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Based upon background research, field survey, and evaluation, Kise Straw & Kolodner (KSK) recommends the following resources in the APE as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NR):

Table 2. National Register-eligible resources within the APE

NAME	CRS #	TAX PARCEL	PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE	NR ELIGIBILITY
Ferris Reform School	N-497	07-032.30-010	1885-2005	Eligible – Criteria A & C
Willow Run II	N-14272	Multiple	1948-1955	Eligible – Criterion C
Woodland Apartments	N-14270	07-035.10-136	1952-1953	Eligible – Criteria A & C

The location and extent of these resources are shown on **Figure 13**.

Ferris Reform School (Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families)

KSK recommends the Ferris Reform School eligible for the NR under criteria A and C, for its significance as the first vocational training school for delinquent minors in Delaware, and has evolved from a private concern to a state institution. The facility has developed in keeping with the educational and correctional practices of the day, including teaching methods, types of vocational training, and housing and security methods. In addition, historic buildings remain on the campus from various portions of the period of significance, and they reflect the architectural style and form of the era.

The proposed NR boundary generally includes the Little Mill Creek, the northern curblineline of Faulkland Road, the western curblineline of Centre Road (Route 141), and the southern fence line of the current recreational field related to the New Ferris School. Approximate boundaries for this resource are depicted on **Figure 14**. This boundary contains all contributing features, includes an appropriate setting, and excludes lands that do not contribute to the significance of the property. The period of significance corresponds to the founding of the school through the mid-twentieth century, encompassing historic building campaigns.

Willow Run II

The Willow Run II subdivision was determined eligible for the NR under Criteria A and C as a post-World War II subdivision with high integrity. According to documentation on file at the DE SHPO, Willow Run II was determined eligible for the NR in 2001 “because it is a collection of well-documented dwellings, plan, and landscape that are distinctive in New Castle County. As a collection, it retains sufficient physical integrity for listing.”⁹⁵ Willow Run II is bounded by the Veterans Administration Hospital on the south, Chestnut Run Park on the east, Faulkland Road on the north, and Willow Run Drive on the west. The district includes both sides of East Willow Run Drive. This district is directly adjacent to the Willow Run I subdevelopment. The period of significance for this resource appears to be approximately 1949-1953, corresponding to the design and execution of this development.

⁹⁵ Ibid.

