

Historic assets on the ORR include pre-Columbian sites along the Clinch River, historic remnants of the farming communities that existed prior to the Manhattan Project, and many of the original Manhattan Project facilities constructed during the 1940's. Prior to the Manhattan Project, the area that became the ORR was a typical rural east Tennessee farming community. There were three villages present - Wheat, Scarboro, and Robertsville. Houses ranged from large, comfortable farmhouses to cabins and shacks. There were numerous cemeteries, churches and several stores and schools. Remnants of pre-World War II home sites can still be located. DOE maintains the old cemeteries, and two of the pre-WWII churches have been preserved. AFORR encourages efforts to preserve and allow public access to these historic assets.