

ABSTRACT

This report summarizes archaeological monitoring URS Corporation (URS) conducted for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). Work was initiated in response to the planned replacement of two bridges (526 and 527) on State Route 326 at Betts Pond, Millsboro, Sussex County. Archaeological monitoring was conducted during construction activities within the area of potential effects (APE), defined—in consultation with DE SHPO—as the boundaries for the limits of construction. Three structural features were encountered and documented during construction activities for the replacement of Bridge 527. These features consisted of a wood retaining wall or bulkhead, the remnants of a brick foundation, and a segment of a wooden structural feature. A definitive interpretation of these features could not be provided, due to substantial destruction from twentieth-century construction episodes, the small number of recovered artifacts, and insufficient historical documentation. No features were encountered or artifacts recovered during construction of Bridge 526.