

I. INTRODUCTION

This recordation document contains a compilation of digital photographs, black and white photographs, verbal descriptions, field sketches, and archival documentation pertaining to Camp Wright (CRS # N-14422), which is located at 3850 Mill Creek Road (New Castle County Tax Parcel 08-025.00-011) in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware (**Figure 1** and **Figure 2**).

A. Project History and Summary of Significance

In Fall 2006, McCormick Taylor, Inc. was retained by the New Castle County Department of Special Services, Engineering and Environmental Division to conduct a Cultural Resources Survey of the Camp Wright property (Coleman, Doms et al. 2006). The purpose of the 2006 survey, which included historic architectural and archaeological studies, was to assess the cultural resources sensitivity of the Camp Wright property.

The archaeological study consisted of Phase I archaeological assessment of the core area of the Camp Wright property. This effort included controlled subsurface field testing along the banks of Mill Creek, which transects the property. Based on the results of the archaeological assessment, it was concluded that no significant archaeological resources are contained within the core area of the Camp Wright property.

The historic architectural survey entailed a basic field inventory of the extant above ground structures of the property. Most of the structures are associated with Camp Wright, an early to late twentieth century recreational facility. Information acquired via documentary research and field investigations were then used to complete relevant Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO) inventory forms. Camp Wright has since been assigned the DE SHPO registration number of CRS # N-14422. The structures of Camp Wright, as well the property as a whole, were also analyzed for historic significance in order to assess the property's eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The historic significance and NRHP-eligibility of Camp Wright was evaluated by applying the NRHP Criteria of Evaluation.

Based on the results of the 2006 survey, it was concluded that the Camp Wright property is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A. Camp Wright is considered to be NRHP-eligible as a good example of an early twentieth century recreational resident camp and also due to its temporal association with the Fresh Air movement. The Fresh Air movement, which began during the mid-nineteenth century, was a precursor to the YMCA and similar mid-twentieth century camp organizations.

At the time of the 2006 survey, development activities within the Camp Wright property had yet to be determined. However, given the historic nature of Camp Wright and the likelihood that future planning activities may occur in the vicinity of this historic site, it was deemed prudent to conduct additional photo-documentation and recordation studies of Camp Wright as part of this project. The purpose of this subsequent effort was to provide the New Castle County Department of Special Services, Engineering and Environmental Division with a documentary record of the existing conditions of Camp Wright.

The additional photo-documentation and recordation of Camp Wright, as presented in this document, was conducted by McCormick Taylor, Inc. in Spring 2007.

Funding for the 2006 cultural resources survey and the subsequent 2007 recordation of Camp Wright was provided by the New Castle County Department of Special Services, Engineering and Environmental Division.

B. Project Setting

Camp Wright is situated on the west side of Mill Creek Road (Road 282). The core area of Camp Wright falls within the active floodplain of Mill Creek, which flows across the property in a northeasterly-to-southwesterly direction. Within the property, access across Mill Creek is via a concrete bridge. Most of the terrain within the Camp Wright property is nearly level; however, the property also spans a steep hillside that runs along its southern edge. In addition to nine main buildings, the property also includes several ancillary structures and facilities (e.g., a rope course, playground equipment, a barbecue pit, and assorted stairs).

Camp Wright is located in the Piedmont Upland/Fall Line physiographic zone of Delaware, which encompasses the upper one third of New Castle County (**Figure 3**).

