



Delaware Department of Transportation  
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**US 113 NORTH/SOUTH STUDY  
Ellendale Area Environmental Assessment  
State Contract #22-127-01**

**30-Day Comment Period for Environmental Assessment**

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are undertaking a project to identify, select and protect an alignment for a limited access highway from north of Milford south to the Maryland state line, a distance of approximately 40 miles. A limited access highway will be needed to meet the long-term transportation needs in the US 113 corridor to accommodate existing and planned economic growth and development while minimizing impacts to properties and environmental and historic resources. The Ellendale Area, from south of Milford to north of Georgetown, is just one section of a much larger US 113 North/South Study, which will lead to the conversion of US 113 into a limited access highway in Sussex County, Delaware.

The Ellendale Area Environmental Assessment contains the environmental analysis of the On-Alignment Alternative which DeIDOT has identified as the Recommended Preferred Alternative for the Ellendale Area in June 2007. The On-Alignment Alternative includes the construction of two additional lanes in and adjacent to the existing right-of-way on the west side of existing US 113 from Hudson Pond to approximately VFW Road, as its Preferred Alternative for this area. These additional lanes would become limited access Southbound US 113. The existing southbound lanes of US 113 would become the limited access Northbound US 113. The existing northbound lanes would become a two-way frontage road providing access for properties fronting on the east side of existing US 113. An interchange (overpass with ramps) replaces the existing US 113/Delaware Route 16 intersection and provides access between limited access US 113 and the local road system. From VFW Road south, to the end of the Ellendale Area portion of the US 113 North/South Study at East Redden Road, development and/or access rights, from the properties fronting US 113, would be acquired by DeIDOT. A second interchange constructed in the vicinity of the existing intersection of Road 213, Old State Road, and US 113, would provide access between limited access US 113 and the local road system.

DeIDOT and the FHWA, in accordance with the Federal requirements of 23 CFR 771.119, are hereby notifying the public of the availability of the Ellendale Area Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the document is available for review at the following locations:

- DeIDOT Administration Building in Dover;
- DeIDOT South District Administration Building in Georgetown;
- Ellendale Town Hall in Ellendale

The Ellendale Area Environmental Assessment may also be viewed via the project's website [www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us113](http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us113) or a copy of the document may be purchased (for the price of printing) by contacting DeIDOT Public Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or (302) 760-2080.

All interested parties are invited to comment on the Ellendale Area Environmental Assessment. Comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the publication of this notice or by Monday, June 28, 2010. Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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