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The Life Saving Service was created in 1872, to supplant the various private organizations that had existed along the coasts since the eighteenth century. The service advertised for bids for the station in 1875, but according to Coast Guard records it was not commissioned until 1880

According to one account, the Indian River Station opened in 1875, under the command of Captain Washington Vickers. Indian River was the southern station in a series of four that extended to Lewes. By 1882, the four stations were in operation with constant patrols.

Af or the 1962 March storm, it was vacated by the Coast Guard crew, who noved to temperary facilities. In 1964, a new station on another site was opened. The property has since served as a state maintenance facility.

Although shipboard wireless equipment made the walking patrols obsolete, surfboats continued to be the principal rescue craft until after World War II. They still remain, but larger cutters and aircraft provide most of the rescue services.

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The original outbuildings do not survive on the property. Modern service buildings now stand nearby, as part of a park maintenance facility.

CHRONOLOGY:

1872: Life-Saving Service established by Congress.

1874: Plans drawn.

1875: Federal Government advertised for bids.

1875: According to one contemporary source, Indian River Station was manned at this time.

1880: Coast Guard records state the station was commissioned in this year.

1882: The full complement of four stations was operational.

1885: Date of drawings for Cape Henlopen and Indian River Stations, probably for alterations.

1962: Storm caused abandonment of stations.

1964: New station built by Coast Guard.

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February 17, 1976

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Mr. Lawrence C. Henry
Birector/State Historic
Preservation Officer
Division of Historical and
Cultural Affairs
Hall of Records
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Mr. Henry:

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is very pleased to see that the Delaware Breakwaters, Lewes Harbor and the Indian River Life Saving Service Station are to be considered for historic preservation.

These areas were very important to Delaware in the past and their inclusion on the National Register will assist the State and the nation in its fight to protect our natural resources.

This Department endorses the nomination of the abovementioned areas to the National Register of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,

John C. Bryson

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The nomination for the <u>Homestead</u> was considered. Mrs. L.N. Blugerman and Mrs. Thomas Donahue were present and spoke briefly about the property. Mr. Henry questioned the significance of the property as an example of eighteenth-contury architecture since it had been substantially altered in the 1930's. He suggested that the property's significance might lie instead in its relation to Col. Corkran's urban planning concept for Henlopen Acres. Mr. van Ravenswaay moved to rewrite the nomination along the lines suggested by Mr. Henry and consider it at a later meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raley and passed.

The nomination for the <u>Vog1 House</u> was considered. Mrs. Elsie Rouse spoke about her family and ils relationship to the Vog1 House. Mr. Henry moved to accept the nomination for the Vog1 House with one correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raley and passed.

Indian River Lite Saving Service Station was the last nomination reviewed. Mr. Henry read a letter of support from the Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, John Bryson. Mr. van Ravenswaay moved to accept the nomination for Indian River Life Saving Service Station with the additions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Potter and passed.

Mr. Henry asked for comments on the list of potential National Register properties distributed to the Board in December. He requested an indication of those properties which should be given priority. Miss Downing mentioned a late eighteenth-century house in Millord. Dr. Munroe mentioned the Lewes district and Wilmington Friends Meeting. Mr. Henry suggested grouping prospective nominations according to locality and arranging tuture meetings in the various counties, allowing time to inspect the properties for nomination. Mr. van Ravensway suggested publicizing the meetings and having lunch with people in the localities.

There being no further business brought forth for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted.

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October 19, 1976

John C. Bryson, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Edward Tatnall Building Dover, Lélaware 19901

Dear Secretary Bryson:

I am pleased to inform you that on September 29, 1976, the Indian River Life Saving Service Station was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This action was taken by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior in response to our nomination of your property.

By this action, the Indian River Life Saving Cervice Station is recognized as possessing unusual significance to the history of our state. Beyond the recognition itself, inclusion in the National Register assures that this office will review all federal projects to determine any effect they may have on your property. Further, all National Register sites are eligible for federal proservation grants-in-aid administered by this office. We will provide you annually with application forms for these grants and will encourage you to consider this useful program.

We have a handsome framed cartificate attesting to the National Register status of your property which has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of Stats, and symelf and which bears the Great Seal of the State of Delaware. If you will contact me, I would like to arrange to present this certificate to you at the Indian River Life Saving Service Station.

