

XI. CONCLUSION

Periodic revision and updating of this Historic Context will keep it current and assure its ongoing usefulness. A five-year cycle of revision should suffice. If the goals proposed above for this historic context are met over the next five years, much new information will have been generated that will enhance the context. Cultural resource investigations of archaeological sites and surveys and cultural resource investigations of standing buildings associated with this context will also have yielded considerable new and significant information. In addition to integrating this information into the Historic Context Narrative, the Archaeological Property Types, Archaeological Research Questions, Criteria for Evaluation of Archaeological Resources, Evaluation of Inventoried Historical Archaeological Resources, and Goals, Priorities, and Information Needs will require re-evaluation and probably revision. In the interim, the State Historic Preservation Office should distribute this Context as widely as possible to archaeologists, preservation planners, museum personnel, developers, members of the agricultural community, and other interested organizations and members of the public. The Office should also serve as the clearinghouse for inquiries regarding the Context and comments and recommendations offered by any interested persons. All such information should be maintained for review in five years when the context is revised and updated.

In creating this historic context, public involvement was limited to a committee of historical archaeologists working in Delaware. Committee members represented the University, the University's research and contract organization--the Center for Archaeological Research--the State Historic Preservation Office, and the State Museums. One goal proposed in this first attempt at an historic context on the archaeology of agriculture and farm life in New Castle and Kent counties from 1830 to 1940 involves a program of public education and participation that would bring the context to a broad audience. It is hoped we will benefit from the wisdom of its members over the next five years.