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## ABSTRACT

This Architectural Survey Report presents the results of a detailed cultural resource planning study conducted in preparation for the proposed widening of State Route 1 from the Roth Bridge over Scott Run to State Route 273 in northern New Castle County, Delaware. The project, being undertaken by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), extends for a distance of approximately 10 miles. The northern terminus is located at the Christiana Mall, and the southern terminus is located at Rogers Pit, just south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. Major interchange upgrades are being considered at State Route 273, U.S. Route 40, U.S. Route 13, and State Route 72.

For purposes of this study, the area of potential effects (APE) or study area has been defined as the area within 600 feet from the edge of the existing travel lane and covers approximately 1,943 acres. Where the 600-foot limit crosses private property, the APE encompasses the entire privately owned parcel. The purpose of the architectural survey was to identify standing structures built prior to 1965 in the APE and to evaluate the eligibility of extant resources for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Background research included review of previous and ongoing studies sponsored by DelDOT and other agencies as well as collection of existing Cultural Resource Survey forms for all properties in the APE. Property histories and deed research were completed using the New Castle County Recorder of Deeds Public Access Web Service and the Delaware Public Archives (deeds prior to 1941). Historical research, including collection of maps, atlases, photographs, and histories, was performed at the Delaware Public Archives, the Delaware Historical Society, the New Castle County Record of Deeds Office, and the University of Delaware and DelDOT webpages.

The architectural field survey was completed in June 2012 by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. The purpose of the survey was fourfold: to (1) identify the resources built prior to 1965 in the study area, (2) locate individual properties that could potentially be eligible for listing in the National Register, (3) field check those properties that were previously surveyed, and (4) field check those properties that were previously listed or determined eligible or not eligible for listing in the National Register. The architectural survey identified a total of 68 resources in the APE. Twenty-seven of these resources were previously identified: 10 of the resources have been demolished; six resources are listed in the National Register; five resources were previously recommended as not eligible for listing in the National Register; three of the resources were previously recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register; and three of the resources have not been evaluated for National Register eligibility. Of the 41 newly identified properties, three are recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register, one of which was determined contributing to the National Register-listed Christiana Historic District. Thirty-eight of the newly surveyed properties are recommended as not eligible because they lack integrity and/or significance.

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