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ABSTRACT

A Phase I archeological survey of the planned Intersection Improvements at Plantation and Cedar Grove roads was undertaken by JMA (John Milner Associates, Inc.) for the Delaware Department of Transportation. The proposed project involves a realignment of Cedar Grove Road and creation of an expanded, four-way intersection. The purpose of the survey was to identify any potentially significant archeological remains that would be affected by the planned improvements.

The Phase I survey examined areas within the project area south of Plantation Road. The survey consisted of a surface reconnaissance in a plowed field, the excavation of shovel test units placed at 15-meter intervals, and plowzone stripping along the former Ebenezer Methodist Church property. Background research and archeological testing identified five historic sites within the project area, the house and complex of farm buildings associated with the Thomas Hart Farm (CRS S-966), the newly identified Hart Tenant Site (CRS S-3114), and Bungalow (CRS S-11547) west of Cedar Grove Road. Opposite the Hart Farm and Bungalow is the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery (CRS S-11548) and to the north, the former David G. Drain House (CRS S-995) site on the east side of Cedar Grove Road. Following a review of the Phase I findings, a decision was made to conduct supplemental investigations at the Hart Tenant Site to determine its eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places and to integrate these findings into a single report. The Phase II investigation at the Hart Tenant Site exposed several features but no footprint of the two houses depicted on the 1883 Orphans Court plat were identified. The David G. Drain Property and the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery sites lie outside the project area and will not be affected by the proposed construction. No further archeological investigation is recommended for the Hart Farm, the Hart Tenant, and Bungalow sites.

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