

## ABSTRACT

John Milner Associates, Inc. (JMA) conducted a historic architectural investigation (including determinations of National Register eligibility) to assist with NEPA and Section 106 compliance associated with proposed Interstate 95 improvements in New Castle County, Delaware. The work was undertaken in association with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RKK) and for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT).

The area of potential effects (APE) extends to either side of Interstate 95 in New Castle County, Delaware and includes two separate project areas (Figures 1 and 2). The first, associated with proposed replacement of the existing toll plaza, extends from the Maryland-Delaware border on the west to the SR 896 interchange on the east (This portion of the APE originally extended into Maryland; however, due to design revisions, the proposed improvements are now expected to incur entirely within Delaware). The second extends from the SR 1 interchange on the west to the SR 141 interchange on the east. Land use includes suburban residential, agricultural, institutional, light industrial and commercial/recreational. Topography is relatively flat. Wetlands associated with several small streams and rivers dot the APE.

Four properties within the APE were previously evaluated. The Welsh Tract Baptist Church and Parsonage (N-264) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) in 1973. The Delaware-Maryland Boundary Monument #81 was listed in 1975. The bridge on Welsh Tract Road (NC-342; N-12612) was included in the statewide bridge survey and determined not eligible for the National Register.

In August 1992, the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO) issued an eligibility opinion for the Stafford Farm (N-6783). A draft National Register nomination was prepared for the property. However, soon after the draft nomination was prepared most of the farm buildings and structures were demolished, and the property no longer retained the integrity necessary for National Register eligibility.

During the current historic architectural investigation, a total of 27 properties were surveyed. Thirteen of these properties had been previously surveyed (N-13328, N-13343, N-13319, N-13340, N-13342, N-12868, N-12870, N-6783, N-12904, N-1603, N-12907, N-13341, and N-13339), and revised survey documentation was prepared. Of the surveyed properties, two, the Henry L. Churchman House (N-1603) and 180 Welsh Tract Road (N-12868), were recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register.

