

Reconstruction of Existing Route U.S. 7 Cultural Resource Mitigation Wilton, Connecticut



Description

The widening of U.S. Route 7 through Wilton from Wolf Pit Road to Olmstead Hill Road resulted in numerous impacts to cultural resources along this roadway so well traveled through history. FHI was contracted by the engineering design firm during final design to ensure the successful accomplishment of cultural resource mitigation. A variety of mitigation activities were required, as stipulated by the project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), drawn up pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act. For historic structures, FHI carried out the following mitigation activities: photographic and textual documentation of the relocation of the historic Wilton Connecticut Historical Society Museum, a house dating back to circa 1773; state-level documentation of three large residences and a landscape feature in the Cannondale National Register Historic District; and state-level documentation of a nineteenth century blacksmith shop and identification of the shop's significant building materials for potential salvage. To fulfill the MOA stipulations regarding archaeological resources, FHI supervised a Stage 1b archaeological survey of seven miles of the U.S. Route 7 right-of-way within project limits and three Stage 3 (data recovery) archaeological surveys around buildings to be moved or demolished.

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