

## **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Under contract to the Delaware Department of Transportation, the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., has undertaken research and architectural survey activities in preparation for drainage and stormwater management improvements to Grubb Road (N209) between Naamans Road and Marsh Road in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County. The proposed improvements include pavement milling, resurfacing, patching, reducing the road crown, and the construction of sidewalks along various portions of the roadway. The proposed project will require minor right-of-way acquisition and/or permanent easements from properties immediately adjacent to the improvements.

The investigations identified, documented, and evaluated the National Register of Historic Places eligibility of historical resources in the APE for the proposed improvements pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1988, as amended in 1992. Based upon research of survey files at the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office and fieldwork, a total of 24 historical resources were initially identified within the APE. Sixteen of these resources had been previously inventoried and documented by the DESHPO. One of these 16 resources, the Village of Arden Historic District (CRS N-414), was already listed in the National Register. Site visits confirmed that this resource still retained sufficient integrity to warrant its continued listing in the National Register. The field inspection also showed that another four of the 16 resources had been destroyed during the intervening years since their last documentation. The field inspection revealed also that a fifth resource originally identified in the APE on DESHPO mapping no longer stood within the APE as a result of modern development along Grubb Road that physically and visually separated the structure from the road.

Berger subsequently documented the eight newly identified historical resources on CRS forms, and evaluated them and the remaining 10 previously identified resources in the APE for National Register eligibility. One of these 18 resources, the Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19 (N-1229), is recommended as eligible for the National Register. The remaining 17 resources were found not to meet National Register significance criteria.