

ABSTRACT

The Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (LBA), has conducted Phase I/II archaeological studies at the John Henry Site (7NC-J-223) in Pine Tree Corners, southern New Castle County, Delaware. The site is within the right-of-way of relocated Blackbird Landing Road, part of the Smyrna to Pine Tree Corners segment of SR 1. The archaeological testing was conducted to assist the Delaware Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (DeIDOT), in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other federal and state historic preservation mandates.

The John Henry Site was located in the yard of a standing house occupied from 1882 to 1927 by Arthur John Henry, a black farmer. The house has been moved at least twice, during the construction and widening of the Dupont Highway. During the Phase I/II testing, no artifact deposits were discovered that dated to the period before the house was moved. The landscaping of the lot appears to be no more than 40 years old. The John Henry Site therefore does not appear to have sufficient integrity for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.