

ABSTRACT

The Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (LBA), performed a Phase I archaeological survey in association with proposed improvements to Porter Road from State Route 896 to State Route 72, New Castle County, Delaware, for the Delaware Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (Parent Agreement No. 729, Statewide Archaeological Resource Projects). The proposed project includes widening the existing road surface and right-of-way, construction of three stormwater management areas, and improvements to an existing stormwater management area. The project length is approximately 2.2 miles.

The archaeological survey recorded one site within Stormwater Management Area 1. The site contained both historic and prehistoric materials. In addition, one isolated find was located on the north side of Porter Road near Station 50+00. The archaeological site identified in Stormwater Management Area 1 was contained wholly within the plowzone and had no subsurface integrity. It consisted of a low density of both prehistoric and historic materials. The site most likely represents historic nineteenth-century field dumping, and very limited use during prehistoric times for hunting-related activities. Because of the limited quantity of materials and the lack of subsurface integrity, no further work is recommended for this site. Based on these observations, it appears that the site does not meet National Register eligibility criteria.