

**National Register Eligibility Status and Evaluation for Historic
Resources affected by the Highway Safety Improvement Project at
Greenbank Road and Albertson Boulevard**

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Abstract

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is proposing to make improvements along Greenbank Road at the intersection with Albertson Boulevard in New Castle County, Delaware. The project involves sidewalk and bus stop improvements along Greenbank Road, improving turning movements from Albertson Boulevard onto Greenbank Road, and minor right-of-way acquisition at the southwest corner of the intersection. Temporary construction easements will be required elsewhere in the project. The intersection was placed in the Highway Safety Improvement Program in anticipation of future traffic congestion.

The National Register eligibility evaluation was prepared as part of a Section 106 undertaking with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as the lead federal agency. As part of project development compliance, DelDOT will complete a Categorical Exclusion for the project. In accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Categorical Exclusion should document the anticipated or expected impacts of the proposed project construction on historic architectural resources and archaeology, as well as any other factors deemed appropriate.

Environmental Studies cultural resource staff, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, and in consultation with the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office, determined there is one resource in the project area that meets the 50-year minimum age requirement. This resource, the New Castle County - Women's Ward, has been previously surveyed, but not evaluated for the National Register. Based on this project's undertaking, historic properties will be affected. Surrounding properties that could be impacted (indirect or direct) were evaluated for their significance and integrity in consideration for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Of particular note are two residential dwellings at the northwest corner (1 Albertson Blvd., N-14485, Figure A-1) and northeast corner (2 Albertson Blvd., N-14486, Figure A-2) of the intersection that were constructed circa 1960 as part of the Albertson Park Subdivision constructed by Al-Ru Development Company, Oakmont Hills, Wilmington, DE. Initial research has shown that these dwellings are part of the larger Albertson Park Subdivision, largely constructed within the past 50 years. In a mutual agreement, DelDOT and SHPO determined that the resources do not require comprehensive evaluations for National Register eligibility. This is consistent with National Park Service (NPS) guidance via *National Register Bulletin: Historic Residential Suburbs, Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places*. Beyond NPS guidance and judging from the information currently available about the subdivision, it is reasonable to assess that these two houses are not individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The report briefly provides a historical narrative of the project area and of each resource. The report also lists applicable historic contexts and property types. Based on the eligibility criteria applicable for the property type, the NRHP evaluations discuss the identified historic resource. The conclusion of each property/resource write-up features an assessment of NRHP eligibility based on the significance and integrity of the resource.

The criteria used to establish the defining characteristics of the property type are also used to justify the eligibility recommendation.



Figure A-1: View of the east and north elevations of N-14485, 1 Albertson Blvd., looking west.



Figure A-2: View of the west elevation of N-14486, 2 Albertson Blvd., looking east.

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