

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report presents the results of a Phase II Historic Resource Survey Evaluation for the proposed S.R. 0071 Transportation Improvements Project in the village of Red Lion, New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1; USGS 1993). In November, 2011, CHRS, Inc. completed a Phase Ia Reconnaissance Survey of the APE (Allen and Ruth 2011). CHRS, Inc., in collaboration with the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) found 24 resources in the approximately 43.2-acre APE to be 50 years of age or older, meeting the minimum age requirement for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). CHRS, Inc. recommended that a Phase II Evaluation Report be completed in order to document the 18 resources which had not already been documented, and to update documentation of the six resources already recorded at the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

The Phase II Historic Resource Survey Evaluation began in December 2011, after the Phase Ia Reconnaissance Survey was submitted and approved. CHRS, Inc. completed additional field views and performed extensive historical deed research to gain a better understanding of the APE and the resources contained within. Research revealed gaps in the resources available for mid-twentieth-century architectural history of Delaware. After World War II, residential development nationwide proliferated; several new architectural styles and adaptations of previous styles emerged to meet the growing demand for housing. Mid-twentieth-century architecture is found throughout the region; over 60% of the resources in the APE for this project were constructed after 1946. Since buildings constructed as late as 1962 are now being considered for the National Register of Historic Places, future projects would benefit from a historic context on the mid-twentieth-century architecture of Delaware.

This report presents the architectural and historical discussions and evaluations for each of the 24 resources recommended for further study in the Phase Ia report. CHRS, Inc. determined that none of the resources are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. They lack either sufficient historical significance or physical integrity due to alterations and additions, or they reflect widespread architectural styles and possess characteristics commonly found on surrounding properties and within the New Castle County region.

The Phase I Reconnaissance Survey, the Phase II Historic Resource Survey Evaluation, and all Cultural Resource Survey Forms (CRS Forms) for the proposed S.R. 0071 Transportation Improvements Project in the village of Red Lion can be found at the offices of DelDOT and the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs (the State Historic Preservation Office).