

I. INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration, the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (Berger), completed an architectural resource survey and evaluation at two locations within Sussex County, Bridges 526 and 527 at Betts Pond near Millsboro (Figure 1) and the intersection of State Routes 26 and 17, just west of Millville (Figure 2). The DelDOT project at Betts Pond calls for the replacement of Bridges 526 and 527 along County Route 326. In addition, DelDOT will undertake improvements at the intersection of Routes 26 and 17.

The background research and fieldwork components for both projects took place during the week of January 18, 1999. Preliminary research at the Delaware Historic Preservation Office revealed that only one property, the Warren Mill (S-438) located north of Betts Pond near Millsboro, has been listed or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The C.J. Raubacher House (S-2478), located within the project area at the intersection of Routes 26 and 17 near Millville, was previously documented without a determination of National Register eligibility. None of the other surveyed resources had been recorded. (Copies of newly recorded survey forms for this report are included in Appendix A.)

The architectural resource survey was carried out in accordance with the instructions and intents of Section 101 (b)(4) of the National Environmental Policy Act; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended; The Procedures for the Protection of Historic Properties (36 CFR 800); and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (23 CFR 771).

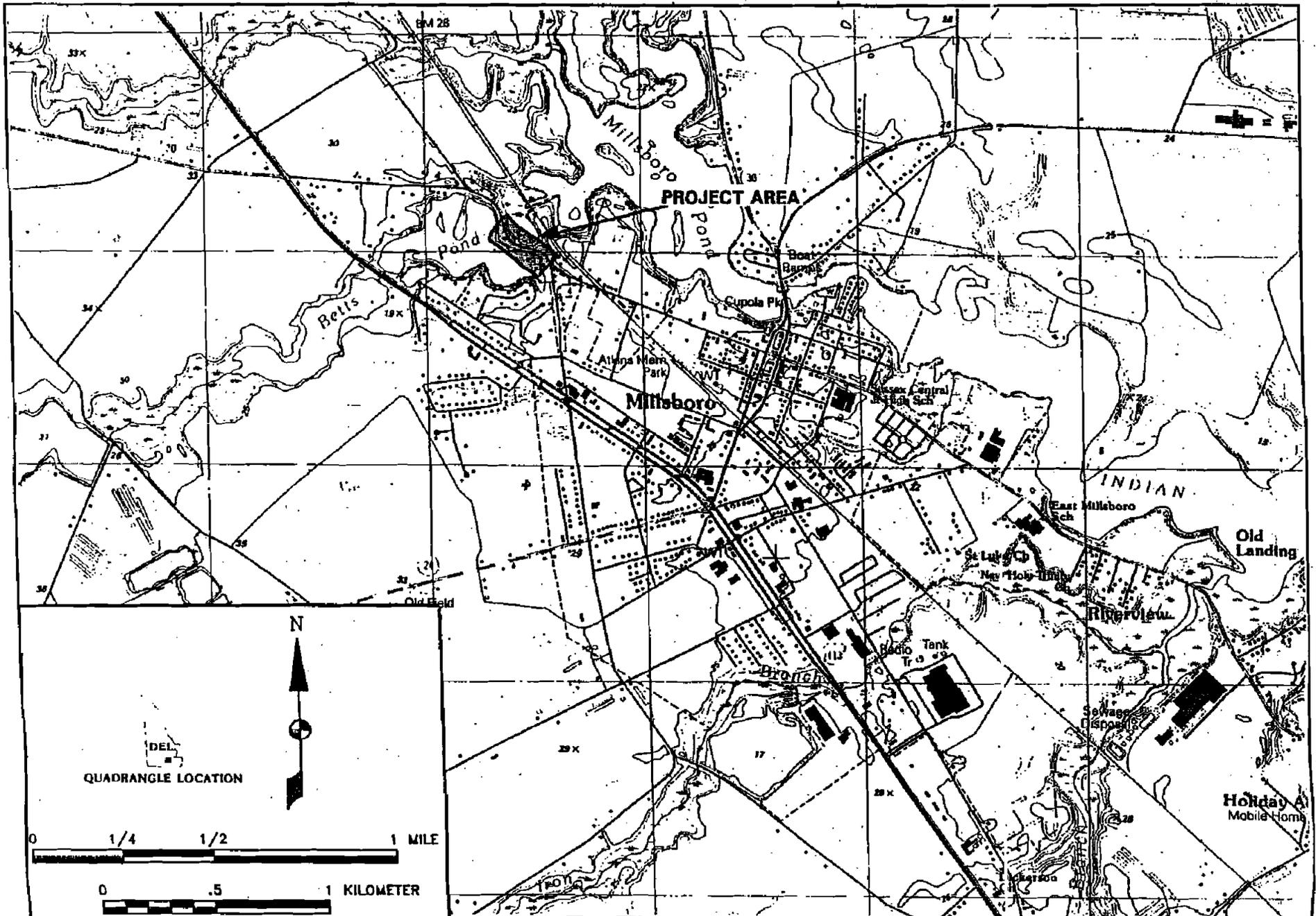


FIGURE 1: Bridges 526 and 527 Project Area

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Series, Millsboro, DE Quadrangle, 1992

