

ABSTRACT

A Phase I cultural resource survey was conducted by the Rutgers University Center for Public Archaeology for the Delaware Department of Transportation in advance of proposed improvements at the intersection of Capitol Trail (SR 2) and Possum Park Road (SR 72), Newark, New Castle County, Delaware. This project comprised background research, surface reconnaissance, and subsurface testing of the 2± acre project area followed by a report of investigations. Background research revealed no previously identified cultural resources within the project area. Field investigations revealed scattered prehistoric remains but failed to yield evidence of any cultural resources eligible for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Interpretations for the lack of archaeological remains discuss the suitability of the project area for habitation in comparison to nearby locations. The planned improvements to this intersection do not require any further archaeological study.