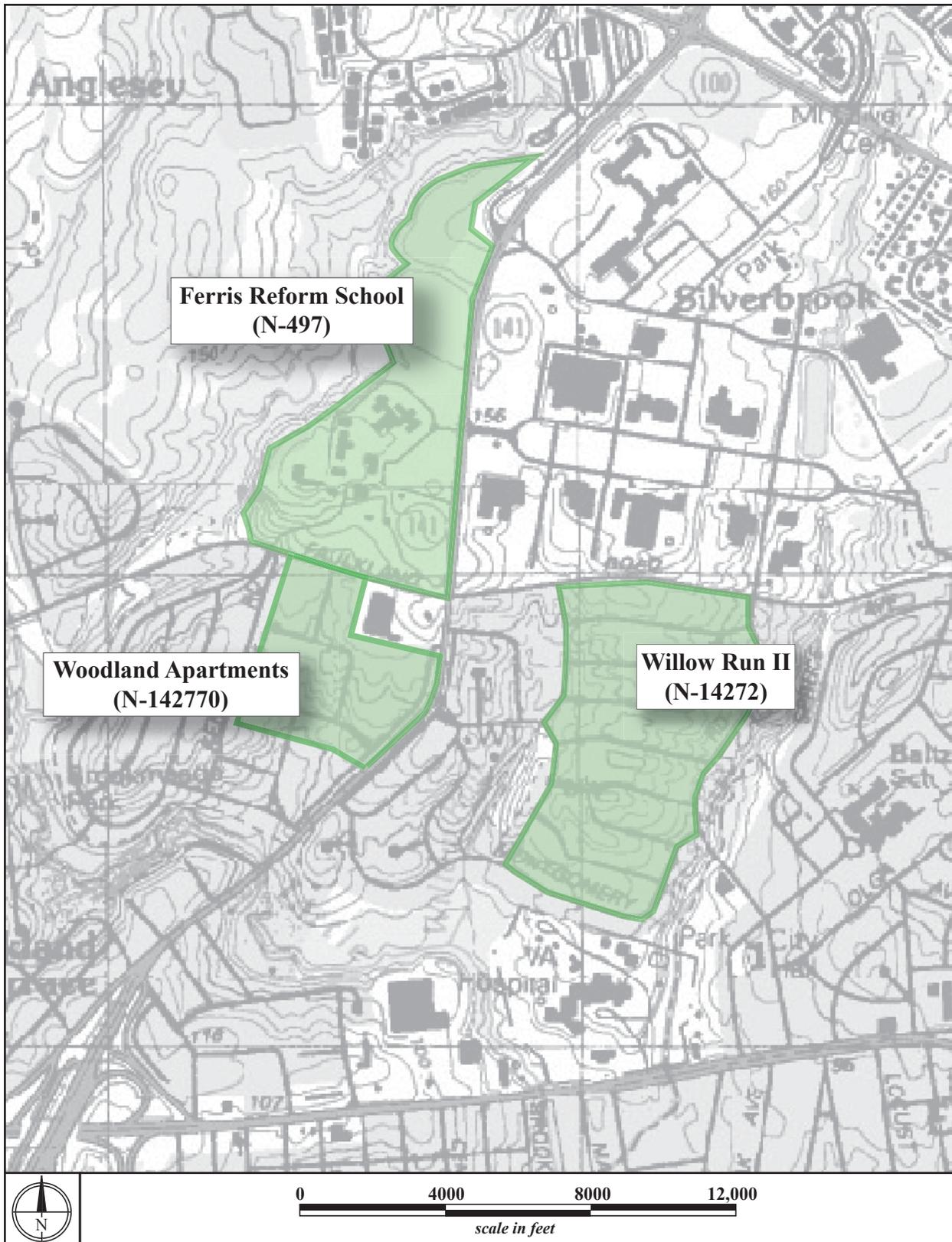


Figure 13. National Register listed and eligible resources in the APE. (Source United States Geological Survey, 7.5' Topographic Series Quadrangles, *Wilmington North, DE*, and *Wilmington South, DE*, 1997, <http://www.topozone.com>).

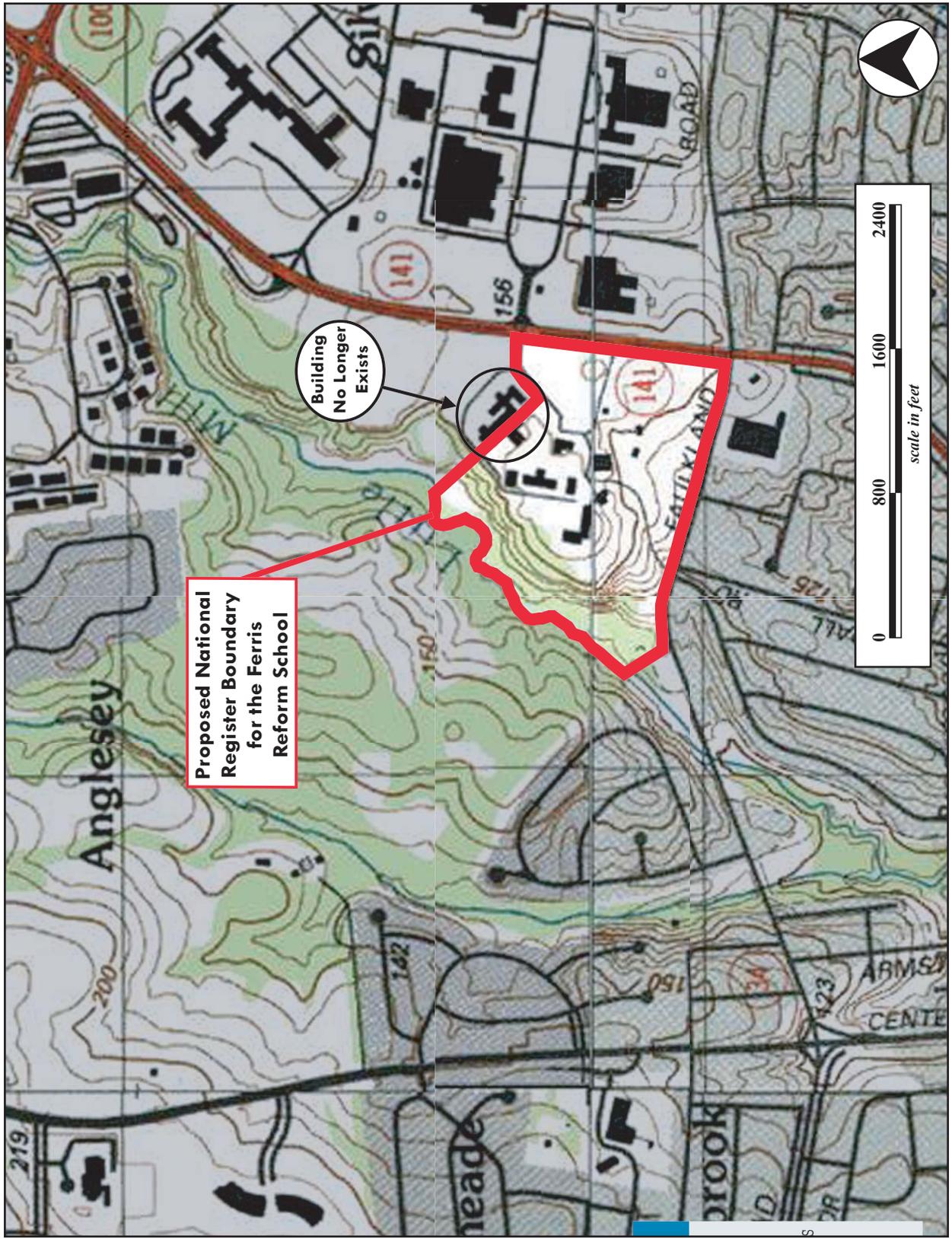


Figure 14. Ferris Reform School District Boundaries. (Source: Wilmington North Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997; 2. Wilmington South Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997; 3. Newark East Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997; Kennet Square Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997.)

