

## ABSTRACT

This document presents the results of an evaluation-level survey of architectural properties potentially affected by specific road alignment alternatives that have been retained for detailed study in the U.S. Route 113 North/South Study situated in Kent and Sussex counties, Delaware. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Delaware Department of Transportation (The Department) have committed to undertaking in-depth study and analysis associated with the planned upgrading of U.S. 113 from Milford south to the Maryland state line. Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (RK&K) has been retained by prime consultant Whitman Requardt & Associates (WR&A) to assist in the preparation of all necessary environmental documents for the project. JMA (John Milner Associates, Inc.), was retained by RK&K to prepare the necessary cultural resources documentation as part of the environmental documentation process.

U.S. 113 is a four-lane divided arterial highway with numerous at-grade crossings that extends from Dover, Delaware, to Pocomoke City, Maryland. Within the study area, U.S. 113 connects seven municipalities (from north to south): Milford, Ellendale, Georgetown, Millsboro, Frankford, Dagsboro, and Selbyville. The purpose of the U.S. 113 North/South Study is to identify, select, and protect an alignment for a limited access U.S. 113 highway. The intent is not to construct the road at this time, but rather, having chosen the alignment, to be able to protect that alignment until such time as both need and available funds dictate the timing of actual construction.

Current project plans call for a north-south limited-access highway with service roads and east-west connectors. The project has progressed from a feasibility study in 2001 through a review of numerous preliminary alternatives in 2005 to the current intensive study of selected alignments that include off- and on-alignment alternatives as well as a “no-build” option.

The current evaluation-level architectural survey was limited to the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study, or ARDs. This report documents only those alignments that fall within the Ellendale study area. The remainder of the corridor has been divided into three additional study areas, each of which is presented in separate reports: Milford, Georgetown, and Millsboro-South.

A total of 62 extant individual architectural properties subject to direct or indirect impact from the alternatives in the Ellendale study area are evaluated in this report. Two of these properties are already listed in the National Register, and three are recommended eligible for listing. Three historic districts fall within the Ellendale study area, but only two of them are formally evaluated in this report; both are recommended not eligible for the National Register.