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The Delaware Department of Transportation has initiated efforts geared toward developing and evaluating options regarding the best way to improve safety on Plantations Road; **(Plantations Road Improvements, Contract T20111201)**. The study will evaluate the impact of various improvement options on surrounding land uses, the community, and environmental and cultural resources. Operational improvements such as turn lanes, accelerations lanes as well as various intersections and safety improvements will be considered. As always DelDOT will make every effort to minimize impacts to residents.

One of the first field activities for the study is to conduct ground surveys. Ground surveys will begin on or about November 15, 2010. The survey work is needed to collect topographic data, identify environmental, cultural and archaeological resources and other pertinent features. The survey activities do not relate to any specific safety improvement. Surveying activities will be ongoing for the next 12 months.

For this reason DelDOT contracted forces will need to locate and identify structures that are present and physical features of the landscape. They may be on your property, as well as the surrounding road, during normal business hours, generally from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this work and to clarify any questions that you may have. We request your cooperation to have designees enter properties to inspect or conduct field investigations along the properties to be involved in this overall transportation improvement project.

We make this request in the spirit of cooperation, in that the laws of Delaware provide the authority to conduct these property investigations:

The Department may enter upon the lands or waters of any person for the purpose of surveys, repairs, reconstruction and operation of publicly financed improvements but subject at all times to responsibility for all and any damages which shall be done to the property of any such person or persons. [per 17 Del. C. Section 132(c)(13)].

Your cooperation and assistance in this effort to improve Delaware's transportation network is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns with the field surveys, please feel free to contact DelDOT Public Relations at (302) 760-2080.