The State of Delaware shares the pride we hope you feel as a result of this recognition.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence C. Henry Director/State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

The Director of the National Park Service Gary Everhardt

is pleased to inform you that the historic property listed on the enclosed sheet has been nominated by the State Bistoric Preservation Officer responsible for your State's implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, P.L. 89-665 (80 Stat. 915), as emended. It has accordingly been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for your information and convenience.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE EDITOR: PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE

A landmark on the Delaware oceanfront, the old Indian River Coast Guard Station, has been named to the National Register of Historic Places. Lawrence C. Henry, Director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, announced the listing, effective September 29.

The station was first manned by the Life Saving Service in 1875, as part of a line of four stations on the Delaware shore.

Patrols sent out from the station watched for vessels in distress, and alerted boat crews for rescue operations.

A surf boat stored in the station was kept ready at all times for restyle operations.

The Coast Guard, which absorbed the Life Saving Service, operated the station until 1962, when the Ash Wednesday storm caused heavy damage. The building is now a maintenance facility for the surrounding state park.

The National Register of Historic Places, a function of the National Park Service, is administered in Delaware by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. Properties on the National Register are eligible for grants-in-aid and for protection under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Contact: EDWARD F. HEITE

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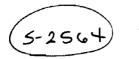
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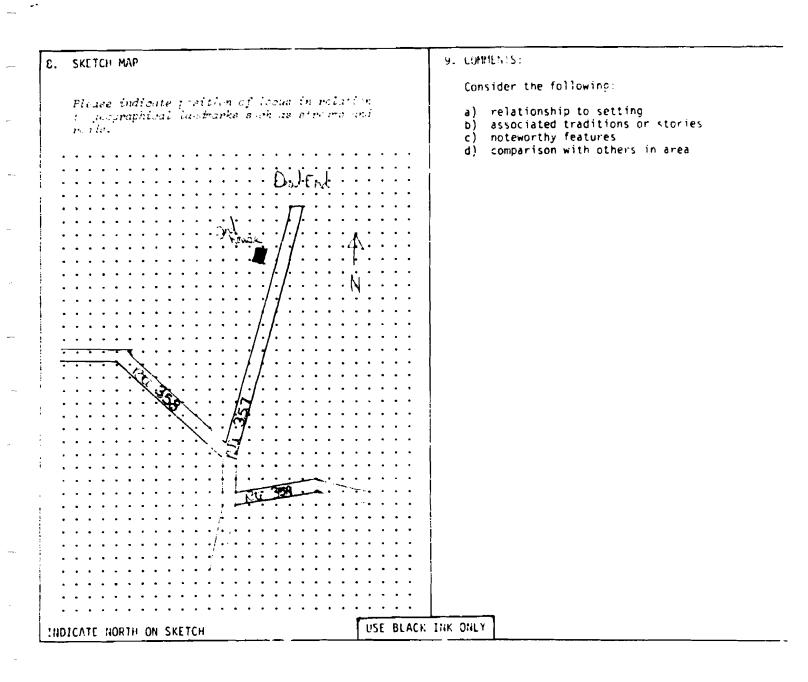
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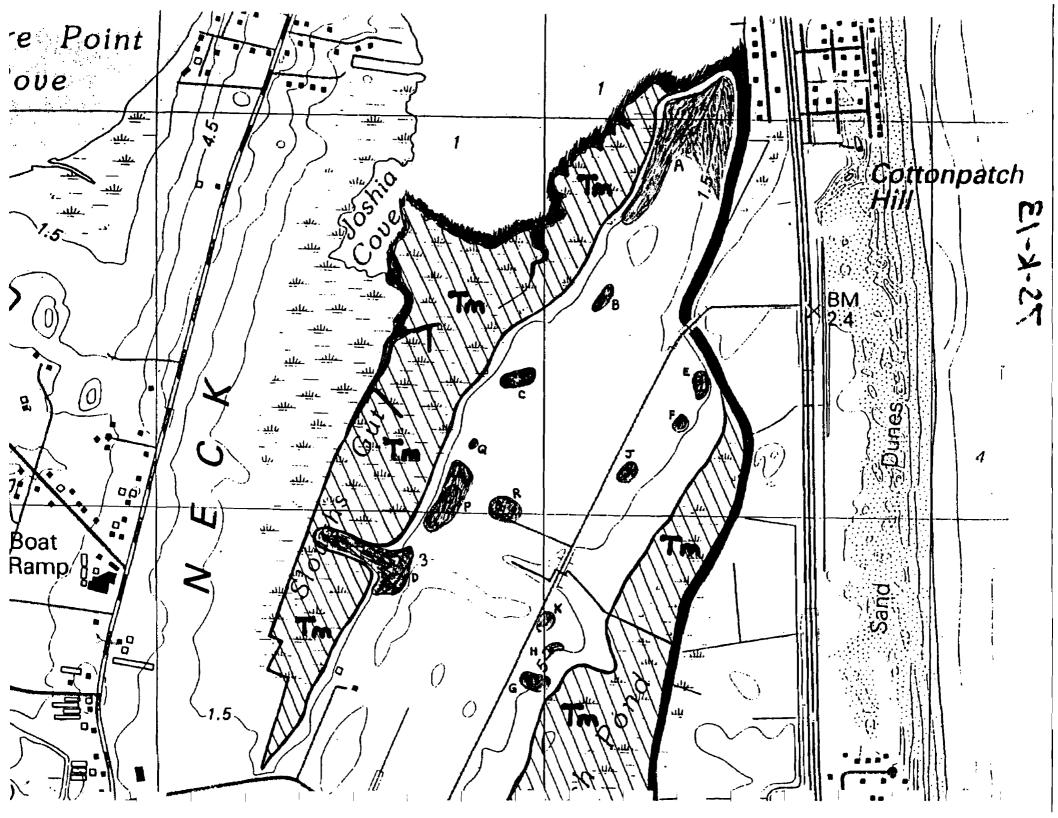
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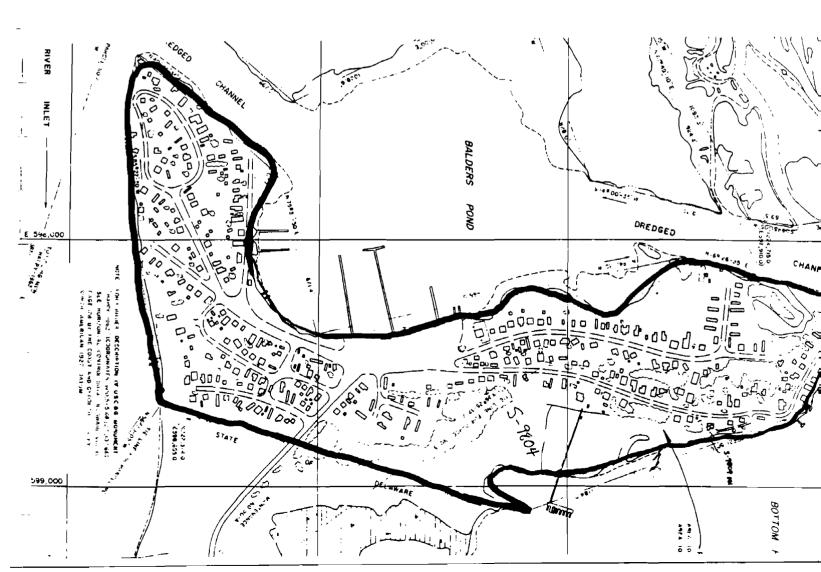
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FIRE CONTROL TOWERS

