

ABSTRACT

The Phase I and II cultural resource survey of the proposed realignments of Kent 88 (Dover-Leipsic Road) and Kent 337 (Persimmon Tree Lane) was conducted between June 1989 and April 1990. A total of three historic and prehistoric archaeological sites within the proposed right-of-way were identified by Phase I survey. Phase II testing was undertaken to determine the limits, significance, and eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. One site, the W. Eager site (7K-C-383), a mid- to late-nineteenth century tenant- and owner-occupied farm with a small prehistoric component, was determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The W. Eager site was occupied by a succession of relatively poor tenants and landowners. The occupants of the site were sensitive to minute changes in the local economy. The effects of such local economic and social changes are reflected in the material culture of the occupants and changing land use patterns at the site. The effects of urbanization and industrialization of the nearby town of Dover are particularly clear in the archival and archaeological record of the site. Phase II testing, however, was determined to constitute data recovery and no further work is recommended. The other two sites, the Bason Field site (7K-C-385), a small Woodland I prehistoric site and the Spiro-Diamond site (7K-C-384), a recent trash dump for the nearby Dover Downs Raceway, were determined not to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Thus, no more work is recommended for any of these three sites.

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