

SECTION 5.0 CONCLUSIONS

An historic architectural survey was conducted within the APE for the replacement of Bridge 1-100 carrying Old Kennett Road (N243) over an unnamed tributary of Red Clay Creek in Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The survey included historical research and an intensive-level architectural survey.

The research design anticipated the likelihood of finding agricultural complexes dating from the period 1770-1950, American country houses built between 1920 and 1940, and suburban development constructed after World War II in this area of the Christiana Hundred. Fieldwork identified both farm complexes and American country houses within the APE; no post-World War II suburban neighborhoods were identified. As a result, the historical research and available historic contexts were found to be adequate for the purposes of this cultural resources investigation.

In all, four resources more than 50 years of age were identified within the APE. Bridge 1-100 was built circa 1920 but was previously evaluated and recommended not eligible for the National Register; therefore, it was not included in the survey. The Kane-Chandler House (1225 Snuff Mill Road; CRS #N-7653) was evaluated and recommended not eligible because of significant alterations that have diminished its integrity of design, feeling, and association. Foxhill (1480 Old Kennett Road; CRS #N-3859) was recommended eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for its associations with the American country house movement and Criterion C as a fine example of a Colonial Revival-style country house and as the work of an important local architect, G. Morris Whiteside, II.

The Ives-du Pont Estate (1303-1307 Snuff Mill Road; CRS #N-1114) was not fully accessible for the architectural survey; therefore, an assessment of its eligibility was not possible. The Ives-du Pont House is potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for its associations with the American country house movement and under Criterion C as the work of Albert Ely Ives, a locally important architect of country houses. It may also possess significance under Criterion C for its landscape design. Inadequate information is available to assess the integrity of the house and landscape. The property also includes the circa 1859 Michael Kane House and the Ives-du Pont Gatehouse; neither of these properties are recommended individually eligible, but they may be considered contributing resources of the Ives-du Pont Estate.

A vacant parcel at 1223 Snuff Mill Road was also evaluated to determine its historical associations with the neighboring Shadowbrook estate. Research revealed that the property was part of the parcel containing the Kane-Chandler House from the eighteenth century until 1991.