

ABSTRACT

The Cultural Resources Division of Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., conducted a Phase I archaeological survey along a 1.2 km portion of Upper Pike Creek Road, in New Castle County, Delaware. The archaeological investigations were conducted in advance of a slope stabilization and right-of-way realignment project, on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, and in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Archival research indicated that there are no previously recorded archaeological sites or historic properties in the project area. Initial map study and a walkover survey suggested that the potential for prehistoric archaeological sites was low, largely due to the steepness of the side slope into which Upper Pike Creek Road presently cuts. Sixteen shovel tests were excavated at selected locations along the proposed realignment. The tests indicated that erosion is extensive on the slope. No artifacts were recovered from the tests excavations, and no further work is recommended along the corridor.