

ABSTRACT

A Phase I cultural resource survey of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal section, Odessa Segment, of the U.S. Route 13 Relief Route, which covers approximately 6.4 miles of proposed right-of-way (ROW), was conducted in May - July of 1988. A total of 12 prehistoric and historic archaeological sites were recorded during the survey. The single historic archaeological site, an early 19th century farmstead, appears to be an expression of changing agricultural practices and economic factors at work in Delaware at that time. Preliminary assessment of the prehistoric sites suggests they are all microband base camps or procurement/processing stations and their excavation could serve to further our understanding of these site types and their role in the settlement pattern in northern Delaware. Phase II survey is recommended for eight of the prehistoric sites identified, and the one previously recorded historic site (N-5053).