



# Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18CA57

Site Name: Maloney Farm

Prehistoric

Other name(s) Horace Maloney Poultry Farm

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Late Archaic, Middle - Late Woodland lithics and ceramics

## Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 4

SCS soil & sediment code GaA

Latitude 38.8950

Longitude -75.8314

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation -20 m

Site slope 0-5%

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) Unnamed Trib. of Choptank

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

Minimum distance to water is 100 m

## Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Contact period site  ca. 1820 - 1860

Archaic site

MD Adena

ca. 1630 - 1675  ca. 1860 - 1900

Early archaic

Early woodland

ca. 1675 - 1720  ca. 1900 - 1930

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

ca. 1720 - 1780  Post 1930

Late archaic

Late woodland

ca. 1780 - 1820

Unknown historic context

Unknown prehistoric context

Unknown context

### Ethnic Associations (historic only)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Native American <input type="checkbox"/>  | Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> |
| African American <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Anglo-American <input type="checkbox"/>   | Other <input type="checkbox"/>          |
| Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/>         |   |

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

## Site Function Contextual Data:

### Prehistoric

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Multi-component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Misc. ceremonial <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Village <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Rock art <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Hamlet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>          | Shell midden <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Base camp <input type="checkbox"/>                  | STU/lithic scatter <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rockshelter/cave <input type="checkbox"/>           | Quarry/extraction <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Earthen mound <input type="checkbox"/>              | Fish weir <input type="checkbox"/>          |
| Cairn <input type="checkbox"/>                      | Production area <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Burial area <input type="checkbox"/>                | Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Other context

artifact scatter

### 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

### 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"/>		
				Potomac Crk	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Historic Sherd Types

<b>Earthenware</b>		Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stoneware</b>	
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"/>	<b>Porcelain</b>	<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"/>	Other fired clay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncommon Obj.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input checked="" 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

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 MAC Lab/JPPM

Additional raw data may be available online

## Summary Description:

The Maloney Farm Site (18CA57) consists of a Woodland period artifact scatter. The site is located in a cultivated field on the west side of the Choptank River, north of Denton in Caroline County. The site overlooks a tidal marsh flat that border the river's edge. Fresh water springs are found in the area. Current evidence indicates that the salinity of the area is in a reduction trend. This, along with the presence of several oyster shell heaps near the junction of Watts Creek and the Choptank River, suggests a more saline prehistoric marine environment. The general site area may have been ideal for the hunting of waterfowl.

In November 1976, archeologists from the Division of Archeology, Maryland Geological Survey (MGS), conducted a preliminary archeological reconnaissance of the area to be affected by the proposed Maryland Route 404-Denton By-Pass. The study area contained two alternative alignments (Alignment C and Alignment F) with a combined total length of approximately 13.19 km (8.2 miles). The study area was first examined by car, and then several locations where the ground surface or soil profile was exposed, and where there was the potential for site locations in overgrown areas, were inspected on foot. At the time of the Phase I survey the field was planted in barley.

At the conclusion of the Phase I study, it was determined that the site represented a mixed Woodland component that would be destroyed should the proposed Alternate C alignment be constructed. Furthermore, the site is located in an area where previous archeological work has been absent. Therefore, further testing was recommended in order to determine if the site could provide data that would aid in better understanding the settlement pattern during the Woodland period.

During the spring of 1979, a Phase II evaluation of the site was undertaken. One of the goals of the archeological work was to retrieve data that would contribute to the development of models for prehistoric settlement patterning and the paleo-environmental events in the Middle Atlantic. The archeological investigations included minimal archival and background research, interviews with land owners and avocational archeologists, and examination of private artifact collections. Test excavations were primarily concentrated in the identified site areas within the right-of-way, with supplemental testing conducted to further define those areas and detect subsurface features.

Site 18CA57 was subjected to a random surface collection because through the preliminary survey, it was determined that although some artifacts were present on the surface, no concentrations or patterns could be discerned. Systematic subsurface testing was done in order to locate features, disturbance and buried land surfaces. Two north-south transects were laid out. Four 0.914 m<sup>2</sup> (3 ft<sup>2</sup>) test units (designated with south and west coordinates) were excavated along the easternmost transect at 30.48 m (100') intervals and a fifth test unit was excavated at 15.24 m (50') north of the northernmost test unit in an area which corresponded to the edge of an interior fresh water marsh. The second transect was laid 94.48 m (310') to the west of the first transect and 3 test units were excavated along the transect at 15.24 m intervals. An additional test unit and shovel tests were dug along an east-west transect at the intersection of the south 45.72 m (150') line on the north-south transects. All excavated soils were screened and all materials were retained.

A small concentration of flakes and pottery was identified in the northeast corner of the site during the surface collection. This was in the vicinity of TU S50W0. A high water table was encountered during the test unit and shovel test excavations but subsurface testing revealed that the site was restricted to the plowzone. No subsurface features were encountered.

A total of 50 prehistoric artifacts were recovered during the Phase I and II studies. In all, 29 pieces of debitage were retrieved (8 quartz, 13 jasper, 14 chert, 2 rhyolite, 2 quartzite). There were 3 tools including 1 chert point tip and 2 quartz bifaces and biface fragments, and a single groundstone tool (a broken grooved ax). During periods of low tide, a gravel shore contains ready quantities of chert, jasper, and quartz cobbles. Rhyolite is the only non-local material identified in the assemblage. The closest available source of rhyolite is in western Maryland, west of the Monocacy drainage. A total of 17 ceramics were recovered including 9 Townsend shell tempered sherds, 2 unidentified plain bodied shell tempered sherds, 2 crushed quartz tempered sherds, 3 unidentified plain bodied, crushed rock/quartz tempered sherds, and 1 unidentified cord marked, crushed rock tempered sherd.

In addition to the prehistoric items, 9 historic artifacts were retained. There were 8 kitchen items (3 pearlware, 3 earthenware, 1 redware, and 1 whiteware sherds), and 1 miscellaneous item (an unidentified metal object).

The Maloney Farm Site (18CA57) consists of a Woodland period artifact scatter. The site was characterized as being restricted to the plowzone, being extremely small in areal extent and of limited function. It was suggested that the artifact assemblage was representative of a transitory camp, probably associated with the seasonal exploitation of floodplain estuarine resources. The site was not considered significant enough to meet the guidelines for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places. Because of the limited vertical and horizontal extent of the site, no further work was recommended.

## External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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