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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual PARK SERVICE NAT REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or comput	er, to comprete arr reems.
1. Name of Property	
historic name <u>Dead River Dike</u>	
other names/site number	
2. Location	
street & number Congaree Swamp National Monume	ent
city or town Hopkins state South Carolina code SC county zip code 29061	not for publication vicinity y Richland code 079
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the Nation 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this determination of eligibility meets the docum properties in the National Register of Historand professional requirements set forth in 3 property meets does not meet the National that this property be considered statewide locally. (See continuate	nomination request for mentation standards for registering pric Places and meets the procedural GEOFR Part 60. In my opinion, the Mational Register Criteria. I significant nationally
Signature of certifying official	Date
State or Federal agency and bureau	
In my opinion, the property meets criteria. (See continuation sheet for a	does not meet the National Register dditional comments.)
Signature of commenting or other official	Date
State or Federal agency and bureau	

4. National Park Service Certification
I, hereby certify that this property is: see continuation sheet determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register removed from the National Register
other (explain):
Signature of Keeper Date of Action
5. Classification
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box) Check only one box) Duilding(s) public-local public-State X public-Federal Category of Property (Check only one box) L district Site X structure Object
Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed properties in the count)
Contributing Noncontributing 0 buildings 0 sites 1 structures 0 objects 1 Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register $\underline{0}$
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument

6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/flood contro	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) OTHER/national park
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) No style	Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundation: walls: roof: other: earth
Narrative Description (Describe the histor or more continuation sheets.)	ic and current condition of the property on one
8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mar qualifying the property for National Regis	k "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria ter listing)
X A Property is associated we contribution to the broad	with events that have made a significant ad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated wo	with the lives of persons significant in
period, or method of commaster, or possesses hid	istinctive characteristics of a type, nstruction or represents the work of a gh artistic values, or represents a uishable entity whose components lack
X D Property has yielded, or in prehistory or history	r is likely to yield information important Y \cdot

Criteria Consid	derations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)
А	owned by a religious institution or used for religious purpose
В	removed from its original location.
c	a birthplace or a grave.
D	a cemetery.
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
ACRICULTURE	ies from instructions) 1740-1900
	Significant Dates N/A
Significant Pe. (Complete if C.	rson riterion B is marked above)
Cultural Affil. Euro-Americal	iation N
Architect/Buil	der

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographica	1 Keierences
(Cite the books, articles,	and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more
continuation sheets.) See	Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument Multipl
Property Documentation	Form

Previous documentation on file (NPS)
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been
requested.
previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
designated a National Missolio Landau recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
Primary Location of Additional Data
State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
X Federal agency
Local government
University
Other
Name of repository: Congaree Swamp National Monument

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property ____

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	East	inq	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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		See	cont	inuation	SN	eet.		

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By
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organization National Park Service, Southeast Field Area
date
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city or town Atlanta state GA zip code 30303
Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:
Continuation Sheets
Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location. A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)
Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)
name National Park Service
street & number P.O. Box 37127 telephone
city or town Washington state DC zip code 20013-7127

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE

Dead River Dike, HS-07

A 4-to-5-foot-high, L-shaped earthen dike

The structure

is covered with mature, old-growth bottomland hardwood trees that range widely in species and age as well as other vegetation.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dead River Dike is significant under the context "Agricultural Settlement in the Congaree Swamp: 1740-1900" established in the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument. Beginning in 1730, small farmers moved into the back country of South Carolina to find fertile farm land and to create "buffer zones" between the back country and the more densely populated coastal area centered around the city of Charleston. After the end of the Cherokee War in 1761 and the establishment of the state capital at Columbia in 1786, wealthy planters moved into the Congaree River valley to introduce the plantation system to the region. Settlers built dikes in an effort to control the periodic flooding of the Congaree River and utilize the fertile swampland on its border to grow crops. The cost of building and maintaining large earthen dike systems using slave labor in the disease-ridden swamp discouraged the efforts of most land owners and led to the decline of large-scale farming in the area.

The dike is significant at the state level under National Register criteria A and D for its association with the agricultural settlement of the Congaree Swamp and for its ability to yield information about settlement patterns in the region.