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Let's learn more about Delaware's Cultural Heritage

U.S. Route 301 Archaeological Survey



Mid to Late 19th Century Glassware



ca. 2000 Year Old Native American Pottery



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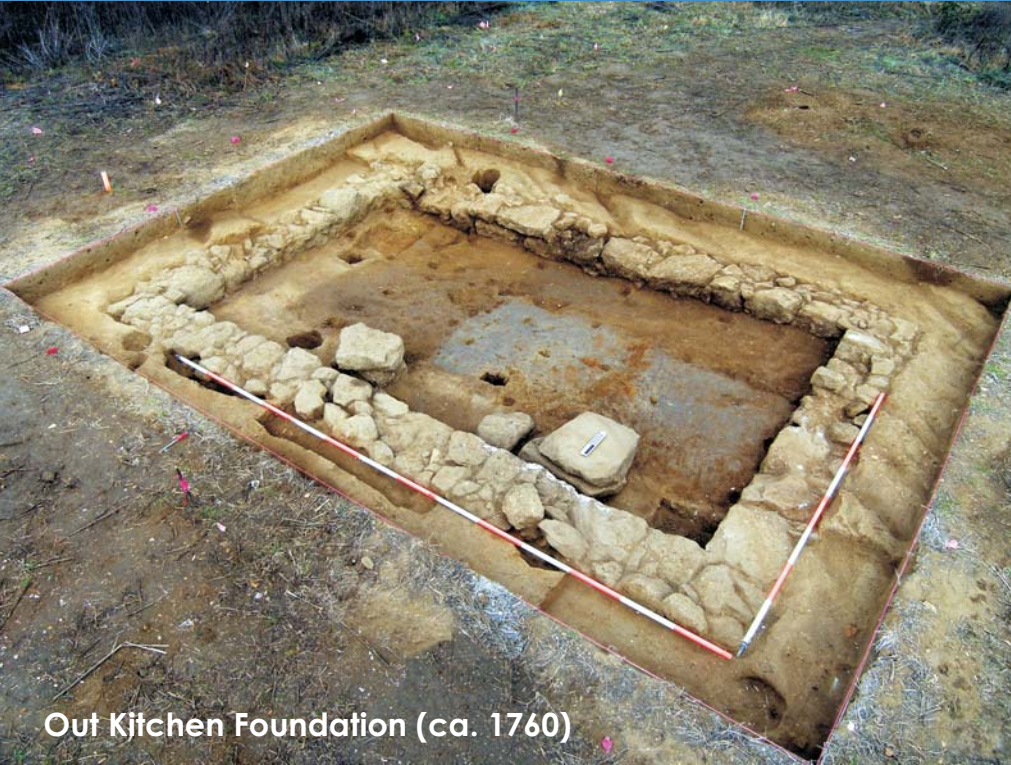
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Are there archaeological sites beneath our feet?

Let's find out...



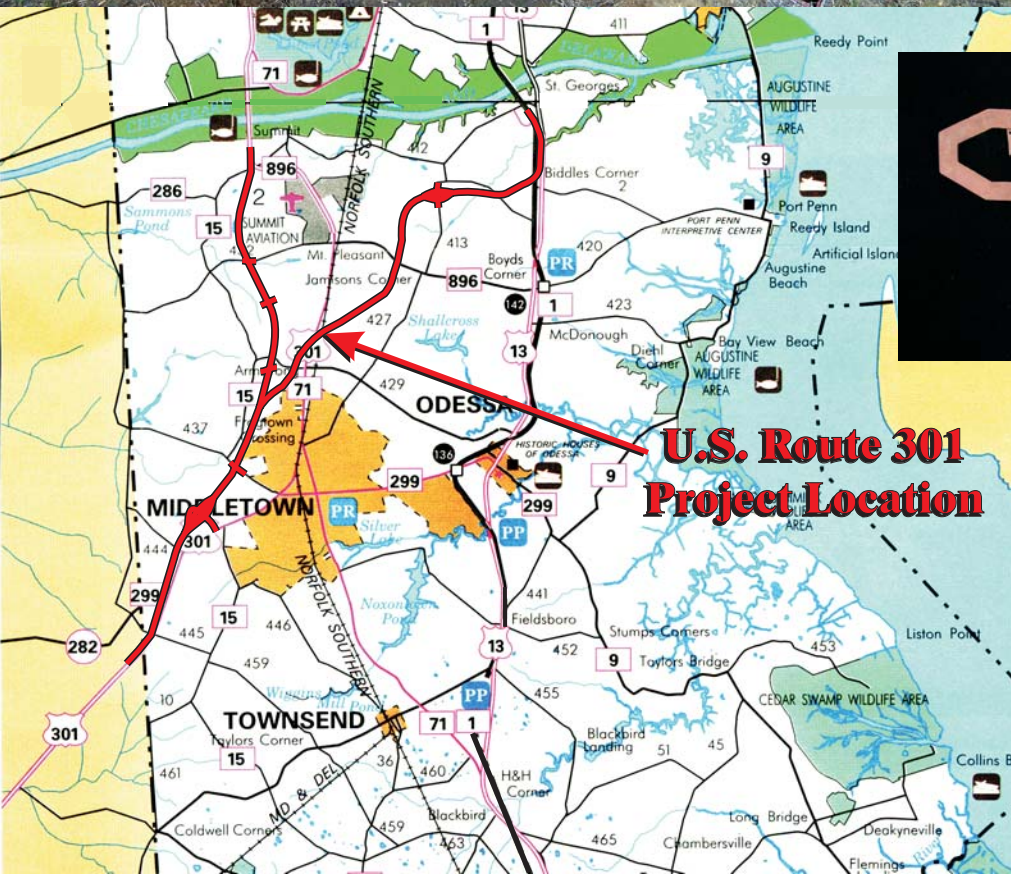


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The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) will be building a new U.S. 301 highway in New Castle County. Under Federal laws, archaeological surveys and excavations will find out if the highway will affect archaeological resources critical to understanding Delaware's history.

New Castle County has been home to Native Americans for over 12,000 years. Over the past 350 years, Dutch, Swedish, Finnish, English, and other European settlers and colonists, along with free and enslaved Africans, established homesteads and tenant farms, settlements, dams, mills, tanneries, plantations, roads, and the like.

How can we get to know these past inhabitants of our state?



**U.S. Route 301
Project Location**



Although their houses and workplaces may no longer be standing, evidence that could tell us about how people lived in the past still exists. Archaeologists find artifacts and buried remains of structures left behind on the sites where people once lived and worked. Archaeologists and historians working with DelDOT are digging into the past using old maps, old photos, histories and digging into the ground itself using trowels and shovels to find archaeological sites in the U.S. Route 301 corridor.