Comprised of twelve-inch reinforced concrete, eleven cylindrically shaped Fire Control Towers line the Delaware Seashore. Fire control towers, or base end stations, incorporated the most accurate method of target location available prior to the advent of radar and sonar: triangulation. Targets were identified through 180-degree observation slits with an optical instrument called the M-1910 azimuth unit. Target coordinates were then submitted electronically to the Fort's Plotting Rooms. Typically, an interior deck held two observation units and each tower held at least one deck. The observation decks were accessed through a trap door in the floor. Steel ladders were placed at staggered intervals between decks. Depending on the tower's height, small landings were sometimes incorporated between floors. Although the stations primarily assisted in the identification of naval targets, antiaircraft observation occurred on the roofs. In most cases, the metal safety railings placed on the Towers' roofs remain. The scarcity of structural steel, as well as the increased splinter-proof protection provided by reinforced concrete furnished good reason for the Corps of Engineers to choose this method of construction over other plans that called for large quantities of limited materials. The plans also called for a special lusterless concrete aggregate treated with coloring to match the surrounding landscape as well as copious evergreen plantings at the structure's base to provide further camouflage.

Two of the towers have undergone extensive modification in the years following World War II. Located on the land spit of Cape Henlopen, Tower #9 now serves as a navigational facility for the Delaware Pilot Association. The Delaware Department of Parks and Recreation converted Fire Control Tower #7, located near the ordnance igloos in the center of the camp, into an observation tower for the park's visitors. A winding staircase with metal observation platforms replaced the World War II period interior. The two towers located in Gordon's Pond State Park (Tower #5 and Tower #6) are threatened by the encroaching ocean and receding shoreline, while Fire Control Tower #2, north of Bethany Beach, is surrounded by a modern housing development.

