

301 **US 301 Project Development**

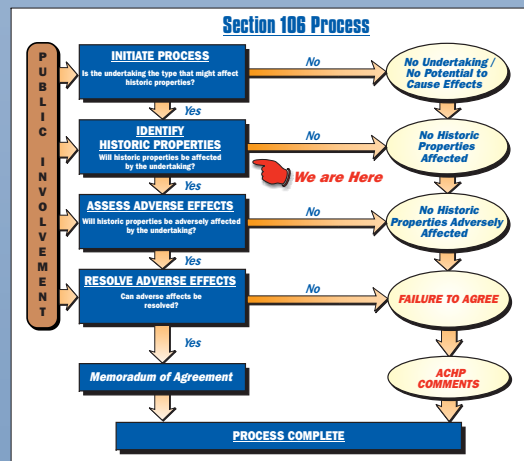
What are Cultural Resources?

- Cultural Resources, shown on the map to the right, are buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts over 50 years of age. Surveys and evaluations are ongoing to determine the significance of these resources. These surveys and evaluations are being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- Historic Properties are significant Cultural Resources that meet the *Criteria for Evaluation* for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Why Consider Cultural Resources?

Cultural Resources are an important part of Delaware's heritage because they make our history tangible. For this reason, the preservation of Cultural Resources is one of DeIDOT's goals for this and all of its projects. In addition, federal laws and regulations require the consideration of Cultural Resources:

- ▶ Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires federal agencies, including the Federal Highway Administration, to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties (significant architectural and archeological resources that qualify for listing on the National Register).
- ▶ Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act (1966) requires the Federal Highway Administration to avoid use of historic properties (generally only architectural resources) unless there is no prudent and feasible alternative.
- ▶ The Section 106 process gives the public, other parties with an interest, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) opportunity to comment on proposed undertakings.



Historic Properties



S. Holton Farm (#N00107)



The Maples (#N00106)



Cochran Grange (#N00117)



B.F. Hanson House (#N05225)



Current Studies

As part of the US 301 Project Development effort, a survey must be undertaken to identify any cultural resources that might be impacted by the project. So far, the Project Team has prepared a history, developed a computer model to predict probable locations of archeological sites, and conducted surveys of buildings and structures in the area. You may have seen the architectural historians in the area recently taking photographs and notes about buildings constructed prior to 1962.

Two of the historic resources in the Study Area are Hedgelawn (CRS No. N0018 - below-left) and the Armstrong-Walker House (CRS No. 05146; below-right).



How You Can Help

The Project Team extends its gratitude to the owners who have already welcomed our survey teams to their homes and properties. Many have shared their own history, photographs, and artifacts - arrowheads, broken pottery, glass, etc. - with the team. If you have discovered an artifact while digging in your garden, live in a house that was built before 1962, or know someone who has stories or pictures of what the area looked like years ago, our team members would like to talk to you. Your information will contribute to our understanding of Delaware's cultural heritage.

To provide information to or for questions regarding the Cultural Resources studies for this project, please contact:

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