understanding of cultural development in the Dan River drainage.

The most extensive aboriginal occupation of the site occurred between 900-1400 A.D., during which the settlement apparently evolved from a hamlet to a concentrated, possibly palisaded, village. Prior to this Clarksville phase occupation, the site appears to have been occupied on a seasonal basis during the Archaic period and Clements phase. While subsistence remains from these two early occupations are sparse, there is considerable evidence that horticulture became increasingly important during the Clarksville phase. The presence of the excellent faunal and floral sample from this period has provided vital clues to the nature of the subsistence activities in operation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coleman, Garry N. and Douglas H. Ubelaker, Michael Trinkley and Wayne E. Clark. "Preliminary Excavations of the Reedy Creek Site, South Boston, Virginia", ms., 1976, Virginia Research Center for Archaeology, Williamsburg.
 Reeves, Jack. "Preliminary Field Investigations of the Reedy Creek Site, Halifax County, Virginia", ms., 1974, Virginia Research Center for Archaeology, Williamsburg.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Reedy Creek site is bounded to the south by the Dan River, to the east by Reedy Creek, to the west by the South Boston Sewage treatment plant retention basin and to the north by eroded gully of the first terrace.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne E. Clark, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

1/6/77

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CITY OR TOWN

Williamsburg

STATE

Virginia 23186

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 15 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE APR 26 1978

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE APR 26 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER