

In November 2001, URS Corporation (URS) conducted a Phase I (Location/ Identification) and Phase II (Evaluation) survey of historic architectural resources for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). This survey was carried out for DelDOT's proposed Governor's Avenue Safety Project (State Contract 20-045-02, Federal Aid No. ESTP-K003 [5]) in Dover, Kent County, Delaware. The Governor's Avenue Safety Project will provide improvements to South Governor's Avenue in Dover between Water Street and Webbs Lane (Figure 1). This project will receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

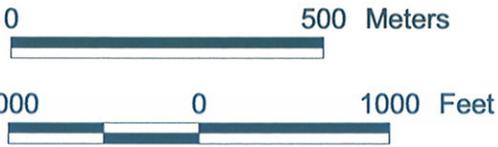
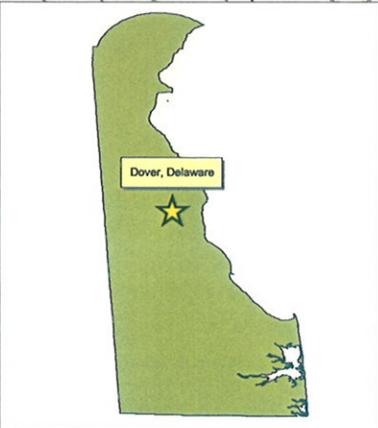
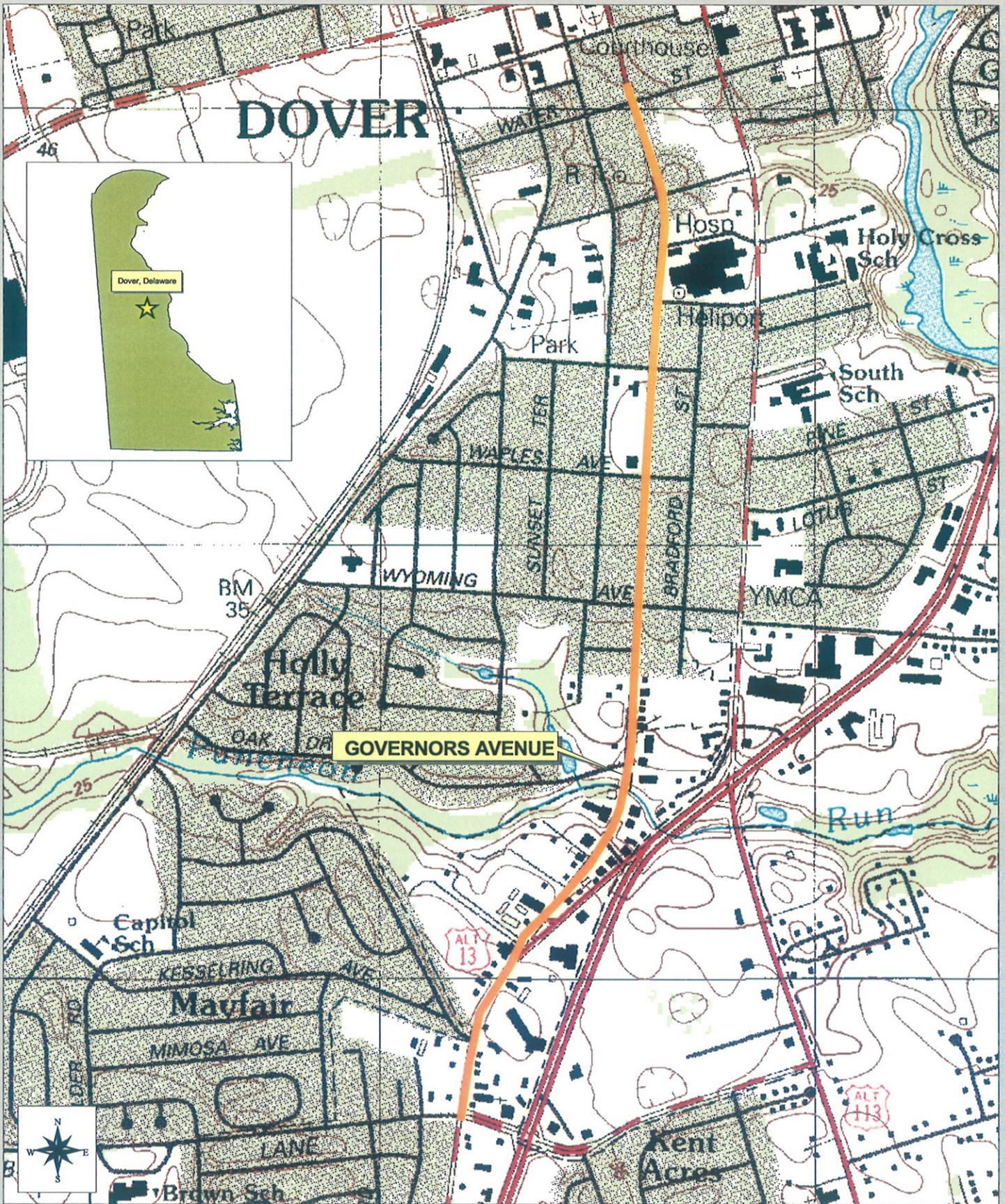
The tasks performed for this project were carried out under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, found in 36 CFR Part 800. Section 106 requires federal agencies or their designees to take into account the effects of their undertakings on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. An initial step in this process is to identify those properties within a project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) that may be eligible for the National Register.

