

## INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (LBA), completed an architectural resource survey and evaluation along a 2.5-mile portion of Porter Road, between State Route 896 and State Route 72 in Pencader Hundred, New Castle County (DelDOT Project No. 91-061-10) (Figure 1). Proposed roadway, shoulder, and intersection improvements along Porter Road will occur within a 120-foot right-of-way.

Preliminary research at the Delaware Historic Preservation Office revealed that no structures within the project area were previously listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The W.B. Calhoun House (N-5012), however, was evaluated as potentially eligible for listing on the National Register by the New Castle County Department of Planning (NCCDP) in their cultural resource Reconnaissance Level Update Survey of Pencader Hundred, which was near completion when this project was undertaken. (A copy of the survey form for this property is included in Appendix A.)

The background research and fieldwork component of this project took place during the week of July 19, 1994. At that time, six architectural resources built before 1950, including the W.B. Calhoun House, were identified in the area of potential effect of the proposed improvement project. This report contains evaluations of National Register eligibility for each of the six properties.

The architectural resource survey was carried out in accordance with the instructions and intents of Section 101 (b)(4) of the National Environmental Policy Act; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended; The Procedures for the Protection of Historic Properties (36 CFR 800); and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (23 CFR 771).

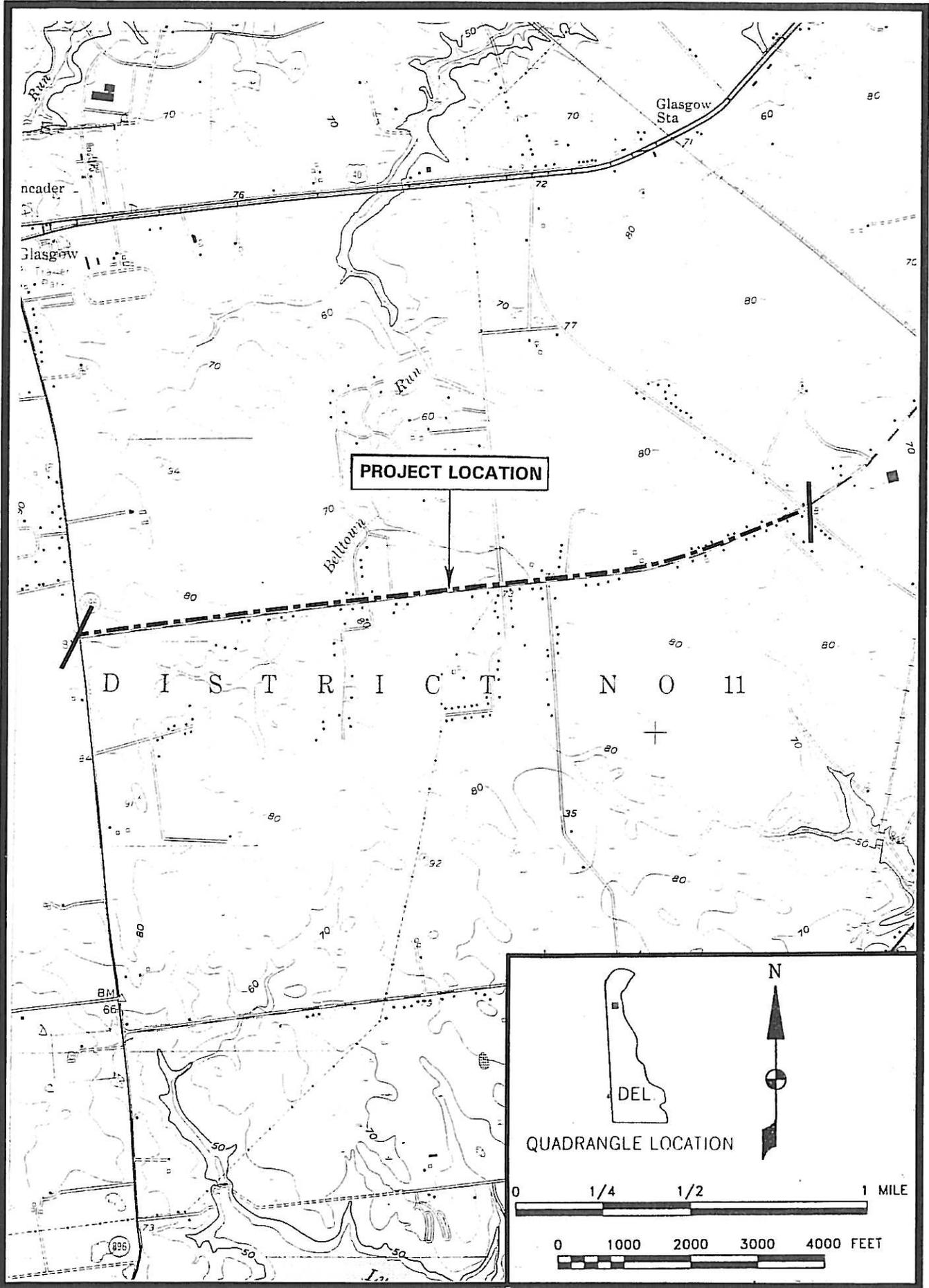


FIGURE 1: Project Location

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Series, Saint Georges, Del. Quadrangle (photorevised 1970)