

5.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 CONCLUSIONS

Based upon reference to the previously developed historic contexts for the project, and application of the criteria of the National Register, five individual resources within the Iron Branch Road/State Street Road Improvement Project area are currently recommended eligible for the National Register. These resources are listed below.

- **S-09132.** Millsboro School: 1928 Neoclassical T-plan school, eligible under Criterion A.
- **S-12192.** St. Mark's Episcopal Church & Cemetery: c. 1870s gable-front church and c. 1846 cemetery, eligible under Criterion C and Criteria Consideration A.
- **S-12201.** John J. & Elise Williams Dwelling: 1926 home of John J. Williams, four-time U.S. Senator, eligible under Criterion B.
- **S-12211.** Bank Building: 1918 corner-entrance masonry commercial building, eligible under Criterion C.
- **S-12215.** Edward W. Houston Dwelling: c.1870 folk Victorian I-house, eligible under Criterion C.

In addition to these five resources, 26 properties within the study area are likely to be contributing elements to a proposed Millsboro, Downtown Historic District. The comprehensive results of the survey and evaluations are summarized in Table 1.

Field notes, field maps, field drawings, and copies of secondary source historical materials are on file at JMA, 1216 Arch Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon completion of the investigation, copies of the report, as well as survey forms and photographs will be deposited with the Department and DelSHPO, both agencies located in Dover.

Table 1. Inventory of Architectural Resources within the Iron Branch Road/State Street Roadway Improvement Project APE

CRS #	Property Name & Address	NR Recommendation	District Contrib.?	Applicable NR Criteria	Boundary
n/a	Historic District: Downtown Millsboro			not formally evaluated; likely to be eligible under Criteria A & C	
S-09039	Dwelling, 391 East State Street	not eligible	n/a		
S-09132	Millsboro School, 302 East State Street	eligible	yes	A	tax parcel
S-10857	Dwelling, 395 East State Street	not eligible	n/a		
S-10858	Dwelling, southeast corner of Old Landing Road and East State Street	not eligible	n/a		
S-12192	St. Mark's Episcopal Church & Cemetery, 114 West State Street	eligible	yes	C	church & cemetery
S-12193	Dwelling, 215 West State Street	not eligible	n/a		
S-12194	Dwelling, 135 West State Street	not eligible	n/a		

CRS #	Property Name & Address	NR Recommendation	District Contrib.?	Applicable NR Criteria	Boundary
S-12195	Dwelling, 131 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12196	Dwelling, 127 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12197	Dwelling, 123 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12198	Dwelling, 119 West State Street	not eligible	no		
S-12199	Dwelling, 115 West State Street	not eligible	no		
S-12200	Dwelling, West State Street	not eligible	no		
S-12201	John J. & Elsie E. Williams Dwelling, 105 West State Street	eligible	yes	B	two tax parcels
S-12202	Dwelling, 118 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12203	Dwelling, 122 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12204	Dwelling, 124-128 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12205	Dwelling, 134 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12206	Dwelling, 138 West State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12207	Dwelling, 142 West State Street	not eligible	no		
S-12208	Dwelling, 200 Sussex Alley	not eligible	no		
S-12209	Commercial building, 209-213 West State Street	not eligible	n/a		
S-12210	Blackstone Pharmacy, 103 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12211	Bank Building, 303 Main Street	eligible	yes	C	tax parcel
S-12212	Commercial building, 302 Main Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12213	Commercial building, 240 Main Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12214	Millsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Station 83, 109 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12215	Edward W. Houston Dwelling, 201 East State Street	eligible	yes	C	tax parcel
S-12216	Dwelling, 209 East State Street	not eligible	no		
S-12217	Dwelling, 213 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12218	Dwelling, 301 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12219	Dwelling, 305 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12220	Dwelling, 307 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12221	Dwelling, 323 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12222	Dwelling, East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12223	Dwelling, 214 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12224	Dwelling, 210 East State Street	not eligible	yes		
S-12225	American Mechanics Cemetery, East State Street	not eligible	yes		

5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and associated implementing regulations, the effect of a federally permitted or funded undertaking on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register must be addressed using the Criteria of Adverse Effects. The evaluation of effects of the proposed road construction on listed or recommended eligible properties and districts will be included in a separate document.

A historic context for the Town of Millsboro was developed to aid in the evaluation of properties within the present APE. Fieldwork and property-specific research indicated that some of the surveyed properties were also representative of other historic trends.

Based upon the information gathered in preparation of the research design, the associated historic context, fieldwork, and property-specific research, JMA recommends that additional contextual documentation be prepared to permit better evaluation of institutional and government-related resources. The creation of historic contexts on/about the following is recommended:

- early twentieth-century, consolidated schools in Southern Delaware
- places of worship in Southern Delaware
- community burial grounds in Southern Delaware
- history and role of fraternal organizations in Delaware's communities

Such contextual research could prove valuable in permitting assessment of these types of resources.

JMA further recommends that the Millsboro Downtown Historic District be completely surveyed and more fully researched so that it can be formally evaluated for National Register eligibility. Should the district be determined eligible, the contributing status of each of the properties included in this report should be reassessed at that time.