

## 301 US 301 Project Development

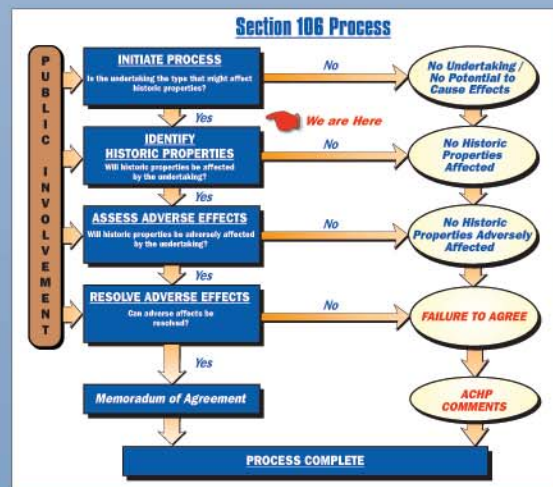


### What are Cultural Resources?

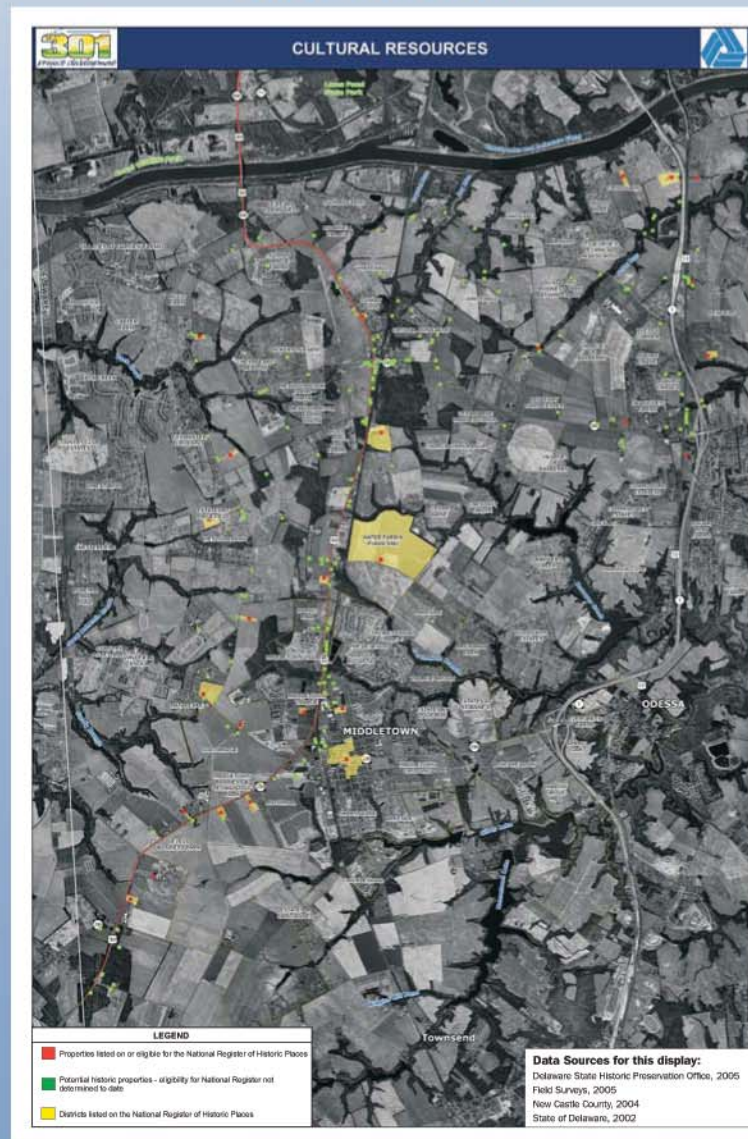
- Cultural Resources, shown on the map to the right, are buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts over 50 years of age. Surveys and evaluations are ongoing to determine significance of these resources. These surveys and evaluations are being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation 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?

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 requires federal agencies, including the Federal Highway Administration, to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties (architectural and archeological resources).
- Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration to avoid adversely affecting use of historic properties 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.



### Cultural Resources



### 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. Archaeologists will be looking to find evidence of past peoples' lives, both the chipped stones and broken pots associated with prehistoric Native Americans as well as the building foundations and household refuse of historic-period people. Architectural historians will be photographing and researching buildings in the study area to determine which properties warrant consideration under the Section 106 process.



### How You Can Help

If you have discovered an artifact - arrowhead, broken pottery, glass - while digging in your garden, live in a house that is more than 50 years old, or know someone who has stories or pictures of what the area looked like years ago, the archaeologists and architectural historians would like to talk to you. Please take a minute to bring this information to our attention by contacting the person listed below. Your information will contribute to our understanding of Delaware's cultural heritage.

For questions regarding the Cultural Resources studies for this project, please contact:

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