
ABSTRACT

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) plans to replace the existing S.R. 1 Bridge over Indian River Inlet in Sussex County, Delaware. Since this project is to be funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the proposed undertaking must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. John Milner Associates, Inc. (JMA), in association with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, was retained to assist with the identification of cultural resources that may be affected by the project.

The cultural resources documentation study undertaken for the Indian River Bridge project consisted of a compilation of data on known cultural resources within a five-mile radius of Indian River Inlet, an assessment of the potential effects on submerged archeological resources at the proposed offshore disposal area, a pedestrian reconnaissance of proposed approaches to the bridge, the monitoring of geotechnical borings at the proposed new bridge location, an analysis of the potential visual effects of the proposed bridge on selected locations, and Phase I archeological investigations at the proposed Fresh Pond Wetland Mitigation area.

Upon completion of the various investigations described in this report, FHWA and DelDOT proposed a No Hist. Prop. Affected finding for the project. The SHPO reviewed the various management summaries and supplemental materials available and concurred with the finding in its letter of May 10, 2004. The concurrence was made with the understanding that five conditions detailed in the letter will be met. This final cultural resources survey report fulfills the fifth condition stipulated in the letter.