

ABSTRACT

This report documents the results and conclusions of a Cultural Resources Survey associated with the proposed improvements to SR 141 (Centre/Ferris Road) and SR 34 (Faulkland Road) in Elsmere, New Castle County, Delaware. The proposed improvements will include the dualization of SR 141 and the construction of right-hand turn lanes from both approaches to SR 141 from Faulkland Road. The project area extends along SR 141 from the SR 2/Kirkwood Highway interchange to approximately 1,000 feet (305 meters) north of the Faulkland Road intersection, and along Faulkland Road from 390 feet (119 meters) west of Caleb Terrace to 540 feet (165 meters) east of Willow Run Drive. The potential area of disturbance includes 100 feet (30 meters) from the curb east and west of SR 141 and 50 feet (15 meters) from the curb north and south of Faulkland Road. Kise Straw & Kolodner, Inc. (KSK) was hired by Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to perform this survey as partial fulfillment of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. KSK completed a portion of the survey discussed in this report under an earlier contract with Whitman Requart & Associates on behalf of DelDOT. This survey addresses only historic architectural resources; archaeological resources are examined in a separate report.

The Historic Architectural Area of Potential Effects (APE) encompasses all properties and historic districts within or adjacent to the potential area of disturbance. This includes properties fronting SR 141, Faulkland Road, and portions of Lowry Drive, Cedar Avenue, Montgomery Road, Lehigh Avenue, and Wagoner Road, and also Woodland Heights, Woodland Apartments, Willow Run I, Willow Run II, and the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families. Background research and field surveys identified forty-seven (47) architectural resources aged fifty years or older within the APE, including individual resources and potential historic districts. Forty-four (44) of these resources are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of integrity, a lack of significance or a combination of both. Three (3) resources retain their integrity and/or have a high level of historic significance, and are eligible under Criteria A and/or C: the Ferris Reform School, Woodland Apartments, and Willow Run II. Due to the presence of National Register of Historic Places-eligible resources, the undertaking has the potential to affect historic properties.