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PROJECT AREA

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ENLARGED AREA

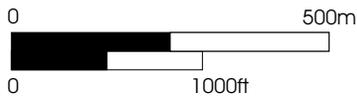


Limestone Hill Park

Recreation Area
Delcastle

Wilmington
Academy

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



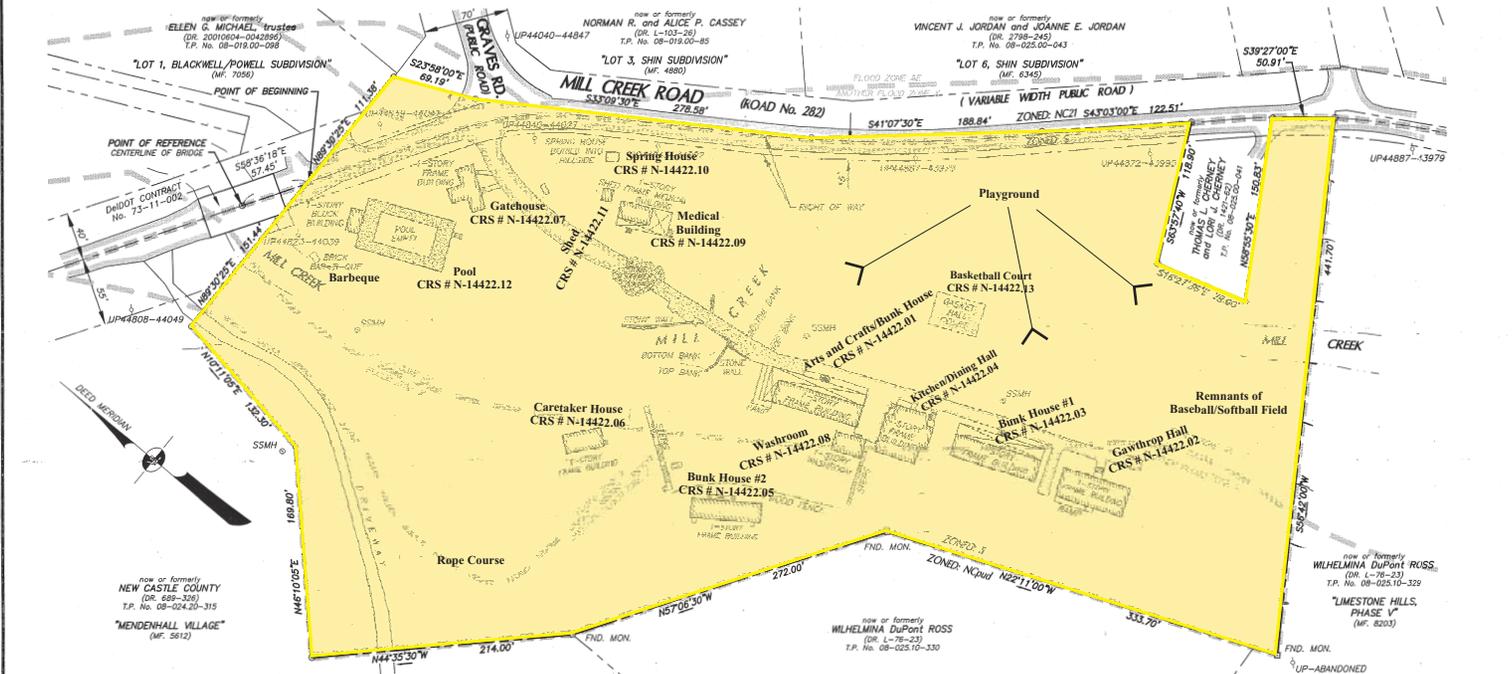
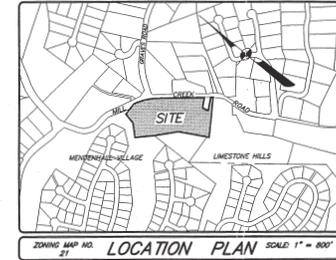
**Project
Location Map**

FIGURE 1

NOTES:

1. Owner: West End Neighborhood House, Inc.
3850 Mill Creek Road
Hockessin, DE 19707
2. Tax Parcel No.: 08-025.00-011
3. Source of Title: Deed Record C, Volume 86, Page 114
4. Area: 7.483± Acres
5. Zoning: New Castle County Unified Development Code
Zoning: S, Suburban (other permitted uses)
Lot Area: 2 acre
Lot Width: 200'
Building Height: 40' MAX.
Building Setbacks: Street - 50'
Rear - 50'
Side - 40'
6. This plan was prepared without the benefit of a title commitment, title search or bring down and is subject to easements, validity of chain of title, etc., that a subsequent search may disclose.
7. Date of Field Survey: December 12, 2005
Revision 1 - April 5, 2006 - Located Buildings
8. A portion of the Property described on this survey DOES lie within a Special Flood Hazard Area ("SFHA") as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; the Property lies within Zone "AE", Base Flood Elevation = 10.0', of the Flood Insurance Rate Map identified as Community Panel No. 10003C0045 G, bearing an effective date of October 6, 2000. A portion of this property also lies within Zone X, area of 500-year floodplain and a portion lies within Another Zone X, area determined to be outside the 500-year floodplain.
9. Existing utilities are shown in accordance with what was observed about the boundary line only. Completeness or correctness thereof is not guaranteed. It shall be each contractor's responsibility to contact the utility companies involved in order to secure the most accurate information available as to utility location and elevation. No construction around or adjacent to utilities shall begin without notifying their owners at least 48 hours in advance. Each contractor shall take the necessary precautions to protect the existing utilities. To locate existing utilities in the field prior to construction, the contractor shall contact Miss Utility of Delaware (telephone 800-282-8555).

Setback lines indicated above per New Castle County Unified Development Code interpretation and must be verified by New Castle County prior to Land Development. Buffer and Green Area and/or other restrictions may also apply.



