



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18PR435

Site Name: Sherwood II - Area A

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Prehistoric short-term camp

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 8

SCS soil & sediment code CoB,CnE

Latitude 38.9121

Longitude -76.8053

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation m

Site slope 0-25%

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 tributary of West

- | Saltwater | | Freshwater | |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> | Estuary/tidal river <input type="checkbox"/> | Stream/river <input checked="" 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 28 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

- Paleoindian site
- Archaic site
- Early archaic
- Middle archaic
- Late archaic
- Woodland site
- MD Adena
- Early woodland
- Mid. woodland
- Late woodland

- Contact period site
- ca. 1820 - 1860
- ca. 1630 - 1675
- ca. 1675 - 1720
- ca. 1720 - 1780
- ca. 1780 - 1820
- Unknown historic context
- Unknown context
- 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

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

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	73	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	2	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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	granite, schist,	<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

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Sherwood II – Area A Site (18PR435) is a prehistoric lithic scatter of uncertain age along the Western Branch of the Patuxent River in Prince George's County, Maryland. The site is situated on a terrace remnant south of Site 18PR119 (see synopsis report) and across a small deeply incised intermittent stream. The southern and western sides of the terrace have been impacted by housing developments. The site area is forested with old, secondary growth hardwoods (maple, beech, sycamore, & oak). There is no indication that the area has been subject to modern farming. The primary disturbance at the site has been logging. Collington series soils cover the entire site.

The site was first identified in July of 1993. At that time the site area was threatened by the proposed construction of the Sherwood II residential development. Residential construction, surface grading for access roads, and utilities installation would impact cultural resources located in the area of potential effect. As a result Phase IB archeological survey was conducted at 18PR435. This included the excavation of a total of 26 shovel test pits (STPs) at 20 m intervals across the terrace. Nine shovel tests produced prehistoric artifacts, primarily in the northwestern quadrant of the terrace. Prehistoric artifacts collected from the site consisted of 13 pieces of debitage; 11 were quartz and quartzite (84%) and two were rhyolite (15 %). The site was manifested as a light scatter of debitage that measured approximately 60 X 80 m. Based on the Phase IB findings, 18PR435 was characterized as a prehistoric extraction site with no temporal association. The distribution of artifacts suggested that a horizontally discrete activity area might be present. Since the area of potential effect for the residential development encompassed the entire site area, Phase II testing was recommended.

Phase II testing was conducted at the site in December of 1993 and January of 1994. This work was undertaken as a condition for approval of a US Army Corps of Engineers wetlands permit, pursuant to Section 106. Phase II field methods included additional shovel testing and excavation of a single 1 X 1 m test unit. Shovel tests were placed at 10 m intervals, on transects 20 m apart, positioned between the original Phase I transects. A total of 44 STPs was excavated. These were organized on a grid, oriented magnetic north. STPs measured approximately 35 cm in diameter and were excavated to a depth of 60 cm, or 10 cm into sterile subsoil, whichever was reached first. Soils were removed by natural strata and were screened through hardware cloth. Phase II shovel testing further refined the artifact concentration; however, artifact density remained low. The soils encountered on the terrace apparently had not been plowed. The artifacts were distributed evenly throughout the soil column, no cultural horizon was observed, nor were any diagnostic artifacts recovered.

The placement of the single 1 X 1 test unit was based on the scaled and contoured results of the combined Phase IB and Phase II shovel testing results. The test unit work was designed to characterize and assess the integrity of the primary concentration of prehistoric material at the site, which was located on the northern edge of the terrace. The test unit was excavated by hand within natural strata. Plowzone soils were removed as a level and screened. Plow scars were excavated with plowzone materials, to minimize mixing of plowzone artifacts with assemblages from the underlying soil. Sub-plowzone deposits were excavated by arbitrary 10 cm levels within natural strata. All soils were screened through hardware cloth. A representative wall profile from the excavation unit was photographed and drawn. The test unit was excavated to a minimum depth of 60 cm, or 30 cm into sterile soil.

A total of 62 artifacts, including 2 bifaces, 1 utilized/retouched flakes, 57 unmodified flakes, and 2 fire-cracked rock fragments, were recovered during Phase II testing at Site 18PR435. The densest concentration of prehistoric material was observed on the northern side of the terrace. The test unit placed within this concentration produced 53% of the artifacts from the site. Approximately 92% of the Phase II artifact assemblage consisted of lithic debitage. The dominant raw materials at the site were quartz (74.07%) and rhyolite (12.96%). Trace amounts of granite, sandstone, slate, and schist also were present within the artifact assemblage. A low average flake weight and high percentage of non-cortex flakes of quartz and rhyolite were indicative of late stage biface reduction and tool sharpening/refurbishing.

The predominance of non-cortex flakes (68%); the low overall average flake weight; and the absence of cores and the presence of bifaces all suggest that late stage reduction, biface thinning and shaping, and stone tool maintenance were the primary activities at the site. The limited range of activities, the low frequency and small quantity of fire-cracked rock, and the limited variation within the artifact assemblage suggests that Site 18PR435 was probably the focus of short-term resource procurement activities. No chronological ascription can be given to the site. It is possible (given its close proximity) that its occupation was contemporary with Site 18PR119 (see synopsis report).

Even though stratigraphic integrity has been retained at 18PR435, two important aspects which are essential to the research potential of a short-term resource extraction site are missing. The absence of distinguishable activity areas and diagnostic materials from the site severely compromises the ability of the site to contribute meaningful information about the past. The site cannot provide new information on important local or regional prehistoric research questions. Therefore, no further archeological work at 18PR435 is warranted.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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