



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AN791

Site Name: Homeport #2

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Late Woodland shell midden, Sullivan's Cove Phase

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Latitude 38.9575 Longitude -76.5376

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code

Elevation 12 m Site slope 2-5%

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Ethnobotany profile available Maritime site

Site setting

-Site Setting restricted

-Lat/Long accurate to within 1 sq. mile, user may need to make slight adjustments in mapping to account for sites near state/county lines or streams

Topography

- Floodplain
- Hilltop/bluff
- Interior flat
- Upland flat
- Ridgetop
- Terrace
- Low terrace
- High terrace
- Rockshelter/cave
- Hillslope
- Unknown
- Other

Ownership

- Private
- Federal
- State of MD
- Regional/county/city
- Unknown

Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) Church Creek

- | Saltwater | | Freshwater | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> | Estuary/tidal river <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stream/river <input type="checkbox"/> | Swamp <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tidewater/marsh <input type="checkbox"/> | | Lake or pond <input type="checkbox"/> | Spring <input type="checkbox"/> |

Minimum distance to water is 30 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

- Paleoindian site
- Archaic site
- Early archaic
- Middle archaic
- Late archaic
- Unknown prehistoric context
- Woodland site
- MD Adena
- Early woodland
- Mid. woodland
- Late woodland
- Unknown historic context
- Unknown context

- Contact period site
- ca. 1820 - 1860
- ca. 1630 - 1675
- ca. 1675 - 1720
- ca. 1720 - 1780
- ca. 1780 - 1820
- ca. 1820 - 1860
- ca. 1860 - 1900
- ca. 1900 - 1930
- Post 1930

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

- Native American
- African American
- Anglo-American
- Hispanic
- Asian American
- Unknown
- Other

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

- ### Prehistoric
- Multi-component
 - Village
 - Hamlet
 - Base camp
 - Rockshelter/cave
 - Earthen mound
 - Cairn
 - Burial area
 - Misc. ceremonial
 - Rock art
 - Shell midden
 - STU/lithic scatter
 - Quarry/extraction
 - Fish weir
 - Production area
 - Unknown
 - Other context

- ### Historic
- Urban/Rural?
 - Domestic
 - Homestead
 - Farmstead
 - Mansion
 - Plantation
 - Row/townhome
 - Cellar
 - Privy
 - Industrial
 - Mining-related
 - Quarry-related
 - Mill
 - Black/metalsmith
 - Furnace/forge
 - Other
 - Transportation
 - Canal-related
 - Road/railroad
 - Wharf/landing
 - Maritime-related
 - Bridge
 - Ford
 - Educational
 - Commercial
 - Trading post
 - Store
 - Tavern/inn
 - Military
 - Battlefield
 - Fortification
 - Encampment
 - Townsite
 - Religious
 - Church/mtg house
 - Ch support bldg
 - Burial area
 - Cemetery
 - Sepulchre
 - Isolated burial
 - Bldg or foundation
 - Possible Structure
 - Post-in-ground
 - Frame-built
 - Masonry
 - Other structure
 - Slave related
 - Non-domestic agri
 - Recreational
 - Midden/dump
 - Artifact scatter
 - Spring or well
 - Unknown
 - Other context

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples Soil samples taken N
 Flotation samples taken N Other samples taken Oyster shell samples

Historic context samples Soil samples taken
 Flotation samples taken Other samples taken



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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types			
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Koens-Crispin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehana	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (stem)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Piscataway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Le Croy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calvert	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrow Mntn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Selby Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guilford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (pent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Madison/Potomac	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Levanna	<input type="checkbox"/>

Prehistoric Sherd Types

Marcey Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Popes Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keyser	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dames Qtr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coulbourn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Townsend	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yeocomico	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selden Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minguannan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monongahela	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accokeek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mockley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehannock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wolfe Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clemson Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shenks Ferry	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vinette	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moyaone	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
				Potomac Crk	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Historic Sherd Types

Earthenware		Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stoneware	
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>			Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Wt Salt-glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts			
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Rimsherds	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Prehistoric Features

Mound(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storage/trash pit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shell midden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ossuary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postholes/molds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
House pattern(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palisade(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hearth(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lithic reduc area	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Lithic Material

Jasper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Dated features present at site

Late Woodland pottery (Moyaone) found within shell midden.

