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This report presents the results of the Phase I Investigation conducted in association with the replacement of Bridge 1-651 on Newport Road over CSX. Background research and a field survey indicated that there were two historic contexts that would need to be prepared to evaluate the National Register eligibility of resources in the APE: residential architecture and residential development. Historic contexts and property types were developed for the APE for use in the evaluation of resources constructed by 1958. The four resources documented and evaluated for National Register eligibility by A.D. Marble & Company as part of the architecture resources investigation are recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register due to a lack integrity of significance and integrity. Should the alternatives be refined or revised it may be necessary to make adjustments to the APE which may result in the need for additional survey work.

The other purpose of the background research was to inform future archaeological investigations. Based on the results of the research effort and soils data, the archaeological potential is generally considered to be low within the APE. One area of exception is the portion of the APE that buffers the railroad and extends to the southern end of the project area where there has been limited disturbance and there may be moderate to high potential for containing significant archaeological resources.

The field notes, photographs, and negatives for this project will be held on file at A.D. Marble & Company until CRS numbers are assigned by the DE SHPO. Following the issuance of CRS numbers, the CRS forms will be revised to reflect the issued number and the photographs and negatives will be appropriately labeled and provided to DelDOT. The finalized GIS database prepared for this project will be forwarded to DelDOT for delivery to the DE SHPO at a future date.

The research design and criteria for evaluation that were developed seem well-tailored to the project.