The structures' optical instrumentation, the M-1910 observing unit, and hardware were removed after the war. The interior metal stairs and doors of the nine unmodified towers are in poor condition. Although based on the same standardized plan, the location, height, and battery assignments for each Fore Control Tower differ. Tower height and fenestration depended on several factors, such as topography and distance from the gun emplacement. The following list describes those differences.

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Fire Control Tower #1 (S-6049.1). Located one mile south of Bethany Beach, Fire Control Tower #1 measures 37 feet, two inches tall and seventeen feet in diameter. One observation deck is located at 29 feet, 1 inch above ground. It held four azimuth instruments. The tower's reinforced concrete foundation extended eleven feet, two inches below grade and was supported by timber piles. Fire Control Tower #1 provided target coordinates to Battery Smith and Battery #519.

Fire Control Tower #2 (S-6049.2). Located two miles north of Bethany Beach, Fire Control Tower #2 measures 45 feet, five inches tall and seventeen feet in diameter. Two stepped observation platforms, located 28 feet, three inches and 37 feet, eleven inches held a total of eight azimuth instruments. The tower's foundation extends eleven feet, two inches below grade and rests on timber piles. Fire Control Tower #2 provided coordinates for Battery Smith, Battery #519, Battery Herring and Battery Hunter. This particular tower is surrounded by a modern beachfront development.

Fire Control Tower #3 (S-6049.3). Located on Rehoboth Bay just south of Dewey Beach, Fire Control Tower #3 measures 57 feet, two inches tall and seventeen feet in diameter. An eleven foot, two inch reinforced concrete foundation supported by timber piles remains below grade. Two azimuth instruments on each observation deck, at 40 feet, eight inches and 48 feet, eight inches, provided target sighting for Battery #519 and Battery Hunter.

Fire Control Tower #4 (S-6049.4). Located on Rehoboth Bay just south of Dewey Beach, Fire Control Tower #4 measures 55 feet, ten inches tall and seventeen feet wide. Observation decks located at 39 feet, four inches and 47 feet four inches housed a total of four azimuth instruments. The tower's reinforced concrete foundation extended eleven feet, two inches below grade and rested on timber piles. FC Tower #4 provided tactical information for Battery Smith and Battery Herring.

Fire Control Tower #5 (S-6049.5). Located south of the Fort Miles Reservation in Gordon's Pond State Park, Fire Control Tower #5 measures 47 feet in height and seventeen feet wide. Two azimuth instruments were housed on both the observation decks located at 30 feet and 38 feet. The tower's reinforced concrete foundation extended nearly twelve feet below grade and rested on timber piles. This observation tower provided information for Battery 519 and the Mine Battery.

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Fire Control Tower #6 (S-6049.6). Located south of the Fort Miles Reservation in Gordon's Pond State Park, fire control tower #6 measures 64 feet, five inches tall and seventeen feet wide. Three observation platforms located at 39 feet, eleven inches, 47 feet, eleven inches and 55 feet, eleven inches were equipped with two azimuth siting instruments each. Observation slits correspond to each deck. The reinforced concrete foundation extends eleven feet two inches below grade. This Fire Control Tower provided target coordinates for Battery Smith, Battery Herring, and Battery Hunter.

Fire Control Tower #7 (S-6049.7). Located in the Fort Miles Reservation, Fire Control Tower #7 measures 69.5 feet in height and 17 feet in width. Observation points are located at 50 feet, 58 feet, and 66 feet along the eastern façade. This station provided tactical assistance to the Mine Battery.

Fire Control Tower #8 (S-6049.8). Located in the Fort Miles Reservation, Fire Control Tower #8 measures 72 feet and seven inches in height and seventeen feet wide. Two observation openings occur at approximately 61.5 feet and 69.5 feet on the eastern façade, respectively. The tower's reinforced concrete foundation extends eleven feet, two inches below grade and rests on timber piles. Fire Control Tower #8 provided tactical observation for Battery Smith and Battery No. 519.

Fire Control Tower #9 (S-6049.9). Located in the Fort Miles Reservation, Fire Control Tower #9 measures 24.5 feet tall and nineteen feet wide. Its reinforced concrete foundation extends fifteen feet below ground level and rests on timber piles. Three observation slits occur at regular intervals along its eastern façade. FC Tower #9 provided tactical observation for Battery Herring, Battery Hunter, and the Mine Battery. Adaptively reused by the Delaware Pilot Association for maritime navigation.