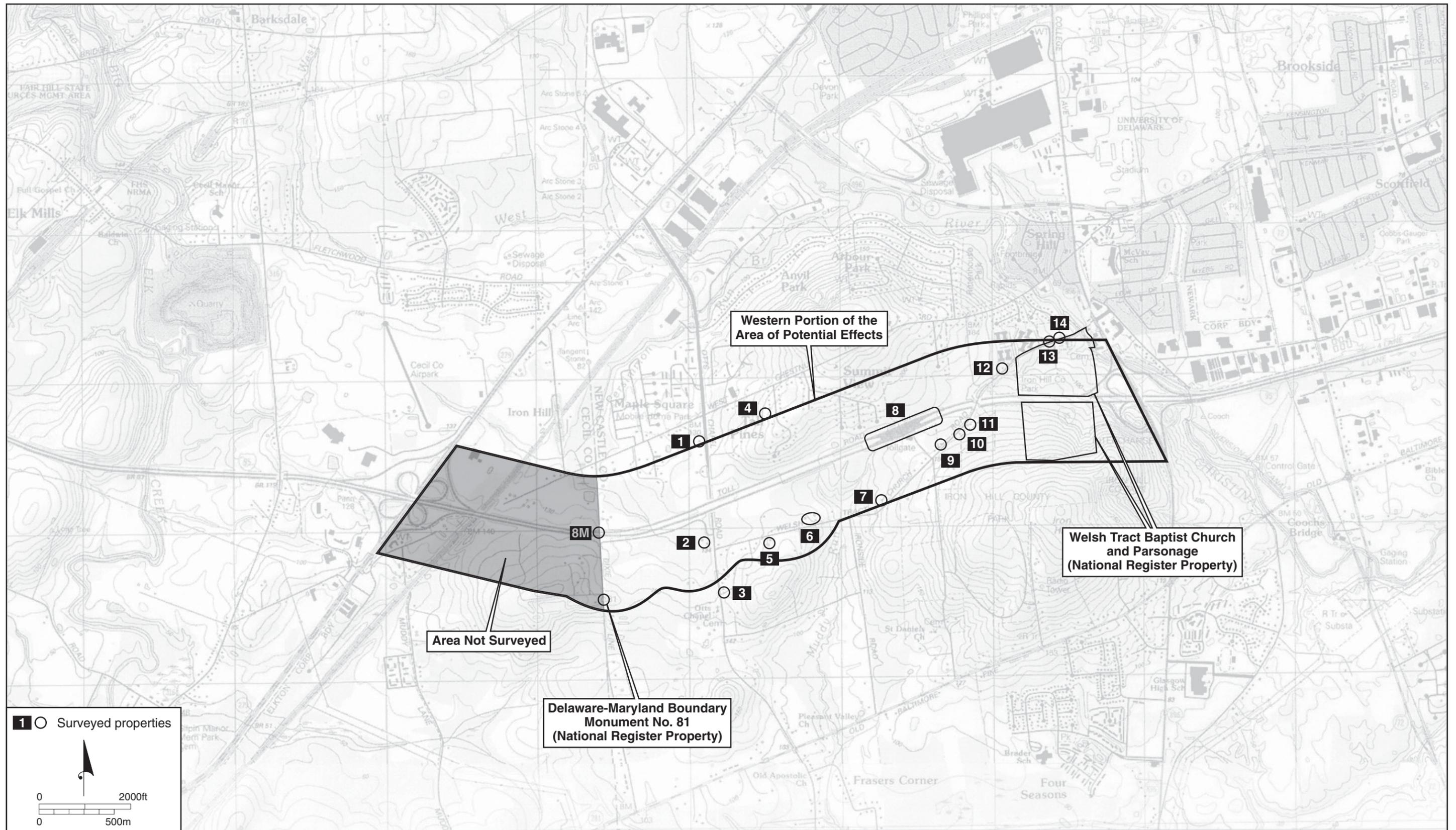


Figure 1. Detail of Newark West, Md.-Del.-Pa. (USGS 1992) and Newark East, Del. (USGS 1993) 7.5-minute series quadrangles showing the western portion of the area of potential effects and surveyed properties for the proposed I-95/Delaware Turnpike project.

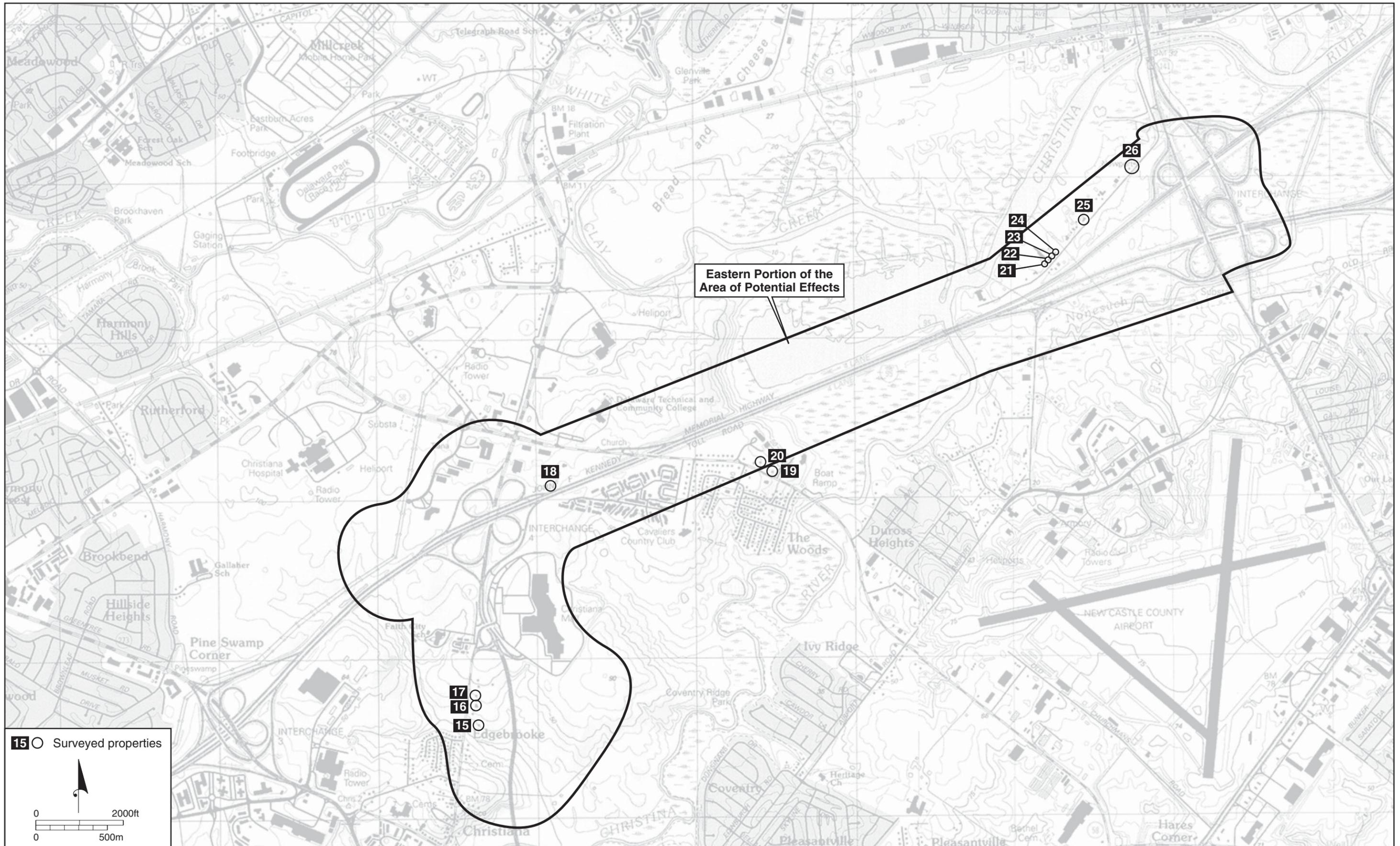


Figure 2. Detail of Newark East, Del (USGS 1993) and Wilmington South, Del.-N.J. (USGS 1987) 7.5-minute series quadrangles showing the eastern portion of the area of potential effects and surveyed properties for the proposed I-95/Delaware Turnpike project.