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Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson subcontracted with Kise Straw & Kolodner, Inc. (KSK) on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to prepare the Section 106 compliance documentation for this project. Federal law, specifically Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended), mandates that all federal agencies undertaking projects that affect or have the potential to affect historic resources must comply with Section 106. The Section 106 compliance process requires that federal agencies take into account how their undertaking may affect historic resources. For the purposes of Section 106, historic resources are identified as buildings, districts, structures, objects, and sites listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NR).

The Section 106 compliance process requires that the federal agency, or its agent, consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (in this case the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office) in a three-step process: 1) identify prehistoric and historic resources that may be affected by the federal agency's undertaking; 2) evaluate the resources' NR eligibility; and 3) determine the effect (if any) of the undertaking upon the resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NR. Because federal funds will be used to implement the planned improvements to SR 141 and SR 34, and because this undertaking has the potential to affect NR-eligible historic resources, the Section 106 process has been initiated.

Location and Description of Undertaking

The project area is located in a residential and light commercial community in Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, west of Elsmere and the City of Wilmington (**Figure 1**). It is centered along SR 141 from the SR 2/Kirkwood Highway interchange to approximately 1,000 feet (305 meters) north of the Faulkland Road intersection, and includes a portion of Faulkland Road from 390 feet (119 meters) west of Caleb Terrace to 540 feet (165 meters) east of Willow Run Drive. The proposed area of disturbance is 100 feet (30 meters) from the curb east and west of SR 141 and 50 feet (15 meters) from the curb north and south of Faulkland Road. The proposed undertaking will include the dualization of SR 141 and the construction of right-hand turn lanes from both approaches to SR 141 from Faulkland Road.

Project Overview

The specific goals of this Cultural Resources Survey were to:

- Document the types and nature of historical resources previously recorded in the project area vicinity;
- Identify all unrecorded cultural resources contained within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) that may be eligible for listing in the NR; and
- Evaluate the NR eligibility of resources constructed in 1956 or earlier.

To complete the identification and evaluation portions of the Section 106 compliance process for this project, surveys were conducted of historic architectural resources that had the potential to be affected by the proposed improvements. This report documents the results and conclusions of these survey and evaluation efforts. Detailed descriptions of the APE and a description of the methodological approach undertaken for this project are located in Chapter II (Research Design). A detailed description of the history of the project area is located in Chapter III (Background Research).

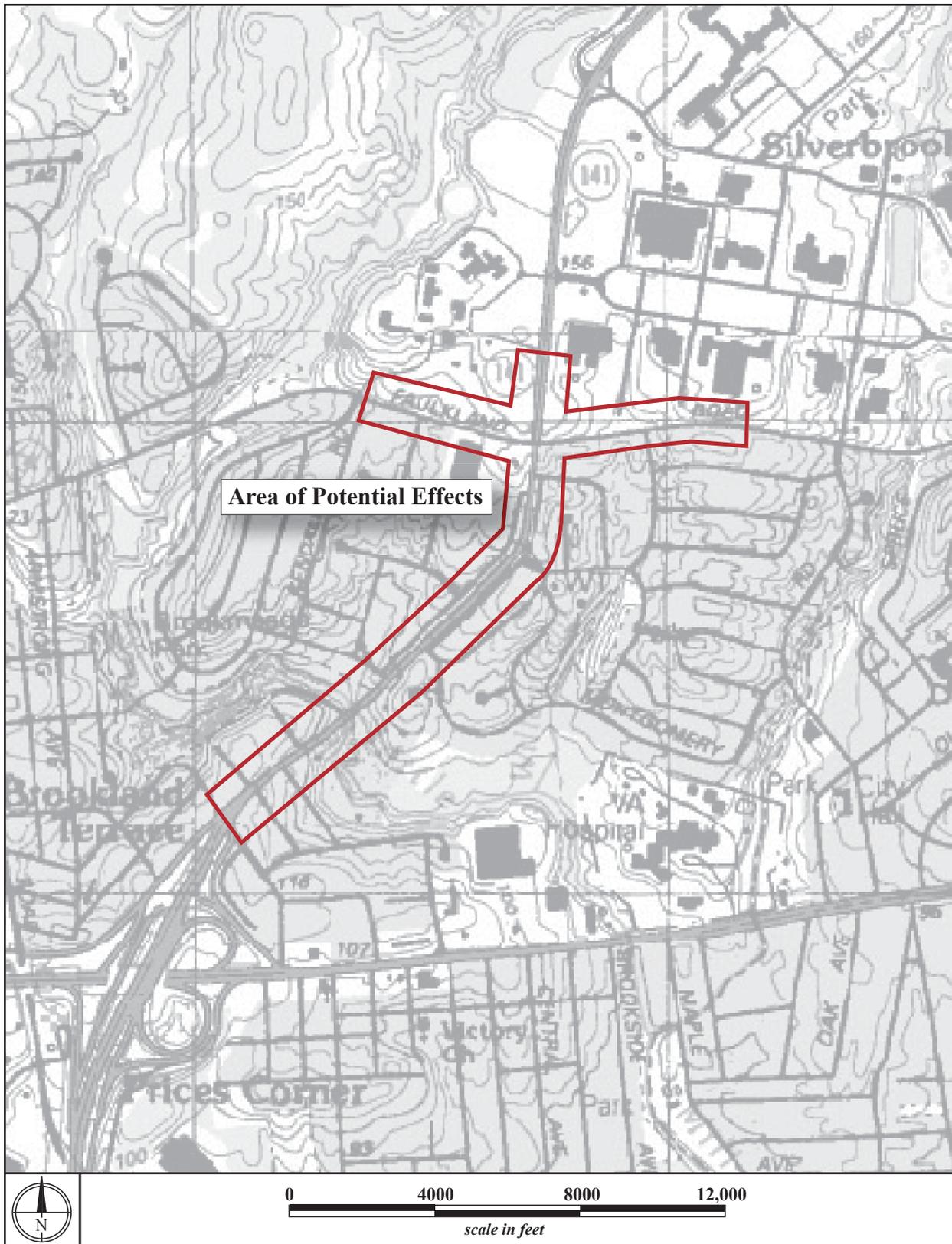


Figure 1. Project area and Area of Potential Effects (APE). (Source: United States Geological Survey, 7.5' Topographic Series Quadrangles, *Wilmington North, DE*, and *Wilmington South, DE*, 1997, <http://www.topozone.com>).

The identification and evaluation phases of the project are included in Chapter IV (Historic Architectural Survey and Evaluation). A summary of findings is located in Chapter V (Summary and Conclusions). Documentary sources consulted specifically for this phase of the project are listed in Chapter VI (Bibliography). Current and historic maps that illustrate the location of the APE and resources, and photographs to illustrate views of the APE and resources, are included within the text as Figures and Plates, respectively. Supplemental information, including National Register of Historic Places nomination forms, Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO) Survey Forms, additional research materials, and team qualifications, is located in the Appendices.

This Historic Architectural Survey was conducted in accordance with, and pursuant to the requirements of all applicable federal regulations, including Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historical Preservation Act, as amended; Section 106 implementing regulations 36 CFR 800; National Register evaluation criteria contained in 36 CFR 60; the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and, the U.S. Department of Transportation Act.