

PREFACE

This report represents more than just the standard preliminary archaeological report. It signals the beginning of the Delaware Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, in house efforts toward compliance when dealing with our National, State, and local preservation and environmental laws; and, in this specific case, when dealing with our nonrenewable cultural resources as dictated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665; 80 STAT. 915, 16 U.S.C. 470) Title 36; Part 800.

For instance, during this fiscal year alone, well over one-half million dollars has been awarded to various archaeological research firms to conduct excavations in areas where proposed Delaware state roads are to be located. The Department has also hired a full-time archaeologist and has seen to it that a cultural resources center has been established. Supplies, instruments and personnel have been provided or made available so that "in house" cultural resources reconnaissance can be accomplished.

Within the years to come, I look forward to the chance of accomplishing numerous cultural resource projects within the culture-ecology theoretical framework, while continuing to test and refine my research objectives within the three main tenets of Archaeology; construction of cultural chronologies, reconstruction of extinct lifeways and the determination and explanation of cultural processes.