

ABSTRACT

This is a report of Phase I survey in connection with a new connector road to be built between Scarborough Road and the commercial area along U. S. Route 13 nearby. The test location is on the property that formerly was owned by Delaware Technical and Community College, now owned by the Delaware Department of Transportation.

Testing identified a prehistoric site with deeply buried remains that probably has never been cultivated by modern machinery. Two potential post-contact cemetery locations were identified; one was determined to be a drainfield, and the other is outside the proposed roadway.

The prehistoric site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Tests in the area proposed for stormwater basin expansion demonstrated that the area has been considerably disturbed and reworked, virtually destroying any prehistoric features that might have existed here.

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This project has been accomplished by a team. Cara Blume not only assisted with the fieldwork but prepared the excavation register and artifact description. Inez Reed Hoffman assisted with the fieldwork and analysis in December 2000. In January 2001, Judy Rosentel and Dawn Corbett joined the team, with volunteer Dan McCoy, who subsequently joined the staff. In the second phase of excavation, Peter Mires came on board, along with John Hoffman, Gary Morgan, Bryan Much, John Potts, Catherine Heite, and volunteer Peter Bon. Cara Blume conducted the artifact analysis and drafted the recommendations. Bryan Much did the drawings of artifacts and features.

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Kevin Cunningham and Mike Hahn, from the Delaware Department of Transportation, were responsible for coordinating our efforts, which they ably accomplished. The artifacts have been prepared for curation according to the Delaware State Museums' standards, with assistance from Curator of Archaeology Charles Fithian.