INTRODUCTION

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) wishes to undertake the reconstruction of Delaware Route 1 between Five Points and Rehoboth, Delaware. As proposed, the project is to include a six lane arterial highway, a median of varying widths, turning lanes, and channelized intersections. It also will involve capacity improvements, minor relocations of several intersecting local roads, a grade separated intersection with U.S. Route 9 and a widening of portions of both Delaware Route 24 and Delaware Route 1A, Rehoboth Avenue. As part of project planning DelDOT retained the firm John Milner Associates, Inc. to conduct a cultural resources survey within the immediate vicinity of the reconstruction (Figure 1). Research, field work, and data analysis were undertaken between March 1987 and April 1988. This report contains the results of that survey. The intent of this survey was to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and associated legislation, regulations, and policies. Its goal was to locate and document archaeological and historical resources that were either previously listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or that, on the basis of the present survey, appear potentially to meet eligibility criteria. Based on the results of this survey, the Delaware Department of Transportation will be able to determine whether the proposed Delaware Route 1 reconstruction project will have an effect on any cultural resource.

Major report sections present a description of methods employed, environmental/archaeological and historical overviews of the project area, and results of the survey, including descriptions of archaeological testing areas and historic properties addressed and evaluations of potential significance. A summary of the survey, a list of references cited, and appended supportive data complete the report.

The cultural resources staff of John Milner Associates, Inc. extends its appreciation to all residents of the project area and to the staff of the various historical collections consulted for their cooperation and assistance during the survey. In particular, we wish to acknowledge the following persons for providing valuable historical information or technical guidance.

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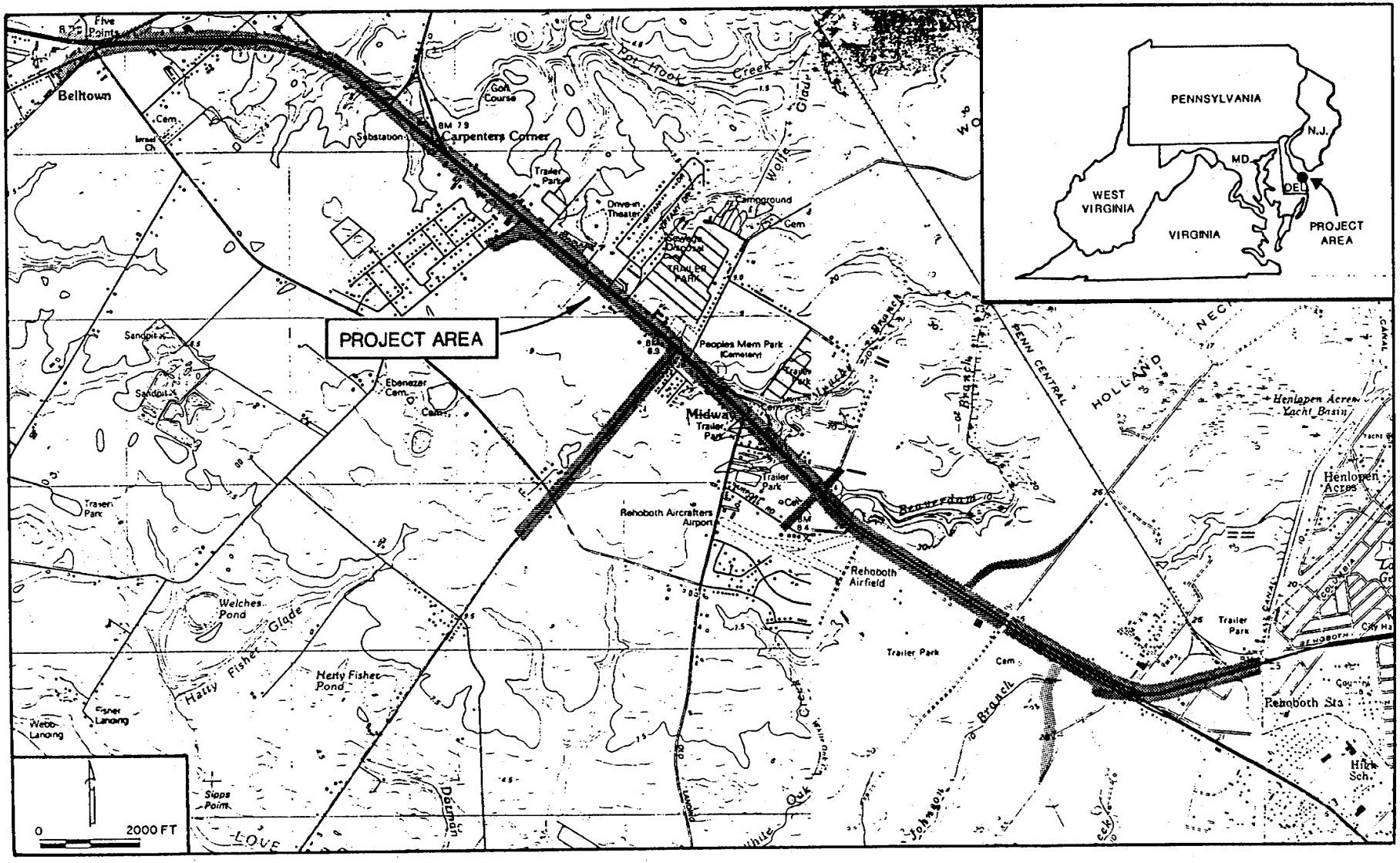

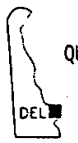

QUADRANGLE LOCATIONS

Map of the Project Area
Cultural Resources Survey, Delaware Route 1,
Five Points to Rehoboth, Sussex County, Delaware

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Figure 1

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Ruth Maker, Belltown resident
Peter Marsh, West Rehoboth landowner
Henry Marshall, member, Lewes Historical Society
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