

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

Skelly and Loy conducted a Phase II historic architectural resource survey for the Barratts Chapel Road Improvements project. Eighteen historic resources were identified within the APE, including the NRHP-listed K-00103 Barratt's Chapel. Seventeen resources were evaluated for NRHP eligibility based on the NRHP Criteria for Evaluation, field and background research, historic contexts developed for this report, and previously prepared historic context and historic resource studies. One of the 18 resources is recommended as eligible for NRHP listing. The W.C. Fountain Agricultural Complex (K-01689), is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A and C as a significant agricultural complex which dates to the eighteenth century. The farmhouse associated with K-01689 is also eligible under NRHP Criteria C and D as an early nineteenth-century five-bay I-house with an eighteenth century wing.

The remaining sixteen resources are recommended as not eligible for NRHP listing. The previously surveyed resource K-02742 is no longer extant.

The historic context and individual histories researched and written for this report provide a rich sense of a small farming community in southern Kent County that was active beginning in the eighteenth century. Deeds, wills, and orphans court records provided valuable information about the historic residents of the area. In particular, tax records and agricultural censuses provided a good deal of substantive information on farms during the nineteenth century. Information on farms in the twentieth century was more difficult to find. Tax records become less specific and are organized in ways that make it harder to locate individual farms. A research project investigating twentieth century farm operations would provide valuable background information, which could be used to make eligibility determinations under the Section 106 process.