Fire Control Tower #12 (S-6049.12). Located in Fort Miles, fire control tower #12 is comprised entirely of twelve-inch reinforced concrete and was equipped with a DPF M-1910 observing instrument.

Fire Control Tower #13 (S-6049.13). Located west of the Fort Miles entrance near the Lewes spur track of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Fire Control Tower #13 measures 81 feet, two inches in height and seventeen feet in diameter. Observation decks were located at 64 feet, eight inches and 72 feet, eight inches.

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Two azimuth instruments located on each of the observation decks measured target coordinates for Battery Herring and Battery Hunter.

ORDNANCE IGLOOS, RIFLE RANGE AND PARADE GROUD

Ordnance Igloo #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 (S-6048). Although based on the same standardized plan, the Fort Miles Ordnance Igloos were completed in two stages. Igloos #1 through #4 were completed by January 1942, while Igloos #5 through #8 were completed by July 1944. The eight Igloos are located on Igloo Road, near the center of the Fort Miles Reservation. The structures derive their name from their half-cylindrical shape. Their interiors measure approximately 40 feet, four inches deep by 26 feet, six inches wide and twelve feet, six inches in height. Their reinforced concrete walls rest on a poured cement slab foundation. Partially hidden and protected by earth fill and vegetation, its walls and roof are composed of six-inch reinforced concrete.

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Rifle Range (S-6048). Transferred on 11 February 1943, the rifle range was located just north of Battery 519. Originally, the rifle range incorporated four concrete walls. One wall survives and is located between the shoreline and Butts Road. (C)

Parade Ground (S-6048). The post's Parade Ground is located south of Post Lane directly across from the Guard House. Used for recreational as well as ceremonial purposes, the Fort Miles Parade Ground continues to serve the state park in a similar manner. (C)

Primers and Fuses Building (S-6048). Located near the incinerator, north of Stump Road, the Primers and Fuses Building held components for the various ordnance used at Fort Miles. The building is no longer

² Report of Completed Works.

A CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FOUR SEASHORE STATE PARKS AND OTHER COASTAL PROPERTIES

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Submitted To

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

October, 1985

This site consists of the remains of the foundation of the 1824 Henlopen Beacon and associated outbuildings. It was exposed during a March storm in 1984, but has been covered again by the beach. It is unlikely that undisturbed deposits exist around these foundations.

S-6048

Condition: Cantonment structures largely in good condition; bunkers overgrown, but otherwise appear to be unaltered

Management Priority: II

This CRS number refers to the remaining structures associated with Fort Miles and to the site of the National Quarantine Station. No structures associated with the Quarantine Station remain standing, and it is possible that the construction of a large bunker destroyed much of the archaeological potential of this site. Although most of the structures associated with World War II activities at Fort Miles have been abandoned by the military, a number of these features are to be found within Cape Henlopen State Park. Many of the frame structures within the old cantonment are still standing, and are used as a resident youth camp during the summer. A number of bunkers or casemates are still in evidence. They range from the smaller ammunition bunkers located south of the present campground to the large personnel bunkers located along the shoreline. Although these features are not presently eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because they are not yet 50 years old, they will become eligible within the next ten years.

5-6049

Condition: Structurally sound, but interior iron stairs deteriorated

Management Priority: II

This CRS number refers to the eleven fire control towers presently standing along the Delaware coast from Cape Henlopen to just south of Bethany Beach. They were constructed during World War II and used to sight, triangulate, and train guns on enemy vessels in Delaware Bay. Although instruments and other hardware have been stripped from the interiors, and the iron stairs are in poor condition, the poured concrete towers themselves are structurally sound and, with one exception, look much as they did when they were in active service. Tower #5, located on the Cape itself, is currently used for marine navigation. Each tower has been assigned a sub-number which reflects as closely as possible the official designation of the tower. Thus, Tower #3S (South) is designated CRS No. 6049.3S.



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Environmental Resources Branch

Mr. Donald L. Klima
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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
The Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW #809
Washington, District of Columbia 20004

Dear Mr. Klima:

This letter is in regard to a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, to conduct temporary repairs to the North Jetty, Indian River Inlet, Sussex County, Delaware.

