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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

Item Number

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Name Historic  Aiken Mile Track Location Banks Mill Road  
Common Same Classification District

Owner Summa Corporation  
c/o Eddie Strickland  
Westside Associates  
111 S. Belair Rd., Augusta, Georgia 30907

Representation in Existing Surveys

South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description

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Significance

The Aiken Mile Track was constructed ca. 1936 by Ira Coward for Fred Post, Dunbar Bostwick, and Roland Harriman on the old Hassler Polo Fields. The track was designed to train and race trotters. About 1937 Pete Bostwick built a turf track in the infield (middle track) for flat and hurdle racing. In 1938 another strip of turf was added for steeplechasing (center track) making the Mile Track capable of handling a diversified training and racing program. The Aiken Mile Track was the home of the Imperial Cup hurdle race first run in 1938. The construction of the track added a new dimension to sport in Aiken, and contributed to its continuing success as a horse training center during the lean years of the Depression.

approximately 60 acres

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Aiken Mile Track is shown as the black line on the accompanying Aiken County Tax Maps #'s 30-101, 30-088, 30-089, and 30-102, drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 100 feet. It includes the historic track and the major contributing support buildings.

UTM Reference Point

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| A. 17/435320/3711860 | D. 17/435000/3711730 |
| B. 17/435150/3711245 | E. 17/435110/3711950 |
| C. 17/434780/3711700 |                      |

Other Information

In a survey which identified properties associated with the Aiken Winter Colony, the Aiken Mile Track emerged as one of the properties which best illustrated the later years of the Winter Colony. The Aiken Mile Track is of exceptional importance to the Winter Colony theme because its construction between 1936 and 1938 added a new dimension to equestrian activity in Aiken and was instrumental in Aiken's continuing success as a horse training center during the Depression and during and after World War II.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

**Substantive Review**

Aiken Mile Track (Aiken Winter Colony TR)  
Aiken County  
SOUTH CAROLINA

OCT 22 1984

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Due: 11-22-84 / 12-6-84  
 Action: ACCEPT  
RETURN 11-27-84  
REJECT  
 Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*This property is less than 50 years old - because the period of significance for the Theme as a whole has not been justified as meeting the exception to the National Register Criteria for less than 50 year old properties, this individual component must be returned until the overall context of the period of significance is justified - please see extended comment on return sheet for the Thematic overview.*

Recom./Criteria Return  
 Reviewer Patrick Andrus  
 Discipline Historian  
 Date 11/27/84  
 \_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Aiken Winter Colony Thematic Resources  
State Aiken County, SOUTH CAROLINA

Return cover form - PWA - 11/27/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 50 yr  
- 50 yr

1. Aiken Mile Track

Substantive Review

Keeper

*[Signature]* 8/2/84

Attest

2. Aiken Training Track

Substantive Review

Keeper

*[Signature]* 7/9/84

Attest

3. Court Tennis Building

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

*[Signature]* 11/27/84

Attest

4. St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

*[Signature]* 11/27/84

Attest

5. Whitehall

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

6. Aiken Winter Colony  
Historic District I

Entered in the  
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for Keeper

*[Signature]* 11/27/84

Attest

7. Aiken Winter Colony  
Historic District II

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

*[Signature]* 11/27/84

Attest

8. Aiken Winter Colony  
Historic District III

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

*[Signature]* 11/27/84

Attest

9.

Keeper

Attest

10.

Keeper

Attest

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SOUTH CAROLINA

*Substantive Review*

Working No. 10/22/84  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 5/18/85  
Action:  ACCEPT 5-9-85  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
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- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*as made clear in the cover form for the thematic which establishes exceptional significance for the theme (1880-1941) this track, built in 1936 to train troopers, was an important element of the complex in that it helped change the facility to a year round facility, and this change allowed the colony to survive the lean Depression/WWII years*

Recom./Criteria accept A  
Reviewer Patrick Andrews  
Discipline Historian  
Date 5/1/85  
see continuation sheet

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### Missing Core Documentation

<b>Property Name County, State</b>	<b>Multiple Property Name</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>
Aiken Mile Track Aiken, SC	Aiken Winter Colony TR	85000991

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000760