

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Archaeological monitoring was conducted within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for road and utility upgrades along Elkton Road from Casho Mill Road to Delaware Avenue in Newark, New Castle County, Delaware. Two areas within the APE are adjacent to the St. John's Cemetery, owned by the Archdiocese of Wilmington, and a cemetery owned by St. John's African Union Methodist Protestant (AUMP) Church. Due to the potential for encountering unmarked grave shafts, human burials, and/or human skeletal remains within the APE, archaeological monitoring was necessary under Delaware's *Unmarked Human Remains Law* (7 DE Code, Chapter 54, Subchapter II).

Monitoring was conducted between January 22, 2010 and September 28, 2011 along northbound Elkton Road and West Park Place where construction work was located adjacent to the St. John's Cemetery. Construction activities during this phase of the improvement project entailed utility pole replacements, underground utility line upgrades, intersection geometry alterations, traffic control signal upgrades, and replacement of curb and sidewalk. Monitoring along southbound Elkton Road adjacent to the St. John's AUMP Church cemetery took place between January 4 and 13, 2012. Construction activities during this phase of the improvement project consisted of underground telecommunication conduit upgrades. The depths of impacts ranged from approximately one to eight feet below grade.

No evidence of unmarked grave shafts, human burials, or human skeletal remains, or associated artifacts was observed during construction related excavations within the APE. No further archaeological investigation is necessary.