This report and the accompanying survey data provide documentation on all buildings fifty years of age or older that are located within the APE. Each historic building was recorded on Delaware Cultural Resource Survey forms and was evaluated for National Register eligibility. The work was conducted by an architectural historian and historian who both meet National Park Service professional qualification standards under 36 CFR Part 61.

The project area is located in Dover on South Governor's Avenue. The limits of the proposed improvements to South Governor's Avenue extend for a distance of approximately 1.5 miles between Water Street and Webbs Lane (Figure 1). The project area falls within the city's jurisdiction. The project area around South Governor's Avenue exhibits a contemporary mixture of commercial and residential uses. Historically, the area experienced a transformation in the early twentieth century from agricultural use into an early automobile-influenced suburban subdivision and commercial roadside area.

In order to manage the increased traffic flow in the area and create a safe environment for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, DelDOT has proposed making improvements to Governor's Avenue. The proposed project would include installing a closed drainage system, curb and gutter sidewalks, shoulder reconstruction, and re-striping to incorporate center lanes and/or dedicated turn lanes.

This report presents the results of the second step in the four-step Section 106 review process, the identification and evaluation of historic properties. Historic properties are defined as buildings, districts, structures, objects, and sites listed in, or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's list of resources of cultural or historic significance. The third step of the process involves assessing the effects a project may have on any historic properties. The fourth step is to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the public, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) on ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects, if any, on historic properties. It is important to note that the survey and evaluation work conducted for the preparation of this report includes only above-ground historic resources.



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 PROJECT: Governors Avenue Safety Project  
 Water Street to Webbs Lane  
 Kent County, Delaware  
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 SOURCE: USGS Topo Quad Dover, DE 1993.



All work for this study was performed pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800, January 2001), and the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office's *Guidelines for Architectural and Archaeological Surveys in Delaware*. Anne Brockett conducted the initial historic architectural field survey and National Register eligibility assessments in December 2001. E. Madeleine Scheerer conducted the historical background research in December 2001 to January 2002 and prepared the historic context. Mark R. Edwards served as the project's Principal Investigator. Billy Rupert prepared graphics for the report. Survey materials are stored at the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office.

Michael Hahn and Patrick Carpenter of DelDOT provided background information on the proposed project, including maps, aerial views, and subdivision plans that were essential for the preparation of this report. They also provided comments on the scope of the project and contacts for sources of additional information for preparing the historic context and determinations of eligibility.

Section Two of this report presents the results of the background historical research on the project area in a historic context. Section Three and Section Four present the research design and methodology employed by URS in conducting the field survey and preparing this report. Section Five provides the results of the historic architectural field survey and a discussion of National Register eligibility for each historic property identified in the project area.