

## Cellular Tower Siting

PELA recently conducted cultural resource surveys and historic building surveys for five cellular tower locations in Alabama and six tower locations in central Mississippi. These services were completed as part of the NEPA checklist for cellular tower siting requirements.

The Alabama towers were located in Southwest Alabama within an area that contained numerous historic buildings. A total of 21 buildings were recorded within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). PELA recommended that the proposed towers would not adversely impact the historic buildings and the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) concurred with those findings.

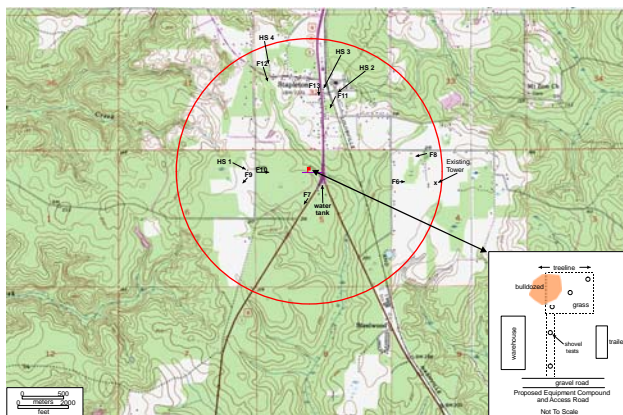
The archaeological survey of the cellular tower footprint areas did not lead to the locating of any cultural resources, therefore the construction activities proceeded without hindrance.



*Urban area in Mississippi*

The proposed cellular towers in Mississippi were located primarily in urban areas. The locations provided for an interesting mix of commercial and residential buildings. The close proximity of the proposed tower locations to interstates and major highways lessened the adverse effects these towers may have had on any historic buildings. The urbanization also lessened the likelihood of intact archaeological sites at the proposed tower locations. The Mississippi Department of Archives & History (MDAH) concurred with PELA's finding of not adverse impacts for these tower sites.

PELA was also able to conduct wetland surveys for the Alabama towers during the same site visits. No wetlands were present. This allowed the NEPA documentation to be processed more efficiently for the client.



*Proposed tower location*