

ABSTRACT

Phase II excavations were undertaken at 7NC-D-70 and 7NC-D-72 within the proposed ROW for the expansion of Route 4. Excavations at 7NC-D-70 revealed that the site had been used as a hunting camp from between 10,000 BC and AD 1000. No in situ remains with good stratigraphic context were present and most of the artifacts recovered from the site had been disturbed by natural erosion and plowing. Environmental analysis of the sites showed the area surrounding 7NC-D-70 to be an ephemeral stream with associated backwater swamps. Excavations at 7NC-D-72 recovered such a small quantity of reliable artifacts that the presence of anything but the most ephemeral prehistoric human use of the site is unlikely. Neither site was considered to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and no further research is recommended for either site. All notes and artifacts are available at the Island Field Museum, South Bowers, Delaware.