

This Phase I and Phase II survey was carried out for the proposed Governor's Avenue Safety Project (State Contract 20-045-02, Federal Aid No. ESTP-K003 [5]) in Dover, Kent County, Delaware. For this project, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) proposes to make improvements to Governor's Avenue, a major north-south corridor, from Water Street to Webbs Lane.

A total of fifty properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) were inventoried on Delaware State Historic Preservation Office Cultural Resource Survey forms. Based on physical survey and historic research, four buildings and one object are recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These individually eligible resources are as follows:

- K-7021 – House, 1198 South Governor's Avenue
- K-7043 – Capital Grange Hall, 911 South Governor's Avenue
- K-7049 – Joe's Garage, 825 South Governor's Avenue
- K-7054 – Matthews Pontiac Sign, 600 South Governor's Avenue
- K-7056 – Commercial Building, 446-448 South Governor's Avenue

The potential South Dover Residential Historic District is not considered to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, for the purposes of this study. While other parts of the neighborhood may contain resources potentially eligible for listing in the National Register, these areas extend beyond the limits of the APE. Thus, buildings in the neighborhood that were located outside of the APE were not individually surveyed. One building located within the potential district and inside the APE, the Capital Grange Hall, is considered individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. All surveyed properties are described in Section 5 of this report.

The remaining surveyed properties are not considered eligible for listing due to alterations, lack of association with history or significant persons, lack of distinctive architecture, or an inability to clearly represent a historic building type, method of construction, or stylistic influence. All surveyed properties and their determinations of eligibility are listed in Table 1.