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Following the completion of background research, an architectural survey was carried out to: 1) identify resources 50 years of age or older within the current study area; 2) locate individual properties that could be potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and 3) field check those properties that were previously listed or determined eligible or not eligible for listing in the National Register. In terms of research objectives, these three elements were successfully completed for this project. To this end, this report presents the results of the architectural survey and evaluation of historic resources for the proposed Harrington Truck Route Project. The architectural survey and a review of historic resources indicated that there were two historic contexts that would need to be prepared to evaluate the National Register eligibility of resources in the APE: architecture and agriculture. These may be found in Section 2.3 of this report.

Although the railroad(s) in Harrington were not investigated for this project, this is a topic that may deserve further study in the future for other projects or under different circumstances, as a heretofore unexplored historic context. Topics to be explored, for example, could include the railroad's effect on the physical and economic development of the area, and the manner in which it brought in other types of businesses to the Harrington/central Delaware area, as well as how the railroad served as a means to move agricultural products to the marketplace. Another area of study could pertain to how the railroad connected Harrington to the larger "outside" world, including the state capital and other regional areas. Still another area of interest could pertain to tourism, and how the railroad historically brought in visitors to Delaware's coastal area.

Sixteen resources were surveyed within the study area for the proposed project. None of these resources has been listed in, or has been determined eligible for, listing in the National Register. The DESHPO previously determined that the Harrington and Clark Street Historic Districts are eligible for listing in the National Register. None of the other resources surveyed for this project have been previously evaluated for National Register eligibility. Two of the resources could not be fully surveyed because access was denied by the property owners (309 West Street [K-2663] and 3287 Farmington Road (K-7383)); however, they were evaluated as much as possible from

the road and digital photos were taken. Three properties have been demolished since they were originally surveyed (K-4618, K-2571, and K-2242). As a result of this study, two properties are recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places: the Reese-Wilson Property, which is a good local vernacular example of a Craftsman-influenced Bungalow, and the C. Taylor Property, which is an example of a Bungalow period interpretation of the Colonial Revival style. None of the other properties meet the eligibility criteria established by the NPS (1997). Detailed justifications for these evaluations may be found in Section 5 of this report, except for the DOE for K-2665 which is located in Appendix B of this report. A. D. Marble & Company's office is the temporary location for the original forms; this material will be sent to DE SHPO when finalized.