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This report documents the results of an architectural survey conducted in response to certain road improvements proposed by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) in and around the Town of Harrington, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware (Figure 1). These investigations were conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (specifically Section 106), and the Advisory Council's Guidelines set forth in 36CFR800 for the Protection of Historical and Cultural Properties.

The proposed project involves roadway improvements to provide an enhanced alignment for the designated truck routes through and around the Town of Harrington. The primary goal of this project is to develop and evaluate potential transportation improvements to facilitate the movement of trucks through and/or around the town of Harrington. The volume of heavy truck traffics traveling through the town generates noise and traffic congestion in the town limits. In addition, Clark Street (Route 14) contains several intersections within the town that have deficient turn radii for larger tractor-trailer traffic (Figure 1). The proposed bypass will widen the existing Farmington Road and Tower Hill Road footprint to accommodate the large trucks. Wider turn radii will be constructed at the intersection of Farmington Road and Tower Hill Road to permit large vehicles to safely navigate the bypass. The existing median crossover at Tower Hill Road and U.S. Route 13 will be upgraded with wider turn lanes to accommodate the tractor trailer traffic. Additional goals included minimizing negative effects created by trucks on the community and on historic structures within the identified historic districts of the Town of Harrington.

The proposed improvements for the Town of Harrington include developing an alternative route for truck traffic to the south of the core downtown area of Harrington. The proposed alternatives consist of upgrading Farmington Road and Tower Hill Road to create a new designated truck route. The project would consist of lane widening, the addition of shoulders, the closure of median breaks, the addition of acceleration lanes, the upgrade of railroad crossings, and minor intersection improvements along the existing route through the town.

PROPOSED ROADWAY



Proposed Harrington Truck Route
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Figure 1

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ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

