

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES OF THE
PROPOSED DOVER BYPASS CORRIDOR
FREDERICA TO ROUTE 100
KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE**

DELDOT PROJECT 65-04-003

ARCHAEOLOGY SERIES NO. 7

FHWA FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. F-210(1)

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The Honorable Clifford E. Hall, Secretary
 Department of Highways and Transportation
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Dear Secretary Hall:

Concern for archaeological resources located within highway project right-of-ways dates back in Delaware to the construction of I-95 when a cooperative agreement was initiated in 1959 between the Department of Highways and the Delaware Archaeological Board. Since then, similar surveys have been conducted along the Frederica Bypass, the Milford Bypass, Interstate 495 and the Barker's Landing road relocation project. The largest of the cooperative projects, however, is the Dover Bypass project of which this letter is concerned.

In May of 1971, the State Archaeologist met with Mr. Robert Wetherall, Assistant to the Director of the Division of Highways to explore means of conducting archaeological surveys along the proposed route of the Dover Bypass project. At that time, he was informed that such a project would have to await selection of the final alignment(s) and the project was held in abeyance. A "Proposal for Archaeological Research Along the Proposed Dover Bypass" was submitted to the Division of Highways on September 17, 1971 and accepted in the early part of 1972. The program was then submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval, with authorization to proceed being given on April of that year, Federal Aid Project No. F-210-(1).

The project was later extended to include that portion of the proposed highway extending from just north of Woodside, Delaware to the point at which it is to cross State Road 100. The Letter of Approval for this extension was dated August 25, 1972, Federal Aid Project No. F210 -(1) Amendment 1. Having received approval, the Section of Archaeology began work on the Dover Bypass archaeological survey in spring 1972. This work was not terminated until spring 1975.

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The Dover Bypass Archaeological Survey was conducted by the Section of Archaeology under the field supervision of Daniel R. Griffith. Mr. Griffith was assisted in the field and in the preparation of the report by Richard E. Artusy, Jr. Faye Stocum and Clifford Lefferts provided assistance in the graphics and the report was typed by Abbey Feierstein. Overall supervision was by Ronald A. Thomas, Archaeology Supervisor. This report concludes the Section of Archaeology's obligation to the Department of Highways and Transportation for the PE phase. Since it is our understanding that the construction of the Dover Bypass has been postponed indefinitely, no cost estimate for recommended salvage operations is included.

The assistance and cooperation of the Department of Highways and Transportation personnel is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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