

## 7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report presents the results of the Phase II historic architectural survey and determination of eligibility for the Claymont Improvements project. Seven resources were identified within the APE; five of the resources are recommended not eligible due to lack of integrity and/or historic significance. Although Overlook Colony was previously determined eligible based on preliminary findings, additional research and evaluation resulted in a recommendation of not eligible due to a lack of significance and integrity. Holy Rosary Church is recommended eligible under Criterion A for the role it played in local settlement patterns and demographic change and under Criterion C for architecture. Overlook Service Station/Joe & Tony's Service Station is recommended eligible under Criterion A for its association with early automobile-related development along Philadelphia Pike and under Criterion C as an example of a pre-standardized, residential-style service station design.

The research design for the Phase IA and II historic architectural investigations was generally successful; however, further development in the following areas may aid future investigations, particularly in defining associated property types and National Register registration requirements:

- Development of contexts specific to religious property types. Holy Rosary Church Complex represents a Catholic complex with a convent, church, rectory, school, cemetery, and prayer garden. The church complex is not addressed in any existing contexts. The subject of religious property types could be further investigated and registration requirements for properties and complexes associated with various religions could be developed.
- Development of a context that addresses industrial communities. *Suburbanization in the Vicinity of Wilmington, Delaware, 1880-1950+/-: A Historic Context* (Chase et al. 1992) specifically states that it does not include planned industrial communities, such as Overlook Colony. This subject could be further investigated in order to develop a complete context and registration requirements.
- Late Gothic Revival architecture is not described adequately in the available architectural contexts and regional guides. This topic could be further investigated and documented as a style used in religious and collegiate buildings, and a complete context and registration requirements could be developed.
- The historic contexts and registration requirements for commercial roadside architecture and historic gas stations could be clarified to address updates to gas pumps, signage, and other features that may be deemed necessary for the continuation of a property's historic use.

It is assumed that no archaeological survey will be conducted for this project due to previous ground disturbance and low probability for archaeological resources within the APE.