

## ABSTRACT

A preliminary Phase I archaeological survey was conducted for the proposed YMCA Connector Road, in Pencader Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The work was conducted by Skelly and Loy, Inc. for the State of Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). The Area of Potential Effect (APE) measures 400.0 m (1,312.3 ft) long by 20.0-90.0 m (65.6-295.3 ft) wide, and encompasses fallow agricultural fields, low and wet areas, and bramble-covered areas. Final design has not been completed, and the survey examined a single, straight-line corridor to provide planning-level data.

The background research demonstrated that there are no previously recorded archaeological sites in the APE. Likewise, there are no properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in the APE. Historic maps suggested that a farm had been present in the APE in the twentieth century.

The field survey utilized 27 screened shovel test pits (STPs) excavated at 15.0 m (49.2 ft) intervals. Four additional STPs were excavated to delineate the single archaeological site discovered.

The survey resulted in the discovery of one item of field trash and the Norman George Farm site, the razed remnants of a ca. 1900-1970 farm. Also known as Underwood Farm, it had been a dairy farm since 1918. The farmstead was razed by DelDOT in the 1970s in anticipation of the Bay Bridge Road project, which ultimately was not constructed in this location. Insufficient work has been completed to support a NRHP recommendation.

When a final design has been completed, the need for additional survey and evaluation of the Norman George Farm site will be reviewed by DelDOT and the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office.