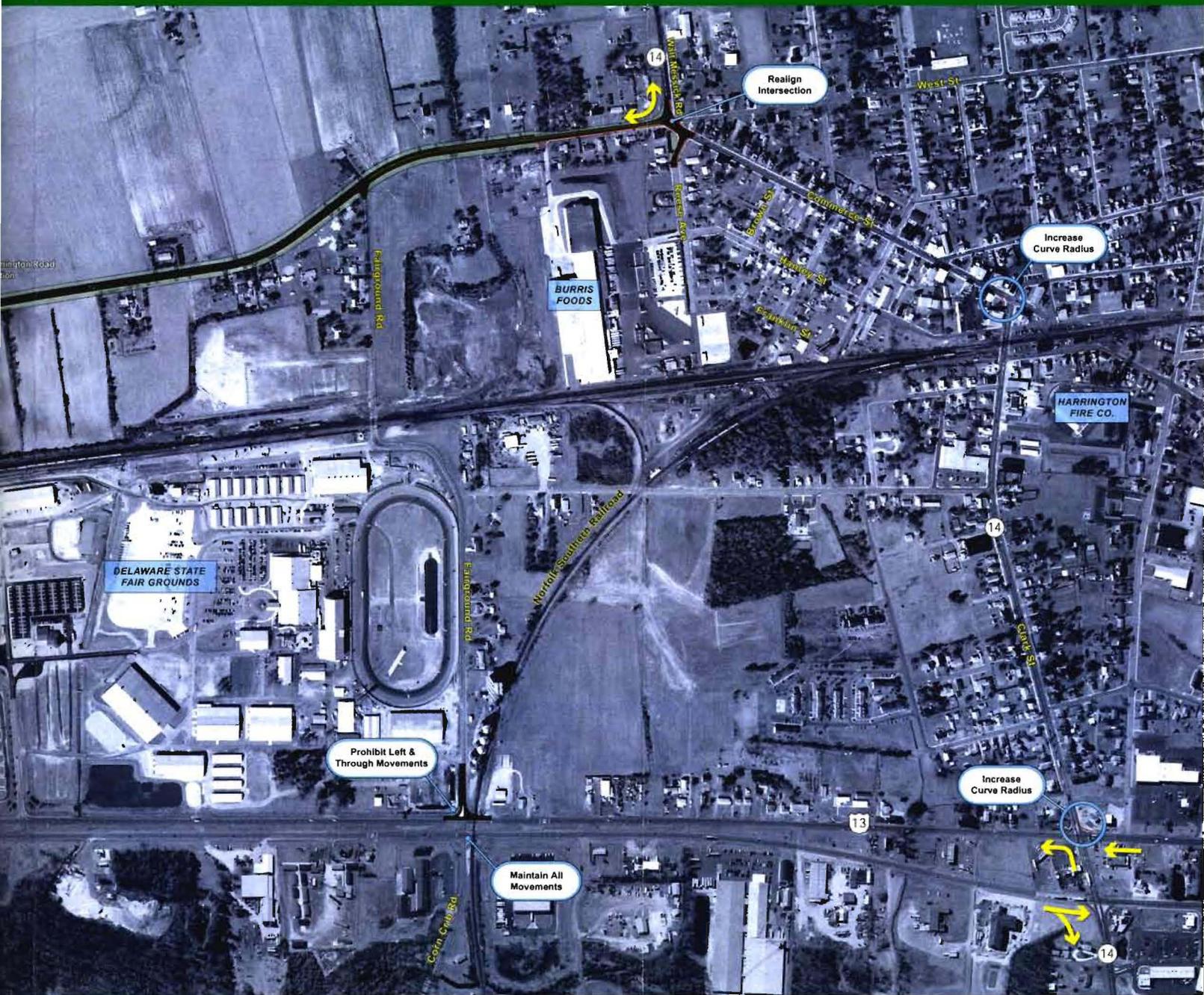
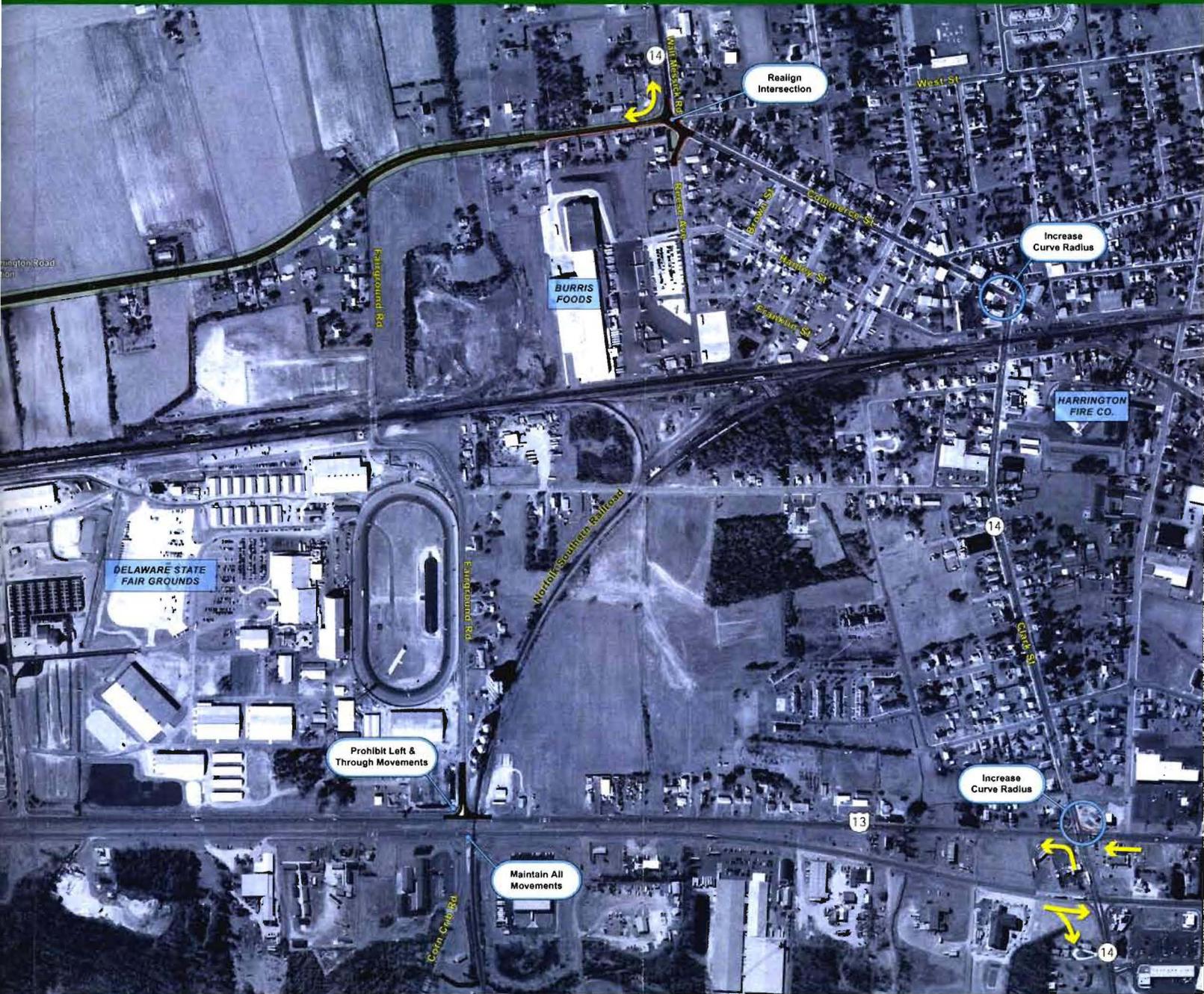


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1.1 Scope of Work

The Scope of Work (SOW) consisted of the evaluation of existing historic properties within the study area. The project study area includes only those resources that could be directly or indirectly impacted by project activities, including visual and audible effects. For the purposes of delimiting the study area, it was generally defined as the geographic area within which an undertaking may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The study area for historic resources in the Town of Harrington Truck Route is shown in Figure 1 and Appendix A, and was developed in consultation with DelDOT and the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DESHPO) on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Since there are a somewhat large number of historic properties that were previously surveyed in and around Harrington, but only certain ones are considered to be in this project's study area, only those properties that A.D. Marble & Company surveyed are shown on mapping for this report (Appendix A).

All properties were recorded on DESHPO Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms, and were assessed for their historic and architectural significance. The resources were documented and evaluated in order to determine their potential eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The locations of these properties are depicted on the mapping in Appendix A.