



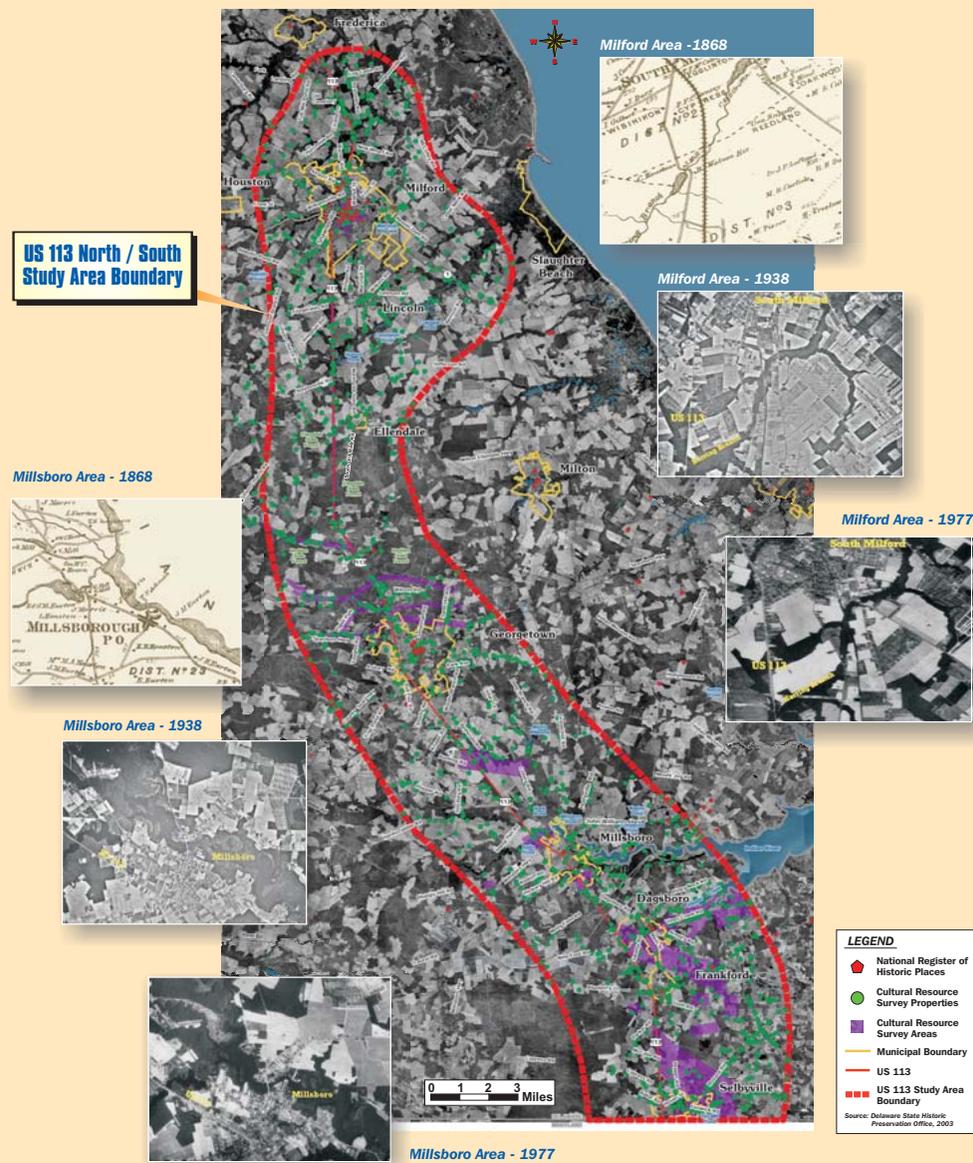
What are Cultural Resources?

- Cultural Resources are buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts over 50 years of age
- Historic Properties are significant Cultural Resources that meet the *Criteria for Evaluation* for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Why Consider Cultural Resources?

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 requires federal agencies, including the Federal Highway Administration, to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties (architectural and archeological resources)
- The Section 106 process gives the public, other parties with an interest, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) a reasonable opportunity to comment on proposed undertakings

Cultural Resources



US 113 History: The Coleman du Pont Road

- The Coleman du Pont Road was begun in 1911 and was privately funded by the industrialist for which it is named. Du Pont later gave the entire road to the State of Delaware.
- Mr. Du Pont envisioned the road as the “straightest, widest, and best road in the country.”
- The first section of the road from Selbyville to Ellendale was completed in 1917.
- By 1942, the highway was completed and ran the entire length of Delaware. At the formal opening of the highway, Governor Denney pronounced, “I urge that this day, so far as possible, be observed as a holiday.”
- The construction of the road through the center of Sussex County provided the residents of the county with a modern mode of transportation and communication.
- The road brought changes in farming practices: lumber, market products and poultry gradually replaced grain and livestock production. Today, Sussex County is the number one poultry-producing county in the nation.
- Now almost 80 years old, the Coleman du Pont Road continues to serve the people of Sussex County and the Delmarva Peninsula.



Constructing the DuPont Highway (US 113) at Ellendale, (circa 1917)



Repairing a road "blow-up" on the DuPont Highway (US 113) near Selbyville, 1920



Flower gardens at the intersection of DuPont Highway (US 113) and Georgetown to Laurel Road (US 9), ca. 1923



The DuPont Highway (US 113) near the Maryland state line & Selbyville, November 1921

