

V. BACKGROUND RESEARCH

Prior to the initiation of field studies, a review of existing documentation was conducted with the intent to identify any known (i.e., previously documented) cultural resources within the immediate vicinity of the Camp Wright Project APE. Research efforts were also undertaken to acquire a thorough understanding of the cultural and historic context of the overall Camp Wright Project APE. In addition to in-house materials, references consulted included files housed at the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO), Historical Society of Delaware (HSD), New Castle County, University of Delaware, as well as various historical institutions. Unsuccessful attempts were made to access the archives of the West End Neighborhood House and Children & Families First (formerly known as Associated Charities).

Examined materials included relevant project documentation, historic and environmental mapping, cultural resource management surveys, technical journals, and aerial photographs. Other resources that were reviewed included pertinent publications regarding precontact Native American history, post contact history, ethnohistory, ecology, and geography of the area. Research efforts also included interviews with knowledgeable individuals as well as a review of electronic media (e.g., internet resources). Interviews were conducted with Paul Calistro Jr., Executive Director of West End Neighborhood House, and Carl Mazzarelli, a former volunteer/worker at Camp Wright.

Background research has revealed that to date, three cultural resources have been previously identified within or within the general vicinity of the Camp Wright Project APE (**Figure 6**). All three of the resources are historic architectural. There are no archaeological sites recorded in the general area of the APE.

For two of the three resources, the only information on file at the DE SHPO are Investigation Cards and associated photographs. Both resources, N-1092 and N-1093, were recorded on March 2, 1973. On the cards, the only notable information is that Resource N-1092 and N-1093 are attributed to structures noted as “T. Werrall” and “B. McElwee” on the 1868 Beers map of Mill Creek Hundred, respectively. Resources N-1092 and N-1093 are located east of the APE, on the opposite side Mill Creek Road.

Previous studies of the third resource, N-1091, have involved completion of an Identification Card (January 19, 1973) and two additional forms. Both the Delaware CRS-1 (Cultural Resource Survey Structural Data Form) and CRS-3 (Cultural Resource Survey Locus Identification Form) are dated February 10, 1978. This resource was attributed to a structure depicted as “S. Springer” on the 1868 Beers map of Mill Creek Hundred. The “S. Springer” house is noted as being located behind the hill to the west of Camp Wright. The Identification Card refers to its location as over the hill near “Wright Camp”.

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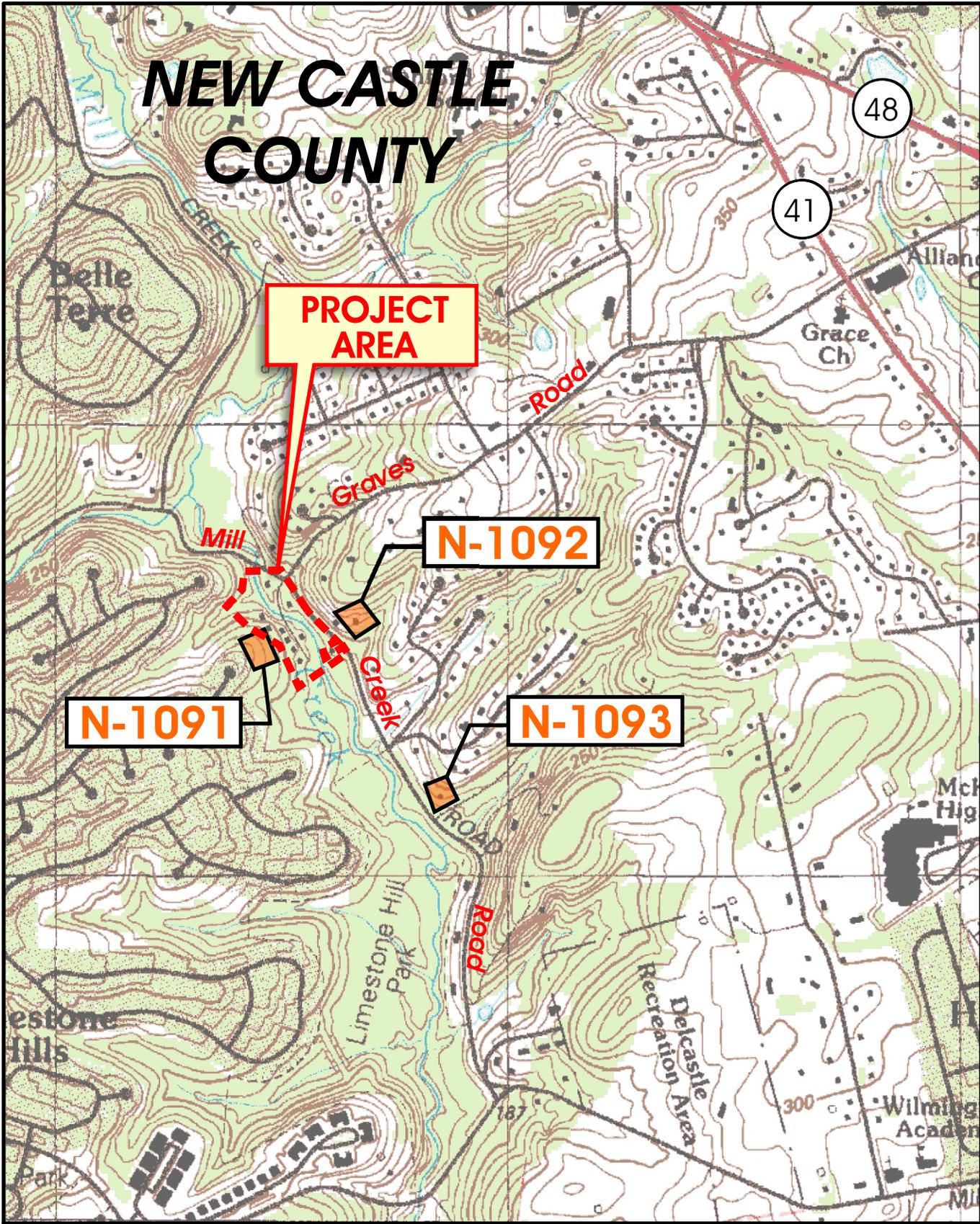
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PROJECT AREA

N-1092

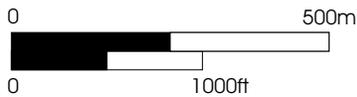
N-1091

N-1093



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Base Mapping Source:
U.S.G.S. Topo Quadrangle -
Kennett Square. PA-DEL, 1993



**Previously Documented
Cultural Resources**

FIGURE 6