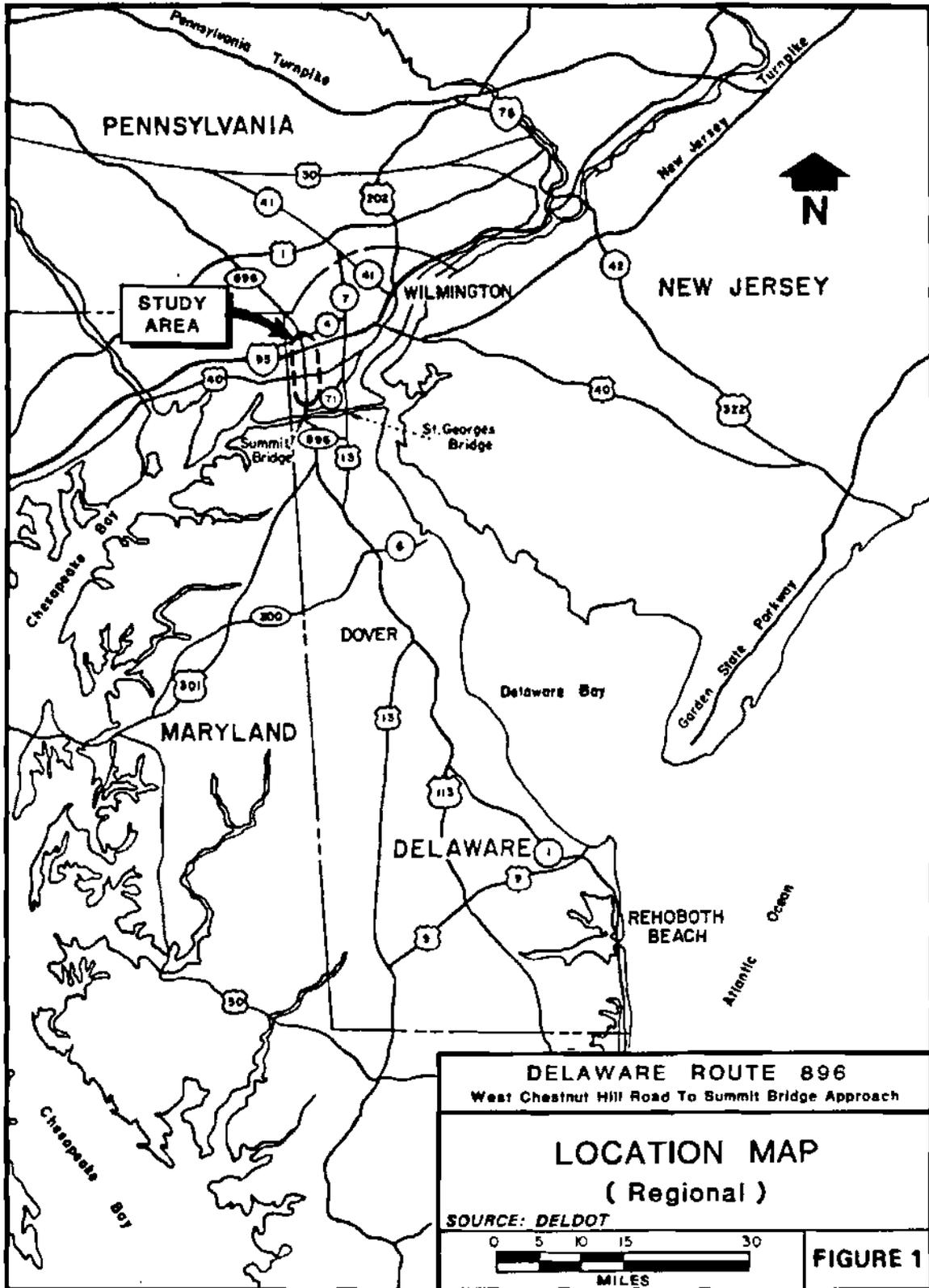


INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to describe architectural investigations of the proposed Route 896 Corridor in north-central New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1). The fieldwork and report preparation, occurring between January and April, 1987, were conducted by the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. for the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. As specified under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the goal was to identify significant, or potentially significant, architectural resources as defined by the National Register of Historic Places (36CFR60, sec. 1202) in and near the proposed area of widening and relocation of Route 896. Historic and prehistoric archaeological investigations of the Route 896 Corridor were conducted in 1986 by the University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research. The results have been issued as No. 52 in the DelDOT Archaeological Series, to which this architectural report may be considered a companion document.

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