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This report presents the results of the Cultural Resources Evaluation for Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Contract No. 21-200-23, Mulberry Street Drainage Improvements and Sidewalks, Town of Milton, Sussex County, Delaware. The recommended Area of Potential Effect (APE) consists of an approximate 1,143.0 meter-long (3,750.0 ft) corridor of Mulberry Street from Magnolia Street to S.R. 0016 (Ellendale Road) (Figure 1). The width of the recommended project APE will be limited to the existing state-owned right-of-way (Jocelyn Jenkins, personal communication 2001). There is the potential that a few properties along the recommended project APE might require a temporary construction easement, and would require changing the recommended project APE. No information was available to determine which of these properties would be affected or the limits of construction easement (Jenkins 2001).

Proposed improvements include 2,406.1 square meters (25,900.0 sq ft) of new sidewalk and curbing along the east and west sides of Mulberry Street within the recommended project APE. No information was available for specific construction dimensions of the sidewalk and curbing (Jenkins 2001). Drainage improvements, consisting of new stormwater inlets, new drain pipes, and other associated equipment, are included in the proposed improvements as well. The existing drainage system in the recommended project APE will be upgraded and the new drainage improvements tied into the system. The proposed improvements will be constructed within the state-owned right-of-way (Appendix A).

The purpose of this Cultural Resources Evaluation is to investigate the recommended Mulberry Street project APE and determine if any known archaeological or architectural resources will be affected due to the proposed improvements. To accomplish this task, secondary and primary source materials regarding the prehistory and history of the project area were collected and analyzed, including Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) Inventory files and *National Register* files, historic maps and photographs, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) soil survey data, and previously documented surveys of the project area. A windshield survey of architectural features was conducted in the project area, and the archaeological survey was

limited to surface inspection. This investigation was conducted in September 2001.