- LEGEND:**
- FND. MON. Found Concrete Monument
 - T.P. No. Tax Parcel Number
 - D.R. Deed Record
 - M.F. Microfilm
 - Sanitary Sewer Manhole
 - Utility Pole
 - Property Line
 - Adjoining Property Line
 - Edge of Pavement
 - Zoning Line
 - Fence Line
 - Flood Zone Limit
 - Concrete

PROPERTY PLAN
3850 MILL CREEK ROAD
 MILL CREEK HUNDRED - NEW CASTLE COUNTY
 DELAWARE
 SCALE: 1"=60'
 DECEMBER 13, 2005
 GRAPHIC SCALE (IN FEET)

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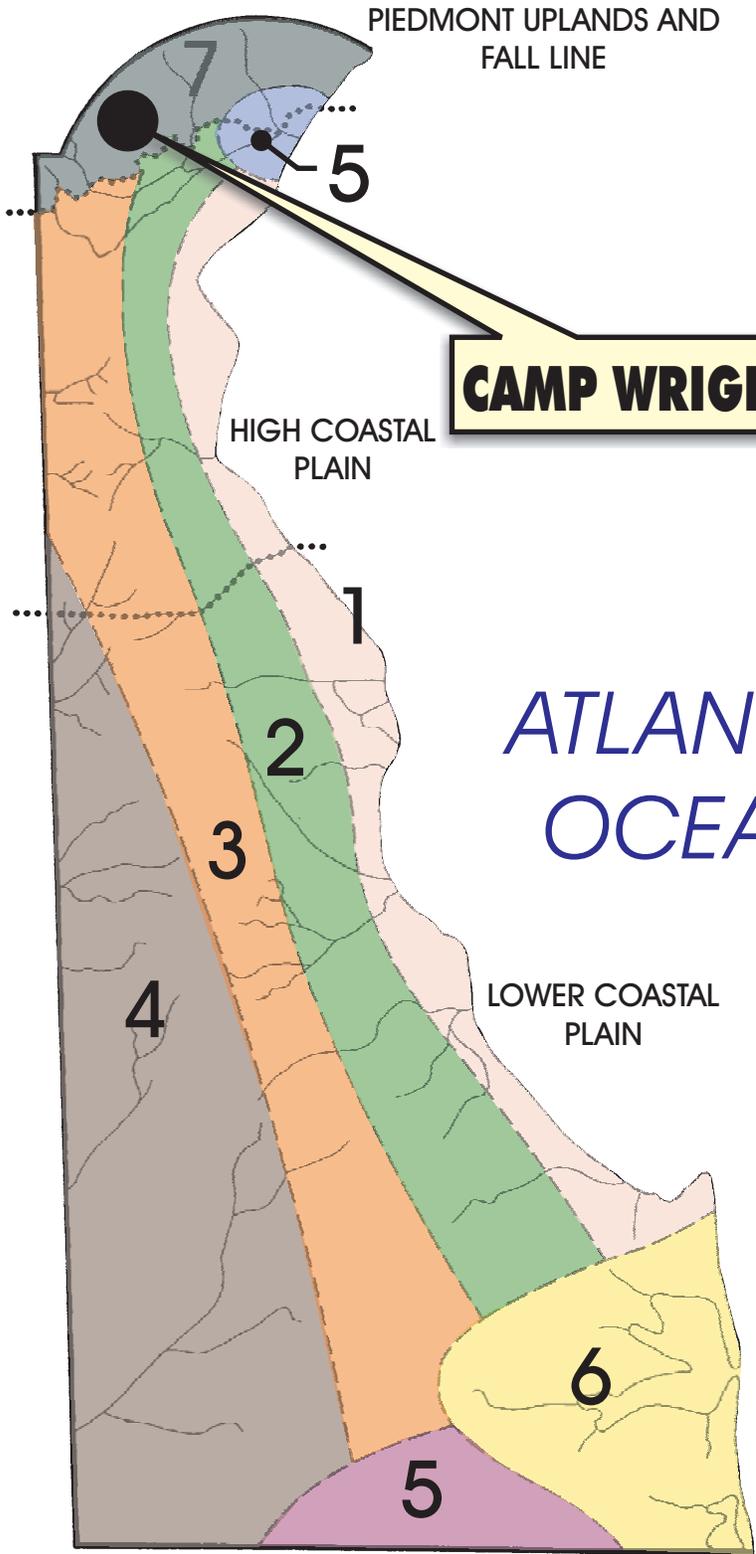
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 ENGINEERS - PLANNERS - SURVEYORS
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Camp Wright (TP 08-025.00-011)
 3850 Mill Creek Road
 Mill Creek Hundred
 New Castle County, DE
 Map of Camp Wright

FIGURE 2



PIEDMONT UPLANDS AND FALL LINE

| LEGEND | |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | DELAWARE SHORE |
| 2 | MID-DRAINAGE |
| 3 | MID-PENINSULAR DRAINAGE DIVIDE |
| 4 | CHESAPEAKE HEADWATER DRAINAGES |
| 5 | INTERIOR SWAMPS |
| 6 | COASTAL BAY |
| 7 | PIEDMONT UPLANDS/ FALL LINE |

CAMP WRIGHT

HIGH COASTAL PLAIN

ATLANTIC OCEAN

LOWER COASTAL PLAIN

McCormick Taylor, Inc., Newark, Delaware 19713

Not to scale



Physiographic Zones of Delaware

FIGURE 3