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ABSTRACT

This Phase II architectural survey report presents the results of intensive level architectural survey and determinations of eligibility conducted in association with the proposed Claymont Improvements project in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The proposed project includes improvements to the intersection of Philadelphia Pike and Commonwealth Avenue at the entrance to the Overlook Colony residential community and the Holy Rosary Church. The improvements intend to redesign the semicircular roadway access as well as provide an upgraded traffic signal and sidewalk, landscaping, and parking improvements along adjacent properties. This report was prepared for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to assist in the evaluation of architectural resources that were present by 1961 (the cut-off date for the study) and located within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The APE includes those areas of direct or indirect (visual) potential impact associated with the proposed improvements (Figure 1) and includes properties fronting on portions of Philadelphia Pike and Commonwealth Avenue, encompassing an area of approximately 19 acres.

A Phase IA survey was completed in April 2010 that consisted of initial background research and a windshield survey. The Phase IA Architectural Survey Report was submitted to DelDOT and the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DESHPO) in April 2010; this report identified potential resource types, a context of the historical development of the APE, and recommendations for the documentation and evaluation of identified resources as part of the Phase II investigations. The intensive level survey was initiated in May 2010 following the receipt of DelDOT and DESHPO comments on the Phase IA report.

Seven architectural resources constructed in 1961 or earlier were identified within the APE: one historic district, one complex, and five individual properties. Four of these resources were previously identified: Holy Rosary Church at 3110-3210 Philadelphia Pike (N01217), Overlook Colony (N03951) on the northwest side of Philadelphia Pike along Commonwealth Boulevard, the dwelling at 3220 Philadelphia Pike (N09544), and the Overlook Service Station/Joe & Tony's Service Station at 3207 Philadelphia Pike (N09455). The Holy Rosary Church, the dwelling at 3220 Philadelphia Pike, and the Overlook Service Station/Joe & Tony's Service Station (3207 Philadelphia Pike) were not previously evaluated for National Register eligibility.

Additional research and survey was conducted on Overlook Colony as part of the Phase II investigations, and the potential district is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register as part of the Claymont Improvements project due to a lack of significance and integrity. None of the remaining six resources had previous determinations of eligibility. Two properties, Holy Rosary Church and Overlook Service Station/Joe & Tony's Service Station, are recommended eligible as a result of this study. The remaining five properties are recommended not eligible. Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms and related documentation for the seven evaluated architectural resources are being submitted with this report to the DESHPO for review of the recommendations of eligibility for listing in the National Register (Appendix C).

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