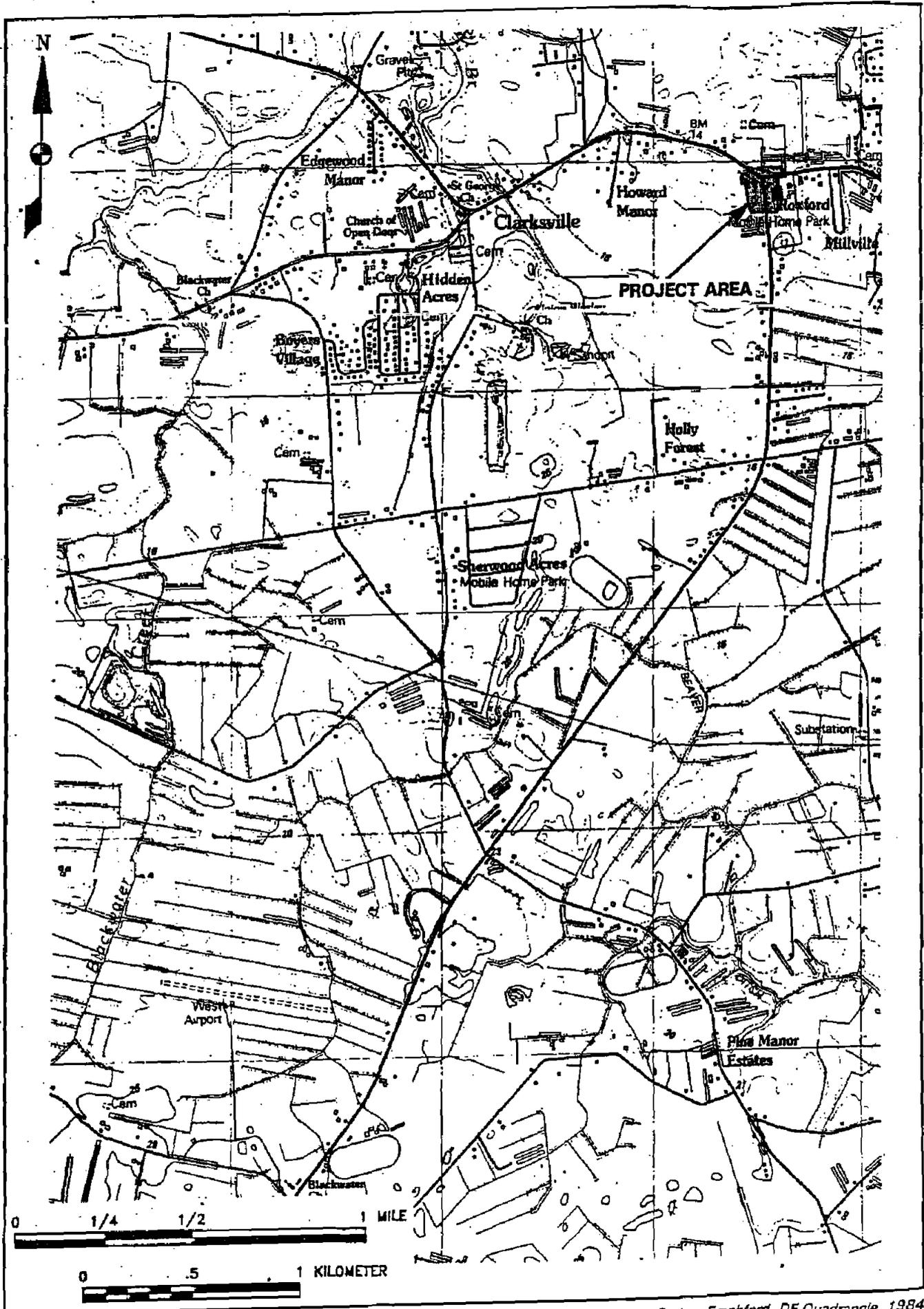


FIGURE 2: Intersection of Routes 26 and 17
Project Area

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Series, Frankford, DE Quadrangle, 1984
(Revised 1991)