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DE SHPO is the main artery for guidance, planning, evaluation, review, and approval of archeological surveys conducted throughout the state, whether small or large in undertaking. The DE SHPO, in partnership with the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), are truly stewards of Delaware’s history.

The discovery and consequent archeological investigation of Cabbage Pond Mill (Site 7S-C-61) generated tremendous public interest. GAI’s archeology team and DelDOT, a transportation industry leader in sharing information with the public, prepared and distributed flyers at various stages of discovery, held site visits for the community-at-large, and spoke openly with interested organizations and the media. To continue DelDOT’s dedication to their public, this volume (Volume I of II) of GAI’s Final Report contains a reader-friendly version of the archeological studies conducted at Cabbage Pond and will be available on DelDOT’s Web Page.

Volume II contains technical chapters and details of more interest to professional archeologists and the Delaware SHPO, and in line with governmental requirements.



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