

301 **US 301 Project Development**

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Why Consider Cultural Resources?

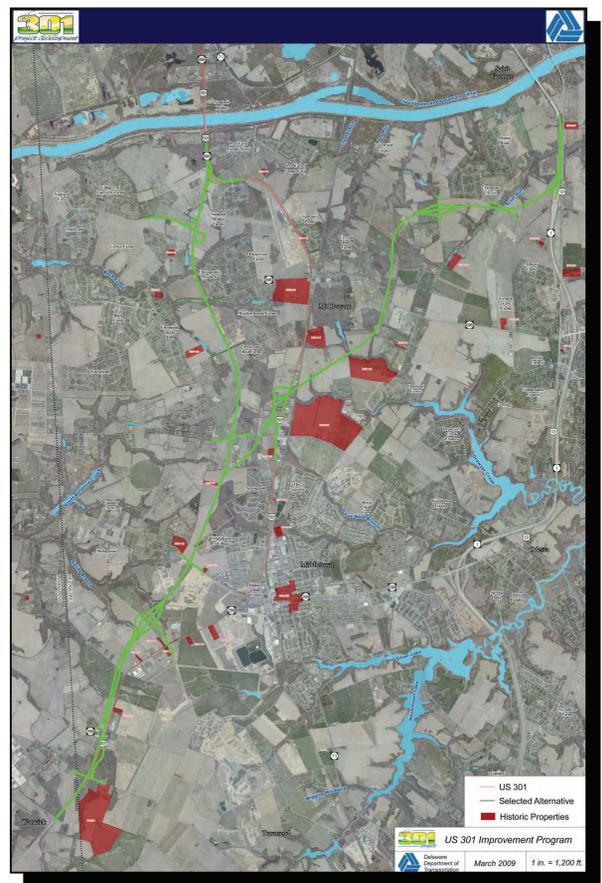
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) requires federal agencies, including the FHWA, to take into account the effects (direct and indirect) of their undertakings on historic properties (i.e. significant architectural and archaeological resources that qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places).
- The Section 106 process gives the public, other parties with legitimate interest such as Native American Tribes, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), opportunities to comment on proposed undertakings. Comments offered in current environmental documents have contributed to the Section 106 public involvement process. Your comments and involvement in future archaeological studies as well as anticipated mitigation needs are part of the continuing public outreach.
- At this stage for the US 301 Project Development, the FHWA and DeIDOT along with the Delaware and Maryland State Historic Preservation Officers have initiated the Section 106 process, identified all architectural historic properties, prepared predictive models for on-going archaeological studies, assessed and determined adverse effects to standing structures, and consulted on measures to resolve adverse effects. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has also been established to formalize mitigation programs and future archaeological work and field studies.
- Public involvement will continue with archaeological studies and any proposed mitigation measures. Formalized reports and documents, including materials for US 301 Project Development, can be viewed at <http://www.archaeology.deldot.gov>.



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Historic Properties



- Under the project's Record of Decision and the Memorandum of Agreement, DeIDOT and FHWA are required to consult with owners of historic properties that have been identified and determined to be adversely affected. They will advise them of the effect and the potential measures in place to minimize and mitigate the effect as a result of the selected alternative.

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Current Studies and Tasks

- As part of the US 301 Project Development effort, several tasks have been taken to identify cultural resources that will be affected by the project. So far, the Project Team, in consultation with the SHPO, has prepared a historical context, developed and tested a computer model to predict probable locations of archaeological sites, and surveyed and evaluated buildings and structures in the area to determine their National Register eligibility. The Project Team has also prepared its Finding of Adverse Effect with a Memorandum of Agreement. The National Register listed and eligible buildings and structures are shown on the map to the left.
- Surveys to identify archaeological sites are being performed and will continue over the next several years. See pictures on the left of the Archaeology Program. Effects on archaeological sites and mitigation measures will be determined when information becomes available.
- DeIDOT (Environmental Studies Staff) on behalf of FHWA, have contacted owners of historic properties that will be adversely affected (visually, setting, cumulative, change in use, or audibly). The parties have been consulting to determine if adverse effects can be minimized further in the design stages. Ultimately, mitigation will be considered and, if determined to be practical and feasible, implemented prior to, with, or following construction of the project. So far, landscaping programs have been an appropriate form of recommended mitigation.
- Evaluations of archaeological sites will be performed prior to construction and any associated infrastructure and access needs related to the project. If sites that are eligible for the National Register will be adversely affected, the parties will again consult to determine if the adverse effects can be avoided, minimized, or mitigated.
- Consultation on historic properties will continue throughout the design and construction of the project.

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