

## ABSTRACT

A historic architectural resource survey and determination of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility have been completed for the State of Delaware Department of Transportation's (DelDOT) proposed Bridge 362 at Chipmans Pond project located east of the town of Laurel, in Broad Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. The proposed bridge replacement and roadway realignment is being necessitated by the plans of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to upgrade the water control structures at the spillway and dam, of which Bridge 362 is a part. DelDOT has safety concerns about the carrying capacity of the bridge and the horizontal alignment of the approaches once the DNREC upgrades are constructed.

The project Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the historic architectural resources was developed at a field view held on March 15, 2005. It includes the proposed road improvement footprint, plus a small buffer on the north, south, east, and west to account for visual impacts. The APE includes nine historic architectural resources: Chipman and Lowe Lot #3 (S-5878); Broom Store/Rental House (S-5880); the Carlton Lowe House (S-11418); Lowe's Lakeview Campground (S-11419); the Chipman Family Cemetery (S-11420); Chipmans Mill (S-400); Bridge 362 Over Chipmans Pond (S-11421); Old Christ Church (S-188); and the Chipman Potato House/Joseph Chipman Farmstead (S-5873). Three resources were previously listed in the NRHP: Chipman's Mill (S-400), Old Christ Church (S-188), and Chipman Potato House (S-5873). The resources were surveyed and evaluated using the NRHP Criteria for Evaluation and various historic contexts, including the one developed for the project area. The APE was also evaluated for historic district potential.

The report recommends expanding the NRHP boundary of Chipmans Mill (which burned down in 1987) to include the remaining resources associated with the property and expanding the NRHP boundary of Old Christ Church to include its cemetery. It is recommended that the boundary for the Chipman Potato House remain the same. The remaining resources were evaluated as not eligible for NRHP listing.