

# 1. INTRODUCTION

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION proposes to improve an intersection in the hamlet of Rockland, New Castle County. Proposed safety improvements will consist of a new intersection for Rockland and Mount Lebanon roads. The area of the proposed intersection was the known location of buildings associated with the historic Rockland paper mill, now an apartment complex (FIGURES 1 AND 2, PLATE 1).

Rockland has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since

February 1, 1972. The project site was included in that nomination (Eleanor Webster 1971).

A draft nomination prepared by another consultant concurrently with the present study would draw the district line along the east side of Rockland Road, excluding the project area (Bower 1990).

In order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the author was engaged by the Department to conduct Phase I and Phase II investigations in the areas of these improvements.