

State to pay for preserve acres to be lost in road construction

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - South Carolina's Transportation Department will pay \$750,000 for 30 acres of a land preserve that will be damaged by construction of Interstate 73.

The interstate eventually will link South Carolina with Michigan.

The Little Pee Dee River Heritage Trust Preserve is protected under federal highway law.

A Natural Resources Department official says intrusion into the preserve was unavoidable if the interstate was to be built. He says the proposed river crossing site is the least damaging to the environment.

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