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ABSTRACT

This report is one of a series of Phase IB investigations of locations on the selected U.S. Route 301 alignment in New Castle County Delaware. These were undertaken on the basis of preliminary archaeological sensitivity modeling, Phase IA background research and surface collection, and data analysis. In this report eleven locations on Section 1, totaling about 110 acres (44.5 hectares), were subjected to surface collection survey, shovel testing, and the completion of excavation units at selected locations. The studies were undertaken primarily on borrow areas and other impacted locations adjacent to the main alignment of Section 1, which had itself previously been examined by A&HC Consultants.

Artifact recovery in the surface collection averaged just under 100 artifacts per acre (40 artifacts per hectare). Approximately 80% of the artifacts recovered in the surface collection, and about 76% of those from excavated contexts, were historic, with the bulk of the remainder being prehistoric.

One area in Section 2, Area 17 was also examined under this task order. Shovel testing here revealed no potentially significant archaeological resources.

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