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ABSTRACT

Phase I and II archaeological studies were undertaken in the proposed Route 7 South Corridor in New Castle County, Delaware, which extends from I-95 south to U.S. Route 13. The project area cross-cuts the High Coastal Plain of northern and central New Castle County in White Clay Creek, New Castle, and Red Lion hundreds, and passed close to the village of Christiana, a National Register District, with floodplain locations on both sides of Christina Creek. Erosion of Holocene landscapes was particularly severe throughout the corridor. Seven prehistoric archaeological sites, ranging in occupation from Archaic to Woodland II, were investigated, including several procurement/processing sites and two larger base camp locations, the Lewden Greene site (7NC-E-9) on the south side of Christina Creek, and the Upland Victorian site (7NC-E-54) on a branch of Eagle Run. Prehistoric site location data indicate a very ephemeral utilization of upland interior areas in the southern portion of the project area. Six historic sites spanning the mid-eighteenth through twentieth centuries were located, including the site of the Union African Methodist Church and Cemetery, and three historic sites in the Patterson Lane site Complex, and the Nowakowski site (7ND-E-54), all located on the outskirts of Christiana, an important eighteenth and nineteenth transshipment town. Two localities, the Lewden Greene site and the Patterson Lane Site Complex, will require intensive Phase II testing to determine their eligibility to the National Register. No further work is recommended for any of the other sites in the corridor.

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