
ABSTRACT

In accordance with selected portions of Sussex County's Long Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Plan, and a previously prepared Transportation Feasibility Study (2001), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Delaware Department of Transportation (The Department) have committed to undertaking in-depth study and analysis associated with the planned upgrading of U.S. 113 from Milford south to the Maryland state line. John Milner Associates, Inc (JMA) was retained to prepare the cultural resources documentation as part of the environmental documentation process. The purpose of the cultural resources documentation is to record as much current and pertinent information on cultural resources within the Route 113 Study Area as practical in order to assist in the planning phases of the project. As initially defined the Route 113 study area consisted of a roughly linear strip five miles wide and approximately 44 miles long extending from north of Milford to the Maryland state line at Selbyville. Within this study area, attribute data was collected from Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) Property information on file at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for 3,480 individual CRS Properties and entered into a GIS data base. Subsequent to the compilation of the cultural resources information it was determined that two separate, independent and distinct project areas were encompassed within the initial study area; 1) the Milford Study Area, and 2) the Georgetown South Study Area. The present report addresses the Milford Study Area, while a separate report addresses the Georgetown South Study Area. The Milford Study Area encompasses approximately 41.94 square miles. Within the Milford Study Area, 1,296 Cultural Resource Property points have been plotted within a GIS layer. The present document details the methods used in developing the GIS data, provides brief pre-contact and historic cultural overviews, and summarizes the known cultural resources data for the Milford Study Area.