

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September-November 2003, URS Corporation (URS) conducted a Phase I / Phase II survey of historic architectural resources within the APE for proposed pedestrian sidewalk improvements along US Route 13 (DuPont Highway) in Dover, Kent County, Delaware for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). The US Route 13 Sidewalk Improvements project is part of several planned improvements to US Route 13 in Dover between Townsend Boulevard on the south and College Road at Delaware State University on the north. These improvements may include adding new sidewalks, relocating existing sidewalks, curbs, ramps, crosswalks, and median refuge islands; adding pedestrian signal heads to existing traffic signals; regulatory and warning signage and striping; and building traffic calming roadway treatments. DelDOT, assisted by URS, developed and defined the limits of the APE in consultation with the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The APE is defined by those properties lying adjacent to US Route 13 that will be directly and physically affected by the proposed improvements.

The Phase I/Phase II survey and evaluation were carried out to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The project objective was to survey and document all buildings within the APE that are fifty years of age or older, or that will be fifty years of age within the next three years. There are no historic resources currently listed in the NRHP located within the project APE. The eleven (11) surveyed buildings were recorded on Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms and were evaluated for their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), either individually or as part of one or more historic districts.

The research design involved a review of previously written historic contexts, identification of predominant property types, and the establishment of criteria for evaluation of resources within designated time periods and according to property types. The surveyed architectural resources fall within the Urbanization and Early Suburbanization (1880-1940 +/-) and "World War II and Suburbanization (1940-1960 +/-)" periods. Predominant property types encountered were residential suburban dwellings and commercial roadside architecture. The 11 surveyed resources were evaluated according to the NRHP Criteria for Evaluation and their level of integrity.

Of the 11 architectural resources surveyed within the US Route 13 Sidewalks Improvement Project APE, none were found to possess the historical significance and integrity necessary for listing in the NRHP. There are no identifiable historic districts eligible for the NRHP located within the APE. The results of the 2003 survey of architectural resources within the US Route 13 Sidewalks Improvement Project APE are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1--NRHP-Eligibility Recommendations US Route 13 Sidewalks Improvement Project Survey, Dover, DE**

CRS #	Property Name	Property Address	Date	Retains Integrity?	NR Eligibility
K-6993	House (Adventure Travel)	575 N. DuPont Highway	1941	NO	NO
K-6994	Lopez House	484 N. DuPont Highway	1947	NO	NO
K-7223	Shopping Center	462-470 N. DuPont Highway	1956	NO	NO
K-7224	House	583 N. DuPont Highway	1956	NO	NO
K-7225	House (Ewing Salon)	589 N. DuPont Highway	1950	NO	NO
K-7226	House	584 N. DuPont Highway	1945	NO	NO
K-7227	House	614 N. DuPont Highway	1950	NO	NO
K-7228	Kirby & Holloway Diner and Sign	656 N. DuPont Highway	1955; 1962	NO	NO
K-7229	Indian Motorcycles	696 N. DuPont Highway	1956	NO	NO
K-7230	Diamond State Jewelry	736 N. DuPont Highway	1936	NO	NO
K-7232	House	747-749 N. DuPont Highway	1945	NO	NO