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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), using funds provided by the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to replace Bridge 1-100 carrying Old Kennett Road (N243) over an unnamed tributary of Red Clay Creek in Christiana Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. Because federal funds are being used, this historic architectural survey has been conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This historic architectural survey identified all buildings, structures, sites, and objects listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in the Area of Potential Effects (APE). A Phase IA archaeological survey will also be conducted and will be submitted as a separate report.

The proposed undertaking would replace Bridge 1-100 in its entirety and include improvements to the roadway and utilities in the vicinity of the bridge. The historic architectural survey was conducted on November 19, 2008, and January 9, 2009, and identified four properties more than 50 years of age in the APE: Bridge 1-100; Foxhill, 1480 Old Kennett Road (Parcel #0700500017); the Kane-Chandler House, 1225 Snuff Mill Road (Parcel #0700500016); and the Ives-du Pont Estate, 1303-1307 Snuff Mill Road (Parcels #0700500012 and 0700500015). Built in 1920, Bridge 1-100 was recommended not eligible for the National Register by DelDOT Cultural Resources Staff in 2006 with concurrence from the Delaware Historic Preservation Office; therefore, it was not included in the current survey.

As a result of the historic architectural survey, Foxhill (CRS #N-3859) has been recommended eligible for the National Register. Built in 1932, Foxhill was designed by Delaware architect G. Morris Whiteside, II, and is eligible under Criteria A and C for its associations with the early twentieth-century American country house movement, as a fine example of a Colonial Revival-style estate house, and as an important example of the domestic work of Whiteside. The circa 1878 Kane-Chandler House (CRS #7653) has been recommended not eligible due to significant modern alterations to the dwelling.

The Ives-du Pont Estate (CRS #N-1114) includes the circa 1928 Ives-du Pont House, circa 1859 Michael Kane House, and the circa 1960 gatehouse. The Ives-du Pont House is set back from the road and will not be visually or physically impacted by the project; as a result, the property owner refused permission to survey the house and grounds. Both the Kane House and the gatehouse, which are located near the intersection of Old Kennett and Snuff Mill roads, are visible from the public right-of-way and were surveyed for the current project. A complete National Register evaluation of the Ives-du Pont Estate was not possible due to the limited access to the property; however, the complex is recommended potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for its associations with the American country house movement and under Criterion C as the work of a locally significant architect, Albert Ely Ives. The property may also have significance for its landscape, which has not been evaluated. Neither the Kane House nor the gatehouse are recommended as individually eligible, but both may be contributing resources of the Ives-du Pont Estate.

An undeveloped parcel, 1223 Snuff Mill Road (Parcel # 0700500036), was also evaluated to determine whether it was historically associated with the neighboring Shadowbrook estate. Results of the title search indicate that the property was associated with the Kane-Chandler House throughout its history.

Survey data for the current project is on file at the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs and DelDOT in Dover, as well as at Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., in Cranbury, New Jersey.

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