

ABSTRACT

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) proposes to undertake a rehabilitation of Bridge 9, also known as Smiths Bridge, and an improvement of the bridge's approach roadways, located in New Castle County on Brandywine Creek. At the request of DelDOT, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (Berger), performed architectural investigations as part of the preliminary planning for the proposed rehabilitation and improvement. The purpose of the investigations was to identify architectural resources within the area of potential effect (APE) currently listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The architectural survey documented seven architectural resources located within the APE for the proposed rehabilitation and improvement. Delaware SHPO Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) inventory forms were prepared for the seven resources.

The architectural evaluation also identified the Smith's Mill-Granogue Historic District (N-13716), a rural historic landscape encompassing the seven inventoried resources, and recommended the district as eligible for the National Register. The Smith's Mill-Granogue Historic District is significant under National Register Criterion C, which applies to properties significant for their architectural distinction.