The north jetty at the Indian River Inlet was completed in 1939 as part of the Indian River Inlet and Bay project. This stone jetty could be potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the intra-coastal waterway system. However, a National Register evaluation of the structure was not conducted due to the short time frame established for this repair project. Project documentation was submitted to the Delaware Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO) for review on May 4, 1998 (see Enclosure 1). Upon the review of this documentation, the DE SHPO requested additional information in an e-mail dated May 13, 1998 (Enclosure 2). Additional information was provided to the DE SHPO in a letter dated March 22, 1999 (Enclosure 3) and in an e-mail dated May 5, 1999 (Enclosure 4). The DE SHPO concurred with the District's "No Adverse Effect" finding in a letter dated May 14, 1999 (Enclosure 5).

Please review the enclosed correspondence and provide this office with your opinion regarding our "No Adverse Effect" finding. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Swanda, Environmental Resources Branch, at (215)656-6556 or by writing to the above address.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Callegari

Chief, Planning Division

Enclosures

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Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
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Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Ms. Stocum:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, is planning a project to repair the north jetty at the Indian River Inlet, Sussex County, Delaware. The north jetty is part of the existing Indian River Inlet and Bay project, which was initially authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of August 26, 1937. The authorization included fixation of the inlet by construction of parallel jetties 500 feet apart and the dredging of a channel from the inlet to Millsboro, Delaware. Construction of the jetties was completed in 1939 and the entire project was finished by 1951. Rehabilitation of the north and south jetties occurred in 1956 and again in 1969. Since that time, approximately 300 feet of the north jetty has disappeared due to wave action.

Severe wave impact and irregular settling at the site have caused large gaps to form between the cap stones of the north jetty. Ocean waves striking the jetty have continued to shift and separate the large stones. This situation has created a very serious safety hazard for people who use the jetty for recreation and fishing. The State of Delaware has asked the District to immediately address this dangerous situation.

The District proposes to stabilize the existing structure and to ensure safe and easy access to the jetty by placing grout filled geotextile tubes into selected voids between the cap stones of the north jetty. The geotextile tubes are black in color and will be placed so they do not protrude above the top of the cap stones.

As stated above, the north jetty was completed in 1939 as part of the larger Indian River Inlet and Bay Project. The navigation project could possibly be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the intra-coastal waterway system. A National Register evaluation has not been completed due to the short time frame established to remedy this very dangerous situation. The District plans to

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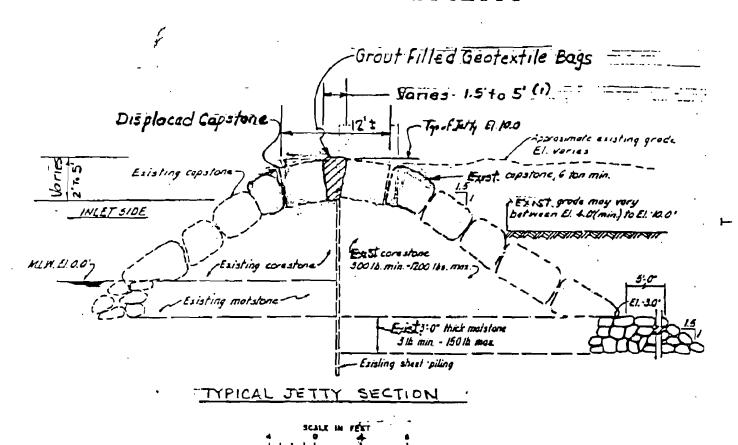
start construction by the middle of June, 1998. However, it is the Corps' opinion that the proposed placement of grout filled geotubes in selected voids between and below stone tops will not significantly impact the visual integrity of the north jetty. Please review the enclosed information and provide this office with your comments regarding our "no adverse effect" finding by May 15, 1998. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Michael Swanda of the Environmental Resources Branch at (215) 656-6556.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Callegari Chief, Planning Division

Enclosures

INDIAN RIVER INLET JETTY



Notes:

1. At seven locations width varies 6 to 12'

2. Total length of bags is approx. 380'.

INDIAN RIVER INLET PROJECT DESCRIPTION ATTACHMENT A

The north jetty located at the Indian River Inlet, Sussex County, Delaware is in need of repair. Due to the age of the structure and the irregular settling at the site, large gaps have evolved between the cap stones. These large gaps are a hazard to the public and specifically anglers using the jetty. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to fill in the gaps between the cap stones using grout filled geotextile bags. Work on the jetty will last for approximately one week. Upon competition, the gaps in the jetty will be filled, leaving the jetty safer and more readily assessable.