Woodland Apartments

KSK recommends the Woodland Apartments eligible for the NR under criteria A and C, for its association with a Federal Housing Authority (FHA) multiple-family housing program. This complex represents a multiple-family housing development, which was becoming increasingly common after World War II. Despite some loss of integrity, the resource represents the intersection of Colonial Revival and International styles, as well as a cohesive, identifiable multi-unit development (Criterion C). The period of significance is 1952-1953, corresponding with the construction period of the complex.

The NR boundary encompasses the entire Woodland Apartments parcel and the related service road, which parallels Centre Road in front of the complex. This boundary includes all contributing features and landscape elements (**Figure 15**). Although the service road is not currently within the parcel, according to the subdivision plat plan, it appears that it was dedicated at the same time as the other roads within the complex. Therefore, it contributed to the functioning of the property, and is considered a contributing element.

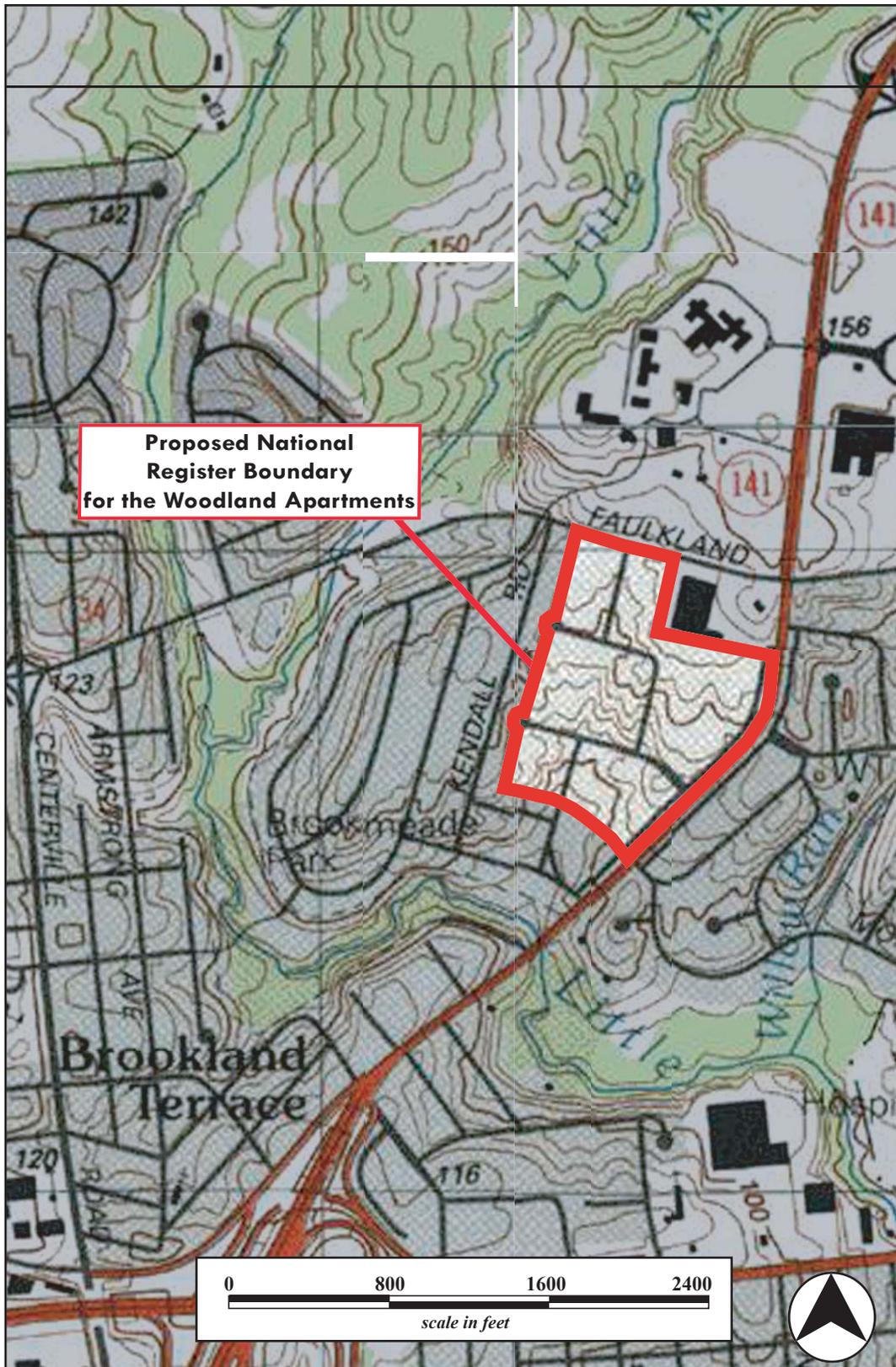


Figure 15. Woodland Apartments District Boundaries. (Source: Wilmington North Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997; 2. Wilmington South Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997; 3. Newark East Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997; Kennet Square Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1997.)