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## ABSTRACT

This is a report of an archaeological and historical survey near Denney's Road on Fork, Chance's, and Mudstone branches in Kent County, Delaware. The Delaware Department of Transportation proposes to improve and relocate Denney's Road.

The principal research objective was to test for measurable evidence of the impact of a road relocation upon historic and prehistoric remains, if any exist.

Some prehistoric remains were detected in the right-of-way, together with scattered evidence of a community that has existed here from the eighteenth century onward.

In addition to their work on the right-of-way itself, the authors were asked to investigate the impact of a cul-de-sac and other improvements associated with the elimination of the existing Denney's Road grade crossing. Since this work would be located in the historic community center, the scope of work was expanded to include a fuller study of the community's culture history.

A small prehistoric site was found on the northeast edge of the valley of Fork Branch. It was tested extensively and judged to be ineligible for the National Register.

No eligible sites were found in the right-of-way. However, further study may show that the community surrounding Denney's Road may be eligible.

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