

ABSTRACT

The Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates has conducted a Phase I archaeological survey of impact areas associated with proposed improvements to the intersections of Rts. 7 and 58 in New Castle County, Delaware. The work was carried out in accordance with a proposal prepared under Parent Agreement No. 729-1, for the Delaware Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

The Rt. 7/58 intersection is currently at ground level, but DelDOT proposes to elevate Rt. 7 onto an overpass. The improvements will include the construction of several ramps, the relocation of an access road northeast of the intersection, and the relocation of softball and soccer fields belonging to the Delaware Technical College. The current survey covered all these improvements. Much of the impact area, however, had already been disturbed by massive construction activity in recent decades. Therefore, although the project included a walkover survey of the entire project area, subsurface testing was focused on less disturbed areas, especially on the Technical College grounds.

A total of 36 shovel test pits were excavated during the survey of the Rt. 7/58 intersection. No archaeological sites were discovered. No further archaeological work is recommended in the Rt. 7 and 58 intersection improvements project area.