



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number:
Site Name:
 Prehistoric

Other name(s)
 Historic

Brief Description:
 Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:
 Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No.
 SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude Longitude
 Physiographic province
 Terrestrial site Underwater site

Elevation m Site slope
 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		Ownership	
Floodplain <input type="checkbox"/>	High terrace <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hilltop/bluff <input type="checkbox"/>	Rockshelter/cave <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
Interior flat <input type="checkbox"/>	Hillslope <input type="checkbox"/>	State of MD <input type="checkbox"/>	
Upland flat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	Regional/county/city <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgetop <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	
Terrace <input type="checkbox"/>			
Low terrace <input type="checkbox"/>			

Nearest Surface Water
 Name (if any)

Saltwater	Freshwater
Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>	Stream/river <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estuary/tidal 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 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site <input type="checkbox"/>	Woodland site <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact period site <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1820 - 1860 <input type="checkbox"/>
Archaic site <input type="checkbox"/>	MD Adena <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1630 - 1675 <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1860 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
Early archaic <input type="checkbox"/>	Early woodland <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1675 - 1720 <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1900 - 1930 <input type="checkbox"/>
Middle archaic <input type="checkbox"/>	Mid. woodland <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1720 - 1780 <input type="checkbox"/>	Post 1930 <input type="checkbox"/>
Late archaic <input type="checkbox"/>	Late woodland <input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1780 - 1820 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Unknown prehistoric context <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unknown historic context <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Unknown context <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples	Soil samples taken <input type="text" value="N"/>	Historic context samples	Soil samples taken <input type="text"/>
Flotation samples taken <input type="text" value="N"/>	Other samples taken <input type="text"/>	Flotation samples taken <input type="text"/>	Other samples taken <input type="text"/>



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prehistoric lithic scatter

Diagnostic Artifact Data:

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

Earthenware		Ironstone	Staffordshire	Stoneware	
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<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		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	389	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire-cracked rock	1	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	2	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncommon Obj.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<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 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 checked="" 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		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<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:

Scotchtown Site 1 (18PR429) is a prehistoric lithic scatter located in northern Prince George's County, Maryland. The site is situated on a west-southeast to east-northeast ridge top or upland highland area sloping to the northwest in a moderately deep ravine. Tributary streams to the Patuxent River border the site. The edges of the site have been disturbed by bull-dozing activities associated with recent housing developments and modern roads, which surround much of the site. Soils at the site consist of Beltsville, Chillum, and Leonardtown silt loams.

The site was examined archeologically in 1992 when the Prince George's County Board of Education was preparing to construct a new elementary school in the area. Funds for the construction project came from the state of Maryland's Public School Construction Program. In accordance with Article 83B, Section 5-618 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and in consultation with MHT, the School board requested a Phase I survey of the proposed project area.

Approximately 9 acres of the proposed 10.5 acre construction project area were tested by means of a shovel test pit (STP) survey. Thirteen straight-line transects were arranged at 20 meters apart. Within each transect, shovel test pits were excavated at 20 meter intervals. STPs were excavated by shovel, with soil matrix screened through hardware cloth, until sterile subsoil was encountered. Soil profiles and stratigraphic records were noted and each STP was backfilled when excavation was completed. A total of 86 STPs were established on the primary grid across the construction project area (both within 18PR429 and outside the site). An additional 45 STPs were excavated at 5 meter intervals around those STPs that yielded prehistoric lithic flakes, and four STPs were excavated at 10 meter intervals. One of the 3 concentrations of prehistoric artifacts identified was 18PR429, at the eastern end of the construction area.

Thirty-five STPs were located within the boundaries of 18PR429 as defined by 28 of those STPs which yielded prehistoric artifacts. A number of light scatters were identified, which yielded a quartz core, 92 quartz flakes, 10 quartzite flakes, 2 rhyolite flakes, and 2 possible hammerstone fragments. No STPs within the site yielded prehistoric diagnostic artifacts. Further research was recommended to ascertain the nature of 18PR429, but not at the other prehistoric sites identified during the Phase I study.

Researchers returned to the site in early 1993 to conduct Phase II testing. Research began with the excavation of 8 additional STPs located along the grid that had been laid out during the Phase I investigation. They were excavated by shovel and the soils were screened through hardware cloth. Soil profiles were briefly inspected after scraping with a trowel. No diagnostic artifacts or features were identified during Phase II STP excavation. Seven of the 8 STPs yielded prehistoric materials and allowed further definition of the site's perimeter. After collecting artifacts and recording soil stratigraphy, each STP was backfilled.

Four formal 1 X 1 m test units were initially located within the site to investigate various information indicated by the artifacts found in the Phase I STPs. The location of a 5th 1 X 1 m test unit was based upon the combined data from the Phase II STPs and the first four test units. Excavation was conducted by shovel and trowel, and all soils were screened through hardware cloth. Field notes and drawings were made of the various natural strata, artifacts, and possible features as encountered.

The Phase II artifact assemblage from 18PR429 included 2 Rhyolite flakes, 252 quartz flakes, 22 quartzite flakes, 8 pieces of quartz chunk/shatter, and 1 piece of possible fire-cracked rock. The assemblage includes no diagnostics with which to date the site. The possibilities span the Archaic and Woodland periods. Site function is uncertain, but a little may be said (as much about what was found as what was not found). The material recovered is overwhelmingly quartz, with a little quartzite, and chunks with cobble cortex, through medium sized cortical and interior flakes, down to small (some very small) interior flakes. Most of the quartz appears to be from rather poor quality locally harvested cobbles, such as those which are found at the ground surface. A few quartz flakes are of superior quality material which may or may not have come from a local source.

It appears that the prehistoric occupants were occasionally mining the local quartz cobbles and working them down to a preform or complete tool before leaving. However, they appear to have taken all used tools or tool fragments with them when they left. Stone tools must have been very prized possessions, regardless of the quality of the material from which they were made. Very few flakes of rhyolite or quartzite were found. Quartzite may be found locally, but was not found on the ground surface when sought on this particular site. No rhyolite is locally available. Whatever tools may have been of quartzite and rhyolite also appear to have been prized possessions, not casually cast off or left behind.

Very little fire-cracked rock and no cultural features were found. Site occupations were likely to have been very short in duration. Very temporary encampments were the likely norm at this site, probably by small groups of individuals passing through and making advantageous use of the cobbles easily found in the area. Site 18PR429 does not appear to be a significant site or to yield important information for the prehistoric record in Maryland. The site should not be considered a significant research resource.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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