Historic Artifacts			
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

Const feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Privy/outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well/cistern	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railroad bed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hearth/chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheet midden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Earthworks	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Postholes/molds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planting feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mill raceway	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Paling ditch/fence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Road/walkway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel pit	<input type="checkbox"/>		

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Radiocarbon Data:

Sample 1: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 2: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 3: +/- years BP Reliability

Sample 4: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 5: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 6: +/- years BP Reliability

Sample 7: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 8: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 9: +/- years BP Reliability

Additional radiocarbon results available



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External Samples/Data:

Collection curated at

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Homeport #2 Site (18AN791) is a Late Woodland, Sullivan's Cove Phase shell midden near Parole in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The site is situated on a high terrace (wooded bluff) near the upper reaches of a tributary creek that flows into the South River. The shell midden extends over approximately ¼ of an acre, sandwiched between two ravines. The site is entirely wooded, with sweet gum and holly among the more prominent species. Soils at the site are predominantly Monmouth loamy sands.

The site was first identified by an environmental scientist who noted oyster shell around the base of an oak tree at the highest part of the bluff. The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning was notified and the County Archeologist recorded the site. Later, in 2003, a Phase II study was conducted at the site.

The Phase II study was ordered by the Anne Arundel County Archeologist pursuant to Title 3, Section 109 of the Anne Arundel County Subdivision, which requires consideration for archeological resources as part of the subdivision review process. The work was necessitated by a plan to subdivide the 80.34 acre Homeport Farm property (on which the site is situated) for a housing development.

Phase II work entailed surface reconnaissance, shovel testing, and systematic tube augering of the shell midden. Surface reconnaissance revealed no definitive evidence of prehistoric occupation, only two clusters of crushed and whole oyster shell at the north end of the project area. Leaves were raked back from above each cluster and the areas were augered with a with a one inch split spoon at 30.5 cm (1 ft) intervals along perpendicular tapes to ascertain the horizontal limits of these deposits. The augering revealed a very tightly defined shell cluster roughly 3.05 m (10 ft) in diameter in the northern portion of the site, a less dense cluster roughly 2.44 m (8 ft) in diameter in the southern portion of the site, and that the site as a whole extended over an area approximately ¼ acre in size.

The augering was followed by shovel test pit (STP) excavation. An orthogonal sampling grid was imposed at 9.14 m (30 ft) intervals in the ¼ acre area designated Homeport #2., and also along a single transect extending southward to about 15.24 m (50 ft) from the brow of the bluff. The grid was established with a compass and tape. One additional shovel test was excavated judgmentally (not on a grid node) at a place where oyster shell was visible on the surface (what turned out to be the southern shell cluster). A total of 25 STPs were excavated during the Phase II study at 18AN791. All of the STPs were approximately 40 cm in diameter and excavated stratigraphically, and the soil was screened through hardware cloth. All artifacts, and the larger oyster shells (>1 inch or 2.54 cm in longest dimension) from two STPs that were dense with shell.

Systematic shovel testing yielded a quartz decortication flake and a quartzite core fragment. These materials came from the northernmost shell cluster. No other artifacts or ecofacts (other than the shell) were recovered through systematic sampling in the northern shell cluster. Again, the southern cluster was less dense than the northern deposit, and the single judgmentally placed shovel test placed to investigate it yielded only about 7 lbs of oyster shell, in contrast to the 8 lbs recovered from one STP in the northern cluster. Again, augering had revealed a cluster that was slightly smaller in extent (see above). Screening of the excavated soils in the judgmentally-placed STP produced 3 small, mendable prehistoric sherds. The sherds appear to be from a Moyaone-ware pot. No artifacts or ecofacts other than the pottery sherds and oyster shell were recovered from the southernmost cluster.

The two shell middens, may both date to the Late Woodland period based on the presence of the Moyaone sherds. Additional features and artifacts may also be present within the shell midden deposits. The level of work conducted is rather limited for a Phase II study, which typically entailed the excavation of formal test units. Formal test unit excavation could have revealed if the site is truly a single component site or bears evidence of multiple occupations, whether intact features were present, and whether more detailed site function data could be obtained. Unfortunately, it appears that no additional work was conducted and today a residential structure appears to sit atop the site. The site likely has no remaining research potential.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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