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RE: Historic Bridge 00879
Job Number 040793
Big Branch & Cedar Creek
Strs. & Apprs. (S).
Sebastian County
Historic Bridge Marketing Request

To Whom It May Concern:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is planning to replace Bridge Number 00879 (Cedar Creek Bridge) on Highway 45 in Sebastian County. This bridge was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as part of the ARDOT's 2007 Historic Bridge Inventory. A location map and further information about the bridge are enclosed.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, 23 USC § 144 (g)(5) states: "Any State which proposes to demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project ... shall first make the bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible private entity..." As part of the mitigation process, the ARDOT is offering to donate Bridge Number 00879 to any government or entity that demonstrates a willingness to accept the title, maintain in place, preserve the historic features, and assume the financial responsibility for the continued maintenance of the structure.

The ARDOT, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), can reimburse costs associated with preservation up to the demolition estimate expense for bridges preserved in place. The demolition estimated reimbursement will be determined by the FHWA, not to exceed 100% of the bridge's demolition costs, based on the estimate by ARDOT. The costs associated with preservation could include rehabilitation of the bridge or minor modifications for recreational use.

If you are interested in acquiring this bridge, please respond with a letter of interest addressed to me within 45 days from this letter's date. Such letter submission does not commit an entity to accept the bridge. Following its receipt, the ARDOT Historic Bridge Analysis Committee will request a preservation plan, including the required information for consideration, before a preferred recipient is selected. For further information, contact Nikki Senn at (501) 569-2979 or at Nikki.Senn@ardot.gov.

Sincerely,

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John Fleming
Division Head
Environmental Division

Enclosures
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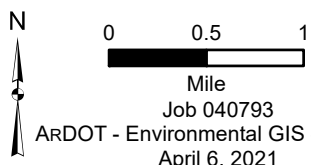
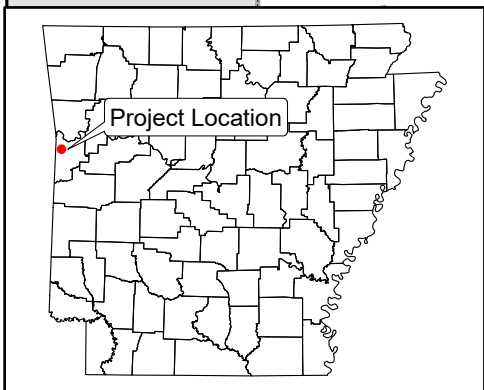
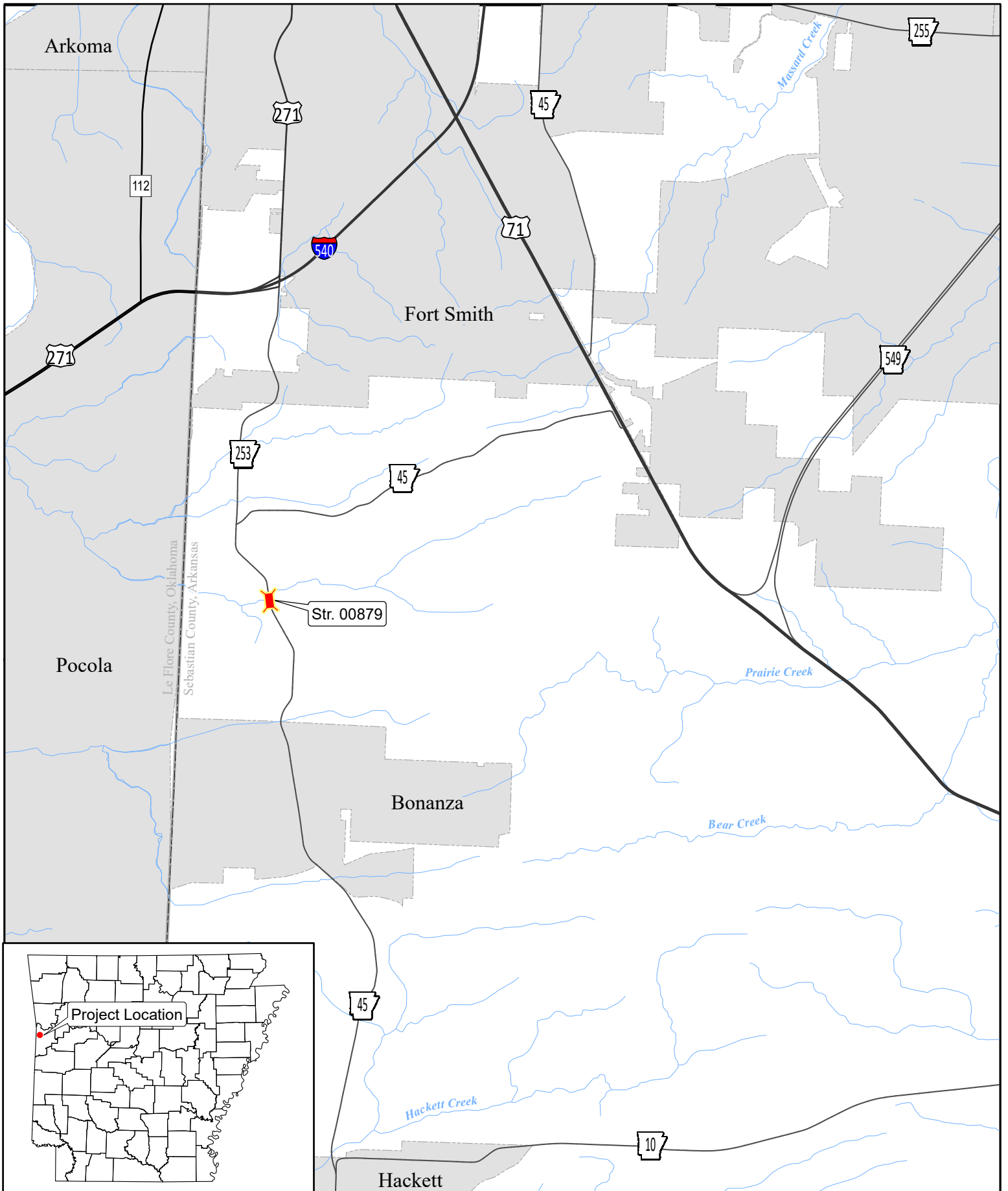
c: Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning
Bridge Division
District 4 Engineer

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Historic Bridge Marketing Description



ARDOT Bridge Number 00879 was determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places during the 2007 ARDOT Historic Bridge Inventory. The Arkansas State Highway Department engineers designed the bridge on Highway 45 over Cedar Creek. The Works Projects Administration constructed it under Job 004266 in 1942. ARDOT Bridge Number 00879 (Cedar Creek Bridge) is a steel stringer/multi-beam bridge measuring 43 feet long and approximately 26 feet wide.

The Works Progress Administration (WPA), later renamed the Works Projects Administration in 1939, came into existence as a program under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal. WPA operations in Arkansas dated from 1935 through June 1943. This program employed Arkansans and contributed roads, bridges, and culverts to Arkansas. The New Deal relief programs impacted the economy and morale across the country. This bridge is significant for its association with the WPA. It is also significant for the craftsmanship of stone and concrete construction, a common materials combination among WPA projects.



Project Location
Sebastian County

