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ARCHAEOLOGICAL OVERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT STUDY  
BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES, KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

**CLIENT:**

United States Fish and Wildlife  
Service: Region 5/Northeast

**PROJECT SPONSOR:**

United States Fish and Wildlife  
Service

**REVIEW AGENCY:**

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& Cultural Affairs;  
Delaware Historic Preservation  
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The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) contracted RGA to complete an archaeological overview and assessment for the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. This project was a task order issued through a multi-year Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract held by RGA to provide cultural resource services to the Northeastern Region of the USFWS. The archaeological overview and assessment was prepared to assist in the development of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the refuge. Comprehensive Conservation Plans are mandated under the 1997 National Wildlife Improvement Act and define the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge's management goals and objectives for a 15-year period.

The archaeological assessment of the 15,978-acre refuge included an analysis of previous cultural resources surveys, preparation of environmental, prehistoric and historic contexts, a review of archaeological site data, and a visual reconnaissance. Numerous archaeological sites were registered with the USFWS and Delaware Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs. An archaeological sensitivity model for prehistoric and historic archaeological resources was developed using GIS and other data sources. Recommendations for protecting and managing archaeological resources were developed.