

I. INTRODUCTION

This document presents a management summary of Phase I archaeological investigations of the Porter Road Improvement Project (State Route 896 to State Route 72), New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1). The work was conducted by the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (LBA), for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Division of Highways under Parent Agreement No. 729, Statewide Archaeological Resource Projects. Fieldwork was undertaken during the period August 22-26, 1994. The proposed road improvement project includes widening the existing right-of-way, construction of three stormwater management areas, and improvements to an existing stormwater management area. The project length is approximately 2.2 miles, and extends from State Route 896 to State Route 72. The project right-of-way is of variable width.

The purpose of the archaeological survey was to locate and identify any historic or prehistoric archaeological sites within the project area. The survey was carried out through pedestrian reconnaissance, surface collection, and excavation of shovel test pits. Background research was conducted at the Delaware State Preservation Office. In addition, collections of artifacts recovered from areas adjacent to the project and housed at the Island Field Museum were inspected.

The archaeological survey was supervised by Virginia R. Busby. Fieldwork was completed by Kimber Budrow, David Gilmore, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Amy Segle, Robert Fentress, and Anita Vyas. Charles H. LeeDecker served as Project Manager. Production of the report was coordinated by Lee Nicoletti. Suzanne Szanto and Veronica Noselli edited the report, and Linda Lipka prepared the graphics.

This report was prepared in accordance with Section 106 of the National 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); and under the guidelines for archaeological survey provided by the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office.