

ABSTRACT

MAAR Associates, Inc. (MAI) of Newark, Delaware conducted a Phase I Cultural Resource Management Survey of the Eden Square Connector project area for Whitman, Requardt and Associates during the fall and winter of 2001/2002. The project area is located on the south side of U.S. Route 40 and runs from the intersection with State Route 7 eastwardly along Old Hamburg Road to a point near the railroad tracks where it turns north and connects with the Eden Square Shopping Center to the north. The area contains the Bear Station Historic District, consisting of historic structures, as well as athletic fields of the Bear School, formerly cultivated farmland, and already-graded road beds and stormwater management ponds.

The background study indicated that the Bear Station Historic District is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It also suggests that the formerly cultivated farmland and the athletic fields may contain historic or prehistoric archaeological resources, although it can be considered of low sensitivity for prehistoric Native American cultural resources. Field investigations failed to identify any in situ historic archaeological remains, however; and it must be concluded that any such resources within the general study area will not be directly impacted by the three current alternative alignments for the proposed Eden Square Connector construction.

No further archaeological field investigations are recommended within the above-defined study area.